

# Nonlinear $O(3)$ sigma model in discrete complex analysis

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## Introduction

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# Overview

- $X^d(X^{d+1}), M^d$ : oriented Riemannian manifolds
- $\phi : X \rightarrow M$ : a smooth map (field)
- $dv_X$ : a volume form of  $X$

## Sigma model

$$E(\phi) := \int_X |d\phi|^2 dv_X$$

We study **discrete** energy and EL equation of **Nonlinear  $O(3)$  sigma model**  $\phi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow S^2$  on **discrete Riemann surfaces** for Mercat, Bobenko, and Günther.

## Background $d = 4$

Instantons in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  (BPST, 1975).

For a principal  $G := SU(2)$  bundle over  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ,  
its connection  $A$  and curvature  $F := F_A$ ,

$$S := \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} |F|^2 dv_{\mathbb{R}^4} = \|F \mp *F\|^2 \pm 8\pi^2 N \geq 8\pi^2 |N|$$

$N \in \pi_3(S^3)$ : instanton number.

Saturation  $\Leftrightarrow$  (A)SD :  $F = \pm *F$

$\rightsquigarrow$  Instantons

## Background $d = 3$

Monopoles in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  ('t Hooft, Polyakov, 1975, BPS)

For a principal  $G := SU(2)$  bundle  $P$  over  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,

its connection  $A$  and curvature  $F := F_A$ ,

$\phi$ : a section of the adjoint bundle  $\text{ad } P$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} E &:= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \{|F|^2 + |\nabla\phi|^2\} dv_{\mathbb{R}^3} \\ &= \|F \mp *\nabla\phi\|^2 \pm 4\pi N \geq 4\pi|N| \end{aligned}$$

$N \in \pi_2(S^2)$ : monopole charge

Saturation  $\Leftrightarrow$  (A)Bogomol'nyi :  $F = \pm *\nabla\phi$

$\rightsquigarrow$  Monopoles

# Nonlinear $O(3)$ sigma model in $\mathbb{C}$

- $\phi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow S^2$ :  
 $C^\infty$  map between Riemannian manifolds
- $N := \int_{\mathbb{C}} \phi^* dv_{S^2} \in \mathbb{Z} \cong \pi_2(S^2)$ :  
topological quantum number, (mapping degree)
- $f := \text{St} \circ \phi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

Belavin-Polyakov, 1975

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |d\phi|^2 dv_{\mathbb{C}} = \left\| \frac{df \mp i * df}{1 + |f|^2} \right\|^2 \pm 4\pi N \geq 4\pi |N|$$

Saturation  $\Leftrightarrow$  (A) holomorphic :  $df = \pm i * df$

$\rightsquigarrow O(3)$  Instantons

# Discrete Complex Analysis

1847	Kirchhoff	(preholomorphic)
1941	Isaacs	preholomorphic
1944	Ferrand	preholomorphic
1956	Duffin	discrete analytic function
1981	Berg-Lüscher	topological quantum number
2001	Smirnov	probability
2001	Mercat	<b>discrete Riemann surface</b>
2008	Bobenko-Suris	discrete differential geometry
2017	Bobenko-Günther	<b>discrete Riemann surface</b>

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# Discrete Riemann surface $(\Lambda, \rho_Q, z_Q)$

- $\Lambda$ : a bipartite quadrilateral decomposition on  $\Sigma \rightsquigarrow V(\Lambda), E(\Lambda), F(\Lambda) \ni Q \subset \mathbb{C}$
- $\diamond := \Lambda^*$ : the dual graph
- $X$ : the medial graph  $\leftarrow$  midpoints of  $E(\Lambda)$
- $\rho_Q := -i \frac{w_+ - w_-}{b_+ - b_-} \in \mathbb{C}$ : discrete conformal structure

