



## ON PRIME LABELING OF HERSCHEL GRAPH

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### Abstract:

A graph  $G$  with vertex set  $V$  is said to have a prime labeling if its vertices are labeled with distinct integers  $1, 2, 3, \dots, |V|$  such that for each  $xy$  the labels assigned to  $x$  and  $y$  are relatively prime. A graph which admits prime labeling is called a prime graph. In this paper, we investigate prime labeling of Herschel graph. We also discuss prime labeling in the context of some graph operations namely Fusion, Duplication, Switching and Path union

**Key Words:** Prime Labeling, Fusion, Duplication, Switching & Path Union

### 1. Introduction:

In this paper, we consider only finite simple undirected graph. The graph  $G$  has vertex set  $V = V(G)$  and the edge set  $E = E(G)$ . The set of vertices adjacent to a vertex  $u$  of  $G$  is denoted by  $N(u)$ . For notations and terminology we refer to J.A. Bondy and U.S.R. Murthy [1]. In the present work  $H_s$  denotes the Herschel graph with 11 vertices and 18 edges. we give brief summary of definitions which are useful for the present investigation. Enough literatures available in printed as well as electronics form on different types of graph labeling and more than 1000 research papers have been published so far in past four decades. A current survey of various graphs labeling problem can be found in [7] (Gallian J, 2009)

Following are the common features of any graph labeling problem.

- ✓ A set of numbers from which vertex labels are assigned.
- ✓ A rule that assigns value to each edge.
- ✓ A condition that these values must satisfy.

The notion of prime labeling was introduced by Roger Entringer and was discussed in a paper by A. Tout (1982 P 365-368) [2]. Many researches have studied prime graph for example in H.C. Fu (1994 P 181-186) [5] have proved that path  $P_n$  on  $n$  vertices is a prime graph.

T.O Dertsy (1991 P 359-369) [4] have proved that the cycle  $C_n$  on  $n$  vertices is a prime graph. S.M. Lee (1998 P 59 -67) [3] have proved that wheel  $W_n$  is a prime graph iff  $n$  is even. Around 1980 Roger Entringer conjectured that all trees have prime labeling, which is not settled till today. The prime labeling for planar grid is investigated by M. Sundaram (2006 P205-209) [6]. In [8] S. K. Vaidhya and K. K. Kanmani) have proved that the prime labeling for some cycle related graphs. In [9] S. Meena and K. Vaithilingam, Prime Labeling for some Helm related graphs. We will provide brief summary of definitions and other information which are necessary for the present investigations.

**Definition1:** If the vertices of the graph are assigned values subject to certain conditions then it is known as (vertex) graph labeling.

**Definition2:** Let  $G = (V(G), E(G))$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices. A bijection  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is called a Prime labeling if for each edge  $e = uv$ ,  $\gcd(f(u), f(v)) = 1$ . A graph which admits prime labeling is called a prime graph.

**Definition 3:** An independent set of vertices in a graph  $G$  is a set of mutually non-adjacent vertices.

**Definition 4:** Let  $u$  and  $v$  be two distinct vertices of a graph  $G$ . A new graph  $G_1$  is constructed by fusing (identifying) two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  by a single vertex  $x$  in  $G_1$  such that every edge which was incident with either  $u$  (or)  $v$  in  $G$  now incident with  $x$  in  $G_1$ .

**Definition 5:** Duplication of a vertex  $v_k$  of a graph  $G$  produces a new graph  $G_1$  by adding a vertex  $v'_k$  with  $N(v'_k) = N(v_k)$ . In other words, a vertex  $v'_k$  is said to be a duplication of  $v_k$  if all the vertices which are adjacent to  $v_k$  are now adjacent to  $v'_k$ .

**Definition 6:** A vertex switching  $G_v$  of a graph  $G$  is obtained by taking a vertex  $v$  of  $G$ , removing the entire edges incident with  $v$  and adding edges joining  $v$  to every vertex which are not adjacent to  $v$  in  $G$ .

**Definition 7:** Let  $G_1, G_2, G_3, \dots, G_n$ ,  $n \geq 2$  be  $n$  copies of a fixed graph  $G$ . The graph obtained by adding an edge between  $G_i$  and  $G_{i+1}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$  is called the path union of  $G$ .

