

# New Classes of $\alpha$ -valuation and total product cordial graph

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## Abstract

In 1966 Rosa defined an  $\alpha$ -labeling (or  $\alpha$ -valuation) as a graceful labeling with the property that there exists an integer  $\lambda$  so that for each edge  $xy$  either  $f(x) \leq \lambda < f(y)$  or  $f(y) \leq \lambda < f(x)$ . It follows that such a  $\lambda$  must be the smaller of the two nodes labels that yield the edge labeled 1. A simple and finite graph  $G(V,E)$  is said to be graceful if there exists an injection  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, q\}$  such that  $f': E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, q\}$  defined by  $f'(uv) = |f(u) - f(v)|$ ,  $uv \in E(G)$  is a bijection. The graph  $QS_n$  is called Quadrilateral Snake graph. It is defined as series connection of non-adjacent vertices of 'n' number of cycle  $C_4$  and these vertex set  $V$  and edge set  $E$  have described below

$$V(QS_n) = \{c_k\}_{k=1}^{n+1} \cup \{u_i\}_{i=1}^n \cup \{v_j\}_{j=1}^n$$

$$E(QS_n) = \{c_k u_k\}_{k=1}^n \cup \{c_k v_k\}_{k=1}^n \cup \{u_k c_{k+1}\}_{k=1}^n \cup \{v_k c_{k+1}\}_{k=1}^n$$

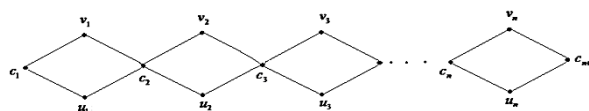


Figure.1. Quadrilateral Snake Graph  $QS_n$

A total product cordial labeling of a graph  $G$  is a function  $f: (V(G) \cup E(G)) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  such that  $f(xy) = f(x)f(y)$  where  $x, y \in V(G)$ ,  $xy \in E(G)$  and the total number of 0 and 1 are balanced. That is, if  $v_f(i)$  and  $e_f(i)$  denote the set of nodes and edges which are labeled as  $i$  for  $i = 0, 1$  respectively, then,  $|(v_f(0) + e_f(0)) - (v_f(1) + e_f(1))| \leq 1$ .

we prove that (i) The graph  $G = P_m(QS_n)$  for every  $m \geq 2$  and  $n \geq 1$  admits an  $\alpha$ -valuation.

$G = P_m(QS_n)^t$ ,  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $\forall n \geq 1, t \geq 1$  is total product cordial graph.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Cahit (1987) introduced cordial labeling which is otherwise termed as binary vertex labeling. A binary vertex labeling of a graph  $G$  is called a cordial labeling if  $|(v_f(0) - v_f(1))| \leq 1$  and  $|(e_f(0) - e_f(1))| \leq 1$ .

A binary nodes labeling of graph  $G$  with induced edge labeling  $f^*: E(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  defined by  $f^*(e = uv) = f(u)f(v)$  is called a product cordial labeling if  $|(v_f(0) - v_f(1))| \leq 1$  and  $|(e_f(0) - e_f(1))| \leq 1$ .

Sethuraman and Dhavamani (2000) have studied shell graphs. Sethuraman and Selvaraju (2001), have studied one vertex union of non-isomorphic complete bipartite graphs. For these topics one may refer to the excellent survey paper of Gallian (2013) (Gallian, 2011)

The graph  $G = P_m(QS_n)^t$  is defined as an isomorphic Quadrilateral snake 't' copies gluing with each nodes of path  $P_m$ , n is the number of Blocks (i.e.,  $C_4$ ) of Quadrilateral snake  $QS_n$  in one copy.

