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### ON GRAPHS WITH GIVEN NEIGHBOURHOODS

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Summary. A relationship between 1- and 2-realizability of graphs is established. Zykov problem of 1-realizability is solved for two classes of graphs. A concept of  $\overline{k}$ -realizability of graphs is introduced; some necessary and some sufficient conditions of  $\overline{k}$ -realizability are presented

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper a graph will mean a finite non-oriented graph without loops and multiple edges: the edge set E(G) of a graph G is a subset of  $\mathscr{P}_2(V(G))$  – the set of all 2-element subsets of the vertex set V(G) of G. The usual concepts (but not necessarily the notation) of the graph theory are taken from Harary [2]:  $\deg_G(v)$  denotes the degree of a vertex v in a graph G,  $d_G(v, w)$  the distance in G between its vertices  $v, w, e_G(v)$  the eccentricity of v in G, r(G) the radius, d(G) the diameter, Z(G) the centre and  $\overline{G}$  the complement of G,  $G\langle U \rangle$  the subgraph of G induced by a set  $U \subseteq V(G), G_1 \times G_2$  the Cartesian product,  $G_1 \cup G_2$  the disjoint union,  $G_1 + G_2$ the join (Zykov sum) and  $G_1[G_2]$  the composition of graphs  $G_1, G_2$ .  $\prod_{i=1}^n G_i, \bigcup_{i=1}^n G_i$ and  $\sum_{i=1}^n G_i$  are natural generalizations of the above operations on graphs; for  $G_i \cong G$ , i = 1, ..., n,  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n G_i$  is shortened to nG. A cycle, a path or a star with k vertices will be denoted by  $C_k, P_k$  or  $S_k$ , respectively.

We define the periphery of G by  $P(G) = \{v \in V(G): \forall z \in Z(G) \ d_G(z, v) = r(G)\}$ , the k-neighbourhood of a vertex v in G by  $N_k(v, G) = G \langle \{w \in V(G): \ d_G(v, w) = k\} \rangle$ and the closed k-neighbourhood (or k-neighbourhood) of v in G by  $N_k(v, G) =$  $= G \langle \{w \in V(G): \ d_G(v, w) \leq k\} \rangle$ . A graph H is said to be k-realizable,  $k \in \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} \{m, \overline{m}\}$ , if there exists a graph  $G \neq K_0 = (\emptyset, \emptyset)$  (a k-realization of H) such that  $N_k(v, G) \cong H$ for all  $v \in V(G)$ . The problem of 1-realizability posed by Zykov [9] is algorithmically unsolvable (Bulitko [5]), nevertheless it has been an object of study of many authors – see e.g. Blass-Harary-Miller [2], Brown-Connelly [3, 4], Hell [7], Sedláček [9]. Bielak [1] defined the term k-realizability and showed that a) the problem of 2-realizability is non-trivial, by founding an infinite number of examples of graphs which are 2-realizable, as well as of those which are not, and b) for any  $k \ge 3$  and a non-empty graph H the composition  $C_{2k}[H]$  is a k-realization of H.

In the first part of this paper we show that the problem of 2-realizability is more difficult than the problem of 1-realizability. We present some results concerning 1- and 2-realizability of graphs. In the second part we deal with k-realizability and give some necessary and some sufficient conditions for the k-realizability.

### 2. GRAPHS WITH GIVEN 1- OR 2-NEIGHBOURHOODS

**2.1. Theorem.** A non-empty graph H is 1-realizable if and only if the graph  $\overline{H}$  is 2-realizable by a graph with diameter 2.

