

### Question 3

Proof via reduction.

ALG is "Given an  $n$ -vertex graph  $G$ , return any integer between  $\chi(G)$  and  $\chi(G) + 573$ ".

To show that ALG is NP-Hard we must do a reduction from computing the chromatic number to ALG.

Create a new graph with 574 copies for each vertex. Make each set of vertex points fully connected, and then color the graph. Since the error has to be  $< 573$ , the output number we get is the  $(\text{true number} * 574) + (0, 573)$ , divide that by 574 and round down to get the true chromatic number. This transformation can happen in  $O(n)$  time since there are  $574n$  vertices.

Since we can compute the chromatic number, which is NP-hard using ALG, ALG must also be NP-hard.