

# Wythoff construction and $l_1$ -embedding

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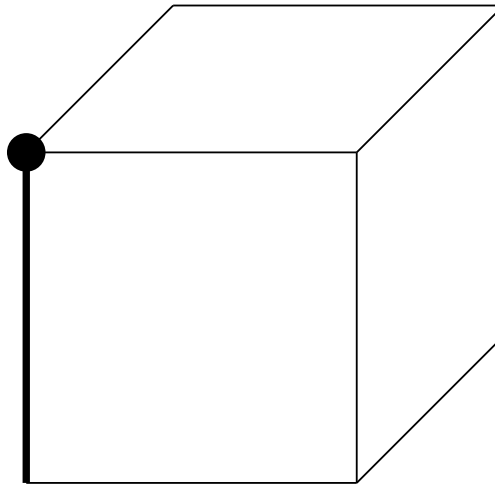
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# I. Wythoff kaleidoscope construction

W.A. Wythoff (1918) and H.S.M. Coxeter (1935)

# Polytopes and their faces

- A **polytope** of dimension  $d$  is defined as the convex hull of a finite set of points in  $R^d$ .
- A **valid inequality** on a polytope  $P$  is an inequality of the form  $f(x) \geq 0$  on  $P$  with  $f$  linear. A **face** of  $P$  is the set of points satisfying to  $f(x) = 0$  on  $P$ .



A face of dimension 0, 1,  $d - 2$ ,  $d - 1$  is called, respectively, **vertex**, **edge**, **ridge** and **facet**.

# Face-lattice

There is a natural inclusion relation between faces, which define a structure of **partially ordered set** on the set of faces.

- This define a **lattice structure**, i.e. every face is uniquely defined by the set of vertices, contained in it, or by the set of facets, in which it is contained.
- Given two faces  $F_{i-1} \subset F_{i+1}$  of dimension  $i - 1$  and  $i + 1$ , there are exactly two faces  $F$  of dimension  $i$ , such that  $F_{i-1} \subset F \subset F_{i+1}$ .

This is a particular case of the **Eulerian property** satisfied by the lattice:

Nr. faces of even dimension = Nr. faces of odd dimension

# Skeleton of polytope

- The **skeleton** is defined as the graph formed by vertices, with two vertices adjacent if they form an edge.
- The **dual skeleton** is defined as the graph formed by facets with two facets adjacent if their intersection is a ridge.

In the case of 3-dimensional polytopes, the skeleton is a planar graph and the dual skeleton is its dual, as a plane graph.

**Steinitz's theorem:** a graph is the skeleton of a 3-polytope if and only if it is planar and 3-connected.

# Complexes

We will consider mainly polytopes, but the Wythoff construction depends only on combinatorial information. Also, not all properties of face-lattice of polytopes are needed.

The construction will apply to **complexes**:

- which are partially ordered sets,
- which have a dimension function associated to its elements.

This concerns, in particular, the **tilings of Euclidean  $d$ -space**.

# Wythoff construction

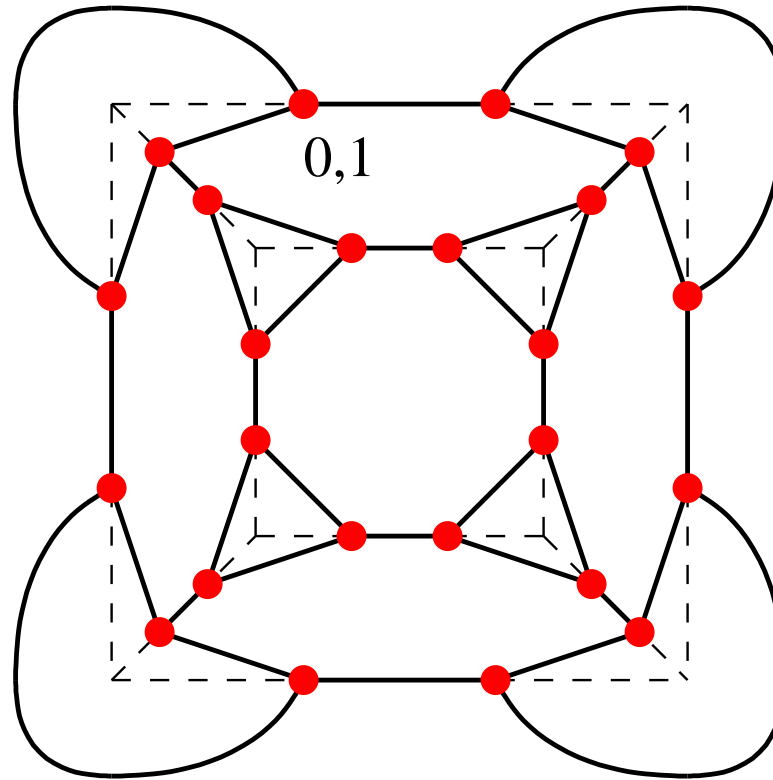
- For a  $(d - 1)$ -dimensional complex  $\mathcal{K}$ , a **flag** is a sequence  $(f_i)$  of faces with  $f_0 \subset f_1 \subset \cdots \subset f_u$ .
- The **type** of a flag is the sequence  $\dim(f_i)$ .
- Given a non-empty subset  $S$  of  $\{0, \dots, d - 1\}$ , the **Wythoff (kaleidoscope) construction** is a complex  $P(S)$ , whose vertex-set is the set of flags with fixed type  $S$ .
- The other faces of  $\mathcal{K}(S)$  are expressed in terms of flags of the original complex  $\mathcal{K}$ .

# Formalism of faces of Withoffian $\mathcal{K}(S)$

- Set  $\Omega = \{\emptyset \neq V \subset \{0, \dots, d\}\}$  and fix an  $S \in \Omega$ . For two subsets  $U, U' \in \Omega$ , we say that  $U'$  **blocks**  $U$  (from  $S$ ) if, for all  $u \in U$  and  $v \in S$ , there is an  $u' \in U'$  with  $u \leq u' \leq v$  or  $u \geq u' \geq v$ . This defines a binary relation on  $\Omega$  (i.e. on subsets of  $\{0, \dots, d\}$ ), denoted by  $U' \leq U$ .
- Write  $U' \sim U$ , if  $U' \leq U$  and  $U \leq U'$ , and write  $U' < U$  if  $U' \leq U$  and  $U \not\leq U'$ .
- Clearly,  $\sim$  is reflexive and transitive, i.e. an equivalence.  $[U]$  is equivalence class containing  $U$ .
- Minimal elements of equivalence classes are types of faces of  $\mathcal{K}(S)$ ; vertices correspond to type  $S$ , edges to "next closest" type  $S'$  with  $S < S'$ , etc.

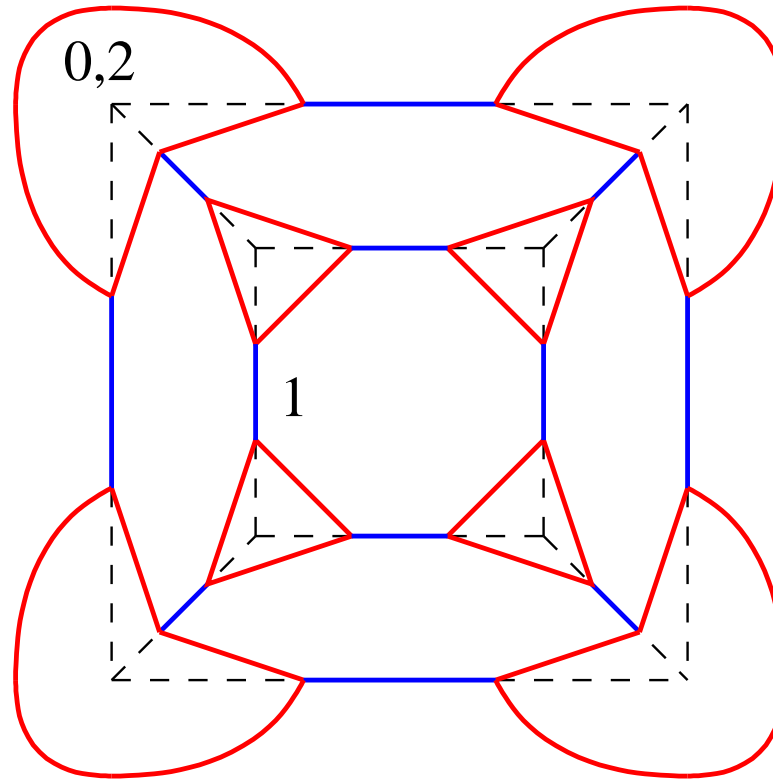


# Example: the case $S = \{0, 1\}$ , vertices



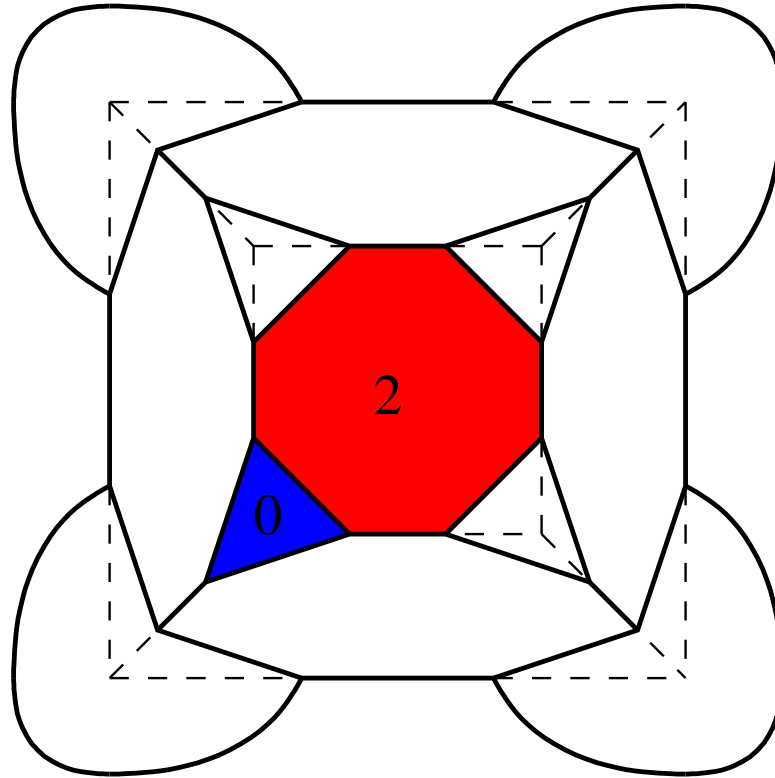
One type of vertices for  $Cube(\{0, 1\})$ :  $\{0, 1\}$  (i.e. type  $S$ ).

