

## Maximal Planarization Of Non-Planar Graphs

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### Abstract

This paper presents a MAXIMAL-PLANARIZE algorithm using EQUIVELANT-GRAPH procedure. The algorithm proceeds by embedding one or few edges at each stage, without creating nonplanarity of the resultant graph, and to construct a maximal planar subgraph  $G_p$  of  $G$  directly.

The present implementation shows that using two planarization algorithms is unnecessary because of their complexities. It runs in linear time to give a maximal planar subgraph and adds the maximum number of edges possible without creating nonplanarity<sup>1</sup>, using only one simple and efficient algorithm.

Key words: Nonplanar graph, Hamiltonian circuit.

### عمل المستوى الأعظم للمخططات اللامتوية

#### الخلاصة

هذا البحث يقدم خوارزمية المستوى الأعظم بأستعمال طريقة الدائرة العظمى. الخوارزمية تشرع بإضافة بعض المركبات الخارجية في كل خطوة بشرط ان يكون المخطط الناتج مستويًا وذلك لتركيب المخطط الفرعي المستوى الأعظم  $G_p$  للمخطط  $G$  مباشرة. المعالجة المقدمة توضح ان استعمال الخوارزميتين للحصول على المستوى الأعظم غير ضروري بسبب تعقد هاتين الخوارزميتين. تعمل في زمن خطي وتضيف أكبر عدد من الموصلات للحصول على التركييب للمخطط الفرعي المستوى الأعظم  $G_p$  للمخطط اللامتوي بأستعمال خوارزمية واحدة فقط والتي تتميز ببساطتها وكفاءتها.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

A GRAPH is planar, if it can be drawn on a plane with no two edges crossing each other except at their end vertices. A subgraph  $G_p$  of a nonplanar graph  $G$  is a maximal planar subgraph of  $G$  if  $G_p$  is planar, and adding any edge to  $G_p$  result in a nonplanar subgraph of  $G$ . This process of removing a set of edges from  $G$  to obtain a maximal planar subgraph is known as maximal planarization of the nonplanar subgraph  $G$ .

On the other hand, maximal planarization of a planar subgraph  $G$

refers to the process of adding a maximal set of edges to  $G$  without causing nonplanarity.

Maximal planarization of a nonplanar graph is an important problem encountered in the automation design of printed circuit boards. If an electronic circuit cannot be wired on a single layer of a printed circuit board, then we need to determine the minimum number of layers necessary to wire the circuit. Since only a planar circuit can be wired on a single layer board, we would like to decompose the nonplanar circuit into a minimum number of maximal planar

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circuits. In general, for a nonplanar graph, neither the set of edges to be removed to maximally planarize it, nor the number of these edges is unique.

Determining the minimum number of edges whose removal from a nonplanar graph will yield a maximal planar subgraph is an NP-complete problem<sup>[1,5,6,7]</sup>

One of the earliest algorithms was proposed by Demoucron et al. as cited by ref<sup>[2]</sup>. Further improvement is presented by Rubin<sup>[3]</sup>.

Recently, Jayakumar et al.<sup>[4]</sup> have proposed two planarization algorithms. These two algorithms are quite interesting because at each step of these algorithms, as many edges as possible are added. The drawback is the complexity of such planarization algorithms and their requirement of long computation time.

This paper adopts MAXIMAL-PLANARIZE algorithm based on Demoucron planarity testing, the presented algorithm is an efficient, simple one. It is found necessary to generate and evaluate only a few exterior components at each stage, usually one to construct a maximal planar subgraph  $G_p$  which contains the maximum number of edges possible without creating nonplanarity of resultant graph. It runs in linear time, requires less computation time and includes larger number of edges than the two algorithms presented in<sup>[4]</sup>.

## 2. DEMOUCRON, ALGRANGE, AND PERTUIST PLANARITY TESTING ALGORITHM

Consider a simple connected graph  $G=(V,E)$  with  $n=|V|$  vertices and  $m=|E|$  edges. The algorithm begins with a

simple circuit  $G'$  in the graph  $G$  where  $G'=(V',E')$  adds one path at a time to build a mesh structure. An exterior component of  $G'$  in  $G$  is a maximal connected subgraph  $G''=(V'',E'')$  of  $G$  hence the endpoints of an exterior component  $G''$  of  $G'$  are the vertices  $V' \cap V''$ .

They noted that at each stage that: 1) some of the exterior components can be embedded in any of two or more meshes; 2) others can be embedded in only one of the meshes; if the graph is nonplanar, 3) some cannot be embedded in any mesh. Consequently, if the latter case occurs, the graph may immediately be judged as nonplanar. If the second case occurs, such a component may be assigned to that mesh immediately.

