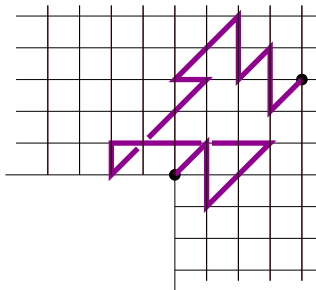


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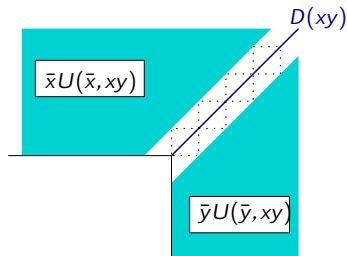
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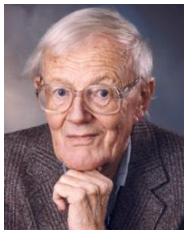
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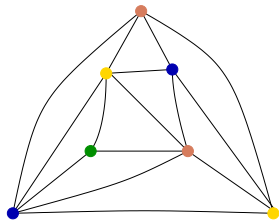
IV. Invariants for (some) three-quadrant walks

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William Tutte (1917-2002)

Properly q -coloured planar triangulations
(1973-1984)



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(\Rightarrow algebraicity [mbm-Jehanne 06])

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- The question can be generalized to more variables $X_0, T_0, U_0, V_0 \dots$ and $X_1, T_1, U_1, V_1 \dots$
- For **polynomials** R (and, mostly, only two variables X_0 and X_1), see [Buchacher, Kauers, Pogudin 20(a)]



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The kernel is:

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When solved for x , it has two roots:

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Invariants go by pairs $(I(x), J(y))$.

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Equivalently, $A(x, y)$ has poles of bounded order at 0,

$$A(X_0, y) = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad A(x, Y_0) = 0,$$

where X_0 is the root of $K(\cdot, y)$ that is $\mathcal{O}(t)$, and analogously for Y_0 .

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$$H(x,y) = \frac{I(x) - J(y)}{K(x,y)},$$

which are rational functions of the form $p(x,y)/(d(x)d'(y))$, have **poles of bounded order** at $x = 0$ and $y = 0$.

Example



- Simple walk

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An invariant lemma

Lemma [mbm 21(a)]

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
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If the coefficients of $H(x, y)$ (in t) **vanish** at $x = 0$ and at $y = 0$, then $I(x)$ and $J(y)$ are trivial:

$$I(x) = J(y) \in \mathbb{Q}((t)) \quad \text{and} \quad H(x, y) = 0.$$

Proof: expansion of all coefficients as series in x and y , plus ordering of the monomials.

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
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
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- Kreweras walk 

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Then

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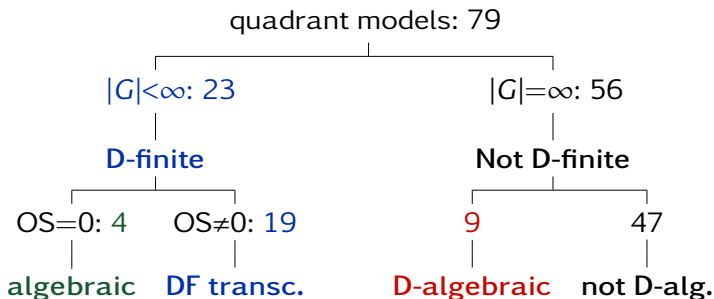
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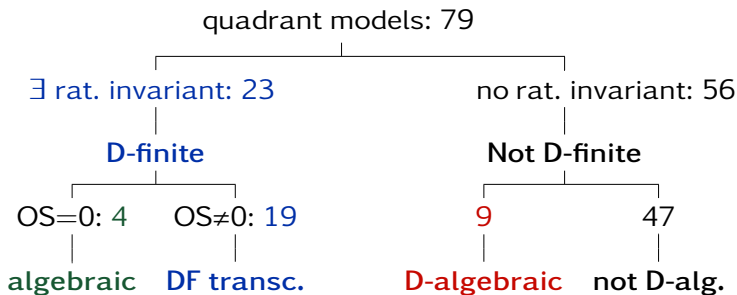
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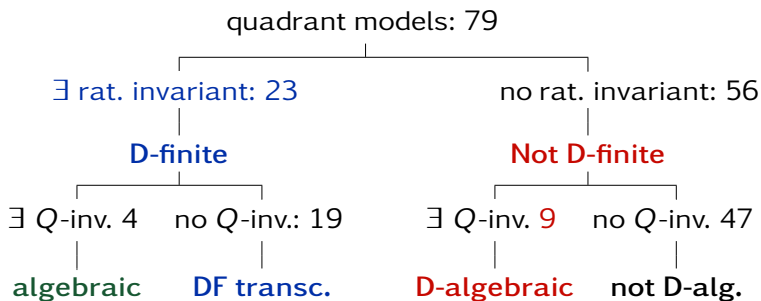
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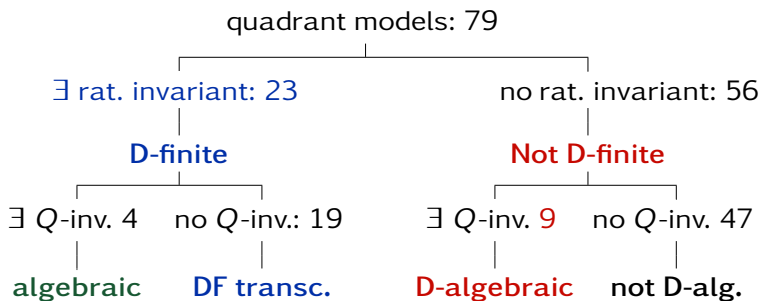
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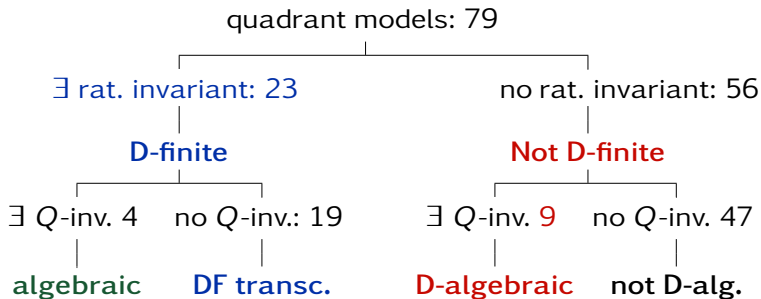
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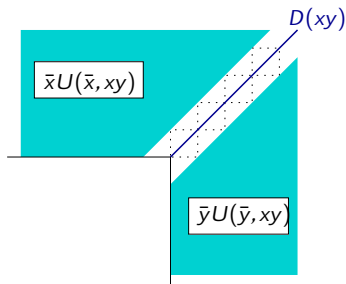
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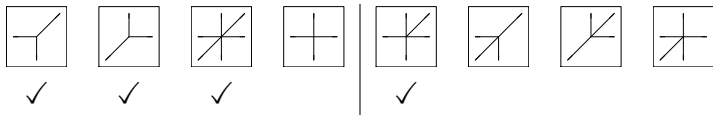


