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#### Part 1.1 The Topology-Shape-Metrics Approach

## Topology-shape-metrics

- Approach to compute an orthogonal drawing of a graph G = (V, E)
  - -*C. Batini, E. Nardelli, R. Tamassia*: A Layout Algorithm for Data Flow Diagrams. IEEE Trans. Software Eng. 12(4): 538-546 (1986)
  - -*R. Tamassia*: On Embedding a Graph in the Grid with the Minimum Number of Bends. SIAM J. Comput. 16(3): 421-444 (1987)
  - *R. Tamassia, G. Di Battista, C. Batini*: Automatic graph drawing and readability of diagrams. IEEE Trans. Systems, Man, and Cybernetics 18(1): 61-79 (1988)



**Input**: 4-graph G=(V,E)

#### **Output**: orthogonal drawing $\Gamma$ of G

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{V} &= \{\mathsf{u},\,\mathsf{v},\,\mathsf{w},\,\mathsf{k},\,\mathsf{p},\,\mathsf{q}\} \\ \mathsf{E} &= \{(\mathsf{u},\,\mathsf{q}),\,(\mathsf{u},\,\mathsf{v}),\,(\mathsf{u},\,\mathsf{w}),\,(\mathsf{v},\,\mathsf{q}),\,(\mathsf{v},\,\mathsf{k}),\,(\mathsf{v},\,\mathsf{w}),\,(\mathsf{q},\,\mathsf{p}),\,(\mathsf{q},\,\mathsf{p}),\,(\mathsf{q},\,\mathsf{k}),\,(\mathsf{k},\,\mathsf{p}),\,(\mathsf{k},\,\mathsf{w}),\,(\mathsf{w},\,\mathsf{p})\} \end{aligned}$$



## Topology-shape-metrics

- Topology (embedding): set of (internal and external) faces, with possible crossing vertices
- Shape (orthogonal representation): vertex angles and edge bends
- Metrics (orthogonal drawing): vertex and bend coordinates
- These abstraction levels make it possible to design a drawing strategy in three phases:
  - -planarization  $\Rightarrow$  compute a topology (embedding)
  - -orthogonalization  $\Rightarrow$  compute a shape (orthogonal representation)
  - $-compaction \Rightarrow$  compute a metrics (final drawing)

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# Planarization

- **Objective**: Compute an embedding of G with few crossings
  - -G planar  $\Rightarrow$  the planarization algorithm computes a planar embedding
    - J. Hopcroft and R. E. Tarjan: Efficient planarity testing, Journal of the Association for Computing Machinery, 21 (4): 549–568 (1974)
    - *K. S. Booth, G. Luecker*: Testing for the Consecutive Ones Property, Interval Graphs, and Graph Planarity Using PQ-Tree Algorithms. J. Comput. Syst. Sci. 13(3): 335-379 (1976)
    - J. M. Boyer, W.J. Myrvold: On the cutting edge. Simplified O(n) planarity by edge addition, J. of Graph Alg. and Appl. 8 (3): 241–273 (2004)
  - -G non-planar ⇒ the planarization algorithm computes an embedding with "small" number of crossings, i.e., an embedded planar graph G' obtained by replacing crossings with dummy vertices (crossing vertices)

#### Planarization: Crossing minimization

- Minimizing the number of edge crossings is NP-complete
  - -*M. Garey, D. S. Johnson*. Crossing number is NP-complete. SIAM Journal on Algebraic and Discrete Methods. 4 (3): 312–316 (1983)
- Determining the maximum planar subgraph is also NP-complete
- A simple planarization heuristic can work in two steps:
  - -Step 1: compute a *maximal* planar embedded subgraph
  - Step 2: insert the remaining edges one by one trying to minimize the number of crossings



Input graph G = (V, E)  $V = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  $E = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 5), (1, 6), (2, 3), (2, 4), (2, 5), (2, 6), (3, 4), (3, 5), (4, 5), (4, 6), (5, 6)\}$ 





