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Core-free Degrees of Toroidal Maps

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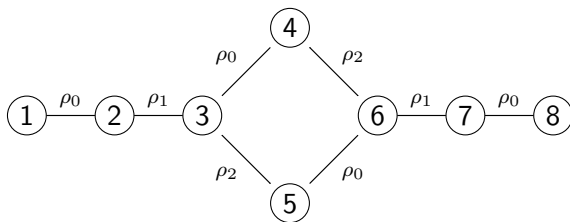
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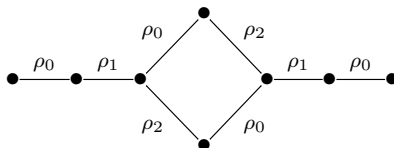
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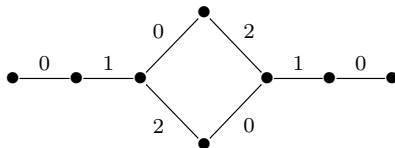
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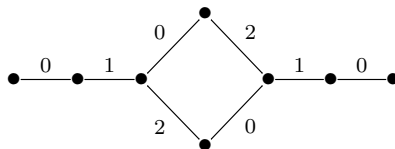
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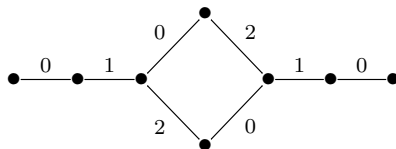


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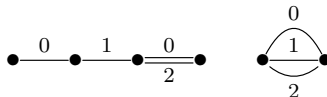
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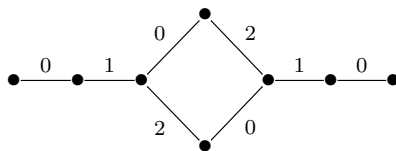


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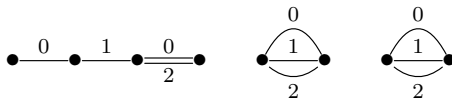
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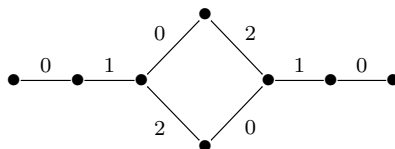
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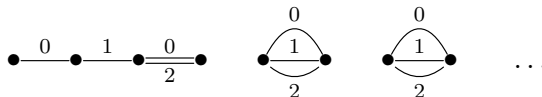


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- ▶ When is it faithful?
- ▶ G acts faithfully on the left cosets of H if and only if H is a core-free subgroup of G .

Core-free degrees

Definition (Core-free subgroup)

Let G be a group and $H \leq G$. We say H is a *core-free subgroup* of G if

$$\bigcap_{g \in G} H^g = \{id_G\}.$$

- ▶ The action of a group G on a core-free subgroup $H \leq G$ is always transitive and faithful, giving a faithful transitive permutation representation (FTPR) on the set of cosets G/H , with degree $|G : H|$.

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Question

Given a group G , what is the set of possible indexes of core-free subgroups of G ?

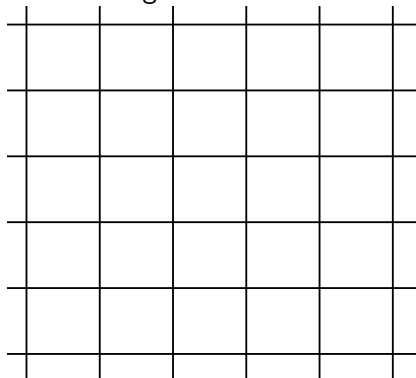
- ▶ For simple groups: All the index of their subgroups.
- ▶ Other groups, not so direct...

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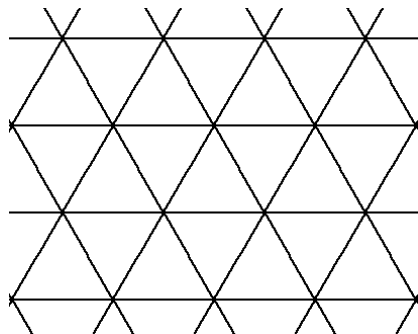
Let \mathcal{P} be a polytope/(hyper)map. We say that n is a *degree of a polytope/(hyper)map* \mathcal{P} if there is a core-free subgroup of the automorphism group of \mathcal{P} with index n , i.e. there is a FTFR of $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{P})$ with degree n .

