

# Extra credit problems

Math 485

0. Find a mistake or misprint in “Extra pearls”. (The score depends on the type of mistake.)

1. Assume  $d_1, \dots, d_p$  is a sequence of integers in a nonincreasing order. Show that it is multigraphic if and only if  $d_p \geq 0$ , the sum  $d_1 + \dots + d_p$  is even and

$$d_1 \leq d_2 + \dots + d_p.$$

(A sequence of integers  $d_1, \dots, d_p$  is called *multigraphic* if it appears as a sequence of degrees of a multigraph.)

2. Assume that the sequence  $d_1, \dots, d_p$  is graphic,  $d_i \geq 1$  for each  $i$  and

$$d_1 + \dots + d_p \geq 2 \cdot (p - 1).$$

Show that there is a connected graph  $G$  with the degree sequence  $d_1, \dots, d_p$ .

~~3.~~ (*solved*) Show that in any connected graph  $G$  there is a vertex  $v$  such that  $G - v$  is connected.

~~4.~~ (*solved*) Let  $G$  be a connected graph. Show that any two paths of maximum length in  $G$  have a common vertex.

5. Assume two trees  $R$  and  $S$  have the vertices  $r_1, \dots, r_n$  and  $s_1, \dots, s_n$  correspondingly. Assume that  $R - r_i$  is isomorphic to  $S - s_i$  for each  $i$ . Show that  $R$  is isomorphic to  $S$ .

~~6.~~ (*solved*) Let  $G$  be a critical graph and  $\chi(G) = k + 1$ . Show after removing any  $k - 1$  edges from  $G$  the obtained graph remains connected.

7. Assume both sequences  $d_1, \dots, d_p$  and  $d_1 - 1, \dots, d_p - 1$  are graphic. Show that there is a graph with a 1-factor and with the degree sequence  $d_1, \dots, d_p$ .

8. Show that any 4-regular graph has a 2-factor.

9. Show that any edge of cubic graph lies in an even number of Hamiltonian cycles.

~~10.~~ (solved) Assume that the edges of a complete graph are colored in two colors. Show that there is a Hamiltonian cycle which either monochromatic or consists of two monochromatic paths.

11. Assume that  $G$  is a 3-regular connected graph such that for any two vertices  $v, w$  of  $G$  there is an isomorphism  $G \rightarrow G$  which sends  $v$  to  $w$ . Prove that  $G$  remains connected after removing any 2 edges.

12. Let  $G$  be a connected graph. Given any two vertices  $v, w$  in  $G$ , denote by  $d(v, w)$  the length of a shortest path containing  $v$  to  $w$ .

Assume that  $G$  has no triangles and

$$d(x, y) + d(v, w) = \max\{d(x, v) + d(y, w), d(x, w) + d(y, v)\}$$

for any 4 vertices  $x, y, v, w$  in  $G$ . Show that  $G$  is a tree.

13. Understand the proof of Vizing's theorem (see the references for Theorem 2.2.2 in "Pearls" or find a proof elsewhere).

14. Suppose  $p = r(m, n)$  is the Ramsey number for  $m$  and  $n$ .

Assume that  $G$  results from  $K_p$  by deleting a single edge. Show that  $G$  has a red/blue edge coloring with no red  $K_m$  and no blue  $K_n$ .

~~15.~~ (solved) Show that a graph  $G$  with  $p$  vertexes is a tree if and only if its chromatic polynomial is  $k \cdot (k - 1)^{p-1}$ .