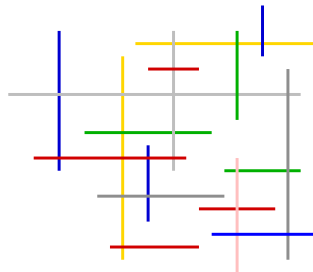


# Intersection Graphs and Order Dimension

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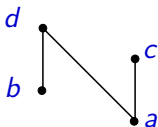
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# Linear Extensions

A **linear extension** of  $P = (X, <_P)$  is a linear order  $L$ , such that

- $x <_P y \implies x <_L y$



$d$	$c$	$d$	$d$	$c$
$c$	$d$	$b$	$c$	$d$
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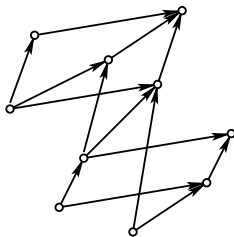
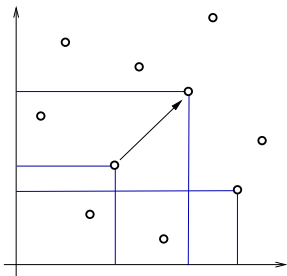
A family  $\mathcal{L}$  of linear extensions is a **realizer** for  $P = (X, <)$  provided that

- \* for every incomparable pair  $(x, y)$  there is an  $L \in \mathcal{L}$  such that  $x < y$  in  $L$ .

The **dimension**,  $\dim(P)$ , of  $P$  is the minimum  $t$ , such that there is a realizer  $\mathcal{L} = \{L_1, L_2, \dots, L_t\}$  for  $P$  of size  $t$ .

## Dimension of Orders II

The **dimension** of an order  $P = (X, <)$  is the least  $t$ , such that  $P$  is isomorphic to a suborder of  $\mathbb{R}^t$  with the product ordering.



## Complexity

**Theorem [ Yannakakis 1982 ].** To test if a partial order has dimension  $\leq k$  is NP-complete for all  $k \geq 3$ .

To test if a partial order of height 2 has dimension  $\leq k$  is NP-complete for all  $k \geq 4$ .

**Theorem [ Chalermsook et al. 2013 ].** Unless  $\text{NP} = \text{ZPP}$  there is no polynomial algorithm to approximate the dimension of a partial order with a factor of  $O(n^{1-\epsilon})$  for any  $\epsilon > 0$

# Containment

- Containment orders of intervals — dimension  $\leq 2$ .
- Containment orders of triangles\* — dimension  $\leq 3$ .
- Containment orders of  $n$ -gons\* — dimension  $\leq n$ .
- Containment orders of  $k$ -boxes — dimension  $\leq 2k$ .

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\*prescribed slopes

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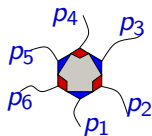
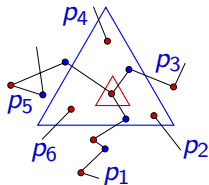
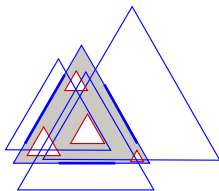
**Theorem [ F., Mustață, and Pergel 2014 ].** To test if a partial order of height 2 has dimension 3 is NP-complete.

- The reduction is from planar 3-connected 3-SAT.
- For instance  $\phi$  we construct a bipartite graph  $G_\phi$  such that  $\phi$  has a satisfying assignment if and only if  $G_\phi$  has a triangle containment representation.

