

Master 2 "SIS"
Digital Geometry

TOPIC 4:
DISCRETE LINES AND PLANES

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Straight line

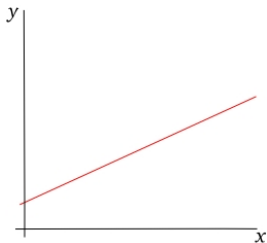
Definition (Straight line)

A line in the Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^2 is defined by

$$\mathbf{L} = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \alpha x + \beta y + \gamma = 0\}$$

where $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$.

In general, we have a normalization such that $|\alpha| + |\beta| = 1$,
 $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 1$.



Discretization of straight line

Definition (Discrete line)

The discrete line of \mathbf{L} in \mathbb{Z}^2 is defined by

$$D(\mathbf{L}) = \{(p, q) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : 0 \leq \alpha p + \beta q + \gamma' \leq \omega\}$$

where ω is called the **thickness**.

The values of γ' and ω depend on the model of discretization.

- **Grid-intersection:** grid points closest to the intersections with the grid lines

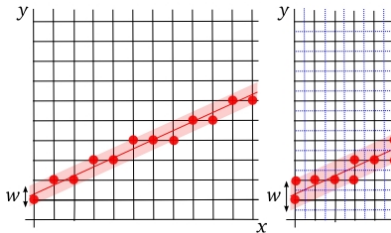
$$\gamma' = \gamma + \frac{\max(|\alpha|, |\beta|)}{2}, \quad \omega = \max(|\alpha|, |\beta|).$$

- **Super-cover (outer Jordan):** 2-cells intersecting with the line

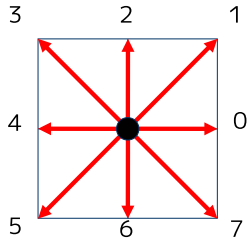
$$\gamma' = \gamma + \frac{|\alpha| + |\beta| + 1}{2}, \quad \omega = |\alpha| + |\beta| + 1.$$

- **Gauss (half-plane):** 2-cells with center points in the half-plane

$$\gamma' = \gamma + \frac{1}{2} \text{ decides the } m \text{ connectedness}$$

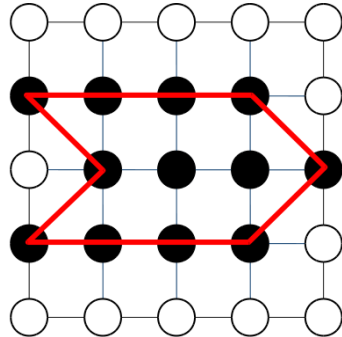


Freeman code



Freeman code

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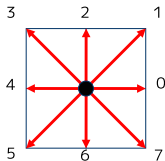
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Properties of discrete lines

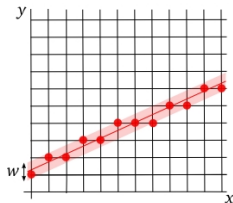
Criteria of Freeman (1974)

For discrete lines (by *grid-intersection* discretization), the **Freeman code** verify the following three properties:

- 1 the code contains **at most two different values**;
- 2 those two values differ **at most by one unit** (modulo 8) ;
- 3 one of the two values **appears isolatedly** and its appearances are uniformly spaced in the code.



Freeman code



Discrete line : 10101001010...

Properties of discrete lines (cont.)

Definition (Chord property (Rosenfeld, 1974))

A set of discrete points \mathbf{X} satisfies the **chord property** if for every pair of points \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{q} of \mathbf{X} and for every point $\mathbf{r} = (r_x, r_y)$ of the real segment between \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{q} , there exists a point $\mathbf{s} = (s_x, s_y)$ of \mathbf{X} such that $\max(|s_x - r_x|, |s_y - r_y|) < 1$.

- It proves that a discrete curve is a discrete line segment if and only if it owns the chord property.
- It allows to show the two first criteria of Freeman and to deduce a number of properties that specify the third criterion.
- There are a number of algorithms for recognizing a discrete straight line based on this property.

