# 2-group Belyi maps

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- X is defined over M
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Motivated by the applications of 2-group Belyi maps to arithmetic geometry, we now state the main results.

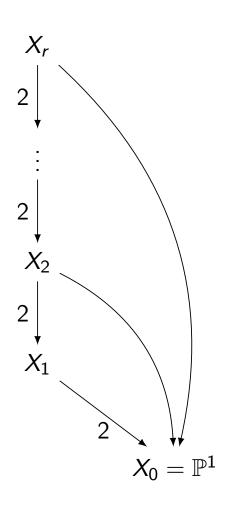
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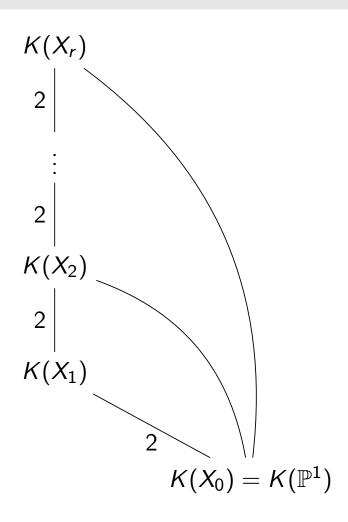
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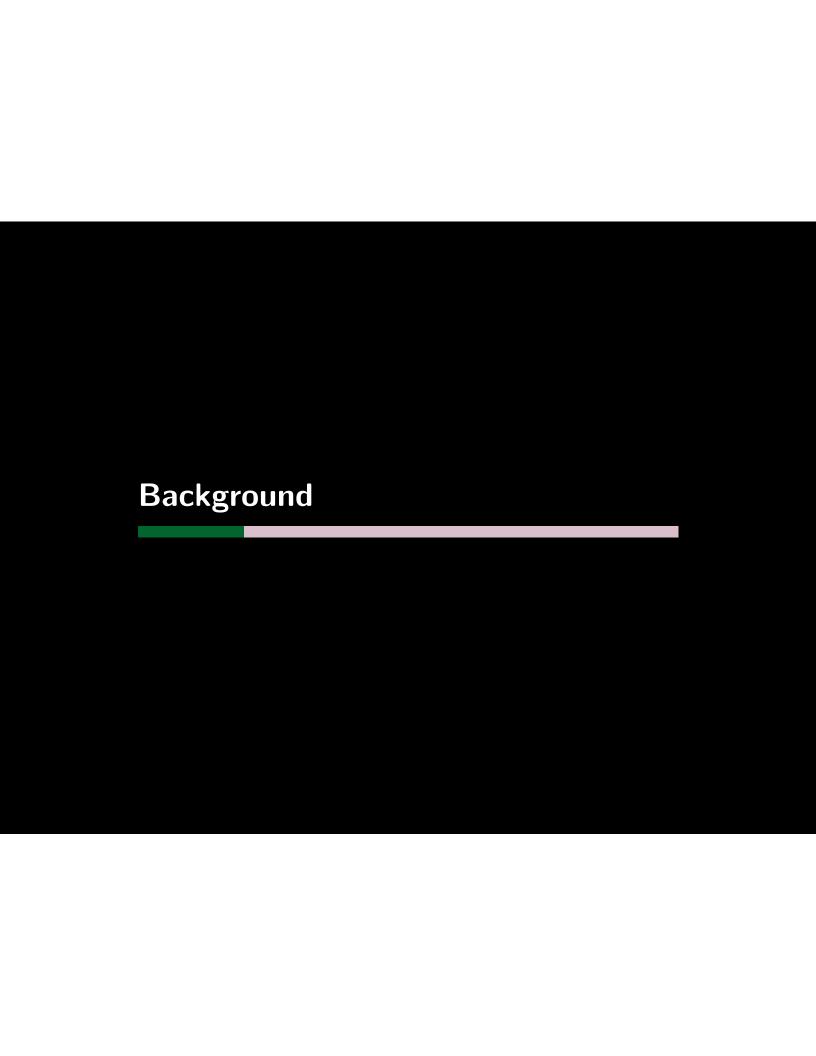
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# 2-group Belyi maps as iterated quadratic extensions





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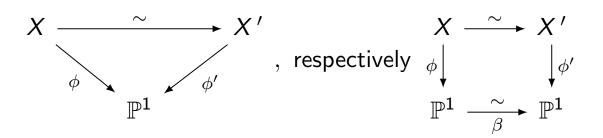


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The set of degree d Belyi maps up to isomorphism is in bijection with the set of degree d transitive permutation triples up to **simultaneous conjugation** and the group  $\langle \sigma \rangle$  is the monodromy group of  $\phi$ .

