Graph Cordiality – Extremes and Preservers

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An undirected graph is said to be cordial if there is a friendly (0,1)-labeling of the vertices that induces a friendly (0,1)-labeling of the edges. An undirected graph G is said to be (2,3)orientable if there exists a friendly (0,1)-labeling of the vertices of G such that about one third of the edges are incident to vertices labeled the same. That is, there is some digraph that is an orientation of G that is (2,3)-cordial. Examples of the smallest (edgewise) cordial and (2,3)-orientable graphs are given and bounds on the largest size of the edge set of a cordial graphs are proven. It is also shown that if T is a linear operator on the set of all undirected graphs on n vertices that strongly preserves the set of cordial graphs or the set of (2,3)-orientable graphs then T is a vertex permutation..

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