



Computation of toroidal Schnyder woods made simple and fast: from theory to practice

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Main goals of this talk

either you do not know Schnyder woods
I will make you discover the magic world of
Schnyder woods



or you already encountered Schnyder woods
I will explain how to efficiently compute
Schnyder woods for toroidal triangulations



Some facts about (planar) maps ("As I have known them")

Let us review some major results on planar graphs

Kuratowski theorem (1930) (cfr Wagner's theorem, 1937)

• G contains neither K_5 nor $K_{3,3}$ as minors (or no subdivisions of K_5 nor $K_{3,3}$)





subdivision of $K_{3,3}$

Thm (Colin de Verdière, 1990) Colin de Verdiere invariant (multiplicity of λ_2 eigenvalue of a generalized laplacian) • $\mu(G) \leq 3$



Thm (Tutte barycentric method, 1963) Every 3-connected planar graph G admits a convex representation in R^2 .



Thm (Koebe-Andreev-Thurston) Every planar graph with n vertices is isomorphic to the intersection graph of ndisks in the plane.



Schnyder woods (Walter Schnyder '89)

- planarity criterion via dimension of partial orders: $dim(G) \leq 3$
- \bullet linear-time grid drawing, with $O(n) \times O(n)$ resolution



(Planar) Schnyder woods (definitions and main properties)





Schnyder woods for genus 0 (plane) triangulations: definition





Definition [Schnyder '90]

A Schnyder wood of a (rooted) planar triangulation is partition of all inner edges into three sets T_0 , T_1 and T_2 such that



i) edge are colored and oriented in such a way that each inner node has exaclty one outgoing edge of each color

ii) colors and orientations around each inner node must respect the local Schnyder condition

iii) inner edges incident to V_i are of color i and oriented toward V_i

Spanning property of Schnyder woods

Theorem [Schnyder '90] $T_i :=$ digraph defined by directed edges of color iThe three sets T_0 , T_1 , T_2 are spanning trees of the inner vertices of \mathcal{T} (each rooted at vertex v_i)



Mono-chromatic paths

 $R_0(i$

 $R_2(v)$

Lemma

For each inner vertex v the three monochromatic paths P_0 , P_1 , P_2 directed from v toward each vertex V_i are vertex disjoint (except at v) and partition the inner faces into three sets $R_0(v), R_1(v), R_2(v)$

each path $P_i(v)$ is chord-free

h(v)

Schnyder drawings: face counting algorithm

Theorem (Schnyder, Soda '90)

For a triangulation \mathcal{T} having n vertices, we can draw it (with no edge crossings) on a grid of size $(2n-5) \times (2n-5)$, by setting $x_0 = (2n-5,0)$, $x_1 = (0,0)$ and $x_2 = (0,2n-5)$.

Input: a planar triangulation ${\cal T}$



Output:

a straight-line planar grid-drawing of ${\cal T}$



 $\ensuremath{\mathcal{T}}$ endowed with a Schnyder wood

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 α_i is the normalized area of the triangle (x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, v)



$$v := \frac{|R_0(v)|}{|F|-1}x_0 + \frac{|R_1(v)|}{|F|-1}x_1 + \frac{|R_2(v)|}{|F|-1}x_2$$

 $|R_i(v)|$ is the number of triangles in $R_i(v)$

 $\label{eq:F} |F|-1 = 2n-5 \text{ is the number} \\ \text{of inner triangles}$

b = (0, 13)





 $\begin{array}{lll} \mathbf{a} \to (13,0,0) & & \mathbf{a} \to (0,0) \\ \mathbf{b} \to (0,13,0) & & \mathbf{b} \to (13,0) \\ \mathbf{c} \to (9,3,1) & & \mathbf{c} \to (9,1) \\ \mathbf{d} \to (\mathbf{5},\mathbf{6},\mathbf{2}) & & \mathbf{d} \to (\mathbf{6},\mathbf{2}) \\ \mathbf{e} \to (2,7,4) & & \mathbf{e} \to (7,4) \\ \mathbf{f} \to (7,3,3) & & \mathbf{f} \to (3,3) \\ \mathbf{g} \to (1,4,8) & & \mathbf{f} \to (3,3) \\ \mathbf{h} \to (8,1,4) & & \mathbf{g} \to (4,8) \\ \mathbf{i} \to (0,0,13) & & \mathbf{i} \to (0,13) \end{array}$

Linear-time computation of (planar) Schnyder woods use Canonical Orderings [De Fraysseix, Pach, Pollack '89]

Theorem (Brehm, 2000)

