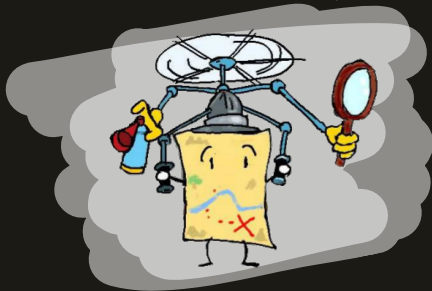


# ANALYSIS OF PARAMETERS FOR LARGE COMBINATORIAL MAPS

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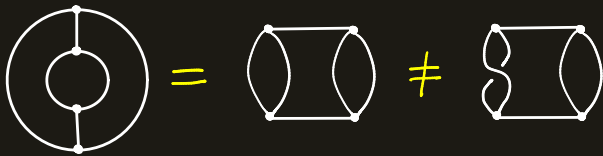
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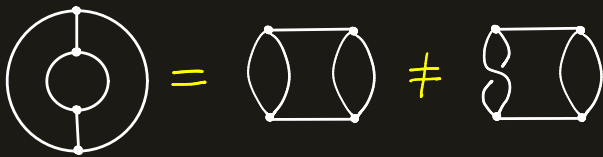
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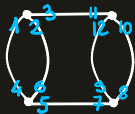
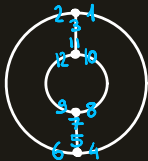
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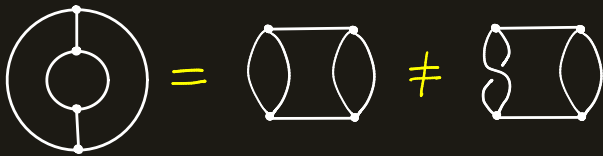
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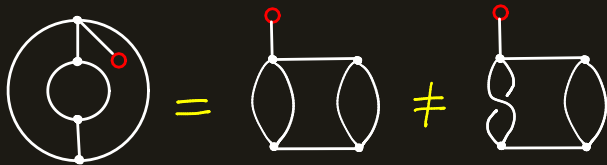
Absent pattern in  :

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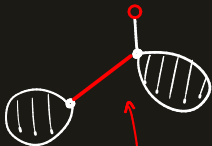
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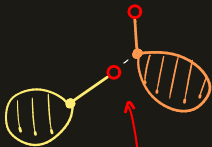
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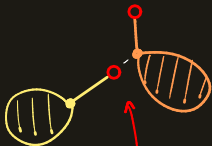
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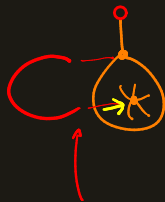


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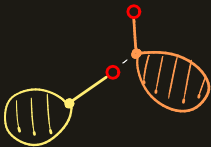
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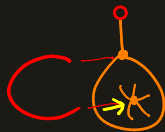
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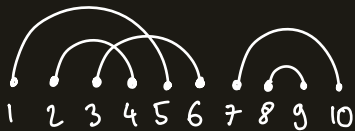
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Connections with other combinatorial families

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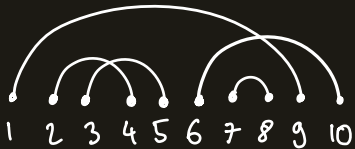
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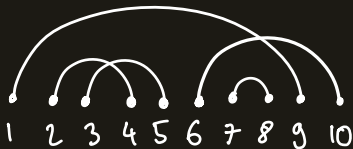
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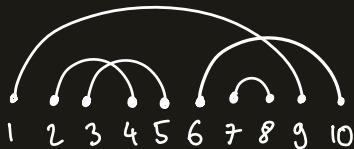
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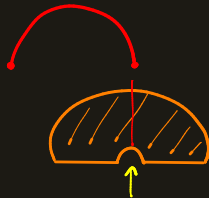
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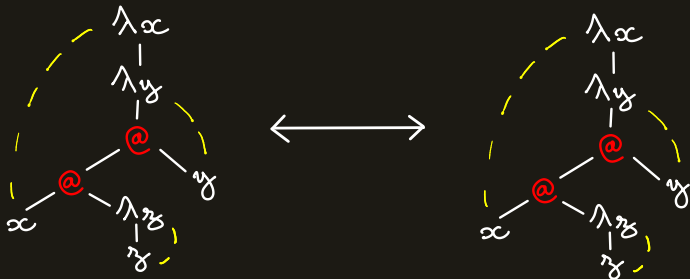


