

# On the strongly $c$ -harmoniousness of cycle with some chords \*

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**Abstract.** For  $1 \leq s \leq n-3$ , let  $C_n(i; i_1, i_2, \dots, i_s)$  denotes an  $n$ -cycle with consecutive vertices  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  to which the  $s$  chords  $x_i x_{i_1}, x_i x_{i_2}, \dots, x_i x_{i_s}$  have been added. In this paper, we discuss strongly  $c$ -harmonious problem of the graph  $C_n(i; i_1, i_2, \dots, i_s)$ . A shell of width  $n$  is a fan  $C_n(1; 3, 4, \dots, n-1)$  and a vertex with degree  $n-1$  is called apex.  $MS\{n^m\}$  is a graph consisting of  $m$  copies of shell of width  $n$  having a common apex. If  $m \geq 1$  is odd, then the multiple shell  $MS\{n^m\}$  is harmonious.

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## 1 Introduction

Graphs labelling, Where the vertices are assigned values subject to certain conditions, have often been motivated by practical problems. Labeled graphs serves as useful mathematical models for a broad range of applications such as Coding theory, including the design of good radar type codes, synch-set codes, missile guidance codes and convolution codes with optimal autocorrelation properties. They facilitate the optimal nonstandard encoding of integers. Harmonious graphs naturally arose in the study

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by Graham and Sloane [1] of modular versions of additive base problems stemming from error-correcting codes. They also proved that some graphs are harmonious. Only graphs without loops, isolated vertices and multiple edges will be considered in this paper. The symbol  $Z_n$  denotes a ring of integers modulo  $n$ . Graph  $G=(V, E)$  is said to be a  $(p, q)$  graph if it has  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges. If there exists an injection  $f: V \rightarrow Z_q$ , such that the induced mapping  $f^*(uv) \equiv f(u) + f(v) \pmod{q}$  is a bijection from  $E$  onto  $Z_q$ , then  $f$  is said to be a harmonious labelling of  $G$ . A graph which admits such a labelling is called a harmonious graph. Chang, Hsu, and Rogers (see [3]) and Grace (see [4], [5]) have investigated subclasses of harmonious graphs. Chang et al. defined an injective labelling  $f$  of a graph  $G$  with  $q$  edges to be strongly  $c$ -harmonious labelling if the vertex labels are from  $\{0, 1, \dots, q-1\}$  and the edge labels induced by  $f^*(xy)=f(x) + f(y)$  for each edge  $xy$  are  $c, c+1, \dots, c+q-1$ . Grace called such a labelling sequential labelling. By taking the edge labels of a sequentially labeled graph with  $q$  edges modulo  $q$ , we obviously obtain a harmoniously labeled graph. It is not known if there is a graph that can be harmoniously labeled but not sequentially labeled. S. Xu in [6] proved that all cycles with a chord are harmonious except that  $C_6$  and the distance in  $C_6$  between the endpoints of the chord is 2. In [8] Deb and Limaye showed that a variety of multiple shells are harmonious and they conjectured that all multiple shells are harmonious. Gallian in [7] surveyed the results on harmonious labelling of graphs and opened the problem whether a cycle with some chords are harmonious or not.

For  $1 \leq s \leq n-3$ , let  $C_n(i; i_1, i_2, \dots, i_s)$  denotes an  $n$ -cycle with consecutive vertices  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  to which the  $s$  chords  $x_i x_{i_1}, x_i x_{i_2}, \dots, x_i x_{i_s}$  have been added. In this paper, we shall discuss the strongly  $c$ -harmonious problem of the graph  $C_n(i; i_1, i_2, \dots, i_s)$ , and obtain the following graphs

are strongly  $c$ -harmonious. Let  $n \equiv k \pmod{4}$

$k$	graph	range of $t$	range of $s$
all	$C_n(1;3,4,\dots,n-1)$		
1,3	$C_n(1;4,5,\dots,n-2)$		
all	$C_n(1;5,6,\dots,n-3)$		
2	$C_n(1;3,4,\dots,t+2)$	$4s-2, 4s-1$	$[1, \lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \rfloor]$
0	$C_n(1;3,4,\dots,t+2)$	$4s-3, 4s-4$	$[1, \lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \rfloor]$
1	$C_n(n;2,3,\dots,2s, 2s+1)$		$[1, \lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \rfloor]$
1	$C_n(n;2,3,\dots,2s)$		$[1, \lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \rfloor]$
3	$C_n(n;3,4,\dots,2s+1, 2s+2)$		$[1, \lfloor \frac{n-3}{4} \rfloor]$
3	$C_n(n;3,4,\dots,2s+1)$		$[1, \lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \rfloor]$
1	$C_n(n;4t+2, 4t+3, \dots, 4t+s+1)$	$\geq 0$	$\geq 1, 2t + s \leq \frac{n-3}{2}$
3	$C_n(n;4t+3, 4t+4, \dots, 4t+s+2)$	$\geq 1$	$\geq 1, 2t + s \leq \frac{n-3}{2}$
1,3	$C_n(n;3,5,\dots,2s+1)$		$[1, \lfloor \frac{n-3}{2} \rfloor]$
1,3	$C_n(\frac{n+1}{2}; \frac{n+5}{2}, \frac{n+9}{2}, \dots, \frac{n+1}{2}+2s)$		$[1, \lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \rfloor]$
0	$C_n(1;n-1, n-3, \dots, n-2s+1)$		$[1, \lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor]$
3	$C_n(n;4,6,\dots,2+2s)$		$[1, \lfloor \frac{n-3}{4} \rfloor]$
1	$C_n(1;n-1, n-2, n-4, \dots, n-2s)$		$[1, \lfloor \frac{n-3}{2} \rfloor]$
2	$C_n(3;n, n-1, n-3, \dots, n-2s+1)$		$[2, \lfloor \frac{n-4}{2} \rfloor]$
1	$C_n(\frac{n+1}{2}; \frac{n+1}{2}-2, \frac{n+1}{2}-4, \dots, \frac{n+1}{2}-2s, \frac{n+1}{2}+2, \frac{n+1}{2}+4, \dots, \frac{n+1}{2}+2t)$	$[0, \lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \rfloor]$	$[1, \lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \rfloor]$

By above definition, we obtain the following results.

