

On the Three-Dimensional Orthogonal Drawing of Series-Parallel Graphs (Extended Abstract)

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Abstract—It has been known that every 6-graph has a 3-bend 3-D orthogonal drawing, while it has been open whether every 6-graph has a 2-bend 3-D orthogonal drawing. For the interesting open question, it is known that every 5-graph has a 2-bend 3-D orthogonal drawing, and every outerplanar 6-graph without triangles has a 0-bend 3-D orthogonal drawing. We show in this paper that every series-parallel 6-graph has a 2-bend 3-D orthogonal drawing.

I. INTRODUCTION

We consider the problem of generating orthogonal drawings of graphs in the space. The problem has obvious applications in the design of 3-D VLSI circuits and optoelectronic integrated systems [7], [11].

Throughout this paper, we consider simple connected graphs G with vertex set $V(G)$ and edge set $E(G)$. We denote by $d_G(v)$ the degree of a vertex v in G , and by $\Delta(G)$ the maximum degree of a vertex of G . G is called a k -graph if $\Delta(G) \leq k$. It is well-known that every graph can be drawn in the space so that its edges intersect only at their ends. Such a drawing of a graph G is called a 3-D drawing of G . A 3-D orthogonal drawing of G is a 3-D drawing such that each edge is drawn by a sequence of contiguous axis-parallel line segments. Notice that a graph G has a 3-D orthogonal drawing only if $\Delta(G) \leq 6$. A 3-D orthogonal drawing with no more than b bends per edge is called a b -bend 3-D orthogonal drawing.

Eades, Symvonis, and Whitesides [4], and Papakostas and Tollis [10] showed that every 6-graph has a 3-bend 3-D orthogonal drawing. Eades, Symvonis, and Whitesides [4] also posed an interesting open question of whether every 6-graph has a 2-bend 3-D orthogonal drawing. Wood [14] showed that every 5-graph has a 2-bend 3-D orthogonal drawing. Nomura, Tayu, and Ueno [9] showed that every outerplanar 6-graph has a 0-bend 3-D orthogonal drawing if and only if it contains no triangle as a subgraph, while Eades, Stirk, and Whitesides [3] proved that it is $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete to decide if a given 5-graph has a 0-bend 3-D orthogonal drawing.

We show in this paper the following theorem.

Theorem 1: Every series-parallel 6-graph has a 2-bend 3-D orthogonal drawing. ■

The proof of Theorem 1 is constructive and provides a polynomial time algorithm to generate such a drawing for a series-parallel 6-graph.

It is still open whether every 6-graph has a 2-bend 3-D orthogonal drawing. It is also open whether every series-parallel 6-graph has a 1-bend 3-D orthogonal drawing.

For the two-dimensional case, Biedl and Kant [2], and Liu, Morgana, and Simeone [8] showed that every planar 4-graph has a 2-bend 2-D orthogonal drawing with only exception of the octahedron. Moreover, Kant [6] showed that every planar 3-graph has a 1-bend 2-D orthogonal drawing with the only exception of K_4 . Tayu, Nomura, and Ueno [12] showed that every series-parallel 4-graph has a 1-bend 2-D orthogonal drawing. Nomura, Tayu, and Ueno [9] showed that every outerplanar 3-graph has a 0-bend 2-D orthogonal drawing if and only if it contains no triangle as a subgraph. On the other hand, Garg and Tamassia [5] proved that it is $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete to decide if a given planar 4-graph has a 0-bend 2-D orthogonal drawing. Battista, Liotta, and Vargiu [1] showed that the problem can be solved in polynomial time for planar 3-graphs and series-parallel graphs.

II. SERIES-PARALLEL GRAPHS

A *series-parallel graph* is defined recursively as follows.

