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COLORING OF $G^2 \setminus G$, FOR EUCLIDESIAN GRAPH G

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Graph G = (V(G), E(G)) is called *Euclidean* if and only if V(G) is a finite subset of R^2 and $\{x,y\} \in E(G)$ if and only if $dist(x,y) \leq d$, where $d \in R$ is fixed. Let $S(G) = G^2 \setminus G$ e.g. The vertex set of S(G) is V(G) and there is an edge $\{x,y\}$ in E(S(G)) if and only if $\{x,y\} \notin E(G)$ and x,y have a common neighbor in G. We consider vertex coloring of the graphs S(G), where G are Euclidean.

Problem 1. Is there a polynomial algorithm, which gives the chromatic number of S(G) for Euclidean graph G.

The problem appeared in telecommunication. In practical applications standard approximate algorithms are used, but they do not use the geometric properties of S(G) and they seem not to be the most effective.

For geometric reasons $\chi(S(G)) \leq 12$, where G is Euclidean, but on other hand it is difficulty to find Euclidean graph G such that $\chi(S(G)) > 6$.

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