Fixed-Parameter Algorithms for Computing RAC Drawings of Graphs

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RAC drawing of $K_{3,4}$ $K_{4,4}$ does not admit a RAC drawing



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Theorem: Deciding whether a graph G admits a RAC drawing is NP-hard

[Argyriou et al. 2010]



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Question: Does G admit a RAC drawing, with

at most b total bends and

at most $\beta(e)$ bends for each edge e?













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Theorem. An instance (G, b, β) of BRAC can be solved in time $m^{\mathcal{O}(m^2)}$.

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- **Idea:** limit the number of vertices in each type by a function of $\mathbf{vcn}(G) + b$

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