

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

 $E \leq 2V - 4$



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Quiz © Is the following graph planar?



V - E + F = 2 $E \leq 3V - 6$ $E \le 2V - 4 \qquad F \le 2V - 4$

Quiz 🙂



V = 15E = 18 $E \le 2V - 4$ $18 \le 26$

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.



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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.



subdivision

1930 by Kazimierz Kuratowski

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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.
 - I.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.

minor

1937 by Klaus Wagner

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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Planarity Algorithms.

- The first polynomial-time algorithms for planarity are due to Auslander and Parter (1961), Goldstein (1963), and, independently, Bader (1964).
- <u>Path addition method</u>: 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 or 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: $E \leq 3V 6$, $F \leq 2V 4$.
- All planar graphs contain at least one vertex with degree ≤ 5 .

 $\sum_{i=1}^{N} d(v_i) = 2E \le 6V - 12 < 6V$

- Planar graphs are 4-colorable.
- 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

CR(G) - the minimum number of crossings over all possible embeddings of G.







K_{12} E = 66 $CR(K_{12}) = 153$



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$E \leq 3V - 6$

Can we find a lower bound on CR(G)?

 $CR(G) \ge m - (3n - 6) \ge m - 3n$ $E[CR(G(S))] \ge E[m_S - 3n_S] = E[m_S] - E[3n_S]$ $p^4CR(G) \ge mp^2 - 3pn$

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