

Book embedding of toroidal bipartite graphs

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Abstract

Endo [5] proved that every toroidal graph has a book embedding with at most seven pages. In this paper, we prove that every toroidal bipartite graph has a book embedding with at most five pages. In order to do so, we prove that every bipartite torus quadrangulation Q with n vertices admits two disjoint essential simple closed curves cutting the torus into two annuli so that each of the two annuli contains a spanning connected subgraph of Q with exactly n edges.

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1 Introduction

A *book embedding* of a graph G is to put the vertices along the *spine* (a segment) and each edge of G on a single *page* (a half-plane with the spine as its boundary) so that no two edges intersect transversely in the same page. We say that a graph G is *k -page embeddable* if G has a book embedding with at most k pages. The *pagenumber* (or sometimes called *stack number* or *book thickness*) of a graph G is the minimum of k such that G is k -page embeddable. This notion was first introduced by Bernhart and Kainen [1]. Since a book embedding is much concerned with theoretical computer science including VLSI design [3, 15], we are interested in bounding the pagenumber. Actually, we can find a number of researches giving upper bounds of the pagenumber for some graph classes, for example, complete bipartite graphs [6, 13] and k -trees [4, 8, 17]. Several algorithms to find an embedding of a given graph into a book with a few pages were also presented [11, 16].

On the other hand, the pagenumber has widely been studied from the aspect of graphs on surfaces. In fact, a graph G is 1-page embeddable if and only if G is outerplanar, and a graph G is 2-page embeddable if and only if G is a subgraph of a hamiltonian planar graph [1]. For a graph of genus g , Heath and Istrail [10] proved that its pagenumber is $O(g)$, and later, Melitz [12] improved this result to $O(\sqrt{g})$. Note that there exists a graph of genus g with the pagenumber $\Theta(\sqrt{g})$, see [10].

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Now we focus on graphs on a fixed surface. Bernhart and Kainen [1] first conjectured that the pagenumber of planar graphs could be large enough. However, this conjecture was disproved by Buss and Shor [2], who proved that every planar graph is 9-page embeddable. Later this upper bound was improved to seven by Heath [9], and finally, Yannakakis [18] obtained the sharp upper bound: every planar graph has the pagenumber at most four. He also gave a planar graph which cannot be embedded into the book with 3-pages [18].

As next to the spherical case, we are interested in *toroidal* graphs, i.e., graphs embeddable in the torus. Although the algorithm given in [10] only guaranteed 13-page embedding of a toroidal graph, Heath and Istrail conjectured that any toroidal graph has the pagenumber at most seven. Endo gave the positive answer to this conjecture [5].

In this paper, focusing bipartite graphs on surfaces, we consider their pagenumbers. Since bipartite graphs on surfaces can have fewer edges than general graphs, we can expect that a less pagenumber suffices. Actually, every bipartite planar graph is known to be 2-page embeddable [7], although there exists a general planar graph whose pagenumber is four. Extending this, we shall prove the following.

THEOREM 1 *Every toroidal bipartite graph has a book embedding with at most five pages.*

A *surface* means a connected compact 2-dimensional manifold possibly with boundary. A simple closed curve l on a surface F^2 is said to be *essential* if l does not bound a 2-cell on F^2 , and otherwise, it is *trivial*. Let G be a *map* on a surface, that is, a fixed embedding of a graph on the surface. Let $V(G)$ and $E(G)$ denote the sets of the vertices and the edges of G , respectively. We say that a cycle C of a graph G on a surface is *essential* if C can be regarded as an essential simple closed curve topologically.

An *even embedding* on a surface is a map on the surface with each face bounded by a cycle of even length. In particular, a *quadrangulation* is an even embedding with each face quadrilateral. It is easy to see that every even embedding on the sphere is bipartite, but this does not hold on any other non-spherical surface.

In order to prove Theorem 1, we shall prove that every bipartite torus quadrangulation Q with n vertices admits two disjoint essential simple closed curves γ and γ' cutting the torus into two annuli so that every vertex of Q is visited by either of γ and γ' , and each of the two annuli contains a connected spanning subgraph with exactly n vertices. The proof is put in Section 2. Using the decomposition of the edges of Q , we can easily construct a 5-page embedding of Q . The algorithm to embed Q into a book is put in Section 3.

