

Mon 23 Oct

- Hmwk #7 posted.
(Added directions Sun. morning re:
when you do or don't need a justification)
- Today • Finish 5.2.
 - Mycielski's Construction. See Daily Log
 - Start 5.3

Recall:

- G is k -colorable means it is possible to assign 1 of k colors to each vertex s.t. adj. vertices get different colors.
- $\chi(G) = k$ means the lowest k -value s.t. \uparrow chromatic #
" G is k -colorable" is true.

- If $c: V \rightarrow [k]$ $\left(\begin{array}{l} i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\} \\ \text{is a } k\text{-coloring of } G \end{array} \right)$
then
the i^{th} color class is $V' \subseteq V$ s.t.

c assigns the color i to all $v \in V'$.

or i^{th} color class is $c^{-1}(i)$

color classes are independent sets of vertices

- Brooks' Thm states
If G is connected and not C^{2k+1} and not K^n , then

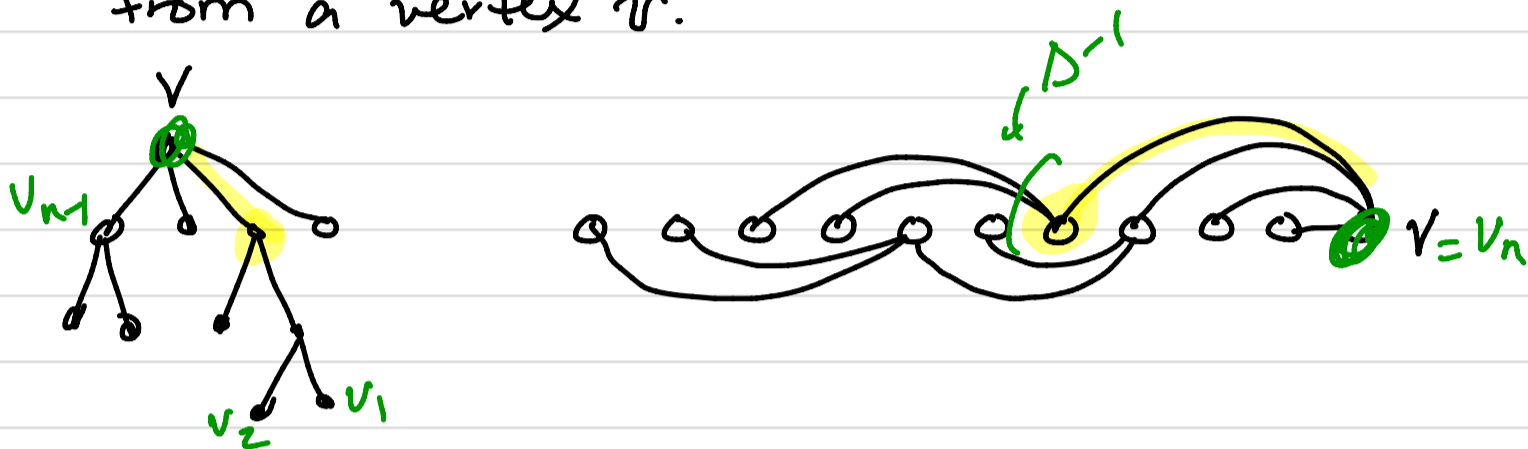
$$\chi(G) \leq \Delta(G).$$

Brooks' Thm

G connected, not C^{2k+1} , not K^n , then

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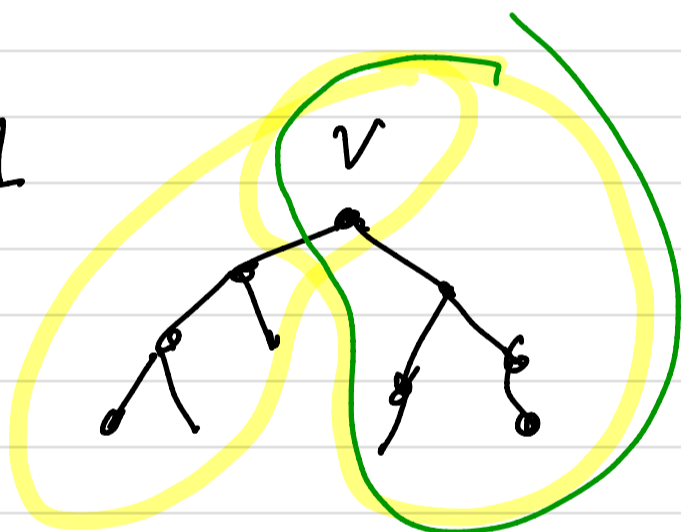
Pf: Strategically grow a spanning tree from a vertex v .



