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# The $L(j, k)$ -Labeling Number and Circular $L(j, k)$ -Labeling Number of Distance Graph $D_n(1, 5)$

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## Abstract

For  $j \leq k$ , the  $L(j, k)$ -labeling problem arose from the code assignment problem of the wireless network. That is, let  $n, j, k$  be non-negative real numbers with  $j \leq k$ , an  $n$ - $L(j, k)$ -labeling of a graph  $G$  is mapping  $f: V(G) \rightarrow [0, n]$  such that  $|f(u) - f(v)| \geq j$  if  $d(u, v) = 1$ , and  $|f(u) - f(v)| \geq k$  if  $d(u, v) = 2$ . The span of  $f$  is the difference between the maximum and minimum labeling numbers assigned by  $f$ . The  $L(j, k)$ -labeling number of graph  $G$ , denoted by  $\lambda_{j,k}(G)$ , is the minimum span of all  $L(j, k)$ -labeling of  $G$ . The infinite distance graph, denoted by  $D(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k)$ , has the set  $Z$  of integers as a vertex set and in which two vertices  $i, j \in Z$  are adjacent if and only if  $|i - j| \in D$ . The finite distance graph, denoted by  $D_n(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k)$ , is the subgraph of  $D(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k)$  induced by vertices  $\{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ . This paper determines the  $L(j, k)$ -labeling number and the circular  $L(j, k)$ -labeling number of distance graph  $D_n(1, 5)$  for  $2j \leq k$ .

## Keywords

The  $L(j, k)$ -labeling Number, The Circular  $L(j, k)$ -labeling Number, Code Assignment, Distance Graph

## 1. Introduction

For  $j \leq k$ , the  $L(j, k)$ -labeling, first introduced by Yeh [1], arose from the code assignment of wireless network proposed by Bertossi and Bonuccelli [2]. A vertex and its label will represent a station and its corresponding code, respectively. If two stations can transmit to each other directly, their corresponding vertices are connected by an edge, for convenience, these two stations are called *adjacent* stations, and the two stations are at distance two if they are adjacent to a common station. To avoid the interferences in the wireless network, labels of vertices of a graph should satisfy some conditions. For example, a *Packet Radio Network* using CDMA has two types of interference: *Direct* interference and *Secondary* interference. Direct interference is caused by the adjacent stations, and stations at distance two cause the Secondary inter-

ference and direct interference simultaneously. In order to avoid these two types of interferences, the adjacent vertices are assigned labels whose difference is at least  $j$  and vertices at distance two are assigned labels whose difference is at least  $k$ , where  $j \leq k$ .

Let  $n, j, k$  be non-negative real numbers with  $j \leq k$ , an  $n$ - $L(j, k)$ -labeling of a graph  $G$  is mapping  $f: V(G) \rightarrow [0, n]$  such that  $|f(u) - f(v)| \geq j$  if  $d(u, v) = 1$ , and  $|f(u) - f(v)| \geq k$  if  $d(u, v) = 2$ . The span of  $f$  is the difference between the maximum and minimum labels assigned by  $f$ . The  $L(j, k)$ -labeling number of graph  $G$ , denoted by  $\lambda_{j,k}(G)$ , is the minimum span of all  $L(j, k)$ -labelings of  $G$ .

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$L(j, k)$ -labeling numbers of some graphs for  $j \leq k$  have been introduced in some literatures. For instance, Wu, Shiu and Sun [3] investigated the  $L(j, k)$ -labeling number of cartesian product graph of a path and a cycle, Wu also studied on  $L(j, k)$ -labeling number of the strong product graph of path and cycle [4], wheel graph and Cactus graph [5, 6]. Guo and Wu [7] determined the  $L(j, k)$ -labeling numbers of book graph. Rao et al. studied the  $L(j, k)$ -labeling numbers of cartesian product graph of arbitrary length of three paths with  $k > j$  in reference [8].

Heuvel et al. [9] first introduced the circular  $L(j, k)$ -labeling of a graph. They used the “circular distance” to instead of the “linear distance”, where the *linear distance* of two point  $a$  and  $b$  on the line is defined as  $|a - b|$ , and the *circular distance* of two points  $a$  and  $b$  on the cycle with circumference  $\sigma$  is defined as  $|a - b|_\sigma = \min\{|a - b|, \sigma - |a - b|\}$ .