2 Edge-disjoint outer-annulus subgraphs

In this section, we will use various facts on torus quadrangulations Q , which were progressed in [14] in order to find a Hamiltonian cycle in the *radial graph* of Q , where the *radial graph* $R(G)$ of a map G is obtained from G by putting a new vertex into each face of G and joining it to all vertices lying on the corresponding boundary cycle, and deleting all edges in G .

An *orientation* of a graph G is an assignment of a direction to each edge of G . Let \vec{G} denote the graph with an orientation and distinguish it from the undirected graph G . For a vertex v of \vec{G} , the *outdegree* of v is the number of directed edges outgoing from v

and denoted by $\text{od}(v)$, and the *indegree* of v is that of incoming edges to v and denoted by $\text{id}(v)$. We say that \vec{G} is a *k-orientation* or *k-oriented* if each vertex of \vec{G} has outdegree exactly k . For a directed edge $e = xy$ from x to y , the vertex x is called the *origin* of e and y the *terminus*.

The following was proved in [14].

PROPOSITION 2 (Nakamoto and Ozeki [14]) *Every torus quadrangulation admits a 2-orientation. ■*

Moreover, by the 2-orientation of a bipartite quadrangulation Q , the following was proved in [14]. Let G be a map on a surface F^2 . A *vertex-face curve* for G is a simple closed curve on F^2 passing through each vertex of G exactly once and each face of G exactly once, but crossing no edges. Clearly, a vertex-face curve for a quadrangulation Q corresponds to a Hamiltonian cycle of the radial graph of Q .

THEOREM 3 (Nakamoto and Ozeki [14]) *Every bipartite quadrangulation admits an essential vertex-face curve. ■*

Let Q be a bipartite torus quadrangulation, and then by Theorem 3, Q has an essential vertex-face curve l . Cut Q along l to obtain a map on the annulus, denoted Q' , each of whose vertices lies on the both boundary components. Such a map is called an *outer-annulus* map. Note that each vertex of Q is doubled in Q' to be a pair of vertices lying on the two distinct boundary components, but no edge of Q is doubled in Q' since l intersects only the endpoints of each edge in Q . An edge e of Q' is said to be *essential* if the two endpoints of e lie on distinct boundary components, and e is *trivial* otherwise.

Considering a 2-orientation \vec{Q} of Q and an essential vertex-face curve l for Q , we can naturally obtain an outer-annulus map \vec{A} with the orientation. Suppose that \vec{A} has a vertex v of outdegree exactly 1. Let e_1 be an incoming edge to v and let e_2 be the outgoing edge from v . Since v lies on the boundary of the annulus, we can define the *right-turn* and the *left-turn* of the directed path $e_1 \cup e_2$ at a middle vertex v . (See Figure 1.) We say that v is *right-turned* (resp., *left-turned*) if the directed path $e_1 \cup e_2$ turns right (resp., left) at v for all edges e_1 incoming to v .

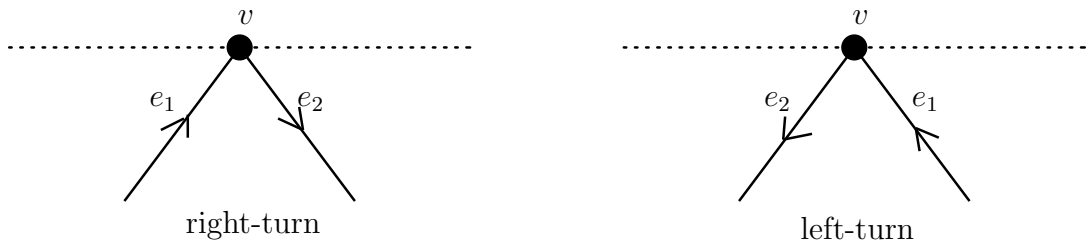


Figure 1: Right-turn and left-turn

Combining Lemmas 10 and 11 in [14], we can get the following. Since we always consider a bipartite graph Q , we let $V(Q) = B \cup W$ be the bipartition, where B and W are referred as *black* and *white* vertices, respectively.

