

## ON STRONGLY CONNECTED ORIENTATIONS OF GRAPHS

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We consider finite, loopless graphs or digraphs, without multiple edges or arcs (with no pairs of opposite arcs). Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph. A digraph  $D = (V, A)$  is an orientation of  $G$  if  $A$  is created from  $E$  by replacing every edge of  $E$  by an arc in one direction.

Let  $n_d$  denote the number of vertices with the degree  $d$  in  $G$ . By the degree pair of a vertex  $v \in V$  in  $D$  the ordered pair  $[outdegree(v), indegree(v)]$  is meant.

It is easy to see that if there exists a strongly connected orientation  $D$  of a graph  $G$  with pairwise different degree pairs of vertices in  $D$  then in  $G$  we have  $n_d < d$  for every positive integer  $d$ .

**Conjecture.** Let  $G$  be an undirected graph and let  $n_d < d$  for every positive integer  $d$ . Then there exists a strongly connected orientation  $D$  of  $G$  with pairwise different degree pairs of vertices.

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