

On Friendly Index Sets of Cyclic Silicates

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Abstract Let G be a graph with vertex set $V(G)$ and edge set $E(G)$. A labeling $f : V(G) \rightarrow Z_2$ induces an edge labeling $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow Z_2$ defined by $f^*(xy) = f(x) + f(y)$, for each edge $xy \in E(G)$. For $i \in Z_2$, let $v_f(i) = |\{v \in V(G) : f(v) = i\}|$ and $e_f(i) = |\{e \in E(G) : f^*(e) = i\}|$. A labeling f of a graph G is said to be friendly if $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| \leq 1$. The friendly index set of the graph G , denoted $FI(G)$, is defined as $\{|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| : \text{the vertex labeling } f \text{ is friendly}\}$. This is a generalization of graph cordiality. We investigate the friendly index sets of cyclic silicates $CS(n, m)$.

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1. Introduction

Let G be a graph with vertex set $V(G)$ and edge set $E(G)$. Let A be an abelian group. A labeling $f : V(G) \rightarrow A$ induces an edge labeling $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow A$ defined by $f^*(xy) = f(x) + f(y)$, for each edge $xy \in E(G)$. For $i \in A$, let $v_f(i) = |\{v \in V(G) : f(v) = i\}|$ and $e_f(i) = |\{e \in E(G) : f^*(e) = i\}|$. Let $c(f) = \{|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| : (i, j) \in A \times A\}$. A labeling f of a graph G is said to be A -friendly if $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$ for all $(i, j) \in A \times A$. If $c(f)$ is a set for some A -friendly labeling f , then f is said to be A -cordial.

The notion of A -cordial labelings was first introduced by Hovey [1], who generalized the concept of cordial graphs of Cahit [2]. Cahit considered $A = Z_2$. For more details of known results and open problems on cordial graphs, the reader can see relevant papers.

In this paper, we will exclusively focus on $A = Z_2$, and drop the reference to the group. A vertex v is called a k -vertex if $f(v) = k$, $k \in \{0, 1\}$, an edge e is called a k -edge if $f^*(e) = k$, $k \in \{0, 1\}$. When the context is clear, we will drop the subscript f .

In [3] the following concept was introduced.

Definition 1.1 *The friendly index set $FI(G)$ of a graph G is defined as $\{|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| : \text{the vertex labeling } f \text{ is friendly}\}$.*

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Note that if 0 or 1 is in $FI(G)$, then G is cordial. Thus the concept of friendly index sets could be viewed as a generalization of cordiality. Cairnie and Edwards [4] have determined the computational complexity of cordial labeling and Z_k -cordial labeling. They proved that deciding whether a graph admits a cordial labeling is NP-complete. Even the restricted problem of deciding whether a connected graph of diameter 2 has a cordial labeling is NP-complete. Thus, in general, it is difficult to determine the friendly index sets of graphs.

Example 1.2 Figure 1 illustrates the friendly index set of the cycle C_8 with two parallel chords.

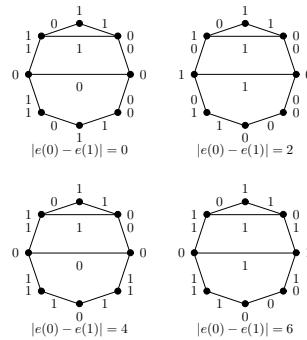


Figure 1 $FI(PC(8, 2)) = \{0, 2, 4, 6\}$

Example 1.3 Figure 2 illustrates the friendly index set of $K_{3,3}$ and $C_3 \times K_2$.

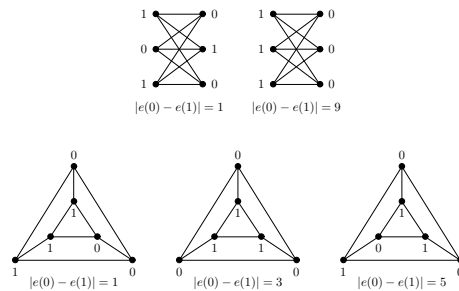


Figure 2 $FI(K_{3,3}) = \{1, 9\}$, $FI(C_3 \times K_2) = \{1, 3, 5\}$

In [5–7], the friendly index sets of a few classes of graphs, including complete bipartite graphs and cycles, are determined. In [8], the following results were established:

Theorem 1.4 For any graph G with q edges, the friendly index set $FI(G) \subseteq \{0, 2, 4, \dots, q\}$ if q is even, and $FI(G) \subseteq \{1, 3, \dots, q\}$ if q is odd.

Theorem 1.5 The friendly indices of a cycle form an arithmetic sequence:

- (i) $FI(C_{2n}) = \{0, 4, 8, \dots, 2n\}$ if n is even; $FI(C_{2n}) = \{2, 6, 10, \dots, 2n\}$ if n is odd.
- (ii) $FI(C_{2n+1}) = \{1, 3, 5, \dots, 2n - 1\}$.

For more details of known results and open problems on cordial graphs, the reader can see [8–15].

In this paper, we consider the friendly index sets of cyclic silicates, denoted $CS(n, m)$ ($n, m \geq 3$), obtained from an n -cycle and n copies of K_m by gluing to each edge of C_n an edge from one copy of K_m . The graph labeling f of $CS(n, m)$ by $G(a)$ in which $|e_f(1) - e_f(0)| = a$.

2. The friendly index sets of $CS(n, 3)$

When $m = 3$, $CS(n, 3)$ is shown in Figure 3 with the K_3 subgraphs given by vertices in $\{u_1, u_n, w_n\}$ and in $\{u_i, u_{i+1}, w_i\}$ for $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$.

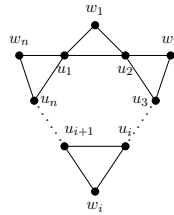


Figure 3 Graph $CS(n, 3)$

Since each vertex of a K_3 can be labeled with 0 or 1, it is easy to verify that $e(0)$ is either 3 or 1. The following lemma then follows.

