

## PAIR DIFFERENCE CORDIAL LABELING OF PETERSEN GRAPHS $P(n, k)$

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ABSTRACT. Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph.

Define

$$\rho = \begin{cases} \frac{p}{2}, & \text{if } p \text{ is even} \\ \frac{p-1}{2}, & \text{if } p \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

and  $L = \{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots, \pm \rho\}$  called the set of labels.

Consider a mapping  $f : V \rightarrow L$  by assigning different labels in  $L$  to the different elements of  $V$  when  $p$  is even and different labels in  $L$  to  $p-1$  elements of  $V$  and repeating a label for the remaining one vertex when  $p$  is odd. The labeling as defined above is said to be a pair difference cordial labeling if for each edge  $uv$  of  $G$  there exists a labeling  $|f(u) - f(v)|$  such that  $|\Delta_{f_1} - \Delta_{f_1^c}| \leq 1$ , where  $\Delta_{f_1}$  and  $\Delta_{f_1^c}$  respectively denote the number of edges labeled with 1 and number of edges not labeled with 1. A graph  $G$  for which there exists a pair difference cordial labeling is called a pair difference cordial graph. In this paper we investigate pair difference cordial labeling behaviour of Petersen graphs  $P(n, k)$  like  $P(n, 2), P(n, 3), P(n, 4)$ .

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### 1. Introduction

In this paper we consider only finite, undirected and simple graphs. The graph labeling was first introduced by Rosa in the name of graceful labeling [24]. Cordial labeling was introduced by Cahit in [4]. Subsequently cordial related labeling was defined and studied in [2,3,5,6,7,8,10,11,22,23]. The concept of pair difference cordial labeling was introduced in [12] and the pair difference cordial labeling behavior of several graphs like path, cycle, star, ladder, wheel, helm, web, fan, umbrella,  $(n, t)$ -kite, Mobius ladder, Slanting ladder, Triangular ladder etc have been investigated in [12 - 19]. In this paper we investigate pair difference

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cordial labeling behavior of Petersen graphs  $P(n, k)$  like  $P(n, 2), P(n, 3), P(n, 4)$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph. Define

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**Definition 2.2.** [6]. Let  $n \geq 3$  and  $1 \leq k \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ . Then  $P(n, k)$  is the graph with  $V(P(n, k)) = \{u_i, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(P(n, k)) = \{u_i u_{i+1}, u_i v_i, v_i v_{i+k} : 1 \leq i \leq n, \text{subscripts modulo } n\}$ . The graph  $P(n, k)$  is called generalized Petersen graph.

For illustration, a pair difference cordial labeling of Petersen graph  $P(5, 2)$  is given in Figure 1.

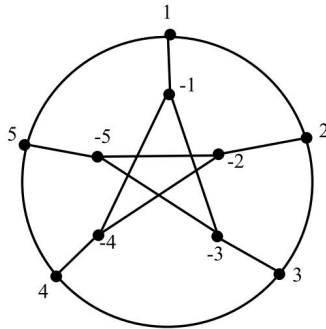


FIGURE 1

### 3. The Petersen Graph $P(n, 2)$

**Theorem 3.1.** The Petersen graph  $P(n, 2)$  is pair difference cordial for all even values of  $n \geq 4$ .

*Proof.* Let us consider the vertex set and edge set as in Definition 2.2.

**Case 1.**  $n \equiv 0(\text{mod}4)$ .

**Subcase 1.**  $n = 4$ .

A pair difference cordial labeling of Petersen graph  $P(4, 2)$  is given in Figure 2.

