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Just so that there's no confusion, every graph in this quiz is assumed to be simple. That is, graphs cannot contain loops nor multiple edges between two vertices.

**Problem 1.** We say that a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is *2-edge-connected* if  $G - e$  is connected for every  $e \in E$ . Show that if  $G$  is a connected graph wherein each vertex has even degree, then  $G$  is 2-edge-connected.

**Problem 2.** Let  $T = (V, E)$  be a tree on at least 2 vertices. Let  $\ell(T)$  denote the number of leaves of  $T$ . Prove that

$$\ell(T) = 2 + \sum_{\substack{v \in V: \\ \deg(v) \geq 2}} (\deg(v) - 2).$$

**Problem 3.** Does there exist a planar graph  $G$  which is both triangle-free and has  $\delta(G) \geq 4$ ?

**Problem 4.** Let  $G$  be a planar graph on  $n$  vertices. Prove that  $G$  has at most  $3n$  edges.

**Problem 5 (Bonus).** For a positive integer  $k$  and a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , a coloring  $\chi: V \rightarrow [k]$  is called a *proper  $k$ -coloring* if  $\chi(u) \neq \chi(v)$  whenever  $\{u, v\} \in E$  (i.e. adjacent vertices get different colors).

Prove that every triangle-free planar graph has a proper 4-coloring. (This is a special case of the famous four color theorem)