**Definition 8:** The Herschel graph  $H_s$  is a bipartite undirected graph with 11 vertices and 18 edges.

**Example:**

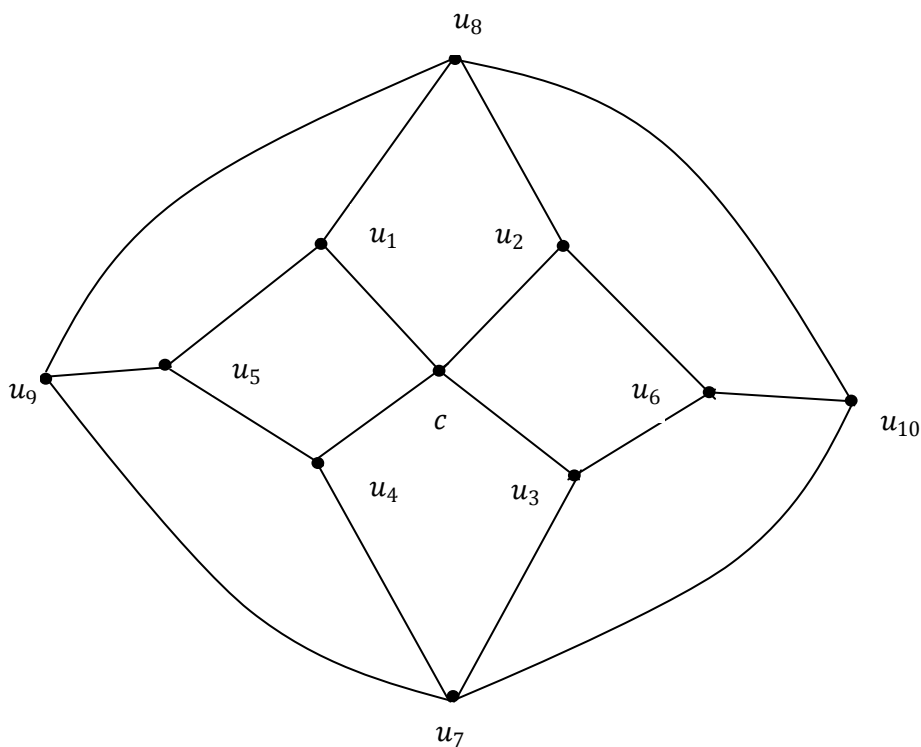


Figure 1: A Herschel Graph

**Proposition 1:**

The Herschel graph  $H_s$  is a prime graph.

**Proof:**

Let  $H_s$  be the Herschel graph with 11 vertices and 18 edges and let  $c$  be the centre of the Herschel graph. Then  $|V(H_s)| = 11$  and  $|E(H_s)| = 18$

Let  $f(c) = 1$  and  $f(u_i) = 2i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$  where  $u_i$  are adjacent to  $c$ .

(i.e)

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_1) &= 2 \\ f(u_2) &= 4 \\ f(u_3) &= 6 \\ f(u_4) &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

Next, we label the vertex  $u_5$  which is adjacent to  $u_1$  and  $u_4$  having even label.

$$\therefore \text{Let } f(u_5) = 3$$

We label the vertex  $u_6$  which is adjacent to  $u_2$  and  $u_3$  having even label

$$\therefore \text{Let } f(u_6) = 5$$

Similarly,  $u_7$  is adjacent to  $u_3$  and  $u_4$  both having even label

$\therefore f(u_7) = 7$  and  $u_8$  is adjacent to  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  and having even label

$$\therefore f(u_8) = 9$$

Finally, Let  $f(u_9) = 10$  and  $f(u_{10}) = 11$

Hence, for each  $e = cu_i \in H_s$ ,  $\gcd(f(c), f(u_i)) = 1$  and for the edge  $e = u_i u_j \in H_s$ ,

$$\gcd(f(u_i), f(u_j)) = 1$$

Hence  $H_s$  admits a prime labeling.

