

## A Study on One Vertex Union of Alternate Shells Other Labeling in Graph Theory.

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### Abstract:

In this research paper we prove that the one vertex union of alternate shells with a path at any common level with chords  $G(2n_i, n_i - 2, k, l_c)$ , is graceful and admits an  $\alpha$ -valuation, for  $k \geq 1, n_i \geq 3$  and  $1 - i \leq k$ . The graph one vertex union of alternate shells with a path at any common level (with or without chords)  $G(2n_i, n_i - 2, k, l)$ , is proved to be cordial, for  $n_i = n \geq 3, k \geq 1$  and  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . As a corollary we also prove that the graph  $G(2n, n - 2, k, l, 2t)$  is cordial, for  $k \geq 1, n \geq 3$  and  $1 \leq t \leq (k - 1)(n - 1)$ .

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### Introduction:

### One Vertex Union of Alternate Shells with A Path

In this section we describe the one vertex union of alternate shells with a path at any common level (with or without chords)  $G(2n_i, n_i - 2, k, l)$ , by properly defining the common level vertices in the  $k$  alternate shells  $C(2n_i, n_i - 2)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$ .

Let  $C(2n_1, n_1 - 2), C(2n_2, n_2 - 2), \dots, C(2n_k, n_k - 2)$  be any  $k$  alternate shells, without loss of generality, we assume that  $n_1 \leq n_2 \leq \dots \leq n_k$ . The alternate shell  $C(2n_i, n_i - 2)$  is called  $i^{\text{th}}$  alternate shell.

Let  $U_{i=1}^k C(2n_i, n_i - 2)$  denote the one vertex union of  $k$  alternate shells  $C(2n_i, n_i - 2)$ 's, for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , obtained by merging the apex of each of these  $k$  alternate shells together. Let  $v_0$  denotes the common vertex of  $U_{i=1}^k C(2n_i, n_i - 2)$ , and let  $v_{i,j}$  be the vertex of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  alternate shell  $C(2n_i, n_i - 2)$  at the  $j^{\text{th}}$  level, where  $1 \leq j \leq 2n_i - 1$ . The  $(i - 1)^{\text{th}}$  alternate shell  $C(2n_{i-1}, n_{i-1} - 2)$  and the  $i^{\text{th}}$  alternate shell  $C(2n_i, n_i - 2)$  are said to be adjacent alternate shells in  $U_{i=1}^k C(2n_i, n_i - 2)$ , for  $2 \leq i \leq k$

We arrange the vertices of each alternate shell  $C(2n_i, n_i - 2)$  excluding the apex  $v_0$  in the one vertex union of alternate shells  $U_{i=1}^k C(2n_i, n_i - 2)$  with certain hierarchy, so that  $k$  suitable common level vertices (with chords and without chords) can be identified for joining them by a path  $P_{2k-1}$ .

### Level arrangement of first and second alternate shells

First arrange the vertices of the first alternate shell  $C(2n_1, n_1 - 2)$  as a chain  $v_{1,1}, v_{1,2}, \dots, v_{1,2n_1-1}$  such that  $v_{1,1}$  is in the bottom level vertex and  $v_{1,2n_1-1}$  is in the top level vertex of  $C(2n_1, n_1 - 2)$ . Now we arrange the vertices of  $C(2n_2, n_2 - 2)$  as a chain  $v_{2,1}, v_{2,2}, \dots, v_{2,2n_2-1}$  such that the top level vertex  $v_{1,2n_1-1}$  of the first alternate shell  $C(2n_1, n_1 - 2)$  and the top level vertex  $v_{2,2n_2-1}$  of the second alternate shell

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$C(2n_2, n_2 - 2)$  are in the same level, so that the bottom level vertex  $v_{1,1}$  of the first alternate shell  $C(2n_1, n_1 - 2)$  and

