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 Michal Kotrbčík, Martin Škoviera – "Simple Greedy 2-Approximation Algorithm for the Maximum Genus of a Graph"

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PART 1

"So... what is genus?"

So, what is "genus"?

- "Genus" is an integer indicates the number of holes on a surface.
- Spheres have genus 0, Donuts have genus 1, and Pretzels have genus 3.

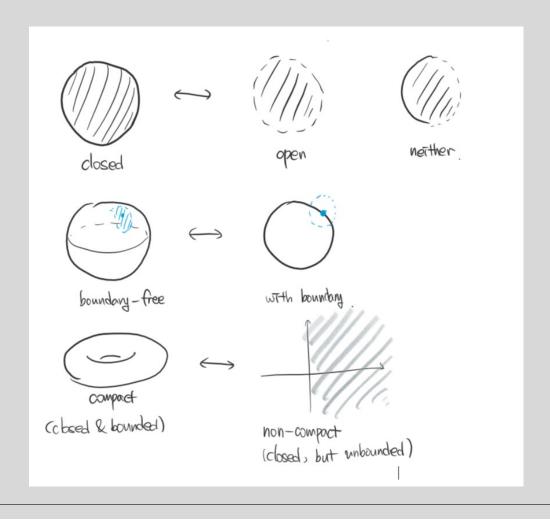




OK, then a "surface" is...

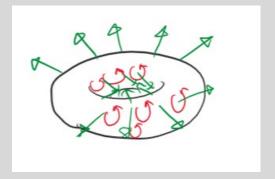
- Surface is a *topological space*, and each point has a *neighbor homeomorphic to* an open disk.
- In this case, we only deal with *compact* and *boundaryless* surfaces.
- To explain the terms *written in italic*, we need a whole-semester course on topology.
- So we substitute these stuffs (and other things involves knowledge on topology) with some graphic illustration, and we "believe" that we are dealing with just "well-behaving" surfaces.

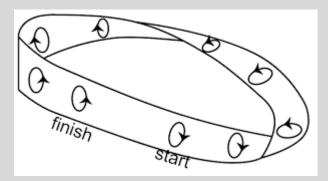
A few examples of surfaces



Orientability of surface

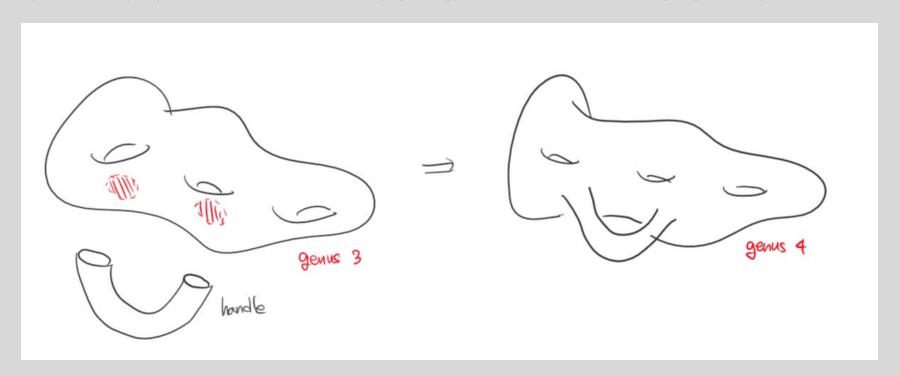
- We got something to talk about on orientability.
- A smooth surface *S* is orientable if there is a smooth normal field ...
- Simply, just think if we consistently "raise our thumb" consistently. Illustration goes.
- Today's main ingredients are orientable surfaces.





Gluing surfaces

• We may artificially "generate" a new surface by gluing a "handle" on it, raising a genus by one.



