## Visualisation of graphs

## Planar straight-line drawings Canonical order

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- Recognition: For a graph $G$ with $n$ vertices, there is an $\mathcal{O}(n)$ time algorithm to test if $G$ is planar. [Hopcroft \& Tarjan 1974]
- Also computes an embedding in $\mathcal{O}(n)$.


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■ Every 3-connected planar graph has an embedding with convex polygons as its faces (i.e., implies straight lines). [Tutte 1963: How to draw a graph]
■ Idea: Place vertices in the barycentre of neighbours.

- Drawback: Requires large grids.


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## Compute:

- either $\left\{v_{3}, v_{4}, \ldots v_{n}\right\}$ (adding vertices)
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■ out $\mathrm{V}\left(f_{p}\right)$, out $\mathrm{V}\left(f_{q+1}\right)$ increases by one
■ outV $\left(f_{i}^{\prime}\right)$ incrases by one, $p \leq i \leq q$
■ outE $\left(f_{i}\right)$ increases by one, $p \leq i \leq q+1$
- $f_{\text {out }}=$ current outerface
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forall $w \in P \cup N(P)$ do
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## Lemma.

Algorithm CanonicalOrder computes a canonical order of a plane graph in $\mathcal{O}(n)$ time.

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