

# Voronoi decompositions of flat surfaces and origamis

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# 1 Introduction/Background

**Main theme:** calculation of Veech groups and its calculation process

The **Veech group** of a flat surface is the group of its *affine self-similarity*.

**Strategy:**

- ▷ covering-based (monodromy,  $\text{Aut}(\pi_1(\check{R}^*))$ -action; Schmithüsen '04, Freidinger '08 Shinomiya '12)
- ▷ singularity-based (Delaunay/Voronoi; Bowman '10, Mukarel '17, Edwards-Sanderson-Schmidt [5] '22)
- ▷ tiling-based (parallelogram decomposition, cut-and-paste construction; folklore result / K. [12] '23)

**Main result:** for **origamis (square-tiled surfaces)**

- ▷ Relationship among *covering*, *singularity*, and *modification of tiling*
- ▷ Categorical description of singularity-based method

## 1.1 Category

A composable concept is regarded as an **arrow** connecting two **objects**. The system of compositions of arrows with certain axioms is called a **category**. In short, given a category, the following are assumed:

1. the **domain**  $R$  and the **codomain**  $S$  for every arrow  $(R \xrightarrow{f} S)$
2. the **composition**  $(R \xrightarrow{f} \xrightarrow{g} T)$  of every (**composable**) two arrows  $(R \xrightarrow{f} S), (S \xrightarrow{g} T)$
3. the **associative law**;  $(\xrightarrow{f} (\xrightarrow{g} \xrightarrow{h})) = ((\xrightarrow{f} \xrightarrow{g}) \xrightarrow{h})$
4. the **identity law**; every object  $R$  admits an **identity arrow**  $(R \xrightarrow{1_R} R); (R \xrightarrow{1_R} \xrightarrow{f} S) = (R \xrightarrow{f} S) = (R \xrightarrow{f} \xrightarrow{1_S} S)$

A **functor** is a correspondence between two categories  $C_1, C_2$

$$F = (F_{\mathcal{O}} : \text{Obj}_{C_1} \rightarrow \text{Obj}_{C_2}, F_{\mathcal{A}} : \text{Arr}_{C_1} \rightarrow \text{Arr}_{C_2})$$

$$\text{compatible with} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{domains and codomains} & : F_{\mathcal{A}}(R \xrightarrow{f} S) = (F_{\mathcal{O}}(R) \xrightarrow{F_{\mathcal{A}}(f)} F_{\mathcal{O}}(S)), \\ \text{composition} & : F_{\mathcal{A}}(R \xrightarrow{f} \xrightarrow{g} S) = (F_{\mathcal{O}}(R) \xrightarrow{F_{\mathcal{A}}(f)} \xrightarrow{F_{\mathcal{A}}(g)} F_{\mathcal{O}}(S)), \text{ and} \\ \text{identity arrows} & : F_{\mathcal{A}}(R \xrightarrow{1_R} R) = (F_{\mathcal{O}}(R) \xrightarrow{1_{F_{\mathcal{O}}(R)}} F_{\mathcal{O}}(R)). \end{array} \right.$$

We say that an  **$n$ -arrow** connects two  $(n-1)$ -arrows **respecting structures of all the lower  $(1, 2, \dots, n-1)$  arrows**.

**Example A (a group)** A group is a category such that  $\text{Obj} = \{\bullet\}$  and all arrows are invertible.

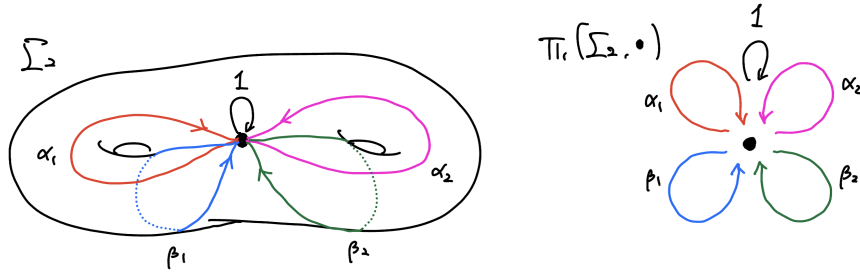


Figure 1 the fundamental group  $\pi_1(\Sigma_2, \bullet)$  consist of arrows  $\alpha_1, \beta_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2 : \bullet \rightarrow \bullet$  and their inverse arrows and compisitions.

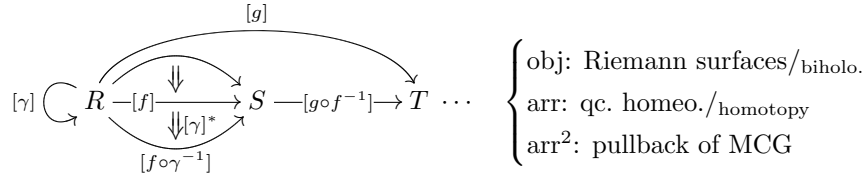
The **ribbon graph structure** ordering arrows around vertices embedded on the surface is regarded as a system of 2-arrows.

**Example B (category of groups)**  $\text{Obj} = \{G : \text{group}\}$ ,  $\text{Arr} = \{(G_1 \xrightarrow{f} G_2) : \text{group homomorphism}\}$ .

## 1.2 Quick review of Teichmüller theory & related results

### Example C (Teichmüller vs Flat)

#### Teich



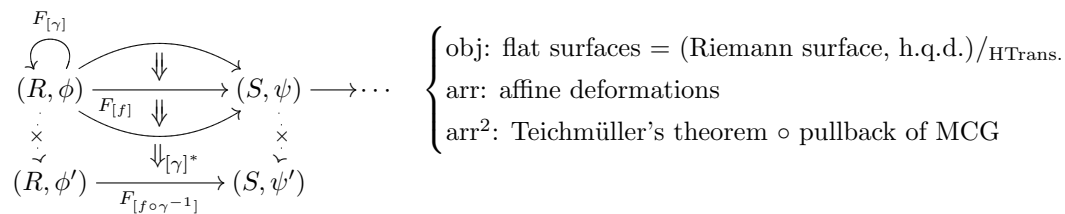
The set  $\text{Arr}(R, -)$  of arrows associated to  $R$  is called the **Teichmüller space**  $T(R)$ . It is known that

- $T(R)$  is a simply-connected complex manifold of dimension  $(3g - 3 + n)$  (Ahlfors-Bers).
- The **Teichmüller distance** that measures the minimal dilatation of the natural arrow  $[g \circ f^{-1}]$  between arrows  $[f], [g]$  coincide with the Kobayashi distance wrt. the complex structure of  $T(R)$ .
- The set of arrows associated to  $R$  modulo 2-arrows is the moduli space  $M(R)$ .

