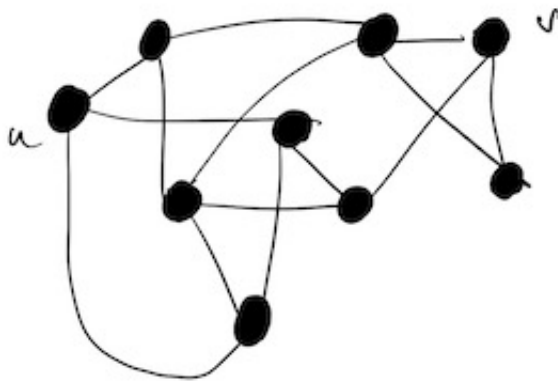


Graph Theory Practice Sheet for Midterm 2

This sheet is not meant to be exhaustive, but rather as a supplement to the problems from the homework since the last exam.

1. This is a problem in the direction of Vizing's Theorem. Show that for a graph G , you can always color it using at most $2\Delta - 1$ colors. As a hint, you should think about the simple vertex coloring algorithm and how it worked.
2. This problem is the direction of Brook's Theorem. Suppose that G is a graph, v is a cut vertex and G_1, G_2, \dots, G_k are the components of $G - v$. Show that if $\chi(G)$ is less than $\Delta(G) + 1$ for each I , then we will also have $\chi(G) \leq \Delta + 1$.
3. Can you draw a graph with $\xi(G) = 4$ and with the graph containing no triangles? If you can, do it. If not, say why not.
4. Draw a graph with $\kappa(G) = 2$, $\lambda(G) = 2$ and $\delta(G) = 3$ (or show no such graph exists).
5. In the graph shown below, exhibit a minimum $u - v$ vertex cut and a minimal $u - v$ vertex cut which isn't minimum. How can you tell that your minimum vertex cut is actually minimum?



6. Find all cut vertices and blocks in the graph below:

