

Series 5

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(a)

We know that the graph  $G = (V, E)$  is 3-regular. So,  $\forall v \in V, \deg(v) = 3$ . We also know that  $\sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) = 2|E|$ . Finally, we have  $\sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) = 3|V| = 2|E|$ .

(b)

In the computation  $\sum_{i=3}^{\infty} i * n_i$ , every edges is counted twice because a segment can only separate the plane into two faces. So, we have  $\sum_{i=3}^{\infty} i * n_i = 2|E|$ , because the graph is 3-regular from the previous exercise, we know that  $2|E| = 3|V|$ .

(c)

From previous exercise, we know that  $\sum_{i=3}^{\infty} i * n_i = 3|V|$  and we assume that  $\sum_{i=3}^{\infty} (6-i)n_i = 12$  :

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\sum_{i=3}^{\infty} i * n_i\right) + \left(\sum_{i=3}^{\infty} (6-i)n_i\right) &= \sum_{i=3}^{\infty} 6n_i - in_i + in_i = 12 + 3|V| \\ \sum_{i=3}^{\infty} 6n_i &= 12 + 3|V| \\ \sum_{i=3}^{\infty} n_i &= 2 + \frac{|V|}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$\sum_{i=3}^{\infty} n_i$  is the total number of faces  $f$ , so we have to prove that  $f = \frac{|V|}{2} + 2$  for any 3-regular planar graph :

For a 3-regular graph, we know that  $2|E| = 3|V|$ . Using the Euler's formula, we could deduce the formula for the number of faces :

$$\begin{aligned} |V| - |E| + f &= 2 \\ 2|V| - 2|E| + 2f &= 4 \\ 2|V| - 3|V| + 2f &= 4 \\ 2f - |V| &= 4 \\ 2f &= |V| + 4 \\ f &= \frac{|V|}{2} + 2 \end{aligned}$$

(d)

We know that the graph is 3-regular and its faces are only polygon or pentagon. So we can transform  $\sum_{i=3}^{\infty} (6-i)n_i = (6-5)n_5 + \underbrace{(6-6)}_0 n_6 = n_5 = 12$ . The total number of pentagonal faces  $n_5$  is 12.

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(a)

We know that  $|V| - |E| + f = 2 \implies |E| = |V| + f - 2$  and every faces have at least 4 edges (triangle-free graph) :  $4f \leq 2|E| \implies f \leq \frac{|E|}{2}$ . Finally, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |E| &\leq |V| + \frac{|E|}{2} - 2 \\ \frac{|E|}{2} &\leq |V| - 2 \\ |E| &\leq 2|V| - 4 \end{aligned}$$

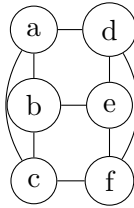
(b)

$K_{3,3}$  is triangle-free because it is bipartite, so his chromatic number is 2 so there is no triangle.  $K_{3,3} = (V, E)$ ,  $|V| = 6$ ,  $|E| = 9$  (count by hand) and we finally have :

$$9 \not\leq 2 * 6 - 4 \implies 9 \not\leq 8$$

(c)

No, for example the following graph is planar, 3-regular and on 6 vertices :



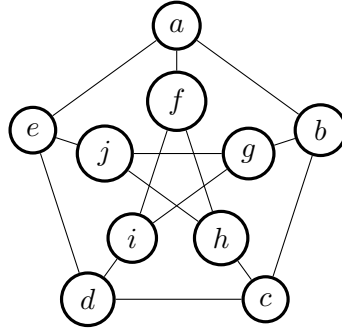
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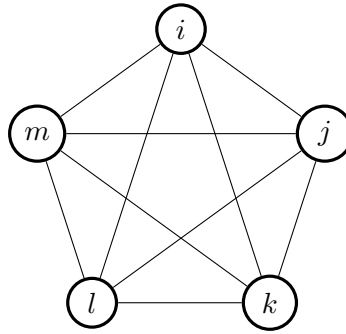
For any graph  $G = (V, E)$ , if we do a subdivision of  $G$  to obtain  $G'$ , we could contract the added vertices and corresponding edges in order to recover  $G$  from  $G'$ . So, if  $G$  holds a subgraph  $G_{sub}$  isomorphic to a subdivision of  $H$ , denote  $H'$ , we could delete all the vertices and edges which are not part of  $G_{sub}$ , then we use the contraction on edges, edges deletion and vertices deletion to obtain  $H$ .

(b)

We use the following Petersen graph :



The  $K_5$  graph :

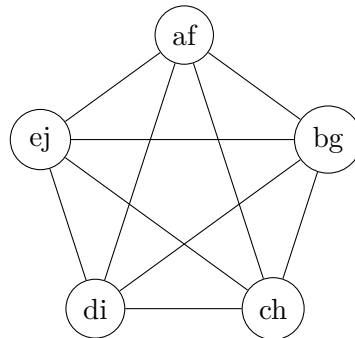


The Petersen graph is not a subdivision of  $K_{3,3}$ , because the subdivision could never delete edges. It only add a vertices  $v$  on an edges  $e = \{v_1, v_2\}$  such that  $E' = E \setminus \{v_1, v_2\} \cup \{\{v_1, v\}, \{v, v_2\}\}$  and  $V' = V \cup \{v\}$ .

