

2-group Belyi maps

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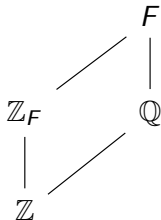
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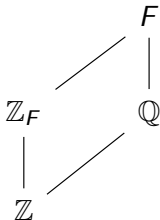
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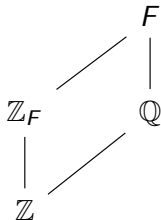
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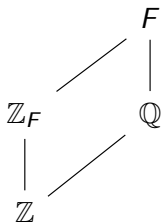


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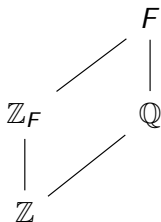
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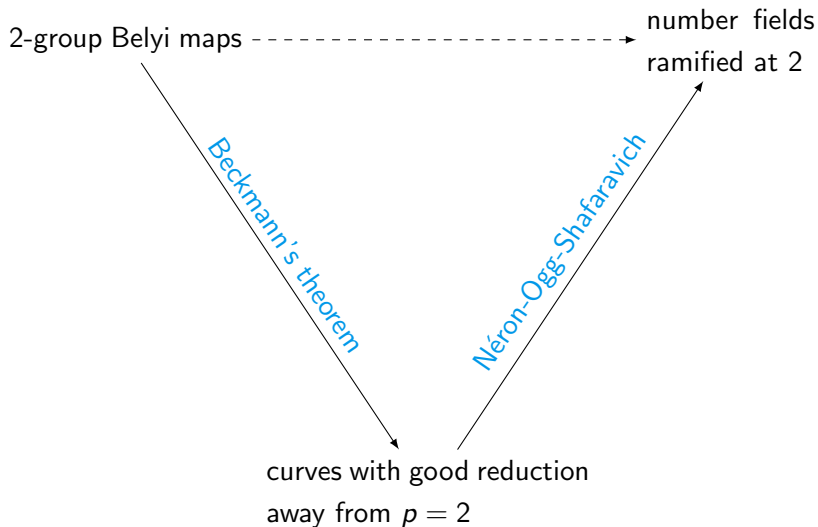


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- *ϕ is defined over M*
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- *X has good reduction at all primes \mathfrak{p} of M above p*

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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 ϕ .

