

Assume that  $G = (V, E)$  is a bipartite graph with  $V = L \cup R$  and  $|L| = |R|$ . Assume further that  $G$  satisfies Hall's condition, i.e.  $\forall A \subseteq L \ |A| \leq |N(A)|$ . We prove that  $G$  admits a perfect matching.

**Proof** Straight from Hall's condition, we see that  $\forall v \in L$   $v$  is connected to at least one vertex in  $R$ , i.e.  $\forall A \subseteq L \ |A| = 1, \exists A' \subseteq R \ |A'| = 1$  and there is a perfect matching in  $A \cup A'$ . We consider a non-empty subset  $L_p$  of  $L$  for which there exists a subset  $R_p$  of  $R$   $|L_p| = |R_p|$  and there exists a perfect matching in  $L_p \cup R_p$ . Apparently, the  $A$  and  $A'$  just mentioned is an instance of  $L_p$  and  $R_p$ . Besides, we denote  $L \setminus L_p$  as  $L_{left}$ , similarly,  $R \setminus R_p$  as  $R_{left}$ . Our strategy is to expand  $A$  and  $A'$  by taking vertices (and corresponding edges) from  $L_{left}$  and  $R_{left}$ , at the same time ensuring that there exists a perfect matching in  $L_p \cup R_p$ . We will show that this expansion eventually exhausts  $L_{left}$  and  $R_{left}$ , which proves the claim.

When expanding  $L_p$  and  $R_p$ , there are two possible cases to consider:

1. There does not exist any edge connecting vertices in  $L_{left}$  and  $R_{left}$ , that is, all the vertices in  $L_{left}$  are connected to vertices in  $R_p$  and all the vertices in  $R_{left}$  are connected to vertices in  $L_p$ ;
2. There exists at least one edge connecting a vertex in  $L_{left}$  and a vertex in  $R_{left}$ .

For Case 2, we just take that pair of vertices out of  $L_{left}$  and  $R_{left}$  and add them to  $L_p$  and  $R_p$  respectively. The union of the perfect matching existing in  $L_p$  and  $R_p$  before the expansion and the edge between the two vertices added is still a perfect matching.

Note that Case 1 is impossible until  $|L_p| \geq |L_{left}|$ . Otherwise, it contradicts Hall's condition, which requires that  $(|L_p| + |L_{left}|) \geq |N(L_p \cup L_{left})| \geq |L_{left}|$ . Besides, once Case 1 appears, what follows will be always Case 1.

For Case 1, let  $R_1 = N(L_{left})$ , therefore  $R_1 \subseteq R_p$ . In addition, every vertex in  $R_1$  is connected to a unique vertex in  $L_p$  (due to the existence of a perfect matching), all of which together is denoted by  $L_1$ . Let  $B = L_1 \cup L_{left}$ . According to Hall's condition,  $|N(B)| \geq |B| > |L_1| = |R_1|$ , which means that there is at least one vertex  $w_2$  in  $N(B)$   $w_2 \notin R_1$ .  $w_2$  can be either in  $R_{left}$  or  $R_p \setminus R_1$ . If  $w_2$  is in  $R_{left}$ , we can trace back one of its neighbours  $v_1$  in  $L_1$ , which must be connected to a vertex  $w_1$  in  $R_1$  within the perfect matching and  $w_1$  must be connected to a vertex  $v_2$  in  $L_{left}$ . Then, we can extend the perfect matching by including the edges  $(v_1, w_2)$  and  $(v_2, w_1)$  and excluding the edge  $(v_1, w_1)$ . Thus,  $v_2$  is added to  $L_p$  and  $w_2$  is added to  $R_p$ . On the other hand, if  $w_2$  is in  $R_p \setminus R_1$ , then let  $R_2 = N(B)$ . Clearly  $R_1 \subset R_2$ . Also, let  $L_2$  be the set of vertices in  $L_p$  which connect to  $R_2$ . We have  $L_1 \subset L_2$ . We now set  $B = L_2 \cup L_{left}$ . Then, we face the exactly same situation as before and apply the same reasoning. If the iteration continues, the options for  $w_2$  (in  $R_p$ ) is reduced by one vertex at a time and  $B$  ( $\subset L_p$ ) is expanded by one vertex at a time. Eventually,  $R_p$  (and  $L_p$ ) will be exhausted, which gives way to the scenario that  $w_2$  has to be in  $R_{left}$ . Then,  $L_p$  and  $R_p$  can be expanded as described above.