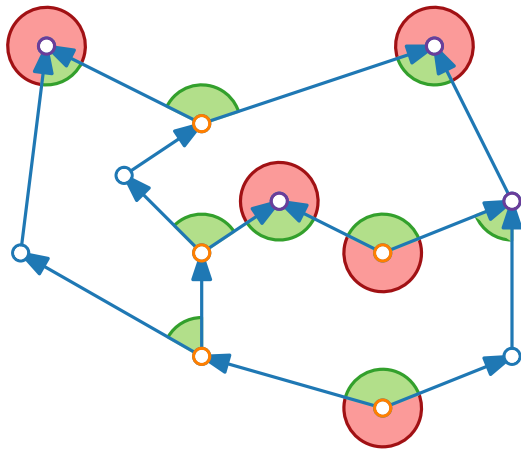
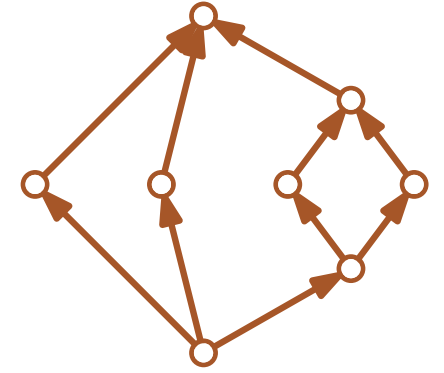
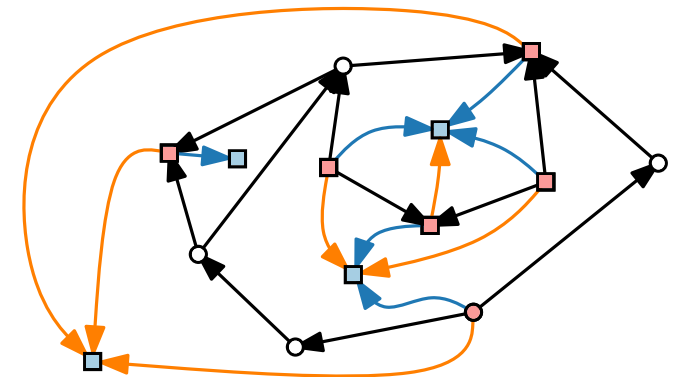


# Visualization of Graphs

## Lecture 5: Upward Planar Drawings



### Part I: Recognition

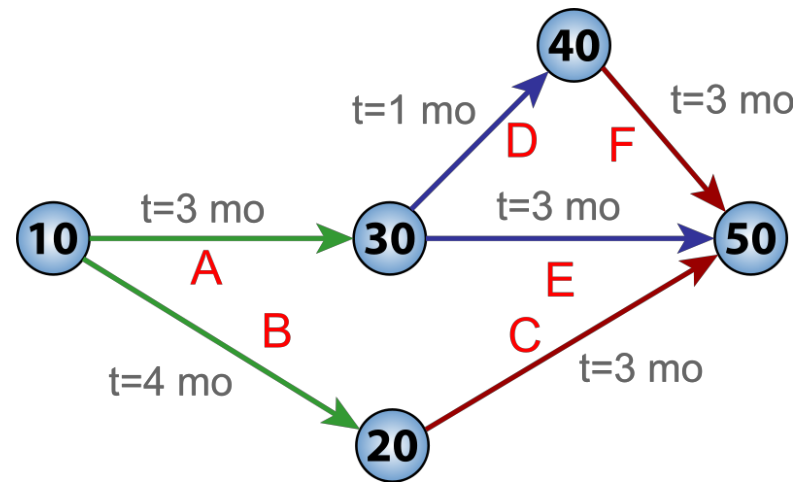
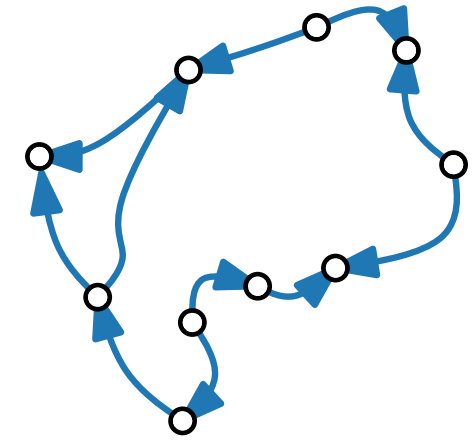


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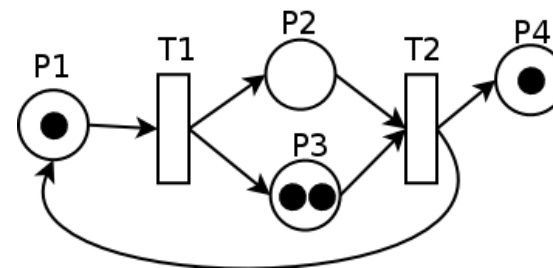
# Upward Planar Drawings – Motivation

- What may the direction of edges in a directed graph represent?
  - Time
  - Flow
  - Hierarchy
  - ...
- We aim for drawings where the general direction is preserved.



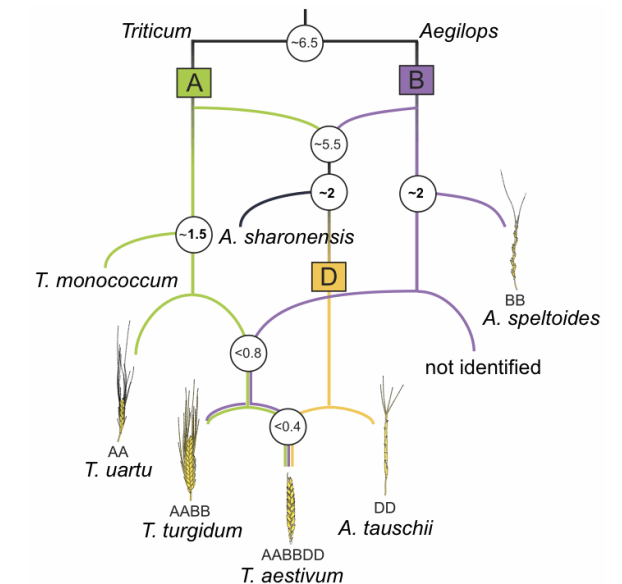
PERT diagram

Program Evaluation and Review Technique  
(Project management)



Petri net

Place/Transition net  
(Modeling languages for distributed systems)



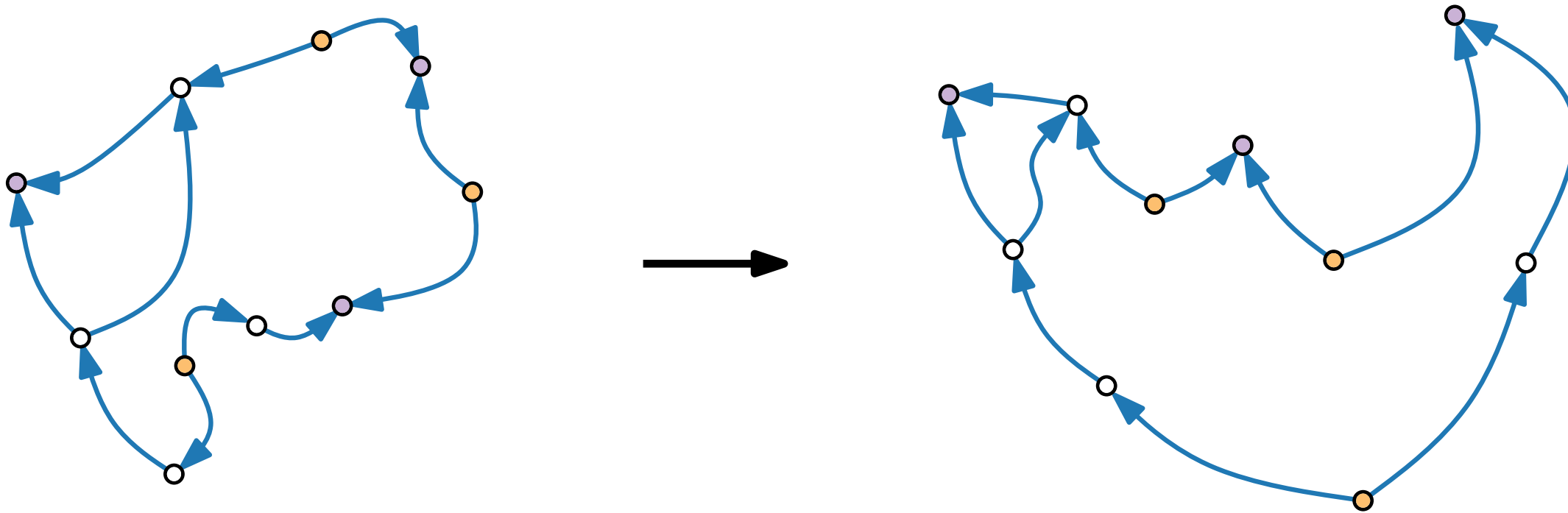
Phylogenetic network

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# Upward Planar Drawings – Definition

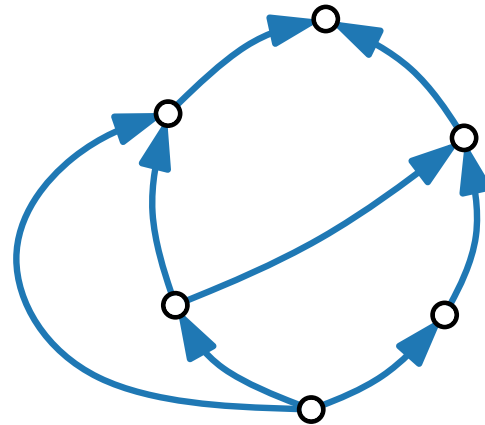
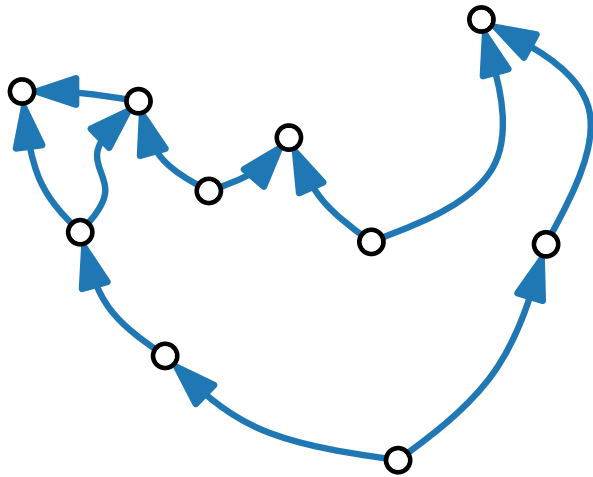
A directed graph (*digraph*) is **upward planar** when it admits a drawing

- that is planar and
- where each edge is drawn as an upward y-monotone curve.

