## Totally vertex-magic cordial labeling

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we introduce a new labeling called Totally Vertex-Magic Cordial(TVMC) labeling. A graph G(p,q) is said to be TVMC with a constant C if there is a mapping  $f: V(G) \cup E(G) \rightarrow \{0,1\}$  such that

$$\left[ f(a) + \sum_{b \in N(a)} f(ab) \right] \equiv C \pmod{2}$$

for all vertices  $a \in V(G)$  and  $|n_f(0) - n_f(1)| \le 1$ , where N(a) is the set of vertices adjacent to the vertex a and  $n_f(i)(i = 0, 1)$  is the sum of the number of vertices and edges with label i.

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### §1. Introduction

All graphs considered here are finite, simple and undirected. The set of vertices and edges of a graph G will be denoted by V(G) and E(G) respectively, and let p = |V(G)| and q = |E(G)|. A labeling of a graph G is a mapping that carries a set of graph elements usually the vertices and/or edges, into a set of numbers, usually integers, called labels. Many kinds of labelings have been studied and an excellent survey of graph labeling can be found in Gallian [3]. For all other terminology and notation we follow Harary [4]. The concept of cordial labeling was introduced by Cahit [1]. A binary vertex labeling  $f:V(G)\to\{0,1\}$  induces an edge labeling  $f^*:E(G)\to\{0,1\}$  defined by  $f^*(uv)=|f(u)-f(v)|$ . Such a labeling is called cordial if the conditions  $|v_f(0)-v_f(1)|\leq 1$  and  $|e_{f^*}(0)-e_{f^*}(1)|\leq 1$  are satisfied, where  $v_f(i)$  and  $e_{f^*}(i)(i=0,1)$  are the number of vertices and edges with label i respectively. A graph is called cordial if it admits cordial labeling.

Totally Magic Cordial(TMC) labeling was introduced by Cahit in [2] as a modification of total edge-magic labeling. A (p,q) graph G is said to have a totally magic cordial labeling with constant C if there exists a mapping  $f: V(G) \cup E(G) \to \{0,1\}$  such that  $f(a) + f(b) + f(ab) \equiv C \pmod{2}$  for all edges  $ab \in E(G)$  provided the condition  $|f(0) - f(1)| \leq 1$ , where  $f(0) = v_f(0) + e_f(0)$ ,  $f(1) = v_f(1) + e_f(1)$  and  $v_f(i)$ ,  $e_f(i)(i = 0, 1)$  are the number of vertices and edges with label i, respectively. It is proved that the graphs  $K_{m,n}(m,n > 1)$ , trees and  $K_n$  for n = 2, 3, 5 or 6 have TMC labeling.

J. A. MacDougall et al. introduced the concept of vertex-magic total labeling in [6]. A one-to-one map  $\lambda$  from  $V \cup E$  onto the integers  $\{1,2,...,p+q\}$  is a vertex-magic total labeling if there is a constant k so that for every vertex x,  $\lambda(x) + \sum \lambda(xy) = k$ , where the sum is over all vertices y adjacent to x. The sum  $\lambda(x) + \sum \lambda(xy)$  is called the weight of the vertex x and is denoted by wt(x). The constant k is called the magic constant for  $\lambda$ . In this paper, we modify the vertex-magic total labeling into a new labeling called totally vertex magic cordial labeling and we examine the totally vertex magic cordiality of some graphs.

#### §2. Totally vertex-magic cordial labeling

In this section, we define totally vertex-magic cordial labeling and we prove vertex-magic total graph is totally vertex-magic cordial.

**Definition 2.1.** A (p,q) graph G is said to have a totally vertex-magic cordial (TVMC) labeling with constant C if there is a mapping  $f: V(G) \cup E(G) \rightarrow \{0,1\}$  such that

$$\left[ f(a) + \sum_{b \in N(a)} f(ab) \right] \equiv C \pmod{2}$$

for all vertices  $a \in V(G)$  provided the condition,  $|n_f(0) - n_f(1)| \le 1$  is held, where N(a) is the set of vertices adjacent to a vertex a and  $n_f(i)(i = 0, 1)$  is the sum of the number of vertices and edges with label i.

A graph is called totally vertex-magic cordial if it admits totally vertex-magic cordial labeling .