- (1) A graph consisting of two vertices joined by a single edge is a series-parallel graph. The vertices are the *terminals*.
- (2) If G_1 is a series-parallel graph with terminals s_1 and t_1 , and G_2 is a series-parallel graph with terminals s_2 and t_2 , then a graph G obtained by either of the following operations is also a series-parallel graph:
 - (i) *Series-composition*: identify t_1 with s_2 . Vertices s_1 and t_2 are the terminals of G .
 - (ii) *Parallel-composition*: identify s_1 and s_2 into a vertex s , and t_1 and t_2 into t . Vertices s and t are the terminals of G .

III. 3-D EMBEDDINGS AND ORTHOGONAL DRAWINGS

The three-dimensional (3-D) grid $\mathcal{G}$ is an (infinite) graph consisting of $\mathbb{Z}^3$, the set of grid-points in 3-D space with integer coordinates, together with the axis-parallel edges connecting neighboring grid-points. The grid-points are also considered as vectors. The 3-D embedding $\langle \phi, \rho \rangle$ of a graph G is defined by a one-to-one mapping $\phi : V(G) \rightarrow V(\mathcal{G}) = \mathbb{Z}^3$, together with a mapping ρ that maps each edge $(u, v) \in E(G)$ onto a path $\rho(u, v)$ in $\mathcal{G}$ that connects $\phi(u)$ and $\phi(v)$. A path P in $\mathcal{G}$ is called a k -bend path if P contains k bends.

Let $\mathcal{D}^+ = \{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$, $\mathcal{D}^- = \{(-1, 0, 0), (0, -1, 0), (0, 0, -1)\}$, and $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}^+ \cup \mathcal{D}^-$. A vector in $\mathcal{D}$ is called a direction.

Let $\langle \phi, \rho \rangle$ be a 3-D embedding of a graph G , and $(u, v) \in E(G)$. If g is a grid-point adjacent with $\phi(u)$ in path $\rho(u, v)$ in $\mathcal{G}$, there exists a direction $\mathbf{d} \in \mathcal{D}$ such that $g = \phi(u) + \mathbf{d}$.

We denote such d by $\alpha_u^\rho(e)$. It is easy to see the following lemma.

Lemma 1: If $\rho(u, v)$ is a 2-bend path, $\rho(u, v)$ is uniquely determined by $\phi(u)$, $\phi(v)$, $\alpha_u^\rho(e)$, and $\alpha_v^\rho(e)$. ■

Figure 1 shows a 2-bend path $\rho(u, v)$ determined by $\phi(u) = (0, 0, 0)$, $\phi(v) = (3, 2, 1)$, $\alpha_u^\rho(e) = (0, 0, 1)$, and $\alpha_v^\rho(e) = (-1, 0, 0)$.

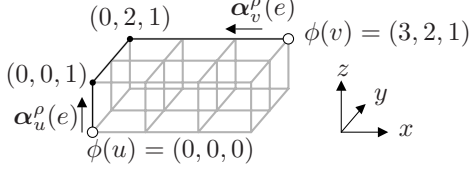


Fig. 1. Example of a 2-bend path $\rho(u, v)$.

Two grid-points g and $g + (a, b, c)$ are said to be in the *general position* if $abc \neq 0$. Let $g_0, g_1 = g_0 + (x_1, y_1, z_1)$, and $g_2 = g_0 + (x_2, y_2, z_2)$ be grid-points in the general position. Then, we define $g_1 \preceq_{g_0} g_2$ if $|w_1| < |w_2|$ or $w_1 w_2 < 0$ for any $w \in \{x, y, z\}$. A 3-D embedding $\langle \phi, \rho \rangle$ of G is called a τ -embedding if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

Condition A: If $u \neq v$ then $\phi(u)$ and $\phi(v)$ are in the general position,

Condition B: For any distinct edges $e, e' \in E(G)$ incident to a vertex u , $\alpha_u^\rho(e) \neq \alpha_u^\rho(e')$,

Condition C: $\rho(e)$ is a 2-bend path for any $e \in E(G)$,

Condition D: For any edges $e_1 = (u, v_1)$ and $e_2 = (u, v_2)$ incident to a vertex u , (D-1) or (D-2) below holds;

(D-1) $\alpha_u^\rho(e_1) = \pm \alpha_u^\rho(e_2)$;

(D-2) $\phi(v_1) \preceq_{\phi(u)} \phi(v_2)$ or $\phi(v_2) \preceq_{\phi(u)} \phi(v_1)$.

