

# Coverings of the sphere Algorithms and Algebra

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Happy birthday, Alexander!

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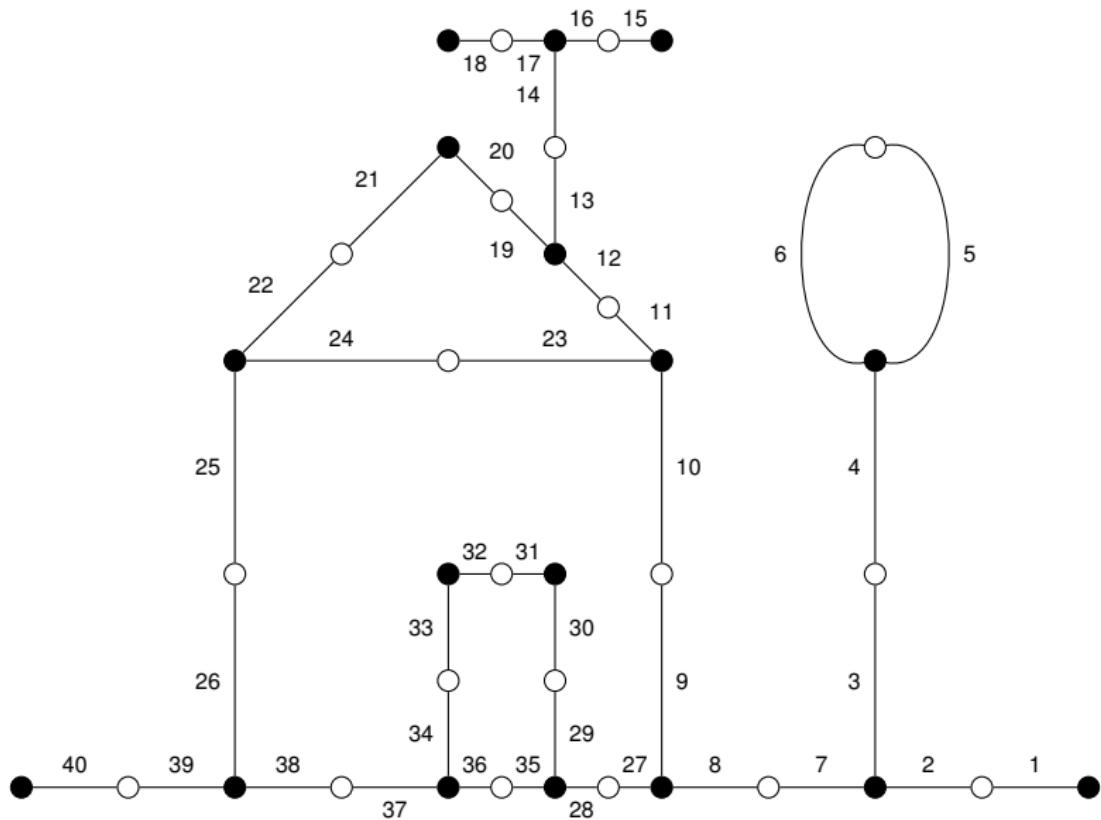
