

# Bounded distance equivalence of cut-and-project sets

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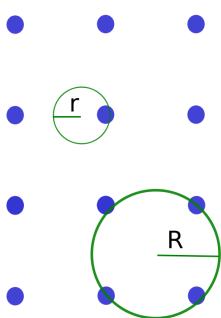
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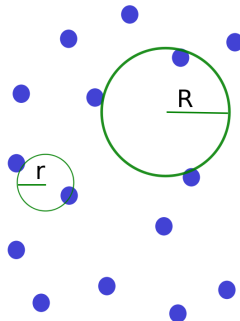
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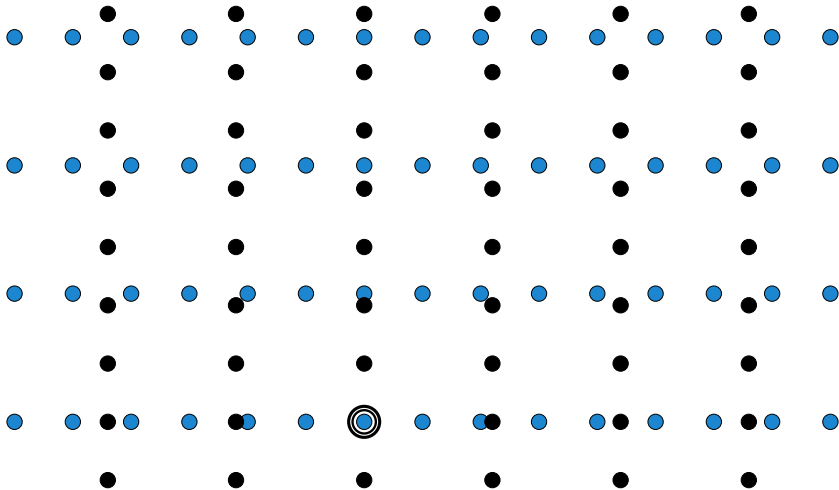
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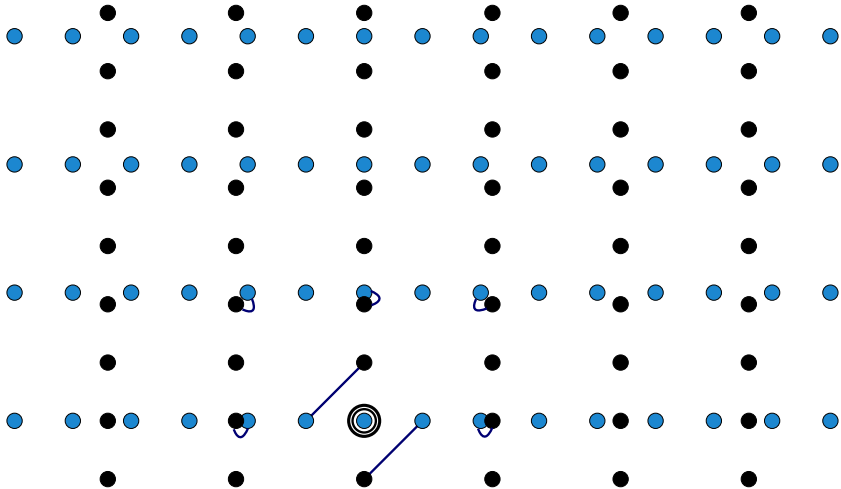
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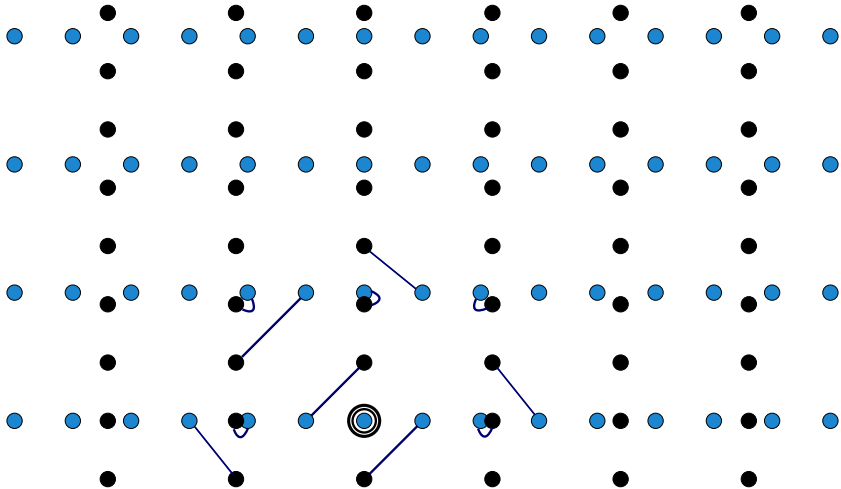


