

# On $E_4$ -Cordial Graphs

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## Abstract

In this paper we prove the graphs  $P_n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ),  $C_n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) where  $n \not\equiv 4 \pmod{8}$  and  $K_n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) are  $E_4$ -cordial graphs. Also we prove that every graph of order  $\geq 3$  is a subgraph of an  $E_4$ -Cordial Graph.

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# 1 Introduction

Cahit and Yilmaz [1] have defined a new graph labeling by combining  $k$ -equitable labeling and edge graceful labeling of graphs, called  $E_k$ -cordial labeling. In this paper we prove that the graphs  $P_n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ),  $C_n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) where  $n \not\equiv 4 \pmod{8}$  and  $K_n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) are  $E_4$ -cordial graphs. Also we prove that every graph of order  $\geq 3$  is a subgraph of an  $E_4$ -Cordial Graph.

All graphs considered in this paper are finite, undirected simple graphs. For all notations in Graph theory we follow [3] and all terminology regarding labeling we follow [2].

**Definition 1.** A  $(p, q)$  graph  $G$  is  $E_k$ -cordial, if it is possible to label the edges of  $G$  with the numbers from the set  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, k - 1\}$  in such a way that at each vertex  $v$ , the sum modulo  $k$  of the labels on the edges incident with  $v$  satisfies the inequalities

$$|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1 \text{ and } |e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1 \quad \forall i, j,$$

where  $v_f(i)$  and  $e_f(j)$  are respectively the number of vertices labeled with  $i$  and the number of edges labeled with  $j$ .

# 2 Main Results

**Theorem 2.** The graph  $P_n$  for  $n \geq 3$  is  $E_4$ -cordial.

*Proof.* Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of the path  $P_n$  and  $e_i = v_i v_{i+1}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$  be the edges.

Define  $f : E(P_n) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  as follows:

*Case(i).* For  $n \equiv 0, 1, 4 \pmod{8}$

$$f(e_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{8} \\ 1, & \text{if } i \equiv 2 \pmod{8} \\ 2, & \text{if } i \equiv 3 \pmod{8} \\ 3, & \text{if } i \equiv 4, 5 \pmod{8} \end{cases}$$

From the above labeling we obtain the following:

- (a) If  $n = 8r, r \geq 1$ , then  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = v_f(2) = v_f(3) = 2r$  and  $e_f(0) = 2r - 1, e_f(1) = e_f(2) = e_f(3) = 2r$ .
- (b) If  $n = 8r + 1, r \geq 1$ , then  $v_f(0) = 2r + 1, v_f(1) = v_f(2) = v_f(3) = 2r$  and  $e_f(0) = 2r - 1, e_f(1) = e_f(2) = e_f(3) = 2r$ .
- (c) If  $n = 8r + 4, r \geq 0$ , then  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = v_f(2) = v_f(3) = 2r + 1$  and  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = e_f(2) = 2r + 1, e_f(3) = 2r$ .

Case(ii). For  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{8}$

$$f(e_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{8} \text{ where } i > 8 \text{ and } i=3,6 \\ 1, & \text{if } i \equiv 3, 7 \pmod{8} \text{ where } i > 8 \text{ and } i=1,5 \\ 2, & \text{if } i \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \text{ where } i > 8 \text{ and } i=2,7 \\ 3, & \text{if } i \equiv 5, 6 \pmod{8} \text{ where } i > 8 \text{ and } i=4,8 \end{cases}$$

From the above labeling we obtain the following:

If  $n = 8r + 2, r \geq 1$ , then  $v_f(0) = v_f(2) = 2r, v_f(1) = v_f(3) = 2r + 1$  and  $e_f(0) = 2r + 1, e_f(1) = e_f(2) = e_f(3) = 2r$ .

Case(iii). For  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$

$$f(e_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{8} \text{ where } i > 8 \text{ and } i = 3 \\ 1, & \text{if } i \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \text{ and } i = 1 \\ 2, & \text{if } i \equiv 1, 5 \pmod{8} \text{ where } i > 1 \text{ and } i = 2 \\ 3, & \text{if } i \equiv 6, 7 \pmod{8} \end{cases}$$

From the above labeling we obtain the following:

If  $n = 8r + 3, r \geq 0$ , then  $v_f(0) = 2r, v_f(1) = v_f(2) = v_f(3) = 2r + 1$  and  $e_f(0) = e_f(3) = 2r, e_f(1) = e_f(2) = 2r + 1$ .

