# Canonical Homotopy Class Representative Using Hyperbolic Structure

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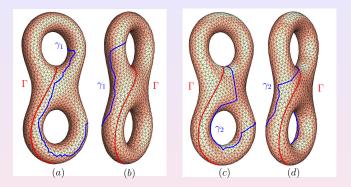


Figure: Two homotopic loops  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  are given. The canonical representative of their homotopy class is computed as the unique closed geodesic under the uniformization metric, shown as  $\Gamma$ .

# **Problem Statement**

#### Definition (Loop)

Let S be a topological space, and let  $p_0$  be a point of S. A loop with base point  $p_0$  is a continuous function  $\gamma : [0,1] \rightarrow S$ , such that

$$\gamma(0)=p_0=\gamma_1.$$

#### Definition (Homotopy)

Two loops  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$  are homotopic equivalent, if there exits a continuous map  $h : [0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow S$ , such that

$$h(t,0)=\gamma_0(t), h(t,1)=\gamma_1(t).$$

and

$$h(0,t) = p_0 = h(1,t).$$

*h* is called a homotopy from  $\gamma_0$  to  $\gamma_1$ , and the corresponding equivalence class is called the homotopy class.

#### Definition (product of loops)

The product  $\gamma_0 \times \gamma_1$  of two loops  $\gamma_0$  and  $\gamma_1$  is defined by setting

$$(\gamma_0 \times \gamma_1)(t) := \begin{cases} \gamma_0(2t) & 0 \le t \le \frac{1}{2} \\ \gamma_1(2t-1) & \frac{1}{2} \le t \le 1 \end{cases}$$

#### Definition (inverse of a loop)

The inverse of a loop  $\gamma$  is the loop  $\gamma^{-1}$  defined by

$$\gamma^{-1}(t)=\gamma(1-t).$$

The product of two homotopy classes of loops  $[\gamma_0]$  and  $[\gamma_1]$  is then defined as  $[\gamma_0 \times \gamma_1]$ , and this product does not depend on the choice of representatives.

#### Definition (Fundamental Group)

With the above product, the set of all homotopy classes of loops with base point  $p_0$  forms the fundamental group of *S* at the point  $p_0$  and is denoted  $\pi_1(S, p_0)$ . The identity element is the constant map at the basepoint.

If *S* is path-connected, fundamental groups with different base points are isomorphic. Therefore, we can write  $\pi(S)$  instead of  $\pi(S, p_0)$  without ambiguity whenever we care about the isomorphism class only.

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#### Homotopy Class Representative

Given a high genus metric surface *S*, with genus g > 1 and a Riemannian metric **g**, define and compute the unique representative for each homotopy class.

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# Comparison

#### Comparison to Handle and Tunnel Loops

Geometry-aware handle loop and tunnel loop are the unique representatives for the corresponding **homology** classes. our method is for **homotopy** class. Each homology class has **infinite** number of homotopy classes, therefore our method is much more refiner.

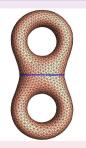


Figure:  $\gamma$  is homologous to zero, but homotopic nontrivial.

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#### Solution to Homotopy Class Representative Problem

- **()** Compute the canonical uniformization metric  $\tilde{\mathbf{g}}$ , such that

  - **2 ğ** induces –1 constant Gaussian curvature everywhere.
- Compute the unique geodesic loop Γ, which is homotopic to the input loop γ.

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# **Theoretic Foundation - Uniformization**

#### Theorem (Poincaré Uniformization Theorem)

Let  $(\Sigma, \mathbf{g})$  be a compact 2-dimensional Riemannian manifold. Then there is a metric  $\tilde{\mathbf{g}} = e^{2\lambda} \mathbf{g}$  conformal to  $\mathbf{g}$  which has constant Gauss curvature.



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#### Theorem (Gauss-Bonnet Theorem)

Let  $(S, \mathbf{g})$  be a 2-dimensional Riemannian manifold with boundaries, then

$$\int_{S} K dA + \int_{\partial S} k_g ds = 2\pi \chi(S),$$

where K is the Gaussian curvature,  $k_g$  is the geodesic curvature  $\chi(S)$  is the Euler number of S.

#### Corollary (Uniqueness of Geodesic Loop)

Let  $(S, \mathbf{g})$  be a 2-dimensional Riemannian manifold with negative Gaussian curvature, then each homotopy class has a unique geodesic.

