

# Book embeddings of upward planar graphs and planar posets

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Discrete Mathematics Seminar



SOMEONE  
IMPORTANT  
DIED



SOMEONE DIED BUT  
WE'RE NOT SURE HOW  
WE FEEL ABOUT THEM



SOMEONE IMPORTANT  
WAS SUCCESSFULLY  
CLONED



NOBODY HAS DIED FOR  
WEEKS AND THAT SEEMS  
GOOD BUT STATISTICALLY  
IT'S VERY ALARMING



THERE IS A CYCLE IF  
WE ACCIDENTLY  
REVERSE AN EDGE



THERE IS A PLANAR  
POSET WHICH REQUIRES  
FIVE PAGES



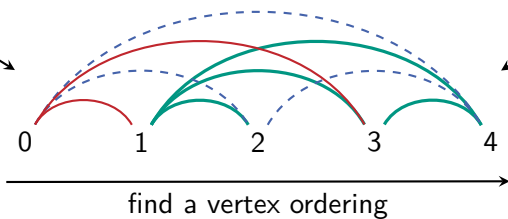
THE PERSON WHO  
KNOWS WHERE THE  
FLAG IS STORED AT  
NIGHT DIED

# Page Number

no monochromatic



find a partition  
of the edges



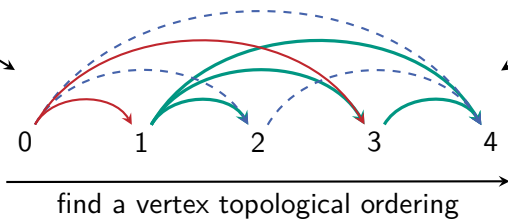
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# Page Number of DAGs

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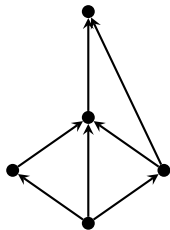


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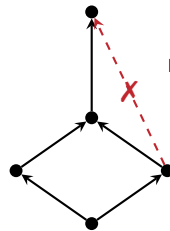
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Upward Planar



edges increase monotonically in  $y$ -direction

Planar Poset



no transitive edges

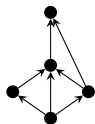
### Open question

Is the page number bounded? (Nowakowski and Parker, 1989)

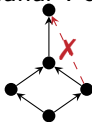


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Upward planar:



Planar Poset:



Now:

Theorem

There is an upward planar graph with page number  $\geq 5$ .

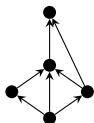
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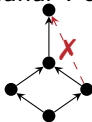


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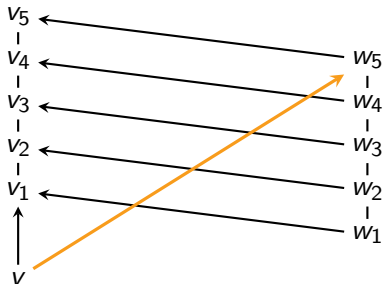
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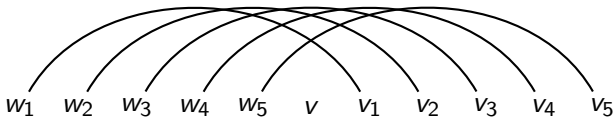
Planar Poset:



5-Flag from  $v$  to  $w = w_5$



use topological ordering of augmented graph

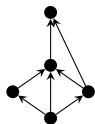


5-twist

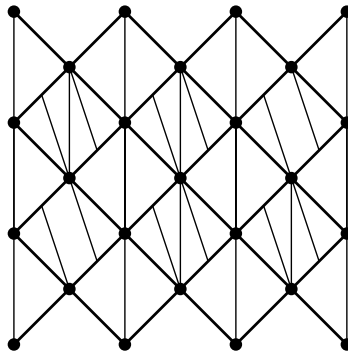
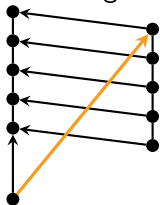


