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### Vertex colourings of maps

Definition. Vertices are coloured in q colours



Proper colouring: neighbour vertices get different colours. Potts model: a generalisation

## Generating functions

• For a class of maps  $\mathcal{C}$ , equipped with some size (edge number...),

$$\mathsf{C} := \sum_{\mathsf{M} \in \mathcal{C}} \mathsf{t}^{\mathsf{e}(\mathsf{M})}$$

- Multivariate versions, with more variables.
- The series C is algebraic of degree k if

 $\mathsf{P}(\mathsf{C},\mathsf{t})=\mathsf{0}$ 

for some irreducible polynomial P of degree k in its first variable.

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An old result [Tutte 63]

The generating function T3 of properly 3-coloured triangulations (counted by vertices) is algebraic of degree 2:

$$18t^4 - 2t^3 + (24t^2 - 12t + 1)T_3 + 8T_3^2 = 0.$$





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Moreover: the same holds for the GF that counts all 3-coloured near-cubic maps with a weight  $\nu$  per monochromatic edge:

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#### Properties

- + polynomial in q and  $\nu$
- duality: for  $q = (\nu 1)(\nu^* 1)$ ,

$$(v^* - 1)^{f(M) - 1} P_M(q, v) = (v - 1)^{f(M^*) - 1} P_{M^*}(q, v^*).$$

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First coefficients:

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#### Potts model

### Near-triangulations

T(q, v, t; y)

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# **IV. Some tools**

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**Theorem:** Let  $\Delta(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, t, y)$  be the discriminant of

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Then, as a polynomial in y,  $\Delta(A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, t, y)$  has 4 double roots  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3, \gamma_4$ .

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[mbm-Notarantonio 25]

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# **V. Asymptotics**

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