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# Chapter 1

## Renormalization of circle diffeomorphism sequences and Markov sequences

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**Abstract** We show a one-to-one correspondence between circle diffeomorphism sequences that are  $C^{1+}$   $n$ -periodic points of renormalization and smooth Markov sequences.

### 1.1 Introduction

Following [2–9, 20–23], we present the concept of renormalization applied to circle diffeomorphism sequences. These concepts are essential to extend the results presented in [8, 9] to all Anosov diffeomorphisms on surfaces, i.e. to prove a one-to-one correspondence between  $C^{1+}$  conjugacy classes of Anosov diffeomorphisms and pairs of  $C^{1+}$  circle diffeomorphism sequences that are  $C^{1+}$   $n$ -periodic points of renormalization (see also [1, 8, 9, 19]). The main point in this paper is to show the existence of a one-to-one correspondence between  $C^{1+}$  circle diffeomorphism sequences that are  $C^{1+}$   $n$ -periodic points of renormalization and smooth Markov sequences. This correspondence is a key step in passing from circle diffeomorphisms to Anosov diffeomorphisms because the Markov sequences encode the smooth in-

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formation of the expanding and contracting laminations of the Anosov diffeomorphisms [10–18]).

## 1.2 Circle diffeomorphisms

Let  $\mathbf{a} = (a_i)_{i=0}^\infty$  be a sequence of positive integers and let  $\gamma(\mathbf{a}) = 1/(a_0 + 1/(a_1 + 1/\dots))$ . For every  $i \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , let  $\gamma_i = \gamma_i(\mathbf{a}) = 1/(a_i + 1/(a_{i+1} + 1/\dots))$  and let  $\mathbb{S}_i$  be a *counterclockwise oriented circle* homeomorphic to the circle  $\underline{\mathbb{S}}_i = \mathbb{R}/(1 + \gamma_i)\mathbb{Z}$ .

An *arc* in  $\mathbb{S}_i$  is the image of a non trivial interval  $I$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  by a homeomorphism  $\alpha : I \rightarrow \mathbb{S}_i$ . If  $I$  is closed (resp. open) we say that  $\alpha(I)$  is a *closed* (resp. *open*) arc in  $\mathbb{S}_i$ . We denote by  $(a, b)$  (resp.  $[a, b]$ ) the positively oriented open (resp. closed) arc on  $\mathbb{S}_i$  starting at the point  $a \in \mathbb{S}_i$  and ending at the point  $b \in \mathbb{S}_i$ . A  $C^{1+\alpha}$  atlas  $\mathcal{A}_i$  in  $\mathbb{S}_i$  is a set of charts such that (i) every small arc of  $\mathbb{S}_i$  is contained in the domain of some chart in  $\mathcal{A}_i$ , and (ii) the overlap maps are  $C^{1+\alpha}$  compatible, for some  $\alpha > 0$ .

Let  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}_i$  denote the affine atlas whose charts are isometries with respect to the usual norm in  $\underline{\mathbb{S}}_i$ . Let the *rigid rotation*  $g_i : \underline{\mathbb{S}}_i \rightarrow \underline{\mathbb{S}}_i$  be the affine homeomorphism, with respect to the atlas  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}_i$ , with rotation number  $\gamma_i/(1 + \gamma_i)$ .

A homeomorphism  $h : \underline{\mathbb{S}}_i \rightarrow \underline{\mathbb{S}}_i$  is *quasisymmetric* if there exists a constant  $C > 1$  such that for each two arcs  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  of  $\underline{\mathbb{S}}_i$  with a common endpoint and such that  $|I_1|_i = |I_2|_i$ , we have  $|h(I_1)|_i/|h(I_2)|_i < C$ , where the lengths are measured in the charts of  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}_i$  and  $\mathcal{A}_i$ .

A  $C^{1+\alpha}$  *circle diffeomorphism sequence*  $(g_i, \mathbb{S}_i, \mathcal{A}_i)_{i=0}^\infty$  is a sequence of triples  $(g_i, \mathbb{S}_i, \mathcal{A}_i)$  with the following properties: (i)  $g_i : \mathbb{S}_i \rightarrow \mathbb{S}_i$  is a  $C^{1+\alpha}$  diffeomorphism, with respect to the  $C^{1+\alpha}$  atlas  $\mathcal{A}_i$ , for some  $\alpha > 0$ ; and (ii)  $g_i$  is quasi-symmetric conjugate to the rigid rotation  $g_i$  with respect to the atlas  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}_i$ .

