# グラフの平面凸描画の枝長と線形カットサイズと交差操作の関係 

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#### Abstract

あらまし $G=(N, c)$ を節点集合 $N=\{0,1, \ldots, n-1\}$ と実数の枝の重み関数 $c: V \times V \rightarrow \boldsymbol{R}$ によって定義されるグラフ（ネットワーク）とする。以下の3つの尺度を考える。（1）凸多角形上にグラフを記述したときの枝長の総和，（2）線形カットの大きさ，（3）枝の交差処理による帰着可能性。これらの3つの尺度に関連した半順序関係を導入し，それらが同値であることを証明する。


キーワード 半順序，グラフ描画，直線描画，線形カット，環状配置

# Relation among Edge Length of Convex Planar Drawings， Size of Linear Cuts，and Cross－Operations on Graphs 

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#### Abstract

Let $G=(N, c)$ be a graph with a vertex set $N=\{0,1, \ldots, n-1\}$ and a real edge weight function $c: V \times V \rightarrow \boldsymbol{R}$ ．Three measures for comparing two graphs are considered：（1）the sum of edge length when the graph is drawn on a convex polygon，（2）sizes of linear－cuts，and（3）reducibility by using cross－operations．Three partial orders，corresponding the measures respectively，are also introduced．This paper shows that these three partial orders are equivalent．Moreover，it presents a polynomial time algorithm for determining $G \preceq G^{\prime}$ for given $G$ and $G^{\prime}$ ，where，$\preceq$ is the partial order．


Key words：partial order，graph drawing，straight－line，linear－cut，cyclic layout

## 1 Introduction

Let $G$ be a graph with a vertex set $N=$ $\{0,1, \ldots, n-1\}$. Each pair of vertices $(i, j)$ of a graph has a weight ( $=$ number of parallel edges) $c(i, j) \in \boldsymbol{R}(\boldsymbol{R}$ is the set of real numbers). $c(i, j)$ may be written as $c(i, j ; G)$ if the graph should be expressed explicitly. We can define a graph as $G=(N, c)$, where $c: N \times N \rightarrow \boldsymbol{R}$. Note that a weight may be zero, negative, or irrational in this paper. If all weights are restricted to nonnegative integers, graphs are called multigraphs. If all weights are restricted to $\{0,1\}$, graphs are called simple graphs. Each vertex is labeled by an integer in $N$ and each edge has a real weight, so that we may call such graphs labeled weighted graphs. Graphs appeared in this paper are labeled weighted graphs if otherwise stated. In this paper, selfloops, $c(i, i)$, are meaningless. For this reason, if $c(i, j ; G)=c\left(i, j ; G^{\prime}\right)$ for all $i \neq j$, then we say $G=G^{\prime}$. A singleton set $\{i\}$ may be simply written as $i$.

For $A, B \subseteq N$,

$$
c(A, B ; G):=\sum_{i \in A, j \in B} c(i, j ; G) .
$$

$c(A, N-A ; G)$ may be written as $c(A ; G)$. $c(A, B ; G)$ and $c(A ; G)$ may be expressed as $c(A, B)$ and $c(A)$, respectively, if $G$ is clear. Note that $c(i, G)$ means a degree of $i \in N$.

We adopt the cyclic order for treating integers (vertices) in $N$. Thus for $i, j \in N$,
$N[i, j]:=\left\{\begin{array}{rr}\{i, i+1, \ldots, j\}, & \text { if } i \leq j, \\ \{i, i+1, \ldots, n-1,0,1, \ldots, j\}, \\ & \text { if } i>j .\end{array}\right.$
Moreover, $i \leq j \leq k$ means $j \in N[i, k], i \leq j \leq$ $k \leq h$ means $i \leq j \leq k$ and $k \leq h \leq i$, and $i \pm j$ is $i^{\prime} \in N$ such that $i^{\prime} \equiv i \pm j(\bmod n)$.

Three partial orders are defined as follows.

