

Gaussian Neighborhood Prime Labeling of Some Classes of Graphs and Cycles

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Abstract. A graph G on n vertices is said to have a neighborhood prime labeling if there exists a labeling from the vertices of G to the first n natural numbers such that for each vertex in G with degree greater than one, the neighborhood vertices have relatively prime labels. Gaussian integers are the complex numbers whose real and imaginary parts are both integers. We extend the neighborhood prime labeling concept to Gaussian integers. Using the order on the Gaussian integers, we show that some classes of graphs and cycles are Gaussian neighborhood prime graphs.

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1. Introduction

Graph labeling where the vertices are assigned values subject to certain conditions have many applications in Engineering and Science. One of the very appropriate application in real life problem is described in [10]. For all terminology and notations in Graph theory, we follow [1] and for all terminology regarding graph labeling, we follow [2]. A graph on n vertices is said to have a prime labeling if its vertices can be labeled with the first n natural numbers in such a way that any two adjacent vertices have relatively prime labels. In [4], Steven Klee, Hunter Lehmann and Andrew Park extend the notion of prime labeling to Gaussian integers. They define a spiral ordering on the Gaussian integers that allow us to linearly order the Gaussian integers. Steven Klee proved that the path graph, star graph, spider graph, n -centipede tree, double star tree and firecracker tree admits Gaussian prime labeling. Labeling of $(n,2)$ centipede tree was discussed in [7].

A graph G on n vertices is said to have a neighborhood prime labeling [3] if there exists a labeling from the vertices of G to the first n natural numbers such that for each vertex in G with degree greater than one, the neighborhood vertices have relatively prime. Neighborhood prime labeling of some graphs were discussed in [5]. Kulli [8], [9] discussed the edge neighborhood graphs and neighborhood transformation of graphs. In this Paper we extend the study of neighborhood prime labeling to Gaussian integers. In section 2, we discuss the properties of spiral ordering in Gaussian integers. In section 3, we apply the properties of spiral ordering to prove the Gaussian neighborhood prime labeling of some classes of graphs and cycles.

2. Gaussian neighborhood prime labeling

All graphs in this paper are finite undirected graphs without loops or multiple edges. We follow [4] for definition and information on the Gaussian integers. The Gaussian integers, denoted $Z[i]$, are the complex numbers of the form $a+bi$, where $a, b \in Z$ and $i^2 = -1$. The norm of Gaussian integer $a+bi$, denoted by $N(a+bi)$, is given by a^2+b^2 . A Gaussian integer is even if it is divisible by $1+i$ and odd otherwise. A unit in the Gaussian integers is one of $\pm 1, \pm i$. An associate of a Gaussian integer α is $u\alpha$ where u is a Gaussian unit. A Gaussian integer ρ is prime if its only divisors are $\pm 1, \pm i, \pm \rho$ or $\pm i\rho$. The Gaussian integers α and β are relatively prime if their only common divisors are units in $Z[i]$.

The Gaussian integers are not totally ordered. So, we use the spiral ordering of the Gaussian integers introduced by Steven Klee in [4].

Definition 1. [4] The spiral ordering of the Gaussian integers is a recursively defined ordering of the Gaussian integers. We denote the n^{th} Gaussian integer in the spiral ordering by γ_n . The ordering is defined beginning with $\gamma_1=1$ and continuing as:

$$\gamma_{n+1} = \begin{cases} \gamma_n + i, & \text{if } Re(\gamma_n) \equiv 1(mod 2), Re(\gamma_n) > Im(\gamma_n) + 1 \\ \gamma_n - i, & \text{if } Im(\gamma_n) \equiv 0(mod 2), Re(\gamma_n) \leq Im(\gamma_n) + 1, Re(\gamma_n) > 1 \\ \gamma_n + 1, & \text{if } Im(\gamma_n) \equiv 1(mod 2), Re(\gamma_n) < Im(\gamma_n) + 1 \\ \gamma_n + i, & \text{if } Im(\gamma_n) \equiv 0(mod 2), Re(\gamma_n) = 1 \\ \gamma_n = i, & \text{if } Re(\gamma_n) \equiv 0(mod 2), Re(\gamma_n) \geq Im(\gamma_n) + 1, Im(\gamma_n) > 0 \\ \gamma_n + 1, & \text{if } Re(\gamma_n) \equiv 0(mod 2), Im(\gamma_n) = 0. \end{cases}$$