**Theorem 2.2.** If G is a vertex-magic total graph then G is totally vertex-magic cordial.

*Proof.* Let f be a vertex-magic total labeling of a graph G with p vertices and q edges and with weight k. Define  $q: V(G) \cup E(G) \rightarrow \{0,1\}$  by  $q(v) \equiv f(v)$ 

(mod 2) if  $v \in V(G)$  and  $g(e) \equiv f(e)$  (mod 2) if  $e \in E(G)$ . Then, C = 0 if k is even and C = 1 if k is odd. Since there are exactly  $\left\lceil \frac{p+q}{2} \right\rceil$  odd integers and  $\left\lfloor \frac{p+q}{2} \right\rfloor$  even integers in the set  $\{1,2,3,...,p+q\}$  we have,  $|n_f(0)-n_f(1)| \leq 1$ . Hence, g is a totally vertex-magic cordial labeling of G.

#### §3. Totally vertex-magic cordial labeling of a complete graph $K_n$

H. K. Krishnappa et al. [5] proved that  $K_n (n \geq 1)$  admits vertex-magic total labeling. In this section, we use another technique to prove  $K_n (n \geq 1)$  is totally vertex-magic cordial. Let  $V = \{v_i | 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  be the vertex set and  $E = \{v_i v_j | i \neq j, 1 \leq i, j \leq n\}$  be the edge set of  $K_n$ . We use the following symmetric matrix to label the vertices and the edges of  $K_n$ , which is called the label matrix for  $K_n$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} e_{11} & e_{21} & e_{31} & e_{41} & e_{51} & \dots & e_{n1} \\ e_{21} & e_{22} & e_{32} & e_{42} & e_{52} & \dots & e_{n2} \\ e_{31} & e_{32} & e_{33} & e_{43} & e_{53} & \dots & e_{n3} \\ e_{41} & e_{42} & e_{43} & e_{44} & e_{54} & \dots & e_{n4} \\ e_{51} & e_{52} & e_{53} & e_{54} & e_{55} & \dots & e_{n5} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ e_{n1} & e_{n2} & e_{n3} & e_{n4} & e_{n5} & \dots & e_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

The entries in the main diagonal represent the vertex labels,  $f(v_i) = e_{ii}$  and the other entries  $e_{ij}$ ,  $i \neq j$  represent the edge labels,  $f(v_i v_j) = e_{ij}$ . Thus the weight of a vertex  $v_i$  is the sum of the elements either in the  $i^{th}$  row or in the  $i^{th}$  column.

**Theorem 3.1.** The complete graph  $K_n$  is TVMC for all  $n \ge 1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $K_n$  be the complete graph with n vertices. We consider the following three cases:

Case i.  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

We construct the label matrix for  $K_n$  as follows:

$$e_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{when} \quad i+j \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}, \\ 1 & \text{when} \quad i+j \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

Then for each vertex  $v_r$ ,  $1 \le r \le n$ , the weight  $\operatorname{wt}(v_r)$  is the sum of the elements in the  $r^{th}$  row or in the  $r^{th}$  column. Hence,

$$\operatorname{wt}(v_r) = \sum_{i=1}^r e_{rj} + \sum_{i=r+1}^n e_{ir} = \frac{n}{2} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}.$$

Also  $n_f(0) = n_f(1) = \frac{n^2 + n}{4}$ . Therefore,  $|n_f(0) - n_f(1)| = 0$ . Case ii.  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

We construct the label matrix as follows: when  $j \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$ ,

$$e_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if} \quad i \text{ is odd,} \\ 0 & \text{if} \quad i \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

and when  $j \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$ ,

$$e_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if} \quad i \text{ is odd,} \\ 1 & \text{if} \quad i \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\operatorname{wt}(v_r) = \sum_{j=1}^r e_{rj} + \sum_{i=r+1}^n e_{ir} = \frac{n}{2} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}.$$

Also  $n_f(0) = \frac{n^2 + n - 2}{4}$  and  $n_f(1) = \frac{n^2 + n + 2}{4}$ . Hence,  $|n_f(0) - n_f(1)| = 1$ .

