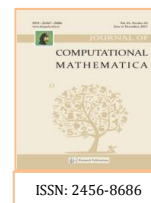




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## Mean Cordial Labeling for Two Star Graphs

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper we prove that the two star  $K_{1,g} \wedge K_{1,h}$  is mean cordial graph if and only if  $|2g - h| \leq 4$  for  $g \leq h$  and  $g = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ .

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

We begin with simple, finite, connected and undirected graph  $G = (V(G), E(G))$  with order  $p$  and size  $q$ . The members of  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$  are commonly termed as graph elements, while  $|V(G)|$  and  $|E(G)|$  denotes number of vertices and edges in graph  $G$  respectively.

In 1987, Cahit [1] have introduced cordial labeling. Let  $f$  be a function from the vertices of  $G$  to  $\{0, 1\}$  and for each edge  $xy$  assigns the label  $|f(x) - f(y)|$ , call  $f$  a cordial labeling of  $G$ , if the number of vertices labeled 0 and the number of vertices labeled 1 differ by at most 1 and the number of edges labeled 0 and the number of edges labeled 1 differ by atmost 1.

Raja Ponraj, Muthirulan Sivakumar and Murugesan Sundaram introduce a new notion called mean cordial labeling and they investigate the mean cordial labeling behavior of some standard graphs. The symbol  $\lceil x \rceil$  stands for smallest integer greater than or equal to  $x$ .

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**Definition 1.1.** Let  $f$  be a function from  $V(G)$  to  $\{0, 1, 2\}$  for each edge  $uv$  of  $G$ , assign the label  $\left\lceil \frac{f(u)+f(v)}{2} \right\rceil$   $f$  is called a mean cordial labeling of  $G$  if  $|V_f(i) - V_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1$ ,  $i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ , where  $V_f(x)$  denotes the number of vertices and  $e_f(x)$  denotes the number of edges labeled with  $x$  ( $x = 0, 1, 2$ ) respectively. A graph with a mean cordial labeling is called mean cordial graph.

**Definition 1.2.** A wedge is defined as an edge connecting two components of a graph, denoted as  $\wedge$ ,  $\omega(G \wedge) < \omega(G)$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** The two star  $K_{1,g} \wedge K_{1,h}$  is mean cordial graph if and only if  $|2g - h| \leq 4$  for  $g \leq h$  and  $g = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ .

**proof** Let  $G = K_{1,g} \wedge K_{1,h}$ .

$V(G)$  be the node set of  $G$  and  $E(G)$  be the link set of  $G$ , then  $G$  is given by,

$V(G) = \{s, t\} \cup \{s_\theta : 1 \leq \theta \leq g\} \cup \{t_\theta : 1 \leq \theta \leq h\}$  and

$E(G) = \{ss_\theta : 1 \leq \theta \leq g\} \cup \{tt_\theta : 1 \leq \theta \leq h\} \cup \{s_\theta t_\theta \text{ for any } \theta\}$ .

Then,  $G$  has  $g + h + 2$  nodes and  $g + h + 1$  links.

To prove that  $G$  is a mean cordial graph for all  $g \geq 1$ ,  $h \geq 1$

$f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  and  $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

We shall consider the following cases.

**Case(i):**  $h = 2g$

Consider the graph  $G = K_{1,g} \wedge K_{1,h}$ , where  $g \leq h$ .

The required node labeling of  $G$  is defined as follows:  $f(s) = 0$ ;  $f(t) = 1$

$f(s_\theta) = 0$  for  $1 \leq \theta \leq g$

$f(t_{2\theta-1}) = 1$  for  $1 \leq \theta \leq \frac{h}{2}$

$f(t_{2\theta}) = 2$  for  $1 \leq \theta \leq \frac{h}{2}$

The required link labeling of  $G$  is defined as follows:

$ss_\theta$  is 0 for  $1 \leq \theta \leq g$ ;  $tt_{2\theta-1}$  is 1 for  $1 \leq \theta \leq \frac{h}{2}$ ;  $tt_{2\theta}$  is 2 for  $1 \leq \theta \leq \frac{h}{2}$ .

The wedge labeling of  $s_\theta t_\theta$  is 1 for any  $\theta$ .

Then,  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = g + 1$ ,  $v_f(2) = g$  and  $e_f(0) = e_f(2) = g$ ,  $e_f(1) = g + 1$ .

Hence,  $|V_f(i) - V_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1$ ,  $i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

Hence,  $G$  is mean cordial graph if  $h = 2g$ .

