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1. Tetrahedron:  $F: 4; V: 4; E: 6$   
Cube:  $F: 6; V: 8; E: 12$   
Octahedron:  $F: 8; V: 6; E: 12$   
Dodecahedron:  $F: 12; V: 20; E: 30$   
Icosahedron:  $F: 20; V: 12; E: 30$

2. If the graph is not a tree, it has at least one cycle. Removing any edge of that cycle, decrease both  $e$  and  $f$ , but keeps  $v$  constant, in other words  $e' = e - 1$ ,  $f' = f - 1$ ,  $v' = v$ .

So  $v - e + f = v' - e' + f'$  and by the inductive hypothesis is 1.

The initial base case is a tree. A tree is a connected graph without cycles. The number of regions,  $f$  is not 0. of course it must have at least one vertex of degree 1, it is called a leaf. Removing such a leaf reduces the number of vertices by one, and also the number of edges by 1, so we have  $f' = 0$ ,  $v' = v - 1$ ,  $e' = e - 1$ .

So once again  $v - e + f = v' - e' + f'$ , and this equals 1 by the inductive hypothesis.

3. (i) Since every edges belongs to two vertices.

$$\text{then } 2E = aV$$

And since every face has  $b$  edges coming out of it,

$$\text{then } 2E = bF.$$

$$\text{So } V = \frac{2E}{a}, \quad F = \frac{2E}{b}.$$

Corresponding Platonic solid, for example, Tetrahedron, there are 3 edges meeting every vertex, it has 4 vertices and 6 edges. plug in  $V = \frac{2E}{a}$ , which is true.

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

Corresponding Platonic solid, for example, Tetrahedron.  
 there are 3 edges meeting every vertex, there are 3 edges around every face, so  $a=3$ ,  $b=3$ , it has 4 vertices and 6 edges.

plug in  $E = \frac{2}{\frac{2}{a} + \frac{2}{b} - 1}$ ,  $E = \frac{2}{\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} - 1} = 6$ . which is true.

(iii) when  $a=3$ ,  $b=3$ ,  $E = \frac{2}{\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} - 1} = 6$ , it is a tetrahedron

When  $a=3$ ,  $b=4$ ,  $E = \frac{2}{\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{4} - 1} = 12$ , it is a cube.

When  $a=4$ ,  $b=3$ ,  $E = 12$ , it is a octahedron.

When  $a=3$ ,  $b=5$ ,  $E = \frac{2}{\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{5} - 1} = 30$ , it is a dodecahedron

When  $a=5$ ,  $b=3$ ,  $E = 30$ , it is an icosahedron.

When  $a=4$ ,  $b=5$ ,  $E = \frac{2}{\frac{2}{4} + \frac{2}{5} - 1} = -20$  X

When  $a=5$ ,  $b=5$ ,  $E = \frac{2}{\frac{2}{5} + \frac{2}{5} - 1}$  X

When  $a=5$ ,  $b=4$ , X

4. A perfect solid means that the faces are congruent and the same number meet at each vertex. But the surface of a soccer ball is made up of pentagons and hexagons, which doesn't not satisfy the definition of a perfect solid.

Soccer ball:  $F: 32$ ,  $E = 90$ ,  $V = 60$ ,

$V - E + F = 60 - 90 + 32 = 2$ , which is also valid for a soccer ball.