

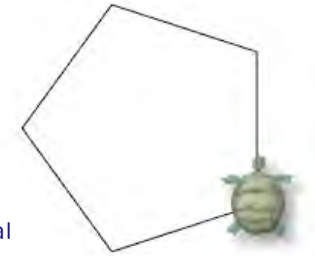
## 3D Turtle Geometry, Turtle Programs, Symmetry, Miter Joints

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"3D Turtle Geometry with an Application to Mitre and Fold Joints"  
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## Seymour Papert (1960s): Turtle Graphics and Logo



- **Turtle Graphics**, mechanical, virtual
- **Logo** programming language: `Repeat 5 [ Forward 100 Left 72 ]`
- Goal: Enable children to do/enjoy computer programming
- **Turtle Geometry**: mathematical theory of turtle figures

## 2D Turtle Geometry

The book

Harold Abelson and Andrea A. diSessa  
*Turtle geometry:  
The computer as a medium for exploring mathematics.*  
MIT Press, 1981.

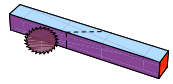
presents an exhaustive treatment of 2D Turtle Geometry,

including Turtle Graphics on curved surfaces.

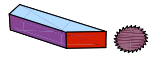
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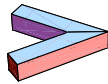
## Miter Joints



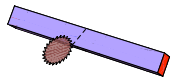
intact beam



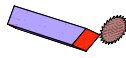
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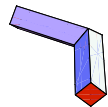
60° miter joint



intact beam  
(rolled 45°)



beveled at 60°



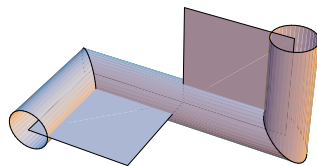
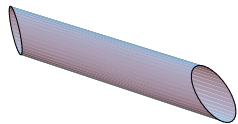
120° miter joint

Mathematica Demonstrations Project: *Miter Joint and Fold Joint*

## 'Kliekje' (Eng.: 'Left over')

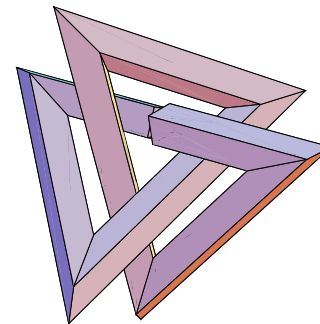


## Spatial Mitering

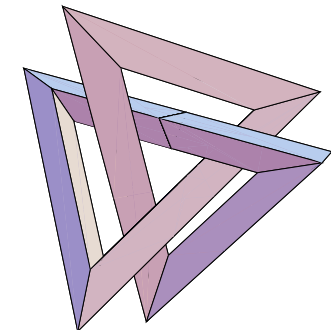


- **Corner plane** = plane spanned by adjacent segments
- **Torsion angle** = dihedral angle between adjacent corner planes

## Closing the 3D Path



**Square** Cross Section



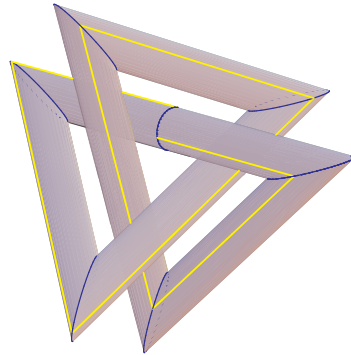
**Equitriangular** Cross Section

Mathematica Demonstrations Project: *Mitering a Closed 3D Path*

## Miter Joint Torsion Invariance Theorem

Total amount of torsion is inherent property of polygonal path and does *not* depend on

- choice of initial segment
- initial rotation of cross section about center line
- shape of cross section



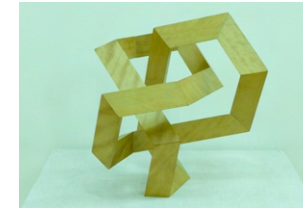
Mitering matches  $\iff$  total torsion is symmetry of cross section

## Three Techniques to Tackle Torsion

'Tinkering'



Lattice walking



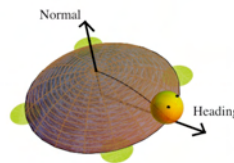
Constant torsion



## 3D Turtle Graphics

State of turtle:

- **Position** in space
- **Attitude** = ( heading vector, normal vector )
- *Initial state*: in origin, heading to  $x^+$ , normal to  $z^+$



Commands to change turtle state:

- **Move**( $d$ ): move distance  $d$  in direction of heading (leaves **trace**)
- **Turn**( $\varphi$ ): turn clockwise by angle  $\varphi$  about normal
- **Roll**( $\psi$ ): roll clockwise by angle  $\psi$  about heading

Mathematica Demonstrations Project: *3D Flying Pipe-laying Turtle*

## Spatial Figures

In 3D: roll angles provide additional freedom

All turn and roll angles equal yields a **helix**, which never closes



### Some Macro Commands

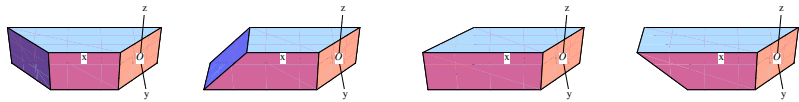
$Segment(d, \psi, \varphi) := Move(d) ; Roll(\psi) ; Turn(\varphi)$

