

# On the Cordiality of Elongated Plys

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**Abstract:** An elongated ply  $T(n; t^{(1)}, t^{(2)}, \dots, t^{(n)})$  is a snake of  $n$  number of plys  $P_{t^{(i)}}(u_i, u_{i+1})$  where any two adjacent plys  $P_{t^{(i)}}$  and  $P_{t^{(i+1)}}$  have only the vertex  $u_{i+1}$  in common. That means the block cut vertex graph of  $T_n$  is thus a path of length  $n - 1$ . In this paper, the cordiality of the Elongated Ply  $T_n$  is investigated.

## 1: Preliminaries

Let  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$  denote the vertex set and edge set of a finite simple graph  $G$ . A labeling  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ , called a binary vertex labeling of  $G$ , induces a labeling  $f : E(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  given by  $f(uv) = |f(u) - f(v)|$ . By  $v_f(0), v_f(1)$  we denote the number of vertices in  $G$  having labels 0 and 1 respectively under  $f$ . The numbers  $e_f(0), e_f(1)$  denote the number of edges having labels 0 and 1 respectively under  $f$ .

**Definition:** For a graph  $G$ , by the **index of cordiality**  $i(G)$ , we mean  $\min\{|e_f(0) - e_f(1)|\}$  where the minimum is taken over all binary labelings of  $G$  with  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

A graph  $G$  is called a **cordial graph** if  $i(G) \leq 1$ , and a binary labeling  $f$  of  $G$  is called a **cordial labeling** if  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ . In [1], Cahit proved the following:

**Theorem 1:** If  $G$  is an Eulerian graph with  $e$  edges, where  $e \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , then  $G$  has no cordial labeling.

A  $t$ -ply  $P_t(u, v)$  is a graph with  $t$  paths, each of length at least two and such that no two paths have a vertex in common except for the end vertices  $u$  and  $v$ . In [3], the cordiality of  $t$ -plys was investigated. An **elongated ply**  $T(n; t^{(1)}, t^{(2)}, \dots, t^{(n)})$ , often denoted by  $T_n$ , is a snake of  $n$  number of plys  $P_{t^{(i)}}(u_i, u_{i+1})$  where any two adjacent plys  $P_{t^{(i)}}$  and  $P_{t^{(i+1)}}$  have only the vertex  $u_{i+1}$  in common. Each  $t^{(i)}$ -ply  $P_{t^{(i)}}$  is a block of  $T_n$ . The block cut vertex graph of  $T_n$  is thus a path of length  $n - 1$ . In this sequel of [3], we investigate cordiality of elongated plys.

Consider a  $t$ -ply  $P_t(u, v)$  and let  $P \equiv \{u, v_1, \dots, v_n, v\}$  be a typical path with the end points  $u$  and  $v$  in  $P_t(u, v)$ . The length  $l(P)$  of this path is  $n + 1$ . We say that the path  $P$  is of type  $i$  if  $l(P) \equiv i \pmod{4}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . Denote by  $t_i$ , the number of paths of the type  $i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . Then

$$t = t_1 + t_2 + t_3 + t_4 \dots \dots \dots \text{(I)}$$

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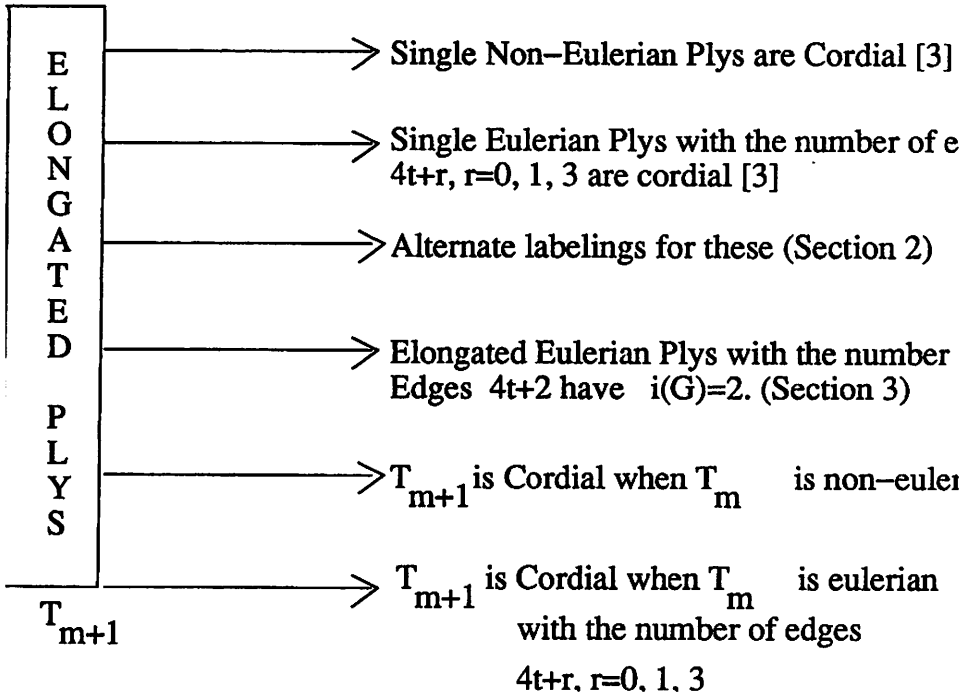
It follows clearly that if  $e = |E(P_t(u, v))|$ , then

$$e \equiv (t_1 + 2t_2 + 3t_3) \pmod{4} \dots \dots (II).$$

Further, let  $t_1 = 4s_1 + x_1, t_3 = 4s_3 + x_3, t_2 = 2s_2 + x_2, t_4 = 2s_4 + x_4,$   
 $0 \leq x_1, x_3 \leq 3$  and  $0 \leq x_2, x_4 \leq 1$ . By (II), it follows that

$$e \equiv (x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3) \pmod{4} \dots \dots (III).$$

Following road map indicates the flow of the proof.



We now list the classification and all the labelings and the corresponding parameters found in the  $t$ -ply paper [3], in a tabular form so that they can be referred to as and when required. This will be useful later, when we define some alternate labelings.

**2: Classification:**

The single  $t$ -ply graphs are classified into various types depending on whether they are Eulerian or Non-Eulerian and on whether  $e \equiv 0, 1, 2$  or  $3 \pmod{4}$ . Accordingly, we have the following 8 types.

**Type  $A_1$ .** These are Eulerian with  $e \equiv 0 \pmod 4$  and the quadruples  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$  corresponding to them are  $(0, 0, 0, 0), (0, 1, 2, 1), (1, 0, 1, 0), (1, 1, 3, 1), (2, 0, 2, 0), (2, 1, 0, 1), (3, 0, 3, 0), (3, 1, 1, 1)$ .

**Type  $A_2$ .** These are Non-Eulerian with  $e \equiv 1 \pmod 4$  and the quadruples  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$  corresponding to them are  $(0, 0, 3, 0), (0, 1, 1, 1), (1, 0, 0, 0), (1, 1, 2, 1), (2, 0, 1, 0), (2, 1, 3, 1), (3, 0, 2, 0), (3, 1, 0, 1)$ .

**Type  $A_3$ .** These are Non-Eulerian with  $e \equiv 3 \pmod 4$  and the quadruples  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$  corresponding to them are  $(0, 0, 1, 0), (0, 1, 3, 1), (1, 0, 2, 0), (1, 1, 0, 1), (2, 0, 3, 0), (2, 1, 1, 1), (3, 0, 0, 0), (3, 1, 2, 1)$ .

**Type  $A_4$ .** These are Non-Eulerian with  $e \equiv 2 \pmod 4$  and the quadruples  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$  corresponding to them are  $(0, 0, 2, 1), (0, 1, 0, 0), (1, 0, 3, 0), (1, 1, 1, 0), (2, 0, 0, 1), (2, 1, 2, 0), (3, 0, 1, 1), (3, 1, 3, 0)$ .

**Type  $A_5$ .** These are Eulerian with  $e \equiv 2 \pmod 4$  and the quadruples  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$  corresponding to them are  $(0, 0, 1, 1), (0, 1, 3, 0), (1, 0, 2, 1), (1, 1, 0, 0), (2, 0, 3, 1), (2, 1, 1, 0), (3, 0, 0, 1), (3, 1, 2, 0)$ .

**Type  $A_6$ .** These are Eulerian with  $e \equiv 2 \pmod 4$  and the quadruples  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$  corresponding to them are  $(0, 0, 3, 1), (0, 1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 0, 1), (1, 1, 2, 0), (2, 0, 1, 1), (2, 1, 3, 0), (3, 0, 2, 1), (3, 1, 0, 0)$ .

**Type  $B$ .** These are Non-Eulerian with  $e \equiv 2 \pmod 4$  and the quadruples  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$  corresponding to them are  $(0, 0, 0, 1), (0, 1, 2, 0), (1, 0, 1, 1), (1, 1, 3, 0), (2, 0, 2, 1), (2, 1, 0, 0), (3, 0, 3, 1), (3, 1, 1, 0)$ .

**Type  $C$ .** These are Eulerian with  $e \equiv 2 \pmod 4$  and the quadruples  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$  corresponding to them are  $(0, 0, 0, 1), (0, 1, 2, 0), (1, 0, 1, 1), (1, 1, 3, 0), (2, 0, 2, 1), (2, 1, 0, 0), (3, 0, 3, 1), (3, 1, 1, 0)$ .

For Type  $B$  labeling  $f$  of type  $B$  were used. for which  $v_f(0) + 1 = v_f(1), e_f(0) = e_f(1), f(u) = 0 = f(v)$ . By Theorem 1, plys of type  $C$  are not cordial. Hence, neither labelings of type  $A$  nor of type  $B$  were used for these graphs. The cordial labelings in the remaining cases are done in two stages. For a typical path  $u, v_1, \dots, v_n, v$  we write  $n = 4q + 1, 1 \leq r \leq 4$ . In the first stage for type  $A$  labels  $f(u), f(v)$  are 1, 0 respectively. On each path the middle vertices are labeled repeatedly 0, 0, 1, 1, in all  $q$  times. If  $v_f''(i), e_f''(i), i = 0, 1$ , are the number of vertices and the number of edges being labeled  $i$  in the second stage, then  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| = |v_f''(0) - v_f''(1)|$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = |e_f''(0) - e_f''(1)|$ . Similarly, in the first stage for type  $B$  labels  $f(u), f(v)$  are both 0. On each path the middle vertices are labeled repeatedly 1, 1, 0, 0, in all  $q$  times. Clearly for these labelings  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| = 2 + |v_f''(0) - v_f''(1)|$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = |e_f''(0) - e_f''(1)|$ .

We now tabulate all the labelings according to the values of  $x_1, \dots, x_4$ .

### Compendium Of Labelings

The various labelings used in stage 2 earlier, are required to be supple-

mented by additional labelings which will be used in the sequel. We present the labelings of [2] together in the form of a compendium given below:

**Labelings of type A**

$$f(u) = 1; f(v) = 0$$

1.  $x_1 = 1$

$f$	$f(v_{n-3})$	$f(v_{n-2})$	$f(v_{n-1})$	$f(v_n)$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
$a_{11}$	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	3
$a_{12}$	1	1	0	0	2	2	4	1
$a_{13}$	1	0	0	0	3	1	4	1
$a_{14}$	1	1	1	0	1	3	4	1
$a_{15}$	0	0	0	1	3	1	2	3
$a_{16}$	0	1	1	1	1	3	2	3

2.  $x_1 = 2$

$f$	Path	$f(v_{n-3})$	$f(v_{n-2})$	$f(v_{n-1})$	$f(v_n)$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
$a_{21}$	1	0	0	1	1	4	4	4	6
	2	0	0	1	1				
$a_{22}$	1	0	0	1	1	4	4	6	4
	2	1	1	0	0				
$a_{23}$	1	0	0	1	1	5	3	6	4
	2	1	0	0	0				
$a_{24}$	1	0	1	0	1	5	3	4	6
	2	1	0	0	0				
$a_{25}$	1	0	1	1	1	3	5	4	6
	2	0	0	1	1				
$a_{26}$	1	0	1	1	1	3	5	6	4
	2	1	1	0	0				

3.  $x_1 = 3$

$f$	Path	$f^{(u_{n-3})}$	$f^{(u_{n-2})}$	$f^{(u_{n-1})}$	$f^{(u_n)}$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
a31	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	6	6
	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	6	6
	3	0	0	1	1	1	1	6	9
a32	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	6	6
	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	6	6
	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	6	8
a33	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	5	7
	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	7	8
	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	7	7

4.  $x_2 = 1$

$f$	$f^{(u_n)}$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
$b_{11}$	0	1	0	1	1
$b_{12}$	1	0	1	1	1

5.  $x_3 = 1$

$f$	$f^{(u_{n-1})}$	$f^{(u_n)}$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
$c_{11}$	1	0	1	1	2	1
$c_{12}$	0	1	1	1	0	3
$c_{13}$	1	1	0	2	2	1
$c_{14}$	0	0	2	0	2	1

6.  $x_3 = 2$

$f$	Path	$f^{(u_{n-1})}$	$f^{(u_n)}$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
c21	1	1	0	2	2	4	2
	2	1	0	2	2	4	2
c22	1	1	0	2	2	2	4
	2	0	1	2	2	2	4
c23	1	1	1	1	3	4	2
	2	1	0	1	3	4	2
c24	1	1	0	3	1	4	2
	2	0	0	3	1	4	2
c25	1	0	1	3	1	2	4
	2	0	0	3	1	2	4
c26	1	1	1	1	3	2	4
	2	0	1	1	3	2	4

7.  $x_3 = 3$

$f$	Path	$f(v_{n-1})$	$f(v_n)$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
c31	1	1	0				
	2	1	0	3	3	4	5
	3	0	1				
c32	1	1	0				
	2	1	0	3	3	6	3
	3	1	1				
c33	1	1	1				
	2	1	0	2	4	4	5
	3	1	0				
c34	1	1	0				
	2	1	0	2	4	6	3
	3	1	1				

8.  $x_4 = 1$

$f$	$f(v_{n-2})$	$f(v_{n-1})$	$f(v_n)$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
$d_{11}$	1	0	1	1	2	1	3
$d_{12}$	1	1	0	1	2	3	1
$d_{13}$	1	1	1	0	3	3	1
$d_{14}$	1	0	0	2	1	3	1
$d_{15}$	0	1	0	2	1	1	3

