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## The corona between cycles and paths

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## ABSTRACT

A graph is said to be cordial if it has a 0–1 labeling that satisfies certain properties. The corona  $G_1 \odot G_2$  of two graphs  $G_1$  (with  $n_1$  vertices and  $m_1$  edges) and  $G_2$  (with  $n_2$  vertices and  $m_2$  edges) is defined as the graph obtained by taking one copy of  $G_1$  and  $n_1$  copies of  $G_2$ , and then joining the  $i$ th vertex of  $G_1$  with an edge to every vertex in the  $i$ th copy of  $G_2$ . In this paper we investigate the cordiality of the corona between cycles  $C_n$  and paths  $P_m$ , namely  $C_n \odot P_m$ .

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## 1. Introduction

It is known that graph theory and its branches have become interest topics for almost all fields of mathematics and also other area of science such as chemistry, biology, physics, communication, economics, engineering, operations research, and especially computer science.

A graph labeling is an assignment of integers to the vertices or edges, or both, subject to certain conditions. There are many contributions and different kinds of labeling [1–9].

Two of the most important types of labeling are called graceful and harmonious. Graceful labeling was introduced independently by Rosa [10] in 1966 and Golomb [11] in 1972, while harmonious labeling were first studied by Graham and Sloane [12] in 1980. A third important type of labeling, which contains aspects of both of the other two, is called cordial and was introduced by Cahit [1] in 1990. Whereas the label of an edge  $vw$  for graceful and harmonious labeling is given respectively by  $|f(v) - f(w)|$  and  $(f(v) + f(w))$  (modulo the number of edges), cordial labeling use only labels 0 and 1 and the induced edge label  $(f(v) + f(w)) \pmod{2}$ , which of course equals  $|f(v) - f(w)|$ . Because arithmetic modulo 2 is an integral part of computer science, cordial labelings have close connections with that field. An excellent reference on this subject is the survey by Gallian [13].

More precisely, cordial graphs are defined as follows: Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph, let  $f: V \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  be a labeling of its ver-

tices, and let  $f^*: E \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  is the extension of  $f$  to the edges of  $G$  by the formula  $f^*(vw) = (f(v) + f(w)) \pmod{2}$ . Thus, for any edge  $e = uv$ ,  $f^*(e) = 0$  if its two vertices have the same label and  $f^*(e) = 1$  if they have different labels. Let  $v_0$  and  $v_1$  be the numbers of vertices labeled 0 and 1 respectively, and let  $e_0$  and  $e_1$  be the corresponding numbers of edges. Such a labeling is called *cordial* if both  $|v_0 - v_1| \leq 1$  and  $|e_0 - e_1| \leq 1$  hold. A graph is called *cordial* if it has a cordial labeling.

Suppose that  $G = (V, E)$  is a graph, where  $V$  is the set of its vertices and  $E$  is the set of its edges. Throughout, it is assumed  $G$  is connected, finite, simple and undirected.

The *corona*  $G_1 \odot G_2$  of two graphs  $G_1$  (with  $n_1$  vertices and  $m_1$  edges) and  $G_2$  (with  $n_2$  vertices and  $m_2$  edges) is defined as the graph obtained by taking one copy of  $G_1$  and  $n_1$  copies of  $G_2$ , and then joining the  $i$ th vertex of  $G_1$  with an edge to every vertex in the  $i$ th copy of  $G_2$  [14]. It follows from the definition of the corona that  $G_1 \odot G_2$  has  $n_1 + n_1 n_2$  vertices and  $m_1 + n_1 m_2 + n_1 n_2$  edges. It is easy to see that  $G_1 \odot G_2$  is not in general isomorphic to  $G_2 \odot G_1$ . In [15], the corona of  $P_n \odot C_m$  has been studied and proved that  $P_n \odot C_m$  is cordial if and only if  $(n, m) \neq (1, 3) \pmod{4}$ . In this paper we show that the corona  $C_n \odot P_m$  is cordial for all  $n \geq 3$  and  $m \geq 1$ .

## 2. Terminology and notation

A path with  $n$  vertices and  $n - 1$  edges is denoted by  $P_n$ , and a cycle with  $n$  vertices and  $n$  edges is denoted by  $C_n$ . Given a cycle or a path with  $4r$  vertices, we let  $L_{4r}$  denote the labeling 0011 ... 0011 (repeated  $r$  times). In most cases, we then modify this by adding symbols at one end or the other (or both); thus  $010L_{4r}$  denotes the labeling 010 0011 ... 0011 of the cycle

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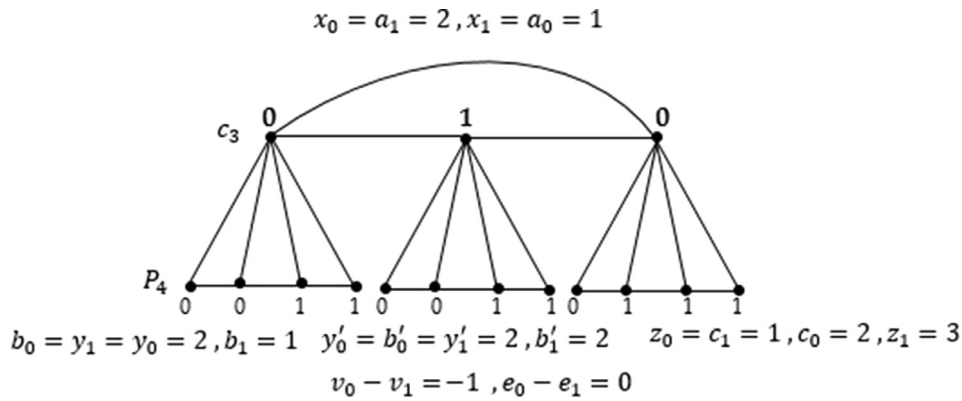


