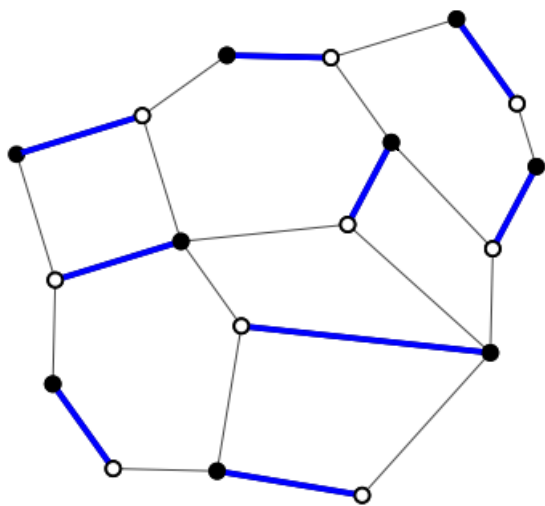


# Lecture 3

## (Centers of) circle patterns or t-embeddings.

Reminder:



Weight Function

$$v: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0}$$

Probability measure  
on dimer configurations:

$$IP[m] = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{e \in m} v(e),$$

$=: v(m)$

with

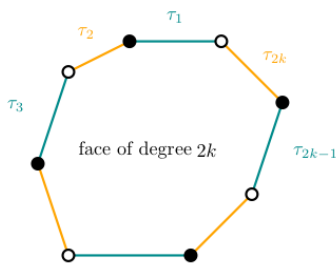
$$Z = \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} v(m).$$

Kasteleyn matrix

Complex Kasteleyn signs:

$$\tau_i \in \mathbb{C}, |\tau_i| = 1,$$

$$\frac{\tau_1}{\tau_2} \cdot \frac{\tau_3}{\tau_4} \cdots \frac{\tau_{2k-1}}{\tau_{2k}} = (-1)^{(k+1)}$$



$$K(w, b) = v_{wb} \tau_{wb}$$

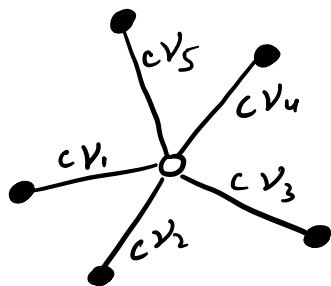
if  $w \sim b$

$$K(w, b) = 0$$

otherwise.

Thm:  $Z = |\det K|$

Gauge  
equivalence:



$$v_1(w, b) = F(b) v_2(w, b) G(w)$$

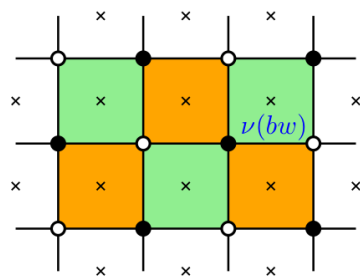
then  $v_1 \sim_{\text{gauge}} v_2$

(F, G)-gauge functions

Rmk: Gauge equivalent weight Funct  
define the same probability measure.

# (Centers of) circle patterns or t-embeddings.

## Definition: t-embedding



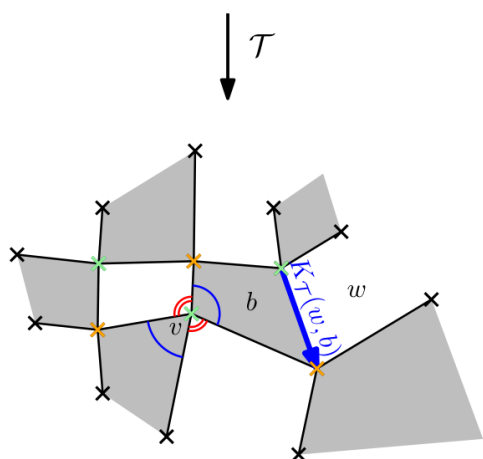
[Chelkak, Laslier, R.]

