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Odd Prime Labeling of Various Snake Graphs

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ABSTRACT

For a graph G(V, E), a function f is called an odd prime labeling, given that f is a bijection from V to $\{1, 3, 5, ..., 2|V|-1\}$, satisfying gcd(f(u), f(v)) = 1, for each $uv \in E$. A graph admitting this labeling is called an odd prime graph. Various snake graphs like *n*-polygonal snake, double *n*polygonal snake, alternate *n*-polygonal snake, double alternate triangular snake, irregular triangular snake, irregular quadrilateral snake are proved to be odd prime graphs.

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INTRODUCTION

Finite, simple, undirected, non-trivial and connected graphs have been considered in this paper. *V* or *V*(*G*) and *E* or *E*(*G*) of a graph *G*(*V*, *E*) are the vertex and edge set respectively, where |V| and |E| are the number of elements in *V* and *E* respectively. Gross and Yellen¹ is referred for graph theoretical notations and terminologies. Burton² is referred for number theoretical notations. Assignment of integers to vertices and/or edges of a graph subject to certain conditions is known as graph labeling.³ Gallian³ is referred for the latest survey of graph labeling. Different labeling has been proved on various snake graphs including prime labeling. Odd prime labeling is a variation of prime labeling. This paper attempts to prove various snake graphs to have odd prime labeling. We start with few notations and definitions required in the paper.

Notation: 1 For each natural number *n*, [n] and O_n respectively are the set of first *n* natural numbers and the set of first *n* odd natural numbers. i.e $[n] = \{1, 2, 3, ..., n\}$ and $O_n = \{1, 3, 5, ..., 2n-1\}$.^{4, 5}

Definition: 2 Let P_k $(k \ge 2)$ be a path with consecutive vertices $v_1, v_2, ..., v_k$. An *n*-polygonal snake $(n \ge 3)$ is obtained from the path P_k whose vertex set $V = V(P_k) \cup \{u_{i,j} | i \in [k-1], j \in [n-2]\}$ and the edge set is $E = E(P_k) \cup \{v_i u_{i,1}, u_{i,j-1} u_{i,j}, u_{i,n-2} v_{i+1} | i \in [k-1], j \in [n-2] - \{1\}\}$. We denote it as $S_k(C_n)$. i.e. a snake of path P_k where each edge of P_k is replaced by a cycle C_n .⁶

Definition: 3 An alternate triangular snake is obtained from the path P_n by replacing each alternate edge of the path by a triangle C_3 . It is denoted as $A(T_n)$.⁷

Similar to alternate triangular snake, we define the following:

Definition: 4 An alternate *n*-polygonal snake $(n \ge 3)$ is obtained from the path P_k $(k \ge 2)$ by replacing each alternate edge of the path by C_n . We denote it as $AS_k(C_n)$.

Definition: 5 A double triangular snake consists of two triangular snakes that have a common path P_n . It is denoted by $D(T_n)$.⁸

Similar to double triangular snake, we define the following:

Definition: 6 A double *n*-polygonal snake $(n \ge 3)$ consists of two *n*-polygonal snakes that have a common path P_k $(k \ge 2)$. We denote it as $DS_k(C_n)$.

Definition: 7 A double alternate triangular snake consists of two similar alternate triangular snakes that have a common path P_n . It is denoted as $DA(T_n)$.⁸

Definition: 8 Let P_n $(n \ge 3)$ be a path with consecutive vertices $v_1, v_2, ..., v_n$. An **irregular triangular snake** $(n \ge 3)$ is obtained from the path P_n whose vertex set $V = V(P_n) \cup \{u_i \mid i \in [n-2]\}$ and the edge set is $E = E(P_n) \cup \{v_i u_i, u_i v_{i+2} \mid i \in [n-2]\}$. It is denoted as IT_n .⁹