Proof. a) If G is a 1-realization of H, then no component of G is  $K_1$ , hence  $\overline{G} + \overline{G}$  is a 2-realization of  $\overline{H}$  (see [1]) and  $d(\overline{G} + \overline{G}) = 2$ .

b) If G is a 2-realization of  $\overline{H}$  with d(G) = 2, then  $\overline{G}$  is a 1-realization of H. Indeed, for  $v \in V(\overline{G}) = V(G)$  we have  $N_2(v, G) \cong \overline{H}$ ,  $V(N_1(v, \overline{G})) = \{w \in V(\overline{G}): \{v, w\} \in E(\overline{G})\} = \{w \in V(G): \{v, w\} \notin E(G)\} = \{w \in V(G): d_G(v, w) = 2\} = V(N_2(v, G))$  and  $E(N_1(v, \overline{G})) = \{\{x, y\} \in \mathcal{P}_2(V(\overline{G})): d_G(x, y) = d_G(v, x) = d_G(v, y) = 1\} = \{\{x, y\} \in \mathcal{P}_2(V(G)): d_G(x, y) = d_G(v, y) = 2\} = E(\overline{N_2(v, G)}).$ 

**2.2. Lemma.** If G is a 2-realization of a non-empty graph H with  $d(H) \leq 2$ , then there exists a 2-realization K of H such that  $d(K) = \min \{d(G), 2\}$ .

Proof. For d(G) > 2 define K by V(K) = V(G) and  $E(K) = \{\{v, w\} \in \mathscr{P}_2(V(G)): d_G(v, w) \neq 2\}$ . Then evidently d(K) = 2 and  $V(N_2(x, K)) = V(N_2(x, G))$ ,  $E(N_2(x, K)) \supseteq E(N_2(x, G))$  for each  $x \in V(K)$ . The assumption  $\{v, w\} \in E(N_2(x, K)) - E(N_2(x, G))$  would lead to  $3 \leq d_G(v, w) \leq d_{N_2(x, G)}(v, w)$  in contradiction with  $N_2(x, G) \cong H$  and  $d(H) \leq 2$ ; hence,  $N_2(x, K) = N_2(x, G) \cong H$ .

**2.3. Theorem.** A disconnected graph H is 1-realizable if and only if  $\overline{H}$  is 2-realizable.

Proof. a) With respect to Theorem 2.1 a disconnected (obviously non-empty) 1-realizable graph H the graph  $\overline{H}$  is 2-realizable.

b) Since the disconnectedness of H implies  $d(\overline{H}) \leq 2$  and  $\overline{H} \neq K_0$ , any 2-realization of  $\overline{H}$  has diameter at least 2 and by Lemma 2.2 there exists a 2-realization G of  $\overline{H}$  with d(G) = 2, and according to Theorem 2.1 H is 1-realizable.

The following lemma is in fact (in a more special form) proved in [7], but it is not formulated there as a special statement.

**2.4.** Lemma. (i) If H is a 1-realizable graph, then for every positive integer nthe graph  $H \cup nK_1$  is 1-realizable, too.

(ii) If H is a graph and there exists a positive integer n such that the graph  $H \cup nK_1$  is 1-realizable, then the graph H is 1-realizable, too.

Proof. (i) According to [7] the disjoint union of a finite number of 1-realizable graphs is 1-realizable, too, and the desired result follows since  $K_{l+1}$  is a 1-realization of  $K_1$ .

(ii) Let G be a 1-realization of  $H \cup nK_1$  and let  $H_1$  be the graph obtained from H by deleting all of its isolated vertices. Then the deletion of all edges of G belonging to no triangle yields a 1-realization of  $H_1$ . As  $H \cong H_1 \cup mK_1$  for a suitable nonnegative integer m, the graph H is 1-realizable by (i).

2.5. Theorem. (i) If H is a non-empty 1-realizable graph, then for every positive integer n the graph  $\overline{H} + K_n$  is 2-realizable.

(ii) If H is a graph and there exists a positive integer n such that the graph  $\overline{H} + K_n$  is 2-realizable, then H is 1-realizable.

