

Some Families of Combination and Permutation Graphs

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Abstract We study: combination and permutation graphs. We introduce some families to be: combination graphs and permutation graphs.

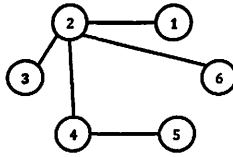
1. **Introduction** Hegde and Shetty[2,4] define a graph G with n vertices to be a permutation graph if there exists an injection f from the vertices of G to $\{1,2,3, \dots, n\}$ such that the induced edge function g_f defined as $g_f(uv) = f(u)!/|f(u) - f(v)|$ is injective. They say a graph G with n vertices to be a combination graph if there exists an injection f from the vertices of G to $\{1,2,3, \dots, n\}$ such that the induced edge function g_f defined as $g_f(uv) = f(u)!/|f(u) - f(v)|f(v)!$ is injective. They prove: K_n is a permutation graph if and only if $n \leq 5$; K_n is a combination graph if and only if $n \leq 2$; C_n is a combination graph for $n > 3$, $k_{n,n}$ is a combination graph if and only if $n \leq 2$; W_n is not a combination graph for $n \leq 6$, and a necessary condition for a (p, q) -graph to be a combination graph is that $4q \leq p^2$ if p is even and $4q \leq p^2 - 1$ if p is odd. They strongly believe that W_n is a combination graph for $n > 6$ and all trees are combination graphs. Baskar Babujee and Vishnupriya [1] prove the following graphs are permutation graphs: P_n ; C_n ; stars; graphs obtained adding a pendent edge to each edge of a star; graphs obtained by joining the centers of two identical stars with an edge or a path of length 2; and complete binary trees with at least three vertices. Throughout this paper, we use the basic notations and conventions in graph theory as in [3].

2. Some definitions:

Definition (2.1):[2,4] A (p, q) graph $G = (V, E)$ is said to be a combination graph if there exists a bijection $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1,2, \dots, p\}$, such that the induced edge function $g_f: E(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ defined as

$$g_f(uv) = \begin{cases} \binom{f(u)}{f(v)} & , \text{ if } f(u) > f(v) \\ \binom{f(v)}{f(u)} & , \text{ if } f(v) > f(u) \end{cases}$$

is injective, where $\binom{f(u)}{f(v)}$ is the number of combinations of $f(u)$ things taken $f(v)$ at a time. Such a labeling f is called a combination labeling of G . The following example is a combination graph

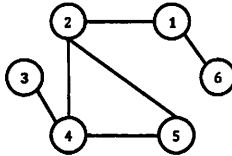


Definition(2.2):[2,4] A (p, q) graph $G = (V, E)$ is said to be a permutation graph if there exists a bijection $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, p\}$, such that the induced edge function $g_f: E(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ defined as

$$g_f(uv) = \begin{cases} f(u)P_{f(v)} & , \text{ if } f(u) > f(v) \\ f(v)P_{f(u)} & , \text{ if } f(v) > f(u) \end{cases}$$

is injective, where $f(u)P_{f(v)}$ is the number of permutations of $f(u)$ things taken $f(v)$ at a time. Such a labeling f is called a permutation labeling of G .

The following example is a permutation graph:



Definition(2.3):[3] For $n \geq 3$, the wheel W_n is defined to be the graph $C_n + K_1$, where the vertex of K_1 is called the center of the wheel.

Definition(2.4): [3] For $n \geq 3$, the fan F_n is defined to be the graph $P_n + K_1$.

3. Some Combination families

Theorem (3.1): The maximum minimum degree of all combination graphs of n vertices is $\leq \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$.

Proof: Let $G(n, q)$ be combination graph, and suppose to the contrary that $d_i \geq \lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1$ for every $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, where d_i is the degree of the vertex labeled by i . It follows that $\sum_{i=1}^n d_i \geq n(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1)$, i.e. $2q \geq n(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1)$.

