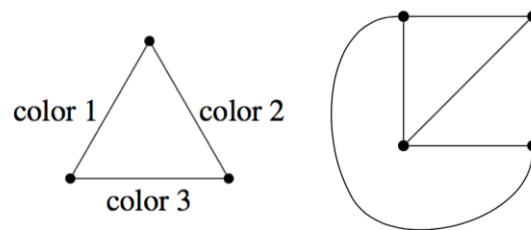


## 1 Banquet Arrangement

Suppose  $n$  people are attending a banquet, and each of them has at least  $m$  friends ( $2 \leq m \leq n$ ), where friendship is mutual. Prove that we can put at least  $m + 1$  of the attendants on the same round table, so that each person sits next to his or her friends on both sides.

## 2 Edge Colorings

An edge coloring of a graph is an assignment of colors to edges in a graph where any two edges incident to the same vertex have different colors. An example is shown on the left.



- (a) Show that the 4 vertex complete graph above can be 3 edge colored. (Use the numbers 1, 2, 3 for colors. A figure is shown on the right.)
- (b) Prove that any graph with maximum degree  $d \geq 1$  can be edge colored with  $2d - 1$  colors.
- (c) Show that a tree can be edge colored with  $d$  colors where  $d$  is the maximum degree of any vertex.

### 3 Triangular Faces

Suppose we have a connected planar graph  $G$  with  $v$  vertices and  $e$  edges such that  $e = 3v - 6$ . Prove that in any planar drawing of  $G$ , every face must be a triangle; that is, prove that every face must be incident to exactly three edges of  $G$ .

### 4 True or False

- (a) Any pair of vertices in a tree are connected by exactly one path.
- (b) Adding an edge between two vertices of a tree creates a new cycle.
- (c) Adding an edge in a connected graph creates exactly one new cycle.
- (d) We can create a soccer ball by stitching together 10 pentagons and 20 hexagonal pieces, with three pieces meeting at each vertex.