Lemma 2.1 *In all possible (0, 1)-labelings of the vertices of a K_3 , we have $e(0) - e(1) = 3$ or -1 .*

Lemma 2.2 *For $n \geq 3$, $\max\{FI(CS(n, 3))\} = \max\{n, 3n - 8\}$.*

Proof The graph $CS(n, 3)$ has $2n$ vertices and $3n$ edges. By Lemma 2.1, we know $\max |e(0) - e(1)|$ is attained if each K_3 subgraph of $CS(n, 3)$ contributes three or one 0-edge. If at most one K_3 -subgraph contributes a 0-edge, such a labeling is not friendly. Therefore, at least two K_3 subgraphs of $CS(n, 3)$ contribute a 0-edge each. Hence, if exactly two K_3 subgraphs of $CS(n, 3)$ contribute a 0-edge, then $\max |e(0) - e(1)| = 3(n - 2) - 2 = 3n - 8$. If all K_3 subgraphs of $CS(n, 3)$ contribute a 0-edge, then $\max |e(0) - e(1)| = n$. It is easy to verify that a labeling with $|e(0) - e(1)| = 3n - 8$ or n exists. Consequently, $\max |e(0) - e(1)| = \max\{n, 3n - 8\}$. \square

Theorem 2.3 *For $n = 3, 4$ and 5 , $FI(CS(3, 3)) = \{1, 3\}$; $FI(CS(4, 3)) = \{0, 4\}$; $FI(CS(5, 3)) = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$.*

Proof For $n = 3$, the labelings are illustrated in Figure 4.

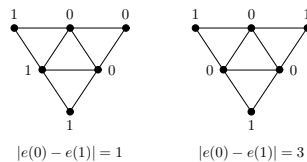


Figure 4 The friendly labelings of $CS(3, 3)$

For $n = 4$, the labelings are illustrated in Figure 5. Note that Lemma 2.1 implies that $2 \notin \text{FI}(\text{CS}(4, 3))$.

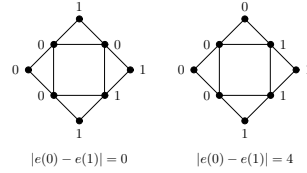


Figure 5 The friendly labelings of $\text{CS}(4, 3)$

For $n = 5$, the labelings are illustrated in Figure 6.

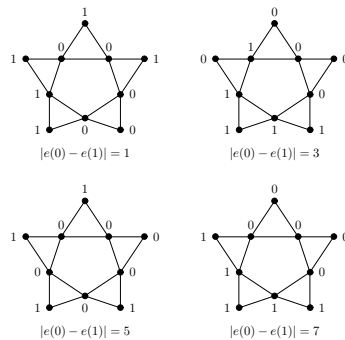


Figure 6 The friendly labelings of $\text{CS}(5, 3)$

Theorem 2.4 In $\text{CS}_k(n, 3)$, if two vertex labels are exchanged, then we must get the labeling $\text{CS}_{|k+4t|}(n, 3)$ for $t \in \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4\}$.

Proof In $\text{CS}_k(n, 3)$, if we exchange the labels of two vertices u and v , then by Lemma 2.1, it is routine to verify that one of the follow cases must exist:

- if u and v are adjacent, then $e(0)$ changes by $\pm 0, \pm 2$ or ± 4 ;
 - if u and v are not adjacent, then $e(0)$ changes by $\pm 0, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 6$ or ± 8 .
- Since $e(1) - e(0) = q - 2e(0)$, the theorem holds. \square

Theorem 2.5 For odd $n \geq 7$, $\text{FI}(\text{CS}(n, 3)) = \{1, 3, \dots, n\} \cup \{n + 2, n + 6, n + 10, \dots, 3n - 8\}$.

Proof By Theorem 1.4 and Lemma 2.2, $\text{FI}(\text{CS}(n, 3)) \subseteq \{1, 3, 5, \dots, 3n - 8\}$. Theorem 2.4 then implies that the labelings with $e(0) - e(1) = 3n - 10, 3n - 14, 3n - 18, \dots$ do not exist if $e(0) - e(1) > 0$. Hence, it suffices to show that there exists labeling for $e(0) - e(1) \in \{3n - 8, 3n - 12, 3n - 16, \dots, 3, -1, -5, \dots, -n\}$ or $e(0) - e(1) \in \{3n - 8, 3n - 12, 3n - 16, \dots, 1, -3, -7, \dots, -n\}$. Let $G_k = \{\text{CS}_{|3n-8k|}(n, 3), \text{CS}_{|3n-8k-4|}(n, 3)\}$ ($k = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n-1}{2}$). We define

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n+1}{2}; \\ 1, & \text{for } i = \frac{n+1}{2} + 1, \frac{n+1}{2} + 2, \dots, n, \end{cases}$$

and

$$f(w_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n-1}{2}; \\ 1, & \text{for } i = \frac{n-1}{2} + 1, \frac{n-1}{2} + 2, \dots, n. \end{cases}$$

So, we get $CS_{3n-8}(n, 3)$ with $e(0) = 3n - 4, e(1) = 4$. We now exchange the labels of u_1 and w_n in $CS_{3n-8}(n, 3)$ to decrease $e(0)$ by 2. So, we get $CS_{3n-12}(n, 3)$. We have obtained G_1 . In the following four cases, we obtain the labeling in G_k ($2 \leq k \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$) successively. This shows that the graphs in G_k yield all the friendly indices of $CS(n, 3)$.

Case 1 $n \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$. When $2 \leq k \leq \frac{3n-11}{8}$, the above labeling process gives the $CS_a(n, 3)$ for $a = e(0) - e(1) \in \{3n - 16, 3n - 20, 3n - 24, \dots, 7\}$. For $k = \frac{3n-3}{8}$, we get the $CS_3(n, 3)$ and $CS_1(n, 3)$ with $e(0) - e(1) = 3$ and -1 , respectively. Theorem 2.4 then implies that the $CS_a(n, 3)$ with $e(0) - e(1) = -3, -7, -11, \dots$ do not exist. So, when $\frac{3n+5}{8} \leq k \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$, we get the $CS_a(n, 3)$ for $-a = e(0) - e(1) \in \{-5, -9, -13, \dots, 4 - n, -n\}$. Hence, we have obtained all the possible friendly indices.

