

# Group $S_3$ Cordial Remainder Labeling



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**Abstract:** Let  $G = (V(G), E(G))$  be a graph and let  $g : V(G) \rightarrow S_3$  be a function. For each edge  $xy$ , assign the label  $r$  where  $r$  is the remainder when  $o(g(x))$  is divided by  $o(g(y))$  or  $o(g(y))$  is divided by  $o(g(x))$  according as  $o(g(x)) \geq o(g(y))$  or  $o(g(y)) \geq o(g(x))$ . The function  $g$  is called a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling of  $G$  if  $|v_g(x) - v_g(y)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_g(0) - e_g(1)| \leq 1$ , where  $v_g(x)$  denotes the number of vertices labeled with  $x$  and  $e_g(i)$  denotes the number of edges labeled with  $i$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ). A graph  $G$  which admits a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling is called a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder graph. In this paper, we introduce the concept of group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling. We prove that some standard graphs admit a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling.

**Keywords :** Group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling, Group  $S_3$  cordial remainder graph, path, cycle.

## I. INTRODUCTION

By a graph we mean finite, simple and undirected one. The vertex set and the edge set of a graph  $G$  are denoted by  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$  so that the order and size of  $G$  are  $|V(G)|$  and  $|E(G)|$  respectively. Terms are not defined here follows from Harary [4]. Graph labeling was first introduced in 1960's. Most of the graph labeling trace their origins in the paper presented by Alex Rosa in 1967 [6]. The complete survey of graph labeling is in [3]. Cordial labeling is a weaker version of graceful labeling and harmonious labeling introduced by I. Cahit in [1]. Ponraj et al. introduced the concept of remainder cordial labeling in [5]. Chandra et al. introduced the concept of group  $S_3$  cordial prime labeling in [2]. Motivated by these concepts, we introduce the concept of group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling.

## II. PRELIMINARIES

**Definition 1.1.** The join of two graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  is denoted by  $G_1 + G_2$  and whose vertex set is  $V(G_1 + G_2) = V(G_1) \cup V(G_2)$  and edge set is  $E(G_1 + G_2) = E(G_1) \cup E(G_2) \cup \{uv : u \in V(G_1), v \in V(G_2)\}$ .

**Definition 1.2.** The wheel  $W_n$  is defined as the join  $C_n + K_1$ .

**Definition 1.3.** The graph  $F_n = P_n + K_1$  is called a fan.

**Definition 1.4.** The bistar  $B_{n,n}$  is the graph obtained by attaching the apex vertices of two copies of star  $K_{1,n}$  by an edge.

**Definition 1.5.** The corona  $G_1 \odot G_2$  of two graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  is defined as the graph obtained by taking one copy of  $G_1$  (with  $p_1$  vertices) and  $p_1$  copies of  $G_2$  and then joining the  $i^{th}$  vertex of  $G_1$  with an edge to every vertex in the  $i^{th}$  copy of  $G_2$ . The graph  $P_n \odot K_1$  is called a Comb. The graph  $C_n \odot K_1$  is called a Crown.

**Definition 1.6.** Let  $A$  be a group. The order of  $a \in A$  is the least positive integer  $n$  such that  $a^n = e$ . We denote the order of  $a$  by  $o(a)$ .

In this paper, we prove that path, cycle, star, bistar, complete bipartite, wheel, fan, comb and crown graphs admit a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling.

## III. MAIN RESULTS

**Definition 2.1.** Consider the symmetric group  $S_3$ . Let the elements of  $S_3$  be  $e, a, b, c, d, f$  where

$$e = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$c = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad d = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

We have  $o(e) = 1, o(a) = o(b) = o(c) = 2, o(d) = o(f) = 3$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $G = (V(G), E(G))$  be a graph and let  $g : V(G) \rightarrow S_3$  be a function. For each edge  $xy$  assign the label  $r$  where  $r$  is the remainder when  $o(g(x))$  is divided by  $o(g(y))$  or  $o(g(y))$  is divided by  $o(g(x))$  according as  $o(g(x)) \geq o(g(y))$  or  $o(g(y)) \geq o(g(x))$ . The function  $g$  is called a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling of  $G$  if  $|v_g(x) - v_g(y)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_g(0) - e_g(1)| \leq 1$ , where  $v_g(x)$  denotes the number of vertices labeled with  $x$  and  $e_g(i)$

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denotes the number of edges labeled with  $i$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ). A graph  $G$  which admits a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling is called a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder graph.

