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On γ -labeling almost-bipartite graphs.

Techniques of labeling the vertices of a bipartite graph G with n edges to yield a cyclic G -decomposition of K_{2nx+1} , where x is a positive integer, have received much attention in the literature. An *almost-bipartite* graph is a non-bipartite graph with the property that the removal of some single edge renders the graph bipartite. Examples of such graphs include the cycles of odd length. Blinco, El-Zanati, and Vanden Eynden recently introduced the concept of a γ -labeling of an almost-bipartite graph. They showed that such a labeling of a graph G of size n yields cyclic G -decompositions of K_{2nx+1} . We investigate some infinite classes of almost-bipartite graphs that admit γ -labelings. Our work was done as part of the *Teacher-Scholar Program* at Illinois State. (Received September 20, 2007)