

Circular $L(j, k)$ -labeling numbers of trees and products of graphs

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Abstract: Let j , k and m be three positive integers, a circular m - $L(j, k)$ -labeling of a graph G is a mapping $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, m-1\}$ such that $|f(u) - f(v)|_m \geq j$ if u and v are adjacent, and $|f(u) - f(v)|_m \geq k$ if u and v are at distance two, where $|a - b|_m = \min\{|a - b|, m - |a - b|\}$. The minimum m such that there exists a circular m - $L(j, k)$ -labeling of G is called the circular $L(j, k)$ -labeling number of G and is denoted by $\sigma_{j, k}(G)$. For any two positive integers j and k with $j \leq k$, the circular $L(j, k)$ -labeling numbers of trees, the Cartesian product and the direct product of two complete graphs are determined.

Key words: circular $L(j, k)$ -labeling number; tree; Cartesian product of graphs; direct product of graphs

For two positive integers j and k , an $L(j, k)$ -labeling f of a graph G is an assignment of integers to the vertices of G such that $|f(u) - f(v)| \geq j$ if $uv \in E(G)$, and $|f(u) - f(v)| \geq k$ if u and v are distance two apart. Then the span of f is the difference between the maximum and the minimum integers assigned by f . The $L(j, k)$ -labeling number of G , denoted by $\lambda_{j, k}(G)$, is the minimum span over all $L(j, k)$ -labelings of G .

Motivated by the channel assignment problem introduced by Hale^[1], Griggs and Yeh^[2] first proposed and studied the $L(2, 1)$ -labeling of a graph. Since then the $L(2, 1)$ -labeling numbers of graphs and $L(j, k)$ -labeling numbers of graphs for $j \geq k$ have been investigated in many papers, please refer to the survey in Ref. [3]. Recently, people have begun to study the $L(j, k)$ -labeling numbers of graphs for $j \leq k$ ^[4-6].

If we choose the “cyclic channel distance” instead of the absolute difference in the above definition, then we obtain the circular $L(j, k)$ -labeling of a graph.

For positive integers j , k and m , a circular m - $L(j, k)$ -labeling of a graph G is a function $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, m-1\}$ such that $|f(u) - f(v)|_m \geq j$ if u and v are adjacent, and $|f(u) - f(v)|_m \geq k$ if u and v are at distance two, where $|a - b|_m = \min\{|a - b|, m - |a - b|\}$. The minimum m such that there exists a circular m - $L(j, k)$ -labeling of G is called the circular $L(j, k)$ -labeling number of G and is denoted by $\sigma_{j, k}(G)$.

Heuvel et al.^[7] first investigated the circular $L(j, k)$ -labeling of a graph, where the circular $L(j, k)$ -labeling numbers of triangular lattices and square lattices for any two positive integers j and k with $j \geq k$ were determined. Liu^[8] related the circular $L(2, 1)$ -labeling number of a graph G to

the path covering number of its complement. She also determined circular $L(2, 1)$ -labeling numbers of cycles, the Cartesian product of two complete graphs $K_m \square K_n$, and proved that $\sigma_{2, 1}(T) = \Delta + 3$ for any tree T with the maximum degree Δ . Wu and Yeh^[9] showed that $\sigma_{j, 1}(T) = 2j + \Delta - 1$ for any tree T with the maximum degree Δ . In Refs. [10–11], it was proved that, for $j \geq k$, $\sigma_{j, k}(T) = 2j + (\Delta - 1)k$ for any tree T with the maximum degree Δ . The circular $L(j, k)$ -labeling numbers of cycles for $j \geq k$ were completely determined in Ref. [10]. In Ref. [12], the circular $L(j, k)$ -labeling numbers of the Cartesian product of two complete graphs and the direct product of two complete graphs for $j \geq k$ were determined. Recently, the circular $L(2, 1)$ -labeling numbers of the Cartesian products of three complete graphs were obtained in Ref. [13].

Let j and k be any two nonnegative integers. For any graph G , it is easy to see that

$$\lambda_{j, k}(G) + 1 \leq \sigma_{j, k}(G) \leq \lambda_{j, k}(G) + \max\{j, k\}$$

We would like to point out that even when $j = 2$ and $k = 1$ it is not easy to determine whether $\sigma_{2, 1}(G)$ equals $\lambda_{2, 1}(G) + 1$ or $\lambda_{2, 1}(G) + 2$ provided that $\lambda_{2, 1}(G)$ is known.

