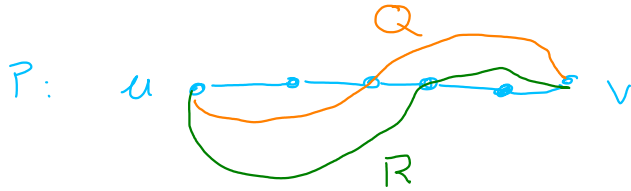


4.2.4 True or False: If  $P$  is a  $uv$ -path in a 2-connected graph, then there is a  $uv$ -path  $Q$  that is internally disjoint from  $P$ .



The statement is false, as shown by the counter-example.

4.2.24 Let  $G$  be a  $k$ -connected graph, and let  $S$  and  $T$  be disjoint subsets of  $V$  with size at least  $k$ . Prove that  $G$  has  $k$  pairwise disjoint  $ST$ -paths.

We know that

$$\lambda(u, v) \leq \kappa(u, v) \geq \kappa(G) \geq k$$

Case 1: If  $u, v$  are not adjacent, then  $\lambda(u, v) = \kappa(u, v) \geq k$ .

Internally disjoint  $\not\Rightarrow$  pairwise disjoint



Case #1: There exists  $u$  in  $S$  and  $v$  in  $T$  that are not adjacent. By Menger's theorem, there are at least  $\kappa(u, v)$  internally disjoint paths, so there are at least  $k$   $uv$ -paths that are disjoint. Also, every  $u, v$ -path is an  $S-T$  path, so there are at least  $k$   $ST$ -paths.

Case #2: Every vertex of  $S$  is adjacent to every vertex of  $T$ . The number of edges between  $S$  and  $T$  is  $|S||T| \geq k^2$ . Edges are internally disjoint paths.

