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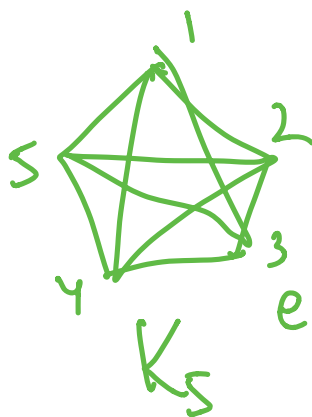
$$2e \geq 3f$$

and hence  $e \leq 3v - 6$

$K_5$  fails this!

proof: Next time ...

... Since



$$e = \binom{5}{2} = \frac{5 \cdot 4}{2} = 10$$

$$v = 5$$

$$10 = e \not\leq 3v - 6$$
$$= 3 \cdot 5 - 6$$
$$= 15 - 6$$
$$= 9$$

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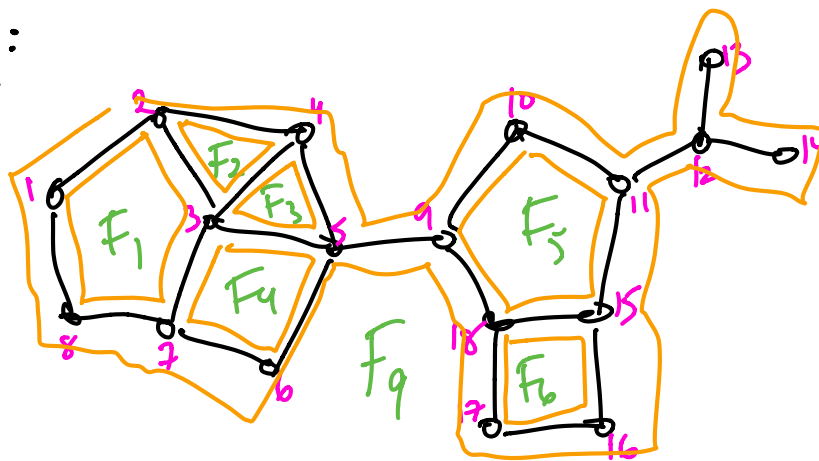
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To show  $2e \geq 3f$ , let's count the number of orange edges/segments above in two ways:

$$2 \cdot e = \# \text{orange segments} = \sum_{\text{faces } F} \underbrace{\#(\text{edges bounding } F)}_{\geq 3}$$

$$2e \geq 3f$$

$$\geq 3$$

Starting with  $2e \geq 3f$ , one has  $\frac{2}{3}e \geq f$

so Euler's formula

$$v - e + f = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow v - e + \frac{2}{3}e \geq 2$$

$$v - \frac{1}{3}e \geq 2$$

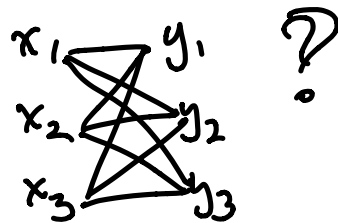
$$v - 2 \geq \frac{1}{3}e$$

$$\boxed{3v - 6 \geq e} \quad \blacksquare$$

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So we understand why  $K_5$  can't be planar  
(and  $K_6, K_7, \dots$ )

but what about  $K_3$



having  $v = 6$

$$e = 3 \cdot 3 = 9$$

which satisfies  $e \leq 3v - 6$

$$9 \leq 3 \cdot 6 - 6 = 12$$

Let's use the bipartiteness of  $K_{3,3}$  ....

PROPOSITION: If  $G$  is a bipartite,  
 simple graph with at least 2 edges,  
 (no loops,  
 no multiple edges) then

$$2e \geq 4f$$

$$e \leq 2v - 4$$

and

$K_{3,3}$  fails this, so is not planar:

$$e \neq 2v - 4$$

$$9 = 3 \cdot 3$$

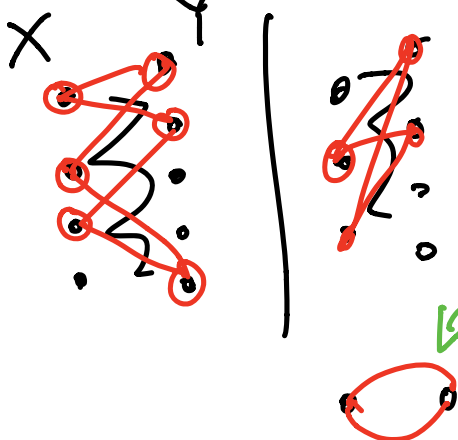
$$2 \cdot 6 - 4$$

$$12 - 4$$

$$8$$

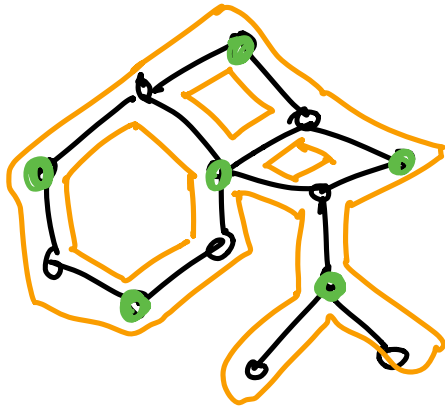
proof: In a bipartite graph,

every cycle has an even number of edges:



And if it's simple, it  
 is at least 4  
 (not 2)

So the faces/regions in a bipartite simple planar graph, with  $\geq 2$  edges, are quadrangles, hexagons, octagons, ... having  $\geq 4$  edges bounding them:



Counting the orange segments in two ways gives

$$2e = \# \text{orange segments} = \sum_{\text{faces } F} \underbrace{\# \text{edges bounding } F}_{\geq 4}$$

$$\text{so } \boxed{2e \geq 4f} \Rightarrow \frac{e}{2} \geq f$$

Then Euler's formula  $v - e + f = 2$

gives

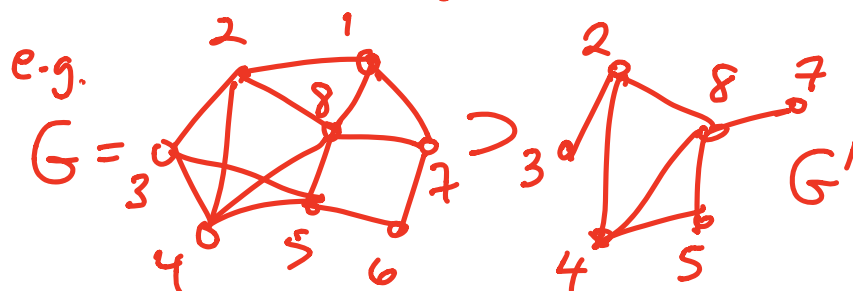
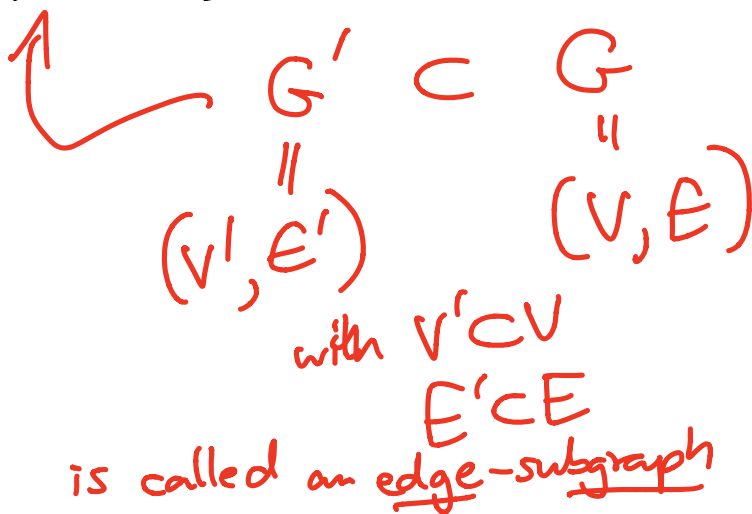
$$v - e + \frac{e}{2} \geq 2$$