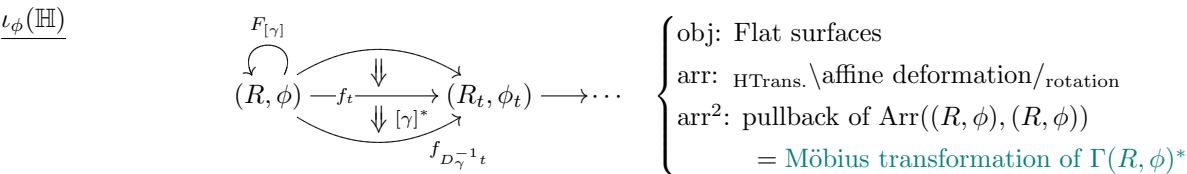
**Proposition 4 (Teichmüller's theorem [1])** For any arrow  $(R \xrightarrow{[f]} S)$  in Teich, there uniquely exists an arrow  $((R, \phi) \xrightarrow{F[f]} (S, \psi))$  in Flat (defined next) such that

1.  $F : (R, \phi) \rightarrow (S, \psi)$  is an affine deformation of the form  $z_\psi \circ F \circ z_\phi^{-1}(z) = \frac{z + k\bar{z}}{1 - k}$ ,
2.  $F$  attains the minimum of  $K(h) := \frac{1 + \|h_{\bar{z}}/h_z\|_\infty}{1 - \|h_z/h_{\bar{z}}\|_\infty}$ ,  $h \in [f] : \text{weakly } x, y\text{-differentiable (ACL)}$ , where  $K(F) = \frac{1 + k}{1 - k}$ .

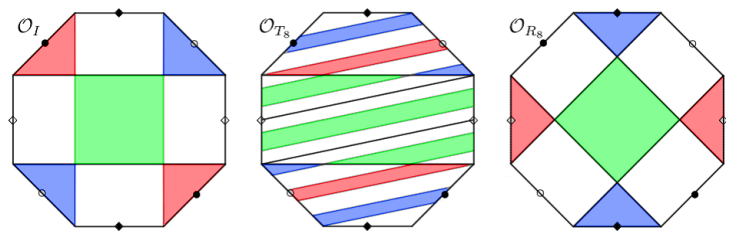
**Flat**



By Teichmüller's theorem, the **forgetful functor**  $\mathbf{Flat} \rightarrow \mathbf{Teich} : (R, \phi) \mapsto R$  embeds all arrows but rotations. For each fixed  $(R, \phi)$ , it induces an embedding  $\iota_\phi$  of  $\mathbb{H} = \{\text{HTrans.} \setminus \text{affine deformations} / \text{rotations}\}$  into  $T(R)$ .



The group  $\Gamma(R, \phi) := D(\text{Arr}(R, \phi; R, \phi)) < PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$  that acts on  $\mathbb{H} = \text{Arr}(R, \phi; -) \hookrightarrow T(R)$  as **2-arrows** is called the **Veech group** of  $(R, \phi)$ . It is the group of matrices of affine self-symmetry.



The GAGA theorem [11] implies **Riemann**  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{obj: cpt. Riemann surfaces} \\ \text{arr: holomorphic coverings} \end{array} \right\} \sim \underline{\text{Curve}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{obj: nonsing. proj. curves} \\ \text{arr: rational maps} \end{array} \right\}.$

Arrows of **Teich** (=higher arrows of **Riemann**) are understood as follows.

**Proposition 6 (Benirschke-Serván [3], 2023)** In case  $2g - 2 + n \geq 3$ , any  $d_T$ -isometric embedding  $T(R) \hookrightarrow T(\hat{R})$  arises from a **covering construction** up to pre-/post- compositions of MCGs. **It** is given by a map

$$h^* : T(R) \rightarrow T(\hat{R}) : [R \xrightarrow{f} S] \mapsto [\hat{R} \xrightarrow{\hat{f}} \hat{S}] \text{ s.t. } (\hat{S} \xrightarrow{\hat{f}^{-1}} \hat{R} \xrightarrow{h} R \xrightarrow{f} S) : \text{holomorphic}$$

for some **holomorphic covering**  $h : \hat{R} \rightarrow R$  of totally marked surfaces ( $\partial R \subset \text{Crit}(h)$ ,  $\partial \hat{R} = h^{-1}(\partial R)$ ), in combination with forgetting marked points  $\left( T(S \setminus B) \xrightarrow{h^*} T(\hat{S} \setminus h^{-1}(B)) \right) \mapsto \left( T(S) \xrightarrow{h_F^*} T(\hat{S}) \right).$

**Proposition 7 (Haiden-Katzarkov-Kontsevich [9], 2017)** For a marked surface of finite type, the moduli space of marked flat structures is bianalytically embedded into the set of **stability conditions of the Fukaya category** of  $S$ .

Surface	Triangulated category
mapping class group	group of autoequivalences
simple curve $c$	spherical object $C$
intersection number $i(c_1, c_2)$	$\dim \text{Arr}^*(C_1, C_2)$
flat metric $\mu$	stability condition $\sigma$
$\mu$ -geodesic	$\sigma$ -semistable object
$\text{length}_\mu(c)$	$\text{mass}_\sigma(C)$

Table 1 (Heng [10]) stability condition theory : categorical version of Teichmüller theory

## 2 Voronoi decomposition and Edwards-Sanderson-Schmidt method

**Definition 8** We denote by  $Q_g$  the set of flat surfaces of genus  $g$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{A}_g$  (resp.  $\mathcal{Q}_g := Q_g \setminus \mathcal{A}_g$ ) the subset of abelian (resp. non-abelian) flat surfaces in  $Q_g$ . For  $\mathcal{H} = Q, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{Q}$ , the **stratum**  $\mathcal{H}_g(k_1, \dots, k_n) \subset \mathcal{H}$  is defined by assigning singular orders  $k_1, \dots, k_n$  satisfying the Riemann-Hurwitz formula  $\sum k_i = 4g - 4$ .