The first 10 Gaussian integers under this ordering are $1, 1+i, 2+i, 2, 3, 3+i, 3+2i, 2+2i, 1+2i, 1+3i, \dots$ and $[\gamma_n]$ denote the set of the first n Gaussian integers in the spiral ordering. Here we exclude the imaginary axis to ensure that the spiral ordering excludes associates.

In [4] Steven Klee proved the following properties of Gaussian integers in spiral ordering.

- (1) Let α be a Gaussian integer and u is a unit. Then α and $\alpha+u$ are relatively prime.
- (2) Consecutive Gaussian integers in the spiral ordering are relatively prime.
- (3) Let α be an odd Gaussian integer, let c be a positive integer, and let u be a unit. Then α and $\alpha + u \cdot (1+i)^c$ are relatively prime.
- (4) Consecutive odd Gaussian integers in the spiral ordering are relatively prime.
- (5) Let α be a Gaussian integer and let p be a prime Gaussian integer. Then α and $\alpha + p$ are relatively prime if and only if p does not divide α .

Now we define the neighborhood prime labeling with Gaussian integers using the definition of the spiral ordering for Gaussian integers. For a vertex $v \in V(G)$, the neighborhood of v is the set of all vertices in G which are adjacent to v and is denoted by $N(v)$.

Definition 2. [4] Let G be a graph on n vertices. A Gaussian neighborhood prime labeling of G is a bijection $f : V(G) \rightarrow [\gamma_n]$ such that for each vertex $v \in V(G)$ with $deg(v) > 1$, $\{f(u_i) : u_i \in N(v)\}$ are relatively prime. A graph which admits Gaussian neighborhood prime labeling is called Gaussian neighborhood prime graph.

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3. Gaussian neighborhood prime labeling of some graphs

Patel and Shrimali [3] introduced neighborhood prime labeling and the discussion of the labeling on some graphs is in [5]. Gaussian neighborhood prime labeling of some graphs were discussed in [6]. We now discuss the Gaussian neighborhood prime labeling for some graphs using the properties of spiral ordering in the Gaussian integers.

Definition 3. Let $p, n, m, n \leq m$ be integers. The (p, n, m) double star tree is the union of two star graph $K_{1,n}$ and $K_{1,m}$ together with a path of length p joining their apex vertices.

Theorem 1. Any (p, n, m) double star tree is a Gaussian neighborhood prime graph.

Proof: Let G be a (p, n, m) double star tree which is the union of two star graphs $K_{1,n}$ and $K_{1,m}$ ($n \leq m$). Let $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_p$ be the vertices of the path P_p which joins the star graphs $K_{1,n}$ and $K_{1,m}$ where v_1 and v_p are the apex vertices of them. The pendant vertices of $K_{1,n}$ are $v_{p+1}, v_{p+2}, \dots, v_{p+n}$ and the pendant vertices of $K_{1,m}$ are $v_{p+n+1}, v_{p+n+2}, \dots, v_{p+n+m}$. Label the vertex v_1 with $\gamma_2 = 1+i$ and label the vertex v_p with $\gamma_1 = 1$. Label the remaining $p-1$ vertices of the path P_p by defining the labeling $f: V(P_p) \rightarrow \{\gamma_3, \gamma_4, \dots, \gamma_p\}$ as

Case (1): if p is even

$$f(v_{2i}) = \gamma_{\left(\frac{p}{2}+i+1\right)}, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{p-2}{2}$$

$$f(v_{(2i+1)}) = \gamma_{(i+2)}, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{p-2}{2}$$

