

ON THE GRACEFULNESS OF THE DIGRAPHS  $n \cdot \vec{C}_m$

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**Abstract:** A digraph  $D(V, E)$  is said to be graceful if there exists an injection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, |E|\}$  such that the induced function  $f' : E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |E|\}$  which is defined by  $f'(u, v) = [f(v) - f(u)] \pmod{|E| + 1}$  for every directed edge  $(u, v)$  is a bijection. Here,  $f$  is called a graceful labeling (graceful numbering) of  $D(V, E)$ , while  $f'$  is called the induced edge's graceful labeling of  $D$ . In this paper we discuss the gracefulness of the digraph  $n \cdot \vec{C}_m$  and prove that  $n \cdot \vec{C}_m$  is a graceful digraph for  $m = 9, 11, 13$  and even  $n$ .

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## 1. Introduction

A graph  $G(V, E)$  is said to be graceful if there exists an injection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, |E|\}$  such that the induced function  $f' : E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |E|\}$  which is defined by  $f'(u, v) = |f(u) - f(v)|$  for every edge  $(u, v)$  is a bijection. Here,  $f$  is called a graceful labeling (graceful numbering) of  $G$ , while  $f'$  is called the induced edge's graceful labeling of  $G$ . A digraph  $D(V, E)$  is said to be graceful if there exists an injection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, |E|\}$  such that the induced function  $f' : E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |E|\}$  which is defined by  $f'(u, v) = [f(v) - f(u)] \pmod{|E| + 1}$  for every directed edge  $(u, v)$  is a bijection, where  $[v] \pmod{u}$  denotes the least positive residue of  $v$  modulo  $u$ . In this case,  $f$  is called a graceful labeling (graceful numbering) of  $D$  and  $f'$  is called the induced edge's graceful labeling of  $D$  (see [3]).

Let  $C_m$  and  $\vec{C}_m$  denote the cycle and directed cycle on  $m$  vertices, respectively,  $n \cdot C_m$  ( $n - C_m$ ) denote the graphs obtained from any  $n$  copies of  $C_m$  which have just one common vertex (edge). At the same time, let  $n \cdot \vec{C}_m$  ( $n - \vec{C}_m$ ) denote the digraphs obtained from any  $n$  copies of the directed cycle  $\vec{C}_m$  which have just one common vertex (edge).

As to the gracefulness of  $n \cdot \vec{C}_m$  we know the following results: Ma proved in [3] that the gracefulness of  $n \cdot \vec{C}_3$  implies that  $n$  is even, at same times he conjectured that the condition that  $n$  is even was also sufficient for  $n \cdot \vec{C}_3$  to be graceful. In [5], the first author of this paper has showed this conjecture. It was showed that  $n \cdot \vec{C}_{2k}$  is graceful for every integer  $n \geq 1$  and  $k \geq 1$  have made a conjecture that the  $n \cdot \vec{C}_m$  ( $m = 2k + 1$ ) be a graceful for even  $n$  in [6], and  $n \cdot \vec{C}_m$  is graceful for  $n$  even and  $m = 5, 7$  in [7].

In this paper, we will further discuss the gracefulness of the digraph  $n \cdot \vec{C}_m$  and prove the digraph  $n \cdot \vec{C}_m$  is graceful if  $m = 9, 11, 13$  and  $n$  is even.

## 2. Main Results

Let  $\vec{C}_m^1, \vec{C}_m^2, \dots, \vec{C}_m^n$  denote the  $n$  directed cycles in  $n \cdot \vec{C}_m$ . The common vertex of  $\vec{C}_m^i$ 's is denoted by  $v_0$ , and other  $m - 1$  vertices of the  $\vec{C}_m^i$  are denoted by  $v_j^i$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, m - 1; i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), respectively. For convenience, we put  $v_0^1 = v_0^2 = \dots = v_0^n = v_0$ , and take subscripts  $j$ 's modulo  $m$ . Obviously,  $|E(n \cdot \vec{C}_m)| = mn$ .

