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## Planar Embedding

1: $2,14,10$
2: $1,3,7$
3: $2,11,4$
4: $3,5,6$
5: $4,8,13,7,6$
6: 4,5
7: 2,5
8: $5,9,12$
9: $8,11,10$
$10: 1,9,11$
$11: 3,10,9$
$12: 8,14,13$
$13: 5,12,14$
$14: 1,13,12$
Outer face: $1,14,13,5,7,2$
(Clockwise order of neighbors.)

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DFS orientation \& numbering


$\longrightarrow$ tree edge
$\leadsto$ back edge

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LR partition [Brandes 11]


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Fork at $v=13$ implies
$(14,12)$ and $(13,5)$ must be in different LR partitions


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same constraint $=$ "all...belong" different constraint $=$ "belong to the other"

Theorem. A graph is planar if and only if it has an LR partition (based on an arbitrary DFS orientation).
Proof. Use LR-partition to create a nesting order $\prec$ on outgoing edges at each vertex.
(Assign tree edge to same LR-partition as its return edge with the highest return point.)


Let $e_{1}^{L} \prec \cdots \prec e_{\ell}^{L}$ be the left outgoing edges and $e_{1}^{R} \prec \cdots \prec e_{r}^{R}$ be the right outgoing edges at $v$ then the (edge) embedding at $v$ is:

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\begin{aligned}
& (u, v), \\
& L\left(e_{\ell}^{L}\right), e_{\ell}^{L}, R\left(e_{\ell}^{L}\right), \ldots, L\left(e_{1}^{L}\right), e_{1}^{L}, R\left(e_{1}^{L}\right), \\
& L\left(e_{1}^{R}\right), e_{1}^{R}, R\left(e_{1}^{R}\right), \ldots, L\left(e_{r}^{R}\right), e_{r}^{R}, R\left(e_{r}^{R}\right)
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where $L(e)$ and $R(e)$ denote the left and right back edges to $v$ whose cycles share $e$. Within $R(e)$ (and $L(e)$ ), back edges are ordered using $\prec$ (and $\succ$ ) applied to the fork of their cycles.

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same if lowpt $((x, w))<\min \left\{\operatorname{lowpt}\left(b_{1}\right)\right.$, lowpt $\left.\left(b_{2}\right)\right\}$ for some $(x, w)$ where $x$ is shared by $C\left(b_{1}\right)$ and $C\left(b_{2}\right)$ but $w$ is not.

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2) Create a constraint graph on back edges: constraint edge $\left(b_{1}, b_{2}\right)$ is red if $b_{1}$ and $b_{2}$ are different, or blue if the same.
3) Find a balanced bipartition of the constraint graph: red edges connect vertices (i.e., back edges) in different partitions, blue edges connect vertices in the same partition.

