

Edge-Graceful and Edge-Magic Labelings of Cartesian Products of Graphs

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ABSTRACT

In this paper we show a relationship between the edge-graceful and the edge-magic conditions of the Cartesian product of edge-graceful graphs. If  $G$  is a  $(p,q)$  graph in which the edges are labeled  $1,2,3,\dots,q$  so that the induced vertex sums are distinct, mod  $p$ , then  $G$  is edge-graceful. If such a labeling may be done so that the induced vertex sums are identical, mod  $p$ , then  $G$  is edge-magic. In 1989 the authors showed that the Cartesian product of even-regular, odd order edge-graceful graphs is also edge-graceful. In this paper we show that in many cases the Cartesian product of these graphs is also edge magic. In particular, the product  $C_m \times C_n$  of two cycles is always edge-magic. We consider only simple graphs, with no loops or multiple edges.

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A graph  $G=(V,E)$  with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges is called edge-magic if there is a bijection  $f: E \rightarrow \{1,2,\dots,q\}$  such that the induced mapping  $f^+: V \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$  given by  $f^+(u) = \sum_{v \in N(u)} f(uv) \pmod{p}$  is a constant mapping. It is edge-graceful if  $f^+$  is a bijection. A necessary condition for an edge-magic labeling is:

$$q(q+1) \equiv 0, \pmod{p}, \tag{1}$$

while a necessary condition for an edge-graceful labeling is ( $L_0[1]$ ):

$$q(q+1) \equiv \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \pmod{p} \tag{2}$$

This latter condition may be more practically stated as  $q(q+1) \equiv 0$  or  $p/2 \pmod{p}$  depending on whether  $p$  is odd or even, respectively.

Another condition is (Lee, Lee, Murthy [2])

$$p \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \text{ implies } G \text{ is not edge graceful.} \quad (3)$$

One of the authors has conjectured that

**Conjecture (Lee[3]):** the Lo condition (2) is sufficient for a connected graph to be edge-graceful.

A sub-conjecture of this has also not been proved:

**Conjecture (Lee):** All odd-order trees are edge-graceful.

Hartsfield and Ringel [4] also call a graph magic if its edges can be labeled with  $1, 2, \dots, q$  such that the vertex sums are identical in  $Z$ , and anti-magic if the sums are distinct in  $Z$ . Because vertex sums may be identical mod  $p$ , but not in  $Z$ , magic is thus the stronger concept and implies edge-magic. Edge-graceful is similarly stronger than, and implies, anti-magic.

The authors investigated the edge-gracefulness of cartesian products of connected regular graphs in a paper presented at the Second China-United States Graph Theory Conference in 1989 [5],[6], in which they proved that the product of two odd-order edge graceful graphs is also edge graceful. In particular any product of odd cycles is edge-graceful. S. Wilson and A. Riskin have also presented this result [7] more recently. In this paper we extend that result to edge-magic graphs, using a labeling similar to the edge-graceful case, and present some related results for products of cycles.

The Cartesian product of  $G$  and  $H$ ,  $G \times H$ , is the graph:

$$V(G \times H) = V(G) \times V(H)$$

$$E(G \times H) = \{(u,v),(u',v')\}, \text{ such that either } u=u' \text{ and } (v,v') \text{ is in } E(H), \text{ or } v=v' \text{ and } (u,u') \text{ is in } E(G)\}.$$

Figure 1 shows that the edge-gracefulness or non edge-gracefulness of  $G$  and  $H$  do not by themselves determine the edge-gracefulness of  $G \times H$ . Similarly, figure 2 shows that the edge-magicalness of  $G$  and  $H$  also do not determine the edge-magicalness of  $G \times H$ . (As an example of the connections between the edge-gracefulness of  $G \times H$ . (As an example of the labeling of  $P_4 \times C_3$ , the subgraph induced by the two central columns of vertices has an induced edge-magic labeling, when 12 is subtracted from each of the edge labels, and the vertex sums are considered in  $Z_6$ .)

