

Honeycomb Geometry

Rigid Motions on the
Hexagonal Grid

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Motivations

Digitized rigid motions defined on the square grid are burdened with an incompatibility between rotations and the geometry of the grid.

Agenda



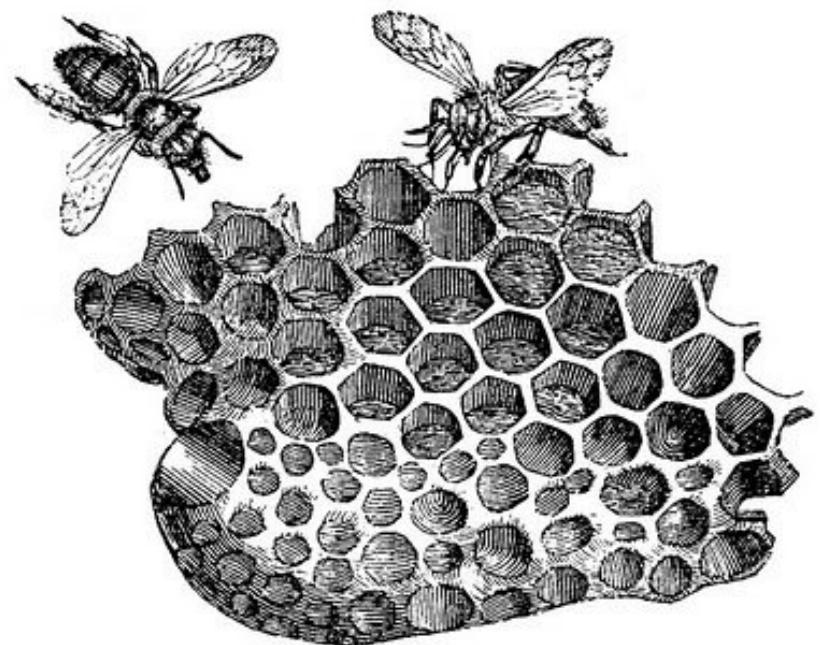
- Introduction to the Bees' Point of View
- Quick Introduction to Rigid Motions
- Neighborhood Motion Maps
- Contributions
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Introduction to the Bees' Point of View

Or why bees are right



Pros and Cons

Square grid

- + Memory addressing
- + Sampling is easy to define
- Sampling is not optimal (ask bees)
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- Connectivity paradox

Hexagonal grid

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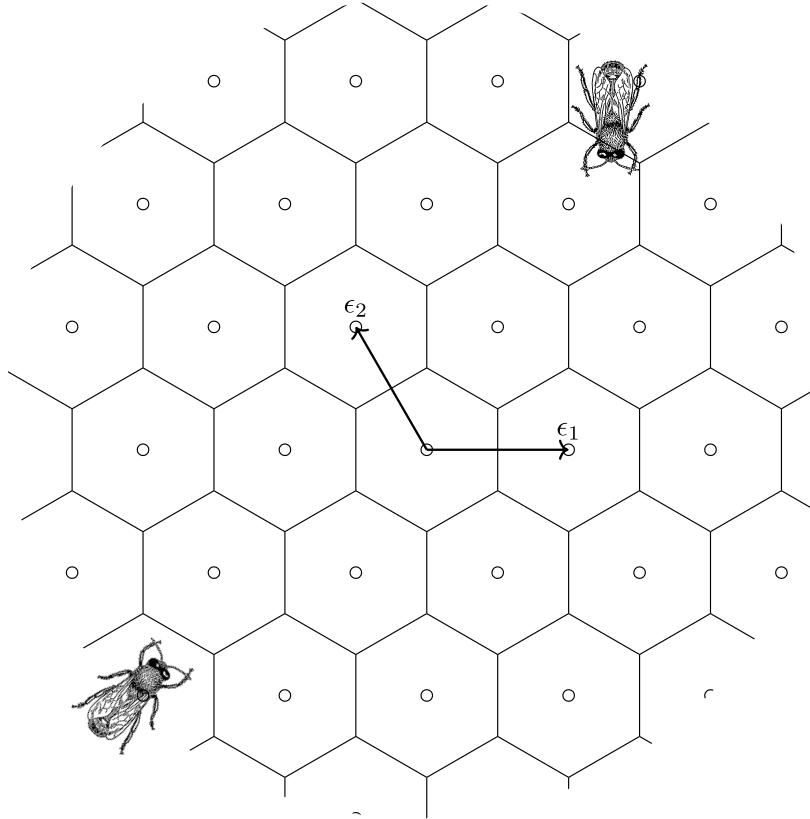
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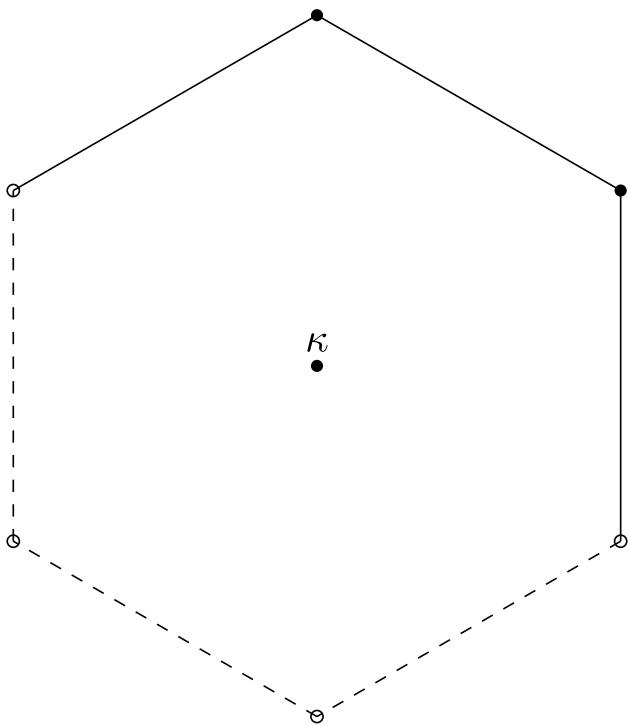
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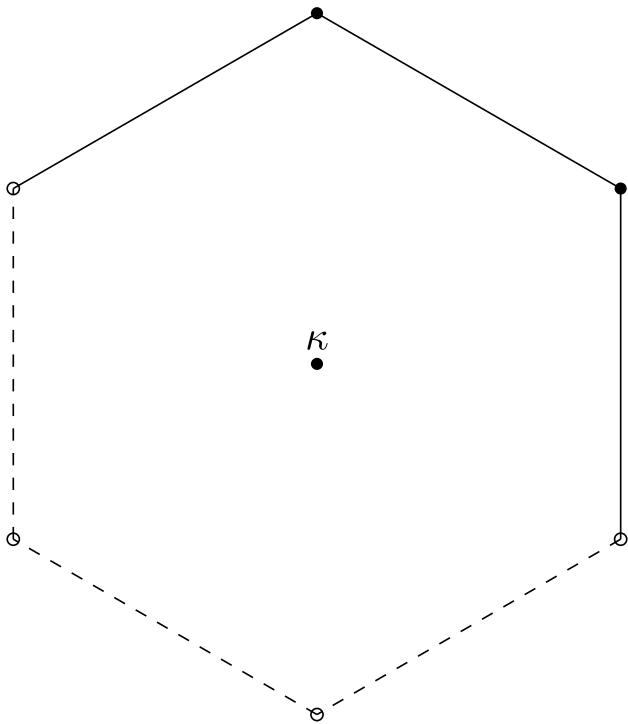
The hexagonal lattice: $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}\epsilon_1 \oplus \mathbb{Z}\epsilon_2$ and the hexagonal grid \mathcal{H}

Digitization Model



The digitization cell of κ denoted by $\mathcal{C}(\kappa)$.

Digitization Model



The digitization operator is defined as

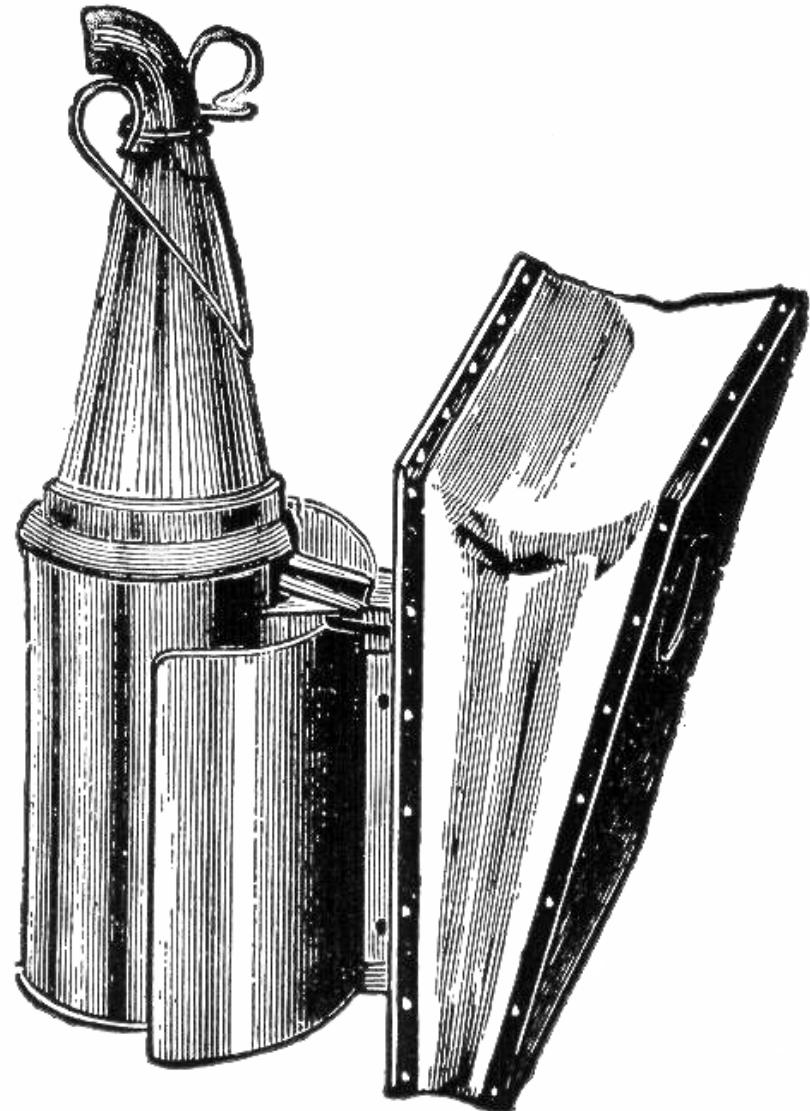
$$\mathcal{D} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \Lambda$$

such that

$$\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2, \exists! \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{x}) \in \Lambda \text{ and } \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{x})).$$

