

Rigidity of Fuchsian hyperbolic polyhedra by variational methods

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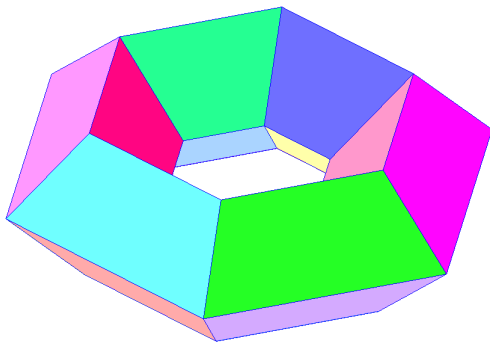
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The induced metric on the boundary of a convex polytope in \mathbb{E}^3 is a Euclidean cone-metric. Moreover, it is **convex**, i.e., for all conical points we have $\kappa_v(d) > 0$.

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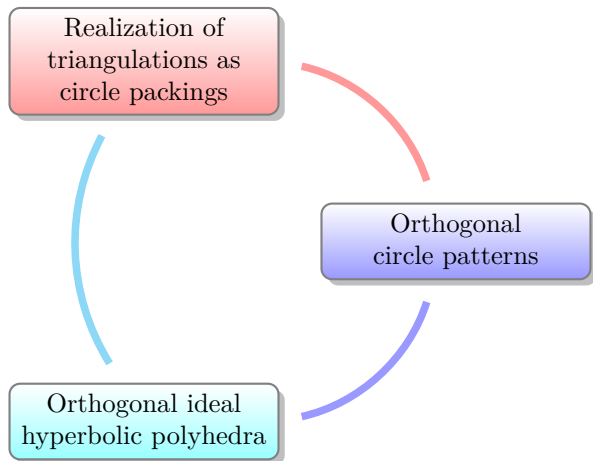
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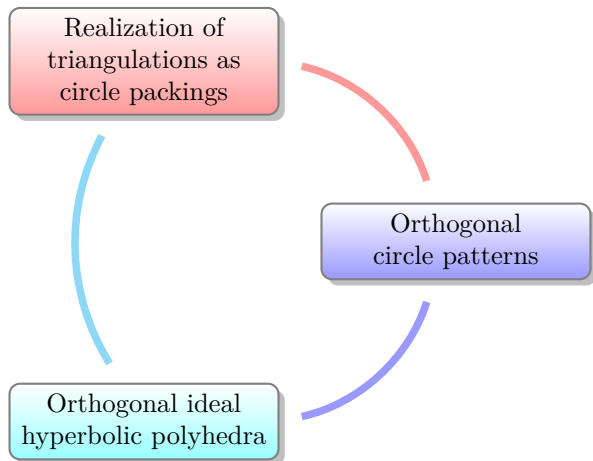
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for each edge e with endpoints v and w , and for a function $r : V(\mathcal{T}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0}$.

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Based on the fact that conformal maps are characterized by sending infinitesimal circles to infinitesimal circles, it was proposed to use circle packings for discrete conformal maps. Rodin–Sullivan showed the convergence for disk-shaped domains.

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Theorem (KAT Theorem \sim Circle packing uniformization)

Let S be a closed orientable surface with a simplicial triangulation \mathcal{T} and a circle packing metric d on (S, \mathcal{T}) . Then (S, d) is cp-conformally equivalent w.r.t. \mathcal{T} to a unique up to scaling metric of constant curvature.

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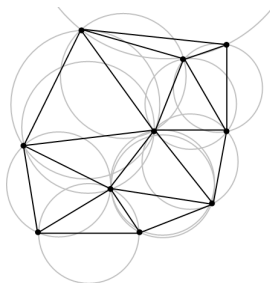
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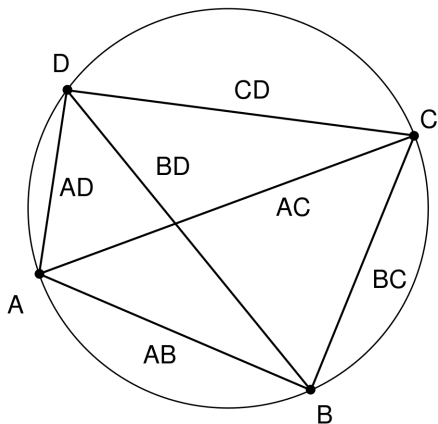
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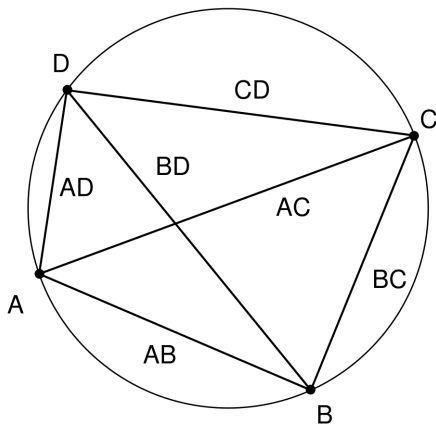


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Corollary (Discrete uniformization on a torus)

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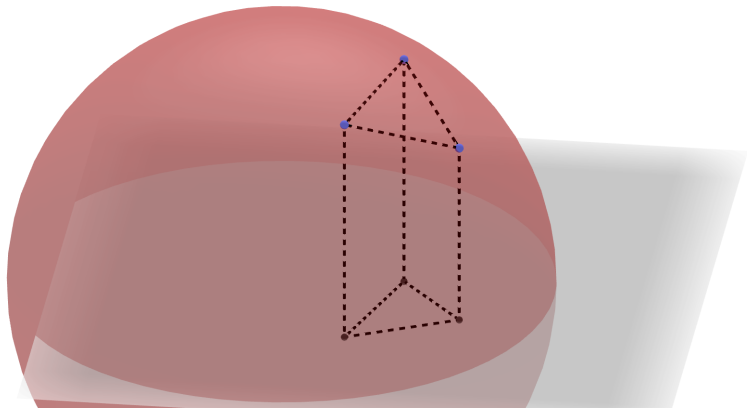
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Corollary (Discrete uniformization with genus ≥ 2)

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- An **ideal prism** is a prism in \mathbb{H}^3 with two triangular faces, all vertices of the upper face are ideal, all lateral edges are orthogonal to the lower face. It is uniquely determined by the lower face.

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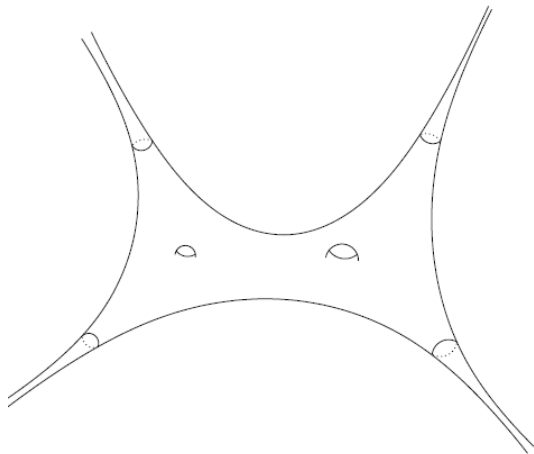
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The end

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