**Example:**

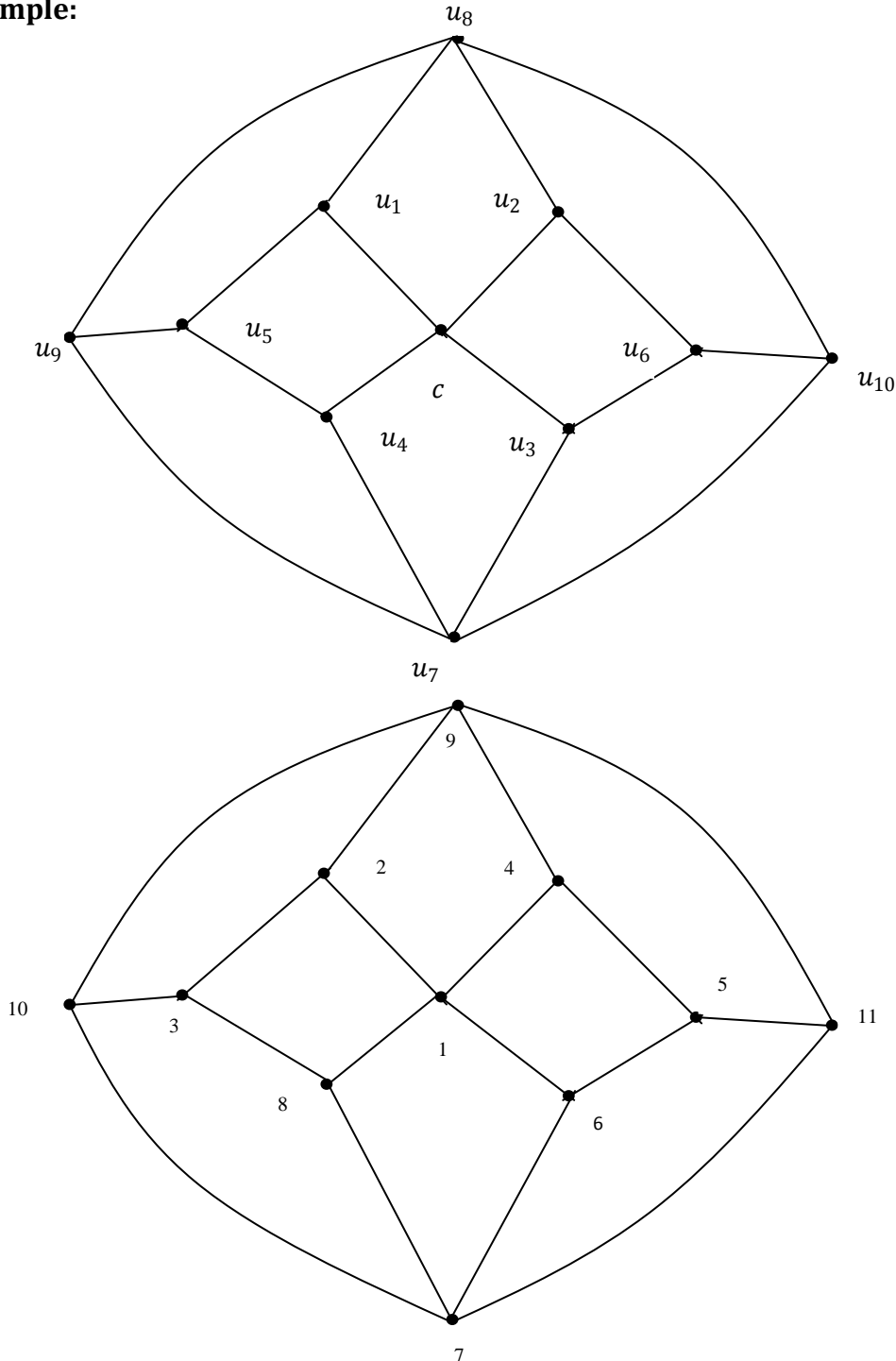


Figure 2: The Herschel graph is a prime graph

**Proposition 2:**

The Fusion of two adjacent vertices of degree 3 in a Herschel graph is a prime graph.

**Proof:**

Let  $H_5$  be the Herschel graph with  $|V(H_5)| = 11$  and  $|E(H_5)| = 18$

Let  $c$  be the centre of the Herschel graph and it has 3 vertices of degree 4 and 8 vertices of degree 3.

Let  $G$  be the graph obtained by fusing any two adjacent vertices of degree 3 in the Herschel graph. Then  $|V(G)| = 10$

Define a label  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\}$

Such that  $f(c) = 1$

and  $f(u_i) = 2i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$  where  $u_i$ s are adjacent to the centre  $c$ .

(i.e.)  $f(u_1) = 2$

$$f(u_2) = 4$$

$$f(u_3) = 6$$

$$f(u_4) = 8$$

Next, we label the vertex  $u_5$  which is adjacent to  $u_1$  and  $u_4$  both of them having even label and the vertex  $u_6$  which is adjacent to  $u_2$  and  $u_3$  of even label.