Case 2 $n \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$. When $2 \leq k \leq \frac{3n-9}{8}$, the above labeling process gives the $CS_a(n, 3)$ for $a = e(0) - e(1) \in \{3n - 16, 3n - 20, 3n - 24, \dots, 9, 5\}$. For $k = \frac{3n-1}{8}$, we have the $CS_1(n, 3)$ and $CS_3(n, 3)$ with $e(0) - e(1) = 1$ and -3 , respectively. Theorem 2.4 implies that the $CS_a(n, 3)$ with $e(0) - e(1) = -1, -5, -9, \dots$ do not exist. So, when $\frac{3n+7}{8} \leq k \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$, we get the $CS_a(n, 3)$ for $-a = e(0) - e(1) \in \{-7, -11, -15, \dots, 4 - n, -n\}$. Hence, we have obtained all the possible friendly indices.

Case 3 $n \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$. When $2 \leq k \leq \frac{3n-15}{8}$, the above labeling process gives the $CS_a(n, 3)$ for $a = e(0) - e(1) \in \{3n - 16, 3n - 20, 3n - 24, \dots, 7, 3\}$. Theorem 2.4 implies that the $CS_a(n, 3)$ with $e(0) - e(1) = -3, -7, -11, \dots$ do not exist. So, when $\frac{3n-7}{8} \leq k \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$, we get the $CS_a(n, 3)$ for $-a = e(0) - e(1) \in \{-1, -5, -9, \dots, 4 - n, -n\}$. Hence, we have obtained all the possible friendly indices.

Case 4 $n \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$. When $2 \leq k \leq \frac{3n-13}{8}$, the above labeling process gives the $CS_a(n, 3)$ for $a = e(0) - e(1) \in \{3n - 16, 3n - 20, 3n - 24, \dots, 5, 1\}$. Theorem 2.4 implies that the $CS_a(n, 3)$ with $e(0) - e(1) = -1, -5, -9, \dots$ do not exist. So, when $\frac{3n-5}{8} \leq k \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$, we get the $CS_a(n, 3)$ for $-a = e(0) - e(1) \in \{-3, -7, -11, \dots, 4 - n, -n\}$. Hence, we have obtained all the possible friendly indices.

The proof is completed. \square

Theorem 2.6 For $n \geq 8$ and $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$, $FI(CS(n, 3)) = \{0, 4, 8, \dots, 3n - 8\}$.

Proof By Theorem 1.4 and Lemma 2.2, $FI(CS(n, 3)) \subseteq \{0, 2, 4, \dots, 3n - 8\}$. Theorem 2.4 implies that the labelings with $e(0) - e(1) = 3n - 10, 3n - 14, 3n - 18, \dots, 2, -2, -6, \dots$ do not exist. It suffices to show that the friendly indices listed in the theorem are attainable. Let

$G_k = \{\text{CS}_{3n-8k}(n, 3), \text{CS}_{3n-8k-4}(n, 3)\}$. Define

$$f(u_i) = f(w_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2}; \\ 1, & \text{for } i = \frac{n}{2} + 1, \frac{n}{2} + 2, \dots, n. \end{cases}$$

We get $\text{CS}_{3n-8}(n, 3)$ with $e(0) = 3n - 4, e(1) = 4$. We now exchange the labels of u_1 and w_n in $\text{CS}_{3n-8}(n, 3)$ to decrease $e(0)$ by 2. So we get $\text{CS}_{3n-12}(n, 3)$. We have obtained G_1 . We consider two cases.

Case 1 $n \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$. To obtain G_k ($2 \leq k \leq \frac{3n}{8}$), we exchange the labels of w_k and w_{n-k+1} in G_{k-1} . This is attainable since $e(0)$ decreases by 4 after each exchange so that $e(0) - e(1)$ decreases by 8 successively. When $2 \leq k \leq \frac{3n}{8} - 1$, the above labeling process gives the graphs $\text{CS}_a(n, 3)$ for $a = e(0) - e(1) \in \{3n - 16, 3n - 20, 3n - 24, \dots, 4\}$. For $k = \frac{3n}{8}$, we have $\text{CS}_0(n, 3)$ and $\text{CS}_4(n, 3)$ with $e(0) - e(1) = 0$ and -4 , respectively. Hence, we have obtained all the possible friendly indices.

Case 2 $n \equiv 4 \pmod{8}$. To obtain G_k ($2 \leq k \leq \frac{3n-4}{8}$), we exchange the labels of w_k and w_{n-k+1} in G_{k-1} . As in Case 1, $e(0) - e(1)$ decreases by 8 successively. The above labeling process gives the $\text{CS}_a(n, 3)$ for $a = e(0) - e(1) \in \{3n - 16, 3n - 20, 3n - 24, \dots, 0\}$. Hence, we have obtained all the possible friendly indices.

The proof is completed. \square

Theorem 2.7 For $n \geq 6$ and $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$, $\text{FI}(\text{CS}(n, 3)) = \{2, 6, 10, \dots, 3n - 8\}$.

Proof By Theorem 1.4 and Lemma 2.2, $\text{FI}(\text{CS}(n, 3)) \subseteq \{0, 2, 4, \dots, 3n - 8\}$. Theorem 2.4 implies that the labelings with $e(0) - e(1) = 3n - 10, 3n - 14, 3n - 18, \dots, 4, 0, -4, \dots$ do not exist. It suffices to show that the values are attainable. Let $G_k = \{\text{CS}_{3n-8k}(n, 3), \text{CS}_{3n-8k-4}(n, 3)\}$. Define

$$f(u_i) = f(w_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2}; \\ 1, & \text{for } i = \frac{n}{2} + 1, \frac{n}{2} + 2, \dots, n. \end{cases}$$

We get $\text{CS}_{3n-8}(n, 3)$ with $e(0) = 3n - 4, e(1) = 4$. We now exchange the labels of u_1 and w_n in $\text{CS}_{3n-8}(n, 3)$ to decrease $e(0)$ by 2. So we get $\text{CS}_{3n-12}(n, 3)$. We consider two cases.

Case 1 $n \equiv 2 \pmod{8}$. To obtain G_k ($2 \leq k \leq \frac{3n-6}{8}$), we exchange the labels of w_k and w_{n-k+1} in G_{k-1} . This is attainable since $e(0)$ decreases by 4 after each exchange so that $e(0) - e(1)$ decreases by 8 successively. The above labeling process gives the $\text{CS}_a(n, 3)$ for $a = e(0) - e(1) \in \{3n - 16, 3n - 20, 3n - 24, \dots, 2\}$. Hence, we have obtained all the possible friendly indices.

