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Get["IGraphM`"]
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IGraph/M 0.3.110 (April 22, 2019)

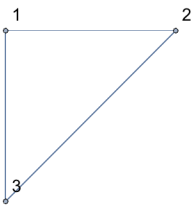
Evaluate IGDokumentation[] to get started.

1 - 7 Bipartite or not?

If your answer is yes, find S and T.

1. Problem represented by a diagram.

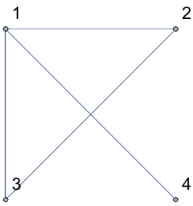
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g1 = Graph[{1 ↔ 2, 1 ↔ 3, 3 ↔ 2}, VertexLabels → "Name",  
  VertexCoordinates -> {{0, 0}, {1, 0}, {0, -1}}, ImageSize → 100]
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No not bipartite.

3. Problem represented by a diagram.

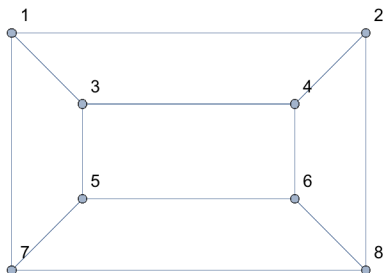
```
g3 = Graph[{1 ↔ 2, 1 ↔ 3, 3 ↔ 2, 1 ↔ 4}, VertexLabels → "Name",  
  VertexCoordinates -> {{0, 0}, {1, 0}, {0, -1}, {1, -1}}, ImageSize → 100]
```



No not bipartite.

5. Problem represented by a diagram.

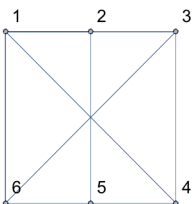
```
g5 = Graph[{1 ↔ 2, 2 ↔ 8, 8 ↔ 7, 1 ↔ 7, 1 ↔ 3, 3 ↔ 4, 4 ↔ 6,
  6 ↔ 5, 5 ↔ 3, 2 ↔ 4, 7 ↔ 5, 6 ↔ 8}, VertexLabels → "Name",
  VertexCoordinates -> {{0, 0}, {1.5, 0}, {1.5, -1}, {0, -1},
  {0.3, -0.3}, {1.2, -0.3}, {1.2, -0.7}, {0.3, -0.7}}, ImageSize → 200]
```



Yes, bipartite.

7.

