

Discrete groups, highly symmetrical maps and 2-dimensional orbifolds

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Why a classification of discrete groups is of interest?

Two examples:

Problems of type A are equivalent to the classification of discrete groups of genus g of a restricted orbifold type.

Problems of type B require to determine g -admissible cyclic actions. But it is not enough!

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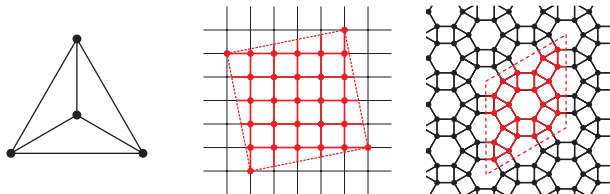
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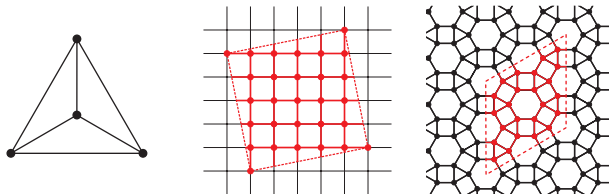
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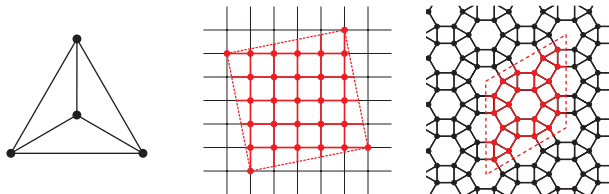
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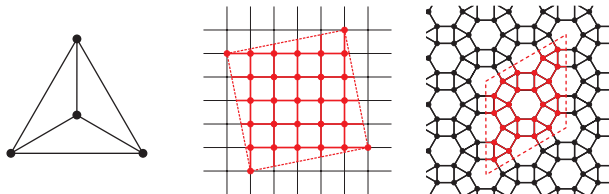
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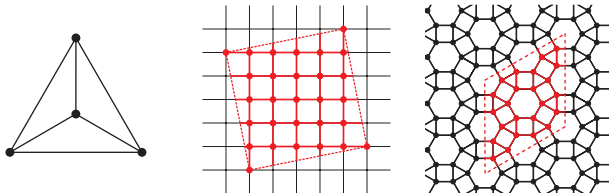
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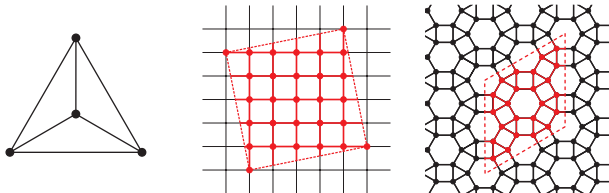
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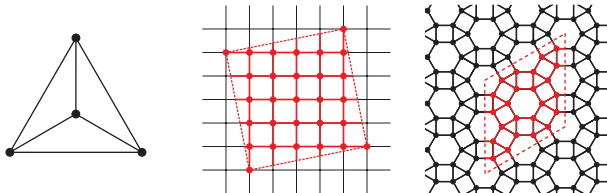
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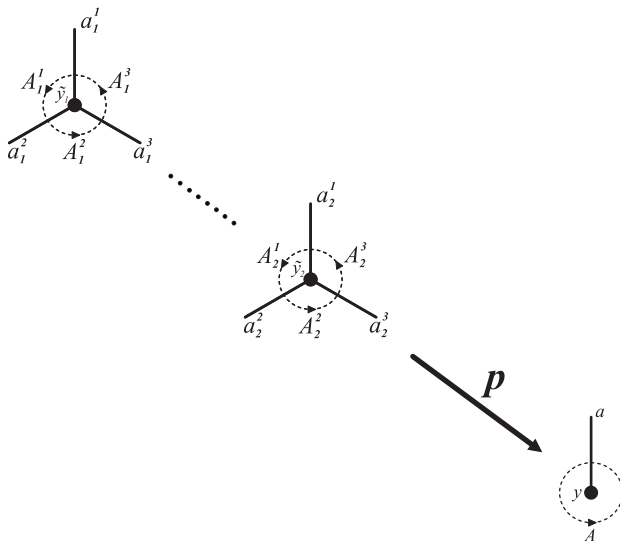
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3	$(1; \{3\})$	—	12	$(0; \{6, 6, 2\})$	$C_6 \times C_2$
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5	$(0; \{5, 5, 5\})$	C_5	20	$(0; \{5, 5, 2\})$	—
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8	$(0; \{4, 2, 2, 2\})$	D_8	30	$(0; \{10, 3, 2\})$	—
8	$(0; \{4, 4, 4\})$	Q_8	36	$(0; \{9, 3, 2\})$	—
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9	$(0; \{9, 3, 3\})$	—	48	$(0; \{8, 3, 2\})$	$GL(2, 3)$
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How to determine a discrete action?