(Hubbard-Masur, Veech[6]) The stratum  $\mathcal{A}_g(k_1, \dots, k_n)$  is a complex  $(2g - 1 + n)$ -dimensional orbifold locally parametrized by the **period map**

$$\Pi(R, \omega) := ([c] \mapsto \int_c \omega) \in H^1(R, \text{Sing}(R, \omega); \mathbb{C}) \cong \mathbb{C}^{2g-1+n}.$$

For each  $(R, \phi) \in \mathcal{Q}_g(k_1, \dots, k_n)$ , an analytic continuation of  $\sqrt{\phi}$  defines a **canonical double**  $\pi : \hat{R} \rightarrow R$  and an abelian flat surface  $(\hat{R}, \hat{\phi} = \pi^* \phi) \in \mathcal{A}_{\hat{g}}(\hat{k}_1, \dots, \hat{k}_{\hat{n}})$ . The Riemann-Hurwitz formula implies  $2\hat{g} - 1 + \hat{n} = 4g - 3 + 2n$ , and every local image of  $\Pi$  splits into two eigenspaces  $\Pi(\mathcal{A})_{\text{local}} \oplus \Pi(\mathcal{Q})_{\text{local}} \subset \mathbb{C}^{2g-1+n} \oplus \mathbb{C}^{2g-2+n}$  w.r.t. the linear involution  $\sigma : \sqrt{\phi} \mapsto -\sqrt{\phi}$ . In particular, the non-abelian stratum  $\mathcal{Q}_g(k_1, \dots, k_n)$  is a complex  $(2g - 2 + n)$ -dimensional orbifold.

flat surface	stability condition
direction in the canonical trivialization	grading
local $2\pi$ -rotation $z$	shift functor [1]
geodesics of direction $\theta$ ; $\overset{z}{\rightarrow} \theta + 2\pi$	semistable objects of phase $\frac{\theta}{2\pi}; \overset{[1]}{\rightarrow} \frac{\theta}{2\pi} + 1$
period map $\Pi$	central charge $Z$
return to canonical double	base change $\mathbb{Z} \mapsto \mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \sigma$



**Definition 9** A geodesic connecting two singularities is called a **saddle connection**. A geometric triangulation (i.e. all edges are geodesics) is called **Delaunay** if no circumcircle contains a vertex in its interior. Delaunay triangles sharing common circumcircle are called **degenerate**. We say that a **flip** replaces two triangles  $pqr, rsp$  by  $qrs, spq$ .

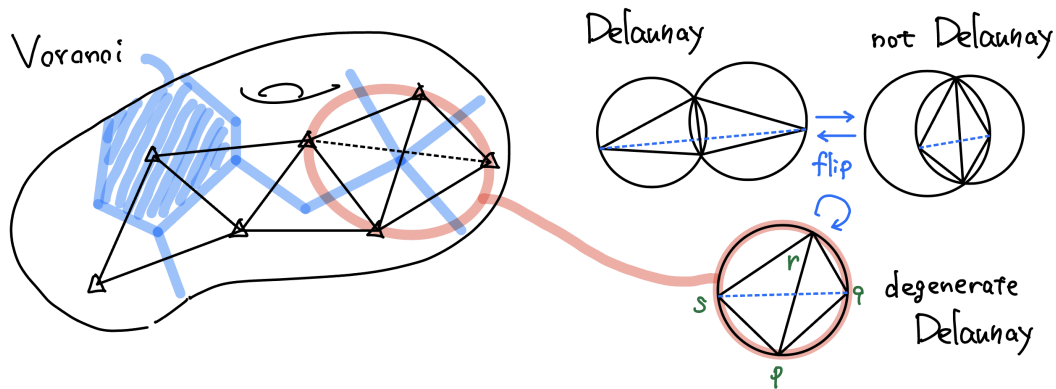


Figure 2 Delaunay triangulation and flip. Voronoi decomposition is obtained by perpendicular bisectors of edges.

The **Voronoi decomposition** of a flat surface  $(R, \phi)$  with  $\text{Sing}(R, \phi) = \{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$  is the cell decomposition whose 2-cells  $C_{p_i}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  are given by

$$C_{p_i} := \left\{ x \in R \mid \exists ! \text{ shortest saddle connection from } x \text{ to } \text{Sing}(R, \phi) \text{ with terminus } p_i \right\}.$$

It is combinatorially dual to the Delaunay triangulation of  $(R, \phi)$ .

**Definition 10** The **canonical surface** of the stratum  $Q_g(k_1, \dots, k_n)$  is the infinite flat surface

$$\Delta = \Delta(k_1, \dots, k_n) = \bigsqcup_{i=1}^n \Delta_i := \bigsqcup_{i=1}^n (\mathbb{C}, z^{k_i} dz^2).$$

We have  $\text{Htrans}(\Delta) \cong \prod_{i=1}^n C_{2(k_i+1)} \times \prod_{t=1}^\infty \text{Sym}\{i \mid k_i = t\}$ , where each  $C_{2(k_i+1)}$  acts on  $\Delta_i$  by  $\pi$ -rotation and each  $\text{Sym}\{i \mid k_i = t\}$  permutes  $\Delta_i$ 's of the same degree.

**Lemma 11** There exists a unique **embedding**  $\iota = \iota_{(R, \phi)}$  of Voronoi 2-cells  $C_{p_i}$  into  $\Delta_i$  modulo  $\text{Htrans}(\Delta)$ . The embedding  $\iota$  extends to any star-like region in  $R^*$ , and it follows that  $(R, \phi) \cong (\bigsqcup_{i=1}^n \overline{\iota(C_{p_i})}) / \sim$  for a suitable edge identification  $\sim$ .