We construct the label matrix as follows: when  $i + j \leq n$ ,

$$e_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i \text{ is odd,} \\ 0 & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

and when i + j > n,

$$e_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j \text{ is odd,} \\ 0 & \text{if } j \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

We have

$$\operatorname{wt}(v_r) = \sum_{j=1}^r e_{rj} + \sum_{i=r+1}^{n-r} e_{ir} + \sum_{i=n-r+1}^n e_{ir} \text{ if } 1 \le r < \frac{n+1}{2};$$

$$\operatorname{wt}(v_r) = \sum_{j=1}^{r-1} e_{rj} + \sum_{i=r}^n e_{ir} \text{ if } r = \frac{n+1}{2};$$

$$\operatorname{wt}(v_r) = \sum_{j=1}^{n-r} e_{rj} + \sum_{j=n-r+1}^{r-1} e_{rj} + \sum_{i=r}^n e_{ir} \text{ if } \frac{n+1}{2} < r < n;$$
and 
$$\operatorname{wt}(v_r) = \sum_{j=1}^n e_{rj} \text{ if } r = n.$$

The weights of the vertices for n = 4k + 1 and n = 4k + 3 are summarized in the following tables:

When n = 4k + 1.

	$1 \le r < \frac{n+1}{2}$	$r = \frac{n+1}{2}$	$\frac{n+1}{2} < r < n$	r = n
r is odd	2k + r	$n \times (r \mod 2)$	6k - r + 2	$\frac{n+1}{2}$
	$\equiv 1 \pmod{2}$	$\equiv 1 \pmod{2}$	$\equiv 1 \pmod{2}$	$\equiv 1 \pmod{2}$
r is even	2k-r+1		r - 2k - 1	
	$\equiv 1 \pmod{2}$	-	$\equiv 1 \pmod{2}$	-

When n = 4k + 3,

	$1 \le r < \frac{n+1}{2}$	$r = \frac{n+1}{2}$	$\frac{n+1}{2} < r < n$	r = n
r is odd	2k+r+1		6k-r+5	$\frac{n+1}{2}$
	$\equiv 0 \pmod{2}$	-	$\equiv 0 \pmod{2}$	$\equiv 0 \pmod{2}$
r is even	2k-r+2	$n \times (r \mod 2)$	r-2k-2	
	$\equiv 0 \pmod{2}$	$\equiv 0 \pmod{2}$	$\equiv 0 \pmod{2}$	-

Also if n = 4k + 1, then  $n_f(0) = \frac{n^2 + n - 2}{4}$ ,  $n_f(1) = \frac{n^2 + n + 2}{4}$ ; if n = 4k + 3, then  $n_f(0) = n_f(1) = \frac{n^2 + n}{4}$  and hence,  $|n_f(0) - n_f(1)| \le 1$ . Therefore,  $K_n$  is TVMC for all  $n \ge 1$ .

# §4. Totally vertex-magic cordial labeling of a complete bipartite graph $K_{m,n}$

J. A. MacDougall et al. [6] proved that there is a vertex-magic total labeling for a complete bipartite graph  $K_{m,m}$  for all m > 1. Also they conjectured that there is a vertex-magic total labeling for a complete bipartite graph  $K_{m,m+1}$ .

In this section, we prove the bipartite graph  $K_{m,n}$  admits TVMC labeling whenever  $|m-n| \leq 1$ . We consider the complete bipartite graph  $K_{m,n}$  with the vertex set  $\{u_1, u_2, ..., u_m, v_1, v_2, ..., v_n\}$  and the edge set  $\{e_{ij} = u_i v_j | 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ . We use the following  $(m+1) \times (n+1)$  matrix to label the vertices and the edges of  $K_{m,n}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} - & | & c_{01} & c_{02} & \dots & c_{0n} \\ -- & -- & -- & -- & -- & -- \\ c_{10} & | & c_{11} & c_{12} & \dots & c_{1n} \\ c_{20} & | & c_{21} & c_{22} & \dots & c_{2n} \\ \vdots & | & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ c_{m0} & | & c_{m1} & c_{m2} & \dots & c_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

The entries in the first row  $c_{i0}(1 \leq i \leq m)$  represent the labels of the vertices  $u_i(1 \leq i \leq m)$ , the entries in the first column  $c_{0j}(1 \leq j \leq n)$  represent the labels of the vertices  $v_j(1 \leq j \leq n)$  and the other entries  $c_{ij}$  represent the labels of the edges  $u_iv_j(1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n)$ . That is,  $f(u_i) = c_{i0}$ ,  $f(v_j) = c_{0j}$  and  $f(u_iv_j) = c_{ij}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n$ .

