

## One modulo $N$ gracefulness of H-class of graphs

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**ABSTRACT.** A function  $f$  is called a graceful labelling of a graph  $G$  with  $q$  edges if  $f$  is an injection from the vertices of  $G$  to the set  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, q\}$  such that, when each edge  $xy$  is assigned the label  $|f(x) - f(y)|$ , the resulting edge labels are distinct. A graph  $G$  is said to be one modulo  $N$  graceful (where  $N$  is a positive integer) if there is a function  $\phi$  from the vertex set of  $G$  to  $\{0, 1, N, (N + 1), 2N, (2N + 1), \dots, N(q - 1), N(q - 1) + 1\}$  in such a way that (i)  $\phi$  is 1-1 (ii)  $\phi$  induces a bijection  $\phi^*$  from the edge set of  $G$  to  $\{1, N + 1, 2N + 1, \dots, N(q - 1) + 1\}$  where  $\phi^*(uv) = |\phi(u) - \phi(v)|$ . In this paper we prove that the H-graph,  $H \odot mK_1$  and  $H_{(n)}^{(a)}$  are one modulo  $N$  graceful for all positive integers  $N$ .

### 1. Introduction

Golomb [2] introduced graceful labelling. Rosa [6] has shown that if every vertex has even degree and the number of edges is congruent to 1 or 2 ( $\text{mod} 4$ ) then the graph is not graceful. Odd gracefulness was introduced by Gnanajothi [3]. Sekar [8] introduced one modulo three graceful labelling. Ramachandran and Sekar [7] introduced the concept of one modulo  $N$  graceful where  $N$  is any positive integer. In the case  $N = 2$ , the labelling is odd graceful and in the case  $N = 1$  the labelling is graceful. We also introduce the concept  $H_{(n)}^{(a)}$ . Gallian [4] surveyed numerous graph labelling methods. We prove that the H-graph,  $H \odot mK_1$  and  $H_{(n)}^{(a)}$  are one modulo  $N$  graceful for all positive integers  $N$ .

### 2. Main Results

**DEFINITION 2.1.** A graph  $G$  with  $q$  edges is said to be **one modulo  $N$  graceful** (where  $N$  is a positive integer) if there is a function  $\phi$  from the vertex set of  $G$  to  $\{0, 1, N, (N + 1), 2N, (2N + 1), \dots, N(q - 1), N(q - 1) + 1\}$  in such a way that (i)  $\phi$  is 1-1 (ii)  $\phi$  induces a bijection  $\phi^*$  from the edge set of  $G$  to  $\{1, N + 1, 2N + 1, \dots, N(q - 1) + 1\}$  where  $\phi^*(uv) = |\phi(u) - \phi(v)|$ .

**DEFINITION 2.2.** Let  $P_1(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$  and  $P_2(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$  be two paths of length  $n$ . Then a new graph obtained by joining  $u_{\frac{n}{2}}$  and  $v_{\frac{n}{2}+1}$  (or  $u_{\frac{n+1}{2}}$  and  $v_{\frac{n+1}{2}}$ ) if  $n$  is even (or odd). Then the graph is called as **H-graph** of length  $n$ .

**DEFINITION 2.3.** [1] The **Corona**  $G_1 \odot G_2$  of two graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  (where  $G_i$  has  $p_i$  points and  $q_i$  lines) is defined as the graph  $G$  obtained by taking one copy of  $G_1$  and  $p_1$  copies of  $G_2$ , and then joining by a line the  $i^{\text{th}}$  point of  $G_1$  to every point in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  copy of  $G_2$ . It follows from the definition of the corona that  $G_1 \odot G_2$  has  $p_1(1 + p_2)$  points and  $q_1 + p_1q_2 + p_1p_2$  lines.

**DEFINITION 2.4.** The graph  $H \odot mK_1$  or  $H \odot \bar{K}_m$  is called  **$m$ -crown** with H-graph of length  $n$ .

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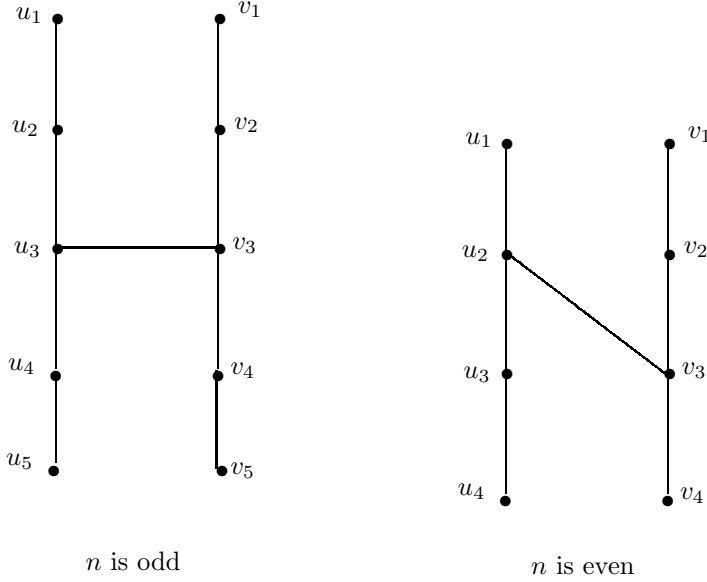
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DEFINITION 2.5. The graph  $H_{(n)}^{(a)}$  is a graph obtained from the H-graph by attaching an arbitrary number of pendant vertices at any vertex on the two paths of  $n$  vertices,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

DEFINITION 2.6. The graph  $H'_{(n)}$  is a graph obtained from the H-graph by attaching  $i$  pendant vertices at each  $i^{\text{th}}$  vertex on the two paths of  $n$  vertices,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

THEOREM 2.1. Any H-graph is one modulo  $N$  graceful for every positive integer  $N$ .

**Proof:** Let  $P_1(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$  and  $P_2(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$  be two distinct paths with  $n \geq 3$  vertices in a H-graph. The H-graph has  $2n$  vertices and  $2n - 1$  edges. Naming of the vertices is as shown in Figure.



