PAIR DIFFERENCE CORDIAL LABELING OF GRAPHS

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Abstract. Let \( G = (V, E) \) be a \((p, q)\) graph. Define

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\frac{p-1}{2}, & \text{if } p \text{ is odd}
\end{cases}
\]

and \( L = \{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \ldots, \pm \rho\} \) called the set of labels.

Consider a mapping \( f : V \rightarrow L \) by assigning different labels in \( L \) to the different elements of \( V \) when \( p \) is even and different labels in \( L \) to \( p-1 \) elements of \( V \) and repeating a label for the remaining one vertex when \( p \) is odd. The labeling as defined above is said to be a pair difference cordial labeling if for each edge \( uv \) of \( G \) there exists a labeling \( |f(u) - f(v)| \) such that \( |\Delta_{f_1} - \Delta_{f_2}| \leq 1 \), where \( \Delta_{f_1} \) and \( \Delta_{f_2} \) respectively denote the number of edges labeled with 1 and number of edges not labeled with 1. A graph \( G \) for which there exists a pair difference cordial labeling is called a pair difference cordial graph. In this paper we investigate the pair difference cordial labeling behavior of path, cycle, complete graph, star, bistar, comb.

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1. **Introduction**

In this paper we consider only finite, undirected and simple graphs. The notion of difference cordial labeling of a graph was introduced and studied some properties of difference cordial labeling in [4]. The difference cordial labeling behavior of several graphs like path, cycle, star etc have been investigated in [4]. In this paper we introduce the pair difference cordial labeling and investigate pair difference cordial labeling behavior of path, cycle, star, comb and bistar graph.

2. **Preliminaries**

**Definition 2.1.** The ladder $L_n$ is the product graph $P_n \times K_2$ with $2n$ vertices and $3n - 2$ edges.

**Definition 2.2.** The graph obtained by joining two disjoint cycles $u_1u_2, \cdots u_mu_1$ and $v_1v_2, \cdots v_nv_1$ with an edge $u_1v_1$ is called dumbbell graph and it is denoted by $Db(m, n)$.

3. **Pair Difference Cordial Labeling**

**Definition 3.1.** Let $G = (V, E)$ be a $(p, q)$ graph.

Define

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\frac{p}{2}, & \text{if } p \text{ is even} \\
\frac{p-1}{2}, & \text{if } p \text{ is odd}
\end{cases}$$

and $L = \{ \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \cdots, \pm \rho \}$ called the set of labels.

Consider a mapping $f : V \rightarrow L$ by assigning different labels in $L$ to the different elements of $V$ when $p$ is even and different labels in $L$ to $p-1$ elements of $V$ and repeating a label for the remaining one vertex when $p$ is odd. The labeling as defined above is said to be a pair difference cordial labeling if for each edge $uv$ of $G$ there exists a labeling $|f(u) - f(v)|$ such that $|\Delta f_1 - \Delta f'_1| \leq 1$, where $\Delta f_1$ and $\Delta f'_1$ respectively denote the number of edges labeled with 1 and number of edges not labeled with 1. A graph $G$ for which there exists a pair difference cordial labeling is called a pair difference cordial graph.
Theorem 3.1. If $G$ is a $(p, q)$ pair difference cordial graph then

$$q \leq \begin{cases} 2p - 3 & \text{if } p \text{ is even} \\ 2p - 1 & \text{if } p \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

Proof. Case 1. $p$ is even.

The maximum number of edges with the label 1 among the vertex labels $1, 2, 3, \ldots, \frac{p}{2}$ respectively is $\frac{p}{2} - 1$. Also the maximum number of edges with the label 1 among the vertex labels $-1, -2, -3, \ldots, -\frac{p}{2}$ respectively is $\frac{p}{2} - 1$. Therefore $\Delta f_1 \leq (\frac{p}{2} - 1) + (\frac{p}{2} - 1) = p - 2$. That is $\Delta f_1 \leq p - 2$. This implies $\Delta f_c^1 \geq q - p + 2 \rightarrow (1)$.

Type 1. $\Delta f_c^1 = \Delta f_1 + 1$.

By (1), $q - p + 2 \leq \Delta f_c^1,$

$$\leq \Delta f_1 + 1$$

$$\leq p - 1.$$ This implies $q \leq 2p - 3.$ $\rightarrow (2)$

Type 2. $\Delta f_c^1 = \Delta f_1 - 1$.

By (1), $q - (p - 2) \leq \Delta f_c^1,$

$$\leq \Delta f_1 - 1,$$

$$\leq p - 3.$$ This implies $q \leq 2p - 5.$ $\rightarrow (3)$

Type 3. $\Delta f_c^1 = \Delta f_1$.

