#### 3-DIFFERENCE CORDIALITY OF SOME SPECIAL GRAPHS

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ABSTRACT. Let G be a (p,q) graph. Let  $f:V(G)\to\{1,2,\ldots,k\}$  be a map where k is an integer  $2\leq k\leq p$ . For each edge uv, assign the label |f(u)-f(v)|. f is called k-difference cordial labeling of G if  $|v_f(i)-v_f(j)|\leq 1$  and  $|e_f(0)-e_f(1)|\leq 1$  where  $v_f(x)$  denotes the number of vertices labelled with  $x, e_f(1)$  and  $e_f(0)$  respectively denote the number of edges labelled with 1 and not labelled with 1. A graph with a k-difference cordial labeling is called a k-difference cordial graph. In this paper we investigate 3-difference cordial labeling behavior of ladder, book, dumbbell graph, and umbrella graph.

### 1. Introduction

All graphs in this paper are finite, simple and undirected. Let G be a (p,q) graph where p refers the number of vertices of G and q refers the number of edge of G. The number of vertices of a graph G is called order of G, and the number of edges is called size of G. Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two graphs with vertex sets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  and edge sets  $E_1$  and  $E_2$ , respectively. Then their join  $G_1 + G_2$  is the graph whose vertex set is  $V_1 \cup V_2$  and edge set is  $E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \{uv : u \in V_1 \text{ and } v \in V_2\}$ . The cartesian product of two graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  is the graph  $G_1 \times G_2$  with the vertex set  $V_1 \times V_2$  and two vertices  $U_1 \times U_2$  and  $U_2 \times U_3$  are adjacent whenever  $U_1 \times U_4$  and  $U_2 \times U_4$  and  $U_3 \times U_4$  and  $U_4 \times U_4$  and  $U_5 \times U_4$  are adjacent whenever  $U_4 \times U_4$  and  $U_5 \times U_4$  and  $U_6 \times U_4$  and  $U_7 \times$ 

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cordial labeling was introduced by R. Ponraj, S. Sathish Narayanan and R. Kala in [3]. Seoud and Salman [12], studied the difference cordial labeling behavior of some families of graphs and they are ladder, triangular ladder, grid, step ladder and two sided step ladder graphs etc. Recently Ponraj et al. [4], introduced the concept of k-difference cordial labeling of graphs and studied the 3-difference cordial labeling behavior of of star, m copies of star etc. In [5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11] they discussed the 3-difference cordial labeling behavior of path, cycle, complete graph, complete bipartite graph, star, bistar, comb, double comb, quadrilateral snake, wheel, helms, flower graph, sunflower graph, lotus inside a circle, closed helm, double wheel, union of graphs with the star, union of graphs with splitting graph of star, union of graphs with subdivided star, union of graphs with bistar,  $P_n \cup P_n$ ,  $(C_n \odot K_1) \cup (C_n \odot K_1)$ ,  $F_n \cup F_n$ ,  $K_{1,n} \odot K_2$ ,  $P_n \odot 3K_1$ ,  $mC_4$ ,  $spl(K_{1,n})$ ,  $DS(B_{n,n})$ ,  $C_n \odot K_2$ ,  $C_4^{(t)}$ ,  $S(K_{1,n})$ ,  $S(B_{n,n})$ ,  $DA(T_n) \odot K_1$ ,  $DA(T_n) \odot 2K_1$ ,  $DA(T_n) \odot K_2$ ,  $DA(Q_n) \odot K_1$ ,  $DA(Q_n) \odot 2K_1$ , triangular snake, alternate triangular snake, alternate quadrilateral snake, irregular triangular snake, irregular quadrilateral snake, double triangular snake, double quadrilaterla snake, double alternate triangular snake, and double alternate quadrilateral snake,  $T_n \odot K_1, T_n \odot 2K_1, T_n \odot K_2, A(T_n) \odot K_1, A(T_n) \odot 2K_1, A(T_n) \odot K_2$ , slanting ladder, book with triangular pages, middle graph of a path, shadow graph of a path, triangular ladder, the armed crown, and some more graphs. In this paper we investigate 3difference cordial labeling behavior of ladder, book, dumbbell graph, and umbrella graph. Terms not defined here follow from Harary [2] and Gallian [1].

# 2. k-Difference cordial labeling

**Definition 2.1.** Let G be a (p,q) graph. Let  $f:V(G) \to \{1,2,\ldots,k\}$  be a map. For each edge uv, assign the label |f(u)-f(v)|. f is called a k-difference cordial labeling of G if  $|v_f(i)-v_f(j)| \le 1$  and  $|e_f(0)-e_f(1)| \le 1$  where  $v_f(x)$  denotes the number of vertices labelled with x,  $e_f(1)$  and  $e_f(0)$  respectively denote the number

of edges labelled with 1 and not labelled with 1. A graph with a k-difference cordial labeling is called a k-difference cordial graph.

The graph  $L_n = P_n \times P_2$  is called a ladder.

**Theorem 2.1.** The ladder  $L_n$  is 3-difference cordial for all n.

*Proof.* Let  $V(L_n) = \{u_i, v_i : 1 \le i \le n\}$  and  $E(L_n) = \{u_i u_{i+1}, v_i v_{i+1} : 1 \le i \le n-1\} \cup \{u_i v_i : 1 \le i \le n\}$ . Clearly, the order and size of  $L_n$  is 2n and 3n-2. Case 1.  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

Assign the label 1 to the vertices  $u_{12i+1}$ ,  $u_{12i+3}$  and  $u_{12i+5}$  for all the values of i=0,1,2,....,  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ . For all the values of i=0,1,2,....,  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$  assign the label 3 to the vertices  $u_{12i+2}, u_{12i+4}, u_{12i+6}, u_{12i+9}, u_{12i+10}$  and  $u_{12i+11}$ . Then assign the label 1 to the vertices  $u_{12i}$  for  $i=1,2,....,\left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ . Now we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $u_{12i+7}$  and  $u_{12i+8}$  for all the values of i=0,1,2,....,  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ . Now we move to the vertices  $v_i$ . Assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+1}, v_{12i+3}, v_{12i+5}, v_{12i+9}, v_{12i+10}$  and  $v_{12i+11}$  for all the values of i=0,1,2,..., and assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_{12i+4}$  and  $v_{12i+6}$  for i=0,1,2,3,...,  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ . For all the values of i=0,1,2,...,  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ , assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+2}, v_{12i+7}$  and  $v_{12i+8}$ . Then assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i}$  for i=1,2,3,...,  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ . Clearly the vertex condition is given in table 1 and the edge condition is  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = \frac{3n-2}{2}$ .