### Edge-gracefulness of products

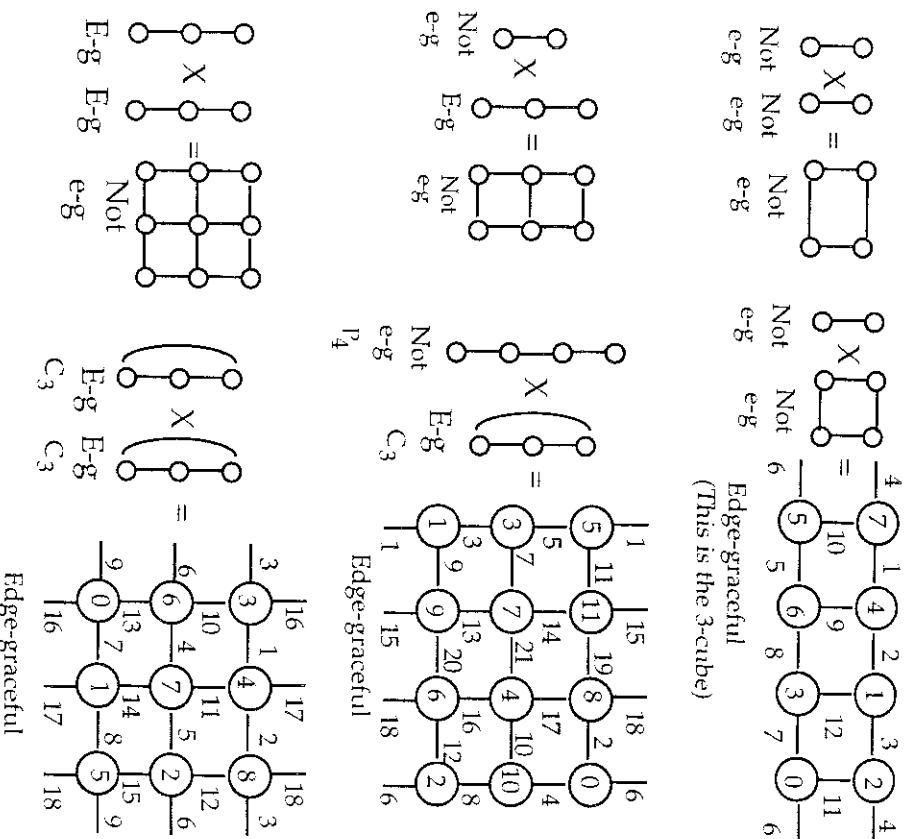


Figure 1

### Edge-magicness of products

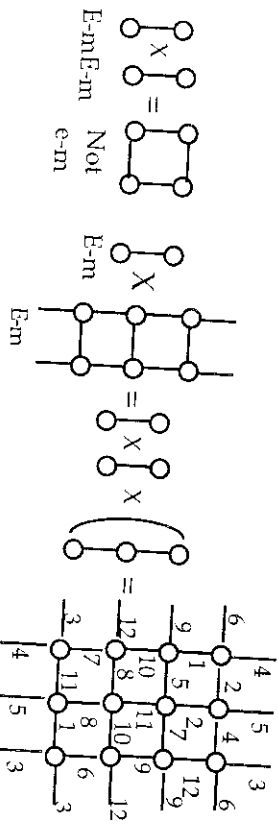
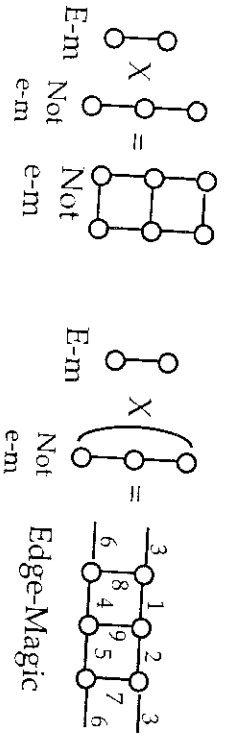
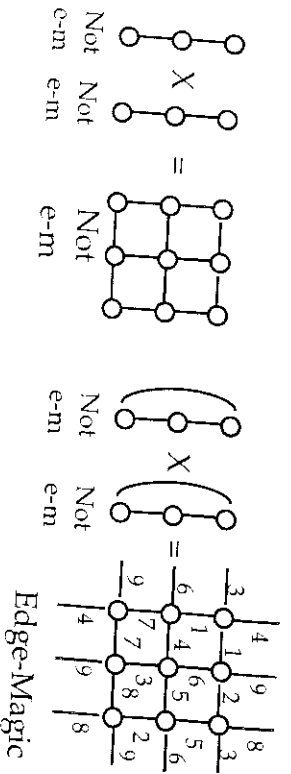


Figure 2

Edge-Magic

cycles, as shown in figure 4, and a similar labeling shows it is magic and also edge-magic.

