



# **Discussions on the Vertex Euclidean Properties of Graphs**

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**Abstract:** In 2022, the result that the sum of the lengths of any two edges of a triangle is greater than the length of the third edge in Euclidean geometry, is applied to labeling graph theory, a new concept-the vertex Euclidean graph is introduced. A simple graph G = (V, E) is said to be vertex Euclidean if there exists a bijection f from V to  $\{1, 2, ..., |V|\}$  such that f(u) + f(v) > f(w) for each  $C_3$  subgraph with vertex set  $\{u, v, w\}$ , where f(u) < f(v) < f(w). The vertex Euclidean deficiency of a graph G, denoted  $\mu_{vEuclid}(G)$ , is the smallest positive integer m such that  $G \cup N_m$  is vertex Euclidean. In this paper, the sufficient condition that the disjoint union of G and H is vertex Euclidean is given, meanwhile, the vertex Euclidean properties of four classes graphs are discussed, the vertex Euclidean deficiency of these graphs are obtained.

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## **1. Introduction**

In Euclidean geometry, there is a famous triangle Theorem.

**Triangle Theorem:** the sum of the lengths of any two edges of a triangle is greater than the length of the third edge. If we don't consider the physical distance in Theorem and apply the idea of Theorem to the topological network

graph, this suggests a similar graph labeling problem.

Since Rosa [1] introduced the concept of graceful graph labeling, which attracts the attention of the field. The graph labeling is: for a graph G with q edges and p vertices, defining a rule about edges (or vertices) such that the vertices (or edges) have some properties. For example, for a graph G with q edges, it is graceful that there is an injection f from the vertices of G to the set  $\{0, 1, ..., q\}$  such that every possible difference of the vertex labels of all the edges is the set  $\{1, 2, ..., q\}$ . Some graph labeling concepts and methods have been introduced [2]. These results serve as useful models for a broad range of applications.

Now, we apply the triangle Theorem to graph labeling. Given a simple graph G(V, E), we label the edges with  $\{1, 2, ..., |E|\}$  such that, in any  $C_3$  subgraph, the sum of any two edge labels is greater than that of the third edge. If such an edge labeling exists, it can be inferred that the graph is *edge Euclidean*. For a simple graph G, it is not edge Euclidean,

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but if adding some  $P_2$ , the new graph may be an edge Euclidean graph, and the smallest number of some  $P_2$  is called edge Euclidean deficiency, denoted by  $\mu_{edgeEuclid}(G)$ . Thus, triangle Theorem is applied to graph labeling.

In 2022, we applied the triangle Theorem in graph labeling [3], introducing that the dual problem of edge Euclidean graph-vertex Euclidean graph, and defining the concept of vertex Euclidean deficiency.

**Definition 1.1** Vertex Euclidean graph: Let f be a vertex labeling of a simple graph G. A  $C_3$  subgraph with vertices u, v and w such that f(u) < f(v) < f(w) is said to be vertex Euclidean if f(u) + f(v) > f(w), and we also mention that label set  $\{f(u), f(v), f(w)\}$  is vertex Euclidean. A simple graph G = (V, E) is called vertex Euclidean graph if there exists a bijection  $f: V \to \{1, 2, ..., |V|\}$  such that every  $C_3$  subgraph in G is vertex Euclidean.

A simple graph *G* is not vertex Euclidean graph, but if  $N_n$  is added, where  $N_n = \overline{K}_n$  is the null graph with *n* vertices, the graph  $G \cup N_n$  may be a vertex Euclidean graph.

**Example 1.1**  $C_3$  is not vertex Euclidean. But an isolated vertex is added, the new graph is vertex Euclidean.

**Definition 1.2** Vertex Euclidean deficiency: If a simple graph *G* is not vertex Euclidean, define its vertex Euclidean deficiency, denoted  $\mu_{vEuclid}(G)$ , as the smallest positive integer *n* such that  $G \cup N_n$ , where  $N_n = \overline{K}_n$  is the null graph with *n* vertices, is vertex Euclidean.

**Example 1.2** For  $C_3$ ,  $\mu_{vEuclid}(C_3) = 1$ .

First, some general results are presented here.

**Theorem 1.1** [3] For a simple graph G, if any vertex  $u(u \in V(G))$  is on some subgraph  $C_3$  of G, then  $\mu_{vEuclid}(G) \ge 1$ . For  $C_3$ , the graph  $nC_3$  denotes the disjoint union of n copies of  $C_3$ .

**Theorem 1.2** For n > 1 is positive integer,  $\mu_{vEuclid}(nC_3) = 1$ .

**Proof.** Let the vertices labels on the *i*-th  $C_3$   $(1 \le i \le n)$  be  $\{2+3(i-1), 3+3(i-1), 4+3(i-1)\}$ . It is easy that the conclusion is correct.

**Theorem 1.3** Suppose that *G* is vertex Euclidean, then any graph *H* obtained from *G* by adding any arbitrary edges without creating new  $C_3$  subgraph is vertex Euclidean.

Notation 1.1 Suppose that *a*, *b* are two positive integers, and *a* < *b*, then for brevity, the set  $\{a, a+1, ..., b\}$  will be denoted by [a, b].

For graphs G and H, G + H is the disjoint union of G and H.

**Theorem 1.4** Suppose that *G* is a simple graph and  $\mu_{vEuclid}(G) = k > 0$ , *H* does not have induced *C*<sub>3</sub> subgraph. If  $|V(H)| \ge k$ , then G + H is vertex Euclidean.

**Proof.** Note that  $\mu_{vEuclid}(G) = k > 0$  means there exists a vertex labeling f such that the vertex set is [k+1, k+|V(G)|]. Suppose  $|V(H)| \ge k$ , then the label(s) assigned to the k extra vertice(s) of G can be assigned to any k vertice(s) of H. The remaining vertice(s) of H, if any, can be assigned arbitrarily by integers in [|V(G)| + k + 1, |V(G)| + |V(H)|]. Thus, G + H is vertex Euclidean.

Although there are infinitely many graphs G such as  $2C_3$ ,  $\mu_{vEuclid}(2C_3) = \mu_{edgeEuclid}(2C_3)$ , the vertex label set and the edge set are the same, however the two labeling theories are different.

In the following discussions, we will discuss the vertex Euclidean properties of some graphs, the labels of the vertices on these graphs are not unique, we just provide a vertex labeling rule for each class graphs.

### 2. The vertex Euclidean properties of generality triangular snakes

In this section, we study generality triangular snake. On triangular snake, Moulton [4] proved that all triangular snakes are graceful. Xi et al. [5] proved that all double triangular snakes are harmonious. In this section, we defined generality triangular snake, and study the vertex Euclidean properties of all generality triangular snakes.

**Definition 2.1** [6] Triangular snake: Given a path  $P_n$  ( $n \ge 2$ ), the vertices on  $P_n$  are successively denoted by  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_n$ . A triangular snake is obtained from  $P_n$  by joining  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$  to a new vertex  $u_i$  for  $1 \le i \le n-1$ .

**Definition 2.2** Generality triangular snake: For a path  $P_n$   $(n \ge 2)$ , the vertices on  $P_n$  are successively denoted by  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_n$ . A generality triangular snake is obtained from  $P_n$  by joining  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$  to  $k_i$   $(k_i \ge 1)$  new vertices  $u_{i,j}$  respectively for  $1 \le i \le n-1$ ,  $1 \le j \le k_i$ . It is denoted by  $GTS(k_1, k_2, ..., k_{n-1}; n)$ .