**Lemma 4.1.**  $K_{m,m+1}$  is TVMC for all  $m \ge 1$ .

Proof. Define

$$c_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if} \quad i = 0 \text{ or } j = 0 & \text{and} \quad i + j \text{ is odd,} \\ 0 & \text{if} \quad i = 0 \text{ or } j = 0 & \text{and} \quad i + j \text{ is even,} \\ 1 & \text{if} \quad i \neq 0, j \neq 0 & \text{and} \quad i + j \leq m + 1, \\ 0 & \text{if} \quad i \neq 0, j \neq 0 & \text{and} \quad i + j > m + 1. \end{cases}$$

Then  $n_f(0) = \frac{m^2 + 3m}{2}$ ,  $n_f(1) = \frac{m^2 + 3m + 2}{2}$  and hence,  $|n_f(0) - n_f(1)| = 1$ . The weights of vertices  $u_i$  and  $v_j$  are summarized in the following table:

	i		j	
	Even	Odd	Even	Odd
m is even	m+1-i	m+2-i	m+1-j	m+2-j
	$\equiv 1 \pmod{2}$	$\equiv 1 \pmod{2}$	$\equiv 1 \pmod{2}$	$\equiv 1 \pmod{2}$
m is odd	m+1-i	m+2-i	m+1-j	m+2-j
	$\equiv 0 \pmod{2}$	$\equiv 0 \pmod{2}$	$\equiv 0 \pmod{2}$	$\equiv 0 \pmod{2}$

Therefore,  $K_{m,m+1}$  is TVMC for all  $m \ge 1$ .

**Lemma 4.2.**  $K_{m,m}$  is TVMC if m is odd.

Proof. Define

$$c_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i+j \text{ is odd,} \\ 0 & \text{if } i+j \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $n_f(0) = \frac{m^2 + 2m - 1}{2}$ ,  $n_f(1) = \frac{m^2 + 2m + 1}{2}$  and hence,  $|n_f(0) - n_f(1)| = 1$ . The weight of each vertex is

$$\frac{m+1}{2} \equiv \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 1 \pmod 2 & \text{if} \quad m \equiv 1 \pmod 4, \\ 0 \pmod 2 & \text{if} \quad m \equiv 3 \pmod 4. \end{array} \right.$$

Therefore,  $K_{m,m}$  is TVMC for odd values of m.

**Lemma 4.3.**  $K_{m,m}$  is TVMC if  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

*Proof.* Let m = 4k. Define  $c_{i0} = 0$ ,  $c_{0j} = 0$  and for  $i \neq 0$  and  $j \neq 0$ ,

$$c_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |i-j| = 0, 1, 2, ..., \frac{m}{4} \text{ and } \frac{3m}{4}, ..., m-1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then,  $\operatorname{wt}(v_j) = \operatorname{wt}(u_i) = \frac{m}{2} + 1 = 2k + 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  for all i and j. Also  $n_f(0) = n_f(1) = \frac{m^2 + 2m}{2}$ . Thus,  $|n_f(0) - n_f(1)| = 0$ . Hence,  $K_{m,m}$  is TVMC for  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

**Lemma 4.4.**  $K_{m,m}$  is TVMC if  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

*Proof.* Let m = 4k + 2. Define  $c_{i0} = 0$ ,  $c_{0j} = 1$  and for  $i \neq 0$  and  $j \neq 0$ ,

$$c_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if} \quad j \text{ is odd,} \\ 0 & \text{if} \quad j \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Then,  $\operatorname{wt}(v_j) = m+1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  if j is odd,  $\operatorname{wt}(v_j) = 1$  if j is even and  $\operatorname{wt}(u_i) = \frac{m}{2} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . Also  $n_f(0) = n_f(1) = \frac{m^2 + 2m}{2}$  and hence,  $|n_f(0) - n_f(1)| = 0$ . Thus,  $K_{m,m}$  is TVMC for  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

**Lemma 4.5.**  $K_{m,n}$  is TVMC if  $|m-n| \le 1$ .

*Proof.* The proof follows from Lemmas 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4.

#### §5. Totally vertex-magic cordial(TVMC) labelings of some graphs

J. A. MacDougall et al. [6] proved that not all trees have a vertex-magic total labeling. Also J. A. MacDougall et al. [7] proved that the friendship graph  $T_n$  has no vertex-magic total labeling for n > 3. In the subsequent theorems we prove all trees are TVMC, the friendship graph  $T_n$  for  $n \ge 1$  is TVMC and also we examine the totally vertex magic cordiality of flower graph,  $P_n + P_2$  and  $G + \overline{K}_{2m}$ .

**Theorem 5.1.** If G is a (p,q) graph with  $|p-q| \le 1$ , then G is TVMC with C=1.

*Proof.* Assign 0 to all the edges and 1 to all the vertices of G. Then weight of each vertex is 1 and  $|n_f(0) - n_f(1)| = |p - q| \le 1$ . Hence, G is TVMC.  $\square$ 

**Corollary 5.2.** All  $cycles(n \ge 3)$ , trees and unicycle graphs are TVMC with C = 1.

A flower graph  $Fl_n$  is constructed from a wheel  $W_n$  by attaching a pendant edge at each vertex of the *n*-cycle and by joining each pendant vertex to the central vertex. We prove that  $Fl_n$  admits TVMC labeling.

**Theorem 5.3.** The flower graph  $Fl_n$  for  $n \geq 3$  is TVMC with C = 0.

*Proof.* Let  $V = \{u, u_i, v_i | 1 \le i \le n\}$  be the vertex set and  $E = \{uu_i, u_i v_i, uv_i | 1 \le i \le n\} \cup \{u_j u_{j+1} | 1 \le j \le n-1\} \cup \{u_n u_1\}$  be the edge set for  $n \ge 3$ . Clearly, |V| = 2n + 1 and |E| = 4n. Define  $f: V \cup E \to \{0, 1\}$  as follows: For  $1 \le i \le n$ ,  $f(u_i) = 1$ ,  $f(v_i) = 0$ ,  $f(uu_i) = 1$ ,  $f(u_i v_i) = 0$ ,  $f(uv_i) = 0$  and for  $1 \le j \le n - 1$ ,  $f(u_j u_{j+1}) = 1$ ,  $f(u_n u_1) = 1$  and

$$f(u) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if n is even,} \\ 1 & \text{if n is odd.} \end{cases}$$

We prove that the weight of each vertex is constant modulo 2.

$$\operatorname{wt}(u) = f(u) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(uv_i) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(uu_i) = \begin{cases} n & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ n+1 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Hence,  $\operatorname{wt}(u) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . Further, for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $\operatorname{wt}(u_i) = 4 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  and  $\operatorname{wt}(v_i) = 0$ . Also  $|n_f(0) - n_f(1)| \leq 1$ . Therefore,  $Fl_n$  is TVMC for  $n \geq 3$ .

The friendship graph  $T_n(n \geq 1)$  consists of n triangles with a common vertex.

**Theorem 5.4.** The friendship graph  $T_n$  for  $n \ge 1$  is TVMC with C = 0.

Proof. Let  $V = \{u, u_i, v_i | 1 \le i \le n\}$  and  $E = \{uu_i, u_i v_i, uv_i | 1 \le i \le n\}$  be the vertex set and the edge set, respectively. Define  $f: V \cup E \to \{0, 1\}$  as follows:  $f(u_i) = 0$ ,  $f(v_i) = 1$  and  $f(u) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ 1 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$  For  $1 \le i \le \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$ ,  $f(uu_i) = 0$ ,  $f(u_iv_i) = 0$ ,  $f(v_iu) = 1$ , and for  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil < i \le n$ ,  $f(uu_i) = 1$ ,  $f(u_iv_i) = 1$  and  $f(v_iu) = 0$ . It can easily be verified that  $\text{wt}(u_i) \equiv \text{wt}(v_i) \equiv \text{wt}(u) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . Also  $n_f(0) = \left\lceil \frac{5n+1}{2} \right\rceil$  and  $n_f(1) = \left\lfloor \frac{5n+1}{2} \right\rfloor$ . Hence,  $|n_f(0) - n_f(1)| \le 1$ . Therefore,  $T_n$  for  $n \ge 1$  is TVMC with C = 0.