Quick Lesson on Rigid Motions

Or how to become a beekeeper. Part I - Equipment



Rigid Motions on \mathbb{R}^2

Properties

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \mathcal{U} : \mathbb{R}^2 & \rightarrow & \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \mathbf{x} & \mapsto & \mathbf{Rx} + \mathbf{t} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \bullet \text{ Isometry} \\ \bullet \text{ Bijective} \end{array}$$

R - rotation matrix

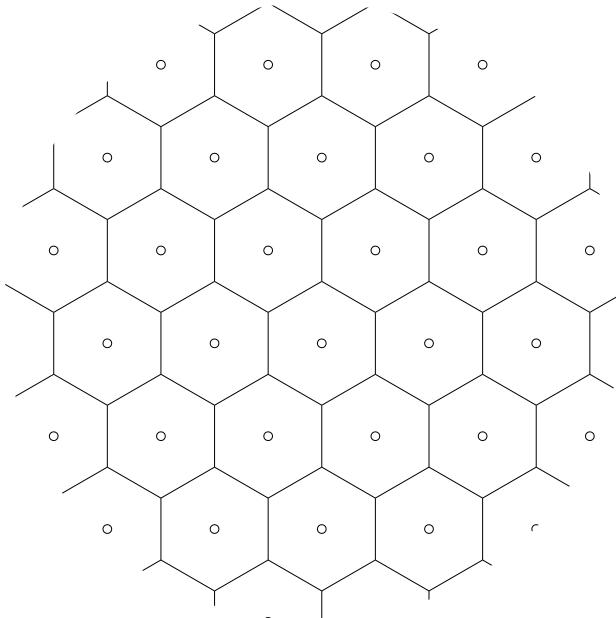
t - translation vector

Rigid Motions on Λ

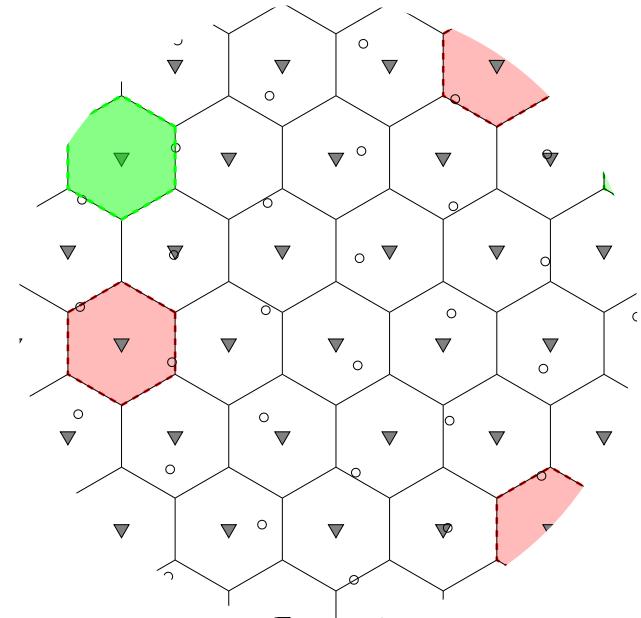
$$U = \mathcal{D} \circ \mathcal{U}_{|\Lambda}$$

Properties

- Do not preserve distances
- Non-injective
- Non-surjective



$\mathcal{U}(\Lambda)$



Related Studies

- Nouvel, B., Rémy, E.: On colorations induced by discrete rotations. In: DGCI, Proceedings. *Volume 2886 of Lecture Notes in Computer Science.*, Springer (2003) 174–183
- Pluta, K., Romon, P., Kenmochi, Y., Passat, N.: Bijective digitized rigid motions on subsets of the plane. *Journal of Mathematical Imaging and Vision* (2017)

Contributions in Short

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- Extension of the former framework to the hexagonal grid
- Comparison of the loss of information between the hexagonal and square grids
- Complete set of neighborhood motion maps
- Source code of a tool to study digitized rigid motions on the hexagonal grid



Neighborhood Motion Maps

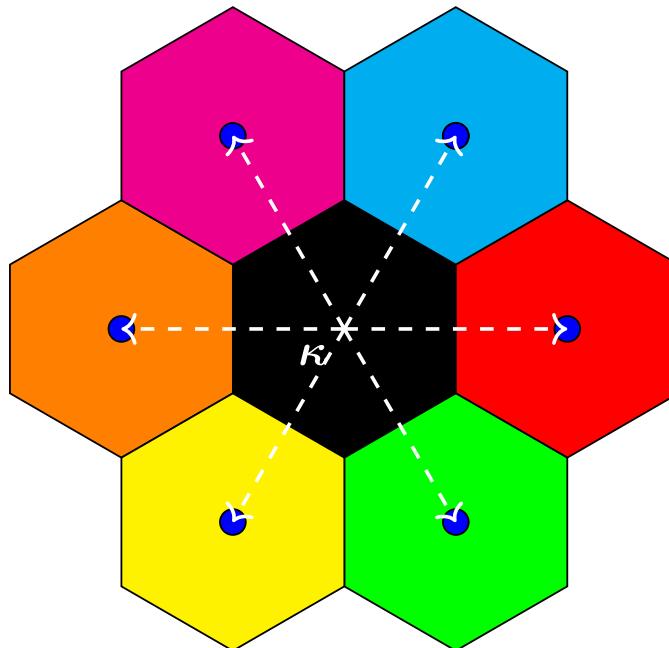
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Neighborhood

The *neighbourhood* of $\kappa \in \Lambda$ (of squared radius $r \in \mathbb{R}_+$):

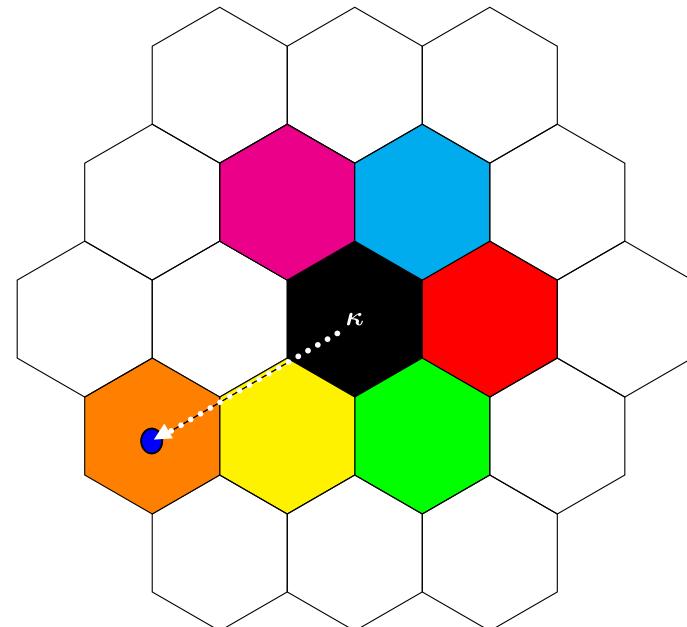
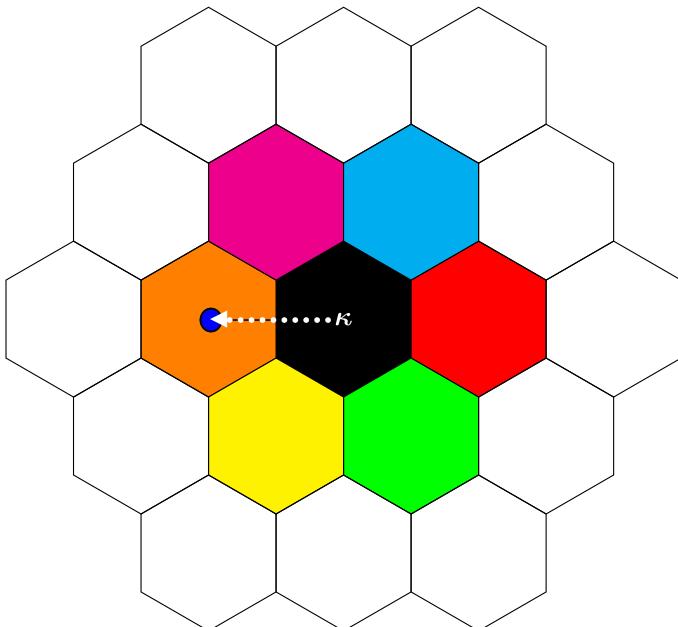
$$\mathcal{N}_r(\kappa) = \{\kappa + \delta \in \Lambda \mid \|\delta\|^2 \leq r\}$$