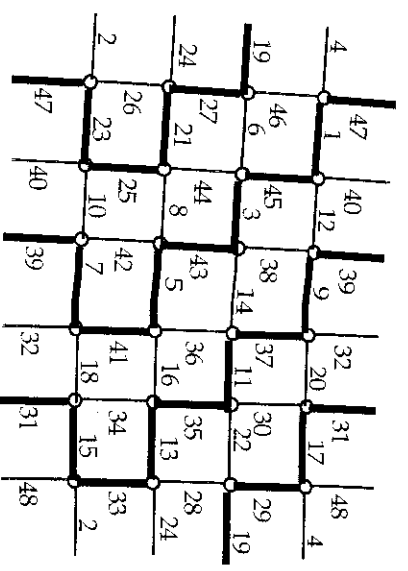


Figure 3

Magic  $C_4 \times C_6$

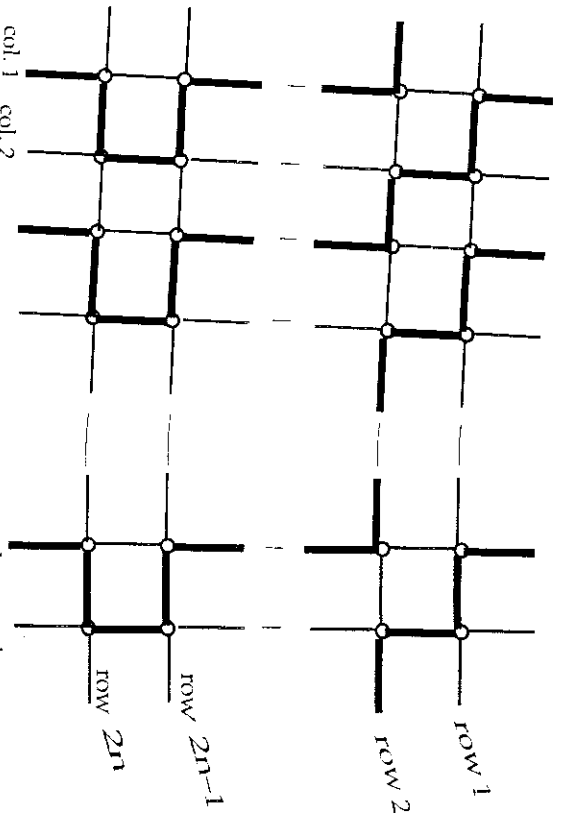


Figure 4

Decomposition of  $C_{2n} \times C_{2n}$  into two Hamiltonian cycles

Hartsfield and Ringel [4] demonstrated via a labeling that a bipartite graph which can be decomposed into two Hamiltonian cycles is magic.  $C_m \times C_n$  is bipartite only if both  $m$  and  $n$  are even. Figure 3 shows a magic labeling of  $C_4 \times C_6$  based on the Hartsfield/Ringel theorem. Notice that the sums along the heavy cycle are alternately 48 and 46, while the sums along the lighter cycle alternate between 50 and 52; these sums are paired so that the 52's appear at the same vertices as the 46's, and the 50's are similarly matched with the 48's. Any product of two even cycles may be similarly decomposed into two Hamiltonian

Let  $G$  be a  $c$ -regular graph with  $m$  vertices  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m$ ,  $r$  edges  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_r$  and  $H$  be a  $d$ -regular graph with  $n$  vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ ,  $s$  edges  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_s$ . We can consider  $G \times H$  to be composed of  $m$  isomorphic copies of  $H$ , namely the subgraphs  $H_j$  induced by the vertices  $(u_j, v_k)$ , as  $j$  is held constant and  $k$  ranges over  $1, 2, \dots, n$ , together with  $n$  isomorphic copies of  $G$ , namely the subgraphs  $G_j$  induced by the vertices  $(u_k, v_j)$ , for  $k=1, 2, \dots, m$ . For ease of reference we may refer to the vertices of  $G \times H$  as  $u_{ij} = (u_i, v_j)$ . Similarly, the  $k$ th edge of  $H_j$  will be called  $f_{jk}$  and the  $k$ th edge of  $G_j$  will be called  $e_{kj}$ . (See figure 5.)

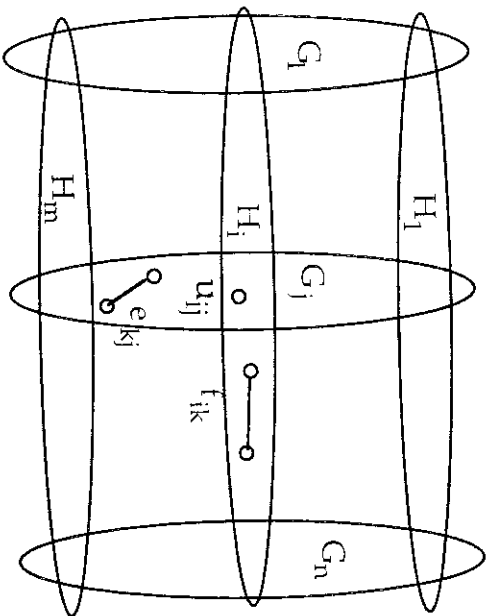


figure 5

We consider mainly edge-graceful graphs which are odd-order and even-regular, and their Cartesian products. We let  $g$  and  $h$  be edge-graceful labelings of  $G$  and  $H$ , respectively, with induced mappings  $g^+$  and  $h^+$  respectively of the vertices of  $G$  onto  $Z_m$  and of  $H$  onto  $Z_n$ . We extend the mappings  $g, h, g^+$ , and  $h^+$  to the copies  $G_j$  and  $H_j$  in a manner to be shown below.

When  $m$ , the order of  $G$ , is odd, and  $G$  is  $c$ -regular,  $c$  must necessarily be even, and the number of edges  $r$  must satisfy  $r = \frac{c}{2} m$ . The edge-graceful

labeling of  $G$  is therefore accomplished with  $\frac{c}{2}$  copies of  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1\}$  when labels are considered to be in  $Z_m$ . When both  $G$  and  $H$  are odd-order, even-regular,  $G \times H$  will be  $(c+d)$ -regular, and an edge-graceful or edge-magic labeling of  $G \times H$  will utilize  $\frac{c+d}{2}$  copies of  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, mn-1\}$  in  $Z_{mn}$ .

The main results are the following related theorems. The second gives a sufficient condition for edge magicness. Although the first has been presented before [5], [7], we give a version of it here to show its connection to the second. In general, the Cartesian product of edge-graceful graphs need not be edge-magic. For example, although  $K_4$  and  $C_3$  are both edge-graceful,  $K_4 \times C_3$  does not meet the congruence in condition (1) relating the number of edges, 30, to the number of vertices, 12.

**Theorem 1:** If  $G$  and  $H$  are edge-graceful, odd order, regular graphs, then  $G \times H$  is edge-graceful.

**Theorem 2:** If  $G$  and  $H$  are edge-graceful odd-order regular graphs, where  $G$  is  $c$ -regular and of order  $m$ , and  $H$  is  $d$ -regular and of order  $n$ , then  $G \times H$  is edge-magic if the following condition holds:

$$(1) \quad \gcd(c, mn) = \gcd(d, m) = 1.$$

The first requires a lemma:

**Lemma:** For any integer  $k$ , and for  $n$  odd, we can find an arrangement  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}$  of the  $n$  products  $\{0k, 1k, 2k, \dots, (n-1)k\}$  so that the sums  $a_i + i$  are distinct, mod  $n$ .