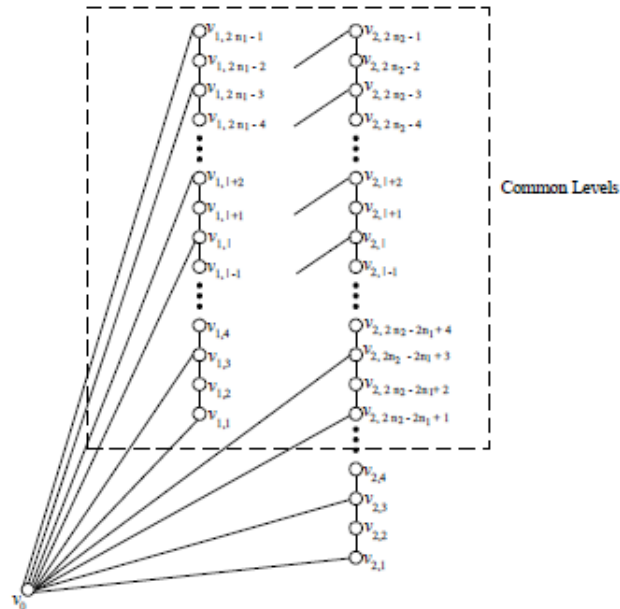


Figure 1.1 Level arrangement of  $C(2n_1, n_1 - 2)$  and  $C(2n_2, n_2 - 2)$

the vertex  $v_{2,2n_2-2n_1-1}$  of the second alternate shell  $C(2n_2, n_2 - 2)$  are in the same level.

Observe that there are  $n_1$  pairs of vertices  $\langle v_{1,2n_1-1}, v_{2,2n_1-1} \rangle$ ,  $\langle v_{1,2n_1-3}, v_{2,2n_2-3} \rangle$ , ...,  $\langle v_{1,1}, v_{2,2n_2-2n_1-1} \rangle$  are in the same levels with chords, and  $n_1 - 1$  pairs of vertices  $\langle v_{1,2n_1-2}, v_{2,2n_2-2} \rangle$ ,  $\langle v_{1,2n_1-4}, v_{2,2n_2-4} \rangle$ , ...,  $\langle v_{1,2}, v_{2,2n_2-2n_3-2} \rangle$  are in the same level without chords, see Figure 4.1.

**Level arrangement of  $i^{\text{th}}$  alternate shell**

When  $3 \leq i \leq k$  and  $i$  odd, arrange the  $i^{\text{th}}$  alternate shell  $C(2n_i, n_i - 2)$  as a chain  $v_{i,1}, v_{i,2}, \dots, v_{i,2n_i-1}$  such that the bottom level vertex  $v_{i,1}$  of the  $(i - 1)^{\text{th}}$  alternate shell  $C(2n_{i-1}, n_{i-1} - 2)$  and the bottom level vertex  $v_{i,1}$  of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  alternate shell  $C(2n_i, n_i - 2)$  are in the same level, so that the top level vertex  $v_{i-1,2n_{i-1}-1}$  of the  $(i - 1)^{\text{th}}$  alternate shell

$C(2n_{i-1}, n_{i-1} - 2)$  and the vertex  $v_{i,2n_{i-1}}$  of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  alternate shell  $C(2n_i, n_i - 2)$  are in the same level.

Thus, there are  $n_{v,1}$  pairs of vertices  $\langle v_{1-1,1}, v_{t,1} \rangle$ ,  $\langle v_{L-1,3}, v_{i,3} \rangle, \dots, \langle v_{\langle 1,2n_{i-1}-1}, v_{i,2n_{j-1}-1} \rangle$  are in the same levels with chords, and there are  $n_{t-1} - 1$  pairs of vertices  $\langle v_{i,1,2}, v_{i,2} \rangle, \langle v_{i-1,4}, v_{i,4} \rangle, \dots, \langle v_{i-1,2n_{i-1}-2}, v_{i,2n_{i-1}-2} \rangle$  are in the same levels without chords.

When  $3 \leq i \leq k$  and  $i$  even, arrange the vertices of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  alternate shell  $C(2n_i, n_i - 2)$  as a chain  $v_{i,1}, v_{i,2}, \dots, v_{i,2n_i-1}$  such that the top level vertex  $v_{j-1,2,-1-1}$  of the  $(i-1)^{\text{th}}$  alternate shell  $C(2n_{j-1}, n_{i-1} - 2)$  and the top level vertex  $v_{i,2n_{i-1}}$  of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  alternate shell  $C(2n_i, n_i - 2)$  are in the same level, so that the bottom level vertex  $v_{i-1,1}$  of  $(i-1)^{\text{th}}$  alternate shell  $C(2n_{i-1}, n_{i-1} - 2)$  and the vertex  $v_{i,2n_{i-1}-1}$  of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  alternate shell  $C(2n_i, n_i - 2)$  are in the same level.

