# External symmetries of regular and orientably regular maps 

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G=\left\langle a, b, c ; a^{2}=b^{2}=c^{2}=(b c)^{2}=(c a)^{d}=(a b)^{d}=\ldots=1\right\rangle,
$$

what can be said about the group $\operatorname{Ext}(M)=\left\langle D, P, E_{j}\left(j \in Z_{d}^{*}\right)\right\rangle$ ?
Here is a taster:
Theorem. [Conder, Kwon, Š., in prep.] Let $\delta$ be the number of distinct prime factors of $n$. The group $\operatorname{Ext}\left(M_{n}\right)$ of the Archdeacon-Conder-S kaleidoscopic regular map of degree $d=2 n$ with trinity symmetry has order $6(\varphi(2 n))^{3} / 2^{\alpha}$ where $\alpha$ is equal to $\delta+2, \delta+1$, and $\delta$, depending on whether $n \equiv 0 \bmod 8, n \equiv 4 \bmod 8$, and $n \equiv 2 \bmod 4$ or $n$ is odd. Moreover, $\operatorname{Ext}\left(M_{n}\right) \cong F_{n} \rtimes\langle D, P\rangle$ where $F_{n}$ is a quotient of $\left(Z_{2 n}^{*}\right)^{3}$.

Question. Is the order of $\operatorname{Ext}(M)$ bounded by a function of $d$ ? NO.

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