Walking the faces of non-orientable embeddings: Edges with sign -1 are red.



Consider a rotation system that has a vertex v with the neigbours listed in clockwise order as: v: u_0 , u_1 , u_2 , ..., u_d

This vertex is incident to d gaps and the gaps correspond to corners of the faces it is on.

The gaps for v are

$$g_0: (u_0, v, u_1)$$

 $g_1: (u_1, v, u_2)$
...
 $g_{d-1}: (u_{d-1}, v, u_d)$
 $g_d: (u_d, v, u_0)$

In our data structure we have made the (arbitrary) decision to store the gap information for g_i in array position i. Each has a face number (corresponding to the face the gap is on) and a gap parity. The gap parity is either +1 or -1.

For each face, the gap where the face traversal starts is assigned gap parity +1.

As the face is traversed, the current gap parity is:

-1 : if an odd number of -1 edges have been traversed so far

+1: if an even number of -1 edges have been traversed so far.

Black gaps: parity +1, traversing face ccw by choosing the next neighbour in cw order. Red gaps: parity -1, traversing cw by choosing the next neighbour in ccw order.



Gaps for blue face: (1, 0, 5) (0, 5, 4) (5, 4, 3) (4, 3, 2) (3, 2, 1) (2, 1, 0)

Gaps for purple face: (0, 1, 4) (1, 4, 3) (4, 3, 0) (3, 0, 1) Black gaps: parity +1, traversing face ccw by choosing the next neighbour in cw order. Red gaps: parity -1, traversing cw by choosing the

next neighbour in ccw order.



Theorem: Each face of an embedding has an even number of -1 edges.

Proof:

The face traversal starts with a record [(u, v), +1] and does not end until revisiting [(u, v), +1].

Since the final sign is +1, an even number of -1 edges were traversed.

Euler genus g= (2 - n + m - f) O plane, 1 projective plane, 2 torus if orientable and Klein bottle if non-orientable

http://www.map.mpim-bonn.mpg.de/2-manifolds



Klein bottle: non-orientable genus 2



The face number and gap parity information enables us to compute the change to the Euler genus (if the surface is actually orientable, the Euler genus is 2 times the non-orientable genus) that results from adding an edge into two gaps in O(1) time:

If the two gaps are on the same face: If the gap parities are the same: no change +1 edge genus increases by +1 with a -1 edge. If the gap parities are different: -1 edge, genus is the same, +1 edge, genus increases by 1.

If the two gaps are on different faces: the change is +2.

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Initialization:
for (i=0; i < n; i++)
{
     for (j=0; j < degree[i]; j++)</pre>
     {
       face_num[i][j]= -1; // NULL
       gap_parity[i][j]= 0; // NULL
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To walk all the faces:
nf= 0;
for (i=0; i < n; i++)
{
   for (j=0; j < degree[i]; j++)</pre>
      if (face_num[i][j]== -1)
      {
          walk_face(i, j, nf,
                     n, degree, G, sign,
                     face_num, gap_parity);
           nf++
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}

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// Walk a face assigning my_face_num to the gaps.
// Start with gap for vertex u and jth
// neighbour of u.
int walk_face(int start_u, int start_pos,
    int my_face_num,
    int n, int degree[NMAX], int G[NMAX][NMAX],
    int sign[NMAX][NMAX],
    int face_num[NMAX][NMAX],
    int gap_parity[NMAX][NMAX])
{
   int u, v, w, first_u, first_v;
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int direction, pos;
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u= G[start_u][start_pos]; v= start_u; direction= 1;

first_u= u;
first_v= v;

found:

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    if (direction == 1)
    {
        face_num[v][pos]= my_face_num;
        gap_parity[v][pos]= direction;
    }
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pos+= direction;
pos= (pos + degree[v]) % degree[v];
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if (direction == -1)
{
  face_num[v][pos]= my_face_num;
  gap_parity[v][pos] = direction;
}
direction *= sign[v][pos];
w = G[v][pos]; u = v; v = w;
} while (first_u != u ||
         first_v != v ||
         direction != 1);
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- -1 -1 1 5 -1 -1 -1 2 -1
- Input:



Face 0: [(1, 0), 1][(0, 5), 1][(5, 4), 1] [(4, 3), 1][(3, 2), 1][(2, 1), 1]Face 1: [(5, 0), 1][(0, 3), -1][(3, 2), -1][(2, 5), 1]



Face 2: [(3, 0), 1][(0, 1), 1][(1, 4), -1][(4, 3), -1]Face 3: [(4, 1), 1][(1, 2), 1][(2, 5), -1][(5, 4), -1]

Final data structures:

u(degree)
Then for each neighbour u:
[v, sign(u,v), face_num gap_parity]



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4	1	1	2	1	3	1	4	1
4	0	1	4	1	3	-1	2	1
4	0	1	1	1	4	-1	3	1
4	0	1	2	1	1	-1	4	1
4	0	1	3	1	2	-1	1	1



Face 0: [(1, 0), 1]1] [(0, 2),[(2, 1), 1]

Face 1: [(2, 0), 1][(0, 3), 1][(3, 2), 1]Face 2: [(3, 0), 1][(0, 4), 1][(4, 3), 1]Face 3: [(4, 0), 1][(0, 1), 1][(1, 4), 1]



Face 4: [(4, 1), 1][(1, 3), -1][(3, 2), -1][(2, 4), 1]Face 5: [(3, 1), 1][(1, 2), 1][(2, 4), -1][(4, 3), -1]



0(4): [1,+,0+] [2,+,1+] [3,+,2+] [4,+,3+]1(4): [0,+,3+] [4,+,4+] [3,-,5+] [2,+,0+]2(4): [0,+,0+] [1,+,5+] [4,-,4-] [3,+,1+]3(4): [0,+,1+] [2,+,4-] [1,-,5-] [4,+,2+]4(4): [0,+,2+] [3,+,5-] [2,-,4+] [1,+,3+]