## Visualisation of graphs

## Planar straight-line drawings Schnyder realiser

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How to get vertices on grid?

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Theorem and previous construction imply:

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This is ensured by construction via contraction operation.
(Bonus: Can construct all valid Schnyder realiser.)

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- How to get from Schnyder realiser to barycentric representation


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Proof is similar to before.. and thus an exercise.

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## Literature

■ [Sch90] Schnyder "Embedding planar graphs on the grid" 1990 - original paper on Schnyder realiser method

