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- Communication networks
- Social networks
- Routing and shortest path problems
- Commodity distribution (network flow)
- Traffic control
- Resource allocation
- Numerical linear algebra (sparse matrices)
- Geometric modeling (meshes, topology, ...)
- Image processing (e.g. graph cuts)
- Computer animation (e.g. motion graphs)
- Systems biology
- Digital humanities (e.g. Republic of Letters)
- ...































## Coloring a graph:

How many colors are needed to color the countries so that no two adjacent countries have the same color?

Question asked as early as 1852.

1879. Kemp publishes a theorem that only 4 colors are needed!

1880. Julius Peterson finds a flaw in the Kemp's proof!



## Four-Color Theorem:

Every planar graph is 4-colorable [Appel & Haken, 1976]

The proof rested on checking that 1,936 special graphs had a certain property.

They used a computer to check that those 1, 936 graphs had that property! Basically the first time a computer was needed to check something. Caused a lot of controversy.

Gries looked at their computer program, a recursive program written in the assembly language of the IBM 7090 computer, and found an error, which was safe (it said something didn't have the property when it did) and could be fixed. Others did the same.

Since then, there have been improvements. And a formal proof has even been done in the Coq proof system



## Bipartite graphs

- A directed or undirected graph is bipartite if the vertices can be partitioned into two sets such that no edge connects two vertices in the same set
- The following are equivalent
  - G is bipartite
  - G is 2-colorable
- G has no cycles of odd length