It follows from Condition B that G has a τ -embedding only if G is a 6-graph. The purpose of this section is to show the following theorem.

Theorem 2: A τ -embedding of a 6-graph G induces a 2-bend 3-D orthogonal drawing of G .

Proof (Sketch): The theorem is proved by Lemma 1 together with the following two lemmas.

Lemma 2: Let $\langle \phi, \rho \rangle$ be a 3-D embedding of G satisfying Conditions A through C. If edges e_1 and e_2 have no common ends, paths $\rho(e_1)$ and $\rho(e_2)$ are disjoint.

Proof: Omitted in the extended abstract.

Lemma 3: Let $\langle \phi, \rho \rangle$ be a 3-D embedding of G satisfying Conditions A through C. If any adjacent edges $e_1 = (u, v_1)$ and $e_2 = (u, v_2)$ satisfy Condition D, $\rho(e_1)$ and $\rho(e_2)$ are internally disjoint.

Proof: Omitted in the extended abstract. ■

IV. PROOF OF THEOREM 1 (SKETCH)

Let G be a series-parallel 6-graph with terminals s and t . Before proving the theorem, we need some preliminaries.

IV-A. 9-CUBIC 3-D EMBEDDINGS

Let $p = (p_x, p_y, p_z)$ and $q = (q_x, q_y, q_z)$ be grid-points in the general position, and let $g_{\min}^{(w)}(p, q) = \min\{p_w, q_w\}$ and

$g_{\max}^{(w)}(p, q) = \max\{p_w, q_w\}$ for each $w \in \{x, y, z\}$. A 3-D subgrid $Q_{p,q}$ induced by a set of grid points $\{(i_x, i_y, i_z) | g_{\min}^{(x)}(p, q) \leq i_x \leq g_{\max}^{(x)}(p, q), g_{\min}^{(y)}(p, q) \leq i_y \leq g_{\max}^{(y)}(p, q), g_{\min}^{(z)}(p, q) \leq i_z \leq g_{\max}^{(z)}(p, q)\}$ is called a *center-cube* for p and q . Let $q = p + (a, b, c)$. For each $\sigma \subseteq \{x, y, z\}$, define grid points g_σ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} g_\emptyset &= p, \\ g_{\{x\}} &= p + (a, 0, 0), \\ g_{\{y\}} &= p + (0, b, 0), \\ g_{\{z\}} &= p + (0, 0, c), \\ g_{\{x,y\}} &= p + (a, 0, c), \\ g_{\{y,z\}} &= p + (0, b, c), \\ g_{\{z,x\}} &= p + (a, 0, c), \text{ and} \\ g_{\{x,y,z\}} &= p + (a, b, c) = q. \end{aligned}$$

Each g_σ corresponds to a corner of $Q_{p,q}$. Figure 2 (a) shows an example of $Q_{p,q}$ and g_σ when $p_x < q_x$, $p_y > q_y$, and $p_z > q_z$. Let δ and γ be some sufficiently large and small integers, respectively, and let

$$\begin{aligned} X_\sigma &= \begin{cases} \{i_x | \gamma \leq i_x \leq g_{\min}^{(x)}(p, q)\} & \text{if } x \in \sigma, \\ \{i_x | g_{\max}^{(x)}(p, q) \leq i_x \leq \delta\} & \text{if } x \notin \sigma, \end{cases} \\ Y_\sigma &= \begin{cases} \{i_y | \gamma \leq i_y \leq g_{\min}^{(y)}(p, q)\} & \text{if } y \in \sigma, \\ \{i_y | g_{\max}^{(y)}(p, q) \leq i_y \leq \delta\} & \text{if } y \notin \sigma, \end{cases} \\ Z_\sigma &= \begin{cases} \{i_z | \gamma \leq i_z \leq g_{\min}^{(z)}(p, q)\} & \text{if } z \in \sigma, \\ \{i_z | g_{\max}^{(z)}(p, q) \leq i_z \leq \delta\} & \text{if } z \notin \sigma. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

