

$K_{3,3}$ is not planar.

Definition If F is the set of faces of a planar drawing of a graph, and $f \in F$,

then $\text{gon}(f)$ is number of edges touch f .

Definition A bipartite graph has its vertices are divided into two sets U_1, U_2 ,

and edges join $v \in U_1$ to $w \in U_2$, never $v \in U_1$ to $w \in U_1$, nor $v \in U_2$ to $w \in U_2$.

Lemma Suppose $\Gamma = (V, E)$ is planar graph. Moreover, suppose $\#E \geq \ell > 2$

and Γ has no circuit of length $< \ell$. Then

$$\#E \leq \frac{\ell}{\ell-2} (\#V - 2).$$

Proof Consider planar drawing of Γ , with face set F .

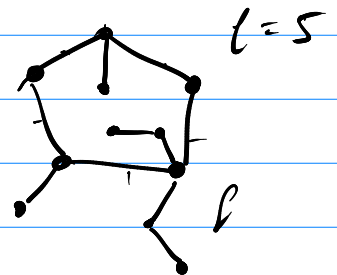
$$\sum_{f \in F} \text{gon}(f) \leq 2\#E \quad (\text{see proof of } K_5 \text{ nonplanar})$$

Every bounded face must touch at least ℓ edges

Exterior face must touch at least ℓ edges too

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{f \in F} \text{gon}(f) \geq \ell \#F$$

$$\Rightarrow \ell \#F \leq 2\#E$$



Euler's formula $\#V - \#E + \#F = 2$

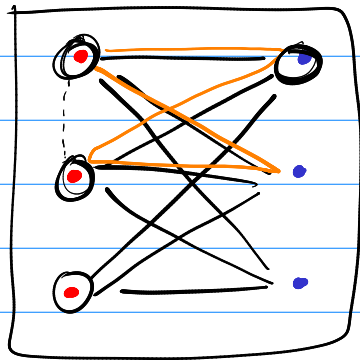
$$\Rightarrow \quad \#F = 2\ell + \underbrace{\ell\#E - \ell\#V}_{\leq 2\#E} \leq 2\#E$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad (\ell - 2)\#E \leq \ell(\#V - 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \#E \leq \frac{\ell}{\ell - 2} (\#V - 2). \quad \square$$

Theorem $K_{3,3}$ is not planar.

Proof



$$\#E = 9, \quad \#V = 6$$

$$\ell = 4.$$

$$\text{So, by the lemma} \quad 9 \leq \frac{4}{4-2} (6-2) = 8,$$

which is false. So $K_{3,3}$ is not planar. \square