



A Family of  
Multijections

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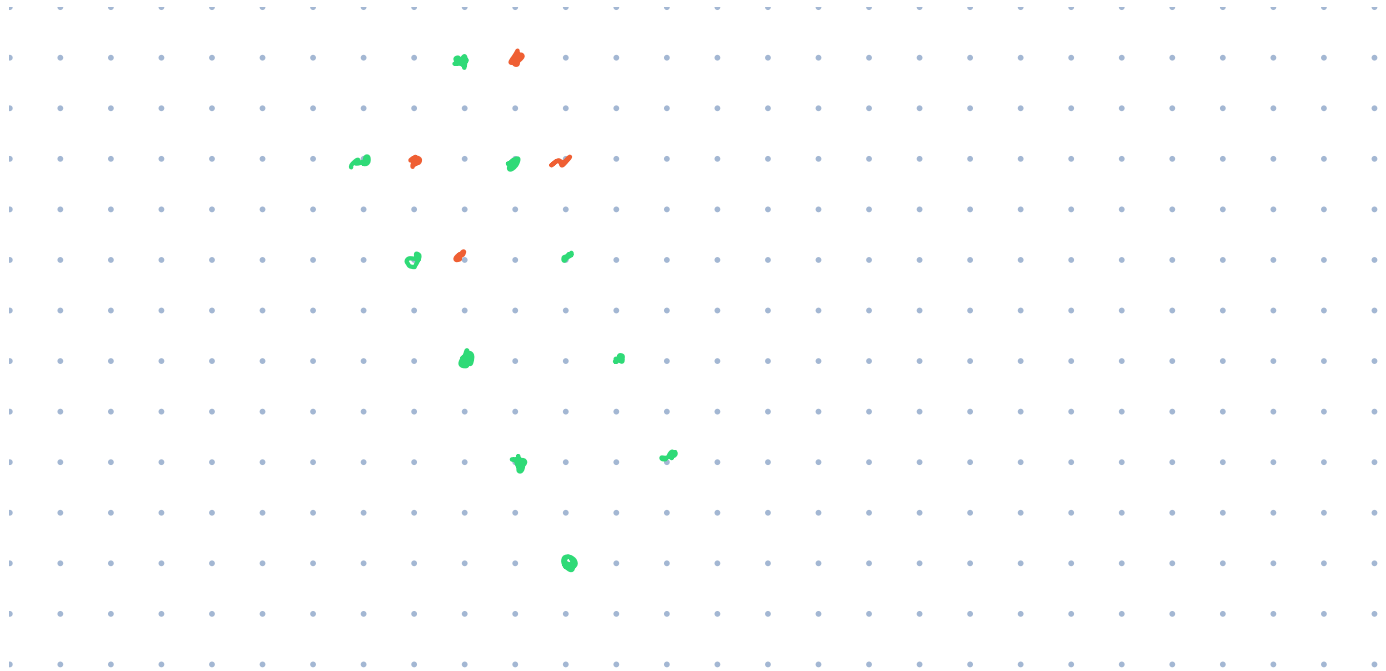
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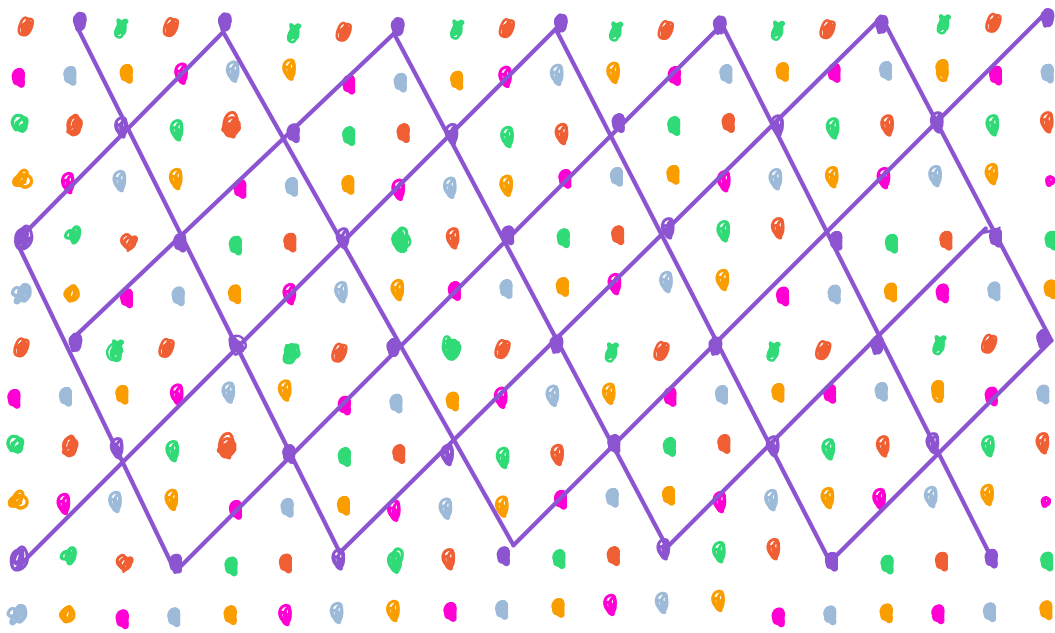
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$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Coker}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M) = \frac{\mathbb{Z}^2}{\text{Im}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M)}$$