Case 1 If $\exists v \in V$ s.t. $d(v) < \Delta(G)$

Case 2 G is Δ -regular

Subcase 2.1 $\kappa(G) = 1$



Subcase 2.1 $\kappa(G) \geq 2$

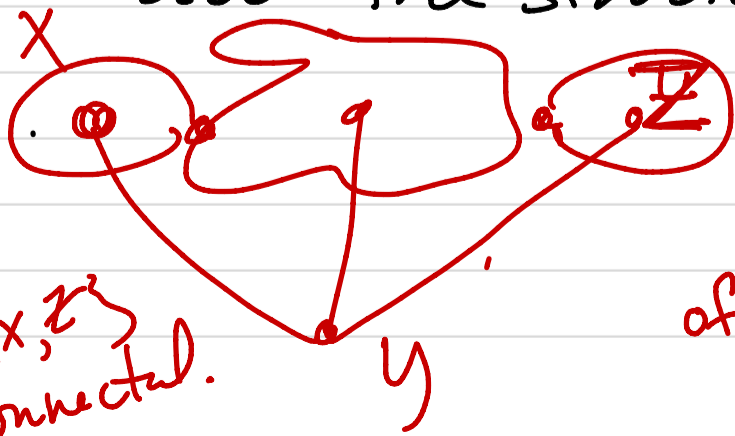
Goal: $\{x, y, z\} \subseteq V(G)$ s.t. $x \begin{matrix} y \\ \dots \\ z \end{matrix}$

and $G - \{x, z\}$ is connected.

If $G - x$ is 2-connected, done

So $G - y$ has connectivity 1. So $G - y$ has a

block-tree structure. + thus has end-blocks



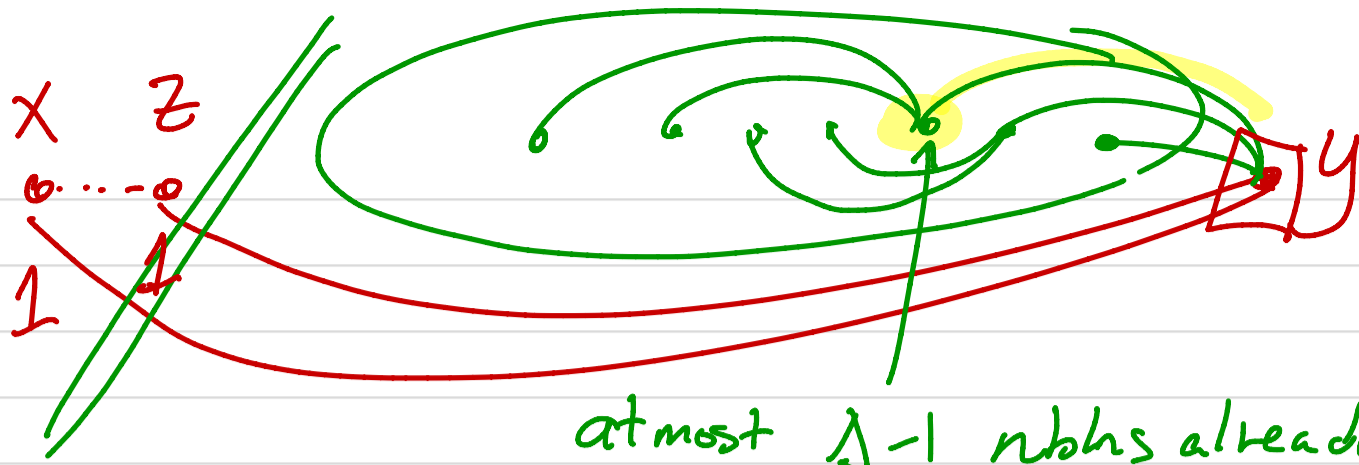
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y has a neighbor in every endblock of which there are at least 2.

