

## G-GRACEFUL LABELING OF GRAPHS

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**ABSTRACT.** After a long period of scramble over analysis and investigations, the notion of graceful labeling came into existence. A mapping  $f$  for a graph  $G = (R, S)$  is said to be graceful if there exists a bijective mapping  $f : R(G) \rightarrow N \cup \{0\}$  such that each edge has an induced label

$$\omega(f, R(G)) = \{|f(u) - f(v)| : u, v \in R(G)\}$$

and the resulting edge labels are distinct. In this paper, we introduce a new type of graph labeling for a graph  $G = (R, S)$  which we call  $G$ -graceful labeling. The  $G$ -graceful labeling for the graph  $G = (R, S)$  with  $r$  vertices and  $s$  edges is an injective function  $\rho : R(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, t-1\}$  such that the induced function  $\rho^* : S(G) \rightarrow N$  is given by  $\rho^*(r, s) = \{\rho^*(r) + \rho^*(s)\}$ , the resulting edge labels are distinct. In this paper, we also prove that the graphs: path, ladder graph, flower graph, complete bipartite graph and star graph admit  $G$ -graceful labeling.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

In graph theory, there are two important parameters by which a graph  $G = (R, S)$  can be represented abstractly and these are vertices and edges. Labeling of graph  $G$  means to give labels or weights to the vertices or edges or both

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under certain conditions and the graph becomes more powerful than its unlabeled structure. After a long period of scramble over analysis and investigations, the notion of graceful labeling came into existence by the effort of Rosa [7] and Golomb [3] and almost all type of graph labeling techniques traces their origin from these papers. A mapping  $f$  for a graph  $G = (R, S)$  is said to be graceful if there exists a bijective mapping  $f : R(G) \rightarrow N \cup \{0\}$  such that each edge has an induced label  $\omega(f, R(G)) = \{|f(u) - f(v)| : u, v \in R(G)\}$  and the resulting edge labels are distinct. All types of graph labeling is written in very unique book by Gallian [2] which is considered to the most important book of this area. All graphs considered in this paper are finite, simple, connected and undirected. On the basis of pre-defined graph labeling technique discussed in [2], we introduce a new concept of labeling known as  $G$ -graceful labeling and other information which are used for the present investigations are given [1, 5, 6, 8].

## 2. DEFINITIONS

**Definition 2.1.** (*Ladder Graph*) The ladder  $L_t (t \geq 2)$  is the product of  $P_2 \times P_t$  which contain  $2t$  vertices and  $3t - 2$  edges [1, 4].

**Definition 2.2.** (*Flower Graph*) Let  $G(R, S)$  be a graph of order  $t$  and size  $(t - 1)$  such that exactly one vertex is adjacent to every other  $(t - 1)$  vertex. The resulting graph is flower graph with  $(t - 1)$  petal [1, 4].

**Definition 2.3.** (*Complete Bipartite Graph*) A complete bipartite graph is a bipartite graph  $G$  in which each vertex in  $R_1$  is connected to every vertex in  $R_2$ . If  $|R_1| = 2$  and  $|R_2| = t$ , then complete bipartite graph is written by  $K_{2,t}$  [1, 4].

**Definition 2.4.** (*Star Graph*) Any complete bipartite graph  $K_{m,t}$  represent a star graph if  $m = 1$  and is denoted by  $K_{1,t}$  [1, 4].

**Definition 2.5.** (*Path*) In  $m$ -distant tree if  $m = 0$ , then 0-distant tree is called a path and is denoted by  $P_t$  [1, 4].

## 3. RESULTS

In this section, we introduce a new type of graph labeling for a graph  $G = (R, S)$  which we call  $G$ -graceful labeling.

**Definition 3.1.** (*G-Graceful Labeling*) A function  $\rho$  is called *G-graceful labeling* of a graph  $G(R, S)$  if  $\rho : R(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, t-1\}$  is injective and the induced function  $\rho^* : S(G) \rightarrow N$  is defined as  $\rho^*(t = rs) = \{\rho^*(r) + \rho^*(s)\}$  then edge labels are distinct.

