

# Constructing Riemann Surfaces from Puzzle Pieces

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# Overview -1

In this talk we will start with a classical motivation for constructing Riemann surfaces from puzzle pieces.

Namely:

- Making complex algebraic functions univalent.
- Integrating rational and algebraic functions in the plane.

After working through simple cases we explore how:

- The puzzle pieces and the (group theory) rulebook to assemble the puzzle may be used to help understand the moduli spaces (complete families) of highly symmetric Riemann surfaces.

# Overview - 2

## Note:

- The puzzle pieces have an interesting identical shape, (think platonic solids), but we shall not dwell on them much.
- We focus on the *group theory rulebook* used to piece them together.

Needless to say, we will skip lots of detail and focus on special cases that illustrate the main points.

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# Integrals from arclength - 1

- In elementary calculus, one of the early integrals we teach students is arclength on the circle

$$\arcsin(x) = \int_0^x \frac{du}{\sqrt{1-u^2}}.$$

- A bit later, when we look at arclength on the ellipse,  $v^2/a^2 + u^2 = 1$ , we encounter

$$L_a(x) = \int_0^x \frac{\sqrt{1+(a^2-1)u^2}}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} du.$$

This integral is not elementary and so is typically computed numerically.

## Integrals from arclength - 2

- Even later in our curriculum we look at the integrals as functions of a complex variable.

$$\arcsin(z) = \int_0^z \frac{du}{\sqrt{1-u^2}}$$

$$L_a(z) = \int_0^z \frac{\sqrt{1+(a^2-1)u^2}}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} du$$

- But there are issues: the integrand is multi-valued, there are singularities in the integrand, and the value of the integral depends on the homotopy class of the path of integration from 0 to  $z$ .

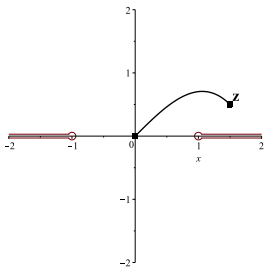
# Branch Cuts - 1

- A method to resolve the issues is to use branch cuts so that:
  - the integrand is single valued;
  - we avoid singularities of the integrand; and,
  - we avoid encircling singularities with loops.
- We will pick the branch cuts so that the remainder of the complex plane (cut plane) is simply connected, indeed a curvilinear polygon.
- With this choice, the value of the integral is independent of the path.

# Branch Cuts - 2

Here are the branch cuts and an integration path for

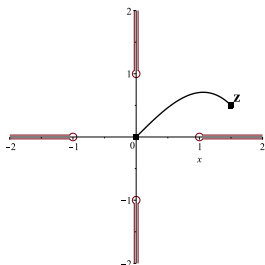
$$\arcsin(z) = \int_0^z \frac{du}{\sqrt{1-u^2}}.$$



## Branch Cuts - 3

For  $a = \sqrt{2}$ , here are the branch cuts and an integration path for arclength of an ellipse:

$$L_{\sqrt{2}}(z) = \int_0^z \frac{\sqrt{1+u^2}}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} du.$$





# Abelian integrals - 1

The preceding discussion can be extended to Abelian integrals of algebraic functions that were studied by Abel and others. Given a rational function  $R(u, v)$ , we consider integrals of the form

$$I(z) = \int_{z_0}^z R(u, v) du$$

such that:

- $v$  is a locally defined function that satisfies

$$F(u, v) = r_0(u)v^n + r_1(u)v^{n-1} + \dots + r_n(u) = 0$$

for some rational functions  $r_i(u)$ ; and,

- the path of integration

$$\gamma(t), 0 \leq t \leq 1, \gamma(0) = z_0, \gamma(1) = z$$

does not pass through any singularities of the integrand.

