

Balanced Folding Over a Polygon and Euler Numbers

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Abstract

In this paper we introduced a new folding over a polygon we called it balanced folding, then we proved that for a balanced folding of a simply connected surface M there is a subgroup of the group of all homeomorphisms of M that acts 1-transitively on the 2-cells of M . Also we explored the relationship between balanced folding and covering spaces. Finally we obtained a general relation of the Euler number of surfaces which may balance folded over a polygon and we also listed all the possibilities if M is a sphere balanced folded over a triangle and we gave the subgroup mentioned above in each case.

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Introduction

Let K and L be cellular complexes and $f:|K| \rightarrow |L|$ a continuous map. Then $f: K \rightarrow L$ is a cellular map if

- (i) for each cell $\sigma \in K$, $f(\sigma)$ is a cell in L ,
- (ii) $\dim(f(\sigma)) \leq \dim(\sigma)$, [1].

A cellular map $f: K \rightarrow L$ is a cellular folding iff

- (i) for each i -cell $\sigma \in K$, $f(\sigma)$ is an i -cell in L , i.e., f maps i -cells to i -cells,
- (ii) if $\bar{\sigma}$ contains n vertices, then $\overline{f(\sigma)}$ must contains n distinct vertices, [2].

A cellular folding $f: K \rightarrow L$ is neat if $L^n - L^{n-1}$ consists of a single n -cell, interior L . The set of all cellular folding of K into L is denoted by $C(K, L)$ and the set of all neat foldings of K into L by $N(K, L)$.

If $f \in C(K, L)$, then $x \in K$ is said to be a singularity of f iff f is not a local homeomorphism at x . The set of all singularities of f corresponds to the "folds" of the map. This set associates a cell decomposition C_f of M . If M is a surface, then the edges and vertices of C_f form a graph Γ_f embedded in M [3].

Now there is a graph K_f associated to C_f in a natural way. In fact the vertices of K_f are just the n -cells of C_f and its edges are the $(n-1)$ -cells. If $e \in C_f$ is $(n-1)$ -cell, then e lies in the frontiers of exactly two n -cells σ, σ' . We then say that e is an edge in K_f with end points σ, σ' . The graph K_f can be realized as a graph \tilde{K}_f embedded in M as follows. For each n -cell σ , choose any point $\tilde{\sigma} \in \sigma$. If the n -cells σ, σ' are end points of e , then we can join $\tilde{\sigma}$ to $\tilde{\sigma}'$ by an arc \tilde{e} in M that runs from $\tilde{\sigma}$ through σ and σ' to $\tilde{\sigma}'$, crossing e transversely at a single point. Trivially, the correspondence $\sigma \rightarrow \tilde{\sigma}$, $e \rightarrow \tilde{e}$ is a graph isomorphism. Figure 1 illustrates this relationship in case $n=2$.

It should be noted that the graph K_f may have more than one edge joining a given pair of vertices. For instance, consider the cellular folding f of the torus into itself with the cellular subdivision shown in Figure 2. The graph K_f has just two vertices but two edges, see Figure 2.

Balanced Folding

Definition 1: Let M be a compact connected surface, and P_n a cell complex having n 0-cells, n 1-cells and just one 2-cell. Again a continuous map $f: M \rightarrow P_n$ is called neat folding if there is a cell decomposition C_f of M such that:

(i) f is a cellular map of C_f onto $C(P_n)$.

(ii) for each closed cell $\bar{\sigma}$ of C_f , $f|_{\bar{\sigma}}$ is a homeomorphism of $\bar{\sigma}$ onto a closed cell of $C(P_n)$.

To avoid trivial cases, we require that each 0-cell of M is an end point of more than two 1-cells. Thus the 0-cells and 1-cells of this decomposition form a finite graph Γ_f without loops (but possibly with multiple edges) and f folds M along the edges or 1-cells of Γ_f [4].

Let $f: M \rightarrow P_n$ be a neat folding. Then for any n -cells A and B there is a homeomorphism $f_{AB}: A \rightarrow B$ given by $f_{AB}(a) = b$ iff $f(a) = f(b)$, where $a \in A$ and $b \in B$. We can always extend f_{AB} to a homeomorphism, $\bar{f}_{AB}: \bar{A} \rightarrow \bar{B}$, but there need not exist an extensions to any open neighbourhoods of A and B . The following two examples explore this fact.

