# **Group** $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$ **Cordial Labeling of Special Graphs**

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Abstract Let G be a (p,q) graph and A be a group. Let  $f: V(G) \to A$  be a function. The order of  $u \in A$  is the least positive integer n such that  $u^n = e$ . We denote the order of u by o(u). For each edge uv assign the label 1 if (o(f(u)), o(f(v))) = 1 or 0 otherwise. f is called a group A Cordial labeling if  $|v_f(a) - v_f(b)| \le 1$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \le 1$ , where  $v_f(x)$  and  $e_f(n)$  respectively denote the number of vertices labeled with an element x and number of edges labeled with n(n = 0, 1). A graph which admits a group A Cordial graphs and prove that the Jahangir graph  $J_{3,n}(n \ge 3)$ , the Jelly fish graphs  $J(m, n)(m \le n)$ , the Dumbbell graph  $Db_n$  and the Flower graph  $Fl_n$  are all group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  Cordial for every n.

# **1** Introduction

Graphs considered here are finite, undirected and simple. 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). Cahit [3] introduced the concept of Cordial labeling. Motivated by this, we defined group A cordial labeling and investigated some of its properties. We also defined group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial labeling and discussed that labeling for some standard graphs [1, 2]. In this paper we discuss the labeling for the Jahangir graph  $J_{3,n}(n \ge 3)$ , the Jelly fish graphs  $J(m, n)(m \le n)$ , the Dumbbell graph  $Db_n$  and the Flower graph  $Fl_n$ . Terms not defined here are used in the sense of Harary[5] and Gallian [4].

The greatest common divisor of two integers m and n is denoted by (m, n) and m and n are said to be *relatively prime* if (m, n) = 1. For any real number x, we denote by  $\lfloor x \rfloor$ , the greatest integer smaller than or equal to x and by  $\lceil x \rceil$ , we mean the smallest integer greater than or equal to x.

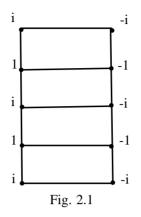
A path is an alternating sequence of vertices and edges,  $v_1, e_1, v_2, e_2, ..., e_{n-1}, v_n$ , which are distinct, such that  $e_i$  is an edge joining  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$  for  $1 \le i \le n-1$ . A path on n vertices is denoted by  $P_n$ . A path  $v_1, e_1, v_2, e_2, ..., e_{n-1}, v_n, e_n, v_1$  is called a cycle and a cycle on n vertices is denoted by  $C_n$ .

Given two graphs G and H, G + H is the graph with vertex set  $V(G) \cup V(H)$  and edge set  $E(G) \cup E(H) \cup \{uv/u \in V(G), v \in V(H)\}$ . A Wheel  $W_n$  is defined as  $C_n + K_1$  and the graph obtained by subdividing the edges on the cycle of a wheel exactly once is called the Gear graph. The Helm  $H_n$  is the graph obtained from a wheel  $W_n$  by attaching a pendent edge at each vertex of the n- cycle.

# 2 Group $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$ Cordial graphs

**Definition 2.1.** Let G be a (p, q) graph and consider the group  $A = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$  with multiplication. Let  $f: V(G) \to A$  be a function. For each edge uv assign the label 1 if (o(f(u)), o(f(v))) = 1 or 0 otherwise. f is called a group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  Cordial labeling if  $|v_f(a) - v_f(b)| \le 1$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \le 1$ , where  $v_f(x)$  and  $e_f(n)$  respectively denote the number of vertices labeled with an element x and number of edges labeled with n(n = 0, 1). A graph which admits a group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  Cordial labeling is called a group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  Cordial graph.

**Example 2.2.** A simple example of a group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  Cordial graph is given in Fig. 2.1.



We now investigate the group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  Cordial labeling of some (p, q) graphs. The Jahangir graph  $J_{m,n}$   $(n \ge 3)$  was introduced by Surahmar and Tomescu[6] in 2006.