We denote the  $C^{1+\alpha}$  circle diffeomorphism  $(g_i, \mathbb{S}_i, \mathcal{A}_i)$  by  $g_i$ . In particular, we denote the rigid rotation  $(g_i, \underline{\mathbb{S}}_i, \underline{\mathcal{A}}_i)$  by  $\underline{g}_i$ .

### 1.2.1 Horocycles

Let us mark a point in  $\mathbb{S}_i$  that we will denote by  $0_i \in \mathbb{S}_i$ . Let  $S_i^0 = [0_i, g_i(0_i)]$  be the oriented closed arc in  $\mathbb{S}_i$ , with endpoints  $0_i$  and  $g_i(0_i)$ . For every  $k \in \{0, \dots, a_i\}$ , let  $S_i^k = [g_i^k(0_i), g_i^{k+1}(0_i)]$  be the oriented closed arc in  $\mathbb{S}_i$  with endpoints  $g_i^k(0_i)$  and  $g_i^{k+1}(0_i)$  and such that  $S_i^k \cap S_i^{k-1} = \{g_i^k(0_i)\}$ . Let  $S_i^{a_i+1} = [g_i^{a_i+1}(0_i), 0_i]$  be the oriented closed arc in  $\mathbb{S}_i$ , with endpoints  $g_i^{a_i+1}(0_i)$  and  $0_i$ .

We introduce an *equivalence relation*  $\sim$  in  $\mathbb{S}_i$  by identifying the  $a_i + 1$  points  $g_i(0), \dots, g_i^{a_i+1}(0)$  and form the topological space  $H_i(\mathbb{S}_i, g_i) = \mathbb{S}_i/\sim$ . We take the orientation in  $H_i$  as the reverse orientation of the one induced by  $\mathbb{S}_i$ . We call this oriented topological space the *horocycle* and we denote it by  $H_i = H_i(\mathbb{S}_i, g_i)$ . We consider the quotient topology in  $H_i$ . Let  $\pi_{g_i} : \mathbb{S}_i \rightarrow H_i$  be the natural projection. The

point

$$\xi_i = \pi_{g_i}(g_i(0_i)) = \cdots = \pi_{g_i}(g_i^{a_i+1}(0_i)) \in H_i$$

is called the *junction* of the horocycle  $H_i$ . For every  $k \in \{0, \dots, a_i\}$ , let  $S_{i,H}^k = S_{i,H}^k(\mathbb{S}_i, g_i) \subset H_i$  be the projection by  $\pi_{g_i}$  of the closed arc  $S_i^k$ . Let  $R_i\mathbb{S}_i = S_{i,H}^0 \cup S_{i,H}^{a_i+1}$  be the *renormalized circle* in  $H_i$ . The horocycle  $H_i$  is the union of the renormalized circle  $R_i\mathbb{S}_i$  with the circles  $S_{i,H}^k$  for every  $k \in \{1, \dots, a_i\}$ .

A *parametrization* in  $H_i$  is the image of a non trivial interval  $I$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  by a homeomorphism  $\alpha : I \rightarrow H_i$ . If  $I$  is closed (resp. open) we say that  $\alpha(I)$  is a *closed* (resp. *open*) *arc* in  $H_i$ . A *chart* in  $H_i$  is the inverse of a parametrization. A *topological atlas*  $\mathcal{B}$  on the horocycle  $H_i$  is a set of charts  $\{(j, J)\}$ , on  $H_i$ , with the property that every small arc is contained in the domain of a chart in  $\mathcal{B}$ , i.e. for any open arc  $K$  in  $H_i$  and any  $x \in K$  there exists a chart  $\{(j, J)\} \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $J \cap K$  is a non trivial open arc in  $H_i$  and  $x \in J \cap K$ . A  $C^{1+\alpha}$  *atlas*  $\mathcal{B}$  in  $H_i$  is a topological atlas  $\mathcal{B}$  such that the overlap maps are  $C^{1+\alpha}$  and have  $C^{1+\alpha}$  uniformly bounded norms, for some  $\alpha > 0$ .