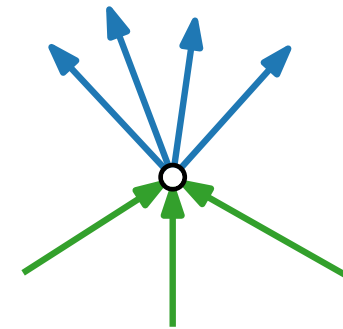


# Upward Planarity – Necessary Conditions

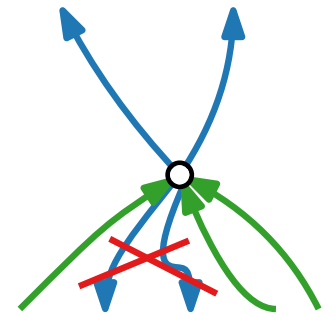
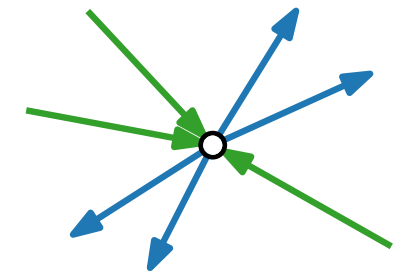
- For an (embedded) digraph to be upward planar, it needs to ...
  - be planar
  - be acyclic
  - have a bimodal embedding
- ... but these conditions are *not sufficient*. → **Exercise**



**bimodal** vertex



*not* bimodal



# Upward Planarity – Characterization

**Theorem 1.** [Kelly 1987, Di Battista & Tamassia 1988]

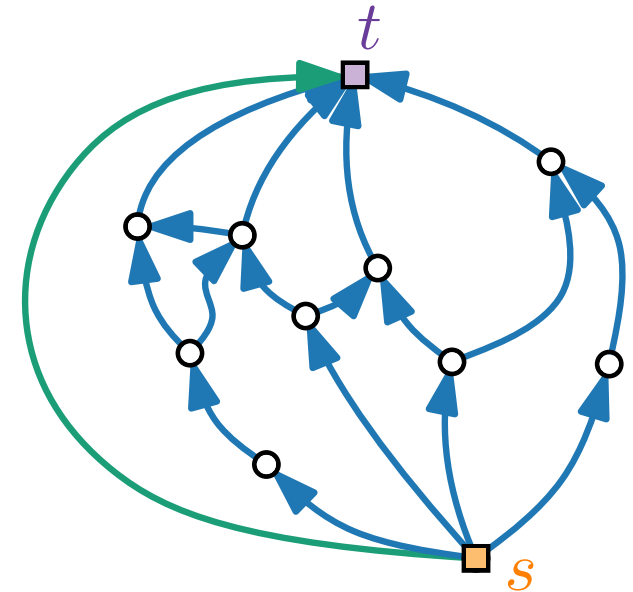
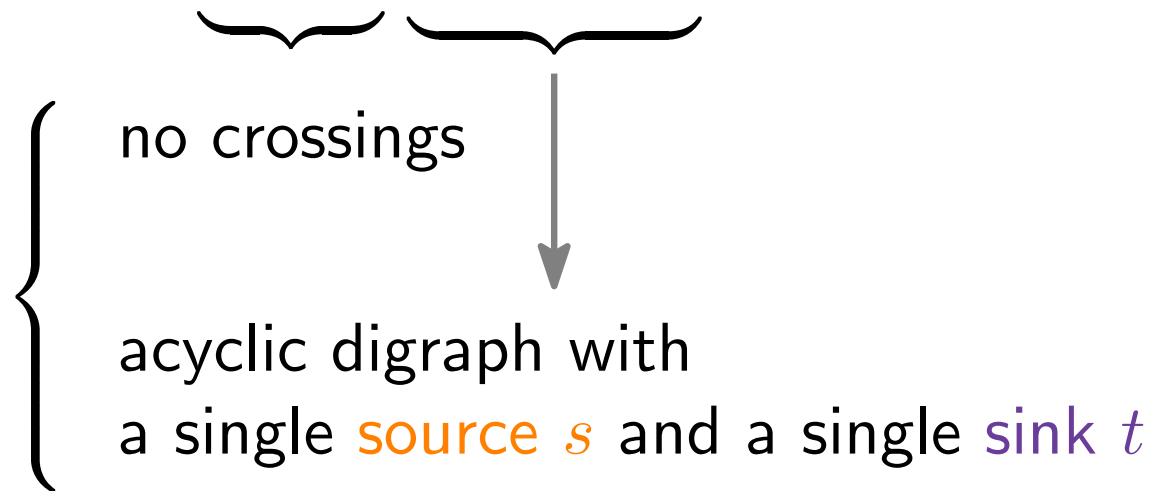
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- (1)  $G$  is upward planar.
- (2)  $G$  admits an upward planar straight-line drawing.
- (3)  $G$  is a spanning subgraph of a planar st-digraph.

*Additionally:*  
Embedded such  
that  $s$  and  $t$  are on  
the outer face  $f_0$ .

*or:*

Edge  $(s, t)$  exists.

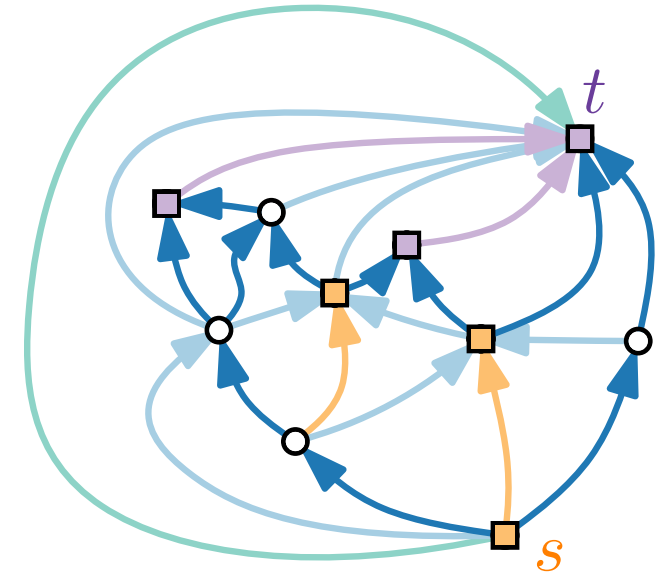


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## Proof.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) By definition. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) For the proof idea, see the example above.

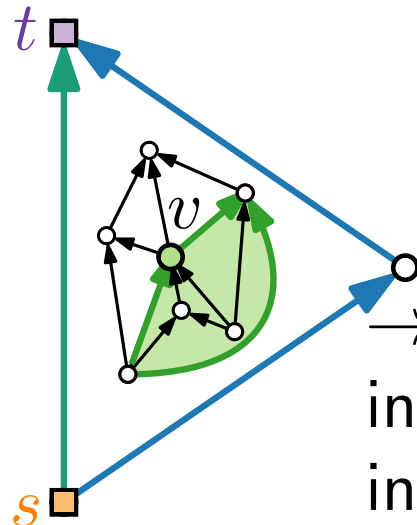
(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Triangulate & construct drawing:

## Claim.

Can be drawn  
in pre-specified  
triangle.

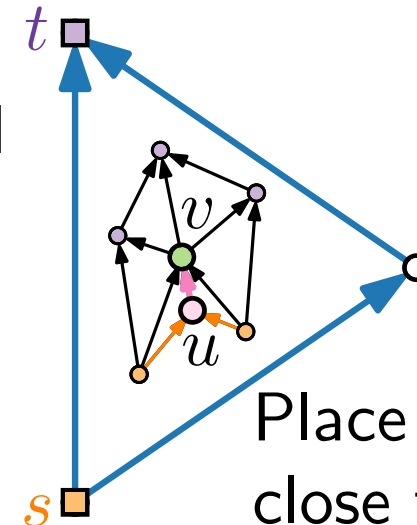
Induction on the  
number of vertices  $n$ .

Case 1:  
chord



$\rightarrow$  two smaller  
instances; solve  
inductively

Case 2:  
no chord



Place  $u$   
close to  $v$ .

*Idea: Contract  $uv$ !*



# Upward Planarity – Complexity

## Theorem.

[Garg & Tamassia, 1995]

Given a *planar acyclic* digraph  $G$ ,  
it is NP-hard to decide whether  $G$  is upward planar.

## Theorem 2. [Bertolazzi, Di Battista, Mannino, Tamassia, 1994]

Given an *embedded* planar digraph  $G$ ,  
it can be tested in quadratic time whether  $G$  is upward planar.

## Corollary.

Given a *triconnected* planar digraph  $G$ ,  
it can be tested in quadratic time whether  $G$  is upward planar.

## Theorem.

[Hutton & Lubiw, 1996]

Given an acyclic *single-source* digraph  $G$ ,  
it can be tested in linear time whether  $G$  is upward planar.

# The Problem

## Fixed Embedding Upward Planarity Testing.

Let  $G$  be a plane digraph, let  $F$  be the set of faces of  $G$ , and let  $f_0$  be the outer face of  $G$ .

Test whether  $G$  is upward planar (w.r.t. to  $F$  and  $f_0$ ).

## Plan.

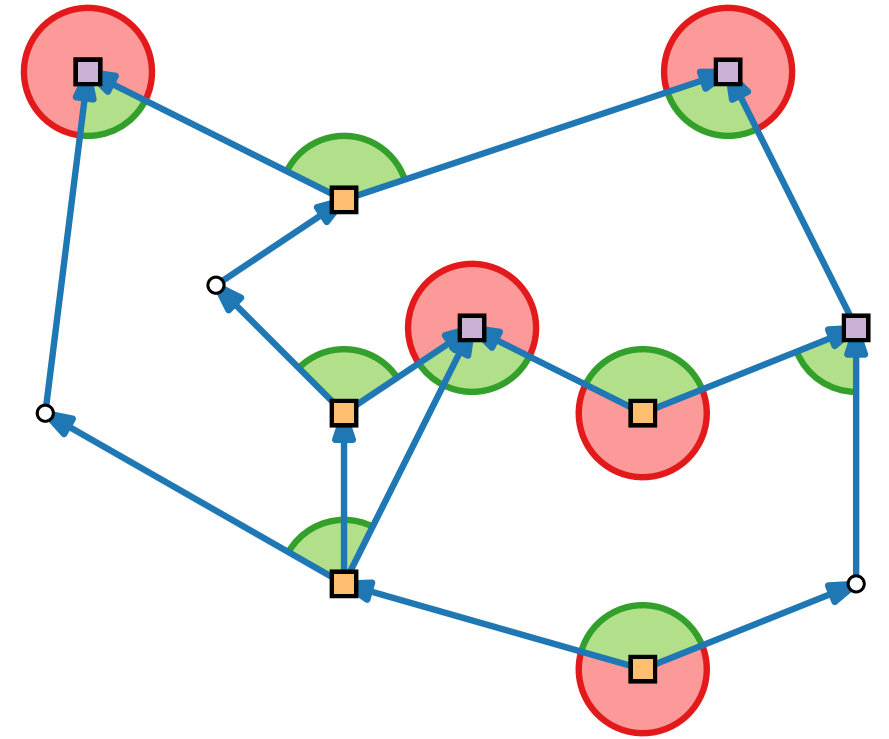
- Find a property that any upward planar drawing of  $G$  satisfies.
- Formalize this property.
- Specify an algorithm to test this property.



# Angles, Local Sources & Sinks

## Definitions.

- A vertex  $v$  is a **local source** w.r.t. to a face  $f$  if  $v$  has two outgoing edges on  $\partial f$ . ← boundary of  $f$
- A vertex  $v$  is a **local sink** w.r.t. to a face  $f$  if  $v$  has two incoming edges on  $\partial f$ .
- An angle  $\alpha$  at a local source/sink is **large** if  $\alpha > \pi$  and **small** otherwise.
- $L(v)$  = # large angles at  $v$
- $L(f)$  = # large angles in  $f$
- $S(v)$  = # small angles at  $v$
- $S(f)$  = # small angles at  $f$
- $A(f)$  = # local sources w.r.t. to  $f$   
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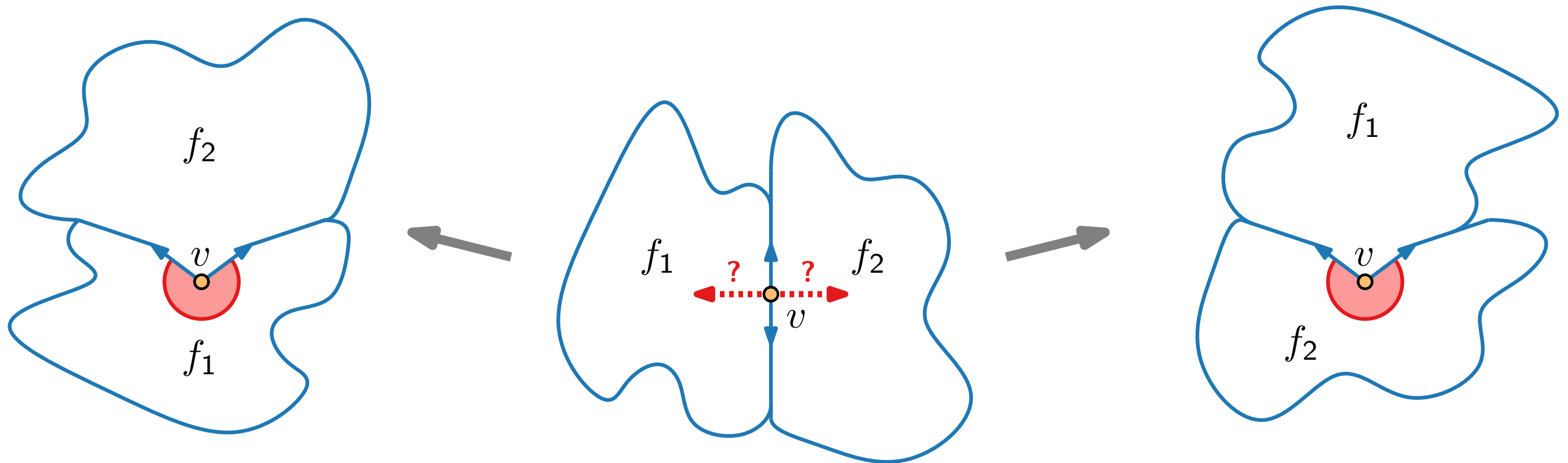


## Lemma 1.

$$L(f) + S(f) = 2A(f)$$

# Assignment Problem

- Observe that the **global sources** and **global sinks** have precisely one **large** angle
- All other vertices have only **small** angles.
- Let  $v$  be a **global source** and let it be incident to faces  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ .
- Does  $v$  have a **large** angle in  $f_1$  or  $f_2$ ?



