

## ROOT CUBE MEAN CORDIAL LABELING OF $C_n \vee C_m$ , FOR $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$

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ABSTRACT. All the graphs considered in this article are simple and undirected. Let  $G = (V(G), E(G))$  be a simple undirected Graph. A function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  is called root cube mean cordial labeling if the induced function  $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  defined by  $f^*(uv) = \lfloor \sqrt{\frac{(f(u))^3 + (f(v))^3}{2}} \rfloor$  satisfies the condition  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1$  for any  $i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ , where  $v_f(x)$  and  $e_f(x)$  denotes the number of vertices and number of edges with label  $x$  respectively and  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  denotes the greatest integer less than or equals to  $x$ . A Graph  $G$  is called root cube mean cordial if it admits root cube mean cordial labeling. In this article we have shown that the join of two cycles  $C_n \vee C_m$  is not a root cube mean cordial and also we have provided graph which is root cube mean cordial.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

All the graphs considered in this article are simple, undirected and finite. Recall from [1] that for two graphs  $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$  and  $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$ , the union of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  is denoted by  $G_1 \cup G_2$  is a graph whose vertex set is  $V_1 \cup V_2$  and edge set is  $E_1 \cup E_2$  and if  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are vertex disjoint, then  $G_1 \cup G_2$  is called sum of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  and it is denoted by  $G_1 + G_2$ . Recall from [1], Def. 1.8.3 that the *join of two graphs*  $G$  and  $H$  denoted as  $G \vee H$  is a supergraph of  $G + H$  in which every vertex of  $G$  is adjacent to each vertex of  $H$ . Note that  $|V(G \vee H)| = |V(G)| + |V(H)|$  and  $|E(G \vee H)| = |E(G)| + |E(H)| + |V(G)||V(H)|$ . Let  $G = (V(G), E(G))$  be a simple undirected Graph. Recall from [4] that a function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  is called *root cube mean cordial labeling* if the induced function

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$f^* : E(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  defined by  $f^*(uv) = \lfloor \sqrt{\frac{(f(u))^3 + (f(v))^3}{2}} \rfloor$  satisfied the condition  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1$  for any  $i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ , where  $v_f(x)$  and  $e_f(x)$  denotes the number of vertices and number of edges with label  $x$  respectively and  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  denotes the greatest integer less than or equals to  $x$ . A Graph  $G$  is called *root cube mean cordial* if it admits root cube mean cordial labeling. In [4], the authors defined root cube mean cordial labeling and they have proved some interesting results. Motivated by the results proved in [4], in this article we have proved that the join of two cycles is not root cube mean cordial. Let  $G$  be a graph and  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\} \subseteq V(G)$ . We called  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are in *sequence with respect to label  $x$*  if  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  forms a path. For the sake of convenience of the reader, we use abbreviation RCMC for root cube meal cordial labeling.

2. MAIN RESULTS

**Remark 2.1.** *If all the vertices with labels 1 and 2 are in sequence in cycle  $C_n$ , then it is clear that all the vertices with labels 0 are in sequence in cycle  $C_n$ . So, to prove all the vertices are in sequence in cycle  $C_n$ , it is enough to prove that all the vertices with labels 1 and 2 are in sequence in cycle  $C_n$ . Now, it is clear that all the vertices with label 2 are in sequence in cycle  $C_n$ , then it produces a minimum number of edges with label 2 in cycle  $C_n$  and when all the vertices with label 1 are in sequence in cycle  $C_n$ , then it produces a maximum number of edges with label 1 in cycle  $C_n$ . So, this is the best possible situation in which  $|e_f(2) - e_f(1)|$  is minimum in cycle  $C_n$ . So, now onwards, we have considered all the vertices with labels 1 and 2 are in sequence in cycle  $C_n$ . Hence, all the vertices with labels 0, 1 and 2 are in sequence in cycle  $C_n$ .*

**Remark 2.2.** *Let  $p, q \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ . If all the vertices in  $C_p$  or  $C_q$  have the same labels  $x$ ; for some  $x \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ , then  $C_p \vee C_q$  is not RCMC.*

*Proof.* Let  $p = 3n$  and  $q = 3m$  for some  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $n < m$ . Note that  $|V(C_p \vee C_q)| = 3m + 3n$ . Suppose that  $C_p \vee C_q$  is RCMC. Then we have  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = v_f(2) = n + m$ .

**Case (I) All the vertices in  $C_p$  have the label 0**

Then in  $C_q$ , we have  $m - 2n$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m + n$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m + n$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$$e_f(1) = m + n - 1 \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(2) = m + n + 1 + 3n(m + n) = m + n + 1 + 3mn + 3n^2.$$

$$\text{So, } e_f(2) - e_f(1) = m + n + 1 + 3mn + 3n^2 - m - n + 1 = 3mn + 3n^2 + 2 > 1.$$

**Case (II) All the vertices in  $C_p$  have the label 1**

Then in  $C_q$ , we have  $m + n$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m - 2n$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m + n$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$$e_f(1) = 3n + m - 2n - 1 + 3n(m - 2n) = m + n - 1 + 3mn - 6n^2 \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(2) = m + n + 1 + 3n(m + n) = m + n + 3mn + 3n^2 + 1.$$

$$\text{So, } e_f(2) - e_f(1) = m + n + 1 + 3mn + 3n^2 - m - n + 1 - 3mn + 6n^2 = 9n^2 + 2 > 1.$$

**Case (III) All the vertices in  $C_p$  have the label 2**

Then in  $C_q$ , we have  $m + n$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m + n$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m - 2n$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$$e_f(1) = m + n - 1 \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(2) = 3n + m - 2n + 1 + 3n(3m) = m + n + 9mn + 1.$$

$$\text{So, } e_f(2) - e_f(1) = m + n + 9mn + 1 - m - n + 1 = 9mn + 2 > 1.$$

Thus, in all the Cases, we have  $e_f(2) - e_f(1) > 1$ . Hence,  $C_p \vee C_q$  is not RCMC. □

**Remark 2.3.** Let  $p \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  and  $q \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . If all the vertices in  $C_p$  or  $C_q$  have the same labels  $x$ ; for some  $x \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ , then  $C_p \vee C_q$  is not RCMC.

*Proof.* Let  $p = 3n$  and  $q = 3m + 1$  for some  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Suppose that  $C_p \vee C_q$  is RCMC. Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $n < m$ . Note that  $|V(C_p \vee C_q)| = 3m + 3n + 1$ .

