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We define the value of L as

$$\operatorname{val}(\mathcal{L}) = \operatorname{val}_{\mathcal{S}}(\mathcal{H}) + \sum_{i=1}^{k} 2|X_i| - 3.$$

Theorem 1 (Fekete, Jordán and Kaszanitzky (|U| = 2) / Jackson, G. ($|U| \ge 3$))

Let G = (V, E) be a graph and $U \subseteq V$. Then the family $\mathcal{I}_G := \{F : F \subseteq E, H = (V, F) \text{ is } (U) - \text{sparse}\}$ is a family of independent sets of a matroid, $\mathcal{M}_U(G)$ on E. Moreover, the rank of a set $E' \subseteq E$ in $\mathcal{M}_U(G)$ is equal to

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