1. Let $x_{0}, x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n-1}$ be vertices of a convex $n$-gon $P$ in the plane (each internal angle may be equal to $\pi$ ), where, $x_{0} x_{1}, x_{1} x_{2}, \ldots$, $x_{n-2} x_{n-1}$, and $x_{n-1} x_{0}$ are edges of the $n$ gon. Denote the length of the line segment
$x_{i} x_{j}$ by $d_{P}(i, j)$. Define a length of $G$ with respect to $P$ as

$$
S_{P}(G):=\sum_{i, j \in V} c(i, j ; G) \cdot d_{P}(i, j)
$$

$S_{P}(G)$ can be regarded as the sum of edge length of a graph $G$ drawn in the plane such that each vertex $i$ of $G$ is equal to a corresponding vertex $x_{i}$ of $P$ and each edge of $G$ is given by a straight line segment(e.g., Figure 1).

(a)

(b)

(c)

Figure 1: (a) graph $G$, (b) convex polygon $P$, (c) $G$ drawn on $P$.

If $S_{P}(G) \leq S_{P}\left(G^{\prime}\right)$ for any convex polygon $P$, then $G \preceq_{l} G^{\prime}$ ("l" means length). If $G \preceq_{l} G^{\prime}$ and $G \neq G^{\prime}$, then $G \prec_{l} G^{\prime}$.
2. $N[i, j]$ is called a linear-cut if $N[i, j] \neq$ $N(N[i, j] \neq \emptyset$ is clear from the definition). The size of a linear-cut $N[i, j]$ is defined as $c(N[i, j] ; G)$. If $c(N[i, j] ; G) \leq$ $c\left(N[i, j] ; G^{\prime}\right)$ for all linear-cuts $N[i, j]$, then $G \preceq_{c} G^{\prime}$ ("c" means cuts). Skiena [9] showed that if $c(N[i, j] ; G)=c\left(N[i, j] ; G^{\prime}\right)$ for all linear-cuts $N[i, j]$, then $G=G^{\prime}$. (Although he treated only multigraphs, his proof can be used for general real-weighted graphs.) It directly follows that if $G \preceq_{c} G^{\prime}$ and $G^{\prime} \preceq_{c} G$, then $G=G^{\prime}$. Thus we can say $G \prec_{c} G^{\prime}$ if $G \preceq_{c} G^{\prime}$ and $G \neq G^{\prime}$.
3. We define a cross-operation $X(i, j, k, h ; \Delta)$, for $i \leq j \leq k \leq h$ and a positive real value $\Delta>0$, as removing $\Delta$ from $c(i, j)$ and $c(k, h)$, and adding $\Delta$ to $c(i, k)$ and $c(j, h)$. Figure 2 illustrates a cross-operation $X(i, j, k, h ; 1)$. Note that


Figure 2: Cross-operation $X(i, j, k, h ; 1)$.
more than one vertices in $i, j, k$, and $h$ may be equal. For example, $X(i, i, k, k ; \Delta)$ means only adding $2 \Delta$ to $c(i, k)$. (Remember that all selfloops are meaningless in this paper, thus removing $\Delta$ from $c(i, i)$ and $c(k, k)$ can be ignored.) If graph $G^{\prime}$ can be obtained from graph $G$ by applying a sequence of cross-operations, then we express as $G \preceq_{o} G^{\prime}$ (" $o$ " means operations). If $G \preceq_{o} G^{\prime}$ and $G \neq G^{\prime}$, then $G \prec_{o} G^{\prime}$.

These three measures, edge-length, cut-size, and reducibility by the operation, are important alone, and have been considered independently. However, this paper shows that they are equivalent. It establishes the next:

Theorem 1 Three partial orders $\preceq_{l}, \preceq_{o}$, and $\preceq_{c}$ are equivalent, i.e.,

$$
G \preceq_{l} G^{\prime} \Leftrightarrow G \preceq_{c} G^{\prime} \Leftrightarrow G \preceq_{o} G^{\prime}
$$

