# Strong $Z_{4p}$ - Magic labeling

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#### Abstract

For any non-trivial abelian group A under addition, a graph G is said to be strong A-magic if there exists a labeling f of the edges of G with non zero elements of A such that the vertex labeling  $f^+$  defined as  $f^+(v) = \sum f(uv)$  taken over all edges uv incident at v is a constant [4], and the constant is same for all possible values of |V(G)|. A graph is said to be strong A-magic if it admits strong A-magic labeling. In this paper we consider  $(modulo\ Z_4, +)$  as abelian group and we prove strong  $Z_4$ - magic labeling for various graphs and generalize strong  $Z_{4p}$ -magic labeling for those graphs. The graphs which admit strong  $Z_{4p}$ -magic labeling are called as strong  $Z_{4p}$ -magic graphs.

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### 1 Introduction

By a graph G(V, E) we mean G is a finite, simple, undirected graph. The concept of magic labeling was introduced by Sedlacek in 1963. Kong, Lee and Sun [4] used the term magic labeling for the labeling of edges with non negative integers such that for each vertex v the sum of the labels of all

edges incident at v is same for all v. In particular the edge labels need not be distinct.

For any non-trivial abelian group A under addition a graph G is said to be A-magic if there exists a labeling f of the edges of G with non zero elements of A such that, the vertex labeling  $f^+$  defined as  $f^+(v) = \sum f(uv)$  over all edges uv incident at v is a constant. If this constant is same for all the vertices of G, in all possible values of |V(G)|, then it is said to be strong A-magic. Throughout this paper, we choose  $Z_4$  which is additive modulo A as the abelian group and we prove some graphs such as  $P_m \times P_n$ ,  $C_m \times C_n$ , MT(m,n) and  $S'(C_n)$  are strong  $Z_4$ -magic graphs. At the end, we prove that they are all strong  $Z_{4p}$ -magic graphs. Throughout this paper by a path  $P_n$ , we mean it is a path of length n-1, and by  $C_n$ , we mean it is a cycle of length n.

### 2 Main Results

**Definition 2.1.** The cross product  $G_1 \times G_2$  has its vertex set  $V_1 \times V_2$  and two points  $u = (u_1, u_2)$  and  $v = (v_1, v_2)$  are adjacent in  $G_1 \times G_2$  whenever  $u_1 = v_1$  and  $u_2$  adjacent to  $v_2$  or  $u_2 = v_2$  and  $u_1$  adjacent to  $v_1$ .

**Definition 2.2.** The product  $P_m \times P_n$  is called a planner grid.

#### Example 2.3.

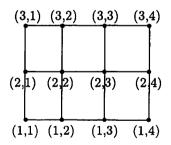


Fig.1  $P_4 \times P_3$ 

**Theorem 2.4.**  $P_m \times P_n$  is strong  $Z_4$ -magic for  $n \geq 2$  and  $m \geq 2$ .

*Proof.* Let (1,1)(1,2)...(1,m); (2,1)(2,2)...(2,m); ...(n,1)(n,2)...(n,m) be the mn vertices of the grid.

Let (i, j) be the vertex where i denotes the row (counted from the bottom to the top) and j denotes the column (counted from left to right).

It has mn vertices and (m(n-1) + n(m-1)) edges.

Let  $f: E(P_m \times P_n) \to Z_4 - \{0\}$  be defined as For a fixed i = 1 and n

$$f((i,j)(i,j+1)) = 1$$
 for  $j = 1, 2, ..., (m-1)$   
For fixed  $j = 1$  and  $m$ 

$$f((i,j)(i+1,j)) = 3$$
 for  $i = 1, 2, ..., (n-1)$   
For a fixed  $i = 2, 3, ..., (n-1)$ 

$$f(i,j)(i,j+1) = 2$$
, for  $j = 1, 2, ..., (m-1)$   
and for a fixed  $j = 2, 3, ..., (m-1)$ 

$$f(i,j)(i+1,j)=2$$
 for  $i=1,2,...,(n-1)$   
Now  $f^+:V(P_m\times P_n)\to Z_4$   
It is easy to check that  $f^+(i,j)=0\pmod 4, 1\leq i\leq n, 1\leq j\leq m$   
For example

$$f^+(1,1) = f((1,1)(1,2)) + f((1,1)(2,1))$$

Hence,  $f^+(v)=0$  for all vertices of  $P_m\times P_n, m\geq 2$  and  $n\geq 2$ . Here, the magic constant is 0 for all possible values of m,n of  $P_m\times P_n$ . Hence,  $P_m\times P_n$  is strong  $Z_4$ -magic.  $m\geq 2$  and  $n\geq 2$ .