**Theorem 1.1** *If  $G$  is a  $(p, q)$  graph, then*

(1) *the graph  $G$  is not harmonious when  $p > q + 1$ ;*

(2) *a strongly  $c$ -harmonious graph is also a harmonious graph.* □

**Theorem 1.2** (Graham and Sloane [1]) *The  $n$ -cycle is harmonious if and only if  $n \equiv 1$  or  $3 \pmod{4}$ .* □

**Theorem 1.3** (1) *If  $(p, q)$  graph  $G=(V, E)$  is strongly  $c$ -harmonious, then  $\sum_{x \in V} d(x)f(x) = q(q-1)/2 + cq$ , where  $d(x)$  is the degree of vertex  $x$ .*

*If  $k$ -regular  $(p, q)$  graph  $G$  is strongly  $c$ -harmonious, then  $q(q-1) + 2cq \equiv 0 \pmod{2k}$ .*

(2) *If  $(p, q)$  graph  $G=(V, E)$  is harmonious, then  $\sum_{e \in E} f^*(e) = q(q-1)/2 + kq$  for some  $k$ .*

**Proof** For part (1), there is

$$\sum_{x \in V} d(x)f(x) = \sum_{xy \in E} (f(x) + f(y)) = \sum_{e \in E} f^*(e) = q(q + 2c - 1)/2$$

$$=q(q-1)/2 + cq.$$

Therefore, there is  $q(q-1) + 2cq \equiv 0 \pmod{2k}$  when  $G$  is a  $k$ -regular  $(p, q)$  graph. Part (2) is a corollary of part (1).  $\square$

**Theorem 1.4.** (M.Z.Youssef [2]) *If  $G$  is a harmonious graph, then  $G^{(m)}$  (the graph consisting of  $m$  copies of  $G$  with one fixed vertex in common) is harmonious for any odd  $m \geq 1$ .*  $\square$

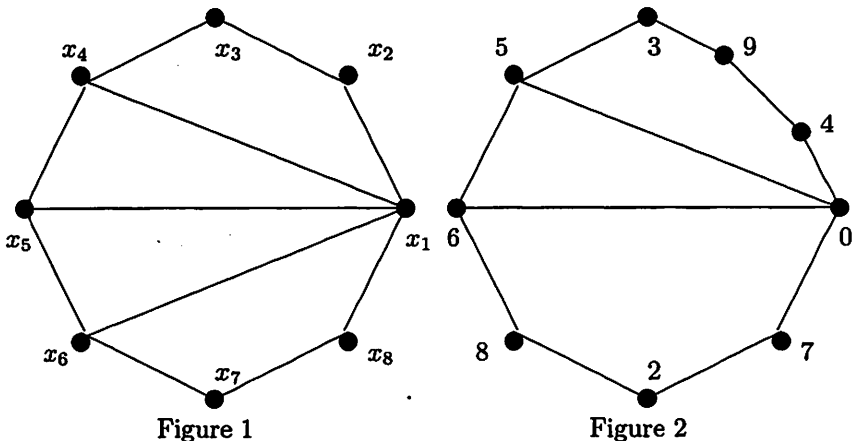
A shell of width  $n$  is a fan  $C_n(1; 3, 4, \dots, n-1)$  and a vertex with degree  $n-1$  is called apex.  $MS\{n^m\}$  is a graph consisting of  $m$  copies of shell of width  $n$  having a common apex. Deb and Limaye in [8] obtained that "all  $MS\{n^3\}$  are harmonious". The following theorem extends this result.

**Theorem 1.5** *If  $m \geq 1$  is odd, then  $MS\{n^m\}$  is harmonious.*

**Proof** By Theorem 2.5, we have the fan  $C_n(1; 3, 4, \dots, n-1)$  is strongly  $c$ -harmonious and apex is labelled 0. Hence it is also harmonious. This result immediately follows by Theorem 1.4.  $\square$

Let  $Z$  be the set of all integers. The symbol  $[a, b]$  is defined by  $\{x \mid x \in Z, a \leq x \leq b\}$ ,  $[a, b]_k$  is defined by  $\{x \mid x \in Z, a \leq x \leq b, x \equiv a \pmod{k}\}$ , and the symbol  $[x]$  denotes the greatest integer  $y$  such that  $y \leq x$ . When  $f$  is a function defined on the set  $S$ , let  $f(S)$  denotes the set  $\{f(x) \mid x \in S\}$ .

**Example** Figure 1 shows a  $C_8(1; 4, 5, 6)$ . Figure 2 is a strongly 4-harmonious labelling of  $C_9(1; 5, 6)$ .



## 2 $C_n$ with consecutive chords

In the following, we use  $V$  and  $E$  to denote the vertex set and the edge set of  $C_n(i; i_1, i_2, \dots, i_s)$ , respectively.

**Theorem 2.1** *When  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $n \geq 9$ , the graph  $C_n(n; 4t + 2, 4t + 3, \dots, 4t + s + 1)$  is strongly  $(n - 1)/2$ -harmonious for  $t \geq 0$ ,  $s \geq 1$  and  $2t + s \leq (n - 3)/2$ .*

**Proof** This graph has  $n$  vertices and  $n + s$  edges. We construct the function  $f: V \rightarrow Z_{n+s}$  as follows:  $f(x_{2i-1}) = i - 1$  if  $i \in [1, (n + 1)/2]$ ,  
 $f(x_{2i}) = (n - 1)/2 + i$  if  $i \in [1, t]$ ,  
 $f(x_{2i}) = \lfloor s/2 \rfloor + (n - 1)/2 + i$  if  $i \in [t + 1, t + (n - 1)/4]$ ,  
 $f(x_{2i}) = s + (n - 1)/2 + i$  if  $i \in [t + (n + 3)/4, (n - 1)/2]$ .

It is not difficult to check that the  $f$  is an injection from  $V$  to  $Z_{n+s}$ .

Let

$$A = \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}), f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [1, t]\}$$

$$= \{(n - 3)/2 + 2i, (n - 1)/2 + 2i \mid i \in [1, t]\} = [(n + 1)/2, 2t + (n - 1)/2],$$

$$B = \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}), f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [t + 1, t + (n - 1)/4]\}$$

$$= \{\lfloor s/2 \rfloor + (n - 3)/2 + 2i, \lfloor s/2 \rfloor + (n - 1)/2 + 2i \mid i \in [t + 1, t + (n - 1)/4]\}$$

$$= [\lfloor s/2 \rfloor + (n + 1)/2 + 2t, \lfloor s/2 \rfloor + 2t + n - 1],$$

$$C = \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}), f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [t + (n + 3)/4, (n - 1)/2]\}$$

$$= \{s + (n - 3)/2 + 2i, s + (n - 1)/2 + 2i \mid i \in [t + (n + 3)/4, (n - 1)/2]\}$$

$$= [s + n + 2t, s + (3n - 3)/2],$$

$$D = \{f^*(x_n x_1)\} \cup \{f^*(x_n x_{4t+1+j}) \mid j \in [1, s]\} = \{(n - 1)/2\} \cup \{(n - 3)/2 + i \mid i \in [2t + 2, 2t + \lfloor (s + 2)/2 \rfloor]\} \cup \{\lfloor s/2 \rfloor + n - 1 + i \mid i \in [2t + 1, 2t + \lfloor (s + 1)/2 \rfloor]\}$$

$$= \{(n - 1)/2\} \cup [(n + 1)/2 + 2t, 2t + \lfloor (s + 2)/2 \rfloor + (n - 3)/2] \cup [\lfloor s/2 \rfloor + n + 2t, 2t + s + n - 1].$$

Therefore,  $f^*(E) = A \cup B \cup C \cup D = [(n - 1)/2, s + (3n - 3)/2]$ . This implies that the  $f^*$  is a bijection from  $E$  to  $[(n - 1)/2, s + (3n - 3)/2]$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2** When  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $n \geq 11$ , the graph  $C_n(n; 4t + 3, 4t + 4, \dots, 4t + s + 2)$  is strongly  $(n - 1)/2$ -harmonious for  $t \geq 1$ ,  $s \geq 1$  and  $2t + s \leq (n - 3)/2$ .

