

## Chromatic number and bipartite graphs

**Definition 1.1.** A proper coloring of a graph  $G$  is a coloring of its vertex set such a way that adjacent vertices get different colors. The smallest number of colors required for a proper coloring is the chromatic number of the graph, and is denoted by  $\chi(G)$ .

**Proposition 1.2.** (a) Let  $G$  be a simple graph with largest degree  $D$ . Then  $\chi(G) \leq D + 1$ .

(b) Let  $G$  be a graph on  $n$  vertices with largest independent set<sup>1</sup> of size  $\alpha(G)$ . Then  $\chi(G) \geq \frac{n}{\alpha(G)}$ .

**Definition 1.3.** A graph is called bipartite if its chromatic number is at most 2.

**Theorem 1.4.** A graph is bipartite if and only if it does not contain an odd cycle.

Let

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} n^2/4 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ (n^2 - 1)/4 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

**Proposition 1.5.** Let  $G$  be a simple bipartite graph on  $n$  vertices. Then it has at most  $f(n)$  edges.

A much stronger statement is the following.

**Theorem 1.6.** Let  $G$  be a simple graph on  $n$  vertices with more than  $f(n)$  edges. Then it contains a triangle.

An even more stronger statement is the following.

**Theorem 1.7.** Let  $G$  be a simple graph on  $2m$  vertices with more than  $m^2 + 1$  edges. Then it contains at least  $m$  triangles.

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<sup>1</sup>A subset  $S$  of the vertex set is called an independent set if there is no edge between any two vertices of  $S$ .