

MCS-236 Homework Exercise 2.26

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(a):

Proof. The complete graph of G is $G \cup \overline{G}$. Let n is the order of G . So every vertex in the complete graph has $n - 1$ degrees. Suppose G is a k -regular graph, then every vertex in G has k degrees. So we have every vertex in \overline{G} has $n - 1 - k$ degrees. Since n and k are constants, $n - 1 - k$ is constant. So we have \overline{G} is a $(n - 1 - k)$ -regular graph. So \overline{G} is regular if G is regular. And we can proof the other way around by the same method. Thus, G is regular if and only if \overline{G} is regular. ■

(b):

Proof. Let the n is the order of G . Since G and \overline{G} are both r -regular graph, every same vertex in G and \overline{G} share the degrees this vertex in the complete graph of G has equally. That is to say every vertex in G and \overline{G} has $(n - 1)/2$ degrees, which equal to r . Because r is a nonnegative integer, $(n - 1)/2$ is a nonnegative integer too. So n has to be an odd number. Thus, if G and \overline{G} are both r -regular for some nonnegative integer r , then G has odd order. ■