

The claim is true; here is a proof. Let  $G$  be a graph with the given properties, and suppose by way of contradiction that it is not connected. Let  $S$  be the nodes in its smallest connected component. Since there are at least two connected components, we have  $|S| \leq n/2$ . Now, consider any node  $u \in S$ . Its neighbors must all lie in  $S$ , so its degree can be at most  $|S| - 1 \leq n/2 - 1 < n/2$ . This contradicts our assumption that every node has degree at least  $n/2$ .