

Complete forcing numbers of graphs*

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Abstract

The complete forcing number of a graph G with a perfect matching is the minimum cardinality of an edge set of G on which the restriction of each perfect matching M is a forcing set of M . This concept can be viewed as a strengthening of the concept of global forcing number of G . Došlić in 2007 obtained that the global forcing number of a connected graph is at most its cyclomatic number. Motivated from this result, we obtain that the complete forcing number of a graph is no more than 2 times its cyclomatic number and characterize the matching covered graphs whose complete forcing numbers attain this upper bound and minus one, respectively. Besides, we present a method of constructing a complete forcing set of a graph. By using such method, we give closed formulas for the complete forcing numbers of wheels and cylinders.

Keywords: Perfect matching, global forcing number, complete forcing number, cyclomatic number, wheel, cylinder.

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Polna določitvena števila grafov*

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Povzetek

Polno določitveno število grafa G s popolnim prirejanjem je minimalna moč množice povezav grafa G , za katero je zožitev vsakega popolnega prirejanja M določitvena množica za M . Ta koncept lahko gledamo kot nadgradnjo koncepta globalnega določitvenega števila grafa G . Došlić je leta 2007 dokazal, da je globalno določitveno število povezanega grafa manjše ali kvečjemu enako njegovemu ciklomatskemu številu. Motivirani s tem rezultatom pokažemo, da polno določitveno število grafa ni večje od 2-kratnika njegovega ciklomatskega števila, in karakteriziramo s prirejanji pokrite grafe, katerih polno določitveno število doseže to zgornjo mejo, oziroma je za ena manjše. Predstavimo tudi metodo konstruiranja polne določitvene množice grafa. S pomočjo te metode izpeljemo sklenjene formule za polna določitvena števila koles in valjev.

Ključne besede: Popolno prirejanje, globalno določitveno število, polno določitveno število, ciklomatsko število, kolo, valj.

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