Example 1: Let M be a disk in the plane R^2 with the cellular subdivisions shown in Figure 3. Let P_4 be a disk with four 0-cells, four 1-cells and one 2-cell.

Define a map $f: M \rightarrow P_4$ by $f(\sigma_i) = \sigma$, $i=1, 2, \dots, 9$,

$$f(e_{17}^1) = f(e_3^1) = f(e_{16}^1) = f(e_2^1) = f(e_{15}^1) = f(e_1^1) = \bar{e}_1^1$$

$$f(e_{20}^1) = f(e_{13}^1) = f(e_6^1) = f(e_{18}^1) = f(e_{11}^1) = f(e_4^1) = \bar{e}_2^1$$

$$f(e_{24}^1) = f(e_{23}^1) = f(e_{22}^1) = f(e_{10}^1) = f(e_9^1) = f(e_8^1) = \bar{e}_3^1$$

$$f(e_{21}^1) = f(e_{14}^1) = f(e_7^1) = f(e_{19}^1) = f(e_{12}^1) = f(e_5^1) = \bar{e}_4^1$$

$$f(e_{11}^0) = f(e_3^0) = f(e_9^0) = f(e_1^0) = \bar{e}_1^0,$$

$$f(e_{12}^0) = f(e_4^0) = f(e_{10}^0) = f(e_2^0) = \bar{e}_2^0$$

$$f(e_{15}^0) = f(e_7^0) = f(e_{13}^0) = f(e_5^0) = \bar{e}_4^0 \text{ and}$$

$$f(e_{16}^0) = f(e_8^0) = f(e_{14}^0) = f(e_6^0) = \bar{e}_3^0.$$

Let $A = \sigma_4$, $B = \sigma_7$ be the 2-cells shaded in Figure 3. Then there is a homeomorphism $f_{AB}: A \rightarrow B$ given by $f_{AB}(x, y) = f(x', y')$ iff $f(x, y) = f(x', y')$

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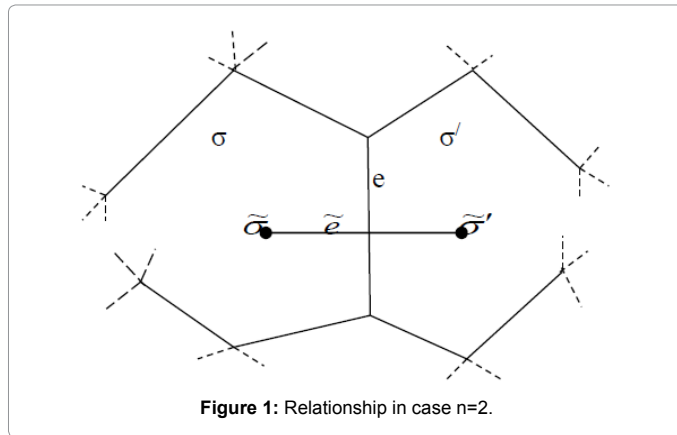


Figure 1: Relationship in case n=2.

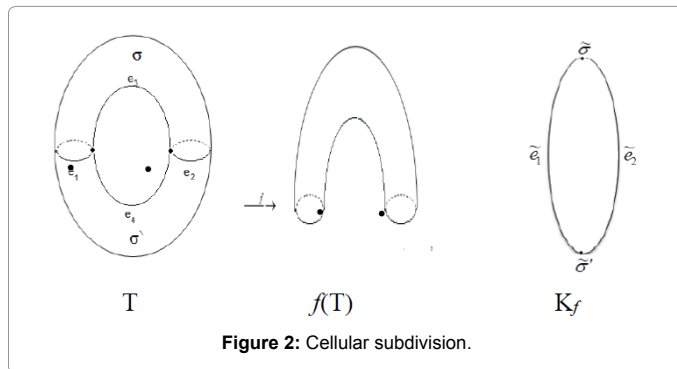


Figure 2: Cellular subdivision.

