

# PRIME LABELING FOR SOME HELM RELATED GRAPHS

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**Abstract:** A graph with vertex set  $V$  is said to have a prime labeling if its vertices are labeled with distinct integers  $1, 2, 3, \dots, |V|$  such that for edge  $xy$  the labels assigned to  $x$  and  $y$  are relatively prime. A graph which admits prime labeling is called a prime graph. In this paper we investigate prime labeling for some helm related graphs. We also discuss prime labeling in the context of some graph operations namely fusion and duplication in Helm  $H_n$

**Keywords:** Prime Labeling, Fusion, Duplication.

## I. INTRODUCTION

In this paper, we consider only finite simple undirected graph. The graph  $G$  has vertex set  $V = V(G)$  and edge set  $E = E(G)$ . The set of vertices adjacent to a vertex  $u$  of  $G$  is denoted by  $N(u)$ . For notations and terminology we refer to Bondy and Murthy [1].

The notion of a prime labeling was introduced by Roger Entringer and was discussed in a paper by Tout. A (1982 P 365-368). [2] Many researchers have studied prime graph for example Fu.H. (1994 P 181-186) [5] Have proved that path  $P_n$  on  $n$  vertices is a Prime graph.

Deretsky.T (1991 P359 – 369) [4] have proved that the  $C_n$  on  $n$  vertices is a prime graph. Lee.S (1998 P.59-67) [2] have proved that wheel  $W_n$  is a prime graph iff  $n$  is even. Around 1980 Roger Entringer conjectured that all trees have prime labeling which is not settled till today. The prime labeling for planar grid is investigated by Sundaram.M (2006 P205-209) [6]

In [8] S.K.Vaidhya and K.K.Kanmani have proved the prime labeling for some cycle related graphs.

## II. DEFINITION

*Definition 1.1*

Let  $G = (V(G), E(G))$  be a graph with  $p$  vertices. A bijection  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, p\}$  is called a prime labeling if for each edge  $e = uv$ ,  $\gcd\{f(u), f(v)\} = 1$ . A graph which admits prime labeling is called a prime graph.

*Definition 1.2*

*Fusion:* Let  $u$  and  $v$  be two distinct vertices of a graph  $G$ . A new graph  $G_1$  is constructed by identifying (fusing) two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  by a single vertex  $x$  in such that every edge which was incident with either  $u$  or  $v$  in  $G$  now incident with  $x$  in  $G$ .

*Definition: 1.3*

*Duplication:* Duplication of a vertex  $v_k$  of a graph  $G$  produces a new graph  $G_k$  by adding a vertex  $v_{k,l}$  with  $(v_{k,l}) = N(v_k)$ .

In other words a vertex  $v_{k,l}$  is said to be a duplication of  $v_k$  if all the vertices which are adjacent to  $v_k$  are now adjacent to  $v_{k,l}$ .

*Definition: 1.4*

*Switching:* 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: 1.5 (Path Union)*

Let  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n, n \geq 2$  be  $n$  copies of a fixed graph  $G$ . The graph obtained by adding an edge between  $G_i$  and  $G_{i+1}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$  is called the path union of  $G$ .

*Definition: 1.6*

The helm  $H_n$  is a graph obtained from a wheel by attaching a pendant edge at each vertex of the  $n$ -cycle.

In this paper we have proved that the helm  $H_n$ , the graph obtained by fusing the vertices  $v_1$  and  $v_k$  on the rim, the graph obtained by duplication of any vertex of  $H_n$ , the graph obtained by switching of any vertex of  $H_n$  and the graph obtained by the path union of two copies of  $H_n$  by a path of length  $k$  are all prime graphs.

### III. THEOREM

*Theorem: 1*

The helm  $H_n$  is a prime graph.

*Proof:*

Let  $V(H_n) = \{c, v_1, v_2, v_3 \dots v_n, v'_1, v'_2 \dots v'_n\}$

$E(H_n) = \{cv_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i v'_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i v_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup v_1 v_n$

Where  $c$  is the centre vertex

Here  $|V(H_n)| = 2n + 1$

We consider two cases,

*Case (i):*

When  $n \neq 3k + 1$  where  $k$  is any integer,

Define a labeling  $f: V(H_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3 \dots 2n + 1\}$  as follows

$$f(c) = 1$$

$$f(v_i) = 2i + 1 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v'_i) = 2i \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Then  $f$  admits prime labeling.

*Case (ii):*

When  $n = 3k + 1$  where  $k$  is any integer,

Define a labeling  $f: V(H_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3 \dots 2n + 1\}$  as follows

$$f(c) = 1; \quad f(v_1) = 2$$

$$f(v'_1) = 3$$

$$f(v_i) = 2i + 1 \quad \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v'_i) = 2i \quad \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n$$

Then  $f$  admits prime labeling.