LEMMA 4 (Nakamoto and Ozeki [14]) *Let Q be a bipartite torus quadrangulation. Then Q has a 2-orientation \vec{Q} and an essential vertex-face curve l satisfying the following: Cutting \vec{Q} along l , we obtain a connected outer-annulus map \vec{A} such that*

(4-1) *each vertex of \vec{A} has outdegree exactly 1,*

(4-2) *\vec{A} has exactly one essential directed cycle \vec{C} each of whose edges is essential,*

(4-3) *each black (resp., white) vertex of \vec{A} with incoming edges is right-turned (resp., left-turned).*

Let $\vec{C} = b_1w_1 \dots b_kw_k$ be the directed cycle in (4-2), called a *zigzag cycle*, where $k \geq 2$, and each b_i is a black vertex and each w_i is white. See Figure 2 (1), where the rectangle shows an annulus by identifying the top and the bottom. Then, since each edge of \vec{C} is essential, the edges of \vec{C} cut the annulus into $2k$ regions, called *V-regions*. So a V-region is bounded by two edges $b_iw_i, b_{i+1}w_i$ or b_iw_{i-1}, b_iw_i for some i (the indices are taken modulo k). In the former, w_i is called the *top* of the V-region, and a segment between b_i and b_{i+1} is called the *bottom*. For two vertices a, b on the bottom, let $[a, b]$ be the *interval* of the bottom between a and b . Let $(a, b) = [a, b] - \{a, b\}$, and we define $[a, b)$ and $(a, b]$ by the same manner. See Figure 2 (2).

The following is a main result in this section, which modifies Lemma 4 to decompose a given bipartite torus quadrangulation Q into two spanning outer-annulus maps.

LEMMA 5 *Let Q be a bipartite torus quadrangulation. Then Q admits a 2-orientation \vec{Q} satisfying the following: \vec{Q} can be separated into two connected spanning outer-annulus maps \vec{Q}_1 and \vec{Q}_2 by cutting \vec{Q} along two disjoint essential simple closed curves γ_1 and γ_2 so that for $i = 1, 2$,*

(5-1) *each vertex of \vec{Q}_i has outdegree exactly 1,*

(5-2) *\vec{Q}_i has exactly one essential directed cycle \vec{C}_i each of whose edges is essential,*

(5-3) *each black (resp., white) vertex of \vec{Q}_i with incoming edges is right-turned (resp., left-turned).*

Proof. Let \vec{Q} be a 2-orientation satisfying Lemma 4. Modifying it, we shall construct another 2-orientation of Q satisfying the lemma.

Let γ be an essential vertex-face curve for \vec{Q} cutting open \vec{Q} into an outer-annulus map \vec{A} . By Lemma 4, let $\vec{C} = b_1w_1 \dots b_kw_k$ be the zigzag cycle of \vec{A} for some integer $k \geq 2$, where each b_i is a black vertex and each w_i is a white vertex. Note that each vertex of \vec{Q} is double in \vec{A} . Then all b_i 's lie on the same boundary component of the annulus, denoted γ_b , and all w_i 's lie on the other boundary component, denoted γ_w . Note that $b_1, w_1, b_2, w_2, \dots, b_k, w_k$ correspond to distinct vertices of \vec{Q} lying on γ , but they are not necessarily consecutive on γ . We give a direction to γ along \vec{C} , and let $\vec{\gamma}$ denote γ with the direction.