Suppose that  $n \cdot \vec{C}_m$  is graceful and  $f$  and  $f'$  are its graceful labeling and the induced edge's graceful labeling, respectively.

**Theorem 1.** *For every even integer  $n$ , the digraph  $n \cdot \vec{C}_9$  is graceful.*

*Proof.* We have had  $f(v_0) = 0$  and for other vertices, define:

$$f(v_j^i) = \begin{cases} \frac{j+1}{2}n + 1 - i, & j = 1, 3, 5; 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ (j-1)n + 2 - i, & j = 7; 1 \leq i \leq n, \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_j^i) = \begin{cases} 7n + 1 + i, & j = 2; 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ 6n + \frac{n}{2} + 1 + i, & j = 4; 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}, \\ 8n + i, & j = 4; \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ 6n + 1 + i, & j = 6; 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}, \\ 3n + 1 + i, & j = 6; \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ 3n + i, & j = 8; 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}, \\ 4n + i, & j = 8; \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

Firstly, we show that  $f$  is an injective mapping from  $V(n \cdot \vec{C}_9)$  into  $\{0, 1, \dots, 9n\}$ .

Put  $S_j = \{f(v_j^i) | 1 \leq i \leq n, 0 \leq j \leq 8\}$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} S_0 &= \{f(v_0)\} = \{0\}, \\ S_1 &= \{f(v_1^i) | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{n + 1 - i | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}, \\ S_2 &= \{f(v_2^i) | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{7n + 1 + i, 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\ &= \{7n + 2, 7n + 3, \dots, 8n + 1\}, \\ S_3 &= \{f(v_3^i) | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{2n + 1 - i, 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\ &= \{n + 1, n + 2, \dots, 2n\}, \\ S_4 &= \{f(v_4^i) | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{6n + \frac{n}{2} + 1 + i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}\} \cup \{8n + i, \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\ &= \{6n + \frac{n}{2} + 2, 6n + \frac{n}{2} + 3, \dots, 7n + 1\} \cup \{8n + \frac{n}{2} + 1, 8n + \frac{n}{2} + 2, \dots, 9n\}, \\ S_5 &= \{f(v_5^i) | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{3n + 1 - i, 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\ &= \{2n + 1, 2n + 2, \dots, 3n\}, \\ S_6 &= \{f(v_6^i) | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{6n + 1 + i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}\} \cup \{3n + 1 + i, \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\ &= \{6n + 2, 6n + 3, \dots, 6n + \frac{n}{2} + 1\} \cup \{3n + \frac{n}{2} + 2, 3n + \frac{n}{2} + 3, \dots, 4n + 1\}, \\ S_7 &= \{f(v_7^i) | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{6n + 2 - i, 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\ &= \{5n + 2, 5n + 3, \dots, 6n + 1\}, \\ S_8 &= \{f(v_8^i) | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{3n + i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}\} \cup \{4n + i, \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\ &= \{3n + 1, 3n + 2, \dots, 3n + \frac{n}{2} + 1\} \cup \{4n + \frac{n}{2} + 1, 4n + \frac{n}{2} + 2, \dots, 5n\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $S_i \cap S_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j, i, j \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 8\}$ , which yields that  $f$  is an injection from  $V(n \cdot \vec{C}_9)$  into  $\{0, 1, \dots, 9n\}$ .

Secondly, we show the induced edges labeling  $f'$  is a bijective mapping from  $E(n \cdot \vec{C}_9)$  onto  $\{1, 2, \dots, 9n\}$ .

