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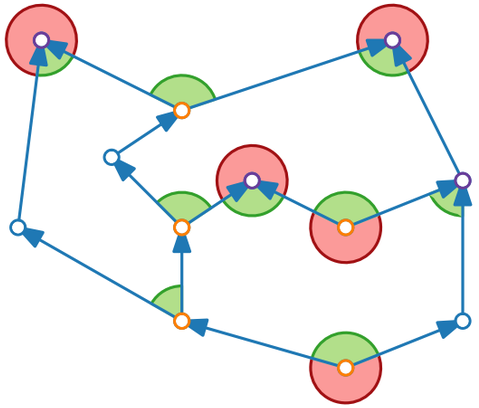
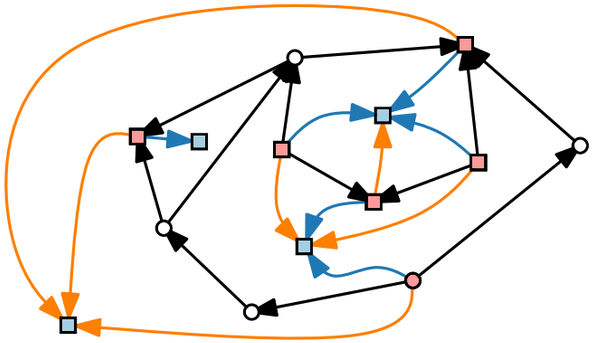


Part I:
Characterization



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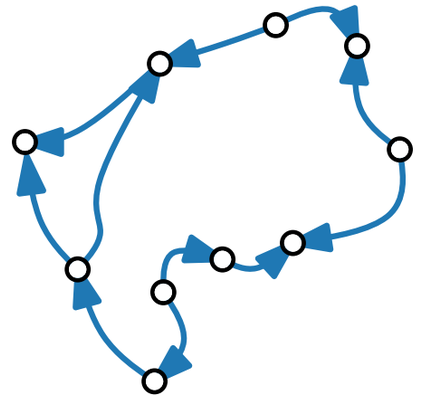
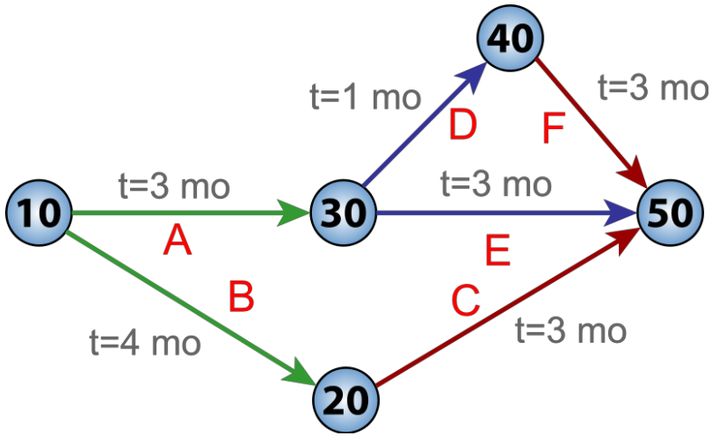
Upward Planar Drawings – Motivation

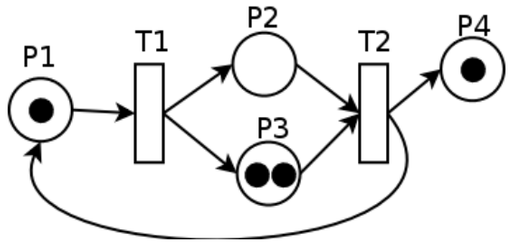


- What may the direction of edges in a digraph represent?
  - Time
  - Flow
  - Hierarchy
  - ...
- Would be nice to have general direction preserved in drawing.



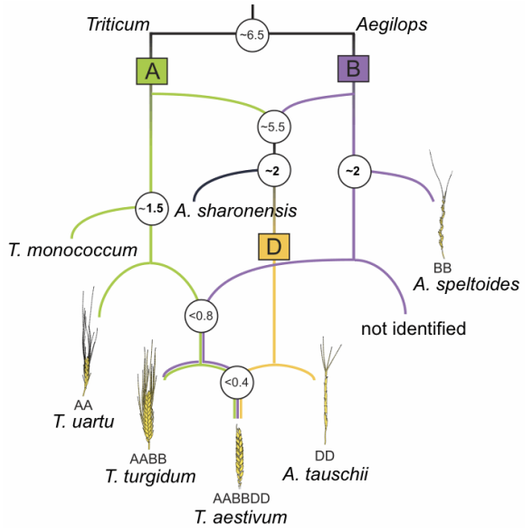
PERT diagram

Program Evaluation and Review Technique
(Project management)



Petri net

Place/Transition net
(Modeling languages for distributed systems)



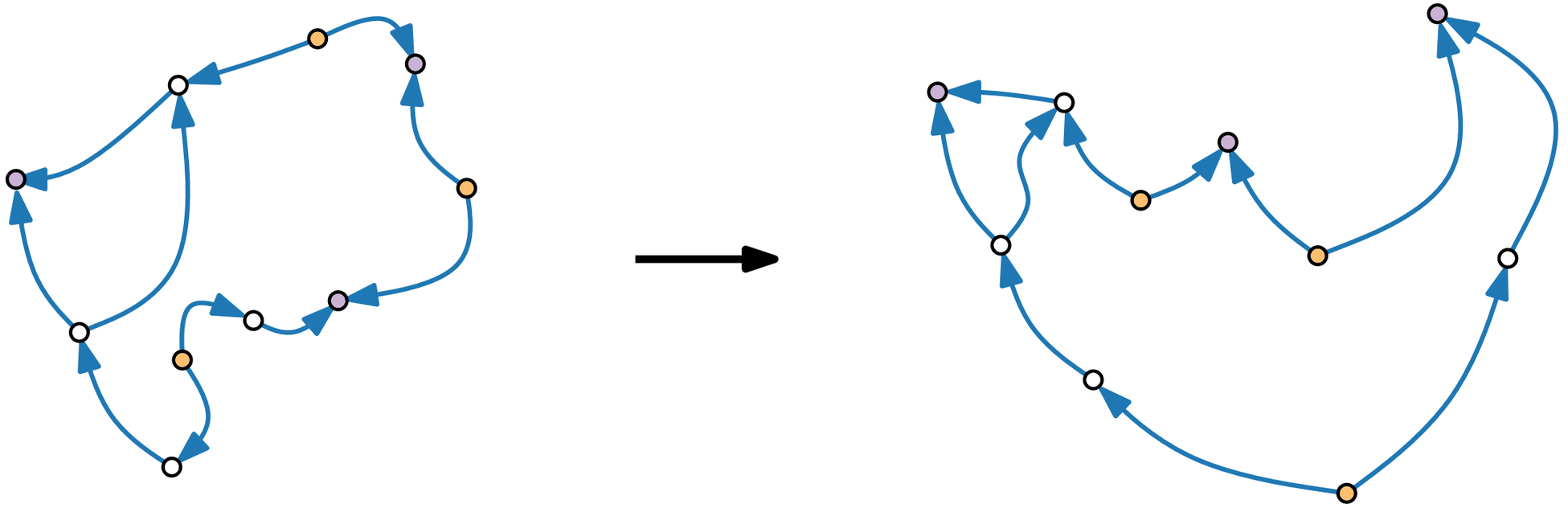
Phylogenetic network

Ancestral trees / networks
(Biology)