for any pair of labeled weighted graphs $G$ and $G^{\prime}$

Sum of edge lengths is one of the crucial criteria on graph drawing. Graph drawing has recently become a very important research area $[1,7]$.
Some properties on linear-cuts have been found in advance. Mäkinen [6] shows the problem of finding a permutation $\pi=\left\langle p_{0}, p_{1}, \ldots\right.$,
$\left.p_{n-1}\right\rangle$ of the vertices $\langle 0,1, \ldots, n-1\rangle$ of a given multigraph $G$ such that $\max _{i, j \in N} c(N[i, j])$ is minimum is NP-hard, and presents a heuristic algorithm. Schröder, et.al. [8] shows some lower bounds of the maximum size of linearcuts for cylindrical mesh graphs. Skiena [9] considers a problem of reconstructing a graph from information of linear-cut sizes only, and shows that $\binom{n}{2}$ linear-cuts are necessary and sufficient for the reconstruction.
Hakimi [2] considered cross-operations and the reverse of cross-operations and called them elementary d-invariant transformations (" $d$ " means dimensions). He showed that every pair of multigraphs $G$ and $G^{\prime}$ such that $c(i, G)=$ $c\left(i, G^{\prime}\right)$ for all $i \in N$ can be transformed from one to another by using a finite sequence of elementary $d$-invariant transformations.
The author have presented the following Theorem 2 [4]. Here, a graph $G_{p}:=\left(N, c_{p}\right)$ is defined as

$$
c_{p}(i, j):= \begin{cases}1, & \text { if } j=i+p \\ 0, & \text { otherwise. }\end{cases}
$$

Theorem 2 [4] (1) $G_{p} \prec_{l} G_{p+1}$ for $p=$ $0,1, \ldots,\lfloor n / 2\rfloor-1$.
(2) For any 2-regular multigraph $G\left(\neq G_{\lfloor n / 2\rfloor}\right)$, $G \prec_{l} G_{\lfloor n / 2\rfloor}$.
(3) If $G\left(\neq G_{1}\right)$ is a 2-regular multigraph such that $c(N[i, j] ; G)>0$ for any linear-cut $N[i, j]$, $G_{1} \prec_{l} G$.

Theorem 2 (1) was firstly conjectured by Jorge Urrutia in the open problem session of Japan Conference on Discrete and Computational Geometry 1998 (JCDCG'98). For an example of this theorem, see Figure 3. Theorem 2 (1) claims that $S_{P}\left(G_{1}\right) \leq S_{P}\left(G_{2}\right)$ $\leq S_{P}\left(G_{3}\right)$ for any convex polygon $P$. (Note that in reference [4], the more general property " $S_{P}\left(G_{q}\right)$ is a strictly increasing and strictly concave function for any convex polygon $P$ if $1 \leq q \leq\lfloor n / 2\rfloor-1$ " was shown.)
Theorem 1 is a wide generalization of Theorem 2, i.e., the former gives another proof for the latter. We show it by using an example, $G_{q} \prec_{c} G_{q+1}$ is clear for any $q=$

(a)

(b)

(c)

Figure 3: (a) $G_{1}$, (b) $G_{2}$, and (c) $G_{3}$ drawn on a convex polygon $P$.
$0,1, \ldots,\lfloor n / 2\rfloor-1$. Moreover, $G_{2}$ can be obtained from $G_{1}$ by applying a sequence of cross-operations $\langle(n-1,0,1,2 ; 1),(0,1,3,4 ; 1)$, $(2,3,4,1 ; 1), \quad(0,3,4,5 ; 1), \quad(0,4,5,6 ; 1)$, $(0, n-3, n-2, n-1 ; 1)\rangle$ (Figure 4), i.e., $G_{1} \prec_{0}$ $G_{2}$.
We present a proof of Theorem 1 in the next section. Preliminary results of this paper were presented in the Japan Conference on Discrete and Computational Geometry (JCDCG2000) [5]. In the theorem presented in [5], edge weights were restricted to nonnegative integers and only graphs with the same number of edges could be compared.

## 2 Proof

Define $G_{\emptyset}=\left(N, c_{\emptyset}\right)$ as $c_{\emptyset}(i, j)=0$ for all $i, j \in$ $N$. Note that $c\left(N[i, j] ; G_{\emptyset}\right)=0$ for any linearcut $N[i, j]$, and $S_{P}\left(G_{\emptyset}\right)=0$ for any polygon $P$. For any pair of $G=(N, c)$ and $G^{\prime}=\left(N, c^{\prime}\right)$, we define $G-G^{\prime}=\left(N, c^{\prime \prime}\right)$ as $c^{\prime \prime}(i, j):=c(i, j)-$ $c^{\prime}(i, j)$ for every $i, j \in N . G \preceq G^{\prime}(\preceq$ is any one of $\preceq_{l}, \preceq_{c}$, and $\preceq_{o}$ ) is equivalent to $G-G^{\prime} \preceq G_{\emptyset}$. Therefore, it is enough to consider $G^{\prime}=G_{\emptyset}$ for proving Theorem 1, as a result of this fact, the proof of Theorem 1 consists of three parts:

(a)

(c)

(e)

(b)

(d)

(f)

Figure 4: A sequence of cross-operations modifying $G_{1}$ into $G_{2}$.
(1) $G \preceq_{o} G_{\emptyset} \Rightarrow G \preceq_{l} G_{\emptyset}$, (Lemma 1)
(2) $G \preceq_{l} G_{\emptyset} \Rightarrow G \preceq_{c} G_{\emptyset}$, (Lemma 2) and
(3) $G \preceq_{c} G_{\emptyset} \Rightarrow G \preceq_{o} G_{\emptyset}$. (Lemma 3)

Lemma 1 If $G \preceq_{o} G_{\emptyset}$, then $G \preceq_{l} G_{\emptyset}$.
Proof: It is clear from the triangle inequality.

Lemma 2 If $G \preceq_{l} G_{\emptyset}$, then $G \preceq_{c} G_{\emptyset}$.
Proof: Suppose that $G \preceq_{c} G_{\emptyset}$ does not hold, i.e., there are $i, j \in N$ such that $c(N[i, j] ; G)>$ 0 . We construct a polygon $P$ satisfying $S_{P}(G)>0$ as follows. $X=\left\{x_{k} \mid k \in N[i, j]\right\}$ and $Y=\left\{x_{k} \mid k \in N-N[i, j]\right\}$. Let $p, r>0$ be real numbers. Put all vertices $x_{i} \in X$ in a circle whose center is $(0,0)$ and radius is $r$. Put all
vertices $x_{i} \in Y$ in a circle whose center is $(p, 0)$ and radius is $r$. We can locate all vertices satisfying the above conditions and convexity for any $r$ and $p$. By letting $p$ be far larger than $r$, $S_{P}(G)>0$.

For proving the remaining part, $G \preceq_{c} G_{\emptyset} \Rightarrow$ $G \preceq{ }_{o} G_{\emptyset}$, we need to introduce some notations as follows. For integers $i, j \in N$,

$$
N(i, j):=N[i, j]-\{i, j\} .
$$

The following proposition is well-known. Since the proof is easy, it is omitted.

Proposition 1 Let $A, B, C, D \subset N$ be four mutually disjoint subsets such that $A \cup B \cup C \cup$ $D=N$, then
$c(A \cup B)+c(A \cup D)=c(A)+c(C)+2 c(B, D)$.

Now, we can prove the next:
Lemma 3 If $G \preceq_{c} G_{\emptyset}$, then $G \preceq_{o} G_{\emptyset}$.
Proof: Assume that $G \preceq_{c} G_{\emptyset}$, i.e.,

$$
\begin{equation*}
c(N[i, j] ; G) \leq 0 \text { for all } i, j \in N . \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let $k$ be the largest integer such that $c(N[i, j])=0$ for all $(i, j) \in\{(i, j) \mid i, j \in$ $N,|N[i, j]| \leq k\}$. If $k \geq\lceil n / 2\rceil, G=G_{\emptyset}$. Hence, we assume $k<\lceil n / 2\rceil$. Then their exists $\left(i_{0}, j_{0}\right)$ such that $\left|N\left[i_{0}, j_{0}\right]\right|=k+1$ and

$$
\begin{equation*}
c\left(N\left[i_{0}, j_{0}\right]\right)<0 \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

By considering Proposition 1 with $A=$ $N\left(i_{0}, j_{0}\right), B=\left\{j_{0}\right\}, C=N\left(j_{0}, i_{0}\right)$, and $D=$ $\left\{i_{0}\right\}$, we obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
& c\left(i_{0}, j_{0}\right) \\
= & \frac{1}{2}\left\{c\left(N\left[i_{0}+1, j_{0}\right]\right)+c\left(N\left[i_{0}, j_{0}-1\right]\right)\right. \\
& \left.-c\left(N\left(i_{0}, j_{0}\right)\right)-c\left(N\left(j_{0}, i_{0}\right)\right)\right\} \\
> & 0
\end{aligned}
$$

since $c\left(N\left[i_{0}+1, j_{0}\right]\right)=c\left(N\left[i_{0}, j_{0}-1\right]\right)$ $=c\left(N\left(i_{0}, j_{0}\right)\right)=0$ and $c\left(N\left(j_{0}, i_{0}\right)\right)=$ $c\left(N\left[i_{0}, j_{0}\right]\right)<0$.