Proof. Use Theorems 2.1 and 2.3, Lemma 2.4, the isomorphism of  $H \cup nK_1$ and  $\overline{H} + K_n$ , the disconnectedness of  $H \cup nK_1$  (for  $H \neq K_0$  or  $n \ge 2$ ) and the 1-realizability of  $K_0$  (for  $H = K_0$  and n = 1).

2.6. Remark. Theorem 2.5 shows that the problem of 2-realizability is more complicated than the original Zykov problem - to solve the latter one it is sufficient to know which graphs of radius 1 are 2-realizable.

**2.7. Theorem.** If k, l,  $m_1, \ldots, m_l$  are positive integers and n is an integer,  $3 \leq 1$  $\leq n \leq 6$ , then the graphs  $P_k, K_{m_1,\dots,m_l}$  and  $C_n$  are 2-realizable by a graph with diameter 2.

Proof. a) The graph  $C_{k+3} + C_{k+3}$  is a suitable 2-realization of  $P_k$ . b) The graph  $\prod_{i=1}^{l} K_{m_i+1}$  is a 1-realization of the graph  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{l} K_{m_i}$  (see [7]), hence by Theorem 2.1 the complete *l*-partite graph

$$K_{m_1,\ldots,m_l} \cong \bigcup_{i=1}^{\overline{U}} K_{m_i}$$

is 2-realizable by a graph with diameter 2.

c) For  $C_3 \cong K_3$  and  $C_4 \cong K_{2,2}$  recall b). Since  $C_5$  is 1-realizable according to [3], it is sufficient to use Theorem 2.1 and the isomorphism of  $\overline{C}_5$  and  $C_5$ . Fig. 1 depicts a 2-realization of  $C_6$  with diameter 2.



Fig. 1

Zelinka [10] proved that complements of paths are 1-realizable and that  $C_k$  is 1-realizable if and only if  $k \leq 6$ . The following assertion is a generalization of this result.

**2.8. Theorem.** If  $\{c_k\}_{k=3}^{\infty}$ ,  $\{p_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{s_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  are sequences of non-negative integers such that  $\sum_{k=3}^{\infty} (c_k + p_k + s_k)$  is finite, then the graph  $\bigcup_{k=3}^{\infty} c_k \overline{C}_k \cup \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k \overline{P}_k \cup \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} s_k \overline{S}_k$  is 1-realizable if and only if  $\sum_{k=7}^{\infty} c_k = 0$ .

**Proof.** a) For a positive integer k the graph  $\overline{S}_k = K_{k-1} \cup K_1$  is 1-realizable, and the same holds – in virtue of Theorems 2.1 and 2.7 – for the graph  $\overline{P}_k$ . For a positive integer k,  $3 \leq k \leq 6$ , the graph  $\overline{C}_k$  is 1-realizable again by Theorems 2.1 and 2.7. Hence  $\sum_{k=7}^{\infty} c_k = 0$  implies the desired 1-realizability. b) Suppose that l is an integer,  $l \ge 7$ , and that the graph  $\bigcup_{k=3}^{\infty} c_k \overline{C}_k \cup \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k \overline{P}_k \cup \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} s_k \overline{S}_k = \bigcup_{m=1}^{n} \overline{H}_m$  with  $H_1 = C_l$  and each  $H_m$ ,  $m \in \{2, ..., n\}$  being a cycle, a path