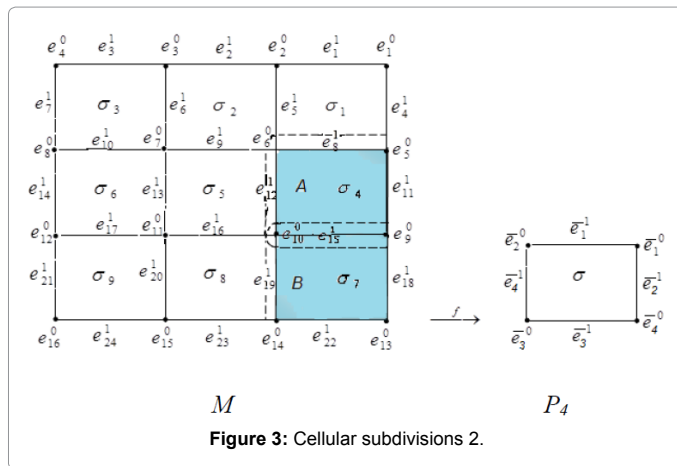


Figure 3: Cellular subdivisions 2.

where $(x,y) \in A$ and $(x,y) \in B$. This homeomorphism has an extension to a homeomorphism $\tilde{f}_{AB}: \tilde{A} \rightarrow \tilde{B}$ given by $\tilde{f}_{AB}(x,y) = (x',y')$ iff $f(x,y) = f(x',y')$, where $(x,y) \in \tilde{A}$ and $(x',y') \in \tilde{B}$. Now consider any open neighbourhoods \tilde{A}, \tilde{B} of \tilde{A}, \tilde{B} respectively. We see that there is no extension of \tilde{f}_{AB} to a homeomorphism $\tilde{f}_{AB}: \tilde{A} \rightarrow \tilde{B}$. This is because three 1-cells of A are interior to M , while two 1-cells of B have this property.

Example 2: Let M be a sphere partitioned by the cells shown in Figure 4.

A cellular folding f may be defined from M to a polygon P_3 . The vertices are labelled in such a way that vertices with the same image under f are labelled alike.

Now, it can be checked that a homeomorphism $f_{AB}: A \rightarrow B$, (where A and B are the 2-cells shaded in Figure 4) cannot be extended to a homeomorphism of any neighborhoods \tilde{A}, \tilde{B} of \tilde{A}, \tilde{B} respectively. This is because the valencies of the vertices of the 2-cell A are 12, 4, 4 while those of B are 12, 8, 4.

Definition 2: We will call a neat folding: $f: M \rightarrow P_n$ a balanced folding if for all 2-cells A, B and each homeomorphism $f_{AB}: A \rightarrow B$ given by $f_{AB}(a) = b$ iff $f(a) = f(b)$, we can extend f_{AB} to a homeomorphism for any neighbourhoods \tilde{A}, \tilde{B} of \tilde{A}, \tilde{B} respectively.

We denote the set of all balanced foldings of M into P_n by $\mathbf{B}(M, P_n)$.

Example 3: Let M be a sphere partitioned by the cells shown in Figure 5. The valencies of the vertices of each 2-cells are 4, 6 and 8.

A neat folding f may be defined from M to a polygon P_3 . The vertices are labeled in such a way that vertices with the same image under f are labeled alike.

If we considered any 2-cells A and B of M (e.g. the shaded 2-cells in Figure 5) then, it can be checked that a homeomorphism $f_{AB}: A \rightarrow B$, (where A and B are the 2-cells shaded in Figure 5) can be extended to a homeomorphism of any neighborhoods \tilde{A}, \tilde{B} of \tilde{A}, \tilde{B} respectively. This is because the vertices of the 2-cells A and B have the same valencies. It follows that f is balanced.

The Properties of the Graph K_f of Neat Folding

Let $f \in \mathbf{N}(M, P_n)$, then K_f has the following special features.

(a) Edge coloring: Let e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n be the 1-cells of P_n , we can regard the indices $i, i=1, 2, \dots, n$ "colors". Each edge of K_f is mapped by f to one

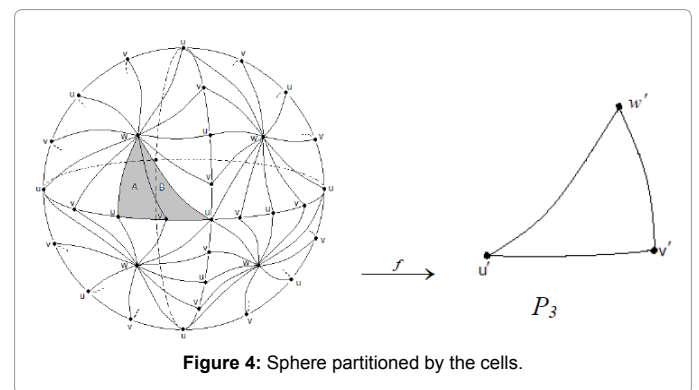


Figure 4: Sphere partitioned by the cells.