Let  $\mathcal{A}_i$  be a  $C^{1+}$  atlas on  $\mathbb{S}_i$  in which  $g_i : \mathbb{S}_i \rightarrow \mathbb{S}_i$  is a  $C^{1+}$  circle diffeomorphism. We are going to construct a  $C^{1+}$  atlas  $\mathcal{A}_i^H$  on  $H_i$  that we call the *extended pushforward*  $\mathcal{A}_i^H = (\pi_{g_i})_* \mathcal{A}_i$  of the atlas  $\mathcal{A}_i$  on  $\mathbb{S}_i$ . If  $x \in H_i \setminus \{\xi_i\}$  then there exists a sufficiently small open arc  $J \subset H_i$  containing  $x$  and such that  $\pi_{g_i}^{-1}(J)$  is contained in the domain of some chart  $(I, \hat{\nu})$  of  $\mathcal{A}_i$ . In this case, we define  $(J, \hat{\nu} \circ \pi_{g_i}^{-1})$  as a chart in  $\mathcal{A}_i^H$ . If  $x = \xi_i$  and  $J$  is a small arc containing  $\xi_i$ , then either (i)  $\pi_{g_i}^{-1}(J)$  is an arc in  $\mathbb{S}_i$  or (ii)  $\pi_{g_i}^{-1}(J)$  is a disconnected set that consists of a union of two connected components.

In case (i),  $\pi_{g_i}^{-1}(J)$  is connected and it is contained in the domain of some chart  $(I, \hat{\nu}) \in \mathcal{A}_i$ . Therefore we define  $(J, \hat{\nu} \circ \pi_{g_i}^{-1})$  as a chart in  $\mathcal{A}_i^H$ .

In case (ii),  $\pi_{g_i}^{-1}(J)$  is a disconnected set that is the union of two connected arcs  $I_l^L$  and  $I_r^R$  of the form  $I_l^L = (c_l^L, g_i^l(0))$  and  $I_r^R = [g_i^r(0), c_r^R]$ , respectively, for all  $l, r \in \{1, \dots, a_i + 1\}$ . Let  $J_l^L$  and  $J_r^R$  be the arcs in  $H_i$  defined by  $J_l^L = \pi_{g_i}(I_l^L)$  and  $\pi_{g_i}(I_r^R)$  respectively. Then  $J = J_l^L \cup J_r^R$  is an arc in  $H_i$  with the property that  $J_l^L \cap J_r^R = \{\xi_i\}$ , for every  $l, r \in \{1, \dots, a_i + 1\}$ . We call such arc  $J$  a  $(l, r)$ -arc and we denote it by  $J_{l,r}$ . Let  $j_{l,r} : J_{l,r} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by,

$$j_{l,r}(x) = \begin{cases} \hat{\nu} \circ \pi_{g_i}^{-1}(x) & \text{if } x \in J_r^R \\ \hat{\nu} \circ g_i^{r-l} \circ \pi_{g_i}^{-1}(x) & \text{if } x \in J_l^L \end{cases}.$$

Let  $(I, \hat{\nu}) \in \mathcal{A}_i$  be a chart such that  $\pi_{g_i}(I) \supset J_{l,r}$ . Then we define  $(J_{l,r}, j_{l,r})$  as a chart in  $\mathcal{A}_i^H$  (see Figure 1.1). We call the atlas determined by these charts the *extended pushforward atlas* of  $\mathcal{A}_i$  and, by abuse of notation, we will denote it by  $\mathcal{A}_i^H = (\pi_{g_i})_* \mathcal{A}_i$ .