Thus  $H_n$  is a prime graph.

*Theorem 2:*

The graph obtained by fusing the vertex  $v_2$  with  $v_1$  (or any two consecutive vertices) in a helm graph  $H_n$  is a prime graph.

*Proof:*

Let  $V(H_n) = \{c, v_1, v_2, v_3 \dots v_n, v'_1, v'_2 \dots v'_n\}$

$E(H_n) = \{cv_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i v'_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i v_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup v_1 v_n$

Let  $G_2$  be the graph obtained by fusing  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ .

Here  $|V(G_2)| = 2n$

*Case (i):*

When  $n \neq 3k - 1$  where  $k$  is any integer,

Define a labeling  $f: V(G_2) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3 \dots 2n\}$  as follows

Let  $f(c) = 1$

$$f(v_1) = 2n - 1; \quad f(v'_1) = 2n - 2$$

$$f(v'_2) = 2n; \quad f(v_i) = 2i - 3 \quad \text{for } 3 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v'_i) = 2i - 4 \quad \text{for } 3 \leq i \leq n$$

Then  $f$  admits prime labeling.

*Case (ii):*

When  $n = 3k - 1$  where  $k$  is any integer,

Define a labeling  $f: V(G_2) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3 \dots 2n\}$  as follows

Let  $f(c) = 1; \quad f(v_3) = 2$

$$f(v'_3) = 3;$$

$$f(v_i) = 2i - 3 \quad \text{for } 4 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v'_i) = 2i - 4 \quad \text{for } 4 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v_1) = 2n - 1; \quad f(v'_1) = 2n - 2$$

$$f(v'_2) = 2n$$

Then  $f$  admits prime labeling.

Thus  $G_2$  is a prime graph.

*Theorem 3:*

The graph obtained by fusing the vertex  $v_1$  with  $v_3$  in a helm graph  $H_n$  is a prime graph.

*Proof:*

Let  $V(H_n) = \{c, v_1, v_2, v_3 \dots v_n, v'_1, v'_2 \dots v'_n\}$

$E(H_n) = \{cv_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i v'_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i v_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup v_1 v_n$

Let  $G_3$  be the graph obtained by fusing  $v_1$  and  $v_3$  in  $H_n$ .

Here  $|V(G_3)| = 2n$

Case (i):

When  $n \neq 3k - 1$  and  $2n - 1$  is not a multiple of 5,

Define a labeling  $f: V(G_3) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3 \dots 2n\}$  as follows

Let  $f(c) = 1;$   
 $f(v_1) = 2n - 1; \quad f(v'_1) = 2n - 2$   
 $f(v'_3) = 2n; \quad f(v_2) = 3$   
 $f(v'_2) = 2;$   
 $f(v_i) = 2i - 3 \quad \text{for } 4 \leq i \leq n$   
 $f(v'_i) = 2i - 4 \quad \text{for } 4 \leq i \leq n$

Then  $f$  admits prime labeling.

Case (ii):

When  $n = 3k - 1$  and  $2n - 1$  is not a multiple of 5,

Define a labeling  $f: V(G_3) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3 \dots 2n\}$  as follows

Let  $f(c) = 1; \quad f(v_1) = 2n - 1$   
 $f(v'_1) = 2n - 2; \quad f(v'_3) = 2n$   
 $f(v_2) = 2; \quad f(v'_2) = 3$   
 $f(v_i) = 2i - 3 \quad \text{for } 4 \leq i \leq n$   
 $f(v'_i) = 2i - 4 \quad \text{for } 4 \leq i \leq n$

Then  $f$  admits prime labeling.

Case (iii):

When  $n \neq 3k - 1$  and  $2n - 1$  is a multiple of 5,

Define a labeling  $f: V(G_3) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3 \dots 2n\}$  as follows

$f(c) = 1; \quad f(v_1) = 2n - 1$   
 $f(v'_1) = 2n - 2; \quad f(v'_3) = 2n$   
 $f(v_2) = 3; \quad f(v'_2) = 2$   
 $f(v_4) = 4; \quad f(v'_4) = 5$   
 $f(v_i) = 2i - 3 \quad \text{for } 5 \leq i \leq n$   
 $f(v'_i) = 2i - 4 \quad \text{for } 5 \leq i \leq n$

Then  $f$  admits prime labeling.

