

## Lecture 4. TILINGS & FIODOROV GEOMETRIES

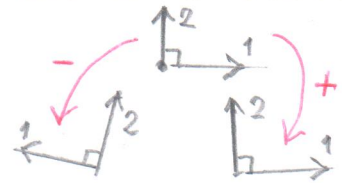
### §1. Examples

Alhambra XIVc. Puc. 4.1; Escher Puc. 4.2; Penrose Puc. 4.4; Vanderberg Puc. 4.3 are examples of tilings of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , which is filled with copies of a tile (which can be one-sided or two-sided). Some of them are "regular" (in a sense) and they define Klein geometries whose transformation groups are subgroups of  $\text{Isom}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ . Here are six examples of such geometries Puc. 4.5



### §2. Isometries of $\mathbb{R}^2$

Definitions An isometry of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $g \in \text{Isom}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ , is orientation reversing if  $\exists$  two orthonormal frames  $F_1, F_2$  such that  $\nexists$  a rotation or a shift that takes  $F_1$  to  $F_2$ ; otherwise  $g$  is called orientation preserving.



Remark Orientation preserving isometries of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  form a subgroup of  $\text{Isom}(\mathbb{R}^2)$  denoted  $\text{Isom}^+(\mathbb{R}^2)$ .

Theorem Any isometry  $g \in \text{Isom}(\mathbb{R}^2)$  is either a rotation, or a parallel translation (= shift), or a glide symmetry.

### §3 Two-dimensional tilings

Definitions. A tile is a figure in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  bounded by a closed curve or a closed broken line. A regular tiling with a one-sided (two-sided) tile  $T$  is a Klein geometry  $(\mathbb{R}^2 : G_T)$ , where  $G_T$  is a subgroup of  $\text{Isom}^+(\mathbb{R}^2)$  (of  $\text{Isom}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ , resp.) and  $T$  is the fundamental domain of  $G_T$ , i.e.,  $\mathbb{R}^2 = \bigcup_{g \in G_T} Tg$  and  $\text{Int } Tg \cap \text{Int } Tg' \neq \emptyset \Leftrightarrow g = g'$ .

Theorem There are 17 regular tilings of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ : Puc. 4.5 + Puc. 4.6. Five of them are one-sided, twelve are two-sided.

The corresponding Klein geometries are called Fiodorov, and the groups acting in them, Fiodorov (= Russian crystallographer, 1891) groups.

We will prove the theorem only in the one-sided case

Remark: Tiles (including one-sided tiles) are oriented ?  $\neq$  ?

#### §4. Classification of one-sided tilings of $\mathbb{R}^2$

Proof. Let  $(\mathbb{R}^2, G_T)$  be regular tiling with tile  $T$  and  $G_T \in \text{Isom}^+ \mathbb{R}^2$ .

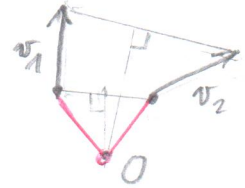
(i)  $G_T$  contains no rotations  $\Rightarrow T = \square; (a); 1 \rightarrow$

(ii)  $G_T$  contains rotations of order 2 only  $\Rightarrow T \in \square; (\delta), \pi$  Puc. 4.5

(iii)  $G_T$  contains a rotation of order  $k \geq 3, (R_A, 2\pi/k)$

Main Lemma (iii)  $\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} G_T \text{ contains two more rotations of orders } l, m \\ \& 1/k + 1/l + 1/m = 1 \quad (*) \end{array} \right.$

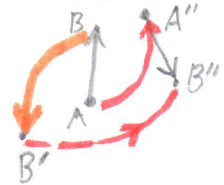
Example:  $(k, l, m) = (3, 3, 3)$  Puc. 333 Puc. 4.5



Auxiliary statements:

(a)  $\forall v_1, v_2 \in \mathbb{R}^2, |v_1| = |v_2| \exists!$  rotation  $R_0$  s.t.  $R_0(v_1) = v_2$

(b)  $\forall (R_A, \alpha), (R_B, \beta)$  there is a simple construction that takes  $AB$  to  $A'B''$  and determines  $R_C = R_A * R_B$  by using (a).



End of the proof. Eq. (\*) has three solutions  $(3, 3, 3), (4, 4, 2), (3, 6, 2)$

See Puc. 442 Puc 362 Puc. 4.5

#### §5. Two-sided tilings of $\mathbb{R}^2$

There are twelve: Puc. 4.6

#### §6. Regular tilings of $\mathbb{R}^3$

There are 230 [Fedorov 1891]