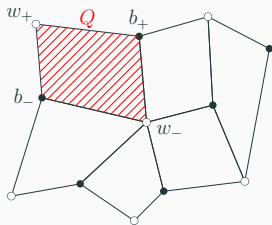


Figure 1:  $\Lambda$

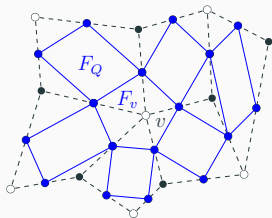


Figure 2:  $X$

# Discrete Cauchy-Riemann equation

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$f : V(\Lambda) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ : discrete holomorphic at  $Q \in F(\Lambda)$

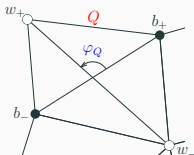
$$\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \frac{f(b_+) - f(b_-)}{b_+ - b_-} = \frac{f(w_+) - f(w_-)}{w_+ - w_-}$$

$$\iff f(w_+) - f(w_-) = i\rho_Q (f(b_+) - f(b_-))$$

discrete differential operator  $\partial_\Lambda$

$$\partial_\Lambda f(Q) := \lambda_Q \frac{f(b_+) - f(b_-)}{b_+ - b_-} + \overline{\lambda_Q} \frac{f(w_+) - f(w_-)}{w_+ - w_-},$$

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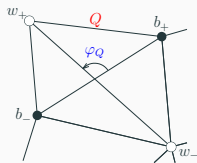
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## Discrete holomorphicity

$f$ : discrete holomorphic at  $Q \Leftrightarrow \overline{\partial}_\Lambda f(Q) = 0$



$$\begin{aligned} \therefore) \quad \overline{\partial}_\Lambda f(Q) \times 2i|w_+ - w_-||b_+ - b_-| \sin \varphi_Q = \\ (w_+ - w_-)(f(b_+) - f(b_-)) - (b_+ - b_-)(f(w_+) - f(w_-)) \end{aligned}$$

# Examples for discrete holomorphic functions

$\Lambda \subset \mathbb{C}$  (a **planar** bipartite quadrilateral decomposition)

1.  $f(v) := v$ ,  $v \in V(\Lambda)$ : discrete holomorphic at  $\forall Q$ .

$$\partial_{\Lambda} f(Q) = \lambda_Q + \overline{\lambda_Q} = 1, \quad \overline{\partial_{\Lambda} f(Q)} = 0.$$

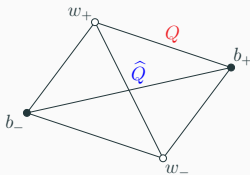
2.  $f(v) := v^2$ : discrete holomorphic at  $Q$

$$\Leftrightarrow b_+ + b_- = w_+ + w_- \Leftrightarrow Q : \text{parallelogram.}$$

In this case,

$$\partial_{\Lambda} f(Q) = \lambda_Q(b_+ + b_-) + \overline{\lambda_Q}(w_+ + w_-)$$

$$= (\lambda_Q + \overline{\lambda_Q})(b_+ + b_-) = 2\widehat{Q}, \quad \text{where } \widehat{Q} := \frac{b_+ + b_-}{2}$$



# Discrete 1-form and discrete Hodge theory

- $\omega : E^{\text{or}}(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ : a discrete 1-form  
 $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \omega(-e) = -\omega(e)$  for an oriented edge  $e \in E^{\text{or}}(X)$
- $\omega \underset{\text{loc}}{=} p dz + q d\bar{z}$  on  $e$   $\left( \int_e dz = e \right)$

## Hodge star operator $\star$ on a 1-form

$$\star \omega = \star(p dz + q d\bar{z}) := -ip dz + iq d\bar{z}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \langle \omega, \omega' \rangle = \iint_{F(X)} \omega \wedge \star \bar{\omega}' : \text{Hermitian product}$$

# Stokes' theorem

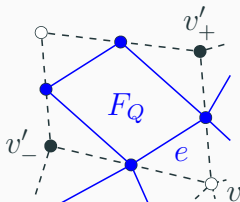
discrete differential operator  $d$

$$f : V(\Lambda) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$\Rightarrow df := \partial_{\Lambda} f dz + \overline{\partial_{\Lambda} f} d\bar{z} : \text{discrete 1-form on } X$

## Stokes' theorem

$$\int_e df = \frac{f(v) + f(v'_+)}{2} - \frac{f(v) + f(v'_-)}{2}$$



# Period matrix

## Theorem (Mercat, 2007)

*Discrete period matrix*  $\rightarrow$  *continuous one*

We concentrate on the **nonlinear  $O(3)$  sigma model** for **discrete Riemann surfaces in  $\mathbb{R}^2 \cong \mathbb{C}$** .

