

## Lucky edge neighborhood labeling of graphs

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### Abstract

Let  $G$  be a simple graph with vertex set  $V(G)$  and edge set  $E(G)$  respectively. Vertex set  $V(G)$  is labeled arbitrary by positive integers and  $E(e)$  denote the edge label such that it is the sum of labels of vertices incident with edge  $e$ . A lucky edge neighborhood labeling of  $G$  is an assignment of positive integers to the vertices of  $G$  so that edge neighborhood labelings are distinct for every edge  $e$ . The least integer for which a graph  $G$  has a lucky edge labeling from the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  is called the lucky neighborhood number and is denoted by  $\eta_N(G)$ . In this paper, we prove that  $P_n$ ,  $C_n$ ,  $T_{m,n}$ ,  $S(P_n^+)$  and  $S(C_n^+)$  are lucky edge neighborhood labeled graphs.

**Keywords:** Lucky edge labeling, lucky edge labeled graph, lucky edge neighborhood labeling, lucky edge neighborhood labeled graph.

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## 1 Introduction

In 1967, Rosa [4] introduced the concept of labeling and Golomb[2] called the labeling as graceful. Gallian [1] maintains a dynamic survey of graph labeling. Many graphs are constructed from standard graphs by using various operations. Nellai Murugan [3] introduced the concept of lucky edge labeling and proved that the path  $P_n$ , cycle  $C_n$ , comb  $S(P_n^+)$  and the crown  $S(C_n^+)$  are lucky edge labeled graphs.

In this paper, we define lucky edge neighborhood labeling of a graph and prove that  $P_n$ ,  $C_n$ ,  $T_{m,n}$ ,  $S(P_n^+)$  and  $S(C_n^+)$  are lucky edge neighborhood labeled graphs.

## 2 Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** [3] Let  $G$  be a simple graph with vertex set  $V(G)$  and edge set  $E(G)$  respectively. The vertex set  $V(G)$  is labeled arbitrary by positive integers and  $E(e)$  denotes the edge label such that it is the sum of labels of vertices incident with edge  $e$ . The labeling is said to be

*lucky edge labeling* if the edge  $E(G)$  is a proper coloring of  $G$ , that is, if we have  $E(e_1) \neq E(e_2)$  whenever  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are adjacent edges. The least integer  $k$  for which a graph  $G$  has a lucky edge labeling from the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  is the *lucky number* of  $G$  denoted by  $\eta(G)$ .

A graph which admits a lucky edge labeling is called an *lucky edge labeled graph*.

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $G$  be a simple graph with vertex set  $V(G)$  and edge set  $E(G)$  respectively. The vertex set  $V(G)$  is labeled arbitrary by positive integers and  $E(e)$  denotes the edge label such that it is the sum of labels of vertices incident with edge  $e$ . A *lucky edge neighborhood labeling* of  $G$  is an assignment of positive integers to the vertices of  $G$  so that each edge neighborhood labels are distinct. The least integer for which a graph  $G$  has a lucky edge neighborhood labeling from the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  is the *lucky neighborhood number* and is denoted by  $\eta_N(G)$ .

The graph which admits a lucky edge neighborhood labeling is called a *Lucky edge neighborhood labeled graph*.

**Definition 2.3.** A graph obtained by joining each  $u_i$  of a path  $P_n$  to a vertex  $v_i$  is called a *comb* and denoted by  $P_n^+$ .

**Definition 2.4.**  $C_n^+$  is a graph obtained from  $C_n$  by attaching a pendent vertex from each vertex of the graph  $C_n$  is called *crow*.

**Definition 2.5.** The *tadpole graph*  $T_{m,n}$  also called *dragon graph* is the graph obtained by joining a cycle  $C_m$  to a path  $P_n$  with a bridge.

**Definition 2.6.** If  $e = uv$  is an edge of  $G$  and  $w$  is not a vertex of  $G$ , the edge  $e$  is said to be *subdivided* if it is replaced by the edges  $uw$  and  $wv$ .

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $G$  be a graph. A *subdivision* graph  $S(G)$  of  $G$  is obtained by subdividing each edge of  $G$  only once.

