

Graph Theory I Homework II-1 by 陳巧玲

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1. Prove the A-B version of Menger's Theorem.

We denote by $k = k(G, A, B)$ the minimum number of vertices separating A from B in G . Clearly, G cannot contain more than k disjoint A-B paths; our goal will be show that k such paths exist.

First proof

We prove the following stronger statement:

If P is any set of fewer than k disjoint A-B paths in G then there is a set Q of $|P| + 1$ disjoint A-B paths whose set of ends includes the set of ends of the paths in P .

Keeping G and A fixed, we let B vary and apply induction on $|G - B|$. Let R be an A-B path that avoids the vertices (fewer than k) of B that lie on a path in P . If R avoids all the paths in P , then

$Q = \{P \cup \{R\}\}$ is as desired. (This will happen * for $|G - B| = 0$ when all A-B paths are trivial.)

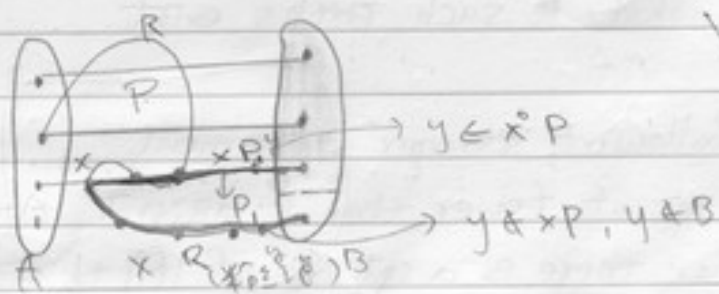
If not, let x be the last vertex of R that lies on some $P_i \in P$. Put $B' = B \cup \{x, P_i \cup x, R\}$ and $P' = (P - \{P_i\}) \cup \{P_i, x\}$.

Then $|P'| = |P|$ and $k(G, A, B') \geq k(G, A, B)$, so by the induction hypothesis there is a set Q' of $|P'| + 1$ disjoint A-B' paths whose ends include those of the paths in P' . (for $k(G, A, B') \geq k(G, A, B) > |P| > |P'|$, and by the way: $|B'| > |B| \Rightarrow |G - B'| < |G - B|$)

Then Q' contains a path Q_1 ending in x , and a unique path Q_2 whose last vertex y is not among the last vertices of the paths in P' . If $y \notin x, P_i$, we let

if P_i is a path

Q be obtained from Q' by adding xP_1 to Q_1 and adding yR to Q_2 if $y \notin B$. Otherwise $y \in x^i P$ and we let Q be obtained from Q' by adding xR to Q_1 and adding yP_1 to Q_2 .



Paths in the first proof

<Second proof>

We show by induction on $|G| + \|G\|$ that G contains k disjoint A - B paths. For all G, A, B with $k \in \{0, 1\}$ this is true. For the induction step let G, A, B with $k \geq 2$ be given, and assume that the assertion holds for graphs with fewer vertices or edges.

If there is a vertex $x \in A \cap B$, then $G - x$ contains $k-1$ disjoint A - B paths by the induction hypothesis.

Together with the trivial path (x, x) , these form the desired paths in G . We shall therefore assume that $A \cap B = \emptyset$ (1) \checkmark

