

MATH089 Project 2 - Patterns, Tilings, Crystals

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- Formulate a short introduction to the problem of tiling space in 2D, 3D, with some typical applications
- Classify types of tiling
- Implementation of typical tiling approaches
- Discussion of your observations on tiling

1 Introduction

2 Models and methods

2.1 Two-dimensional tilings by regular polygons

2.1.1 Tiling with squares

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```
∴ function square(x0,y0)
    x=[x0,x0+1,x0+1,x0,x0];
    y=[y0,y0,y0+1,y0+1,y0];
    plot(x,y,"-k");
end;

∴ figure(1); clf(); square(0,0); axis("equal");

∴ function xtile(m,y)
    square.(0:m-1,y)
end;
```

```

.: clf(); xtile(10,0); axis("equal");
.: function tile(m,n)
    xtile.(m,0:n-1)
end;
.: clf(); tile(8,8); axis("equal");
.: savefig("/home/student/courses/MATH089/images/chessboard.eps");
.:

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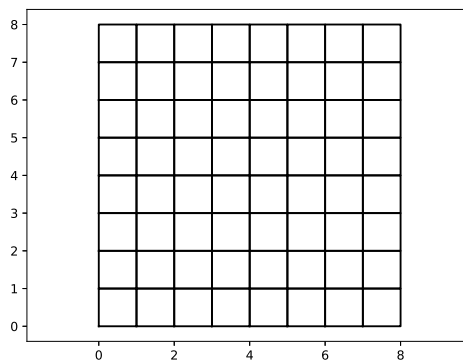


Figure 1. Tiling of the plane through squares

2.1.2 Tiling with triangles by translation

```

.: function triangle(x0,y0)
    x=[x0,x0+1,x0+0.5,x0];
    y=[y0,y0,y0+sqrt(3.0)/2,y0];
    plot(x,y,"-k");
end;
.: clf(); triangle(0,0); axis("equal");
.: function xtile(m,x,y)
    triangle.(x:x+m-1,y)
end;
.: clf(); xtile(10,0,0); axis("equal");
.: function tile(m,n)
    xtile.(m,(0:n-1)*0.5,(0:n-1)*sqrt(3.0)/2)
end;
.: clf(); tile(8,8); axis("equal");

```

```
∴ savefig("/home/student/courses/MATH089/images/goboard.eps");
```

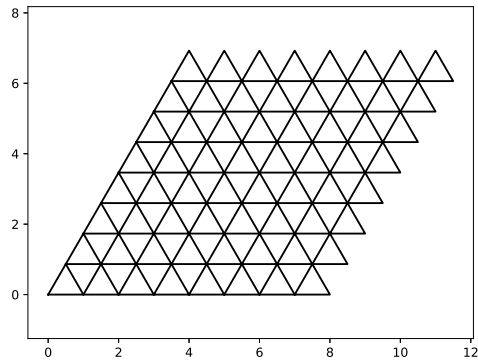


Figure 2. Tiling of the plane through triangles

2.1.3 Tiling with triangles by translation along normals and rotation or reflection

```
∴ clf(); triangle(0,0); axis("equal");
```

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UndefVarError(:triangle)
```

```
∴ function PlotTri(X)
    x=[X[1,:]; X[1,1]]
    y=[X[2,:]; X[2,1]]
    plot(x,y,"-k");
end;
```

```
∴ X=[0 1 0.5; 0 0 sqrt(3)/2];
```

```
∴ clf(); PlotTri(X); axis("equal");
```

```
∴ function TileTri(X)
    PlotTri(X)
    Xm = 0.5*(X[:,2]+X[:,3]); R=Xm-X[:,1]
    Xr = Xm + R; Y=copy(X); Y[:,1]=Xr; PlotTri(Y)
    Xm = 0.5*(X[:,3]+X[:,1]); R=Xm-X[:,2]
    Xr = Xm + R; Y=copy(X); Y[:,2]=Xr; PlotTri(Y)
    Xm = 0.5*(X[:,1]+X[:,2]); R=Xm-X[:,3]
    Xr = Xm + R; Y=copy(X); Y[:,3]=Xr; PlotTri(Y)
end;
```