A presentation of G :

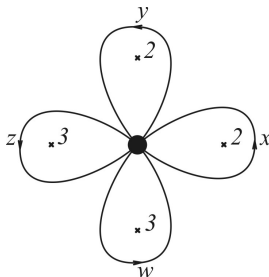
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The "dots" make the group finite!!! Then action is then determined by the canonical Cayley map.

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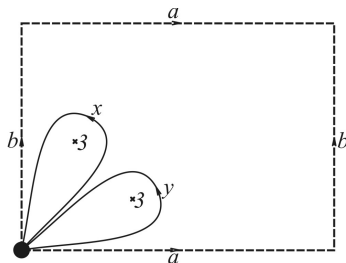
- ④ canonical quotient map \bar{M} is a bouquet of r loops,
- ② every loop is the boundary of a face containing exactly one branch point with respective branch index m_i ,
- ③ outer face of the map is an r -gon containing no branch point.

$$\mathcal{O}(0; \{2, 2, 3, 3\})$$



$$\langle x, y, z, w \mid x^2 = y^2 = z^3 = w^3 = xyzw = 1 \rangle$$

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$$\langle x, y, a, b \mid x^3 = y^3 = [a, b]xy = 1 \rangle$$

Fundamental domain and dual of Cayley map

- 1 In general we do not need to describe the action through the canonical base map, but then we need to change the presentation or to compute the voltages in the generators used in presentation,
- 2 There are infinitely many one-vertex maps on a prescribed orbifold $\mathcal{O}(\gamma; \{m_0, m_1, m_2 \dots, m_n\})$, one needs to assume at least non-degeneracy, then the valency of the quotient is bounded by a function of g .
- 3 All these describe the same action of G on S_g .

Step 2: Determining G for given g -admissible signature and $|G|$

- 1 $|F : K| = |G|$, F is the Fuchsian group of given signature,
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Maximal actions – continued

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20	228	$(0, \{6, 6, 2\})$	24	$C_2 \times ((C_{19} : C_3) : C_2)$
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22	1008	$(0, \{8, 3, 2\})$	4	$(C_3 \times PSL(3, 2)) : C_2$
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A sample of classification: small discrete groups

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2	$(0, \{2^6\})$	1		6	$(1, \{2^{10}\})$	4	
3	$(2, \{\})$	15		6	$(0, \{2^{14}\})$	1	
3	$(1, \{2^4\})$	4		7	$(4, \{\})$	255	
3	$(0, \{2^8\})$	1		7	$(3, \{2^4\})$	64	
3	$(0, \{4^2, 2^2\})$			7	$(2, \{2^8\})$	16	
4	$(2, \{2^2\})$	16		7	$(1, \{2^{12}\})$	4	
4	$(1, \{2^6\})$	4		7	$(0, \{2^{16}\})$	1	
4	$(0, \{2^{10}\})$	1		7	$(1, \{2^3\})$		
5	$(3, \{\})$	63		7	$(1, \{4^2\})$		
5	$(2, \{2^4\})$	16	120	7	$(0, \{4^2, 2^4\})$		192
5	$(1, \{2^8\})$	4		7	$(0, \{4^4, 2\})$		320
5	$(0, \{2^{12}\})$	1		7			176
5	$(1, \{2^2\})$			8	$(4, \{2^2\})$	256	176
5	$(0, \{4^2, 2^3\})$			8	$(3, \{2^6\})$	64	
5	$(0, \{4^4\})$			8	$(2, \{2^{10}\})$	16	
6	$(3, \{2^2\})$	64		8	$(1, \{2^{14}\})$	4	
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Reconstruction of maps by voltage assignments