The following two lemmas are not difficult to see.

Lemma 1 Let j and k be two positive integers with $j \geq k$. Suppose that G is a graph and H is a subgraph of G . Then $\sigma_{j, k}(G) \geq \sigma_{j, k}(H)$.

Lemma 2 Let j and k be two positive integers with $j \leq k$. Suppose that G is a graph and H is an induced subgraph of G . Then $\sigma_{j, k}(G) \geq \sigma_{j, k}(H)$.

Note that if H is not an induced subgraph, then lemma 2 is not true. For example, $K_{1, 3}$ is a subgraph but not an induced subgraph of K_4 and we obtain $\sigma_{1, 2}(K_{1, 3}) = 6 > 4 = \sigma_{1, 2}(K_4)$.

This paper completely determines the circular $L(j, k)$ -labeling numbers of trees, the Cartesian product of two complete graphs, and the direct product of two complete graphs for $j \leq k$.

For a positive real number r , let $S(r)$ denote the circle obtained from the interval $[0, r]$ by identifying 0 and r into a single point. For a positive integer m , denote by $[m]$ the set of integers $0, 1, \dots, m-1$. The circular distance of two points p and q on $S(m)$ is defined as $\min\{|p - q|, m - |p - q|\}$. A set of labels in $[m]$ is said to be (m, k) -circular separated if the circular distance on $S(m)$ of any two labels from the set is greater than or equal to k .

1 $\sigma_{j, k}$ -Numbers of Trees for $j \leq k$

In this section, we determine the circular $L(j, k)$ -labeling number of any tree for any two positive integers j and k with $j \leq k$. For $j \geq k$, Leese et al.^[10-11] proved the following result.

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Theorem 1 Let T be a tree with the maximum degree Δ , and j and k be any two nonnegative integers with $j \geq k$; and then $\sigma_{j,k}(T) = 2j + (\Delta - 1)k$.

Our result is as follows.

Theorem 2 Let T be a tree with the maximum degree Δ (≥ 2). For any two positive integers j and k with $j \leq k$, we have $\sigma_{j,k}(T) = \max\{k, 2j\} + (\Delta - 1)k$.

Proof Let $m = \max\{k, 2j\} + (\Delta - 1)k$. It is not difficult to prove that $\sigma_{j,k}(K_{1,\Delta}) = m$. Since $K_{1,\Delta}$ is an induced subgraph of T , by lemma 2, we obtain $\sigma_{j,k}(T) \geq \sigma_{j,k}(K_{1,\Delta}) = m$.

To prove the theorem, it suffices to construct a circular m - $L(j, k)$ -labeling of T .

Let v_0 be a vertex of the maximum degree of T . We view v_0 as the root of T . For any other vertex v of T , let $l(v)$ denote the distance from v to v_0 . For two adjacent vertices u and v , if $l(u) < l(v)$ then we call u the father of v and v the son of u . Note that every vertex v has a unique father, we denote the father of v by $F(v)$. For $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, denote by V_i the set of vertices at distance i from v_0 .

We deal with two cases.

Case 1 $k \leq 2j$

In this case, $m = \max\{k, 2j\} + (\Delta - 1)k = 2j + (\Delta - 1)k$. For any color $x \in [0, m - 1]$, let

$$A(x) = \{x + j + tk : t = 0, 1, \dots, \Delta - 1\}$$

where $+$'s are taken modulo m . Clearly $A(x)$ is a (m, k) -circular separated set of colors in $[0, m - 1]$.

We construct a circular m - $L(j, k)$ -labeling f of T as follows. First the vertex v_0 is colored by the color 0 and then all the neighbors of v_0 are colored by different colors from $A(0)$. Suppose that all the vertices in V_i have been colored ($i \geq 1$). Then we color all the sons of each vertex in V_i . A vertex v is chosen in V_i . Its sons are colored by different colors from $A(f(v)) \setminus \{f(F(v))\}$. It is possible since we have $\Delta - 1$ colors available and v has at most $\Delta - 1$ sons. After all vertices in V_i are considered, all the vertices in V_{i+1} will be colored. Continuing in this way, one can color all vertices of T .

