# Bijection for higher-genus maps, rationality of their generating function. 

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## Maps



A rooted map on the 1-torus.


Not a map

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Blossoming maps:

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- in higher genus: Despres Gonçalves Leveque 17, Bernardi Chapuy 11...


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## The radial map



A classical representation of a toroidal map

## The radial map



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The radial construction

## Proposition

There is a bijection between:

- general maps of genus $g$ with $n$ edges, and
- 4-valent bicolorable maps of genus $g$ with $n$ vertices.


## Bicolorable orientations



A 4-valent map with an Eulerian orientation

## Definition

Eulerian map: all vertices have even degree
Eulerian orientation: all vertices have equal out- and in-degrees

## Bicolorable orientations



This orientation has no clockwise face...
Theorem
An Eulerian map has a unique Eulerian orientation with no clockwise face.

## Bicolorable orientations


... It is the dual-geodesic orientation

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A 4-valent bicolorable toroidal map along with its dual-geodesic orientation

## Definition

Bicolorable orientation: any dual cycle has as many edges going to the left and to the right.

## Bicolorable orientations

Theorem (Propp 93)
The set of bicolorable orientations of a fixed map with face-flip (except for the root-face) as a cover relation forms a distributive lattice. Its minimum is the dual-geodesic orientation.


## Corollary

The dual-geodesic orientation is the unique bicolorable orientation with no clockwise face.

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## Opening a 4-valent planar map [Schaeffer 97]



A 4-valent (Eulerian) planar map with its dual-geodesic orientation

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## Theorem (Schaeffer 97)

The opening algorithm is a bijection between 4-valent maps and well-rooted Eulerian 4-valent blossoming trees.

## Opening a 4-valent bicolorable map



A 4-valent bicolorable map with dual-geodesic orientation

## Opening a 4-valent bicolorable map



We apply the opening algorithm...

## Opening a 4-valent bicolorable map



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## Theorem (L.)

The opening algorithm is a bijection between bicolorable 4-valent map and (so-called) well-rooted well-oriented well-labeled 4-valent unicellular maps.

## Closing an Eulerian 4-valent blossoming tree



A 4-valent Eulerian rooted tree

## Closing an Eulerian 4-valent blossoming tree



The root is reversed

## Closing an Eulerian 4-valent blossoming tree



A bud and a leaf following one another are matched

## Closing an Eulerian 4-valent blossoming tree



This is repeated until no such pair exists

## Closing an Eulerian 4-valent blossoming tree



In the end the 2 remaining leaves are merged

## Closing an Eulerian 4-valent blossoming tree



We obtain a map

## Closing an Eulerian 4-valent blossoming tree



## Theorem (Schaeffer 97)

The closing algorithm is the inverse bijection of the opening algorithm.

## Closing a well-rooted well-labeled well-oriented 4-valent unicellular blossoming map



A special map (cf. the never-ending title)

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We again obtain a map, with its dual-geodesic orientation

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## Well-rooted is an inconveniently global condition



## Theorem (Schaeffer 97 for $g=0, L$ for $g>0$ )

For a fixed interior map $m$ with $n$ leaves, there is a 2-to- $(n+1)$ map from

- well-rooted well-labeled well-oriented 4-regular unicellular map with interior map m, to
- rooted well-labeled well-oriented 4-regular unicellular map with interior map $m$ (which has $n$ leaves).


## The structure of unicellular maps



The schemes of genus 1

## Pruning the map



The opened map contains treelike parts

## Pruning the map



These treelike parts are removed

## Rerooting on the scheme



The pruned map...

## Rerooting on the scheme



## Replace branches by decorated Motzkin paths



There are 6 type of vertices of interior degree 2, each of which can be represented by a decorated Motzkin step

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#### Abstract

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The generating series of Motzkin paths from height $i$ to $j$ is: $B \cdot D^{|i-j|}$.
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Proof (rough sketch).
We rewrite the expression of $R^{s}(z)$ as a sum over partial permutations. An inclusion-exclusion argument allows to prove the symmetry.

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Lemma (Chapuy Marcus Schaeffer 09)
A series is rational in $z$ if and only if it is rational and symmetric in $D$.
A series $F$ in $D$ is symmetric in $D$ if $F\left(D^{-1}\right)=F(D)$.

## Let's put everything together

We derive from the previous work that the generating series $M^{s}(t)$ of all maps (counted by number of edges) with a given (unlabeled) scheme $s$ is:

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M^{s}(t)=\frac{2 t^{2 g-2}}{2 g-v_{4}(s)} \cdot T(t) \cdot R^{s}(T(t))
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The generating series $M^{5}(t)$ is a rational function of $T(t)$.
Since the set of unlabeled schemes $\mathcal{S}_{g}$ is finite for any fixed $g$, it implies that $M_{g}(t)=\sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}_{g}} M^{s}(t)$ is rational in $T(t)$, and proves our main theorem.

Theorem (Tutte 60's for $g=0$, Bender Canfield 91 for $g>0$ )
For any $g$, the generating series $M_{g}(t)$ is a rational function of $T(t)$.

## The end

## Thanks for your attention!

## Obtaining an equation for a given scheme

$$
R^{\prime}=\prod_{\left(v_{i}, v_{j}\right) \in E_{l}} B \cdot D^{\left|h_{i}-h_{j}\right|}
$$

- I is a labeled scheme
- $E_{l}$ is the set of its edges
- $h_{i}$ is the label of vertex $v_{i}$.


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- $s$ is an unlabeled scheme.
- Labels are defined up to translation, so we decide to force the minimal label to be 0 .


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\end{aligned}
$$

- $\emptyset=S_{0} \varsubsetneqq S_{1} \varsubsetneqq \cdots \nsubseteq S_{k}=V_{s}$ is the ordered partition corresponding to the ordering of labels.
- Cut $(S)$ is the number of edges going from $S$ to $\bar{S}$.


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- $\Phi(S)=\frac{D^{C u t(S)}}{1-D^{C u t(S)}}$.


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& =B^{\left|E_{l}\right|} \cdot \sum_{\pi} \prod_{i=1}^{k-1} \Phi\left(S_{i}\right)
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- The ordered partition is called $\pi$ instead of $S_{0} \nsubseteq S_{1} \varsubsetneqq \cdots \nsubseteq S_{k}$.


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- $B$ is antisymmetric.
- $\overline{\Phi(S)}=-(1+\Phi(S))$.


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- $\mu<\pi$ means that $\pi$ refines $\mu$ as an ordered partition.
- We apply the inclusion-exclusion principle.


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\end{aligned}
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- We swap the two sumations.


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## Proof.



The two possible case for the first step of an offset cycle

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With an offset graph:

$$
R^{s}=B^{\left|E_{l}\right|} \cdot \sum_{S_{0} \nsubseteq S_{1} \nsubseteq \cdots \not S_{k}}\left(\prod_{i=1}^{k-1} \Phi\left(S_{i}\right)\right) \cdot D^{n_{t}+n_{\mathrm{a}}-n_{i}} .
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We need to prove the following lemma:

## Lemma (L.)

$$
\sum_{\pi^{-1}<\rho}\left((-1)^{k(\rho)-1} \cdot U^{-n_{t}(\rho)-n_{a}(\rho)+n_{i}(\rho)}\right)=(-1)^{\left|E_{s}\right|} \cdot D^{n_{t}(\pi)+n_{a}(\pi)-n_{i}(\pi)}
$$

