

# Radio Number of Mycielski Graph of a Path

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## Abstract

The radio labeling of a graph  $G$  is a function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  with the property that  $|f(u) - f(v)| \geq 1 + \text{diam}(G) - d(u, v)$  for every pair of vertices  $u, v \in V(G)$ , where  $\text{diam}(G)$  is the diameter of  $G$  and  $d(u, v)$  is the distance between  $u$  and  $v$  in  $G$ . The radio number of  $G$ , denoted by  $\text{rn}(G)$ , is the smallest integer  $k$  such that  $G$  admits a radio labeling. In this paper, we determine the radio number of Mycielski graph of a path.

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## 1 Introduction

All graphs in this paper are finite, simple, connected, and undirected. We use the standard terminology, the terms not defined here may be found in [1, 2]. The length of a shortest path between two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in a graph  $G$  is called the distance between  $u$  and  $v$ , and is denoted by  $d_G(u, v)$  or simply  $d(u, v)$ . The maximum distance between any two vertices in  $G$  is called diameter of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\text{diam}(G)$ .

Radio labeling is motivated by the channel assignment problem introduced by W. K. Hale et al [3] in 1980. The radio labeling of a graph is most useful in FM radio channel restrictions to overcome the effect of noise. The problem turns out to finding the minimum of maximum frequencies of all the radio stations considered under the network. The notion of radio labeling was introduced by G. Chartrand, D. Erwin, P. Zhang and F. Harary in [4]. Since the introduction of radio labeling, several authors have investigated the radio number of various networks [5, 6, 8, 9]. Recent work on radio labeling is found in [10, 11, 12, 13, 14].

In 1955, Jan Mycielski [7] introduced an interesting graph transformation which transforms a graph  $G$  into a new graph  $M(G)$ , called the Mycielskian or the Mycielski graph of  $G$ . Using this construction, he created triangle-free graphs with large chromatic numbers. In 1998, David C. Fisher and et al [8] obtained the diameter of  $M(G)$ .

We determine the radio labeling of the Mycielski graph of a path in this paper. Some of the definitions and results on radio labeling are listed below for immediate reference.

**Definition 1.0.1.** A radio labeling of a connected graph  $G$  is an assignment of distinct positive integers to the vertices of  $G$ , with  $v \in V(G)$  labeled by  $f(v)$ , such that  $|f(u) - f(v)| + d(u, v) \geq 1 + \text{diam}(G)$  holds for all  $u, v \in V$ ,  $u \neq v$ . The radio number  $rn(f)$  of a radio labeling  $f$  of  $G$  is the maximum label assigned by  $f$  to a vertex of  $G$ . The radio number  $rn(G)$  of  $G$  is the  $\min\{rn(f)\}$ , over all radio labelings  $f$  of  $G$ . A radio labeling  $f$  of  $G$  is a minimal radio labeling of  $G$  if  $rn(f) = rn(G)$ .

Certainly,  $rn(G) \geq n$  and  $f$  is injective. Further, if  $rn(G) = n$ , then graph  $G$  is radio graceful [9].

**Definition 1.0.2.** Let the  $n$  vertices of the given graph  $G$  be  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ . The Mycielskian or Mycielski's Graph, denoted by  $M(G)$  contains  $G$  itself as a subgraph, together with  $n + 1$  additional vertices: a vertex  $u_i$  corresponding to each vertex  $v_i$  of  $G$  and an extra vertex  $w$ . Each vertex  $u_i$  is connected by an edge to  $w$ , so that these vertices form a subgraph in the form of a star  $K_{1,n}$ . In addition, for each edge  $v_i v_j$  of  $G$ , the Mycielski graph includes two edges  $u_i v_j$  and  $v_i u_j$ .

Thus, if  $G$  has  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges,  $M(G)$  has  $2n + 1$  vertices and  $3m + n$  edges.

## 1.1 Basic Results

Theorem 1.1.1 (Gary Chartrand, David Erwin, Ping Zhang [5]). Let  $C_n$  be the  $n$ -vertex cycle,  $n \geq 3$ . Then

$$rn(C_n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n-2}{2} \phi(n) + 2, & \text{if } n \equiv 0, 2 \pmod{4} \\ \frac{n-1}{2} \phi(n) + 1, & \text{if } n \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

where  $\phi(n) = \begin{cases} k + 1, & \text{if } n = 4k + 1 \\ k + 2, & \text{if } n = k + r \text{ for some } r = 0, 2, 3 \end{cases}$

**Theorem 1.1.2** (David c. Fisher, Patricia A. Mckenna, Elizabeth D. Boyer[8]).

For a graph  $G$  without isolated vertices,  $\text{diam}(M(G)) = \min(\max(2, \text{diam}(G)), 4)$ .

