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# A New Approach to Visualizing General Trees Using Thickness-adjustable Quadratic Curves

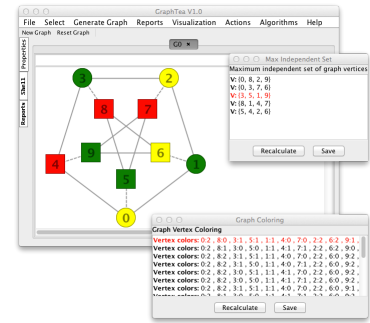
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## Motivation

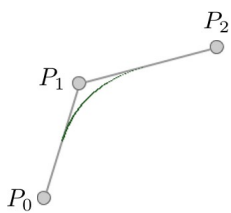
- The tree expansion in different direction is visualized.
- Thicknesses of tree curves illustrate the size of expansion in each direction
- The thicknesses are completely adjustable.
- Based on Holton [1] Model, the thicknesses can be also automatically adjusted.
- The Algorithms are implemented in GraphTea [2],[3].

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GraphTea

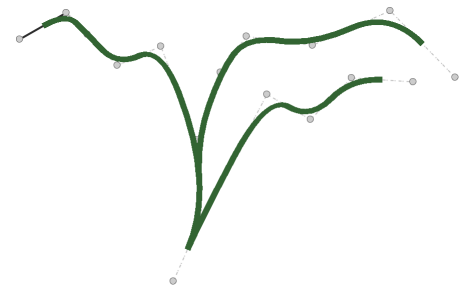


## Quad Parameter Curves With a Fixed Thickness



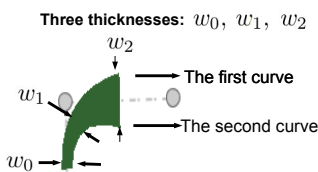
$$B(t) = (1 - t)^2 P_0 + 2(1 - t)t P_1 + t^2 P_2, t \in [0, 1]$$

B(t) for each three nodes of the tree and connecting these curves



## Adjustable Thicknesses

### • Two Boundary Curves

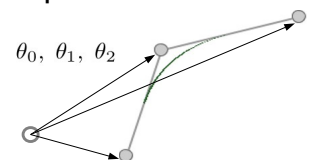


### • Widths in which the boundary curves are drawn apart

$$S = \frac{w_0 + w_1}{2}, M = w_1, E = \frac{w_1 + w_2}{2}$$



### • The angles between position vectors



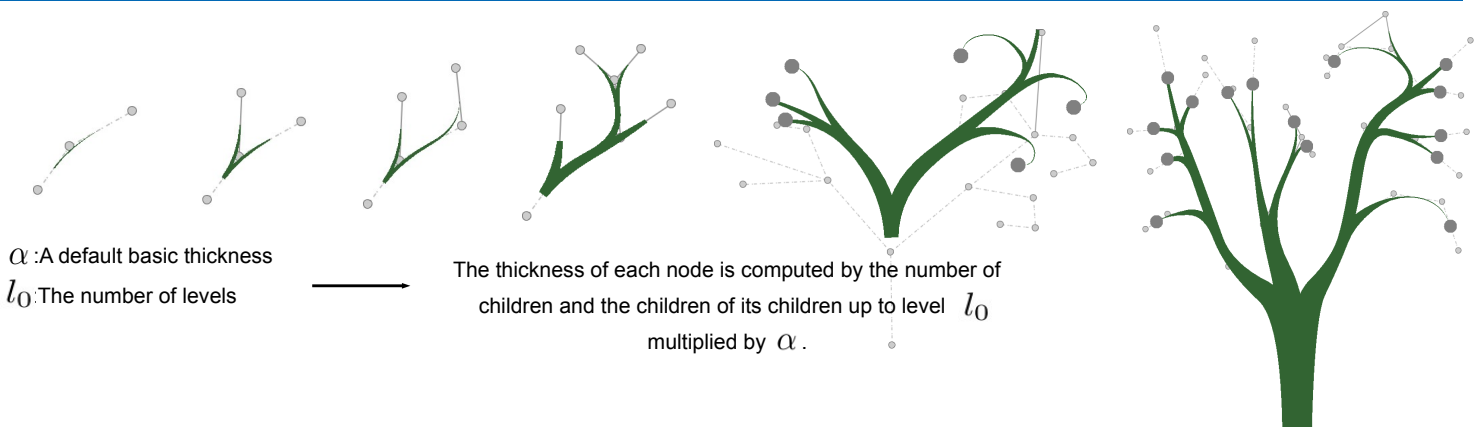
### • Control points for two Boundary curves

$$\{P_0 - SR(\theta_0), P_1 - MR(\theta_1), P_2 - ER(\theta_2)\}$$

$$\{P_0 + SR(\theta_0), P_1 + MR(\theta_1), P_2 + ER(\theta_2)\}$$

where  $R(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$

## Automatic Thickness Adjusting



$\alpha$ : A default basic thickness  
 $l_0$ : The number of levels

The thickness of each node is computed by the number of children and the children of its children up to level  $l_0$  multiplied by  $\alpha$ .