Case (iv):

When  $n = 3k - 1$  and  $2n - 1$  is a multiple of 5,

Define a labeling  $f: V(G_3) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3 \dots 2n\}$  as follows

$f(c) = 1; \quad f(v_1) = 2n - 1$   
 $f(v'_1) = 2n - 2; \quad f(v'_3) = 2n$   
 $f(v_2) = 3; \quad f(v'_2) = 2$   
 $f(v_4) = 4; \quad f(v'_4) = 5$   
 $f(v_i) = 2i - 3 \quad \text{for } 5 \leq i \leq n$   
 $f(v'_i) = 2i - 4 \quad \text{for } 5 \leq i \leq n$

Then  $f$  admits prime labeling.

Theorem 4:

The graph obtained by fusing the vertex  $v_1$  with  $v_4$  in a helm graph  $H_n$  is a prime graph.

Proof:

Let  $V(H_n) = \{c, v_1, v_2, v_3 \dots v_n, v'_1, v'_2 \dots v'_n\}$

$E(H_n) = \{cv_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i v'_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i v_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup v_1 v_n$

Let  $G_4$  be the graph obtained by fusing  $v_1$  and  $v_4$  in  $H_n$ .

Then  $|V(G_4)| = 2n$

Case (i):

When  $n \neq 3k - 1$  and  $2n - 1$  is not a multiple of 5 and  $2n - 1$  is not a multiple of 7,

Define a labeling  $f: V(G_4) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3 \dots 2n\}$  as follows

Let  $f(c) = 1; \quad f(v_2) = 3$   
 $f(v'_2) = 2; \quad f(v_3) = 5$   
 $f(v'_3) = 4$   
 $f(v_i) = 2i - 3 \quad \text{for } 5 \leq i \leq n$   
 $f(v'_i) = 2i - 4 \quad \text{for } 5 \leq i \leq n$

$$f(v_1) = 2n - 1; f(v'_1) = 2n - 2$$

$$f(v'_4) = 2n$$

Then f admits prime labeling.

Case (ii)

If  $n = 3k - 1$  but  $2n - 1$  is not a multiple of 5 and not a multiple of 7, then in the above labeling f defined in case (i) interchange the labels of  $v_2$  and  $v'_2$ . The resulting labeling  $f^I$  is a prime labeling.

Case (iii)

If  $n = 3k - 1$  but  $2n - 1$  is a multiple of 5 but not a multiple of 7, then in the above labeling f defined in case (i) interchange the labels of  $v_2$  and  $v'_2$  and also interchange the labels of  $v_3$  and  $v'_3$ . The resulting labeling  $f^{II}$  is a prime labeling.

Case (iv):

When  $n = 3k - 1$  and  $2n - 1$  is a multiple of 5 and  $2n - 1$  is a multiple of 7,

Define a labeling  $f: V(G_4) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3 \dots 2n\}$  as follows

Let  $f(c) = 1; f(v_2) = 2n - 1$

$$f(v'_2) = 2n; f(v_3) = 2$$

$$f(v_3) = 3; f(v_5) = 4$$

$$f(v'_5) = 5$$

$$f(v_i) = 2i - 5 \quad \text{for } 6 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v'_i) = 2i - 6 \quad \text{for } 6 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v_1) = 2n - 3; f(v'_1) = 2n - 4$$

$$f(v'_4) = 2n - 2$$

Then f admits prime labeling.

Case (v):

If  $n = 3k - 1$  and  $2n - 1$  is not a multiple of 5 and also a multiple of 7, then in the above labeling f defined in case (iv) interchange the labels of  $v_5$  and  $v'_5$ . The resulting labeling  $f^{III}$  is a prime labeling.

Case (vi)

If  $n \neq 3k - 1$  but  $2n - 1$  is a multiple of 5 and also a multiple of 7, then in the above labeling f defined in case (iv) interchange the labels of  $v_3$  and  $v'_3$ . The resulting labeling  $f^{(iv)}$  is a prime labeling.

Case (vii):

If  $n \neq 3k - 1$  and  $2n - 1$  is not a multiple of 5 but  $2n - 1$  is a multiple of 7, then in the above labeling f defined in interchange the labels of  $v_3$  and  $v'_3, v_5$  and  $v'_5$ . The resulting labeling  $f^{(v)}$  is a prime labeling.

Case (viii)

If  $n \neq 3k - 1$  and  $2n - 1$  is a multiple of 5 but not a multiple of 7, then in the above labeling f defined in case (i) interchange the labels of  $v_5$  and  $v'_5$ . The resulting labeling  $f^{(vi)}$  is a prime labeling.

Thus in all the cases  $G_4$  admits prime labeling, hence  $G_4$  is a prime graph.

Theorem 5:

The graph obtained by fusing the vertex  $v_1$  with  $v_5$  in a helm graph  $H_n$  is a prime graph.