Table 1

Nature of n	$v_f(1)$	$v_f(2)$	$v_f(3)$
$n \equiv 0 \pmod{12}$	$\frac{2n}{3}$	$\frac{2n}{3}$	$\frac{2n}{3}$
$n \equiv 4 \pmod{12}$	$\frac{2n+1}{3}$	$\frac{2n-2}{3}$	$\frac{2n+1}{3}$
$n \equiv 8 \pmod{12}$	$\frac{2n+2}{3}$	$\frac{2n-1}{3}$	$\frac{2n-1}{3}$

# Case 2. $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

Assign the label 2 to the vertex  $u_1$ . Then assign the label 3 to the vertices  $u_{12i+2}$ ,  $u_{12i+3}$ ,  $u_{12i+4}$ ,  $u_{12i+7}$ ,  $u_{12i+9}$  and  $u_{12i+11}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,..., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$  and we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $u_{12i}$  and  $u_{12i+1}$  for  $i=1,2,..., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ . For all the values of  $i=0,1,2,..., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ , assign the label 1 to the vertices  $u_{12i+5}$ ,  $u_{12i+6}$ ,  $u_{12i+8}$  and  $u_{12i+10}$ . Next we move to the vertices  $v_i$ . Assign the label 1 to the vertex  $v_i$ . Then assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+2}$ ,  $v_{12i+3}$ ,  $v_{12i+4}$ ,  $v_{12i+6}$ ,  $v_{12i+8}$  and  $v_{12i+10}$  for all the values of i=0,1,2,....,x and we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_{12i+9}$  and  $v_{12i+11}$  for  $i=0,1,2,....,\left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ . Now we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+5}$  and  $v_{12i+7}$  for  $i=0,1,2,....,\left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ . For all the values of  $i=1,2,....,\left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ , assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+5}$  and  $v_{12i+7}$  for  $i=0,1,2,....,\left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ . Note that in this case  $e_f(0)=\frac{3n-3}{2}$  and  $e_f(1)=\frac{3n-1}{2}$  and the vertex condition is given in table 2.

Table 2

Values of n	$v_f(1)$	$v_f(2)$	$v_f(3)$
$n \equiv 9 \pmod{12}$	$\frac{2n}{3}$	$\frac{2n}{3}$	$\frac{2n}{3}$
$n \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$	$\frac{2n+1}{3}$	$\frac{2n+1}{3}$	$\frac{2n+1}{3}$
$n \equiv 5 \pmod{12}$	$\frac{2n-1}{3}$	$\frac{2n+2}{3}$	$\frac{2n-1}{3}$

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

First we consider the vertices  $u_i$ . Fix the labels 1,3 to the vertices  $u_1, u_2$  respectively. Then we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $u_{12i+3}, u_{12i+10}$  and  $u_{12i+11}$  for all the values of i=0,1,2,....,x and assign the label 1 to the vertices  $u_{12i+1}$  for  $i=1,2,....,\left\lceil \frac{n}{12}\right\rceil -1$ . For all the values of  $i=1,2,....,\left\lceil \frac{n}{12}\right\rceil -1$ , assign the label 2 to the vertices  $u_{12i+5}$  and  $u_{12i+6}$ . Now we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $u_{12i+4}, u_{12i+7}, u_{12i+8}$  and  $u_{12i+9}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,....,\left\lceil \frac{n}{12}\right\rceil -1$  and we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $u_{12i}$  and  $u_{12i+2}$  for  $i=1,2,...,\left\lceil \frac{n}{12}\right\rceil -1$ . Next we move to the vertices  $v_i$ . Assign the labels

2,3 to the vertices  $v_1, v_2$  respectively. Then we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+3}, v_{12i+7}, v_{12i+8}, v_{12i+9}$  and  $v_{12i+11}$  for  $i=0,1,2,..., \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil - 1$  and we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+1}$  for  $i=1,2,..., \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil - 1$ . For all the values of  $i=0,1,2,..., \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil - 1$ , assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_{12i+4}$ . Now we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_{12i+2}$  for  $i=1,2,..., \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil - 1$ . Then we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+5}, v_{12i+6}$  and  $v_{12i+10}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,..., \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil - 1$  and we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i}$  for  $i=1,2,..., \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil - 1$ . Clearly  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = \frac{3n-2}{2}$  and the vertex condition is given in table 3.

Table 3

Nature of n	$v_f(1)$	$v_f(2)$	$v_f(3)$
$n \equiv 6 \pmod{12}$	$\frac{2n}{3}$	$\frac{2n}{3}$	$\frac{2n}{3}$
$n \equiv 2 \pmod{12}$	$\frac{2n-1}{3}$	$\frac{2n-1}{3}$	$\frac{2n+2}{3}$
$n \equiv 10 \pmod{12}$	$\frac{2n-2}{3}$	$\frac{2n+1}{3}$	$\frac{2n+1}{3}$