**Case (I) All the vertices in  $C_p$  have the label 0**

As  $C_p \vee C_q$  is RCMC, we have the following three possibilities :

(i)  $v_f(0) = n + m + 1, v_f(1) = v_f(2) = n + m$

(ii)  $v_f(0) = v_f(2) = n + m, v_f(1) = n + m + 1$

(iii)  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = n + m, v_f(2) = n + m + 1$ .

**Subcase (i)**  $v_f(0) = n + m + 1, v_f(1) = v_f(2) = n + m$

Note that in  $C_q$ , we have  $m - 2n + 1$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m + n$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m + n$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$e_f(1) = m + n - 1$  and

$e_f(2) = m + n + 1 + 3n(m + n) = m + n + 1 + 3mn + 3n^2$ .

So, by Case (I) of Remark 2.2, we have  $e_f(2) - e_f(1) > 1$ .

**Subcase (ii)**  $v_f(0) = v_f(2) = n + m, v_f(1) = n + m + 1$

Note that in  $C_q$ , we have  $m - 2n$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m + n$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$e_f(1) = m + n$  and

$e_f(2) = m + n + 1 + 3n(m + n) = m + n + 1 + 3mn + 3n^2$ .

So,  $e_f(2) - e_f(1) = m + n + 1 + 3mn + 3n^2 - m - n = 3mn + 3n^2 + 1 > 1$ .

**Subcase (iii)**  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = n + m, v_f(2) = n + m + 1$

Note that in  $C_q$ , we have  $m - 2n$  number of vertices with label 0,  $n + m$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$e_f(1) = m + n - 1$  and

$e_f(2) = m + n + 2 + 3n(m + n + 1) = m + 4n + 2 + 3mn + 3n^2$ .

So,  $e_f(2) - e_f(1) = m + 4n + 2 + 3mn + 3n^2 - m - n + 1 = 3mn + 3n^2 + 3n + 3 > 1$ .

**Case (II) All the vertices in  $C_p$  have the label 1**

In this Case, we have the following three subcases :

**Subcase (i)**  $v_f(0) = n + m + 1, v_f(1) = v_f(2) = n + m$

Note that in  $C_q$ , we have  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m - 2n$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m + n$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$e_f(1) = 3n + m - 2n - 1 + 3n(m - 2n) = m + n - 1 + 3mn - 6n^2$  and

$e_f(2) = m + n + 1 + 3n(m + n) = m + n + 1 + 3mn + 3n^2$ .

So,  $e_f(2) - e_f(1) = m + n + 1 + 3mn + 3n^2 - m - n + 1 - 3mn + 6n^2 = 9n^2 + 2 > 1$ .

**Subcase (ii)**  $v_f(0) = v_f(2) = n + m, v_f(1) = n + m + 1$

Note that in  $C_q$ , we have  $m + n$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m - 2n + 1$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m + n$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$e_f(1) = 3n + m - 2n + 3n(m - 2n + 1) = m + 4n + 3mn - 6n^2$  and

$e_f(2) = m + n + 1 + 3n(m + n) = m + n + 1 + 3mn + 3n^2$ .

So,  $e_f(2) - e_f(1) = m + n + 1 + 3mn + 3n^2 - m - 4n - 3mn + 6n^2 = 9n^2 - 3n + 1 > 1$ .

**Subcase (iii)**  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = n + m, v_f(2) = n + m + 1$

Note that in  $C_q$ , we have  $m + n$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m - 2n$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$e_f(1) = 3n + m - 2n - 1 + 3n(m - 2n) = m + n - 1 + 3mn - 6n^2$  and

$e_f(2) = m + n + 2 + 3n(m + n + 1) = m + 4n + 2 + 3mn + 3n^2$ .

So,  $e_f(2) - e_f(1) = m + 4n + 2 + 3mn + 3n^2 - m - n + 1 - 3mn + 6n^2 = 9n^2 + 3n + 3 > 1$ .

**Case (III) All the vertices in  $C_p$  have the label 2**

In this Case, we have the following three subcases :

**Subcase (i)**  $v_f(0) = n + m + 1, v_f(1) = v_f(2) = n + m$

Note that in  $C_q$ , we have  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m + n$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m - 2n$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$$e_f(1) = m + n - 1 \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(2) = 3n + m - 2n + 1 + 3n(3m + 1) = m + 4n + 1 + 9mn.$$

$$\text{So, } e_f(2) - e_f(1) = m + 4n + 1 + 9mn - m - n + 1 = 9mn + 3n + 2 > 1.$$

**Subcase (ii)**  $v_f(0) = v_f(2) = n + m, v_f(1) = n + m + 1$

Note that in  $C_q$ , we have  $m + n$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m - 2n$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$$e_f(1) = m + n \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(2) = 3n + m - 2n + 1 + 3n(3m + 1) = m + 4n + 1 + 9mn.$$

$$\text{So, } e_f(2) - e_f(1) = m + 4n + 1 + 9mn - m - n = 9mn + 3n + 1 > 1.$$

**Subcase (iii)**  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = n + m, v_f(2) = n + m + 1$

Note that in  $C_q$ , we have  $m + n$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m + n$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m - 2n + 1$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$$e_f(1) = m + n - 1 \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(2) = 3n + m - 2n + 2 + 3n(3m + 1) = m + 4n + 2 + 9mn.$$

$$\text{So, } e_f(2) - e_f(1) = m + 4n + 2 + 9mn - m - n + 1 = 9mn + 3n + 2 > 1.$$

Thus, in all the Cases, we get  $e_f(2) - e_f(1) > 1$ . Hence,  $C_p \vee C_q$  is not RCMC. □

**Remark 2.4.** Let  $p \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  and  $q \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . If all the vertices in  $C_p$  or  $C_q$  have the same labels  $x$ ; for some  $x \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ , then  $C_p \vee C_q$  is not RCMC.

*Proof.* Let  $p = 3n$  and  $q = 3m + 2$  for some  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $n < m$ . Note that  $|V(C_p \vee C_q)| = 3m + 3n + 2$ . Suppose that  $C_p \vee C_q$  is RCMC.

**Case (I) All the vertices in  $C_p$  have the label 0**

As  $C_p \vee C_q$  is RCMC, we have the following three possibilities :

(i)  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = n + m + 1, v_f(2) = n + m$

(ii)  $v_f(0) = n + m, v_f(1) = v_f(2) = n + m + 1$

(iii)  $v_f(0) = v_f(2) = n + m + 1, v_f(1) = n + m$ .