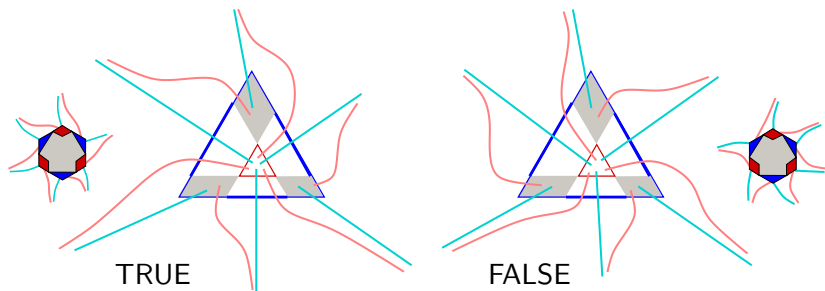


## Basic Gadgets

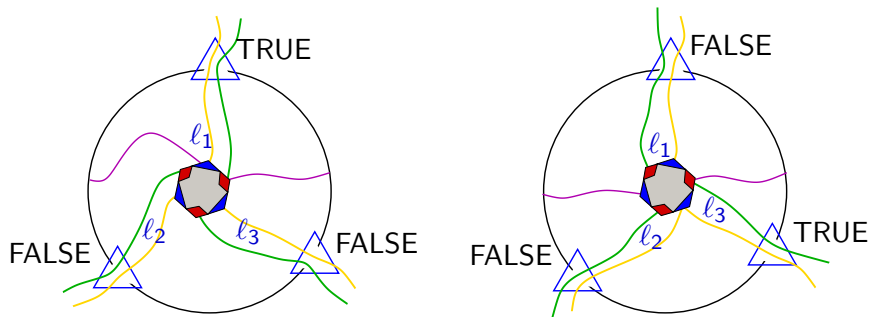
- (*occurrence gadget*) A pair of paths connecting clause and variable gadgets. They can not cross, sidedness transmits truth values.
- (*rotor gadget*) Synchronize a sidedness choice.



## Variable Gadget



# Clause Gadget



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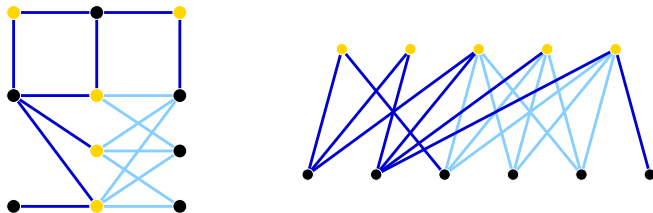
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# Bipartite Orders

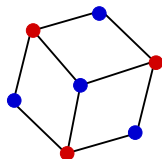
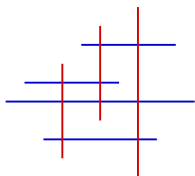
A bipartite Graph can be viewed as a height 2 order.



- We can talk about  $\dim(G)$  when  $G$  is bipartite.

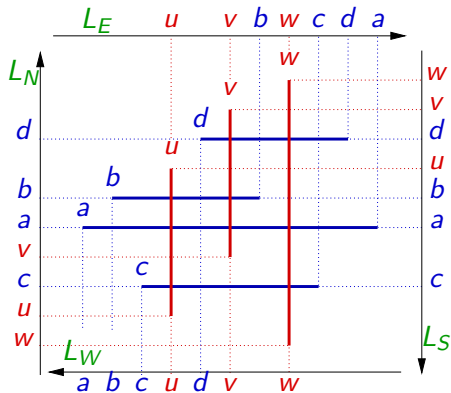
# Grid Intersection Graphs

A **GIG** is an intersection graphs of horizontal and vertical segments.



- GIGs are bipartite.