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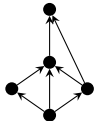
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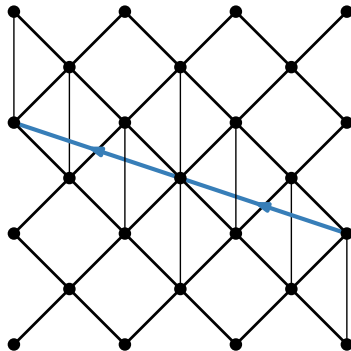
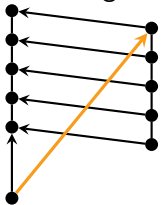


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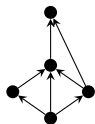




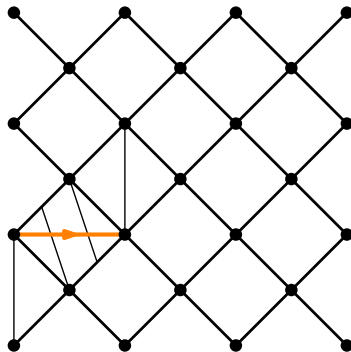
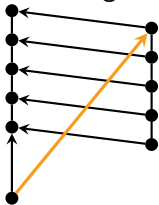


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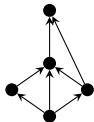
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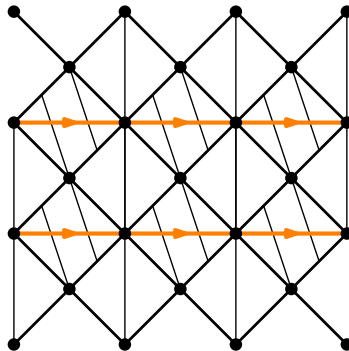
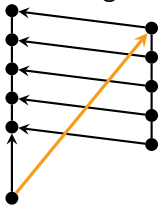


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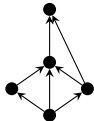
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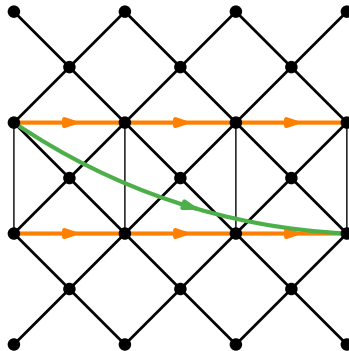
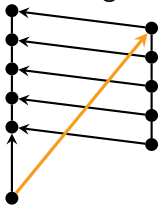


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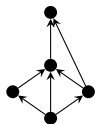
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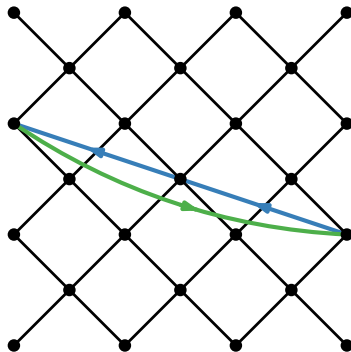
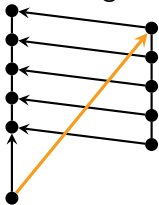


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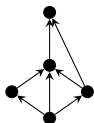
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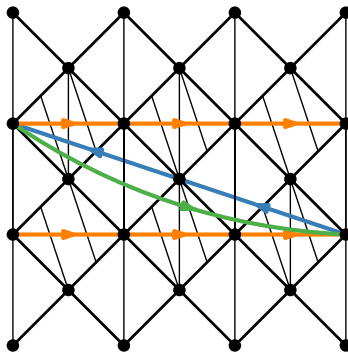
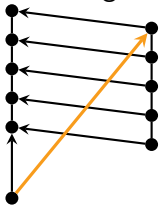


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Upward planar:



5-flag:



There is an upward planar graph with page number  $\geq 4$ .