$T_d := Segment(d, 0, 90^\circ)$

$R_d := Segment(d, 90^\circ, 90^\circ)$

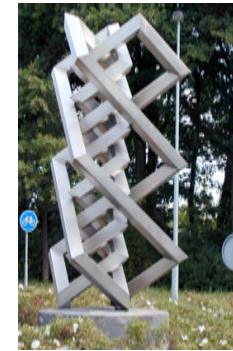
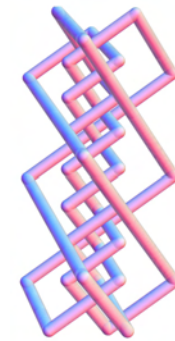
$P_d := Segment(d, 180^\circ, 90^\circ)$

$L_d := Segment(d, 270^\circ, 90^\circ)$



$T_d$  trapezoid    $R_d$  right-handed    $P_d$  parallelogram    $L_d$  left-handed

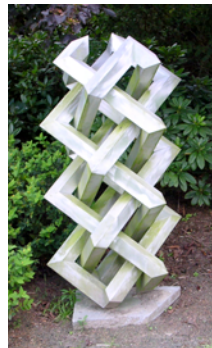
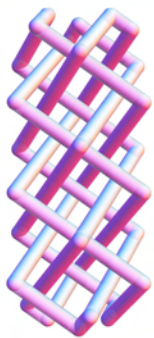
### Artwork Described by Turtle Graphics: Spiralosaurus



$$(T_4^2 ; L_9^2 ; T_4^2 ; R_3^6)^3$$

36 segments, 6 symmetries

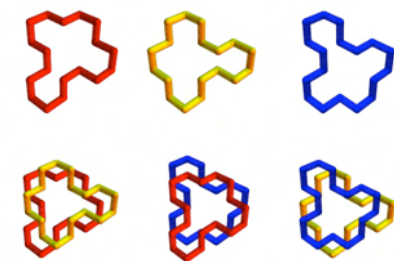
### Artwork Described by Turtle Graphics: Braidwork



$$(L_1 ; R_5 ; R_6^2 ; L_3 ; R_1 ; L_5 ; L_6^2 ; R_3)^3$$

30 segments, 6 symmetries (incl. mirror/upside-down)

### Artwork Described by Turtle Graphics: Borromean Polylink

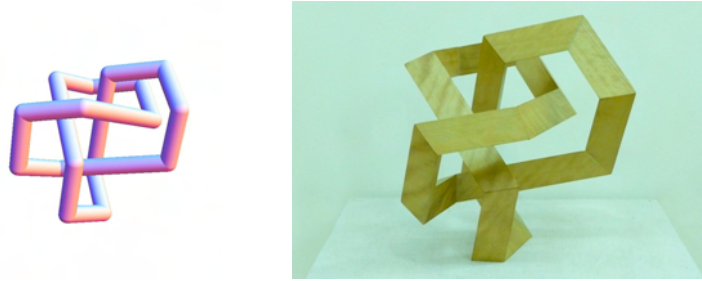


$$R_3 ; P_3 ; L_3 ; P_3 ; R_3 ; L_3 ; P_3^2 ; R_3 ; P_3^2 ; L_3 ; R_3 ; P_3 ; L_3 ; P_3 ; R_3 ; L_3$$

18 segments, 2 symmetries (per link)



## Artwork Described by Turtle Graphics: Figure-Eight Knot



equitriangular cross section, 16 segments, 4 symmetries

$$R'_d := \text{Segment}(d, 60^\circ, \varphi) \quad \varphi = \arctan(2\sqrt{2}) \approx 70.5^\circ$$

$$L'_d := \text{Segment}(d, -60^\circ, \varphi)$$

$$\left( R'_2 ; L'_1 ; R'_1 ; L'_1 ; L'_2 ; R'_1 ; L'_1 ; R'_1 \right)^2$$

## Fundamentals of 3D Turtle Geometry: Program Semantics

**Motion**  $\mu_p$  of program  $p$  is mapping  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  from time to space:  
 $\mu_p(t)$  is position at time  $t$  (move at *unit speed*, instant turn/roll)

N.B. Mapping time to state will not work when turn/roll are instantaneous

**Total duration**  $\delta_p$  of  $p$ 's motion:  $\delta_p = \sum_{\text{Move}(d) \in p} |d|$

**Final attitude**  $\alpha_p$  of  $p$  is a tuple of heading and normal

**Trace**  $\tau_p$  of  $p$ :  $\tau_p = \{ \mu_p(t) \mid 0 \leq t \leq \delta_p \}$  (set of points visited)

**Empty program**  $\mathcal{I}$ : no commands, leaving turtle in initial state, *identity* of sequential composition

## Fundamentals of 3D Turtle Geometry: Program Properties

**Closed** program:  $\mu_p(\delta_p) = \mu_p(0)$ ; (final *position* = initial *position*)

**Open** is not closed

**Properly closed**: closed and  $\alpha_p = \alpha_{\mathcal{I}}$  (final *state* = initial *state*)

Closed program can be made *properly* closed by appending roll/turn/roll commands