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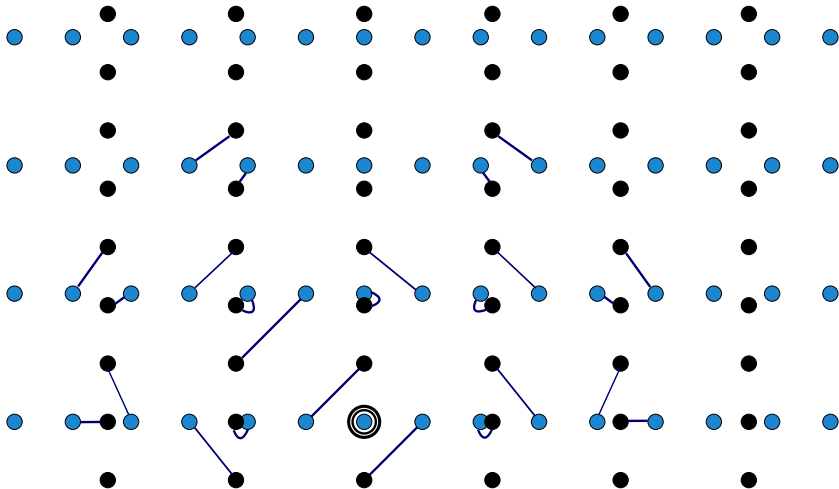




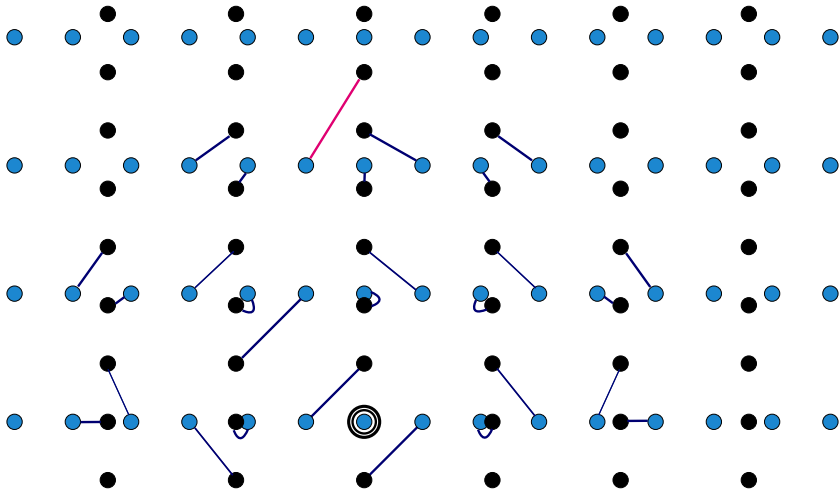
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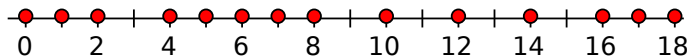
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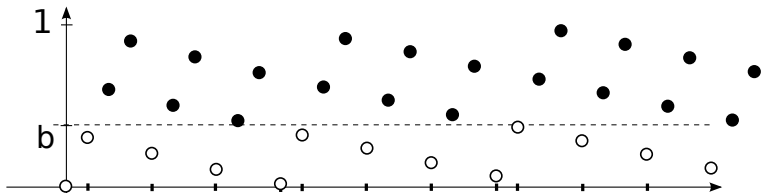
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*(if-part: Hecke 1921, Ostrowski 1927)*

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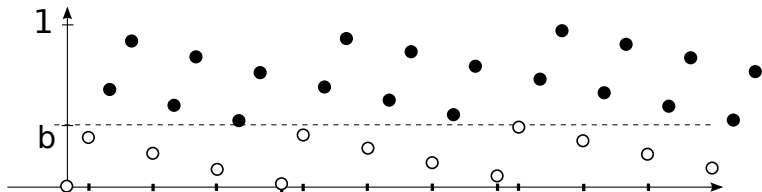