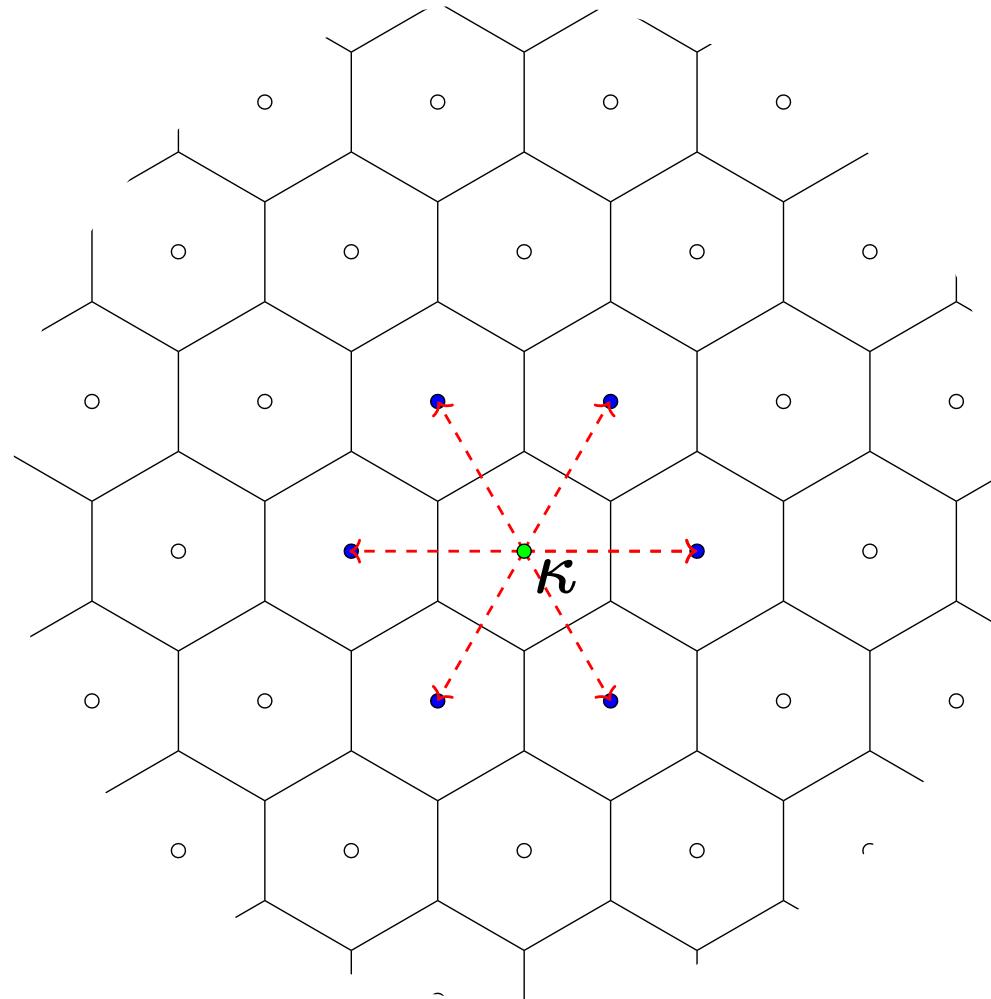
Neighborhood Motion Maps

The *neighbourhood motion map* of $\kappa \in \Lambda$ for given a rigid motion U and $r \in \mathbb{R}_+$

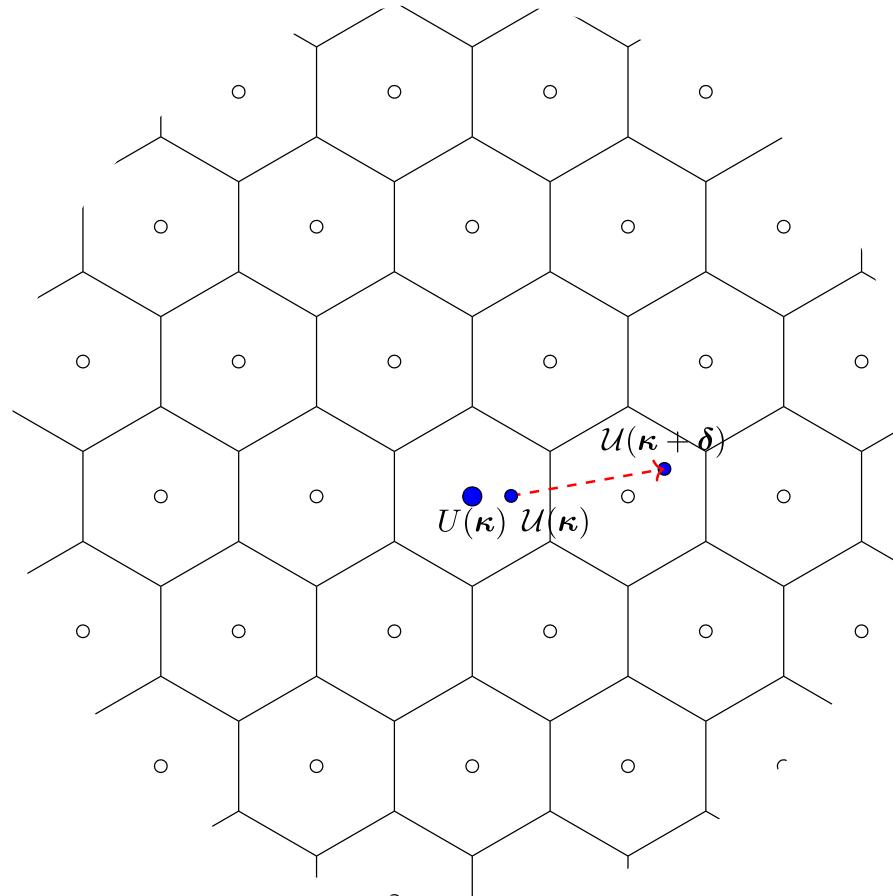
$$\begin{array}{rccc} \mathcal{G}_r^U & : & \mathcal{N}_r(0) & \rightarrow \mathcal{N}_{r'}(0) \\ & & \delta & \mapsto U(\kappa + \delta) - U(\kappa). \end{array}$$



Remainder Map step-by-step

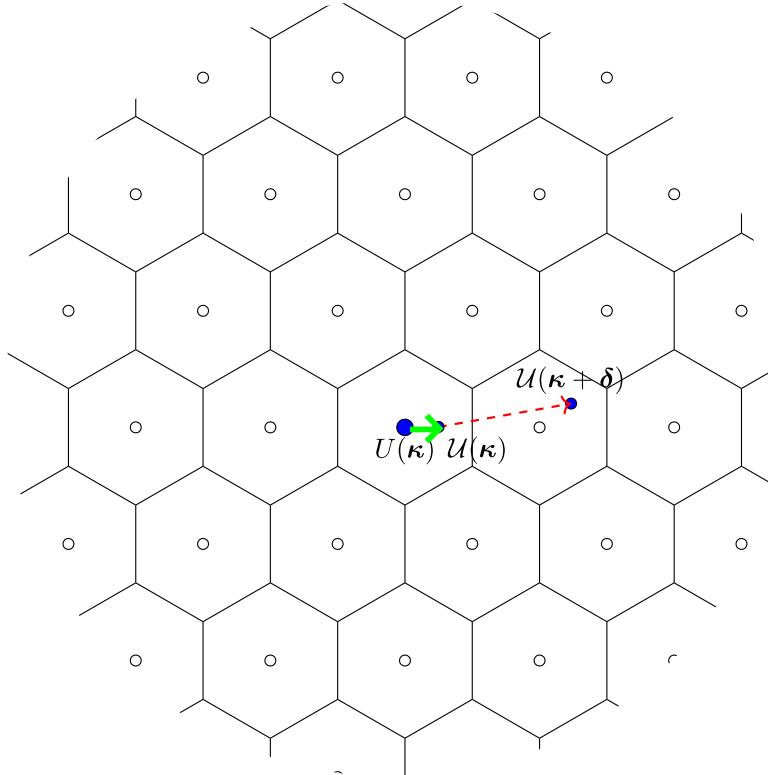


Remainder Map step-by-step



$$U(\kappa + \delta) = \mathbf{R}\delta + U(\kappa)$$

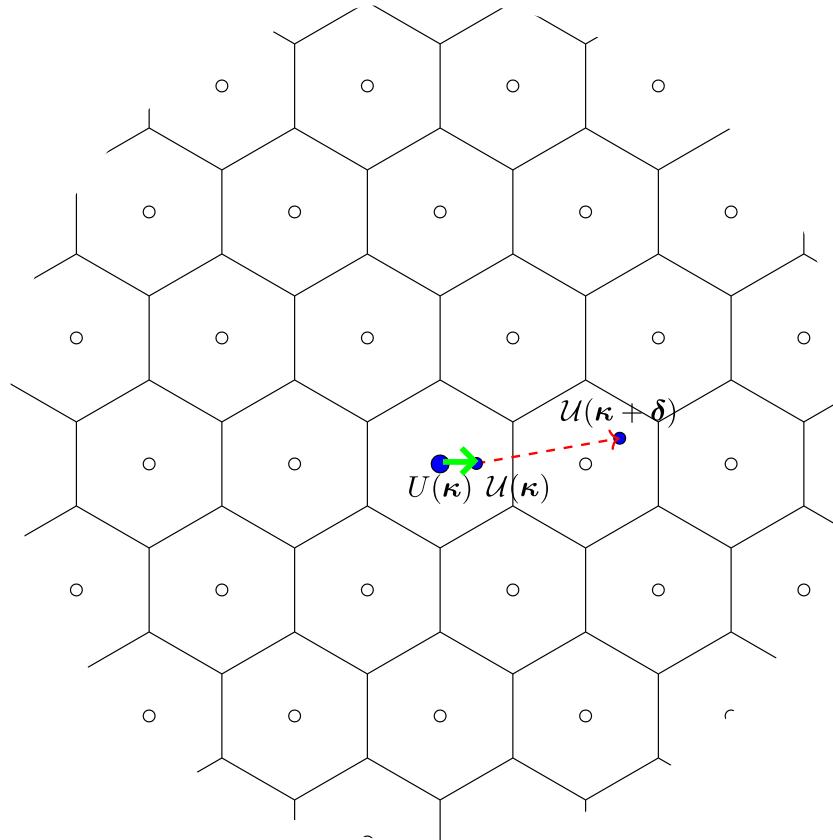
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Without loss of generality, $U(\kappa)$ is the origin, and then