# Example: the case $S = \{0, 1\}$ , edges



Two types of edges for  $Cube(\{0, 1\})$ :  $\{1\}$  and  $\{0, 2\}$

# Example: the case $S = \{0, 1\}$ , faces



Two types of faces for  $Cube(\{0, 1\})$ :  $\{0\}$  and  $\{2\}$

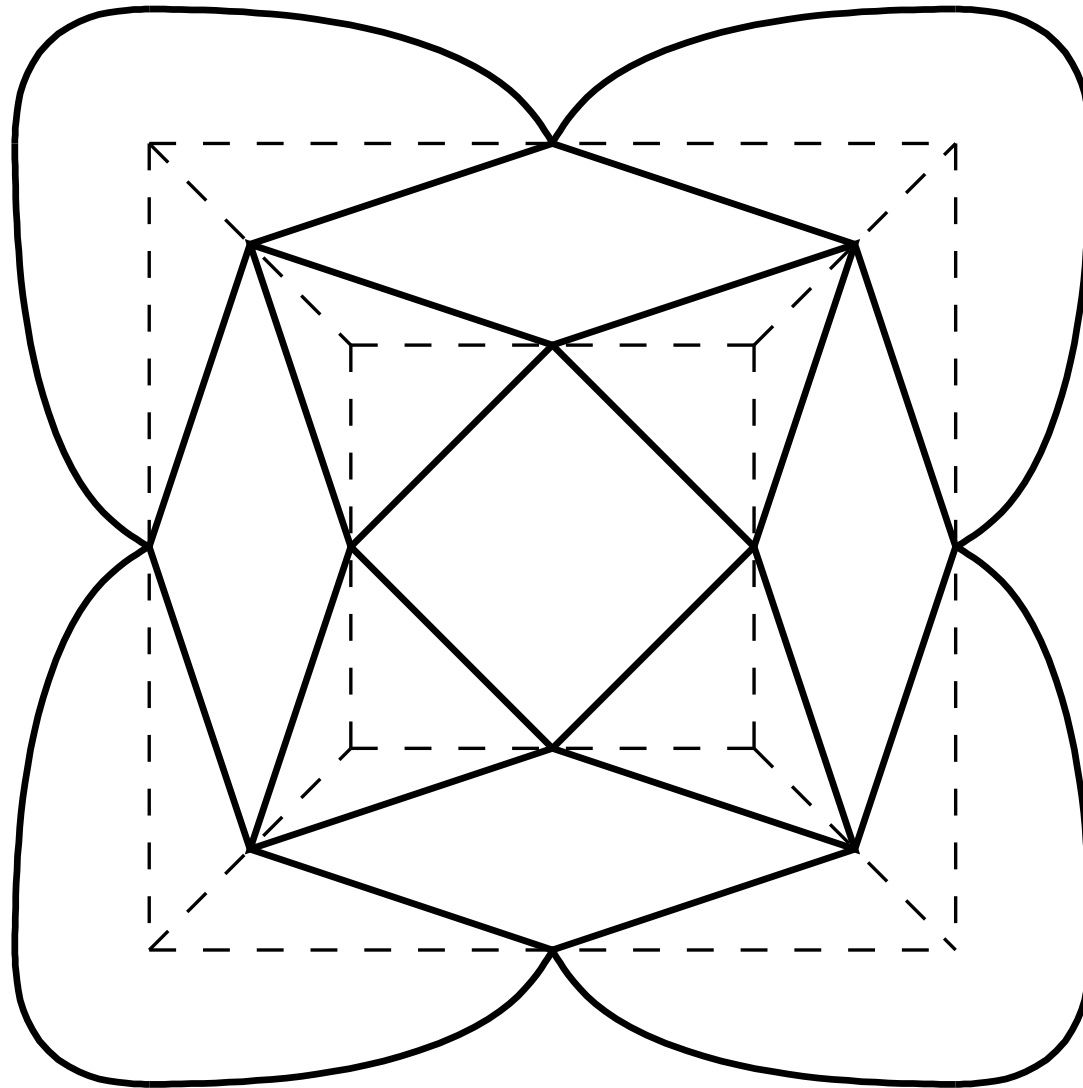
# 2-dimensional complexes

- 2-dimensional Eulerian complexes are identified with plane graphs.
- If  $\mathcal{M}$  is a plane graph

set $S$	plane graph $\mathcal{M}(S)$
$\{0\}$	original map $\mathcal{M}(S)$
$\{0, 1\}$	truncated $\mathcal{M}$
$\{0, 1, 2\}$	truncated $\text{Med}(\mathcal{M})$
$\{0, 2\}$	$\text{Med}(\text{Med}(\mathcal{M}))$
$\{1, 2\}$	truncated $\mathcal{M}^*$
$\{1\}$	$\text{Med}(\mathcal{M})$
$\{2\}$	$\mathcal{M}^*$