$$M \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

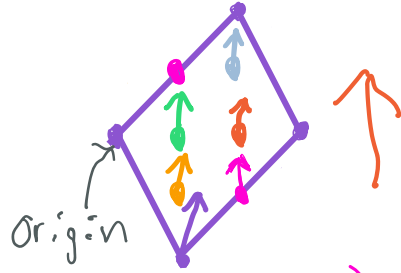
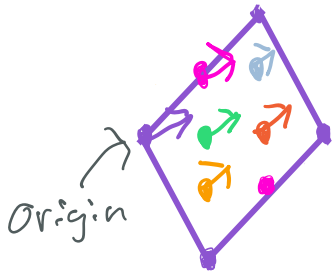




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6 colors

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6



reps for  $\text{Coker}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M) =$

|         |          |
|---------|----------|
| $(0,0)$ | $(1,1)$  |
| $(1,0)$ | $(2,1)$  |
| $(2,0)$ | $(1,-1)$ |

or

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| $(1,-2)$ | $(2,-1)$ |
| $(1,0)$  | $(2,1)$  |
| $(2,0)$  | $(1,-1)$ |

etc.

Parallelepiped formed by  
Columns of  $M$

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \longleftrightarrow \Pi_0(M) = \begin{array}{c} \parallel \\ \text{Diagram of a parallelepiped on a grid} \end{array}$$

$$\text{Vol}(\Pi_0(M))$$

$$\parallel \\ |M| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \cdot 2 - 2 \cdot (-2) \\ 2 + 4 = 6$$

$\parallel$

the size of  $\text{Coker}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M)$

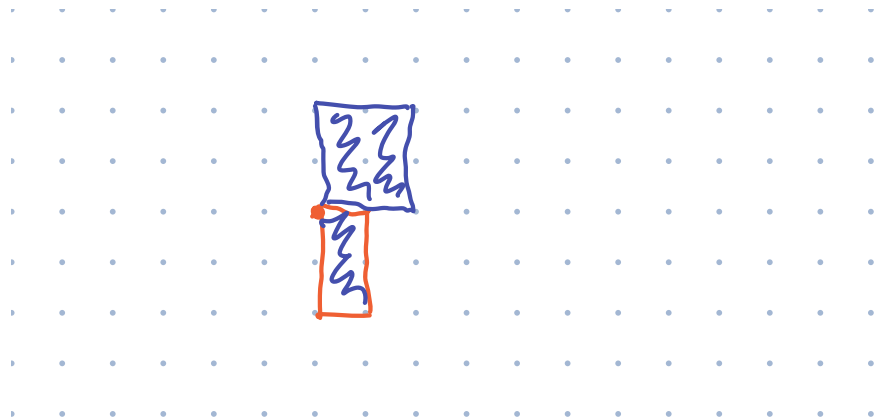
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

