Affability of tiling dynamical systems

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An Euclidean tiling is a partition of \mathbb{R}^m into tiles, which are polyhedra touching face to face. These tiles are obtained by translation from a finite set of *prototiles.* A tiling is said to be *aperiodic* if it has no translation symmetries. It is said to be *repetitive* if for any patch M, there exists R > 0 such that any ball of radius R contains a translated copy of M. Let $\mathfrak{T}(\mathcal{P})$ be the set of tilings T obtained from a finite set of prototiles \mathcal{P} . Then it is possible to endow $\mathfrak{T}(\mathcal{P})$ with the Gromov-Hausdorff topology [1, 2] generated by the basic neighbourhoods $U^r_{\varepsilon,\varepsilon'} = \{\mathcal{T}' \in \mathfrak{T}(\mathcal{P}) \mid \forall v, v' \in \mathbb{R}^m : \|v\| < \varepsilon, \|v'\| < \varepsilon', R(\mathcal{T}+v, \mathcal{T}'+v') > r\}$ where $R(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}')$ is the supremum of radii R > 0 such that \mathcal{T} and \mathcal{T}' coincide on the ball B(0,R). Thus $\mathfrak{T}(\mathcal{P})$ becomes a compact metrizable space which is foliated by the orbits $L_{\mathcal{T}}$ of the natural action of \mathbb{R}^m . For each $\mathcal{T} \in \mathfrak{T}(\mathcal{P})$, let $D_{\mathcal{T}}$ be the Delone set associated to a choice of base points in the prototiles. Now $\Sigma = \{\mathcal{T} \in \mathfrak{T}(\mathcal{P}) | 0 \in D_{\mathcal{T}}\}$ is a totally disconnected closed subspace which meets all the leaves. For any aperiodic and repetitive tiling $\mathcal{T} \in \mathfrak{T}(\mathcal{P})$, the *continuous* hull of \mathcal{T} is the closure of its orbit. In the Euclidean case, any tiling in $\mathfrak{X} = L_{\mathcal{T}}$ is also aperiodic and repetitive and therefore $X = \Sigma \cap \mathfrak{X}$ is homeomorphic to the Cantor set. In particular, \mathfrak{X} is a minimal saturated set having trivial holonomy.

The aim of this poster is to show that the transverse dynamics of \mathfrak{X} is represented (up to orbital equivalence) by the tail equivalence relation on the infinite path space of a Bratteli diagram. Such an equivalence relation is orbit equivalent to a minimal action of \mathbb{Z} on the Cantor set [3, 4]. In other words, we prove:

Theorem.- Any equivalence relation \mathcal{R} on a Cantor set X arising from the continous hull \mathfrak{X} of an aperiodic and repetitive Euclidean tiling is affable in the sense of [4].

This theorem generalizes a result of H. Matui [6] proved for a subclass of substitution tilings. The proof is made up of three stages:

i) First, we construct an affable equivalence relation $\mathcal{R}_{\infty} \subset \mathcal{R}$ and we introduce its boundary $\partial \mathcal{R}_{\infty}$. It is a nowhere dense closed subset in which the \mathcal{R} -classes split into at least two \mathcal{R}_{∞} -classes. We use the *inflation* or *zooming process* developed in [1] to define a sequence of decompositions $\mathcal{B}^{(n)}$ of \mathfrak{X} in a finite number of compact flow boxes. Now \mathcal{R}_{∞} is the inductive limit of an increasing sequence of compact discrete equivalence relations \mathcal{R}_n . ii) Secondly we prove that $\partial \mathcal{R}_{\infty}$ is \mathcal{R} -thin [4], i.e. $\mu(\partial \mathcal{R}_{\infty}) = 0$ for every \mathcal{R} -invariant probability measure μ . In [7], C. Series has proved that any foliation with polynomial growth is hyperfinite. Here, we will use the same outline (which reminds the proof of the Rohlin lemma).

iii) Finally, in the Euclidean case, we pove that \mathcal{R}_{∞} is minimal and every \mathcal{R} -class split into a finite number of \mathcal{R}_{∞} -classes. This will allow us to conclude by applying theorem 4.18 of [4].

In fact, this proof applies to the broader class of *tilable laminations* [1] and we deduce the following result (which extends the main theorem of [5]):

Corollary.- Any free minimal action of \mathbb{Z}^m on the Cantor set is affable.

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