Let v be any vertex with $l(v) \geq 1$. By the definition of $A(f(v))$, $f(v)$ is (m, j) -circular separated from all colors of the sons of v . Since $f(v) = f(F(v)) + j + tk \pmod{m}$ for some $0 \leq t \leq \Delta - 1$, $f(F(v)) = f(v) + j + (\Delta - 1 - t)k \pmod{m}$. It follows that $f(F(v)) \in A(f(v))$. Therefore, all neighbors of v receive colors that are (m, k) -circular separated. This proves that f is a circular m - $L(j, k)$ -labeling of T .

Case 2 $k \geq 2j$

In this case, $m = \max\{k, 2j\} + (\Delta - 1)k = \Delta k$. For any color $x \in [0, m - 1]$, let

$$B(x) = \{x + j + tk : t = 0, 1, \dots, \Delta - 1\}$$

and

$$C(x) = \{x - j + sk : s = 1, 2, \dots, \Delta\}$$

where $+$'s and $-$'s are taken modulo m . Clearly $B(x)$ and $C(x)$ are (m, k) -circular separated.

We construct a circular m - $L(j, k)$ -labeling f of T as follows. First the vertex v_0 is colored by the color 0 and then

all the neighbors of v_0 are colored by different colors from $B(0)$. Suppose that all the vertices in V_i have been colored ($i \geq 1$). A vertex v is chosen in V_i . All its sons are colored by different colors from $B(f(v)) \setminus \{f(F(v))\}$ if i is even and from $C(f(v)) \setminus \{f(F(v))\}$ if i is odd. This is possible since we have $\Delta - 1$ colors available and v has at most $\Delta - 1$ sons. After all the vertices in V_i are considered, all the vertices in V_{i+1} will be colored. Continuing in this way, one can color all the vertices of T .

Let v be any vertex with $l(v) = i \geq 1$. By the definitions of $B(f(v))$ and $C(f(v))$, $f(v)$ is (m, j) -circular separated from all colors of the sons of v . If i is even then $f(v) = f(F(v)) - j + sk \pmod{m}$ for some $1 \leq s \leq \Delta$, and so $f(F(v)) = f(v) + j + (\Delta - s)k \pmod{m}$. It follows that $f(F(v)) \in B(f(v))$. If i is odd then $f(v) = f(F(v)) + j + tk \pmod{m}$ for some $0 \leq t \leq \Delta - 1$, and so $f(F(v)) = f(v) - j + (\Delta - t)k \pmod{m}$. It follows that $f(F(v)) \in C(f(v))$. Therefore, all the neighbors of v receive colors that are (m, k) -circular separated. This proves that f is a circular m - $L(j, k)$ -labeling of T .

2 $\sigma_{j,k}$ -Numbers of $K_m \times K_n$ and $K_m \square K_n$ for $j \leq k$

Given two graphs G and H , the Cartesian product of G and H is the graph $G \square H$ with vertex set $V(G) \times V(H)$ in which two vertices (x, y) and (x', y') are adjacent if $x = x'$ and $yy' \in E(H)$ or $y = y'$ and $xx' \in E(G)$. The direct product of G and H is the graph $G \times H$ with vertex set $V(G) \times V(H)$ in which two vertices (x, y) and (x', y') are adjacent if and only if $xx' \in E(G)$ and $yy' \in E(H)$.

Theorem 3^[14] Let j, k, m and n be positive integers with $2 \leq n < m$ and $j \geq k$. Then

$$\lambda_{j,k}(K_m \square K_n) = \begin{cases} (m-1)j + (n-1)k & j/k > n \\ (mn-1)k & j/k \leq n \end{cases}$$

Theorem 4^[14] Let j, k , and n be positive integers with $2 \leq n$ and $j \geq k$. Then

$$\lambda_{j,k}(K_n \square K_n) = \begin{cases} (n-1)j + (2n-2)k & j/k > n-1 \\ (n^2-1)k & j/k \leq n-1 \end{cases}$$

Theorem 5^[12] Let j, k , and m be positive integers with $m \geq 2$ and $j \geq k$. Then

$$\sigma_{j,k}(K_m \times K_2) = \begin{cases} mj & j/k \leq 2 \\ (2m-4)k + 2j & j/k \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Theorem 6^[12] Let j, k, m and n be positive integers with $3 \leq n \leq m$ and $j \geq k$. Then

$$\sigma_{j,k}(K_m \times K_n) = \begin{cases} mnk & j/k \leq 2 \\ (mn-2n)k + nj & j/k > 2 \end{cases}$$

Theorem 7^[12] Let j, k, m and n be positive integers with $2 \leq n < m$ and $j \geq k$. Then

$$\sigma_{j,k}(K_m \square K_n) = \begin{cases} mnk & j/k \leq n \\ mj & j/k > n \end{cases}$$

Theorem 8^[12] Let j, k , and n be positive integers with $2 \leq n < m$ and $j \geq k$. Then

$$\sigma_{j,k}(K_n \square K_n) = \begin{cases} n^2k & j/k \leq n-1 \\ nj + nk & j/k > n-1 \end{cases}$$

It is worth pointing out that the graph $K_m \times K_n$ is exactly the complement of $K_m \square K_n$.