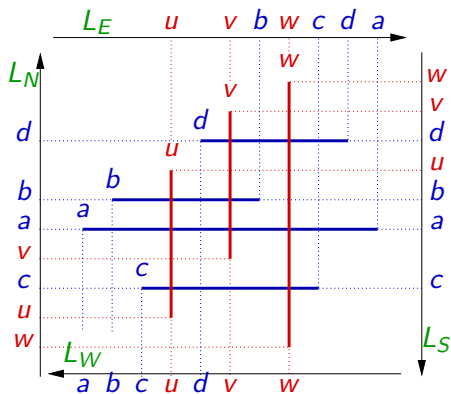
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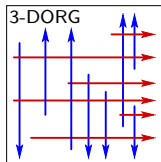
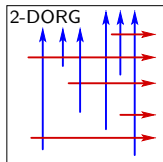
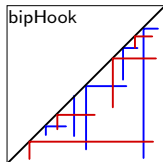
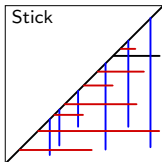
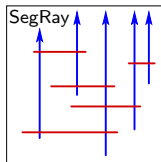
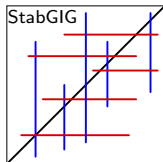
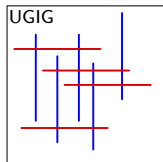
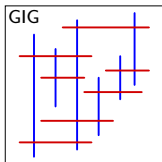
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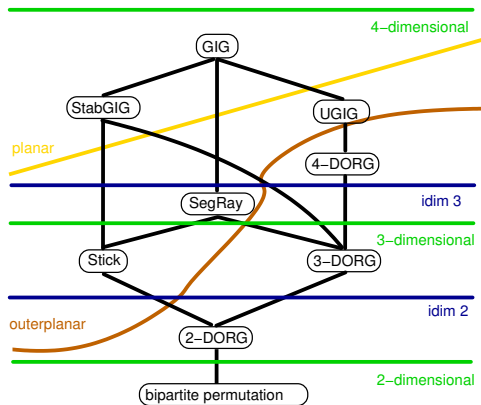
**Theorem [generalization].** If a bipartite graph  $G = (X, Y; E)$  has a representation as intersection graphs of objects from a  $t$ -separable class, then  $\dim(G) \leq 2t$ .



# Subclasses of GIGs

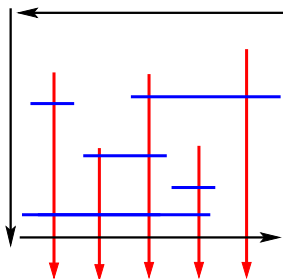


# Subclasses of GIGs - The Inclusion Order

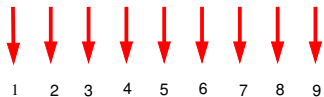
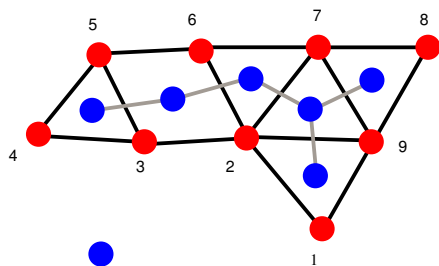


## SegRay graphs

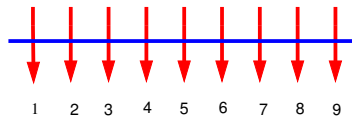
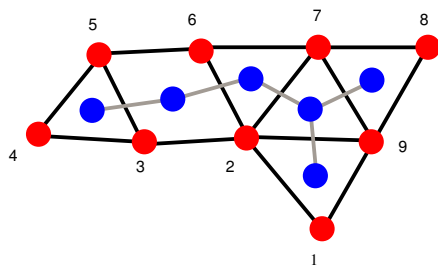
For interval dimension we only care of **min-max** pairs.  
The interval dimension of a SegRay graph is at most 3.



## Outerplanar vertex-face as SegRay

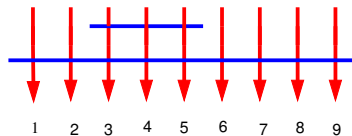
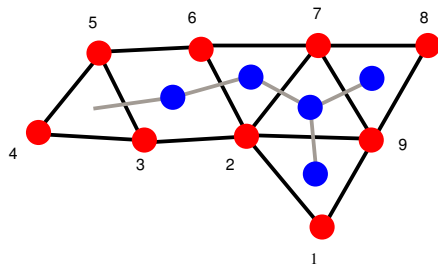


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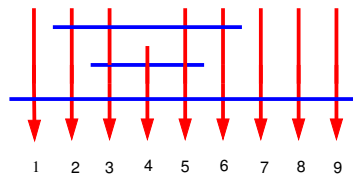
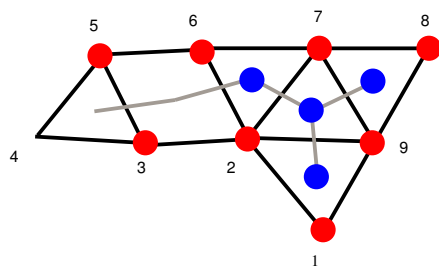


