

1 Short Answers - Graphs

- (a) Bob removed a degree 3 node from an n -vertex tree. How many connected components are there in the resulting graph?
- (b) Given an n -vertex tree, Bob added 10 edges to it and then Alice removed 5 edges. If the resulting graph has 3 connected components, how many edges must be removed in order to remove all cycles from the resulting graph?

A)

b) I.e. What's the **minimum number of edges** you'd need to remove to remove all cycles from the resulting graph?

FLOW:

Definition of a **planar graph**: can be drawn without edge crosses

Properties of Connected Planar Graphs:

- *Euler's formula*: connected planar graphs obey the formula

$$e + 2 = v + f,$$
where f is number of faces when drawn without edge crosses
[Proof: induction on e]
- For connected planar graphs with $v \geq 3$,

$$e \leq 3v - 6$$
[Proof: remove variable f using (in)equalities,
i.e. relationships between number of edges and degree of faces]
intuitively, this means planar graph edges are **sparse** (there aren't that many)
- For connected bipartite graphs with $v \geq 3$,

$$e \leq 2v - 4$$
[Proof: remove variable f using (in)equalities, and extra fact that the 'degree' of each face must be ≥ 4]

Property of Non-planar graphs:

- G 'contains' $K_{3,3}$ or $K_5 \iff G$ is non-planar
'contains' $K_{3,3}$ or K_5 = has a subgraph homeomorphic to $K_{3,3}$ or K_5

2 Planarity

- Prove that $K_{3,3}$ is nonplanar.
- Consider graphs with the property T : For every three distinct vertices v_1, v_2, v_3 of graph G , there are at least two edges among them. Use a proof by contradiction to show that if G is a graph on ≥ 7 vertices, and G has property T , then G is nonplanar.
- Propositional Logic explanation of proof by contradiction on implications e.g. $A \Rightarrow B$

3 Graph Coloring

Prove that a graph with maximum degree at most k is $(k+1)$ -colorable.

Notation: $G = (V, E)$, let $|V| = n$ and $|E| = m$

4 Hypercubes

The vertex set of the n -dimensional hypercube $G = (V, E)$ is given by $V = \{0, 1\}^n$ (recall that $\{0, 1\}^n$ denotes the set of all n -bit strings). There is an edge between two vertices x and y if and only if x and y differ in exactly one bit position. These problems will help you understand hypercubes.

- (a) Draw 1-, 2-, and 3-dimensional hypercubes and label the vertices using the corresponding bit strings.

- (b) Show that for any $n \geq 1$, the n -dimensional hypercube is bipartite.

Connection: G is bipartite graph $\Leftrightarrow G$ is two-colorable