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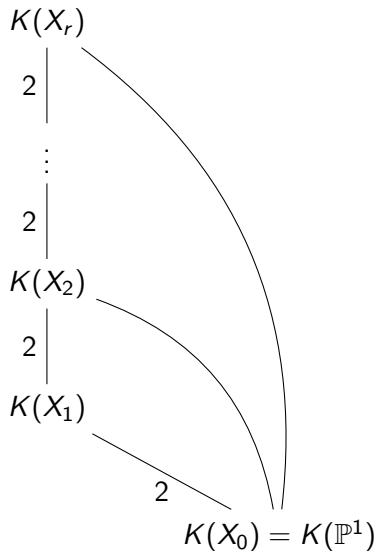
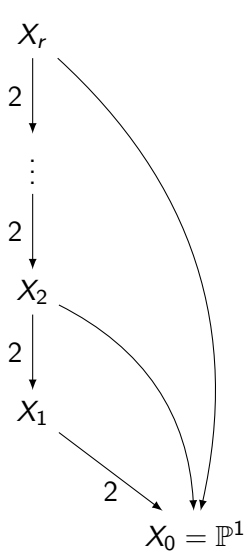
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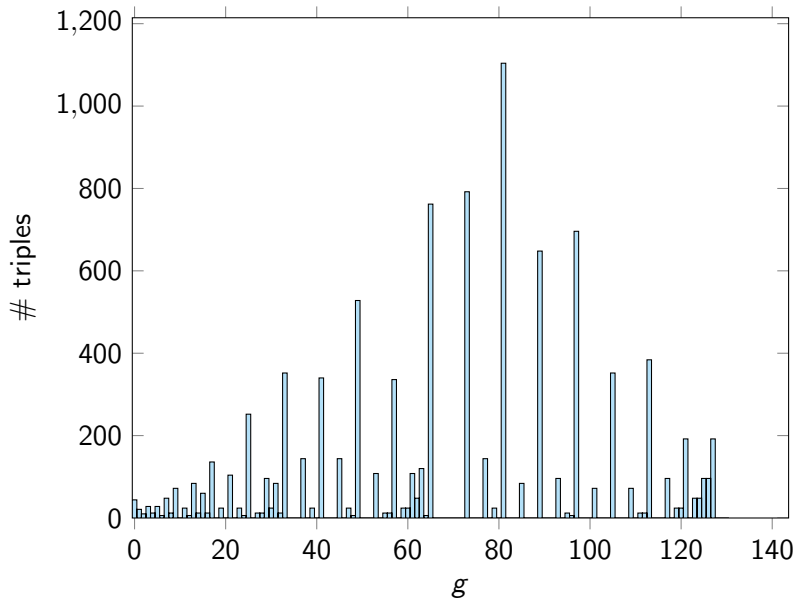
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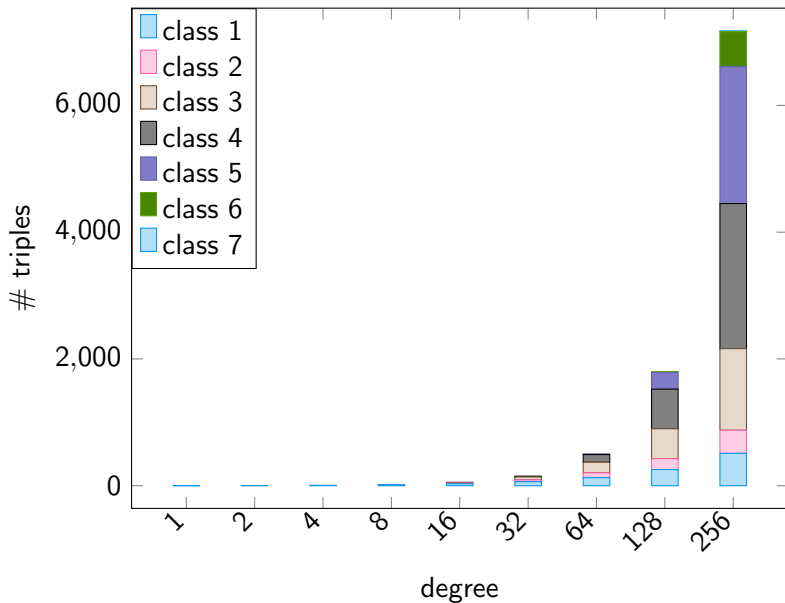
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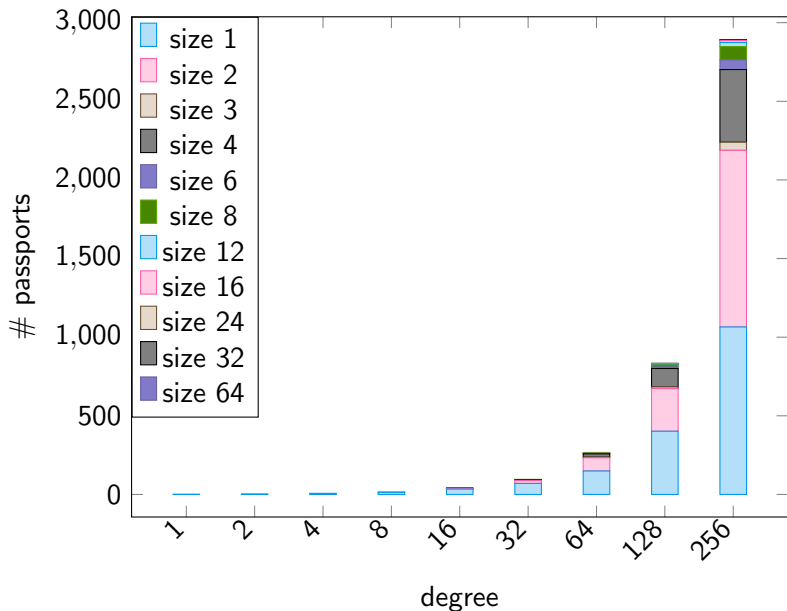
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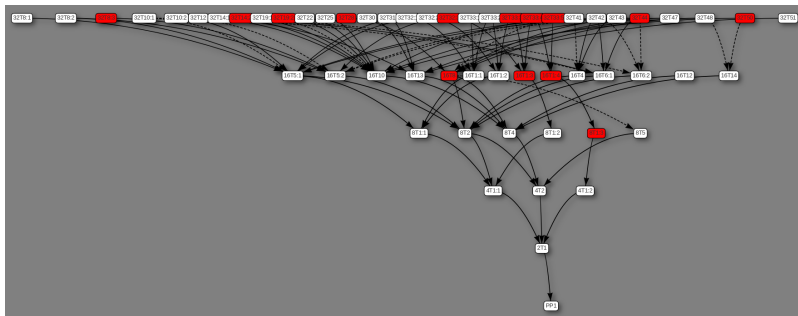
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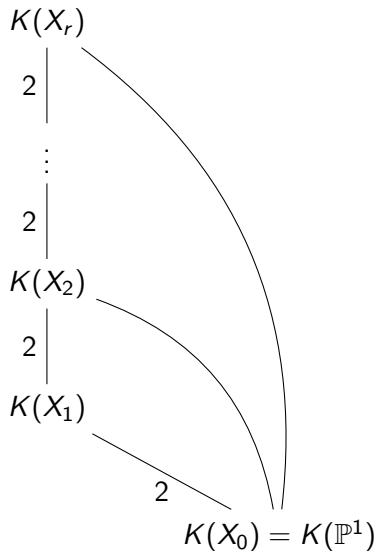
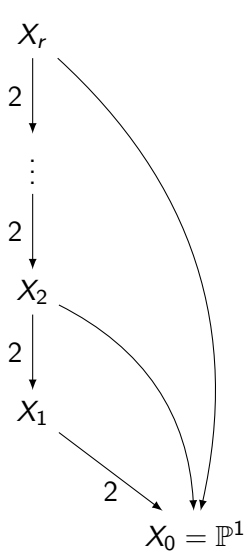
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Since we know the sizes of passports from our work with permutation triples, we know that we have representatives from every isomorphism class even if we cannot match the Belyi maps to their corresponding permutation triples.