Thus, there are  $n_{h-1}$  pairs of vertices  $\langle v_{t-1,2n_{i-1}-1}, v_{i,2n_{i-1}} \rangle$ ,  $\langle v_{t-1,2n_{i-1}-3}, v_{i,2n_{i-1}-3} \rangle, \dots, \langle v_{t,1,1}, v_{i,2n_{i-1}-2n_{i-1}-1} \rangle$  are in the same levels with chords, and  $n_{l-1} - 1$  pairs of vertices  $\langle v_{i-1,2n_{i-1}-2}, v_{i,2n_{i-1}-2} \rangle$ ,

$\langle v_{l-1,2n_{i-1}-4}, v_{i,2n_{i-1}-4} \rangle, \dots, \langle v_{i-1,2}, v_{i,2n_{i-1}-2n_{i-1}-2} \rangle$  in the same levels without chords.

We refer the above hierarchical level arrangement of vertices of the alternate shell  $C(2n_i, n_i - 2)$  in  $\bigcup_{i=1}^k C(2n_i, n_i - 2)$  is called Top-Bottom -Level arrangement (TBL-arrangement). In the TBL-arrangement of  $\bigcup_1^k C(2n_i, n_i - 2)$  there are  $n_1$  levels of vertices in each alternate shell which are in the common level with chords and  $n_1 - 1$  levels of vertices in each alternate shell which are in the common level without chords, the vertices

in the common levels with chords are called common level vertices with chords, and the vertices in the common level without chords are called common level vertices without chords. Observe that, there exists  $n_1$  different sets of common level vertices with chords where each set containing a vertex from a distinct alternate shell  $C(2n_i, n_i - 2)$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , and there exists  $n_1 - 1$  different sets of common level vertices without chords where each set containing a vertex from a distinct alternate shell  $C(2n_i, n_i - 2)$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ .

Let  $\bigcup_{i=1}^k C(2n_i, n_i - 2)$  be one vertex union of  $k$  alternate shells  $C(2n_i, n_i - 2)$ 's,  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , with TBL- arrangement, choose  $k$  vertices, each from a distinct alternate shell  $C(2n_i, n_i - 2)$ , such that they are in any fixed common level  $l$  (with or without chords). Join these  $k$  vertices by a path  $P_{2k-1}$  such that the  $i^{\text{th}}$  alternate shell  $C(2n_i, n_i - 2)$  at the  $(2i - 1)^{\text{th}}$  vertex of  $P_{2k-1}$ . The vertex  $w_i$  of the path  $P_{2k-1}$  is called middle vertex between the  $i^{\text{th}}$  alternate shell  $C(2n_i, n_i - 2)$  and the  $(i + 1)^{\text{th}}$  alternate shell  $C(2n_{i+1}, n_{i+1} - 2)$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq k - 1$ . The graph thus obtained is  $G(2n_i, n_i - 2, k, l)$ .

In particular, we denote the graph  $G(2n_1, n_1 - 2, k, l)$  as  $G(2n_i, n_i - 2, k, l_c)$  whenever the path  $P_{2k-1}$  taken only at any common level  $l$  with chords, see Figure 4.2.

We observe the following two observations from the graph  $G(2n_i, n_i - 2, k, l)$ .

**Observation 1.1.**

In each of the alternate shell  $C(2n_i, n_i - 2)$  excluding the apex  $v_0$  there is a path  $P_{2n_i-1}$  of length  $2n_i - 1$  in  $G(2n_i, n_i - 2, k, l)$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . In the path  $P_{2k-1}$  of  $G(2n_i, n_i - 2, k, l)$  joining the  $k$  alternate shells with alternate vertices, there are  $k$  vertices which are common to the path  $P_{2k-1}$  and the  $k$  alternate shells, called shared vertices of

the path  $P_{2k-1}$  in  $G(2n_i, n_i - 2, k, l)$ , and the  $(k - 1)$  middle vertices  $w_i$  's ( $1 \leq i \leq k - 1$ ) which lies only on the path  $P_{2k-1}$ .

