Visualisation of graphs Orthogonal layouts Flow methods

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Orthogonal layout – applications







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Aesthetic criteria.

- Number of bends
- Length of edges
- Width, height, area
- Monotonicity of edges

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Formulate as a network flow problem:

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$$= \measuredangle \frac{\pi}{2}$$

• vertices
$$\stackrel{\measuredangle}{\longrightarrow}$$
 faces (# $\measuredangle \frac{\pi}{2}$ per face)

■ faces $\xrightarrow{\measuredangle}$ neighbouring faces (# bends toward the neighbour)

Reminder: *s*-*t* flow network

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Reminder: general flow network

Flow network $(D = (V, A); \ell; u; b)$ with directed graph D = (V, A)edge *lower bound* $\ell: A \to \mathbb{R}_0^+$ edge *capacity* $u: A \to \mathbb{R}_0^+$ node *production/consumption* $b: V \to \mathbb{R}$ with $\sum_{i \in V} b(i) = 0$

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$$= 4n - 2 \sum_{f \in F} \deg_G(f) + 4(f - 1) - 4$$

$$= 4n - 2 \cdot 2m + 4f - 8 = 4(n - m + f - 2) \stackrel{Euler}{=} 0$$

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