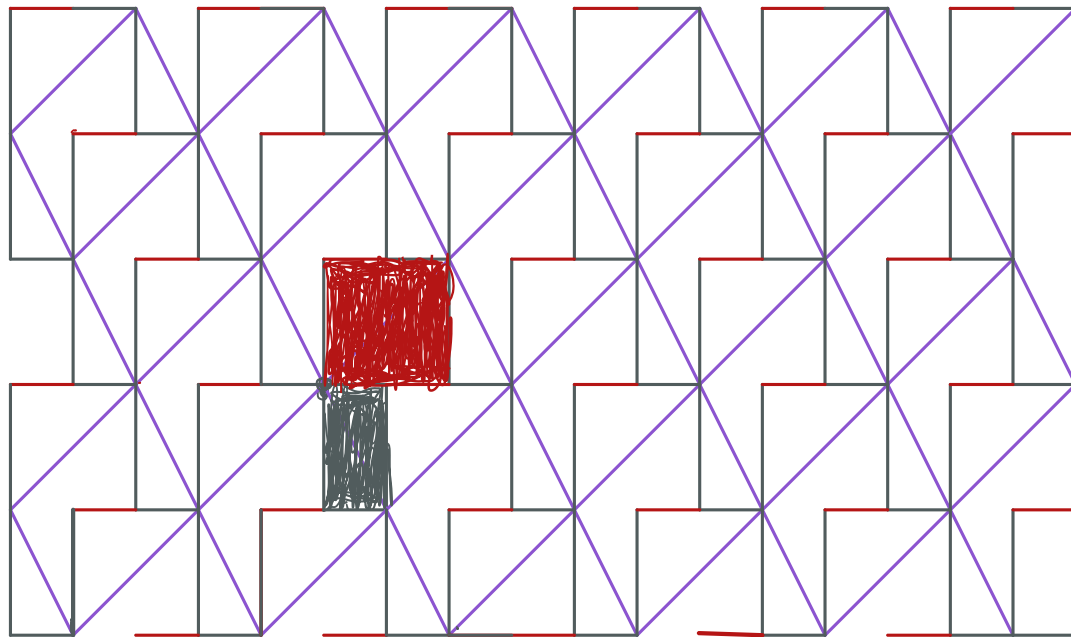
$T(M) :=$  "Tile"  
associated  
with  $M$

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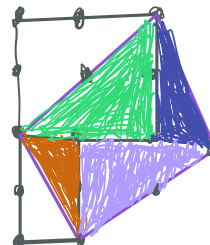
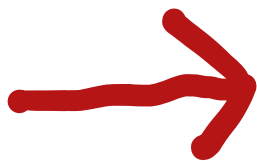
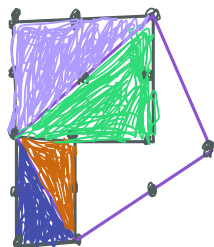


$$T(M) = \pi \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \cup \pi \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

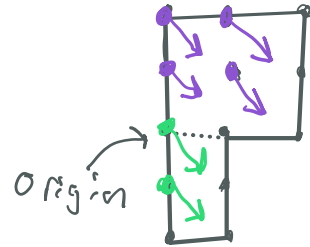
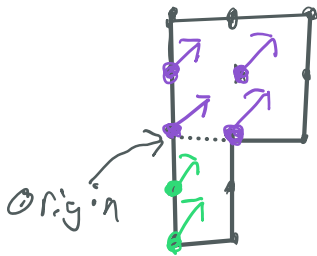