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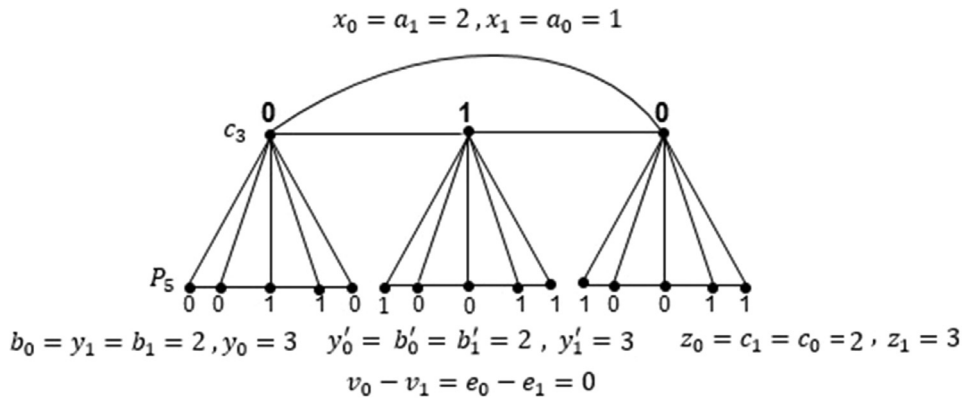


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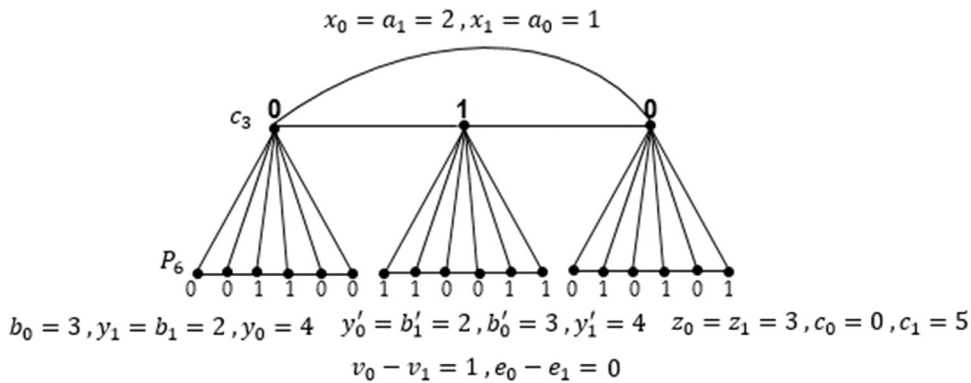


Fig. 3.

$C_{4r+3}$  (or the path  $P_{4r+3}$ ) when  $r \geq 1$  and 010 when  $r = 0$ . Similarly,  $L_{4r}01$  is the labeling 0011 ... 0011 01 of the cycle  $C_{4r+2}$  (or the path  $P_{4r+2}$ ) when  $r \geq 1$  and 01 when  $r = 0$ , and so on. We write  $M_r$  for the labeling 01 ... 01 if  $r$  is even and 01 ... 010 if  $r$  is odd, for example,  $M_6 = 010101$  and  $M_7 = 0101010$ . Also, we write  $0_r$  for the labeling 0 ... 0 ( $r$  times) and  $1_r$  for the labeling 1 ... 1 ( $r$  times) [3–8]. If  $G$  and  $H$  are two graphs, where  $G$  has  $n$  vertices, the labeling of the corona  $G \odot H$  is often denoted by  $[A : B_1, B_2, B_3, \dots, B_n]$ , where  $A$  is the labeling of the  $n$  vertices of  $G$ , and  $B_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$  is the labeling of the vertices of the copy of  $H$  that is connected to the  $i$ th vertex of  $G$  [2]. For a given labeling of the corona  $G \odot H$ , we denote  $v_i$  and  $e_i$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ) to represent the numbers of vertices and edges, respectively, labeled by  $i$ . Let us denote  $x_i$  and  $a_i$  to be the numbers of vertices and edges labeled by  $i$  for the graph  $G$ . Also, we let  $y_i$  and  $b_i$  be those for  $H$ , which are connected to the vertices labeled 0 of  $G$ .

Likewise, let  $y'_i$  and  $b'_i$  be those for  $H$ , which are connected to the vertices labeled 1 of  $G$ . It is easy to verify that  $v_0 = x_0 + x_0y_0 + x_1y'_0, v_1 = x_1 + x_0y_1 + x_1y'_1, e_0 = a_0 + x_0b_0 + x_1b'_0 + x_0y_0 + x_1y'_1$  and  $e_1 = a_1 + x_0b_1 + x_1b'_1 + x_0(x_0y_1) + x_1y'_0$ . Thus  $v_0 - v_1 = (x_0 - x_1) + x_0(y_0 - y_1) + x_1(y'_0 - y'_1)$  and  $e_0 - e_1 = (a_0 - a_1) + x_0(b_0 - b_1) + x_1(b'_0 - b'_1) + x_0(y_0 - y_1) - x_1(y'_0 - y'_1)$ . In particular, if we have only one labeling for all copies of  $H$ , i.e.,  $y_i = y'_i$  and  $b_i = b'_i$ , then  $v_0 = x_0 + ny_0, v_1 = x_1 + ny_1, e_0 = a_0 + nb_0 + x_0y_0 + x_1y_1$  and  $e_1 = a_1 + nb_1 + x_0y_1 + x_1y_0$ . Thus  $v_0 - v_1 = (x_0 - x_1) + n(y_0 - y_1)$  and  $e_0 - e_1 = (a_0 - a_1) + n(b_0 - b_1) + (x_0 - x_1)(y_0 - y_1)$ , where  $n$  is the order of  $G$ .

### 3. Corona between cycles and paths

In this section, we show that the corona  $C_n \odot P_m$  is cordial for all  $n \geq 3$  and  $m \geq 1$ .