But if every component has two or more possible meshes, then an arbitrary choice may be made for any one of them.

In Fig.1 each of the exterior components ( $G''$ ) 15,1237 and 123489 may be embedded inside or outside of the circuit ( $G'$ ) 123456. Component 15 is independent of the others, but an arbitrary choice for 1237 or 123489 will force the other to the opposite side of the circuit.

Now, it needs to be noticed that in the Demoucron et al. algorithm, not all the exterior components are embedded in the proper mesh because an arbitrary choice is made for some of them, hence this algorithm is good for deciding whether a given graph is planar or not but it fails for obtaining the maximal planar subgraph  $G_p$  of  $G$ .

### 3.THE EQUIVALENT-GRAPH PROCEDURE

The central concept of the EQUIVALENT-GRAPH procedure is stated in the following definitions.

#### Definition 1: Equivalent graph

It represents the equivalent graph of  $G$  which contains all the edges of  $G$ . Its vertices are labeled as their counterparts in  $G$ , but they are kept separate; i.e. there may be several vertices with the same label.

#### Definition 2: Maximal Subgraph $G_c$

the maximal cycle of a graph  $G$  containing the maximal vertices or very vertex of  $G$ , in other words  $G_c$  will represent a Hamiltonian cycle if  $G$  is a Hamiltonian graph.

#### Definition 3: Examining graph ( $G_e$ )

The graph  $G_e$  may represent a subgraph  $G-G_c$  or a set of edges only, where its edges  $E(G_e)=E(G)-E(G_c)$ . A chord of  $G_c$  is a path in  $G$  with endpoints in  $G_c$  but with no other vertices in  $G_c$ . If the chord has only one edge, then it is called simple, hence if  $G_c$  represents Hamiltonian cycle then the examining graph ( $G_e$ ) contains only simple chord. The simple chords (edges) of  $G_e$  are classified according to their priorities in the list of the examined edges as follows:-

1. **Type S:** An edge is said to be type S if it is obtained by using the EQUIVALENT-GRAPH procedure. In the process of implementing the MAXIMAL-PLANARIZE algorithm, these edges of type S have priorities to be examined first, before the next type of edges.

2. **Type R:** An edge is said to be type R if it is not obtained from the EQUIVALENT-GRAPH procedure and it will be examined after examining all the edges of type S.

#### The Procedure

In this section a new and efficient procedure is presented to obtain the equivalent-graph which contains the maximal subgraph  $G_c$  plus the examining graph  $G_e$ .

Consider a simple connected graph  $G=(V,E)$  with  $n=|V|$  vertices and  $m=|E|$  edges, with the assumption that every vertex in  $G$  should have a degree of at least three.

The procedure could be obtained by performing certain operations on the graph. These operations are:

- (1) Determine the degree for each vertex of the graph  $G$ . Choose any vertex of minimum degree, to be called  $x_1$ , and choose a neighbour vertex for  $x_1$  which has the maximum degree corresponding to the other neighbour vertices of  $x_1$ . This vertex will be called  $x_k$ .
- (2) Select an edge joining two distinct vertices  $x_1$  and  $x_k$  ( $k \leq n$ ) such that  $x_1$  and  $x_k$  denote the initial and terminal end points of the maximal circuit  $G_c$ , set  $i=1$ .
- (3) Examine the neighbours of the vertex  $x_i$  according to the following conditions.
  - a. If a vertex ( $x_a$ ) appears with degree one, this gives a notation that the vertex  $x_a$  is not contained in  $G_c$  ( $x_a \notin G_c$ ), then  $x_a$  will represent exterior vertex.
  - b. Now, examining the remaining neighbour vertices such that this new vertex ( $x_{i+1}$ ) will have the

minimum degree according to the other neighbours to  $x_i$  ( $d(x_{i+1}) \geq 2$ ). Keeping in mind that if the vertex  $x_k$  is one of the vertices neighbouring  $x_i$ , is chosen if it is the only choice. Then stop.

- c. If there exists more than one vertex with the same minimum degree, choose any one. The vertex or vertices which are not chosen will represent the end vertices of type S edges, which will be obtained by connecting every vertex of them with  $x_i$ .
- (4) Delete all the edges incident to  $x_i$  to get the subgraph  $G_i$ , with vertex set  $V(G_{i-1}) - x_i$ , hence the degree for each vertex which is a neighbour to vertex  $x_i$  will decrease by one.
  - (5) If the vertex  $x_k$  does not represent a neighbour vertex to  $x_i$  then go to step 8.
  - (6) Detect if the degree of vertex  $x_k$  is equal to one ( $d(x_k)=1$ ). Then choose its neighbour to the new  $x_k$  vertex ( $x_{kn}$ ). Keeping in mind that the edge selected in step 2 will be joining a new edge with end vertices ( $x_k, x_{kn}$ ). If  $x_{kn} = x_{i+1}$  then stop.
  - (7) Delete the edge incident to vertex  $x_k$ , replace  $x_{kn}$  by  $x_k$ .
  - (8) Detect the neighbour vertices of the vertex  $x_k$  such that.
    - a. if they have degree larger than two then go to step 10.
    - b. if a vertex ( $x_a$ ) appears with degree equal two then choose its other neighbour to be the new  $x_k$  vertex ( $x_{kn}$ ). Keeping in mind that the edges selected in step 2 will be joining two new edges with end vertices ( $x_k, x_a$ ) and ( $x_a, x_{kn}$ ). If  $x_{kn} = x_{i+1}$  then stop.