**Subcase (i)**  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = n + m + 1, v_f(2) = n + m$

In  $C_q$ , we have  $m - 2n + 1$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m + n$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$$e_f(1) = m + n \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(2) = m + n + 1 + 3n(m + n) = m + n + 1 + 3mn + 3n^2.$$

$$\text{So, } e_f(2) - e_f(1) = m + n + 1 + 3mn + 3n^2 - m - n = 3mn + 3n^2 + 1 > 1.$$

**Subcase (ii)**  $v_f(0) = n + m, v_f(1) = v_f(2) = n + m + 1$

In  $C_q$ , we have  $m - 2n$  number of vertices with label 0,  $n + m + 1$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$$e_f(1) = m + n \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(2) = m + n + 2 + 3n(m + n + 1) = m + 4n + 2 + 3mn + 3n^2.$$

$$\text{So, } e_f(2) - e_f(1) = m + 4n + 2 + 3mn + 3n^2 - m - n = 3mn + 3n^2 + 3n + 2 > 1.$$

**Subcase (iii)**  $v_f(0) = v_f(2) = n + m + 1, v_f(1) = n + m$

In  $C_q$ , we have  $m - 2n + 1$  number of vertices with label 0,  $n + m$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$$e_f(1) = m + n - 1 \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(2) = m + n + 2 + 3n(m + n + 1) = m + 4n + 2 + 3mn + 3n^2.$$

So,  $e_f(2) - e_f(1) = m + 4n + 2 + 3mn + 3n^2 - m - n + 1 = 3mn + 3n^2 + 3n + 3 > 1$ .

**Case (II) All the vertices in  $C_p$  have the label 1**

In this Case, we have the following three subcases :

**Subcase (i)**  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = n + m + 1, v_f(2) = n + m$

In  $C_q$ , we have  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m - 2n + 1$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m + n$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$$e_f(1) = 3n + m - 2n + 3n(m - 2n + 1) = m + 4n + 3mn - 6n^2 \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(2) = m + n + 1 + 3n(m + n) = m + n + 1 + 3mn + 3n^2.$$

So,  $e_f(2) - e_f(1) = m + n + 1 + 3mn + 3n^2 - m - 4n - 3mn + 6n^2 = 9n^2 - 3n + 1 > 1$ .

**Subcase (ii)**  $v_f(0) = n + m, v_f(1) = v_f(2) = n + m + 1$

In  $C_q$ , we have  $m + n$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m - 2n + 1$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$$e_f(1) = 3n + m - 2n + 3n(m - 2n + 1) = m + 4n + 3mn - 6n^2 \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(2) = m + n + 2 + 3n(m + n + 1) = m + 4n + 2 + 3mn + 3n^2.$$

So,  $e_f(2) - e_f(1) = m + 4n + 2 + 3mn + 3n^2 - m - 4n - 3mn + 6n^2 = 9n^2 + 2 > 1$ .

**Subcase (iii)**  $v_f(0) = v_f(2) = n + m + 1, v_f(1) = n + m$

In  $C_q$ , we have  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m - 2n$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $n + m + 1$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$$e_f(1) = 3n + m - 2n - 1 + 3n(m - 2n) = m + n - 1 + 3mn - 6n^2 \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(2) = m + n + 2 + 3n(m + n + 1) = m + 4n + 2 + 3mn + 3n^2.$$

So,  $e_f(2) - e_f(1) = m + 4n + 2 + 3mn + 3n^2 - m - n + 1 - 3mn + 6n^2 = 9n^2 + 3n + 3 > 1$ .

**Case (III) All the vertices in  $C_p$  have the label 2**

In this Case, we have the following three subcases :

**Subcase (i)**  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = n + m + 1, v_f(2) = n + m$

In  $C_q$ , we have  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m - 2n$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$$e_f(1) = m + n \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(2) = 3n + m - 2n + 1 + 3n(3m + 2) = m + 7n + 1 + 9mn.$$

So,  $e_f(2) - e_f(1) = m + 7n + 1 + 9mn - m - n = 9mn + 6n + 2 > 1$ .

**Subcase (ii)**  $v_f(0) = n + m, v_f(1) = v_f(2) = n + m + 1$

In  $C_q$ , we have  $m + n$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m - 2n + 1$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$$e_f(1) = m + n \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(2) = 3n + m - 2n + 2 + 3n(3m + 2) = m + 7n + 2 + 9mn.$$

So,  $e_f(2) - e_f(1) = m + 7n + 2 + 9mn - m - n = 9mn + 6n + 2 > 1$ .

**Subcase (iii)**  $v_f(0) = v_f(2) = n + m + 1, v_f(1) = n + m$

In  $C_q$ , we have  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m + n$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m - 2n + 1$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$$e_f(1) = m + n - 1 \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(2) = 3n + m - 2n + 2 + 3n(3m + 2) = m + 7n + 2 + 9mn.$$

So,  $e_f(2) - e_f(1) = m + 7n + 1 + 9mn - m - n + 1 = 9mn + 6n + 2 > 1$ .

Thus, in all the Cases, we get  $e_f(2) - e_f(1) > 1$ . Hence,  $C_p \vee C_q$  is not RCMC. □

**Remark 2.5.** Let  $p, q \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . If all the vertices in  $C_p$  or  $C_q$  have the same labels  $x$ ; for some  $x \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ , then  $C_p \vee C_q$  is not RCMC.

*Proof.* Let  $p = 3n + 1$  and  $q = 3m + 1$  for some  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $n < m$ . Note that  $|V(C_p \vee C_q)| = 3m + 3n + 2$ . Suppose that  $C_p \vee C_q$  is RCMC.

**Case (I) All the vertices in  $C_p$  have the label 0**

As  $C_p \vee C_q$  is RCMC, we have the following two subcases :

(i)  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = n + m + 1, v_f(2) = n + m$

(ii)  $v_f(0) = v_f(2) = n + m + 1, v_f(1) = n + m.$

**Subcase (i)**  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = n + m + 1, v_f(2) = n + m$

Note that in  $C_q$ , we have  $m - 2n$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m + n$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$$e_f(1) = m + n \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(2) = m + n + 1 + (3n + 1)(m + n) = 2m + 2n + 1 + 3mn + 3n^2.$$

$$\text{So, } e_f(2) - e_f(1) = 2m + 2n + 1 + 3mn + 3n^2 - m - n = 3mn + 3n^2 + m + n + 1 > 1.$$

**Subcase (ii)**  $v_f(0) = v_f(2) = n + m + 1, v_f(1) = n + m$

Note that in  $C_q$ , we have  $m - 2n$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m + n$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$$e_f(1) = m + n - 1 \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(2) = m + n + 2 + (3n + 1)(m + n + 1) = 2m + 5n + 3 + 3mn + 3n^2.$$

$$\text{So, } e_f(2) - e_f(1) = 2m + 5n + 3 + 3mn + 3n^2 - m - n + 1 = 3mn + 3n^2 + m + 4n + 4 > 1.$$