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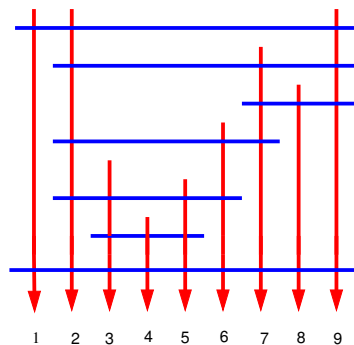
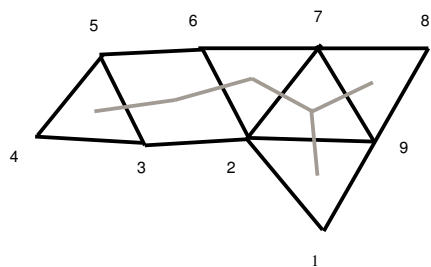
- Iterate using leaves of the dual tree



## Outerplanar vertex-face as SegRay



# Outerplanar vertex-face as SegRay





## Dimension of SegRay graphs

- Vertex-face posets of outerplanar maps are SegRay graphs.

Theorem (F. and Nilsson 2006)

*There are outerplanar maps with a 4-dimensional vertex-face poset.*

Corollary

*There are SegRay graphs of dimension 4.*

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*The interval dimension of a vertex-face poset of an outerplanar map is 3.*

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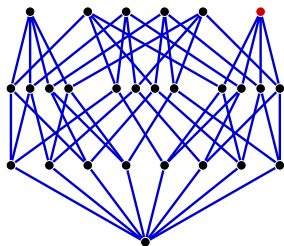
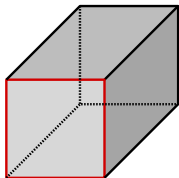
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# Brightwell–Trotter Theorem I

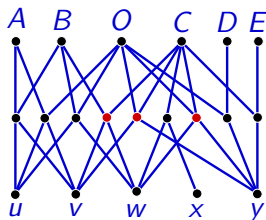
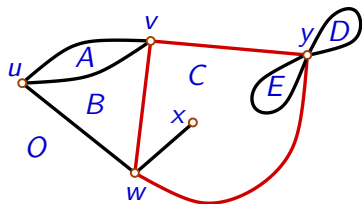


**Theorem** [ Brightwell+Trotter '93 ].

If  $G$  is a 3-connected plane graph with a face  $F$ , then

- $\dim(P_{VEF}(G \setminus F)) = 3$
- $\dim(P_{VEF}(G)) = 4$

## Brightwell–Trotter Theorem II



**Theorem** [ Brightwell+Trotter '97 ].

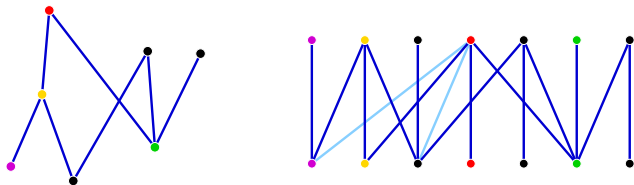
If  $G$  is a plane multi-graph with loops, then

$$\dim(P_{VEF}(G)) \leq 4.$$

# Splits and Dimension

The **split** of  $P = (X, <)$  is  $\text{split}(P) = (X' \cup X'', <_s)$  with

$$x' <_s y'' \quad \text{iff} \quad x \leq y$$



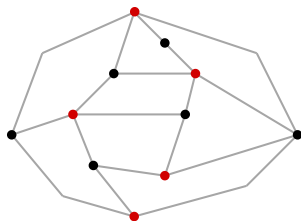
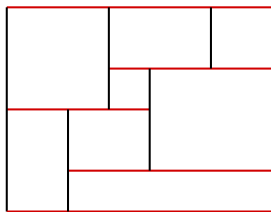
**Theorem [ Kimble 78 ].**

