

## Exercise-set 8. Solutions

1.  $\Delta(G) = 4 \implies \chi_e(G) \geq 4$ , and the edges of  $G$  can be colored with 4 colors  $\implies \chi_e(G) \leq 4$ .
2. a) Vertices of the same color are independent.  
b) Edges of the same color are independent.
3.  $\chi_e(K_5) \geq e/\nu = 10/2 = 5$  and  $\chi_e(K_5) \leq \Delta(K_5) + 1 = 5$ , so  $\chi_e(K_5) = 5$ .  
 $\chi_e(K_6) \geq \chi_e(K_5) = 5$ , and the edges of  $K_6$  can be colored with 5 colors  $\implies \chi_e(K_6) \leq 5$ .  
(In general,  $\chi_e(K_{2n+1}) = 2n + 1$  and  $\chi_e(K_{2n}) = 2n - 1$ .)
4.  $\chi_e(K_{20}) = 19$  (ex. 2.), and a round corresponds to edges of the same color.
5.  $\chi_e(G) \geq \chi_e(K_5) = 5$ , and the edges of  $G$  can be colored with 5 colors  $\implies \chi_e(G) \leq 5$ .
6. a)  $\chi_e(G) \geq e/\nu = 15/2 > 7$  and the edges of  $G$  can be colored with 8 colors  $\implies \chi_e(G) = 8$ .  
b)  $\chi_e(G) \geq e/\nu = 15/2 > 7$  and the edges of  $G$  can be colored with 8 colors  $\implies \chi_e(G) = 8$ .
7.  $|E(G)| = 1999 \cdot 10/2 = 9995$ ,  $\nu(G) \leq 1999/2 = 999 \implies \chi_e(G) \geq 9995/999 > 10$  and  $\chi_e(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1 = 11 \implies \chi_e(G) = 11$ .
8.  $\chi_e(G) \geq e/\nu = (2k \cdot 3 + 2)/2k > 3$  (since  $|V(G)|$  is odd) and  $\chi_e(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1 = 4 \implies \chi_e(G) = 4$ .
9. For a  $k$ -regular graph on 9 vertices  $\chi_e(G) = k + 1$ , and  $\overline{G}$  is  $8 - k$ -regular  $\implies \chi_e(\overline{G}) \geq 9 - k$ .
10. Any color class of edges forms a perfect matching (covers all the vertices).
11.  $\nu(G) \geq e/\chi_e \geq 16/5 > 3$  (since  $\chi_e(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1 = 4$ ), and  $\nu(G) \leq 9/2$ .
12. a) The edges of  $G$  can be colored with 3 colors; 2 colors for the Hamilton cycle (since it has an even length, because  $|E| = 3|V|/2$  is an integer), and one for the remaining edges.  
b) The edges of it cannot be colored with 3 colors.
13.  $\chi_e(G), \chi_e(G - v) \in \{8, 9\}$ .  
If  $\chi_e(G - v) = 9 \implies \chi_e(G) = 9$ .  
If  $\chi_e(G - v) = 8$ , then an 8-coloring of the edges of  $G - v$  can be extended to an 8-coloring of the edges of  $G$ .
14. If we delete the edge  $\{a, b\}$  then by exercise 8,  $\chi_e(G) = 4$ .
15. Yes, if we delete a matching (see exercise 3.).
16. The edges of the original graph can be colored with  $\chi_e(G') + 2$  colors.
17. Yes,  $K_5 \setminus \{\text{one edge}\}$  is like that.
18.  $\chi_e(G) \geq 4$  and the edges of  $G$  can be colored with 4 colors  $\implies \chi_e(G) \leq 4$ .
19.  $G$  = (rows, columns; selected squares) is a 3-regular bipartite graph  $\implies \chi_e(G) = 3$ .
20.  $G$  is bipartite  $\implies \chi_e(G) = \Delta(G) = 6$ ; or give a concrete edge-coloring.
21.  $G$  is bipartite  $\implies \chi_e(G) = \Delta(G) = 3$ .
22. The other degree is 3, and trees are bipartite  $\implies \chi_e(G) = \Delta(G) = 3$ .
23.  $G$  = two vertex-disjoint cycles (which are bipartite) and a 100-regular bipartite graph  $\implies \chi_e(G) = 2 + 100 = 102$ .
24.  $\chi_e(G) = \Delta(G) = 9$
25. There are 36 minimum weight spanning trees of weight 19.
26. There are  $99!$  minimum weight spanning trees of weight  $2 + 3 + \dots + 100 = 5049$ .
27. The weight of a minimum weight spanning tree is 150.
28. One of them is a path from 1 to 10 of weight 18.
29. By Kruskal's algorithm: when we get to  $e$ , we cannot create a cycle.
30. By Kruskal's algorithm: the other edges of  $C$  can be selected before  $e$ .
31. There must be a cut in  $G$  consisting of edges of weight 100 only.
32. Order the edges of  $G$  such that the edges of the given spanning tree come first among the edges of the same weight.