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#### **Problem : Homotopy Detection**

Given two loops  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  on a surface, verify if they are homotopic to each other.

#### Solution

Compute the unique representative  $\Gamma_1$  of  $[\gamma_1]$ ,  $\Gamma_2$  of  $[\gamma_2]$ . If  $\Gamma_1$  coincides with  $\Gamma_2$ , then  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  are homotopic.

#### Problem: Shortest Word

Given a high genus surface *S*, and the generators of  $\pi_1(S, p_0)$ , a loop  $\gamma$ . Find the shortest word of  $[\gamma]$  in  $\pi_1(S, p_0)$ .

#### Solution

Compute the unique representative  $\Gamma$  of  $[\gamma]$ , lift  $\Gamma$  in the universal covering space of *S* isometrically embedded in the hyperbolic space with the uniformization metric. Compute the word in the hyperbolic space.

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### How to compute the metric? Ricci flow!

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#### Definition (Hamilton's Surface Ricci Flow)

A closed surface with a Riemannian metric  $\mathbf{g}$ , the Ricci flow on it is defined as

$$\frac{dg_{ij}}{dt} = -Kg_{ij}.$$

If the total area of the surface is preserved during the flow, the Ricci flow will converge to a metric such that the Gaussian curvature is constant every where.

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#### Theorem (Hamilton 1982)

For a closed surface of non-positive Euler characteristic, if the total area of the surface is preserved during the flow, the Ricci flow will converge to a metric such that the Gaussian curvature is constant (equals to  $\bar{K}$ ) every where.

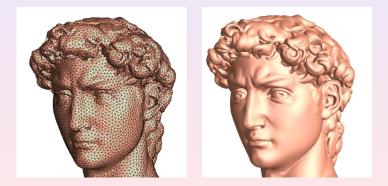
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# Generic Surface Model - Triangular Mesh

- Surfaces are represented as polyhedron triangular meshes.
- Isometric gluing of triangles in  $\mathbb{H}^2$ .



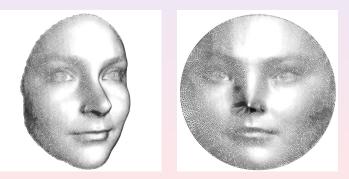
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# **Discrete Metrics**

#### Definition (Discrete Metric)

A Discrete Metric on a triangular mesh is a function defined on the vertices,  $I : E = \{all \ edges\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ , satisfies triangular inequality.

#### A mesh has infinite metrics.



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# **Discrete** Curvature

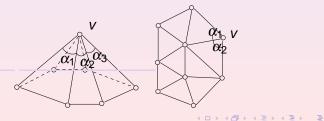
#### Definition (Discrete Curvature)

Discrete curvature:  $K : V = \{vertices\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$ .

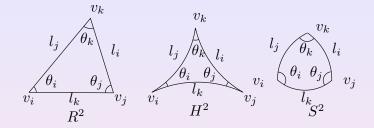
$$K(\mathbf{v}) = 2\pi - \sum_{i} lpha_{i}, \mathbf{v} 
ot\in \partial M; K(\mathbf{v}) = \pi - \sum_{i} lpha_{i}, \mathbf{v} \in \partial M$$

Theorem (Discrete Gauss-Bonnet theorem)

$$\sum_{v\notin\partial M} K(v) + \sum_{v\in\partial M} K(v) = 2\pi\chi(M).$$



# **Discrete Metrics Determines the Curvatures**



#### cosine laws

$$\cos I_{i} = \frac{\cos \theta_{i} + \cos \theta_{j} \cos \theta_{k}}{\sin \theta_{j} \sin \theta_{k}}$$
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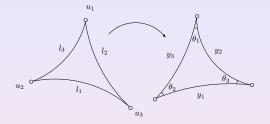
$$\cosh I_{i} = \frac{\cosh \theta_{i} + \cosh \theta_{j} \cosh \theta_{k}}{\sinh \theta_{j} \sinh \theta_{k}}$$
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$$1 = \frac{\cos \theta_{i} + \cos \theta_{j} \cos \theta_{k}}{\sin \theta_{j} \sin \theta_{k}}$$
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### **Discrete Conformal Factor for Yamabe Flow**



#### conformal factor

The following formula is given in [25] Bobenko, Springborn and Pinkall "Discrete conformal equivalence and ideal hyperbolic polyhedra".

$$\sinhrac{y_k}{2} = e^{u_i} \sinhrac{l_k}{2} e^{u_j}$$

Properties: 
$$\frac{\partial K_i}{\partial u_i} = \frac{\partial K_j}{\partial u_i}$$
 and  $d\mathbf{K} = \Delta d\mathbf{u}$ .