Upward Planar Drawings – Definition

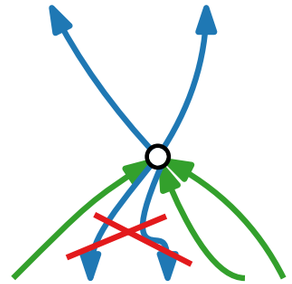
A directed graph is **upward planar** when it admits a drawing that is

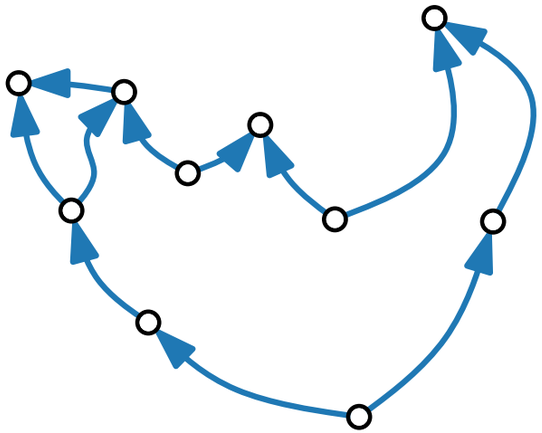
- planar and
- where each edge is drawn as an upward, y-monotone curve.

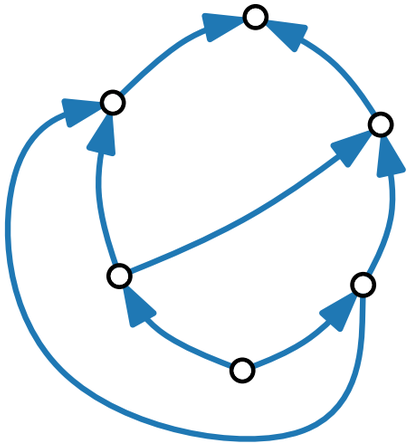


Upward Planarity – Necessary Conditions

- For a digraph G to be upward planar, it has to be:
  - planar
  - acyclic
  - bimodal
- . . . but these conditions are *not sufficient*.







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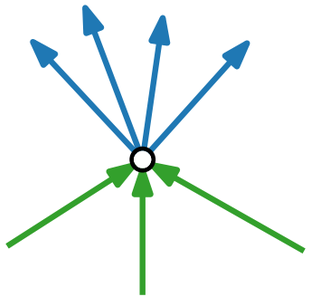

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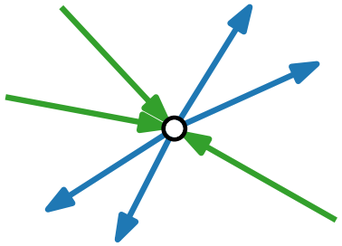

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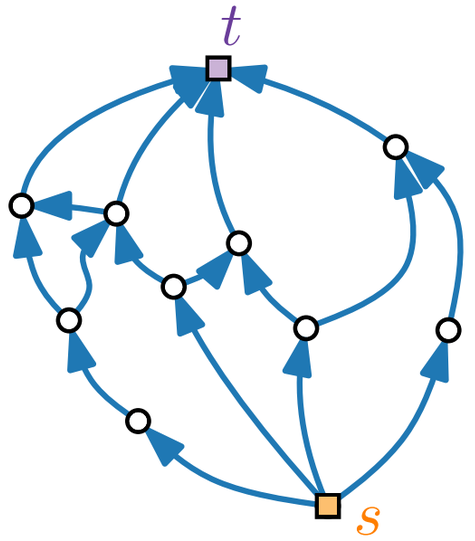

no crossings

acyclic digraph with
a single source s and single sink t

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

or:
Edge (s, t) exists.

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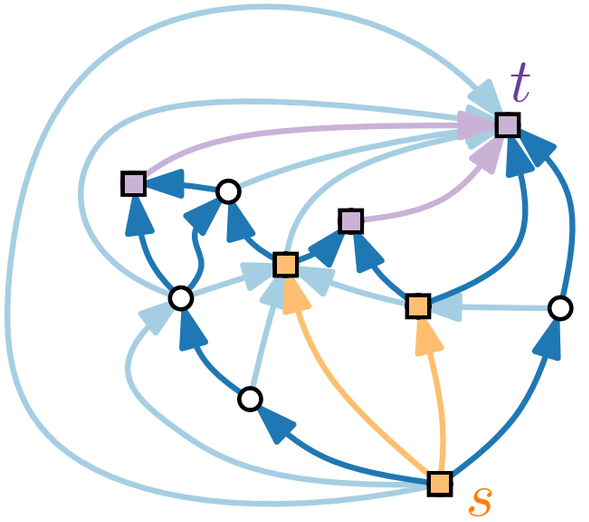


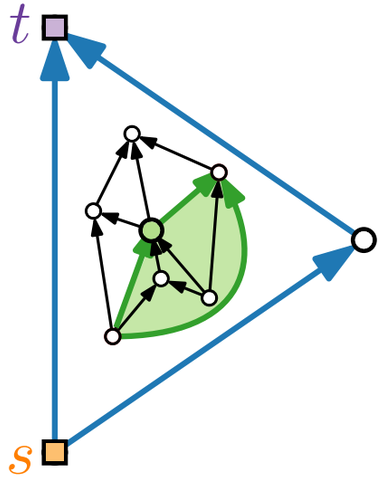
Proof.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ **(1)** By definition. **(1)** $\Leftrightarrow$ **(3)** For the proof idea, see the example.
(3) $\Rightarrow$ **(2)** Triangulate & construct drawing:

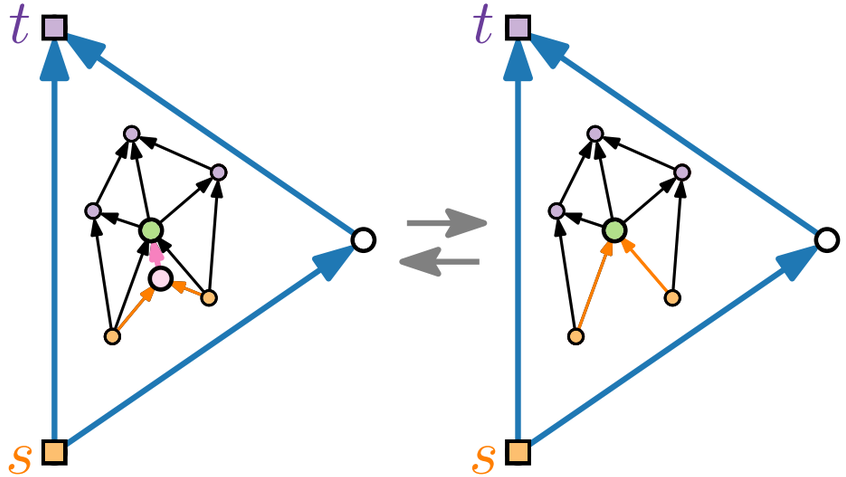
Claim.
Can draw in prespecified triangle.

