Discrete differential geometry of surfaces. Variational principles, algorithms, and implementation

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3.1 Discrete conformal equivalence

Definition 1. *Two Euclidean triangulations T and $\tilde{T}$ are* discretely conformally equivalent *if there is a map $u : V \to \mathbb{R}$ such that for any edge ij it is*

$$l_{ij} = e^{u_i+u_j}\tilde{l}_{ij}$$

where l_{ij} is the length of the edge ij.

Definition 2. *A* discrete flat Euclidean metric *is a map $l : E \to \mathbb{R}_+$ such that triangle inequalities are satisfied and angle sums around each inner vertex are equal to 2π.*

3.2 Variational principles for discrete metrics in $\mathbb{E}^2$, $\mathbb{H}^2$, and $\mathbb{S}^2$

Construction of discrete flat metrics. A discrete Euclidean flat metric is the minimizer of a convex functional.

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda_{ij} &:= 2\log l_{ij} && (1)\\
\tilde{\lambda}_{ij} &:= \lambda_{ij} + u_i + u_j && (2)\\
f_{Euc}(u_i, u_j, u_k) &:= \alpha_i\tilde{\lambda}_{jk} + \alpha_j\tilde{\lambda}_{ki} + \alpha_k\tilde{\lambda}_{ij} + 2\left(Л(\alpha_i) + Л(\alpha_j) + Л(\alpha_k)\right) && (3)
\end{aligned}$$

Definition 3.

$$E_{Euc}(u) := \sum_{ijk\in F}\left(f_{Euc}(u_i, u_j, u_k) - \frac{\pi}{2}\left(\tilde{\lambda}_{jk} + \tilde{\lambda}_{ki} + \tilde{\lambda}_{ij}\right)\right) + \sum_{i\in V}\Theta_i u_i \qquad (4)$$

This definition and the derivatives can be found in [BPS10]

For the hyperbolic case λ and $\tilde{\lambda}$ are defined as before. Further define

$$
\begin{aligned}
\beta_i &:= \frac{1}{2}(\pi + \alpha_i - \alpha_j - \alpha_k) && (5)\\
\beta_j &:= \frac{1}{2}(\pi - \alpha_i + \alpha_j - \alpha_k) && (6)\\
\beta_k &:= \frac{1}{2}(\pi - \alpha_i - \alpha_j + \alpha_k) && (7)\\
f_{Hyp}(u_i, u_j, u_k) &:= \beta_i \tilde{\lambda}_{jk} + \beta_j \tilde{\lambda}_{ki} + \beta_k \tilde{\lambda}_{ij} && (8)\\
&\quad + Л(\alpha_i) + Л(\alpha_j) + Л(\alpha_k) + Л(\beta_i) + Л(\beta_j) + Л(\beta_k) && (9)\\
&\quad + Л\left(\frac{1}{2}(\pi - \alpha_i - \alpha_j - \alpha_k)\right) && (10)
\end{aligned}
$$

Definition 4.

$$
E_{Hyp}(u) := \sum_{ijk\in F}\left(f_{Hyp}(u_i, u_j, u_k) - \frac{\pi}{2}\left(\tilde{\lambda}_{jk} + \tilde{\lambda}_{ki} + \tilde{\lambda}_{ij}\right)\right) + \sum_{i\in V}\Theta_i u_i \qquad (11)
$$

3.3 Realization

4 Uniformization of surfaces of higher genus

Triangulated surfaces of genus $g \geq 2$ without boundary can be equipped with a discretely conformally equivalent flat hyperbolic metric [BPS10]. By flat hyperbolic metric we mean that the edge length are hyperbolic and for any vertex the angle sum is 2π. To realize this metric in the hyperbolic plane e.g. in the Poicaré disk model one has to introduce cuts along a basis of the homotopy. This creates a simply connected domain in $\mathbb{H}^2$. Matching cut paths are realated by a hyperbolic motion i.e. the Möbius transformations that leave the unit disk invariant (Figure 1).

4.1 The cut-graph and fuchsian groups

Want so say here: the number of transformations generated by the mapping of corresponding edges equals the number of path segments in the homotopy-cut-graph. They generate a fuchsian group with #vertices relations

Proposition 1.

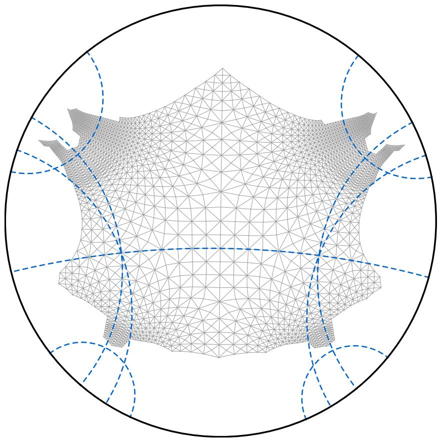

Figure 1: Hyperbolic flat metric on a genus 2 surface and the axes of the associated hyperbolic motions.

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Any hyperelliptic Riemann surface can be expressed as an algebraic curve of the form

$$\mu^2 = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (\lambda - \lambda_i)^2 \qquad n \geq 3, \quad \lambda_i \neq \lambda_j \forall i \neq j.$$

Here λ_i are the branch points of the doubly covered Riemann sphere.

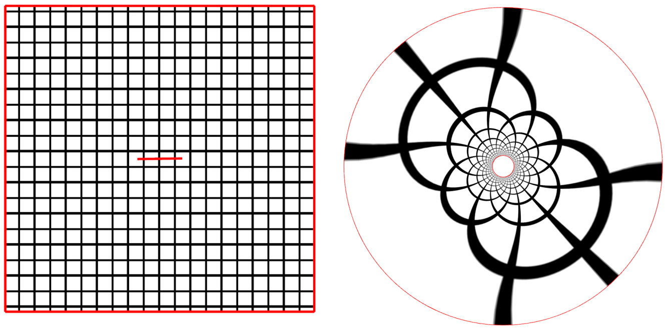

Figure 2: Square with symmetric slit to the circle

7.2 Weierstrass points on hyperelliptic surfaces

A hyperelliptic surface comes together with a holomorphic involution h called the hyperelliptic involution. The branch points are fixed points under this transformation. For a hyperelliptic algebraic curve it is $h(\mu, \lambda) = (-\mu, \lambda)$

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