**Definition 2.3.** The Jahangir graph  $J_{m,n}$   $(n \ge 3)$  is a graph with mn + 1 vertices, consisting of a cycle  $C_{mn}$  with one additional vertex which is adjacent to n vertices of  $C_{mn}$  at distance m to each other on  $C_{mn}$ .

**Remark 2.4.** The Jahangir graph  $J_{1,n}$  is the Wheel and  $J_{2,n}$  is the gear graph.

**Theorem 2.5.** The Jahangir graph  $J_{3,n}$   $(n \ge 3)$  is group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial for all n.

**Proof.** Let the vertices on the cycle be labeled as  $u_1, u_2, ..., u_{3n}$  and let the central vertex be labeled as w. Assume that w is adjacent to  $u_i (i \equiv 1 \pmod{3})$ . Number of vertices = 3n + 1 and number of edges = 4n. Group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial labelings for n = 3 and n = 4 are given in Table 1. Suppose  $n \ge 5$ .

n	$u_1$	$u_2$	$u_3$	$u_4$	$u_5$	$u_6$	$u_7$	$u_8$	$u_9$	$u_{10}$	$u_{11}$	$u_{12}$	w
3	-1	1	1	-1	1	-1	i	i	-i				-i
4	-1	1	1	-1	1	1	-1	i	i	i	-i	-i	-i

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**Case(i):**  $3n + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $3n + 1 = 4k(k \in \mathbb{Z})$ . Each vertex label should appear k times and each edge label should appear  $\frac{8k-2}{3}$  times in a group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial labeling. Note that  $k = 3r + 1(r \in \mathbb{Z}, r \ge 1)$ . So the vertices on the cycle are  $u_i(1 \le i \le 12r + 3)$  where  $u_i(i \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, 1 \le i \le 12r + 3)$  are of degree 3 and others are of degree 2. Label the vertices  $u_i(1 \le i \le 6r - 2, i \equiv 1 \pmod{3})$  with 1. Also choose r + 1 vertices among  $u_i(6r \le i \le 12r + 3, i \ne 1 \pmod{3})$  and give them label 1. Label the remaining vertices arbitrarily so that k of them get label -1, k of them get label -i. Number of edges with label  $1 = 3 \times 2r + (r + 1)2 = \frac{8k-2}{3}$ .

#### **Case(ii):** $3n + 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

Let 3n + 1 = 4k + 1 ( $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ). Three vertex labels should appear k times and one vertex label should appear k + 1 times. Each edge label should appear  $\frac{8k}{3}$  times in a group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$ cordial labeling. In this case  $k = 3r(r \in \mathbb{Z}, r \ge 2)$ . Now the vertices on the cycle are  $u_i(1 \le i \le 12r)$  where  $u_i(i \equiv 1 \pmod{3})$  are of degree 3 and others are of degree 2. Label the vertices  $u_i(1 \le i \le 6r - 8, i \equiv 1 \pmod{3})$  with 1. Also choose r + 3 vertices  $u_i(6r - 6 \le l \le 12r, i \ne 1 \pmod{3})$  and give them label 1. Label the remaining vertices arbitrarily so that k of them get label -1, k of them get label i and k of them get label -i. Number of edges with label  $1 = 3 \times (2r - 2) + (r + 3)2 = 8r$ .

#### **Case(iii):** $3n + 1 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$

Let  $3n + 1 = 4k + 2(k \in \mathbb{Z})$ . Two vertex labels should appear k times and 2 vertex labels should appear k + 1 times. Each edge label should appear  $2n = \frac{8k+2}{3}$  times. Now  $k = 3r + 2(r \ge 1, r \in \mathbb{Z})$ . The vertices on the cycle are  $u_i(1 \le i \le 12r + 9)$ . Label the vertices  $u_i(1 \le i \le 6r - 2, i \equiv 1 \pmod{3})$  with 1. Also choose r + 3 vertices among  $u_i(6r \le i \le 12r + 9, l \ne 1 \pmod{3})$  and give them label 1. Label the remaining vertices arbitrarily so that k + 1 vertices get label -1, k vertices get label i and k vertices get label -i. Number of edges with label  $1 = 2r \times 3 + 2(r + 3) = 8r + 6$ .

