Associating Finite Groups with Dessins d'Enfants

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The Automorphisms of The Sphere

Definition

The real sphere of radius r is the surface

$$S^{2}(\mathbb{R}) = \left\{ (u, v, w) \in \mathbb{R}^{3} \left| u^{2} + v^{2} + w^{2} = r^{2} \right\} \right\}$$

What are the automorphisms of the sphere?

- Dilations / Contractions?
- 2 Translations?
- Solution Rotations?

We are only concerned with the **rigid rotations** of the **unit** sphere, that is, r = 1.



The Sphere as The Extended Complex Plane

Through stereographic projection, we can establish a bijection between the unit sphere $S^2(\mathbb{R})$ and the extended complex plane $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$.



Definition

Define the stereographic projection from the unit sphere $S^2(\mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{\sigma} \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$:

$$S^{2}(\mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{P}^{1}(\mathbb{C})$$

$$(u, v, w) \mapsto \frac{u + i v}{1 - w}$$

$$\left(\frac{2x}{x^{2} + y^{2} + 1}, \frac{2y}{x^{2} + y^{2} + 1}, \frac{x^{2} + y^{2} - 1}{x^{2} + y^{2} + 1}\right) \leftrightarrow x + i y$$

Automorphisms of The Sphere via Möbius Transformations

Definition

A Möbius Transformation of the extended complex plane $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$ is a rational function of the form

$$f(z) = \frac{a\,z+b}{c\,z+d}$$

of one complex variable z with a, b, c, and d complex numbers satisfying $a d - b c \neq 0$. We denote the collection of such transformations by Aut($\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$).

- The set $Aut(\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}))$ is a group under composition which maps $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$ to $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$.
- Any point (u, v, w) on the unit sphere corresponds to a complex number z = x + i y, there is a one-to-one correspondence with rigid rotations of the sphere and Möbius transformations.

Automorphism of The Sphere via Möbius Transformation

Theorem

Let $SO_3(\mathbb{R})$ denote the group of rigid rotations $S^2(\mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{\gamma} S^2(\mathbb{R})$ of the unit sphere, and let $\operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}))$ denote the group of Möbius transformations $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$. Then stereographic projection $S^2(\mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{\sigma} \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$ induces a bijection:

 $SO_3(\mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}))$

 $\begin{array}{lll} \text{Sphere} & \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\} \\ S^2(\mathbb{R}) & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \\ \downarrow \gamma & & \downarrow f \\ S^2(\mathbb{R}) & \xleftarrow{\sigma^{-1}} & \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \end{array}$

Examples

- Fix an angle θ. For z ∈ P¹(C) = C ∪ {∞}, the function f(z) = e^{iθ}z is a Möbius transformation. Geometrically, this function represents a rotation along the w-axis via an angle θ
- **2** When $\theta = \frac{2\pi}{n}$ we rotate by a fraction of 2π . The Möbius transformation is $f(z) = \zeta_n z$, where $\zeta_n = e^{2\pi i/n}$ is an *n*th root of unity.
- Similarly, the function f(z) = 1/z is also a Möbius transformation. Geometrically, this function represents a flip along the *v*-axis.



Finite Automorphism Groups of The Sphere

Proposition (Felix Klein)

The following groups are finite subgroups of $Aut(\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}))$:

$$Z_{n} = \langle r | r^{n} = 1 \rangle : \qquad r(z) = \zeta_{n} z$$

$$D_{n} = \langle r, s | s^{2} = r^{n} = (sr)^{2} = 1 \rangle : \qquad r(z) = \zeta_{n} z \qquad s(z) = \frac{1}{z}$$

$$A_{4} = \langle r, s | s^{2} = r^{3} = (sr)^{3} = 1 \rangle : \qquad r(z) = \frac{z + 2\zeta_{3}}{z - \zeta_{3}} \qquad s(z) = \frac{z + 2}{z - 1}$$

$$S_{4} = \langle r, s | s^{2} = r^{3} = (sr)^{4} = 1 \rangle : \qquad r(z) = \frac{z + \zeta_{4}}{z - \zeta_{4}} \qquad s(z) = \frac{z + 1}{z - 1}$$

$$A_{5} = \langle r, s | s^{2} = r^{3} = (sr)^{5} = 1 \rangle : \qquad r(z) = \frac{\varphi - \zeta_{5}^{3} z}{\varphi \zeta_{5}^{3} z + 1} \qquad s(z) = \frac{\varphi - z}{\varphi z + 1}$$

where $\zeta_n = e^{2\pi i/n}$ is a root of unity, and $\varphi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ is the golden ratio. Conversely, if G is a finite subgroup of Aut($\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$), then G is isomorphic to one of the five types of groups above.