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Although this implementation does not allow us to compute all 2-group Belyi maps for a given degree, it does work well in practice.

<https://github.com/michaelmusty/2GroupDessins>

- *all* 2-group Belyi maps modulo 3 up to degree 32
- hundreds of 2-group Belyi maps up to degree 256

Future work

- higher degree over \mathbb{F}_3
- non-Galois setting
- an algorithm in characteristic zero
- prove ARC for other families of 2-groups
- p -group Belyi maps for p odd
- compute torsion fields

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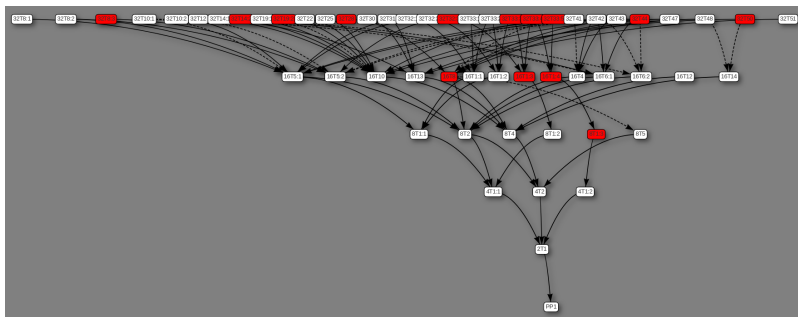
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The graph of 2-group Belyi maps

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Galois representations

Let X be an irreducible, smooth projective algebraic curve of genus $g \geq 1$ over a number field K . Let $G_K := \text{Gal}(K^{\text{al}} | K)$ be the absolute Galois group of K and let $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$ be prime.