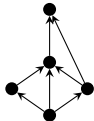
(Bekos et al., 2020; Hung, 1993; Yannakakis, 2020)

There is an upward planar graph with a 4-twist in every book embedding.

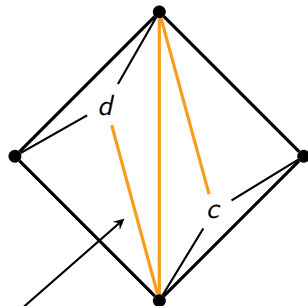
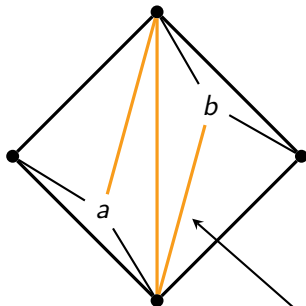
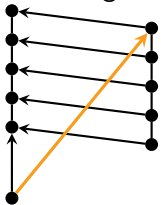


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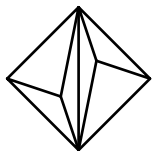


N-edges

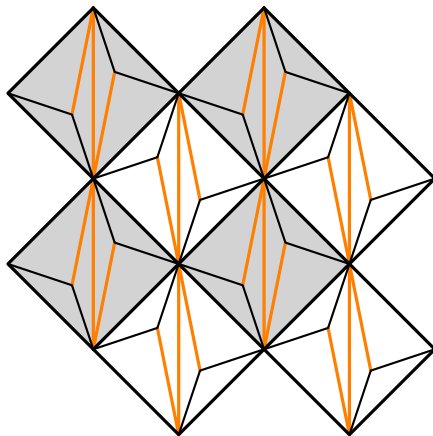
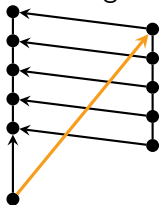


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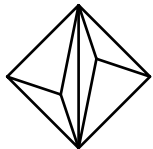
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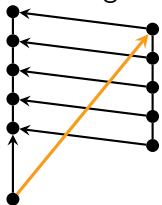


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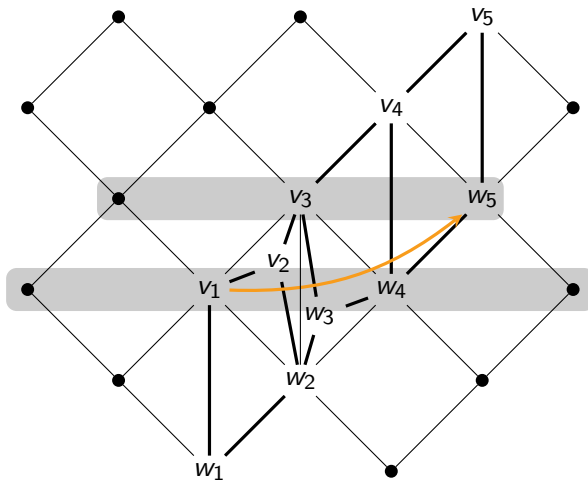
Upward planar:



5-flag:



5-Flags: Separating levels

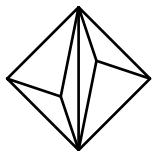




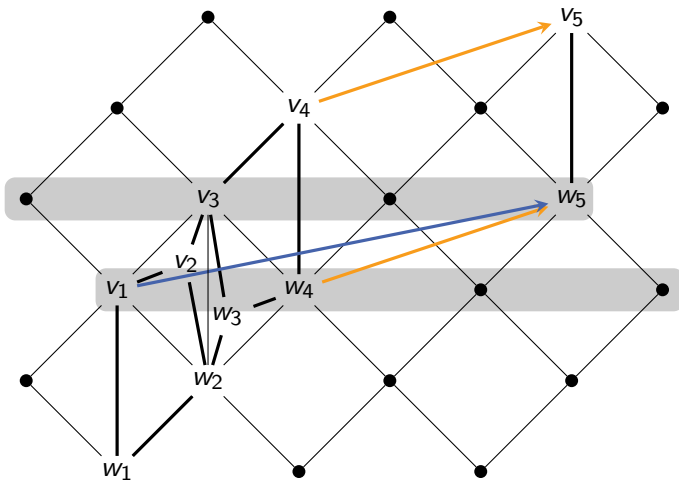
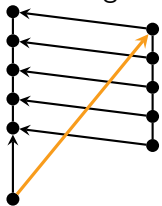