c. If more than one vertex appears with degree equal two, then choose any one as in step b. Then the remaining vertices will represent the exterior vertices, delete the edges incident to them.

- (9). Delete the edges incident to vertex  $x_n$  and  $x_k$ , and replace  $x_{kn}$  by  $x_k$ . If the degree of  $x_k$  is equal to one then go to step 6. If the degree of its neighbours vertex is equal to two then go to step 8.
- (10). Replace  $x_{i+1}$  by  $x_i$  and go to step 3.

**Note:**

In the following it is assumed that all the vertices of the maximal circuit are represented by horizontal segments, with the vertices numbered in an ascending order starting with the vertex which is given number 1.

**Example 1**

The above definitions and procedure may be further clarified by an example. The sample graph G consists of 10 vertices, and the connections between pairs of vertices are as in table No.1.

Table No.2 illustrates the EQUIVALENT-GRAPH Procedure. It is noted that:

- A- vertex 3 has the minimum degree , vertex 9 is a neighbour vertex of vertex 3 with maximum degree.
- B- the distinct vertices 3 and 9 are joining the selected edge.
- C- the series of graphs  $G^i$  ( $i=1,2,\dots,7$ ) represent the subgraph after deleting the edges whose initial vertex is  $x^i$  where  $x^i \in G_{i-1}$ .
- D- the vertices assigned by star represent the neighbour of the vertex assigned by double stars

represents the chosen vertex  $x^{i+1}$ . The vertices assigned by star and letter S represent the vertices which have degree equal to the degree of the chosen vertex  $x^{i+1}$ . Any vertex of these vertices with the vertex  $x^{i+1}$  will represent the end vertices of an edges of type S.

- E- now, label the vertices of maximal circuit  $G_c$  in an ascending order, thus renumbering the vertices 3,4,5,8,10,1,2,6,7,9 by the numbers 1,2,3,...,10.

In Fig.2a The maximal circuit is 3-4-5-8-10-1-2-7-6-9-3. The bold edges represent the edges of type S. The broken edges represent the edges of type R.

Now, according to notion E the obtained equivalent graph is illustrated in Fig.2b

### DISCUSSION OF THE PROCEDURE

The following is a discussion of the complexity of some stages of the procedure clarified further by relevant figures.

1. If a vertex appears in a specification as in step (3-a), this gives notion that the graph is not Hamiltonian.
2. In step (3-c) the edges of type S will play an important role in the algorithm because any one of them could be contained in the maximal subgraph. Hence they will have the priority to be examined first.
3. In step 6 a detection of the degree of  $x_k$  is very important because if it has a degree equal one, then it has only one neighbour vertex and if this neighbour vertex is chosen then it will have only one probability which is  $x_k$ . Then the procedure will

stop before searching on the other vertices.

**Algorithm 1:** Let  $G$  be a simple connected graph then the EQUIVALENT-GRAPH procedure will be as follows. Test the graph, if it is Hamiltonian, then it constructs a Hamiltonian circuit. If not then it constructs a maximal circuit in a polynomial time.

Let  $G_c$  be a maximal circuit of a graph  $G$  of order  $n \geq 3$  and that  $e$  is an edge of  $G_c$ , where  $G_c: x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_k, x_1$  ( $k \leq n$ ) and  $e = x_1 x_k$ , where  $x_1$  denotes the vertex with the minimum degree with respect to the other vertices, and  $x_k$  denotes the neighbour vertex of  $x_1$  with the largest degree.

Let  $x_2$  denote the vertex with the minimum degree [ $d(x_2) \geq 2$ ] with respect to other neighbour to  $x_1$ , (keeping in mind that the vertex  $x_k$  is chosen only if it is the only choice), then in the subgraph generated by  $G(x_1) - \{x_1\}$  examine if the degree of vertex  $x_k$  is equal to one then choose its neighbour to the new  $x_k$  ( $x_{kn}$ ). Hence the selected edge ( $e$ ) is now joining a new edge ( $x_k, x_{kn}$ ).