Definition: 9 Let P_n $(n \ge 3)$ be a path with consecutive vertices $v_1, v_2, ..., v_n$. An **irregular quadrilateral** snake $(n \ge 3)$ is obtained from the path P_n whose vertex set $V = V(P_n) \cup \{u_i, w_i \mid i \in [n-2]\}$ and the edge set is $E = E(P_n) \cup \{v_i u_i, u_i w_i, w_i v_{i+2} \mid i \in [n-2]\}$. It is denoted as IQ_n .⁹

Prime labeling was originated by Entringer and first introduced by Tout et al¹⁰ in their paper. This labeling is defined as follows:

Definition: 10 For a graph G(V, E) with *n* vertices, a bijection $f: V \to [n]$ is called **prime labeling** if gcd(f(u), f(v)) = 1, for each $uv \in E$. The graph admitting prime labeling is called a **prime graph**.¹⁰

Carlson¹¹ proved that generalized books are prime graphs. Seoud and Youssef¹² proved that C_m -snakes are prime graphs. Ganesan et al¹³ proved that cycle-cactus $C_k^{(n)}$ and triangular book $B_{3,n}$ are prime graphs. Vaidya and Prajapati¹⁴ proved that tadpole, also called kite or dragon is a prime graph.

A variation of prime labeling, called odd prime labeling was introduced by Prajapati and Shah.⁵

Definition: 11 For a graph G(V,E) with *n* vertices, a bijective function $f: V \to O_n$ is called **odd** prime labeling if for each $uv \in E$, gcd(f(u), f(v)) = 1. The graph admitting this labeling is called an odd prime graph.⁵

Prajapati and Shah⁵ proved that graphs like path, ladder graph, complete graph K_n iff $n \le 4$, complete bipartite graphs under certain conditions, wheel graph, helm graph, fan graph, friendship graph, Petersen graph P(n,2) and many more are odd prime graphs. Graphs obtained by duplicating each vertex by an edge and each edge by a vertex in a path, star graph, cycle and wheel graph are all odd prime graphs is also proved by them.¹⁵

MAIN RESULTS

Theorem: 1 $S_k(C_n)$, $n \ge 3$, $k \ge 2$ is an odd prime graph.

Proof: Consider an *n*-polygonal snake $S_k(C_n)$ on a path with *k* consecutive vertices $v_1, v_2, ..., v_k$. Let the vertex set of $S_k(C_n)$ be $V = V(P_k) \cup \{u_{i,j} | i \in [k-1], j \in [n-2]\}$. Hence, |V| = nk - (n+k) + 2 and its edge set is $E = E(P_k) \cup \{v_i u_{i,1}, u_{i,j-1} u_{i,j}, u_{i,n-2} v_{i+1} | i \in [k-1], j \in [n-2] - \{1\}\}$. Let $f: V \to O_{|V|}$ be defined as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} (2n-2)i - 2n + 3, & \text{if } x = v_i, i \in [k]; \\ (2n-2)i - 2n + 2j + 3, & \text{if } x = u_{i,j}, i \in [k-1], j \in [n-2]. \end{cases}$$

For each $e \in E$, if

1.
$$e = v_i v_{i+1}, i \in [k-1], \operatorname{gcd}(f(v_i), f(v_{i+1})) = \operatorname{gcd}((2n-2)i - 2n + 3, (2n-2)i + 1) = 1;$$

2. $e = v_i u_{i,1}, i \in [k-1], \operatorname{gcd}(f(v_i), f(u_{i,1})) = \operatorname{gcd}((2n-2)i - 2n + 3, (2n-2)i - 2n + 5) = 1;$
3. $e = u_{i,n-2}v_{i+1}, i \in [k-1], \operatorname{gcd}(f(u_{i,n-2}), f(v_{i+1})) = \operatorname{gcd}((2n-2)i - 1, (2n-2)i + 1) = 1;$
4. $e = u_{i,j-1}u_{i,j}, i \in [k-1], j \in [n-2] - \{1\}, \operatorname{gcd}(f(u_{i,j-1}), f(u_{i,j}))$
 $= \operatorname{gcd}((2n-2)i - 2n + 2j + 1, (2n-2)i - 2n + 2j + 3) = 1.$

This shows that f admits odd prime labeling on $S_k(C_n)$ and hence it is an odd prime graph.