# Energy $E_{\diamond}^W(f)$ and Area $\mathcal{A}_{\diamond}^W(f)$

- $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{C}$ ,  $f : V(\Lambda) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $h : V(\diamond) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$
- $W := |h(Q)|^2 \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ : a weight (function)
- $E_{\diamond}^W(f) := 2\langle hdf, hdf \rangle = 2\langle Wdf, df \rangle \geq 0$
- $\mathcal{A}_{\diamond}^W(f) := -2i\langle hdf, h \star df \rangle = -2i\langle Wdf, \star df \rangle$

The weighted discrete Dirichlet **energy** and area

$\|h(df \mp i \star df)\|^2 \geq 0$  gives us the formula

## Belavin-Polyakov inequality

$$E_{\diamond}^W(f) = \|h(df \mp i \star df)\|^2 \pm \mathcal{A}_{\diamond}^W(f) \geq |\mathcal{A}_{\diamond}^W(f)|$$

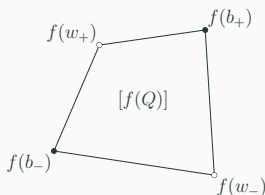
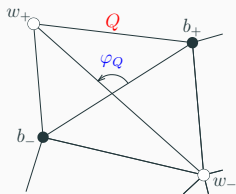
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$\rightsquigarrow$  instanton

# A signed area

- $\text{area}(Q) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Im} \left( (w_+ - w_-) \overline{(b_+ - b_-)} \right)$   
 $b_-, w_-, b_+, w_+$ : counterclockwise order  $\Rightarrow \text{area}(Q) > 0$
- $[f(Q)]$ : the quadrilateral consisting of the four ordered vertices  $f(b_-), f(w_-), f(b_+), f(w_+)$ .

Rem  $f$ : discrete holomorphic  $\Rightarrow \text{area}([f(Q)]) \geq 0$



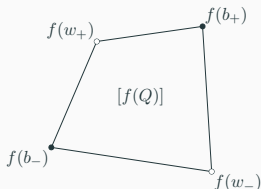
# $E_{\diamond}^W(f)$ and $\mathcal{A}_{\diamond}^W(f)$ in detail ( $\varphi_Q = \pi/2$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_{\diamond}^W(f) &= 2\langle hdf, hdf \rangle \\
 &= 2 \sum_{Q \in V(\diamond)} \iint_{F(X)} hdf \wedge \star \overline{hdf} \\
 &= 4 \sum_{Q \in V(\diamond)} \left( \int_e hdf \int_{e^*} \overline{hdf} - \int_{e^*} hdf \int_e \overline{hdf} \right) \\
 &= \dots \left( \int_e \star \omega = \cot(\varphi_Q) \int_e \omega - \frac{|e|}{|e^*| \sin(\varphi_Q)} \int_{e^*} \omega \right) \\
 &= \sum_{Q \in V(\diamond)} \frac{W}{\sin(\varphi_Q)} \left( \rho_Q |f(b_+) - f(b_-)|^2 + \rho_Q^{-1} |f(w_+) - f(w_-)|^2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - 2 \cos(\varphi_Q) \operatorname{Re} \left( f(w_+) - f(w_-) \overline{f(b_+) - f(b_-)} \right) \right) \geq 0.
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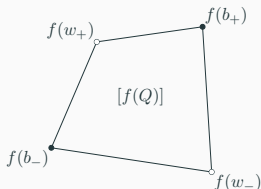
$$E_{\diamond}^W(f) = \sum_{Q \in V(\diamond)} \frac{W}{\sin(\varphi_Q)} \left( \rho_Q |f(b_+) - f(b_-)|^2 + \rho_Q^{-1} |f(w_+) - f(w_-)|^2 - 2 \cos(\varphi_Q) \operatorname{Re} \left( (f(w_+) - f(w_-)) \overline{f(b_+) - f(b_-)} \right) \right) \geq 0.$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{\diamond}^W(f) = 4 \sum_{Q \in V(\diamond)} W \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Im} \left( (f(w_+) - f(w_-)) \overline{f(b_+) - f(b_-)} \right)}_{=: \operatorname{area}([f(Q)])}$$