$$\dim(P) \leq \dim(\text{split}(P)) \leq \dim(P) + 1.$$

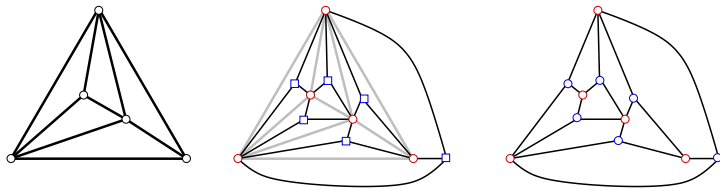
# Planar Bipartite Graphs

**Theorem** [ Hartman-Newman-Ziv '91 and de Fraysseix-Ossona de Mendez-Pach '95 ].

Every planar bipartite graph  $H$  admits a contact representation with interiorly disjoint horizontal and vertical segments.



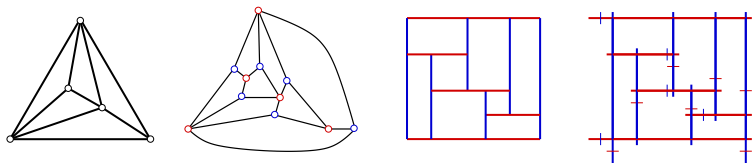
# Angle Graphs of Planar Graphs



- Angle graphs are planar bipartite.
- They are the comparability graphs of vertex-face posets.

# The First Step

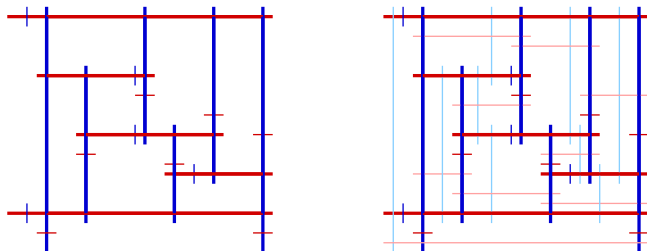
$G$  2-connected plane multi-graph (no loops).



- The order dimension of  $P_{VF}(G)$ , the incidence order of vertices and faces of a planar multigraph  $G$  (no loops) is at most four, moreover  $\dim(\text{split}(P_{VF}(G))) \leq 4$ .



## Adding the Edges



**Theorem.** If  $G$  is a 2-connected and plane multigraph, then  $\dim(\text{split}(P_{VEF}(G))) \leq 4$ .

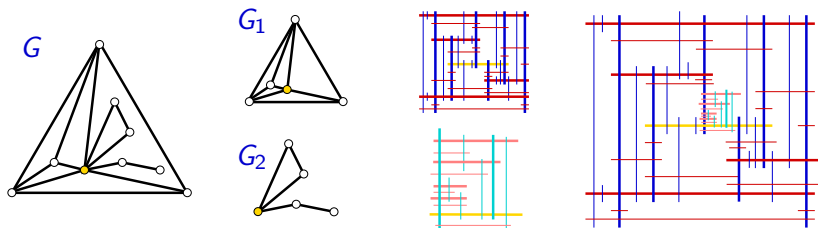
# Loops

- Break loops by inserting a new vertex.

$\text{split}(P_{VEF}(G))$  is a suborder of  $\text{split}(P_{VEF}(G^+))$

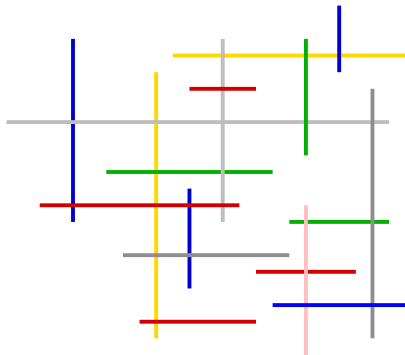
# Cut Vertices

- Use induction: break  $G$  into  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  at a cut vertex:



**Theorem.** If  $G$  is a plane multigraph -loops allowed-, then  $\dim(\text{split}(P_{VEF}(G))) \leq 4$ .

The End



Thank You