Bresenham line-drawing algorithm

Algorithm: drawing a discrete line (Bresenham, 1962)

Input: Two discrete points (x_1, y_1) , (x_2, y_2) (s.t. $x_2 - x_1 \geq y_2 - y_1 > 0$)

Output: Line segment between the two points

- $d_x = x_2 - x_1$, $d_y = y_2 - y_1$;

- $y = y_1$;

- $e = d_x$;

initialization
value of initial error

- **for** x **from** x_1 **to** x_2 **do**

- put the pixel (x, y) ;

- $e = e + 2d_y$;

- **if** $e \geq 2d_x$ **then**

- $y = y + 1$;

- $e = e - 2d_x$;

Can we consider **rounding** instead of truncation?

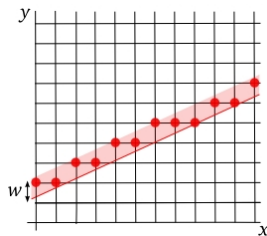
Arithmetic definition of discrete lines

Definition (Arithmetic discrete line)

A discrete line of parameters (a, b, c) and of arithmetic thickness w where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ is defined as

$$D(a, b, c, w) = \{(p, q) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : 0 \leq ap + bq + c < w\}.$$

The thickness parameter w allows to control the connectedness of the line.

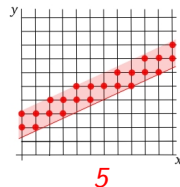
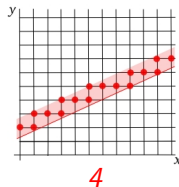
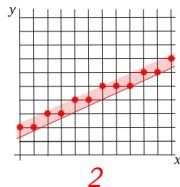
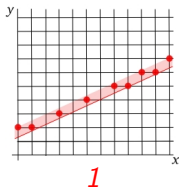


Thickness and connectedness of discrete lines

Theory

Let $D(a, b, c, w)$ be a discrete line, then:

- 1 if $w < \max(|a|, |b|)$, it is not connected;
- 2 if $w = \max(|a|, |b|)$, it is a 8-curve ; naive line
- 3 if $\max(|a|, |b|) < w < |a| + |b|$, it is a *-curve (its two successive points are 4-neighboring or strictly 8-neighboring);
- 4 if $w = |a| + |b|$, it is a 4-curve; standard line
- 5 if $w > |a| + |b|$, it is said **thick**.

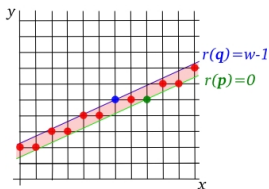


Remainder and leaning point of discrete lines

Definition (Remainder)

The **remainder** associated to a point $\mathbf{p} = (p_x, p_y)$ of $D(a, b, c, w)$ is an integer value defined by

$$R(\mathbf{p}) = ap_x + bp_y + c.$$



- When the remainder is 0, \mathbf{p} is called a **lower leaning point**.
- When the remainder is $w - 1$, \mathbf{p} is called a **upper leaning point**.

We can generalize the Bresenham algorithm by using the **remainder** instead of the **error e**.

Arithmetic line drawing algorithm

Algorithm: drawing an arithmetic (naive) line

Input: Two discrete points (x_1, y_1) , (x_2, y_2) and c

Output: Line segment between the two points

- $b = x_2 - x_1$, $a = y_2 - y_1$;
- $y = y_1$;
- $r = ax_1 + by_1 + c$;
- **for** x **from** x_1 **to** x_2
 - put the pixel (x, y) ;
 - $r = r + a$;
 - **if** $r \geq b$ **then**
 - $y = y + 1$;
 - $r = r - b$;

We consider here that $x_2 - x_1 \geq y_2 - y_1 > 0$.

The value of c is initially chosen such that $0 \leq ax_1 + by_1 + c < b$.

Discrete line recognition

Problem (Discrete line recognition)

Given a set of discrete points \mathbf{X} , do the points of \mathbf{X} belong to a discrete line?

Yes or **No**

If yes, what are the parameters of this discrete line?

