

# Group Mean Cordial Labeling of Triangular Snake Related Graphs

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**ABSTRACT** — Let  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph and let  $A$  be a group. Let  $g : V(G) \rightarrow A$  be a map. For each edge  $xy$  assign the label  $\left\lfloor \frac{o(g(x))+o(g(y))}{2} \right\rfloor$ . Here  $o(g(x))$  denotes the order of  $g(x)$  as an element of the group  $A$ . Let  $I$  be the set of all integers that are labels of the edges of  $G$ .  $g$  is called a group mean cordial labeling if the following conditions hold:

- (1) For  $a, b \in A$ ,  $|v_g(a) - v_g(b)| \leq 1$ , where  $v_g(a)$  is the number of vertices labeled with  $a$ .
- (2) For  $r, s \in I$ ,  $|e_g(r) - e_g(s)| \leq 1$ , where  $e_g(r)$  denote the number of edges labeled with  $r$ .

A graph with a group mean cordial labeling is called a group mean cordial graph. In this paper, we take  $A$  as the group of fourth roots of unity and prove that, Triangular snake, Double triangular snake and Alternate triangular snake are group mean cordial graphs.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Graphs considered here are finite, undirected and simple. Terms not defined here are used in the sense of Harary and Gallian [3]. Somasundaram and Ponraj introduced the concept of mean labeling of graphs.

**Definition 1.1.** [6] A graph  $G$  with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges is a mean graph if there is an injective function  $g$  from the vertices of  $G$  to  $0, 1, 2, \dots, q$  such that when each edge  $xy$  is labeled with  $\frac{g(x)+g(y)}{2}$  if  $g(x) + g(y)$  is even and  $\frac{g(x)+g(y)+1}{2}$  if  $g(x) + g(y)$  is odd then the resulting edge labels are distinct. Cahit [2] introduced the concept of cordial labeling.

**Definition 1.2.** [2] Let  $g : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  be any function. For each edge  $uv$  assign the label  $|g(u) - g(v)|$ .  $g$  is called a cordial labeling if the number of vertices labeled 0 and the number of vertices labeled 1 differ by at most 1. Also the number of edges labeled 0 and the number of edges labeled 1 differ by at most 1.

Ponraj et al. [5] introduced mean cordial labeling of graphs.

**Definition 1.3.** [5] Let  $g$  be a function from the vertex set  $V(G)$  to  $\{0, 1, 2\}$ . For each edge  $xy$  assign the label  $1 \left\lfloor \frac{g(x)+g(y)}{2} \right\rfloor$ .  $g$  is called a mean cordial labeling if  $|v_g(r) - v_g(s)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_g(r) - e_g(s)| \leq 1$ ,  $r, s \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ , where  $v_g(u)$  and  $e_g(u)$  respectively denote the number of vertices and edges labeled with  $u$  ( $u = 0, 1, 2$ ). A graph with a mean cordial labeling is called a mean cordial graph.

Athisayanathan et al. [1] introduced the concept of group  $A$  cordial labeling.

## II. MAIN RESULTS

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph and let  $A$  be a group. Let  $g : V(G) \rightarrow A$  be a map. For each edge  $xy$  assign the label  $\left\lfloor \frac{o(g(x))+o(g(y))}{2} \right\rfloor$ . Here  $o(g(x))$  denotes the order of  $g(x)$  as an element of the group  $A$ . Let  $I$  be the set of all integers that are labels of the edges of  $G$ .  $g$  is called a group mean cordial labeling if the following conditions hold:

- (1) For  $a, b \in A, |v_g(a) - v_g(b)| \leq 1$ , where  $v_g(a)$  is the number of vertices labeled with  $a$ .  
 (2) For  $r, s \in I, |e_g(r) - e_g(s)| \leq 1$ , where  $e_g(r)$  denote the number of edges labeled with  $r$ .  
 A graph with a group mean cordial labeling is called a group mean cordial graph.

In this paper, we take the group  $A$  as the group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  which is the group of fourth roots of unity, that is cyclic with generators  $i$  and  $-i$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** The Triangular Snake graph  $T_n$  is a group mean cordial graph for every  $n$ .

**Proof.** Let  $P_n = x_1x_2 \dots x_n$  be a path. Let  $V(T_n) = V(P_n) \cup \{y_j: 1 \leq j \leq n-1\}$ . Then  $E(T_n) = E(P_n) \cup \{x_jy_j, x_{j+1}y_j: 1 \leq j \leq n-1\}$ . The order and size of  $T_n$  are  $2n-1$  and  $3n-3$ .

Case 1:  $n \equiv 0,1,2 \pmod{4}$ .

Define  $g: V(T_n) \rightarrow \{1, -1, i, -i\}$  by,

$$g(x_j) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } j \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ i & \text{if } j \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ -i & \text{if } j \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ 1 & \text{if } j \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

and

$$g(y_j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ i & \text{if } j \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ -1 & \text{if } j \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ -i & \text{if } j \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

Case 2:  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

The group mean cordial labeling of  $T_3$  is given in Fig.2.2.

Assign the labels as in case 1 to the vertices  $x_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n-3$ ) and  $y_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n-4$ ).

Next label  $x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, x_n$  as  $-1, i, 1$  in order and  $y_{n-3}, y_{n-2}, y_{n-2}$  as  $-1, -i, -i$  in order.

The values of  $v_g(j)$  and  $e_g(s)$  are tabulated in Tables 2.1 and 2.2.