#### **Case(iv):** $3n + 1 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$

Let  $3n + 1 = 4k + 3(k \in \mathbb{Z})$ . Three vertex labels should appear k + 1 times and 1 vertex label should appear k times. Each edge label should appear  $\frac{8k+4}{3}$  times. Now  $k = 3r+1 (r \ge 1, r \in \mathbb{Z})$ . The vertices on the cycle are  $u_i(1 \le i \le 12r + 6)$ . Label the vertices  $u_i(1 \le i \le 6r - 2, l \equiv (mod \ 3))$  with 1. Also choose r + 2 vertices among  $u_i(6r \le i \le 12r + 6, l \ne i (mod \ 3))$ and give them label 1. Label the remaining vertices arbitrarily so that k + 1 vertices get label -1, k + 1 vertices get label i and k vertices get label -i. Number of edges with label  $1 = 2r \times 3 + 2(r + 2) = 8r + 4$ . Table 2 shows that in all cases, the given labeling is group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial.  $\Box$ 

3n + 1	$v_f(1)$	$v_f(-1)$	$v_f(i)$	$v_f(-i)$	$e_f(0)$	$e_f(1)$		
4k	k	k	k	k	$\frac{8k-2}{3}$	$\frac{8k-2}{3}$		
4k + 1	k + 1	k	k	k	$\frac{8k}{3}$	$\frac{8k}{3}$		
4k + 2	k + 1	k + 1	k	k	$\frac{8k+2}{3}$	$\frac{8k+2}{3}$		
4k + 3	k+1	k + 1	k+1	k	$\frac{8k+4}{3}$	$\frac{8k+4}{3}$		

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An illustration of the labeling for  $J_{3,5}$  is given in Fig. 2.2.

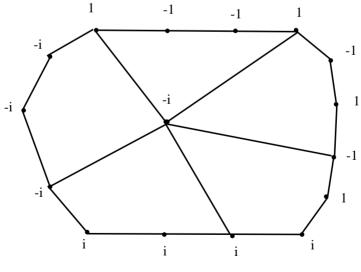


Fig. 2.2

**Definition 2.6.** Jelly fish graphs  $J(m, n)(m \le n)$  are obtained from a cycle  $C_4$ : uxvyu by joining x and y with an edge and appending m pendent edges to u and n pendent edges to v.

**Theorem 2.7.** Jelly fish graphs  $J(m, n)(m \le n)$  are group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial if and only if either  $m + n \le 10$  or  $3m - 6 \le n \le 3m + 6$ .

**Proof.** Let the *m* pendent vertices adjacent to *u* be labeled as  $u_1, u_2, ..., u_m$  and the *n* pendent vertices adjacent to *v* be labeled as  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_n$ . Number of vertices in J(m, n) is m + n + 4 and number of edges is m + n + 5.

**Case(i):**  $m + n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $m + n = 4k, k \ge 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Each vertex label should appear k + 1 times. One edge label should appear 2k + 2 times and another should appear 2k + 3 times.

**Subcase(1):**  $f(u) \neq 1$  and  $f(v) \neq 1$ .

If f(x) = 1 and  $f(y) \neq 1$ , then every other vertex with label 1 will yield only one edge with label 1. So k = 2k - 1 or k = 2k so that k = 1 or k = 0. If both f(x) = 1 and f(y) = 1, then k - 1 = 2k - 3 or k - 1 = 2k - 2 and so k = 2 or k = 1. If k = 1, m + n = 4 and if k = 2, m + n = 8. If k = 1, label x and  $v_1$  with 1 and remaining vertices arbitrarily so that 2 vertices get label -1, 2 vertices get label i and 2 vertices get label -i. If k = 2, label x, y and  $v_1$  with 1 and remaining vertices.

