

## Primeness of Supersubdivision of Some Graphs

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**Abstract:** A graph with  $n$  vertices is said to admit a prime labeling if its vertices are labeled with distinct integers  $1, 2, \dots, n$  such that for edge  $xy$ , the labels assigned to  $x$  and  $y$  are relatively prime. The graph that admits a prime labeling is said to be prime. G. Sethuraman has introduced concept of supersubdivision of a graph. In the light of this concept, we have proved that supersubdivision by  $K_{2,2}$  of star, cycle and ladder are prime.

**Key Words:** Star, ladder, cycle, subdivision of graphs, supersubdivision of graphs, prime labeling, Smarandachely prime labeling.

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### §1. Introduction

We consider finite undirected graphs without loops, also without multiple edges. G Sethuraman and P. Selvaraju [2] have introduced supersubdivision of graphs and proved that there exists a graceful arbitrary supersubdivision of  $C_n, n \geq 3$  with certain conditions. Alka Kanetkar has proved that grids are prime [1]. Some results on prime labeling for some cycle related graphs were established by S.K. Vaidya and K.K.Kanani [6]. It was appealing to study prime labeling of supersubdivisions of some families of graphs.

### §2. Definitions

**Definition 2.1(Star)** A star  $S_n$  is the complete bipartite graph  $K_{1,n}$  a tree with one internal node and  $n$  leaves, for  $n > 1$ .

**Definition 2.2(Ladder)** A ladder  $L_n$  is defined by  $L_n = P_n \times P_2$  here  $P_n$  is a path of length  $n$ ,  $\times$  denotes Cartesian product.  $L_n$  has  $2n$  vertices and  $3n - 2$  edges.

**Definition 2.3(Cycle)** A cycle is a graph with an equal number of vertices and edges where vertices can be placed around circle so that two vertices are adjacent if and only if they appear

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consecutively along the circle. The cycle is denoted by  $C_n$ .

**Definition 2.4**(Subdivision of a Graph) *Let  $G$  be a graph with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges. A graph  $H$  is said to be a subdivision of  $G$  if  $H$  is obtained by subdividing every edge of  $G$  exactly once.  $H$  is denoted by  $S(G)$ . Thus,  $|V| = p + q$  and  $|E| = 2q$ .*

**Definition 2.5**(Supersubdivision of a Graph) *Let  $G$  be a graph with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges. A graph  $H$  is said to be a supersubdivision of  $G$  if it is obtained from  $G$  by replacing every edge  $e$  of  $G$  by a complete bipartite graph  $K_{2,m}$ .  $H$  is denoted by  $SS(G)$ . Thus,  $|V| = p + mq$  and  $|E| = 2mq$ .*

**Definition 2.6**(Prime Labelling) *A prime labeling of a graph is an injective function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |V(G)|\}$  such that for every pair of adjacent vertices  $u$  and  $v$ ,  $\gcd(f(u), f(v)) = 1$  i.e. labels of any two adjacent vertices are relatively prime. A graph is said to be prime if it has a prime labeling.*

Generally, a labeling is called Smarandachely prime on a graph  $H$  by Smarandachely denied axiom ([5], [8]) if there is such a labeling  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |V(G)|\}$  on  $G$  that for every edge  $uv$  not in subgraphs of  $G$  isomorphic to  $H$ ,  $\gcd(f(u), f(v)) = 1$ .

For a complete bipartite graph  $K_{2,m}$ , we call the part consisting of two vertices, the 2 vertices part of  $K_{(2,m)}$  and the part consisting of  $m$  vertices, the  $m$ -vertices part of  $K_{2,m}$  in this paper.

### §3. Main Results

**Theorem 3.1** *A supersubdivision of  $S_n$ , i.e.  $SS(S_n)$  is prime for  $m = 2$ .*

*Proof* Let  $u$  be the internal node i.e. centre vertex. Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be endpoints. Let  $v_i^1, v_i^2, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  be vertices of graph  $K_{2,2}$  replacing edge  $uv_i$ . Here,  $|V| = 3n + 1$ .