# Case 4. $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

Consider the vertices  $u_i$ . Assign the label 2 to the vertices  $u_1$  and  $u_3$  and we assign the label 3 to the vertex  $u_2$ . Then we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $u_{12i+4}, u_{12i+5}, u_{12i+6}, u_{12i+9}$  and  $u_{12i+11}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil -1$  and we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $u_{12i+1}$  for all the values of  $i=1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil -1$ . For all the values of  $i=1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil -1$ , assign the label 2 to the vertices  $u_{12i+2}$  and  $u_{12i+3}$ . Now we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $u_{12i+7}, u_{12i+8}$  and  $u_{12i+10}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil -1$  and we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $u_{12i}$  for  $i=1,2,....., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil -1$ . Next we move to the vertex  $v_2$ . Then we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+4}, v_{12i+5}, v_{12i+6}, v_{12i+8}$  and  $v_{12i+10}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil -1$  and we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+4}, v_{12i+5}, v_{12i+6}, v_{12i+8}$  and  $v_{12i+10}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil -1$  and we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+11}$  for  $i=0,1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil -1$ . Now we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_{12i+11}$  for  $i=0,1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil -1$ . Now we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_{12i+11}$  for  $i=0,1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil -1$ . Now we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_{12i+11}$  for  $i=0,1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil -1$ . Now we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_{12i+11}$  for  $i=0,1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil -1$ . Now we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_{12i+11}$  for  $i=0,1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil -1$  and we assign the label 3

to the vertices  $v_{12i+1}$  for all the values of  $i=1,2,..., \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil - 1$ . For all the values of  $i=0,1,2,..., \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil - 1$ , assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+7}$  and  $v_{12i+9}$ . Finally assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+2}$  and  $v_{12i+3}$  for all the values of  $i=1,2,..., \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil - 1$ . Clearly  $e_f(0) = \frac{3n-3}{2}$  and  $e_f(1) = \frac{3n-1}{2}$  and the vertex condition is given in table 4.

Table 4

Values of n	$v_f(1)$	$v_f(2)$	$v_f(3)$
$n \equiv 3 \pmod{12}$	$\frac{2n}{3}$	$\frac{2n}{3}$	$\frac{2n}{3}$
$n \equiv 7 \pmod{12}$	$\frac{2n-2}{3}$	$\frac{2n+1}{3}$	$\frac{2n+1}{3}$
$n \equiv 11 \pmod{12}$	$\frac{2n-1}{3}$	$\frac{2n-1}{3}$	$\frac{2n+2}{3}$

**Example 2.1.** A 3-difference cordial labeling of  $L_7$  is given in figure 1.

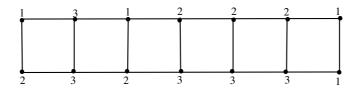


FIGURE 1

The book  $B_m$  is the graph  $S_m \times P_2$  where  $S_m$  is the star with m+1 vertices.

**Theorem 2.2.** If  $n \equiv 0, 1, 2 \pmod{4}$ , the book graph is 3-difference cordial.

Proof. Let G be a book with n pages. Let  $V(G) = \{u, v\} \cup \{u_i, v_i : 1 \le i \le n\}$  and  $E(G) = \{uv\} \cup \{uu_i, vu_i, u_iv_i : 1 \le i \le n\}$ . Clearly, the order and size of the book  $B_n$  is 2n+2 and 3n+1. Assign the labels 1,2 to the vertices u, v respectively.

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

First we consider the vertices  $u_i$ . Assign the label 1 to the vertices  $u_1, u_5$  and  $u_7$  and we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $u_2, u_3$  and  $u_6$ . Then assign the label 2 to the

vertices  $u_4$  and  $u_8$ . For all the values of  $i=1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ , assign the label 1 to the vertices  $u_{12i+1}, u_{12i+3}, u_{12i+5}$  and  $u_{12i+6}$ . Assign the label 1 to the vertices  $u_{12i+9}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,..., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ . Then assign the label 3 to the vertices  $u_{12i+10}$  for all the value of  $i=0,1,2,..., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$  and we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $u_{12i+2}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,..., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ . For all the values of  $i=1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ , assign the label 2 to the vertices  $u_{12i}, u_{12i+4}, u_{12i+7}$  and  $u_{12i+8}$ . Now we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $u_{12i+11}$  for  $i=0,1,2,..., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ . Next we move to the vertices  $v_i$ . Assign the label 3 to the vertex  $v_1, v_2, v_5$  and  $v_6$  and we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_3$  and  $v_7$ . Then assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_4$  and  $v_8$ . For all the values of  $i=0,1,2,..., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ , assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_{12i+1}, v_{12i+2}, v_{12i+5}$  and  $v_{12i+8}$ . Assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_{12i+9}$  and  $v_{12i+10}$  for  $i=0,1,2,..., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ . Now we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+11}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,..., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$  and we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+11}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,..., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ . For all the values of  $i=1,2,..., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$  and we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+11}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,..., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ . For all the values of  $i=1,2,..., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$  assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+4}$  and  $v_{12i+6}$ .

### Case 2. $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

Assign the label 1 to the vertex  $u_2$  and we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $u_3$  and  $u_1$ . Then we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $u_4$  and  $u_5$ . Now we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $u_{12i+6}$  and  $u_{12i+10}$  for all the values  $i=0,1,2,3,...,\left\lceil\frac{n}{12}\right\rceil-1$  and we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $u_{12i},u_{12i+2}$  and  $u_{12i+3}$  for  $i=1,2,...,\left\lceil\frac{n}{12}\right\rceil-1$ . For all the values of  $i=0,1,2,...,\left\lceil\frac{n}{12}\right\rceil-1$  assign the label 3 to the vertices  $u_{12i+7}$  and  $u_{12i+11}$ . Then we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $u_{12i+8}$  and  $u_{12i+9}$  for  $i=0,1,2,...,\left\lceil\frac{n}{12}\right\rceil-1$  and we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $u_{12i+1},u_{12i+4}$  and  $u_{12i+5}$  for all the values  $i=1,2,3,...,\left\lceil\frac{n}{12}\right\rceil-1$ . Next we move to the vertices  $v_i$ . Assign the label 3 to the vertex  $v_1,v_2$  and  $v_3$ . Then we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+6},v_{12i+7},v_{12i+10}$  and  $v_{12i+11}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,...,\left\lceil\frac{n}{12}\right\rceil-1$  and we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_{12i+2}$ 

and  $v_{12i+5}$  for  $i=1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ . For all the values of  $i=0,1,2,..., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ , assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+8}$ . Then we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i}$  and  $v_{12i+4}$  for i=1,2,....,x. Now we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+9}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$  and assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+1}$  and  $v_{12i+3}$  for  $i=1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ .

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

Assign the label 1 to the vertex  $u_1$  and assign the label 3 to the vertex  $u_2$ . For all the values of i=0,1,2,..., $\left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ , assign the label 1 to the  $u_{12i+3}, u_{12i+7}, u_{12i+9}$  and  $u_{12i+11}$ . Then we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $u_{12i}$  for  $i=1,2,...,\lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$  and we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $u_{12i+4}$  and  $u_{12i+8}$  for  $i=0,1,2,..., \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil - 1$ . Now we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $u_{12i+5}, u_{12i+6}$  and  $u_{12i+10}$  for  $i=0,1,2,...,\lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil - 1$  and we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $u_{12i+1}$  and  $u_{12i+2}$  for all the values  $i=1,2,3,..., \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil - 1$ . Next we move to the vertices  $v_i$ . Assign the labels 3,2 to the vertex  $v_1, v_2$  respectively. Then we assign the label 3 to the vertex  $v_{12i+3}, v_{12i+4}, v_{12i+7}, v_{12i+8}$  and  $v_{12i+11}$  for all the values of i=0,1,2,..., $\left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil$  - 1 and assign the label 3 to the vertex  $v_{12i+2}$  for all the values  $i=1,2,3,...., \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil - 1$ . Assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_{12i+6}, v_{12i+7}, v_{12i+10}$ and  $v_{12i+11}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$  and we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_{12i+2}$  for i=1,2,....,x. For all the values of i=0,1,2,..., $\left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ , assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+8}$ . Then we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i}$  and  $v_{12i+4}$ for i=1,2,....,  $\lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil - 1$ , assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+5}$  and  $v_{12i+9}$ . Assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+1}$  for  $i=1,2,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil - 1$ . Now we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+6}$  and  $v_{12i+10}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,\ldots,\left|\frac{n}{12}\right|-1$  and we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i}$  for all the values of i=1,2,....,  $\left|\frac{n}{12}\right|-1$ .

The vertex and edge conditions of all the above three cases are given in table 5 and table 6, respectively.

Table 5

Nature of n	$v_f(1)$	$v_f(2)$	$v_f(3)$
$n \equiv 0, 6, 9 \pmod{12}$	$\frac{2n}{3}$	$\frac{2n+3}{3}$	$\frac{2n+3}{3}$
$n \equiv 1, 4, 10 \pmod{12}$	$\frac{2n+1}{3}$	$\frac{2n+1}{3}$	$\frac{2n+4}{3}$
$n \equiv 2, 5, 8 \pmod{12}$	$\frac{2n+2}{3}$	$\frac{2n+2}{3}$	$\frac{2n+2}{3}$

Table 6

Values of n	$e_f(0)$	$e_f(1)$
$n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$	$\frac{3n}{2}$	$\frac{3n+2}{2}$
$n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$	$\frac{3n+1}{2}$	$\frac{3n+1}{2}$
$n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$	$\frac{3n+2}{2}$	$\frac{3n}{2}$

**Example 2.2.** A 3-difference cordial labeling of the book  $B_4$  is given in figure 2.

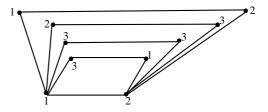


Figure 2

The graph obtained by joining two disjoint cycles  $u_1u_2...u_nu_1$  and  $v_1v_2...v_nv_1$  of same length with an edge  $u_1v_1$  is called dumbbell graph  $Db_n$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** The dumbbell graph  $Db_n$  is 3-difference cordial.

*Proof.* It is clear that  $|V(Db_n)| = 2n$  and  $|E(Db_n)| = 2n + 1$ .

Case 1.  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

Assign the label 1 to the vertices  $u_{6i+1}$  for  $i=0,1,2,..., \lceil \frac{n}{6} \rceil -1$  and we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $u_{6i}$  for all the values of  $i=1,2,..., \lceil \frac{n}{6} \rceil -1$ . For all the values of

 $i=0,1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{6} \right\rceil -1$ , assign the label 3 to the vertices  $u_{6i+2}$  and  $u_{6i+5}$ . Now we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $u_{6i+3}$  and  $u_{6i+4}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{6} \right\rceil -1$ . Next we move to the vertices  $v_i$ . Assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_{6i+1}$  and  $v_{6i+5}$  for  $i=0,1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{6} \right\rceil -1$  and we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{6i+2}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{6} \right\rceil -1$ . Then we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{6i}$  for  $i=1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{6} \right\rceil -1$ . For all the values of  $i=0,1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{6} \right\rceil -1$ , assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{6i+3}$  and  $v_{6i+4}$ .

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

Assign the label 1 to the vertex  $u_1$ . Then we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $u_{6i+2}$  and  $u_{6i+5}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{6} \right\rceil -1$  and we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $u_{6i}$  for all the values of  $i=1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{6} \right\rceil -1$ . Now we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $u_{6i+3}$  for i=0,1,2,.... and assign the label 3 to the vertices  $u_{6i+4}$  for all the values of  $i=1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{6} \right\rceil -1$ . Then assign the label 2 to the vertices  $u_{6i+4}$  for  $i=1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{6} \right\rceil -1$ . Next we move to the vertices  $v_i$ . Assign the label 2 to the vertex  $v_1$ . Then assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{6i+2}$  for  $i=0,1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{6} \right\rceil -1$  and assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_{6i+3}$  and  $v_{6i+5}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{6} \right\rceil -1$ . Now we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{6i+4}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{6} \right\rceil -1$ . For all the values of  $i=1,2,...., \left\lceil \frac{n}{6} \right\rceil -1$ , assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{6i}$  and  $v_{6i+1}$ .

