

**Theorem 8.6**

Every  $r$ -regular bipartite graph ( $r \geq 1$ ) has a perfect matching.

**Proof:**

Let  $G$  be an  $r$ -regular bipartite graph with partite sets  $U$  and  $W$ . Necessarily  $|U| = |W|$ . Let  $X$  be a non-empty subset of  $U$ . Suppose that  $|X| = k \geq 1$ . Since every vertex of  $X$  has degree  $r$  in  $G$ , there are  $kr$  edges of  $G$  incident with vertices of  $X$ . Furthermore, since each vertex of  $W$  is incident with at most  $r$  of these  $kr$  edges, every vertex in  $N(X)$  is incident with at most  $r$  edges and so  $|N(X)| \geq k = |X|$ . By theorem 8.3,  $G$  has a perfect matching.