### Observation 1.2.

When  $n_l = n$ , for  $1 \leq k$ , then we denote the graph  $G(2n_l, n_l - 2, k, l)$  as  $G(2n, n - 2, k, l)$ . We arrange the  $k$  copies of the alternate shells  $C(2n, n - 2)$  in  $G(2n, n - 2, k, l)$  as first, second, ...,  $k$  th copy. Observe that there are  $2n - 2$  pairs of vertices which are in the common levels between any two adjacent copies were not joined by path  $P_{2k-1}$ . Join  $2tP_3$  paths between  $2t$  pairs of vertices where each pair of vertex is selected from any adjacent alternate shells in the same common level, where  $1 \leq t \leq (k - 1)(n - 1)$ . The graph thus obtained is denoted by  $G(2n, n - 2, k, l, 2t)$ .

### 1.3 One Vertex Union of Alternate Shells With A Path At Any Common Level With Chords Is Graceful

In this section, we show that the graph  $G(2n_l, n_l - 2, k, l_e)$  one vertex union of  $k$  alternate shells  $C(2n_t, n_t - 2)$  's with a path  $P_{2k-1}$  at any common level  $l$  with chords is graceful and admits an  $\alpha$ -valuation, for  $n_t \geq 3, 1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $k \geq 1$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** For  $k \geq 1, n_t \geq 3$  and  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , the graph  $G(2n_t, n_t - 2, k, l_c)$  is graceful.

**Proof.** Let  $G(2n_i, n_i - 2, k, l_c)$  be the one vertex union of  $k$  alternate shell  $C(2n_t, n_f - 2)$  's with a path  $P_{2k-1}$  at any common level  $l$  with chords, for  $n_r \geq 3, 1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $k \geq 1$ .

Observe that

$$|V(G(2n_1, n_f, 2, k, l_e))| - \sum_{t=1}^k (2n_t, 1) |k = 2 \sum_{i=1}^k n_i, \text{ and}$$

$$|E(G(2n_1, n_i - 2, k, l_c))| = \sum_{i=1}^k (3n_i - 2) + 2(k - 1) = 3 \left( \sum_{i=1}^k n_i \right) - 2.$$

Let  $m = |E(G(2n_1, n_x - 2, k, l_c))|$ .

For the convenience of graceful labeling, we rename the vertices of  $G(2n_i, n_i - 2, k, l_c)$  as shown in Figure 1.3.

Define  $\phi: V(G(2n_1, n_t - 2, k, l_c)), \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m\}$  by

$$\phi(v_0) = 0,$$

$$\phi(v_j) = \begin{cases} m - (j - 1), & \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq \sum_{i=1}^k n_i, \text{ and} \\ \phi(u_j) = \begin{cases} m + 1 + j \sum_{i=1}^{\varepsilon} n_i, & \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^k n_i \right) - 1 \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

From the above vertex labeling, the set  $\{\phi(v_j), \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq \sum_{i=1}^k n_i\}$  form a monotonically decreasing sequence and the set  $\{\phi(u_j), \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq \sum_{i=1}^k n_i - 1\}$  form a monotonically increasing sequence

The following Corollary 1.1 is an immediate consequence of Rosa's theorem that if a graph  $G$  with  $m$  edges has an  $\alpha$ -labeling, then there exists a cyclic decomposition of the edges of the complete graph  $K_{2am-1}$  into sub graphs isomorphic to  $G$ , where  $a$  is an arbitrary natural number.

Corollary 1.1. The complete graphs  $K_{2ax-1}$  can be decomposed into sub graphs isomorphic to  $G(2n_t, n_t - 2, k, l_c)$ , where  $m = |E(G(2n_t, n_s - 2, k, l_c))|$ , and  $a$  is an arbitrary positive integer.