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

First we consider the vertices  $u_i$ . Assign the label 1 to the vertices  $u_1$  and  $u_2$ . Then assign the label 3 to the vertices  $u_3$  and  $u_6$  and we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $u_4$  and  $u_7$ . Now we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $u_5$  and  $u_8$ . Assign the label 3 to the vertices  $u_{6i+5}$  for all the values of  $i=1,2,..., \lceil \frac{n}{6} \rceil - 1$  and we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $u_{6i+3}$  and  $u_{6i+4}$  for  $i=1,2,3,..., \lceil \frac{n}{6} \rceil - 1$ . For all the values of  $i=2,3,..., \lceil \frac{n}{6} \rceil - 1$ , assign the label 1 to the vertices  $u_{6i}$  and  $u_{6i+1}$ . Then assign the label 2 to the vertices  $u_{6i+2}$  for  $i=2,3,..., \lceil \frac{n}{6} \rceil - 1$ . Next we move to the vertices  $v_i$ . Assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_1, v_5$  and  $v_8$  and we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_2, v_4$  and  $v_7$ . Then we

assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_3$  and  $v_6$ . For all the values of  $i=1,2,..., \left\lceil \frac{n}{6} \right\rceil - 1$ , assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{6i+3}$  and  $v_{6i+4}$ . Assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{6i}$  for all the values of  $i=2,3,..., \left\lceil \frac{n}{6} \right\rceil - 1$  and we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_{6i+5}$  for i=1,2,3,...,x. Now we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_{6i+1}$  and  $v_{6i+2}$  for all the values of  $i=2,3,4,..., \left\lceil \frac{n}{6} \right\rceil - 1$ . Clearly the vertex and edge conditions are given in table 7 and table 8.

Table 7

Values of n	$v_f(1)$	$v_f(2)$	$v_f(3)$
$n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$	$\frac{2n}{3}$	$\frac{2n}{3}$	$\frac{2n}{3}$
$n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$	$\frac{2n+1}{3}$	$\frac{2n+1}{3}$	$\frac{2n-2}{3}$
$n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$	$\frac{2n+2}{3}$	$\frac{2n-1}{3}$	$\frac{2n-1}{3}$

Table 8

Nature of n	$e_f(0)$	$e_f(1)$
$n \equiv 0, 1, 5 \pmod{6}$	n+1	n
$n \equiv 2, 3, 4 \pmod{4}$	n	n+1

**Example 2.3.** A 3-difference cordial labeling of the dumbbell  $Db_5$  is given in figure 3.

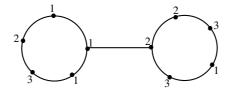


Figure 3

The graph  $F_n = P_n + K_1$  is called a fan where  $P_n : u_1u_2...u_n$  be a path and  $V(K_1) = \{u\}$ . The Umbrella  $U_{n,m}$ , m > 1 is obtained from a fan  $F_n$  by pasting the end vertex of the path  $P_m : v_1v_2...v_m$  to the vertex of  $K_1$  of the fan  $F_n$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** The umbrella  $U_{n,m}$ , m > 1 is 3-difference cordial.

*Proof.* It is clear that  $U_{n,m}$  has n+m vertices and 2n+m-2 edges.

Case 1.  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$  and  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

First we consider the vertices  $u_i$ . Assign the labels 1,3,2,3,2,1 to the first six vertices  $u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u_5, u_6$  of the path  $P_n$ . Then assign the labels 1,3,2,3,2,1 to the next six vertices  $u_7, u_8, u_9, u_{10}, u_{11}, u_{12}$  respectively. Proceeding like this assign the label to the next six vertices and so on. Note that the vertex  $u_n$  received the label 1. Now our attention turn to the vertices  $v_i$ . Assign the label 1,3,2,2,3,1 to the first six vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6$  respectively. Then we assign the labels 1,3,2,2,3,1 to the next six vertices  $v_7, v_8, v_9, v_{10}, v_{11}, v_{12}$  respectively. Continuing like this until we reach the vertex  $v_n$ . It is easy to verify that the last vertex  $v_n$  received the label 2 or 1 according as  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$  or  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ . Clearly the vertex condition is  $v_f(1) = v_f(2) = v_f(3) = \frac{n+m}{3}$  and the edge condition is given in table 9.

Table 9

Nature of n	$e_f(0)$	$e_f(1)$
$n \equiv 0 \pmod{6} \& m \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \& n = 2m$	$\frac{2n+m-3}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-1}{2}$
$n \equiv 0 \pmod{6} \& m \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \& n \neq 2m$	$\frac{2n+m-1}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-3}{2}$

Case 2.  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$  and  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

As in case 1, assign the label to the vertices  $u_i$  ( $1 \le i \le n$ ). Now we move to the vertices  $v_i$ . Fix the labels 1,3,1 to the first three vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  respectively. Assign the labels 2 to the vertices  $u_{12i+4}$  and  $u_{12i+7}$  for all the values of i=0,1,2,.....,x and assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i}$  and  $v_{12i+3}$  for all the values of i=1,2,....., $\left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ . For

all the values of  $i=0,1,2,....., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ , assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_{12i+5}, v_{12i+8}$  and  $v_{12i+11}$ . Now we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+6}, v_{12i+9}$  and  $v_{12i+10}$  for  $i=0,1,2,....., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$  and assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+1}$  for all the values of  $i=1,2,....., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ . For all the values of  $i=1,2,....., \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ , assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_{12i+2}$ . Therefore the vertex condition is  $v_f(1) = \frac{n+m+2}{3}$  and  $v_f(2) = v_f(3) = \frac{n+m-1}{3}$  and the edge condition is given in table 10.

Table 10

Nature of n	$e_f(0)$	$e_f(1)$
$n = 12t_1 + 6, m = 6t_2 + 4$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$
$n = 12t_1, m = 6t_2 + 1$	$\frac{2n+m-3}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-1}{2}$

Case 3.  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$  and  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

Label to the vertices  $u_i$   $(1 \le i \le n)$  as in case 1. Now we consider to the vertices  $v_i$ . Assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_1, v_5, v_6$  and we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_2, v_3$  and  $v_7$ . Then we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_4$  and  $v_8$ . Assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+9}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$  and we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+2}, v_{12i+5}$  and  $v_{12i+8}$  for  $i=1,2,\ldots$ . Next we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_{12i+10}$  for  $i=0,1,2,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$  and assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_{12i+1}, v_{12i+3}$  and  $v_{12i+7}$  for all the values of  $i=1,2,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$ . Then assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+11}$  for  $i=0,1,2,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$ . For all the values of  $i=1,2,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$ , assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i}, v_{12i+4}$  and  $v_{12i+6}$ . Clearly the vertex condition is  $v_f(1) = v_f(3) = \frac{n+m+1}{3}$  and  $v_f(2) = \frac{n+m-2}{3}$  and the edge condition is given in table 11.