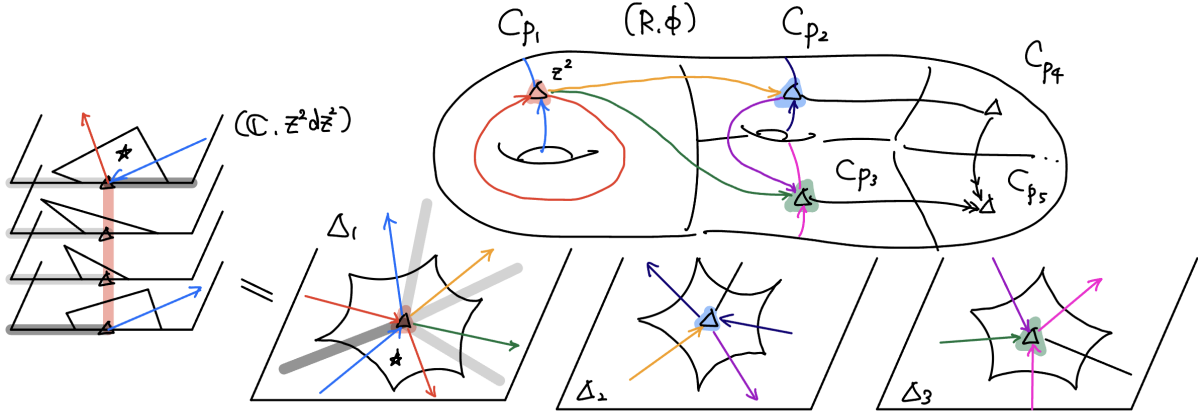


Figure 3 Voronoi decomposition and embedded image of  $C_{p_i}$  in  $\Delta_i$ .

**Definition 12** Fix an embedding  $\iota = \iota_{(R, \phi)}$  in Lemma 11. For each oriented saddle connection  $s(p_i \rightarrow p_j)$ , let  $\iota(s) \in \Delta_i$  be the extension of  $\iota|_{C_{p_i}}$  along  $s$ . The inverse is denoted by  $s^{-1}(p_j \rightarrow p_i)$  where  $\iota(s^{-1}) \in \Delta_j$ . We define

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{\mathcal{M}}(R, \phi) &:= \left\{ (\iota(s), \iota(s^{-1})) \in \Delta \times \Delta \mid s : \text{ori. saddle conn. on } (R, \phi) \right\}, \\ \widehat{\mathcal{S}}(R, \phi) &:= \left\{ (\iota(s), \iota(s^{-1})) \in \widehat{\mathcal{M}}(R, \phi) \mid s : \text{prep. bisector of a Voronoi 1-cell} \right\}.\end{aligned}$$

The finite set  $\widehat{\mathcal{S}}(R, \phi)$  is called the set of **Voronoi staples** of  $(R, \phi)$ .

Each  $(\iota(s), \iota(s^{-1})) \in \widehat{\mathcal{M}}(R, \phi)$ ,  $(p_1 \xrightarrow{s} p_2)$  consists of the following data modulo  $\text{HTrans}(\Delta)$ -action.

- the domain  $p_1$  and the codomain  $p_2$
- the passing sheets of  $\Delta_1$  and  $\Delta_2$ ; in  $\mathbb{Z}/(k+2)\mathbb{Z}$
- the holonomy vector  $hol(s) = \int_s \sqrt{\phi} \in \mathbb{C}$

**Lemma 13**  $(R_1, \phi_1), (R_2, \phi_2)$  are equal in **Flat** if and only if  $\widehat{\mathcal{S}}(R_1, \phi_1), \widehat{\mathcal{S}}(R_2, \phi_2)$  are  $\text{HTrans}(\Delta)$ -equivalent.

**Proposition 14 (Edwards-Sanderson-Schmidt [5], 2022)** A matrix  $A \in \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$  belongs to  $\Gamma(R, \phi)$  if and only if

$$\exists \gamma \in \text{Htrans}(\Delta) \text{ s.t. } \gamma(A \cdot \widehat{\mathcal{S}}(R, \phi)) \subset \widehat{\mathcal{M}}(R, \phi). \quad (1)$$

Furthermore, for  $\| \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \|_{\text{Frob}} := \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2}$  and  $\text{Sys}(R, \phi) := \min\{l(s) \mid s : \text{saddle conn. of } (R, \phi)\}$  we have

$$\text{diam}(A \cdot \widehat{\mathcal{S}}(R, \phi)) < \|A\|_{\text{Frob}} \cdot \text{Sys}(R, \phi). \quad (2)$$

**Example D (Cathedral polygon [McMullen-Mukarek-Wright, 2017])** The cathedral polygon  $\hat{C}(a, b)$ ,  $a, b > 0$  is a flat surface in  $\mathcal{A}_4(4^3, 0^3)$ . It is the canonical double of the flat surface  $C(a, b)$  in  $\mathcal{Q}_1(-1^3, 1^3)$  shown below.

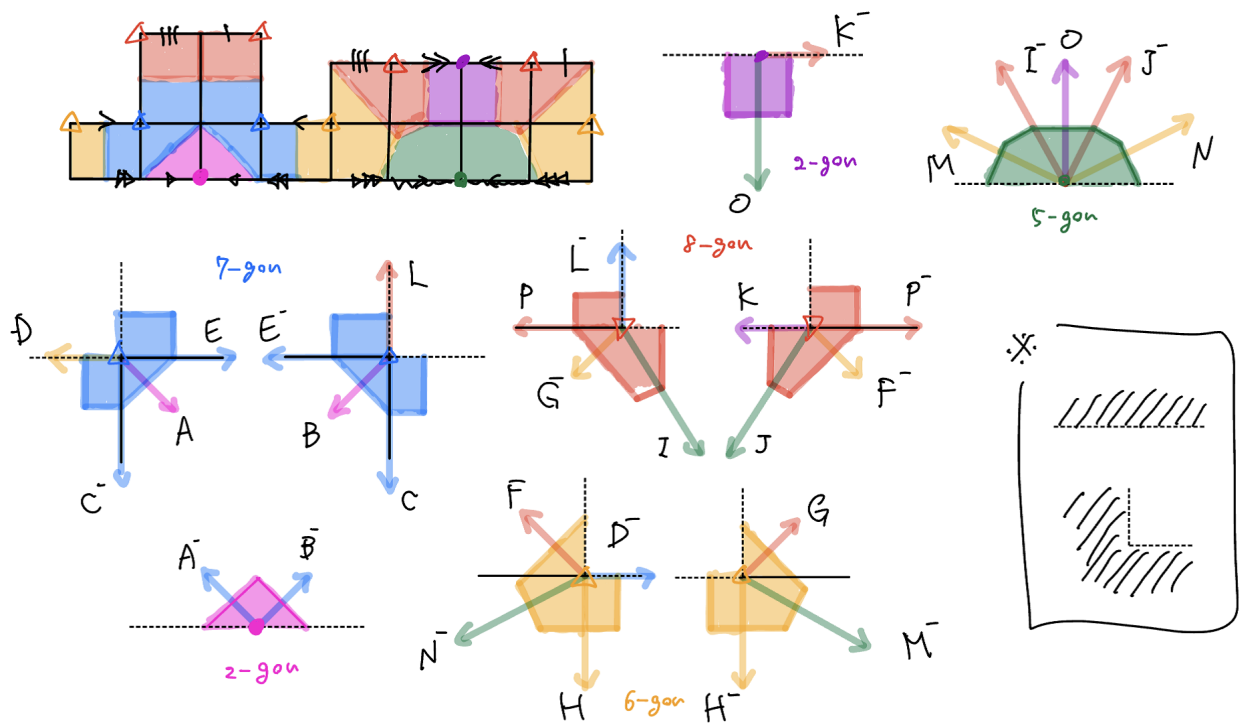


Figure 4 Voronoi decomposition of  $C(a, b)$ . There are just  $n$  staples emanating from an  $n$ -gon Voronoi 2-cell.

