

Lecture 9

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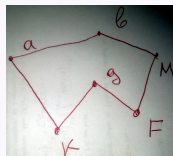
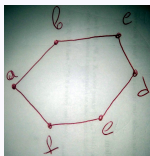
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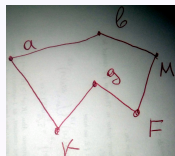
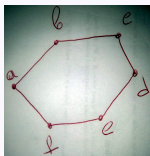
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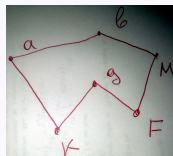
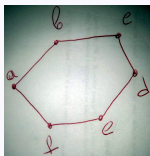


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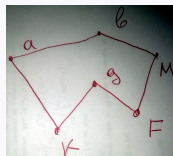
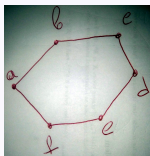
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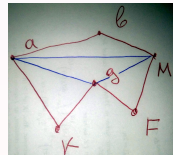
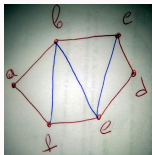
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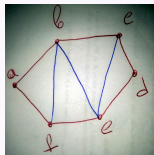
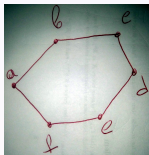
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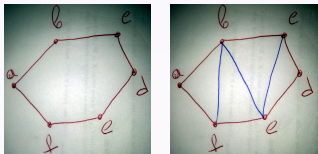
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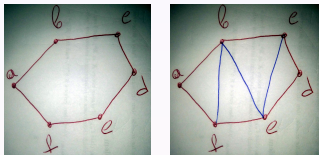


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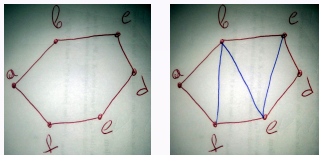


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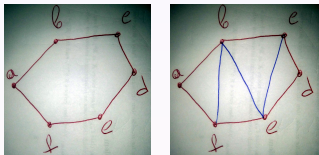


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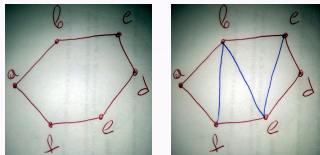


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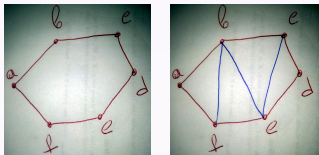


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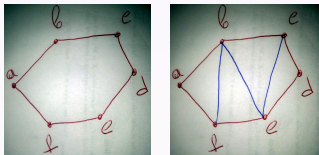


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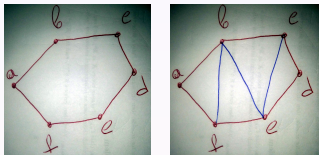


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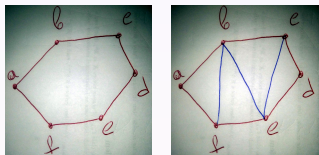


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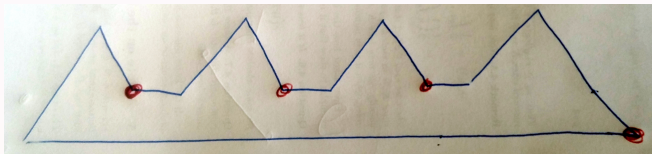
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Graph Coloring - Theorem 1 - cool application

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Remark: show that the above estimate is the best possible, i.e. create a planar graph such that all vertices have degree at least 5.

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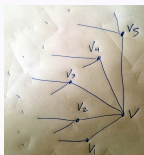
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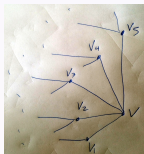
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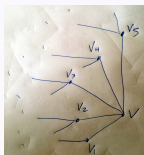


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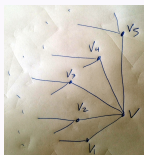
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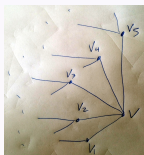
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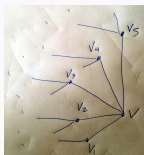
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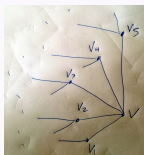
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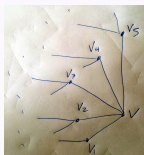
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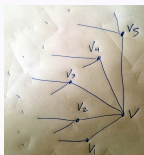
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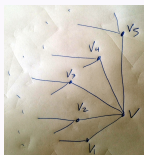
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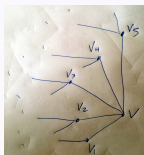
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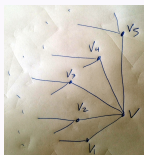
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