By (1), $q - (p - 2) \leq \Delta f_c^1,$

$$\leq \Delta f_1,$$

$$\leq p - 2.$$ 

This implies $q \leq 2p - 4 \rightarrow (4).$ By (2),(3),(4), $q \leq 2p - 3.$
Case 2. $p$ is odd.

In this case, one vertex label is repeated. This vertex label contributes maximum two edges with label 1. Therefore, $\Delta f_1 \leq \left(\frac{p - 1}{2} - 1\right) + \left(\frac{p - 1}{2} - 1\right) + 2 = p + 1$. As in case (1), we get $q \leq 2p - 1$. □

**Theorem 3.2.** The path $P_n$ is pair difference cordial for all values of $n$ except $n \neq 3$.

**Proof.** Let $P_n$ be the path $u_1u_2 \cdots u_n$.

Case. 1 $n$ is odd.

There are two cases arises.

**Subcase. 1 $n = 4t + 1, t \in N \cup \{0\}.$**

Assign the labels 1, 2 to the vertices $u_1, u_2$ respectively and assign the labels $-1, -2$ respectively to the vertices $u_3, u_4$. Next assign the labels 3, 4 respectively to the vertices $u_5, u_6$ and assign the labels $-3, -4$ to the vertices $u_7, u_8$ respectively. Proceeding like this until we reach the vertex $u_{n-1}$. Finally assign the label $-2$ to the vertex $u_n$. Note that the vertices $u_{n-4}, u_{n-3}$ get the labels $\frac{n-3}{2}, \frac{n-1}{2}$ respectively and the vertices $u_{n-2}, u_{n-1}$ receive the labels $-\frac{n-3}{2}, -\frac{n-1}{2}$ respectively. This vertex labeling gives the pair difference cordial labeling of path $P_n$, since $\Delta f_1 = \Delta f_1^c = \frac{n-1}{2}$.

**Subcase. 2 $n = 4t + 3, t \in N.$**

Assign the labels 1, 2 respectively to the vertices $u_1, u_2$ and assign the label $-1, -2$ to the vertices $u_3, u_4$ respectively. Next assign the labels 3, 4 respectively to the vertices $u_5, u_6$ and assign the labels $-3, -4$ to the vertices $u_7, u_8$ respectively. Proceeding like this until we reached $u_{n-3}$. Assign the label $-\frac{n-3}{2}$ to the vertex $u_n$. Finally assign the labels $\frac{n-1}{2}, -\frac{n-1}{2}$ respectively to the vertices $u_{n-2}, u_{n-1}$. Note that the vertices $u_{n-6}, u_{n-5}$ received the labels $\frac{n-5}{2}, \frac{n-3}{2}$ respectively and the vertices $u_{n-4}, u_{n-3}$ get the labels $-\frac{n-5}{2}, -\frac{n-3}{2}$ respectively. This vertex labeling gives the pair difference cordial labeling of path $P_n$, since $\Delta f_1 = \Delta f_1^c = \frac{n-1}{2}$.

**Subcase. 3 $n = 3.$**

Suppose $f$ is a pair difference cordial of $P_3$, then $\Delta f_1 = 0$ and $\Delta f_1^c = 2$. This contradicts $P_3$ is not pair difference cordial.
Case. 2 $n$ is even.

There are two cases arises.

Subcase. 1 $n = 4t, t \in \mathbb{N}$.

Assign the labels 1, 2 to the vertices $u_1, u_2$ respectively and assign the labels $-1, -2$ to the vertices $u_3, u_4$ respectively. Next assign the labels 3, 4 to the vertices $u_5, u_6$ respectively and assign the labels $-3, -4$ respectively to the vertices $u_7, u_8$. Proceeding like this until we reach the vertex $u_n$. Note that the vertices $u_{n-3}, u_{n-2}$ respectively receive the labels $\frac{n-2}{2}, \frac{n}{2}$ and the vertices $u_{n-1}, u_n$ get the labels $-\frac{n-2}{2}, -\frac{n}{2}$ respectively.

This vertex labeling gives a pair difference cordial labeling of the path $P_n$, since $\Delta f_1 = \frac{n}{2}, \Delta f_1^c = \frac{n-2}{2}$.

Subcase. 2 $n = 4t + 2, t \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$.

