

## RADIO AND RADIO ANTIPODAL LABELINGS FOR CIRCULANT GRAPHS $G(4k + 2; \{1, 2\})^\dagger$

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ABSTRACT. A radio  $k$ -labeling  $f$  of a graph  $G$  is a function  $f$  from  $V(G)$  to  $Z^+ \cup \{0\}$  such that  $d(x, y) + |f(x) - f(y)| \geq k + 1$  for every two distinct vertices  $x$  and  $y$  of  $G$ , where  $d(x, y)$  is the distance between any two vertices  $x, y \in G$ . The span of a radio  $k$ -labeling  $f$  is denoted by  $sp(f)$  and defined as  $\max\{|f(x) - f(y)| : x, y \in V(G)\}$ . The radio  $k$ -labeling is a radio labeling when  $k = \text{diam}(G)$ . In other words, a radio labeling is an injective function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow Z^+ \cup \{0\}$  such that

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \geq \text{diam}(G) + 1 - d(x, y)$$

for any pair of vertices  $x, y \in G$ . The radio number of  $G$  denoted by  $rn(G)$ , is the lowest span taken over all radio labelings of the graph. When  $k = \text{diam}(G) - 1$ , a radio  $k$ -labeling is called a radio antipodal labeling. An antipodal labeling for a graph  $G$  is a function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  such that  $d(x, y) + |f(x) - f(y)| \geq \text{diam}(G)$  holds for all  $x, y \in G$ . The radio antipodal number for  $G$  denoted by  $an(G)$ , is the minimum span of an antipodal labeling admitted by  $G$ . In this paper, we investigate the exact value of the radio number and radio antipodal number for the circulant graphs  $G(4k + 2; \{1, 2\})$ .

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $G$  be a connected graph with vertex set  $V(G)$  and edge set  $E(G)$  and let  $k$  be an integer,  $k \geq 1$ . A radio  $k$ -labeling  $f$  of  $G$  is an assignment of non negative integers to the vertices of  $G$  such that  $|f(x) - f(y)| \geq k + 1 - d(x, y)$ , where  $d(x, y)$  denotes the distance for every two distinct vertices  $x$  and  $y$  of  $G$ . The span of the function  $f$  is  $\max\{|f(x) - f(y)| : x, y \in V(G)\}$  and denoted by  $sp(f)$ . The radio  $k$ -labeling number of  $G$  is the smallest span among all radio  $k$ -labelings of

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G. Chartrand et al. [1] was the first, who studied the radio  $k$ -labeling number for paths, where lower and upper bounds were given. These bounds have been improved by Kchikech et al. [7]. The radio  $k$ -labeling becomes a radio labeling for  $k = \text{diam}(G)$ . A radio labeling is a function from the vertices of the graph to some subset of non negative integers. The task of radio labeling is to assign to each station a non negative smallest integer such that the disturbance in the nearest channel should be minimized. In 1980 [5], Hale presented this channel assignment for the very first time by relating it to the theory of graphs.

Multilevel distance labeling problem was introduced by Chartrand et al. [4] in 2001. A radio labeling is an injective function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow Z^+ \cup \{0\}$  satisfying the condition

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \geq \text{diam}(G) + 1 - d(x, y)$$

for any pair of vertices  $x, y$  in  $G$ . Where  $d(x, y)$  is the distance between any distinct pair of vertices in  $G$ , which is the length of the shortest path between them. The largest number that  $f$  maps to a vertex of a graph is the span of labeling  $f$ . Radio number of  $G$  is the minimum span taken over all radio labelings of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\text{rn}(G)$ . When  $k = \text{diam}(G) - 1$ , a radio  $k$ -labeling is referred to as a (radio) antipodal labeling, because only antipodal vertices can have the same label. The minimum span of an antipodal labeling is called the antipodal number, denoted by  $\text{an}(G)$ . In [1] and [2], Chartrand et al. were studied the radio antipodal labeling for path and cycle. In [3], Chartrand et al. gave general bounds for the antipodal number of a graph. The exact value of the radio antipodal number of path was found in [9]. Justic and Liu have computed the radio antipodal number of cycles. In [10], by using a generalization of binary Gray codes the radio antipodal number and the radio number of the hypercube are determined.