**Example:** Let  $g = 10$  then we get  $h = 20$  ,i.e  $K_{1,10} \wedge K_{1,20}$ .

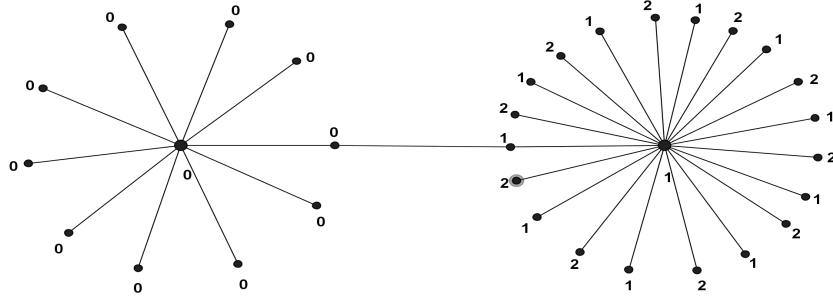


FIGURE 1.  $K_{1,10} \wedge K_{1,20}$

**Case(ii):**  $h = 2g + 1$

Consider the graph  $G = K_{1,g} \wedge K_{1,h}$  , where  $g \leq h$ .

The required node labeling of  $G$  is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(s) &= 0; f(t) = 1 \\ f(s_\theta) &= 0 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \theta \leq g \\ f(t_{2\theta-1}) &= 1 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor \\ f(t_{2\theta}) &= 2 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor \\ f(t_\theta) &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

The required link labeling of  $G$  is defined as follows:

$$ss_\theta \text{ is } 0 \text{ for } 1 \leq \theta \leq g; tt_{2\theta-1} \text{ is } 1 \text{ for } 1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor; tt_{2\theta} \text{ is } 2 \text{ for } 1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor.$$

The wedge labeling of  $s_\theta t_\theta$  is 1 for any  $\theta$ .

Then,  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = v_f(2) = g + 1$  and  $e_f(0) = g, e_f(1) = e_f(2) = g + 1$ .

Hence,  $|V_f(i) - V_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1, i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

Hence,  $G$  is mean cordial graph if  $h = 2g + 1$ .

**Example:** Let  $g = 10$  then we get  $h = 21$  ,i.e  $K_{1,10} \wedge K_{1,21}$ .

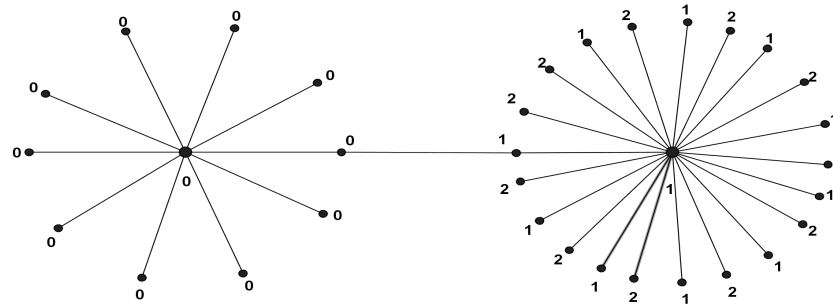


FIGURE 2.  $K_{1,10} \wedge K_{1,21}$

**Case(iii):**  $h = 2g + 2$

Consider the graph  $G = K_{1,g} \wedge K_{1,h}$ , where  $g \leq h$ .

The required node labeling of  $G$  is defined as follows:

$$f(s) = 0; f(t) = 1$$

$$f(s_\theta) = 0 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \theta \leq g$$

$$f(t_{\theta}) = 0$$

$$f(t_{2\theta-1}) = 1 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \theta \leq \frac{h}{2} - 1$$

$$f(t_{2\theta}) = 2 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \theta \leq \frac{h}{2}.$$

The required link labeling of  $G$  is defined as follows:

$$ss_\theta \text{ is } 0 \text{ for } 1 \leq \theta \leq g; tt_{2\theta-1} \text{ is } 1 \text{ for } 1 \leq \theta \leq \frac{h}{2} - 1; tt_{2\theta} \text{ is } 2 \text{ for } 1 \leq \theta \leq \frac{h}{2}.$$

The wedge labeling of  $s_\theta t_\theta$  is 0 for any  $\theta$ .

Then,  $v_f(0) = g + 2$ ,  $v_f(1) = v_f(2) = g + 1$  and  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = e_f(2) = g + 1$ .

Hence,  $|V_f(i) - V_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1$ ,  $i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

Hence,  $G$  is mean cordial graph if  $h = 2g + 2$ .