Let  $\sigma$  be non-negative real numbers, a *circular  $\sigma$ - $L(j, k)$ -labeling* of a graph  $G$  is mapping  $f: V(G) \rightarrow [0, \sigma)$  such that  $|f(u) - f(v)|_\sigma \geq j$  if  $d(u, v) = 1$ , and  $|f(u) - f(v)|_\sigma \geq k$  if  $d(u, v) = 2$ . The *circular  $L(j, k)$ -labeling number* of  $G$ , denoted by  $\sigma_{j,k}(G)$ , is the minimum  $\sigma$  such that there exists a circular  $\sigma$ - $L(j, k)$ -labeling of  $G$ . The circular  $L(j, k)$ -labeling number of graphs have been studied in several articles, please refer to [10-16].

**Definition 1.1** [17] Let  $D = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k\}$ , where  $d_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ) are positive integers such that  $d_1 < d_2 < \dots < d_k$ . The (infinite) distance graph  $D(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k)$  has the set  $Z$  of integers as a vertex set and in which two vertices  $i, j \in Z$  are adjacent if and only if  $|i - j| \in D$ . The finite distance graph  $D_n(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k)$  is the subgraph of  $D(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k)$  induced by vertices  $\{0, 1, \dots, n - 1\}$ .

**Lemma 1.1** [3] If graph  $H$  is an induced subgraph of graph  $G$ , then  $\lambda_{j,k}(G) \geq \lambda_{j,k}(H)$ .

**Lemma 1.2** [3] Let  $j$  and  $k$  be two positive numbers with  $j \leq k$ . Suppose  $G$  is a graph and  $H$  is an induced subgraph of  $G$ . Then  $\sigma_{j,k}(G) \geq \sigma_{j,k}(H)$ .

**Lemma 1.3** [3] Suppose  $f$  is an  $L(j, k)$ -labeling of graph  $G$ . Let

$$\sigma = \max\{\max_{d_G(u,v)=2}\{k + |f(u) - f(v)|\}, \max_{d_G(u,v)=1}\{j + |f(u) - f(v)|\}\}.$$

If the image of  $f$  lies in  $[0, \sigma)$ , then  $f$  is a circular  $\sigma$ - $L(j, k)$ -labeling of  $G$ .

## 2. Main Results

In this section, we mainly study on the  $L(j, k)$ -labeling numbers and the circular  $L(j, k)$ -labeling numbers of distance graph  $D_n(1, 5)$  for  $n \geq 7$  and  $k \geq 2j$ . For  $1 \leq n \leq 5$ , the distance graph  $D_n(1, 5)$  is isomorphic to path  $P_n$ , and  $D_6(1, 5)$  is isomorphic to the cycle  $C_6$ . The  $L(j, k)$ -labeling

numbers and the circular  $L(j, k)$ -labeling numbers of path and cycle have been discussed by Niu [18] and Wu, Shiu and Sun [3], respectively, for  $k \geq 2j$ . For convenience, let  $G = D_n(1, 5)$ .

**Theorem 2.1** Let  $n$  be an integer and  $j, k$  be non-negative real numbers with  $k \geq 2j$ . For  $7 \leq n \leq 8$ ,  $\lambda_{j,k}(G) = 3k$ .

*Proof:* Define a labeling function  $f$  for the graph  $G$  as follows.

$$f(i) = \begin{cases} ik, & 0 \leq i \leq 3, \\ [i + 1]_4 k, & 4 \leq i \leq n - 1. \end{cases}$$

As Figure 1 shows, it is not difficult to verify that  $f$  is an  $L(j, k)$ -labeling of graph  $G$  with  $\text{span}(f) = 3k$ , where that is,  $\lambda_{j,k}(G) \leq 3k$ .

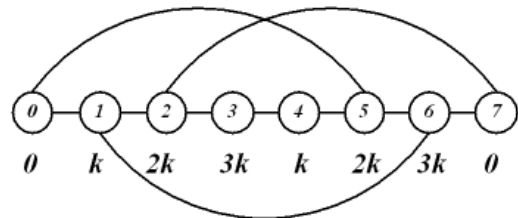


Figure 1. The labeling  $f$  for distance graph  $D_8(1, 5)$ .