Induction on n.

Case 1: chord



Case 2: no chord



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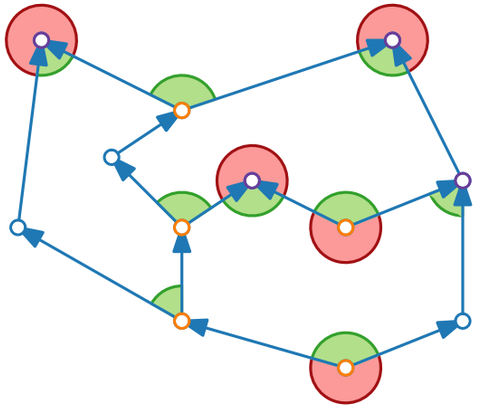

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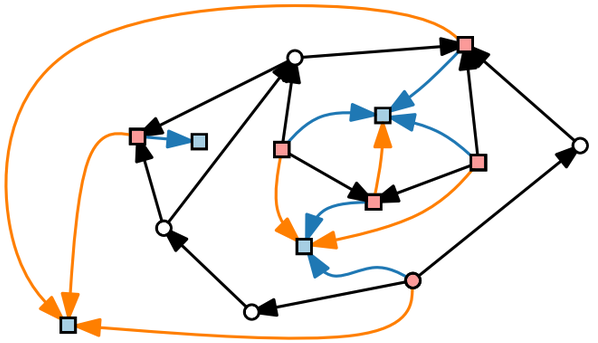

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Upward Planarity – Complexity

Theorem. [Garg & Tamassia, 1995]
Given a *planar acyclic* digraph G,
it is NP-hard to decide whether G is upward planar.

Theorem. [Bertolazzi et al., 1994]
Given a *combinatorially embedded* planar digraph G,
it can be tested in $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$ time whether G is upward planar.

Corollary.
Given a *triconnected* planar digraph G,
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Theorem. [Hutton & Lubiw, 1996]
Given a *single-source* acyclic digraph G,
it can be tested in $\mathcal{O}(n)$ 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 property that any upward planar drawing of G satisfies.
- Formalize property.
- Find algorithm to test 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 ∂f.
- A vertex v is a **local sink** w.r.t. to a face f if v has two incoming edges on ∂f.
- An angle α 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
- $S(v)$ & $S(f)$ for $\#$ small angles
- $A(f) = \#$ local sources w.r.t. to f
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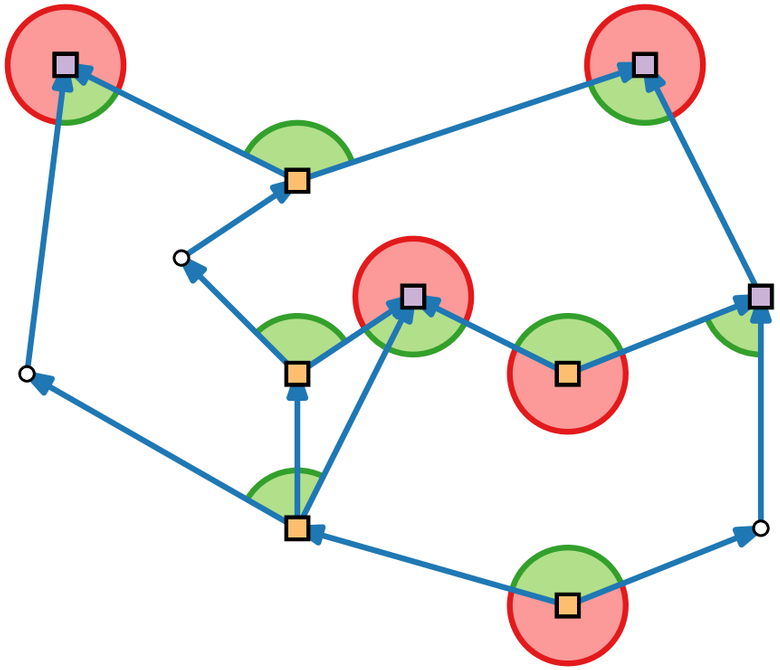
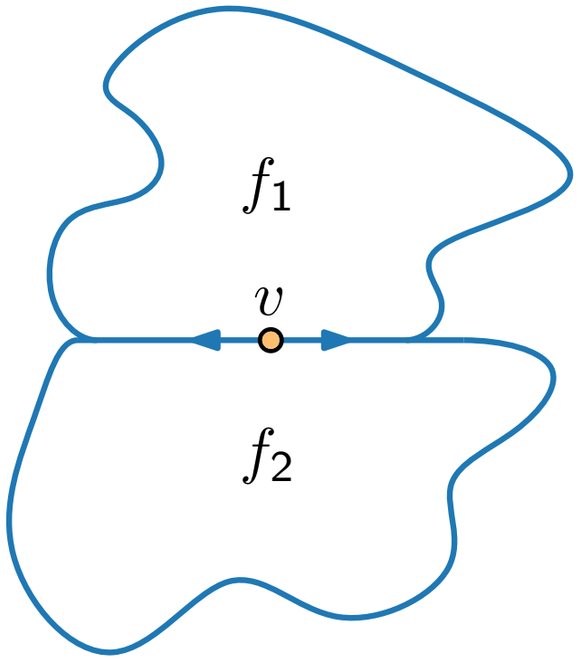


Lemma 1.
$L(f) + S(f) = 2A(f)$

Assignment Problem

- Vertex v is a global source at faces f_1 and f_2.
- Does v have a **large** angle in f_1 or f_2?



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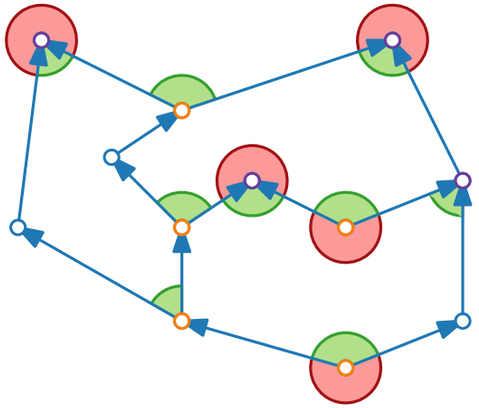

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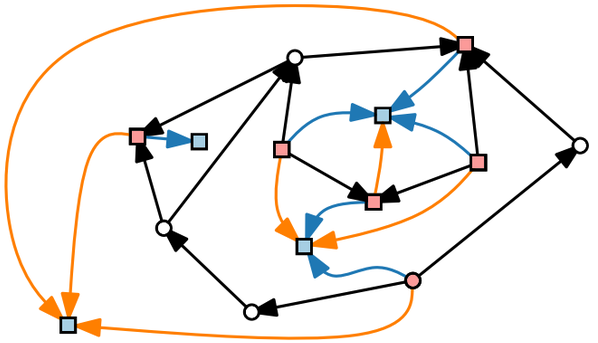

