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Planar Maps



A **planar map** is a connected planar graph, possibly with loops and multiple edges, together with an embedding in the plane.

A map is **rooted** if a vertex v and an edge e incident with v are distinguished, and are called the root-vertex and root-edge, respectively. The face to the right of e is called the root-face and is usually taken as the **outer face**.

Planar Maps

 m_n ... number of rooted planar maps with n edges [Tutte]

$$m_n = \frac{2(2n)!}{(n+2)!n!} 3^n$$

The proof is given with the help of generating functions and the socalled **quadratic method**.

Asymptotics:

$$m_n \sim rac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot n^{-5/2} \, 12^n$$

Generating Function:

$$m(z) = \sum_{n \ge 0} m_n z^n = -\frac{1}{54z^2} \left(1 - 18z - (1 - 12z)^{3/2} \right)$$



A tree rooted planar map is a planar map with a distinguished spanning tree.

Counting Result by Mullin (1967)

 $M_{n,k}$... number of tree-rooted maps with n edges and k+1 vertices:

$$M_{n,k} = \frac{(2n)!}{k!(k+1)!(n-k)!(n-k+1)!}$$

 M_n ... number of tree-rooted maps with n edges:

$$M_n = \sum_{k=0}^n M_{n,k} = \frac{(2n)!}{((n+1)!)^2} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+1}{k} \binom{n+1}{n-k} = \frac{(2n)!}{((n+1)!)^2} \binom{2n+2}{n} = \boxed{C_n C_{n+1}} \sim \frac{4^{2n+1}}{\pi n^3}$$

where $C_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$ denotes the *n*-th Catalan number [Natural bijection to pairs of trees by Bernaradi 2007]

Expected number of spanning trees

The average number of spanning trees in planar maps of size n

$$=\frac{M_n}{m_n}=\frac{C_nC_{n+1}}{\frac{2\cdot 3^n}{n+2}C_n}\sim \boxed{\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi n}}\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^n}$$

Generating Functions

$$M(s,t) = \sum_{n,k} M_{n,k} s^n t^k = \sum_{n,k} \frac{(2n)!}{k!(k+1)!(n-k)!(n-k+1)!} s^n t^k$$
$$M(s,1) = \sum_{n\geq 0} C_n C_{n+1} s^n = {}_3F_2\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}; 2, 3; 16s\right).$$

 $(_{3}F_{2} \dots \text{ hypergeometric series})$

Generating Functions

 $M_0(s,t)$... GF for tree-rooted maps, where the root edge is not contained in the spanning tree

 $M_1(s,t)$... GF for tree-rooted maps, where the root edge is contained in the spanning tree

$$M_{0}(s,t) = 1 + \sum_{n \ge 1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \left(1 - \frac{k}{n}\right) \frac{(2n)!}{k!(k+1)!(n-k)!(n-k+1)!} s^{n} t^{k},$$

$$M_{1}(s,t) = \sum_{n \ge 1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{k}{n} \frac{(2n)!}{k!(k+1)!(n-k)!(n-k+1)!} s^{n} t^{k}.$$

$$M(s,t) = M_{0}(s,t) + M_{1}(s,t)$$

$$M_{0}(s,1) = 1 + M_{1}(s,1).$$

Vertex Labelled Planar Graphs

Asymptotic number of planar graphs

Theorem [Gimenez-Noy]

Let c_n denote the number of connected vertex labelled planar graphs with n vertices. Then we have

$$c_n \sim c \, n^{-7/2} \, \gamma^n \, n!$$

with (analytically describable) $c \approx 0.41043 \cdot 10^{-5}$ and $\gamma \approx 27.2268$.



Tree Rooted Vertex Labelled Planar Graphs

THEOREM [D+Noy+Requilé+Rué]

Let C_n denote the number of vertex-labeled connected and tree-rooted planar graphs with n vertices. Then we have

$$\overline{C_n \sim \overline{c} \, n^{-4} \, \overline{\gamma}^n \, n!},$$

where the constants $\overline{c} > 0$ and $\overline{\gamma} > \gamma$ can be numerically calculated to any given precision.