# Angle Relations

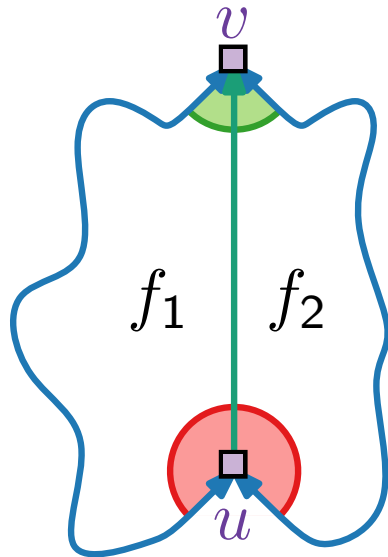
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$$L(f) - S(f) = \begin{cases} -2 & \text{if } f \neq f_0, \\ +2 & \text{if } f = f_0. \end{cases}$$

■  $L(f) \geq 1$

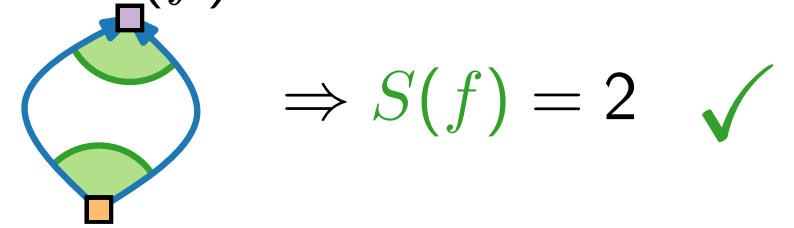
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■ sink  $v$  with small angle:



**Proof** by induction on  $L(f)$ .

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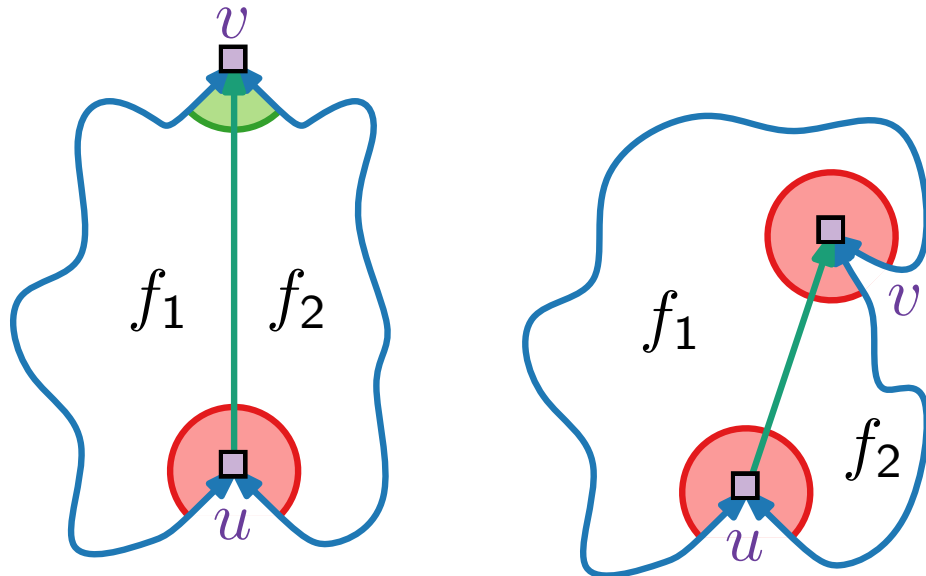
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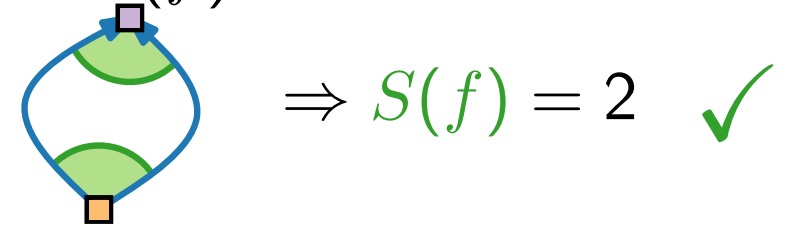
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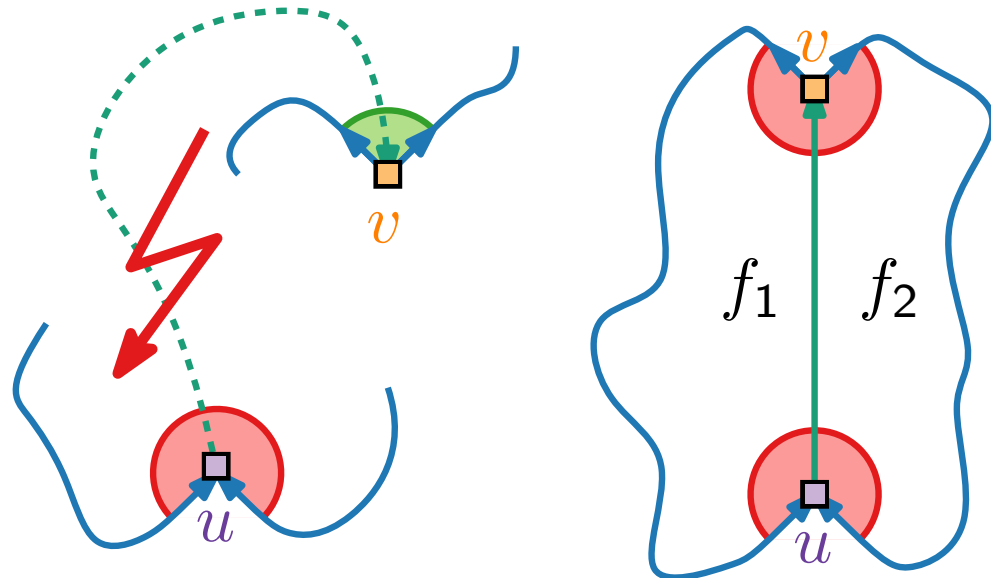
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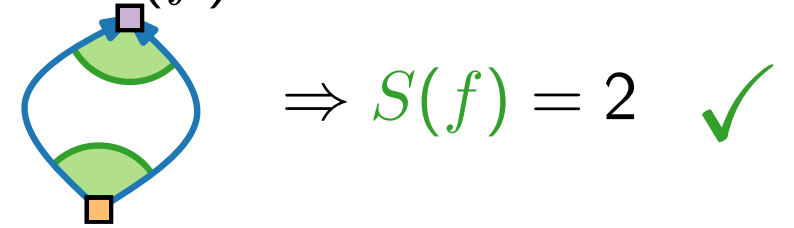
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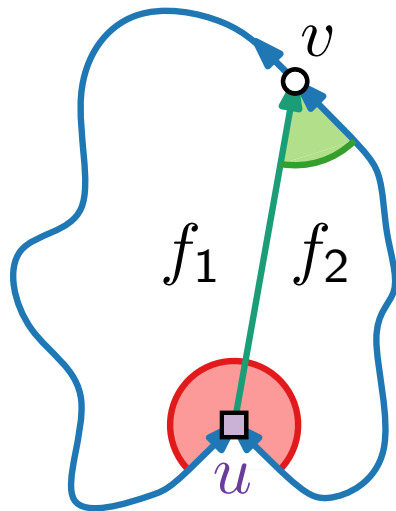
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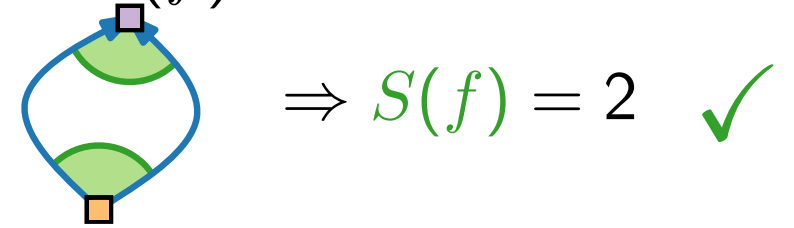
Split  $f$  with edge from a large angle at a “low” sink  $u$  to...

■ vertex  $v$  that is neither source nor sink:



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■ Otherwise “high” source  $u$  exists.  $\rightarrow$  symmetric

■ Similar argument for the outer face  $f_0$ .

# Number of Large Angles

## Lemma 3.

In every upward planar drawing of  $G$ , it holds that

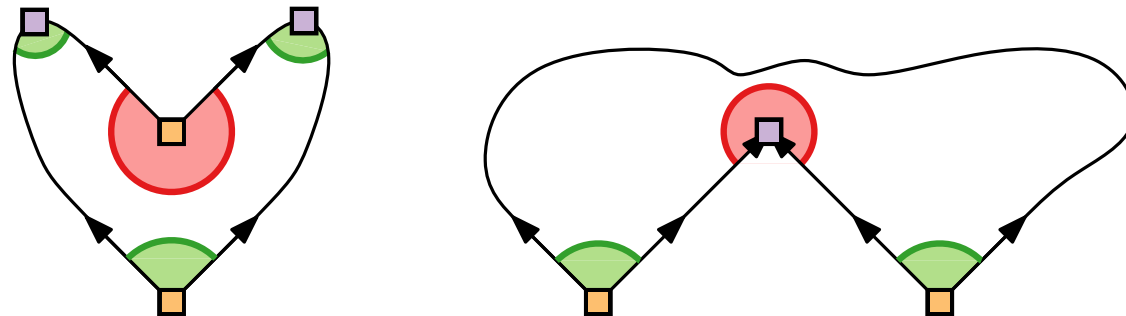
- for each vertex  $v$ :  $L(v) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } v \text{ is an inner vertex,} \\ 1 & \text{if } v \text{ is a global source / sink;} \end{cases}$
- for each face  $f$ :  $L(f) = \begin{cases} A(f) - 1 & \text{if } f \neq f_0, \\ A(f) + 1 & \text{if } f = f_0. \end{cases}$

**Proof.** Lemma 1:  $L(f) + S(f) = 2A(f)$

Lemma 2:  $L(f) - S(f) = \pm 2.$

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$$\Rightarrow 2L(f) = 2A(f) \pm 2.$$



# Assignment of Large Angles to Faces

Let  $S$  be the set of (global) **sources**, and let  $T$  be the set of (global) **sinks**.