Case 2 $n \equiv 6 \pmod{8}$. To obtain G_k ($2 \leq k \leq \frac{3n-2}{8}$), we exchange the labels of w_k and w_{n-k+1} in G_{k-1} . As in Case 1, $e(0) - e(1)$ decreases by 8 successively. When $2 \leq k \leq \frac{3n-10}{8}$, the above labeling process gives the $\text{CS}_a(n, 3)$ for $a = e(0) - e(1) \in \{3n - 16, 3n - 20, 3n - 24, \dots, 6\}$. For $k = \frac{3n-2}{8}$, we have the $\text{CS}_a(n, 3)$ with $e(0) - e(1) = 2$ and -2 , respectively. Hence, we have obtained all the possible friendly indices.

The proof is completed. \square

Corollary 2.8 *The graph $CS(n, 3)$ is cordial if and only if n is odd or $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$. Moreover, the friendly indices form an arithmetic sequence if and only if n is even.*

3. The friendly index sets of $CS(n, 4)$

When $m = 4$, $CS(n, 4)$ is shown in Figure 7 with the K_4 subgraphs given by vertices in $\{u_1, u_n, v_n, w_n\}$ and in $\{u_i, u_{i+1}, v_i, w_i\}$ for $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$.

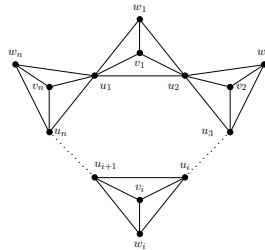


Figure 7 Graph $CS(n, 4)$

Each vertex of a K_4 can be labeled with 0 or 1, it is easy to verify that $e(0)$ is either 6, 3 or 2. The following lemma then follows.

Lemma 3.1 *In all possible $(0, 1)$ -labelings of the vertices of a K_4 , we have $e(0) - e(1) = 6, 0$ or -2 .*

Lemma 3.2 *For $n \geq 3$, $\max\{FI(CS(n, 4))\} \leq 6(n - 2)$.*

Proof The graph $CS(n, 4)$ has $3n$ vertices and $6n$ edges. We first show that $\max |e(1) - e(0)| \leq 6(n - 2)$. By Lemma 3.1, we know $\max |e(0) - e(1)|$ is attained if each K_4 subgraph of $CS(n, 4)$ contributes six or three 0-edges. If at most one K_4 -subgraph contributes three 0-edges, such a labeling is not friendly. Hence, at least two K_4 subgraphs of $CS(n, 4)$ contribute three 0-edges. Therefore, $\max |e(0) - e(1)| \leq 6(n - 2)$. \square

A K_4 subgraph is of Type 1 (respectively, Types 2 and 3) if it has six (respectively, three and two) 0-edges.

Lemma 3.3 *For odd $n > 3$ (respectively even $n \geq 4$), the $CS_{6(n-2)-4}(n, 4)$ (respectively $CS_{6(n-2)-2}(n, 4)$) does not exist.*

Proof Consider the $CS_{6(n-2)-2t}(n, 4)$, $t = 1, 2$. Suppose the number of Types 1 and 3 subgraphs are y and z , respectively, and all other K_4 subgraphs are of Type 2. Note that $0 \leq y \leq n - 2$ and $0 \leq z \leq n$. Hence, we must have $|6y - 2z| = 6(n - 2) - 2t$. We first consider $6y - 2z = 6(n - 2) - 2t$.

Case 1 $n > 3$ is odd. Suppose $t = 2$, then $6y - 2z = 6(n - 2) - 4$ or $3(n - 2 - y) = 2 - z \geq 0$. Hence, $z = 2$ and $y = n - 2$. Moreover, there exist no Type 2 subgraphs. Clearly, the two Type 3 subgraphs do not have any common vertex. Hence, we may assume $f(u_i) = f(v_i) = x$ ($1 \leq i \leq (n + 1)/2$) and $f(w_n) = f(w_i) = x$ ($1 \leq i \leq (n - 1)/2$) whereas the remaining vertices

are labeled with $1 - x$. However, this labeling is not friendly, a contradiction.

Case 2 $n \geq 4$ is even. Suppose $t = 1$, then $6y - 2z = 6(n - 2) - 2$ or $3(n - 2 - y) = 1 - z \geq 0$. Hence, $z = 1$ and $y = n - 2$. Since n is even, so is y . So, the $CS_{6(n-2)-2}(n, 4)$ has exactly one Type 2 subgraph. Clearly, the Type 2 and the Type 3 subgraph do not have any common vertex. Hence, we may assume $f(w_n) = f(u_i) = f(v_i) = f(w_i) = x$ ($1 \leq i \leq n/2$) and the remaining vertices are labeled with $1 - x$. However, the labeling is not friendly, a contradiction.

We now consider $2z - 6y = 6(n - 2) - 2t$. If $n > 3$ is odd, we have $6(n - 2) - 4 > 2n \geq 2z \geq 2z - 6y$, a contradiction. If $n \geq 4$ is even, we have $6(n - 2) - 2 > 2n \geq 2z \geq 2z - 6y$, also a contradiction. \square

Theorem 3.4 For $n = 3$ and 4, $FI(CS(3, 4)) = \{0, 2, 4, 6\}$; $FI(CS(4, 4)) = \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12\}$.

Proof For $n = 3$, the labelings are illustrated in Figure 8.

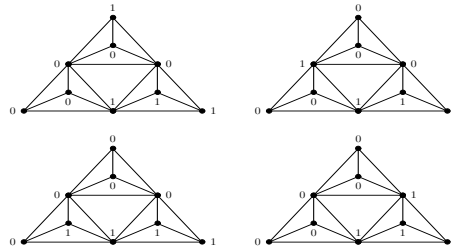


Figure 8 The friendly labelings of $CS(3,4)$

For $n = 4$, the labelings are illustrated in Figure 9.

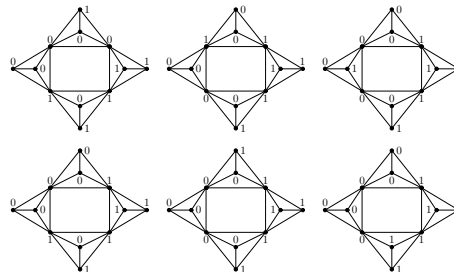


Figure 9 The friendly labelings of $CS(4,4)$

Theorem 3.5 For odd $n \geq 5$, $FI(CS(n, 4)) = \{0, 2, 4, \dots, 6(n - 2) - 6\} \cup \{6(n - 2) - 2, 6(n - 2)\}$.