For each $\sigma \subseteq \{x, y, z\}$, $Q_{p,q}^\sigma$ is a 3-D subgrid induced by a vertex set $\{(i_x, i_y, i_z) | i_x \in X_\sigma, i_y \in Y_\sigma, i_z \in Z_\sigma\}$. A 3-D grid $Q_{p,q}^\sigma$ is called a *corner-cube* for p and q . We define that $\mathcal{V}_{p,q} = V(Q_{p,q}) \cup \bigcup_{\sigma \subseteq \{x,y,z\}} V(Q_{p,q}^\sigma)$. Figure 2 (b) illustrates an example of $Q_{p,q}$ and corner cubes $Q_{p,q}^\sigma$.

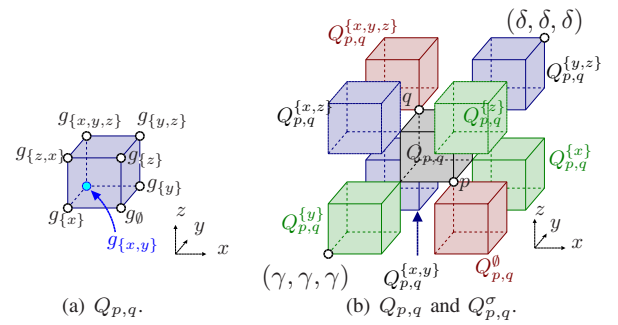


Fig. 2. Cubes for p and q .

Let $\langle \phi, \rho \rangle$ be a 3-D embedding of a series-parallel 6-graph G with terminals s and t , and let D_s and D_t be sets of directions such that $|D_s| = d_G(s)$ and $|D_t| = d_G(t)$. Then, $\langle \phi, \rho \rangle$ is said to be *9-cubic* for $\langle D_s, D_t \rangle$ if $\phi(V(G)) \subseteq \mathcal{V}_{\phi(s), \phi(t)}$, $D_s = \{\alpha_s^\rho(e) | e \in E_G(s)\}$, and $D_t = \{\alpha_t^\rho(e) | e \in E_G(t)\}$, where $E_G(v)$ is the set of edges incident to v in G .

IV-B. FEASIBLE PAIR

For two vectors $\mathbf{a} = (a_x, a_y, a_z)$ and $\mathbf{b} = (b_x, b_y, b_z)$, we define that $\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{b} = (a_x b_x, a_y b_y, a_z b_z)$. We denote by $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$ the inner product of $\mathbf{a}$ and $\mathbf{b}$. A vector $\mathbf{r} \in \{-1, 1\}^3$ is called a *diagonal direction*. For a diagonal direction $\mathbf{r}$, let $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{r}}^+ = \{(1, 0, 0) * \mathbf{r}, (0, 1, 0) * \mathbf{r}, (0, 0, 1) * \mathbf{r}\}$ and $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{r}}^- = \mathcal{D} - \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{r}}^+$. It should be noted that $\mathbf{d} * \mathbf{r} \in \mathcal{D}^+$ if and only if $\mathbf{d} \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{r}}^+$ and $\mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{r} = 1$. Also, $\mathbf{d} * \mathbf{r} \in \mathcal{D}^-$ if and only if $\mathbf{d} \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{r}}^-$ and $\mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{r} = -1$.

For any $D_1, D_2 \subseteq \mathcal{D}$, $\langle D_1, D_2 \rangle$ is said to be *non-admissible* if $D_1 = \{\mathbf{d}\}$ and $D_2 = \{-\mathbf{d}\}$ for some $\mathbf{d} \in \mathcal{D}$. Otherwise, $\langle D_1, D_2 \rangle$ is said to be *admissible*.

