

# L(3,1)LABELING AND L'(3,1) LABELING OF MERGE GRAPH(C<sub>3</sub>\* K<sub>1,n</sub>), SUBDIVISION OF THE EDGES OF THE STAR GRAPH, (K<sub>1,n</sub>), AND L(3,1) LABELING OF TADPOLE GRAPH T(3,n) AND LILLY GRAPH I<sub>n</sub>

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### Abstract

L(3,1) labeling is one of a particular model of frequency assignment problem of L(h, k) labeling. A L(3,1) labeling of a graph *G* is a function *f* from the vertex set V(G) to the set of positive integers such that for any two vertices u, v if d(u, v)=1 then  $|f(u) - f(v)| \ge 3$  and if d(u, v)=2 then  $|f(u) - f(v)| \ge 1$ . In L(3,1) labeling,  $\lambda$  is the smallest positive integer which denotes the maximum label used.

L'(3,1) labeling is an injective L(3,1) labeling and  $\lambda'$  denotes the smallest positive integer which denotes the maximum label used in L'(3,1) labeling.

In this paper, we consider L(3,1) labeling and L'(3,1) labeling of Merge graph  $(C_3 * K_{1,n})$ , Subdivision of the edges of the star graph  $K_{1,n}$ , and L(3,1) labeling of Tadpole graph T(3,n)and Lilly graph  $I_n$ .

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## 1. Introduction

Graph Labeling is assigning labels to vertices or edges or both under certain conditions. The applications are found in communication networks, astronomy and In wireless communication so on. networks, we observe that the radio frequencies allotted to them are not The adequate. interference bv unconstrained transmitters will disturb the communication. Hale.W [5] took up this problem in terms of graph labeling. Griggs

and Robert proposed a variation in channel assignment problem. According to him any two transmitters which are close will receive different channels so as to avoid interference. L(2,1) labeling is a result of this problem introduced by Griggs. J and Yeh. R [3]. L(3,1) labeling was introduced by Sumanto Ghosh and Anita Pal [8] whose definitions are as follows.

# **Definition 1** (L(2,1) labeling [3]).

Let G = (V, E), L(2,1) labeling (or distance two labeling) is a function  $f: V(G) \to \{0, 1, \dots, k\}$ where k denotes the span of the graph, with the following conditions being satisfied

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \ge 2$$
 if  $d(x, y) = 1$   
 $|f(x) - f(y)| \ge 1$  if  $d(x, y) = 2$ 

The largest number in f(V) is the span of f. The  $\lambda$  number of G denoted as  $\lambda(G)$  is the minimum span taken over all L(2,1) labeling of G. Zero is taken as the minimum label in L(2,1) labeling.

# **Definition 2** (L(3,1) labeling [8]).

Let the graph G = (V, E), L(3,1) labeling is a function f that assigns labels for every u, v belonging to the set of positive integers, if d(u, v) = 1 then  $|f(u) - f(v)| \ge 3$  and if d(u, v)=2 then  $|f(u) - f(v)| \ge 1$ . L(3,1) labeling number,  $\lambda(G)$  is the smallest number  $\lambda$  with  $\lambda$  as the maximum label such that G has L(3,1) labeling.

**Definition 3** (L'(3,1) labeling [8]).

L'(3,1) labeling is an injective L(3,1) labeling. L'(3,1) labeling number  $\lambda'(G)$  is the smallest number  $\lambda'$  with  $\lambda'$  as the maximum label such that G has L'(3,1) labeling.

**Definition 4** (Merge Graph [9]).

A merge graph  $G_1 * G_2$  is formed from graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  by merging a vertex of  $G_1$  with a vertex of  $G_2$ .

**Definition 5** (Subdivision of a graph [9]).

A graph obtained from G by a sequence of edge subdivisions is called a subdivision of a graph G.

**Definition 6** (Tadpole Graph [4]).

T(3,n) is a *Tadpole graph* in which any one vertex of cycle  $C_3$  is attached to the path  $P_n$ . **Definition 7** (Lilly graph [2]).

 $I_n, n \ge 2$  is the Lilly graph constructed using two star graphs  $2K_{1,n}, n \ge 2$  and joining two paths  $2P_n, n \ge 2$  which share a common vertex i.e

$$I_n = 2P_n + 2K_{1,n}$$

## 2. Main Results

L(3,1) labeling number and L'(3,1) labeling number of Merge graph  $(C_3 * K_{1,n})$ , Subdivision of the edges of the star graph  $K_{1,n}$  and L(3,1) labeling of Tadpole graph T(3,n) and Lilly graph  $I_n$  are determined in this section.

**Theorem 2.1.** L(3,1) labeling and L'(3,1) labeling number of the Merge graph  $(C_3 * K_{1,n})$ is  $\lambda(C_3 * K_{1,n}) = \lambda'(C_3 * K_{1,n}) = n + 4.$ 

*Proof.* Let the vertices of  $C_3$  be  $u_0, u_1, u_2$  and let the pendant vertices of  $K_{1,n}$  be  $u_3, u_4, \dots u_{n+2}$  such that  $deg(u_0) = n + 2$ . Also we observe that diam(G) = 2. Let  $u_0$  be labelled as 0 such that  $u_1, u_2$  receive the labels 3, 6 respectively and  $u_3, u_4, \dots u_{n+2}$  are labeled as 4,5,  $\dots n + 4$  respectively. Suppose  $u_0$  receives label other than 0 say  $u_0$  as 1 then  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  should be 4 and 7 and  $u_i$ 's,  $i = 3,4, \dots$  cannot be 2 or 3 and hence it can take the labels 5,6,8  $\dots n + 5$  which is not minimum. Also we observe that the labeling in each of the vertices are distinct.



