

1. Platonic solids	V	E	F
Tetrahedron	4	6	4
Cube	8	12	6
Octahedron	6	12	8
Dodecahedron	20	30	12
Icosahedron	12	30	20

2. Proof that for a planar map, $V - E + F = 1$.

By induction on the number of edges.

If the map is not a tree, then it has at least one cycle. Then we can remove any edge that is part of a cycle, such that the number of vertices remains the same.

Take the initial number of vertices, edges and faces to be v, e, f , respectively. Then after we remove an edge:

$$v' = v, \quad e' = e - 1, \quad f' = f - 1$$

Then $v - e + f = v' - e' + f'$. Once we apply the inductive hypothesis, we will see that equals 1.

To prove the initial base case, consider a tree because it doesn't have any cycles and is a connected graph so $f > 0$. A tree must have at least 1 leaf - a vertex of degree 1.

Removing this leaf gives:

$$f' = 0, \quad v' = v - 1, \quad e' = e - 1.$$

Now we have: $v = e + f = v' - e' + f'$.

The ultimate base case is: $v = 1, e = 0, f = 0$
and here $v = e + f = 1$. Therefore, for trees
and maps it holds that $v = e + f = 1$.

3 a) In a platonic solid, each edge touches 2 faces,
so if there are b edges around each face
then $b \cdot F$ will count all the edges twice.
Thus we have that $b \cdot F = 2E$, where
 E is the total number of edges and:

$$F = \frac{2E}{b}$$

At the same time each edge touches 2 vertices,
so if there are a edges at every vertex then
 $a \cdot V$ will count all the edges twice.

Thus, we have that $a \cdot V = 2E$ and

$$V = \frac{2E}{a}$$

b) Use the above to plug into $V - E + F = 2$:

$$\frac{2E}{a} - E + \frac{2E}{b} = 2.$$

$$E \left(\frac{2}{a} - 1 + \frac{2}{b} \right) = E \left(\frac{2b - ab + 2a}{ab} \right) = 2$$

$$E = \frac{2ab}{2b + 2a - ab}$$

c) $3 \leq a, b \leq 5$ that makes E positive integers.

(a, b)	E
$(3, 3)$	$E = \frac{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 3 - 3 \cdot 3} = \frac{18}{12 - 9} = 6$
$(3, 4)$	$E = \frac{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4}{2 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 4 - 3 \cdot 4} = \frac{24}{14 - 12} = 12$
$(3, 5)$	$E = \frac{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 5 - 3 \cdot 5} = \frac{30}{16 - 15} = 30$
$(4, 5)$	$E = \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 4 + 2 \cdot 5 - 4 \cdot 5} = \frac{40}{18 - 20} = \frac{40}{-2} = -20$

Platonic solids:

$$(3, 3) \rightarrow E = 6, \quad V = 4, \quad F = 4$$

$$(3, 4) \rightarrow E = 12, \quad V = 8, \quad F = 6$$

$$(3, 5) \rightarrow E = 30, \quad V = 20, \quad F = 12$$

4. A soccer ball is not perfect because it is not made up of the same shapes. It has 12 pentagons and 20 hexagons.

A soccer ball has:

32 faces, 60 vertices and 90 edges.

So Euler's formula

$$V - E + F = 60 - 90 + 32 = 2 \quad \text{still holds}$$

for soccer ball.