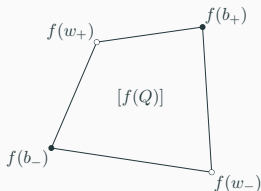
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# Discrete “area” $\mathcal{A}_{\diamond}^W(f)$

- $f : V(\Lambda) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ : a function
- $\text{St} : S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ : Stereographic projection

## Weight

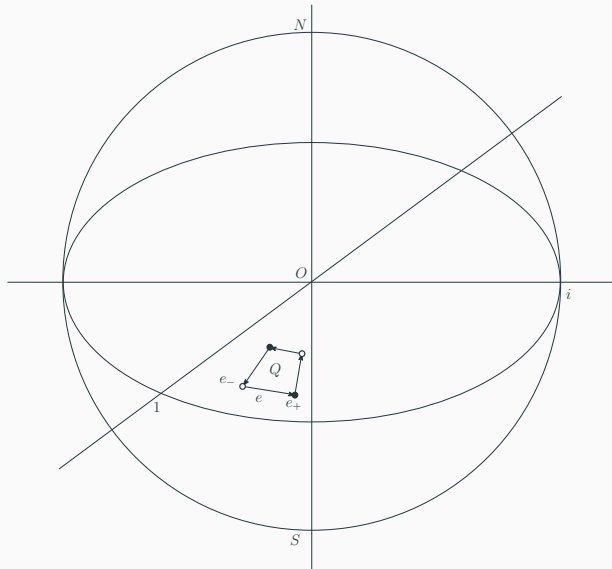
$$W := \frac{1}{4} \frac{\text{area}(\text{St}^{-1}([f(Q)]))}{\text{area}([f(Q)])} \quad (\text{area}([f(Q)]) \neq 0)$$

## Area on $S^2$

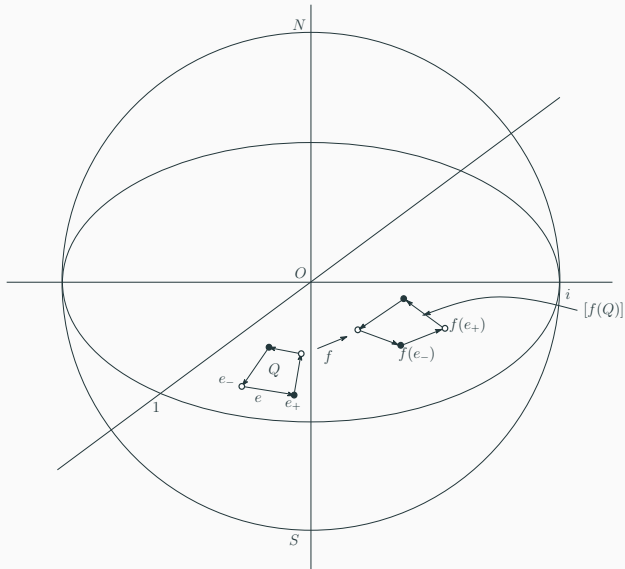
$f : V(\Lambda) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ : discrete (anti-)holomorphic

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\diamond}^W(f) = \sum_{Q \in V(\diamond)} \text{area}(\text{St}^{-1}([f(Q)]))$$