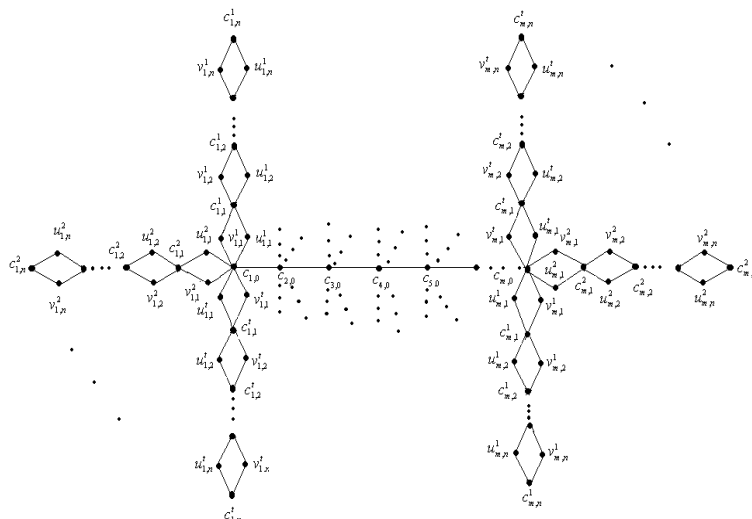


Figure.2. The graph  $G = P_m(QS_n)^t$

**Theorem – 1.1**

The graph  $G = P_m(QS_n)$ ,  $\forall m \geq 2, n \geq 1$  admits an  $\alpha$ -valuation.

**Proof:** The graph  $G = P_m(QS_n)$  has  $m(3n + 1)$  vertices and  $m(4n + 1) - 1$  edges.

The graph of  $G = P_m(QS_n)$  is given in Figure 3

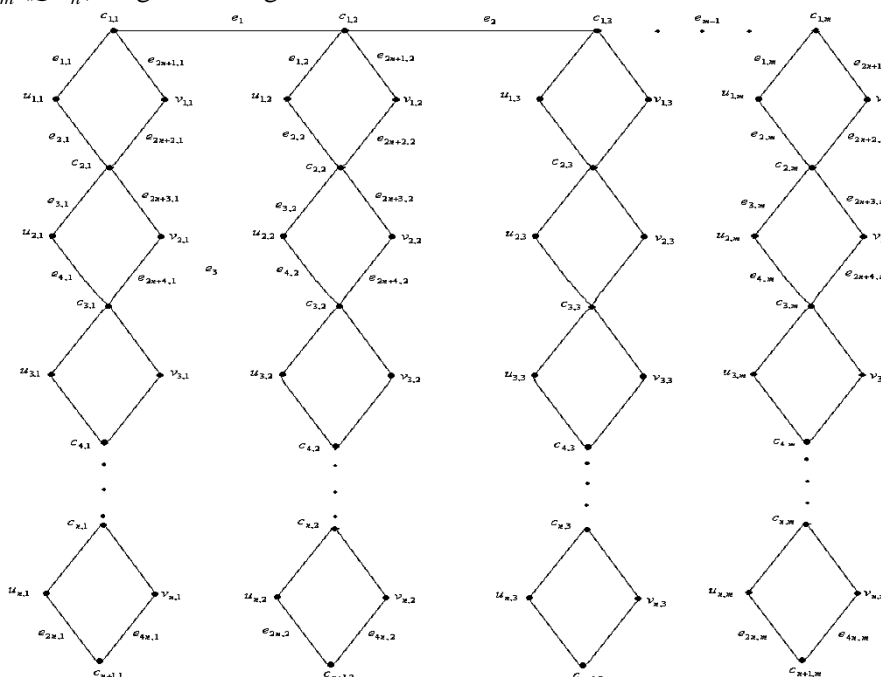


Figure.3. The graph  $P_m(QS_n)$

The graceful labeling for vertices of G is conveniently defined as set A, B and C as follows

$$A = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (i-1) + \frac{(j-1)}{2}(4n+1), \quad i=1,2,3,\dots,n+1, \quad j=1,3,5,\dots,m, \quad m \text{ is odd} \\ f(c_{i,j}) / (2m-j+2) \frac{(4n+1)}{2} - 4n+i-2, \quad i=1,2,3,\dots,n+1, \quad j=2,4,\dots,m, \quad m \text{ is even} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$B = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(u_{i,j}) / \\ m(4n+1) - (j-1)(2n + \frac{1}{2}) - i, \quad i=1,2,3,\dots,n, \quad j=1,3,5,\dots,m, \quad m \text{ is odd} \\ 2n + (4n+1) \frac{(j-2)}{2} - (i-1), \quad i=1,2,3,\dots,n, \quad j=2,4,6,\dots,m, \quad m \text{ is even} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$C = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(v_{i,j}) / \\ m(4n+1) - \frac{(j-1)}{2} (4n+1) - 2n - i, \quad i=1,2,3,\dots,n, \quad j=1,3,5,\dots,m, \quad m \text{ is odd} \\ 4n + (4n+1) \frac{(j-2)}{2} - (i-1), \quad i=1,2,3,\dots,n, \quad j=2,4,6,\dots,m, \quad m \text{ is even} \end{array} \right\}$$