Let the marked point  $\underline{0}_i$  in  $\mathbb{S}_i$  be the natural projection of  $0 \in \mathbb{R}$  onto  $\underline{0}_i \in \mathbb{S}_i = \mathbb{R}/(1 + \gamma_i)\mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $\underline{S}_i^0 = [0_i, g_i(0_i)]$  and  $\underline{S}_i^k = [g_i^k(0_i), g_i^{k+1}(0_i)]$ . Furthermore, let

$$\underline{H}_i = H_i(\underline{\mathbb{S}}_i, \underline{g}_i), \underline{S}_{i,H}^k = S_{i,H}^k(\underline{\mathbb{S}}_i, \underline{g}_i), R_i\mathbb{S}_i = \underline{\mathbb{S}}_{i,H}^0 \cup \underline{\mathbb{S}}_{i,H}^{a_i+1} \text{ and } \underline{\mathcal{A}}_i^H = \left( \pi_{\underline{g}_i} \right)_* \underline{\mathcal{A}}_i.$$

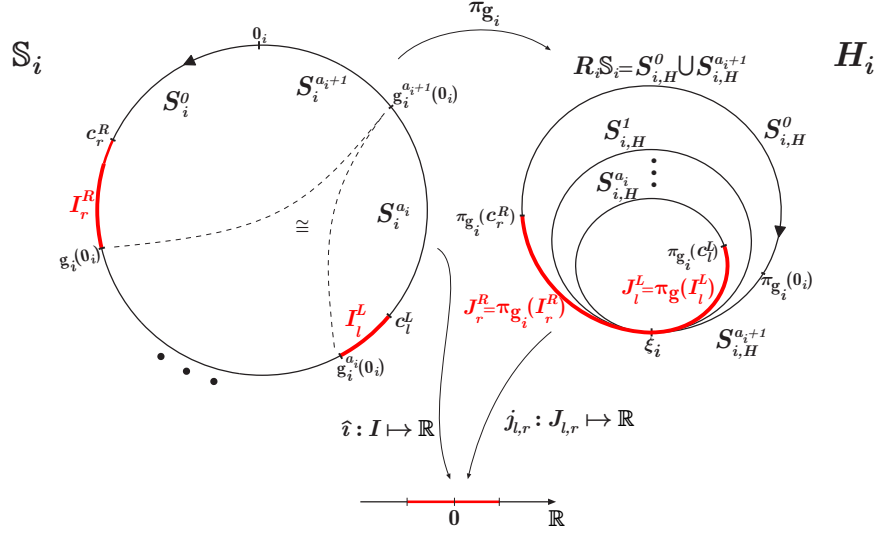


Fig. 1.1: The horocycle  $H_i$  and the chart  $j_{l,r} : J_{l,r} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  in case (ii). The junction  $\xi_i$  of the horocycle is equal to  $\xi_i = \pi_{g_i}(g_i(0_i)) = \dots \pi_{g_i}(g_i^{a_i}(0_i)) = \pi_{g_i}(g_i^{a_i+1}(0_i))$ .

### 1.3 Renormalization

The *renormalization of a  $C^{1+}$  circle diffeomorphism  $g_i$*  is the triple  $(R_i g_i, R_i \mathbb{S}_i, R_i \mathcal{A}_i)$  where (i)  $R_i \mathbb{S}_i$  is the renormalized circle with the orientation of the horocycle  $H_i$ , i.e. the reversed orientation of the orientation induced by  $\mathbb{S}_i$ ; (ii) the *renormalized atlas*  $R_i \mathcal{A}_i = \mathcal{A}_i^H|_{R_i \mathbb{S}_i}$  is the set of all charts in  $\mathcal{A}_i^H$  with domains contained in  $R_i \mathbb{S}_i$ ; and (iii)  $R_i g_i : R_i \mathbb{S}_i \rightarrow R_i \mathbb{S}_i$  is the continuous map given by

$$R_i g_i(x) = \begin{cases} \pi_{g_i} \circ g_i^{a_i+1} \circ \left( \pi_{g_i}|_{S_{i,H}^0} \right)^{-1}(x) & \text{if } x \in S_{i,H}^0 \\ \pi_{g_i} \circ g_i \circ \left( \pi_{g_i}|_{S_{i,H}^{a_i+1}} \right)^{-1}(x) & \text{if } x \in S_{i,H}^{a_i+1} \end{cases}.$$

We denote the  $C^{1+}$  renormalization  $(R_i g_i, R_i \mathbb{S}_i, R_i \mathcal{A}_i)$  of  $g_i$  by  $R_i g_i$ .

By construction, the renormalization  $R_i g_i$  of the rigid rotation  $g_i$  is affine conjugate to the rigid rotation  $g_{i+1}$ . Hence, from now on, we identify  $(R_i g_i, R_i \mathbb{S}_i, R_i \mathcal{A}_i)$  with  $(g_{i+1}, \mathbb{S}_{i+1}, \mathcal{A}_{i+1})$ .

