Tutorial on The Open Graph Drawing Framework (OGDF)

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Overview

- Graph Drawing
- The OGDF
- Modularization and algorithm frameworks
- Graph Drawing algorithms in OGDF
 - planar layout algorithms and planarization
 - hierarchical layout
 - energy-based layout
 - cluster graph layout
- Tutorial
 - Sugiyama Layout
 - Planarization Layout
 - Drawing large graphs

Graph Drawing

- Graph Drawing considers a simple problem:
 - Given a graph G=(V,E)
 - Create a drawing of G which maps
 - vertices to points (or rectangles,...) and
 - edges to curves (straight-lines, polylines,...)

such that edges connect their endpoints.

 $V = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \}$ E = { (1,2), (2,3), (3,4), (4,1), (4,5)

Aesthetic Criteria

- What is a "good" drawing?
 - Should be *clear, nice,* display the *graph structure,...*
- Widely accepted aesthetic criteria
 - few crossings
 - few bends (e.g. polyline drawings)
 - small area (e.g. grid drawings)
 - short edges (total / maximum edge length)
 - uniform edge lengths
 - large angles between adjacent edges
 - good aspect ratio (e.g. given aspect ratio of screen or paper)

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- clustered drawings (given a (hierarchical) cluster structure on the vertices)

The OGDF

- C++-library of data structures and algorithms
- Contains
 - various graph drawing algorithms,
 - but also many other (complex) data structures and algorithms (e.g. planarity testing and graph decomposition)
- Open Source (GPL v2 and v3)
- History
 - successor of AGD (developed since 1996)
 - development started in 1999 (as an internal project)
 - Open Source since 2007

The OGDF

- Main contributing parties
 - TU Dortmund (Petra Mutzel, Carsten Gutwenger)
 - University of Jena (Markus Chimani)
 - University of Cologne (Michael Jünger)
 - University of Sydney (Karsten Klein)
 - oreas GmbH
- Used in current research and teaching

Major Design Concepts

- Provide a wide range of layout algorithms
- Allow to reuse and replace certain algorithm phases
 → Algorithm frameworks
- Provide sophisticated data structures commonly used in graph drawing algorithms
 → Makes it easier to implement new algorithms
- Self-contained code (except for some LP-/ILP-based algorithms)
- Portable C++-Code (Windows/Linux/MacOS)
 → no GUI or graphical display

Modularization

- Algorithms (e.g. layout algorithms)
 - are derived from a common base class (e.g.
 LayoutModule) specifying their interface.
 - such algorithms are called modules
 - the base class is the type of the module

Module Options

- Algorithms are represented as objects
 → can be exchanged (at runtime) by another object of the same module type
- Algorithm Frameworks
 - some sub-procedures of the algorithm are realized as module options
 - user can set this option to another module already defined in OGDF
 - or: define and implement a new module
 - or: reuse these sub-procedures in new algorithms

Example for Module Options

Main program:

SugiyamaLayout sugi; sugi.setCrossMin(new MedianHeuristic);

Graph Drawing Algorithms in OGDF

Planar Drawing Algorithms

- Planarity testing and planar embedding
- Straight-line
 - PlanarStraightLayout
 - PlanarDrawLayout
- Polyline
 - MixedModelLayout
 - Orthogonal layout (embedded in PlanarizationLayout)

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Planarization

- Extends planar layouts to non-planar graphs
- Crossing minimization replaces crossing by degree-4 dummy nodes
- Extensive framework for high-quality crossing minimization
- Two variants
 - PlanarizationGridLayout
 - PlanarizationLayout

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Example: PlanarizationLayout

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Hierarchical Layout

SugiyamaLayout

1. Compute a Layering

(long edges are split so that edges connect nodes on adjacent layers)

- Minimize crossings by permuting nodes on layers (layer-by-layer-sweep → two-layer crossing minimization)
- 3. Final layout: Assign y-coordinates to layers and xcoordinates to nodes
- 4. Packing of connected components (if graph is not connected)
- Alternative: UpwardPlanarizationLayout

Framework for Sugiyama-Layout

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Minix 1.1

Minix 3.1.2

Energy-based Layout

- Mostly model a "physical system" and try to minimize an energy function
- Many standard algorithms
 - spring embedder, Kamada-Kawai, GEM, Davidson-Harel, ...
- Multilevel Algorithms for large graphs
 - FMMMLayout
 - FastMultipoleMultilevelEmbedder
 - MultilevelMixer

Cluster Graph Layout

- ClusterPlanarizationLayout
 - Extension of orthogonal layout (planarization)
 - Supports hierarchically clustered graphs
- Also: SugiyamaLayout variant for clustered graphs

Tutorial

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Prerequisites

- C++-Compiler
 - Windows: Visual Studio 2008, 2010
 - Linux / Mac: g++ 4.x
- OGDF v2012.05 installed
- How do we visualize the layouts?
 - gml2pic utility

see http://www.ogdf.net/doku.php/project:gml2pic

- compiling requires Qt library (4.7 or 4.8)
- Windows installer self-contained

Setting-up a Project

- Assume OGDF is installed in OGDF-INSTALL-DIR (build as static library)
- Add *OGDF-INSTALL-DIR* to the compiler include path
- Add the path to OGDF library to the library search path, e.g.
 - Windows, 32-bit, Release: OGDF-INSTALL-DIR/Win32/Release
 - Linux, release: OGDF-INSTALL-DIR/_release
- Link against OGDF
 - Windows: Add ogdf.lib and psapi.lib to the linker input
 - Linux: Link with –10GDF –pthread
- When linking against debug versions
 - Define OGDF_DEBUG when compiling

Compiling with g++

Assume

- our source-code is just tutorial1.cpp
- OGDF is installed in the directory above
- Compile and link with
 - g++ -I../OGDF tutorial1.cpp -o main -L../OGDF/_release -lOGDF -pthread

Example 1: Sugiyama-Layout

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Example 2: Orthogonal Layout

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Example 3: Large Graphs

sierpinski_06 1095 nodes, 2187 edges crack 10240 nodes, 30380 edges