**Simple** program:  $\mu_p(t_1) \neq \mu_p(t_2)$  for  $0 \leq t_1 < t_2 < \delta_p$  ( $\mu_p$  injective)

Being (properly) closed is a **local** property

Being simple is a **global** property

**Trivial** program:  $|\tau_p| = 1$ , i.e.  $\tau_p = \{ (0, 0, 0) \}$  (closed, simple)

Empty program  $\mathcal{I}$  is trivial and properly closed

## Simple Programs and Motion/Trace Relationship

**Unique Motion Theorem** for *simple open* programs:

$$\frac{p, q : \text{simple} \wedge \tau_p = \tau_q \wedge p : \text{open}}{\mu_p = \mu_q \wedge q : \text{open}}$$

**Reverse motion**  $\tilde{\mu}_p$  of  $p$ :  $\tilde{\mu}_p(t) = \mu_p(\delta_p - t)$

**Two-Motion Theorem** for *simple closed* programs:

$$\frac{p, q : \text{simple} \wedge \tau_p = \tau_q \wedge p : \text{closed}}{(\mu_p = \mu_q \vee \tilde{\mu}_p(t) = \mu_q(t)) \wedge q : \text{closed}}$$

### Equivalence Relations for Turtle Programs

**Motion equivalent**:  $p \stackrel{\mu}{\equiv} q \iff \mu_p = \mu_q$  (abstracts from program)

**Final-attitude equivalent**:  $p \stackrel{\alpha}{\equiv} q \iff \alpha_p = \alpha_q$

**Equivalent**:  $p \equiv q \iff p \stackrel{\mu}{\equiv} q \wedge p \stackrel{\alpha}{\equiv} q$  (for sequential composition)

**Trace equivalent**:  $p \stackrel{\tau}{\equiv} q \iff \tau_p = \tau_q$  (abstracts from time)

Unique Motion Theorem rephrased:

For simple open programs, trace equivalence is motion equivalence

**(Trace) congruent**:  $p \stackrel{c}{\equiv} q \iff \tau_p, \tau_q$  are congruent (via isometry; abstracts from placement of figure in space)

$$p \equiv q \Rightarrow p \stackrel{\mu}{\equiv} q \wedge p \stackrel{\alpha}{\equiv} q \quad p \stackrel{\mu}{\equiv} q \Rightarrow p \stackrel{\tau}{\equiv} q \quad p \stackrel{\tau}{\equiv} q \Rightarrow p \stackrel{c}{\equiv} q$$

### Simplified Notation

When pressed for space, we abbreviate:

$\mathcal{M}(d) := \text{Move}(d)$

$\mathcal{T}(\varphi) := \text{Turn}(\varphi)$

$\mathcal{R}(\psi) := \text{Roll}(\psi)$

$\mathcal{S}(d, \psi, \varphi) := \text{Segment}(d, \psi, \varphi)$

$\pi = 180^\circ$

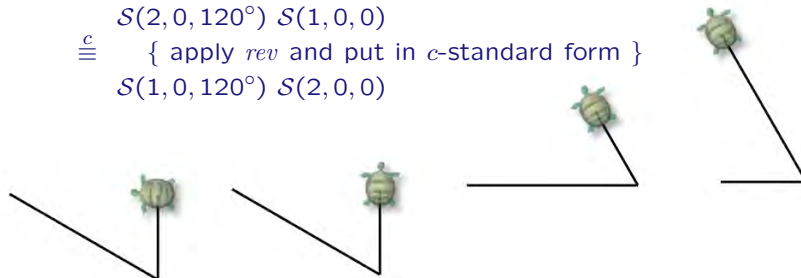
Omit ; for composition:

$$\mathcal{S}(d, \psi, \varphi) = \mathcal{M}(d) \mathcal{R}(\psi) \mathcal{T}(\varphi)$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{T}(\pi) \mathcal{R}(\pi)$$

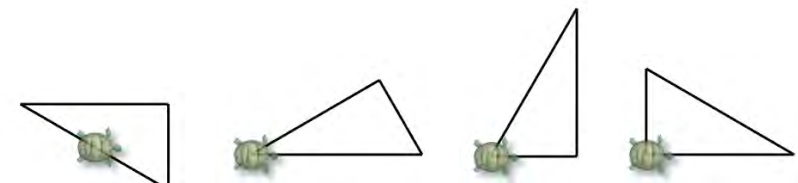
### Example for Equivalences of Simple Open Programs

$T(-30^\circ) \mathcal{M}(1) \mathcal{M}(1) T(90^\circ) T(30^\circ) \mathcal{M}(1) T(90^\circ)$   
 $\equiv$  { put in standard form }  
 $\mathcal{R}(\pi) T(30^\circ) \mathcal{S}(2, \pi, 120^\circ) \mathcal{S}(1, 0, 90^\circ) \mathcal{R}(0)$   
 $\stackrel{\mu}{\equiv}$  { put in  $\mu$ -standard form }  
 $\mathcal{R}(\pi) T(30^\circ) \mathcal{S}(2, \pi, 120^\circ) \mathcal{S}(1, 0, 0)$   
 $\stackrel{c}{\equiv}$  { put in  $c$ -standard form }  
 $\mathcal{S}(2, 0, 120^\circ) \mathcal{S}(1, 0, 0)$   
 $\stackrel{c}{\equiv}$  { apply *rev* and put in  $c$ -standard form }  
 $\mathcal{S}(1, 0, 120^\circ) \mathcal{S}(2, 0, 0)$