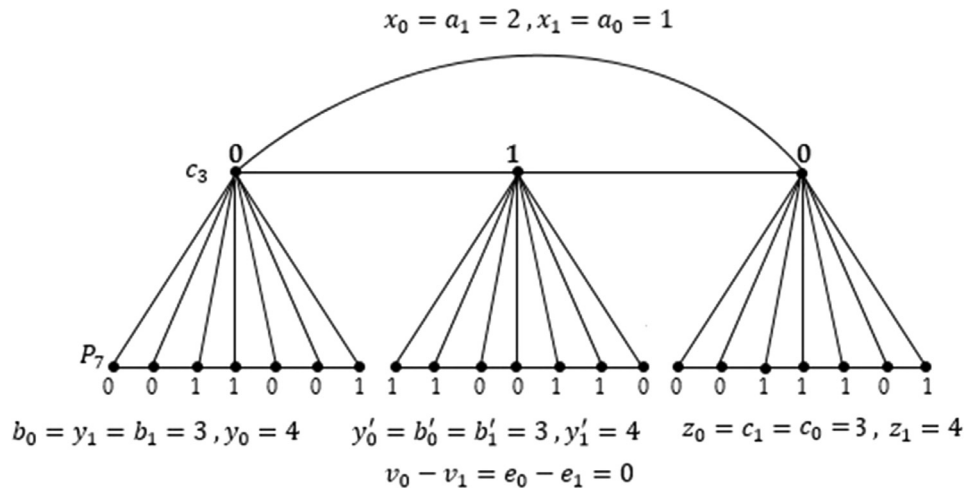


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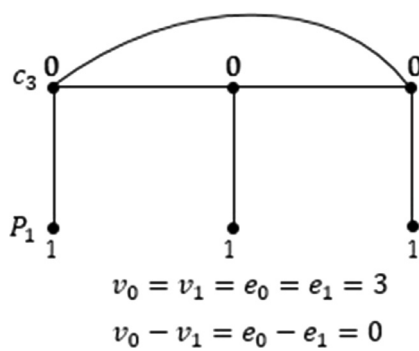


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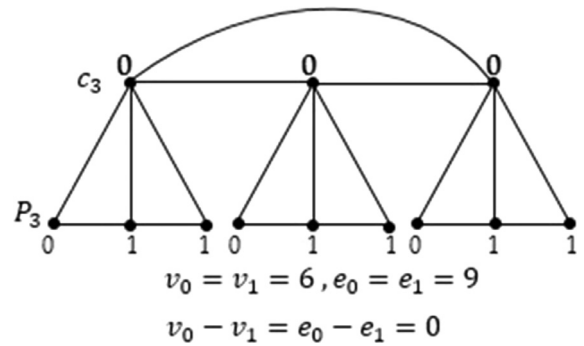


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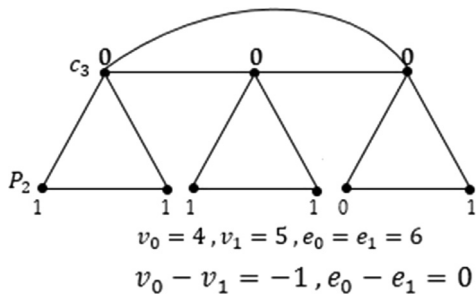


Fig. 6.

This target will be achieved as a consequence of the following series of lemmas.

**Lemma 3.1.** *The corona  $C_3 \odot P_m$  is cordial for all  $m \geq 1$ .*

**Proof.** Let us first prove that  $C_3 \odot P_m$  is cordial for all  $m \geq 4$ . To do so, we will examine the following four cases:

**Case (1).**  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

Suppose that  $m = 4s, s \geq 1$ . We choose the labeling  $[010 : L_{4s}, L_{4s}, 01_3 L_{4s-4}]$  for  $C_3 \odot P_{4s}$ . Therefore  $x_0 = 2, x_1 = 1, a_0 = 1, a_1 = 2, y'_0 = 2s, y'_1 = 2s, b'_0 = 2s$  and  $b'_1 = 2s - 1$ . For the  $4s$  vertices of the copy  $P_{4s}$  which are connected to the first zero in  $C_3$  we have,  $y_0 = 2s, y_1 = 2s, b_0 = 2s$  and  $b_1 = 2s - 1$ . For the  $4s$

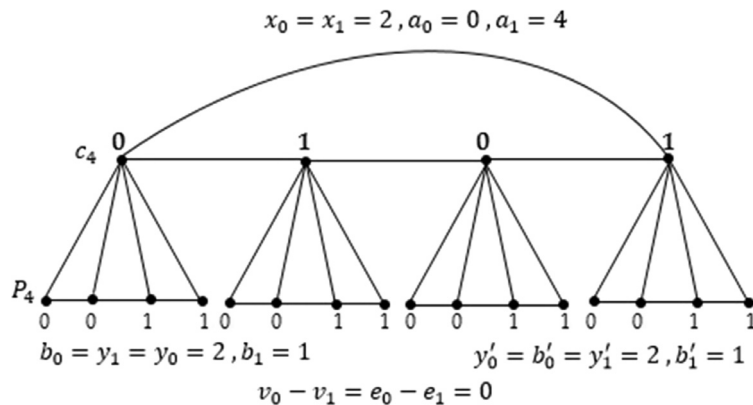


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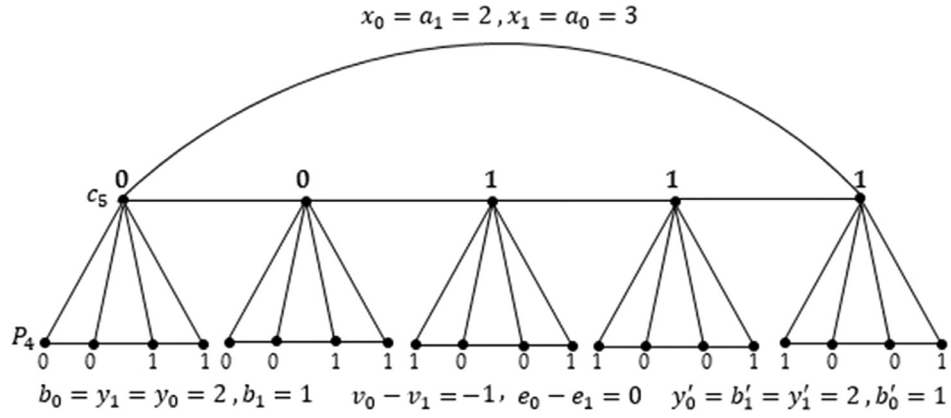