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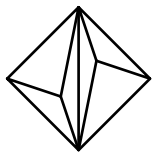
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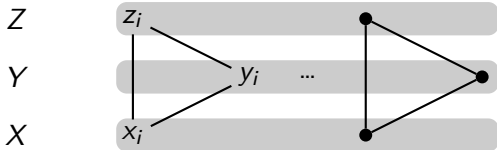
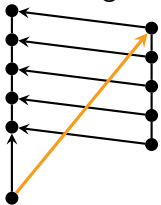


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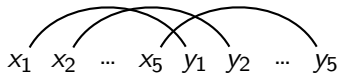
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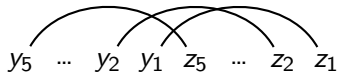


Laid out level-wise, i.e.  $X \prec Y \prec Z$



Many triangles

$\rightsquigarrow y_5 \prec \dots \prec y_2 \prec y_1$  and  $z_5 \prec \dots \prec z_2 \prec z_1$

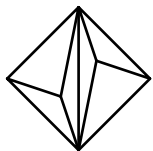


Topological ordering of augmented graph  $\implies$  large twists

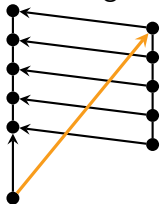


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Upward planar:



5-flag:



### Theorem

There is an upward planar graph that has a 5-twist with every vertex ordering.

Now:

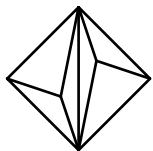
### Theorem

There is a planar poset that has a 5-twist with every vertex ordering.

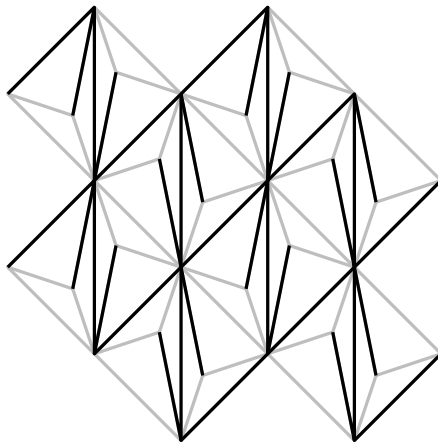
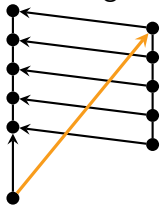


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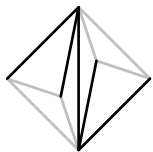
Idea:

- Replace gray edges by 5-flags
- Use only edges of cover graph for twists

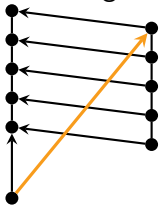


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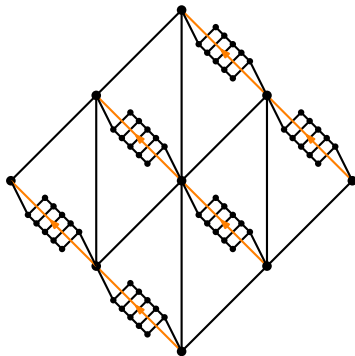
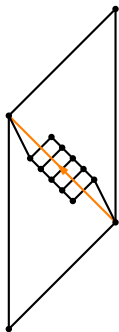
Planar poset:



5-flag:



Replace gray edges by 5-flags:

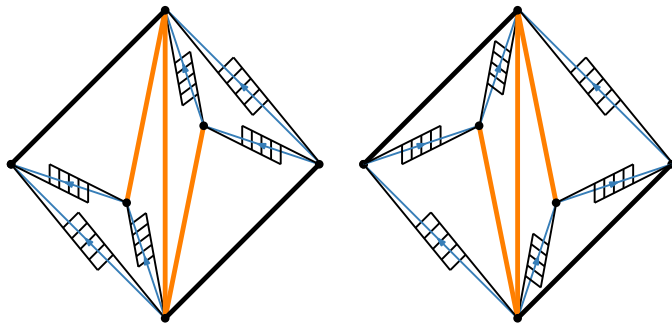


Note: Endpoints of flags are incomparable

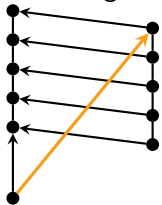


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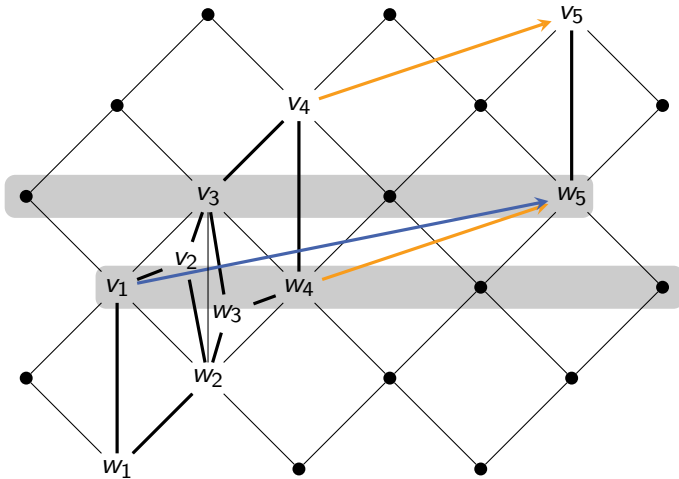
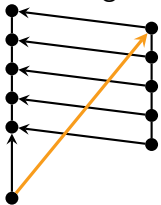


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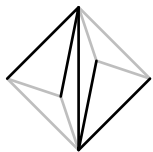
Observe: Only N-edges used for twists

$\implies$  w.l.o.g. vertices are laid out level-wise (5-twist otherwise)

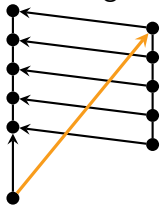


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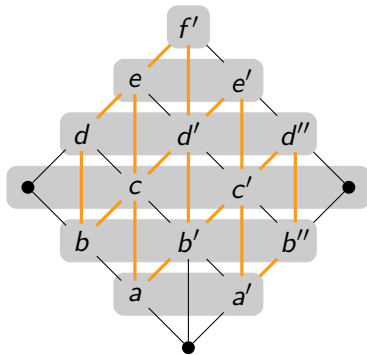
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W.l.o.g. vertices are laid out level-wise



Take many copies of this subgraph in a large grid  
Find a 5-twist using only vertical and right edges



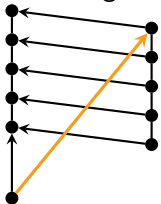


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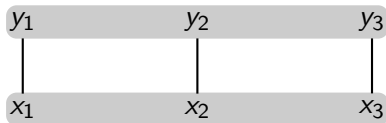


Laid out level-wise, i.e.  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3\} \prec \{y_1, y_2, y_3\}$

copy  $G_1$

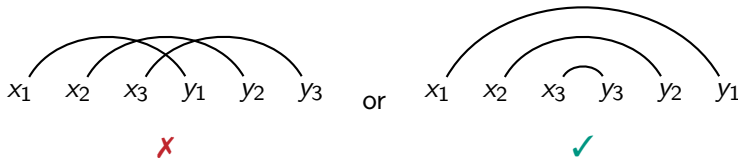
copy  $G_2$

copy  $G_3$



Interleaving vector  $v_{ij} = \begin{cases} \text{forward} & \text{if } x_i \prec x_j \\ \text{backward} & \text{if } x_i \succ x_j \end{cases}$