For  $j(0 \leq j \leq 8)$ , set  $B_{j,1} = \{[f(v_{j+1}^i) - f(v_j^i)] \pmod{9n + 1} | 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}\}$ ,  $B_{j,2} = \{[f(v_{j+1}^i) - f(v_j^i)] \pmod{9n + 1} | \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ , and  $B_j = B_{j,1} \cup B_{j,2}$

and  $B = \bigcup_{j=0}^8 B_j$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned}
B_0 &= \{[f(v_1^i) - f(v_0)] \pmod{(9n+1)} | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{n+1-i | 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
&= \{1, 2, \dots, n\}, \\
B_1 &= \{[f(v_2^i) - f(v_1^i)] \pmod{(9n+1)} | 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
&= \{7n+1+i - (n+1-i) = 6n+2i | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{6n+2, 6n+4, \dots, 8n\}, \\
B_2 &= \{[f(v_3^i) - f(v_2^i)] \pmod{(9n+1)} | 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
&= \{2n+1-i - (7n+1+i) = 4n+1-2i | 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
&= \{2n+1, 2n+3, \dots, 4n-1\}, \\
B_{3,1} &= \{[f(x_4^i) - f(x_3^i)] \pmod{(9n+1)} | 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}\} \\
&= \{6n + \frac{n}{2} + 1 + i - (2n+1-i) = 4n + \frac{n}{2} + 2i | 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}\} \\
&= \{4n + \frac{n}{2} + 2, 4n + \frac{n}{2} + 4, \dots, 5n + \frac{n}{2}\}, \\
B_{3,2} &= \{[f(x_4^i) - f(x_3^i)] \pmod{(9n+1)} | \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
&= \{8n+i - (2n+1-i) = 6n-1+2i | \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
&= \{7n+1, 7n+3, \dots, 8n-1\}, \\
B_{4,1} &= \{[f(x_5^i) - f(x_4^i)] \pmod{(9n+1)} | 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}\} \\
&= \{3n+1-i - (6n + \frac{n}{2} + 1 + i) = 6n - \frac{n}{2} + 1 - 2i | 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}\} \\
&= \{6n - \frac{n}{2} - 1, 6n - \frac{n}{2} - 3, \dots, 5n - \frac{n}{2} + 1\}, \\
B_{4,2} &= \{[f(x_5^i) - f(x_4^i)] \pmod{(9n+1)} | \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
&= \{3n+1-i - (8n+i) = 4n+2-2i | \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
&= \{3n, 3n-2, \dots, 2n+2\}, \\
B_{5,1} &= \{[f(x_6^i) - f(x_5^i)] \pmod{(9n+1)} | 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}\} \\
&= \{6n+1+i - (3n+1-i) = 3n+2i | 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}\} \\
&= \{3n+2, 3n+4, \dots, 4n\}, \\
B_{5,2} &= \{[f(x_6^i) - f(x_5^i)] \pmod{(9n+1)} | \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
&= \{3n+1+i - (3n+1-i) = 2i | \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{n+2, n+4, \dots, 2n\}, \\
B_{6,1} &= \{[f(x_7^i) - f(x_6^i)] \pmod{(9n+1)} | 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}\} \\
&= \{6n+2-i - (6n+1+i) = 9n+2-2i | 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}\} \\
&= \{9n, 9n-2, \dots, 8n+2\}, \\
B_{6,2} &= \{[f(x_7^i) - f(x_6^i)] \pmod{(9n+1)} | \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
&= \{6n+2-i - (3n+1+i) = 3n+1-2i | \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
&= \{2n-1, 2n-3, \dots, n+1\}, \\
B_{7,1} &= \{[f(x_8^i) - f(x_7^i)] \pmod{(9n+1)} | 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}\} \\
&= \{3n+i - (6n+2-i) = 6n-1+2i | 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}\} \\
&= \{6n+1, 6n+3, \dots, 7n-1\}, \\
B_{7,2} &= \{[f(x_8^i) - f(x_7^i)] \pmod{(9n+1)} | \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
&= \{4n+i - (6n+2-i) = 7n-1+2i | \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
&= \{8n+1, 8n+3, \dots, 9n-1\},
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_{8,1} &= \{[f(x_0) - f(x_8^i)] \pmod{(9n+1)} \mid 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}\} \\
 &= \{0 - (3n+i) = 6n+1-i \mid 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}\} = \{6n, 6n-1, \dots, 5n + \frac{n}{2} + 1\}, \\
 B_{8,2} &= \{[f(x_0) - f(x_8^i)] \pmod{(9n+1)} \mid \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
 &= \{0 - (4n+i) = 5n+1-i \mid \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
 &= \{4n + \frac{n}{2}, 4n + \frac{n}{2} - 1, \dots, 4n + 1\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 B &= \bigcup_{j=0}^8 B_j \\
 &= B_0 \cup B_{6,2} \cup B_{5,2} \cup B_2 \cup B_{4,2} \cup B_{5,1} \cup B_{8,2} \cup B_{4,1} \cup B_{3,1} \\
 &\cup B_{8,1} \cup B_{7,1} \cup B_1 \cup B_{3,2} \cup B_{7,2} \cup B_{6,1} \\
 &= \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \cup \{2n-1, 2n-3, \dots, n+1\} \cup \{n+2, n+4, \dots, 2n\} \\
 &\cup \{2n+1, 2n+3, \dots, 4n-1\} \cup \{3n, 3n-2, \dots, 2n+2\} \\
 &\cup \{3n+2, 3n+4, \dots, 4n\} \cup \{4n + \frac{n}{2}, 4n + \frac{n}{2} - 1, \dots, 4n + 1\} \\
 &\cup \{6n - \frac{n}{2} - 1, 6n - \frac{n}{2} - 3, 5n - \frac{n}{2} + 1\} \\
 &\cup \{4n + \frac{n}{2} + 2, 4n + \frac{n}{2} + 4, \dots, 5n + \frac{n}{2}\} \\
 &\cup \{6n, 6n-1, \dots, 5n + \frac{n}{2} + 1\} \cup \{6n+1, 6n+3, \dots, 7n-1\} \\
 &\cup \{6n+2, 6n+4, \dots, 8n\} \cup \{7n+1, 7n+3, \dots, 8n-1\} \\
 &\cup \{8n+1, 8n+3, \dots, 9n-1\} \cup \{9n, 9n-2, \dots, 8n+2\} \\
 &= \{1, 2, \dots, 9n\},
 \end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $f'$  is surjective, hence, bijective. So we prove that  $n \cdot \vec{C}_9$  is a graceful digraph for even  $n$ . □

