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$\rightarrow$ restrict to triangulations: no cut-vertex!

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Main Theorem

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Global technique used for all cases: try to build $G$ around the hypothetical connected component.
(Some) Tools used in this (long) proof:

- planarity (contradiction with Euler's formula)
- contradiction with the conditions to choose a vertex in $S$ : maximal degree or contribution of each vertex
- induction reasoning


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