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**Songling Shan\*** ([songling.shan@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:songling.shan@vanderbilt.edu)), Nashville, TN 37203. *Toughness and Spanning  $k$ -walks in  $K_4$ -minor-free and planar graphs.*

A  $k$ -walk is a closed walk with each vertex repeated at most  $k$  times. Jackson and Wormald conjectured in 1990 that for  $k \geq 2$ , every  $\frac{1}{k-1}$ -tough graph contains a spanning  $k$ -walk. We confirm this conjecture for  $K_4$ -minor-free graphs and planar graphs. Our main proof uses a technique where we incorporate toughness-related information into weights associated with vertices and cutsets. (Received February 13, 2018)