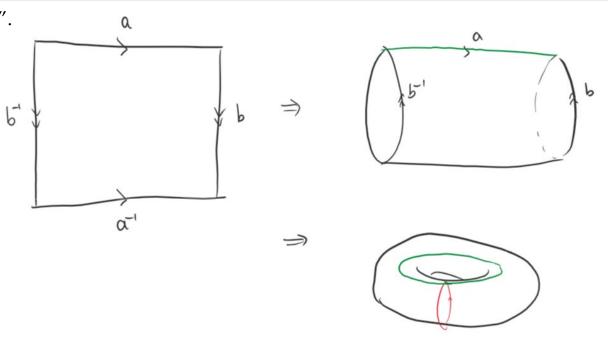
Classifying surfaces

- Classification Theorem on 2-manifolds:
 - Any compact, boundaryless, orientable genus g-surfaces are homeomorphic to S_q .
 - \circ S_g : A surface acquired by attaching g handles on a surface.
- Thus the term "genus g surface" is unified into a representative S_g , at least in this presentation.
- Wait, so is the "genus" merely means the number of *holes* on it...?

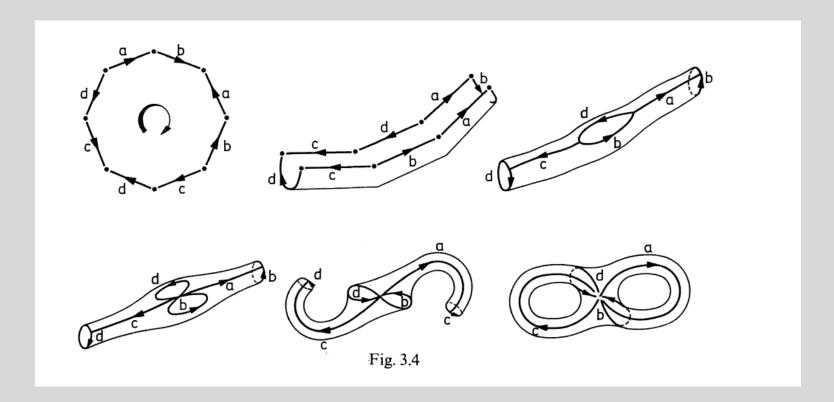
In-place definition of genus

- Genus of a surface is the maximum number of *simple closed curve* does not disconnect the surface.
 - ° Cf) Jordan curve theorem: A single simple closed curve separates \mathbb{R}^2 ; thus \mathbb{R}^2 has genus 0.

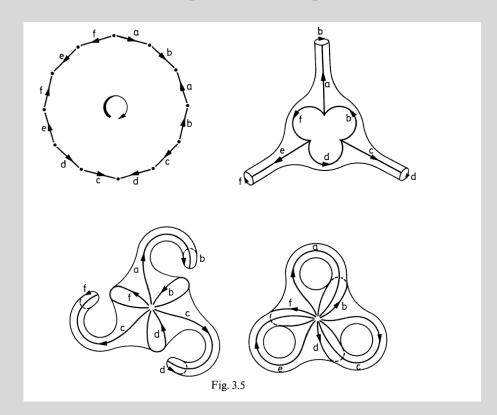
- 'Folding' this "paper" $aba^{-1}b^{-1}$ by matching x and x^{-1} , we obtain a torus.
- Any surfaces could be built from this "plane schema".
- A standard script to generate a genus-*g* surface is
 - Repeating $(aba^{-1}b^{-1})$ for g times:



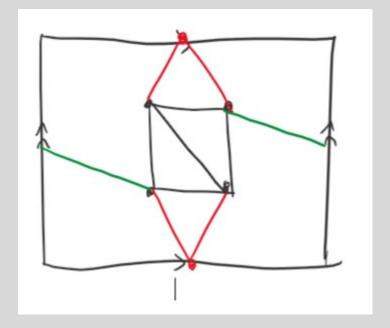
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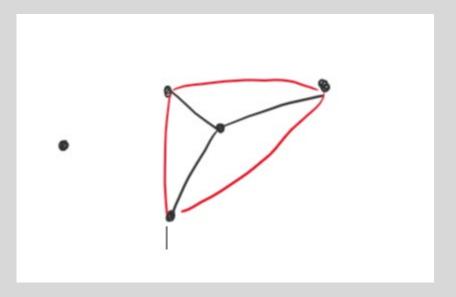
- Thus, we replace many drawings on a surface by its plane schema.
- E.g.) Drawing of K_5 on the torus



Wait, so we're on topology 'till the end?

Obviously not. We will talk about the genus of a **graph!**

Think why we cannot draw K_5 on the plane: the red arc separates two vertices on the plane.