### Example for Equivalences of Simple Properly Closed Programs

$T(-30^\circ) \mathcal{S}(1, 0, 120^\circ) \mathcal{S}(1, 0, 90^\circ) \mathcal{S}(\sqrt{3}, 0, 150^\circ) \mathcal{S}(1, 0, 30^\circ)$   
 $\stackrel{c}{\equiv}$  { put in  $cc$ -standard form }  
 $\mathcal{S}(2, 0, 120^\circ) \mathcal{S}(1, 0, 90^\circ) \mathcal{S}(\sqrt{3}, 0, 150^\circ)$   
 $\stackrel{c}{\equiv}$  { shift once }  
 $\mathcal{S}(1, 0, 90^\circ) \mathcal{S}(\sqrt{3}, 0, 150^\circ) \mathcal{S}(2, 0, 120^\circ)$   
 $\stackrel{c}{\equiv}$  { shift once more }  
 $\mathcal{S}(\sqrt{3}, 0, 150^\circ) \mathcal{S}(2, 0, 120^\circ) \mathcal{S}(1, 0, 90^\circ)$



## Properties of Equivalences and Sequential Composition

$$\begin{aligned} p \stackrel{\alpha}{\equiv} p' \wedge q \stackrel{\alpha}{\equiv} q' &\Rightarrow p; q \stackrel{\alpha}{\equiv} p'; q' \\ p \stackrel{\mu}{\equiv} p' \wedge q \stackrel{\mu}{\equiv} q' &\Rightarrow p; q \stackrel{\mu}{\equiv} p'; q' \\ p \stackrel{c}{\equiv} p' \wedge q \stackrel{c}{\equiv} q' &\Rightarrow p; q \stackrel{c}{\equiv} p'; q' \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Move}(d) \stackrel{\alpha}{\equiv} \mathcal{I}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}; p &\equiv p \\ p; \mathcal{I} &\equiv p \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p; \text{Turn}(\varphi) &\stackrel{\mu}{\equiv} p \\ p; \text{Roll}(\psi) &\stackrel{\mu}{\equiv} p \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Turn}(\varphi); p &\stackrel{c}{\equiv} p \\ \text{Roll}(\psi); p &\stackrel{c}{\equiv} p \end{aligned}$$

## Equivalence Properties of Basic Commands: 1, 2 (of 8)

1. *Turn* and *Roll* are **periodic** with period 360°:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Turn}(\varphi_1) \equiv \text{Turn}(\varphi_2) &\iff \varphi_1 = \varphi_2 \pmod{360^\circ} \\ \text{Roll}(\psi_1) \equiv \text{Roll}(\psi_2) &\iff \psi_1 = \psi_2 \pmod{360^\circ} \end{aligned}$$

2. Equivalence to the **empty program**  $\mathcal{I}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Move}(d) \equiv \mathcal{I} &\iff d = 0 \\ \text{Turn}(\varphi) \equiv \mathcal{I} &\iff \varphi = 0 \pmod{360^\circ} \\ \text{Roll}(\psi) \equiv \mathcal{I} &\iff \psi = 0 \pmod{360^\circ} \end{aligned}$$

## Equivalence Properties of Basic Commands: 3, 4 (of 8)

3. Adjacent commands of the same type can be **merged**:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Move}(d_1); \text{Move}(d_2) &\equiv \text{Move}(d_1 + d_2) \quad \text{provided } d_1 d_2 \geq 0 \\ \text{Turn}(\varphi_1); \text{Turn}(\varphi_2) &\equiv \text{Turn}(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2) \\ \text{Roll}(\psi_1); \text{Roll}(\psi_2) &\equiv \text{Roll}(\psi_1 + \psi_2) \end{aligned}$$

Corollary:  $\text{Turn}(180^\circ)$  and  $\text{Roll}(180^\circ)$  are their own inverse.

4. Adjacent commands of the same type **commute**:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Move}(d_1); \text{Move}(d_2) &\equiv \text{Move}(d_2); \text{Move}(d_1) \quad \text{provided } d_1 d_2 \geq 0 \\ \text{Turn}(\varphi_1); \text{Turn}(\varphi_2) &\equiv \text{Turn}(\varphi_2); \text{Turn}(\varphi_1) \\ \text{Roll}(\psi_1); \text{Roll}(\psi_2) &\equiv \text{Roll}(\psi_2); \text{Roll}(\psi_1) \end{aligned}$$

## Equivalence Properties of Basic Commands: 5 (of 8)

5. When turtle rolls upside down, its **turning sense** looks reflected:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Roll}(180^\circ); \text{Turn}(\varphi) &\equiv \text{Turn}(-\varphi); \text{Roll}(180^\circ) \\ \text{Turn}(\varphi) &\equiv \text{Roll}(180^\circ); \text{Turn}(-\varphi); \text{Roll}(180^\circ) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly for half-turn and **roll sense**:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Turn}(180^\circ); \text{Roll}(\psi) &\equiv \text{Roll}(-\psi); \text{Turn}(180^\circ) \\ \text{Roll}(\psi) &\equiv \text{Turn}(180^\circ); \text{Roll}(-\psi); \text{Turn}(180^\circ) \end{aligned}$$