**Theorem 3.1.**  $Path(P_t)$  is *G-graceful graph*.

*Proof.* Let  $P_t$  be a path with vertex set  $\{r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots, r_t\}$  and edge set

$$\{s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots, s_t\}.$$

We defined a vertex labeling  $\rho : R(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, t-1\}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(r_1) &= 0 \\ \rho(r_2) &= 1 \\ \rho(r_3) &= 2 \\ \rho(r_4) &= 3 \\ &\vdots \\ \rho(r_t) &= t-1,\end{aligned}$$

Vertex labeling can be done in both directions.

The edge labeling function  $\rho^*$  is defined as follows  $\rho^* : S(G) \rightarrow N$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned}\rho^*(rs) &= \{\rho^*(r) + \rho^*(s)\} \\ \rho^*(r_1r_t) &= \{\rho^*(r_1) + \rho^*(r_t)\} \\ &\vdots \\ &= \{1, 3, 5, 7, \dots, 2t-1\}\end{aligned}$$

Such that the edge label are distinct and in increasing order with arithmetic progression whose first term  $a = 1$  and  $d = 2$ . In view of above labeling pattern the path are *G-graceful labeling*. Hence  $P_t$  is a *G-graceful graph*.  $\square$

**Illustration:** *G-graceful labeling* of graph  $P_4$  is shown in figure 1.

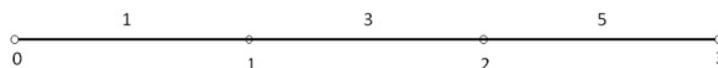


FIGURE 1. *G-graceful labeling* of the path  $P_4$

**Theorem 3.2.** *Flower graph is G-graceful.*

*Proof.* Let  $G(R, S)$  be a flower graph, then  $G$  has  $t$  vertices and  $t - 1$  edges. Therefore vertex set  $R = \{r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots, r_t\}$  and edge set  $S = \{s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots, s_t\}$ . We defined the vertex labeling  $\rho : R(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, t - 1\}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(r_1) &= 0 \\ \rho(r_2) &= 1 \\ \rho(r_3) &= 2 \\ \rho(r_4) &= 3 \\ &\vdots \\ \rho(r_t) &= t - 1\end{aligned}$$

Such that labeling of the vertices may be clockwise or anticlockwise.

The edge labeling function  $\rho^*$  is defined as follows  $\rho^* : S(G) \rightarrow N$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned}\rho^*(rs) &= \{\rho^*(r) + \rho^*(s)\} \\ \rho^*(r_1r_t) &= \{\rho^*(r_1) + \rho^*(r_t)\} \\ &\vdots \\ &= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots, t\}.\end{aligned}$$

Then the edge labels are distinct and are in increasing order with arithmetic progression whose first term  $a = 1$  and common difference  $d = 1$ . In view of above labeling pattern the flower graph are G-graceful labeling. Hence all flower graphs are G-graceful graph. □

**Theorem 3.3.** *Star graph  $K_{1,t}$  is G-graceful graph.*

**Illustration:** Flower graph with 7 petals in Figure 2.

*Proof.* Let  $G = K_{1,t}$  be a star graph. Let  $\{r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots, r_t\}$  be the vertex set of star graph and it has  $1 \times t$  number of edges. We defined the vertex labeling  $\rho : R(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, t - 1\}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(r_1) &= 0 \\ \rho(r_2) &= 1 \\ \rho(r_3) &= 2\end{aligned}$$

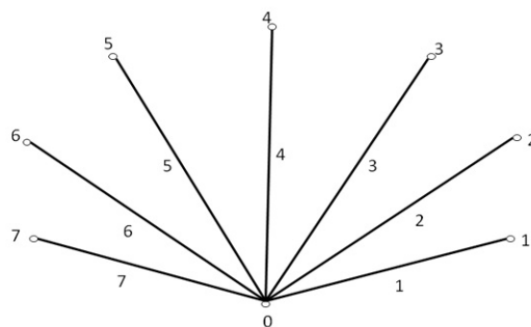


FIGURE 2. G-graceful labeling of flower graph

$$\rho(r_4) = 3$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\rho(r_t) = t - 1$$

