## Linear-size Universal Point Sets for One-Bend Drawings

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Frati \& Patrignani (2008): If a rectangular section of the integer lattice is $n$-universal, it must contain at least $n^{2} / 9$ points.

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Open Problem: Find $n$-universal point sets of size $o\left(n^{2}\right)$.
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For example, every set of 4 points in the plane is 1-bend 4-universal, because $K_{4}$ embeds on every 4-element point set with 1-bend edges.

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Theorem (GD 2015). $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \exists S_{n} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{2}:\left|S_{n}\right| \leq 6 n$ such that every $n$-vertex planar graph admits a 1-bend embedding in which all vertices and bend points are mapped into $S_{n}$.

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Cardinal et al (2015): Every $n$-vertex planar graph admits a biarc diagram with at most $n-4$ biarcs for $n \geq 4$.
$\Rightarrow$ W.I.o.g. at least $n-1$ edges are below the spine.

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Proper arcs below the spine become straight-line edges. Biarcs become 1-bend edges. No edge crossings.

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OPEN: Are there $(n, \varrho)$-universal point set for $\varrho>\frac{1}{3}$ ?

Merci!