Therefore we have two cases:

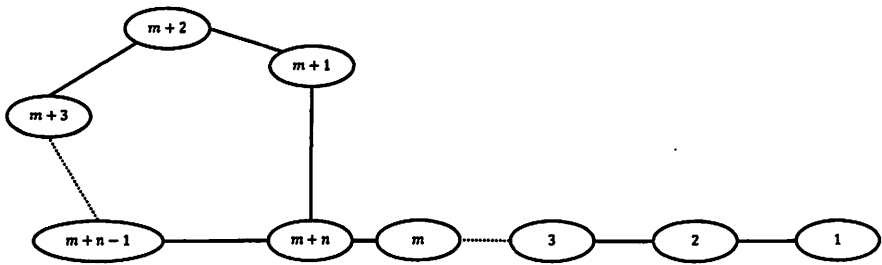
If n is even: $2q \geq n(\frac{n}{2} + 1)$, hence $4q \geq n^2 + 2n$ which is a contradiction to the assumption that G is a combination graph.

If n is odd:

$2q \geq n(\frac{n-1}{2} + 1)$, hence $4q \geq n^2 + n$ which is also a contradiction.

Theorem (3.2): The dragon $D_{n,m}$ is a combination graph for every n, m , where $D_{n,m}$ is the graph obtained from the cycle C_n by joining the end point of a path P_m to one vertex of C_n .

Proof: Consider the following labeling for the dragon (clearly the labels are different).

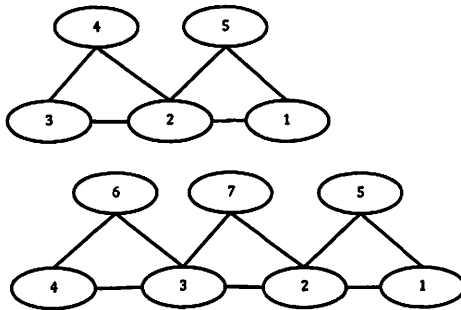


Therefore the dragon is a combination graph for every n, m .

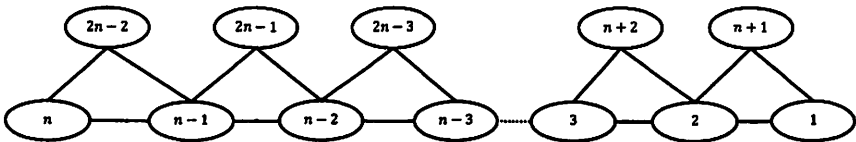
Theorem (3.3): The triangular snake $T_n, n \geq 3$ is a combination graph, where the triangular snake is the graph obtained from the path P_n having the vertices v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n by adding new vertices w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{n-1} and connecting w_i to the vertices v_i, v_{i+1} for each i .

Proof: We will prove the assertion by introducing a labeling for any triangular snake for every $n \geq 3$ to be a combination graph.

Case(1): $n = 3, 4$



Case(2): $n \geq 5$



We will divide the set of labels into three sets which are:

$$A_1 = \{ {}^2C_1, {}^3C_2, \dots, {}^nC_{n-1}, {}^{n+1}C_1 \} = \{ 2, 3, \dots, n, n+1 \} .$$

$$A_2 = \{ {}^{n+1}C_2, {}^{n+2}C_2, {}^{n+2}C_3, \dots, {}^{2n-3}C_{n-3}, {}^{2n-3}C_{n-2} \} .$$

$$A_3 = \{ {}^{2n-2}C_n, {}^{2n-2}C_{n-1}, {}^{2n-1}C_{n-1}, {}^{2n-1}C_{n-2} \} .$$

We will prove that the labels in each set of the previous sets are distinct as follows:

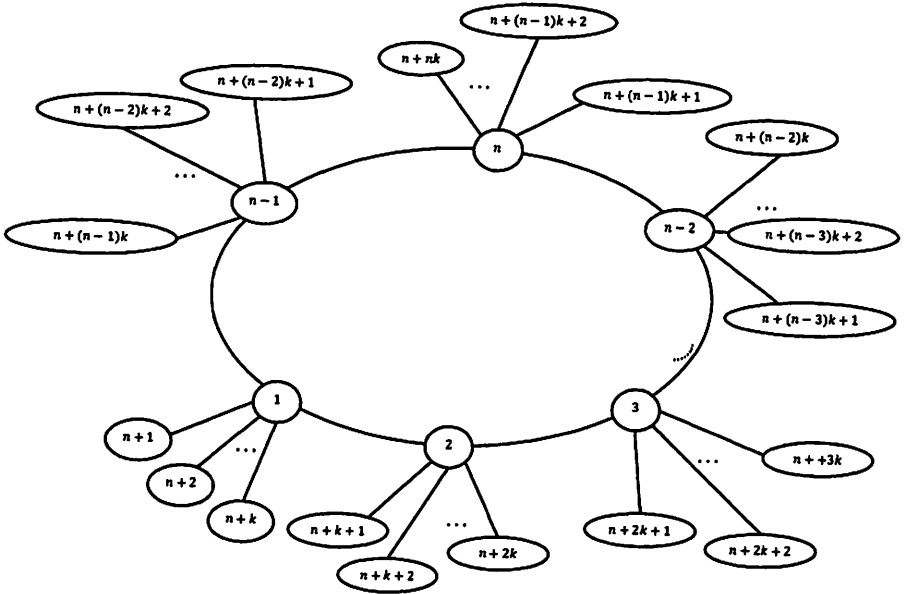
Since we have ${}^kC_r < {}^{k+1}C_r, {}^kC_r < {}^{k+1}C_{r+1}$ and ${}^{n+k}C_k < {}^{n+k}C_{k+1}$ if $k < n -$

1, therefore ${}^2C_1 < {}^3C_2 < \dots < {}^nC_{n-1} < {}^{n+1}C_1 < {}^{n+1}C_2 < {}^{n+2}C_2 < {}^{n+2}C_3 < \dots < {}^{2n-3}C_{n-3} < {}^{2n-3}C_{n-2} < {}^{2n-2}C_n = {}^{2n-2}C_{n-2} < {}^{2n-2}C_{n-1} < {}^{2n-1}C_{n-2} < {}^{2n-1}C_{n-1}$.

Therefore the triangular snake is a combination graph for every $n \geq 3$.

Theorem (3.4): The k -crown kC_n , $n \geq 3$, the graph obtained by adding k pendant edges to every vertex in the cycle C_n is a combination graph such that $k < {}^nC_2 - n$.

Proof: We will prove by introducing a labeling for any kC_n such that $k < {}^nC_2 - n$ to be combination graph.



We will divide the set of labels into $n + 1$ subsets as follows:

$$A_0 = \{ {}^2C_1, {}^3C_2, \dots, {}^{n-2}C_{n-3}, {}^nC_{n-2}, {}^{n-1}C_1, {}^nC_{n-1} \} = \{ 2, 3, \dots, n, {}^nC_2 \}.$$

$$A_i = \{ n+(i-1)k+1C_1, n+(i-1)k+2C_1, \dots, n+ikC_1 \}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Clearly the labels in each set of the previous sets are distinct.

$$A_i \cap A_j = \varnothing, i \neq j, i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n, \text{ since } n+ikC_1 < n+(i+1)k+1C_1, i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Since $k < {}^nC_2 - n$, it follows that $A_i \cap A_0 = \varnothing$.

$A_i \cap A_0 = \varnothing, i = 2, \dots, n$, since every number in A_0 is less than every number in A_i for every $i = 2, \dots, n$.

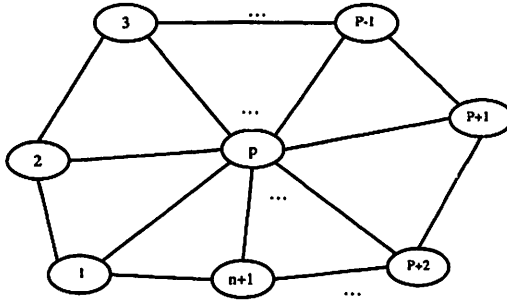
4. Some Permutation families:

Theorem (4.1): W_n is a permutation graph for every $n \geq 3$

Proof: We will give a labeling for W_n for every $n \geq 3$.

