

On The Unbiased Windmill Graphs

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ABSTRACT

Let G be a graph with vertex set $V(G)$ and edge set $E(G)$, and let $A = \{0,1\}$. A labeling $f : V(G) \rightarrow A$ induces an edge partial labeling $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow A$ defined by $f^*(xy) = f(x)$, if and only if $f(x)=f(y)$ for each edge $xy \in E(G)$. For $i \in A$, let $v_f(i) = \text{card}\{v \in V(G) : f(v) = i\}$ and $e_{f^*}(i) = \text{card}\{e \in E(G) : f^*(e) = i\}$. A labeling f of a graph G is said to be friendly if $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| \leq 1$. If, $|e_{f^*}(0) - e_{f^*}(1)| \leq 1$ then G is said to be **balanced**. We also show that here several families of balanced graphs for regular windmill and general windmill graphs.

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1.Introduction.

A labeling problem of graphs which is called cordial graph labeling was introduced by Cahit [2] in 1986. Let G be a graph with vertex set $V(G)$ and edge set $E(G)$. A binary vertex labeling of G is a mapping from $V(G)$ into the set $\{0,1\}$. For each vertex labeling f of G , Cahit considered a binary edge labeling $f\# : E \rightarrow \{0,1\}$, defined by $f\#(\{u, v\}) = |f(u) - f(v)|$ for all $\{u, v\}$ in $E(G)$. Let $V_0^f(G)$ and $V_1^f(G)$ denote the number of elements in $V(G)$ that are labeled by 0 and 1 under the mapping f respectively. Likewise, let $e_0^{f\#}(G)$ and $e_1^{f\#}(G)$ denote the number of elements in $E(G)$ that are labeled by 0 and 1 under the induced function $f\#$ respectively. Cahit called a graph **cordial** if it has the following properties:

- (i) $|V_0^f(G) - V_1^f(G)| \leq 1$ and
- (ii) $|e_0^{f\#}(G) - e_1^{f\#}(G)| \leq 1$.

Several constructions of cordial graphs, in particular, the Cartesian product, composition of graphs and tensor products, are considered in [1, 7, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17,19,21,22,24,25]. For some new and unsolved problems, the reader refer to [4,7,8].

Lee, Liu and Tan considered another labeling problem, the **balanced labeling** problem [20]. For any binary vertex labeling, a partial edge labeling f^* of G can be defined in the following way. For each edge $\{u, v\}$ in $E(G)$, where $u, v \in V(G)$

$$f^*(\{u, v\}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } f(u) = f(v) = 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } (u) = f(v) = 1 \end{cases}$$

Note that if $f(u) \neq f(v)$, the edge $\{u, v\}$ is not labeled by f^* . Thus f^* is a partial function from $E(G)$ into the set $\{0, 1\}$, and we shall refer f^* as the induced partial function of f . Let $e_0^f(G)$ and $e_1^f(G)$ denote the

number of elements in $E(G)$ that are labeled by 0 and 1 under the induced partial function f^* respectively.

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} v_0^f(G) &= |\{u \in V(G) \mid f(u) = 0\}| \\ v_1^f(G) &= |\{u \in V(G) \mid f(u) = 1\}| \\ e_0^{f^*}(G) &= |\{\{u, v\} \in E(G) \mid f^*(\{u, v\}) = 0\}| \\ e_1^{f^*}(G) &= |\{\{u, v\} \in E(G) \mid f^*(\{u, v\}) = 1\}| \end{aligned}$$

With this notation, we now introduce the notion of a balanced graph.

Definition 1.1. Let G be a graph. G is a balanced graph, or G is balanced, if there is a binary vertex labeling f of G that satisfies the following conditions:

- (i) $|v_0^f(G) - v_1^f(G)| \leq 1$ and
- (ii) $|e_0^{f^*}(G) - e_1^{f^*}(G)| \leq 1$.

A graph G is said to be **strongly vertex-balanced** if G is a balanced graph and $v_0^f(G) = v_1^f(G)$. Similarly, a graph G is said to be **strongly edge-balanced** if G is a balanced graph and $e_0^{f^*}(G) = e_1^{f^*}(G)$. If G is both strongly vertex-balanced and strongly edge-balanced, we say that G is **strongly balanced**. (We will omit the superscripts f and f^* when the context is clear).

Example 1. Figure 1 shows that the $BI(G) = \{0,1,2\}$.

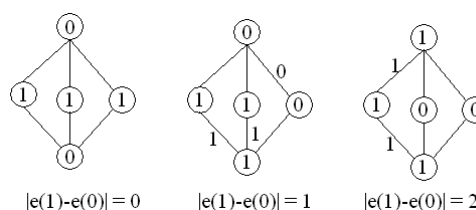


Figure 1.