If there is a pair $i^{\prime}$ and $j^{\prime}$ satisfying the following (a)-(c) (Figure 5 (a)):


Figure 5: Cross-operation $X\left(i_{0}, j_{0}, j^{\prime}, i^{\prime} ; \Delta\right)$
(a) $j_{0}<j^{\prime} \leq i^{\prime}<i_{0}$,
(b) $c\left(i^{\prime}, j^{\prime}\right)>0$ or $i^{\prime}=j^{\prime}$, and
(c) $c(N[i, j])<0$ for all $i^{\prime}<i \leq i_{0}$ and $j_{0} \leq$ $j<j^{\prime}$,
then we can apply a cross-operation $X\left(i_{0}, j_{0}, j^{\prime}, i^{\prime}: \Delta\right)$ to $G$ without violating the relation $G \preceq_{c} G_{\emptyset}$ (Figure 5), where

$$
\begin{align*}
& \Delta=\min \left\{c\left(i_{0}, j_{0}\right), c\left(i^{\prime}, j^{\prime}\right)\right. \\
& \left.\min _{i^{\prime}<i \leq i_{0}, j_{0} \leq j<j^{\prime}} \frac{-c(N[i, j])}{2}\right\} . \tag{3}
\end{align*}
$$

Therefore we try to find such $i^{\prime}$ and $j^{\prime}$ as follows.

Let $j_{1}\left(j_{0}<j_{1}<i_{0}\right)$ be a vertex such that $c\left(N\left[i_{0}, j\right]\right)<0$ for all $j_{0} \leq j<j_{1}$ and

$$
\begin{equation*}
c\left(N\left[i_{0}, j_{1}\right]\right)=0 \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

If there is no such $j_{1}$, then we find a desired pair $\left(i^{\prime}, j^{\prime}\right)$ by letting $i^{\prime}:=j^{\prime}:=i_{0}-1$ (note (1) and (2)). Thus we assume such $j_{1}$ exists. Let $i_{1}:=i_{0}-1$. Assume that there exists $j^{\prime} \in$ $N\left[j_{0}+1, j_{1}\right]$ such that $c\left(i_{1}, j^{\prime}\right)>0$. Then $i^{\prime}:=$ $i_{1}$ and $j^{\prime}$ satisfy (a)-(c). Therefore, we assume there is no such $j^{\prime}$, i.e., $c\left(i_{1}, j\right) \leq 0$ for all $j \in$ $N\left[j_{0}+1, j_{1}\right]$. It follows that

$$
\begin{equation*}
c\left(i_{1}, N\left[j_{0}+1, j_{1}\right]\right) \leq 0 \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Consider Proposition 1 with $A=N\left[i_{0}, j_{0}\right]$, $B=N\left[j_{0}+1, j_{1}\right], C=\left(j_{1}, i_{1}\right)$, and $D=$ $\left\{i_{1}\right\}$ (Figure 6). Since (2), (4), (5), and


Figure 6: Applying Proposition 1

$$
\begin{aligned}
& c\left(N\left[i_{1}, j_{1}\right]\right) \leq 0(\text { because }(1)), \text { we obtain } \\
& c\left(N\left[i_{1}, j_{0}\right]\right) \\
&=-c\left(N\left[i_{0}, j_{1}\right]\right)+c\left(N\left[i_{0}, j_{0}\right]\right) \\
&+c\left(N\left[i_{1}, j_{1}\right]\right)+2 c\left(i_{1}, N\left[j_{0}+1, j_{1}\right]\right) \\
&< 0 .
\end{aligned}
$$

Let $i_{1}^{\prime}:=i_{1}^{\prime \prime}:=i_{1}$, and $i_{1}:=i_{1}-1$ (Figure 7, which is illustrated generally. $i_{1}^{\prime}=i_{1}^{\prime \prime}$ here). Note that

$$
\begin{align*}
& c(N[i, j])<0 \\
& \quad \text { for all } i_{1}^{\prime \prime}<i \leq i_{0}, j_{0} \leq j<j_{1},(6) \\
& c\left(N\left[i_{1}^{\prime \prime}, j_{0}\right]\right)<0,  \tag{7}\\
& c\left(N\left[i_{1}^{\prime \prime}, i_{1}^{\prime}\right], N\left[j_{0}+1, j_{1}\right]\right) \leq 0 . \tag{8}
\end{align*}
$$

Assumption 1: $c\left(N\left[i_{1}, j_{0}\right]\right)=0$.