We have four cases:

Case (1): $n + 1$ is odd and is not a prime number. Let p be the greatest prime number less than $n + 1$. We label W_n as in the following figure.



We will divide the set of edge labels into five sets which are:

$$A_1 = \{ {}^2P_1, {}^3P_2, \dots, {}^{p-1}P_{p-2} \} = \{ 2!, 3!, \dots, (p-1)! \}.$$

$$A_2 = \{ {}^pP_1, {}^pP_2, \dots, {}^pP_{p-1} \}.$$

$$A_3 = \{ {}^{p+1}P_{p-1}, {}^{p+1}P_p, {}^{p+2}P_p, {}^{p+3}P_p, \dots, {}^{n+1}P_p \}.$$

$$A_4 = \{ {}^{p+2}P_{p+1}, {}^{p+3}P_{p+2}, \dots, {}^{n+1}P_n \} = \{ (p+2)!, (p+3)!, \dots, (n+1)! \}.$$

$$A_5 = \{ {}^{n+1}P_1 \} = \{ n+1 \}.$$

Clearly the labels in each set of the previous sets are distinct.

$A_1 \cap A_2 = \varnothing$, since each label in A_2 is divisible by p while each label in A_1 is not divisible by p .

$A_1 \cap A_3 = \varnothing$, since ${}^2P_1 < {}^3P_2 < \dots < {}^{p-1}P_{p-2} < {}^{p+1}P_{p-1} < {}^{p+1}P_p < {}^{p+2}P_p < {}^{p+3}P_p < \dots < {}^{n+1}P_p$.

$A_1 \cap A_4 = \varnothing$, since ${}^2P_1 < {}^3P_2 < \dots < {}^{p-1}P_{p-2} < {}^{p+2}P_{p+1} < {}^{p+3}P_{p+2} < \dots < {}^{n+1}P_n$.

$A_2 \cap A_3 = \varnothing$, since ${}^pP_1 < {}^pP_2 < \dots < {}^pP_{p-1} < {}^{p+1}P_{p-1} < {}^{p+1}P_p < {}^{p+2}P_p < {}^{p+3}P_p < \dots < {}^{n+1}P_p$.

$A_2 \cap A_4 = \varnothing$, since ${}^pP_1 < {}^pP_2 < \dots < {}^pP_{p-1} < {}^{p+2}P_{p+1} < {}^{p+3}P_{p+2} < \dots < {}^{n+1}P_n$.

$A_3 \cap A_4 = \varnothing$, as explained in the following :

Since ${}^{p+1}P_{p-1} < {}^{p+1}P_p < {}^{p+2}P_p < {}^{p+3}P_p < \dots < {}^{n+1}P_p$

, ${}^{p+2}P_{p+1} < {}^{p+3}P_{p+2} < \dots < {}^{n+1}P_n$, i.e. $(p+2)! < (p+3)! < \dots < (n+1)!$

and since ${}^{p+i}P_p < (p+i)! \quad \forall i > 1$, it follows that if there exists a label in the intersection of A_3 and A_4 it will be of the following form ${}^{p+i}P_p = (p+i-t)!$

for some $i = 3, 4, \dots, n-p+1$ and for some $t = 1, 2, \dots, i-2$. Now we will prove that ${}^{p+i}P_p \neq (p+i-t)!$, i.e. $(p+i)(p+i-1) \dots (p+i-t+1) \neq i!$,

for every $i = 3, 4, \dots, n-p+1$ and for every $t = 1, 2, \dots, i-2$ by using

induction on t . Firstly we will get a relation between p and i . We have two cases:

$p > i$ and $p \leq i$. Let $p \leq i$. Since $i \leq n - p + 1$, it follows that $p \leq n - p + 1$, $p \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rfloor \rightarrow (1)$. From Bertrand's postulate there exists a prime number \bar{p} such that $\left\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rfloor < \bar{p} < n + 1 \rightarrow (2)$. From (1) and (2) $\bar{p} > p$ which is a contradiction since p is the greatest prime number less than $n + 1$. So $p > i$.