## Definition.

A **consistent assignment**  $\Phi: S \cup T \rightarrow F$  is a mapping with

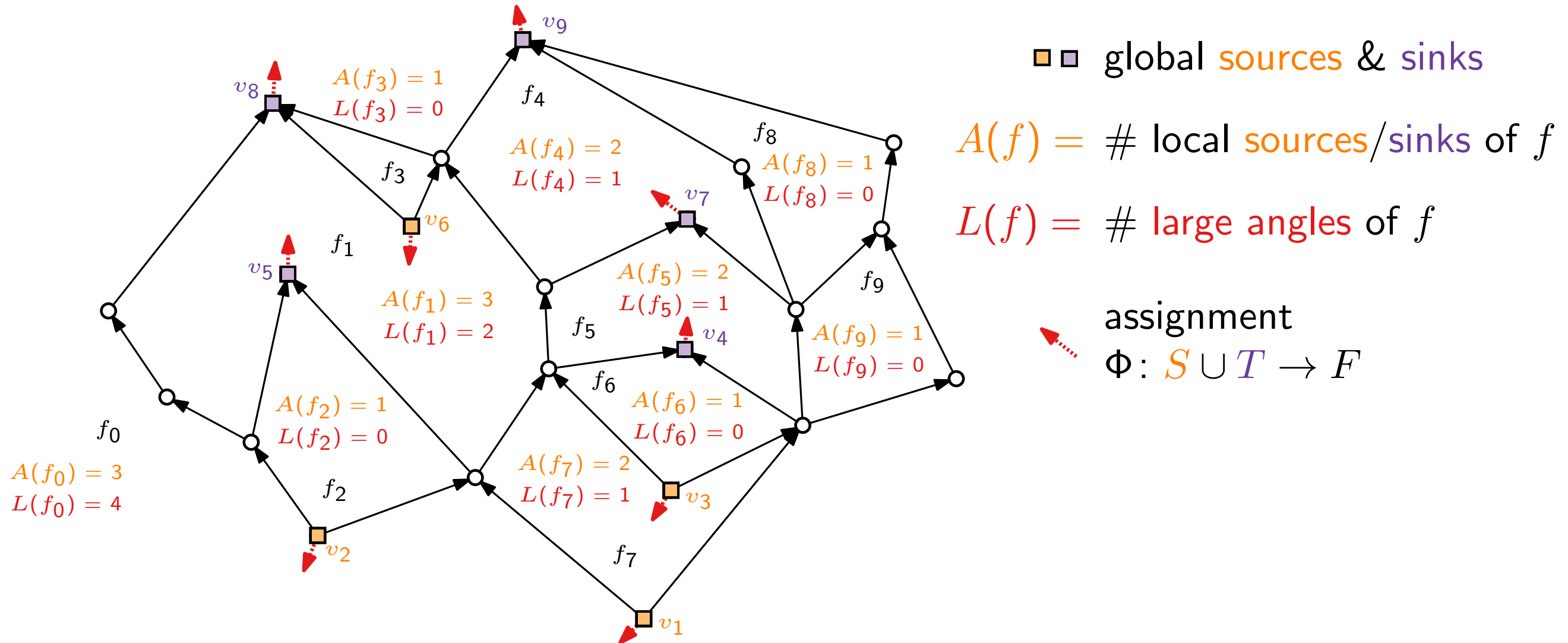
$\Phi: v \mapsto$  incident face, where  $v$  forms a **large angle**

such that

$$|\Phi^{-1}(f)| = L(f) = \begin{cases} A(f) - 1 & \text{if } f \neq f_0, \\ A(f) + 1 & \text{if } f = f_0. \end{cases}$$



# Example of Angle-to-Face Assignment



# Result Characterization

## Theorem 3.

Let  $G$  be an acyclic plane digraph with embedding given by  $F$  and  $f_0$ .

Then  $G$  is upward planar (respecting  $F$  and  $f_0$ )

$\Leftrightarrow G$  is bimodal and there exists a consistent assignment  $\Phi$ .

## Proof.

$\Rightarrow$ : As constructed before.

$\Leftarrow$ : Idea:

- Construct planar st-digraph that is a supergraph of  $G$ .
- Apply equivalence from Theorem 1.

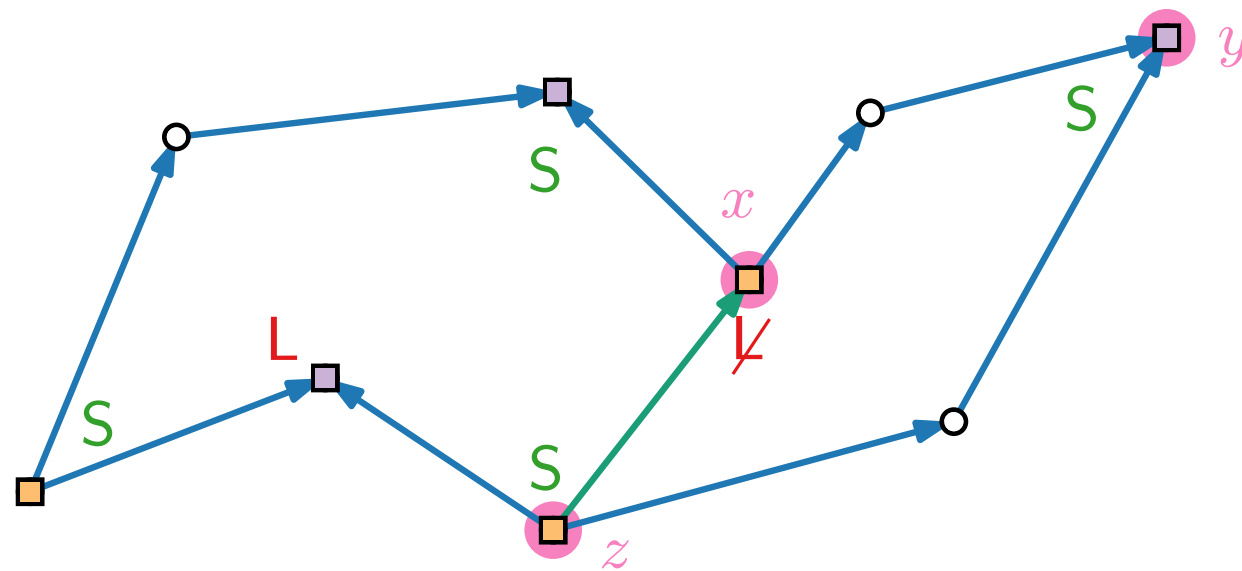
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- Goal: Add edges to break **large angles** (**sources** and **sinks**).
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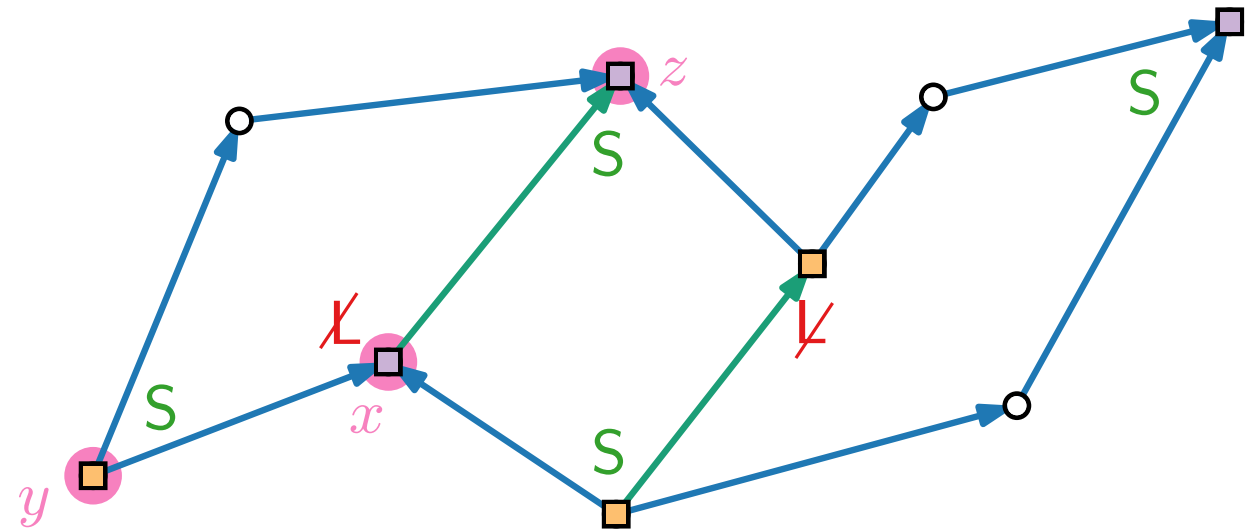


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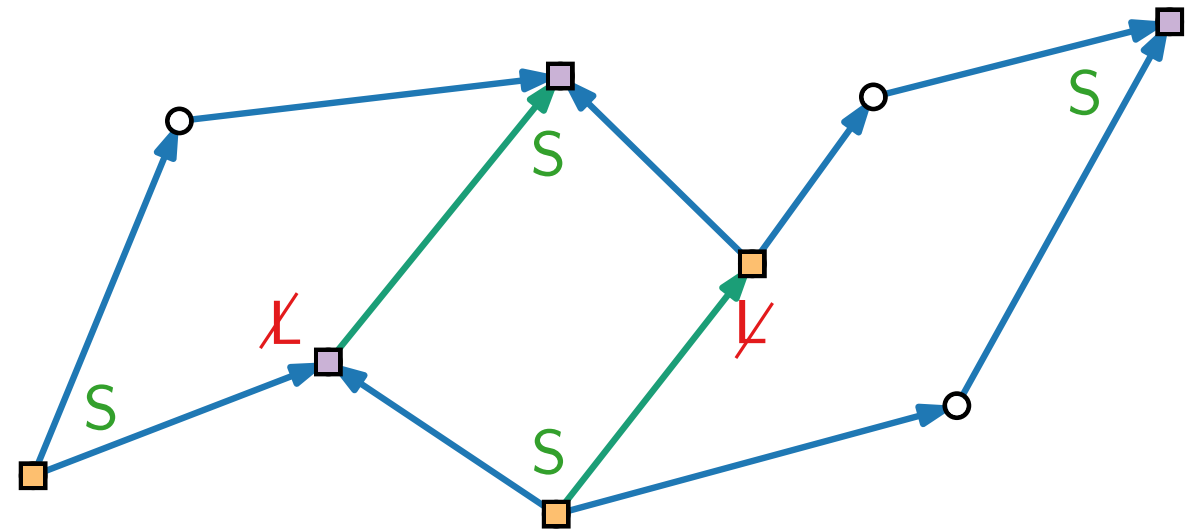
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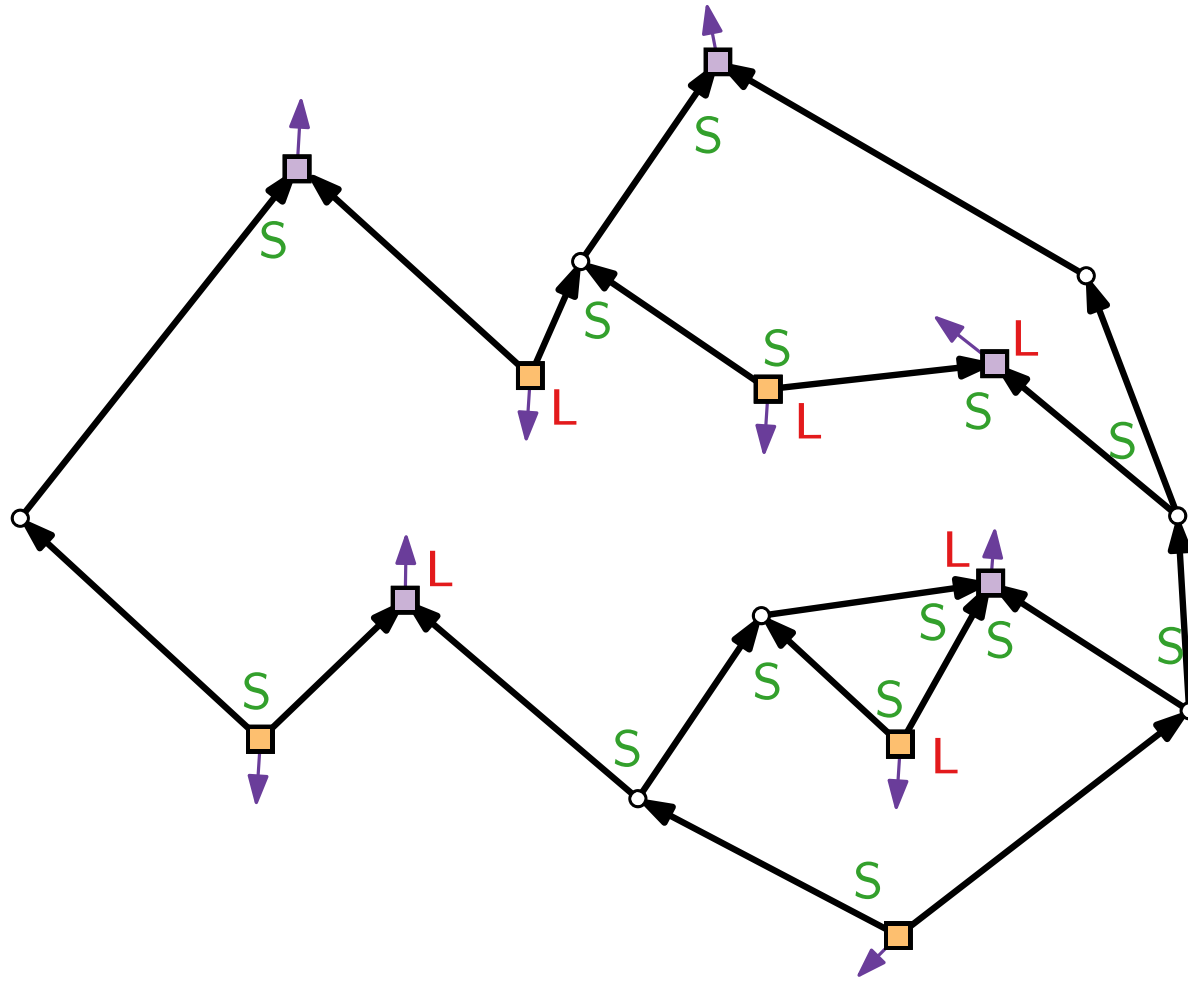
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- Refine outer face  $f_0$  similarly.

