

# **Substitutions combinatoires et pavages**

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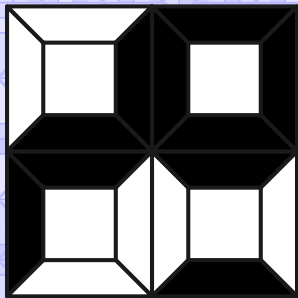
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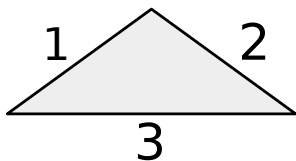
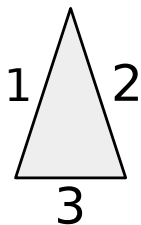
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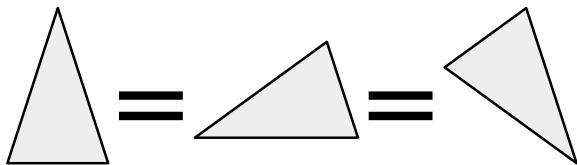
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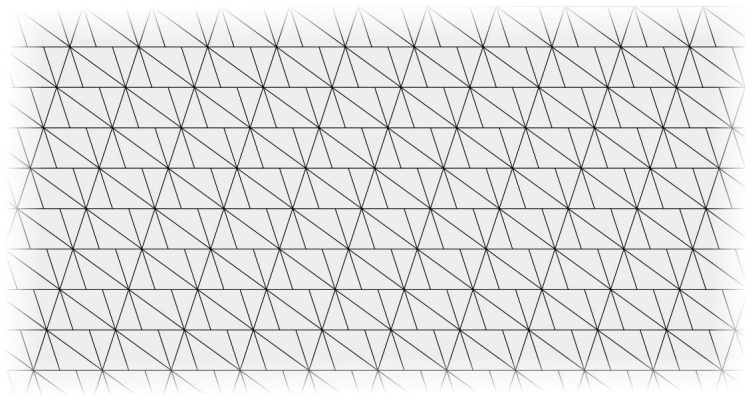


**Tile** polytope of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  with finitely many (numbered) facets.



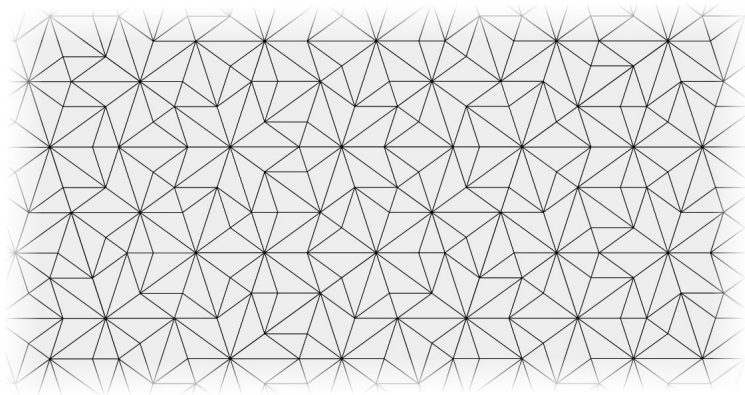
Tiles are here considered up to translations and rotations.

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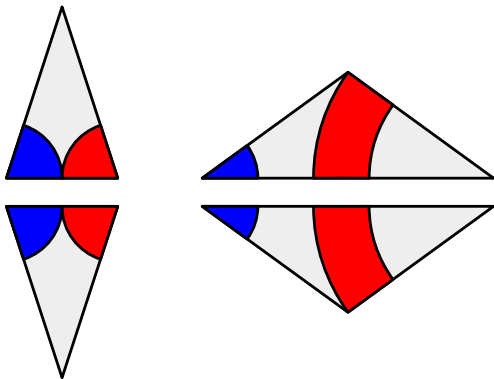


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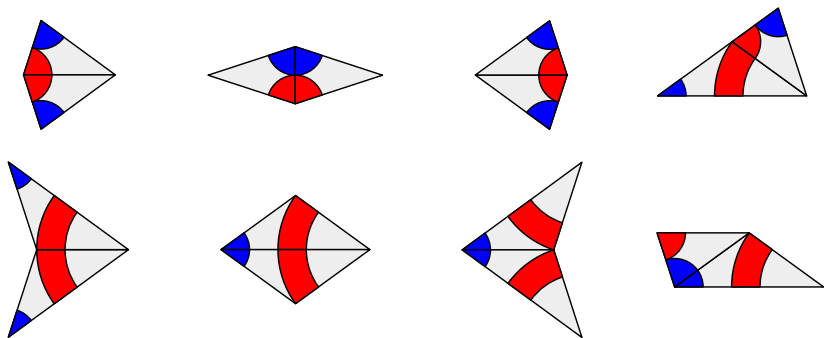


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**Decoration** maps each point of tile boundaries to a color.

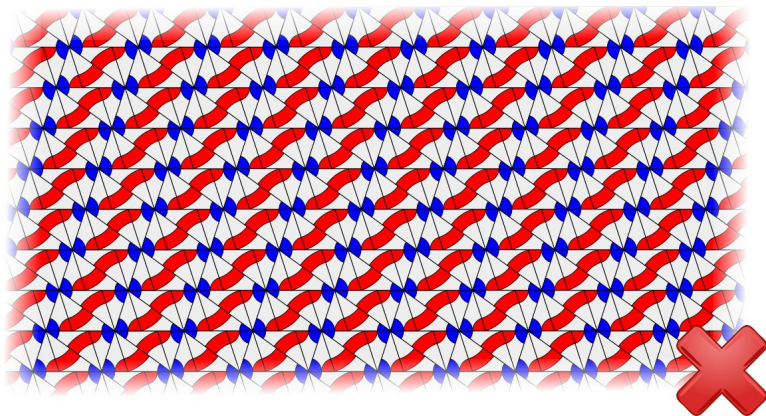
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**matching** if decorations are equal over common facets.