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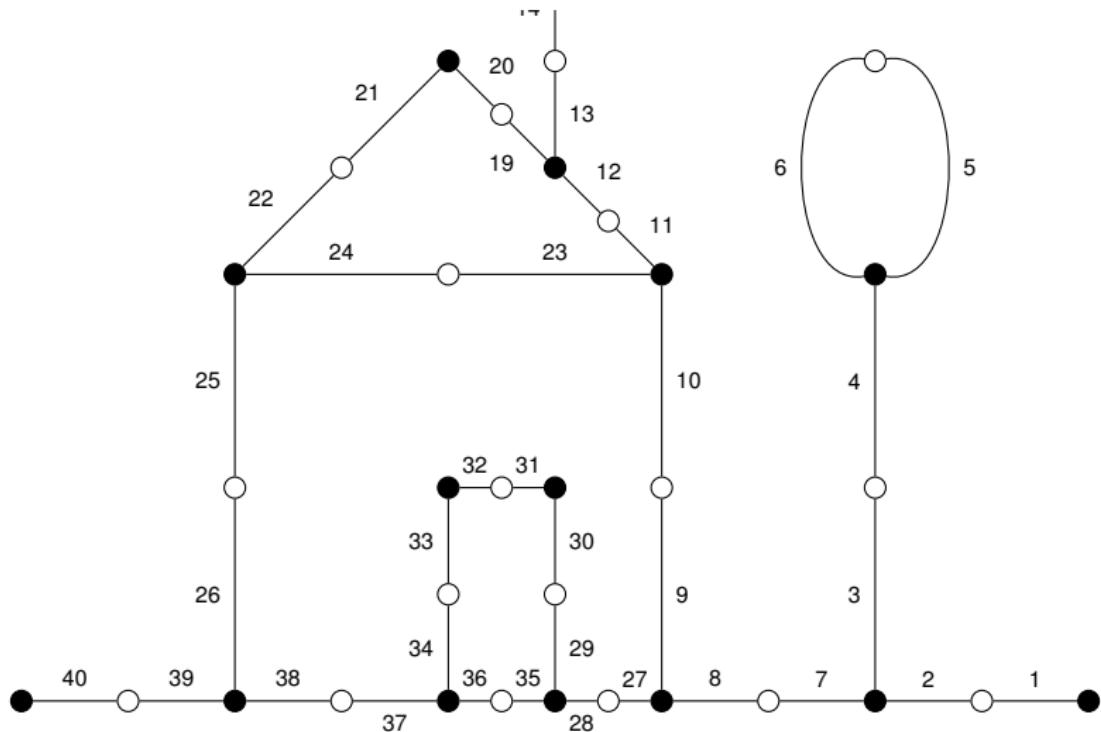
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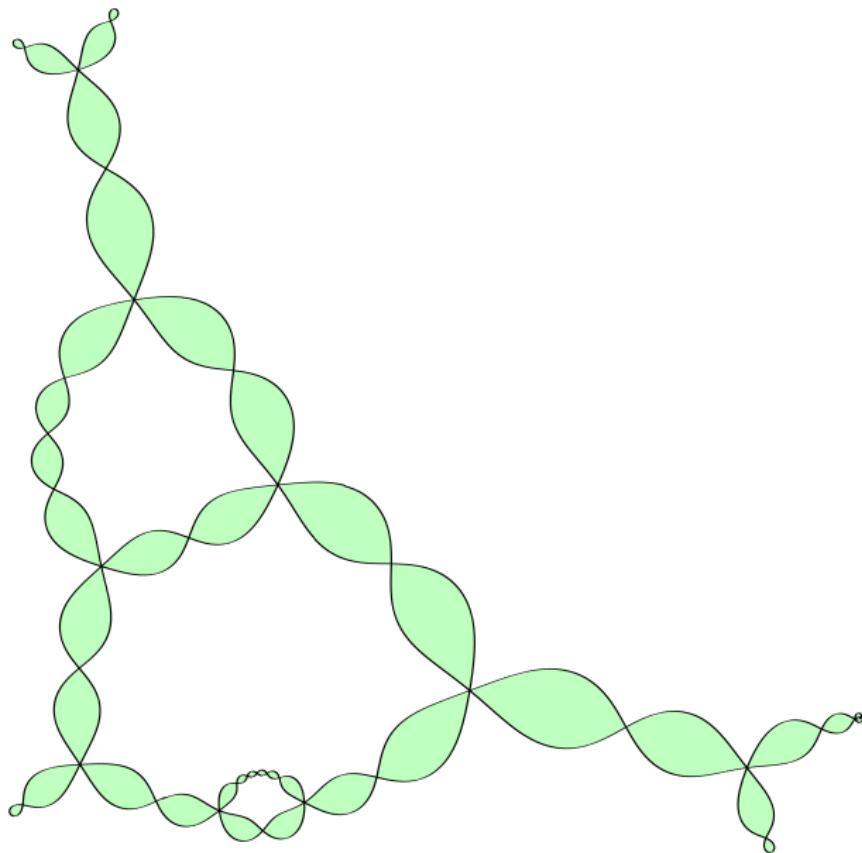
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$$\sigma = (1, 2)(3, 4) \cdots (39, 40)$$