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Consider the infinite tessellations of the Euclidean plane by squares and triangles

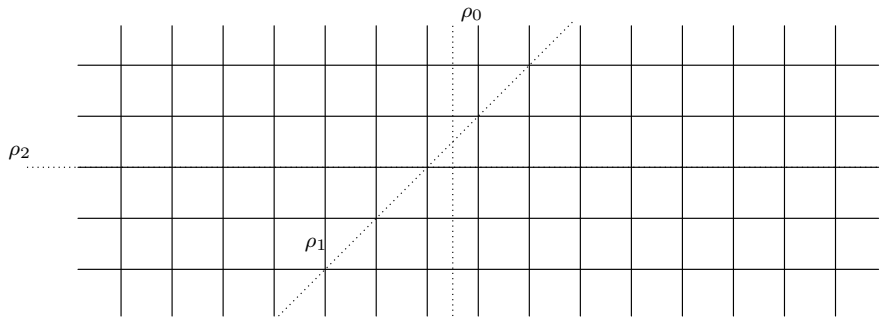


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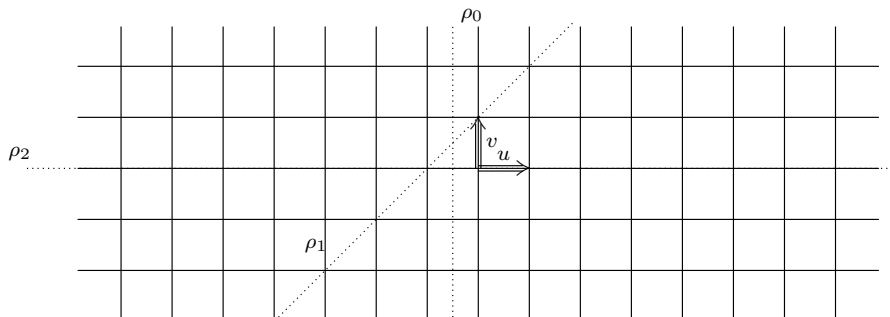


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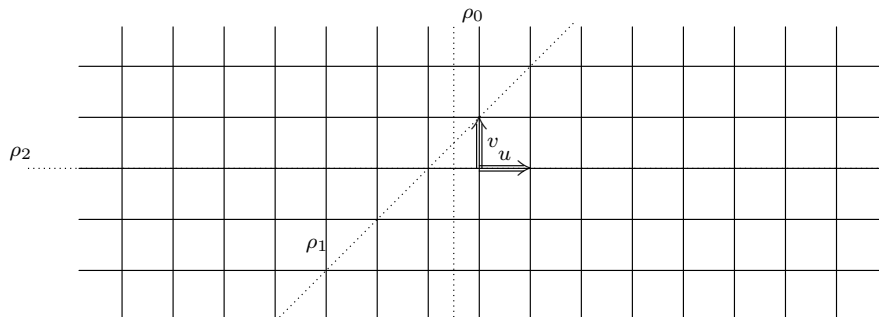


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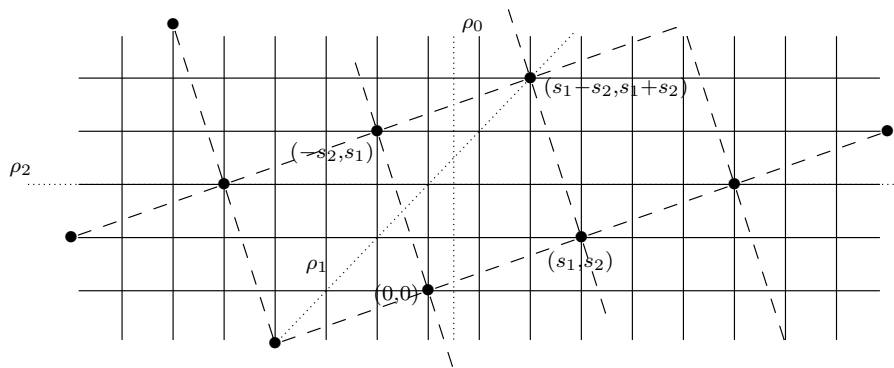
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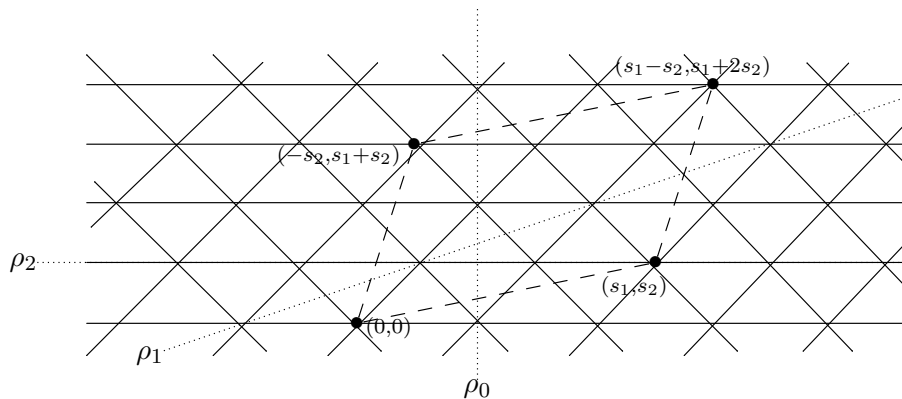
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- ▶ Suppose that there is a faithful transitive permutation representation of G with degree n .
- ▶ The translation subgroup T can either be transitive or intransitive. Since T is a normal subgroup of G , the T -orbits form a block system (which might be trivial).

