

# Topology of Tiling Spaces 4/4

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How to compute cohomology for substitution tilings.

First consider Thue-Morse:  $a \mapsto ab, b \mapsto ba$

$\dots - + a, b, + b, + a, + b, + a, a, b, b, \dots$

Instead of coloring tiles we will color pts.

Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$  and define an equiv. rel. by

$$x \sim y \Leftrightarrow (T-x) \cap B_\varepsilon(0) = (T-y) \cap B_\varepsilon(0).$$

The Barge-Diamond complex is then defined to be  $\Gamma_{BD} := T/\sim$ . We identify

$T$  with  $\mathbb{R}$ , which gives us the natural topology on  $\Gamma_{BD}$ . If  $\varepsilon = 0$  then this gives the (uncolored) Anderson-Putnam complex. If  $\varepsilon$  is small and positive then we get



The large pieces are called tile cells, and the small pieces of length  $2\varepsilon$  are called vertex flaps. Next we can form the BD-complex for supertiles of level 1 under the subst. map, with  $\varepsilon$  replaced by  $2\varepsilon$ , where 2 is the inflation factor. The new complex is homeomorphic to the original one and this allows us to represent  $\Gamma_{BD}$  as an inv. lim:  $\Gamma_{BD} \leftarrow^\sigma \Gamma_{BD} \leftarrow^\sigma \dots$

$\downarrow$  supertiles of lev. 1 with  $2\varepsilon$   
tiles w/ flaps

There is an issue, that is not exactly a simplicial map (e.g. maps edge flaps to something which overlaps with edge flaps and tile cells). However each  $\sigma$  is homotopy

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equiv. to a simplicial map  $\sigma'$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} H^k(\Omega_T) &\cong \varinjlim (H^k(\Gamma_{BD}) \sigma'^*) \\ &= \varinjlim (H^k(\Gamma_{BD}), (\sigma')^*) \\ &= H^k(\varprojlim (\Gamma_{BD}, \sigma')) =: \Omega'. \end{aligned}$$

By choosing  $\varepsilon$  small enough we can ensure that  $\sigma'$  maps edge flops to edge flops. Then (working with a view towards using exact sequences/excision thms.) we let

$$S_0 = \begin{array}{c} a \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ b \quad c \end{array}, \text{ and } \Omega_0 = \varprojlim (S_0, \sigma') \subset \varprojlim (\Gamma, \sigma').$$

Then  $H^*(S_0) = \mathbb{Z}$ , and the map  $(\sigma')^*: H^*(S_0) \rightarrow H^*(S_0)$  is multiplication by  $-1$ . Therefore  $H^*(\Omega_0) = \mathbb{Z}$ .

The homology of the vertex flops tells us "how things in  $\Omega_T$  are connected at  $\infty$ ".

Next consider the action of  $\sigma'$  on  $\Gamma/S_0$ .

This space is a wedge of two circles: 

$$\text{so } H^*(\Gamma/S_0) \cong \mathbb{Z}^2, \text{ and}$$

$$H^*(\Omega/\Omega_0) = \varinjlim (H^*(\Gamma/S_0), M^+).$$

$M$  (substitution matrix)

Now we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow H^0(\Omega_0) \rightarrow H^*(\Omega/\Omega_0) \rightarrow H^1(\Omega) \rightarrow H^1(\Omega_0) \rightarrow 0.$$

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This gives

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^{\# \text{con. comp. of } S_0} \rightarrow H^*(\mathbb{Z}^N, M) \rightarrow H^*(\mathcal{N}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^{\# \text{loops}} \rightarrow 0$$

# of tile types

For Thue Morse we get

$$0 \rightarrow \varinjlim(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\dots)) \rightarrow H^*(\mathcal{N}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow H^*(\mathcal{N}) \cong \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_2] \oplus \mathbb{Z}.$$

Next let's try the Fibonacci tiling,  $a \mapsto ab$ ,  $b \mapsto a$ .

$f_{SD}$ :  Here  $S_0$  is contractible, so  $H^*(S_0) = 0$ , and we obtain  $H^*(\mathcal{N}) \cong \varinjlim(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\dots)) \cong \mathbb{Z}^2$ .

One feature of the Fibonacci tiling is that, all supertiles of level 1 start with "a". Even if we started with the subst.