Throughout this paper, the vertices of the graph $K_m \times K_n$ and $K_m \square K_n$ are displayed as a matrix with m rows and n columns. For $0 \leq s \leq m-1$ and $0 \leq t \leq n-1$, let $v_{s,t}$ be the vertex on the s -th row and the t -th column.

Let m and n be two integers with $m \geq n \geq 2$. Suppose that $K_m \square K_n$ and $K_m \times K_n$ have the same vertex set $\{v_{s,t} \mid s=0, 1, \dots, m-1, t=0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$. Then it is not difficult to see that the complement of $K_m \square K_n$ is $K_m \times K_n$, and vice versa. Furthermore, if $n \geq 3$ then any two vertices at distance two in $K_m \square K_n$ are adjacent in $K_m \times K_n$ and any two adjacent vertices in $K_m \square K_n$ are at distance two in $K_m \times K_n$. Let σ, j, k be positive integers. Therefore, any circular σ - $L(j, k)$ -labeling of $K_m \square K_n$ is a circular σ - $L(j, k)$ -labeling of $K_m \times K_n$, and vice versa.

Theorem 9 Let j, k, m , and n be positive integers with $2 \leq n \leq m$ and $j \leq k$. Then

$$\sigma_{j,k}(K_m \square K_n) = \begin{cases} mnj & k/j \leq 2 \\ (mn - 2n)j + nk & k/j > 2 \end{cases}$$

Proof The case $n \geq 3$ follows from theorem 6 and the above discussion. Thus we only need to prove the case $n = 2$.

We first assume that $k/j \leq 2$. Clearly the diameter of $K_m \square K_2$ is 2. Let $\sigma = \sigma_{j,k}(K_m \square K_2)$ and let f be a circular σ - $L(j, k)$ -labeling of $K_m \square K_2$. Then any two vertices must receive labels that are (σ, j) -circular separated and so $\sigma_{j,k}(K_m \square K_2) \geq 2mj$. On the other hand, define a mapping $g: V(K_m \square K_2) \rightarrow [2mj]$ as

$$g(v_{s,t}) = \begin{cases} sj & 0 \leq s \leq m-1; t=0 \\ (2m-s-1)j & 0 \leq s \leq m-1; t=1 \end{cases}$$

It is easy to check that g is a circular $2mj$ - $L(j, k)$ -labeling of $K_m \square K_2$. Thus $\sigma_{j,k}(K_m \square K_2) = 2mj$ if $k/j \leq 2$.

We now deal with the case $k/j > 2$. Define a mapping $h: V(K_m \square K_2) \rightarrow [(2m-4)j + 2k]$ as

$$h(v_{s,t}) = \begin{cases} sj & 0 \leq s \leq m-1; t=0 \\ k + (2m-s-3)j & 0 \leq s \leq m-1; t=1 \end{cases}$$

It is not difficult to check that h is a circular $((2m-4)j + 2k)$ - $L(j, k)$ -labeling of $K_m \square K_2$. Thus $\sigma_{j,k}(K_m \square K_2) \leq (2m-4)j + 2k$ if $k/j > 2$.

To prove the opposite inequality, let $\sigma = \sigma_{j,k}(K_m \square K_2)$ and let f be a circular σ - $L(j, k)$ -labeling of $K_m \square K_2$. We shall prove that $\sigma \geq (2m-4)j + 2k$. Clearly this holds for $m = 2$. So we assume that $m \geq 3$.

Since $K_m \square K_2$ is of diameter 2, any two vertices should receive labels that are (σ, j) -circular separated. Without loss of generality, we may assume that the label 0 is always used. The label sequence $F = f_0, f_1, \dots, f_{2m-1}$ with $f_0 = 0$ denotes the labels used by f from 0 in the order in a clockwise direction on the circular $S(\sigma)$. We refer to vertex labeled by f_i as $v(f_i)$.