Theorem: 2 $DS_k(C_n)$, $n \ge 3$, $k \ge 2$ is an odd prime graph.

Proof: Consider a double *n*-polygonal snake on path of *k* consecutive vertices v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k . Let the vertex set of $DS_k(C_n)$ be $V = V(P_k) \cup \{u_{i,j}, w_{i,j} | i \in [k-1], j \in [n-2]\}$. Hence, |V| = 2nk - 2n - 3k + 4 and its edge set is $E = E(P_k) \cup \{v_i u_{i,1}, u_{i,j-1} u_{i,j}, u_{i,n-2} v_{i+1}, v_i w_{i,1}, w_{i,j-1} w_{i,j}, w_{i,n-2} v_{i+1} | i \in [k-1], j \in [n-2] - \{1\}\}$.

Let
$$f: V \to O_{|V|}$$
 be defined as $f(x) = \begin{cases} (4n-6)i - 4n + 7, & \text{if } x = v_i, i \in [k]; \\ (4n-6)i - 4(n-j) + 5, & \text{if } x = u_{i,j}, i \in [k-1], j \in [n-2]; \\ (4n-6)i - 4(n-j) + 7, & \text{if } x = w_{i,j}, i \in [k-1], j \in [n-2]. \end{cases}$

For each $e \in E$, if

$$\begin{aligned} 1. \quad &e = v_i v_{i+1}, \ i \in [k-1], \ \gcd(f(v_i), f(v_{i+1})) = \gcd((4n-6)i-4n+7, (4n-6)i+1) = 1; \\ 2. \quad &e = v_i u_{i,1}, \ i \in [k-1], \ \gcd(f(v_i), f(u_{i,1})) = \gcd((4n-6)i-4n+7, (4n-6)i-4n+9) = 1; \\ 3. \quad &e = u_{i,n-2}v_{i+1}, \ i \in [k-1], \ \gcd(f(u_{i,n-2}), f(v_{i+1})) = \gcd((4n-6)i-3, (4n-6)i+1) = 1; \\ 4. \quad &e = u_{i,j-1}u_{i,j}, \ i \in [k-1], \ j \in [n-2] - \{1\}, \ \gcd(f(u_{i,j-1}), f(u_{i,j})) \\ &= \gcd((4n-6)i-4(n-j)+1, (4n-6)i-4(n-j)+5) = 1; \\ 5. \quad &e = v_i w_{i,1}, \ i \in [k-1], \ \gcd(f(v_i), f(w_{i,1})) = \gcd((4n-6)i-4n+7, (4n-6)i-4n+11) = 1; \\ 6. \quad &e = w_{i,n-2}v_{i+1}, \ i \in [k-1], \ \gcd(f(w_{i,n-2}), f(v_{i+1})) = \gcd((4n-6)i-1, (4n-6)i+1) = 1; \\ 7. \quad &e = w_{i,j-1}w_{i,j}, \ i \in [k-1], \ j \in [n-2] - \{1\}, \ \gcd(f(w_{i,j-1}), f(w_{i,j})) \\ &= \gcd((4n-6)i-4(n-j)+3, (4n-6)i-4(n-j)+7) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that f admits odd prime labeling on $DS_k(C_n)$ and hence it is an odd prime graph.

Theorem: 3 $AS_m(C_n)$, $m, n \ge 3$ is an odd prime graph.

Proof: Consider an alternate *n*-polygonal snake $AS_m(C_n)$ on a path with *m* consecutive vertices $v_1, v_2, ..., v_m$.

1. Let *m* be odd. In this case, $AS_m(C_n)$ is obtained from a path of $m = 2k - 1, (k \ge 2)$ consecutive vertices $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2k-1}$. Consider the vertex set $V = V(P_{2k-1}) \cup \{u_{i,j} \mid i \in [k-1], j \in [n-2]\}$. Hence |V| = n(k-1) + 1 and the edge set $E = E(P_{2k-1}) \cup \{v_{2i-1}u_{i,1}, u_{i,n-2}v_{2i}, u_{i,j-1}u_{i,j} \mid i \in [k-1], j \in [n-2] - \{1\}\}$.

