

Solution: Quiz 3

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1 Solution 1:

Suppose the given graph G is planar.

Let no. of vertices be $|V|$, no. of edges be $|E|$ and no. of faces be $|F|$.

Then, for any planar graph:

$$|V| - |E| + |F| = 2 \dots (i)$$

Let $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{|F|}$ be no. of edges

in Faces $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{|F|}$ respectively.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{|F|} r_i = 2|E|$$

Here, $r_i = 5$

This implies, $5|F| = 2|E|$

This implies, $|F| = 2/5|E|$

Putting value of $|F|$ in equation in (i)

This implies, $|E| = 5/3(|V| - 2)$

Here, $|V| = 10, |E| = 15$

On putting these values, L.H.S = 15 but R.H.S = 40/3.

So, L.H.S \neq R.H.S

Hence, given graph is not a planar graph.

2 Solution 2:

Let no. of vertices be $|V|$, no. of edges be $|E|$ and no. of faces be $|F|$.

Then, for any planar graph:

$$|V| - |E| + |F| = 2 \dots (i)$$

Let $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{|F|}$ be no. of edges in Faces $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{|F|}$ respectively.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{|F|} r_i = 2|E|$$

Here, $r_i \geq 6$

This implies, $2|E| \geq 6|F|$

or, $|F| \leq |E|/3$

This implies, $|V| - |E| + |F| \leq |V| - 2/3|E|$

This implies, $2|E| \leq 3(|V| - 2)$

Let d_i be the degree of vertex v_i .

$$\text{Then, } \sum_{i=1}^{|V|} d_i = 2|E|$$

This implies, $\sum_{i=1}^{|V|} d_i \leq 3(|V| - 2) \dots (ii)$

Suppose, each $d_i \geq 3$

This implies, $\sum_{i=1}^{|V|} d_i \geq 3|V|$

But, this contradicts equation (ii)

This means there exist a vertex v with degree less than or equal to 2.

Now, we are applying induction on no. of vertices.

Base Case: If there are less than or equal to 3 vertices

then the graph is 3 vertex colorable.

Induction Hypothesis: Suppose any planar graph G with k vertices with girth greater than or equal to 6 is 3 vertex colorable.

Induction step: Consider a planar graph

G' with $k+1$ vertices and with girth greater than or equal to 6.

For this graph there must exist a vertex

v whose degree is less than or equal to 2.

Now, G'/v will also be planar and still with girth greater than or equal to 6.

By using Induction Hypothesis, G'/v is a k vertices planar graph with girth greater than or equal to 6.

Now, if we add vertex v in G'/v then it will have at most 2 neighbours.

So, we can color this vertex v with color

different from its neighbour. Hence this makes G a 3 vertex colorable.