

Exercise-set 8. Solutions

1. Delete E and F .
2. $\Delta(G) = 4 \implies \chi_e(G) \geq 4$, and the edges of G can be colored with 4 colors $\implies \chi_e(G) \leq 4$.
3. $\chi_e(K_5) \geq e/\nu = 10/2 = 5$ and $\chi_e(K_5) \leq \Delta(K_5) + 1 = 5$, so $\chi_e(K_5) = 5$.
 $\chi_e(K_6) \geq \chi_e(K_5) = 5$, and the edges of K_6 can be colored with 5 colors $\implies \chi_e(K_6) \leq 5$.
(In general, $\chi_e(K_{2n+1}) = 2n + 1$ and $\chi_e(K_{2n}) = 2n - 1$.)
4. $\chi_e(K_{20}) = 19$ (ex. 3.), and a round corresponds to edges of the same color.
5. $\chi_e(G) \geq \chi_e(K_5) = 5$, and the edges of G can be colored with 5 colors $\implies \chi_e(G) \leq 5$.
6. a) $\chi_e(G) \geq e/\nu = 15/2 > 7$ and the edges of G can be colored with 8 colors $\implies \chi_e(G) = 8$.
b) $\chi_e(G) \geq e/\nu = 15/2 > 7$ and the edges of G can be colored with 8 colors $\implies \chi_e(G) = 8$.
7. $|E(G)| = 1999 \cdot 10/2 = 9995$, $\nu(G) \leq 1999/2 = 999 \implies \chi_e(G) \geq 9995/999 > 10$ and $\chi_e(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1 = 11 \implies \chi_e(G) = 11$.
8. For a k -regular graph on 9 vertices $\chi_e(G) = k + 1$, and \overline{G} is $8 - k$ -regular $\implies \chi_e(\overline{G}) \geq 9 - k$.
9. $\chi_e(G) \geq e/\nu = (2k \cdot 3 + 2)/2k > 3$ (since $|V(G)|$ is odd) and $\chi_e(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1 = 4 \implies \chi_e(G) = 4$.
10. G =(rows, columns; selected squares) is a 3-regular bipartite graph $\implies \chi_e(G) = 3$.
11. G is bipartite $\implies \chi_e(G) = \Delta(G) = 6$; or give a concrete edge-coloring.
12. G = two vertex-disjoint paths (which are bipartite) and a 5-regular bipartite graph $\implies \chi_e(G) = 2 + 5 = 7$.
13. G is bipartite $\implies \chi_e(G) = \Delta(G) = 3$.
14. The other degree is 3, and trees are bipartite $\implies \chi_e(G) = \Delta(G) = 3$.
15. G = two vertex-disjoint cycles (which are bipartite) and a 100-regular bipartite graph $\implies \chi_e(G) = 2 + 100 = 102$.
16. Any color class of edges forms a perfect matching (covers all the vertices).
17. $\nu(G) \geq e/\chi_e \geq 10/3 > 3$ (since $\chi_e(G) = \Delta(G) \leq 3$).
18. $\nu(G) \geq e/\chi_e \geq 16/5 > 3$ (since $\chi_e(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1 = 4$), and $\nu(G) \leq 9/2$.
19. a) The edges of G can be colored with 3 colors; 2 colors for the Hamilton cycle (since it has an even length, because $|E| = 3|V|/2$ is an integer), and one for the remaining edges.
b) The edges of it cannot be colored with 3 colors.