For each  $a > 0$ , the set  $\Gamma^a(R, \phi) := \{A \in PSL(2, \mathbb{R}) \mid \exists \gamma \in \text{Htrans}(\Delta) \text{ s.t. } \gamma(A \cdot \widehat{\mathcal{S}}(R, \phi)) \subset \widehat{\mathcal{M}}(R, \phi) \text{ and } \|A\|_{\text{Frob}} < a\}$  is a **computable, finite subset** in  $\Gamma(R, \phi)$ . Denote its convex hull by  $\Omega(\Gamma^a) = \bigcap_{A \in \Gamma^a} \{\tau \in \mathbb{H} \mid d_{\mathbb{H}}(i, \tau) \leq d_{\mathbb{H}}(\gamma_A(i), \tau)\}$ .

**Proposition 6 (Edwards-Sanderson-Schmidt [5], 2022)** If  $a \geq \sqrt{2}$  satisfies

$$\mu_{\mathbb{H}}(\Omega(\Gamma^a)) < 2\mu_{\mathbb{H}}\left(\Omega(\Gamma^a) \cap B\left(i, \log \sqrt{\frac{a^2 - \sqrt{a^4 - 4}}{2}}\right)\right) \quad (3)$$

then,  $\Gamma^a(R, \phi)$  generates  $\Gamma(R, \phi)$ . In particular,  $\Gamma(R, \phi)$  is a lattice in this case.

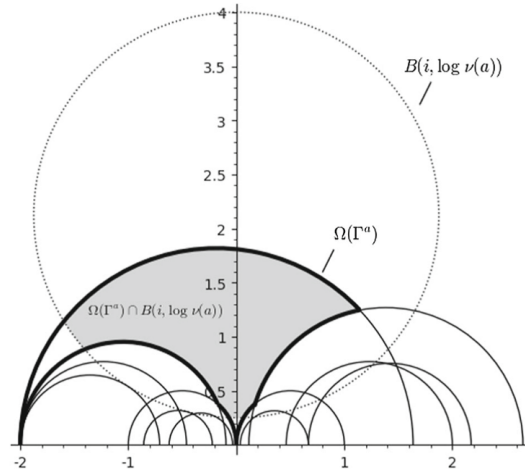


Figure 5 Lattice test (3): cited from Edwards-Sanderson-Schmidt [5, Fig. 7]

### 3 Main result

#### 3.1 Origami and Delaunay triangulation

Fix  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  and let  $\Lambda := \{\pm 1, \dots, \pm d\}$ ,  $\mathfrak{S} := \text{Sym}(\Lambda)$ . A flat surface obtained by gluing  $d$  unit square cells at edges by half-translations is called an **origami** of degree  $d$ . The **Veech group of an origami is a lattice in  $PSL(2, \mathbb{Z})$** . Möller [16] showed that the  $\text{Gal}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ -action respects the Teichmüller embedding of the arithmetic curve  $\mathbb{L}/\Gamma(\mathcal{O}) \hookrightarrow M_{g,n}$ .

**Example D** For  $x, y \in S_d$ , an abelian origami  $(x, y)$  is defined by the gluing rule (**right edge of  $i \leftrightarrow$  left edge of  $x(i)$** ) and (**upper edge of  $i \leftrightarrow$  lower edge of  $y(i)$** ), where the  $d$  squares are labelled by  $i = 1, \dots, d$ . Its Veech group is a stabilizer under the following  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \cong \text{Out}^+(F_2)$ -action (Schmithüsen[17]).

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} (x, y) = (x, xy), \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} (x, y) = (y, x^{-1}),$$

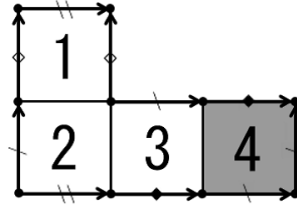


Figure 6 Abelian origami  $(x, y)$  where  $x = (1)(2\ 3\ 4)$ ,  $y = (1\ 2)(3\ 4)$ .

**Example E (K. 2023 [12])** All possible patterns of origamis are obtained by considering the **cut-and-paste construction** with respect to the **origami  $(x, y)$  and all the negative cells**, where  $x, y \in S_d < \mathfrak{S}_{\text{odd}}$ ,  $\varepsilon \in \{\pm 1\}_{\text{odd}}^\Lambda$ . In the construction, The canonical double is represented by the abelian origami  $(x^{\text{sign}}, \varepsilon y^\varepsilon \varepsilon(y^\varepsilon)) \in \mathfrak{S} \times \mathfrak{S}$ .