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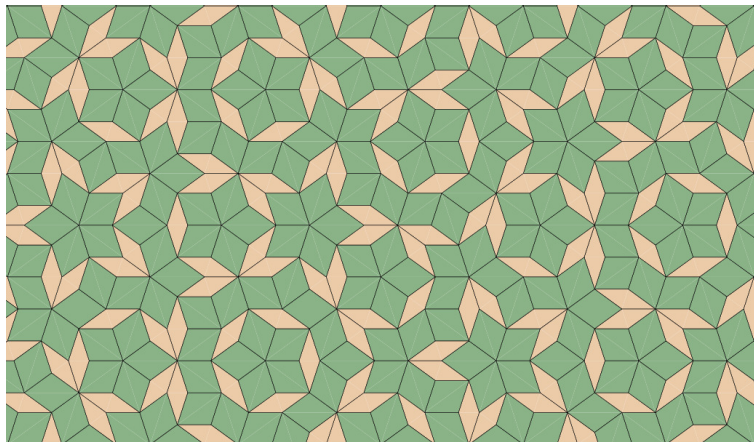
In particular:

- ▶ Deficiency bounded  $\Leftrightarrow \Lambda_b \stackrel{\text{bd}}{\sim} \frac{1}{b}\mathbb{Z}$ ,
- ▶ Any  $b \neq k\xi \bmod 1$  yields a (nonperiodic!) Delone set  $\Lambda_b$  such that  $\Lambda_b \not\stackrel{\text{bd}}{\sim} c\mathbb{Z}$ . Even when  $\text{dens}(\Lambda_b)$  exists!

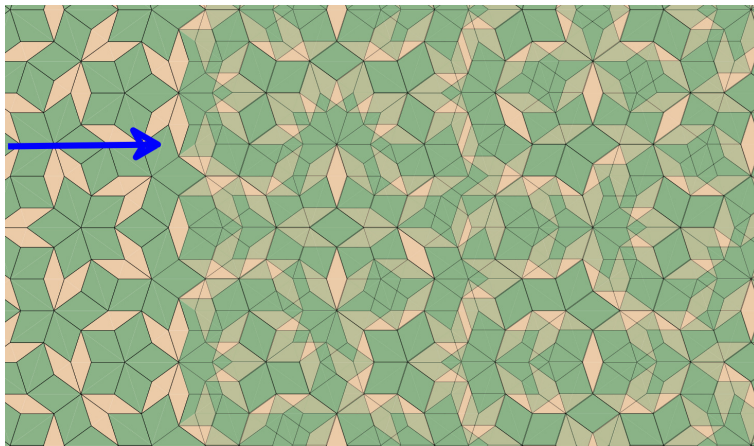
Cool! Alexey Garber and I started to study some problems in this field. E.g.

1. Are the vertices of the Penrose tiling bounded distance equivalent to some lattice?
2. Which cut-and-project sets are bounded distance equivalent to some lattice?
3. Which substitution tilings (resp. their vertex sets) are bounded distance equivalent to some lattice?

