

Supereulerian Width of Dense Graphs

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- ▶ Particularly, G is supereulerian if and only if $\mu'(G) \geq 2$.

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- ▶ **Theorem (Li et al)** Let G be a simple graph on n vertices. For any positive integers p and s with $p \geq 2$, there exists an integer $n = N(s, p)$ and a finite family F_0 of graphs with supereulerian width at most s such that if $\delta(G) \geq \frac{n}{p} - 1$, then either $\mu'(G) \geq s + 1$, or G is contractible to a member in F_0 .

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- ▶ **Theorem 2.** For a simple graph G with $|V(G)| = n \geq 141$ and $\kappa'(G) \geq 3$, if for any pair of nonadjacent vertices u and v , $\max\{d_G(u), d_G(v)\} \geq \frac{n}{4} - \frac{3}{2}$, then $\mu'(G) \geq 3$ if and only if G is not contractible to $K_{3,3}$.

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- ▶ **Lemma 2.** (P. Li et al) Let G be graph on $n \leq 6$ vertices. Then $\mu'(G) \geq 3$ if and only if $G \not\cong K_{3,3}$.

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- ▶ **C_s -reduced** A graph is **C_s -reduced** if it contains no nontrivial subgraph in C_s . A C_s -reduced graph G' is the the graph obtained from G by contracting each of the maximal C_s subgraphs of G . G' is well defined.

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- ▶ **Lemma 4.** Let H be a graph with $\kappa'(H) \geq 3$ and $|V(H)| = 7$. If H contains a subgraph $L \cong K_4$, then for any distinct $u, v \in H$ there exists a (u, v) -path P in H such that $H - E(P)$ is 1-collapsible.

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- ▶ **Sufficiency:** Let G be a graph which is not contractible to $K_{3,3}$. Let G' be the $_2$ -reduction of G . Then by Lemma 3, $|V(G')| \leq 7$. If $|V(G')| \leq 6$, then since G is not contractible to $K_{3,3}$ and by Lemma 2 we have $\mu'(G') \geq 3$. If $|V(G')| = 7$, then by Lemma 4 we have $\mu'(G') \geq 3$. Finally, since $\mu'(G') \geq 3$, by Lemma 1 we know that $\mu'(G) \geq 3$.

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- ▶ **Thank you for your attention!**