Proposition

If T is transitive, then $n = |T| = s^2$.

Lemma

The size of a T -orbit is $k = o(u)d$ where d is a divisor of $\gcd(s_1, s_2) = \gcd(s, 0) = s$.

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Let G be a faithful transitive permutation representation of the rotational group of a toroidal (hyper)map with degree n . If $n \neq |T|$ then G is embedded into $S_k \wr S_m$ with $n = km$ ($m, k > 1$) and we have

- (i) $k = o(u)d = sd$ where d is a divisor of s , and*
- (ii) m is a divisor of $\frac{|G|}{|T|}$.*

- ▶ For example, for the toroidal maps $\{4, 4\}_{(s,0)}$,
 $|G| = 8s^2 = 8|T|$
- ▶ Hence,
 - ▶ if $m = 1$, then $k = |T| = s^2$
 - ▶ if $m \in \{2, 4, 8\}$, then $k = sd$, for some d divisor of s

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3. If $ab \neq s$, $H = \langle u^a, v^b \rangle \rtimes \langle \rho_0, \rho_2 \rangle$, with $|G : H| = 2ab$;
4. $H = \langle u \rangle \rtimes \langle \rho_0, \rho_2 \rangle$, with $|G : H| = 2s$.

Remind that if $k = ds$. If $\text{lcm}(a, b) = s$, then there is a d divisor of s such that $ab = ds$.

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Proof.

Suppose that $x \in H \cap H^{\rho_1} = \langle u^a, v^b \rangle \cap \langle u^b, v^a \rangle$. Then, since u and v commute, we have that $x = (u^a)^i (v^b)^j = (u^b)^k (v^a)^l$. Hence, we have that

$$ai \equiv bk \pmod{s}$$

$$bj \equiv al \pmod{s}.$$

Since ai is a multiple of both a and b , it is also a multiple of s and $ai \equiv 0 \pmod{s}$. The same reasoning can be used for bj , leading to $bj \equiv 0 \pmod{s}$. Hence, $x = id_G$ and H is core-free. The order of H is $\frac{s^2}{ab}$ thus $|G : H| = 8ab$. \square

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with d divisor of s and α coprime of s/d such that

$\alpha^2 - \alpha + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{(s/d)} \Leftrightarrow$ all prime divisors of s/d are 1 mod 6.

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Core-free Degrees for the hypermaps $(3, 3, 3)$

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Summary

We have a group G with a translation subgroup $T := \langle u, v \rangle$ such that $G = T \rtimes G_0$.

d is a divisor of $\gcd(s_1, s_2)$, $\gcd(s, 0) = \gcd(s, s) = s$,

and d' is a divisor of s and all prime factors of s/d are $1 \bmod 6$

	Regular case (full group) $(s, 0)$ and (s, s)	Chiral case (rot. subgroup) (s_1, s_2)
$\{4, 4\}$	$\{ T , 2o(u)d, 4o(u)d, 8o(u)d\}$	$\{ T , 2o(u)d, 4o(u)d\}$
$\{3, 6\}$	$\{ T , 2o(u)d', 3o(u)d, 4o(u)d', 6o(u)d, 12o(u)d\}$	$\{ T , 2 T , 3o(u)d, 6o(u)d\}$
$(3, 3, 3)$	$\{ T , 2o(u)d', 3o(u)d, 6o(u)d\}$	$\{ T , 3o(u)d\}$

What would be the next step?