Proof:

$$\text{Let } V(H_n) = \{c, v_1, v_2, v_3 \dots v_n, v'_1, v'_2 \dots v'_n\}$$

$$E(H_n) = \{cv_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i v'_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i v_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup v_1 v_n$$

Let  $G_5$  be the graph obtained by fusing  $v_1$  and  $v_5$  in  $H_n$ .

Then  $|V(G_5)| = 2n$

Case (i):

When  $n \neq 3k - 1$  and  $2n - 1$  is not a multiple of 7,

Define a labeling  $f: V(G_5) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3 \dots 2n\}$  as follows

Let  $f(c) = 1, f(v_2) = 3$

$$f(v'_2) = 2; f(v_3) = 5; f(v'_3) = 4$$

$$f(v_4) = 7; f(v'_4) = 6;$$

$$f(v_i) = 2i - 3 \quad \text{for } 6 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v'_i) = 2i - 4 \quad \text{for } 6 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v_1) = 2n - 1; f(v'_1) = 2n - 2$$

$$f(v'_5) = 2n$$

Then f admits prime labeling.

Case (ii)

If  $n = 3k - 1$  but  $2n - 1$  is not a multiple of 7, then in the above labeling f defined in case (i) interchange the labels of  $v_2$  and  $v'_2$  and the label  $v_6$  and  $v'_6$ . The resulting labeling  $f^I$  is a prime labeling.

Case (iii)

If either  $n = 3k - 1$  or  $n \neq 3k - 1$  but  $2n - 1$  is a multiple of 7.

Define a labeling  $f: V(G_5) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3 \dots 2n\}$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } f(c) &= 1; & f(v_1) &= 2n - 5 \\ f(v'_1) &= 2n - 4; & f(v_2) &= 2n - 3 \\ f(v'_2) &= 2n - 2; & f(v_3) &= 2n - 1; & f(v'_3) &= 2n; & f(v_4) &= 2; & f(v'_4) &= 3; \\ f(v_i) &= 2i - 7 & \text{for } 6 \leq i \leq n \\ f(v'_i) &= 2i - 8 & \text{for } 6 \leq i \leq n \end{aligned}$$

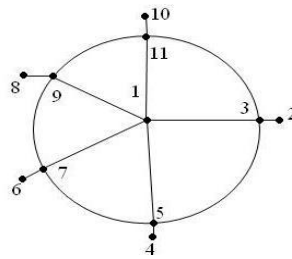
Then  $f$  admits prime labeling.

Thus  $G_5$  is a prime graph.

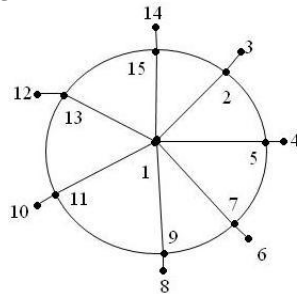
*Remark* In a similar way we can prove that the graph obtained by fusing the vertices  $v_1$  and  $v_k$  in a helm graph  $H_n$  is a prime graph.

### III. EXAMPLES

*Example for theorem 1:*

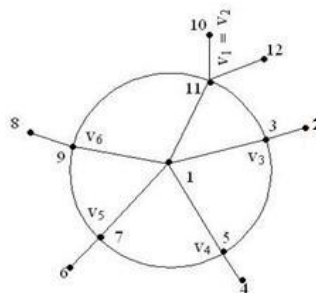


**Fig.1** prime labeling for  $H_5 (n = 3k - 1)$

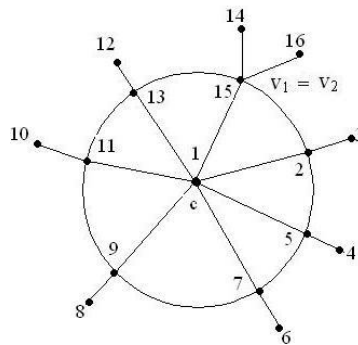


**Fig.2** prime labeling for  $H_7 (n = 3k - 1)$

*Example for theorem 2:*



**Fig.3** prime labeling for fusion of  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  in  $H_6$



**Fig.4** prime labeling for fusion of  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  in  $H_8$

Example for theorem 3:

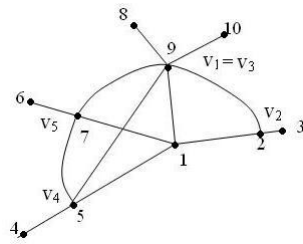


Fig.5 prime labeling for fusion of  $v_1$  and  $v_3$  in  $H_5 (n = 3k - 1)$

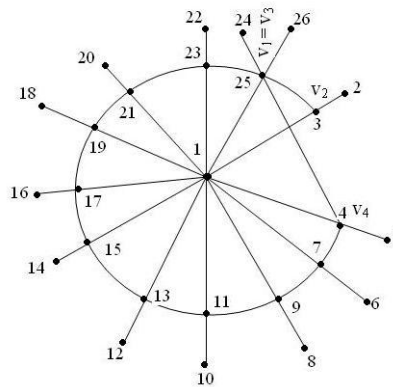


Fig.6 prime labeling for fusion of  $v_1$  and  $v_3$  in  $H_{13} (n = 3k - 1)$ ,  $2n-1$  is a multiple of 5

Example for theorem 4:

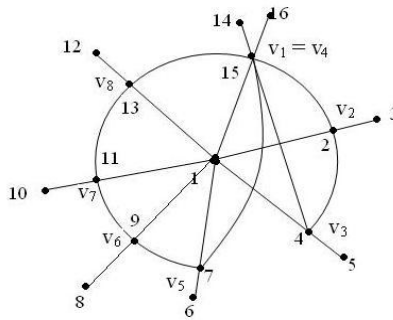


Fig.7 prime labeling for fusion of  $v_1$  and  $v_4$  in  $H_8 (n = 3k - 1)$ ,  $2n-1$  is a multiple of 5

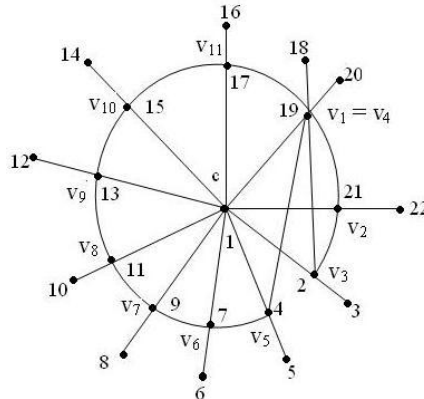


Fig.8 prime labeling for fusion of  $v_1$  and  $v_4$  in  $H_{11} (n = 3k - 1)$ ,  $2n-1$  is a multiple of 7

Example for theorem 5:

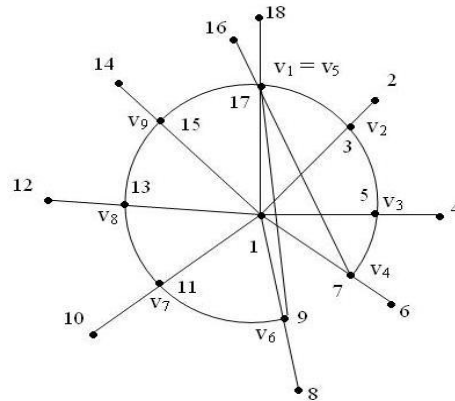


Fig.9 prime labeling for fusion of  $v_1$  and  $v_5$  in  $H_9$  ( $n \neq 3k - 1$ ),  $2n-1$  is not a multiple of 7

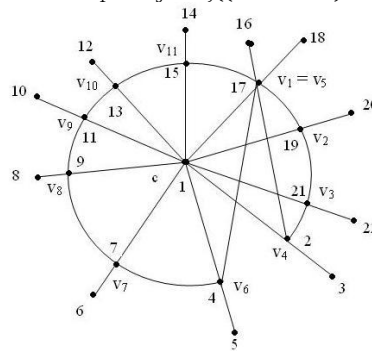


Fig.10 prime labeling for fusion of  $v_1$  and  $v_5$  in  $H_{11}$  ( $n = 3k - 1$ ),  $2n-1$  is a multiple of 7

Theorem 6:

The graph obtained by duplicating a vertex  $v_k$  in the rim of the helm  $H_n$  is a prime graph.

Proof:

Let  $V(H_n) = \{c, v_1, v_2, v_3 \dots v_n, v'_1, v'_2 \dots v'_n\}$

$E(H_n) = \{cv_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i v'_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i v_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup v_1 v_n$

Let  $G_k$  be the graph obtained by duplicating the vertex  $v_k$  in  $H_n$ .

Then  $|V(G_k)| = 2n + 2$ , Let the new vertex be  $v_k^*$   
 Define a labeling  $f: V(G_k) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3 \dots 2n + 2\}$  as follows

Let  $f(c) = 1, f(v_k) = 2$

$f(v_k^*) = 4$

$f(v'_k) = 3$

$f(v_{k+1}) = 5$

$f(v_{k+1}) = 5 + (2i - 2)$

for  $2 \leq i \leq n - k$

$f(v_i) = f(v_n) + 2i$

for  $1 \leq i \leq k - 1$

$f(v'_i) = f(v_i) + 1$

for  $1 \leq i \leq n, i \neq k$

Then  $f$  admits prime labeling.

