

1) G simple d -regular is bipartite iff it has a decomposition into copies of $K_{1,d}$

If G is bipartite



$A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$

It's clear $\{a_i, N(a_i)\} \cong K_{1,d}$ These are edge disjoint
↑ Neighborhood

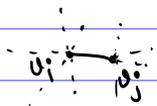
Every edge is adjacent to some a_i , so it's in some $K_{1,d}$. Thus G is decomposed into

$$G = \bigcup_{i=1}^k \left(\underbrace{\{a_i, N(a_i)\}}_{\text{vertices}}, \underbrace{\{a_i, y : y \in N(a_i)\}}_{\text{edges}} \right)$$

Suppose G has a decomposition into k copies of $K_{1,d}$

Let u_1, \dots, u_k be the centers of these $K_{1,d}$.

Claim: u_i, u_j cannot be an edge



If it's an edge say it's in $K_{1,d}(u_i)$

Then it cannot also be in $K_{1,d}(u_j)$ since it's a

decomposition. Then $d(u_j) \geq |E(K_{1,d}(u_j))| + |\{u_i, u_j\}| = d+1$

This is a contradiction to $d(u_j) = d$.

Claim: If $x \in V(K_{1,d}(u_i)) \setminus u_i$ $y \in V(K_{1,d}(u_j)) \setminus u_j$ then xy is not an edge.

Pf: If it is then either x or y must be in some $K_{1,d}(u_k)$ for $k \neq i, j$.

But this means u_i, u_k or u_j, u_k must be an edge, which is not allowed by the previous claim.

So $\left(\{u_i\}_{i=1}^k, \{V(K_{1,d}(u_i)) \setminus u_i\}_{i=1}^k \right)$ are a bipartition