

# Graph and discrete structure

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Lecture 2

## Reminder

## Induction

Reminder on induction.

## Course

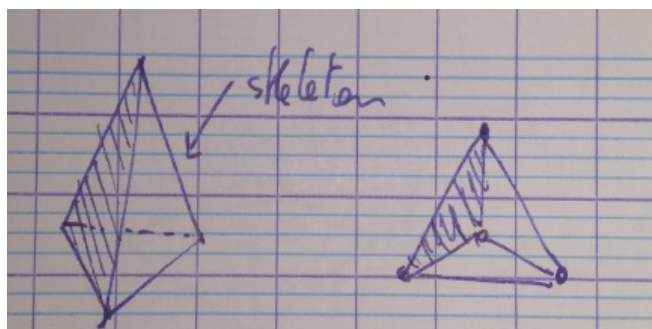
## Planar graph

Steinitz (1920)

$G$  is planar and 3-connected

$\Leftrightarrow G$  is the skeleton of a 3d polyhedron.

$\Leftrightarrow G$  has a planar drawing with straight line edges and in which every face is convex.



## k-connected

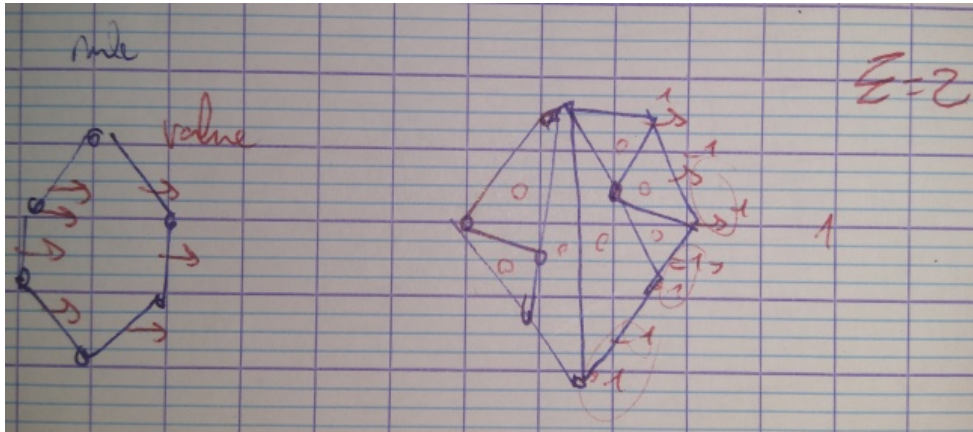
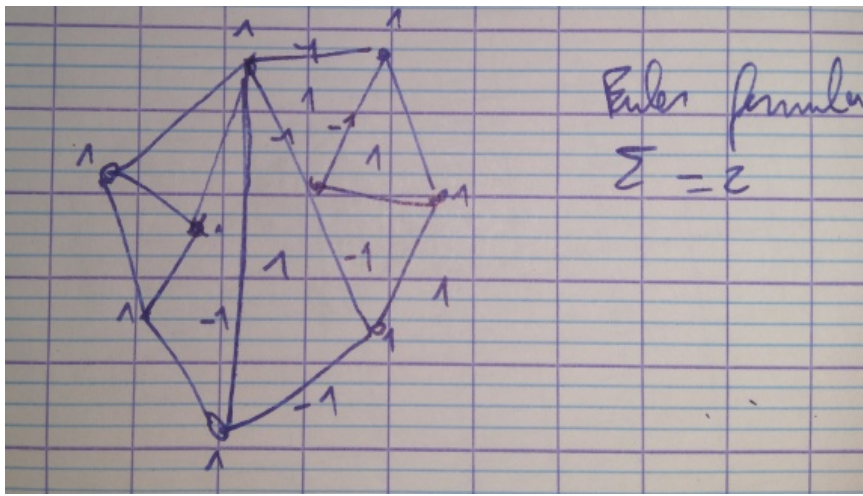
$G$  is k-connected

- $|V(G)| \geq k + 1$  vertices (???)
- whatever we remove  $\leq k - 1$  vertices, the graph remains connected.

## Euler formula

$n - m + f = 2$  for planar graph.

## Proof of Euler formula for 3-connected planar graph



## Coloring planar graphs

Let  $G$  be a planar graph.

Assume that  $G$  is triangulated. (all the faces are triangle).

For each vertex  $v$  let  $\omega(v) = d(v) - 6$

### Question

What is  $\sum_{v \in V(G)} \omega(v)$  ?  $-12$ .

$$\sum (d(v) - 6) + \sum (2 \cdot (e) - 6) = \sum (d(v) - 6) + 0 = 2m - 6n + 4m - 6f = 6m - 6n - 6f = -6(n - m + f) = -12$$

In general, i.e. when  $G$  is not triangulated  $\sum_{v \in V(G)} \omega(v) \leq -12$

(w, omega ?)

$$\exists v, d(v) - 6 \leq 1$$

$$d(v) \leq 5$$

### Corollary

In any planar graph, there is a vertex of degree  $\leq 5$ .