Proof By Theorem 1.4 and Lemmas 3.2 and 3.3, it suffices to show that all the friendly indices listed in the theorem are attainable. Define

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } i = 1, 3, \dots, n; \\ 0, & \text{for } i = 2, 4, \dots, n - 1, \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_i) = f(w_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } i = 1, 3, \dots, n - 2; \\ 0, & \text{for } i = 2, 4, \dots, n - 1, \end{cases}$$

and $f(v_n) = 1, f(w_n) = 0$. We have $v(1) - v(0) = 1$ and each K_4 subgraph is of Type 2. Hence, we get $CS_0(n, 4)$. Now, exchanging the labels of u_2 and v_1 to decrease $e(0)$ by 1. Hence, we get the $CS_2(n, 4)$ with $e(1) - e(0) = 2$.

Next, we divide the vertices v_1 to v_{n-1} into $(n - 1)/2$ pairs of vertices v_i, v_{i+1} for $i = 1, 3, 5, \dots, n - 2$. Beginning with $CS_0(n, 4)$, we now exchange the labels of v_1 and v_2 to decrease $e(0)$ by 2. Hence, we get $CS_4(n, 4)$ with $e(1) - e(0) = 4$. Using $CS_4(n, 4)$, we exchange the labels of v_3 and v_4 to decrease $e(0)$ by 2 again. Hence, we get $CS_8(n, 4)$. Repeating the same process for each pair v_i, v_{i+1} , $i = 5, 7, \dots, n - 2$. After exchanging the labels of v_i and v_{i+1} , $i \in \{5, 7, \dots, n - 2\}$, we get $CS_{2(i+1)}(n, 4)$ with $e(1) - e(0) = 2(i + 1)$. In this process, we obtained $CS_a(n, 4)$ for $a \in \{4, 8, 12, \dots, 2(n - 1)\}$. Finally, we change the vertex label of v_n to 0 to get $CS_{2n}(n, 4)$.

We now begin with $CS_2(n, 4)$. We divide the vertices v_3 to v_{n-1} into $(n-3)/2$ pairs of vertices v_i, v_{i+1} . Repeating the same process as above will decrease $e(0)$ by 2. Hence, after exchanging the labels of v_i and v_{i+1} , $i = 3, 5, \dots, n - 2$, we get $CS_{2i}(n, 4)$ with $e(1) - e(0) = 2i$. In this process, we obtain $CS_a(n, 4)$ for $a \in \{6, 10, 14, \dots, 2n - 4\}$. Hence, $\{0, 2, 4, \dots, 2n\} \subseteq FI(CS(n, 4))$.

We now give the labeling graphs $CS_a(n, 4)$, $a \in \{2n + 2, 2n + 4, \dots, 6(n - 2) - 6\} \cup \{6(n - 2) - 2, 6(n - 2)\}$. We define

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n+1}{2}; \\ 1, & \text{for } i = \frac{n+1}{2} + 1, \frac{n+1}{2} + 2, \dots, n, \end{cases}$$

and

$$f(v_i) = f(w_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n-1}{2}; \\ 1, & \text{for } i = \frac{n+1}{2}, \frac{n+1}{2} + 1, \dots, n. \end{cases}$$

So, $v(0) = \frac{n+1}{2} + n - 1, v(1) = \frac{n+1}{2} + n, e(0) - e(1) = 6(n - 2)$. Now exchange the label of v_n in $CS_{6(n-2)}(n, 4)$ to 0 to get $CS_{6(n-2)-2}(n, 4)$ with $v(0) - v(1) = 1$. To complete the proof, we need the six labeling graphs $CS_a(n, 4)$, $a = 6(n - 2) - 6, 6(n - 2) - 8, \dots, 6(n - 2) - 16$. They can be obtained as follows:

- (1) In $CS_{6(n-2)}(n, 4)$, exchange the labels of u_1 and v_n so that $e(1)$ increases by 3 and $e(0)$ decreases by 3. We get $CS_{6(n-2)-6}(n, 4)$.
- (2) In $CS_{6(n-2)-2}(n, 4)$, exchange the labels of u_1 and w_n so that $e(1)$ increases by 3 and $e(0)$ decreases by 3. We get $CS_{6(n-2)-8}(n, 4)$.
- (3) In $CS_{6(n-2)-6}(n, 4)$, exchange the labels of w_1 and w_n so that $e(1)$ increases by 2 and $e(0)$ decreases by 2. We get $CS_{6(n-2)-10}(n, 4)$.
- (4) In $CS_{6(n-2)-6}(n, 4)$, exchange the labels of u_n and v_n so that $e(1)$ increases by 3 and $e(0)$ decreases by 3. We get $CS_{6(n-2)-12}(n, 4)$.
- (5) In $CS_{6(n-2)-8}(n, 4)$, exchange the labels of u_n and w_n so that $e(1)$ increases by 3 and $e(0)$ decreases by 3. We get $CS_{6(n-2)-14}(n)$.
- (6) In $CS_{6(n-2)-10}(n, 4)$, exchange the labels of u_n and v_n so that $e(1)$ increases by 3 and $e(0)$ decreases by 3. We get $CS_{6(n-2)-16}(n)$.

We have now obtained $CS_{6(n-2)-6}(n, 4), CS_{6(n-2)-8}(n, 4), \dots, CS_{6(n-2)-16}(n, 4)$. Note that

the above labelings can give us the friendly index sets for $n = 5, 7$. We now assume $n \geq 9$. Observe that in (1) to (6) above, only the labels of u_1, u_n, v_n, w_1 or w_n are changed so that each labeling obtained has at least $\frac{n-3}{2}$ Type 1 subgraphs with all vertices labeled with 0, and at least $\frac{n-5}{2}$ Type 1 subgraph with all vertices labeled with 1. Moreover, the number of former subgraphs is more than the number of latter subgraphs.

Let $G_k = \{CS_{6(n-2)-6k}(n, 4), CS_{6(n-2)-2-6k}(n, 4), \dots, CS_{6(n-2)-10-6k}(n, 4)\}$, where $k \geq 1$ is odd. To obtain the G_k ($3 \leq k \leq \frac{n-5}{2}$ is odd), we change the labels of v_k and $v_{(n-1)/2+k}$ in G_{k-2} . This is attainable since $e(0)$ decreases by 6 after each change so that $e(0) - e(1)$ decreases by 12 successively.