**Example:** Let  $g = 10$  then we get  $h = 22$ , i.e.  $K_{1,10} \wedge K_{1,22}$ .

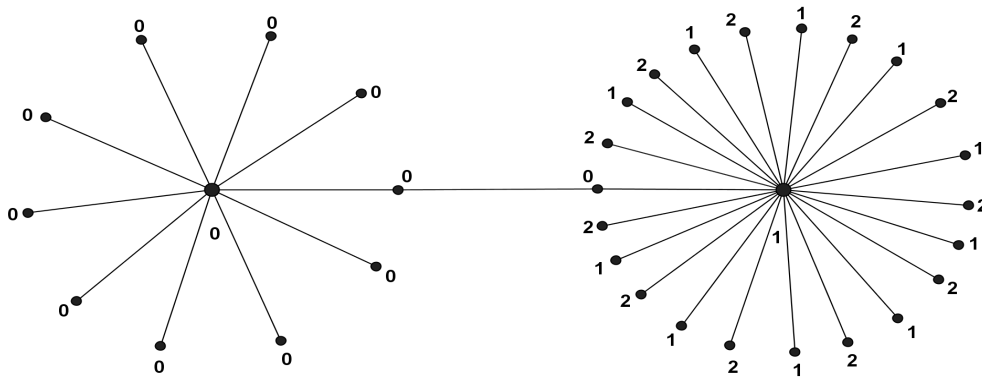


FIGURE 3.  $K_{1,10} \wedge K_{1,22}$

**Case(iv):**  $h = 2g + 3$

Consider the graph  $G = K_{1,g} \wedge K_{1,h}$ , where  $g \leq h$ .

The required node labeling of  $G$  is defined as follows:  $f(s) = 0; f(t) = 1$

$$f(s_\theta) = 0 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \theta \leq g$$

$$f(t_\theta) = 0$$

$$f(t_{2\theta-1}) = 1 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \theta \leq \left\lfloor \frac{h}{2} \right\rfloor$$

$$f(t_{2\theta}) = 2 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \theta \leq \left\lfloor \frac{h}{2} \right\rfloor$$

The required link labeling of  $G$  is defined as follows:

$ss_\theta$  is 0 for  $1 \leq \theta \leq g$ ;  $tt_{2\theta-1}$  is 1 for  $1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor$ ;  $tt_{2\theta}$  is 2 for  $1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor$ .

The wedge labeling of  $s_\theta t_\theta$  is 0 for any  $\theta$

Then,  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = g + 2$ ,  $v_f(2) = g + 1$  and  $e_f(0) = e_f(2) = g + 1$ ,  $e_f(1) = g + 2$ .

Hence,  $|V_f(i) - V_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1$ ,  $i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

Hence,  $G$  is mean cordial graph if  $h = 2g + 3$ .

**Example:** Let  $g = 10$  then we get  $h = 23$ , i.e  $K_{1,10} \wedge K_{1,23}$ .

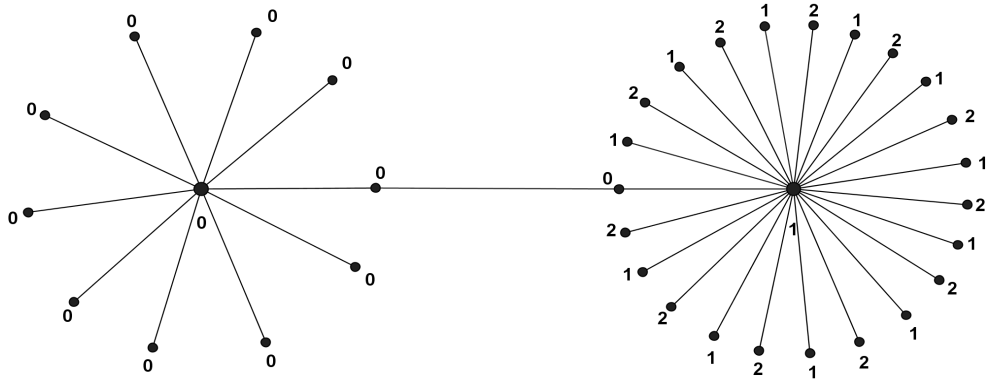


FIGURE 4.  $K_{1,10} \wedge K_{1,23}$

**Case(v):**  $h = 2g + 4$

Consider the graph  $G = K_{1,g} \wedge K_{1,h}$ , where  $g \leq h$ .

