

# Classification of regular Cayley maps on dihedral groups

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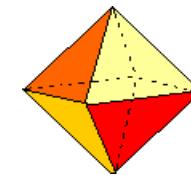
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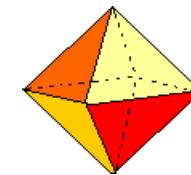


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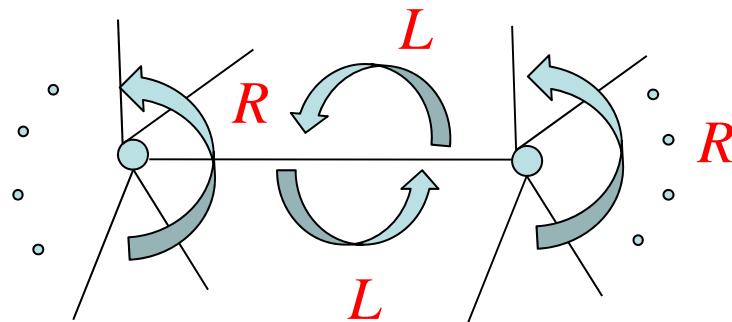
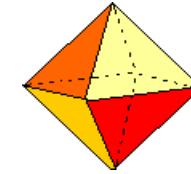


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For a regular Cayley map  $\text{CM}(\Gamma : X, p) = (D; R, L)$ ,  $\exists$  a group homo.  $\psi : \langle R, L \rangle \rightarrow \langle \rho, \kappa \rangle$

s. t.  $\psi^{-1}(\langle \rho, \kappa \rangle_i) \simeq \Gamma$  for any  $i \in [d]$ , where  $\rho = (0, 1, \dots, d-1)$

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# Classification of regular Cayley maps on dihedral groups



## [Main Theorem]

Any regular Cayley map on dihedral group isomorphic to one of  $CM(D_n : X, p)$  in the following list. (In fact, all maps in the list are regular)

1. core-free regular maps.

2.  $p = (b, ab, a^{r+1}b, \dots, a^{r^{d-2} + r^{d-3} + \dots + 1}b)$  with  $r^{d-1} + \dots + r + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ . (balanced)

3.  $p = (a, a^{\ell-\ell}b, a^{\frac{\ell^2-\ell+\frac{n}{2}}{2}}b, a^{\ell^3}, a^{\ell^4-\ell}b, a^{\frac{\ell^5-\ell+\frac{n}{2}}{2}}b, \dots)$

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$p = (b, a, a^{\frac{\ell+\frac{n}{2}}{2}}, a^{\ell^2+\ell^{6j+3}}b, a^{\ell^3}, a^{\frac{\ell^4+\frac{n}{2}}{2}}, a^{\frac{\ell^5+\ell^{6j+3}}{2}}b, \dots)$  with  $n = 8k + 4$ ,  $\ell^{3j+2} \equiv \frac{n}{2} - 1 \pmod{n}$

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$$5. \quad p = (a, a^{-\ell}, a^{\ell^2} b, a^{-\ell^3} b, a^{\ell^4}, a^{-\ell^5}, \dots, a^{\ell^{4k-2}} b, a^{-\ell^{4k-1}} b)$$

with  $n = 3k$ ,  $\ell^j \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ ,  $j$ :odd **AABB-type**.

$$6. \quad (1) \quad p = (b, a, a^{2k} b, a^\ell, a^{2k(\ell+1)} b, a^{\ell^2}, a^{2k(\ell^2+\ell+1)} b, \dots, a^{\ell^{2j-1}}) \text{ with } \dots \text{((2j+1)-balanced)} \text{ or}$$

$$(2) \quad p = (b, a, a^2 b, a^3, \dots, a^{-2} b, a^{-1}) \text{ with } n: \text{even or}$$

$$p = (b, a, a^{\frac{n}{2}+2} b, a^3, \dots, a^{\frac{n}{2}-2} b, a^{-1}) \text{ with } n = 8k \text{ (minimal kernel) or}$$

(3)  $n = 2^\alpha n_1 n_2$  with  $\alpha \geq 1$ ,  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  are coprime odd numbers satisfying the follows:

$$(i) \quad p \pmod{2^\alpha n_1} = (b, a, a^2 b, a^3, \dots, a^{-2} b, a^{-1}) \text{ or}$$

$$(b, a, a^{2^{\alpha-1}n_1+2} b, a^3, \dots, a^{2^{\alpha-1}n_1-2} b, a^{-1}) \text{ with } \alpha \geq 3 \text{ minimal kernel}$$

$$p \pmod{2n_2} = (b, a, a^{2k} b, a^\ell, a^{2k(\ell+1)} b, a^{\ell^2}, a^{2k(\ell^2+\ell+1)} b, \dots, a^{\ell^{2j-1}}) \text{ t-balanced}$$

(ii)  $\gcd(2^{\alpha-1} n_1, 2j)$  divides  $j-1$  namely

$$\alpha = 1 \Rightarrow \gcd(n_1, j) = 1, \quad \alpha \geq 2 \Rightarrow \gcd(2n_1, j) = 1.$$

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$$\phi(a^{2i} b) = a^{\frac{2i\ell + \ell^2 - \ell + \frac{n}{2}}{2}} b, \quad \phi(a^{2i+1} b) = a^{\frac{2i\ell + \ell^2 + \ell + \frac{n}{2}}{2}}$$

Conversely, such  $\phi$  is a well-defined skew-morphism.

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 $\kappa(4i) = 4i + \kappa(0), \kappa(4i+1) = 4i+1 - \kappa(0)$  and  $4\kappa(0) = 0 \Rightarrow$   
 $(\pi(x_0), \pi(x_1), \pi(x_2), \pi(x_3), \pi(x_4), \dots) = (2\kappa(0)+1, \kappa(0)+1, 1, \kappa(0)+1, 2\kappa(0)+1, \dots)$  and  
 $\pi(x_0^2) = \kappa(0)+1 = \pi(x_1)$ , namely  $\pi(a^2) = \pi(a) \Rightarrow$  skew-type 3  $\Rightarrow$

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closed under inverse  $\Leftrightarrow \gcd(2^{\alpha-1} n_1, 2j)$  divides  $j-1$

## **Future Research**

1. Group structure of each regular Cayley map on dihedral group
2. Classification of regular Cayley maps on dihedral group  
using group theoretic method.
3. Classification of full (admissible and nonadmissible)  
skew-morphisms of dihedral group.

Thank you!!!!