

# Possibly true things i'd like to prove

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First the main motivating conjectures for the study of graphs with  $\chi = \Delta$ .

**Conjecture 1** (Borodin & Kostochka). *Every graph satisfying  $\chi \geq \Delta \geq 9$  contains a  $K_\Delta$ .*

It is easy to show that the following conjecture of Grünbaum holds for  $\chi \geq \Delta \geq 7$ , so the 5 and 6 cases remain. The 6 case should be easier – the 5 case implies the 6.

**Conjecture 2** (Grünbaum). *There are no triangle free graphs with  $\chi \geq \Delta \geq 5$ .*

The following with 8 replaced by 9 is equivalent to Borodin-Kostochka – i think the stronger statement is true. One idea for proving Borodin-Kostochka is to try to find a more general statement that holds for  $\Delta = 7$ ,  $\Delta = 6$ , etc and get down to a manageable max degree base case.

**Conjecture 3.** *Every graph satisfying  $\chi \geq \Delta \geq 8$  contains a  $K_3 \vee H$  where  $H$  is some graph on  $\Delta - 3$  vertices.*

**Conjecture 4.** *In the complement of any  $k$ -mule with  $k \geq 8$  the only minimum cardinality vertex cuts are neighborhoods. i think the bound on  $k$  might be reduced if we allow a finite list of exceptions.*

**Conjecture 5.** *No  $k$ -mule with  $k \geq 8$  contains a  $K_{k-1}$ .*

**Conjecture 6.** *The Borodin-Kostochka conjecture holds for circular interval graphs, quasi-line graphs, and claw-free graphs – in order of class containment.*

**Conjecture 7.** *The only connected counterexample to Borodin-Kostochka with  $\Delta = 8$  that is the line graph of a multigraph is  $L(3C_5)$ . Is this also the only circular interval graph counterexample with  $\Delta = 8$ ? quasi-line? claw-free?*

The following can be viewed as an improvement of Vizing's theorem.

**Conjecture 8.** *If  $G$  is the line graph of a multigraph  $H$ , then*

$$\chi(G) \leq \max \left\{ \omega(G), \frac{\Delta(G) + 2}{2} + \mu(H) \right\}.$$

This is motivated in that if true so would be the following tight bound.

**Conjecture 9.** *If  $G$  is the line graph of a multigraph, then*

$$\chi(G) \leq \max \left\{ \omega(G), \frac{5\Delta(G) + 8}{6} \right\}.$$

i think this next one might be false, but i'd like to know. It is false for claw-free graphs; in fact, no bound like this at all can hold for claw-free since  $C_5 \vee K_t$  has  $\omega = t + 2$ ,  $\chi = t + 3$ , and  $\Delta = t + 4$ .

**Conjecture 10.** *If  $G$  is a quasi-line graph then*

$$\chi(G) \leq \max \left\{ \omega(G), \frac{5\Delta(G) + 8}{6} \right\}.$$