Fig.3a illustrates the basis for this decision. Suppose, to the contrary, that this decision is not defined, then according to the procedure,  $x_0$  is chosen, so is  $x_1$  will be chosen, then the subgraph generated by

$G(x_0) - \{x_1, x_2, x_0\}$  will never contain the vertex  $x_k$ , and a Hamiltonian (or maximal) circuit could not be obtained. Hence to overcome this problem this decision must be included in the procedure. Also, the neighbouring vertices of vertex  $x_k$  must be examined,

where if a vertex of degree two is found then its other neighbour vertex will represent the new  $x_k (x_{kn})$ .

Fig.3b illustrates the essential use of this decision. According to the procedure, vertex  $x_m$  must be chosen, so will  $x_o$ , and because it is of degree two then  $x_k$  is chosen because it is the only choice. But  $x_k$  is not the last choice. Now to overcome this problem, the above decision must be included in the procedure where accordingly  $x_m$  will become the  $x_{kn}$ , then after  $x_2$  is chosen so will  $x_3$  and the selected edge  $e$  will be joining the new path  $(x_k, x_o, x_m)$ . Then, for  $k=n [x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_k, x_1]$  is the Hamiltonian circuit while for  $k < n$  the maximal circuit is for the Hamiltonian subgraph  $(G-v)$ ; such that the removal of a number of vertices creates a graph with Hamiltonian circuit.

Next, an example illustrating algorithm 1 is presented. First one needs to determine whether the graph  $G$  of Fig.4 is Hamiltonian or not.

A sequence  $G_1, G_2, \dots$  (which is not unique) is shown. Since vertex (10) or the vertices (6 and 7) must be removed, graph  $G$  is not Hamiltonian (actually  $G$  is Peterson graph).

#### 4.A NEW MAXIMAL PLANARIZATION ALGORITHM

In this section an efficient algorithm is presented to determine a maximal planar subgraph of a nonplanar graph  $G$ , based on the above procedure EQUIVALENT-GRAPH. The focus of maximal planarization is how to maximize the number of edges in the required graph.

On this basis attempts were made to add  $G_c$  as many edges as possible

without affecting the planarity of the resultant graph.

Before giving the final form of the algorithm, a logical sequence of steps needs to be by definitions and examples.

#### Definition 4 : The I (Interior) and O (Exterior) Faces

Let  $G_c$  be a finite subgraph of  $G$ , then the infinite plane is divided into two faces. The interior is called the I face of the maximal circuit, and the exterior is called the O face of the maximal circuit  $G_c$ .

#### Definition 5: Initial Edge

Once the maximal circuit has been generated, every edge may be embedded in either faces. Then the initial edge is that which connects vertex 1 to  $A_1$ . Where  $A_1$  represents one of the neighbours  $(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_i)$  of vertex 1 such that  $A_1 < A_2 \dots < A_i$ .

#### Definition 6: First, Second, ..., !st edge of a vertex

Let the vertices be connected to vertex  $x$  by outward edges (type S or type R) of  $x$  be  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_i$  such that  $x_1 < x_2 < x_3 < \dots < x_i$ , then the first edge of  $x$  which will be examined first is  $(x, x_1)$ , the second is the edge connecting  $x_2$  to  $x$  and so on.

#### Definition 7: The One, and Only One Possible Embedding

If two edges  $A$  and  $B$  whose end vertices are numbered  $A_1, A_2$  for  $B_1, B_2$  for  $B$  such that these vertices  $A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2 \in V(G_c)$  and  $A_1 < B_1 < A_2 < B_2$  or  $A_1 < B_2 < A_2$  then if edge  $A$  is embedded in I face then edge  $B$  will be embedded in O face and vice and versa. Hence, if only this case occurs, the

possible embedding of the examined edge is only one.

**Definition 8: Testing The Examining Graph**

The chords which are only edges are examined first, by adding one edge at a time to build a mesh structure. It is noted that at each stage:

1. Some of the edges could be embedded in any of the two faces, in other words,  $P(E, G_i)=2$ , where  $P$  represents the number of possible embedding for the examined edge  $E$  in the plane subgraph  $G_i$ , where  $G_i$  is a sequences  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_i$  of plane subgraphs of  $G$  such that  $G_i \subset G_{i+1}$  for  $(i \geq 1)$ .
2. Other edges could be embedded only in one of the faces according to definition 7. It means that the number of possible embedding is one for the examined edge, hence  $P(E, G_i)=1$ ; and if the graph is nonplanar.
3. Some cannot be embedded in any face, where  $P(E, G_i)=\emptyset$ . Consequently, if the third case occurs, the graph will be immediately judged as nonplanar. If the second case occurs, such an edge will be assigned to the face immediately. But if the first case occurs, this edge must be re-examined directly after examining the next edge in the list of edges, until the second case occurs, to embed the edge in the only one proper face.