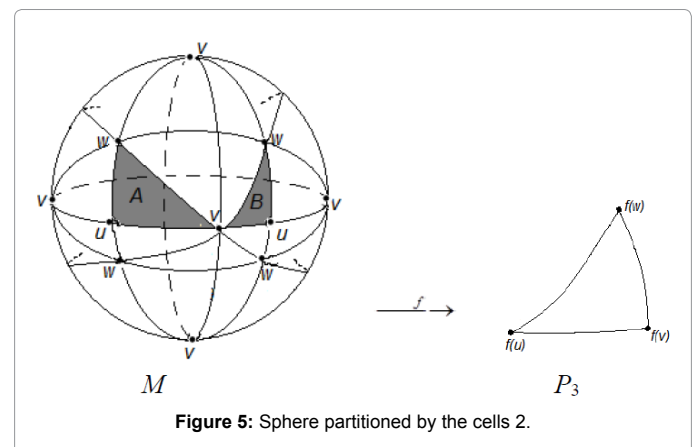


Figure 5: Sphere partitioned by the cells 2.

of these. We may then give K_f an edge-coloring by assigning to each edge e of K_f the color i of its image $f(e)=e_i$.

(b) Sources and sinks: If A and B are 2-cells of M with a common 1-cell in their frontiers, then A and B are given opposite orientations by f . It follows that each edge of the graph K_f may be oriented in such a way that every vertex is either a source or a sink (where a vertex u is a source if all the oriented edges with u as a vertex begin at u , and is a sink if all the edges end at w), see Figure 6. For such a graph, every circuit has an even number of edges (and hence of vertices).

(c) Regularity: If $f \in N(M, P_n)$, so that every 2-cell of M is mapped homeomorphically by f onto interior P_n , then the graph K_f is regular. This follows immediately from the fact that the 1-cells in the frontier of each 2-cell is 1-1 correspondence under f with those of P_n . It is also worth observing that every color i occurs once in the set of colored edges at each vertex of K_f . Consequently, the valency of each vertex of K_f is the cardinality of the set of 1-cells of P_n , that is to say, of the set of colors.

The properties of the graph K_f we have already discussed suggest that in certain cases the graph K_f may be a Cayley color graph. In the following we can show that this is indeed the case for a large class of balanced foldings.

Note first that, for any map $f: M \rightarrow N$, we can associate a group $G(f)$ namely the group of all homeomorphisms $h: M \rightarrow M$ such that $f \circ h = f$. In case $f \in N(M, P_n)$, we may ask whether the induced action of $G(f)$ on the 2-cells of M is transitive. In particular, we ask whether there is a subgroup $H(f)$ of $G(f)$ that acts 1-transitively on the set of 2-cells.

The Action of the Group of Homeomorphisms on the 2-Cells

Theorem 1: Let M be a simply connected surface, $f: M \rightarrow P_n$ be a balanced folding then there is a subgroup $H(f)$ of $G(f)$ that acts 1-transitively on the set of 2-cells of M . Moreover K_f is a Cayley color graph of the group $H(f)$.

Proof: Let $f \in \mathcal{B}(M, P_n)$. Let A, B be 2-cells of the cell decomposition of M associated by f . Then $f_{AB}: A \rightarrow B$ extends to a homeomorphism $\tilde{f}_{AB}: \tilde{A} \rightarrow \tilde{B}$, where \tilde{A} and \tilde{B} are open neighborhoods of A and B respectively.

Now let C be a 2-cell such that $C \neq A$ and $C \cap \tilde{A} \neq \emptyset$. Let $\tilde{f}_{AB}(C) \subset D$. Then there are open neighborhoods \tilde{C} and \tilde{D} of C and D such that \tilde{f}_{CD} extends to a homeomorphism $\tilde{f}_{CD}: \tilde{C} \rightarrow \tilde{D}$, where \tilde{f}_{CD} and \tilde{f}_{AB} agree on $\tilde{A} \cap \tilde{C}$. Iterate this procedure to extend \tilde{f}_{AB} to a map $F_{AB}: M \rightarrow M$.

