Orthogonal Drawings of Graphs and Their Relatives Part 3 – Relatives of Orthogonal Drawings

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### **Right Angle Crossing Drawings**



#### Right Angle Crossing drawing (RAC drawing) :

- each vertex is drawn as a point in the plane
- each edge is drawn as a poly-line
- edges cross at right angles



## • RAC drawings: Motivation

- Cognitive experiments suggest a positive correlation between large angle crossings and human understanding of graph layouts
  - W. Huang: Using eye tracking to investigate graph layout effects. APVIS (2007)
  - W. Huang, S.H. Hong, P. Eades: Effects of crossing angles. PacificVis (2008)
  - W. Huang, P. Eades, S.H. Hong: Larger crossing angles make graphs easier to read. JVLC 25(4) (2014)



### RAC drawings: Witnesses





.. Reinterpreted by another artist

New York City subway map (1973) Massimo Vignelli (1931-2014)



### RAC drawings: Witnesses



Walking through Boston (2017) – 558 Washington St



Orthogonal drawings are "ancestors" and special cases of RAC drawings



If vertices are represented as points, orthogonal drawings require vertexdegree at most 4, and may require higher curve complexity



- Edge density
  - –What is the maximum number of edges in a RAC drawing?
- Drawing algorithms
  - -What is the complexity of testing if a graph is RAC drawable?
  - -Can we design algorithms that compute "readable" RAC drawings?
- Inclusion relationships
  - –Are there interesting inclusion relationships between RAC drawable graphs and other classes of graphs that admit drawings with specific forbidden types of crossings?

## Terminology and elementary properties

k-bend RAC drawing: RAC drawing with at most k bends per edge
 straight-line RAC drawing ⇔ 0-bend RAC drawing





forbidden in a 0-bend RAC drawable plane graph



**CG-Lemma.** The crossing graph of a straight-line RAC drawing is bipartite



- a vertex for each edge
- an edge for each pair of crossing edges



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- red edges do not cross (they correspond to isolated vertices in the crossing graph)
- each green edge crosses with a blue edge
  - red-blue (embedded planar) graph = red + blue edges
  - red-green (embedded planar) graph = red + green edges



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- Immediate consequence of CG-Lemma: m ≤ 6n − 12
  - n = number of vertices;
  - m = number of edges

Edge density

C<sub>k</sub> = class of graphs that admit a k-bend RAC drawing

- Theorem 0.  $G \in C_0 \Rightarrow m \le 4n 10$  (tight)
  - W. Didimo, P. Eades, G. Liotta: Drawing graphs with right angle crossings. Theor.
    Comput. Sci. 412(39) (2011)
- Theorem 1.  $G \in C_1 \Longrightarrow m \le 6.5n 13$
- Theorem 2.  $G \in C_2 \Rightarrow m \le 74.2n$ 
  - K. Arikushi, R. Fulek, B. Keszegh, F. Moric, C. D. Tóth: Graphs that admit right angle crossing drawings. Comput. Geom. 45(4) (2012)
- Theorem 3.  $G \in C_3 \implies m = any$  (see later ...)
  - W. Didimo, P. Eades, G. Liotta: Drawing graphs with right angle crossings. Theor.
    Comput. Sci. 412(39) (2011)



**Theorem 0**. A 0-bend RAC drawing with  $n \ge 4$  vertices has at most 4n-10 edges. Also, for any  $k \ge 3$  there exists a straight-line RAC drawing with n = 3k-5 vertices and 4n-10 edges

#### **Proof ingredients**.

- part I (upper bound): an interesting property of the red-blue and the redgreen graphs + several applications of Euler's formula
- part II (lower bound): constructive technique

## Theorem 0 – A technical lemma

#### G is C<sub>0</sub>-maximal if: (i) $G \in C_0$ ; (ii) G plus an edge $\notin C_0$

**Face-Lemma.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a 0-bend RAC drawing of a C<sub>0</sub>-maximal graph G, and let  $\Gamma_{rb}$  and  $\Gamma_{rg}$  be a red-blue and a red-green subdrawing of  $\Gamma$ , respectively. Then  $\Gamma_{rb}$  and  $\Gamma_{rg}$  have only external red edges and every internal face has at least two red edges



# Theorem 0 – Proof of part I

- $G = C_0$ -maximal
- $\Gamma$  = 0-bend RAC drawing of G with red-green-blue coloring

#### Notation:

- $\odot$  = number of edges of the external boundary of  $\Gamma$
- $m_r$ ,  $m_b$ ,  $m_g$  = number of red, blue, and green edges of  $\Gamma$
- $f_{rb}$  = number of faces of the red-blue graph  $\Gamma_{rb}$

