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## Beyond Outerplanarity



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- Edge density: $4.108 n \sqrt{k}$
[Pach, Tóth '97]
$\rightarrow 8.216 \sqrt{k}$-degenerate (via avg. degree)
- $O(\sqrt{k n})$ treewidth
[Dujmović, Eppstein, Wood '17] $\rightarrow \mathrm{sn} \in O(\sqrt{k n})$
- 1-planarity testing is NP-hard [Grigoriev, Bodlaender '07]
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[Fox, Pach, Suk '13]
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Comparing Classes:

- $k$-planar $\subset(k+1)$-quasi-planar:
$k>2$ [Angelini et al '17], $\quad k=2$ [Hoffmann, Tóth '17]


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What is the biggest line arrangment in the hyperbolic plane with $\leq n$ points at $\infty$ and without $k$ mutually crossing lines (Karzanov number $\leq k-1$ ) ? [Dress et al. 2002]

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Formally:

- variables: vertices, edges, sets of vertices, and sets of edges;
- binary relations: equality $(=)$, set membership $(\in)$, subset of a set ( $\subseteq$ ), and edge-vertex incidence ( $/$ );
- standard propositional logic operators: $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow$.
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\begin{aligned}
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## Outer $k$-planar graphs:

- tight bounds on degeneracy, and chromatic number.

Quasi-polynomial time recognition via balanced separators, closed drawings testable in linear time.

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