$\rightarrow$  **Exercise**

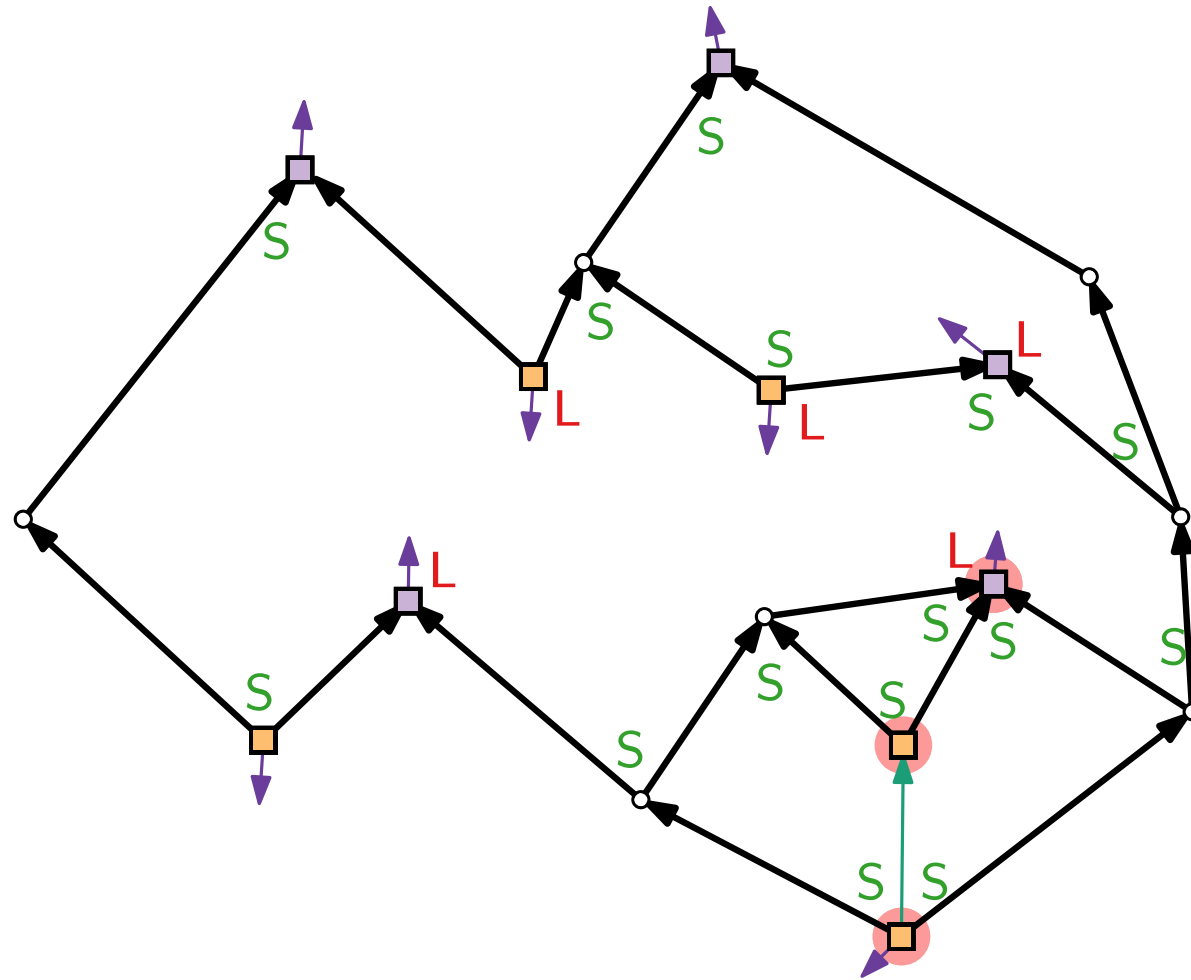


- Refine all faces.  $\Rightarrow G$  is contained in a planar st-digraph.
- Planarity, acyclicity, bimodality are invariants under construction.

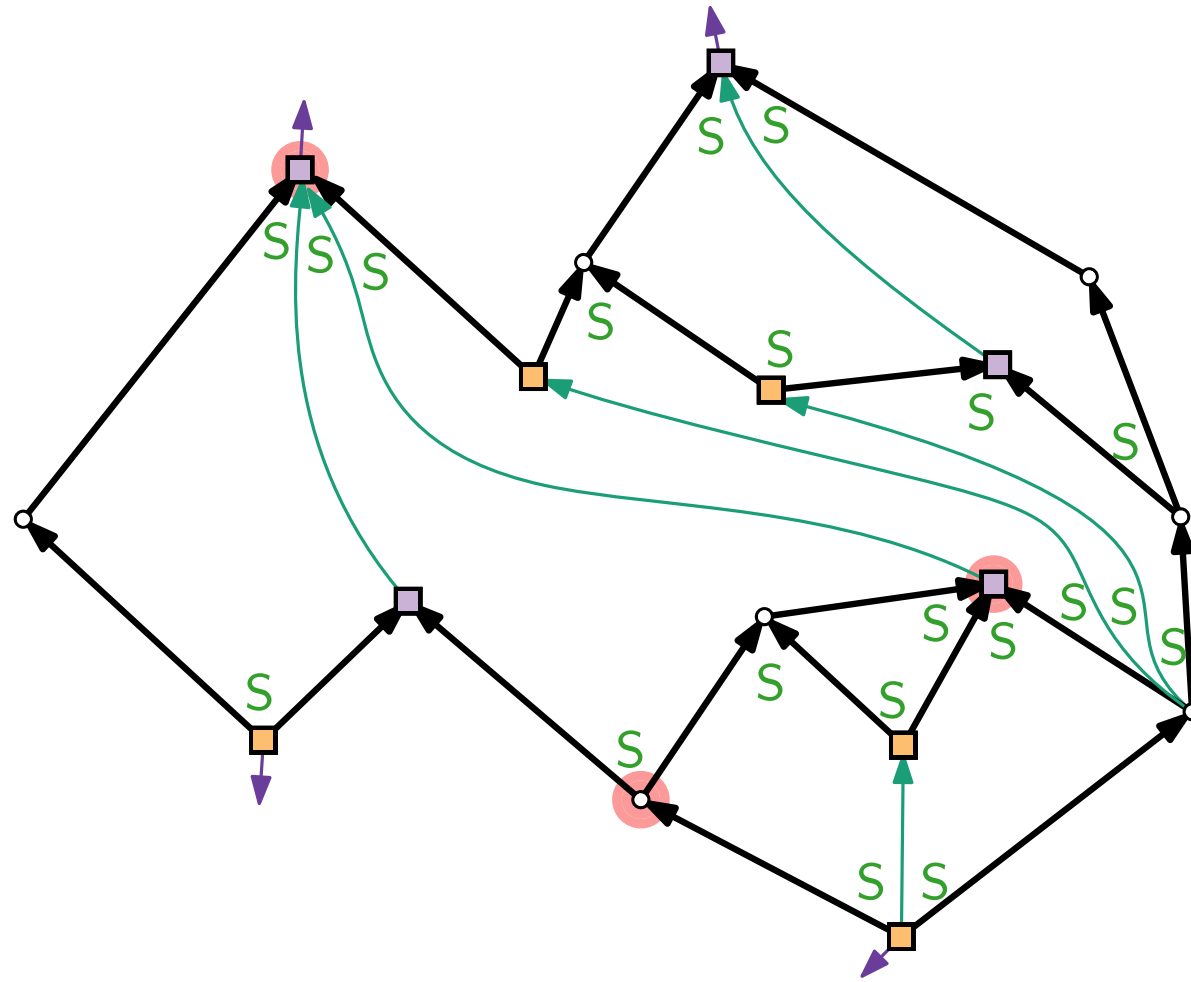
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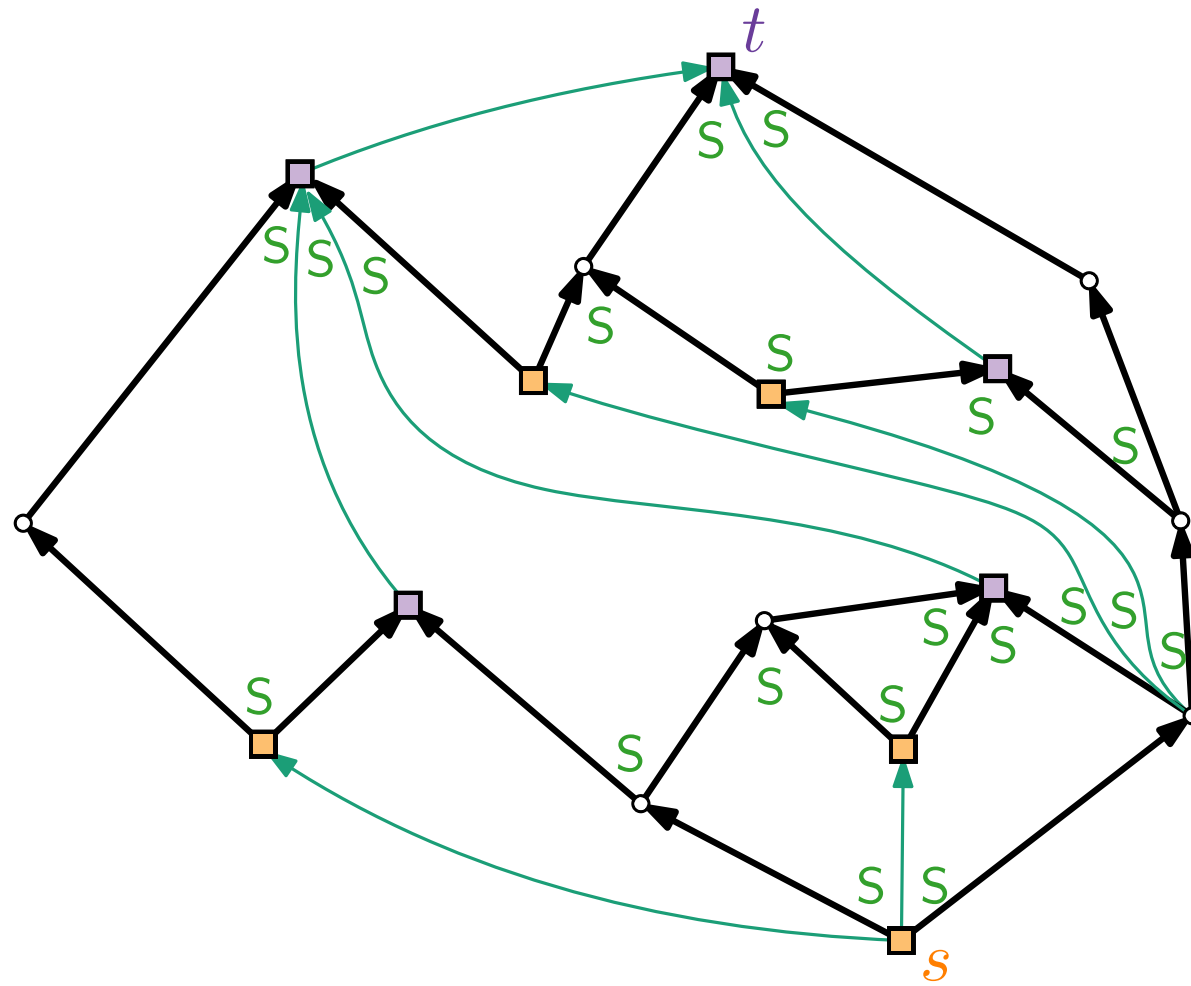


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# Result Upward Planarity Test

**Theorem 2.** [Bertolazzi, Di Battista, Mannino, Tamassia '94]  
Given an *embedded* planar digraph  $G$ ,  
we can test in quadratic time whether  $G$  is upward planar.

## Proof.

- Test for bimodality.
- Test for a consistent assignment  $\Phi$  (via flow network).
- If  $G$  bimodal and  $\Phi$  exists, refine  $G$  to plane st-digraph  $H$ .
- Draw  $H$  upward planar.
- Deleted edges added in refinement step.