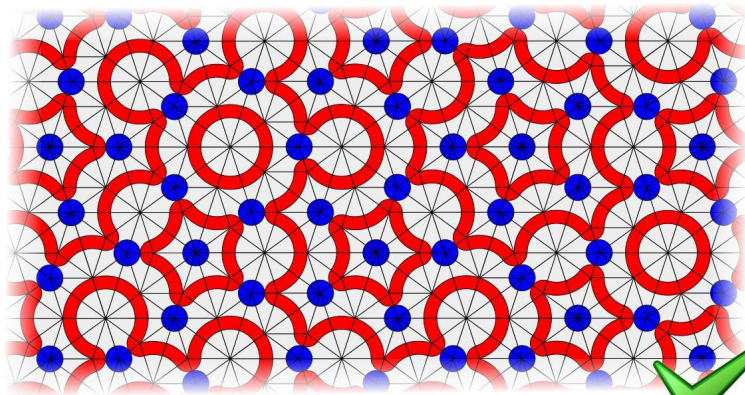


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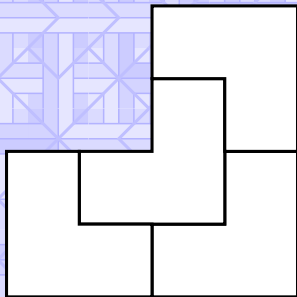
What (interesting) properties on tilings can (or cannot) be enforced by soficity?

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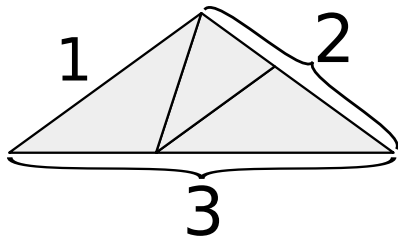
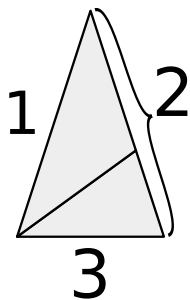
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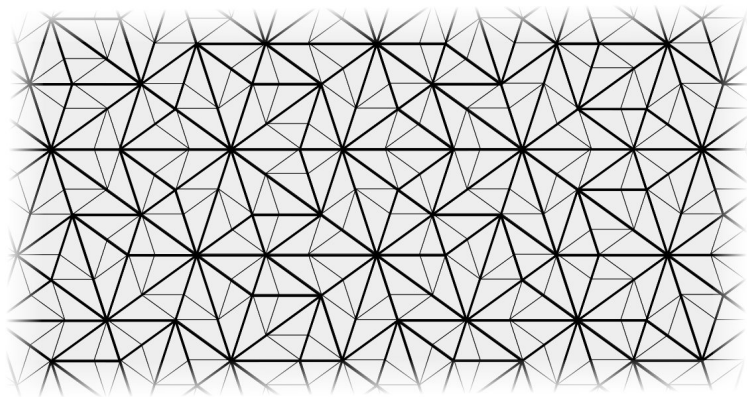


# Macro-tiles and macro-tilings



**Macro-tile** finite partial tiling with (numbered) **macro-facets**.

# Macro-tiles and macro-tilings



**Macro-tiling** macro-facet-to-facet tiling by macro-tiles.



**Definition** A **combinatorial substitution** is a finite set of pairs (tile, macro-tile).

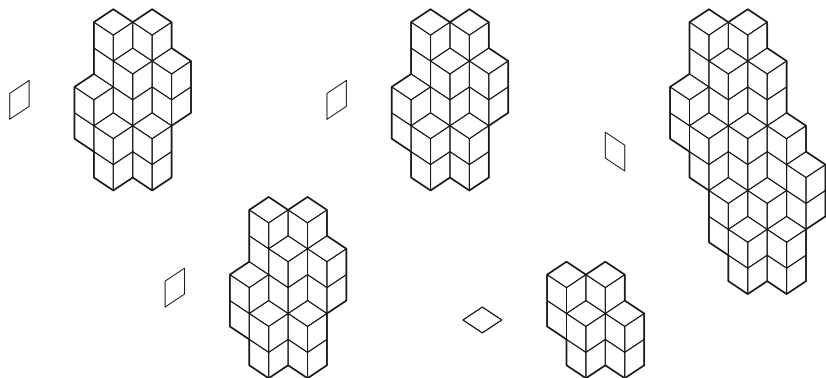
Let  $\sigma = \{(P_i, Q_i)\}_i$  be a combinatorial substitution.

**Preimage** under  $\sigma$  of a tiling by the  $P_i$ 's: macro-tiling by the  $Q_i$ 's with the same **combinatorial structure**.

**Definition** The **limit set** of a combinatorial substitution  $\sigma$  is the set of tilings which admit an infinite sequence of preimages under  $\sigma$ .

