1-bend Upward Planar Drawings of SP-digraphs with the Optimal Number of Slopes

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• with few bends and few edge slopes



k-bend planar slope number (*k-bpsn*) of a graph G: minimum number of slopes needed to compute a planar polyline drawing of G with at most k bends per edge.

$$k$$
-bpsn $(G) \ge \left\lceil \frac{\Delta}{2} \right\rceil$

where Δ is the maximum vertex degree of G

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- The psn of planar graphs is at most $O(c^{\Delta})$ and at least $3\Delta-6$ [Keszech et al., 2010]

Our contribution

The 1-bend upward planar slope number (1-bupsn) of a graph G is the minimum number of slopes needed to compute a 1-bend upward planar drawing of G

Observation: 1-bupsn(G) ≥ 1 -bpsn(G)



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This result improves the general upper bound 1.5Δ of the 1-bpsn of planar graphs in the case of series-parallel graphs [Knauer & Walczak, 2015]

Our drawings can be computed in linear time and have angular resolution at least $\frac{\pi}{\Delta}$ (worst-case optimal)

Preliminary definitions

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SERIES composition



The Slope Set \mathcal{S}_{Δ}

$$s_i = \frac{\pi}{2} + i \frac{\pi}{\Delta}$$
 for $i = 0, \dots, \Delta - 1$





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- \bullet Transform Γ into the desired representation
- Remove subdivsion vertices



Upward Cross-Contact Representations

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cross-contact representation (CCR) γ of a graph G:

- Vertices = (Degenerate) Crosses
- Edges \iff Contacts



center of a cross = the point shared by its horizontal and vertical segment, or its midpoint if degenerate

upward CCR (UCCR) of a digraph G



balanced UCCR = for every cross, we have the same number of contacts to the left and to the right of its center, except for at most one



Upward Cross-Contact Representations (UCCR) well-spaced UCCR = no two safe-regions intersect



Sketch of the Algorithm

Drawing Algorithm

Input: an SP-digraph G with no transitive edges (subdivided before) and its decomposition tree T**Output:** a balanced and well-spaced UCCR γ of G

The algorithm computes γ through a bottom-up visit of T. For each node μ of T computes an UCCT γ_{μ} of the graph G_{μ} associated with μ s.t. the following properties hold:

P1. γ_{μ} is balanced **P2.** γ_{μ} is well-spaced **P3.** if μ is an S-/P-node, than γ_{μ} fits in a rectangle R_{μ} with the two poles as opposite sides



Q-/S-/P-nodes



$\mathsf{UCCR} \to 1\text{-bend}\ \mathsf{drawing}$ $\star - c(v)$

each cross is balanced so we have enough slopes...

UCCR \rightarrow 1-bend drawing

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safe-regions do not intersect, so we do not introduce crossings...

UCCR \rightarrow 1-bend drawing

the vertical slope is always part of our set of slopes...



Removing subdivision vertices



Lower bound

if the source (sink) has out-degree (in-degree) Δ , then $\Delta - 1$ slopes are necessary for an upward drawing

To achieve this bound, the horizontal slope must be used twice



Open Problems

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