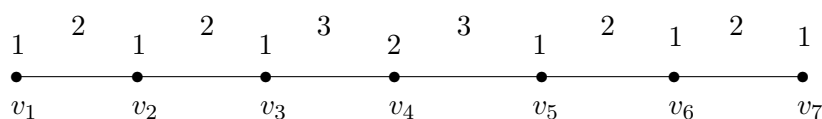
### 3 Main Results

**Theorem 3.1.** Path  $P_n$  has  $\{a, b\}$  lucky edge neighborhood labeling for any  $a, b \in N$ .

**Proof:** Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of  $P_n$ . Assign label 2 to the vertices  $v_i$  for  $i \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and 1 to the remaining vertices.

Then the induced edge neighborhood labeling are distinct. Hence, lucky edge neighborhood labeling of  $P_n$  is  $\{2, 3\}$  and the lucky neighborhood number of  $P_n$  is  $\eta_N(P_n) = 3$ . ■

**Illustration 3.2.** A lucky edge neighborhood labeling of  $P_7$  is shown in Figure 1.



**Figure 1:** A lucky edge neighborhood labeling of  $P_7$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** Cycle  $C_n$  has

1.  $\{a, b\}$  lucky edge neighborhood labeling if  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .
2.  $\{a, b, c\}$  lucky edge neighborhood otherwise.

**Proof:** Let  $V[C_n] = \{v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E[C_n] = \{v_i v_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{v_n v_1\}$ .

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

Let  $f : V[C_n] \rightarrow \{1, 2\}$  be defined by

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & i \equiv 1, 2, 3 \pmod{4} \\ 2 & i \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \end{cases} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

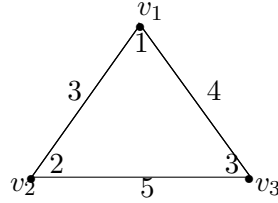
Then the induced edge labeling is given by

$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 2 & i \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{4} \\ 3 & i \equiv 0, 3 \pmod{4} \end{cases} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1.$$

It is clear that the lucky edge neighborhood labeling of  $C_n$  is  $\{2, 3\}$  and the lucky neighborhood number of  $C_n$  is  $\eta_N(C_n) = 3$ .

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

A lucky edge neighborhood labeling of  $C_3$  is shown in Figure 2.



**Figure 2:** A lucky edge neighborhood labeling of  $C_3$ .

From Figure 2, the lucky neighborhood number of  $C_3$  is  $\eta_N(C_n) = 5$ .

For  $n \geq 5$ , let  $f : V[C_n] \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$  be given by

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & i \equiv 0, 1, 2 \pmod{4} \\ 2 & i \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \end{cases} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ and} \\ f(v_n) = 3.$$

Then the induced edge labeling is given by

$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 2 & i \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4} \\ 3 & i \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4} \end{cases} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-2 \text{ and} \\ f^*(v_{n-1} v_n) = f^*(v_n v_1) = 4.$$

It is clear that lucky edge neighborhood labeling of  $C_n$  is  $\{2, 3, 4\}$  and the lucky neighborhood number of  $C_n$  is  $\eta_N(C_n) = 4$ .

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

Let  $f : V[C_n] \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$  be defined by

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & i \equiv 1, 2, 3 \pmod{4} \\ 2 & i \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \end{cases} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-2 \text{ and}$$

$$f(v_{n-1}) = f(v_n) = 2.$$

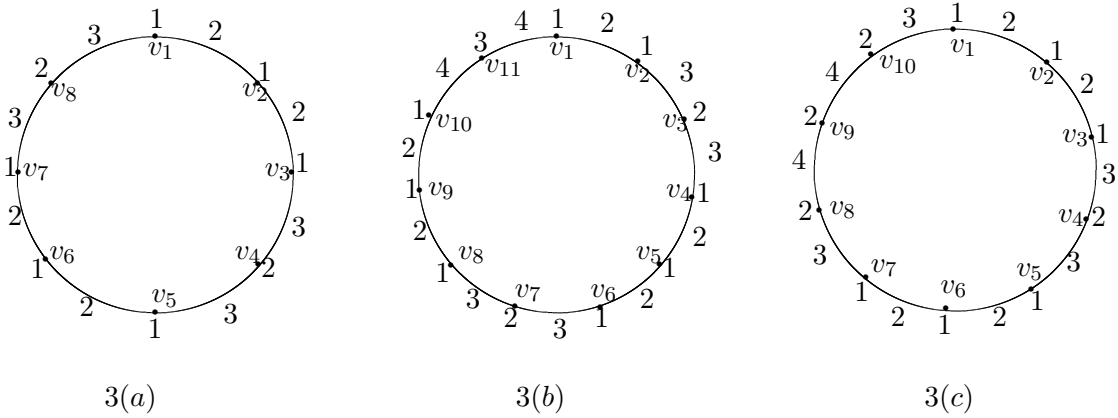
Then the induced edge labeling is given by