There are many recognition algorithms with linear complexity.

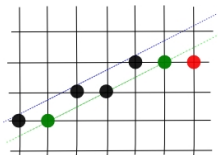
- 1 approach of linear programming:**
verify the existence of feasible (real) solutions.
- 2 approach based on preimage** (Lindenbaum, Bruckstein, 1993):
use the properties of discrete lines in the dual space, called preimages.
- 3 arithmetic approach** (Debled-Renesson, Reveillès, 1995):
verify the existence of integer solutions by using arithmetic properties.
- 4 ...**

Incremental algorithm for arithmetic line recognition: initial situation

Let

- \mathbf{S} be a segment of naive line $D(a, b, c)$ with $0 \leq a < b$,
- $\mathbf{q} = (x_{\mathbf{q}}, y_{\mathbf{q}})$ be the point of the greatest abscissa of \mathbf{S} ,
- \mathbf{l} and \mathbf{l}' be the lower leaning points of minimum and maximum abscissas of \mathbf{S} ,
- \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{u}' be the upper leaning points of minimum and maximum abscissas of \mathbf{S} .

By adding a point $\mathbf{p} = (x_{\mathbf{p}}, y_{\mathbf{p}})$ connected to \mathbf{S} such that $x_{\mathbf{p}} = x_{\mathbf{q}} + 1$, we verify if $\mathbf{S}' = \mathbf{S} \cup \{\mathbf{p}\}$ is still a naive line segment.

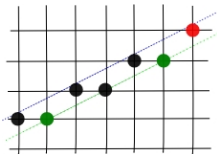


Incremental algorithm for arithmetic line recognition

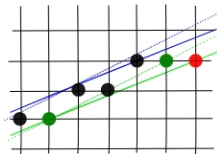
Theory (Debled-Rennesson and Reveillès, 1995)

We have

- 1 if $0 < r(\mathbf{p}) < b$, \mathbf{S}' is a naive line segment $D(a, b, c)$;
- 2 if $r(\mathbf{p}) < -1$ or $b < r(\mathbf{p})$, then \mathbf{S}' is not a naive line segment;
- 3 if $r(\mathbf{p}) = -1$, then \mathbf{S}' is a naive line segment $D(y_{\mathbf{p}} - y_{\mathbf{u}}, x_{\mathbf{p}} - x_{\mathbf{u}}, -ax_{\mathbf{p}} + by_{\mathbf{p}})$;
- 4 if $r(\mathbf{p}) = b$, then \mathbf{S}' is a naive line segment $D(y_{\mathbf{p}} - y_{\mathbf{l}}, x_{\mathbf{p}} - x_{\mathbf{l}}, -ax_{\mathbf{p}} + by_{\mathbf{p}} + b - 1)$.



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Farey sequence

Definition (Farey sequence (Hardy and Write, 1979))

The Farey sequence of order n , F_n , is the sequence of irreducible fractions between 0 and 1, whose denominators are less than or equal to n , in ascending order.

If $0 \leq h \leq k \leq n$ and $\gcd(h, k) = 1$, then $\frac{h}{k}$ is in F_n .

Example (F_5)

$$\frac{0}{1}, \frac{1}{5}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{5}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{5}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{4}{5}, \frac{1}{1}$$

Structure of the Farey sequence: Stern-Brocot tree

Property (Neighborhood)

If $\frac{a}{b}$ and $\frac{c}{d}$ are **neighboring** in a Farey sequence, with $\frac{a}{b} < \frac{c}{d}$, then their difference is equal to $\frac{1}{bd}$.

Property (Median)

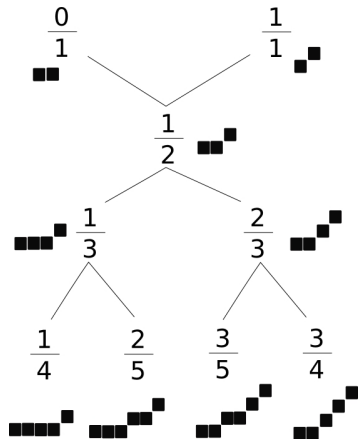
If $\frac{a}{b}$, $\frac{p}{q}$ and $\frac{c}{d}$ are neighboring in a Farey sequence such that $\frac{a}{b} < \frac{p}{q} < \frac{c}{d}$, then $\frac{p}{q}$ is the **median** of $\frac{a}{b}$ and $\frac{c}{d}$ such as

$$\frac{p}{q} = \frac{a + c}{b + d}.$$

These properties allow to construct the *Stern-Brocot tree*.