A Schnyder wood can be computed in linear-time (via a sequence of n-2 vertex shellings)

Remove at each step a vertex v on the boundary ∂G_k (with no incident chordal edges in the gray region)





Schnyder woods for higher genus surfaces

g-Schnyder woods

[Castelli Aleardi, Fusy, Lewiner, SoCG'08]

Schnyder local rule valid **almost** everywhere (except O(g) vertices)



Toroidal Schnyder woods (*g***=1)** [Goncalves Lévêque, DCG'14]

Schnyder local rule valid at each vertex





Planarization: from the torus back to the plane



Thm[Fijavz, unpublished]

A simple toroidal triangulation contains **three non-contractible and non-homotopic cycles that all intersect on one vertex** and that are pairwise disjoint otherwise.







 $G \operatorname{cut-graph}$

Γ non-contractible cycle



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(two planar quasi-triangulations)



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cylindric triangulation: planar triangulation with two boundaries

Toroidal Schnyder woods: definition

[Goncalves Lévêque, DCG'14]

- **Remark:** in the toroidal case (g = 1)n - e + f = 2 - 2g
- Def. Toroidal Schnyder woods [Goncalves Lévêque, DCG'14]
 - 3-orientation + Schnyder local rule valid at each vertex







toroidal Schnyder wood

e = 3n

Toroidal Schnyder woods vs. 3-orientations

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Def. Toroidal Schnyder woods [Goncalves Lévêque, DCG'14]

• 3-orientation + Schnyder local rule valid at each vertex



Remark: unlike the planar case, some 3-orientations do not lead to valid Schnyder woods



Toroidal Schnyder woods: cycles





toroidal Schnyder wood

ullet toroidal Schnyder woods must contain a (mono-chromatic) cycle in each color: e=3n

• mono-chromatic cycles are non-contractibles





Remark: the inner region of a contractible mono-chromatic cycle is a (planar) topological disk

Open problem: is it possible to find (at least) one toroidal Schnyder wood with connected mono-chromatic components

n	# irreducible	#triangulations	
	triangulations	(g = 1)	
7	1	1	
8	4	7	
9	15	112	
10	1	2109	
11	—	37867	

(true for all triangulations of size at most n = 11)

(n edges in each color)

• some colors may define disconnected components



(there are 3 disjoint mono-chromatic cycles of color 2)

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toroidal Schnyder wood

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all mono-chromatic cycles of the same color are: homotopic and disjoint (parallel) and oriented in

one direction





Toroidal Schnyder woods: cycles





toroidal Schnyder wood

- e = 3n• toroidal Schnyder woods must contain a (mono-chromatic) cycle in each color:
- mono-chromatic cycles are non-contractibles





all mono-chromatic cycles of different colors are: either homotopic and disjoint (parallel) or crossing









Crossing cycles: a hierarchy of Schnyder woods

Toroidal Schnyder woods [Goncalves Lévêque, DCG'14]

Toroidal Schnyder woods can be:

- crossing: every monochromatic cycle intersects at least one monochromatic cycle of each color
- only half-crossing: only two mono-chromatic cycles are pairwise crossing
- **non-crossing:** all mono-chromatic *i*-cycles are parallel (non crossing)





crossing Schnyder wood



half-crossing Schnyder wood



the Schnyder wood is **balanced**



Crossing Schnyder woods are relevant for defining toroidal Schnyder (periodic) drawings

Goal: try to generalize the region counting method to obtain a straight-line grid drawing which is xy-periodic





Regions are defined by crossing cycles



region $R_i(v)$ is defined by two (crossing) paths outgoing from vertex v

$$v =: \frac{|R_0(v)|}{|F|-1}V_0 + \frac{|R_1(v)|}{|F|-1}V_1 + \frac{|R_2(v)|}{|F|-1}V_2$$



Toroidal Schnyder woods: existence I

Thm[Fijavz, unpublished]

A simple toroidal triangulation contains three non-contractible and non-homotopic cycles that all intersect on one vertex and that are pairwise disjoint otherwise.





Corollary[Goncalves Lévêque, DCG'14]

Any simple toroidal triangulation admits a toroidal crossing Schnyder wood

split along Γ_0 , Γ_1 , Γ_2



(two planar quasi-triangulations)



[for simple toroidal triangulations] (no multiple edges, no loops)

> **crossing** toroidal Schnyder wood (for simple triangulations)



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crossing toroidal Schnyder wood (for simple triangulations)



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(3 possible choices of coloring)

(5 cases to distinguish)

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perform a sequence of n-1 edge contractions



Open problems

Open problem[Lévêque, 2015]

Is it possible to compute crossing toroidal Schnyder woods via vertex shellings?