$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 2 & i \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{4} \\ 3 & i \equiv 0, 4 \pmod{4} \end{cases} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-3 \text{ and}$$

$$f^*(v_{n-2} v_{n-1}) = f^*(v_{n-1} v_n) = 4, f^*(v_n v_1) = 3.$$

It is clear that lucky edge neighborhood labeling of  $C_n$  is  $\{2, 3, 4\}$  and the lucky neighborhood number of  $C_n$  is  $\eta_N(C_n) = 4$ . ■

**Illustration 3.4.** Lucky edge neighborhood labelings of cycles  $C_8$ ,  $C_{10}$  and  $C_{11}$  are given in Figure 3.



**Figure 3:** Lucky edge neighborhood labelings of  $C_8$ ,  $C_{11}$  and  $C_{10}$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** The tadpole graph  $T_{m,n}$  has  $\{a, b, c\}$  lucky edge neighborhood labeling for any  $a, b, c \in N$ .

**Proof:** Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m, v_{m+1}, \dots, v_{m+n}$  be the vertices of  $T_{m,n}$ .

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

Let  $f : V[T_{m+n}] \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$  be defined by

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & i \equiv 0, 1, 2 \pmod{4} \\ 2 & i \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \end{cases} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m,$$

$$f(v_{m+1}) = 3,$$

$$f(v_{m+i}) = \begin{cases} 1 & i \equiv 0, 2, 3 \pmod{4} \\ 2 & i \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \end{cases} \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n.$$

Then the induced edge labeling is given by

$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 2 & i \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4} \\ 3 & i \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4} \end{cases} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m-1,$$

$$f^*(v_m v_1) = 2, f^*(v_m v_{m+1}) = f^*(v_{m+1} v_{m+2}) = 4,$$

$$f^*(v_{m+i} v_{m+i+1}) = \begin{cases} 2 & i \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4} \\ 3 & i \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4} \end{cases} \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n-1.$$

**Case(ii):**  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $f : V[T_{m+n}] \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$  be defined by

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & i \equiv 1, 2, 3 \pmod{4} \\ 2 & i \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \end{cases} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m-2,$$

$$f(v_{m-1}) = f(v_m) = 2 \text{ and } f(v_{m+1}) = 3,$$

$$f(v_{m+i}) = \begin{cases} 1 & i \equiv 0, 1, 3 \pmod{4} \\ 2 & i \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \end{cases} \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n.$$

Then the induced edge labeling is given by

$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 2 & i \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{4} \\ 3 & i \equiv 0, 3 \pmod{4} \end{cases} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m-3,$$

$$f^*(v_m v_1) = 3, f^*(v_{m-2} v_{m-1}) = f^*(v_{m-1} v_m) = 4, f^*(v_m v_{m+1}) = f^*(v_{m+1} v_{m+2}) = 5,$$

$$f^*(v_{m+i} v_{m+i+1}) = \begin{cases} 2 & i \equiv 0, 3 \pmod{4} \\ 3 & i \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{4} \end{cases} \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n-1.$$

**Case(iii):**  $m \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $f : V[T_{m+n}] \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$  be defined by

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & i \equiv 0, 1, 2 \pmod{4} \\ 2 & i \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \end{cases} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m-2,$$

$$f(v_{m-1}) = 3, f(v_m) = 1,$$

$$f(v_{m+i}) = \begin{cases} 1 & i \equiv 0, 2, 3 \pmod{4} \\ 2 & i \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \end{cases} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

Then the induced edge labeling is given by

$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 2 & i \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4} \\ 3 & i \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4} \end{cases} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m-3,$$

$$f^*(v_m v_1) = 2,$$

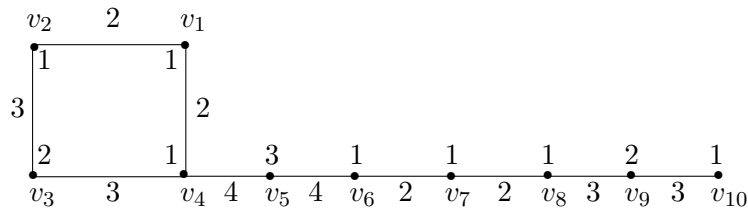
$$f^*(v_{m-2} v_{m-1}) = 5,$$

$$f^*(v_{m-1} v_m) = 4,$$

$$f^*(v_{m+i} v_{m+i+1}) = \begin{cases} 2 & i \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4} \\ 3 & i \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4} \end{cases}, \quad 0 \leq i \leq n-1.$$