The corollary 1.2 follows from the result of El-Zanati's theorem that if  $G$  has  $m$  edges and admits an  $\alpha$ -labeling then  $K_{am, bm}$  can be partitioned into sub graphs isomorphic to  $G$  for all positive integers  $a$  and  $b$ .

Corollary 1.2. The edges of the complete graphs  $K_{ax, bm}$  can be partitioned into sub graphs isomorphic to  $G(2n_t, n_t - 2, k, l_c)$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are arbitrary positive integer and  $m = |E(G(2n_t, n_t - 2, k, l_e))|$ .

#### 1.4 One Vertex Union of Copies of Alternate Shells With A Path At Any Level Is Cordial

In this section, we show that the graph  $G(2n, n - 2, k, l)$  the one vertex union of  $k$  copies of alternate shell  $C(2n, n - 2)$  with a path  $P_{\Sigma k-1}$  at any level  $l$  (with or without chords) is cordial, for  $n = 3$  and  $k \geq 1$ . We also show that the graph  $G(2n, n - 2, k, l, 2t)$  is cordial, for  $n \geq 3, k \geq 1$  and  $1 \leq t \leq (k - 1)(n - 1)$ .

Theorem 1.2. For  $n \geq 3$  and  $k \geq 1$ , the graph  $G(2n, n - 2, k, l)$  is cordial.

Proof. Let  $G(2n, n - 2, k, l)$  one vertex union of  $k$  copies of the alternate shell  $C(2n, n - 2)$  with a path  $P_{2k-1}$  at any level  $l$  (with or without chords). For the convenience of cordial labeling describe the vertices of  $G(2n, n - 2, k, l)$  as shown in Figure 4.2, where  $n_1 = n_2 = \dots = n_k = n$ .

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} |V(G(2n, n - 2, k, l))| &= 2kn \\ |E(G(2n, n - 2, k, l))| &= 3kn - 2 \end{aligned}$$

Define  $\phi: V(G(2n, n - 2, k, l)) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  by

$$\phi(v_0) = 0,$$



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Labeling of the first copy in  $G(2n, n - 2, k, l)$

For  $1 \leq j \leq 2n - 1$ ,

$$\text{Let } \phi(v_{1,j}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } j = 1, 2 \pmod{4} \\ 0, & \text{if } j = 0, 3 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

Labeling of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  copy in  $G(2n, n - 2, k, l)$

$$\text{Let } \phi(v_{t,j}) = 1 - (\phi(v_{l-1,j})), \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq k, 1 \leq j \leq 2n - 1.$$

Labeling of middle vertices in the path  $P_{2k-1}$

$$\text{Let } \phi(w_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } 1 - i - k \text{ 1 and } i \text{ odd} \\ 0, & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq -1 \text{ and } i \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

Let  $V_0$  and  $V_1$  denotes the set of vertices of  $G(2n, n - 2, k, l)$  were assigned the labels 0 's and 1 's respectively.

Let  $E_0$  and  $E_1$  denotes the set of edges of  $G(2n, n - 2, k, l)$  were having the labels 0 's and 1's respectively.

Let  $A = \cup_1^k A_1$ , where  $A$  be the set of all edge labels of the edges of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  copy of the alternate shell which are adjacent to  $v_0$ , that is,  $A_1 = \{v_0 v_{i,j} - E(C(2n, n - 2))\}$ , for  $1 \leq j \leq 2n - 1\}$

Let  $B$  be the set of all edge labels of the edges of the paths  $P'_{2n-1}$  in each of the alternate shell  $C(2n, n - 2)$ .

Let  $C$  be the set all edge labels of the edges of the path  $P_{2k-1}$  at any level  $l$ , where  $l \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n - 1\}$ .

It follows from the Table 4.1 that the graph  $G(2n, n - 2, k, l)$  is cordial.

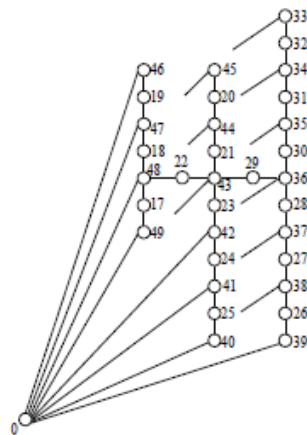
**Corollary 1.3.** For  $k \geq 1$  and  $n \geq 3$ , the graph  $G(2n, n - 2, k, l, 2t)$  is cordial, where  $1 \leq t \leq (k - 1)(n - 1)$ .