**Case (II) All the vertices in  $C_p$  have the label 1**

As  $C_p \vee C_q$  is RCMC, we have the following two subcases :

(i)  $v_f(1) = v_f(0) = n + m + 1, v_f(2) = n + m$

(ii)  $v_f(1) = v_f(2) = n + m + 1, v_f(0) = n + m.$

**Subcase (i)**  $v_f(1) = v_f(0) = n + m + 1, v_f(2) = n + m$

Note that in  $C_q$ , we have  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m - 2n$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m + n$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$$e_f(1) = 3n + 1 + m - 2n - 1 + (3n + 1)(m - 2n) = 2m - n + 3mn - 6n^2 \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(2) = m + n + 1 + (3n + 1)(m + n) = 2m + 2n + 1 + 3mn + 3n^2.$$

$$\text{So, } e_f(2) - e_f(1) = 2m + 2n + 1 + 3mn + 3n^2 - 2m + n - 3mn + 6n^2 = 9n^2 + 3n + 1 > 1.$$

**Subcase (ii)**  $v_f(1) = v_f(2) = n + m + 1, v_f(0) = n + m$

Note that in  $C_q$ , we have  $m + n$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m - 2n$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$$e_f(1) = 3n + 1 + m - 2n - 1 + (3n + 1)(m - 2n) = 2m - n + 3mn - 6n^2 \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(2) = m + n + 2 + (3n + 1)(m + n + 1) = 2m + 5n + 3 + 3mn + 3n^2.$$

$$\text{So, } e_f(2) - e_f(1) = 2m + 5n + 3 + 3mn + 3n^2 - 2m + n - 3mn + 6n^2 = 9n^2 + 6n + 3 > 1.$$

**Case (III) All the vertices in  $C_p$  have the label 2**

As  $C_p \vee C_q$  is RCMC, we have the following two subcases :

(i)  $v_f(2) = v_f(0) = n + m + 1, v_f(1) = n + m$

(ii)  $v_f(2) = v_f(1) = n + m + 1, v_f(0) = n + m.$

**Subcase (i)**  $v_f(2) = v_f(0) = n + m + 1, v_f(1) = n + m$

Note that in  $C_q$ , we have  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m + n$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m - 2n$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$$e_f(1) = m + n - 1 \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(2) = 3n + 1 + m - 2n + 1 + (3n + 1)(3m + 1) = 4m + 4n + 3 + 9mn.$$

$$\text{So, } e_f(2) - e_f(1) = 4m + 4n + 3 + 9mn - m - n + 1 = 9mn + 3m + 3n + 4 > 1.$$

**Subcase (ii)**  $v_f(2) = v_f(1) = n + m + 1, v_f(0) = n + m$

Note that in  $C_q$ , we have  $m + n$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m - 2n$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$$e_f(1) = m + n \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(2) = 3n + 1 + m - 2n + 1 + (3n + 1)(3m + 1) = 4m + 4n + 3 + 9mn.$$

$$\text{So, } e_f(2) - e_f(1) = 4m + 4n + 3 + 9mn - m - n = 9mn + 3m + 3n + 3 > 1.$$

Thus, in all the Cases, we have  $e_f(2) - e_f(1) > 1$ . Hence,  $C_p \vee C_q$  is not RCMC.  $\square$

**Remark 2.6.** Let  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and  $q \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . If all the vertices in  $C_p$  or  $C_q$  have the same labels  $x$ ; for some  $x \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ , then  $C_p \vee C_q$  is not RCMC.

*Proof.* Let  $p = 3n + 1$  and  $q = 3m + 2$  for some  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $n < m$ . Note that  $|V(C_p \vee C_q)| = 3m + 3n + 3$ . Suppose that  $C_p \vee C_q$  is RCMC. Then we have  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = v_f(2) = n + m + 1$

**Case (I) All the vertices in  $C_p$  have the label 0**

Then in  $C_q$ , we have  $m - 2n$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$$e_f(1) = m + n \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(2) = m + n + 2 + (3n + 1)(m + n + 1) = 2m + 5n + 3 + 3mn + 3n^2.$$

$$\text{So, } e_f(2) - e_f(1) = 2m + 5n + 3 + 3mn + 3n^2 - m - n = 3mn + 3n^2 + m + 4n + 3 > 1.$$

**Case (II) All the vertices in  $C_p$  have the label 1**

Then in  $C_q$ , we have  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m - 2n$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$$e_f(1) = 3n + 1 + m - 2n - 1 + (3n + 1)(m - 2n) = 2m - n + 3mn - 6n^2 \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(2) = m + n + 2 + (3n + 1)(m + n + 1) = 2m + 5n + 3 + 3mn + 3n^2.$$

$$\text{So, } e_f(2) - e_f(1) = 2m + 5n + 3 + 3mn + 3n^2 - 2m + n - 3mn + 6n^2 = 9n^2 + 6n + 3 > 1.$$

**Case (III) All the vertices in  $C_p$  have the label 2**

Then in  $C_q$ , we have  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m - 2n$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$$e_f(1) = m + n \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(2) = 3n + 1 + m - 2n + 1 + (3n + 1)(3m + 2) = 4m + 7n + 4 + 9mn.$$

$$\text{So, } e_f(2) - e_f(1) = 4m + 7n + 4 + 9mn - m - n = 9mn + 3m + 6n + 4 > 1.$$

Thus, in all the Cases, we have  $e_f(2) - e_f(1) > 1$ . Hence,  $C_p \vee C_q$  is not RCMC. □

**Remark 2.7.** Let  $p, q \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . If all the vertices in  $C_p$  or  $C_q$  have the label  $x$ ; for some  $x \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ , then  $C_p \vee C_q$  is not RCMC.

*Proof.* Let  $p = 3n + 2$  and  $q = 3m + 2$  for some  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $n < m$ . Note that  $|V(C_p \vee C_q)| = 3m + 3n + 2$ . Suppose that  $C_p \vee C_q$  is RCMC.