Recall that a  $C^{1+}$  circle diffeomorphism  $g : \mathbb{S}_i \rightarrow \mathbb{S}_i$  is a  $C^{1+\alpha}$  diffeomorphism with respect to a  $C^{1+\alpha}$  atlas  $\mathcal{A}$  on  $\mathbb{S}_i$ , for some  $\alpha > 0$ , that is quasi-symmetric conjugate to a rigid rotation  $\underline{g} : \mathbb{S}_i \rightarrow \mathbb{S}_i$  with respect to an affine atlas  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}$  on  $\underline{\mathbb{S}}_i$ .

The renormalization  $R_i g_i$  is a  $C^{1+}$  circle diffeomorphism quasi-symmetric conjugate to the rigid rotation  $\underline{g}_{i+1}$ . Hence,  $R_i g_i$  is quasi-symmetric conjugate to the  $C^{1+}$

circle diffeomorphism  $g_{i+1}$ . The marked point  $0_i \in \mathbb{S}_i$  determines the marked point  $0_{R_i\mathbb{S}_i} = \pi_{g_i}(0_i)$  in the circle  $R_i\mathbb{S}_i$ . Thus, there is a unique topological conjugacy  $h_i$  between  $R_i g_i$  and  $g_{i+1}$  such that  $h_i(0_{R_i\mathbb{S}_i}) = 0_{i+1}$ .

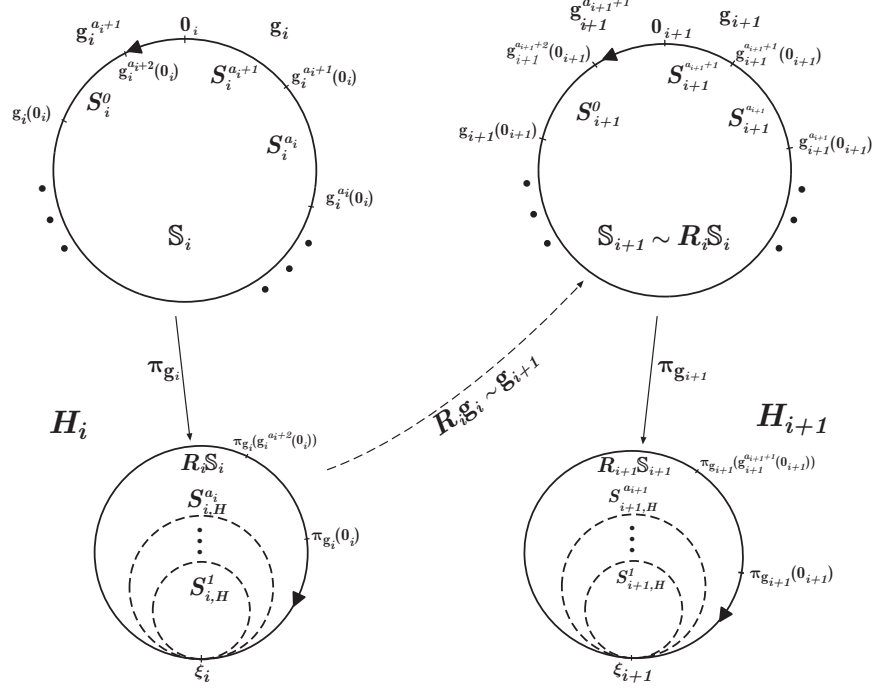


Fig. 1.2: The horocycles  $H_i$  and  $H_{i+1}$ , and the renormalized map  $R_i g_i : R_i \mathbb{S}_i \rightarrow R_i \mathbb{S}_i$ . Here  $\xi_i = g_i(0_i) = \dots = g_i^{a_i+1}(0_i)$ ,  $\xi_{i+1} = g_{i+1}(0_{i+1}) = \dots = g_{i+1}^{a_{i+1}+1}(0_{i+1})$  and the map  $R_i g_i$  is identified with  $g_{i+1}$ .