$a \mapsto abbaab$ ,  $b \mapsto abba$ , we would have begun with  $S_0 = \overbrace{a \rightarrow a}^b \overbrace{b \rightarrow b}^a$ . However upon applying

$$\sigma'$$
 we would have  $\begin{array}{l} a \rightarrow ab \rightarrow b \rightarrow a \\ a \rightarrow ab \rightarrow b \rightarrow a \\ b \rightarrow ab \rightarrow b \rightarrow a \\ b \rightarrow ab \rightarrow b \rightarrow a \end{array}$

This gives the smaller picture  $\overbrace{a \rightarrow a}^b$

for supertiles, which results in  $H^*(\mathcal{N}_0) = 0$ .

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What about for two dimensions? We consider all points in our tiling, together with their  $\varepsilon$ -neighborhoods (w.r.t. the sup-norm metric, for convenience). Now in order to use the analogue of the technique used in 1 dim, we need information about  $H^0, H^1$ , and  $H^2$  of all of the "tile cells" and "flaps". This requires more advanced algebraic topology, but it is possible.

Now

Suppose that  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are two tilings and that  $\Psi: \Omega_{T_1} \rightarrow \Omega_{T_2}$  is a topological conjugacy satisfying  $\Psi(T_1) = T_2$ .

Def: An FLC Delone set  $Y$  is a Meyer set if  $Y - Y$  is uniformly discrete.

Thm: If  $\Psi: \Omega_{T_1} \rightarrow \Omega_{T_2}$  is a top. conj. then  $\Psi = s \circ \phi$ , where  $\phi$  is an MLD map and  $s$  is a shape conjugacy.

Recall:  $\phi$  is an MLD map if  $\exists R_1, R_2$  s.t.  
 $(T_1 - x) \cap B_{R_1}(0) = (T_1 - y) \cap B_{R_1}(0) \Rightarrow (\phi(T_1) - x) \cap B_{R_2}(0)$   
 $= (\phi(T_1) - y) \cap B_{R_2}(0)$ ,  
and  $(\phi(T_1) - x) \cap B_{R_2}(0) = \dots \Rightarrow \dots = (T_1 - y) \cap B_{R_1}(0)$ .

A map  $Y \rightarrow Y'$  of point patterns is a shape conj. if it is given by  $y \mapsto y + F(y)$ , where  $F$  is wPF and SF is SPE.

If we want to understand what is preserved by top conjugacies, it boils down to understanding what is preserved by shape conjugacies.

We want to construct a topological conjugacy which does not preserve the Meyer property. In order to do this consider the substitution

$$a_1 \mapsto a_1 b_1 a_1$$

$$b_1 \mapsto a_1 b_2$$

$$a_2 \mapsto a_1 b_2 a_2$$

$$b_2 \mapsto a_2 b_1$$

The expansion factor of the subst. is  $\phi$  for  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  tiles, and 1 for  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  tiles.

The subst mat is  $M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

The eigenvals. of the mat. are  $\phi^3, \phi^{-2}, \phi$ , and  $1-\phi$ . The quantities  $|o^n(a_1)|$  and  $|o^n(a_2)|$  are both distances b/w elements of the corres. pt. pattern, however  $|o^n(a_1)| - |o^n(a_2)| \sim (-\phi)^{1-n} \rightarrow 0$ .

Therefore it is not a Meyer set. However by erasing subscripts we see that this pt. pattern is top conj. to the Fib. tiling.

For our next result we make two assumptions:

H1: Internal group =  $C \times \mathbb{R}^{N-d}$ ,  $C$  finite

H2: Window is a finite disjoint union of polyhedra.

Thm: If  $\mathcal{Y}'$  is top. conj to  $\mathcal{Y}$  then  $\mathcal{Y}'$  is MID to a reprojection of  $\mathcal{Y}$  (a projection onto the phys. sp. in a diff direction, i.e. a linear change of vars.)

Thm: All "coboundaries" are of the form reproj + SPE.

Thm:  $H'_{\text{an}} = H'_{\text{as}} = H'_{\text{repr}}$ .

In the example above, we had  $\dim(H'_{\text{an}}) = \dim(H'_{\text{repr}}) = 1$ , but  $\dim(H'_{\text{as}}) = 1$ . This implies that the

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window realizing that pattern as a cut-and-proj,  
set is not a finite disj. union of polygons.

This idea is also what is used in the proof of  
Kesten's thm by Kelly and Sader.