

## 21-484 Graph Theory

### Review sheet for the final exam

**Note.** The exam is cumulative. So all material covered on the previous review sheets can be tested on the final. However, the material on this review sheet will be over-weighted on the final as this material has not yet been tested.

**Definitions.** The test will assume that you know the following definitions as well as the definitions that appear on the previous review sheets.

- density  $d(X, Y)$  of pair of sets of vertices (where the sets  $X, Y$  are either equal or disjoint).
- $\epsilon$ -regular pair.
- $\epsilon$ -regular partition.

**Theorems.** The test assumes knowledge of the following theorems

- **Szemerédi Regularity Lemma.** For every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists an integer  $M$  such that every graph  $G$  has an  $\epsilon$ -regular partition with at most  $M$  parts.
- **Triangle Counting Lemma.** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph such that  $V = X \dot{\cup} Y \dot{\cup} Z$  and
  - $(X, Y)$ ,  $(X, Z)$  and  $(Y, Z)$  are  $\epsilon$ -regular, and
  - $d(X, Y) = \alpha$ ,  $d(X, Z) = \beta$ , and  $d(Y, Z) = \gamma$ .

Let  $T$  be the number of copies of  $K_3$  in  $G$  that have exactly one vertex in each of  $X, Y$  and  $Z$ . If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma > 2\epsilon$  then

$$|T| \geq (1 - 2\epsilon)(\alpha - \epsilon)(\beta - \epsilon)(\gamma - \epsilon)|X||Y||Z|.$$

- **Triangle Removal Lemma.** For every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that any graph on  $n$  vertices that has at most  $\delta n^3$  triangles can be made triangle free by the removal of at most  $\epsilon n^2$  edges.

**Note.** You will be asked to prove a Theorem (or Theorems) proved in class on the final exam. Possibilities include the following:

- the Handle Theorem (regarding 2-connected graphs)
- Hall's Theorem
- the fact that a graph  $G$  has an induced subgraph  $H$  such that  $\delta(H) \geq \chi(G) - 1$ .
- Euler's Formula
- Turán's Theorem
- Kővari, Sós, Turán
- the triangle counting lemma (in the context of the  $\epsilon$ -regular partitions)

**Review Problems.** Doing these problems should help in preparation for the final exam.

1. Show that an  $\epsilon$ -regular partition of a graph  $G$  is also an epsilon regular partition for  $\overline{G}$ .
2. Show that for all  $\epsilon_1 > \epsilon_0 > 0$  there is an  $\eta > 0$  such that for any sets of vertices  $X_0, X_1, Y_0, Y_1$  such that
  - $X_0 \subset X_1$  and  $Y_0 \subset Y_1$ ,
  - $Y_1$  and  $X_1$  are disjoint
  - $(X_0, Y_0)$  is  $\epsilon_0$ -regular
  - $|X_1| < (1 + \eta)|X_0|$  and  $|Y_1| < (1 + \eta)|Y_0|$

the pair  $(X_1, Y_1)$  is  $\epsilon_1$ -regular.

3. Prove that for each  $n \geq 1$  the number of graphs on vertex set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  will all degrees even is  $2^{\binom{n-1}{2}}$ .
4. Let  $G$  be a connected graph with  $n$  vertices. Prove that  $G$  contains a path of length at least  $\min\{n - 1, 2\delta(G)\}$ .
5. Let  $G$  be a bipartite graph with bipartition  $V(G) = A \dot{\cup} B$  and let  $X$  be the set of vertices of  $G$  that have maximum degree. Prove that there is a matching  $M$  in  $G$  such that

$$X \cap A \subset \bigcup_{e \in M} e.$$

6. Let  $G$  be a connected graph with an even number of edges. Use Tutte's Theorem to prove that the set of edges of  $G$  can be partitioned into pairwise disjoint paths of length two.

7. Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a connected graph with the property that for every pair of vertices  $u, v$  there is a path from  $u$  to  $v$  of length at least 3 (i.e. contains at least 3 edge). Let the  $G^2$  be the graph on a vertex set  $V$  that has edge set  $E$  together with all pairs  $xy$  with the property that  $x$  and  $y$  have a common neighbor in  $G$ . Prove that  $G^2$  is 2-connected.
8. A soccer ball is made from (not necessarily regular) pentagons and hexagons, sewn together so that their seams form a (connected) 3-regular graph. How many pentagons were used? Prove your answer.
9. Prove that if  $n$  is sufficiently large and the complete graph  $K_n$  is embedded in the plane then there is a constant  $c > 0$  such that there are at least  $cn^4$  pairs of edges that cross (i.e. have interior intersection).
10. (a) Show that for every odd  $n \geq 5$  there is a triangle-free non-bipartite graph with  $\frac{1}{4}(n-1)^2 + 1$  edges.
- (b) Let  $G$  be a graph that contains an odd cycle and has more than  $\frac{1}{4}(n-1)^2 + 1$  edges. Show that  $G$  contains a triangle.

*Hint. Go by induction on  $n$ .*