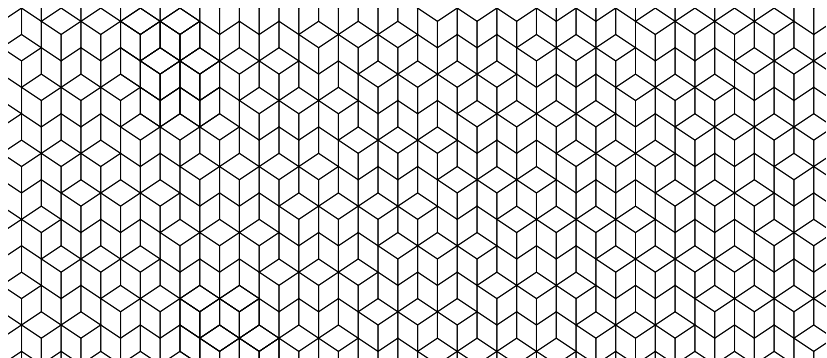


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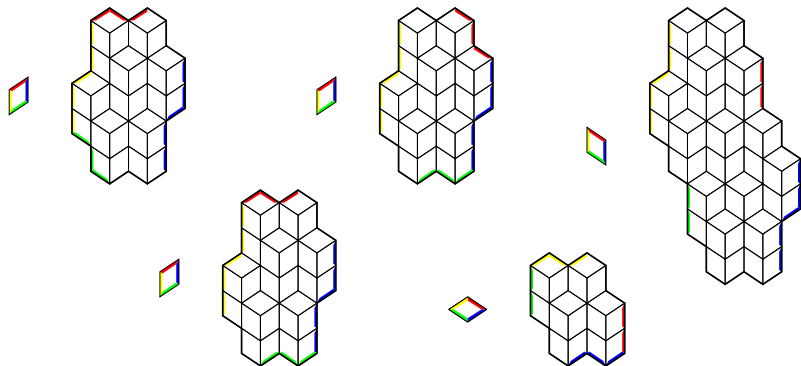
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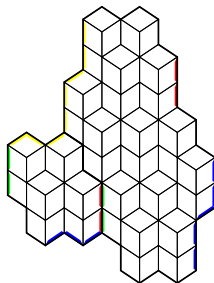


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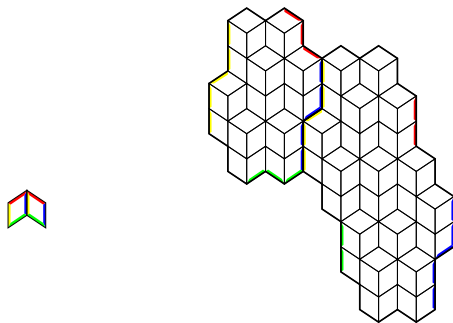


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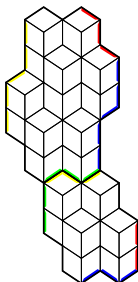
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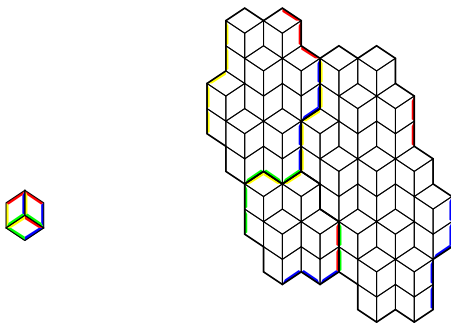
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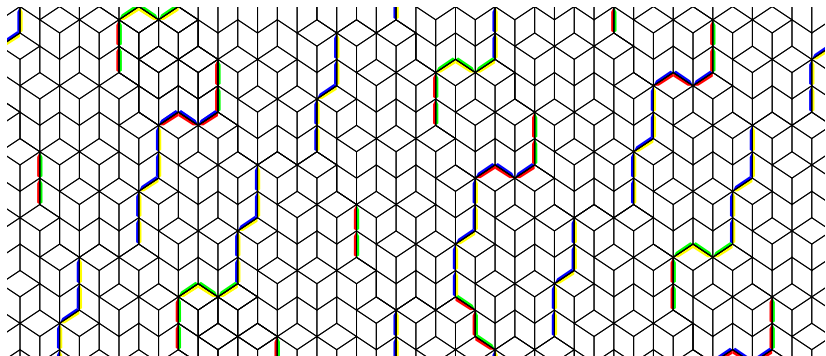
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Any tiling decomposes into macro-tiles.

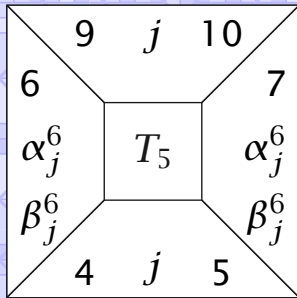


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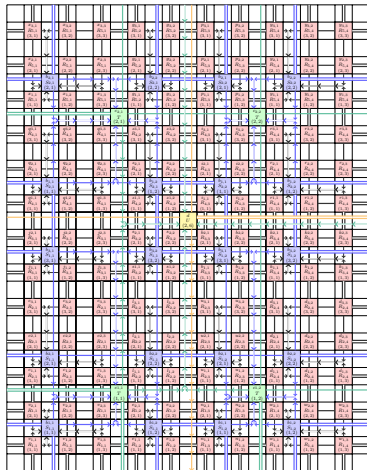
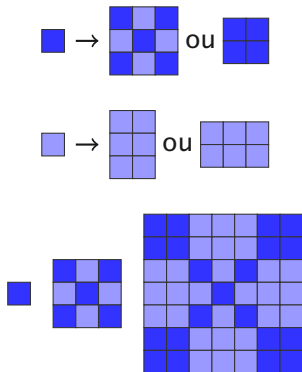
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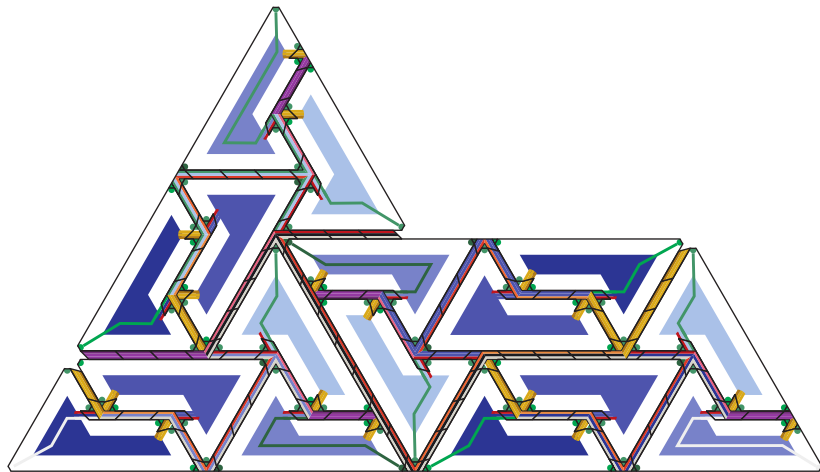
**Theorem**[FO 2010] The **limit set** of a **good** combinatorial substitution is **sofic**.