 $\equiv$   $(1+3) \ (mod \ 4) = 0.$ 

**Example 2.5.** Strong  $Z_4$ -magic labelings are shown for  $P_5 \times P_3$  and  $P_3 \times P_6$ .

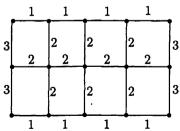


Fig. 2  $P_5 \times P_3$ 

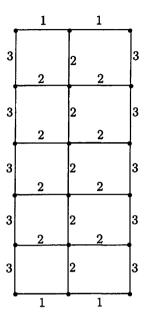


Fig. 3  $P_3 \times P_6$ 

**Definition 2.6.** The product  $C_m \times C_n$  is called a grid on cylinder.

**Theorem 2.7.**  $C_m \times C_n$  is strong  $Z_4$ -magic for  $m \geq 3$  and  $n \geq 3$ .

$$\begin{split} & \textit{Proof. Let } G \text{ be } C_m \times C_n \text{ graph.} \\ & \text{Then } V(G) = \left\{ u_i^{(j)} | 1 \leq i \leq m \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq n \right\} \\ & E(G) = \left\{ u_i^{(j)} u_{i+1}^{(j)} | 1 \leq i \leq m-1 \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq n \right\} \cup \\ & \left\{ u_i^{(j)} u_i^{(j+1)} | 1 \leq j \leq n-1 \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq m \right\} \cup \left\{ u_i^{(n)} u_i^{(1)} | 1 \leq i \leq m \right\} \end{split}$$

case 1 m is even and  $n \ge 3$ 

Let  $f: E(G) \to Z_4 - \{0\}$  be defined as

$$\begin{array}{lll} f\left(u_{2i-1}^{(j)}u_{2i}^{j}\right) & = & 3, & 1 \leq i \leq m/2 \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq n \\ \\ f\left(u_{2i}^{(j)}u_{2i+1}^{(j)}\right) & = & 1, & 1 \leq i \leq m/2 \; (u_{n+1}=u_1) \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq n \\ \\ f\left(u_{i}^{(j)}u_{i}^{(j+1)}\right) & = & 1, & 1 \leq i \leq m \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq n \; \left(u_{i}^{(n+1)}=u_{i}^{(1)}\right) \end{array}$$

Now  $f^+:V(G)\to Z_4$ By definition

$$\begin{array}{ll} f^+\left(u_i^{(j)}\right) & = & f\left(u_{i-1}^{(j)}u_i^{(j)}\right) + f\left(u_i^{(j)}u_{i+1}^{(j)}\right) + f\left(u_i^{(j)}u_i^{(j+1)}\right) + f\left(u_i^{(j-1)}u_i^{(j)}\right), \\ & 1 \leq i \leq m \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq n \quad \left(u_i^{(0)} = u_i^{(n)} \text{ and } u_0^{(j)} = u_n^{(j)}\right) \\ f^+\left(u_i^{(j)}\right) & = & (3+1+1+1) \; (mod \; 4) \equiv 6 \; (mod \; 4) \\ & = & 2, \; 1 < i \leq m \; \text{and} \; 1 \leq j \leq n \end{array}$$

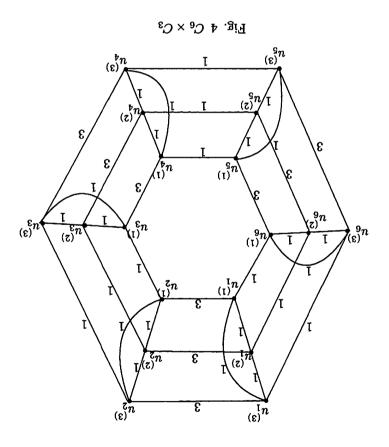
case 2 m is odd,  $n \ge 3$ .

Let  $f: E(G) \to Z_4 - \{0\}$  be defined as  $f\left(u_i^{(j)}u_{i+1}^{(j)}\right) = 2$ ,  $1 \le i \le m$  and  $1 \le j \le n$ .  $\left(u_{m+1}^{(j)} = u_1^{(j)}\right)$   $f\left(u_i^{(j)}u_i^{(j+1)}\right) = 1$ ,  $1 \le i \le m$  and  $1 \le j \le n$ .  $\left(u_i^{(n+1)} = u_i^{(1)}\right)$   $f^+: V(G) \to Z_4$  We get

$$\begin{array}{ll} f^+\left(u_i^{(j)}\right) & = & f\left(u_{i-1}^{(j)}u_i^{(j)}\right) + f\left(u_i^{(j)}u_{i+1}^{(j)}\right) + f\left(u_i^{(j)}u_i^{(j+1)}\right) + f\left(u_i^{(j-1)}u_i^{(j)}\right) \\ f^+\left(u_i^{(j)}\right) & \equiv & (2+2+1+1) \; (mod \; 4) \equiv 6 \; (mod \; 4) \\ & = & 2, \; \; 1 \leq i \leq m \; \; \text{and} \; \; 1 \leq j \leq n. \end{array}$$