For $D_1, D_2 \subseteq \mathcal{D}$ and a diagonal direction $\mathbf{r}$, $\langle D_1, D_2 \rangle$ is said to be *inner-directed* for $\mathbf{r}$ if there exist directions $\mathbf{d}_s \in D_s \cap \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{r}}^+$ and $\mathbf{d}_t \in D_t \cap \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{r}}^-$ such that $\mathbf{d}_s \cdot \mathbf{d}_t = 0$, and $\langle D_s - \{\mathbf{d}_s\}, D_t - \{\mathbf{d}_t\} \rangle$ is admissible.

For a series-parallel 6-graph with terminals s and t , a diagonal direction $\mathbf{r}$, and $D_s, D_t \subseteq \mathcal{D}$, $\langle D_s, D_t \rangle$ is said to be *feasible* for G and $\mathbf{r}$ if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1) $|D_s| = d_G(s)$,
- (2) $|D_t| = d_G(t)$,
- (3) $\langle D_s, D_t \rangle$ is inner-directed for $\mathbf{r}$ if $(s, t) \in E(G)$, and
- (4) $\langle D_s, D_t \rangle$ is admissible if $(s, t) \notin E(G)$.

It should be noted that if $\langle D_s, D_t \rangle$ is feasible for some G and $\mathbf{r} \in \{-1, 1\}^3$ then $\langle D_s, D_t \rangle$ is also admissible.

It is easy to see the following.

Lemma 4: For any series-parallel 6-graph G and any diagonal direction $\mathbf{r} \in \{-1, 1\}^3$, there exist $D_s, D_t \subseteq \mathcal{D}$ such that $\langle D_s, D_t \rangle$ is feasible for G and $\mathbf{r}$. ■

IV-C. PROOF

For any grid-points p and $q = p + (a, b, c)$ in the general position, a *diagonal direction* $(a/|a|, b/|b|, c/|c|)$ is denoted by $\mathbf{R}_{p,q}$. Now, we are ready to show the following.

Theorem 3: For a series-parallel 6-graph G with terminals s and t , a diagonal direction $\mathbf{r}$, and $D_s, D_t \subseteq \mathcal{D}$ such that $\langle D_s, D_t \rangle$ is feasible for G and $\mathbf{r}$, there exists a 9-cubic τ -embedding $\langle \phi, \rho \rangle$ of G such that $\{\alpha_s^\rho(e) | e \in E_G(s)\} = D_s$, $\{\alpha_t^\rho(e) | e \in E_G(t)\} = D_t$, and $\mathbf{R}_{\phi(s), \phi(t)} = \mathbf{r}$. ■

The proof of Theorem 3 is shown in the next section. Theorem 1 follows from Theorems 2 and 3, and Lemma 4.

V. PROOF OF THEOREM 3 (SKETCH)

The theorem is proved by induction on $|E(G)|$.

If $|E(G)| = 1$, G is a graph consisting of only one edge (s, t) and so $|D_s| = |D_t| = 1$. Since $(s, t) \in E(G)$ and $\langle D_s, D_t \rangle$ is feasible for G and a diagonal direction $\mathbf{r}$, $\langle D_s, D_t \rangle = \langle \{\mathbf{d}_s\}, \{\mathbf{d}_t\} \rangle$ is inner-directed for $\mathbf{r}$. Without loss of generality we assume that $\mathbf{r} = (1, 1, 1)$, $\mathbf{d}_s = (1, 0, 0)$, and $\mathbf{d}_t = (0, -1, 0)$. Define a 3-D embedding $\langle \phi, \rho \rangle$ of G as follows: $\phi(s) = (0, 0, 0)$, $\phi(t) = (1, 1, 1)$, and $\rho(s, t)$ is a path connecting $\phi(s)$ and $\phi(t)$, and passing through $(1, 0, 0)$ and $(1, 0, 1)$ as shown in Fig. 3. It is easy to see that $\langle \phi, \rho \rangle$ is a 9-cubic τ -embedding of G .