By a T -reduced voltage assignment on N we mean a mapping $\xi : V \cup D \rightarrow G$ taking values in a group G satisfying the following conditions:

- ① all darts on the rooted spanning tree (T, x_0) receive trivial voltages,
- ② $\xi_{xL} = \xi_x^{-1}$ for all $x \in D$,
- ③ $G = \langle \{\xi_x : x \in D \cup V\} \rangle$.

The derived map $M = N^\xi = (D^\xi; R^\xi, L^\xi)$ is defined as follows. Then $D^\xi = D \times G$ and

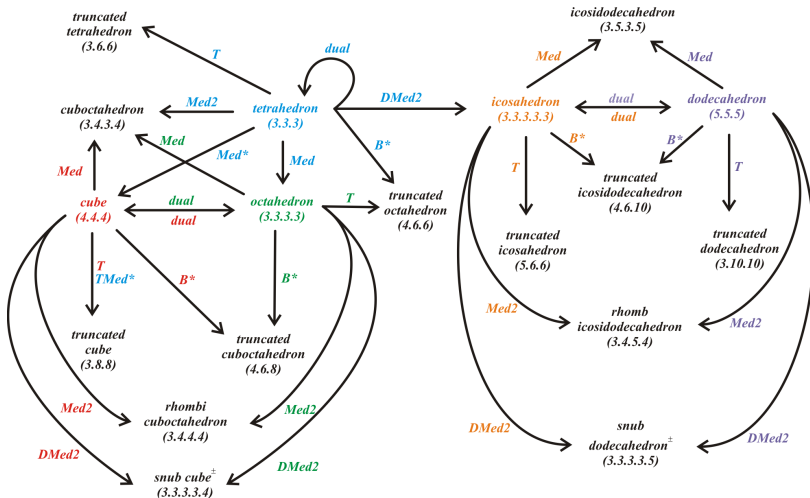
$$(x, g)R^\xi = \begin{cases} (xR, g \cdot \xi_v), & x \in D^+(T) \cup \{x_0\}, \\ (xR, g), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
$$(x, g)L^\xi = (xL, g \cdot \xi_x)$$

If $\xi|_V = id$, then N^ξ coincides with the classic construction by Gross & Tucker (1987).

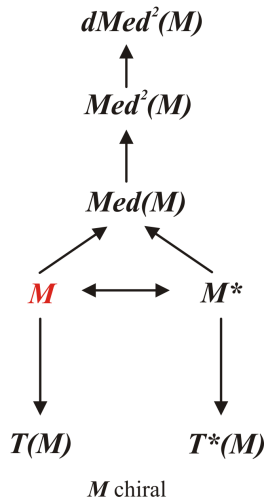
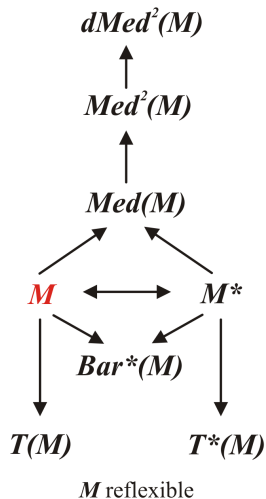
Classification of particular families of vertex- or edge-transitive maps

- ① Regular maps and hypermaps - actions of type $(0; k, m, n)$, Conder for genus $g \leq 101$, some infinite families $\chi = -2p$,
- ② V.T. polyhedral maps up to genus 4, K+N, Math. Comp. 2012,
- ③ edge-transitive maps up to genus 4, Orbanic, Pisanski, ... 2011
- ④ using the Conder's lists of g -admissible actions of types $(0; k, m, l)$, $(0; k, m, n, l)$, $(1; k)$ and $(1; k, m)$ we get the edge-transitive maps up to genus 100, more in the following talk by J.K.,
- ⑤ v-t maps of type $(0; k, m, 2)$