And also for half-turn and **move sense**:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Turn}(180^\circ); \text{Move}(d) &\equiv \text{Move}(-d); \text{Turn}(180^\circ) \\ \text{Move}(d) &\equiv \text{Turn}(180^\circ); \text{Move}(-d); \text{Turn}(180^\circ) \end{aligned}$$

## Equivalence Properties of Basic Commands: 6, 7 (of 8)

6. Adjacent *Move* and *Roll* commands **commute**:

$$\text{Move}(d); \text{Roll}(\psi) \equiv \text{Roll}(\psi); \text{Move}(d)$$

7. *Turn–Move* and *Turn–Roll* do not commute, unless one of them is equivalent to  $\mathcal{I}$ , or in the special case

$$\text{Turn}(180^\circ); \text{Roll}(180^\circ) \equiv \text{Roll}(180^\circ); \text{Turn}(180^\circ)$$

Corollary:  $\mathcal{H} := \text{Turn}(180^\circ); \text{Roll}(180^\circ)$  is its own inverse.  $\mathcal{H}$  (half-loop) is equivalent to *Dive*(180°).

## Equivalence Properties of Basic Commands: 8 (of 8)

8. Every **trivial** program (without *Move*( $d$ ) for  $d \neq 0$ ) is equivalent to program of the form

$$\text{Roll}(\psi); \text{Turn}(\varphi); \text{Roll}(\psi')$$

with  $0 \leq \varphi \leq 180^\circ$  and  $-180^\circ < \psi, \psi' \leq 180^\circ$ .

Angles  $\psi, \varphi, \psi'$  are uniquely determined, when requiring

$$\varphi = 0 \pmod{180^\circ} \Rightarrow \psi = 0$$

Corollary: There exists a rule to rewrite

$$\text{Roll}(\psi_1); \text{Turn}(\varphi_1); \text{Roll}(\psi_2); \text{Turn}(\varphi_2)$$

into the form above, involving 'messy' (inverse) trigonometry

## Some Algebraic Calculations

How  $\mathcal{H}$  behaves in combination with the basic commands:

$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{H} \mathcal{M}(d) \\ \equiv & \\ & \text{T}(\pi) \text{R}(\pi) \mathcal{M}(d) \\ \equiv & \\ & \text{T}(\pi) \mathcal{M}(d) \text{R}(\pi) \\ \equiv & \\ & \mathcal{M}(-d) \text{T}(\pi) \text{R}(\pi) \\ \equiv & \\ & \mathcal{M}(-d) \mathcal{H} \end{aligned}$	$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{H} \text{T}(\varphi) \\ \equiv & \\ & \text{T}(\pi) \text{R}(\pi) \text{T}(\varphi) \\ \equiv & \\ & \text{T}(\pi) \text{T}(-\varphi) \text{R}(\pi) \\ \equiv & \\ & \text{T}(-\varphi) \text{T}(\pi) \text{R}(\pi) \\ \equiv & \\ & \text{T}(-\varphi) \mathcal{H} \end{aligned}$	$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{H} \text{R}(\psi) \\ \equiv & \\ & \text{T}(\pi) \text{R}(\pi) \text{R}(\psi) \\ \equiv & \\ & \text{T}(\pi) \text{R}(\psi) \text{R}(\pi) \\ \equiv & \\ & \text{R}(-\psi) \text{T}(\pi) \text{R}(\pi) \\ \equiv & \\ & \text{R}(-\psi) \mathcal{H} \end{aligned}$
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## Standardisation Theorem

Every program  $p$  is *equivalent* to exactly one program in **standard form**:

$$\sigma(p) = \text{R}(\psi_0) \text{T}(\varphi_0) \mathcal{S}(d_1, \psi_1, \varphi_1) \dots \mathcal{S}(d_n, \psi_n, \varphi_n) \text{R}(\psi_{n+1})$$

where  $n \geq 0$  and the parameters satisfy these constraints:

**C1:**  $d_i > 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,

**C2:**  $-\pi < \psi_i \leq \pi$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n + 1$ ,

**C3:**  $0 \leq \varphi_i \leq \pi$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,

**C4:**  $\varphi_i \neq 0$  for  $1 \leq i < n$ , i.e., between  $\mathcal{M}$  commands, and

**C5:** if  $\varphi_i = 0 \pmod{\pi}$  then  $\psi_i = 0$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n$ .

Furthermore, if  $p$  is *simple*, then

**C4a:**  $\varphi_i \neq \pi$  for  $1 \leq i < n$ . (**strict standard form**)



## Proof of Standardization Theorem

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**Existence:** by induction on the program's structure

*Base cases:*  $\mathcal{I}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}(d)$ ,  $\mathcal{T}(\varphi)$ ,  $\mathcal{R}(\psi)$

*Inductive step:*  $p \ q$ , where neither is empty, message  $\sigma(p) \ \sigma(q)$

