

# DESSIN D'ENFANT: AN INTRODUCTION

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ABSTRACT. In this talk, we will talk about the relation between Belyi map and dessin d'enfant, and then extract informations from the dessin.

Contents: section 4.1-4.3 and some examples from section 4.6.

Last time, we talked about the Belyi's Theorem:

**Theorem 0.1** (Thm 3.1). *Let  $S$  be a cpt  $RS$ , then  $S$  is defined over  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$  iff  $S$  admits a Belyi fct.*

This time, we talked a specific Belyi fct (ramified at  $0, 1, \infty$ ), and

- combine it with a kind of special graph (on  $S$ );
- extract information from this graph.

A black box is useful for us to familiar with Belyi fct (But not actually used in this talk):

**Prop 3.34:** Belyi fcts are defined over  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$ .

*Remark 0.2.* We can talk about the Galois group  $\text{Gal}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$  acts on  $\{S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1\}$ .

**Example 0.3.** *When  $S = \mathbb{P}^1$ , then an Belyi fct  $f(z)$  is an rational fct with coefficient in  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$  such that  $f$  maps any zero or pole of  $f'(z)$  to  $0, 1, \infty$ . In short,*

1.  $f(z) \in \bar{\mathbb{Q}}(z)$ ;
2. For any  $z_0$  such that  $f'(z_0) = 0$  or  $\infty$ ,  $f(z_0) = 0, 1$  or  $\infty$ .

For example,

- $f(z) = z^n$ ;
- $f(z) = -\frac{256}{27}z^3(z-1)$ ;
- $f(z) = \frac{3+i}{5}z^3(z-1)^2 \left( z - \frac{4}{25}(4+3i) \right)$ ;
- $f(z) = \frac{4}{27} \frac{(1-z+z^2)^3}{z^2(z-1)^2}$ ;
- $f(z) = C \frac{z^4(z-1)^2}{z + \frac{9+2\sqrt{10}}{18}}$ .

1. WHAT IS A DESSIN D'ENFANTS? / QUEL EST UN DESSIN D'ENFANTS ?

We postponed the abstract definition of the dessin d'enfant. A better question: How to draw a dessin d'enfant from a Belyi fct?

**Proposition 1.1.**

the graph  $D$  is drawn on the RS  $S$ ;  
 $D$  is bicolored;  
 $X \setminus D$  is union of finitely many topo discs;  
 $D$  is connected.

Abstractly, we have the following concept:

**Definition 1.2** (Def 4.1). *A dessin d'enfant, or simply a dessin, is a pair  $(X, \mathcal{D})$  where  $X$  is an oriented compact topological surface, and  $\mathcal{D} \subset X$  is a finite graph such that:*

- (i)  $\mathcal{D}$  is connected.
- (ii)  $\mathcal{D}$  is bicoloured, i.e. the vertices have been given either white or black colour and vertices connected by an edge have different colours.
- (iii)  $X \setminus \mathcal{D}$  is the union of finitely many topological discs, which we call faces of  $\mathcal{D}$ .

**Example 1.3.** *example pictures*

**Proposition 1.4** (Prop 4.20).

**Example 1.5.** *example pictures*

*Remark 1.6.* Belyi maps have some kind of rigid: they're decided by dessins (be viewed as skeleton of Belyi fcts)

*Proof of Prop. 1.* Given a pair  $(X, D)$ , we need

- give a RS structure of  $X$ ;
- give a fct  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ .

$f$  gives a RS structure of  $X$  (Riemann extension)

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$$\begin{aligned} (S, f) &\rightarrow (S, D_f) \rightarrow (S, f_{D_f}) & (S, f) &\sim (S, f_{D_f})? \\ (X, D) &\rightarrow (X_D, f_D) \rightarrow (X_D, D_{f_D}) & (X, D) &\sim (X_D, D_{f_D})? \end{aligned}$$

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## 2. EXTRACT INFORMATIONS FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE

$\{\text{Belyi fct}\} / \sim$	$\{\text{Dessin d'enfants}\} / \sim$
$\#f^{-1}(0) + \#f^{-1}(1)$	$v$
$\#f^{-1}(\infty)$	$f$
$\deg f$	$e$
$2 - 2g(S)$	$v + f - e$
Ram index of $x \in f^{-1}(0)$	$\#$ black dots adjacent to $x$
Ram index of $x \in f^{-1}(1)$	$\#$ white dots adjacent to $x$
Ram index of $x \in f^{-1}(\infty)$	$\frac{1}{2} \#$ sides of face

Table 1: Correspondence

### 2.1. basic information.

$\{\text{Belyi fct}\}/\sim$	$\{\text{Dessin d'enfants}\}/\sim$	$\{\text{perm rep pair}\}/\sim$
$\#f^{-1}(0)$	$\# \{\text{white dots}\}$	$\# \{\text{cycles of } \sigma_0\}$
$\#f^{-1}(1)$	$\# \{\text{black dots}\}$	$\# \{\text{cycles of } \sigma_1\}$
$\#f^{-1}(\infty)$	$f$	$\# \{\text{cycles of } \sigma_1\sigma_0\}$
$\deg f$	$e$	$N = \# \{\text{cycles of } Id\}$
$2 - 2g(S)$	$v + f - e$	$\#\{\dots\sigma_0\} + \#\{\dots\sigma_1\} + \#\{\dots\sigma_1\sigma_0\} - N$
Ram index of $x \in f^{-1}(0)$	$\# \{\text{black dots adjacent to } x\}$	length of a cycle on $\sigma_0$
Ram index of $x \in f^{-1}(1)$	$\# \{\text{white dots adjacent to } x\}$	length of a cycle on $\sigma_1$
Ram index of $x \in f^{-1}(\infty)$	$\frac{1}{2} \# \{\text{sides of face}\}$	length of a cycle on $\sigma_0\sigma_1$

## 2.2. monodromy.

## 2.3. Galois action.

2.4. **construct new from old.** SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF CHINA, HEFEI, 230026, P.R. CHINA,

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