The six vertex model on random lattices using Jacobi theta functions

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ROOTED PLANAR MAPS

Planar map: Drawing of (planar) graph on the sphere with a marked, directed *root* edge (up to orientation preserving homeomorphisms).



SMALL PLANAR MAPS



A CHRONOLOGY OF PLANAR MAPS



• **Recursive approach:** Tutte, Brown, Bender, Canfield, Richmond, Goulden, Jackson, Wormald, Walsh, Lehman, Gao, Wanless...

• Matrix integrals: Brézin, Itzykson, Parisi, Zuber, Bessis, Ginsparg, Kostov, Zinn-Justin, Boulatov, Kazakov, Mehta, Bouttier, Di Francesco, Guitter, Eynard...

• **Bijections:** Cori & Vauquelin, Schaeffer, Bouttier, Di Francesco & Guitter (BDG), Bernardi, Fusy, Poulalhon, Bousquet-Mélou, Chapuy...

• Geometric properties of random maps: Chassaing & Schaeffer, BDG, Marckert & Mokkadem, Jean-François Le Gall, Miermont, Curien, Albenque, Bettinelli, Ménard, Angel, Sheffield, Miller, Gwynne...

- Introduction: recursive method for (cubic) maps
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 - Part 2c: deriving the guesses
- **Part 3:** Modular properties and algebraicity for the 6-vertex model

Introduction: Counting cubic maps

(Tutte, 1962)



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ON THE NUMBER OF PLANAR EULERIAN ORIENTATIONS

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ABSTRACT. The number of planar Eulerian maps with n edges is well-known to have a simple expression. But what is the number of planar Eulerian orientations with n edges? This problem appears to be difficult. To approach it, we define and count families of subsets and supersets of planar Eulerian orientations, indexed by an integer k, that converge to the set of all planar Eulerian orientations as k increases. The generating functions of our subsets can be characterized by systems of polynomial equations, and are thus algebraic. The generating functions of our supersets are characterized by polynomial systems involving divided differences, as often occurs in map enumeration. We prove that these series are algebraic as well. We obtain in this way lower and upper bounds on the growth rate of planar Eulerian orientations, which appears to be around 12.5.

1. INTRODUCTION

The enumeration of planar maps (graphs embedded on the sphere) has received a lot of attention since the sixties. Many remarkable counting results have been discovered, which were often illuminated later by beautiful bijective constructions. For instance, it has been known since 1963 that the number of rooted planar *Eulerian* maps (i.e., planar maps in which every vertex has even degree) with n edges is **Fal**:

$$m_n = \frac{3 \cdot 2^{n-1}}{(n+1)(n+2)} \binom{2n}{n}.$$
 (1)

A bijective explanation involving plane trees can be found in $[\underline{15}]$. The associated generating function $M(t) = \sum_{n \ge 0} m_n t^n$ is known to be *algebraic*, that is, to satisfy a polynomial equation. More precisely:

$$t^{2} + 11t - 1 - (8t^{2} + 12t - 1)M(t) + 16t^{2}M(t)^{2} = 0.$$

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Next step: Bijection between labelled quadrangulations with no alternating faces and labelled maps (Miermont / Ambjørn and Budd).

Start with a quadrangulation with no alternating faces.



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Draw a red edge in each face according to the rule.



Remove all of the original edges.



Remove any isolated vertices.



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This bijection shows that Q(t, 0) = G(t), the generating function for rooted Eulerian orientations where *t* counts edges.

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Part 2: Solving the six vertex model

(on planar maps)

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BACKGROUND ON THE SIX VERTEX MODEL

- "Solved" by Kostov in 2000 using matrix integral techniques.
- Solution was not rigorous.
- We made this argument rigorous and simplified the form of the solutions.