**Theorem 2.** For every even integer  $n$ , the digraph  $n \cdot \vec{C}_{11}$  is graceful.

*Proof.* Define

$$f(v_0) = 0,$$

and

$$f(v_j^i) = \begin{cases} \frac{j+9}{2}n + 1 - i, & j = 1, 3, 5; 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ 3n + 2 - i, & j = 7; 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ 4n + 1 - i, & j = 9; 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}, \\ 11n + 2 - i, & j = 9; \frac{n}{2} \leq i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_j^i) = \begin{cases} (6 + \frac{j}{2})n + \frac{j-2}{2} + i, & j = 2, 4; 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ n + i, & j = 6; 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ 9n + 1 + i, & j = 8; 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ i, & j = 10, 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

Firstly, we show that  $f$  is an injective mapping from  $V(n \cdot \vec{C}_{11})$  into  $\{0, 1,$

$\dots, 11n\}$ . Set  $S_j = \{f(v_j^i) | 1 \leq i \leq n, 0 \leq j \leq 10\}$  and  $S = \bigcup_{i=0}^{10} S_i$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned}
S_0 &= \{f(v_0)\} = \{0\} \\
S_1 &= \{f(v_1^i) | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{5n+1-i | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{5n, 5n-1, \dots, 4n+1\}, \\
S_2 &= \{f(v_2^i) | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{7n+i | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{7n+1, 7n+2, \dots, 8n\}, \\
S_3 &= \{f(v_3^i) | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{6n+1-i | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{6n, 6n+1, \dots, 5n+1\}, \\
S_4 &= \{f(v_4^i) | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{8n+1+i | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{8n+2, 8n+3, \dots, 9n+1\}, \\
S_5 &= \{f(v_5^i) | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{7n+1-i | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{7n, 7n-1, \dots, 6n+1\}, \\
S_6 &= \{f(v_6^i) | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{n+i | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{n+1, n+2, \dots, 2n\}, \\
S_7 &= \{f(v_7^i) | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{3n+2-i | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{3n+1, 3n, \dots, 2n+2\}, \\
S_8 &= \{f(v_8^i) | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{9n+1+i | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{9n+2, 9n+3, \dots, 10n+1\}, \\
S_9 &= \{f(v_9^i) | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{4n+1-i | 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}\} \cup \{11n+2-i | \frac{n}{2} \leq i \leq n\} \\
&= \{4n, 4n-1, \dots, 3n+\frac{n}{2}+1\} \cup \{11n-\frac{n}{2}+1, 11n-\frac{n}{2}, \dots, 10n+2\}, \\
S_{10} &= \{f(v_{10}^i) | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{i, 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $S_i \cap S_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j, i, j \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 10\}$ , which yields that  $f$  is an injection from  $V(n \cdot \vec{C}_{11})$  into  $\{0, 1, \dots, 11n\}$ .

Secondly, we show the induced edges labeling  $f'$  is a bijective mapping from  $E(n \cdot \vec{C}_{11})$  onto  $\{1, 2, \dots, 11n\}$ .

