

► **Problem DM-6.6-18** Prove that if a graph G has an n -circuit with n odd and $n > 3$, then G has an odd cycle.

Proof. Let \mathcal{C} be an n -circuit in a graph G with n odd and $n > 3$. From definition, we know that \mathcal{C} contains at least one cycle as its subgraph. Furthermore, \mathcal{C} can be partitioned into a sequence of edge-disjoint cycles. Let C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k be such a sequence of cycles. Since $|\mathcal{C}| = |C_1| + |C_2| + \dots + |C_k| = n$ is odd, it guarantees that at least one cycle C_i , $1 \leq i \leq k$, must have odd length. \square