

# k-Neighborhood-prime Labeling of Graphs

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## Abstract

In this paper, we investigate the k-neighborhood-prime labeling of the switching of a vertex in cycle  $C_n$ , switching of a pendent vertex in path  $P_n$ ,  $W_n \cup T_m$ ,  $B_{n,n}$ ,  $K_{1,n,n}$ ,  $D_2(K_{1,n})$  and  $S'(K_{1,n})$ .

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## 1. Introduction

By a graph, we mean a finite, undirected graph without loops and multiple edges, for terms not defined here, we refer to Harary [4]. For standard terminology and notations related to number theory we refer to Burton [2] and graph labeling, we refer to Gallian [3]. The notion of prime labeling for graphs originated with Roger Entringer and was introduced in a paper by Tout et al. [8] in the early 1980s and since then it is an active field of research for many scholars. Patel et al.[6] introduce the notion of neighborhood-prime labeling of graph and they present the neighborhood-prime labeling of various graphs in [6,7]. Ananthavalli et al. present the neighborhood-prime labeling of some special graphs in [1]. In [9], Vaidya et al. introduce the concept of k-prime labeling of graphs. Lawrence et al. introduce the notation of k-neighborhood-prime labeling and they present the neighborhood-prime labeling of  $G *_B B$ , where B is the book with triangular and rectangle pages,  $G *_B B_{n,m}$ , and k- neighborhood - prime labeling of Paths and some special graphs in [5]

### Definition 1.1

Let  $G = (V,E)$  be a graph with n vertices. A function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1,2,3,\dots,n\}$  is said to be a prime labeling, if it is bijective and for every pair of adjacent vertices u and v,  $\gcd(f(u),f(v)) = 1$ . A graph which admits prime labeling is called a prime graph.

### Definition 1.2

Let  $G = (V,E)$  be a graph with n vertices. A bijective function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1,2,3,\dots,n\}$  is said to be a neighborhood-prime labeling, if for every vertex  $v \in V(G)$  with  $\deg(v) > 1$ ,  $\gcd$

$\{f(u) : u \in N(v)\} = 1$ . A graph which admits neighborhood-prime labeling is called a neighborhood-prime graph.

### Definition 1.3

A k-prime labeling of a graph G is an injective function  $f : V \rightarrow \{k, k+1, \dots, k+|V|-1\}$  for some positive integer k that induces a function  $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow N$  of the edges of G defined by  $f^*(uv) = \gcd(f(u),f(v))$ ,  $\forall e = uv \in E(G)$  such that  $\gcd(f(u), f(v)) = 1$ ,  $\forall e = uv \in E(G)$ . The graph which admits a k-prime labeling is called a k-prime graph.

### Definition 1.4

Let  $G = (V(G),E(G))$  be a graph with n vertices. A bijective function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{k, k+1, \dots, k+n-1\}$  is said to be a k-neighborhood-prime labeling, if for every vertex  $v \in V(G)$  with  $\deg(v) > 1$ ,  $\gcd \{f(u) : u \in N(v)\} = 1$ . A graph which admits k-neighborhood-prime labeling is called a k-neighborhood-prime graph.

### Definition 1.5

A complete bipartite graph  $K_{1,n}$  is called a star and it has  $n+1$  vertices and n edges.  $K_{1,n,n}$  is the graph obtained by the subdivision of the edges of the star  $K_{1,n}$ .

### Definition 1.6

For a graph G the splitting graph  $S'(G)$  of a graph G is obtained by adding a new vertex  $v'$  corresponding to each vertex v of G such that  $N(v) = N(v')$ .

### Definition 1.7

Bistar  $B_{n,n}$  is the graph obtained by joining the center (apex) vertices of two copies of  $K_{1,n}$  by an edge.

### Definition 1.8

A vertex switching  $G_v$  of a graph G is obtained by taking a vertex v of G, removing the entire edges incident with v and adding edges joining v to every vertex which are not adjacent to v in G.