We shall prove that \vec{Q} has a directed essential cycle \vec{D} such that D is homotopic to γ and consists only of trivial edges of A , where D is the undirected cycle corresponding

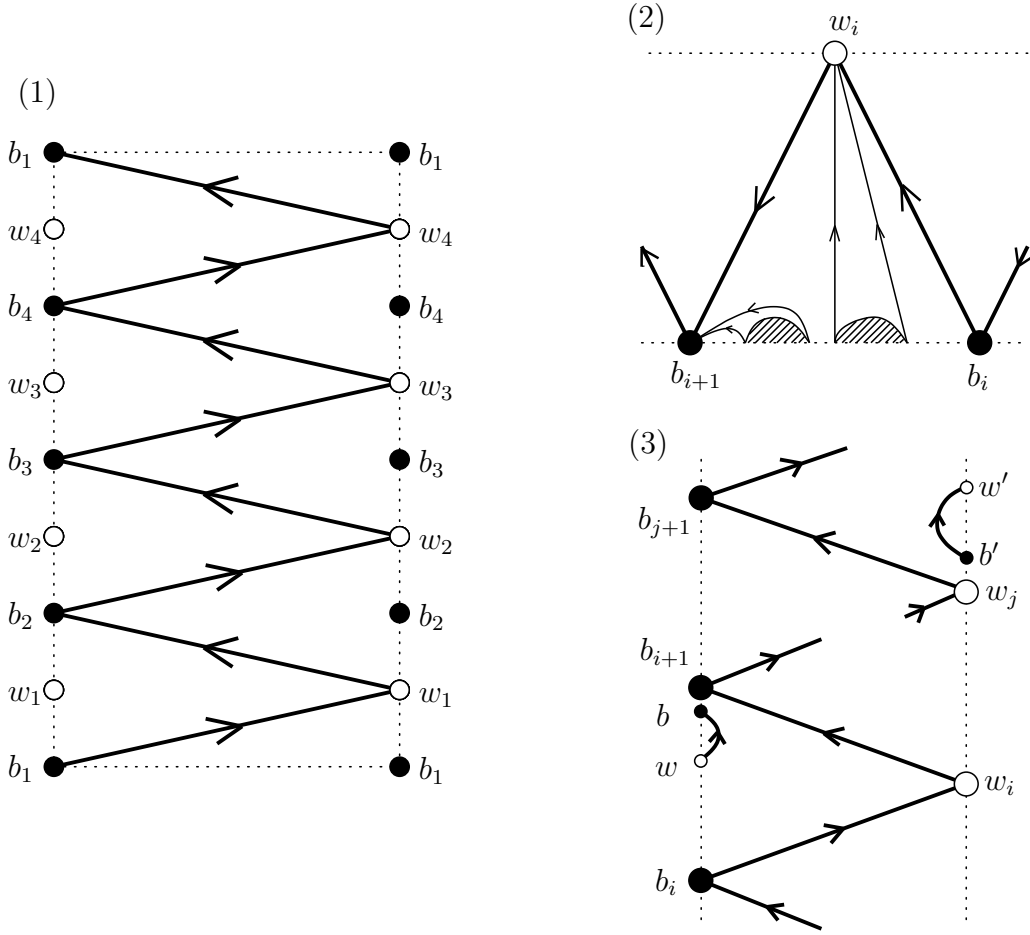


Figure 2: Zigzag cycle \vec{C} , V-region and directed cycle \vec{D}

to \vec{D} . Observe that γ_b contains at least one white vertex, say w , since γ contains white vertices in Q . Let Δ_i be the V-region of \vec{A} bounded by two edges $b_i w_i, w_i b_{i+1}$, and we may suppose that w is contained in the interval (b_i, b_{i+1}) . By (4-1), w has an outgoing edge e_w in \vec{A} , and let b be the terminus of e_w . Observe that b must be contained in $[b_i, b_{i+1}]$. However we have $b \neq b_i$, for otherwise (i.e., $b = b_i$), then b_i were not right-turned, a contradiction. Moreover, b must be contained in $(w, b_{i+1}]$. (For otherwise, i.e., if b is contained in (b_i, w) , then the right-turn at b proceeds to the interior of the 2-cell region of \vec{A} bounded by the trivial edge wb , and the left-turn at the next vertex, say \tilde{w} , proceeds to the interior of the smaller region bounded the trivial edge $b\tilde{w}$. Since every vertex in \vec{A} has outdegree 1, we can choose an outgoing edge at every vertex. However, this argument does not continue since \vec{A} is finite, a contradiction.) Hence we can find a trivial edge $w\tilde{b}$ such that b_i, w, b and b_{i+1} appear in $\vec{\gamma}$ in this order. See Figure 2(3).