Open problem: [Goncalves Lévêque, DCG'14] is it possible to find (at least) one toroidal Schnyder wood which is crossing and with connected mono-chromatic components (one for each color)?



3 disjoint mono-chromatic cycles of color 2 Mono-chromatic cycles of color 0 and 1 are connected





Open problem: is it possible to find (at least) one toroidal Schnyder wood with connected mono-chromatic components and such the intersection of the three cycles is a single vertex?

Our contribution:

Computing in linear time (crossing) Schnyder woods with at least two monochromatic connected components (via vertex shellings)







Toroidal Schnyder woods via (cylindric) canonical orderings (**not necessarily crossing** Schnyder woods)

First step: compute a (chord-free) non-contractible cycle Γ

Cut along the cycle Γ





 Γ is split into two copies: Γ_{ext} and Γ_{in}



Compute a **cylindric canonical ordering** [Castelli Aleardi, Fusy, Devillers, GD2012]

Perform an incremental vertex shelling, starting from Γ_{ext}



Corollary

Any simple toroidal triangulation admits a toroidal (not necessarily crossing) Schnyder wood

Algo 1: Toroidal Schnyder woods via (cylindric) canonical orderings (not necessarily crossing Schnyder woods)



Structural properties of Schnyder woods computed by Algo 1



- \bullet edges of Γ are either 0 or 1
- $\bullet \ 0$ and 1-paths are oriented downward
- 2-paths are oriented upward
- $\bullet~0,~1$ and 2-paths cross the cycle Γ



 $\bullet~0,~1$ and 2-cycles are never homotopic to Γ



• If the Schnyder wood is (at least) half-crossing then the 0-cycles and 1-cycles are pairwise crossing



crossing Schnyder wood



edges on Γ are either blue or red

 $\pi(v) > \pi(z_1)$

the Schnyder wood may be NOT crossing but it is at least **balanced**

Toward half-crossing Schnyder woods (with one connected mono-chromatic component)



*P***-constrained (cylindric) Schnyder woods**

Input: a cylindric triangulation G and a chord-free path $P := \{u_0, \ldots, u_{t-1}\}$ the path P must intersect the two boundary cycles only at u_0 and u_{t-1}

Output: a Schnyder wood $S_P(G)$ such that the edges of P are of color 2 Solution: perform vertex shellings only for (boundary) vertices which are not adjacent to an inner vertex of P





Definition of a river

Def: a **river** is a cylindric triangulation such that the two boundaries are disjoint and chordless and such every vertex is incident to a non-trivial chord (connecting the two boundaries)



Right-most traversal of a river



Right-most traversal of a river

Right-most traversal: remove at each step the left-most vertex without chords

Lemma

In cases (A), (B) and (C_1), the blue path P_1 visits all vertices on the top boundary and crosses P either at u_0 or at u_{t-1}

In case (C_2) , the blue path P_1 may not cover all top boundary vertices (not crossing P), but then there exists a ccw-oriented (contractible) cycle (green region)



An algorithm for half-crossing Schnyder woods

Half-crossing Schnyder woods (with a connected mono-chromatic component) Algo 2 **Data:** a simple toroidal triangulation \mathcal{T} , a non-contractible chordless cycle Γ **Result:** a half-crossing Schnyder wood G// Pre-processing step cut \mathcal{T} along Γ : let G be the resulting cylindric triangulation ; compute a river R and the partition $G = G_{top} \cup R \cup G_{bottom}$; // First pass compute a Schnyder wood $S(G_{top})$ of G_{top} ; choose an arbitrary non trivial chord e = (x, z) of R; $P \leftarrow \{x, z\}$; if z has type (A), (B) or (C1) then run the right-most *P*-constrained traversal of (R, P); $r \leftarrow 1$; else run the left-most P-constrained traversal of (R, P); $r \leftarrow 0$; end compute a Schnyder wood $S(G_{bottom})$ of G_{bottom} ; (x)О glue boundary cycles together and let $S(\mathcal{T}) = S(G_{bottom}) \cup S(R) \cup S(G_{top})$; if the r-cycle and 2-cycles are crossing in $S(\mathcal{T})$ then return $S(\mathcal{T})$; end // Run a second pass on R $\gamma_2 \leftarrow$ any 2-cycle of $S(\mathcal{T})$; // Remark: the r-cycle and 2-cycles are parallel compute $S(G_{top})$ $P_2 \leftarrow \gamma_2 \cap R$; // restriction of γ_2 to the river R $u \leftarrow \partial^e R \cap P_2$; if u has type (A), (B) or (C1) then run the right-most *P*-constrained traversal of (R, P_2) ; $r \leftarrow 1$; else run the left-most *P*-constrained traversal of (R, P_2) ; $r \leftarrow 0$;

end

// Remark: $S(G_{bottom})$ and $S(G_{top})$ are P_2 -constrained glue boundary cycles together and let $S(\mathcal{T}) = S(G_{bottom}) \cup S(R) \cup S(G_{top})$; return $S(\mathcal{T})$;