What Are The Solids Invariant Under The Finite Automorphism Groups ?

Definition

- A Platonic solid is a regular, convex polyhedron. Its faces are congruent, regular polygons, with the same number of faces meeting at each vertex. They are named after Plato (424 BC 348 BC). There are 5 solids with these criteria.
- An Archimedean solid is a highly symmetric, semi-regular convex polyhedron composed of two or more types of regular polygons meeting in identical vertices. Discovered by Johannes Kepler (1571 1630) in 1620, they are named after Archimedes (287 BC 212 BC). There are 13 Archimedean solids.
- A Catalan solid is a dual of an Archimedean solid. They are named after Eugéne Catalan (1814 – 1894) who discovered them in 1865. There are 13 Catalan solids.
- A Johnson solid is a strictly convex polyhedron, each face of which is a regular polygon. They are named after Norman Johnson (1930 -) who discovered them in 1966. There are 92 Johnson solids.

Solids Invariant: The Platonic Solids



Rotation Groups

$$A_{4} = \langle r, s | s^{2} = r^{3} = (sr)^{3} = 1 \rangle$$

$$A_{5} = \langle r, s | s^{2} = r^{3} = (sr)^{5} = 1 \rangle$$

$$S_{4} = \langle r, s | s^{2} = r^{3} = (sr)^{4} = 1 \rangle$$

Tetrahedron Icosahedron/ Dodecahedron Octahedron/Cube

Solids Invariant: The Archimedean/Catalan Solids



$$\begin{array}{l} A_4 = \langle r, s | s^2 = r^3 = (sr)^3 = 1 \rangle \\ S_4 = \langle r, s | s^2 = r^3 = (sr)^4 = 1 \rangle \\ A_5 = \langle r, s | s^2 = r^3 = (sr)^5 = 1 \rangle \end{array}$$

- The Truncated Tetrahedron is the only Archimedean solid associated with A₄. The Triakis Tetrahedron is the only Catalan Solid associated with A₄.
- **②** They are 6 Archimedean solids and 6 Catalan solids associated with the rotations group S_4 .
- **③** They are 6 Archimedean solids and 6 Catalan solids associated with the rotations group A_5 .

Solids Invariant: The Johnson Solids



Ill 92 Johnson solids have either Cyclic symmetry or Dihedral symmetry.

- Pamilies of solids with cyclic symmetry: Pyramids/Wheels, Rotundas, Cupolas, Elongated Pyramid, Gyroelongated Pyramid.
- Samilies of solids with dihedral symmetry: Elongated Bypyramids, Truncated Bipyramids, Gyroelongated Bipyramids, Birotundas, Bicupolas, Truncated Trapezohedron, Dipoles/Hosohedron.

There are some Johnson solids that do not fit into the aforementioned families of solids.

CAN WE EMBED THESE SOLIDS IN THE RIEMANN SPHERE?

Belyĭ Maps

Definition

Fix a finite subgroup $G \subseteq \operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}))$. A Belyĭ map $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \xrightarrow{\beta} \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$ associated to G is a function satisfying the following:

- It is a rational function, ie $\beta(z) = p(z)/q(z)$ for two relatively prime polynomials p(z) and q(z).
- 2 It has at most three critical values, which lie within $\{0, 1, \infty\}$:

$$\left\{ w \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \ \left| \begin{array}{c} w = \beta(z_0) \text{ for some } z_0 \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \\ \text{ such that } \beta'(z_0) = 0 \end{array} \right\} \subseteq \{0, 1, \infty\}.$$

3 The function is invariant precisely under *G*-action:

$$\left\{\gamma \in \operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})) \mid \beta(\gamma(z)) = \beta(z)\right\} = G.$$

Definition

Given a Belyĭ map $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \xrightarrow{\beta} \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$, a Dessin d'Enfants Δ_β is a connected, bipartite, planar graph with the following properties.

- The "black" vertices are $B = \beta^{-1}(0)$.
- 2 The "white" vertices are $W = \beta^{-1}(1)$.

3 The edges are
$$E = \beta^{-1}([0, 1])$$
.

④ The midpoints of the faces are $F = \beta^{-1}(\infty)$.

