

Cycle and Path Related Near Mean Cordial Graphs

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Abstract

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a simple graph. A **Near Mean Cordial Labeling** of G is a function in $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1, p+1\}$ such that the induced map f^* defined by

$$f^*(uv) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (f(u) + f(v)) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

and it satisfies the condition $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$, where $e_f(0)$ and $e_f(1)$ represent the number of edges labeled with 0 and 1 respectively. A graph is called a **Near Mean Cordial Graph** if it admits a near mean cordial labeling.

In this paper, It is to be proved that $P_n \times P_n$, (P_n, S_m) and C_n (When $n \equiv 0, 1, 3 \pmod{4}$) are **Near Mean Cordial graphs**. Also, C_n (When $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$) are **not Near Mean Cordial graphs**.

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1. INTRODUCTION

By a graph, it means a finite undirected graph without loops or multiple edges. For graph theoretic terminology, Harary[4] and G.J. Gallian[1] are referred.

A vertex labeling of a graph G is an assignment of labels to the vertices of G that induces for each edge uv a label depending on the vertex labels of u and v .

A graph G is said to be labeled if the n vertices are distinguished from a given set, which induces distinguish edge values satisfying certain conditions. The concept of graceful labeling was introduced by Rosa[3] in 1967 and subsequently by Golomb[2].

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2. PRELIMINARIES

Definition 2.1: Let $G = (V, E)$ be a simple graph. Let $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ and for each edge uv , assign the label $|f(u) - f(v)|$. f is called a **cordial labeling** if the number of vertices labeled 0 and the the number of vertices labeled 1 differ by atmost 1 and also the number of edges labeled 0 and the the number of edges labeled 1 differ by atmost 1. A graph is called **Cordial** if it has a cordial labeling.

Definition 2.2: Let $G = (V, E)$ be a simple graph. A **Near Mean Cordial Labeling** of G is a function in $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1, p+1\}$ such that the induced map f^* defined by

$$f^*(uv) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (f(u) + f(v)) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

and it satisfies the condition $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$, where $e_f(0)$ and $e_f(1)$ represent the number of edges labeled with 0 and 1 respectively. A graph is called a **Near Mean Cordial Graph** if it admits a near mean cordial labeling.

Definition 2.3 : $(P_n: S_m)$ is a graph obtained by joining the root of S_m at each vertex of P_n .

Definition 2.4 : A closed trail whose origin and internal vertices are distinct is called a cycle.

Definition 2.5 : Define the product $G_1 \times G_2$, by consider any two vertices $u = (u_1, u_2)$ and $v = (v_1, v_2)$ in $V_1 \times V_2$. Then u and v are adjacent in $G_1 \times G_2$.whenever $(u_1 = v_1$ and u_2 adj to $v_2)$ or $(u_2 = v_2$ and u_1 adj to $v_1)$).

The product $P_m \times P_n$ is called planar grids and $K_2 \times P_n$ is called Ladder. The product $C_m \times P_n$ is called Grids on cylinder of order mn . In particular, $D_n = C_n \times K_2$ is called a prism and $B_m = K_{1,m} \times K_2$ is called a book.

Definition 2.6: The product $P_n \times P_n$ is called Planar Grid where P_n is a path of length $n - 1$.

3. MAIN RESULTS

Theorem 3.1. Grid $P_n \times P_n$ is a Near Mean Cordial Graph .

Proof: Let $V(P_n \times P_n) = \{u_{ij} : 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } E(P_n \times P_n) = & \{(u_{ij}u_{i,j+1}) : 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n - 1\} \cup \\ & \{(u_{ij}u_{i+1,j}) : 1 \leq i \leq n - 1, 1 \leq j \leq n\} \end{aligned}$$

Case(i):when n is odd:

Define $f: V(P_n \times P_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n^2 - 1, n^2 + 1\}$ by

when $i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$

$$f(u_{i,2j-1}) = ni + 2j - 1 \quad , \quad 1 \leq i \leq n \quad , \quad 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$f(u_{i,2j}) = n(i - 1) + 2j \quad , \quad 1 \leq i \leq n \quad , \quad 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f(u_{n,2j-1}) = n^2 - n + j \quad , \quad 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$f(u_{n,2j}) = n^2 - j \quad , \quad 2 \leq j \leq \frac{n-3}{2}$$

$$f(u_{n,2}) = n^2 + 1$$

when $i \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$

$$f(u_{i,2j-1}) = ni - 2n + 2j - 1 \quad , \quad 1 \leq i \leq n \quad , \quad 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$f(u_{i,2j}) = n(i - 1) + 2j \quad , \quad 1 \leq i \leq n \quad , \quad 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

