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QUESTION : For a circular cylinder of hight $t, C = \mathbb{D}^2 \times t\mathbb{I}$, it is clear that this can achieve the circle

packing density and this

 $\delta(C) > \pi/\sqrt{12}$.

Show that this is an equality for all t or describe a denser packing. (Wilker, Kuperberg

QUESTION: Tell me something about the packing density of objects like

 $\prod_i \lambda_i \mathbb{D}^i$

(Kusner ...)

QUESTION: Consider the translative packing density δ_T and the lattice packing density δ_L . Is it

true that

 $\delta_T(K) \cdot \delta_T(K') = \delta_T(K \times K')$?

What about

 $\delta_L(K) \cdot \delta_L(K') = \delta_T(K \times K')$?

(Oberwolfach Problem book, Cohn, Kenyon ...)

QUESTION: Show that the Reinhardt hyperbolic smoothed octagon is the minimizer of the maximum

density in the space of convex centrally symmetric bodies in \mathbb{R}^2 . Do the same for the regular heptagon in the space of convex bodies. (Reinhardt, Nazerov, Hales, Kallus,

Blind, Kuperberg ...)

QUESTION : Show that the sphere is the minimizer of the maximum density in the space of convex

centrally symmetric bodies in \mathbb{R}^3 . Or even show that a global minimizer exists. Is the sphere the global minimum in the space of convex bodies? (Ulam, Gardner, Torquato,

Kallus)

QUESTION: Find a body or collection of bodies that has it's maximum packing/translative packing

density achieved at only non-lattice/non-periodic configurations. (e.g. aperiodic tilings.) Find a collection of disks with distinct radii that pack denser in an aperiodic manner

than in a periodic one (Lagarias ...)

QUESTION: Describe the configuration space of kissing configurations of radius r spheres on a sphere

of radius 1. (SPLAG, ... Lagarias ...)

QUESTION: Describe the densest packing of congruent regular pentagons in the plane.

QUESTION: Describe the densest packing of congruent regular heptagons in the plane.

QUESTION: Find an compact body for which a sharp non-trivial upper bound on the packing density

can be determined. (Pach?)

QUESTION: Find a better lower bound on the packing density of spheres in high dimensions. (Cohn,

Vance, Venkatesh)

QUESTION: Search for high density lattices in high dimensions ($>\approx 30...$).