Remark: The phrase "Dessins d'Enfants" originated from Alexander Grothendieck. He viewed this construction as simple as "Children's Drawings." The graph Δ_{β} has symmetry reflected by G.

Example

Dessin for the Belyĭ function $\beta(z) = z^5$



#Vertices = 6 #Edges = 5 #Faces = 1

Can The Platonic, Archimidean, And Catalan Solids Be Realized As Dessins d'Enfants ?

Solids As Dessins: Rotation Group A_4



- Tetrahedron
- Platonic Solid

•
$$\beta(z) = -\frac{64z^3(z^3-1)^3}{(8z^3+1)^3}$$



- Truncated Tetrahedron
- Archimedean Solid

•
$$\beta(z) = \frac{(1 - 232z^3 + 960z^6 - 256z^9 + 256z^{12})^3}{1728z^3(z^3 - 1)^3(8z^3 + 1)^6}$$



- Triakis Tetrahedron
- Catalan Solid • $\beta(z) = \frac{1728z^3(z^3-1)^3(8z^3+1)^6}{(1-232z^3+960z^6-256z^9+256z^{12})^3}$

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Solids As Dessins: Rotation Group S_4



- Cube
- Platonic Solid

•
$$\beta(z) = \frac{(1+14z^4+z^8)^3}{108z^4(-1+z^4)^4}$$





- Truncated Octahedron
- Archimedean Solid • $\beta(z) = \frac{(1 - 390z^4 + 2319z^8 + 236z^{12} + 2319z^{16} - 390z^{20} + z^{24})^3}{2916z^4(-1 + z^4)^4(1 + 14z^4 + z^8)^6}$
- Tetrakis Hexahedron
- Catalan Solid • $\beta(z) = \frac{2916z^4(-1+z^4)^4(1+14z^4+z^8)^6}{(1-390z^4+2319z^8+236z^{12}+2319z^{16}-390z^{20}+z^{24})^3}$

Solids As Dessins: Rotation Group A_5







- Dodecahedron
- Platonic Solid • $\beta(z) = \frac{(1 - 228z^5 + 494z^{10} + 228z^{15} + z^{20})^3}{1728z^5(-1 - 11z^5 + z^{10})^5}$
- Truncated Dodecahedron
- Archimedean Solid • $\beta(z) = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 1-252z^5+181194z^{10}-12006900z^{15}+83115375z^{20}\\-100628424z^{25}+25004828z^{30}+100628424z^{35}\\+83115375z^{40}+12006900z^{45}+181194z^{50}+252z^{55}+z^{60} \end{pmatrix}^3}{1259712z^{10}(-1-11z^5+z^{10})^{10}(1-228z^5+494z^{10}+228z^{15}+z^{20})^3}$
- Triakis Icosahedron
- Catalan Solid • $\beta(z) = \frac{1259712z^{10}(-1-11z^5+z^{10})^{10}(1-228z^5+494z^{10}+228z^{15}+z^{20})^3}{\begin{pmatrix} 1-252z^5+181194z^{10}-12006900z^{15}+83115375z^{20}\\ -100628424z^{25}+25004828z^{30}+100628424z^{35}\\ +83115375z^{40}+12006900z^{45}+181194z^{50}+252z^{55}+z^{60} \end{pmatrix}^3}$

How Did We Find Such Belyĭ Maps ?

Proposition (Felix Klein, 1875)

Let Γ denote the vertices of a Platonic solid. Then there exists a Belyĭ map $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \xrightarrow{\beta} \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$ such that $\Gamma \simeq \Delta_\beta$ is the Dessin d'Enfants of β .

$$\begin{split} \beta_{\text{tetrahedron}}(z) &= \frac{64(z^3 - 1)^3}{z^3(z^3 + 8)^3} \\ \beta_{\text{cube}}(z) &= \frac{(1 + 14z^4 + z^8)^3}{108z^4(-1 + z^4)^4} \\ \beta_{\text{octahedron}}(z) &= \frac{1}{\beta_{\text{cube}}(z)} \\ \beta_{\text{dodecahedron}}(z) &= \frac{(1 - 228z^5 + 494z^{10} + 228z^{15} + z^{20})^3}{1728z^5(-1 - 11z^5 + z^{10})^5} \\ \beta_{\text{icosahedron}}(z) &= \frac{1}{\beta_{\text{dodecahedron}}(z)} \end{split}$$