### Definition 1.9

The shadow graph  $D_2(G)$  of a connected graph G is constructed by taking two copies of G say  $G'$  and  $G''$ . Join each vertex  $u'$  in  $G'$  to the neighbours of the corresponding vertex  $v'$  in  $G''$ .

## 2. Main Results

### Theorem 2.1

Switching of a vertex in cycle  $C_n$  is  $k$ -neighborhood-prime graph.

**Proof.**

Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the successive vertices of  $C_n$ .

$G_v$  denotes graph is obtained by switching of vertex  $v$  of  $G = C_n$ .

Without loss of generality let the switched vertex be  $v_1$ .

Then  $|V(G_{v_1})| = n$  and  $|E(G_{v_1})| = 2n - 5$ .

Let  $p$  be the largest prime such that  $k \leq p \leq k+n-1$ .

Define  $f : V(G_{v_1}) \rightarrow \{k, k+1, \dots, k+n-1\}$  as follows:

$$f(v_1) = p,$$

Label the remaining vertices  $v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$  by the remaining numbers from  $k$  to  $k+n-1$  other than  $p$ .

Claim that  $f$  is a neighborhood-prime by considering the following two cases.

**Sub case (i):**  $x = v_1$ .

Then the gcd of the labels of vertices in  $N(x)$  is 1. Since the label of vertices in  $N(x)$  has at least two consecutive integers.

**Sub case (ii):**  $x = v_i$  for  $2 \leq i \leq n$ .

Then the gcd of the labels of vertices in  $N(x)$  is 1. Since one of the label of vertices in  $N(x)$  is  $p$ .

Thus  $f$  admits  $k$ -neighborhood-prime labeling of  $G$ .

Hence, the graph obtained by switching of a vertex in cycle  $C_n$  is  $k$ -neighborhood-prime graph.

### Example 2.1

The 3-neighborhood-prime labeling of switching of a vertex in cycle  $C_8$  is shown in figure 2.1.

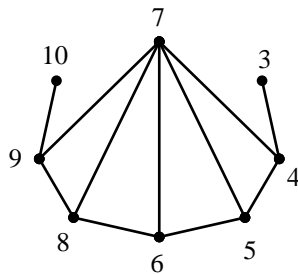


Figure 2.1

### Theorem 2.2

Switching of a pendent vertex in path  $P_n$  is  $k$ -neighborhood-prime graph.

**Proof.**

Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of path  $P_n$ .

The graph  $G$  is obtained by switching of a pendent vertex in path  $P_n$ .  $v_1$  and  $v_n$  are pendent vertex of path  $P_n$ .

Without loss of generality, let the switched vertex be  $v_1$ .

Then  $|V(G)| = n$  and  $|E(G)| = 2n - 4$ .

Let  $p$  be the largest prime such that  $k \leq p \leq k+n-1$ .

Define  $f : V(G_{v_1}) \rightarrow \{k, k+1, \dots, k+n-1\}$  as follows:

$$f(v_1) = p,$$

Label the remaining vertices  $v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$  by the remaining numbers from  $k$  to  $k+n-1$  other than  $p$ .

Claim that  $f$  is a neighborhood-prime by considering the following two cases.

**Sub case (i):**  $x = v_1$ .

Then the gcd of the labels of vertices in  $N(x)$  is 1. Since the label of vertices in  $N(x)$  has at least two consecutive integers.

**Sub case (ii):**  $x = v_i$  for  $3 \leq i \leq n$ .

Then the gcd of the labels of vertices in  $N(x)$  is 1. Since one of the label of vertices in  $N(x)$  is  $p$ .

Thus  $f$  admits  $k$ -neighborhood-prime labeling of  $G$ .

Hence, the graph obtained by switching of a vertex in path  $P_n$  is  $k$ -neighborhood-prime graph.

### Example 2.2

The 5-neighborhood-prime labeling of switching of a pendent vertex in path  $P_6$  is shown in figure 2.2.