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g7 = Graph[{1 ↔ 2, 1 ↔ 3, 3 ↔ 4, 4 ↔ 5, 5 ↔ 6, 6 ↔ 1, 2 ↔ 5, 1 ↔ 4, 6 ↔ 3},
  VertexLabels → "Name", VertexCoordinates ->
  {{0, 0}, {0.5, 0}, {1, 0}, {1, -1}, {0.5, -1}, {0, -1}}, ImageSize → 100]
```



Yes, bipartite.

10 - 12 Matching augmenting paths  
Find an augmenting path:

11. Problem represented by a diagram.

On p. 1003 of the text is an algorithm for finding augmenting paths and maximizing cardinality matching. Although the algorithm works well in example 1 on p. 1004, there are a few hiccups in this problem, mostly revolving around the text answer. After a fairly lengthy process of trying various augmenting strategies, I then substitute a couple of IG commands which shortcut augmenting paths to determine the maximum matching cardinality.

**Part A: In which I try to come up with the text answer.**

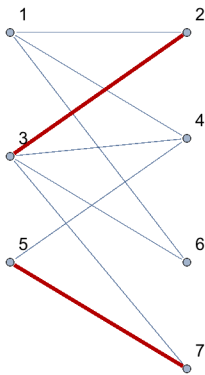
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g11a = HighlightGraph[
  Graph[{1 ↔ 2, 1 ↔ 4, 3 ↔ 2, 3 ↔ 6, 4 ↔ 5, 5 ↔ 7, 1 ↔ 6, 3 ↔ 7, 3 ↔ 4},
    VertexLabels → "Name", VertexCoordinates -> {{0, 0}, {1, 0}, {1, -0.6},
      {0, -0.7}, {1, -1.3}, {0, -1.3}, {1, -1.9}}, ImageSize → 130],
  {2 ↔ 3, 5 ↔ 7}, GraphHighlightStyle → "Thick", ImagePadding → 15];

t1 = Graphics[{{White, Rectangle[{0, 0}, {14, 2}]},
  {Text[Style["In the initial plot, the  $M_1$  matching is shown
as two highlighted edges.", Medium], {2, 1.5}]}], ImageSize → 600];

Row[{g11a, t1}]

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In the initial plot, the  $M_1$  matching is shown as two highlighted edges.

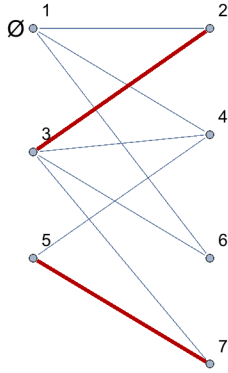
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g11b = HighlightGraph[
  Graph[{1 ↔ 2, 1 ↔ 4, 3 ↔ 2, 3 ↔ 6, 4 ↔ 5, 5 ↔ 7, 1 ↔ 6, 3 ↔ 7, 3 ↔ 4},
    VertexLabels → "Name", VertexCoordinates -> {{0, 0}, {1, 0},
      {1, -0.6}, {0, -0.7}, {1, -1.3}, {0, -1.3}, {1, -1.9}},
    ImageSize → 130, Epilog → {Text[Style["∅", Medium], {-0.1, 0}]}],
  {2 ↔ 3, 5 ↔ 7}, GraphHighlightStyle → "Thick", ImagePadding → 15];

t2 = Graphics[{{White, Rectangle[{0, 0}, {14, 2}]},
  {Text[Style["Step 1: In the left bipartite partition (1,3,5)
the exposed vertex is marked with the symbol ∅.", Medium], {2, 1.5}]}],
  ImageSize → 600];

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Row[{g11b, t2}]

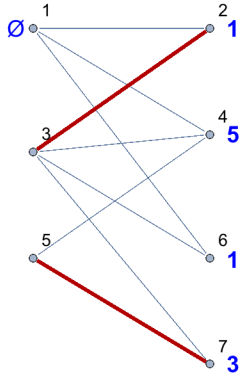


Step 1: In the left bipartite partition (1,3,5)  
the exposed vertex is marked with the symbol  $\emptyset$

```
g11c = HighlightGraph[
  Graph[{1 ↔ 2, 1 ↔ 4, 3 ↔ 2, 3 ↔ 6, 4 ↔ 5, 5 ↔ 7, 1 ↔ 6, 3 ↔ 7, 3 ↔ 4},
    VertexLabels → "Name", VertexCoordinates -> {{0, 0}, {1, 0}, {1, -0.6},
      {0, -0.7}, {1, -1.3}, {0, -1.3}, {1, -1.9}}, ImageSize → 130,
    Epilog → {{Blue, Text[Style["∅", Medium], {-0.1, 0}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["5", Bold, Medium], {1.13, -0.6}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["1", Bold, Medium], {1.13, -1.31}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["1", Bold, Medium], {1.13, 0}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["3", Bold, Medium], {1.13, -1.9}]}}},
  {2 ↔ 3, 5 ↔ 7}, GraphHighlightStyle → "Thick", ImagePadding → 15];

t3 = Graphics[{{White, Rectangle[{0, 0}, {14, 2}]},
  {Text[Style["Step 2: In the right bipartite partition (2,4,6,7)
edge terminal vertices are labeled with first
available (connecting) left vertex which
does not belong to  $M_1$ . This seems to be
a defect in the problem, because vertex 4 needs
to have label 5. So edges 1↔4 and 3↔4
must not exist. (Vertex review in S starting
at the bottom does not work either.)
Thus the text answer or text diagram
is suspect.", Medium], {4, 1.5}]}}, ImageSize → 600];
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Row[{g11c, t3}]