**Proof of the lemma:** Let  $r = \gcd(k, n)$  and  $d = \frac{n}{\gcd(k, n)}$  where  $d$  and  $r$  must

also be odd. The list  $0k, 1k, 2k, \dots, (n-1)k$  consists of  $r$  copies of each of  $0r, 2r, \dots, (d-1)r$ , since the products  $0k, 1k, \dots$  begin repeating at  $dk \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ . An arrangement which establishes the lemma is

$$0 = a_0 = a_1 = \dots = a_{r-1} = a_r = a_{2r-1} = \dots = a_{(d-1)r} = \dots = a_{n-1}.$$

To see why this arrangement works, note that every integer from 0 to  $n-1$  is expressible uniquely in the form  $kr+b$ , where  $0 \leq k < d$  and  $0 \leq b < r$ . Then the sums in question are of the form  $kr+b+kr$ . If  $k'r+b'+k'r \equiv kr+b+kr \pmod{n}$ , then  $2(k-k')r \equiv b-b' \pmod{n}$ . This congruence can only be true if  $r$  divides  $b-b'$ , since  $r$  is a factor of  $n$  and of the left side of the congruence; since  $b$  and  $b'$  are both between 0 and  $r-1$ , this is possible

only if  $b=b'$ . Now  $2(k-k')r \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$  implies that  $k=k'$ , since  $n$ , being

odd, is not divisible by 2, and  $k$  and  $k'$  are both non-negative and less than  $d$ . For example, for  $n=15$ ,  $k=6$ , the products  $6(0), 6(1), \dots, 6(14)$  are  $0, 6, 12, 3, 9, 0, \dots, 9$ , (mod 15).

$i$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
$a_i$	0	0	0	3	3	3	6	6	6	9	9	9	12	12	12
$i+a_i$	0	1	2	6	7	8	12	13	14	3	4	5	9	10	11

Both theorems may be proved by constructions which begin the same way:

(We will use the examples in figures 6 and 7, of  $K_5 \times C_3$ , to illustrate the argument.)

**Step A:** Let  $g$  and  $h$  be edge-graceful labelings of  $G$  and  $H$ , respectively.

Every edge  $e$  of  $G \times H$  will receive a label of the form  $n \cdot y(e) + x(e)$ ,

where  $x: E(G \times H) \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ , and  $y: E(G \times H) \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, m-1\}$ . The

function  $x$  will be edge-graceful when restricted to the edges of the  $H_j$ ,

and  $y$  will be edge-graceful when restricted to the edges of the  $G_j$ .

We define  $x$  and  $y$  by extending the edge graceful labeling  $h$  of  $H$  to the

edges of each  $H_j$ , letting  $x(f_{jk}) = h(f_k)$ , where we recall that the edges of

$H$  are labeled  $f_k$ , and similarly extend  $g$  to the edges of  $G_j$  by letting

$y(e_{kj}) = g(e_k)$ . The  $H_j$  are now each edge-gracefully labeled by  $x$ , with

respect to mod  $n$ , and the function  $y$  edge-gracefully labels the edges of

each  $G_j$  with multiples of  $n$ , so that  $y$  contributes a distinct multiple of

$n$ , with respect to mod  $mn$ , to each vertex of  $G_j$ . The vertices of  $G \times H$  thus

have distinct sums (so far), mod  $mn$ , as each "row"  $H_j$  contributes

distinct sums, mod  $n$ , to each column's vertices, and each "column"  $G_j$

contributes distinct multiples of  $n$  to each row's vertices. The edges of

the  $H_j$  do not necessarily yet include  $\frac{d}{2}$  copies of the labels  $0, 1, \dots, mn-1$ .

For example, in figures 6 and 7, each edge label is shown as a sum of two

terms, the first a multiple of 3 from 1, 3 to 10, 3, and the second either 1, 2,

or 3. At this point the copies of  $K_5$  have received the first term of their

edge labels, consisting of multiples of 3, with each multiple of 3

constant "horizontally," that is on the same edge of each  $K_5$  copy. The

copies of  $C_3$  have received the second term of their labels, consisting of

either 1, 2, or 3, with that term constant "vertically," that is on the

same edge of each  $C_3$  copy. These portions of the labels are the same in

figure 6, the edge-graceful case, as in figure 7, the edge-magic case.

In both the edge-graceful and the edge-magic cases, the function  $x$  will be constant on the edges of each  $G_j$ , and the function  $y$  will be constant on the edges of each  $H_j$ ; however, different overall assignments will be made to distinguish the edge-graceful case from the edge-magic case.