Note that there are $2n - 9$ even numbers from $2n + 2$ to $6(n - 2) - 18$ inclusive. We divide them into $\lfloor \frac{2n-9}{6} \rfloor$ groups of six successive even numbers. Since $6(\frac{n-5}{2}) > \lceil \frac{2n-9}{6} \rceil$, we must eventually obtain the $CS_{2n+2}(n, 4)$. Therefore, $FI(CS(n, 4)) = \{0, 2, 4, \dots, 6(n - 2) - 6\} \cup \{6(n - 2) - 2, 6(n - 2)\}$. \square

Theorem 3.6 *When $n \geq 6$ is even, $FI(CS(n, 4)) = \{0, 2, 4, \dots, 6(n - 2) - 4\} \cup \{6(n - 2)\}$.*

Proof By Theorem 1.4 and Lemmas 3.2 and 3.3, it suffices to show that all the values are attainable. First, let

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } i = 1, 3, \dots, n - 1; \\ 0, & \text{for } i = 2, 4, \dots, n, \end{cases}$$

and

$$f(v_i) = f(w_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } i = 1, 3, \dots, n - 1; \\ 0, & \text{for } i = 2, 4, \dots, n. \end{cases}$$

Then we have $v(1) = v(0)$ and each K_4 subgraph is of Type 2. Hence, we get $CS_0(n, 4)$. Now, exchanging the labels of u_2 and v_1 to decrease $e(0)$ by 1. Hence, we get the $CS_2(n, 4)$ with $e(1) - e(0) = 2$.

Next, we divide the vertices v_1 to v_n into $n/2$ pairs of vertices v_i, v_{i+1} for $i = 1, 3, 5, \dots, n - 1$. Beginning with $CS_0(n, 4)$, we now exchange the labels of v_1 and v_2 to decrease $e(0)$ by 2. Hence, we get $CS_4(n, 4)$ with $e(1) - e(0) = 4$. Using $CS_4(n, 4)$, we exchange the labels of v_3 and v_4 to decrease $e(0)$ by 2 again. Hence, we get $CS_8(n, 4)$. Repeating the same process for each pair v_i, v_{i+1} , $i = 5, 7, \dots, n - 1$. After exchanging the labels of v_i and v_{i+1} , $i \in \{5, 7, \dots, n - 1\}$, we get $CS_{2(i+1)}(n, 4)$ with $e(1) - e(0) = 2(i + 1)$. In this process, we obtain $CS_a(n, 4)$ for $a \in \{4, 8, 12, \dots, 2n\}$.

We now begin with $CS_2(n, 4)$. We divide the vertices v_3 to v_n into $(n - 2)/2$ pairs of vertices v_i, v_{i+1} . Repeating the same process as above will decrease $e(0)$ by 2. Hence, after exchanging the labels of v_i and v_{i+1} , $i = 3, 5, \dots, n - 1$, we get $CS_{2i}(n, 4)$ with $e(1) - e(0) = 2i$. In this process, we obtain $CS_a(n, 4)$ for $a \in \{6, 10, 14, \dots, 2n - 2\}$. Hence, $\{0, 2, 4, \dots, 2n\} \subseteq FI(CS(n, 4))$.

We now give the labeling $CS_a(n, 4)$, $a \in \{2n + 2, 2n + 4, \dots, 6(n - 2) - 4\} \cup \{6(n - 2)\}$. Define

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2}; \\ 1, & \text{for } i = \frac{n}{2} + 1, \frac{n}{2} + 2, \dots, n, \end{cases}$$

and

$$f(v_i) = f(w_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2}; \\ 1, & \text{for } i = \frac{n}{2} + 1, \frac{n}{2} + 2, \dots, n. \end{cases}$$

So $v(0) = v(1) = \frac{n}{2} + n$, $e(0) - e(1) = 6(n - 2)$, in $CS_{6(n-2)}(n, 4)$. Now exchange the label of $v_{\frac{n}{2}}, v_n$ in $CS_{6(n-2)}(n, 4)$ to get $CS_{6(n-2)-4}(n, 4)$. To complete the proof, we shall need the 5 labeling graphs $CS_a(n, 4)$, $a = 6(n - 2) - 6, 6(n - 2) - 8, \dots, 6(n - 2) - 14$ that can be obtained as follows:

- (1) In $CS_{6(n-2)}(n, 4)$, exchange the labels of u_1 and v_n so that $e(1)$ increases by 3 and $e(0)$ decreases by 3. We get $CS_{6(n-2)-6}(n, 4)$.
- (2) In $CS_{6(n-2)-4}(n, 4)$, exchange the labels of v_1 and $v_{\frac{n}{2}}$ so that $e(1)$ increases by 2 and $e(0)$ decreases by 2. We get $CS_{6(n-2)-8}(n, 4)$.
- (3) In $CS_{6(n-2)-4}(n, 4)$, exchange the labels of u_1 and w_n so that $e(1)$ increases by 3 and $e(0)$ decreases by 3. We get $CS_{6(n-2)-10}(n, 4)$.
- (4) In $CS_{6(n-2)-6}(n, 4)$, exchange the labels of u_n and v_n so that $e(1)$ increases by 3 and $e(0)$ decreases by 3. We get $CS_{6(n-2)-12}(n, 4)$.
- (5) In $CS_{6(n-2)-8}(n, 4)$, exchange the labels of u_n and v_n so that $e(1)$ increases by 3 and $e(0)$ decreases by 3. We get $CS_{6(n-2)-14}(n, 4)$.

We have now obtained the labeling graphs $CS_{6(n-2)-4}(n, 4), CS_{6(n-2)-6}(n, 4), CS_{6(n-2)-8}(n, 4), \dots, CS_{6(n-2)-14}(n, 4)$. Note that the above labelings can give us the friendly index sets for $n = 6$. We now assume $n \geq 8$. Observe that in $CS_{6(n-2)-4}(n, 4)$ and (1) to (5) above, only the labels of $u_1, u_n, v_{\frac{n}{2}}, v_n, w_n$ are changed so that each labeling graph obtained has at least $\frac{n-4}{2}$ Type 1 subgraphs with all vertices labeled with 0, and at least $\frac{n-4}{2}$ Type 1 subgraph with all vertices labeled with 1.

