

Exercises in Graph Theory (9-2-1999, T.W.Leung)

1. In a party of n persons, $n \geq 3$, at least one person does not shake hand with everybody, determine the maximum number of persons in the party that shake hand with everybody.
2. Given a party of n persons. It is known that from every subgroup of 4 persons, there exists one who knows the other three persons. Determine the minimum number of persons in the group who know everybody.
3. In a conference there are 34 teams, each team consists of a leader and a number. The participants shake hands with others, except the leader of a team does not shake hand with his member. After many hand-shakings the leader of team A asks everybody how many hands they have shaken, and receives distinct answers, how many hand the member of team A has shaken?
4. A contest consists of the first round and the final round, with altogether 28 questions. It is known that each participant solves exactly 7 questions, and every pair of questions is solved by exactly two contestants. Show that there exists a contestant, who either does not solve any question in the first round, or solves at least 4 questions in the first round.
5. There are n points ($n \geq 3$) in the plane and any pair of points is of distance at least 1, show that there are at most $3n - 6$ pairs of points whose distances are exactly 1.
6. There are 7 boys and 7 girls in a party, after that they record the number of times they dance : 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6. Show that someone has made a mistake.
7. There are n persons sit around a table ($n \geq 6$), show that one can rearrange the table so that the two persons besides every person are different from the first sitting.

8. There are n points on the circle, label them with $1, 2, \dots, n$, so that any two adjacent points differ by at most 2. Can it be done? Is it unique if it can?
9. Among 18 persons, there exists 4 persons who know each other, or does not know each other. Show that.
10. Among 6 persons, there exist any least 2 groups of 3 persons, who either know each other, or does not know each other.
11. There are n points on a plane, no three is collinear. Each point is connected with at least k points, $n > k > \frac{n}{2}$, show that there exist at least one triangle.
12. It is given that $2m$ points connected by at least $m^2 + 1$ edges, show that there exists at least one triangle.
13. In a group of 1990 physicists, everyone has worked with at least 1327 physicists, show that there exists a group of 4 physicists, who has worked with each other.
14. In a congregation of 500 participants, each participant knows exactly 400 other participant, can we find 6 participants who know each other? What happen if every participant know more than 400 participants?
15. If a graph G has n vertices, but contains no triangles nor quadrilaterals, then G has at most $\frac{1}{2}n\sqrt{n-1}$ edges.
16. A simple graph isomorphic to its complement is a self-complementary graph. Suppose G is a self-complementary graph with n vertices, show that $n = 4k$ or $n = 4k + 1$, give examples.