An undirected circulant graph denoted by  $G(n; \pm\{1, 2, \dots, j\})$  where  $1 \leq j \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  and  $n \geq 3$  is defined as a graph with vertex set  $V = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$  and an edge set  $E = \{(i, j) : |j - i| \equiv s \pmod{n}, s \in \{1, 2, \dots, j\}\}$ . For the sake of simplicity, take the vertex set as  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  in clockwise order.

**Remark 1.1.** The diameter of class of circulant graphs which are going to be discussed in this paper is:

$$\text{diam}(G(4k+2; \{1, 2\})) = d = k + 1.$$

In this paper, radio and radio antipodal numbers for the class of circulant graphs  $G(4k+2; \{1, 2\})$  are computed.

## 2. Main results

The main theorems of this paper are:

**Theorem 2.1.** *The radio number of the circulant graphs  $G(4k+2; \{1, 2\})$  is given by*

$$\text{rn}(G(4k+2; \{1, 2\})) = \begin{cases} k^2 + 5k + 1, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd;} \\ k^2 + 4k + 1, & \text{if } k \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 2.2.** *The radio antipodal number of the circulant graphs  $G(4k + 2; \{1, 2\})$  is given by*

$$an(G(4k + 2; \{1, 2\})) = \begin{cases} k^2 + k, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd;} \\ k^2 + 2k, & \text{if } k \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

### 3. Radio number for $G(4k + 2; \{1, 2\})$

In this section, we prove the Theorem 1 in two steps. First we provide a lower bound for  $rn(G(4k + 2; \{1, 2\}))$  then define a multilevel distance labeling of  $(G(4k + 2; \{1, 2\}))$  with span equal to the lower bound, thus determining the radio number of  $(G(4k + 2; \{1, 2\}))$ .

**3.1. Lower bound for  $G(4k + 2; \{1, 2\})$ .** The lower bound for the radio number of  $G(4k + 2; \{1, 2\})$  is determined in following way. First examine the maximum possible sum of the pairwise distance between any three vertices of  $(G(4k + 2; \{1, 2\}))$  and use this maximum sum to compute a minimum possible gap between the  $i^{th}$  and  $(i + 2)^{nd}$  largest label. Then provides a lower bound for the span of any labeling by using 0 for the smallest label and considering the size of gap into account.

**Lemma 3.1.** *For each vertex on the graph  $G(4k + 2; \{1, 2\})$  there is exactly one vertex at a distance diameter  $d$ , of the graph  $G$ .*

*Proof.* We show that  $d(v_1, v_{2k+2}) = k + 1 = d$ . The path from  $v_1$  to  $v_{2k+2}$  is of length  $k + 1$  as  $v_1 \rightarrow v_{2(1)+1} \rightarrow v_{2(2)+1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_{2(k)+1} \rightarrow v_{2(k)+1+1}$ .  $\square$

The following Lemma provides a maximum possible sum of the pairwise distances between any three vertices of  $G(4k + 2; \{1, 2\})$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** *For any three vertices  $u, v, w$  on the graphs  $G(4k + 2; \{1, 2\})$ ,*

$$d(u, v) + d(v, w) + d(w, u) \leq 2d.$$

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.1,  $d(v_1, v_{2k+2}) = k + 1 = d$ . Case(i): For odd  $k$ .

$d(v_{2k+2}, v_{3k+3}) = \frac{k+1}{2}$  and a path of length  $\frac{k+1}{2}$  between  $v_{2k+2}$  and  $v_{3k+3}$  is  $v_{2k+1} \rightarrow v_{2k+2+1.2} \rightarrow v_{2k+2+2.2} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_{2k+2+\frac{k+1}{2}.2} = v_{3k+2}$  and  $d(v_{3k+3}, v_1) = \frac{k+1}{2}$  as  $v_{3k+3} \rightarrow v_{3k+3+1.2} \rightarrow v_{3k+3+2.2} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_{3k+3+\frac{k-1}{2}.2} v_{4k+2} \rightarrow v_{4k+3} = v_1$ . This implies that  $d(v_1, v_{2k+2}) + d(v_{2k+2}, v_{3k+3}) + d(v_{3k+3}, v_1) = k + 1 + \frac{k+1}{2} + \frac{k+1}{2} = 2(k + 1) = 2d$ .