Example 2. The $(6,7)$ -graph G is balanced

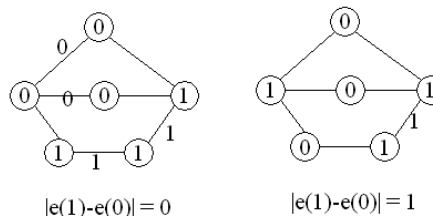


Figure 2.

Example 3. Figure 4 shows that $C_3 \times P_3$ is balanced and $C_4 \times P_2$ is strongly balanced.

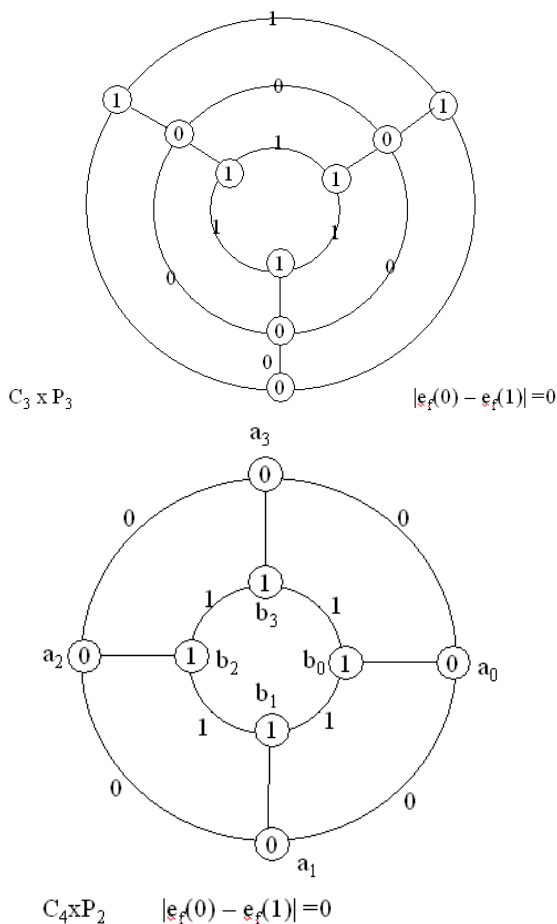


Figure 3.

The following results were established in [20]:

Theorem 1.1 Let G be a k -regular graph with p vertices and q edges,

- (i) G is strongly balanced if and only if p is even;
- (ii) G is balanced if and only if p is odd and $k = 2$.

Corollary 1.2 Every cycle C_m is a balanced graph.

Corollary 1.3 For complete graph on n vertices K_m ,

- (i) K_m is a strongly balanced graph if m is even;
- (ii) If m is odd, K_m is balanced if and only if $m = 3$.

Theorem 1.4 Every path P_m is balanced for $m \geq 1$ and is strongly balanced if m is even.

Theorem 1.5 The complete bipartite graph $K_{m,n}$ is balanced if and only if one of the following conditions holds:

- (i) both m and n are even;
- (ii) both m and n are odd and $|m-n| \leq 2$;
- (iii) one of m and n , say m , is odd, $n = 2t$ and $t \equiv -1, 0, \text{ or } 1 \pmod{|m-n|}$.

Let $K(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n)$ be the one-point amalgamation of the complete graphs with m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n vertices. Call the point at which the complete graphs are amalgamated the center of $K(m_1, \dots, m_n)$. If k of the m values are equal to the same value a , and

if no confusion could arise, we use a^k to denote these values. Thus $K(a^k)$ is the regular windmill with k component each is a complete graph.

Suppose a graph G has p vertices and q edges. Assume that p_i of the vertices are of degree r_i , for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, and r_i are integers such that $r_1 < r_2 < \dots < r_n$.

Let

$$S_v = \sum_{i=1}^n (p_i - 2a_i) \tag{1}$$

$$S_e = \sum_{i=1}^n (p_i - 2a_i) r_i / 2 \tag{2}$$

In [13], a necessary and sufficient condition for a graph to be (strongly) balanced is given. .

Theorem 1.6. Let G be a (p, q) -graph with S_v and S_e as defined in (1) and (2) respectively. G is balanced if and only if there exists a set of integers $\{a_i \mid 0 \leq a_i \leq p_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ such that $|S_v| \leq 1$ and $|S_e| \leq 1$. Furthermore, G is strongly balanced if and only if there exists a set of integers $\{a_i \mid 0 \leq a_i \leq p_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ such that $S_v = 0$, and $S_e = 0$.