The existence and uniqueness of this extension are guaranteed by the fact that M is 1-connected.

Now, to prove that F_{AB} is onto, let $y \in M$ a non-singular point.

Then y belongs to a 2-cell σ . Let $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_{k+1} = \sigma$, be a sequence of 2-cells such that B_i, B_{i+1} are contiguous, $i=1, 2, \dots, k$. The sequence B_i ,

B_2, \dots, B_{k+1} of 2-cells is the image under F_{AB} of a unique sequence $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{k+1} = \sigma'$ of 2-cells such that A_i, A_{i+1} are contiguous, $i=1, 2, \dots, k$ and each $F_{A_i B_i}: A_i \rightarrow B_i$ extends to a homeomorphism $\tilde{F}_{A_i B_i}: \tilde{A}_i \rightarrow \tilde{B}_i$ where $\tilde{F}_{A_i B_i}$ and $\tilde{F}_{A_{i+1} B_{i+1}}$ agree on $\tilde{A}_i \cap \tilde{A}_{i+1}$. Hence F_{AB} is onto.

We have now shown that F_{AB} is a local homeomorphism of the simply connected manifold M onto itself. In fact, F_{AB} is a covering map. Thus F_{AB} is a homeomorphism.

The set of all such homeomorphisms is the required group $H(f)$, which by its construction acts 1-transitively on the set of 2-cells.

The relationship of $H(f)$ to the graph K_f is as follows:

Choose some 2-cells A . Thus A is a vertex of K_f . Identify any other vertex (2-cell) B of K_f with the unique element F_{AB} of $H(f)$ such that $F_{AB}(A)=B$.

It follows trivially that the graph K_f is a Cayley color graph of $H(f)$, with generators $f_B = f_{AB}$, where B runs through the set of 2-cells $B \neq A$ having a 1-cell in its common frontier with A .

Note that in general any neat folding f of a surface M to a surface N , the set of singularity forms the edges and vertices of a graph Γ_f . If f is balanced, then the valencies of the vertices are invariant under any of the extended homeomorphisms \tilde{F}_{AB} . In particular, if $f \in N(M, P_n)$ be such that Γ_f is a regular graph embedded in M , then $f \in \mathcal{B}(M, P_n)$. Moreover, if M is simply connected, then $H(f)$ will acts 1-transitively on the set of 2-cells of M and K_f will be a Cayley color graph of the group $H(f)$.

Example 4: Let $M = S^2 = \{x \in R^3 : \|x\| = 1\}$, be the unit sphere in the Euclidean 3-space. Let $f: M \rightarrow M$, be given by $f(x, y, z) = (|x|, |y|, |z|)$. Then f is a neat folding and the graph Γ_f is a regular graph of valency 4, with 6 vertices, twelve 1-cells and eight 2-cells. The image is the positive octant P_3 where $x \geq 0, y \geq 0, z \geq 0$ see Figure 7a. Since Γ_f is a regular graph, it follows that f is a balanced folding and the graph K_f , which is a Cayley color graph, has the form given in Figure 7b. Hence $H(f)$ is isomorphic to $Z_2 \times Z_2 \times Z_2$ and it acts 1-transitively on the set of eight 2-cells A_1, A_2, \dots, A_8 .

We now explore the relationship between balanced foldings and covering maps.

Theorem 2: Let $f \in N(M, P_n)$, and let $p: \tilde{M} \rightarrow M$ be the universal covering. Suppose that

$\tilde{f} = f \circ p \in \mathcal{B}(\tilde{M}, P_n)$ and that $G(p) \triangleleft H(\tilde{f})$. Then there is a subgroup $H(f)$ of $G(f)$, isomorphic to $H(\tilde{f}) / G(p)$, acting 1-transitively on the set of 2-cell of M by f .