Labelings of type B

$f(u)=0, f(v)=0$

1.  $x_1 = 1$

$f$	$f(v_{n-3})$	$f(v_{n-2})$	$f(v_{n-1})$	$f(v_n)$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
$j_{11}$	1	1	0	0	2	2	3	2
$j_{12}$	1	1	1	0	1	3	3	2
$j_{13}$	1	0	0	0	3	1	3	2

2.  $x_1 = 2$

	Path	$f^{(v_{n-3})}$	$f^{(v_{n-2})}$	$f^{(v_{n-1})}$	$f^{(v_n)}$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
$j_{21}$	1	1	1	0	0	4	4	6	4
	2	1	1	0	0	4	4	6	4
$j_{22}$	1	1	1	1	1	3	5	6	4
	2	0	0	0	1	3	5	6	4
$j_{23}$	1	1	1	1	1	2	6	6	4
	2	1	1	0	0	2	6	6	4
$j_{24}$	1	1	0	0	1	4	6	2	6
	2	1	1	1	1	4	6	2	6
$j_{26}$	1	1	1	0	0	4	4	4	6
	2	1	0	0	1	4	4	4	6

3.  $x_1 = 3$

$f$	Path	$f^{(v_{n-3})}$	$f^{(v_{n-2})}$	$f^{(v_{n-1})}$	$f^{(v_n)}$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
$j_{31}$	1	1	1	0	0	6	6	9	6
	2	1	1	0	0	6	6	9	6
	3	1	1	0	0	6	6	9	6
$j_{32}$	1	1	1	1	0	5	7	7	8
	2	1	1	0	0	5	7	7	8
	3	1	1	0	1	5	7	7	8
$j_{33}$	1	1	1	1	1	4	8	9	6
	2	1	1	0	0	4	8	9	6
	3	1	1	1	0	4	8	9	6
$j_{34}$	1	1	1	1	1	4	8	7	8
	2	1	1	0	0	4	8	7	8
	3	1	1	0	1	4	8	7	8
$j_{35}$	1	1	1	0	0	6	6	7	8
	2	1	1	0	0	6	6	7	8
	3	1	1	0	1	6	6	7	8
$j_{36}$	1	1	0	0	0	7	5	9	6
	2	1	1	0	0	7	5	9	6
	3	1	1	0	0	7	5	9	6

4.  $x_2 = 1$

$f$	$f^{(v_n)}$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
$k_{11}$	1	0	1	0	2
$k_{12}$	0	1	0	2	0

5.  $x_3 = 1$

$f$	$f(v_{n-1})$	$f(v_n)$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
$l_{11}$	1	1	0	2	1	2
$l_{12}$	1	0	1	1	1	2
$l_{13}$	0	0	2	0	3	0

6.  $x_3 = 2$

$f$	Path	$f(v_{n-1})$	$f(v_n)$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
$l_{21}$	1	1	1	1	3	2	4
	2	1	0				
$l_{22}$	1	1	1	0	4	2	4
	2	1	1				
$l_{23}$	1	1	1	2	2	4	2
	2	0	0				
$l_{24}$	1	1	0	2	2	2	4
	2	1	0				

7.  $x_3 = 3$

$f$	Path	$f(v_{n-1})$	$f(v_n)$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
$l_{31}$	1	0	0	3	3	5	4
	2	1	1				
	3	1	0				
$l_{32}$	1	1	1	2	4	3	6
	2	1	0				
	3	1	0				
$l_{33}$	1	1	1	1	5	3	6
	2	1	1				
	3	1	0				
$l_{34}$	1	1	1	2	4	5	4
	2	1	1				
	3	0	0				

8.  $x_4 = 1$

$f$	$f(v_{n-2})$	$f(v_{n-1})$	$f(v_n)$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
$m_{11}$	1	1	0	1	2	2	2
$m_{12}$	1	1	1	0	3	2	2
$m_{13}$	1	0	0	2	1	2	2

Let  $f$  be a binary labeling of a graph  $G$ . A labeling  $\hat{f}$  such that  $\hat{f}(v) = 1$ , if  $f(v) = 0$  and  $\hat{f}(v) = 0$ , if  $f(v) = 1$  for each  $v \in V(G)$ , is called the dual



labeling of  $f$ . Note that  $v_{\tilde{f}}(0) = v_f(1), v_{\tilde{f}}(1) = v_f(0), e_{\tilde{f}}(0) = e_f(0)$  and  $e_{\tilde{f}}(1) = e_f(1)$ . Let  $f$  be a cordial labeling of a single  $t$ -ply graph  $P_t(u, v, )$ . Let  $\tilde{f}$  be a binary labeling of  $P_t(u, v)$  such that  $\tilde{f}(u) = f(v), \tilde{f}(v) = f(u)$ . Also, on any path,  $u, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, v$  in  $P_t(u, v)$  let  $\tilde{f}(v_i) = f(v_{n-i+1})$ , that is,  $\tilde{f}(v_1) = f(v_n), \tilde{f}(v_2) = f(v_{n-1})$  and so on. We call  $\tilde{f}$  the **inversion labeling** of  $f$ . Then,  $v_{\tilde{f}}(0) = v_f(0), v_{\tilde{f}}(1) = v_f(1); e_{\tilde{f}}(0) = e_f(0), e_{\tilde{f}}(1) = e_f(1)$ . Literally speaking,  $\tilde{f}$  is a lateral inversion of  $f$ . This inversion labeling  $\tilde{f}$  will be used in those cases where we need to interchange the labels of the vertices  $u, v$  without disturbing the vertex and edge label conditions.

Using the dual labeling and inversion labeling as defined above, we obtain some more labelings for the  $t$ -ply graphs classified in the earlier paper[3].

Recall the labelings used in [3] for various types of  $t$ -ply graphs. For ease of reference, let  $\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1, \delta_1, \theta_1, \phi_1, \mu_1$ , denote the binary labelings given for  $t$ -ply graphs of type  $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, A_5, A_6, B$  respectively in [3]. We use these notations consistently for them, throughout this paper.

The labelings mentioned above prove inadequate for the task ahead. It is therefore necessary to introduce some alternate labelings for each type of graph which we now set out to do. These labelings are not necessarily cordial. In most cases, unless otherwise mentioned, the labeling in Stage 1 remains as in the previous paper[3]. As before, we mention only the choice of the labelings used in Stage 2 in the following tables. Also the type of labeling used is mentioned alongside.

#### Alternate labeling for $t$ -ply graph of Type $A_1$ :

Here we use the labeling of type A.

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	$1(b_{11})$	$2(c_{23})$	$1(d_{11})$	3	5	6	6
$1(a_{16})$	0	$1(c_{11})$	0	2	4	4	4
$1(a_{16})$	$1(b_{11})$	$3(c_{31})$	$1(d_{12})$	6	8	10	10
$2(a_{25})$	0	$2(c_{21})$	0	5	7	8	8
$2(a_{25})$	$1(b_{11})$	0	$1(d_{12})$	5	7	8	8
$3(a_{33})$	0	$3(c_{31})$	0	8	10	12	12
$3(a_{32})$	$1(b_{11})$	$1(c_{12})$	$1(d_{12})$	8	10	12	12

In all cases, except the first, the labelings are described in the bracket and  $v_f''(0) + 2 = v_f''(1)$  and  $e_f''(0) = e_f''(1)$ .

In the first case, since  $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = 0$ , hence  $t_1 = 4s_1, t_2 = 2s_2, t_3 = 4s_3, t_4 = 2s_4$  and at least one of  $s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4$  is non-zero. In this case, we disturb the labeling in Stage 1 to a small extent.

If  $s_1 \neq 0$ , then there is at least one path of type 1 on which the last 4 intermediate vertices are labeled 1, 1, 0, 0 in that order. On precisely one

such path, we relabel these vertices as 1, 1, 1, 0.

If  $s_1 = 0$ , then one of  $s_2, s_3, s_4$  is non-zero. Suppose  $s_2 \neq 0$ . Then there is at least one path of type 2 on which the last intermediate vertex has the label 0. On exactly one such path, we replace this 0 by a 1.

If  $s_1 = 0, s_2 = 0$ , then one of  $s_3, s_4$  is non-zero. Suppose  $s_3 \neq 0$ , then there is at least one path of type 3 on which the last 2 intermediate vertices are labeled 1, 0 in that order. On precisely one such path, we relabel these vertices as 1, 1.

If  $s_1 = 0, s_2 = 0, s_3 = 0$ , then  $s_4 \neq 0$  and hence there is at least one path of type 4 on which the last 3 intermediate vertices are labeled 1, 1, 0 in that order. On precisely one such path, we relabel these vertices as 1, 1, 1.

Thus, we have obtained a labeling  $f$  of  $A_1$  such that  $v_f(0) + 2 = v_f(1), e_f(0) = e_f(1), f(u) = 1, f(v) = 0$ . We denote this labeling henceforth by  $\alpha_2$ .

**Alternate labeling 1 for plys of Type  $A_2$  :** Here we use labeling of type A.

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
0	0	3( $c_{33}$ )	0	2	4	4	5
0	1( $b_{11}$ )	1( $c_{13}$ )	1( $d_{11}$ )	2	4	4	5
1( $a_{16}$ )	0	0	0	1	3	2	3
1( $a_{16}$ )	1( $b_{11}$ )	2( $c_{21}$ )	1( $d_{11}$ )	5	7	8	9
2( $a_{25}$ )	0	1( $c_{11}$ )	0	4	6	6	7
2( $a_{25}$ )	1( $b_{11}$ )	3( $c_{31}$ )	1( $d_{12}$ )	8	10	12	13
3( $a_{31}$ )	0	2( $c_{23}$ )	0	7	9	10	11
3( $a_{31}$ )	1( $b_{11}$ )	0	1( $d_{13}$ )	7	9	10	11

In each of these cases,  $v_f(0) + 2 = v_f(1), e_f(0) + 1 = e_f(1), f(u) = 1, f(v) = 0$ .

We denote this labeling henceforth by  $\beta_2$

**Alternate labeling 2 for plys of Type  $A_2$  :** In this case we use the labeling of type B.

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
0	0	3( $l_{31}$ )	0	3	3	5	4
0	1( $k_{11}$ )	1( $l_{13}$ )	1( $m_{11}$ )	3	3	5	4
1( $j_{11}$ )	0	0	0	2	2	3	2
1( $j_{11}$ )	1( $k_{11}$ )	2( $l_{23}$ )	1( $m_{13}$ )	6	6	9	8
2( $j_{21}$ )	0	1( $l_{12}$ )	0	5	5	7	6
2( $j_{21}$ )	1( $k_{11}$ )	3( $l_{31}$ )	1( $m_{13}$ )	9	9	13	12
3( $j_{35}$ )	0	2( $l_{23}$ )	0	8	8	11	10
3( $j_{35}$ )	1( $k_{12}$ )	0	1( $m_{11}$ )	8	8	11	10

We observe that in all these cases  $v_f''(0) = v_f''(1)$  and  $e_f''(0) = e_f''(1) + 1$ . Since  $f(u) = f(v) = 0$ ; and  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 2, e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 1$ .

We denote this labeling by  $\beta_3$ .

**Alternate labeling 3 for plys of Type  $A_2$**  : In this case we use the labeling of type B.

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
0	0	3( $l_{34}$ )	0	2	4	5	4
0	1( $k_{12}$ )	1( $l_{11}$ )	1( $m_{11}$ )	2	4	5	4
1( $j_{12}$ )	0	0	0	1	3	3	2
1( $j_{11}$ )	1( $k_{12}$ )	2( $l_{21}$ )	1( $m_{11}$ )	5	7	9	8
2( $j_{21}$ )	0	1( $l_{11}$ )	0	4	6	7	6
2( $j_{21}$ )	1( $k_{11}$ )	3( $l_{31}$ )	1( $m_{11}$ )	8	10	13	12
3( $j_{31}$ )	0	2( $l_{21}$ )	0	7	9	11	10
3( $j_{31}$ )	1( $k_{11}$ )	0	1( $m_{11}$ )	7	9	11	10

We observe that in all cases  $v_f''(0) + 2 = v_f''(1)$  and  $e_f''(0) = e_f''(1) + 1$ . Since  $f(u) = f(v) = 0$ ; hence  $v_f(0) = v_f(1), e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 1$ .

We denote this labeling by  $\beta_4$ .

**Alternate labeling 1 for plys of Type  $A_3$**  : Here we use the labeling of type A.

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
0	0	1( $c_{13}$ )	0	0	2	2	1
0	1( $b_{11}$ )	3( $c_{33}$ )	1( $d_{12}$ )	4	6	8	7
1( $a_{16}$ )	0	2( $c_{21}$ )	0	3	5	6	5
1( $a_{16}$ )	1( $b_{11}$ )	0	1( $d_{12}$ )	3	5	6	5
2( $a_{26}$ )	0	3( $c_{31}$ )	0	6	8	10	9
2( $a_{25}$ )	1( $b_{11}$ )	1( $c_{11}$ )	1( $d_{12}$ )	6	8	10	9
3( $a_{33}$ )	0	0	0	5	7	8	7
3( $a_{31}$ )	1( $b_{11}$ )	2( $c_{23}$ )	1( $d_{12}$ )	9	11	14	13

In each of these cases,  $v_f(0) + 2 = v_f(1), e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 1, f(u) = 1, f(v) = 0$ .

We denote this labeling by  $\gamma_2$ .

**Alternate labeling 2 for plys of Type  $A_3$**  : Here we use the labeling of type B.

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
0	0	1( $l_{12}$ )	0	1	1	1	2
0	1( $k_{11}$ )	3( $l_{31}$ )	1( $m_{13}$ )	5	5	7	8
1( $j_{11}$ )	0	2( $l_{24}$ )	0	4	4	5	6
1( $j_{11}$ )	1( $k_{11}$ )	0	1( $m_{13}$ )	4	4	5	6
2( $j_{25}$ )	0	3( $l_{31}$ )	0	7	7	9	10
2( $j_{25}$ )	1( $k_{12}$ )	1( $l_{12}$ )	1( $m_{11}$ )	7	7	9	10
3( $j_{35}$ )	0	0	0	6	6	7	8
3( $j_{35}$ )	1( $k_{12}$ )	2( $l_{21}$ )	1( $m_{13}$ )	10	10	13	14

We observe that in all cases  $v_f''(0) = v_f''(1)$  and  $e_f''(0) + 1 = e_f''(1)$ . Since  $f(u) = f(v) = 0$ ; hence  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 2, e_f(0) + 1 = e_f(1)$ .