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etc.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 2 = 2 + 4 = 6$$

## Multiple row Laplace expansion

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\text{Coker}_{\mathbb{Z}} M| &= |M| = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &\quad (-2) \cdot (-2) - (2) \cdot (-1) + (5) \cdot (1) \\ &+ \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &\quad + (2) \cdot (4) - (4) \cdot (0) + (1)(2) \\ &= 4 + 2 + 5 + 8 + 0 + 2 = 21 \end{aligned}$$



$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T(M) = \pi \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \cup \pi \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \cup \pi \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cup$$

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# Multijection

$\text{Coker}_{\mathbb{Z}} \begin{pmatrix} K_1 \\ K_2 \end{pmatrix}$



Summands in  
determinant expansion

Sandpile group of  $\begin{pmatrix} K_1 \\ K_2 \end{pmatrix}$



Bases of matroid  
represented by  $K_1$

Cutflow group of  
a certain cell complex



Cellular spanning forests

## Thm (M., 2021)

- If  $M = \begin{pmatrix} K_1 \\ K_2 \end{pmatrix}$  is an  $(n \times n)$  square matrix

Such that  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  have Complementary Orientation\*,

then  $T(M)$  periodically tiles  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

- Furthermore, this tiling is obtained by translating  $T(M)$  by the points in  $\text{im}_{\mathbb{Z}} M$ .

\*  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  have Complementary Orientation when the multi-row Laplace expansion for the determinant is a sum of all non-negative (or all non-positive) parts.

Thm (Chaiken, 1996)

$K_1$  is an  $r \times n$  integer matrix

$K_2$  is an  $(n-r) \times n$  integer matrix

TFAE:

1)  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  have Complementary Orientation.

2) The Oriented matroid represented by  $K_1$  is dual to the oriented matroid represented by  $K_2$ .

3)  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  have no common nonzero covectors.

$$K_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad a(3,2,1,1) + b(1,0,1,2)$$

Cannot have the same sign pattern as

$$K_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad c(2,0,-1,1) + d(0,1,0,2) \quad \forall a,b,c,d \in \mathbb{R}^4 \setminus (0,0,0,0)$$

# Matrices with Complementary Orientation

Suppose  $K_1 = \begin{pmatrix} I_r & N \end{pmatrix}$  for some  $r \times (n-r)$  matrix  $N$ .

Then,  $K_2 = \begin{pmatrix} N^T & -I_{n-r} \end{pmatrix}$  has Complementary Orientation.

$$K_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 6 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$K_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 6 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 7 & -4 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Also,  $M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 6 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 6 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 7 & -4 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  is Symmetric

$$K_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 6 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$K_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 6 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 7 & -4 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 6 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 6 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 7 & -4 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|M| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & -1 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 6 \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 6 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$
$$1 \cdot (-1) - 2 \cdot 2 + 6 \cdot (-6)$$

$$- \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 7 \\ 0 & -4 \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 6 & 0 & -1 \\ -4 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & -1 & 0 \\ 7 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 5 \\ 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 7 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 7 \\ 1 & -4 \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & -1 \\ 7 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$
$$- (-4) \cdot (-4) + (-3) \cdot (3) - (-5) \cdot (-5) + (-7) \cdot (7)$$

$$+ \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 6 \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 5 & 6 & 0 \\ 7 & -4 & -1 \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 2 & -4 \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 5 & 6 & -1 \\ 7 & -4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 7 \\ 6 & -4 \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 5 & 6 & 0 \\ 7 & -4 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$
$$+ 8 \cdot (-8) - (-26) \cdot (-26) + (-62) \cdot 62$$

$$K_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$K_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 6 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 7 & -4 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$K_1$  and  $K_2$  represent dual oriented matroids as well as dual arithmetic matroids.

Fact For every integer matrix, there are matrices representing the dual oriented arithmetic matroid.