$\mathcal{T}$  is embedding of  $\mathcal{G}^*$  such that

- 1) **lengths** are gauge equivalent to (given) dimer weights
- 2) **angles** at (inner) vertices are balanced:

$$\sum_{f \text{ white}} \theta(f, v) = \sum_{f \text{ black}} \theta(f, v) = \pi.$$

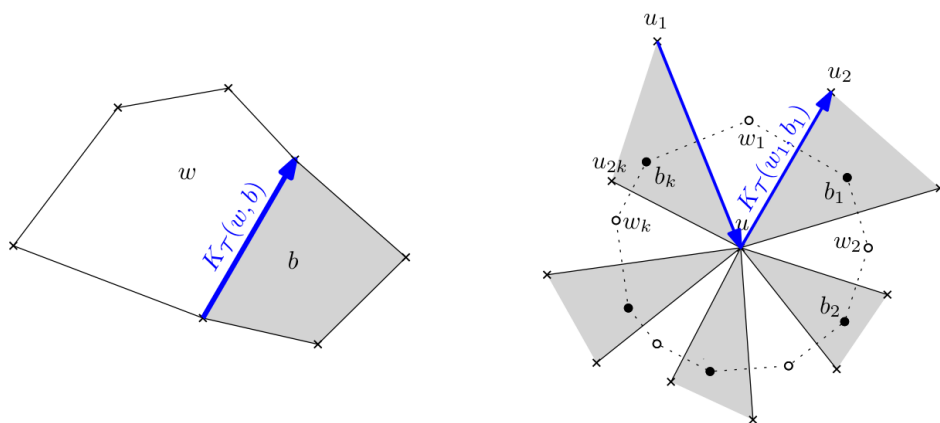
**Rmk:** (2)  $\Rightarrow$  Kasteleyn sign condition.



$K_{\mathcal{T}}$  is a Kasteleyn matrix.

## Kasteleyn weights

$$\mathcal{T} \rightarrow (\mathcal{G}, K_{\mathcal{T}}), \quad \text{where} \quad \sum_b K_{\mathcal{T}}(w, b) = \sum_w K_{\mathcal{T}}(w, b) = 0$$



Then  $K_{\mathcal{T}}$  is a Kasteleyn matrix.

Kasteleyn sign condition

$$\prod \frac{K_{\mathcal{T}}(w_i, b_i)}{K_{\mathcal{T}}(w_{i+1}, b_i)} \in (-1)^{k+1} \mathbb{R}_+$$



angle condition

$$\sum \text{white} = \pi \pmod{2\pi}$$

$$\frac{K_{\mathcal{T}}(w, b_k)}{K_{\mathcal{T}}(w, b_1)} =$$

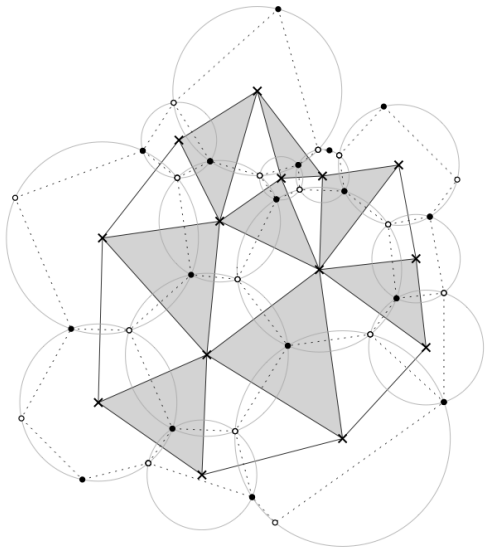
$$= (-1)^k e^{i\theta_1} \cdot r,$$

with  $r \in \mathbb{R}_+$

$$(-1)^k \cdot e^{i\pi} = (-1)^{k+1}$$

# (Centers of) circle pattern:

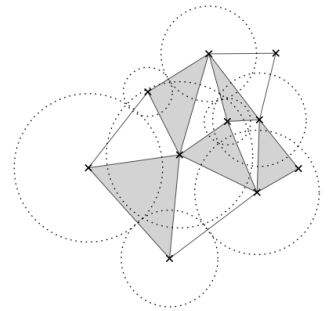
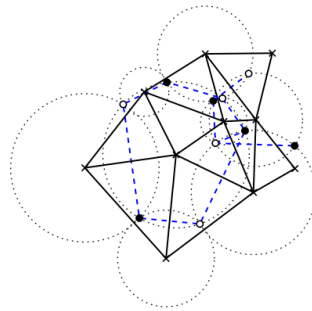
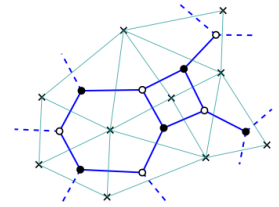
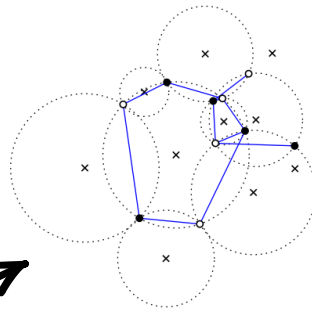
[Kenyon, Lam, Ramassamy, R.]



