Construction of planar triangulations with minimum degree 5: Computer Program Part I Version 1.0.3

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Abstract

In this article, we describe a computer program based on basic operation to construct a planar triangulations with minimum degree five, denoted MPG5. Actually current version doesn't exhaustive, in some sense we know that there exists MPG5 such that we doesn't construct. In return at the beginning and during all step we will assume a plan orientation.

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1 Approach

In order to construct an MPG5 with n > 14 vertices we will use the following (not exhaustive):

- Starting by the only graph in $MPG5_{14}$.
- Apply an operation called T which increment n by adding one vertex. This operation conserving all properties: planarity, triangulation, degree minimal, plan orientation and increment number of vertices by adding one vertex.

2 Definitions

Definition 1 Let G = (X, E) be an $MPG5_{n>14}$ and x with dg(x) > 5. We describe N(x) in clockwise order by $\{x_1, \ldots, x_k, \ldots, x_q\}$ where $k \in [4, q-2]$ and q > 5. A such path is denoted by $[x; x_1, x_k]$. See figure 2.

Definition 2 $T[x; x_1, x_k]$ is the graph G after the explosion of x in two new adjacent vertices x', x'' such that in clockwise order $N(x') = \{x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{k-1}, x_k, x''\}$ and $N(x'') = \{x_1, x', x_k, x_{k+1}, \ldots, x_q\}$. See figure 2.

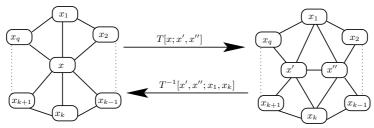


Figure 2. T and T^{-1} transformations.

Definition 3 Let G = (X, E) be an MPG5. We denote

$$X_{sup6} = \{x \in X/dg(x) \ge 6\},\$$

 $X_{inf6} = \{x \in X/dg(x) \le 5\}.$

3 Algorithm

Program is defined by a main loop between 14 and n (ie number of vertices), each step add a vertex by T. Inside the main loop, first select a vertex x with at least six neighbors. Secondly, we have to select two neighbors of x called x_1 and x_k such that $k \in [4, q-2]$. Third, dispatch and update neighborhood.

Algorithm 4

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TITLE: MPG5_n construction programming
INPUT: n number of vertices
{\it OUTPUT:} At random MPG5 with n vertices
       n_i = 14; G = Load (MPG5_{14});
       While n_i \leq n \ \mathbf{do}
(1)
(2)
               x = random(X_{sup6}, 1, |X_{sup6}|);
               x_1 = random(N(x), 1, dg(x) - 3);
               x_k = \operatorname{random}(N(x), \operatorname{position}(N(x), x_1, 3), \ \operatorname{position}(N(x), x_1, -3);
                N(x) = \{x_1, \ldots, x_k, n_i + 1\} in clockwise order
               N(n_i+1)=\{x_k,x_{k+1},\ldots,x_1,x\} in clockwise order ForAll vertices y in \{N(n_i+1)-x-x_1-x_k\} Do
(7)
(8)
                        In N(y) Replace x by n_i + 1
(9)
                End ForAll
(10)
                In N(x_1) add n_i + 1 after x
(11)
                In N(x_k) add n_i + 1 before x
               n_i = n_i + 1
(12)
(13)
       End While
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3.1 x_1, x_k choices

We looking a couple such that always we have $position(x,x_1) < position(x,x_k)$, where position(v,i) function are giving index position of i in G[v] array. In this way without restriction, we will simplify computer program.

3.2 Details

position (N, v, α) This function give position of a vertex v in a neighborhood N with an offset α modulo |N|.

Example: In algorithm 4, Let x=1 and $N(x)=\{2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9\}$. Possibilities for x_1 are $\{2,3,\ldots,6\}$. We are considering different choices:

- Let $x_1 = 6$. Possibilities for x_k are only 9.
- Let $x_1 = 2$. Possibilities for x_k are $\{5, 6, 7\}$.

• Let $x_1 = 3$. Possibilities for x_k are $\{4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$.

4 Data structure

Actually, we have using a simple matrix G such that for all vertex x we have defining neighborhood in clockwise order see following algorithm.

Algorithm 5

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TITLE: Load initial graph in Data structure INPUT: MPG5_{14}
OUTPUT: G Data structure
(0) For (i=1\;;i\leq 14\;;i++) do
(1) For (j=1\;;i\leq dg(i)\;;j++) do
(2) G[i][j]=j\;th\;neighbor\;of\;vertex\;i\;in\;clockwise\;order
(3) End For;
(4) End For
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5 Checking

In order to verifying plan orientation either each step during 14 and n or only on the final stage, we have programmed an orientation checking, here we are detailing this checking.

Let x a vertex, and x_i, x_{i+1} two consecutive neighbors of x in clockwise order. Algorithm 6 will check :

- there exists x_{i+1}, x two consecutive neighbors of x_i in clockwise order.
- there exists x, x_i two consecutive neighbors of x_{i+1} in clockwise order.

This will be check for all vertex x and all two consecutive neighbors of x.

Algorithm 6

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TITLE: Plan orientation checking
INPUT: MPG5 data structure with n>14 vertices
OUTPUT: boolean
       For (x = 1 ; x \le n ; x + +) do
(1)
               For (i = 1 ; i < dg(x) ; i + +) do
(2)
                       x_i = G[x][i] ; x_{i+1} = G[x][i+1]
(3)
                       check() = looking for x_{i+1}, x around x_i
(4)
                       check(x_{i+1}) = looking for x, x_i \ around \ x_{i+1}
                       If (\operatorname{check}(x_i) = TRUE) AND (\operatorname{check}(x_{i+1}) = TRUE)) THEN continue Else print "Wrong Orientation around (x, x_i, x_{i+1})"; Exit
(5)
(6)
               End For;
(7)
       End For
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