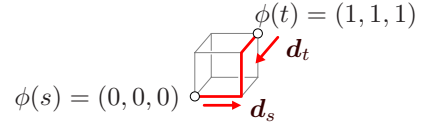


Fig. 3. 9-cubic τ -embedding of G .

Let $|E(G)| \geq 2$, and suppose that the theorem is valid for every series-parallel 6-graph with less than $|E(G)|$ edges. We distinguish two cases.

V-A. CASE 1: PARALLEL-COMPOSITION

We consider the case when G is a parallel-composition of series-parallel graphs G_1 and G_2 . We denote the terminals of G_1 and G_2 by s and t . We further distinguish two cases.

Case 1-1 $(s, t) \in E(G)$.

Without loss of generality, we assume that G_1 consists of exactly one edge (s, t) and G_2 is the graph obtained from G by deleting the edge (s, t) . Then, $\langle D_s, D_t \rangle$ is inner-directed for $\mathbf{r}$ since $\langle D_s, D_t \rangle$ is feasible for G and $\mathbf{r}$. We can prove the following.

Lemma 5: There exist $\mathbf{d}_s \in D_s$ and $\mathbf{d}_t \in D_t$ such that $\langle \{\mathbf{d}_s\}, \{\mathbf{d}_t\} \rangle$ is feasible for G_1 and $\mathbf{r}$, and $\langle D_s - \{\mathbf{d}_s\}, D_t - \{\mathbf{d}_t\} \rangle$ is feasible for G_2 and $\mathbf{r}$. ■

Thus, by the induction hypothesis, G_1 has a 9-cubic τ -embedding $\langle \phi^{(1)}, \rho^{(1)} \rangle$ for $\mathbf{r}$. Also, G_2 has a 9-cubic τ -embedding $\langle \phi^{(2)}, \rho^{(2)} \rangle$ for $\mathbf{r}$.

We can prove that we can construct a 9-cubic τ -embedding $\langle \phi, \rho \rangle$ of G for $\langle D_s, D_t \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}$ from $\langle \phi^{(1)}, \rho^{(1)} \rangle$ and $\langle \phi^{(2)}, \rho^{(2)} \rangle$.

Case 1-2 $(s, t) \notin E(G)$.

We can prove the following.

Lemma 6: D_v can be partitioned into $D_v^{(1)}$ and $D_v^{(2)}$ for $v \in \{s, t\}$ such that $\langle D_s^{(1)}, D_t^{(1)} \rangle$ is feasible for G_1 and $\mathbf{r}$ and $\langle D_s^{(2)}, D_t^{(2)} \rangle$ is feasible for G_2 and $\mathbf{r}$. ■

Thus, by the induction hypothesis, G_i ($i = 1, 2$) has a 9-cubic τ -embedding $\langle \phi^{(i)}, \rho^{(i)} \rangle$ for $\langle D_s^{(i)}, D_t^{(i)} \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}$.

We can prove that we can construct a 9-cubic τ -embedding $\langle \phi, \rho \rangle$ of G for $\langle D_s, D_t \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}$ from $\langle \phi^{(1)}, \rho^{(1)} \rangle$ and $\langle \phi^{(2)}, \rho^{(2)} \rangle$.

V-B. CASE 2: SERIES-COMPOSITION

We consider the case when G is a series-composition of series-parallel graphs G_1 and G_2 . Without loss of generality, we denote the terminals of G_1 by s and u , and those of G_2 by u and t .

Since $\langle D_s, D_t \rangle$ is admissible, there exist $\mathbf{d}_s \in D_s$ and $\mathbf{d}_t \in D_t$ satisfying $\mathbf{d}_s \neq -\mathbf{d}_t$. We further distinguish three cases.