**Example 2.1** *GTS*(2, 1, 2, 3; 5) is shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1. GTS(2, 1, 2, 3; 5)

Any vertex on  $GTS(k_1, k_2, ..., k_{n-1}; n)$  is on  $C_3$ , by Theorem 1.1,  $\mu_{vEuclid}(GTS(k_1, k_2, ..., k_{n-1}; n)) \ge 1$ . Now, we will prove that for any  $GTS(k_1, k_2, ..., k_{n-1}; n)$ , the vertex Euclidean deficiency is always 1. **Theorem 2.1** For any integers  $k_i \ge 1$ , n > 1,  $\mu_{vEuclid}(GTS(k_1, k_2, ..., k_{n-1}; n)) = 1$ . **Proof.** 

**Case 1**  $k_1 \ge k_i$  for  $1 < i \le n-1$ . We find a vertex labeling such as  $\mu_{vEuclid}(GTS(k_1, k_2, ..., k_{n-1}; n)) = 1$ . Label the vertices as follows.

$$f(u_{1,j}) = j + 1 \text{ for } 1 \le j \le k_1, \quad f(v_1) = k_1 + 2, \quad f(v_2) = k_1 + 3.$$

$$f(u_{2,j}) = j + f(v_2) \text{ for } 1 \le j \le k_2, \quad f(v_3) = \sum_{i=1}^2 k_i + 4.$$

$$f(u_{3,j}) = j + f(v_3) \text{ for } 1 \le j \le k_3, \quad f(v_4) = f(v_3) + k_3 + 1.$$

$$\vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots$$

$$f(u_{n-1,j}) = j + f(v_{n-1}) \text{ for } 1 \le j \le k_{n-1}, \quad f(v_n) = f(v_{n-1}) + k_{n-1} + 1.$$

By the above rules, the labels of all vertices on  $GTS(k_1, k_2, ..., k_{n-1}; n)$  are obtained, and these vertex labels are different one another. The minimum value is 2, while the maximum value is  $f(v_n)$ .  $f(v_n) = f(v_{n-1}) + k_{n-1} + 1 = f(v_{n-2}) + \sum_{i=n-2}^{n-1} k_i + 2 = \cdots = f(v_3) + \sum_{i=3}^{n-1} k_i + n - 3 = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} k_i + n + 1$ . In  $GTS(k_1, k_2, ..., k_{n-1}; n)$ , there are  $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} k_i + n$  vertices.

Thus, the vertex label set is  $\left[2, \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} k_i + n + 1\right]$ .

For the subgraph  $C_3$ , the vertex set is  $\{v_1, v_2, u_{1,j}\}$  for  $1 \le j \le k_1$ ,  $f(u_{1,j}) \ge 2$ ,  $f(v_1) + f(u_{1,j}) \ge k_1 + 2 + 2 > k_1 + 3 = f(v_2)$ , these vertex labels satisfy the vertex Euclidean condition.

For the subgraph  $C_3$ , the vertex set is  $\{v_i, v_{i+1}, u_{i,j}\}$  for  $2 \le i \le n-1$ ,  $1 \le j \le k_i$ , in the vertex label set,  $f(u_{i,j}) = f(v_i) + j > f(v_2) = k_1 + 3 > k_1 + 1$ ,  $f(v_i) + f(u_{i,j}) > f(v_i) + k_i + 1 + (k_1 - k_i) \ge f(v_{i+1})$ .

**Case 2**  $k_{n-1} \ge k_i$  for  $1 \le i < n-1$ .

After the manner of the discussions in case 1, we can know that the conclusion is correct. Case 3  $k_a \ge k_i$  for  $a \ne 1, n-1, 1 \le i \le n-1$  and  $i \ne a$ .

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First, label the vertices  $u_{a,1}, u_{a,2}, \ldots, u_{a,k_a}, v_a, v_{a+1}$  are successively 2, 3, ...,  $k_a + 1, k_a + 2, k_a + 3$ . Next, for i < a, label the vertices as follows.

$$f(u_{a-1,j}) = j + f(v_{a+1}) \text{ for } 1 \le j \le k_{a-1}, \quad f(v_{a-1}) = f(v_{a+1}) + k_{a-1} + 1 = \sum_{i=a-1}^{a} k_i + 4.$$
  
$$f(u_{a-2,j}) = j + f(v_{a-1}) \text{ for } 1 \le j \le k_{a-2}, \quad f(v_{a-2}) = f(v_{a-1}) + k_{a-2} + 1.$$
  
$$\vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots$$
  
$$f(u_{1,j}) = j + f(v_2) \text{ for } 1 \le j \le k_1, \quad f(v_1) = f(v_2) + k_1 + 1.$$

Finally, for i > a, label the vertices as follows:

$$f(u_{a+1, j}) = j + f(v_1) \text{ for } 1 \le j \le k_{a+1}, \quad f(v_{a+2}) = f(v_1) + k_{a+1} + 1.$$

$$f(u_{a+2, j}) = j + f(v_{a+2}) \text{ for } 1 \le j \le k_{a+2}, \quad f(v_{a+3}) = f(v_{a+2}) + k_{a+2} + 1.$$

$$\vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots$$

$$f(u_{n-1, j}) = j + f(v_{n-1}) \text{ for } 1 \le j \le k_{n-1}, \quad f(v_n) = f(v_{n-1}) + k_{n-1} + 1.$$

By the above rules, the labels of all vertices on  $GTS(k_1, k_2, ..., k_{n-1}; n)$  are obtained, and these vertex labels are different one another. The minimum value is 2, while the maximum value is  $f(v_n)$ .

$$f(v_n) = f(v_{n-1}) + k_{n-1} + 1 = f(v_{n-2}) + \sum_{i=n-2}^{n-1} k_i + 2 = \dots = f(v_1) + \sum_{i=a+1}^{n-1} k_i + n - a - 1$$
$$= f(v_2) + k_1 + \sum_{i=a+1}^{n-1} k_i + n - a = f(v_3) + \sum_{i=1}^{3} k_i + \sum_{i=a+1}^{n-1} k_i + n - a + 2 = \dots$$
$$= f(v_{a+1}) + \sum_{i=1}^{a-1} k_i + \sum_{i=a+1}^{n-1} k_i + n - a - 1 + a - 1 = k_a + 3 + \sum_{i=1}^{a-1} k_i + \sum_{i=a+1}^{n-1} k_i + n - 2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} k_i + n - 1$$

So the vertex label set is  $\left[2, \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} k_i + n + 1\right]$ . For the subgraph  $C_3$ , the vertex set is  $\{v_a, v_{a+1}, u_{a,j}\}$  for  $1 \le j \le k_a$ ,  $f(u_{a,j}) \ge 2$ ,  $f(v_a) + f(u_{a,j}) \ge (f(v_a) + 1) + 1 > 1$  $f(v_{a+1})$ , these vertex labels satisfy the vertex Euclidean condition.

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For the subgraph  $C_3$ , the vertex set is  $\{v_{a-1}, v_a, u_{a-1,j}\}$  for  $1 \le j \le k_{a-1}$ ,  $f(v_a) + f(u_{a-1,j}) > f(v_a) + k_{a-1} + 2f(v_{a-1})$ , these vertex labels satisfy the vertex Euclidean condition.

For the subgraph  $C_3$ , the vertex set is  $\{v_i, v_{i+1}, u_{i,j}\}$  for  $i < a-1, 1 \le j \le k_i$ ,  $f(u_{i,j}) = f(v_{i+1}) + j > f(v_a) = k_a + 2$ ,  $f(v_{i+1}) + f(u_{i,j}) > f(v_{i+1}) + k_a + 2 > f(v_i)$ .