**Proof** This graph has  $n$  vertices and  $n + s$  edges. We give the labelling  $f: V \rightarrow Z_{n+s}$  as follows:  $f(x_{2i-1}) = i - 1$  if  $i \in [1, (n + 1)/2]$ ,  
 $f(x_{2i}) = (n - 1)/2 + i$  if  $i \in [1, t]$ ,  
 $f(x_{2i}) = [(s - 1)/2] + (n + 1)/2 + i$  if  $i \in [t + 1, t + \frac{n+1}{4}]$ ,  
 $f(x_{2i}) = (n - 1)/2 + s + i$  if  $i \in [\frac{n+5}{4} + t, \frac{n-1}{2}]$ .

It is not difficult to check that the  $f$  is an injection from  $V$  to  $Z_{n+s}$ .  
Let

$$\begin{aligned}
A &= \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}), f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [1, t]\} \\
&= \{(n - 3)/2 + 2i, (n - 1)/2 + 2i \mid i \in [1, t]\} = \{(n + 1)/2, 2t + (n - 1)/2\}, \\
B &= \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}), f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [t + 1, t + (n + 1)/4]\} \\
&= \{[(s - 1)/2] + (n - 1)/2 + 2i, [(s - 1)/2] + (n + 1)/2 + 2i \mid i \in [t + 1, t + (n + 1)/4]\} \\
&= \{[(s - 1)/2] + (n + 3)/2 + 2t, [(s - 1)/2] + 2t + n + 1\}, \\
C &= \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}), f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [t + (n + 5)/4, (n - 1)/2]\} \\
&= \{s + (n - 3)/2 + 2i, s + (n - 1)/2 + 2i \mid i \in [t + (n + 5)/4, (n - 1)/2]\} = \{s + n + 2t + 1, s + (3n - 3)/2\}, \\
D &= \{f^*(x_n x_1)\} \cup \{f^*(x_n x_{4t+2+j}) \mid j \in [1, s]\} = \{(n - 1)/2\} \cup \{(n - 3)/2 + i \mid i \in [2t + 2, 2t + [(s + 3)/2]]\} \\
&\cup \{[(s - 1)/2] + n + i \mid i \in [2t + 2, 2t + [(s + 2)/2]]\} \\
&= \{(n - 1)/2\} \cup \{(n + 1)/2 + 2t, 2t + [(s - 1)/2] + (n + 1)/2\} \cup \{[(s - 1)/2] + n + 2t + 2, 2t + s + n\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $f^*(E) = A \cup B \cup C \cup D = \{(n - 1)/2, s + (3n - 3)/2\}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3** Let integer  $n \geq 6$ . (1) Let  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , and  $t = 4s - 2$  or  $4s - 1$  where  $1 \leq s \leq \lfloor (n - 1)/4 \rfloor$ . Then the graph  $C_n(1; 3, 4, \dots, t + 2)$  is strongly  $(n + 2)/2$ -harmonious if  $t = 4s - 2$ , or strongly  $n/2$ -harmonious if  $t = 4s - 1$ .

(2) Let  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ ,  $t = 4s - 3$  or  $4s - 4$  where  $1 \leq s \leq \lfloor (n + 1)/4 \rfloor$ . Then the graph  $C_n(1; 3, 4, \dots, t + 2)$  is strongly  $(n + 2)/2$ -harmonious if  $t = 4s - 4$ ,

or strongly  $n/2$ -harmonious if  $t=4s-3$ .

**Proof** Each graph has  $n$  vertices and  $n+t$  edges. We construct the function  $f: V \rightarrow Z_{n+t}$  as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For part (1), } f(x_{2i}) &= n+2s-i \text{ if } i \in [1, n/2], f(x_1)=0, \\ f(x_{2i-1}) &= (n+2)/2+2s-i \text{ if } i \in [2, s+(n+2)/4], \\ f(x_{2i-1}) &= n/2+1-i \text{ if } i \in [\frac{n+6}{4}+s, \frac{n}{2}]. \end{aligned}$$

It is not difficult to check that the  $f$  is an injection from  $V$  to  $Z_{n+t}$ .

Let

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}), f^*(x_{2i-2}x_{2i-1}) \mid i \in [2, s+(n+2)/4]\} \\ &= \{3n/2+4s+1-2i, 3n/2+4s+2-2i \mid i \in [2, s+(n+2)/4]\} \\ &= [n+2s, 3n/2+4s-2], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}), f^*(x_{2i-1}x_{2i-2}) \mid i \in [s+(n+6)/4, n/2]\} \\ &= \{2s+3n/2+1-2i, 2s+3n/2+2-2i \mid i \in [(n+6)/4+s, n/2]\} \\ &= [2s+n/2+1, n-1], \end{aligned}$$

$$C = \{f^*(x_nx_1), f^*(x_2x_1)\} = \{2s+n/2, 2s+n-1\},$$

when  $t=4s-2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \{f^*(x_1x_j) \mid j \in [3, t+2]\} = \{n/2+2s+1-i, n+2s-i \mid i \in [2, 2s]\} \\ &= [(n+2)/2, (n-2)/2+2s] \cup [n, 2s+n-2]. \end{aligned}$$

When  $t=4s-1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \{f^*(x_1x_j) \mid j \in [3, t+2]\} = \{n/2+2s+1-i, n+2s-j \mid i \in [2, 2s+1], j \in [2, 2s]\} \\ &= [n/2, (n-2)/2+2s] \cup [n, 2s+n-2]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $f^*(E) = A \cup B \cup C \cup D = [a, 4s+(3n-4)/2]$ , where  $a=n/2$  if  $t=4s-1$ , or  $a=(n+2)/2$  if  $t=4s-2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For part (2), } f(x_{2i}) &= n+2s-1-i \text{ if } i \in [1, n/2], f(x_1)=0, \\ f(x_{2i-1}) &= n/2+2s-i \text{ if } i \in [2, s+n/4], \\ f(x_{2i-1}) &= n/2+1-i \text{ if } i \in [\frac{n+4}{4}+s, \frac{n}{2}]. \end{aligned}$$

It is not difficult to check that the  $f$  is an injection from  $V$  to  $Z_{n+t}$ .

Let

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}), f^*(x_{2i-2}x_{2i-1}) \mid i \in [2, s+n/4]\} \\ &= \{3n/2+4s-1-2i, 3n/2+4s-2i \mid i \in [2, s+n/4]\} \end{aligned}$$

$$=[n + 2s - 1, 3n/2 + 4s - 4],$$

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}), f^*(x_{2i-1}x_{2i-2}) \mid i \in [s + (n+4)/4, n/2]\} \\ &= \{2s + 3n/2 - 2i, 2s + 3n/2 + 1 - 2i \mid i \in [(n+4)/4 + s, n/2]\} \\ &= [2s + n/2, n - 1], \end{aligned}$$

$$C = \{f^*(x_n x_1), f^*(x_2 x_1)\} = \{2s + n/2 - 1, 2s + n - 2\},$$

when  $t = 4s - 4$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \{f^*(x_1 x_j) \mid j \in [3, t + 2]\} = \{n/2 + 2s - i, n + 2s - 1 - i \mid i \in [2, 2s - 1]\} \\ &= [(n+2)/2, (n-4)/2 + 2s] \cup [n, 2s + n - 3]. \end{aligned}$$

When  $t = 4s - 3$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \{f^*(x_1 x_j) \mid j \in [3, t + 2]\} \\ &= \{n/2 + 2s - i, n + 2s - 1 - j \mid i \in [2, 2s], j \in [2, 2s - 1]\} \\ &= [n/2, (n-4)/2 + 2s] \cup [n, 2s + n - 3]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $f^*(E) = A \cup B \cup C \cup D = [a, 4s + (3n - 8)/2]$ , where  $a = n/2$  if  $t = 4s - 3$ , or  $a = (n + 2)/2$  if  $t = 4s - 4$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4** *Let integer  $n \geq 9$ . Then the graph  $C_n(1; 5, 6, \dots, n - 3)$  is strongly  $(n - 1)/2$ -harmonious if  $n$  is odd; the graph  $C_n(1; 5, 6, \dots, n - 3)$  is strongly  $(n - 4)/2$ -harmonious if  $n$  is even.*

**Proof** This graph has  $n$  vertices and  $2n - 7$  edges.

Case 1: When  $n$  is odd, if  $n = 9$  see Figure 2.