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Angle Relations

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

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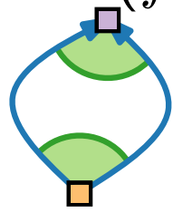

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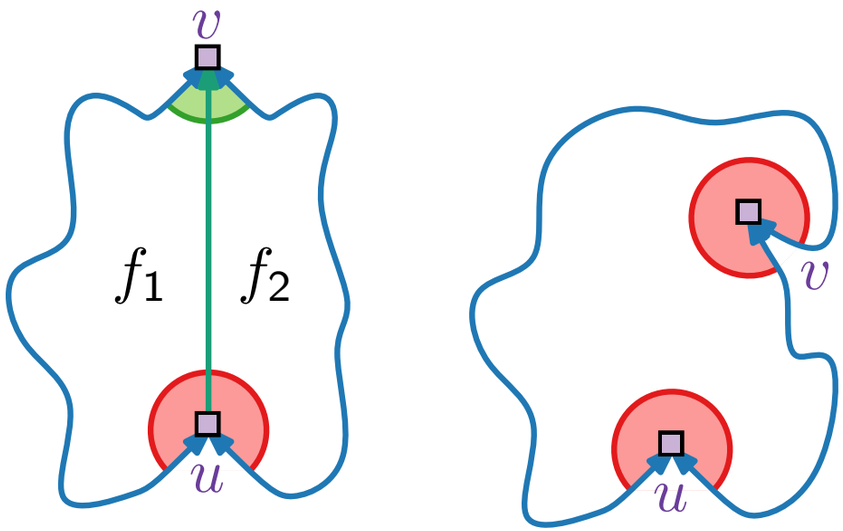

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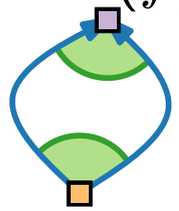
- $L(f) = 0$  $\Rightarrow S(f) = 2$ ✓
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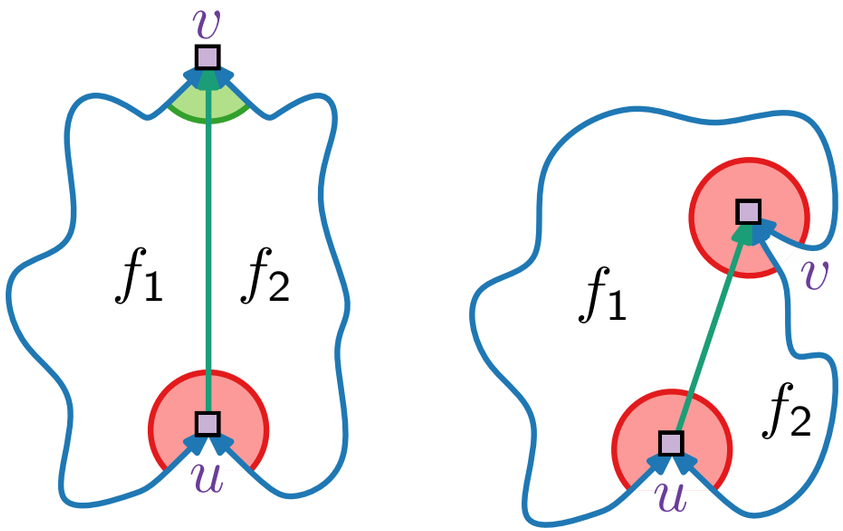

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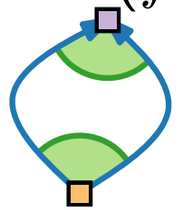

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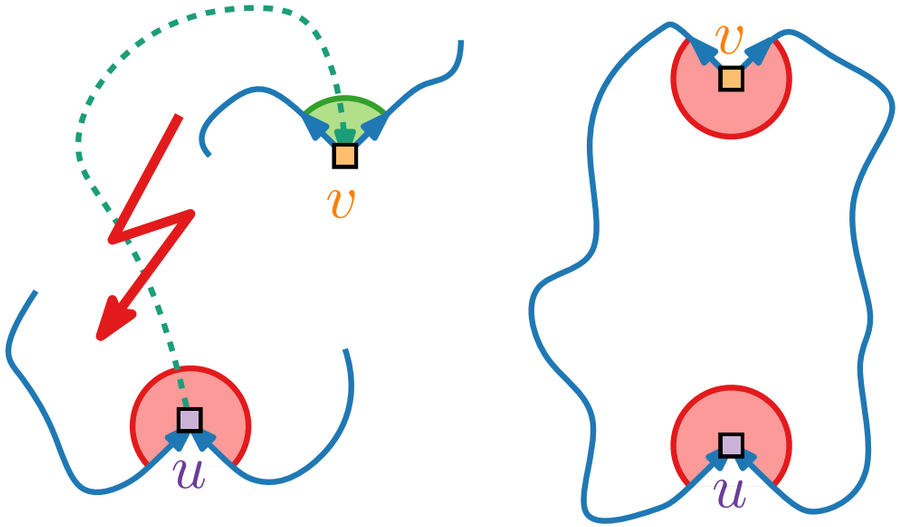

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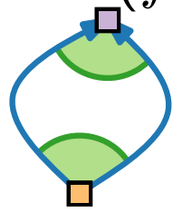

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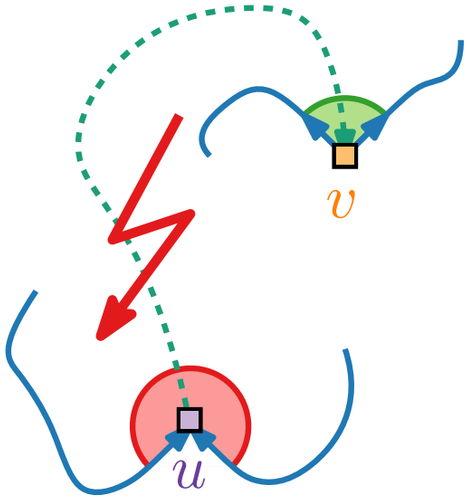

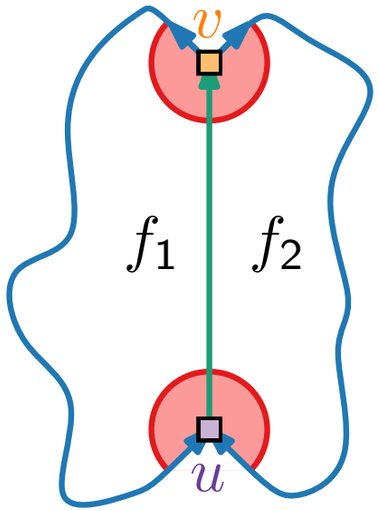

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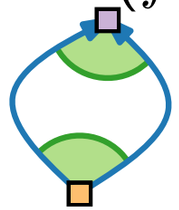