Case (2): if p is odd

$$f(v_{2i}) = \gamma_{\left(\frac{p-1}{2}+i+1\right)}, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{p-1}{2}$$

$$f(v_{(2i+1)}) = \gamma_{(i+2)}, 1 \leq i < \frac{p-1}{2}$$

The labeling on the path is a Gaussian neighborhood prime labeling since the neighborhood vertices are consecutive Gaussian integers. Now, label the pendent vertices $v_{p+1}, v_{p+2}, \dots, v_{p+n}$ of the star graph $K_{1,n}$ with the remaining n odd Gaussian integers. Label the pendant vertices in $K_{1,m}$ with the remaining m Gaussian integers. Then, G admits a Gaussian neighborhood prime labeling.

Definition 4. A comb graph is a caterpillar in which each vertex in the path is joined to exactly one pendent vertex and is denoted by $P_n \odot K_1$.

Theorem 2. Any comb graph $P_n \odot K_1, n \in \mathbb{N}$ is a Gaussian neighborhood prime graph.

Proof: Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n are the vertices in the path P_n and u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n are the pendant vertices of the comb graph $P_n \odot K_1$. The pendent vertex u_n is labeled with $\gamma_2 = 1+i$ and the remaining pendant vertices are labeled with $n-1$ remaining even Gaussian integers. The vertices in the path are labeled with odd Gaussian integers by defining the labeling $f: V(P_n \odot K_1) \rightarrow \{\gamma_1, \gamma_3, \dots, \gamma_{2n-1}\}$ as

Case (1) if n is even

$$f(v_{(2i-1)}) = \gamma_{\left(\frac{2n-2}{2}+2i\right)}, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

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$$f(v_{2i}) = \gamma_{(2i-1)}, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

Case (2) if n is odd

$$f(v_{(2i-1)}) = \gamma_{\left(\frac{2n-4}{2}+2i\right)}, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$f(v_{2i}) = \gamma_{(2i-1)}, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

The labeling shows that adjacent vertices of every vertex in the path except v_1 and v_n are consecutive odd Gaussian integers and they are relatively prime. The adjacent vertices of v_1 contains the Gaussian integer $\gamma_1 = 1$ which is relatively prime to all the Gaussian integers. The adjacent vertices of v_n contains the Gaussian integer $\gamma_2 = 1+i$ which is relatively prime to all the odd Gaussian integers. So the labeling is a Gaussian neighborhood prime labeling for the comb graph.

Definition 5. A spider graph is a tree in which one vertex is of degree at least 3 called the center of the spider and all other vertices having degree at most 2. A leg of a spider is a path from center to a vertex of degree one. In a spider graph S_m , $m \in \mathbb{N}$ there are m paths P_1, P_2, \dots, P_m attached to the center vertex.

Theorem 3. A spider graph S_m is a Gaussian neighborhood prime graph.

Proof: Let v be the center vertex of the spider graph S_m which has degree m . Then if we remove v from S_m we are left with m paths P_1, P_2, \dots, P_m of lengths l_1, l_2, \dots, l_m . Label the vertex v with Gaussian integer $\gamma_1 = 1$. Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{l_1} are the vertices of the path P_1 . We now label the vertices of P_1 with the following labeling.

Case (1) if l_1 is even

$$f(v_{(2i-1)}) = \gamma_{(i+1)}, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{l_1}{2}$$

$$f(v_{2i}) = \gamma_{\left(\frac{l_1}{2}+i+1\right)}, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{l_1}{2}$$

Case (2) if l_1 is odd

$$f(v_{(2i-1)}) = \gamma_{(i+1)}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{l_1+1}{2}$$

$$f(v_{2i}) = \gamma_{\left(\frac{l_1+1}{2}+i+1\right)}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{l_1-1}{2}$$

Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{l_2} are the vertices of the path P_2 . Label the vertices of path P_2 with the following labeling

Case (1) if l_2 is even

$$f(v_{(2i-1)}) = \gamma_{(l_1+i+1)}, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{l_2}{2}$$

$$f(v_{2i}) = \gamma_{\left(\frac{l_2}{2}+l_1+i+1\right)}, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{l_2}{2}$$

Case (2) if l_2 is odd

$$f(v_{(2i-1)}) = \gamma_{(l_1+i+1)}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{l_2+1}{2}$$

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$$f(v_{2i}) = \gamma_{\left(\frac{l_2+1}{2}+l_1+i+1\right)}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{l_2-1}{2}$$

and so on.

