Visualisation of graphs Upward planar drawings Flow methods

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Definition.

A directed graph G = (V, E) is **upward planar** when it admits a drawing Γ (vertices = points, edges = simple curves) that is planar and where each edge is drawn as an upward,

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Theorem. [Hutton, Libow, 1996] For a *single-source* acyclic digraph it can be tested in O(n) time whether it is upward planar.

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Idea.

- Find property that any upward planar drawing of G satisfies.
- Formalise property.
- Find algorithm to test property.

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• Otherwise "high" source u exists.

Number of large angles

Lemma 3. In every upward planar drawing of G holds that for each vertex $v \in V$: $L(v) = \begin{cases} 0 & v \text{ inner vertex,} \\ 1 & v \text{ source/sink;} \end{cases}$ for each face $f: L(f) = \begin{cases} A(f) - 1 & f \neq f_0, \\ A(f) + 1 & f = f_0. \end{cases}$

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- **Refine outer face** f_0 .



Refine all faces. \Rightarrow G is contained in a planar st-digraph.
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Many related concepts have been studied: quasi-planarity, upward drawings of mixed graphs, upward planarity on cyclinder/torus, ...

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