Maximal planar subgraph G' = (V', E') of G  $V' = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ E' =  $\{(1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 5), (1, 6), (2, 3), (2, 4), (2, 5), (2, 6), (3, 4), (4, 5), (5, 6)\}$ 

	(1, 2) $\Rightarrow$ planar
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	(1, 4) $\Rightarrow$ planar
	(1, 5) $\Rightarrow$ planar
	(1, 6) $\Rightarrow$ planar
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	(3, 4) $\Rightarrow$ planar
	(4, 5) $\Rightarrow$ planar
	$(3, 5) \Rightarrow$ non-planar
	(4, 6) $\Rightarrow$ non-planar
	(5, 6) $\Rightarrow$ planar
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maximal planar subgraph G' = (V', E') of G V' =  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ E' =  $\{(1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 5), (1, 6), (2, 3), (2, 4), (2, 5), (2, 6), (3, 4), (4, 5), (5, 6)\}$ non-planar edges of G: (3, 5) e (4, 6)







#### addition of edge (4,6)





#### addition of edge (3,5)





Insert a crossing vertex w in V'

#### Planarization: Further references

- *M. Jünger, P. Mutzel*: Maximum Planar Subgraphs and Nice Embeddings: Practical Layout Tools. Algorithmica 16(1): 33-59 (1996)
- C. Gutwenger, P. Mutzel, R. Weiskircher: Inserting an Edge into a Planar Graph. Algorithmica 41(4): 289-308 (2005)
- *M. Chimani, C. Gutwenger*: Advances in the Planarization Method: Effective Multiple Edge Insertions. J. Graph Algorithms Appl. 16(3): 729-757 (2012)
- *C. Buchheim, M. Chimani, C. Gutwenger, M. Jünger, P. Mutzel*: Crossings and Planarization. In Handbook of Graph Drawing and Visualization, Roberto Tamassia (Ed.). Chapman and Hall/CRC, 43–85 (2013).



- **Problem 1** Design planarization heuristics that compute embeddings with "few" crossings per edge
- **Remark**: Deciding whether a graph is k-planar (i.e., it has a drawing with at most k crossings per edge) is NP-hard
  - A. Grigoriev and H. L. Bodlaender: Algorithms for graphs embeddable with few crossings per edge. Algorithmica 49, 1 (2007)
  - V. P. Korzhik and B. Mohar: Minimal obstructions for 1-immersions and hardness of 1-planarity testing. J. Graph Theory 72, 1 (2013)

# Orthogonalization: Shape

- **Objective**: Compute a shape of G with few bends
  - shape (orthogonal representation): described by the angles at each vertex and by the ordered sequence of bends along each edge



## Orthogonalization: Bend minimization

- **Theorem [Tamassia 1987]** Given an embedded planar 4-graph G=(V,E), there exists a polynomial-time algorithm that computes an embedding preserving *orthogonal representation* of *G* with *minimum number of bends*
- Proof idea
  - orthogonal representations of G ⇔ integer feasible flows in a suitable network N(G)
  - cost of the flow = number of bends of the orthogonal representation
  - computation of a bend-minimum orthogonal representation of G ⇔ computation of a min-cost flow in N(G)



#### \begin{flow network}

### Flow network: Basic definitions

- flow network: directed graph N = (U, A)
  - every node  $v \in U$  is associated with an amount of flow b(v)
    - $b(v) > 0 \Rightarrow v$  is a producer (it produces |b(v)| units of flow)
    - b(v) < 0 ⇒ v is a consumer (it consumes |b(v)| units of flow)
    - $b(v) = 0 \implies v$  is a neutral node
  - it must be  $\Sigma_{v \in U} b(v) = 0$
  - every arc  $e \in A$  is associated with three non-negative integers:
    - I(e) = lower capacity of e
    - u(e) = upper capacity of e
    - c(e) = cost of e