In generally, the labeling on the arbitrary path P_s of length l_s if the previous path P_t has length l_t is

Case (1) if l_s is even

$$f(v_{(2i-1)}) = \gamma_{(l_t+i+1)}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{l_s}{2}$$

$$f(v_{2i}) = \gamma_{\left(\frac{l_s}{2}+l_t+i+1\right)}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{l_s}{2}$$

Case (2) if l_s is odd

$$f(v_{(2i-1)}) = \gamma_{(l_t+i+1)}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{l_s+1}{2}$$

$$f(v_{2i}) = \gamma_{\left(\frac{l_s+1}{2}+l_t+i+1\right)}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{l_s-1}{2}$$

From the above labeling, it is to be clear that, the labeling on the neighborhood vertices of all the vertices in the paths have consecutive Gaussian integers. So spider graph S_m admits Gaussian neighborhood prime labeling.

Definition 6. The $(n,2)$ -centipede tree $C_{n,2}$ is the graph with $V(C_{n,2}) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{3n}\}$, and $E(C_{n,2}) = \{v_{3k-1}v_{3k-2}, v_{3k-1}v_{3k} : 1 \leq k \leq n\} \cup \{v_{3k-1}v_{3k+2} : 1 \leq k \leq n-1\}$. $C_{n,2}$ has n vertices on its spine with indices that are congruent to $2 \pmod{3}$ and each vertex on the spine has two pendant vertices adjacent to it. We call each spine vertex v_{3k-1} and its neighboring vertices v_{3k-2} and v_{3k} the k^{th} segment of the tree.

Theorem 4. Any $(n, 2)$ -centipede tree is a Gaussian neighborhood prime graph.

Proof: In the spine of the tree $C_{n,2}$ we set the vertices are $\{v_{3k-1}\}_{k=1}^n$ which have degree greater than one and the other vertices are pendent vertices. The vertices in the spine are $\{v_2, v_5, \dots, v_{6k+5}, \dots\}$. The spine vertices are the only vertices which have degree greater than one in $C_{n,2}$. Label the vertices v_j with γ_j . In a same segment each spine leaf pair will be labeled with consecutive Gaussian integers. But the labeling on the neighborhood vertices of the spine vertex is not relatively prime. Now, we will swap the labels of the spine vertex with labels of one of their pendant vertices. We swap each γ_{3k-1} on the spine with its neighboring pendent vertex γ_{3k} . In the new labeling, the pendant vertices in each segment have labeled with consecutive Gaussian integers. In each segment where a swap occurred the labeling on neighborhood vertices of the spine vertex have consecutive Gaussian integers. Then, $C_{n,2}$ admits a Gaussian neighborhood prime labeling.

Theorem 5. Every cycle C_n if $n \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ is a Gaussian neighborhood prime graph.

Proof: Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be the vertices of the cycle C_n . Consider the labeling $f: V(C_n) \rightarrow [\gamma_n]$ as follows

Case (1): If n is odd

$$f(v_{2j-1}) = \gamma_{\left(\frac{n-1}{2}+j\right)}, \quad 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$f(v_{2j}) = \gamma_j, \quad 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

The neighborhood vertices of each vertex in the labeling have consecutive Gaussian integers. Consecutive Gaussian integers in the spiral ordering are relatively prime. So C_n if n is odd and $n \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ admits Gaussian neighborhood prime labeling.