$$v - \frac{e}{2} \geq 2$$

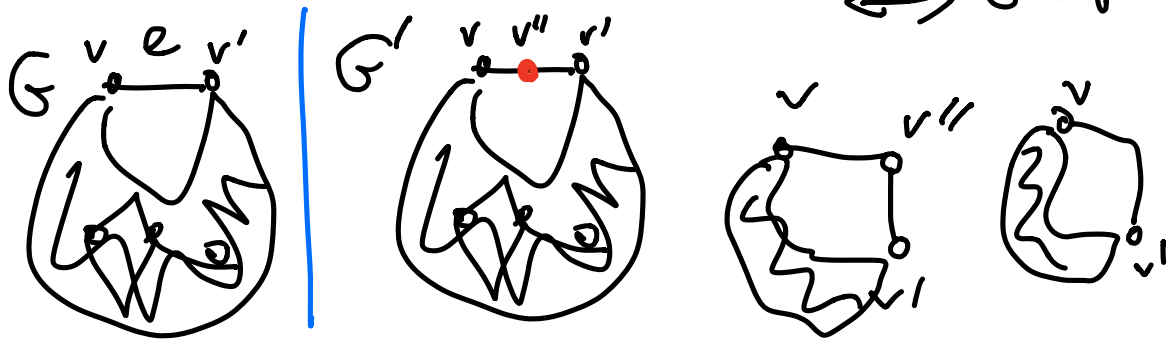
$$v - 2 \geq \frac{e}{2}$$

$$\boxed{2v - 4 \geq e} \quad \blacksquare$$

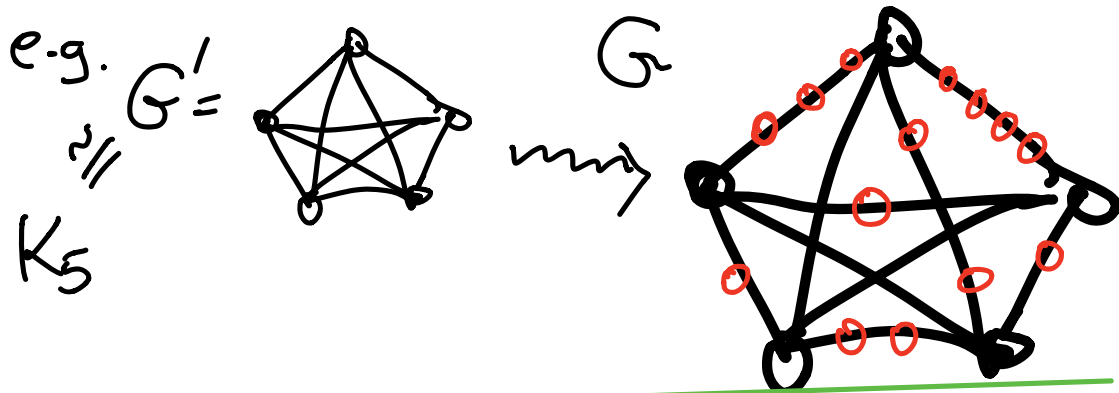
We've seen  $K_5$ ,  $K_{3,3}$  are not planar,  
 and also any graph  $G$  having them  
 as an edge-subgraph would also not be  
 planar.



Note also, that if  $G$  and  $G'$  differ by  
 an edge-subdivision then  $G$  is planar  
 $\iff G'$  is planar



One can further subdivide edges, and call  $G$  an edge-subdivision of  $G'$  if it is obtained by iterating this process:



THEOREM (Kuratowski 1930):

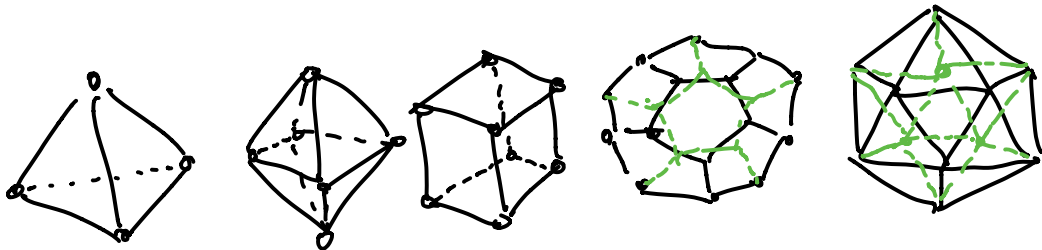
$G$  a graph is planar  $\iff$   $G$  contains no edge-subgraph  $G'$  that is an edge-subdivision of  $K_5$  or of  $K_{3,3}$

Not obvious, quite surprising!

Not so hard to prove, a little tedious;  
see Bondy & Murty Chapter 9.

REMARK:  $\exists$  fast algorithms running  $\leq c \cdot \#V$  steps to test if  $G$  is planar; first came in 1974 by Hopcroft & Tarjan

Platonic solids = 3-dimensional polyhedra  
 with • every 2-dimensional face has the  
 same number  $p$  of sides, so is  
 a  $p$ -gon or  $p$ -sided polygon  
 and • every vertex has same  
 degree or valence  $q$

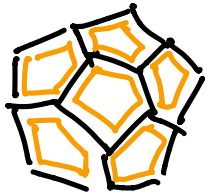


$p =$	3	3	4	5	3
$q =$	3	4	3	3	5

Why are these the only 5 Platonic solids?  
 Let's see why these are the only  $(p, q)$   
 possible!