If  $G_c$  does not represent a Hamiltonian circuit then any exterior vertex ( $V_x$ ) where  $V_x \notin G_c$  will be tested according to its neighbours and it will be embedded

in the mesh which contains the maximum number of its neighbours. Of course, this case rarely occurs in a connected nonplanar graph where there are enough edges to form a Hamiltonian circuit<sup>[5]</sup>.

**Example 2**

After placing the maximal circuit vertices obtained from Example 1, the edges of the examined graph  $G_c$  will be examined in a systematic way starting with the initial vertex 1 and moving towards the end vertex. The procedure is as follows:

A. list the examined edges according to definition 6 keeping in mind that the edges of type  $S$  must be examined first.

B. add the Initial edge  $E_1$ , then by definition 5 the Initial edge is  $(1,7)$  to obtain the subgraph  $G_1$ .

C. we then move to edge  $E_2$ . According to definition 8 part 1 this edge could not be embedded because  $P(E, G_1)=2$ , then move to edge  $E_3$  where  $P(E_3, G_1)=2$  also.

Now move to edge  $E_4$ . According to definition 8 part 2 this edge will be embedded in face  $O$  because  $P(E_4, G_1)=1$ . Add this edge to obtain a plane subgraph called  $G_3$ .

E. now, re-examine the edges  $E_2$  and  $E_3$  of step C. We note that  $P(E_2, G_2)=2$  also, but  $P(E_3, G_2)=1$ , hence embed this edge in the proper face which is the 1 face to obtain the plane subgraph  $G_3$ .

Similar consideration to the next edges will apply and the test ends when all such edges are considered. Fig.6 illustrates all these steps and determines  $E_9=(2,6)$  and  $E_{10}=(3,8)$  are the only sets of edges to be removed from  $G$  to

maximal planarize it and the spanning planar subgraph  $G_{10}$  is shown in Fig.5

Now the maximal-planarization algorithm is presented which uses the procedure described so far.

#### Algorithm 2

1. Let  $G_c$  be a maximal cycle of  $G$ , such that  $G_c$  is embedded in the plane.
2. List the edges starting with the initial edge, the edges of type S, the edges of type R.
3. Embed the Initial edge inside the I face; set  $i=1$ .
4. Test the next edge for possible embeddings. If there are no edges left, go to Step 9.
5. If  $P(E, G_i)=0$ , then  $G$  is not planar, reassign this edge to be removed from  $G$ .
6. If  $P(E, G_i)=1$ , go to Step 8.
7. If  $P(E, G_i)=2$ , then this edge will be re-examined after obtaining the plane subgraph  $G_{i+1}$ , go to step 4.
8. Embed  $E$  in the proper face, replace  $i$  by  $i+1$  and go to step 4.
9. If  $G_c$  is Hamiltonian, then stop.
10. List the exterior vertices, and examine them, if some of the outward edges could not be embedded, reassign them as to be removed from  $G$ .

#### Theorem :

Algorithm 2 determines a maximal planar subgraph  $G_p$  of  $G$ , if only the edges of type S are considered for testing before the edges of type R.

#### Proof :

Note that the edges of type S were obtained from the EQUIVALENT-GRAPH procedure. So it follows that

any one of these edges may be contained in the maximal subgraph  $G_c$ , where in this case they could not be deleted. This means that they must have priorities to be tested before the other edges. Let  $G$  be an equivalent-graph of the non planar graph. It is assumed that  $G_i$  is  $G$ -extendable ( $i \geq 1$ ) and shown that  $G_{i+1}$  is  $G$ -extendable, since we can extend the embedding of  $G_i$  to a plane embedding of  $G$ . Select  $E$  and  $P$ , as in step No.6. If  $P(E, G_i)=1$ , then  $E$  is embedded in the proper face (I or O) then  $G_{i+1}$  is

$G$ -extendable. Otherwise,  $P(E, G_i)=2$ , then there are two possible embeddings. If  $E$  is embedded in I face, then, one again  $G_{i+1}$  is  $G$ -extendable.

Suppose, to the contrary, that  $E$  is drawn O face, further, assume that  $E_x$  is an edge of  $G_i$  in  $G$  that is embedded in I face whose vertices of  $G_i$  belong to the common boundary of  $E$  and  $E_x$ . Then  $E$  and  $E_x$  must be interchanged across this common boundary procedure- a new embedding of  $G$  in the plane in which  $E$  is embedded in the I face. Hence to overcome this permutation procedure must not be embedded by making an arbitrary choice in face I or O, until its testing for the possible embedding becomes one. Then  $E$  is embedded in the only one proper face.