# Flow network: Basic definitions

- feasible flow in N: a function x:  $A \rightarrow N$  such that:
  - $\forall e \in A \ |(e) \leq x(e) \leq u(e)$
  - $\forall v \in U \ \Sigma_{e \in out(v)} x(e) \Sigma_{e \in in(v)} x(e) = b(v)$
- cost of x:  $C(x) = \sum_{e \in A} c(e) x(e)$
- min-cost flow in N: feasible flow of minimum cost



#### \end{flow network}



- nodes of N(G) ⇔ vertices and faces of G
- arc (v, f) in N(G)  $\Leftrightarrow$  angle at v in face f

- flows on these arcs represent the values of the corresponding angles
- the flow originates from vertices (producers) and move towards faces (consumers)

- flow and angles
  - k units of flow  $\Leftrightarrow$  (k+1)90° angle
  - a vertex v produces 4-deg(v) units of flow



vertex of deg. 4

produces flow 0



vertex of deg. 3 produces flow 1

vertex of deg. 2 produces flow 2

vertex of deg. 2 produces flow 2

vertex of deg. 1 produces flow 3



- flow, angles, and face capacities
  - cap(f) = capacity of a face f ⇔ how many units of flow it can consume without generating bends on its boundary



- General rule for an *internal* face f
  - $-\operatorname{cap}(f) = \operatorname{deg}(f) 4$
- Implications:
  - if f receives k > cap(f) units of flow ⇒ f generates k cap(f) bends on its boundary, each forming a 90° angle inside f
  - $\text{deg}(f) < 4 \Rightarrow \text{cap}(f)$  is negative  $\Rightarrow$  f produces (4 deg(f)) units of flow





for the external face h: cap(h) = deg(h) + 4







- flow, angles, and face capacities summarizing
  - a vertex v produces 4 deg(v) units of flow
  - an internal face f of degree > 3 consumes deg(f) 4 units of flow
  - an *internal face* f *of degree*  $\leq$  3 produces 4 deg(f) units of flow
  - the external face h consumes deg(h) + 4 units of flow





- How to model bends in the flow network? If a face f receives more than cap(f) units of flow, it must forward the excess to an adjacent face:
  - insert face-to-face arcs in N(G) to allow flow exchange between adjacent faces
  - k units of flow on an arc (f, g) correspond to k bends along an edge shared by f and g; each bend forms an angle of 90° inside f and of 270° inside g
  - face-to-face arcs have cost 1, so that the number of bends equals the total flow cost

face-to-face arcs





# Orthogonalization: Flow network

• Flow network: **putting all together** 





• Final flow network N(G)



#### Orthogonalization: Flow and shape

- Example of flow and its corresponding shape
  - only arcs with non-zero flow are shown



## Orthogonalization: Flow and shape

• Why an integer feasible flow always exists in N(G)

1) produced flow – consumed flow = 0  $\sum_{v \in V} (4 - \deg(v)) + \sum_{f \text{ int:} \deg(f) \le 3} (4 - \deg(f)) - \sum_{f \text{ int:} \deg(f) > 3} (\deg(f) - 4) - (\deg(h) + 4)) = 4|V| - 2|E| - \sum_{f \in F} (\deg(f) - 4) - 8 = 4(|V| - |E| + |F| - 2) = 0 \text{ (by Euler's formula)}$ 

2) face-to-face arcs allow unbounded flow exchange

#### **Orthogonalization:** Computational cost

- Computing a min-cost flow of O(n) given value in N(G)
  - O(n<sup>2</sup> log n) [Tamassia 1987]
  - O(n<sup>7/4</sup> log n) [Garg and Tamassia 1996]
  - O(n<sup>3/2</sup>) [Cornelsen and Karrenbauer 2011]
- **Open Problem.** Is there an o(n<sup>3/2</sup>)-time algorithm for the bend-minimization problem of *plane* 4-graphs?