**Case (i)**  $n$  is odd

Let  $n = 2k + 1, k \geq 1$

Define

$$\phi(u_{2i}) = N(i - 1) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

$$\phi(u_{2i-1}) = 3Nk + 1 + N(k + 1 - i) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k + 1$$

$$\phi(v_{2i}) = 2Nk + 1 + N(k - i) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

$$\phi(v_{2i-1}) = N(k + i - 1) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k + 1$$

From the definition of  $\phi$  it is clear that

$$\{\phi(u_{2i}), i = 1, 2, \dots, k\} \cup \{\phi(u_{2i-1}), i = 1, 2, \dots, k + 1\} \cup \{\phi(v_{2i}), i = 1, 2, \dots, k\} \cup \{\phi(v_{2i-1}), i = 1, 2, \dots, k + 1\}$$

$$= \{0, N, 2N, \dots, N(k - 1)\} \cup \{4Nk + 1, N(4k - 1) + 1, \dots, 3Nk + 1\}$$

$$\cup \{N(3k - 1) + 1, N(3k - 2) + 1, \dots, 2Nk + 1\} \cup \{Nk, N(k + 1), \dots, 2kN\}$$

Thus it is clear that the vertices have distinct labels. Therefore  $\phi$  is 1-1.

We compute the edge labelling in the following sequence.

$$|\phi(u_{k+1}) - \phi(v_{k+1})| = 2Nk + 1$$

For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

$$|\phi(u_{2i-1}) - \phi(u_{2i})| = 2N(2k - i + 1) + 1$$

For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

$$|\phi(u_{2i+1}) - \phi(u_{2i})| = N(4k - 2i + 1) + 1$$

For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

$$|\phi(v_{2i}) - \phi(v_{2i-1})| = N(2k - 2i + 1) + 1$$

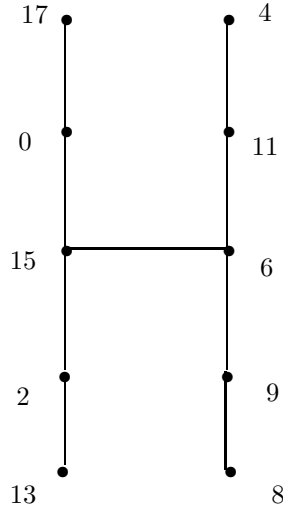
For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

$$|\phi(v_{2i}) - \phi(v_{2i+1})| = 2N(k - i) + 1$$

This shows that the edges have the distinct labels  $\{1, N + 1, 2N + 1, \dots, N(q - 1) + 1\}$ .

It is clear from the above labelling that the function  $\phi$  from the vertex set of  $G$  to  $\{0, 1, N, (N+1), 2N, (2N+1), \dots, N(q-1), N(q-1)+1\}$  is such that (i)  $\phi$  is 1-1 (ii)  $\phi$  induces a bijection  $\phi^*$  from the edge set of  $G$  to  $\{1, N+1, 2N+1, \dots, N(q-1)+1\}$  where  $\phi^*(uv) = |\phi(u) - \phi(v)|$ . Hence the H-graph is one modulo  $N$  graceful. Clearly  $\phi$  defines a one modulo  $N$  graceful labelling of H-graph.

EXAMPLE 2.7. Odd graceful labelling of H-graph. ( $n = 5$ )



**Case (ii)**  $n$  is even

Let  $n = 2k, k \geq 1$

Define  $\phi(u_{2i}) = N(i - 1)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

$\phi(u_{2i-1}) = 3Nk - N + 1 + N(k - i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

$\phi(v_{2i}) = Nk + N(i - 1)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

$\phi(v_{2i-1}) = 2Nk + 1 + N(k - i) - N$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

From the definition of  $\phi$  it is clear that

$$\begin{aligned} & \{\phi(u_{2i}), i = 1, 2, \dots, k\} \cup \{\phi(u_{2i-1}), i = 1, 2, \dots, k\} \cup \{\phi(v_{2i}), i = 1, 2, \dots, k\} \cup \\ & \{\phi(v_{2i-1}), i = 1, 2, \dots, k\} \\ & = \{0, N, 2N, \dots, N(k - 1)\} \cup \{2N(2k - 1) + 1, N(4k - 3) + 1, \dots, N(3k - 1) + 1\} \\ & \quad \cup \{Nk, N(k + 1), \dots, N(2k - 1)\} \cup \{N(3k - 2) + 1, N(3k - 3) + 1, \dots, N(2k - 1) + 1\} \end{aligned}$$

Thus it is clear that the vertices have distinct labels. Therefore  $\phi$  is 1-1.

We compute the edge labelling in the following sequence.

$$|\phi(u_k) - \phi(v_{k+1})| = N(2k - 1) + 1$$

For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

$$|\phi(u_{2i-1}) - \phi(u_{2i})| = 2N(2k - i) + 1$$

For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k - 1$

$$|\phi(u_{2i+1}) - \phi(u_{2i})| = N(4k - 2i - 1) + 1$$

For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

$$|\phi(v_{2i-1}) - \phi(v_{2i})| = 2N(k - i) + 1$$

For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k - 1$

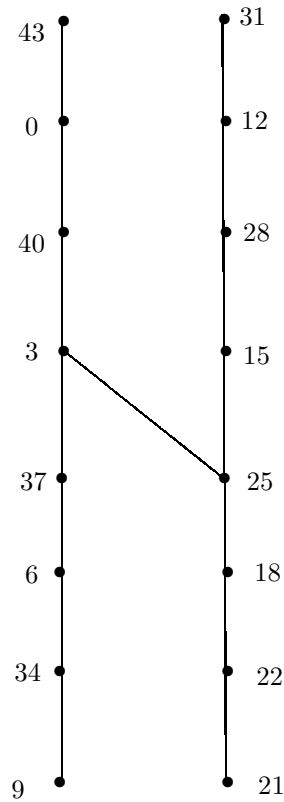
$$|\phi(v_{2i+1}) - \phi(v_{2i})| = N(2k - 2i - 1) + 1$$

This shows that the edges have the distinct labels

$$\{1, N + 1, 2N + 1, \dots, N(q - 1) + 1\}.$$

It is clear from the above labelling that the function  $\phi$  from the vertex set of  $G$  to  $\{0, 1, N, (N+1), 2N, (2N+1), \dots, N(q-1), N(q-1)+1\}$  is such that (i)  $\phi$  is 1-1 (ii)  $\phi$  induces a bijection  $\phi^*$  from the edge set of  $G$  to  $\{1, N+1, 2N+1, \dots, N(q-1)+1\}$  where  $\phi^*(uv) = |\phi(u) - \phi(v)|$ . Hence the H-graph is one modulo  $N$  graceful. Clearly  $\phi$  defines a one modulo  $N$  graceful labelling of H-graph for every positive integer  $N$ .

