# Primer hypermaps and their role in the classification of regular hypermaps with p (prime) hyperfaces

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# Abstract

A (face-)primer hypermap is a regular hypermap with no regular proper quotients with the same number of hyperfaces. Primer hypermaps are then regular hypermaps whose automorphism group induce a faithful action on its hyperfaces. This has been important in the classification of the orientably-regular hypermaps with p (prime) hyperfaces. In this talk we speak about the classification of primer hypermaps with p hyperfaces and the role that primer hypermaps have in the previously mentioned classification.



#### Connections

Wilson and Breda - Surfaces with no regular hypermaps (Discrete Math. 277 (2004) 241-274) (Actions on faces)

Nedela and Breda -Chiral hypermaps with few hyperfaces (Math. Slovaca, (53) 2003 (2) 107-128) (Action of the automorphism group on the hyperfaces)

Skoviera - Regular Maps with Multiple Edges (SIGMAC'02) (Shadow of a map)

S.F. Du, J.H. Kwak and R. Nedela - Regular embeddings of complete multipartite graphs (European J. Combin., 26 (2005) 505-519) (Extension)



# Notations

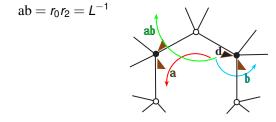
Regular oriented hypermaps

 $\mathcal{H} = (G; a, b)$ 

a  $\rightsquigarrow$  permutation cycling darts 1 step CCW about hyperfaces. a =  $r_0 r_1 = (RL)^{-1}$ 

b  $\rightsquigarrow$  permutation cycling darts 1 step CCW about hypervertices. a =  $r_1 r_2 = R$ 

 $ab \rightsquigarrow$  permutation cycling darts 1 step CW about hyperedges.





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$$\rho: \Delta^{+} = \langle a, b \rangle = C_{\infty} * C_{\infty} \longrightarrow G = Mon(\mathcal{H}) = \langle a, b \rangle$$
$$a \longmapsto a$$
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 $H = Ker(\rho)$  = hypermap-subgroup of  $\mathcal{H}$ .

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## The Primer hypermap of $\mathcal H$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \mathcal{H} \text{ not primer } \Rightarrow & \textit{Core}_{\Delta^+}(\langle a \rangle) \not\subset H \\ & & \downarrow \\ \textit{Core}_{\Delta^+}(\langle a \rangle) H \triangleleft \Delta^+ & \rightsquigarrow & \textit{reg. orient. hypermap } \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \end{array}$$

 $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$  is primer = Primer hypermap of  $\mathcal{H}$ .

If A = permutation of the hyperfaces induced by the automorphism one step rotation about a hyperface then  $Core_{\Delta^+}(\langle a \rangle)H = \langle a^{|A|} \rangle H$ 



# How to construct $P(\mathcal{H})$

 $\mathcal{H} = (G; \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}).$ 

 $Aut(\mathcal{H}) = \langle \phi_a, \phi_b \rangle$  acts transitively on  $\mathcal{F}$  (hyperfaces)

 $\phi_a$  and  $\phi_b$  induces permutations *A* and *B* of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

#### Then

 $P(\mathcal{H}) = (P; A^{-1}, B^{-1}), \text{ where } P = \langle A, B \rangle.$ 



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- The chirality group  $X(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})) = X(\mathcal{H})/L$
- $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$  chiral  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  chiral.
- The converse is not true.

If  $\mathcal{H} =$  metacyclic hypermap  $M(n, m, r, t); x, y) \rightsquigarrow$  chiral and reflexible ( $M(n, m, r, t) = \langle x, y \mid x^n = 1, y^m = x^r, x^y = x^t \rangle$ )  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$  is a spherical hypermap (hence reflexible)

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# p-primer groups (p prime)

*p*-primer hypermap = primer hypermap with *p* hyperfaces *p*-primer group = monodromy group of a *p*-primer hypermap

#### Theorem

If  $\mathcal{P} = (P; A, B)$  is a primer hypermap with p (prime) hyperfaces then only one of the situations can occur: A = 1 or the support of A is  $\{2, \ldots, p\}$ . Moreover, the permutation A is either 1, a cycle of length p-1, or a product of cycles each of length |A|.

#### Theorem

If  $P = \langle A, B \rangle$  is a p-primer group then

(1) |P| = |A|p and |A| is a divisor of p-1;

- (2) P is a semidirect product (A) κ (σ), where σ is a permutation of order p, and hence P is a metacyclic group;
- (3) P is primitive.



#### Before the classification I

- $M(p,\ell,0,t) = \langle x,y \mid x^p = y^\ell = 1, x^y = x^t \rangle = \langle x \rangle \rtimes \langle y \rangle,$
- $t^{\ell} = 1 \mod p$ .
- $|y| = \ell$  so  $M(p, \ell, 0, t)$  = monodromy group of a primer hypermap  $\Rightarrow \ell$  is a divisor of p 1.
- Denote  $\mathcal{M}_k^{p,\ell,t} := (M(p,\ell,0,t); y, xy^k).$
- $\ell = 1 \Rightarrow (t = 0) \ \mathcal{M}_k^{p,1,0} = (M(p,1,0,0);1,x) =$  spherical dihedral hypermap  $\delta_p$  with *p* hyperfaces. This is clearly primer.





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#### Before the classification II

# Theorem For each $k \in \{0, ..., \ell - 1\}$ ,

$$\mathcal{M}_{k}^{p,\ell,t} = (M(p,\ell,0,t); y, xy^{k})$$

has p hyperfaces, each of valency  $\ell$ . Moreover,

$$\mathcal{M}_{k}^{p,\ell,t} \text{ is primer}$$

$$(1) \quad \ell \text{ is a divisor of } p-1$$

$$(2) \quad \text{If } \quad \ell > 1 , \quad t^{i} \neq 1 \pmod{p} \text{ for each } i \in \{1, 2, ..., \ell - 1\}$$



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#### Classification of the *p*-primer hypermaps

Denote by  $\mathcal{P}_{k}^{p,\ell,t}$  the primer hypermap  $\mathcal{M}_{k}^{p,\ell,t}$  before,

where  $t \in \{0, ..., p-1\}$  and  $\ell$  satisfy the two conditions given before.

#### Theorem

 $\mathcal{P} = primer hypermap with p hyperfaces \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{P} \cong \mathcal{P}_k^{p,\ell,t}$  for some  $k \in \{0, ..., \ell-1\}.$ 

Different parameters  $\ell$ , t and k correspond to non-isomorphic hypermaps with p hyperfaces of valency  $\ell$ .



#### Shadow maps versus primer maps

Multiple edges reg. maps dual face multiple edges maps

(incident faces sharing more than 1 edge)

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Shadow map

Primer map

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