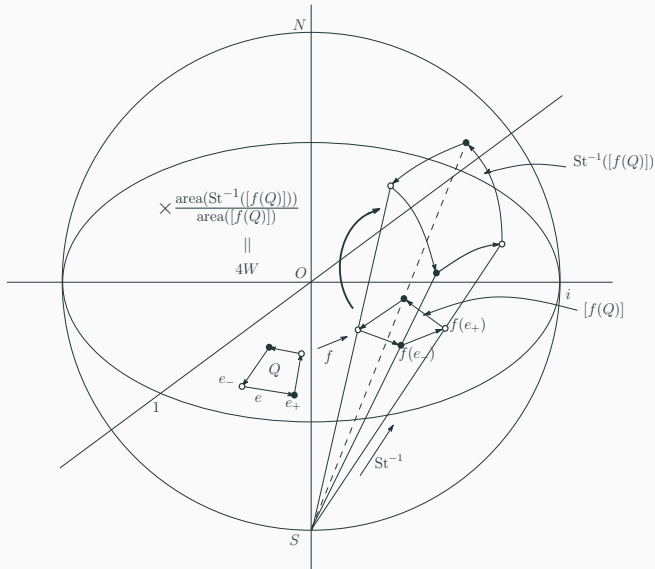
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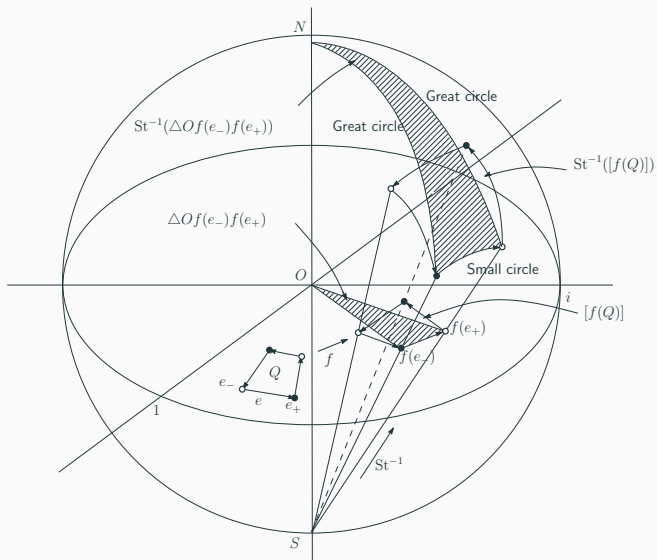
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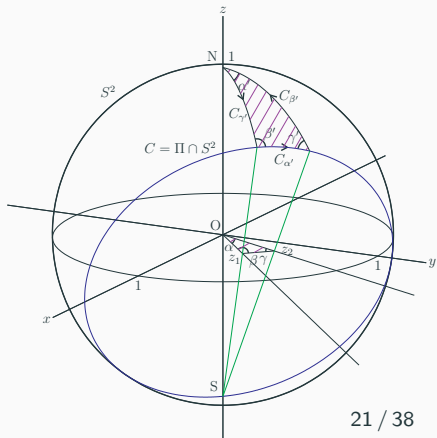
# Area of a triangle (Cf. Berg and Lüscher, 1981)

## Gauss–Bonnet theorem

$$\int_M K dA + \int_{\partial M} \kappa_g ds = \iota_1 + \iota_2 + \iota_3 - \pi$$

- $K$ : the Gaussian curvature of  $M$
- $\kappa_g$ : the geodesic curvature of  $\partial M$
- $\alpha' = \alpha, \beta' = \beta, \gamma' = \gamma$   
( $\because$  St: conformal)

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{area}(\text{St}^{-1}(\triangle O z_1 z_2)) \\ &= \frac{2 \text{Im}(z_2 \bar{z}_1)}{L} \tan^{-1} \frac{L}{1 + \text{Re}(z_2 \bar{z}_1)}, \\ & \text{where } L^2 = |z_2 - z_1|^2 + [\text{Im}(z_2 \bar{z}_1)]^2 \end{aligned}$$