Let  $f : V \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 3n + 1\}$  be defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(u) &= 1, \\ f(v_i) &= 3i, & i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \\ f(v_i^1) &= 3i - 1, & i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \\ f(v_i^2) &= 3i + 1, & i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

As  $f(u) = 1$ ,  $\gcd(f(u), f(v_i^1)) = 1$  and  $\gcd(f(u), f(v_i^2)) = 1$ .

As successive integers are coprime,  $\gcd(f(v_i^1), f(v_i)) = (3i - 1, 3i) = 1$  and  $\gcd(f(v_i^2), f(v_i)) = (3i + 1, 3i) = 1$ . Thus  $SS(S_n)$  is prime.  $\square$

Let  $C_n$  be a cycle of length  $n$ . Let  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  be the vertices of cycle. Let  $c_{i,i+1}^k, k = 1, 2$  be the vertices of the bipartite graph that replaces the edge  $c_i c_{i+1}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$  Let  $c_{n,1}^k, k = 1, 2$  be the vertices of the bipartite graph that replaces the edge  $c_n c_1$ . To illustrate these notations a figure is shown below.

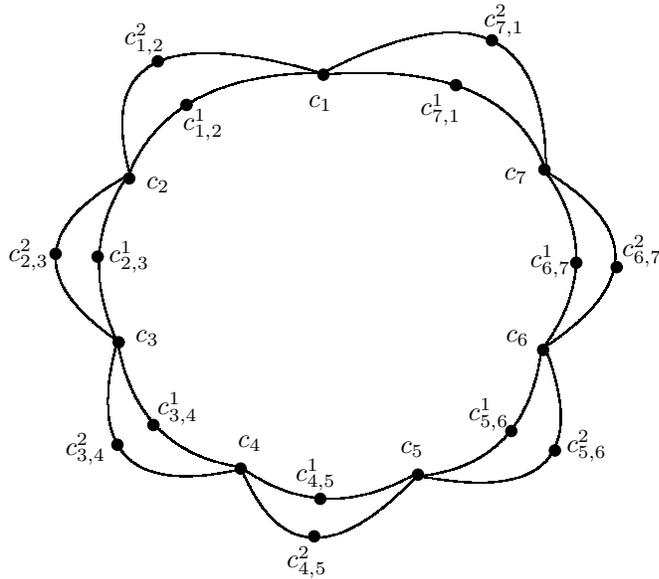


Fig.1 Graph with  $n = 7$  with general vertex labels

**Theorem 3.2** A supersubdivision of  $C_n$ , i.e.  $SS(C_n)$  is prime for  $m = 2$ .

*Proof* Let  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k$  be primes such that  $3 \leq p_1 < p_2 < p_3 < \dots < p_k < 3n$  such that if  $p$  is any prime from 3 to  $3n$  then  $p = p_i$  for some  $i$  between 1 to  $k$ .

Define  $S_2 = \{S_{2^i}/S_{2^i} = 2^i, i \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that } S_{2^i} \leq 3n\}$ . Choose greatest  $i$  such that  $p_i \leq n$  and denote it by  $l$ . Let  $S_{p_1} = \{S_{p_{j_i}}/S_{p_{j_i}} = p_1 \times i, i \in \{2, 3, \dots, n\} \setminus \{p_l, p_{l-1}, \dots, p_{l-(n-k-2)}\}\}$ . Define  $f : V \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 3n\}$  using following algorithm.

**Case 1.**  $n = 3$  to  $8$ .

In this case,  $k = n$ .

**Step 1.**  $f(c_r) = p_r$  for  $r = 1, 2, \dots, k$  and  $f(c_{1,2}^1) = 1$ .

**Step 2.** Choose greatest  $i$ , such that  $2p_i < 3n$  and denote it by  $r$ . Define  $S_{p_j}$  for  $j = 2, 3, \dots, r$  such that  $S_{p_{j_{i-1}}} < S_{p_{j_i}}$  to be  $S_{p_j} = \left\{ S_{p_{j_i}}/S_{p_{j_i}} = p_j \times i, i \in \left\{ 2, 3, \dots, \left\lceil \frac{3n}{p_j} \right\rceil \right\} \right\}$ .