It is clear that at $t = 1: (p + i) \neq i!$, since if $(p + i) = i!$, then $p = i((i - 1)! - 1)$ which is contradiction. At $t = k$: let $(p + i)(p + i - 1) \dots (p + i - k + 1) \neq i! \rightarrow (*)$ and we will prove that at $t = k + 1: (p + i)(p + i - 1) \dots (p + i - k + 1)(p + i - k) \neq i!$. Suppose to the contrary that $(p + i)(p + i - 1) \dots (p + i - k + 1)(p + i - k) = i! \rightarrow (**)$ From $(*)$ we have two cases:

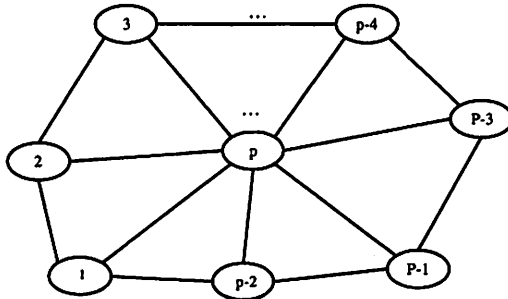
Case(I): $(p + i)(p + i - 1) \dots (p + i - k + 1) > i!$. Therefore from $(**)$ we get $(p + i - k) = \frac{i!}{(p+i)(p+i-1)\dots(p+i-k+1)} < 1$ which is a contradiction.

Case(II): $(p + i)(p + i - 1) \dots (p + i - k + 1) < i!$. By using division algorithm $i! = q(p + i)(p + i - 1) \dots (p + i - k + 1) + r, 0 \leq r < (p + i)(p + i - 1) \dots (p + i - k + 1)$, and it follows by substitution in $(**)$ that $p + i - k - q = \frac{r}{(p+i)(p+i-1)\dots(p+i-k+1)}$ which is clearly greater than 0 and less than 1, therefore $p + i - k - q$ is not integer which is a contradiction.

Hence ${}^{p+i}P_p \neq (p + i - t)!$ for every $i = 3, 4, \dots, n - p + 1$ and for every $t = 1, 2, \dots, i - 2$. Therefore $A_3 \cap A_4 = \emptyset$.

Also $A_5 \cap (U_{i=1}^4 A_i) = \emptyset$, since all labels in $(U_{i=1}^4 A_i)$ are even numbers except ${}^p P_1$ and $n + 1$ is odd.

Case (2): $n + 1$ is an odd prime number. Let $n + 1 = p$. We label W_n as in the following figure.



We will divide the set of edge labels into three sets which are:

$$B_1 = \{ {}^2P_1, {}^3P_2, \dots, {}^{p-3}P_{p-4}, {}^{p-1}P_{p-3}, {}^{p-1}P_{p-2} \}$$

$$= \{ 2!, 3!, \dots, (p - 3)!, {}^{p-1}P_{p-3}, (p - 1)! \}.$$

$$B_2 = \{ {}^pP_1, {}^pP_2, \dots, {}^pP_{p-1} \}.$$

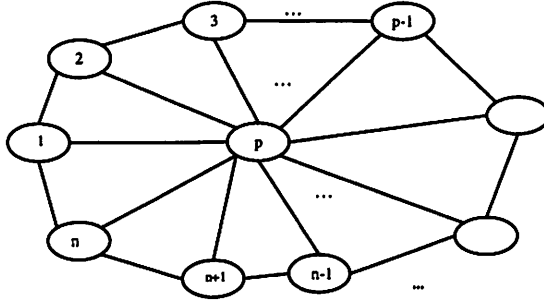
$$B_3 = \{ {}^{p-2}P_1 \}.$$

Clearly the labels in each set of the previous sets are distinct.