Case (ii): For even  $k$ .

$d(v_{2k+2}, v_{3k+3}) = \frac{k}{2} + 1$  and a path of length  $\frac{k}{2} + 1$  between  $v_{2k+2}$  and  $v_{3k+3}$  is  $v_{2k+1} \rightarrow v_{2k+2+1.2} \rightarrow v_{2k+2+2.2} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_{2k+2+\frac{k}{2}.2} \rightarrow v_{2k+2+\frac{k}{2}+1} = v_{3k+2}$ . Also,  $d(v_{3k+3}, v_1) = \frac{k}{2}$  because  $v_{3k+3} \rightarrow v_{3k+3+1.2} \rightarrow v_{3k+3+2.2} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_{3k+3+\frac{k}{2}.2} = v_{4k+3} = v_1$ . Thus,  $d(v_1, v_{2k+2}) + d(v_{2k+2}, v_{3k+3}) + d(v_{3k+3}, v_1) = k + 1 + \frac{k}{2} +$

$1 + \frac{k}{2} = 2(k+1) = 2d$ . Therefore, for any three vertices  $u, v, w$  on the graphs  $G(4k+2; \{1, 2\})$ ,

$$d(u, v) + d(v, w) + d(w, u) \leq 2d.$$

□

The minimum distance between every other label (arranged in increasing order) in a multi-level distance labeling (or radio labeling) of  $G(4k+2; \{1, 2\})$  is determined by using this maximum possible sum of the pairwise distances between any three vertices of  $G(4k+2; \{1, 2\})$  together with the radio condition.

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $f$  be radio labeling for  $V(G(4k+2; \{1, 2\}))$ , where  $\{x_i : 1 \leq i \leq 4k+2\}$  be the ordering of  $V(G(4k+2; \{1, 2\}))$  such that  $f(x_i) < f(x_{i+1})$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq 4k+1$ , then*

$$f(x_{i+2}) - f(x_i) = f_i + f_{i+1} \geq \begin{cases} \frac{k+4}{2}, & \text{if } k \text{ is even;} \\ \frac{k+5}{2}, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* By definition,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i) &\geq d+1 - d(x_{i+1}, x_i), \\ f(x_{i+2}) - f(x_{i+1}) &\geq d+1 - d(x_{i+2}, x_{i+1}), \\ f(x_{i+2}) - f(x_i) &\geq d+1 - d(x_{i+2}, x_i). \end{aligned}$$

Summing these inequalities yields

$$2(f(x_{i+2}) - f(x_i)) \geq 3d+3 - [d(x_i, x_{i+1}) + d(x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}) + d(x_i, x_{i+2})].$$

Furthermore, by Lemma 4,  $d(u, v) + d(v, w) + d(w, u) \leq 2d$ , so we have

$$2(f(x_{i+2}) - f(x_i)) \geq 3d+3 - 2d = d+3.$$

As  $d = \text{diam}(G(4k+2; \{1, 2\})) = k+1$ , it follows that

$$(f(x_{i+2}) - f(x_i)) \geq \frac{d+3}{2} = \frac{k+4}{2}.$$

Thus

$$f(x_{i+2}) - f(x_i) = f_i + f_{i+1} \geq \begin{cases} \frac{k+4}{2}, & \text{if } k \text{ is even;} \\ \frac{k+5}{2}, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