**Theorem 2.3.** Path  $P_n$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder graph.

**Proof.** Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  denote the vertices of  $P_n$ . Fig. 1 gives a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling of  $P_n$  for  $n \leq 5$ .

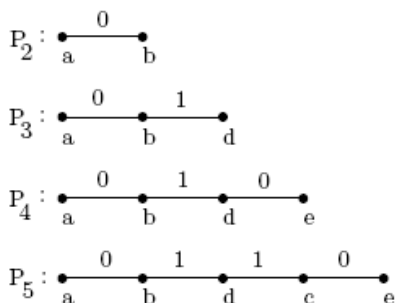


Fig. 1. Path  $P_n$  for  $n \leq 5$ .

Suppose  $n \geq 6$ . Define a function  $g: V(P_n) \rightarrow S_3$  as follows.

**Case 1.**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ .

Let  $n = 6k$  and  $k \geq 1$ .

$$g(v_i) = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } i \equiv 1 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq 6k \\ d & \text{if } i \equiv 2 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq 6k \\ b & \text{if } i \equiv 3 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq 6k \\ c & \text{if } i \equiv 4 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq 6k \\ e & \text{if } i \equiv 5 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq 6k \\ f & \text{if } i \equiv 0 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq 6k. \end{cases}$$

Here  $v_g(a) = v_g(b) = v_g(c) = v_g(d) = v_g(e) = v_g(f) = k$  and  $e_g(0) = 3k$ ,  $e_g(1) = 3k - 1$ . Therefore  $|v_g(i) - v_g(j)| \leq 1$  for  $i, j \in S_3$  and  $|e_g(0) - e_g(1)| \leq 1$ . Hence  $g$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling.

**Case 2.**  $n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ .

Let  $n = 6k + 5$  and  $k \geq 1$ . Assign the label to the vertices  $v_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 6k$  as in Case (1) and for the remaining vertices assign the following labels:

$$g(v_i) = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } i = 6k + 1 \\ b & \text{if } i = 6k + 2 \\ d & \text{if } i = 6k + 3 \\ c & \text{if } i = 6k + 4 \\ e & \text{if } i = 6k + 5. \end{cases}$$

Here  $v_g(a) = v_g(b) = v_g(c) = v_g(d) = v_g(e) = k + 1$ ,  $v_g(f) = k$  and  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = 3k + 2$ . Clearly  $|v_g(i) - v_g(j)| \leq 1$  for  $i, j \in S_3$  and  $|e_g(0) - e_g(1)| \leq 1$ . Hence  $g$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling.

**Case 3.**  $n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$ .

Let  $n = 6k + 4$  and  $k \geq 1$ . Assign the label to the vertices  $v_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 6k$  as in Case (1) and for the remaining vertices assign the following labels:

$$g(v_i) = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } i = 6k + 1 \\ b & \text{if } i = 6k + 2 \\ d & \text{if } i = 6k + 3 \\ f & \text{if } i = 6k + 4. \end{cases}$$

Here  $v_g(a) = v_g(b) = v_g(d) = v_g(f) = k + 1$ ,  $v_g(c) = v_g(e) = k$  and  $e_g(0) = 3k + 2$ ,  $e_g(1) = 3k + 1$ . Clearly  $|v_g(i) - v_g(j)| \leq 1$  for  $i, j \in S_3$  and  $|e_g(0) - e_g(1)| \leq 1$ . Hence  $g$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling.

**Case 4.**  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$ .

Let  $n = 6k + 3$  and  $k \geq 1$ . Assign the label to the vertices  $v_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 6k$  as in Case (1) and for the remaining vertices assign the following labels:

$$g(v_i) = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } i = 6k + 1 \\ d & \text{if } i = 6k + 2 \\ f & \text{if } i = 6k + 3. \end{cases}$$

Here  $v_g(a) = v_g(d) = v_g(f) = k + 1$ ,  $v_g(b) = v_g(c) = v_g(e) = k$  and  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = 3k + 1$ . Clearly  $|v_g(i) - v_g(j)| \leq 1$  for  $i, j \in S_3$  and  $|e_g(0) - e_g(1)| \leq 1$ . Hence  $g$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling.