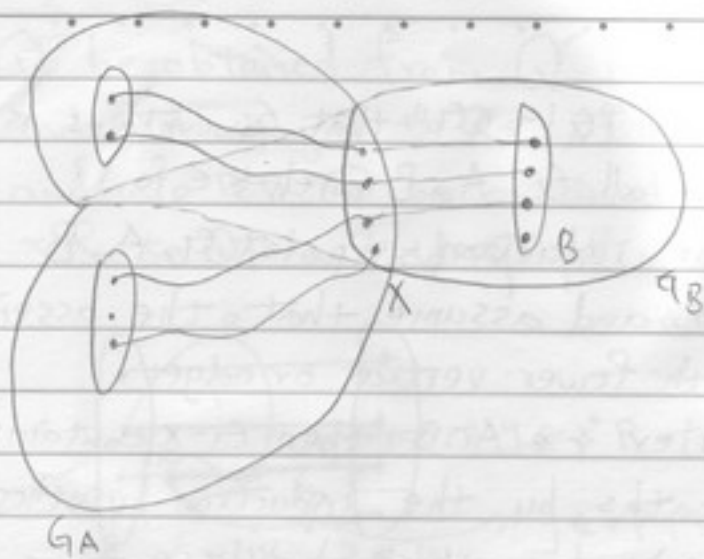
We first construct the desired paths for the case that A and B are separated by a set $X \subseteq V$

with $|X| = k$ and $X \neq A, B$. Let C_A be the union of all the components of $G - X$ meeting A ; note that

~~$C_A \neq \emptyset$~~ $C_A \neq \emptyset$. Since $|A| \geq k = |X|$ but $A \cap X = \emptyset$, the subgraph C_B defined likewise¹ is not empty either, and $C_A \cap C_B = \emptyset$.

Let us write $G_A := G[V(C_A) \cup X]$ and $G_B := G[V(C_B) \cup X]$. Since every A - B path in G contains an A - X path in G_A , we cannot separate A from X in G_A by fewer than k vertices.

Thus, by the induction hypothesis, G_A contains k disjoint A - X paths (Figure 1). In the same way there are k disjoint X - B paths in G_B . As $|X| = k$ we can put these paths together to form k disjoint A - B paths.



- For the general case, let P be any A - B path in G . By (i), P has an edge ab with $a \notin B$ and $b \notin A$. Let Y be a set of as few vertices as possible separating A from B in $G - ab$ (Fig. 2). Then $Y_a = Y \cup \{a\}$ and $Y_b = Y \cup \{b\}$ both separate A from B in G , and by definition of k

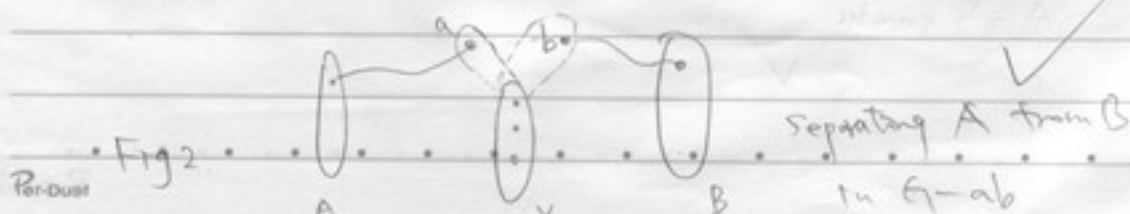
we have $|Y_a|, |Y_b| \geq k$. ✓

If equality holds here, we may assume by the case already treated that $\{Y_a, Y_b\} \subseteq \{A, B\}$ so $\{Y_a, Y_b\} = \{A, B\}$ since $a \notin B$ and $b \notin A$.

- Thus, $Y = A \cup B$. Since $|Y| \geq k + 1 \geq 1$, this contradicts (i). ✓

We therefore have either $|Y_a| > k$ or $|Y_b| > k$ and hence $|Y| \geq k$.

- By the induction hypothesis, then, there are k disjoint A - B paths even in $G - ab \subseteq G$.



Graph Theory I Homework II-5 by 李光祥

2. Prove the a-b version of Menger's Theorem.

Menger's Theorem(a-b version) :

The maximum number of vertex-disjoint paths between a and b is equal to the minimum number of vertices that separates a and b.

pf :

Conder $ab \notin E(G)$.

Note : If there exist k vertex-disjoint paths between a and b, then for each separating set S of a and b, $|S| \geq k$.

First, if a and b are in distinct components of G , then the Assertion is clearly true.

So let the graph G we consider be connected.