Stern-Brocot tree and discrete lines

Each vertex $\frac{h}{k}$ of the tree corresponds to a pattern (motif) associated to the discrete line of slope $\frac{h}{k}$.



Updating parameters of the incremental discrete line recognition algorithm indicates moving from the tree root to a leaf.

Applications of discrete line recognition

The discrete line recognition allow us to:

- study the *parallelism*, *colinearity*, *orthogonality*, *convexity* in the discrete space;
- estimate geometric properties of discrete object borders, such as the *length* of a curve, *tangent* and *curvature* at a point in a curve, etc.;
- make a segmentation of a discrete curve into line segments (*polygonalisation*).

If there is noise in discrete object border, we need to modify the problem.

3D straight lines and their discretization

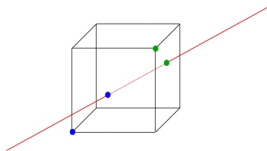
Definition (3D straight line)

A straight line in the Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^3 is defined by

$$\mathbf{L} = \{(\alpha_1 t + \beta_1, \alpha_2 t + \beta_2, \alpha_3 t + \beta_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

where $\alpha_i, \beta_i \in \mathbb{R}$ for $i = 1, 2, 3$.

The *discretized line* $D(\mathbf{L})$ defined in \mathbb{Z}^3 by the *grid intersection* is the set of discrete points that are closest to the intersection in the plane of the *grid*.



Discretized line and discrete curve

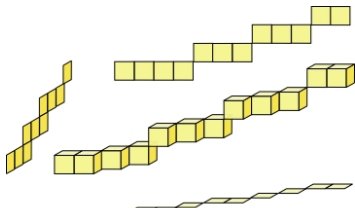
A discretized line is a 26-curve.

Definition (m -curve)

An m -path π is an **m -curve** if for every element \mathbf{p}_i of π , $i = 1, \dots, n$, \mathbf{p}_i has exactly two m -adjacent points in π , except for \mathbf{p}_0 and \mathbf{p}_n that has only one.

Theory (Kim, 1983)

A 26-curve is a discretized line if and only if two of its projections on the xy -, yz - and zx -planes are 8-connected 2D discrete lines.



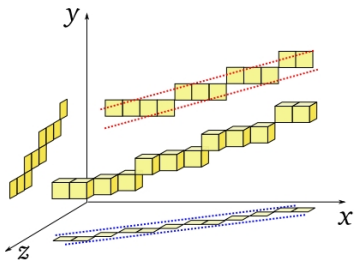
Arithmetic definition of 3D discrete lines

Definition (3D discrete line)

A set $G \subset \mathbb{Z}^3$ is an arithmetic line defined by seven integer parameters a, b, c, d_1, d_2, w_1 , and w_2 if and only if

$$G = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{Z}^3 : d_1 \leq cx - az < d_1 + w_1 \wedge d_2 \leq bx - ay < d_2 + w_2\}.$$

For simplification, we consider $0 \leq c \leq b \leq a$ and $\gcd(a, b, c) = 1$.



The parameters d_1 and d_2 are called the *lower bounds* and the parameters w_1 and w_2 define the *arithmetic thickness*

Thickness and connectedness of 3D discrete line

The thickness w_1 and w_2 allow to control the connectedness of the line.