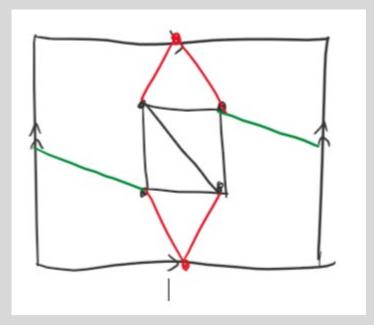


Graph genus problem

However, if we raise the genus of a surface, the embedding is achievable:

Therefore, we may attain some information about graph connection profile by its topological property.

On the next section, we will review some classic result on graph genus theory.



PART 2

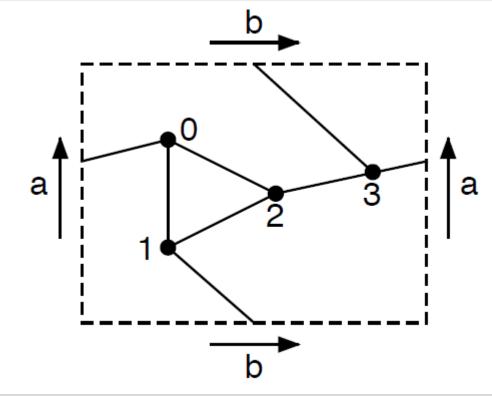
Preceding works on graph genus

Graph embedding on a surface

A graph embedding (Drawing without edge-conflict) is called 2-cell embedding (or cellular embedding),

If every faces are homeomorphic to a disk.

- \circ $\gamma(G)$ denotes the *genus* (or the minimum genus) of G, is minimum g such that embedding of G on S_g is possible.
- $\gamma_M(G)$ denotes the *maximum genus* is maximum g such that **cellular-embedding** of G on S_g is possible.



Graph embedding on a surface

Thm (Duke, 1962): If G has cellular embeddings on both S_l and S_r , G is 2-cellular embeddable on S_x for all $l \le x \le r$.

Hence, the extremal genus γ , γ_M are of the interest. Today, we will consider the maximum one.

Euler formula

Thm (Euler-Poincare): For a 2-cellular embedding of G on S_g , V - E + F = 2 - 2g.

Here we construct an upper bound for $\gamma_M(G)$.

- Define $\beta(G) = E V + 1$ to be the **cycle rank** or **betti number** of *G*.
- ∘ Then $g = \frac{1}{2}(\beta(G) + 1 F)$. Considering $F \ge 1$, $g \le \lfloor \frac{\beta(G)}{2} \rfloor$ holds.
- We say *G* is upper-embeddable (abbreviated to u.e.), if $\gamma_M(G) = \lfloor \frac{\beta(G)}{2} \rfloor$.
 - It seems intuitive, as a pair of cycles "chops" the surface into disk-like faces.
 - For the equality condition, we know that u.e. graphs has single-face (or 2-faces) embedding on the maximum genus, depending on the parity of $\beta(G)$.

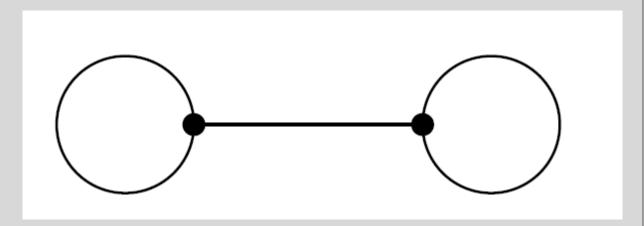
Some surveys

Theorem (Nordhaus, Jungerman): K_m , $K_{m,n}$ are u.e.

Theorem (TBA): Every 4-edge-connected graphs are u.e.

The simplest non-u.e. graph examples are 'dumbbell graphs'.

Theorem. There is a general construction of non-u.e. 3-edge connected graphs.



PART 3

Truly "simple" and "greedy" "2"-approximation algorithm.

So, is it truly "simple"?