This labeling will be denoted by  $\gamma_3$ .

**Alternate labeling 3 for plys of Type  $A_3$ :**

Here we use the labeling of type B.

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
0	0	1( $l_{11}$ )	0	0	2	1	2
0	1( $k_{11}$ )	3( $l_{31}$ )	1( $m_{11}$ )	4	6	7	8
1( $j_{11}$ )	0	2( $l_{21}$ )	0	3	5	5	6
1( $j_{11}$ )	1( $k_{11}$ )	0	1( $m_{11}$ )	3	5	5	6
2( $j_{21}$ )	0	3( $l_{32}$ )	0	6	8	9	10
2( $j_{21}$ )	1( $k_{11}$ )	1( $l_{11}$ )	1( $m_{13}$ )	6	8	9	10
3( $j_{32}$ )	0	0	0	5	7	7	8
3( $j_{31}$ )	1( $k_{11}$ )	2( $l_{21}$ )	1( $m_{13}$ )	9	11	13	14

We observe that in all cases  $v_f''(0) + 2 = v_f''(1)$  and  $e_f''(0) + 1 = e_f''(1)$ . Since  $f(u) = f(v) = 0$ ; hence  $v_f(0) = v_f(1), e_f(0) + 1 = e_f(1)$ . This labeling will be denoted by  $\gamma_4$ .

**Alternate labeling for plys of Type  $A_4$ :**

Here we use the labeling of type B.

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
0	0	2( $l_{24}$ )	1( $m_{11}$ )	3	4	4	6
0	1( $k_{11}$ )	0	0	0	1	0	2
1( $j_{11}$ )	0	3( $l_{32}$ )	1( $m_{13}$ )	6	7	8	10
1( $j_{11}$ )	1( $k_{11}$ )	1( $l_{12}$ )	0	3	4	4	6
2( $j_{25}$ )	0	0	1( $m_{11}$ )	5	6	6	8
2( $j_{25}$ )	1( $k_{11}$ )	2( $l_{23}$ )	0	6	7	8	10
3( $j_{35}$ )	0	1( $l_{12}$ )	1( $m_{11}$ )	8	9	10	12
3( $j_{35}$ )	1( $k_{11}$ )	3( $l_{31}$ )	0	9	10	12	14

We observe that in all cases  $v_f''(0) + 1 = v_f''(1)$  and  $e_f''(0) + 2 = e_f''(1)$ . Since  $f(u) = f(v) = 0$ ; hence  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1, e_f(0) + 2 = e_f(1)$ . We denote this labeling by  $\delta_2$ .

**Alternate labeling for plys of Type  $A_5$ :**

Here we use labeling of type A.

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
0	0	$1(c_{11})$	$1(d_{12})$	2	3	5	2
0	$1(b_{12})$	$3(c_{32})$	0	3	4	7	4
$1(a_{11})$	0	$2(c_{21})$	$1(d_{12})$	5	6	9	6
$1(a_{12})$	$1(b_{12})$	0	0	2	3	5	2
$2(a_{22})$	0	$3(c_{31})$	$1(d_{12})$	8	9	13	10
$2(a_{22})$	$1(b_{12})$	$1(c_{11})$	0	5	6	9	6
$3(a_{32})$	0	0	$1(d_{12})$	7	8	11	8
$3(a_{32})$	$1(b_{12})$	$2(c_{21})$	0	8	9	13	10

With the above labeling for  $A_5$ , we have  $v_f(0) + 1 = v_f(1), e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 3; f(u) = 1, f(v) = 0$ . We denote this labeling by  $\theta_2$ .

**Alternate labeling for plys of Type  $A_6$ :**

Here we use labeling of type A.

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
0	0	$3(c_{31})$	$1(d_{11})$	4	5	5	8
0	$1(b_{12})$	$1(c_{12})$	0	1	2	1	4
$1(a_{11})$	0	0	$1(d_{11})$	3	4	3	6
$1(a_{11})$	$1(b_{12})$	$2(c_{22})$	0	4	5	5	8
$2(a_{21})$	0	$1(c_{12})$	$1(d_{12})$	6	7	7	10
$2(a_{21})$	$1(b_{12})$	$3(c_{31})$	0	7	8	9	12
$3(a_{31})$	0	$2(c_{21})$	$1(d_{11})$	9	10	11	14
$3(a_{31})$	$1(b_{12})$	0	0	6	7	7	10

With the above labeling for  $A_6$ , we have  $v_f(0) + 1 = v_f(1), e_f(0) + 3 = e_f(1), f(u) = 1, f(v) = 0$ . We denote this labeling by  $\phi_2$ .

**Alternate labeling 1 for plys of Type B:**

Here we use labeling of type B.

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
0	0	0	$1(m_{11})$	1	2	2	2
0	$1(k_{11})$	$2(l_{23})$	0	2	3	4	4
$1(j_{11})$	0	$1(l_{11})$	$1(m_{13})$	4	5	6	6
$1(j_{11})$	$1(k_{12})$	$3(l_{32})$	0	5	6	8	8
$2(j_{21})$	0	$2(l_{21})$	$1(m_{13})$	7	8	10	10
$2(j_{21})$	$1(k_{11})$	0	0	4	5	6	6
$3(j_{31})$	0	$3(l_{32})$	$1(m_{13})$	10	11	14	14
$3(j_{31})$	$1(k_{11})$	$1(l_{12})$	0	7	8	10	10

For each of these graphs we observe that  $v_f''(0) + 1 = v_f''(1)$  and  $e_f''(0) = e_f''(1)$ . But  $f(u) = f(v) = 0$ , hence  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1, e_f(0) = e_f(1)$ . We denote this labeling by  $\mu_2$ .

**Alternate labeling 2 for graphs of Type B :**

Here we use the labeling of type A.

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
0	0	0	$1(d_{12})$	1	2	3	1
0	$1(b_{12})$	$2(c_{21})$	0	2	3	5	3
$1(a_{12})$	0	$1(c_{11})$	$1(d_{11})$	4	5	7	5
$1(a_{12})$	$1(b_{12})$	$3(c_{31})$	0	5	6	9	7
$2(a_{22})$	0	$2(c_{21})$	$1(d_{11})$	7	8	11	9
$2(a_{22})$	$1(b_{12})$	0	0	4	5	7	5
$3(a_{32})$	0	$3(c_{32})$	$1(d_{11})$	10	11	15	13
$3(a_{32})$	$1(b_{12})$	$1(c_{11})$	0	7	8	11	9

In each of these cases,  $v_f(0) + 1 = v_f(1), e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 2, f(u) = 1, f(v) = 0$ . We denote this labeling by  $\mu_3$ .

Recall that in [3], no labeling was given for graphs of Type C. This was specifically because graphs of Type C are not cordial. However, now it becomes necessary to give certain binary labelings for graphs of Type C.

**Labeling 1 for plys of Type C :**

Here we use the labeling of type A.

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
0	0	$2(c_{21})$	0	2	2	4	2
0	$1(b_{11})$	0	$1(d_{12})$	2	2	4	2
$1(a_{11})$	0	$3(c_{32})$	0	5	5	8	6
$1(a_{11})$	$1(b_{11})$	$1(c_{11})$	$1(d_{12})$	5	5	8	6
$2(a_{22})$	0	0	0	4	4	6	4
$2(a_{21})$	$1(b_{11})$	$2(c_{21})$	$1(d_{12})$	8	8	12	10
$3(a_{32})$	0	$1(c_{11})$	0	7	7	10	8
$3(a_{32})$	$1(b_{11})$	$3(c_{31})$	$1(d_{12})$	11	11	16	14

In each of these cases,  $v_f(0) = v_f(1), e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 2, f(u) = 1, f(v) = 0$ . We denote this labeling by  $\xi_1$ .

**Labeling 2 for plys of Type C :**

Here we use the labeling of type A.

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
0	0	$2(c_{22})$	0	2	2	2	4
0	$1(b_{11})$	0	$1(d_{11})$	2	2	2	4
$1(a_{11})$	0	$3(c_{31})$	0	5	5	6	8
$1(a_{11})$	$1(b_{11})$	$1(c_{11})$	$1(d_{11})$	5	5	6	8
$2(a_{21})$	0	0	0	4	4	4	6
$2(a_{21})$	$1(b_{11})$	$2(c_{21})$	$1(d_{11})$	8	8	10	12
$3(a_{31})$	0	$1(c_{11})$	0	7	7	8	10
$3(a_{31})$	$1(b_{11})$	$3(c_{31})$	$1(d_{12})$	11	11	14	16

With the above labeling for graphs of Type  $C$ , we have  $v_f(0) = v_f(1), e_f(0) + 2 = e_f(1), f(u) = 1, f(v) = 0$ . We denote this labeling by  $\xi_2$ .

**Labeling 3 for plys of Type  $C$  :**

Here we use labeling of type A.

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
0	0	$2(c_{23})$	0	1	3	4	2
0	$1(b_{12})$	0	$1(d_{12})$	1	3	4	2
$1(a_{16})$	0	$3(c_{32})$	0	4	6	8	6
$1(a_{11})$	$1(b_{12})$	$1(c_{11})$	$1(d_{12})$	4	6	8	6
$2(a_{26})$	0	0	0	3	5	6	4
$2(a_{22})$	$1(b_{12})$	$2(c_{22})$	$1(d_{12})$	7	9	12	10
$3(a_{32})$	0	$1(c_{13})$	0	6	8	10	8
$3(a_{32})$	$1(b_{12})$	$3(c_{31})$	$1(d_{12})$	10	12	16	14

In each of these cases,  $v_f(0) + 2 = v_f(1), e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 2, f(u) = 1, f(v) = 0$ . We denote this labeling by  $\xi_3$ .

**Labeling 4 for graphs of Type  $C$  :**

Here we use the labeling of type A.

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$v_f''(0)$	$v_f''(1)$	$e_f''(0)$	$e_f''(1)$
0	0	$2(c_{26})$	0	1	3	2	4
0	$1(b_{12})$	0	$1(d_{11})$	1	3	2	4
$1(a_{16})$	0	$3(c_{31})$	0	4	6	6	8
$1(a_{16})$	$1(b_{12})$	$1(c_{11})$	$1(d_{15})$	4	6	6	8
$2(a_{25})$	0	0	0	3	5	4	6
$2(a_{21})$	$1(b_{12})$	$2(c_{21})$	$1(d_{11})$	7	9	10	12
$3(a_{31})$	0	$1(c_{13})$	0	6	8	8	10
$3(a_{31})$	$1(b_{12})$	$3(c_{32})$	$1(d_{11})$	10	12	14	16

As we see, in each case above,  $v_f(0) + 2 = v_f(1), e_f(0) + 2 = e_f(1), f(u) = 1, f(v) = 0$ . We denote this labeling by  $\xi_4$ .

We summarize the classification of the single  $t$ -ply graphs below. Alongside, we also list the labelings that are available for each type. In the table

below, let 'E' and 'NE' denote an Eulerian, non-Eulerian graph respectively. Further let 'e' be the number of edges in the corresponding  $t$ -ply graph and let  $e \equiv r \pmod{4}$ ,  $0 \leq r \leq 3$ .

Type	E/NE	$r$	$f$	Label for $u$	Label for $v$	Relation of vertex labels	Relation of edge labels
$A_1$	E	0	$\alpha_1$	1	0	$v_f(0) = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$
			$\hat{\alpha}_1$	0	1	$v_f(0) = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$
			$\alpha_2$	1	0	$v_f(0) + 2 = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$
			$\hat{\alpha}_2$	0	1	$v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 2$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$
$A_2$	NE	1	$\beta_1$	1	0	$v_f(0) = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) + 1 = e_f(1)$
			$\hat{\beta}_1$	0	1	$v_f(0) = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) + 1 = e_f(1)$
			$\beta_2$	1	0	$v_f(0) + 2 = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) + 1 = e_f(1)$
			$\hat{\beta}_2$	0	1	$v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 2$	$e_f(0) + 1 = e_f(1)$
			$\beta_3$	0	0	$v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 2$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 1$
			$\hat{\beta}_3$	1	1	$v_f(0) + 2 = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 1$
			$\beta_4$	0	0	$v_f(0) = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 1$
			$\hat{\beta}_4$	1	1	$v_f(0) = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 1$
$A_3$	NE	3	$\gamma_1$	1	0	$v_f(0) = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 1$
			$\hat{\gamma}_1$	0	1	$v_f(0) = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 1$
			$\gamma_2$	1	0	$v_f(0) + 2 = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 1$
			$\hat{\gamma}_2$	0	1	$v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 2$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 1$
			$\gamma_3$	0	0	$v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 2$	$e_f(0) + 1 = e_f(1)$
			$\hat{\gamma}_3$	1	1	$v_f(0) + 2 = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) + 1 = e_f(1)$
			$\gamma_4$	0	0	$v_f(0) = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) + 1 = e_f(1)$
			$\hat{\gamma}_4$	1	1	$v_f(0) = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) + 1 = e_f(1)$
$A_4$	NE	2	$\delta_1$	1	0	$v_f(0) + 1 = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$
			$\hat{\delta}_1$	0	1	$v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$
			$\delta_2$	0	0	$v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1$	$e_f(0) + 2 = e_f(1)$
			$\hat{\delta}_2$	1	1	$v_f(0) + 1 = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) + 2 = e_f(1)$
$A_5$	E	3	$\theta_1$	1	0	$v_f(0) + 1 = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) + 1 = e_f(1)$
			$\hat{\theta}_1$	0	1	$v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1$	$e_f(0) + 1 = e_f(1)$
			$\theta_2$	1	0	$v_f(0) + 1 = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 3$
			$\hat{\theta}_2$	0	1	$v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 3$
$A_6$	E	1	$\phi_1$	1	0	$v_f(0) + 1 = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 1$
			$\hat{\phi}_1$	0	1	$v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 1$
			$\phi_2$	1	0	$v_f(0) + 1 = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) + 3 = e_f(1)$
			$\hat{\phi}_2$	0	1	$v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1$	$e_f(0) + 3 = e_f(1)$



<i>B</i>	NE	0	$\mu_1$	0	0	$v_f(0) + 1 = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$
			$\hat{\mu}_1$	1	1	$v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$
			$\mu_2$	0	0	$v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$
			$\hat{\mu}_2$	1	1	$v_f(0) + 1 = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$
			$\mu_3$	1	0	$v_f(0) + 1 = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 2$
			$\hat{\mu}_3$	0	1	$v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 2$
<i>C</i>	E	2	$\xi_1$	1	0	$v_f(0) = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 2$
			$\hat{\xi}_1$	0	1	$v_f(0) = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 2$
			$\xi_2$	1	0	$v_f(0) = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) + 2 = e_f(1)$
			$\hat{\xi}_2$	0	1	$v_f(0) = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) + 2 = e_f(1)$
			$\xi_3$	1	0	$v_f(0) + 2 = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 2$
			$\hat{\xi}_3$	0	1	$v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 2$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 2$
			$\xi_4$	1	0	$v_f(0) + 2 = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) + 2 = e_f(1)$
			$\hat{\xi}_4$	0	1	$v_f(0) + 2 = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) + 2 = e_f(1)$

Consider the elongated ply  $T_n$  which is a snake of  $n$  number of  $t^{(i)}$  plys  $P_{t^{(i)}}(u_i, u_{i+1}), 1 \leq i \leq n$ . These are blocks of the graph  $T_n$ . Clearly the number of edges incident on  $u_i$  in  $P_{t^{(i-1)}}$  is  $t^{(i-1)}$  and the number of edges incident on  $u_i$  in  $P_{t^{(i)}}$  is  $t^{(i)}$ . Thus  $d(u_i) = t^{(i-1)} + t^{(i)}$ .