**Case (I) All the vertices in  $C_p$  have the label 0**

As  $C_p \vee C_q$  is RCMC, we have  $v_f(0) = n + m + 2, v_f(1) = v_f(2) = n + m + 1$

Note that in  $C_q$ , we have  $m - 2n$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$$e_f(1) = m + n \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(2) = m + n + 2 + (3n + 2)(m + n + 1) = 3m + 6n + 4 + 3mn + 3n^2.$$

$$\text{So, } e_f(2) - e_f(1) = 3m + 6n + 4 + 3mn + 3n^2 - m - n = 3mn + 3n^2 + 2m + 5n + 4 > 1.$$

**Case (II) All the vertices in  $C_p$  have the label 1**

As  $C_p \vee C_q$  is RCMC, we have  $v_f(1) = n + m + 2, v_f(0) = v_f(2) = n + m + 1$

Note that in  $C_q$ , we have  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m - 2n$  number of vertices with label 1 and  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$$e_f(1) = 3n + 2 + m - 2n - 1 + (3n + 2)(m - 2n) = 3m - 3n + 3mn - 6n^2 + 1 \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(2) = m + n + 2 + (3n + 2)(m + n + 1) = 3m + 6n + 4 + 3mn + 3n^2.$$

$$\text{So, } e_f(2) - e_f(1) = 3m + 6n + 4 + 3mn + 3n^2 - 3m + 3n - 3mn + 6n^2 - 1 = 9n^2 + 9n + 5n + 3 > 1.$$

**Case (III) All the vertices in  $C_p$  have the label 2**

As  $C_p \vee C_q$  is RCMC, we have  $v_f(2) = n + m + 2, v_f(0) = v_f(1) = n + m + 1$

Note that in  $C_q$ , we have  $m + n + 1$  number of vertices with label 0,  $m + n + 1$  number of

vertices with label 1 and  $m - 2n$  number of vertices with label 2. Note that

$$e_f(1) = m + n \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(2) = 3n + 2 + m - 2n + 1 + (3n + 2)(3m + 2) = 7m + 7n + 7 + 9mn.$$

So,  $e_f(2) - e_f(1) = 7m + 7n + 7 + 9mn - m - n = 9mn + 6m + 6n + 7 > 1$ .

Thus, in all the Cases, we have  $e_f(2) - e_f(1) > 1$ . Hence,  $C_p \vee C_q$  is not RCMC.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.1.**  $C_p \vee C_q$  is not RCMC, for any  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $C_p \vee C_q$  is RCMC. By Remark 2.1 it is now clear that all the vertices in  $C_p$  and  $C_q$  must be in sequence with respect to each label  $x$ , for  $x \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ . Hence, throughout the proof we consider that all the vertices with respect to each label  $x$ , for  $x \in \{0, 1, 2\}$  are in sequence.

**Case (I)**  $p \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ ,  $q \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

Let  $p = 3n$  and  $q = 3m$  for some  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Note that  $|V(C_p \vee C_q)| = 3(n+m)$ . As  $C_p \vee C_q$  is RCMC, we have  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = v_f(2) = n + m$ . Suppose that in  $C_{3n}$  we have,  $v_f(0) = t$ ,  $v_f(1) = s$ ,  $v_f(2) = r$ . Then in  $C_{3m}$  we have,  $v_f(0) = m + n - t$ ,  $v_f(1) = m + n - s$ ,  $v_f(2) = m + n - r$ . Also, we have,  $t + s + r = 3n$ . Now, in  $C_{3n}$  we have,  $e_f(0) = t$ ,  $e_f(1) = s - 1$  and in  $C_{3m}$  we have  $e_f(0) = m + n - t$ ,  $e_f(1) = m + n - s - 1$ . Therefore, in  $C_{3n} \vee C_{3m}$  we have,

$$\begin{aligned} e_f(0) &= t + m + n - t + t(m + n - t) + t(m + n - s) + s(m + n - t) \\ &= m + n + 2tm + 2tn - t^2 - 2ts + sm + sn \text{ and} \end{aligned}$$

$$e_f(1) = s - 1 + m + n - s - 1 + s(m + n - s) = m + n - 2 + sm + sn - s^2. \text{ Now,}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |e_f(0) - e_f(1)| &= |m + n + 2tm + 2tn - t^2 - 2ts + sm + sn - m - n + 2 - sm - sn + s^2| \\ &= |2tm + 2tn + s^2 - 2st - t^2 + 2| \\ &= |2tm + 2tn + s^2 - 2st + t^2 - 2t^2 + 2| \\ &= |2tm + 2tn + (s - t)^2 - 2t^2 + 2| \\ &> |2tm + 2tn + (s - t)^2 - 2tn + 2| \quad (t < n \Rightarrow -2tn < -2tt) \\ &= |2tm + (s - t)^2 + 2| \\ &> 2. \end{aligned}$$

**Case (II)**  $p \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ ,  $q \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$

Let  $p = 3n$  and  $q = 3m + 1$  for some  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Note that  $|V(C_p \vee C_q)| = 3(n + m) + 1$ .

So, we have the following three subcases in this Case :

(1)  $v_f(0) = m + n + 1$ ,  $v_f(1) = m + n$  and  $v_f(2) = m + n$

(2)  $v_f(0) = m + n$ ,  $v_f(1) = m + n + 1$  and  $v_f(2) = m + n$

(3)  $v_f(0) = m + n$ ,  $v_f(1) = m + n$  and  $v_f(2) = m + n + 1$

**Subcase (i)**  $v_f(0) = m + n + 1$ ,  $v_f(1) = m + n$  and  $v_f(2) = m + n$

Suppose that in  $C_{3n}$  we have,  $v_f(0) = t$ ,  $v_f(1) = s$ ,  $v_f(2) = r$ . Then in  $C_{3m+1}$  we have,  $v_f(0) = m + n - t + 1$ ,  $v_f(1) = m + n - s$ ,  $v_f(2) = m + n - r$ . Also, we have  $t + s + r = 3n$ . Now in  $C_{3n}$ , we have,  $e_f(0) = t$ ,  $e_f(1) = s - 1$  and in  $C_{3m+1}$  we have  $e_f(0) = m + n - t + 1$ ,  $e_f(1) = m + n - s - 1$ . Hence, in  $C_{3n} \vee C_{3m+1}$  we have,

$$\begin{aligned} e_f(0) &= t + m + n - t + 1 + t(m + n - t + 1) + t(m + n - s) + s(m + n - t + 1) \\ &= m + n + 2tm + 2tn - t^2 + t + s - 2ts + sm + sn + 1 \text{ and} \end{aligned}$$

$$e_f(1) = s - 1 + m + n - s - 1 + s(m + n - s) = m + n - 2 + sm + sn - s^2. \text{ Now}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |e_f(0) - e_f(1)| &= |m + n + 2tm + 2tn - t^2 + t + s - 2ts + sm + sn + 1 - m - n + 2 - sm - sn + s^2| \\ &= |2tm + 2tn + s^2 - 2st - t^2 + t + s + 3| \\ &= |2tm + 2tn + s^2 - 2st + t^2 - 2t^2 + t + s + 3| \\ &= |2tm + 2tn + (s - t)^2 - 2t^2 + t + s + 3| \\ &> |2tm + 2tn + (s - t)^2 - 2tn + t + s + 3| \quad (t < n \Rightarrow -2tn < -2tt) \\ &= |2tm + (s - t)^2 + t + s + 3| \\ &> 3. \end{aligned}$$