Figure 1 L(3,1) and L'(3,1) Labeling of Merge graph  $(C_3 * K_{1,5})$ 

Hence it follows that

$$\lambda(C_3 * K_{1,n}) = \lambda'(C_3 * K_{1,n}) = n + 4$$

See Figure 1.

**Theorem 2.2.** L(3,1) labeling number of the subdivision of the edges of the star graph  $K_{1,n}$  is  $\lambda(S(K_{1,n})) = n + 2$  for all n > 3

*Proof.* Let  $u_0$  be the root vertex of the subdivision of the edges of the star graph  $K_{1,n}$ . Let  $u_1, u_2, ..., u_n$  be the vertices adjacent to  $u_0$  and  $u_1', u_2', ..., u_n'$  are the pendant vertices adjacent to  $u_1, u_2, ..., u_n$  respectively. If  $u_i$  receives the label l then  $u_0$  and  $u_i'$  should receive the label  $\leq l-3$  or  $\geq l+3$ . Without loss of generality let  $u_1 = 3$  then  $u_0 = 0$  and  $u_1' = 6$ , since  $d(u_1, u_2) = 2$ . Let  $u_2 = 4$  and hence  $u_3, u_4, ..., u_n$  receive labels 5,6, ..., n + 2. Also  $u_i' = 1$ , i = 2,3, ..., n since it satisfies the condition  $|f(u_i) - f(u_i')| \geq 1$ . Therefore  $\lambda(S(K_{1,n}) = n + 2)$ . See Figure 2.

**Remark 1.**  $\lambda(S(K_{1,n})) = n + 3$  (n = 2,3) with  $u_0$  taking the values either 1 or 4 or 5 when n = 2 and with  $u_0$  taking the values either 0 or 1 or 5 or 6 when n = 3



Figure 2: L(3,1) labeling of the subdivision of the edges of the star graph  $K_{1,5}$ 

**Theorem 2.3.** L'(3,1) labeling number of the subdivision of the edges of the star graph is  $\lambda'(S(K_{1,n})) = 2n$  for all n > 4.

*Proof.* In view of Theorem 2.2, the vertices  $u_3', u_4', ..., u_n'$  should receive different labels. Since  $u_3$  receives the label 5,  $u_3'$  can be labelled with 2 and  $u_4', u_5', ..., u_n'$  receive labels n + 4, n + 5, ..., 2n. Thus  $\lambda'(S(K_{1,n})) = 2n$  ( $u_0 = 0$ ) for all n > 4. See Figure 3.

**Remark 2.**  $\lambda'(S(K_{1,n})) = n + 3 \ (n = 2,3) \ with \ u_0 \ taking the values either 0 \ or 1 \ and \lambda'(S(K_{1,4})) = 9 \ with \ u_0 = 0$ 



Figure 3 L'(3,1) labeling of the Subdivision of the edges of the star graph  $K_{1,5}$ 

**Theorem 2.4.** L(3,1) labeling number of the Tadpole graph T(3,n) is  $\lambda(T(3,n)) = 6.$ 

*Proof.* Let the vertices of  $C_3$  be u, v, w such that the path  $P_n$  is attached with  $u = u_0$  and the consecutive vertices in  $P_n$  are labelled as  $u_1, u_2, \dots u_{n-1}$ . The vertices of  $C_3$  should receive the minimum labels as l - 3, l, l + 3. Let v and w be labelled as 0 and 3 and let u be labelled as 6, then  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  can receive the labels 1 and 4 respectively. Hence  $u_3, u_4, u_5, u_6, u_7, u_8 \dots$  receive the labels 0,3,6,0,3,6, .... Therefore  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{0,1,2,\dots 6\}$  is defined as  $f(v) = 0, f(w) = 3, f(u) = 6, f(u_1) = 1, f(u_2) = 4$ , and for  $i \ge 3$ 

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 0 & i \equiv 0 \mod 3\\ 3 & i \equiv 1 \mod 3\\ 6 & i \equiv 2 \mod 3 \end{cases}$$

Thus  $\lambda(T(3,n)) = 6$ 



Figure 4 L(3,1) Labeling of Tadpole graph T(3,6)

**Theorem 2.5.** L(3,1) labeling number of the Lilly graph  $I_n$  is  $\lambda(I_n) = 2n + 3, n \ge 4$ 

*Proof.* Let the path vertices of  $I_n$  be labeled as  $u_1, u_2, \dots u_{2n-1}$  and the upper star with  $u_n$  as root vertex be labeled as  $v_1, v_2, \dots v_n$  and lower star with  $u_n$  as root vertex be labeled as  $v_{n+1}, v_{n+2}, \dots v_{2n}$ . Without loss of generality, let  $u_n$  be labeled as 0, then  $u_{n-1}, u_{n-2}, \dots u_1$  are labeled as 6,3,0,6,3,0 ... and  $u_{n+1}, u_{n+2}, \dots$  are labeled as 3,6,0,3,6,0 .... Since  $d(u_n, v_i) = 1$  and  $d(v_i, u_j) \ge 2$ ,  $(i, j = 1, 2, \dots n), v_1 v_2$  can receive labels 4 and 5. Also  $v_3, v_4, \dots v_{2n}$  receive labels 7,8,9,10, ... 2n + 4. Thus  $\lambda(I_n) = 2n + 4$  for  $(n \ge 4)$ 



Figure 5 L(3,1) Labeling of Lilly graph  $I_5$ 

### 3. Conclusion

L(3,1) labeling number and L'(3,1) labeling number of Merge graph  $C_3 * K_{1,n}$  and Subdivision of the edges of the star graph  $K_{1,n}$  has been derived. L(3,1) labeling number of Tadpole graph T(3,n) and Lilly graph  $I_n$  is derived. For more graphs, work is under investigation.

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