

# More Planar Graphs

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We want to come up with a characterization of planar graphs. We proved  $K_5$  and  $K_{3,3}$  are nonplanar.

**Defn:**  $H$  is a minor of  $G$  if it can be obtained from  $G$  by deleting vertexes, deleting edges, and contracting edges.

**Defn:**  $H$  is a subdivision of  $G$  if it can be obtained by adding vertexes to split edges, removing edges, and removing vertexes.

**Thm:** (Wagner) A graph  $G$  is nonplanar iff  $G$  contains  $K_5$  or  $K_{3,3}$  as a minor.

**Thm:** (Kuratowski) A graph  $G$  is nonplanar iff  $G$  contains  $K_5$  or  $K_{3,3}$  as a subdivision.

Proof:

Claim 1: If  $G$  has no subdivision of  $K_5$  or  $K_{3,3}$  and  $e \in G$ , then  $G/e = H$  has no subdivision of  $K_5$  or  $K_{3,3}$ . If  $H' \subset H$  has a subdivision of  $K_5$  or  $K_{3,3}$ , and  $z \in H'$ , then  $H'$  is a subdivision of  $G$ . If  $z \in H'$ , and  $\deg_{H'}(z) = 2$  (then just do every case) **I'm not sure what he means here**

Claim 2: (Inductive-ness) let  $G' = G/e$ . Then  $G'$  has fewer edges than  $G$ . By induction,  $G'$  is planar.  $\square$

A torus is a doughnut. We can draw graphs onto a torus.

**Ex:**  $K_7$  can be drawn on a torus.

**Defn:**  $T_g$  is the sphere with  $g$  handles.

**Defn:** Given  $G$  and  $T_g$ , an embedding of  $G$  on  $T_g$  is a drawing of  $G$  on  $T_g$  s.t. no 2 edges cross.

**Defn:** Given  $G$  and  $T_g$ , a 2-cell embedding of  $G$  on  $T_g$  is a drawing such that no 2 edges cross and  $T_g \setminus (V \cup E) = \sqcup D_i$  where each  $D_i$  is a “disc”.

**Thm:** If  $G$  has an embedding on  $T_g$ , then  $v - e + f \geq 2 - 2g$ .

If  $G$  has a 2-cell embedding on  $T_g$ , then  $v - e + f = 2 - 2g$ .