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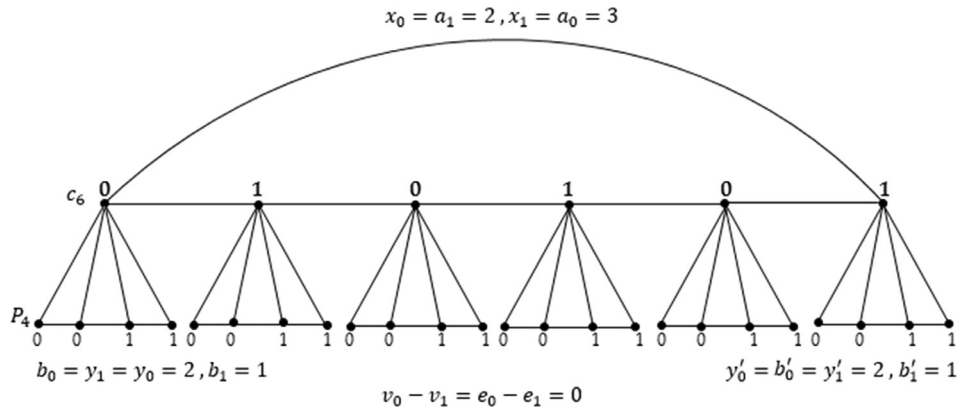


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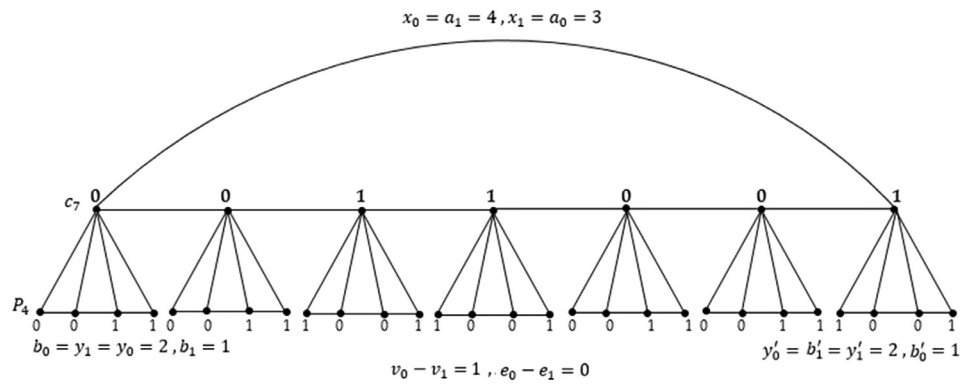


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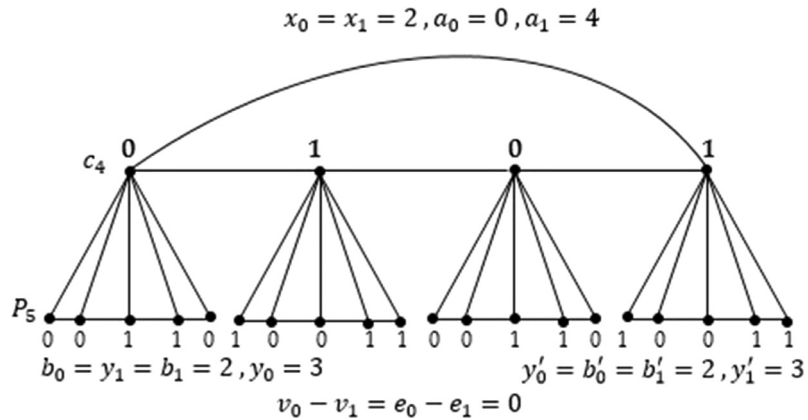


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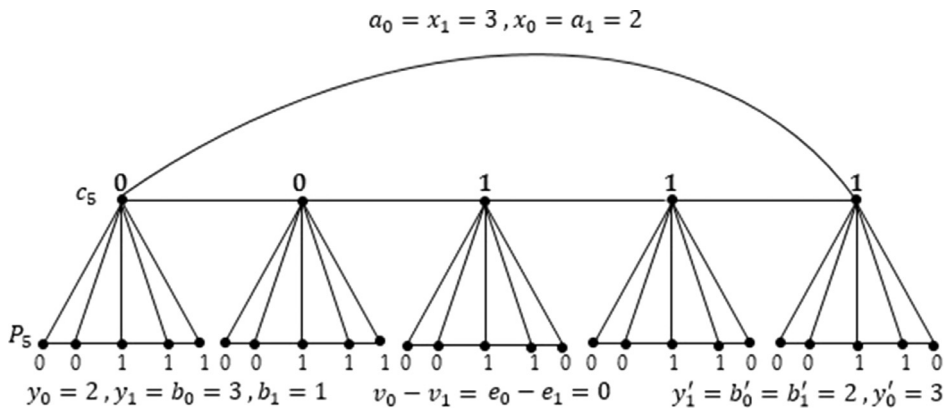


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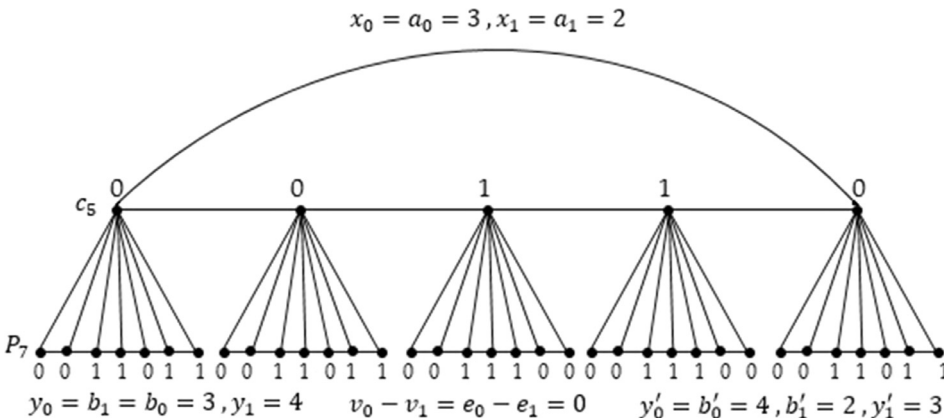