Let $f: V \to O_{|V|}$ be defined as $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2n(i-1)+1, & \text{if } x = v_{2i-1}, i \in [k]; \\ 2ni-1, & \text{if } x = v_{2i}, i \in [k-1]; \\ 2n(i-1)+2j-1, & \text{if } x = u_{i,j}, i \in [k-1], j \in [n-2]. \end{cases}$

- 2. Let *m* be even. In this case, $AS_m(C_n)$ is obtained from a path of m = 2k, $(k \ge 2)$ consecutive vertices v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2k} . Here two non-isomorphic graphs are obtained:
 - (a) When the polygon starts with the first edge,

the vertex set $V = V(P_{2k}) \cup \{u_{i,j} \mid i \in [k], j \in [n-2]\}$ with |V| = nk and

the edge set
$$E = E(P_{2k}) \cup \{v_{2i-1}u_{i,1}, u_{i,n-2}v_{2i}, u_{i,j-1}u_{i,j} \mid i \in [k-1], j \in [n-2] - \{1\}\}$$

Let
$$f: V \to O_{|V|}$$
 be defined as $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2n(i-1)+1, & \text{if } x = v_{2i-1}, i \in [k]; \\ 2ni-1, & \text{if } x = v_{2i}, i \in [k]; \\ 2n(i-1)+2j-1, & \text{if } x = u_{i,j}, i \in [k-1], j \in [n-2]. \end{cases}$

(b) When the polygon starts with the second edge,

the vertex set $V = V(P_{2k}) \cup \{u_{i,j} | i \in [k-1], j \in [n-2]\}$ with |V| = n(k-1)+2 and

the edge set
$$E = E(P_{2k}) \cup \{v_{2i}u_{i,1}, u_{i,n-2}v_{2i+1}, u_{i,j-1}u_{i,j} | i \in [k-1], j \in [n-2] - \{1\}\}$$

Let
$$f: V \to O_{|V|}$$
 be defined as $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2n(i-1)+1, & \text{if } x = v_{2i-1}, i \in [k]; \\ 2n(i-1)+3, & \text{if } x = v_{2i}, i \in [k-1]; \\ 2n(i-1)+2j+3, & \text{if } x = u_{i,j}, i \in [k-1], j \in [n-2]. \end{cases}$

In each of the cases, it is easy to check that if $n-1=2^t$, then the functions defined in the respective cases will admit odd prime labeling on $AS_m(C_n)$.

If $n-1 \neq 2^t$, assume that *d* is an odd divisor of n-1.

For each $v_l \in V(P_{2k-1})$, whenever $f(v_l) = qd$ for some $q \in \Box$, $gcd(f(v_l), f(v_{l+1})) \neq 1$. In this case, either

$$\gcd\left(f\left(v_{l-1}\right), f\left(v_{l+1}\right)\right) = 1 \quad \text{or} \, \gcd\left(f\left(u_{\left\lceil \frac{l}{2} \right\rceil, 1}\right), f\left(v_{l+1}\right)\right) = 1. \text{ Interchange } f\left(v_{l}\right) \text{ by } f\left(v_{l-1}\right) \text{ or } f\left(u_{\left\lceil \frac{l}{2} \right\rceil, 1}\right)$$

accordingly and the function thus obtained will admit odd prime labeling on $AS_m(C_n)$ and it is an odd prime graph.

Theorem: 4 $DA(T_n)$, $n \ge 3$ is an odd prime graph.

Proof: Consider a double alternate triangular snake graph $DA(T_n)$ on a path with *m* consecutive vertices $v_1, v_2, ..., v_m$.

