3-10 Traversability

(Part II: Hamiltonian Graphs)

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Theorem (Necessary Condition; Theorem 6.5)

If G is a Hamiltonian graph, then for each nonempty set $S \subset V(G)$,

$$k(G-S) \le |S|.$$

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Proof.

By Extremality and Contradiction.



Theorem (Dirac's Theorem, 1952; Corollary 6.7)

Let G be a graph of order $n \geq 3$. If

$$\forall v \in V(G) : deg(v) \ge n/2,$$

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Definition (Closure C(G))

The closure C(G) of a graph G is the graph obtained from G by iteratively adding edges joining pairs of nonadjacent vertices u and v such that $\deg(u) + \deg(v) \geq n$, until no such pair remains.

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Theorem (Lajos Posa)

Let G be a graph of order $n \geq 3$. If for each integer j with $1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2}$, the number of vertices of G with degree at most j is less than j, then G is Hamiltonian.

Theorem

C(G) is well-defined.

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