



## Generation of prime graphs using corona product of cycles and wheels with complete graphs

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### Abstract

A graph with vertex set  $V$  is said to have a prime labeling if its vertices are labeled with distinct integers  $1, 2, 3, \dots, |V|$  such that for each edge  $xy$  the labels assigned to  $x$  and  $y$  are relatively prime. In this paper, we prove that graphs  $C_n \odot K_1$ , for any  $n \geq 3$  and  $W_n \odot K_1$  are prime when  $n$  is even.

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## 1 Introduction

Graphs we considered here are finite, simple and undirected graphs. For the graph theoretic terminologies, we refer the book [7]. Rosa [5] introduced various graph labeling and after that many researchers introduced various graph labeling for to decompose graphs. One such graph labeling is prime labeling introduced by Entringer. A graph with vertex set  $V$  is said to have a prime labeling if its vertices are labeled with distinct integers  $1, 2, 3, \dots, |V|$  such that for each edge  $xy$  the labels assigned to  $x$  and  $y$  are relatively prime. In the year 1980, Entringer conjectured that all trees have a prime labeling. Seoud et.al., [6] proved the necessary and sufficient conditions for a graph to be prime. They also gave a procedure to determine whether or not a graph is prime. Deretsky et al., [1] proved that cycles and disjoint union of cycles are prime. Lee et. al. [4] proved that complete graph does not have a prime labeling for  $n \geq 4$  and wheel graphs  $W_n$  are prime if and only if  $n$  is even. For an exhaustive survey on Graceful Tree Conjecture, refer the excellent survey by Gallian [3]. In this paper, we prove that graphs

$C_n \odot K_1$ , for any  $n \geq 3$  and  $W_n \odot K_1$  are prime when  $n$  is even.

## 2 Prime labeling of $C_n \odot K_1$ and $W_n \odot K_1$

From the literature of prime labelings, we know that cycle graphs  $C_n$  are prime graphs. In this section, we prove that the corona product of cycles with the complete graph on one vertex allow prime labeling.

**Theorem 1.**  $C_n \odot K_1$  admit prime labeling for any  $n \geq 3$ .

*Proof.* Consider a cycle  $C_n$  with vertices as  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  along with its prime labeling given by the function  $f(v_i) = i$  for any  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . It is clear that, the function  $f$  gives the prime labeling for the cycle  $C_n$ . In the generation of graph  $C_n \odot K_1$ , let  $u_i$  be the corresponding vertex copy of the vertex  $v_i \in V(C_n)$ . By the definition of corona product of graphs,  $C_n \odot K_1$  has  $2n$  vertices and  $2n$  edges.

Assume that those  $2n$  vertices are  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$ . Now, let us define the prime labeling  $g : V(C_n \odot K_1) \rightarrow$

$\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n\}$  for  $C_n \odot K_1$  using the prime labeling of cycles  $C_n$ . Define  $g(v_i) = 2f(v_i) - 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $g(u_i) = 2f(v_i)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . It is clear that from the definition of  $g$ , labels of the vertices of  $C_n \odot K_1$  are distinct and from the set  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n\}$ . Since the labels of the vertices  $v_i$  are odd by the definition of the function  $g$ , their vertex labels are

relatively prime. Since the labels of the vertices  $u_i$  are even and their unique adjacent vertex  $v_i$  receive an odd label by the definition of the function  $g$ , which proves the prime labeling of the graph  $C_n \odot K_1$  for any  $n \geq 3$ . □

**Theorem 2.**  $W_n \odot K_1$  admit prime labeling for any even  $n$ .

*Proof.* Consider a wheel  $W_n$  with unique central vertex as  $u$  and spokes vertices as  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  along with its prime labeling given by the function  $f(v) = 1$  and  $f(v_i) = i + 1$  for any  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . It is clear that, the function  $f$  gives the prime labeling for the wheel  $W_n$  when  $n$  is even. In the generation of graph  $W_n \odot K_1$ , let  $u_i$  be the corresponding vertex copy of the vertex  $v_i \in V(W_n)$ . Similarly, let  $u$  be the corresponding vertex copy of the vertex  $v$  for the corona product between  $W_n$  and  $K_1$ . By the definition of corona product of graphs,  $W_n \odot K_1$  has  $2n + 2$  vertices and  $3n + 1$  edges. Assume that those  $2n + 2$  vertices are  $v, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, u, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$ . Now, let us define the prime labeling  $g : V(W_n \odot K_1) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n + 2\}$  for  $W_n \odot K_1$  using the prime labeling of wheel  $W_n$ . Define  $g(v_i) = f(v_i)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $g(v) = f(v) = 1$ ,  $g(u_i) = f(v_i) + n + 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ ,  $g(u_n) = f(v_n) + 1$  and  $g(u) = 2n + 1$ . It is clear that from the definition of  $g$ , labels of the vertices of  $W_n \odot K_1$  are distinct and from the set  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n + 2\}$ .

Since the labels of the vertices  $v_i$  are same as the labels of the vertices of the corresponding wheel graph, their vertex labels are relatively prime. Further, wheel graphs are prime graph and the labeling of  $g$  are defined such that the labels of adjacent vertices in  $W_n \odot K_1$  are relative prime, it is clear that the graph  $W_n \odot K_1$  admits the prime labeling for any even  $n$ . □

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### 3 Conclusion

In this paper, we prove that graphs  $C_n \odot K_1$ , for any  $n \geq 3$  and  $W_n \odot K_1$  are prime when  $n$  is even. Main objective of the paper is to generate prime graphs using the corona product of graphs. In this direction, we raise a question of how to generate prime graphs using some other binary products apart from corona product of two graphs.

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