On the other hand, any pair of vertices 0, 2, 4 and 6 are at distance two, according to the definition of  $L(j, k)$ -labeling, it is at least  $k$  for the difference between any two labels of vertices 0, 2, 4 and 6, thus,  $\lambda_{j,k}(G) \geq 3k$ .

Hence,  $\lambda_{j,k}(G) = 3k$ .

**Theorem 2.2** Let  $n$  be an integer and  $j, k$  be non-negative real numbers with  $k \geq 2j$ . For  $n \geq 9$ ,  $\lambda_{j,k}(G) = j + 3k$ .

*Proof:* Given a labeling  $f$  for graph  $G$  as follows.

$$f(i) = [i]_2 j + \left\lceil \frac{i}{2} \right\rceil k, \quad 0 \leq i \leq n - 1.$$

For example, the labeling  $f$  of  $D_9(1, 5)$  is shown in Figure 2.

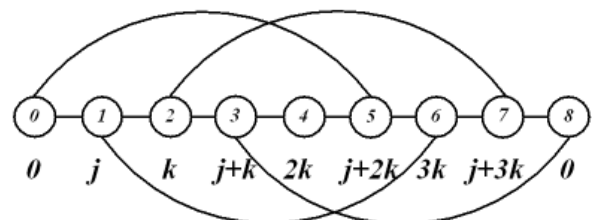


Figure 2. The labeling  $f$  for distance graph  $D_9(1, 5)$ .

For any vertex  $i$ , according to the symmetry of the distance graph, it is needed to verify the labels of vertices  $i + 1$  and

$i + 5$  which are adjacent to vertex  $i$ , and the labels of vertices  $i + 2, i + 4, i + 6, i + 10$  which are 2 distance apart from vertex  $i$ .

1. The differences between  $f(v_{i+1})$  and  $f(v_i)$ ,  $f(v_{i+5})$  and  $f(v_i)$  are shown as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f(v_{i+1}) - f(v_i)| &= \left| [i+1]_2 j + \left\lfloor \frac{i+1}{2} \right\rfloor_4 k - [i]_2 j - \left\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \right\rfloor_4 k \right| \\
 &= \left| ([i+1]_2 - [i]_2)j + \left( \left\lfloor \frac{i+1}{2} \right\rfloor_4 - \left\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \right\rfloor_4 \right) k \right| \\
 &= \begin{cases} j, & \text{if } i \text{ is even,} \\ k - j \text{ or } j + 3k, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd,} \end{cases} \geq j. \\
 |f(v_{i+5}) - f(v_i)| &= \left| [i+5]_2 j + \left\lfloor \frac{i+5}{2} \right\rfloor_4 k - [i]_2 j - \left\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \right\rfloor_4 k \right| \\
 &= \left| ([i+5]_2 - [i]_2)j + \left( \left\lfloor \frac{i+5}{2} \right\rfloor_4 - \left\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \right\rfloor_4 \right) k \right| \\
 &= \begin{cases} j + 2k \text{ or } 2k - j, & \text{if } i \text{ is even,} \\ j + k \text{ or } 3k - j, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd,} \end{cases} \geq j.
 \end{aligned}$$

2. The differences between  $f(v_{i+2})$  and  $f(v_i)$ ,  $f(v_{i+4})$  and  $f(v_i)$ ,  $f(v_{i+6})$  and  $f(v_i)$ ,  $f(v_{i+10})$  and  $f(v_i)$  are shown as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f(v_{i+2}) - f(v_i)| &= \left| [i+2]_2 j + \left\lfloor \frac{i+2}{2} \right\rfloor_4 k - [i]_2 j - \left\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \right\rfloor_4 k \right| \\
 &= \left| ([i+2]_2 - [i]_2)j + \left( \left\lfloor \frac{i+2}{2} \right\rfloor_4 - \left\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \right\rfloor_4 \right) k \right| \\
 &= k \text{ or } 3k \geq k. \\
 |f(v_{i+4}) - f(v_i)| &= \left| [i+4]_2 j + \left\lfloor \frac{i+4}{2} \right\rfloor_4 k - [i]_2 j - \left\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \right\rfloor_4 k \right| \\
 &= \left| ([i+4]_2 - [i]_2)j + \left( \left\lfloor \frac{i+4}{2} \right\rfloor_4 - \left\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \right\rfloor_4 \right) k \right| \\
 &= 2k \geq k. \\
 |f(v_{i+6}) - f(v_i)| &= \left| [i+6]_2 j + \left\lfloor \frac{i+6}{2} \right\rfloor_4 k - [i]_2 j - \left\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \right\rfloor_4 k \right| \\
 &= \left| ([i+6]_2 - [i]_2)j + \left( \left\lfloor \frac{i+6}{2} \right\rfloor_4 - \left\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \right\rfloor_4 \right) k \right| \\
 &= k \text{ or } 3k \geq k.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f(v_{i+10}) - f(v_i)| &= \left| [i+10]_2 j + \left\lfloor \frac{i+10}{2} \right\rfloor_4 k - [i]_2 j - \left\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \right\rfloor_4 k \right| \\
 &= \left| ([i+10]_2 - [i]_2)j + \left( \left\lfloor \frac{i+10}{2} \right\rfloor_4 - \left\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \right\rfloor_4 \right) k \right| \\
 &= k \text{ or } 3k \geq k.
 \end{aligned}$$