```
∴ clf(); TileTri(X);
```

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.: function TileTri(X,n)
    if (n==0) return end
    PlotTri(X)
    Xm = 0.5*(X[:,2]+X[:,3]); R=Xm-X[:,1]
    Xr = Xm + R; Y=copy(X); Y[:,1]=Xr; PlotTri(Y); TileTri(Y,n-1)
    Xm = 0.5*(X[:,3]+X[:,1]); R=Xm-X[:,2]
    Xr = Xm + R; Y=copy(X); Y[:,2]=Xr; PlotTri(Y); TileTri(Y,n-1)
    Xm = 0.5*(X[:,1]+X[:,2]); R=Xm-X[:,3]
    Xr = Xm + R; Y=copy(X); Y[:,3]=Xr; PlotTri(Y); TileTri(Y,n-1)
end;

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.: clf(); TileTri(X,6);

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.: function TileTri(X,n,s)
    if (n==0) return end
    PlotTri(X)
    Xm = 0.5*(X[:,2]+X[:,3]); R=Xm-X[:,1]
    Xr = Xm + R; Y=copy(X); Y[:,1]=Xr;
    Yc=(Y[:,1]+Y[:,2]+Y[:,3])/3; Y=s*(Y-Xm)+Xm;
    PlotTri(Y); TileTri(Y,n-1)
    Xm = 0.5*(X[:,3]+X[:,1]); R=Xm-X[:,2]
    Xr = Xm + R; Y=copy(X); Y[:,2]=Xr;
    Yc=(Y[:,1]+Y[:,2]+Y[:,3])/3; Y=s*(Y-Xm)+Xm;
    PlotTri(Y); TileTri(Y,n-1)
    Xm = 0.5*(X[:,1]+X[:,2]); R=Xm-X[:,3]
    Xr = Xm + R; Y=copy(X); Y[:,3]=Xr;
    Yc=(Y[:,1]+Y[:,2]+Y[:,3])/3; Y=s*(Y-Xm)+Xm;
    PlotTri(Y); TileTri(Y,n-1)
end;

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.: clf(); TileTri(X,3,1.0/3.0)

```

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2.2 Tiling with concave polygons

2.2.1 Maltese cross

2.3 Three-dimensional tilings by regular polyhedra

2.3.1 Tilings by cubes

```
∴ function cube(x0,y0,z0,c)
    h=0.025;
    x=[x0+h; x0+1-h; x0+1-h; x0+h; x0+h]
    y=[y0+h; y0+h; y0+1-h; y0+1-h; y0+h]
    z=ones(5)*(z0+h)
    plot3D(x,y,z,c); plot3D(x,y,z.+(1-h),c);
    x=ones(5)*(x0+h)
    y=[y0+h; y0+h; y0+1-h; y0+1-h; y0+h]
    z=[z0+h; z0+1-h; z0+1-h; z0+h; z0+h]
    plot3D(x,y,z,c); plot3D(x.+(1-h),y,z,c);
end;

∴ clf(); cube(0,0,0,"g"); cube(1,0,0,"r");

∴ function xtiled(x0,y0,z0,m,c)
    cube.((0:m-1).+x0,y0,z0,c)
end;

∴ clf(); xtiled(0,0,0,5,"r");

∴ function xytilde(x0,y0,z0,m,n,c)
    xtiled(x0,(0:n-1).+y0,z0,m,c)
end;

∴ clf(); xytilde(0,0,0,5,5,"r");

∴ function xyztilde(x0,y0,z0,m,n,p,c)
    xytilde(x0,y0,(0:p-1).+z0,m,n,c)
end;

∴ clf(); xyztilde(0,0,0,5,5,5,"g");

∴
```

2.3.2 Tetrahedral tiling

Define a function to draw a tetrahedron given the coordinates of its four vertices

```

.: function PlotTet(X)
    for k=0:3
        PlotTri3D( circshift(X,(0,k))[:,1:3] )
    end
end;