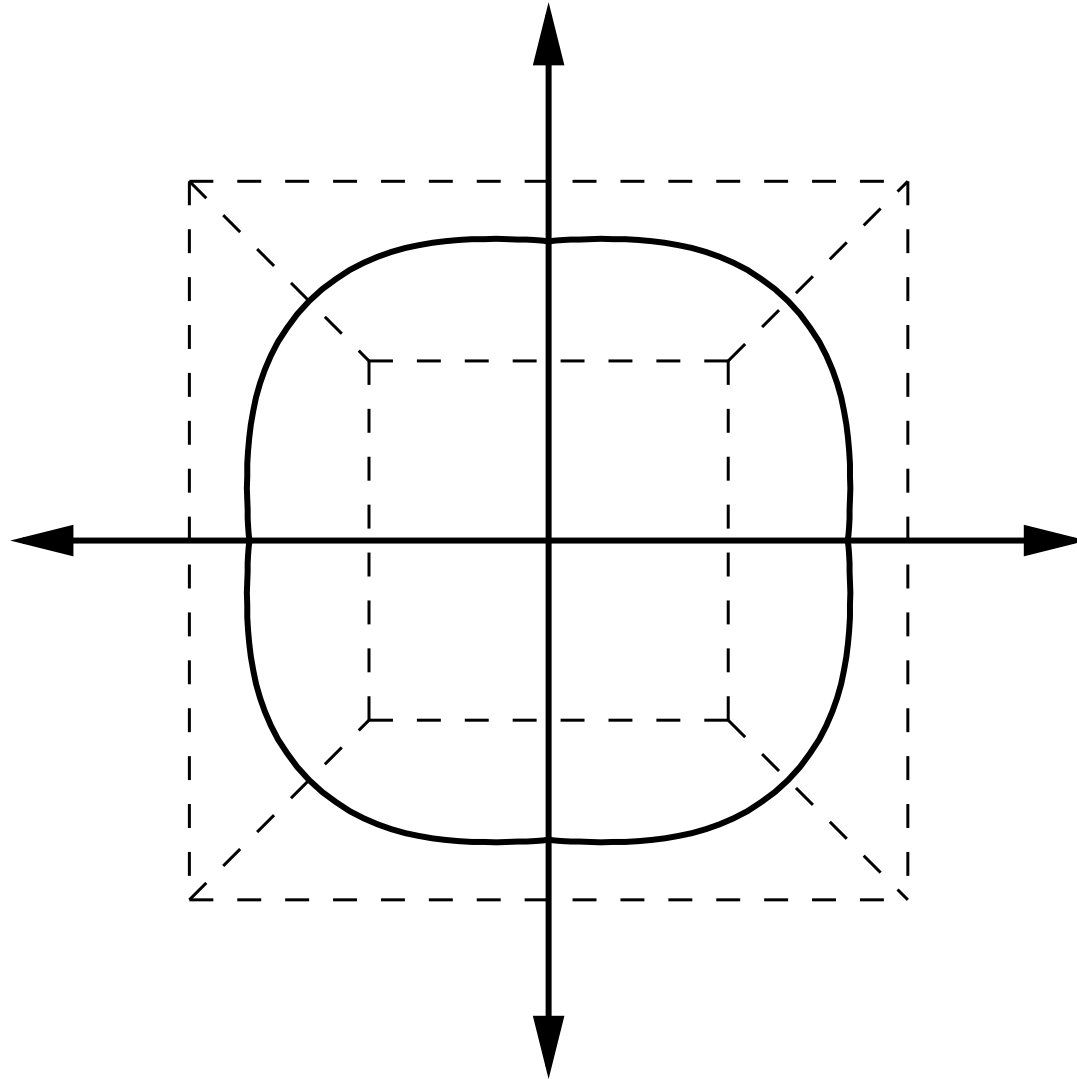
# Wythoff on the cube

$\text{Cube}(\{1\}) = \text{Med}(\text{Cube}) = \text{Cuboctahedron}$



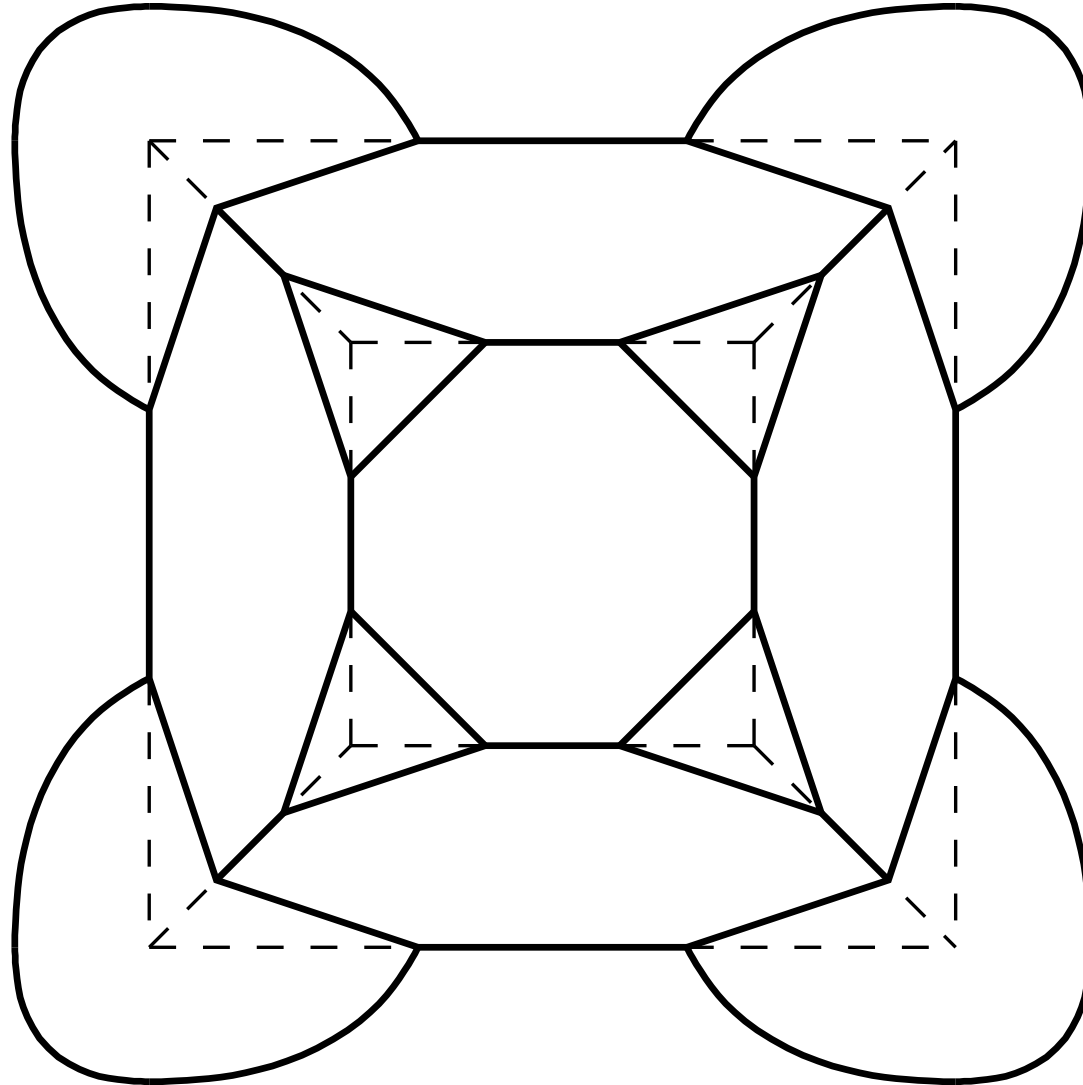
# Wythoff on the cube

$\text{Cube}(\{2\}) = \text{Cube}^* = \text{Octahedron}$



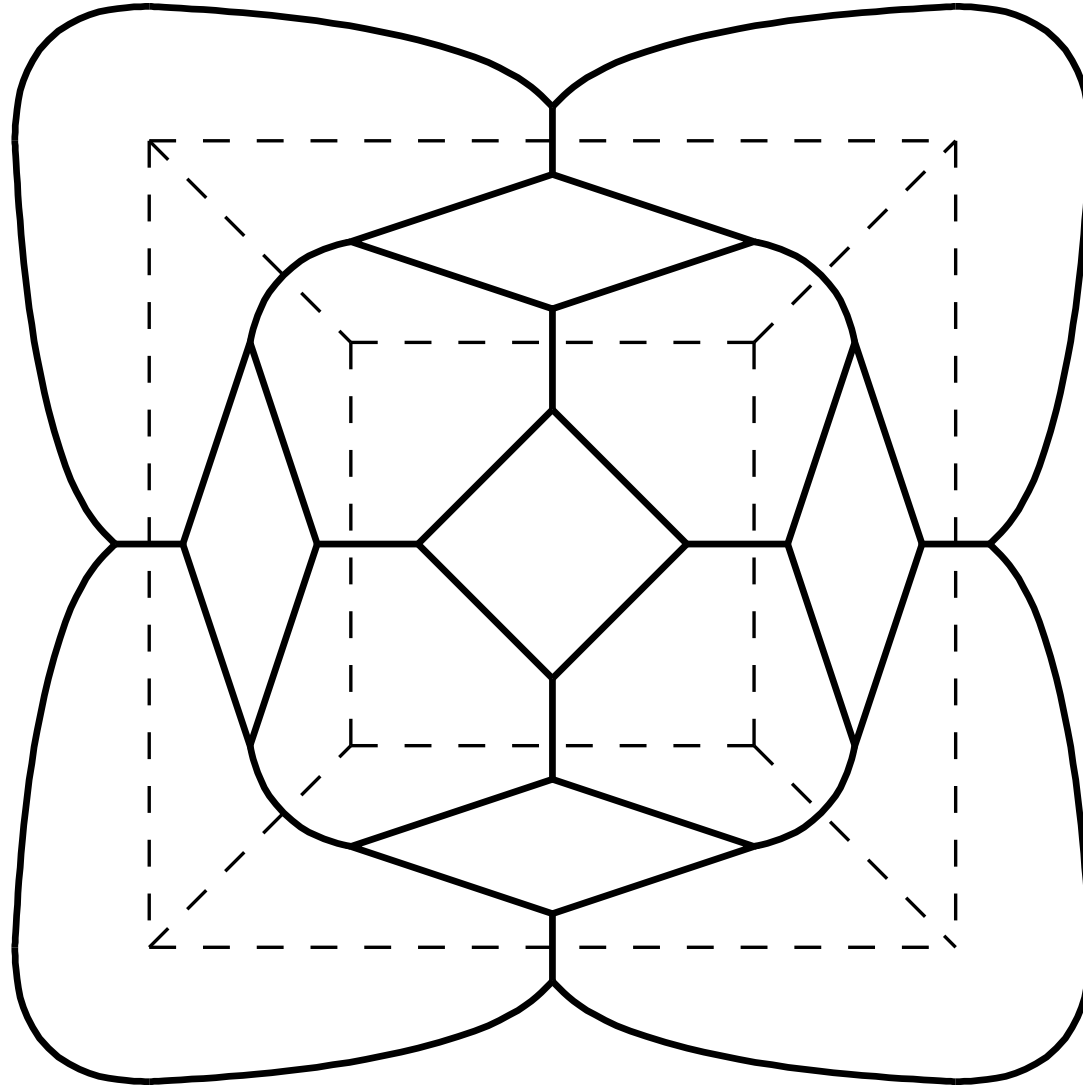
# Wythoff on the cube

$\text{Cube}(\{0, 1\}) = \text{truncated Cube}$



# Wythoff on the cube

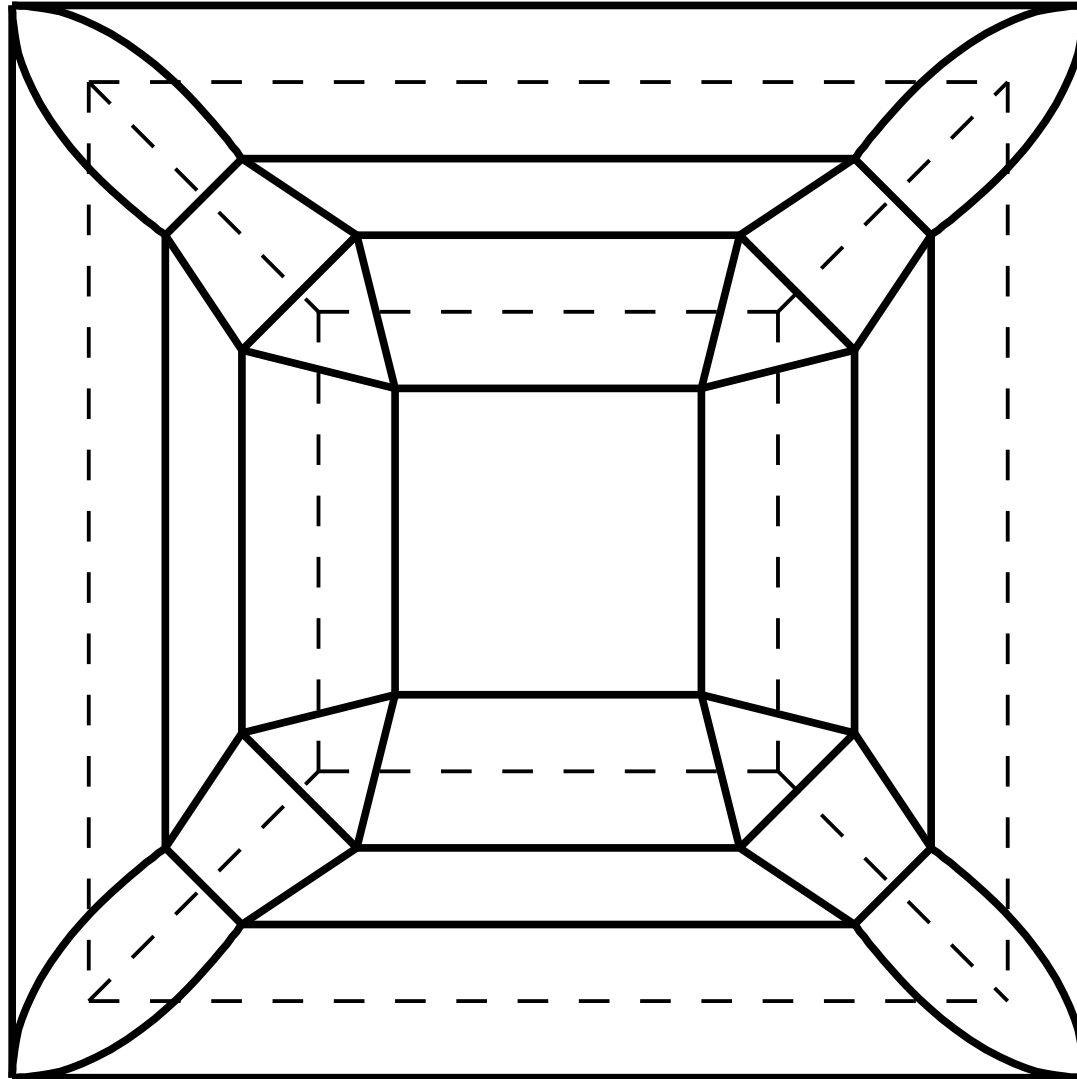
$\text{Cube}(\{1, 2\}) = \text{truncated Octahedron}$





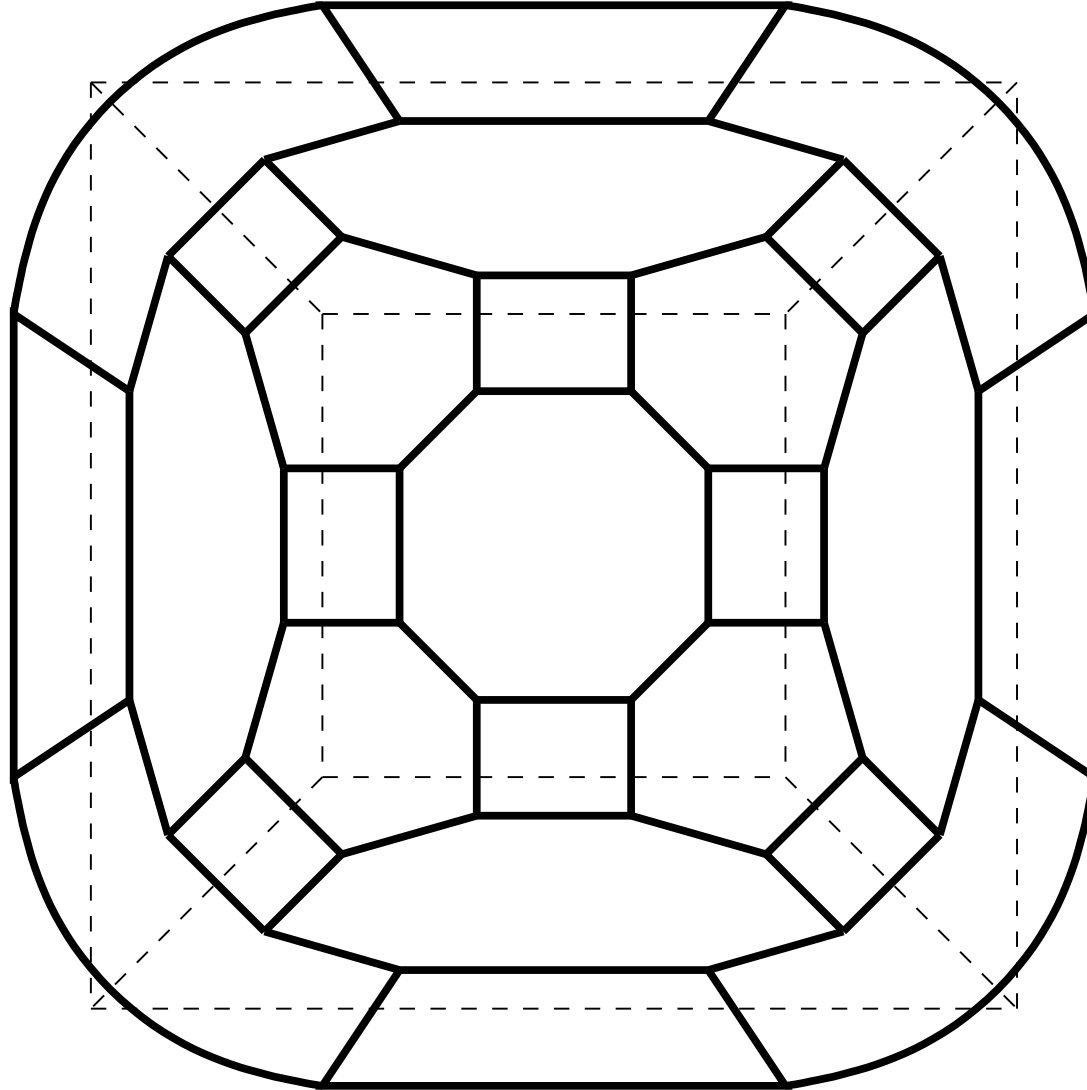
# Wythoff on the cube

$\text{Cube}(\{0, 2\}) = \text{Med}(\text{Cuboctahedron}) = \text{Rhombicuboctahedron}$