It is clear that the lucky edge neighborhood labeling of  $T_{m,n}$  is  $\{2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and the lucky neighborhood number of  $T_{m,n}$  is  $\eta_N(T_{m,n}) = 5$ . ■

**Illustration 3.6.** Lucky edge neighborhood labelings of  $T_{4,6}$ ,  $T_{10,6}$  and  $T_{5,7}$  is shown in Figure 4, 5 and 6.



**Figure 4:** Lucky edge neighborhood labeling of  $T_{4,6}$ .

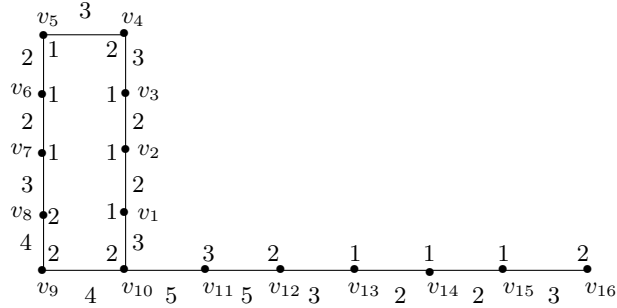


Figure 5: A lucky edge neighborhood labeling of  $T_{10,6}$ .

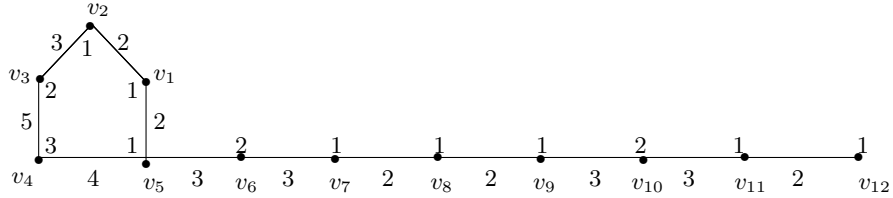


Figure 6: A lucky edge neighborhood labeling of  $T_{5,7}$ .

**Theorem 3.7.**  $S(P_n^+)$  has  $\{a, b, c\}$  lucky edge neighborhood labeling for any  $a, b, c \in N$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V[S(P_n^+)] = \{\{u_i, v_i, v'_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u'_i; 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}\}$  and  $E[S(P_n^+)] = \{\{u_i u'_i; 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{u'_i u_{i+1}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{u_i v'_i, v'_i v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\}\}$ .

Let  $f : V[S(P_n^+)] \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$  be defined by

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

$$f(u'_i) = \begin{cases} 2 & i \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 3 & i \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1,$$

$$f(v_i) = f(v'_i) = 1, 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

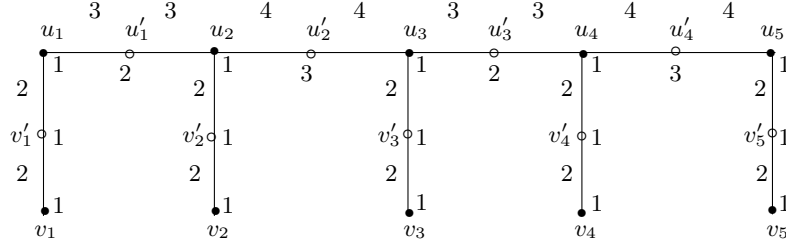
Then the induced edge labeling is given by

$$f^*(u_i u'_i) = f^*(u'_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 3 & i \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 4 & i \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1,$$

$$f^*(u_i v'_i) = f^*(v'_i v_i) = 2, 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

It is clear that the lucky edge neighborhood labeling of  $S(P_n^+)$  is  $\{2, 3, 4\}$  and the lucky neighborhood number of  $S(P_n^+)$  is  $\eta_N(S(P_n^+))=4$ . ■

**Illustration 3.8.** A lucky edge neighborhood labeling of  $S(P_5^+)$  is shown in Figure 7.



**Figure 7:** A lucky edge neighborhood labeling of  $S(P_5^+)$ .

**Theorem 3.9.**  $S(C_n^+)$  has  $\{a, b, c\}$  lucky edge neighborhood labeling for any  $a, b, c \in N$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V[S(C_n^+)] = \{u_i, u'_i, v_i, v'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E[S(C_n^+)] = \{\{u_i u'_i ; 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u'_i u_{i+1} ; 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{u'_n u_1\} \cup \{u_i v'_i, v'_i v_i ; 1 \leq i \leq n\}\}$ .

