

Lecture 40:

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Goal Thm: G a finite gp. Then \exists a Galois extension

$K/\mathbb{C}(t)$ with group G .

[Reminder: Big open prob when base field is \mathbb{Q} .]

Last time: Given an irreducible curve $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}^2$, and a non-constant poly $h \in \mathbb{C}[V]$ (e.g. corresp. to projection onto the x -axis), get that $K = \mathbb{C}(V)$ is a finite extension of $\mathbb{C}(t)$.

Plan: ① Given G , find a curve V in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^n$ on which G acts via symmetries, so that

$$V/G = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1 = \mathbb{S}^2.$$

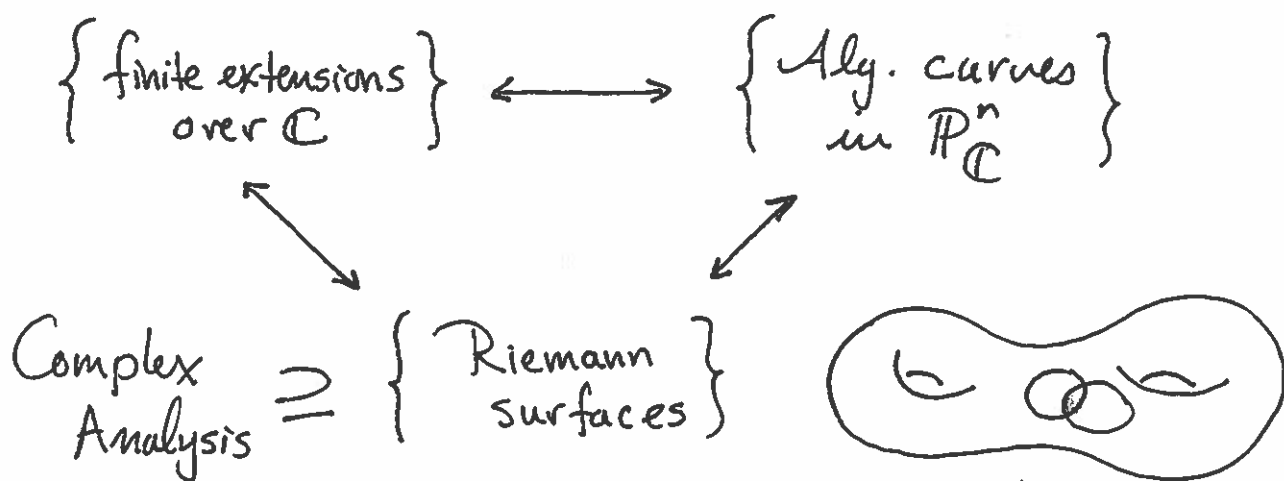
② Each $\sigma \in G$, thought of as a symm $\sigma: V \rightarrow V$ gives an automorphism of $K = \mathbb{C}(V)$

via $\sigma^*(f) = f \circ \sigma^{-1}$ where $f \in K$ is viewed as a rat'l fn $f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1$

Aside: $\tau^*(\sigma^*(f)) = \tau^*(f \circ \sigma^{-1}) = (f \circ \sigma^{-1}) \circ \tau^{-1} = (\tau \circ \sigma)^* f$

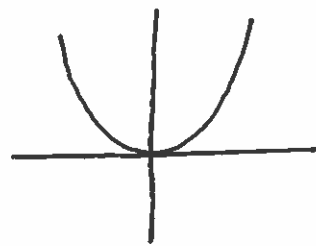
$$\textcircled{3} \quad K_G = \mathbb{C}(V)_G = \mathbb{C}(V/G) = \mathbb{C}(\mathbb{P}'_{\mathbb{C}}) = \mathbb{C}(t) \quad \textcircled{2}$$

[In the time left, I can't do the whole proof]
as you need one more perspective.



Also, need some topology
of covering spaces.