Circle pattern realisations with an embedded dual, where the dual graph is the graph of circle centres.

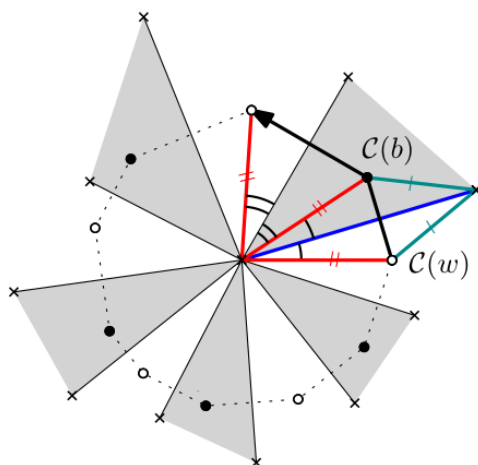
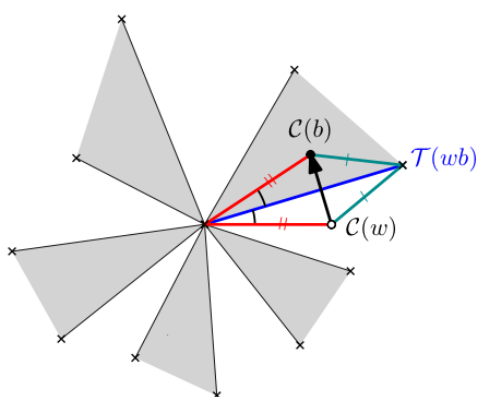
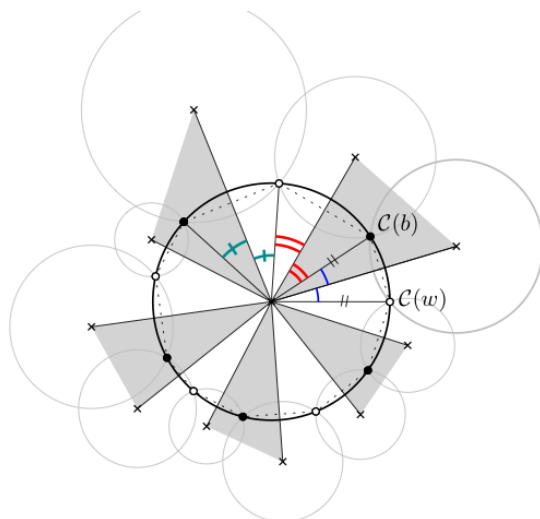
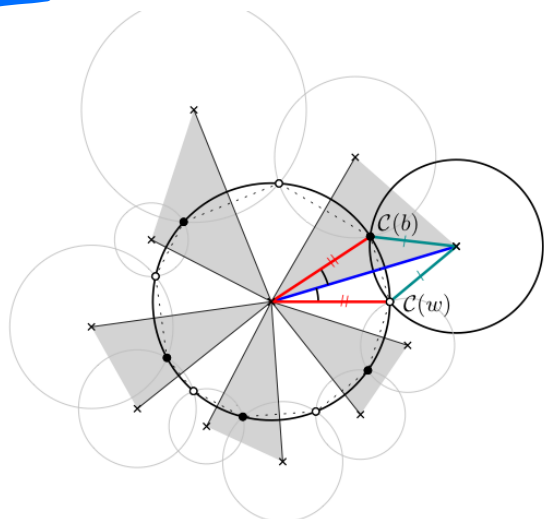
(!) Circle patterns themselves are not necessarily embedded.