**Case 5.**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{6}$ .

Let  $n = 6k + 2$  and  $k \geq 1$ . Assign the label to the vertices  $v_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 6k$  as in the Case (1) and for the remaining vertices assign the following labels:

$$g(v_i) = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } i = 6k + 1 \\ b & \text{if } i = 6k + 2. \end{cases}$$

Here  $v_g(a) = v_g(b) = k + 1$ ,  $v_g(c) = v_g(d) = v_g(e) = v_g(f) = k$  and  $e_g(0) = 3k + 1$ ,  $e_g(1) = 3k$ . Therefore  $|v_g(i) - v_g(j)| \leq 1$  for  $i, j \in S_3$  and  $|e_g(0) - e_g(1)| \leq 1$ . Hence  $g$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling.

**Case 6.**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ .

Let  $n = 6k + 1$  and  $k \geq 1$ . Assign the label to the vertices  $v_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 6k$  as in the Case (1) and  $g(v_{6k+1}) = a$ . Here  $v_g(a) = k + 1$ ,  $v_g(b) = v_g(c) = v_g(d) = v_g(e) = v_g(f) = k$  and  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = 3k$ . Therefore  $|v_g(i) - v_g(j)| \leq 1$  for  $i, j \in S_3$  and  $|e_g(0) - e_g(1)| \leq 1$ . Hence  $g$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling.

Hence path  $P_n$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder graph.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.** Cycle  $C_n$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder graph.

**Proof.** Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  denote the vertices of  $C_n$ . The same labeling pattern is followed as in Theorem 2.3, except for  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{6}$ .

Suppose  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{6}$ . Define a function  $g: V(C_n) \rightarrow S_3$  as follows. Let  $n = 6k + 2$  and  $k \geq 1$ .

$$g(v_i) = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } i \equiv 1 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq 6k \\ d & \text{if } i \equiv 2 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq 6k \\ b & \text{if } i \equiv 3 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq 6k \\ c & \text{if } i \equiv 4 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq 6k \\ f & \text{if } i \equiv 5 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq 6k \\ e & \text{if } i \equiv 0 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq 6k \\ f & \text{if } i = 6k + 1 \\ a & \text{if } i = 6k + 2 \end{cases}$$

Here  $v_g(a) = v_g(f) = k + 1, v_g(b) = v_g(c) = v_g(d) = v_g(e) = k$  and  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = 3k + 1$ . Therefore  $|v_g(i) - v_g(j)| \leq 1$  for  $i, j \in S_3$  and  $|e_g(0) - e_g(1)| \leq 1$ . Hence  $g$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling.

Hence cycle  $C_n$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder graph. □

**Theorem 2.5.** Star  $K_{1,n}$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder graph for every  $n$ .

**Proof.** Let  $v$  be the apex vertex and  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the pendent vertices of  $K_{1,n}$ . Then  $K_{1,n}$  is of order  $n + 1$  and size  $n$ . We define  $g : V(K_{1,n}) \rightarrow S_3$  as follows:

$$g(v) = d ;$$

$$g(v_i) = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } i \equiv 1 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq n \\ e & \text{if } i \equiv 2 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq n \\ b & \text{if } i \equiv 3 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq n \\ f & \text{if } i \equiv 4 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq n \\ c & \text{if } i \equiv 5 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq n \\ d & \text{if } i \equiv 0 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq n \end{cases}$$

It is easy to verify that  $|v_g(i) - v_g(j)| \leq 1$  for  $i, j \in S_3$  and  $|e_g(0) - e_g(1)| \leq 1$ . Hence  $g$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling. □