**Case(i):**  $n$  is odd.

Let  $f : V[S(C_n^+)] \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$  be defined by

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i) &= 1, 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(u'_i) &= \begin{cases} 2 & i \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 3 & i \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1, \\ f(u'_n) &= 1, f(v'_1) = 3, f(v'_n) = 2, \\ f(v'_i) &= 1 \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n-1, \\ f(v_i) &= 1, 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

Then the induced edge labeling is given by

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(u_i u'_i) &= f^*(u'_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 3 & i \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 4 & i \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1, \\ f^*(u_n u'_n) &= f^*(u'_n u_1) = 2, \\ f^*(u_1 v'_1) &= f^*(v'_1 v_1) = 4, \\ f^*(u_n v'_n) &= f^*(v'_n v_n) = 3, \\ f^*(u_i v'_i) &= f^*(v'_i v_i) = 2 \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n-1. \end{aligned}$$

**Case(ii):**  $n$  is even.

Let  $f : V[S(C_n^+)] \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$  be defined by

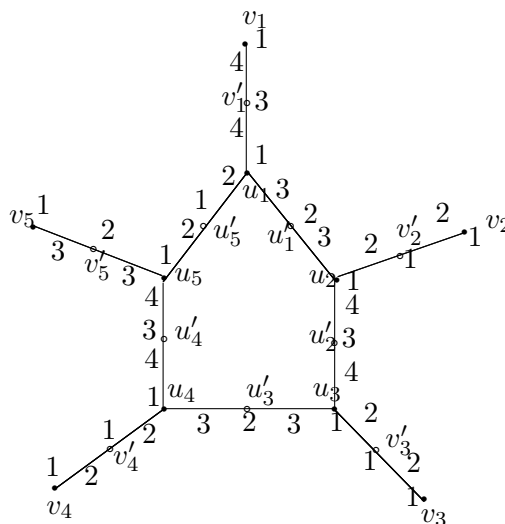
$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i) &= 1 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(u'_i) &= \begin{cases} 2 & i \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 3 & i \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(v'_i) &= f(v_i) = 1, 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

Then the induced edge labeling is given by

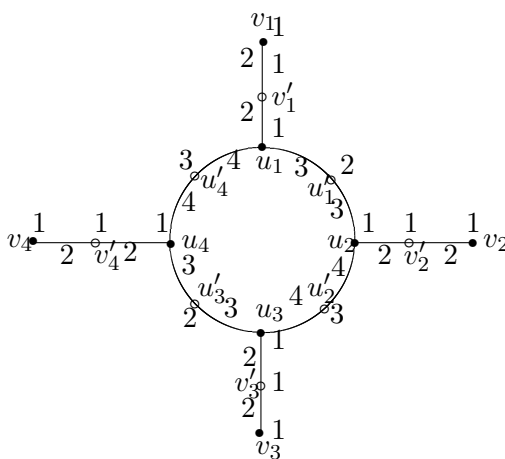
$$\begin{aligned} f^*(u_i u'_i) &= f^*(u'_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 3 & i \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 4 & i \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1, \\ f^*(u_n u'_n) &= f^*(u'_n u_1) = 4, \\ f^*(u_i v'_i) &= f^*(v'_i v_i) = 2 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that the lucky edge neighborhood labeling of  $S(C_n^+)$  is  $\{2, 3, 4\}$  and the lucky neighborhood number of  $S(C_n^+)$  is  $\eta_N(S(C_n^+)) = 4$ . ■

**Illustration 3.10.** Lucky edge neighborhood labelings of  $S(C_5^+)$  and  $S(C_4^+)$  are given in Figure 8 and 9 respectively.



**Figure 8:** Lucky edge neighborhood labelings of  $S(C_5^+)$ .



**Figure 9:** Lucky edge neighborhood labelings of  $S(C_4^+)$ .

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