#### 6. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

This paper presents the MAXIMAL-PLANARIZE algorithm which constructs a maximal planar subgraph  $G_p$  of a nonplanar graph  $G$ . This algorithm is based on the Demoucrot, et. al planarity testing algorithm as cited by ref<sup>[2]</sup> and on the new EQUIVALENT-GRAPH procedure which is presented in this paper.



Procedure EQUIVALENT-GRAPH is used to construct a planar subgraph  $G_c$  and determine the type of the examining edges which play an important role in constructing the maximal planar graph.

The MAXIMAL-PLANARIZE algorithm is implemented in BASIC and tested on several nonplanar graphs. In Table No.3 the number of edges that needs to be removed is shown by this algorithm compared with the result from<sup>[4]</sup>. In addition, the two algorithms in<sup>[4]</sup> do not seem to lend themselves to easy modification resulting in such planarization algorithms.

We expect this algorithm to require on the average, less computation time since only one algorithm is needed and less number of removing edges, to construct a spanning planar subgraph of a given nonplanar graph.

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**Table-1-** Example 1,a sample graph G consists of 10 vertices

1-2	2-1	3-2	4-1	5-4	6-1	7-1	8-2	9-2	10-1
1-4	2-3	3-4	4-3	5-6	6-2	7-6	8-4	9-3	10-7
1-6	2-6	3-9	4-5	5-8	6-5	7-9	8-5	9-5	10-8
1-7	2-8		4-8	5-9	6-7	7-10	8-10	9-6	10-9
1-10	2-9				6-9			9-7	
								9-10	

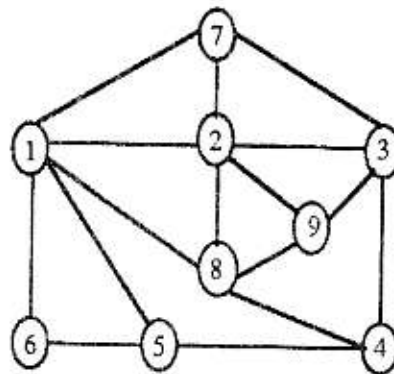
**Table-2-** Illustrates the EQUIVALENT GRAPH procedure

d(v) v	G	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6	G7
1	5	5*	4	4	4**	3 <sub>(X6)</sub>	0	
2	5*	4	4	4**	3	3**	2 <sub>(X7)</sub>	0
3	3 <sub>(X1)</sub>	0						
4	4**	3 <sub>(X2)</sub>	0					
5	4	4**	3 <sub>(X3)</sub>	0				
6	5	5	5*	4	4	4*	3** x <sub>kn</sub>	1 <sub>xd(x8)</sub>
7	4	4	4	4	4**	3*s	2 <sub>(Xa)</sub>	0
9	6* <sub>xk</sub>	5	5*	4	4**	3	3**	1
10	4	4	4	4**	3 <sub>(X5)</sub>	0		

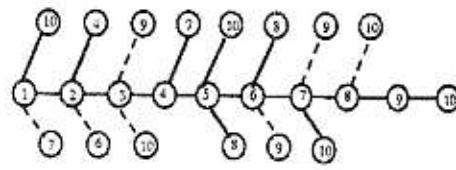
stop  
x<sub>g</sub>=x<sub>k</sub>

**Table-3-** Comparison between MAXIMAL-PLANARIZE algorithm and the result from [4].

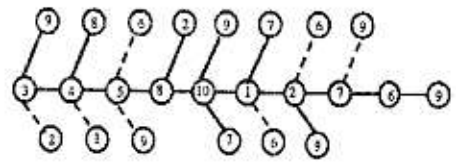
Graph	No. of Vertices	No. of Edges	No. of Edges removed by [4]	No. of edges removed By this procedure
G <sub>1</sub>	10	22	3	2
G <sub>2</sub>	10	35	18	12
G <sub>3</sub>	20	60	24	13
G <sub>4</sub>	30	95	37	21
G <sub>5</sub>	40	125	38	29
G <sub>6</sub>	50	150	43	33



**Fig. 1.** Graph G

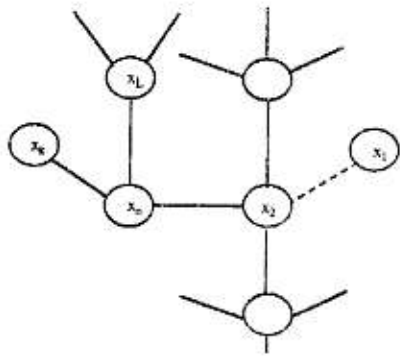


(a)

