

## Homework 3: Triangulations and NP-Completeness

Week 4

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**Homework Problems.**

1.
  - (a) Prove that if a graph  $G$  has each of its vertices with odd degree, then  $G$  does not admit a triangulation.
  - (b) Prove that if the number of edges in  $G$  is not divisible by 3, then  $G$  does not admit a triangulation.
  - (c) Find a graph  $G$  where every vertex has even degree and the number of edges is a multiple of 3, but  $G$  does not admit a triangulation.
  - (d) (Open!) Find a value of  $\epsilon$  such that any graph on  $n$  vertices with minimum degree  $(1 - \epsilon)n$  that satisfies properties (a) and (b) admits a triangulation. (Conjectured bound is  $1/4$  here.)
2. Find a complete graph  $K_n$  such that
  - $K_n$  is decomposable into triangles, and
  - $n > 3$ .
3. Show that if  $n$  is congruent to 1 or 3 mod 6, then  $K_n$  admits a decomposition into triangles.
4. A **4-cycle decomposition** is basically a triangle decomposition, except with squares (i.e. 4-cycles): i.e. it is a way to break the edges of a graph into disjoint subsets, each one of which forms a 4-cycle.
  - (a) Explain why if a graph has a 4-cycle decomposition, the degree of every vertex must be even and the number of edges must be a multiple of 4.
  - (b) Find a graph that has every vertex of even degree and its number of edges a multiple of 4, but does not have a 4-cycle decomposition.
  - (c) Find a complete graph  $K_n$  that has a 4-cycle decomposition.
5. Generalize problem 3: for any  $m$ , find a  $n$  such that  $K_n$  has a  $m$ -cycle decomposition.