(Another from last time)

Any planar graph is 5-degenerate and thus, 6-colorable.

## Theorem : planar graph are 5 colorable

proof by induction on the number of vertices (n)

- if  $n \leq 5$ , it is fine.
- Assume we have proved that every planar graph for  $n - 1$  vertices is 5-colorable. We want to prove it also for  $n$  vertices.

Case 1:

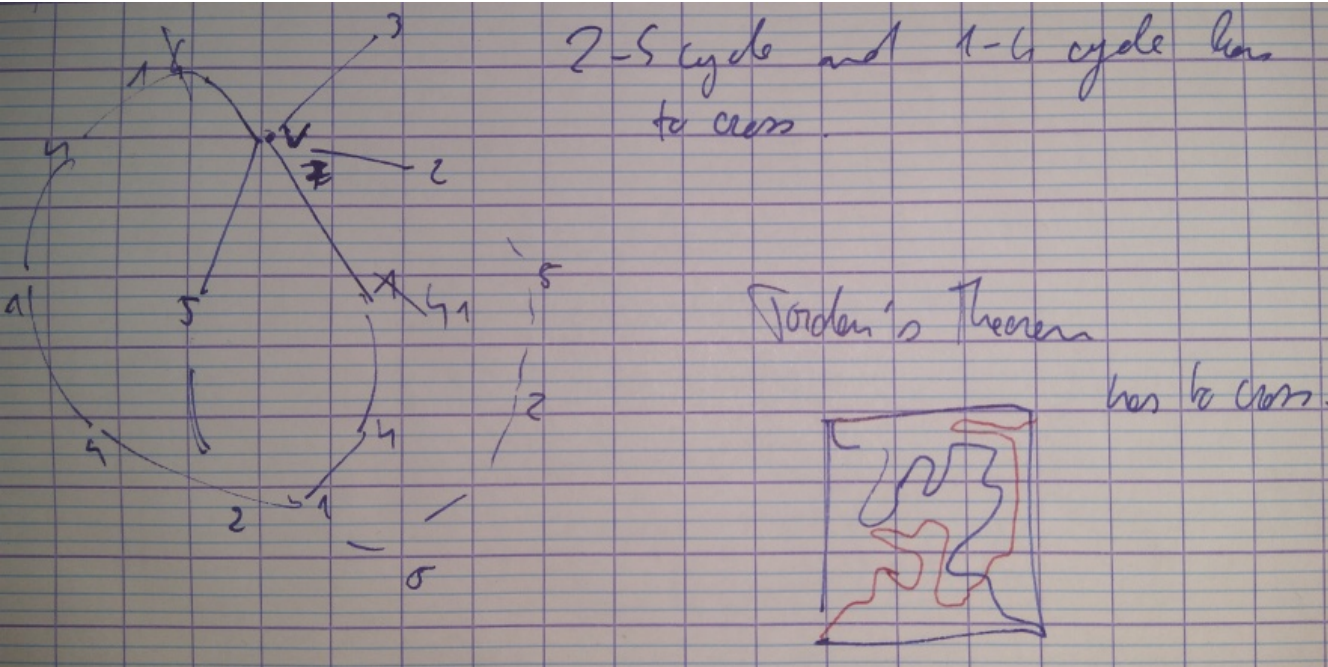
$G$  has a vertex of degree  $\leq 4$ .

By induction  $G - v$  is 5-colorable. Color  $v$  with a color that does not appear in its neighborhood.

Case 2:

Every vertex has degree  $\geq 5$ .

There is a vertex of degree  $= 5$ . By induction  $G - v$  is 5-colorable.



A 1-4 cycle cannot cross a 2-5 cycle. So, at least one of the recoloring will work and  $v$  can be recolored.

## 4-coloring

### Proposition

Any planar graph has

- a vertex of degree  $\leq 4$
- on a vertex of degree 5, adjacent to vertex of degree  $\leq 6$ .

### Proof

- We can assume that  $G$  is a triangulation.
- $\forall v, \omega(v) = d(v) - 6, \sum \omega(v) = -12$ .

Assume that we don't have vertices of degree  $\leq 4$ . Every vertex ha degree at least 5.

By contradiction, assume that every vertex of degree 5 has all its neighbors that have degree  $\geq 7$ .

$d(v)$	$\omega(v)$
5	-1
6	0
7	1

8	2
...	...

Idea : move the weight s.t. everyone ha weight  $\geq 0$

Rule : every vertex of degree 5 receive weight from all of it's neighbors.

After application of the rule :

Vertices of the rule, vertices of degree  $d = 5$  are ok  $-1 + 5 \times \frac{1}{6} = 0$