

# Spanning subgraphs in graphs and hypergraphs

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## Abstract

A classical conjecture of El-Zahar states that if  $H$  is a graph consisting of  $r$  vertex disjoint cycles of length  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_r$  satisfying  $n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_r = n$ , and  $G$  is a graph on  $n$  vertices with minimum degree at least  $\sum_{i=1}^r \lceil n_i/r \rceil$ , then  $G$  contains  $H$  as a subgraph. In this paper we give a proof of the conjecture for large graphs.

A conjecture of Han, Person and Schacht states that if  $k$ -uniform hypergraph  $H$  on  $n=3r$ , ( $r \geq 1$ ) vertices, has minimum vertex degree more than  $1 - \left(\frac{k-1}{k}\right)^{k-1} \binom{n-1}{k-1}$  then  $H$  has a perfect matching. We settle this conjecture for  $k=3$  and  $k=4$  for large graphs.

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