**Step 3.** For  $i = 2, 3, \dots, n, k = 1, 2$ . Label  $c_{i,i+1}^k$  using elements of  $S_{p_j}$  in increasing order starting from  $j = 1, 2, \dots, r$  and then by elements of  $S_2$  in increasing order.

**Step 4.** Choose greatest  $i$  such that  $2^i \leq 3n$ . Label  $c_{n,1}^k, k = 1, 2$  as  $2^{i-1}, 2^{i-2}$ .

**Step 5.** Label  $c_{1,2}^2$  as  $2^i$ .

**Case 2.**  $n = 9$  to  $11$

In this case,  $k + 1 = n$ .

**Step 1.**  $f(c_r) = p_r$  for  $r = 1, 2, \dots, k$  and  $f(c_n) = 1$ .

**Step 2.** Choose greatest  $i$ , such that  $2p_i < 3n$  and denote it by  $r$ . Define  $S_{p_j}$  for  $j = 2, 3, \dots, r$  such that  $S_{p_{j_{i-1}}} < S_{p_{j_i}}$  to be  $S_{p_j} = \left\{ S_{p_{j_i}}/S_{p_{j_i}} = p_j \times i, i \in \left\{ 2, 3, \dots, \left\lceil \frac{3n}{p_j} \right\rceil \right\} \right\}$ .

**Step 3.** For  $i = 2, 3, \dots, n$  and  $k = 1, 2$ , label  $c_{i,i+1}^k$  using elements of  $S_{p_j}$  in increasing order starting from  $j = 1, 2, \dots, r$  and then by elements of  $S_2$  in increasing order.

**Step 4.** Choose greatest  $i$  such that  $2^i \leq 3n$ . Label  $c_{n,1}^k$ ,  $k = 1, 2$  as  $2^{i-2}, 2^{i-3}$ .

**Step 5.** Label  $c_{1,2}^k$ ,  $k = 1, 2$  as  $2^i$  and  $2^{i-1}$ .

**Case 3.**  $n \geq 12$ .

**Step 1.**  $f(c_r) = p_r$  for  $r = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

**Step 2.**  $f(c_{k+1}) = 1$ .

For  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n - k - 2$ ,  $f(c_{n-j}) = 3p_{l-j}$ .

**Step 3.** Choose greatest  $i$ , such that  $2p_i < 3n$  and denote it by  $r$ . Define  $S_{p_j}$  for  $j = 2, 3, \dots, r$  such that  $S_{p_{j-1}} < S_{p_j}$  to be

$$S_{p_j} = \left\{ S_{p_{j_i}}/S_{p_{j_i}} = p_j \times i, i \in \left\{ 2, 3, \dots, \left\lceil \frac{3n}{p_j} \right\rceil \right\} \setminus \bigcup_{r=1}^{j-1} \{k \times p_r/k \in \mathbb{N}\} \right\}.$$

**Step 4.** For  $i = 2, 3, \dots, n$  and  $k = 1, 2$ . Label  $c_{i,i+1}^k$  using elements of  $S_{p_j}$  in increasing order starting from  $j = 1, 2, \dots, r$  and then by elements of  $S_2$  in increasing order.

**Step 5.** Choose greatest  $i$  such that  $2^i \leq 3n$ . Label  $c_{n,1}^k$ ,  $k = 1, 2$  as  $2^{i-2}, 2^{i-3}$ .

**Step 6.** Label  $c_{1,2}^k$ ,  $k = 1, 2$  as  $2^i$  and  $2^{i-1}$ .

In this case, labels of vertices  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k$  are prime. Vertices  $c_{k+1}$ , to  $c_n$  get labels which are multiples by 3 of  $p_l, p_{l-1}, \dots, p_{l-(n-k-2)}$ . Apart from these labels and 3 itself, we have  $k-1$  more multiples of 3. Thus  $k-1$  vertices of the type  $c_{i,i+1}^j$ ,  $2 \leq i \leq \lceil \frac{k-1}{2} \rceil$ ,  $j = 1, 2$  will get labels as multiples of 3. And hence are relatively prime to labels of corresponding  $c_i^k$ s. Similarly, for multiples of 5, 7 and so on. Thus,  $SS(C_n)$  is prime.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3** A supersubdivision of  $L_n$ , i.e.  $SS(L_n)$  is prime for  $m = 2$ .