The required node labeling of  $G$  is defined as follows:

$f(s) = 0$ ;  $f(t) = 1$

$f(s_\theta) = 0$  for  $1 \leq \theta \leq g$

$f(t_{\theta}) = 0$

$f(t_{2\theta-1}) = 1$  for  $1 \leq \theta \leq \frac{h}{2} - 1$

$f(t_{2\theta}) = 2$  for  $1 \leq \theta \leq \frac{h}{2}$

The required link labeling of  $G$  is defined as follows:

$ss_\theta$  is 0 for  $1 \leq \theta \leq g$ ;  $tt_{2\theta-1}$  is 1 for  $1 \leq \theta \leq \frac{h}{2} - 1$ ;  $tt_{2\theta}$  is 2 for  $1 \leq \theta \leq \frac{h}{2}$ .

The wedge labeling of  $s_\theta t_\theta$  is 0 for any  $\theta$ .

Then,  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = v_f(2) = g + 2$  and  $e_f(1) = e_f(2) = g + 2$ ,  $e_f(0) = g + 1$ .

Hence,  $|V_f(i) - V_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1$ ,  $i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

Hence,  $G$  is mean cordial graph if  $h = 2g + 4$ .

**Example:** Let  $g = 10$  then we get  $h = 24$  ,i.e  $K_{1,10} \wedge K_{1,24}$ .

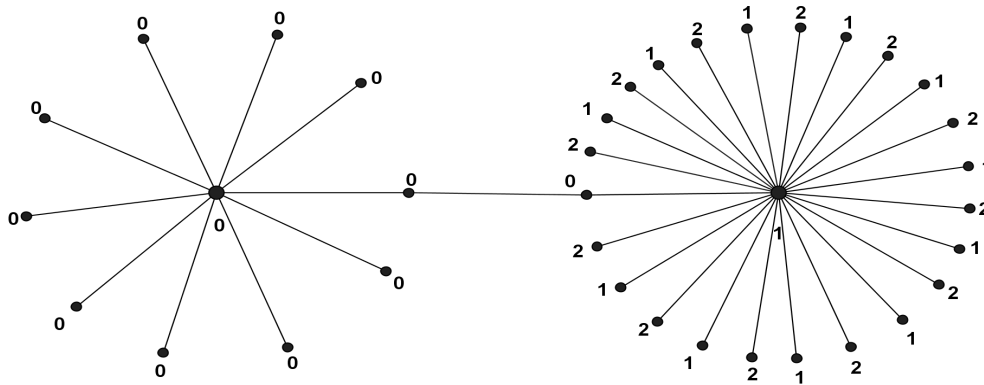


FIGURE 5.  $K_{1,10} \wedge K_{1,24}$

Hence,  $G$  is mean cordial graph  $|2g - h| \leq 4$  for  $g \leq h$  and  $g = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

coverserly, we fix the 0 in  $s_\theta$  where  $1 \leq \theta \leq g$ , some 0, 1 and 2 in  $t_\theta$ , where  $1 \leq \theta \leq h$ , then only we get vertices less than or equal to 1.

Suppose,  $h = 2g + 5$ , consider the graph  $G = K_{1,g} \wedge K_{1,h}$ , where  $g \leq h$

Suppose, if we fix, node labeling of  $G$  is defined as follows:

$$f(s) = 0; f(t) = 0$$

$$f(s_\theta) = 0 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \theta \leq g$$

$$f(t_\theta) = 0$$

$$f(t_{2\theta-1}) = 1 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor$$

$$f(t_{2\theta}) = 2 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor$$

The required link labeling of  $G$  is defined as follows:

$$ss_\theta \text{ is } 0 \text{ for } 1 \leq \theta \leq g; tt_{2\theta-1} \text{ is } 1 \text{ for } 1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor; tt_{2\theta} \text{ is } 1 \text{ for } 1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor.$$

The wedge labeling of  $s_\theta t_\theta$  is 0.

Then,  $v_f(0) = g + 3, v_f(1) = g + 2, v_f(2) = g + 2$  and  $e_f(0) = g + 2, e_f(2) = 0, e_f(1) = 2g + 4$ .

Hence,  $|V_f(i) - V_f(j)| \leq 1$  but  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| > 1, i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ , which is contradiction.

Suppose, if we fix, node labeling of  $G$  is defined as follows:

$$f(s) = 1; f(t) = 1$$

$$f(s_\theta) = 0 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \theta \leq g$$

$$f(t_\theta) = 0$$

$$f(t_{2\theta-1}) = 1 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor$$

$$f(t_{2\theta}) = 2 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor$$

The required link labeling of G is defined as follows:

$$ss_\theta \text{ is } 1 \text{ for } 1 \leq \theta \leq g; tt_{2\theta-1} \text{ is } 1 \text{ for } 1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor; tt_{2\theta} \text{ is } 2 \text{ for } 1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor.$$

The wedge labeling of  $s_\theta t_\theta$  is 0.