For the subgraph  $C_3$ , the vertex set is  $\{v_{a+1}, v_{a+2}, u_{a+1, j}\}$  for  $1 \le j \le k_{a+1}$ ,  $f(v_{a+1}) = k_a + 3 > k_{a+1}$ ,  $f(v_{a+1}) + f(u_{a+1, j}) = f(v_{a+1}) + k_a + 3 > f(v_{a+1}) + k_{a+1} \ge f(v_{a+2})$ , these vertex labels satisfy the vertex Euclidean condition.

For the subgraph C<sub>3</sub> that the vertex set is  $\{v_i, v_{i+1}, u_{i,j}\}$  for i > a+1,  $1 \le j \le k_i$ ,  $f(u_{i,j}) = f(v_i) + j > k_a + 2$ ,  $f(v_i) + f(u_{i,j}) > (f(v_i) + k_a + 1) + 1 > f(v_{i+1})$ , so  $f(v_i) + f(u_{i,j}) > f(v_{i+1})$ .

This completes the proof.

Specially, when  $k_1 = k_2 = \cdots = k_{n-1} = 1$  and 2 respectively,  $GTS(k_1, k_2, \ldots, k_{n-1}; n)$  is a triangular snake and a double triangular snake.

Corollary 2.2 The vertex Euclidean deficiencies of all triangular snakes are 1.

Corollary 2.3 The vertex Euclidean deficiencies of all double triangular snakes are 1.

## 3. The vertex Euclidean properties of k-level X-grids

In this section, we introduced k-level X-grids for  $k \ge 1$  graph, and investigated the vertex Euclidean properties of k-level X-grids for  $k \ge 1$ .

**Definition 3.1** The (m-1)-level X-grid, denoted by (m-1) - XG(m, n), where  $m, n \ge 2$ , is the graph with

$$V((m-1) - XG(m, n)) = \{v_{i,j} : 1 \le i \le m, 1 \le j \le n\},\$$

 $E((m-1) - XG(m, n)) = \{(v_{i, j}, v_{i, j+1}): 1 \le i \le m, 1 \le j \le n-1\},\$ 

 $\cup \{ (v_{i,j}, v_{i+1,j}): 1 \le i \le m-1, 1 \le j \le n \},\$ 

$$\cup \{ (v_{i, j}, v_{i+1, j+1}) : 1 \le i \le m-1, 1 \le j \le n-1 \},\$$

$$\cup \{ (v_{i,j}, v_{i+1,j-1}) \colon 1 < i \le m, 1 < j \le n \}.$$

**Example 3.1** 3 - XG(4, 5) is shown in Figure 2.



**Figure 2.** 3 – *XG*(4, 5)

Due to symmetry, we shall assume  $m \le n$ . The (m-1)-level *X*-grid is obtained from the rectangular grid  $P_m \times P_n$  by adding two diagonals in each of its *mn* squares.

For graph (m-1) - XG(m, n) where  $m \ge 2$ .

**Theorem 3.1** For  $m \ge 2$ ,  $\mu_{vEuclid}((m-1) - XG(m, n)) > 1$ .

**Proof.** Since any vertex on (m-1) - XG(m, n) is on  $C_3$ , by Theorem 1.1,  $\mu_{vEuclid}((m-1) - XG(m, n)) \ge 1$ .

Assume  $\mu_{vEuclid}((m-1) - XG(m, n)) = 1$ . Then the vertex label set is [2, |V| + 1], and V is the vertex set of (m-1) - XG(m, n).

Let the label of  $v_{i, j}$  be 2,  $v_{i_1, j_1}$ ,  $v_{i_2, j_2}$ ,  $v_{i_3, j_3}$  and  $v_{i, j}$  are adjacent each other, and  $v_{i, j}$  and  $v_{i_1, j_1}$  on a diagonal, let the label of  $v_{i_1, j_1}$  be *a*, then the label set of  $v_{i_2, j_2}$ ,  $v_{i_3, j_3}$  can only be  $\{a - 1, a + 1\}$ . But  $v_{i, j}$ ,  $v_{i_2, j_2}$ ,  $v_{i_3, j_3}$  are on a  $C_3$  too, 2 + a - 1 = a + 1, contradiction.

This completes the proof.

To obtain  $\mu_{vEuclid}((m-1) - XG(m, n))$  for m > 1, first, we investigate the case of m = n. Lemma 3.2  $\mu_{vEuclid}(1 - XG(2, 2)) = 2$ .

**Proof.** Define a vertex labeling *f* as follows.

$$f(v_{1,1}) = 3$$
,  $f(v_{2,1}) = 4$ ,  $f(v_{2,2}) = 5$ ,  $f(v_{1,2}) = 6$ .

The vertex label set is [3, 6].

On  $C_3$  where the vertex set is  $\{v_{1,1}, v_{2,1}, v_{2,2}\}$ ,  $f(v_{1,1}) + f(v_{2,1}) = 3 + 4 = 7 > 5 = f(v_{2,2})$ . On  $C_3$  where the vertex set is  $\{v_{1,1}, v_{2,1}, v_{1,2}\}$ ,  $f(v_{1,1}) + f(v_{2,1}) = 3 + 4 = 7 > 6 = f(v_{1,2})$ . On  $C_3$  where the vertex set is  $\{v_{1,1}, v_{2,2}, v_{1,2}\}$ ,  $f(v_{1,1}) + f(v_{2,2}) = 3 + 5 = 8 > 6 = f(v_{1,2})$ . On  $C_3$  where the vertex set is  $\{v_{2,1}, v_{2,2}, v_{1,2}\}$ ,  $f(v_{2,1}) + f(v_{2,2}) = 4 + 5 = 9 > 6 = f(v_{1,2})$ . This completes the proof.

Lemma 3.3  $\mu_{vEuclid}(2 - XG(3, 3)) = 2.$ 

**Proof.** Define a vertex labeling f as follows.

The labels of  $v_{1,1}$ ,  $v_{2,1}$ ,  $v_{2,2}$ ,  $v_{1,2}$  are the same as thats in Lemma 3.2.

Label *v*<sub>3,1</sub>, *v*<sub>3,2</sub>, *v*<sub>1,3</sub>, *v*<sub>2,3</sub>, *v*<sub>3,3</sub> consecutively with 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.

The label set of the  $v_{1,1}$ ,  $v_{2,1}$ ,  $v_{2,2}$ ,  $v_{1,2}$ ,  $v_{3,1}$ ,  $v_{3,2}$ ,  $v_{1,3}$ ,  $v_{2,3}$ ,  $v_{3,3}$  is [3, 11].

Clearly, for those subgraphs  $C_3$  that their vertex sets  $V, V \subset \{v_{1,1}, v_{2,1}, v_{1,2}, v_{2,2}\}$ , the discussions are the same as thats in Lemma 3.2. For the vertex labels on other subgraphs  $C_3$ , have

$$f(v_{2,1}) + f(v_{2,2}) = 4 + 5 = 9 > 7 = f(v_{3,1}); f(v_{2,1}) + f(v_{2,2}) = 4 + 5 = 9 > 8 = f(v_{3,2});$$

$$f(v_{2,1}) + f(v_{3,1}) = 4 + 7 = 12 > 8 = f(v_{3,2}); f(v_{2,2}) + f(v_{3,1}) = 5 + 7 = 9 > 8 = f(v_{3,2});$$

$$f(v_{2,2}) + f(v_{1,2}) = 5 + 6 = 11 > 9 = f(v_{1,3}); f(v_{2,2}) + f(v_{1,2}) = 5 + 6 = 11 > 10 = f(v_{2,3});$$

$$f(v_{1,2}) + f(v_{1,3}) = 6 + 9 = 15 > 10 = f(v_{2,3}); f(v_{2,2}) + f(v_{1,3}) = 5 + 9 = 14 > 10 = f(v_{2,3});$$

$$f(v_{2,2}) + f(v_{3,2}) = 5 + 8 = 13 > 10 = f(v_{2,3}); f(v_{2,2}) + f(v_{3,2}) = 5 + 8 = 13 > 11 = f(v_{3,3});$$

$$f(v_{2,2}) + f(v_{2,3}) = 5 + 10 = 15 > 11 = f(v_{3,3}); f(v_{3,2}) + f(v_{2,3}) = 8 + 10 = 18 > 11 = f(v_{3,3}).$$

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This completes the proof.

