

Further Results on 3–equitable Labeling

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Abstract—A mapping f from the vertex set of a graph G to the set $\{0, 1, 2\}$ is called 3-equitable labeling, if the edge labels are produced by the absolute difference of labels of end vertices such that the absolute difference of number of vertices of G labeled with 0, 1 and 2 differ by atmost 1 and similarly the absolute difference of number of edges of G labeled with 0, 1 and 2 differ by atmost 1. A graph which admits 3-equitable labeling is called 3-equitable graph. In this paper we prove that the graph obtained by joining two copies of fan graph by a path of arbitrary length is 3-equitable. We also prove similar results for wheel, helm, gear and cycle with one pendant edge.

Index Terms—3-equitable graph, Fan, Wheel, Helm, Gear.

I. INTRODUCTION

WE consider simple, finite, undirected graph $G = (V, E)$. In this paper F_n denotes fan graph with $n + 1$ vertices, W_n denotes the wheel graph with $n + 1$ vertices, H_n denotes helm graph with $2n + 1$ vertices and G_n denotes gear graph with $2n + 1$ vertices. For all other terminology and notations we follow Gross and Yellen[5].

If the vertices of the graph are assigned values subject to certain conditions is known as *graph labeling*. A survey on graph labeling is given by Gallian[4].

Definition 1.1 A *fan graph*, denoted by F_n , is the graph with $n + 1$ vertices which is the join of the graphs P_n and K_1 . i.e. $F_n = P_n + K_1$.

Definition 1.2 A *wheel graph*, denoted by W_n , is the join of the graphs C_n and K_1 . i.e. $W_n = C_n + K_1$

Here vertices correspond to C_n are called rim vertices and C_n is called rim of W_n and the vertex corresponding to K_1 is called apex vertex.

Definition 1.3 A *helm graph*, denoted by H_n , is the graph obtained from wheel W_n by adding a pendant edge at each vertex on rim of W_n .

Definition 1.4 A *gear graph*, denoted by G_n , is obtained from the wheel W_n by adding a vertex between every pair of adjacent vertices of the rim of wheel.

Definition 1.5 Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph. A mapping $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$ is called *ternary vertex labeling* of G and $f(v)$ is called *label of the vertex v* of G under f .

Let $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$ be the induced edge labeling function defined by $f^*(e) = |f(u) - f(v)|$, for an edge $e = uv$ of G . Let us denote $v_f(i) =$ the number of vertices of G with label i under f and $e_f(i) =$ the number of edges of G with label i under f^* , $0 \leq i, j \leq 2$.

Definition 1.6 A ternary vertex labeling of a graph G is called *3-equitable labeling* if $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$ and $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1$, $0 \leq i, j \leq 2$.

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A graph G is *3-equitable* if it admits 3-equitable labeling.

The concept of 3-equitable labelings was introduced by Cahit[2] in 1990. Seoud and Abdel Maqsood[6] proved that all fans except $P_2 + K_1$ are 3-equitable. Bapat and Limaye[1] proved that Helm H_n is 3-equitable for $n \geq 4$. Youssef[11] proved that Wheels $W_n = C_n + K_1$ are 3-equitable for $n \geq 4$. In this paper we prove that the graph obtained by joining two copies of fan graphs by a path of arbitrary length is 3-equitable. We also prove similar results for wheel, helm, gear and cycle with one pendant edge.

II. MAIN RESULTS

Theorem 1 The graph obtained by joining two copies of fan graph F_n by a path of arbitrary length is 3-equitable.

Proof: Let G be the graph obtained by joining two copies of fan graph $F_n = P_n + K_1$ by a path P_k of length $k - 1$. Let us denote the successive vertices of first copy of fan graph by u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n+1} (where u_1 is the vertex corresponding to K_1) and the successive vertices of second copy of fan graph by v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n+1} (where v_1 is the vertex corresponding to K_1). Let w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k be the vertices of path P_k with $w_1 = u_1$ and $w_k = v_1$.

We define labeling function $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$ as follows.

Case 1: $n \equiv 0(mod6)$.

Subcase I: $k \equiv 0(mod6)$.

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(mod6) \\ &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(mod6) \\ &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(mod6), 1 \leq i \leq n + 1. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(mod6) \\ &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(mod6) \\ &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(mod6), 1 \leq i \leq n + 1. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(w_j) &= 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4(mod6) \\ &= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(mod6) \\ &= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 5(mod6), 1 \leq j \leq k. \end{aligned}$$

Subcase II: $k \equiv 1(mod6)$.

$$\begin{aligned} f(w_k) &= 2. \\ f(w_j) &= 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4(mod6) \\ &= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(mod6) \\ &= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 5(mod6), 1 \leq j \leq k - 1. \end{aligned}$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I.

Subcase III: $k \equiv 2(mod6)$.

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(mod6) \\ &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(mod6) \\ &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(mod6), 1 \leq i \leq n + 1. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(mod6) \\ &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(mod6) \\ &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(mod6), 1 \leq i \leq n + 1. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(w_j) &= 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4(mod6) \\ &= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 5(mod6) \\ &= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(mod6), 1 \leq j \leq k. \end{aligned}$$

Subcase IV: $k \equiv 3(mod6)$.