In both the cases  $f^+(v)$  is the same constant  $\forall v \in V(G)$  and the magic constant is 2 for all possible values of m, n. Therefore  $C_m \times C_n$  is strong  $Z_4$  - magic graph.

**Example 2.8.** Strong  $Z_4$  - magic labelings with magic constant 2 are shown for the graphs  $C_6 \times C_3$  and  $C_5 \times C_4$ .



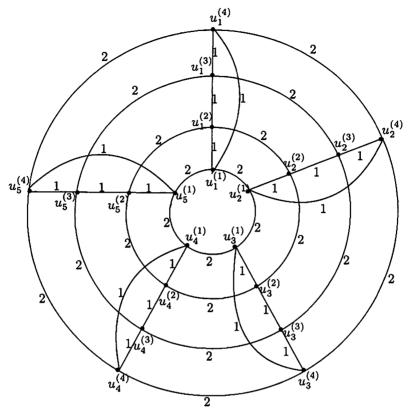
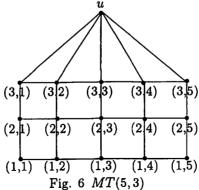


Fig. 5  $C_5 \times C_4$ 

**Definition 2.9.** [5] Mongolian tent is a graph obtained from  $P_m \times P_n$  by adding one extra vertex u above the grid and joining every vertex of the top row of  $P_m \times P_n$  to the new vertex u. It is denoted as MT(m,n).

Example 2.10. The Mongolian tent of MT(5,3) is shown below.



**Theorem 2.11.** Mongolian tent graph is strong  $Z_4$ -magic for  $m \ge 2$  and  $n \ge 2$ 

*Proof.* Let G be MT(m,n).

Let |V(G)| = mn + 1, |E(G)| = 2mn - n

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As in the plannar graph, here each vertex is represented as (i, j) where i
denotes the row (counted from the bottom to the top) and j denotes the
column (counted from left to right).
   The roof vertex is denoted as u.
Case 1 m be even and n \ge 2
Let f: E(G) \to Z_4 - \{0\} be defined as
For a fixed i = 1
f[(i,j)(i,j+1)] = 3, for j = 1, 2, ..., (m-1)
For a fixed i = n
f[(i,j)(i,j+1)] = 1, for j = 1, 3, ..., (m-1)
f[(i,j)(i,j+1)] = 3, for j = 2,4,6,...(m-2)
For a fixed j = 1 and m
f[(i,j)(i+1,j)] = 1, i = 1,2,3,...,(n-1)
For j = 2, 3, ..., (m-1)
f[(i,j)(i+1,j)] = 2, 1 \le i \le (n-1)
For i = 2, 3, ..., (n-1)
f[(i,j)(i,j+1)] = 2, \ 1 \le j \le (m-1)
f[(u)(n,j)] = 2, \ 1 \le j \le m.
Now, f^+:V(G)\to Z_4.
          f^+(1,1) = f[(1,1)(1,2)] + f[(1,1)(2,1)]
                    \equiv (3+1) \pmod{4}
                    = 0
similarly f^+(1,m) \equiv (3+1) \pmod{4}
                    = 0
          f^+(n,1) = f[((n-1),1)(n,1)] + f[(n,1)(n,2)] + f[(u)(n,1)]
                    \equiv (1+1+2) \pmod{4}
         f^+(n,m) = f[(n-1,m)(n,m)] + f[(n,m-1)(n,m)]
                       +f[(u)(n,m)]
                    \equiv (1+1+2) \pmod{4}
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= 0