**Lemma 3.4** For m > 3,  $\mu_{vEuclid}((m-1) - XG(m, m)) = 2$ .

**Proof.** m = 4.

For the vertices on the subgraph 2 - XG(3, 3) containing  $v_{1,1}$ , the vertex labels are the same as those defined in Lemma 3.3, then these vertex labels satisfy the vertex Euclidean condition.

For the remaining vertices, label the labels as follows.

Label the vertices  $v_{4,1}$ ,  $v_{4,2}$ ,  $v_{4,3}$ ,  $v_{1,4}$ ,  $v_{2,4}$ ,  $v_{3,4}$ ,  $v_{4,4}$  consecutively with 12, 13, ..., 18.

Thus, the label set of  $v_{4,1}$ ,  $v_{4,2}$ ,  $v_{4,3}$ ,  $v_{1,4}$ ,  $v_{2,4}$ ,  $v_{3,4}$ ,  $v_{4,4}$  is [3, 18].

In *C*<sub>3</sub> that the vertices are three of  $v_{3, j_1}$ ,  $v_{4, j_2}$ ,  $v_{i_1, 3}$ ,  $v_{i_2, 4}$  for  $1 \le j_1$ ,  $j_2$ ,  $i_1$ ,  $i_2 \le 4$ , the vertex label sets are  $\{7, 8, 12\}$ ,  $\{7, 8, 13\}$ ,  $\{7, 12, 13\}$ ,  $\{8, 12, 13\}$ ,  $\{8, 13, 14\}$ ,  $\{8, 11, 13\}$ ,  $\{11, 13, 14\}$ ,  $\{8, 11, 14\}$ ,  $\{11, 14, 18\}$ ,  $\{11, 14, 17\}$ ,  $\{11, 17, 18\}$ ,  $\{14, 17, 18\}$ ,  $\{9, 10, 15\}$ ,  $\{9, 10, 16\}$ ,  $\{9, 15, 16\}$ ,  $\{10, 15, 16\}$ ,  $\{10, 11, 17\}$ ,  $\{10, 11, 16\}$ ,  $\{10, 16, 17\}$ ,  $\{11, 16, 17\}$ .

In each set of  $\{7, 8, 12\}$ ,  $\{7, 8, 13\}$ ,  $\{7, 12, 13\}$ ,  $\{8, 12, 13\}$ ,  $\{8, 13, 14\}$ ,  $\{8, 11, 13\}$ , the maximum value and the minimum value of the vertex labels are denoted by *a*, *b* respectively, then  $a - b \le 6$ , the minimum value of the vertex labels is 7, so the vertex labels in these vertex label sets satisfy the vertex Euclidean condition.

In each set of  $\{11, 14, 18\}$ ,  $\{11, 14, 17\}$ ,  $\{11, 17, 18\}$ ,  $\{14, 17, 18\}$ ,  $\{9, 10, 15\}$ ,  $\{9, 10, 16\}$ ,  $\{9, 15, 16\}$ ,  $\{10, 15, 16\}$ ,  $\{10, 15, 16\}$ ,  $\{10, 15, 16\}$ ,  $\{10, 11, 17\}$ ,  $\{10, 11, 16\}$ ,  $\{10, 16, 17\}$ ,  $\{11, 16, 17\}$ , in each set, the maximum value and the minimum value of the vertex labels are denoted by *c*, *d* respectively, then  $c - d \le 7$ , the minimum value of the vertex labels is 9, so the vertex labels in these vertex labels sets satisfy the vertex Euclidean condition.

Now, we study  $\mu_{vEuclid}((m-1) - XG(m, m))$  by mathematical induction.

Assume m = k,  $\mu_{vEuclid}((k-1) - XG(k, k)) = 2$ . And the labels of  $v_{k,1}$ ,  $v_{k,2}$ , ...,  $v_{k,k-1}$ ,  $v_{1,k}$ ,  $v_{2,k}$ , ...,  $v_{k-1,k}$ ,  $v_{k,k}$  are successively  $k^2 - 2k + 4$ ,  $k^2 - 2k + 5$ , ...,  $k^2 + 2$ .

Now, we investigate the case of m = k + 1.

First, for the subgraph (k-1) - XG(k, k) that the vertex set is  $\{v_{i,j} | 1 \le i, j \le k\}$ , the vertex labels defined are the same as those m = k, and the labels of  $v_{k,1}, v_{k,2}, \ldots, v_{k,k-1}, v_{1,k}, v_{2,k}, \ldots, v_{k-1,k}, v_{k,k}$  are successively  $k^2 - 2k + 4$ ,  $k^2 - 2k + 5, \ldots, k^2 + 2$ .

Next, define the labels of remaining vertices as follows.

Label the vertices  $v_{k+1,1}$ ,  $v_{k+1,2}$ , ...,  $v_{k+1,k}$ ,  $v_{1,k+1}$ ,  $v_{2,k+1}$ , ...,  $v_{k+1,k+1}$  consecutively with  $[k^2 + 3, k^2 + 2k + 3]$ . Since  $k^2 + 2k + 3 = (k+1)^2 + 2$ , the vertex label set is  $[3, (k+1)^2 + 2]$ .

Finally, we only study the subgraphs  $C_3$  that the vertices are three of  $v_{k, j_1}$ ,  $v_{k+1, j_2}$ ,  $v_{i_1, k}$ ,  $v_{i_2, k+1}$  for  $1 \le j_1, j_2, i_1, i_2 \le k+1$ . Their vertex label sets are

 $(1) \{k^2 - 2k + 4, k^2 - 2k + 5, k^2 + 3\}, \{k^2 - 2k + 4, k^2 - 2k + 5, k^2 + 4\}, \{k^2 - 2k + 4, k^2 + 3, k^2 + 4\}, \{k^2 - 2k + 5, k^2 - 2k + 6, k^2 + 4\}, \{k^2 - 2k + 5, k^2 - 2k + 6, k^2 + 4\}, \{k^2 - 2k + 5, k^2 - 2k + 6, k^2 + 5\}, \{k^2 - 2k + 5, k^2 - 2k + 6, k^2 + 4\}, \{k^2 - 2k + 6, k^2 + 3, k^2 + 4\}, \dots, \{k^2 - k + 1, k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k\}, \{k^2 - k + 1, k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2 - k + 2, k^2 + k + 1\}, \{k^2$ 

 $(2) \{k^{2}-k+3, k^{2}-k+4, k^{2}+k+3\}, \{k^{2}-k+3, k^{2}-k+4, k^{2}+k+4\}, \{k^{2}-k+3, k^{2}+k+3, k^{2}+k+4\}, \{k^{2}-k+4, k^{2}+k+4\}, \{k^{2}-k+4, k^{2}-k+4, k^{2}-k+5, k^{2}+k+4\}, \{k^{2}-k+4, k^{2}-k+5, k^{2}+k+4\}, \{k^{2}-k+4, k^{2}-k+5, k^{2}+k+4\}, \{k^{2}-k+4, k^{2}-k+5\}, \{k^{2}-k+4, k^{2}-k+5\}, \{k^{2}-k+4, k^{2}-k+5\}, \{k^{2}-k+4, k^{2}+k+5\}, \dots, \{k^{2}+1, k^{2}+2, k^{2}+2k+1\}, \{k^{2}+1, k^{2}+2, k^{2}+2k+2\}, \{k^{2}+1, k^{2}+2, k^{2}+2k+2\}, \{k^{2}+2, k^{2}+2k+2\}, \{k^{2}+2, k^{2}+2k+2\}, \{k^{2}+2, k^{2}+2k+2\}, \{k^{2}+k+2, k^{2}+2k+2\}, \{k^{2}$ 

For each set in (1), the maximum value and the minimum value of the vertex labels are denoted by *a*, *b* respectively, then  $a-b \le 2k$ , the minimum value of the vertex labels is  $k^2 - 2k + 4$ ,  $k^2 - 2k + 4 - 2k = (k-2)^2$  for k > 3, so the vertex labels in these vertex label sets satisfy the vertex Euclidean condition.