So, we could never obtain the Petersen graph by successive subdivision because we can't produce a vertices of degree 3. We can't modify the degree of existing vertices and the vertices obtained by subdivision are always of degrees 2.

The Petersen graph has  $K_5$  has a minor. We use the following contraction in order to obtain  $k_5$  :

- contraction of  $a$  with  $f$
- contraction of  $b$  with  $g$
- contraction of  $c$  with  $h$
- contraction of  $d$  with  $i$
- contraction of  $e$  with  $j$



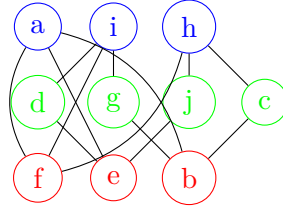
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The subgraph  $G'$ , of the Petersen graph :

$$V = \{a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j\}$$

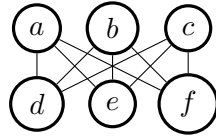
$$E = \{\{a, f\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b\}, \{i, d\}, \{d, e\}, \{i, g\}, \{g, b\}, \{i, f\}, \{h, f\}, \{h, c\}, \{c, b\}, \{h, j\}, \{j, e\}, \}$$

We can “see” the subdivision of the  $K_{3,3}$  graph, the blue nodes are from the top groups, the red nodes are from the bottom groups and the green nodes are the from the subdivision of  $K_{3,3}$ .



is isomorphic to the following subdivision of  $K_{3,3}$  :

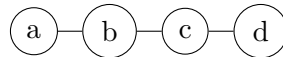
The graph  $K_{3,3}$  :



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(a)

The bipartite graph we use :

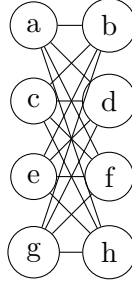


Vertices ordering for the algorithm :  $(a, d, b, c)$  :

1. Vertices  $a$  : color 1.
2. Vertices  $d$  : color 1.
3. Vertices  $b$  : color 2.
4. Vertices  $c$  : color 3.

(b)

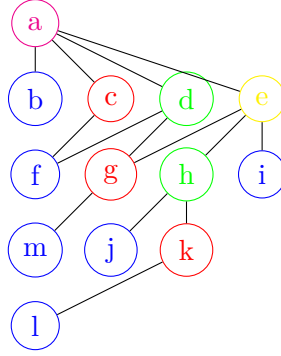
For this, we use a Crown graph on 200 vertices, the Crown graph is the complete bipartite graph from which the edges of a perfect matching has been removed, for example, in the following  $K_{4,4}$  graph :



We have to remove the edges  $\{a, b\}, \{c, d\}, \{e, f\}, \{g, h\}$  (the edges from vertices at the same height) to obtain a crown graph. Then we use the ordering  $(a, b, c, d, e, f, \dots)$  (in alphabetical order) so, on 200 vertices, the chromatic number of the graph would be 100.

(c)

The following graph is bipartite and 5-coloring



under the ordering  $(b, f, m, j, l, i, k, g, c, d, h, e, a)$ .

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(a)

We consider only the graph which has 1 interior vertex, because the property need to holds for every interior vertex, we can generalise this for any number of interior vertex. We also consider  $n$  exterior vertices  $\{v_0, \dots, v_n\}$  which are adjacent to the interior vertex  $v$ . The  $n$  exterior vertices are adjacent and it would be 2 cases :

- $n$  is even : we have the subgraph  $G' = (V', E')$  where  $V' = V \setminus v$  and  $E' = \{e | e = \{x, y\} \in E \wedge (x \neq v \wedge y \neq v)\}$ .  $G'$  is 2-coloring, so  $G$  is 3-coloring because  $v$  is adjacent to vertices with color number 1 and 2 and  $n$  is even.
- $n$  is odd : we have the subgraph  $G' = (V', E')$  where  $V' = V \setminus v$  and  $E' = \{e | e = \{x, y\} \in E \wedge (x \neq v \wedge y \neq v)\}$ .  $G'$  is 3-coloring, so  $G$  is 4-coloring and  $n$  is odd.

So we have to show that  $C_n$  is 2-coloring for  $n$  even and 3-coloring for  $n$  odd and  $n \geq 3$ . If  $n$  is even, the graph is bipartite so 2-coloring. If  $n$  is odd, we show that  $C_n$  is 3-coloring because we use  $C_{n-1}$  and we add a vertex between two already present one. We can only add a vertex between vertices of color 1 and 2, so  $C_n$  is 3-coloring if  $n$  is odd.

**(b)**

From previous exercise, if  $v$  has an odd number of adjacent vertices, it means that the  $C_n$  graph that is representing those adjacent vertices is 3-coloring (or 2-coloring if  $\deg(v) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ ). So if  $\deg(v)$  is even,  $G$  is 3-coloring.