#### Assumption:

•  $m_g \le m_b$ 

## Theorem 0 – Proof of part I

By the Face-Lemma, each internal face of  $\Gamma_{\rm rb}$  has at least 2 red edges and the external face of  $\Gamma_{\rm rb}$  has  $\omega$  red edges; also each edge is shared by at most 2 distinct faces  $\Rightarrow$ 

$$2m_{r} \ge 2(f_{rb} - 1) + \omega \qquad \Leftrightarrow \qquad m_{r} \ge f_{rb} - 1 + \omega/2$$
  
By Euler's formula for planar graphs  $\Rightarrow m_{r} + m_{b} \le n + f_{rb} - 2$   
$$m_{b} \le n - 1 - \omega/2$$





m≤4n−4−3/2 ω

Two cases are possible:

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<u>Case 1</u>: \omega \ge 4 \implies m \le 4n - 10 \checkmark
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#### <u>Case 2</u>: **••** = 3

consider the internal faces of  $\Gamma_{rb}$  that share at least one edge with the external face (fence faces)



there are at least 1 and at most 3 fence faces

Theorem 0 – Proof of part I

Two sub-cases are possible if  $\omega = 3$ :

<u>Sub-case 1</u>: there is a fence face with at least 4 edges  $\Rightarrow$ 





## <u>Sub-case 2</u>: each fence face has 3 edges (in this case there are exactly three fence faces)



$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma \ge 360^{\circ}$$

α < 90°

 $\implies \beta \ge 90^{\circ} \text{ and } \gamma \ge 90^{\circ}$ 

$$\Rightarrow 2m_r \ge 2(f_{rb} - 3) + 3*3 \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad m_r \ge f_{rb} + 3/2$$



### Theorem 0 – Proof of part II



Take the union of a maximal planar graph with **k** vertices (black) and its dual (white vertices), except the external face + three edges for each dual vertex

It has a 0-bend RAC drawing (consequence of a result by Brightwell and Scheinermann (1993))

The dual graph has 2k-5 vertices (white vertices) and hence the total number of vertices is n = 3k - 5. The number of edges is m = (3k - 6) + 3(2k - 5) + (3k - 6 - 3) = 12k - 30 = 4n - 10



TYPE OF RAC DRAWING	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF EDGES	TIGHTNESS
0-bend	4n - 10	$\checkmark$
1-bend	6.5n - 13	×
2-bend	74.2 <i>n</i>	×
3-bend	n(n-1)/2	$\checkmark$

**Problem ED1.** Improve the upper bounds for 1- and 2-bend RAC drawings or prove that they are tight

**Problem ED2.** What is the minimum number of edges that a  $C_k$ -maximal graph can have, for  $k \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ ?

• Theorem 3. Every graph G belongs to  $C_3$ . A 3-bend RAC drawing of G can be computed in O(n+m) time on an integer grid of size O(n<sup>2</sup>) x O(n<sup>2</sup>)



- **Theorem 4**. For every graph G, a 4-bend RAC drawing of G can be computed in O(n+m) time on an integer grid of size  $O(n^2) \times O(n)$ 
  - E. Di Giacomo, W. Didimo, G. Liotta, H. Meijer: Area, Curve Complexity, and Crossing Resolution of Non-Planar Graph Drawings. Theory Comput. Syst. 49(3) (2011)



4-bend drawing of K<sub>6</sub>

### Drawing algorithms: 1-bend and 2-bend RAC

•  $\Delta$ -Theorem. Every  $\Delta$ -graph, with  $\Delta \in \{3, 6\}$ , admits a  $\Delta/3$ -bend RAC drawing in O(n<sup>2</sup>) area, which can be computed in O(n) time

– P. Angelini, L. Cittadini, G. Di Battista, W. Didimo, F. Frati, M. Kaufmann, A. Symvonis:
 On the Perspectives Opened by Right Angle Crossing Drawings. J. Graph Algorithms
 Appl. 15(1) (2011)

### Proof idea

- -constructive technique based on the concept of cycle cover
- –we sketch the proof for  $\Delta$ =6 (  $\Rightarrow$  2-bend RAC)



A cycle cover of a directed multi-graph is a spanning subgraph consisting of vertex-disjoint *directed* cycles



the two red cycles define a cycle cover

**Lemma (Eades, Symvonis, Whitesides, 2000) [ESW'00].** For any  $\Delta$ -graph G there exists a *directed* multi-graph G' with the same vertex set as G such that:

- each vertex of G' has in-degree and out-degree  $d = \left\lceil \Delta/2 \right\rceil$
- G is a subgraph of the underlying undirected graph of G'
- the edges of G' can be partitioned into d edge-disjoint cycle covers



**Remark**: G' is a  $\Delta$ -regular graph if  $\Delta$  is even

#### **Constructive algorithm for a 6-graph G**

- compute a 6-regular multi-digraph G' that contains G, and 3 edge-disjoint cycle covers of G', using [ESW'00]
- 2. use the cycle covers to construct a 2-bend RAC drawing of G'
- 3. remove dummy edges from G'





general idea



G'

choosing the vertex order

vertex having an outgoing edge (red or green) that goes up (if any)



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choosing the vertex order

vertex having an outgoing edge (red or green) that goes down (if any)

G' 1 9 237 46 5

choosing the vertex order

vertex having an outgoing edge (red or green) that goes down (if any)
G' 9 8 7 7 6 5

choosing the vertex order

vertex having an outgoing edge (red 9 or green) that goes 8 down (if any)







drawing the green cycles



adding the edges that close the blue cycles





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#### One more case:

there is no vertex of the blue cycle having a red/green edge that goes towards other cycles

all the useful ports of the bottommost/topmost vertex are occupied, but the cycle is not connected with other cycles





#### Drawing algorithms: Summary

Graph	Bends per edge	Area	Citation
Any	3	O(n <sup>4</sup> )	Didimo, Eades, Liotta 2011
Any	4	O(n <sup>3</sup> )	Di Giacomo et al. 2011
∆=6	2	O(n <sup>2</sup> )	Angelini et al. 2011
∆=3	1	O(n <sup>2</sup> )	Angelini et al. 2011
Any	3	O((n+m) <sup>2</sup> )	Fink et al. 2012
Planar	4	$O(\Delta^{0.5}n^{1.5})$	Angelini et al. 2012
NIC-plane	1	O(n <sup>2</sup> )	Chaplick et al. 2018

additional



#### But what about 0-bend RAC drawing algorithms?

### **O-bend RAC drawability**

- Testing whether a graph has a 0-bend drawing is NP-hard
  - *E. N. Argyriou, M. A. Bekos, A. Symvonis*: The Straight-Line RAC
     Drawing Problem is NP-Hard. J. Graph Algorithms Appl. 16(2) (2012)
- Testing whether a complete bipartite graph has a 0-bend drawing can be done in O(1) time (K<sub>2,n</sub>, K<sub>3,3</sub>, K<sub>3,4</sub>)
  - W. Didimo, P. Eades, G. Liotta: A characterization of complete bipartite
     RAC graphs. Inf. Process. Lett. 110(16) (2010)





- **Question:** Can we allow right angle crossings to improve the area requirement of straight-line planar drawings?
- **Remind:** straight-line planar drawings may require  $\Omega(n^2)$  area
  - H. de Fraysseix, J. Pach, R. Pollack: How to draw a planar graph on a grid.
     Combinatorica 10(1) (1990)



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• Answer: NO!

- Area-Theorem. There exist infinitely many planar graphs for which every 0-bend RAC drawing requires quadratic area
  - P. Angelini, L. Cittadini, G. Di Battista, W. Didimo, F. Frati, M.
     Kaufmann, A. Symvonis: On the Perspectives Opened by Right
     Angle Crossing Drawings. J. Graph Algorithms Appl. 15(1) (2011)

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Uncrossability-Lemma: in any 0-bend RAC drawing of G' no two edges of G cross

**Consequence:** the area of any 0-bend RAC drawing G' is not smaller than the area of every 0-bend planar drawing of G

#### **Uncrossability-Lemma (Proof)**

 Stronger claim: no two different K<sub>4</sub> in G' cross each other in a 0-bend RAC drawing of G'



 $G'_2$  contains at least three vertices (which form a cycle) that do not belong to  $G'_1$ ; denote these three vertices with the red color



By the triangle property, we cannot have two red vertices inside an internal face and the other one outside this face

For the same reason we cannot have two vertices inside (u,v,z) and one outside



Two vertices outside (u,v,z) and one inside violate the fan property

One vertex inside each internal face implies either the violation of the triangle property or the violation of the fan property when we consider the fourth vertex



subcase 1: all the three red
vertices are in the same
internal face f

 the fourth vertex must be inside f or on its boundary, otherwise the triangle property is violated (no crossing)

subcase 2: all the three red
vertices are in the external face

the fourth vertex must be in the external face or on its boundary, otherwise the fan property is violated (no crossing)



