

► **Problem 13.1-20 (b)**

Prove that every planar graph with  $V \geq 3$  vertices has at least three vertices of degree  $d \leq 5$ .

**Proof.** We may assume that  $G$  is connected. Say there is only two vertices of degree at most 5. Then

$$\sum \deg v_i \geq 6(V - 2) + 2 = 6V - 10$$

where “+2” because  $G$  is connected, so there are no vertices of degree 0. This contradicts to Theorem 13.1.4 that  $\sum \deg v_i = 2E \leq 6V - 12$ . □