Computing braid orbits

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The braid orbits, as defined above, classify the loci for the given group G, but only those where the *orbit genus* g_0 , that is, the genus of the orbit curve Y/G, is zero (and so $Y = \mathbb{P}^1$).

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This computation was based on the previous work of Breuer, who determined all groups G that can act on compact Riemann surfaces with $2 \leq g < 50$ and also determined all corresponding types (C_1, \ldots, C_r) .

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