κ_2
 $\Delta = 2$

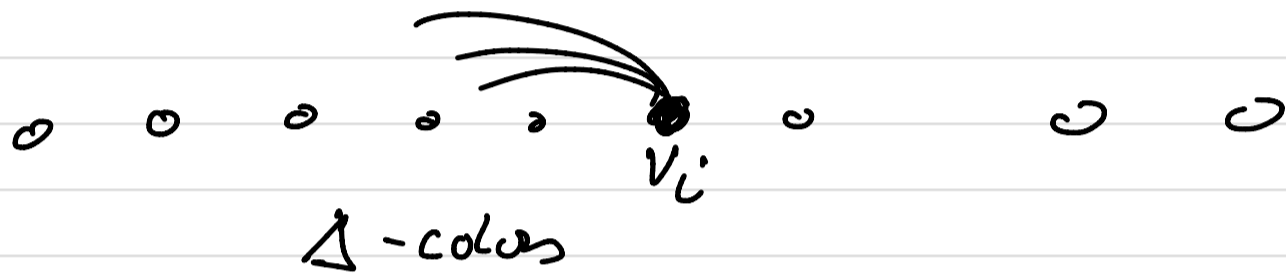
Δ -reg
 $\Delta = 3$
 G is 2-conn
 $\chi(G) = 4$



at most $\Delta - 1$ nbhs already colored.

So 1 color is available.

At y , also only $\Delta - 1$ colors have been used on $N(y)$.



Two Other Results

Lemma 5.2.3

If $\chi(G) = k$, then $\exists H \subseteq G$ s.t. $\delta(H) \geq k-1$
and $\chi(H) = k$.

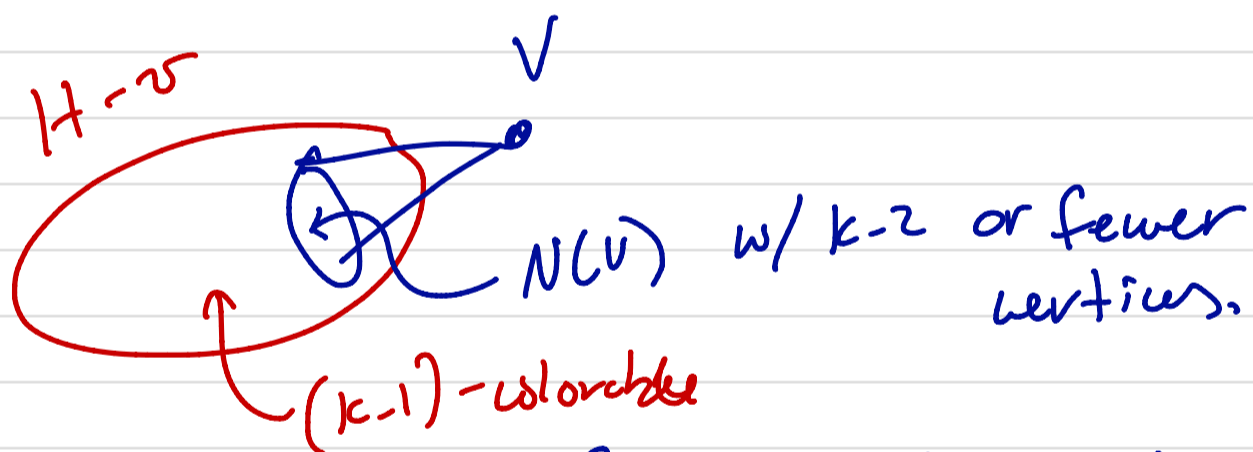
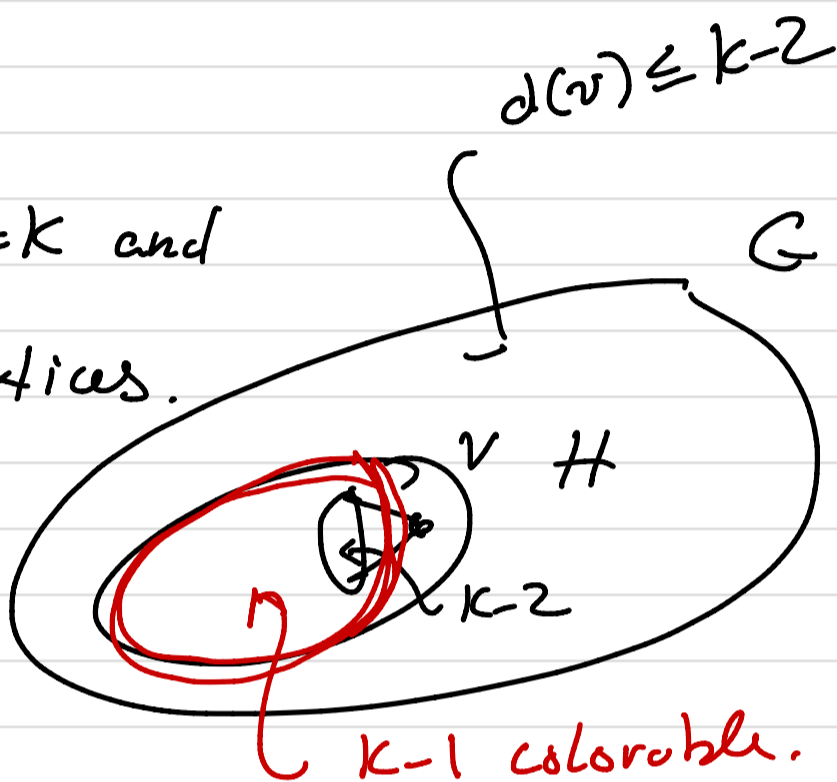
Pf: G graph, $\chi(G) = k$.

