

# Prime Labeling For Duplication Of Graph Elements In $K_n - e$

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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  $1, 2, \dots, |V|$  such that for edge  $xy$  the labels assigned to  $x$  and  $y$  are relatively prime. A graph which admits prime labeling is called a prime graph. In this paper we investigate prime labeling for  $K_n - e$  where  $e$  is an edge. We also discuss prime labeling in the context of graph operations namely duplication in  $K_n - e$ .

**Keywords:** Prime labeling, complete graph, Duplication.

## I. INTRODUCTION

In this paper, I consider only finite simple undirected graph. The graph  $G$  has vertex set  $V = V(G)$  and edge set  $E = E(G)$ . The set of vertices adjacent to a vertex  $u$  of  $G$  is denoted by  $N(u)$ . For notations and terminology we refer to Bondy and Murthy [1].

The notion of prime labeling was introduced by Roger Entringer and was discussed in a paper by Tout [6]. Two integers  $a$  and  $b$  are said to be relatively prime if their greatest common divisor is 1. Many researchers have studied prime graph. Fu.H[3] has proved that the path  $P_n$  on  $n$  vertices is a prime graph. Deretsky et al [2] have proved that the cycle  $C_n$  on  $n$  vertices is a prime graph. Around 1980 Roger Entringer conjectured that all trees have prime labeling which is not settled today.

In [7] S.K. Vaidhya and K.K. Kanmani have proved that the graphs obtained by identifying any two vertices duplicating arbitrary vertex and switching of any vertex in cycle  $C_n$  admit prime labeling. In [5] Meena and Vaithilingam have proved the Prime labeling for some helm related graphs.

In this paper I prove that the graph  $K_n - e$  is a prime graph. Also I prove that the graph obtained by duplicating by a vertex, by an edge are all prime graphs in  $K_n - e$ .

### DEFINITION 1.1

Let  $G = (V(G), E(G))$  be a graph with  $p$  vertices. A bijection  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, p\}$  is called a prime labeling if for

each edge  $e = uv$ ,  $\gcd\{f(u), f(v)\} = 1$ . A graph which admits prime labeling is called a prime graph.

### DEFINITION 1.2

Duplication of a vertex  $v$  of graph  $G$  produces a new graph  $G'$  by adding a new vertex  $v'$  such that  $N(v') = N(v)$ . In other words a vertex  $v'$  is said to be duplication of  $v$  if all the vertices which are adjacent to  $v$  in  $G$  are also adjacent to  $v'$  in  $G'$ .

### DEFINITION 1.3

Duplication of a vertex  $v_k$  by a new edge  $e = v'_k v''_k$  in a graph  $G$  produces a new graph  $G'$  such that  $N(v'_k) = \{v_k, v''_k\}$  and  $N(v''_k) = \{v_k, v'_k\}$ .

### DEFINITION 1.4

Duplication of an edge  $e = uv$  by a new vertex  $w$  in a graph  $G$  produces a new graph  $G'$  such that  $N(w) = \{u, v\}$ .

### DEFINITION 1.5

Duplication of an edge  $e = uv$  of a graph  $G$  produces a new graph  $G'$  by adding an edge  $e' = u'v'$  such that  $N(u') = N(u) \cup \{v'\} - \{v\}$  and  $N(v') = N(v) \cup \{u'\} - \{u\}$ .

DEFINITION 1.6

Let  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n, n \geq 2$  be  $n$  copies of a fixed graph  $G$ . The graph obtained by adding an edge between  $G_i$  and  $G_{i+1}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$  is called the path union of  $G$ .

DEFINITION 1.7

A complete graph is a simple undirected graph in which every pair of distinct vertices is connected by a unique edge.

RESULT 1.8

The complete graph  $K_n$  does not have a prime labeling for  $n \geq 4$ .

II. MAIN RESULTS

THEOREM 2.1

The graph  $K_n - e$  is a prime graph iff  $n \leq 5$

PROOF:

Let  $G$  be a  $K_n - e$  graph where  $e = v_i v_{i+2}, i = 2$ .

Then  $|V(G)| = n$  and  $|E(G)| = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} - 1$

Define a labeling  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  as follows.

