Arbitrarily oriented Hamilton cycles: an extension of Dirac's theorem to digraphs

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Ghoulia-Houri proved that every digraph with in-degree and out-degree at least n/2 contains a consistently oriented Hamilton cycle. We show that for sufficiently large n, every digraph with in-degree and out-degree at least n/2 contains every orientation of a Hamilton cycle, except possibly the antidirected one; however, in the anti-directed case we show that n/2 + 1 is sufficient. These results are sharp and improve the asymptotic results of Häggkvist and Thomason.

Furthermore, we will discuss a stability result for even more general structures (H-subdivisions) having arbitrary color patterns and orientations (and subdivision lengths). This will applicable to many variations of the Hamiltonian cycle problem (pancyclic, k-linked, k-ordered, H-linked, k-disjoint cycles etc.) in graphs, digraphs, colored multigraphs, etc.