Let's consider the black vertex b' on γ_w such that $b' = b$ in Q , which may be supposed to be contained in the bottom (w_j, w_{j+1}) of a V-region with top b_{j+1} for some j . By (4-1), b' has an outgoing edge $e_{b'}$ in \vec{A} , and let w' is the terminus of $e_{b'}$. By completely the same argument, we can conclude that $b'w'$ is a trivial edge as shown in Figure 2(3). In this way,

we can successively take trivial directed edges, and so this sequence of edges corresponds to a directed walk in \vec{Q} starting at the vertex w . Since \vec{Q} is finite, we can take a repeated vertex, say x , which appears in the walk at first time. Then the directed cycle starting and ending at x is a required one, and we let $\vec{D} = p_1q_1 \cdots p_kq_k$ be the directed cycle with $x = p_1$, where for each i , p_i and q_i are black and white vertices.

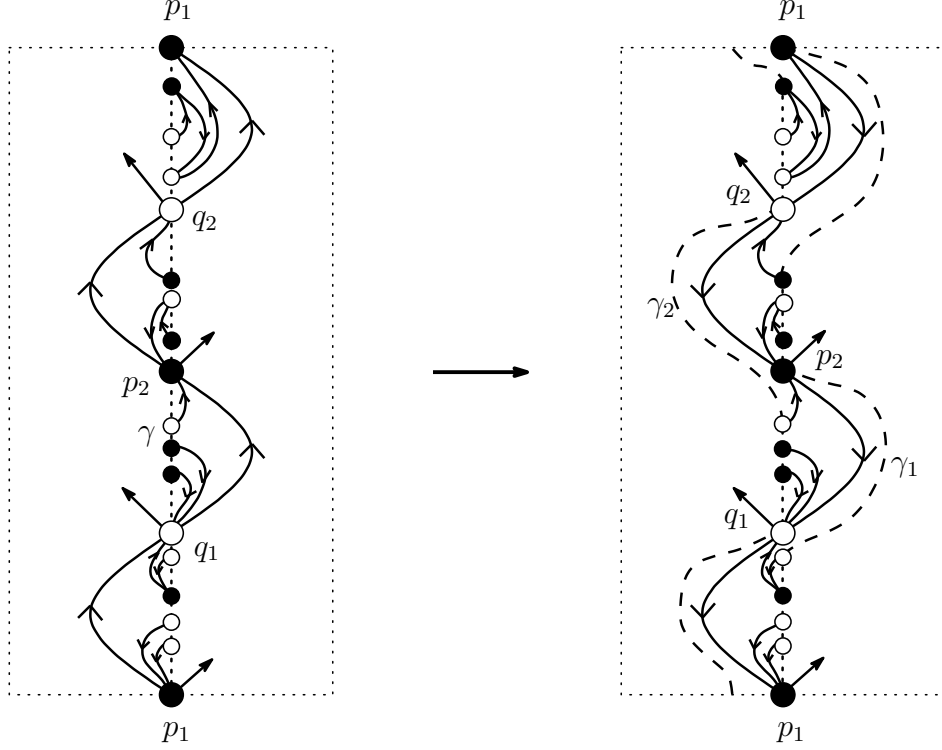


Figure 3: Reversal of the direction of \vec{C} splits γ into γ_1 and γ_2

Now we reverse the direction of \vec{D} in \vec{Q} to obtain another 2-orientation of Q denoted \overleftarrow{Q} , where $\overleftarrow{D} = q_kp_k \cdots q_1p_1$ is the inverse orientation of \vec{D} . Modify γ in the resulting 2-orientation \overleftarrow{Q} so that (5-1) and (5-3) are satisfied. Then γ splits into two essential simple closed curves, say γ_1 and γ_2 , so that γ_1 passes through all black vertices p_1, \dots, p_k , and γ_2 through all white vertices q_1, \dots, q_k , as shown in Figure 3. Since γ_1 and γ_2 are disjoint on the torus and every vertex of Q lies on either γ_1 or γ_2 , each of the annuli bounded by γ_1 and γ_2 has a spanning subgraph of \overleftarrow{Q} . If we let A be the annulus containing \vec{C} , then \vec{C} is still a zigzag cycle in the map in A . Moreover, $\overleftarrow{D} = p_1q_1 \cdots p_kq_k$ is a zigzag cycle of the map in the other annulus. Then both of the maps on A and A' satisfies (5-2), since an annulus contains at most one zigzag cycle. ■

LEMMA 6 *Let Q_j be the map in Lemma 5 for $j = 1, 2$, and let Δ be the graph contained in a V -region of \vec{Q}_j bounded by two directed edges b_iw_i, w_ib_{i+1} . Then Δ is a directed tree such that*

- (i) b_i has no incoming edge, and
- (ii) there is a directed path to b_{i+1} from any vertex.

We say that the subtree of Δ toward w_i is *essential*, and that toward b_{i+1} but not w_i is *trivial*. See Figure 2(2).

Proof. By (5-3), the statement (i) clearly holds. Hence, by (5-1), from any vertex v other than b_i , we can extend a directed path toward w_i or b_{i+1} . Therefore, if (ii) does not hold, then we may suppose that Δ has a cycle in Q_1 . Then, since Q_1 is connected and has a cycle \vec{C}_1 , Q_1 has at least two cycles, and hence $|E(Q_1)| \geq |V(Q_1)| + 1$. On the other hand, Q_2 is a connected graph with at least one cycle, and hence $|E(Q_2)| \geq |V(Q_2)|$. Since $|V(Q_1)| = |V(Q_2)| = |V(Q)|$ and each edge of Q is contained in either Q_1 or Q_2 , we have $|E(Q)| \geq 2|V(Q)| + 1$, contrary to Euler's formula for torus quadrangulations. ■

3 Constructing book embeddings

In this section, we shall construct a book embedding of a toroidal bipartite graph Q on the torus with at most five pages. Observe that every bipartite graph G on a surface can be extended to a quadrangulation Q on the surface by adding vertices and edges suitably. Moreover, if Q has a 5-page embedding, then we can get a 5-page embedding of G , which is obtained from the embedding of Q by removing the vertices and edges added. Hence we shall prove the following, which immediately gives a proof of Theorem 1.

THEOREM 7 *Every bipartite torus quadrangulation is 5-page embeddable.*

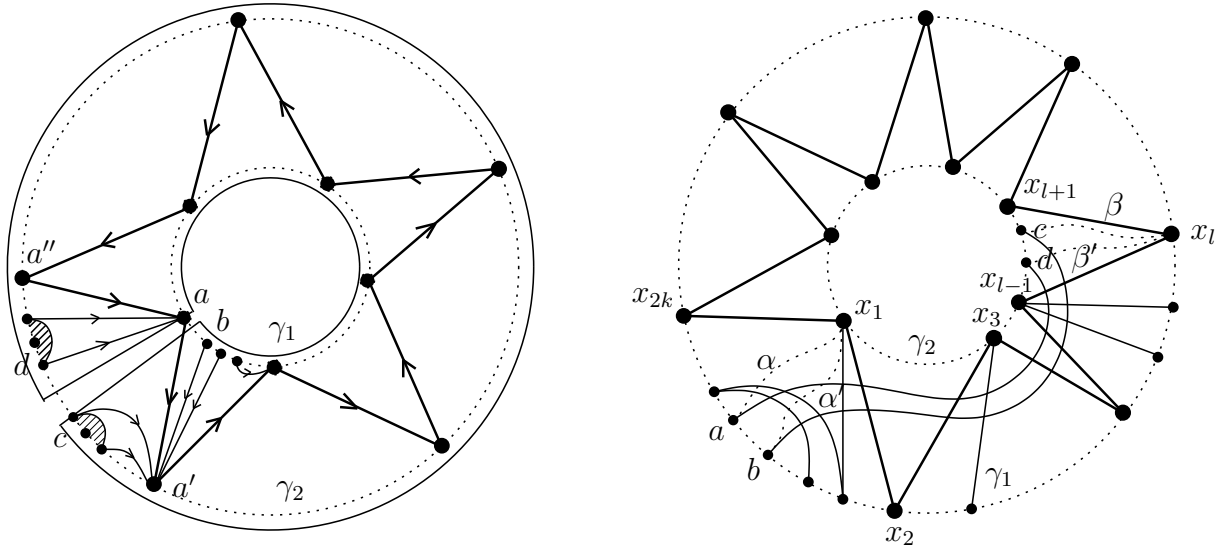


Figure 4: Structures of \vec{Q}_1 and \vec{Q}_2

Proof. Let Q be a bipartite torus quadrangulation. By Lemma 5, Q has a 2-orientation \vec{Q} which can be decomposed into two spanning connected outer-annulus maps \vec{Q}_1 and \vec{Q}_2 with zigzag cycles \vec{C}_1 and \vec{C}_2 , respectively. Let $\vec{\gamma}_1$ and $\vec{\gamma}_2$ be the disjoint essential simple closed curves cutting \vec{Q} into \vec{Q}_1 and \vec{Q}_2 , which are oriented along \vec{C}_1 . (For the symbols used here, those without the arrows stand for the corresponding undirected ones.)

Consider a V-region of \vec{Q}_1 bounded by directed edges $a''a$ and aa' , where $a''a$ and aa' are contained in \vec{C}_1 , and a lies on $\vec{\gamma}_1$ and a', a'' on $\vec{\gamma}_2$. By Lemma 6, we can choose a vertex, say d , in the bottom on \vec{Q}_1 contained in an essential subtree which is the last vertex with respect to the linear ordering of vertices in the bottom on $\vec{\gamma}_2$ from a'' to a' (if the component does not exist, then we let $d = a''$), and the first vertex, say c , in the bottom contained in a trivial subtree (if the component does not exist, then we let $c = a'$). Let b be the vertex of V-region with top a' which is next to a in the bottom. See the left of Figure 4.

Now we shall construct a 5-page embedding of Q .

For the spine. Fix the vertices of Q in the spine of the book in the following order: First arrange all vertices on γ_1 in the order from a to b . Following them, we arrange all vertices on γ_2 in the order from c to d .

Page 1 and 2. We first embed the edges of $Q_1 - aa'$ in one page. This can naturally be done since the plane embedding of $Q_1 - aa'$ can be regarded as that in a rectangle with corners a, b, c, d , as shown in the left of Figure 4, and the vertices of $Q_1 - aa'$ on the boundary of the rectangle lie in the order of the vertices in the spine.

Next we embed a single edge aa' in the second page, as shown in Figure 5.

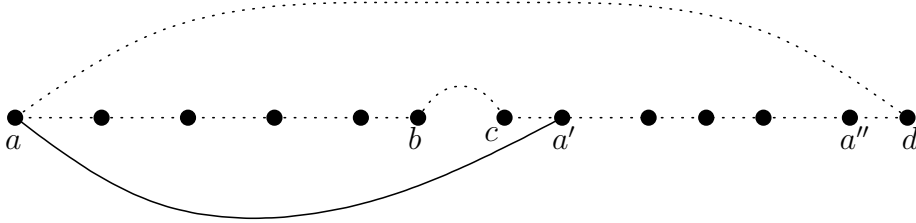


Figure 5: Embedding of Q_1 in page 1 and 2.

Page 3, 4 and 5. We embed the edges of Q_2 using at most three pages, as follows. Let $C_2 = x_1x_2 \cdots x_{2k}$ be the zigzag cycle of Q_2 . Let Δ_i be the V-region with top x_i , for $i = 1, \dots, 2k$. We may suppose that a, b are contained in the bottom of Δ_1 , and that c, d are contained in the bottom of Δ_l for some even integer l , since a and b are consecutive on γ_1 , and so are c and d on γ_2 . So take disjoint simple curves $\gamma_{a,d}$ and $\gamma_{b,c}$ joining a and d , and b and c in Q_2 , respectively, so that they cross $x_1x_2, x_2x_3, \dots, x_{l-1}x_l$, and some essential edges contained in $\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_l$. We may suppose that $\gamma_{a,d}$ and $\gamma_{b,c}$ are taken to have a minimum number of crossing points with the edges of Q_2 .