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# Variation

- $f = f_1 + if_2 : V(\Lambda) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $v_0 \in V(\Lambda)$ : fixed
- $E_{\diamond}^W := E_{\diamond}^W(f_1, f_2) = E_{\diamond}^W(f, \bar{f})$
- $\phi(v) := \delta_{vv_0}$ : Kronecker's  $\delta$  function

$$\frac{\partial E_{\diamond}^W}{\partial f_1(v_0)} := \left. \frac{d}{dt} E_{\diamond}^W(f_1 + t\phi, f_2) \right|_{t=0},$$
$$\frac{\partial E_{\diamond}^W}{\partial f_2(v_0)} := \left. \frac{d}{dt} E_{\diamond}^W(f_1, f_2 + t\phi) \right|_{t=0}$$

## Discrete Euler-Lagrange equation

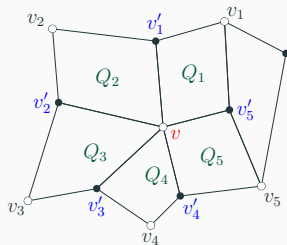
$$0 = -\frac{\partial E}{\partial \bar{f}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial E}{\partial f_1} + i \frac{\partial E}{\partial f_2} \right)$$

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**Discrete EL equation**  $[\text{EL}]^{\text{disc.}}(v) = 0$  ( $\varphi_Q = \pi/2$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\text{EL}]^{\text{disc.}}(v) &:= -\frac{\partial E_{\diamond}^W}{\partial \bar{f}(v)}(f, \bar{f}) \\
 &= \sum_{Q_s \sim v} \frac{e_{\diamond}([f(Q_s)])}{4 \text{area}([f(Q_s)])} \left( \frac{\partial F_s}{\partial \bar{f}(v)} - \frac{\partial F_{s-1}}{\partial \bar{f}(v)} \right) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{Q_s \sim v} 2i \frac{W([f(Q_s)]) \text{area}(Q_s)}{\text{area}([f(Q_s)])} \overline{(f(v'_s) - f(v'_{s-1}))} \partial_{\Lambda} f(Q_s) \overline{\partial_{\Lambda} f(Q_s)}
 \end{aligned}$$

- $Q_s \sim v$ : incident quadrilaterals
- $e_{\diamond}([f(Q_s)]) := \frac{1}{\sin(\varphi_Q)} \left( \rho_s |f(v_s) - f(v)|^2 + \rho_s^{-1} |f(v'_s) - f(v'_{s-1})|^2 - 2 \cos(\varphi_Q) \text{Re} \left( f(w_+) - f(w_-) \overline{f(b_+) - f(b_-)} \right) \right)$
- $F_s := \text{area}(\text{St}^{-1}(\Delta O f(v) f(v'_s)))$



# Solutions of discrete EL equation

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$f$ : discrete (anti-)holomorphic  $\Rightarrow$   $[\text{EL}]^{\text{disc.}}(\mathbf{v}) = 0$

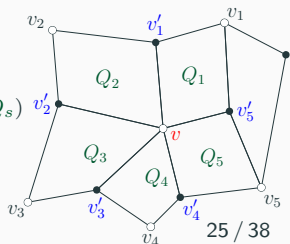
### Outline of proof

- $\overline{\partial}_\Lambda f(Q_s) = 0$  or  $\partial_\Lambda f(Q_s) = 0$

- $e_\diamond([f(Q_s)]) = \pm 4 \text{area}([f(Q_s)])$

$$\rightsquigarrow [\text{EL}]^{\text{disc.}}(\mathbf{v}) = \pm \sum_{Q_s \sim \mathbf{v}} \left( \frac{\partial F_s}{\partial \bar{f}}(\mathbf{v}) - \frac{\partial F_{s-1}}{\partial \bar{f}}(\mathbf{v}) \right) = 0 \quad \square$$

$$[\text{EL}]^{\text{disc.}}(\mathbf{v}) = \sum_{Q_s \sim \mathbf{v}} \frac{e_\diamond([f(Q_s)])}{4 \text{area}([f(Q_s)])} \left( \frac{\partial F_s}{\partial \bar{f}(\mathbf{v})} - \frac{\partial F_{s-1}}{\partial \bar{f}(\mathbf{v})} \right)$$
$$+ \sum_{Q_s \sim \mathbf{v}} 2i \frac{W([f(Q_s)]) \text{area}(Q_s)}{\text{area}([f(Q_s)])} \frac{1}{(f(\mathbf{v}'_s) - f(\mathbf{v}'_{s-1}))} \partial_\Lambda f(Q_s) \overline{\partial}_\Lambda f(Q_s)$$