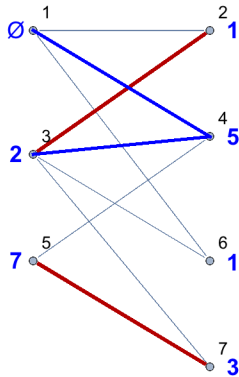


Step 2: In the right bipartite partition (2,4,6,7) edge terminal vertices are labeled with first available (connecting) left vertex which does not belong to  $M_1$ . This seems to be a defect in the problem, because vertex 4 needs to have label 5. So edges 1→4 and 3→4 must not exist. (Vertex review in S starting at the bottom does not work either.) Thus the text answer or text diagram is suspect.

```
g11d = HighlightGraph[
  Graph[{1 → 2, 1 → 4, 3 → 2, 3 → 6, 4 → 5, 5 → 7, 1 → 6, 3 → 7, 3 → 4},
    VertexLabels → "Name", VertexCoordinates → {{0, 0}, {1, 0}, {1, -0.6},
      {0, -0.7}, {1, -1.3}, {0, -1.3}, {1, -1.9}}, ImageSize → 130,
    Epilog → {{Blue, Text[Style["∅", Medium], {-0.1, 0}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["5", Bold, Medium], {1.13, -0.6}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["1", Bold, Medium], {1.13, -1.31}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["1", Bold, Medium], {1.13, 0}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["3", Bold, Medium], {1.13, -1.9}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["2", Bold, Medium], {-0.1, -0.7}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["7", Bold, Medium], {-0.1, -1.3}]},
      {Blue, Thickness[0.017], Line[{{0, -0.7}, {1, -0.6}]}},
      {Blue, Thickness[0.017], Line[{{0, 0}, {1, -0.6}]}]},
    {2 → 3, 5 → 7}, GraphHighlightStyle → "Thick",
  ImagePadding → 15];
```

```
t4 = Graphics[{{White, Rectangle[{0, 0}, {14, 2}]},
  {Text[Style["Step 3: The left unlabeled vertices are part of  $M_1$ .
  They are labeled to reflect the corresponding
   $M_1$  right vertices. The blue edges are
  being ignored, as explained in the
  last step, so that the label 5
  can be put where it needs to be.", Medium],
  {4, 1.5}]}], ImageSize -> 600];
```

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Row[{g11d, t4}]
```

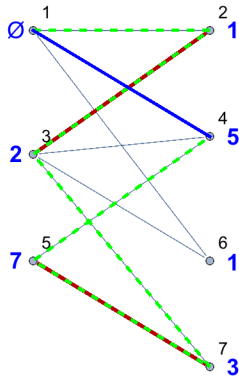


Step 3: The left unlabeled vertices are part of  $M_1$ .  
 They are labeled to reflect the corresponding  
 $M_1$  right vertices. The blue edges are  
 being ignored, as explained in the  
 last step, so that the label 5  
 can be put where it needs to be.

```
g11e = HighlightGraph[
  Graph[{1 -> 2, 1 -> 4, 3 -> 2, 3 -> 6, 4 -> 5, 5 -> 7, 1 -> 6, 3 -> 7, 3 -> 4},
  VertexLabels -> "Name", VertexCoordinates -> {{0, 0}, {1, 0}, {1, -0.6},
  {0, -0.7}, {1, -1.3}, {0, -1.3}, {1, -1.9}}, ImageSize -> 130,
  Epilog -> {{Blue, Text[Style["∅", Medium], {-0.1, 0}]},
  {Blue, Text[Style["5", Bold, Medium], {1.13, -0.6}]},
  {Blue, Text[Style["1", Bold, Medium], {1.13, -1.31}]},
  {Blue, Text[Style["1", Bold, Medium], {1.13, 0}]},
  {Blue, Text[Style["3", Bold, Medium], {1.13, -1.9}]},
  {Blue, Text[Style["2", Bold, Medium], {-0.1, -0.7}]},
  {Blue, Text[Style["7", Bold, Medium], {-0.1, -1.3}]},
  {Green, Dashed, Thickness[0.017], Line[
  {{0, 0}, {1, 0}, {0, -0.7}, {1, -1.9}, {0, -1.3}, {1, -0.6}}]},
  {Blue, Thickness[0.017], Line[{{0, 0}, {1, -0.6}}]}],
  {2 -> 3, 5 -> 7}, GraphHighlightStyle -> "Thick",
  ImagePadding -> 15];
```

