Non-aligned drawings of planar graphs

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[Biedl et al. '99] If *G* is 4-connected, and *e* is an edge of the outerface, then G - e has a planar non-aligned RI-drawing on an $n \times n$ grid.

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each v_k : predecessors forming an interval on the outerface of G_{k-1} c_ℓ : left-most predecessor



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