

- (a) Truthfully write the phrase ***"I have read and understand the course policies."***

Solution: I have read and understand the course policies. ■

- (b) Prove that the composition of two PL homeomorphisms of the plane is another PL homeomorphism.

Solution: Kyle likes to start inline math mode using `"\"` and end it using `"\"`, but most online guides start and end math mode with `"$"`. Whatever you prefer is fine! ■

- (c) Suppose ϕ is a PL homeomorphism with complexity x and ψ is a PL homeomorphism with complexity y . What can you say about the complexity of the PL homeomorphism $\psi \circ \phi$?

Solution: Sometimes, you don't want to use inline math.

$$1 < 2 = 6/3$$

- (d) Prove that for any simple n -gon P , there is a piecewise-linear homeomorphism $\phi : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ with complexity $O(n)$ that maps the polygon P to a triangle.

Solution: Sometimes, it's convenient to use pseudocode:

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SOLVEHOMEWORK(problems[1..n]):
  Set up boilerplate for writing homework.

  for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$ 
    Read problem  $problems[i]$ 
    for  $j \leftarrow i$  down to 1
      THINKABOUTPROBLEM( $i$ )
    Write solution to problem  $problems[i]$ 

  Turn in homework
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- (e) Prove that for any two simple n -gons P and Q , there is a piecewise-linear homeomorphism $\phi : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ with complexity $O(n^2)$ such that $\phi(P) = Q$.

Solution: Does this problem have too many parts? ■

- (a) Prove that every connected plane graph has either a vertex with degree at most 3 or a face with degree at most 3.

Solution: I guess it's hard to fit lot of big objects in the plane. ■

- (b) Prove that every simple bipartite planar graph has at most $2n - 4$ edges.

Solution: Like really hard. ■

Let G be an arbitrary plane graph, let T be an arbitrary spanning tree of G , and let e be an arbitrary edge of T . Color the vertices in one component of $T \setminus e$ red and the vertices in the other component blue. Prove that any face of G is incident to either zero or two edges that have one red endpoint and one blue endpoint.

Solution: Sometimes a figure is useful. This is a topology course, after all. ■



Figure 1. Temoc is blue, like certain subsets of vertices.