

Combinatorial Networks
Week 12, June 3-4

- **Theorem(Konig).** For bipartite G , $\chi'(G) = \Delta(G)$.
- **Theorem(Vizing).** For general G , $\Delta(G) \leq \chi'(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1$.
- **Fact:** $\chi'_l(G) \geq \chi'(G) \geq \Delta(G)$.
- **Theorem(Kahn).** For general G , $\chi'_l(G) \leq (1 + o(1))\chi'(G) \leq \Delta(G) + o(\Delta(G))$.
- **Theorem(Dinitz \ Galvin).** For bipartite G , $\chi'_l(G) = \chi'(G) = \Delta(G)$. **Proof.** By Konig's Theorem, $\chi'(G) = \Delta(G)$.

It suffices to show:

- **Theorem.** Given bipartite G of maximum degree Δ and list $\mathcal{L} = \{L_e\}_{e \in E(G)}$, where for each $|L_e| = \Delta$, there is a legal coloring of $E(G)$ for the list.
- **Lemma.** Suppose H has an orientation D s.t. for each $v \in V(H)$, $d_D^+(v) \leq |L_v|$, and every induced subgraph of D has a kernel. Then there is a legal coloring of $V(G)$ from the list $\{L_v\}_{v \in E(G)}$.

Here, we work on $L(G)$, and want to achieve 2 goals,

Goal 1: Find an orientation of $L(G)$ s.t. $d_D^+(v) < \Delta$ for $\forall e \in V(L(G)) = E(G)$.

Goal 2: Any induced subgraph of D has a kernel.

- **Theorem(Gale-Shopley).** For any bipartite G and set of preferences of $V(G)$, G has a stable matching.

Define: For any $v \in V(H)$, its preference is a linear ordering on its neighbors.

Define: For matching M , if a is matched then we use $M(a)$ to express the other end of the edge in M .

Define: Given a matching M , a pair (a, b) is unstable, if

- $(a, b) \in E(G) \setminus M$
- a prefers b to its current partner $M(a)$
- b prefers a to its current partner $M(b)$

Define: A matching M is stable, if there is no unstable pairs.

Proof: while $\exists a \in A$ s.t. $L_a \neq \emptyset$. (L_a is preference of a)

- every $a \in A$ proposes to his top choice woman
- each woman looks at her offers and tentatively takes the best offer (and rejects the others)
- each rejected man removes the rejecting woman from his preference.

Once a man runs out of his preference, he leaves the game.

By Konig's theorem: we can assume the edges of G have already been Δ -colored, and we assume the coloring is $f : E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, \Delta\}$.

Proof of Goal 1: Define orientation D of $L(G)$, let v_e, v'_e 2 adjacent vertices of $L(G)$, so $e, e' \in E(G)$ share a common vertex v .

if $v \in A$, we direct (v_e, v'_e) , if $f(v_e) < f(v'_e)$

if $v \in B$, we direct (v_e, v'_e) , if $f(v_e) > f(v'_e)$

One can verify that for $\forall v_e, d_D^+(v_e) \leq \Delta - 1 < \Delta$.

Fact: An independent set in $L(G)$ is a matching in G .

Proof of Goal 2: First define the preference for $L(G)$.

For any $a \in A$, $L_a = \{\dots 3 > 2 > 1 \dots\}$.

For any $b \in B$, $L_b = \{\dots 3 < 2 < 1 \dots\}$.

Let us check that for each $U \subseteq V(L(G))$, we have a kernel in U .

Let E_U be the set of corresponding edges in U from G and E_U induced a bipartite subgraph.

By G-S theorem, E_U has a stable matching M_u .

We show that M_U is a kernel of $D[U]$

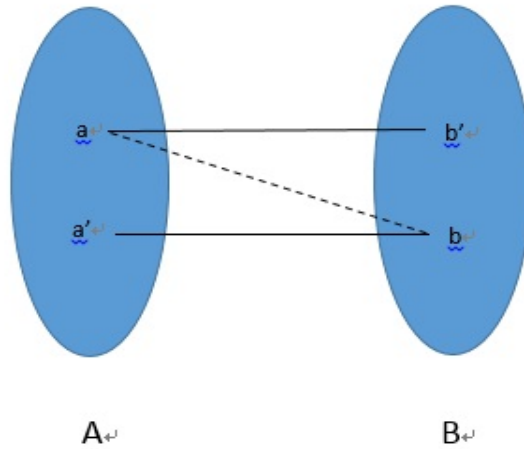
· M_U is independent (by Fact)

· Consider any edge $ab \in U \setminus M_U$

Since it can't be an unstable pair.

\Rightarrow By definition of preference $f(ab') > f(ab)$ or $f(ba') < f(ba)$.

\Rightarrow In D , $ab \rightarrow ab'$ or $ab \rightarrow a'b \Rightarrow$ kernel!