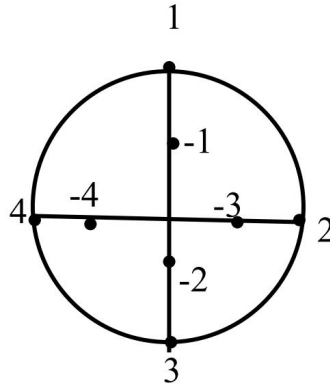


FIGURE 2

**Subcase 2.**  $n > 4$ .

Assign the labels  $1, 2, 3, \dots, \frac{3n}{4}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_{\frac{3n}{4}}$  and assign the labels  $\frac{3n+8}{4}, \frac{3n+4}{4}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_{\frac{3n+4}{4}}, u_{\frac{3n+8}{4}}$ . Next assign the labels  $\frac{3n+12}{4}, \frac{3n+16}{4}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_{\frac{3n+12}{4}}, u_{\frac{3n+16}{4}}$  and assign the labels  $\frac{3n+24}{4}, \frac{3n+20}{4}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_{\frac{3n+20}{4}}, u_{\frac{3n+24}{4}}$ . Proceeding like this until we reach the vertex  $u_n$ .

Now we assign the labels  $-1, -3, -5, \dots, -(n-1)$  to the vertices  $v_1, v_3, v_5, \dots, v_{n-1}$  and assign the labels  $-2, -4, -6, \dots, n$  to the vertices  $v_2, v_4, v_6, \dots, v_n$  respectively.

**Case 2.**  $n \equiv 2(\text{mod}4)$ .

**Subcase 1.**  $n = 6$ .

Assign the labels  $1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$  to the vertices  $u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u_5, u_6$  respectively and assign the labels  $-1, -2, -3, -4, -5, -6$  respectively to the vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6$ .

**Subcase 2.**  $n > 6$ .

Assign the labels  $1, 2, 3, \dots, \frac{3n-2}{4}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_{\frac{3n-2}{4}}$  and assign the labels  $\frac{3n+6}{4}, \frac{3n+2}{4}, \frac{3n+10}{4}, \frac{3n+14}{4}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_{\frac{3n+2}{4}}, u_{\frac{3n+6}{4}}, u_{\frac{3n+10}{4}}, u_{\frac{3n+14}{4}}$ . Next assign the labels  $\frac{3n+22}{4}, \frac{3n+18}{4}, \frac{3n+26}{4}, \frac{3n+30}{4}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_{\frac{3n+18}{4}}, u_{\frac{3n+22}{4}}, u_{\frac{3n+26}{4}}, u_{\frac{3n+30}{4}}$ . Proceeding like this until we reach the vertex  $u_n$ .

Now we assign the labels  $-1, -3, -5, \dots, -(n-1)$  to the vertices  $v_1, v_3, v_5, \dots, v_{n-1}$  and assign the labels  $-2, -4, -6, \dots, -n$  to the vertices  $v_2, v_4, v_6, \dots, v_n$  respectively.

In both cases, obviously  $\Delta_{f_1^c} = \Delta_{f_1} = \frac{3n}{2}$ . □

**Theorem 3.2.** The Petersen graph  $P(n, 2)$  is pair difference cordial for all odd values of  $n \geq 5$ .

*Proof.* We take the vertex set and edge set as in Definition 2.2.

**Case 1.**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

**Subcase 1.**  $n = 5$ .

A pair difference cordial labeling of Petersen graph  $P(5, 2)$  is given in Figure 1.

**Subcase 2.**  $n > 5$ .

Assign the labels  $1, 2, 3, \dots, \frac{3n-3}{4}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_{\frac{3n-3}{4}}$  and assign the labels  $\frac{3n+5}{4}, \frac{3n+1}{4}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_{\frac{3n+1}{4}}, u_{\frac{3n+5}{4}}$ . Next assign the labels  $\frac{3n+9}{4}, \frac{3n+13}{4}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_{\frac{3n+9}{4}}, u_{\frac{3n+13}{4}}$  and assign the labels  $\frac{3n+21}{4}, \frac{3n+17}{4}, \frac{3n+29}{4}, \frac{3n+25}{4}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_{\frac{3n+17}{4}}, u_{\frac{3n+21}{4}}, u_{\frac{3n+25}{4}}, u_{\frac{3n+29}{4}}$ . Proceeding like this until we reach the vertex  $u_n$ .

Now we assign the labels  $-1, -3, -5, \dots, -(\frac{n+1}{2})$  to the vertices  $v_1, v_3, v_5, \dots, v_n$  and assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+3}{2}), -(\frac{n+5}{2}), -(\frac{n+7}{2}), \dots, -n$  to the vertices  $v_2, v_4, v_6, \dots, v_{n-1}$  respectively.

**Case 2.**  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

**Subcase 1.**  $n = 7$ .

Assign the labels  $1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7$  to the vertices  $u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u_5, u_6, u_7$  respectively and assign the labels  $-1, -2, -3, -5, -4, -6, -7$  respectively to the vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7$ .

**Subcase 2.**  $n > 7$ .

Assign the labels  $1, 2, 3, \dots, \frac{3n-9}{4}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_{\frac{3n-9}{4}}$  and assign the labels  $\frac{3n-1}{4}, \frac{3n-5}{4}, \frac{3n+3}{4}, \frac{3n+7}{4}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_{\frac{3n-5}{4}}, u_{\frac{3n-1}{4}}, u_{\frac{3n+3}{4}}, u_{\frac{3n+7}{4}}$ . Next assign the labels  $\frac{3n+15}{4}, \frac{3n+11}{4}, \frac{3n+19}{4}, \frac{3n+23}{4}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_{\frac{3n+11}{4}}, u_{\frac{3n+15}{4}}, u_{\frac{3n+19}{4}}, u_{\frac{3n+23}{4}}$ . Proceeding like this until we reach the vertex  $u_{n-2}$ . Now assign the labels  $n, n-1$  respectively to the vertices  $u_{n-1}, u_n$ .

Now we assign the labels  $-1, -3, -5, \dots, -(\frac{n+1}{2})$  to the vertices  $v_1, v_3, v_5, \dots, v_n$  and assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+3}{2}), -(\frac{n+5}{2}), -(\frac{n+7}{2}), \dots, -n$  to the vertices  $v_2, v_4, v_6, \dots, v_{n-1}$  respectively.

In both cases, clearly  $\Delta_{f_1^c} = \frac{3n+1}{2}, \Delta_{f_1} = \frac{3n}{2}$ .

□

**4. The Petersen Graph  $P(n, 3)$**

**Theorem 4.1.** If  $6 \leq n \leq 15$ , then  $P(n, 3)$  is pair difference cordial.

*Proof.* Take the vertex set and edge set as in Definition 2.2

First assign the labels  $1, 2, 3, \dots, n, 6 \leq n \leq 15$  respectively to the vertices  $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ .

Next assign the labels to the vertices as in Table 1. Table 1 shows that  $P(n, 3), 6 \leq n \leq 15$  is pair difference cordial.

$n$	$u_1$	$u_2$	$u_3$	$u_4$	$u_5$	$u_6$	$u_7$	$u_8$	$u_9$	$u_{10}$	$u_{11}$	$u_{12}$	$u_{13}$	$u_{14}$	$u_{15}$
6	-2	-4	-6	-1	-3	-5									
7	-1	-2	-3	-5	-4	-6	-7								
8	-1	-2	-3	-5	-4	-6	-7	-8							
9	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8	-9						
10	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8	-10	-9					
11	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8	-9	-11	-10				
12	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8	-9	-11	-10	-12			
13	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8	-9	-11	-13	-10	-12		
14	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8	-9	-11	-13	-10	-12	-14	
15	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8	-9	-10	-11	-13	-15	-12	-14

TABLE 1

□

**Theorem 4.2.** If  $n > 15$ , then  $P(n, 3)$  is pair difference cordial.

*Proof.* Let us consider the vertex set and edge set as in Definition 2.2.