Only relies on basic properties (so these are *complete*)

**Unicity:** consider first difference between two standard forms

**Simple** case: if  $\varphi_i = \pi$ , then  $\sigma(p)$  not simple

- In general, it is *messy* to determine  $\sigma(p)$  (cf. Basic Property 8)
- It is *easy* to check whether  $p$  is in standard form

## Reduced Standard Form

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By dropping *trailing*  $\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{T}$  commands, we infer that every program  $p$  is *motion equivalent* to exactly one program in  **$\mu$ -standard form**

$$\sigma_\mu(p) = \mathcal{R}(\psi_0) \mathcal{T}(\varphi_0) \mathcal{S}(d_1, \psi_1, \varphi_1) \dots \mathcal{S}(d_n, \psi_n, \varphi_n)$$

where  $d_i$ ,  $\psi_i$ , and  $\varphi_i$  satisfy constraints C1–C5, and  $\psi_n = \varphi_n = 0$ .

By dropping *leading*  $\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{T}$  commands as well, every program  $p$  is *congruent* to a program in  **$c$ -standard form**

$$\sigma_c(p) = \mathcal{S}(d_1, \psi_1, \varphi_1) \dots \mathcal{S}(d_n, \psi_n, \varphi_n)$$

where  $d_i$ ,  $\psi_i$ , and  $\varphi_i$  satisfy constraints C1–C5, and  $\psi_1 = \psi_n = \varphi_n = 0$ . This representation is *not* unique.

## Determining Program Equivalence and Motion Equivalence

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For equivalence, consider standard form (Standardization Theorem):

$$p \equiv q \iff \sigma(p) = \sigma(q)$$

For *motion* equivalence, consider  $\mu$ -standard form:

$$p \stackrel{\mu}{\equiv} q \iff \sigma_\mu(p) = \sigma_\mu(q)$$

## Determining Trace Equivalence

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For *simple open* programs (Unique Motion Theorem): see  $\mu$ -equivalence

**Reversal**  $rev(p)$  of  $p$ : reverse the order of constituting  $\mathcal{M}$ ,  $\mathcal{T}$ , and  $\mathcal{R}$  commands *and* reverse signs of their parameters. Then

$$\delta_{rev(p)} = \delta_p$$

If  $p$  is *properly closed*, then:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{rev(p)} &= \tilde{\mu}_p \\ \mu_{rev(p)}(t) &= \mu_p(\delta_p - t) \end{aligned}$$

(motion of the reversal of  $p$  equals the reverse motion of  $p$ )

For *simple properly closed* programs (Two-Motion Theorem):

$$p \stackrel{\tau}{\equiv} q \iff p \stackrel{\mu}{\equiv} q \vee rev(p) \stackrel{\mu}{\equiv} q$$

## Reversal of $c$ -Standard Form

$$\text{rev}(\mathcal{R}(\pi) \mathcal{T}(30^\circ) \mathcal{S}(2, \pi, 120^\circ) \mathcal{S}(1, 0, 90^\circ)) \equiv \mathcal{R}(0) \mathcal{T}(90^\circ) \mathcal{S}(1, \pi, 120^\circ) \mathcal{S}(2, 0, 150^\circ) \mathcal{R}(\pi)$$



$$\sigma_c(p) = \mathcal{S}(d_1, \psi_1, \varphi_1) \dots \mathcal{S}(d_n, \psi_n, \varphi_n)$$

where  $\psi_1 = \psi_n = \varphi_n = 0$

$$\sigma_c(\text{rev}(p)) = \mathcal{S}(d'_1, \psi'_1, \varphi'_1) \dots \mathcal{S}(d'_n, \psi'_n, \varphi'_n)$$

where for  $1 \leq i \leq n$

$$\begin{aligned} d'_i &= d_{n+1-i} \\ \psi'_i &= \psi_{n+1-i} \\ \varphi'_i &= \varphi_{n-i} \quad \text{N.B. } \varphi_0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

## Congruence of Simple Open Programs

Only two kinds of mappings possible between their traces:

1. the initial positions are paired and so are the final positions, or
2. the initial position of one trace is paired with the final position of the other trace and conversely.

The second case is reduced to the first by comparing  $\text{rev}(p)$  with  $q$ .

**Translations** are not relevant

**Rotations** are taken care of by comparing their *reduced* standard forms, since rotating  $p$ 's trace is accomplished by an  $\mathcal{R} \mathcal{T} \mathcal{R}$  prefix.

## Reflection of $c$ -Standard Form

**Reflection  $\text{refl}(p)$**  of program  $p$  (in  $x, y$ -plane): negate all roll angles

$c$ -standard form of reflection:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_c(p) &= \mathcal{S}(d_1, \psi_1, \varphi_1) \dots \mathcal{S}(d_n, \psi_n, \varphi_n) \\ \sigma_c(\text{refl}(p)) &= \mathcal{S}(d_1, -\psi_1, \varphi_1) \dots \mathcal{S}(d_n, -\psi_n, \varphi_n) \end{aligned}$$

where roll angle  $-\pi$  is replaced by  $\pi$ .

