

Solution3

Lemma 1:

G connected \Rightarrow the two vertices corresponding to deg 1 are not connected together.

Proof contradiction:

If they were then you would have an edge as a component of the graph $\Rightarrow G$ is not connected. This is a contradiction.

Let us name the deg 1 vertices v and u . We remove v and u from the graph. Then according to the degree sequence all the vertices left have degree 4 except the vertices v and u where connected to. We will call them v' and u' respectively. Then we will have two cases:

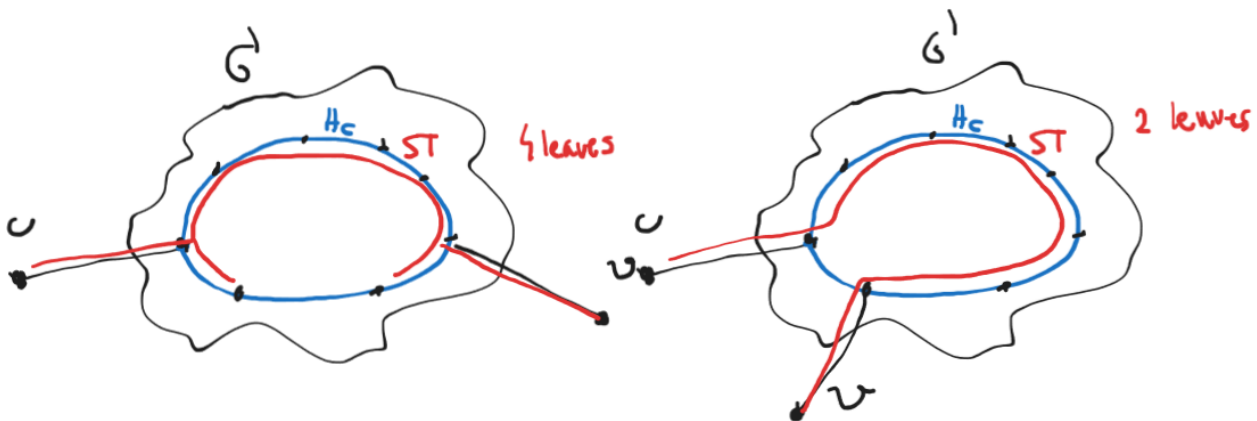
1. $\deg(v')=3$ and $\deg(u')=3$.
2. $v'=u'$ $\deg(v')=2$

For case 1

- If there is not edge $v'u'$

Add an edge between v' and u' . Here Dirac condition holds $\forall v \in G''$

$\deg(v) = 4 \geq \frac{|V(G'')|}{2} = \frac{8}{2} = 4$ so G'' has a H_c . Now the new edge added may or may not be in the H_c . If it isn't then using lemma 1 we know that u and v will be connected to the H_c . To form a spanning graph for G we remove an edge from H_c forming a H_p and use the edges connecting v and u to H_c . If it is then removing it we will have a $H_p = v' \dots u'$ \Rightarrow we have $H_p = ST = vv' \dots u'u$ in G which is a ST with 2 leaves (<4).

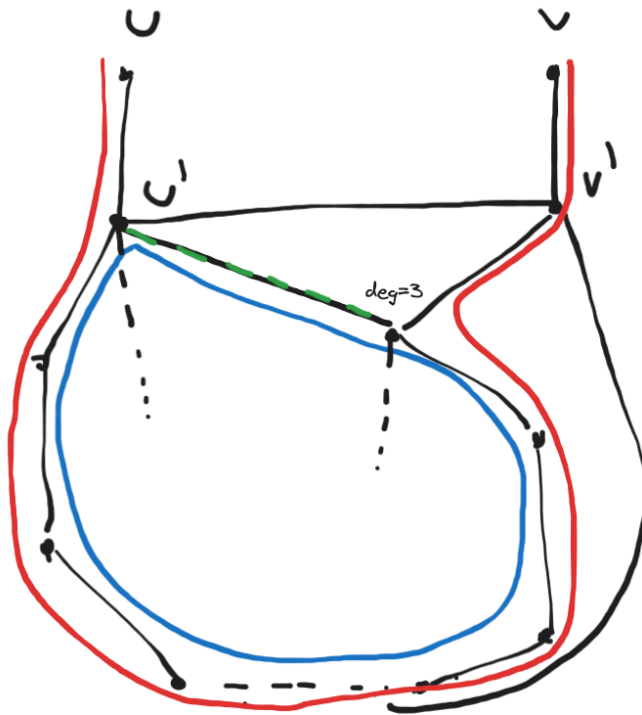


- If there is already an edge $v'u'$

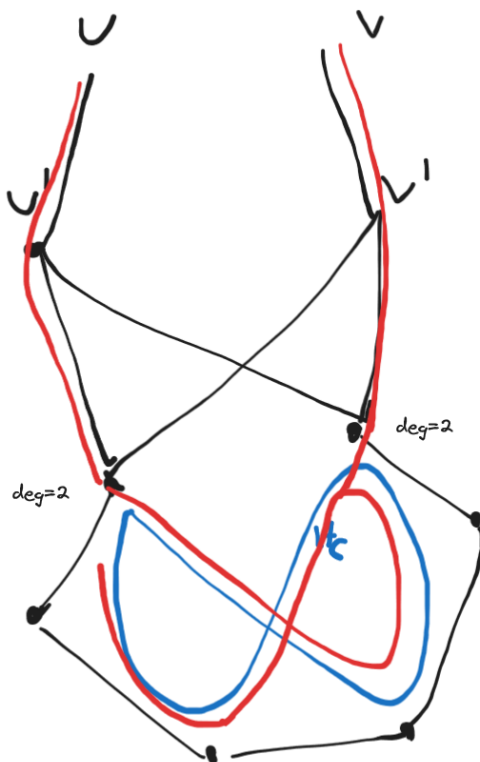
Then v' and u' have 2 edges each connecting to the rest of the graph. You can remove one of them, let's remove v' . Because the graph is connected the 2 edges connected to the rest of the graph point to different vertices because the graph G is simple ($\Rightarrow G'$ too, we never added an edge, we just removed) \Rightarrow we get the degree sequence 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4.

- If $\deg=2$ vertex is NOT connected to both $\deg=3$ vertices

Then we connect $\deg=2$ vertex to one of $\deg=3$ and we get 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4 as a degree sequence. The Ore's condition holds here $\Rightarrow H_c$. We use H_c to build a ST with <4 leaves as shown below



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Then we can remove the $\deg=2$ and we get 2, 2, 4, 4, 4, 4 as a degree sequence.
 - if the $\deg=2$ vertices are or are not connected than the Ore's condition holds either way ($2+4=6=n$). We know that the $\deg=2$ vertices are connected to u' and v' so there is a path vv' to $\deg=2$ and uu' to $\deg=2$. Therefore they are connected to the $H_c \Rightarrow$ you can form an ST with 3 leaves.



For case 2

From G' remove the $v'=u'$ and you are left with the deg sequence 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4. The Ore's condition holds here $\Rightarrow G'$ has a H_c . Let the removed u' be connected to u_1 and u_2 . If the edge u_1u_2 is in H_c then you can form a ST of 3 leaves (v, v and u_2) as

shown below. If u_1u_2 is not in H_c than the the same method of producing ST of 3 leaves will work as shown below.

