Simple maps (also) converge to the Brownian map

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Distance between two vertices = number of edges between them. Planar map = Metric space

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Euler Formula : # vertices + # faces = 2 + # edges

A quadrangulation with n faces has 2n edges and n+2 vertices.

Which maps ?



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Simple maps (no loops nor multiple edges)



Cubic maps (all vertices have degree 3)

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- cvgence of normalized quadrangulations + properties of the limit [Marckert-Mokkadem '06], [Le Gall '07], [Le Gall, Paulin '08] [Miermont '08]

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Theorem : [Bousquet-Mélou, Schaeffer '00] This is a bijection between balanced oriented binary trees and bipartite cubic maps





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Labels \approx depth of the face in the cubic map

Unmatched stems = last 0, 1 and 2 corners

• Apply the following local rule :

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(= add a --> before each descent and color the corresponding corner and vertex)

• Erase all non-purple and do the following closures









For instance, for a node of degree 1, 4 possibilities:

Around each vertex :





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 $S_n = \text{outer-triangular simple map}$ $(C_{\lfloor nt \rfloor}, \tilde{Z}_{\lfloor nt \rfloor}) = \text{contour and label process of the associated tree}$ $Z_{\lfloor nt \rfloor} = \text{distance in the map}$ between vertex " $\lfloor nt \rfloor$ " and the root.

Theorem:

 S_n = random outer-triangular simple map, then for all $\varepsilon > 0$:

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sup_{0\leq t\leq 1}\left\{\left|\tilde{Z}_{\lfloor nt\rfloor}-Z_{\lfloor nt\rfloor}\right|\right\}\geq \varepsilon n^{1/4}\right)\to 0.$$

i.e. the label process of the tree gives the distance to the root in the map.

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- From the property of the closure, on the left of the LMP the labels decrease exactly by 1.
- The LMP is not self-intersecting: it reaches the outer-face







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The result for the last time

Theorem : [A., Bernardi, Collet, Fusy] $S_n = \{ \text{ simple maps with } n \text{ edges } \}$ $S_n = \text{ uniform random element of } S_n.$ Then: $\left(S_n, \left(\frac{1}{2n}\right)^{1/4} d_{S_n}\right) \xrightarrow{(d)} (M, D^*),$

for the distance of Gromov-Hausdorff on the isometry classes of compact metric spaces.

The Brownian Map ??



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Then $M = (\mathcal{T}_e / \sim_{D^*}, D^*)$ is the **Brownian map**.

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