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# **Discrete Curvature Flow**

#### Analogy

Curvature flow

$$\frac{du}{dt}=\bar{K}-K,$$

Energy

$$E(\mathbf{u}) = \int \sum_{i} (\bar{K}_i - K_i) du_i,$$

• Hessian of *E* denoted as  $\Delta$ ,

$$d\mathbf{K} = \Delta d\mathbf{u}.$$

#### Theorem (25 Bobenko, Springborn, Pinkall)

The discrete hyperbic Yamabe energy is convex.

- If solution exits, it is unique.
- 2 No theoretic proof for the existence yet.
- The u-domain is not convex, the step length need to be carefully controlled during the optimization.

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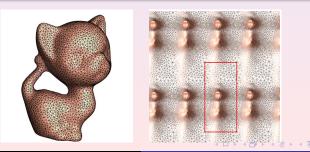
# How to compute the geodesic? Axis of the Möbius transformation!

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# Universal Covering Space

#### Definition

Universal Cover A *covering space* of *S* is a space  $\tilde{S}$  together with a continuous surjective map  $h: \tilde{S} \to S$ , such that for every  $p \in S$  there exists an open neighborhood *U* of *p* such that  $h^{-1}(U)$  is a disjoint union of open sets in  $\tilde{S}$  each of which is mapped homeomorphically onto *U* by *h*. The map *h* is called the *covering map*. A simply connected covering space is a *universal cover*.

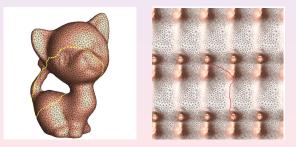


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#### Definition (Lift)

Suppose  $\gamma \subset S$  is a loop through the base point p on S. Let  $\tilde{p}_0 \in \tilde{S}$  be a preimage of the base point p,  $\tilde{p}_0 \in h^{-1}(p)$ , then there exists a unique path  $\tilde{\gamma} \subset \tilde{S}$  lying over  $\gamma$  (i.e.  $h(\tilde{\gamma}) = \gamma$ ) and  $\tilde{\gamma}(0) = \tilde{p}_0$ .  $\tilde{\gamma}$  is a *lift* of  $\gamma$ .



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#### Definition (Deck Transformation)

A *deck transformation* of a cover  $h : \tilde{S} \to S$  is a homeomorphism  $f : \tilde{S} \to \tilde{S}$  such that  $h \circ f = h$ . All deck transformations form a group, the so-called *deck transformation group*.

Deck transformation group is isomorphic to the fundamental group.

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#### Definition ( Poincaré disk model)

Poincaré disk is to model the hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{H}^2$ , which is the unit disk |z| < 1 with the metric  $ds^2 = \frac{4dzd\bar{z}}{(1-z\bar{z})^2}$ .

The rigid motion is the Möbius transformation

$$z \rightarrow e^{i\theta} \frac{z-z_0}{1-\bar{z}_0 z},$$

where  $\theta$  and  $z_0$  are parameters. The geodesic of Poincaré disk is a Euclidean circular arc, which is perpendicular to the unit circle.

#### Definition (Fuchsian Group)

Suppose *S* is a high genus closed surface with the hyperbolic uniformization metric  $\tilde{\mathbf{g}}$ . Its universal covering space  $(\tilde{S}, \tilde{\mathbf{g}})$  can be isometrically embedded in  $\mathbb{H}^2$ . Any deck transformation of  $\tilde{S}$  is a Möbius transformation, and called a *Fuchsian transformation*. The deck transformation group is called the *Fuchsian group* of *S*.

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#### Definition ( Poincaré disk model)

Let  $\phi$  be a Fuchsian transformation, let  $z \in \mathbb{H}^2$ , the *attractor* and *repulser* of  $\phi$  are  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \phi^n(z)$  and  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \phi^{-n}(z)$  respectively. The *axis* of  $\phi$  is the unique geodesic through its attractor and repulser.