Let $J := \text{Jac}(X)$ be the **Jacobian variety** of X . J is an abelian variety of dimension g .

G_K acts on the ℓ -torsion points $J[\ell](K^{\text{al}}) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/\ell\mathbb{Z})^{2g}$ of X .

This action determines a **mod- ℓ Galois representation**

$$\rho: G_K \rightarrow \text{Aut}(J[\ell]) \cong \text{GL}_{2g}(\mathbb{Z}/\ell\mathbb{Z}).$$

The geometry of X and the arithmetic of ρ are intimately related. For example, if X has good reduction at a prime \mathfrak{p} above $p \neq \ell$, then \mathfrak{p} will be unramified in the ℓ -**torsion field** $K(J[\ell])$.

Isomorphism of Belyi maps

Let $\phi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ and $\phi': X' \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ be Belyi maps of degree d . ϕ and ϕ' are **isomorphic** (respectively **lax isomorphic**) if the diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\sim} & X' \\ & \searrow \phi & \swarrow \phi' \\ & \mathbb{P}^1 & \end{array}, \text{ respectively } \begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\sim} & X' \\ \phi \downarrow & & \downarrow \phi' \\ \mathbb{P}^1 & \xrightarrow[\beta]{\sim} & \mathbb{P}^1 \end{array}$$

commute where $\beta(\{0, 1, \infty\}) = \{0, 1, \infty\}$.

Example computing $\text{Lifts}(\sigma)/\sim$: setup

Let $\sigma = ((1\ 2), \text{id}, (1\ 2))$. Then $G = \langle \sigma \rangle = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$.

$\tilde{G}_1 \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ and $\tilde{G}_2 \cong \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ with

$$1 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\iota_1} \tilde{G}_1 \xrightarrow{\pi_1} G \longrightarrow 1$$

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Each map π_1, π_2 pulls back to 4 triples that multiply to id:

$$T_1 = \left\{ ((1\ 2)(3\ 4), \text{id}, (1\ 2)(3\ 4)), ((1\ 2)(3\ 4), (1\ 3)(2\ 4), (1\ 4)(2\ 3)), \right. \\ \left. ((1\ 4)(2\ 3), \text{id}, (1\ 4)(2\ 3)), ((1\ 4)(2\ 3), (1\ 3)(2\ 4), (1\ 2)(3\ 4)) \right\}$$

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Example computing $\text{Lifts}(\sigma)/\sim$: action on blocks

Choose $\alpha = (1\,3)(2\,4)$ to be the generator of $\iota_1(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})$ in \tilde{G}_1 .

Each triple in T_1 must act on the *blocks* $\{\boxed{1\,3}, \boxed{2\,4}\}$ corresponding to the permutations in σ .

Let $(\tilde{\sigma}_0, \tilde{\sigma}_1, \tilde{\sigma}_\infty) = ((1\,2)(3\,4), (1\,3)(2\,4), (1\,4)(2\,3))$.

Note that $\tilde{\sigma}_0(\boxed{1\,3}) = \boxed{2\,4}$ and $\tilde{\sigma}_0(\boxed{2\,4}) = \boxed{1\,3}$.

The induced permutation of $\tilde{\sigma}_0$ on blocks is $(\boxed{1\,3}, \boxed{2\,4})$ which is the same as the permutation $\sigma_0 = (1\,2)$.

Similarly, $\tilde{\sigma}_1$ acts as id on blocks and $\tilde{\sigma}_\infty$ acts as $(1\,2)$ on blocks.

Choosing

$$\alpha := (1\,d+1)(2\,d+2)\dots(d-1\,2d-1)(d\,2d)$$

allows us to label blocks by reducing modulo d .