**Exercise (partial answer).** Prove the following

**Theorem (unpublished).** Let G be an embedded planar 4-graph with n vertices and all internal faces of degree less than 5. There exists an O(n)-time algorithm that computes an embedding-preserving bend-minimum orthogonal representation of G








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#### **Orthogonalization: Solution** 0 0 0 0 0 -10 0 0

run a BFS visit from the external face





- **Objective**: Assign vertex and bend coordinates such that the final drawing has either small area or small total edge length
  - for some orthogonal representations it is impossible to minimize both these parameters together



### Compaction: Complexity

- Minimizing the area (or the total edge length) of an orthogonal representation is NP-hard
  - M. Patrignani: On the complexity of orthogonal compaction. Comput.
    Geom. 19(1): 47-67 (2001)
- The problem is polynomial-time solvable if all faces are rectangles
  - this result is generalized to a larger class of orthogonal representations called *turn-regular* (see later)
    - S. S. Bridgeman, G. Di Battista, W. Didimo, G. Liotta, R. Tamassia, L. Vismara: Turnregularity and optimal area drawings of orthogonal representations. Comput. Geom. 16(1): 53-93 (2000)

#### **Compaction: General strategy**

- 1. Transform the shape into a rectangular shape
  - a) replace every bend with a dummy vertex
  - b) add dummy edges and vertices until all faces are rectangles
- 2. Compute vertex coordinates
- 3. Remove all dummy edges and vertices



a) replace every bend with a dummy vertex





b) add dummy edges and vertices until all faces are rectangles



split recursively each *internal face* every time a subsequence *RRL* is found while walking *clockwise* 



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split recursively the *external face* every time a subsequence *LRL or LRR* is found while walking *counterclockwise* 



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• Compute vertex coordinates



- assign the x-coordinates so that the width is minimized
- assign the y-coordinates so that the height is minimized
- for a rectangular shape this leads to minimum area



• Compute vertex coordinates



- Find the x-coordinates so that the width is minimized
- create super-nodes that group the vertices in the same vertical chain
- connect two super-nodes with a left-to-right directed edge if the corresponding chains are connected in the shape
- assign to chains the x-coordinates computed by an *optimal topological numbering* of their super-nodes



• Compute vertex coordinates



- Find the y-coordinates so that the height is minimized
- uses a super-node that groups the vertices in the same horizontal chain
- connect two super-nodes with a bottom-to-top directed edge if the corresponding chains are connected in the shape
- assign to chains the y-coordinates computed by an *optimal topological numbering* of their supernodes



• Remove dummy edges and vertices



the described algorithm works in O(n) time

## Compaction: Total edge length

For a rectangular shape of given width and height, it is possible to minimize the total edge length within its dimensions in polynomial time



### • Compaction: Total edge length

 use two flow networks, one for the vertical compaction (N<sub>ver</sub>) and the other for the horizontal compaction (N<sub>hor</sub>)



### Compaction: Total edge length

• The flow on each arc corresponds to the length of the corresponding edge of the orthogonal shape



# Compaction: Total edge length

the fact that the node of the network associated with each internal face is a neutral node guarantees the consistency of the face dimensions





**Observation:** The dummy vertices and edges added in the rectangularization phase represent a constraint, which may strongly affect the result of the compaction algorithm

Example 1





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Example 2





A planar orthogonal representation is turn-regular if it has no pairs of *kitty-corners* (opposing reflex vertices) inside a face



## Compaction: Turn-regularity

Two orthogonal representations of the same plane graph



## Compaction: Turn-regularity

**Theorem**. Let H be an orthogonal representation of an embedded planar 4-graph with n vertices. It is possible to test in O(n) time whether H is turn-regular. In the positive case, an orthogonal drawing of H of minimum area can be computed in O(n) time.