$B_1 \cap B_2 = \emptyset$, since each label in B_2 is divisible by p while each label in B_1 is not divisible by p .

Also $B_3 \cap (B_1 \cup B_2) = \varnothing$, since all labels in $(B_1 \cup B_2)$ are even numbers except ${}^p P_1$ which is greater than $p - 2$.

Case (3): $n + 1$ is an even number, and p , the greatest prime number less than $n + 1$ is such that $p \neq n$. We label W_n as in the following figure.



We will divide the set of labels into five sets which are:

$$C_1 = \{ {}^2 P_1, {}^3 P_2, \dots, {}^{p-1} P_{p-2} \} = \{ 2!, 3!, \dots, (p-1)! \}.$$

$$C_2 = \{ {}^p P_1, {}^p P_2, \dots, {}^p P_{p-1} \}.$$

$$C_3 = \{ {}^{p+1} P_{p-1}, {}^{p+1} P_p, {}^{p+2} P_p, {}^{p+3} P_p, \dots, {}^{n+1} P_p \}.$$

$$C_4 = \{ {}^{p+2} P_{p+1}, {}^{p+3} P_{p+2}, \dots, {}^{n-1} P_{n-2}, {}^{n+1} P_{n-1}, {}^{n+1} P_n \}$$

$$= \{ (p+2)!, (p+3)!, \dots, (n-2)!, {}^{n+1} P_{n-1}, (n+1)! \}.$$

$$C_5 = \{ {}^n P_1 \}.$$

Clearly the labels in each set of the previous sets are distinct.

As in case(1) the labels in C_1, C_2, C_3 are distinct.

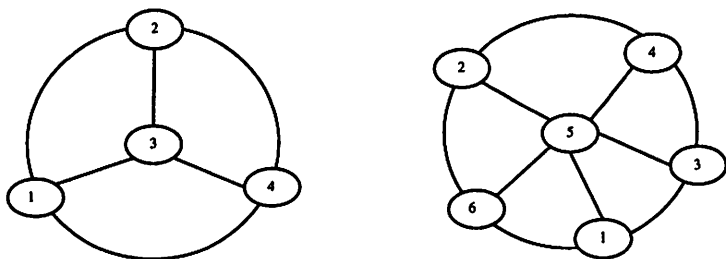
Also $C_5 \cap (\cup_{i=1}^4 C_i) = \varnothing$, since all labels in $(\cup_{i=1}^4 C_i)$ are even numbers except ${}^p P_1$ and $n \neq p$.

$$C_1 \cap C_4 = \varnothing, \text{ since } {}^2 P_1 < {}^3 P_2 < \dots < {}^{p-1} P_{p-2} < {}^{p+2} P_{p+1} < {}^{p+3} P_{p+2} < \dots < {}^{n-1} P_{n-2} < {}^n P_{n-2} < {}^n P_{n-1}.$$

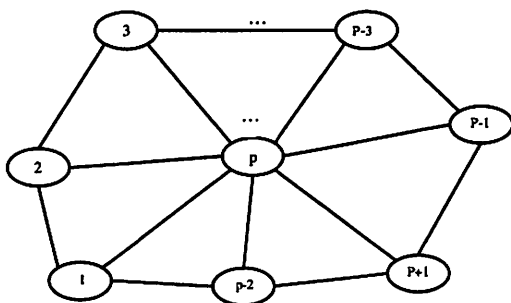
$$C_2 \cap C_4 = \varnothing, \text{ since } {}^p P_1 < {}^p P_2 < \dots < {}^p P_{p-1} < {}^{p+2} P_{p+1} < {}^{p+3} P_{p+2} < \dots < {}^{n-1} P_{n-2} < {}^{n+1} P_{n-1} < {}^{n+1} P_n.$$

$C_3 \cap C_4 = \varnothing$, since $C_3 = A_3$ and $C_4 - \{ {}^{n+1} P_{n-1} \} \subset A_4$ and since $A_3 \cap A_4 = \varnothing$, $C_3 \cap (C_4 - \{ {}^{n+1} P_{n-1} \}) = \varnothing$. Also this label ${}^{n+1} P_{n-1}$ is greater than all labels in C_3 .