As before, faces being  $p$ -gons  $\Rightarrow$   $2e = p \cdot f$   
 or  $\frac{1}{p} = \frac{f}{2e}$

$q=5$   
 Long ago we saw



$$2e = \sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) = q \cdot \#V = q \cdot v$$

$$\Rightarrow 2e = q \cdot v$$

or  $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{v}{2e}$



$$2e = p \cdot f$$

or  $\frac{1}{p} = \frac{f}{2e}$

$$2e = g \cdot v$$

or  $\frac{1}{g} = \frac{v}{2e}$

From Euler's formula,

$$v - e + f = 2$$

$$v + f = e + 2$$

divide by  
 $2e$

$$\frac{v}{2e} + \frac{f}{2e} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{e} > \frac{1}{2}$$

$\frac{1}{g} \quad \frac{1}{p}$

so  $\frac{1}{g} + \frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{e}$

Conclusion:

$$\frac{1}{g} + \frac{1}{p} > \frac{1}{2}$$

and  $p, g \geq 3$

forces  $\frac{1}{g} > \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p} \geq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6}$

i.e.  $g < 6$   
 $g \in \{3, 4, 5\}$

Similarly  $\frac{1}{p} > \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{g} \geq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6}$

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Note  $(p, g) = (4, 4), (4, 5), (5, 4), (5, 5)$  all disobey  $\frac{1}{g} + \frac{1}{p} > \frac{1}{2}$ ,

e.g.  $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \not> \frac{1}{2}$

This only leaves as possibilities

$$(p, q) = (3, 3), (3, 4), (4, 3), (3, 5), (5, 3)$$

and from each of these, one deduces the unique value of  $e$  from

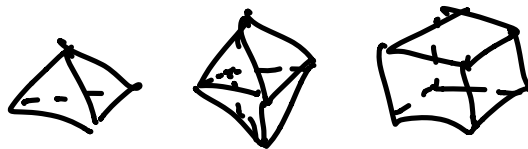
$$\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{e}$$

and then the unique values of  $v, f$

$$\text{from } v = \frac{2e}{q}, f = \frac{2e}{p}.$$

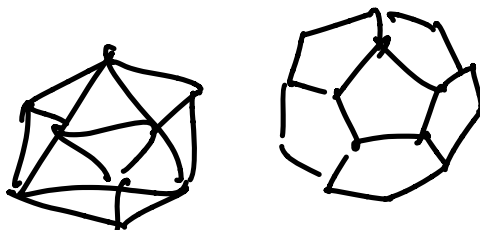
For each of  $(p, q) = (3, 3), (3, 4), (4, 3)$

it's not too hard to convince yourself it looks like



but I personally find it a lot more tedious to show  $(p, q) = (3, 5), (5, 3)$

force



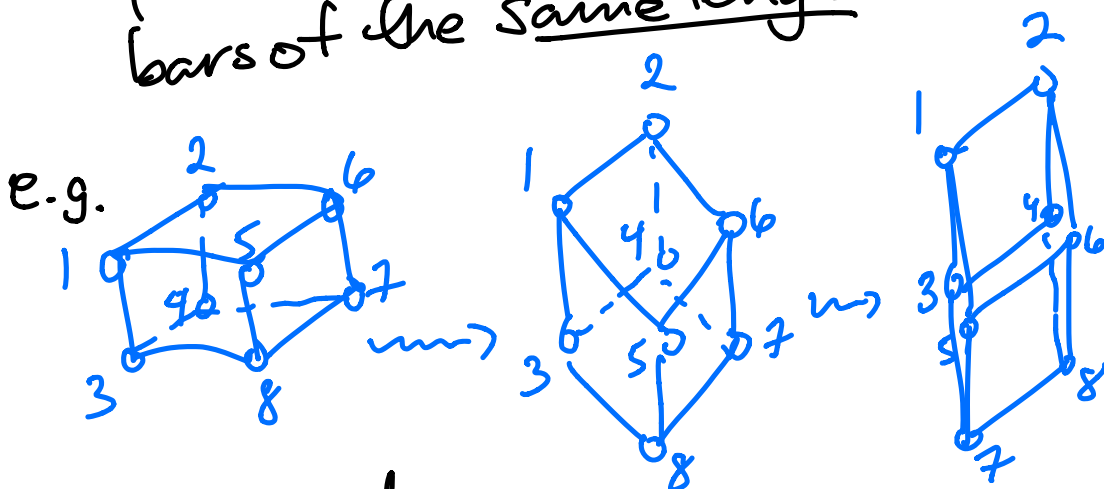
but it can be done

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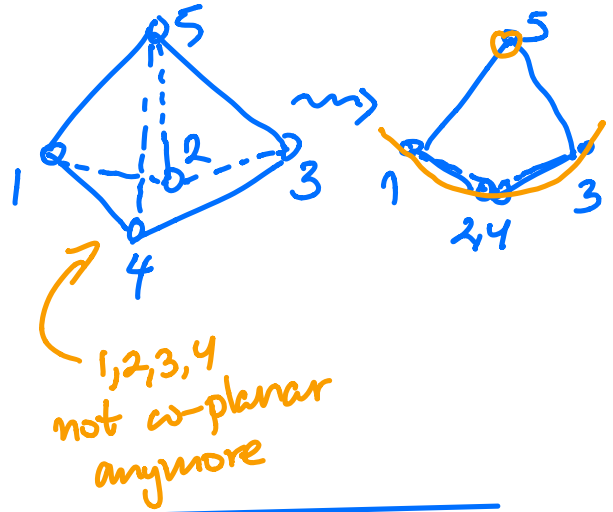
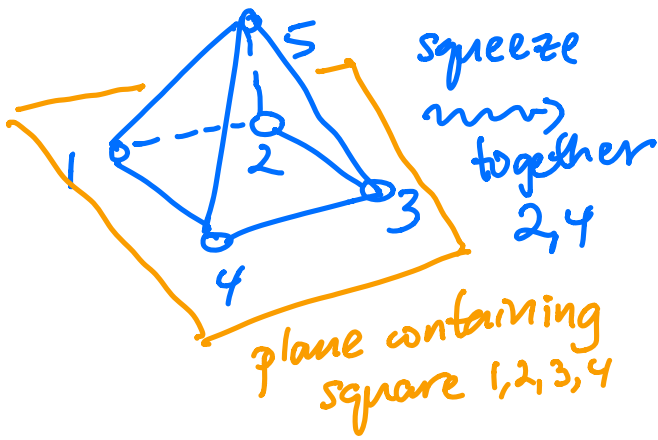
## Rigidity (of bar-node frameworks)

QUESTION: Which of our 3-dimensional polyhedra are rigid when built from nodes and bars,  
(vertices) (edges),

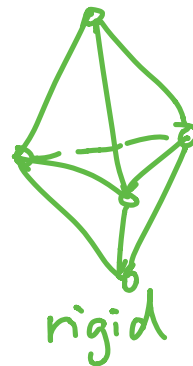
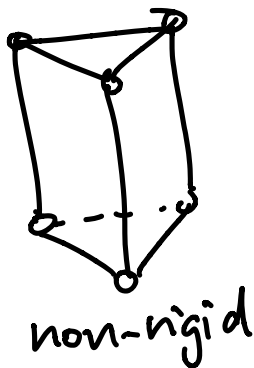
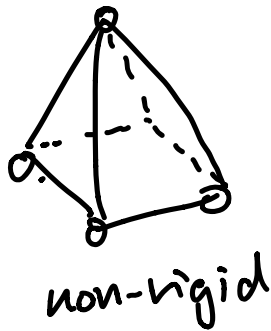
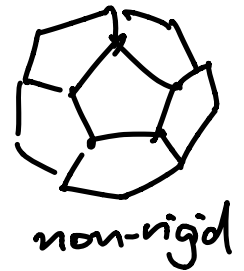
meaning that they don't have extra motions that keep the bars of the same length.



A non-rigid motion of the cube ↑



More examples...



The rigid ones seem to be the ones whose faces are all triangles.

Let's understand why, roughly.