Therefore, Let  $f(u_5) = 3$ ,

$$f(u_6) = 5$$

Similarly,  $f(u_7) = 7$ ,

$$f(u_8) = 9$$

Finally, we assign the label the vertex  $u_9$  with the remaining label 10,

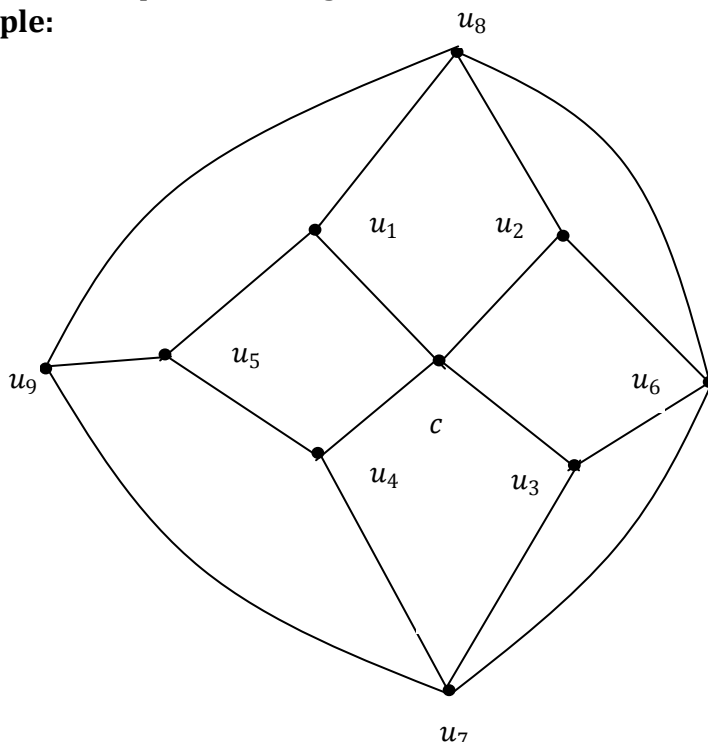
(i.e.)  $f(u_9) = 10$

Now, for each edge  $e = u_i u_j \in G$   $\gcd(f(u_i), f(u_j)) = 1$

and for the edges  $e = c u_i \in G$ ,  $\gcd(f(c), f(u_i)) = 1$

Hence  $G$  admits prime labeling.

**Example:**



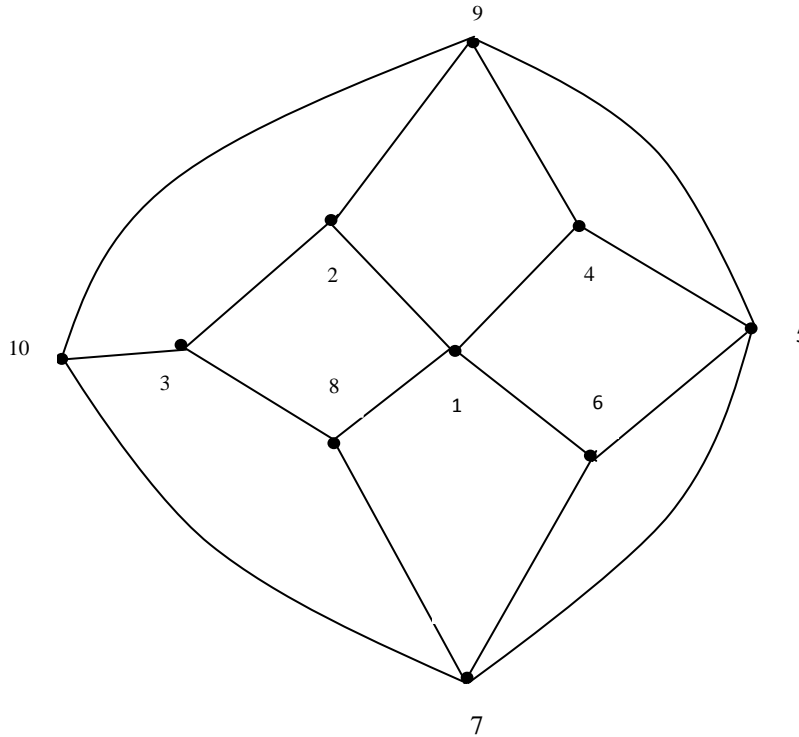


Figure 3: Fusion of the  $u_6$  and  $u_{10}$  in a Herschel graph is a prime graph.

**Proposition 3:**

The Duplication of any vertex of degree 3 in a Herschel graph is a prime graph.

**Proof:**

Let  $H_s$  be the Herschel graph with  $|V(H_s)| = 11$  and  $|E(H_s)| = 18$

Let  $c$  be the centre vertex and  $u_k$  be any vertex of degree 3,  $u'_k$  be the duplication of the vertex  $u_k$  in the Herschel graph  $H_s$ .

