

HADWIGER'S CONJECTURE

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Abstract: Hadwiger's conjecture from 1943 states that for every integer $t \ge 1$, every graph either can be *t*-colored or has a subgraph that can be contracted to the complete graph on t + 1 vertices. This is a far-reaching generalization of the Four-Color Theorem and perhaps the most famous conjecture in graph theory. In this talk we will survey the history of Hadwiger's conjecture and the main ideas of recent results.