

**Theorem 8.15**

Every  $r$ -regular bipartite graph,  $r \geq 1$ , is 1-factorable.

**Proof:**

Let  $G$  be an  $r$ -regular bipartite graph, where  $r \geq 1$ . By Theorem 8.6,  $G$  contains a perfect matching  $M_1$ . Hence  $G - M_1$  is  $(r - 1)$ -regular. If  $r \geq 2$ , then  $G - M_1$  contains a perfect matching  $M_2$ . Continuing in this manner and applying Theorem 8.6  $r$  times, we see that  $E(G)$  can be partitioned into perfect matchings, which gives rise to a 1-factorization of  $G$ .