Let  $G_k$  be the graph obtained by after duplicating the vertex  $u_k$  of degree 3 in  $H_s$ . Then  $|V(G_k)| = 12$  Define a label  $f: V(G_k) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 12\}$  such that  $f(c) = 1$

$f(u'_k) = 12$  where  $u'_k$  is the duplicating vertex of  $u_k$ .

and  $f(u_i) = 2i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ , where  $u_i$ s are the adjacent to  $c$ .

(i.e.)  $f(u_1) = 2$

$$f(u_2) = 4$$

Let  $f(u_3) = 6$

$$f(u_4) = 8$$

Let  $f(u_5) = 3$  since  $u_5$  is adjacent to  $u_1$  and  $u_4$  having even label

$f(u_6) = 5$  since  $u_6$  is adjacent to  $u_2$  and  $u_3$  having even label

$f(u_7) = 7$  since  $u_7$  is adjacent to  $u_3, u_4, u_9, u_{10}$  and  $u_k$

$f(u_8) = 11$  since  $u_8$  is adjacent to  $u_1, u_2, u_9, u_{10}$  and  $u_k$

$f(u_9) = 10$  since  $u_9$  is adjacent to  $u_5, u_7, u_8$  having even label

$f(u_k) = 9$  Here we duplicating  $u_k$  in  $H_s$  as  $u'_k$ .

Now, for each edge  $e = cu_i \in G_k$ ,  $\gcd(f(c), f(u_i)) = 1$

and for the edge  $e = u_i u_j \in G_k$ ,  $\gcd(f(u_i), f(u_j)) = 1$

Hence  $G_k$  admits a prime labeling.

