1145-05-802 Axel Brandt, Nathan Tenpas and Carl Yerger* (cayerger@davidson.edu). Planar Graphs with Girth 20 are Additively 3-choosable.
The additive choice number of a graph $G$, denoted $\operatorname{ch}_{\Sigma}(G)$, is the minimum positive integer $k$ such that whenever each vertex is given a list of at least $k$ positive integers, vertex labels can be chosen from respective lists in such a way that adjacent vertices have distinct sums of labels on their neighbors. Recently, bounds on the additive choice number have been obtained for planar graphs under certain girth assumptions. In this talk, we give a brief history of these bounds and present a proof that for a planar graph $G$ with girth at least $20, c h_{\Sigma}(G) \leq 3$. Our approach applies the Combinatorial Nullstellensatz to streamline arguments within a proof that uses the discharging method. (Received September 15, 2018)