```

Define a function to draw each face triangle in 3D

```

.: function PlotTri3D(X)
    for k=0:2
        Y=circshift(X,(0,k))[:,1:2]
        x=Y[1,:]; y=Y[2,:]; z=Y[3,:]
        plot3D(x,y,z,"-k")
    end
end;

```

Test the triangle drawing function

```

.: X=[1 0 0; 0 1 0; 0 0 1];
.: clf(); PlotTri3D(X);
.: BaseDir="/home/student/courses/MATH089/images/";
.: savefig(BaseDir*"P02FigTri.eps");

```

```

.:

```

Test the tetrahedron drawing function

```

.: s3=sqrt(3); s23=sqrt(2/3); s13=sqrt(1/3);
.: T=[0 0 -0.5 0.5; 0 s3/3 -s3/6 -s3/6; s23 -s13 -s13 -s13];
.: clf(); PlotTet(T);
.: savefig(BaseDir*"P02FigTet.eps");

```

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.:

```

Define a function to tile 3D-space by tetrahedra

```

.: function TileTet(X,n)
    end;

```

```

.:

```



Figure 3.

2.4 Polygons with fractal boundaries

Repeated subdivision of polygon edges combined with geometric transformations can lead to non-intuitive results. Consider the process depicted in Fig. 4, described mathematically by taking the coordinates

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ y_1 & y_2 \end{bmatrix},$$

forming the end-to-end vector

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix},$$

and drawing as output four line segments, that are modifications of R by scaling and rotation

$$X_a = X_1 + \frac{1}{3} M(0)R, X_b = X_a + \frac{1}{3} M\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)R, X_c = X_b + \frac{1}{3} M\left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right)R$$

$$M(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

The above is implemented in the `ScRot` function:

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```

.: function ScRot(X0, s, θ, R)
    X0 + s*[cos(θ) -sin(θ); sin(θ) cos(θ)]*R
end;

```

```

.: ScRot([1; 0], 1/3, π/3, [1; 0])

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1.1666666666666667 \\ 0.28867513459481287 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

```

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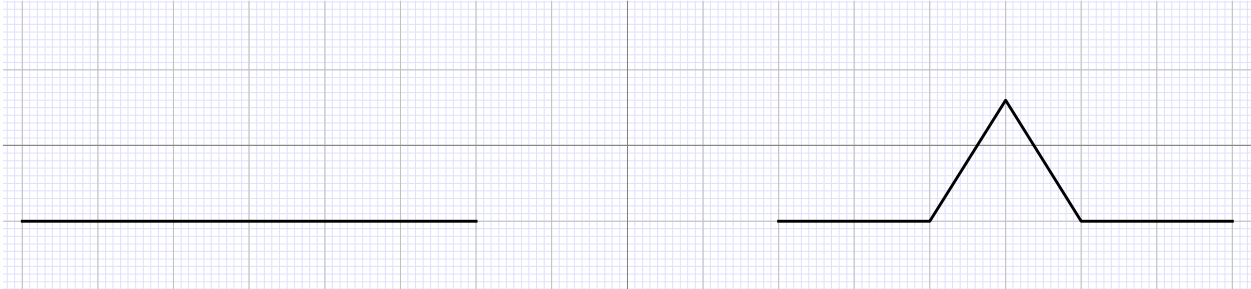


Figure 4.

```

∴ function PlotSeg(X)
  end function

```

2.4.1 Koch snowflake

```

∴ function star(x0,y0,c)
  b0=0.5; z=0.0
  c0=sqrt(3.0); c1=c0/3; c2=c0/6
  x = [z,b0,-b0,z]
  y = [c1,-c2,-c2,c1]
  plot(x,y,c,x,-y,c);
end;

∴ clf(); star(0,0,"r-"); axis("equal");

∴ star(0,0,"w-");

∴

```

```

∴ function Koch(m)

  end;

∴

```

3 Results

4 Discussion and conclusion