In my thesis, I show how to construct all such matrices.

# General Method

1) Consider  $K$  and  $\hat{K}$   $r \times n$  integer matrices whose corresponding  $r \times r$  minors match in sign (zeros are always okay)

$$K = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \hat{K} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

2) Choose a matrix  $\hat{K}'$  that represents the oriented arithmetic matroid dual to  $\hat{K}$

$$\hat{K}' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

3)  $K$  and  $\hat{K}'$  have complementary orientations, so we can find a multijection!

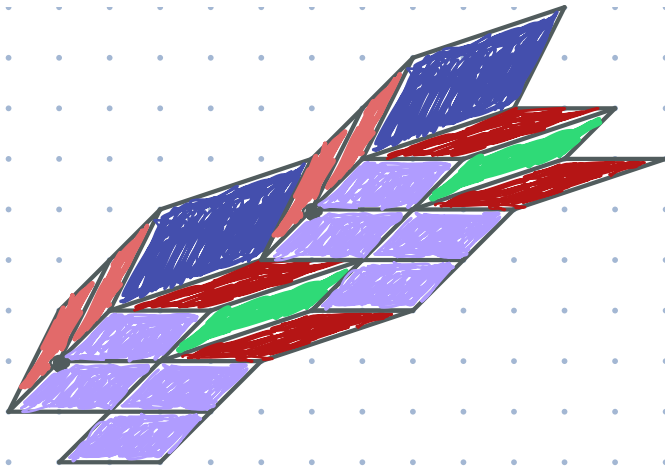
$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \cdot 1 - 4 \cdot (-1) + 5 \cdot 0 = 3 + 4 + 0 = 7$$



# Lower-Dimensional Tiling

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 2 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

If  $M$  is  $n \times n$ , then  $T(M)$  is in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . However, there is a way to work in  $\mathbb{R}^r$  instead (where  $r$  is the rows before the dotted blue line)



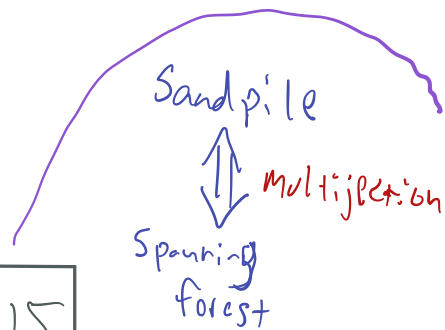
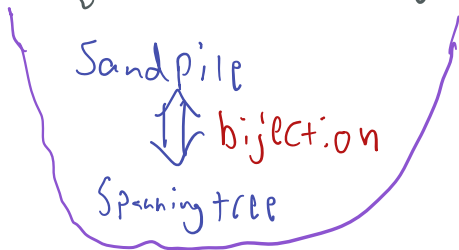
# Rows and Columns

$\text{Coker}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M)$  vs.  $\text{Coker}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M^T)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ vs } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ vs } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thm. Biggs, 1999 Motivation

The size of the Sandpile group of a graph is equal to the number of Spanning trees.