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_2) &= 1, f(v_4) = 0, f(v_{n+1}) = 1. \\ f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(mod6) \end{aligned}$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k - 1.$$

Subcase IV: $k \equiv 3(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n + 1.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n + 1.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k.$$

Subcase V: $k \equiv 4(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n + 1.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n + 1.$$

$$f(w_k) = 0.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k - 1.$$

Subcase VI: $k \equiv 5(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n + 1.$$

$$f(v_{n-2}) = 0, f(v_{n-4}) = 2.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n + 1, i \neq n - 2,$$

$$i \neq n - 4.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k.$$

The graph G under consideration satisfies the conditions $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$ and $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1, 0 \leq i, j \leq 2$ in each case. Hence the graph G under consideration is 3-equitable graph.

Theorem 2 The graph obtained by joining two copies of wheel graph by a path of arbitrary length is 3-equitable.

Proof: Let G be the graph obtained by joining two copies of wheel graph W_n by path P_k of length $k - 1$. Let us denote the successive vertices of first copy of wheel graph by u_0, u_1, \dots, u_n (where u_0 is apex vertex) and the successive vertices of second copy of wheel graph by v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n (where v_0 is apex vertex). Let w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k be the vertices of path P_k with $w_1 = u_1$ and $w_k = v_1$.

We define labeling function $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$ as follows.

Case 1: $n \equiv 0(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 0, f(v_0) = 2.$$

Subcase I: $k \equiv 0(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k.$$

Subcase II: $k \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I.

Subcase III: $k \equiv 3(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(w_{k-1}) = 1.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k, j \neq k - 1.$$

Subcase IV: $k \equiv 4(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k.$$

Subcase V: $k \equiv 5(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I.

Case 2: $n \equiv 1(\text{mod}6)$.

Subcase I: $k \equiv 0(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 2.$$

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(v_0) = 0, f(v_1) = 2, f(v_{n-2}) = 0.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6), 2 \leq i \leq n, i \neq n - 2.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k.$$

Subcase II: $k \equiv 1(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 0, f(u_{n-1}) = 1.$$

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n, i \neq n - 1.$$

$$f(v_0) = 2.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(w_k) = 0.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k - 1.$$

Subcase III: $k \equiv 2(\text{mod}6)$.

The vertices are labeled same as in Subcase II except for $f(w_k) = 0$.

Subcase IV: $k \equiv 3(mod6)$.
 $f(w_{k-1}) = 1$.
 The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase II except for $f(u_{n-1}) = 1$.
Subcase V: $k \equiv 4(mod6)$.
 $f(v_n) = 1$.
 The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase II except for $f(u_{n-1}) = 1$.
Subcase VI: $k \equiv 5(mod6)$.
 The vertices are labeled same as in Subcase II except for $f(w_k) = 0$ and $f(u_{n-1}) = 1$.
Case 3: $n \equiv 2(mod6)$.
 $f(u_0) = 0, f(v_0) = 2$.
Subcase I: $k \equiv 0(mod6)$.
 $f(u_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 1, 4(mod6)$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 0, 5(mod6)$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 2, 3(mod6), 1 \leq i \leq n$.
 $f(v_n) = 1$.
 $f(v_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 0, 3(mod6)$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 4, 5(mod6)$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 1, 2(mod6), 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$.
 $f(w_j) = 0$; if $j \equiv 1, 4(mod6)$
 $= 1$; if $j \equiv 2, 3(mod6),$
 $= 2$; if $j \equiv 0, 5(mod6) 1 \leq j \leq k$.
Subcase II: $k \equiv 1(mod6)$.
 $f(u_n) = 1, f(w_k) = 2$.
 $f(v_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 2, 5(mod6)$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 3, 4(mod6)$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 0, 1(mod6), 1 \leq i \leq n$.
 The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I.
Subcase III: $k \equiv 2(mod6)$.
 $f(w_{k-4}) = 1$.
 The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase II.
Subcase IV: $k \equiv 3(mod6)$.
 $f(w_{k-5}) = 1$.
 $f(v_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 2, 5(mod6)$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 0, 1(mod6)$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 3, 4(mod6), 1 \leq i \leq n$.
 The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I.
Subcase V: $k \equiv 4(mod6)$.
 $f(w_k) = 1$.
 The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase IV except for $f(w_{k-5}) = 1$.
Subcase VI: $k \equiv 5(mod6)$.
 $f(u_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 2, 5(mod6)$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 0, 1(mod6)$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 3, 4(mod6), 1 \leq i \leq n$.
 $f(v_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 1, 4(mod6)$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 0, 5(mod6)$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 2, 3(mod6), 1 \leq i \leq n$.
 $f(w_3) = 1, f(w_k) = 0$.
 $f(w_j) = 0$; if $j \equiv 0, 3(mod6)$
 $= 1$; if $j \equiv 1, 2(mod6)$
 $= 2$; if $j \equiv 4, 5(mod6), 1 \leq j \leq k - 1, j \neq 3$.
Case 4: $n \equiv 3(mod6)$.
Subcase I: $k \equiv 0(mod6)$.
 $f(u_n) = 2, f(u_0) = 0$.
 $f(u_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 2, 5(mod6)$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 3, 4(mod6)$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 0, 1(mod6), 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$
 $f(v_0) = 2$.
 $f(v_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 1, 4(mod6)$