Assign the labels 1, 2 respectively to the vertices $u_1, u_2$. Now assign the labels $-1, -2$ to the vertices $u_3, u_4$ respectively. Next assign the label 3, 4 respectively to the vertices $u_5, u_6$ and assign the label $-3, -4$ to the vertices $u_7, u_8$ respectively. Proceeding like this until we reach the vertex $u_{n-2}$. Finally assign the labels $\frac{n}{2}, -\frac{n}{2}$ to the vertices $u_{n-1}, u_n$ respectively. Note that the vertices $u_{n-5}, u_{n-4}$ get the label $\frac{n-4}{2}, \frac{n-2}{2}$ respectively and the vertices $u_{n-3}, u_{n-2}$ receive the labels $-\frac{n-4}{2}, -\frac{n-2}{2}$ respectively.

This vertex labeling gives the pair difference cordial labeling of path $P_n$, since $\Delta f_1 = \frac{n}{2}, \Delta f_1^c = \frac{n-2}{2}$.

\[ \square \]

Remark. $P_3$ is difference cordial but not pair difference cordial [4].

Corollary 3.2.1. The cycle $C_n$ is pair difference cordial if and only if $n > 3$.

Proof. Let $C_n$ be the cycle $u_1u_2 \cdots u_nu_1$. The function $f$ in the theorem 3.3 is also a pair difference cordial labeling of the cycle $C_n$.

\[ \square \]
**Theorem 3.3.** The star $K_{1,n}$ is pair difference cordial if and only if $3 \leq n \leq 6$.

**Proof.** Let $V(K_{1,n}) = \{u, u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$, $E(K_{1,n}) = \{uu_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$. The graph $K_{1,n}$ has $n + 1$ vertices and $n$ edges.

**Case 1.** $3 \leq n \leq 6$.

Table 1 shows that the star $K_{1,n}, 3 \leq n \leq 6$ is pair difference cordial.

| $n$ | $u$ | $u_1$ | $u_2$ | $u_3$ | $u_4$ | $u_5$ | $u_6$ |
|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 3   | 2   | −1    | 1     | −2    |       |       |       |
| 4   | 2   | −1    | 1     | −2    | 2     |       |       |
| 5   | 2   | −1    | 1     | −2    | 3     | −3    |       |
| 6   | 2   | 1     | −1    | 1     | −2    | 3     | −3    |

**Table 1**

**Case 2.** $n \geq 6$.

Suppose $f$ is a pair difference cordial labeling of $K_{1,n}$. Assume $f(u) = l$; To get the edge label 1, the only possibly is that the pendant vertices receive the label $l - 1$ or $l + 1$.

**Subcase 1.** $n$ is odd.

In this case, $\Delta f_1 \leq 2$. This implies $\Delta f_1 - \Delta f_1^c \geq n - 4 > 1$, a contradiction.

**Subcase 2.** $n$ is even.

In this case, we may use one vertex label as twice. This implies $\Delta f_1 \leq 3$. Therefore $\Delta f_1 - \Delta f_1^c \geq n - 6 > 1$, a contradiction.

\[\square\]

**Remark.** The star $K_{1,6}$ is pair difference cordial but not difference cordial[4].

**Corollary 3.3.1.** The complete graph $K_p$ is pair difference cordial if and only if $p \leq 2$.

**Proof.** **Case 1.** $p \leq 2$.

By theorem 3.3, $K_1, K_2$ is pair difference cordial.
The Table 2 shows that $K_3, K_4, K_5$ is not pair difference cordial.

| Nature of $n$ | $\Delta_{f_1}$ | $\Delta_{f_1}$ |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 3             | 3               | 0               |
| 4             | 2               | 4               |
| 5             | 3               | 7               |

**Case 2.** $3 \leq p \leq 5$.

The Table 2 shows that $K_3, K_4, K_5$ is not pair difference cordial.

**Theorem 3.4.** The comb $P_n \odot K_1$ is a pair difference cordial for all values of $n$.

Proof. Let $V(P_n \odot K_1) = \{u_i, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and $E(P_n \odot K_1) = \{u_iv_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u_iu_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$.

Define a map $f : V(P_n \odot K_1) \rightarrow \{\pm 1, \pm 2, \cdots, \pm n\}$ by

$f(u_i) = i, 1 \leq i \leq n$, and $f(v_i) = -i, 1 \leq i \leq n$. Then $\Delta_{f_1} = n - 1, \Delta_{f_1^c} = n$.

**Theorem 3.5.** $K_2 + mK_1$ is pair difference cordial if and only if $m = 2$.

Proof. Let $V(K_2 + mK_1) = \{u, v, u_i : 1 \leq i \leq m\}$ and $E(K_2 + mK_1) = \{uu_i, vu_i : 1 \leq i \leq m\} \cup \{uv\}$.