Table 11

Valuues of n	$e_f(0)$	$e_f(1)$
$n = 12t_1 + 6, m = 6t_2 + 5$	$\frac{2n+m-3}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-1}{2}$
$n = 12t_1, m = 6t_2 + 2$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$

Case 4.  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$  and  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

First we consider the vertices  $u_i$ . Fix the label 1 to the first path vertex  $u_1$ . Now we assign the labels 3,2,1,2,3,1 to the path vertices  $u_2$ ,  $u_3$ ,  $u_4$ ,  $u_5$ ,  $u_6$ ,  $u_7$  respectively. Then we assign the labels 3,2,1,2,3,1 to the next six path vertices  $u_8$ ,  $u_9$ ,  $u_{10}$ ,  $u_{11}$ ,  $u_{12}$ ,  $u_{13}$  respectively. Continuing like this we assign the label to the next six vertices and so on. Note that the vertex  $u_n$  received the label 1. Now our attention turn to the vertices  $v_i$ . Assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+1}$ ,  $v_{12i+4}$  and  $v_{12i+9}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,\dots, \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil -1$  and we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ ,  $v_3$ ,  $v_3$ , .... For all the values of  $i=0,1,2,3,\dots, \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil -1$  assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ ,  $v_3$ ,  $v_3$ , .... For all the values of  $i=0,1,2,3,\dots, \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil -1$  assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ ,  $v_3$ ,  $v_3$ ,  $v_4$ , v

Table 12

Nature of n	$e_f(0)$	$e_f(1)$
$n = 12t_1 + 7, m = 6t_2 + 3$	$\frac{2n+m-1}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-3}{2}$
$n = 12t_1 + 1,  m = 6t_2$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$

Case 5.  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$  and  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

Assign the label to the vertices  $u_i$   $(1 \le i \le n)$  as in case 4. Now we move to the vertices  $v_i$ . Fix the label 3 to the vertex  $v_1$ . Assign the labels 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+2}, v_{12i+5}$  and  $v_{12i+10}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,\ldots,x$  and we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+1}$  for  $i=1,2,\ldots,\lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$ . Then we assign the label 3 to the

vertices  $v_3, v_6, v_9, \ldots$  For all the values of  $i=0,1,2,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil - 1$ , assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+4}, v_{12i+7}, v_{12i+8}$  and  $v_{12i+11}$ . Clearly the vertex condition is  $v_f(1) = v_f(3) = \frac{n+m+1}{3}$  and  $v_f(2) = \frac{n+m-2}{3}$  and the edge condition is given in table 13.

Table 13

Vlaues of n	$e_f(0)$	$e_f(1)$
$n = 12t_1 + 7, m = 6t_2 + 4$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$
$n = 12t_1 + 1, m = 6t_2 + 1$	$\frac{2n+m-3}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-1}{2}$

Case 6.  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$  and  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

Label to the vertices  $u_i$   $(1 \leq i \leq n)$  as in case 4. Now our attention move to the vertices  $v_i$ . Assign the label 3,2 to the vertices  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  respectively. Then we assign the labels 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+3}, v_{12i+6}$  and  $v_{12i+11}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,\ldots, \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil -1$  and we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+2}$  for  $i=1,2,\ldots, \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil -1$ . Next we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_4, v_7, v_{10}, \ldots$  For all the values of  $i=0,1,2,\ldots, \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil -1$ , assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+5}, v_{12i+8}, v_{12i+9}$  and  $v_{12i+11}$ . Finally we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i}$  for  $i=1,2,3,\ldots, \left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil -1$ . Therefore the vertex condition is  $v_f(1)=v_f(2)=v_f(3)=\frac{n+m}{3}$  and the edge condition is given in table 14.

Table 14

Nature of n	$e_f(0)$	$e_f(1)$
$n = 12t_1 + 7, m = 6t_2 + 5$	$\frac{2n+m-1}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-3}{2}$
$n = 12t_1 + 1, m = 6t_2 + 2$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$

Case 7.  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{6}$  and  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

Consider the path vertices  $u_i$ . Now we fix the labels 2,1 to the first path vertex  $u_1, u_2$  respectively. Assign the labels 3,2,1,2,3,1 to the path vertices  $u_3, u_4, u_5, u_6, u_7, u_8$ 

respectively. Then we assign the labels 3,2,1,2,3,1 to the next six path vertices  $u_9, u_{10}, u_{11}, u_{12}, u_{13}, u_{14}$  respectively. Proceeding like this we assign the label to the next six vertices and so on. Therefore the last vertex  $u_n$  received the label 1. Next we move to the vertices  $v_i$ . Fix the labels 1,3,2 to the vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  respectively. Assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+4}$  and  $v_{12i+7}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$  and we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i}$  and  $v_{12i+3}$  for  $i=1,2,3,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$ . Then we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_5, v_8, v_{11}, \ldots$  For all the values of  $i=0,1,2,3,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$ , assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+6}, v_{12i+9}$  and  $v_{12i+10}$ . Finally we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+1}$  for  $i=1,2,3,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$ . Clearly the vertex condition is  $v_f(1) = v_f(2) = \frac{n+m+1}{3}$  and  $v_f(3) = \frac{n+m-2}{3}$ . Also the edge condition is given in table 15.