For each set in (2), the maximum value and the minimum value of the vertex labels are denoted by c, d respectively, then  $c - d \le 2k + 1$ , the minimum value of the vertex labels is  $k^2 - k + 3$ ,  $k^2 - k + 3 - 2k - 1 = (k - 2)(k - 1)$  for k > 3, so the vertex labels in these vertex label sets satisfy the vertex Euclidean condition too.

This completes the proof.

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Now, we obtained that  $\mu_{vEuclid}((m-1) - XG(m, m)) = 2$ . Next, with the help of the rules in Lemmas 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4, we study  $\mu_{vEuclid}((m-1) - XG(m, n))$ .

**Theorem 3.5** For any  $m, n \ge 2$  and  $m \le n, \mu_{vEuclid}((m-1) - XG(m, n)) = 2$ . **Proof.** 1. From Lemmas 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4, the conclusion holds when m = n.

2. m < n.

In (m-1) - XG(m, n), first, for the subgraph (m-1) - XG(m, m) that the vertex set is  $\{v_{i,j} | 1 \le i, j \le m\}$ , define the vertex labels according to the rules in Lemmas 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4.

For the remaining vertices  $v_{s,t}$  ( $1 \le s \le m, m+1 \le t \le n$ ), define the vertices labels as follows.

$$f(v_{s,t}) = f(v_{s,t-1}) + m, \ 1 \le s \le m, \ m+1 \le t \le n.$$

Thus, in each  $C_3$  that the vertices are three of  $v_{s,t}$   $(1 \le s \le m, m \le t \le n)$ , let the maximum value and the minimum value of the vertex labels be *a*, *b* respectively, then  $a - b \le 2m - 1$ , the minimum value of the vertex labels is  $m^2 - m + 3$ ,  $m^2 - m + 3 - 2m + 1 = (m - 1)(m - 3) + 2 > 0$ , so the labels of the vertices on each  $C_3$  satisfy the vertex Euclidean condition.

Theorem holds.

## 4. The vertex Euclidean properties of *Circ*(*n*, 2)

Laison et al. introduced circulant graphs when they study prime distance graphs in [7]. In this section, we study the vertex Euclidean properties of a class of the circulant graphs.

**Definition 4.1** Circulant graph: For a positive integer  $n \ge 3$  and set  $S \subseteq \{1, 2, ..., n\}$ , the circulant graph, denoted by Circ(n, S), is the graph with vertex set $\{v_1, v_2, ..., v_n\}$  and an edge between vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  if and only if  $|i - j| \pmod{n} \in S$ .

If  $S = \{1, k\}$  for  $1 < k \le n-1$ , which, for simplicity, the circulant graph is written as Circ(n, k). Example 4.1 If k = 2, Circ(5, 2) and Circ(6, 2) are shown in Figure 3.

**Example 4.1** If k = 2, Circ(5, 2) and Circ(6, 2) are shown in Figure 3.



Figure 3. Circ(5, 2) and Circ(6, 2)

When k = 2, there exists  $C_3$  in Circ(n, 2), which is under study Circ(n, 2). Because all vertices on some subgraph  $C_3$  of Circ(n, 2) ( $n \ge 4$ ), by Theorem 1.1,  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(n, 2)) \ge 1$ . In order to obtain  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(n, 2))$ , first, we investigate several special cases of n.

**Theorem 4.1**  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(4, 2)) = 2.$ 

**Proof.** Assume  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(4, 2)) = 1$ , then 2 is the label of some vertex, which is denoted by *u*. In Circ(4, 2), each vertex is adjacent to the other vertices, so the two vertices labeled by 2 and 3 respectively, must with the vertex labeled by 5 are a  $C_3$ , contradiction. Hence,  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(4, 2)) \ge 2$ .

Now, we need to describe a vertex Euclidean labeling f with [3, 6]. Label the vertices in { $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ ,  $v_3$ ,  $v_4$ } consecutively with [3, 6], then the minimum value of the sums of the labels of any two adjacent vertices is 3 + 4 = 7, thus, for any three vertices  $v_i$ ,  $v_j$  and  $v_k$  that are on a  $C_3$ , the sum of any two vertex labels is greater than the label of the third vertex. Hence,  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(4, 2)) = 2$ .

### **Theorem 4.2** $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(5, 2)) = 3.$

**Proof.** Assume  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(5, 2)) = 1$ , then 2 is the label of some vertex, which is denoted by *u*. In Circ(5, 2), each vertex is adjacent to the other vertices, so the two vertices labeled by 2 and 3 respectively, must with the vertex labeled by 6 are a  $C_3$ , contradiction. Hence,  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(5, 2)) \ge 2$ .

Similarly, if  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(5, 2)) = 2$ , then 3 is the label of some vertex, which is denoted by *u*. In *Circ*(5, 2), each vertex is adjacent with the other vertices, so the two vertices labeled by 3 and 4 respectively, must with the vertex labeled by 7 are a *C*<sub>3</sub>, contradiction. Hence,  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(5, 2)) \ge 3$ .

Label the vertices in  $\{v_1, v_2, ..., v_5\}$  consecutively with [4, 8], then the minimum value of the sums of the labels of any two adjacent vertices is 4+5=9, thus, for any three vertices  $v_i$ ,  $v_j$  and  $v_k$  that are on a  $C_3$ , the sum of any two vertex labels is greater than the label of the third vertex. Hence,  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(5, 2)) = 3$ .

**Theorem 4.3**  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(6, 2)) = 2.$ 

**Proof.** Assume  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(6, 2)) = 1$ . Without loss of generality, let the label of  $v_1$  be 2, then the labels of the remaining vertices are 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 respectively.

Assume the vertex *u* labeled by 3 is adjacent to  $v_1$ , then  $v_1$  and *u* are on two  $C_3$ , thus, on some  $C_3$ , the label of the third vertex is at least 5, 2 + 3 = 5, contradiction. Hence, the vertex labeled by 3 is not adjacent to  $v_1$ . i.e.  $v_4$  is labeled by 3. So the vertex *w* labeled by 4 is must adjacent to  $v_1$ , and  $v_1$ , *w* are on two  $C_3$ , thus, on some  $C_3$ , the label of the third vertex is at least 6, 2 + 4 = 6, contradiction. Thus, we obtain that  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(6, 2)) \ge 2$ .