*S. S. Bridgeman, G. Di Battista, W. Didimo, G. Liotta, R. Tamassia, L. Vismara*: Turn-regularity and optimal area drawings of orthogonal representations. Comput. Geom. 16(1): 53-93 (2000)



#### Part 1.2 Engineering the Topology-Shape-Metrics Approach

## Practical considerations

- Real graphs typically contain high-degree vertices (with degree larger than 4)
- Many applications usually need to customize a generic drawing algorithm by imposing some drawing constraints
  - -vertices represented as boxes of prescribed sizes
  - -specific edges that cannot cross or that cannot bend
- In the following we briefly discuss the above issues

- After the planarization step, replace each high-degree vertex with a dummy face, having all vertices of degree 3
- Apply the topology-shape-metrics approach with some constraints that guarantee that each dummy face is drawn as a rectangle
- In the final drawing dummy faces will be shown as boxes

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• constraints on the orthogonalization algorithm



- each edge of the dummy face boundary is forced to be straight
- this is done by deleting the face-to-face arcs incident to the dummy face node in the flow network



• In the final drawing dummy faces will be shown as boxes



### Drawbacks of this strategy

- No control on the dimensions of high-degree vertices
  - the corresponding dummy faces may be stretched a lot in the compaction phase
- Real-world applications may require all vertices of the same dimensions


## High-degree vertices: Second strategy

- Use a different model with all vertices of the same size (Kandinsky)
  - Fößmeier and Kaufmann: Drawing high degree graphs with low bend numbers, Graph Drawing (1995)





- 1. introduction of angles of 0°
- 2. each face has an area strictly greater than 0



## High-degree vertices: Kandinsky

- Unfortunately, minimizing the number of bends in the Kandinsky model is NP-complete:
  - T. Bläsius, G. Brückner, I. Rutter: Complexity of Higher-Degree
     Orthogonal Graph Embedding in the Kandinsky Model. ESA (2014)
- But the problem is polynomial-time solvable with few additional restrictions (simple Kandinsky)
  - *P. Bertolazzi, G. Di Battista, W. Didimo*: Computing Orthogonal Drawings with the Minimum Number of Bends. IEEE Trans. Computers 49(8): 826-840 (2000)

# High-degree vertices: simple Kandinsky

- 1. there cannot be two edges incident to the same side of a vertex if there is at least one unused side of the vertex
- 2. If there are multiple edges incident to the same side of a vertex, all of them except the first (in clockwise order) must bend in the same direction (e.g. to the right)



## High-degree vertices: simple Kandinsky

- To compute a bend-minimum orthogonal representation in the simple Kandinsky model extend Tamassia's flow network
  - each high-degree vertex v becomes a consumer instead of a producer; it consumes flow deg(v) 4, received by its incident faces



# High-degree vertices: simple Kandinsky

- Interpretation of the flow on the new kind of arcs
  - one unit of flow on an arc (f,v) represents an angle of 0° and causes 1 bend



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- Compaction of simple Kandinsky
  - reduced to the compaction algorithm for classical orthogonal shapes





- The topology-shape-metrics approach makes it possible to deal with several types of constraints in each phase:
  - topology constraints
  - shape constraints
  - metrics constraints



- Some topology constraints
  - edges that cannot cross (uncrossable edges)
  - subsets of vertices that must lie on the same face boundary
  - groups of edges that must be consecutive around a common end-vertex
- Handled in the planarization phase



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to make an edge *uncrossable*, the planarization algorithm is modified by removing the corresponding edge in the dual graph; *a shortest path in the dual cannot cross the primal edge* 





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the planarization algorithm is applied after the insertion of a *"star-gadget" of uncrossable edges* 





- Some topology constraints
  - groups of edges that must be consecutive around a common end-vertex

the planarization algorithm is applied after the insertion of a suitable *"star-gadget" for each group* 





- Other topology constraints
  - *C. Gutwenger, K. Klein, P. Mutzel*: Planarity Testing and Optimal Edge Insertion with Embedding Constraints. J. Graph Algorithms Appl. 12(1): 73-95 (2008)
  - G. Liotta, I. Rutter, A. Tappini: Graph Planarity Testing with Hierarchical Embedding Constraints. CoRR abs/1904.12596 (2019)



