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Summary

In this thesis we are concerned with a very important topic in graph theory, which is graph labeling. We study seven labelings of graphs, combination labeling, divisor labeling, divisor cordial labeling, *-divisor labeling, square sum labeling, perfect square sum labeling, and strongly square sum labeling. This thesis consists of four chapters.

Chapter one

In Chapter one, we introduce some basic definitions and notations in graph theory which we will need afterwards. Also, we deal with preliminary definitions and results about the related work in this thesis which have been done before.

Chapter two

In Chapter two, we study combination graphs. We introduce some theorems for a graph to be a non-combination graph, and some theorems on chains of two and three complete graphs, considering when they are combination or non-combination graphs. Also we present some families of combination graphs. Finally we give a survey for trees of order n ; $n \leq 10$, which are all combination graphs.

Chapter three

In Chapter three, we discuss three kinds of divisor graphs, namely the usual divisor graph, the divisor cordial graph and a new divisor graph called * - divisor graph.

Chapter four

In Chapter four, we introduce a type of labeling of graphs which is closely related to the Diophantine Equation $x^2 + y^2 = z$. We introduce some families to be square sum graphs. We determine the number of strongly square sum graphs corresponding to the number of edges. We

present a program finding the maximum number of edges of square sum and perfect square sum graphs.

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Introduction

The existence of graphs for which a special set of integer values are assigned to its nodes or edges or both according to some given criteria has been investigated since the middle of the last century. Graph labeling have often been motivated by practical considerations such as chemical isomers, but they are also of interest in their own right due to their abstract mathematical properties arising from various structural considerations of the underlying graphs.

The qualitative labeling of graph elements have inspired research in diverse field of human enquiry such as conflict resolution in social psychology, electrical circuit theory and energy crisis. Whereas quantitative labeling of the graphs have led to quite intricate fields of applications such as coding theory problems, including the design of good radar location codes, synch-set codes, missile guidance codes and convolution codes with optimal auto correlation properties. Labeled graph often been applied in determining the ambiguities in X-ray crystallographic analysis, to design communication networks, in determining optimal circuit layouts and radio astronomy etc. See [4],[5],[22] for details.

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If a non negative integer $f(v)$ is assigned to each vertex v of G then the vertices of G are said to be labeled (numbered). G is itself a labeled graph if each edge $e = uv$ is given the value $f(uv) = f(u) * f(v)$, where $*$ is a binary operation. In the literature one can find that the $*$ is either addition, multiplication, modulo addition or absolute difference, modulo subtraction or symmetric difference. Clearly, in the absence of additional constraints, every graph can be labeled in infinitely many ways. Thus, utilization of labeled graph models requires imposition of additional constraints which characterize the problem being investigated.

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Chapter 1

Basic Definitions and Concepts

This chapter consists of two sections. Section one gives some definitions and notations in graph theory. Section two contains the preliminary definitions and results about the related work in this thesis which have been done before.

1.1 Basic definitions in graph theory

A *graph* G is defined by an ordered pair $(V(G), E(G))$, where $V(G)$ is a nonempty set whose elements are called points or vertices and $E(G)$ is a set of unordered pairs of distinct elements of $V(G)$. The elements of $E(G)$ are called lines or edges of the graph G . A graph G with n vertices and q edges is called a (n, q) - graph.

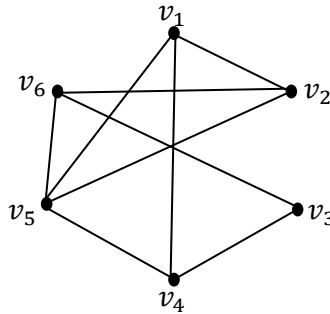


Figure 1.1: $(6,9)$ —graph

The number of vertices in a given graph is called *order* of the graph, denoted by $|V(G)|$. The number of edges in a given graph is called *size* of the graph, denoted by $|E(G)|$.

An edge of a graph that joins a vertex to itself is called a *loop*. As an example, see *Figure 1.2* (e_1).

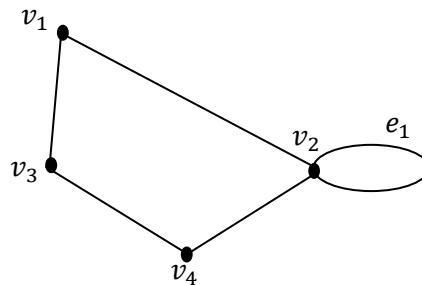


Figure 1.2: Graph with loop

If two vertices of a graph are joined by more than one edge then these edges are called *multiple edges*. For instance, see *Figure 1.3* (e_1 and e_2).

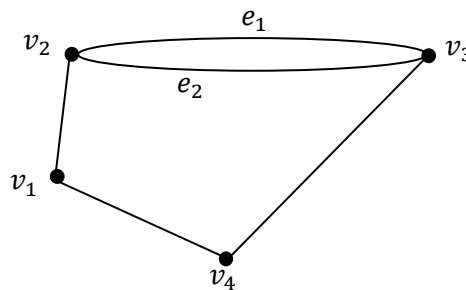


Figure 1.3: Graph with multiple edges

A graph which has neither loops nor multiple edges is called a *simple graph*. A graph is *finite* if both its vertex set and edge set are finite.

If two vertices of a graph are joined by an edge then these vertices are called *adjacent* vertices.

If two or more edges of a graph have a common vertex then these edges are called *adjacent edges*.

Degree of a vertex v of any graph G is defined as the number of edges incident on v . It is denoted by $\deg(v)$ or $d(v)$.