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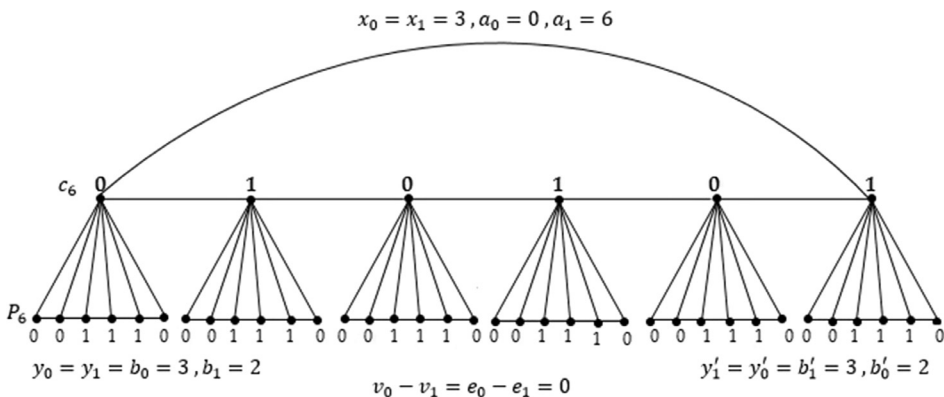


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vertices of the copy  $P_{4s}$  which are connected to the second zero in  $C_3$  we have,  $z_0 = 2s - 1, z_1 = 2s + 1, c_0 = 2s$  and  $c_1 = 2s - 1$ , where  $z_i$  and  $c_i$  are the numbers of vertices and edges labeled by  $i$  in  $P_{4s}$  that are connected to the second zero in  $C_3$ . It follows that  $v_0 - v_1 = (x_0 - x_1) + (x_0 - 1)(y_0 - y_1) + x_1(y'_0 - y'_1) + (z_0 - z_1) = -1$  and  $e_0 - e_1 = (a_0 - a_1) + (x_0 - 1)(b_0 - b_1) + x_1(b'_0 - b'_1) + (x_0 - 1)(y_0 - y_1) - x_1(y'_0 - y'_1) + (c_0 - c_1) + (z_0 - z_1) = 0$ . Hence  $C_3 \odot P_{4s}$  is cordial. As an example, Fig. (1) illustrates  $C_3 \odot P_4$ .

**Case (2).**  $m \equiv 1(\text{mod}4)$ . Suppose that  $m = 4s + 1, s \geq 1$ . We choose the labeling  $[010: L_{4s}0, 1L_{4s}, 1L_{4s}]$  for  $C_3 \odot P_{4s+1}$ . Therefore  $x_0 = 2, x_1 = 1, a_0 = 1, a_1 = 2, y'_0 = 2s, y'_1 = 2s + 1, b'_0 = 2s$  and  $b'_1 = 2s$ . For the  $4s + 1$  vertices of the copy  $P_{4s+1}$  which are connected to the first zero in  $C_3$  we have,  $y_0 = 2s + 1, y_1 = 2s, b_0 = 2s$  and  $b_1 = 2s$ . For the  $4s + 1$  vertices of the copy  $P_{4s+1}$

which are connected to the second zero in  $C_3$  we have,  $z_0 = 2s, z_1 = 2s + 1, c_0 = 2s$  and  $c_1 = 2s$ , where  $z_i$  and  $c_i$  are the numbers of vertices and edges labeled by  $i$  in  $P_{4s+1}$  that are connected to the second zero in  $C_3$ . Similar to Case(1), we have that  $v_0 - v_1 = (x_0 - x_1) + (x_0 - 1)(y_0 - y_1) + x_1(y'_0 - y'_1) + (z_0 - z_1) = 0$  and  $e_0 - e_1 = (a_0 - a_1) + (x_0 - 1)(b_0 - b_1) + x_1(b'_0 - b'_1) + (x_0 - 1)(y_0 - y_1) - x_1(y'_0 - y'_1) + (c_0 - c_1) + (z_0 - z_1) = 0$ . Hence  $C_3 \odot P_{4s+1}$  is cordial. As an example, Fig. (2) illustrates  $C_3 \odot P_5$ .

**Case (3).**  $m \equiv 2(\text{mod}4)$ . Suppose that  $m = 4s + 2, s \geq 1$ . We choose the labeling  $[010: L_{4s}00, 11L_{4s}, M_6 L_{4s-4}]$  for  $C_3 \odot P_{4s+2}$ . Therefore  $x_0 = 2, x_1 = 1, a_0 = 1, a_1 = 2, y'_0 = 2s, y'_1 = 2s + 2, b'_0 = 2s + 1$  and  $b'_1 = 2s$ . For the  $4s + 2$  vertices of the copy  $P_{4s+2}$  which are connected to the first zero in  $C_3$  we have,  $y_0 = 2s + 2, y_1 = 2s, b_0 = 2s + 1$  and  $b_1 = 2s$ . For the  $4s + 2$  vertices of the

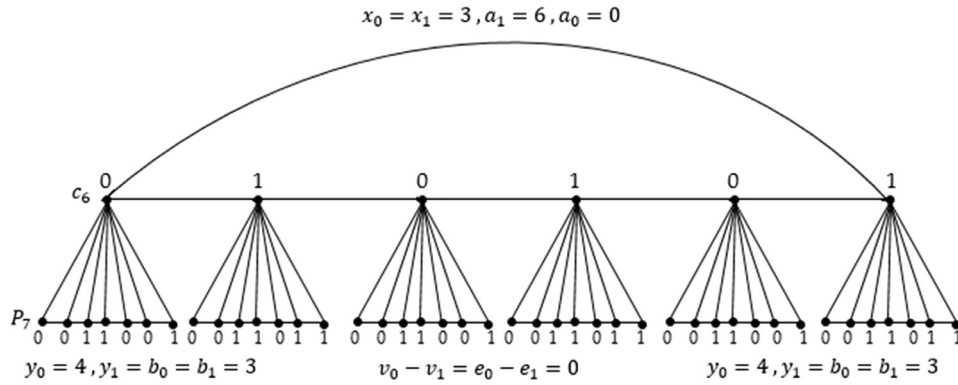


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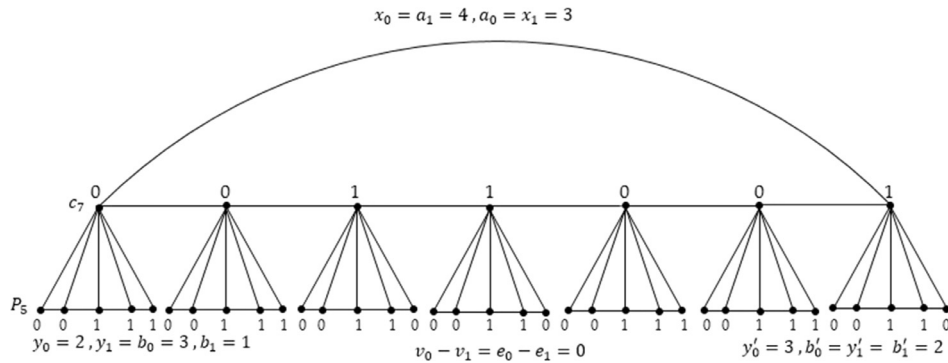