Back to example: $V = \mathbb{V}(x^2 - yz)$



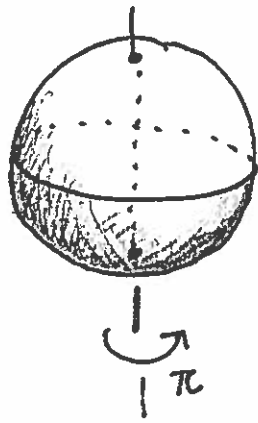
$$G = C_2 \text{ gen by } \sigma: x \mapsto -x$$

$$V/G = y\text{-axis} = \mathbb{V}(x=0)$$

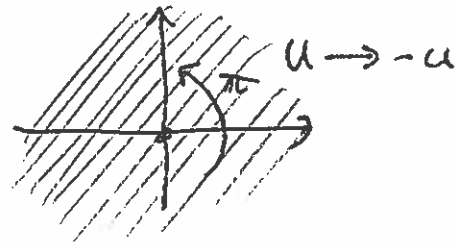
Here, both V and V/G are $\cong \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbb{C}}$

Geometrically, σ is

$$\sigma(u:v) = (-u:v).$$



since projectively (3)



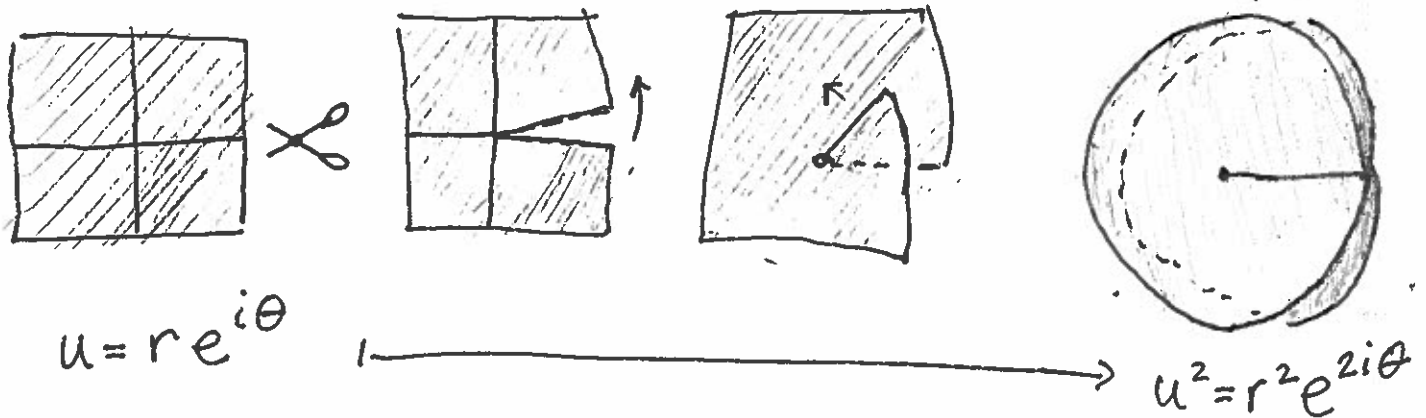
Well, this is clear

on $\mathbb{C} = (u:1) \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1$, but how do we know what it looks like near $\infty = (1:0)$? On $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1 \setminus \{(0:1)\} = \{(1:v)\}$ we have $\sigma(1:v) = (-1:v) = (1:-v)$.

What about the quotient map $V \rightarrow V/G$?

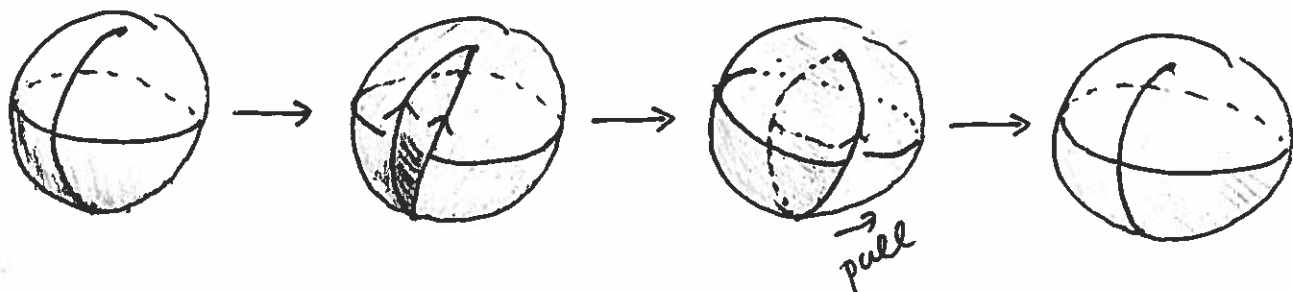
$$(u:v) \rightarrow (u^2:v^2)$$

On $(u:1)$ this is $u \mapsto u^2$:



Same for $(1:v) : v \mapsto v^2$

This is like making a cone, $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow \text{cone}$ but there is "too much" angle around the cone pt instead of too little. On \mathbb{P}^1 , have



The map is 2-1 generically and 1-1 locally, except near 0 and ∞ .



This is an example of a branched cover in topology.

A group action of G on set X is a map

$$G \times X \rightarrow X \quad \text{satisfying} \quad 1 \cdot x = x \quad \text{for all } x \in X$$

$$(g, x) \mapsto g \cdot x \quad g \cdot (h \cdot x) = (gh) \cdot x.$$

Ex: S_n acts on $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

D_{2n} acts on an n -gon

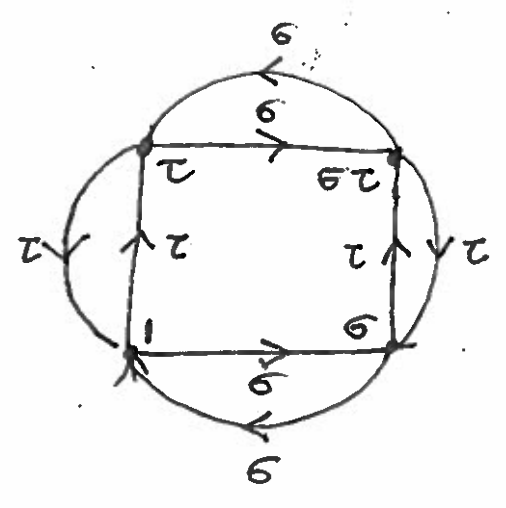


Given a group G , let's make it act on some geometric object.

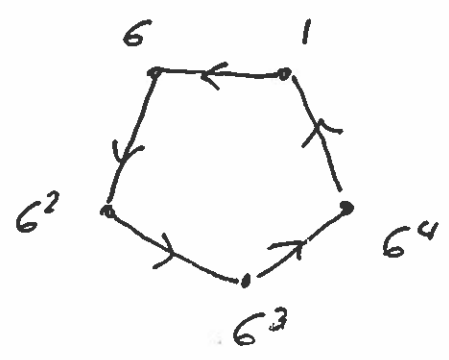
Def: let S be a generating set for G . The Cayley graph $\Gamma(G, S)$ has

- ① a vertex v_g for each $g \in G$.
- ② an edge labeled s from v_g to v_{gs} $\forall g \in G, s \in S$.

Ex: $G = C_2 \times C_2 = \{1, \tau, \sigma, \sigma\tau\}$ $S = \{\tau, \sigma\}$

