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TIME	SPEAKER	TITLE
14:00- 14:30	<b>Csilla BUJTÁS</b> University of Ljubljana, Slovenia Institute of Mathematics, Physics, and Mechanics, Ljubljana, Slovenia	<i>Triangles, edges, covers and independence</i>
14:35- 15:05	<b>Ademir HUJDUROVIĆ</b> University of Primorska, Koper, Slovenia	<i>Canonical double covers and their symmetries</i>
15:10- 15:40	<b>Didem GÖZÜPEK</b> Gebze Technical University, Kocaeli, Türkiye	<i>Triangle-free equimatchable graphs</i>

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## Triangles, edges, covers, and independence

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We start the talk with a famous conjecture of Tuza that relates two graph invariants: the minimum number of edges,  $\tau_{\Delta}(G)$ , that cover all triangles in a graph  $G$ , and the maximum number of edge-disjoint triangles,  $\nu_{\Delta}(G)$ , in a graph  $G$ . The 40-year-old conjecture asserts that  $\tau_{\Delta}(G) \leq 2\nu_{\Delta}(G)$  holds for every graph  $G$ . Despite the numerous partial results, the conjecture is still wide open.

In a recent work motivated by a question of Erdős, Gallai, and Tuza, we studied a related problem. Let  $\rho_{\Delta}(G)$  denote the minimum number of edges and triangles that cover all edges of  $G$ , and let  $\alpha_1(G)$  be the maximum size of an edge set that contains at most one edge from each triangle. We study the relationship between  $\rho_{\Delta}(G)$  and  $\alpha_1(G)$  and establish a sharp upper bound on  $\rho_{\Delta}(G)$ . We also prove Nordhaus-Gaddum-type inequalities for the two invariants.

## Canonical double covers and their symmetries

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Canonical double cover  $BX$  of a graph  $X$  is the direct product of  $X$  with  $K_2$  (the complete graph on two vertices). Automorphisms of the base graph  $X$  naturally lift to automorphisms of  $BX$ . In addition, there is an obvious involutory automorphism of  $BX$  swapping the bipartition sets. Expected automorphisms of  $BX$  are those that can be obtained by combining the above two types, and generate a group isomorphic to  $Aut(X) \times S_2$ . If  $BX$  has only the expected automorphisms, then  $X$  is called stable, and it is called unstable otherwise. Characterization of stable graphs is an open problem, even when restricted to special graph classes like circulant graphs.

In this talk, I will present several constructions of unstable graphs and characterizations within certain graph families, with special emphasis on circulant graphs.

## Triangle-free equimatchable graphs

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A graph is called equimatchable if all of its maximal matchings have the same size. Frentrup et al. provided a characterization of equimatchable graphs with girth at least 5. In this work, we extend this result by providing a complete structural characterization of equimatchable graphs with girth at least 4, that is, equimatchable graphs with no triangle, by identifying the equimatchable triangle-free graph families. Our characterization also extends the result given by Akbari et al., which proves that the only connected triangle free equimatchable  $r$ -regular graphs are  $C_5$ ,  $C_7$ , and  $K_{r,r}$ , where  $r$  is a positive integer. Given a nonbipartite graph, our characterization implies a linear time recognition algorithm for triangle-free equimatchable graphs.

*This work has been completed in collaboration with Yasemin Büyükçolak and Sibel Özkan from the Department of Mathematics, Gebze Technical University and has been published in Journal of Graph Theory in 2022.*