## Parameterized Complexity of 1-Planarity

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## What is 1-planarity?

A graph is 1-planar if it can be drawn in the plane (vertices as points, edges as curves disjoint from non-incident vertices) so that each edge is crossed at most once (in one point, by one edge)

E.g. $K_{2,7}$ is planar, $K_{3,6}$ is 1-planar, and $K_{4,5}$ is not 1-planar [Czap and Hudák 2012]

## History and properties



Original application of 1-planarity: simultaneously coloring vertices and faces of planar maps [Ringel 1965]

1-planar graphs have:

- At most $4 n-8$ edges [Schumacher 1986]
- At most $n-2$ crossings [Czap and Hudák 2013]
- Chromatic number $\leq 6$ [Borodin 1984]
- Sparse shallow minors [Nešetřil and Ossona de Mendez 2012]


## Computational complexity of 1-planarity

NP-complete ...
[Grigoriev and Bodlaender 2007; Korzhik and Mohar 2013]
even for planar + one edge [Cabello and Mohar 2012]

But that shouldn't stop us from seeking exponential or parameterized algorithms for instances of moderate size


Reduction from Cabello and Mohar [2012]

## A naive exponential-time algorithm

1. Check that \#edges $\leq 4 n-8$
2. For each pairing of edges

- Replace each pair by $K_{1,4}$
- Check if result is planar
- If so, return success

3. If loop terminated normally, return failure


Time dominated by \#pairings (telephone numbers)

$$
\approx m^{m / 2-o(m)} \text { [Chowla et al. 1951] }
$$

E.g. the 9 edges of $K_{3,3}$ have 2620 pairings

Graphs with 18 edges have approximately a billion pairings

## Parameterized complexity

NP-hard $\Rightarrow$ we expect time to be (at least) exponential
But exponential in what?
Maybe something smaller than instance size
Goals:

- Find a parameter $p$ defined from inputs that is often small
- Find an algorithm with time $O\left(f(p) n^{c}\right)$
- $f$ must be computable and $c$ must be independent of $p$

If possible, then the problem is fixed-parameter tractable

## Cyclomatic number

Remove a spanning tree, count remaining edges $\Rightarrow m-n+1$

Often $\ll n$ for social networks (if closing cycles is rare) and utility networks (redundant links are expensive)


HIV transmission network
[Potterat et al. 2002]
$n=243$ cyclomatic $\#=15$
[Bannister et al. 2013]

## A hint of fixed-parameter tractability

For any fixed bound $k$ on cyclomatic number, all properties preserved when degree $\leq 2$ vertices are suppressed (e.g. non-1-planarity) can be tested in linear time

Proof idea:

- Delete degree-1 vertices
- Partition into paths of degree-2 vertices
- Find $O(k)$-tuple of path lengths
- Check vs $O(1)$ minimal forbidden tuples


Every set of $O(1)$-tuples of positive integers has $O(1)$ minimal tuples [Dickson 1913]

But don't know how to find minimal tuples or construct drawing Not FPT because dependence on $k$ isn't explicit and computable

## Kernelization

Suppose sufficiently long paths of degree-2 vertices - longer than some bound $\ell(k)$ - are indistinguishable with respect to 1-planarity


Leads to a simple algorithm:

- Delete degree-1 vertices
- Compress paths longer than $\ell(k)$ to length exactly $\ell(k)$, giving a kernel of size $O(k \cdot \ell(k))$
- Apply the naive algorithm to the resulting kernel
- Uncompress paths and restore deleted vertices, updating drawing to incorporate restored vertices

FPT: Running time $O(n+$ naive(kernel size $))$

## Rewiring

Suppose that path $p$ is crossed by $t$ other paths, each $\geq t$ times


Then can reconnect near $p$, remove parts of paths elsewhere so:

- Each other path crosses $p$ at most once
- Crossings on other paths do not increase


## How long is a long path?

In a crossing-minimal 1-planar drawing, with $q$ degree-two paths:

- No path crosses itself

- No path has $2(q-1)$ ! or more crossings ...else we have a rewirable sequence of crossings

Path length longer than \#crossings does not change 1-planarity $q \leq 3 k-3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \ell(k) \leq 2(3 k-4)!-1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad$ FPT

## FPT algorithms for other parameters

- k-almost-tree number: max cyclomatic number of biconnected components
- Vertex cover number: min size of a vertex set that touches all edges "the Drosophila of fixed-parameter algorithmics" [Guo et al. 2005]
- Tree-depth: min depth of a tree


Kernelization for vertex cover such that every edge connects ancestor-descendant

For vertex cover and tree-depth, existence of a finite set of forbidden subgraphs follows from known results [Nešetril and
Ossona de Mendez 2012]; difficulty is making dependence explicit

## Negative results

NP-hard for graphs of bounded treewidth, pathwidth, or bandwidth


Reduction from satisfiability with three parts: substrate (black), variables (blue), and clauses (red)



Some of the gadgets

## Conclusions

## Results:

- First algorithmic investigation of 1-planarity
- Semi-practical exact exponential algorithm (18-20 edges)
- Impractical but explicit FPT algorithms
- Hardness results for other natural parameters

For future research:

- Make usable by reducing dependence on parameter
- Parameterize by feedback vertex set number? Would unify vertex cover and cyclomatic number
- Use similar kernelization for cyclomatic number / almost-trees in other graph drawing problems [Bannister et al. 2013]


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