

Graph Theory Chapter 6 2023/11/7

Edge Colouring

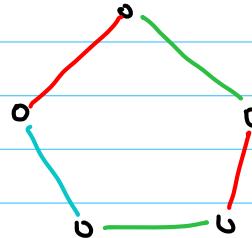
Proper edge k -colouring =

$c: E(G) \xrightarrow{\text{Map}} \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$, For

every i , $c^{-1}(i)$ is Matching or \emptyset .

$$E_i = c^{-1}(i) = \{e \in E(G) \mid c(e) = i\}. (i=1, 2, \dots, k)$$

Example



Definition

If \exists one proper edge k -colouring, then

G is edge k -colourable.

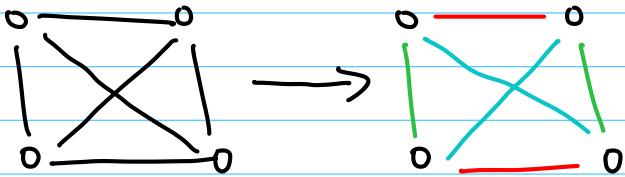
Edge Chromatic Number 边色数

$$\chi'(G) = \min \{k \mid G \text{ is edge } k\text{-colourable}\}.$$

(1) If $\chi'(G) = k$. $\{E_1, \dots, E_k\}$ Every E_i is a Nonempty Matching.

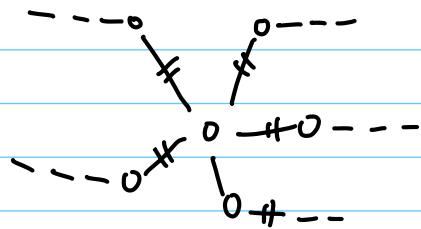
$$\langle 2 \rangle \chi'(K_{2n}) = 2n - 1 = \Delta(K_{2n})$$

Example



$$\langle 3 \rangle \chi'(G) \geq \Delta(G)$$

Example

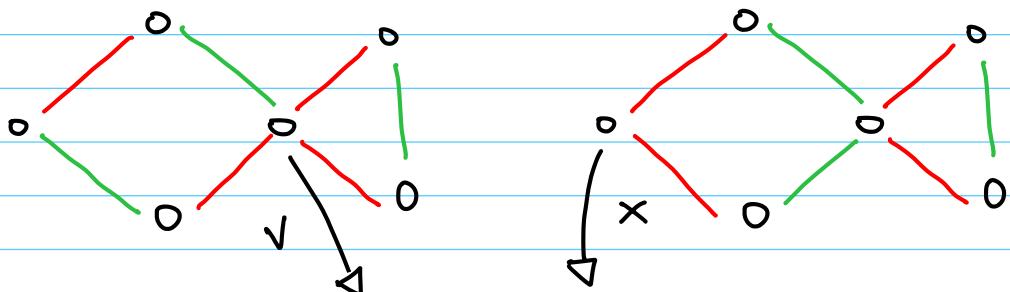


Lemma

G is a connected graph that is not an odd cycle. Then G has a 2-edge colouring in which both colours are represented at each vertex of degree ≥ 2 .

Proof

$\langle 1 \rangle G$ is Euler Graph.



Start Point must $d(v) \geq 4$.

<2> Not an Euler Graph.

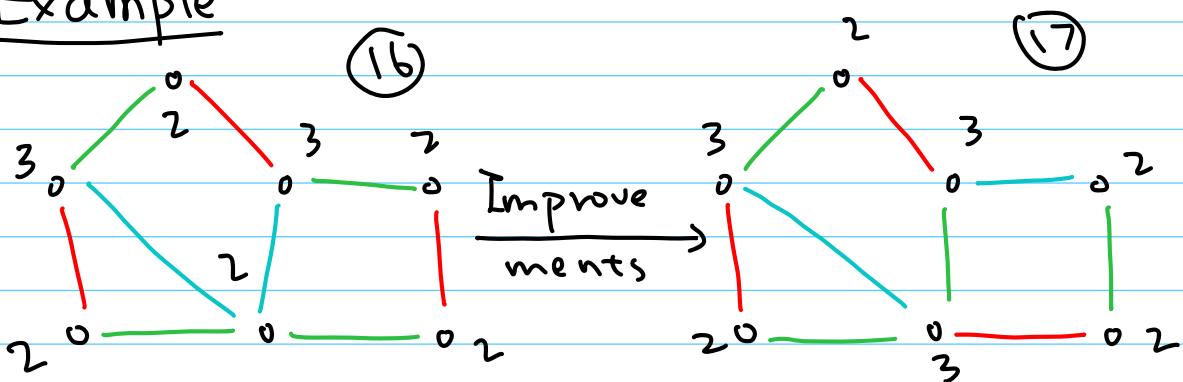
Adding a new vertex and joining it
to each vertex of odd degree $\rightarrow G'$