## Abelian integrals - 2

Here are several classes of such integrals:

- if

$$F(u, v) = v^2 - f(u)$$

where  $f(u)$  is a polynomial of degree 3 or 4, then  $I(z)$  is called *elliptic*;

- if

$$F(u, v) = v^2 - f(u)$$

where  $f(u)$  is a rational function of “higher degree”, then  $I(z)$  is called *hyper-elliptic*; and,

- if  $p$  is a prime

$$F(u, v) = v^p - f(u)$$

where  $f(u)$ , is a rational function then  $I(z)$  is called *p-gonal* or *super-elliptic*.

# Transition to a Riemann surface - 1

We will be guided by the super-elliptic case:



$$F(u, v) = v^p - f(u) = v^p - \prod_{j=1}^r (u - a_j)^{t_j}, \quad (2)$$

where  $a_j$ ,  $t_j$ , and  $t = t_1 + \cdots + t_r = \deg(f)$  satisfy these conditions

- the  $a_j$  are distinct complex numbers;
  - $0 < t_j < p$ ; and
  - $p$  divides  $t$ .
- The  $a_j$  are called branch points.
  - $v = \sqrt[p]{f(u)}$  is a multi-valued, locally holomorphic function, except at the branch points.
  - Any two local solutions  $v_1, v_2$  of (2) are related by multiplying by a  $p$ 'th root of unity,  $\omega$ :  $v_2(u) = \omega v_1(u)$ , valid in a small disc not meeting the branch points.

## Transition to a Riemann surface - 2

Show Ball (next slide)

Make a *cut system* with branch cuts that satisfy:

- the cuts are non-intersecting paths that connect branch points to infinity,
- the remainder of the complex plane (cut plane) is simply connected, in fact is an open curvilinear polygon.

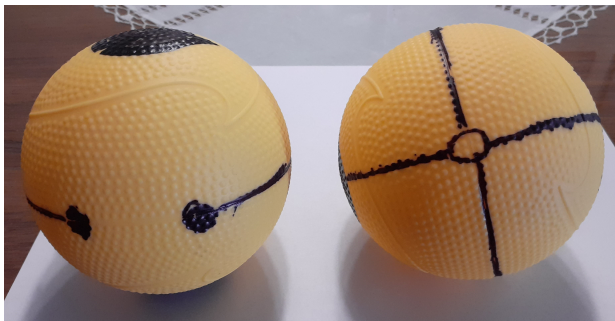
Now, in our Abelian integral we have

- the integrand is single valued though discontinuous along the branch cuts;
- we avoid singularities in the integrand; and,
- we avoid encircling any collection of branch points with a loop.

The function  $v$  and, hence, the integrand can be analytically continued across a branch cut, away from singularities.

# Show Ball

Two views of the Riemann sphere with 4 cone points and a cut system based at infinity. Left view at 0 and right view at infinity. Black dots or blobs are cone points, lines are cuts and small open circle is infinity.



## Transition to a Riemann surface - 3

We now have:

- $p$  copies of the cut plane with the same branch cuts (these are the puzzle pieces);
- $p$  different integrals with different integrands related by

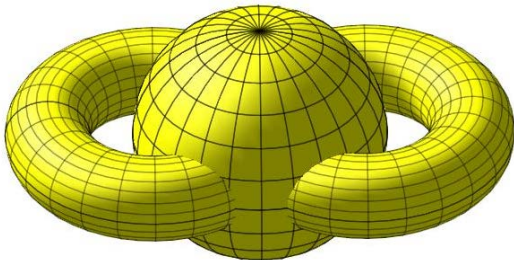
$$R_j(u, v_j) = R_i(u, \omega_{i,j} v_i)$$

for a suitable root of unity  $\omega_{i,j}$ ; and,

- for an arbitrary path that crosses the branch cuts, we have to work with each piece individually in each of the cut planes.
- In the preceding bullets the  $\omega_{i,j}$  play the role of the group theoretic rulebook for assembling the Riemann surface.