We claim that the number of vertex-disjoint paths between a and b is equal to the minimum number of vertices that separates a from b. (Let this number be n .)

Clearly, $n = 1$ is true.

Let $S_n(a,b)$ denote the statement that the minimum a-b

separator is of size n .

Assume that our claim is not true.

Then there is a smallest integer $m (\geq 2)$ such that $S_m(a,b)$ is true but there are fewer than m disjoint a - b paths.

Among all such counterexamples G of minimum order, let H be the one with minimum size.

Then H has the following properties :

(1) If $v_1 v_2 \in E(H - \{a,b\})$, then there exists a set U such

that $|U| = m - 1$ and $U \cup \{v_i\}$ is an a - b separator for

$i = 1, 2$.

(2) For any $w \notin \{a,b\}$ in H , not both aw and bw in H .

(3) If $\{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m\}$ is an a - b separator, then either

$\{aw_i \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, m\} \subseteq E(H)$ or $\{bw_i \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, m\} \subseteq E(H)$.

Let P be a shortest a - b path in H .

By (2), the length of P is at least 3.

Let $P = \langle a, u_1, u_2, \dots, b \rangle$, where $u_1, u_2 \neq b$, $u_1 \neq u_2$.

By (1), $\exists U$ of size $m - 1$ s.t $U \cup \{u_i\}$ is an a - b separator for

$i = 1, 2$.

Since $au_1 \in E(H)$ but $bu_1 \notin E(H)$ (by (2)), $U \cup \{u_1\} \subseteq N_H(a)$ (by (3)).

By (2), $\forall x \in U, xb \notin E(H)$.

$\Rightarrow U \cup \{u_2\} \subseteq N_H(a)$ (by (3)).

$\Rightarrow au_2 \in E(H)$.

$\Rightarrow P$ is not a shortest a-b path in H . ($\rightarrow \leftarrow$)

(Another method)

Menger's Theorem(a-b version) :

If a, b are vertices of a graph G and $ab \notin E(G)$, then the minimum size of an a, b -cut equals the maximum number of pairwise internally disjoint a, b -paths.

pf :

Let the minimum size of an a, b -cut be $\kappa(a, b)$ and the maximum number of pairwise internally disjoint a, b -paths be $\lambda(a, b)$.

Since an a, b -cut must contain an internal vertex from each path in a set of pairwise internally disjoint a, b -paths and these vertices must be distinct, so $\kappa(a, b) \geq \lambda(a, b)$.

Let $k = \kappa_G(a, b)$.

Our goal : To find k pairwise internally disjoint a, b -paths.

By induction on $|G|$.

(1) $|G| = 2$

Since $ab \notin E(G)$, $\kappa(a,b) = \lambda(a,b) = 0$.

(2) $|G| > 2$

Case 1. \exists a minimum a,b -cut S , $S \neq N_G(a), N_G(b)$.

Let V_1 be the set of vertices on a,S -paths, and

let V_2 be the set of vertices on S,b -paths.

Claim : $S = V_1 \cap V_2$.

Since S is a minimal a,b -cut, every vertex of S lies on an a,b -path.

$\Rightarrow S \subseteq V_1 \cap V_2$.

If $x \in (V_1 \cap V_2) - S$, then there exists a $a \dots x \dots b$ path and all vertices of the path don't belong to S . ($\rightarrow \leftarrow$)

Hence $S = V_1 \cap V_2$.

Let $a' \in V_1 \setminus S$ and $b' \in V_2 \setminus S$.

Define $H_1 = a,S$ -paths $\cup \{sb' \mid s \in S\}$, and

$$H_2 = S,b$$
-paths $\cup \{a's \mid s \in S\}$.

Since every a,b' -cut in H_1 is an a,b -cut in G , we have

$\kappa_{H_1}(a,b') = k$.

Similarly, $\kappa_{H_2}(a',b) = k$.

Since $S \neq N_G(a), N_G(b)$, $|H_1|, |H_2| < |G|$.