Theory (Coeurjolly et al., 2001)

Let G be a discrete line defined by $a, b, c, d_1, d_2, w_1, w_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ where $0 \leq c < b < a$, then:

- 1 if $a + c \leq w_1$ and $a + b \leq w_2$, G is 6-connected;
- 2 if $a + c \leq w_1$ and $a \leq w_2 < a + b$, or if $a + b \leq w_2$ and $a \leq w_1 < a + c$, G is 18-connected;
- 3 if $a \leq w_1 < a + c$ and $a \leq w_2 < a + b$, G is 26-connected;
- 4 if $w_1 < a$ or $w_2 < a$, G is not connected.

G is called a **3D naive line** if and only if $w_1 = w_2 = \max(|a|, |b|, |c|)$.

3D naive line

Theory (Coeurjolly et al., 2001)

A rational line discretized by the grid intersection is a 3D naive line and vice-versa.

According to Theory (Kim, 1983), we obtain the following corollary:

Corollary (Coeurjolly et al., 2001)

A 26-curve is a 3D naive line if and only if two of its projections on the xy -, yz - and zx -planes are 2D naives lines.

3D discrete line recognition

Problem (3D discrete line recognition)

Given a set of 3D discrete points \mathbf{X} , do the points of \mathbf{X} belong to a 3D discrete line?

Yes or **No**

If yes, what are the parameters of this discrete line?

We apply the incremental algorithm for arithmetic line recognition (for a 2D naive line) (Debled-Rennesson and Reveillès, 1995) to each projection of \mathbf{X} on the xy -, yz - and zx -planes.

If **Yes** for two of its projections, then **“Yes”**.

Euclidean plane

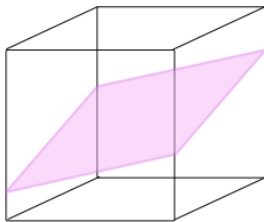
Definition (Plane)

A plane in the Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^3 is defined by

$$\mathbf{P} = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z + \delta = 0\}$$

where $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \mathbb{R}$.

In general, we have a normalisation such that $|\alpha| + |\beta| + |\gamma| = 1$,
 $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = 1$.



Discretization of planes

Definition (Discretized plane)

The discretized plane of \mathbf{P} in \mathbb{Z}^2 is defined by

$$D(\mathbf{P}) = \{(p, q, r) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : 0 \leq \alpha p + \beta q + \gamma r + \delta' \leq \omega\}$$

where ω is called the **thickness**.

The values of δ' and ω depend on the discretization model.

- **Grid intersection:** grid points closest to the intersections with the grid planes

$$\delta' = \delta + \frac{\max(|\alpha|, |\beta|, |\gamma|)}{2},$$

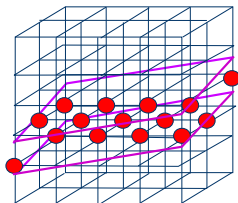
$$\omega = \max(|\alpha|, |\beta|, |\gamma|).$$

- **Super-cover (outer Jordan):** 3-cells intersecting with the line

$$\delta' = \delta + \frac{|\alpha| + |\beta| + |\gamma| + 1}{2},$$

$$\omega = |\alpha| + |\beta| + |\gamma| + 1.$$

- **Gauss (half-space):** 3-cells with center



Chordal triangle property

Definition (Kim, 1984)

A set of 3D discrete points \mathbf{X} satisfies the **chordal triangle property** if and only if for any triplet of points \mathbf{p}_1 , \mathbf{p}_2 and \mathbf{p}_3 of \mathbf{X} , every point on the triangle $\mathbf{p}_1\mathbf{p}_2\mathbf{p}_3 \in \mathbb{R}^3$ is at L_∞ -distance < 1 from some point of \mathbf{X} .

- This is an extension of Rosenfeld's chord property for 2D discrete lines.
- This is neither a necessary condition nor a sufficient condition for a piece of discrete surface to be a piece of discrete plane.

Characterization based on the convex hull

This is the corrected version whose original one was proposed by Kim.