# Wythoff on the cube

$\text{Cube}(\{0, 1, 2\}) = \text{truncated Cuboctahedron}$



# Properties of Wythoff construction

If  $\mathcal{K}$  is a  $(d - 1)$ -dimensional complex, then:

- $\mathcal{K}(\{0\}) = \mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathcal{K}(\{d - 1\}) = \mathcal{K}^*$  (**dual complex**).
- In general,  $\mathcal{K}(S) = \mathcal{K}^*(\{d - 1 - s : s \in S\})$ .
- $\mathcal{K}(\{1\})$  is **median complex** and  $\mathcal{K}(\{0, 1\})$  is (vertex) **truncated complex**.
- $\mathcal{K}$  admits at most  $2^d - 1$  different Wythoff constructions.  
most different constructions.
- $\mathcal{K}(\{0, \dots, d - 1\}) = \mathcal{K}^*(\{0, \dots, d - 1\})$  is **order complex**.  
Its skeleton is bipartite and the vertices are full flags.  
Edges are full (maximal) flags minus some face.  
In general, flags with  $i$  faces correspond to faces of dimension  $d - i$ .

## II. $l_1$ -embedding

# Hypercube and Half-cube

- The **Hamming distance**  $d(x, y)$  between two points  $x, y \in \{0, 1\}^m$  is  $d(x, y) = |\{1 \leq i \leq m : x_i \neq y_i\}|$   
 $= |N_x \Delta N_y|$  (where  $N_x$  denotes  $\{1 \leq i \leq m : x_i = 1\}$ ),  
i.e. the size of symmetric difference of  $N_x$  and  $N_y$ .
- The **hypercube**  $H_m$  is the graph with vertex-set  $\{0, 1\}^m$   
and with two vertices adjacent if  $d(x, y) = 1$ .  
The distance  $d$  is the **path-distance** on  $H_m$ .
- The **half-cube**  $\frac{1}{2}H_m$  is the graph with vertex-set

$$\{x \in \{0, 1\}^m : \sum_i x_i \text{ is even}\}$$

and with two vertices adjacent if  $d(x, y) = 2$ .

The distance  $d$  is twice the path-distance on  $\frac{1}{2}H_m$ .

# Scale embedding into hypercubes

- A **scale  $\lambda$  embedding** of a graph  $G$  into hypercube  $H_m$  is a vertex mapping  $\phi : G \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^m$ , such that

$$d(\phi(x), \phi(y)) = \lambda d_G(x, y)$$

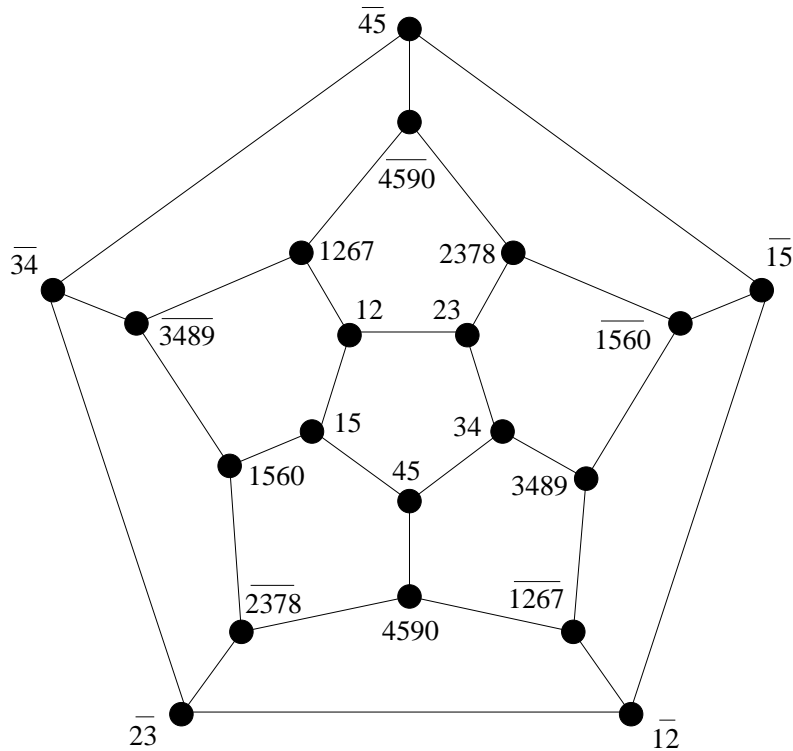
with  $d_G$  being the path-distance between  $x$  and  $y$ .

- An **isometric embedding** of a graph  $G$  into a graph  $G'$  is a mapping  $\phi : G \rightarrow G'$ , such that

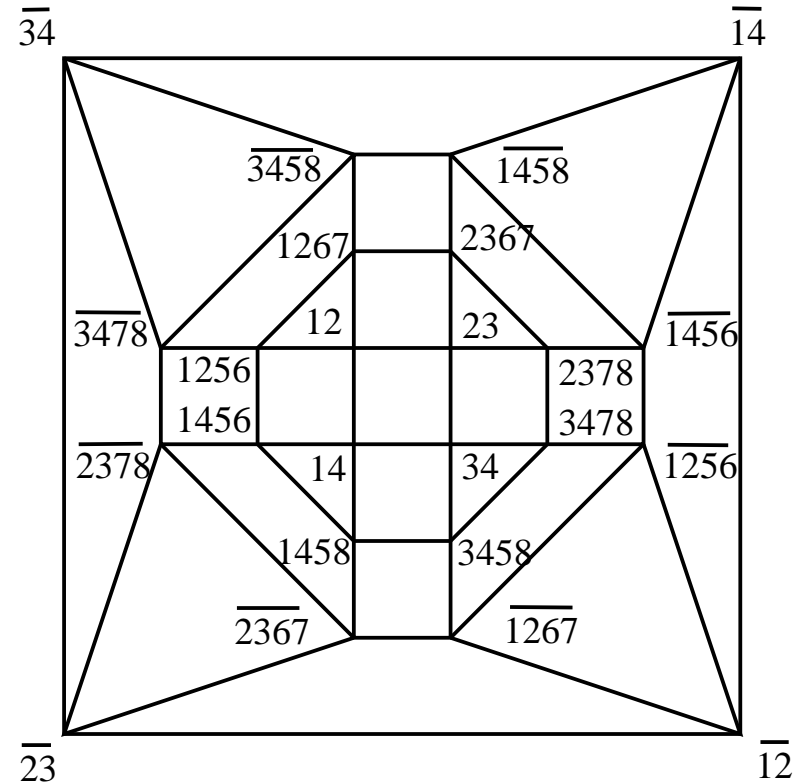
$$d_{G'}(\phi(x), \phi(y)) = d_G(x, y) .$$

- Scale **1** embedding is **hypercube** embedding,  
scale **2** embedding is **half-cube** embedding.

# Examples of half-cube embeddings



**Dodecahedron**  
embeds into  $\frac{1}{2}H_{10}$



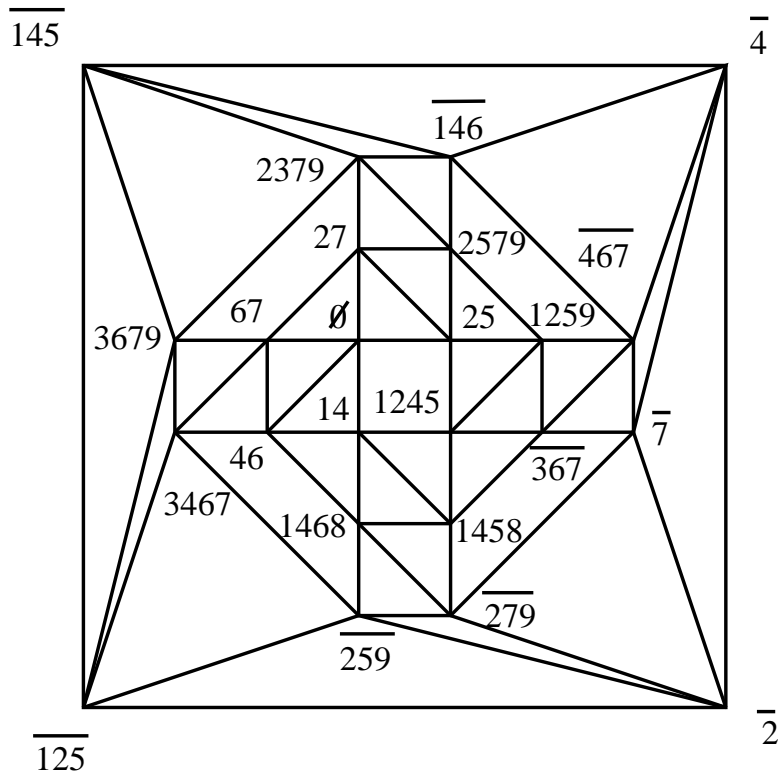
**Rhombicuboctahedron**  
embeds into  $\frac{1}{2}H_{10}$   
(moreover, into  $J(10, 5)$ : add  
9 to vertex-addresses)