**Subcase (ii)**  $v_f(0) = m + n, v_f(1) = m + n + 1$  and  $v_f(2) = m + n$

Suppose that in  $C_{3n}$  we have,  $v_f(0) = t, v_f(1) = s, v_f(2) = r$ . Then in  $C_{3m+1}$  we have,  $v_f(0) = m + n - t, v_f(1) = m + n - s + 1, v_f(2) = m + n - r$ . Also, we have  $t + s + r = 3n$ .

Note that in  $C_{3n}$  we have  $e_f(0) = t, e_f(1) = s - 1$  and in  $C_{3m+1}$  we have,  $e_f(0) = m + n - t, e_f(1) = m + n - s$ . Hence, in  $C_{3n} \vee C_{3m+1}$  we have,

$$e_f(0) = t + m + n - t + t(m + n - t) + t(m + n - s + 1) + s(m + n - t) \\ = m + n + 2tm + 2tn - t^2 + t - 2ts + sm + sn \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(1) = s - 1 + m + n - s + s(m + n - s + 1) = m + n + sm + sn + s - s^2 - 1. \text{ Now,}$$

$$|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = |m + n + 2tm + 2tn - t^2 + t - 2ts + sm + sn - m - n - sm - sn - s + s^2 + 1| \\ = |2tm + 2tn + s^2 - 2ts - t^2 + t - s + 1| \dots\dots\dots(1) \\ = |2tm + 2tn + (s - t)^2 - 2t^2 + t - s + 1| \\ > |2tm + 2tn + (s - t)^2 - 2tn + t - s + 1| \\ = |2tm + (s - t)^2 + t - s + 1|$$

If  $s \leq t$ , then  $t - s \geq 0$ . So,  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| > 2$ .

If  $s > t$ , then from equation (1),

$$|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = |2tm + 2tn - 2ts + s^2 - t^2 + t - s + 1| \\ = |2tm + 2tn - 2ts + (s - t)(s + t) - (s - t) + 1| \\ = |2tm + 2tn - 2ts + (s - t)(s + t - 1) + 1| \\ > |2tm + 2tn - 2tn + (s - t)(s + t - 1) + 1| \quad (s < n \Rightarrow -2tn < -2ts) \\ = |2tm + (s - t)(s + t - 1) + 1| \\ > 1.$$

**Subcase (iii)**  $v_f(0) = m + n, v_f(1) = m + n$  and  $v_f(2) = m + n + 1$

Suppose that in  $C_{3n}$ , we have  $v_f(0) = t, v_f(1) = s, v_f(2) = r$ . Then in  $C_{3m+1}$ , we have  $v_f(0) = m + n - t, v_f(1) = m + n - s, v_f(2) = m + n - r + 1$ . Note that the numbers of vertices with labels 0 and with labels 1 in this Subcase are the same as those in the Case (I). So, in this Case, we have,  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| > 1$ .

**Case (III)**  $p \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, q \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

Let  $p = 3n$  and  $q = 3m + 2$  for some  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Note that  $|V(C_p \vee C_q)| = 3(n + m) + 2$ . As So, we have the following three subcases in this Case :

**Subcase (i)**  $v_f(0) = m + n + 1, v_f(1) = m + n + 1, v_f(2) = m + n$

Suppose that in  $C_{3n}$  we have,  $v_f(0) = t, v_f(1) = s, v_f(2) = r$ . Then in  $C_{3m+2}$ , we have  $v_f(0) = m + n - t + 1, v_f(1) = m + n - s + 1, v_f(2) = m + n - r$ . Also, we have  $t + s + r = 3n$ . Note that in  $C_{3n}$  we have,  $e_f(0) = t, e_f(1) = s - 1$  and in  $C_{3m+2}$ , we have

$$e_f(0) = m + n - t + 1, e_f(1) = m + n - s. \text{ Note that } C_{3n} \vee C_{3m+2}, \text{ we have} \\ e_f(0) = t + m + n - t + 1 + t(m + n - t + 1) + t(m + n - s + 1) + s(m + n - t + 1) \\ = m + n + 2tm + 2tn - t^2 + 2t + s - 2ts + sm + sn + 1 \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(1) = s - 1 + m + n - s + s(m + n - s + 1) = m + n + sm + sn - s^2 + s - 1. \text{ Now,}$$

$$|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = |m + n + 2tm + 2tn - t^2 + 2t + s - 2ts + sm + sn + 1 - m - n - sm - sn + s^2 - s + 1| \\ = |2tm + 2tn + s^2 - 2st - t^2 + 2t + 2| \\ = |2tm + 2tn + s^2 - 2st + t^2 - 2t^2 + 2t + 2| \\ = |2tm + 2tn + (s - t)^2 - 2t^2 + 2t + 2| \\ > |2tm + 2tn + (s - t)^2 - 2tn + 2t + 2| \quad (t < n \Rightarrow -2tn < -2tt) \\ = |2tm + (s - t)^2 + 2t + 2| \\ > 2.$$

**Subcase (ii)**  $v_f(0) = m + n, v_f(1) = m + n + 1$  and  $v_f(2) = m + n + 1$

Suppose that in  $C_{3n}$  we have,  $v_f(0) = t, v_f(1) = s, v_f(2) = r$ . Then in  $C_{3m+2}$  we have,  $v_f(0) = m + n - t, v_f(1) = m + n - s + 1, v_f(2) = m + n - r + 1$ . Note that the numbers of vertices with labels 0 and labels 1 in this Subcase are the same as those in the Subcase (ii) of Case (II). So, in this Case, we have  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| > 1$ .

**Subcase (iii)**  $v_f(0) = m + n + 1, v_f(1) = m + n, v_f(2) = m + n + 1$

Suppose that in  $C_{3n}$  we have,  $v_f(0) = t, v_f(1) = s, v_f(2) = r$ . Then in  $C_{3m+2}$  we have,  $v_f(0) = m + n - t + 1, v_f(1) = m + n - s, v_f(2) = m + n - r + 1$ . Note that the numbers of vertices with labels 0 and labels 1 in this Subcase are the same as those in the Subcase (i) of Case (II). So, in this Case, we have  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| > 1$ .