$= 1$; if $i \equiv 2, 3(mod6)$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 0, 5(mod6), 1 \leq i \leq n$.
 $f(w_j) = 0$; if $j \equiv 0, 3(mod6)$
 $= 1$; if $j \equiv 4, 5(mod6)$
 $= 2$; if $j \equiv 1, 2(mod6), 1 \leq j \leq k$.
Subcase II: $k \equiv 1(mod6)$.
 $f(u_0) = 0$.
 $f(u_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 1, 4(mod6)$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 0, 5(mod6)$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 2, 3(mod6), 1 \leq i \leq n$
 $f(v_0) = 0$.
 $f(v_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 1, 4(mod6)$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 2, 3(mod6)$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 0, 5(mod6), 1 \leq i \leq n$.
 $f(w_j) = 0$; if $j \equiv 1, 4(mod6)$
 $= 1$; if $j \equiv 2, 3(mod6)$
 $= 2$; if $j \equiv 0, 5(mod6), 1 \leq j \leq k$.
Subcase III: $k \equiv 2(mod6)$.
 $f(u_0) = 0$.
 $f(u_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 0, 3(mod6)$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 4, 5(mod6)$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 1, 2(mod6), 1 \leq i \leq n$.
 $f(v_0) = 2$.
 $f(v_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 1, 4(mod6)$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 2, 3(mod6)$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 0, 5(mod6), 1 \leq j \leq n$.
 $f(w_{k-3}) = 1$.
 $f(w_j) = 0$; if $j \equiv 2, 5(mod6)$
 $= 1$; if $j \equiv 3, 4(mod6)$
 $= 2$; if $j \equiv 0, 1(mod6), 1 \leq j \leq k, j \neq k - 3$.
Subcase IV: $k \equiv 3(mod6)$.
 $f(w_{k-4}) = 1$.
 The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase III except for $f(w_{k-3}) = 1$.
Subcase V: $k \equiv 4(mod6)$.
 $f(u_0) = 2, f(v_0) = 0$ and $f(w_k) = 2$.
 The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase II except for $f(u_0) = 0$ and $f(v_0) = 2$.
Subcase VI: $k \equiv 5(mod6)$.
 The vertices are labeled same as defined in Subcase V except for $f(w_k) = 2$.
Case 5: $n \equiv 4(mod6)$.
 $f(u_0) = 0, f(v_0) = 2$.
Subcase I: $k \equiv 0(mod6)$.
 $f(u_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 1, 4(mod6)$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 0, 5(mod6)$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 2, 3(mod6), 1 \leq i \leq n$.
 $f(v_n) = 1$.
 $f(v_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 1, 4(mod6)$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 2, 3(mod6)$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 0, 5(mod6), 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$.
 $f(w_k) = 0$.
 $f(w_j) = 0$; if $j \equiv 1, 4(mod6)$
 $= 1$; if $j \equiv 2, 3(mod6)$
 $= 2$; if $j \equiv 0, 5(mod6), 1 \leq j \leq k - 1$.
Subcase II: $k \equiv 1(mod6)$.
 The vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I except for $f(w_k) = 0$.
Subcase III: $k \equiv 2(mod6)$.
 $f(v_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 2, 5(mod6)$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 3, 4(mod6)$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(w_k) = 2, f(w_{k-1}) = 1.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I except for $f(w_k) = 0$.

Subcase IV: $k \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6)$.

The vertices are labeled same as in Subcase III except for $f(w_{k-1}) = 1$.

Subcase V: $k \equiv 5(\text{mod}6)$.

The vertices are labeled same as in Subcase IV except for $f(w_k) = 2$.

Case 6: $n \equiv 5(\text{mod}6)$.

Subcase I: $k \equiv 0(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 0.$$

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(v_0) = 2.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(w_{k-2}) = 1.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k, j \neq k - 2.$$

Subcase II: $k \equiv 1(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(w_{k-3}) = 1, f(w_k) = 2.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I except for $f(w_{k-2}) = 1$.

Subcase III: $k \equiv 2(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 2, f(v_0) = 0, f(w_k) = 2, f(w_{k-4}) = 1.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I except for $f(w_{k-2}) = 1$.

Subcase IV: $k \equiv 3(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 0.$$

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(v_n) = 2, f(v_0) = 2.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n - 1.$$

$$f(w_k) = 2.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k - 1.$$

Subcase V: $k \equiv 4(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 0.$$

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(v_0) = 2.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(w_k) = 0.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k - 1.$$

Subcase VI: $k \equiv 5(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 2.$$

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(v_0) = 0.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(w_k) = 0, f(w_{k-2}) = 1.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6),$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k - 1, j \neq k - 2.$$

The graph G under consideration satisfies the conditions $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$ and $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1, 0 \leq i, j \leq 2$ in each case. Hence the graph G under consideration is 3-equitable graph.