From the above vertex labeling, observe that, set A form a monotonically increasing sequence for each j and the set B&C form a monotonically decreasing sequence for each j.  $A \cup B \cup C = \{ 0,1,2,\dots,m(3n+1) \}$  and  $A \cap B \cap C = \phi$

Therefore, the set A, B&C are distinct.

Edge labeling are defined by

$$A' = \{ f'(e_{i,j}) / (4n+1)(m-j+1) - i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq 4n, \quad j \text{ is odd}, \quad 1 \leq j \leq m \}$$

$$B' = \{ f'(e_{i,j}) / (4n+1)(m-j+2) - 6n+i-2, \quad 1 \leq i \leq 2n, \quad j \text{ is even}, \quad 2 \leq j \leq m \}$$

$$C' = \{ f'(e_{i,j}) / (4n+1)(m-j+2) - 10n+i-2, \quad 2n < i \leq 4n, \quad j \text{ is even}, \quad 2 \leq j \leq m \}$$

$$D' = \{ f'(e_k) / (4n+1)(m-k+1) - 4n-1, \quad 1 \leq k \leq m-1 \}$$

Observe that the values in the sets  $A', B', C'$  and  $D'$  are all distinct and

$$A' \cup B' \cup C' \cup D' = \{ 1,2,3,\dots,m(4n+1)-1 \}$$

$$A' \cap B' \cap C' \cap D' = \phi$$

From the above assignment the labeling of nodes and edges are distinct.

Hence the graph  $G = P_m(QS_n)$  is a graceful graph.

In  $\lambda = \frac{m(4n+1)-2}{2}$  or  $\lambda = \frac{m(4n+1)-3}{2}$  the value of m is either even or odd, accordingly.

It is clear that  $f(u) \leq \lambda < f(v)$  for every edge  $uv$  of  $P_m(QS_n)$

Thus,  $P_m(QS_n)$  admits a  $\alpha$ -valuation.

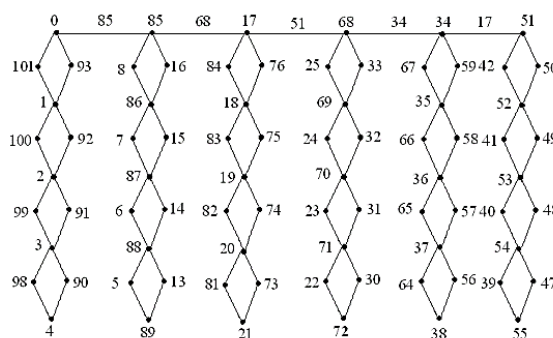


Figure.4.  $\alpha$ -valuation of  $P_6(QS_4)$  with  $\lambda = 50$

**Theorem -1.2**

The graph  $G = P_m(QS_n)^t, m \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, m \geq 2, \forall n \geq 1, t \geq 1$  is total product cordial graph.

**Proof:** The graph  $G = P_m(QS_n)^t$  has  $m(1+3m)$  vertices and  $m(4m+1)-1$  edges.

The graph of  $G = P_m(QS_n)^t$  is given in figure 2

Vertices of  $G = P_m(QS_n)^t$  are arranged as a sequence in certain order and then matched term wise with a particular sequence of 0 and 1

Arrange the nodes of path  $P_m$  as a sequence,  $A = \{c_{1,0}, c_{2,0}, c_{3,0}, c_{4,0}, \dots, c_{m,0}\}$

The edges of path  $P_m$  as a sequence  $B = \{c_{1,0}c_{2,0}, c_{2,0}c_{3,0}, c_{3,0}c_{4,0}, \dots, c_{m-1,0}c_{m,0}\}$

The edges of Quadrilateral snake as a sequence  $C = \{c_{1,0}u_{1,1}^1, u_{1,1}^1c_{1,1}^1, c_{1,1}^1u_{1,2}^1, \dots, u_{1,n}^1c_{1,n}^1\}$