$\lambda x. \lambda y. (x \lambda z. z) y$

linear lambda-term =  
Motzkin tree where each leaf is  
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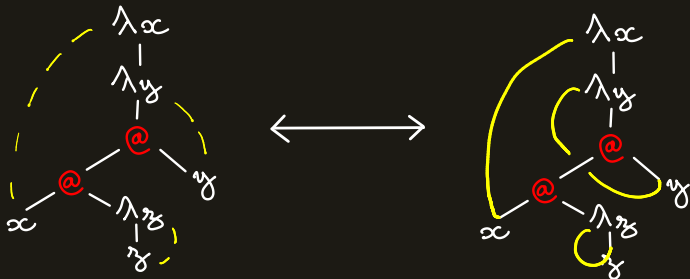
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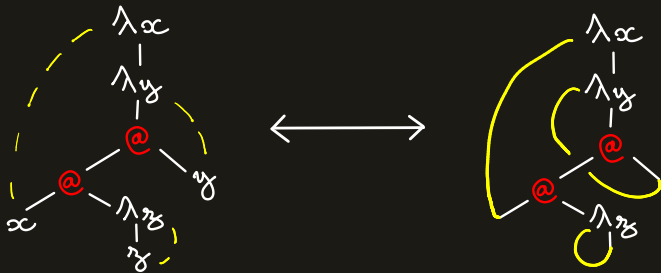
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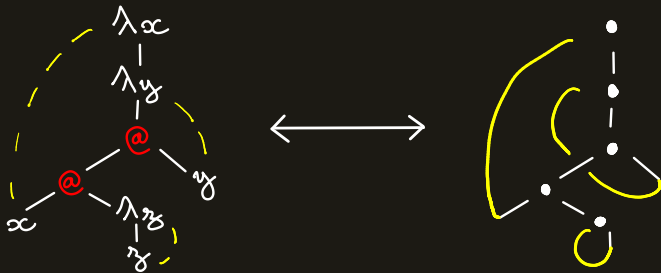
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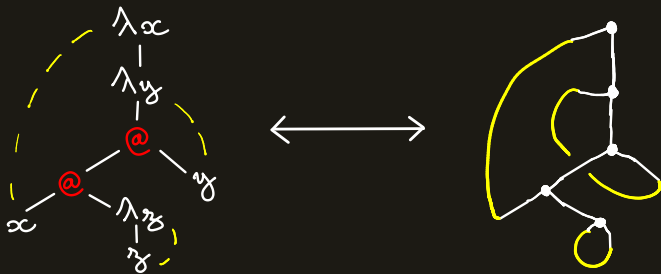


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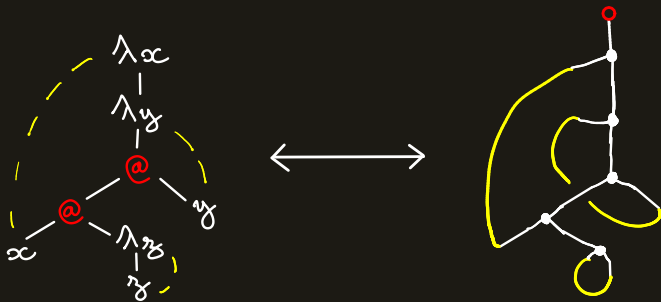
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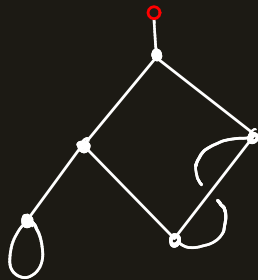
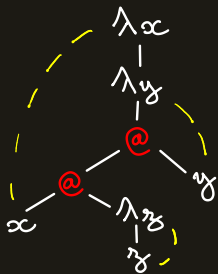


