Jeffrey Manning* (jmanning@caltech.edu), MSC 658, California Institute of Technology, 1200 E. California Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91126. Distinguishing Chromatic Numbers of Planar Maps.

A map is an embedding of a simple graph in a closed surface. The distinguishing chromatic number, $\chi_{D}(M)$, of a map $M$ is the minimal number of colors needed to color the vertices of $M$ so that no two adjacent vertices receive the same color, and no nontrivial automorphism of $M$ fixes the coloring. We classify all planar maps $M$ with $\chi_{D}(M) \geq \chi(M)+2$. As a Corollary of this, we show that $\chi_{D}(M) \leq 5$ for all planar maps $M$, with two exceptions. Also, using the faithfulness of planar embeddings of 3 -connected planar graphs, we complete the classification of 3-connected planar graphs $G$ with $\chi_{D}(G) \geq \chi(G)+2 .($ Received August 28, 2011)

