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1. Prove that a graph $G = (V, E)$ is connected if and only if for every partition of V into two nonempty sets V_1 and V_2 ($V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$ and $V_1 \cup V_2 = V$), there is an edge with one end in V_1 and one end in V_2 .

Suppose G is connected, and V_1 and V_2 are 2 non-empty parts. Let $a \in V_1$, $b \in V_2$. Let P be a path from a to b in G . Ordering the vertices from a to b , if vertex x equals the last vertex of P in V_1 , the next vertex y is in V_2 , so ex is the desired edge.

By contradiction, there are no an edge with one end in V_1 and one end in V_2 , suppose V_1 only has one vertex x , and V_2 only has one vertex y , assume that V has two vertices those are x and y . If there is not an edge with one end in V_1 and one end in V_2 , it must not be a connected graph.

2. The question provides that the simple connected planar graph with at least 3 vertices, every face is bounded by at least 3 edges, every edge connects at most 2 faces.

From the question, substituting into Euler's formula:

$$e \leq 3v - 6$$

From the Handshake Theorem: average $\deg(v) = 2e/v$.

Because of the average degree in a simple planar graph is less 6, so in any simple planar graph has 5 vertices at most.

Because of a simple planar graph has 5 vertices, a simple planar graph should have 6 color.

