#### A bijection between loopless maps and triangulations

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#### **Planar maps**

 Planar map = graph drawn in the plane without edge-crossing, taken up to isotopy (continuous structure-preserving transformation)



• Rooted map = map + root edge



 Motivations: mesh compression, graph drawing + nice combinatorial properties

#### Families of planar maps



Triangulation



Loopless map



Irreducible triangulation (no separating triangle). – p.3/26

## Families of planar maps



Triangulation

separating vertex

Loopless map



Nonseparable map (no separating vertex)



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1, 2 well known bijections (Tutte)

**3** recursive bijection (Wormald)

This talk: • new bijective construction for (3) • first bijective construction for (4)

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## Well known bijections



## **Overview of the talk**

1) Bijection nonseparable maps  $\simeq$  irreducible triang + new duality relation for bipolar orientations



2) Bijection loopless maps  $\simeq$  triangulations



nonseparable components



irreducible components





3) Applications to random generation and encoding

#### Bijection between nonseparable maps and irreducible triangulations

## **Bipolar orientations**

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A map admits a bipolar orientation iff there is no separating vertex (nonseparable)

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A triangulation of the 4-gon admits a transversal structure iff there is no separating triangle (irreducible)

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#### How the bijection works



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Start with a plane bipolar orientation



Double the root edge



Insert a white vertex in each edge



Triangulate the faces by red edges







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Remark: These are counted by the Baxter number:  $B_n = \frac{2}{n(n+1)^2} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n+1}{k} \binom{n+1}{k+1} \binom{n+1}{k+2}$ 

Start with an intransitive bipolar orientation



Triangulate the faces by blue edges





#### A second bijection:











#### Bijection between loopless maps and triangulations

## **Decomposing a loopless map**

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• For rooted loopless maps:

Nonseparable core where each corner is possibly occupied by a loopless map

• Classical decomposition at separating triangles



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4-connected triangulation where each face is possibly occupied by a triangulation

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Irreducible triangulation where each face is possibly occupied by a triangulation

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## **Counting the families**



Fusy'05: irreductible triangulations are in bijection with ternary trees



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# $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Triangulations} \leftrightarrow \textbf{quaternary trees} \\ \hline \end{array}$

































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## Applications

$$maps \longleftrightarrow trees \longleftrightarrow "Dyck words"$$





• General scheme: (Schaeffer'99, Poulalhon-Schaeffer'03)



Applies here to : 

irreducible triangulations
triangulations

