

We may employ the following algorithm to attempt to color given graph  $G = (V, E)$  black and white.

- 1: Set variable *color* to *black* (arbitrary).
- 2: Assign to  $v$  the color specified by *color*.
- 3: If  $color = black$ , set *color* to *white*. Otherwise, set *color* to *black*.
- 4: For each vertex  $w$  adjacent to  $v$ , if  $w$  is colored and  $color(w) = color(v)$ , then indicate that no black and white coloring exists. Otherwise, recurse on  $w$  (go to step 2, passing  $w$  to  $v$ ).

The algorithm simply performs a depth first search performing coloration as nodes are visited. Thus, the time complexity is  $O(N + M)$  (the complexity of depth first search).