Klein's Approach

- Embed the vertices of a Platonic solid in the unit sphere, then use Stereographic Projection to write them as complex numbers.
- ② Find a homogeneous polynomial which vanishes at these vertices.
- **③** Use Invariant Theory to list three more polynomials c_4 , c_6 , and Δ with a syzygy among them.
- Oefine the Belyĭ map as:

$$\beta(z) = \frac{c_4(z)^3 - c_6(z)^2}{c_4(z)^3}$$

Belyĭ maps: Tetrahedron Example

• Let $B = \{P_{\infty}, P_0, P_1, P_2\} \subseteq S^2(\mathbb{R})$ denote the four vertices of a **tetrahedron** embedded into the Riemann sphere. Explicitly:

$$P_{\infty} = (0, 0, 1)$$
$$P_{k} = \left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}\cos\frac{2\pi k}{3}, \ \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}\sin\frac{2\pi k}{3}, \ -\frac{1}{3}\right) \quad k = 0, 1, 2.$$

Mapping them through σ , we obtain images of four points in $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$.

$$\sigma(B) = \{\infty, \ \zeta_3, \ \zeta_3^2, \ 1\},\$$

• A homogeneous polynomial which vanishes on the vertices $\sigma(B)\subseteq \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$ is given by,

$$\delta(\tau_1, \tau_0) = 3\tau_0(\tau_1^3 - \tau_0^3).$$

Example

• Using Invariant Theory, we list three more homogeneous polynomials

$$c_4(\tau_1, \tau_0) = (\text{constant}) \cdot Hess(\delta)(\tau_1, \tau_0) = 9\tau_1(\tau_1^3 + 8\tau_0^3)$$

$$c_6(\tau_1, \tau_0) = (\text{constant}) \cdot Cov(\delta, c_4)(\tau_1, \tau_0) = 27(\tau_1^6 - 20\tau_1^3\tau_0^3 - 8\tau_0^6)$$

$$\Delta(\tau_1, \tau_0) = \delta(\tau_1, \tau_0)^3 = 27\tau_0^3(\tau_1^3 - \tau_0^3)^3$$

Where

$$Hess(\delta)(\tau_1, \tau_0) = \frac{\partial^2 \delta}{\partial \tau_1^2} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \delta}{\partial \tau_0^2} - \left(\frac{\partial^2 \delta}{\partial \tau_1 \partial \tau_0}\right)^2$$
$$Cov(\delta, c_4) = \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial \tau_1} \cdot \frac{\partial c_4}{\partial \tau_0} - \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial \tau_1} \cdot \frac{\partial c_4}{\partial \tau_0}$$

The syzygy relation among the three polynomials:

$$c_4(\tau_1,\tau_0)^3 - c_6(\tau_1,\tau_0)^2 = 1728 \ \Delta(\tau_1,\tau_0)$$

Example

• The Belyĭ map for the Tetrahedron is

$$\beta(z) = \frac{c_4(\tau_1, \tau_0)^3 - c_6(\tau_1, \tau_0)^2}{c_4(\tau_1, \tau_0)^3} = \frac{64(z^3 - 1)^3}{z^3(z^3 + 8)^3} \quad \text{where} \quad z = \frac{\tau_1}{\tau_0}$$





Proposition

The 13 Archimedean Solids and the 13 Catalan Solids can be derived from the 5 Platonic solids by 7 geometric operations:

- Truncation
- Bitruncation

- Rectification
- Birectification
- Snubification

- Rhombification
- Rhombitruncation

Proposition (N. Magot and A. Zvonkin, 2001)

These seven operations can be algebraically recognized as Belyı̆ maps $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \xrightarrow{\phi} \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$. In particular, all of the Archimedean and Catalan solids can be realized as Dessins d'Enfants.

- **①** Truncation: a face in place of each vertex (vertices \rightarrow faces)
- **2 Rectification**: truncation at the midpoints of all edges (edges \rightarrow vertices)
- **3** Birectification: faces \leftrightarrow vertices
- **Bitruncation**: truncation after birectification
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- **O** Rhombification: a rectification after rectification
- Snubification: "alternation" after truncation. ("Alternating" is the process of removing opposites vertices.

Geometric Operations: Examples



Geometric Operations: Examples

• **Rhombification**: Cuboctahedron \rightarrow Rhombicuboctahedron





• Snubification: Cube \rightarrow Snub Cube





Belyĭ Maps: Archimedean and Catalan Solids

Approach (N. Magot and A. Zvonkin, 2001)

Determine the hypermap corresponding to a given geometric operation.

2 Deduce the Belyĭ map of this operation.

Ompose this new function with a Platonic solid's Belyĭ map to get an Archimedean solid's Belyĭ map.