# Finding a Consistent Assignment

**Idea.** Flow  $(v, f) = 1$

from global **source** / **sink**  $v$  to the incident face  $f$  its **large angle** gets assigned to.

nodes of flow network

edges of flow network

supplies/demands of nodes

lower/upper bounds on edge capacities

**Flow network.**

$$N_{F, f_0}(G) = ((W, E'); b; \ell; u)$$

$$\blacksquare W = \{v \in V(G) \mid v \text{ source or sink}\} \cup F(G)$$

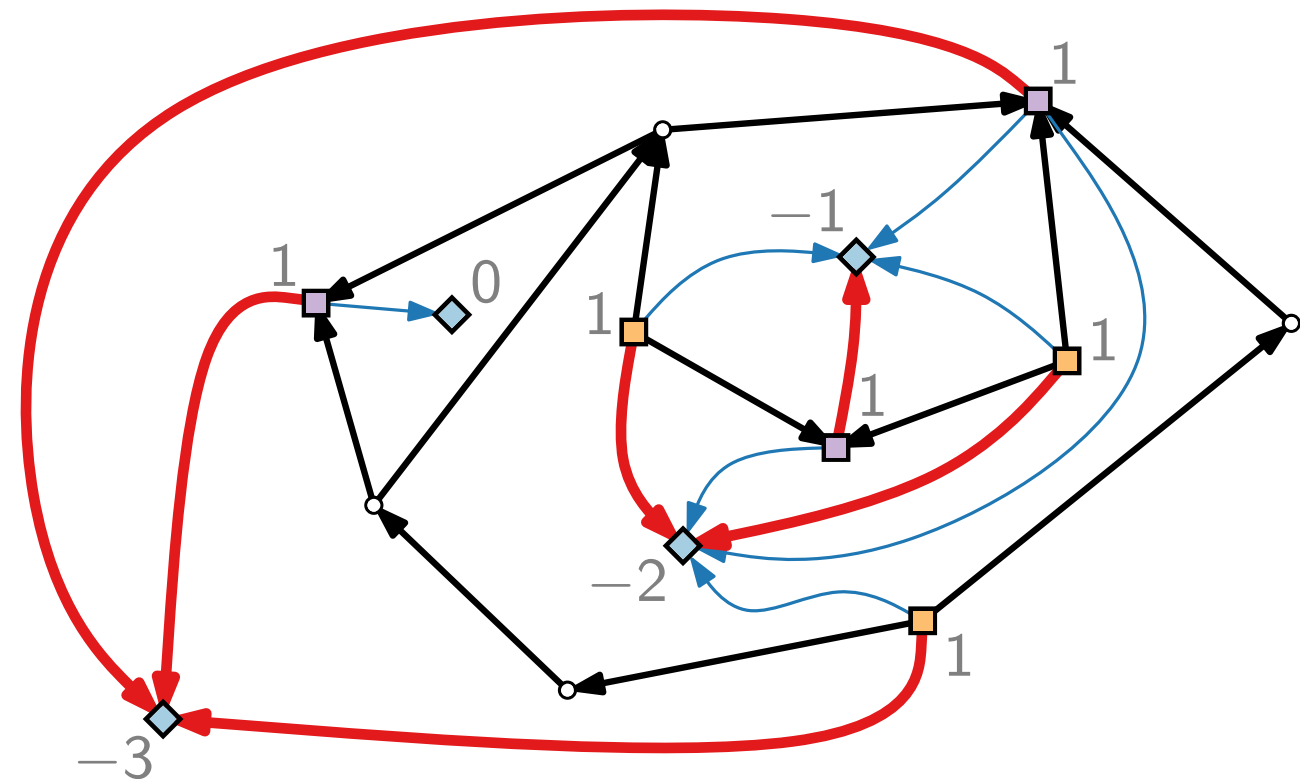
$$\blacksquare E' = \{(v, f) \mid v \text{ incident to } f\}$$

$$\blacksquare \ell(e) = 0 \quad \forall e \in E'$$

$$\blacksquare u(e) = 1 \quad \forall e \in E'$$

$$\blacksquare b(w) = \begin{cases} 1 & \forall w \in W \cap V(G) \\ -(A(w) - 1) & \forall w \in F(G) \setminus \{f_0\} \\ -(A(w) + 1) & w = f_0 \end{cases}$$

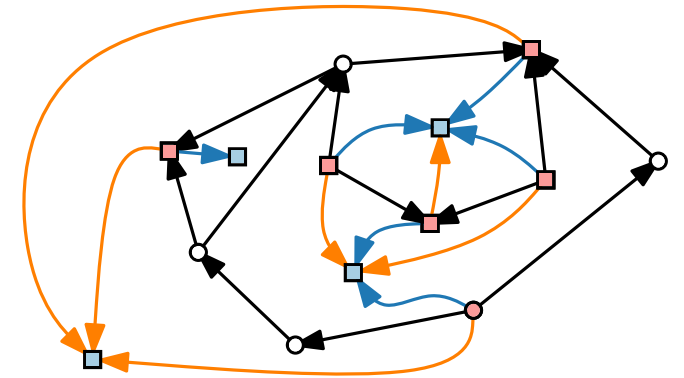
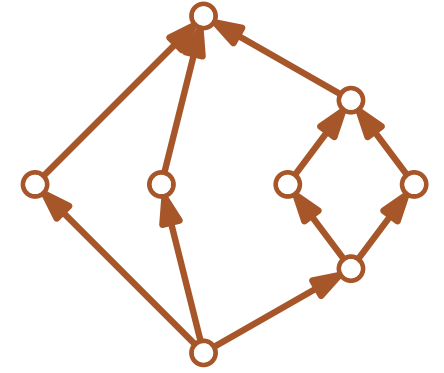
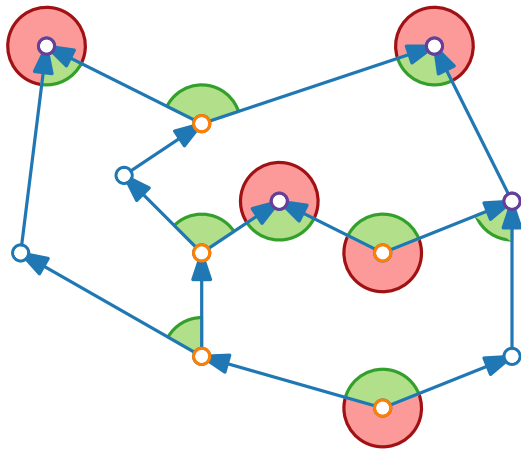
**Example.**



# Visualization of Graphs

## Lecture 5: Upward Planar Drawings

### Part II: Series-Parallel Graphs



# Series-Parallel Graphs

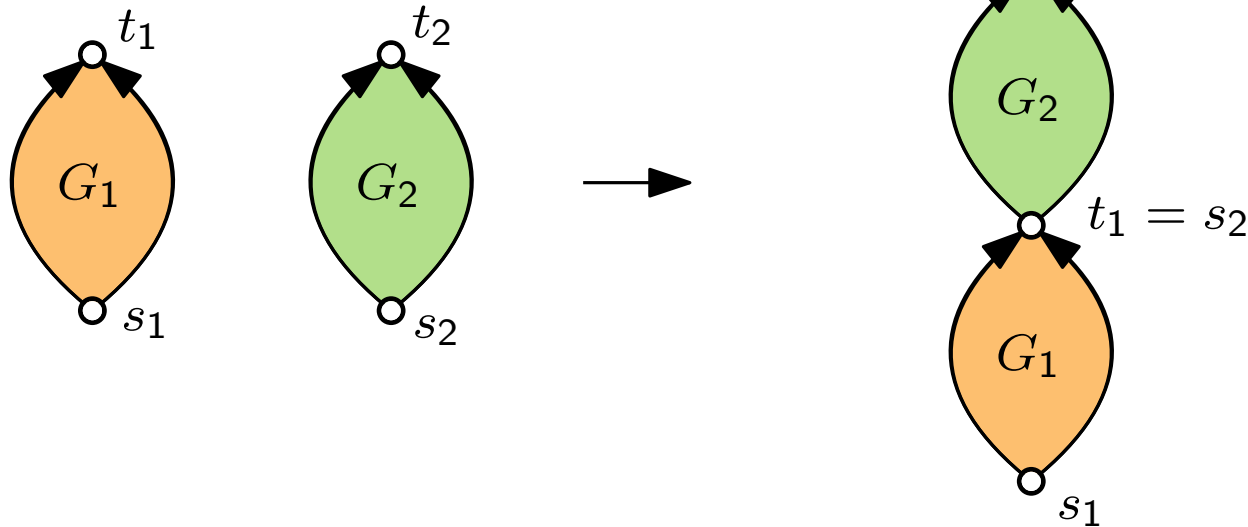
A graph  $G$  is **series-parallel** if

- it contains a single (directed) edge  $(s, t)$ , or
- it consists of two series-parallel graphs  $G_1, G_2$  with sources  $s_1, s_2$  and sinks  $t_1, t_2$  that are combined using one of the following rules:

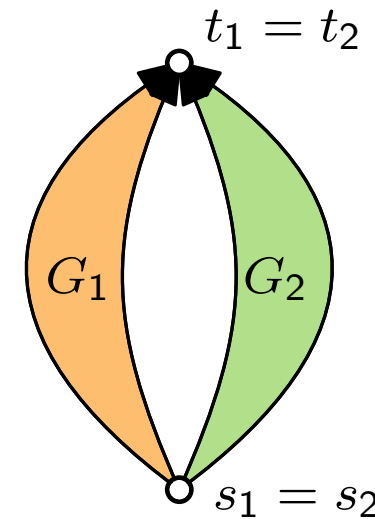


*Convince yourself that series-parallel graphs are (upward) planar!*

## Series composition



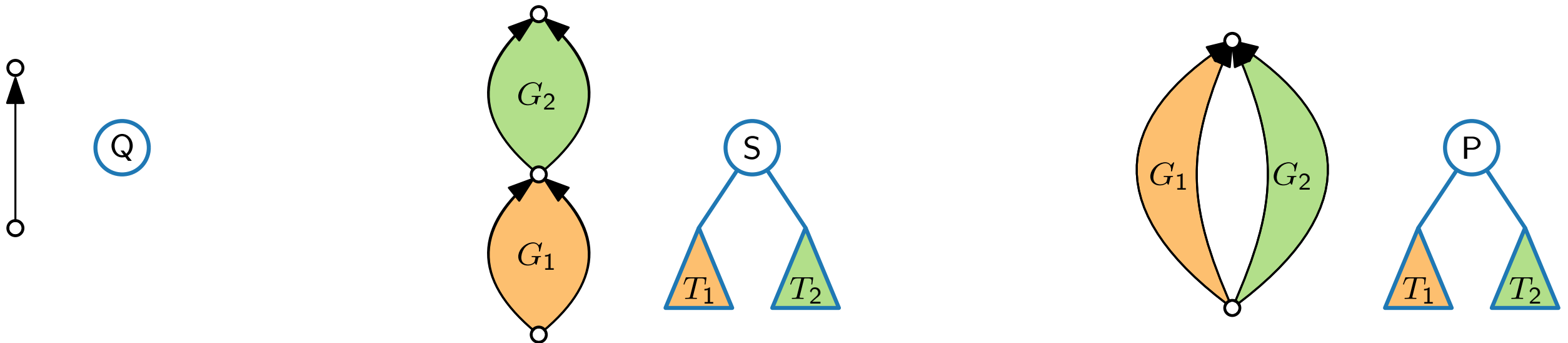
## Parallel composition



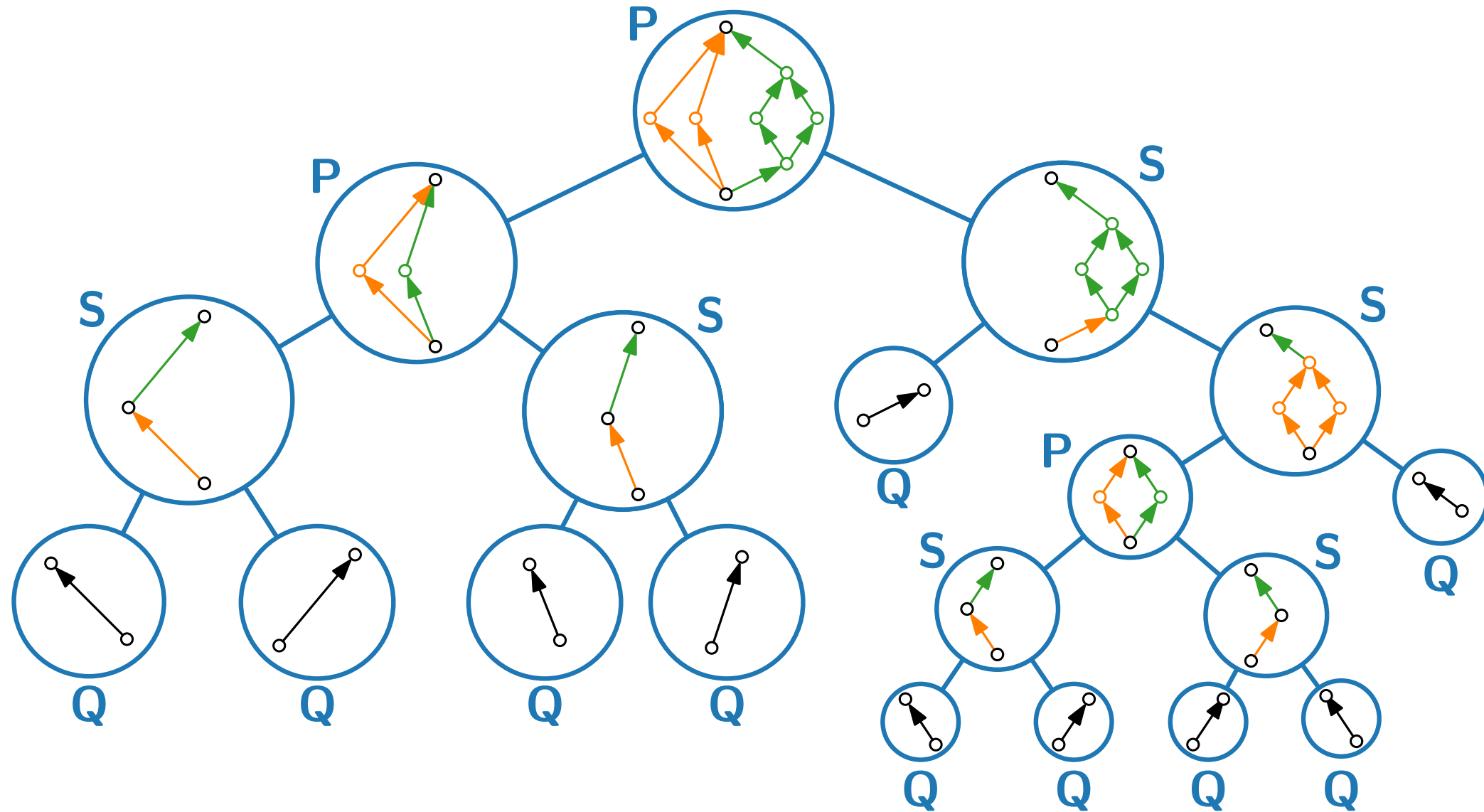
# Series-Parallel Graphs – Decomposition Tree

A **decomposition tree** of  $G$  is a binary tree  $T$  with nodes of three types: **S**, **P** and **Q**.

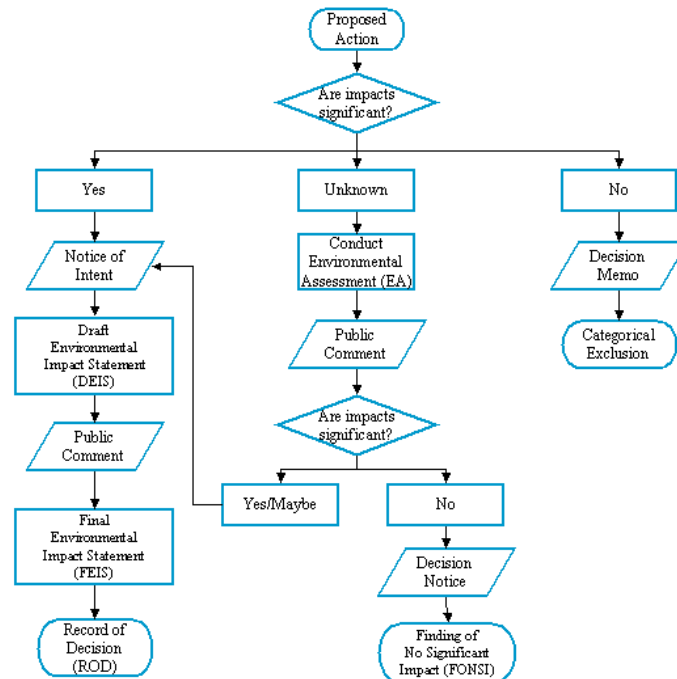
- A **Q**-node represents a single edge.
- An **S**-node represents a series composition; its children  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  represent  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ .
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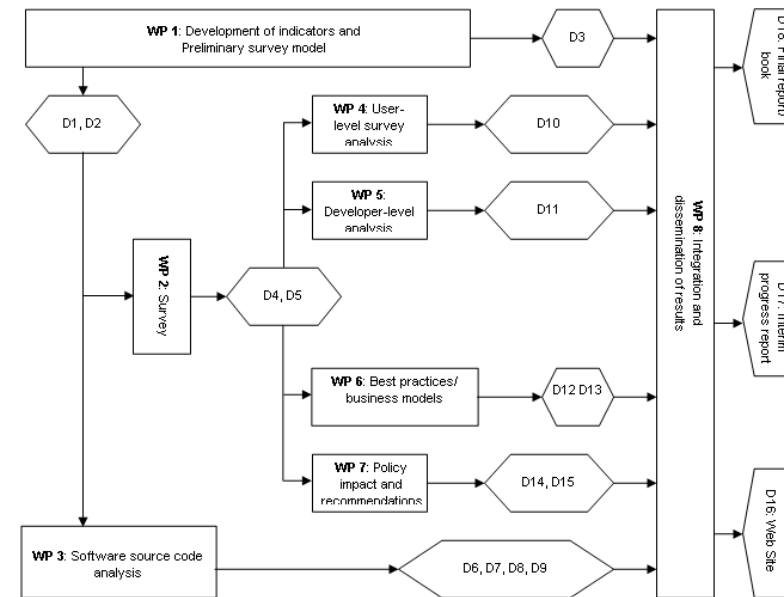
# Series-Parallel Graphs – Decomposition Example



# Series-Parallel Graphs – Applications



Flowcharts



PERT-Diagrams

(Program Evaluation and Review Technique)

## Computational complexity:

Series-parallel graphs often admit linear-time algorithms for NP-hard problems, e.g., minimum maximal matching, maximum independent set, Hamiltonian completion.



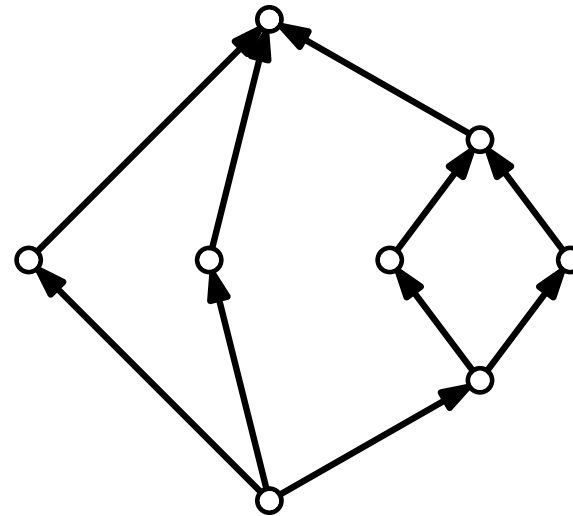
# Series-Parallel Graphs – Drawing Style

## Drawing conventions

- Planarity
- Straight-line edges
- Upward

## Drawing aesthetics to optimize

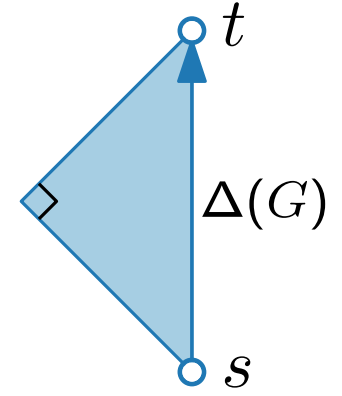
- Area
- Symmetry



# Series-Parallel Graphs – Straight-Line Drawings

## Divide & conquer algorithm using the decomposition tree

- Invariant: draw  $G$  inside a right-angled isosceles bounding triangle  $\Delta(G)$  with  $s$  at the bottom and  $t$  at the top

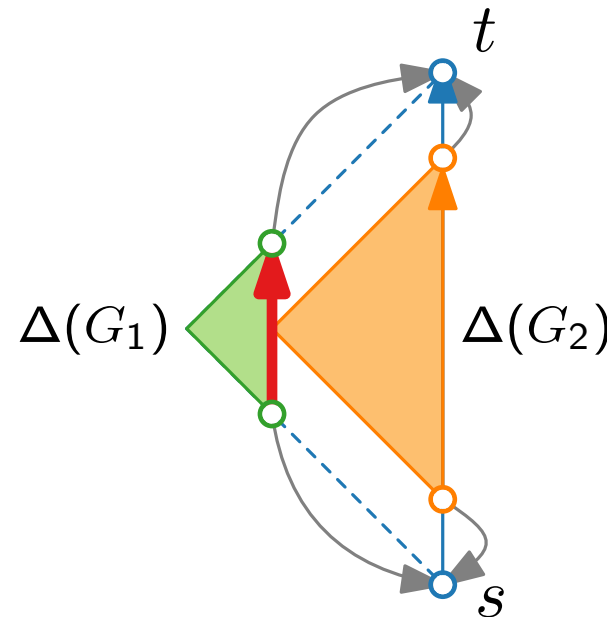
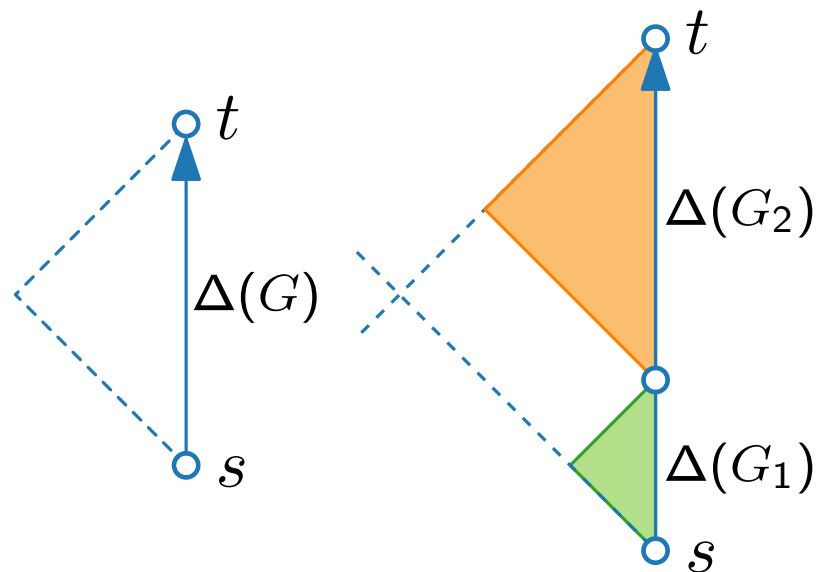
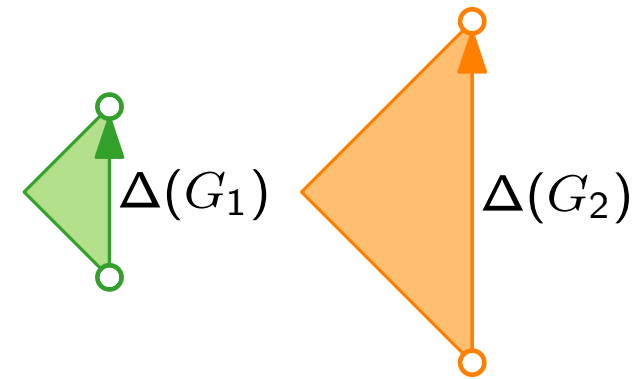


**Base case:** Q-nodes

**Divide:** Draw  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  first

## Conquer:

- S-nodes: series compositions
- P-nodes: parallel compositions



Do you see any problem?

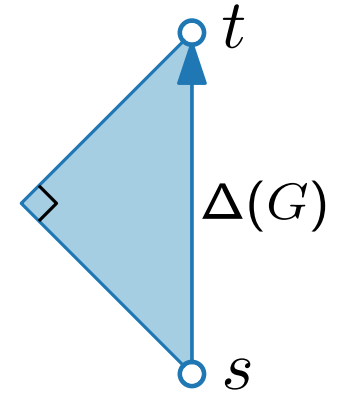
single edge

change embedding!