$L_a = \{\dots b' > b \dots\}, L_b = \{\dots a' > a \dots\}$

Exercise: if graph G is 2-connected and has a path of length $2S^2$, then G has a cycle of length $\geq 2s$.

- **Define:** G is k -critical if $\chi(G) = k$, but any proper subgraph $H \subsetneq G$, $\chi(H) < k$.

- **Fact:** Any k -critical subgraph is 2-connected.
- **Fact:** Any k -critical graph is $(k-1)$ -edge-connected.
- **Theorem(Alon-Seymour).** if G is k -critical, then G has a path of length $\geq C \cdot \frac{\log n}{\log k}$ and a cycle of length $\geq C' \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\log n}{\log k}}$.

-- Best Bound (Shapira-Thomas) such G has a cycle of length $\geq \frac{\log n}{100 \log k}$.

-- (Gallai, 1963) \exists a example k -critical G s.t. the max cycle of G has length $\leq \frac{2(k-1) \log n}{\log(k-2)}$.

Proof: Take a vertex v , and consider a DSF-tree T with root v . For any $u \in V(G)$, define $d(u)$ to be the depth of u , that is the number of edges in the path of T from u to the root v . For any e on T , define depth $d(e)$ to be j if e connect a vertex with depth j to a vertex with depth $j+1$.

Claim: T has at most $k(k-1)^{j-1}$ edges with depth j .

"claim $\Rightarrow T'$ ": let h be the height of DSF-tree T .

$$n-1 = \sum_{j=1}^h \# \text{ edges with depth } \leq \sum_{j=1}^h k(k-1)^{j-1} = k \cdot \frac{(k-1)^h - 1}{k-1} \leq k^h$$

$$\Rightarrow h \geq \frac{\log(n-1)}{\log k} \geq C \cdot \frac{\log n}{\log k}$$

so G has a path of length $\geq k \geq C \cdot \frac{\log n}{\log k}$

Proof of claim: For $\forall e \in E(T)$, let f_e be the $(k-1)$ -coloring on $G - e$, let $e = (v_d, v_{d-1})$ ($v_1 - v_2 - \dots - v_d$ be the path of T from root to v_d) and let $F(e) \triangleq (f_e(v_1), f_e(v_2), \dots, f_e(v_d)) \in [k-1]^d$

We claim: if e and e' both have depth d , then $F(e) \neq F(e')$, suppose not, that $F(e) = F(e')$.

- Then, we can color $G - V(T_e)$ by using $(k-1)$ -coloring f_e .

- Then, we can color $V(T_e)$ by using $(k-1)$ -coloring $f_{e'}$.

Now, (*) we check that the function combining by $f_{e'}|_{V(T_e)}$ and $f_e|_{G-V(T_e)}$ is a proper $(k-1)$ -coloring of G .

$$\begin{cases} f_e : (G - V(T_e)) \rightarrow [k-1] \\ f_{e'} : V(T_e) \rightarrow [k-1] \end{cases}$$

The only edges from $V(T_e)$ to $V(G - T_e)$ are these from vertices in vTu , But $F(e) = F(e')$, so f_e and $f_{e'}$ coincide the colors on the vertices of vTu , Thus the combined function is a proper $(k-1)$ -coloring, contradicting to $\chi(G) = k$. This proves claim(*) and thus claim.

- **Hard:** If G is 3-connected and has a path of length t , prove that G has a cycle of length ct .
- **Theorem(de-Bruiju-Erdos).** suppose G is an infinite graph, if any finite subgraph of G is k -colorable. Then G is also k -colorable.
- **Konig's Infinite lemma.** suppose V_1, V_2, \dots is an infinite sequence of finite sets; suppose $v \in V_{i+1}$ is connected to some vertex in V_i , Then there is an infinite path $v_1 \in V_1, v_2 \in V_2, \dots, v_i \in V_i, \dots$

Proof: There are infinite many paths ending at V_1 , since V_1 is finite, there exists $a_1 \in V_1$ s.t. \exists infinite paths ending at a_1 , since V_2 is finite, $\exists a_2 \in V_2$ and infinite many paths passing through a_2 and ending at a_1

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Go on this argument, \exists at least one infinite path passing through $v_1 \in V_1, v_2 \in V_2, \dots, v_i \in V_i, \dots$

Proof of Theorem: (Assume G is countable)

$V(G) = \mathbb{N}^+ = \{1, 2, \dots\}$, let $G_i = G[\{1, 2, \dots, i\}]$, let F_i be the set of all legal k -coloring of G_i , so F_i is nonempty and finite. We connect $f \in F_{i+1}$ and $g \in F_i$, if f agree with g on $\{1, 2, \dots, i\}$.

\Rightarrow Thus, each $f \in F_{i+1}$ connects to some vertices on F_i . By Konig's Infinite lemma, \exists an infinite path passing through $f_1 \in F_1, f_2 \in F_2, \dots, f_i \in F_i, \dots$

This gives a k -coloring of G !