Now, we need to describe a vertex Euclidean labeling f with [3, 8]. Specifically, let

$$f(v_{2i-1}) = 2 + i, \quad 1 \le i \le 3,$$

$$f(v_2) = 6$$
,  $f(v_4) = 8$ ,  $f(v_6) = 7$ 

On *Circ*(6, 2), there are eight *C*<sub>3</sub>, their vertex sets are  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ ,  $\{v_2, v_3, v_4\}$ ,  $\{v_3, v_4, v_5\}$ ,  $\{v_4, v_5, v_6\}$ ,  $\{v_5, v_6, v_1\}$ ,  $\{v_6, v_1, v_2\}$ ,  $\{v_1, v_3, v_5\}$ ,  $\{v_4, v_2, v_6\}$  respectively, the corresponding vertex label sets are  $\{3, 4, 6\}$ ,  $\{4, 6, 8\}$ ,  $\{4, 5, 8\}$ ,  $\{5, 7, 8\}$ ,  $\{3, 5, 7\}$ ,  $\{3, 6, 7\}$ ,  $\{3, 4, 5\}$ ,  $\{6, 7, 8\}$ . By these vertex label sets, we can see that the sum of the labels of any two vertex labels is greater than the third vertex on each *C*<sub>3</sub>, so  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(6, 2)) = 2$ .

**Theorem 4.4**  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(7, 2)) = 2.$ 

**Proof.** Assume  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(7, 2)) = 1$ . Without loss of generality, let the label of  $v_1$  be 2, then the labels of the remaining vertices are 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 respectively. From the discussions in Theorem 4.3, we can know that the vertex labeled by 3 is not adjacent to  $v_1$ , so the vertex labeled by 3 can only be  $v_4$  or  $v_5$ . Without loss of generality, let the label of  $v_5$  be 3.

1. If the label of  $v_2$  is 4, then the two vertices labeled by 2 and 4 respectively are on two  $C_3$ , 2+4=6, but among the remaining numbers, only 5 is smaller than 6, contradiction. Thus, 4 can only be a vertex label for one of  $v_3$ ,  $v_4$  and  $v_6$ .

2. If 4 is a label of  $v_3$  or  $v_6$ , then the vertex labeled by 4 is adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $v_5$ . Thus, in  $C_3$  on which there are the vertices labeled by 2, 4, the third vertex is only labeled by 5, in  $C_3$  on which there are the vertices labeled by 3, 4, the third vertex is only labeled by 5 is adjacent to  $v_1$ , in  $C_3$  on which there are the vertices labeled by 2, 5, the label of the third vertex is 7 or 8, contradiction.

3. If the label of  $v_4$  is 4, then the two vertices labeled by 3, 4 are on two  $C_3$ , 3+4=7. in the vertex labels, only 8 is greater than 7, contradiction.

Overall,  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(7, 2)) > 1$ .

Now, define a vertex labeling f as follows.

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Specifically, let  $f(v_1) = 3$ ,  $f(v_2) = 6$ ,  $f(v_3) = 5$ ,  $f(v_4) = 4$ ,  $f(v_5) = 8$ ,  $f(v_6) = 9$ ,  $f(v_7) = 7$ .

On *Circ*(7, 2), there are seven *C*<sub>3</sub>, their vertex sets are { $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ ,  $v_3$ }, { $v_2$ ,  $v_3$ ,  $v_4$ }, { $v_3$ ,  $v_4$ ,  $v_5$ }, { $v_4$ ,  $v_5$ ,  $v_6$ }, { $v_5$ ,  $v_6$ ,  $v_7$ }, { $v_6$ ,  $v_7$ ,  $v_1$ }, { $v_7$ ,  $v_1$ , { $v_7$ ,  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ } respectively, the corresponding vertex label sets are {3, 5, 6}, {4, 5, 6}, {4, 5, 8}, {4, 8, 9}, {7, 8, 9}, {3, 7, 9}, {3, 6, 7}. On these *C*<sub>3</sub>, have 3+5 > 6, 4+5 > 6, 4+5 > 8, 4+8 > 9, 7+8 > 9, 3+7 > 9, 3+6 > 7. Hence,  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(7, 2)) = 2$ .

Now, the results for n = 4, 5, 6 and 7 are obtained, next, we study  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(n, 2))$  when n > 7.

**Theorem 4.5** For n > 7,  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(n, 2)) = 1$ .

**Proof.** By Theorem 1.1, we know that  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(n, 2)) \ge 1$ . Now, we prove that  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(n, 2)) = 1$  for n > 7 according to the parity of n.

1.  $n \ge 8$  is even.

1.1 *n* = 8.

Define a vertex labeling f as follows.

 $f(v_1) = 2, f(v_2) = 5, f(v_3) = 4, f(v_4) = 8, f(v_5) = 9, f(v_6) = 3, f(v_7) = 7, f(v_8) = 6.$ 

On Circ(8, 2), there are eight  $C_3$ . By these vertex labels, we obtain that the vertex label sets on these eight  $C_3$  are  $\{2, 5, 4\}, \{5, 4, 8\}, \{4, 8, 9\}, \{3, 8, 9\}, \{3, 7, 9\}, \{3, 6, 7\}, \{2, 6, 7\}, \{2, 5, 6\}$  respectively.

Since 2+4 > 5, 5+4 > 8, 4+8 > 9, 3+8 > 9, 3+7 > 9, 3+6 > 7, 2+6 > 7, 2+5 > 6, thus, we obtain that  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(8, 2)) = 1$ .

1.2 n > 8.

Now, we find a vertex labeling f such that the vertex labels set is [2, n+1] and  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(n, 2)) = 1$ . First, divide the vertices on Circ(n, 2) into two parts, and then label them separately. Next, we prove that these vertex labels satisfy the vertex Euclidean condition. Specifically, let

1.  $f(v_1) = 2$ ,  $f(v_2) = 5$ ,  $f(v_3) = 4$ ,  $f(v_4) = 8$ ,  $f(v_{n-3}) = 3$ ,  $f(v_{n-2}) = 9$ ,  $f(v_{n-1}) = 7$ ,  $f(v_n) = 6$ . 2.  $f(v_i) = 2i$ ,  $5 \le i \le \frac{n}{2}$ .

3.  $f(v_{n+1-i}) = 2i+1, 5 \le i \le \frac{n}{2}$ .

Thus, we obtain that the vertex labels set is [2, n+1].

For those  $C_3$  on which the vertex sets are  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}, \{v_2, v_3, v_4\}, \{v_{n-3}, v_{n-2}, v_{n-1}\}, \{v_{n-2}, v_{n-1}, v_n\}, \{v_{n-1}, v_n, v_1\}, \{v_n, v_1, v_2\}$  respectively, have

$$f(v_1) + f(v_3) = 2 + 4 = 6 > 5 = f(v_2), \quad f(v_2) + f(v_3) = 5 + 4 = 9 > 8 = f(v_4),$$
  
$$f(v_{n-3}) + f(v_{n-1}) = 3 + 7 = 10 > 9 = f(v_{n-2}), \quad f(v_{n-1}) + f(v_n) = 7 + 6 = 13 > 9 = f(v_{n-2}),$$
  
$$f(v_1) + f(v_n) = 2 + 6 = 8 > 7 = f(v_{n-1}), \quad f(v_1) + f(v_2) = 2 + 5 = 7 > 6 = f(v_n).$$

So the vertex labels on these  $C_3$  satisfy the vertex Euclidean condition.

For those four  $C_3$  on which the vertex sets are  $\{v_3, v_4, v_5\}$ ,  $\{v_4, v_5, v_6\}$ ,  $\{v_{n-5}, v_{n-4}, v_{n-3}\}$ ,  $\{v_{n-4}, v_{n-3}, v_{n-2}\}$  respectively, have

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$$f(v_3) + f(v_4) = 4 + 8 = 12 > 10 = f(v_5), \quad f(v_4) + f(v_5) = 8 + 10 = 18 > 12 = f(v_6),$$

So the vertex labels on these four  $C_3$  satisfy the vertex Euclidean condition.

For those  $C_3$  on which the vertex sets  $\{v_i, v_{i+1}, v_{i+2}\}$  for  $5 \le i \le n-6$ , the minimum value of  $f(v_i)$  ( $5 \le i \le n-4$ ) is 10, on each  $C_3$ , the difference between any two labels is less than or equal to 4, thereby, the sum of any two vertex labels is greater than the third vertex label in each  $C_3$ .