$$\tau = (1)(2, 3, 7)(4, 5, 6)(8, 9, 27) \cdots (26, 37, 38)(40)$$

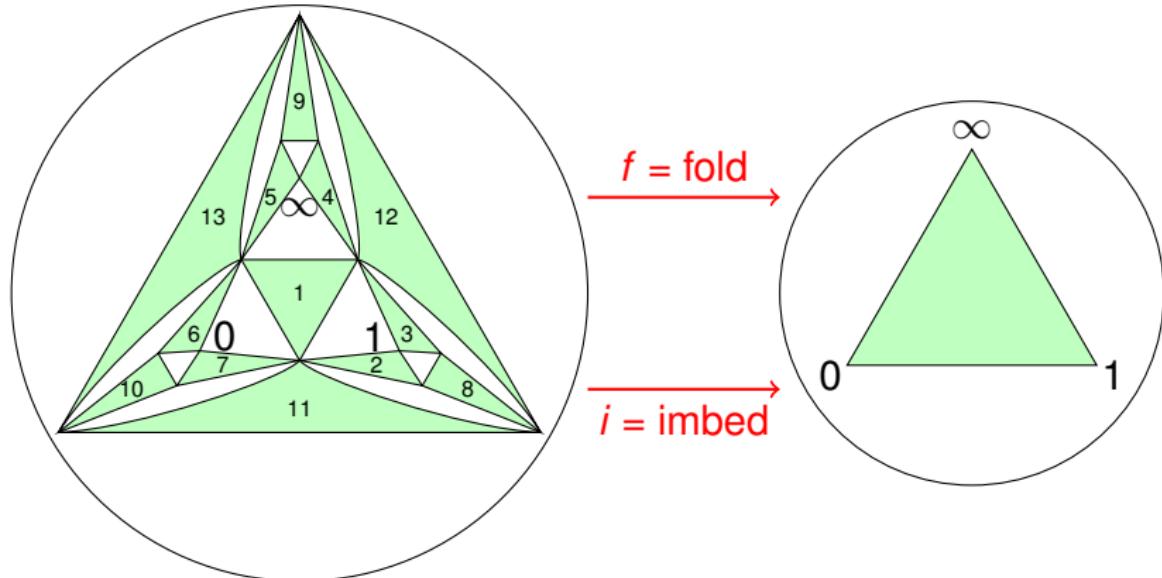


# Dessins d'enfant – Grothendieck's house





# Thurston maps – triangulations

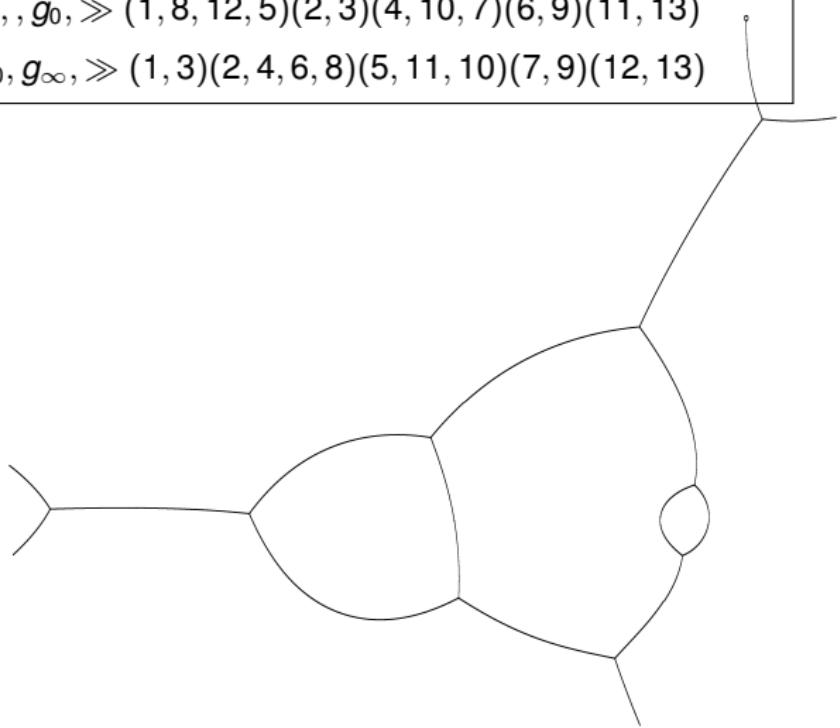


## Cui's map – biset and dessin d'enfant

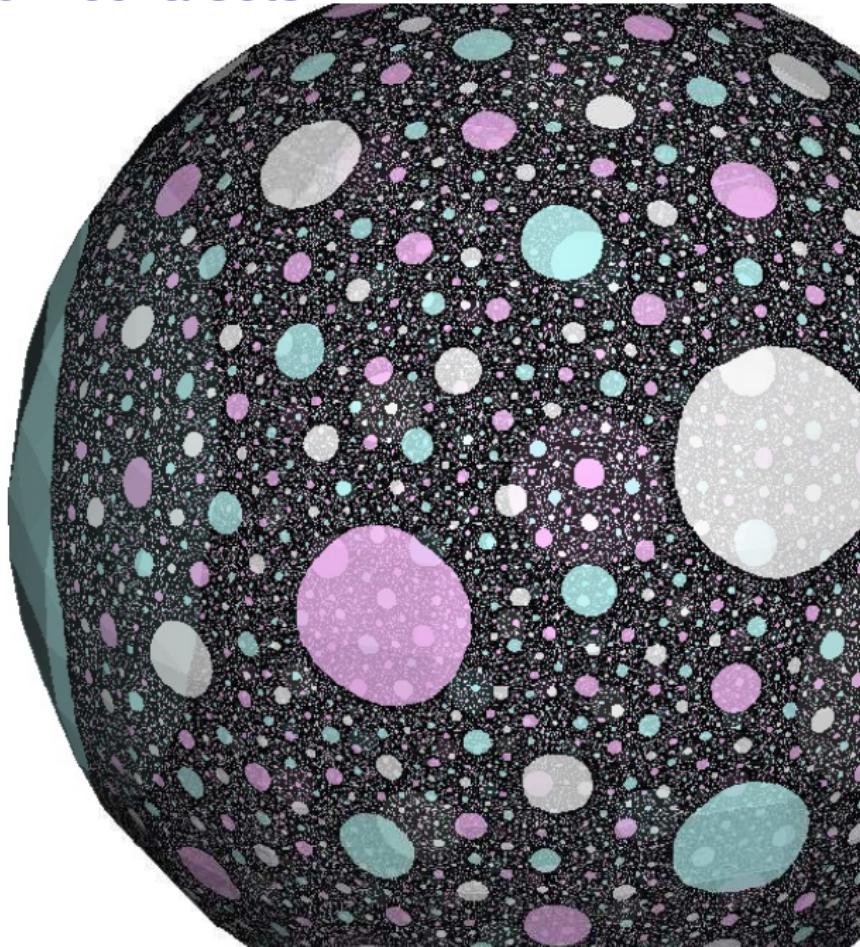
$$g_0 = \ll, g_0, , , , , g_1^{-1}, , g_0^{-1}, , , g_\infty^{-1} \gg (1, 2)(3, 5, 4)(6, 7)(8, 9, 10, 13)(11, 12)$$

$$g_1 = \ll g_0^{-1}, , , , , , g_1, , , g_0, \gg (1, 8, 12, 5)(2, 3)(4, 10, 7)(6, 9)(11, 13)$$

$$g_\infty = \ll , , , , g_0^{-1}, , , , , g_0, g_\infty, \gg (1, 3)(2, 4, 6, 8)(5, 11, 10)(7, 9)(12, 13)$$