Theorem 3 The graph obtained by joining two copies of helm graph H_n by a path of arbitrary length is 3-equitable.

Proof: Let G be the graph obtained by joining two copies of helm graph H_n by a path P_k of length $k - 1$. Let u_0 be the apex vertex, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n be the rim vertices and u'_1, u'_2, \dots, u'_n be the pendant vertices of first copy of helm H_n . Similarly let v_0 be the apex vertex, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be the rim vertices and v'_1, v'_2, \dots, v'_n be the pendant vertices of second copy of helm H_n . Let w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k be the vertices of path P_k with $w_1 = u_1$ and $w_k = v_1$. We define labeling function $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$ as follows.

Case 1: $n \equiv 0(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 0, f(v_0) = 2.$$

Subcase I: $k \equiv 0(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(u'_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(v'_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k.$$

Subcase II: $k \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v'_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I.

Subcase III: $k \equiv 3(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(u'_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(v'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(w_{k-1}) &= 1. \\
 f(w_j) &= 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k, j \neq k-1.
 \end{aligned}$$

Subcase IV: $k \equiv 4(\text{mod}6)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(u_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(u'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(v'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(w_j) &= 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k.
 \end{aligned}$$

Subcase V: $k \equiv 5(\text{mod}6)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(v'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.
 \end{aligned}$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I.

Case 2: $n \equiv 1(\text{mod}6)$.

Subcase I: $k \equiv 0(\text{mod}6)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(u_0) &= 2. \\
 f(u_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(u'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(v_0) &= 0, f(v_1) = 2, f(v_{n-2}) = 1. \\
 f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6), 2 \leq i \leq n, i \neq n-2. \\
 f(v'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(w_j) &= 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k.
 \end{aligned}$$

Subcase II: $k \equiv 1(\text{mod}6)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(u_0) &= 0, f(u_{n-1}) = 1. \\
 f(u_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n, i \neq n-1. \\
 f(u'_n) &= 0. \\
 f(u'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n-1. \\
 f(v_0) &= 2. \\
 f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(v'_2) &= 2, f(v'_n) = 0. \\
 f(v'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n-1, i \neq 2. \\
 f(w_k) &= 0. \\
 f(w_j) &= 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k-1.
 \end{aligned}$$

Subcase III: $k \equiv 2(\text{mod}6)$.

The vertices are labeled same as in Subcase II except for

$$f(v'_2) = 2, f(w_k) = 0.$$

Subcase IV: $k \equiv 3(\text{mod}6)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(u_0) &= 0. \\
 f(u_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(u'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(v_0) &= 2. \\
 f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(v'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(w_k) &= 0, f(w_{k-1}) = 1. \\
 f(w_j) &= 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k-2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Subcase V: $k \equiv 4(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(v_n) = 1, f(v'_3) = 0.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase IV except for $f(w_{k-1}) = 1$.

Subcase VI: $k \equiv 5(\text{mod}6)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(u_0) &= 0. \\
 f(u_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(u'_n) &= 0, f(u'_{n-2}) = 2. \\
 f(u'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n-1, i \neq n-2. \\
 f(v_0) &= 2. \\
 f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(v'_n) &= 0, f(v'_{n-1}) = 1. \\
 f(v'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n-2. \\
 f(w_j) &= 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k.
 \end{aligned}$$

Case 3: $n \equiv 2(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 0, f(v_0) = 2.$$

Subcase I: $k \equiv 0(\text{mod}6)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(u_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(u'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(v_n) &= 1. \\
 f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n-1. \\
 f(v'_3) &= 0, f(v'_4) = 1. \\
 f(v'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n, i \neq 3, i \neq 4. \\
 f(w_j) &= 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k.
 \end{aligned}$$

Subcase II: $k \equiv 1(\text{mod}6)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(u_n) &= 1. \\
 f(u_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n-1. \\
 f(u'_3) &= 2, f(u'_{n-2}) = 1. \\
 f(u'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n, i \neq 3, i \neq n-2. \\
 f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(v'_4) &= 1. \\
 f(v'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n, i \neq 4. \\
 f(w_k) &= 2. \\
 f(w_j) &= 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k-1.
 \end{aligned}$$

Subcase III: $k \equiv 2(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(w_{k-4}) = 1.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase II.

Subcase IV: $k \equiv 3(\text{mod}6)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(u_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(u'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n \\
 f(v'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(w_{k-5}) &= 1. \\
 f(w_j) &= 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k, j \neq k-5.
 \end{aligned}$$

Subcase V: $k \equiv 4(\text{mod}6)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(v'_1) &= 0, f(v'_{n-1}) = 1. \\
 f(v'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 2 \leq i \leq n, i \neq n-1.
 \end{aligned}$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase IV except for $f(w_{k-5}) = 1$.

