## **Coloring perfect graphs by contraction**

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Algorithm Cosine (Hertz - 1990) on bull-free Artemis ?



**Theorem** (Lévêque, Maffray - 2007) Every hole-free bull-free graph has a vertex that is not the middle of a  $P_5$ 

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					8		2	9
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