# Balanced Circle Packings for Planar Graphs

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• Contact representation with circles

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- Vertices are interior-disjoint circles
- Edges are contacts between circles

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#### Goal: Balanced Circle-Packing

Polynomial ratio between maximum and minimum diameter

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Disk Intersection Graphs:

 In a realization with integer radii, radius of 2<sup>2<sup>Θ(n)</sup></sup> is sometimes necessary and always sufficient [McDiarmid and Müller, 2013].

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• Compute balanced square-contact representation

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  - length is (roughly) proportional to the number of leaves in subtree

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- Draw Inscribing circles inside the squares

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#### Augmented Fan-Trees



Add a path between the children of every vertex

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#### Claim:

Any subgraph of an augmented fan-tree has a balanced packing

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# Packing for Subgraphs of Augmented Fan-Trees



- Follow the algorithm for balanced packing of the tree
- Modify the circles for the children of each vertex

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- $\Rightarrow\,$  Each cactus graph admits a balanced packing

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#### Corollary:

A maximal planar graph with bounded degree and logarithmic diameter has a balanced packing.

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#### Theorem:

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A planar graph with bounded degree and  $O(\log n)$  outerplanarity has a balanced packing.

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# Negative Results



No balanced circle packing even with

- $\times\,$  Bounded Outerplanarity (2-outerplanar), linear degree.
- $\times\,$  Bounded Degree, Linear Outerplanarity.
- $\times\,$  Bounded treewidth.

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## Summary

- Balanced circle packing for graphs with
  - bounded degree and
  - $O(\log n)$  outerplanarity
  - both conditions are necessary

Balanced circle packing for trees, cactus graphs and outerpaths

Balanced circle packing for graphs with bounded tree-depth

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# Future Work and Open Problems

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- Balanced intersection representation
  - 2-outerplanar graphs?
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