Visualisation of graphs Hierarchical layouts Sugiyama framework

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- Criteria can be contradictory!



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Source: Visualization that won the Graph Drawing contest 2016. Klawitter & Mchedlidze

Source: "Design Considerations for Optimizing Storyline Visualizations" Tanahashi et al.

[Sugiyama, Tagawa, Toda '81]

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Input — Cycle breaking













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QP is time-expensive

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 - 2. edge straightening,
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Step 5: Drawing edges



Possibility. Substitute polylines by Rézier (

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