**Subcase(2):** f(u) = 1 and f(v) = 1.

This induces label 1 to m + n + 4 edges and so this case is impossible.

Subcase(3): f(u) = 1 and  $f(v) \neq 1$ .

If both  $f(x) \neq 1$  and  $f(y) \neq 1$ , then either k = 2k - m or k = 2k - m + 1. So either k = m or k = m - 1 and so n = 3m or n = 3m - 4. In both the cases, label the vertices  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_k$  with 1 and the remaining vertices arbitrarily so that each vertex label appears on exactly k + 1 vertices. Suppose either f(x) = 1 or f(y) = 1. Without loss of generality, let f(x) = 1. Then as above, k = m + 1 or k = m. In both the cases, label the vertices  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_{k-1}$  with 1 and the remaining vertices arbitrarily so that each vertex label appears on exactly k + 1 vertices. When k = m - 1, m or m + 1, we have n = 3m - 4, 3m, 3m + 4 accordingly.

Subcase(4):  $f(u) \neq 1$  and f(v) = 1.

As in Subcase(3), by symmetry, we have k = n, n - 1 or n + 1. But , by assumption  $m \le n$  and so in this case  $n \le 2$ .

**Case(ii):**  $m + n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

Let m + n = 4k + 1,  $k \ge 0$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Three vertex labels should appear k + 1 times and one vertex label should appear k + 2 times. Each edge label should appear 2k + 3 times.

**Subcase(1):**  $f(u) \neq 1$  and  $f(v) \neq 1$ .

If f(x) = 1 and  $f(y) \neq 1$ , then either k = 2k or k + 1 = 2k so that k = 0 or 1. If k = 0, take f(y) = -1, f(u) = f(v) = i and  $f(v_1) = -i$ . If both f(x) = 1 and f(y) = 1, then either k - 1 = 2k - 2 or k = 2k - 2 so that k = 1 or k = 2. If k = 1, f(x) = 1,  $f(v_1) = 1$  and  $f(v_2) = 1$ . Label the remaining vertices arbitrarily so that each vertex label appears on 2 vertices. If k = 2, let f(x) = 1, f(y) = 1,  $f(v_1) = 1$  and  $f(v_2) = 1$ . Label the remaining vertices arbitrarily so that each vertex label appears on 2 vertices arbitrarily so that each vertex label appears on 3 vertices. As k = 0, 1 or 2, we have m + n = 1, 5 or 9.

**Subcase(2):** f(u) = 1 and f(v) = 1.

As in Subcase(2) of Case(i), this is impossible.

Subcase(3): f(u) = 1 and  $f(v) \neq 1$ .

If both  $f(x) \neq 1$  and  $f(y) \neq 1$ , then either k = 2k - m + 1 or k + 1 = 2k - m + 1 so that k = m - 1 or k = m. In the former case, label  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_k$  with 1 and the remaining vertices arbitrarily so that k + 1 vertices get label -1, k + 1 vertices get label i and k + 2 vertices get label -i. In the latter case, label  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_{k+1}$  with 1 and the remaining vertices arbitrarily so that each of the vertex labels -1, i and -i appear on k + 1 vertices. Suppose f(x) = 1 and  $f(y) \neq 1$ . Then as above k = m or k = m + 1. If k = m + 1, label the vertices  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_k$  with 1 and the remaining vertices arbitrarily so that each of the vertex labels -1, i and -i appear on k + 1, label the vertices  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_k$  with 1 and the remaining vertices arbitrarily so that each of the vertex labels -1, i and -i appear on k + 1, vertices. As k = m - 1, m, m + 1, we have n = 3m - 3, 3m + 1 or 3m + 5.

Subcase(4):  $f(u) \neq 1$  and f(v) = 1.