By induction hypothesis, $\lambda_{H_1}(a,b') = k = \lambda_{H_2}(a',b)$.

Since $V_1 \cap V_2 = S$, deleting b' from the k a - b' paths in H_1 and deleting a' from the k a' - b paths in H_2 yield the desired a,S -paths and S,b -paths in G .

Case 2. Every minimum a,b -cut S is $N_G(a)$ or $N_G(b)$.

(1) If there exists a vertex $v \in V(G) \setminus (N_G[a] \cup N_G[b])$,
then $v \notin S$.

$$\Rightarrow \kappa_{G-v}(a,b) = k.$$

By induction hypothesis, $\lambda_{G-v}(a,b) = k$.

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_G(a,b) = k.$$

(2) If there exists a vertex $u \in N_G(a) \cap N_G(b)$, then $u \in S$.

$$\kappa_{G-v}(a,b) = k - 1.$$

By induction hypothesis, $\lambda_{G-v}(a,b) = k - 1$.

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_G(a,b) = k.$$

(3) Assume that $G = N_G[a] \cup N_G[b]$.

Let $G' = (N_G(a), N_G(b))$ and $E(G') = [N_G(a), N_G(b)]$.

Since every a,b -path in G uses some edges from $N_G(a)$

to $N_G(b)$, the a,b-cuts in G are the vertex cover of G' .

$$\Rightarrow \beta(G') = k.$$

By König's Theorem, $\alpha'(G') = k$.

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_G(a,b) = k.$$

Then we complete the proof. \square

Graph Theory I Homework II-4 by 陳哲皓

4. Prove that for almost all graphs G , $\delta(G) = k_1(G)$

Proof. .

(1) By theorem: for almost all graphs G , $diam = 2$

(2) claim: If $diam(G) = 2$, then $\delta(G) = k_1(G)$

< pf >

Let $d(S) = | [S, \bar{S}] |$, $\forall S \subseteq V(G)$ Let $| [S, \bar{S}] |$ be a mini. edge cut with $| S | \leq | \bar{S} |$

$\Rightarrow | [S, \bar{S}] | = k_1(G) \leq \delta(G)$

(a.) claim: every vertex of S has neighbor in \bar{S}

< pf >

assume $\exists v_0 \in S$ with $N(v_0) \cap \bar{S} = \emptyset$

$\Rightarrow deg(v_0) = d(v_0) \leq | S | - 1$

$\because | S | \leq | \bar{S} |$ and $| S | + | \bar{S} | = n$

$\therefore | S | \leq \frac{n}{2} \Rightarrow deg(v_0) \leq | S | - 1 \leq \frac{n}{2} - 1 < \frac{n}{2}$

$\Rightarrow \delta(G) < \frac{n}{2} \dots (*1)$

$\because diam(G) = 2$

\therefore every vertex of \bar{S} has a neighbor in S (if $\exists u_0 \in \bar{S}$ with $N(u_0) \cap S = \emptyset$, then $d(u_0, v_0) > 2 \rightarrow \leftarrow$)

$\Rightarrow \frac{n}{2} \leq | \bar{S} | \leq | [S, \bar{S}] | = k_1(G)$

\Rightarrow by (*1) $\delta(G) < \frac{n}{2} \leq k_1(G)$

$\Rightarrow \delta(G) < k$

but we know $\delta(G) \geq k_1(G) \rightarrow \leftarrow$

(b.) claim: $\delta(G) = k_1(G)$

< pf >

by (a) $\Rightarrow | S | \leq | [S, \bar{S}] | = k_1(G) \leq \delta(G) \dots (*2)$