Proof. The graph  $G(2n, n - 2, k, l)$  is cordial. Observe that, the labels of the corresponding vertices in the sense that if a vertex  $u$  in a copy has label 0 then its adjacent copy the vertex  $u$  has the label 1 and vice-versa in  $G(2n, n - 2, k, l)$ . Therefore joining any two adjacent copies of an alternate shell by a path  $P_3$  with middle vertex having the label 0 or having the label 1 will give one of the edge label as 1 and the other edge label as 0 .

Therefore,  $tP_3$  paths having middle vertex labeled 0 's and  $tP_3$  paths having middle vertex labeled 1 's between any adjacent alternate shells in  $G(2n, n - 2, k, l)$ . Hence,  $G(2n, n - 2, k, l, 2t)$  is cordial.

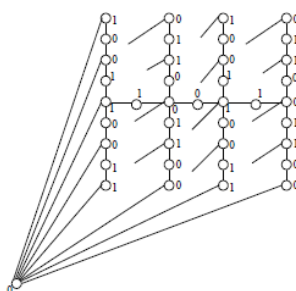
### 1.5 Illustrative Examples

Here we give below examples to illustrate the labeling that are given in the proof of the theorems proved in this chapter.



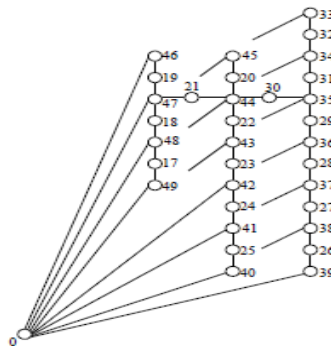
**Figure 1.5 Graceful labeling of one vertex union of  $C(8, 2)$ ,  $C(12, 4)$ ,  $C(14, 5)$  with a path  $P_5$  at level 3 with chords**

Figure 1.4 and Figure 1.5 are illustrative examples of the labelings given in the Proof of the Theorem 4.1.



**Figure 1.6 Cordial labeling of  $G(10, 3, 4, 6)$**

Figure 1.6 and Figure 1.7 are illustrative examples of the labelings given in the Proof of the Theorem 1.2.



**Figure 1.4 Graceful labeling of one vertex union of  $C(8, 2)$ ,  $C(12, 4)$ ,  $C(14, 5)$  with a path  $P_5$  at level 5 with chords**

Figure 1.8 is an illustrative example of the labelings given in the Proof of the Corollary 1.3.

**Conclusion**

In Section 1.2 of this research papter, we have shown that the graph  $G(2n_i, n_i - 2, k, l_c)$  the one vertex union of  $k$  alternate shells with a path  $P_{2k-1}$  at any common level  $l$  with chords is graceful. We feel that tendency towards having the graceful labeling of  $G(2n_i, n_i - 2, k, l)$  the one vertex union of  $k$  alternate shells with a path  $P_{2k-1}$  at any common level  $l$  without chords seems to be negative. It prompts to ask the following question.

Is  $G(2n_i, n_i - 2, k, l)$  the one vertex union of  $k$  alternate shells with a path  $P_{2k-1}$  at any common level  $l$  without chords graceful, for  $k \geq 1, n_i \geq 3$  and  $1 \leq i \leq k$  ?

In Section 4.3 of this chapter, we have shown that  $G(2n, n - 2, k, l)$  is cordial. It appears that proving the cordialness of  $G(n_i, n_i - 3, k, l)$ , for arbitrary  $n_i$  's, seem to be hard to establish. So we conclude this chapter with the following question.

2. Is  $G(n, n_i - 3, k, l)$  the one vertex union of  $k$  alternate shells with a path  $P_{2k-1}$  at any common level  $l$  (with or without chord) is cordial, for all  $n_i \geq 3, 1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $k \geq 1$  .

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