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**2. Practice sheet for the lecture:  
Graph Theory (DS II)**

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<https://page.math.tu-berlin.de/~felsner/Lehre/dsII23.html>

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(1)

- (a) Prove that the number of students who have an odd number of friends in the "Graphentheorie" Vorlesung is even.
- (b) Prove or disprove: If  $u \in V$  and  $v \in V$  are the only vertices of odd degree in  $G$ , then you can walk from  $u$  to  $v$  in  $G$ .

(2) Let  $k \geq 2$  be an integer, and let  $G$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices and  $n$  edges with precisely one vertex of degree  $j$  for every  $j \in [2, k]$  and all other vertices of degree 1. What is  $n$ ?

(3)

- (a) If  $G$  contains a **circle**, then  $G$  contains a **simple cycle**.  
[A circle is a non-empty closed walk (it ends up in the same vertex as it started) that does not use any edge more than once, a simple cycle is a circle, that doesn't use any vertex more than once.]
- (b) Let  $A$  be the adjacency matrix of  $G$ , so  $A \in \{0, 1\}^n$  with  $a_{i,j} = 1$  if and only if  $ij \in E(G)$ . Show that there is a walk of length  $k$  from  $u$  to  $v$  if and only if  $a_{u,v}^k \neq 0$ .

(4) Suppose  $G$  and  $H$  are two graphs on the vertex set  $V$  where every vertex in  $V$  has the same degree in  $G$  and  $H$ . Let  $G\Delta H$  be the graph on the vertex set  $V$  with edge set  $E(G\Delta H) = (E(G) \setminus E(H)) \cup (E(H) \setminus E(G))$ .

- (a) Show that every vertex in  $E(G\Delta H)$  has even degree.
- (b) Show that  $E(G\Delta H)$  can be partitioned into simple cycles. [Hint: <https://www.sfu.ca/~agwsole/Hinweis>]