- Obtaining 'minimum genus' $\gamma(G)$ is NP-hard. (Thomassen, 1989)
 - There is $O(g^{256} \log^{189} n)$ approximation algorithm in non-orientable case (Kawarabayashi, 2015)
- Unlike the 'minimum' case, maximum genus problem is solvable in polynomial time, in *deterministic way*.
 - Reducing into cographic matroid parity problem in $O(m \cdot n \cdot \Delta \cdot \log^6 m)$ time (Furst and Gross, 1988)
 - May convert to "optimum matching forest" problem which runs within $O(m^6)$ time (Gabow, 1985)
- There is an $O(m \log n)$ 4-approximation algorithm for $\gamma_M(G)$, requiring modification of graph and doubly-linked face tracer
- Regarding this in total, the method deserves 'simplicity'.

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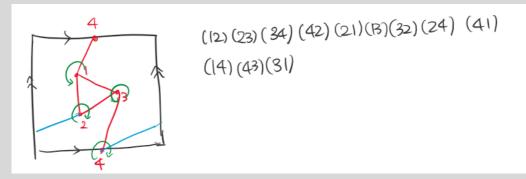


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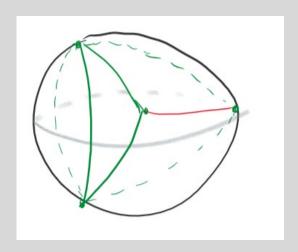
Same embedding with a weird rotation

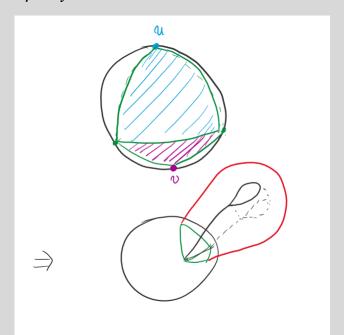
Ringeisen's Edge addition lemma

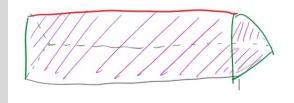
- *G* is a connected graph. (any graph is connected throughout this presentation)
- \circ *e* is an edge not in E(G), but incident to vertices in G. i.e. We will add e on G.
- Suppose e = uv and u belongs to the face f_u and v belongs to the face f_v .
 - v or e' belongs to' f, if it locates on the boundary of f. Thus f_u and f_v could be selected among a few faces.
- If $f_u = f_v$, G + e accepts an embedding with one additional face than G, with the same genus.
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- Heffter-Edmonds principle seems to give combinatorial proof.







Theorem (Jungerman)

- \circ *e*, *f* are adjacent edges not in *G*. If *G* has an embedding with a single face, so does $G \cup \{e, f\}$.
 - 'Embedding with a single face' implies that v e + 1 = 2 2g, hence $\beta(G) = 2g$.
 - Thus the case works for even betti number, and we know that *G* is *upper embeddable*.
 - Such embedding of $G \cup \{e, f\}$ implies that its embedding would raise genus by one compared to G.

Proof) Suppose e = uv, f = uw. All vertices of G belongs to a single face F.

Applying 1st case of Ringeisen, we split F by F_1 and F_2 to obtain an embedding of G + e.

Then apply 2^{nd} case of Ringeisen, we merge F_1 and F_2 giving additional genus.

• For a spanning tree T of G, Let $\xi(G,T)$ denote the Xuong deficiency; which means # of odd-edge components in G-T.

• Then,
$$\gamma_M(G) = \frac{\left(\beta(G) - \min_T \xi(G,T)\right)}{2}$$
.

- \circ This powerful theorem states the maximum genus of *G* is a mere combinatorial quantity of *G*.
- For instance, any 4-edge-connected graph is upper embeddable.
 - Since 4-edge connected graph has 2 edge-disjoint spanning trees, say T, T', G T has only one component.
 - ∘ Thus $\xi(G,T) \leq 1$, implying that $\gamma_M(G) = \lfloor \frac{\beta(G)}{2} \rfloor$ in some detail.
 - Hence, it's enough to figure out $\gamma_M(G)$ for not 4-edge connected case.

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We prove a lemma beforehand.

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Proof) Reduce to Maximum Matching of the line graph L(G). Tutte's theorem kills it.

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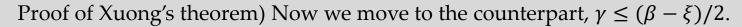
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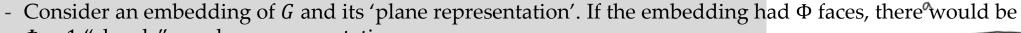
Pick a spanning tree T and exhaust the co-tree G-T with disjoint pairs of adjacent edges. Note that there are exactly $(\beta - \xi)/2$ such pairs.