**Theorem 2.6.** Bistar  $B_{n,n}$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder graph for every  $n$ .

**Proof.** Let  $v$  and  $u$  be the apex vertices and  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the pendent vertices of  $K_{1,n}$ . Then  $B_{n,n}$  is of order  $2n + 2$  and size  $2n + 1$ . We define

$$g : V(B_{n,n}) \rightarrow S_3 \text{ as follows:}$$

$$g(u) = a; g(u_1) = b; g(u_2) = f;$$

$$g(v) = d; g(v_1) = c; g(v_2) = e;$$

$$g(u_i) = \begin{cases} e & \text{if } i \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \text{ and } 3 \leq i \leq n \\ d & \text{if } i \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \text{ and } 3 \leq i \leq n \\ b & \text{if } i \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \text{ and } 3 \leq i \leq n; \end{cases}$$

$$g(v_i) = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } i \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \text{ and } 3 \leq i \leq n \\ f & \text{if } i \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \text{ and } 3 \leq i \leq n \\ c & \text{if } i \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \text{ and } 3 \leq i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

From Table - I, it is clear that  $g$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling.

Table-I: Bistar

Nature of n	$v_g(a)$	$v_g(b)$	$v_g(c)$	$v_g(d)$	$v_g(e)$	$v_g(f)$
1	1	1	1	1	0	0
2	1	1	1	1	1	1
$3k$ ( $k \geq 1$ )	$k + 1$	$k$	$k$	$k$	$k + 1$	$k$
$3k + 1$ ( $k \geq 1$ )	$k + 1$	$k$	$k$	$k + 1$	$k + 1$	$k + 1$
$3k + 2$ ( $k \geq 1$ )	$k + 1$	$k + 1$	$k + 1$	$k + 1$	$k + 1$	$k + 1$

Hence bistar  $B_{n,n}$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder graph. □

**Theorem 2.7.** Wheel  $W_n$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder graph for  $n \geq 3$ .

**Proof.** Let  $W_n$  be the wheel  $C_n + K_1$ . Let  $u$  be the apex of the wheel and  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices on the cycle  $C_n$ .

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

Define  $g$  by  $g(u) = d, g(u_1) = a, g(u_2) = b$  and  $g(u_3) = c$ . It is easy to verify that  $|v_g(i) - v_g(j)| \leq 1$  for  $i, j \in S_3$  and  $|e_g(0) - e_g(1)| \leq 1$ . Hence  $g$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling.

**Case 2.**  $n = 4$ .

Define  $g$  by  $g(u) = d, g(u_1) = a, g(u_2) = f, g(u_3) = b$  and  $g(u_4) = e$ . It is easy to verify that  $|v_g(i) - v_g(j)| \leq 1$  for  $i, j \in S_3$  and  $|e_g(0) - e_g(1)| \leq 1$ . Hence  $g$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling.

**Case 3.**  $n = 5$ .

Define  $g$  by  $g(u) = d, g(u_1) = a, g(u_2) = b, g(u_3) = f, g(u_4) = c$  and  $g(u_5) = e$ . It is easy to verify that  $|v_g(i) - v_g(j)| \leq 1$  for  $i, j \in S_3$  and  $|e_g(0) - e_g(1)| \leq 1$ . Hence  $g$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling.

**Case 4.**  $n \geq 6$ . Define  $g : V(W_n) \rightarrow S_3$  as follows.

**Subcase (i).**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ .

Let  $n = 6k$  and  $k \geq 1$ .

$$g(u) = d ;$$

$$g(u_i) = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } i \equiv 1 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq 6k \\ d & \text{if } i \equiv 2 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq 6k \\ b & \text{if } i \equiv 3 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq 6k \\ c & \text{if } i \equiv 4 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq 6k \\ f & \text{if } i \equiv 5 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq 6k \\ e & \text{if } i \equiv 0 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq 6k. \end{cases}$$

Here  $v_g(a) = v_g(b) = v_g(c) = v_g(e) = v_g(f) = k, v_g(d) = k + 1$  and  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = 6k$ . Therefore  $|v_g(i) - v_g(j)| \leq 1$  for  $i, j \in S_3$  and  $|e_g(0) - e_g(1)| \leq 1$ . Hence  $g$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling.