□

The above Lemma makes it possible to calculate the minimum possible span of a radio labeling of  $G(4k+2; \{1, 2\})$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** *The radio number of the circulant graphs  $G(4k+2; \{1, 2\})$  satisfies*

$$rn(G(4k+2; \{1, 2\})) \geq \begin{cases} k^2 + 5k + 1, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd;} \\ k^2 + 4k + 1, & \text{if } k \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Let  $f$  be a distance labeling for  $G(4k+2; \{1, 2\})$  and  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{4k+2}\}$  be the ordering of vertices of  $G(4k + 2; \{1, 2\})$ , such that  $f(x_i) < f(x_{i+1})$  defined by  $f(x_1) = 0$  and, set  $d_i = d(x_i, x_{i+1})$  and  $f_i = f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)$ . Then  $f_i \geq d+1-d_i$  for all  $i$ . By Lemma 5, the span of a distance labeling for  $G(4k+2; \{1, 2\})$  is

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_{4k+2}) &= \sum_{i=1}^{4k+1} f_i = f_1 + f_2 + f_3 + \dots + f_{4k} + f_{4k+1} \\ &= [f(x_2) - f(x_1)] + [f(x_3) - f(x_2)] + \dots + [f(x_{4k+1}) - f(x_{4k})] \\ &\quad + [f(x_{4k+2}) - f(x_{4k+1})] \\ &= (f_1 + f_2) + (f_3 + f_4) + (f_5 + f_6) + \dots + (f_{4k-1} + f_{4k}) + f_{4k+1} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{4k}{2}} (f_{2i-1} + f_{2i}) + f_{4k+1} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$f(x_{4k+2}) \geq \begin{cases} \frac{4k}{2} \left( \frac{k+5}{2} \right) + 1, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd;} \\ \frac{4k}{2} \left( \frac{k+4}{2} \right) + 1, & \text{if } k \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

$$f(x_{4k+2}) \geq \begin{cases} k^2 + 5k + 1, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd;} \\ k^2 + 4k + 1, & \text{if } k \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

□

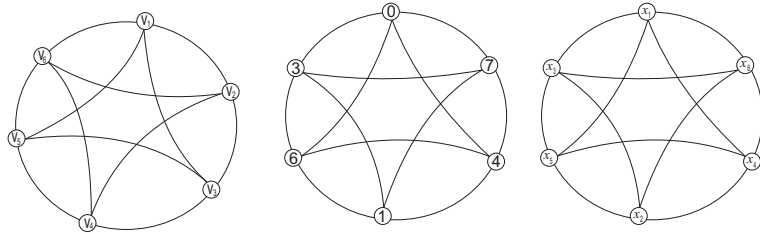


FIGURE 1. Radio labeling and ordinary labeling of  $G(6; \{1, 2\})$

**3.2. Upper bound for  $rnG(4k + 2; \{1, 2\})$ .** To complete the proof of Theorem 1, we find upper bound and show that this upper bound is equal to the lower bound for  $G(4k + 2; \{1, 2\})$ . The labeling is generated by three sequences, the distance gap sequence

$$D = (d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots, d_{4k+1}),$$

the color gap sequence

$$F = (f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots, f_{4k+1}),$$

and the vertex gap sequence  $T$

$$T = (t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots, t_{4k+1}).$$

For odd  $k$ . The distance gap sequence is given by:

$$d_i = \begin{cases} k+1, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd;} \\ \frac{k+1}{2}, & \text{if } i \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

The color gap sequence  $F$  is given by:

$$f_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd;} \\ \frac{k+3}{2}, & \text{if } i \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

For even  $k$ . The distance gap sequence is given by:

$$d_i = \begin{cases} k+1, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd;} \\ \frac{k}{2} + 1, & \text{if } i \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

The color gap sequence  $F$  is given by:

$$f_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd;} \\ \frac{k+2}{2}, & \text{if } i \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

The vertex gap sequence for all values of  $k$  is:

$$t_i = \begin{cases} 2k, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd;} \\ k, & \text{if } i \equiv 0 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

Where  $t_i$  denotes number of vertices between  $x_i$  and  $x_{i+1}$ .