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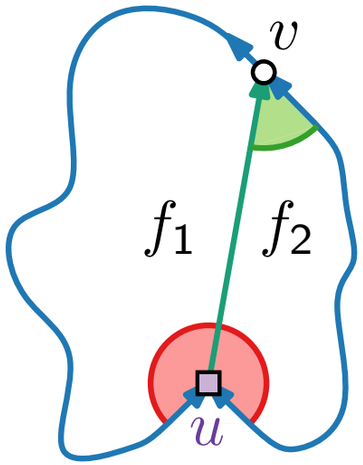


$$\begin{aligned} L(f) - S(f) &= \overbrace{L(f_1)}^{-2} + \overbrace{L(f_2)}^{-2} + 1 \\ &\quad - (S(f_1) + S(f_2) - 1) \\ &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

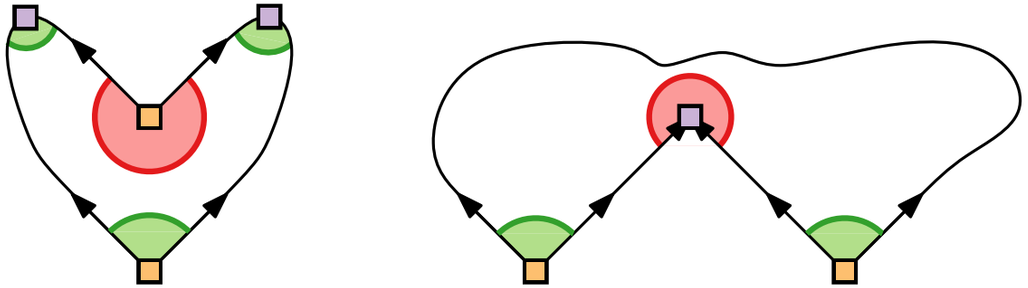
- Otherwise "high" source u exists.

Number of Large Angles

Lemma 3.
In every upward planar drawing of G, it holds that

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

Proof. Lemma 1: $L(f) + S(f) = 2A(f)$
Lemma 2: $L(f) - S(f) = \pm 2$.



Assignment of Large Angles to Faces

Let S be the set of sources, and let T be the set of sinks.

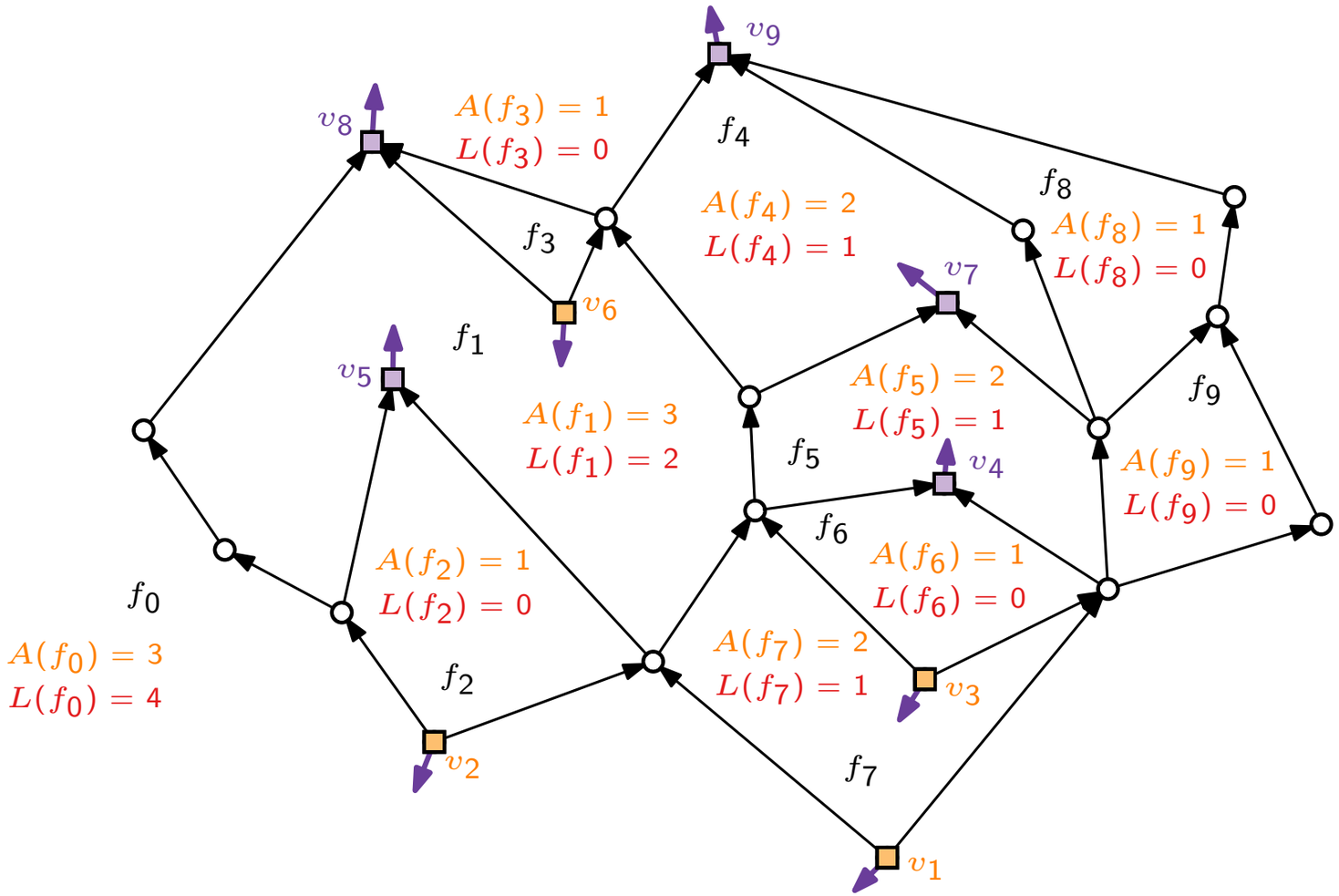
Definition.
A **consistent assignment** $\Phi\colon S \cup T \to F$ is a mapping where

$$\Phi\colon v \mapsto \text{ incident face, where } v \text{ forms large angle}$$

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



- global sources & sinks
- $A(f)$ # sources / sinks of f
- $L(f)$ # large angles of f
- assignment $\Phi : S \cup T \to F$

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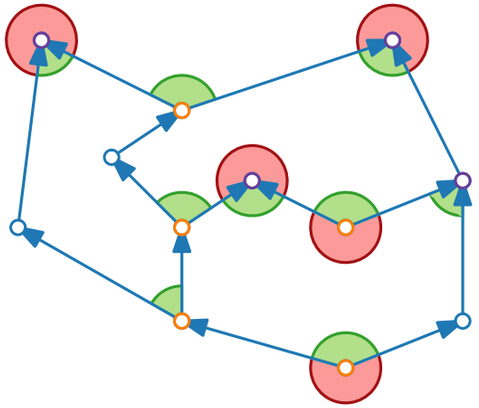

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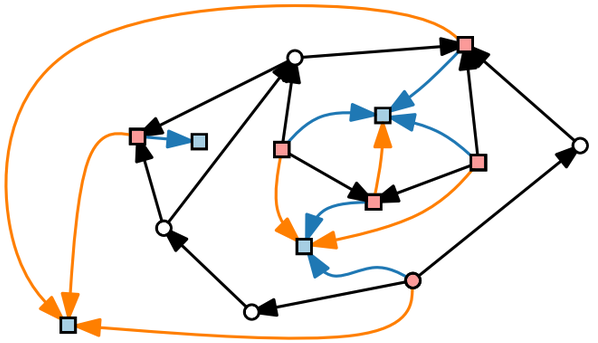

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Result Characterization

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 Φ.