Subcase VI: $k \equiv 5(\text{mod}6)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(u_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(u'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(v'_n) &= 1. \\
 f(v'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n-1. \\
 f(w_3) &= 1, f(w_k) = 0. \\
 f(w_j) &= 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k-1, j \neq 3.
 \end{aligned}$$

Case 4: $n \equiv 3(\text{mod}6)$.

Subcase I: $k \equiv 0(\text{mod}6)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(u_n) &= 2, f(u_0) = 0. \\
 f(u_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n-1. \\
 f(u'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(v_0) &= 2. \\
 f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(v'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(w_j) &= 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k.
 \end{aligned}$$

Subcase II: $k \equiv 1(\text{mod}6)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(u_0) &= 0. \\
 f(u_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(u'_n) &= 2. \\
 f(u'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n-1. \\
 f(v_0) &= 2. \\
 f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(v'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(w_j) &= 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k.
 \end{aligned}$$

Subcase III: $k \equiv 2(\text{mod}6)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(u_0) &= 2. \\
 f(u_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6)
 \end{aligned}$$

$= 2$; if $i \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{6}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$.
 $f(u'_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 2, 5 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 3, 4 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{6}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$.
 $f(v_0) = 0$.
 $f(v_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 1, 4 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 0, 5 \pmod{6}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$.
 $f(v'_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 2, 5 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 3, 4 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{6}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$.
 $f(w_{k-3}) = 1$.
 $f(w_j) = 0$; if $j \equiv 2, 5 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $j \equiv 3, 4 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $j \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{6}$, $1 \leq j \leq k$, $j \neq k - 3$.

Subcase IV: $k \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$.

$f(u_0) = 0$, $f(v_0) = 2$, $f(w_5) = 1$, $f(w_k) = 0$.
 The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase III except for $f(w_{k-3}) = 1$.

Subcase V: $k \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$.

$f(u_0) = 2$, $f(v_0) = 0$, $f(w_k) = 2$.
 $f(v_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 2, 5 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 3, 4 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{6}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$.
 $f(v'_5) = 1$.
 $f(v'_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 1, 4 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 0, 5 \pmod{6}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$, $i \neq 5$.

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase II except for $f(u_0) = 0$, $f(u'_n) = 2$.

Subcase VI: $k \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$

The vertices are labeled same as in Subcase V except for $f(w_k) = 2$.

Case 5: $n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$.

$f(u_0) = 0$, $f(v_0) = 2$.
Subcase I: $k \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$.
 $f(u_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 1, 4 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 0, 5 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{6}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$.
 $f(u'_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 0, 3 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 4, 5 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{6}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$.
 $f(v_n) = 1$.
 $f(v_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 1, 4 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 0, 5 \pmod{6}$, $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$.
 $f(v'_1) = 0$.
 $f(v'_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 0, 3 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 4, 5 \pmod{6}$, $2 \leq i \leq n$.
 $f(w_k) = 0$.
 $f(w_j) = 0$; if $j \equiv 1, 4 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $j \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $j \equiv 0, 5 \pmod{6}$, $1 \leq j \leq k - 1$.

Subcase II: $k \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$.

$f(u'_1) = 1$.
 $f(u'_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 2, 5 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 3, 4 \pmod{6}$, $2 \leq i \leq n$.

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I except for $f(v'_1) = 0$, $f(w_k) = 0$.

Subcase III: $k \equiv 2 \pmod{6}$.

$f(u_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 1, 4 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 0, 5 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{6}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$.
 $f(u'_1) = 1$.
 $f(u'_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 0, 3 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 4, 5 \pmod{6}$, $2 \leq i \leq n$.
 $f(v_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 2, 5 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 3, 4 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{6}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$.
 $f(v'_1) = 0$.
 $f(v'_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 0, 3 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 4, 5 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{6}$, $2 \leq i \leq n$.
 $f(w_k) = 2$, $f(w_{k-1}) = 1$.
 $f(w_j) = 0$; if $j \equiv 1, 4 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $j \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $j \equiv 0, 5 \pmod{6}$, $1 \leq j \leq k - 2$.

Subcase IV: $k \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$.

$f(u'_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 0, 3 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 4, 5 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{6}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$.

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase III except for $f(v'_1) = 0$, $f(w_{k-1}) = 1$.

Subcase V: $k \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$.

$f(v'_1) = 1$.
 The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase IV.

Subcase VI: $k \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$.

The vertices are labeled same as in subcase V except for $f(w'_k) = 2$.

Case 6: $n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$.

Subcase I: $k \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$.

$f(u_0) = 0$.
 $f(u_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 1, 4 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 0, 5 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{6}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$.
 $f(u'_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 0, 3 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 4, 5 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{6}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$.
 $f(v_0) = 2$.
 $f(v_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 2, 5 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 3, 4 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{6}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$.
 $f(v'_2) = 0$.
 $f(v'_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 1, 4 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 0, 5 \pmod{6}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$, $i \neq 2$.
 $f(w_{k-2}) = 1$.
 $f(w_j) = 0$; if $j \equiv 1, 4 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $j \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $j \equiv 0, 5 \pmod{6}$, $1 \leq j \leq k$, $j \neq k - 2$.