Case(4): $n + 1$ is an even number, and p , the greatest prime number less than $n + 1$ is such that $p = n$. First we will label the two cases where $p = 3, 5$ as follows:



Second we label $W_n, p > 5$ as in the following figure.



We will divide the set of labels into three sets which are:

$$D_1 = \{ {}^2P_1, {}^3P_2, \dots, {}^{p-3}P_{p-4}, {}^{p-1}P_{p-3} \} = \{ 2!, 3!, \dots, (p-3)!, {}^{p-1}P_{p-3} \}.$$

$$D_2 = \{ {}^pP_1, {}^pP_2, \dots, {}^pP_{p-1}, {}^{p+1}P_{p-2}, {}^{p+1}P_{p-1}, {}^{p+1}P_p \}.$$

$$D_3 = \{ {}^{p-2}P_1 \}.$$

Clearly the labels in each set of the previous sets are distinct.

Also $D_3 \cap (D_1 \cup D_2) = \varnothing$, since all labels in $D_1 \cup D_2$ are even numbers except pP_1 and which is greater than $p-2$.

$D_1 \cap D_2 = \varnothing$, since each label in D_2 is divisible by p and each label in D_1 is not divisible by p .

In all cases W_n is a permutation graph.

Corollary (4.2): F_n is a permutation graph.

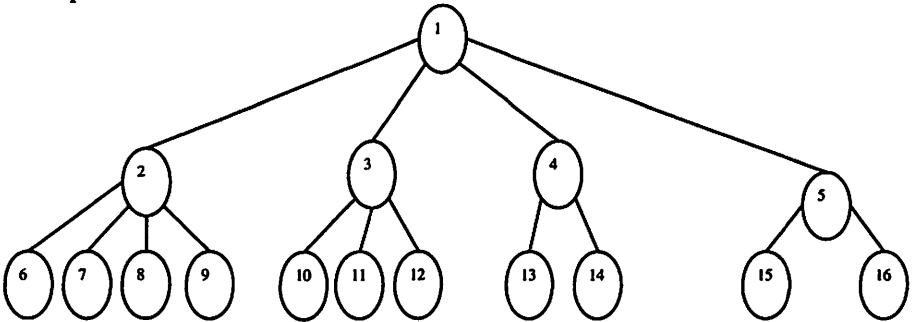
Proof: Since F_n is a subgraph of W_n with the same number of vertices and W_n is a permutation graph, F_n is a permutation graph.

Theorem (4.3): T_n is a Permutation graph for every n .

Proof: we will introduce a labeling for T_n by using the Breadth-First algorithm.

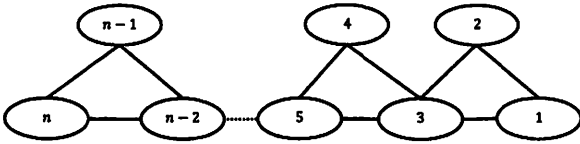
Choose a vertex and labeled it by 1 and label the adjacent vertices to this vertex by 2, 3, ..., n_1 and then label the vertices that are adjacent to the vertex labeled 2 by $m = n_1 + 1, m + 1, \dots, m_1$ and then label the vertices that adjacent to the vertex labeled 3 by $m_1 + 1, m_1 + 2, \dots, m_2$ and so on. By this way all the labels are distinct, since the permutation function is increasing.

Example:



Corollary (4.4): The triangular snake T_n , $n \geq 3$, is a permutation graph.

Proof: We introduce a labeling for the triangular snake for every n as follows:



Therefore the triangular snake is a Permutation graph for every n .

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