We illustrate how this result can be used to determine the (strongly) balanced ness of several families of windmill graphs. In [1], we consider the cordialness for windmill graphs. In this paper we investigate which windmill graphs are balanced. For other results of balanced graphs see [10,13].

2. Regular Windmill graphs

Theorem 2.1. The regular windmill graph $K(3^k)$ is balanced if and only if $k = 2, 3$.

Proof.

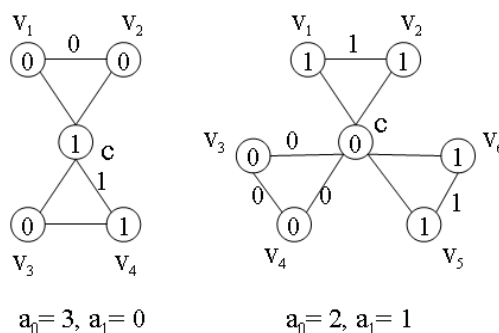


Figure 4.

Theorem 2.2. For $n \geq 4$, the regular windmill graph $K(n^k)$ is balanced if and only if $k = 2$.

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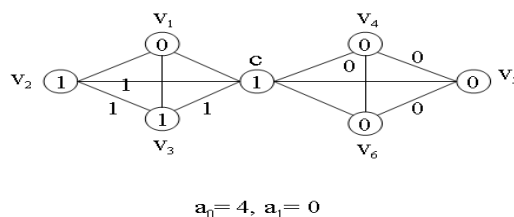


Figure 5.

3. Balanced Windmill graphs with two different types of components.

Theorem 3.1. The windmill graph $K(2^k, 3)$ is balanced if and only if $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$.

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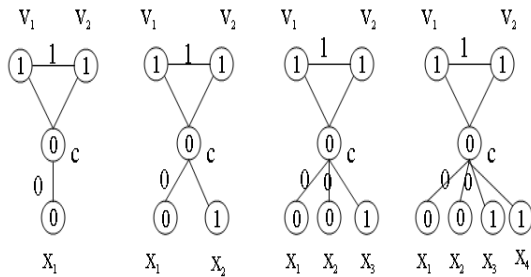


Figure 7.

Theorem 3.1. The windmill graph $K(2^k, 4)$ is balanced if and only if $k = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$.

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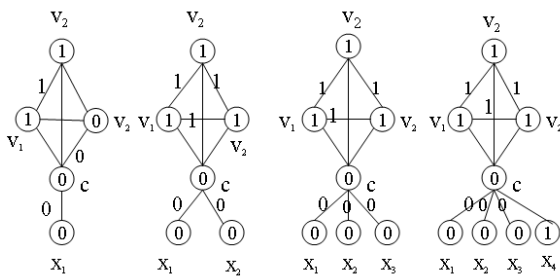


Figure 8.

Theorem 3.3. The windmill graph $K(2^k, 5)$ is balanced if and only if $k = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, \dots$

Theorem 3.4. The windmill graph $K(2^k, 6)$ is balanced if and only if $k = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, \dots$

Theorem 3.5. The windmill graph $K(2^k, 3^2)$ is balanced if and only if $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$.

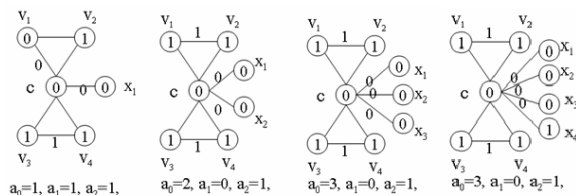
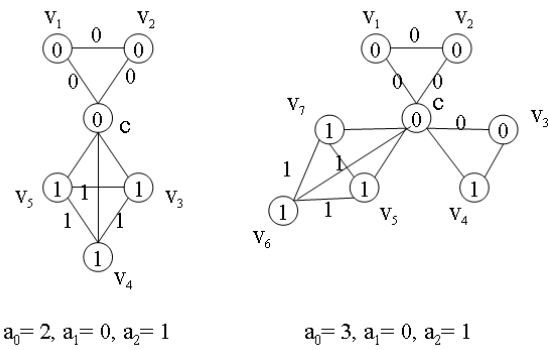


Figure 11.

Theorem 3.6. The windmill graph $K(2^k, 3^3)$ is not balanced for all $k \geq 1$.

