

# Math 239 Lecture 33

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## Hall's Theorem

**Hall's Theorem:**  $G$  bipartite  $(A, B)$ . There is a matching that saturates  $A$  if and only if  $\forall x \subseteq A, |N(x)| \geq |x|$   
*Hall's Condition*

**Proof:**

$\Rightarrow$  (Done last class, whoops!)

$\Leftarrow$  (contrapositive if no matching saturates  $A$ , then  $\exists x \subseteq A$  where  $|N(x)| < |x|$ )

Let  $M$  be a maximum matching. By assumption,  $|M| < |A|$

Let  $C$  be a minimum cover. By König's theorem  $|C| = |M| < |A|$

Note that no edge joins  $A/C$  to  $B/C$  since none of these vertices are in the cover. So  $M(A/C) \subseteq B \cap C$

So

$$\begin{aligned} |N(A/C)| &\leq |B \cap C| \\ &= |C| - |A \cap C| \\ &< |A| - |A \cap C| \end{aligned}$$

(since  $|C| < |A|$ )

$$= |A/C|$$

So  $|N(A/C)| < |A/C|$  meaning  $A/C$  violates Hall's Condition

**Corollary:** If  $G$  is a  $k$ -regular bipartite graph with  $k \geq 1$  then  $G$  has a perfect matching

**Proof:** Suppose  $G$  has bipartition  $(A, B)$ . We claim that  $|A| = |B|$  : from assignment,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{v \in A} \deg(v) &= \sum_{v \in B} \deg(v) \\ \sum_{v \in A} k &= \sum_{v \in B} k \end{aligned}$$

So  $k|A| = k|B|$  since  $k \neq 0$ ,  $|A| = |B|$

Let  $x \subseteq A$ . Any edge with one end in  $X$  must have the other end in  $N(x)$ .

So  $\sum_{v \in N(x)} \deg(v) \geq \sum_{v \in X} \deg(v)$

Since  $G$  is  $k$ -regular,  $k|N(x)| \geq k|x|$

Since  $k \geq 1$ ,  $|N(x)| \geq |x|$  so Hall's condition holds for all  $X \subseteq A$  by Hall's Theorem, there is a matching. Since  $|A| = |B|$ , this matching is a perfect matching.

## Final Exam

Aug 5, 12:30 PAC

Covers everything

Look at assignment 12

Practice final

Posted theorems