The edge label function  $\rho^*$  is defined as follows  $\rho^* : S(G) \rightarrow N$  is defined by

$$\rho^*(rs) = \{\rho^*(r) + \rho^*(s)\}$$

$$\rho^*(r_1 r_t) = \{\rho^*(r_1) + \rho^*(r_t)\}$$

$$\vdots$$

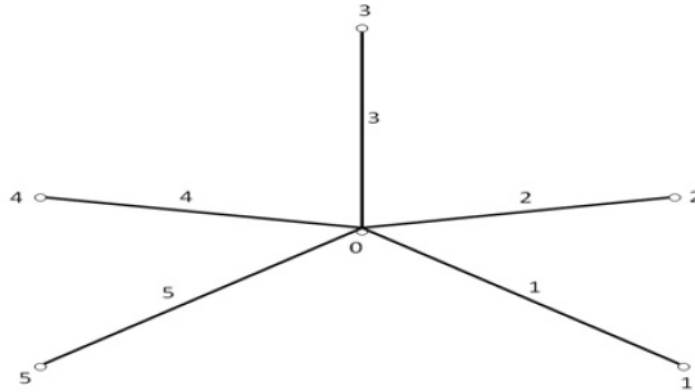
$$= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots, t\}$$

Then the edge labels are distinct and are in increasing order with arithmetic progression whose first term  $a = 1$  and common difference  $d = 1$ . In view of above labeling pattern the star graphs are G-graceful labeling. Hence  $K_{1,t}$  is G-graceful graph.  $\square$

**Illustration:** G-graceful labeling of the graph  $K_{1,5}$  is shown in figure 3.

**Theorem 3.4.** All complete bipartite graphs ( $K_{2,t}$ ) are G-graceful graph.

*Proof.* Let  $G = K_{2,t}$  be a complete bipartite graph. Let the vertex set be  $\{r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots, r_t, r_{t+1}, r_{t+2}\}$  and  $K_{2,t}$  has  $2 \times t$  number of edges. The vertex set is

FIGURE 3. G-graceful labeling of the star graph  $K_{1,5}$ 

divided into two set  $R_1$  &  $R_2$  where  $R_1 = \{r_1, r_2\}$  &  $R_2 = \{r_3, r_4, \dots, r_t, r_{t+1}, r_{t+2}\}$ . Define  $\rho : R(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, t-1\}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(r_1) &= 0 \\ \rho(r_2) &= 1 \\ \rho(r_3) &= 2 \\ \rho(r_4) &= 3 \\ &\dots \\ \rho(r_t) &= t-1,\end{aligned}$$

Label the vertex in both direction and vertex is fixed in top of the graph continuing in this fashion until all the vertices are labeled.

The edge labeling function  $\rho^*$  is defined as follows  $\rho^* : S(G) \rightarrow N$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned}\rho^*(rs) &= \{\rho^*(r) + \rho^*(s)\} \\ \rho^*(r_1 r_t) &= \{\rho^*(r_1) + \rho^*(r_t)\} \\ &\dots \\ &= \{1, 2, 3, \dots, t-1\}\end{aligned}$$

Then the edge labels are distinct. In complete bipartite graph  $K_{2,t}$  it is noted that the edge label are in a sequence of natural number except one term are missed i.e. when  $t = 1$  then  $2^{nd}$  term are missed in the sequence of natural number, when  $t = 2$  then  $3^{rd}$  term are missed, when  $t = 3$  then 4<sup>th</sup> term are missed, when  $t = 4$  then  $5^{th}$  term are missed, continuing like this when  $t = k$

then  $k+1$  term are missed of the sequence or in other word we can say that when we increase the value of  $t$  then the next term are missed in the given sequence of natural number. Hence  $K_{2,t}$  is a G-graceful graph.  $\square$