EXAMPLE 2.8. One modulo 3 graceful labelling of H-graph. ( $n = 8$ )

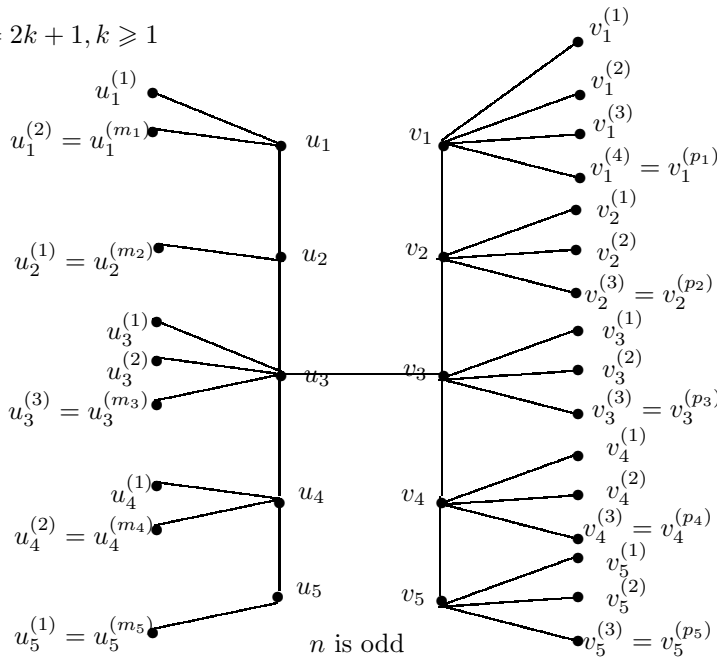


THEOREM 2.2.  $H_{(n)}^{(a)}$  is one modulo  $N$  graceful for every positive integer  $N$ .

PROOF. Let  $G = H_{(n)}^{(a)}$  where "a" is an arbitrary number of pendant vertices at any vertex on the two paths of  $n$  vertices,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Let  $P_1(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$  and  $P_2(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$  be two distinct paths with  $n (\geq 3)$  vertices in a H-graph. Let  $u_i^{(j)}, 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m_i$  and  $v_i^{(j)}, 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq p_i$ . Let  $M = m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n + p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_n$ . The H-graph has  $2n + M$  vertices and  $2n + M - 1$  edges.

Case (i)  $n$  is odd

Let  $n = 2k + 1, k \geq 1$



Define

$$\phi(u_1) = N\{2(n-1) + M\} + 1$$

$$\phi(u_{2i}) = N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2i-1} + i - 1) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

$$\phi(u_{2i-1}) = N\{2(n-1) + M\} + 1 - N(m_2 + m_4 + \dots + m_{2i-2} + i - 1) \\ \text{for } i = 2, 3, \dots, k + 1$$

$$\phi(v_{2i}) = N\{2(n-1) + M\} + 1 - N(m_2 + m_4 + \dots + m_{2k} + k) - N(p_1 + p_3 + \dots + p_{2i-1} + i)$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

$$\phi(v_1) = N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2k+1} + k)$$

$$\phi(v_{2i-1}) = \phi(v_1) + N(p_2 + p_4 + \dots + p_{2i-2} + i - 1) \quad \text{for } i = 2, 3, \dots, k + 1$$

For  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m_i$

$$\phi(u_1^{(j)}) = N(j - 1)$$

$$\phi(u_{2i-1}^{(j)}) = N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2i-3} + i - 1) + N(j - 1) \quad \text{for } i = 2, 3, \dots, k + 1$$

$$\phi(u_2^{(j)}) = N\{2(n-1) + M - 1\} - N(j - 1) + 1$$

$$\phi(u_{2i}^{(j)}) = N\{2(n-1) + M - 1\} + 1 - N(m_2 + m_4 + \dots + m_{2i-2} + i - 1) - N(j - 1) \\ \text{for } i = 2, 3, \dots, k$$

For  $j = 1, 2, \dots, p_i$

$$\phi(v_2^{(j)}) = N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2k+1} + k + 1) + N(j - 1)$$

$$\phi(v_{2i}^{(j)}) = N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2k+1} + k + 1) + N(p_2 + p_4 + \dots + p_{2i-2} + i - 1) + N(j - 1)$$

for  $i = 2, 3, \dots, k$

$$\phi(v_1^{(j)}) = N\{2(n-1) + M - 1\} + 1 - N(m_2 + m_4 + \dots + m_{2k} + k) - N(j - 1)$$

$$\phi(v_{2i-1}^{(j)}) = N\{2(n-1) + M - 1\} + 1 - N(m_2 + m_4 + \dots + m_{2k} + k) - N(p_1 + p_3 + \dots + p_{2i-3} + i - 1) - N(j - 1) \quad \text{for } i = 2, 3, \dots, k + 1$$

From the definition of  $\phi$  it is clear that

$$\{\phi(u_1)\} \cup \{\phi(u_{2i}), i = 1, 2, \dots, k\} \cup \{\phi(u_{2i-1}), i = 2, 3, \dots, k + 1\} \cup \{\phi(v_{2i}), i = 1, 2, \dots, k\} \cup \{\phi(v_1)\} \cup \{\phi(v_{2i-1}), i = 2, 3, \dots, k + 1\} \cup \{\phi(u_1^{(j)}), j = 1, 2, \dots, m_i\} \cup \{\phi(u_{2i}^{(j)}), i = 2, 3, \dots, k \text{ and } j = 1, 2, \dots, m_i\} \cup \{\phi(u_{2i-1}^{(j)}), i = 2, 3, \dots, k + 1 \text{ and } j = 1, 2, \dots, m_i\} \cup \{\phi(u_2^{(j)}), j = 1, 2, \dots, m_i\} \cup \{\phi(v_1^{(j)}), j = 1, 2, \dots, p_i\} \cup \{\phi(v_2^{(j)}), j = 1, 2, \dots, p_i\} \cup \{\phi(v_{2i}^{(j)}), i = 2, 3, \dots, k \text{ and } j = 1, 2, \dots, p_i\} \cup \{\phi(v_{2i-1}^{(j)}), i = 2, 3, \dots, k + 1 \text{ and } j = 1, 2, \dots, p_i\}$$

$$= \{N(2n-2+M)+1\} \cup \{Nm_1, N(m_1 + m_3 + 1), \dots, N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2k-1} + k - 1)\} \cup \{N(2n - 3 + M - m_2) + 1, N(2n - 4 + M - m_2 - m_4) + 1, \dots, N(2n - 2 + M - m_2 - m_4 - \dots - m_{2k} - k) + 1\} \cup \{N(2n - 3 + M - m_2 - m_4 - \dots - m_{2k} -$$

