

Group pairings with equivalent rigidity properties for bar-joint and point-hyperplane frameworks

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- If so, then (G, p) is called **(locally) rigid**. Otherwise (G, p) is called **(locally) flexible**.

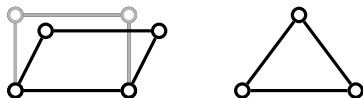


Figure: A flexible and a rigid framework in \mathbb{R}^2 .

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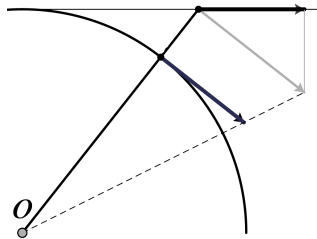


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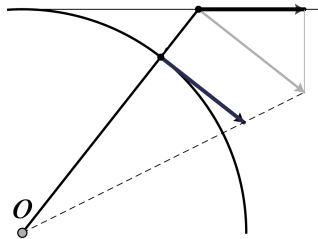


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Moreover, infinitesimal rigidity properties of (G, p) in \mathbb{S}^d remain unchanged if any subset of the joints are inverted in O .

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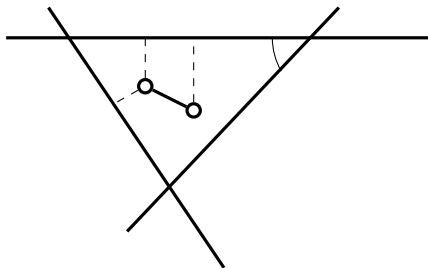


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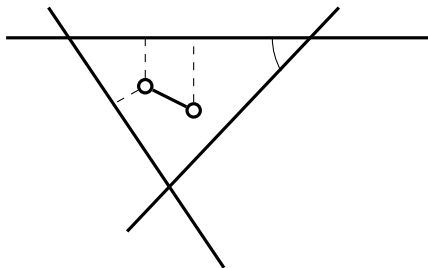


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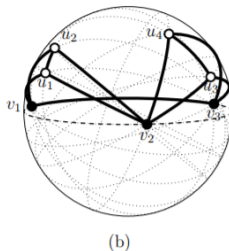
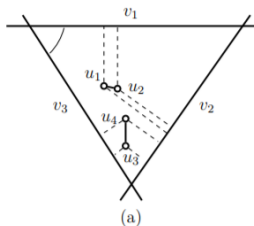
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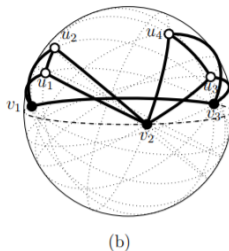
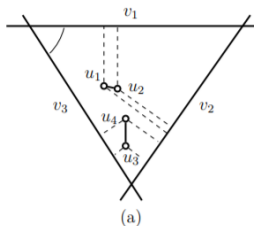
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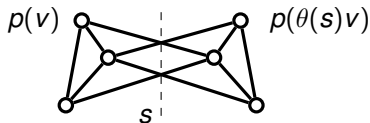
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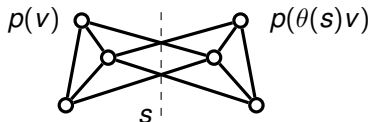
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- The definitions of a Γ -symmetric spherical framework or point-hyperplane framework are analogous. (Hyperplane vertices map to hyperplane vertices, and point vertices to point vertices!)

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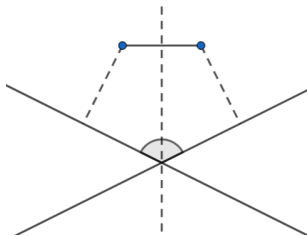
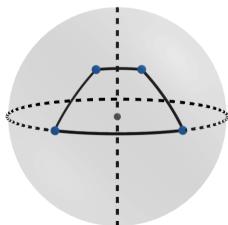
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(Work by Ikeshita, Jordán, Kaszanitzky, Malestein, Nixon, S., Tanigawa, Theran, etc.)