# Johnson and $l_1$ -embedding

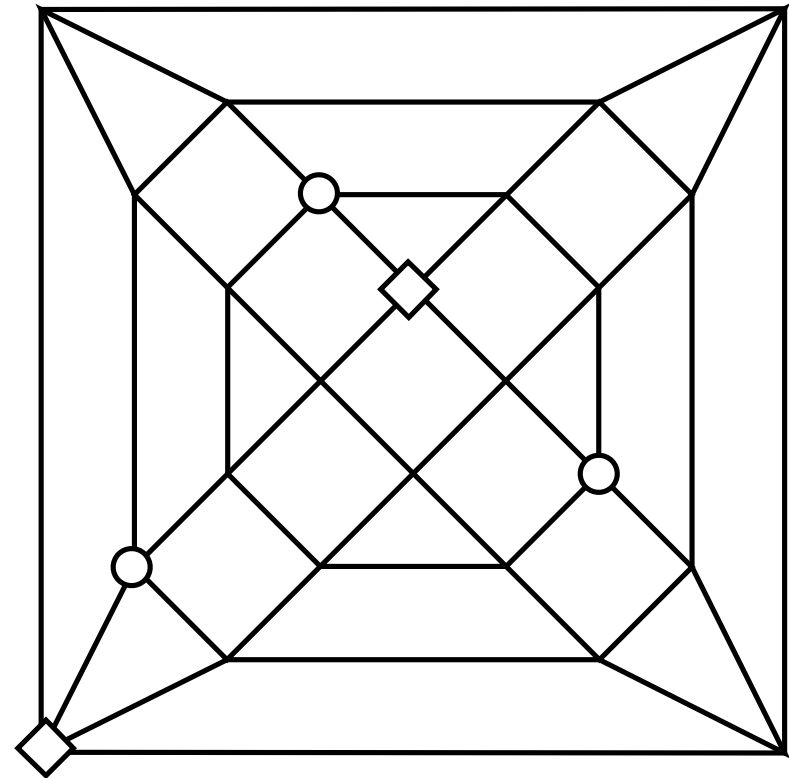
- the **Johnson graph**  $J(m, s)$  is the graph formed by all subsets of size  $s$  of  $\{1, \dots, m\}$  with two subsets  $S$  and  $T$  adjacent if  $|S \Delta T| = 2$ .
- $H_m$  embeds in  $J(2m, m)$ , which embeds in  $\frac{1}{2}H_{2m}$ .
- A metric  $d$  is  **$l_1$ -embeddable** if it embeds isometrically into the metric space  $l_1^k$  for some dimension  $k$ .
- A graph is  $l_1$ -embeddable if and only if it is scale embeddable (Assouad-Deza). The scale is 1 or even.



# Further examples



**snub Cube** embeds into  $\frac{1}{2}H_9$ , but not in any Johnson graph



**twisted Rhombicuboctahedron** is not 5-gonal

# Hypermetric inequality

- If  $b \in \mathbb{Z}^{n+1}$  and  $\sum_{i=0}^n b_i = 1$ , then the hypermetric inequality is

$$H(b)d = \sum_{0 \leq i < j \leq n} b_i b_j d(i, j) \leq 0 .$$

- If a metric admits a scale  $\lambda$  embedding, then the hypermetric inequality is always satisfied (Deza).
- If  $b = (1, 1, -1, 0, \dots, 0)$ , then  $H(b)$  is **triangular inequality**

$$d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y) .$$

- If  $b = (1, 1, 1, -1, -1, 0, \dots, 0)$ , then  $H(b)$  is called the **5-gonal inequality**.

# Embedding of graphs

- The problem of testing scale  $\lambda$  embedding for general metric spaces is NP-hard (Karzanov).
- **Theorem**(Jukovic-Avis): a graph  $G$  embeds into  $H_m$  if and only if:
  - $G$  is bipartite and
  - $d_G$  satisfies the 5-gonal inequality.
- In particular, testing scale 1 embedding of a graph  $G$  into  $H_m$  is polynomial.
- Testing scale 2 embedding of graph into  $H_m$ , i.e. scale 1 embedding into  $\frac{1}{2}H_m$ , is also polynomial problem (Deza-Shpektorov).

III.  $l_1$ -embedding  
of  
Wythoff construction

# Regular (convex) polytopes

A **regular polytope** is a polytope, whose symmetry group acts transitively on its set of flags. The list consists of:

regular polytope	group
regular polygon $P_n$	$I_2(n)$
Icosahedron and Dodecahedron	$H_3$
120-cell and 600-cell	$H_4$
24-cell	$F_4$
$\gamma_n$ (hypercube) and $\beta_n$ (cross-polytope)	$B_n$
$\alpha_n$ (simplex)	$A_n = Sym(n + 1)$

There are 3 regular tilings of Euclidean plane (36, 63, 44 =  $\delta_2 = Z^2$ ) and infinity of  $pq$  on hyperbolic plane  $\mathbb{H}^2$ . All non-polytopal regular tilings of dimension  $d \geq 3$ , are: 3 Euclidean ( $\delta_d = Z^d$  and 2 sporadic tilings of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ) and 15, 7, 5 tilings of  $\mathbb{H}^d$  with  $d = 3, 4, 5$ , respectively.

# 2-dim. regular tilings and honeycombs

Columns and rows indicate **vertex figures** and **facets**, resp. **Blue** are elliptic (spheric), **red** are parabolic (Euclidean).

	2	3	4	5	6	7	m	$\infty$
2	22	23	24	25	26	27	2m	2 $\infty$
3	32	$\alpha_3$	$\beta_3$	lco	36	37	3m	3 $\infty$
4	42	$\gamma_3$	$\delta_2$	45	46	47	4m	4 $\infty$
5	52	Do	54	55	56	57	5m	5 $\infty$
6	62	63	64	65	66	67	6m	6 $\infty$
7	72	73	74	75	76	77	7m	7 $\infty$
m	m2	m3	m4	m5	m6	m7	mm	m $\infty$
$\infty$	$\infty 2$	$\infty 3$	$\infty 4$	$\infty 5$	$\infty 6$	$\infty 7$	$\infty m$	$\infty \infty$

All above tilings embed, since it holds:

- Hyperbolic tiling  $pq$  (i.e.  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} < \frac{1}{2}$ ) embeds (for  $q \leq \infty$ ) into  $\frac{1}{2}Z^\infty$  if  $p$  is odd and into  $Z^\infty$  if  $p$  is even or  $\infty$ .
- Euclidean (parabolic, i.e.  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{2}$ )  $2\infty$  and  $\infty 2$  embed into  $H_1$  and  $Z^1$ , resp. Spheric (elliptic, i.e.  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} > \frac{1}{2}$ )  $2m$  embeds into  $H_1$  for any  $m$ , spheric  $m 2$  embeds into  $H_{\frac{m}{2}}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}H_m$  for  $m$  even and odd, respectively.
- $\delta_2 = Z^2$ ,  $\gamma_3 = H_3$ ,  $\beta_3 = J(4, 2)$ ,  $\alpha_2 = J(4, 1)$ ; Icosahedron  $35$  and Dodecahedron  $53$  embed into half-cubes  $\frac{1}{2}H_6$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}H_{10}$ , respectively.  
 $63$  and  $36$  embed into  $Z^3$  and  $\frac{1}{2}Z^3$ , respectively.

# 3-dim. regular tilings and honeycombs

	$\alpha_3$	$\gamma_3$	$\beta_3$	Do	Ico	$\delta_2$	63	36
$\alpha_3$	$\alpha_4^*$		$\beta_4^*$		600-			336
$\beta_3$		24-				344		
$\gamma_3$	$\gamma_4^*$		$\delta_3^*$		435*			436*
Ico				353				
Do	120-		534		535			536
$\delta_2$		443*				444*		
36							363	
63	633*		634*		635*			636*

All emb. ones with  $d \geq 3$  are, besides  $\alpha_{d+1}$  and  $\beta_{d+1}$ : all bipartite ones (i.e. with cell  $\gamma_d$ ,  $\delta_{d-1}$  or 63):  $\gamma_{d+1}$ ,  $\delta_d$  and 8, 2, 1 hyperbolic tilings with  $d = 4, 5, 6$ . Last 11 embed into  $Z^\infty$ .



# 4-dim. regular tilings and honeycombs

	$\alpha_4$	$\gamma_4$	$\beta_4$	24-	120-	600-	$\delta_3$
$\alpha_4$	$\alpha_5^*$		$\beta_5^*$			3335	
$\beta_4$				$De(D_4)$			
$\gamma_4$	$\gamma_5^*$		$\delta_4^*$			4335*	
24-		$Vo(D_4)$					3434
600-							
120-	5333		5334			5335	
$\delta_3$				4343*			

Tilings 4335 and (non-compact) 4343 of hyperbolic 5-space embed into  $Z^\infty$ .

# 5-dim. regular tilings and honeycombs

	$\alpha_5$	$\gamma_5$	$\beta_5$	$Vo(D_4)$	$De(D_4)$	$\delta_4$
$\alpha_5$	$\alpha_6^*$		$\beta_6^*$			
$\beta_5$					33343	
$\gamma_5$	$\gamma_6^*$		$\delta_{5^*}$			
$De(D_4)$				33433		
$Vo(D_4)$		34333				34334
$\delta_4$					43343*	

Four infinite series  $\delta_d$ ,  $\gamma_d$ ,  $\alpha_d$  and  $\beta_d$  embed into  $Z^d$ ,  $H_d$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}H_{d+1}$  and (with scale  $2t$  for  $t = \lceil \frac{d}{4} \rceil$ )  $H_{4t}$ , respectively.

Existence of Hadamard matrices and finite projective planes have equivalents in terms of **variety** of embeddings of  $\beta_d$  and  $\alpha_d$ .

# Archimedean polytopes

- An **Archimedean  $d$ -polytope** is a  $d$ -polytope, whose symmetry group acts transitively on its set of vertices and whose facets are Archimedean  $(d - 1)$ -polytopes.
- They are classified in dimension 3 (Kepler: 5 (regular)+ 13 + *Prisms* + *AntiPrisms*) and 4 (Conway and Guy).
- $\mathcal{K}(S)$  is an Archimedean polytope if  $\mathcal{K}$  is a regular one.
- Since  $\mathcal{K}(S) = \mathcal{K}^*(\{d - 1 - s : s \in S\})$ , it suffices consider, for any non-empty subset  $S$  of  $\{0, \dots, d - 1\}$ , only  $\alpha_d(S)$ ,  $\beta_d(S)$  and *Ico*( $S$ ), 24-cell( $S$ ), 600-cell( $S$ ).
- A complex  $X$  **embeds into**  $H_m$  or  $\frac{1}{2}H_m$  if its skeleton embeds into hypercube  $H_m$  with scale 1 or 2.
- We also will consider Wythoffians  $\mathcal{K}(S)$ , where  $\mathcal{K}$  is an **infinite** regular polytope, i.e., regular tilings of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

# Embeddable Arch. Wythoffians for $d = 3$

Embeddable Wythoffian	n	embedding
Tetrahedron = $\alpha_3(\{0\}) = \alpha_3(\{2\})$	4	$= J(4, 1); = \frac{1}{2}H_3$
Octahedron = $\beta_3(\{0\}) = \alpha_3(\{1\})$	6	$= J(4, 2)$
Cube = $\beta_3(\{2\}) = \beta_3(\{0\})^*$	8	$= H_3$
Icosahedron = $Ico(\{0\})$	12	$\frac{1}{2}H_6$
Dodecahedron = $Ico(\{2\}) = Ico(\{0\})^*$	20	$\frac{1}{2}H_{10}$
tr Icosidodecahedron = $Ico(\{0, 1, 2\})$	120	$H_{15}$
Rhombicosidodecahedron = $Ico(\{0, 2\})$	60	$\frac{1}{2}H_{16}$
tr Cuboctahedron = $\beta_3(\{0, 1, 2\})$	48	$H_9$
Rhombicuboctahedron = $\beta_3(\{0, 2\})$	24	$J(10, 5)$
(tr Tetrahedron)* = $\alpha_3(\{0, 1\})^* = \alpha_3(\{1, 2\})^*$	8	$\frac{1}{2}H_7$

Embeddable Wythoffian	n	embedding
(tr Icosahedron)* = $Ico(\{0, 1\})^*$	32	$\frac{1}{2}H_{10}$
(tr Dodecahedron)* = $Ico(\{1, 2\})^*$	32	$\frac{1}{2}H_{26}$
(Icosidodecahedron)* = $Ico(\{1\})^*$	32	$H_6$
tr Octahedron = $\beta_3(\{0, 1\}) = \alpha_3(\{0, 1, 2\})$	24	$H_6$
(tr Cube)* = $\beta_3(\{1, 2\})^*$	14	$J(12, 6)$
(Cuboctahedron)* = $\beta_3(\{1\})^* = \alpha_3(\{0, 2\})^*$	14	$H_4$

Remaining semi-regular polyhedra: snub Cube, snub Dodecahedron,  $m$ -prisms and  $m$ -antiprisms for any  $m \geq 3$ . They embed into  $\frac{1}{2}H_m$  for  $m = 9, 15, m + 2, m + 1$ , resp. Moreover, for even  $m \geq 4$ ,  $m$ -prism embeds into  $H_{\frac{m+2}{2}}$  and  $(m-1)$ -antiprism embeds into  $J(m, \frac{m}{2})$ .

