

(A-10-1 MATH 239, Winter 2021) Let G be a graph with a perfect matching, and such that all vertices in G have degree at least 2. Prove that if G is bipartite, then G has at least two perfect matchings.

Solution: Assume that $G = (V, E)$ is a bipartite graph, let (A, B) represent the bipartition, denote the perfect matching of G as M . Since edges strictly connect between A and B , the edge's of M exist exclusivity between the two sets. Let $v_0 \in A$, let $v_0 w_0 \in M$ represent the matching edge, we show that $E(G) \setminus \{v_0, w_0\}$ has a perfect matching. Let $S \subseteq V(G)$, since for each $v \in S, v \neq v_0, \exists w \in V, vw \in M$, each vertex v has at least one unique neighbor, since $\deg(v) \geq 2$, it follows that for any pair of vertices's $v_i, v_j \in S, |N(v_i) \setminus N(v_j)| \geq 2$. Hence we conclude that since G is bipartite, $|N(S)| = \bigcup_{v \in S} |N(v)| \geq |S|$, by Hall's Theorem there exists an alternative perfect matching M' . ■