Optimal k-edge colouring

$c(v)$ denote the # of distinct colours at v

$$\sum_{v \in V(G)} c'(v) > \sum_{v \in V(G)} c(v)$$

Example



Lemma Let $c = \{E_1, E_2, \dots, E_k\}$ be an optimal k -edge colouring of G . If there is a vertex u in G and colours i and j such that i is not represented at u and j is represented at least twice at u , then the component of $[G \setminus \{E_1, E_2\}]$ that contains u is an odd cycle.

Theorem (König, 1916)

G is bipartite, $\chi'(G) = \Delta(G)$

Theorem (Vizing, 1964)

G is simple, then $\Delta(G) \leq \chi'(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1$

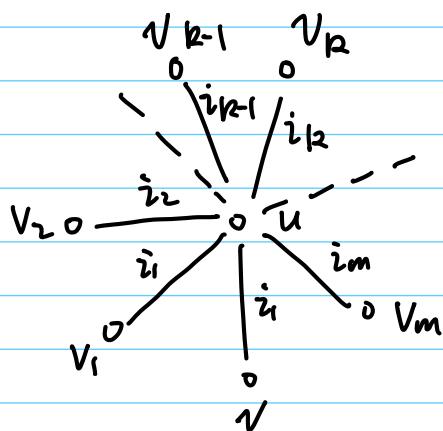
e.t. $\chi'(G) = \Delta(G)$ or $\Delta(G) + 1$

Proof Only need to prove $\chi'(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1$

If $\chi' > \Delta(G) + 1$

$\exists i_1$ represented twice in U . and i_0 never

represented in U . ($d(v_1) < \Delta + 1$)



$\therefore d(v_1) < \Delta + 1$, $\exists i_2$ not represent in V_1

then i_2 must represent in U .

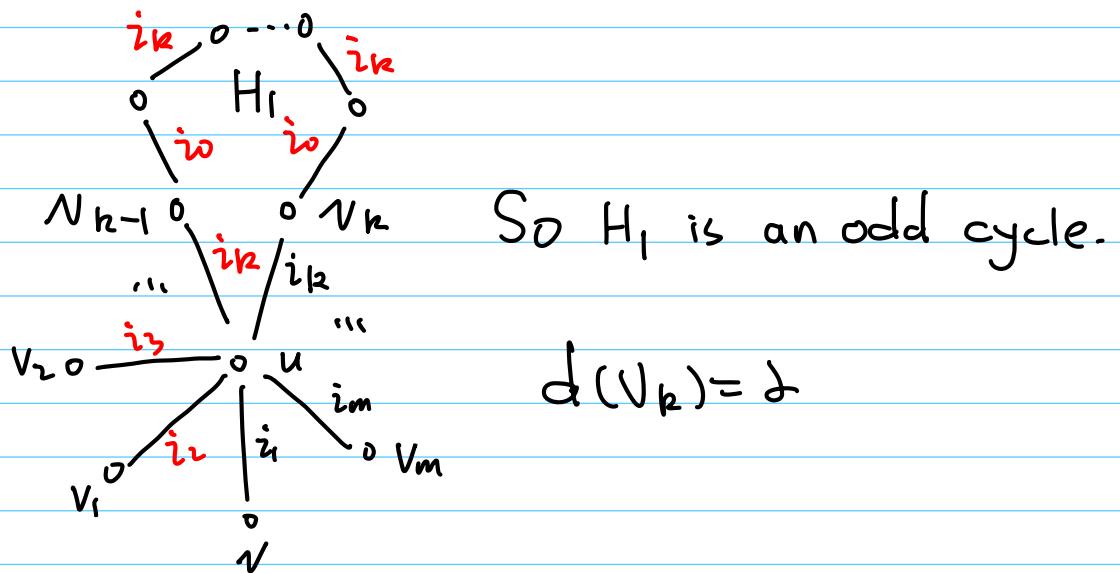
... we can find \rightarrow

$\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}, \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m\}$