**Case (IV) :**  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, q \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$

Let  $p = 3n + 1$  and  $q = 3m + 1$  for some  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Note that  $|V(C_p \vee C_q)| = 3(n + m) + 2$ . So, we have the following three subcases in this Case :

**Subcase (i)**  $v_f(0) = m + n + 1, v_f(1) = m + n + 1, v_f(2) = m + n$

Suppose that in  $C_{3n+1}$  we have,  $v_f(0) = t, v_f(1) = s, v_f(2) = r$ . Then in  $C_{3m+1}$  we have,  $v_f(0) = m + n - t + 1, v_f(1) = m + n - s + 1, v_f(2) = m + n - r$ . Also, we have,  $t + s + r = 3n + 1$ . Note that the numbers of vertices with labels 0 and labels 1 in this Subcase are the same as those in the Subcase (i) of Case (III). So, in this Case, we have  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| > 1$ .

**Subcase (ii)**  $v_f(0) = m + n, v_f(1) = m + n + 1, v_f(2) = m + n + 1$

Suppose that in  $C_{3n+1}$  we have,  $v_f(0) = t, v_f(1) = s, v_f(2) = r$ . Then in  $C_{3m+1}$  we have,  $v_f(0) = m + n - t, v_f(1) = m + n - s + 1, v_f(2) = m + n - r + 1$ . Also, we have,  $t + s + r = 3n + 1$ . Note that the numbers of vertices with labels 0 and labels 1 in this Subcase are the same as those in the Subcase (ii) of Case (III). So, in this Case, we have  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| > 1$ .

**Subcase (iii)**  $v_f(0) = m + n + 1, v_f(1) = m + n, v_f(2) = m + n + 1$

Suppose that in  $C_{3n+1}$  we have,  $v_f(0) = t, v_f(1) = s, v_f(2) = r$ . Then in  $C_{3m+1}$  we have,  $v_f(0) = m + n - t + 1, v_f(1) = m + n - s, v_f(2) = m + n - r + 1$ . Also, we have,  $t + s + r = 3n + 1$ . Note that the numbers of vertices with labels 0 and labels 1 in this Subcase are the same as those in the Subcase (iii) of Case (III). So, in this Case, we have  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| > 1$ .

**Case (V)**  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, q \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

Let  $p = 3n + 1$  and  $q = 3m + 2$  for some  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Note that  $|V(C_p \vee C_q)| = 3(n + m) + 3$ . So, we have  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = v_f(2) = n + m + 1$ . Suppose that in  $C_{3n+1}$  we have,  $v_f(0) = t, v_f(1) = s, v_f(2) = r$ . Then in  $C_{3m+2}$  we have,  $v_f(0) = m + n - t + 1, v_f(1) = m + n - s + 1, v_f(2) = m + n - r + 1$ . Note that the numbers of vertices with labels 0 and labels 1 in this Subcase are the same as those in the Subcase (i) of Case (IV). So, in this Case, we have  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| > 1$ .

**Case (VI) :**  $p \equiv 2 \pmod{3}, q \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

Let  $p = 3n + 2$  and  $q = 3m + 2$  for some  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Note that  $|V(C_p \vee C_q)| = 3(n + m) + 4$ . So, we have the following three subcases in this Case :

**Subcase (i)**  $v_f(0) = m + n + 2, v_f(1) = m + n + 1, v_f(2) = m + n + 1$

Suppose that in  $C_{3n+2}$  we have,  $v_f(0) = t, v_f(1) = s, v_f(2) = r$ . Then in  $C_{3m+2}$  we have,  $v_f(0) = m + n - t + 2, v_f(1) = m + n - s + 1, v_f(2) = m + n - r + 1$ . Also, we have  $t + s + r = 3n + 2$ . Note that in  $C_{3n+2}$  we have  $e_f(0) = t, e_f(1) = s - 1$  and in  $C_{3m+2}$ , we have  $e_f(0) = m + n - t + 2, e_f(1) = m + n - s$ . So, in  $C_{3n+2} \vee C_{3m+2}$  we have,

$$e_f(0) = t + m + n - t + 2 + t(m + n - t + 2) + t(m + n - s + 1) + s(m + n - t + 2) \\ = m + n + 2tm + 2tn - t^2 - 2ts + sm + sn + 3t + 2s + 2 \text{ and}$$

$$e_f(1) = s - 1 + m + n - s + s(m + n - s + 1) = m + n + sm + sn - s^2 + s - 1. \text{ Now}$$

$$|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = |m + n + 2tm + 2tn - t^2 - 2ts + sm + sn + 3t + 2s + 2 - m - n - sm - sn + s^2 - s + 1| \\ = |2tm + 2tn + s^2 - 2st - t^2 + 3t + s + 3| \\ = |2tm + 2tn + s^2 - 2st + t^2 - t^2 + 3t + s + 3| \\ = |2tm + 2tn + (s - t)^2 - 2t^2 + 3t + s + 3| \\ > |2tm + 2tn + (s - t)^2 - 2tn + 3t + s + 3| \quad (t < n \Rightarrow -2tn < -2tt)$$

$$= |2tm + (s - t)^2 + 3t + s + 3| > 3.$$

**Subcase (ii)**  $v_f(0) = m + n + 1, v_f(1) = m + n + 2, v_f(2) = m + n + 1$

Suppose that in  $C_{3n+2}$  we have,  $v_f(0) = t, v_f(1) = s, v_f(2) = r$ . Then in  $C_{3m+2}$  we have,  $v_f(0) = m + n - t + 1, v_f(1) = m + n - s + 2, v_f(2) = m + n - r + 1$ . Also, we have  $t + s + r = 3n + 2$ . Note that in  $C_{3n+2}$  we have,  $e_f(0) = t, e_f(1) = s - 1$  and in  $C_{3m+2}$  we have,  $e_f(0) = m + n - t + 1, e_f(1) = m + n - s + 1$ . Hence, in  $C_{3n+2} \vee C_{3m+2}$  we have,

$$\begin{aligned} e_f(0) &= t + m + n - t + 1 + t(m + n - t + 1) + t(m + n - s + 2) + s(m + n - t + 1) \\ &= m + n + 2tm + 2tn - t^2 - 2ts + sm + sn + 3t + s + 1 \text{ and} \\ e_f(1) &= s - 1 + m + n - s + 1 + s(m + n - s + 2) = m + n + sm + sn - s^2 + 2s. \text{ Now,} \\ |e_f(0) - e_f(1)| &= |m + n + 2tm + 2tn - t^2 - 2ts + sm + sn + 3t + s + 1 - m - n - sm - sn + s^2 - 2s| \\ &= |2tm + 2tn + s^2 - 2ts - t^2 + 3t - s + 1| \\ &= |2tm + 2tn + (s - t)^2 - 2t^2 + 3t - s + 1| \\ &> |2tm + 2tn + (s - t)^2 - 2tn + 3t - s + 1| \quad (s < n, t < n \Rightarrow -2tn < -2t^2) \\ &= |2tm + (s - t)^2 + 3t - s| \quad \dots\dots(1) \end{aligned}$$

If  $s \leq t$ , then  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| > 1$ .

