# Reconfiguration of Graph Drawings 

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Transform to a specific target or to attain some structure.

## Carpenter's Rule

[Connelly, Demaine, Rote, 2003]


## Outline

- transform planar graph drawing to specific target ("morphing")
- straight line edges
- edges are [orthogonal] poly-lines
- morphing preserving lengths, directions, etc.
- transform planar graph drawing to attain convex faces
- polygon, with increasing visibility


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A linear morph - vertices move in straight lines at uniform speed, edges are straight line segments.

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## Application: 2D Morphing as 3D Shape Reconstruction



Surazhsky, Gotsman, High quality compatible triangulations, 2002

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## Planar Graph Drawing: Existence

Every planar graph has a drawing with straight lines for edges.
[Wagner, Koebe 1936, Fáry 1948, Stein 1951]

remove a vertex of degree $\leq 5$
apply induction

Fact: $\mathrm{a} \leq 5$-gon has a point that sees all vertices
replace missing vertex

## Planar Graph Morphing: Existence

There is a planar morph between any two straight-line embeddings of a triangulation. [Cairns 1944]

in $P$ contract a vertex $v$ of degree $\leq 5$ to neighbour $u$ that sees same

Fact: $\mathrm{a} \leq 5$-gon has a point vertex that sees all vertices

Complication: cannot use same $u$ in $Q$
extra recursive call to make face convex
$\Rightarrow$ exponential number of steps

Extended to planar graphs [Thomassen 1983].

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## Planar Graph Drawing: Algorithm

Can find a planar straight line drawing in polynomial time by solving a linear system to find coordinates. [Tutte 1963]

fix convex outer face
one equation for each interior vertex:

$$
(x(u), y(u))=\frac{1}{6} \sum_{i=1}^{6}\left(x\left(v_{i}\right), y\left(v_{i}\right)\right)
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t=0
$$

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M(t)=(1-t) M_{P}+t M_{Q}
$$


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## Open Problem

Given two straight line planar drawings of a graph, find a polynomial size planar morph between them.

Requirements:
straight line edges
piece-wise linear

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## Morphing Planar Straight-Line Graph Drawings

Morphing (with Bent Edges) [Lubiw, Petrick, 2011]


Theorem. There is a polynomial time algorithm to compute a planar morph between two planar straight-line drawings P and Q (of the same graph) that

- is composed of $\mathrm{O}\left(n^{6}\right)$ linear morphs
- uses a polynomial size grid

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direction sequence: E N E S W

## Morphing Orthogonal Graph Drawings [Biedl, Lubiw, Petrick, Spriggs]

Theorem. There is a polynomial time algorithm to compute a morph between two orthogonal drawings of the same graph that

- preserves planar, othogonal
- is composed of $\mathrm{O}\left(n^{4}\right)$ linear morphs
- $\mathrm{O}(n) \times \mathrm{O}(n)$ grid
- constant minimum feature size


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## Morphing Preserving Other Properties

- planar (non-intersecting)
- directions ("parallel")
$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { - edge lengths } \\ \text { - angles }\end{array}\right\}$ or change these monotonically

Morphing Preserving Directions ("Parallel")

parallel planar graph drawings

## Morphing Preserving Directions ("Parallel")

- parallel orthogonal graphs always have a parallel morph
- parallel cycles always have a parallel morph [Guibas, Hershberger, Suri, 2000] $O(n \log n)$ steps but terrible edge lengths



## Morphing Preserving Directions ("Parallel")


parallel planar graph drawings with no parallel morph.

Decision problem is NP-hard [Biedl, Lubiw, Spriggs].

## Morphing Preserving Directions ("Parallel") <br> Orthogonal 3D Graph Drawings



Parallel orthogonal cycles with no parallel morph.

Decision problem PSPACE-hard for parallel orthogonal 3D graphs
[Biedl, Lubiw, Spriggs].
Open for cycles.

## Morphing Preserving Edge Lengths

- non-intersecting morph between polygons, preserving edge lengths [the Carpenter's Rule Theorem: Connelly, Demaine, Rote, 2003]
- non-intersecting morph between polygons, edge lengths change monotonically [Iben, O’Brien, Demaine, 2006]


Not possible for graphs. Not possible for parallel morphs of polygons.

## Morphing Preserving Edge Lengths and Angles

Conjecture. Open convex chains can be morphed with edge lengths and angles changing monotonically.


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## Convexifying Polygons

Convexifying is easy.
Convexifying preserving edge lengths is always possible:

the Carpenter's Rule Theorem: Connelly, Demaine, Rote, 2003

## Convexifying without losing visibilities

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[Aichholzer, Hurtado, Aloupis, Lubiw, Demaine, Demaine, Dujmović, Rote, Schulz, Souvaine, Winslow, 2011]

Theorem. Can convexify any polygon in $n$ moves where

- every move increases visibility
- a move translates one vertex along a polygon edge to a neighbour


Note that a vertex of the current polygon represents a set of vertices of the original polygon.

## How to Convexify in $n$ moves

Lemma. Every non-convex polygon has a visibility-increasing edge: an edge ( $u, v$ ) such that for every point $p$ along the edge ( $u, v$ ),

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Lemma $\Rightarrow$ Theorem 1
Move $u$ to $v$.
Note $u$ convex, $(w, v)$ a chord.


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induction on $(y, x)$

## How to convexify without coincident vertices

Theorem. Can convexify any polygon in $\mathrm{O}\left(n^{2}\right)$ moves where

- no move decreases visibility
- a move translates one vertex in a straight line
- vertices are never coincident



## Open Questions

Convexify an orthogonal polygon without losing visibility, maintaining orthogonality.

in this example, no single edge can move

## Open Questions

Transform a planar straight-line graph drawing to a convex one, without losing visibilities.


Ignoring visibility constraints, this can be done [Thomassen 1983, Cairns 1944]. But can it be done efficiently?

## Open Questions

Given two straight line planar drawings of a graph, find a polynomial size planar morph between them.

or at least:
Given a straight line planar drawing of a graph, find a polynomial size planar morph to a drawing with convex internal faces.


The End