Subcase II: $k \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$.

$f(u_0) = 2$, $f(v_0) = 0$, $f(w_{k-3}) = 1$, $f(w_k) = 2$.
 The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I except for $f(v'_2) = 0$ and $f(w_{k-2}) = 1$.

Subcase III: $k \equiv 2 \pmod{6}$.

$f(u_0) = 2$.
 $f(u_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 1, 4 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 0, 5 \pmod{6}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(u'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(v_0) &= 0. \\
 f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(v'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(w_4) &= 1. \\
 f(w_j) &= 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k, j \neq 4.
 \end{aligned}$$

Subcase IV: $k \equiv 3(\text{mod}6)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(u_0) &= 0. \\
 f(u_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(u'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n \\
 f(v_0) &= 2, f(v_n) = 2. \\
 f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n - 1, \\
 f(v'_n) &= 0. \\
 f(v'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n - 1. \\
 f(w_k) &= 2. \\
 f(w_j) &= 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k - 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

Subcase V: $k \equiv 4(\text{mod}6)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(u_0) &= 0. \\
 f(u_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(u'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(v_0) &= 2. \\
 f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(v'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(w_j) &= 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k.
 \end{aligned}$$

Subcase VI: $k \equiv 5(\text{mod}6)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(u_0) &= 2. \\
 f(u_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(u'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(v_0) &= 0. \\
 f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(v'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(w_{k-2}) &= 1. \\
 f(w_j) &= 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k, j \neq k - 2.
 \end{aligned}$$

The graph G under consideration satisfies the condition $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$ and $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1, 0 \leq i, j \leq 2$ in each case. Hence the graph G under consideration is 3-equitable graph.

Theorem 4 The graph obtained by joining two copies of gear graph G_n by a path of arbitrary length is 3-equitable.

Proof: Let G be the graph obtained by joining two copies of gear graph G_n by path P_k of length $k - 1$. Let us denote the successive vertices of first copy of gear graph by u_0, u_1, \dots, u_{2n} , where u_0 is apex vertex, $u_1, u_3, \dots, u_{2n-1}$ are rim vertices of wheel and u_2, u_4, \dots, u_{2n} are the vertices inserted between two consecutive rim vertices corresponding to $u_1, u_3, \dots, u_{2n-1}$ respectively. Similarly let v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{2n} be the successive vertices of second copy of gear graph, where v_0 is apex vertex, $v_1, v_3, \dots, v_{2n-1}$ are rim vertices of wheel and v_2, v_4, \dots, v_{2n} are the vertices inserted between two consecutive rim vertices corresponding to $v_1, v_3, \dots, v_{2n-1}$ respectively. Let w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k be the vertices of path P_k with $w_1 = u_1$ and $w_k = v_1$.

We define labeling function $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$ as follows.

Case 1: $n \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 0, f(v_0) = 2.$$

Subcase I: $k \equiv 0(\text{mod}6)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(u_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq 2n. \\
 f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq 2n. \\
 f(w_j) &= 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k.
 \end{aligned}$$

Subcase II: $k \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq 2n.
 \end{aligned}$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I.

Subcase III: $k \equiv 3(\text{mod}6)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(u_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq 2n. \\
 f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6) \\
 &= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq 2n. \\
 f(w_{k-1}) &= 1. \\
 f(w_j) &= 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k, j \neq k - 1.$$

Subcase IV: $k \equiv 4(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq 2n.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq 2n.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k.$$

Subcase V: $k \equiv 5(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq 2n.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I.

Case 2: $n \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$.

Subcase I: $k \equiv 0(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 0.$$

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq 2n.$$

$$f(v_0) = 2, f(v_{2n}) = 1,$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq 2n - 1.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k.$$

Subcase II: $k \equiv 1(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 0.$$

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq 2n.$$

$$f(v_0) = 2, f(v_2) = 1.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq 2n, n \neq 2.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k.$$

Subcase III: $k \equiv 2(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 0, f(u_{2n}) = 1.$$

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq 2n - 1.$$

$$f(v_0) = 2.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq 2n.$$

$$f(w_4) = 1.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k.$$

Subcase IV: $k \equiv 3(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 2, f(v_0) = 0, f(v_{2n}) = 1.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq 2n - 1.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I.

Subcase V: $k \equiv 4(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 0.$$

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq 2n.$$

$$f(v_0) = 2, f(v_{2n-1}) = 1.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq 2n, i \neq 2n - 1.$$

$$f(w_k) = 0.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k - 1.$$

Subcase VI: $k \equiv 5(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 2.$$

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq 2n.$$

$$f(v_0) = 0.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq 2n.$$

$$f(w_3) = 1, f(w_k) = 0.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k - 1, j \neq 3.$$

Case 3: $n \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 0, f(v_0) = 2.$$

Subcase I: $k \equiv 0(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq 2n.$$

$$f(v_{2n}) = 1.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq 2n - 1.$$

$$f(w_k) = 0.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k - 1.$$

Subcase II: $k \equiv 1(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq 2n.$$

$$f(v_{2n-3}) = 1.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq 2n, i \neq 2n - 3.$$

$$f(w_k) = 0.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k - 1.$$

Subcase III: $k \equiv 2(\text{mod}6)$.

