

Graph Theory Problem Poetry

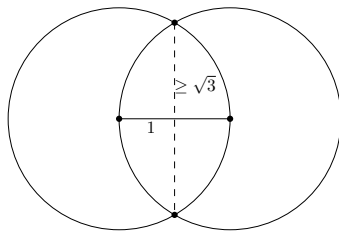
Problem 4 (by Joachim Breitner)

In the plane of Euklid, $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$,
the set S be x points, spread out far:
 between any two of which
 the distance always is
either one, never less, maybe more.

Count pairs with distance 1, add six!
Show: That's no more than $3 \cdot x$.

Solution I (by Georg Osang)

Take the points as vertex set,
and between the right ones let
there be a line of distance one.
Show this is plane and we are done:*



Pick any two of 1-distance;
as can be seen right at first glance,
others' distance square root three,
thus we're intersection-free.

*) *Haiku addendum:*

Recall, no more than
three times nodes subtracted six
edges in plane graphs.

Solution II (by Fabian Stroh)

I saw your problem written in verse,
thought: I am not challenge-averse.
 I'll respond in rhyme,
 one line at a time,
"Till I give up or my head hurts.

The first part that I have to show,
'bout the Graph you constructed so;
 it's planar you see.
 You can't disagree,
with the picture and common sense also.

(*picture not pictured here*)

To deal with just this situation
we know a corollary (for a triangulation)
 of a formula by euler.
 but it works just as well (spoiler)
for a less-dense-graphs stipulation.

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