Remember, we showed the vertices, edges  
of a polyhedron satisfy

$$e \leq 3v - 6$$

or  $3v - e \geq 6$

with equality here  
if and only if all  
the faces are  
triangular

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} v - e + f = 2 \\ \text{AND} \\ 2e \geq 3f \end{array} \right.$$

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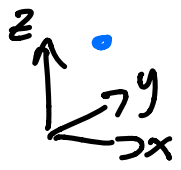
Let's re-interpret  $3v - e$  and the 6  
in terms of the (informal) notion of  
degrees of freedom (d.o.f.) for  
objects in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

$\stackrel{\text{DEFIN}}{:=}$  # of real number parameters  
needed to specify the  
object's exact location  
and configuration in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

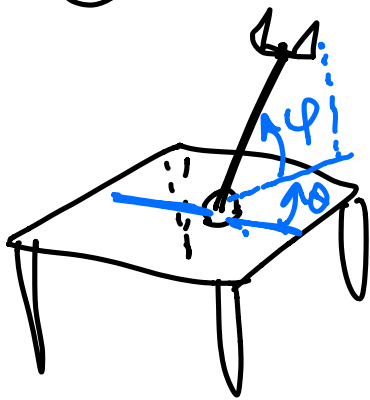
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EXAMPLES

① A point in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  has 3 d.o.f.'s,   
vertex  
namely its  $(x, y, z)$  coordinates in space

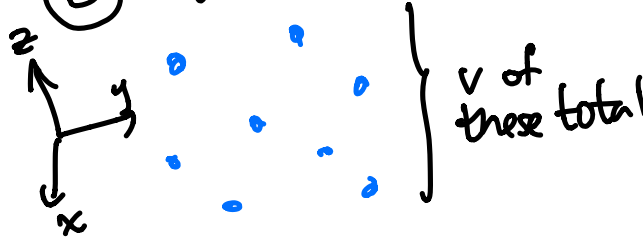
② A robot arm, with hinge fixed on a table,  
but rotatable has 2 d.o.f.'s:  
we need to angles  $(\theta, \varphi)$   
to specify it



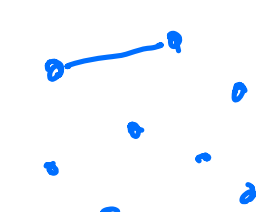
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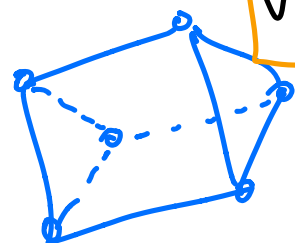


④  $v$  vertices with 1 edge/bar added has  $3v-1$  d.o.f.'s

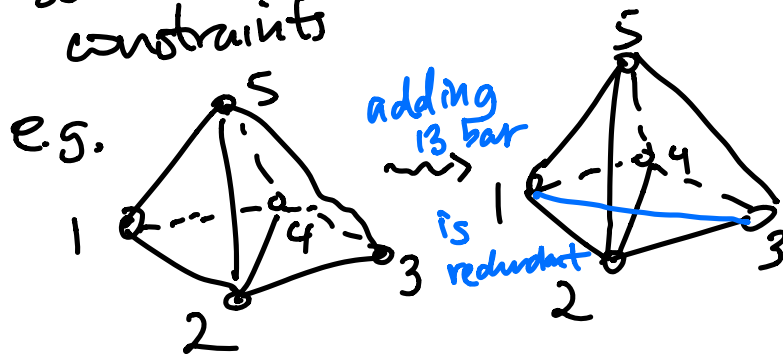


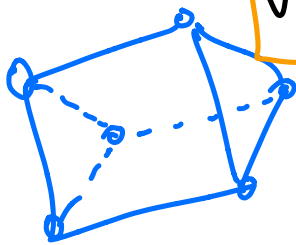
↑  
of fixed length

⑤  $v$  vertices in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with  $e$  edges/bar added have  $\geq 3v-e$  d.o.f.'s

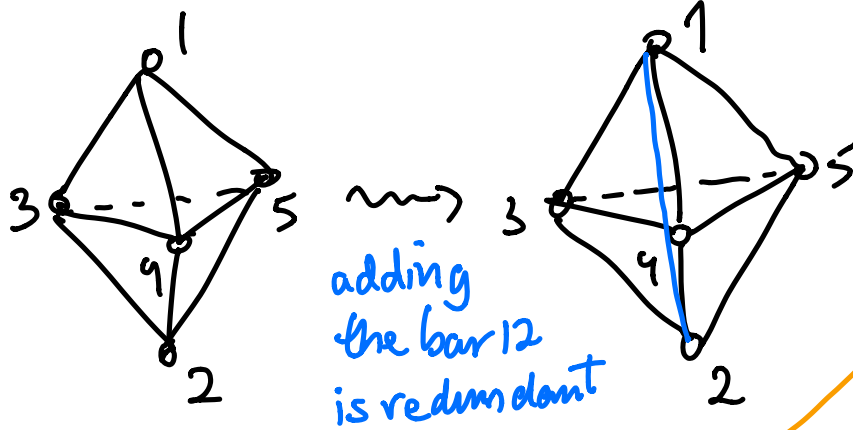


(not exactly  $3v-e$  necessarily, since sometimes bars impose redundant constraints)





$v$  vertices in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with  $e$  edges/bar added have  
 $\geq 3v - e$  d.o.f.'s



So our 3-dimensional polyhedra satisfied

$$3v - e \geq 6$$

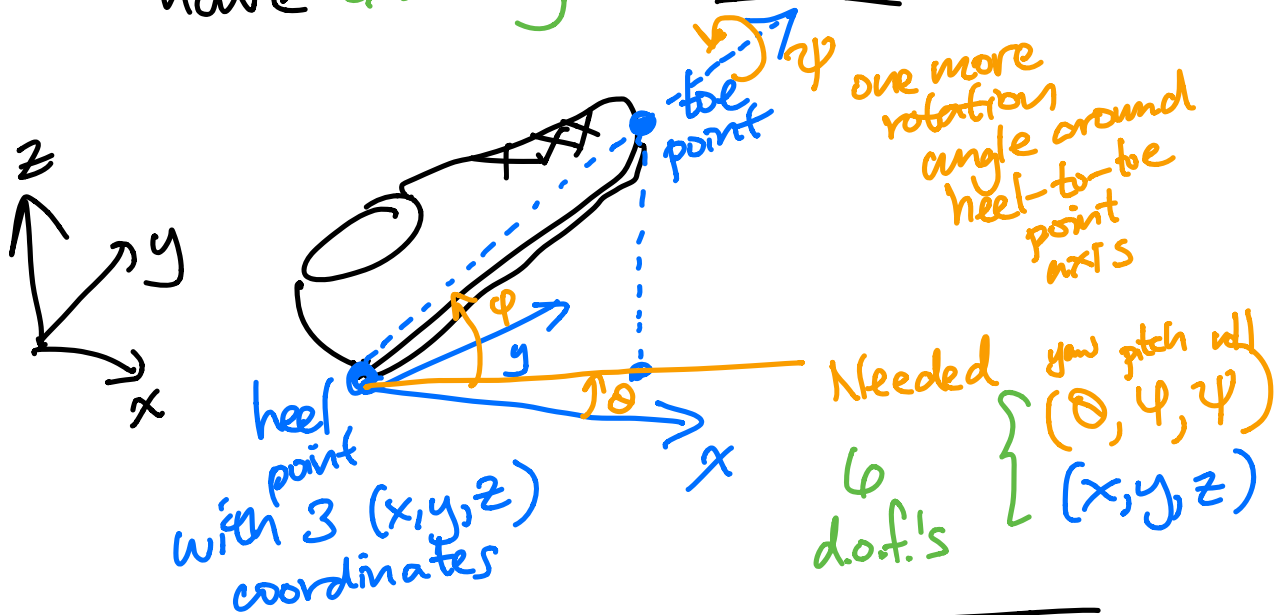
with equality here if and only if all the faces are triangular

and have at least  $3v - e$  d.o.f.'s

Q: What is this important # of 6 d.o.f.'s?