**Case 1.** $m = 2$.

Define $f(u) = -1, f(v) = 1$ and $f(u_1) = 2, f(u_2) = -2$. Then $\Delta_{f_1} = 3, \Delta_{f_1^c} = 2$.

**Case 2.** $m \geq 3$.

Suppose $f$ is a pair difference cordial. Assume $f(u) = l_1$ and $f(v) = l_2$. To get the edge label 1, the only possibility is that the vertices with degree two receive the label $l_1 - 1$ or $l_1 + 1$ and $l_2 - 1$ or $l_2 + 1$.

**Subcase 1.** $m$ is even.

In this case $\Delta_{f_1} \leq 2, \Delta_{f_1^c} \geq 2m - 1$. This implies $\Delta_{f_1^c} - \Delta_{f_1} \geq 2m - 3 > 1$, a contradiction.

□
Subcase 2. \( m \) is odd.

In this case we may use one vertex label as twice. This implies \( \Delta_{f^e} \leq 3, \Delta_{f^c} \geq 2m - 2 \). Therefore \( \Delta_{f^c} - \Delta_{f^e} \geq 2m - 5 > 1 \), a contradiction.

\[ \square \]

**Theorem 3.6.** The bistar \( B_{1,n} \) is pair difference cordial if and only if \( 2 \leq n \leq 6 \).

**Proof.** Let \( V(B_{1,n}) = \{u,v,u_1,v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \) and \( E(B_{1,n}) = \{uu_1,vv_i,uv : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \).

**Case 1.** \( 2 \leq n \leq 6 \). Define \( f(u) = 2, f(u_1) = 1, f(v) = -2 \) and Table 3 shows that the bistar \( B_{1,n}, 2 \leq n \leq 6 \) is pair difference cordial.

| \( n \) | \( u_1 \) | \( u_2 \) | \( u_3 \) | \( u_4 \) | \( u_5 \) | \( u_6 \) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | -1 | 2 |   |   |   |   |
| 3 | -1 | 3 | -3 |   |   |   |
| 4 | -1 | -3 | 1 | 3 |   |   |
| 5 | -1 | -3 | -4 | 3 | 4 |   |
| 6 | -1 | -3 | -4 | 3 | 4 | -1 |

**Table 3**

**Case 2.** \( n \geq 7 \).

Suppose \( f(u) = l_1, f(v) = l_2 \), then the maximum value of \( \Delta_{f^e} \) is attained when \( f(u_1) = l_1 - 1, f(v_i) = l_2 - 1, f(v_j) = l_2 + 1 \) for some \( i \) and \( j \). Therefore \( \Delta_{f^e} \leq 1 + 2 = 3 \). That is \( \Delta_{f^e} \leq 3 \). This implies \( \Delta_{f^c} \geq n + 2 - 3 \). Therefore \( \Delta_{f^c} \geq n - 1 \). Hence \( \Delta_{f^c} - \Delta_{f^e} \geq n - 1 - 3 > 1 \), a contradiction.

\[ \square \]

**Theorem 3.7.** The bistar \( B_{m,n}, (m \geq 2, n \geq 2) \) is pair difference cordial if and only if \( m + n \leq 9 \).

**Proof.** Let \( V(B_{m,n}) = \{u,v,u_i,v_j : 1 \leq i \leq m 1 \leq j \leq n\} \) and \( E(B_{3,n}) = \{uu_i,vv_j,uv : 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n\} \).

There are two cases arises.
Case 1. \( m + n \leq 9 \).
There are two subcase arises.

Subcase 1. \( n = m = 2 \).
Define \( f(u) = 1, f(v) = -1, f(u_1) = 2, f(u_2) = -3, f(v_1) = -2, f(v_2) = 3 \). Here \( \Delta f_1 = 2 \) and \( \Delta f_1^c = 3 \).

Subcase 2. \( n > 2, m > 2 \).
Define \( f : \rightarrow \{ \pm 1, \pm 2, \cdots, \pm \frac{m+n}{2} \} \) by \( f(u) = 2, f(v) = -2, f(u_1) = 1, f(u_2) = 3, f(v_1) = -1, f(v_2) = -3 \). Next assign the remaining labels to the remaining vertices in any order.

Case 2. \( m + n \geq 10 \).
There are two subcase arises.