As in Subcase(3), we get k = n - 1, n or n + 1. As  $m \le n$ , in these cases,  $n \le 2$ . Case(iii):  $m + n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $m + n = 4k + 2, k \ge 0, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Two vertex labels should appear k + 1 times and two other vertex labels should appear k + 2 times. One edge label should appear 2k + 3 times and another should appear 2k + 4 times.

**Subcase(1):**  $f(u) \neq 1$  and  $f(v) \neq 1$ .

If f(x) = 1 and  $f(y) \neq 1$ , then there are four possibilities; k = 2k, k = 2k + 1, k + 1 = 2kand k+1 = 2k+1. Hence k = 0 or 1. If  $k = 0, f(x) = 1, f(y) = -1, f(u) = f(v) = i, f(u_1) = f(v_1) = -i$ . If  $k = 1, f(x) = 1, f(v_1) = f(v_2) = 1$ . Label remaining vertices arbitrarily so that 3 vertices get label -1, 2 vertices get label i and 2 vertices get label -i. If both f(x) = 1 and f(y) = 1, then k = 0, 1 or 2. If  $k = 2, f(x) = f(y) = f(v_1) = f(v_2) = 1$ . Label the remaining vertices arbitrarily so that 4 vertices get label -1, 3 vertices get label i and 3 vertices get label -i. As k = 0, 1, 2, m + n = 2, 6 or 10.

**Subcase(2):** f(u) = 1 and f(v) = 1.

As in previous cases, this is not possible.

Subcase(3): f(u) = 1 and  $f(v) \neq 1$ .

If both  $f(x) \neq 1$  and  $f(y) \neq 1$  then k = m - 1, m - 2 or m. If k = m - 1 or m - 2, label  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_k$  with 1. Label the remaining vertices arbitrarily so that k + 1 vertices get label -1, k + 2 vertices get label i and k + 2 vertices get label -i. If k = m, label  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_{k+1}$  with 1. Label the remaining vertices arbitrarily so that k + 2 vertices get label -1, k + 1 vertices get label i and k + 1 vertices get label -i. If k = m, label  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_{k+1}$  with 1. Label the remaining vertices arbitrarily so that k + 2 vertices get label -1, k + 1 vertices get label i and k + 1 vertices get label -i. Suppose f(x) = 1 and  $f(y) \neq 1$ . As above, k = m - 1, m or m + 1. If k = m, label  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_{k-1}$  with 1. Label the remaining vertices arbitrarily so that k + 1 vertices get label -1, k + 2 vertices get i and k + 2 vertices get label -i. As k = m - 1, m - 2, m, m + 1, we have n = 3m - 6, 3m - 2, 3m + 2 or 3m + 6.

Subcase(4):  $f(u) \neq 1$  and f(v) = 1.

As in Subcase(3), we get k = n - 2, n - 1, n or n + 1. As  $m \le n$ , we have  $n \le 3$ . Case(iv):  $m + n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ 

Let m + n = 4k + 3,  $k \ge 0$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Three vertex labels should appear k + 2 times and one vertex label should appear k + 1 vertices. Each edge label should appear 2k + 4 times. Subcase(1):  $f(u) \ne 1$  and  $f(u) \ne 1$ 

# **Subcase(1):** $f(u) \neq 1$ and $f(v) \neq 1$ .

If f(x) = 1 and  $f(y) \neq 1$ , then either k+1 = 2k+1 or k = 2k+1 so that k = 0 or -1; If k = 0,  $f(v_1) = 1$ ; Label the remaining vertices arbitrarily so that 2 vertices get label -1, 2 vertices get label i and 1 vertex get label -i. If both f(x) = 1 and f(y) = 1, then either k = 2k - 1 or k - 1 = 2k - 1 so that k = 1 or k = 0. If k = 1,  $f(v_1) = 1$ . Label the remaining vertices arbitrarily so that 3 vertices get label -1, 3 vertices get label i and 2 vertices get label -i. As k = 0, 1, m + n = 3 or m + n = 7.