Choose $H \subseteq G$ w/ $\chi(H) = k$ and

H is minimum wrt # vertices.

Claim: $\delta(H) \geq k-1$.
What if $\delta(H) \leq k-2$?

$\chi(H-v) \leq k-1$



So color v w/ one of remaining colors from $[k-1]$,
So H is $(k-1)$ -colorable $\Rightarrow \chi(H) = k$.

Thm 5.2.5 (Erdős)

$\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $\exists G$ s.t. $g(G) > k \wedge \chi(G) > k$.

$k=3$, $\exists G$ s.t. $g(G) > 3 \wedge \chi(G) > 3$.

Mycielski's Construction

To show \exists graphs G such that

- G is triangle free
- $\chi(G) \geq k$ for any $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

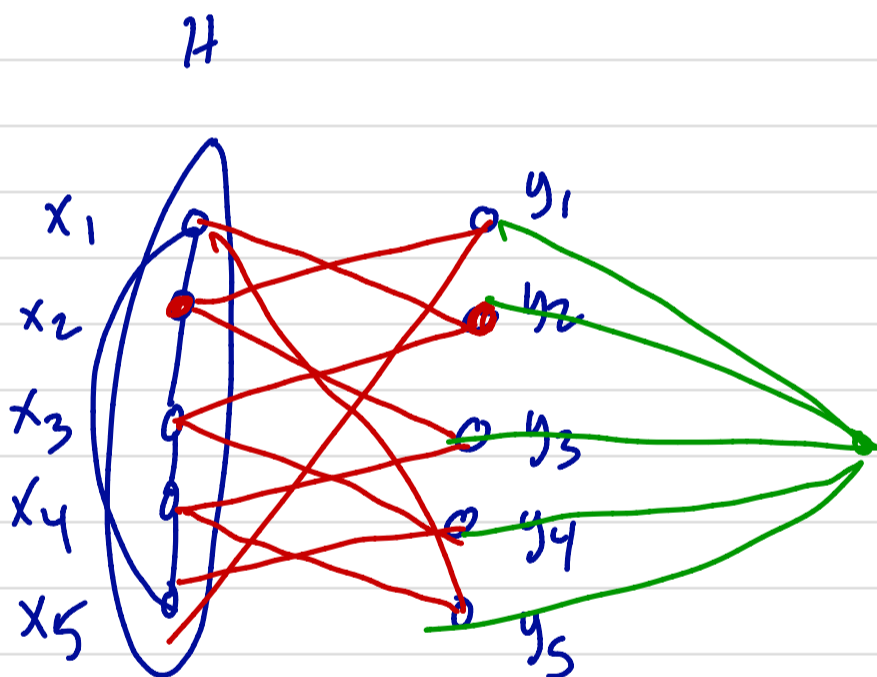
Construction Given $H=(V,E)$, construct G via

$$V(G) = V \cup V' \cup \{z\} \text{ where } |V'| = |V|.$$

$$(V = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}, V' = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\})$$

$$E(G) = E(H) \cup \{x_j y_i : x_j x_i \in E(H)\} \cup \{z y_i : y_i \in V'\}$$

$$H = C^5 \quad V = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5\}$$



G Δ -free
 $\chi(G) = 4$

Observation

- ① If H is Δ -free, then G is Δ -free. You
- ② If H is k -colorable, then G is $(k+1)$ -colorable. You
- ③ If $\chi(H) = k$, then $\chi(G) > k$. LeS

$$\mathcal{M}(G) = \tilde{G} \quad \tilde{G} \text{ } \Delta \text{-free and } \chi(\tilde{G}) = 5$$