## Exercise-set 9. Solutions

- 1.  $\Delta(G) = 4 \implies \chi_e(G) \ge 4$ , and the edges of G can be colored with 4 colors  $\implies \chi_e(G) \le 4$ .
- 2.  $\chi_e(K_5) \ge e/\nu = 10/2 = 5$  and  $\chi_e(K_5) \le \Delta(K_5) + 1 = 5$ , so  $\chi_e(K_5) = 5$ .  $\chi_e(K_6) \ge \chi_e(K_5) = 5$ , and the edges of  $K_6$  can be colored with 5 colors  $\implies \chi_e(K_6) \le 5$ . (In general,  $\chi_e(K_{2n+1}) = 2n+1$  and  $\chi_e(K_{2n}) = 2n-1$ .)
- 3.  $\chi_e(K_{20}) = 19$  (ex. 3.), and a round corresponds to edges of the same color.
- 4.  $\chi_e(G) \ge \chi_e(K_5) = 5$ , and and the edges of G can be colored with 5 colors  $\implies \chi_e(G) \le 5$ .
- 5.  $|E(G)| = 1999 \cdot 10/2 = 9995$ ,  $\nu(G) \le 1999/2 = 999 \implies \chi_e(G) \ge 9995/999 > 10$  and  $\chi_e(G) \le \Delta(G) + 1 = 11 \implies \chi_e(G) = 11$ .
- 6. a)  $\chi_e(G) \ge e/\nu = (2k \cdot 3 + 2)/2k > 3$  (since |V(G)| is odd) and  $\chi_e(G) \le \Delta(G) + 1 = 4 \implies \chi_e(G) = 4$ .
  - b) Delete the cut-edge and use a).
- 7. a)  $\chi_e(G) \ge e/\nu = 15/2 > 7$  and the edges of G can be colored with 8 colors  $\implies \chi_e(G) = 8$ . b)  $\chi_e(G) \ge e/\nu = 15/2 > 7$  and the edges of G can be colored with 8 colors  $\implies \chi_e(G) = 8$ .
- 8.  $\chi_e(G) \ge e/\nu = 71/7 > 10$  and  $\chi_e(G) \le \Delta(G) + 1 = 11 \implies \chi_e(G) = 11$ .
- 9. Any color class of edges forms a perfect matching (covers all the vertices).
- 10.  $\nu(G) \ge e/\chi_e \ge 16/5 > 3$  (since  $\chi_e(G) \le \Delta(G) + 1 = 5$ ), and  $\nu(G) \le 9/2$ .
- 11. For a k-regular graph on 9 vertices  $\chi_e(G) = k+1$ , and  $\overline{G}$  is 8-k-regular  $\implies \chi_e(\overline{G}) \ge 9-k$ .
- 12. 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.
  - c) The edges of any 2 colors form a Hamilton cycle.
- 13. The edges of the original graph can be colored with  $\chi_e(G') + 2$  colors.
- 14. Yes,  $K_5 \setminus \{\text{one edge}\}\$  is like that.
- 15. G = (rows, colums; selected squares) is a 3-regular bipartite graph  $\implies \chi_e(G) = 3$ .
- 16. G is bipartite  $\implies \chi_e(G) = \Delta(G) = 6$ ; or give a concrete edge-coloring.
- 17. G = two vertex-disjoint paths (which are bipartite) and a 5-regular bipartite graph  $\implies \chi_e(G) = 2 + 5 = 7$ .
- 18.  $\nu(G) \ge e/\chi_e \ge 10/3 > 3$  (since  $\chi_e(G) = \Delta(G) \le 3$ ).
- 19. G = two vertex-disjoint cycles (which are bipartite) and a bipartite graph with  $\Delta(G) = 8 \implies \chi_e(G) = 2 + 8 = 10$ .
- 20. G is bipartite  $\implies \chi_e(G) = \Delta(G) = 5$ ; or give a concrete edge-coloring.
- 21. The cut with  $X = \{S, C, D, F\}$  has capacity 15.
- 22. No. Either find the max flow (which is 20), or notice that the capacity of a cut cannot be 19 (all the capacities are divisible by 3 except for 5), and use the Ford-Fulkerson theorem.