Case(ii):when n is even :

Define $f: V(P_n \times P_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n^2 - 1, n^2 + 1\}$ by

when $i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$

$$f(u_{i \ 2j-1}) = ni + 2j - 1 \quad , \quad 1 \leq i \leq n \quad , \quad 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

$$f(u_{i \ 2j}) = n(i - 1) + 2j \quad , \quad 1 \leq i \leq n \quad , \quad 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

when $i \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$

$$f(u_{i \ 2j-1}) = ni - 2n + 2j - 1 \quad , \quad 1 \leq i \leq n \quad , \quad 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

$$f(u_{i \ 2j}) = n(i - 1) + 2j \quad , \quad 1 \leq i \leq n \quad , \quad 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

$$f(u_{n \ 2j}) = n^2 - n + 2j \quad , \quad 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$$

$$f(u_{n \ n}) = n^2 + 1$$

In both the cases, The induced edge labelings are

$$f^*(u_{i \ j} u_{i \ j+1}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(u_{i \ j}) + f(u_{i \ j+1}) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad , \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq$$

$n - 1$

$$f^*(u_{i \ j} u_{i+1 \ j}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(u_{i \ j}) + f(u_{i+1 \ j}) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad , \quad 1 \leq i \leq n - 1, 1 \leq$$

$j \leq n$

Here, $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = n^2 - n$

So, it satisfies the condition $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$.

Hence, $P_n \times P_n$ is a Near Mean Cordial Graph .

For example, the Near Mean Cordial Labeling of $P_6 \times P_6$ and $P_7 \times P_7$ are shown in Figures 3.1.1 and 3.1.2.