- Some shape constraints
  - deciding the number of bends on an edge (e.g., no bend or any number or a specific number)
  - deciding the turn direction of an edge (left or right)
  - bounding or fixing the values of vertex angles
- Handled in the orthogonalization phase by suitably modifying capacities and/or costs of the arcs of the flow network
  - R. Tamassia: On Embedding a Graph in the Grid with the Minimum Number of Bends. SIAM J. Comput. 16(3): 421-444 (1987)



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- Some metrics constraints
  - deciding vertex dimensions (width and the height of each single vertex)
  - deciding the attaching point of each edge

• Handled in the compaction phase



- Some metrics constraints
  - deciding vertex dimensions (width and height of each single vertex)
    - G. Di Battista, W. Didimo, M. Patrignani, M. Pizzonia: Orthogonal and quasiupward drawings with vertices of arbitrary size. Graph Drawing (1999)
- Idea
  - start from a drawing of a succinct Kandinsky shape
  - expand vertices iteratively, by inserting extra rows and columns in the drawing, according to the desired vertex dimensions (expressed in terms of grid units)
  - compact the drawing again
  - uncompress edges to get the final drawing



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- compact the drawing again
  - replace each box with a "suitable" number of vertices of zero dimension (points)
  - replace each bend with a dummy vertex





- compact the drawing again
  - create a dummy cage that includes the drawing and divide it into horizontal strips (extra dummy vertices and segments are created)





- compact the drawing again
  - compact horizontally by computing a min-cost-flow in a suitable network



- flow represents edge lengths;

- produced flow = width of the cage

 arcs associated with box-vertex segments have fixed flow value (lower cap. = upper capacity)

arcs associated with dummy segments
 have cost 0



- compact the drawing again
  - do the same to compact vertically and repeat until no improvement happens
- decompress edges to get the final drawing





- *M. Eiglsperger, U. Fößmeier, M. Kaufmann*: Orthogonal graph drawing with constraints. SODA 2000: 3-11
- *M. Eiglsperger, M. Kaufmann*: Fast Compaction for Orthogonal Drawings with Vertices of Prescribed Size. Graph Drawing 2001: 124-138



- Some graph drawing libraries that implement the topology-shapemetrics approach or other orthogonal drawing algorithms:
  - GDToolkit [G. Di Battista, W. Didimo: GDToolkit. Handbook of Graph Drawing and Visualization 2013: 571-597]
  - OGDF [M. Chimani, C. Gutwenger, M. Jünger, G. W. Klau, K. Klein, P. Mutzel: The Open Graph Drawing Framework (OGDF). Handbook of Graph Drawing and Visualization 2013: 543-569]
  - -Tom Sawyer Software (www.tomsawyer.com/)
  - Yfiles [*R. Wiese, M. Eiglsperger, M. Kaufmann*: yFiles Visualization and Automatic Layout of Graphs. Graph Drawing Software 2004: 173-191]



#### **Applications: Hermes**



A. Carmignani, G. Di Battista, W. Didimo,
F. Matera, M. Pizzonia: Visualization of
the High Level Structure of the Internet
with HERMES. J. Graph Algorithms Appl.
6(3): 281-311 (2002)



#### **Applications: DBDraw**



G. Di Battista, W. Didimo, M. Patrignani, M. Pizzonia: Drawing database schemas. Softw., Pract. Exper. 32(11): 1065-1098 (2002)



#### Applications: WhatsOnWeb (WOW)



#### **Applications: Hybrid visualizations**



V. Batagelj, F. Brandenburg, W. Didimo, G. Liotta, P. Palladino, M. Patrignani: Visual Analysis of Large Graphs Using (X,Y)-Clustering and Hybrid Visualizations. IEEE Trans. Vis. Comput. Graph. 17(11): 1587-1598 (2011)