### 3: Non-cordial Elongated Plys.

Before we deal with the problem of cordiality of  $T_n$  in general, we digress a little to consider the index of cordiality of  $T_n$ , when  $T_n$  is Eulerian with the number of edges  $e \equiv 2(\text{mod}4)$ . Clearly, by Theorem 1,  $T_n$  is not cordial. However, we can prove that  $i(T_n) = 2$ . The result obtained in this Section will be used later in proving the main result.

**Theorem 2:** If an elongated ply  $T_n$  is Eulerian with  $|E(T_n)| \equiv 2(\text{mod}4)$ , then  $i(T_n) = 2$ .

**Proof:** As  $T_n$  is Eulerian, each block  $P_t^{(i)}$  is Eulerian for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Hence, each block  $P_t^{(i)}$  is of the type  $A_1, A_5, A_6$  or  $C$ .

Let the number of blocks of Type  $C$  be  $2p_1 + r_1; r_1 = 0$  or  $1$ . Let the number of blocks of type  $A_5$  be  $4p_2 + r_2; 0 \leq r_2 \leq 3$  and the number of blocks of type  $A_6$  be  $4p_3 + r_3; 0 \leq r_3 \leq 3$ . We do not need to know the number of blocks of Type  $A_1$  as in each such block, the number of edges is congruent to  $0(\text{mod}4)$ .

The labeling  $g_1$  for  $T_n$  is done in two steps as follows: We first label the end vertices  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m, u_{m+1}$ , as

$$g_1(u_i) = 1, \dots i \text{ odd} \quad g_1(u_i) = 0, \dots i \text{ even.}$$

Secondly, to label the intermediate vertices, we label each block by a different labeling as described below. The restriction of the labeling  $g_1$  then, to each of these blocks is precisely the labeling so chosen. Due to the

labelings chosen for the end vertices, we use the labelings mentioned below for the odd numbered blocks and their inversions for the even numbered blocks.

In each of the blocks of Type  $A_1$ , use the corresponding labeling  $\alpha_1$ . Out of the  $2p_1 + r_1$  blocks of Type  $C$ , for the first  $p_1$  blocks use  $\xi_1$  and for the next  $p_1$  use  $\xi_2$ . In  $2p_2$  blocks of Type  $A_5$ , use the labeling  $\hat{\theta}_1$ , in  $p_2$  blocks of Type  $A_5$ , use  $\theta_1$  and in the next  $p_2$ , use the alternate labeling  $\theta_2$ . In  $2p_3$  blocks of Type  $A_6$ , use the labeling  $\hat{\phi}_1$ , in  $p_3$  blocks of Type  $A_6$ , use  $\phi_1$  and in the next  $p_3$ , use the alternate labeling  $\phi_2$ .

Let  $v'_g(0), v'_g(1), e'_g(0), e'_g(1)$  be the number of vertices and edges which have received the labels 0 and 1 respectively so far. Let  $v''_g(0), v''_g(1), e''_g(0), e''_g(1)$  be the number of vertices and edges which are to receive the labels 0 and 1 respectively at the next stage. There now remain  $r_1$  blocks of Type  $C$ ,  $r_2$  blocks of Type  $A_5$  and  $r_3$  blocks of Type  $A_6$  to be labeled. As  $e \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , only the following cases will arise.

In each case, we give two types of labelings as follows:

**Case 1:**  $r_1 = 0, r_2 = 0, r_3 = 2$ .

In this case, two blocks of Type  $A_6$  remain to be labeled.

(a) In one of the blocks, use the labeling  $\phi_1$  and in the other use  $\hat{\phi}_1$ . This gives  $v''_g(0) = v''_g(1)$  and  $e''_g(0) = e''_g(1) + 2$ .

(b) In one of the blocks, use the labeling  $\hat{\phi}_1$  and in the other use  $\phi_2$ . This gives  $v''_g(0) = v''_g(1)$  and  $e''_g(0) + 2 = e''_g(1)$ .

**Case 2:**  $r_1 = 0, r_2 = 1, r_3 = 3$ .

There now remain one block of Type  $A_5$  and three of Type  $A_6$  to be labeled.

(a) For the block of Type  $A_5$ , use the labeling  $\theta_1$ . In one of the blocks of Type  $A_6$ , use  $\phi_1$  and in each of the remaining two blocks of Type  $A_6$  use  $\hat{\phi}_1$ . Then  $v''_g(0) = v''_g(1)$  and  $e''_g(0) = e''_g(1) + 2$ .

(b) For the block of Type  $A_5$ , use the labeling  $\theta_1$ . In one of the blocks of Type  $A_6$ , use the labeling  $\phi_2$ ; and in the other two use the labeling  $\hat{\phi}_1$ . Then,  $v''_g(0) = v''_g(1)$  and  $e''_g(0) + 2 = e''_g(1)$ .

**Case 3:**  $r_1 = 0, r_2 = 2, r_3 = 0$ .

There now remain two blocks of Type  $A_5$  to be labeled.

(a) For one of the blocks of Type  $A_5$ , use the labeling  $\theta_1$  and for the other block use  $\hat{\theta}_2$ . We get:  $v''_g(0) = v''_g(1)$  and  $e''_g(0) = e''_g(1) + 2$ .

(b) For one of the block of Type  $A_5$ , use the labeling  $\theta_1$  and for the other block use  $\hat{\theta}_1$ . We get:  $v''_g(0) = v''_g(1)$  and  $e''_g(0) + 2 = e''_g(1)$ .

**Case 4:**  $r_1 = 0, r_2 = 3, r_3 = 1$ .

There now remain three blocks of Type  $A_5$  and one block of Type  $A_6$  to be labeled.

(a) For each of two blocks of Type  $A_5$ , use the labeling  $\hat{\theta}_1$  and for the third block of Type  $A_5$  we use  $\theta_2$ . For the block of type  $A_6$  use  $\phi_1$ . We get:  $v''_g(0) = v''_g(1)$  and  $e''_g(0) = e''_g(1) + 2$ .

(b) For each of two blocks of Type  $A_5$ , use the labeling  $\hat{\theta}_1$  and for the other block of Type  $A_5$  we use  $\theta_2$ . For the block of type  $A_6$  use  $\phi_2$ . We get:  $v_g''(0) = v_g''(1)$  and  $e_g''(0) + 2 = e_g''(1)$ .

**Case 5:**  $r_1 = 1, r_2 = 0, r_3 = 0$ .

There is one block of Type  $C$  remaining to be labeled.

(a) For this block, use the labeling  $\xi_1$ . Then,  $v_g''(0) = v_g''(1)$  and  $e_g''(0) = e_g''(1) + 2$ .

(b) For this block, use the labeling  $\xi_2$ . Then,  $v_g''(0) = v_g''(1)$  and  $e_g''(0) + 2 = e_g''(1)$ .

**Case 6:**  $r_1 = 1, r_2 = 1, r_3 = 1$ .

In this case, there is one block of Type  $C$ , one of Type  $A_5$  and one of Type  $A_6$  remaining to be labeled.

(a) For the block of Type  $C$ , use the labeling  $\xi_1$ . For the block of Type  $A_5$ , use either the labeling  $\hat{\theta}_1$ ; and for the block of Type  $A_6$ , use the labeling  $\phi_1$ . Then,  $v_g''(0) = v_g''(1)$  and  $e_g''(0) = e_g''(1) + 2$ .

(b) For the block of Type  $C$ , use the labeling  $\xi_2$ . For the block of Type  $A_5$ , use the labeling  $\hat{\theta}_1$  and for the block of Type  $A_6$  use the labeling  $\phi_1$ . Then,  $v_g''(0) = v_g''(1)$  and  $e_g''(0) + 2 = e_g''(1)$ .

**Case 7:**  $r_1 = 1, r_2 = 2, r_3 = 2$ .

There now remain one block of Type  $C$ , two of Type  $A_5$  and two of Type  $A_6$  to be labeled.

(a) For the block of Type  $C$ , use  $\xi_1$ . For each of the blocks of Type  $A_5$  use the labeling  $\hat{\theta}_1$  and for each of the blocks of Type  $A_6$ , use  $\phi_1$ . We get:  $v_g''(0) = v_g''(1)$  and  $e_g''(0) = e_g''(1) + 2$ .

(b) For the block of Type  $C$ , use either the labeling  $\xi_2$ . For each of the blocks of Type  $A_5$ , use the labeling  $\hat{\theta}_1$  and in each of the blocks of Type  $A_6$  use  $\phi_1$ . Then,  $v_g''(0) = v_g''(1)$  and  $e_g''(0) + 2 = e_g''(1)$ .

**Case 8:**  $r_1 = 1, r_2 = 3, r_3 = 3$ .

There now remain one block of Type  $C$ , three of Type  $A_5$  and three of Type  $A_6$  to be labeled.

(a) For the block of Type  $C$ , use  $\xi_1$ . For each of the blocks of Type  $A_5$  use the labeling  $\hat{\theta}_1$  and for each of the blocks of Type  $A_6$ , use  $\phi_1$ . We get:  $v_g''(0) = v_g''(1)$  and  $e_g''(0) = e_g''(1) + 2$ .

(b) For the block of Type  $C$ , use the labeling  $\xi_2$ . For each of the blocks of Type  $A_5$ , use the labeling  $\hat{\theta}_1$  and in each of the blocks of Type  $A_6$  use  $\phi_1$ . Then,  $v_g''(0) = v_g''(1)$  and  $e_g''(0) + 2 = e_g''(1)$ .

From the above, it is clear that we have obtained two types of labelings for  $T_n$ , one in which  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 2$  (as given in (a)), and the other in which  $e_g(0) + 2 = e_g(1)$  (as given in (b)). Further, we have  $v_g'(0) = v_g'(1)$  and  $v_g''(0) = v_g''(1)$ . The relation between  $v_g(0)$  and  $v_g(1)$  now entirely depends upon the labels of the shared vertices. Clearly,  $v_g(0) = v_g'(0) +$

$$v_g''(0) - \lceil (n-1)/2 \rceil$$

$v_g(1) = v_g'(1) + v_g''(1) - \lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor$ . From this, it is clear that, if  $n$  is odd, then  $v_g(0) = v_g(1)$  and if  $n$  is even then  $v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1)$ . Hence  $i(T_n) = 2$ . This completes the proof.  $\otimes$

#### 4: Cordiality of $T_n$ :

**Theorem 3:**  $T_n$  is cordial if and only if it is not Euler with  $|E(T_n)| \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $T_n$  is Eulerian and it does not satisfy Cahit's condition of Theorem 1. In this case we prove that  $T_n$  is cordial. The proof is by induction on  $n$ . For  $n = 1$ , the graph  $T_n$  is simply a single  $t$ -ply, for which cordiality has already been established in [3].

Now, assume that each elongated ply  $\tilde{T}_m$  which is not Eulerian with  $|E(\tilde{T}_m)| \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  is cordial. We now establish the result for  $m+1$ . Firstly, note that  $T_{m+1}$  is a one point union of  $T_m$  with a single  $t$ -ply graph  $P_{t(m+1)}(u_{m+1}, u_{m+2})$ . The graph  $T_m$  can be of one of the following types:

- (I)  $T_m$  is non-Eulerian. (II)  $T_m$  is Eulerian and  $|E(T_m)| \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .
- (III)  $T_m$  is Eulerian and  $|E(T_m)| \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

We give the proof in four parts, three parts for the three cases listed here and the fourth part to deal with certain problematic cases which arise in the first part, Part I. In each of these parts, in certain cases, the labelings used are inadequate to give a cordial labeling  $f$  of  $T_{m+1}$ . Each such case will be indicated by a 'o' if the condition  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$  is not satisfied and by a ' $\otimes$ ' if both the vertex as well as the edge label conditions are not satisfied. These problematic cases will be dealt with separately in part IV.

**Part I:  $T_m$  is non-Eulerian** We give a binary labeling  $g$  for  $T_{m+1}$  as follows:

Since  $T_m$  is not Euler,  $T_m$  is cordial, hence there exists a cordial labeling  $g_1$  of  $T_m$ . Let  $g_2$  be a binary labeling of  $P_{t(m+1)}(u_{m+1}, u_{m+2})$ . The choice of  $g_2$  will be indicated in the tables that follow.

Let

$$g(v) = g_1(v) \text{ for } v \in V(T_m)$$

$$= g_2(v) \text{ for } v \in V(P_{t(m+1)}).$$

While choosing  $g_2$ , we ensure that  $g_2(u_{m+1}) = g_1(u_{m+1})$ .

Since  $g_1$  is a cordial labeling of  $T_m$ ,  $|v_{g_1}(0) - v_{g_1}(1)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_{g_1}(0) - e_{g_1}(1)| \leq 1$ . Moreover,  $e_g(i) = e_{g_1}(i) + e_{g_2}(i)$ ,  $i = 0, 1$ . On the other hand,

$$v_g(0) = v_{g_1}(0) + v_{g_2}(0) - 1, \quad v_g(1) = v_{g_1}(0) + v_{g_2}(1)$$

when  $g_1(u_{m+1}) = 0$ , whereas

$$v_g(0) = v_{g_1}(0) + v_{g_2}(0), \quad v_g(1) = v_{g_1}(1) + v_{g_2}(1) - 1$$

when  $g_1(u_{m+1}) = 1$ .