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copy  $P_{4s+2}$  which are connected to the second zero in  $C_3$  we have,  $z_0 = 2s$ ,  $z_1 = 2s$ ,  $c_0 = 2s - 2$  and  $c_1 = 2s + 3$ , where  $z_i$  and  $c_i$  are the numbers of vertices and edges labeled by  $i$  in  $P_{4s+2}$  that are connected to the second zero in  $C_3$ . As before, we conclude that  $v_0 - v_1 = (x_0 - x_1) + (x_0 - 1)(y_0 - y_1) + x_1(y'_0 - y'_1) + (z_0 - z_1) = 1$  and  $e_0 - e_1 = (a_0 - a_1) + (x_0 - 1)(b_0 - b_1) + x_1(b'_0 - b'_1) + (x_0 - 1)(y_0 - y_1) - x_1(y'_0 - y'_1) + (c_0 - c_1) + (z_0 - z_1) = 0$ . Hence  $C_3 \odot P_{4s+2}$  is cordial. As an example, Fig. (3) illustrates  $C_3 \odot P_6$ .

**Case (4).**  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . Suppose that  $m = 4s + 3$ ,  $s \geq 1$ . We choose the labeling  $[010: L_{4s}001, 11L_{4s}0, L_{4s}101]$  for  $C_3 \odot P_{4s+3}$ . Therefore  $x_0 = 2$ ,  $x_1 = 1$ ,  $a_0 = 1$ ,  $a_1 = 2$ ,  $y'_0 = 2s + 1$ ,  $y'_1 = 2s + 2$ ,  $b'_0 = 2s + 1$  and  $b'_1 = 2s + 1$ . For the  $4s + 3$  vertices of the copy  $P_{4s+3}$  which are connected to the first zero in  $C_3$  we have,  $y_0 = 2s + 2$ ,  $y_1 = 2s + 1$ ,  $b_0 = 2s + 1$  and  $b_1 = 2s + 1$ . For the  $4s + 3$  vertices of the copy  $P_{4s+3}$  which are connected to the second zero in  $C_3$  we have,  $z_0 = 2s + 1$ ,  $z_1 = 2s + 2$ ,  $c_0 = 2s + 1$  and  $c_1 = 2s + 1$ , where  $z_i$  and  $c_i$  in  $P_{4s+3}$  that are connected to the second zero in  $C_3$ . As before, we conclude that  $v_0 - v_1 = (x_0 - x_1) + (x_0 - 1)(y_0 - y_1) + x_1(y'_0 - y'_1) + (z_0 - z_1) = 0$  and  $e_0 - e_1 = (a_0 - a_1) + (x_0 - 1)(b_0 - b_1) + x_1(b'_0 - b'_1) + (x_0 - 1)(y_0 - y_1) - x_1(y'_0 - y'_1) + (c_0 - c_1) + (z_0 - z_1) = 0$ . Hence  $C_3 \odot P_{4s+3}$ ,  $s \geq 1$  is cordial as we wanted. As an example, Fig. (4) illustrates  $C_3 \odot P_7$ . So,  $C_3 \odot P_{4s+3}$  is cordial.

It remains to show that  $C_3 \odot P_m$  is cordial for all  $1 \leq m \leq 3$ . The following labeling are sufficient:  $[000: 1, 1, 1]$  for the corona  $C_3 \odot P_1$ ,  $[000: 11, 11, 01]$  for the corona  $C_3 \odot P_2$  and  $[000: 011, 011, 011]$  for the corona  $C_3 \odot P_3$ . It is obvious that  $v_0 - v_1 = 0$  and  $e_0 - e_1 = 0$  for  $C_3 \odot P_1$  and  $C_3 \odot P_3$ , while  $v_0 - v_1 = -1$  and  $e_0 - e_1 = 0$  for  $C_3 \odot P_2$ . See Fig. (5), Fig. (6) and Fig. (7) for these three particular cases. Thus the lemma follows.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2.** If  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ , then the corona  $C_n \odot P_m$  is cordial for all  $n \geq 4$ .

**Proof.** Let  $m = 4s$ ,  $s \geq 1$  and  $n = 4r + i$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq 3$ . Then we have to study the following four cases:

**Case(1).**  $n = 4r$ ,  $r \geq 1$ . We choose the labeling  $[M_{4r}: L_{4s}, \dots, L_{4s}]$  for  $C_{4r} \odot P_{4s}$ . Therefore  $x_0 = 2r$ ,  $x_1 = 2r$ ,  $a_0 = 0$ ,  $a_1 = 4r$ ,  $y_0 = 2s$ ,  $y_1 = 2s$ ,  $b_0 = 2s$ ,  $b_1 = 2s - 1$ ,  $y'_0 = 2s$ ,  $y'_1 = 2s$ ,  $b'_0 = 2s$ ,  $b'_1 = 2s - 1$ . Hence  $v_0 - v_1 = (x_0 - x_1) + n(y_0 - y_1) = 0 + 4r(0) = 0$  and  $e_0 - e_1 = (a_0 - a_1) + n(b_0 - b_1) + (x_0 - x_1)(y_0 - y_1) = -4r + 4r(1) + 0(0) = 0$ . Thus  $C_{4r} \odot P_{4s}$  is cordial. As an example, Fig. (8) illustrates  $C_4 \odot P_4$ .