$\because | S | \leq \delta(G)$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\therefore \forall v \in S, |N(v) \cap \bar{S}| \geq \delta(G) - (|S| - 1) = \\
&\delta(G) - |S| + 1 \\
&\Rightarrow k_1(G) \geq |S| (\delta(G) - |S| + 1) \\
&\because k_1(G) \leq \delta(G) \\
&\therefore \delta(G) \geq k_1(G) \geq |S| (\delta(G) - |S| + 1) \\
&\Rightarrow (|S| - 1)(\delta(G) - |S|) \leq 0 \\
&\Rightarrow |S| = 1 \text{ or } |S| \geq \delta(G) \\
&\because \text{by (*2)} \Rightarrow |S| \leq \delta(G) \\
&\therefore |S| = 1 \text{ or } |S| = \delta(G)
\end{aligned}$$

Case 1: If $|S| = \delta(G)$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\because |S| = \delta(G) \text{ and } k_1(G) \leq \delta(G) \\
&\therefore k_1(G) \leq |S| \\
&\text{By (a) and } k_1(G) \leq |S| \\
&\Rightarrow k_1(G) = |S| \\
&\because |S| = \delta(G) \\
&\therefore k_1(G) = \delta(G)
\end{aligned}$$

Case 2: If $|S| = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\because |S| = 1, \text{ say } S = \{v\} \\
&\therefore k_1(G) \geq \deg(v) \geq \delta(G) \\
&\text{we know } k_1(G) \leq \delta(G) \\
&\Rightarrow k_1(G) = \delta(G)
\end{aligned}$$

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Graph Theory I Homework II-5 by 游舜婷

5. Let G be an n -connected graph where $n \geq 2$.

prove that the join of G and K_1 is $(n+1)$ -connected.

pf : Let $H = G \vee K_1$ and $V(K_1) = \{v\}$

Suppose H is not $(n+1)$ -connected

Let $S \subseteq V(H)$ be a cut set with $|S| \leq n$

< case1 > If $v \in S$

since $H = G \vee K_1$

$\Rightarrow \forall u \in V(H - (S \cup \{v\})), u$ is adjacent to v

$\Rightarrow H - S$ is connected ($\rightarrow \leftarrow$)

< case2 > If $v \notin S$

Let $S = \{v\} \dot{\cup} S'$

Since G is n -connected and $|S| \leq n$

$\Rightarrow |S'| \leq n - 1$

$\therefore G - S'$ is connected.....(1)

Consider $H - S = [H - \{v\}] - S' = G - S'$

By (1) we have $H - S$ is connected ($\rightarrow \leftarrow$)

Hence by < case1 > and < case2 > we have

$H = G \vee K_1$ is $(n+1)$ -connected

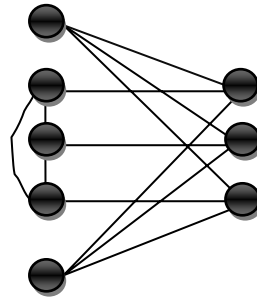
6. Let G 3 - regular graph which is of diameter 2 and $\kappa(G) = 3$.

Prove or disprove that $|E(G)| \leq 10$.

