List extensions of majority edge colourings

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A majority edge colouring of a graph G is a colouring of the edges of G such that for each vertex v of G, at most half the edges incident with v have the same colour. More generally, for a natural number $k \geq 2$, a 1/k-majority edge-colouring of a graph is a colouring of the edges of G such that for every colour c and every vertex v of G at most 1/k of the edges incident with v have the colour c. This notion was introduced in 2023 by Bock, Kalinowski, Pardey, Pilśniak, Rautenbach and Woźniak [1].

We investigate possible list extensions of generalised majority edge colourings. In particular, given a graph G, a list assignment L and a majority tolerance $\alpha \in (0,1)$, an α -majority L-colouring of G is a colouring $\omega : E \to C$ from the given lists such that for every $v \in V$ and each $c \in C$, the number of edges coloured c which are incident with v does not exceed $\alpha \cdot d(v)$. We discuss some restrictions necessary to extend this notion to a more general setting with diversified $\alpha = \alpha(c)$ majority tolerances for distinct colours $c \in C$. In particular, for any list assignment $L : E \to 2^C$ with $\sum_{c \in L(e)} \alpha(c) \geq 1 + \varepsilon$ and $|L(e)| \leq \ell$ for each edge e, we show that there exists an α -majority L-colouring of G, provided that $\delta(G) = \Omega(\ell^2 \varepsilon^{-2})$.

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