**Subcase(2):** f(u) = 1 and f(v) = 1.

As in previous cases, this is impossible.

Subcase(3): f(u) = 1 and  $f(v) \neq 1$ .

If both  $f(x) \neq 1$  and  $f(y) \neq 1$ , then k = m - 1 or k = m - 2. If k = m - 1, label  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_{k+1}$  with 1 and remaining vertices arbitrarily so that k+2 vertices get label -i, k+2 vertices get label i and k+1 vertices get label -i. If k = m - 2, label  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_k$  with 1 and remaining vertices arbitrarily so that k+2 vertices get label -1, k+2 vertices get label i and k+2 vertices get label -i. If k = m - 2, label  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_k$  with 1 and remaining vertices arbitrarily so that k+2 vertices get label -1, k+2 vertices get label i and k+2 vertices get label -i. Suppose f(x) = 1 and  $f(y) \neq 1$ . Then k = 2k - m or k - 1 = 2k - m so that k = m or k = m - 1. If k = m, label  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_k$  with 1. Label the remaining vertices arbitrarily so that k+2 vertices get label -1, k+2 vertices get label i and k+1 vertices get label -i. As k = m - 2, m - 1 or m, we have n = 3m - 5, 3m - 1 or 3m + 3. **Subcase(4):**  $f(u) \neq 1$  and f(v) = 1.

As in Subcase(3), we get k = n - 2, n - 1 or n. As  $m \le n$ , we have  $n \le 2$ .  $\Box$ 

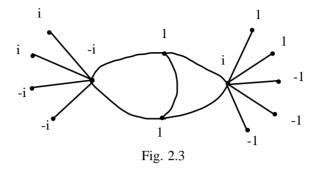
An illustration of the labeling is given for J(3,5) in Fig. 2.3.

**Definition 2.8.** The graph obtained by joining two disjoint cycles  $u_1, u_2, ..., u_n$  and  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_n$  with an edge  $u_1v_1$  is called dumbbell graph  $Db_n$ .

**Theorem 2.9.** The Dumbbell graph  $Db_n$  is group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial for every n.

**Proof.** Number of vertices in  $Db_n$  is 2n and number of edges is 2n + 1. **Case (i)**: n is even. Let  $n = 2k, k \ge 2, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . In a group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial labeling, each vertex label should appear k times. One edge label should appear 2k times and another 2k + 1 times. Define a labeling f as follows:

Label  $u_1, u_3, u_5, ..., u_{n-1}$  with 1. Label the remaining vertices arbitrarily so that k of them get label -1, k of them get label i and k of them get label -i. Number of edges with label 1 is 3 + 2(k-1) = 2k + 1.



### Case (ii): n is odd.

Let  $n = 2k + 1, k \ge 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

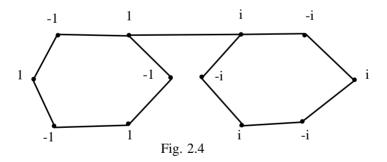
In a group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial labeling, two vertex labels should appear k times and two vertex labels should appear k + 1 times. One edge label should appear 2k + 1 times and another 2k + 2 times. Define a labeling f as follows:

Label  $u_1, u_3, u_5, ..., u_{n-1}$  with 1. Label the remaining vertices arbitrarily so that k of them get label -1, k + 1 of them get label i and k + 1 of them get label -i. Number of edges with label 1 is 3 + 2(k - 1) = 2k + 1.

Table 3 shows that in all cases, the given labeling is group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial.  $\Box$ 

n	$v_f(1)$	$v_f(-1)$	$v_f(i)$	$v_f(-i)$	$e_f(0)$	$e_f(1)$			
2k	k	k	k	k	2k	2k + 1			
2k + 1	k	k	k + 1	k + 1	2k + 2	2k + 1			
Table 3									

An illustration of the labeling is given for  $Db_6$  in Fig. 2.4.