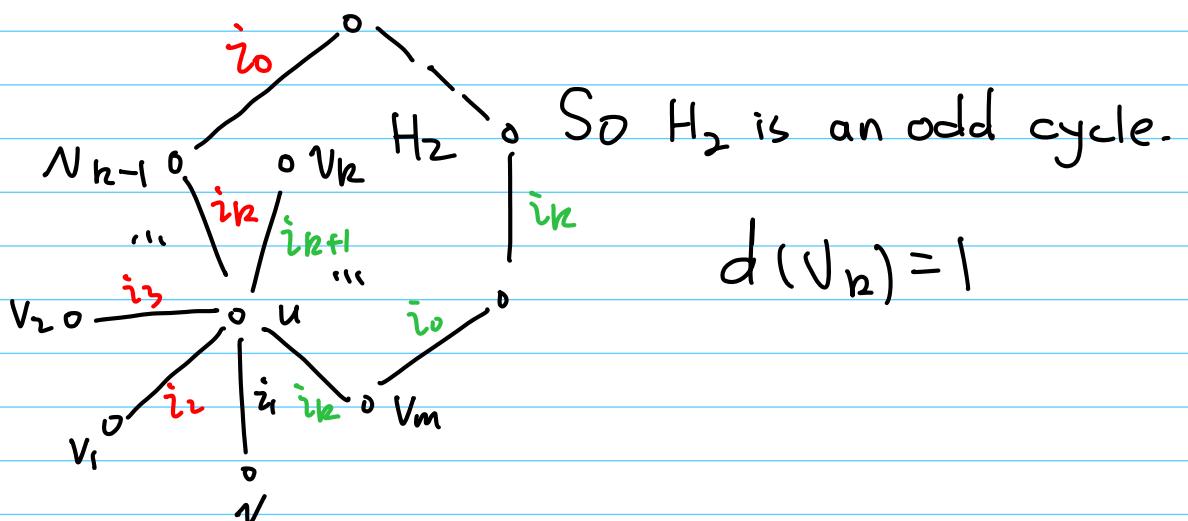
uv_j has i_j , and i_{j+1} not represented
in v_j . $d(v)$ is finite.

$\exists k < m, i_{m+1} = i_k$.

- Now for $1 \leq j \leq k-1$. Recolouring.



- Now for $k \leq j \leq m-1$ - Recolouring



Contradiction: v_k has degree 1 in H_2

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Vertex Colouring

Proper k -vertex colouring π is a map:

$$\pi: V(G) \longrightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$$

$\pi^{-1}(i)$ is an independent set or \emptyset

Chromatic Number

Definition =

$\chi(G) = \min \{k \mid G \text{ is vertex } k\text{-colourable}\}$.

Critical k -chromatic Graph

Definition

For a loopless graph, $\chi(G) = k$ ($k \geq 1$).

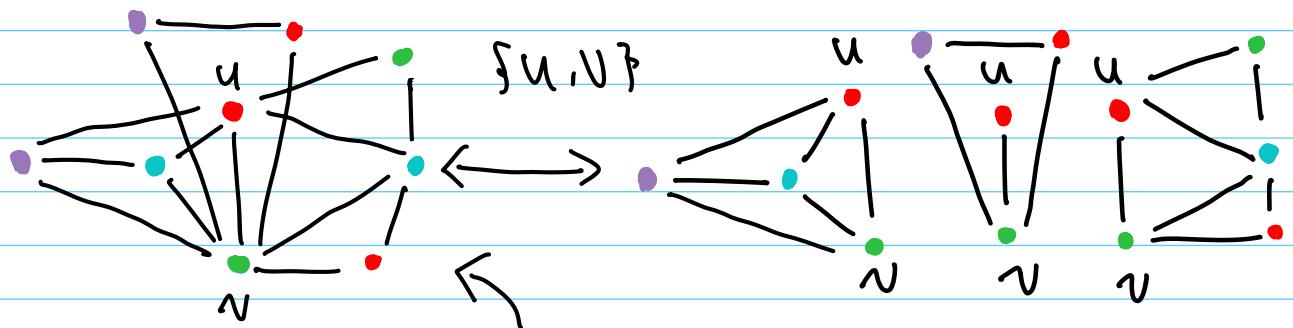
If $H \subseteq G$, $\chi(H) < k$. Then G is critical k -chromatic graph.