*Proof* Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  and  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of the two paths in  $L_n$ . Let  $u_i u_{i+1}, v_i v_{i+1}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$  and  $u_i v_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1, n$  be the edges of  $L_n$ . Let  $x_i^k, k = 1, 2$  be the vertices of bipartite graph  $K_{2,2}$  replacing the edge  $u_i u_{i+1}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ . Let  $y_i^k, k = 1, 2, \dots, m$  be the vertices of the bipartite graph  $K_{2,2}$  replacing the edge  $v_{n-i} v_{n-i-1}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ . Let  $w_i^k, k = 1, 2$  be the vertices of the bipartite graph  $K_{2,2}$  replacing the edge  $u_i v_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1, n$ .

Thus,  $|V| = 2n + 2n + 2(n-1) + 2(n-1) = 8n - 4$ . Let  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k$  be primes such that  $3 \leq p_1 < p_2 < p_3 \dots < p_k < 3n$  such that if  $p$  is any prime between 3 to  $3n$  then  $p = p_i$  for some  $i$  between 1 to  $k$ . Choose greatest  $i$ , such that  $2p_i < 8n - 4$  and denote it by  $r$ .

Define  $S_{p_j}$  for  $j = 2, 3, \dots, r$  such that  $S_{p_{j-1}} < S_{p_j}$  to be

$$S_{p_j} = \left\{ S_{p_{j_i}}/S_{p_{j_i}} = p_j \times i, i \in \left\{ 2, 3, \dots, \left\lceil \frac{8n-4}{p_j} \right\rceil \right\} \setminus \bigcup_{r=1}^{j-1} \{k \times p_r/k \in \mathbb{N}\} \right\}.$$

Define  $S_2 = \{S_{2_i}/S_{2_i} = 2^i, i \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that } S_{2_i} \leq 3n\}$  and a labeling from  $V \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 8n - 4\}$  as follows.

**Case 1.**  $n = 2$ .

In this case,  $k = 2n$ . Let  $X = \{w_2^1, w_2^2, y_1^1, y_1^2, w_1^1, w_1^2, x_1^1\}$  be an ordered set. Define  $S_{p_1}$  such that  $S_{p_1} = \left\{ S_{p_{1_i}}/S_{p_{1_i}} = p_1 \times i = 3 \times i, i \in \left\{ 2, 3, \dots, \left\lceil \frac{8n-4}{p_j} \right\rceil \right\} \right\}$ .

**Step 1.**  $f(u_r) = p_r$  for  $r = 1, 2$ .

**Step 2.**  $f(v_{n-r}) = p_{n+r+1}$  for  $r = 0, 1$ .

**Step 3.**  $f(x_1^1) = 1$ .

**Step 4.** Label elements of  $X$  in order by using elements of  $S_{p_j}$  in increasing order starting with  $j = 1, 2, \dots, r$  and then using elements of  $S_2$  in increasing order.