**Example:**

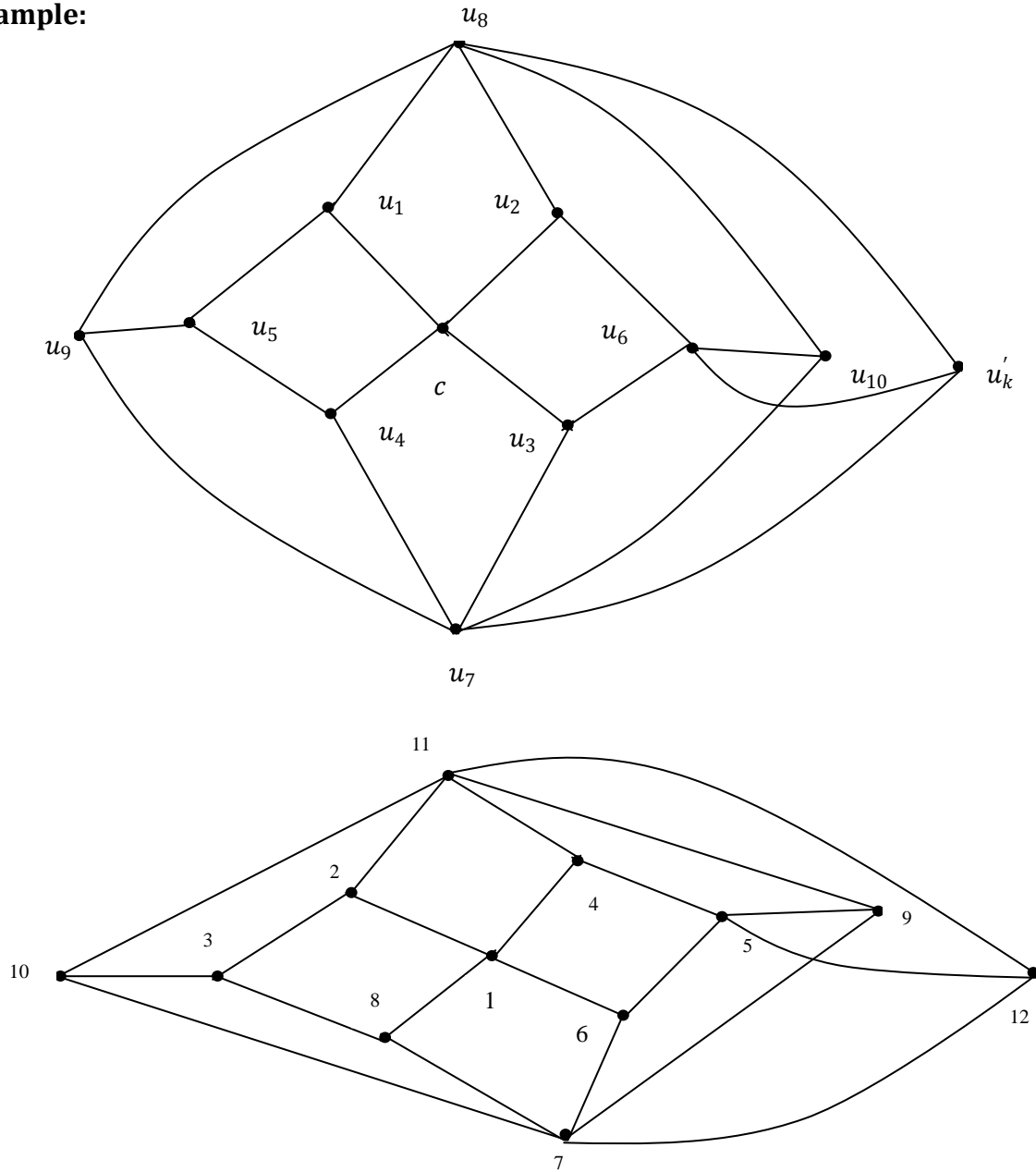


Figure: 4 Duplication of the vertex  $u_{10}$  of degree 3 in  $H_s$  is a prime graph

**Proposition 4:**

Switching the centre vertex  $c$  in the Herschel graph  $H_s$  is a prime graph.

**Proof:**

Let  $H_s$  be the Herschel graph with  $|V(H_s)| = 11$  and  $|E(H_s)| = 18$

Let the centre vertex  $c$  be the switching vertex and  $G_c$  be the new graph obtained by switching the centre vertex  $c$ .

Clearly  $|V(G_c)| = 11$  and  $|E(G_c)| = 19$

Define a label  $f: V(G_c) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 11\}$

such that  $f(c) = 1$  and  $f(u_i) = 2i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$  where  $u_i$ s are adjacent to  $c$ .

(i.e)  $f(u_1) = 2$

$$f(u_2) = 4$$

$$f(u_3) = 6$$

$$f(u_4) = 8$$

Let  $f(u_5) = 3$  Since  $u_5$  is adjacent to  $u_1$  and  $u_4$  of even labels

$f(u_6) = 5$  Since  $u_6$  is adjacent to  $u_2$  and  $u_3$  of even labels

$f(u_7) = 7$  Since  $u_7$  is adjacent to  $u_3$  and  $u_4$  of even labels

$f(u_8) = 9$  Since  $u_8$  is adjacent to  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  even labels

$f(u_9) = 10$  Since  $u_9$  is adjacent to  $u_5$  and  $u_6$  even labels

Finally,  $f(u_{10}) = 11$

For each edge  $e = u_i u_j \in G_c$ ,  $\gcd(f(u_i), f(u_j)) = 1$

Hence  $H_s$  admits a prime labeling.