Thus  $G_k$  is a prime graph.

Example:

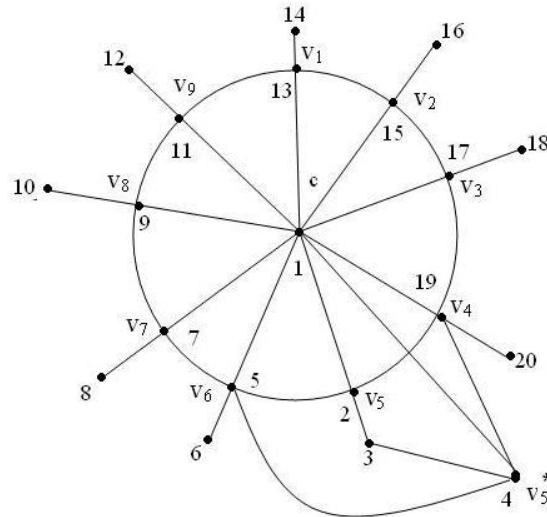


Fig.11 prime labeling for duplication of  $v_5$  in  $H_9$

**Theorem 7:**

The graph  $G_k$  obtained by switching of any vertex  $v_k$  in the rim of the helm  $H_n$  is a prime graph.

**Proof:**

Let  $V(H_n) = \{c, v_1, v_2, v_3 \dots v_n, v'_1, v'_2 \dots v'_n\}$

$E(H_n) = \{cv_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i v'_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i v_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup v_1 v_n$

Let  $G_k$  be the graph obtained by switching the vertex  $v_k$  in  $H_n$ .

Then  $|V(G_k)| = 2n + 1$

Define a labeling  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3 \dots 2n + 1\}$  as follows

Let	$f(c) = 2$	
	$f(v_k) = 1$	
	$f(v'_k) = 2n + 1$	
	$f(v_{k+1}) = 3$	
	$f(v_{k+i}) = 3 + (2i - 2)$	<i>for</i> $2 \leq i \leq n - k$
	$f(v_i) = f(v_n) + 2i$	<i>for</i> $1 \leq i \leq k - 1$
	$f(v'_i) = f(v_i) + 1$	<i>for</i> $1 \leq i \leq n, i \neq k$

Then  $f$  admits prime labeling.

Thus  $G_k$  is a prime graph.

Example for theorem 7:



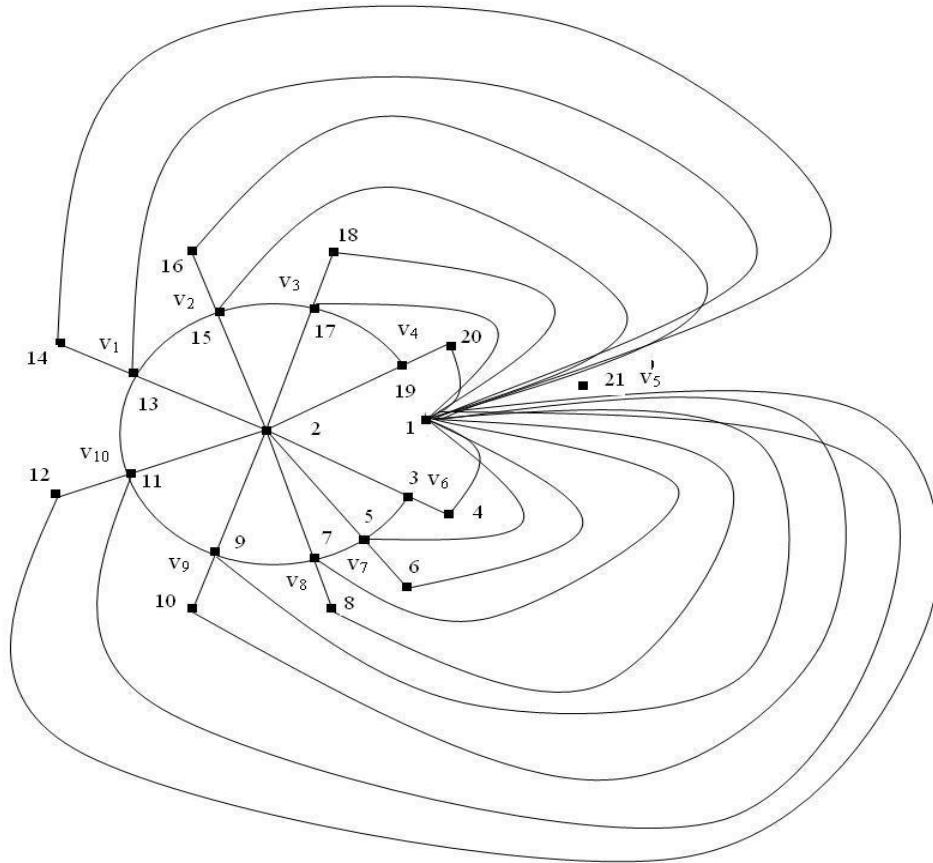


Fig.12 Prime Labeling for switching of  $v_5$  in  $H_{10}$ .

