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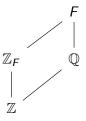
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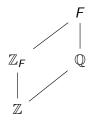
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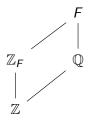


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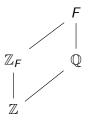
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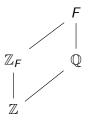


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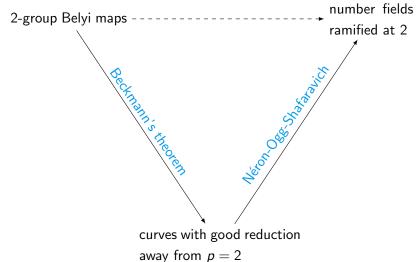


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The hope is that an explicit nonsolvable field ramified only at 2 can be obtained as K(Jac(X)[2]) where X is the domain of a 2-group Belyi map (which we will define shortly).

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

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- φ is defined over M
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- X has good reduction at all primes 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  $\phi$ .

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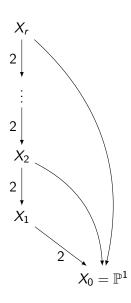
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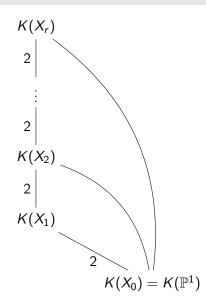
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#### Results: number of triples and passports

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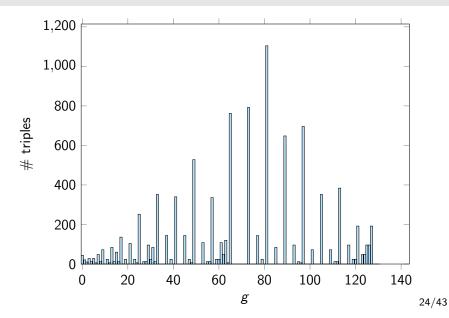
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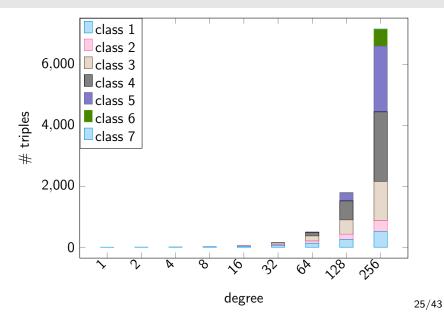
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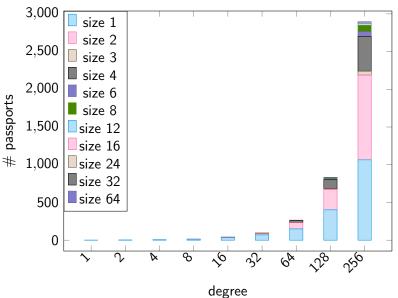
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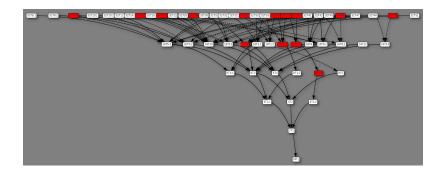
#### Results: passport sizes



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#### The graph of 2-group Belyi maps

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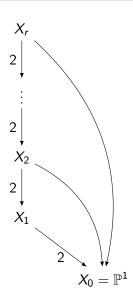
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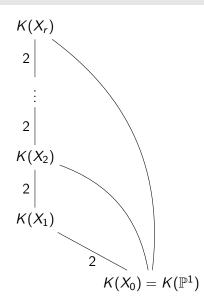
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**Computing equations** 

# 2-group Belyi maps as iterated quadratic extensions





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#### Results

 $\verb|https://github.com/michaelmusty/2GroupDessins||$ 

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- 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
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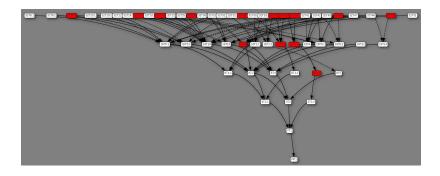
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# The graph of 2-group Belyi maps

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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  $G_K := \operatorname{Gal}(K^{\operatorname{al}} \mid K)$  be the absolute Galois group of K and let  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$  be prime.