A circle pattern  
realization with  
an embedded  
dual

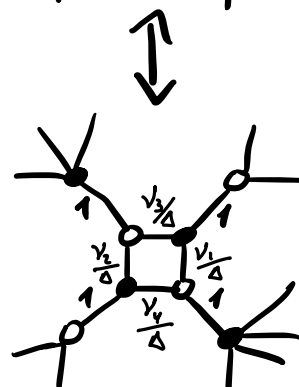
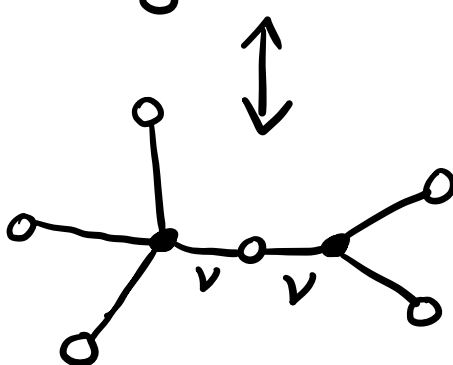
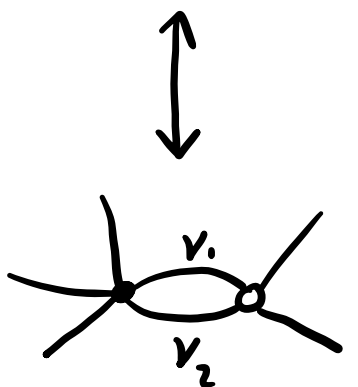
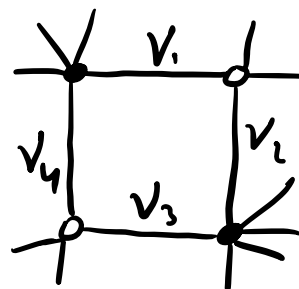
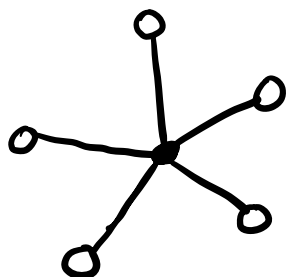
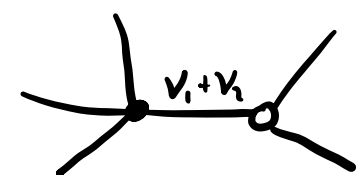


Proposition: Embeddings of the dual graph  
as centers of a circle pattern are in bijection  
with t-embeddings.

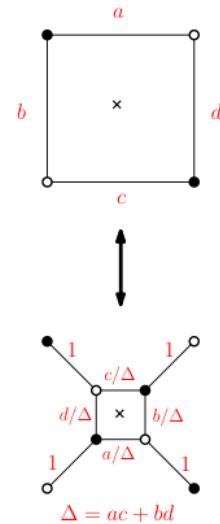
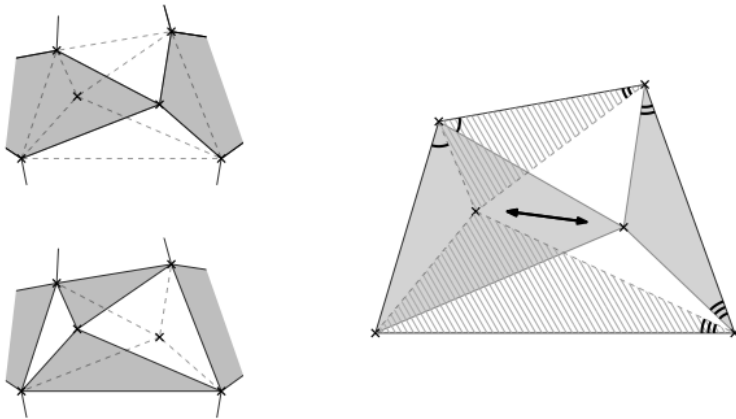
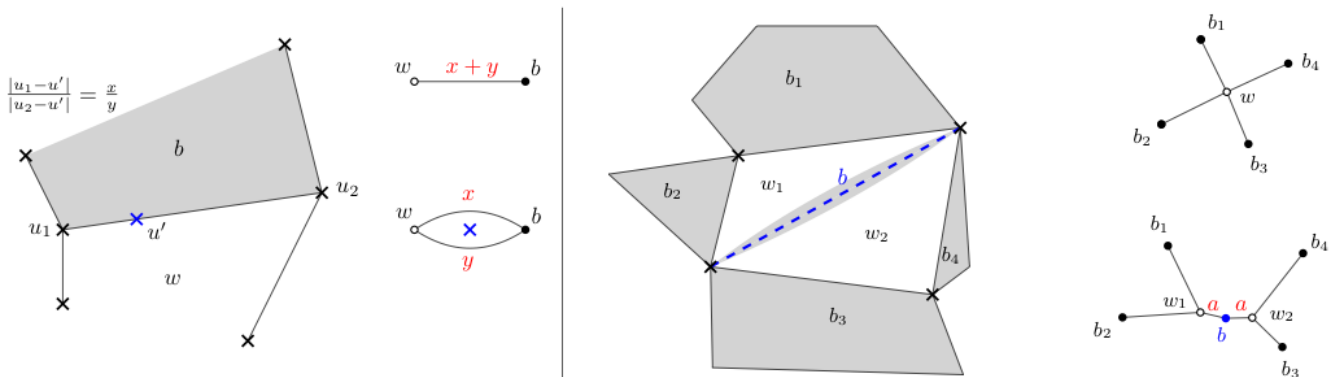
Proof:



Elementary transformations preserving dimer measure



$$\Delta = v_1 v_3 + v_2 v_4$$

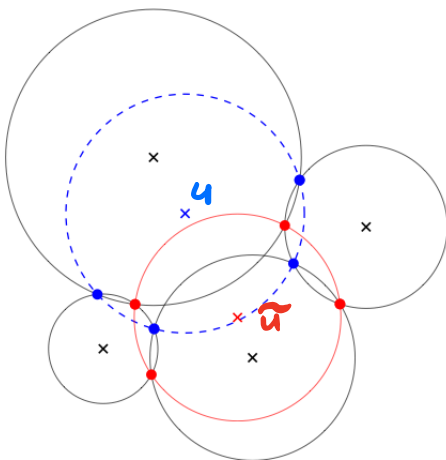


[Kenyon, Lam, Ramassamy, R.]:

T-embeddings of  $\mathcal{G}^*$  are preserved under elementary transformations of  $\mathcal{G}$ .

Spider move in terms of circle patterns:

**Miquel's six circles theorem:** if five circles share four triple-points of intersection then the remaining four points of intersection lie on a sixth circle.



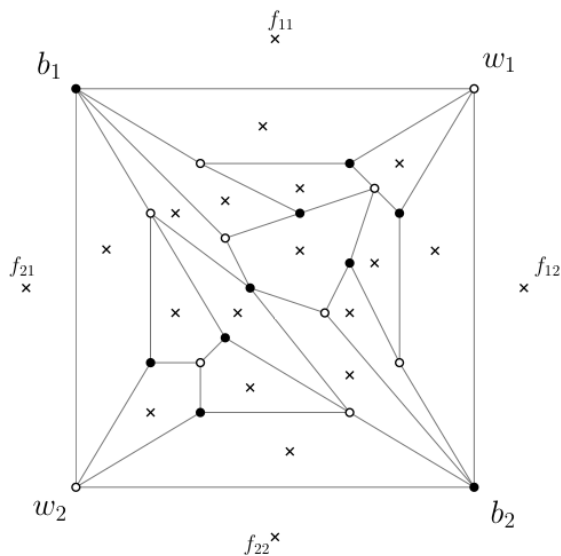
**Central move**  $u \mapsto \tilde{u}$

$$\frac{(u_2 - u)(u_4 - u)}{(u_1 - u)(u_3 - u)} = \frac{(u_2 - \tilde{u})(u_4 - \tilde{u})}{(u_1 - \tilde{u})(u_3 - \tilde{u})}$$

$$X_u := -\frac{(u_2 - u)(u_4 - u)}{(u_1 - u)(u_3 - u)}$$

$$\tilde{u} = \frac{(u_2 + u_4) + X_u(u_1 + u_3)}{1 + X_u}$$

# Coulomb gauge for finite planar graphs



**Def:** Functions  $G : W \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and  $F : B \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  are said to give Coulomb gauge for  $\mathcal{G}$  if for all internal white vertices  $w$