**Case 1.**  $n \equiv 0(mod3)$ .

Assign the labels  $1, 2, 3, \dots, \frac{n}{3}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_1, u_4, u_7, \dots, u_{n-2}$  and assign the labels  $\frac{n+3}{3}, \frac{n+6}{3}, \frac{n+9}{3}, \dots, \frac{2n}{3}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_2, u_5, u_8, \dots, u_{n-1}$ . Next assign the labels  $\frac{2n+3}{3}, \frac{2n+6}{3}, \frac{2n+9}{3}, \dots, n$  respectively to the vertices  $u_3, u_6, u_9, \dots, u_n$ . Next assign the labels to the vertices  $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ . There are four cases arises.

**Subcase 1.**  $n \equiv 0(mod4)$ .

Assign the labels  $-1, -2, -3, \dots, -(\frac{n+8}{2})$  respectively to the vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{\frac{n+8}{2}}$  and assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+12}{2}), -(\frac{n+16}{2}), -(\frac{n+20}{2}), \dots, -(n)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{n+10}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+12}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+14}{2}}, \dots, v_{\frac{3n+8}{4}}$ . Next assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+10}{2}), -(\frac{n+14}{2}), -(\frac{n+18}{2}), \dots, -(n-1)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{3n+12}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+16}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+20}{4}}, \dots, v_n$ .

**Subcase 2.**  $n \equiv 1(mod4)$ .

Assign the labels  $-1, -2, -3, \dots, -(\frac{n+9}{2})$  respectively to the vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{\frac{n+9}{2}}$  and assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+13}{2}), -(\frac{n+17}{2}), -(\frac{n+21}{2}), \dots, -(n)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{n+11}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+13}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+15}{2}}, \dots, v_{\frac{3n+9}{4}}$ . Next assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+15}{2}), -(\frac{n+19}{2}), -(\frac{n+23}{2}), \dots, -(n-1)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{3n+13}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+17}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+21}{4}}, \dots, v_n$ .

**Subcase 3.**  $n \equiv 2(mod4)$ .

Assign the labels  $-1, -2, -3, \dots, -(\frac{n+8}{2})$  respectively to the vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{\frac{n+8}{2}}$  and assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+12}{2}), -(\frac{n+16}{2}), -(\frac{n+20}{2}), \dots, -(n-1)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{n+10}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+12}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+14}{2}}, \dots, v_{\frac{3n+6}{4}}$ . Next assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+10}{2}), -(\frac{n+14}{2}), -(\frac{n+18}{2}), \dots, -(n)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{3n+10}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+14}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+18}{4}}, \dots, v_n$ .

**Subcase 4.**  $n \equiv 3(mod4)$ .

Assign the labels  $-1, -2, -3, \dots, -(\frac{n+9}{2})$  respectively to the vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{\frac{n+9}{2}}$  and assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+13}{2}), -(\frac{n+17}{2}), -(\frac{n+21}{2}), \dots, -(n-1)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{n+11}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+13}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+15}{2}}, \dots, v_{\frac{3n+7}{4}}$ . Next assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+15}{2}), -(\frac{n+19}{2}), -(\frac{n+23}{2}), \dots, -(n)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{3n+11}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+15}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+19}{4}}, \dots, v_n$ .

Table 2 shows that  $P(n, 3)$  is pair difference cordial for all values of  $n \equiv 0(mod3)$ .