Sol: disprove 找到反例

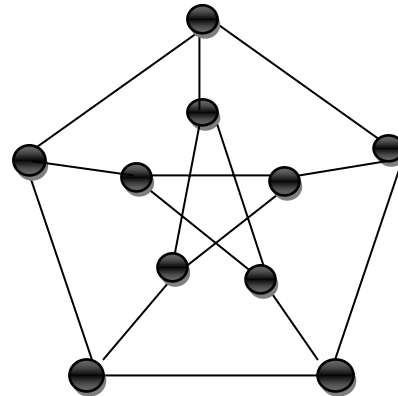
$G_1: |V(G_1)| = 8$

$|E(G_1)| = 12$



$G_2: |V(G_2)| = 10$

$|E(G_2)| = 15$



延伸證明 $|E(G)| \leq 10 \Rightarrow |V(G)| \leq 15$

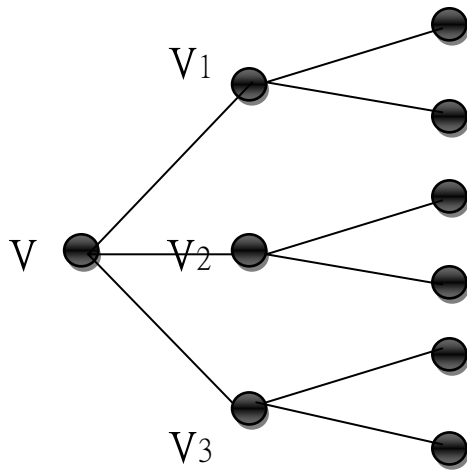
Prove: Suppose not $|V(G)| > 10$.

$\because G$ is 3-regular $\therefore |V(G)|$ 必為偶數。

現在對點 v 做討論， \because diameter 2 \therefore 若存在 2 點 u, v 沒有邊相連，則必存在一點 v_i 使得 $u \sim_G v_i$ and $v \sim_G v_i$ 。

$v_i \in N(v), i = 1, 2, 3$.

但 $|N(N(v)) \setminus \{v\}| \leq 6$ ，(如圖)



當 $|V(G)| \geq 12$ ，則必存在一點 k ，

使得 $d(k, v) > 2$ 。 \blacksquare

$(| \{v\} | + |N(v)| + |N(N(v)) \setminus \{v\}| \leq 1 + 3 + 6 = 10)$

Graph Theory I Homework II-7 by 陳巧玲

7. Find as many classes of G as possible in which $k(G)=k_1(G)$.

<sol>

I find some classes:

<Thm1> If G is a simple graph with $\Delta(G) \leq 3$, then $k(G)=k_1(G)$.

<pf>

For $k(G) \leq k_1(G)$,

Now, we want to prove $k(G) \leq k_1(G)$.

Let S is the vertex cut that $|S| = k(G)$ and $v_i \in S$.

Let $H_1 = H_2$ are components of $G-S$

For $\deg(v_i) \leq 3$, each v_i has neighbors in H_i at most 2.

We have some cases to discuss:

(1) v_i has two neighbors in H_1 , this implies v_i has only one neighbor u_1 in H_2

Then cut the edge $u_1 v_i$

(2) v_i has two neighbors in H_2 , this implies v_i has only one neighbor a in H_1 .

Then cut the edge $a v_i$.

(3) The last case is that $v_i v_j \in E(G)$ v_i and $v_j \in S$

$$\deg_{H_1}(v_i) = 1 = \deg_{H_2}(v_i) \quad \deg_{H_1}(v_j) = 1 = \deg_{H_2}(v_j)$$

Then cut the edges to H_1 for each v_i

By (1) (2) (3), we can conclude that edges we cut is equal to $|S| = k(G)$.

And these edges can separate G into many components. Hence, $k(G) = k_1(G)$.

So, $W = \{G \mid G \text{ is simple } \Delta(G) \leq 3\}$ is a class.

<Thm2> $k_1(K_{m,n}) = \min \{ m, n \}$.

<pf>

Let X and Y are partite sets .

$|X| = m$ $|Y| = n$ and an edge cut is an edge set of the form $[S, \bar{S}]$, where
 $|S \cap X| = a$ and $|S \cap Y| = b$ $1 \leq a+b \leq m+n-1$

Then $|[S, \bar{S}]| = a(n-b) + b(m-a)$ the minimize:

If $b=0$, take $a = |S, \bar{S}| = n$

If $b>0$ $|[S, \bar{S}]| = a(n-2b) + bm$

Take $b=1$ $a=0 \rightarrow |[S, \bar{S}]| = m$

Hence, $k_1(K_{m,n}) = \min \{ m, n \}$

By the way, $k(K_{m,n}) = \min \{ m, n \}$

So, $k_1(K_{m,n}) = \min \{ m, n \} = k(K_{m,n})$

<Thm3>

If G is simple and $\delta(G) \geq n(G) - 2$, then $k(G) = \delta(G)$.