Nature of $n$	$v_g(1)$	$v_g(-1)$	$v_g(i)$	$v_g(-i)$
$n \equiv 0,2 \pmod{4}$	$\frac{n}{2}$	$\frac{n}{2}$	$\frac{n}{2}$	$\frac{n}{2} - 1$
$n \equiv 1,3 \pmod{4}, n \neq 3$	$\frac{n-1}{2}$	$\frac{n+1}{2}$	$\frac{n-1}{2}$	$\frac{n+1}{2}$

TABLE 2.1.

Hence Table. prove that  $g$  is a group mean cordial labeling.

**Theorem 2.2.** Double Triangular Snake graph  $D(T_n)$  is a group mean cordial graph for every  $n$ .

**Proof.** Let  $P_n = x_1x_2 \dots x_n$  be the common path. Let  $a_j, b_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n-1$ ) be the newly added vertices. Then  $E(D(T_n)) = E(P_n) \cup \{x_ja_j, x_{j+1}a_j, x_jb_j, x_{j+1}b_j : 1 \leq j \leq n-1\}$ . The order and size of  $D(T_n)$  are  $3n-2$  and  $5n-5$ . Define  $g: V(T_n) \rightarrow \{1, -1, i, -i\}$  by,

$$g(x_j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ -1 & \text{if } j \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ i & \text{if } j \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ -i & \text{if } j \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \end{cases} \text{ and } g(a_j) = g(b_j) = \begin{cases} i & \text{if } j \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ 1 & \text{if } j \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ -i & \text{if } j \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ -1 & \text{if } j \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

Case 2:  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . Assign the labels to the vertices  $x_j (1 \leq j \leq n-1)$  and  $a_j, b_j (1 \leq j \leq n-2)$  as in case 1. Then assign  $i, -1, -i$  to the vertices  $x_n, a_{n-1}, b_{n-1}$  in order. Case 3:  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

Assign the labels to the vertices  $x_j (1 \leq j \leq n-2)$  and  $a_j, b_j (1 \leq j \leq n-3)$  as in case 1. Next label  $a_{n-2}, b_{n-2}$  with  $-1$ ;  $x_{n-1}, a_{n-1}$  with  $i$ ;  $x_n$  with  $-i$  and  $b_{n-1}$  with 1. Case 4:  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

Assign the labels to the vertices  $x_j (1 \leq j \leq n-3)$  and  $a_j, b_j (1 \leq j \leq n-4)$  as in case 1. Next assign  $i$  to the vertices  $x_{n-2}, a_{n-2}$ ;  $-1$  to the vertices  $a_{n-3}, b_{n-3}, b_{n-2}$ ;  $-i$  to the vertices  $x_{n-1}, a_{n-1}$  and assign 1 to the vertices  $x_n, b_{n-1}$ .

Tables 2.3 & 2.4 prove that  $g$  is a group mean cordial labeling.

Nature of $n$	$v_g(1)$	$v_g(-1)$	$v_g(i)$	$v_g(-i)$
$n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$	$\frac{3n}{4}$	$\frac{3n}{4}$	$\frac{3n-1}{4}$	$\frac{3n}{4}$
$n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$	$\frac{3n+1}{4}$	$\frac{3n-3}{4}$	$\frac{3n-3}{4}$	$\frac{3n-3}{4}$
$n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$	$\frac{3n-2}{4}$	$\frac{3n-2}{4}$	$\frac{3n-2}{4}$	$\frac{3n-2}{4}$
$n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$	$\frac{3n-1}{4}$	$\frac{3n-1}{4}$	$\frac{3n-1}{4}$	$\frac{3n-5}{4}$

TABLE 2.3.

**Theorem 2.3.** The Alternate Triangular Snake  $A(T_n)$  is a group mean cordial graph when  $n$  is odd.

**Proof.** Let  $P_n = x_1 x_2 \dots x_n$  be a path.

Case 1: The Alternative Triangular snake starts with triangle.

Let  $V(A(T_n)) = V(P_n) \cup \{y_j : 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n-1}{2}\}$ . Then  $E(A(T_n)) = E(P_n) \cup \{x_j y_{\frac{j+1}{2}} : j \equiv 1 \pmod{2}\} \cup \{x_j y_j : j \equiv 0 \pmod{2}\}$ .

The order and size of this graph are  $\frac{3n-1}{2}$  and  $2n-2$ .

Subcase 1.1:  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ .

Define  $g: V(A(T_n)) \rightarrow \{1, -1, i, -i\}$  by,

$$g(x_j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j \equiv 0, 1, 2 \pmod{8} \\ -1 & \text{if } j \equiv 4, 5 \pmod{8} \\ i & \text{if } j \equiv 3, 6, 7 \pmod{8} \end{cases} \text{ and } g(y_j) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } j \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ -i & \text{if } j \equiv 0, 2, 3 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

Subcase 1.2:  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$ .

Label the vertices  $x_j (1 \leq j \leq n-2), y_j (1 \leq j \leq \frac{n-1}{2})$  as in subcase 1.1. Then label  $x_{n-1}$  with  $i$  and  $y_n$  with  $-i$ .

Subcase 1.3:  $n \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ .

Label the vertices  $x_j (1 \leq j \leq n-4), y_j (1 \leq j \leq \frac{n-5}{2})$  as in subcase 1.1. Next define  $g(x_{n-3}) = 1; g(x_{n-2}) = -1; g(x_{n-1}) = g(x_n) = i$  and  $g(y_{\frac{n-3}{2}}) = g(y_{\frac{n-1}{2}}) = -i$ .

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