Theory (Debled-Rennesson, 1995)

A set of discrete points \mathbf{X} is a piece of discrete plane if and only if

- *there exists a face F of the convex hull $\text{conv}(\mathbf{X})$ of \mathbf{X} such that the distance between \mathbf{X} and the supporting plane of F is less than 1, or*
- *there exist two edges A_1 and A_2 of $\text{conv}(\mathbf{X})$ such that the distance between \mathbf{X} and the plane generated by A_1 and A_2 is less than 1.*

There exists an arithmetic algorithm for discrete plane recognition based on this theorem (Debled-Rennesson, 1995); however, its complexity is not analyzable.

The algorithm based on the original characterization of Kim has a complexity $O(n^4)$ where n is the size of \mathbf{X} .

Notion of separating plane

Theory (Stojmentović and Tosić, 1991)

A set of discrete points \mathbf{X} is a piece of discrete plane if and only if there exists an Euclidean plane \mathbf{P} that separates \mathbf{X} and the set \mathbf{X}' that is obtained by translating \mathbf{X} by 1 along one of the x -, y - and z -axes (this axis is called the principal axis of the plane).

The algorithm based on this theorem has a complexity $O(n)$ by using techniques of linear programming. However, it is not incremental.

The incremental algorithm by using linear programming techniques was proposed and has a complexity $O(n)$ (Buzer, 2003).

Evenness property

The property for the discrete lines (Hung, 1985) is extended to hyperplanes of arbitrary dimensions.

For simplification, we consider the planes with $0 \leq \beta \leq \gamma$ and $\gamma \neq 0$.

Definition (Veelaert, 1993)

A set of discrete points \mathbf{X} is said **even** if and only if

- the projection of \mathbf{X} on the plane $z = 0$ is bijective,
 - for every quadruplet of points $\mathbf{p}_i = (x_i, y_i)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, 4$, of \mathbf{X} such that $x_1 - x_2 = x_3 - x_4$ and $y_1 - y_2 = y_3 - y_4$, then $|(z_1 - z_2) - (z_3 - z_4)| \leq 1$.
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- This is necessary and sufficient to characterize infinite discrete planes and pieces of rectangular planes.
 - This criterion can be evaluated in $O(n^2)$, with n the size of \mathbf{X} .

Algorithms for discrete plane recognition

- 1 approach based on the linear programming:**
 $O(n)$ (Stojmenović and Tosić, 1991)
 $O(n)$ for an incremental algorithm (Buzer, 2003)
- 2 approach based on the convex hull:**
 $O(n^7)$ with a linear behavior in practice (Gérard et al., 2005)
- 3 approach based on the evenness:**
 $O(n^2)$ (Veelaert, 1994)
- 4 arithmetic approach:**
? (Debled-Renesson and Reveillès, 1994)
- 5 approach based on the preimage:**
 $O(n^3 \log n)$ (Vittone and Chassary, 2000)
- 6 ...**

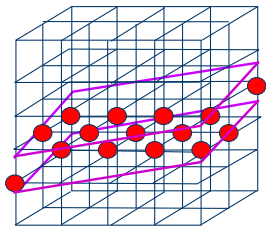
Arithmetic definition of discrete planes

Definition (Arithmetic plane (Reveillès, 1991))

A discrete plane of normal vector (a, b, c) with translation parameter d and arithmetic thickness w where $a, b, c, d, w \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $\gcd(a, b, c) = 1$ is defined such that

$$\Pi(a, b, c, d, w) = \{(p, q, r) \in \mathbb{Z}^3 : 0 \leq ap + bq + cr + d < w\}.$$

The thickness parameter w allows to control the connectedness of the plane.



Thickness and topology of discrete plane

Definition (*m*-tunnel (Andres et al., 1997))

A discrete plane $\Pi(a, b, c, d, w)$ has an ***m*-tunnel** if there exist two *m*-neighbors $\mathbf{p}_A = (x_A, y_A, z_A)$ and $\mathbf{p}_B = (x_B, y_B, z_B)$ such that $ax_A + by_A + cz_A + d < 0$ and $ax_B + by_B + cz_B + d \geq w$.