or a star, is 1-realizable. Then by Theorem 2.1 the graph

$$H = \bigcup_{m=1}^{n} \overline{H}_{m} \cong \sum_{m=1}^{n} H_{m}$$

is 2-realizable by a graph G with d(G) = 2. For any  $v \in V(G)$  there exists a decomposition  $\{V_m(v): m = 1, ..., n\}$  of  $V(N_2(v, G))$  such that  $N_2(v, G) \langle V_m(v) \rangle \cong H_m$ , m == 1, ..., n, and  $\{x, y\} \in E(N_2(v, G))$  whenever  $x \in V_i(v), y \in V_j(v), i \neq j$ . Denote the vertices of  $V_1(v)$  by  $v_1, \ldots, v_i$  in such a way that  $\{v_i, v_{i+1}\} \in E(N_2(v, G)), i = 1, \ldots$ ..., l - 1; then necessarily  $\{v_1, v_1\} \in E(N_2(v, G))$ . As  $\{v_2, v_i\} \notin E(G)$ , i = 4, ..., l,  $\{v_2, v\} \notin E(G) \text{ and } d(G) = 2$ , we have  $\{v, v_4, ..., v_l\} \subseteq V(N_2(v_2, G))$ , and if  $v \in V_j(v_2)$ ,  $j \in \{1, ..., n\}$ , then evidently  $\{v_4, ..., v_l\} \subseteq V_j(v_2)$  - otherwise  $\{v, v_m\} \in E(G)$  for some  $m \in \{4, ..., l\}$  in contradiction with  $v_m \in V(N_2(v, G))$ . The connected graph  $G_1 = N_2(v_2, G) \langle V_j(v_2) \rangle$  is clearly not a star (it has at least  $l-5 \ge 2$  vertices of degree  $\geq 2$ ), hence for  $q = \min \{ d_{G_j}(v, v_p) : p = 4, ..., l \}$  we have  $q \geq 2$  and  $d_{G_j}(v, v_p) > q$ , p = 5, ..., l - 1 (if not,  $\deg_{G_j}(v_p) \geq 3$ ). Suppose therefore without loss of generality  $d_{G_j}(v, v_l) = q$  and denote by  $v_l = w_0, ..., w_q = v$  the vertices of a shortest path in  $G_j$  between v and  $v_l$ . Since  $\deg_{G_j}(w_1) = 2$  and  $\{w_1, ..., w_q\} \cap \cap \{v_4, ..., v_l\} = \emptyset$ ,  $\{w_1, v_4\}$  is not an edge of G and  $d_G(w_1, v_4) = 2$ ,  $w_1 \in V_s(v_4)$  for a suitable  $s \in \{1, ...., n\}$ . Take  $t_i \in \{1, ..., n\}$  so that  $v_i \in V_{t_i}(v_4)$ , i = 1, 2, 6, ..., l; then for  $i \neq j$  with  $\{v_i, v_j\} \notin E(G)$  necessarily  $t_i = t_j$  and consequently  $t_1 = t_2 = t_6 = \ldots = t_l$ . We can also assert  $s = t_{l-1}$  – in the opposite case  $\{w_1, v_{l-1}\} \in E(G_j)$  results in  $\deg_{G_j}(v_{l-1}) \geq 3$ . Now  $N_2(v_4, G) \langle V_s(v_4) \rangle$  has at least three vertice) of degree  $\geq 2$  and at least one vertex of degree  $\geq 3$  ( $v_l$  is adjacent to  $v_1, v_{l-1}$  and  $w_1$ s and it is neither a star nor a path nor a cycle.

**2.9.** Theorem. If T is a tree, then  $\overline{T}$  is 1-realizable if and only if T is a path or a star.

Proof. a) If T is a non-empty path or star,  $\overline{T}$  is 1-realizable according to Theorem 2.8. For any positive integer n the graph  $nK_1$  is a 1-realization of the empty graph  $\overline{P}_0 = \overline{S}_0$ .

