

Computing fundamental domains of crystallographic groups

With connections to topological interlocking

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$$\mathbb{R}^n \times (O(n) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n : (v, (\varphi_o, \varphi_t)) \mapsto v^{(\varphi_o, \varphi_t)} = v^{\varphi_o} + \varphi_t.$$

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$$F^\circ \subseteq V \subseteq F.$$

the problem of Computing Dirichlet Cells

current approach to computations - theorem that word length corresponds to distance - algo that incorporates that knowledge

connections to TIA \rightarrow deformations

Thank you for your attention

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