<pf>

(1)

Let $\delta(G) = n-1$, then $G = K_n$

So, $k(G) = n-1 = \delta(G)$.

(2)

If $\delta(G) = n-2$

Let $\deg(v_1) = \delta(G) = n-2$

This means we have $v_i \in V(G)$

s.t $v_1 v_i \in E(G) \quad i=2,3,\dots,n-1 \quad v_1 v_n \notin E(G)$

For $\deg(v_i) \geq n - 2 \quad i=2,3,\dots,n-1$

This implies the vertices adjacent to v_i are either $v_j \quad j=2,3,\dots,n-1 \quad i \neq j$ or v_n

Moreover, $\deg(v_n) \geq n - 2$ and $v_1 v_n \notin E(G)$, this implies $v_1 v_i \in E(G) \quad i=2,3,\dots,n-1$

i.e v_i and v_n have common neighbors $v_k \quad k=2,3,\dots,n-1$

So, $v_1 v_i v_n \quad i=2,3,\dots,n-1$ are vertex-disjoint paths and the numbers of these paths are maximum. Hence, by Menger's theorem the maximum number of vertex-disjoint paths $n-2$ are equal to the minimum number of vertices that separates v_i and v_n .

So, $k(G) \geq n(G) - 2 = \delta(G)$.

By (1),(2), we can conclude that if G is simple and $\delta(G) \geq n(G) - 2$, then $k(G) = \delta(G)$.

By the way, $k(G) \leq k_1(G) \leq \delta(G)$.

So, $k(G) = k_1(G)$.

So, we can construct another class $R = \{ G \mid G \text{ is simple and } \delta(G) \geq n(G) - 2 \}$.

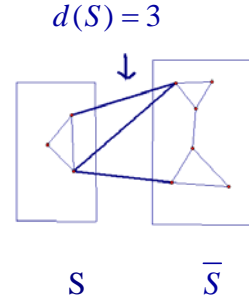
Graph Theory I Homework II-8 by 曾慧棻

Problem 8. Show that Theorem 4.2.23 is best possible by constructing for each k , a k -connected graph having $k + 1$ vertices that do not lie on a cycle.

Proof. We take $K_{k,k+1}$ to discuss. Since $K_{k,k+1}$ is k -connected with $k \geq 2$, and we can find any k vertices in a cycle. If we pick $k+1$ vertices in $(k + 1)$ -vertex part, we can't find a cycle including them, i.e., there exists $k+1$ vertices that don't lie on a cycle. We have done. ■

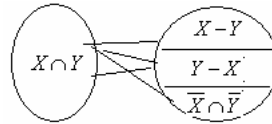
Graph Theory I Homework II-9 by 劉宜君

9. For $S \subseteq V(G)$, let $d(S) = |[S, \bar{S}]|$. Let X and Y be nonempty proper vertex subsets of G . Prove that $d(X \cap Y) + d(X \cup Y) \leq d(X) + d(Y)$.



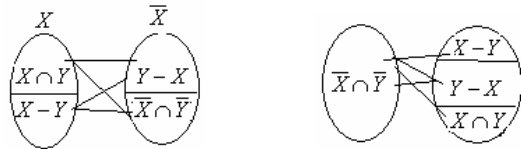
Pf. $\overline{X \cap Y} = V(G) - \{X \cap Y\} = \{X - Y\} \cup \{Y - X\} \cup \{\bar{X} \cap \bar{Y}\}$

$$d(X \cap Y) = d[X \cap Y, X - Y] + d[X \cap Y, Y - X] + d[X \cap Y, \bar{X} \cap \bar{Y}]$$



$$\overline{X \cup Y} = \bar{X} \cap \bar{Y}$$

$$d(X \cup Y) = d[\bar{X} \cap \bar{Y}, X - Y] + d[\bar{X} \cap \bar{Y}, Y - X] + d[\bar{X} \cap \bar{Y}, X \cap Y]$$