b) Suppose that a tree T is neither a path nor a star and that  $\overline{T}$  is 1-realizable. Let G be a 2-realization of T with d(G) = 2 (existing by Theorem 2.1). If  $v \in V(G)$ , then  $N_2(v, G) \cong T$  and in  $V(N_2(v, G))$  we can find vertices x, y such that  $\deg_{N_2(v,G)}(x) = m \ge 3$ ,  $\deg_{N_2(v,G)}(y) = 1$  and  $\{x, y\} \notin E(N_2(v, G))$ . Since d(G) = 2,  $V(N_2(x, G))$  consists of v, the vertices of  $N_2(v, G)$  non-adjacent to x, and of m remaining vertices  $w_1, \ldots, w_m \in V(G) - \{v\} - V(N_2(v, G))$  necessarily adjacent to v in G. As y is adjacent to exactly one vertex u of  $N_2(v, G)$ ,  $V(N_2(y, G)) \supseteq \{v\} \cup V(N_2(v, G)) - \{u, y\}$ , hence  $V(N_2(y, G))$  contains at most one of the vertices  $w_1, \ldots, w_m$ . Thus  $|V(N_1(y, G)) \cap \{w_1, \ldots, w_m\}| \ge m - 1 \ge 2$  and if, without loss of generality,  $w_1, w_2 \in V(N_1(y, G))$ , then  $N_2(x, G)$  contains as a subgraph the cycle of length 4 passing through the vertices v,  $w_1, y, w_2$ , and we have obtained a contradiction with the structure of  $T \cong N_2(x, G)$ .

### 3. *k*-REALIZABILITY OF GRAPHS

In this part we deal with k-realizability of graphs. In view of the following two obvious facts we can restrict our analysis to connected k-realizations of non-empty graphs.

**3.1. Proposition.** If k is a positive integer, then

- (i) the graph  $K_0$  is k-realizable and is not k-realizable;
- (ii) the graph  $G_1 \cup G_2$  is a k-realization of a graph G if and only if  $G_1, G_2$  are k-realizations of G.

The question of I-realizability has rested practically untouched; this is probably due to the following simple results.

**3.2. Lemma.** A graph  $H \neq K_0$  is 1-realizable if and only if the graph  $H + K_1$  is 1-realizable.

**3.3. Lemma.** If k is a positive integer and  $H \neq K_0$  is a graph with  $d(H) \leq k$ , then H is k-realizable and a graph G is a connected k-realization of H if and only if  $G \cong H$ .

Proof. H is clearly a connected k-realization of H. If G is another one, nonisomorphic to H, it must be (up to an isomorphism) equal to a supergraph of H with  $V(G) - V(H) \neq \emptyset$ . The connectednes of G yields the existence of vertices  $v \in V(H)$ and  $w \in V(G) - V(H)$  such that  $\{v, w\} \in E(G)$ , and then  $V(N_k(v, G)) \supseteq V(H) \cup \{w\}$ in contradiction with  $N_k(v, G) = H$ .

The main result of this part is

**3.4. Theorem.** If k is a positive integer and H is a k-realizable graph with d(H) > k, then

(i) r(H) = k,

(ii)  $P(H) \neq \emptyset$ ,

(iii)  $q = |V(H)| \times |Z(H)|$  is an integer and there exists a decomposition  $\mathscr{V} = \{V_1, ..., V_q\}$  of V(H) such that  $Z(H) \in \mathscr{V}$  and  $H \langle V_i \rangle \cong H \langle Z(H) \rangle$ , i = 1, ..., q.

Proof. Let G be a connected supergraph of H representing a k-realization of H. (i) For any vertex v of G we have  $r(H) = r(N_{\bar{k}}(v, G)) \leq k$ . Since  $V(N_{\bar{k}}(v, G)) \neq V(H)$  for each  $v \in V(H)$  with  $e_H(v) > k$  and d(H) > k, V(H) is a proper subset of V(G) and we can choose  $w \in V(G) - V(H)$ . Taking  $z \in Z(H)$  we get  $N_{\bar{k}}(z, G) = H$ , hence  $d = d_G(z, w) > k$ : if  $z = w_0, w_1, \dots, w_d = w$  are the vertices forming a shortest path in G between z and w, then  $w_k \in V(N_{\bar{k}}(z, G))$  and  $r(H) \geq k$ .