Nature of $n$	$\Delta_{f_1^c}$	$\Delta_{f_1}$
$n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$	$\frac{3n}{2}$	$\frac{3n}{2}$
$n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$	$\frac{3n-1}{2}$	$\frac{3n+1}{2}$
$n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$	$\frac{3n}{2}$	$\frac{3n}{2}$
$n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$	$\frac{3n-1}{2}$	$\frac{3n+1}{2}$

TABLE 2

**Case 2.**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

Assign the labels  $1, 2, 3, \dots, \frac{n+2}{3}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_1, u_4, u_7, \dots, u_n$  and assign the labels  $\frac{n+5}{3}, \frac{n+8}{3}, \frac{n+11}{3}, \dots, \frac{2n+1}{3}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_2, u_5, u_8, \dots, u_{n-1}$ . Next assign the labels  $\frac{2n+4}{3}, \frac{2n+7}{3}, \frac{2n+10}{3}, \dots, n$  respectively to the vertices  $u_3, u_6, u_9, \dots, u_{n-2}$ . Next assign the labels to the vertices  $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ . There are four cases arises.

**Subcase 1.**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

Assign the labels  $-1, -2, -3, \dots, -(\frac{n+4}{2})$  respectively to the vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{\frac{n+4}{2}}$  and assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+8}{2}), -(\frac{n+12}{2}), -(\frac{n+16}{2}), \dots, -(n)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{n+6}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+8}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+10}{2}}, \dots, v_{\frac{3n+4}{4}}$ . Next assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+6}{2}), -(\frac{n+10}{2}), -(\frac{n+14}{2}), \dots, -(n-1)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{3n+8}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+12}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+16}{4}}, \dots, v_n$ .

**Subcase 2.**  $n \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{4}$ .

Assign the labels  $-1, -2, -3, \dots, -(\frac{n+5}{2})$  respectively to the vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{\frac{n+5}{2}}$  and assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+9}{2}), -(\frac{n+13}{2}), -(\frac{n+17}{2}), \dots, -(n)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{n+7}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+9}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+11}{2}}, \dots, v_{\frac{3n+5}{4}}$ . Next assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+7}{2}), -(\frac{n+11}{2}), -(\frac{n+15}{2}), \dots, -(n-1)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{3n+9}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+11}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+15}{4}}, \dots, v_n$ .

**Subcase 3.**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

Assign the labels  $-1, -2, -3, \dots, -(\frac{n+2}{2})$  respectively to the vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{\frac{n+2}{2}}$  and assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+6}{2}), -(\frac{n+10}{2}), -(\frac{n+14}{2}), \dots, -(n)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{n+4}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+6}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+8}{2}}, \dots, v_{\frac{3n+2}{4}}$ . Next assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+4}{2}), -(\frac{n+8}{2}), -(\frac{n+12}{2}), \dots, -(n-1)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{3n+6}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+10}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+14}{4}}, \dots, v_n$ .

Table 3 shows that  $P(n, 3)$  is pair difference cordial for all values of  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

Nature of $n$	$\Delta_{f_1^c}$	$\Delta_{f_1}$
$n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$	$\frac{3n}{2}$	$\frac{3n}{2}$
$n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$	$\frac{3n-1}{2}$	$\frac{3n+1}{2}$
$n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$	$\frac{3n}{2}$	$\frac{3n}{2}$
$n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$	$\frac{3n-1}{2}$	$\frac{3n+1}{2}$

TABLE 3

**Case 3.**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

Assign the labels  $1, 2, 3, \dots, \frac{n+1}{3}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_1, u_4, u_7, \dots, u_{n-1}$  and assign the labels  $\frac{n+4}{3}, \frac{n+7}{3}, \frac{n+10}{3}, \dots, \frac{2n+2}{3}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_2, u_5, u_8, \dots, u_n$ . Next assign the labels  $\frac{2n+5}{3}, \frac{2n+8}{3}, \frac{2n+11}{3}, \dots, n$  respectively to the vertices  $u_3, u_6, u_9, \dots, u_n$ . Next assign the labels to the vertices  $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ . There are four cases arises.