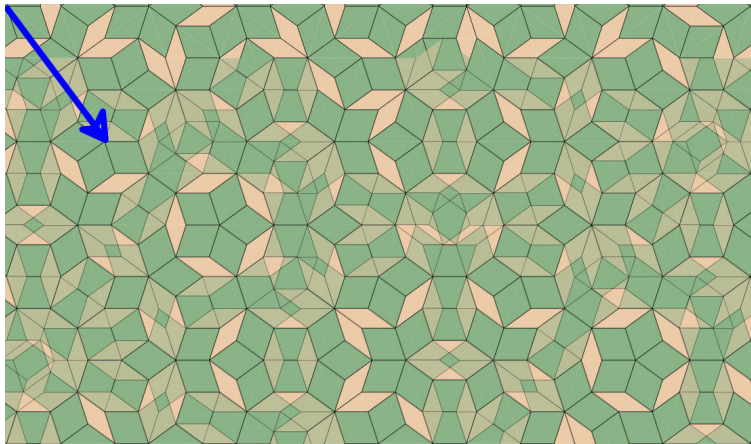
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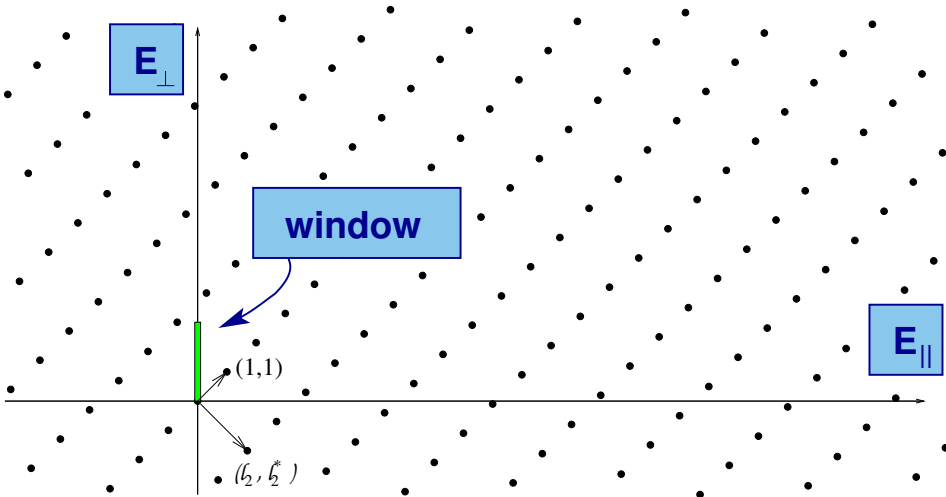
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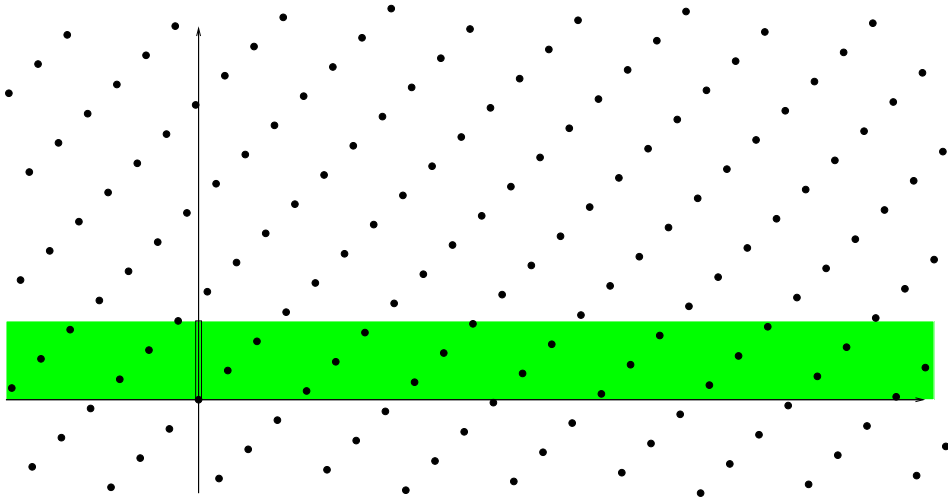
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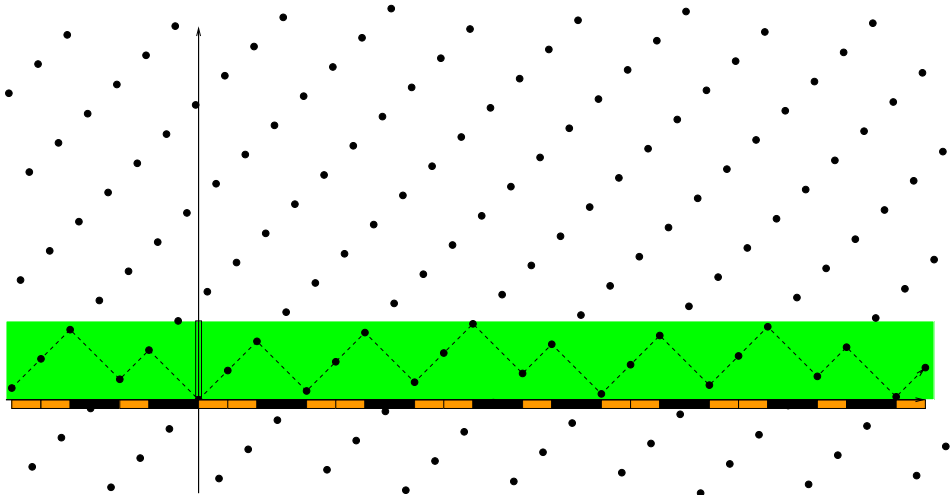
- ▶  $\Gamma$  a *lattice* in  $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^e$
- ▶  $\pi_1, \pi_2$  *projections*
  - ▶  $\pi_1|_{\Gamma}$  injective
  - ▶  $\pi_2(\Gamma)$  dense
- ▶  $W$  *compact* ("window", somehow nice, e.g.  $\partial W$  has zero measure)

Then  $\Lambda = \{\pi_1(x) \mid x \in \Lambda, \pi_2(x) \in W\}$  is a (regular) *cut-and-project set* (CPS).











