

Graph Theory HW4

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Problem 2. Let $uv \in E(G)$, $H := G - uv$, $N_H(w) := \{x | wx \in E(H)\}$.

Let $S := \{p | p \text{ is a Hamiltonian path in } H \text{ with } u \text{ being one of the endpoint}\}$, $p_i :=$ the i -th vertex on the path p ($p = p_1 (= u)p_2p_3 \cdots p_n$), and $T_w := \{p | p \in S, p_n = w\}$. Let $f : S \rightarrow 2^S$ (the power set of S), where $f(p) := \{p_1p_2 \cdots p_ip_n p_{n-1} \cdots p_{i+1} | p_ip_n \in E(H), i \neq n-1\}$.

$$\Rightarrow |f(p)| = |\{i | p_ip_n \in E(H), i \neq n-1\}| = \deg_H(p_n) - 1.$$

Suppose that $q \in f(p)$, where $q = p_1p_2 \cdots p_ip_n p_{n-1} \cdots p_{i+1}$.

$$\Rightarrow p = q_1q_2 \cdots q_iq_n q_{n-1} \cdots q_{i+1}.$$

$$\because q_iq_n = p_ip_{i+1} \in E(H).$$

$\therefore p \in f(q)$ by the definition of f and Hamiltonian path.

$$\therefore \forall p, q \in S, p \in f(q) \iff q \in f(p).$$

Consider a graph H' with vertex set S , and $pq \in E(H') \iff p \in f(q) (\iff q \in f(p))$.

$$\deg_{H'}(p) = |f(p)| = \deg_H(p_n) - 1.$$

The number of Hamiltonian cycles of G that contain $uv \equiv$ the number of Hamiltonian paths that starts at u and ends at v in $H \equiv \sum_{p_n=v} 1^{\deg_H(v) \equiv \deg_G(v)-1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}}$

$$\sum_{p_n=v} (\deg_H(v)-1)^{\deg_H(w) \equiv \deg_G(v) \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \text{ for } w \neq v} \sum_{w \in V} \sum_{p_n=w} (\deg_H(w)-1) \equiv \sum_{p \in S} (\deg_H(p_n)-1) \equiv \sum_{p \in S} \deg_{H'}(p) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, \text{ which finishes this problem.}$$

Problem 3. Let $m := \frac{n}{2}$.

Consider the graph $K_{m+1, m-1}$ (where $V(K_{m-1, m+1})$ has bipartition $A \cup B$, and

$|A| = m + 1$), it does not have a perfect matching because $|N_S| < |S|$ for $S = A$ by Hall theorem.

$$\therefore d(n) > \delta(K_{m+1, m-1}) = m - 1.$$

Claim: $d(n) = m$.

Proof: Let G be a graph with $\delta(G) \geq m$, and $S \subseteq V(G)$.

For $|S| > m$, $q(G \setminus S) \leq |V(G \setminus S)| \leq m - 1 \leq |S|$.

For $|S| \leq m$:

The size of a connected component in $G \setminus S$ is at least $\delta(G \setminus S) + 1$, because every vertex is connected to at least $\delta(G \setminus S)$ vertices.

$$\therefore \text{the number of connected components of } G \setminus S \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n - |S|}{\delta(G \setminus S) + 1} \right\rfloor \stackrel{\delta(G \setminus S) \geq \delta(G) - |S| \geq m - |S|}{\leq}$$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{2m - |S|}{m - |S| + 1} \right\rfloor.$$

Let $f(x) := \frac{2m - x}{(m - x + 1)x}$ for $x \in (0, m + 1)$ (so that $(m - x + 1)x > 0$).

$$f(x) \leq 1 \iff 2m - x \leq (m - x + 1)x \iff x^2 - (m + 2)x + 2m \leq 0 \iff$$

$$(x - m)(x - 2) \leq 0 \iff 2 \leq x \leq m. \text{---(1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{q(G \setminus S)}{|S|} \leq \frac{\left\lfloor \frac{2m - |S|}{m - |S| + 1} \right\rfloor}{|S|} \begin{cases} = \left\lfloor \frac{2m - 1}{m} \right\rfloor = 1, \text{ if } x = 1 \\ \leq \frac{2m - |S|}{(m - |S| + 1)|S|} \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} 1, \text{ if } x \geq 2 \end{cases}.$$

$$\Rightarrow q(G \setminus S) \leq |S|.$$

\therefore by Tutte theorem, G has a perfect matching, which finishes the proof.

Problem 6. Consider G with bipartition $V(G) = A \cup B$.

$A = \{u_i | i \in [n]\}$, $B = \{v_i | i \in [n]\}$, where $u_i \in A, v_j \in B$ are adjacent \iff the i -th column of L does not contain j .

\therefore the size of a row is n , each element of $[n]$ appears exactly once in every row.

\Rightarrow there are r j s for all $j \in [n]$.

\therefore no column contains two j s.

$\Rightarrow \deg(v_j) = n - r$ — the number of columns that contain $j = n - r$.

\therefore every column contains r different elements.

$\therefore \deg(u_i) = n - r \forall i \in [n]$.

$\therefore G$ is k -regular.

By corollary 5.10 in class, G has a perfect matching, and suppose that M is a perfect

matching.

Let $f(j)$ denote the index of the other endpoint of the edge containing v_j in M (that is, $u_{f(j)}v_j \in M$).

Put j at the intersection of the $f(j)$ -th column and the $(r+1)$ -th row for all $j \in [n]$.
—(1)

By the definition of G , since $u_{f(j)}v_j \in M \subseteq E(G)$, j does not appear in the $f(i)$ -th column of L .

Also, since M is a perfect matching, f is a bijection, which means the $(r+1)$ -th row contains each element in $[n]$ exactly once.

\therefore (1) is a valid way to extend L .