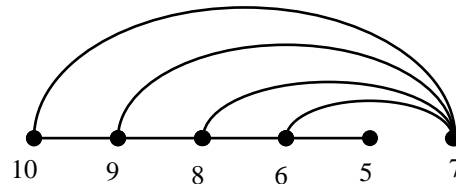


Figure 2.2

### Theorem 2.3

The disconnected graph  $W_n \cup T_m$  is  $k$ -neighborhood-prime graph, where  $n \geq 3$  and  $m \geq 2$ .

**Proof.**

Let  $G$  be a disconnected graph  $W_n \cup T_m$ .

In  $W_n$ , let  $v$  be the central vertex and  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of  $C_n$ .

Let  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{m-1}, w_m, w_{m+1}, \dots, w_{2m-1}$  be the  $2m-1$  vertices of  $T_m$ .

Then  $|V(G)| = n+2m$  and  $|E(G)| = 2n+3m-3$ .

Define  $f : V(P_n) \rightarrow \{k, k+1, \dots, k+n+2m-1\}$  as follows:

**Case 1:**  $k$  is odd.

Let  $p$  be the largest prime such that  $k+2m-1 \leq p \leq k+n+2m-1$ .

$$f(v) = p$$

$$f(w_j) = k+1+2(j-1), \quad 1 \leq j \leq m-1$$

$$f(w_j) = k+2(j-1), \quad 1 \leq j \leq m$$

Label the remaining vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  by the remaining numbers from  $k+2m-1$  to  $k+n+2m-1$  other than  $p$ .

**Case 2:**  $k$  is even.

Let  $p$  be the largest prime such that  $k+2m \leq p \leq k+n+2m-1$ .

$$f(v) = p$$

$$f(v_1) = k$$

$$f(w_j) = k+2+2(j-1), \quad 1 \leq j \leq m-1$$

$$f(w_j) = k+1+2(j-1), \quad 1 \leq j \leq m$$

Label the remaining vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  by the remaining numbers from  $k+2m-1$  to  $k+n+2m-1$  other than  $p$ .

Claim that  $f$  is a neighborhood-prime labeling for both cases by considering the following three sub cases.

**Sub case (i):**  $x = v$ .

Then the gcd of the labels of vertices in  $N(x)$  is 1. Since the label of vertices in  $N(x)$  has at least two consecutive integers.

**Sub case (ii):**  $x = v_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

Then the gcd of the labels of vertices in  $N(x)$  is 1. Since one of the label of vertices in  $N(x)$  is  $p$ .

**Sub case (iii):**  $x = w_j$  for  $1 \leq j \leq m-1$ .

Then the gcd of the labels of vertices in  $N(x)$  is 1. Since the label of vertices in  $N(x)$  are odd consecutive integers.

**Sub case (iv):**  $x = w_j$  for  $m \leq j \leq 2m-1$ .

Then the gcd of the labels of vertices in  $N(x)$  is 1. Since the label of vertices in  $N(x)$  has at least two consecutive integers.

Therefore,  $f$  is a  $k$ -neighborhood-prime labeling for both cases.

Thus  $W_n \cup T_m$  is  $k$ -neighborhood-prime graph, where  $n \geq 3$  and  $m \geq 2$ .

### Example 2.3

The 4-neighborhood-prime labelings of paths  $W_4 \cup T_4$  is shown in Figure 2.3.

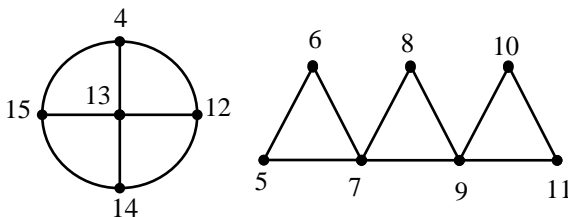


Figure 2.3

### Theorem 2.4

The  $B_{n,n}$  is  $k$ -neighborhood-prime graph, where  $n \geq 2$ .

**Proof.**

Let  $B_{n,n}$  be a graph with vertex set  $\{u, v, u_i, v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ , where  $u_i, v_i$  are pendant vertices.

Let  $G$  be the graph  $B_{n,n}$ .