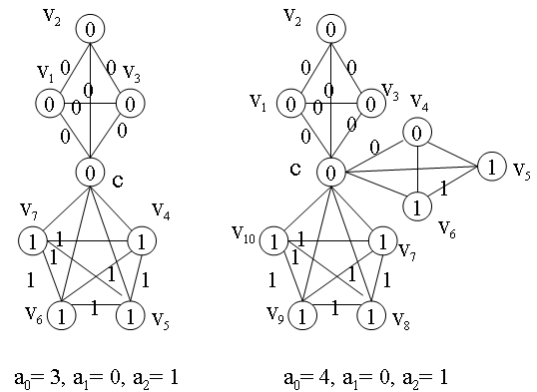
Theorem 3.7. For $n \geq 3$, the windmill graph $K(n^k, n+1)$ is balanced if and only if $k = 1$ and 2 .

Proof. We show the result for $n=3$ and 4



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$a_0 = 3, a_1 = 0, a_2 = 1$



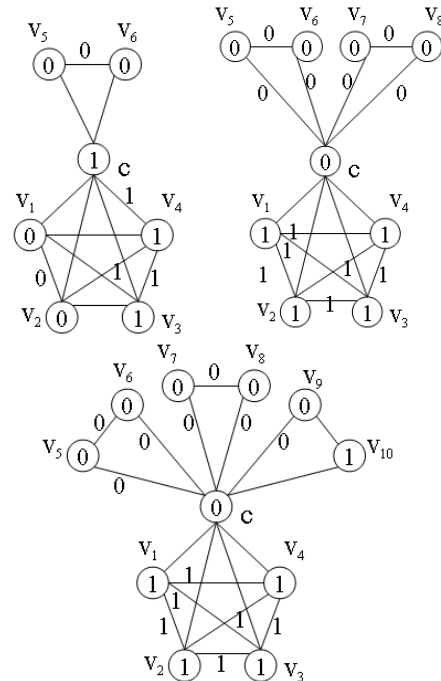
$a_0 = 3, a_1 = 0, a_2 = 1$

$a_0 = 4, a_1 = 0, a_2 = 1$

Figure 12.

Theorem 3.8. The windmill graph $K(3^k, 5)$ is balanced if and only if $k \leq 5$.

Proof.



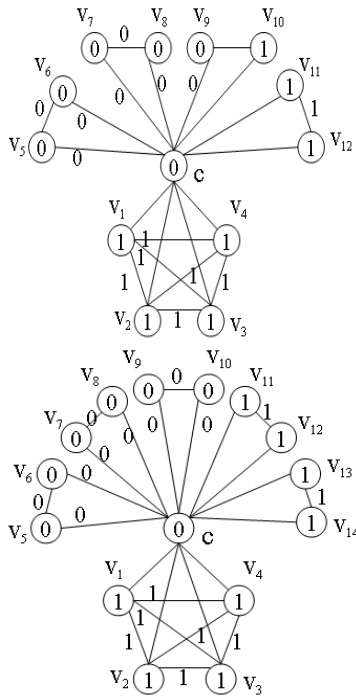


Figure 13.

Theorem 3.9. The windmill graph $K(3^k, 6)$ is balanced if and only if $k=1$.

Proof

4. Balanced Windmill graphs with three different types of components.

Theorem 4.1. The windmill graph $K(2^k, 3,4)$ is balanced if and only if $k = 1,2,3,4,5,6,7$.

Proof.

Theorem 4.2. The windmill graph $K(2^k, 3^2,4)$ is balanced if and only if $k \leq 6$.

Proof

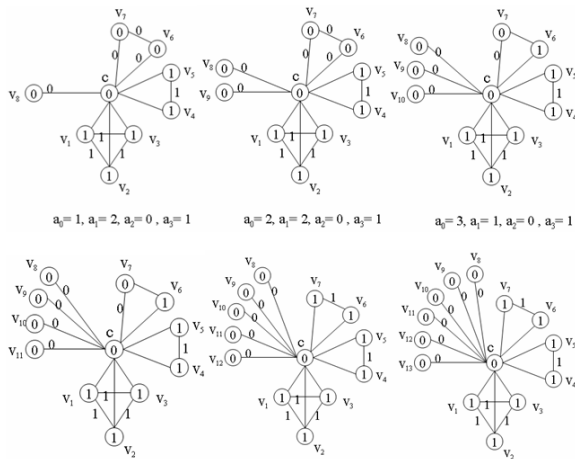


Figure 16.

Theorem 4.3. The windmill graph $K(2^k, 3,5)$ is balanced if and only if $k \leq 12$.