**Example:**

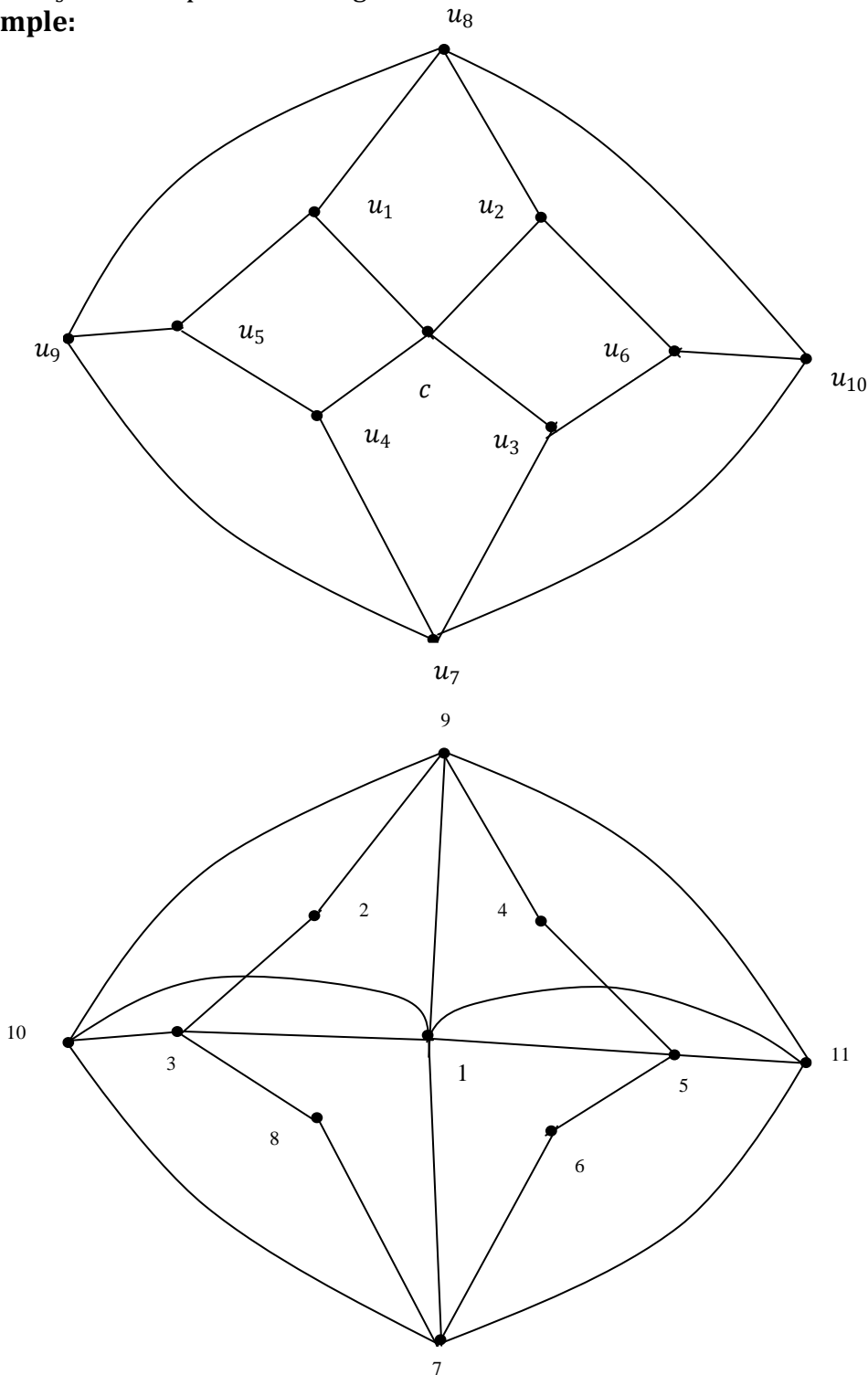


Figure 5: Switching of the center vertex  $c$  in  $H_s$  is a prime graph.

**Proposition 5:**

The graph obtained by path union of two pieces of Herschel graph  $H_s$  is a prime graph.

**Proof:**

Consider, two copies of Herschel graph  $H_s$  and  $H_s^*$  respectively

Then  $|V(H_s)| = 11$  and  $|E(H_s)| = 18$

and  $|V(H_s^*)| = 11$  and  $|E(H_s^*)| = 18$

Let  $G_k$  be the graph obtained by the path union of two pieces of Herschel graphs  $H_s$

and  $H_s^*$ .  $V(G_k) = V(H_s) \cup V(H_s^*) \quad \therefore |V(G_k)| = 22$

$E(G_k) = E(H_s) \cup E(H_s^*) \cup \{u_k v_k\} \quad \therefore |E(G_k)| = 37$

we assign the labels  $1, 2, 3, \dots, 11$  for  $H_s$  and  $13, 14, \dots, 23$  for  $H_s^*$

so that  $\therefore |V(G_k)| = 22$

Define a label  $f: V(G_k) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 11, 13, 14, \dots, 23\}$

Labeling  $H_s$

Let  $f(c_1) = 1$

$f(u_i) = 2i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$

(i.e.)  $f(u_1) = 2$

$f(u_2) = 4$

$f(u_3) = 6$

$f(u_4) = 8$

Let  $f(u_5) = 5$

$f(u_6) = 7$

$f(u_7) = 9$

$f(u_8) = 10$

$f(u_{10}) = 11$

Labeling  $H_s^*$

Let  $f(c_2) = 13$

$f(v_1) = 20$

$f(v_2) = 16$

$f(v_3) = 14$

$f(v_4) = 18$

Let  $f(v_5) = 15$

$f(v_6) = 23$

$f(v_7) = 17$

$f(v_8) = 19$

$f(v_9) = 22$

$f(v_{10}) = 21$

since, for each edge  $e = c_1 u_i \in G_k$ ,  $\gcd(f(c_1), f(u_i)) = 1$

and for the edge  $e = u_i u_j \in G_k$ ,  $\gcd(f(u_i), f(u_j)) = 1$

also for the edge  $e = c_2 v_i \in G_k$ ,  $\gcd(f(c_2), f(v_i)) = 1$

and for the edge  $e = v_i v_j \in G_k$ ,  $\gcd(f(v_i), f(v_j)) = 1$

Hence  $G_k$  admits prime labeling.