**Step B1 (Edge-graceful labeling)** To complete the edge-graceful labeling of  $G \times H$ , define  $f_j$  to be the "reduced" element of  $\{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$

that is congruent, mod  $n$ , to the sum  $h^+(v_j)$ . The  $f_j$ 's are distinct. The

function  $x$  will be set so that it takes the same value on each edge of a

particular  $G_j$ , and thus, using the c-regularity of  $G$ , we can apply the

lemma to rearrange  $0, c, 2c, \dots, (n-1)c$  as  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}$ , so that the sums

$a_i + f_j$  are distinct, mod  $n$ . For every  $k$ , and thus every edge  $e_{kj}$  of  $G_j$ , let

$x(e_{kj}) = a_i + f_j$ . The  $mn$  edges of the collection of all  $n G_j$ 's now run through

the values  $\{0, 1, \dots, mn-1\}$  a total of  $\frac{d}{2}$  times, mod  $mn$ , and the vertex sums

are still distinct, mod  $mn$ . In figure 6 this step supplies the second term

for each edge in the copies of  $K_5$ . Finally, apply the lemma to

rearrange  $0, d, 2d, \dots, (m-1)d$  as  $b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{m-1}$ , so that the sums  $b_i + f_j$  are

distinct mod  $m$ . For every edge  $f_{ik}$  of  $H_j$ , let  $y(f_{ik}) = b_i + f_j$ , where as with

the  $f_j$ 's,  $w_i$  is congruent, mod  $m$ , to the sum  $g^+(u_i)$ . In figure 6, this

supplies the first term for each edge in the copies of  $C_3$ . Up to this point

the edge labels of the  $H_j$  had run a total of  $n$  times through the values

$0, 1, \dots, \frac{d}{2}(m)-1$ . The  $mn$  edges of the collection of  $H_j$ 's now also run

through the values  $\{0, 1, \dots, mn-1\}$  a total of  $\frac{d}{2}$  times, mod  $mn$ , and the

vertex sums in  $G \times H$  are still distinct, mod  $mn$ , as well.

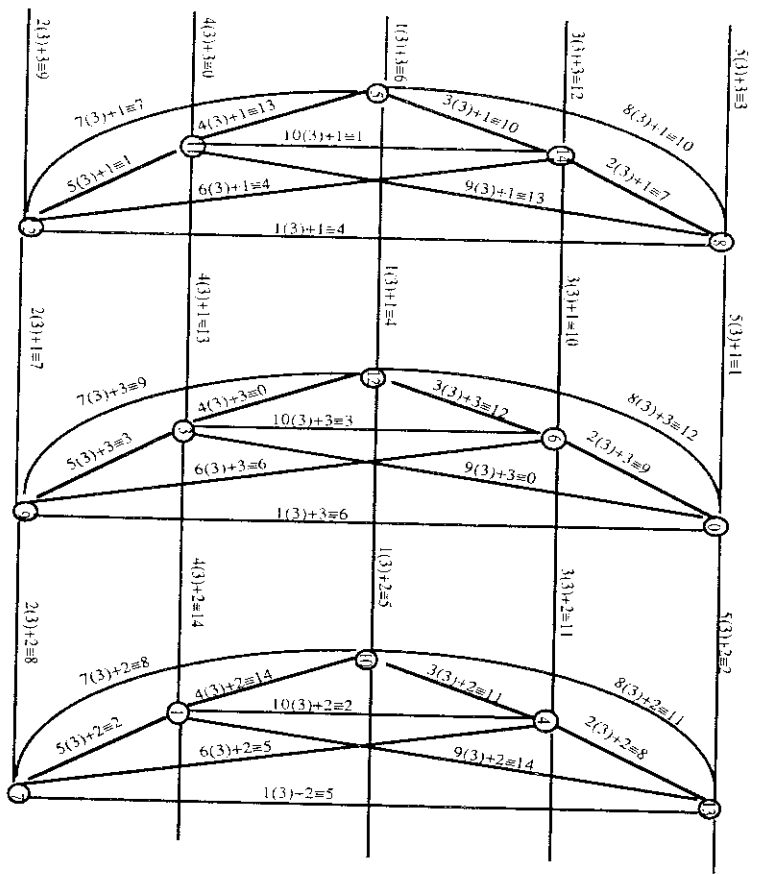


Figure 6  
Edge-graceful Labeling of  $K_3 \times C_3$

**Step B2 (Edge-magic Labeling):** Completing the edge-magic labeling of  $G \times H$  after step A, in the cases where condition (1) of theorem 2 is met, is less complex than the edge-graceful case. For simplicity we choose 0, mod  $mn$ , to be the final magic sum at each vertex. Again, the function  $x$  will be constant on the edges of the  $G$ 's, and  $y$  will be constant on the edges of the  $H$ 's. The congruence  $dz + g^+(u) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$  has a unique solution  $z$ , as  $d$  is relatively prime to  $m$ ; we assign that value to  $y(v_{j,k})$  for all  $k$ . In figure 7, this supplies the first term, the multiple of 3, for each edge of each  $C_3$  copy. For example, for the vertex at the top left of figure 7, the congruence to be solved is  $2z + 20 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ , and the solution is  $z \equiv 0$ , so all edges in the first (top) copy of  $C_3$  receive first term  $0(3)$ . The sums contributed by  $ny$  are now 0, mod  $mn$ . Because  $c$  is relatively prime to  $mn$ , the congruence equation  $cz + h^+(v_j) \equiv 0 \pmod{mn}$  has a unique solution  $z$ ; we assign that solution to  $x(u_{j,k})$  for all  $k$ , and