**Remark** The result is **constructive**: given a substitution we recursively construct a decorated set of tiles.

This extends (and simplifies?) previous similar results.



**Theorem[Mozes 1990]** The limit set of a **non-deterministic rectangular substitution** is sofic.



**Theorem**[Goodman-Strauss 1998] The limit set of **homothetic substitution** (+ some hypothesis) is sofic.

# Recipe [O 2008]



A **substitution**  $s$  generates a **limit set**

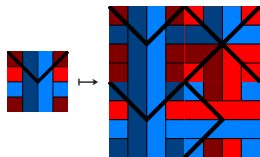
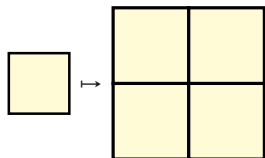
$$\Lambda_s = \bigcap_t \text{Img}(s^t).$$

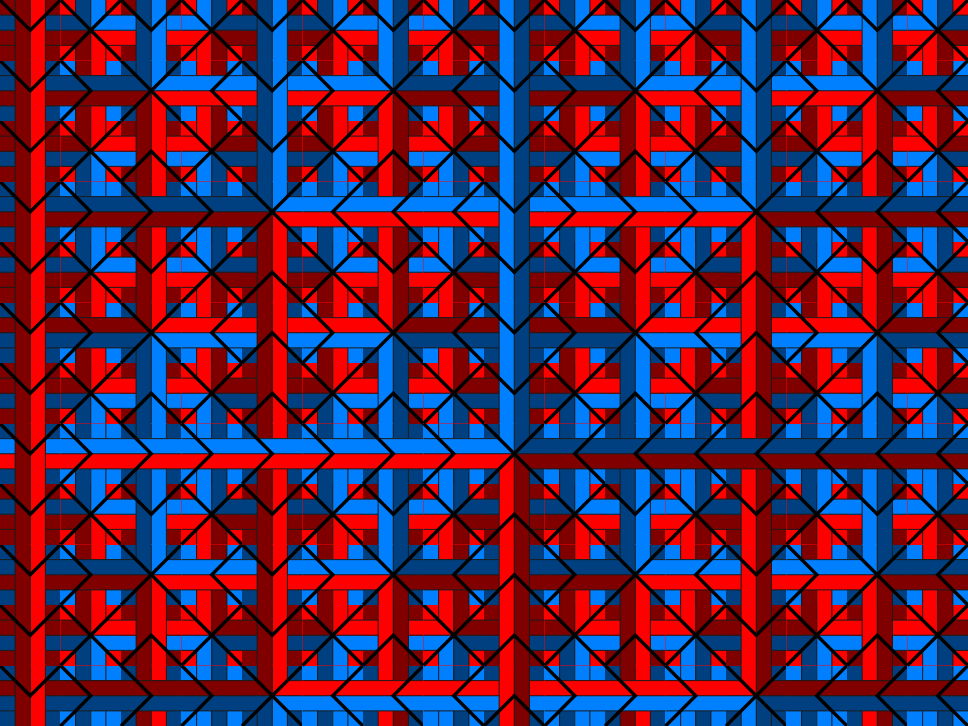
The limit set is the set of colorings admitting an **history**  $(c_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  where  $c_i = s(c_{i+1})$ .

A tile set  $\tau$  **simulates** a tile set  $\tau'$  with an encoding  $f: \tau' \rightarrow \tau^n$  if tilings by  $\tau$  decompose via  $f$  in tilings by  $\tau'$ .

Tilings of a **self-simulating** tile set  $\tau$  with encoding  $s$  are the **limit set** of  $s$ .

To encode  $\Lambda_s$  via **local matching rules** decorate  $s$  into a **locally checkable**  $s^\bullet$  embedding a whole history.





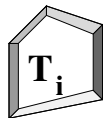
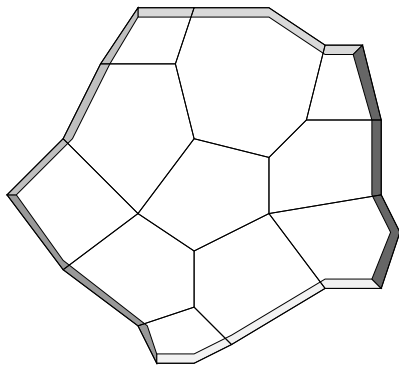


**Definition** A decorated tile set  $\tau$  **self-simulates** if it admits tilings and there are  $\tau$ -macro-tiles s.t.

1. any  $\tau$ -tiling is also a macro-tiling by these  $\tau$ -macro-tiles;
2. each  $\tau$ -macro-tile is **combinatorially equivalent** to a  $\tau$ -tile.

**Proposition** If  $\tau$  **self-simulates**, then  $\pi(X_\tau)$  is a **subset of the limit set** of the combinatorial substitution with pairs  $\tau$ -macro-tile/equivalent  $\tau$ -tile.