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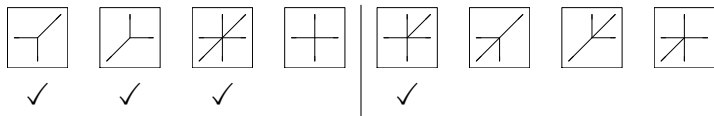


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Trivial invariants for reverse Kreweras' steps

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(Algebraicity of excursions proved by [Elvey Price, FPSAC 20])



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








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








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








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










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








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- **Harmonic functions**: explicit and algebraic in the 5 DF cases; in the DA case, a conjectured relation between the three-quadrant S -harmonic function and the quadrant \mathcal{S} -harmonic function.

S						
\mathcal{S}						
deg. $\mathcal{H}(x, 0)$	2	2	2	3	3	
deg. $\mathcal{H}_-(x)$	4	4	4	3	3	

Ten solved symmetric models

\mathcal{S}	Inv.	Refl.	Analysis	\mathcal{S}	Inv.	Refl.	Analysis + Galois
	alg				D- alg		
	alg						
	alg						
	DF						
	DF						
							











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	alg				D- alg		
	alg						
	alg						
	DF	DF					
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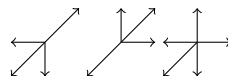
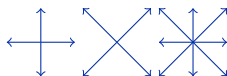
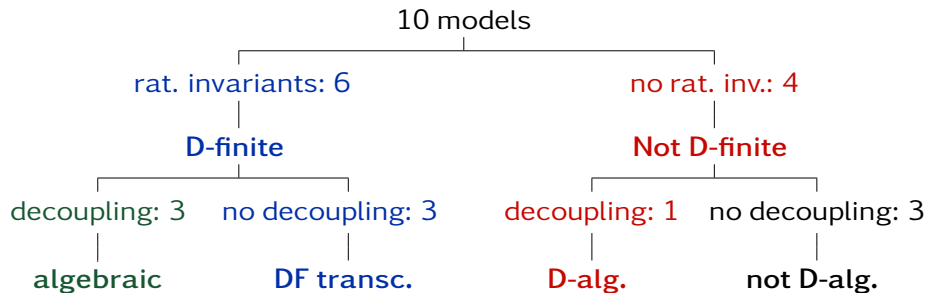
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	alg		DF		D-alg		
	alg		DF				
	alg		DF				
	DF	DF	DF				
	DF	DF					
		DF					

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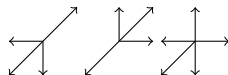
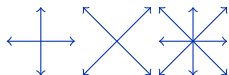
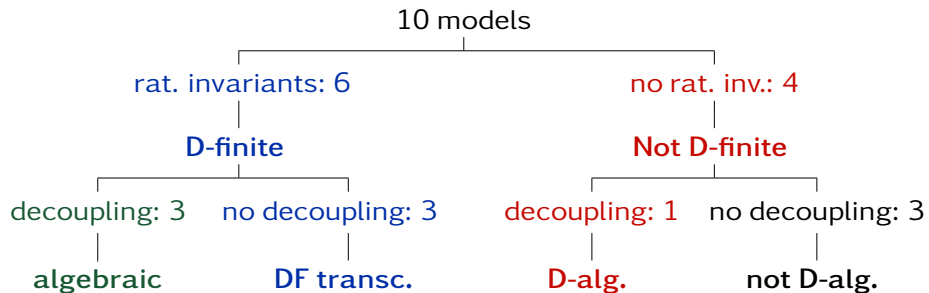
\mathcal{S}	Inv.	Refl.	Analysis	\mathcal{S}	Inv.	Refl.	Analysis + Galois
	alg		DF		D-alg		D-alg
	alg		DF				not DA
	alg		DF				not DA
	DF	DF	DF				not DA
	DF	DF					
		DF					

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Andrew Elvey Price: same nature as the quadrant series, at least in x and y (next talk)