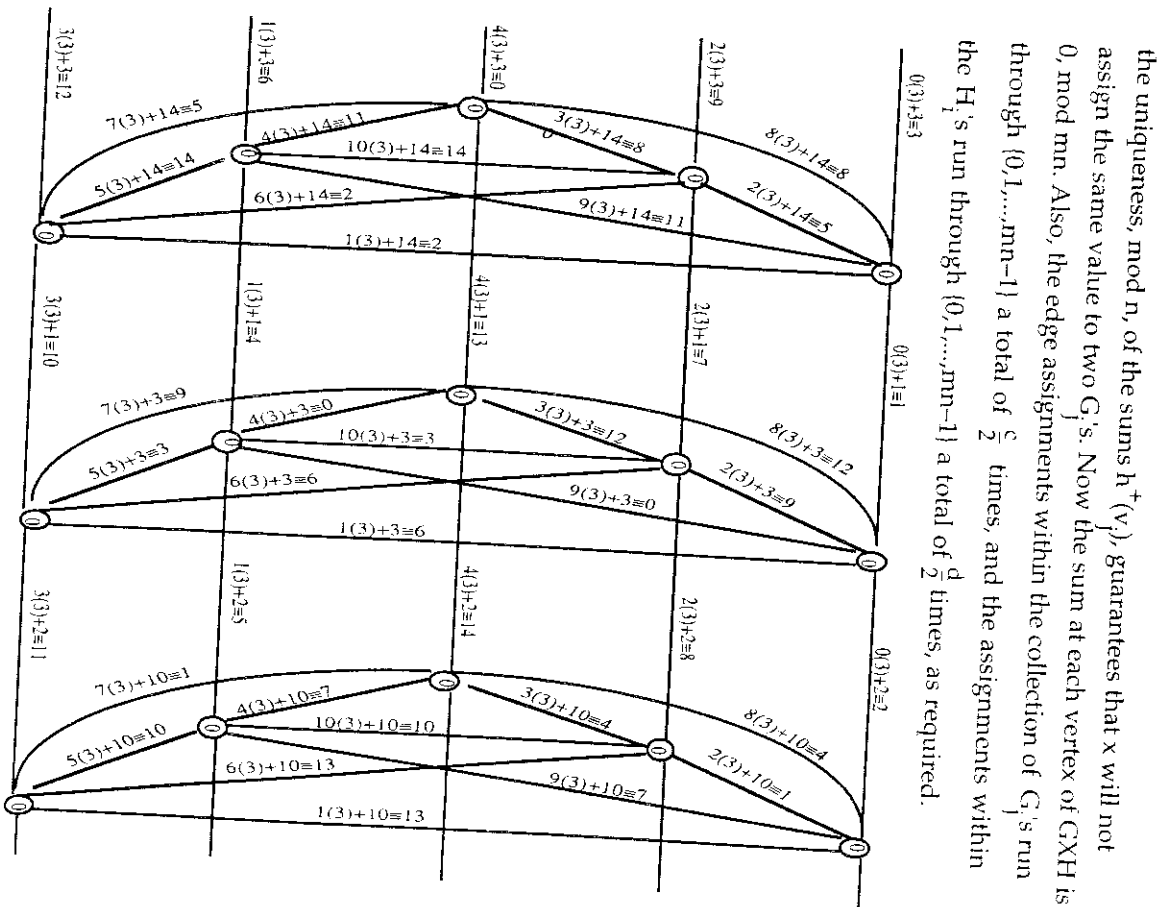


Figure 7  
Edge-magic Labeling of  $K_3 \times C_3$

the uniqueness, mod  $n$ , of the sums  $h^+(v_j)$ , guarantees that  $x$  will not assign the same value to two  $G_j$ 's. Now the sum at each vertex of  $G \times H$  is 0, mod  $mn$ . Also, the edge assignments within the collection of  $G_j$ 's run through  $\{0, 1, \dots, mn-1\}$  a total of  $\frac{c}{2}$  times, and the assignments within the  $H_j$ 's run through  $\{0, 1, \dots, mn-1\}$  a total of  $\frac{d}{2}$  times, as required.

**Corollary:** If  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_l$  are odd, then  $C_{m_1} \times \dots \times C_{m_l}$  is edge-graceful.

Note that Theorem 2 also shows that many Cartesian products of sets of odd cycles are edge-magic; it may be seen that the smallest such product not covered by this theorem would be  $C_3 \times (C_{15})^6$ .