According to the above verification,  $f$  satisfies the definition of  $L(j, k)$ -labeling, that is,  $f$  is an  $L(j, k)$ -labeling of distance graph  $G$  with  $\text{span}(f) = j + 3k$ , thus,  $\lambda_{j,k}(G) \leq j + 3k$ .

On the other hand, suppose  $\lambda_{j,k}(G) = \lambda < j + 3k$ . Let  $f$  be an  $L(j, k)$ -labeling of distance graph  $G$ , and  $I_0 = [0, \lambda - 3k]$ ,  $I_1 = [k, \lambda - 2k]$ ,  $I_2 = [2k, \lambda - k]$ ,  $I_3 = [3k, \lambda]$ . Since vertices 0, 2, 4 and 6 are two distance apart from each other, the differences between any two of  $f(0), f(2), f(4), f(6)$  are at least  $k$ , that is,  $f(0), f(2), f(4), f(6) \in \cup_{i=0}^3 I_i$ . According to the assumption  $\lambda < j + 3k$ , the lengths of interval  $I_i$  is less than  $j$ , where  $i = 0, 1, 2, 3$ . For convenience, let  $f(0) \in I_a$ ,  $f(2) \in I_b$ ,  $f(4) \in I_c$ ,  $f(6) \in I_d$ , where  $\{a, b, c, d\} = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ . Moreover, vertices 2, 4, 6 and 8 are at distances two from each other, then  $f(2), f(4), f(6), f(8) \in \cup_{i=0}^3 I_i$ . It implies that  $f(8), f(0) \in I_a$ . Furthermore, vertices 1, 3, 5 and 7 are also two distances apart mutually, then one of  $f(1), f(3), f(5), f(7)$  lies in  $I_a$ . However, each of vertices 1, 3, 5 and 7 is adjacent to  $v_0$  or  $v_8$ , then  $f(1), f(3), f(5), f(7) \notin I_a$  which is a contradiction. Thus  $\lambda_{j,k}(G) \geq j + 3k$ .

Hence,  $\lambda_{j,k}(G) = j + 3k$ .

**Theorem 2.3** Let  $n$  be an integer and  $j, k$  be non-negative real numbers with  $k \geq 2j$ . For  $n \geq 7$ ,  $\sigma_{j,k}(G) = 4k$ .

**Proof:** Given an labeling  $f$  for graph  $G$  as follows.

$$f(i) = \left\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \right\rfloor_4 k, \quad 0 \leq i \leq n - 1.$$

For any vertex  $i$ , according to the symmetry of the distance graph, it is needed to verify the labels of vertices  $i + 1$  and  $i + 5$  which are adjacent to vertex  $i$ , and the labels of vertices  $i + 2, i + 4, i + 6, i + 10$  which are 2 distance apart from vertex  $i$ .

