Exercise 5

Task 1

Let G = (V, E) be an undirected graph with

$$V = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}, \quad E = \{\{1, 3\}, \{1, 6\}, \{2, 3\}, \{2, 5\}, \{3, 5\}, \{4, 6\}, \{5, 6\}\}.$$

- (a) Compute the Tutte matrix T_G of G.
- (b) Compute the polynomial $\det(T_G)$.
- (c) Does G have a perfect matching? If yes, name all perfect matchings of G. If no, justify your answer.

Task 2

Let G = (V, E) be an undirected graph with $V = \{1, \ldots, n\}$. Let $T^G = (T_{u,v})_{1 \le u,v \le n}$ be the matrix defined by

$$T_{u,v} = \begin{cases} x_{u,v} & \text{if } \{u,v\} \in E, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Let G be a bipartite graph. This means, there are disjoint subsets $U, W \subset V$ such that $V = U \cup W$ and $\{u, w\} \in E$ only if $u \in U$ and $w \in W$ (or $w \in U$ and $u \in W$). Show that G has a perfect matching if and only if $\det(T^G) \neq 0$.
- (b) Does (a) also hold, if G is not bipartite?