# Embeddable Arch. Wythoffians for $d = 4$

Embeddable Wythoffian	n	embedding
$\alpha_4 = \alpha_4(\{0\}) = \alpha_4(\{3\})$	5	$= J(5, 1)$
$\beta_4 = \beta_4(\{0\})$	8	$= \frac{1}{2}H_4$
$\gamma_4 = \beta_4(\{3\}) = \beta_4(\{0\})^*$	16	$= H_4$
$\alpha_4(\{1\}) = \alpha_4(\{2\}) = 1_{21}$	10	$= J(5, 2)$
$\alpha_4(\{0, 3\})^*$	30	$H_5$
$\beta_4(\{0, 3\})$	64	$\frac{1}{2}H_{12}$
$\alpha_4(\{0, 1, 2, 3\})$	120	$H_{10}$
$\beta_4(\{0, 1, 2\}) = 24 - cell(\{0, 1\}) = 24 - cell(\{2, 3\})$	192	$H_{12}$
$\beta_4(\{0, 1, 2, 3\})$	384	$H_{16}$
$24 - cell(\{0, 1, 2, 3\})$	1152	$H_{24}$
$600 - cell(\{0, 1, 2, 3\})$	14400	$H_{60}$

# First general results

We say that a complex  $X$  **embeds into**  $H_m$  (and denote it by  $X \rightarrow H_m$ ) if its skeleton embeds into hypercube  $H_m$ .

**1 Trivial:**  $\beta_d(\{d-1\}) = \beta_d(\{0\})^* = \gamma_d$  is the hypercube graph  $H_d$ .

$\beta_d(\{0\}) = \beta_d$  embeds in  $H_{4t}$  with scale  $2t$ ,  $t = \lceil \frac{d}{4} \rceil$ .

**2 Easy:** if  $k \in \{0, \dots, d-1\}$ , then  $\alpha_d(\{k\})$  is  $J(d+1, k+1)$ .

**3 Theorem:**  $\alpha_d(\{0, d-1\})^*$  is  $H_{d+1}$  with two antipodal vertices removed. It embeds into  $H_{d+1}$ .

It is the zonotopal Voronoi polytope of the root lattice  $A_d$ . Moreover, the tiling  $Vo(A_d)$  embeds into  $Z^{d+1}$ .

# Embedding of Arch. order complexes

4 Theorem:  $\alpha_d(\{0, \dots, d-1\})$  embeds into  $H_{\binom{d+1}{2}}$ .

It is the zonotopal Voronoi polytope (called **permutahedron**) of the dual root lattice  $A_d^*$ .

Moreover,  $Vo(A_d^*)$  embeds into  $Z_{\binom{d+1}{2}}$ .

5 Theorem:  $\beta_d(\{0, \dots, d-1\})$  embeds into  $H_{d^2}$ .

It is a zonotope, but not the Voronoi polytope of a lattice.

6 Computations: embeddings of the skeletons of  $24 - cell(\{0, 1, 2, 3\})$  into  $H_{20}$  and of  $600 - cell(\{0, 1, 2, 3\})$  into  $H_{60}$ , were found by computer.

So (since  $Ico(\{0, 1, 2\})$  embeds into  $H_{15}$ ), **all** Arch. order complexes embed into an  $H_m$  (moreover, are zonotopes).



# All Arch. order complexes are zonotopes

$\mathcal{K}(\{0, \dots, d-1\}) = \mathcal{K}^*(\{0, \dots, d-1\})$	$G$	n	embedding
$\alpha_d(\{0, \dots, d-1\}) = Vor(A_d^*)$	$A_d$	$(d+1)!$	$H_{\binom{d+1}{2}}$
$\beta_d(\{0, \dots, d-1\})$ (not Voronoi)	$B_d$	$2^d d!$	$H_{d^2}$
$D_d(\{0, 1, \dots, d-1\})$	$D_d$	$2^{d-1} d!$	$H_{d(d-1)}$
$I_2(p)(\{0, 1\})$	$I_2(p)$	$2p$	$H_p$
$Ico(\{0, 1, 2\}) = \text{tr Icosidodecahedron}$	$H_3$	120	$H_{15}$
24-cell( $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ )	$F_4$	1152	$H_{24}$
600-cell( $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ )	$H_4$	14400	$H_{60}$
$E_6(\{0, 1, \dots, 5\})$	$E_6$	51840	$H_{36}$
$E_7(\{0, 1, \dots, 6\})$	$E_7$	2903040	$H_{63}$
$E_8(\{0, 1, \dots, 7\})$	$E_8$	696729600	$H_{120}$

# Other Arch. Wythoffians embeddings

- 7 Theorem:  $\beta_d(\{0, \dots, d-2\})$  embeds into  $H_{d(d-1)}$ .  
It is a zonotope, but for  $d > 3$  it is not a Voronoi polytope of a lattice.
- 8 Theorem:  $\beta_d(\{0, d-1\})$  is an  $\ell_1$ -graph for all  $d$ .  
But for  $d > 4$ , it does not embed into a  $\frac{1}{2}H_m$ , i.e. embeds into an  $H_m$  with some even scale  $\geq 4$ .

**Conjecture:** If  $\Gamma$  is the skeleton of (non-regular) Wythoffian  $P(S)$  or of its dual, where  $P$  is a regular polytope, and  $\Gamma$  embeds into a  $\frac{1}{2}H_m$ , then  $\Gamma$  belongs to either above Tables for dimension 3, 4, or to one of 6 above infinite series.

# $l_1$ -Wythoffians of regular $d$ -polytopes

**Conjecture:** all such non-regular ones are 9 sporadic ones (600-cell( $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ ), 24-cell( $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ ),  $Ico(\{0, 1, 2\})$ ;  $Ico(\{0, 2\})$ ,  $Ico(\{1\})^*$ ,  $Ico(\{0, 1\})^*$ ,  $Ico(\{1, 2\})^*$ ,  $\beta_3(\{1, 2\}^*$ ,  $\alpha_3(\{0, 1\})^*$ ) and 6 following infinite series for  $d \geq 2$ .

1.  $\alpha_d(\{k\}) = J(d + 1, k + 1)$  for  $k = 1, \dots, d - 2$ .
2.  $\alpha_d(\{0, d - 1\})^* = Vor(A_d) \rightarrow H_{d+1}$  (all but 2 antipods).
3.  $\alpha_d(\{0, \dots, d - 1\}) = Vor(A_d^*) \rightarrow H_{\binom{d+1}{2}}$  (permutahedron).

Moreover,  $Vo(A_d) \rightarrow Z^{d+1}$  and  $Vo(A_d^*) \rightarrow Z^{\binom{d+1}{2}}$ .

4.  $\beta_d(\{0, \dots, d - 1\}) \rightarrow H_{d^2}$  (zonotope, not Voronoi).
5.  $\beta_d(\{0, \dots, d - 2\}) \rightarrow H_{d(d-1)}$  (idem, for  $d \geq 4$ ).
6.  $\beta_d(\{0, d - 1\}) \rightarrow H_m$  with scale  $2t \geq 2\lceil \frac{d}{4} \rceil$ .

# IV. Group applications

# Cayley graph construction

- If a group  $G$  is generated by  $g_1, \dots, g_t$ , then its **Cayley graph** is the graph with vertex-set  $G$  and edge-set

$$(g, gg_i) \text{ for } g \in G \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq t;$$

$G$  is vertex-transitive; its path-distance is length of  $xy^{-1}$ .

- If  $P$  is a regular  $d$ -polytope, then its symmetry group is a **Coxeter group** with canonical generators  $g_0, \dots, g_{d-1}$  (all  $g_i^2=1=(g_i g_j)^{m(i,j)}$  for  $m(i, j) \geq 2$ ) and its order complex is

$$P(\{0, \dots, d-1\}) = \text{Cayley}(G, g_0, \dots, g_{d-1}).$$

- $\text{Cayley}(G, g_0, \dots, g_{n-1})$  embeds into an  $H_{|T|}$  (moreover, a zonotope) for **any** finite Coxeter group  $G$ .  
( $T$  the set of elements, which are conjugate to some  $g_i$ )

# General case

- If a Coxeter group has a Coxeter-Dynkin diagram  $\mathcal{D}$ , which is a tree (this covers all finite cases) then for any two vertices  $u, v$  of it, one can define the interval  $[u, v]$ .
- We can then define the notion of blocking, inequality binary relation, equivalence relation, etc.
- This allows to define a cell complex  $W(\mathcal{D}, S)$  for any non-empty subset  $S$  of the vertex set of  $\mathcal{D}$ . This cell complex describe the face-lattice of the orbit polytope

$$\text{conv}(W(\mathcal{D}).v)$$

for a vector  $v$  in the fundamental simplex with  $v$  belonging to the hyperplane  $H_v$  and  $v$  being a vertex of  $\mathcal{D}$  if and only if  $v \notin S$ .

# The case of $B_d$

- The automorphism group of the  $d$ -cube is the group  $W(B_d)$  of size  $2^d d!$ . Thus we have the equality

$$\beta_d(\{0, 1, \dots, d-1\}) = W(B_d, \{0, 1, \dots, d-1\})$$

and the polytope is embeddable (into  $H_{d^2}$ ).

- The group  $W(B_d)$  contains the subgroup  $W(D_d)$  of order  $2^{d-1} d!$  obtained by joining two simplices of  $W(B_d)$ .
- This implies that we have

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_d(\{0, 1, \dots, d-2\}) &= W(B_d, \{0, 1, \dots, d-2\}) \\ &= W(D_d, \{0, 1, \dots, d-1\}) \end{aligned}$$

which is therefore embeddable (into  $H_{d(d-1)}$ ) as well.