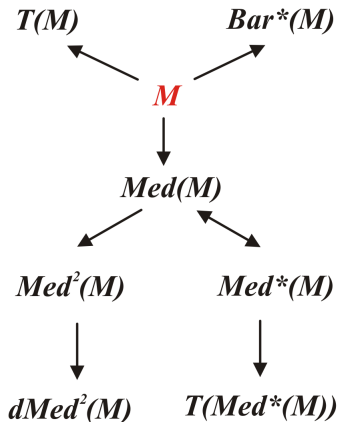
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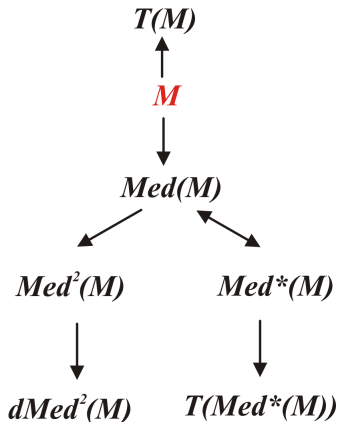
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PROBLEM B: Back to map enumeration - Dictionary:

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WHY ROOTED MAPS? WHY LABELLED MAPS?

!!! **Action of $G(M)$ is semiregular** !!!

Mednykh's lemma: From subgroups to conjugacy classes

RECALL the dictionary: ISOCLASS of (OR)MAPS = **conjugacy class of subgroups** in the universal group

Theorem (Mednykh)

Let Γ be a finitely generated group. Let \mathcal{P} be a set of subgroups of Γ closed under conjugation. Then the number of conjugacy classes of subgroups of index n in \mathcal{P} is given by the formula

$$N_{\Gamma}^{\mathcal{P}}(n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\substack{\ell|n \\ \ell m=n}} \sum_{\substack{K < \Gamma \\ [\Gamma:K]=m}} \text{Epi}_{\mathcal{P}}(K, Z_{\ell}).$$

$\text{Epi}_{\mathcal{P}}(K, Z_{\ell})$ - number of order preserving epimorphisms $\Gamma \rightarrow Z_{\ell}$ s. t. the kernel $\in \mathcal{P}$.

Mednykh Lemma for $\Gamma = \Delta(\infty, \infty, 2) \cong Z * Z_2$

$$\Theta_g(e) = \frac{1}{2e} \sum_{\ell|e} \sum_{\substack{O \in \text{Orb}(S_g/Z_\ell) \\ O=[g; 2^{q_2}, 3^{q_3}, \dots, \ell^{q_\ell}]}} \text{Epi}_0(\pi_1(O), Z_\ell) \cdot \mu_O(m).$$

The number $\text{Epi}_0(\pi_1(O), Z_\ell)$ enumerates cyclic actions on S_g ,
the number $\mu_O(m)$ enumerates the number of rooted maps on the quotient orbifold $O = S_g/Z_\ell$ with m darts.

Counting Rooted Ormaps (subgroups of given index) on closed orientable orbifolds

PROPOSITION M+N: Let $O = O[g; 2^{q_2}, \dots, \ell^{q_\ell}]$ be an orbifold, $q_i \geq 0$ for $i = 2, \dots, \ell$. Then the number of rooted maps $\nu_O(m)$ with m darts on the orbifold O is

$$\nu_O(m) = \sum_{s=0}^{q_2} \binom{m}{s} \binom{\frac{m-s}{2} + 2 - 2g}{q_2 - s, q_3, \dots, q_\ell} \mathcal{N}_g((m-s)/2),$$

with a convention that $\mathcal{N}_g(n) = 0$ if n is not an integer,
 $\mathcal{N}_g(n)$ is the number of ordinary maps of genus g with n edges.

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