Since  $T_{m+1}$  is a one point union of  $T_m$  with a  $t$ -ply  $P_{t(m+1)}(u_{m+1}, u_{m+2})$ , in this case  $T_{m+1}$  is also not Eulerian. We therefore have to show that  $T_{m+1}$  is cordial for all plys  $P_{t(m+1)}$ .

Depending on the existing vertex and edge label conditions for  $g_1$ , we consider the following choices, in which  $g_2(u_{m+1}) = g_1(u_{m+1})$ .

**Case 1:**  $v_{g_1}(0) = v_{g_1}(1), e_{g_1}(0) = e_{g_1}(1)$ . Case  $P_{t(m+1)} = C$  has problem (o).

$P_{t(m+1)}$	$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 0$		$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 1$	
	$g_2$	$g$	$g_2$	$g$
$A_1$	$\alpha_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\alpha_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_2$	$\beta_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\beta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$A_3$	$\gamma_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\gamma_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$A_4$	$\bar{\delta}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\delta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_5$	$\bar{\theta}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\theta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$A_6$	$\bar{\phi}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\phi_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$B$	$\mu_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\hat{\mu}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$

**Case 2:**  $v_{g_1}(0) = v_{g_1}(1), e_{g_1}(0) + 1 = e_{g_1}(1)$ . Case  $P_{t(m+1)} = A_5$  has problem (o).

$P_{t(m+1)}$	$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 0$		$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 1$	
	$g_2$	$g$	$g_2$	$g$
$A_1$	$\bar{\alpha}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\alpha_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$A_2$	$\beta_4$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\hat{\beta}_4$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_3$	$\hat{\gamma}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\gamma_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_4$	$\hat{\delta}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\delta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$A_6$	$\hat{\phi}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\phi_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$B$	$\mu_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\hat{\mu}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$C$	$\hat{\xi}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\xi_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$

Case 3:  $v_{g_1}(0) = v_{g_1}(1), e_{g_1}(0) = e_{g_1}(1) + 1$ . Case  $P_{i((m+1))} = A_6$  has problem (o).

$P_{i((m+1))}$	$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 0$		$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 1$	
	$g_2$	$g$	$g_2$	$g$
$A_1$	$\hat{\alpha}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\alpha_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$A_2$	$\hat{\beta}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\beta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_3$	$\gamma_4$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\tilde{\gamma}_4$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_4$	$\hat{\delta}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\delta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$A_5$	$\hat{\theta}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\theta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$B$	$\mu_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\tilde{\mu}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$C$	$\hat{\xi}_2$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\xi_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$

Case 4:  $v_{g_1}(0) + 1 = v_{g_1}(1), e_{g_1}(0) = e_{g_1}(1)$ . Case  $P_{i((m+1))} = C$  has problem o or  $\otimes$ .

$P_{i((m+1))}$	$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 0$		$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 1$	
	$g_2$	$g$	$g_2$	$g$
$A_1$	$\hat{\alpha}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\alpha_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_2$	$\hat{\beta}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\beta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$A_3$	$\hat{\gamma}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\gamma_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$A_4$	$\hat{\delta}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\tilde{\delta}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_5$	$\hat{\theta}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\tilde{\theta}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$A_6$	$\hat{\phi}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\tilde{\phi}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$B$	$\mu_2$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\tilde{\mu}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1)$

Case 5:  $v_{g_1}(0) + 1 = v_{g_1}(1), e_{g_1}(0) + 1 = e_{g_1}(1)$ . Case  $P_{t(m+1)} = A_5$  has problem (o).

$P_{t(m+1)}$	$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 0$		$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 1$	
	$g_2$	$g$	$g_2$	$g$
$A_1$	$\hat{\alpha}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\alpha_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$A_2$	$\beta_3$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\hat{\beta}_4$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_3$	$\hat{\gamma}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\gamma_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_4$	$\hat{\delta}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\hat{\delta}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$A_6$	$\hat{\phi}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\hat{\phi}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$B$	$\mu_2$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\hat{\mu}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$C$	$\hat{\xi}_3$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\xi_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$

Case 6:  $v_{g_1}(0) + 1 = v_{g_1}(1), e_{g_1}(0) = e_{g_1}(1) + 1$ . Case  $P_{t(m+1)} = A_8$  has problem (o).

$P_{t(m+1)}$	$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 0$		$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 1$	
	$g_2$	$g$	$g_2$	$g$
$A_1$	$\hat{\alpha}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\alpha_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$A_2$	$\hat{\beta}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\beta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_3$	$\gamma_3$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\gamma_4$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_4$	$\hat{\delta}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\hat{\delta}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$A_5$	$\hat{\delta}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\hat{\delta}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$B$	$\mu_2$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\hat{\mu}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$C$	$\hat{\xi}_4$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\xi_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$

Case 7:  $v_{g_1}(0) = v_{g_1}(1) + 1, e_{g_1}(0) = e_{g_1}(1)$ . Case  $P_{g_1(m+1)} = C$  has problem (o) or  $\otimes$ .

$P_{g_1(m+1)}$	$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 0$		$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 1$	
	$g_2$	$g$	$g_2$	$g$
$A_1$	$\hat{\alpha}_1$	$v_g(1) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\hat{\alpha}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_2$	$\hat{\beta}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\hat{\beta}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$A_3$	$\hat{\gamma}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\hat{\gamma}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$A_4$	$\hat{\delta}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\delta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_5$	$\hat{\theta}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\theta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$A_6$	$\hat{\phi}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\phi_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$B$	$\hat{\mu}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\hat{\mu}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1)$

Case 8:  $v_{g_1}(0) = v_{g_1}(1) + 1, e_{g_1}(0) + 1 = e_{g_1}(1)$ . Case  $P_{g_1(m+1)} = A_5$  has problem (o).

$P_{g_1(m+1)}$	$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 0$		$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 1$	
	$g_2$	$g$	$g_2$	$g$
$A_1$	$\hat{\alpha}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\alpha_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$A_2$	$\beta_4$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\hat{\beta}_3$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_3$	$\hat{\gamma}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\gamma_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_4$	$\hat{\delta}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\delta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$A_6$	$\hat{\phi}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\phi_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$B$	$\hat{\mu}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\hat{\mu}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$C$	$\hat{\xi}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\hat{\xi}_3$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$



**Case 9:**  $v_{g_1}(0) = v_{g_1}(1) + 1, e_{g_1}(0) = e_{g_1}(1) + 1$ . Case  $P_{t(m+1)} = A_6$  has problem (o).

$P_{t(m+1)}$	$g(u_{m+1}) = 0$		$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 1$	
	$g_2$	$g$	$g_2$	$g$
$A_1$	$\hat{\alpha}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\alpha_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$A_2$	$\hat{\beta}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\beta_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_3$	$\gamma_4$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\hat{\gamma}_3$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_4$	$\hat{\delta}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\delta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$A_5$	$\hat{\theta}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\theta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$B$	$\mu_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\hat{\mu}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$C$	$\hat{\xi}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\xi_4$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$

**Part II:  $T_m$  is Eulerian and  $|E(T_m)| \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$**

In this case,  $|E(T_m)| \equiv 0, 1, 3 \pmod{4}$  and hence  $T_m$  is cordial. Let  $g_1$  be a cordial labeling of  $T_m$ . Let  $g$  be a binary labeling for  $T_{m+1}$  as described in Part I. Let  $e$  denote  $|E(T_m)|$ . We consider three cases.

**Case (a):-  $e \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$**

Here,  $|v_{g_1}(0) - v_{g_1}(1)| \leq 1$  and  $e_{g_1}(0) = e_{g_1}(1)$ . Now if  $P_{t(m+1)}$  is of Type C, then  $T_{m+1}$  is Eulerian and  $|E(T_{m+1})| \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ; hence  $T_{m+1}$  is not cordial. We make the following sub-cases depending on the vertex label condition in  $T_m$ .

**Case 1:**  $v_{g_1}(0) = v_{g_1}(1)$ .

$P_{g_1(m+1)}$	$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 0$		$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 1$	
	$g_2$	$g$	$g_2$	$g$
$A_1$	$\hat{\alpha}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\alpha_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_2$	$\hat{\beta}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\beta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$A_3$	$\hat{\gamma}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\gamma_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$A_4$	$\hat{\delta}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\delta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_5$	$\hat{\theta}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\theta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$A_6$	$\hat{\phi}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\phi_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$B$	$\hat{\mu}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\hat{\mu}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$

**Case 2:**  $v_{g_1}(0) + 1 = v_{g_1}(1)$ .

$P_{g_1(m+1)}$	$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 0$		$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 1$	
	$g_2$	$g$	$g_2$	$g$
$A_1$	$\hat{\alpha}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\alpha_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_2$	$\hat{\beta}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\beta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$A_3$	$\hat{\gamma}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\gamma_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$A_4$	$\hat{\delta}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\tilde{\delta}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_5$	$\hat{\theta}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\tilde{\theta}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$A_6$	$\hat{\phi}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\tilde{\phi}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$B$	$\hat{\mu}_2$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\hat{\mu}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1)$

**Case 3:**  $v_{g_1}(0) = v_{g_1}(1) + 1$ .

$P_{i^{(m+1)}}$	$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 0$		$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 1$	
	$g_2$	$g$	$g_2$	$g$
$A_1$	$\alpha_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\alpha_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_2$	$\beta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\beta_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$A_3$	$\gamma_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\gamma_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$A_4$	$\delta_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\delta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_5$	$\theta_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\theta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$A_6$	$\phi_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\phi_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$B$	$\mu_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\hat{\mu}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1)$

**Case (b):**  $e \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

If  $P_{i^{(m+1)}}$  is of Type  $A_6$ , then  $T_{m+1}$  is Eulerian and  $|E(T_{m+1})| \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ; hence  $T_{m+1}$  is not cordial. In the remaining cases, we prove that  $T_{m+1}$  is cordial. Since  $T_m$  is cordial, there exists a labeling  $g_1$  of  $T_m$  such that  $|v_{g_1}(0) - v_{g_1}(1)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_{g_1}(0) - e_{g_1}(1)| = 1$ . Thus,  $e_{g_1}(0) - e_{g_1}(1)$  is either  $-1$  or  $1$ . In fact we prove that it is always possible to have a labeling  $g_1$  such that  $e_{g_1}(0) - e_{g_1}(1) = 1$ . Firstly observe that as  $T_m$  is Eulerian, each block  $P_{i^{(i)}}$  of  $T_m$  is Eulerian and hence is of one of the types namely Type  $A_1, A_5, A_6$  or  $C$ .

Let the number of blocks of Type  $C$  be  $2q_1 + s_1, s_1 = 0, 1$ ; the number of blocks of Type  $A_5$  be  $4q_2 + s_2, 0 \leq s_2 \leq 3$ ; and the number of blocks of Type  $A_6$  be  $4q_3 + s_3, 0 \leq s_3 \leq 3$ . We do not need to know the number of blocks of Type  $A_1$  as in each such block, the number of edges is congruent to  $0 \pmod{4}$ . The labeling  $g_1$  for  $T_m$  is done in two steps. We first label the end vertices  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m, u_{m+1}$ , as  $g(u_i) = 1$ , if  $i$  is odd and  $g(u_i) = 0$ , if  $i$  is even. Secondly, to label the intermediate vertices, we label each block by a different labeling as described below. The restriction of the labeling  $g_1$  then, to each of these blocks, is precisely the labeling so chosen. Due to the condition already imposed on the end vertices by  $g_1$ , for the odd blocks, we choose the labeling as mentioned, but for the even blocks, we take the inversion of the labeling mentioned therein.

For each of the blocks of Type  $A_1$ , use the labeling  $\alpha_1$  listed in the summary. For  $q_1$  blocks of Type  $C$ , use  $\xi_1$  and for the next  $q_1$  use  $\xi_2$ . In

$2q_2$  blocks of Type  $A_5$ , use the labeling  $\hat{\theta}_1$ , in  $q_2$  blocks of Type  $A_5$ , use  $\theta_1$  and in the next  $q_2$ , use the alternate labeling  $\theta_2$ . In  $2q_2$  blocks of Type  $A_6$ , use the labeling  $\hat{\phi}_1$ , in  $q_2$  blocks of Type  $A_6$ , use  $\phi_1$  and in the next  $q_2$ , use the alternate labeling  $\phi_2$ . There now remain  $s_1$  blocks of Type  $C$ ,  $s_2$  blocks of Type  $A_5$  and  $s_3$  blocks of Type  $A_6$ . As  $e \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , only the following cases will arise. The choice of the labeling made in each case is indicated alongside. Where there is more than one block of the same type to be labeled, the various labelings used are mentioned in the same cell.

$s_1$	$s_2$	$s_3$	Edge label condition
0	0	$1(\phi_1)$	$e_{g_1}(0) = e_{g_1}(1) + 1$
0	$1(\theta_1)$	$2(\phi_1, \hat{\phi}_1)$	$e_{g_1}(0) = e_{g_1}(1) + 1$
0	$2(\theta_1, \theta_1)$	$3(\phi_1, \hat{\phi}_1, \hat{\phi}_1)$	$e_{g_1}(0) = e_{g_1}(1) + 1$
0	$3(\hat{\theta}_1, \hat{\theta}_1, \theta_2)$	0	$e_{g_1}(0) = e_{g_1}(1) + 1$
$1(\xi_2)$	0	$3(\phi_1, \phi_1, \hat{\phi}_1)$	$e_{g_1}(0) = e_{g_1}(1) + 1$
$1(\xi_1)$	$1(\theta_1)$	0	$e_{g_1}(0) = e_{g_1}(1) + 1$
$1(\xi_1)$	$2(\theta_1, \hat{\theta}_1)$	$1(\phi_1)$	$e_{g_1}(0) = e_{g_1}(1) + 1$
$1(\xi_1)$	$3(\theta_1, \theta_1, \theta_1)$	$2(\hat{\phi}_1, \hat{\phi}_1)$	$e_{g_1}(0) = e_{g_1}(1) + 1$

From the above table, it is evident that for the labeling  $g_1, e_{g_1}(0) = e_{g_1}(1) + 1$ . However,  $|v_{g_1}(0) - v_{g_1}(1)| \leq 1$ . We thus have the following three cases:-

Case 1:-  $v_{g_1}(0) = v_{g_1}(1), e_{g_1}(0) = e_{g_1}(1) + 1$ .