From Proposition 1 with $A:=N\left[i_{1}^{\prime \prime}, j_{0}\right]$, $B=N\left[j_{0}+1, j_{1}\right], C=N\left(j_{1}, i_{1}\right)$, and $D=\left\{i_{1}\right\}$ (Figure 8 (a)), we obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
& c\left(N\left[i_{1}^{\prime \prime}, j_{1}\right]\right)+c\left(N\left[i_{1}, j_{0}\right]\right) \\
= & c\left(N\left[i_{1}^{\prime \prime}, j_{0}\right]\right)+c\left(N\left[i_{1}, j_{1}\right]\right) \\
& +2 c\left(i_{1}, N\left[j_{0}+1, j_{1}\right]\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Thus, by considering Assumption 1, (11), and $c\left(N\left[i_{1}, j_{1}\right]\right) \leq 0$ (because (1)),

$$
\begin{aligned}
& c\left(N\left[i_{1}^{\prime \prime}, j_{0}\right]\right)-c\left(N\left[i_{1}^{\prime \prime}, j_{1}\right]\right) \\
= & c\left(N\left[i_{1}, j_{0}\right]\right)-c\left(N\left[i_{1}, j_{1}\right]\right) \\
& -2 c\left(i_{1}, N\left[j_{0}+1, j_{1}\right]\right) \\
\geq & 0
\end{aligned}
$$


(b)

Figure 8: Applying Proposition 1

By considering Proposition 1 with $A=$ $N\left[i_{0}, j_{0}\right], B=N\left[j_{0}+1, j_{1}\right], C=N\left[j_{1}+1, i_{1}\right]$, and $D=N\left[i_{1}^{\prime \prime}, i_{1}^{\prime}\right]$ (Figure $8(\mathrm{~b})$ ),

$$
=\begin{aligned}
& c\left(N\left[i_{1}^{\prime \prime}, j_{0}\right]\right)-c\left(N\left[i_{1}^{\prime \prime}, j_{1}\right]\right) \\
& =-c\left(N\left[i_{0}, j_{1}\right]\right)+c\left(N\left[i_{0}, j_{0}\right]\right) \\
& \\
& +2 c\left(N\left[i_{1}^{\prime \prime}, i_{1}^{\prime}\right], N\left[j_{0}+1, j_{1}\right]\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

From (2), (8), and (12), we obtain

$$
c\left(N\left[i_{1}^{\prime \prime}, j_{0}\right]\right)-c\left(N\left[i_{1}^{\prime \prime}, j_{1}\right]\right)<0
$$

contradicting (13). Therefore, Assumption 1 is denied, i.e.,

$$
\begin{equation*}
c\left(N\left[i_{1}, j_{0}\right]\right)<0 \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

Here, let $i_{1}^{\prime \prime}:=i_{1}$ and $i_{1}:=i_{1}-1\left(i_{1}^{\prime}\right.$ is not changed), then (6)-(8) also hold. Thus the preceding discussion (from (6) to (13)) can be also applied. However, $N\left[i_{1}^{\prime \prime}, i_{1}^{\prime}\right]$ becomes larger in the new iteration. Thus, such procedure must be stopped at most $\left|N\left(j_{0}, i_{0}\right)\right|$ iterations.

Therefore, we must finally find $i^{\prime}$ and $j^{\prime}$ satisfying (a)-(c).

By setting the value of $\Delta$ as (3), we can apply $X\left(i_{0}, j_{0}, j^{\prime}, i^{\prime} ; \Delta\right)$ to $G$ without violating the relation $G \preceq_{c} G_{\emptyset}$.

Now, we have found a cross operation that makes $G$ be closer to $G_{\emptyset}$. By applying the preceding discussion iteratively, we can find a sequence of cross-operations that makes $G$ be closer to $G_{\emptyset}$. For completing the proof, we must show that the length of the sequence is finite. It is shown as follows.