Hence, the average number of spanning trees in planar graphs of size \boldsymbol{n}

$$= \frac{C_n}{c_n} \sim \left| \frac{\overline{c}/c}{\sqrt{n}} \left(\frac{\overline{\gamma}}{\gamma} \right)^n \right|$$

Strategy of the Proof



Tree Rooted 2-Connected Planar Maps

N(z,t) ... GF of tree rooted 2-connected planar maps

$$M(s,t) = 1 + s(1+t)M(s,t)^{2} + N(sM(s,t)^{2},t)$$



Tree Rooted 2-Connected Planar Maps

 $N_0(z,t)$... GF for 2-connected tree-rooted maps, where the root edge is not contained in the spanning tree

 $N_1(z,t)$... GF for 2-connected tree-rooted maps, where the root edge is contained in the spanning tree

$$M_0(s,t) = 1 + sM(s,t)^2 + N_0(sM(s,t)^2,t),$$

$$M_1(s,t) = tsM(s,t)^2 + N_1(sM(s,t)^2,t).$$

Tree Rooted 3-Connected Planar Maps

 $T_0(u, v)$... GF for 3-connected tree-rooted maps, where the root edge is not contained in the spanning tree

 $T_1(u, v)$... GF for 3-connected tree-rooted maps, where the root edge is contained in the spanning tree

$$D_0 = z + \frac{tD_0^2}{1+tD_0} + \frac{D_0D_1(D_1+2)}{(1+D_1)^2} + \frac{T_0(D_1,tD_0/D_1)}{tD_1},$$

$$D_1 = z + \frac{tD_0D_1(tD_0+2)}{(1+tD_0)^2} + \frac{D_1^2}{1+D_1} + \frac{T_1(D_1,tD_0/D_1)}{tD_0},$$

where $D_0(z,t) = N_0(z,t)/(tz)$ and $D_1(z,t) = N_1(z,t)/(tz).$

Tree Rooted 3-Connected Planar Maps

By Tutte-decomposition:

$$D_{0} = z + S_{0} + P_{0} + H_{0},$$

$$D_{1} = z + S_{1} + P_{1} + H_{1},$$

$$S_{0} = tD_{0}(D_{0} - S_{0}),$$

$$S_{1} = tD_{0}(D_{1} - S_{1}) + tD_{1}(D_{0} - S_{0}),$$

$$P_{0} = \frac{D_{0} - P_{0}}{(1 - (D_{1} - P_{1}))^{2}} - (D_{0} - P_{0}),$$

$$P_{1} = \frac{(D_{1} - P_{1})^{2}}{(1 - (D_{1} - P_{1}))^{2}},$$

$$H_{0} = \frac{T_{0}(D_{1}, tD_{0}/D_{1})}{tD_{1}},$$

$$H_{1} = \frac{T_{1}(D_{1}, tD_{0}/D_{1})}{tD_{0}}.$$

By Whitney's theorem, tree-rooted 3-connected planar graphs have a unique embedding into the plane. Therefore they coincide with tree-rooted 3-connected planar maps.



Tree-rooted 2-connected planar networks

 $\overline{D}_0(x,y)$... GF for 2-connected "tree-rooted" planar networks, where only the north pole is not contained in the spanning tree

 $\overline{D}_1(x,y)$... GF for 2-connected tree-rooted planar networks

$$\begin{split} \overline{D}_{1} &= (1+y) \exp\left(\frac{x\overline{D}_{0}\overline{D}_{1}(2+x\overline{D}_{0})}{(1+x\overline{D}_{0})^{2}} + \frac{T_{1}(\overline{D}_{1},x\overline{D}_{0}/\overline{D}_{1})}{2x\overline{D}_{0}}\right) - 1\\ \overline{D}_{0} &= \frac{2x^{2}\overline{D}_{0}\overline{D}_{1}(y+(1+y)\overline{D}_{0})}{2x\overline{D}_{1}(1+x\overline{D}_{0})(1+y)}(1+\overline{D}_{1})\\ &+ \frac{x(2y\overline{D}_{1}+(1+y)(\overline{D}_{0}T_{0}(\overline{D}_{1},x\overline{D}_{0}/\overline{D}_{1})+T_{1}(\overline{D}_{1},x\overline{D}_{0}/\overline{D}_{1})))}{2x\overline{D}_{1}(1+x\overline{D}_{0})(1+y)}(1+\overline{D}_{1}) \end{split}$$

