## Visualisation of graphs

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Theorem and previous construction imply:

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(Bonus: Can construct all valid Schnyder realiser.)

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

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- To calculate all the coordinates, a constant number of tree traversals are enough - exercise.

Why do vertices land on a grid?


## Literature

- [PGD Ch. 4.3] for detailed explanation of shift method

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