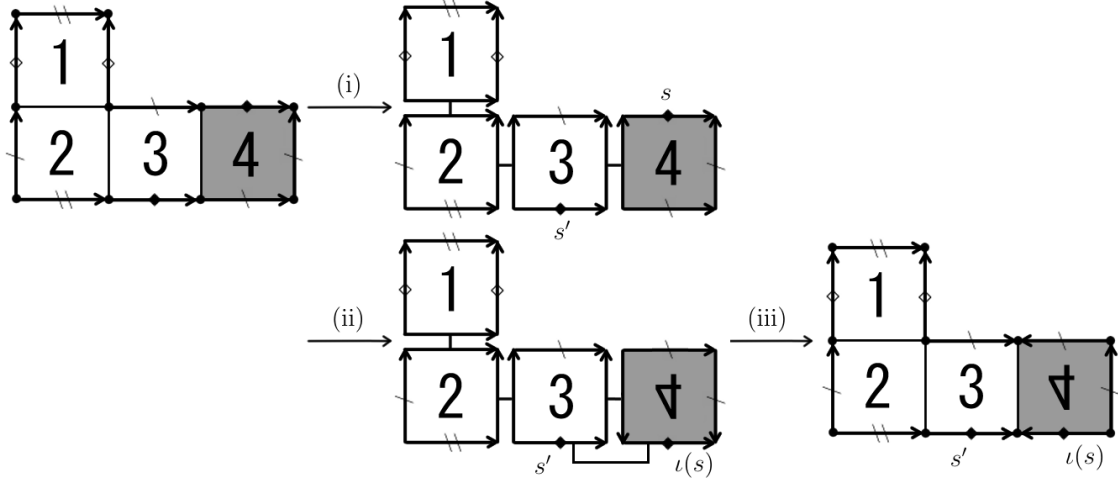


Figure 7 Cut-and-paste construction for the case  $x = (1)(2\ 3\ 4)$ ,  $y = (1\ 2)(3\ 4)$ ,  $\varepsilon = (+, +, +, -)$ .

- In the step (i), the upper side  $s$  of the 4th cell is paired with the lower side  $s'$  of the 3rd cell.
- In the step (ii), the vertical reflection  $\iota$  is applied to the 4th cell.
- In the step (iii), the sides  $\iota(s)$  and  $s'$  are glued by a half-translation.

**Proposition 7 (K. [13])** Let  $\mathfrak{S}^i := \{\sigma \in \mathfrak{S} : \text{fixed-point-free, order } 2\}$ . There is one-to-one correspondence between **HTrans-classes of origamis** and  **$\mathfrak{S}$ -conjugacy classes of tuples of  $\mu, \nu, \tau \in \mathfrak{S}^i$**  with the relationships in the following table. The canonical double of  $\mathcal{O}$  is the abelian origami  $(x_{\mathcal{O}}, y_{\mathcal{O}})$ . We have  $\mu = z_{\mathcal{O}} y_{\mathcal{O}}$ ,  $\nu = x_{\mathcal{O}}^{-1} z_{\mathcal{O}}$ ,  $\tau = x_{\mathcal{O}}^{-1} z_{\mathcal{O}} y_{\mathcal{O}}$ , and  $z_{\mathcal{O}}^2 = x_{\mathcal{O}} y_{\mathcal{O}} x_{\mathcal{O}}^{-1} y_{\mathcal{O}}^{-1}$ .

$\lambda \in \Lambda$	half-square( $\triangleleft \triangleright$ )	$\mu, \nu, \tau$	reflection along edges
$\lambda \cdot \langle \mu \rangle$	horiz. $\lambda$ -edge	$x_{\mathcal{O}} := \mu\tau$	horiz. translation
$\lambda \cdot \langle \nu \rangle$	vert. $\lambda$ -edge	$y_{\mathcal{O}} := \nu\tau$	vert. translation
$\lambda \cdot \langle \tau \rangle$	$\lambda$ -cell	$z_{\mathcal{O}} := \mu\tau\nu$	$\pi$ -rotation arr. cone
$\lambda \cdot \langle x_{\mathcal{O}} \rangle$	horiz. $\lambda$ -cylinder	$\#(\lambda \cdot \langle x_{\mathcal{O}} \rangle)$	cylinder width
$\lambda \cdot \langle y_{\mathcal{O}} \rangle$	vert. $\lambda$ -cylinder	$\#(\lambda \cdot \langle y_{\mathcal{O}} \rangle)$	cylinder width
$\lambda \cdot \langle z_{\mathcal{O}} \rangle$	$\lambda$ -cone	$\#(\lambda \cdot \langle z_{\mathcal{O}} \rangle)$	$\deg(\text{cone})+2$

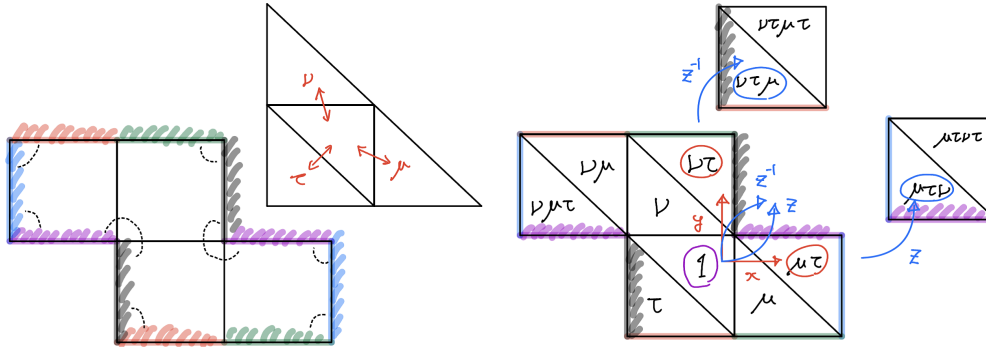


Figure 8  $(x, y, z)$  for the origami  $(x, y, z) : \mu\tau\nu(1) = \nu\mu\tau(1)$  in this case.



Let  $\Theta := \mathfrak{S}^i \times \mathfrak{S}^i \times \mathfrak{S}^i / \mathfrak{S}^{\text{conj}}$  and  $\tau = -1 := (\lambda \mapsto -\lambda) \in \mathfrak{S}^i$ . Then, we have  $(\mu, \nu, \tau) = (x\tau, y\tau, \tau) = (-x, -y, -1)$ .

**Theorem 8** Identify  $\mathcal{O} = (\mu, \nu, \tau) \in \Theta$  with the unique  $(\triangle \nabla)$ -Delaunay triangulation of the origami  $\mathcal{O}$ . Then, for each  $(\mu, \nu, -1) \in \Theta$  and  $\kappa = 1, \dots, d$ , the flip w.r.t. the degenerate two triangles  $\pm\kappa$  is represented by  $(-x_{\mathcal{O}}^{\text{sign}}, -\varepsilon_{\kappa} y_{\mathcal{O}}^{\varepsilon_{\kappa}} (y_{\mathcal{O}}^{\varepsilon_{\kappa}}), -1) \in \Theta$ , where  $\varepsilon_{\kappa} = (\pm\kappa \mapsto \mp\kappa) \in \{\pm 1\}_{\text{odd}}^{\Lambda}$ . Furthermore, to be square-tiled is an invariant property of triangulations under flips.