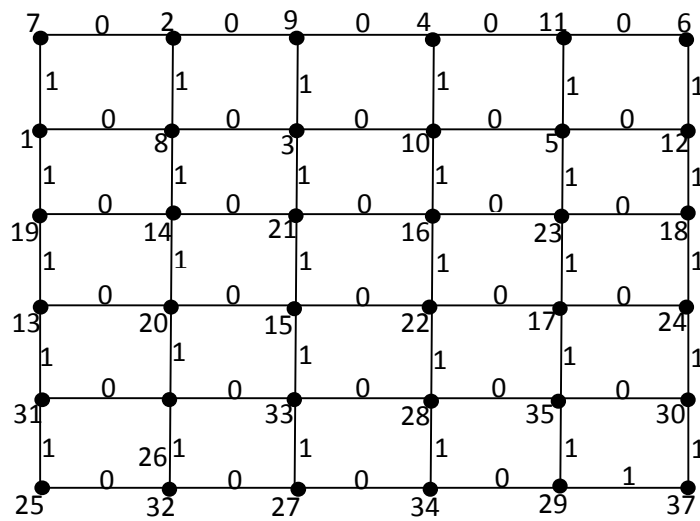


Figure 3.1.1

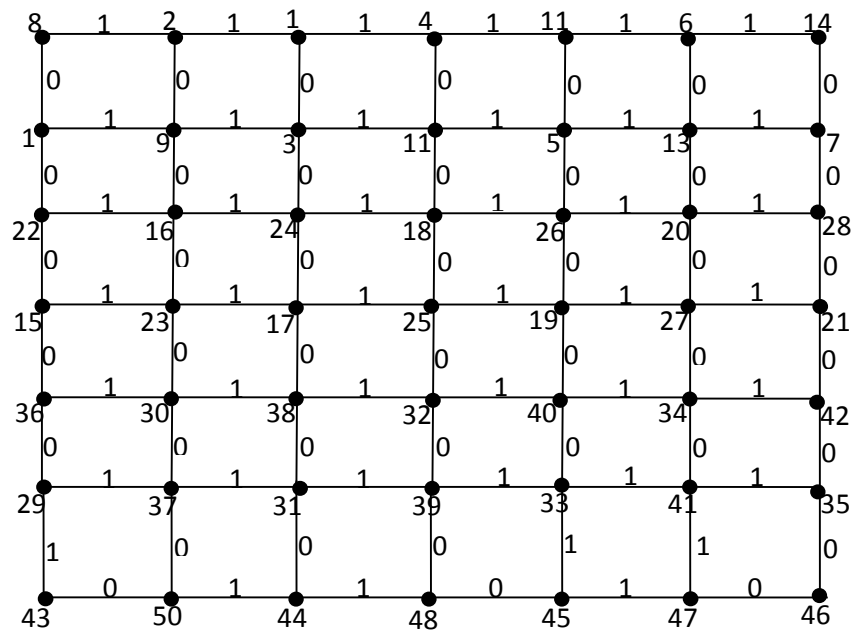


Figure 3.1.2

Theorem 3.2. (P_n, S_m) is a Near Mean Cordial Graph.

Proof: Let $V(P_n, S_m) = \{u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n, u_i^j : 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m\}$.

Let $E(P_n, S_m) = \{(u_i u_{i+1}) : 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{(u_i u_i^j) : 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m\}$.

When n is even and m is even :

Define $f : V(P_n, S_m) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, mn+n-1, mn+n+1\}$ by

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_{2i-1}) &= mn + i \quad , \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \\ f(u_{2i}) &= mn + \frac{n}{2} + i \quad , \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2} \\ f(u_n) &= n(m+1)+1 \\ f(u_i^j) &= m(i-1) + j \quad , \quad 1 \leq i \leq n \quad , \quad 1 \leq j \leq m \end{aligned}$$

When n is odd and m is even :

Define $f : V(P_n, S_m) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, mn+n-1, mn+n+1\}$ by

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When n is odd and m is odd :

Define $f : V(P_n, S_m) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, mn+n-1, mn+n+1\}$ by

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_1) &= mn + n + 1 \\ f(u_{2i-1}) &= (n-1)(m+1) - (m+1)(i-1) \quad , \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \\ f(u_{2i}) &= (m+1) + (m+1)(i-1) \quad , \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \\ f(u_{2i-1}^j) &= (m+1)(i-1) + j \quad , \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n+1}{2} \quad , \quad 1 \leq j \leq m \\ f(u_{2i}^j) &= mn + n - 1 + (m+1)(i-1) - (j-1) \quad , \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \quad , \quad 1 \leq j \leq m \end{aligned}$$

When n is even and m is odd :

Define $f : V(P_n, S_m) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, mn+n-1, mn+n+1\}$ by

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_1) &= mn + n + 1 \\ f(u_{2i-1}) &= (n-1)(m+1) - (m+1)(i-1) \quad , \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2} \\ f(u_{2i}) &= (m+1) + (m+1)(i-1) \quad , \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(u_{2i-1}^j) = (m + 1)(i - 1) + j, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}, 1 \leq j \leq m$$

$$f(u_{2i}^j) = mn + n - 1 + (m + 1)(i - 1) - (j - 1), \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}, 1 \leq j \leq m$$

From all the cases, The induced edge labelings are

$$f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(u_i) + f(u_{i+1}) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$$

$$f^*(u_i u_i^j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(u_i) + f(u_i^j) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m$$

(i) Let $n = 2k, (k \equiv 1 \pmod{2})$ and m is even

Here, $e_f(0) = \frac{mn}{2} + k - 1$ and $e_f(1) = \frac{mn}{2} + k$.

(ii) Let $n = 2k, (k \equiv 1 \pmod{2})$ and m is odd

Here, $e_f(0) = \frac{mn}{2} + k$ and $e_f(1) = \frac{mn}{2} + k - 1$.

(iii) Let $n = 2k, (k \equiv 0 \pmod{2})$

Here, $e_f(0) = \frac{mn}{2} + k$ and $e_f(1) = \frac{mn}{2} + k - 1$.

(iv) Let $n = 2k + 1, (k \in \mathbb{N})$ and m is even

Here, $e_f(0) = \frac{mn}{2} + k = e_f(1)$.

