Clustered planarity testing revisited

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In a **drawing** the following situations are forbidden:



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a different algorithm: Gutwenger, Mutzel and Schaefer (2014)

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- generalization: weak Hanani–Tutte for strip planarity (Fulek, 2014)

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Sketch of the proof

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Are there other counterexamples???