A  $C^{1+}$  circle diffeomorphism  $g_0$  determines a unique  $C^{1+}$  renormalization circle diffeomorphism sequence  $\mathbf{R}(g_0) = (g_i, \mathbb{S}_i, \mathcal{A}_i)_{i=0}^\infty$  given by

$$(g_i, \mathbb{S}_i, \mathcal{A}_i) = (R_i \circ \dots \circ R_0 g_0, R_i \circ \dots \circ R_0 \mathbb{S}_0, R_i \circ \dots \circ R_0 \mathcal{A}_0).$$

We note that the  $C^{1+}$  renormalization circle diffeomorphism sequence  $\mathbf{R}(g_0)$  is a  $C^{1+}$  circle diffeomorphism sequence.

We say that  $\mathbf{a} = (a_i)_{i=0}^\infty$  a sequence is  $n$ -periodic if  $n$  is the least integer such that  $a_{i+n} = a_i$ , for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . We observe that given a  $n$ -periodic sequence of positive integers  $\mathbf{a} = (a_i)_{i=0}^\infty$ ,  $\gamma_i = \gamma_i(\mathbf{a}) = 1/(a_i + 1/(a_{i+1} + 1/\dots))$  is equal to  $\gamma_{i+n}$  for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Hence, there exists a topological conjugacy  $\phi_i : \mathbb{S}_i \rightarrow \mathbb{S}_{i+n}$  such that

$$\phi_i \circ g_i = g_{i+n} \circ \phi_i,$$

because  $g_i$  and  $g_{i+n} = R_{i+n} \circ \dots \circ R_i g_i$  are  $C^{1+}$  circle diffeomorphisms with the same rotation number  $\gamma_i = \gamma_{i+n}$ .

We say that a sequence  $\mathbf{R}(g_0)$  is a  $C^{1+}$   $n$ -periodic point of renormalization, if  $\phi_i$  is  $C^{1+}$  for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

## 1.4 Markov maps

Let  $\mathbf{R}(g_0)$  be the renormalization circle diffeomorphism sequence associated to the  $C^{1+}$  circle diffeomorphism  $g_0$ . The Markov map  $M_i : H_i \rightarrow H_{i+1}$  is given by

$$M_i(x) = \begin{cases} \pi_{g_{i+1}}(x) & \text{if } x \in R_i \mathbb{S}_i \\ \pi_{g_{i+1}} \circ \pi_{g_i} \circ g_i^{-k} \circ \pi_{g_i}^{-1}(x) & \text{if } x \in \mathcal{S}_{i,H_i}^k, \text{ for } k = 1, \dots, a_i \end{cases}.$$

The Markov sequence  $(M_i)_{i=0}^\infty(g_0)$  associated to a  $C^{1+}$  circle diffeomorphism  $g_0$  is the sequence of Markov maps  $M_i : H_i \rightarrow H_{i+1}$ , for  $i \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Two Markov sequences  $(M_i)_{i=0}^\infty(g_0)$  and  $(N_i)_{i=0}^\infty(g_0)$  are *quasi-symmetric conjugate* if there is a sequence  $(h_i)_{i=0}^\infty$  of quasi-symmetric maps  $h_i$  such that  $M_{i+1} \circ h_i = h_{i+1} \circ M_i$ , for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

The *rigid Markov sequence*  $(\underline{M}_i)_{i=0}^\infty = (M_i)_{i=0}^\infty(\underline{g}_0)$  is the Markov sequence associated to the rigid rotation  $\underline{g}_0$ . The rigid Markov maps  $\underline{M}_i : \underline{H}_i \rightarrow \underline{H}_{i+1}$  are affine with respect to the atlases  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}_i^H$  and  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}_{i+1}^H$  (see Figure 1.3).

The Markov sequence  $(M_i)_{i=0}^\infty(g_0)$  has the following properties: (i) the Markov maps  $M_i$  are local  $C^{1+\alpha}$  diffeomorphisms, for some  $\alpha > 0$ , and (ii) the Markov sequence  $(M_i)_{i=0}^\infty(g_0)$  is quasi-symmetric conjugate to the rigid Markov sequence  $(\underline{M}_i)_{i=0}^\infty(\underline{g}_0)$  because  $g_i$  is quasi-symmetric conjugate to  $\underline{g}_i$ .