```
t5 = Graphics[{{White, Rectangle[{0, 0}, {14, 2}]},
  {Text[Style["Step 4: This is the backtracking step.
The text answer is 1-2-3-7-5-4.
Following the dashed green line, produces
an augmenting path.", Medium], {4, 1.5}]}},
  ImageSize -> 600];
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Row[{g11e, t5}]
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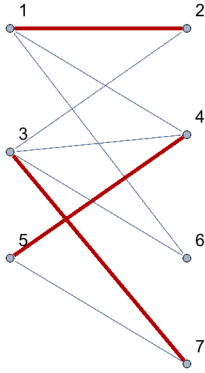
Step 4: This is the backtracking step.  
 The text answer is 1-2-3-7-5-4.  
 Following the dashed green line, produces  
 an augmenting path.

```
g11f = HighlightGraph[
  Graph[{1 -> 2, 1 -> 4, 3 -> 2, 3 -> 6, 4 -> 5, 5 -> 7, 1 -> 6, 3 -> 7, 3 -> 4},
    VertexLabels -> "Name", VertexCoordinates -> {{0, 0}, {1, 0}, {1, -0.6},
      {0, -0.7}, {1, -1.3}, {0, -1.3}, {1, -1.9}}, ImageSize -> 130],
  {1 -> 2, 3 -> 7, 5 -> 4}, GraphHighlightStyle -> "Thick",
  ImagePadding -> 15];
```

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t6 = Graphics[{{White, Rectangle[{0, 0}, {14, 2}]},
  {Text[Style["Step 5: This is the reconfiguration step.
In the previous figure, the red M1 edges show
through the green. These are to be dropped,
and the other green edges are the new M2."], Medium], {4, 1.5}]}},
  ImageSize -> 600];
```

```
Step 6. Ready for another iteration. However,
there are no more exposed vertices in S.
Therefore I am finished, and the final,
max cardinality is three.", Medium], {4, 1.5}]}},
  ImageSize -> 600];
```

Row[{g11f, t6}]



Step 5: This is the reconfiguration step. In the previous figure, the red  $M_1$  edges show through the green. These are to be dropped, and the other green edges are the new  $M_2$ .

Step 6. Ready for another iteration. However, there are no more exposed vertices in  $S$ . Therefore I am finished, and the final, max cardinality is three.

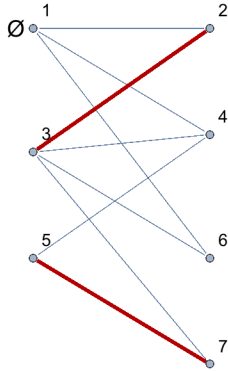
**Part B: In which I barge ahead without trying to reproduce the text answer.**

```
g11g = HighlightGraph[
  Graph[{1 ↔ 2, 1 ↔ 4, 3 ↔ 2, 3 ↔ 6, 4 ↔ 5, 5 ↔ 7, 1 ↔ 6, 3 ↔ 7, 3 ↔ 4},
    VertexLabels → "Name", VertexCoordinates → {{0, 0}, {1, 0},
      {1, -0.6}, {0, -0.7}, {1, -1.3}, {0, -1.3}, {1, -1.9}},
    ImageSize → 130, Epilog → {Text[Style["∅", Medium], {-0.1, 0}]}],
  {2 ↔ 3, 5 ↔ 7}, GraphHighlightStyle → "Thick", ImagePadding → 15];

t7 = Graphics[{{White, Rectangle[{0, 0}, {14, 2}]},
  {Text[Style["Step 1: In the left bipartite partition (1,3,5)
the exposed vertex is marked with the symbol ∅.
This step unchanged from Part A.", Medium], {2, 1.5}]}},
  ImageSize → 600];
```



Row[{g11g, t7}]

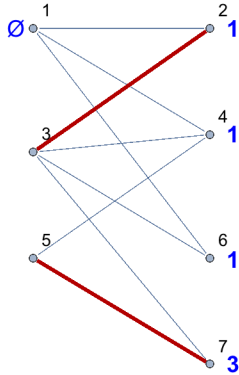


Step 1: In the left bipartite partition (1,3,5)  
the exposed vertex is marked with the symbol  $\emptyset$ .  
This step unchanged from Part A.

