

## Graph Planarity

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## Definitions

- A graph is called planar if it can be drawn in a plane without any two edges intersecting.
- Such a drawing we call a planar embedding of the graph.
- A plane graph is a particular planar embedding of a planar graph.



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- Highway / Railroads / Subway design.


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C - is the number of connected components.

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\begin{aligned}
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& E=12 \\
& F=8 \\
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$V=6$
$E=9$
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$9 \leq 12$
Euler formula gives the necessary (but not sufficient!) condition for a graph to be planar.

## Corollary 2

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Let G be any plane embedding of a connected planar graph with $V \geq 4$ vertices. Assume that this embedding has no triangles, i.e. there are no cycles of length 3 . Then

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\begin{aligned}
& V=6 \\
& E=9 \\
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& 9 \leq 8
\end{aligned}
$$

## Quiz () Is the following graph planar?



## Quiz ©

$$
E \leq 2 V-4 \quad F \leq 2 V-4
$$



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\begin{aligned}
& V=15 \\
& E=18 \\
& E \leq 2 V-4 \\
& 18 \leq 26
\end{aligned}
$$

## What makes a graph non-planar?

- Euler's conditions are necessary but not sufficient.
- We proved that $K_{5}$ and $K_{3,3}$ are non-planar.
- Next we look at Kuratowski's and Wagner's Theorems for conditions of sufficiency.


## What makes a graph non-planar?

- $K_{5}$ and $K_{3,3}$ are the smallest non-planar.
- Every non-planar graph contains them, but not simply as a subgraph.
- Every non-planar graph contains a subdivision of $K_{5}$ or $K_{3,3}$.


Subdividing an edge in a planar graph does not make it non-planar.

## What makes a graph non-planar?

An example of a graph which doesn't have $K_{5}$ or $K_{3,3}$ as its subgraph. However, it has a subgraph that is homeomorphic to $K_{3,3}$ and is therefore not planar.


## Kuratowski's Theorem.

A graph is planar if and only if it does not contain a subdivision of $K_{5}$ or $K_{3,3}$.

Proof:

- Sufficiency immediately follows from non-planarity of $K_{5}$ and $K_{3,3}$.
Any subdivision of $K_{5}$ and $K_{3,3}$ is also non-planar.



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Proof:

- Suppose G is non-planar.
- Remove edges and vertices of G such that it becomes a minimal non-planar graph.
- l.e. removing any edge will make the resulting graph planar.



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## Wagner's Theorem.

A graph is planar if and only if it does not contain a subgraph which has $K_{5}$ or $K_{3,3}$ as a minor.


Shrinking an edge of a planar graph G to make a single vertex does not make G non-planar

## Wagner's Theorem.

Every graph has either a planar embedding, or a minor of one of two types: $K_{5}$ or $K_{3,3}$. It is also possible for a single graph to have both types of minor.


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$O(E!)$


## Planarity Algorithms.

- The first polynomial-time algorithms for planarity are due to Auslander and Parter (1961), Goldstein (1963), and, independently, Bader (1964).
- Path addition method: In 1974, Hopcroft and Tarjan proposed the first linear-time planarity testing algorithm.
- Vertex addition method: due to Lempel, Even and Cederbaum (1967).
- Edge addition method: Boyer and Myrvold (2004).


## FMR Algorithm. (Left-Right algorithm)

- Due to Hubert de Fraysseix, Patrice Ossona de Mendez and Pierre Rosenstiehl. (2006)
- The fastest known algorithm.


## FMR Algorithm. (Left-Right algorithm)

- The most important technique, common to almost all the algorithms, is Depth First Search.


Tremaux tree
Palm tree

## Left-Right criterion.

Theorem: Let G be a graph with Tremaux tree T. Then G is planar iff there exists a partition of the back-edges of G into two classes, so that any two edges belong to a same class if they are T-alike and any two edges belong to different classes if they are T-opposite.



Left-Right criterion.


## Properties.

- For any connected planar graph: $E \leq 3 V-6, F \leq 2 V-4$.
- All planar graphs contain at least one vertex with degree $\leq 5$.
- Planar graphs are 4-colorable.

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{V} d\left(v_{i}\right)=2 E \leq 6 V-12<6 V
$$

- Every triangle-free planar graph is 3 -colorable and such a 3 -coloring can be found in linear time.
- The size of a planar graph on $n$ vertices is $O(n)$, (including faces, edges and vertices). They can be efficiently stored.


## Crossing Number of G

$C R(G)$ - the minimum number of crossings over all possible embeddings of $G$.

$C R\left(K_{3,3}\right)=1$

$K_{12}$
$E=66$
$C R\left(K_{12}\right)=153$
$C R\left(K_{29}\right)=$ ?

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& E[C R(G(S))] \geq E\left[m_{S}-3 n_{S}\right]=E\left[m_{S}\right]-E\left[3 n_{s}\right] \\
& p^{4} C R(G) \geq m p^{2}-3 p n \\
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C R(G) \geq \frac{m}{\left(\frac{4 n}{m}\right)^{2}}-\frac{3 n}{\left(\frac{4 n}{m}\right)^{3}}=\frac{m^{3}}{64 n^{2}} \quad P=\frac{4 n}{m}
\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r}
\operatorname{set}^{\prime} \\
f^{\prime}(p)=-\frac{2 m}{p^{3}}+\frac{9 n}{p^{4}} \\
p=\frac{9 n}{2 m} \quad m>\frac{9 n}{2}
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