1. Let *n* be odd. In this case, $DA(T_n)$ is obtained from the path of n = 2k - 1, $(k \ge 2)$ consecutive vertices $v_1, v_2, ..., v_{2k-1}$. Consider the vertex set $V = V(P_{2k-1}) \cup \{u_i, w_i \mid i \in [k-1]\}$. Hence |V| = 4k - 1 and the edge set $E = E(P_{2k-1}) \cup \{v_{2i}u_i, u_iv_{2i+1}, v_{2i}w_i, w_iv_{2i+1} \mid i \in [k-1]\}$.

$$\begin{cases} 24i - 23, \text{ if } x = v_{6i-5}, i \in \left[\left\lfloor \frac{k+2}{3} \right\rfloor \right]; \\ 24i - 19, \text{ if } x = v_{6i-4}, i \in \left[\left\lfloor \frac{2k+3}{6} \right\rfloor \right]; \\ 24i - 17, \text{ if } x = v_{6i-3}, i \in \left[\left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{3} \right\rfloor \right]; \\ 24i - 17, \text{ if } x = v_{6i-2}, i \in \left[\left\lfloor \frac{2k+1}{6} \right\rfloor \right]; \\ 24i - 7, \text{ if } x = v_{6i-1}, i \in \left[\left\lfloor \frac{2k}{3} \right\rfloor \right]; \\ 24i - 5, \text{ if } x = v_{6i}, i \in \left[\left\lfloor \frac{2k}{3} \right\rfloor \right]; \\ 24i - 5, \text{ if } x = u_{6i}, i \in \left[\left\lfloor \frac{2k-1}{6} \right\rfloor \right]; \\ f(v_{2i+1}) - 4, \text{ if } x = u_{i}, i \in [k-1]; \\ f(v_{2i}) + 4, \text{ if } x = w_{i}, i \in [k-1]. \end{cases}$$

- 2. Let *n* be even. In this case, $DA(T_n)$ is obtained from a path of n = 2k, $(k \ge 2)$ consecutive vertices v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2k} . Here two non-isomorphic graphs are obtained:
 - (a) When the triangle starts from the first edge, the vertex set $V = V(P_{2k}) \cup \{u_i, w_i \mid i \in [k]\}$ with |V| = 4k and the edge set $E = E(P_{2k}) \cup \{v_{2i-1}u_i, u_iv_{2i}, v_{2i-1}w_i, w_iv_{2i} \mid i \in [k]\}$

$$\text{Let } f: V \to O_{|V|} \text{ be defined as } f(x) = \begin{cases} 16i - 13, \text{ if } x = v_{4i-3}, i \in \left[\left\lfloor \frac{2k+3}{4} \right\rfloor \right]; \\ 16i - 11, \text{ if } x = v_{4i-2}, i \in \left[\left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor \right]; \\ 16i - 3, \text{ if } x = v_{4i-1}, i \in \left[\left\lfloor \frac{2k+1}{4} \right\rfloor \right]; \\ 16i - 5, \text{ if } x = v_{4i}, i \in \left[\left\lfloor \frac{k}{2} \right\rfloor \right]; \\ 8i - 7, \text{ if } x = u_i, i \in [k]; \\ 8i - 1, \text{ if } x = w_i, i \in [k]. \end{cases}$$

(b) When the triangle starts from the edge, second the vertex set $V = V(P_{2k}) \cup \left\{ u_i, w_i \mid i \in [k-1] \right\}$ with |V| = 4k - 2and the edge set $E = E(P_{2k}) \cup \left\{ v_{2i}u_i, u_iv_{2i+1}, v_{2i}w_i, w_iv_{2i+1} \mid i \in [k-1] \right\}.$

$$Let \ f: V \to O_{|V|} \text{ be defined as } f(x) = \begin{cases} 24i - 23, \ \text{if } x = v_{6i-5}, i \in \left[\left\lfloor \frac{k+2}{3} \right\rfloor \right]; \\ 24i - 19, \ \text{if } x = v_{6i-4}, i \in \left[\left\lfloor \frac{2k+3}{6} \right\rfloor \right]; \\ 24i - 17, \ \text{if } x = v_{6i-3}, i \in \left[\left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{3} \right\rfloor \right]; \\ 24i - 13, \ \text{if } x = v_{6i-2}, i \in \left[\left\lfloor \frac{2k+1}{6} \right\rfloor \right]; \\ 24i - 7, \ \text{if } x = v_{6i-1}, i \in \left[\left\lfloor \frac{2k}{3} \right\rfloor \right]; \\ 24i - 5, \ \text{if } x = v_{6i}, i \in \left[\left\lfloor \frac{2k-1}{6} \right\rfloor \right]; \\ 8k - 5, \ \text{if } x = v_{2k}; \\ f(v_{2i+1}) - 4, \ \text{if } x = u_i, i \in [k-1]; \\ f(v_{2i}) + 4, \quad \text{if } x = w_i, i \in [k-1]. \end{cases}$$

In each of the cases, it is easy to check that the function defined in the respective cases admit odd prime labeling and so $DA(T_n)$ is an odd prime graph.

Theorem: 5 IT_n , $n \ge 3$ is an odd prime graph.

Proof: Consider an irregular triangular snake graph IT_n on a path with *n* consecutive vertices $v_1, v_2, ..., v_n$. Let the vertex set of IT_n be $V = V(P_n) \cup \{u_i \mid i \in [n-2]\}$. Hence |V| = 2n-2 and the edge set is $E = E(P_n) \cup \{v_i u_i, u_i v_{i+2} \mid i \in [n-2]\}$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \begin{aligned} 12i - 11, & \text{if } x = v_{3i-2}, i \in \left[\left\lfloor \frac{n+1}{3} \right\rfloor \right]; \\ & 12i - 7, & \text{if } x = v_{3i-1}, i \in \left[\left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor \right]; \\ & 12i - 5, & \text{if } x = v_{3i}, i \in \left[\left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{3} \right\rfloor \right]; \\ & 12i - 5, & \text{if } x = v_{3i}, i \in \left[\left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{3} \right\rfloor \right]; \\ & 4n - 3, & \text{if } x = v_{n}; \\ & 12i - 9, & \text{if } x = u_{3i-2}, i \in \left[\left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor \right]; \\ & 12i - 3, & \text{if } x = u_{3i-1}, i \in \left[\left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{3} \right\rfloor \right]; \\ & 12i - 1, & \text{if } x = u_{3i}, i \in \left[\left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{3} \right\rfloor \right]. \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to check that the function defined here admits odd prime labeling and hence IT_n is an odd prime graph.

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Theorem: 6 IQ_n , $n \ge 3$ is an odd prime graph.

Proof: Consider an irregular quadrilateral snake graph IQ_n on a path with *n* consecutive vertices $v_1, v_2, ..., v_n$. Let the vertex set of IQ_n be $V = V(P_n) \cup \{u_i, w_i \mid i \in [n-2]\}$. Hence |V| = 3n - 4 and the edge set is $E = E(P_n) \cup \{v_i u_i, u_i w_i, w_i v_{i+2} \mid i \in [n-2]\}$.

Let
$$f: V \to O_{|V|}$$
 be defined as $f(x) = \begin{cases} 6i-5, & \text{if } x = v_i, i \in [n-1]; \\ 6n-9, & \text{if } x = v_n; \\ 6i-3, & \text{if } x = u_i, i \in [n-2]; \\ 6i-1, & \text{if } x = w_i, i \in [n-2]. \end{cases}$

It is easy to check that the function defined here admits odd prime labeling and hence IQ_n is an odd prime graph.

CONCLUSION

Various snake graphs like *n*-polygonal snake, double *n*-polygonal snake, alternate *n*-polygonal snake, double alternate triangular snake, irregular triangular snake and irregular quadrilateral snake have been shown to be odd prime graph in this paper.

OPEN PROBLEMS

Investigating double alternate *n*-polygonal snake and irregular *n*-polygonal snakes for odd prime labeling can be considered as open problems for research work in future.

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