All the vertices are labeled same as in Subcase II except for $f(w_k) = 0$.

Subcase IV: $k \equiv 3(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq 2n.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq 2n.$$

$$f(w_{k-1}) = 1.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k, j \neq k - 1.$$

Subcase V: $k \equiv 4(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(v_{2n}) = 1.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq 2n - 1.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase IV.

Subcase VI: $k \equiv 5(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase IV.

The graph G under consideration satisfies the conditions $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$ and $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1, 0 \leq i, j \leq 2$ in each case. Hence the graph G under consideration is 3-equitable graph.

Theorem 5 The graph obtained by joining two copies of cycle with one pendant edge by a path of arbitrary length is 3-equitable.

Proof: Let G be the graph obtained by joining two copies of cycle with one pendant edge by path P_k of length $k - 1$. Let us denote the successive vertices of first copy of cycle by $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, e = u_0u_1$ be the pendant edge and u_0 be the pendant vertex. Similarly let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be the successive vertices of second copy of cycle, $e' = v_0v_1$ be the pendant edge and v_0 be the pendant vertex. Let w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k be the successive vertices of path P_k with $w_1 = u_1$ and $w_k = v_1$. We define labeling function $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$ as follows.

Case 1: $n \equiv 0(\text{mod}6)$.

Subcase I: $k \equiv 0(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 2.$$

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(v_0) = 0.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k.$$

Subcase II: $k \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I.

Subcase III: $k \equiv 2(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(v_0) = 1.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I.

Subcase IV: $k \equiv 3(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(v_0) = 2.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase III.

Subcase V: $k \equiv 5(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(v_0) = 2.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I.

Case 2: $n \equiv 1(\text{mod}6)$.

Subcase I: $k \equiv 0(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 2.$$

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(v_0) = 0.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k.$$

Subcase II: $k \equiv 1(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 1, f(v_0) = 2.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I.

Subcase III: $k \equiv 2(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(v_0) = 2.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I.

Subcase IV: $k \equiv 3(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(v_0) = 0.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(w_{k-1}) = 1.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k, j \neq k - 1.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I.

Subcase V: $k \equiv 4(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 1, f(v_0) = 1.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase IV.

Subcase VI: $k \equiv 5(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(v_0) = 2.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase V.

Case 3: $n \equiv 2(\text{mod}6)$.

Subcase I: $k \equiv 0(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 1.$$

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(v_0) = 0.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k.$$

Subcase II: $k \equiv 1(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = f(v_0) = 0.$$

$$f(v_1) = f(w_k) = 2.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I.

Subcase III: $k \equiv 2(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(v_0) = 2.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I.

Subcase IV: $k \equiv 3(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 2.$$

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(v_0) = 1.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k.$$

Subcase V: $k \equiv 4(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 1, f(v_0) = 2.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase IV.

Subcase VI: $k \equiv 5(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(v_0) = 1.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase IV.

Case 4: $n \equiv 3(\text{mod}6)$.

Subcase I: $k \equiv 0(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 0.$$

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(v_0) = 1.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k.$$

Subcase II: $k \equiv 1(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I.

Subcase III: $k \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq n.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I.

Subcase IV: $k \equiv 4(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(v_0) = 2.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase II.

Subcase V: $k \equiv 5(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(v_0) = 2.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I.

Case 5: $n \equiv 4(\text{mod}6)$.

Subcase I: $k \equiv 0(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 1.$$

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(v_0) = 0.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k.$$

Subcase II: $k \equiv 1(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(v_0) = 2.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I.

Subcase III: $k \equiv 2(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(v_0) = 1.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I.

Subcase IV: $k \equiv 3(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 2, f(v_0) = 0.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 4, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I.

Subcase V: $k \equiv 4(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 2.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase II.

Subcase VI: $k \equiv 5(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(v_0) = 2.$$

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase I.

Case 6: $n \equiv 5(\text{mod}6)$.

Subcase I: $k \equiv 0(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 0.$$

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(v_0) = 2.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(w_j) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$$= 2; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod}6), 1 \leq j \leq k.$$

Subcase II: $k \equiv 1(\text{mod}6)$.

$$f(u_0) = 0.$$

$$f(u_i) = 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}6)$$

$= 1$; if $i \equiv 4, 5 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{6}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$.
 $f(v_0) = 2$.
 $f(v_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 2, 5 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 3, 4 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{6}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$.
 $f(w_j) = 0$; if $j \equiv 2, 5 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $j \equiv 3, 4 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $j \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{6}$, $1 \leq j \leq k$.

Subcase III: $k \equiv 2 \pmod{6}$.
 $f(u_0) = 1, f(v_0) = 0$.
 $f(v_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 1, 4 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 0, 5 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{6}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$.

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase II.
subcase IV: $k \equiv 3, 4 \pmod{6}$.