**Subcase 1.**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

Assign the labels  $-1, -2, -3, \dots, -(\frac{n+4}{2})$  respectively to the vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{\frac{n+4}{2}}$  and assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+8}{2}), -(\frac{n+12}{2}), -(\frac{n+16}{2}), \dots, -(n)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{n+6}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+8}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+10}{2}}, \dots, v_{\frac{3n+4}{4}}$ . Next assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+6}{2}), -(\frac{n+10}{2}), -(\frac{n+14}{2}), \dots, -(n-1)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{3n+8}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+12}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+16}{4}}, \dots, v_n$ .

**Subcase 2.**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

Assign the labels  $-1, -2, -3, \dots, -(\frac{n+5}{2})$  respectively to the vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{\frac{n+5}{2}}$  and assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+9}{2}), -(\frac{n+13}{2}), -(\frac{n+17}{2}), \dots, -(n)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{n+7}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+9}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+11}{2}}, \dots, v_{\frac{3n+5}{4}}$ . Next assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+7}{2}), -(\frac{n+11}{2}), -(\frac{n+15}{2}), \dots, -(n-1)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{3n+9}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+13}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+17}{4}}, \dots, v_n$ .

**Subcase 3.**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

Assign the labels  $-1, -2, -3, \dots, -(\frac{n+4}{2})$  respectively to the vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{\frac{n+4}{2}}$  and assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+8}{2}), -(\frac{n+12}{2}), -(\frac{n+16}{2}), \dots, -(n-1)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{n+6}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+8}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+10}{2}}, \dots, v_{\frac{3n+2}{4}}$ . Next assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+6}{2}), -(\frac{n+10}{2}), -(\frac{n+14}{2}), \dots, -(n)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{3n+6}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+10}{4}},$



$v_{\frac{3n+14}{2}}, \dots, v_n$ .

**Subcase 4.**  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

Assign the labels  $-1, -2, -3, \dots, -(\frac{n+5}{2})$  respectively to the vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{\frac{n+5}{2}}$  and assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+9}{2}), -(\frac{n+11}{2}), -(\frac{n+15}{2}), \dots, -(n-1)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{n+7}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+9}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+11}{2}}, \dots, v_{\frac{3n+3}{4}}$ . Next assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+7}{2}), -(\frac{n+13}{2}), -(\frac{n+17}{2}), \dots, -(n)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{3n+7}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+11}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+15}{4}}, \dots, v_n$ .

Table 4 shows that  $P(n, 3)$  is pair difference cordial for all values of  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

Nature of $n$	$\Delta_{f_1^c}$	$\Delta_{f_1}$
$n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$	$\frac{3n}{2}$	$\frac{3n}{2}$
$n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$	$\frac{3n-1}{2}$	$\frac{3n+1}{2}$
$n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$	$\frac{3n}{2}$	$\frac{3n}{2}$
$n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$	$\frac{3n-1}{2}$	$\frac{3n+1}{2}$

TABLE 4

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## 5. The Petersen Graph $P(n, 4)$

**Theorem 5.1.** If  $n \geq 8$ , then  $P(n, 4)$  is pair difference cordial.

*Proof.* We take the vertex set and edge set as in Definition 2.2. There are four cases arises.

**Case 1.**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

**Subcase 1.**  $n = 8$ .

Assign the labels  $1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 7$  respectively to the vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7, v_8$  and assign the labels  $-1, -3, -5, -7, -2, -4, -6, -8$  to the vertices  $u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u_5, u_6, u_7, u_8$  respectively.

**Subcase 2.**  $n > 8$ .

Assign the labels  $1, 2, 3, \dots, \frac{n}{4}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_1, u_5, u_9, \dots, u_{n-3}$  and assign the labels  $\frac{n+4}{4}, \frac{n+8}{4}, \frac{n+12}{4}, \dots, \frac{n}{2}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_2, u_6, u_{10}, \dots, u_{n-2}$ . Next assign the labels  $\frac{n+2}{2}, \frac{n+4}{2}, \frac{n+6}{2}, \dots, \frac{3n}{4}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_3, u_7, u_{11}, \dots, u_{n-1}$  and assign the labels  $\frac{3n+4}{4}, \frac{3n+8}{4}, \frac{3n+12}{4}, \dots, n$  respectively to the vertices  $u_4, u_8, u_{12}, \dots, u_n$ .

