Graph-3-coloring

The graph-3-coloring problem is

**Input:** An undirected graph $G = (V, E)$.

**Output:** Is there a a coloring

$$c : V \rightarrow \{\text{red, blue, green}\}$$

such that for every edge $e$ in $E$ the vertices joined by $e$ are not colored with the same color?
Graph-3-coloring $\leq_p$ 3-SAT

Construct a 2-or-3-SAT Boolean expression from $G$ as follows.

For each vertex $v_i$ include a subexpression

$$(R_i \lor B_i \lor G_i) \land (\overline{R_i} \land \overline{G_i}) \land (\overline{R_i} \land B_i) \land (B_i \land \overline{G_i})$$

$$= (R_i \lor B_i \lor G_i) \land (\overline{R_i} \lor \overline{G_i}) \land (\overline{R_i} \lor \overline{B_i}) \land (\overline{B_i} \lor \overline{G_i})$$

For an edge $e$ connecting $v_i$ and $v_j$ include a subexpression

$$(\overline{R_i} \land \overline{R_j}) \land (G_i \land G_j) \land (\overline{B_i} \land \overline{B_j})$$

$$= (\overline{R_i} \lor \overline{R_j}) \land (G_i \lor G_j) \land (\overline{B_i} \lor \overline{B_j})$$

Replace each 2-literal term $(a \lor b)$ with

$$(a \lor b \lor p) \land (a \lor b \lor \overline{p})$$

for a new variable $p$. 
**3-SAT \( \leq_p \) Graph-3-coloring**

Construct a graph \( G \) from the 3-SAT expression as shown by the following example:

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(a \lor \overline{b} \lor c) \land (b \lor d \lor \overline{e})
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The “or” Gadget—True Inputs
The “or” Gadget—False Inputs

\[ F \quad N \text{or} \quad T \]

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The “or” Gadget—Mixed Inputs
Graph-3-coloring of Planar Graphs

$\leq_p 3\text{-SAT}$

The following crossover gadget can be used to prove that determining whether a planar graph is 3-colorable is an NP-complete problem: