## Visualisation of graphs

## Drawing series-parallel graphs

 Divide and conquer methods
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## Lemma.

The drawing produced by the algorithm is planar.

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Theorem.
Let G be a series-parallel graph. Then G (with
variable embedding) admits a drawing }\Gamma\mathrm{ that
\square is upward planar and
| a straight-line drawing
| with area in \mathcal{O}(\mp@subsup{n}{}{2})
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## Literature

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