Let  $\pi : \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 4k+2\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 4k+2\}$  be defined by  $\pi(1) = 1$  and

$$\pi(i+1) = \pi(i) + t_i + 1 \pmod{4k+2}$$

Let  $x_i = u_{\pi(i)}$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 4k+2$ . Then  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{4k+2}$  is an ordering of the vertices of  $G$ , assuming  $f(x_1) = 0$ ,  $f(x_{i+1}) = f(x_i) + f_i$ . Then for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 2k+2$ ,

$$\pi(2i) = (3i-1)k + 2i \pmod{4k+2},$$

and for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+2$ ,

$$\pi(2i+1) = 3(i-1)k + 2i - 1 \pmod{4k+2}.$$

We will show that each of the sequences given above, the corresponding  $\pi$  are permutations. For odd  $k$ ,  $\text{g.c.d.}(4k+2, k) = 1$  and  $3k+2 \equiv -k \pmod{4k+2}$  implies that  $(3k+2)(i-i') \equiv k(i'-i) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{4k+2}$ . Because if it does so then  $k(i'-i) \equiv k \cdot 0 \pmod{4k+2}$  and  $i'-i \equiv 0 \pmod{4k+2}$  which is impossible when  $0 < i-i' < \frac{4k+2}{2}$ . Therefore  $\pi(2i-1) \neq \pi(2i'-1)$ , if  $i \neq i'$ . Similarly  $\pi(2i) \neq \pi(2i')$ , if  $i \neq i'$ . If  $\pi(2i) = \pi(2i'-1)$ , then we get

$$(3i-1)k + 2i = 3(i'-1)k + 2i' - 1,$$

$$(i - i')(3k + 2) = -2k - 1 \equiv 2k + 1 \pmod{4k + 2},$$

$$2(i' - i)k \equiv 0 \pmod{4k + 2}.$$

As  $k$  is odd and  $\text{g.c.d.}(4k + 2, k) = 1$  it follows that  $i' - i \equiv 0 \pmod{4k + 2}$ . This implies that  $4k + 2$  divides  $i' - i < 2k + 1$ , which is not possible.

When  $k$  is odd, then span of  $f$  is equal to:

$$\begin{aligned} & f_1 + f_2 + f_3 + \dots + f_{4k} + f_{4k+1} \\ &= [(f_1 + f_3 + f_5 + \dots + f_{4k+1})] + [(f_2 + f_4 + f_6 + \dots + f_{4k})] \\ &= \frac{4k + 2}{2}(1) + \frac{4k + 2 - 2}{2} \left( \frac{k + 3}{2} \right) \\ &= k^2 + 5k + 1. \end{aligned}$$

For even  $k$ ,  $\text{g.c.d.}(4k + 2, k) = 2$  and  $3k + 2 \equiv -k \pmod{4k + 2}$  implies that  $(3k + 2)(i - i') \equiv k(i' - i) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{4k + 2}$ . Because if it does so then  $k(i' - i) \equiv k \cdot 0 \pmod{4k + 2}$  and  $i' - i \equiv 0 \pmod{\frac{4k+2}{2}}$  which is impossible when  $0 < i - i' < \frac{4k+2}{2}$ . Therefore  $\pi(2i - 1) \neq \pi(2i' - 1)$ , if  $i \neq i'$ . Similarly  $\pi(2i) \neq \pi(2i')$ , if  $i \neq i'$ . If  $\pi(2i) = \pi(2i' - 1)$ , then

$$(3i - 1)k + 2i = 3(i' - 1)k + 2i' - 1,$$

$$(i - i')(3k + 2) = -2k - 1 \equiv 2k + 1 \pmod{4k + 2},$$

$$2(i' - i)k \equiv 0 \pmod{4k + 2}.$$

As  $k$  is even and  $\text{g.c.d.}(4k + 2, k) = 2$  it follows that  $i' - i \equiv 0 \pmod{\frac{4k+2}{2}}$ . Which is not possible.

