

# Irreducible euclidean representations of the Fibonacci groups

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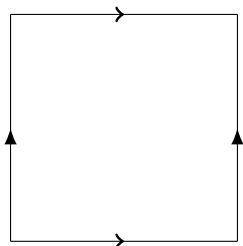
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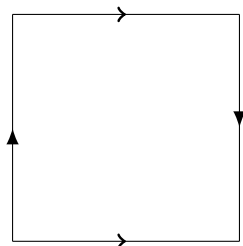
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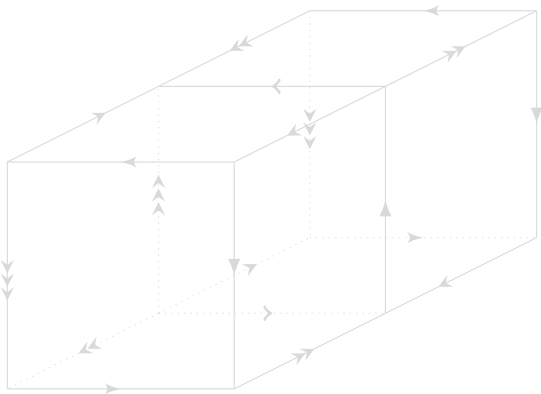
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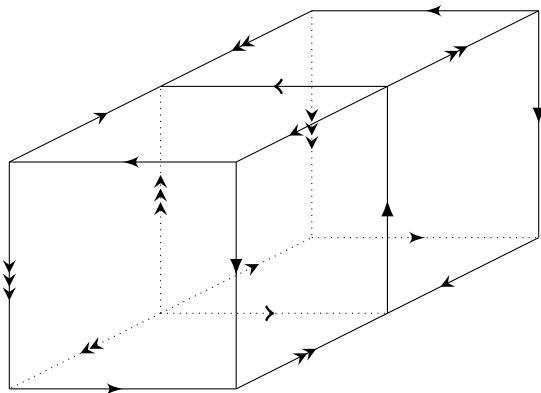
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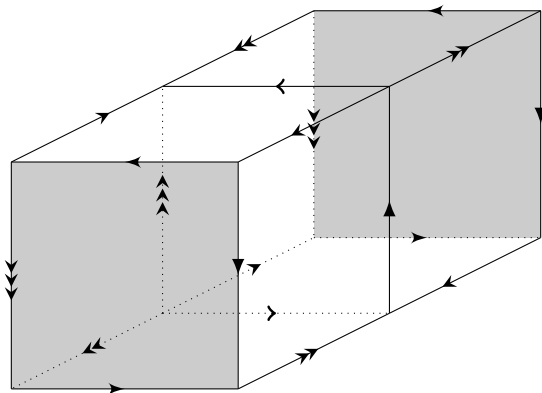
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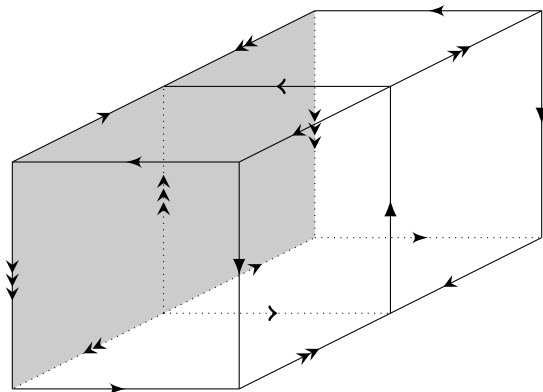
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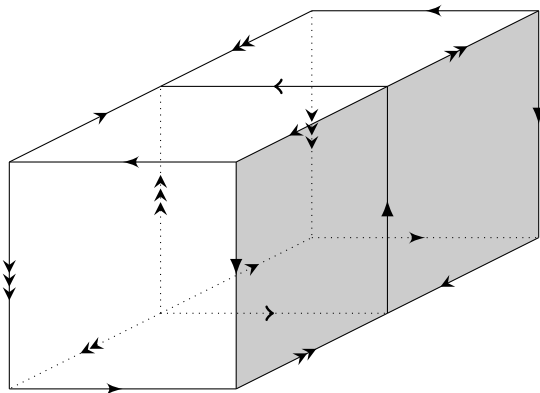
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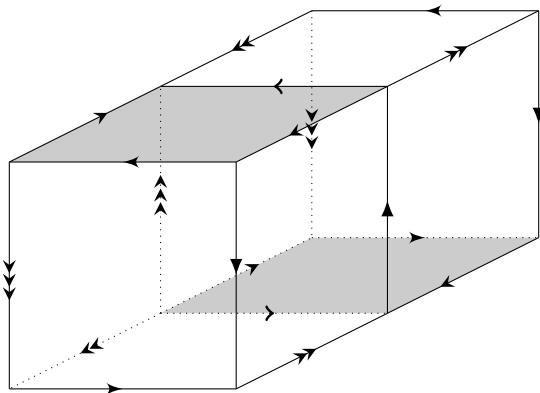
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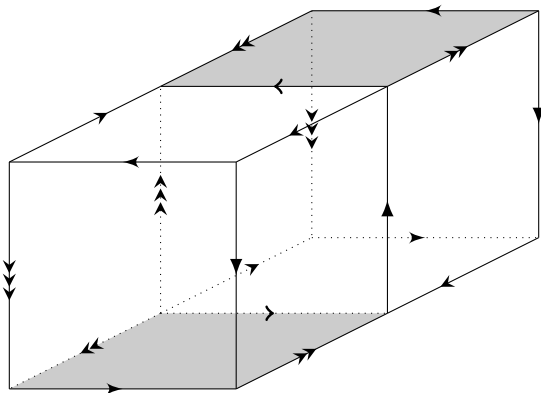
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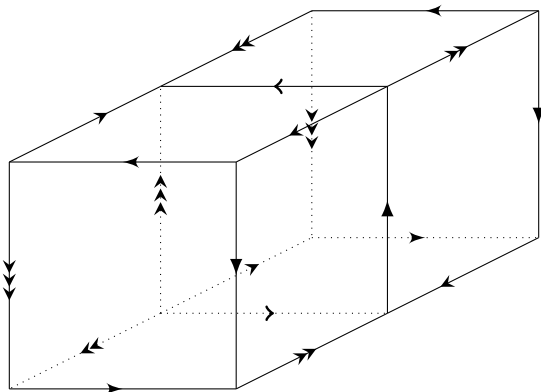
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$$G \cong (\mathbb{Z}_2)^{n-1} \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi(G) \subset \text{SL}_n(\mathbb{Z})$$