⑥ Rigid 3-dimensional objects have exactly 6 d.o.f.'s :



So rigidity means having exactly 6 d.o.f.'s  
 Polyhedra have  $\geq 3v - e$  d.o.f.'s  
 and have  $3v - e \geq 6$  with equality  
 $\iff$  all faces triangular.

CONCLUSION:

A convex polyhedron in  $\mathbb{R}^3$   
 cannot be rigid unless all faces  
 are triangular.

But, it doesn't quite make it clear that there is a converse.

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THEOREM (Cauchy 1813 ; Sternitz 1928; Alexandrov 1950)  
incorrect proof correct proofs

Convex polyhedra with all triangular faces are rigid.

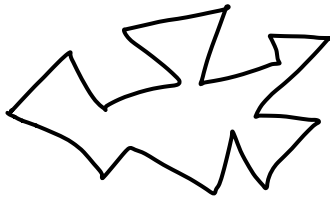
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EXAMPLE (first one by Connelly 1977)  
look up flexible polyhedron on wikipedia)

There exist non-convex spheres built from triangular faces which are non-rigid



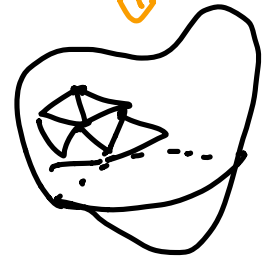
convex polygon



a non-convex polygon



a convex sphere/ball



a non-convex sphere

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## Planar duality (not in book)

There was a hidden symmetry between

$$v = \# \text{vertices}$$

$$f = \# \text{faces/region}$$

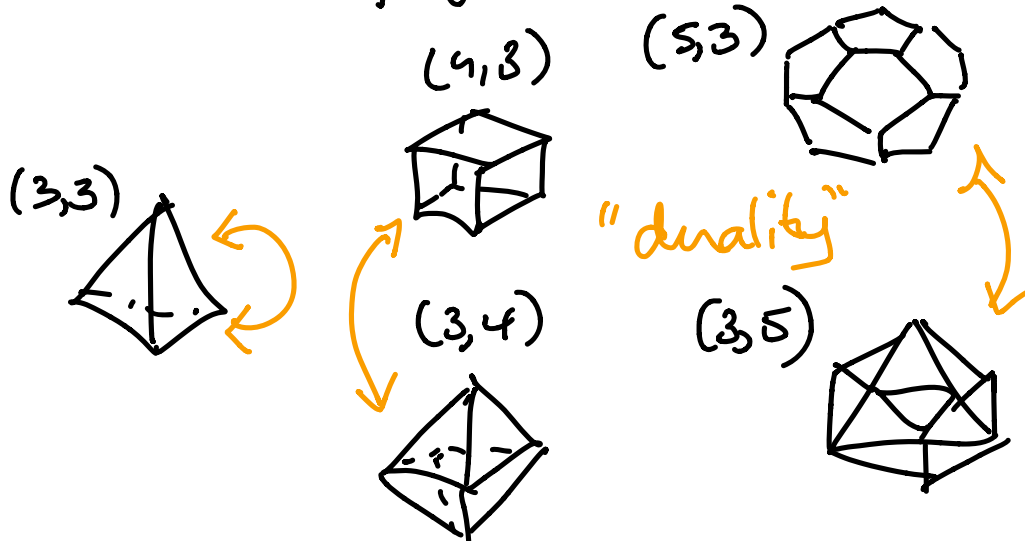
in our discussion of Euler's formula

$$v - e + f = 2$$

$$\text{proven } (v-1) + (f-1) = e$$

and in our discussion of regular polyhedra

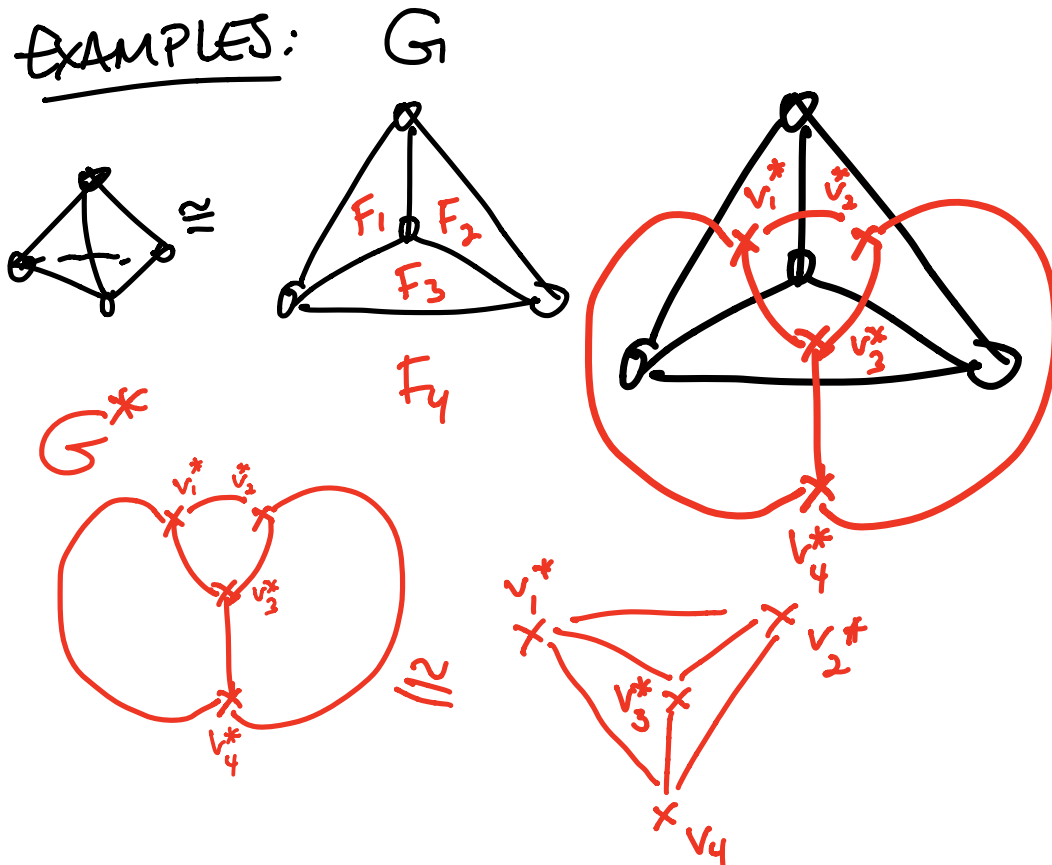
$(p, q)$  played symmetric roles

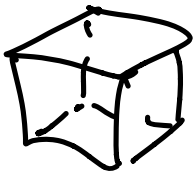


What is this symmetry?