For a fixed 
$$j = 2, 3, ..., (m-1)$$

$$f^{+}(i,j) = [(i-1,j)(i,j)] + f[(i,j)(i+1,j)] + f[(i,j)(i,j+1)]$$

$$+f[(i,j-1)(i,j)]$$

$$\equiv (2+2+2+2) \pmod{4}$$

$$= 0, 2 \le i \le n-1$$

$$f^{+}(1,j) = f[(1,j-1)(1,j)] + f[(1,j)(1,j+1)] + f[(1,j)(2,j)]$$

$$\equiv (3+3+2) \pmod{4}$$

$$= 0, 2 \le j \le m-1$$

$$f^{+}(i,1) = f[(i,1)(i,2)] + f[(i-1,1)(i,1)] + f[(i,1)(i+1,1)]$$

$$\equiv (2+1+1) \pmod{4}$$

$$= 0, 2 \le i \le n-1$$
similarly  $f^{+}(i,m) = f[(i,m)(i+1,m)] + f[(i-1,m)(i,m)]$ 

$$+f[(i,m-1)(i,m)]$$

$$\equiv (1+1+2) \pmod{4}$$

$$= 0, 2 \le i \le n-1$$

$$f^{+}(n,j) = f[(n,j)(n,j-1)] + f[(n,j)(n,j+1)]$$

$$+f[(n-1,j)(n,j)] + f[(u)(n,j)]$$

$$\equiv (1+3+2+2) \pmod{4}$$

$$= 0, 2 \le j \le m-1$$

$$f^{+}(u) = \sum_{j=1}^{m} f[(u)(n,j)]$$

$$\equiv (2+2+...+2) \pmod{4}$$

$$\equiv (m \ times \ 2) \pmod{4}$$

$$= 0$$

Hence, 
$$f^+(v)$$
 is constant for all  $v \in G$   
Case 2  $m$  is odd and  $n \ge 2$ .  
Let  $f: E(G) \to Z_4 - \{0\}$  be defined as  
For  $i = 1$   
 $f[(i,j)(i,j+1)] = 3, \quad 1 \le j \le m-1$   
For  $i = n$   
 $f[(i,j)(i,j+1)] = 2, \quad 1 \le j \le m-1$   
For  $j = 1$  and  $m$   
 $f[(i,j)(i+1,j)] = 1, \quad 1 \le i \le n-1$   
For a fixed  $j = 2, 3, ..., (m-1)$   
 $f[(i,j)(i+1,j)] = 2, \quad 1 \le i \le n-1$ 

For a fixed 
$$i=2,3,...,(n-1)$$
  $f[(i,j)(i,j+1)]=2, 1 \le j \le m-1$   $f[(u)(n,1)]=1=f[(u)(n,m)]$   $f[(u)(n,j)]=2, 2 \le j \le m-1$  Now,  $f^+:V(G) \to Z_4$  
$$f^+(1,1)=f[(1,1)(1,2)]+f[(2,1)(1,1)]$$
  $\equiv (3+1) \pmod 4$   $= 0$  Similarly  $f^+(1,m)\equiv (3+1) \pmod 4=0$  
$$f^+(n,1)=f[(n-1,1)(n,1)]+f[(n,1)(n,2)]+f[(u)(n,1)]$$
  $\equiv (1+2+1) \pmod 4=0$  
$$f^+(n,m)=f[(n-1),m)(n,m)]+f(n,m-1)(n,m)]+f[(u)(n,m)]$$
  $\equiv (1+2+1) \pmod 4=0$  For a fixed  $j=2,3,...,(m-1)$  
$$f^+(i,j)=f[(i-1,j)(i,j)]+f[(i,j)(i+1,j)]+f[(i,j)(i,j+1)]+f[(i,j-1)(i,j)]$$
  $\equiv (2+2+2+2) \pmod 4$   $= 0, 2 \le i \le n-1$  
$$f^+(1,j)=f[(1,j-1)(1,j)]+f[(1,j)(1,j+1)]+f[(2,j)(1,j)]$$
  $\equiv (3+3+2) \pmod 4$   $= 0, 2 \le j \le m-1$  
$$f^+(i,1)=f[(i,1)(i,2)]+f[(i-1,1)(i,1)]+f[(i,1)(i+1,1)]$$
  $\equiv (2+1+1) \pmod 4$   $= 0, 2 \le i \le n-1$  Similarly  $f^+(i,m)=f[(i,m)(i+1,m)]+f[(i-1,m)(i,m)]+f[(i,m-1)(i,m)]$   $\equiv (1+1+2) \pmod 4$   $= 0, 2 \le i \le n-1$  
$$f^+(n,j)=f[(n,j-1)(n,j)]+f[(n,j)(n,j+1)]+f[(n-1,j)(n,j)]+f[(n-1,j)($$

$$f^{+}(u) = \sum_{j=1}^{m} f[(u)(n, j)]$$

$$\equiv (1 + (m-2) \text{ times } 2 + 1) \text{ (mod 4)}$$

$$= 0 \text{ (mod 4)} = 0$$

In both the cases  $f^+(v)$ ,  $\forall v \in V(G)$  is the same constant and the magic constant is 0 here. Therefore the mongolian tent graph is strong  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  -magic.

