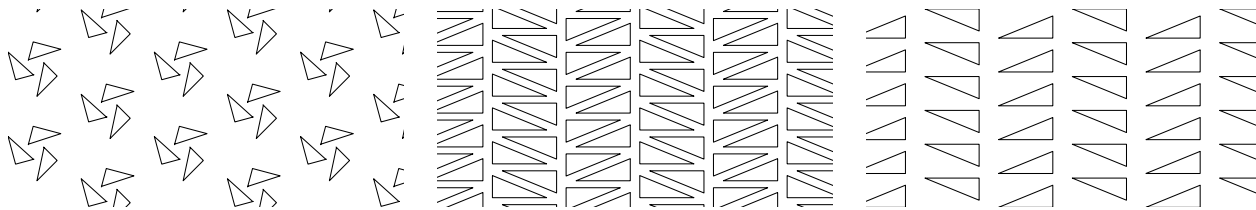


Practical 2: Hand in your solution to MyUni before Fri 16th March at 1pm.

You should read the practical, and prepare before the actual session.

1. • Classify the symmetries of the following three pictures.



- Using the flow chart at http://mathstat.slu.edu/escher/index.php/Wallpaper_Patterns#Wallpaper_Flow_Chart identify the name of each example.
- Read a little more about the naming of these groups, and draw an example of $p6m$.

2. Write MATLAB code to draw (and fill in with colour) a polygon.

- Start MATLAB
- You should use MATLAB's help command to learn about `fill`, *e.g.*, type

```
help fill
```

- You need to specify a polygon by the x and y coordinates of its vertices.
- Specify the *colour* using an R-G-B triple
- *e.g.*, to draw a unit square

```
X = [0.0, 1.0, 1.0, 0.0]
Y = [0.0, 0.0, 1.0, 1.0]
C = [0.0, 0.0, 1.0] % the colour blue
figure(1)           % create a new figure
fill(X, Y, C)
xlim([-0.2, 1.2]) % these commands just extend the axes
ylim([-0.2, 1.2]) % so we can see better
axis square        % square up the axes
```

- Draw a hexagon using a modification of this code.

3. Now iterate this code, so that it draws a tessellation built of hexagons over some region

- You will want to use iterators like: `for i=1:10`
- You can *nest* iterators inside each other
- You will have to assign contrasting colours to polygons so that you can see them.
- If you use the command

```
fill(X, Y, C, 'FaceAlpha', 0.2)
```

the fill will be partially transparent, so you can easily see overlaps.

- You can find an example of this code in *protected* form on the web page.

4. Now, use the above to generate a figure, and include this figure into a \LaTeX document using Overleaf. Hand in the resulting PDF through MyUni.

5. (*Extension question*) Write Matlab code that will list the symmetries of a given polygon.

- define a *function* called `test_sym` that takes as input x and y coordinates of the vertices of the polygon, and which returns
 - the axes of reflectional symmetry (if there are any)
 - the angles and centres of rotational symmetry (if there are any)

- The prototype of your function should look something like

```
[reflectional, rotational] = function(X, Y)
```

- Assume each vertex is distinct, and that the polygon is simple, but not necessarily convex.
- Be aware of floating point errors.
- Other hints
 - you only really need to look at the vertices
 - how would you test if it is a regular polygon?
 - if it's regular what symmetries would it have?
 - if it's irregular, what symmetries could it have?
 - given a particular symmetry, could you write a set of equations that would have to hold?