Tree-rooted 2-connected planar networks

By Tutte-decomposition:

$$\begin{split} \overline{D}_{0} &= y + \overline{S}_{0} + \overline{P}_{0} + \overline{H}_{0}, \\ \overline{D}_{1} &= y + \overline{S}_{1} + \overline{P}_{1} + \overline{H}_{1}, \\ \overline{S}_{0} &= x\overline{D}_{0}(\overline{D}_{0} - \overline{S}_{0}), \\ \overline{S}_{1} &= x\overline{D}_{0}(\overline{D}_{1} - \overline{S}_{1}) + x\overline{D}_{1}(\overline{D}_{0} - \overline{S}_{0}), \\ \overline{P}_{0} &= y \left(\exp(\overline{S}_{1} + \overline{H}_{1}) - 1 \right) + (\overline{S}_{0} + \overline{H}_{0}) \left((y+1) \exp(\overline{S}_{1} + \overline{H}_{1}) - 1 \right), \\ \overline{P}_{1} &= y \left(\exp(\overline{S}_{1} + \overline{H}_{1}) - 1 \right) + \exp(\overline{S}_{1} + \overline{H}_{1}) - 1 - (\overline{S}_{1} + \overline{H}_{1}), \\ \overline{H}_{0} &= \frac{T_{0}(\overline{D}_{1}, t\overline{D}_{0}/\overline{D}_{1})}{2x\overline{D}_{1}}, \\ \overline{H}_{1} &= \frac{T_{1}(\overline{D}_{1}, t\overline{D}_{0}/\overline{D}_{1})}{2x\overline{D}_{0}}. \end{split}$$

B(x,y) ... GF for 2-connected tree-rooted planar graphs

Lemma

$$B_y(x,y) = \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^2}{2(1+y)} \left(\overline{D}_0(x,y) + \overline{D}_1(x,y) - 2y - y \exp(\overline{S}_1(x,y) + \overline{H}_1(x,y)) + y \right)$$

where

$$\overline{S}_1(x,y) = \frac{x\overline{D}_0(x,y)\overline{D}_1(x,y)(2+x\overline{D}_0(x,y))}{(1+x\overline{D}_0(x,y))^2},$$

$$\overline{H}_1(x,y)) = \log \frac{1+\overline{D}_1(x,y)}{1+y} - \frac{x\overline{D}_0(x,y)\overline{D}_1(x,y)(2+x\overline{D}_0(x,y))}{(1+x\overline{D}_0(x,y))^2}.$$

C(x,y) ... GF for connected tree-rooted planar graphs

$$xC_x(x,y) = x \exp \left(B_x(xC_x(x,y),y)\right).$$



Strategy of the Proof



Lemma

$$M(s,t) = M(s_0(t),t) - s_0(t)M_s(s_0(t),t)(1-s/s_0(t)) + \frac{(1+\sqrt{t})^3}{4\pi t^{5/4}}(1-s/s_0(t))^2\log\frac{1}{1-s/s_0(t)} + O\left((1-s/s_0(t))^2\right),$$

where $s_0(t) = 1/(4(1+\sqrt{t})^2)$ is the dominating singularity of the mapping $s \to M(s,t)$.

For later use we use the notation

$$M(s,t) = M_0(t) + M_1(t)S + M_2(t)S^2 \log S + O(S^2)$$

with $S = 1 - s/s_0(t)$, $M_0(t) = M(s_0(t), t)$ etc.

Remark. There are similar expansions for $M_0(s,t)$ and $M_1(s,t)$.

Integral representation

$$s M(s,t) = \sum_{n,k} \frac{(2n)!}{k!(k+1)!(n-k)!(n-k+1)!} s^{n+1} t^k$$

= $\sum_{n\geq 0} \frac{C_n}{n+1} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|w|=1/\sqrt{t}} \left(\frac{(1+tw)(1+w)}{w} s \right)^{n+1} dw$
= $\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|w|=1/\sqrt{t}} \left(\log \left(1 + \sqrt{1 - 4\frac{(1+tw)(1+w)}{w}} s \right) - \sqrt{1 - 4\frac{(1+tw)(1+w)}{w}} s \right) dw,$

+ asymptotic analysis of the integral for $s \approx s_0(t) = 1/(4(1 + \sqrt{t})^2)$

Asymptotic Transfer

Lemma

Suppose that Y is a complex variable that varies in a region of the form

$$R := \{ z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < \eta, |\arg(z)| < \pi - \varphi \}$$

for some $\eta>0$ and some φ with $0<\varphi<\frac{\pi}{2}$ and that Y is related with X by

$$X = aY + bY^2 \log Y + O(Y^2) \qquad (Y \to 0, Y \in R),$$

where a and b are non-zero and $|\arg(a)| < \varphi$. Then there exist $\eta' > 0$ and φ' with $0 < \varphi < \frac{\pi}{2}$ such that the above relation can be uniquely inverted for $X \in R' = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < \eta', |\arg(z)| < \pi - \varphi'\}$ and we have

$$Y = \frac{1}{a}X - \frac{b}{a^{3}}X^{2}\log X + O(X^{2})$$

 $(X \to 0, X \in R').$

Proof by bootstrapping.