The vertex set  $V(G) = \{u, w, u_i, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and the edge set  $E(G) = \{uw, uu_i, vv_i, : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .

Then  $|V(G)| = 2n+2$  and  $|E(G)| = 2n+1$ .

Define  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{k, k+1, \dots, k+2n+1\}$  as follows.

$$f(u_i) = k+i-1 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(u) = k+n+1,$$

$$f(v) = k+n,$$

$$f(v_i) = k+n+1+i, \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Claim that  $f$  is a neighborhood-prime labeling by considering the following two cases.

**Sub case (i):**  $x = u, v$ .

Then the gcd of the labels of vertices in  $N(x)$  is 1. Since the label of vertices in  $N(x)$  has consecutive integers.

**Sub case (ii):**  $x = u_i, v_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

Then the gcd of the labels of vertices in  $N(x)$  is 1. Since the label of vertices in  $N(x)$  are consecutive integers.

Thus  $f$  admits  $k$ -neighborhood-prime labeling of  $G$ .

Hence, the  $B_{n,n}$  is  $k$ -neighborhood-prime graph, where  $n \geq 2$ .

### Example 2.4

The 5-neighborhood-prime labeling of  $B_{4,4}$  is shown in figure 2.4.

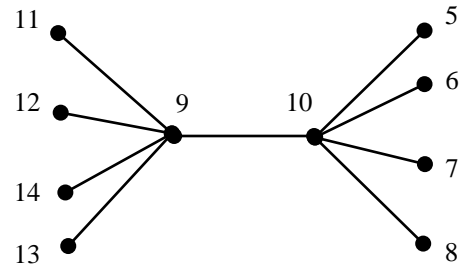


Figure 2.4

### Theorem 2.5

The graph  $K_{1,n,n}$  is  $k$ -neighborhood-prime graph.

**Proof**

Let  $G$  be a  $K_{1,n,n}$ . Let  $V(G) = \{v, v_i, u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(G) = \{vv_i, v_i u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .

Then  $|V(G)| = 2n+1$  and  $|E(G)| = 2n$ .

Let  $p$  be the largest prime such that  $k+n \leq p \leq k+2n$ .

Define  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{k, k+1, \dots, k+2n\}$  as follows:

$$f(v) = p,$$

$$f(v_i) = k+i-1, \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Label the remaining vertices  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  by the remaining numbers from  $k+n$  to  $k+2n$  other than  $p$ .

Claim that  $f$  is a neighborhood-prime by considering the following two cases.

**Sub case (i):**  $x = v$ .

Then the gcd of the labels of vertices in  $N(x)$  is 1. Since the label of vertices in  $N(x)$  are consecutive integers.

**Sub case (ii):**  $x = v_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

Then the gcd of the labels of vertices in  $N(x)$  is 1. Since one of the label of vertices in  $N(x)$  is p.

Thus f admits k-neighborhood-prime labeling of G.

Hence, the graph  $K_{1,n}$  is k-neighborhood-prime graph.

**Example 2.5**

The 8-neighborhood-prime labeling of  $K_{1,6,6}$  is shown in figure 2.5.

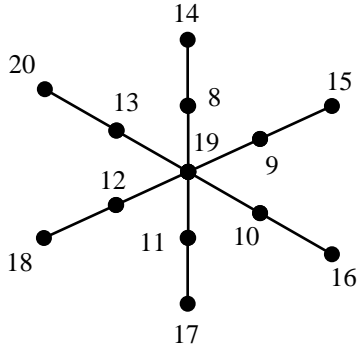


Figure 2.5

**Theorem : 2.6**

$D_2(K_{1,n})$  is k-neighborhood-prime graph, where  $n \geq 2$ .

**Proof.**

Consider two copies of  $K_{1,n}$ .

Let  $v, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of the first copy of  $K_{1,n}$  and  $v', v'_1, v'_2, \dots, v'_n$  be the vertices of the second copy of  $K_{1,n}$  where v and v' are the respective apex vertices.