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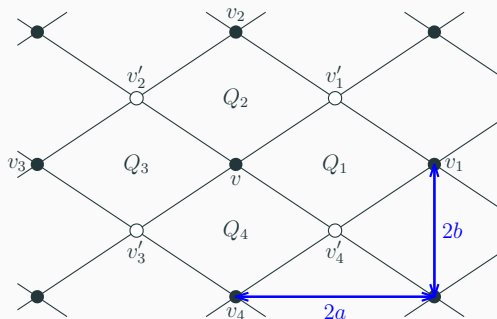
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# Rhombic lattice $\Lambda_{2a,2b}$ in $\mathbb{C}$

$$(\Lambda, \rho) = (\Lambda_{2a,2b}, b/a)$$



**Figure 3:**  $\Lambda_{2a,2b}$

$$\text{area}(Q_i) = 2ab$$

# Discrete exponential function

Disc. exp. function  $\exp(\lambda, z; z_0)$  on  $\Lambda_{2a, 2b}$  at  $z_0 = 0$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \exp(\lambda, z; 0) \\ & := \left( \frac{1 + \frac{\lambda}{2}(a + bi)}{1 - \frac{\lambda}{2}(a + bi)} \right)^{\frac{x}{2a} + \frac{y}{2b}} \left( \frac{1 + \frac{\lambda}{2}(a - bi)}{1 - \frac{\lambda}{2}(a - bi)} \right)^{\frac{x}{2a} - \frac{y}{2b}} \\ & \rightarrow e^{\lambda z} \left( \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \rightarrow +0 \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$(z := x + iy \in V(\Lambda), \quad \lambda \neq \pm 2/(a \pm bi) \in \mathbb{C})$$

## Discrete power function $z^{(N)}$

$$\exp(\lambda, z; 0) = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^N}{N!} z^{(N)} \text{ gives us}$$

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$$z^{(1)} = z$$

$$z^{(2)} = z^2$$

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$$z^{(4)} = z^4 + 4(a^2 - b^2)z^2 - 2(a^2 + b^2)|z|^2.$$

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# Discrete power function $z^{(N)}$

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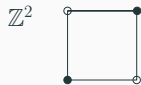
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## Facts

- $z^{(M)} z^{(N)} \neq z^{(M+N)}$
- $z^{(N)}(z)|_{a=b=1/\sqrt{2}} = e^{-i\frac{N\pi}{4}} z_F^{(N)} \left( e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} z \right)$

$z_F^{(N)}$  is defined on  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  (Ferrand, 1944)



**topological number**

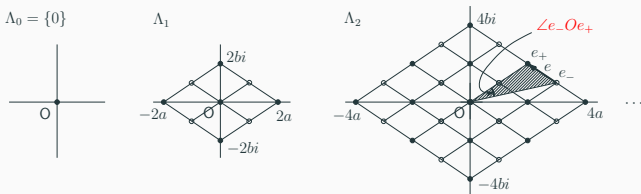
$$\mathcal{A}_{\diamond}^W(z^{(N)}) = 4\pi N$$