Case(iv). For  $n \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$

$$f(e_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i \equiv 4, 5 \pmod{8} \text{ where } i > 4 \text{ and } i = 3 \\ 1, & \text{if } i \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \text{ where } i > 4 \text{ and } i = 1 \\ 2, & \text{if } i \equiv 3, 7 \pmod{4} \text{ where } i > 4 \text{ and } i = 4 \\ 3, & \text{if } i \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{8} \text{ where } i > 4 \text{ and } i = 2 \end{cases}$$

From the above labeling we obtain the following:

If  $n = 8r + 5, r \geq 0$ , then  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = v_f(3) = 2r + 1, v_f(2) = 2r + 2$  and  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = e_f(2) = e_f(3) = 2r + 1$ .

Case(v). For  $n \equiv 6 \pmod{8}$

$$f(e_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i \equiv 6, 5 \pmod{8} \text{ where } i > 5 \text{ and } i = 1 \\ 1, & \text{if } i \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \text{ where } i > 5 \text{ and } i = 2 \\ 2, & \text{if } i \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \text{ where } i > 5 \text{ and } i = 3 \\ 3, & \text{if } i \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{8} \text{ where } i > 5 \text{ and } i = 4, 5 \end{cases}$$

From the above labeling we obtain the following:

If  $n = 8r + 6, r \geq 0$ , then  $v_f(0) = v_f(2) = 2r + 1, v_f(1) = v_f(3) = 2r + 2$  and  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = e_f(2) = 2r + 1, e_f(3) = 2r + 2$ .

Case(vi). For  $n \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$

$$f(e_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i \equiv 6, 7 \pmod{8} \text{ where } i > 5 \text{ and } i = 1 \\ 1, & \text{if } i \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \text{ and } i = 2 \\ 2, & \text{if } i \equiv 1, 5 \pmod{4} \text{ where } i > 5 \text{ and } i = 3 \\ 3, & \text{if } i \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{8} \text{ where } i > 5 \text{ and } i = 4, 5 \end{cases}$$

From the above labeling we obtain the following:

If  $n = 8r + 7, r \geq 0$ , then  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = v_f(3) = 2r + 2, v_f(2) = 2r + 1$  and  $e_f(0) = e_f(3) = 2r + 2, e_f(1) = e_f(2) = 2r + 2$ .

In the above all cases, clearly  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  for every  $i, j$ . Hence  $P_n$  for  $n \geq 3$  is  $E_4$ -cordial.  $\square$

Illustrations:  $E_4$ -cordial labeling of  $P_{11}$  is given by

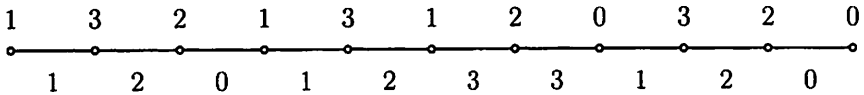


Figure 1:

**Theorem 3.**  $C_n$  for  $n \geq 3$  is  $E_4$ -cordial if  $n \not\equiv 4 \pmod{8}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices and let  $e_i = v_i v_{i+1}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$  and  $e_n = v_n v_1$  be the edges of the cycle  $C_n$ . Define  $f : E(C_n) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  as follows:

Case(i). For  $n \equiv 0, 1, 3, 5, 6 \pmod{8}$

$$f(e_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i \equiv 1, 6 \pmod{8} \\ 1, & \text{if } i \equiv 3, 7 \pmod{8} \\ 2, & \text{if } i \equiv 2, 5 \pmod{8} \\ 3, & \text{if } i \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

From the above labeling we obtain the following:

- (a) If  $n = 8r, r \geq 1$ , then  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = v_f(2) = v_f(3) = 2r$  and  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = e_f(2) = e_f(3) = 2r$ .
- (b) If  $n = 8r + 1, r \geq 1$ , then  $v_f(0) = 2r + 1, v_f(1) = v_f(2) = v_f(3) = 2r$  and  $e_f(0) = 2r + 1, e_f(1) = e_f(2) = e_f(3) = 2r$ .
- (c) If  $n = 8r + 3, r \geq 0$ , then  $v_f(0) = 2r, v_f(1) = v_f(2) = v_f(3) = 2r + 1$  and  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = e_f(2) = 2r + 1, e_f(3) = 2r$ .

