

Free Planar Graphs on Torus

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Graph on plane, projective plane or torus is free planar if it remains embeddable in corresponding surface if arbitrary edge is added.

Free planar graph is called *ladder-augmentable* if two edges in it may be replaced with arbitrary large ladder-graph[?] and graph will remain to be free planar with respect to surface where it is embedded.

There are only two nontrivial 3-connected free-planar graphs on sphere, i.e. wheel graph and envelope graph, where only the first can be unboundedly augmented with a *punkah* like augment[?] retaining its 3-connectivity and freeness on the sphere. Envelope graph may be augmented with ladder like augment only when it is on the Mobius strip.

Theorem 1. *If 3-connected toroidal free planar graph is ladder-augmentable then it should be projective planar.*

Theorem higher does not exclude case when graph is toroidal free planar and projective planar but it is not projective free planar.

$K_{3,3}$ and K_5 are ladder-augmentable because they both are projective-planar[?]. Similarly $4*4$ -lattice on projective plane, which is minimal forbidden minor for torus [?]. In fig.1, this same graph with two eliminated horizontal edges, becomes toroidal free planar. Toroidal freeness is checked, using computer. But it is not projective free planar[?].

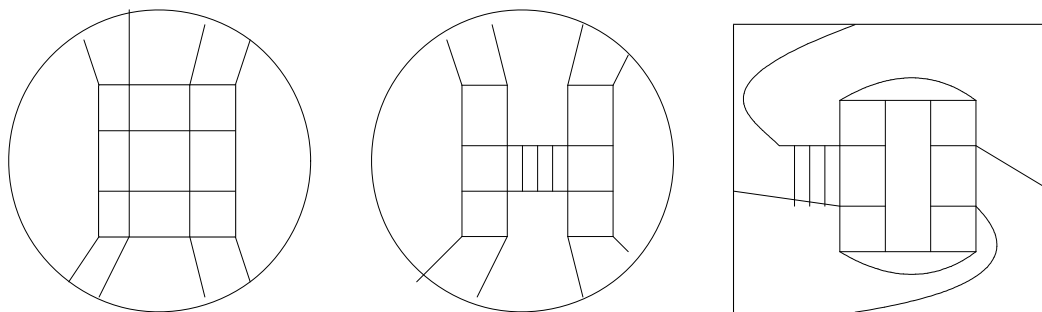


Figure 1: $4*4$ lattice [minus two edges and augmented] on projective plane and torus.

Example of *punkah* augmentable graph[?] that is not projective planar is shown in [?].

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