**Theorem 8:**

Let  $G_c$  be the graph obtained by switching the centre vertex  $c$  in the helm  $H_n$  then  $G_c$  is a prime graph.

**Proof:**

Let  $V(H_n) = \{c, v_1, v_2, v_3 \dots v_n, v'_1, v'_2 \dots v'_n\}$

$E(H_n) = \{cv_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i v'_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i v_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup v_1 v_n$

Let  $G_c$  be the graph obtained by switching the centre vertex  $c$  in  $H_n$ .

Then  $|V(G_c)| = 2n + 1$

**Case (i):**

When  $n \neq 3k + 1$  where  $k$  is any integer,

Define a labeling  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3 \dots 2n + 1\}$  as follows

Let  $f(c) = 1$

$f(v_i) = 2i + 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$

$f(v'_i) = 2i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$

Then  $f$  admits prime labeling.

**Case (ii)**

If  $n = 3k + 1$  where  $k$  is any integer, then in the above labeling  $f$  defined in case (i) interchange the labels of  $v_1$  and  $v'_1$ . The resulting labeling is a prime labeling.

Thus  $G_c$  is a prime graph.

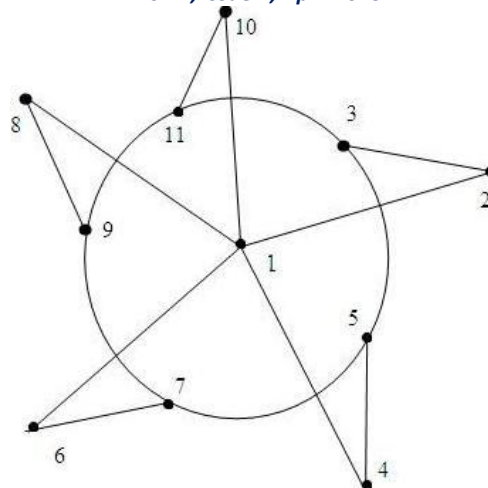


Fig.13 prime labeling for switching c in  $H_5$

**Theorem 9:**

Let  $G$  be the graph obtained by the path union of two pieces of helm graph  $H_n$ . Then  $G$  is a prime graph if  $n \neq 5k + 1$ .

*Proof:*

Consider two copies  $H_n$  and  $H_n^*$  of helm graph

$$V(H_n) = \{c, v_1, v_2, v_3 \dots v_n, v'_1, v'_2 \dots v'_n\}$$

$$E(H_n) = \{cv_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i v'_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i v_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup v_1 v_n$$

$$V(H_n^*) = \{c', w_1, w_2, w_3 \dots w_n, w'_1, w'_2 \dots w'_n\}$$

$$E(H_n^*) = \{c'w_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{w_i w'_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{w_i w_{i+1}, 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup w_1 w_n$$

$$V(G) = V(H_n) \cup V(H_n^*)$$

$$E(G) = E(H_n) \cup E(H_n^*) \cup \{v_1 w_1\}$$

Define a labeling  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3 \dots 4n + 2\}$  as follows

- Let
- $f(c) = 1$
  - $f(c') = 2$
  - $f(v_1) = 4$
  - $f(v'_1) = 3$
  - $f(v_i) = 2i + 1$  for  $2 \leq i \leq n$
  - $f(v'_i) = 2i + 2$  for  $2 \leq i \leq n$
  - $f(w_i) = (2n + 1) + 2i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$
  - $f(w'_i) = 2(n + 1 + i)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$

Then  $f$  admits prime labeling.

Thus  $G$  is a prime graph.

*Remark:*

1. If  $n = 5k + 1$  then  $G$  is not a prime graph.
2. The path union of more than two copies  $H_n$  of is also not prime labeling.