$k - p_1) + 1, N(2n - 4 + M - m_2 - m_4 - \dots - m_{2k} - k - p_1 - p_3) + 1, \dots, N(2n - 2 + M - m_2 - m_4 - \dots - m_{2k} - 2k - p_1 - p_3 - \dots - p_{2k-1}) + 1\} \cup \{N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2k+1} + k)\} \cup \{N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2k+1} + p_2 + k + 1), N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2k+1} + p_2 + p_4 + k + 2), \dots, N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2k+1} + p_2 + p_4 + \dots + p_{2k} + 2k)\} \cup \{0, N, \dots, N(m_i - 1)\} \cup \{N(2n - 3 + M) + 1, N(2n - 4 + M) + 1, \dots, N(2n - 2 + M - m_i) + 1\} \cup \{N(m_1 + 1), N(m_1 + 2), \dots, N(m_1 + m_2), N(m_1 + m_3 + 2), N(m_1 + m_3 + 3), \dots, N(m_1 + 2m_3 + 1), \dots, N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2k-1} + k), N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2k-1} + k) \dots, N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2k-1} + m_{k+1} + k - 1)\} \cup \{N(2n - 4 + M - m_2) + 1, N(2n - 5 + M - m_2) + 1, \dots, N(2n - 3 + M - m_2 - m_k) + 1, N(2n + M - m_2 - m_4 - 5) + 1, N(2n + M - m_2 - m_4 - 6) + 1, \dots, N(2n + M - m_2 - m_4 - m_k - 4) + 1, \dots, N(2n - 2 + M - m_2 - m_4 - \dots - m_{2k-2} - k) + 1, N(2n - 3 + M - m_2 - m_4 - \dots - m_{2k-2} - k) + 1, \dots, N(2n - 1 + M - m_2 - m_4 - \dots - m_{2k-2} - m_k - k) + 1\} \cup \{N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2k+1} + k + 1), N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2k+1} + k + 2), \dots, N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2k+1} + p_2 + k)\} \cup \{N(2n - 3 + M - m_2 - m_4 - \dots - m_{2k} - k) + 1, N(2n - 4 + M - m_2 - m_4 - \dots - m_{2k} - k) + 1, \dots, N(2n - 2 + M - m_2 - m_4 - \dots - m_{2k} - k - p_1) + 1\} \cup \{N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2k+1} + k + 2 + p_2), N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2k+1} + k + 3 + p_2), \dots, N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2k+1} + 2p_2 + k), N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2k+1} + k + 3 + p_2 + p_4), N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2k+1} + k + 4 + p_2 + p_4), \dots, N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2k+1} + p_2 + p_4 + p_3 + k + 2) \dots, N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2k+1} + p_2 + p_4 + \dots + p_{2k-2} + 2k), N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2k+1} + p_2 + p_4 + \dots + p_{2k-2} + 2k + 1), \dots, N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2k+1} + p_2 + p_4 + \dots + p_{2k-2} + 2k + p_k - 1)\} \cup \{N(2n - 4 + M - m_2 - m_4 - \dots - m_{2k} - k - p_1) + 1, N(2n - 5 + M - m_2 - m_4 - \dots - m_{2k} - k - p_1) + 1, \dots, N(2n - 3 + M - m_2 - m_4 - \dots - m_{2k} - k - p_1 - p_2) + 1, \cup \{N(2n - 5 + M - m_2 - m_4 - \dots - m_{2k} - k - p_1 - p_3) + 1, N(2n - 6 + M - m_2 - m_4 - \dots - m_{2k} - k - p_1 - p_3) + 1, \dots, N(2n - 4 + M - m_2 - m_4 - \dots - m_{2k} - k - p_1 - 2p_3) + 1, \dots, N(2n - 3 + M - m_2 - m_4 - \dots - m_{2k} - 2k - p_1 - p_3 - \dots - p_{2k-1}) + 1, N(2n - 4 + M - m_2 - m_4 - \dots - m_{2k} - 2k - p_1 - p_3 - \dots - p_{2k-1}) + 1, \dots, N(2n - 2 + M - m_2 - m_4 - \dots - m_{2k} - 2k - p_1 - p_3 - \dots - p_{2k-1} - p_{k+1}) + 1\}\}$

Thus it is clear that the vertices have distinct labels. Therefore  $\phi$  is 1 - 1.

We compute the edge labels as follows:

$$\phi^*(u_1 u_2) = |\phi(u_1) - \phi(u_2)| = N(2n - 2 + M - m_1) + 1$$

$$\phi^*(v_2 v_1) = |\phi(v_2) - \phi(v_1)| = N(2n - 3 + M - m_2 - m_4 - \dots - m_{2k} - 2k - p_1 - m_1 - m_3 - \dots - m_{2k+1}) + 1$$

$$\phi^*(u_{k+1} v_{k+1}) = |\phi(u_{k+1}) - \phi(v_{k+1})| = N(2n + M - m_2 - m_4 - \dots - m_k - 2k - 2 - m_1 - m_3 - \dots - m_{2k+1} - p_2 - p_4 - \dots - p_k) + 1$$

For  $i = 2, 3, \dots, k$

$$\phi^*(u_{2i-1} u_{2i}) = |\phi(u_{2i-1}) - \phi(u_{2i})| = N(2n + M - m_2 - m_4 - \dots - m_{2i-2} - 2i - m_1 - m_3 - \dots - m_{2i-1}) + 1$$

For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

$$\phi^*(u_{2i+1} u_{2i}) = |\phi(u_{2i+1}) - \phi(u_{2i})| = N(2n - 1 + M - m_2 - m_4 - \dots - m_{2i} - 2i - m_1 - m_3 - \dots - m_{2i-1}) + 1$$

For  $i = 2, 3, \dots, k$

$$\phi^*(v_{2i} v_{2i-1}) = |\phi(v_{2i}) - \phi(v_{2i-1})| = N[2n - 1 + (p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_{2k+1}) - (p_1 + p_3 + \dots + p_{2i-1}) - (p_2 + p_4 + \dots + p_{2i-2}) - 2k - 2i] + 1$$

For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

$$\phi^*(v_{2i} v_{2i+1}) = |\phi(v_{2i}) - \phi(v_{2i+1})| = N[2n - 2 + (p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_{2k+1}) - (p_1 + p_3 + \dots + p_{2i-1}) - (p_2 + p_4 + \dots + p_{2i}) - 2k - 2i] + 1$$