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- and if we let a, b, c be the orders of  $\sigma_0, \sigma_1, \sigma_\infty$  respectively, we have

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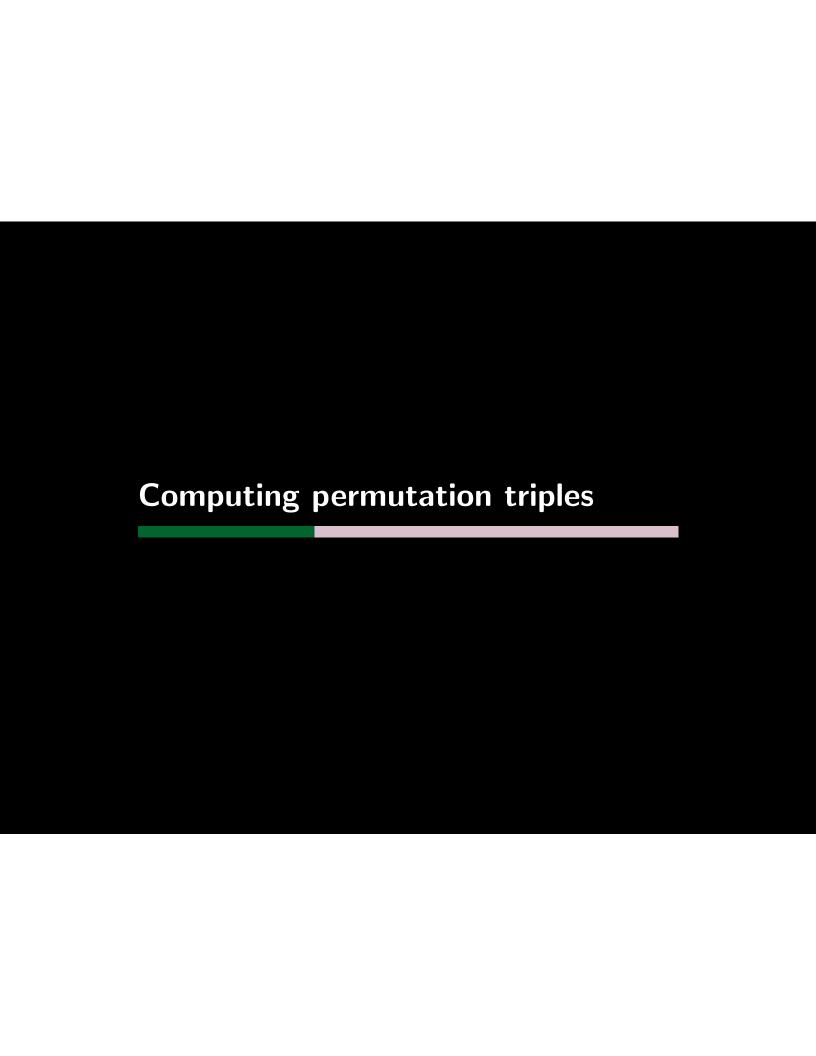
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## Results: number of triples and passports

## Theorem (M.)

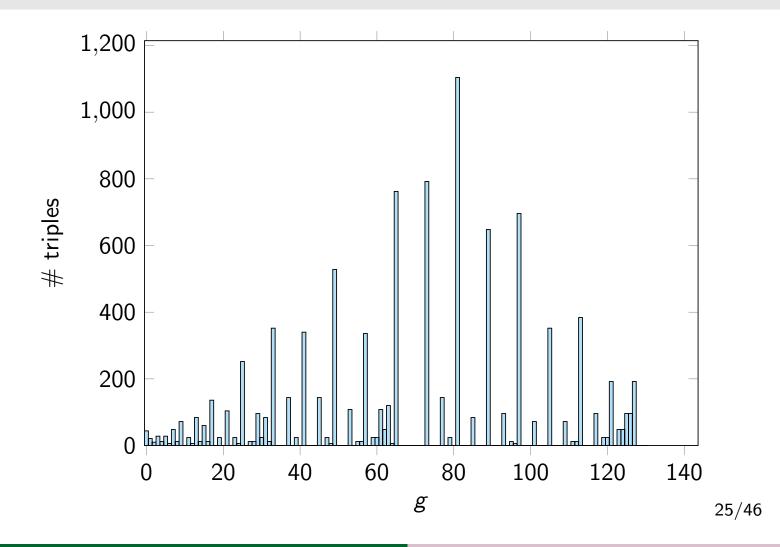
The following tables list the number of isomorphism classes of 2-group Belyi maps, the number of passports, and number of lax passports respectively up to degree 256.

