

Claim:

4-Color \leq_p 5-Color.

Proof:

Suppose $G = (V, E)$ is a 4-colorable graph

If G is 4-Colorable, then G' is 5-Colorable

since G is 4-colorable, there exists a color mapping c such that

$c: V = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ where

for all vertices v in V

for all vertices u in V

if $v \neq u$ then

$c(v) \neq c(u)$

Let graph $G' = (V', E')$ such that

let vertex x be a vertex not in V

$V' = V \cup x$

$E' = E \cup \{(e, x) \text{ for all } e \text{ in } E\}$

Let there be a mapping c' such that

$c': V' = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ where

for all vertices v in V'

for all vertices u in V'

if $v \neq u$ then

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and such that $c(v) = c'(v)$ for all v in V and

$c'(x) = 5$ for the vertex x in V'

By construction c' is a 5-coloring of G'

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and such that without loss of generality $c'(x) = 5$

x shares an edge with every other vertex in V'

so no other vertex v in V' has $c'(v) = 5$

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 and such that for all vertices v in V , $c(v) = c'(v)$
 c is a 4 coloring **for** G
 Thus, **if** G' is 5 colorable, then G is 4-colorable