Proof.

$\Rightarrow$: As constructed before.

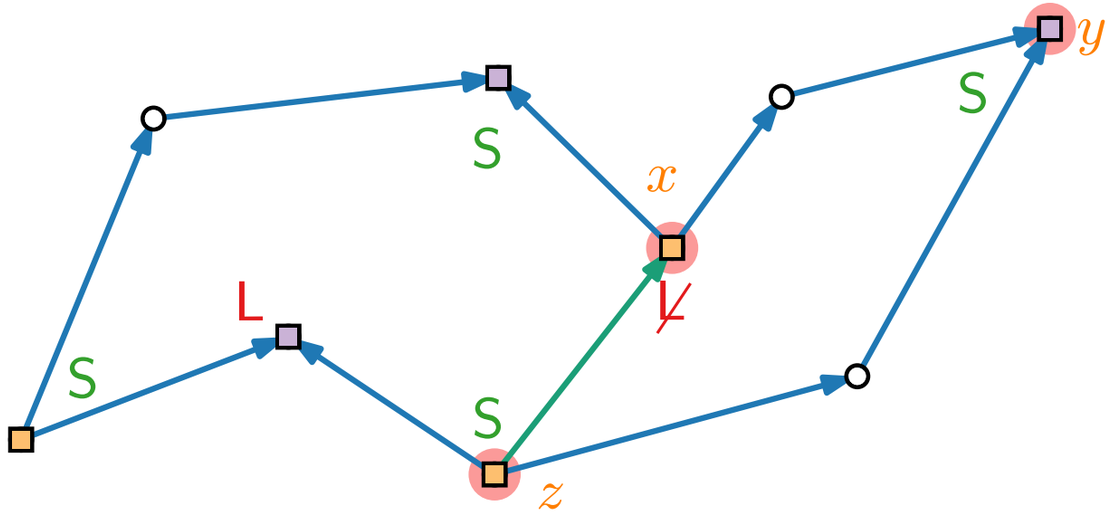
$\Leftarrow$: Idea:

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

Refinement Algorithm: $\Phi, F, f_0 \to$ st-digraph

Let f be a face.
Consider the clockwise angle sequence σ_f of L / S on local sources and sinks of f.

- Goal: Add edges to break large angles (sources and sinks).
- For $f \neq f_0$ with $|\sigma_f| \geq 2$ containing $\langle$L, S, S$\rangle$ at vertices x, y, z:
- x source $\Rightarrow$ insert edge (z, x)



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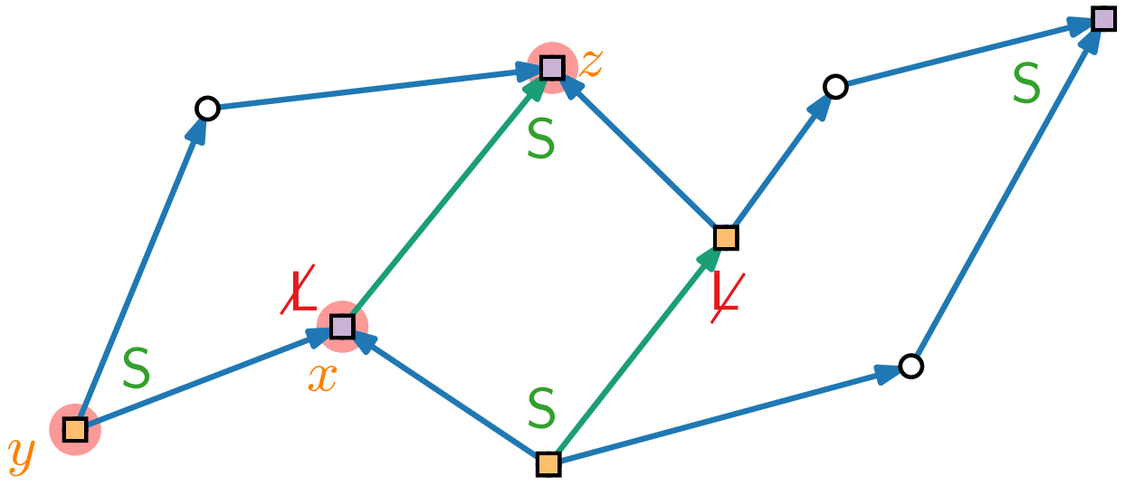

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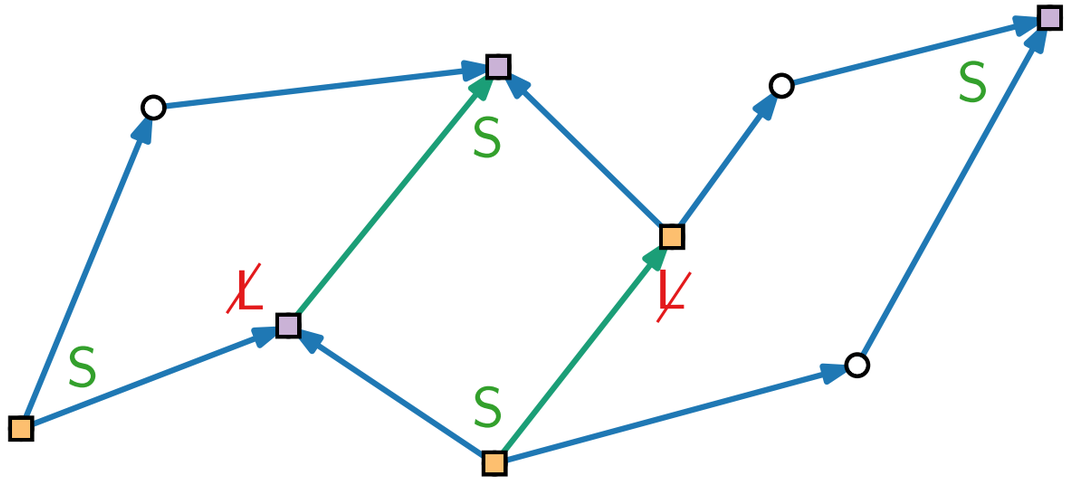

- Refine all faces. $\Rightarrow$ G is contained in a planar st-digraph.
- Planarity, acyclicity, bimodality are invariants under construction.

