

MATH 340: Discrete Structures II. Winter 2017.

Due in class on Wednesday, February 15th.

Assignment #2: Planar graphs.

**1.** *Euler's formula.*

- a) Let  $G$  be a planar graph, such that every vertex of  $G$  has degree at least five, and at least one vertex of  $G$  has degree eight. Show that  $G$  has at least fifteen vertices.
- b) Let  $G$  be a triangulation of the plane. Show that the number of faces of  $G$  is even.

**2.** *Coloring planar graphs.*

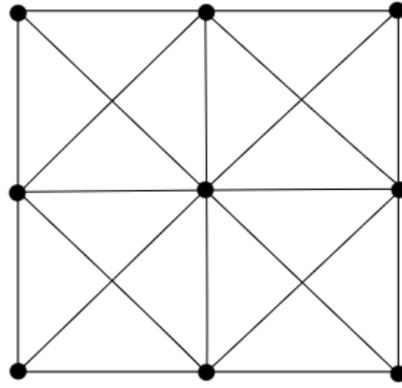
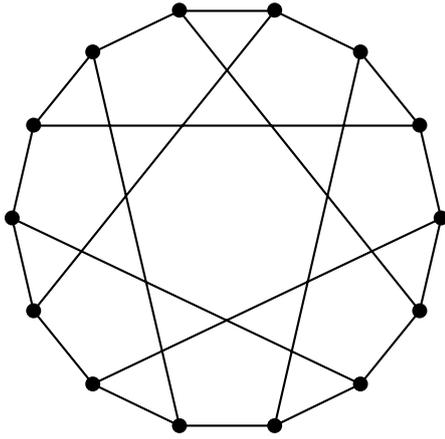
- a) Show without using the Four Color Theorem that if a planar graph  $G$  has no  $K_3$  subgraph then  $\chi(G) \leq 4$ .
- b) Prove or disprove the following statement: If a planar graph  $G$  has no  $K_4$  subgraph then  $\chi(G) \leq 3$ .

*Hint: In a) show that  $G$  contains a vertex of degree at most three.*

**3.** *Art Gallery theorem.*

- a) Let  $P$  be a polygon in the plane such that at most two angles of  $P$  exceed  $180^\circ$ . Show that  $P$  can be guarded by two guards.
- b) Give an example of a polygon as in a) showing that two guards are sometimes required.

**4.** *Kuratowski's theorem.* Let  $G$  be a non-planar graph. Suppose further that  $G \setminus e$  is planar for every edge  $e$  of  $G$ . Show that at most six vertices of  $G$  have degree three or greater.



**5.** *Testing planarity.* Determine whether the above two graphs are planar. (For each graph either provide a planar drawing, or prove that this graph is not planar.)