For  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m_i$

$$\phi^*(u_1 u_1^{(j)}) = |\phi(u_1) - \phi(u_1^{(j)})| = N(2n + M - j - 1) + 1$$

$$\phi^*(u_2^{(j)} u_2) = |\phi(u_2^{(j)}) - \phi(u_2)| = N(2n - 2 + M - j - m_1) + 1$$

For  $i = 2, 3, \dots, k + 1$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m_i$

$$\phi^*(u_{2i-1} u_{2i-1}^{(j)}) = |\phi(u_{2i-1}) - \phi(u_{2i-1}^{(j)})| = N[2n + 1 + M - (m_2 + m_4 + \dots + m_{2i-2}) - 2i - (m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2i-3}) - j] + 1$$

For  $i = 2, 3, \dots, k$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m_i$

$$\phi^*(u_{2i}^{(j)} u_{2i}) = |\phi(u_{2i}^{(j)}) - \phi(u_{2i})| = N[2n + M - (m_2 + m_4 + \dots + m_{2i-2}) - 2i - (m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2i-1}) - j] + 1$$

For  $j = 1, 2, \dots, p_i$

$$\phi^*(v_1^{(j)}v_1) = |\phi(v_1)^{(j)} - \phi(v_1)| = N(2n - 2 + p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_{2k+1} - 2k - j) + 1$$

$$\phi^*(v_2v_2^{(j)}) = |\phi(v_2) - \phi(v_2^{(j)})| = N(2n - 3 + p_2 + p_3 + \dots + p_{2k+1} - 2k - j) + 1$$

For  $i = 2, 3, \dots, k + 1$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, p_i$

$$\phi^*(v_{2i-1}^{(j)}v_{2i-1}) = |\phi(v_{2i-1}^{(j)}) - \phi(v_{2i-1})| = N[2n + (p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_{2k+1}) - (p_1 + p_3 + \dots + p_{2i-3}) - (p_2 + p_4 + \dots + p_{2i-2}) - 2k - 2i - j] + 1$$

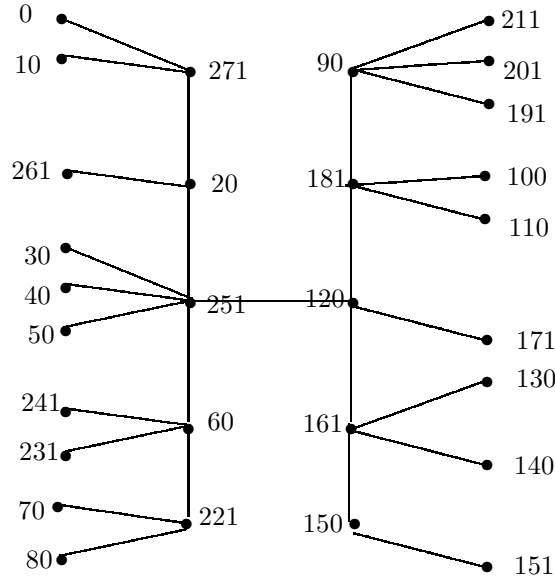
For  $i = 2, 3, \dots, k$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, p_i$

$$\phi^*(v_{2i}v_{2i}^{(j)}) = |\phi(v_{2i}) - \phi(v_{2i}^{(j)})| = N[2n - 1 + (p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_{2k+1}) - (p_1 + p_3 + \dots + p_{2i-1}) - (p_2 + p_4 + \dots + p_{2i-2}) - 2k - 2i - j] + 1$$

This shows that the edges have the distinct labels  $\{1, N + 1, 2N + 1, \dots, N(q - 1) + 1\}$ , where  $q = 2n + m - 1$ .

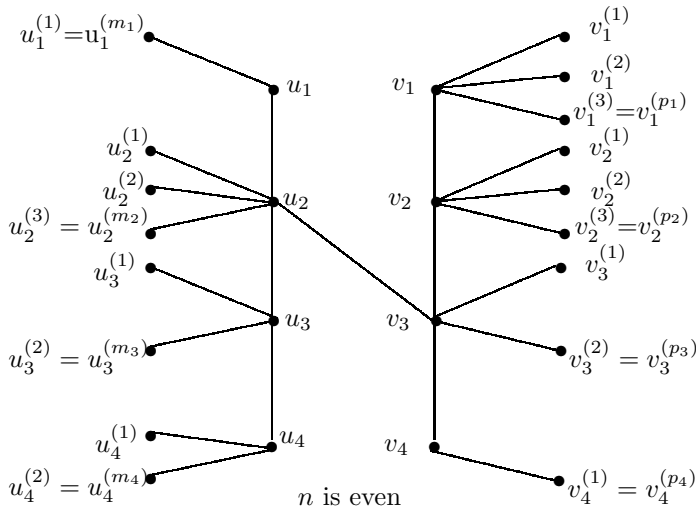
Hence  $H_{(n)}^{(a)}$  is one modulo  $N$  graceful, for every positive integer  $N$ .

EXAMPLE 2.9. One modulo 10 graceful labelling of  $H_{(5)}^{(a)}$ .



Case (ii)  $n$  is even

Let  $n = 2k, k \geq 1$



Define

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(u_1) &= N\{2(n-1) + M\} + 1 \\ \phi(u_{2i}) &= N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2i-1} + i - 1) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k \\ \phi(u_{2i-1}) &= N\{2(n-1) + M\} + 1 - N(m_2 + m_4 + \dots + m_{2i-2} + i - 1) \\ &\quad \text{for } i = 2, 3, \dots, k \\ \phi(v_2) &= N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2k-1} + p_1 + k + 1) \\ \phi(v_{2i}) &= N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2k-1} + k - 1) + N(p_1 + p_3 + \dots + p_{2i-1} + i) \\ &\quad \text{for } i = 2, 3, \dots, k \\ \phi(v_1) &= N\{2(n-1) + M\} + 1 - N(m_2 + m_4 + \dots + m_{2k} + k) \\ \phi(v_{2i-1}) &= \phi(v_1) - N(p_2 + p_4 + \dots + p_{2i-2} + i - 1) \quad \text{for } i = 2, 3, \dots, k \end{aligned}$$