Let G be  $D_2(K_{1,n})$ .

Then  $|V(G)| = 2n+2$  and  $|E(G)| = 2n+1$ .

Define  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{k, k+1, \dots, k+2n+1\}$  as follows.

$$f(v) = k,$$

$$f(v') = k+1,$$

$$f(v_i) = k+1+i \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v'_i) = k+n+1+i, \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Claim that f is a neighborhood-prime labeling by considering the following two cases.

**Sub case (i):**  $x = v, v'$ .

Then the gcd of the labels of vertices in  $N(x)$  is 1. Since the label of vertices in  $N(x)$  have consecutive integers.

**Sub case (ii):**  $x = v_i, v'_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

Then the gcd of the labels of vertices in  $N(x)$  is 1. Since the label of vertices in  $N(x)$  are consecutive integers.

Thus f admits k-neighborhood-prime labeling of G.

Hence, the  $D_2(K_{1,n})$  is k-neighborhood-prime graph, where  $n \geq 2$ .

**Example 2.6**

The 9-neighborhood-prime labeling of  $D_2(K_{1,4})$  is given in Figure 2.6.

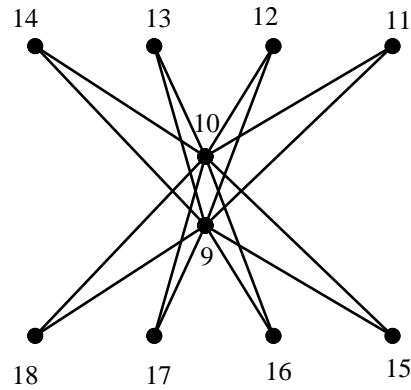


Figure 2.6

**Theorem : 2.7**

The graph  $S'(K_{1,n})$  is k-neighborhood-prime graph, where  $n \geq 2$ .

**Proof.**

Let  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$  be the pendant vertices and v be the apex vertex of  $K_{1,n}$  and  $u, u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n$  are added vertices corresponding to v,  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$  to obtain  $S'(K_{1,n})$ .

Let G be the graph  $S'(K_{1,n})$

Then  $|V(G)| = 2n+2$  and  $|E(G)| = 3n$ .

Define  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{k, k+1, \dots, k+2n+1\}$  as follows.

$$f(v) = k,$$

$$f(v_i) = k+1+i \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(u) = k+1,$$

$$f(u_i) = k+n+1+i, \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Claim that f is a neighborhood-prime labeling by considering the following two cases.

**Sub case (i):**  $x = v, u$ .

Then the gcd of the labels of vertices in  $N(x)$  is 1. Since the label of vertices in  $N(x)$  have consecutive integers.

**Sub case (ii):**  $x = u_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

Then the gcd of the labels of vertices in  $N(x)$  is 1. Since the label of vertices in  $N(x)$  are consecutive integers.

Thus f admits k-neighborhood-prime labeling of G.

Hence, the  $D_2(K_{1,n})$  is k-neighborhood-prime graph, where  $n \geq 2$ .

**Example 2.7**

The 7-neighborhood-prime labeling of  $D_2(K_{1,4})$  is given in Figure 2.7.

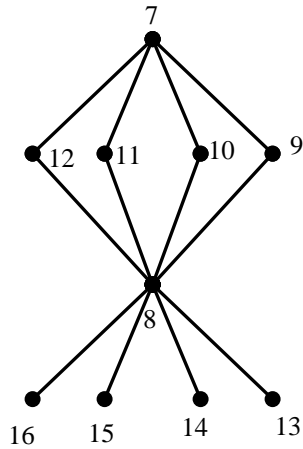


Figure 2.7

**4. Conclusions**

In this paper, we present investigate the k-neighborhood-prime labeling of the switching of a vertex in cycle  $C_n$ , switching of a pendent vertex in path  $P_n$ ,  $W_n \cup T_m$ ,  $B_{n,n}$ ,  $K_{1,n,n}$ ,  $D_2(K_{1,n})$  and  $S'(K_{1,n})$ .

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