```
g11h = HighlightGraph[
  Graph[{1 ↔ 2, 1 ↔ 4, 3 ↔ 2, 3 ↔ 6, 4 ↔ 5, 5 ↔ 7, 1 ↔ 6, 3 ↔ 7, 3 ↔ 4},
    VertexLabels → "Name", VertexCoordinates → {{0, 0}, {1, 0}, {1, -0.6},
      {0, -0.7}, {1, -1.3}, {0, -1.3}, {1, -1.9}}, ImageSize → 130,
    Epilog → {{Blue, Text[Style["∅", Medium], {-0.1, 0}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["1", Bold, Medium], {1.13, -0.6}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["1", Bold, Medium], {1.13, -1.31}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["1", Bold, Medium], {1.13, 0}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["3", Bold, Medium], {1.13, -1.9}]}}],
  {2 ↔ 3, 5 ↔ 7}, GraphHighlightStyle → "Thick", ImagePadding → 15];

t8 = Graphics[{{White, Rectangle[{0, 0}, {14, 2}]},
  {Text[Style["Step 2: In the right bipartite partition (2,4,6,7)
edge terminal vertices are labeled with first
available (connecting) left vertex, without
retracing M1 edges.", Medium], {4, 1.5}]}], ImageSize → 600];
```

Row[{g11h, t8}]

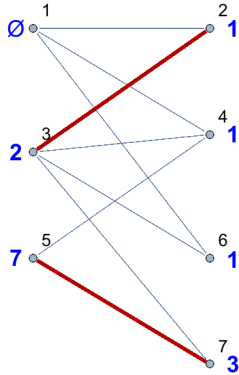


Step 2: In the right bipartite partition (2,4,6,7) edge terminal vertices are labeled with first available (connecting) left vertex which does not belong to  $M_1$ .

```
g11i = HighlightGraph[
  Graph[{1 ↔ 2, 1 ↔ 4, 3 ↔ 2, 3 ↔ 6, 4 ↔ 5, 5 ↔ 7, 1 ↔ 6, 3 ↔ 7, 3 ↔ 4},
    VertexLabels → "Name", VertexCoordinates → {{0, 0}, {1, 0}, {1, -0.6},
      {0, -0.7}, {1, -1.3}, {0, -1.3}, {1, -1.9}}, ImageSize → 130,
    Epilog → {{Blue, Text[Style["∅", Medium], {-0.1, 0}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["1", Bold, Medium], {1.13, -0.6}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["1", Bold, Medium], {1.13, -1.31}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["1", Bold, Medium], {1.13, 0}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["3", Bold, Medium], {1.13, -1.9}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["2", Bold, Medium], {-0.1, -0.7}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["7", Bold, Medium], {-0.1, -1.3}]}}},
    {2 ↔ 3, 5 ↔ 7}, GraphHighlightStyle → "Thick", ImagePadding → 15];

t9 = Graphics[{{White, Rectangle[{0, 0}, {14, 2}]},
  {Text[Style["Step 3: The left unlabeled vertices are part of  $M_1$ .
  They are labeled to reflect the corresponding
   $M_1$  right vertices.", Medium], {4, 1.5}]}}, ImageSize → 600];
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Row[{g11i, t9}]

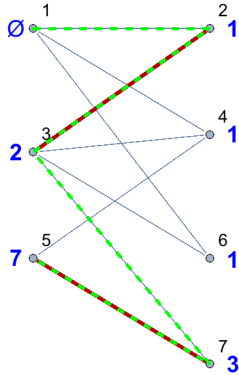


Step 3: The left unlabeled vertices are part of  $M_1$ .  
They are labeled to reflect the corresponding  
 $M_1$  right vertices.

```
g11j = HighlightGraph[
  Graph[{1 ↔ 2, 1 ↔ 4, 3 ↔ 2, 3 ↔ 6, 4 ↔ 5, 5 ↔ 7, 1 ↔ 6, 3 ↔ 7, 3 ↔ 4},
    VertexLabels → "Name", VertexCoordinates → {{0, 0}, {1, 0}, {1, -0.6},
      {0, -0.7}, {1, -1.3}, {0, -1.3}, {1, -1.9}}, ImageSize → 130,
    Epilog → {{Blue, Text[Style["∅", Medium], {-0.1, 0}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["1", Bold, Medium], {1.13, -0.6}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["1", Bold, Medium], {1.13, -1.31}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["1", Bold, Medium], {1.13, 0}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["3", Bold, Medium], {1.13, -1.9}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["2", Bold, Medium], {-0.1, -0.7}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["7", Bold, Medium], {-0.1, -1.3}]},
      {Green, Dashed, Thickness[0.017],
        Line[{{0, 0}, {1, 0}, {0, -0.7}, {1, -1.9}, {0, -1.3}}]}},
    {2 ↔ 3, 5 ↔ 7}, GraphHighlightStyle → "Thick",
  ImagePadding → 15];

t10 = Graphics[{{White, Rectangle[{0, 0}, {14, 2}]},
  {Text[Style["Step 4: This is the backtracking step.
  The text answer is 1-2-3-7-5-4.
  Following the dashed green line, produces
  a pseudo-augmenting path, stopping
  at vertex 5. The reason it is 'pseudo'
  is explained in the next step.", Medium], {4, 1.5}]}},
  ImageSize → 600];
```

Row[{g11j, t10}]



Step 4: This is the backtracking step.

