

1. Q — Prove, without resorting to Kuratowski's Theorem, that the Petersen's Graph is non-planar.

A — The Petersen's Graph has the following parameters:

Number of vertices,  $n = 10$

Number of edges,  $m = 15$

Also, the faces that exist in the graph are,  $f_5, f_6, f_7, f_8, f_9$ , where  $f_x$  is a face formed by an  $x$ -cycle.

If we start pairing  $(e, F)$  for every edge,  $e$  that touches a face,  $F$ , the total number of such pairs,

$$p = 5f_5 + 6f_6 + 7f_7 + 8f_8 + 9f_9$$

According to Euler's Theorem, if this graph were to be planar, the following will hold:  $n + f - m = 2$  where  $f$  is the total number of faces. Given the parameters it follows that:

$$f = 7$$

Also,  $f = f_5 + f_6 + f_7 + f_8 + f_9$ , the total number of faces.

$$\therefore f_5 + f_6 + f_7 + f_8 + f_9 = 7$$

By a conservative estimate,  $f_5 = 3, f_6 = f_7 = f_8 = f_9 = 1$

$$\therefore p \geq 45$$

HELP!!