Assign the labels  $-1, -2, -3, \dots, -(\frac{n+8}{2})$  respectively to the vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{\frac{n+8}{2}}$  and assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+12}{2}), -(\frac{n+16}{2}), -(\frac{n+20}{2}), \dots, -(n)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{n+10}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+12}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+14}{2}}, \dots, v_{\frac{3n+8}{4}}$ . Next assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+10}{2}), -(\frac{n+14}{2}), -(\frac{n+18}{2}), \dots, -(n-1)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{3n+12}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+16}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+20}{4}}, \dots, v_n$ .

**Case 2.**  $n \equiv 1(\text{mod}4)$ .

**Subcase 1.**  $n = 9$ .

Assign the labels  $1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 6, 8, 9$  respectively to the vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7, v_8, v_9$  and assign the labels  $-1, -8, -6, -4, -2, -9, -7, -5, -3$  to the vertices  $u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u_5, u_6, u_7, u_8, u_9$  respectively.

**Subcase 2.**  $n > 9$ .

Assign the labels  $1, 2, 3, \dots, \frac{n+3}{4}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_1, u_5, u_9, \dots, u_n$  and assign the labels  $\frac{n+7}{4}, \frac{n+11}{4}, \frac{n+15}{4}, \dots, \frac{n+1}{2}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_4, u_8, u_{12}, \dots, u_{n-1}$ . Next assign the labels  $\frac{n+3}{2}, \frac{n+5}{2}, \frac{n+7}{2}, \dots, \frac{3n+1}{4}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_3, u_7, u_{11}, \dots, u_{n-2}$  and assign the labels  $\frac{3n+5}{4}, \frac{3n+9}{4}, \frac{3n+13}{4}, \dots, n$  respectively to the vertices  $u_2, u_6, u_{10}, \dots, u_{n-3}$ .

Assign the labels  $-1, -2, -3, \dots, -(\frac{n+5}{2})$  respectively to the vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{\frac{n+5}{2}}$  and assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+9}{2}), -(\frac{n+13}{2}), -(\frac{n+17}{2}), \dots, -(n)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{n+7}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+9}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+11}{2}}, \dots, v_{\frac{3n+5}{4}}$ . Next assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+7}{2}), -(\frac{n+11}{2}), -(\frac{n+15}{2}), \dots, -(n-1)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{3n+9}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+13}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+17}{4}}, \dots, v_n$ .

**Case 3.**  $n \equiv 2(\text{mod}4)$ .

**Subcase 1.**  $n = 10$ .

Assign the labels  $1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 7, 9, 10$  respectively to the vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7, v_8, v_9, v_{10}$  and assign the labels  $-1, -6, -4, -9, -2, -7, -5, -10, -3, -8$  to the vertices  $u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u_5, u_6, u_7, u_8, u_9, u_{10}$  respectively.

**Subcase 2.**  $n > 10$ .

Assign the labels  $1, 2, 3, \dots, \frac{n+2}{4}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_1, u_5, u_9, \dots, u_{n-1}$  and assign the labels  $\frac{n+6}{4}, \frac{n+10}{4}, \frac{n+14}{4}, \dots, \frac{n}{2}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_3, u_7, u_{11}, \dots, u_{n-3}$ . Next assign the labels  $\frac{n+2}{2}, \frac{n+4}{2}, \frac{n+6}{2}, \dots, n-3$  respectively to the vertices  $u_2, u_6, u_{10}, \dots, u_n$  and assign the labels  $\frac{3n+6}{4}, \frac{3n+10}{4}, \frac{3n+14}{4}, \dots, n$  respectively to the vertices  $u_4, u_8, u_{12}, \dots, u_{n-2}$ .