Let G and H be any two graphs. Let u be any vertex of G and v be any vertex of H. Then G@H is a graph obtained by identifying the vertices u and v.

**Theorem 5.5.** If G is TVMC with C = 1, then G@T is also TVMC with C = 1 for any tree T.

*Proof.* Let f be the TVMC labeling of G with C=1. Assign 0 to all the edges and 1 to all the vertices of T. Identify a vertex  $u \in V(G)$  with a vertex  $v \in V(T)$  and take this new vertex as w. Define a labeling g for G@T as follows:

$$g(a) = \begin{cases} f(a) & \text{if} \quad a \in V(G), \\ 1 & \text{if} \quad a \in V(T) \text{ and } a \neq w, \end{cases}$$

and

$$g(e) = \begin{cases} f(e) & \text{if } e \in E(G), \\ 0 & \text{if } e \in E(T). \end{cases}$$

Then the weight of the identified vertex w is,

$$\operatorname{wt}_{G@T}(w) = g(w) + \sum_{x \in N(w)} g(xw)$$

$$= f(u) + \sum_{\substack{x \in N(u) \\ inG}} f(xu) + \sum_{\substack{y \in N(u) \\ inT}} f(yu)$$

$$= f(u) + \sum_{\substack{x \in N(u) \\ inG}} f(xu)$$

$$= \operatorname{wt}_{G}(u) \equiv 1 \pmod{2}.$$

For each  $a \in V(G@T)$  with  $a \neq w$ ,  $\operatorname{wt}_{G@T}(a) = \operatorname{wt}_{G}(a) \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  if  $a \in V(G)$  and  $\operatorname{wt}_{G@T}(a) = 1$  if  $a \in V(T)$ . Also  $|n_g(0) - n_g(1)| = |n_f(0) - n_f(1)| \leq 1$ . Hence, G@T is also TVMC with C = 1.

The join of two graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  is denoted by  $G_1 + G_2$  and it consists of  $G_1 \cup G_2$  and all the lines joining  $V(G_1)$  with  $V(G_2)$ .

**Theorem 5.6.**  $P_n + P_2$  is TVMC for  $n \ge 1$ .

Proof. Let  $G = P_n + P_2$ . We denote the vertices of  $P_n$  in G by  $u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_n$  and the vertices of  $P_2$  in G by u, v. Then  $V(G) = V(P_n) \cup V(P_2)$  and  $E(G) = \{uv, u_i u_{i+1} | 1 \le i \le n-1\} \cup \{uu_i, vu_i | 1 \le i \le n\}$ . Clearly |V(G)| = n+2 and |E(G)| = 3n. Define  $f: V(G) \cup E(G) \to \{0,1\}$  as follows:

Case i. n is odd.

Let f(u) = f(v) = 0,  $f(u_i) = 0$ , f(uv) = 1,  $f(uu_i) = f(vu_i) = 1$  for  $1 \le i \le n$  and  $f(u_iu_{i+1}) = 0$  for  $1 \le i \le n - 1$ . Then

$$\operatorname{wt}(u) = f(u) + f(uv) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(uu_i) = 1 + n \equiv 0 \pmod{2},$$

$$wt(v) = f(v) + f(uv) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(vu_i) = 1 + n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$$

and for  $1 \le i \le n$ , wt $(u_i) = 2 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . Also  $n_f(0) = n_f(1) = 2n + 1$ . Thus,  $|n_f(0) - n_f(1)| = 0$ .

Case ii. n = 2k and k is odd.

Let f(u) = f(v) = 0,  $f(u_i) = 1$ , f(uv) = 1 for  $1 \le i \le n$ ;  $f(uu_i) = f(vu_{k+i}) = 1$ ,  $f(uu_{k+i}) = f(vu_i) = 0$  for  $1 \le i \le k$  and  $f(u_iu_{i+1}) = 0$  for  $1 \le i < n$ . Hence  $\operatorname{wt}(u) = \operatorname{wt}(v) = k + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  and  $\operatorname{wt}(u_i) = 2 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  for  $1 \le i \le n$ . Also  $n_f(0) = n_f(1) = 2n + 1$ . Thus,  $|n_f(0) - n_f(1)| = 0$ 

Case iii. n = 2k and k is even.

