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## SOME CLASSES OF DISPERSIBLE DC SL-GRAPHS

A distance compatible set labeling (dcsl) of a connected graph  $G$  is an injective set assignment  $f : V(G) \rightarrow 2^X$ ,  $X$  being a non empty ground set, such that the corresponding induced function  $f^\oplus : E(G) \rightarrow 2^X \setminus \{\varnothing\}$  given by  $f^\oplus(uv) = f(u) \oplus f(v)$  satisfies  $|f^\oplus(uv)| = k_{(u,v)}^f d_G(u, v)$  for every pair of distinct vertices  $u, v \in V(G)$ , where  $d_G(u, v)$  denotes the path distance between  $u$  and  $v$  and  $k_{(u,v)}^f$  is a constant, not necessarily an integer, depending on the pair of vertices  $u, v$  chosen.  $G$  is distance compatible set labeled (dcsl) graph if it admits a dcsl. A dcsl  $f$  of a  $(p, q)$ -graph  $G$  is dispersive if the constants of proportionality  $k_{(u,v)}^f$  with respect to  $f, u \neq v, u, v \in V(G)$  are all distinct and  $G$  is dispersible if it admits a dispersive dcsl. In this paper, we prove that all paths and graphs with diameter less than or equal to 2 are dispersible.

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## INTRODUCTION

Acharya B.D. [1] introduced the notion of vertex set valuation as a set analogue of number valuation. For a graph  $G = (V, E)$  and a non empty set  $X$ , Acharya B.D. defined a set valuation of  $G$  as an injective set valued function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow 2^X$ , and he defined a set-indexer as a set valuation such that the function  $f^\oplus : E(G) \rightarrow 2^X \setminus \{\varnothing\}$  given by  $f^\oplus(uv) = f(u) \oplus f(v)$  for every  $uv \in E(G)$  is also injective, where  $2^X$  is the set of all the subsets of  $X$  and  $\oplus$  is the binary operation of taking the symmetric difference of subsets of  $X$ .

Acharya B.D. and Germina K.A., who has been studying topological set valuation, introduced the particular kind of set valuation for which a metric, especially the cardinality of the symmetric difference, is associated with each pair of vertices in proportion to the distance between them [2]. In otherwords, the question is whether one can determine those graphs  $G = (V, E)$  that admit an injective function  $f : V \rightarrow 2^X$ ,  $X$  being a non empty ground set such that the cardinality of the symmetric difference  $f^\oplus(uv)$  is proportional to the usual path distance  $d_G(u, v)$  between  $u$  and  $v$  in  $G$ , for each pair of distinct vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in  $G$ . They called  $f$  a *distance compatible set labeling* (dcsl) of  $G$ , and the ordered pair  $(G, f)$ , a *distance compatible set labeled* (dcsl) graph.

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**Definition 1** ([2]). Let  $G = (V, E)$  be any connected graph. A distance compatible set labeling (dcsL) of a graph  $G$  is an injective set assignment  $f : V(G) \rightarrow 2^X$ ,  $X$  being a non empty ground set, such that the corresponding induced function  $f^\oplus : E(G) \rightarrow 2^X \setminus \{\varnothing\}$  given by  $f^\oplus(uv) = f(u) \oplus f(v)$  satisfies  $|f^\oplus(uv)| = k_{(u,v)}^f d_G(u, v)$  for every pair of distinct vertices  $u, v \in V(G)$ , where  $d_G(u, v)$  denotes the path distance between  $u$  and  $v$  and  $k_{(u,v)}^f$  is a constant, not necessarily an integer, depending on the pair of vertices  $u, v$  chosen.

The following universal theorem has been established in [2].

**Theorem 1** ([2]). Every graph admits a dcsL.

**Definition 2** ([3]). A dcsL  $f$  of a  $(p, q)$ -graph  $G$  is dispersive if the constants of proportionality  $k_{(u,v)}^f$  with respect to  $f$ ,  $u \neq v$ ,  $u, v \in V(G)$  are all distinct and  $G$  is dispersive if it admits a dispersive dcsL. A dispersive dcsL  $f$  of  $G$  is  $(k, r)$ -arithmetic, if the constants of proportionality with respect to  $f$  can be arranged in the arithmetic progression,  $k, k + r, k + 2r, \dots, k + (q - 1)r$  and if  $G$  admits such a dcsL then  $G$  is a  $(k, r)$ -arithmetic dcsL-graph.