When  $k$  is even, then span of  $f$  is equal to:

$$\begin{aligned} & f_1 + f_2 + f_3 + \dots + f_{4k} + f_{4k+1} \\ &= [(f_1 + f_3 + f_5 + \dots + f_{4k+1})] + [(f_2 + f_4 + f_6 + \dots + f_{4k})] \\ &= \frac{4k + 2}{2}(1) + \frac{4k + 2 - 2}{2} \left( \frac{k + 2}{2} \right) \\ &= k^2 + 4k + 1. \end{aligned}$$

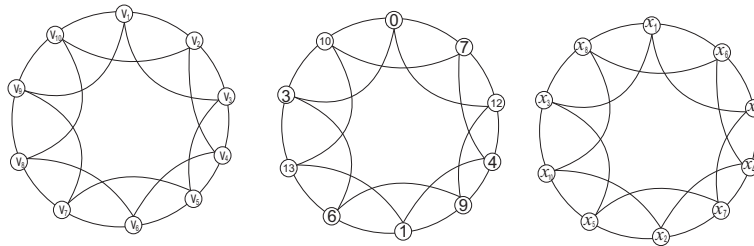


FIGURE 2. Radio labeling and ordinary labeling of  $G(10; \{1, 2\})$

#### 4. Radio antipodal number for $G(4k + 2; \{1, 2\})$

In this section, the lower and upper bound for the radio antipodal number are determined and have shown that these bounds are equal.

**4.1. Lower bound for  $\text{an}(G(4k + 2; \{1, 2\}))$ .** The technique for finding the lower bound for  $\text{an}(G(4k + 2; \{1, 2\}))$  is analogous to that of  $\text{rn}(G(4k + 2; \{1, 2\}))$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $f$  be radio antipodal labeling for  $V(G(4k + 2; \{1, 2\}))$ , where  $\{x_i : 1 \leq i \leq 4k + 2\}$  be the ordering of  $V(G(4k + 2; \{1, 2\}))$  such that  $f(x_i) \leq f(x_{i+1})$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq 4k + 1$ , then*

$$f(x_{i+2}) - f(x_i) = f_i + f_{i+1} \geq \begin{cases} \frac{k+2}{2}, & \text{if } k \text{ is even;} \\ \frac{k+1}{2}, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* By definition,  $f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i) \geq d - d(x_{i+1}, x_i)$ ,  $f(x_{i+2}) - f(x_{i+1}) \geq d - d(x_{i+2}, x_{i+1})$  and  $f(x_{i+2}) - f(x_i) \geq d - d(x_{i+2}, x_i)$ . Summing up these three in-equalities and by Lemma 4, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 2(f(x_{i+2}) - f(x_i)) &\geq 3d - [d(x_i, x_{i+1}) + d(x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}) + d(x_i, x_{i+2})] \\ 2(f(x_{i+2}) - f(x_i)) &\geq 3d - 2d = d \\ (f(x_{i+2}) - f(x_i)) &\geq \frac{d}{2} = \frac{k+1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$f(x_{i+2}) - f(x_i) = f_i + f_{i+1} \geq \begin{cases} \frac{k+2}{2}, & \text{if } k \text{ is even;} \\ \frac{k+1}{2}, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

□

**Theorem 4.2.** *The radio antipodal number of the circulant graphs  $G(4k + 2; \{1, 2\})$  is given by*

$$\text{rn}(G(4k + 2; \{1, 2\})) \geq \begin{cases} k^2 + k, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd;} \\ k^2 + 2k, & \text{if } k \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Let  $f$  be a distance labeling for  $G(4k + 2; \{1, 2\})$  and  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{4k+2}\}$  be the ordering of vertices of  $G(4k + 2; \{1, 2\})$ , such that  $f(x_i) \leq f(x_{i+1})$  defined by  $f(x_1) = 0$  and, set  $d_i = d(x_i, x_{i+1})$  and  $f_i = f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)$ . Then  $f_i \geq d - d_i$  for all  $i$ . By Lemma 7, the span of a distance labeling for  $G(4k + 2; \{1, 2\})$  is