# Application to group homology I

- In order to compute group homology of the group  $M_{24}$  one needs a polytope on which the group acts with the following two requirements:
  - The stabilizers of faces are small.
  - The number of orbits of faces is small.
- The group  $M_{24}$  is 5-transitive; thus if we set

$$v = (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 0^{19}),$$

we have the identification of orbits

$$M_{24}v = \text{Sym}(24)v = W(A_{23})v.$$

The stabilizer of the vertex  $v$  for the group  $M_{24}$  is a group of size 48 and the stabilizers of the faces of dimension at most 4 are not very large.



# Application to group homology II

- Thus one can apply perturbation theory in homology theory to get the first 4 terms of a resolution for  $M_{24}$ .
- Ingredients of the computation are CTC Wall Lemma, contracting homotopy, coset decomposition and use of the face-lattice of the polytope  $M_{24}v$  which is simple since it is described by the Wythoff construction.
- Combining all, one get the following results:

$$H_1(M_{24}, \mathbb{Z}) = 0, \quad H_2(M_{24}, \mathbb{Z}) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad H_3(M_{24}, \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}/12\mathbb{Z}.$$

- See for more details
  - M. Dutour, G. Ellis, *Wythoff polytopes and low-dimensional homology of Mathieu groups*, Journal of Algebra **322** (2009) 4143–4150

# V. Tiling cases

# Embeddings for tilings

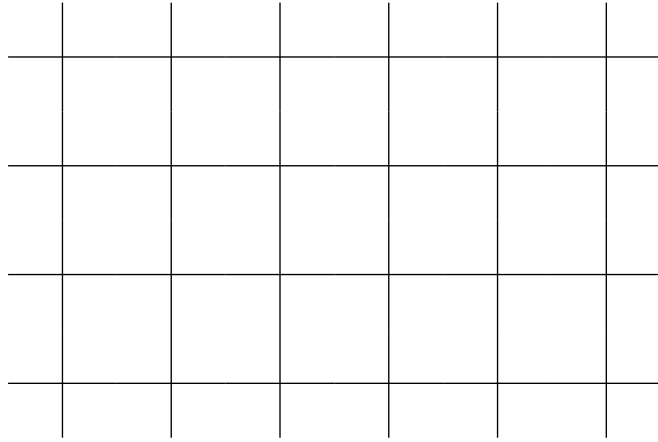
- $Z$  has the natural  $l_1$ -metric  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ .
- $Z$  is embeddable into  $\infty$ -dimensional hypercube  $H_{|Z|}$  by

$$x \mapsto (\dots, 0, 0, 1, \dots, 1, \dots).$$

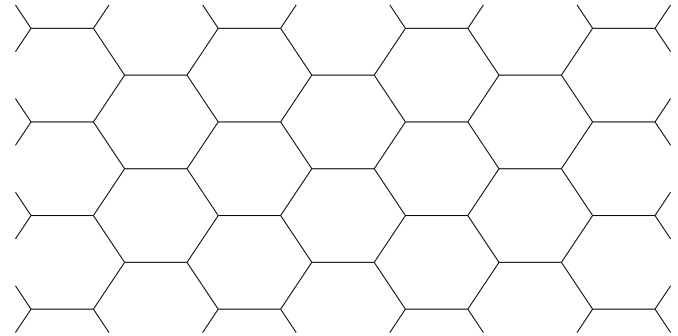
- Any graph (possibly, infinite), which embeds into  $Z^m$ , is embeddable into  $Z^\infty$ .
- ➡ The hypermetric (including 5-gonal) inequality is again a **necessary** condition.
- For skeletons of infinite tilings, we consider (up to a scale) embedding into  $Z^m$ ,  $m \leq \infty$ .

There are 3 regular and 8 **Archimedean** (i.e. semi-regular) tilings of Euclidean plane.

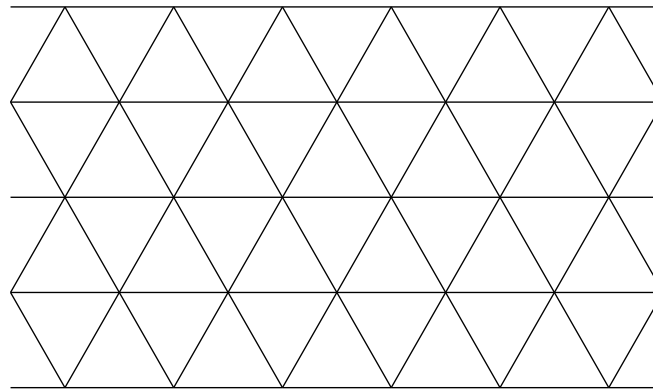
# Three regular plane tilings



$$44 = \delta_2 = De(Z^2) = Vo(Z^2)$$

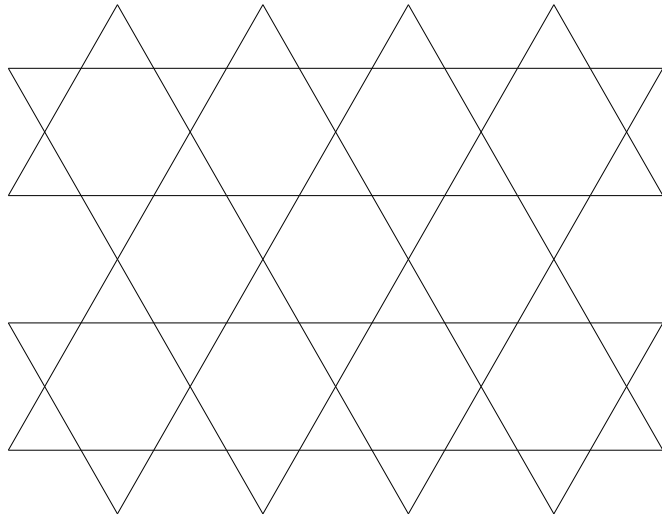


$$63 = Vo(A_2) \rightarrow Z^3$$



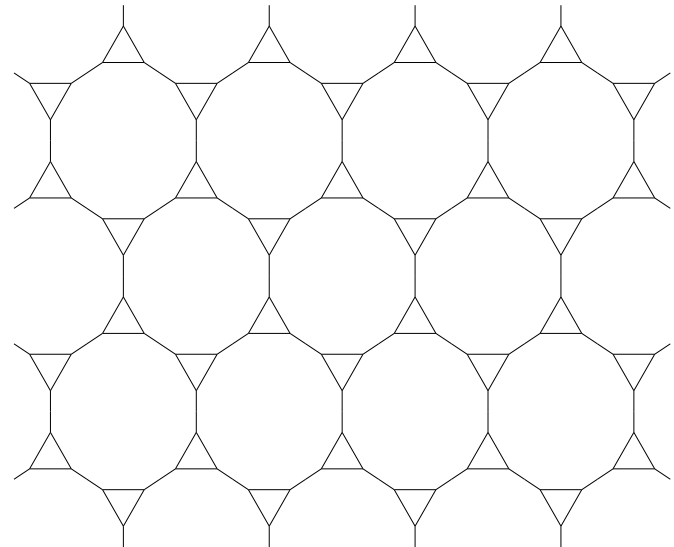
$$36 = De(A_2) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}Z^3$$

# Eight Archimedean plane tilings



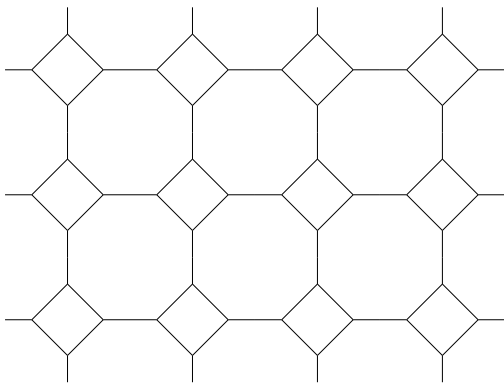
$$(3.6.3.6)=36(\{1\});$$

$$\text{dual} \rightarrow Z^3$$

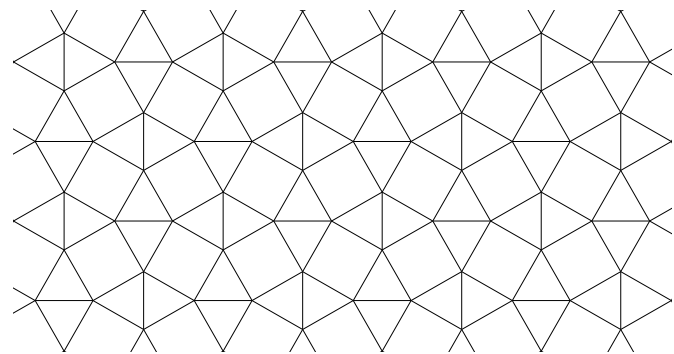


$$(3.12^2)=36(\{1, 2\});$$

$$\text{dual} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}Z^\infty$$

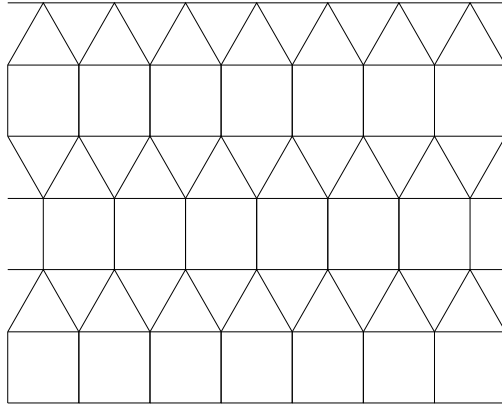


$$(4.8^2)=44(\{0, 1, 2\}) \rightarrow Z^4$$

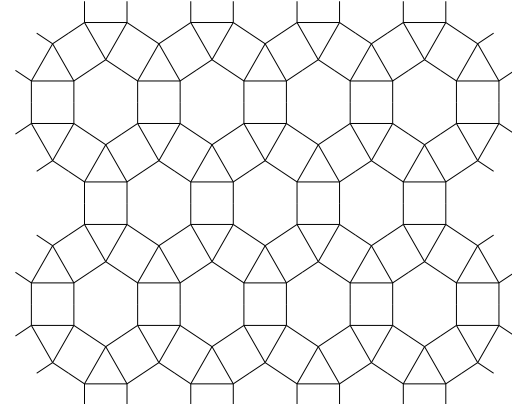


$$(3^2.4.3.4) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}Z^4$$

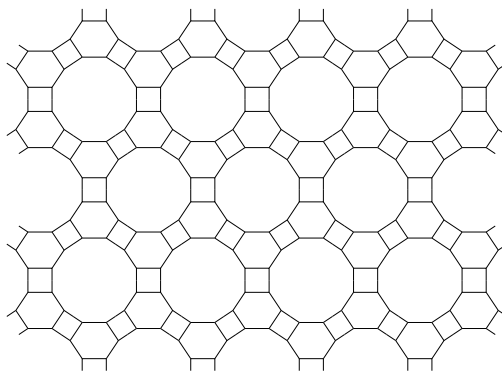
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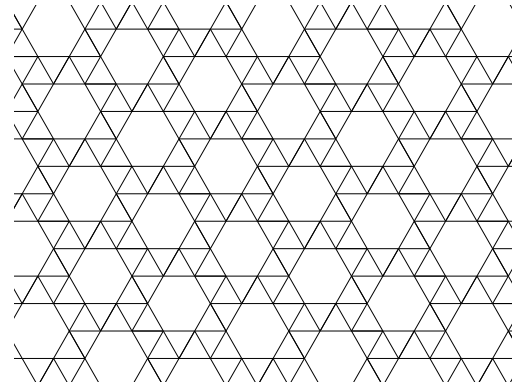
$$(3^3.4^2) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}Z^3$$