- (d) If  $n = 8r + 5, r \geq 0$ , then  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = v_f(3) = 2r + 1, v_f(2) = 2r + 2$  and  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = e_f(3) = 2r + 1, e_f(2) = 2r + 2$ .
- (e) If  $n = 8r + 6, r \geq 0$ , then  $v_f(0) = v_f(2) = 2r + 2, v_f(1) = v_f(3) = 2r + 1$  and  $e_f(0) = e_f(2) = 2r + 2, e_f(1) = e_f(3) = 2r + 1$ .

Case(ii). For  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{8}$

$$f(e_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i \equiv 1, 6 \pmod{8} \text{ } i = n \text{ and } i \neq n - 1 \\ 1, & \text{if } i \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ 2, & \text{if } i \equiv 2, 5 \pmod{8}, i \neq n \\ 3, & \text{if } i \equiv 0 \pmod{4}, i = n - 1 \end{cases}$$

From the above labeling we obtain the following:

If  $n = 8r + 2, r \geq 1$ , then  $v_f(0) = v_f(2) = 2r + 1, v_f(1) = v_f(3) = 2r$  and  $e_f(0) = e_f(3) = 2r + 1, e_f(1) = e_f(2) = 2r$ .

Case(iii). For  $n \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$

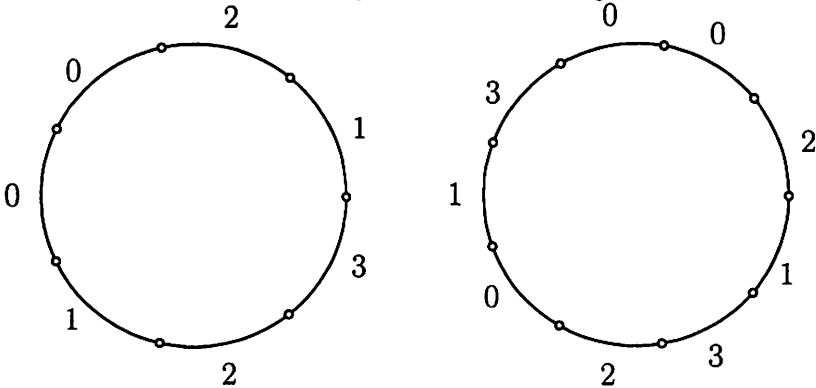
$$f(e_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i \equiv 1, 6 \pmod{8} \text{ } i = n \text{ and } i \neq n - 1 \\ 1, & \text{if } i \equiv 3, 7 \pmod{8} \text{ } i = n - 1 \text{ and } i \neq n \\ 2, & \text{if } i \equiv 2, 5 \pmod{8} \\ 3, & \text{if } i \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

From the above labeling we obtain the following:

If  $n = 8r + 7, r \geq 0$ , then  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = v_f(3) = 2r + 2, v_f(2) = 2r + 1$  and  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = e_f(2) = 2r + 2, e_f(3) = 2r + 1$ .

Clearly  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  for every  $i, j$  in the above all cases. Hence  $C_n$  for  $n \geq 3$  is  $E_4$ -cordial if  $n \not\equiv 4 \pmod{8}$ .  $\square$

Illustrations:  $E_4$ -cordial labelings of  $C_7$  and  $C_9$  are given below.



**Theorem 4.**  $K_n$  is  $E_4$ -cordial for all  $n \geq 3$ .

*Proof.* Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices and  $e_{ji} = v_j v_i$  where  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n-1; i = n, n-1, \dots, j+1$  are the edges of the complete graph  $K_n$ . Define  $f : E(K_n) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  as follows:

*Case(i).*  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

$$f(e_{ji}) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } j \equiv 1, 0 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ & j \equiv 2, 7 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ & j \equiv 3, 6 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ & j \equiv 4, 5 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ 1. & \text{if } j \equiv 1, 0 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ & j \equiv 2, 7 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ & j \equiv 3, 6 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ & j \equiv 4, 5 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ 2 & \text{if } j \equiv 1, 0 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ & j \equiv 2, 7 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ & j \equiv 3, 6 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ & j \equiv 4, 5 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ 3 & \text{if } j \equiv 1, 0 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ & j \equiv 2, 7 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ & j \equiv 3, 6 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ & j \equiv 4, 5 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