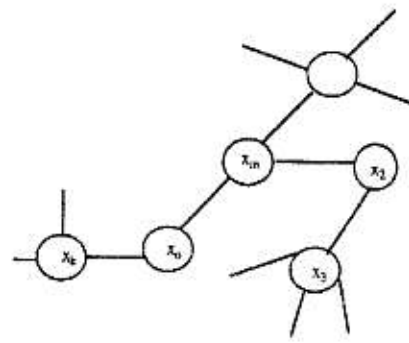


(b)

Fig. 2. Represent the equivalent graph



(a)



(b)

Fig. 3. Illustrates algorithm 1

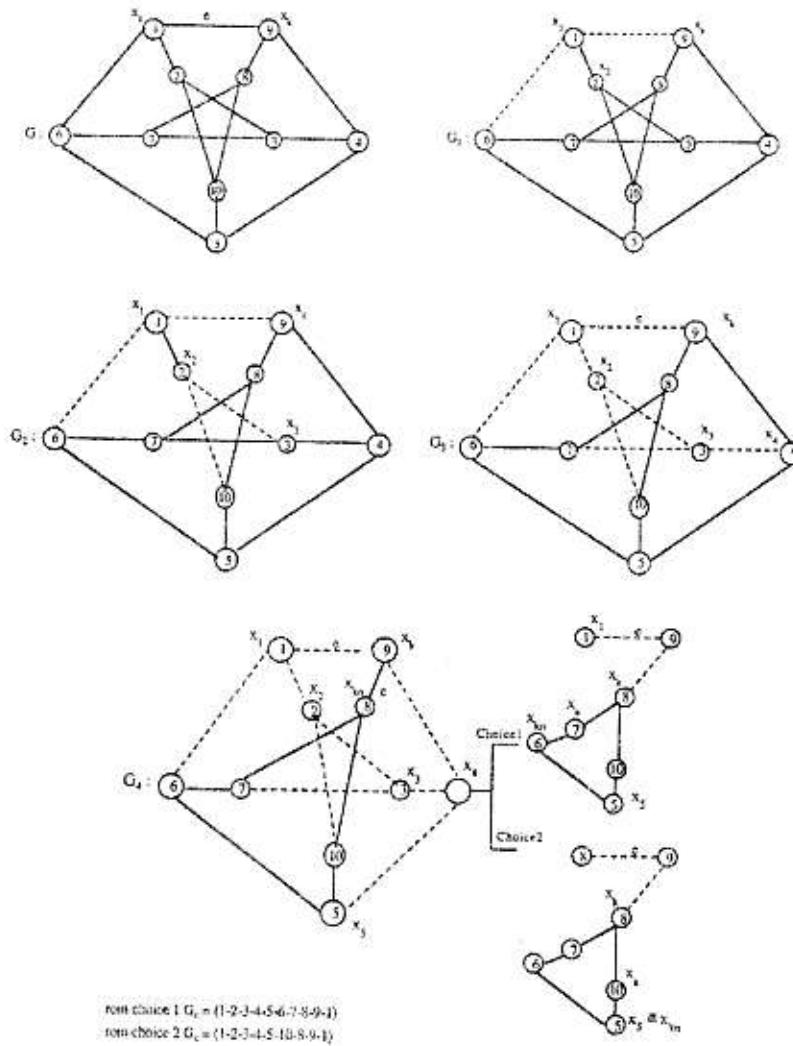
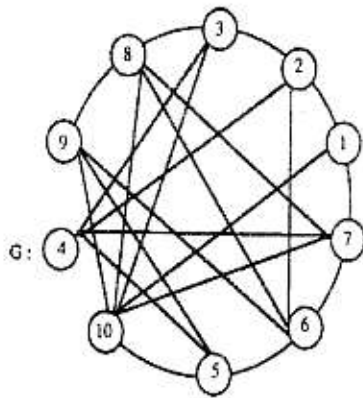
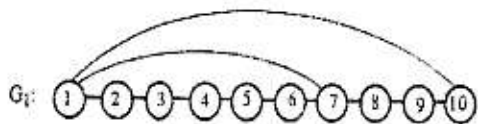


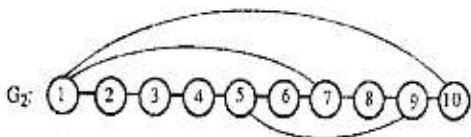
Fig. 4 . An example illustrating algorithm 1



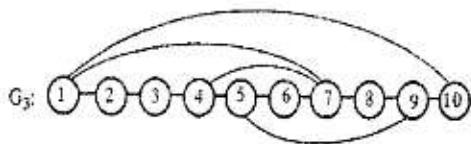
Initial Edge	$E_1$	(1,7)
The Edges of Type S	$E_2$	(2,4)
	$E_3$	(4,7)
	$E_4$	(5,9)
	$E_5$	(5,10)
	$E_6$	(6,9)
	$E_7$	(7,10)
	$E_8$	(8,10)
	The Edges of Type R	$E_9$
$E_{10}$		(3,8)
$E_{11}$		(3,10)
$E_{12}$		(6,8)