Proof: We first construct the group $H(f)$. Let $\tilde{h} \in H(\tilde{f})$, we now show that \tilde{h} covers a (unique) homeomorphism $h: M \rightarrow M$, i.e. $h \circ p = p \circ \tilde{h}$. Let $a \in M$, and let $\tilde{a} \in p^{-1}(a)$. Put $b = p(\tilde{b})$, where $\tilde{b} = \tilde{h}(\tilde{a})$. The point b is independent of the choice of $\tilde{a} \in p^{-1}(a)$. For if $p(\tilde{c}) = a$, and $p(\tilde{d}) = d$ where $\tilde{d} = \tilde{h}(\tilde{c})$, then there is an element $g \in G(p)$ such that $g(\tilde{a}) = \tilde{c}$. Consider $g' = \tilde{h} \circ g \circ \tilde{h}^{-1}$. Then $g'(\tilde{b}) = \tilde{d}$. Since $G(p) \triangleleft H(\tilde{f})$, $g' \in G(p)$. Thus $b = p(\tilde{b}) = p(\tilde{d}) = d$.

Now, define $h: M \rightarrow M$ by $h(a)=b$. Then h is a homeomorphism of M , and, trivially, the set $H(f) = \{h: \tilde{h} \in H(\tilde{f})\}$ is a subgroup of $G(f)$ isomorphic to $H(\tilde{f}) / G(p)$. Thus there is an epimorphism $\theta: H(\tilde{f}) \rightarrow H(f)$ given by $\theta(\tilde{h}) = h$.

Secondly, we show that $H(f)$ acts 1-transitively on the set of 2-cells of M by f . Let A, B be 2-cells of M by f . Then there are 2-cells \tilde{A} and \tilde{B} of \tilde{M} by \tilde{f} such that $p(\tilde{A}) = A$ and $p(\tilde{B}) = B$. Let \tilde{h} be the unique

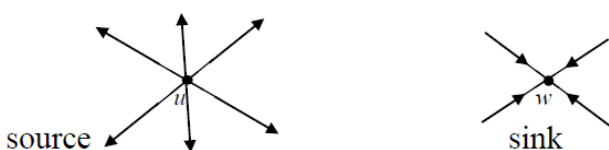
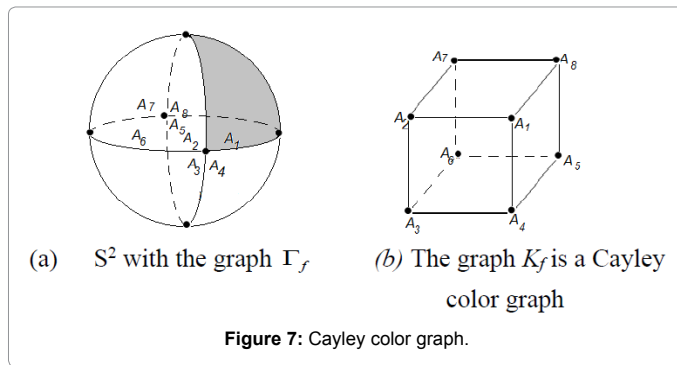


Figure 6: The oriented edges.



element of $H(\tilde{f})$ such that $\tilde{h}(\tilde{A}) = \tilde{B}$ and let $h = \theta(\tilde{h})$. Then $h(A) = B$, and there is only one such element of $H(f)$.

It should be noted that if $p: \tilde{M} \rightarrow M$ is a covering map, and $\tilde{f} = f \circ p$, where $f \in \mathcal{N}(M, P_n)$, then $\tilde{f} \in \mathcal{B}(\tilde{M}, P_n)$ implies that $f \in \mathcal{B}(M, P_n)$.

Example 5: Let $M = P_n(R)$ be the real projective, n -space, and let P_n be the n -polygon $\{t \in R^{n+1} : \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} t_i = 1, 0 \leq t_i \leq 1\}$. Define $f: M \rightarrow P_n$ by $f(\{x\}) = (|x_1|, \dots, |x_{n+1}|) / \|x\|$. Then \tilde{M} may be identified with S^n , and $p: \tilde{M} \rightarrow M$ is given by $p(x) = \{x\}$. In this case $G(p) \cong Z_2$ is generated by the map $g: S^n \rightarrow S^n$, $g(x) = -x$ and $H(\tilde{f}) \cong (Z_2)^{n+1}$ is generated by the reflexions $g_i: R^{n+1} \rightarrow R^{n+1}$, $g_i(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) = (x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, -x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{n+1})$ and $\tilde{f}(x) = (f \circ p)(x) = (|x_1|, \dots, |x_{n+1}|) / \|x\|$ as above.

Theorem 3: Let \tilde{f} and f be as in Theorem 1 such that $G(p) \triangleleft H(\tilde{f})$. Let $\gamma: L \rightarrow M$ be a regular covering. Then $H(g)$, where $g = f \circ \gamma$, acts 1-transitively on the set of 2-cells of L by g .

Proof: Since M is simply connected, for any other covering map $\gamma: L \rightarrow M$ there exists a universal covering map $h: \tilde{M} \rightarrow L$ such that $\gamma \circ h = p$ (Figure 8).

Now $G(p) \cong \Pi_1(M)$ and $G(h) \cong \Pi_1(L)$. Since $\gamma: L \rightarrow M$ is regular $\gamma_* \Pi_1(L, y) \triangleleft \Pi_1(M, x)$, where $\gamma(y) = x$. There is isomorphism $\Phi: G(p) \rightarrow \Pi_1(M)$ and $\Psi: G(h) \rightarrow \Pi_1(L)$ such that following diagram is commutative (Figure 9).

It follows from elementary group theory that, since $\Pi_1(L)$ is embedded in $\Pi_1(M)$ as a normal subgroup, then $G(h)$ is embedded by α in $G(p)$ as a normal subgroup. But $G(p) \triangleleft H(\tilde{f})$ by assumption. Hence $G(h) \triangleleft H(\tilde{f})$ and Theorem 2 can be applied for g , yielding that $G(g) = H(\tilde{f}) / G(h)$ acts 1-transitively on the set of 2-cells of L by g .

Euler Numbers of Balanced Folding onto a Polygon

General considerations

Let $f \in \mathcal{N}(M, N)$, where M and N are surfaces. To avoid too many complications, let us suppose that M is compact, connected and without boundary, and let N be connected.

Since M is compact the graph Γ_f is a finite graph. Let Γ_f divides M into k 2-cells, or faces, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k . In this case $f|_{A_i}$, $i=1, \dots, k$ is a homeomorphism onto the interior of N .

We can triangulate N by a simplicial complex T_N such that every vertex of the cell decomposition C_f of ∂N is a vertex of T_N . Let T_M be the triangulation of M induced by f .

Consider the faces A_1, \dots, A_k and their closures B_1, \dots, B_k . Thus

$e(B_i) = e(N)$, $i=1, \dots, k$, where $e(X)$ is the Euler number of X . If we now calculate the Euler number $e(M)$ of M using the triangulation T_N , then

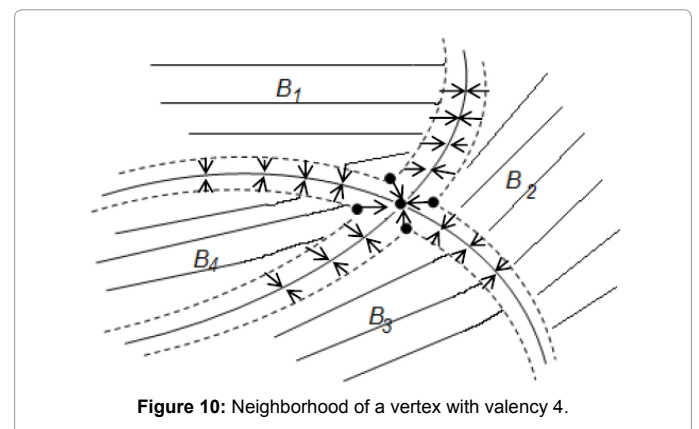
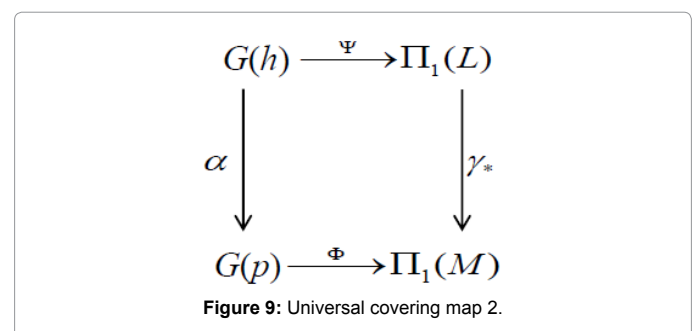
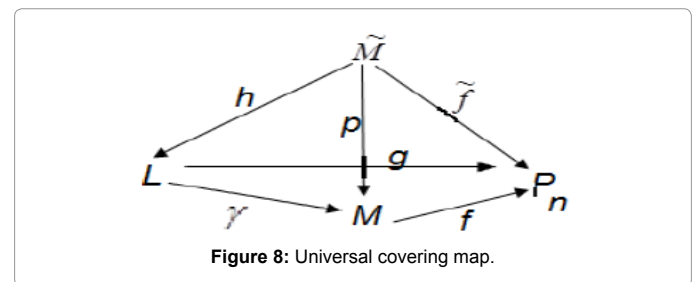
we can compare $e(M)$ with $\sum_{i=1}^k e(B_i) = ke(N)$. We note that for each vertex of Γ_f with valency v exactly v vertices have been counted in the calculation of the Euler number $ke(N)$ of the disjoint union of B_1, \dots, B_n . Likewise, every edge of Γ_f appears twice in these calculations. Figure 10 which shows the neighborhood of a vertex with valency 4, may help to clarify these remarks.