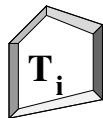
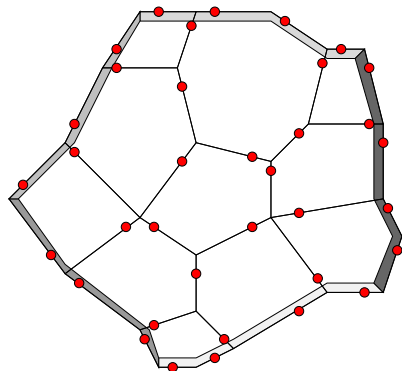
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Fix a set of macro-tiles and let  $T_1, \dots, T_n$  be all their tiles.

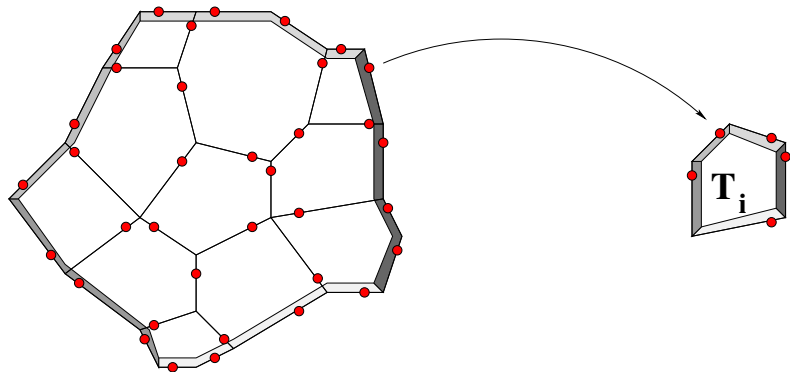


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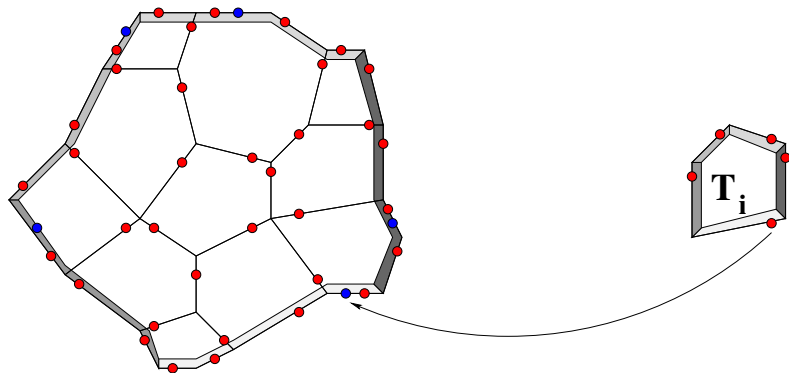
To enforce  $\tau$ -tilings to be  $\tau$ -macro-tilings: decorations specify tile neighbors within macro-tiles and mark macro-facets.

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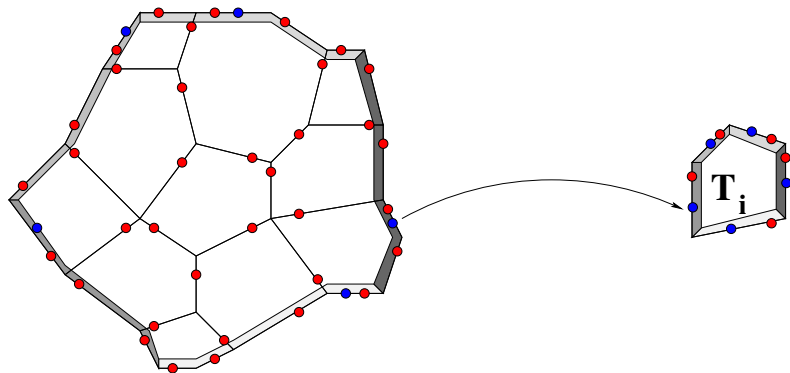
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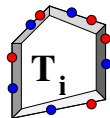
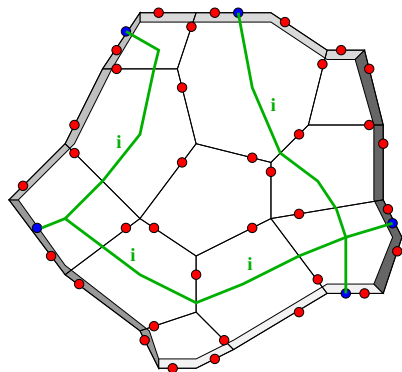
The macro-indices of facets of a  $\tau$ -tile must then be encoded on the corresponding macro-facets of its simulating  $\tau$ -macro-tile.

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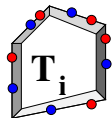
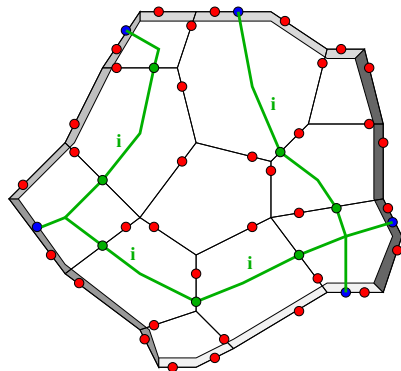
This yields so-called **neighbor-indices** on tile facets.

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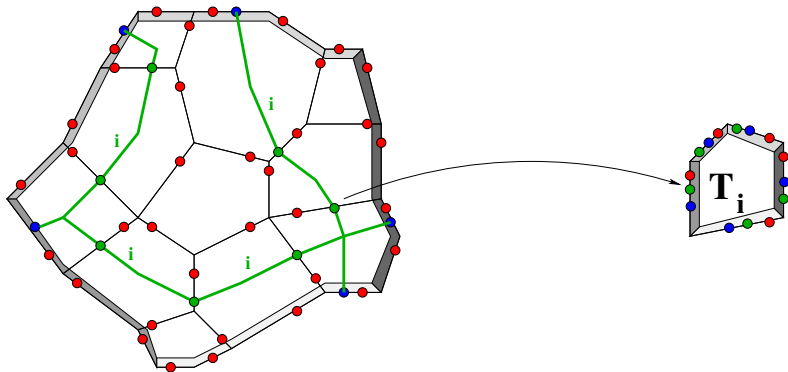
We force these neighbor-indices to come from the same tile  $T_i$ , called **parent-tile**, by carrying its index  $i$  between macro-facets, where it is converted into the suitable neighbor-index.