1. The circular distances between  $f(v_{i+1})$  and  $f(v_i)$ ,  $f(v_{i+5})$  and  $f(v_i)$  are shown as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f(v_{i+1}) - f(v_i)|_{4k} &= \left| \left\lfloor \frac{i+1}{2} \right\rfloor_4 k - \left\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \right\rfloor_4 k \right|_{4k} \\
 &= \begin{cases} \left\lfloor \frac{k}{2} \right\rfloor_{4k} = \min \left\{ \frac{k}{2}, 4k - \frac{k}{2} \right\} = \frac{k}{2}, \\ \left\lfloor \frac{7k}{2} \right\rfloor_{4k} = \min \left\{ \frac{7k}{2}, 4k - \frac{7k}{2} \right\} = \frac{k}{2}, \end{cases} \geq j.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$|f(v_{i+5}) - f(v_i)|_{4k} = \left\lfloor \frac{i+5}{2} \right\rfloor_4 k - \left\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \right\rfloor_4 k \Big|_{4k}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \left\lfloor \frac{5k}{2} \right\rfloor_{4k} = \min\left\{\frac{5k}{2}, 4k - \frac{5k}{2}\right\} = \frac{3k}{2}, \\ \left\lfloor \frac{3k}{2} \right\rfloor_{4k} = \min\left\{\frac{3k}{2}, 4k - \frac{3k}{2}\right\} = \frac{3k}{2}, \end{cases} \geq j.$$

2. The circular distances between  $f(v_{i+2})$  and  $f(v_i)$ ,  $f(v_{i+4})$  and  $f(v_i)$ ,  $f(v_{i+6})$  and  $f(v_i)$ ,  $f(v_{i+10})$  and  $f(v_i)$  are shown as follows.

$$|f(v_{i+2}) - f(v_i)|_{4k} = \left\lfloor \frac{i+2}{2} \right\rfloor_4 k - \left\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \right\rfloor_4 k \Big|_{4k}$$

$$= \begin{cases} |k|_{4k} = \min\{k, 4k - k\} = k, \\ |3k|_{4k} = \min\{3k, 4k - 3k\} = k, \end{cases} \geq k.$$

$$|f(v_{i+4}) - f(v_i)|_{4k} = \left\lfloor \frac{i+4}{2} \right\rfloor_4 k - \left\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \right\rfloor_4 k \Big|_{4k}$$

$$= |2k|_{4k} = \min\{2k, 4k - 2k\} = 2k \geq k.$$

$$|f(v_{i+6}) - f(v_i)|_{4k} = \left\lfloor \frac{i+6}{2} \right\rfloor_4 k - \left\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \right\rfloor_4 k \Big|_{4k}$$

$$= \begin{cases} |k|_{4k} = \min\{k, 4k - k\} = k, \\ |3k|_{4k} = \min\{3k, 4k - 3k\} = k, \end{cases} \geq k.$$

$$|f(v_{i+10}) - f(v_i)|_{4k} = \left\lfloor \frac{i+10}{2} \right\rfloor_4 k - \left\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \right\rfloor_4 k \Big|_{4k}$$

$$= \begin{cases} |k|_{4k} = \min\{k, 4k - k\} = k, \\ |3k|_{4k} = \min\{3k, 4k - 3k\} = k, \end{cases} \geq k.$$

According to the above verification and Lemma 1.3,  $f$  is a circular  $4k$ - $L(j, k)$ -labeling of distance graph  $G$ , thus,  $\sigma_{j,k}(G) \leq 4k$  for  $k \geq 2j$ .

On the other hand, any pair of vertices 0, 2, 4 and 6 are at distance two, according to the definition of circular  $L(j, k)$ -labeling, the circular distance between any two labels of vertices 0, 2, 4 and 6 is at least  $k$ , thus,  $\sigma_{j,k}(G) \geq 4k$ .

Hence,  $\sigma_{j,k}(G) = 4k$  for  $k \geq 2j$ .

### 3. Conclusion

In this article, we mainly investigate the  $L(j, k)$ -labeling numbers and the circular  $L(j, k)$ -labeling numbers of distance graph  $D_n(1, 5)$  and obtain the following results.

Let  $n$  be an integer and  $j, k, \sigma$  be non-negative real numbers. Then

$$\lambda_{j,k}(G) = \begin{cases} 3k, & \text{if } 7 \leq n \leq 8. \\ j + 3k, & \text{if } n \geq 9. \end{cases}$$

$$\sigma_{j,k}(G) = 4k, \text{ where } n \geq 7 \text{ and } k \geq 2j.$$

### Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare that they have no known competing financial interests or personal relationships that could have appeared to influence the work reported in this paper.

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