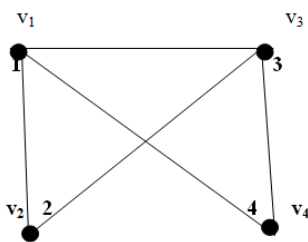
$$f(v_i) = i, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Then  $f$  admits prime labeling.

Hence  $G$  is a prime graph.

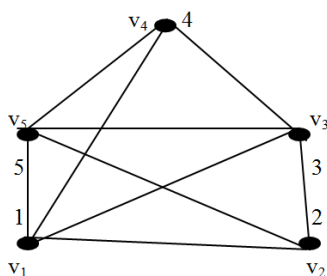
ILLUSTRATION OF 2.1

EXAMPLE 1



Prime labeling of  $K_4 - e$  ( $e = v_2 v_4$ )

EXAMPLE 2



Prime labeling of  $K_5 - e$  ( $e = v_2 v_4$ )

THEOREM 2.2

The graph obtained by duplicating a vertex  $v_n$  of  $K_n - e$  is a prime graph iff  $n \leq 4$ .

PROOF:

Let  $G$  be the graph obtained by duplicating the vertex  $v_n$  in  $K_n - e$  where  $e = v_i v_{i+2}, i = 2$ .

Then  $|V(G)| = n + 1$ . Let the new vertex be  $v_n'$ . The edge set

$$E(G) = \{v_1 v_i : i = 2 \dots n\} \cup \{v_2 v_i : i = 3, 5, 6 \dots n\} \cup \dots \cup \{v_i v_n' : i = 1, 3, \dots, n\}$$

Define a labeling  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n + 1\}$  as follows

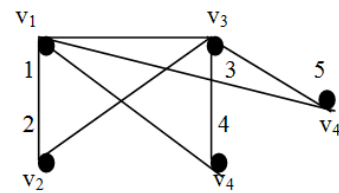
$$f(v_i) = i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v_n') = n + 1.$$

Then  $f$  admits prime labeling.

Hence  $G$  is a prime graph.

ILLUSTRATION OF 2.2



Prime labeling for duplication of  $v_4$  in  $K_4 - e$ .

THEOREM 2.3

The graph obtained by duplication of a vertex  $v_1$  by an edge in  $K_n - e$  is a prime graph iff  $n \leq 5$ .

PROOF:

Let  $G$  be the graph obtained by duplication of a vertex  $v_1$  by an edge  $v_1 v_1'$  in  $K_n - e$  graph where  $e = v_2 v_{i+2}, i = 2$ . Then  $|V(G)| = n + 2$ . Then  $G$  contains a cycle  $C_3$  whose vertices are  $v_1, v_1'$  and  $v_1$ .

Define a labeling

$f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n + 2\}$  as follows.

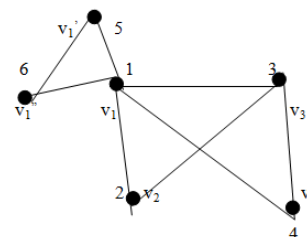
$$f(v_i) = i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v_1') = n + 1,$$

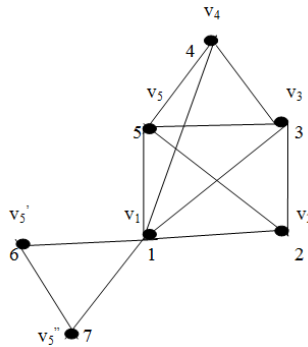
$$f(v_1) = n + 2.$$

Then  $f$  admits prime labeling. Thus  $G$  is a prime graph.

ILLUSTRATION OF 2.3



Prime labeling for duplication of  $v_1$  by an edge  $v_1 v_1'$  in  $K_4 - e$ .



Prime labeling for duplication of  $v_1$  by an edge  $v_1v_5$  in  $K_5 - e$

**THEOREM 2.4**

The graph obtained by duplication of every vertex by an edge in  $K_n - e$  is not a prime graph.