**Subcase (ii).**  $n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ .

Let  $n = 6k + 5$  and  $k \geq 1$ . Assign the label to the vertices  $u$  and  $u_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 6k$  as in Subcase (i) and for the remaining vertices assign the following labels:

$$g(u_i) = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } i = 6k + 1 \\ b & \text{if } i = 6k + 2 \\ f & \text{if } i = 6k + 3 \\ c & \text{if } i = 6k + 4 \\ e & \text{if } i = 6k + 5. \end{cases}$$

Here  $v_g(a) = v_g(b) = v_g(c) = v_g(d) = v_g(e) = v_g(f) = k + 1$  and  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = 6k + 5$ . Clearly  $|v_g(i) - v_g(j)| \leq 1$  for  $i, j \in S_3$  and  $|e_g(0) - e_g(1)| \leq 1$ . Hence  $g$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling.

**Subcase (iii).**  $n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$ .

Let  $n = 6k + 4$  and  $k \geq 1$ . Assign the label to the vertices  $u$  and  $u_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 6k$  as in Subcase (i) and for the remaining vertices assign the following labels:

$$g(u_i) = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } i = 6k + 1 \\ f & \text{if } i = 6k + 2 \\ b & \text{if } i = 6k + 3 \\ e & \text{if } i = 6k + 4. \end{cases}$$

Here  $v_g(a) = v_g(b) = v_g(d) = v_g(e) = v_g(f) = k + 1, v_g(c) = k$  and  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = 6k + 4$ . Clearly  $|v_g(i) - v_g(j)| \leq 1$  for  $i, j \in S_3$  and  $|e_g(0) - e_g(1)| \leq 1$ . Hence  $g$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling.

**Subcase (iv).**  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$ .

Let  $n = 6k + 3$  and  $k \geq 1$ . Assign the label to the vertices  $u$  and  $u_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 6k$  as in Subcase (i) and for the remaining vertices assign the following labels:

$$g(u_i) = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } i = 6k + 1 \\ b & \text{if } i = 6k + 2 \\ c & \text{if } i = 6k + 3. \end{cases}$$

Here  $v_g(a) = v_g(b) = v_g(c) = v_g(d) = k + 1, v_g(e) = v_g(f) = k$  and  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = 6k + 3$ . Clearly  $|v_g(i) - v_g(j)| \leq 1$  for  $i, j \in S_3$  and  $|e_g(0) - e_g(1)| \leq 1$ . Hence  $g$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling.

**Case 5.**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{6}$ .

Let  $n = 6k + 2$  and  $k \geq 1$ . Assign the label to the vertices  $u$  and  $u_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 6k$  as in Subcase (i) and for the remaining vertices assign the following labels:

$$g(u_i) = \begin{cases} f & \text{if } i = 6k + 1 \\ a & \text{if } i = 6k + 2. \end{cases}$$

Here  $v_g(a) = v_g(f) = v_g(d) = k + 1, v_g(b) = v_g(c) = v_g(e) = k$  and  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = 6k + 2$ . Therefore  $|v_g(i) - v_g(j)| \leq 1$  for  $i, j \in S_3$  and  $|e_g(0) - e_g(1)| \leq 1$ . Hence  $g$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling.

**Case 6.**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ .

Let  $n = 6k + 1$  and  $k \geq 1$ . Assign the label to the vertices  $u$  and  $u_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 6k$  as in Subcase (i) and  $g(u_{6k+1}) = f$ .

Here  $v_g(a) = v_g(b) = v_g(c) = v_g(e) = k, v_g(d) = v_g(f) = k + 1$  and  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = 6k + 1$ . Therefore

$|v_g(i) - v_g(j)| \leq 1$  for  $i, j \in S_3$  and  $|e_g(0) - e_g(1)| \leq 1$ . Hence  $g$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling.

Hence  $W_n$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder graph for  $n \geq 3$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.8.** Fan  $F_n$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder graph for  $n \geq 2$ .

**Proof.** Let  $u$  be the apex vertex and  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices of path  $P_n$ . Let  $E(G) = \{u_i u_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n-1; uu_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Therefore  $F_n$  is of order  $n+1$  and size  $2n-1$ . Define  $g: V(F_n) \rightarrow S_3$  as follows. Suppose  $n = 2$ , we assign the labels  $d, a, b$  to the vertices  $u, u_1, u_2$  respectively. Clearly  $F_2$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder.

For  $n \geq 3$ , the fan graph obtained by removing the edge  $u_1 u_n$ . Then the same labeling pattern as in Theorem 2.7 is followed. Clearly,  $g$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling for  $n \geq 3$ .