## Transition to a Riemann surface - 4

- Another approach to Abelian integrals is to work with the closed Riemann surface  $S$  defined by  $F$ .
- $S$  is a compact, one dimensional complex manifold.
- $S$  is sphere with  $\sigma$  handles attached ( $\sigma = 2$  pictured).
- Surfaces of the same genus  $\sigma$  are homeomorphic.
- Surfaces are *conformally equivalent* if there is a biholomorphic map  $h : S_1 \rightarrow S_2$ .



# Transition to a Riemann surface - 5

Here is an outline of the “complex algebraic curve” construction of the Riemann surface of an algebraic function defined by

$F(u, v) = 0$ :

- define

$$S^\circ \subset \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} = \{(u, v) : F(u, v) = 0\};$$

- compactify  $S^\circ$  by adding points at infinity; and,
- resolve any singularities (non-manifold or cone points).



## Transition to a Riemann surface - 6

Alternatively, here is a topological construction using branch cuts and gluing (puzzle pieces):

- Define the branch set,  $B$ , of  $F$  as the set of  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$r_0(a)v^n + r_1(a)v^{n-1} + \dots + r_n(a) = 0$$

has fewer than  $n$  roots. In super-elliptic case  $f(u) = 0$ , or  $a = a_j$ . See (2).

- Using the branch set, construct  $n$  different cut planes, each with a different branch of  $v$  defined on the cut plane.
- Using analytic continuation, glue the cut planes along the branch cuts so that  $v$  is continuous. Note that different sides of a branch cut may get glued to different cut planes.
- Compactify the resulting surface by adding points at infinity and any points corresponding to branch points.
- Resolve any singularities.

# Abelian integrals on a Riemann surface - 1

Here is where we stand.

- We constructed a Riemann surface  $S$  with two important meromorphic functions. Using the algebraic curve construction we define:

$$u : S \rightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{C}}, (u, v) \rightarrow u,$$

$$v : S \rightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{C}}, (u, v) \rightarrow v.$$

- The branch cut construction dissects our surface into  $n$  polygons. The boundary arcs of the polygon connect points lying over infinity to points lying over the branch points. The function  $u$  lifts the base cut plane biholomorphically to the polygons.

## Abelian integrals on a Riemann surface - 2

- The field of meromorphic functions on  $S$ ,  $\mathbb{C}(S) = \mathbb{C}(u, v)$ , is a degree  $n$  extension of the rational function field  $\mathbb{C}(u)$ .
- $R(u, v)$  is a meromorphic function on  $S$  and, so, the Abelian integral

$$\int_{z_0}^z R(u, v) du$$

is the same as the integral of the meromorphic differential form  $R(u, v)du$  on a path lifted to  $S$ .

- If  $\mathbb{C}(u, v)$  is a *Galois extension* of  $\mathbb{C}(u)$ , then  $S$  has a group  $G$  of  $n$  automorphisms such that  $S/G = \widehat{\mathbb{C}}$ .
- In the super-elliptic case the group  $G = \{\omega \in \mathbb{C} : \omega^p = 1\}$
- We will focus on the Galois case.

# The three geometries

Another approach to Riemann surfaces is through geometry and group theory. This is an effective approach for:

- constructing surfaces; and
- working with automorphisms of surfaces.

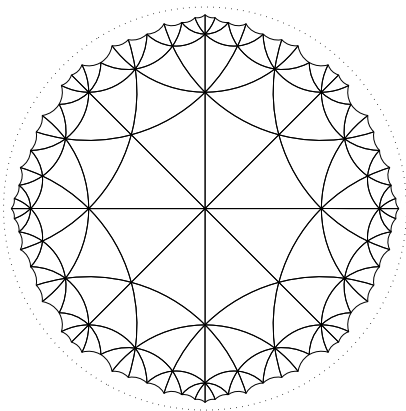
There are three geometries to consider:

- spherical - genus 0 - based on the Riemann sphere  $\widehat{\mathbb{C}} = \mathbb{S}^2$ ;
- euclidian - genus 1 - based on the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ ; and,
- hyperbolic - genus 2 or greater - based on the hyperbolic plane  $\mathbb{H}$ .
- We will focus on hyperbolic geometry.

