

A Decidability Problem on Planar Protein Folding

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Abstract

We look into the decidability of whether a hinged configuration locks.

1 Introduction

We look into the decidability of continuity on planar configuration space using regular, unitary hexagonal polygons. These polygons can also represent unit disk configurations [2]

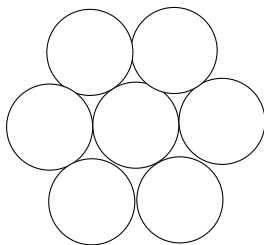


Figure 1: A locked 7 ball configuration

2 Background

Here we review some of the necessary mathematics behind the problem.

2.1 SAT Problems

Problem 2.1 (Satisfiability Problem). Let $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$ be boolean variables, and $t_i \in \{x_i\}_{i=1}^n \cup \{\bar{x}_i\}_{i=1}^n$. A *clause* is said to be a disjunction of distinct terms:

$$t_1 \vee \cdots \vee t_{j_k} = C_k$$

Then the *satisfiability problem* is the decidability of a conjunction of a set of clauses, i.e.:

$$\bigwedge_{i=1}^m C_i$$

2.1.1 3-SAT Problems

A 3-SAT problem is a SAT problem with all clauses having only three boolean variables.

2.2 Linkages

Definition 2.1 (Linkage). A collection of fixed-length 1D segments joined at their endpoints to form a graph.

Definition 2.2 (Graph). An ordered pair $G = (V, E)$ comprising a set V of vertices or nodes together with a set E of edges or lines

Definition 2.3 (Cycle). A closed walk with no repetitions of vertices or edges allowed, other than the repetition of the starting and ending vertex

Definition 2.4 (Configuration). A specification of the location of all the link endpoints, link orientations and joint angles.

2.3 Circle Packing

Definition 2.5 (Circle Packing). P of a planar graph G is a set of circles with disjoint interiors $\{C_v\}_{v \in G}$ such that two circles are tangent if and only if the corresponding vertices form an edge. [1]

Theorem 2.1 (Circle Packing Theorem). *For every connected simple planar graph G there is a circle packing in the plane whose intersection graph is (isomorphic to) G .*

2.3.1 Circle Packings and Polygonal Linkages

Given a circle of radius r , we establish the isomorphism to a hexagon by circumscribing the vertices of the regular hexagon.

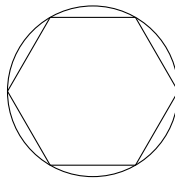


Figure 2: A circumscribed hexagon

2.3.2 Hinged Polygons

Consider the locked configuration of figure 6. We can configure the hexagons to be locked by placing hing points as follows: To prove that it is a locked configuration:

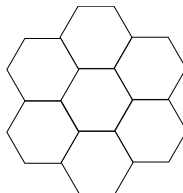


Figure 3: A locked 7 hexagonal configuration. (needs to modify picture by placing red points for hing points.)

- (i)
- (ii)
- (iii)
- (iv)
- (v)
- (vi)
- (vii)
- (viii)
- (ix)
- (x)

2.3.3 Hinged Hexagons

Central Scaling

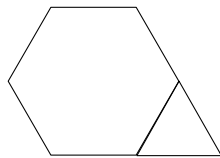


Figure 4: This is the shapte that resides in boundary of the lattice.

The Shapes

Junctions We define junctions to be the point three hexagons meet in a hexagonal lattice, e.g. Figure 5.

Junctions in Conjunctive Normal Form Explain the configurations we’re interested in.

2.3.4 Configurations and Locked Configurations

3 Problem

3.1 Problem Statement

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3.2 Decidability of Problem

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3.3 Hexagonal Locked Configuration

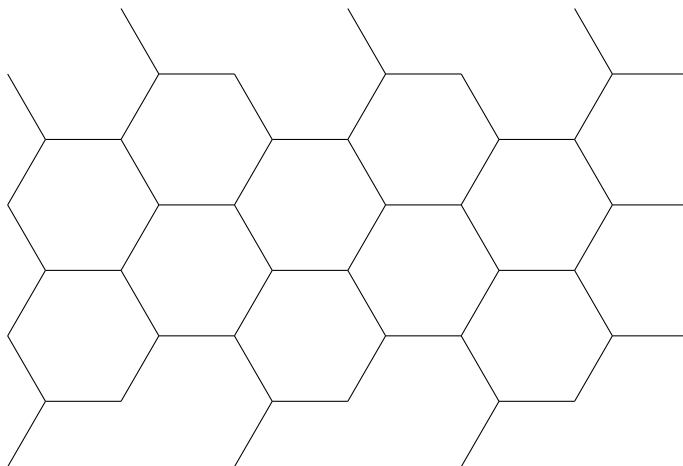


Figure 5: A portion of a hexagonal lattice.

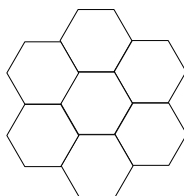


Figure 6: 7 hexagonal configuration

4 Conclusion

We conclude..

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