Drawing Trees on Fixed Points with L-shaped Edges

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How many points do you need so that any tree can be drawn this way?

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Nothing better known for maximum degree 3 trees

Our paper: Improvements on pointsets sufficient to draw maximum degree 3 and 4 trees

This talk: Maximum degree 3 trees (binary trees)



Main idea:

- Draw the tree inside a rectangle.
- Partition the tree inside subrectangles and draw the subtrees recursively inside those.





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- *f*-configuration: downward ray into *Q* is reserved
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- g-configuration: rightward ray with bend into Q is reserved, and possibly also downward if the position of p allows g(n): the number of points sufficient to draw a tree



Drawing method f-draw-1

Assume that Q has f(n) points.

- *h*: the highest half-grid line s.t. Q_L or Q_R has $f(n_1)$ points
- r₀: the bottommost point of Q_L



Observe that:

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$$f(n) \le 2f(n_1) + g(n_2)$$

• $f(n) \leq 2g(n_1) + f(n_2)$ by swapping f and g



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Drawing method g-draw

Assume that Q has g(n) points.

- *h*: the highest half-grid line s.t. top rectangle Q_A has $f(n_1)$ points
- r_0 : the rightmost point of Q_A



Observe:

• if a point right of p exists: $g(n) \le f(n_1) + g(n_2)$



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Observe:

- if a point right of p exists: $g(n) \le f(n_1) + g(n_2)$
- if no point right of p exists: use f-draw-1 with Q_R empty, so: $g(n) \le f(n_1) + g(n_2)$



Drawing method f-draw-2

Assume that Q has f(n) points.

- *h*: the highest half-grid line s.t. Q_L or Q_R has $g(n_1)$ points
- two cases depending on size of Q_R



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Drawing method f-draw-2

Assume that Q has f(n) points.

- *h*: the highest half-grid line s.t. Q_L or Q_R has $g(n_1)$ points
- Case 1: $|Q_R| < g(n_{2,1})$: Use $g(n_1) + g(n_{2,1}) + f(n_2) 1$ points



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- Case 2: $|Q_R| \ge g(n_{2,1}), k \ge n$
- Di Giacomo et al.: any tree of can be embedded on a diagonal point set with *n* points



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- Case 2: $|Q_R| \ge g(n_{2,1}), k < n$: $2g(n_1) + n + f(n_{2,2}) 1$ points



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Putting everything together:

- $f(n) \leq 2f(n_1) + g(n_2)$
- 2 $f(n) \leq 2g(n_1) + f(n_2)$
- **③** $g(n) ≤ f(n_1) + g(n_2)$
- $f(n) \le \max\{g(n_1) + g(n_{2,1}) + f(n_2), 2g(n_1) + f(n_{2,2}) + n\}$

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deg 3 perfect	n ^{1.585}	n ^{1.142}
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