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Bounding the Number of Group Actions on a Surface of Fixed Genus. Preliminary report.

Let S be closed oriented surface of genus σ and let N_σ be the number of distinct topological finite non-trivial group actions on S . For general σ , it is easy to determine a bound for N_σ , but such a bound is usually a gross over approximation. We consider the problem of refining such a bound. (Received September 05, 2008)