Simple open programs  $p, q$  are *congruent* if and only if at least one of the following four equalities holds:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_c(p) &= \sigma_c(q) \\ \sigma_c(\text{refl}(p)) &= \sigma_c(q) \\ \sigma_c(\text{rev}(p)) &= \sigma_c(q) \\ \sigma_c(\text{refl}(\text{rev}(p))) &= \sigma_c(q) \end{aligned}$$

## Congruence of Simple Properly Closed Programs

**Cyclic Permutation Congruence Theorem (CPC):**

If program  $p q$  (that is,  $p$  followed by  $q$ ) is *properly closed*, then so is  $q p$ , and we have  $p q \stackrel{c}{\equiv} q p$ .

Simple *properly closed*  $p$  is *congruent* to a **cc-standard form**:

$$\sigma_{cc}(p) = \mathcal{S}(d_1, \psi_1, \varphi_1) \mathcal{S}(d_2, \psi_2, \varphi_2) \dots \mathcal{S}(d_n, \psi_n, \varphi_n)$$

where the parameters satisfy these constraints ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ):

**CC1:**  $d'_i > 0$ ,

**CC2:**  $-\pi < \psi'_i \leq \pi$ ,

**CC3:**  $0 < \varphi'_i < \pi$ .



This form is not uniquely determined.

## Congruence of Simple Properly Closed Programs

**Cyclic shift**  $shift(p)$  of properly closed  $p$  in *cc-standard form*:

$$p = S(d_1, \psi_1, \varphi_1) S(d_2, \psi_2, \varphi_2) \dots S(d_n, \psi_n, \varphi_n)$$

$$shift(p) = S(d_2, \psi_2, \varphi_2) \dots S(d_n, \psi_n, \varphi_n) S(d_1, \psi_1, \varphi_1)$$

Note:  $shift(p)$  is then also in *cc-standard form*

Properly closed simple programs  $p, q$  in *cc-standard form* are congruent if and only if at least one of the following equalities holds:

$$shift^k(p) = q$$

$$refl(shift^k(p)) = q$$

$$rev(shift^k(p)) = q$$

$$refl(rev(shift^k(p))) = q$$

where  $k$  ranges from 0 to  $n - 1$  with  $n$  the number of segments in  $p$ .

If  $p$  and  $q$  differ in number of segments, then they are not congruent.

## Summary of Equivalence Determination

Relation	Condition	Criterion
$p \equiv q$		$\sigma(p) = \sigma(q)$
$p \stackrel{\mu}{\equiv} q$		$\sigma_{\mu}(p) = \sigma_{\mu}(q)$
$p \stackrel{\tau}{\equiv} q$	simple, open	$p \stackrel{\mu}{\equiv} q$
$p \stackrel{\tau}{\equiv} q$	simple, properly closed	$p \stackrel{\mu}{\equiv} q \vee rev(p) \stackrel{\mu}{\equiv} q$
$p \stackrel{c}{\equiv} q$	simple, open	apply $\sigma_c$ to $p, rev(p), refl(p), refl(rev(p))$ , and $q$
$p \stackrel{c}{\equiv} q$	simple, properly closed	apply $\sigma_{cc}$ to $shift^k(p), rev(shift^k(p)), refl(shift^k(p)), refl(rev(shift^k(p)))$ , and $q$

## Symmetry

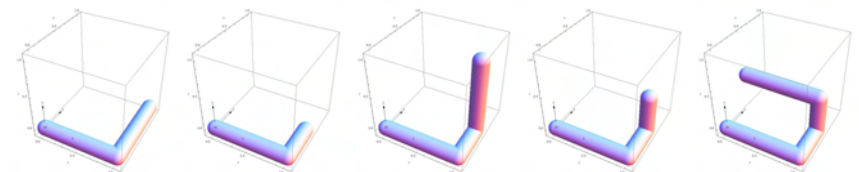
Symmetry is self-congruence

Test the program for congruence with itself

Every satisfied equality corresponds to a symmetry of the trace

- $rev$  and  $shift^k$  correspond to rotation
- $refl$  corresponds to reflection

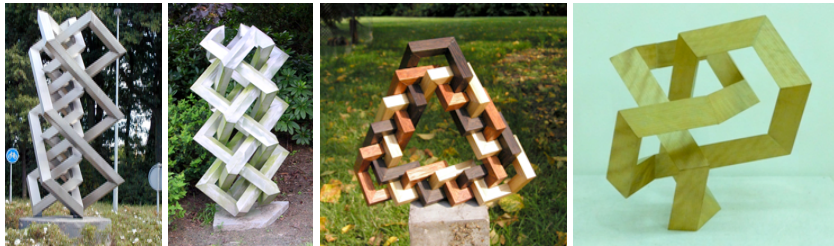
## Symmetries of Simple Open Programs



$S(1, 0, 90^\circ)$	$S(1, 0, 90^\circ)$	$S(1, 0, 90^\circ)$	$S(1, 0, 90^\circ)$	$S(1, 0, 90^\circ)$
$S(1, 0, 0)$	$S(1/2, 0, 0)$	$S(1/2, 90^\circ, 90^\circ)$	$S(1/2, 90^\circ, 90^\circ)$	$S(1/2, 90^\circ, 90^\circ)$
		$S(1, 0, 0)$	$S(1/2, 0, 0)$	$S(1/2, -90^\circ, 90^\circ)$
				$S(1, 0, 0)$