- G is 1-critical graph $\iff G$ is k_1 .
- G is 2-critical graph $\iff G$ is k_2 .
- G is 3-critical graph $\iff G$ is odd cycle.

Theorem

In a critical graph, no vertex cut is a clique.

Proof



Not a k -critical graph

Clique make sure vertex cut all have different colours.

Lemma

Every Critical graph is a block.

Theorem (Dirac, 1952)

G is k -critical ($k \geq 2$), Edge
Connectivity $\kappa'(G) \geq k-1$.

Theorem (Brooks, 1941)

G is connected loopless simple graph
and is neither an odd cycle nor
a complete graph. then

$$\chi \leq \Delta(G)$$

Theorem

For any loopless Graph. All have

$$\chi(G) \geq \frac{v^2}{v^2 - 2e}.$$

Theorem For any loopless G

$$(1) \quad \chi(G) + \alpha(G) \leq v + 1$$

$$(2) \quad \chi(G) \cdot \alpha(G) \geq v.$$

Theorem:

For Any loopless G .

$$\chi(G) \geq w(G) \leq \text{Clique \#}.$$

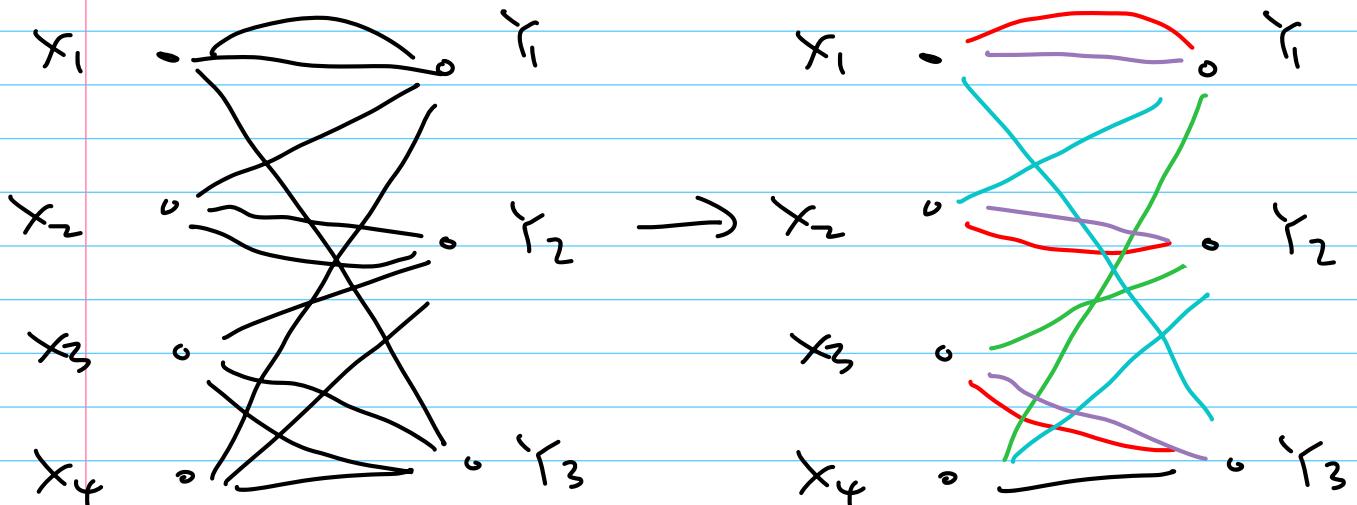
Edge Colouring Algorithm.

Timetabling Problem

m Teachers. x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m

n classes. y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n

Teacher x_i is required to teach class y_j for p_{ij} periods.



To partition Edges of G
into as few Matchings as possible

Or

Properly colour the Edges
with as few colours as possible

Limitation!

