

1. Let G be a graph with at least two vertices, let v be a vertex of G , and let e be an edge of G . Show that

$$\lambda(G) - 1 \leq \lambda(G - e) \leq \lambda(G)$$

$$\kappa(G) - 1 \leq \kappa(G - e) \leq \kappa(G)$$

$$\kappa(G) - 1 \leq \kappa(G - v)$$

On the other hand, show that

- there exists a graph G and a vertex $v \in V(G)$ such that $\lambda(G) \geq 10^6$ and $\lambda(G - v) = 0$, and
 - there exists a graph G and a vertex $v \in V(G)$ such that $\lambda(G) = \kappa(G) = 0$ and $\lambda(G - v) \geq 10^6$.
2. Let G be a graph and let k be a positive integer. For vertices $u, v \in V(G)$, we write $u \sim v$ if $u = v$ or G contains at least k pairwise edge-disjoint paths from u to v . Show that the relation \sim is an equivalence. Hint: It will be useful to prove that if $u \sim v \sim w$, then every edge-cut in G separating u from w has size at least k .
3. Let G be a graph of maximum degree at most three. Show that for every positive integer k , if G is k -edge-connected, then G is k -connected. Hint: For contradiction, suppose that G contains a cut of size less than k , and show you can turn it into an edge-cut of size less than k using the assumption that all vertices have degree at most three.