Example computing $\text{Lifts}(\sigma)/\sim$: conclude

We currently have triples that multiply to id and have the correct action on blocks, but we only want triples that generate the correct group.

$$\text{Lifts}(\sigma, \tilde{G}_1 \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) = \\ \left\{ ((1\ 2)(3\ 4), (1\ 3)(2\ 4), (1\ 4)(2\ 3)), ((1\ 4)(2\ 3), (1\ 3)(2\ 4), (1\ 2)(3\ 4)) \right\}$$

$$\text{Lifts}(\sigma, \tilde{G}_2 \cong \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}) = T_2 = \\ \left\{ ((1\ 4\ 3\ 2), \text{id}, (1\ 2\ 3\ 4)), ((1\ 2\ 3\ 4), (1\ 3)(2\ 4), (1\ 2\ 3\ 4)), \right. \\ \left. ((1\ 2\ 3\ 4), \text{id}, (1\ 4\ 3\ 2)), ((1\ 4\ 3\ 2), (1\ 3)(2\ 4), (1\ 4\ 3\ 2)) \right\}$$

Lastly, we quotient by simultaneous conjugation to obtain

$$\text{Lifts}(\sigma)/\sim = \left\{ ((1\ 2)(3\ 4), (1\ 3)(2\ 4), (1\ 4)(2\ 3)), \right. \\ \left. ((1\ 4\ 3\ 2), \text{id}, (1\ 2\ 3\ 4)), ((1\ 2\ 3\ 4), (1\ 3)(2\ 4), (1\ 2\ 3\ 4)) \right\}$$

Bipartite graphs of permutation triples

Now that we can lift permutation triples, we now describe some notation for the bipartite graphs that organize these triples.

For $i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ we define the bipartite graph denoted \mathcal{G}_{2^i} with the following node sets.

- $\mathcal{G}_{2^i}^{\text{above}}$: the set of isomorphism classes of 2-group Belyi maps of degree 2^i indexed by 2-group permutation triples $\tilde{\sigma}$ up to simultaneous conjugation in S_{2^i}
- $\mathcal{G}_{2^i}^{\text{below}}$: the set of isomorphism classes of 2-group Belyi maps of degree 2^{i-1} indexed by 2-group permutation triples σ up to simultaneous conjugation in $S_{2^{i-1}}$

For every pair of nodes $(\tilde{\sigma}, \sigma) \in \mathcal{G}_{2^i}^{\text{above}} \times \mathcal{G}_{2^i}^{\text{below}}$ there is an edge between σ and $\tilde{\sigma}$ if and only if $\tilde{\sigma}$ is simultaneously conjugate to a lift of σ .

Algorithm to compute \mathcal{G}_{2^i}

Input: The bipartite graph $\mathcal{G}_{2^{i-1}}$

Output: The bipartite graph \mathcal{G}_{2^i}

1.

$$\text{Lifts}(\mathcal{G}_{2^{i-1}}) := \bigcup_{\sigma \in \mathcal{G}_{2^{i-1}}^{\text{above}}} \text{Lifts}(\sigma)/\sim$$

2. Quotient $\text{Lifts}(\mathcal{G}_{2^{i-1}})$ by simultaneous conjugation in S_{2^i} to obtain $\text{Lifts}(\mathcal{G}_{2^{i-1}})/\sim$
3. Define $\mathcal{G}_{2^i}^{\text{below}} := \mathcal{G}_{2^{i-1}}^{\text{above}}$ and define $\mathcal{G}_{2^i}^{\text{above}}$ by representatives of $\text{Lifts}(\mathcal{G}_{2^{i-1}})/\sim$
4. For every pair $(\tilde{\sigma}, \sigma) \in \mathcal{G}_{2^i}^{\text{above}} \times \mathcal{G}_{2^i}^{\text{below}}$ place an edge between $\tilde{\sigma}$ and σ if and only if there is a triple in the equivalence class $[\tilde{\sigma}] \in \text{Lifts}(\mathcal{G}_{2^{i-1}})/\sim$ that is a lift of σ

Algebraic function fields : setup

Let K be a perfect field. An **algebraic function field in one variable over K** is a field extension F over K such that there exists $x \in F$ transcendental over K and $[F : K(x)]$ is finite.