(v) Let $n = 2k + 1, (k \in \mathbb{N})$ and m is odd

Here, $e_f(0) = \frac{mn+1}{2} + k$ and $e_f(1) = \frac{mn-1}{2} + k$.

So, it satisfies the condition $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$.

Hence, (P_n, S_m) is a Near Mean Cordial Graph.

For example, the Near Mean Cordial Labeling of $(P_4, S_6), (P_3, S_8), (P_6, S_5)$ and (P_5, S_7) are shown in Figures 3.2.1 and 3.2.4.

When n is even and m is even

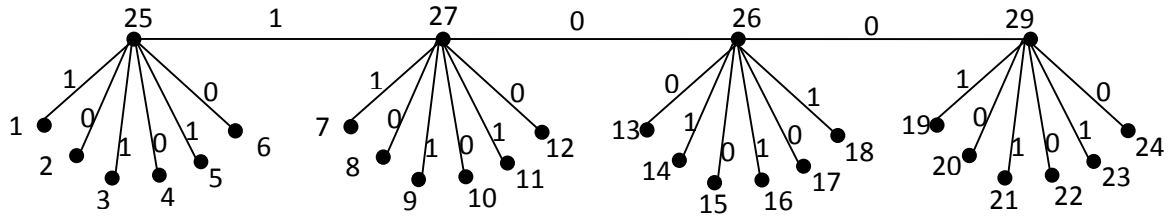


Figure 3.2.1

When n is odd and m is even

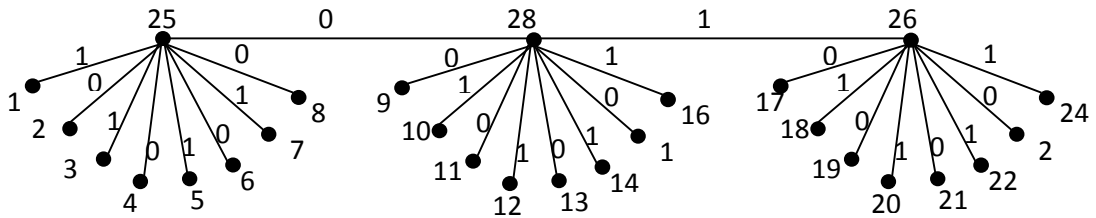


Figure 3.2.2

When n is even and m is odd

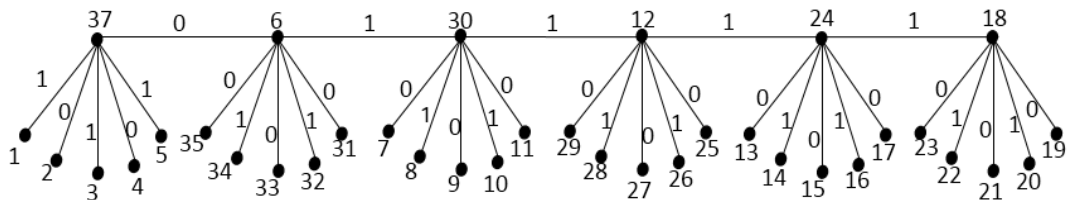


Figure 3.2.3

When n is odd and m is odd

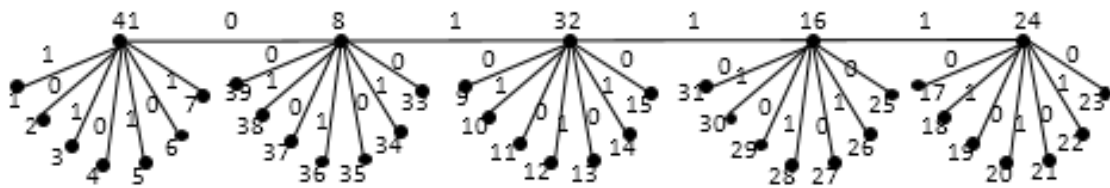


Figure 3.2.4

Theorem 3.3. C_n is a Near Mean Cordial Graph ,when $n \equiv 0,1,3 \pmod 4$.