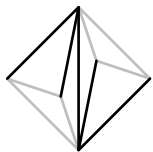
Ramsey theorem: same interleaving vector for all copies



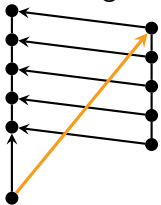


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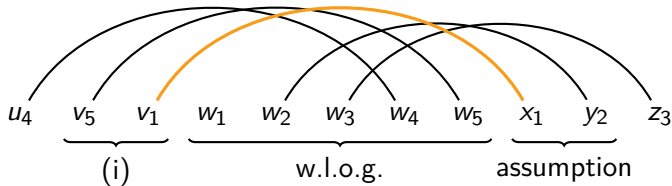
5-flag:



(i) Copied edges nest

(ii) Copies have pairwise the same vertex ordering

Consider five copies of

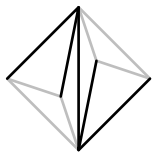


$x \prec y \implies$  5-twist

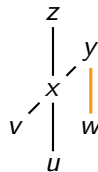


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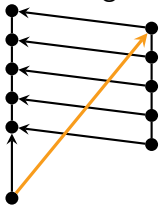


$$x \prec y \implies \text{5-twist}$$



$$v \prec w \implies \text{5-twist}$$

5-flag:



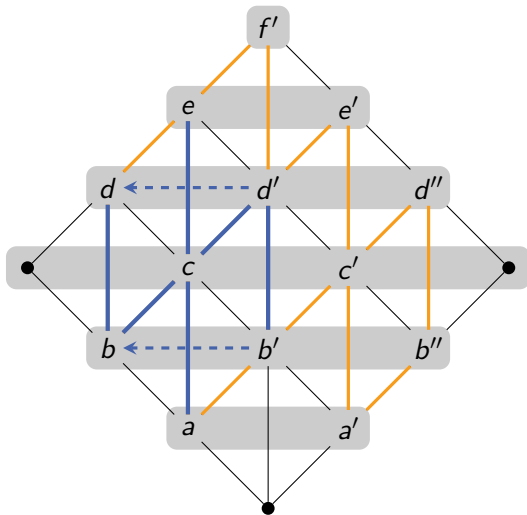
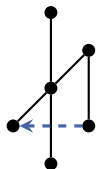
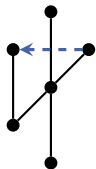
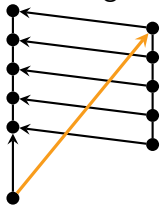


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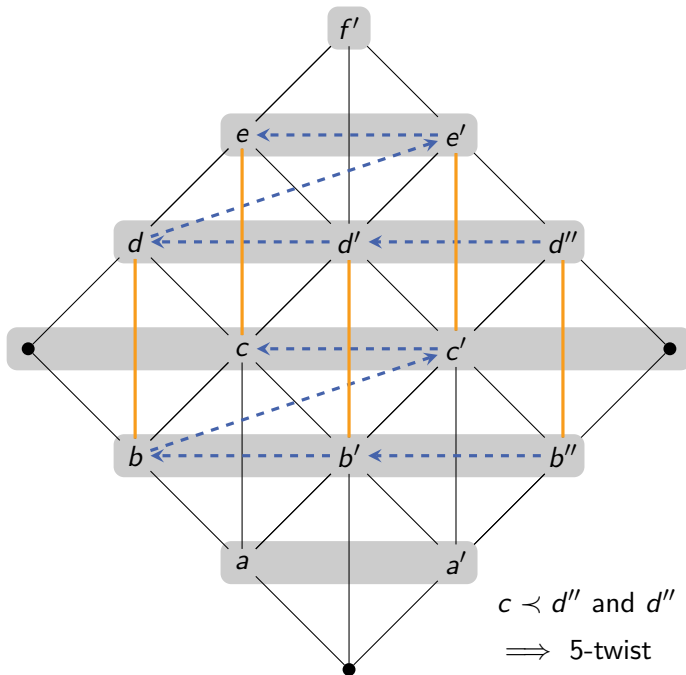
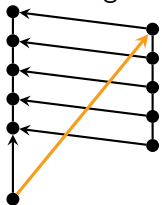