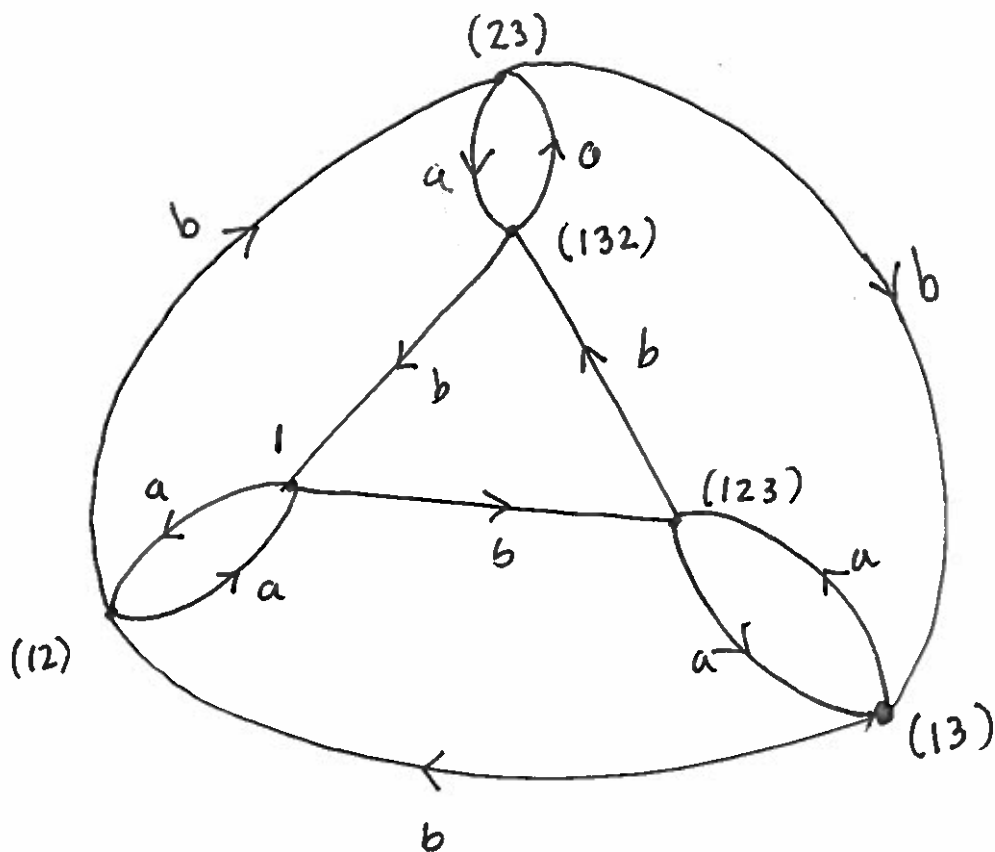


Ex: $G = C_n$, $S = \{\sigma\text{-gen}\}$



Ex: $S_3 = \{1, (12), (13), (23), (123), (132)\}$ (6)

$S = \{a = (12), b = (123)\}$



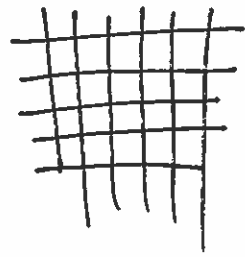
Q: What is $abab^{-1}ab$? A: $(12) = a$.

For any (G, S) the group G acts on $\Gamma(G, S)$

by $g \cdot v_h = v_{gh}$. This respects the edges,

since an "s" edge joins $v_h \xrightarrow{s} v_{hs}$.

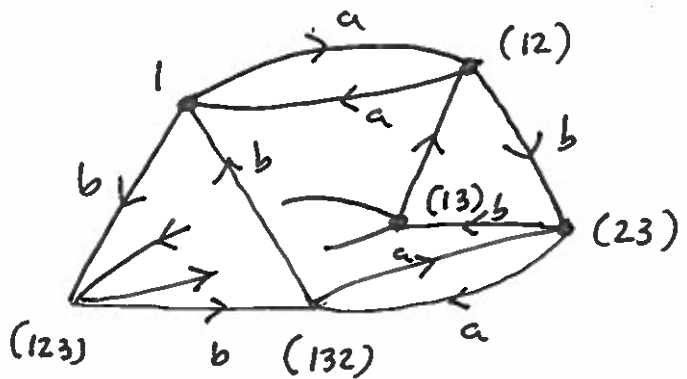
Aside: (a) Can do for infinite groups,
leading to geometric group theory



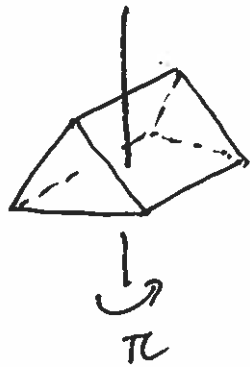
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(b) Certain families of Cayley graphs are expanders

In the main example:



a acts by rotation
by π



b acts by rotation by $2\pi/3$