Case 2-1 $\mathbf{d}_s \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{r}}^+$ and $\mathbf{d}_t \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{r}}^-$.

We can prove the following.

Lemma 7: There exist disjoint sets $D_u^{(s)}$ and $D_u^{(t)}$ of directions such that $\langle D_s, D_u^{(s)} \rangle$ is feasible for G_1 and $\mathbf{r}$ and $\langle D_u^{(t)}, D_t \rangle$ is feasible for G_2 and $\mathbf{r}$. ■

Thus, by the induction hypothesis, G_1 has a 9-cubic τ -embedding $\langle \phi^{(1)}, \rho^{(1)} \rangle$ for $\langle D_s, D_u^{(s)} \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}$, and G_2 has a 9-cubic τ -embedding $\langle \phi^{(2)}, \rho^{(2)} \rangle$ for $\langle D_u^{(t)}, D_t \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}$.

We can prove that we can construct a 9-cubic τ -embedding $\langle \phi, \rho \rangle$ of G for $\langle D_s, D_t \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}$ from $\langle \phi^{(1)}, \rho^{(1)} \rangle$ and $\langle \phi^{(2)}, \rho^{(2)} \rangle$.

Case 2-2 $d_s \in \mathcal{D}_r^+$ and $d_t \in \mathcal{D}_r^+$ or $d_s \in \mathcal{D}_r^-$ and $d_t \in \mathcal{D}_r^-$.

It should be noted that $\mathbf{d}_s \cdot \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{d}_t \cdot \mathbf{r}$. Let $\mathbf{r}_s = \mathbf{r}$ if $\mathbf{d}_s \cdot \mathbf{r} = 1$ and $\mathbf{r}_s = -\mathbf{r}$ otherwise, and let $\mathbf{r}_u = -\mathbf{r}_s$. We can prove the following.

Lemma 8: There exist disjoint sets $D_u^{(s)}$ and $D_u^{(t)}$ of directions such that $\langle D_s, D_u^{(s)} \rangle$ is feasible for G_1 and $\mathbf{r}_s$ and $\langle D_u^{(t)}, D_t \rangle$ is feasible for G_2 and $\mathbf{r}_u$. ■

Thus, by the induction hypothesis, G_1 has a 9-cubic τ -embedding $\langle \phi^{(1)}, \rho^{(1)} \rangle$ for $\langle D_s, D_u^{(s)} \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}_s$, and G_2 has a 9-cubic τ -embedding $\langle \phi^{(2)}, \rho^{(2)} \rangle$ for $\langle D_u^{(t)}, D_t \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}_u$.

We can prove that we can construct a 9-cubic τ -embedding $\langle \phi, \rho \rangle$ of G for $\langle D_s, D_t \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}$ from $\langle \phi^{(1)}, \rho^{(1)} \rangle$ and $\langle \phi^{(2)}, \rho^{(2)} \rangle$.

Case 2-3 $d_s \in \mathcal{D}_r^-$ and $d_t \in \mathcal{D}_r^+$.

Let $\mathbf{r}_s = \mathbf{r} + 2\mathbf{d}_s$ and $\mathbf{r}_u = -\mathbf{r}_s$. It should be noted that $\mathbf{r}_s \in \{-1, 1\}^3$, since $\mathbf{d}_s \cdot \mathbf{r} = -1$. We can prove the following.

Lemma 9: There exist disjoint sets $D_u^{(s)}$ and $D_u^{(t)}$ of directions such that $\langle D_s, D_u^{(s)} \rangle$ is feasible for G_1 and $\mathbf{r}_s$ and $\langle D_u^{(t)}, D_t \rangle$ is feasible for G_2 and $\mathbf{r}_u$. ■

Thus, by the induction hypothesis, G_1 has a 9-cubic τ -embedding $\langle \phi^{(1)}, \rho^{(1)} \rangle$ for $\langle D_s, D_u^{(s)} \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}_s$, and G_2 has a 9-cubic τ -embedding $\langle \phi^{(2)}, \rho^{(2)} \rangle$ for $\langle D_u^{(t)}, D_t \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}_u$.