Subcase 1. \( m + n \) is even.
Suppose \( f(u) = l_1, f(v) = l_2 \), then the maximum value of \( \Delta f_1 \) is attained when \( f(u_i) = l_1 - 1, f(u_j) = l_1 + 1 \) for some \( i \) and \( j \). Therefore \( \Delta f_1 \leq 2 + 2 = 4 \). This implies that \( \Delta f_1 \geq m + n + 1 - 4 \). Therefore \( \Delta f_1^c \geq m + n - 3 \). Hence \( \Delta f_1^c - \Delta f_1 \geq m + n - 7, a contradiction. \)

Subcase 2. \( m + n \) is odd.
When \( m + n \) is odd, either \( m \) or \( n \) is odd. Hence one vertex label is repeated. Therefore \( \Delta f_1 \leq 3 + 2 \). That is \( \Delta f_1 \leq 5 \). This implies \( \Delta f_1^c \geq m + n - 4 \). Hence \( \Delta f_1^c - \Delta f_1 \geq m + n - 9 \geq 1, a contradiction. \)

Therefore \( B_{m,n}, m + n \geq 10 \) is not pair difference cordial.

\[ \square \]

Theorem 3.8. The ladder graph \( P_2 \times P_n \) is pair difference cordial for all values of \( n \).

Proof. Let \( V(P_2 \times P_n) = \{ u_i, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n \} \) and \( E(P_2 \times P_n) = \{ u_i u_{i+1}, v_i v_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n - 1 \} \cup \{ u_i v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n \} \).

Case 1. \( n = 2 \).

Let \( P_2 \times P_2 \cong C_4 \), is pair difference cordial by theorem 3.3.

Case 2. \( n \geq 3 \).

First we assign the labels \(-1, -2, -3, \cdots, -n\) to the vertices \( u_1, u_2, u_3, \cdots, u_n \) respectively. Now consider the vertices \( v_i, (1 \leq i \leq n) \). There are four cases arises.
Subcase 1. \( n \equiv 0 \mod 4 \).

Assign the labels 1, 2 to the vertices \( v_1, v_2 \) respectively. Next assign the labels 3, 5 respectively to the vertices \( v_3, v_4 \) and assign the labels 4, 6 to the vertices \( v_5, v_6 \) respectively. Now assign the labels 7, 9 to the vertices \( v_7, v_8 \) respectively and assign the labels 8, 10 to the vertices \( v_9, v_{10} \) respectively. Proceeding like this until we reach \( v_n \). Note that in this process the vertex \( v_n \) get the label \( n - 1 \).

Subcase 2. \( n \equiv 1 \mod 4 \).

As in Subcase 1, assign the labels to the vertices \( v_i, (1 \leq i \leq n) \). Here the vertex \( v_n \) receive the label \( n - 1 \).

Subcase 3. \( n \equiv 2 \mod 4 \).

Assign the labels to the vertices \( v_i, (1 \leq i \leq n) \) as in Subcase 1. In this case the vertex \( v_n \) get the label \( n \).

Subcase 4. \( n \equiv 3 \mod 4 \).

Similar to Subcase 1 assign the labels to the vertices \( v_i, (1 \leq i \leq n) \). Note that the vertex \( v_n \) receive the label \( n \).

The Table 4 given below establish that this vertex labeling \( f \) is a pair difference cordial of \( P_n \times P_2 \).

| Nature of \( n \) | \( \Delta f_{c1} \) | \( \Delta f_{1} \) |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| \( n \) is odd    | \( \frac{3n-3}{2} \) | \( \frac{3n-1}{2} \) |
| \( n \) is even   | \( \frac{3n-2}{2} \) | \( \frac{3n-2}{2} \) |

**Table 4**

**Theorem 3.9.** The dumbbell graph \( Db(n, n) \) is pair difference cordial for all values \( n \).

**Proof.** The vertex set and the edge set of \( Db(n, n) \) is given in definition 2.2.

There are four cases arises.
Case 1. $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$.
Assign the labels 1, 2 respectively to the vertices $u_1, u_2$ then assign the labels 4, 3 to the vertices $u_3, u_4$. Secondly assign the labels 5, 6 to the vertices $u_5, u_6$ then assign the labels 8, 7 to the vertices $u_7, u_8$. Proceeding like this until we reach the vertex $u_n$. Note that in this the vertex $u_{n-1}$ get the label $n - 1$. Next assign the label to the vertices $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$. Assign the labels $-1, -2$ to the vertices $v_1, v_2$ then assign the labels $-4, -3$ to the vertices $v_3, v_4$. Secondly assign the labels $-5, -6$ to the vertices $v_5, v_6$ then assign the labels $-8, -7$ to the vertices $v_7, v_8$. Proceeding like this until we reach the vertex $v_n$. Note that in this the vertex $v_n$ receive the label $-n + 1$.