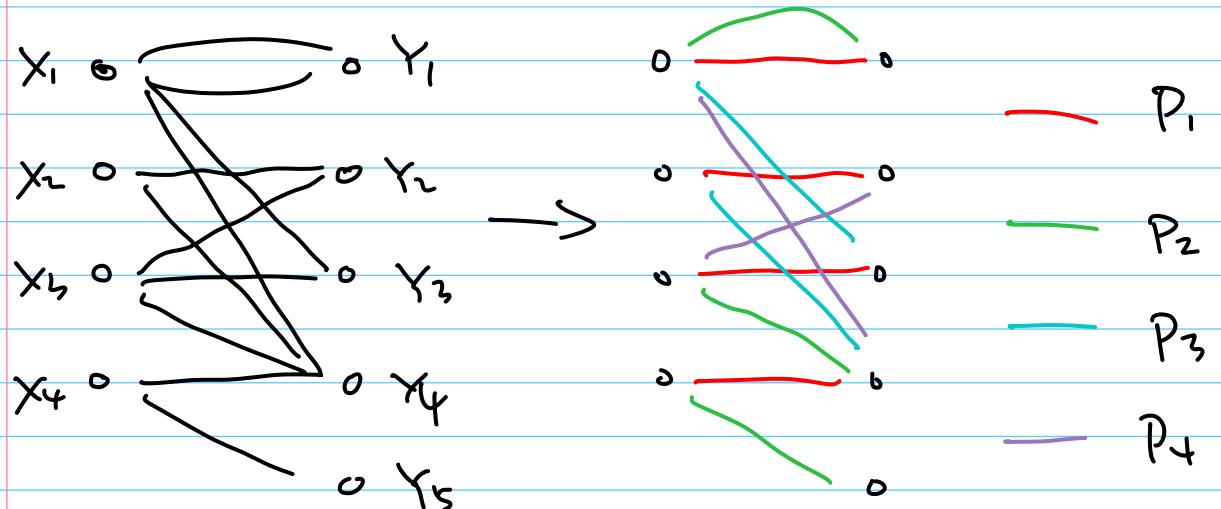
There are l lessons to be given,
have been scheduled in a p -period
timetable.

→ at least $\lceil l/p \rceil$ rooms are needed

Example:

	Y_1	Y_2	Y_3	Y_4	Y_5	Classes
X_1	2	0	1	1	0	
X_2	0	1	0	1	0	
X_3	0	1	1	1	0	
X_4	0	0	0	1	1	

Teacher



Teacher Period	1	2	3	4
x ₁	y ₁	y ₁	y ₃	y ₄
x ₂	y ₂			y ₄
x ₃	y ₃	y ₄		y ₂
x ₄	y ₄	y ₅		

↓ Adjustment

Teacher Period	1	2	3	4
x ₁	y ₁	y ₁	y ₃	y ₄
x ₂	y ₂			y ₂
x ₃	y ₃	y ₄		y ₂
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Vertex Colouring Algorithm

<1>添邊 * 合併法

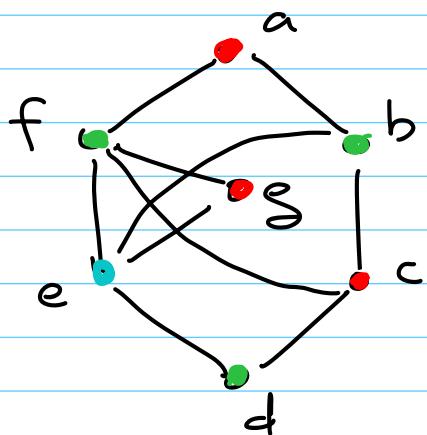
<2> canonical k-colouring.

Find 枢木 Independent Sets

- Greedy Algorithm
- Not only one solution
- Approximate Algorithm

with $\mathcal{O}(n^k)$

Example:



$$<1> \{a, g, c\} = V_1$$

$$<2> G - V_1 \rightarrow$$

$$<3> \{b, d, f\} = V_2$$

$$<4> G - V_1 - V_2$$

$$<5> V_3 = \{e\}$$

→ Proper 3-vertex colouring

(3) Sequential Colouring.

Approximate Algorithm with $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$

$$V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, \dots, v_{10}\}$$

Results & Sequential

Example:

$$K_{n,n} = (X, Y) - \left\{x_i, y_i \mid i=1, \dots, n\right\} \longrightarrow G$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \rightarrow c=2$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2, \dots, x_n, y_n \rightarrow c=n$$

(4) Maximum Degree First

$$V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n \mid d(v_1) \geq d(v_2) \geq \dots \geq d(v_n)\}$$

(5) Maximum Chromatic Degree First