Assume  $\Lambda$  finite

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{A}_\diamond^W(f) &= \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{V}(\diamond)} \text{area}(\text{St}^{-1}([f(Q)])) \\
 &= \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{V}(\diamond)} \sum_{e \in E(\partial Q)} \text{area}(\text{St}^{-1}(\Delta O f(e_-) f(e_+))) \\
 &= \sum_{e \in E(\partial \Lambda)} \text{area}(\text{St}^{-1}(\Delta O f(e_-) f(e_+)))
 \end{aligned}$$



a family of sublattices  $\Lambda_0 \subset \Lambda_1 \subset \dots \subset \Lambda_n \subset \dots \subset \Lambda$



$$\Lambda_n := \left\{ z = x + iy \in \Lambda \mid \left| \frac{x}{2a} + \frac{y}{2b} \right| \leq n, \left| \frac{x}{2a} - \frac{y}{2b} \right| \leq n \right\}$$

$$z^{(N)} \sim z^N \quad (n \rightarrow \infty), \quad z \in V(\partial\Lambda_n) \rightsquigarrow$$

$$\text{area}(\text{St}^{-1}(\Delta O z^{(N)}(e_-) z^{(N)}(e_+))) \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss-Bonnet}} 2 \arg(e_+^N \overline{e_-^N})$$

$$= 2N \angle e_- O e_+$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{A}_{\diamond}^W(z^{(N)}) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{A}_{\diamond_n}^W(z^{(N)}), \quad \diamond_n := \Lambda_n^* \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{e \in E(\partial \Lambda_n)} \text{area}(\text{St}^{-1}(\Delta O z^{(N)}(e_-) z^{(N)}(e_+))) \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{e \in E(\partial \Lambda_n)} 2N \angle e_- O e_+ \\
 &= 2N \cdot 2\pi = 4\pi N \quad \left( \sum_{e \in E(\partial \Lambda_n)} \angle e_- O e_+ = 2\pi \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

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# “Continuous” EL equation

- $\phi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow S^2$ : a  $C^\infty$  map
- $\text{St} : S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$ : Stereographic projection
- $f := \text{St} \circ \phi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$
- $E(\phi)$ : the energy for nonlinear  $O(3)$  sigma model

**EL equation**  $[\text{EL}]^{\text{cont.}} = 0$  for  $E(\phi)$

$$[\text{EL}]^{\text{cont.}} := -\frac{\partial E}{\partial \bar{f}}$$
$$= \frac{4}{(1 + |f|^2)^2} \left( \partial_z \partial_{\bar{z}} f - \frac{2\bar{f}}{1 + |f|^2} \partial_z f \cdot \partial_{\bar{z}} f \right)$$

For (anti-)holomorphic function  $f$ ,  $\Delta = 4\partial_z \partial_{\bar{z}}$  induces

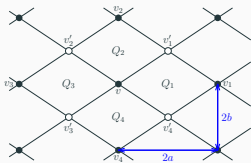
$$[\text{EL}]^{\text{cont.}} = 0 \quad \text{if} \quad \partial_{\bar{z}} f = 0 \quad (\partial_z f = 0)$$

# Continuous limits of $E_{\diamond}^W$ , $\mathcal{A}_{\diamond}^W$ , $[\text{EL}]^{\text{disc.}}$ .

## Continuous limits of our model

- $\Lambda = \Lambda_{2a,2b}$ : A rhombic lattice,  $v \in V(\Lambda)$
- $\rho = b/a$ : fixed,  $a \rightarrow +0$  ( $b \rightarrow +0$ )

1.  $E_{\diamond}^W(f) \rightarrow 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{|\partial_x f|^2 + |\partial_y f|^2}{(1 + |f|^2)^2} dv_{\mathbb{C}} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |d\phi|^2 dv_{\mathbb{C}} = E$
2.  $\mathcal{A}_{\diamond}^W(f) \rightarrow 4 \int_{\mathbb{C}} \frac{\text{Im}(\partial_y f \cdot \partial_x \bar{f})}{(1 + |f|^2)^2} dv_{\mathbb{C}} = \int_{\mathbb{C}} \phi^*(dv_{S^2}) = \mathcal{A}$ ,
3.  $[\text{EL}]^{\text{disc.}}(v)/(2ab) \rightarrow [\text{EL}]^{\text{cont.}}(v)$



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- Discrete power functions for rhombic lattices and their topological number

## Question

What about  $\Lambda \subset \Sigma_g$  ( $g \geq 1$ )?

# Thank you very much!

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