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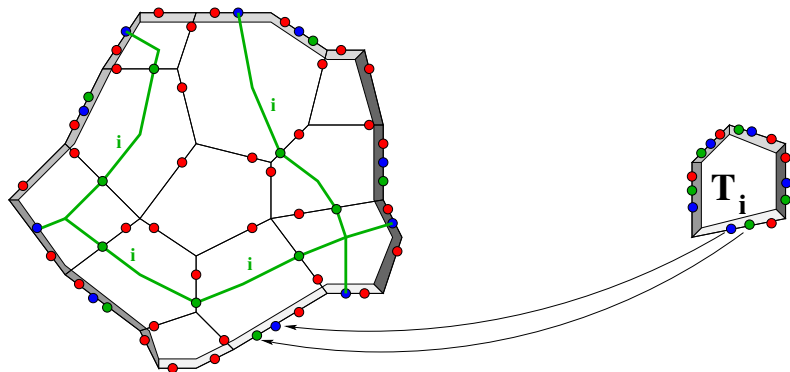
Such tile indices are encoded on facets by so-called **parent-index**.

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This yields, once again, a new index on each tile facets...

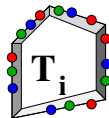
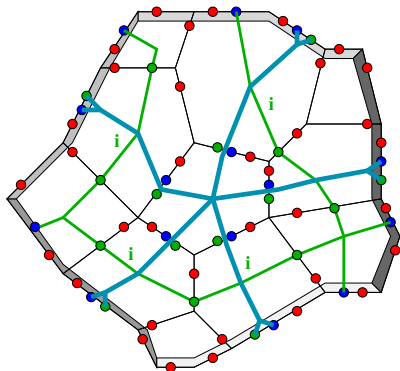
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But the trick is that the **neighbor-indices** and **parent-indices** of facets of a  $\tau$ -tile can be encoded on the corresponding big enough macro-facets of the equivalent  $\tau$ -macro-tile without any new index!

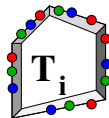
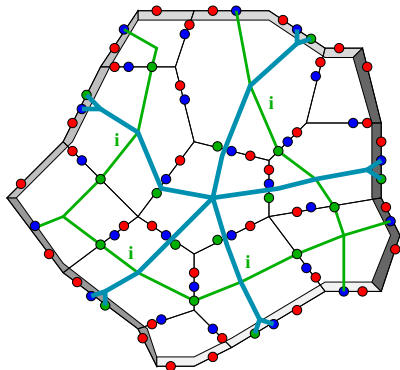


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In big enough macro-tiles, we can then carry these **pairs** of neighbor/parent indices up to a central tile along a star-like **network**.

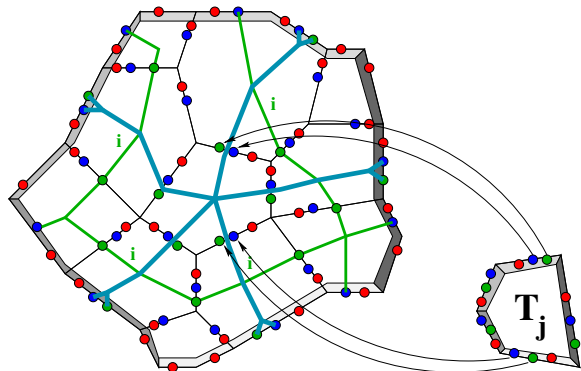
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On internal facets not crossed by this network, we copy the **macro-index** on the **neighbor-index** (this redundancy is later used).

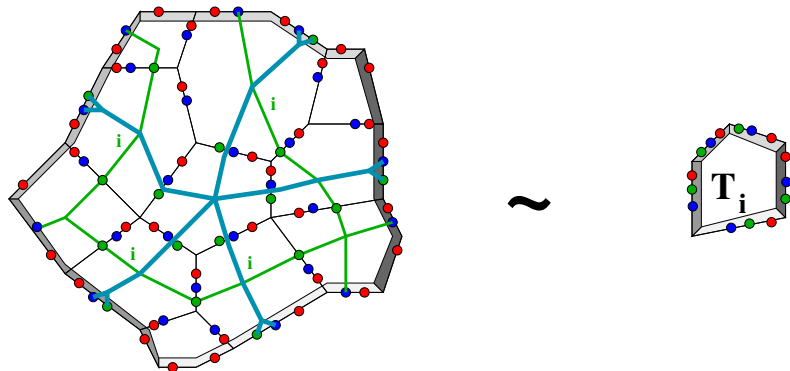
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	9	j	10	
6	$\alpha_j^i$	$T_i$	$\alpha_j^i$	7
	4	j	5	



The **pairs** on a central  $\tau$ -tile can be those of any non-central  $\tau$ -tile (from which the central  $\tau$ -tile is said to derive).