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Planar poset:



5-flag:



$c \prec d''$  and  $d'' \prec c$   
 $\implies$  5-twist

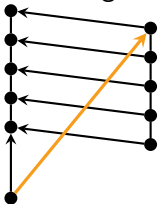


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Planar poset:



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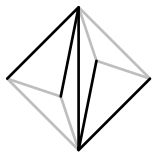
- Is there an upward planar graph (a planar poset) with page number 6?
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(Nowakowski and Parker, 1989)

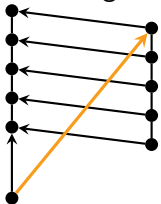


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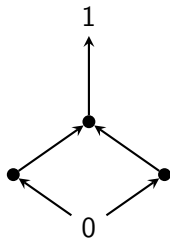
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(Nowakowski and Parker, 1989)
- Find more ways do augment upward planar graphs.
- Is there a  $k$  such that all augmented graphs are acyclic?

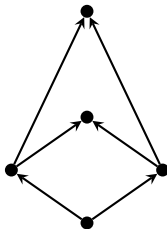
# Is the page number $\omega(1) / o(n)$ ?

Planar lattice



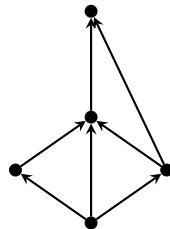
single source/sink  
no transitive edges

Planar poset



multiple sources/sinks  
no transitive edges

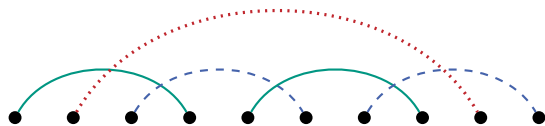
Upward planar



w.l.o.g. unique source/sink  
transitive edges



# Twist size vs page number



2-twist but 3 pages

For all  $G, \prec$  we have

- $\text{pn}(G, \prec) = \mathcal{O}((\max \text{ twist size})^2)$
- $\text{pn}(G, \prec) = \mathcal{O}((\max \text{ twist size}) \cdot \log n)$

(Černý, 2007; Davies and McCarty, 2019)

There are  $G, \prec$  such that

- $t = \max \text{ twist size}$  and
- $\text{pn}(G, \prec) = \Theta(t \log t)$

(Kostochka and Kratochvíl, 1997)

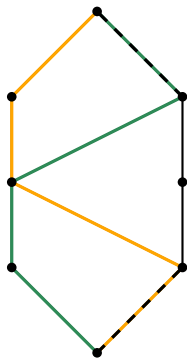
Improved bounds for upward planar graphs?  $\rightsquigarrow$  restrict vertex ordering

