

Comp Sci 212

1. Bipartite graphs

2. Matchings

Def. If $G = (V, E)$ is 2-colorable, G is bipartite.



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Thm: $G = (V, E)$ is bipartite iff it has no odd-length cycles.

Proof: If G has an odd cycle, it is not 2-colorable (last class).

If G has no odd length cycles

Def. length of a path is number of edges.

Def. $\text{dist}(u, v) = \text{length shortest path from } u \text{ to } v$

Pick arbitrary $w \in V$ $f: V \rightarrow \{2\}$

$$f(v) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \text{dist}(w, v) \text{ is odd} \\ 2 & \text{if } \text{dist}(w, v) \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

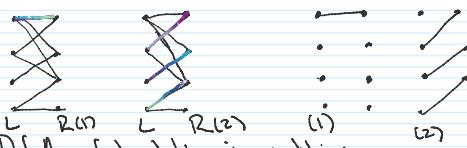
Need to prove f is a valid 2-coloring.

Use contradiction, assume $\{v_i, u_i\} \in E$ s.t. $f(v_i) = f(u_i)$. Let i be the largest number s.t. $u_i = v$:

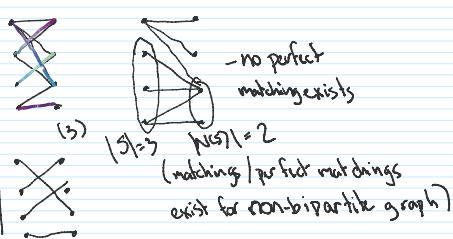
$$(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_i, u_i, u_{i+1}, \dots, u_{2l+3}, v) - \text{odd length}$$

Def. Matching is a subset of edges s.t.

each vertex is in at most one edge.



Def. A perfect matching is a matching where each vertex is in exactly 1 edge. (sometimes, only left vertices)



What conditions guarantee a perfect matching?

$G = (V, E)$ bipartite, $V = L \cup R$

L set of vertices on left side

right side

$$N(S) = \{v \mid \{u, v\} \in E, u \in S\} \quad S \subseteq V$$

= set of neighbors of S

The matching condition - If $S \subseteq L$, then

$$|N(S)| \geq |S| \quad (\text{needs to be true for every } S \subseteq L)$$

Thm: A bipartite graph satisfies the matching condition iff there exists a perfect matching.

↳ match vertices on left-hand

Proof: If G has a perfect matching,

Let M be that matching,

$M(S) = \text{set of vertices matched to } S$.

$$|S| = |M(S)|, M(S) \subseteq N(S), |M(S)| \leq |N(S)|$$

↳ perfect matching $|N(S)| = |M(S)|$, so $|S| \leq |N(S)|$.

Other direction - induction on $|L|$

Base case: $|L|=1$, match $v \in L$ w/ anything

Inductive step: Assume thm is true if

$|L| \leq k$, assume $|L|=k+1$.

Either $|N(S)| = |S|$ for some S s.t. $|S| \leq k$ - Case 2 or $|N(S)| > |S|$ for every S s.t. $|S| \leq k$ - Case 1 ($S \subseteq L$ for both cases)

Case 1 - Pick $v \in L$, match v w/ any neighbor. Then $v \notin$ its match

Matching condition still holds on new graph, use solution from inductive hypothesis.

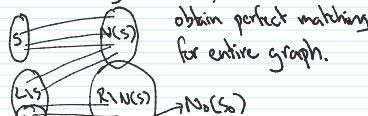
Case 2 - Pick an S s.t. $|N(S)| = |S|$.

Match S with $N(S)$ \nearrow inductive hypothesis

Match $L \setminus S$ with $R \setminus N(S)$

↳ need to prove this satisfies matching condition, can

obtain perfect matching for entire graph.



Assume you can't match $L \setminus S$ w/ $R \setminus N(S)$. (contradiction). By inductive hypothesis, there exist $S_0 \subseteq L \setminus S$ s.t.

$$|\{v \mid \{u, v\} \in E, u \in S_0, v \in R \setminus N(S)\}|$$

$$< |S_0|$$

$N_0(S_0) = \text{set of neighbors of } S_0$

So in $R \setminus N(S)$.

$$|N_0(S_0)| < |S_0|$$

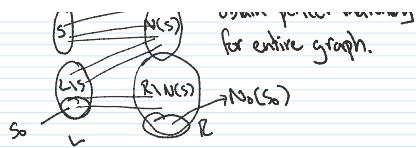
$$|S \cup S_0| = |S| + |S_0|$$

$$|N(S \cup S_0)| = |N(S)| + |N_0(S_0)|$$

Sum rule

$$< |S| + |S_0|$$

$$= |S \cup S_0|$$



for entire graph.

sum rule

$$\begin{aligned} & |S| + |S_0| \\ & = |S \cup S_0|. \end{aligned}$$

contradicts assumption that m.c. is satisfied in original graph