Hence,  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(n, 2)) = 1$  for *n* is even.

2. n > 8 is odd.

First, we define a vertex labeling f as follows.

1. 
$$f(v_1) = 2$$
,  $f(v_2) = 5$ ,  $f(v_3) = 4$ ,  $f(v_4) = 8$ ,  $f(v_{n-3}) = 9$ ,  $f(v_{n-2}) = 3$ ,  $f(v_{n-1}) = 7$ ,  $f(v_n) = 6$   
2.  $f(v_i) = 2i$ ,  $5 \le i \le \frac{n-1}{2}$ ,  $f\left(v_{\frac{n+1}{2}}\right) = n+1$ .  
3.  $f(v_{n+1-i}) = 2i + 1$ ,  $5 \le i \le \frac{n-1}{2}$ .  
The vertex labels set is  $[2, n+1]$ .

For the those  $C_3$  on which the vertex sets are  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ ,  $\{v_2, v_3, v_4\}$ ,  $\{v_{n-3}, v_{n-2}, v_{n-1}\}$ ,  $\{v_{n-2}, v_{n-1}, v_n\}$ ,  $\{v_{n-1}, v_n, v_1\}$ ,  $\{v_n, v_1, v_2\}$  respectively, the discussions about the vertex labels are the same as thats in 1.2. For the labeling of other vertices, we will discuss in four cases.

2.1 n = 9.

There are two  $C_3$  on which the vertex labels are not discussed yet, their vertex label sets are  $\{3, 9, 10\}$  and  $\{4, 8, 10\}$  respectively. Because 3+9 > 10, 4+8 > 10, thus,  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(9, 2)) = 1$ .

2.2 n = 11.

There are four  $C_3$  on which the vertex labels are not discussed yet, their vertex label sets are {3, 9, 11}, {9, 11, 12}, {4, 8, 10}, {8, 10, 12} respectively. Because 3+9 > 11, 9+11 > 12, 4+8 > 10, 8+10 > 12, thus,  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(11, 2)) = 1$ .

2.3 n = 13.

There are seven  $C_3$  on which the vertex labels are not discussed yet, their vertex label sets are  $\{4, 8, 10\}$ ,  $\{8, 10, 12\}$ ,  $\{10, 12, 14\}$ ,  $\{12, 13, 14\}$ ,  $\{3, 9, 11\}$ ,  $\{9, 11, 13\}$ ,  $\{11, 13, 14\}$  respectively. Because 4+8 > 10, 8+10 > 12, 10+12 > 14, 12+13 > 14, 3+9 > 11, 9+11 > 12, 11+13 > 14, thus,  $\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(13, 2)) = 1$ .

2.4 *n* > 13.

First, we discuss the vertex labels are on four  $C_3$  where the vertex label sets are  $\{4, 8, 10\}$ ,  $\{8, 10, 12\}$ ,  $\{3, 9, 11\}$ ,  $\{9, 11, 13\}$ .

Because 4+8 > 10, 8+10 = 18 > 12, 3+9 > 11, 9+11 = 20 > 13, these vertex labels satisfy the vertex Euclidean condition.

For the vertex labels on the other  $C_3$ , in each  $C_3$ , the maximum value and the minimum value of the vertex labels are denoted by a, b respectively, then  $a - b \le 4$ , the minimum value in these vertex labels is 10, so in each  $C_3$ , the vertex labels satisfy the vertex Euclidean condition.

This completes the proof.

Overall,

**Theorem 4.6** For n > 3 is integer,

$$\mu_{vEuclid}(Circ(n, 2)) = \begin{cases} 2, & n = 4, 6, 7\\ 3, & n = 5\\ 1, & n > 7 \end{cases}$$

# 5. The vertex Euclidean properties of the zykov sums of a cycle and an *m* null graph

In this section, we study the vertex Euclidean properties of the Zykov sums of a cycle and a *m* null graph. **Definition 5.1** [8] Zykov sum of two simple graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , denoted  $G_1 \oplus G_2$ , is defined as the graph with

$$V(G_1 \oplus G_2) = V(G_1) \cup V(G_2),$$
  
 $E(G_1 \oplus G_2) = E(G_1) \cup E(G_2) \cup \{(u, v) : u \in V(G_1), v \in V(G_2)\}.$ 

Consequently, the Zykov sum of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  is formed by adding edges that connect every vertex of  $G_1$  to every vertex of  $G_2$ .

In this section,  $C_n \oplus N_m$   $(n \ge 3, m \ge 1)$  is investigated,  $C_n \oplus N_m$  is also called *m*-cone graph [9]. In  $C_n \oplus N_m$ , the vertices on  $C_n$  are successively denoted by  $u_1, u_2, ..., u_n$ , the vertices on  $N_m$  are denoted by  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_m$ .

**Example 5.1**  $C_5 \oplus N_2$  is shown in Figure 4.



**Figure 4.**  $C_5 \oplus N_2$ 

Since all vertices are on some subgraph  $C_3$  of  $C_n \oplus N_m$ , by Theorem 1.1,  $\mu_{vEuclid}(C_n \oplus N_m) \ge 1$ . Now, we discuss  $\mu_{vEuclid}(C_n \oplus N_m)$  based on different values of m, n.

**Theorem 5.1** For  $C_n \oplus N_1$ ,

$$\mu_{vEuclid}(C_n \oplus N_1) = \begin{cases} 2, & n=3\\ 1, & n>3 \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** 1. *n* = 3.

On  $C_3 \oplus N_1$ , there are four  $C_3$ . Since any vertex on  $C_3 \oplus N_1$  is adjacent to other vertices, and any vertex on two  $C_3$ , thus, if  $\mu_{vEuclid}(C_3 \oplus N_1) = 1$ , the vertex labeled by 2 and the vertex labeled by 3 are adjacent and they are on two  $C_3$ , 2+3=5>4, there must a  $C_3$  on which the vertex labels do not satisfy the vertex Euclidean condition, contradiction. Hence,  $\mu_{vEuclid}(C_3 \oplus N_1) > 1$ .

Now, define a vertex labeling f as follows: The labels of  $v_1$ ,  $u_1$ ,  $u_2$ ,  $u_3$  are successively 3, 4, 5, 6. Thus, the vertex label sets of four  $C_3$  are  $\{3, 4, 5\}$ ,  $\{3, 5, 6\}$ ,  $\{3, 4, 6\}$ ,  $\{4, 5, 6\}$  respectively. Because 3+4>5, 3+4>6, 3+5>6, 4+5>6, thereby, these vertex labels satisfy the vertex Euclidean condition.

2. *n* > 3.

We find a vertex labeling *f* such that  $\mu_{vEuclid}(C_n \oplus N_1) = 1$ .

First, we define the labels of  $v_1$ ,  $u_1$ ,  $u_2$ ,  $u_3$ ,  $u_4$ .

Let  $f(v_1) = 5$ ,  $f(u_1) = 2$ ,  $f(u_2) = 6$ ,  $f(u_3) = 3$ ,  $f(u_4) = 4$ .

Next, after the labels of  $v_1$ ,  $u_1$ ,  $u_2$ ,  $u_3$ ,  $u_4$  are determined, for other vertices, we define their labels according to the parity of n.

2.1 n is even. Let

$$f(u_i) = 2i - 1, \quad 4 \le i \le \frac{n+2}{2}.$$
$$f(u_{n-i}) = 2i + 6, \quad 1 \le i \le \frac{n-4}{2}.$$

Thus, we obtain a vertex label set [2, n+2]. Now, we investigate the vertex labels on each  $C_3$ .

