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Beyond Outerplanarity







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k-planar graphs – introduced by Ringel '65.

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

k-quasi-planar graphs

• Edge density: $(n \log n) 2^{\alpha(n)^{c_k}}$ Conjectured to be $c_k n$

[Fox, Pach, Suk '13] [Pach et al '96]

Comparing Classes:

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

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Cor: Outer k-planarity $\rightarrow (\lfloor \sqrt{4k+1} \rfloor + 2)$ -colorable (tight).

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What is the biggest line arrangment in the hyperbolic plane with $\leq n$ points at ∞ 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 (∈), subset of a set (⊆), and edge–vertex incidence (I);
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