

SUMMARY

The purpose of this summary is to present our main results concisely so that they may be referred to with ease.

Part I

Chapter 2

Theorem 2.2 *Suppose every 3-connected CBP graph G is hamiltonian. Then G has at least 6 Hamilton cycles.*

Corollary 2.1 *Suppose every 3-connected CBP graph G is hamiltonian. Then every edge of G lies on at least 4 Hamilton cycles.*

Theorem 2.3 *Suppose every 3-connected CBP graph G is hamiltonian. Let G be a CBP graph with connectivity 2. If G is hamiltonian, then G has at least 16 Hamilton cycles.*

Theorem 2.4 *Suppose every 3-connected CBP graph G is hamiltonian. Suppose G is of cyclic connectivity 3. Then G has at least 12 Hamilton cycles.*

Theorem 2.5 *Suppose every 3-connected CBP graph G is hamiltonian. Suppose G is of cyclic connectivity 4. Then G has at least 6 Hamilton cycles.*

Chapter 3

Conjecture 3.1 *Let G be a 3-connected CBP hamiltonian graph. Then, for any two edges x and y on the same face of G , there is a Hamilton cycle passing through x and y , and another one passing through x but avoiding y .*

Theorem 3.2 *Let G be a 3-connected CBP graph which is not the cube. Then G is a merger of an s -planar graph having the \mathcal{A} -property and the ladder graph L_k for some $k \geq 2$.*

Theorem 3.3 *Barnette's conjecture is equivalent to Conjecture 3.1.*

Theorem 3.4 *Suppose every 3-connected CBP graph is hamiltonian. Let G be a CBP graph. Then G has precisely six Hamilton cycles if and only if G is the cube.*

Theorem 3.5 *Suppose every 3-connected CBP graph is hamiltonian. Let G be a CBP graph with cyclic connectivity 3. Then G has precisely twelve Hamilton cycles if and only if G is the graph in Figure 2.4.*

Corollary 3.1 *Suppose every 3-connected CBP graph is hamiltonian. Then every CBP graph with cyclic connectivity 3 has precisely $4m$ Hamilton cycles for some $m \geq 3$.*

Part II

Chapter 4

Theorem 4.7 *The $m \times n$ chessboard with $m \leq n$ admits an open knight's tour unless one or more of the following conditions holds:*

- (i) $m = 1$ or 2 ;
- (ii) $m = 3$ and $n = 3, 5, 6$; or
- (iii) $m = 4$ and $n = 4$.

Theorem 4.8 *Suppose $m = a + b + 2t + 1$ where $0 \leq t \leq a - 1$. Then the $m \times n$ chessboard admits no closed (a, b) -knight's tour.*

Theorem 4.9 *Suppose $m = a(k + 2l)$ where $1 \leq l \leq \frac{k}{2}$. Then the $m \times n$ chessboard admits no closed (a, ak) -knight's tour.*

Theorem 4.10 *Suppose $m = 2(ak + l)$ where $1 \leq k \leq l \leq a$. Then the $m \times n$ chessboard admits no closed $(a, a + 1)$ -knight's tour.*

Theorem 4.11 Suppose $m = 2a + 2t + 1$ where $1 \leq t \leq a - 1$. Then the $m \times n$ chessboard admits no closed $(a, a + 1)$ -knight's tour.

Chapter 5

Theorem 5.5 The $5k \times n$ chessboard where $(5k, n) \neq (5, 18)$ admits a closed $(2, 3)$ -knight's tour if and only if

- (i) $k = 1$ and $n \geq 16$; or
- (ii) $k = 2$ and $n \geq 10$ and $n \neq 12$; or
- (iii) $k \geq 3$ is odd and $n \geq 10$ is even and $n \neq 12$; or
- (iv) $k \geq 4$ is even and $n = 5, 9, 10, 11$ or $n \geq 13$.