The generating function Q(t, 0) is given by

$$t = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1} {\binom{2n}{n}}^2 \mathsf{R}_0(t)^{n+1},$$
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The generating function Q(t, 1) is given by

$$t = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n} \binom{3n}{n} \mathsf{R}_1(t)^{n+1},$$
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PREVIEW: SOLUTION FOR $Q(t, \gamma)$

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Then

$$\mathsf{Q}(t,\gamma) = \frac{1}{(\gamma+2)t^2} \left(t - (\gamma+2)t^2 - \mathsf{R}(t,\gamma) \right).$$

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Part 2a: Deriving functional equations

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 $C(t,\omega) = \sum_{n,k} c_{n,k} t^n \omega^k \text{ counts CEPOs (using weights above).}$ $c_{n,2k}$: number of CEPOs with n + k left turns and n - k right turns

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For functional equations: Contract the root edge.

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$$\mathbf{W}(x) = \omega x t \mathbf{H}(0, x) + \omega^{-1} x t \mathbf{H}(x, 0) + x^2 t \mathbf{W}(x)^2 + 1$$

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$$H(x,y) = \frac{\omega}{x} (H(x,y) - H(0,y)) + \frac{\omega^{-1}}{y} (H(x,y) - H(x,0)) + W(x)W(y).$$

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Part 2b: Solving functional equations

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So, we just need to guess and check

EXPRESSIONS FOR W(x) and H(x, y)

$$\begin{split} \vartheta(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (e^{(2n+1)iz} + e^{-(2n+1)iz}) e^{(n+1/2)^2 i\pi\tau} \\ \omega &= ie^{-i\alpha}, \quad t = \frac{\cos\alpha}{64\sin^3\alpha} \left(-\frac{\vartheta(\alpha)\vartheta''(\alpha)}{\vartheta'(\alpha)^2} + \frac{\vartheta''(\alpha)}{\vartheta'(\alpha)} \right), \\ b &= \frac{1}{16t} \frac{\cos(\alpha)}{\sin^3(\alpha)} \frac{\vartheta(\alpha)^2}{\vartheta'(\alpha)^2}, \quad x_0 = \frac{\cos\alpha}{2\sin\alpha} \frac{\vartheta'(0)}{\vartheta'(\alpha)}, \quad c = -\omega - \omega^{-1}, \\ V(z) &= b \left(\frac{\vartheta'(z)^2}{\vartheta(z)^2} - \frac{\vartheta''(z)}{\vartheta(z)} + \frac{\vartheta''(0)}{3\vartheta'(0)} \right), \quad x(z) = x_0 \frac{\vartheta(z+\alpha)}{\vartheta(z)}, \\ W^{(0)}(y) &= -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \frac{V(z - \frac{\pi\tau}{2})x'\left(z - \frac{\pi\tau}{2}\right)}{\left(y + c^{-1} - i\omega x(z - \frac{\pi\tau}{2})\right)x\left(z - \frac{\pi\tau}{2}\right)} dz, \\ \frac{1}{2} H \left(0, \frac{1}{y} \right) &= -\frac{\omega^{-1}}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \frac{V(z - \frac{\pi\tau}{2})x'\left(z - \frac{\pi\tau}{2}\right)W^{(0)}\left(-c^{-1} - i\omega^{-1}x\left(z - \frac{\pi\tau}{2}\right) \right)}{(y + c^{-1} - i\omega x(z - \frac{\pi\tau}{2}))x\left(z - \frac{\pi\tau}{2}\right)} dz, \\ \frac{1}{2} H \left(\frac{1}{y}, 0 \right) &= -\frac{\omega}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \frac{V(z - \frac{\pi\tau}{2})x'\left(z - \frac{\pi\tau}{2}\right)W^{(0)}\left(-c^{-1} - i\omega^3x\left(z - \frac{\pi\tau}{2}\right) \right)}{(y + c^{-1} - i\omega x(z - \frac{\pi\tau}{2}))x\left(z - \frac{\pi\tau}{2}\right)} dz, \\ W(x) &= \frac{1}{x} W^{(0)} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right), \qquad H(x, y) = \frac{xyW(x)W(y) - \omega xH(x, 0) - \omega^{-1}yH(0, y)}{xy - \omega x - \omega^{-1}y}. \end{split}$$

Expressions are formal series in t, ω , and (in some cases) x, y and e^{2iz} .

