

# A bipartite strengthening of the Crossing Lemma

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**Crossing Lemma:** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m \geq 4n$  edges drawn in the plane. Then  $G$  has at least  $\Omega(\frac{m^3}{n^2})$  pairs of crossing edges.

## BASIC DEFINITIONS:

*crossing* - pair of curves and common interior point between two arcs.

*crossing number*  $cr(G)$  - minimum number of crossings in a drawing of  $G$

*l-grid* - is a pair two disjoint edge subset  $E_1, E_2 \subset E$  of a drawing of a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , such that  $|E_1| = |E_2| = l$  and every edge in  $E_1$  crosses every edge in  $E_2$

*bi-clique* - complete bipartite graph where vertex classes differ in size by at most 1

*x-monotone curve* - a curve that intersect every vertical line in at most one point

*x-monotone drawing* - drawing of graph  $G$  such that every edge is mapped to an  $x$ -monotone curve

*bisection width*  $b(G)$  - the smallest nonnegative integer such that there is a partition of the vertex set  $V = V_1 \cup^* V_2$  with  $\frac{1}{3}|V| \leq V_i \leq \frac{2}{3}|V|$  for  $i = 1, 2$ , and  $|E(V_1, V_2)| = b(G)$ .

## THEOREMS:

**Theorem 1.2** For every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , there is a constant  $c_k > 0$  such that every drawing of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $n$  vertices and  $m \geq 3n$  edges in which no two edges cross in more than  $k$  points contains an  $l$ -grid with  $l \geq c_k \frac{m^2}{n^2}$ .

**Theorem 1.3** For every positive  $n$ , there is an  $x$ -monotone drawing of the complete bipartite graph  $K_{n,n}$  such that  $l = O(\frac{n^2}{\log n})$  for every  $l$ -grid in the drawing.

## Theorem 1.4

- (i) Every drawing of a dense graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $n$  vertices and  $m = \Theta(n^2)$  edges contains an  $l$ -grid with  $l = \Omega(\frac{n^2}{\log n})$ .
- (ii) There is a constant  $c$  such that every drawing of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $n$  vertices and  $m \geq 3n$  edges contains an  $l$ -grid with  $l \geq \frac{m^2}{n^2 \log^c(m/n)}$ .

**Theorem 2.2** Let  $G$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices of degree  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n$ . Then

$$b(G) \leq 10\sqrt{cr(G)} + 2\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n d_i^2}$$

**Algorithm 2.3** Decompose( $G'$ ):

1. Let  $S_0 = \{G'\}$  and  $i = 0$
2. While  $(3/2)^i < 4n^2/m$ , do
  - Set  $i := i + 1$ . Let  $S_i := \emptyset$ . For every  $H \in S_{i-1}$ , do
    - If  $|V(H)| \leq (2/3)^i 2n$ , then let  $S_i := S_i \cup \{H\}$ ;
    - otherwise split  $H$  into induced subgraphs  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  along a bisector of size  $b(H)$ , and let  $S_i := S_i \cup \{H_1, H_2\}$ .
3. Return  $S_i$