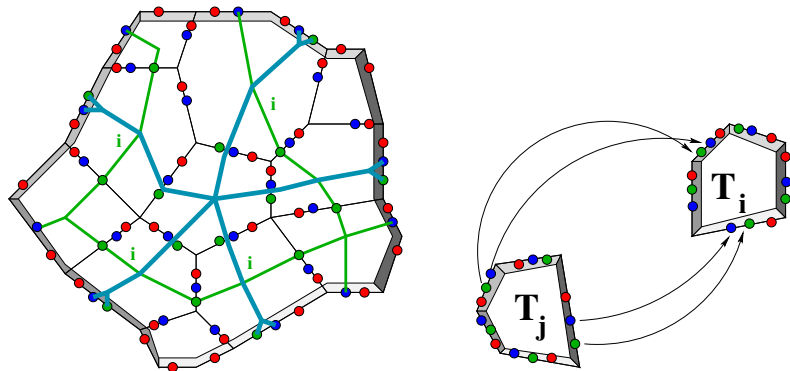
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The  $\tau$ -macro-tile with **parent-index  $i$**  is combinatorially equivalent to  $T_i$  endowed with the **pairs** of the central  $\tau$ -tile.  
But is it a  $\tau$ -tile?

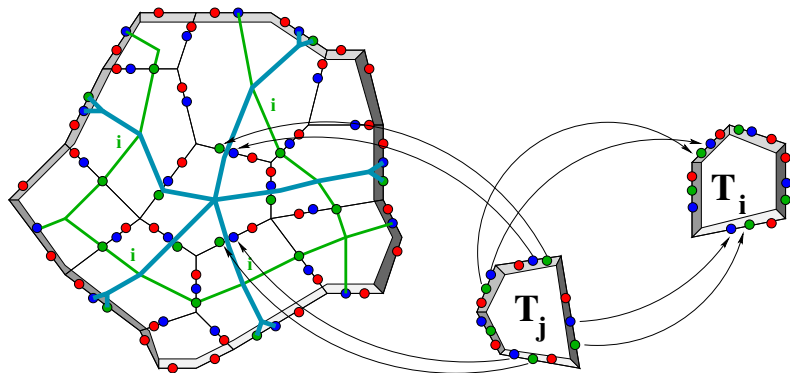
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9	$j$	10	7
6	$\alpha_j^i$	$T_i$	$\alpha_j^i$
$\beta_j^i$	4	$j$	5



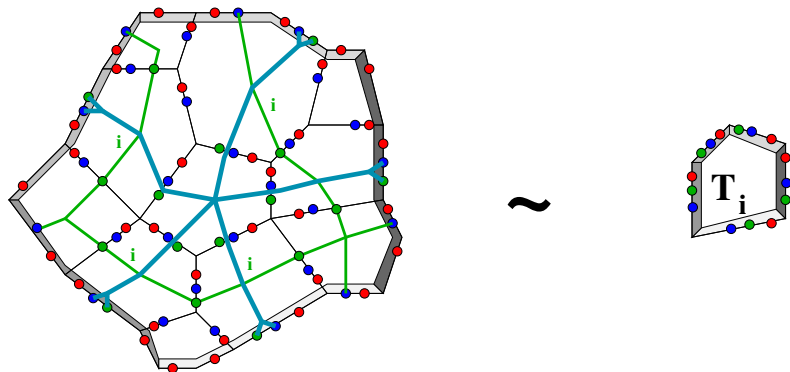
If  $T_i$  is a central tile, then its **pairs** can be derived from any non-central  $\tau$ -tile (as for any central tile)...

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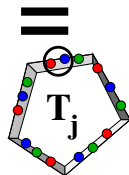
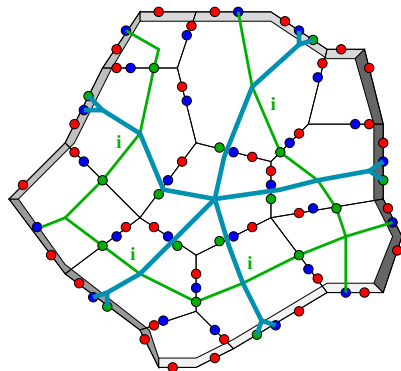
... in particular from the non-central  $\tau$ -tile from which are also derived the **pairs** of the central  $\tau$ -tile of our  $\tau$ -macro-tile.

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In this case, the equivalent decorated  $T_i$  is a derived central  $\tau$ -tile.

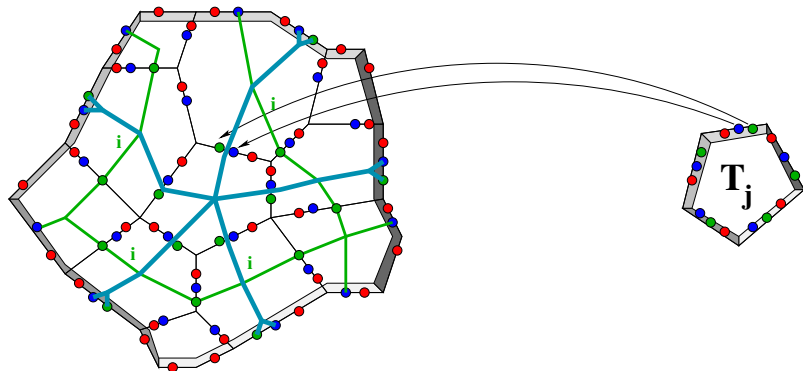
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Otherwise, consider the non-central  $\tau$ -tile from which derives our central  $\tau$ -tile; at least one facet is internal and not crossed by a network: its **neighbor** and **macro** indices are equal (by redundancy).



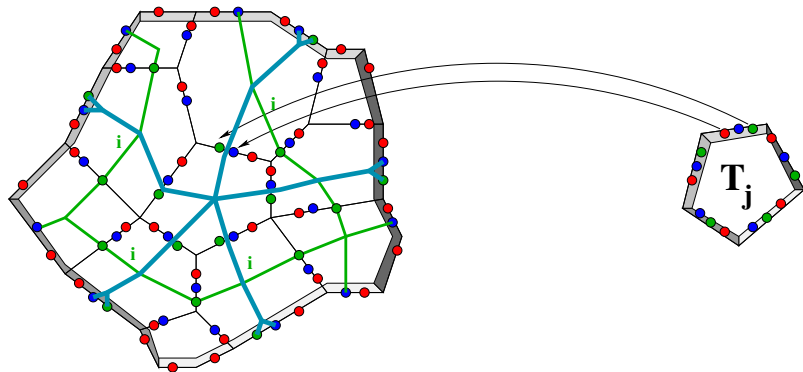
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Thus, by copying the **neighbor** and **parent** indices (derivation)...