K is the **constant field** of F and the **exact constant field** of F is the algebraic closure of K in F .

As an example, let X be an irreducible affine plane curve (possibly singular) defined by the equation $f(x, y) = 0$ with $f \in K[x, y]$.

Then the **function field of X** , denoted $K(X)$ is the field of fractions of the coordinate ring $K[x, y]/(f(x, y))$ of X .

A **place** of F is the maximal ideal of some DVR \mathcal{O}_P of F . The valuation on F corresponding to P is denoted ord_P .

The set of places of F is denoted $\text{Pl}(F)$ and the **degree** of P is the index $[\mathcal{O}_P/P : K]$ of the **residue class field**.

Algebraic function fields : Picard group and $\mathcal{L}(D)$

The **divisor class group** $\text{Div}(F)$ of F is the free abelian group generated by the places of F . A **divisor** $D \in \text{Div}(F)$ is represented by a sum of places $\sum_P a_P P$ and the **degree** of D is $\sum_P a_P \deg(P)$. The set of **degree zero divisors** is denoted $\text{Div}^0(F)$.

The image of $\text{div}: F^\times \rightarrow \text{Div}(F)$ defined by $\text{div}(f) = \sum_P \text{ord}_P(f) P$ is the subgroup of **principal divisors** of F denoted $\text{Princ}(F)$.

The **Picard group** of F is $\text{Pic}(F) := \text{Div}(F) / \text{Princ}(F)$.

The **Jacobian** of F is $\text{Pic}^0(F) := \text{Div}^0(F) / \text{Princ}(F)$.

There is a partial order on $\text{Div}(F)$ defined by $D_1 \geq D_2$ if $\text{ord}_P(D_1) \geq \text{ord}_P(D_2)$ for every $P \in \text{Pl}(F)$.

The **Riemann-Roch space** of a divisor $D \in \text{Div}(F)$ is defined by $\mathcal{L}(D) := \{f \in F : \text{div}(f) + D \geq 0\} \cup \{0\}$.

Algebraic function fields : quadratic extensions

Lemma

Let $aF^{\times 2}$ be a nontrivial coset of $F^{\times}/F^{\times 2}$ and consider the extension $L := F(\sqrt{a})$. Then a prime P of F is ramified in L if and only if $\text{ord}_P(a)$ is odd.

We now revisit the question of finding a quadratic extension of $F(\sqrt{a})$ of F with ramification prescribed by $R \in \text{Div}(F)$.

The simple cases are when no such a exists or when R is principal. The last case occurs when there exists D such that $R - 2D = \text{div}(a)$ for some $a \in F$.

As in the number field setting, this implies $R \in 2\text{Pic}(F)$ and D is unique up to addition by $T \in \text{Pic}^0(F)[2]$.

Algorithm in characteristic $p \geq 3$: Galois test

Input:

- F a Galois extension of $\mathbb{F}_q(x)$
- $\text{Gal}(F | \mathbb{F}_q(x))$ explicitly given as automorphisms of F
- $a \in F$

Output: True if $F(\sqrt{a})$ is Galois over $\mathbb{F}_q(x)$ and False otherwise

- For each generator $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(F | \mathbb{F}_q(x))$ test if $\sigma(a)/a$ is a square in F
- Return True if $\sigma(a)/a$ is a square in F for all generators σ and otherwise return False

Similarly, we can apply the same test after extending the constant field from \mathbb{F}_q to \mathbb{F}_{q^2} .

