

# CS311H

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# Challenge

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Subset of the simple circuits:  $(a, b, c, a), (a, c, b, a)$

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7.  $4 > 3 = \text{MAX-DEGREE}(G)$  is a contradiction.

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Create a counterexample using a vertex that doesn't appear in ANY cycles. Take the graph

$$G = (\{a, b, c, d\}, \{(a, b), (b, c), (c, a), (a, d)\}).$$

Then the cycles are  $(a, b, c, a)$ ,  $(b, c, a, b)$ ,  $(c, a, b, c)$ , none of which contain  $d$ , so assign the colors: a:RED, b:BLUE, c:GREEN, d:RED. Colors are distinct within each cycle, but the color of  $d$  clashes with  $a$ .

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2. Prove that every graph with vertices that each have degree at least 2 contains a cycle.

# Assignments for Thursday

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- Module 14