Case 2. $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$.
Assign the labels 1, 2, 3 to the vertices $u_1, u_2, u_3$ then assign the labels 5, 4 to the vertices $u_4, u_5$. Secondly assign the labels 6, 7 to the vertices $u_6, u_7$ then assign the labels 9, 8 to the vertices $u_8, u_9$. Proceeding like this until we reach the vertex $u_n$. Note that in this the vertex $u_n$ receive the label $n - 1$. As in case 1 assign the label to the vertices $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$. Note that in this the vertex $v_{n-1}, v_n$ get the label $-n + 2, -n$.

Case 3. $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$.
As in case 1 assign the label to the vertices $u_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$. Note that in this the vertex $u_{n-1}, u_n$ receive the label $n - 1, n$. Assign the label as in case 1 to the vertices $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$. Note that in this way the vertex $v_{n-1}, v_n$ get the label $-n + 1, -n$.

Case 4. $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$.
As in case 1 assign the label to the vertices $u_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$. Note that in this process the vertex $u_{n-1}, u_n$ receive the label $n - 1, n$. Assign the label as in case 1 to the vertices $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$. Note that here the vertices $v_{n-1}, v_n$ get the label $-n, -n + 1$.

The Table 5 given below establish that this vertex labeling $f$ is a pair difference cordial of $Db(n, n)$.

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**Theorem 3.10.** The dumbbell graph $Db(n + 1, n)$ is pair difference cordial for all values $n$.

**Proof.** The vertex set and the edge set of $Db(n + 1, n)$ is given in definition 2.2.

Case 1. $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$.

Subcase 1. $n > 4$. 

| Nature of $n$ | $\Delta f_1$ | $\Delta f_2$ |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ | $n + 1$     | $n$        |
| $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ | $n$         | $n + 1$    |
| $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ | $n$         | $n + 1$    |
| $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ | $n + 1$     | $n$        |

**Table 5**

Assign the labels 1, 2 respectively to the vertices $u_1, u_2$ then assign the labels 4, 3 to the vertices $u_3, u_4$. Secondly assign the labels 5, 6 to the vertices $u_5, u_6$ then assign the labels 8, 7 to the vertices $u_7, u_8$. Proceeding like this until we reach the vertex $u_{n-1}$. Next assign the label 2 to the vertex $u_n$. Now we consider the vertices $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$. Assign the labels $-1, -2$ to the vertices $v_1, v_2$ then assign the labels $-4, -3$ to the vertices $v_3, v_4$. Secondly assign the labels $-5, -6$ to the vertices $v_5, v_6$ then assign the labels $-8, -7$ to the vertices $v_7, v_8$. Proceeding like this until we reach the vertex $v_n$. Note that in this the vertex $v_n$ receive the label $-n + 1$.

**Subcase 2.** $n = 4$.

As in case 1, assign the labels to the vertices $u_i, 1 \leq i \leq 4$ and $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq 4$. Finally assign the label 1 to the vertex $u_5$.

**Case 2.** $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$.

**Subcase 1.** $n > 5$.

As in case 1, assign the labels to the vertices $u_i, 1 \leq i \leq n + 1$. Next consider the vertices $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$. Assign the labels $-1, -2, -3$ to the vertices $v_1, v_2, v_3$ then assign the labels $-5, -4$ to the vertices $v_4, v_5$. Secondly assign the labels $-6, -7$ to the vertices $v_6, v_7$ then assign the labels $-8, -7$ to the vertices $v_8, v_9$. Proceeding like this until we reach the vertex $v_n$. Note that in this the vertex $v_n$ receive the label $-n + 1$.

**Subcase 2.** $n = 5$.

As in case 1, assign the labels to the vertices $u_i, 1 \leq i \leq 5$ and $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq 5$. Finally assign the label 1 to the vertex $u_5$.

**Case 3.** $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$.

As in case 1, assign the labels to the vertices $u_i, 1 \leq i \leq n + 1$ and $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$. 

Case 4. \( n \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \).

Subcase 1. \( n > 3 \).

As in case 2, assign the labels to the vertices \( u_i, 1 \leq i \leq n \) and \( v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n \). Finally assign the label 1 to the vertex \( u_{n+1} \).

Subcase 2. \( n = 3 \).

Assign the labels \(-1, -2, -3\) to the vertices \( v_1, v_2, v_3 \). Now assign the labels 1, 2, 3 to the vertices \( u_1, u_2, u_3 \). Finally assign the label 1 to the vertex \( u_4 \).

\[ \square \]

**Theorem 3.11.** The dumbbell graph \( Db(m, n) \) is pair difference cordial for all values \( m > n + 1 \).

**Proof.** Take the vertex set and edge set in definition 2.2.

There are four cases arises.