then  $\Gamma$  is called a **Hantzsche-Wendt group** (HW-group) and  $X = \mathbb{R}^n / \Gamma$  – a **Hantzsche-Wendt manifold** (HW-manifold).

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# Decomposition of euclidean representations

- $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- $\pi: E(n) \rightarrow O(n)$  – given by  $\pi(B, b) = B$ ,  $(B, b) \in E(n)$ .
- $\varphi: G \rightarrow E(n)$  – euclidean representation of a group  $G$ .
- $\mathbb{R}^n = V_1 \oplus \dots \oplus V_k$  – decomposition of  $\pi\varphi: G \rightarrow O(n)$ .
- $p_i: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow V_i$  – projections,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ .

## Proposition

*We have*

$$\varphi = \varphi^{(1)} \oplus \dots \oplus \varphi^{(k)},$$

*where for every  $1 \leq i \leq k$ ,  $\varphi^{(i)}: G \rightarrow \text{Iso}(V_i)$  is given by*

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## Lemma

Let  $r, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $F(r, n)$  be the Fibonacci group. Then the homomorphism  $\sigma: F(r, n) \rightarrow F(r, n)$  defined by

$$\forall_{0 \leq i \leq n-1} \sigma(a_i) = a_{i-1}$$

is an automorphism of  $F(r, n)$ .

## Remark

Let's call  $\sigma$  the **left shift** automorphism of  $F(r, n)$ .

# One dimensional euclidean representations

## Theorem

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be odd. Let  $\Gamma = \langle C_i \mid i = 0, \dots, n-2 \rangle \subset E(1)$ , where

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and  $c_i \in \mathbb{R}$  for  $i = 0, \dots, n-2$ . Then there exists an epimorphism

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## Left shift automorphism

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- $f_i \sigma^i: F(n-1, 2n) \rightarrow \varphi^{(i)}(\Gamma) \subset E(1)$  for every  $0 \leq i < n$ .
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## The epimorphism

### The map

$$\Phi = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{n-1} f_i \sigma^i$$

is the desired epimorphism:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall_{0 \leq j < n} \Phi(a_j) &= \bigoplus_{i=0}^{n-1} f_i \sigma^i(a_j) \\ &= (-1, b_{0,j}) \oplus \dots \oplus (-1, b_{j-1,j}) \oplus (1, b_{j,j}) \oplus \\ &\quad \oplus (-1, b_{j+1,j}) \oplus \dots \oplus (-1, b_{n,j}) \\ &= (B_j, b_j). \end{aligned}$$

*Thank you!*