Thus to obtain $e(M)$ from $\sum_{i=1}^k e(B_i)$ we must subtract $(v-1)$ for each vertex of Γ_f (of valency v) and add the number of edges of Γ_f . The first of these is $V-nk$, where V is the number of vertices of Γ_f , and n is the number of vertices of ∂N . The second is equal to $\frac{nk}{2}$. We conclude that:

$$e(M) = ke(N) + V - \frac{nk}{2} \quad (1)$$

The case in which N is the disc D^2 , $e(N)=1$ and each 2-cell A of M is homeomorphic to D^2 . Thus equation (1) now reduces to

$$2e(M) = k(2-n) + 2V \quad (2)$$



q_1	q_2	q_3	k	$H(f)$
2	2	$p, p>1$	$4p$	\mathbb{D}_{2n}
2	3	3	24	O
2	3	4	48	\bar{O}
2	3	5	120	\bar{I}

Table 1: Possibilities list.

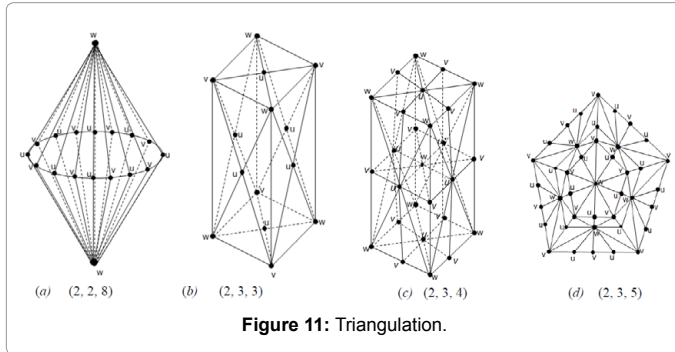


Figure 11: Triangulation.

Balanced folding over a polygon

Equations (1) and (2) can be refined slightly when f is balanced. In this case, if we label the vertices of the polygon P_n as V_1, \dots, V_n , then each vertex in the set $f^{-1}(V_j)$ has the same valency $2q_j, j=1, \dots, n$.

It follows that $f^{-1}(V_j)$ contains $\frac{k}{2q_j}$ elements. Thus the number of vertices of Γ_f is:

$$V = \frac{k}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{q_j} \quad (3)$$

Hence for a balanced folding over a disc, equation (3) may be reduced to

$$2e(M) = k(2-n) + k \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{q_j} = k \left\{ (2-n) + \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{q_j} \right\} \quad (4)$$

Certain cases of equation (4) are of special interest. For instance, let $n=3$, so that M is triangulated by Γ_f and equation (4) becomes

$$2e(M) = k \left\{ \frac{1}{q_1} + \frac{1}{q_2} + \frac{1}{q_3} - 1 \right\} \quad (5)$$

Thus if M is a sphere, then $\frac{1}{q_1} + \frac{1}{q_2} + \frac{1}{q_3} > 1$ and $k \geq 4$. The only

possibilities are listed in the following Table 1:

The group $H(f)$ associated with f according to Theorem 1 is shown in column 5, and the corresponding triangulation of S^2 are shown in Figures 11a-11d. Note that in Figure 11d we have drawn only one side. The vertices are labeled in such a way that vertices with the same image under f are labelled alike.

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