The Belyĭ map of a Catalan solid is the reciprocal of the corresponding Archimedean solid's Belyĭ map.

Example

- Hypermap of Truncation
- Orresponding Belyi map

$$\phi_{\rm truncation}(w) = \frac{(4 \ w - 1)^3}{27 \ w}$$

$$\beta = \phi_{\text{truncation}} \circ \beta_{\text{tetrahedron}}$$
$$\beta(z) = \frac{(1 - 232z^3 + 960z^6 - 256z^9 + 256z^{12})^3}{1728z^3(z^3 - 1)^3(8z^3 + 1)^6}$$





CAN WE REALIZE OTHER SOLIDS AS DESSINS?

Definition

A Johnson Solid is a convex polyhedron with regular polygons as faces but which is not a Platonic or Archimedean.



Proposition

There are 92 distinct Johnson solids. All Johnson Solids have rotational symmetry groups isomorphic to either the cyclic group Z_n or the dihedral group D_n .

The Johnson Solids

Proposition

Most of the 92 Johnson Solids can be realized via "operations" on:

- Platonic Solids
- Archimedean and Catalan Solids
- Prisms and Antiprisms

These six operations are:

- Bi: to take two copies of the solid and join them base-to-base.
- Elongate: to attach a prism to the base of the solid.
- Gyroelongate: to attach an antiprism to the base of the solid.
- Augment: to join a pyramid or cupola to a face.
- **Diminish**: to remove a pyramid or cupola from the solid.
- **Gyrate**: to take a cupola on the solid and rotate it such that different edges match up.

- Cupolae
- Pyramids
- Rotunda

Prisms and Bipyramid



- Prism
- Rotation Group D_n

•
$$\beta(z) = \frac{(z^{2n} + 14 z^n + 1)^3}{108 z^n (z^n - 1)^4}$$





- Bipyramid
- Rotation Group D_n

•
$$\beta(z) = \frac{108 \, z^n \, (z^n - 1)^4}{(z^{2n} + 14 \, z^n + 1)^3}$$

Antiprisms and Trapezohedron





- Antiprism
- Rotation Group D_n

•
$$\beta(z) = -\frac{(8 z^{2n} - 20 z^n - 1)^4}{256 z^n (z^n + 1)^3 (8 z^n - 1)^3}$$



- Trapezohedron
- Rotation Group D_n

• $\beta(z) = -\frac{256 z^n (z^n + 1)^3 (8 z^n - 1)^3}{(8 z^{2n} - 20 z^n - 1)^4}$



- Gyroelongated Bipyramid
- Rotation Group D_n

 $\begin{aligned} & \boldsymbol{\beta}(z) = \\ & \frac{1728\,z^n\,(z^{2n}-11\,z^n-1)^5}{(z^{4n}+228\,z^{3n}+494\,z^{2n}-228\,z^n+1)^3} \end{aligned}$



- Truncated Trapezohedron
- Rotation Group D_n

$$\bullet \quad \frac{\beta(z) = \\ \frac{(z^{4n} + 228 z^{3n} + 494 z^{2n} - 228 z^n + 1)^3}{1728 z^n (z^{2n} - 11 z^n - 1)^5}$$

New Results (Continued)



Cupola

• Rotation Group
$$Z_n$$

• $\beta(z) = \frac{27 (z^n - 1)^4 (3 z^{2n} - 16 z^n + 1728)^3}{4 z^n (5 z^n - 54)^3 (9 z^n + 40)^4}$





- Elongated Pyramid
- Rotation Group Z_n

$$\begin{array}{l} \bullet \quad \beta(z) = 4 \left(-665857 + 470832 \sqrt{2}\right) \cdot \\ \\ \frac{z^n \left(z^n - 1\right)^4 \left[z^n - 4 \left(41 + 29 \sqrt{2}\right)\right]^3}{\left[\left(-24 + 17 \sqrt{2}\right) z^n + 1\right]^4 \left[4 \left(2 + \sqrt{2}\right) z^n + 1\right]^3} \end{array}$$

Meta-goal: Find Belyĭ maps in order to realize all the Johnson solids as a Dessin d'Enfants.

- Partial result: we have found the Belyı maps β for all the building blocks of Johnson solids.
- Write down factorizations $\beta' = \phi \circ \beta$ of the Belyĭ maps β' for all the Johnson solids in terms of the Belyĭ maps β for our building blocks and functions ϕ associated to the operations.

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