**Illustration:**  $G$ -graceful labeling of the graph  $K_{2,4}$  is shown in figure 4.

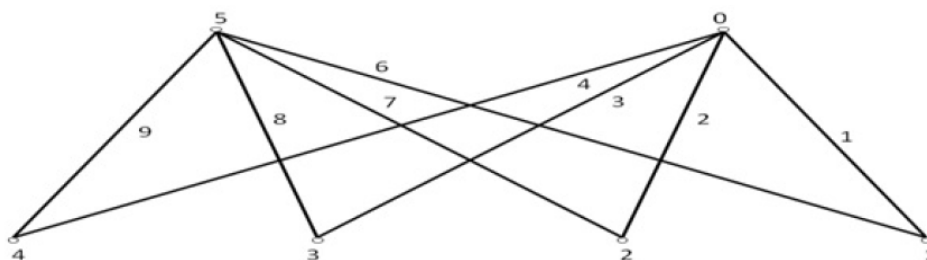
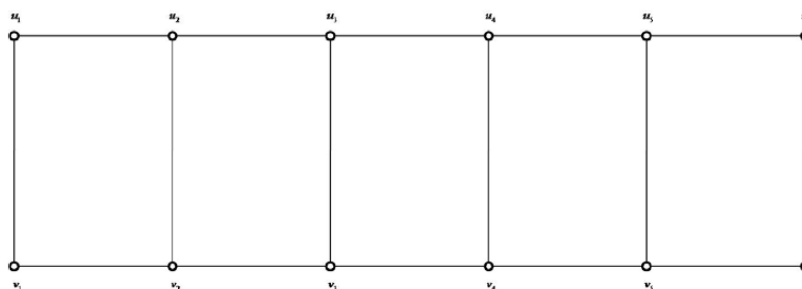


FIGURE 4. G-graceful labeling of the graph  $K_{2,4}$

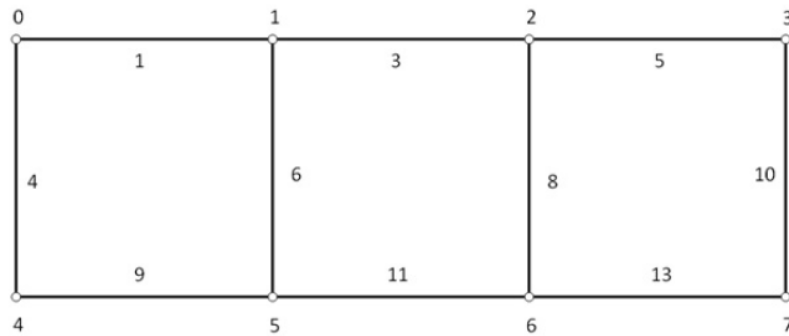
**Theorem 3.5.** *ladder ( $L_t$ ) are G-graceful graph if  $t$  is even.*

*Proof.* let  $G = L_t$  be the ladder of  $2t$  vertices. Let  $\{r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots, r_t\}$  be the vertices of one path and  $\{s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots, s_t\}$  be the vertices of another path. Labels the vertices from left side of one path by  $\{k, k+1, k+2, \dots, k+(t-1)\}$  where  $k=0$  and the other vertices of the path again from left side of path by  $\{k+t, k+(t+1), k+(t+2), \dots, k+(2t-1)\}$ .



The edge labeling function  $\rho^*$  is defined as follows,  $\rho^* : S(G) \rightarrow N$  is defined by  $\rho^*(rs) = \{\rho^*(r) + \rho^*(s)\}$  such that each label are distinct. In view of the above labeling pattern the ladder are G-graceful labeling. Hence  $L_t$  is a G-graceful graph if  $t$  is even.  $\square$

**Illustration:**  $G$ -graceful labeling of the graph  $L_4$  is shown in figure 5.

FIGURE 5. G-graceful labeling of  $L_4$ 

#### 4. CONCLUSION

In this paper we labeled some graphs such as path, ladder graph, flower graph, star graph and complete bipartite graph by proposed G-graceful labeling. The G-graceful labeling reduces the labels of graphs which was higher in other existing labeling of graphs. In future we use this G-graceful labeling to label some other well known existing graphs.

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