For  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m_i$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(u_1^{(j)}) &= N(j-1) \\ \phi(u_{2i-1}^{(j)}) &= N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2i-3} + i - 1) + N(j-1) \quad \text{for } i = 2, 3, \dots, k \\ \phi(u_2^{(j)}) &= N\{2(n-1) + M - 1\} + N(j-1) + 1 \\ \phi(u_{2i}^{(j)}) &= N\{2(n-1) + M - 1\} + 1 - N(m_2 + m_4 + \dots + m_{2i-2} + i - 1) - N(j-1) \\ &\quad \text{for } i = 2, 3, \dots, k \end{aligned}$$

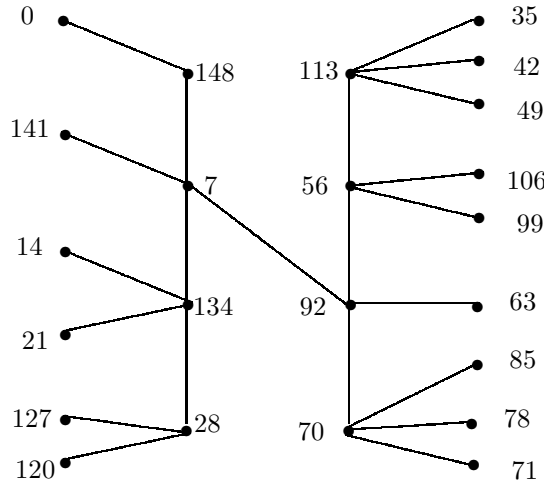
For  $j = 1, 2, \dots, p_i$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(v_2^{(j)}) &= N\{2(n-1) + M - 1\} + 1 - N(m_2 + m_4 + \dots + m_{2k} + k) - N(j-1) \\ \phi(v_{2i}^{(j)}) &= N\{2(n-1) + M - 1\} + 1 - N(m_2 + m_4 + \dots + m_{2k} + k) - N(j-1) - \\ &\quad N(p_2 + p_4 + \dots + p_{2i-2} + i - 1) \quad \text{for } i = 2, 3, \dots, k \\ \phi(v_1^{(j)}) &= N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2k-1} + k) + N(j-1) \\ \phi(v_{2i-1}^{(j)}) &= N(m_1 + m_3 + \dots + m_{2k-1} + k) + N(j-1) + N(p_1 + p_3 + \dots + p_{2i-3} + \\ &\quad i - 1) + N(j-1) \quad \text{for } i = 2, 3, \dots, k \end{aligned}$$

The proof is similar to the proof as in the above case.

Hence  $H_{(n)}^{(a)}$  is one modulo  $N$  graceful, for every positive integer  $N$ .  $\square$

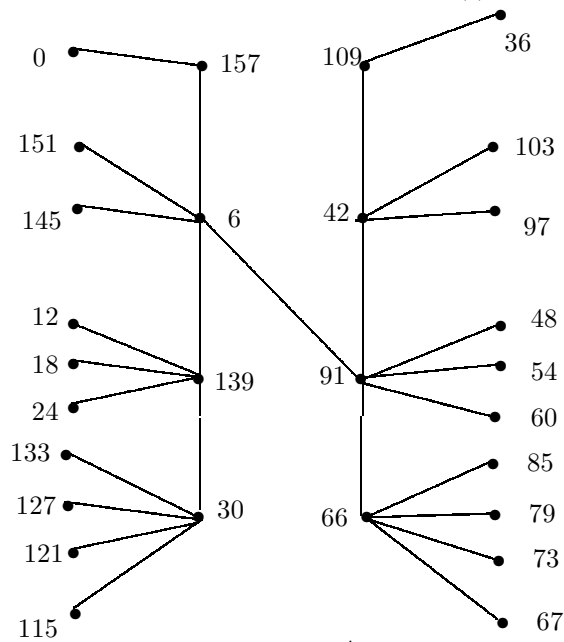
EXAMPLE 2.10. One modulo 7 graceful labelling of  $H_{(4)}^{(a)}$ .



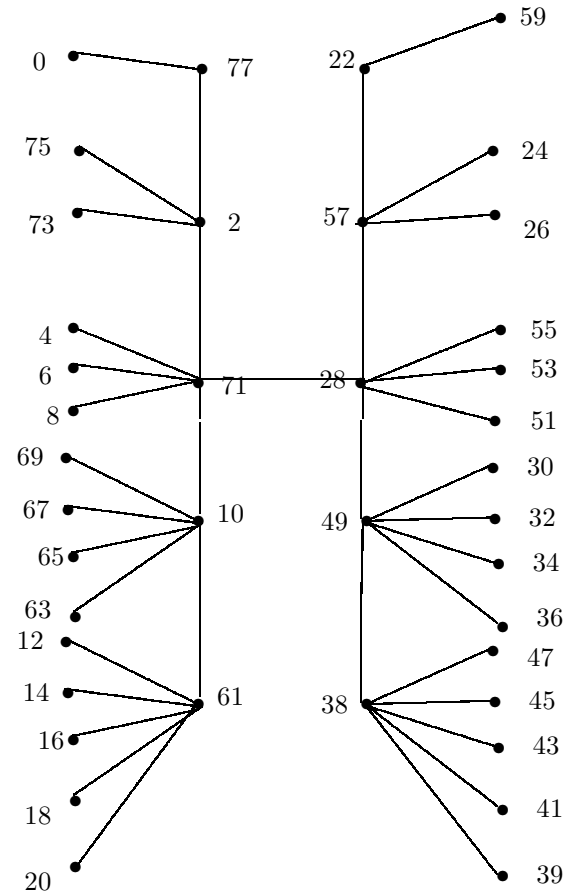
**Note:** If we attach  $i$  pendant vertices at each  $i^{th}$  vertex on the two paths of  $n$  vertices then we obtain the graph  $H'_{(n)}$ . Therefore we have a one modulo  $N$  graceful labelling  $H'_{(n)}$  as a deduction from the above labelling .



EXAMPLE 2.11. One modulo 6 graceful labelling of  $H'_{(4)}$ .



