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Matthew Price Yancey* (yancey1@illinois.edu), 1409 W. Green Street, Urbana, IL 61801-2975. *On extremal graphs with a given number of perfect matchings.*

We consider the problem of maximizing the number of edges in a graph G on n vertices under the restriction that the number of perfect matchings in G is a given constant p . Dudek and Schmitt showed that this number approaches $\frac{n^2}{4} + c_p$ as n grows, where c_p is a constant depending only on p . This work extends the understanding of the sequence c_p , including some constructive lower bounds and a conjecture on its exact value. Moreover, we present some structural results on graphs which achieve the extremal number of edges.

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