Algorithm in characteristic $p \geq 3$: get candidates

Input:

- F a 2-group Belyi map modulo q of degree $d = 2^m$ corresponding to a 2-group permutation triple σ
- A passport $\mathcal{P} = (\tilde{G}, (a, b, c))$ with \tilde{G} a 2-group of order $2d$ such that there exists a 2-group permutation triple $\tilde{\sigma}$ with passport \mathcal{P} that is a lift of σ
- $\text{Gal}(F \mid \mathbb{F}_q(x)) \cong \langle \sigma \rangle$ explicitly given as automorphisms of F

Output: A list of candidate functions $\{f_i\}$ with each $f_i \in F$ such that $F(\sqrt{f_i})$ is a 2-group Belyi map modulo q with passport \mathcal{P} .

Algorithm in characteristic $p \geq 3$: get candidates (steps 1-4)

1. For $s \in \{0, 1, \infty\}$ compute

$$r_s := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \text{order}(\sigma_s) = \text{order}(\tilde{\sigma}_s) \\ 1 & \text{if } \text{order}(\sigma_s) < \text{order}(\tilde{\sigma}_s) \end{cases}$$

2. Compute

$$R := \sum_{s \in \{0, 1, \infty\}} r_s R_s \in \text{Div}(F)$$

where R_0, R_1, R_∞ are defined to be the supports of $\text{div}(x)$, $\text{div}(x - 1)$, and $\text{div}(1/x)$ respectively.

3. Compute the abelian group $\text{Pic}(F) = T \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ (with T a finite abelian group) along with a map $\psi: \text{Pic}(F) \rightarrow \text{Div}(F)$.
4. Compute $[R] := \psi^{-1}(R)$.

Algorithm in characteristic $p \geq 3$: get candidates (step 5)

5. For each $a \in \text{Pic}(F)[2]$ compute the following:
 - (a) Let $D_a := \psi(a + [R]/2) \in \text{Div}(F)$.
 - (b) Compute $\mathcal{L}(R - 2D_a)$.
 - (c) If $\mathcal{L}(R - 2D_a)$ has dimension 1, then compute $f_a \in F$ with $\text{div}(f_a)$ generating $\mathcal{L}(R - 2D_a)$ and go to Step 5d Otherwise go to the next $a \in \text{Pic}(F)[2]$.
 - (d) Apply Galois test to F , $\text{Gal}(F | \mathbb{F}_q(x))$, and f_a from Step 5c to see if $F(\sqrt{f_a})$ generates a Galois extension. If $F(\sqrt{f_a})$ is Galois over $\mathbb{F}_q(x)$ then save f_a and go to the next $a \in \text{Pic}(F)[2]$. If $F(\sqrt{f_a})$ is not Galois over $\mathbb{F}_q(x)$, then go to Step 5e.
 - (e) Let F' be the function field F after extending the field of constants \mathbb{F}_q to \mathbb{F}_{q^2} . Apply Galois test to F' , $\text{Gal}(F' | \mathbb{F}_{q^2}(x))$, and f_a (viewed as an element of F') from Step 5c to see if $F'(\sqrt{f_a})$ generates a Galois extension. If $F(\sqrt{f_a})$ is Galois over $\mathbb{F}_{q^2}(x)$ then save f_a . Go to the next $a \in \text{Pic}(F)[2]$.

Algorithm in characteristic $p \geq 3$: get candidates (steps 6-8)

6. Let S be the set of f_a saved in Step 5d. Let S' be the set of f_a saved in Step 5e.

7. • If S is nonempty, then for each $f_a \in S$ compute $F(\sqrt{f_a})$,

$$G_a \cong \text{Gal}(F(\sqrt{f_a}) | \mathbb{F}_q(x)),$$

and let $S'' = \{f_a \in S : G_a \cong \tilde{G}\}$.

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8. Return the list S''

Notation for examples

DNG-a,b,c-gE-H

D : degree in $\{2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256\}$

N : either T or S identifying group database

G : a positive integer identifying the group

a : ramification index of 0 in $\{2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256\}$

b : ramification index of 1 in $\{2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256\}$

c : ramification index of ∞ in $\{2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256\}$

g : just the letter g

E : the genus in $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$

H : the hash of the 2-group permutation triple a positive integer

To identify a passport we omit the hash.