**Example:**

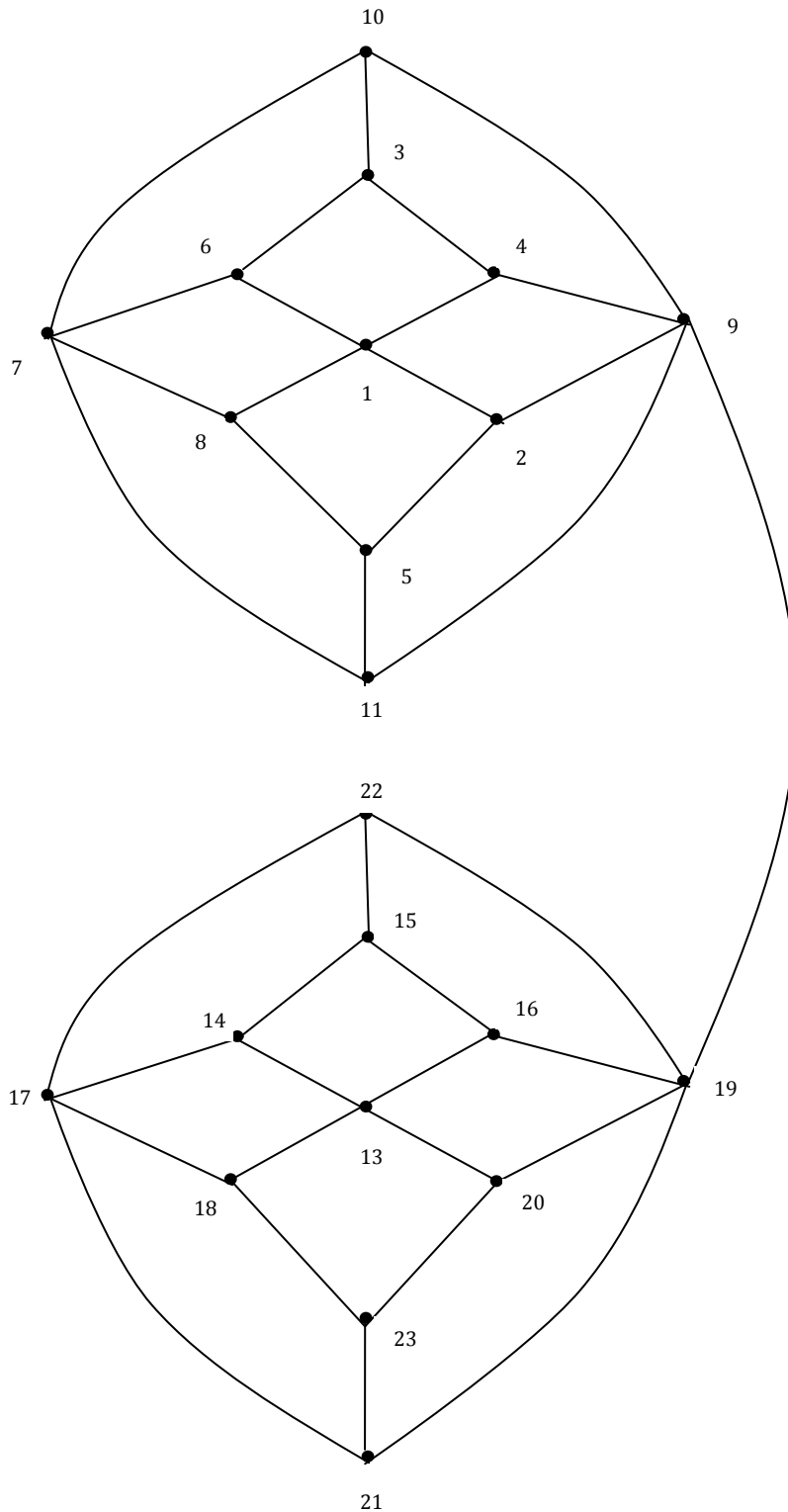


Figure 6: Path unions of two pieces of Herschel graph is a prime graph

**Conclusion:**

Here, we have investigated five results corresponding to prime labeling on some special graph, namely Herschel graph. Analogous work can be carried out for other families and in the context of different types of graph labeling techniques.

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