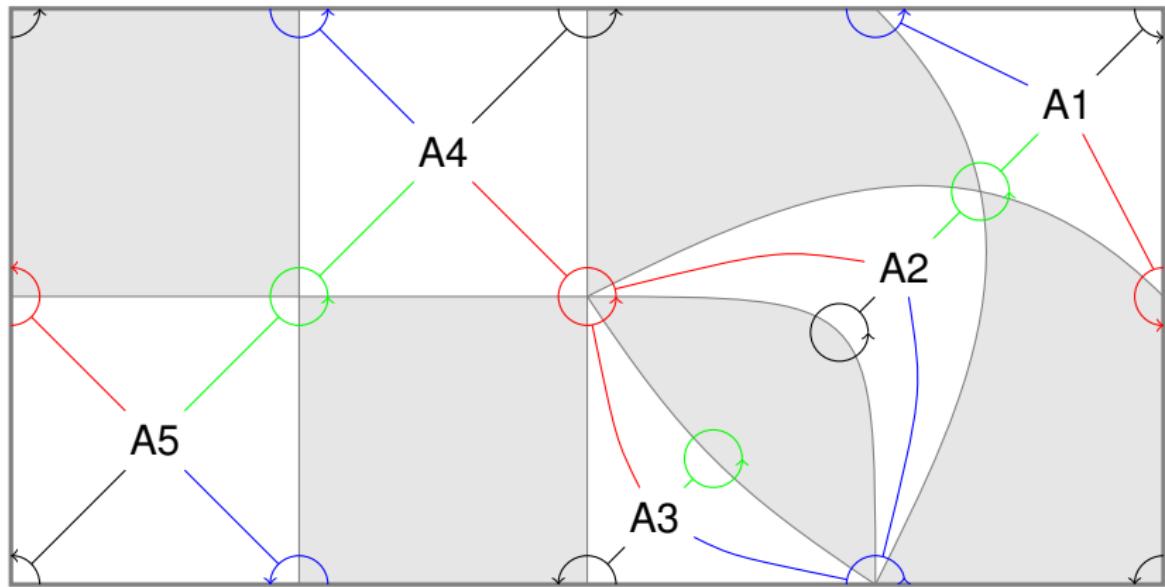


# Cui's map – Julia sets

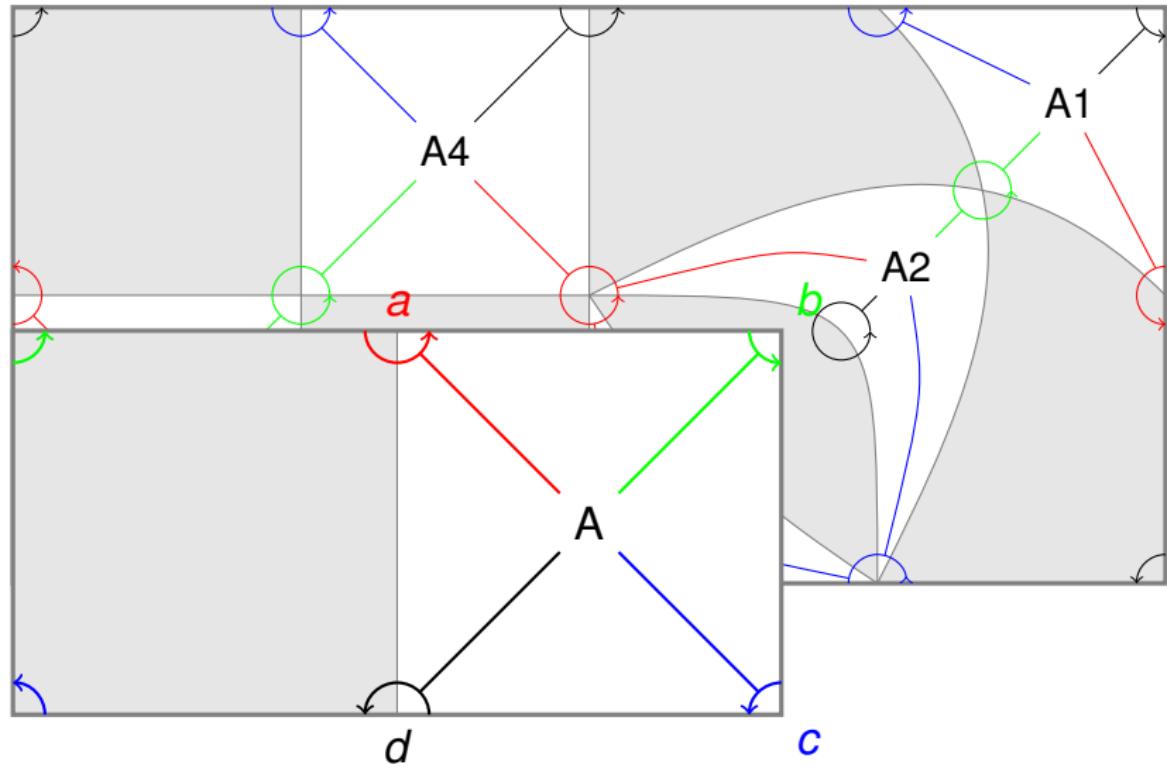




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$$a = \ll c^{-1}, 1, 1, 1, c \gg (1, 5)(2, 4, 3)$$

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$$x = ac = \ll c^{-1}, cx^{-1}, 1, 1, x^{c^{-1}} \gg (1, 2)(4, 5)$$

# Pilgrim's map – after