The  $n$ -extended Markov sequence  $(\mathbf{M}_i)_{i=0}^{n-1}(g_0)$  is the sequence of the  $n$ -extended Markov maps  $\mathbf{M}_i(g_0) : H_i \rightarrow H_i$  defined by

$$\mathbf{M}_i(g_0) = \phi_i^{-1} \circ M_{i+n} \circ \dots \circ M_i.$$

We observe that a sequence  $\mathbf{R}(g_0)$  is a  $C^{1+}$   $n$ -periodic point of renormalization if, and only if, the  $n$ -extended Markov maps  $\mathbf{M}_i : H_i \rightarrow H_i$  are  $C^{1+}$  for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

The *rigid  $n$ -extended Markov sequence*  $(\underline{\mathbf{M}}_i)_{i=0}^{n-1} = (\mathbf{M}_i)_{i=0}^{n-1}(\underline{g}_0)$  is the  $n$ -extended Markov sequence associated to the rigid rotation  $\underline{g}_0$ . The rigid  $n$ -extended Markov maps  $\underline{\mathbf{M}}_0, \dots, \underline{\mathbf{M}}_{n-1}$  are affine with respect to the atlases  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}_0^H, \dots, \underline{\mathcal{A}}_{n-1}^H$ , respectively, because the conjugacy maps  $\underline{\phi}_i : \underline{\mathbb{S}}_i \rightarrow \underline{\mathbb{S}}_{i+n}$  are affine.

If  $\phi_i : \mathbb{S}_i \rightarrow \mathbb{S}_{i+n}$  is  $C^{1+\alpha}$  then the  $n$ -extended Markov sequence  $(\mathbf{M}_i)_{i=0}^{n-1}(g_0)$  has the following properties: (i) the  $n$ -extended Markov maps  $\mathbf{M}_i$  are local  $C^{1+\alpha}$  diffeomorphisms, for some  $\alpha > 0$ , because the Markov maps  $M_0, \dots, M_{n-1}$  of the sequence  $(M_i)_{i=0}^{n-1}(g_0)$  are local  $C^{1+\alpha}$  diffeomorphisms, and (ii) the  $n$ -extended Markov maps  $\mathbf{M}_i$  are quasi-symmetric conjugate to the rigid  $n$ -extended Markov maps  $\underline{\mathbf{M}}_i$  because the Markov maps  $M_0, \dots, M_{n-1}$  are quasi-symmetric conjugate to  $\underline{M}_0, \dots, \underline{M}_{n-1}$ .

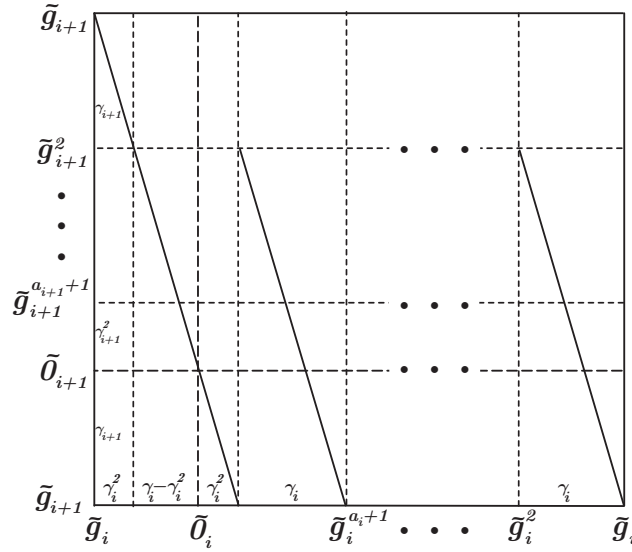


Fig. 1.3: A representation of the rigid Markov map  $M_i : H_i \rightarrow H_{i+1}$ , with respect to the atlases  $\mathcal{A}_i^H$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{i+1}^H$ , respectively. Here we represent by  $\tilde{O}_i$  and  $\tilde{O}_{i+1}$  the points  $\pi_{g_i}(\underline{O}_i)$  and  $\pi_{g_{i+1}}(\underline{O}_{i+1})$ , respectively, and by  $\tilde{g}_k^l$  the points  $\pi_{g_k} \circ g_k^l(\underline{O}_k)$ , for  $k \in \{i, i+1\}$  and  $l \in \{1, \dots, a_k + 1\}$ .

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