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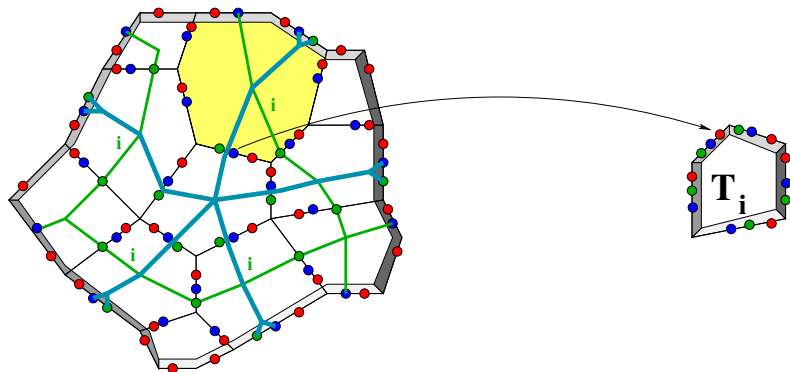
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... one copies a **macro-index** on our central  $\tau$ -tile, and thus on the whole corresponding network branch.

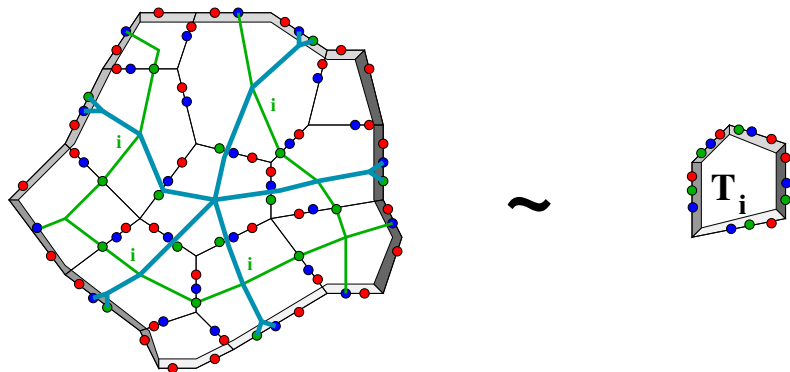
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	9	j	10	7
6		$T_i$		$\alpha_j^i$
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$\beta_j^i$	4		j	5



A tile on this  $k$ -th branch which also knows the **parent-index**  $i$  can then force this **macro-index** to be the one on the  $k$ -th facet of a decorated  $T_i$  (recall that all the decorated  $T_i$  have the same one).

# A self-simulating decorated tile set $\tau$



In this case, the equivalent decorated  $T_i$  is the non-central  $\tau$ -tile from which derives the central  $\tau$ -tile of our  $\tau$ -macro-tile.

# Main result



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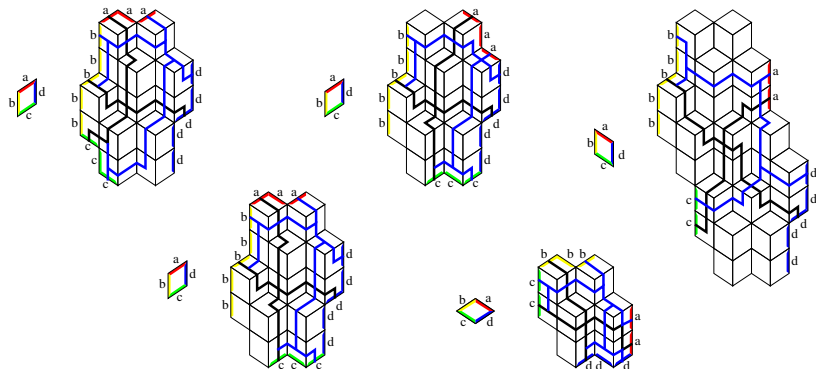
**Remark** No need to care about **geometry**.

But, what is a **good** combinatorial substitution?

**Definition** A **good** combinatorial substitution is both **connecting** and **consistent**.

# Connecting

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$\alpha_1^2$	$\tau_1$	$\alpha_1^2$	
4	1	5	



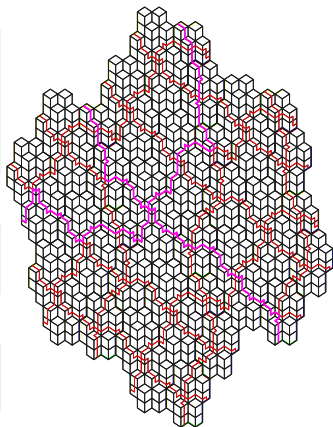
**Intuitively** A substitution is **connecting** if there is enough space inside macro-tiles to wire the networks.



**Definition** A combinatorial substitution is **consistent** if any tiling by macro-tiles admits a preimage under the substitution.

**Remark** This is where the **geometrical** consistency hides.

**Open Pb** **Characterize** consistent combinatorial substitutions.

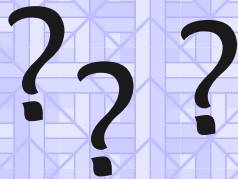


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# Conclusion and open problem

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The **global** hierarchical structure associated to a substitution system can be enforced by **local** matching rules.

**Open Pb** Is it possible to describe the **geometry** of tiles by finite local **combinatorial** constraints?