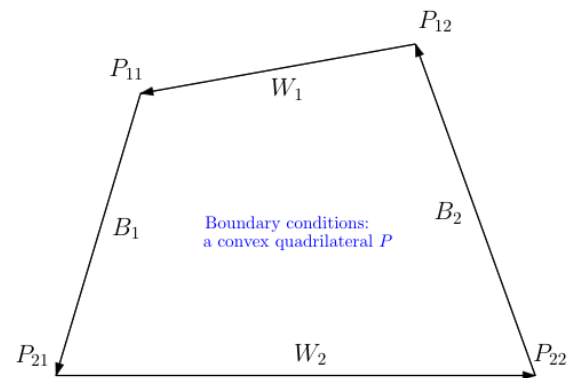
$$\sum_b G(w) K_{wb} F(b) = 0,$$

and for all internal black vertices  $b$

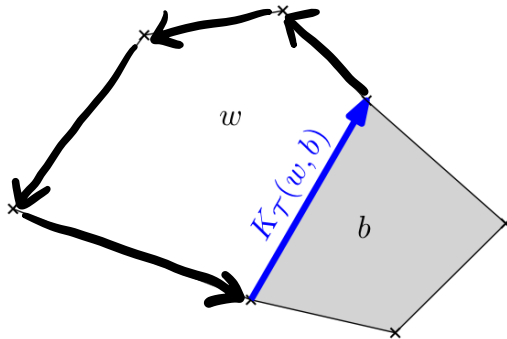
$$\sum_w G(w) K_{wb} F(b) = 0.$$

$$\sum_w G(w) K_{wb_i} F(b_i) = B_i$$

$$\sum_b G(w_i) K_{w_i b} F(b) = -W_i.$$



Recall:  $\sum_{b \sim w} K_T(w, b) = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_b G(w) \cdot K_{wb} F(b) = 0$

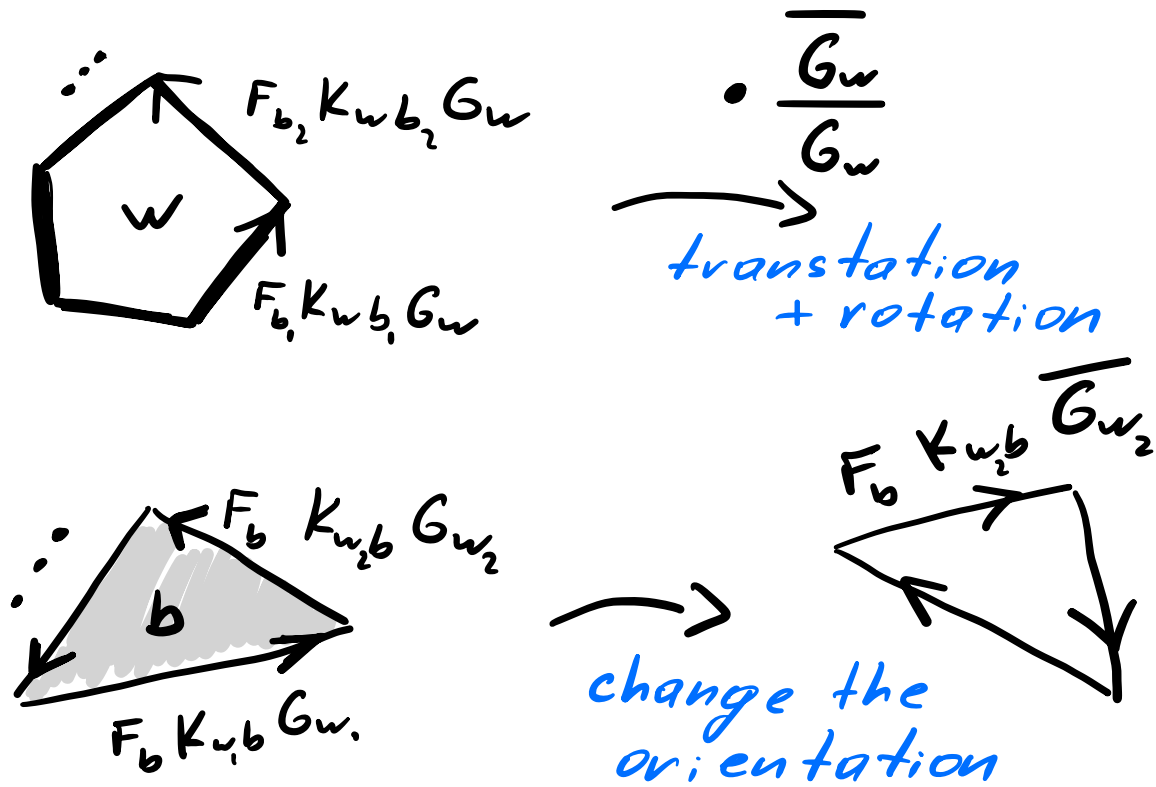


$$K_T(w, b) = F(b) K_{IR}(w, b) G(w)$$

Coulomb gauges  
 $\leftrightarrow$  t-embedding

$$d\Upsilon(w b^*) = F(b) K_{wb} G(w)$$

What if we consider  $F_b K_{wb} \overline{G_w}$  instead?



Define  $d\theta(wb^*) = F_b K_{wb} \overline{G_w}$

$\theta(G^*)$  is an origami map

// Fold a t-embedding along each edge //