

Q 3)

In a coloring of  $G$  with  $\chi(G)$  colors, removing  $v$  trivially produces a coloring of  $G-v$  with at most  $\chi(G)$  colors.

Hence  $\chi(G-v) \leq \chi(G)$

If  ~~$\chi(G-v) < \chi(G) - 2$~~   $\chi(G-v) < \chi(G) - 2$ , then adding the vertex  $v$  back produces a coloring of  $G$  with at most  $\chi(G) - 1$  colors ( $v$  may need an entire color),

This is a contradiction  $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$

Hence  $\chi(G-v) \geq \chi(G) - 1$

Combining these two inequalities produces the desired result.