**Definition 2.10.** A flower graph  $Fl_n$  is the graph obtained from a Helm by joining each pendent vertex to the central vertex of the Helm.

**Theorem 2.11.** The Flower graph  $Fl_n$  is group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial for every n.

**Proof.** Let u be the center of the Wheel  $W_n$ . Let  $u_1, u_2, ..., u_n$  be the vertices on the cycle of  $W_n$  and  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_n$  be the pendent vertices of the helm such that  $v_i$  is adjacent to  $u_i$  for  $1 \le i \le n$ . Number of vertices in  $Fl_n$  is 2n + 1 and number of edges is 4n. **Case (i):**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $n = 4k, k \ge 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . In a group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial labeling, three of the vertex labels should appear 2k times and one vertex label 2k + 1 times. Each edge label should appear 8k times. Define a labeling f as follows:

Label  $u_1, u_3, u_5, ..., u_{n-1}$  with 1. Label the remaining vertices arbitrarily so that 2k of them get label -1, 2k of them get label i and 2k + 1 of them get label -i. Number of edges with label 1 is 4(2k) = 8k.

Case (ii):  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $n = 4k + 1, k \ge 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . In a group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial labeling, one vertex label should appear 2k times and three other vertex labels 2k + 1 times. Each edge label should appear 8k + 2 times. Define a labeling f as follows:

Label  $u_1, u_3, u_5, ..., u_{n-2}, v_2$  with 1. Label the remaining vertices arbitrarily so that 2k + 1 of them get label -1, 2k + 1 of them get label *i* and 2k of them get label -i. Number of edges with label 1 is 4(2k) + 2 = 8k + 2.

**Case (iii):**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $n = 4k+2, k \ge 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . In a group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial labeling, three of the vertex labels should appear 2k + 1 times and one vertex label 2k + 2 times. Each edge label should appear 8k = 4 times. Define a labeling f as follows:

Label  $u_1, u_3, u_5, ..., u_{n-1}$  with 1. Label the remaining vertices arbitrarily so that 2k + 1 of them get label -1, 2k + 1 of them get label i and 2k + 2 of them get label -i. Number of edges with label 1 is 4(2k + 1) = 8k + 4.

Case (iv):  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $n = 4k + 3, k \ge 0, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . In a group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial labeling, three vertex labels should appear 2k + 2 times and one vertex label should appear 2k + 1 times. Each edge label should appear 8k + 6 times. Define a labeling f as follows:

Label  $u_1, u_3, u_5, ..., u_{n-2}, v_2$  with 1. Label the remaining vertices arbitrarily so that 2k + 2 of them get label -1, 2k + 2 of them get label i and 2k + 1 of them get label -i. Number of edges with label 1 is 4(2k + 1) + 2 = 8k + 6.

Table 4 shows that in all cases, the given labeling is group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial.  $\Box$ 

n	$v_f(1)$	$v_f(-1)$	$v_f(i)$	$v_f(-i)$	$e_f(0)$	$e_f(1)$		
$4k, k \ge 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$	2k	2k	2k	2k + 1	8k	8k		
$4k+1, k \ge 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$	2k + 1	2k + 1	2k + 1	2k	8k + 2	8k + 2		
$4k+2, k \ge 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$	2k + 1	2k + 1	2k + 1	2k + 2	8k + 4	8k + 4		
$4k+3, k \ge 0, k \in \mathbb{Z}$	2k + 2	2k + 2	2k + 2	2k + 1	8k + 6	8k + 6		
Table 4								

An illustration of the labeling is given for  $Fl_6$  in Fig. 2.5.

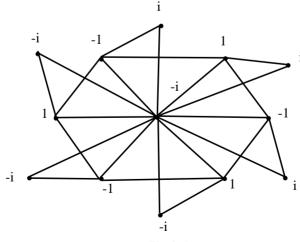


Fig 2.5

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