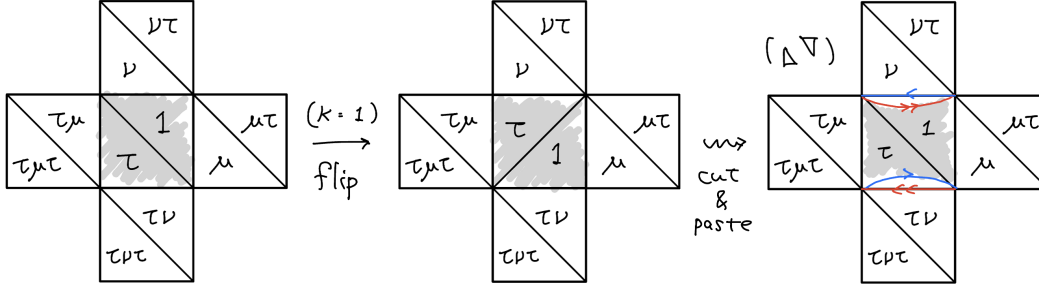


Figure 9 The  $(\triangle \nabla)$ -Delaunay triangulation of origami  $(\mu, \nu, \tau)$ . The flip at the square  $(1(\kappa), \tau(\kappa))$  is represented by the  $(\triangle \nabla)$ -Delaunay triangulation of the origami given by the cut-and-paste construction in Example E.

**Proposition 9** The universal Veech group  $PSL(2, \mathbb{Z}) = \langle T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rangle$  acts on  $\mathcal{O} = (\mu, \nu, \tau) \in \Theta$  as follows.

$$\begin{cases} T(\mu, \nu, \tau) = (\mu^* \tau, \nu, \mu) \\ S(\mu, \nu, \tau) = (\tau^* \nu, \mu, \tau) \\ TS(\mu, \nu, \tau) = (\nu, \tau, \mu) \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} T(x, y, z) = (x, yx^{-1}, z) \\ S(x, y, z) = (y, x, y^{-1}zy) \\ TS(x, y, z) = (yx^{-1}, x^{-1}, z^{-1}) \end{cases}$$

outline of proof) One gets the formulae for  $(\sqcup \sqcap)$ -Delaunay triangulation of  $T\mathcal{O}, S\mathcal{O}$  from a local picture below.

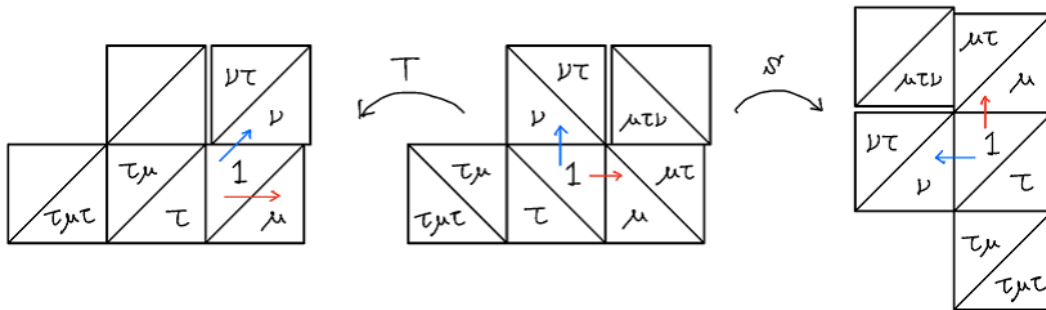


Figure 10  $T$  (resp.  $S$ )-affine deformation of  $(\mu, \nu, \tau)$  is the mirror of  $(\tau, \nu, \mu)$  (resp.  $(\nu, \mu, \tau)$ ).

The simultaneous flip of  $(\mu, \nu, \tau)$  at all cells gives the  $(\nabla \Delta)$ -Delaunay represented by the mirror image of the origami  $(\tau^* \mu, \nu, \tau)$ . The formulae for  $x, y, z$  follows from  $\mu = zy$ ,  $\nu = x^{-1}z$ ,  $\tau = x^{-1}zy$ .

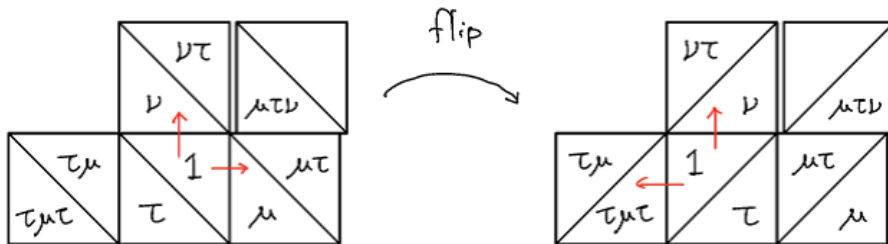


Figure 11 The simultaneous flip of  $(\mu, \nu, \tau)$  is the mirror of  $(\tau^* \mu, \nu, \tau)$ .

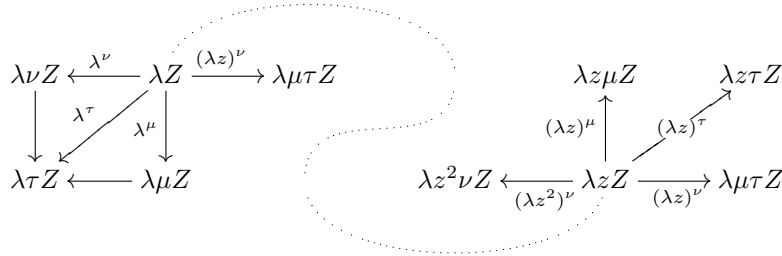
### 3.2 Edwards-Sanderson-Schmidt method in terms of category

We will construct  $\widehat{\mathcal{M}}, \widehat{\mathcal{S}}$  for origamis. Assume that all the corner points of squares are marked. Though singularities of order 0 should be removed with Veech groups in mind, our assumption does not matter because these marked points form a  $PSL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ -invariant set. We can align the Voronoi staples with the sheet cuts in this way.