If  $n \geq 11$ , we construct the function  $f: V \rightarrow Z_{2n-7}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_1) &= 0, f(x_2) = n - 3, f(x_4) = 2n - 9, f(x_{2i}) = n + i - 5 \text{ if } i \in [3, (n-3)/2], \\ f(x_{2i-1}) &= (n-7)/2 + i \text{ if } i \in [2, (n-3)/2], f(x_{n-2}) = 1, f(x_{n-1}) = (3n-9)/2, \\ f(x_n) &= n - 4. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f(V) = \{0, n - 3, 2n - 9, 1, (3n - 9)/2, n - 4\} \cup [n - 2, (3n - 13)/2] \cup [(n - 3)/2, n - 5]$ , the  $f$  is an injection from  $V$  to  $Z_{2n-7}$ . In the following we show that the  $f^*$  is a bijection. Let

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}) = 3(n-5)/2 + 2i \mid i \in [3, (n-5)/2]\} \\ &= [(3n-3)/2, (5n-25)/2]_2, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}) = (3n-17)/2 + 2i \mid i \in [3, (n-3)/2]\} \\ &= [(3n-5)/2, (5n-23)/2]_2, \end{aligned}$$



$$C = \{f^*(x_{2i-1}x_1) = (n-7)/2 + i, f^*(x_{2i}x_1) = n-5 + i \mid i \in [3, (n-3)/2]\} \\ = [(n-1)/2, n-5] \cup [n-2, (3n-13)/2],$$

$$D = \{f^*(x_1x_2), f^*(x_3x_2), f^*(x_3x_4), f^*(x_4x_5), f^*(x_{n-3}x_{n-2}), f^*(x_{n-1}x_{n-2}), \\ f^*(x_{n-1}x_n), f^*(x_nx_1)\} = \{n-3, (3n-9)/2, (5n-21)/2, (5n-19)/2, (3n-11)/2, \\ (3n-7)/2, (5n-17)/2, n-4\}.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } f^*(E) = A \cup B \cup C \cup D = [(n-1)/2, (5n-17)/2].$$

Case 2: When  $n$  is even, we construct the function the  $f: V \rightarrow Z_{2n-7}$  as follows:

$$f(x_1)=0, f(x_2)=n-3, f(x_4)=2n-8, f(x_{2i})=n+i-5 \text{ if } i \in [3, (n-2)/2], \\ f(x_{2i+1})=(n-8)/2+i \text{ if } i \in [1, (n-4)/2], f(x_{n-1})=1, f(x_n)=n-5.$$

Since  $f(V) = \{0, n-3, 2n-8, 1, n-5\} \cup [n-2, (3n-12)/2] \cup [(n-6)/2, n-6]$ , the  $f$  is an injection from  $V$  to  $Z_{2n-7}$ . In the following we show that the  $f^*$  is a bijection. Let

$$A = \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}), f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}) \mid i \in [3, (n-4)/2]\} \\ = \{(3n-18)/2+2i, (3n-20)/2+2i \mid i \in [3, (n-4)/2]\} \\ = [(3n-8)/2, (5n-26)/2],$$

$$B = \{f^*(x_{2i}x_1) = n-5+i \mid i \in [3, (n-4)/2]\} = [n-2, (3n-14)/2],$$

$$C = \{f^*(x_{2i+1}x_1) = (n-8)/2+i \mid i \in [2, (n-4)/2]\} = [(n-4)/2, n-6],$$

$$D = \{f^*(x_1x_2), f^*(x_3x_2), f^*(x_3x_4), f^*(x_4x_5), f^*(x_{n-3}x_{n-2}), f^*(x_{n-1}x_{n-2}), \\ f^*(x_{n-1}x_n), f^*(x_nx_1)\} = \{n-3, (3n-12)/2, (5n-22)/2, (5n-20)/2, (5n-24)/2, \\ (3n-10)/2, n-4, n-5\}.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } f^*(E) = A \cup B \cup C \cup D = [(n-4)/2, (5n-20)/2]. \quad \square$$

**Theorem 2.5** *When integer  $n \geq 4$ , the graph  $C_n(1; 3, 4, \dots, n-1)$  is strongly  $c$ -harmonious.*

**Proof** The graph  $C_n(1; 3, 4, \dots, n-1)$  has  $n$  vertices and  $2n-3$  edges. We construct the function  $f: V \rightarrow Z_{2n-3}$  as follows:  $f(x_1)=0$ , and label the other vertices by distinguishing 4 cases.

**Case 1** When  $n$  is odd and  $n \geq 5$ , let  $f(x_{2i+1})=n-2+i$  if  $i \in [1, \frac{n-1}{2}]$ ,  $f(x_{2i})=\frac{n-3}{2}+i$  if  $i \in [1, \frac{n-1}{2}]$ . Then  $f(V) = [(n-1)/2, n-2] \cup [n-1, (3n-5)/2] \cup \{0\} = [(n-1)/2, (3n-5)/2] \cup \{0\}$ .

Since  $|f(V)|=n$ , the  $f$  is an injection from  $V$  to  $Z_{2n-3}$ . By the definition of  $f$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \{f^*(x_1x_{2i}) \mid i \in [2, \frac{n-1}{2}]\} &= \{\frac{n-3}{2} + i \mid i \in [2, \frac{n-1}{2}]\} = [(n+1)/2, n-2], \\ \{f^*(x_1x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [1, \frac{n-3}{2}]\} &= \{n-2+i \mid i \in [1, \frac{n-3}{2}]\} = [n-1, (3n-7)/2], \\ \{f^*(x_{2i-1}x_{2i}) \mid i \in [2, \frac{n-1}{2}]\} &= \{3(n-3)/2 + 2i \mid i \in [2, \frac{n-1}{2}]\} \\ &= [(3n-1)/2, (5n-11)/2]_2, \\ \{f^*(x_{2i+1}x_{2i}) \mid i \in [1, \frac{n-1}{2}]\} &= \{(3n-7)/2 + 2i \mid i \in [1, \frac{n-1}{2}]\} \\ &= [(3n-3)/2, (5n-9)/2]_2, \\ f^*(x_1x_n) &= (3n-5)/2, \quad f^*(x_1x_2) = (n-1)/2. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f^*(E) = [(n-1)/2, (5n-9)/2]$ , the  $f$  is a strongly  $(n-1)/2$ -harmonious labelling of the graph  $C_n(1; 3, 4, \dots, n-1)$ .