Application to $M(s,t) = 1 + s(1+t)M(s,t)^2 + N(sM(s,t)^2,t)$

M(s,t) gets singular for $s = s_0(t) = 1/(4(1 + \sqrt{t})^2)$ and we have $M(s,t) = M_0(t) + M_1(t)S + M_2(t)S^2 \log S + O(S^2)$ with $S = 1 - s/s_0(t)$, $M_0(t) = M(s_0(t), t)$ etc.

Hence, N(z,t) gets **singular** for $z = s_0(t)M(s_0(t),t)^2$

Setting

$$z = sM(s,t)^2.$$

we obtain

$$N(z,t) = -1 - (1+t)z + M(s,t)$$

We set

$$Z = 1 - \frac{z}{s_0(t)M(s_0(t), t)^2}$$

which gives

$$z = s_0(t)M(s_0(t), t)^2(1 - Z).$$

Hence we obtain

$$sM(s,t)^{2} = s_{0}(t)(1-S) \left(M_{0}^{2} + 2M_{0}M_{1}S + 2M_{0}M_{2}S^{2} \log S + O(S^{2}) \right)$$

= $s_{0}(t)M_{0}^{2} + s_{0}(t)M_{0}(2M_{1} - M_{0})S + 2s_{0}(t)M_{0}M_{2}S^{2} \log S + O(S^{2})$

or

$$Z = 1 - \frac{sM(s,t)^2}{s_0(t)M_0^2} = -\frac{2M_1 - M_0}{M_0}S - \frac{2M_2}{M_0}S^2 \log S + O(S^2)$$

Hence, a direct application of the previous Lemma gives

$$S = -\frac{M_0}{2M_1 - M_0}Z - \frac{2M_0^2M_2}{(2M_1 - M_0)^3}Z^2\log Z + O(Z^2)$$

This also leads to the relation

$$\overline{M(s,t)} = M_0 + M_1 S + M_2 S^2 \log S + O(S^2)$$

$$= M_0 + M_1 \left(-\frac{M_0}{2M_1 - M_0} Z - \frac{2M_0^2 M_2}{(2M_1 - M_0)^3} Z^2 \log Z \right)$$

$$+ M_2 \frac{M_0^2}{(2M_1 - M_0)^2} Z^2 \log Z + O(Z^2)$$

$$= M_0 - \frac{M_0 M_1}{2M_1 - M_0} Z - \frac{M_0^3 M_2}{(2M_1 - M_0)^3} Z^2 \log Z + O(Z^2)$$

Summing up we have

$$\begin{split} \overline{N(z,t)} &= -1 - (1+t)s_0(t)M_0^2(1-Z) + M(s,t) \\ &= (M_0 - 1 - (1+t)s_0(t)M_0^2) + \left((1+t)s_0(t)M_0^2 - \frac{M_0M_1}{2M_1 - M_0}\right)Z \\ &- \frac{M_0^3M_2}{(2M_1 - M_0)^3}Z^2\log Z + O(Z^2) \\ &= \overline{N_0 + N_1Z + N_2Z^2\log Z + O(Z^2)} \end{split}$$

with

$$N_{0} = N_{0}(t) = M_{0} - 1 - (1 + t)s_{0}(t)M_{0}^{2},$$

$$N_{1} = N_{1}(t) = (1 + t)s_{0}(t)M_{0}^{2} - \frac{M_{0}M_{1}}{2M_{1} - M_{0}},$$

$$N_{2} = N_{2}(t) = -\frac{M_{0}^{3}M_{2}}{(2M_{1} - M_{0})^{3}}.$$

Similarly we obtain

$$N_0(z,t) = N_{00} + N_{01}Z + N_{02}Z^2 \log Z + O(Z^2),$$

$$N_1(z,t) = N_{10} + N_{11}Z + N_{12}Z^2 \log Z + O(Z^2)$$

with $N_{ij} = N_{ij}(t)$ and

$$Z = 1 - \frac{z}{s_0(t)M(s_0(t), t)^2}$$

With the relations (where $D_0 = N_0/(zt)$ and $D_1 = N_1/(tz)$)

$$D_0 = z + \frac{xD_0^2}{1+xD_0} + \frac{D_0D_1(D_1+2)}{(1+D_1)^2} + \frac{T_0(D_1,xD_0/D_1)}{xD_1},$$