**Case (2).**  $n = 4r + 1$ ,  $r \geq 1$ . We choose the labeling  $[L_{4r+1}: (L_{4s}, L_{4s}, 1L_{4s-4}001, 1L_{4s-4}001, \dots, (r \text{ times}))]$ ,

$1L_{4s-4}001]$  for  $C_{4r+1} \odot P_{4s}$ . Therefore  $x_0 = 2r$ ,  $x_1 = 2r + 1$ ,  $a_0 = 2r + 1$ ,  $a_1 = 2r$ ,  $y_0 = 2s$ ,  $y_1 = 2s$ ,  $b_0 = 2s$ ,  $b_1 = 2s - 1$ ,  $y'_0 = 2s$ ,  $y'_1 = 2s$ ,  $b'_0 = 2s - 1$ ,  $b'_1 = 2s$ . Hence  $v_0 - v_1 = (x_0 - x_1) + x_0(y_0 - y_1) + x_1(y'_0 - y'_1) = -1$  and  $e_0 - e_1 = (a_0 - a_1) + x_0(b_0 - b_1) + x_1(b'_0 - b'_1) + x_0(y_0 - y_1) - x_1(y'_0 - y'_1) = 0$ . Thus  $C_{4r+1} \odot P_{4s}$  is cordial. As an example, Fig. (9) illustrates  $C_5 \odot P_4$ .

**Case (3).**  $n = 4r + 2$ ,  $r \geq 1$ . We choose the labeling  $[M_{4r+2}: L_{4s}, \dots, L_{4s}]$  for  $C_{4r+2} \odot P_{4s}$ . Therefore  $x_0 = 2r + 1$ ,  $x_1 = 2r + 1$ ,  $a_0 = 0$ ,  $a_1 = 4r + 2$ ,  $y_0 = 2s$ ,  $y_1 = 2s$ ,  $b_0 = 2s$ ,  $b_1 = 2s - 1$ ,  $y'_0 = 2s$ ,  $y'_1 = 2s$ ,  $b'_0 = 2s$ ,  $b'_1 = 2s - 1$ . Hence  $v_0 - v_1 = (x_0 - x_1) + n(y_0 - y_1) = 0 + (4r + 2)(0) = 0$  and  $e_0 - e_1 = (a_0 - a_1) + n(b_0 - b_1) + (x_0 - x_1)(y_0 - y_1) = -(4r + 2) + (4r + 2)(1) + 0(0) = 0$ . Thus  $C_{4r+2} \odot P_{4s}$  is cordial. As an example, Fig. (10) illustrates  $C_6 \odot P_4$ .

**Case (4).**  $n = 4r + 3$ ,  $r \geq 1$ . We choose the labeling  $[L_{4r+3}: (L_{4s}, L_{4s}, 1L_{4s-4}001, 1L_{4s-4}001, \dots, (r \text{ times}))]$ ,  $L_{4s}, L_{4s}, 1L_{4s-4}001]$  for  $C_{4r+3} \odot P_{4s}$ . Therefore  $x_0 = 2r + 2$ ,  $x_1 = 2r + 1$ ,  $a_0 = 2r + 1$ ,  $a_1 = 2r + 2$ ,  $y_0 = 2s$ ,  $y_1 = 2s$ ,  $b_0 = 2s$ ,  $b_1 = 2s - 1$ ,  $y'_0 = 2s$ ,  $y'_1 = 2s$ ,  $b'_0 = 2s - 1$ ,  $b'_1 = 2s$ . Hence  $v_0 - v_1 = (x_0 - x_1) + x_0(y_0 - y_1) + x_1(y'_0 - y'_1) = 1$  and  $e_0 - e_1 = (a_0 - a_1) + x_0(b_0 - b_1) + x_1(b'_0 - b'_1) + x_0(y_0 - y_1) - x_1(y'_0 - y'_1) = 0$ . Thus  $C_{4r+3} \odot P_{4s}$  is cordial. As an example, Fig. (11) illustrates  $C_7 \odot P_4$ . So, if  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ , then  $C_n \odot P_m$  is cordial for all  $n \geq 4$  and the lemma follows.  $\square$

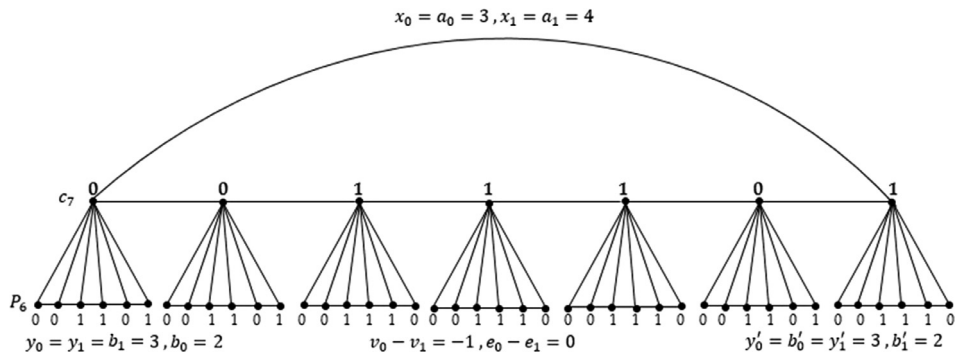


Fig. 18.

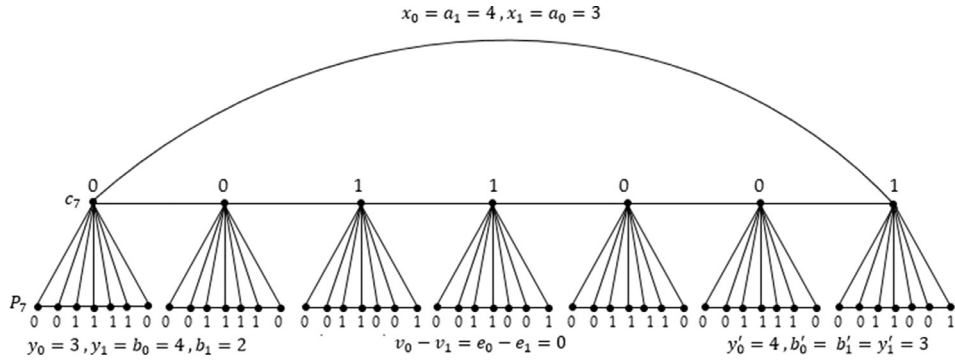


Fig. 19.