Case 1. \( n \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \).

Assign the labels \(-1, -2\) respectively to the vertices \( v_1, v_2 \) and assign the labels \(-4, -3\) to the vertices \( v_3, v_4 \) respectively. Secondly assign the labels \(-5, -6\) to the vertices \( v_5, v_6 \) respectively. Next assign the labels \(-8, -7\) to the vertices \( v_7, v_8 \) respectively. Proceeding like this until we reach the vertex \( v_n \). Note that in this the vertex \( v_n \) receive the label \(-n + 1\). Next cosider the vertices \( u_i, 1 \leq i \leq m \).

Assign the labels 1, 2 to the vertices \( u_1, u_2 \) respectively and assign the labels 4, 3 respectively to the vertices \( u_3, u_4 \). Now assign the labels 5, 6 to the vertices \( u_5, u_6 \) respectively and assign the labels 8, 7 respectively to the vertices \( u_7, u_8 \). Proceeding like this until we reach the vertex \( u_n \). Finally consider the remaining \( m - n \) vertices. There are four cases arises.

Subcase 1. \( m \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \).

Assign the labels \( n + 1, n + 2 \) to the vertices \( u_{n+1}, u_{n+2} \) respectively and assign the labels \(-n - 1, -n - 2\) respectively to the vertices \( u_{n+3}, u_{n+4} \). Secondly assign the labels \( n + 3, n + 4 \) to the vertices \( u_{n+5}, u_{n+6} \) respectively. Next assign the labels \(-n - 3, -n - 4\) respectively to the vertices \( u_{n+7}, u_{n+8} \). Proceeding like this until we reach the vertex \( u_m \).

Subcase 2. \( m \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \).

As in subcase 1 assign the labels to the vertices \( u_i, 1 \leq i \leq m - 1 \) and assign the label \( m - 1 \) to the vertex \( u_m \).
Subcase 3. $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$.
Assign the labels as in subcase 1 to the vertices $u_i, 1 \leq i \leq m - 1$. Next assign the label $\frac{m+n}{2}$ to the vertex $u_m$.

Subcase 4. $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$.
Assign the labels as in subcase 1 to the vertices $u_i, 1 \leq i \leq m - 3$ and lastly assign the labels $-\frac{m+n}{2}, \frac{m+n}{2}, 2$ respectively to the vertices $u_{m-2}, u_{m-1}, u_m$.

The Table 6 given below establish that this vertex labeling $f$ is a pair difference cordial of $Db(m,n)$.

| Nature of $n$ | $|\Delta f_i|$ | $|\Delta f'_i|$ |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ | $\frac{m+n}{2}$ | $\frac{m+n+2}{2}$ |
| $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ | $\frac{m+n+1}{2}$ | $\frac{m+n+1}{2}$ |
| $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ | $\frac{m+n}{2}$ | $\frac{m+n+2}{2}$ |
| $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ | $\frac{m+n+1}{2}$ | $\frac{m+n+1}{2}$ |

**TABLE 6**

Case 2. $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$.
Assign the labels as in case 1 to the vertices $v_i, (1 \leq i \leq n)$. Here note that the vertex $v_n$ receive the label $-n + 1$.

Next consider the remaining $m - n$ vertices. There are four cases arises.

Subcase 1. $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$.
Assign the labels as in subcase 1 of case 1 to the vertices $u_i, (1 \leq i \leq m - 3)$ and assign the labels $\frac{m+n-1}{2}, \frac{m+n-1}{2}, 2$ to the vertices $u_{m-2}, u_{m-1}, u_m$ respectively.

Subcase 2. $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$.
As in case 1, assign the labels to the vertices $u_i, 1 \leq i \leq m$.

Subcase 3. $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$.
Assign the labels as in subcase 1 to the vertices $u_i, 1 \leq i \leq m - 1$. Next assign the label 2 to the vertex $u_m$. 
Subcase 4. \( m \equiv 3 \) (mod 4).

Assign the labels as in subcase 1 to the vertices \( u_i, 1 \leq i \leq m - 2 \). Finally assign the labels \( \frac{m+n}{2}, \frac{m+n}{2} \) respectively to the vertices \( u_{m-1}, u_m \).

