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## Sparsity motivation

### • Vertex separator problem

To make a vertex cut in a graph so that every component has at least  $\frac{1}{3}$  of vertices. What is the size of the smallest possible cut?

### • Problem alicenci' n' knize

### • Are there symmetries in a graph

- Long paths can disturb symmetries

Lemma:

Every large graph has a nontrivial automorphism, or induced long path, or includes a shallow subdivision of a large complete graph.

↓  
shallow topological minor

## Lemma

If there is no homomorphism from a triangle to a planar graph  $G$ , then there is a homomorphism from the graph to a triangle.

⇒ Planar graphs are comparable to triangles

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Minimum degree: very variable graph property  
(by removing, it changes)

Average degree: Also variable upon adding  
stuff to a graph

Maximum <sup>average</sup> degree: Stable (over all subgraphs)  
→ related to degeneracy  
(mad)

k-degenerate graph: we can continuously  
remove vertices of ~~at~~ degree at most k  
until the entire graph disappears.

Plat'

$$\blacksquare k \geq \lfloor \text{MAD}(G) \rfloor$$

⇒ G is k-degenerate

$$\Rightarrow \text{MAD}(G) < 2k$$

$$\frac{\text{MAD}(G)}{2} \leq \text{degeneracy} \leq \lfloor \text{MAD}(G) \rfloor$$

Lemma: Graph is k-degenerate iff ~~it~~ it has  
an acyclic orientation such that every  
vertex has in-degree at most k.

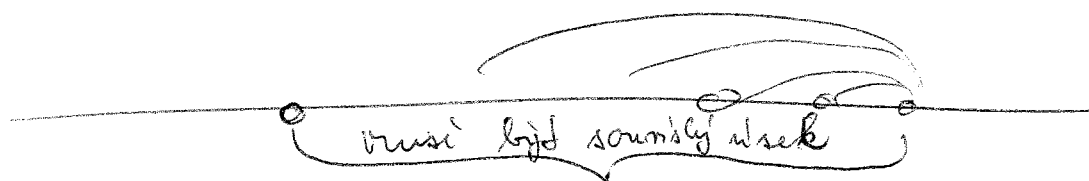
Proof: Many ad-hoc methods to verify orientations do not.

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Lemma: Let  $G$  be a  $k$ -generate graph. Then  $G$  includes at most  $2^k |V(G)|$  cliques.

Clique: complete graph

Proof: Aditívna'raime vrcholy.



klíka  $k$  veľkosti  
at most  $2^k$ . Počítame  
pres všetky vrcholy.

~~Def: Cycle~~

Cycle = Nejaký cyklus v grafe

Minor: Souvislé podgrafy a medzi nimi hrany

Def: Topological minor  $F$  in  $G$ :

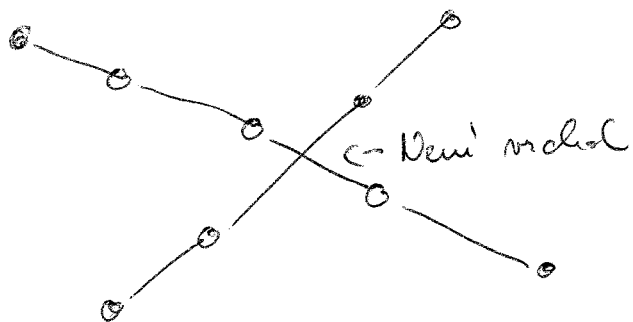
a map  $\varphi: V(F) \rightarrow V(G)$  <sup>injective</sup> such that there  
is a collection of internally disjoint paths  $P_{uv} \subseteq G$   
for all  $uv \in E(F)$ .

Def: Immersion  $F$  in  $G$ :

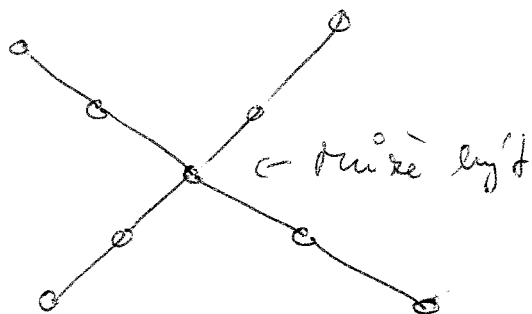
A map  $\psi: V(F) \rightarrow V(G)$  <sup>injective</sup> such that there is a collection  
of edge-disjoint paths  $Q_{uv} \subseteq G$ ,  $uv \in E(F)$

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Topologický minor



Immersion



každý topologický minor je immersion.

Lemma Graphs are WQO under immersion.

Lemma Graphs are NOT WQO under topological minors.

(Imerse nerachovávaži kreslení na plochy, imerse a minory jsou neromatelné...)

Ve Sparsity tyto tři pojmy často splývají!