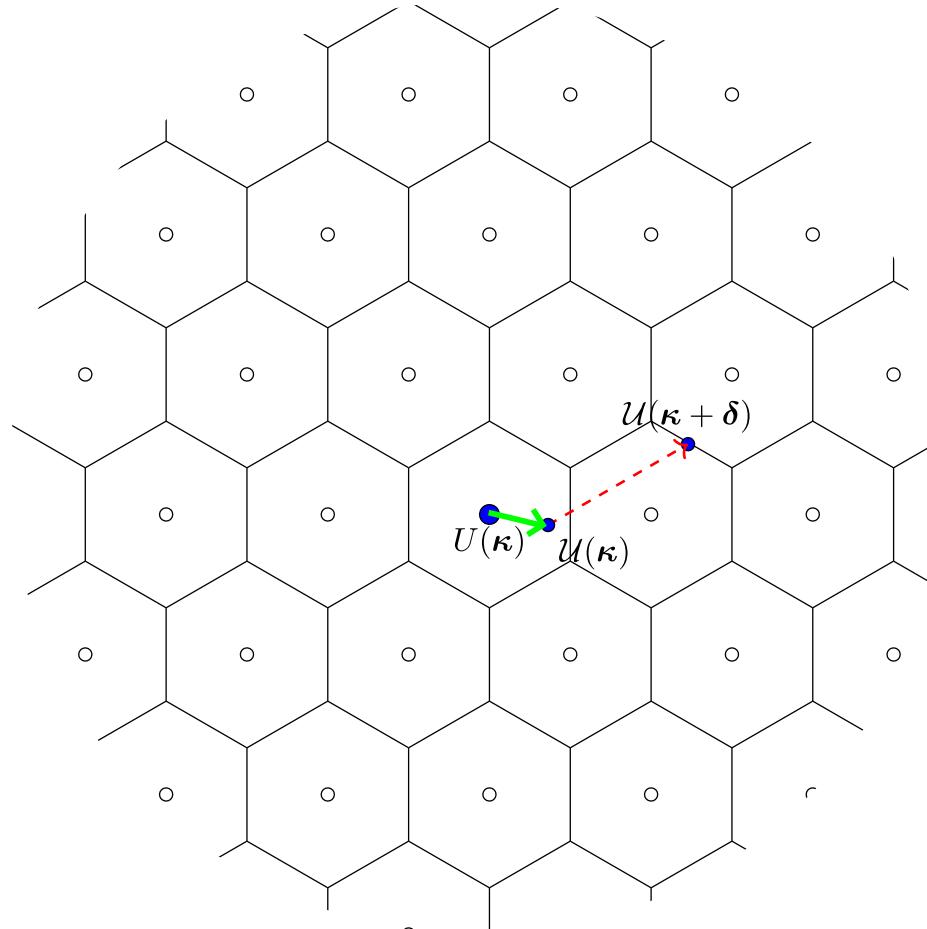
$$\mathcal{U}(\delta) = \mathbf{R}\delta + \mathcal{U}(\kappa) - U(\kappa)$$

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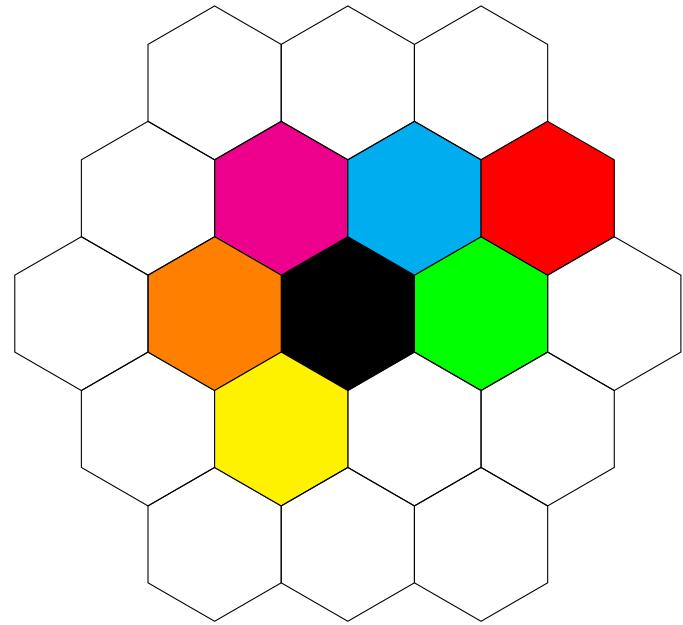
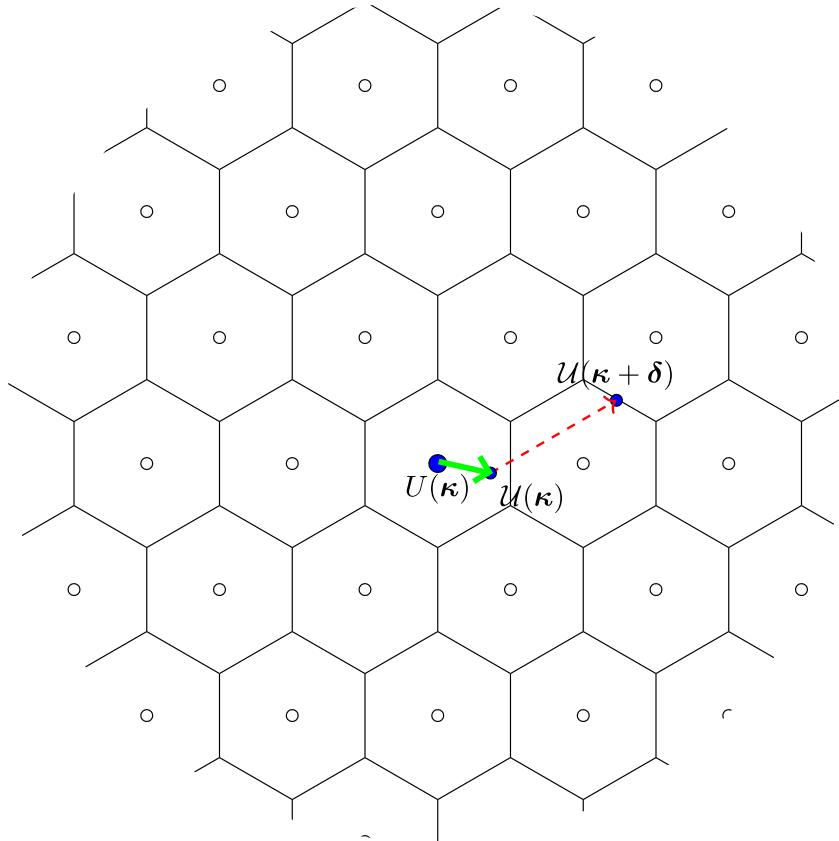


The remainder map defined as $\mathcal{F}(\kappa) = \mathcal{U}(\kappa) - U(\kappa) \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{0})$
where the range $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{0})$ is called the remainder range.

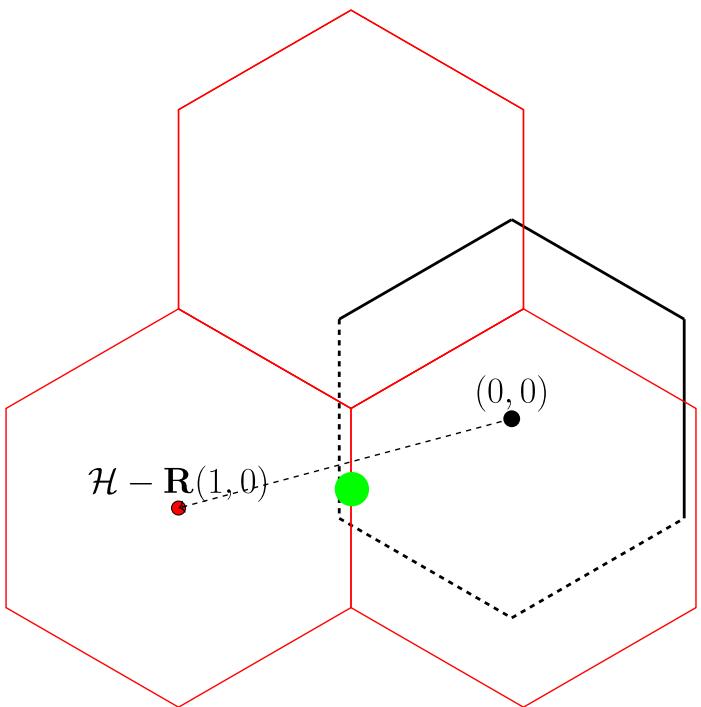
Remainder Map and Critical Rigid Motions