Hence,  $F_n$  admits a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling for  $n \geq 2$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.9.** The complete bipartite graph  $K_{2,n}$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder graph if and only if  $n = 1, 2, 3, 4$  or  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $(V_1, V_2)$  be the bipartition of  $K_{2,n}$  with  $V_1 = \{v_1, v_2\}$  and  $V_2 = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ .

Suppose  $n = 1, 2, 3$  or  $4$ . Table - II gives a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling of  $K_{2,n}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ .

**Table - II:**  $K_{2,n}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$

Nature of n	$v_1$	$v_2$	$u_1$	$u_2$	$u_3$	$u_4$
1	$a$	$e$	$d$			
2	$a$	$e$	$d$	$f$		
3	$d$	$e$	$a$	$b$	$c$	
4	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$e$	$f$

Suppose  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ . Let  $n = 6k$  and  $k \geq 1$ .

Define  $g: V(K_{2,n}) \rightarrow S_3$  as follows.

$$g(v_1) = d; \quad g(v_2) = f;$$

$$g(u_i) = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } i \equiv 1 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq 6k \\ b & \text{if } i \equiv 2 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq 6k \\ c & \text{if } i \equiv 3 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq 6k \\ d & \text{if } i \equiv 4 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq 6k \\ e & \text{if } i \equiv 5 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq 6k \\ f & \text{if } i \equiv 0 \pmod{6} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq 6k. \end{cases}$$

Here  $v_g(a) = v_g(b) = v_g(c) = v_g(e) = k, v_g(d) = v_g(f) = k + 1$  and  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = 6k$ . Therefore  $|v_g(i) - v_g(j)| \leq 1$  for  $i, j \in S_3$  and  $|e_g(0) - e_g(1)| \leq 1$ . Hence  $g$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling of  $K_{2,n}$  if  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ .



Conversely, assume that the complete bipartite graph  $K_{2,n}$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder graph. Let  $g$  be a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling of  $K_{2,n}$ .

**Case 1.**  $g(v_1) = e$  or  $g(v_2) = e$ .

Without loss of generality, let  $g(v_1) = e$ . The  $n$  edges incident with  $v_1$  get label 0. So the remaining  $n$  edges should get label 1. If  $g(v_2) = d$ , then only  $a, b$  and  $c$  can be used to label the remaining vertices. Hence  $n = 3$ . If  $g(v_2) = a$ , then only  $d$  and  $f$  can be used to label the remaining vertices. Hence  $n = 2$ . If  $g(v_2) = e$ , then only  $d$  can be used to label the remaining vertices. Hence  $n = 1$ .

**Case 2.**  $g(v_i) \neq e$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .

It is enough to consider the following subcases.

**Subcase (i).**  $g(v_1) = d, g(v_2) = f$ .

Assign labels  $d, e, f$  to any three vertices. We get six edges with label 0. Next we assign labels  $a, b, c$  to another set of three vertices and in this process we get six edges with label 1. Thus for  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ , we assign the labels  $d, e, f$  for every 3 vertices and we need 3 vertices with labels  $a, b, c$ . Hence  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ .

**Subcase (ii).**  $g(v_1) = a, g(v_2) = b$ .

Assign labels  $e, c$  to any two vertices. We get four edges with label 0. Next we assign labels  $d, f$  to another set of two vertices and in this process we get four edges with label 1. Hence  $n = 4$ .

**Subcase (iii).**  $g(v_1) = d, g(v_2) = a$ .

Assign the label  $e$  to a vertex. We get 2 edges with label 0. Vertices with every other label give one edge with label 0 and another edge with label 1. So,  $|e_g(0) - e_g(1)| > 1$ . Hence this is impossible.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.10.** The comb  $P_n \odot K_1$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder graph for every  $n$ .

**Proof.** Let  $V(P_n \odot K_1) = \{u_i, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(P_n \odot K_1) = \{u_i u_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{u_i v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Then  $P_n \odot K_1$  is of order  $2n$  and size  $2n-1$ .