Then

$$f(v_j) = \left( \sum_{i=n, i \neq j}^1 f(e_{ji}) \right) \pmod{4} \text{ where } j = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

and therefore

$$v_f(i) = \frac{n}{4} \forall i = 0, 1, 2, 3.$$

Clearly

$$|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1, \forall i, j = 0, 1, 2, 3.$$

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

$$f(e_{ji}) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0, \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ \quad j \equiv 3, 0 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ \quad j \equiv 4, 7 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ \quad j \equiv 5, 6 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ 1. \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ \quad j \equiv 3, 0 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ \quad j \equiv 4, 7 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ \quad j = n - 1 \text{ and } i \neq n \text{ for } n \equiv 5 \pmod{8} \\ \quad j \equiv 5, 6 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ 2 \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ \quad j \equiv 3, 0 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ \quad j \equiv 4, 7 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ \quad j = n - 1 \text{ and } i = n \text{ for } n \equiv 5 \pmod{8} \\ \quad j \equiv 5, 6 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ 3 \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ \quad j \equiv 3, 0 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ \quad j \equiv 4, 7 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ \quad j \equiv 5, 6 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \end{array} \right.$$

Then

$$v_f(i) = \begin{cases} \frac{n-1}{4} & \text{for 3 } i\text{'s} \\ \frac{n+3}{4} & \text{for the remaining one } i \end{cases}$$

and

$$|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1, \forall i, j = 0, 1, 2, 3.$$

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

$$f(e_{ji}) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0, \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ \quad j = 4; i \neq n \text{ for } n \equiv 6 \pmod{8} \\ \quad j \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ \quad j = 2; i \neq 3 \text{ for } n \equiv 2 \pmod{8} \\ \quad j \equiv 5, 0 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ \quad j \equiv 6, 7 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ 1. \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ \quad j \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ \quad j \equiv 5, 0 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ \quad j \equiv 6, 7 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ 2 \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ \quad j \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ \quad j \equiv 5, 0 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ \quad j \equiv 6, 7 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ 3 \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ \quad j = 4; i = n \text{ for } n \equiv 6 \pmod{8} \\ \quad j \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ \quad j = 2; i = 3 \text{ for } n \equiv 2 \pmod{8} \\ \quad j \equiv 5, 0 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ \quad j \equiv 6, 7 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \end{array} \right.$$

Then

$$v_f(i) = \begin{cases} \frac{n+2}{4} & \text{for } 2 \text{ } i\text{'s} \\ \frac{n-2}{4} & \text{for the remaining } 2 \text{ } i\text{'s} \end{cases}$$

and

$$|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1, \forall i, j = 0, 1, 2, 3.$$



Case(iv).  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

$$f(e_{ji}) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } j \equiv 1, 6 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ & j \equiv 2, 5 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ & j \equiv 3, 4 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ & j \equiv 7, 0 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ 1, & \text{if } j \equiv 1, 6 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ & j \equiv 2, 5 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ & j \equiv 3, 4 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ & j \equiv 7, 0 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ 2, & \text{if } j \equiv 1, 6 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ & j \equiv 2, 5 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ & j \equiv 3, 4 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ & j \equiv 7, 0 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ 3, & \text{if } j \equiv 1, 6 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ & j \equiv 2, 5 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ & j \equiv 3, 4 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ & j \equiv 7, 0 \pmod{8}, i \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

Then

$$v_f(i) = \begin{cases} \frac{n+1}{4} & \text{for 3 i's} \\ \frac{n-3}{4} & \text{for the remaining one } i \end{cases}$$

and

$$|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1, \forall i, j = 0, 1, 2, 3.$$

Thus in all cases  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1, \forall i, j = 0, 1, 2, 3$ .

Hence  $K_n$  for  $n \geq 3$  is  $E_4$ -cordial. □

**Illustrations:**  $E_4$ -cordial labeling of  $K_8$  is as follows:

Labeling of  $e_{ji}$ 's and hence  $v_j$ 's are shown in the following table.

j	i	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	$v_j$
1		0	1	2	3	0	1	2	1
2		3	0	1	2	3	0		3
3		1	2	3	0	1			0
4		2	3	0	1				2
5		2	3	0					3
6		1	2						1
7		3							2
8									0

**Theorem 5.** Every  $(p, q)$  graph where  $p \geq 3$  is a subgraph of an  $E_4$ -cordial graph.

*Proof.* The result follows from the fact that every graph is a subgraph of  $K_n$  and  $K_n$  is  $E_4$ -cordial for all  $n \geq 3$ .  $\square$

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