**Case 2.**  $n = 3$  and 6.

In this case,  $k = 2n + 1$ . Let  $X = \{x_2^1, x_2^2, x_3^1, \dots, x_{n-1}^1, x_{n-1}^2, y_1^1, y_1^2, y_2^1, \dots, y_{n-1}^1, y_{n-1}^2, w_1^1, w_1^2, w_2^1, w_2^2, \dots, w_n^1, w_n^2\}$  be an ordered set. Define  $S_{p_1}$  such that

$$S_{p_1} = \left\{ S_{p_{1_i}}/S_{p_{1_i}} = p_1 \times i = 3 \times i, i \in \left\{ 2, 3, \dots, \left\lceil \frac{8n-4}{p_j} \right\rceil \right\} \right\}.$$

**Step 1.**  $f(u_r) = p_r$  for  $r = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

**Step 2.**  $f(v_{n-r}) = p_{n+r+1}$  for  $r = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ .

**Step 3.**  $f(x_1^1) = 1$  and  $f(x_1^2) = p_k$ .

**Step 4.** Label elements of  $X$  in order by using elements of  $S_{p_j}$  in increasing order starting with  $j = 1, 2, \dots, r$  and then using elements of  $S_2$  in increasing order.

**Case 3.**  $n = 4, 5$  and 7 to 11.

In this case,  $k = 2n$ . Let  $X = \{x_2^1, x_2^2, x_3^1, \dots, x_{n-1}^1, x_{n-1}^2, y_1^1, y_1^2, y_2^1, \dots, y_{n-1}^1, y_{n-1}^2, w_1^1, w_1^2, w_2^1, \dots, w_n^1, w_n^2, x_1^1\}$  be an ordered set. Define  $S_{p_1}$  such that

$$S_{p_1} = \left\{ S_{p_{1_i}}/S_{p_{1_i}} = p_1 \times i = 3 \times i, i \in \left\{ 2, 3, \dots, \left\lceil \frac{8n-4}{p_j} \right\rceil \right\} \right\}.$$

**Step 1.**  $f(u_r) = p_r$  for  $r = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

**Step 2.**  $f(v_{n-r}) = p_{n+r+1}$  for  $r = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ .

**Step 3.**  $f(x_1^1) = 1$ .

**Step 4.** Label elements of  $X$  in order by using elements of  $S_{p_j}$  in increasing order starting with  $j = 1, 2, \dots, r$  and then using elements of  $S_2$  in increasing order.

**Case 4.**  $n \geq 12$ .

Let  $X = \{x_2^1, x_2^2, x_3^1, \dots, x_{n-1}^1, x_{n-1}^2, y_1^1, y_1^2, y_2^1, \dots, y_{n-1}^1, y_{n-1}^2, w_n^1, w_n^2, w_{n-1}^1, \dots, w_1^1, w_1^2\}$  be an ordered set. Choose greatest  $i$ , such that  $p_i \leq \left\lceil \frac{8n-4}{3} \right\rceil$  and denote it by  $l$ .

**Step 1.**  $f(u_r) = p_r$  for  $r = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

**Step 2.**  $f(v_r) = 3p_{l-(r-1)}$  for  $r = 1, 2, \dots, 2n - k$ .

**Step 3.**  $f(v_{n-r}) = p_{n+r+1}$  for  $r = 0, 1, \dots, n - (2n - k + 1)$ .

**Step 4.**  $S_{p_1} = \left\{ S_{p_{1_i}}/S_{p_{1_i}} = p_1 \times i, i \in \left\{ 2, 3, \dots, \left\lceil \frac{8n-4}{3} \right\rceil \right\} \right\} \setminus \{p_l, p_{l-1}, \dots, p_{l-(2n-k-1)}\}$ .

**Step 5.** Label elements of  $X$  in order by using elements of  $S_{p_j}$  in increasing order starting with  $j = 1, 2, \dots, r$  and then using elements of  $S_2$  in increasing order.

**Step 6.** Choose greatest  $i$  such that  $2^i \leq 3n$ . Label  $x_1^1, x_1^2$  as  $2^i$  and  $2^{i-1}$ .

In the above labeling, vertices  $u'_i s$  and  $v'_i s$  receive prime labels. Vertices  $x'_i s, y'_i s, w'_i s$  adjacent to  $u'_i s, v'_i s$  are labeled with numbers which are multiples of 3 followed by multiples of 5 and so on. Since  $m = 2$ (small), labels are not multiples of respective primes. Thus  $SS(L_n)$  prime.  $\square$

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