

**Exercise-set 9.**  
**Solutions**

1.  $\Delta(G) = 4 \implies \chi_e(G) \geq 4$ , and the edges of  $G$  can be colored with 4 colors  $\implies \chi_e(G) \leq 4$ .
2. Edges of the same color are independent.
3.  $\chi_e(K_5) \geq e/\nu = 10/2 = 5$  and  $\chi_e(K_5) \leq \Delta(K_5) + 1 = 5$ , so  $\chi_e(K_5) = 5$ .  
 $\chi_e(K_6) \geq \chi_e(K_5) = 5$ , and the edges of  $K_6$  can be colored with 5 colors  $\implies \chi_e(K_6) \leq 5$ .  
(In general,  $\chi_e(K_{2n+1}) = 2n + 1$  and  $\chi_e(K_{2n}) = 2n - 1$ .)
4.  $\chi_e(K_{20}) = 19$  (ex. 3.), and a round corresponds to edges of the same color.
5.  $\chi_e(G) \geq \chi_e(K_5) = 5$ , and the edges of  $G$  can be colored with 5 colors  $\implies \chi_e(G) \leq 5$ .
6. a)  $\chi_e(G) \geq e/\nu = 15/2 > 7$  and the edges of  $G$  can be colored with 8 colors  $\implies \chi_e(G) = 8$ .  
b)  $\chi_e(G) \geq e/\nu = 15/2 > 7$  and the edges of  $G$  can be colored with 8 colors  $\implies \chi_e(G) = 8$ .
7.  $|E(G)| = 1999 \cdot 10/2 = 9995$ ,  $\nu(G) \leq 1999/2 = 999 \implies \chi_e(G) \geq 9995/999 > 10$  and  $\chi_e(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1 = 11 \implies \chi_e(G) = 11$ .
8. For a  $k$ -regular graph on 9 vertices  $\chi_e(G) = k + 1$ , and  $\bar{G}$  is  $8 - k$ -regular  $\implies \chi_e(\bar{G}) \geq 9 - k$ .
9.  $\chi_e(G) \geq e/\nu = (2k \cdot 3 + 2)/2k > 3$  (since  $|V(G)|$  is odd) and  $\chi_e(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1 = 4 \implies \chi_e(G) = 4$ .
10. Any color class of edges forms a perfect matching (covers all the vertices).
11.  $\nu(G) \geq e/\chi_e \geq 16/5 > 3$  (since  $\chi_e(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1 = 4$ ), and  $\nu(G) \leq 9/2$ .
12. a) The edges of  $G$  can be colored with 3 colors; 2 colors for the Hamilton cycle (since it has an even length, because  $|E| = 3|V|/2$  is an integer), and one for the remaining edges.  
b) The edges of it cannot be colored with 3 colors.
13. If we delete the edge  $\{a, b\}$  then by exercise 9,  $\chi_e(G) = 4$ .
14. Yes, if we delete a matching (see exercise 3.).
15.  $G$  = (rows, columns; selected squares) is a 3-regular bipartite graph  $\implies \chi_e(G) = 3$ .
16.  $G$  is bipartite  $\implies \chi_e(G) = \Delta(G) = 6$ ; or give a concrete edge-coloring.
17.  $G$  = two vertex-disjoint paths (which are bipartite) and a 5-regular bipartite graph  $\implies \chi_e(G) = 2 + 5 = 7$ .
18.  $G$  is bipartite  $\implies \chi_e(G) = \Delta(G) = 3$ .
19. The other degree is 3, and trees are bipartite  $\implies \chi_e(G) = \Delta(G) = 3$ .
20.  $G$  = two vertex-disjoint cycles (which are bipartite) and a 100-regular bipartite graph  $\implies \chi_e(G) = 2 + 100 = 102$ .
21.  $\chi_e(G) = \Delta(G) = 9$
22. The cut with  $X = \{S, C, D, F\}$  has capacity 15.
23. No. Either find the max flow (which is 20), or notice that the capacity of a cut cannot be 19 (all the capacities are divisible by 3 except for 5), and use the Ford-Fulkerson theorem.