$$D_1 = z + \frac{xD_0D_1(xD_0+2)}{(1+xD_0)^2} + \frac{D_1^2}{1+D_1} + \frac{T_1(D_1,xD_0/D_1)}{xD_0}$$

we obtain

$$T_0(u,v) = T_{00}(v) + T_{01}(v)U + T_{02}(v)U^2 \log U + O(U^2),$$

$$T_1(u,v) = T_{10}(v) + T_{11}(v)U + T_{12}(v)U^2 \log U + O(U^2)$$

with

$$U = 1 - \frac{u}{u_0(v)}$$

and a proper function $u_0(v)$.

Tree-rooted 2-connected planar networks

With the relations

$$\begin{split} \overline{D}_{1} &= (1+y) \exp\left(\frac{x\overline{D}_{0}\overline{D}_{1}(2+x\overline{D}_{0})}{(1+x\overline{D}_{0})^{2}} + \frac{T_{1}(\overline{D}_{1},x\overline{D}_{0}/\overline{D}_{1})}{2x\overline{D}_{0}}\right) - 1\\ \overline{D}_{0} &= \frac{2x^{2}\overline{D}_{0}\overline{D}_{1}(y+(1+y)\overline{D}_{0})}{2x\overline{D}_{1}(1+x\overline{D}_{0})(1+y)}(1+\overline{D}_{1})\\ &+ \frac{x(2y\overline{D}_{1}+(1+y)(\overline{D}_{0}T_{0}(\overline{D}_{1},x\overline{D}_{0}/\overline{D}_{1})+T_{1}(\overline{D}_{1},x\overline{D}_{0}/\overline{D}_{1})))}{2x\overline{D}_{1}(1+x\overline{D}_{0})(1+y)}(1+\overline{D}_{1}) \end{split}$$

we obtain

$$\overline{D}_{0}(x,y) = \overline{D}_{00}(x) + \overline{D}_{01}(x)\overline{Y} + \overline{D}_{02}(x)\overline{Y}^{2}\log\overline{Y} + O(\overline{Y}^{2}),$$

$$\overline{D}_{1}(x,y) = \overline{D}_{10}(x) + \overline{D}_{11}(x)\overline{Y} + \overline{D}_{12}(x)\overline{Y}^{2}\log\overline{Y} + O(\overline{Y}^{2}),$$

with

$$\overline{Y} = 1 - \frac{y}{\overline{y}_0(x)}$$

and a proper function $\overline{y}_0(x)$.

With the relation

$$B_{y}(x,y) = \frac{x^{2}}{2} + \frac{x^{2}}{2(1+y)} \left(\overline{D}_{0}(x,y) + \overline{D}_{1}(x,y) - 2y - y \exp(\overline{S}_{1}(x,y) + \overline{H}_{1}(x,y)) + y \right)$$

we obtain

$$B_y(x,y) = \overline{B}_0(x) + \overline{B}_1(x)\overline{Y} + \overline{B}_2(x)\overline{Y}^2 \log \overline{Y} + O(\overline{Y}^2),$$

with $\overline{Y} = 1 - y/\overline{y}(x)$ and (after integrating, differentiating and switching between the expansions with respect to y and x)

$$B_x(x,y) = B_0^*(y) + B_1^*(y)\overline{X} + B_2^*(y)\overline{X}^2 \log \overline{X} + O(\overline{X}^2),$$

with

$$\overline{X} = 1 - \frac{x}{\overline{x}_0(y)}$$

With the relation

$$xC_x(x,y) = x \exp \left(B_x(xC_x(x,y),y)\right)$$

we obein

$$C_x(x,y) = C_0^*(y) + C_1^*(y)\tilde{X} + C_2^*(y)\tilde{X}^2 \log \tilde{X} + O(\tilde{X}^2),$$

where

$$\tilde{X} = 1 - \frac{x}{\tilde{x}_0(y)}$$

and $\tilde{x}_0(y)$ satisfies

$$\tilde{x}_0(y)C'(x_0(y),y) = \overline{x}_0(y).$$

This leads finally to

$$C(x,y) = C_0(y) + C_1(y)\tilde{X} + C_2(y)\tilde{X}^2 + C_3(y)\tilde{X}^3\log\tilde{X} + O(\tilde{X}^3)$$

and consequently to

$$C_n = n! [x^n] C(x, 1) \sim \overline{c} n^{-4} x_0(1)^{-n} n!$$

Thank You!