(ii) Using  $w_k \in V(H)$  and r(H) = k we can state that  $d_H(v, w_k) \leq k$  for every  $v \in Z(H)$ . On the other hand,  $d_H(v, w_k) \geq k$ , for if this were not the case,  $w_{k+1} \in V(N_{\bar{k}}(v, G))$  in contradiction with  $N_{\bar{k}}(v, G) = H = N_{\bar{k}}(z, G)$  and  $d_H(z, w_{k+1}) = k + 1$ . Thus  $d_H(v, w_k) = k$  and  $w_k \in P(H)$ .

(iii) As r(H) = k, any  $v \in V(G)$  belongs to  $Z(N_{\bar{k}}(v, G))$  and it is easy to see that  $N_{\bar{k}}(u, G) = N_{\bar{k}}(v, G)$  for all  $u \in Z(N_{\bar{k}}(v, G))$ . If  $w \in V(N_{\bar{k}}(v, G)) - Z(N_{\bar{k}}(v, G)) = W$ , then by (i)  $d_G(w, x) > k$  for a suitable  $x \in W$ , while for  $w \in V(G) - V(N_{\bar{k}}(v, G))$  we have  $d_G(v, w) > k$ ; hence  $w \in V(G) - Z(N_{\bar{k}}(v, G))$  implies  $N_{\bar{k}}(w, G) \neq N_{\bar{k}}(v, G)$  and consequently  $Z(N_{\bar{k}}(w, G)) \cap Z(N_{\bar{k}}(v, G)) = \emptyset$ . This proves that r = |V(G)| / |Z(H)| is an integer and there exists a decomposition  $\mathscr{U} = \{U_1, \ldots, U_r\}$  of V(G) such that  $Z(H) \in \mathscr{U}$  and  $G \langle U_i \rangle \cong H \langle Z(H) \rangle$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots, r$ . Furthermore, since  $Z(H) \subseteq \subseteq V(N_{\bar{k}}(v, G))$  for  $v \in V(H)$  and  $V(N_{\bar{k}}(w, G)) \cap Z(H) = \emptyset$  for  $w \in V(G) - V(H)$ , we

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have  $U_i \subseteq V(H)$  or  $U_i \cap V(H) = \emptyset$  for each i = 1, ..., r, and q members of  $\mathscr{U}$  form a decomposition of V(H).

**3.5. Corollary.** If H is a 1-realizable graph with r(H) = 1, then |V(H)| + 1 is divisible by |Z(H)| + 1.

Proof. By Lemma 3.2 the graph  $H + K_1 = H_1$  is 1-realizable; r(H) = 1 leads to  $|Z(H_1)| = |Z(H)| + 1$ . As  $|V(H_1)| = |V(H)| + 1$ , for d(H) > 1 (which implies  $d(H_1) > 1$ ) apply Theorem 3.4 (iii), while for d(H) = 1, i.e.  $H \cong K_1$ ,  $l \ge 2$ , make use of the equality of Z(H) and V(H).

3.6. Remark. Corollary 3.5 is also a consequence of Theorem 1 in [7].

**3.7. Theorem.** If k is a positive integer, H is a k-realizable graph with d(H) > k and G is a k-realization of H, then  $\{\deg_G(v): v \in V(G)\} = \{\deg_H(w): w \in Z(H)\}.$ 

Proof. Since all vertices adjacent to  $v \in V(G)$  belong to  $N_{\bar{k}}(v, G)$ , we get  $\deg_G(v) = \deg_{N_{\bar{k}}(v,G)}(v)$ . By Theorem 3.4 (i) we have  $v \in Z(N_{\bar{k}}(v,G))$ , hence the isomorphism of  $N_{\bar{k}}(v,G)$  and H implies the existence of  $w \in Z(H)$  such that  $\deg_G(v) = \deg_H(w)$ . The converse inclusion is obvious.

In what follows we deal with k-realizability of trees.

- **3.8.** Lemma. If T is a tree with  $P(T) \neq \emptyset$ , then
- (i) |Z(T)| = 1,
- (ii)  $T \cong K_1$  or  $\deg_T(v) = 1$  for every  $v \in P(T)$ .