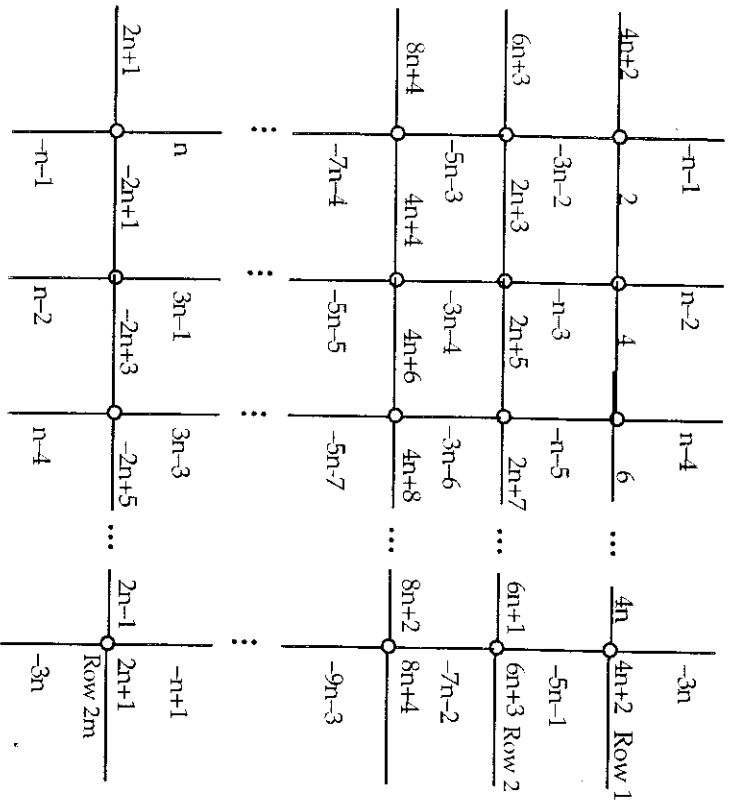


Figure 8 Edge-magic labeling of  $C_{2m} \times C_{2n+1}$  Magic sum is  $1, \text{ mod } (2m)(2n+1)$

**Theorem 3:** The Cartesian product of two cycles,  $C_M \times C_N$  is edge-magic. The cartesian product of two cycles is edge-graceful if and only if they are odd order.  
 If either M or N is even, the Lo condition precludes edge-gracefulness. The result may now be shown in three parts:  
 (i) When M and N are odd, theorems 1 and 2 show how to construct edge-magic and edge-graceful labelings.

(ii) When M is even and N is odd, the construction in figure 8 shows how to edge-magically label the graph (figure 2 shows the example  $C_4 \times C_4$ ). This result will be generalized in theorem 4.  
 (iii) When both M and N are even, the result follows from the Hartsfield/Ringel result on the decomposition of  $C_M \times C_N$  into two Hamiltonian cycles, as pointed out earlier.

The authors have also proved, in a similar manner:

**Theorem 4:** If H is odd-order, d-regular, edge-graceful, and  $\text{gcd}(\frac{d}{2}, m) = 1$ , then  $C_{2m} \times H$  is edge-magic. (Examples:  $C_4 \times C_3$ , in figure 2, and also figure 8.)

**Proof:** Since d is even, m must be odd. As in step A, let h be an edge-graceful labeling of H. Label the edge  $f_{ik}$  of  $H_i$  with  $x(f_{ik}) = 2h(f_k) + (i-1)n$ , where, as before,  $f_k$  is the kth edge of H. Let  $x^+(u_{ij})$  be the induced mapping which gives the vertex sum of the edges incident to  $u_{ij}$  within  $H_i$ . Each  $H_i$  layer has  $\frac{d}{2}n$  edges, and there are  $2m$  such layers, so the edge labels run 1 through  $2mn$  a total of  $\frac{d}{2}$  times within the  $H_i$  layers. Note that the edge labels of the  $H_{2i}$  are odd, and the edge labels of the  $H_{2i-1}$  are even. The d-regularity of H will force each vertex  $u_{i+1,j}$  of  $H_{i+1}$  to have vertex sum  $dn$  more than the vertex sum of the corresponding vertex  $u_{ij}$  in  $H_i$ . We choose the magic sum  $w$  as 1 if  $\frac{d}{2}$  is odd, 0 if even. For each vertex  $u_{ij}$ , label the edge  $(u_{2nm,j}; u_{ij})$  by  $z$ , and label the edge  $(u_{ij}; u_{2j})$  by  $z - \frac{d}{2}n$ , where  $z$  is a solution of the congruence  $z + (z - \frac{d}{2}n) + x^+(u_{ij}) \equiv w \pmod{2mn}$ , or

$$2z \equiv w - x^+(u_{ij}) + \frac{d}{2}n \pmod{2mn}$$

The vertex sums  $x^+(u_{ij})$  in  $H_i$  are distinct, mod n, because they are twice the numbers  $1, 2, \dots, n$ , and n is odd. Therefore the solutions of these n congruences are distinct, mod  $2mn$ . Note that since  $x^+$  sums an even number of vertex labels, all of which are either even or odd,  $x^+(u_{ij})$  must be even; therefore the right hand side of the congruence is even, and has two solutions. We choose either one for  $z$ . For the other edges within  $G_i$ , label the edge  $(u_{ij}; u_{i+1,j})$  with  $z - i\frac{d}{2}n$ . The total sum at vertex  $u_{i+1,j}$  is now