# Hyperbolic geometry

Explain the disc model of  $\mathbb{H}$  via the picture, which is a tiling of the hyperbolic plane by congruent triangles.

4-4-3 tiling



# Automorphisms of hyperbolic geometry

Using the Poincaré disc model for hyperbolic geometry, the conformal isometries are:

- hyperbolic - translation with axis - two fixed points on the boundary;
- elliptic - rotation (typically of finite order) - one fixed point in the disc the other outside the disc; and
- parabolic - one fixed point on the boundary of the disc - we don't work with these in this talk.
- Every conformal automorphism is a linear fractional transformation and has the form

$$T(z) = \frac{az + b}{bz + \bar{a}}.$$

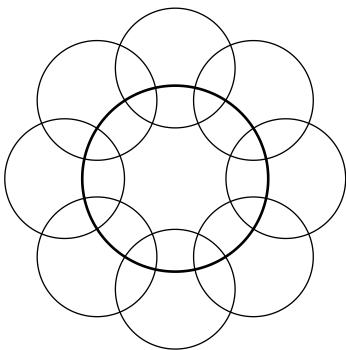
# Higher genus surfaces as a quotient - 1

For a surface  $S$  of genus  $\sigma \geq 2$ , we have the following:

- a convex fundamental polygon  $P \subset \mathbb{H}$  with  $4\sigma$  sides;
- $2\sigma$  side pairing transformations  $T_1, \dots, T_{2\sigma}$  of  $P$ ;
- the group  $\Pi = \langle T_1, \dots, T_{2\sigma} \rangle$  acts without fixed points on  $\mathbb{H}$ ;
- the  $\Pi$ -transforms of  $P$  tile  $\mathbb{H}$ ; and,
- the quotient space  $\mathbb{H}/\Pi$  is conformally equivalent to  $S$ .
- The group  $\Pi$  is called a *Fuchsian surface group*.

# Higher genus surfaces as a quotient - 2

The central octagon is a fundamental polygon for a genus 2 surface.





# Automorphism groups of surfaces

An automorphism of a Riemann surface is a conformal homeomorphism of the surface.

- The automorphism group  $\text{Aut}(S)$  is finite and

$$|\text{Aut}(S)| \leq 84(\sigma - 1).$$

- For a super-elliptic surface,  $\text{Aut}(S)$  contains a cyclic group of order  $p$  in this format:

$$(u, v) \rightarrow (u, \omega v), \quad \omega^p = 1,$$

since

$$F(u, \omega v) = (\omega v)^p - f(u) = v^p - f(u) = F(u, v).$$

- Otherwise, automorphisms of a generic Riemann surface are hard to find.

# Start with the automorphism group! - 1

To find any surface with automorphisms, we do the following:

- find a Fuchsian group  $\Gamma$  with a nice generating system;
- determine a suitable, finite index, normal, surface group (no elliptic elements)

$$\Pi \triangleleft \Gamma;$$

- Then, the finite group  $\Gamma/\Pi$  acts naturally as a group of automorphisms on the surface  $S \simeq \mathbb{H}/\Pi$ .
- We are going to assume that  $\mathbb{H}/\Gamma$  is a sphere with cone points.

## Start with the automorphism group! - 2

Here is a non-generic way to construct a  $\Gamma$  and a  $\Pi$ .

- Pick an  $r$ -sided convex polygon  $P$  in  $\mathbb{H}$  such that successive counter-clockwise edges  $e_i, e_{i+1}$  meet an angle of  $\frac{\pi}{m_i}$ . See Figure 3.
- Let  $\gamma_i = r_i r_{i+1}$  be the product of the reflections in  $e_i$  and  $e_{i+1}$ . The element  $\gamma_i$  is an elliptic rotation of order  $m_i$  fixing the vertex  $e_i \cap e_{i+1}$ .
- Let

$$\Gamma = \langle \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_r \rangle.$$

a group generated by rotations.