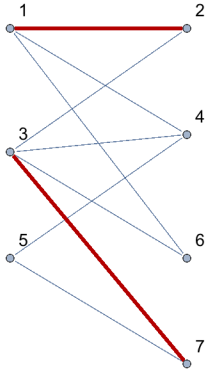
The text answer is 1–2–3–7–5–4.

Following the dashed green line, produces a pseudo-augmenting path, stopping at vertex 5. The reason it is 'pseudo' is explained in the next step.

```
g11k = HighlightGraph[
  Graph[{1 ↔ 2, 1 ↔ 4, 3 ↔ 2, 3 ↔ 6, 4 ↔ 5, 5 ↔ 7, 1 ↔ 6, 3 ↔ 7, 3 ↔ 4},
    VertexLabels → "Name", VertexCoordinates → {{0, 0}, {1, 0}, {1, -0.6},
      {0, -0.7}, {1, -1.3}, {0, -1.3}, {1, -1.9}}, ImageSize → 130],
  {1 ↔ 2, 3 ↔ 7}, GraphHighlightStyle → "Thick", ImagePadding → 15];

t11 = Graphics[{{White, Rectangle[{0, 0}, {14, 2}]},
  {Text[Style["Step 5: This is the reconfiguration step.
In the previous figure, the red  $M_1$  edges show
through the green. These are to be dropped,
and the other green edges are the new  $M_2$ . Unfortunately,
 $M_2$  has only two edges, short of the max.
", Medium], {4, 1.5}]}], ImageSize → 600];
```

Row[{g11k, t11}]

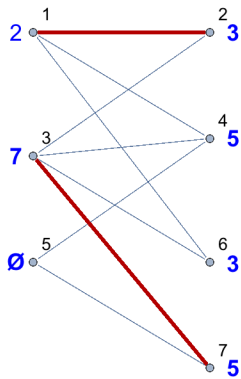


Step 5: This is the reconfiguration step. In the previous figure, the red  $M_1$  edges show through the green. These are to be dropped, and the other green edges are the new  $M_2$ . Unfortunately,  $M_2$  has only two edges, short of the max.

```
g11l = HighlightGraph[
  Graph[{1 ↔ 2, 1 ↔ 4, 3 ↔ 2, 3 ↔ 6, 4 ↔ 5, 5 ↔ 7, 1 ↔ 6, 3 ↔ 7, 3 ↔ 4},
    VertexLabels → "Name", VertexCoordinates -> {{0, 0}, {1, 0}, {1, -0.6},
      {0, -0.7}, {1, -1.3}, {0, -1.3}, {1, -1.9}}, ImageSize → 130,
    Epilog → {{Blue, Text[Style["2", Medium], {-0.1, 0}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["5", Bold, Medium], {1.13, -0.6}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["3", Bold, Medium], {1.13, -1.31}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["3", Bold, Medium], {1.13, 0}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["5", Bold, Medium], {1.13, -1.9}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["7", Bold, Medium], {-0.1, -0.7}]},
      {Blue, Text[Style["∅", Bold, Medium], {-0.1, -1.3}]},
      (*, {Green, Dashed, Thickness[0.017],
        Line[{{0, 0}, {1, 0}, {0, -0.7}, {1, -1.9}, {0, -1.3}}]}*)}],
  {1 ↔ 2, 3 ↔ 7}, GraphHighlightStyle → "Thick",
  ImagePadding → 15];

t12 = Graphics[{{White, Rectangle[{0, 0}, {14, 2}]},
  {Text[Style["Step 6: Ready for another iteration, and
there is still an exposed edge.
Compressing a few steps, it is apparent
that 5↔7 or 5↔4 will be added to the matching,
in a single-edge augmenting path,
and that the max cardinality of 3 will be reached.",
  Medium], {4, 1.5}]}], ImageSize → 600];
```

Row[{g111, t12}]



Step 6: Ready for another iteration, and there is still an exposed edge.