Let $G_k = \{CS_{6(n-2)+2-6k}(n, 4), CS_{6(n-2)-6k}(n, 4), \dots, CS_{6(n-2)-8-6k}(n, 4)\}$, where $k \geq 1$ is odd. To obtain the labeling graphs in G_k ($3 \leq k \leq \frac{n-4}{2}$ is odd), we change the labels of v_k and $v_{n/2+k}$ in G_{k-2} . This is attainable since $e(0)$ decreases by 6 after each change so that $e(0) - e(1)$ decreases by 12 successively.

Note that there are $2n - 8$ even numbers from $2n + 2$ to $6(n - 2) - 16$ inclusive. We divide them into $\lfloor \frac{2n-8}{6} \rfloor$ groups of six successive even numbers. Since $6(\frac{n-4}{2}) > \lfloor \frac{2n-8}{6} \rfloor$, we must eventually obtain the labeling graphs $CS_{2n+2}(n, 4)$. Therefore, $FI(CS(n, 4)) = \{0, 2, 4, \dots, 6(n - 2) - 4\} \cup \{6(n - 2)\}$. \square

Corollary 3.7 *The graph $CS(n, 4)$ is cordial for all $n \geq 3$. Moreover, the friendly indices form an arithmetic sequence if and only if $n = 3$.*

4. Discussion on the friendly index sets of $CS(n, m)$ ($m \geq 5$)

Theorem 4.1 *In all possible $(0, 1)$ -labelings of the vertices of a K_m , we have $|e(0) - e(1)| \leq \frac{m(m-1)}{2}$.*

Proof In a K_m , assume that there are i vertices labeled with x and $m - i$ vertices labeled with

$1 - x$ ($x \in \{0, 1\}$), then $e(0) = \frac{i(i-1)}{2} + \frac{(m-i)(m-i-1)}{2} = \frac{m(m-1)}{2} - i(m-i)$ and $e(1) = i(m-i)$. So, $e(0) - e(1) = \frac{m(m-1)}{2} + 2i(i-m)$. We consider two cases.

Case 1 When $i = 0$ or m , $e(0) = \frac{m(m-1)}{2}$, $e(1) = 0$ so $e(0) - e(1) = \frac{m(m-1)}{2}$;

Case 2 When $1 \leq i \leq m-1$, $m-1 \leq e(1) \leq \frac{m^2}{4}$ for even m , and $m-1 \leq e(1) \leq \frac{m^2-1}{4}$ for odd m . We consider 2 subcases.

Subcase (1). When $i = 1$ or $m-1$, $e(0) - e(1) = \frac{m(m-1)}{2} - 2(m-1) = \frac{m^2-5m+4}{2}$;

Subcase (2). When $i = \frac{m}{2}$ for even m , $e(1) - e(0) = \frac{m}{2}$. When $i = \frac{m-1}{2}$ or $i = \frac{m+1}{2}$ for odd m , $e(1) - e(0) = \frac{m-1}{2}$.

So, $|e(0) - e(1)| \leq \frac{m(m-1)}{2}$. \square

Theorem 4.2 For $m \geq 5$, $\max\{\text{FI}(\text{CS}(n, m))\}$ equals

- (1) $\frac{m(m-1)(n-2)}{2} + m^2 - 5m + 4$ if n is even;
- (2) $\frac{m(m-1)(n-3)}{2} + \frac{2m^2-7m+5}{2}$ if n, m are odd;
- (3) $\frac{m(m-1)(n-3)}{2} + \frac{2m^2-7m+8}{2}$ if n is odd and m is even.

Proof By Theorem 4.1, we know $|e(0) - e(1)|$ is maximum when the number of subgraphs K_m that contain only 0-edges is $n-2$. Let the n subgraphs K_m be denoted by K_m^t ($t = 1, 2, \dots, n$).

Case 1 $n \geq 4$ is even. Let the vertices in K_m^t ($t = 1, 2, \dots, (n-2)/2$) be labeled with 0 and the vertices in K_m^t ($t = (n+2)/2, (n+4)/2, \dots, n-1$) be labeled with 1. Now, label all the $(m-2)$ unlabeled vertices in $K_m^{n/2}$ with 0 and all the $m-2$ unlabeled vertices in K_m^n with 1. We then get a friendly labeling with $\max|e(0) - e(1)| = \frac{nm(m-1)}{2} - 4(m-1) = \frac{m(m-1)(n-2)}{2} + m^2 - 5m + 4$.

Case 2 Let $n = 3$. We consider two subcases.

Subcase (1). $m \geq 5$ is odd. Label all the vertices in K_m^1 with x . Recall that u_3 is the common vertex of K_m^2 and K_m^3 . For the remaining $m-1$ vertices in K_m^2 and in K_m^3 , let the number of vertices labeled with $1-x$ be i and j , respectively, such that $i \leq j$ satisfying:

$$i = (m-1)/2, j = m-1; \tag{1.1}$$

and

$$(m+1)/2 \leq i \leq j \leq m-2, \quad i+j = 3(m-1)/2. \tag{1.2}$$

Since the labeling is friendly, all the i and j vertices are distinct.

In (1.1), we get $e(0) - e(1) = \frac{2m^2-7m+5}{2}$. In (1.2), we consider three cases:

(I). Vertex u_3 is labeled with x . We have $e(1) = i(m-i) + j(m-j)$. So, $e(0) - e(1) = 3m(m-1)/2 - 2e(1) = 3m(m-1)/2 + 2[i(i-m) + j(j-m)] = 2(i^2 + j^2) - 3m(m-1)/2$. Hence, $\max\{e(0) - e(1)\} = \frac{2m^2-11m+17}{2}$ when $i = (m+1)/2, j = m-2$.

(II). u_3 is one of the i vertices labeled with $1-x$. We have $e(1) = i(m-i) + (j+1)(m-j-1)$. So, $e(0) - e(1) = 3m(m-1)/2 + 2[i(i-m) + (j+1)(j+1-m)] = 2[i^2 + (j+1)^2] - m(3m+1)/2$. Hence, $\max\{e(0) - e(1)\} = \frac{2m^2-7m+5}{2}$ when $i = (m+1)/2, j = m-2$ as in (1.1) above.