**Case 2** When  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and  $n \geq 6$ , let

$$f(x_{2i+1}) = n + i - 2 \text{ if } i \in [1, \frac{n-2}{2}], \quad f(x_{2i}) = \frac{n}{2} + i - 2 \text{ if } i \in [1, \frac{n}{2}].$$

Then  $f(V) = [\frac{n}{2} - 1, \frac{3n-6}{2}] \cup \{0\}$ . Since  $|f(V)|=n$ , the  $f$  is an injection from  $V$  to  $Z_{2n-3}$ . By the definition of  $f$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \{f^*(x_1x_{2i}) \mid i \in [2, \frac{n-2}{2}]\} &= \{\frac{n}{2} + i - 2 \mid i \in [2, \frac{n-2}{2}]\} = [\frac{n}{2}, n-3], \\ \{f^*(x_1x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [1, \frac{n-2}{2}]\} &= \{n+i-2 \mid i \in [1, \frac{n-2}{2}]\} = [n-1, \frac{3n-6}{2}], \\ \{f^*(x_{2i-1}x_{2i}) \mid i \in [2, \frac{n}{2}]\} &= \{\frac{3n}{2} + 2i - 5 \mid i \in [2, \frac{n}{2}]\} = [\frac{3n}{2} - 1, \frac{5n}{2} - 5]_2, \\ \{f^*(x_{2i+1}x_{2i}) \mid i \in [1, \frac{n-2}{2}]\} &= \{\frac{3n}{2} + 2i - 4 \mid i \in [1, \frac{n-2}{2}]\} = [\frac{3n}{2} - 2, \frac{5n}{2} - 6]_2, \\ \{f^*(x_1x_n), f^*(x_1x_2)\} &= \{n-2, \frac{n}{2} - 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f^*(E(G)) = [n/2 - 1, 5n/2 - 5]$ , the  $f$  is a strongly  $(n-2)/2$ -harmonious labelling of graph  $C_n(1; 3, 4, \dots, n-1)$ .

**Case 3** When  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and  $n \geq 8$ , let

$f(x_{2i}) = n + i - 2$  if  $i \in [1, \frac{n}{2}]$ ,  $f(x_{2i+1}) = \frac{n}{2} + i - 1$  if  $i \in [1, \frac{n}{2} - 1]$ . Then  $f(V) = [\frac{n}{2}, \frac{3n-4}{2}] \cup \{0\}$ . Since  $|f(V)|=n$ , the  $f$  is an injection from  $V$  to  $Z_{2n-3}$ . By the definition of  $f$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \{f^*(x_1x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [1, \frac{n-2}{2}]\} &= \{\frac{n}{2} + i - 1 \mid i \in [1, \frac{n-2}{2}]\} = [\frac{n}{2}, n-2], \\ \{f^*(x_1x_{2i}) \mid i \in [2, \frac{n-2}{2}]\} &= \{n+i-2 \mid i \in [2, \frac{n-2}{2}]\} = [n, \frac{3n-6}{2}], \\ \{f^*(x_{2i-1}x_{2i}) \mid i \in [2, \frac{n}{2}]\} &= \{\frac{3n}{2} + 2i - 4 \mid i \in [2, \frac{n}{2}]\} = [\frac{3n}{2}, \frac{5n}{2} - 4]_2, \\ \{f^*(x_{2i+1}x_{2i}) \mid i \in [1, \frac{n-2}{2}]\} &= \{\frac{3n}{2} + 2i - 3 \mid i \in [1, \frac{n-2}{2}]\} = [\frac{3n}{2} - 1, \frac{5n}{2} - 5]_2, \end{aligned}$$

$$\{f^*(x_1x_n), f^*(x_1x_2)\} = \{n-1, \frac{3n}{2} - 2\}.$$

Since  $f^*(E(G)) = [n/2, 5n/2 - 4]$ , the  $f$  is a strongly  $n/2$ -harmonious labelling of the graph  $C_n(1; 3, 4, \dots, n-1)$ .

**Case 4** When  $n=4$ , we directly construct the  $f$  as follows:  $f(x_2)=2$ ,  $f(x_3)=1$ ,  $f(x_4)=4$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.6** *The graph  $C_n(1; 4, 5, \dots, n-2)$  is strongly  $(n-1)/2$ -harmonious when  $n$  is odd and  $n \geq 7$ , or strongly  $(n-2)/2$ -harmonious when  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and  $n \geq 8$ , or strongly  $(n-4)/2$ -harmonious when  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and  $n > 6$ , or strongly 3-harmonious when  $n = 6$ .*

**Proof** The graph  $C_n(1; 4, 5, \dots, n-2)$  has  $n$  vertices and  $2n-5$  edges. When  $n=6$ , let  $f(x_1)=3$ ,  $f(x_2)=1$ ,  $f(x_3)=2$ ,  $f(x_4)=5$ ,  $f(x_5)=0$ ,  $f(x_6)=6$ .

When  $n > 6$ , we construct the function  $f: V \rightarrow Z_{2n-5}$  as follows:  $f(x_1)=0$  and we assign labels to the other vertices by distinguishing three cases.

**Case 1** When  $n$  is odd and  $n \geq 7$ ,  $f(x_{2i+1}) = (n-5)/2 + i$  if  $i \in [1, \frac{n-1}{2}]$ ,  $f(x_{2i}) = n-3+i$  if  $i \in [1, \frac{n-1}{2}]$ .

It is not difficult to check that the  $f$  is an injection from  $V$  to  $Z_{2n-5}$ . By the definition of  $f$ , we have

$$A = \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}) = (3n-11)/2 + 2i \mid i \in [1, (n-1)/2]\} \\ = [(3n-7)/2, (5n-13)/2]_2,$$

$$B = \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}) = (3n-13)/2 + 2i \mid i \in [2, (n-1)/2]\} \\ = [(3n-5)/2, (5n-15)/2]_2,$$

$$C = \{f^*(x_1x_2), f^*(x_nx_1)\} = \{n-2, n-3\},$$

$$D = \{f^*(x_1x_i) \mid i \in [4, n-2]\} = \{(n-5)/2 + i, n-3+i \mid i \in [2, (n-3)/2]\} \\ = [(n-1)/2, n-4] \cup [n-1, (3n-9)/2].$$

Therefore,  $f^*(E) = A \cup B \cup C \cup D = [(n-1)/2, (5n-13)/2]$ .

**Case 2** When  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and  $n \geq 8$ ,  $f(x_{2i+1}) = (n-2)/2 + i$  if  $i \in [1, \frac{n-4}{2}]$ ,

$$f(x_{2i}) = n-3+i \text{ if } i \in [1, \frac{n-2}{2}], f(x_{n-1}) = 1, f(x_n) = (n-2)/2.$$

It is not difficult to check that the  $f$  is an injection from  $V$  to  $Z_{2n-5}$ .