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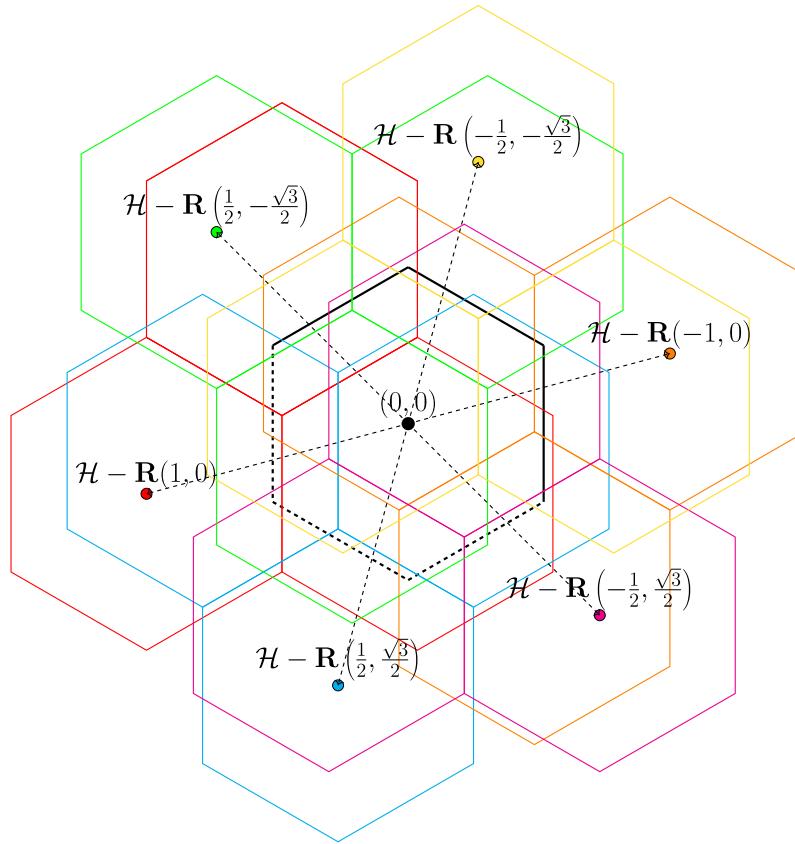


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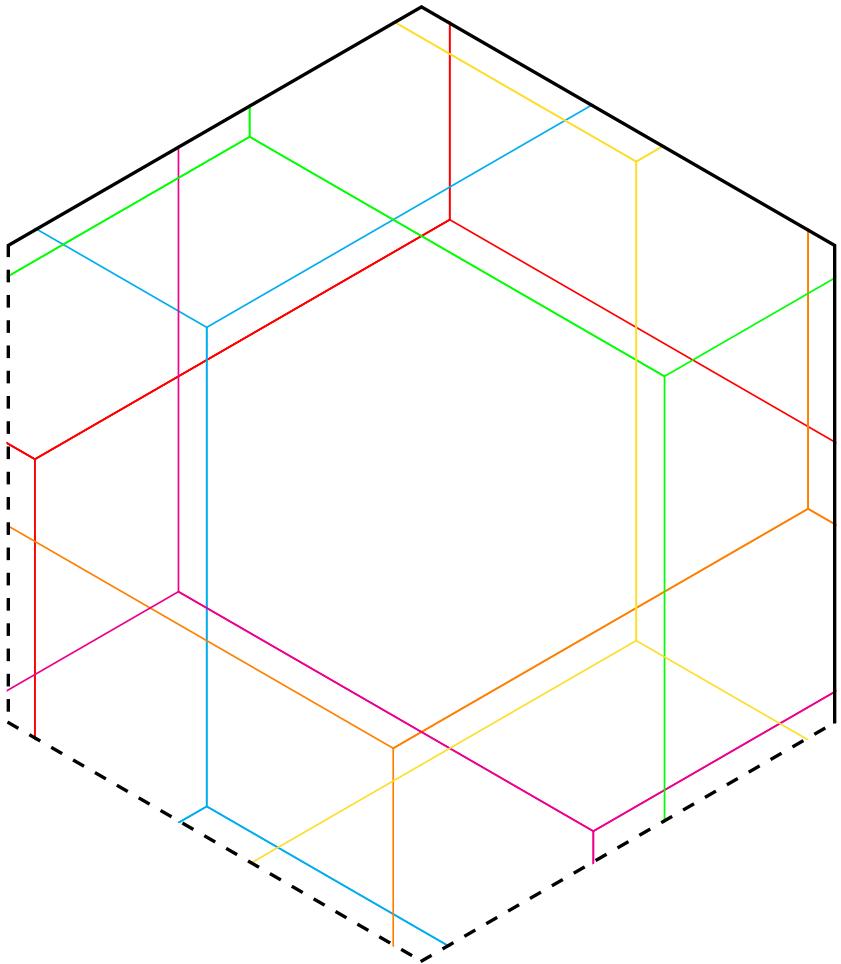
Such critical cases can be observed via the relative positions of $\mathcal{F}(\kappa)$, and are formulated as the translation $\mathcal{H} - \mathbf{R}\delta$. That is to say $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{0}) \cap (\mathcal{H} - \mathbf{R}\delta)$.

Critical line segments



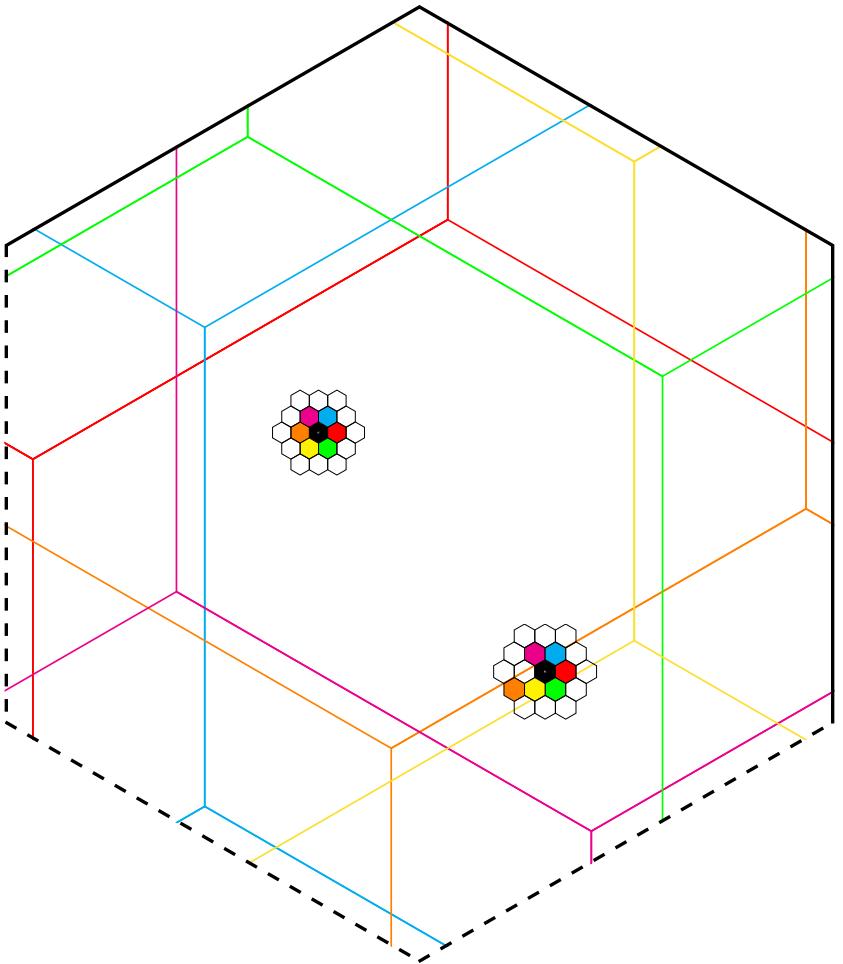
$$\mathcal{H} = \bigcup_{\delta \in \mathcal{N}_r(\mathbf{0})} (\mathcal{H} - \mathbf{R}\delta) \cap \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{0})$$

Frames



Each region bounded by the critical line segments is called a frame.

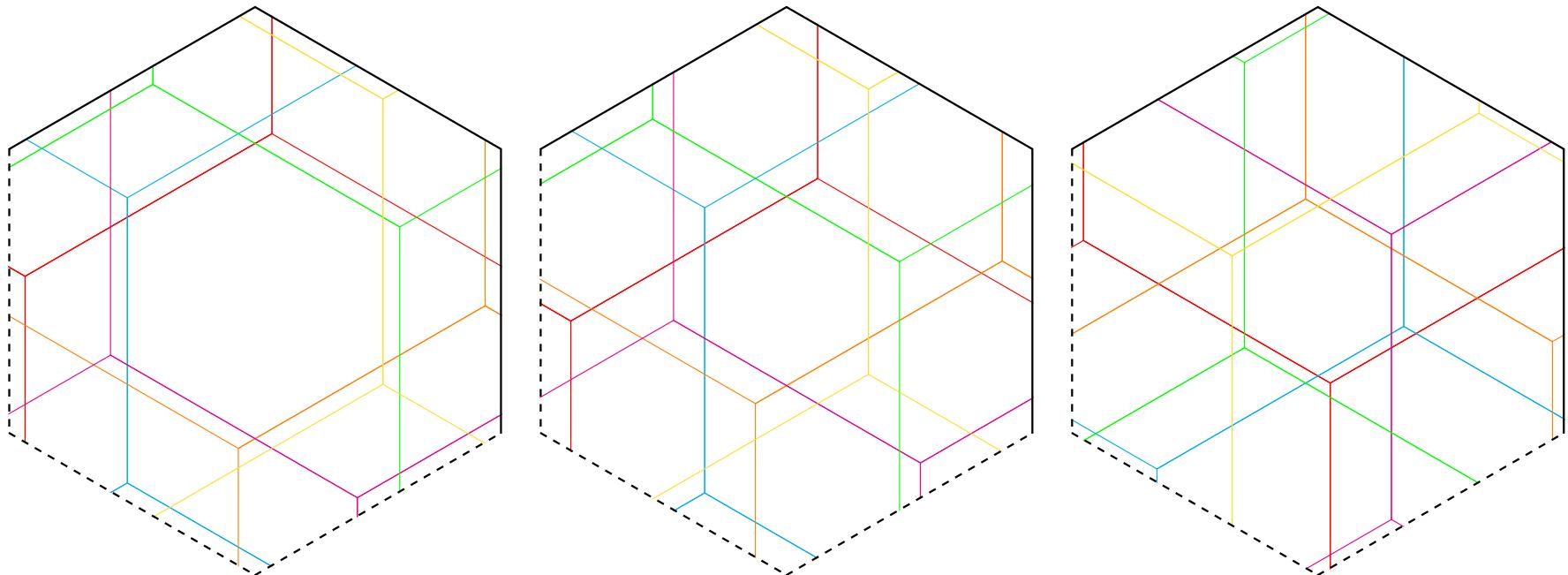
Frames



Proposition

For any $\kappa, \lambda \in \Lambda$, $\mathcal{G}_r^U(\kappa) = \mathcal{G}_r^U(\lambda)$ if and only if $\mathcal{F}(\kappa)$ and $\mathcal{F}(\lambda)$ are in the same frame.

