

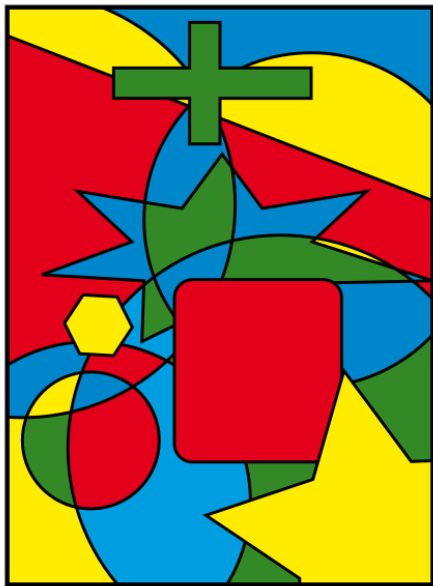
# (十一) 图论: 平面图与图着色 (Planarity and Coloring)

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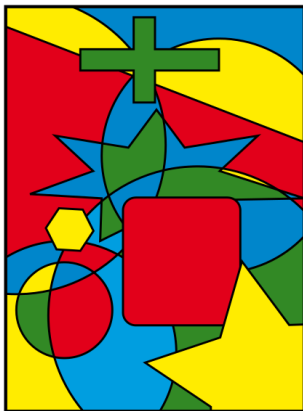
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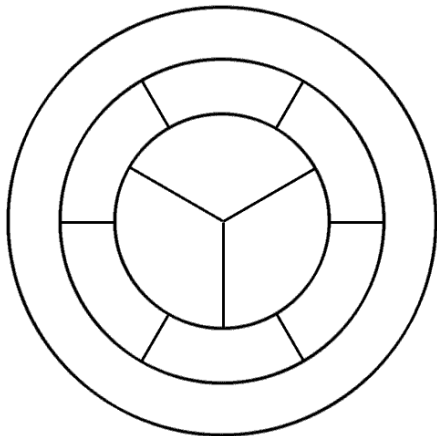


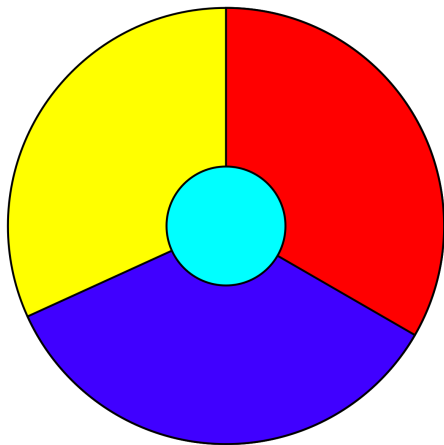


## Theorem (Four Color (Map) Theorem (informal))

*Every **map** can be colored with only **four** colors such that no two **adjacent regions** share the same color.*







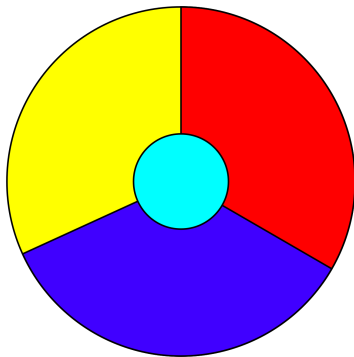
Every region is adjacent to the other 3 regions.

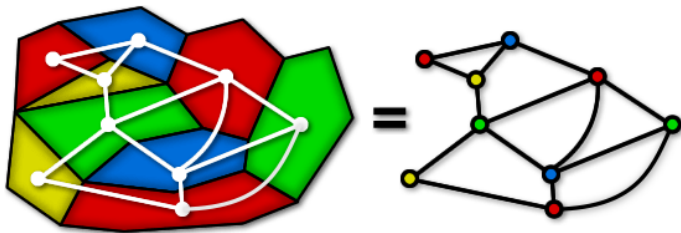
What if we have a map which contains 5 regions so that every region is adjacent to the other 4 regions?



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What does Four Color Theorem to do with Graph Theory?



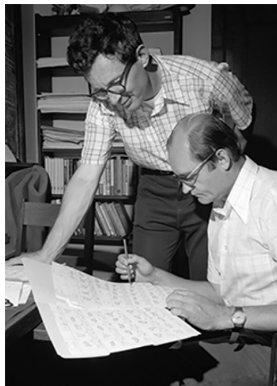


Every map produces a **planar** graph.



Theorem (Four Color Theorem (Kenneth Appel, Wolfgang Haken; 1976))

Every *simple planar* graph is *4-colorable*.