$P_1(m+1)$	$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 0$		$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 1$	
	$g_2$	$g$	$g_2$	$g$
$A_1$	$\alpha_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\alpha_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$A_2$	$\beta_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\beta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_3$	$\gamma_4$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\hat{\gamma}_4$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_4$	$\delta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\delta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$A_5$	$\hat{\delta}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\theta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$B$	$\mu_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\hat{\mu}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$C$	$\hat{\xi}_2$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\xi_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$

Case 2:-  $v_{g_1}(0) + 1 = v_{g_1}(1), e_{g_1}(0) = e_{g_1}(1) + 1$ .

$P_{t(m+1)}$	$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 0$		$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 1$	
	$g_2$	$g$	$g_2$	$g$
$A_1$	$\hat{\alpha}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\alpha_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$A_2$	$\hat{\beta}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\beta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(1) = e_g(1)$
$A_3$	$\gamma_3$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\hat{\gamma}_4$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_4$	$\hat{\delta}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\tilde{\delta}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$A_5$	$\hat{\theta}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\tilde{\theta}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$B$	$\mu_2$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\hat{\mu}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$C$	$\xi_4$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\xi_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$

Case 3:-  $v_{g_1}(0) = v_{g_1}(1) + 1, e_{g_1}(0) = e_{g_1}(1) + 1$ .

$P_{t(m+1)}$	$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 0$		$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 1$	
	$g_2$	$g$	$g_2$	$g$
$A_1$	$\hat{\alpha}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\alpha_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$A_2$	$\hat{\beta}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\beta_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_3$	$\gamma_4$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\hat{\gamma}_3$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_4$	$\tilde{\delta}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\delta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$A_5$	$\tilde{\theta}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\theta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$B$	$\hat{\mu}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\hat{\mu}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$
$C$	$\hat{\xi}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\xi_4$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$

Case (c):-  $e \equiv 3(\text{mod}4)$ .

If  $P_{t(m+1)}$  is of the Type  $A_5$ , then  $T_{m+1}$  is Eulerian with  $|E(T_{m+1})| \equiv 2(\text{mod}4)$ ; hence  $T_{m+1}$  is not cordial. In all the remaining cases we prove that  $T_{m+1}$  is cordial. Now, there exists a labeling  $g_1$  of  $T_m$  such that  $|v_{g_1}(0) - v_{g_1}(1)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_{g_1}(0) - e_{g_1}(1)| = 1$ . In this case we can prove similarly as in Case (b) above that we can always give a cordial labeling  $g_1$  of  $T_m$  such that  $e_{g_1}(0) + 1 = e_{g_1}(1)$ . However,  $|v_{g_1}(0) - v_{g_1}(1)| \leq 1$ . We

thus have the following three cases:-

**Case 1:**  $v_{g_1}(0) = v_{g_1}(1), e_{g_1}(0) + 1 = e_{g_1}(1)$ .

$P_{i(m+1)}$	$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 0$		$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 1$	
	$g_2$	$g$	$g_2$	$g$
$A_1$	$\bar{\alpha}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\alpha_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$A_2$	$\beta_4$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\hat{\beta}_4$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_3$	$\hat{\gamma}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\gamma_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_4$	$\delta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\delta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$A_6$	$\hat{\phi}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\phi_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$B$	$\mu_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\hat{\mu}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$C$	$\hat{\xi}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\xi_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$

**Case 2:**  $v_{g_1}(0) + 1 = v_{g_1}(1), e_{g_1}(0) + 1 = e_{g_1}(1)$ .

$P_{i(m+1)}$	$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 0$		$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 1$	
	$g_2$	$g$	$g_2$	$g$
$A_1$	$\bar{\alpha}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\alpha_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$A_2$	$\beta_3$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\hat{\beta}_4$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_3$	$\hat{\gamma}_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\gamma_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_4$	$\delta_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\bar{\delta}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$A_6$	$\hat{\phi}_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\bar{\phi}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$B$	$\mu_2$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\hat{\mu}_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$C$	$\hat{\xi}_3$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\xi_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$

**Case 3:-**  $v_{g_1}(0) = v_{g_1}(1) + 1, e_{g_1}(0) + 1 = e_{g_1}(1)$ .

$P_{i(m+1)}$	$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 0$		$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 1$	
	$g_2$	$g$	$g_2$	$g$
$A_1$	$\alpha_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\alpha_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$A_2$	$\beta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\beta_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_3$	$\gamma_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\gamma_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$A_4$	$\delta_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\delta_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$A_6$	$\phi_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1)$	$\phi_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) = e_g(1)$
$B$	$\mu_1$	$v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1), e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$	$\mu_2$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1) + 1, e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$
$C$	$\xi_1$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$	$\xi_3$	$v_g(0) = v_g(1), e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$

**Part III:  $T_m$  is Eulerian and  $e \equiv 2(\text{mod}4)$ .**

If  $P_{i(m+1)}$  is of the Type  $A_1$ , then  $T_{m+1}$  will be Eulerian with  $|E(T_{m+1})| \equiv 2(\text{mod}4)$ . Hence, in this case,  $T_{m+1}$  is not cordial. We prove that in all the remaining cases,  $T_{m+1}$  is cordial. Since  $T_m$  is not cordial,  $i(T_m) = 2$ . In fact, we have obtained two labelings for  $T_m$ , one in which  $e_g(0) + 2 = e_g(1)$  and the other in which  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 2$ . Denote the first labeling by  $h_1$  and the latter by  $h_2$ . Further depending on  $|V(T_m)|$  either  $v_g(0) = v_g(1)$  or  $v_g(0) + 1 = v_g(1)$ . We make the following cases, depending on the existing vertex condition in  $T_m$ . Let  $g_1$  be the labeling for  $T_m$ ,  $g_2$  the labeling for  $P_{i(m+1)}$  and  $g$  the resulting labeling for  $T_{m+1}$ . The choice of  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  in each case is indicated in the table below.

$g_1$	$F^{(m+1)}$	$g_2$	$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 0$	$g_2$	$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 1$
$h_2$	$A_2$	$\beta_2$	$v_{\sigma}(0) = v_{\sigma}(1) e_{\sigma}(0) + 1$	$\beta_2$	$v_{\sigma}(0) = v_{\sigma}(1) e_{\sigma}(0) + 1$
$h_1$	$A_3$	$\gamma_2$	$v_{\sigma}(0) = v_{\sigma}(1) e_{\sigma}(0) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(1)$	$\gamma_2$	$v_{\sigma}(0) = v_{\sigma}(1) e_{\sigma}(0) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(1)$
$h_2$	$A_4$	$\delta_2$	$v_{\sigma}(0) = v_{\sigma}(1) e_{\sigma}(0) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(1) + e_{\sigma}(2)$	$\delta_2$	$v_{\sigma}(0) = v_{\sigma}(1) e_{\sigma}(0) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(1) + e_{\sigma}(2)$
$h_2$	$A_5$	$\theta_2$	$v_{\sigma}(0) = v_{\sigma}(1) e_{\sigma}(0) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(1) + e_{\sigma}(2) + 1$	$\theta_2$	$v_{\sigma}(0) = v_{\sigma}(1) e_{\sigma}(0) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(1) + e_{\sigma}(2) + 1$
$h_1$	$A_6$	$\phi_2$	$v_{\sigma}(0) = v_{\sigma}(1) e_{\sigma}(0) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(1) + e_{\sigma}(2) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(3)$	$\phi_2$	$v_{\sigma}(0) = v_{\sigma}(1) e_{\sigma}(0) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(1) + e_{\sigma}(2) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(3)$
$h_1$	$B$	$\lambda_2$	$v_{\sigma}(0) = v_{\sigma}(1) e_{\sigma}(0) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(1) + e_{\sigma}(2) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(3) + e_{\sigma}(4)$	$\lambda_2$	$v_{\sigma}(0) = v_{\sigma}(1) e_{\sigma}(0) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(1) + e_{\sigma}(2) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(3) + e_{\sigma}(4)$
$h_1$	$C$	$\xi_2$	$v_{\sigma}(0) = v_{\sigma}(1) e_{\sigma}(0) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(1) + e_{\sigma}(2) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(3) + e_{\sigma}(4) + e_{\sigma}(5)$	$\xi_2$	$v_{\sigma}(0) = v_{\sigma}(1) e_{\sigma}(0) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(1) + e_{\sigma}(2) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(3) + e_{\sigma}(4) + e_{\sigma}(5)$

Case 2:-  $v_{\sigma_1}(0) + 1 = v_{\sigma_1}(1)$ .

$g_1$	$F^{(m+1)}$	$g_2$	$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 0$	$g_2$	$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 1$
$h_2$	$A_2$	$\beta_1$	$v_{\sigma}(0) + 1 = v_{\sigma}(1) e_{\sigma}(0) + 1$	$\beta_1$	$v_{\sigma}(0) + 1 = v_{\sigma}(1) e_{\sigma}(0) + 1$
$h_1$	$A_3$	$\gamma_1$	$v_{\sigma}(0) + 1 = v_{\sigma}(1) e_{\sigma}(0) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(1)$	$\gamma_1$	$v_{\sigma}(0) + 1 = v_{\sigma}(1) e_{\sigma}(0) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(1)$
$h_2$	$A_4$	$\delta_1$	$v_{\sigma}(0) + 1 = v_{\sigma}(1) e_{\sigma}(0) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(1) + e_{\sigma}(2)$	$\delta_1$	$v_{\sigma}(0) + 1 = v_{\sigma}(1) e_{\sigma}(0) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(1) + e_{\sigma}(2)$
$h_2$	$A_5$	$\theta_1$	$v_{\sigma}(0) + 1 = v_{\sigma}(1) e_{\sigma}(0) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(1) + e_{\sigma}(2) + 1$	$\theta_1$	$v_{\sigma}(0) + 1 = v_{\sigma}(1) e_{\sigma}(0) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(1) + e_{\sigma}(2) + 1$
$h_1$	$A_6$	$\phi_1$	$v_{\sigma}(0) + 1 = v_{\sigma}(1) e_{\sigma}(0) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(1) + e_{\sigma}(2) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(3)$	$\phi_1$	$v_{\sigma}(0) + 1 = v_{\sigma}(1) e_{\sigma}(0) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(1) + e_{\sigma}(2) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(3)$
$h_1$	$B$	$\lambda_1$	$v_{\sigma}(0) + 1 = v_{\sigma}(1) e_{\sigma}(0) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(1) + e_{\sigma}(2) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(3) + e_{\sigma}(4)$	$\lambda_1$	$v_{\sigma}(0) + 1 = v_{\sigma}(1) e_{\sigma}(0) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(1) + e_{\sigma}(2) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(3) + e_{\sigma}(4)$
$h_1$	$C$	$\xi_1$	$v_{\sigma}(0) + 1 = v_{\sigma}(1) e_{\sigma}(0) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(1) + e_{\sigma}(2) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(3) + e_{\sigma}(4) + e_{\sigma}(5)$	$\xi_1$	$v_{\sigma}(0) + 1 = v_{\sigma}(1) e_{\sigma}(0) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(1) + e_{\sigma}(2) + 1 + e_{\sigma}(3) + e_{\sigma}(4) + e_{\sigma}(5)$

Case 1:-  $v_{\sigma_1}(0) = v_{\sigma_1}(1)$ .



**Part IV: Problematic Cases:**

In this part, we deal with the problematic cases that arose in Part I.

**Problems of Type (o).**

For these cases vertex balance is maintained but  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \not\leq 1$ . All such cases are the following:

$T_m$ is non-Eulerian		
$e_{g_1}(0) + 1 = e_{g_1}(1)$	$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 0$	Type $A_5$
	$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 1$	Type $A_5$
$e_{g_1}(0) = e_{g_1}(1) + 1$	$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 0$	Type $A_6$
	$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 1$	Type $A_6$
$e_{g_1}(0) = e_{g_1}(1)$	$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 0$	Type $C$
	$g_1(u_{m+1}) = 1$	Type $C$

Since  $T_m$  is non-Eulerian, it is cordial, hence there exists a cordial labeling  $f$  of  $T_m$ . Let the restriction of  $f$  to each block  $P_{t(i)}$  in  $T_m$  be denoted by  $f_i$ . Let  $k$  be the maximum positive integer such that  $P_{t(k)}$  is non-Eulerian, that is  $P_{t(k)}$  is of one of the types  $A_2, A_3, A_4$  or  $B$ . For each  $r > k, P_{t(r)}$  will be Eulerian. Throughout this paper, since we have used only labelings of type A for Eulerian single  $t$ -ply graphs, therefore in each such block, either  $f(u_r) = 1, f(u_{r+1}) = 0$ , or  $f(u_r) = 0, f(u_{r+1}) = 1$ . In fact, if  $m - k$  is even,

$$f(u_{k+1}) = 1, f(u_{k+2}) = 0, f(u_{k+3}) = 1, \dots, f(u_m) = 0, f(u_{m+1}) = 1 \text{ or}$$

$$f(u_{k+1}) = 0, f(u_{k+2}) = 1, f(u_{k+3}) = 0, \dots, f(u_m) = 1, f(u_{m+1}) = 0.$$

If  $m - k$  is odd, then

$$f(u_{k+1}) = 1, f(u_{k+2}) = 0, f(u_{k+3}) = 1, \dots, f(u_m) = 1, f(u_{m+1}) = 0 \text{ or}$$

$$f(u_{k+1}) = 0, f(u_{k+2}) = 1, f(u_{k+3}) = 0, \dots, f(u_m) = 0, f(u_{m+1}) = 1.$$

$$\text{Thus } v_f(0) = \sum_{i=1, i \neq k}^m v_{f_i(0)} - x_1 - x_2 + v_{f_k}(0), \dots \dots \dots (i)$$

where  $x_1$  = number of vertices in  $\{u_2, \dots, u_k\}$  which receive the label 0 and  $x_2$  = the number of vertices in  $\{u_{k+1}, \dots, u_m\}$  which receive the label 0. Observe that  $x_1, x_2$  together give us the number of "shared" zeroes. Clearly,

$$x_2 = (m - k)/2; \quad \text{when } m - k \text{ is even}$$

$$= (m - k - 1)/2; \quad \text{when } m - k \text{ is odd and } f(u_{k+1}) = 1$$

$$= (m - k + 1)/2; \quad \text{when } m - k \text{ is odd and } f(u_{k+1}) = 0.$$

Further, we have  $v_f(1) = \sum_{i=1, i \neq k}^m v_{f_i(1)} - y_1 - y_2 + v_{f_k}(1), \dots \dots \dots (ii)$

where  $y_1 = k - 1 - x_1$  and  $y_2 = (m - k) - x_2$ . Also,

$$e_f(0) = \sum_{i=1, i \neq k}^m e_{f_i}(0) + e_{f_k}(0),$$

$$e_f(1) = \sum_{i=1, i \neq k}^m e_{f_i}(1) + e_{f_k}(1).$$

We now give an alternate labeling  $F$  for  $T_m$  as follows: For each block  $P_{t^{(i)}}$ , define a new labeling  $F_i$  as

$$F_i = f_i, 1 \leq i < k,$$

$$= \tilde{f}_i, (k + 1) \leq i \leq m.$$

For  $i = k$ , if  $f_k$  is a labeling of type A (respectively B), then we choose  $F_k$  to be an appropriate labeling of type B (respectively A) as described later.