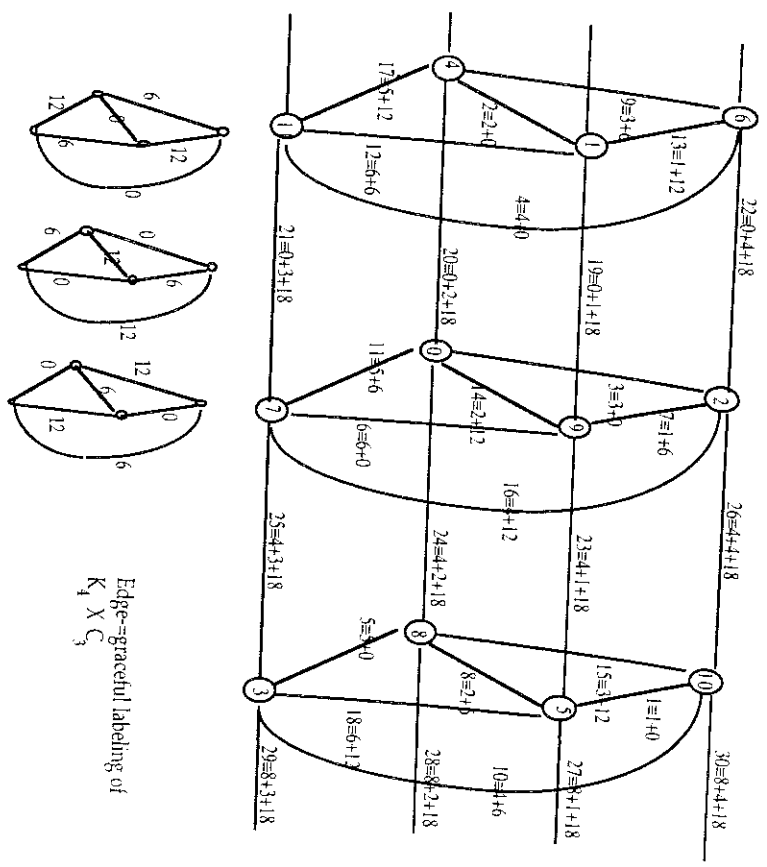
$$(z - i\frac{d}{2}n) + (z - (i+1)\frac{d}{2}n) + x^+(u_{ij}) + idn \equiv 2z - \frac{d}{2}n + x^+(u_{ij}) \equiv w \pmod{2mn}$$

Because  $\frac{d}{2}$  is relatively prime to  $m$ , the edge labels within one column's copy of  $C_{2mn}$  do not repeat.

If  $H$  is even-order and  $d$  is odd, then the cartesian product of theorem 4 does not satisfy condition (1). The other cases may yet be edge-magic. Certain cartesian products of even-order edge-graceful graphs with cycles may also be edge-gracefully labeled by ad hoc methods. For example,

**Theorem 5:** Suppose  $G$  is odd-regular, edge-graceful, has even order  $m$ ,  $m$  is not divisible by 3, and  $G$  may be partitioned into 1-factors. Then  $G \times C_m$  is edge-graceful. In particular,  $K_{12k+4} \times C_{12k+4}$  and  $K_{12k+8} \times C_{12k+8}$  are edge-graceful.

A 1-factor of a graph is a set of edges such that each vertex of the graph is incident with exactly one of the chosen edges. The edges of the 1-factors in the  $G_i$  have additional multiples of  $r$  added to them, where  $r$  is the number of edges in  $G$ . See for example the labeling of  $K_4 \times C_3$ , in figure 9.



Decomposition into 1-factors used to add multiples of 6

Figure 9

Edge-graceful labeling of  $K_4 \times C_3$

Figure 10 summarizes the results on labellings of Cartesian products of regular edge-graceful graphs.

G and H both edge-graceful

$\begin{matrix} \text{GXH} \\ \text{G} \backslash \text{H} \end{matrix}$		Even order	Even order
		odd-regular	even-regular
Odd-order, even-regular	Edge-graceful sometimes edge-magic	sometimes edge-graceful	
odd-regular	sometimes edge-graceful		
Even order		Not edge-graceful by Lo condition	
even-regular			

Figure 10

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## Contributions to the Existence of Some Orthogonal Arrays

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### Abstract

In this paper we obtain some results on orthogonal arrays (O-arrays) with two symbols and of strength six by deriving some inequalities on the existence of some balanced arrays (B-arrays) of strength six with index set  $\underline{\mu} = (\mu - 1, \mu, \mu, \mu, \mu, \mu - 1)$  which we call as Near O-arrays. Consequently we demonstrate that we get better bounds on the number of constraints for some O-arrays when compared to the ones given by Rao (1947).

### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries.

For ease of reference, we provide here the definition of a balanced array (B-array). A B-array with  $m$  rows (constraints),  $N$  columns (runs, treatment-combinations), two symbols (say, 0 and 1), and of strength  $t$  with index set  $\underline{\mu} = (\mu_0, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_t)$  is an  $(m \times N)$  matrix  $T$  with elements 0 and 1 such that in every sub-matrix  $T^*$  ( $t \times N, t \leq m$ ) of  $T$ , every  $(t \times 1)$  vector  $\underline{a}$  of weight  $i$  (the weight of  $\underline{a}$  is the number of  $i$ 's in it;  $i=0, 1, \dots, t$ ) appears as a column of  $T^*$  exactly  $\mu_i$  times. The B-array is sometimes denoted by BA  $(m, N, 2, t; \mu_0, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_t)$ . Clearly  $N = \sum_{i=0}^t \binom{t}{i} \mu_i$ .

The above definition can be easily extended to B-arrays with  $s$  ( $\geq 3$ ) symbols by requiring that every  $(t \times 1)$  vector  $\underline{a}$  and its permutation  $P(\underline{a})$  appear the same number of times in every  $(t \times N)$  sub-matrix  $T^*$ .

A B-array in which  $\mu_i = \mu$  for each  $i$  is called an orthogonal array (O-array). Furthermore, there are other combinatorial structures (e.g., balanced incomplete block designs, doubly balanced designs, etc.) closely related to certain