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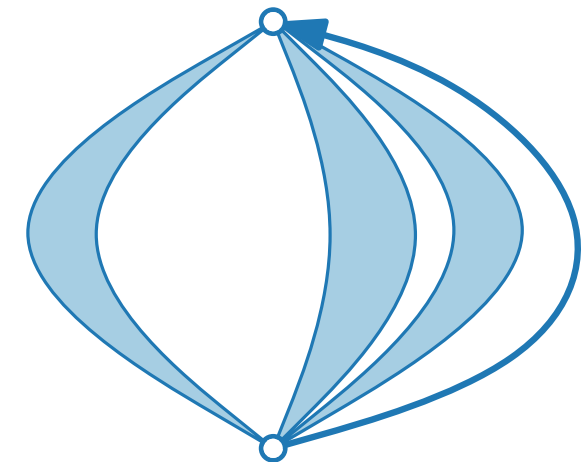
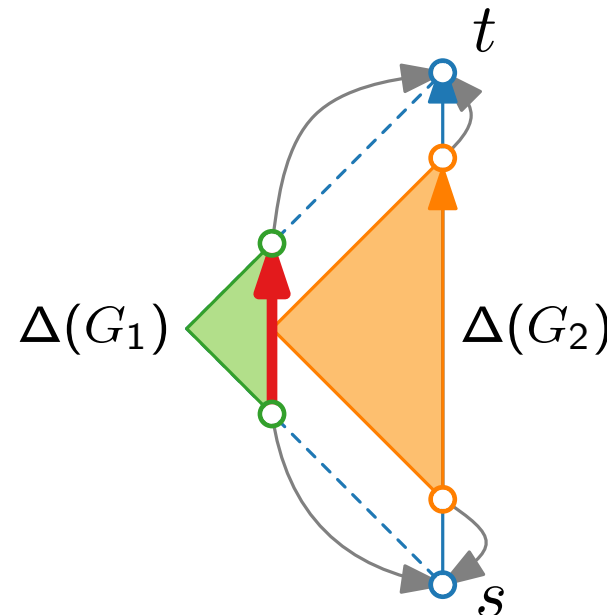
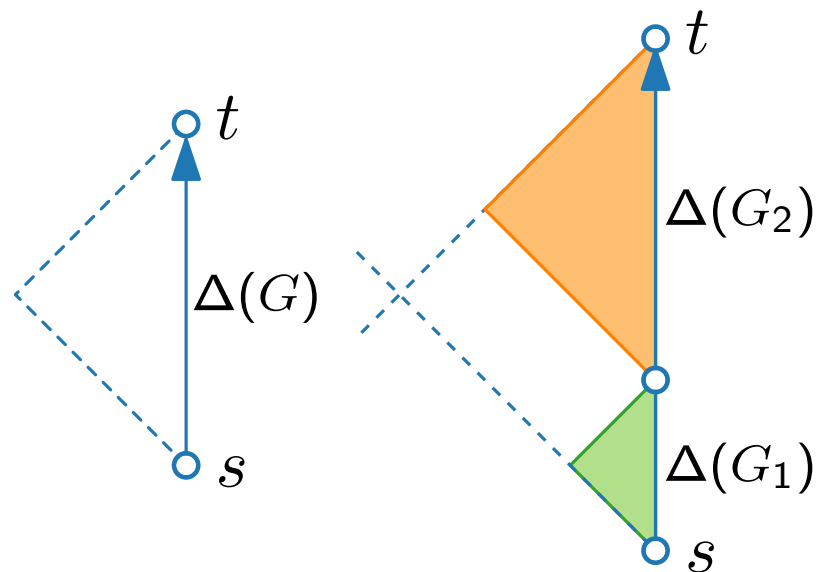
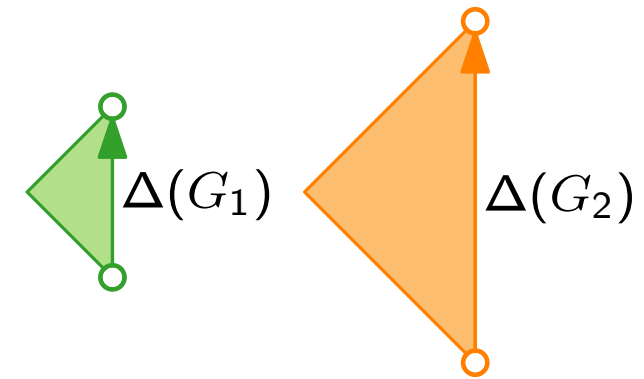


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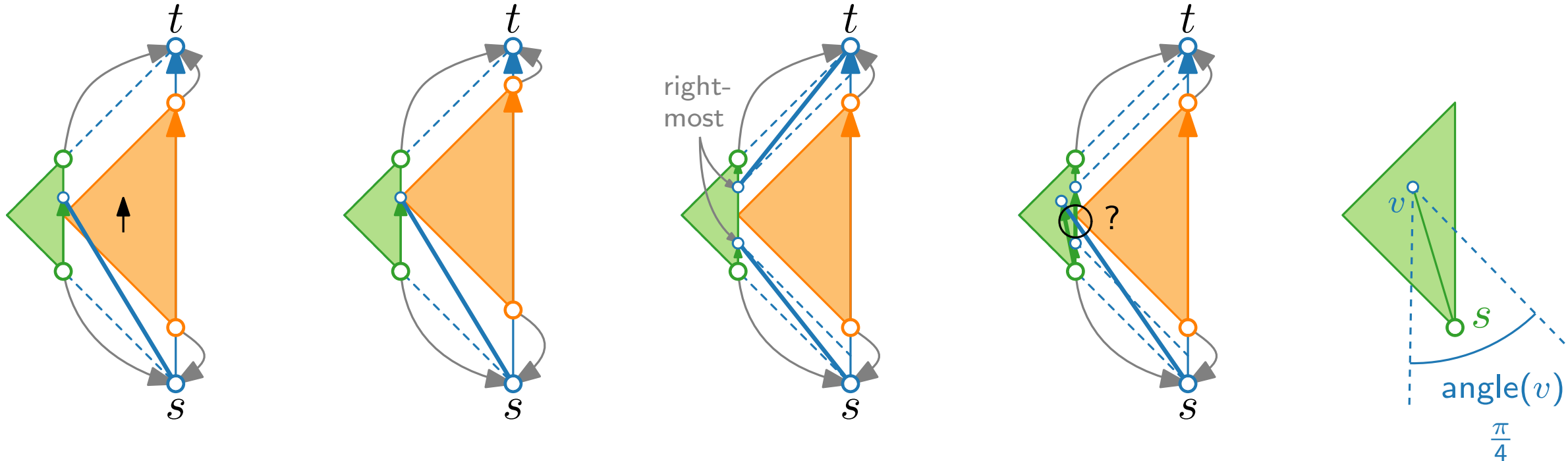
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# Series-Parallel Graphs – Straight-Line Drawings

- What makes parallel composition possible without creating crossings?



- This condition **is** preserved during the induction step.

Assume the following holds:  
the only vertex in  $\text{angle}(v)$  is  $s$

## Lemma.

The drawing produced by the algorithm is planar.

# Series-Parallel Graphs – Result

## Theorem.

Let  $G$  be a series-parallel graph. Then  $G$  (with **variable embedding**) admits a drawing  $\Gamma$  that

- is upward planar,
- is straight-line, and
- uses quadratic area.
- Isomorphic components of  $G$  have congruent drawings up to translation.

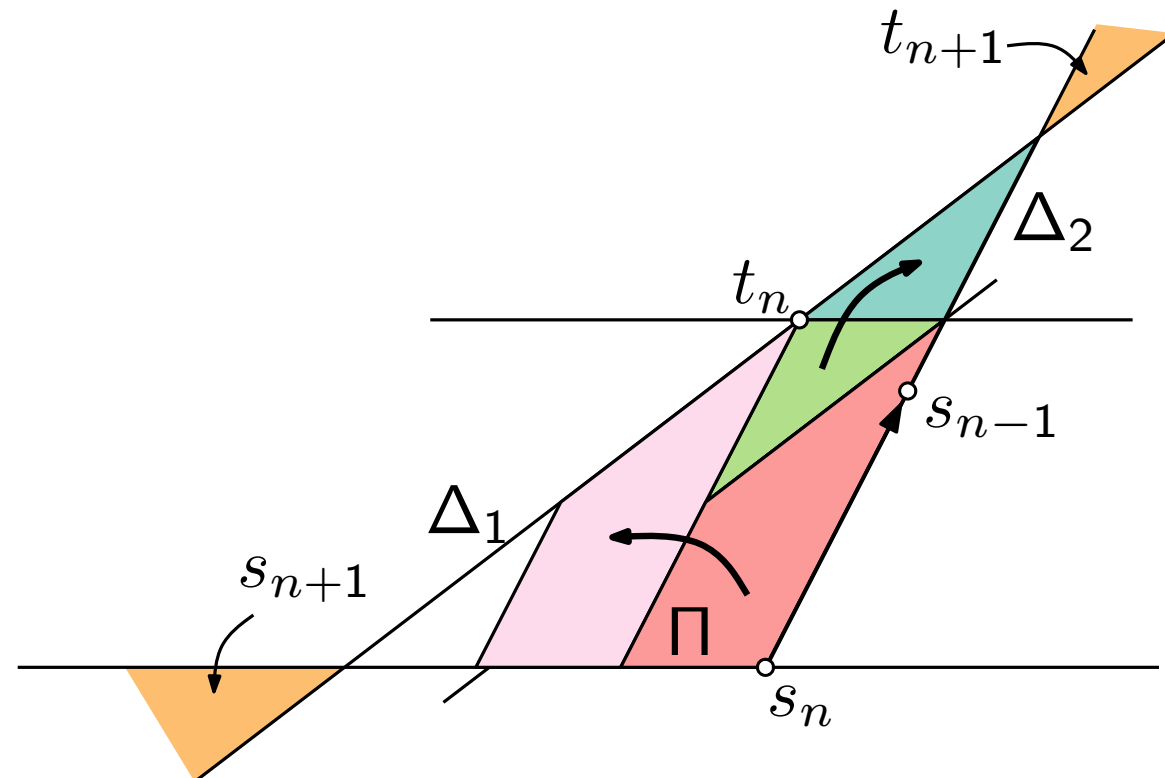
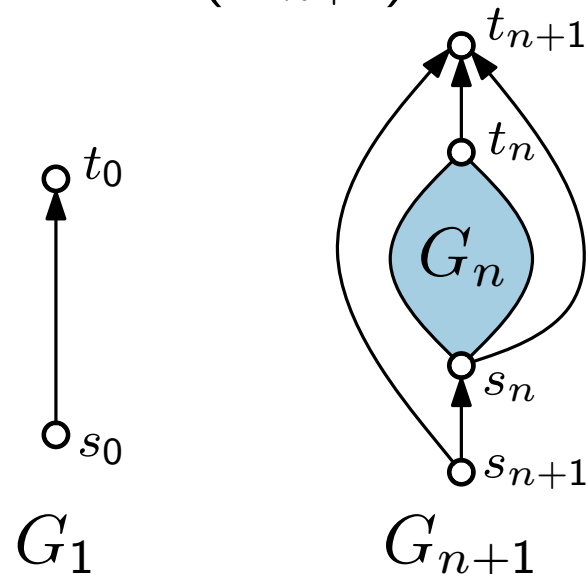
$\Gamma$  can be computed in linear time.

# Series-Parallel Graphs – Fixed Embedding

**Theorem.** [Bertolazzi, Di Battista, Mannino, Tamassia '94]

For any  $n \geq 1$ , there exists a  $2n$ -vertex series-parallel graph  $G_n$  in an embedding such that any upward planar straight-line drawing of  $G_n$  that **respects the given embedding** requires  $\Omega(4^n)$  area.

- $2 \cdot \text{Area}(G_n) < \text{Area}(\Pi)$
  - $2 \cdot \text{Area}(\Pi) \leq \text{Area}(G_{n+1})$
- $\Rightarrow 4 \cdot \text{Area}(G_n) < \text{Area}(G_{n+1})$



# Discussion

- There exist fixed-parameter (FPT) algorithms to test upward planarity of general digraphs with the parameter being the number of triconnected components.  
[Healy, Lynch 2005, Didimo et al. 2009]
- Finding a consistent assignment (Theorem 2) can be sped up to  $\mathcal{O}(n + r^{1.5})$ ,  
where  $r = \#$  sources. [Abbasi, Healy, Rextin 2010]
- Many related concepts have been studied:  
upward drawings of mixed graphs, upward drawings with layers for the vertices,  
upward planarity on cylinder/torus, ...

# Literature

- See [GD Ch. 6] for detailed explanation on upward planarity.
- See [GD Ch. 3] for divide and conquer methods of series-parallel graphs

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