**Theorem 2** ([3]).  $K_n$  is dispersive for all  $n \geq 1$ .

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**Theorem 3.** The star graph  $K_{1,n}$  is dispersive for any  $n \geq 1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $V(K_{1,n}) = \{v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  with  $v_0$  is the central vertex. Let  $X = \{1, 2, \dots, 2^{2n+1}\}$ . Define  $f : V(K_{1,n}) \rightarrow 2^X$  by  $f(v_0) = \varnothing$  and  $f(v_i) = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2^{2i+1}\}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Clearly  $f(v_i) \subset f(v_j)$  and  $|f(v_i) \oplus f(v_j)| = 2^{2j+1} - 2^{2i+1}$ ,  $|f(v_0) \oplus f(v_i)| = 2^{2i+1}$  for  $i < j$  and  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ . Now, we prove that the constant of proportionality  $k_{(u,v)}^f$  are all distinct, for distinct  $u, v \in V(K_{1,n})$ .

*Case 1.* For  $i \neq j$ , if possible

$$\begin{aligned} k_{(v_0, v_i)}^f = k_{(v_0, v_j)}^f &\Rightarrow \frac{|f(v_0) \oplus f(v_i)|}{d(v_0, v_i)} = \frac{|f(v_0) \oplus f(v_j)|}{d(v_0, v_j)} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{2^{2i+1} - 0}{1} = \frac{2^{2j+1} - 0}{1} \Rightarrow 2^{2i+1} = 2^{2j+1}, \text{ a contradiction.} \end{aligned}$$

*Case 2.* For  $i, j, k$  and  $j > k$ , if possible

$$\begin{aligned} k_{(v_0, v_i)}^f = k_{(v_j, v_k)}^f &\Rightarrow \frac{|f(v_0) \oplus f(v_i)|}{d(v_0, v_i)} = \frac{|f(v_j) \oplus f(v_k)|}{d(v_j, v_k)} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{2^{2i+1} - 0}{1} = \frac{2^{2j+1} - 2^{2k+1}}{2} \Rightarrow 2^{2i+1} = 2^{2j} - 2^{2k} \\ &\Rightarrow 2^{2i+1} = 2^{2k} (2^{2j-2k} - 1) \Rightarrow 2^{2i+1-2k} = 2^{2j-2k} - 1 \text{ (if } 2i + 1 > 2k \text{).} \end{aligned}$$

Here the left hand side is even and right hand side is odd, a contradiction. Also  $2i + 1 = 2k$  is not possible and for  $2i + 1 < 2k$ , a similar contradiction can be derived.

Case 3. Let  $v_i, v_j, v_k, v_l, 1 \leq i, j, k, l \leq n$  are four vertices of  $K_{1,n}$  with all the four vertices are distinct. We also assume with out loss of generality that  $i < j, l < k$  and  $i < l$ .

$$\begin{aligned} k_{(v_i, v_j)}^f &= k_{(v_k, v_l)}^f \Rightarrow \frac{|f(v_i) \oplus f(v_j)|}{d(v_i, v_j)} = \frac{|f(v_k) \oplus f(v_l)|}{d(v_k, v_l)} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{2^{2j+1} - 2^{2i+1}}{2} = \frac{2^{2k+1} - 2^{2l+1}}{2} \Rightarrow 2^{2j} - 2^{2i} = 2^{2k} - 2^{2l} \\ &\Rightarrow 2^{2i}(2^{2j-2i} - 1) = 2^{2l}(2^{2k-2l} - 1) \Rightarrow (2^{2j-2i} - 1) = 2^{2l-2i}(2^{2k-2l} - 1), \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction that left hand side is odd and right hand side is even. Now if  $k_{(v_i, v_j)}^f = k_{(v_k, v_l)}^f$  and any two vertices are same then it is easy to see that the other two vertices are also same. Hence,  $k_{(u, v)}^f$  are all distinct for all distinct  $u, v \in V(K_{1,n})$ , so that  $K_{1,n}$  is dispersible dcsl-graph.  $\square$

**Remark 1.** For  $K_{1,n}$ ,  $\max\{d(u, v) : u, v \in V(K_{1,n})\} = 2$ . The diameter of a connected graph  $G$  is defined as  $\max\{d(u, v) : u, v \in V(G)\}$  and is denoted by  $\text{diam}(G)$ . It can be shown for a graph  $G$  with  $\text{diam}(G) \leq 2$  that it is dispersible dcsl-graph. The result is proved in the following statement.

**Theorem 4.** Any graph  $G$  for which  $\text{diam}(G) \leq 2$ , is dispersible dcsl-graph.

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be a graph with  $\text{diam}(G) \leq 2$  and  $|V(G)| = n$ . Choose any 1-1 function  $g : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 3, 5, 7, \dots\}$ . Consider the function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{N}}$ , where  $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  given by  $f(v) = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 2^{g(v)}\}$ . We prove that  $f$  is a dispersive dcsl of  $G$ . Rename the vertices of  $G$  as  $v \in V(G)$  changes to  $v_{g(v)}$ . We need to prove  $k_{(v_i, v_j)}^f \neq k_{(v_k, v_l)}^f$  for all  $v_i, v_j, v_k, v_l \in V(G)$ . Assume the contrary that,

$$\frac{|f(v_i) \oplus f(v_j)|}{d(v_i, v_j)} = \frac{|f(v_k) \oplus f(v_l)|}{d(v_k, v_l)}.$$

Case 1.  $d(v_i, v_j) = d(v_k, v_l) = 1$ .

