

On regular graph, that has two types of faces that having two consecutive numbers of edges

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Abstract:

It is known that any three - Regular graph, planar and connected, and all the faces in it are pentagonal or hexagonal, then the number of pentagons in it is double the number of hexagonal edges, i.e. 12. [6].

The purpose of this paper is to prove the following:

Given an s -regular graph, planar and connected, and all the faces in it contain only (l) or $(l+1)$ edges, also $l = \frac{s+2}{s-2}$, then if k marks the number of faces, which contain (l) edges, will be $2(l+1)$.

In fact, I will present here, (in an s -regular graph, planar and connected) the necessary and sufficient general condition, which causes that the number of faces containing (l) edges to be double of the number $(l+1)$, (i.e. equal to $2(l+1)$).

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Introduction:

We called a graph d -regular, if the degree of each vertex in the graph is d .

A basic law in graph theory guarantees that for a graph $G:(V, E)$, the next is always true

$$\sum_{x \in V} \deg(x) = |E|.$$

We define a connected graph to be the graph in which all two vertices in it be connected in a path. Moreover, we also define; a planar graph is a graph that we can draw on the plane without cutting between its edges.

A face in a planar graph is a bounded area of connected vertices with edges that unambiguously describe the face, that is, the boundary of a face.

Obviously, each planar graph has an outer face, which is usually marked with F_∞ .

We let $F(G)$ denote the set of all faces of G , and $f = |F(G)|$.

Euler's formula states the following:

Given a planar and connected graph, and denote by n, m, f to the number of its vertices, edges and faces respectively, then it holds that, $n + f - m = 2$. [5,6].

New result:

The new result presented in the following theorem:

Theorem:

For all s -regular graph, planar and connected, and all the faces in it contain only (l) or $(l+1)$ edges, and if (k) marks the number of faces, which contain (l) edges, then

$$k = 2(l + 1), \text{ if and only if } l = \frac{s+2}{s-2}.$$

Proof:

Let $G = (V, E)$, an s -regular graph, planar and connected, and all the faces in it contain only (l) or $(l+1)$ edges.

Denote by $n = |V|$ and by $m = |E|$. Let so, f denote the number of all the faces of G .

We summarize the values degree of all the vertices in the graph G , in two different ways:

From the fact that the sum of the values degree of all the vertices in every graph, is always equal to twice the number of edges, we get that,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \text{deg}(x_i) = 2|E| = 2m, \text{ When } x_i \in V \text{ for all } 1 \leq x_i \leq n.$$

Furthermore, as it is given that the graph G , an s -regular graph, we get that,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \text{deg}(x_i) = s \cdot n.$$

From this, we will get:

$$2m = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{deg}(x_i) = s \cdot n, \text{ so:}$$

$$(I) \quad n = \frac{2}{s} m$$

Denote now in $F = \{F_1, F_2, F_3, \dots, F_f\}$ to the set of all the f faces in G . denote also by t_{F_i} for the number of edges that participate in the construction of the face F_i , to all $F_i \in F$.

It is clear that $\sum_{F_i \in F} t_{F_i} = 2m$.

Now, if the graph has k faces each of them bounded by l edges, there will stay $(f-k)$ faces each of them bounded by $l+1$ edges, hence

$$\sum_{F_i \in F} t_{F_i} = k \cdot l + (f - k) \cdot (l + 1),$$

Thus, we get that:

$$2m = k \cdot l + (f - k) \cdot (l + 1)$$

Twice the number of edges, this is because each edge participates in exactly two faces.

If we isolate the f from the last equation, we get:

$$(II) \quad f = \frac{2}{l+1} m + \frac{1}{l+1} k$$

We will set the value of n from (a) and the value of m from (b) in the Euler's formula:

$$2 = n + f - m.$$

We get:

$$(III) \quad \begin{aligned} 2 &= \frac{2}{s} m + \frac{2}{l+1} m + \frac{1}{l+1} k - m \\ 2 &= \left(\frac{2}{s} + \frac{2}{l+1} - 1\right) m + \frac{1}{l+1} k \end{aligned}$$

To proceed with proof of the theorem, we must prove two directions:

First direction:

Let $l = \frac{s+2}{s-2}$, we will prove that $k = 2(l + 1)$.

If we set $l = \frac{s+2}{s-2}$ in the factor of m in the last equation(III):

$$\begin{aligned}
 2 &= \left(\frac{2}{s} + \frac{2}{\frac{s+2}{s-2} + 1} - 1\right)m + \frac{1}{l+1}k \\
 2 &= \left(\frac{2}{s} + \frac{2}{\frac{s-2}{s}} - 1\right)m + \frac{1}{l+1}k \\
 2 &= \left(\frac{2}{s} + \frac{s-2}{s} - 1\right)m + \frac{1}{l+1}k \\
 2 &= \left(\frac{2+s-2-s}{s}\right)m + \frac{1}{l+1}k \\
 &= \frac{1}{l+1}k \\
 2(l+1) &= k
 \end{aligned}$$

As required for proof of First direction.