Theory (Andres et al., 1997)

Let $\Pi(a, b, c, d, w)$ be a discrete plane such that $0 \leq a \leq b \leq c$ and $c \neq 0$, then:

- 1 if $w < c$, Π has 6-tunnels ;
- 2 if $c \leq w < b + c$, Π has 18-tunnels ;
- 3 if $b + c \leq w < a + b + c$, Π has 26-tunnels ;
- 4 if $a + b + c \geq w$, Π has no tunnel.

Thickness and connectivity of discrete planes

Corollary (Andres et al., 1997)

Let $\Pi(a, b, c, d, w)$ be a discrete plane such that $0 \leq a \leq b \leq c$ and $c \neq 0$, then:

- 1 if $w = c$, Π is 18-connected;
- 2 if $c < w < b + c$, Π is 18- or 6-connected;
- 3 if $b + c \leq w$, Π is 6-connected.

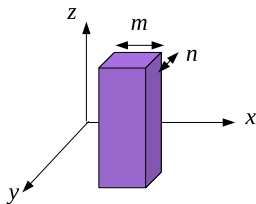
- We call *naive planes* the planes of thickness $w = \max(|a|, |b|, |c|)$, and *standard planes* the planes of thickness $w = |a| + |b| + |c|$.
- The naive planes are thus the finest 18-connected planes without 6-tunnel, and the standard planes are the finest 6-connected without tunnel.

Combinatorial property of naive planes: (m, n) -pieces

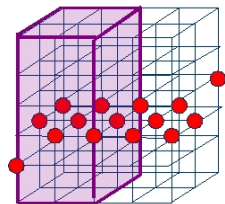
We consider the naive planes in the case of $0 \leq a \leq b \leq c$ and $c \neq 0$.
Let m and n be two positive integers such that $m, n \leq c$.

Property (Reveillès, 1995)

In a naive plane, there are at most mn combinatorially different pieces that are projected as rectangles of size $m \times n$ on the xy -plane.



(m, n) -piece



$(3, 3)$ -piece

Combinatorial property of naive planes: periodicity

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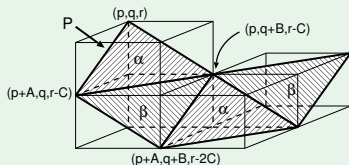
Property (Reveillès, 1995)

All the different configurations of (m, n) -pieces appear in the region that is projected on the xy -plane such as a rectangle of size $(2n - 1) \times (2m - 1)$ whose center is a leaning point.

Property (Kenmochi et Imiya, 2000)

In a naive plane, there are two types of triangular pieces (α and β in the figure) such that

$$A : B : C = \frac{1}{a} : \frac{1}{b} : \frac{1}{c}$$

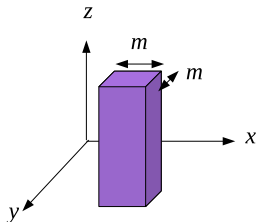


Normal vectors for the (m, m) -pieces

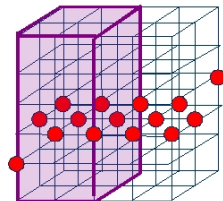
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Property (Vittone, 1999; Buzer ,2006)

For every naive plane of normal vector (a, b, c) , the possible (m, m) -pieces are obtained by the 2D Farey sequence $(\frac{a}{c}, \frac{b}{c})$ of order $2(m - 1)^2$.



(m, m) -piece



$(3, 3)$ -piece

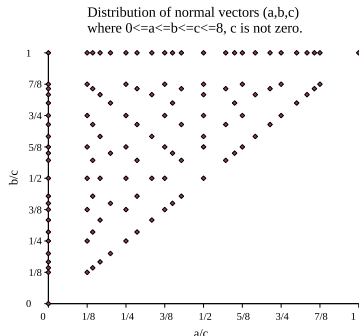
2D Farey sequence (Hurwitz, 1894)

Definition (2D Farey sequence)

The 2D Farey sequence of order n is the set of pairs of fractions:

$$F_n = \left\{ \left(\frac{p}{q}, \frac{r}{q} \right) : \gcd(p, q, r) = 1, 0 \leq p \leq q, 0 \leq r \leq q, q \leq n \right\}.$$

Example : F_8



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