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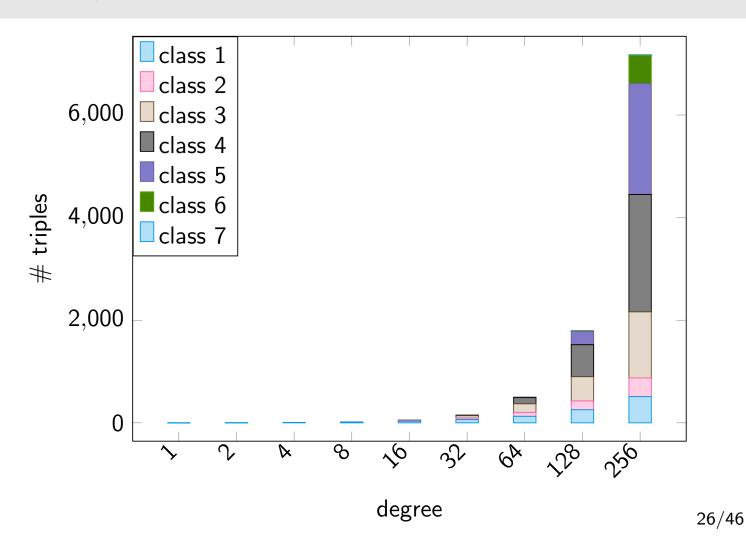
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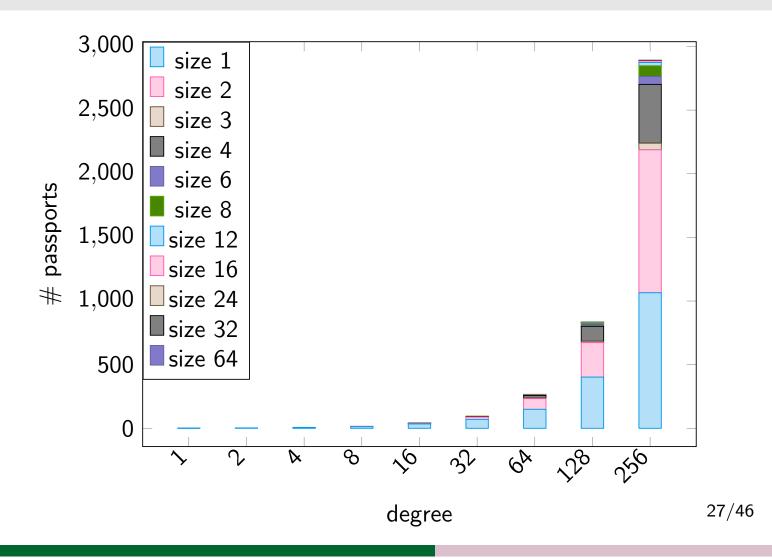
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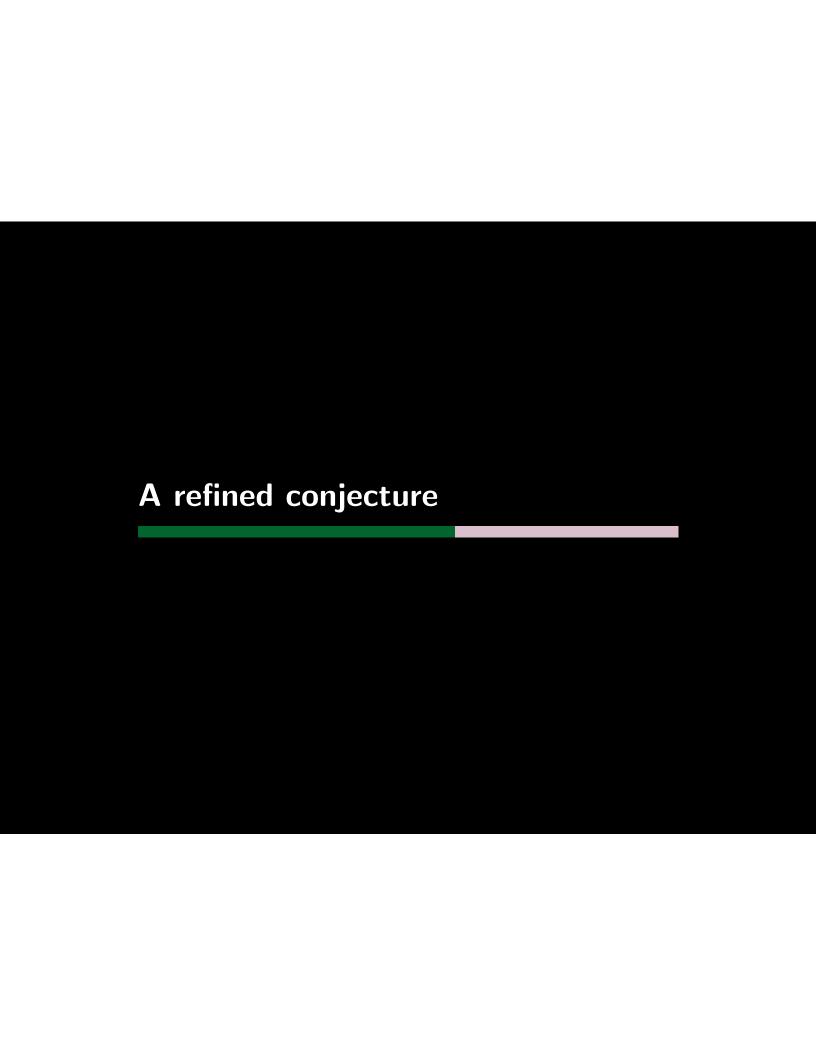


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