

1. Let  $G$  be a 3-regular graph. Show that if  $G$  has exactly one 3-edge-coloring (up to renaming of colors), then  $G$  has a Hamiltonian cycle (a cycle containing all vertices of  $G$ ).
2. Let  $G$  be a planar graph and let  $\varphi$  be a 5-coloring of  $G$ . For distinct colors  $i$  and  $j$ , let  $e_{ij}$  denote the number of edges between vertices of colors  $i$  and  $j$ , and let  $n_i$  denote the number of vertices of color  $i$ . Show that there exist distinct colors  $i$  and  $j$  such that

$$n_i + n_j - e_{ij} \geq \frac{1}{10}|V(G)|.$$

Hint: Express  $\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 5} (n_i + n_j - e_{ij})$  in terms of the number of vertices and edges of  $G$ , and apply Euler's formula.

3. Use the previous exercise to show that there exists a constant  $c > 1$  such that every planar graph  $G$  has at least  $c^{|V(G)|}$  different 5-colorings. Hint: Consider Kempe chains for colors  $i$  and  $j$ .
4. Let  $G_1, \dots, G_k$  be graphs such that  $\chi(G_i) = i$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ . Let  $G$  be the graph obtained from the disjoint union of  $G_1, \dots, G_k$  by, for each  $k$ -tuple  $(v_1, \dots, v_k) \in V(G_1) \times \dots \times V(G_k)$  of their vertices, adding a vertex adjacent exactly to  $v_1, v_2, \dots$ , and  $v_k$ . Show that
  - $\chi(G) = k + 1$ , and
  - if  $G_1, \dots, G_k$  are triangle-free, then  $G$  is triangle-free.
5. Show that for every positive integer  $k$ , there exists a function  $f_k$  such that the following claim holds: Every graph  $G$  that does not contain  $K_{1,k}$  as an induced subgraph has chromatic number at most  $f_k(\omega(G))$ . Hint: Show that  $G$  actually must have bounded maximum degree.
6. Let  $I$  be a set of intervals of real numbers, and let  $G$  be the graph with vertex set  $I$  and with two vertices adjacent if and only if the corresponding intervals intersect. Show that  $G$  is chordal.