Take a segment α in Δ_1 joining x_1 and a , and a segment β in Δ_l joining x_l and c . Let R be the rectangle obtained from Q_2 by cutting along α and β , which does not contain b . Then all edges of Q_2 contained in R can be embedded in the third page, similarly to the first page. See the top of Figure 6.

Take a segment α' in Δ_1 joining x_1 and b , and a segment β' in Δ_l joining x_l and d . Let R' be the rectangle obtained from Q_2 by cutting along α' and β' , which does not contain a . Then all edges in R' can be embedded in the fourth page. See the top of Figure 6.

If the four segments α, α', β and β' can be taken without crossing edges, then Q is 4-page embeddable. Hence, assuming some edges cross these segments, we embed all of

them in the fifth page. If an edge e_1 must cross α or α' , then the two endpoints of e_1 are contained in the intervals $[a, x_{2k}]$ and $[b, x_2]$, respectively, in the bottom of Δ_1 . All of such edges can be embedded in a rectangle R_1 bounded by $[a, x_{2k}]$, $\overline{x_{2k}x_2}$, $[b, x_2]$, \overline{ab} , where \overline{pq} denotes a simple curve in Δ_1 joining two points p and q . Do the same for edges crossing β, β' , and then those edges can be embedded in a rectangle R_2 bounded by $[c, x_{l+1}]$, $\overline{x_{l+1}x_{l-1}}$, $[d, x_{l-1}]$, \overline{cd} . Clearly, the edges of Q_2 contained in R_1 and R_2 can be embedded in the fifth page simultaneously, as shown in the bottom of Figure 6. Hence we are done. ■

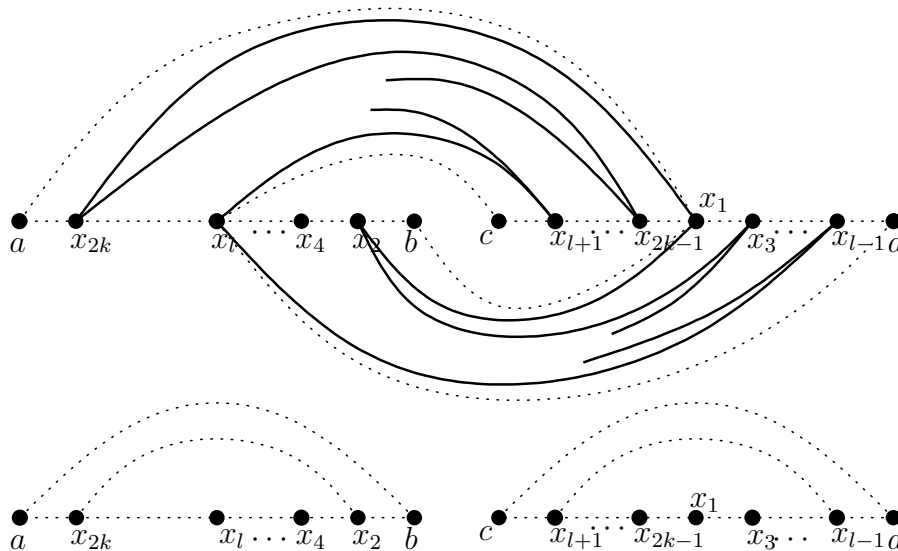


Figure 6: Embedding of Q_2 in page 3, 4 and 5.

In the proof of Theorem 7, we embed only a single edge of Q in the second page, and hence we will get the following.

THEOREM 8 *Let Q be a bipartite graph embeddable in the torus. Then Q has an edge e such that $Q - e$ is 4-page embeddable. ■*

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