Subcase a. If  $v_i = v_k$ ,

$$2^j - 2^i = 2^l - 2^k \Rightarrow 2^j - 2^i = 2^l - 2^i \Rightarrow 2^j = 2^l \Rightarrow j = l \Rightarrow v_j = v_l.$$

Similarly for  $v_j = v_l \Rightarrow v_i = v_k$ .

Subcase b. If  $v_i = v_l$  and for  $j > i > k$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 2^j - 2^i &= 2^l - 2^k \Rightarrow 2^j + 2^k = 2^i + 2^l \Rightarrow 2^j + 2^k = 2^{i+1} \\ &\Rightarrow 2^k(2^{j-k} + 1) = 2^{i+1} \Rightarrow 2^{j-k} + 1 = 2^{i+1-k}. \end{aligned}$$

Left hand side is odd and right hand side is even, a contradiction.

Subcase c. If  $v_j = v_k$  and for  $l > j > i$ ,

$$2^j - 2^i = 2^l - 2^k \Rightarrow 2^j + 2^k = 2^i + 2^l \Rightarrow 2^{j+1} = 2^i + 2^l \Rightarrow 2^{j+1-i} = 2^{l-i} + 1.$$

Here left hand side is even and right hand side is odd, a contradiction.

Case 1 implies that if any two vertices are same, either the other two must be same or we arrive

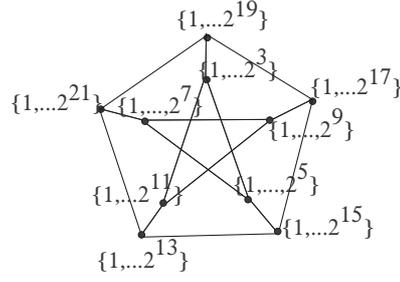


Figure 1: Dispersive dcsL of Peterson graph [ $diam(P) = 2$ ].

at a contradiction.

Case 2.  $d(v_i, v_j) = d(v_k, v_l) = 2$ .

Similar arguments of Case 1 implies that if any two vertices are same, either the other two must be same or we arrive at a contradiction.

Case 3.  $d(v_i, v_j) = 2$  and  $d(v_k, v_l) = 1$ .

Subcase a. If  $v_j = v_l$ , then  $v_i \neq v_k$  and for  $j > i > k$ ,

$$2^{j-1} - 2^{i-1} = 2^l - 2^k \Rightarrow 2^{j-1} - 2^{i-1} = 2^j - 2^k \Rightarrow 2^k(2^{j-1-k} - 2^{i-1-k}) = 2^k(2^{j-k} - 1).$$

Left hand side is even and right hand side is odd, a contradiction. A similar contradiction can be obtained when  $k > i$ .

Subcase b. if  $v_j = v_k$  and for  $l > j > i$ ,

$$2^{j-1} - 2^{i-1} = 2^l - 2^k \Rightarrow 2^{j-1-(i-1)} - 1 = 2^{l-(i-1)} - 2^{j-(i-1)}.$$

A contradiction(left hand side is odd and right hand side is even).

Subcase c. If  $v_i = v_l$  and for  $j > i > k$ ,

$$2^{j-1} - 2^{i-1} = 2^l - 2^k \Rightarrow 2^{j-1} - 2^{i-1} = 2^i - 2^k \Rightarrow 2^k(2^{j-1-k} - 2^{i-1-k}) = 2^k(2^{i-k} - 1).$$

A contradiction(left hand side is even and right hand side is odd). Case 3 implies that if any two vertices are same, then we arrive at a contradiction.

Case 4. All the four vertices are distinct. if for any  $i, j, k, l$  distinct odd natural numbers,

$$2^j - 2^i \neq 2^l - 2^k, 2^{j-1} - 2^{i-1} \neq 2^{l-1} - 2^{k-1}$$

and  $2^{j-1} - 2^{i-1} \neq 2^l - 2^k$ . So in every case all the four vertices should be distinct, implies  $k_{(u,v)}^f$  is distinct for every pair of vertices  $(u, v)$  of a connected graph  $G$  with  $diam(G) \leq 2$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** A graph  $G$  with a full degree vertex is dispersive dcsL-graph.