Similar case analyses can be done for the other possible embeddings of  $\mathbf{G'}_1$ 



### Drawing algorithms: Open Problems

- **Problem DA1.** What is the complexity of testing whether a graph admits a 1-bend or a 2-bend RAC drawing?
- **Problem DA2.** Is it possible to realize any n-vertex graph as a k-bend RAC drawing in  $O(n^2)$  area, for some  $k \ge 3$ ?
- **Problem DA3.** Is it possible to draw every 3-graph as a 0-bend RAC drawing?
- **Problem DA4.** Design polynomial-time heuristics for computing RAC drawings with few bends in total or with few bent edges



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- Immediate: 0-bend RAC drawable graphs are fan-crossing free



same density as 1-planar graphs (4n-8)

*O. Cheong, S. Har-Peled, H. Kim, H. Kim*: On the number of edges of fan-crossing free graphs. Algorithmica 73(4) (2015)

### Inclusion Relationships: RAC and 1-planar

- Question: What is the relationship between 0-bend RAC drawable graphs and 1-planar graphs?
- Remind: a 1-planar graph is drawable with at most 1 crossing per edge:
   1 planar graphs have at most 4n-8 edges (tight) [*J. Pach, G. Tóth*: Graphs Drawn with Few Crossings per Edge. Combinatorica 17(3) (1997)]
- Observation: What about 1-planar graphs with no more than 4n-10 edges?
  - -*P. Eades, G. Liotta*: Right angle crossing graphs and 1-planarity. Discrete Applied Mathematics 161(7-8) (2013)

# Inclusion Relationships: RAC and 1-planar

• This family of graphs is 1-planar but *not* 0-bend RAC



G<sub>o</sub> has n=8 vertices and 4n-10=22 edges; for i≥0, G<sub>i</sub> has n=8+4i vertices and 4n-10 edges



• This graph is 0-bend RAC but not 1-planar





• This graph is 0-bend RAC but not 1-planar





Summary



Inclusion Relationships: 1-bend RAC and 1-planar

• Question: What about 1-bend RAC and 1-planar?



*M. A. Bekos, W. Didimo, G. Liotta, S. Mehrabi, F. Montecchiani:* On RAC drawings of 1-planar graphs. Theor. Comput. Sci. 689 (2017)



















triangulated 1-plane graph (not necessarily simple)





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output





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G simple 1-plane



















remove those multiple edges that belong to the input graph



G simple 1-plane





remove one (multiple) edge from each face of degree two, if any



G simple 1-plane



triangulate faces of
degree > 3 by
inserting a star
inside them





G<sup>+</sup> triangulated 1plane





output



 $G^+$ 

### Property of G<sup>+</sup>



- triangular faces -
- multiple edges never crossed
- only empty kites -



## Property of G<sup>+</sup>

G<sup>+</sup> triangulated 1-plane



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structure of each separation pair



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# **Hierarchical contraction**

G<sup>+</sup> triangulated 1-plane



contract all inner components of each separation pair into a **thick edge** 



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contraction



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output



















remove crossing edges





























remove crossing edges







al. 1984





#### reinsert crossing edges


















output





input graph G



#### Inclusion Relationships: RAC and 1-planar

#### • Further advances:

- -embedding preserving 1-bend 1-planar RAC
- -O(n<sup>2</sup>) area for 1-bend RAC NIC-plane
- -O(n<sup>9</sup>) area for 2-bend RAC 1-plane

#### S. Chaplick, F. Lipp, A. Wolff, J. Zink:

Compact Drawings of 1-Planar Graphs with Right-Angle Crossings and Few Bends. Graph Drawing 2018: 137-151



• **Problem IR1.** Are there fan-crossing free graphs with at most 4n-10 edges that are neither 1-planar nor 0-bend RAC drawable?

• **Problem IR2**. Characterize the 0-bend RAC drawable graphs that are 1-planar

• **Problem IR3**. Characterize the 1-plane graphs that are 0-bend RAC drawable

- Quasi-orthogonal drawings
  - G. W. Klau and P. Mutzel: Quasi-Orthogonal Drawing of Planar Graphs, Tech. Rep.
    Max–Planck–Institut fuer Informatik Saarbruecken, Germany (1998)



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  Drawings: Relations, Complexity and Kandinsky Drawings. Algorithmica 81(5) (2019)



- 1-bend orthogonal partial edge drawings
  - *T. Bruckdorfer, M. Kaufmann, F. Montecchiani*: 1-Bend Orthogonal Partial Edge Drawing. J. Graph Algorithms Appl. 18(1) (2014)



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