$P(E_1, G_1) = 2 \mid i = 2,3 \mid$   
 $P(E_4, G_1) = 1 \mid \text{O Face} \mid$

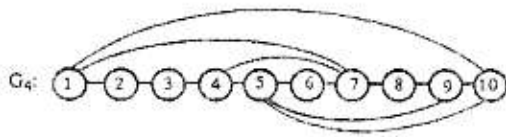


$P(E_2, G_2) = 2$   
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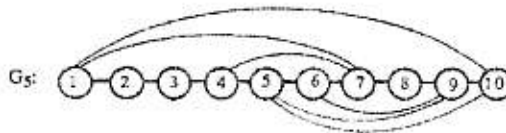


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 $P(E_5, G_3) = 1 \mid \text{O Face} \mid$

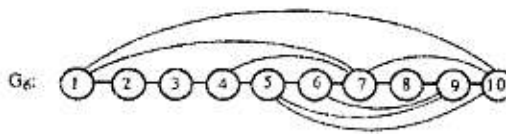
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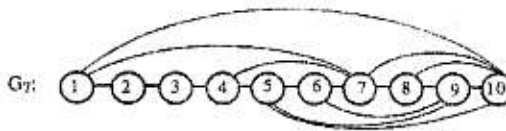
$P(E_2, G_4) = 2$   
 $P(E_6, G_4) = 1 \{ O \text{ Face } \}$



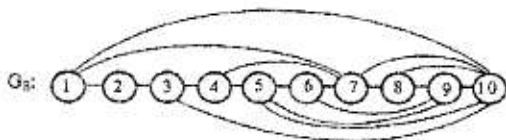
$P(E_2, G_5) = 2$   
 $P(E_7, G_5) = 1 \{ I \text{ Face } \}$



$P(E_2, G_6) = 2$   
 $P(E_8, G_6) = 1 \{ I \text{ Face } \}$

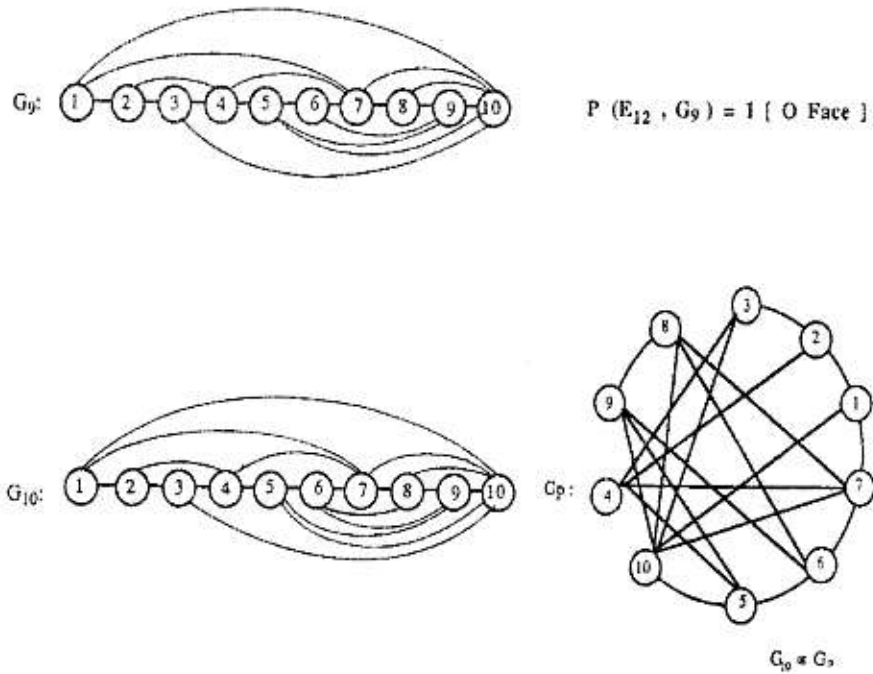


$P(E_2, G_7) = 2$   
 $P(E_i, G_7) = \emptyset \{ i=9,10 \}$   
 $P(E_{11}, G_7) = 1 \{ O \text{ Face } \}$



$P(E_2, G_8) = 1 \{ I \text{ Face } \}$

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$G$ : non planar graph  
 $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_{10}$ : represent logical sequences of steps to get  $G_p$   
 $G_p$ : maximal planar subgraph

Fig. 5. Example 2.