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Solution for $\mathsf{Q}(t,\gamma)$

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Part 2c: Non-rigorously deriving expressions for W(x) and H(x, y)

(by copying Kostov)

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Step 3: (Kernel method) write
$$X(v) = \frac{\omega + \omega^{-1}}{1 - iv(\omega^2 + 1)}$$
 and $Y(v) = \frac{\omega + \omega^{-1}}{1 - iv(\omega^{-2} + 1)}$ to parameterise $\left(1 - \frac{\omega}{y} - \frac{\omega^{-1}}{x}\right) = 0$. The second equation becomes:

$$0 = \mathsf{W}(X(v))\mathsf{W}(Y(v)) - \frac{\omega}{Y(v)}\mathsf{H}(X(v), 0) - \frac{\omega^{-1}}{X(v)}\mathsf{H}(0, Y(v))$$

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By analysing the cuts, we find that

$$U(v) := v\omega X(v) \mathbf{W} (X(v)) + v\omega^{-1} Y(v) \mathbf{W} (Y(v))$$
$$+ \frac{iv^2}{t(\omega^2 - \omega^{-2})} - \frac{v}{t(\omega + \omega^{-1})^2}$$

is analytic except on 2 cuts $i\omega[x'_1, x'_2]$ and $-i\omega^{-1}[x'_1, x'_2]$ and satisfies

$$U(i\omega(x+i0)) = U(-i\omega^{-1}(x-i0)),$$
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for $x \in [x'_1, x'_2]$.

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Solution for $\mathsf{Q}(t,\gamma)$

Define

$$\vartheta(z,q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (e^{(2n+1)iz} - e^{-(2n+1)iz}) q^{(2n+1)^2/8}$$

Let $q = q(t, \alpha)$ be the unique series satisfying

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MODULAR PROPERTIES

Modular properties in special cases

Part 3:



Nice reference for modular properties of theta functions: *Elliptic Modular Forms and Their Applications*, Zagier, 2008.

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Recall:
$$\vartheta(z|\tau) = \vartheta(z, e^{i\pi\tau}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (e^{(2n+1)iz} + e^{-(2n+1)iz}) e^{(n+1/2)^2 i\pi\tau}$$

Aim: relate $\vartheta(z|\tau)$ to other τ values Natural transformations: $\tau \to \tau + 1$ and $\tau \to -\frac{1}{\tau}$ Equations:

• $\vartheta(z|\tau+1) = e^{i\pi/4} \vartheta(z,\tau)$ • $\vartheta\left(\frac{z}{\tau}\right| - \frac{1}{\tau}\right) = -i(-i\tau)^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(\frac{i}{\pi\tau}z^{2}\right) \vartheta(z|\tau)$

These transformations generate the group of transformations

$$au o rac{a au + b}{c au + d},$$

satisfying ad - bc = 1.

This is isomorphic to the group $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ of matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

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Theorem: (classical) All modular functions are algebraically related

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Theorem [E.P. and Zinn-Justin]: if $\alpha \in \pi \mathbb{Q}$, then R and

$$\mathsf{S} = \frac{1}{t} \frac{d^2 t}{d\mathsf{R}^2}$$

are both modular functions (when written as functions of τ), so they are algebraically related.

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• $\gamma = -1$: $\frac{1}{t} \frac{d^2 t}{dR^2} = \frac{2}{h(1 + h)(1 + 4h)(1 - 8h)}$, where $R = h(1 + 2h)$.
• $\gamma = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$: R and $S = \frac{1}{t} \frac{d^2 t}{dR^2}$ are related by
 $R = h \left(1 - \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}h\right) / \left(1 + (2 + \sqrt{5})h\right)^3$
 $S = (5 + \sqrt{5}) \left(1 + (2 + \sqrt{5})h\right)^6 / \left(h \left(1 - \frac{11 - 5\sqrt{5}}{2}h\right) \left(1 - \frac{11 + 5\sqrt{5}}{2}h\right)^2 \left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{2}h\right)\right)$

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Recall: in each case

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- Are W(x) and H(x, y) D-algebraic?
- If not, the full generating functions that are used in the solution are non-D-algebraic, but the single parameter generating function is D-algebraic. How common is this? Are there cases where we can be confident it doesn't happen (e.g., quarter plane walks/excursions)?

Thank you!

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