Define  $f : V(P_n \odot K_1) \rightarrow S_3$  as follows:

For  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,

$$g(u_i) = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } i \equiv 1 \pmod{6} \\ b & \text{if } i \equiv 2 \pmod{6} \\ d & \text{if } i \equiv 3 \pmod{6} \\ c & \text{if } i \equiv 4 \pmod{6} \\ e & \text{if } i \equiv 5 \pmod{6} \\ f & \text{if } i \equiv 0 \pmod{6}; \end{cases}$$

$$g(v_i) = \begin{cases} c & \text{if } i \equiv 1 \pmod{6} \\ f & \text{if } i \equiv 2 \pmod{6} \\ e & \text{if } i \equiv 3 \pmod{6} \\ d & \text{if } i \equiv 4 \pmod{6} \\ b & \text{if } i \equiv 5 \pmod{6} \\ a & \text{if } i \equiv 0 \pmod{6}. \end{cases}$$

**Table- III: Comb graph**

Nature of n	$v_g(a)$	$v_g(b)$	$v_g(c)$	$v_g(d)$	$v_g(e)$	$v_g(f)$
$6k-5$ ( $k \geq 1$ )	$2k-1$	$2k-2$	$2k-1$	$2k-2$	$2k-2$	$2k-2$
$6k-4$ ( $k \geq 1$ )	$2k-1$	$2k-1$	$2k-1$	$2k-2$	$2k-2$	$2k-1$
$6k-3$ ( $k \geq 1$ )	$2k-1$	$2k-1$	$2k-1$	$2k-1$	$2k-1$	$2k-1$
$6k-2$ ( $k \geq 1$ )	$2k-1$	$2k-1$	$2k$	$2k$	$2k-1$	$2k-1$
$6k-1$ ( $k \geq 1$ )	$2k-1$	$2k$	$2k$	$2k$	$2k$	$2k-1$
$6k$ ( $k \geq 1$ )	$2k$	$2k$	$2k$	$2k$	$2k$	$2k$

From Table III, it is clear that  $g$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling. Hence comb is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder graph.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.11.** The crown  $C_n \odot K_1$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder graph for every  $n$ .

**Proof.** Let  $V(C_n \odot K_1) = \{u_i, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  where  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  are the vertices of the cycle and  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are the pendent vertices adjacent to  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  respectively. Assign the labels to the vertices  $u_i$  and  $v_i$  as in the Theorem 2.10, except by interchanging the labels of the vertices  $v_1$  and  $v_3$  for  $n \equiv 1, 2, 5 \pmod{6}$ . It is easy to verify that  $|v_g(i) - v_g(j)| \leq 1$  for  $i, j \in S_3$  and  $|e_g(0) - e_g(1)| \leq 1$ . Hence  $g$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.12.** Let  $g$  be a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling of a graph  $G_1$  of order  $6m$  and size  $2n$  and let  $h$  be any group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling of a graph  $G_2$ . Then  $G_1 \cup G_2$  is also a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder graph.

**Proof.** Let  $g, h$  be a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  respectively. Since  $G_1$  has  $6m$  vertices and  $2n$  edges, we have  $v_g(a) = v_g(b) = v_g(c) = v_g(d) = v_g(e) = v_g(f) = m$  and  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = n$ . We define a vertex labeling  $l$  of  $G_1 \cup G_2$  such that

$$l(u) = \begin{cases} g(u) & \text{if } u \in V(G_1) \\ h(u) & \text{if } u \in V(G_2). \end{cases}$$

Hence,  $v_l(i) = v_g(i) + v_h(i)$  for  $i \in S_3$  and  $e_l(i) = e_g(i) + e_h(i)$  for  $i = 0, 1$ . Therefore  $|v_l(i) - v_l(j)| \leq 1$  for  $i, j \in S_3$  and  $|e_l(0) - e_l(1)| \leq 1$ . Hence  $l$  is a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling. Thus  $G_1 \cup G_2$  is also a group  $S_3$  cordial remainder graph. □

## IV. CONCLUSION

Labeled graphs serve as useful models for a broad range of applications such as: coding theory, radar, astronomy, circuit design and communication network. In this paper, we have introduced the concept of group  $S_3$  cordial remainder labeling. Researchers can explore the possibility of applying this concept to the above mentioned areas. We have proved that path, cycle, star, bistar, complete bipartite, wheel, fan, comb and crown graphs are group  $S_3$  cordial remainder graphs.

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