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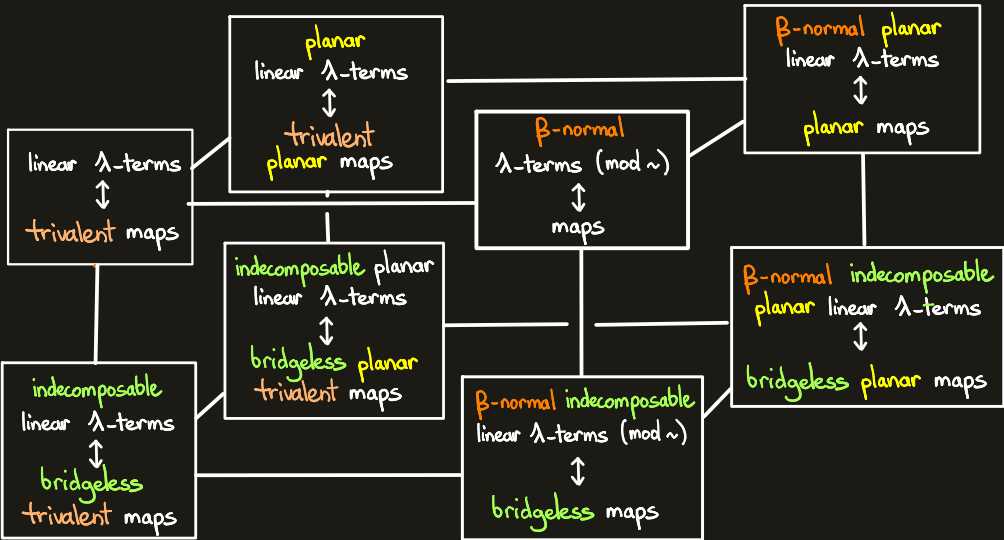
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## PART II

Asymptotic analysis of statistics on maps



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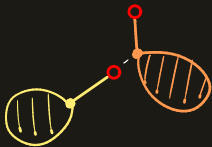
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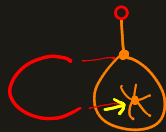
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Idea: (Formally) solve it!

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linear 😊

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By some bootstrapping,  $c_m \sim \phi_m \left( 2m - 1 - \frac{3}{2} m^{-1} - \frac{19}{4} m^{-2} + O(m^{-3}) \right)$

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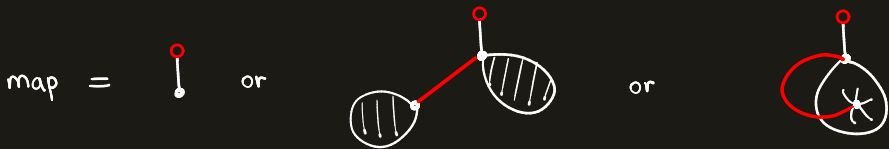


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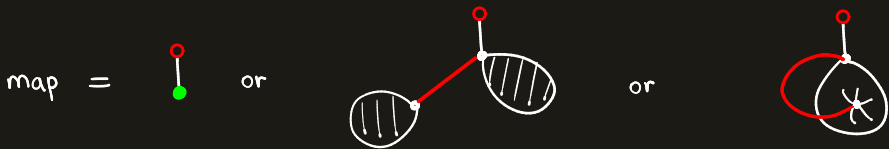
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# NUMBER OF VERTICES

Fact:  $\phi(z, u)$  behaves like  $C(z, u)$

Theorem:

For the uniform distribution of combinatorial maps,

Number of vertices  $\xrightarrow{\text{law}}$  Gaussian law  
mean  $\sim \ln(n) + \gamma + \dots$   
variance  $\sim \ln(n) + \gamma - \frac{\pi^2}{12} + \dots$

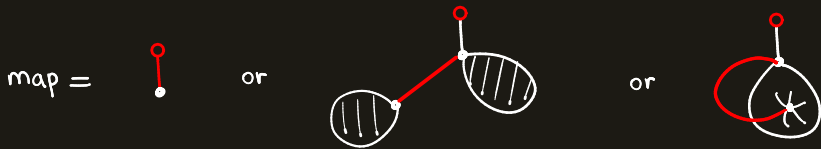
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almost linear!

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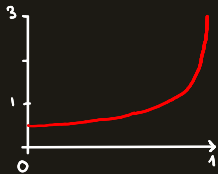
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Beta-law  
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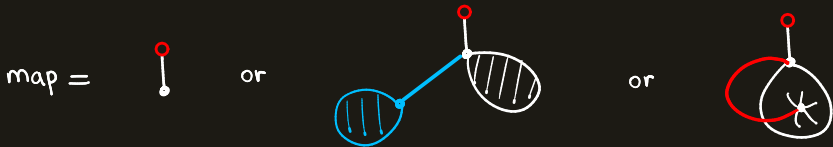


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## CONCLUSION

→ Wide range of limits laws for combinatorial maps:  
towards a taxonomy of possible laws?

→ Understand the operation  $C = z_0 + K z_0^2 \frac{\phi'}{\phi}$

→ Extension to other families of maps?  
to other combinatorial families?

THANK YOU!