$$\bar{X} = (Y - X) \cup (\bar{X} \cap \bar{Y})$$

$$d(X) = d[Y - X, X] + d[\bar{X} \cap \bar{Y}, X]$$

$$= d[Y - X, X \cap Y] + d[Y - X, X - Y] + d[\bar{X} \cap \bar{Y}, X \cap Y] + d[\bar{X} \cap \bar{Y}, X - Y]$$

$$d(Y) = d[X - Y, Y] + d[\bar{X} \cap \bar{Y}, Y]$$

$$= d[X - Y, X \cap Y] + d[X - Y, Y - X] + d[\bar{X} \cap \bar{Y}, X \cap Y] + d[\bar{X} \cap \bar{Y}, Y - X]$$

$$\Rightarrow d(X \cup Y) + d(X \cap Y) = d(X) + d(Y) + 2d[X - Y, Y - X]$$

$$\Rightarrow d(X \cup Y) + d(X \cap Y) \leq d(X) + d(Y)$$

“=” when $d[X - Y, Y - X] = 0$

Graph Theory I, Homework II-10, by 李柏瑩

Mader's theorem:

If z is a vertex of a graph G such that $\deg_G(z) \notin \{0,1,3\}$ & z is incident to no cut-edge, then z has neighbors x and y such that

$$\kappa_{G-xz-yz+xy}(u,v) = \kappa_G(u,v) \quad \forall u,v \in V(G) - \{z\}$$

Nash-Williams' Orientation Theorem:

Every $2k$ -edge-connected graph has a k edge connected orientation.

Proof: Let G be a $2k$ -edge-connected graph

By induction on $|G|$

If $|G| = 2$

Let $V(G) = \{x,y\}$

$\Rightarrow x,y$ joined by at least $2k$ edges (since G is $2k$ -edge-connected)

\Rightarrow orient at least k in each direction.

If $|G| > 2$

我們透過扣邊的過程得到新的圖 G_1 such that G_1 is minimally

$2k$ -edge-connected graph.

$\Rightarrow \delta(G_1) = 2k$ (By Exercise 4.2.37)

i.e. $z \in G_1$ such that $\deg_{G_1}(z) \notin \{0,1,3\}$

By Mader's theorem

$\Rightarrow \exists$ distinct $x,y \in |G|$

such that $\kappa'_{G_1-xz-yz+xy}(u,v) = \kappa'_{G_1}(u,v) \quad \forall u,v \in V(G_1) - \{z\}$

Let $G_2 = G_1 -xz-yz+xy$

$\Rightarrow G_2$ is $2k$ -edge connected and $\deg_{G_2}(z) = 2k - 2$

By Mader's theorem

$\Rightarrow \exists$ distinct $x', y' \in \forall u, v \in V(G_2) - \{z\}$

such that $\kappa'_{G_2 - x'z - y'z + x'y'}(u, v) = \kappa'_{G_2}(u, v) \quad \forall u, v \in V(G_2) - \{z\}$

Continue this process, we will obtain G_{k+1} is $2k$ -edge-connected and

$\deg_{G_{k+1}}(z) = 0$

Now, we consider $G' = (V(G_{k+1}) \setminus \{z\}, E(G_{k+1}))$

$\Rightarrow |G'| = |G| - 1 < |G|$

By the induction hypothesis, G' has a k -edge connected orientation.

Orient G by replacing each shortcut edge uv with the path u, z, v or v, z, u ,

Oriented consistently with uv in G'

For $X \neq \{z\}$, lifting uv preserves $d(X) = \left\lceil \left[X, \overline{X} \right] \right\rceil \geq k$ in the orientation; the

only edge lost is uv , and if uv leaves X , then uz or zv is a new edge leaving X , depending on whether $z \in X$

The set $X = \{z\}$ itself reaches $d(X) = k$ after all k lifts.