**PROOF:**

Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of  $K_n - e$  and  $G$  be the graph obtained by duplication of every vertex  $v_i$  by an edge  $v_i v_i'$  for  $i=1,2,\dots,n$ . Then  $G$  is a graph with  $2n$  vertices and having  $n$  disjoint cycles each of length three. Any prime labeling of  $G$  must contain at the most one even label in each of these  $n$  cycles as it is not possible to assign even labels for two adjacent vertices. Hence  $G$  is not a prime graph.

**THEOREM 2.5**

The graph obtained by duplication of an edge by a vertex in  $K_n - e, (n \leq 5)$  is a prime graph.

**PROOF:**

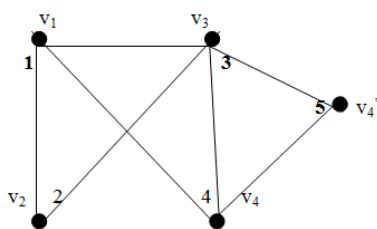
Let  $G$  be the graph obtained by duplication of an edge  $v_i v_{i+1}$  by a vertex  $v_i'$  in  $K_n - e$  where  $e = v_i v_{i+2}, i = 2$ . Then  $|V(G)| = n + 1$  and  $|E(G)| = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} + 1$ .

Define  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n + 1\}$  by  
 $f(v_i) = i, 1 \leq i \leq n$   
 $f(v_i') = n + 1$ .

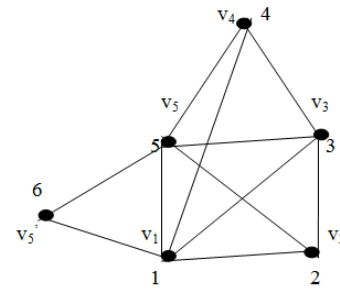
Then  $f$  admits a prime labeling for  $G$ .  
 Hence  $G$  is a prime graph.

**ILLUSTRATION OF 2.5**

**EXAMPLE 1**



Prime labeling for duplication of an edge  $v_3v_4$  by a new vertex  $v_4'$  in  $K_4 - e$ .



Prime labeling for duplication of an edge  $v_1v_5$  by a new vertex  $v_5'$  in  $K_5 - e$ .

**THEOREM 2.6**

The graph obtained by duplication of an edge in  $K_n - e$  is a prime graph iff  $n \leq 4$

**PROOF:**

Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of  $K_n - e$ .

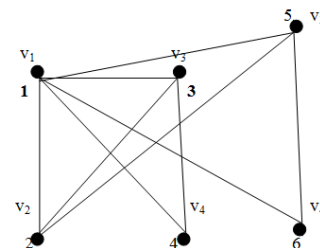
Let  $G$  be the graph obtained by duplication of an edge  $e = v_{n-1}v_n$  by an edge  $v_{n-1}'v_n'$  in  $K_n - e$  where  $e = v_i v_{i+2}, i = 2$ . Then  $|V(G)| = n + 2$ .

Define  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n + 2\}$  by

$f(v_i) = v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$   
 $f(v_{n-1}') = n + 1$   
 $f(v_n') = n + 2$ .

Then  $f$  admits a prime labeling. Hence  $G$  is a prime graph.

**ILLUSTRATION OF 2.6**



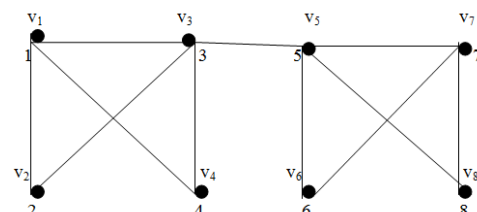
Prime labeling for duplication of an edge  $v_3v_4$  by a new vertex  $v_3'$  in  $K_4 - e$ .

**REMARK 2.7**

The graph obtained by duplication of an edge in  $K_5 - e$  is not a prime graph.

**RESULT 2.8**

The graph obtained by the path union of two pieces of  $K_4 - e$  is a prime graph.



Prime labeling for path union of two copies of  $K_4 - e$ .

RESULT 2.9

The graph obtained by the path union of two copies of  $K_5 - e$  is not a prime graph.

III. CONCLUSION

I have investigated some results on prime labeling for the graphs resulted from the duplication of graph elements. Extending the study to other families of graph is an open area of research.

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