On  $C_3$  which vertex set is  $\{v_1, u_1, u_2\}$ , has  $f(v_1) + f(u_1) = 5 + 2 = 7 > 6 = f(u_2)$ .

On  $C_3$  which vertex set is  $\{v_1, u_2, u_3\}$ , has  $f(v_1) + f(u_2) = 5 + 3 = 8 > 6 = f(u_2)$ .

On  $C_3$  which vertex set is  $\{v_1, u_3, u_4\}$ , has  $f(v_1) + f(u_3) = 5 + 3 = 8 > 7 = f(u_4)$ .

On  $C_3$  which vertex set is  $\{v_1, u_{n-1}, u_n\}$ , has  $f(v_1) + f(u_n) = 5 + 4 = 9 > 8 = f(u_{n-1})$ .

On  $C_3$  which vertex set is  $\{v_1, u_n, u_1\}$ , has  $f(u_1) + f(u_n) = 2 + 4 = 6 > 5 = f(v_1)$ .

For other  $C_3$ , in each  $C_3$ , the difference of the vertex labels between  $u_i$  and  $u_{i+1}$  is less than or equal to 2, the minimum value of the vertex labels is  $f(v_1) = 5$ , so, the conclusion is correct for n > 4 is even.

2.2 *n* is odd. Let

$$f(u_i) = 2i - 1, \quad 4 \le i \le \frac{n+3}{2}.$$
$$f(u_{n-i}) = 2i + 6, \quad 1 \le i \le \frac{n-5}{2}.$$

The discussions are the same as thats in 2.1, we can to know that the conclusion holds for n > 4 is odd. This completes the proof.

**Theorem 5.2** When m > 1, then  $\mu_{vEuclid}(C_n \oplus N_m) > 1$ .

**Proof.** Assume  $\mu_{vEuclid}(C_n \oplus N_m) = 1$ . Then there exist a vertex labeling f such that the vertex label set is [2, m + n + 1].

1. Let  $f(w_1) = 2$ ,  $w_1 \in V(C_n \oplus N_m)$ , the vertex  $w_2$  is adjacent with  $w_1$  labeled by a (a < n + m + 1). Since  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  are at least on two  $C_3$ , but on the vertex label set of the third on these  $C_3$  is only  $\{a - 1, a + 1\}$ .

1.1 Let  $w_1 \in \{v_i | 1 \le i \le m\}, w_2 \in \{u_i | 1 \le j \le n\}$ . Without loss of generality, let  $w_1 = v_1, w_2 = u_1$ .

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At this time, for  $u_2, u_3, \ldots, u_n$ , no matter how their labels are defined, in  $u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_n$ , there must be two vertex labels with a difference greater than or equal to 2, resulting in a situation where the vertex Euclidean condition is not satisfied.

1.2 Let  $w_1 \in \{u_j | 1 \le j \le n\}, w_2 \in \{v_i | 1 \le i \le m\}$ . Without loss of generality, let  $w_1 = u_1, w_2 = v_1$ .

Since  $u_1$  is labeled by 2,  $v_1$  is labeled by a, then the vertex label set is  $\{a - 1, a + 1\}$ . Thus, the vertex  $v_i$   $(i \ge 2)$  has no label that satisfies the vertex Euclidean condition.

1.3  $w_1, w_2 \in \{u_i | 1 \le i \le n\}$ . Without loss of generality, let  $w_1 = u_1, w_2 = u_2$ .

At this time, in  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_m$ , there must exist two vertices labeled by a - 1 and a + 1 respectively. Thus, there is not a a positive integer is the label of  $u_n$  so that the vertex Euclidean condition holds.

2. a = m + n + 1.

Since  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  are in two  $C_3$ , but there only a positive integer m+n so that 2+m+n > m+n+1 holds, contradiction. Overall,  $\mu_{vEuclid}(C_n \oplus N_m) > 1$  when m > 1.

**Theorem 5.3** For m > 1, n > 2,  $\mu_{vEuclid}(C_n \oplus N_m) = 2$ .

**Proof.** 1. *n* = 3.

Define a vertex labeling f as follows.

$$f(v_i) = 2 + i, 1 \le i \le m.$$
  
 $f(u_i) = m + 2 + i, i = 1, 2, 3$ 

Because  $|f(u_i) - f(u_j)| \le 2$  for  $1 \le i, j \le 3$  and  $i \ne j$ , the minimum value of the vertex labels is 3, so these vertex labels satisfy the vertex Euclidean condition.

2. *n* > 3.

We find a vertex labeling *f* such that  $\mu_{vEuclid}(C_n \oplus N_m) = 2$ . First, define the labels of  $v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_m, u_1, u_2, u_3$ . Let

$$f(v_i) = 2 + i, \ 1 \le i \le m.$$
  
 $f(u_1) = m + 3, \ f(u_2) = m + 4, \ f(u_3) = m + 5.$ 

From the discussions on the case of n = 3, we can to know that these vertex labels satisfy the vertex Euclidean condition.

Next, define the remaining vertex labels according to the parity of *n*.

2.1 *n* is odd.

Define the labels of the remaining vertices as follows.

$$f(u_i) = m + 2i, \quad 3 \le i \le \frac{m+1}{2}.$$

$$f(u_{n-i}) = m+5+2i, \quad 1 \le i \le \frac{n-3}{2}.$$

Thus, for any two adjacent vertices on  $C_n$ , the difference of their labels is less than or equal to 2, the minimum value in [3, m+2] is 3, so these vertex labels satisfy the vertex Euclidean condition.

2.2 *n* is even.

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$$f(u_i) = m + 2i, \quad 3 \le i \le \frac{n+2}{2}.$$
  
 $f(u_{n-i}) = m + 5 + 2i, \quad 1 \le i \le \frac{n-4}{2}.$ 

The discussions are the same as thats in 2.1, we can to know that the conclusion is correct. This completes the proof.

When m = 1,  $C_n \oplus N_1$  is also called wheel graph in [10], denoted by  $W_n$ ; when m = 2,  $C_n \oplus N_2$  is also called a double cone graph in [11], denoted by DC(n). By Theorems 5.1 and 5.3, have

**Corollary 5.4** For  $n \ge 3$ ,

$$\mu_{vEuclid}(W_n) = \begin{cases} 2, & n=3\\ 1, & n>3 \end{cases}$$

**Corollary 5.5** For  $n \ge 3$ ,  $\mu_{vEuclid}(DC(n)) = 2$ .

## 6. Conclusions

In this paper, we have studied four classes of graphs, they are  $GTS(k_1, k_2, ..., k_{n-1}; n), (m-1) - XG(m, n), Circ(n, 2)$ and  $C_n \oplus N_m$  respectively. On  $GTS(k_1, k_2, ..., k_{n-1}; n)$ , the vertex Euclidean deficiency is 1 for any  $k_i \ge 1, n > 1$ , at the same time, besides these results, we have also obtained the vertex Euclidean deficiencies on triangular snakes, double triangular snakes. On (m-1) - XG(m, n), the vertex Euclidean deficiency is 2 for any  $m, n \ge 2$  and  $m \le n$ . On Circ(n, 2), the vertex Euclidean deficiency is different in n equal to different values. On  $C_n \oplus N_m$ , the vertex Euclidean deficiency is 2 for m > 1, n > 2, and the vertex Euclidean deficiencies of  $W_n$  and DC(n) are obtained too.

### 7. Closing remarks

The vertex Euclidean labeling is an new area of graph labeling problems, there haven't been many results yet on vertex Euclidean labeling of graphs. Hence, in the future, we will conduct research on the vertex Euclidean properties of graphs, and like to invite the readers to join us.

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