Then,  $v_f(0) = g + 1, v_f(2) = g + 2, v_f(1) = g + 4$  and  $e_f(0) = 1, e_f(1) = 2g + 3, e_f(2) = g + 2$ .

Hence,  $|V_f(i) - V_f(j)| > 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| > 1, i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ , which is contradiction.

Suppose, if we fix, node labeling of G is defined as follows:

$$f(s) = 2; f(t) = 2$$

$$f(s_\theta) = 0 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \theta \leq g$$

$$f(t_\theta) = 0$$

$$f(t_{2\theta-1}) = 1 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor$$

$$f(t_{2\theta}) = 2 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor$$

The required link labeling of G is defined as follows:

$$ss_\theta \text{ is } 1 \text{ for } 1 \leq \theta \leq g; tt_{2\theta-1} \text{ is } 2 \text{ for } 1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor; tt_{2\theta} \text{ is } 2 \text{ for } 1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor.$$

The wedge labeling of  $s_\theta t_\theta$  is 0.

Then,  $v_f(0) = g + 1, v_f(1) = g + 2, v_f(2) = g + 4$  and  $e_f(0) = 1, e_f(1) = g + 1, e_f(2) = 2g + 4$ .

Hence,  $|V_f(i) - V_f(j)| > 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| > 1, i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ , which is contradiction.

Suppose, if we fix, node labeling of G is defined as follows:

$$f(s) = 0; f(t) = 1$$

$$f(s_\theta) = 0 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \theta \leq g$$

$$f(t_\theta) = 0$$

$$f(t_{2\theta-1}) = 1 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor$$

$$f(t_{2\theta}) = 2 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor$$

The required link labeling of  $G$  is defined as follows:

$ss_\theta$  is 1 for  $1 \leq \theta \leq g$ ;  $tt_{2\theta-1}$  is 1 for  $1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor$ ;  $tt_{2\theta}$  is 2 for  $1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor$ .

The wedge labeling of  $s_\theta t_\theta$  is 0.

Then,  $v_f(0) = v_f(2) = g + 2$ ,  $v_f(1) = g + 3$  and  $e_f(0) = g + 1, e_f(1) = g + 3$ ,  $e_f(2) = g + 2$ .

Hence,  $|V_f(i) - V_f(j)| \leq 1$  but  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| > 1$ ,  $i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ , which is contradiction.

Suppose, if we fix, node labeling of  $G$  is defined as follows:

$$f(s) = 0; f(t) = 2$$

$$f(s_\theta) = 0 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \theta \leq g$$

$$f(t_\theta) = 0$$

$$f(t_{2\theta-1}) = 1 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor$$

$$f(t_{2\theta}) = 2 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor$$

The required link labeling of  $G$  is defined as follows:

$ss_\theta$  is 0 for  $1 \leq \theta \leq g$ ;  $tt_{2\theta-1}$  is 2 for  $1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor$ ;  $tt_{2\theta}$  is 2 for  $1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor$ .

The wedge labeling of  $s_\theta t_\theta$  is 0.

Then,  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = g + 2$ ,  $v_f(2) = g + 3$  and  $e_f(0) = g + 1, e_f(1) = g + 3$ ,  $e_f(2) = 2g + 4$ .

Hence,  $|V_f(i) - V_f(j)| \leq 1$  but  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| > 1$ ,  $i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ , which is contradiction.

Suppose, if we fix, node labeling of  $G$  is defined as follows:

$$f(s) = 1; f(t) = 2$$

$$f(s_\theta) = 0 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \theta \leq g$$

$$f(t_\theta) = 0$$

$$f(t_{2\theta-1}) = 1 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor$$

$$f(t_{2\theta}) = 2 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor$$

The required link labeling of  $G$  is defined as follows:

$ss_\theta$  is 1 for  $1 \leq \theta \leq g$ ;  $tt_{2\theta-1}$  is 2 for  $1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor$ ;  $tt_{2\theta}$  is 2 for  $1 \leq \theta \leq \lfloor \frac{h}{2} \rfloor$ .

The wedge labeling of  $s_\theta t_\theta$  is 0.



Then,  $v_f(2) = v_f(1) = g + 3$ ,  $v_f(0) = g + 1$  and  $e_f(0) = 1, e_f(1) = g + 1$ ,  $e_f(2) = 2g + 4$ .

Hence,  $|V_f(i) - V_f(j)| > 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| > 1$ ,  $i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ , which is contradiction.

Hence,  $G$  is not mean cordial graph if  $h = 2g + 5$ .

Hence, the two star  $K_{1,g} \wedge K_{1,h}$  is mean cordial graph if and only if  $|2g - h| \leq 4$  for  $g \leq h$  and  $g = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ .

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