

Due at 2:40pm Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

1. (a) Give a direct proof that a graph has a 2-flow if and only if every vertex has even degree, i.e., do not use any results on \mathbb{Z}_2 -flows.
(b) Show that every graph with a Hamiltonian cycle has a 4-flow.¹
2. (a) Determine the flow number of $C_5 * K_1$, the wheel with 5 spokes.²
(b) Determine the flow number of the Petersen graph.
3. (a) Show that every graph on n vertices and $(k-1)n+1$ edges, where $n > k$, contains every tree on k edges.
(b) Show that the Erdős-Sós conjecture [see Diestel, p.179] is best possible in the sense that, for every k and infinitely many n , there is a graph on n vertices and with $\frac{1}{2}(k-1)n$ edges that contains no tree with k edges.³
4. Let $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$, and assume that $m-1$ divides $n-1$. Show that every tree T of order m satisfies $R(T, K_{1,n}) = m+n-1$.⁴
5. Show that, for constant $p \in (0, 1)$, almost every graph in $\mathcal{G}(n, p)$ has diameter 2.⁵

¹Diestel, §6#16

²Diestel, §6#18

³Diestel, §7#15

⁴Diestel, §9#13

⁵Diestel, §11#7