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#### Theorem (Geodesic Representative)

Suppose a high genus surface S is with the uniformization metric.  $\gamma$  is a loop on S,  $[\gamma] \in \pi_1(S)$ , there exists a unique Fuchsian transformation  $\phi \in Fuchs(S)$ , then the unique geodesic loop in  $[\gamma]$  is the axis of  $\phi$ .

Given  $\gamma$ , we can lift it to the universal covering space, this gives the Fuchsian transformation  $\phi$ .

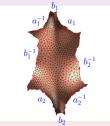
# Algorithm

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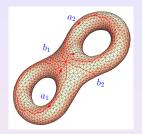
# Algorithm Pipeline - Stage One



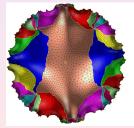
(a) Input genus two surface



(c) Fundamental domain



(b) Canonical homotopy group basis

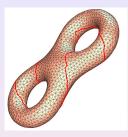


(d) Portion of universal covering space

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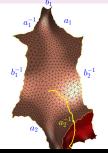
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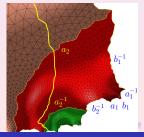
(a) Input loop front view



(b) Input loop back view

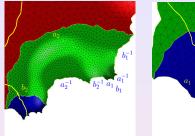


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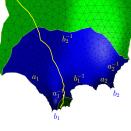


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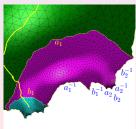


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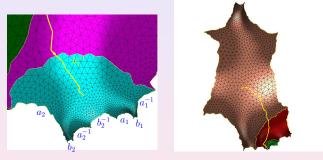


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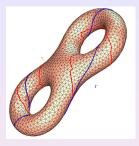
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j) Whole lift in  $\mathbb{H}^2$ 

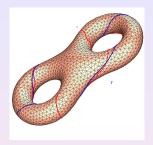
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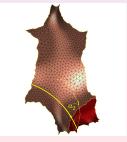
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(a) Closed geodesic front view



(b) Closed geodesic back view

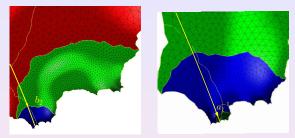




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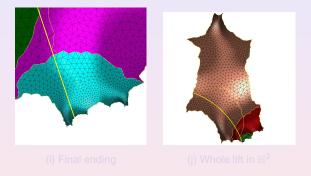


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# **Experimental Results**

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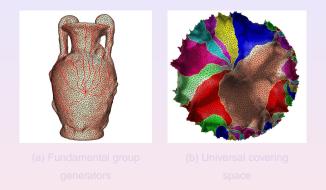


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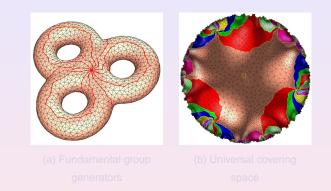


Figure: Hyperbolic metric and the Fuchsian group generators for the 3-hole model.

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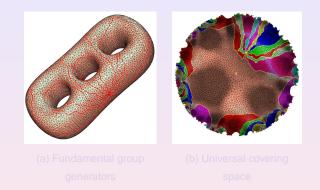
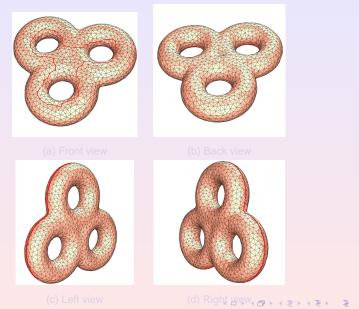


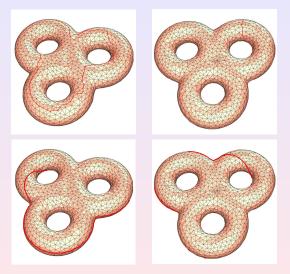
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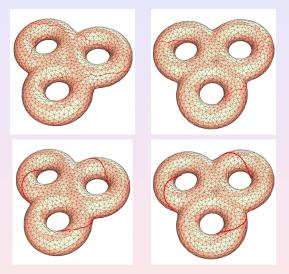


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Figure: Homotopy geodesic on 3-hole torus 2.

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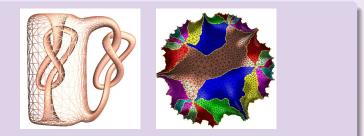
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