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_{4k+2}) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f_i = f_1 + f_2 + f_3 + \dots + f_{4k} + f_{4k+1} \\ &= [f(x_2) - f(x_1)] + [f(x_3) - f(x_2)] + \dots + [f(x_{4k+1}) - f(x_{4k})] \\ &\quad + [f(x_{4k+2}) - f(x_{4k+1})] \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (f_1 + f_2) + (f_3 + f_4) + (f_5 + f_6) + \dots + (f_{4k-1} + f_{4k}) + f_{4k+1} \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{4k}{2}} (f_{2i-1} + f_{2i}) + f_{4k+1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$f(x_{4k+2}) \geq \begin{cases} \frac{4k}{2} \left( \frac{k+1}{2} \right) + 0, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd;} \\ \frac{4k}{2} \left( \frac{k+2}{2} \right) + 0, & \text{if } k \text{ is even.} \end{cases} \Rightarrow f(x_{4k+2}) \geq \begin{cases} k^2 + k, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd;} \\ k^2 + 2k, & \text{if } k \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

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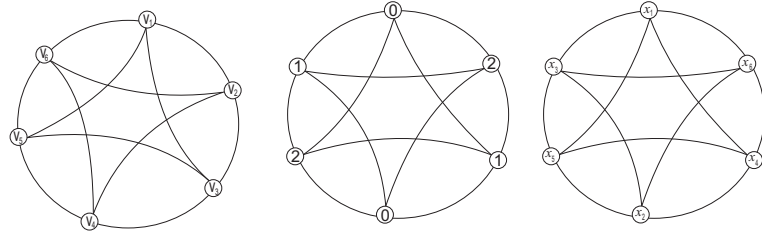


FIGURE 3. Radio antipodal labeling and ordinary labeling of  $G(6; \{1, 2\})$

**4.2. Upper bound for  $\text{an}(G(4k+2; \{1, 2\}))$ .** To complete the proof of Theorem 2, we find upper bound and show that this upper bound is same as the lower bound for  $\text{an}(G(4k+2; \{1, 2\}))$ . The technique for an upper bound of  $\text{an}(G(4k+2; \{1, 2\}))$  is analogous to that of  $\text{rn}(G(4k+2; \{1, 2\}))$ , with replacing the color gap sequence.

For odd  $k$ . The color gap sequence  $F$  is given by:

$$f_i = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd;} \\ \frac{k+1}{2}, & \text{if } i \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

For even  $k$ . The color gap sequence  $F$  is given by:

$$f_i = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd;} \\ \frac{k+2}{2}, & \text{if } i \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

When  $k$  is odd, then span of  $f$  is equal to:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &f_1 + f_2 + f_3 + \dots + f_{4k} + f_{4k+1} \\
 &= [(f_1 + f_3 + f_5 + \dots + f_{4k+1})] + [(f_2 + f_4 + f_6 + \dots + f_{4k})] \\
 &= \frac{4k+2}{2}(0) + \frac{4k+2-2}{2} \left( \frac{k+1}{2} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= k^2 + k.$$

When  $k$  is even, then span of  $f$  is equal to:

$$\begin{aligned} & f_1 + f_2 + f_3 + \dots + f_{4k} + f_{4k+1} \\ &= [(f_1 + f_3 + f_5 + \dots + f_{4k+1})] + [(f_2 + f_4 + f_6 + \dots + f_{4k})] \\ &= \frac{4k+2}{2}(0) + \frac{4k+2-2}{2} \left( \frac{k+2}{2} \right) \\ &= k^2 + 2k. \end{aligned}$$

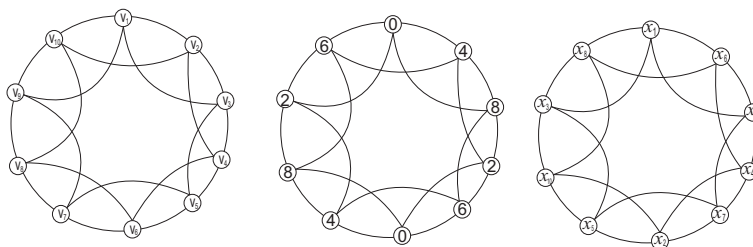


FIGURE 4. Radio antipodal labeling and ordinary labeling of  $G(10; \{1, 2\})$

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