**Theorem 1.1.3.** By Theorem 1.1.2 For any integer  $n \geq 2$ ,  $\text{diam}[M(P_n)] = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } n = 2, 3 \\ 3, & \text{if } n = 4 \\ 4, & \text{if } n \geq 5 \end{cases}$

## 2 Main Results obtained

$$\text{Theorem 2.0.1. For any integer } n \geq 2, \text{rn}[M(P_n)] = \begin{cases} 2n+1, & \text{if } n = 2,3 \\ 4n-2, & \text{if } n = 4 \\ 4n+5, & \text{if } n = 5 \\ 4n+4, & \text{if } n = 6 \\ 4n+2, & \text{if } n \geq 7 \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let  $G = [M(P_n)]$ . When  $n = 2$ ,  $M(P_n) \cong C_5$  result follows by Theorem 1.1.1. For  $n \geq 3$ .

Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, w$  be the vertices of  $G$ . Suppose  $f$  is a radio labeling of  $G$

and  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m$ , where  $m = 2n + 1$  be the rearrangement of vertices of  $G$  such that

$f(x_i) < f(x_{i+1})$  then

$$f(x_m) - f(x_{m-1}) \geq 1 + d - d(x_m, x_{m-1})$$

$$f(x_{m-1}) - f(x_{m-2}) \geq 1 + d - d(x_{m-1}, x_{m-2})$$

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$$f(x_2) - f(x_1) \geq 1 + d - d(x_2, x_1)$$

adding all these inequalities we get

$$f(x_m) - f(x_1) \geq (m-1)(1+d) - \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} d(x_i, x_{i-1})$$

Taking  $f(x_1) = 1$

$$f(x_m) \geq 1 + (m-1)(1+d) - \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} d(x_i, x_{i-1})$$

This shows that  $f(x_m)$  is minimum whenever  $\sum_{i=1}^{m-1} d(x_i, x_{i-1})$  is maximum.

Therefore the problem reduces to the following linear integer programming problem

$$\text{That is } \max z = \sum_{i=1}^{\text{diam}(G)} i \alpha_i$$

subjected to,  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_{\text{diam}(G)} = m - 1 = 2n$

where  $\alpha_i$  is the number of pairs of edges of distance  $i$  and  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

### (i) When $n = 2, 3$

We have by Theorem 1.1.3  $\text{diam}[M(P_n)] = 2$ , for  $n = 2, 3$ .

$\max z = \sum_{i=1}^2 i \alpha_i$  subjected to,  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = m-1 = 2n$ . By choosing,  $\alpha_2 = m-1 = 2n$  and  $\alpha_1 = 0$ .

Therefore we get  $\max z = \sum_{i=1}^2 i \alpha_i = 1 \times \alpha_1 + 2 \times \alpha_2 = 4n$ . Thus  $f(x_m) \geq 1 + (2n)(3) - 4n = 2n + 1$ .

On the otherhand, the labeling shown in the following Figure 1 shows that  $f(x_m) \leq 2n + 1$ . Thus  $\text{rn}[M(P_n)] = 2n + 1$ , for  $n = 2, 3$ .



Figure 1: Radio Number of  $M(P_n)$  for the cases  $n = 2, 3$ .

(ii) When  $n = 4$

We have by Theorem 1.1.3  $\text{diam}[M(P_n)] = 3$ , for  $n = 4$ .

$\max z = \sum_{i=1}^3 i\alpha_i$  subjected to,  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 = m-1 = 2n$ . By choosing,  $\alpha_3 = 3$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 5$  and  $\alpha_1 = 0$ .

Therefore we get  $\max z = \sum_{i=1}^3 i\alpha_i = 1 \times \alpha_1 + 2 \times \alpha_2 + 3 \times \alpha_3 = 19$ . Thus  $f(x_m) \geq 1 + (2n)(4) - 19 = 14 = 4n - 2$ .

On the otherhand, the labeling shown in the following Figure 2 shows that  $f(x_m) \leq 4n - 2$ . Thus  $\text{rn}[M(P_n)] = 4n - 2$ , for  $n = 4$ .

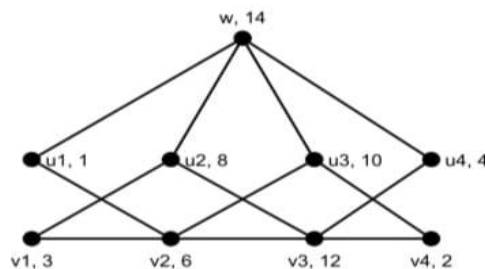


Figure 2: Radio Number of  $M(P_n)$  for the case  $n = 4$ .

(iii) When  $n = 5$

We have by Theorem 1.1.3  $\text{diam}[M(P_n)] = 4$ , for  $n = 5$ .

$\max z = \sum_{i=1}^4 i\alpha_i$  subjected to  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_4 = m - 1 = 2n$ . By choosing,  $\alpha_4 = 0$ ,  $\alpha_3 = 6$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 4$  and  $\alpha_1 = 0$ . Therefore we get  $\max z = \sum_{i=1}^4 i\alpha_i = 1 \times \alpha_1 + 2 \times \alpha_2 + 3 \times \alpha_3 + 4 \times \alpha_4 = 26$ . Thus  $f(x_m) \geq 1 + (2n)(5) - 26 = 25 = 4n + 5$ .