By the definition of  $f$ , we have

$$A = \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}) = 3n/2 - 4 + 2i \mid i \in [1, (n-4)/2]\} = [3n/2 - 2, 5n/2 - 8]_2,$$

$$B = \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}) = 3n/2 - 5 + 2i \mid i \in [2, (n-2)/2]\} = [3n/2 - 1, 5n/2 - 7]_2,$$

$$C = \{f^*(x_1x_2), f^*(x_nx_1), f^*(x_nx_{n-1}), f^*(x_{n-1}x_{n-2})\} \\ = \{n-2, n/2-1, n/2, 3n/2-3\},$$

$$D = \{f^*(x_1x_i) \mid i \in [4, n-2]\} = [(n+1)/2, n-3] \cup [n-1, (3n-8)/2].$$

Therefore,  $f^*(E) = A \cup B \cup C \cup D = [(n-2)/2, (5n-14)/2]$ .

**Case 3** When  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and  $n \geq 10$ ,

$$f(x_{2i}) = (n-6)/2 + i \text{ if } i \in [1, \frac{n}{2}],$$

$$f(x_{2i+1}) = n-2 + i \text{ if } i \in [1, \frac{n-4}{2}], f(x_{n-1}) = 2.$$

It is not difficult to check that the  $f$  is an injection from  $V$  to  $Z_{2n-5}$ .

By the definition of  $f$ , we have

$$A = \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}) = 3n/2 - 5 + 2i \mid i \in [1, (n-4)/2]\} = [3n/2 - 3, 5n/2 - 9]_2,$$

$$B = \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}) = 3n/2 - 6 + 2i \mid i \in [2, (n-2)/2]\} = [3n/2 - 2, 5n/2 - 8]_2,$$

$$C = \{f^*(x_1x_2), f^*(x_nx_1), f^*(x_nx_{n-1}), f^*(x_{n-1}x_{n-2})\} \\ = \{n/2-2, n-3, n-1, n-2\},$$

$$D = \{f^*(x_1x_i) \mid i \in [4, n-2]\} = [n/2-1, n-4] \cup [n, (3n-8)/2].$$

Therefore,  $f^*(E) = A \cup B \cup C \cup D = [(n-4)/2, (5n-8)/2]$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.7** When  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $n \geq 5$ ,  $G_1 = C_n(n; 2, 3, \dots, 2s, 2s+1)$  and  $G_2 = C_n(n; 2, 3, \dots, 2s)$  for  $1 \leq s \leq (n-1)/4$  are strongly  $(n-1)/2$ -harmonious.

**Proof** The graph  $G_1$  has  $n+2s$  edges. We define  $f: V \rightarrow Z_{n+2s}$  as follows:  $f(x_{2i-1}) = i-1$  if  $i \in [1, (n+1)/2]$ ,

$$f(x_{2i}) = (n-1)/2 + s + i \text{ if } i \in [1, (n-1)/4],$$

$$f(x_{2i}) = (n-1)/2 + 2s + i \text{ if } i \in [(n+3)/4, (n-1)/2].$$

Then  $f(V(G_1)) = [0, (n-1)/2] \cup [(n+1)/2 + s, (3n-3)/4 + s] \cup [(3n+1)/4 + 2s, (n+2s-1)]$ . Since  $f(V(G_1)) \subseteq Z_{n+2s}$  and  $|f(V(G_1))| = n$ , the  $f$  is an injection from  $V$  to  $Z_{n+2s}$ . By the definition of  $f$ , we have

$$A = \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}), f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [1, (n-1)/4]\}$$

$$= \{(n-3)/2 + s + 2i, (n-1)/2 + s + 2i \mid i \in [1, (n-1)/4]\}$$

$$=[(n+1)/2 + s, n-1 + s],$$

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}), f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [(n+3)/4, (n-1)/2]\} \\ &= \{(n-3)/2 + 2s + 2i, (n-1)/2 + 2s + 2i \mid i \in [(n+3)/4, (n-1)/2]\} \\ &= [n+2s, (3n-3)/2 + 2s], \end{aligned}$$

$$C = \{f^*(x_n x_1)\} = \{(n-1)/2\},$$

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \{f^*(x_n x_i) \mid i \in [2, 2s+1]\} = \{(n-1)/2 + i, n-1 + s + i \mid i \in [1, s]\} \\ &= [(n+1)/2, (n-1)/2 + s] \cup [n+s, n-1+2s]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } f^*(E(G_1)) = A \cup B \cup C \cup D = [(n-1)/2, 3(n-1)/2 + 2s].$$

The graph  $G_2$  has  $n+2s-1$  edges, let  $f(x_{2i-1})=i-1$  if  $i \in [1, (n+1)/2]$ ,  
 $f(x_{2i})=(n-3)/2 + s + i$  if  $i \in [1, (n-1)/4]$ ,  
 $f(x_{2i})=(n-3)/2 + 2s + i$  if  $i \in [(n+3)/4, (n-1)/2]$ .

Then  $f(V(G_2)) = [0, (n-1)/2] \cup [(n-1)/2 + s, (3n-7)/4 + s] \cup [(3n-3)/4 + 2s, (n+2s-2)]$ . Since  $f(V(G_2)) \subseteq Z_{n+2s-1}$  and  $|f(V(G_2))|=n$ , the  $f$  is an injection from  $V$  to  $Z_{n+2s-1}$ . By the definition of  $f$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}), f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [1, (n-1)/4]\} \\ &= \{(n-5)/2 + s + 2i, (n-3)/2 + s + 2i \mid i \in [1, (n-1)/4]\} \\ &= [(n-1)/2 + s, n-2 + s], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}), f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [(n+3)/4, (n-1)/2]\} \\ &= \{(n-5)/2 + 2s + 2i, (n-3)/2 + 2s + 2i \mid i \in [(n+3)/4, (n-1)/2]\} \\ &= [n+2s-1, (3n-5)/2 + 2s], \end{aligned}$$

$$C = \{f^*(x_n x_1)\} = \{(n-1)/2\},$$

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \{f^*(x_n x_i) \mid i \in [2, 2s]\} = \{(n-1)/2 + i, n-2 + s + j \mid i \in [1, s-1], j \in [1, s]\} \\ &= [(n+1)/2, (n-3)/2 + s] \cup [n+s-1, n-2+2s]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $f^*(E(G_2)) = A \cup B \cup C \cup D = [(n-1)/2, (3n-5)/2 + 2s]$ . This implies that both  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are strongly  $(n-1)/2$ -harmonious.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.8** When  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $n \geq 7$ ,  $G_1 = C_n(n; 3, 4, \dots, 2s+1, 2s+2)$  for  $1 \leq s \leq (n-3)/4$  and  $G_2 = C_n(n; 3, 4, \dots, 2s+1)$  for  $1 \leq s \leq (n+1)/4$  are strongly  $(n-1)/2$ -harmonious.