Then  $v_F(0) = \sum_{i=1, i \neq k}^m v_{f_i}(0) - x_1 - X_2 + v_{F_k}(0), \dots \dots \dots (iii)$

where  $v_{F_k}(0)$  depends on  $F_k$  and

$$X_2 = (m - k)/2; m - k \text{ even}$$

$$= (m - k - 1)/2; m - k \text{ odd, } f(u_{k+1}) = 0$$

$$= (m - k + 1)/2; m - k \text{ odd, } f(u_{k+1}) = 1.$$

$v_F(1) = \sum_{i=1, i \neq k}^m v_{f_i}(1) - y_1 - Y_2 + v_{F_k}(1), \dots \dots \dots (iv)$

where  $Y_2 = (m - k) - X_2$ . Also,

$$e_F(0) = \sum_{i=1, i \neq k}^m e_{f_i}(0) + e_{F_k}(0),$$

$$e_F(1) = \sum_{i=1, i \neq k}^m e_{f_i}(1) + e_{F_k}(1).$$

From the above it follows that

$$v_F(0) - v_f(0) = v_{F_k}(0) - v_{f_k}(0) + (x_2 - X_2),$$

$$v_F(1) - v_f(1) = v_{F_k}(1) - v_{f_k}(1) + (y_2 - Y_2),$$

$$e_F(0) - e_f(0) = e_{F_k}(0) - e_{f_k}(0),$$

$$e_F(1) - e_f(1) = e_{F_k}(1) - e_{f_k}(1).$$

Suppose  $P_{t^{(k)}}$  is a graph of Type  $A_2$ . If  $f_k$  is a labeling of type A, then  $e_{f_k}(0) + 1 = e_{f_k}(1)$ . In that case, we have to take  $F_k$  to be a labeling of type B, but in any labeling of type B for graphs of Type  $A_2$  (see summary), the number of edges with the label 0 is one more than the number of edges with the label 1. Hence  $e_{F_k}(0) = e_{F_k}(1) + 1$ . Then:

$$e_F(0) - e_f(0) = [e_{F_k}(1) + 1] - e_{f_k}(0), e_F(1) - e_f(1) = e_{F_k}(1) - e_{f_k}(0) - 1$$

$$\text{Hence } e_F(0) - e_F(1) = e_f(0) - e_f(1) + 2 \dots \dots \dots (I)$$

Suppose  $f_k$  is a labeling of type B, then  $e_{f_k}(0) = e_{f_k}(1) + 1$ . In that case,  $e_{F_k}(0) + 1 = e_{F_k}(1)$ . Then:

$$e_F(0) - e_f(0) = e_{F_k}(0) - [e_{f_k}(1) + 1], e_F(1) - e_f(1) = [e_{F_k}(0) + 1] - e_{f_k}(1)$$

$$\text{Hence } [e_F(0) - e_F(1)] + 2 = [e_f(0) - e_f(1)] \dots \dots \dots (II)$$

Suppose  $P_{t^{(k)}}$  is a graph of Type  $A_3$ . If  $f_k$  is a labeling of type A, then  $e_{f_k}(0) = e_{f_k}(1) + 1$ . In that case,  $e_{F_k}(0) + 1 = e_{F_k}(1)$ . Then:

$$e_F(0) - e_f(0) = e_{F_k}(0) - [e_{f_k}(1) + 1], e_F(1) - e_f(1) = [e_{F_k}(0) + 1] - e_{f_k}(1)$$

$$\text{Hence } [e_F(0) - e_F(1)] + 2 = e_f(0) - e_f(1) \dots \dots \dots (III)$$

Suppose  $f_k$  is a labeling of type B, then  $e_{f_k}(0) + 1 = e_{f_k}(1)$ . In that case,  $e_{F_k}(0) = e_{F_k}(1) + 1$ . Then:

$$e_F(0) - e_f(0) = [e_{F_k}(1) + 1] - e_{f_k}(0), e_F(1) - e_f(1) = e_{F_k}(1) - [e_{f_k}(0) + 1]$$

$$\text{Hence } e_F(0) - e_F(1) = [e_f(0) - e_f(1)] + 2 \dots \dots \dots (IV)$$

Suppose  $P_{t^{(k)}}$  is a graph of Type  $A_4$ . If  $f_k$  is a labeling of type A, then  $e_{f_k}(0) = e_{f_k}(1)$ . In that case,  $e_{F_k}(0) + 2 = e_{F_k}(1)$ . Then:

$$e_F(0) - e_f(0) = e_{F_k}(0) - e_{f_k}(0), e_F(1) - e_f(1) = [e_{F_k}(0) + 2] - e_{f_k}(0)$$

$$\text{Hence } [e_F(0) - e_F(1)] + 2 = e_f(0) - e_f(1) \dots \dots \dots (V)$$

Suppose  $f_k$  is a labeling of type B, then

$$e_F(0) - e_F(1) = [e_f(0) - e_f(1)] + 2 \dots \dots \dots (VI)$$

Suppose  $P_{t^{(k)}}$  is a graph of Type B. If  $f_k$  is a labeling of type B for it, then  $e_{f_k}(0) = e_{f_k}(1)$ . In that case,  $e_{F_k}(0) = e_{F_k}(1) + 2$ . Then:

$$e_F(0) - e_f(0) = [e_{F_k}(1) + 2] - e_{f_k}(0), e_F(1) - e_f(1) = e_{F_k}(1) - e_{f_k}(0)$$

$$\text{Hence } e_F(0) - e_F(1) = [e_f(0) - e_f(1)] + 2 \dots \dots \dots (VII)$$

Suppose  $f_k$  is a labeling of type A for it, then  $e_{f_k}(0) = e_{f_k}(1) + 2$ . In that case,  $e_{F_k}(0) = e_{F_k}(1)$ . Then:

$$e_F(0) - e_f(0) = e_{F_k}(1) - e_{f_k}(1) - 2, e_F(1) - e_f(1) = e_{F_k}(1) - e_{f_k}(1)$$

$$\text{Hence } [e_F(0) - e_F(1)] + 2 = e_f(0) - e_f(1) \dots \dots \dots (VIII)$$

In the problematic case when  $P_{t^{(m+1)}}$  is of Type  $A_5$ , in  $T_m$  the existing edge label condition is  $e_f(0) + 1 = e_f(1)$ . Then  $e_F(1) = e_F(0) + 3$  or  $e_F(0) = e_F(1) + 1$ . In the first case, choose the labeling  $g$  for  $A_5$  in which  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 3$ , while in the latter choose  $g$  such that  $e_g(0) + 1 = e_g(1)$ .

In the case when  $P_{t^{(m+1)}}$  is of Type  $A_6$ , we have  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 1$ . Then  $e_F(1) + 3 = e_F(0)$  or  $e_F(0) + 1 = e_F(1)$ . In the first case, choose the labeling  $g$  for  $A_6$  in which  $e_g(0) + 3 = e_g(1)$ , while in the latter choose  $g$  such that  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 1$ .

In the case when  $P_{t^{(m+1)}}$  is of Type C, we have  $e_f(0) = e_f(1)$ . Then  $e_F(1) + 2 = e_F(0)$  or  $e_F(0) + 2 = e_F(1)$ .

In the first case, choose the labeling  $g$  for  $C$  in which  $e_g(0) + 2 = e_g(1)$ , while in the latter choose  $g$  such that  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) + 2$ .

In defining the alternate labeling  $F$  for  $T_m$ , we may in all likelihood, have disturbed the original vertex label balance so that  $|v_F(0) - v_F(1)| \leq 1$  may NOT be satisfied. We now determine  $v_F(0) - v_F(1)$  in order to restore the vertex label balance.

From equations  $(i)$ ,  $(ii)$ ,  $(iii)$  and  $(iv)$  we have

$$v_F(0) - v_F(1) = [v_f(0) - v_f(1)] + (x_2 - X_2) + (Y_2 - y_2) + [v_{F_k}(0) - v_{F_k}(1)] - [v_{f_k}(0) - v_{f_k}(1)] \dots \dots \dots (A)$$

We now use this equation in what follows.

**Case I** :  $P_{i(k)}$  is of Type  $A_2$  There are following possibilities:

**Case 1** :  $f(u_{k+1}) = 1$

**Case 1(a)** If  $m - k$  is even, then it is immediate that  $x_2 = X_2$  and  $y_2 = Y_2$ , so that from equation  $(A)$  it follows that

$$v_F(0) - v_F(1) = [v_f(0) - v_f(1)] + [v_{F_k}(0) - v_{F_k}(1)] - [v_{f_k}(0) - v_{f_k}(1)] \dots \dots (B)$$

**Case 1(a)(i)**:  $f(u_k) = 0$

**Case 1(a)(i)( $\alpha$ )**:  $v_{f_k}(0) = v_{f_k}(1)$ .

In  $P_{i(k)}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_k}(0) = v_{F_k}(1)$ ,  $F_k(u_k) = 0 = F_k(u_{k+1})$ . Then from  $(B)$ , we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1)$ . Hence the original vertex label balance is maintained.

**Case 1(a)(i)( $\beta$ )**:  $v_{f_k}(0) = v_{f_k}(1) + 2$ .

In  $P_{i(k)}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_k}(0) = v_{F_k}(1)$ ,  $F_k(u_k) = 0 = F_k(u_{k+1})$ . Then from  $(B)$ , we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1)$ . Hence the original vertex label balance is maintained.

**Case 1(a)(i)( $\gamma$ )**:  $v_{f_k}(0) + 2 = v_{f_k}(1)$ .

In  $P_{i(k)}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_k}(0) = v_{F_k}(1) + 2$ ,  $F_k(u_k) = 0 = F_k(u_{k+1})$ . Then from  $(B)$ , we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1) + 2$ . Here the original vertex label balance is not maintained. We come back to this case later.

**Case 1(a)(ii)**:  $f(u_k) = 1$

**Case 1(a)(ii)( $\alpha$ )**:  $v_{f_k}(0) = v_{f_k}(1)$ .

In  $P_{i(k)}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_k}(0) = v_{F_k}(1)$ ,  $F_k(u_k) = 1$ ,  $F_k(u_{k+1}) = 0$ . Then from  $(B)$ , we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1)$ . Hence the original vertex label balance is maintained.

**Case 1(a)(ii)( $\beta$ )**:  $v_{f_k}(0) + 2 = v_{f_k}(1)$ .

In  $P_{i(k)}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_k}(0) + 2 = v_{F_k}(1)$ ,  $F_k(u_k) = 1$ ,  $F_k(u_{k+1}) = 0$ . Then from  $(B)$ , we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1)$ . Hence the original vertex label balance is maintained.

**Case 1(b)**:  $m - k$  is odd.

If  $m - k$  is odd, then  $x_2 = Y_2$  and  $y_2 = X_2$ , so that from equation  $(A)$  it follows that

$$v_F(0) - v_F(1) = [v_f(0) - v_f(1)] + [v_{F_k}(0) - v_{F_k}(1)] - [v_{f_k}(0) - v_{f_k}(1)] - 2 \dots \dots (C)$$

**Case 1(b)(i)**:  $f(u_k) = 0$

Case 1(b)(i)( $\alpha$ ):  $v_{f_h}(0) = v_{f_h}(1)$ .

In  $P_{t^{(k)}}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_h}(0) = v_{F_h}(1) + 2, F_k(u_k) = 0 = F_k(u_{k+1})$ . Then from (C), we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1)$ . Hence the original vertex label balance is maintained.

Case 1(b)(i)( $\beta$ ):  $v_{f_h}(0) = v_{f_h}(1) + 2$ .

In  $P_{t^{(k)}}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_h}(0) = v_{F_h}(1) + 2, F_k(u_k) = 0 = F_k(u_{k+1})$ . Then from (C), we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1) - 2$ . Here the original vertex label balance is not maintained. We come back to this case later.

Case 1(b)(i)( $\gamma$ ):  $v_{f_h}(0) + 2 = v_{f_h}(1)$ .

In  $P_{t^{(k)}}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_h}(0) = v_{F_h}(1), F_k(u_k) = 0 = F_k(u_{k+1})$ . Then from (C), we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1)$ . Hence the original vertex label balance is maintained.

Case 1(b)(ii):  $f(u_k) = 1$

Case 1(b)(ii)( $\alpha$ ):  $v_{f_h}(0) = v_{f_h}(1)$ .

In  $P_{t^{(k)}}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_h}(0) = v_{F_h}(1), F_k(u_k) = 1, F_k(u_{k+1}) = 0$ . Then from (C), we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1) - 2$ . Hence the original vertex label balance is not maintained. As before we come back to this case later.

Case 1(b)(ii)( $\beta$ ):  $v_{f_h}(0) + 2 = v_{f_h}(1)$ .

In  $P_{t^{(k)}}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_h}(0) = v_{F_h}(1), F_k(u_k) = 1, F_k(u_{k+1}) = 0$ . Then from (C), we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1)$ . Hence the original vertex label balance is maintained.

Case 2:  $f(u_{k+1}) = 0$

Case 2(a): If  $m - k$  is even, we use equation (B) as before.