Second direction:

Let $k = 2(l + 1)$, we will prove that $l = \frac{s+2}{s-2}$.

If we set $k = 2(l + 1)$ in the equation(III):

$$\begin{aligned}
 (III) \quad 2 &= \left(\frac{2}{s} + \frac{2}{l+1} - 1\right)m + \frac{1}{l+1}k \\
 2 &= \left(\frac{2}{s} + \frac{2}{l+1} - 1\right)m + \frac{1}{l+1}2(l+1) \\
 2 &= \left(\frac{2}{s} + \frac{2}{l+1} - 1\right)m + 2 \\
 0 &= \left(\frac{2}{s} + \frac{2}{l+1} - 1\right)m \\
 0 &= \frac{2}{s} + \frac{2}{l+1} - 1 \\
 0 &= \frac{2-s}{s} + \frac{2}{l+1} \\
 \frac{s-2}{s} &= \frac{2}{l+1} \\
 (s-2)(l+1) &= 2s \\
 l &= \frac{s+2}{s-2}
 \end{aligned}$$

As required for proof of Second direction.

This completes the proof of the theorem.

Corollary 1:

For s-regular graph, planar and connected, and all the faces in it contain only (l)or (l+1) edges, and if (k) marks the number of faces, which contain (l)edges, if $l = \frac{s+2}{s-2}$, then $k = \frac{4s}{s-2}$.

ProofCorollary 1:

If we set $l = \frac{s+2}{s-2}$ in equation(III):

$$\begin{aligned}
 (III) \quad 2 &= \left(\frac{2}{s} + \frac{2}{l+1} - 1\right)m + \frac{1}{l+1}k \\
 2 &= \left(\frac{2}{s} + \frac{2}{\frac{s+2}{s-2} + 1} - 1\right)m + \frac{1}{\frac{s+2}{s-2} + 1}k \\
 2 &= 0 \cdot m + \frac{1}{\frac{s-2}{s-2}}k \\
 2 &= \frac{s-2}{2s}k \\
 \frac{4s}{s-2} &= k
 \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of theCorollary 1.

Corollary 2:

There are only three different graphs in the terms of the previous theorem:

1. 3-regular graphand all the faces in it are pentagonal or hexagonal.
2. 4-regular graph and all the faces in it are Triangles and squares.
3. 6-regular graph and all the faces in it are Triangles and double edges.(It is clear that this graph is not simple, because it contains double edges).

ProofCorollary 2:

The following table describes the possibility for a graphG, s-regular, planar, connected, and all the faces in it contain only (l)or (l+1) edges, and $l = \frac{s+2}{s-2}$, and (k) marks the number of faces, which contain (l)edges.

s	$l = \frac{s+2}{s-2}$	l+1	$k = 2(l+1)$
1	abnormal		
2	abnormal		
3	5	6	12
4	3	4	8
5	abnormal		
6	2	3	6
7	abnormal		

8	abnormal		
⋮	⋮		

Since that, $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{s+2}{s-2}\right) = 1$, it is clear that there will be no other possible values for l .

This completes the proof of the Corollary 2.

Remark:

To demonstrate the graph, which is, 6-regular and all the faces in it are triangles and double edges, look at the following two figures:

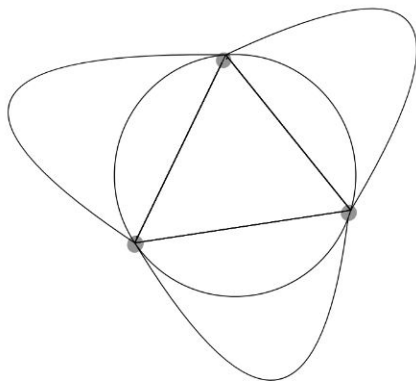


Figure 1

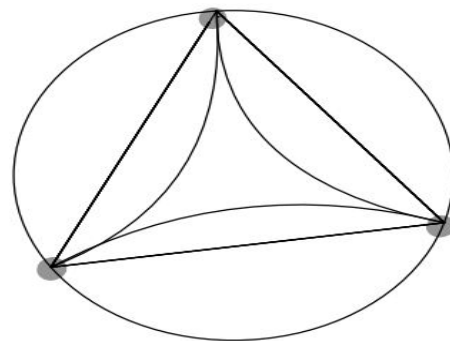


Figure 2

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