**Proof** The graph  $G_1$  has  $n+2s$  edges. We define  $f$  as follows:

$$f(x_{2i-1})=i-1 \text{ if } i \in [1, (n+1)/2], f(x_{2i})=(n-1)/2 + s + i \text{ if } i \in [1, (n+1)/4],$$

$$f(x_{2i})=(n-1)/2+2s+i \text{ if } i \in [(n+5)/4, (n-1)/2].$$

Then  $f(V(G_1))=[0, (n-1)/2] \cup [(n+1)/2+s, (3n-1)/4+s] \cup [(3n+3)/4+2s, n+2s-1]$ . Since  $f(V(G_1)) \subseteq Z_{n+2s}$  and  $|f(V(G_1))|=n$ , the  $f$  is an injection from  $V$  to  $Z_{n+2s}$ . By the definition of  $f$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}), f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [1, (n+1)/4]\} \\ &= \{(n-3)/2+s+2i, (n-1)/2+s+2i \mid i \in [1, (n+1)/4]\} \\ &= [(n+1)/2+s, n+s], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}), f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [(n+5)/4, (n-1)/2]\} \\ &= \{(n-3)/2+2s+2i, (n-1)/2+2s+2i \mid i \in [(n+5)/4, (n-1)/2]\} \\ &= [n+2s+1, (3n-3)/2+2s], \end{aligned}$$

$$C = \{f^*(x_n x_1)\} = \{(n-1)/2\},$$

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \{f^*(x_n x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [1, s]\} \cup \{f^*(x_n x_{2i}) \mid i \in [2, s+1]\} \\ &= \{(n-1)/2+i \mid i \in [1, s]\} \cup \{n-1+s+i \mid i \in [2, s+1]\} \\ &= [(n+1)/2, (n-1)/2+s] \cup [n+s+1, n+2s]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } f^*(E(G_1)) = A \cup B \cup C \cup D = [(n-1)/2, 3(n-1)/2+2s].$$

The graph  $G_2$  has  $n+2s-1$  edges, let  $f(x_{2i-1})=i-1$  if  $i \in [1, (n+1)/2]$ ,

$$f(x_{2i})=(n-1)/2+s+i \text{ if } i \in [1, (n+1)/4],$$

$$f(x_{2i})=(n-3)/2+2s+i \text{ if } i \in [(n+5)/4, (n-1)/2].$$

Then  $f(V(G_2))=[0, (n-1)/2] \cup [(n+1)/2+s, (3n-1)/4+s] \cup [(3n-1)/4+2s, n+2s-2]$ . Since  $f(V(G_2)) \subseteq Z_{n+2s-1}$  and  $|f(V(G_2))|=n$ , the  $f$  is an injection from  $V$  to  $Z_{n+2s-1}$ . By the definition of  $f$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}), f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [1, (n+1)/4]\} \\ &= \{(n-3)/2+s+2i, (n-1)/2+s+2i \mid i \in [1, (n+1)/4]\} \\ &= [(n+1)/2+s, n+s], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}), f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [(n+5)/4, (n-1)/2]\} \\ &= \{(n-5)/2+2s+2i, (n-3)/2+2s+2i \mid i \in [(n+5)/4, (n-1)/2]\} \\ &= [n+2s, (3n-5)/2+2s], \end{aligned}$$

$$C = \{f^*(x_n x_1)\} = \{(n-1)/2\},$$

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \{f^*(x_n x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [1, s]\} \cup \{f^*(x_n x_{2i}) \mid i \in [2, s]\} \\ &= \{(n-1)/2+i \mid i \in [1, s]\} \cup \{n-1+s+i \mid i \in [2, s]\} \end{aligned}$$

$$=[(n+1)/2, (n-1)/2 + s] \cup [n+s+1, n-1+2s].$$

Therefore,  $f^*(E(G_2))=A \cup B \cup C \cup D=[(n-1)/2, (3n-5)/2 + 2s]$ . This implies that both  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are strongly  $(n-1)/2$ -harmonious.  $\square$

### 3 Other $C_n$ with some chords

**Theorem 3.1** *When  $n$  is odd and  $n \geq 5$ ,  $C_n(n; 3, 5, \dots, 2s+1)$  for  $1 \leq s \leq (n-3)/2$  and  $C_n((n+1)/2; (n+1)/2+2, (n+1)/2+4, \dots, (n+1)/2+2s)$  for  $1 \leq s \leq (n-1)/4$  are strongly  $(n-1)/2 - s$ -harmonious.*

**Proof** The graph  $C_n(n; 3, 5, \dots, 2s+1)$  (or  $C_n((n+1)/2; (n+1)/2+2, (n+1)/2+4, \dots, (n+1)/2+2s)$  has  $n+s$  edges. We define  $f$  as follows:  $f(x_{2i-1})=(n+1)/2 - i$  if  $i \in [1, (n+1)/2]$ ,  $f(x_{2i})=n - i$  if  $i \in [1, (n-1)/2]$ .

Since  $f(V)=[0, n-1]$ , the  $f$  is an injection from  $V$  to  $Z_{n+s}$ . By the definition of  $f$ , we have

$$A=\{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}) \mid i \in [1, (n-1)/2]\} \cup \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [1, (n-1)/2]\}$$

$$=[(n+1)/2, (3n-3)/2],$$

$$B=\{f^*(x_n x_1)\}=\{(n-1)/2\}.$$

For the graph  $C_n(n; 3, 5, \dots, 2s+1)$ ,

$$\text{we have } C=\{f^*(x_n x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [1, s]\}=[(n-1)/2 - s, (n-3)/2].$$

$$\text{Therefore, } f^*(E)=[(n-1)/2 - s, 3(n-1)/2].$$

For the graph  $C_n((n+1)/2; (n+1)/2+2, (n+1)/2+4, \dots, (n+1)/2+2s)$ ,

$$\text{we have } C=\{f^*(x_{(n+1)/2} x_{(n+1)/2+2i}) \mid i \in [1, s]\}=[(n-1)/2 - s, (n-3)/2].$$

$$\text{Therefore, } f^*(E)=[(n-1)/2 - s, 3(n-1)/2]. \quad \square$$

**Theorem 3.2** *When  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $n \geq 5$ , the graph  $C_n((n+1)/2; (n+1)/2 - 2, (n+1)/2 - 4, \dots, (n+1)/2 - 2s, (n+1)/2 + 2, (n+1)/2 + 4, \dots, (n+1)/2 + 2t)$  for  $1 \leq s \leq (n-1)/4$  and  $0 \leq t \leq (n-1)/4$  is strongly  $(n-1)/2 - t$ -harmonious.*

**Proof** This graph has  $n$  vertices and  $n+t+s$  edges. We construct function  $f: V \rightarrow Z_{n+t+s}$  as follows:  $f(x_{2i-1})=(n+1)/2 - i$  if  $i \in [1, \frac{n+1}{2}]$ ,  $f(x_{2i})=n+s - i$  if  $i \in [1, \frac{n-1}{2}]$ .