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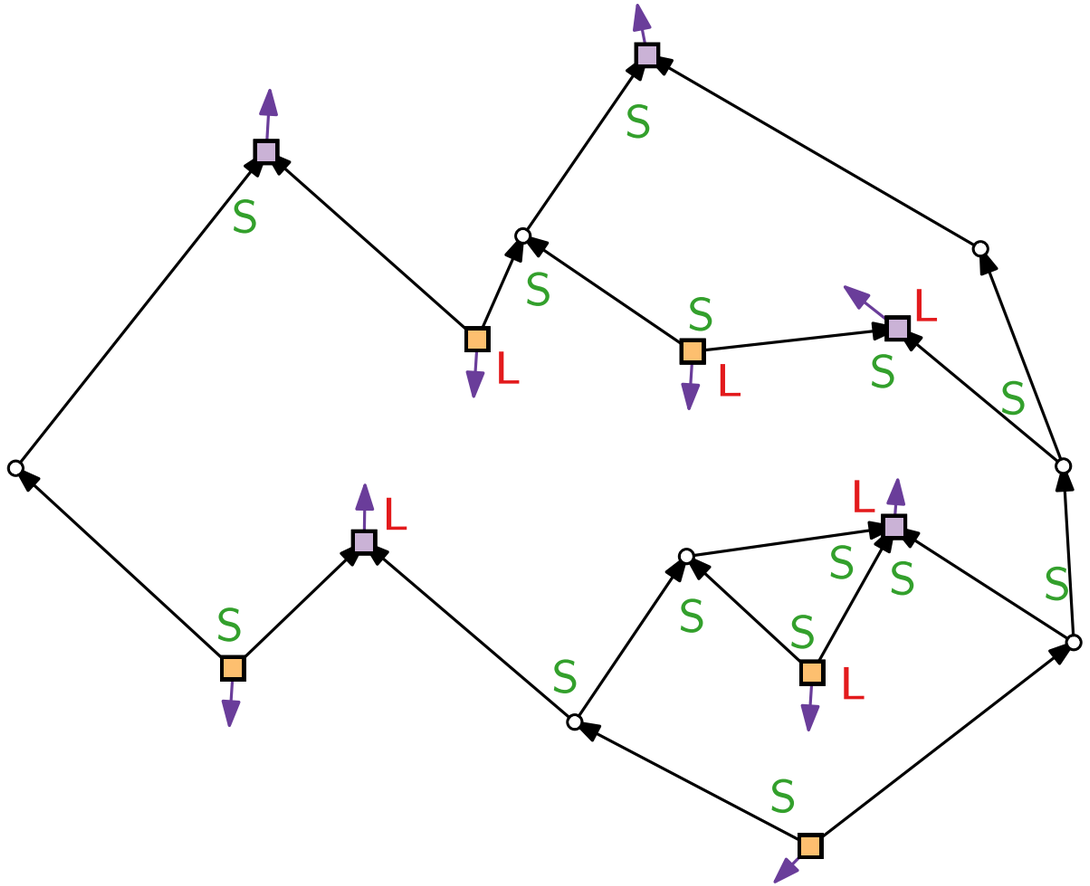

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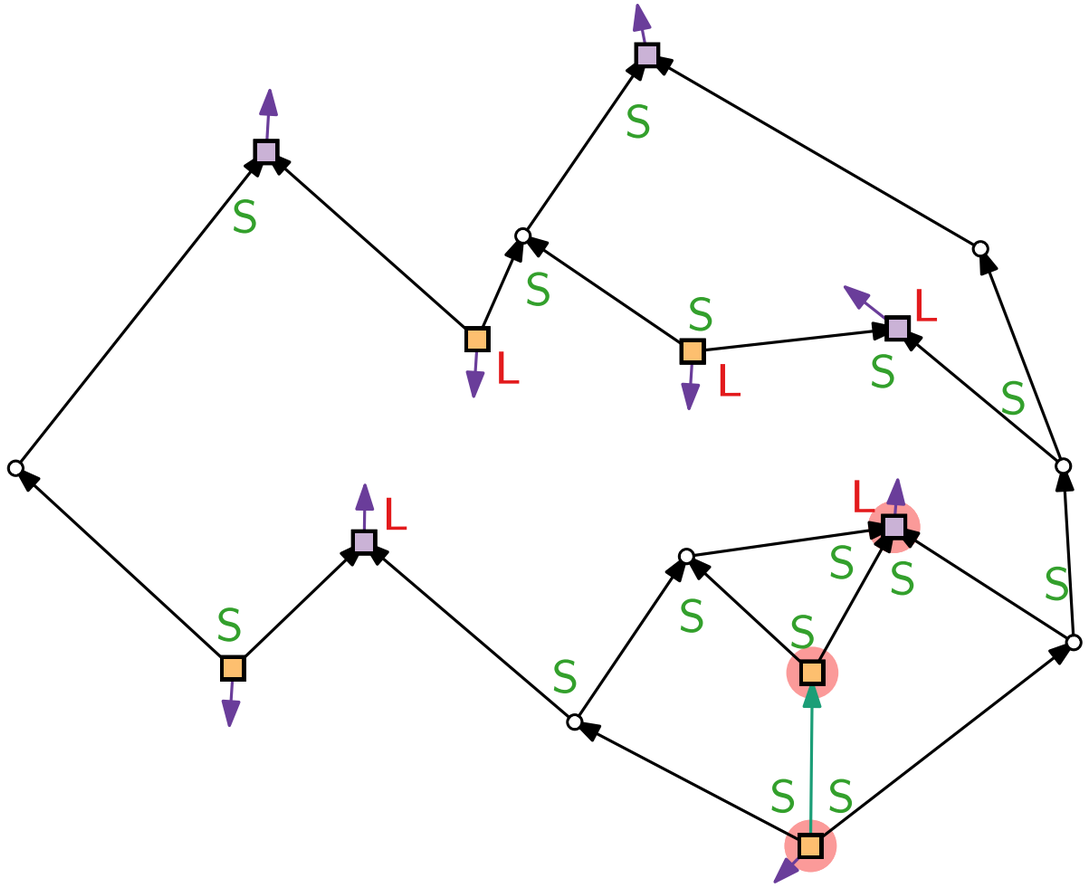