# Width of an upward planar graph

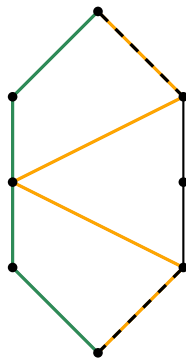
= width of its poset

= max # of pairwise incomparable vertices

Width  $w \rightsquigarrow$  partition of the vertices into

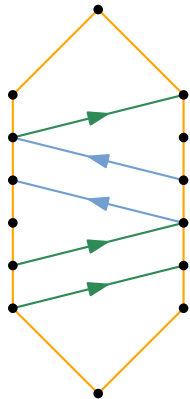


$w$  chains



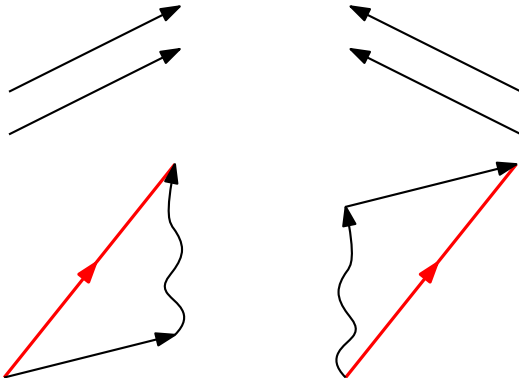
$w$  non-crossing chains

# Lattice with width $w$



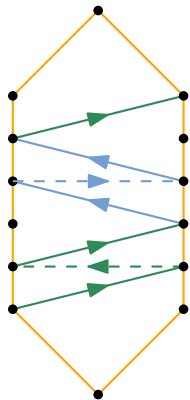
1 page per chain  
 $w$  pages

Two matchings:



+ 1 page for each path between two neighboring chains  
 $w - 1$  pages

# Lattice with width $w$

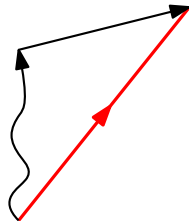
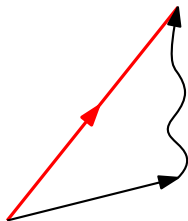
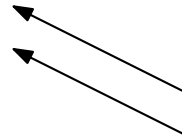
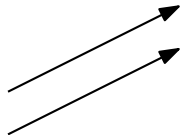


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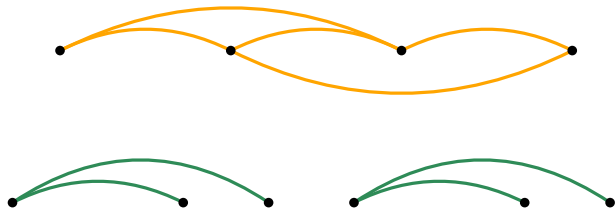
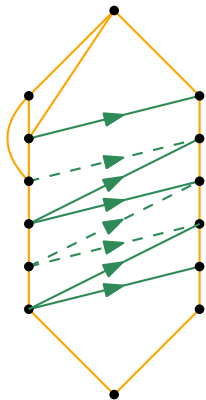
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1 page for each path between two neighboring chains  
 $w - 1$  pages

Two matchings:



# Upward planar graph with width $w$

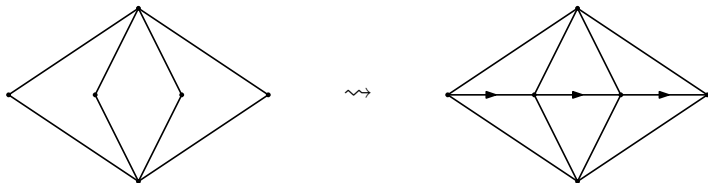


2 pages per chain + 2 pages for each path between two neighboring chains  
 $2w$  pages  $2(w - 1)$  pages

## Toward a sublinear upper bound (Frati et al., 2013)

A (hypothetical)  $n$ -vertex upward planar graph with linear page number has

- width  $\Theta(n)$
- height  $\Omega(n/\log n)$
- a 4-connected component with page number  $\Omega(n/\log n)$
- treewidth  $\geq 4$
- w.l.o.g. max degree  $\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{n})$



## Toward a non-constant lower bound (Frati et al., 2013)

A (hypothetical)  $n$ -vertex upward planar graph with non-constant page number

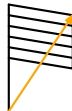
- has width  $\omega(1)$
- is w.l.o.g. 4-connected
- has treewidth  $\geq 4$

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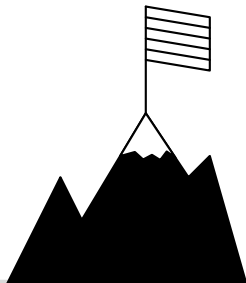


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Thank you!



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