Case (2): If n is even

$$f(v_{2j-1}) = \gamma_{\frac{n}{2}+j}, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

$$f(v_{2j}) = \gamma_j, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

The neighborhood vertices of each vertex in the labeling have consecutive Gaussian integers except the vertex v_n . The labeling on the neighborhood vertices of v_n are $\gamma_{(\frac{n}{2}+1)}$ and γ_n . If $n \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ the difference of the labeling on the neighborhood vertices in spiral ordering are prime Gaussian integers. Then using property (5) in spiral ordering of Gaussian integers $\gamma_{(\frac{n}{2}+1)}$ and γ_n are relatively prime. Therefore the above labeling is Gaussian neighborhood prime labeling for the cycle C_n if $n \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$.

Theorem 6. Every cycle C_n with a chord is Gaussian neighborhood prime for $n \geq 4$.

Proof: Let G be a graph joining two non-adjacent vertices of cycle C_n with a chord. Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be the vertices of G and v_i and v_j are the vertices joined by a chord. If $n \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ choose the same labeling as in above theorem. Then G is a Gaussian neighborhood prime. Now consider the case when $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ and choose the same labelling as in above theorem. Then there exists at least one vertex whose neighbourhood set is not relatively prime. Let v_i be the vertex whose neighborhood set is not relatively prime. Now join a chord with the vertex v_j which is relatively prime to the neighborhood set in v_i . Then G is Gaussian neighborhood prime.

Corollary 1. Every cycle C_n with $n-3$ chords from a vertex is Gaussian neighborhood prime for $n \geq 5$.

Proof: Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be the vertices of the cycle C_n . Choose an arbitrary vertex v_i and joining v_i to all the vertices which are not adjacent to v_i . Then there are $n-3$ chords from v_i and the above theorem shows that it is Gaussian neighborhood prime.

Definition 7. A vertex switching G'_v of a graph G is obtained by taking a vertex v of G , removing all the edges incident with it and adding edges joining it to every vertex x which are not adjacent to G .

Theorem 7. The graph obtained by switching of any vertex in a cycle C_n is Gaussian neighborhood prime graph.

Proof: Let G'_v be the graph obtained by switching the vertex v of the cycle C_n . Then v is adjacent to all the $n-3$ vertices in C_n . Now, label the vertex v with $\gamma_1=1$ and label the remaining $n-1$ vertices with the Gaussian integers $\gamma_2, \gamma_3, \gamma_4, \dots, \gamma_n$. Then labeling on the neighborhood vertices of every vertex with degree greater than one except the vertex v contains $\gamma_1=1$. Since 1 is relatively prime to all the Gaussian integers, the labeling is Gaussian neighborhood prime.

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Definition 8. The duplication of a vertex v of a graph G produces a new graph G_v by adding a vertex v' with $N(v) = N(v')$. In other words a vertex v' is said to be a duplication of v if all the vertices which are adjacent to v are now adjacent to v' .

Theorem 9. The graph obtained by duplicating arbitrary vertex of a cycle C_n is a Gaussian neighborhood prime graph.

Proof: Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n are the vertices of the cycle C_n . Let G be the graph obtained by duplicating the vertex v_1 and v'_1 be its duplicated vertex. Then there exists an edge joining v'_1 to v_2 and v'_1 to v_n . Consider the labeling $f: V(C_n) \rightarrow [\gamma_n]$ as follows

Case (1): If n is odd

$$f(v_{2j-1}) = \gamma_{\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)+j}, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$f(v_{2j}) = \gamma_j, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f(v'_1) = \gamma_{n+1}$$

Case (2): If n is even

$$f(v_{2j-1}) = \gamma_{\frac{n}{2}+j}, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

$$f(v_{2j}) = \gamma_j, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

$$f(v'_1) = \gamma_{n+1}$$

The labeling on the neighborhood vertices of every vertex in G except v_1 and v'_1 have consecutive Gaussian integers. The neighbourhood vertices of v_1 and v'_1 contains the Gaussian integer $\gamma_l = l$. Therefore G is Gaussian neighbourhood prime.

4. Conclusion

In this paper, we discussed the Gaussian neighborhood prime labeling of (p,n,m) double star tree, $(n,2)$ centipede tree, comb graph, spider graph and cycles. The labeling on more classes of graphs will be discussed on forthcoming papers.

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