$\frac{I}{rev} \mid \frac{refl}{refl \ rev}$	$\frac{I}{\mid} \mid \frac{refl}{\mid}$	$\frac{I}{rev} \mid$	$\frac{I}{\mid}$	$\frac{I}{\mid} \mid \frac{refl}{refl \ rev}$
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## Symmetries of Simple Properly Closed Artwork



Object	Symmetries	#
<i>Spiralosaur</i>	$I, \text{shift}^{12}, \text{shift}^{24}, \text{rev shift}^6, \text{rev shift}^{18}, \text{rev shift}^{30}$	6
<i>Braidwork</i>	$I, \text{shift}^{10}, \text{shift}^{20}, \text{refl shift}^5, \text{refl shift}^{15}, \text{refl shift}^{25}$	6
<i>Borromean Polylink</i>	$I, \text{rev shift}^{-1}$	2
<i>Figure-Eight Knot</i>	$I, \text{shift}^8, \text{refl shift}^4, \text{refl shift}^{12}$	4

## Miterability Theorem for Closed 3D Polygons

For a simple properly closed program in standard closed form, the **total amount of torsion** to determine **closure of the mitering** equals the *sum of all roll angles, taking roll signs into account*.

Let the tip of the normal vector trace out an edge at angle  $\varphi_0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & S(d_1, \psi_1, \varphi_1) S(d_2, \psi_2, \varphi_2) \dots \\
 \equiv & \mathcal{R}(\psi_0) \mathcal{R}(-\psi_0) S(d_1, \psi_1, \varphi_1) S(d_2, \psi_2, \varphi_2) \dots \\
 \equiv & \mathcal{R}(\psi_0) S(d_1, -\psi_0 + \psi_1, \varphi_1) S(d_2, \psi_2, \varphi_2) \dots \\
 \equiv & \dots S(d_1, -\psi_0 + \psi_1, \varphi_1) \mathcal{R}(\psi_0 - \psi_1) \mathcal{R}(-\psi_0 + \psi_1) S(d_2, \psi_2, \varphi_2) \dots \\
 \equiv & \dots S(d_2, -\psi_0 + \psi_1 + \psi_2, \varphi_2) \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

The turtle finishes off with

$$S(d_n, -\psi_0 + \Psi, \varphi_n) \mathcal{R}(\psi_0 - \Psi) \mathcal{R}(-\psi_0 + \Psi)$$

where  $\Psi = \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_i$ . Total torsion =  $-\psi_0 + \Psi + \psi_0 = \Psi$  (CPC)

## Foldability Theorem for Closed 3D Polygons

For a simple properly closed program in standard closed form, the **total amount of torsion** needed to determine **closure of the folding** equals the *alternating sum of all roll angles, taking roll signs into account*.

Let the tip of the normal vector trace out an edge at angle  $\varphi_0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & S(d_1, \psi_1, \varphi_1) S(d_2, \psi_2, \varphi_2) \dots \\
 \equiv & \mathcal{R}(\psi_0) \mathcal{R}(-\psi_0) S(d_1, \psi_1, \varphi_1) S(d_2, \psi_2, \varphi_2) \dots \\
 \equiv & \mathcal{R}(\psi_0) S(d_1, -\psi_0 + \psi_1, \varphi_1) S(d_2, \psi_2, \varphi_2) \dots \\
 \equiv & \dots S(d_1, -\psi_0 + \psi_1, \varphi_1) \mathcal{R}(-\psi_0 + \psi_1) \mathcal{R}(\psi_0 - \psi_1) S(d_2, \psi_2, \varphi_2) \dots \\
 \equiv & \dots S(d_2, \psi_0 - \psi_1 - \psi_2, \varphi_2) \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

The turtle finishes off with

$$S(d_n, (-1)^n(\psi_0 - \Psi), \varphi_n) \mathcal{R}((-1)^n(\psi_0 - \Psi)) \mathcal{R}(-(-1)^n(\psi_0 + \Psi))$$

where  $\Psi = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i \psi_i$ .

## Foldability Theorem for Closed 3D Polygons: Result

$$\text{Total torsion} = -(-1)^n(\psi_0 - \Psi) + \psi_0$$

**Even  $n$** : total torsion =  $-(\psi_0 - \Psi) + \psi_0 = \Psi$ , independent of  $\varphi_0$

**Odd  $n$** : total torsion =  $(\psi_0 - \Psi) + \psi_0 = 2\psi_0 - \Psi$ , depends on  $\psi_0$

Hence, for odd  $n$ , folding can always be made to close by appropriate choice of  $\psi_0$

In fact, in *two ways*: with and without **Möbius twist**

Also see *Mitering a Closed 3D Path* (Mathematica Demonstrations Project)

## Conclusion

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- 3D variant of Turtle Graphics, including a roll command
- Some artwork elegantly described by turtle programs
- Various equivalences (program semantics)
- Algebraic reasoning about equivalence in 3D Turtle Geometry
- A standard form for each equivalence
- Correspondence between symmetries of figure and symmetries of program in standard form
- Proofs of the miter/fold joint torsion invariance theorems