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Graphs with girth 9 and without longer odd holes are 3-colorable

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For a number $l \geq 2$, let \mathcal{G}_l denote the family of graphs which have girth 2l + 1 and have no odd hole with length greater than 2l + 1. Wu, Xu and Xu conjectured that every graph in $\bigcup_{l\geq 2} \mathcal{G}_l$ is 3-colorable. Chudnovsky et al., Wu et al., and Chen showed that every graph in \mathcal{G}_2 , \mathcal{G}_3 and $\bigcup_{l\geq 5} \mathcal{G}_l$ is 3-colorable respectively. In this paper, we prove that every graph in \mathcal{G}_4 is 3-colorable. This confirms Wu, Xu and Xu's conjecture.

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