Symmetric transfer between \mathbb{S}^d and \mathbb{R}^d

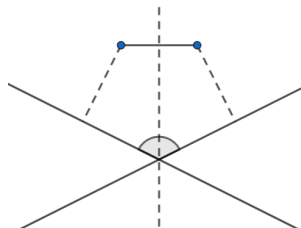
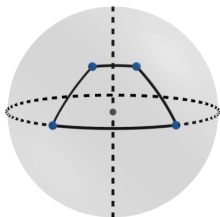
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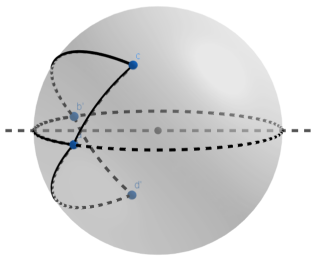
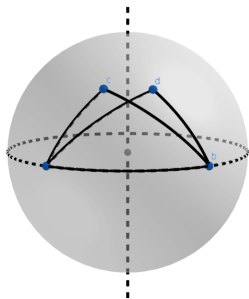
- This transfer takes ‘ Γ - X -regular’ spherical frameworks to Γ -regular point-hyperplane frameworks.
- For $X = \emptyset$, we obtain combinatorial results for $\mathcal{C}_s, \mathcal{C}_n$, n odd, on \mathbb{S}^2 from the corresponding results in \mathbb{R}^2 .
- In the case of \mathcal{C}_s , statements (a),(b) are equivalent to:
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- This transfer also preserves forced Γ -symmetric infinitesimal rigidity.



Pairing symmetry groups in S^d and \mathbb{R}^d

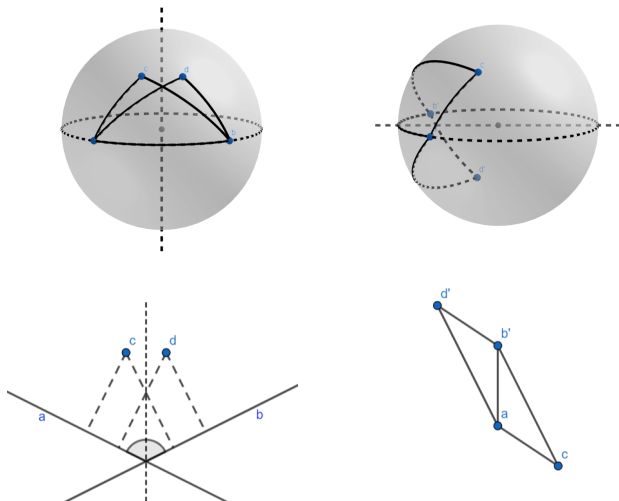
\mathcal{C}_2 and \mathcal{C}_s on \mathbb{S}^2

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Now project this pair of frameworks from \mathbb{S}^2 to \mathbb{R}^2 :



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- From the known results for bar-joint frameworks with C_2 symmetry, we obtain a combinatorial characterisation of \mathbb{Z}_2 -regular (forced) infinitesimally rigid **point-line frameworks** in \mathbb{R}^2 with respect to $\theta : \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow \text{Aut}(G)$ and $\tau : \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow C_s$, where $|V_H| = 2$ and θ acts freely on $V = V_P \cup V_H$.

All group pairings in \mathbb{S}^2

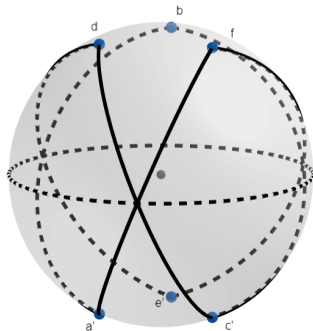
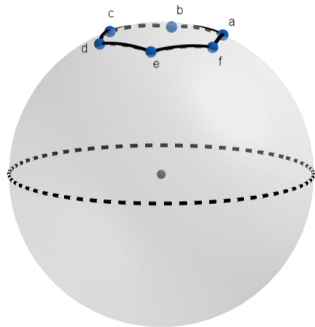
- **Def.:** $\mathcal{G} \leftrightarrow \mathcal{H}$ for symmetry groups \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{H} in dimension 3 (with the same abstract group Γ):

there exists a Γ -symmetric framework (G, p) on \mathbb{S}^2 with respect to θ and $\tau(\Gamma) = \mathcal{G}$, and a Γ -symmetric framework (G, q) on \mathbb{S}^2 with respect to θ and $\tau'(\Gamma) = \mathcal{H}$ such that (G, q) is obtained from (G, p) by taking an index 2 subgroup Γ' of Γ and inverting each point of (G, p) assigned to the set $V \setminus \{\gamma v : \gamma \in \Gamma', v \in V_0\}$, where V_0 is a set of representatives for the vertex orbits under the group action θ .

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 - $\mathcal{T}_d \leftrightarrow \mathcal{O}$.

Example: C_{2n} and C_{nh} on S^2

Illustration of $C_6 \leftrightarrow C_{3h}$:



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- This gives a geometric reason why **mirror and inversion symmetry** have the same combinatorial characterisations for \mathbb{Z}_2 -regular infinitesimal rigidity (resp. forced \mathbb{Z}_2 -symmetric infinitesimal rigidity) for **body-bar frameworks** in \mathbb{R}^3 (see S. and Tanigawa, 2014).

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- From this result, together with our transfer results, we can get necessary conditions for symmetric point-line frameworks to be isostatic (see also Owen and Power, 2012). We also obtain a Laman-type result in a special case:
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Thank you!

Questions?