- $P$  is half a fundamental polygon for  $\Gamma$ .

# Start with the automorphism group! - 3

- $\Gamma$  has this presentation:

$$\Gamma = \left\langle \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_r : \prod_{j=1}^r \gamma_j = \gamma_1^{m_1} = \dots = \gamma_r^{m_r} = 1 \right\rangle$$

Continuing:

- Pick an epimorphism  $\eta : \Gamma \rightarrow G$  that *preserves the order of elliptic elements*. This is called a *surface kernel epimorphism* or a *smooth epimorphism*.
- $\Pi = \ker(\eta)$  is the desired surface group, and  $G \simeq \Gamma/\Pi$  acts as a group of automorphisms of  $S \simeq \mathbb{H}/\Pi$ . The inverse map  $\epsilon : G \hookrightarrow \text{Aut}(S)$  of  $\bar{\eta} : \Gamma/\Pi \leftrightarrow G$  is an *action* of  $G$  on  $S$  determined by the surface kernel epimorphism.

# Start with the automorphism group! - 4

- Let  $c_i = \eta(\gamma_i)$ . The  $r$ -tuple  $(c_1, \dots, c_r)$  satisfies:

$$\begin{aligned}G &= \langle c_1, \dots, c_r \rangle, \\o(c_i) &= m_i, \\c_1 \cdots c_r &= 1.\end{aligned}$$

Such an  $r$ -tuple is called a generating  $(m_1, \dots, m_r)$ -vector of  $G$ . The  $c_i$  are rotations on  $S$  of order  $m_i$  with one or more fixed points.

- The  $r$ -tuple  $(m_1, \dots, m_r)$  is called the signature of the  $G$ -action.
- Surface kernel epimorphisms  $\eta : \Gamma \rightarrow G$  are in 1-1 correspondence with the finitely many generating vectors.

# Start with the automorphism group! - 5

The surfaces  $S$  have genus

$$\sigma = 1 + \frac{|G|}{2} \left( r - 2 - \sum_{j=1}^r \frac{1}{m_j} \right)$$

# Moduli of integrals and surfaces

We previously promised to link the foregoing to moduli space.

- On an ellipse the integral of arclength depends on a parameter  $a$ .

$$L_a(x) = \int_0^x \frac{\sqrt{1 + (a^2 - 1)u^2}}{\sqrt{1 - u^2}} du$$

- The corresponding Riemann surfaces  $S_a$  also depends on the parameter  $a$ .
- The total arclength of the ellipse is (see Fig (1), use Maple)

$$2 \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\sqrt{1 + (a^2 - 1)u^2}}{\sqrt{1 - u^2}} du = 4 \text{EllipticE} \left( \sqrt{a^2 - 1} \right)$$

- The arclength corresponds to an Abelian integral over a closed loop that exists in all the surfaces  $S_a$ , and so is a *measure of the conformal type* of  $S_a$ .

# Moduli space

- For genus  $\sigma > 1$  a typical surface is “determined” by  $3\sigma - 3$  complex parameters or moduli.
- There are many candidates for the moduli.
- The moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_\sigma$  is the set of all conformal equivalence classes of surfaces of genus  $\sigma$ .
- The moduli can be used to coordinatize  $\mathcal{M}_\sigma$ .
- $\mathcal{M}_\sigma$  is a complex algebraic variety of dimension  $3\sigma - 3$ , with a complicated singularity set  $\mathcal{B}_\sigma$  (discussed next frame).