Case 2(a)(i):  $f(u_k) = 0$

Case 2(a)(i)( $\alpha$ ):  $v_{f_h}(0) = v_{f_h}(1)$ .

In  $P_{t^{(k)}}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_h}(0) = v_{F_h}(1), F_k(u_k) = 0, F_k(u_{k+1}) = 1$ . Then from (B), we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1)$ . Hence the original vertex label balance is maintained.

Case 2(a)(i)( $\beta$ ):  $v_{f_h}(0) = v_{f_h}(1) + 2$ .

In  $P_{t^{(k)}}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_h}(0) = v_{F_h}(1) + 2, F_k(u_k) = 0, F_k(u_{k+1}) = 1$ . Then from (B), we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1)$ . Hence the original vertex label balance is maintained.

Case 2(a)(ii):  $f(u_k) = 1$

Case 2(a)(ii)( $\alpha$ ):  $v_{f_h}(0) = v_{f_h}(1)$ .

In  $P_{t^{(k)}}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_h}(0) = v_{F_h}(1), F_k(u_k) = 1, F_k(u_{k+1}) = 1$ . Then from (B), we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1)$ . Hence the original vertex label balance is maintained.

Case 2(a)(ii)( $\beta$ ):  $v_{f_h}(0) = v_{f_h}(1) + 2$ .

In  $P_{t^{(k)}}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_h}(0) = v_{F_h}(1), F_k(u_k) = 1 = F_k(u_{k+1})$ . Then from (B), we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1) - 2$ . Here the original vertex label balance is not maintained. We come back to this case later.

Case 2(a)(ii)( $\gamma$ ):  $v_{f_k}(0) + 2 = v_{f_k}(1)$ .

In  $P_{t^{(k)}}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_k}(0) + 2 = v_{F_k}(1)$ ,  $F_k(u_k) = 1 = F_k(u_{k+1})$ . Then from (B), we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1)$ . Hence the original vertex label balance is maintained.

Case 2(b): If  $m - k$  is odd, from equation (A), it follows that

$$v_F(0) - v_F(1) = [v_f(0) - v_f(1)] + [v_{F_k}(0) - v_{F_k}(1)] - [v_{f_k}(0) - v_{f_k}(1)] + 2 \cdots (D).$$

Case 2(b)(i):  $f(u_k) = 0$

Case 2(b)(i)( $\alpha$ ):  $v_{f_k}(0) = v_{f_k}(1)$ .

In  $P_{t^{(k)}}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_k}(0) + 2 = v_{F_k}(1)$ ,  $F_k(u_k) = 0$ ,  $F_k(u_{k+1}) = 1$ . Then from (D), we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1)$ . Hence the original vertex label balance is maintained.

Case 2(b)(i)( $\beta$ ):  $v_{f_k}(0) = v_{f_k}(1) + 2$ .

In  $P_{t^{(k)}}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_k}(0) = v_{F_k}(1)$ ,  $F_k(u_k) = 0$ ,  $F_k(u_{k+1}) = 1$ . Then from (D), we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1)$ . Here the original vertex label balance is maintained.

Case 2(b)(ii):  $f(u_k) = 1$

Case 2(b)(ii)( $\alpha$ ):  $v_{f_k}(0) = v_{f_k}(1)$ .

In  $P_{t^{(k)}}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_k}(0) + 2 = v_{F_k}(1)$ ,  $F_k(u_k) = 1 = F_k(u_{k+1})$ . Then from (D), we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1)$ . Hence the original vertex label balance is maintained.

Case 2(a)(i)( $\beta$ ):  $v_{f_k}(0) = v_{f_k}(1) + 2$ .

In  $P_{t^{(k)}}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_k}(0) = v_{F_k}(1)$ ,  $F_k(u_k) = 1 = F_k(u_{k+1})$ . Then from (D), we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1)$ . Hence the original vertex label balance is maintained.

Case 2(b)(ii)( $\gamma$ ):  $v_{f_k}(0) + 2 = v_{f_k}(1)$ .

In  $P_{t^{(k)}}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_k}(0) + 2 = v_{F_k}(1)$ ,  $F_k(u_k) = 1 = F_k(u_{k+1})$ . Then from (D), we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1) + 2$ . Hence the original vertex label balance is not maintained. We come back to this case later.

Case II: If  $P_{t^{(m+1)}}$  is of Type  $A_3$

The discussion is similar to that of Case I.

Case III:  $P_{t^{(k)}}$  is of Type  $A_4$

Case 1:  $f(u_{k+1}) = 1$

Case 1(a): If  $m - k$  is even, we can use equation (B).

Case 1(a)(i):  $f(u_k) = 0$ .

Case 1(a)(i)( $\alpha$ ):  $v_{f_k}(0) = v_{f_k}(1) + 1$ .

In  $P_{t^{(k)}}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_k}(0) = v_{F_k}(1) + 1$ ,  $F_k(u_k) = 0 = F_k(u_{k+1})$ . Then from (B), we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1)$ .

Case 1(a)(i)( $\beta$ ):  $v_{f_k}(0) + 1 = v_{f_k}(1)$ .

In  $P_{t^{(k)}}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_k}(0) = v_{F_k}(1) + 1$ ,  $F_k(u_k) = 0 = F_k(u_{k+1})$ . Then from (B), we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1) + 2$ . Hence the original vertex label balance is not maintained. We come back to this case later.

Case 1(a)(ii):  $f(u_k) = 1$

Case 1(a)(ii)( $\alpha$ ):  $v_{f_h}(0) + 1 = v_{f_h}(1)$ .

In  $P_{t^{(h)}}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_k}(0) + 1 = v_{F_k}(1)$ ,  $F_k(u_k) = 1$ ,  $F_k(u_{k+1}) = 0$ . Then from (B), we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1)$ .

Case 1(b): If  $m - k$  is odd, we can use equation C.

Case 1(b)(i):  $f(u_k) = 0$

Case 1(b)(i)( $\alpha$ ):  $v_{f_h}(0) = v_{f_h}(1) + 1$ .

In  $P_{t^{(h)}}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_k}(0) = v_{F_k}(1) + 1$ ,  $F_k(u_k) = 0 = F_k(u_{k+1})$ . Then from (C), we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1) - 2$ . Hence the original vertex label balance is not maintained. We come back to this case later.

Case 1(b)(i)( $\beta$ ):  $v_{f_h}(0) + 1 = v_{f_h}(1)$ .

In  $P_{t^{(h)}}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_k}(0) = v_{F_k}(1) + 1$ ,  $F_k(u_k) = 0 = F_k(u_{k+1})$ . Then from (C), we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1)$ .

Case 1(b)(ii):  $f(u_k) = 1$

Case 1(b)(ii)( $\alpha$ ):  $v_{f_h}(0) + 1 = v_{f_h}(1)$ .

In  $P_{t^{(h)}}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_k}(0) = v_{F_k}(1) + 1$ ,  $F_k(u_k) = 1$ ,  $F_k(u_{k+1}) = 0$ . Then from (C), we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1)$ .

Case 2:  $f(u_{k+1}) = 0$ .

Case 2(a): If  $m - k$  is even, we use equation (B) as before.

Case 2(a)(i):  $f(u_k) = 0$ .

Case 2(a)(i)( $\alpha$ ):  $v_{f_h}(0) = v_{f_h}(1) + 1$ .

In  $P_{t^{(h)}}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_k}(0) = v_{F_k}(1) + 1$ ,  $F_k(u_k) = 0$ ,  $F_k(u_{k+1}) = 1$ . Then from (B), we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1)$ . Hence the original vertex label balance is maintained.

Case 2(a)(ii):  $f(u_k) = 1$ .

Case 2(a)(ii)( $\alpha$ ):  $v_{f_h}(0) = v_{f_h}(1) + 1$ .

In  $P_{t^{(h)}}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_k}(0) + 1 = v_{F_k}(1)$ ,  $F_k(u_k) = 1$ ,  $F_k(u_{k+1}) = 1$ . Then from (B), we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1) - 2$ . Hence the original vertex label balance is not maintained and we come back to this case later.

Case 2(a)(ii)( $\beta$ ):  $v_{f_h}(0) + 1 = v_{f_h}(1)$ .

In  $P_{t^{(h)}}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_k}(0) + 1 = v_{F_k}(1)$ ,  $F_k(u_k) = 1 = F_k(u_{k+1})$ . Then from (B), we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1)$ . Hence the original vertex label balance is maintained.

Case 2(b): If  $m - k$  is odd, we use equation (D).

Case 2(b)(i):  $f(u_k) = 0$

Case 2(b)(i)( $\alpha$ ):  $v_{f_h}(0) = v_{f_h}(1) + 1$ .

In  $P_{t^{(h)}}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_k}(0) + 1 = v_{F_k}(1)$ ,  $F_k(u_k) = 0$ ,  $F_k(u_{k+1}) = 1$ . Then from (D), we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1)$ . Hence the original vertex label balance is maintained.

Case 2(b)(ii):  $f(u_k) = 1$ .

Case 2(b)(ii)( $\alpha$ ):  $v_{f_h}(0) = v_{f_h}(1) + 1$ .

In  $P_{t^{(h)}}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_k}(0) + 1 = v_{F_k}(1)$ ,  $F_k(u_k) = 1 = F_k(u_{k+1})$ . Then from (D), we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1)$ . Hence the original

vertex label balance is maintained.

Case 2(b)(ii)( $\beta$ ):  $v_{f_k}(0) + 1 = v_{f_k}(1)$ .

In  $P_{t^{(k)}}$  we choose  $F_k$  such that  $v_{F_k}(0) + 1 = v_{F_k}(1)$ ,  $F_k(u_k) = 1 = F_k(u_{k+1})$ . Then from (D), we have  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1) + 2$ . Hence the original vertex label balance is not maintained. We come back to this case later.

**Case IV:** If  $P_{t^{(m+1)}}$  is of Type B

The discussion is similar to that of Case III.

We now take a look at those problems where we were unable to restore the original vertex label condition. The problematic cases can be classified as: (1)  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1) - 2$ ,  $F(u_{m+1}) = 1$ .

(2)  $v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1) + 2$ ,  $F(u_{m+1}) = 0$ .

In problem (1),

(i) If  $v_f(0) = v_f(1)$ , then  $v_F(0) + 2 = v_F(1)$ .

(ii) If  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1$ , then  $v_F(0) + 1 = v_F(1)$ .

(iii) If  $v_f(0) + 1 = v_f(1)$ , then  $v_F(0) + 3 = v_F(1)$ .

Likewise in problem (2),

(i) If  $v_f(0) = v_f(1)$ , then  $v_F(0) = v_F(1) + 2$ .

(ii) If  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1$ , then  $v_F(0) = v_F(1) + 3$ .

(iii) If  $v_f(0) + 1 = v_f(1)$ , then  $v_F(0) = v_F(1) + 1$ .

Rather than trying to restore the vertex label balance for the above cases in  $T_m$ , we choose an appropriate labeling for  $P_{t^{(m+1)}}$ .

We will be in a position to do this if we have the following labelings for graphs of Type  $A_5$ ,  $A_6$  and  $C$ .

**Labelings required for graphs of Type  $A_5$ .**

(i)  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1$ ,  $e_f(0) + 1 = e_f(1)$ ,  $f(u) = 1$

(ii)  $v_f(0) + 1 = v_f(1)$ ,  $e_f(0) + 1 = e_f(1)$ ,  $f(u) = 0$ .

(iii)  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1$ ,  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 3$ ,  $f(u) = 1$

(iv)  $v_f(0) + 1 = v_f(1)$ ,  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 3$ ,  $f(u) = 0$ .

**Labelings required for graphs of Type  $A_6$ .**

(i)  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1$ ,  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 1$ ,  $f(u) = 1$

(ii)  $v_f(0) + 1 = v_f(1)$ ,  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 1$ ,  $f(u) = 0$ .

(iii)  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1$ ,  $e_f(0) + 3 = e_f(1)$ ,  $f(u) = 1$

(iv)  $v_f(0) + 1 = v_f(1)$ ,  $e_f(0) + 3 = e_f(1)$ ,  $f(u) = 0$ .

**Labelings required for graphs of Type  $C$ .**

(i)  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 2$ ,  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 2$ ,  $f(u) = 1$

(ii)  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 2$ ,  $e_f(0) + 2 = e_f(1)$ ,  $f(u) = 1$

(iii)  $v_f(0) + 2 = v_f(1)$ ,  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 2$ ,  $f(u) = 0$

(iv)  $v_f(0) + 2 = v_f(1)$ ,  $e_f(0) + 2 = e_f(1)$ ,  $f(u) = 0$ .

The required labelings for graphs of Types  $A_5$ ,  $A_6$  and  $C$  are already available. Hence in these cases also, there is a cordial labeling of  $P_{t^{(m+1)}}$ .

**Problems of Type  $\otimes$ .**

We now deal with those cases in which  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| > 1$ ,  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| > 1$ . We list these cases below:



Condition on vertex and edge labels in $T_m(g_1)$	$g(u_{m+1})$	$P_{t(m+1)}$
$T_m$ is non-Eulerian		
$v_{g_1}(0) + 1 = v_{g_1}(1)$ $e_{g_1}(0) = e_{g_1}(1)$	0	$C$
$v_{g_1}(0) = v_{g_1}(1) + 1$ $e_{g_1}(0) = e_{g_1}(1)$	1	$C$

In the above case that is when  $T_m$  is non-Eulerian and  $P_{t(m+1)}$  is of Type  $C$ , then use the alternate labeling  $F$  of  $T_m$ . Then either

$$v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1) \text{ or}$$

$$v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1) - 2, F(u_{m+1}) = 1; \text{ or}$$

$$v_F(0) - v_F(1) = v_f(0) - v_f(1) + 2, F(u_{m+1}) = 0.$$

To resolve these problems we need the following labelings for graphs of

Type  $C$  : (i)  $v_f(0) = v_f(1), e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 2$

(ii)  $v_f(0) = v_f(1), e_f(0) + 2 = e_f(1)$

(iii)  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 2, e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 2$

(iv)  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 2, e_f(0) + 2 = e_f(1)$

(v)  $v_f(0) + 2 = v_f(1), e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 2$

(vi)  $v_f(0) + 2 = v_f(1), e_f(0) + 2 = e_f(1)$

Since, we have these labelings for graphs of Type  $C$ , in this case too,  $P_{t(m+1)}$  is cordial. Hence the proof.

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