

3) For each graph  $G$ , let  $\omega(G)$  be the largest number  $p$  such that the complete graph on  $p$  letters is a subgraph of  $G$ .

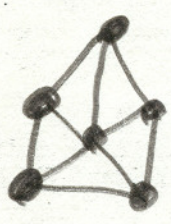
(a) Give an inequality (of the form  $\omega \leq \chi$ ) which relates  $\omega(G)$  and  $\chi(G)$ .

$$\omega(G) \leq \chi(G)$$

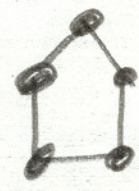
(b) Give an example of a graph  $G$  such that your formula in (a) holds with  $=$  in place of  $\leq$ .

In  $K_2$    $\omega=2$   $\chi=2$

(c) Give an example of a graph  $G$  such that your formula in (a) holds with  $<$  in place of  $\leq$ .



$\omega=3$   
 $\chi=4$



$\omega=2$   
 $\chi=3$

(d) Prove that your formula in (a) holds for every graph  $G$ .  
If each vertex from  $x_1, \dots, x_p$  is connected to all of the others, then we must use  $p$  colors just to color  $x_1, \dots, x_p$ . We might need more colors elsewhere.