*Proof.* Since  $G$  has a full degree vertex,  $K_{1,n}$  is a spanning subgraph of  $G$ . So  $diam(G) \leq 2$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.**  $K_n, K_{m,n}, C_4, C_5$  and Peterson graph are dispersive dcsL-graphs.

**Corollary 3.** Join of two graphs is always dispersive dcsL-graphs.

*Proof.* Since  $diam(G_1 \vee G_2) \leq 2$  for any two graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , by theorem 5 join of two graph is always dispersible.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.** *The Wheel graph  $(K_1 \vee C_n)$  is dispersive dcsl-graph.*

**Corollary 5.** *A graph  $G$  with  $\delta(G) > \frac{n}{2}$  is dispersible.*

*Proof.* Let  $u, v \in V(G)$ . Since degree of each vertex in  $G$  is greater than or equal to  $\frac{n}{2}$ , both  $u$  and  $v$  should have a common neighbor. Which in turn implies that  $d(u, v) \leq 2$ . This is true for any pair of vertices implies the  $diam(G) \leq 2$ .  $\square$

**Remark 2.** *It is proved in Theorem 4 that all the graphs with diameter less than or equal to two are dispersible. It does not imply that graphs with higher diameter are not dispersible. In fact for every  $n$ , we get a dispersible graph with  $diam(G) = n$  as shown in the next Theorem 5.*

**Theorem 5.** *Paths are dispersible dcsl-graphs.*

*Proof.* Let  $P_{n+1} = v_0v_1v_2 \dots v_{n-1}v_n$  be a path of length  $n$  with  $n + 1$  vertices. Label the vertices with sets which are mutually disjoint and of size in the following way.

$$\begin{aligned} |f(v_0)| &= 0, \\ |f(v_1)| &= n!, \\ |f(v_i)| &= i[|f(v_{i-1})| + |f(v_{i-2})|] + n!, \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n + 1. \end{aligned}$$

Here the constant  $k_{(v_0, v_i)}^f$  is greater than all other constants upto  $v_{i-1}$ . Also

$$k_{(v_0, v_i)}^f < k_{(v_1, v_i)}^f < \dots < k_{(v_{i-1}, v_i)}^f$$

for all  $2 \leq i \leq n + 1$ . Since all the constants of proportionality are distinct, this dcsl is a dispersive dcsl.  $\square$

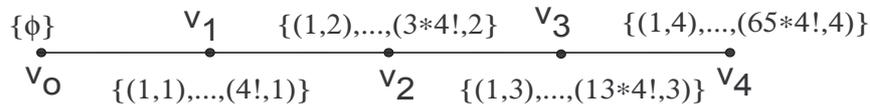


Figure 2: Dispersive dcsl of  $P_5$ .

## 2 CONCLUSION

Much work has been done when the constant of proportionality  $k_{u,v}^f$  is a constant for every pair  $(u, v) \in V(G) \times V(G)$  of a dcsl-graph  $G$  [2, 4, 5]. Here we proved that some classes of graphs are dispersible. But we did not get any graph which is not dispersible. Also dispersive dcsl is not unique for a dispersible graph. So some problems arise automatically.

1. What is the minimum cardinality of ground set  $X$  of dispersible graph  $G$ , denoted by  $\nu(G)$ ?
2. Trees are dispersible?
3. Every graph admits a dispersive dcsl?
4. Any graph  $G$  with  $diam(G) \leq 2$  is  $(k, r)$ -arithmetic?

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Сумісна з відстанями множина міток (dcsl) зв'язаного графа  $G$  є ін'єктивним відображенням множин  $f : V(G) \rightarrow 2^X$ , де  $X$  — непорожня базова множина така, що відповідна індукована функція  $f^\oplus : E(G) \rightarrow 2^X \setminus \{\varnothing\}$  задана як  $f^\oplus(uv) = f(u) \oplus f(v)$  задовольняє умову  $|f^\oplus(uv)| = k_{(u,v)}^f d_G(u, v)$  для кожної пари різних вершин  $u, v \in V(G)$ , де  $d_G(u, v)$  позначає довжину шляху між  $u$  і  $v$ , та  $k_{(u,v)}^f$  не обов'язково ціла константа, що залежить від пари обраних вершин  $u, v$ .  $G$  є графом з сумісною з відстанями множиною міток (dcsl-графом), якщо він дозволяє dcsl. Сумісна з відстанями множина міток  $f$  деякого  $(p, q)$ -графа  $G$  є дисперсною, якщо сталі пропорційності  $k_{(u,v)}^f$  відносно  $f, u \neq v, u, v \in V(G)$  є різними і  $G$  є дисперсним, якщо він допускає дисперсну dcsl. У цій статті доведено, що всі шляхи і графи з діаметром не більшим 2 є дисперсними.

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