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We use induction on the number of vertices in A that satisfying that condition implies there exists a matching saturating A. Base case: If A has one vertex, a, and this condition is satisfied, it has at least one neighbor. Picking an edge between a and that neighbor completes a matching saturating A. Inductive step: Say we have a graph with bipartition A, B with |A| = k which satisfies that condition (Hall's condition). We wish to show it has a matching saturating A. Pick a vertex $a \in A$. It has some neighbor $b \in B$ via the edge e = ab. Delete a and b from G to get G'. Now, the |A'| = k - 1 which implies that as long as Hall's condition is satisfied in G', we can apply the inductive hypothesis. There are two cases. Case 1: Something slightly stronger than Hall's Condition was satisfied in G. Namely, For all $S \subseteq A$, $|N_G(S)| \ge |S| + 1$. This means that then $|N_{G'}(S)| \ge |N_G(S)| - 1 \ge |S| + 1 - 1 = |S|$ and we have Hall's Condition in G' which means we can apply the inductive hypothesis and get a matching saturating A in G. So, in case 1 we're done. Now, consider case 2, the negation of case 1. Case 2: This means that there exists some subset $S \subseteq A$ with $|N_G(S)| = |S|$. In this case, we break G into 2 graphs. Let the first graph, $G_1 = S \cup N_G(S)$ and let $G_2 = (A \setminus S) \cup (B \setminus N_G(S))$. To start, G_1 still satisfies Hall's Condition, which means that G_1 has a perfect matching. Now, I claim that G_2 also satisfies Hall's Condition. We show this by contradiction. Assume not. Assume there exists some subset $T \subseteq A \setminus S$ such that $|N_{G_2}(T)| < |T|$. Now, consider $T \cup S$ and calculate $|N_G(T \cup S)| = |N_G(T)| + |N_G(S)| - |N_G(S)| - |N_G(T)| \le |N_G(T)| + |N_G(S)| < |T| + |S| = |S \cup T|$ (since $|N_{G_2}(T)| < |T|$ and $|N_G(S)| = |S|$) which is a contradiction since that would mean Hall's Condition wasn't satisfied in the original graph. So, that can't happen and that means Hall's Condition is satisfied in G_2 . Then, we can apply the inductive hypothesis to get a matching of G_2 which saturates $A \setminus S$. Combining this matching of G_2 with the aforementioned matching of G_1 , we get a matching of G which saturates A.

Now, for the reverse implication, we need to show that if there exists such a matching then Halls condition is satisfied. If there exists such a matching of size —A—, then it must saturate every vertex of A (since the only edges that exist are between A and B). Now, assume Hall's Condition is not satisfied, namely that for some $X \subseteq A$, |N(X)| < |X|. Well, since every vertex of A is matched in particular, every vertex $x \in X$ is matched. These vertices must be matched to some neighbor, all of which are contained in N(X) and also no two $x_1, x_2 \in X$ are matched to the same $y \in B$, which implies that for each $x \in X$, there is one $y \in N(X)$ which gives that $|N(X)| \ge |X|$, a contradiction.