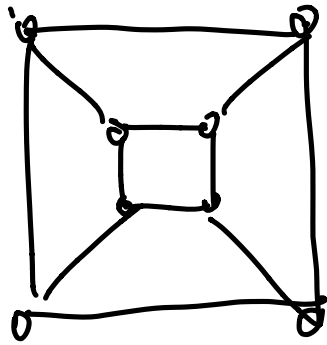
DEFIN: Given  $G = (V, E)$  a planar graph embedded in the plane, create its planar dual graph  $G^* = (V^*, E^*)$  by letting  $V^*$  have a vertex  $v^*$  in the middle of each face of  $G$ , and an edge  $e^*$  for every edge  $e \in E$  connecting  $v_1^*, v_2^*$  corresponding to the faces  $F_1, F_2$  on the two sides of  $e$  in  $G$ .

EXAMPLES:

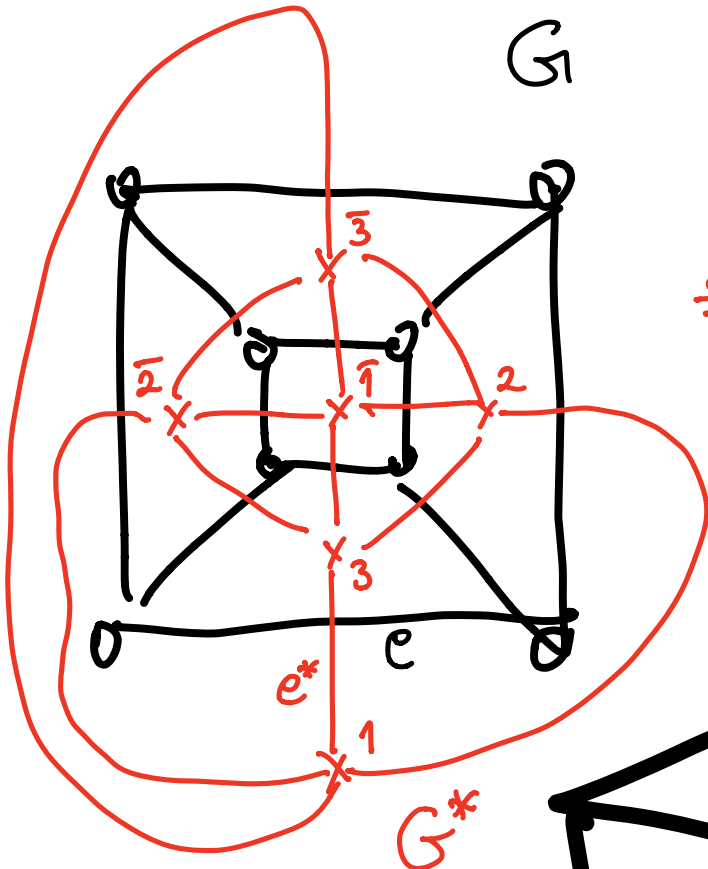




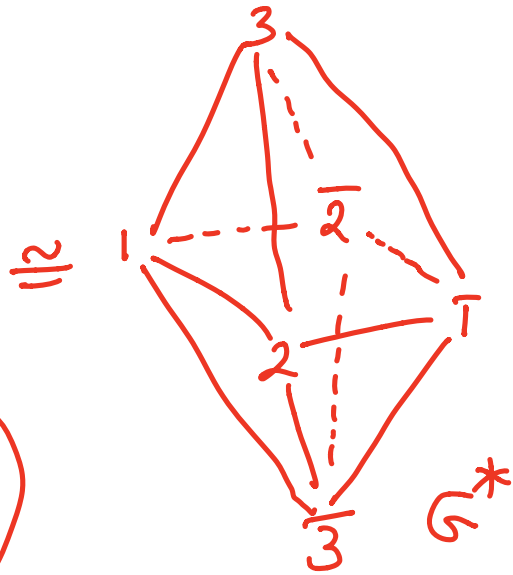
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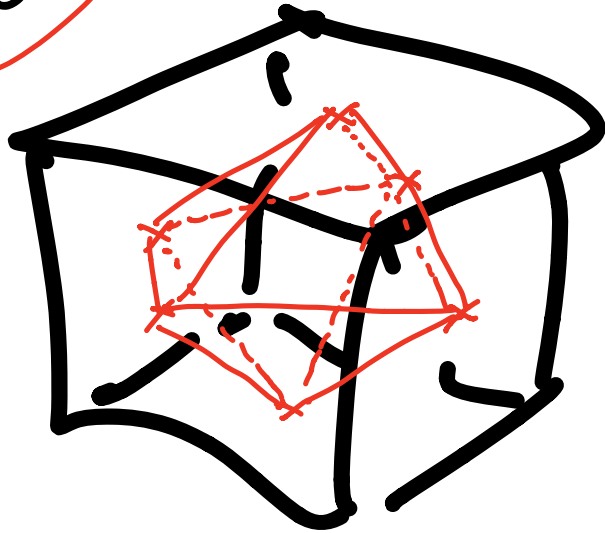
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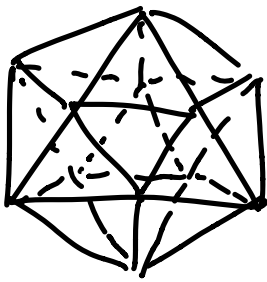


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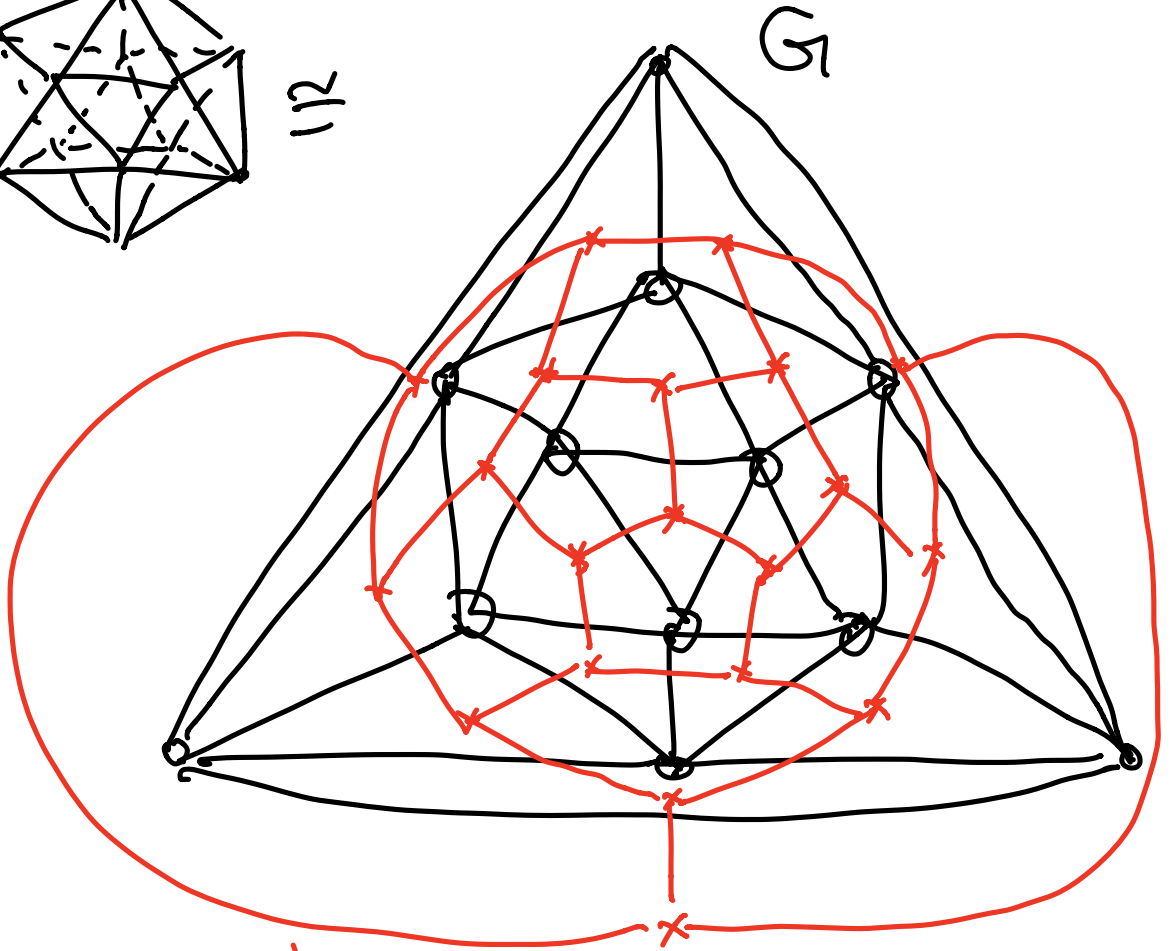