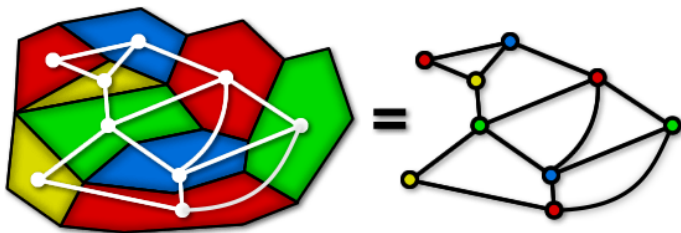
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## Theorem

*Every simple planar graph is 6-colorable.*

## Theorem (Percy John Heawood (1890))

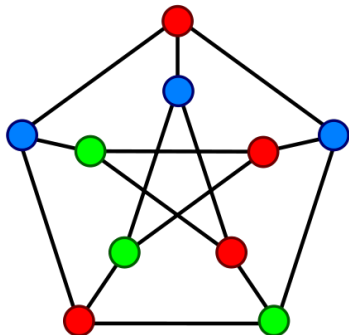
*Every simple planar graph is 5-colorable.*



## Graph Coloring Problem

### Definition ( $k$ -Colorable ( $k$ -可着色的))

If  $G$  is a connected undirected graph without loops, then  $G$  is  $k$ -colorable if its vertices can be colored in  $k$  colors so that adjacent vertices have different colors.

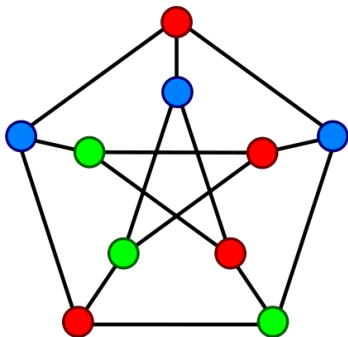


The Petersen graph is  $\geq 3$ -colorable.

### Definition ( $k$ -Chromatic ( $k$ -色数的))

If  $G$  is  $k$ -colorable, but is not  $(k - 1)$ -colorable, then  $G$  is  $k$ -chromatic.

$$\chi(G) = k$$



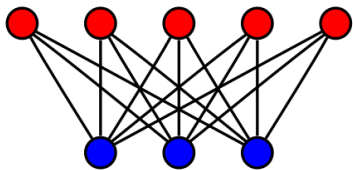
The Petersen graph is **3**-chromatic.  
(It contains an **odd** cycle.)

## Lemma

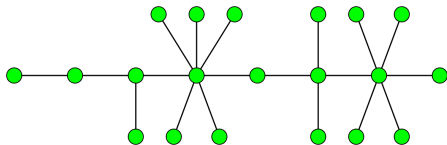
*A graph is 1-colorable iff it is the empty graph with 1 vertex.*

## Theorem

A graph is 2-colorable iff it is *bipartite*.



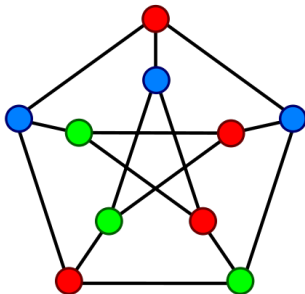
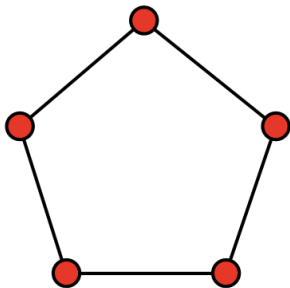
$K_{5,3}$



Trees are bipartite.

## Theorem

*The 3-coloring problem (i.e., testing whether a graph is 3-colorable or not) is NP-complete (HARD!).*





## Theorem

*The 4-coloring problem is NP-complete (HARD!).*

Theorem (Four Color Theorem (Kenneth Appel, Wolfgang Haken; 1976))

*Every simple planar graph is 4-colorable.*

## Theorem

Let  $G$  be a simple connected graph. Then,

$$\chi(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1.$$

By induction on the number of vertices of  $G$ .

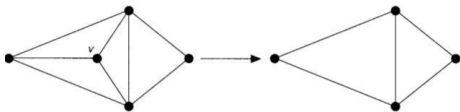
**Basis Step:**  $n = 1$ .  $\chi(G) = 1$  and  $\Delta(G) = 0$ .