If  $t < s$ , then from equation (1),

$$\begin{aligned} |e_f(0) - e_f(1)| &> |2tm + (s - t)^2 + 3t - s| \\ &= |2tm + 2t + (s - t)^2 - (s - t)| \\ &= |2tm + 2t + (s - t)(s - t - 1)| \\ &> 1. \end{aligned}$$

**Subcase (iii)**  $v_f(0) = m + n + 1, v_f(1) = m + n + 1, v_f(2) = m + n + 2$

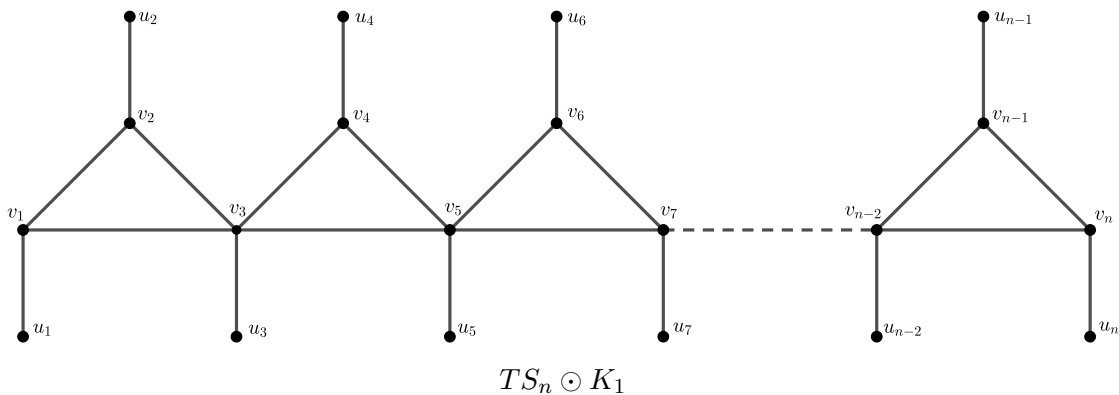
Suppose that in  $C_{3n+2}$  we have,  $v_f(0) = t, v_f(1) = s, v_f(2) = r$ . Then in  $C_{3m+2}$  we have,  $v_f(0) = m + n - t + 1, v_f(1) = m + n - s + 1, v_f(2) = m + n - r + 2$ . Note that numbers of vertices with labels 0 and labels 1 in this Subcase are the same as those in the Case (V).

So, in this Case we have  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| > 1$ .

Therefore,  $C_p \vee C_q$  is not RCMC. □

**Theorem 2.2.**  $TS_n \odot K_1$  is RCMC for  $n = 3k + 1, n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ .

*Proof.* Note that  $|V(TS_n \odot K_1)| = 2n$  and  $|E(TS_n \odot K_1)| = \frac{3n-3}{2} + n = \frac{5n-3}{2}$ . Let  $V(TS_n) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  be the vertex set of  $TS_n$  and  $u_i$  be the pendant vertices of  $TS_n \odot K_1$  adjacent to  $v_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  as shown in the following figure.



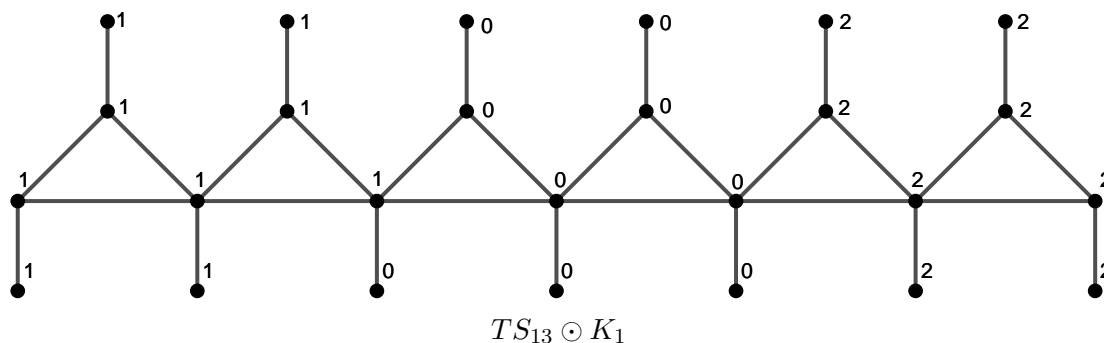
Define a labeling function  $f : V(TS_n) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  as follows :

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_i) &= 1 \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq k + 1 \\ &= 0 \text{ if } k + 1 < i \leq 2k + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2 \text{ if } 2k + 1 < i \leq 3k + 1 \\
 f(u_i) &= 1 \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq k \\
 &= 0 \text{ if } k < i \leq 2k + 1 \\
 &= 2 \text{ if } 2k + 1 < i \leq 3k + 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $v_f(0) = 2k + 1, v_f(1) = 2k + 1, v_f(2) = 2k, e_f(0) = \frac{3k}{2} + k + 1, e_f(1) = \frac{3k}{2} + k$  and  $e_f(2) = \frac{3k}{2} + k$ . Thus,  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1$ . Hence,  $TS_n \odot K_1$  is RCMC for  $n = 3k + 1, n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ .  $\square$

**Example 2.1.** RCMC labeling of  $TS_{13} \odot K_1$  is shown in the following figure.



**Remark 2.8.** Here, we are mentioning some of the families of graphs that can be studied by interested researchers, as an open problem .

- (1) Join of graphs
- (2) Product of graphs
- (3) Family of cycle related graphs like Wheel graph, Helm graph, Closed Helm Graph.

### 3. CONCLUSION

In this article, we have proved that the Join of two cycles  $C_n \vee C_m$  is not a Root Cube Mean Cordial labeling. Also, we have provided a graph which is RCMC.

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