Remainder Range Partitioning

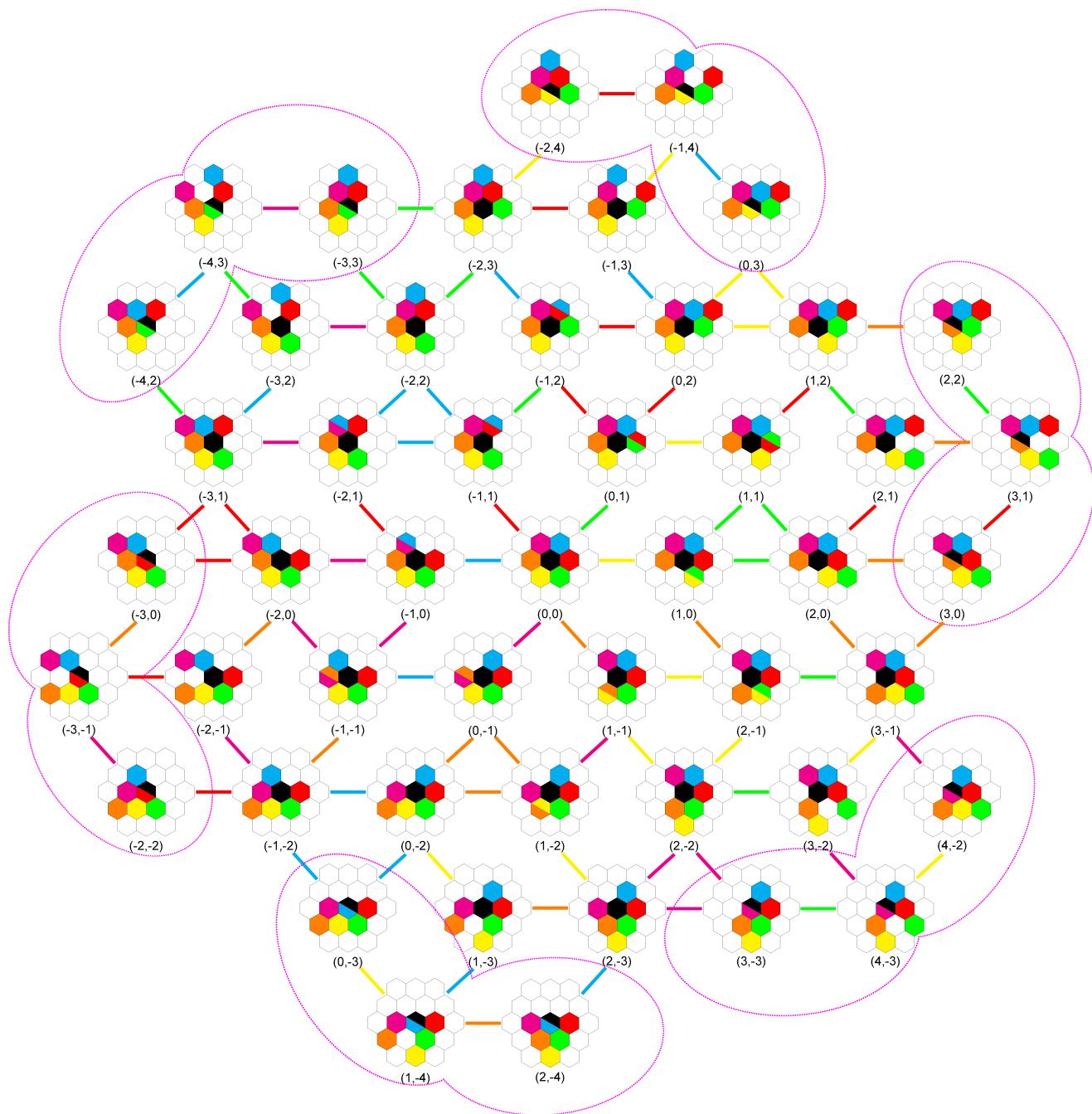


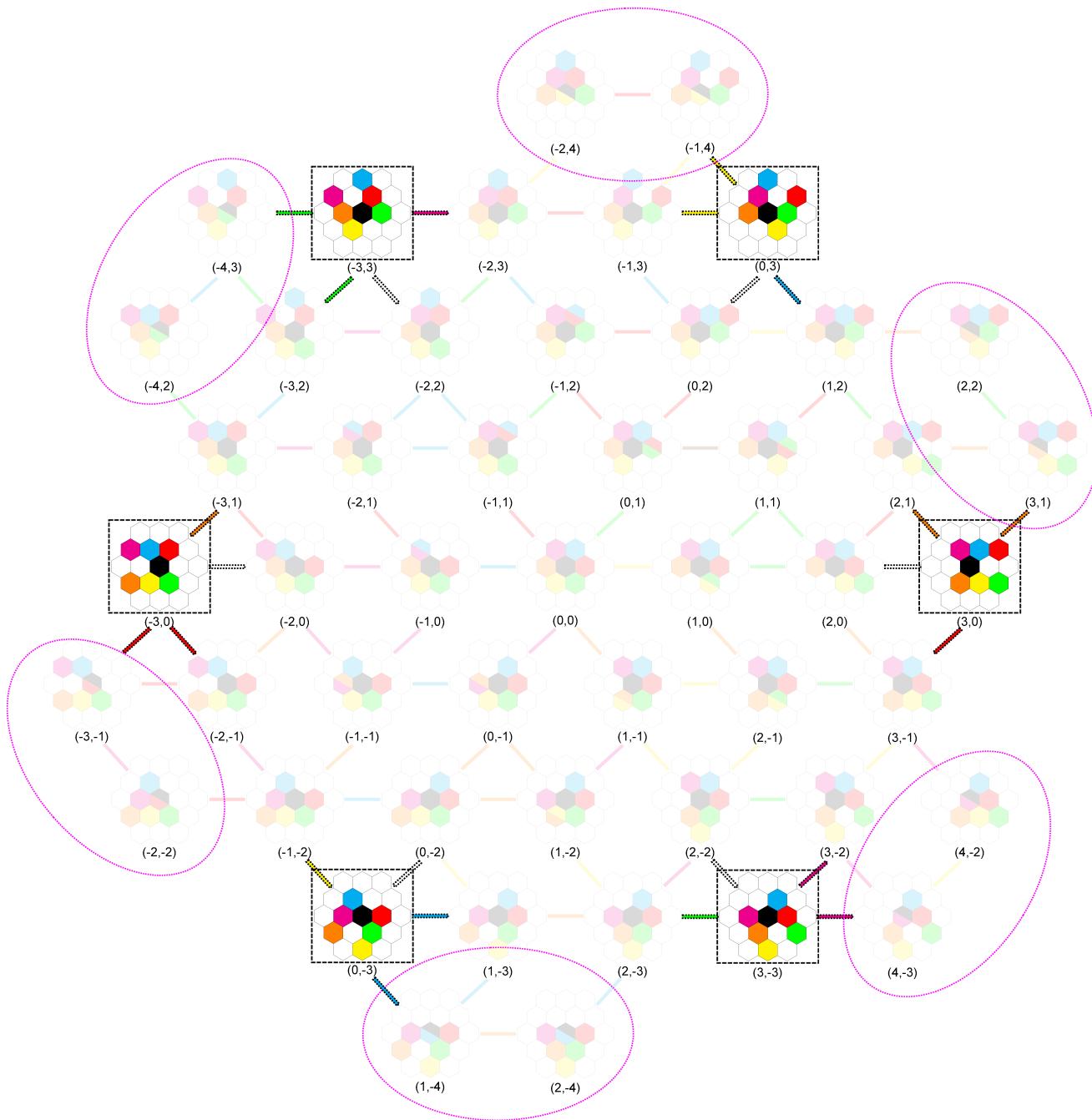
At most 49 frames per partitioning.