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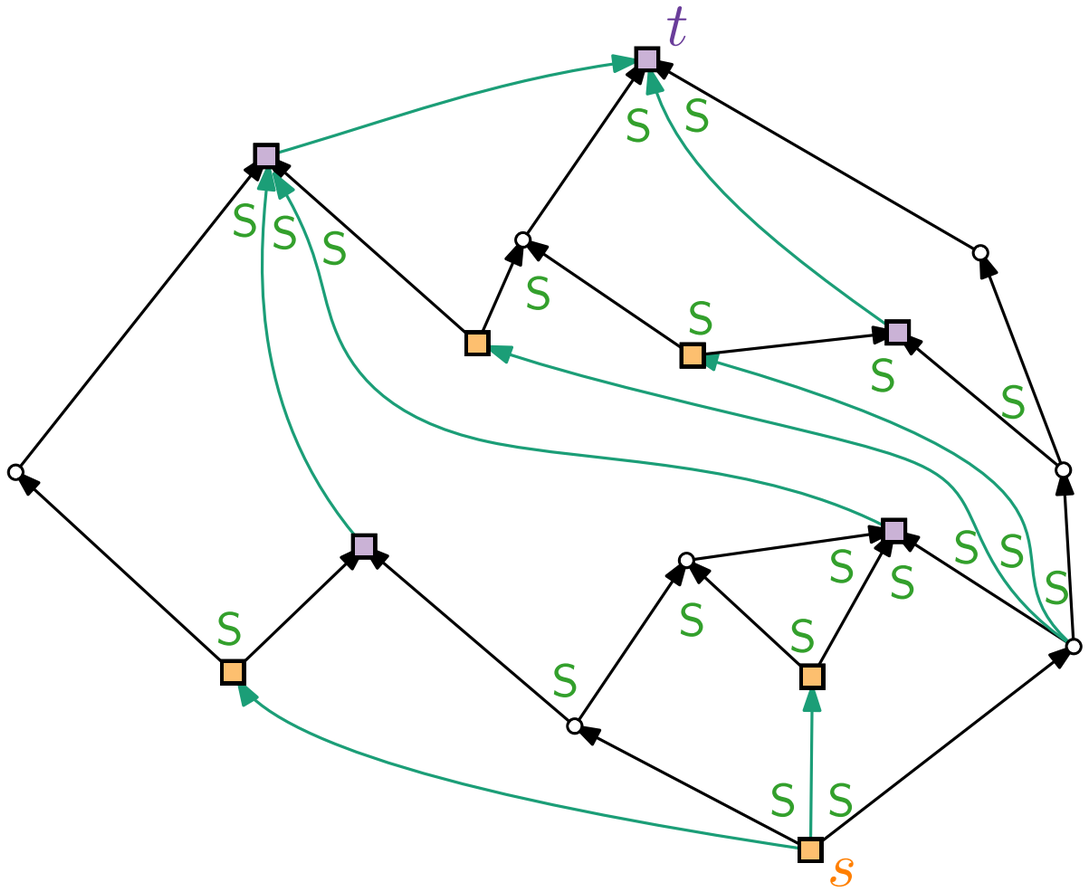

Result Upward Planarity Test

Theorem 2. [Bertolazzi et al., 1994]
Given a *combinatorially embedded* planar digraph G,
we can test in $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$ time whether G is upward planar.

Proof.

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

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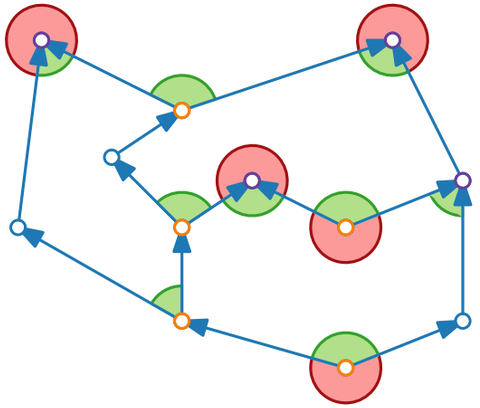
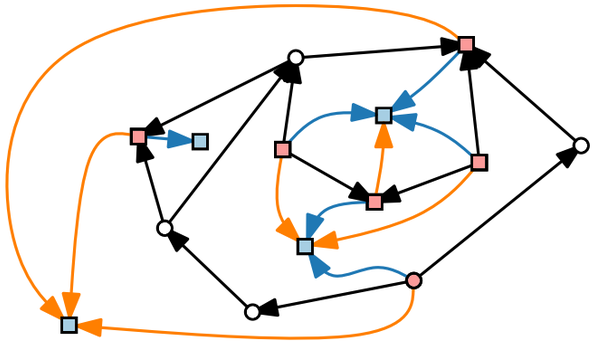
Visualization of Graphs

Lecture 6:
Upward Planar Drawings



Part V:
Finding a Consistent Assignment



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Finding a Consistent Assignment

Idea.

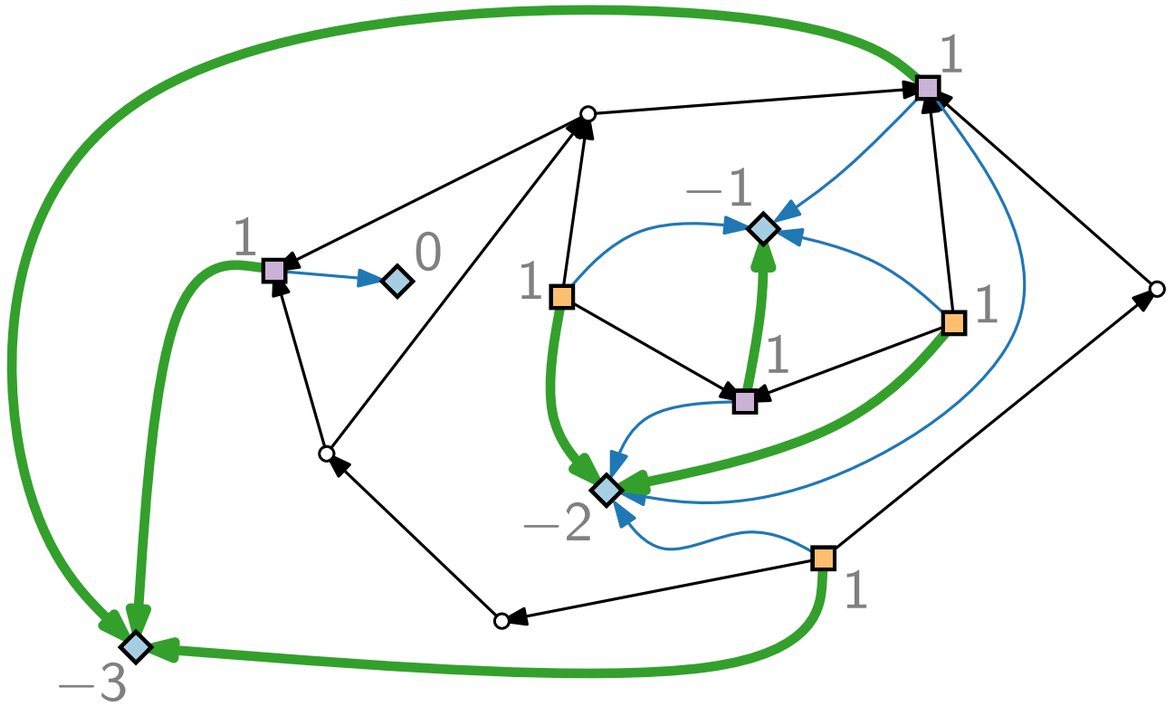
Flow $(v, f) = 1$ from global source / sink v to the incident face f its large angle gets assigned to.

Flow network.

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

- $W = \{v \in V \mid v \text{ source or sink}\} \cup F$
- $E' = \{(v, f) \mid v \text{ incident to } f\}$
- $\ell(e) = 0 \ \forall e \in E'$
- $u(e) = 1 \ \forall e \in E'$
- $$b(w) = \begin{cases} 1 & \forall w \in W \cap V \\ -(A(w) - 1) & \forall w \in F \setminus \{f_0\} \\ -(A(w) + 1) & w = f_0 \end{cases}$$

Example.



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 assignment in 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:
  quasi-planarity, upward drawings of mixed graphs, upward planarity on cyclinder/torus, ...

Literature

- See [GD Ch. 6] for detailed explanation!

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