$f(v_0) = 1$.
 $f(v_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 2, 5 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 3, 4 \pmod{6}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$.

The remaining vertices are labeled same as in Subcase II.
Subcase V: $k \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$.

$f(u_0) = 1$.
 $f(u_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 0, 3 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 4, 5 \pmod{6}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$.
 $f(v_0) = 0$.
 $f(v_i) = 0$; if $i \equiv 2, 5 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $i \equiv 3, 4 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $i \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{6}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$.
 $f(w_k) = 2$.
 $f(w_j) = 0$; if $j \equiv 2, 5 \pmod{6}$
 $= 1$; if $j \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{6}$
 $= 2$; if $j \equiv 3, 4 \pmod{6}$, $1 \leq j \leq k - 1$.

The graph G under consideration satisfies the conditions $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$ and $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1$, $0 \leq i, j \leq 2$ in each case. Hence the graph G under consideration is 3-equitable graph.

III. ILLUSTRATIONS

Illustration 1 As an illustration of *Theorem 1*, 3-equitable labeling of the graph G obtained by joining two copies of fan graph F_7 by path P_9 is shown in *Fig. 1*. It is the case related to $n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ and $k \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$.

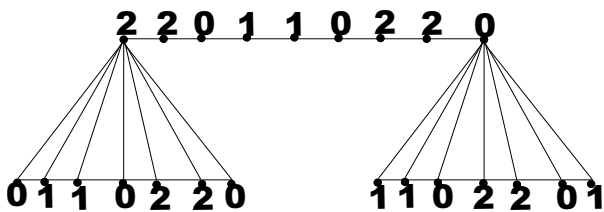


Fig. 1. : 3-equitable labeling of the graph G obtained by joining two copies of F_7 by P_9 .

Illustration 2 As an illustration of labeling pattern defined in *Theorem 2*, 3-equitable labeling of the graph G obtained by joining two copies of wheel graph W_8 by path P_6 is shown in *Fig. 2*. It is the case related to $n \equiv 2 \pmod{6}$ and $k \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$.

Illustration 3 As an illustration of labeling pattern defined in

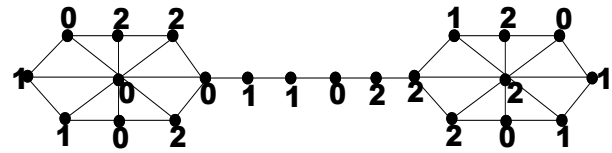


Fig. 2. : 3-equitable labeling of the graph G obtained by joining two copies of W_8 by P_6 .

Theorem 3, 3-equitable labeling of the graph G obtained by joining two copies of helm graph H_6 by path P_6 is shown in *Fig. 3*. It is the case related to $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ and $k \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$.

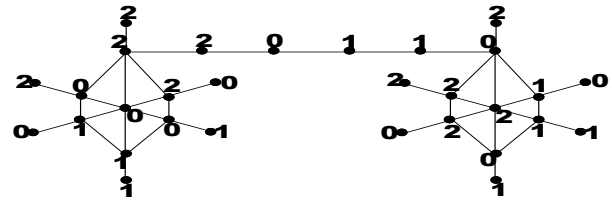


Fig. 3. : 3-equitable labeling of the graph G obtained by joining two copies of H_6 by P_6 .

Illustration 4 As an illustration of labeling pattern defined in *Theorem 4*, 3-equitable labeling of the graph G obtained by joining two copies of gear graph G_6 by path P_6 is shown in *Fig. 4*. It is the case related to $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ and $k \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$.

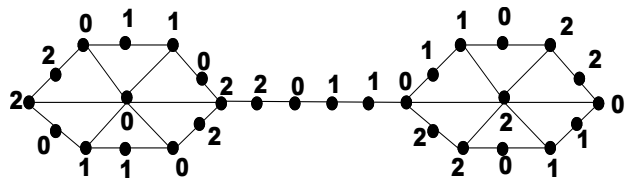


Fig. 4. : 3-equitable labeling of the graph G obtained by joining two copies of G_6 by P_6 .

Illustration 5 As an illustration of labeling pattern defined in *Theorem 5*, 3-equitable labeling of the graph G obtained by joining two copies of cycle C_6 with one pendant edge by path P_6 is shown in *Fig. 5*. It is the case related to $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ and $k \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$.

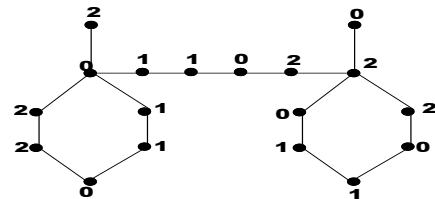


Fig. 5. : 3-equitable labeling of the graph G obtained by joining two copies of cycle C_6 with one pendant edge by P_6 .

IV. CONCLUSION

The research work presented here provide five new results in the theory of 3-equitable labeling of graphs. The entire work is focused on joining two copies of some graph by a path of arbitrary length. In this work two copies of fans, wheels helms, gears and cycle with one pendant edge are considered.

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