Table 3.1 Labeling of  $C_n$  and  $P_m$ .

$n = 4r + i, i = 0, 1, 2, 3$	Labeling of $C_n$	$x_0$	$x_1$	$a_0$	$a_1$
$i = 0$	$A_0 = M_{4r}$	$2r$	$2r$	$0$	$4r$
	$A'_0 = L_{4r}$	$2r$	$2r$	$2r$	$2r$
$i = 1$	$A_1 = L_{4r+1}$	$2r$	$2r + 1$	$2r + 1$	$2r$
	$A'_1 = L_{4r+0}$	$2r + 1$	$2r$	$2r + 1$	$2r$
$i = 2$	$A_2 = M_{4r+2}$	$2r + 1$	$2r + 1$	$0$	$4r + 2$
$i = 3$	$A_3 = L_{4r+001}$	$2r + 2$	$2r + 1$	$2r + 1$	$2r + 2$
	$A'_3 = L_{4r+101}$	$2r + 1$	$2r + 2$	$2r + 1$	$2r + 2$
$m = 4s + j, j = 1, 2, 3$	Labeling of $P_m$	$y_0$	$y_1$	$b_0$	$b_1$
$j = 1$	$B_1 = L_{4s+0}$	$2s + 1$	$2s$	$2s$	$2s$
	$B'_1 = L_{4s+1}$	$2s$	$2s + 1$	$2s + 1$	$2s - 1$
$j = 2$	$B_2 = L_{4s+10}$	$2s + 1$	$2s + 1$	$2s + 1$	$2s$
	$B'_2 = L_{4s+01}$	$2s + 1$	$2s + 1$	$2s$	$2s + 1$
$j = 3$	$B_3 = L_{4s+011}$	$2s + 1$	$2s + 2$	$2s + 1$	$2s + 1$
	$B'_3 = L_{4s+001}$	$2s + 2$	$2s + 1$	$2s + 1$	$2s + 1$
	$B''_3 = L_{4s+110}$	$2s + 1$	$2s + 2$	$2s + 2$	$2s$
$m = 4s + j, j = 1, 2, 3$	Labeling of $P_m$	$y'_0$	$y'_1$	$b'_0$	$b'_1$
$j = 1$	$B'_1 = 1L_{4s}$	$2s$	$2s + 1$	$2s$	$2s$
	$B''_1 = L_{4s+0}$	$2s + 1$	$2s$	$2s$	$2s$
$j = 2$	$B'_2 = L_{4s+01}$	$2s + 1$	$2s + 1$	$2s$	$2s + 1$
	$B''_2 = L_{4s+10}$	$2s + 1$	$2s + 1$	$2s + 1$	$2s$
$j = 3$	$B'_3 = L_{4s+100}$	$2s + 2$	$2s + 1$	$2s + 2$	$2s$
	$B''_3 = L_{4s+011}$	$2s + 1$	$2s + 2$	$2s + 1$	$2s + 1$
	$B'''_3 = L_{4s+001}$	$2s + 2$	$2s + 1$	$2s + 1$	$2s + 1$

Table 3.2 Combinations of labeling.

$n = 4r + i, i = 0, 1, 2, 3$	$m = 4s + j, j = 1, 2, 3$	$P_n$	$C_m$	$v_0 - v_1$	$e_0 - e_1$
0	1	$A_0$	$B_1, B'_1$	0	0
0	2	$A_0$	$B_2, B'_2$	0	0
0	3	$A'_0$	$B_3, B'_3$	0	0
1	1	$A_1$	$B'_1, B''_1$	0	0
1	2	$A_1$	$B_2, B'_2$	-1	0
1	3	$A'_1$	$B_3, B'_3$	0	0
2	1	$A_2$	$B_1, B'_1$	0	0
2	2	$A_2$	$B_2, B'_2$	0	0
2	3	$A_2$	$B_3, B'_3$	0	0
3	1	$A_3$	$B''_1, B'''_1$	0	0
3	2	$A'_3$	$B_2, B'_2$	-1	0
3	3	$A_3$	$B''_3, B'''_3$	0	0

$B_j, B_j^*$  and  $B_j^{**}$  are the labeling of  $P_m$  which are connected to the vertices labeled 0 in  $C_n$ , while  $B'_j, B''_j$  and  $B'''_j$  are the labeling of  $P_m$  which are connected to the vertices labeled 1 in  $C_n$  as given in Table 3.1. Using this table and the formulas  $v_0 - v_1 = (x_0 - x_1) + x_0(y_0 - y_1) + x_1(y'_0 - y'_1)$  and  $e_0 - e_1 = (a_0 - a_1) + x_0(b_0 - b_1) + x_1(b'_0 - b'_1) + x_0(y_0 - y_1) - x_1(y'_0 - y'_1)$ , we can compute the values shown in the last two columns of Table 3.2. Since all of these values are -1 or 0, the corona  $C_n \odot P_m$  is cordial for all  $n \geq 4$  and  $m \geq 4$ . (Figs. 12–19,) illustrate  $C_4 \odot P_5, C_5 \odot P_5, C_5 \odot P_7, C_6 \odot P_6, C_6 \odot P_7, C_7 \odot P_5, C_7 \odot P_6$  and  $C_7 \odot P_7$ , respectively. Thus the lemma follows.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.3.** If  $m$  is not congruent to 0(mod4), then the corona  $C_n \odot P_m$  is cordial for all  $n \geq 4$  and  $m \geq 4$ .

**Proof.** Let  $n = 4r + i$  ( $i = 0, 1, 2, 3$  and  $r \geq 1$ ) and  $m = 4s + j$  ( $j = 1, 2, 3$  and  $s \geq 1$ ), then for a given value of  $i$  with  $0 \leq i \leq 3$ , we may use the labeling  $A_i$  or  $A'_i$  for  $C_n$  as given in Table 3.1. For a given value of  $j$  with  $1 \leq j \leq 3$ , we may use one of the labeling in the set  $\{B_j, B_j^*, B_j^{**}, B'_j, B''_j, B'''_j\}$  for  $P_m$ , where

As a consequence of all previous lemmas and example 3.1, one can establish the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.1.** The corona  $C_n \odot P_m$  is cordial for all  $n \geq 3$  and  $m \geq 1$ .

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