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**LARSON—MATH 656—CLASSROOM WORKSHEET 18**  
**Berge-Tutte Formula, Tutte's Theorem, Gallai-Edmonds-Decomposition.**

**Organizational Notes**

1. Don't forget to send your Notes / Classroom worksheet after each class (make the email subject useful: like "Math 656 c18 notes").
2. The VCU Discrete Math Seminar is every Wednesday.
3. Read ahead! Next up we'll talk the Gallai-Edmonds Matching Decomposition (as described in the West paper).

**Concepts & Notation**

- Sec. 3.3: general (cardinality) matching, Tutte's Theorem, Edmonds-Gallai Decomposition.

**Review**

1. What is Tutte's Theorem?
2. What is the Berge-Tutte Formula?
3. **Claim** Any matching leaves at least  $def(G)$  vertices unsaturated.
4. **Parity Lemma:**  $o(G - S) - |S| \equiv n \pmod{2}$ .
5. **Auxilliary Graph  $H(T)$ .** If  $T$  is a maximal maximum deficiency set, define the graph  $H(T)$  with vertex set  $Y$  consisting of one vertex for each (odd) component of  $G - T$ , the vertices  $T$  and  $y \in Y$  adjacent to  $v \in T$  if any vertex in the component corresponding to  $y$  is adjacent to  $v$ . ( $H(T)$  is a  $T - Y$ -bigraph).

## Notes

1. **Maximal Maximum Deficiency Set Lemma** Let  $T$  be a maximal maximum deficiency set. Let  $u$  be a vertex of an odd component  $C$  of  $G - T$ . Then (1)  $C - u$  satisfies Tutte's condition, and (2) the components of  $G - u$  are all odd.
2. (Lemma).  $H(T)$  has a matching that covers  $T$ .
3. (**Theorem**) (Berge-Tutte Formula)  $\nu = \frac{1}{2}(n - def(G))$ .
4. (**Theorem**) (Tutte's Theorem) A graph  $G$  has a perfect matching if and only if for every  $S \subseteq V(G)$   $o(G - S) \leq |S|$ .
5. A vertex  $v$  in a graph is either (1) covered by every maximum matching (set  $B$ ), or (2) not covered by every maximum matching (set  $D$ ). A vertex is either (1) has a neighbor outside  $B$  or (2) does not (set  $C$ ). The **Gallai-Edmonds Decomposition** is the partition of  $V(G)$  into sets  $C$ ,  $A$  and  $D$ .