Table 15

Values of n	$e_f(0)$	$e_f(1)$
$n = 12t_1 + 8, m = 6t_2 + 3$	$\frac{2n+m-3}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-1}{2}$
$n = 12t_1 + 2, m = 6t_2$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$

Case 8.  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{6}$  and  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

First we consider the path vertices  $u_i$ . Assign the label to the vertices  $u_i$   $(1 \le i \le n)$  as in case 6. Next our attention move to the vertices  $v_i$ . Fix the label 3 to the vertex  $v_1$ . Assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+2}, v_{12i+5}$  and  $v_{12i+10}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$  and we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+1}$  for  $i=1,2,3,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$ . Then we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_3, v_6, v_9, \ldots$  For all the values of  $i=0,1,2,3,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$ , assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+4}, v_{12i+7}, v_{12i+8}$  and  $v_{12i+11}$ . Therefore the vertex condition of this case is  $v_f(1) = v_f(2) = v_f(3) = \frac{n+m}{3}$  and the edge condition is given in table 16.

Table 16

Nature of n	$e_f(0)$	$e_f(1)$
$n = 12t_1 + 8, m = 6t_2 + 4$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$
$n = 12t_1 + 2, m = 6t_2 + 3$	$\frac{2n+m-3}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-1}{2}$

Case 9.  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{6}$  and  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

Label the vertices  $u_i$   $(1 \le i \le n)$  as in case 7. Now we consider the vertices  $v_i$ . Fix the labels 1,3 to the vertices  $v_1, v_2$  respectively. Assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+3}, v_{12i+6}$  and  $v_{12i+11}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$  and we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+2}$  for  $i=1,2,3,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$ . Then we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_4, v_7, v_{13}$  respectively. For all the values of  $i=0,1,2,3,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$ , assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+5}, v_{12i+8}$  and  $v_{12i+9}$ . Finally we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i}$  for  $i=1,2,3,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$ . Clearly the vertex condition is  $v_f(1)=\frac{n+m+2}{3}$  and  $v_f(2)=v_f(3)=\frac{n+m-1}{3}$ . Also the edge condition is given in table 17.

Table 17

Values of n	$e_f(0)$	$e_f(1)$
$n = 12t_1 + 8, m = 6t_2 + 5$	$\frac{2n+m-1}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-3}{2}$
$n = 12t_1 + 2, m = 6t_2 + 2$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$

Case 10.  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$  and  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

First we consider the path vertices  $u_i$ . Assign the labels 2,3,1,3,2,1 to the path vertices  $u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u_5, u_6$  respectively. Then we assign the labels 2,3,1,3,2,1 to the next six path vertices  $u_7, u_8, u_9, u_{10}, u_{11}, u_{12}$  respectively. Continuing this way assign the label to the next six vertices and so on. Therefore the last vertex  $u_n$  received the label by the integer 1. Now our attention turn to the vertices  $v_i$ . Fix the labels 1,2,3 to the vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  respectively. Assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+4}$  and  $v_{12i+7}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$  and we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i}$  and  $v_{12i+3}$ 

for i=1,2,3,...,  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ . Then we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_5, v_8, v_{11}, \ldots$  For all the values of i=0,1,2,3,...,  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ , assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+6}, v_{12i+9}$  and  $v_{12i+10}$ . Finally we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+1}$  for i=1,2,3,...,  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{12} \right\rceil - 1$ . Therefore the vertex condition is  $v_f(1) = v_f(2) = v_f(3) = \frac{n+m}{3}$  and the edge condition is given in table 18.

Table 18

Nature of n	$e_f(0)$	$e_f(1)$
$n = 12t_1 + 9, m = 6t_2 + 3$	$\frac{2n+m-3}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-1}{2}$
$n = 12t_1 + 3, m = 6t_2$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$

Case 11.  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$  and  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

Assign the label to the vertices  $u_i$   $(1 \le i \le n)$  as in case 10. Now we consider the vertices  $v_i$ . Assign the labels 1,2,3,1 to the vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$  respectively. Now we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+5}$  and  $v_{12i+8}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$  and we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+1}$  and  $v_{12i+4}$  for  $i=1,2,3,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$ . Then we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_6, v_9, v_{12}, \ldots$  For all the values of  $i=0,1,2,3,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$ . assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+7}, v_{12i+10}$  and  $v_{12i+11}$ . Finally we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+2}$  for  $i=1,2,3,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$ . Clearly the vertex condition is  $v_f(1) = \frac{n+m+2}{3}$  and  $v_f(2) = v_f(3) = \frac{n+m-1}{3}$ . Also the edge condition is given in table 19.

Table 19

Values of n	$e_f(0)$	$e_f(1)$
$n = 12t_1 + 9, m = 6t_2 + 4$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$
$n = 12t_1 + 3, m = 6t_2 + 1$	$\frac{2n+m-3}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-1}{2}$

Case 12.  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$  and  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

First we consider the path vertices  $u_i$ . Label the vertices  $u_i$   $(1 \le i \le n)$  as in case 10. Now our attention move to the vertices  $v_i$ . Assign the labels 1,2,1,3,2 to the vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5$  respectively. Now we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+6}$  and  $v_{12i+9}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,\ldots,\lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$  and we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+2}$  and  $v_{12i+5}$  for  $i=1,2,3,\ldots,x$ . Then we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_7, v_{10}, v_{13}, \ldots$  For all the values of  $i=0,1,2,3,\ldots,\lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$ , assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+8}$  and  $v_{12i+11}$ . Finally we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i}$  and  $v_{12i+3}$  for  $i=1,2,3,\ldots,\lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$ . Therefore the vertex condition is  $v_f(1)=v_f(2)=\frac{n+m+1}{3}$  and  $v_f(3)=\frac{n+m-2}{3}$ . Also the edge condition is given in table 20.

