Visualisation of graphs Planar straight-line drawings Canonical order

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- crossings reduce readability
- bends reduce readability



























Characterisation: A graph is planar iff it contains neither a K₅ nor a K_{3,3} minor. [Kuratowski 1930, Wagner 1936]



Recognition: For a graph G with n vertices, there is an O(n) time algorithm to test if G is planar. [Hopcroft & Tarjan 1974]
 Also computes an *embedding* in O(n).

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Outerface: 1: {(1,3), (3,6), (6,5), (5,1)}

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Every 3-connected planar graph has an embedding with convex polygons as its faces (i.e., implies straight lines). [Tutte 1963: How to draw a graph]
 Idea: Place vertices in the barycentre of neighbours.

Drawback: Requires large grids.











Coin graph: Exponential area





















































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Compute:

- either $\{v_3, v_4, \dots v_n\}$ (adding vertices)
- or $\{v_n, v_{n-1}, \ldots, v_3\}$ (removing vertices)




























































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Have to show:

- 1. v_k not adjacent to chord is sufficient
- 2. Such v_k exists











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	A	В	C	D	E	F	G	H
outV(f)	2	1	2	3	3	2	2	1
outE(f)	1	0	0	2	2	0	1	0

	v3	\mathcal{O}_{4}	v_5	v_{6}	v_7	v_8
sepF(v)			2	4	1	1



	A	В	C	D	E	F	G	Η
outV(f)	2	1	2	3	3	2	2	1
outE(f)	1	0	0	2	2	0	1	0

	v3	\mathcal{O}_{4}	v_5	v_{6}	v_7	v_8	
sepF(v)			2	4	1	1	



	A	В	C	D	E	F	G	H
outV(f)	2	1	2		3	2	2	1
outE(f)	1	0	1		2	0	1	0

	v_3	\mathcal{O}_{4}	v_5	v_{6}	v_7	v_8
sepF(v)			0	2	1	



	A	В	С	D	Ε	F	G	Η
outV(f)	2	1	2		3	2	2	1
outE(f)	1	0	1		2	0	1	0

	ΰg	\mathcal{O}_{4}	v_5	v_{6}	v_7	v_8
sepF(v)			0	2	1	



	A	В	С	D	E	F	G	Η
outV(f)	2	1	2			2	2	1
outE(f)	1	0	1			1	1	0

	ΰg	\mathcal{O}_{4}	v_5	v_{6}	v_7	v_8
sepF(v)			0	0		



	A	В	С	D	E	F	G	H
outV(f)	2	1	2			2	2	1
outE(f)	1	0	1			1	1	0





	A	B	C	D	Ε	F	G	H
outV(f)	2	2					3	2
outE(f)	1	1					2	0





	A	B	C	D	Ε	F	G	H
outV(f)	2	2					3	2
outE(f)	1	1					2	0





	A	В	С	D	Ε	F	G	H
outV(f)							3	3
outE(f)							2	2

	ΰg	v_4	v_5	v_6	v_7	v_8	
sepF(v)	2	1					



	A	В	C	D	E	F	G	Η
outV(f)							3	3
outE(f)							2	2

$$v_3$$
 v_4
 v_5
 v_6
 v_7
 v_8

 sepF(v)
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Order:

 $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7, v_8, v_9\}$

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