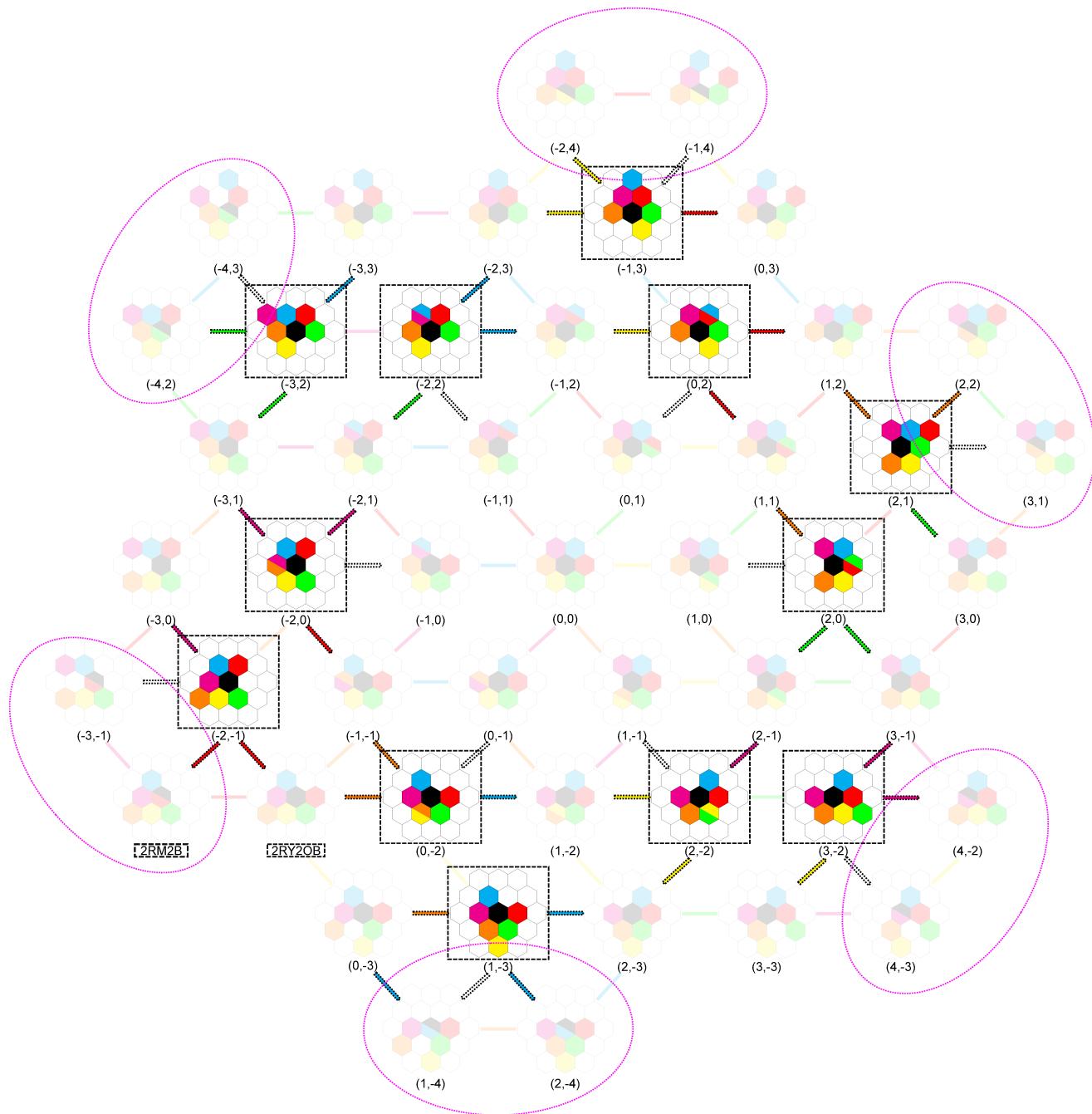
Contributions

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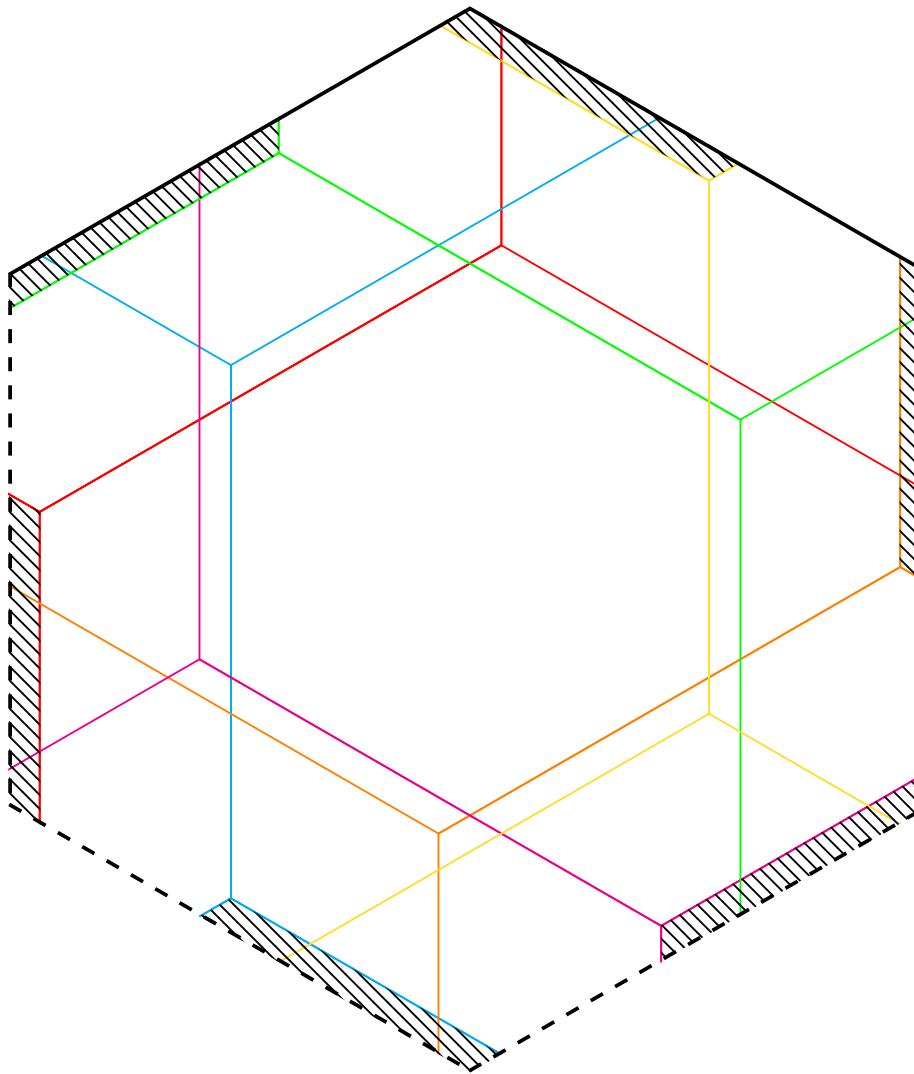




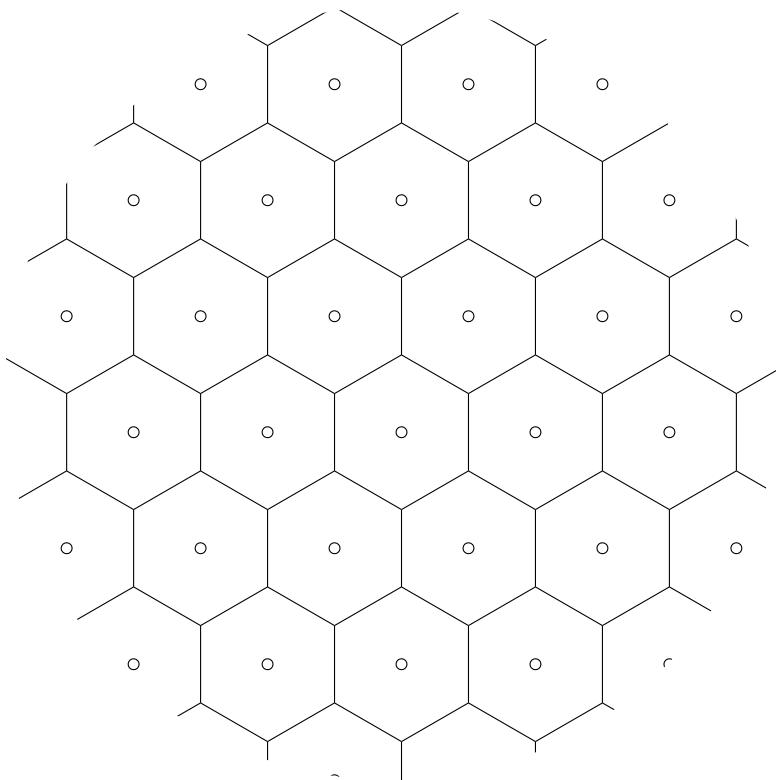




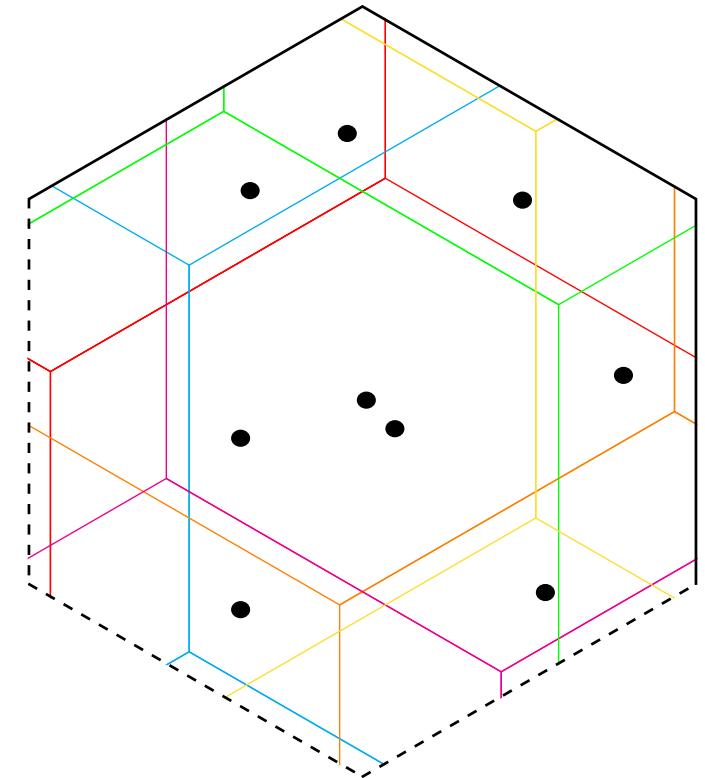
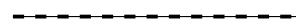
Non-injective Digitized Rigid Motions



