MATH 2601 - FoMP - Homework 5

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Problem 1. Suppose that G is a planar graph on n vertices and $m \ge 2$ edges, but with no 3-cycles. Then show that $m \le 2n - 4$.

Hint: As in the proof done in class, use the Euler characteristic that n - m + f = 2, for a connected planar graph drawn in the plane with f = #faces, and n and m being as above.

Problem 2. Show that K_5 and $K_{3,3}$ are nonplanar, using the upper bounds on the number of edges in a planar graph.

Additionally, the following problems from Hammack's book:

Chapter 8: 2, 8, 18 Section 11.1: 8, 16 Section 11.2: 4, 6, 10