In this proof, all + 's and - 's in subscripts will be taken modulo $2m$. We first make an observation.

Observation Let $i \in [2m]$. Suppose that $v(f_i)$ and $v(f_{i+1})$ are in different columns. If $|f_i - f_{i+1}|_\sigma < k$, then

$v(f_i)$ and $v(f_{i+1})$ are in the same row. It follows that $|f_i - f_{i+2}|_\sigma \geq k$ or $|f_{i+1} - f_{i+2}|_\sigma \geq k$. Symmetrically $|f_{i-1} - f_{i+1}|_\sigma \geq k$ or $|f_{i-1} - f_i|_\sigma \geq k$.

Let f_s, f_{s+1}, \dots, f_t be a consecutive subsequence of F such that $v(f_s), v(f_{s+1}), \dots, v(f_t)$ are in the same column and $v(f_{s-1}), v(f_{t+1})$ are in the other column. Clearly $s-2 \neq t+1 \pmod{2m}$ since we have assumed $m \geq 3$. Now it follows from the above observation that $|f_t - f_{t+1}|_\sigma \geq k$, or $|f_t - f_{t+2}|_\sigma \geq k$, or $|f_{t+1} - f_{t+2}|_\sigma \geq k$; and $|f_{s-1} - f_s|_\sigma \geq k$, or $|f_{s-2} - f_s|_\sigma \geq k$, or $|f_{s-2} - f_{s-1}|_\sigma \geq k$. This together with $|f_i - f_{i+1}|_\sigma \geq j$ implies that $\sigma \geq (2m-4)j + 2k$.

Theorem 10 Let j, k, m , and n be positive integers with $2 \leq n \leq m$ and $j \leq k$. Then $\sigma_{j,k}(K_2 \times K_2) = 2j$ and $\sigma_{j,k}(K_m \times K_2) = mk$ for $m \geq 3$. If $2 < n < m$, then

$$\sigma_{j,k}(K_m \times K_n) = \begin{cases} mnj & k/j \leq n \\ mk & k/j > n \end{cases}$$

And if $n > 2$, then

$$\sigma_{j,k}(K_n \times K_n) = \begin{cases} n^2j & k/j \leq n-1 \\ nk + nj & k/j > n-1 \end{cases}$$

Proof It is obvious that $\sigma_{j,k}(K_2 \times K_2) = 2j$. For the case $n = 2$ and $m \geq 3$, we define a mapping $f: V(K_m \times K_2) \rightarrow [mk]$ as $f(v_{s,t}) = sk$ for $s=0, 1, \dots, m-1$ and $t=0, 1$. It is easy to see that f is a circular mk - $L(j, k)$ -labeling of $K_m \times K_2$. Thus $\sigma_{j,k}(K_m \times K_2) \leq mk$ for $m \geq 3$. On the other hand, since vertices in $\{v_{0,0}, v_{0,1}, \dots, v_{0,m-1}\}$ are pairwise at distance two, we conclude that $\sigma_{j,k}(K_m \times K_2) \geq mk$. Therefore, $\sigma_{j,k}(K_m \times K_2) = mk$. The case $n > 2$ follows from theorems 7 and 8 and the discussion between theorem 8 and theorem 9.

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树和乘积图的圆 $L(j, k)$ -标号数

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摘要: 设 j, k 和 m 是 3 个正整数. 给定一个图 G . 设 $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, m-1\}$ 是一个映射. 如果对图 G 的任意一对相邻顶点 u 和 v 都有 $|f(u) - f(v)|_m \geq j$, 对任意一对距离为二的顶点都有 $|f(u) - f(v)|_m \geq k$, 其中 $|a - b|_m = \min\{|a - b|, m - |a - b|\}$, 则称 f 是图 G 的一个圆 m - $L(j, k)$ -标号. 使得图 G 有圆 m - $L(j, k)$ -标号的最小的正整数 m 称为图 G 的圆 $L(j, k)$ -标号数, 记为 $\sigma_{j, k}(G)$. 对任意 2 个满足 $j \leq k$ 的正整数, 确定了树以及 2 个完全图的笛卡尔乘积图和直积图的圆 $L(j, k)$ -标号数.

关键词: 圆 $L(j, k)$ -标号数; 树; 笛卡尔乘积图; 直积图

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