EXAMPLE 2.12. Odd graceful labelling of  $H'_{(5)}$



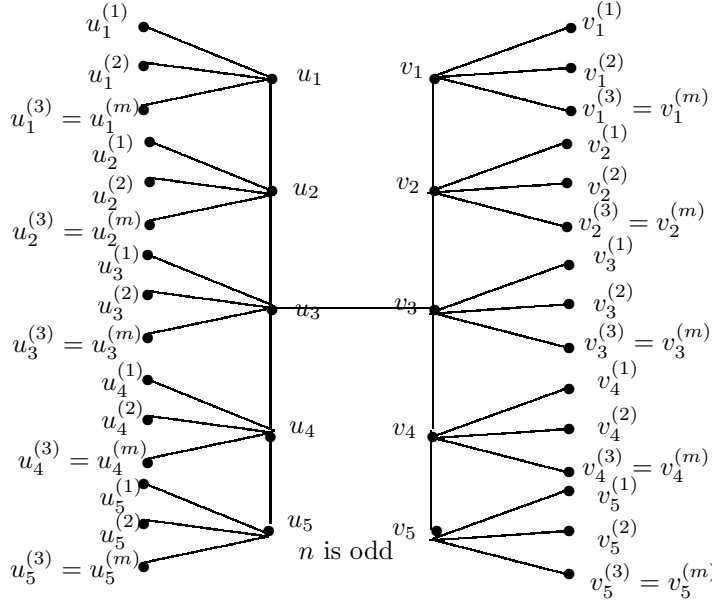
THEOREM 2.3.  $H \odot mK_1$  is one modulo  $N$  graceful for every positive integer  $N$ .

PROOF. Let  $P_1(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$  and  $P_2(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$  be two distinct paths with  $n(\geq 3)$  vertices in a H-graph. The H-graph has  $2n(m+1)$  vertices and  $2n(m+1) - 1$

edges.

**Case (i)**  $n$  is odd

Let  $n = 2k + 1, k \geq 1$



Define

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(u_{2i}) &= Nm + N(m+1)(i-1) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k \\ \phi(u_{2i-1}) &= 2N(2k + nm) + 1 - N(m+1)(i-1) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k+1 \\ \phi(v_{2i}) &= 2N(2k + nm) + 1 - N(m+1)(k+i) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k \\ \phi(v_{2i-1}) &= Nm + N(m+1)(k+i-1) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k+1 \end{aligned}$$

For  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(u_{2i}^{(j)}) &= 2N(2k + nm) - (N-1) - N(m+1)(i-1) - N(j-1) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k \\ \phi(u_{2i-1}^{(j)}) &= N(j-1) + N(m+1)(i-1) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k+1 \\ \phi(v_{2i}^{(j)}) &= N(m+1)(k+i) + N(j-1) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k \\ \phi(v_{2i-1}^{(j)}) &= 2N(2k + nm) - (N-1) - N(m+1)(k+i-1) - N(j-1) \\ &\quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k+1 \end{aligned}$$

From the definition of  $\phi$  it is clear that

$$\begin{aligned} &\{\phi(u_{2i}), i = 1, 2, \dots, k\} \cup \{\phi(u_{2i-1}), i = 1, 2, \dots, k+1\} \cup \{\phi(v_{2i}), i = 1, 2, \dots, k\} \cup \\ &\{\phi(v_{2i-1}), i = 1, 2, \dots, k+1\} \cup \{\phi(u_{2i}^{(j)}), i = 1, 2, \dots, k \text{ and } j = 1, 2, \dots, m\} \cup \{\phi(u_{2i-1}^{(j)}), i = \\ &1, 2, \dots, k+1 \text{ and } j = 1, 2, \dots, m\} \cup \{\phi(v_{2i}^{(j)}), i = 1, 2, \dots, k \text{ and } j = 1, 2, \dots, m\} \cup \\ &\{\phi(v_{2i-1}^{(j)}), i = 1, 2, \dots, k+1 \text{ and } j = 1, 2, \dots, m\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \{Nm, N(2m+1), \dots, N(mk+k-1)\} \cup \{2N(2k+nm)+1, \\ &N(4k+2nm-m-1)+1, \dots, N(3k+2nm-km)+1\} \\ &\cup \{N(3k+2nm-km-m-1)+1, N(3k+2nm-km-2m-2)+1, \dots, \\ &2N(k+nm-km)+1\} \cup \{N(m+mk+k)+1, N(2m+mk+k+1), \dots, \\ &N(m+2km+2k)\} \cup \{N(4k+2nm-1)+1, N(4k+2mn-m-2)+1, \dots, \\ &N(3k+2nm-km+m)+1, N(4k+2nm-2)+1, N(4k+2mn-m-3)+1, \dots, \\ &N(3k+2nm-km+m-1)+1, N(4k+2mn-m)+1, N(4k+2nm-2m-1) \\ &+1, \dots, N(3k+2nm-km+1)+1\} \cup \{0, N(m+1), \dots, Nk(m+1), N, N(m+2) \\ &\dots, N(mk+k+1), N(m-1), 2Nm, \dots, N(mk+k+m-1)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \cup \{N(mk + m + k + 1), N(mk + 2m + k + 2), \dots, N(2mk + 2k), \\
& N(mk + m + k + 2), N(mk + 2m + k + 3) \dots, N(2mk + 2k + 1), \dots, \\
& N(mk + 2m + k), N(mk + 3m + k + 1), \dots, N(2mk + 2k + m - 1) \} \\
& \cup \{N(3k + 2nm - mk - 1) + 1, N(3k + 2nm - mk - m - 2) + 1, \dots, \\
& N(2k + 2nm - 2km - 1) + 1, N(3k + 2nm - mk - 2) + 1, \\
& N(3k + 2nm - mk - m - 3) + 1 \dots, N(2k + 2nm - 2km - 2) + 1, \dots, \\
& N(3k + 2nm - mk - m) + 1, N(3k + 2nm - mk - 2m - 1) + 1, \dots, \\
& N(2k + 2nm - 2km - m) + 1\}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus it is clear that the vertices have distinct labels. Therefore  $\phi$  is 1-1. We compute the edge labels as follows:

$$\phi^*(u_{k+1}v_{k+1}) = |\phi(u_{k+1}) - \phi(v_{k+1})| = N(2k + 2nm - 2mk - m) + 1$$

For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

$$\phi^*(u_{2i-1}u_{2i}) = |\phi(u_{2i-1}) - \phi(u_{2i})| = N(4k + 2nm + m - 2mi - i) + 1$$

For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

$$\phi^*(u_{2i+1}u_{2i}) = |\phi(u_{2i+1}) - \phi(u_{2i})| = N(4k + 2nm - 2mi - 2i + 1) + 1$$

For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

$$\phi^*(v_{2i}v_{2i-1}) = |\phi(v_{2i}) - \phi(v_{2i-1})| = N(2k + 2nm - 2mk - 2mi - 2i + 1) + 1$$

For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

$$\phi^*(v_{2i}v_{2i+1}) = |\phi(v_{2i}) - \phi(v_{2i+1})| = N(2k + 2nm - 2mk - 2mi - 2i - m) + 1$$