For  $j(0 \leq j \leq 10)$ , set  $B_{j,1} = \{[f(v_{j+1}^i) - f(v_j^i)] \pmod{11n+1} | 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}\}$ ,  $B_{j,2} = \{[f(v_{j+1}^i) - f(v_j^i)] \pmod{11n+1} | \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ , and  $B_j = B_{j,1} \cup B_{j,2}$  and  $B = \bigcup_{j=0}^{10} B_j$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
B_0 &= \{[f(v_1^i) - f(v_0)] \pmod{11n+1} | 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \{5n+1-i | 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
&= \{5n, 5n-1, \dots, 4n+1\}, \\
B_1 &= \{[f(v_2^i) - f(v_1^i)] \pmod{11n+1} | 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
&= \{7n+i - (5n+1-i) = 2n-1+2i, | 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
&= \{2n+1, 2n+3, \dots, 4n-1\}, \\
B_2 &= \{[f(v_3^i) - f(v_2^i)] \pmod{11n+1} | 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
&= \{6n+1-i - (7n+i) = -(n-1+2i) = 10n+2-2i, | 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
&= \{10n, 10n+2, \dots, 8n+2\}, \\
B_3 &= \{[f(v_4^i) - f(v_3^i)] \pmod{11n+1} | 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
&= \{8n+1+i - (6n+1-i) = 2n+2i | 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
&= \{2n+2, 2n+4, \dots, 4n\}, \\
B_4 &= \{[f(v_5^i) - f(v_4^i)] \pmod{11n+1} | 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
&= \{7n+1-i - (8n+1+i) = 10n+1-2i | 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
&= \{10n-1, 10n-3, \dots, 8n+1\}, \\
B_5 &= \{[f(v_6^i) - f(v_5^i)] \pmod{11n+1} | 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
&= \{n+i - (7n+1-i) = 5n+2i | 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
&= \{5n+2, 5n+4, \dots, 7n\}, \\
B_6 &= \{[f(v_7^i) - f(v_6^i)] \pmod{11n+1} | 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
&= \{3n+2-i - (n+i) = 2n+2-2i | 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
&= \{2n, 2n-2, \dots, 2\},
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_7 &= \{[f(v_8^i) - f(v_7^i)] \pmod{11n+1} | 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
 &= \{9n+1+i - (3n+2-i) = 6n-1+2i = | 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
 &= \{6n+1, 6n+3, \dots, 8n-1\}, \\
 B_{8,1} &= \{[f(v_9^i) - f(v_8^i)] \pmod{11n+1} | 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}\} \\
 &= \{4n+1-i - (9n+1+i) = 6n+1-2i | 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}\} \\
 &= \{6n-1, 6n-3, \dots, 5n+1\}, \\
 B_{8,2} &= \{[f(v_9^i) - f(v_8^i)] \pmod{11n+1} | \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
 &= \{11n+2-i - (9n+1+i) = 2n+1-2i | \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
 &= \{n-1, n-3, \dots, 1\}, \\
 B_{9,1} &= \{[f(v_{10}^i) - f(v_9^i)] \pmod{11n+1} | 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}\} \\
 &= \{i - (4n+1-i) = 7n+2i | 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}\} \\
 &= \{7n+2, 7n+4, \dots, 8n\}, \\
 B_{9,2} &= \{[f(v_{10}^i) - f(v_9^i)] \pmod{11n+1} | \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
 &= \{i - (11n+2-i) = 2i-1 | \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
 &= \{n+1, n+3, \dots, 2n-1\}, \\
 B_{10} &= \{[f(v_0) - f(v_{10}^i)] \pmod{11n+1} | 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
 &= \{-i = 11n+1-i | 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\
 &= \{11n, 11n-1, \dots, 10n+1\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $B = \bigcup_{i=0}^{10} B_i$  is the set of labels of all edges, and