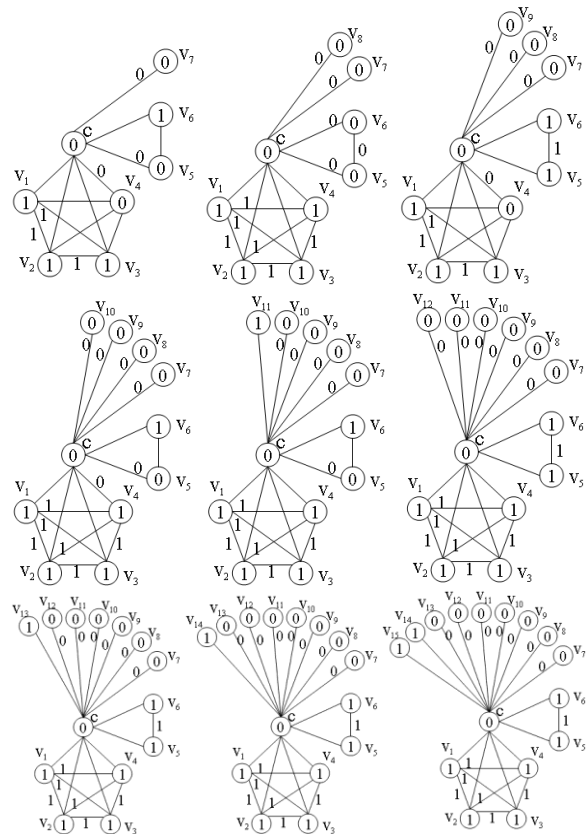
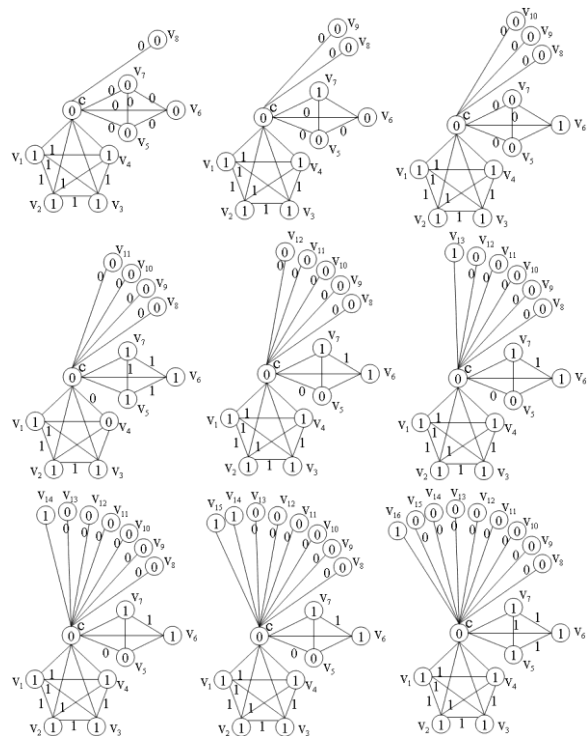


Figure 17.

Theorem 4.4. The windmill graph $K(2^k, 4,5)$ is balanced if and only if $k \leq 15$.



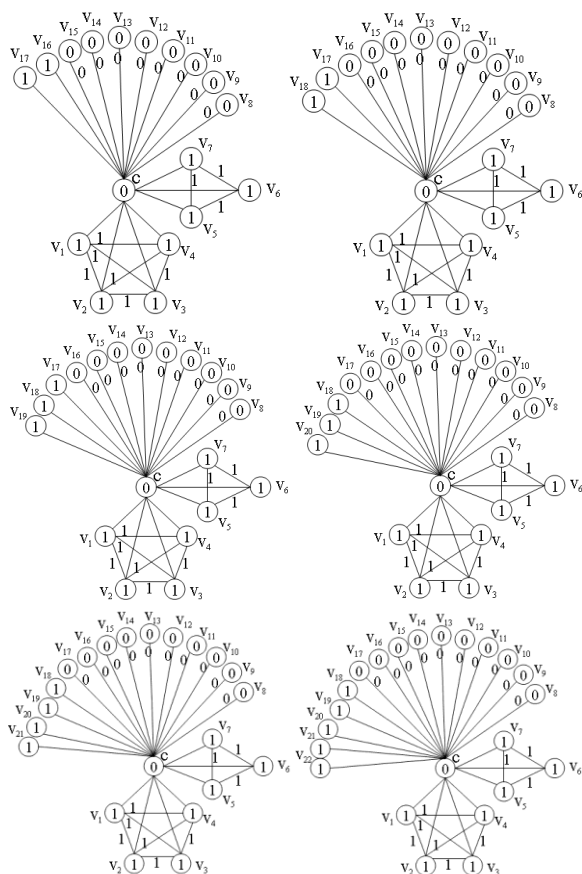


Figure 17.

Theorem 4.5. The windmill graph $K(2^k, 4, 6)$ is balanced if and only if $k \leq 15$.

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