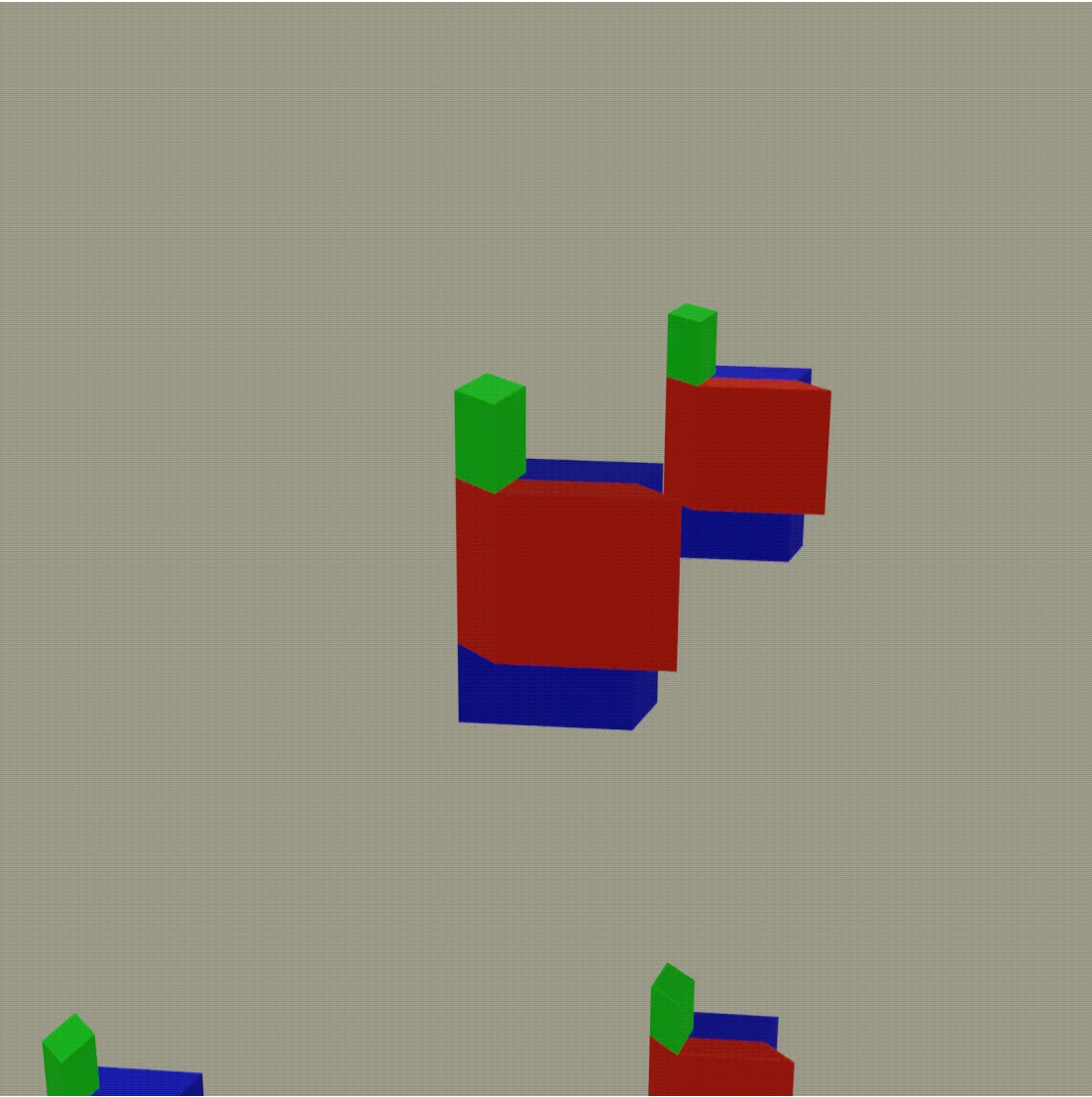


Thm. Duval-Klivans-Martin, 2015

For a  $d$ -dim cell complex  $\Sigma$ , the size of the Sandpile group of  $\Sigma$  is a weighted count of the Cellular Spanning forests, where the weighting is given by the size of the torsion subgroup of the reduced relative  $(d-1)$ -dimensional homology group.

# Further Directions

- 1) Does this multijection have applications to toric varieties or positroids?
- 2) Is there any way to generalize the multijection ideas to pairs of matrices without complementary orientation?
- 3) What can be said about the Pontryagin dual of the cell complex Sandpile group?
- 4) Can Ehrhart theory say anything about  $\tilde{T}(M)$ ?
- 5) Can we use the multijection to classify periodic tilings of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  using rational parallelotopes?



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