Draw *T* on the sphere, and apply the scheme in Jungerman's theorem to raise genus.

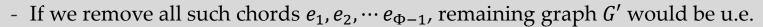
Adding remaining ξ edges (according to Ringeisen's lemma) does not "decrease" the genus, hence the genus of embedding is at least $(\beta - \xi)/2$.

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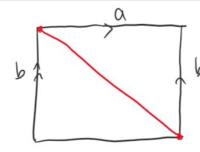




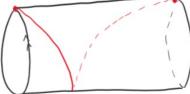
 $\Phi - 1$ "chords" on plane representation.



- Hence, we have a spanning tree T such that all components of G'-T are even.
- If we add all the chords, # of odd components in G-T is at most $\Phi-1$.
- Therefore $\xi(G,T) \leq \Phi 1 = \beta 2\gamma$, givin' the desired formula.











Corollary (Khomenko): $\gamma_M(G)$ is equal to # of (disjoint) packs of adjacent edges, whose removal leave the graph connected.

Now, we completely transformed the maximum genus into combinatorial problem.

Matroid parity problem is so-called "polymatroid matching", which has sense of analogy with the problem above.

To avoid this difficulty, we provide the following algorithm:

"Merely select-and-remove a pair of adjacent edges, until the remaining graph is disconnected"

Such 'simple-greedy'. Now, does it really '2-approximable'?

The algorithm

This lemma is immediate from Ringeisen's edge-addition lemma.

"If G - e is connected, $\gamma_M(G) - 1 \le \gamma_M(G - e) \le \gamma_M(G)$ "

Thus if we repeatedly expel "adjacent edges" from G, $\gamma_M(G)$ would decrease by at most two.

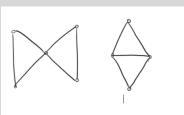
Now here's a question: "What if we could expel adjacent edges from H with $\gamma_M(H) = 0$?"

Theorem (Nordhaus)

TFAE:

- 1) $\gamma_M(G) = 0$.
- 2) *G* does not contain such topological minor graph.
- 3) Any cycle of G does not contain a common vertex.
- 4) There are no adjacent edges e, e' such that $G \{e, e'\}$ is connected.

We omit the proof here, but now we know that our algorithm is well-established!

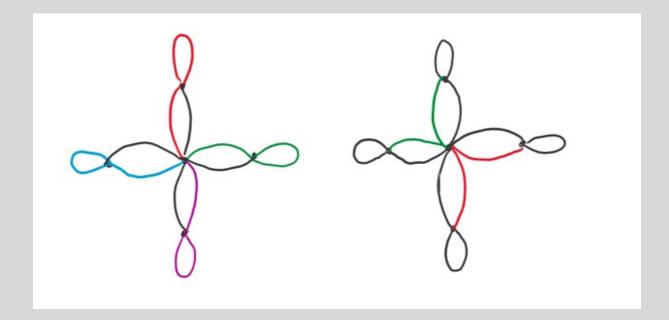


The algorithm - Runtime analysis

- Thus, this corollary guarantees 2-approximability;
 - Any "maximal" set of disjoint-adjacent edges in *G* has at least $\gamma_M(G)/2$ pairs of disj.adj. edges.
- There's no need to fetch a complicated analysis for runtime:
 - $O((\tau + \rho)\sum deg^2)$, where τ , ρ are overheads for testing connectivity / updating graph.
 - Using the best known dynamic connectivity algorithm, we obtain $\tau + \rho = O(\frac{\log^2 n}{\log \log n})$.
 - As $\sum \deg^2 v = O(\frac{m^2}{n})$, we get that the total complexity equals $O(\frac{m^2}{n} \cdot \frac{\log^2 n}{\log \log n})$. Which works well for sparse graph.

The algorithm – Worst case

• The approximation ratio is tight: The authors propose that it would be challenging to improve.



Further talk

- For the non-oritentable case, even the Euler formula is revised: $V E + F = 2 \gamma$.
- Thus we should fix many theoretical basis that we discussed.
- But it seems freer to discuss non-orientable imbedding, according to achievement from researchers.