Let $G^{\prime}$ be a graph obtained by applying $X\left(i_{0}, j_{0}, j^{\prime}, i^{\prime} ; \Delta\right)$ to $G$. There are three cases: (I) $\Delta=c\left(i_{0}, j_{0} ; G\right)$, (II) $\Delta=$ $\min _{i^{\prime}<i \leq i_{0}, j_{0} \leq j<j^{\prime}}(-c(N[i, j] ; G)) / 2$, and (III) $\Delta=c\left(i^{\prime}, j^{\prime} ; G\right)$. We consider each case as follows.
(I) $\Delta=c\left(i_{0}, j_{0} ; G\right) . c\left(i_{0}, j_{0} ; G^{\prime}\right)$ becomes zero. Then by applying Proposition 1 with $A=$ $N\left(i_{0}, j_{0}\right), B=\left\{j_{0}\right\}, C=N\left(j_{0}, i_{0}\right)$, and $D=\left\{i_{0}\right\}$, we obtain $c\left(N\left[i_{0}, j_{0}\right] ; G^{\prime}\right)=0$. Thus, the number of zero-linear-cuts of $G^{\prime}$ is greater than the one of $G$.
(II) $\Delta=\min _{i^{\prime}<i \leq i_{0}, j_{0} \leq j<j^{\prime}}(-c(N[i, j] ; G)) / 2$. Let $i^{\prime \prime}$ and $j^{\prime \prime}$ be vertices satisfying $i^{\prime}<$ $i^{\prime \prime} \leq i_{0}, j_{0} \leq j^{\prime \prime}<j^{\prime}$, and $\Delta=$ $-c\left(N\left[i^{\prime \prime}, j^{\prime \prime}\right] ; G\right) / 2 . \quad c\left(N\left[i^{\prime \prime}, j^{\prime \prime}\right] ; G^{\prime}\right)$ becomes zero. Thus, the number of zero-linear-cuts of $G^{\prime}$ is greater than the one of $G$.
(III) $\Delta=c\left(i^{\prime}, j^{\prime} ; G\right) . c\left(i^{\prime}, j^{\prime} ; G^{\prime}\right)$ becomes zero. It is enough to assume $c\left(i_{0}, j_{0} ; G^{\prime}\right)>0$, because if $c\left(i_{0}, j_{0} ; G^{\prime}\right)=0$, then case (I) can be applied. We can find new $i^{\prime}$ and $j^{\prime}$ satisfying (a)-(c). The number of pairs $\left(i^{\prime \prime}, j^{\prime \prime}\right)$ in $G^{\prime}$ such that $j_{0}<j^{\prime \prime}<i^{\prime \prime}<i_{0}$ and $c\left(i^{\prime \prime}, j^{\prime \prime}\right)>0$ is smaller than the one in $G$, so that (III) occurs successively at $\operatorname{most}\left(\underset{2}{\left|N\left(j_{0}, i_{0}\right)\right|}\right)<n^{2}$ times.

From (I)-(III), the number of zero-linear-cuts increases during at most $n^{2}$ cross-operations. The number of linear-cuts is $\binom{n}{2}<n^{2}$. It follows that the length of the sequence of cross-
operations is less than $n^{4}$. By using the sequence, $G$ is modified to $G_{\emptyset}$, i.e., $G \preceq_{o} G_{\emptyset}$.

Proof of Theorem 1: Follows immediately from Lemmas 1, 2, and 3.

## 3 Concluding Remarks

This paper shows that three partial-orders $\preceq_{l}$, $\preceq_{o}$, and $\preceq_{c}$ are equivalent. For investigating $G \preceq_{c} G^{\prime}$, only linear-cuts are tested, thus it can be determined in polynomial time. Therefore, we can solve a problem of determining whether or not $S_{P}(G) \leq S_{P}\left(G^{\prime}\right)$ for any convex polygon $P$ for given two labeled weighted graphs $G$ and $G^{\prime}$ in polynomial time. Moreover, if $G \preceq_{c} G^{\prime}$, we can find a sequence of cross-operations for modifying $G$ to $G^{\prime}$ by using the discussion of the proof of Lemma 3 in polynomial time.
In this paper, Euclidean distance is used. However, for any distance (for example, $L_{k}$ distance) in which the triangle inequality holds, the same results can be obtained.

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