Table 20

Nature of n	$e_f(0)$	$e_f(1)$
$n = 12t_1 + 9, m = 6t_2 + 5$	$\frac{2n+m-3}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-1}{2}$
$n = 12t_1 + 3, m = 6t_2 + 2$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$

Case 13.  $n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$  and  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

First we consider the path vertices  $u_i$ . Fix the label 2 to the first path vertex  $u_1$ . Assign the labels 2,3,1,3,2,1 to the path vertices  $u_2, u_3, u_4, u_5, u_6, u_7$  respectively. Then we assign the labels 2,3,1,3,2,1 to the next six path vertices  $u_8, u_9, u_{10}, u_{11}, u_{12}, u_{13}$  respectively. Proceeding like this assign the label to the next six vertices and so on. Therefore the last vertex  $u_n$  received the label 1. Now our attention turn to the vertices  $v_i$ . Assign the label to the vertices  $v_i$   $(1 \le i \le m)$  as in case 4. Clearly the vertex condition is  $v_f(1) = v_f(3) = \frac{n+m-1}{3}$  and  $v_f(2) = \frac{n+m+2}{3}$  and the edge condition is given in table 21.

Table 21

Values of n	$e_f(0)$	$e_f(1)$
$n = 12t_1 + 10, m = 6t_2 + 3$	$\frac{2n+m-1}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-3}{2}$
$n = 12t_1 + 4, m = 6t_2$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$

Case 14.  $n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$  and  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

Assign the label to the vertices  $u_i$   $(1 \le i \le n)$  as in case 13. Next we move to the vertices  $v_i$ . Fix the label 1 to the vertex  $v_1$ . Assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+2}, v_{12i+5}$  and  $v_{12i+10}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$  and we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+1}$  for  $i=1,2,3,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$ . Then we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_3, v_6, v_9, \ldots$  For all the values of  $i=0,1,2,3,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$ , assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+4}, v_{12i+7}, v_{12i+8}$  and  $v_{12i+11}$ . Therefore the vertex condition is  $v_f(1) = v_f(2) = \frac{n+m+1}{3}$  and  $v_f(3) = \frac{n+m-2}{3}$  and the edge condition is given in table 22.

Table 22

Nature of n	$e_f(0)$	$e_f(1)$
$n = 12t_1 + 10, m = 6t_2 + 4$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$
$n = 12t_1 + 4,  m = 6t_2 + 1$	$\frac{2n+m-3}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-1}{2}$

Case 15.  $n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$  and  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

Consider the path vertices  $u_i$ . Label the vertices  $u_i$   $(1 \le i \le n)$  as in case 13. Next our attention move to the vertices  $v_i$ . Fix the labels 1 and 3 to the vertex  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  respectively. Assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+3}, v_{12i+6}$  and  $v_{12i+11}$  for all the values of  $i=0,1,2,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$  and we assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_{12i+2}$  for  $i=1,2,3,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$ . Then we assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_4, v_7, v_{10}, \ldots$  For all the values of  $i=0,1,2,3,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$ , assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i+5}, v_{12i+8}$  and  $v_{12i+9}$ . Finally we assign the label 1 to the vertices  $v_{12i}$  for  $i=1,2,3,\ldots, \lceil \frac{n}{12} \rceil -1$ .

Clearly the vertex condition is  $v_f(1) = v_f(2) = v_f(3) = \frac{n+m}{3}$  and the edge condition is given in table 23.

Table 23

Nature of n	$e_f(0)$	$e_f(1)$
$n = 12t_1 + 10, m = 6t_2 + 5$	$\frac{2n+m-1}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-3}{2}$
$n = 12t_1 + 4, m = 6t_2 + 2$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$

Case 16.  $n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$  and  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

Fix the labels 1,2 to the first two path vertices  $u_1, u_2$  respectively. Assign the labels 2,3,1,3,2,1 to the path vertices  $u_3, u_4, u_5, u_6, u_7, u_8$  respectively. Then we assign the labels 2,3,1,3,2,1 to the next six path vertices  $u_9, u_{10}, u_{11}, u_{12}, u_{13}, u_{14}$  respectively. Proceeding like this assign the label to the next six vertices and so on. Therefore the last vertex  $u_n$  received the label 1. Now our attention turn to the vertices  $v_i$ . Assign the label to the vertices  $v_i$  ( $1 \le i \le m$ ) as in case 4. Therefore the vertex condition is  $v_f(1) = v_f(2) = \frac{n+m+1}{3}$  and  $v_f(3) = \frac{n+m-2}{3}$ . Also the edge condition is given in table 24.

Table 24

Values of n	$e_f(0)$	$e_f(1)$
$n = 12t_1 + 11, m = 6t_2 + 3$	$\frac{2n+m-1}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-3}{2}$
$n = 12t_1 + 4, m = 6t_2$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$

Case 17.  $n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$  and  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

Assign the labels to the vertices  $u_i$   $(1 \le i \le n)$  as in case 16. Then label the vertices  $v_i$   $(1 \le i \le m)$  as in case 5. Clearly the vertex condition is  $v_f(1) = v_f(2) = v_f(3) = \frac{n+m}{3}$ . Also the edge condition is given in table 25.

Table 25

Values of n	$e_f(0)$	$e_f(1)$
$n = 12t_1 + 11, m = 6t_2 + 4$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$
$n = 12t_1 + 5, m = 6t_2 + 1$	$\frac{2n+m-3}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-1}{2}$

Case 18.  $n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$  and  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

Label the vertices  $u_i$   $(1 \le i \le n)$  as in case 16. Also assign the label to the vertices  $v_i$   $(1 \le i \le m)$  as in case 6. Therefore the vertex condition is  $v_f(1) = v_f(3) = \frac{n+m-1}{3}$  and  $v_f(2) = \frac{n+m+2}{3}$ . Also the edge condition is given in table 26.

Table 26

Nature of n	$e_f(0)$	$e_f(1)$
$n = 12t_1 + 11, m = 6t_2 + 5$	$\frac{2n+m-1}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-3}{2}$
$n = 12t_1 + 5, m = 6t_2 + 2$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$	$\frac{2n+m-2}{2}$

**Example 2.4.** A 3-difference cordial labeling of the dumbbell  $U_{6,5}$  is given in figure 4.

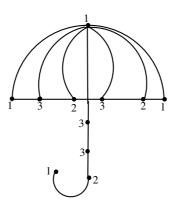


Figure 4

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