 $P = \{x, z\}$

An algorithm for half-crossing Schnyder woods Half-crossing Schnyder woods (with a connected mong-chromatic component) One pass suffices

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$$P = \{x, z\}$$

compute a constrained rightmost traversal of R



$$z$$
 has type A





1-cycles and 2-cycles are crossing

there is one connected 1-cycle

return the Schnyder wood

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$$z$$
 has type C_1

compute $S(G_{bot})$ we need a second pass



there is one connected 1-cycle (blue) 1-cycles and (black) 2-cycles are NOT crossing (red) 0-cycles cross (black) 2-cycles but have 2 components

(black) 2-cycles are chord-free

An algorithm for half-crossing Schnyder woods

Algo 2 Half-crossing Schnyder woods (with a connected mono-chromatic component)

Data: a simple toroidal triangulation \mathcal{T} , a non-contractible chordless cycle Γ **Result:** a half-crossing Schnyder wood

// Pre-processing step

cut \mathcal{T} along Γ : let G be the resulting cylindric triangulation ; compute a river R and the partition $G = G_{top} \cup R \cup G_{bottom}$;

// First pass

compute a Schnyder wood $S(G_{top})$ of G_{top} ; choose an arbitrary non trivial chord e = (x, z) of R; $P \leftarrow \{x, z\}$;

if z has type (A), (B) or (C1) then

run the right-most P-constrained traversal of (R, P); $r \leftarrow 1$;

\mathbf{else}

run the left-most *P*-constrained traversal of (R, P); $r \leftarrow 0$;

\mathbf{end}

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| return $S(\mathcal{T})$; end

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// Run a second pass on {\it R}
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$r \leftarrow 1$;

else

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Run the second pass γ_2 is chord-free choose $P_2 = \{y, w\} := \gamma_2 \cap R$ G_{top} w has type C_2 Rcompute a constrained leftmost traversal of R G_{bot} compute $S(G_{bot})$ we need a second pass there is only one connected 0-cycle G_{top} the 0-cycle(s) and the 2-cycle are crossing

Toward crossing Schnyder woods (with two connected mono-chromatic components)





An algorithm for crossing Schnyder woods





compute two non overlapping rivers

the 2-cycles and the 1-cycle are NOT crossing



half-crossing before reversing an oriented cycle in R_{bot} to be reversed



crossing after reversing

Experimental results

Fast linear-time implementation





(with Java 1.8, on a Dell Laptop, Intel core i7 2.6GHz, 8GB RAM)

Conjectures on toroidal Schyder woods: experimental confirmation



Open problem: is it possible to find (at least) one toroidal Schnyder wood with connected mono-chromatic components and such the intersection of the three cycles is a single vertex?

(true for all triangulations of size at most n = 11)

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triangulations are generated with surftri software [Sulanke, 2006]

Schyder woods for $g\geq 2$

Thm (3-orientations for graphs on surfaces, of arbitrary genus) [Albar Goncalves Knauer, 2014]

Any triangulation of a surface (the sphere and the projective

plane) admits a '3-orientation': orientation without sinks

s.t. every vertex has outdegree divisible by three



Open problem [Goncalves Knauer Lévêque, 2016] Existence of Schnyder woods for higher genus triangulations

Multiple local Schnyder condition: the outdegree of every vertex is a **positive** multiple of 3.

(there are no sinks)



Thm [Suagee, 2021]

Simple triangulations of genus $g \ge 1$ having "large" **edgewidth** do admit Schnyder woods

edgewidth $\geq 40(2^g - 1)$

(size of the smallest non contractible cycle)

Experimental confirmation (g = 2)

exaustive generation of all 3-orientations for all triangulations with g = 2, $n \le 11$

All simple triangulations of genus g = 2and size ≤ 11 admit Schnyder woods

n	# irreducible	#triangulations
	triangulations	(g = 2)
7	_	_
8	_	_
9	_	_
10	865	865
11	26276	113506

surftri software [Sulanke, 2006]

Concluding remarks