Let f(u) = f(v) = 0,  $f(u_i) = 1$ , f(uv) = 1, for  $1 \le i \le n$ ;  $f(uu_i) = f(vu_i) = 1$ ,  $f(uu_{k+i}) = f(vu_{k+i}) = 0$  for  $1 \le i \le k$  and  $f(u_iu_{i+1}) = 0$  for  $1 \le i \le n$ . Hence, wt $(u) = \text{wt}(v) = k+1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , wt $(u_i) = 3 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  for  $1 \le i \le k$  and wt $(u_i) = 1$  for  $k+1 \le i \le n$ . Also  $n_f(0) = n_f(1) = 2n + 1$ . Thus,  $|n_f(0) - n_f(1)| = 0$ .

**Theorem 5.7.** Let G(p,q) be a TVMC graph with constant C=0 where p is odd. Then  $G + \overline{K}_{2m}$  is TVMC with C=1 if m is odd and with C=0 if m is even.

Proof. Let  $V(G) = \{u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_p\}$ ,  $V(\overline{K}_{2m}) = \{v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_m, \ldots, v_{2m}\}$  and  $E(G + \overline{K}_{2m}) = E(G) \cup \{u_i v_j | 1 \le i \le p, 1 \le j \le 2m\}$ . Let f be the TVMC labeling of G with C = 0. Define TVMC labeling g of  $G + \overline{K}_{2m}$  as follows: g(x) = f(x) if  $x \in V(G) \cup E(G)$ , for  $1 \le j \le p$ ,

$$g(u_j v_i) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 1 \le i \le m, \\ 1 & \text{if } m < i \le 2m. \end{cases}$$

When m is odd,

$$g(v_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if} \quad 1 \le i \le m, \\ 0 & \text{if} \quad m < i \le 2m \end{cases}$$

and when m is even,

$$g(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 1 \le i \le m, \\ 1 & \text{if } m < i \le 2m. \end{cases}$$

Now we find the weight of the vertices by considering the following two cases:

Case i. m is odd.

For  $v_i \in V(\overline{K}_{2m})$ ,

$$\operatorname{wt}_{G+\overline{K}_{2m}}(v_i) = g(v_i) + \sum_{j=1}^p g(u_j v_i) = 1 \text{ if } 1 \le i \le m,$$

$$\operatorname{wt}_{G+\overline{K}_{2m}}(v_i) = p \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \text{ if } m < i \le 2m$$

and for  $u_j \in V(G)$ ,

$$\operatorname{wt}_{G+\overline{K}_{2m}}(u_j) = \operatorname{wt}_{G}(u_j) + \sum_{i=1}^{m} g(u_j v_i) + \sum_{i=m+1}^{2m} g(u_j v_i)$$
  
=  $\operatorname{wt}_{G}(u_j) + m \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ .

Case ii. m is even.

For 
$$v_i \in V(\overline{K}_{2m})$$
,

$$\begin{split} \operatorname{wt}_{G+\overline{K}_{2m}}(v_i) &= 0 \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq m, \\ \operatorname{wt}_{G+\overline{K}_{2m}}(v_i) &= 1 + p \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \quad \text{ if } m < i \leq 2m \end{split}$$

and for  $u_i \in V(G)$ ,

$$\operatorname{wt}_{G+\overline{K}_{2m}}(u_j) = \operatorname{wt}_{G}(u_j) + \sum_{i=1}^{m} g(u_j v_i) + \sum_{i=m+1}^{2m} g(u_j v_i)$$
$$= \operatorname{wt}_{G}(u_j) + m \equiv 0 \pmod{2}.$$

Also 
$$n_g(0) = n_f(0) + m(p+1)$$
,  $n_g(1) = n_f(1) + m(p+1)$  and hence  $|n_g(0) - n_g(1)| = |n_f(0) - n_f(1)| \le 1$ . Therefore,  $G + \overline{K}_{2m}$  is TVMC.

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