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Cross-ratios and perfect matchings

A collection $\mathcal{T} = \{T_1, T_2, \dots, T_{n-3}\}$ of 4-element subsets of $[n]$ defines a product of forgetful maps $\mathcal{M}_{0,n} \rightarrow (\mathcal{M}_{0,4})^{n-3}$. The degree of this map is a nonnegative integer called the cross-ratio degree $d_{\mathcal{T}}$ of \mathcal{T} . It would be desirable to understand how $d_{\mathcal{T}}$ depends on the combinatorial structure of \mathcal{T} as a hypergraph. I'll discuss several interpretations of cross-ratio degrees in algebra, algebraic geometry, and tropical geometry, and present a perhaps-surprising upper bound for cross-ratio degrees in terms of perfect matchings.