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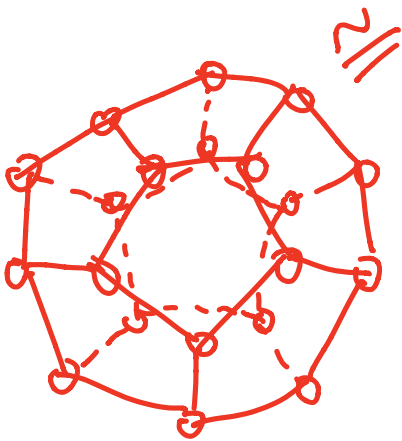




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G



$\cong$   $G^*$

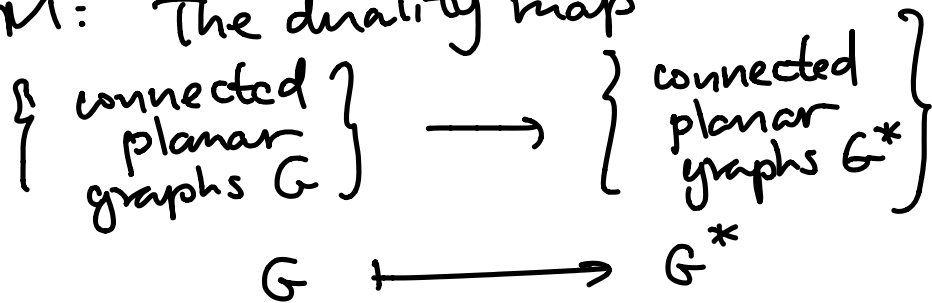
$(v, e, f)$  for  $G^*$

$\parallel$   
 $(f, e, v)$  for  $G$

$(p, q)$  for  $G^*$

$\parallel$   
 $(q, p)$  for  $G$

THEOREM: The duality map

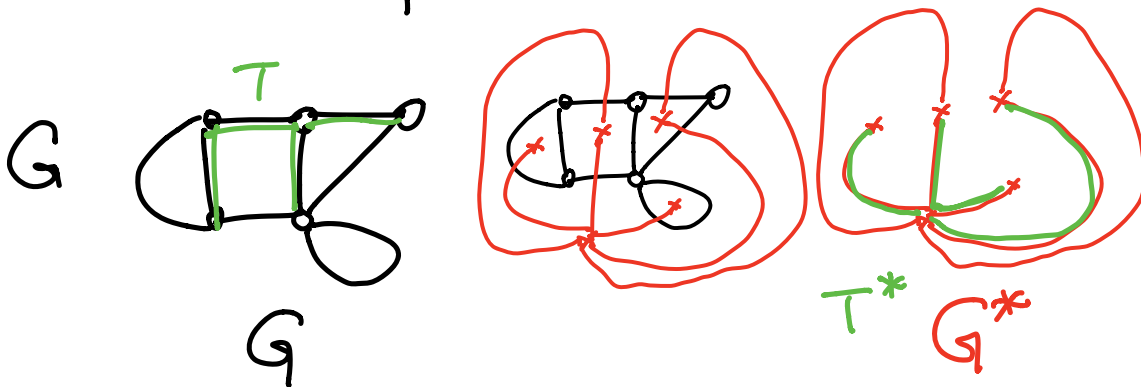


has these properties

(1)  $(G^*)^* = G$  if we assume a bit more about  $G$ , namely  $G$  is 3-connected (requires removing 3 vertices to disconnect it)

(2) vertices of  $G \leftrightarrow$  faces of  $G^*$   
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(3) spanning trees of  $G \leftrightarrow$  spanning trees of  $G^*$   
 $T^* = \{e^* : e \notin T\}$



(4) For an edge  $e \in G$  which is neither a loop, nor a cut-edge

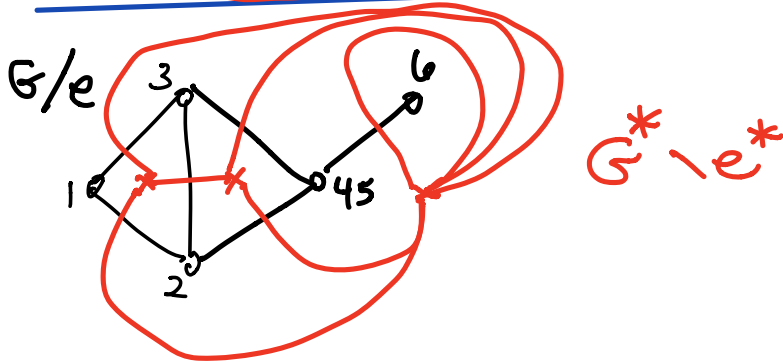
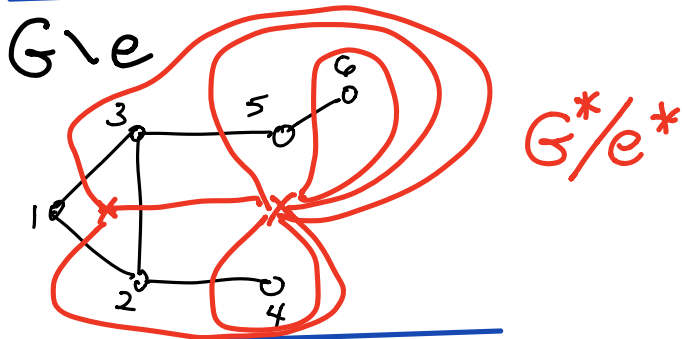
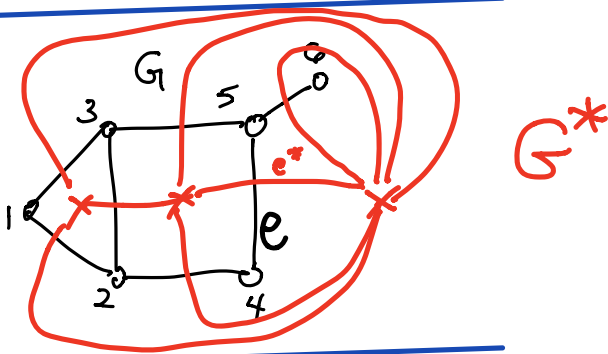
$\curvearrowright$  means  $G-e$  is disconnected

$$(G \setminus e)^* \cong G^* / e^*$$

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That is, duality exchanges deletion & contraction!