(III). Vertex u_3 is one of the j vertices labeled with $1-x$. We have $e(1) = (i+1)(m-i) -$

1) + $j(m - j)$. So, $e(0) - e(1) = 3m(m - 1)/2 + 2[(i + 1)(i + 1 - m) + j(j - m)] = 2[(i + 1)^2 + j^2] - m(3m + 1)/2$. Hence, $\max\{e(0) - e(1)\} = \frac{2m^2 - 11m + 25}{2}$ when $i = (m + 1)/2, j = m - 2$.

Therefore, for odd $m \geq 5$, $\max\{e(0) - e(1)\} = \frac{2m^2 - 7m + 5}{2}$.

Subcase (2). $m \geq 6$ is even. We label the vertices as in Subcase (1) above satisfying:

$$i = m/2, j = m - 1 \text{ or } i = (m - 2)/2, j = m - 1, \tag{2.1}$$

$$(m + 2)/2 \leq i \leq j \leq m - 2, \quad i + j = (3m - 2)/2; \tag{2.2}$$

or

$$m/2 \leq i \leq j \leq m - 2, \quad i + j = (3m - 4)/2. \tag{2.3}$$

Recall that all the i and j vertices are distinct.

In (2.1), we get $e(0) - e(1) = \frac{2m^2 - 7m + 4}{2}$ or $\frac{2m^2 - 7m + 8}{2}$. In (2.2), we consider three cases:

(IV). Vertex u_3 is labeled with x . We have $e(1) = i(m - i) + j(m - j)$. So, $e(0) - e(1) = 2(i^2 + j^2) - m(3m - 1)/2$. Hence, $\max\{e(0) - e(1)\} = \frac{2m^2 - 11m + 20}{2}$ when $i = (m + 2)/2, j = m - 2$.

(V). Vertex u_3 is one of the i vertices labeled with $1 - x$. We have $e(1) = i(m - i) + (j + 1)(m - j - 1)$. So, $e(0) - e(1) = 3m(m - 1)/2 + 2[i(i - m) + (j + 1)(j + 1 - m)] = 2[i^2 + (j + 1)^2] - 3m(m + 1)/2$. Hence, $\max\{e(0) - e(1)\} = \frac{2m^2 - 7m + 8}{2}$ when $i = (m + 2)/2, j = m - 2$.

(VI). Vertex u_3 is one of the j vertices labeled with $1 - x$. We have $e(1) = (i + 1)(m - i - 1) + j(m - j)$. So, $e(0) - e(1) = 3m(m - 1)/2 + 2[(i + 1)(i + 1 - m) + j(j - m)] = 2[(i + 1)^2 + j^2] - 3m(m + 1)/2$. Hence, $\max\{e(0) - e(1)\} = \frac{2m^2 - 11m + 32}{2}$ when $i = (m + 2)/2, j = m - 2$.

In (2.3), we also consider three cases.

(VII). Vertex u_3 is labeled with x . We have $e(1) = i(m - i) + j(m - j)$. So, $e(0) - e(1) = 2(i^2 + j^2) - m(3m - 5)/2$. Hence, $\max\{e(0) - e(1)\} = \frac{2m^2 - 11m + 16}{2}$ when $i = m/2, j = m - 2$.

(VIII). Vertex u_3 is one of the i vertices labeled with $1 - x$. We have $e(1) = i(m - i) + (j + 1)(m - j - 1)$. So, $e(0) - e(1) = 3m(m - 1)/2 + 2[i(i - m) + (j + 1)(j + 1 - m)] = 2[i^2 + (j + 1)^2] - m(3m - 1)/2$. Hence, $\max\{e(0) - e(1)\} = \frac{2m^2 - 7m + 4}{2}$ when $i = m/2, j = m - 2$.

(IX). Vertex u_3 is one of the j vertices labeled with $1 - x$. We have $e(1) = (i + 1)(m - i - 1) + j(m - j)$. So, $e(0) - e(1) = 3m(m - 1)/2 + 2[(i + 1)(i + 1 - m) + j(j - m)] = 2[(i + 1)^2 + j^2] - m(3m - 1)/2$. Hence, $\max\{e(0) - e(1)\} = \frac{2m^2 - 11m + 20}{2}$ when $i = m/2, j = m - 2$.

Therefore, for even $n \geq 6$, $\max\{e(0) - e(1)\} = \frac{2m^2 - 7m + 8}{2}$.

Case 3 $n \geq 5$ is odd. We consider two subcases.

Subcase (3). $m \geq 5$ is odd. By Theorem 4.1, we seek to maximize the number of subgraph K_m with all 0-edges only. Without loss of generality, we label the vertices of K_m^t by x for $2 \leq t \leq (n + 1)/2$, and by $1 - x$ for $(n + 5)/2 \leq t \leq n$. We then label all the remaining $(m - 1)$ vertices in K_m^1 by $1 - x$. For $K_m^{(n+3)/2}$, we label $(m - 1)/2$ of the unlabeled vertices by $(1 - x)$ and the rest by x . We now have a friendly labeling with maximum 0-edges. By Subcase (1), we can get the maximum of $|e(0) - e(1)|$ is $\frac{m(m-1)(n-3)}{2} + \frac{2m^2 - 7m + 5}{2}$.

Subcase (4). $m \geq 6$ is even. Similarly to Subcase (3) above, by Theorem 4.1 and Subcase (2), we can get the maximum of $|e(0) - e(1)|$ is $\frac{m(m-1)(n-3)}{2} + \frac{2m^2-7m+8}{2}$. \square

Theorem 4.3 *If $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ and $m = k^2$ (k an integer), then $CS(n, m)$ is cordial.*

Proof Suppose $CS(n, m)$ is cordial, then $e(0) - e(1) = 0$. Assume every subgraph K_m has i 1-vertices and $i(m-i)$ 1-edges. By the given condition, we have $\frac{m(m-1)}{2} - i(m-i) = i(m-i)$ so that $i = \frac{m \pm \sqrt{m}}{2}$. Define a friendly labeling such that the number of subgraphs K_m having $\frac{m \pm \sqrt{m}}{2}$ 0-vertices and the number of subgraphs having $\frac{m \pm \sqrt{m}}{2}$ 1-vertices are equal. Now, $CS(n, m)$ is cordial since the labeling is attainable. \square

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