**Definition 10** For an origami  $\mathcal{O} = (\mu, \nu, \tau) \in \Theta$ , denote  $x = x_{\mathcal{O}}, y = y_{\mathcal{O}}, z = z_{\mathcal{O}}, Z := \langle z \rangle$ . We define a **groupoid**  $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{O}}$  equipped with 2-arrows (ribbon-graph structure) and 3-arrows (relabeling) as follows.

$$\begin{cases} \text{Obj}_{\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{O}}} = \Lambda/Z \\ \text{Arr}_{\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{O}}} = \langle \lambda Z \xrightarrow{\lambda^\sigma} \lambda\sigma Z \mid \lambda \in \Lambda, \sigma = \mu, \nu, \tau \rangle \\ \text{Arr}_{\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{O}}}^2 = \{ \lambda^\sigma \rightarrow (\lambda z)^\sigma \} \\ \text{Arr}_{\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{O}}}^3 = \mathfrak{S}\text{-conjugate} \end{cases}$$

Arrows around vertices  $\lambda Z, \lambda \in \Lambda$  are placed as follows. We have  $\#\text{Arr}(\lambda Z, -) = 3\#\lambda Z = 3(\text{ord}_{\lambda Z}(\phi) + 2)$ .



By  $\nu = x^{-1}z$ ,  $\mu = y^{-1}z^{-1}$ , and proposition 16, arrows are regarded as local-translations.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \lambda x^{-1}zZ \equiv \lambda \nu Z \xleftarrow{\lambda^\nu} \lambda Z \xrightarrow{(\lambda z)^\nu} \lambda \mu \tau Z \equiv \lambda x Z \\
 \lambda \xrightarrow{\lambda^{(x^{-1})}} \lambda x^{-1}zZ \quad \lambda \xrightarrow{\lambda^\mu} \lambda \mu Z \quad \lambda \xrightarrow{\lambda^x} \lambda x Z \\
 \lambda \mu Z \xrightarrow{(\lambda \mu)^\tau} \lambda \mu \tau Z \quad \lambda \mu Z \xrightarrow{\lambda^{(y^{-1})}} \lambda y^{-1}z^{-1}Z \\
 \lambda \mu Z \equiv \lambda y^{-1}z^{-1}Z
 \end{array}$$

We may define a homomorphism  $h : \text{Arr}(\lambda Z, -) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}, +)$  by  $h(\lambda^x) = 1$ ,  $h(\lambda^y) = i$  and commutativity  $h(\triangle) = h(\nabla) = 0$ . We obtain  $\widehat{\mathcal{M}}^*(\mathcal{O}) := (\mathcal{G} \times h)_\mathcal{O} \in \underline{\mathbf{Groupoid}} \times (\mathbb{C}, +)$  as follows; vector assigned to each arrows

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \lambda y^2 x Z \\
 \nearrow^{1+2i} \lambda^y \bullet \lambda y^y \bullet \lambda y y^x \\
 \lambda y Z \xleftarrow{\quad} \lambda y Z \xrightarrow{i} \lambda y Z \xrightarrow{\lambda^y} \lambda y^2 x Z \\
 \lambda x^{-1} Z \xleftarrow[-1]{\lambda^{(x^{-1})}} \lambda Z \xrightarrow[1]{\lambda^x} \lambda x Z \xrightarrow{2+i} \lambda y x^2 Z \\
 \lambda^y \bullet \lambda y^x \bullet \lambda y x^x
 \end{array}$$

By replacing the arrow set with  $\text{Arr}_{G_\mathcal{O}} = \{\lambda Z \xrightarrow{\lambda^\sigma} \lambda \sigma Z \mid \lambda \in \Lambda, \sigma = \mu, \nu, \tau\}$ , we get  $\widehat{\mathcal{S}}^*(\mathcal{O}) := (G \times h)_\mathcal{O} \in \underline{\mathbf{Graph}} \times (\mathbb{C}, +)$ . As explained as adjunction  $\underline{\mathbf{Graph}} \xleftrightarrow{\quad} \underline{\mathbf{Category}}$  [15],  $\widehat{\mathcal{S}}^*$  is a “finite generating system” of  $\widehat{\mathcal{M}}^*$ .

**Theorem 11**  $\widehat{\mathcal{M}}^* = (\mathcal{G} \times h)$  is a functor  $\mathbf{Flat} \supset \Theta$  (*origamis*)  $\rightarrow \mathbf{Groupoid} \times (\mathbb{C}, +)$  such that

1.  $\widehat{\mathcal{M}}^*(\mathcal{O}_1 \xrightarrow{f} \mathcal{O}_2) = 1 \times (D_f)_{\text{linear}},$
2.  $\mathcal{O}_1 = \mathcal{O}_2 \Leftrightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{M}}^*(\mathcal{O}_1) = \widehat{\mathcal{M}}^*(\mathcal{O}_2) \Leftrightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{S}}^*(\mathcal{O}_1) \subset \widehat{\mathcal{M}}^*(\mathcal{O}_2),$  and
3.  $A \in \Gamma(\mathcal{O}) \Leftrightarrow A\widehat{\mathcal{S}}^*(\mathcal{O}) \subset \widehat{\mathcal{M}}^*(\mathcal{O}).$

Note that the inclusions in 2. 3. implies that the arrows are embedded modulo  $\cong \text{Htrans}(\Delta)$ ; 3-arrows preserving 2-arrows.

Edwards-Sanderson-Schmidt method	categorical version for origamis
flat surface $(R, \phi)$	origami $\mathcal{O} = (\mu, \nu, \tau)$
<p>singularity <math>p</math></p> <p>Voronoi staple <math>(\iota(s), \iota(s^{-1}))</math></p> <p>saddle connection <math>(\iota(s), \iota(s^{-1}))</math></p> <p>sheet transition on <math>\Delta</math></p> <p>automorphism <math>(\text{Htrans}(\Delta))</math></p> <p>combinatorial structure of <math>\widehat{\mathcal{M}}, \widehat{\mathcal{S}}</math></p> <p>holonomy <math>(hol(s), hol(s^{-1}))</math></p> <p>finite bound for <math>A\widehat{\mathcal{S}}</math></p>	<p>orbit <math>\lambda Z</math></p> <p>generating arrow <math>\lambda Z \xrightarrow{\lambda^\sigma} \lambda\sigma Z</math></p> <p>arrow (piecewise line)</p> <p>arrow<sup>2</sup> <math>\lambda^\sigma \rightarrow (\lambda z)^\sigma</math></p> <p>arrow<sup>3</sup> (<math>\mathfrak{S}</math>-conjugate)</p> <p>groupoid <math>\mathcal{G}</math>, group <math>G</math></p> <p>vector <math>h(\lambda^\sigma)</math></p> <p>finite arrows of bounded length</p>

Table 2 categorical version of Edwards-Sanderson-Schmidt method

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