Compressing a few steps, it is apparent that  $5 \rightarrow 7$  or  $5 \rightarrow 4$  will be added to the matching, in a single-edge augmenting path, and that the max cardinality of 3 will be reached.

**Part C: Alternative and miscellaneous.**

For curiosity, I show what a bfs table for the graph would look like.

Grid[Table[BreadthFirstScan[g11, n], {n, 1, 7}], Frame -> All]

1	1	1	2	1	4	3
2	2	1	2	1	4	3
2	3	3	3	3	7	3
4	1	4	4	1	4	5
4	1	5	4	1	5	5
6	3	3	6	6	7	3
4	3	5	7	3	7	7

**Part D: Handing it over to IG graphing .**

The purpose of finding augmenting paths, I believe, is to maximize the cardinality matching. The following two cells determine the maximum cardinality for this graph, and display one version of M.

IGMatchingNumber[g11]

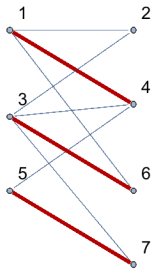
3

IGMaximumMatching[g11]

{5 -> 7, 3 -> 6, 1 -> 4}

Below is the highlighted graph showing the maximum cardinality matching chosen by IG.

```
HighlightGraph[g11, IGMaximumMatching[g11],
  GraphHighlightStyle -> "Thick", ImagePadding -> 15]
```



### 13 - 15 Maximum cardinality matching

Using augmenting paths, find a maximum cardinality matching:

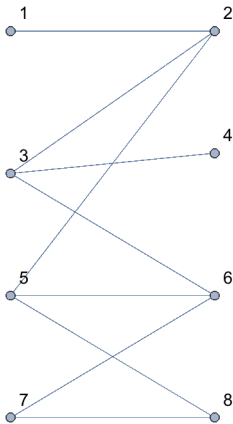
13. In problem 11.

This has been done above.

15. In problem 12.

The below graph is the one that concerns problem 12.

```
g15 = Graph[{1 ↔ 2, 4 ↔ 3, 3 ↔ 6, 2 ↔ 3, 5 ↔ 6, 6 ↔ 7, 5 ↔ 8, 7 ↔ 8, 2 ↔ 5},
  VertexLabels -> "Name",
  VertexCoordinates -> {{0, 0}, {1, 0}, {1, -0.6}, {0, -0.7},
    {1, -1.3}, {0, -1.3}, {0, -1.9}, {1, -1.9}}, ImageSize -> 120]
```

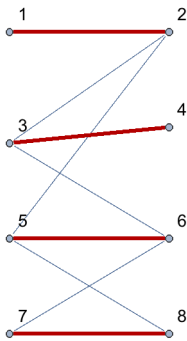


The below three commands find the maximum matching cardinality, a representative matching, and the graph with representative matching highlighted.

```
IGMatchingNumber[g15]
IGMaximumMatching[g15]
HighlightGraph[g15, IGMaximumMatching[g15],
  GraphHighlightStyle -> "Thick", ImagePadding -> 15]
```

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{7 ↔ 8, 5 ↔ 6, 4 ↔ 3, 1 ↔ 2}



19 - 25 Vertex coloring

19. Vertex coloring and exam scheduling. What is the smallest number of exam periods for six subjects a, b, c, d, e, f if some of the students simultaneously take a, b, f, some c, d, e, some a, c, e, and some c, e? Solve this as follows. Sketch a graph with six vertices a, . . . , f and join vertices if they represent subjects simultaneously taken by some students. Color the vertices so that adjacent vertices receive different colors. (Use numbers 1, 2, . . . instead of actual colors if you want.) What is the minimum number of colors you need? For any graph G, this minimum number is called the (vertex) chromatic number  $X_v(G)$ . Why is this the answer to the problem? Write down a possible schedule.