**Induction Hypothesis:** Suppose that for any simple connected graph  $G$  with  $n$  vertices,

$$\chi(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1.$$

**Induction Step:** Consider a simple connected graph  $G$  with  $n + 1$  vertices.

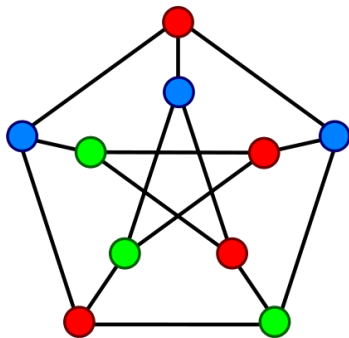
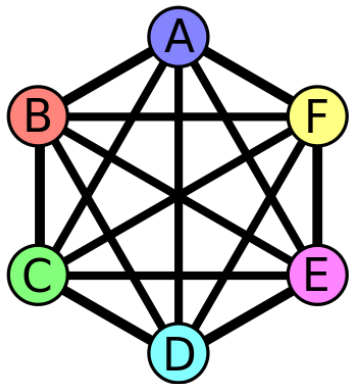
$$\deg(v) \leq \Delta(G)$$



Theorem (Brooks's Theorem (R. Leonard Brooks; 1941))

Let  $G$  be a *simple* connected graph other than a *complete graph* or an *odd cycle*. Then

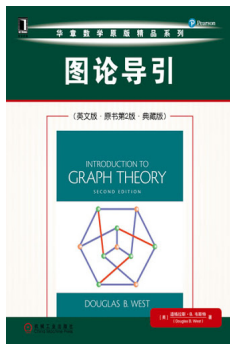
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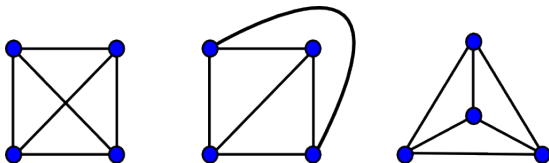
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## Definition (Planar Graph (平面图))

A **planar graph** is a graph that **can** be drawn in the plane without **edge crossings**.

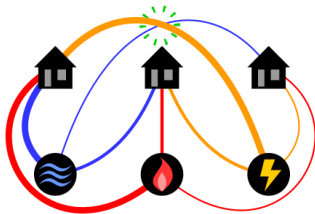
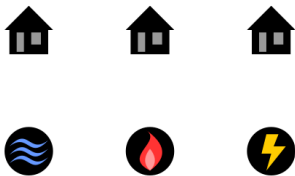
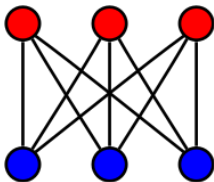


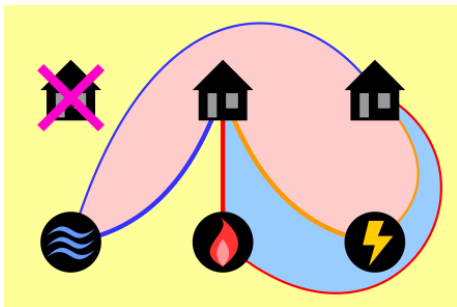
Theorem (K. Wagner (1936); I. Fáry (1948))

*Every simple planar graph can be drawn with **straight lines**.*

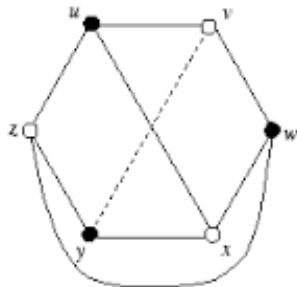
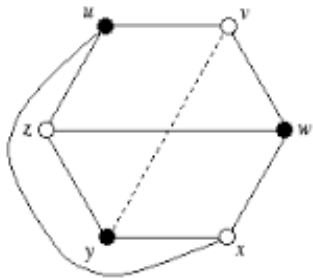
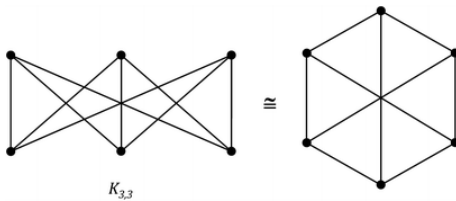
Theorem (Kazimierz Kuratowski, 1930)

The *utility graph*  $K_{3,3}$  is non-planar.