On the otherhand, the labeling shown in the following Figure 3 shows that  $f(x_m) \leq 25 = 4n + 5$ . Thus  $rn[M(P_n)] = 25 = 4n + 5$ , for  $n = 5$ .

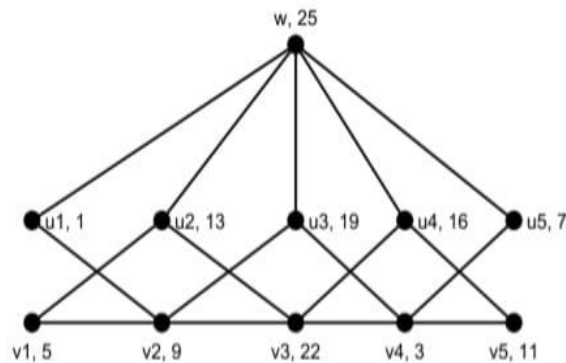


Figure 3: Radio Number of  $M(P_n)$  for the case  $n = 5$ .

(iv) When  $n = 6$

We have by Theorem 1.1.3  $\text{diam}[M(P_n)] = 4$ , for  $n = 6$ .

$\max z = \sum_{i=1}^4 i\alpha_i$  subjected to  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_4 = m - 1 = 2n$ . By choosing,  $\alpha_4 = 0$ ,  $\alpha_3 = 9$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 3$  and

$\alpha_1 = 0$ . Therefore we get  $\max z = \sum_{i=1}^4 i\alpha_i = 1 \times \alpha_1 + 2 \times \alpha_2 + 3 \times \alpha_3 + 4 \times \alpha_4 = 33$ . Thus

$f(x_m) \geq 1 + (2n)(5) - 33 = 28 = 4n + 4$ .

On the otherhand, the labeling shown in the following Figure 4 shows that  $f(x_m) \leq 28 = 4n + 4$ . Thus  $rn[M(P_n)] = 28 = 4n + 4$ , for  $n = 6$ .

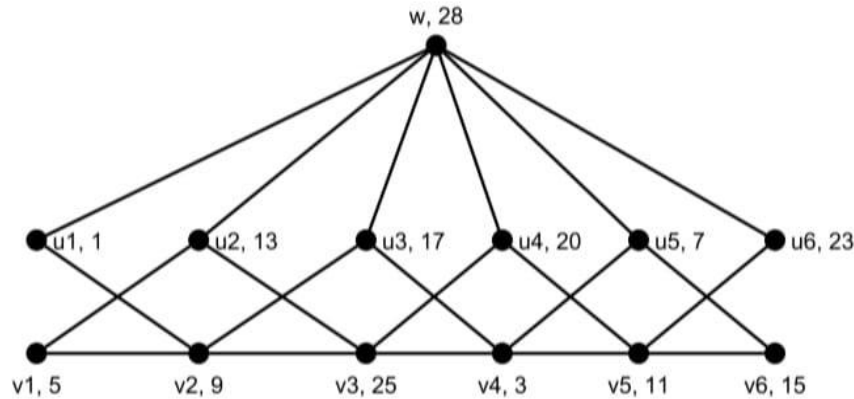


Figure 4: Radio Number of  $M(P_n)$  for the case  $n = 6$ .

(v) When  $n \geq 7$

We have by Theorem 1.1.3  $\text{diam}[M(P_n)] = 4$ , for  $n \geq 7$ .

$\max z = \sum_{i=1}^4 i\alpha_i$  subjected to,  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_4 = m - 1 = 2n$ . By choosing,  $\alpha_4 = 0$ ,  $\alpha_3 = 2n - 1$ ,

$\alpha_2 = 1$  and  $\alpha_1 = 0$ . Therefore we get  $\max z = \sum_{i=1}^4 i\alpha_i = 1 \times \alpha_1 + 2 \times \alpha_2 + 3 \times \alpha_3 + 4 \times \alpha_4 = 6n - 1$ . Thus

$f(x_m) \geq 1 + (2n)(5) - (6n - 1) = 4n + 2$ . On the otherhand, we label the vertices by vertex ordering for  $G$  as, firstly we start from  $w$  to  $v_3$  and later select  $(2n - 1)$  times  $P_3$  path to cover all the vertices by

taking alternating  $v_i u_j$ -paths. The ordering of vertices is as follows  $w - v_1 - u_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} - v_n - u_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - 1} - v_{n-1} -$

$u_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - 2} - v_{n-2} - \dots - u_2 - v_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 2} - u_1 - v_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1} - u_n - v_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} - u_{n-1} - v_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - 1} - u_{n-2} - \dots - v_3 - u_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 2} - v_2 - u_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1}$ .

By labeling the vertices in this order shows that  $f(x_m) \leq 4n + 2$ .

Thus  $\text{rn}[M(P_n)] = 4n + 2$ , for  $n \geq 7$ .

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