I stared at this awhile, and experimented with several possible approaches, but did not find one satisfactory. Just by “inspection” though, it is not that difficult. First, since some students are taking blocks of 3 of 6 courses, it is obvious that at least three separate test periods will be required. On the other hand, no student would encounter an incompatibility if only three periods were made available for testing. In this group of courses and students no insurmountable conflict exists. So one possible schedule is the following:

```
Grid[{{"9 am", "c", "f"},
  {"10 am", "e", "b"}, {"11 am", "a", "d"}}, Frame -> All]
```

9 am	c	f
10 am	e	b
11 am	a	d

But suppose that some student was taking the block c, e, f? Then there would be a conflict,



even though no student was enrolled in more than three courses. Something like the following would then be necessary.

```
Grid[{{"8 am", "c"}, {"9 am", "e", "b"},
      {"10 am", "a", "d"}, {"11 am", "f"}}, Frame → All]
```

8 am	c	
9 am	e	b
10 am	a	d
11 am	f	

And with the addition of just two other students, the six courses could require six exam periods. I would be happy to learn how a function or two could calculate this systematically, because on larger problems it would be difficult or impossible to separate the exclusions in my head.

21. How many colors do you need for vertex coloring any tree?

If the tree is 2-dimensional, I need four colors for this.

22. Harbor management. How many piers does a harbor master need for accommodating six cruise ships  $S_1, \dots, S_6$  with expected dates of arrival  $A$  and departure  $D$  in July,  $(A,D) = (10, 13), (13, 15), (14, 17), (12, 15), (16, 18), (14, 17)$ , respectively, if each pier can accommodate only one ship, arrival being at 6 am and departures at 11 pm? Hint. Join  $S_i$  and  $S_j$  by an edge if their intervals overlap. Then color vertices.

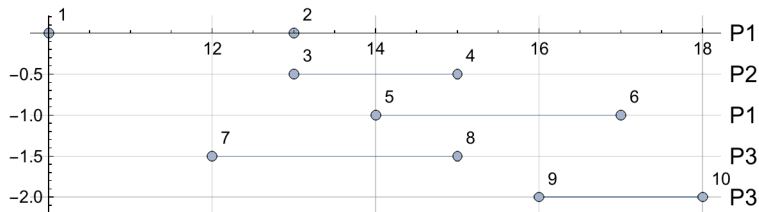
23. What would be the answer to problem 22 if only the five ships  $S_1, \dots, S_5$  had to be accommodated?

Here is a different looking graph type, which seems to imitate a scheduling app. Vertex coordinates stand in for dates, as well as offsets, and booked piers are accounted for by ordinary labels.

```

g23 = Graph[{1 ↔ 2, 3 ↔ 4, 5 ↔ 6, 7 ↔ 8, 9 ↔ 10}, VertexLabels → "Name",
  VertexCoordinates -> {{10, 0}, {13, 0}, {13, -0.5}, {15, -0.5},
    {14, -1}, {17, -1}, {12, -1.5}, {15, -1.5}, {16, -2}, {18, -2}},
  ImageSize → 400, Axes → True, GridLines → Automatic,
  Epilog → {{Text[Style["P1", Medium], {18.5, 0}]},
    {Text[Style["P2", Medium], {18.5, -0.5}]},
    {Text[Style["P1", Medium], {18.5, -1}]},
    {Text[Style["P3", Medium], {18.5, -1.5}]},
    {Text[Style["P3", Medium], {18.5, -2}]}}, ImagePadding → 20]

```



Only three piers will be required, as confirmed by the text answer.

24. Four- (vertex) color theorem. The famous four-color theorem states that one can color the vertices of any planar graph (so that adjacent vertices get different colors) with at most four colors. It had been conjectured for a long time and was eventually proved in 1976 by Appel and Haken [Illinois J. Math 21 (1977), 429-567]. Can you color the complete graph  $K_5$  with four colors? Does the result contradict the four-color theorem? (For more details, see reference [F1] in appendix 1.)

25. Find a graph, as simple as possible, that cannot be vertex colored with three colors. Why is this of interest in connection with problem 24?

How about this one?

```
g23 = Graph[{1 ↔ 2, 2 ↔ 3, 3 ↔ 4, 4 ↔ 1, 1 ↔ 3}, VertexLabels → "Name",  
VertexCoordinates -> {{0, 0}, {1, 0}, {1, -1}, {0, -1}},  
ImageSize → 200, ImagePadding → 20, VertexStyle →  
{1 → Red, 2 → Green, 3 → Blue, 4 → Yellow}, VertexSize → 0.05]
```