*Example for theorem 9:*

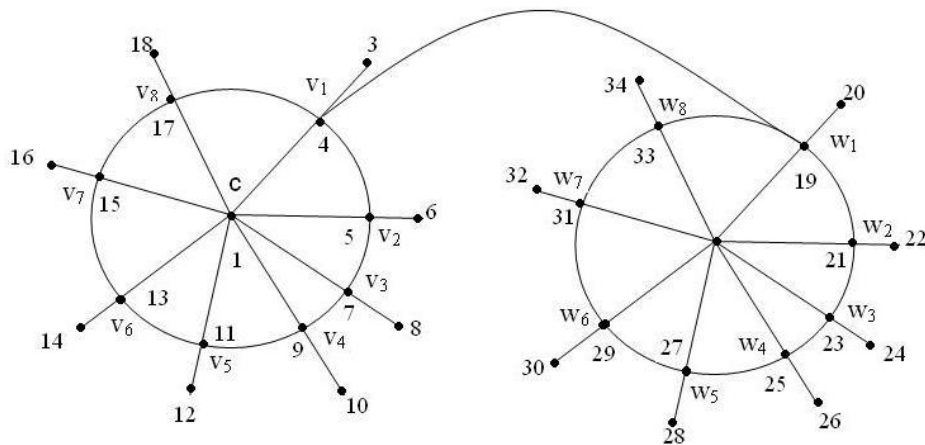


Fig.14 prime labeling for path union of two copies of  $H_8$

**Theorem 10:**

The union of Helm graph and star graph  $H_n U K_1, n$  is a prime graph.

*Proof:*

$$\text{Let } V(H_n) = \{c, v_1, v_2, v_3 \dots v_n, v'_1, v'_2 \dots v'_n\}$$

$$E(H_n) = \{cv_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i v'_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i v_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup v_1 v_n$$

$$V(K_1, n) = \{c', w_1, w_2, w_3 \dots w_n\}$$

$$E(K_1, n) = \{c' w_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$$

Clearly,  $V(H_n U K_1, n) = V(H_n) \cup V(K_1, n)$

$$E(H_n U K_1, n) = E(H_n) \cup E(K_1, n)$$

$$|V(H_n U K_1, n)| = 3n + 2$$

Define a labeling  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3 \dots 3n + 2\}$  as follows

$$\text{Let } f(c) = 1$$

$$f(v_1) = 2$$

$$f(v'_1) = 3$$

$$f(v_i) = 2i + 1$$

$$\text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v'_i) = 2i$$

$$\text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n$$

And let  $k$  be the smallest prime number greater than  $2n + 1$

$$f(c') = k$$

$$f(w_i) = (2n + 1) + i$$

$$\text{for } 1 \leq i \leq k - (2n + 1) - 1$$

$$f(w_i) = (2n + 1) + i + 1$$

$$\text{for } k - (2n + 1) \leq i \leq n$$

Then  $f$  admits prime labeling.

Thus  $H_n U K_1, n$  is a prime graph.

*Example for Theorem 10:*

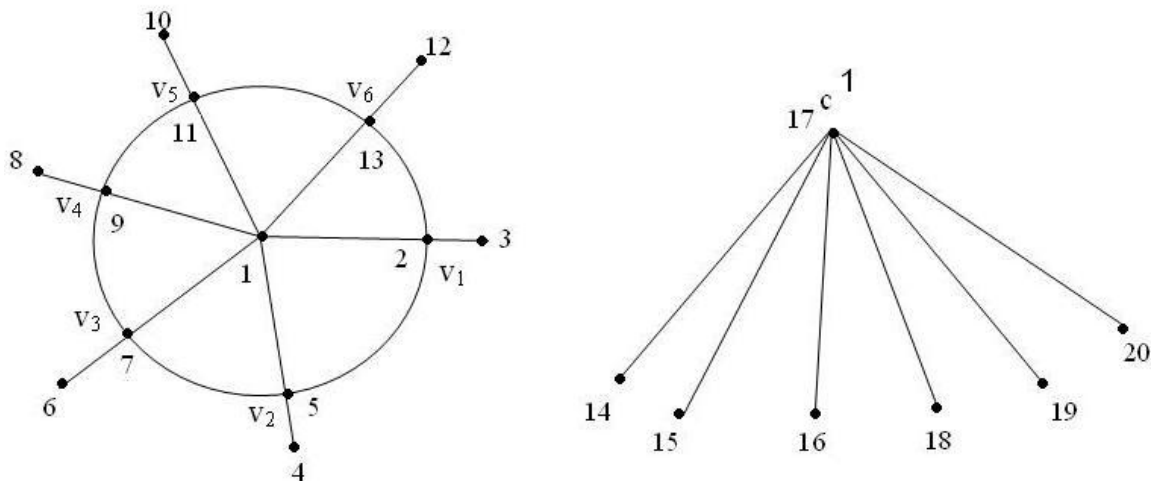


Fig.15 prime labeling for  $H_n U K_1, 6$  (Here  $k = 17$ )

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