

1. Prove a version of the max-flow min-cut theorem for a network with multiple sources s_1, \dots, s_k and sinks t_1, \dots, t_ℓ . (One was outlined in lectures.)
2. Deduce Menger's Theorem from the Max-Flow-Min-Cut Theorem. [Hint: use the vertex form. Show that an acyclic flow of value k with $f(xy) \in \{0, 1\}$ for all edges corresponds to k independent paths.]
3. (a) Is there a network (\vec{G}, s, t, c) containing edges xy and yx such that there are maximum value flows f_i with $f_1(xy) > 0$ and $f_2(yx) > 0$?
(b) Formulate and answer a better version of Q3(a). [Hint overleaf.]
(c) (Harder.) Formulate and answer an even better version of Q3(a).
4. Show that if G is an r -regular bipartite graph with $2n$ vertices, where $r \geq 1$, then G contains a matching of size n (i.e., a matching with n edges). Deduce that $\chi'(G) = r$.
5. Let G be a bipartite graph with bipartition (V_1, V_2) .
(a) For $0 \leq d \leq |V_1|$, show that G contains a matching of size $|V_1| - d$ if and only if $|\Gamma(S)| \geq |S| - d$ for every $S \subseteq V_1$.
(b) Show that G contains a 1-to- r matching (i.e., a 'pairing' of each $v \in V_1$ with a set $A_v \subseteq \Gamma(v)$ such that $|A_v| = r$ for all $v \in V_1$ and the sets A_v are disjoint) if and only if $|\Gamma(S)| \geq r|S|$ for every $S \subseteq V_1$.
6. Show that if e is an edge of a graph G then $\kappa(G) - 1 \leq \kappa(G - e) \leq \kappa(G)$.
7. Let U be a set of k vertices in a k -connected graph G , and x a vertex not in U . Show that G contains k paths from x to vertices in U meeting only at the vertex x (a 'fan' from x to U).
8. Prove that if G is k -connected, where $k \geq 2$, then every set of k vertices of G lies on a cycle. Is the converse true?
9. Determine $\text{ex}(n, K_{1,3})$ for every n . Describe the extremal graphs.
10. Determine $\text{ex}(n, 2K_2)$ for every n . What are the extremal graphs? (Here $2K_2$ means a pair of vertex-disjoint edges.)
11. Suppose that G is a graph with $n > r + 1$ vertices and $t_r(n) + 1$ edges.
(a) Prove that for every p with $r + 1 < p \leq n$ there is a subgraph H of G with $|H| = p$ and $e(H) \geq t_r(p) + 1$. [Hint: Try to copy the proof of Turán's Theorem. You may wish to write $n = qr + x$ where $0 \leq x < r$, and consider the cases $x = 0$, $x = 1$ and $x \geq 2$.]
(b) Prove that G contains two copies of K_{r+1} with exactly r common vertices.

Optional bonus questions. These may not be covered in classes; MFoCS students should attempt them!

12. Let H be a graph, and define $c_n(H) := \text{ex}(n, H) / \binom{n}{2}$. Prove that $c_n(H) \leq c_{n-1}(H)$, and show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n(H)$ exists.
13. Let $k \geq 2$ and let G be a graph with $|G| = n \geq 2k - 1$. Prove that if $e(G) \geq (2k - 3)(n - k + 1) + 1$ then G contains a subgraph H such that H is k -connected.
14. *For those who did not do Part A Graph Theory:* We say that an n -by- n matrix is *doubly stochastic* if all its entries are nonnegative and every row and every column sums to 1. A matrix is a *permutation matrix* if it is doubly stochastic and all entries are 0 or 1 (i.e., every row and column contains a single 1, and all other entries are 0).

Prove that every doubly stochastic matrix is a convex combination of permutation matrices.

Small hint for Q3(b): The answer to Q3(a) is ‘yes’ but for a very silly, simple reason. Rule this out to get a better question.

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