Proof without Words

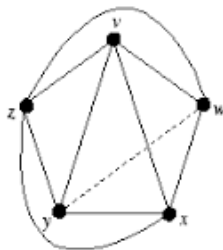
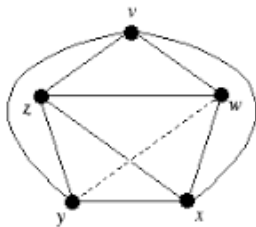
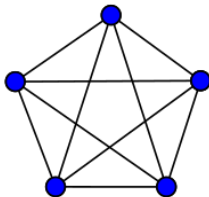


$$\text{cr}(K_{3,3}) = 1 \quad (\text{crossing number})$$



## Theorem

$K_5$  is non-planar.



$$\text{cr}(K_5) = 1$$

Theorem (Kazimierz Kuratowski, 1930)

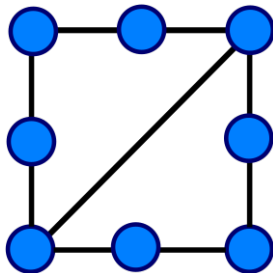
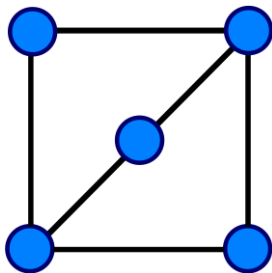
A graph is planar iff it contains no *subgraph homeomorphic to  $K_5$  or  $K_{3,3}$* .



*“The  $K$  in  $K_5$  stands for Kazimierz,  
and the  $K$  in  $K_{3,3}$  stands for Kuratowski.”*

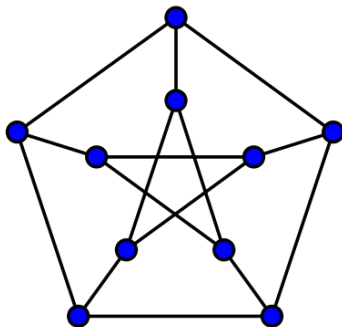
### Definition (Homeomorphic)

Two graphs are **homeomorphic** if one can be obtained from another by **inserting or contracting** vertices of **degree 2**.

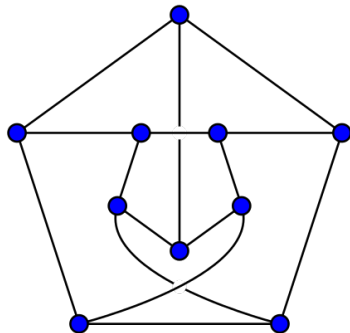
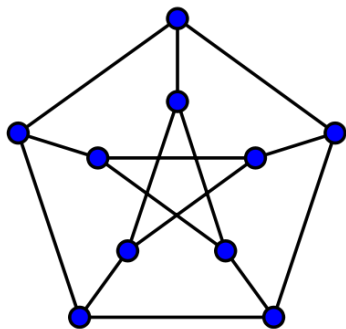


## Theorem

*The Petersen graph is non-planar.*



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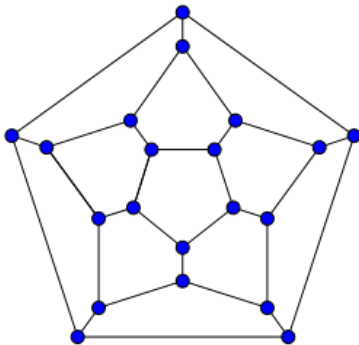
$$\text{cr}(\text{Petersen Graph}) = 2$$

A planar graph should not has too many edges.

## Theorem (Euler's Formula, 1750)

Let  $G$  be a *plane drawing* of a *connected* planar graph, and let  $n$ ,  $m$ , and  $f$  denote respectively the number of vertices, edges, and *faces* of  $G$ .

$$n - m + f = 2$$

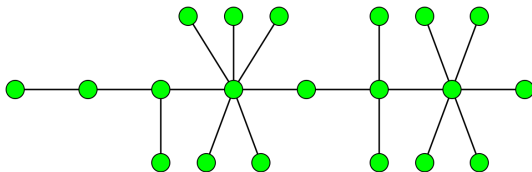


$$n - m + f = 20 - 30 + 12 = 2$$

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$$n - m + f = n - (n - 1) + 1 = 2$$



By induction on the number of edges of  $G$ .

Basis Step:  $m = 0$ . We have  $n = 1$  and  $f = 1$ .

Induction Hypothesis: It holds for plane graphs with  $m$  edges.

Induction Step: Consider a plane graph  $G$  with  $m + 1$  edges.

If  $G$  is a tree, we are done.

Otherwise,  $G$  contains a cycle.

Let  $e$  be an edge in some cycle of  $G$ .