# Strata in the branch locus - 1

- For large enough  $\sigma$ , the singularity set  $\mathcal{B}_\sigma$  consists of those surfaces with non-trivial (or exceptional) automorphisms and is called the *branch locus*.
- The branch locus consists of various *equisymmetric strata*  $\mathcal{S}$  corresponding to the finitely many possible automorphism groups.
- Each stratum corresponds to the family of surfaces whose automorphism groups are “the same” (need mapping class group to define).
- Considerable work on the branch locus (especially super-elliptic curves) has been done by M. Izquierdo, A. Costa, G. Bartolini, H. Parlier, as well as others.

## Strata in the branch locus - 2

- Sometimes we can construct families of surfaces with automorphisms directly.
- Families of super-elliptic surfaces are pervasive, with equation and genus,

$$v^p = \prod_{i=1}^r (u - a_i)^{t_i}, \sigma = \frac{(p-1)(r-2)}{2}.$$

- These families determine strata of dimension  $r - 3$ . Of special interest is the hyperelliptic locus with  $p = 2$ .
- The numerous images of the super-elliptic families form major pieces of the branch locus.

## Strata in the branch locus - 3

- Consider surfaces  $S$  with a  $G$  action with signature  $\mathfrak{s} = (m_1, \dots, m_r)$ .
- The finitely many *group action strata*  $\mathcal{S}$  of these surfaces can be derived from the components of a branched covering

$$q : \mathcal{S}_{G,\mathfrak{s}} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{G,\mathfrak{s}}$$

where  $\mathcal{B}_{G,\mathfrak{s}}$  is a nice open set in  $\widehat{\mathbb{C}}^{r-3}$  (complement of some hyperplanes).

- the “horizontal” classifier (continuous moduli, image of  $q$ ) is the quotient surface  $\mathcal{S}/G = \mathbb{H}/\Gamma = \widehat{\mathbb{C}}$  (with  $r$  cone points).
- the “vertical” classifier (discrete moduli, finite fibres of  $q$ ) is the  $\text{Aut}(G)$  class of the smooth epimorphism  $\eta : \Gamma \rightarrow G$ .

# Tilings from puzzle pieces - setup

From a geometric perspective, a

“smooth epimorphism  $\eta : \Gamma \rightarrow G$ ”

is a somewhat unsatisfying classifier, so we use a puzzle piece construction.

To recap we have:

- A quotient map

$$\pi_G : S \rightarrow S/G = \hat{\mathbb{C}}.$$

- The map is branched over the cone points  $z_1, \dots, z_r \in \hat{\mathbb{C}}$ .
- Over the cone point  $z_j$ , the quotient map has the local form  $z \rightarrow z^{m_j}$ .

# Tilings from puzzle pieces - cut systems -1

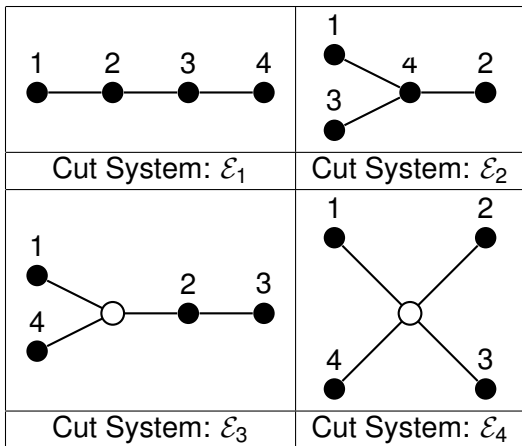
Select a suitable cut system (embedded graph, see next slide)

$\mathcal{E} \subset \widehat{\mathbb{C}}$  such that:

- The vertices of  $\mathcal{E}$  contain all the cone points and perhaps one regular point.
- The arcs of  $\mathcal{E}$  are smooth, meet only at vertices, and have definite, distinct tangents at the vertices.
- The complement  $\widehat{\mathbb{C}} - \mathcal{E}$  is an open polygon.
- diagrams of the some sample cut systems and the corresponding polygon models are shown on the next two slides.