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

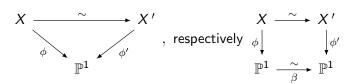
 $G_K$  acts on the  $\ell$ -torsion points  $J[\ell](K^{al}) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/\ell\mathbb{Z})^{2g}$  of X. This action determines a **mod**- $\ell$  **Galois representation** 

$$\rho \colon G_{\mathcal{K}} \to \operatorname{Aut}(J[\ell]) \cong \operatorname{GL}_{2g}(\mathbb{Z}/\ell\mathbb{Z}).$$

The geometry of X and the arithmetic of  $\rho$  are inimately 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  $\ell$ -torsion field  $K(J[\ell])$ .

## Isomorphism of Belyi maps

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



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

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

The **Picard group** of F is Pic(F) := Div(F)/Princ(F). The **Jacobian** of F is  $Pic^0(F) := Div^0(F)/Princ(F)$ .

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

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

# 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  $\operatorname{ord}_P(a)$  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  $R-2D=\operatorname{div}(a)$  for some  $a\in F$ .

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

# Algorithm in characteristic $p \ge 3$ : Galois test

#### Input:

- F a Galois extension of  $\mathbb{F}_q(x)$
- $\operatorname{\mathsf{Gal}}(F \,|\, \mathbb{F}_q(x))$  explicitly given as automorphisms of F
- a ∈ F

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

- For each generator  $\sigma \in \operatorname{Gal}(F \mid \mathbb{F}_q(x))$  test if  $\sigma(a)/a$  is a square in F
- Return True if  $\sigma(a)/a$  is a square in F for all generators  $\sigma$  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 $p \ge 3$ : get candidates

#### Input:

- F a 2-group Belyi map modulo q of degree  $d=2^m$  corresponding to a 2-group permutation triple  $\sigma$
- A passport  $\mathcal{P}=(\widetilde{G},(a,b,c))$  with  $\widetilde{G}$  a 2-group of order 2d such that there exists a 2-group permutation triple  $\widetilde{\sigma}$  with passport  $\mathcal{P}$  that is a lift of  $\sigma$
- $\operatorname{\mathsf{Gal}}(F \,|\, \mathbb{F}_q(x)) \cong \langle \sigma \rangle$  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 $p \ge 3$ : get candidates (steps 1-4)

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

$$r_s := egin{cases} 0 & ext{if } \operatorname{order}(\sigma_s) = \operatorname{order}(\widetilde{\sigma}_s) \ 1 & ext{if } \operatorname{order}(\sigma_s) < \operatorname{order}(\widetilde{\sigma}_s) \end{cases}$$

2. Compute

$$R:=\sum_{s\in\{0,1,\infty\}}r_sR_s\in \mathsf{Div}(F)$$

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

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

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

- 5. For each  $a \in Pic(F)[2]$  compute the following:
  - (a) Let  $D_a := \psi(a + [R]/2) \in \text{Div}(F)$ .
  - (b) Compute  $\mathcal{L}(R-2D_a)$ .
  - (c) If  $\mathscr{L}(R-2D_a)$  has dimension 1, then compute  $f_a \in F$  with  $\operatorname{div}(f_a)$  generating  $\mathscr{L}(R-2D_a)$  and go to Step 5d Otherwise go to the next  $a \in \operatorname{Pic}(F)[2]$ .
  - (d) Apply Galois test to F,  $\operatorname{Gal}(F | \mathbb{F}_q(x))$ , 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  $a \in \operatorname{Pic}(F)[2]$ . 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',  $\operatorname{Gal}(F' \mid \mathbb{F}_{q^2}(x))$ , 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  $a \in \operatorname{Pic}(F)[2]$ .

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

- Let S be the set of f<sub>a</sub> saved in Step 5d. Let S' be the set of f<sub>a</sub> saved in Step 5e.
- 7. If S is nonempty, then for each  $f_a \in S$  compute  $F(\sqrt{f_a})$ ,

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

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

• If S is empty, then for each  $f_a \in S'$  compute  $F'(\sqrt{f_a})$ ,

$$G_a \cong \operatorname{Gal}(F'(\sqrt{f_a}) \mid \mathbb{F}_{q^2}(x)),$$

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

8. Return the list S''