For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k + 1$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$

$$\phi^*(u_{2i-1}u_{2i-1}^{(j)}) = |\phi(u_{2i-1}) - \phi(u_{2i-1}^{(j)})| = N(4k + 2nm - 2mi + 2m - 2i - j + 3) + 1$$

For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$

$$\phi^*(u_{2i}^{(j)}u_{2i}) = |\phi(u_{2i}^{(j)}) - \phi(u_{2i})| = N(4k + 2nm - 2mi - 2i - j + m + 2) + 1$$

For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k + 1$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$

$$\phi^*(v_{2i-1}^{(j)}v_{2i-1}) = |\phi(v_{2i-1}^{(j)}) - \phi(v_{2i-1})| = N(2k + 2nm - 2mk - 2mi + m + 2 - 2i - j) + 1$$

For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$

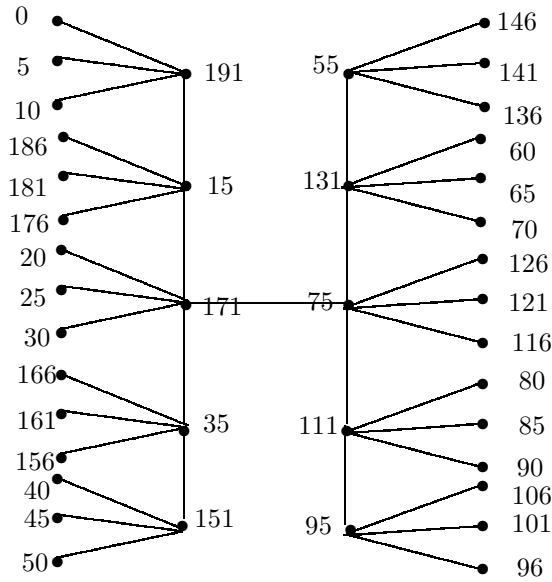
$$\phi^*(v_{2i}v_{2i}^{(j)}) = |\phi(v_{2i}) - \phi(v_{2i}^{(j)})| = N(2k + 2nm - 2mk - 2mi - 2i - j + 1) + 1$$

This shows that the edges have the distinct labels  $\{1, N + 1, 2N + 1, \dots,$

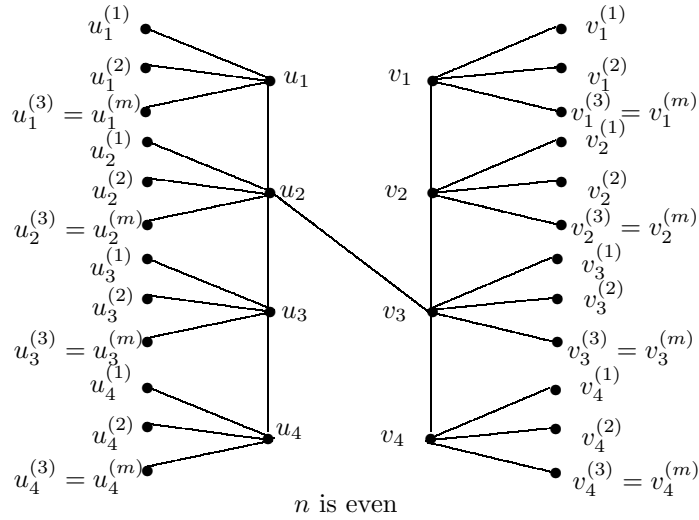
$N(q - 1) + 1\}$ , where  $q = 2n(m + 1) - 1$ .

Hence  $H \odot mK_1$  is one modulo  $N$  graceful, for every positive integer  $N$ .

EXAMPLE 2.13. One modulo 5 graceful labelling of  $H \odot 3K_1$ . ( $n = 5$ )



**Case (ii)**  $n$  is even  
 Let  $n = 2k, k \geq 1$



Define

$$\phi(u_{2i}) = Nm + N(m+1)(i-1) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

$$\phi(u_{2i-1}) = 2N(2k + nm - 1) + 1 - N(m+1)(i-1) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

$$\phi(v_{2i}) = Nm + N(m+1)(k+i-1) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

$$\phi(v_{2i-1}) = 2N(2k + nm - 1) + 1 - N(m+1)(k+i-1) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

For  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$

$$\phi(u_{2i}^{(j)}) = 2N(2k + nm - 1) - (N-1) - N(m+1)(i-1) - N(j-1) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

$$\phi(u_{2i-1}^{(j)}) = N(j-1) + N(m+1)(i-1) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

$$\phi(v_{2i}^{(j)}) = 2N(2k+nm-1) - (N-1) - N(m+1)(k+i-1) - N(j-1) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

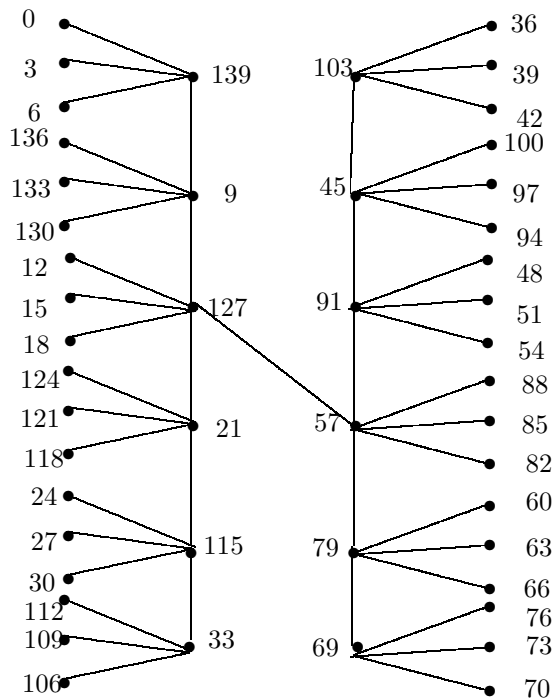
$$\phi(v_{2i-1}^{(j)}) = N(m+1)(k+i-1) + N(j-1) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

The proof is similar to the proof as in the above case.

Hence  $H \odot mK_1$  is one modulo  $N$  graceful, for every positive integer  $N$ .

□

EXAMPLE 2.14. One modulo 3 graceful labelling of  $H \odot 3K_1$ . ( $n = 6$ )



### 3. Conclusion

For further work, we have planned to investigate common properties of various graph labelling schemes with generalized one modulo  $N$  graceful labelling and to classify them.

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