- Classify core-free degrees of other groups!

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Let's take a look!

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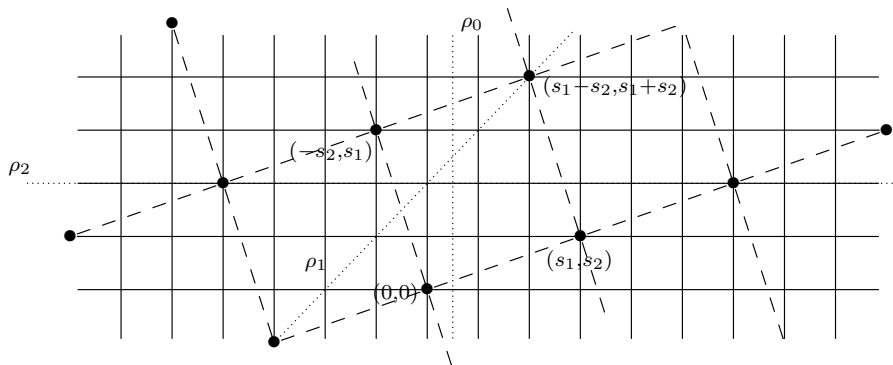
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Toroidal Map $\{4, 4\}_{(s_1, s_2)}$



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Preliminary Results

Lemma

The size of a T -orbit is $k = o(u)d$ where d is a divisor of $\gcd(s_1, s_2)$.

Proof.

Consider that σ and τ are the actions of the generators of T on a block of size k . Then $K := \langle \sigma, \tau \rangle$, $A := o(\sigma)$, $B := |K : \langle \sigma \rangle|$ and $C := |K : \langle \tau \rangle|$. We have that K has order AB and acts regularly on the block, hence $k = AB$. As σ and τ commute, we have the following

$$K/\langle \sigma \rangle = \{\langle \sigma \rangle, \langle \sigma \rangle\tau, \langle \sigma \rangle\tau^2, \dots, \langle \sigma \rangle\tau^{B-1}\}$$

$$K/\langle \tau \rangle = \{\langle \tau \rangle, \langle \tau \rangle\sigma, \langle \tau \rangle\sigma^2, \dots, \langle \tau \rangle\sigma^{C-1}\}.$$

Thus B divides $o(\tau)$ and C divides $o(\sigma) = A$. Let $D := A/C$. As $k = AB = o(\tau)C$ we have $o(\tau) = DB$. Now

$$o(u) = \text{lcm}(o(\sigma), o(\tau)) = \text{lcm}(CD, BD) = D \text{lcm}(C, B) \text{ and}$$

$$k = AB = DCB = D \text{lcm}(C, B) \gcd(C, B) = o(u) \gcd(C, B).$$

To conclude the proof consider $d = \gcd(C, B)$. It is easy to see that both B and C must be divisors of $\gcd(s_1, s_2)$. Hence d must be a divisor of $\gcd(s_1, s_2)$. □

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Proposition

If $m = 2$ then $k = |T|$.

Proof.

The only possible permutation between blocks is with b .

Let $K = \langle u_1, v_1 \rangle$ be the action of T restricted to block \mathcal{B}_1 .

As a fixes the blocks, we get $|u_1| = |v_1|$, implying that $|u_1| = |u|$.

Moreover, $|K : \langle u_1 \rangle| = |K : \langle v_1 \rangle| = d$, which is a divisor of $\gcd(s_1, s_2)$.

Suppose there is a $j \in \{0, \dots, o(u) - 1\}$ such that $u_1^d = v_1^j$.

Conjugating this by a , we have that $v_1^d = u_1^{d-j}$.

Moreover, conjugating $u_1^d = v_1^j$ by b , we get that $v_2^d = u_2^{d-j}$.

Finally, conjugating $v_1^d = u_1^{d-j}$ by b gives us that $u_2^d = u_2^{d-j} v_2^{j-d}$.

Substituting u_2^{d-j} by v_2^d , we get that $u_2^d = v_2^j$.

Hence, $u^d = v^j$.

Both d and j must be multiples of $\gcd(s_1, s_2)$. Since d must divide

$\gcd(s_1, s_2)$, we get that $d = \gcd(s_1, s_2)$. As $o(u) = \frac{|T|}{\gcd(s_1, s_2)}$, then the size of the block is