

# Michigan Math Club

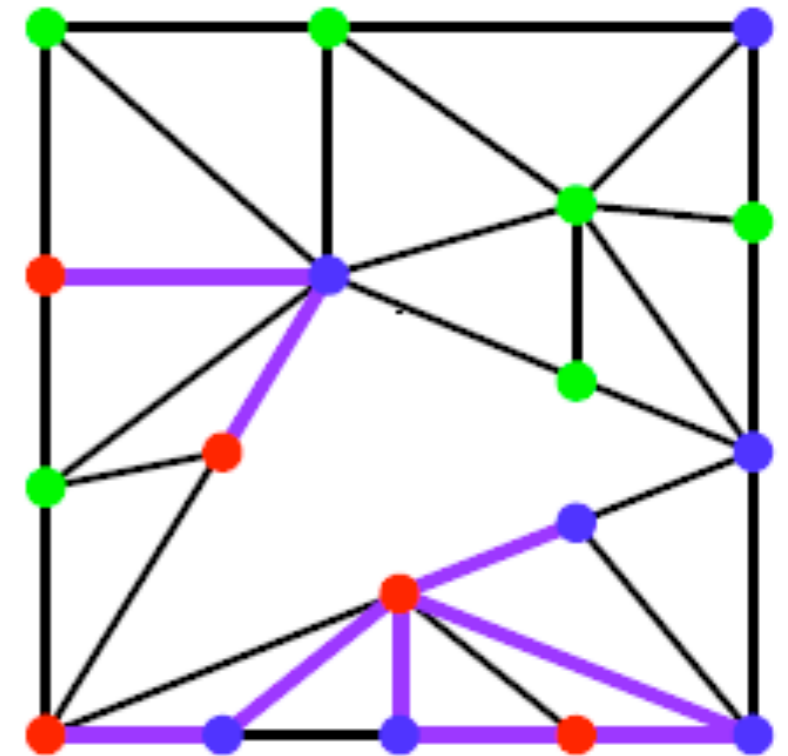
Meeting [virtually](#) for Winter 2021  
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## How to cut a square into triangles

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Suppose we start with a square in the  $xy$ -plane. How many ways can you cut it up into triangles? What if I ask you to cut it up into triangles of equal area? You can probably figure out how to make 2 triangles, and maybe even 4 or 6 or 8. But what about 3? In this talk, I'll present Monsky's theorem, which says that it is impossible to divide a square into an odd number of triangles of equal area. I'll also try to give some ideas of the proof of this fact, which involves a bunch of cool math (and was only proven in 1970!).