

# Discrete Optimization: Homework #12, Ex. #4

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Given a graph  $G = (V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}, E)$ , we can obtain an associated bipartite graph  $G' = (V', E')$  with  $V' = A \cup B$ ,  $|A| = |B| = |V|$ ,  $(a_i, b_j) \in E'$  if and only if  $(v_i, v_j) \in E$ . Then one can find a 2-matching in  $G$  if and only if one can find a perfect matching in  $G'$ , which can be done in polynomial time. If  $M'$  is a perfect matching of  $G'$ , then  $\forall e \in M'$ ,  $e = (a_i, b_j)$  or  $e = (b_j, a_i)$  and we can add  $(v_i, v_j)$  to the 2-Matching  $M$  in  $G$ .

By König-Hall's Theorem, we can only find a perfect matching in  $G'$  if  $|N(S)| \geq |S| \quad \forall S \subseteq A$ .