Since  $|f(V)|=n$ , the  $f$  is an injection from  $V$  to  $Z_{n+s+t}$ . By the definition of  $f$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}), f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [1, (n-1)/2]\} \\ &= \{(3n+1)/2 + s - 2i, (3n-1)/2 + s - 2i \mid i \in [1, (n-1)/2]\} \\ &= [(n+1)/2 + s, (3n-3)/2 + s], \end{aligned}$$

$$B = \{f^*(x_n x_1)\} = \{(n-1)/2\},$$

$$C = \{f^*(x_{(n+1)/2} x_{(n+1)/2-2i}) \mid i \in [1, s]\} = [(n+1)/2, (n-1)/2 + s],$$

$$D = \{f^*(x_{(n+1)/2} x_{(n+1)/2+2i}) \mid i \in [1, t]\} = [(n-1)/2 - t, (n-3)/2].$$

Therefore,  $f^*(E) = A \cup B \cup C \cup D = [(n-1)/2 - t, 3(n-1)/2 + s]$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3** *When  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and  $n \geq 8$ , the graph  $C_n(1; n-1, n-3, \dots, n-2s+1)$  for  $1 \leq s \leq n/2 - 1$  is strongly  $n/2 - s$ -harmonious.*

**Proof** This graph has  $n$  vertices and  $n+s$  edges. We construct function  $f: V \rightarrow Z_{n+s}$  as follows:  $f(x_{2i-1}) = i - 1$  if  $i \in [1, n/2]$ ,

$$f(x_{2i}) = n/2 + i \text{ if } i \in [1, n/4 - 1],$$

$$f(x_{2i}) = n/2 + i + 1 \text{ if } i \in [n/4, n/2 - 1], f(x_n) = n/2.$$

It is not difficult to check that the  $f$  is an injection from  $V$  to the set  $Z_{n+s}$ . By the definition of  $f$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}), f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [1, n/4 - 1]\} \\ &= \{n/2 + 2i - 1, n/2 + 2i \mid i \in [1, n/4 - 1]\} = [(n+2)/2, n-2], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}), f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [n/4, n/2 - 1]\} \\ &= \{n/2 + 2i, n/2 + 2i + 1 \mid i \in [n/4, n/2 - 1]\} = [n, 3n/2 - 1], \end{aligned}$$

$$C = \{f^*(x_n x_1), f^*(x_n x_{n-1})\} = \{n/2, n-1\},$$

$$D = \{f^*(x_1 x_{n+1-2i}) \mid i \in [1, s]\} = [n/2 - s, (n-2)/2].$$

We obtain  $f^*(E) = A \cup B \cup C \cup D = [n/2 - s, (3n-2)/2]$ . Therefore, the  $f$  is a strongly  $n/2 - s$ -harmonious labelling of  $C_n(1; n-1, n-3, \dots, n-2s+1)$ .

$\square$

**Theorem 3.4** *When  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $n \geq 7$ , the graph  $C_n(n; 4, 6, \dots, 2+2s)$  for  $1 \leq s \leq (n-3)/4$  is strongly  $(n-1)/2 - s$ -harmonious.*

**Proof** This graph has  $n$  vertices and  $n+s$  edges. We construct function  $f: V \rightarrow Z_{n+s}$  as follows:  $f(x_{2i-1}) = n - i$  if  $i \in [1, \frac{n+1}{4}]$ ,



$$f(x_{2i-1})=(n+1)/2-i \text{ if } i \in [\frac{n+1}{4}+1, \frac{n+1}{2}],$$

$$f(x_{2i})=(n+1)/2-i \text{ if } i \in [1, \frac{n+1}{4}], f(x_{2i})=n-i \text{ if } i \in [\frac{n+1}{4}+1, \frac{n-1}{2}].$$

It is clear that the  $f$  is an injection from  $V$  to  $Z_{n+s}$ . By the definition of  $f$ , we have

$$A=\{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}) \mid i \in [1, (n+1)/4]\} \cup \{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [1, (n-3)/4]\} \\ = [n, (3n-3)/2],$$

$$B=\{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}), f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [(n+5)/4, (n-1)/2]\} = [(n+1)/2, n-2],$$

$$C=\{f^*(x_n x_1), f^*(x_{(n+1)/2} x_{(n+3)/2})\} = \{n-1, (n-1)/2\},$$

$$D=\{f^*(x_n x_{2+2i}) \mid i \in [2, s]\} = [(n-1)/2-s, (n-3)/2].$$

We obtain  $f^*(E) = [(n-1)/2-s, (3n-3)/2]$ . Therefore, the  $f$  is a strongly  $(n-1)/2-s$ -harmonious labelling of  $C_n(n; 4, 6, \dots, 2s+2)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5** *When  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $n \geq 5$ , the graph  $C_n(1; n-1, n-2, n-4, \dots, n-2s)$  for  $1 \leq s \leq (n-3)/2$  is strongly  $(n-1)/2-s$ -harmonious.*

**Proof** This graph has  $n$  vertices and  $n+s+1$  edges. We construct function  $f: V \rightarrow Z_{n+s+1}$  as follows:  $f(x_{2i-1})=i-1$  if  $i \in [1, \frac{n+1}{2}]$ ,  
 $f(x_{2i})=(n-1)/2+i$  if  $i \in [1, \frac{n-1}{4}]$ ,  
 $f(x_{2i})=(n+1)/2+i$  if  $i \in [\frac{n-1}{4}+1, \frac{n-1}{2}]$ .

It is not difficult to check that the  $f$  is an injection from  $V$  to the set  $Z_{n+s+1}$ . Let

$$A=\{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}), f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [1, (n-1)/4]\} = [(n+1)/2, n-1],$$

$$B=\{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}), f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [(n+3)/4, (n-1)/2]\} = [n+1, (3n-1)/2],$$

$$C=\{f^*(x_n x_1), f^*(x_n x_{n-1})\} = \{(n-1)/2, n\},$$

$$D=\{f^*(x_1 x_{n-2i}) \mid i \in [1, s]\} = [(n-1)/2-s, (n-3)/2].$$

We obtain  $f^*(E) = A \cup B \cup C \cup D = [(n-1)/2-s, (3n-1)/2]$ . Therefore, the  $f$  is a strongly  $(n-1)/2-s$ -harmonious labelling of  $C_n(1; n-1, n-2, n-4, \dots, n-2s)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.6** *When  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and  $n \geq 6$ , the graph  $C_n(3; n, n-1, n-3, \dots, n-2s+1)$  for  $2 \leq s \leq n/2-2$  is strongly  $(n+2)/2-s$ -harmonious.*

**Proof** This graph has  $n$  vertices and  $n + s + 1$  edges. We construct function  $f: V \rightarrow Z_{n+s+1}$  as follows:  $f(x_{2i-1})=i-1$  if  $i \in [1, n/2]$ ,  $f(x_{2i})=n/2+i$  if  $i \in [1, \frac{n+2}{4}]$ ,  $f(x_{2i})=n/2+2+i$  if  $i \in [\frac{n+2}{4}+1, \frac{n}{2}]$ .

We have  $f(V)=[0, n/2-1] \cup [n/2+1, (3n+2)/4] \cup [(3n+2)/4+3, n+2]$ . Thus the function  $f$  is an injection from  $V$  to  $Z_{n+s+1}$ . By the definition of  $f$ , we have

$$A=\{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}), f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [1, (n+2)/4]\}=[(n+2)/2, n+1],$$

$$B=\{f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i-1}), f^*(x_{2i}x_{2i+1}) \mid i \in [(n+6)/4, (n-2)/2]\}=[n+4, 3n/2],$$

$$C=\{f^*(x_n x_1), f^*(x_n x_{n-1}), f^*(x_n x_3)\}=\{n+2, (3n+2)/2, n+3\},$$

$$D=\{f^*(x_3 x_{n-2i+1}) \mid i \in [1, s]\}=[(n+2)/2-s, n/2].$$

We obtain  $f^*(E)=A \cup B \cup C \cup D=[(n+2)/2-s, (3n+2)/2]$ . Therefore, the  $f$  is a strongly  $(n+2)/2-s$ -harmonious labelling of  $C_n(3; n, n-1, n-3, \dots, n-2s+1)$ .  $\square$

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