Eisenstein Rational Rotations

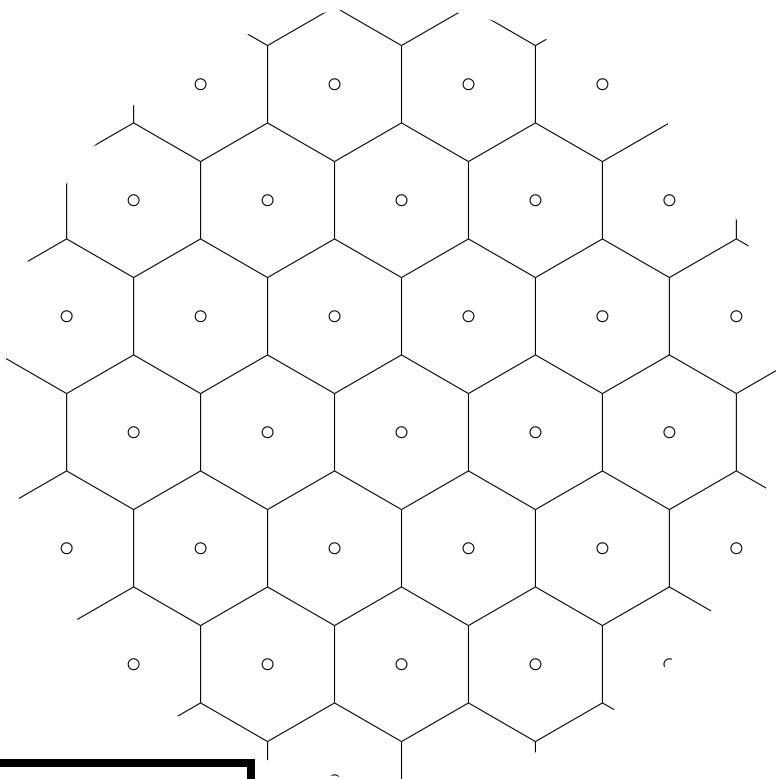


$$\mathcal{F}(\Lambda)$$

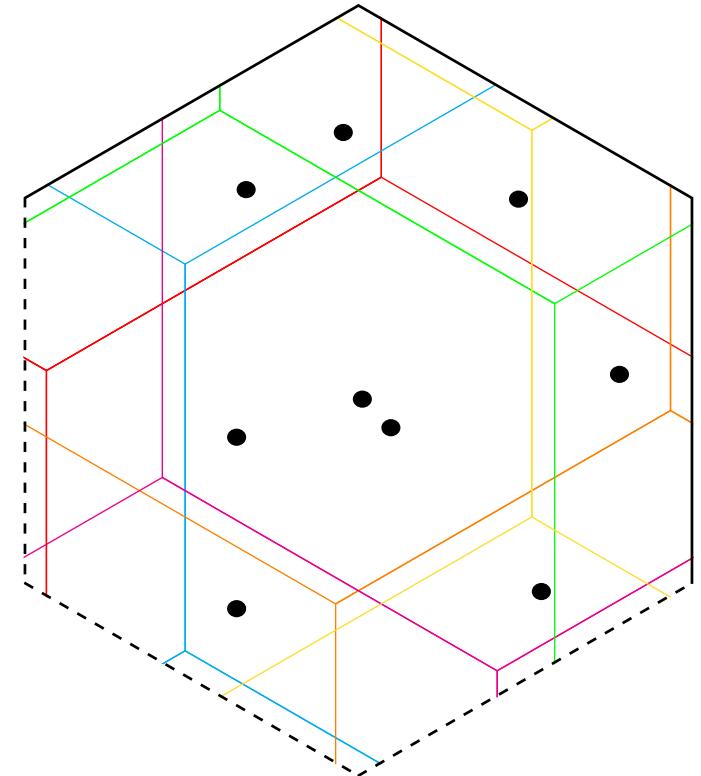
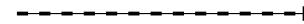


For what kind of parameters has the remainder map a finite number of images?

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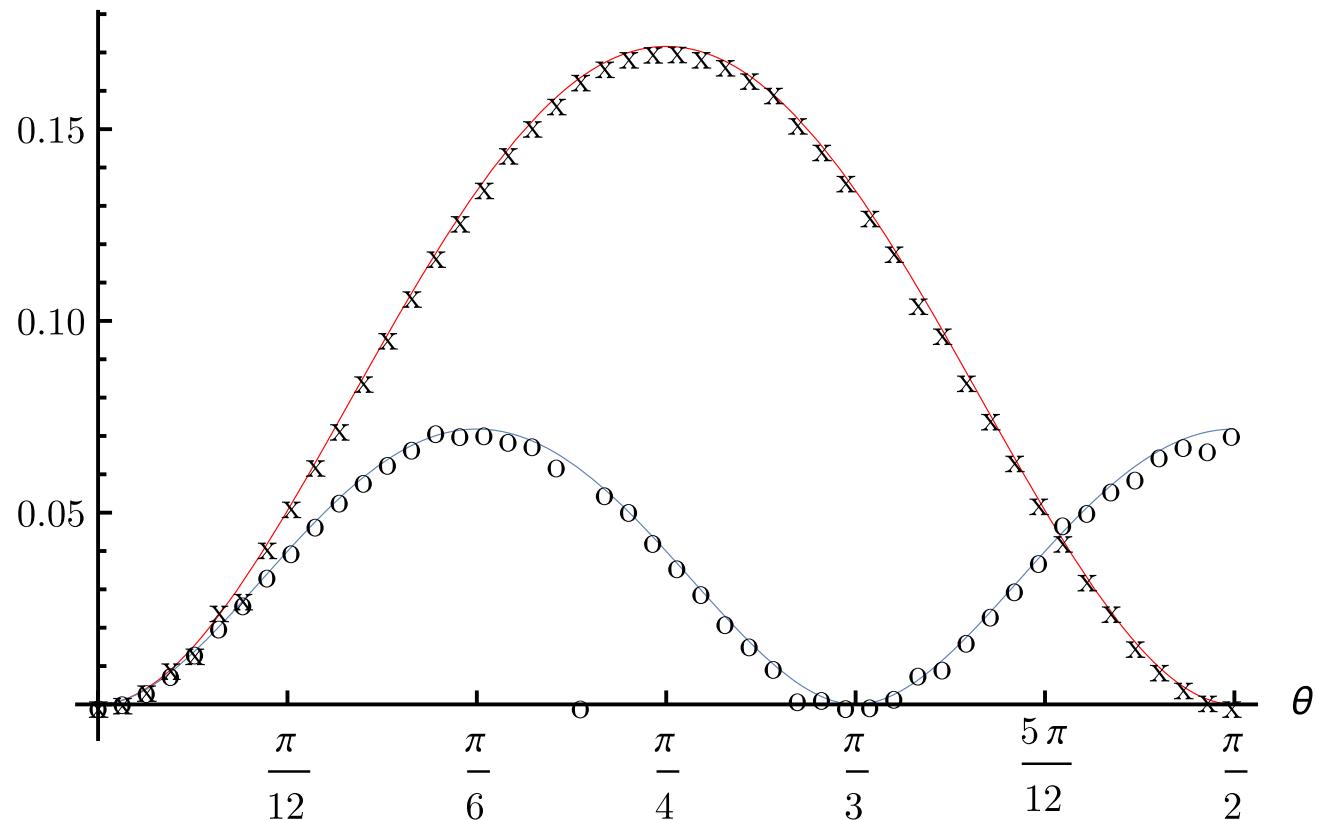


Corollary

If $\cos \theta = \frac{2a-b}{2c}$ and $\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}b}{2c}$ where $(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{Z}^3$, $\gcd(a, b, c) = 1$ and $0 < a < c < b$, then the remainder map has a finite number of images.

Loss of Information

Information loss rate



Conclusions & Perspectives

- An extension of a framework to study digitized rigid motions
- Characterization of rational rotations
- We have showed that the loss of information is relativly lower for digitized rigd motions defained on the hexagonal grid
- Our tools on BSD-3 license:
<https://github.com/copyme/NeighborhoodMotionMapsTools>

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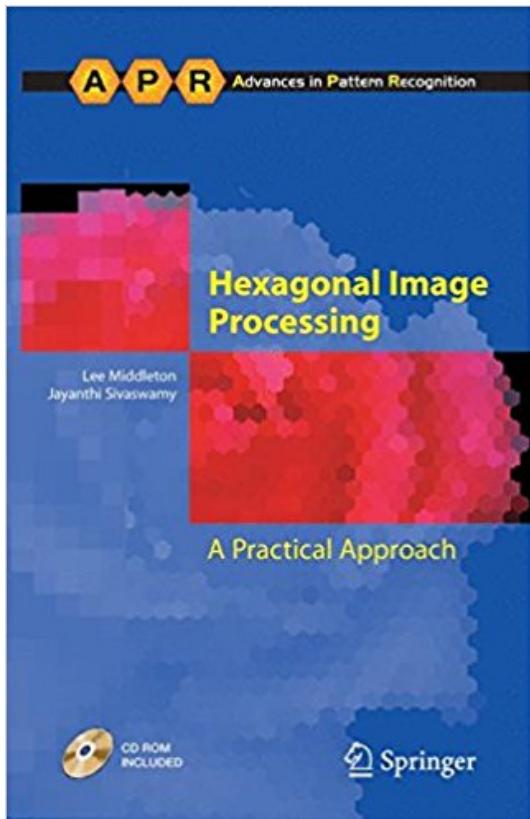
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Homework



If you want to get into the honey business, then this book is an obligatory lecture: Middleton, Lee, and Jayanthi Sivaswamy. *Hexagonal image processing: A practical approach*. Springer Science & Business Media, 2006.