

3-10 Conectivity

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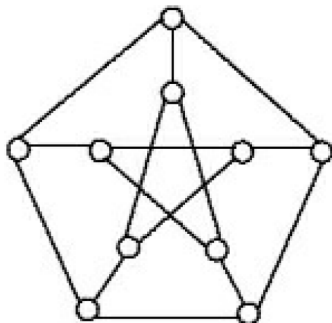
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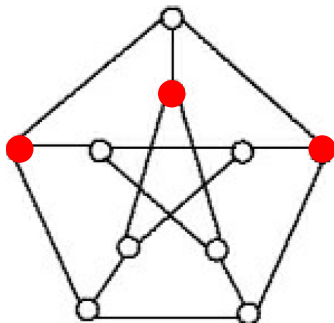
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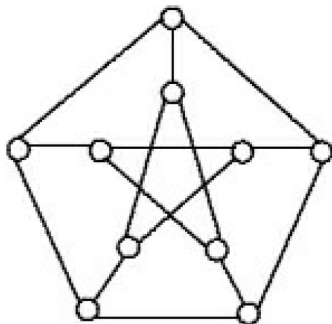
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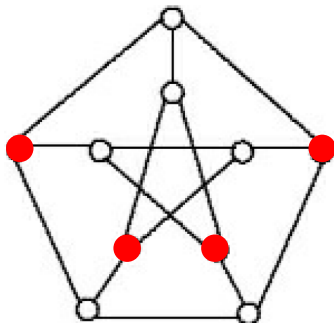
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 - ▶ Otherwise, without losing generality, assume $|C_i| \geq 2$. Then, $G - (W + \{u\})$ is not connected and G is not k -connected. **Conflict!**



CZ 5.22 (b)

Prove that if G is a k -connected graph and e is an edge of G , then $G - e$ is $(k - 1)$ -edge-connected.

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$$k - 1 \leq \kappa(G) \leq \lambda(G) \leq \delta(G)$$

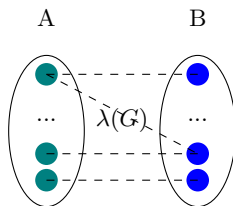


CZ 5.26

Prove that if G is a graph of order n such that $\delta(G) \geq (n - 1)/2$, then $\lambda(G) = \delta(G)$.

Proof.

- ▶ Assume $\lambda(G) < \delta(G)$.
- ▶ Let $A \subseteq G.V, B \subseteq G.V$, s.t. $G.V = A \cup B, A \cap B = \emptyset$ and $|A| \leq |B|$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda(G) &= \sum_{u \in A} \left(\deg(u) - \sum_{v \in A, (u,v) \in G.E} 1 \right) \\
 &\geq \sum_{u \in A} \left(\delta(G) - \sum_{v \in A, (u,v) \in G.E} 1 \right) \\
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 \delta(G) > \lambda(G) &\geq |A|\delta(G) - |A|(|A| - 1) \\
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► **Case 1:** $|G.V| = n = 2k + 1$

$\delta(G) < |A| \leq k = (n - 1)/2$, conflict with $\delta(G) \geq (n - 1)/2$

► **Case 2:** $|G.V| = 2k$

$\delta(G) < |A| \leq k$

$\delta(G) \geq (n - 1)/2 \Rightarrow \delta(G) \geq k - 1/2 \Rightarrow \delta(G) \geq k$

Theorem (5.18)

Let G be a k -connected graph and let S be any set of k vertices. If a graph H is obtained from G by adding a new vertex w and joining w to the vertices of S , then H is also k -connected.

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