$(QS_n)^t$  is incident with the nodes '0'

The edges of Quadrilateral snake as a sequence  $D = \{c_{1,0}v_{1,1}^1, v_{1,1}^1c_{1,1}^1, c_{1,1}^1v_{1,2}^1, \dots, v_{1,n}^1c_{1,n}^1\}$

$(QS_n)^t$  is incident with the nodes '0'

The edges of Quadrilateral snake as a sequence  $E = \{c_{1,0}u_{1,1}^1, u_{1,1}^1c_{1,1}^1, c_{1,1}^1u_{1,2}^1, \dots, u_{1,n}^1c_{1,n}^1\}, (QS_n)^t$

is incident with the nodes assigned the label '1'

Arrange the edges of Quadrilateral snake as a sequence

$F = \{c_{1,0}v_{1,1}^1, v_{1,1}^1c_{1,1}^1, c_{1,1}^1v_{1,2}^1, \dots, v_{1,n}^1c_{1,n}^1\}, (QS_n)^t$  is incident with the vertices assigned the label '1'

**Table.1. Vertex labeling of  $G = P_m(QS_n)^t$**

Nature of the vertices of G	The 0-1sequence for term wise matching with the sequence of vertices of G
A	$\frac{m}{2} \quad \frac{m}{2}$ $(0)^2 (1)^2$
$u_{i,j}^t, v_{i,j}^t \quad \forall j, t, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m}{2}$	(0)
$u_{i,j}^t, v_{i,j}^t$ $\forall j, t, \frac{m}{2} < i \leq m$	(1)
$c_{i,j}^t \quad \forall j, t, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m}{2}$	(0)
$c_{i,j}^t \quad \forall j, t, \frac{m}{2} < i \leq m$	(1)

The total product cordial labeling of the vertices of  $G = P_m(QS_n)^t$  is given in Table 1.

**Table.2. Edge labeling of  $G = P_m(QS_n)^t$**

Nature of the edge labels sequence for the set	The 0-1sequence for term wise matching with the sequence of G
B	$\frac{m}{2} \quad \frac{m-2}{2}$ $(0)^2 (1)^2$
C&D	$(0)^{2n}$
E&F	$(1)^{2n}$

The total product cordial labeling of the edges of  $G = P_m(QS_n)^t$  is given in Table.2

**Table.3. Relation between vertices and edges of  $P_m(QS_n)^t, m \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, m \geq 2$**

Number of copies (t)	Number of block (n)	Relation between $ V_0 $ and $ V_1 $	Relation between $ E_0 $ and $ E_1 $	$ (v_f(0) + e_f(0)) - (v_f(1) + e_f(1)) $
t is even (or) t is odd	n is even (or) n is odd	$ V_0  =  V_1 $	$ E_0  =  E_1  + 1$	$ (v_f(0) + e_f(0)) - (v_f(1) + e_f(1))  = 1$

From the Table 3, it is clear that  $|V_0| = |V_1|$ ,  $|E_0| = |E_1| + 1$

The graph  $G = P_m(QS_n)^t$ ,  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $\forall n \geq 1, t \geq 1$  is total product cordial graph.

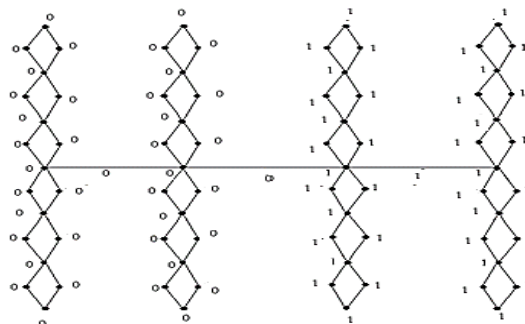


Figure.5.Total product cordial labeling of  $P_4(QS_3)^2$

## 2. CONCLUSION

It has been proved that the graph  $G = P_m(QS_n)$  for every  $m \geq 2$  and  $n \geq 1$  admits an  $\alpha$ -valuation and the graph  $G = P_m(QS_n)^t$ ,  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $\forall n \geq 1, t \geq 1$  is total product cordial graph.

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