

Singularities of infinite translation surfaces

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Definitions

Translation surface: 2-manifold with an atlas whose transition is translation.

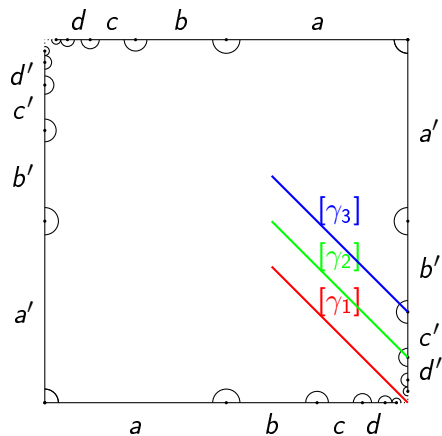
Example: flat torus, flat polygon with gluing

Singularities: points added in the metric completion

We only consider the case of isolated singularities.

Types of isolated singularities: *cone-angle singularities*, *infinite singularities*, *wild singularities*

Example: Chamanara surface



More definitions

Definition (Joshua Bowman and Ferrán Valdez): A *linear approach* at singularity σ is the equivalent class of geodesic rays $\gamma(t)$ approaching σ as $t \rightarrow 0$ up to \sim , where $\gamma \sim \gamma'$ iff they are identical for small t .

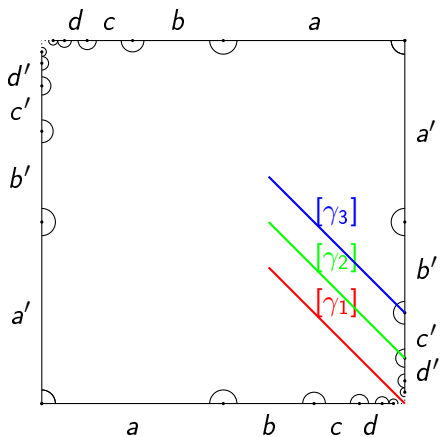
Bowman and Ferrán showed that the “natural” topology on the set of linear approaches \mathcal{L} is generated by

$B(x, r)^t = \{[\gamma] : d(\gamma(t), x) < r\}$, and is Hausdorff.

More definitions

Definition (Joshua Bowman and Ferrán Valdez): *Rotational component* is the equivalence class on \mathcal{L} under the following relation R : $\gamma R \gamma'$ iff γ and γ' both lie on a embedded sector centered at σ .

We denote the set of rotational components, with quotient topology, $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}$.



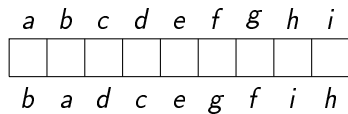
1 wild singularity, 2 rotational components of infinite length,
 countably infinitely many rotational components of finite length.

Properties and examples

Theorem (Clavier, Randecker, W.)

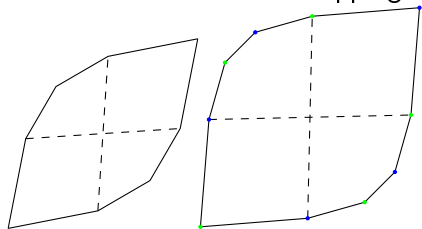
1. Rotational components isometric to \mathbb{R} are open points in $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}$; open points in $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}$ has infinite length.
2. Points in $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}$ with length $\geq \pi$ are dense; $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}$ is separable.
3. $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}$ can be homeomorphic to any topological spaces of finite points.
4. $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}$ can be homeomorphic to \mathbb{S}^k .
5. There are uncountable many translation surfaces with one singularity, same $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}$ and different \mathcal{L} .

Proof of 3.



Approximation of affine maps

1. Blow up the invariant rotational components.
2. Double.
3. Glue the ends of the mapping torus, perturb.



$$\lambda^n - 2\lambda^{n-1} + 2\lambda - 1 = 0$$

(with Baik, Rafiqi)

Other results and further questions

1. Arnoux-Yoccoz surfaces (Bowman), and many other examples
2. “Generalized” Teichmüller polynomial
3. “Limit surface”?
4. Condition on \mathcal{L} and $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}$?
5. Strata?