Assign the labels  $-1, -2, -3, \dots, -(\frac{n+6}{2})$  respectively to the vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{\frac{n+6}{2}}$  and assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+10}{2}), -(\frac{n+14}{2}), -(\frac{n+18}{2}), \dots, -(n)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{n+8}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+10}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+12}{2}}, \dots, v_{\frac{3n+6}{4}}$ . Next assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+8}{2}), -(\frac{n+12}{2}), -(\frac{n+16}{2}), \dots, -(n-1)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{3n+10}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+14}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+18}{4}}, \dots, v_n$ .

**Case 4.**  $n \equiv 3(mod 4)$ .

**Subcase 1.**  $n = 11$ .

Assign the labels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 6, 8, 9, 11, 10 respectively to the vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7, v_8, v_9, v_{10}, v_{11}$  and assign the labels  $-1, -4, -7, -10, -2, -5, -8, -11, -3, -6, -9$  to the vertices  $u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u_5, u_6, u_7, u_8, u_9, u_{10}, u_{11}$  respectively.

**Subcase 2.**  $n > 11$ .

Assign the labels 1, 2, 3,  $\dots, \frac{n+1}{4}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_1, u_5, u_9, \dots, u_{n-2}$  and assign the labels  $\frac{n+5}{4}, \frac{n+9}{4}, \frac{n+11}{4}, \dots, \frac{n+1}{2}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_2, u_6, u_{10}, \dots, u_{n-1}$ . Next assign the labels  $\frac{n+3}{2}, \frac{n+5}{2}, \frac{n+7}{2}, \dots, \frac{3n-5}{4}$  respectively to the vertices  $u_3, u_7, u_{11}, \dots, u_n$  and assign the labels  $\frac{3n-1}{4}, \frac{3n+3}{4}, \frac{3n+7}{4}, \dots, n$  respectively to the vertices  $u_4, u_8, u_{12}, \dots, u_{n-3}$ .

Assign the labels  $-1, -2, -3, \dots, -(\frac{n-1}{2})$  respectively to the vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{\frac{n-1}{2}}$  and assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+3}{2}), -(\frac{n+7}{2}), -(\frac{n+11}{2}), \dots, -(n)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{n+1}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+3}{2}}, v_{\frac{n+5}{2}}, \dots, v_{\frac{3n+7}{4}}$ . Next assign the labels  $-(\frac{n+1}{2}), -(\frac{n+5}{2}), -(\frac{n+9}{2}), \dots, -(n-1)$  respectively to the vertices  $v_{\frac{3n+11}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+15}{4}}, v_{\frac{3n+19}{4}}, \dots, v_n$ .

Table 5 shows that  $P(n, 4)$  is pair difference cordial for all values of  $n \geq 8$ .

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$n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$	$\frac{3n}{2}$	$\frac{3n}{2}$
$n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$	$\frac{3n-1}{2}$	$\frac{3n+1}{2}$

TABLE 5

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### 6. Discussion

The pair sum labeling was introduced by Ponraj and Parthipan in [20]. The concept of difference cordial labeling of graphs was introduced in [21]. Motivated

by these two concepts, we have defined a new graph labeling called pair difference cordial labeling of graphs [12]. Accordingly, the pair difference cordial labeling behaviour of some Petersen graphs  $P(n, 2)$ ,  $P(n, 3)$ ,  $P(n, 4)$  have investigated in this paper.

### 7. Limitation of Research

Presently, it is difficult to investigate the pair difference cordial labeling behaviour of Swastik graph on large number of vertices.

### 8. Conclusion

In this paper we have investigated pair difference cordial labeling behaviour of some Petersen graphs  $P(n, 2)$ ,  $P(n, 3)$ ,  $P(n, 4)$ . The pair difference cordial labeling behaviour of Petersen graphs  $P(n, k)$ ,  $n \geq 5$  are the open problems.

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