Edge- and vertex-partitions of graphs with bounded maximum average degree

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Figure: $D_1(K_{2,n}) \ge (n-1)/2$.

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Theorem 7 yields that $F(d) \ge 4 - \frac{8d+12}{d^2+6d+6}$.

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Question: What is the minimum g such that each planar graph of girth g is (0, 1)-colorable?