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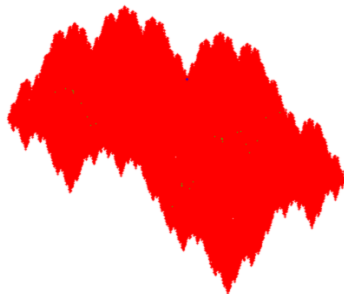
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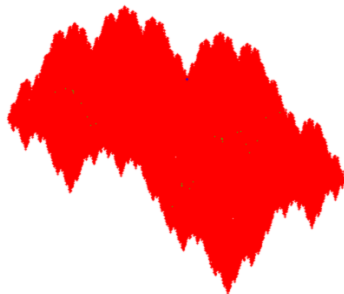
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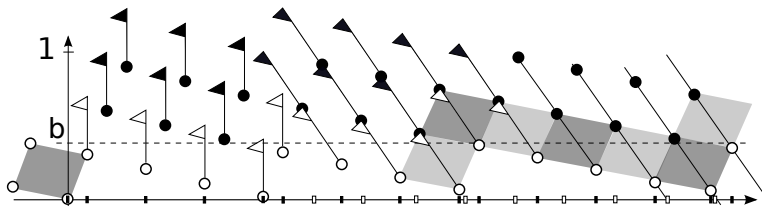
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(looks almost like a cut-and-project set!)









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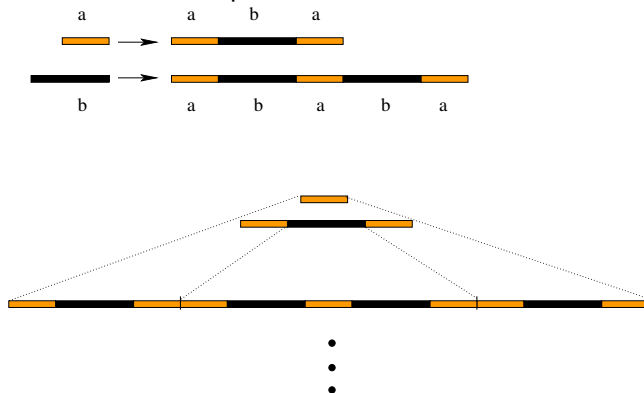
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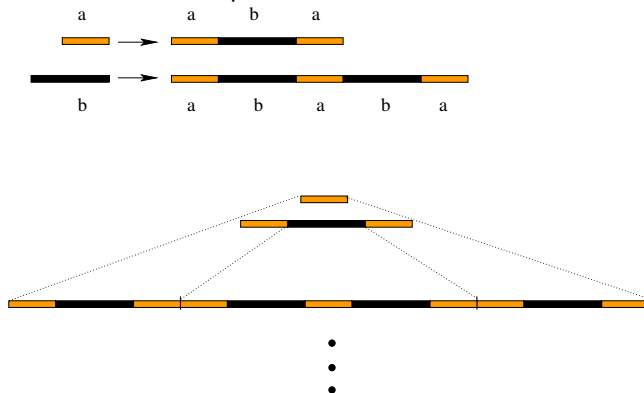
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- ▶  $M_\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$
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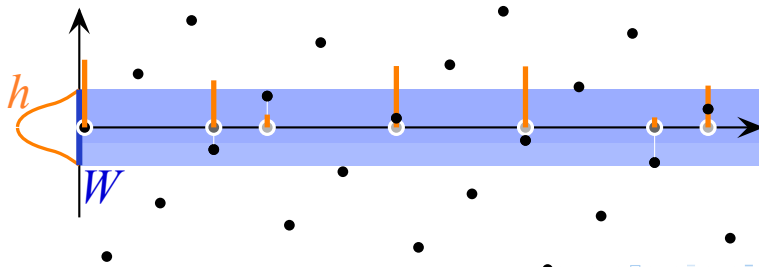
We did not give up....

# New result

Take some CPS  $\Lambda$  and give each point a weight. One convenient way to write it: *Dirac comb*

$$\delta_{w,\Lambda} = \sum_{x \in \Lambda} w(x) \delta_x \quad (w(x) \in \mathbb{R}, \delta_x \text{ the Dirac measure in } x)$$

If  $w(x) = h(x^*)$  for  $h : W \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous, then  $\delta_{w,\Lambda}$  is called a *weighted CPS*.



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D.F., Alexey Garber:

[www.math.uni-bielefeld.de/~frettloe/papers/bilip-draft.pdf](http://www.math.uni-bielefeld.de/~frettloe/papers/bilip-draft.pdf)

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