### Applications: MatchOMan (MOM)



*E. Di Giacomo, W. Didimo, G.Liotta, P. Palladino:* Visual Analysis of One-To-Many Matched Graphs. J. Graph Algorithms Appl. 14(1): 97-119 (2010)



#### Part 1.3 Ortho-polygon Drawings

# From edge complexity to vertex complexity

• If vertices are drawn as polygons, one may save edge bends





rectangle visibility representation

A. M. Dean and J. P. Hutchinson. Rectangle-visibility representations of bipartite graphs. Discrete Appl. Math., 75(1):9–25, (1997)

# From edge complexity to vertex complexity



1-plane graph that does not admit a rectangle visibility representation

- It can be tested in polynomial time if an embedded graph admits a rectangle visibility representation
  - T. C. Biedl, G. Liotta, F. Montecchiani: Embedding-Preserving Rectangle Visibility Representations of Nonplanar Graphs. Discrete & Computational Geometry 60(2): 345-380 (2018)

# Ortho-polygon drawings

 Generalization of rectangle visibility representations – a vertex can be an ortho-polygon with both convex and reflex corners





ortho-polygon drawing with vertex-complexity 1

vertex-complexity = maximum number of reflex corners in a vertex

### Ortho-polygon drawings: Existence

- Not all embedded graphs admit an ortho-polygon drawing
- Necessity:
  - -the embedded graph is biplanar, i.e., the edge set can be partitioned into two planar subsets (e.g., vertical and horizontal in the drawing)

## Ortho-polygon drawings: Existence

• Biplanarity is not sufficient



this face is not realizable, because it should have more than 4 convex corners and no reflex corners
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  - -each face with only crossing-vertices has degree four

# Ortho-polygon drawings: Existence

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- Answer: yes, by using a variant of Tamassia's flow network we can solve everything in polynomial time
  - E. Di Giacomo, W. Didimo, W. S. Evans, G. Liotta, H. Meijer, F. Montecchiani, S. K. Wismath: Ortho-polygon Visibility Representations of Embedded Graphs. Algorithmica 80(8): 2345-2383 (2018)









ortho-polygon drawing of G



orthogonal drawing of G\*





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test and computation of an ortho-polygon drawing, with minimum number of reflex corners in total and at most h reflex corners per face



cost 1

cost 0

each of the four units of flow corresponding to a convex corner in f will traverse a node-face at most once

> ↓ h ≤ 4n ↓

apply a binary search within [0,4n] for the determining the best value for h



cost 1

cost 0

**Computational complexity** 

- flow network size = O(n)
- flow value = O(n)
- flow cost  $\chi = O(n^2)$

Min-cost flow algorithm time for fixed h:  $O(\chi^{3/4} n \log^{1/2} n) = O(n^{5/2} \log^{1/2} n)$ 

Min-cost flow algorithm time × binary-search time (O(log n)):  $O(n^{5/2} \log^{3/2} n)$ 

## Ortho-polygon drawings: 1-plane graphs

#### • Remarks:

-every 1-plane graph admits an ortho-polygon drawing:

- 2-connected 1-plane graphs may require vertex complexity  $\Omega(n)$
- 3-connected 1-plane graphs may require vertex complexity 2
- 3-connected 1-plane graphs always admit an ortho-polygon drawing with vertex complexity at most 5 [*G. Liotta, F. Montecchiani, A. Tappini*: Ortho-Polygon Visibility Representations of 3-Connected 1-Plane Graphs. Graph Drawing 2018: 524-537]



2-connected 1plane graph with vertex complexity 3



## Ortho-polygon drawings: Open problems

- **Problem 1.** Reduce the time-complexity of computing orthopolygon drawings of minimum vertex complexity on general graphs
- **Problem 2.** Reduce the theoretical gap between upper bound (5) and lower bound (2) on the vertex complexity of orthopolygon drawings of 3-connected 1-planar graphs

## Ortho-polygon drawings: Experiments



#### (c) Running time.

(d) % of vertices with complexity i (VC-i-V%).