$$\begin{aligned}
 B &= B_{8,2} \cup B_{9,2} \cup B_6 \cup B_1 \cup B_3 \cup B_0 \cup B_{8,1} \cup B_7 \cup B_5 \cup B_{9,1} \cup B_4 \cup B_2 \cup B_{10} \\
 &= \{1, 3, \dots, n-1\} \cup \{n+1, n+3, \dots, 2n-1\} \cup \{2, 4, \dots, 2n\} \\
 &\quad \cup \{2n+1, 2n+3, \dots, 4n-1\} \cup \{2n+2, 2n+4, \dots, 4n\} \\
 &\quad \cup \{5n, 5n-1, \dots, 4n+1\} \cup \{6n-1, 6n-3, \dots, 5n+1\} \\
 &\quad \cup \{6n+1, 6n+3, \dots, 8n-1\} \cup \{5n+2, 5n+4, \dots, 7n\} \\
 &\quad \cup \{7n+2, 7n+4, \dots, 8n\} \cup \{10n-1, 10n-3, \dots, 8n+1\} \\
 &\quad \cup \{10n, 10n+2, \dots, 8n+2\} \cup \{11n, 11n-1, \dots, 10n+1\} \\
 &= \{1, 2, \dots, 11n\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

It shows that  $f'$  is a bijection from  $E(n \cdot \vec{C}_{11})$  onto  $\{1, 2, \dots, |E(n \cdot \vec{C}_{11})|\}$ . So we conclude that  $n \cdot \vec{C}_{11}$  is graceful for even  $n$ . □

**Theorem 3.** For every even integer  $n$ , the digraph  $n \cdot \vec{C}_{13}$  is graceful.

*Proof.* Define

$$f(v_0) = 0,$$

and

$$f(v_j^i) = \begin{cases} (13 - \frac{j-1}{2})n + 1 - i, & j = 1, 3, 5, 7; 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ \frac{j-3}{2}n + 2 - i, & j = 9, 11; 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_j^i) = \begin{cases} i, & j = 2; 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ 8n + i, & j = 4; 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ 5n + i, & j = 6; 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ 4n - 1 + i, & j = 8; 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}, \\ n - 1 + i, & j = 8; \frac{n}{2} \leq i \leq n, \\ (12 - \frac{j}{2})n + i, & j = 10, 12; 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

Similar to the proof of Theorem 1 and Theorem 2, it can be shown that this assignment provides a graceful labeling of  $n \cdot \vec{C}_{13}$  for even  $n$ . Hence  $n \cdot \vec{C}_{13}$  is graceful for even  $n$ .  $\square$

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