Consider  $G' = G - e$ .

$$n - (m - 1) + (f - 1) = 2$$

Therefore,

$$n - m + f = 2$$

## Theorem

*Let  $G$  be a simple connected planar graph with  $n \geq 3$  vertices and  $m$  edges. Then*

$$m \leq 3n - 6.$$

$$n - m + f = 2$$

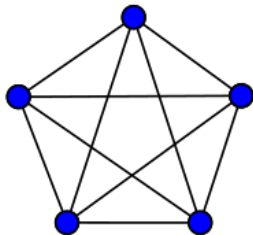
$$3f \leq 2m$$

Double Counting:

each face is bounded by  $\geq 3$  edges;  
each edge bounds 2 faces

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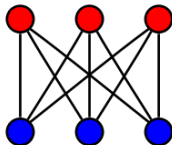


$$m \leq 3n - 6$$

$$10 \leq 3 \times 5 - 6$$

## Theorem

$K_{3,3}$  is non-planar.



$$m \leq 3n - 6$$

$$9 \leq 3 \times 6 - 6$$

**FAILED**

## Theorem

Let  $G$  be a simple connected planar graph with  $n \geq 3$  vertices and  $m$  edges. *If  $G$  has no triangles, then*

$$m \leq 2n - 4.$$

$$n - m + f = 2$$

$$4f \leq 2m$$

## Theorem

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$$9 \leq 2 \times 6 - 4$$

## Theorem

*Every simple planar graph contains a vertex of degree  $\leq 5$ .*

$$m \leq 3n - 6$$

Suppose that, **by contradiction**,  $\delta(G) \geq 6$ .

$$6n \leq 2m$$

$$3n \leq m \leq 3n - 6$$

## Theorem

Every *simple planar* graph is *6-colorable*.

By induction on the number of vertices.

Basis Step:  $n = 1$ . Trivial.

Induction Hypothesis: Suppose that it holds for simple planar graphs with  $n \geq 1$  vertices.

Induction Step: Consider a simple planar graph  $G$  with  $n + 1$  vertices.

$G$  contains a vertex  $v$  of degree  $\leq 5$ .

$G' = G - v$  is 6-colorable.

Thus,  $G$  is 6-colorable. ( $\deg(v) \leq 5$ )



Theorem (Percy John Heawood (1890))

Every *simple planar* graph is *5-colorable*.

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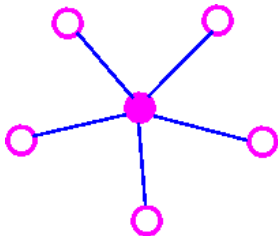
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$G$  contains a vertex  $v$  of degree  $\leq 5$ .

$G' = G - v$  is *5-colorable*.

If  $\deg(v) < 5$ ,  $G$  is 5-colorable.

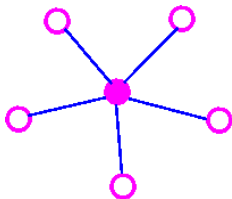
Now assume that  $\deg(v) = 5$ .



$$\{v, v_1\}, \{v, v_2\}, \{v, v_3\}, \{v, v_4\}, \{v, v_5\}$$

If  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$ , and  $v_5$  uses  $< 5$  colors, we are done.

Now assume that  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$ , and  $v_5$  uses 5 colors.



Suppose that there is *no*  $v_1 \sim v_3$  path in  $G' = G - v$ ,  
all of whose vertices are colored **red** or **blue**.

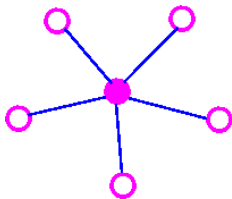
Let  $S$  be the set of all **red** or **blue** vertices of  $G - v$   
connected to  $v_1$  by a red-blue path.

$$v_1 \in S, \quad v_3 \notin S$$

Interchange the colors of the vertices in  $S$

Coloring  $v$  **red** produces a 5-coloring of  $G$ .

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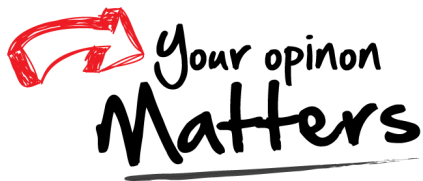


There cannot be  $v_2 \sim v_4$  path in  $G' = G - v$ ,  
all of whose vertices are colored green or purple.

(Otherwise,  $G'$  and thus  $G$  is non-planar.)

By similar argument,  $G$  is 5-colorable.

Thank  
You!



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