Proof. (i) The assumption |Z(T)| > 1 leads to  $Z(T) = \{z_1, z_2\} \in E(T)$  (see [6]). If  $v \in V(T)$  and  $v_0 = v, v_1, \dots, v_m = z_1$  are vertices of the (unique) path joining vand  $z_1$  in T, then  $z_2 = v_{m-1}$  with  $d_T(v, z_2) = d_T(v, z_1) - 1$  or  $z_2 \notin \{v_0, \dots, v_m\}$ with  $d_T(v, z_2) = d_T(v, z_1) + 1$ , both cases resulting in  $v \notin P(T)$ . Thus  $P(T) \neq \emptyset$ implies  $Z(T) = \{z\}$ .

(ii) If  $v \in V(T)$  and  $\deg_T(v) \ge 2$ , take a vertex  $w \in V(T)$  adjacent to v and not belonging to the path joining v and z. Since  $d_T(w, z) = d_T(v, z) + 1$ , v is not a peripheral vertex.

For positive integers k, l, let  $T_{k,l}$  be a tree with radius k and one-vertex centre whose all vertices except the peripheral ones are of degree 1.

**3.9. Theorem.** If k is a positive integer, then a tree  $T \neq K_0$  is k-realizable if and only if  $d(T) \leq k$  or  $T \approx T_{k,l}$  for a suitable integer  $l \geq 2$ .

**Proof.** In view of Lemma 3.3 it is sufficient to analyze the case d(T) > k.

(a) If T is a k-realizable tree with d(T) > k, then r(T) = k and  $P(T) \neq \emptyset$  by Theorem 3.4. Hence using Lemma 3.8 we get |Z(T)| = 1. If  $Z(T) = \{z\}$  and  $\deg_T(z) = l$ , then clearly  $l \ge 2$ .

Take a k-realization G of T which is a supergraph of T; by Theorem 3.7 it is an *l*-regular graph. For any  $v \in V(T) - P(T)$  we have  $d_T(z, v) < k$ , hence all vertices adjacent to v in G belong to  $N_k(z, G)$  and  $\deg_T(v) = \deg_G(v) = l$ . Thus we have proved that  $T \cong T_{k,l}$ .

(b) Let G be an *l*-regular graph whose girth is 2k + 2 – its existence is guaranteed by Sachs [8] for  $l \ge 3$ , for l = 2 take a cycle with 2k + 2 vertices. It is easy to see that for every  $v \in V(G)$  the closed k-neighbourhood of v is a tree isomorphic to  $T_{k,l}$ .

A k-realizable graph serves as a basis for a wide class of k-realizable graphs.

**3.10. Theorem.** If k is an integer,  $k \ge 2$ , and H is a k-realizable graph with  $|V(H)| \ge 2$ , then for any graph  $K \ne K_0$  the graph H[K] is k-realizable, too.

Proof. As a k-realization of H[K] we can take G[K] where G is a k-realization of H.

**3.11. Theorem.** If  $k \in \{1, \overline{1}\}$ , H is a k-realizable graph and G is a k-realization of H, then the graph H + G is k-realizable, too.

Proof. The graph G + G is a k-realization of H + G.

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### Súhrn

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Je nájdený vzťah medzi 1- a 2-realizovateľnosťou grafov. Zykovov problém 1-realizovateľnosti je vyriešený pre dve triedy grafov. Je zavedený pojem k-realizovateľnosti grafov; sú uvedené isté nutné a isté postačujúce podmienky k-realizovateľnosti.

### Резюме

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Устанавливается связь между 1- и 2-реализуемостью графов. Проблема Зыкова об 1-реализуемости решается для двух классов графов. Вводится понятие *k*-реализуемости; приводятся некоторые необходимые и некоторые достаточные условия *k*-реализуемости.

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