The Table 7 given below establish that this vertex labeling \( f \) is a pair difference cordial of \( Db(m,n) \).

| Nature of \( n \) | \( \Delta_{f_1} \) | \( \Delta_{f_1'} \) |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| \( m \equiv 0 \) (mod 4) | \( \frac{m+n+1}{2} \) | \( \frac{m+n+1}{2} \) |
| \( m \equiv 1 \) (mod 4) | \( \frac{m+n+2}{2} \) | \( \frac{m+n}{2} \) |
| \( m \equiv 2 \) (mod 4) | \( \frac{m+n+1}{2} \) | \( \frac{m+n+1}{2} \) |
| \( m \equiv 3 \) (mod 4) | \( \frac{m+n}{2} \) | \( \frac{m+n+2}{2} \) |

TABLE 7

Case 3. \( n \equiv 2 \) (mod 4).

Assign the labels as in case 1 to the vertices \( v_i, (1 \leq i \leq n) \). Here note that the vertex \( v_n \) received the label \( -n \).

Finally we consider the remaining \( m - n \) vertices. There are four cases arises.

Subcase 1. \( m \equiv 0 \) (mod 4).

Assign the labels as in subcase 1 of case 1 to the vertices \( u_i, (1 \leq i \leq m - 2) \) and assign the labels \( \frac{m+n-1}{2}, \frac{m+n}{2} \) respectively to the vertices \( u_{m-1}, u_m \).

Subcase 2. \( m \equiv 1 \) (mod 4).

Assign the labels as in subcase 1 of case 1 to the vertices \( u_i, (1 \leq i \leq m - 3) \) and assign the labels \( \frac{m+n-1}{2}, \frac{m+n}{2} \) respectively to the vertices \( u_{m-2}, u_{m-1}, u_m \) respectively.

Subcase 3. \( m \equiv 2 \) (mod 4).

Assign the label as in subcase 1 to the vertices \( u_i, (1 \leq i \leq m) \).

Subcase 4. \( m \equiv 3 \) (mod 4).

Assign the label as in subcase 1 to the vertices \( u_i, (1 \leq i \leq m - 2) \) and assign the label \( -\frac{m+n}{2}, \frac{m+n}{2} \) respectively to the vertices \( u_{m-1}, u_m \).

The Table 8 given below establish that this vertex labeling \( f \) is a pair difference cordial of \( Db(m,n) \).
Case 4. $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$.

Assign the labels as in case 1 to the vertices $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ and $u_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$. Here note that the vertex $v_n$ received the label $-n$.

We now consider the remaining $m-n$ vertices. There are four cases arises.

Subcase 1. $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$.

Assign the labels as in subcase 1 of case 1 to the vertices $u_i, n+1 \leq i \leq m-1$ and assign the labels 2 to the vertex $u_m$.

Subcase 2. $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$.

Assign the labels as in subcase 1 of case 1 to the vertices $u_i, n+1 \leq i \leq m-2$ and assign the labels $\frac{m+n-1}{2}, -\frac{m+n-1}{2}$ to the vertices $u_{m-1}, u_m$ respectively.

Subcase 3. $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$.

Assign the labels as in subcase 1 of case 1 to the vertices $u_i, n+1 \leq i \leq m-3$. Finally assign the labels $\frac{m+n-1}{2}, -\frac{m+n-1}{2}, \frac{m+n-1}{2}$ respectively to the vertices $u_{m-2}, u_{m-1}, u_m$.

Subcase 4. $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$.

Assign the label as in subcase 1 to the vertices $u_i, 1 \leq i \leq m$.

The Table 9 given below establish that this vertex labeling $f$ is a pair difference cordial of $Db(m, n)$. 

\[ \text{Table 8} \]

| Nature of $n$ | $\Delta f_i$ | $\Delta f_i^c$ |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ | $\frac{m+n}{2}$ | $\frac{m+n+2}{2}$ |
| $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ | $\frac{m+n+1}{2}$ | $\frac{m+n+1}{2}$ |
| $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ | $\frac{m+n+2}{2}$ | $\frac{m+n}{2}$ |
| $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ | $\frac{m+n+1}{2}$ | $\frac{m+n+1}{2}$ |
| Nature of $n$ | $\Delta f_1$ | $\Delta f_{c1}$ |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ | $\frac{m+n+1}{2}$ | $\frac{m+n+2+1}{2}$ |
| $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ | $\frac{m+n+2}{2}$ | $\frac{m+n}{2}$ |
| $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ | $\frac{m+n+1}{2}$ | $\frac{m+n+1}{2}$ |
| $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ | $\frac{m+n+2}{2}$ | $\frac{m+n}{2}$ |

**TABLE 9**

**CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

The author(s) declare that there is no conflict of interests.

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