$\curvearrowright$  duality





## Chapter 13 Coloring maps & graphs

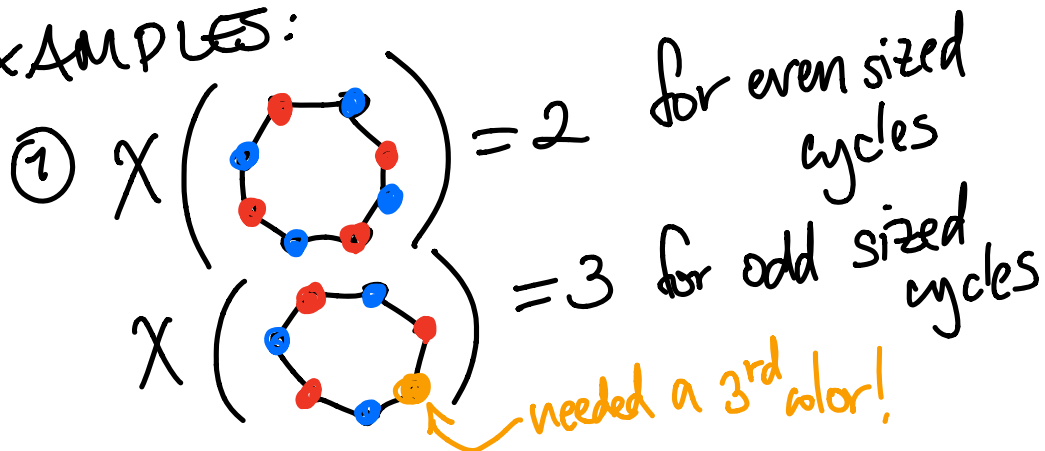
DEFIN: Given  $G = (V, E)$  a graph  
a proper (vertex-) coloring with  $k$  colors  
is an assignment  $f: V \rightarrow \{k \text{ colors}\}$   
e.g.  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$

such that for every edge  $e \in E$ ,  
its two endpoints  $v, v' \in \{v, v'\}$   
receive different colors  $f(v) \neq f(v')$ .

Say  $G$  is  $k$ -colorable if it has a  
proper vertex  $k$ -coloring;





and  $\chi(G) = \text{chromatic number of } G$   
 $= \min \{k : G \text{ is } k\text{-colorable}\}$

EXAMPLES:



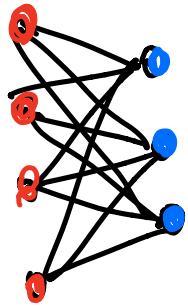
$$\textcircled{2} \chi(K_n) = n$$

complete graph

$n$	$K_n$	$\chi(K_n)$
2		2
3		3
4		4
5		5

$$\textcircled{3} \chi(K_{m,n}) = 2$$

$K_{4,3}$



and same for  
all bipartite  
graphs  
(with at least  
one edge).

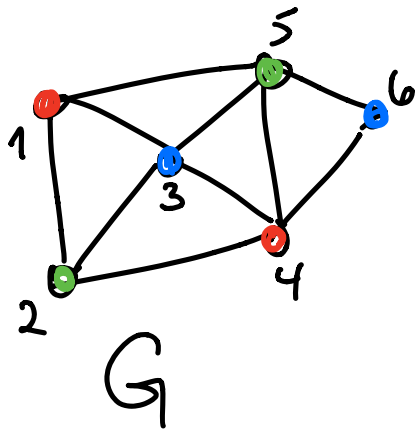
## APPLICATIONS:

### ① Scheduling -

$V$  = tasks to be done,  
each taking 1 unit of time

$E$  = pairs  $\{v, v'\}$  of tasks that can't  
be done at the same time

proper  $k$ -coloring = schedulings using  
 $k$  time units



$$\chi(G) = 3$$

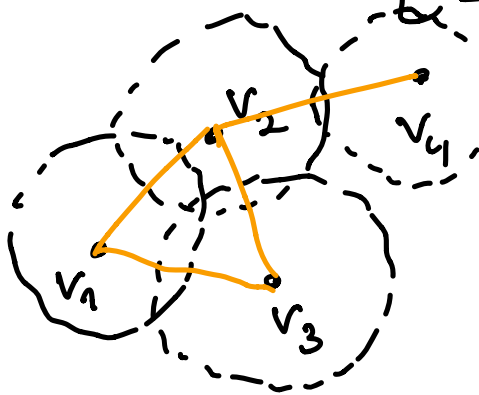
- = time unit 1
- = time unit 2
- = time unit 3

$\chi(G)$  = minimum # of  
time slots needed  
to complete the  
tasks

② Frequency assignments

$V$  = cell phones

$E$  = pairs  $\{v, v'\}$  of phones that are sometimes close enough to interfere

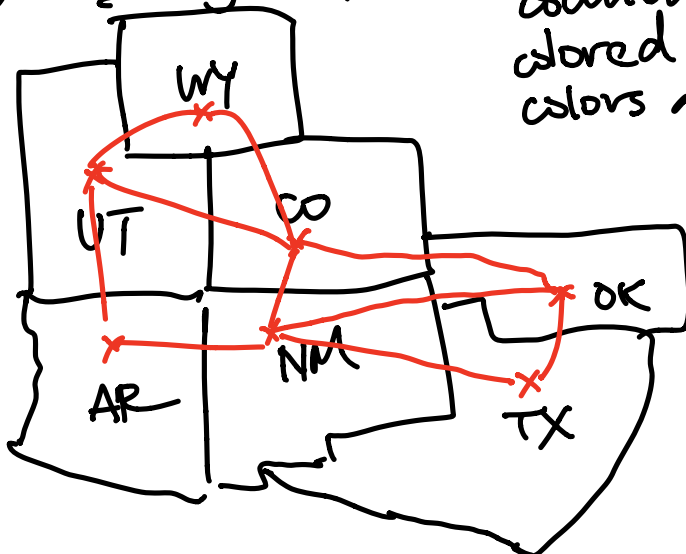


{ proper  $k$ -colourings }  $\leftrightarrow$

{ frequency assignments with  $k$  frequencies }

$\chi(G)$  = minimum number of frequencies

③ Colouring maps - A map with connected countries needs to be colored with contrasting colors along each border (simply)



$V$  = countries  
 $E$  = pairs  $\{v, v'\}$  sharing a boundary

$\chi(G)$  = min # of colors needed.