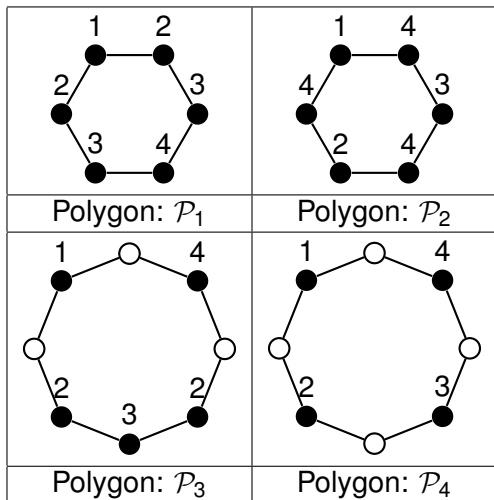
Constructing an equivariant tiling on  $S$ 

## Tilings from puzzle pieces - cut systems - 2

Figure 1: Various cut systems  $\mathcal{E}_i$

Constructing an equivariant tiling on  $S$ 

## Tilings from puzzle pieces - polygons - 1

Figure 2: Various model polygons  $\mathcal{P}_i$

## Tilings from puzzle pieces - polygons - 2

Using the branched cover  $\pi_G$ , lift up the cut system  $\mathcal{E}$  to an embedded graph  $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}$  on  $S$ .

Polygons (puzzle pieces):

- $S - \tilde{\mathcal{E}}$  is a disjoint union of open polygons, each of which is conformally equivalent to  $\hat{\mathbb{C}} - \mathcal{E}$ , and upon which  $G$  acts simply transitively.
- Select a distinguished polygon  $\mathcal{P}^\circ$ , and label the open polygons via

$$g \leftrightarrow g\mathcal{P}^\circ.$$

Edges:

- In  $\mathcal{E}$ , set  $k = \#arcs = \#nodes - 1$ . In  $S$ , the open polygon  $\mathcal{P}^\circ$ , has a boundary of  $2k$  edges,  $e_1, \dots, e_{2k}$  in counter-clockwise order.
- Each edge  $e_i$  has an oppositely oriented edge  $e_j = e_i^{op}$



# Tilings from puzzle pieces - polygons - 3

Edges (continued):

- Each open polygon  $g\mathcal{P}^\circ$  in  $S - \tilde{\mathcal{E}}$  has a boundary of oriented edges of the same type as  $\partial\mathcal{P}^\circ$ , via

$$e_j \leftrightarrow ge_j.$$

Vertices:

- Over a white node angles are preserved.
- Over the node  $z_j$  the angles are divided by  $m_j$  (look at example).

# Tilings from puzzle pieces - Rulebook

- The open polygon  $\mathcal{P}^\circ$  meets a unique polygon  $\tau_{e_i}\mathcal{P}^\circ$  along the edge  $e_i$  of  $\mathcal{P}^\circ$ .
- **Rulebook:** The following is easily proven. For  $g \in G$

$$g\mathcal{P}^\circ \text{ meets } (g\tau_{e_i})\mathcal{P}^\circ \text{ along } ge_i \subset \partial g\mathcal{P}^\circ \quad (4)$$

- $\tau_{e_i}$  is called a crossover transform, and

$$\tau_{e_i}^{op} = \tau_{e_i}^{-1}$$

- The crossover transformations are easily computed from the generating vector.

# Cayley Graphs - 1

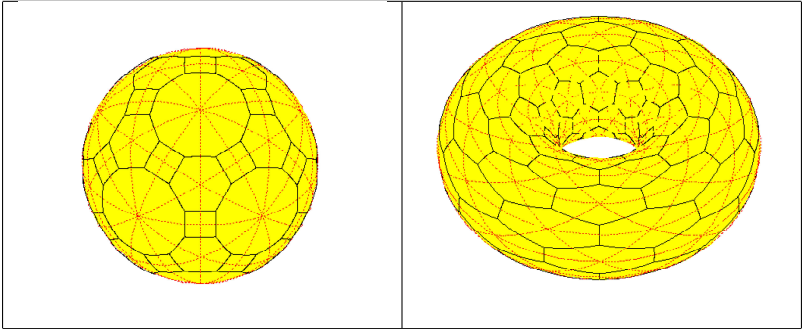
Embedded Cayley graph (geometrical): (See figures on next slide)