A vertex of degree 0 is an *isolated vertex* and a vertex of degree 1 is an *end-vertex*, *leaf*, or a *pendant vertex*.

A graph H is a *subgraph* of G if every vertex of H is a vertex of G , and every edges of H is an edge of G . In other words, $V(H) \subseteq V(G)$ and $E(H) \subseteq E(G)$. We say that a subgraph H is a *spanning subgraph* of G if H contains all vertices of G .

A subgraph H of G , such that whenever $u, v \in V(H)$ are adjacent in G then they are adjacent in H is called an *induced subgraph* of G . (for example, see Figure 1.4)

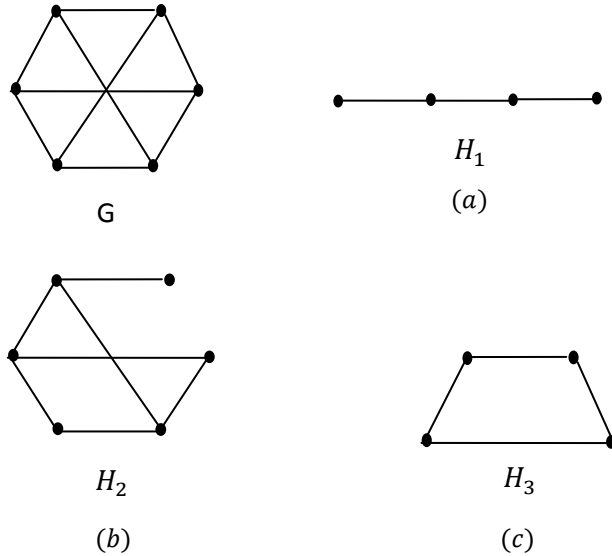


Figure 1.4:

- (a) H_1 is a subgraph of G .
- (b) H_2 is a spanning subgraph of G .
- (c) H_3 is an induced subgraph of G .

The *complement* \bar{G} of a simple graph G with vertex set $V(G)$ is the graph in which two vertices are adjacent if and only if they are not adjacent in G . (for instance, see Figure 1.5)

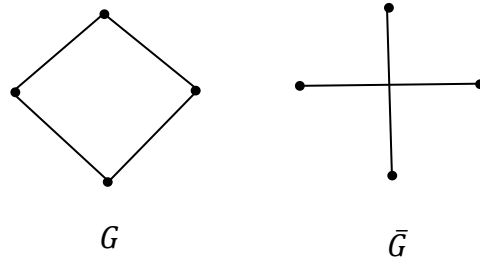


Figure 1.5: Graph G with its complement

The two graphs G and H are *isomorphic* $G \cong H$ if there is a one to one correspondence ϕ mapping from $V(G)$ onto $V(H)$, such that ϕ preserves adjacency, i.e., for $u, v \in V(G)$, $uv \in E(G)$ if and only if $\phi(u)\phi(v) \in E(H)$. Thus the two graphs shown in Figure 1.6 are isomorphic under the correspondence $u \leftrightarrow l, v \leftrightarrow m, w \leftrightarrow n, x \leftrightarrow p, y \leftrightarrow q, z \leftrightarrow r$

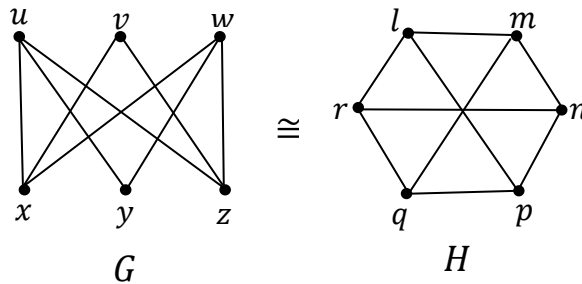


Figure 1.6: $G \cong H$

If e is an edge of a graph G , we denote by $G - e$ the graph obtained from G by deleting the edge e . Similarly, if v is a vertex of G , we denote by $G - v$ the graph obtained from G by deleting the vertex v together with the edges incident on v .

Figure 1.7 illustrates the deletion of vertex or edge from G

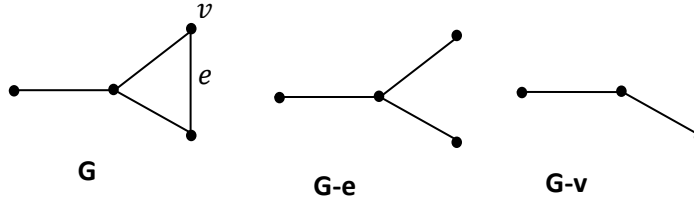


Figure 1.7

1.1.1 Some important types of graphs

A *regular graph* is defined as a graph that all of its vertices are of the same degree, in such case we say that the graph of degree d is a d -regular graph.

A *complete graph* of order n (K_n) is a regular graph of degree $n - 1$ (as an example, see Figure 1.8).

A *null graph* is a regular graph of degree zero. Null graph of n vertices is denoted by $\overline{K_n}$ (for example, see Figure 1.9).

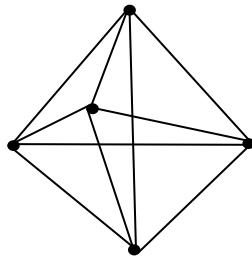


Figure 1.8: K_5

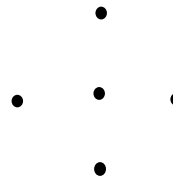


Figure 1.9: $\overline{K_5}$

If the vertices set of a graph G can be partitioned into two sets V_1 and V_2 such that any edge of G joins one vertex in V_1 to one vertex in V_2 then G is called a *bipartite graph* having bipartition (V_1, V_2) .