**Example 2.12.** Strong  $\mathbb{Z}_4$ -magic labelings of MT(6,5) and M(7,4) are shown below.

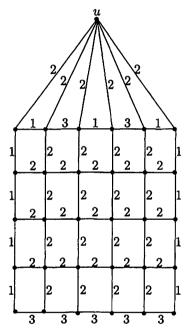


Fig. 7 Strong  $Z_4$  - magic labeling of MT(6,5)

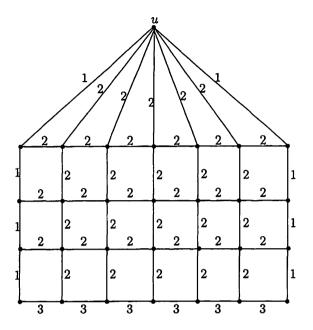


Fig. 8 Strong  $Z_4$  - magic labeling of MT(7,4)

**Definition 2.13.** Let G be a graph. For each point v of a graph G, take a new vertex v'. Join v' to those points of G which are adjacent to v. The graph, thus obtained is called the splitting graph of G. It is denoted as S'(G).

**Theorem 2.14.**  $S'(C_n)$  is strong  $Z_4$ -magic for  $n \geq 3$ .

Proof. Let 
$$V(S'(c_n)) = \{v_i | 1 \le i \le n\} \cup \{v_i' | 1 \le i \le n\}$$
 and  $E(S'(C_n)) = \{v_i v_{i+1} | 1 \le i \le n\} \cup \{v_{i-1} v_i' | 1 \le i \le n\} \cup \{v_i' v_{i+1} | 1 \le i \le n\}$  [ $v_{n+1} = v_1$  and  $v_0 = v_n$ ]

Let  $f: E(S'(C_n)) \to Z_4 - \{0\}$  be defined as  $f(v_i v_{i+1}) = 2, \quad 1 \le i \le n$ 
 $f(v_{i-1} v_i') = 1 \text{ and } f(v_i' v_{i+1}) = 1, \quad 1 \le i \le n$ 

Now,  $f^+: V(S'(C_n)) \to Z_4$ 

$$f^+(v_i) = f(v_{i-1} v_i) + f(v_i v_{i+1}) + f(v_{i-1}' v_i) + f(v_i v_{i+1}')$$
 $\equiv (2 + 2 + 1 + 1) \pmod{4}, \quad 1 \le i \le n$ 
 $\equiv (6 \mod 4)$ 
 $= 2, \quad 1 \le i \le n$ 

$$f^{+}(v'_{i}) = f(v_{i-1}v'_{i}) + f(v'_{i}v_{i+1})$$

$$\equiv (1+1) \pmod{4} \quad 1 \le i \le n$$

$$= 2$$

Hence,  $f^+(v)$ , is constant for all  $v \in V(S'(C_n))$  clearly. Hence,  $S'(C_n)$  admits strong  $Z_4$ -magic labeling and therefore  $S'(C_n)$  is strong  $Z_4$ -magic graph.

**Example 2.15.** Strong  $Z_4$ -magic labelings of  $S'(C_5)$  and  $S'(C_8)$  are shown below.

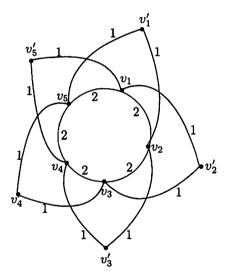


Fig. 9 Strong  $Z_4$  - magic labeling of  $S'(C_5)$ 

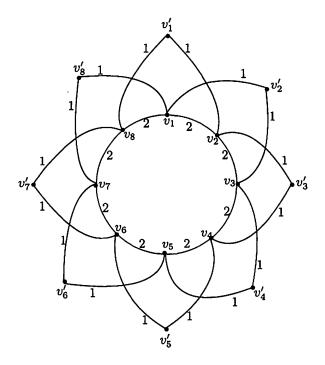


Fig. 10 Strong  $Z_4$  - magic labeling of  $S'(C_8)$ 

**Observation 2.16.** In all the above theorems, if we multiply the edge labeling by a positive integer p, the vertex labeling remains to be a constant and this magic constant is equal to p times the original magic constant value we obtained. Hence all the above graphs admit strong  $Z_{4p}$ -magic labeling. Hence the graphs  $P_m \times P_n$ ,  $C_m \times C_n$ , MT(m,n) and  $S'(C_n)$  are all strong  $Z_{4p}$ -magic graphs.

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