We can prove that we can construct a 9-cubic τ -embedding $\langle \phi, \rho \rangle$ of G for $\langle D_s, D_t \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}$ from $\langle \phi^{(1)}, \rho^{(1)} \rangle$ and $\langle \phi^{(2)}, \rho^{(2)} \rangle$.

This completes the proof of Theorem 3.

VI. EXAMPLES

A series-parallel 6-graph G shown in Fig. 4(a) is a parallel-composition of series-parallel 6-graphs G_1 and G_2 shown in Fig. 4(b) and (c), respectively. Given $D_s = \{(-1, 0, 0), (0, 0, -1)\}$, $D_t = \{(-1, 0, 0), (0, -1, 0)\}$, and a diagonal direction $\mathbf{r} = (-1, 1, 1)$, there exist $\mathbf{d}_s = (-1, 0, 0)$ and $\mathbf{d}_t = (0, -1, 0)$ such that $\langle \{\mathbf{d}_s\}, \{\mathbf{d}_t\} \rangle$ is feasible for G_1 and $\mathbf{r}$, and $\langle \{(0, 0, -1)\}, \{(-1, 0, 0)\} \rangle$ is feasible for G_2 and $\mathbf{r}$ by Lemma 5.

A 9-cubic τ -embedding $\langle \phi^{(1)}, \rho^{(1)} \rangle$ of G_1 for $\langle \{\mathbf{d}_s\}, \{\mathbf{d}_t\} \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}$ is shown in Fig. 4(e), and a 9-cubic τ -embedding $\langle \phi^{(2)}, \rho^{(2)} \rangle$ of G_2 for $\langle \{(0, 0, -1)\}, \{(-1, 0, 0)\} \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}$ is shown in Fig. 4(f). We obtain a 9-cubic τ -embedding $\langle \phi, \rho \rangle$ of G for $\langle D_s, D_t \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}$ from $\langle \phi^{(1)}, \rho^{(1)} \rangle$ and $\langle \phi^{(2)}, \rho^{(2)} \rangle$ as shown in Fig. 4(g). The 9-cubic τ -embedding $\langle \phi, \rho \rangle$ of G induces a 2-bend 3-D orthogonal drawing of G by Theorem 2.

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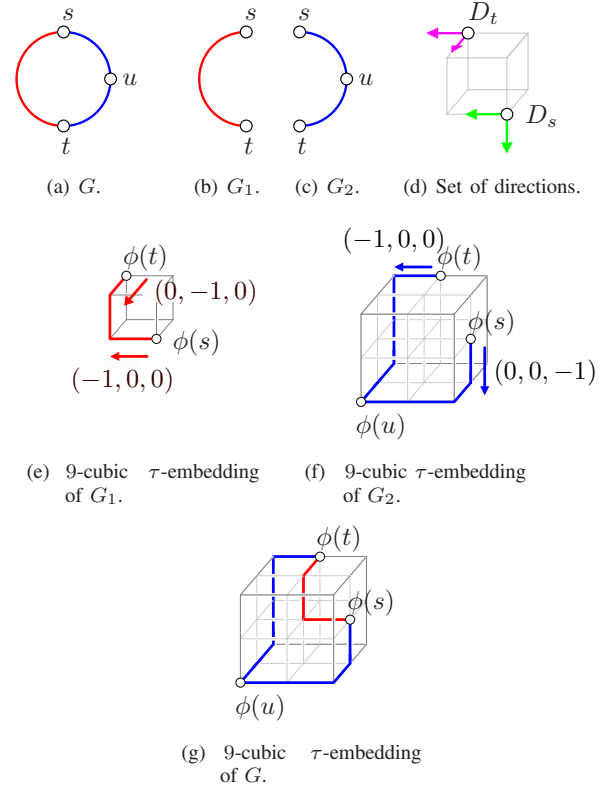


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