Proof: Let $V(C_n) = \{u_i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}$.

$$\text{Let } E(C_n) = \{(u_i u_{i+1}) : 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{u_n u_1\}.$$

Case (i): when n is odd

Define $f : V(C_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1, n+1\}$ by

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_{2i-1}) &= i & , & \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \\ f(u_{2i}) &= \frac{n+3}{2} + (i-1) & , & \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-3}{2} \\ f(u_{n-1}) &= n+1 & , & \quad f(u_n) = \frac{n+1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

The induced edge labelings are

$$f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(u_i) + f(u_{i+1}) \equiv 0 \pmod 2 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad , \quad 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$$

$$f^*(u_n u_1) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(u_n) + f(u_1) \equiv 0 \pmod 2 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Here, $e_f(0) = \frac{n-1}{2}$ and $e_f(1) = \frac{n+1}{2}$, when $n \equiv 1 \pmod 4$

Also $e_f(0) = \frac{n+1}{2}$ and $e_f(1) = \frac{n-1}{2}$, when $n \equiv 3 \pmod 4$

Therefore, it satisfies the condition $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$.

Hence, C_n is a Near Mean Cordial Graph .

For example, the Near Mean Cordial Labeling of C_9 and C_{11} are shown in Figures 3.3.1 and 3.3.2.

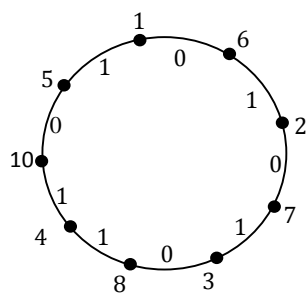


Figure 3.3.1

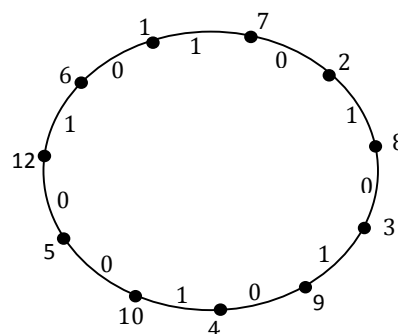


Figure 3.3.2

Case (ii): when $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$

Define $f : V(C_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1, n+1\}$ by

$$f(u_{2i-1}) = i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

$$f(u_{2i}) = \frac{n+2}{2} + (i-1), \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} - 1$$

$$f(u_n) = n + 1$$

The induced edge labelings are

$$f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(u_i) + f(u_{i+1}) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$$

$$f^*(u_n u_1) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(u_n) + f(u_1) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Here, $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = \frac{n}{2}$,

So, it satisfies the condition $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$.

Hence, C_n is a Near Mean Cordial Graph.

For example, the Near Mean Cordial Labeling of C_8 is shown in the Figure 3.3.3.

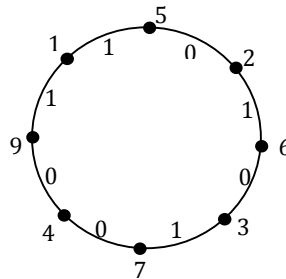


Figure 3.3.3

Theorem 3.4. C_n (when $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$) is not a Near Mean Cordial Graph.

Proof: Let $V(C_n) = \{u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$.

$$\text{Let } E(C_n) = \{(u_i u_{i+1}) : 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{u_n u_1\}.$$

Consider C_{10} . Now, the vertex labels are 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11.

Out of which 4 are even numbers and six odd numbers.

Further $3! = 6$ pairs consisting of even numbers only and $5! = 120$ pairs consisting of odd numbers only. Also, there are 24 pairs consisting of one odd and one even number.

If a pair consisting of same parity, it gives edge labeling 1 otherwise the edge labeling is 0.

- i. All the 5 pair consisting of the same parity, then the possibility that there are exactly 2 pairs with only even numbers and so the remaining 3 pairs consisting odd numbers only (since there are 4 even numbers in the given label). Clearly, In this case, $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| > 1$.
- ii. Further it is noted that there are exactly 4 pair consisting of both odd and even numbers. Then we should choose one pair with odd number only (since there are 4 even numbers in the given label). Clearly, In this case, $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| > 1$.

In general, if there are odd number of pairs of labels (when $n = 6, 10, 14, \dots$,) as in the above discussion, we get, $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| > 1$.

In general, From the above discussion we may conclude that it does not satisfy the edge condition of Near Mean Cordial Labeling . Hence, C_n (when $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$) is not a Near Mean Cordial Graph.

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