- Vertices: Pick  $v_0 \in \mathcal{P}^\circ$ . The vertices are  $\{gv_0 : g \in G\}$ .
- Edges: For each  $e_i$  and  $g \in G$ , pick an arc in  $S$  from  $gv_0$  to  $(g\tau e_i)v_0$ , that crosses  $ge_i$  transversely.
- The first portion lies in  $g\mathcal{P}^\circ$ , crosses  $ge_i$  transversally in a single interior point, and the second portion lies in  $g\tau e_i\mathcal{P}^\circ$
- This can be done  $G$  equivariantly.

Cayley graphs

# Cayley Graphs - 2

Embedded Cayley graph examples:



# Cayley Graphs - 3

Abstract Cayley graph (group theory):

- Vertices: The elements of  $G$ .
- Edges: for each  $e_i$  and  $g \in G$ , construct the edge  $(e_i, g, g\tau_{e_i}) = (\text{edge crossed, start polygon, ending polygon})$
- Slightly different than standard definition - we can have loops and multiple arcs between vertices.
- $G$  acts on the left: for  $h \in G$ , vertices  $g \rightarrow hg$ , edges  $(e_i, g, g\tau_{e_i}) \rightarrow (e_i, hg, hg\tau_{e_i})$ .
- If desired, we may colour the edges with a different colour for each edge type  $e_i$ .

# Sample Result

There are many more questions than results, but at least we have the following:

## Theorem

*Suppose that  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are modular companions that both carry equivariant tilings, obtained by lifting the same cut system on their common quotient  $S_1/G = S_2/G$ . Then, the two surfaces are conformally equivalent (respecting the tilings) if and only if the abstract Cayley graphs are isomorphic, respecting edge types:*

# Questions - 1

Here are some questions, on which we are working, for which there are partial answers, or at least a plan.

- Determine the number of components lying over the space of quotients via  $q : \mathcal{S}_{G,s} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{G,s}$ . Partially done for 4 branch points.
- For each component noted above, determine the number of modular companions lying over a common quotient  $S/G$ . Partially done for 4 branch points.
- Describe the topology of the components noted above. Partially done for 4 branch points.

## Questions - 2

- Find necessary and sufficient conditions on the set of crossover transformations  $(\tau_{e_i} : i = 1, \dots, 2k)$  to form a valid rule book (should be easy).
- A partial isometry is a map from a connected union of polygons in  $S_1$  to another such union in a modular companion  $S_2$ . This can be measured using the abstract Cayley graph. What can be said?



# Group action strata: Examples

In the table below we give information for the covering map:

$$q : \mathcal{S}_{G,s} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{G,s}$$

- 3rd column: signature, 4th column: genus of  $S$ , 5'th column total #surfaces lying over generic  $S/G$ .
- 6'th column is a list of #Modular Companions when restricted to a component of the cover  $q$  (action stratum).

$G$	$ G $	$s$	$\sigma$	#surfs	#ModComp
$Sym(3)$	6	(2, 2, 3, 3)	2	2	(1, 1)
$Alt(5)$	60	(2, 2, 3, 3)	11	9	(9)
$Alt(5)$	60	(2, 3, 3, 5)	20	20	(20)
$Alt(5)$	60	(5, 5, 5, 5)	37	47	(6, 10, 15, 16)
$PSL(2, 7)$	168	(2, 2, 3, 3)	29	15	(15)
$PSL(2, 7)$	168	(7, 7, 7, 7)	121	95	(6, 7, 16, 24, 42)
$PSL(2, 11)$	660	(5, 5, 5, 5)	397	4906	not done

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# Thank You!

Any questions?