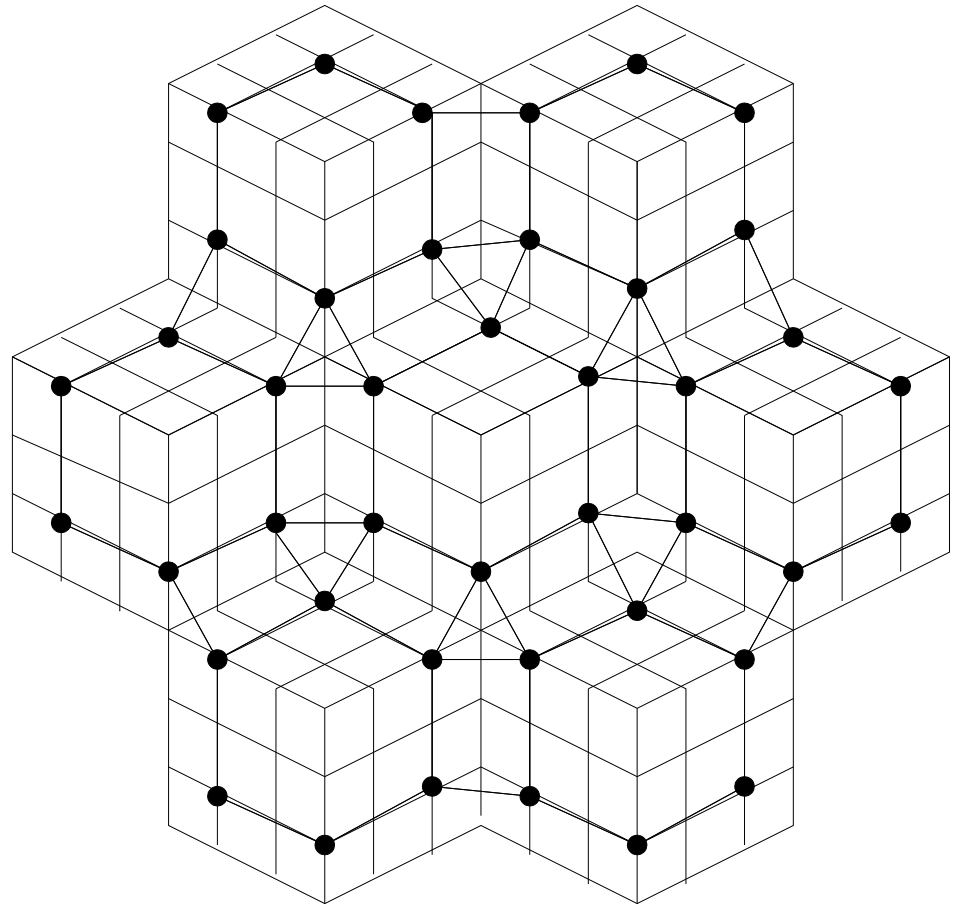
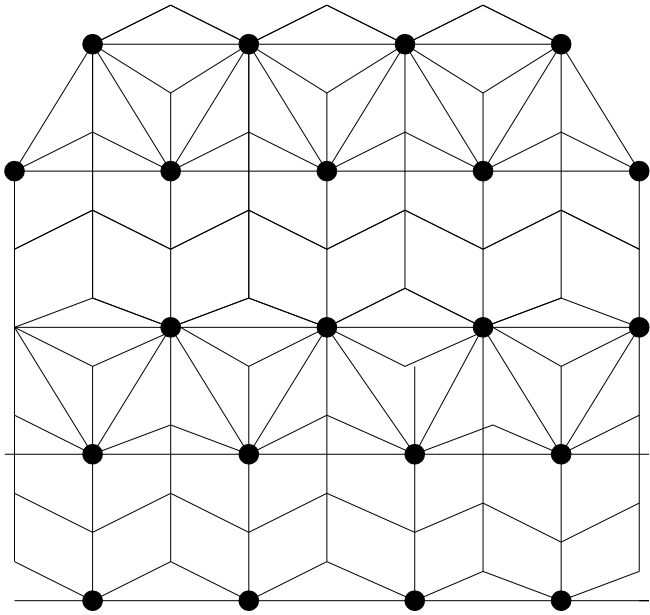
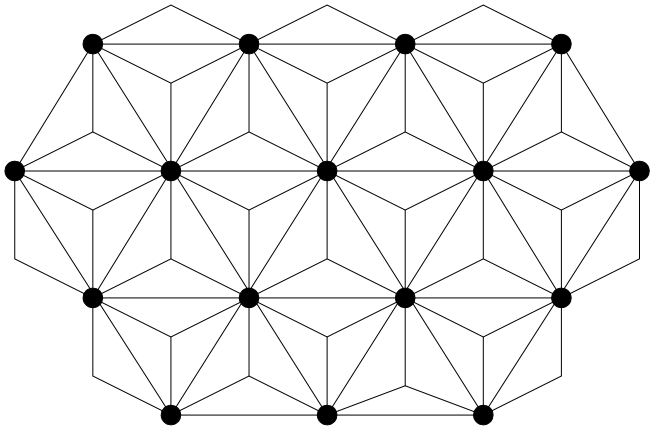
$$(3.4.6.4) = 36(\{0, 2\}) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}Z^3$$



$$(4.6.12) = 36(\{0, 1, 2\}) \rightarrow Z^6$$



$$(3^4.6) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}Z^6$$



Mosaics 36,  $(3.4.6.4)$  and  $(3^3.4^2)$  embed into  $\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}^3$

# Emb. Wythoffians of reg. plane tilings

Wythoffian	embedding
$\delta_2 = \delta_2(\{0\}) = \delta_2(\{1\}) = \delta_2(\{2\}) = \delta_2(\{0, 2\})$ $36 = 36(\{0\})$ $63 = 36(\{2\}) = 36(\{0, 1\})$	$Z^2$ $\frac{1}{2}Z^3$ $Z^3$
$(4.8^2) = \delta_2(\{0, 1\}) = \delta_2(\{1, 2\}) = \delta_2(\{0, 1, 2\})$ $(4.6.12) = 36(\{0, 1, 2\})$ $(3.4.6.4) = 36(\{0, 2\})$ $(3.6.3.6)^* = (36(\{1\}))^*$ $(3.12^2)^* = (36(\{1, 2\}))^*$	$Z^4$ $Z^6$ $\frac{1}{2}Z^3$ $Z^3$ $\frac{1}{2}Z^\infty$

Other semi-regular plane tilings:  $(3^4.6)$ ,  $(3^3.4^2)$ ,  $(3^2.4.3.4)$ ;  
 see scale 2 embedding of 36,  $(3.4.6.4)$  and  $(3^3.4^2)$  into  $Z^3$ .

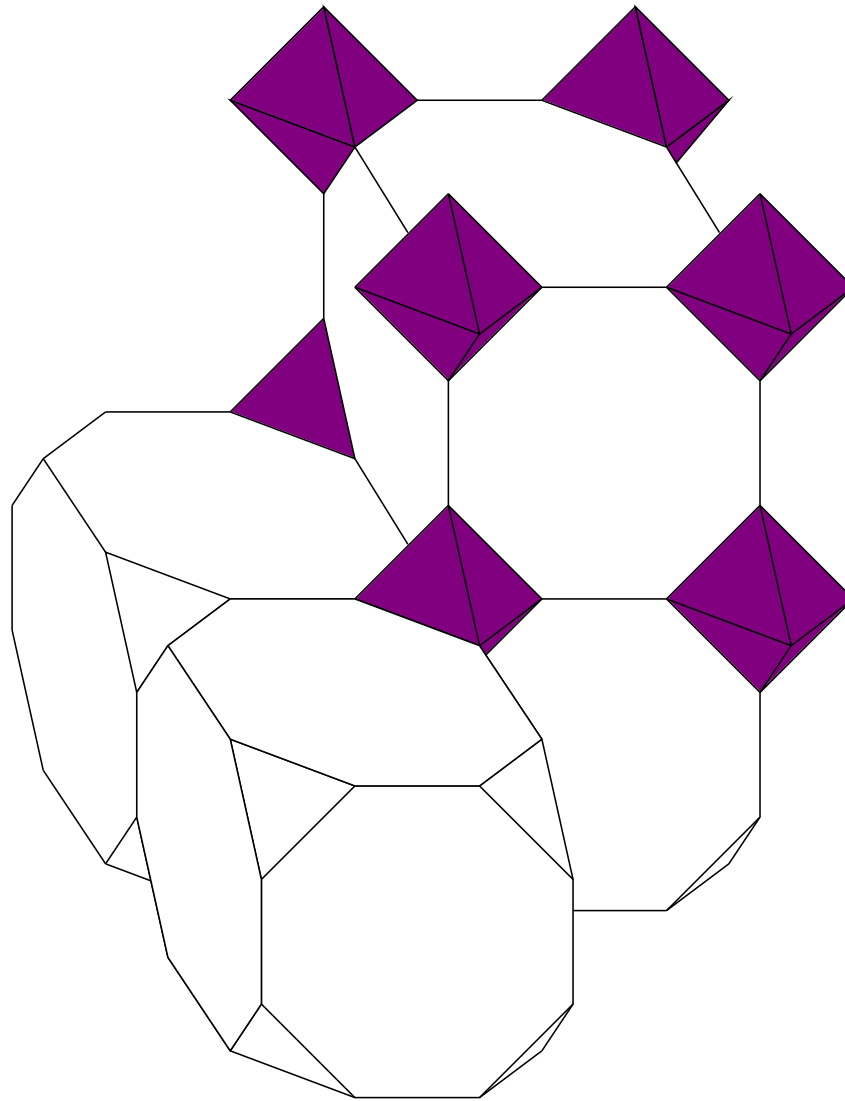


# Wythoffians of reg. 3-space tilings

Wythoffian	Nr.	embedding?
$\delta_3 = \delta_3(\{0\}) = \delta_3(\{3\}) = \delta_3(\{0, 3\})$	1	$Z^3$
$\delta_3(\{1, 2\}) = Vo(A_3^*)$	2	$Z^6$
$\delta_3(\{0, 1, 2\}) = \delta_3(\{1, 2, 3\}) = \text{zeolit Linde}$	16	$Z^9$
$\delta_3(\{0, 1, 2, 3\}) = \text{zeolit } \rho$	9	$Z^9$
$\delta_3(\{1\}) = \delta_3(\{2\}) = De(J - \text{complex})$	8	non 5-gonal
$\delta_3(\{0, 1\}) = \delta_3(\{2, 3\}) = \text{boride } CaB_6$	7	non 5-gonal
$\delta_3(\{0, 2\}) = \delta_3(\{1, 3\})$	18	non 5-gonal
$\delta_3(\{0, 1, 3\}) = \delta_3(\{0, 2, 3\})$	23	non 5-gonal

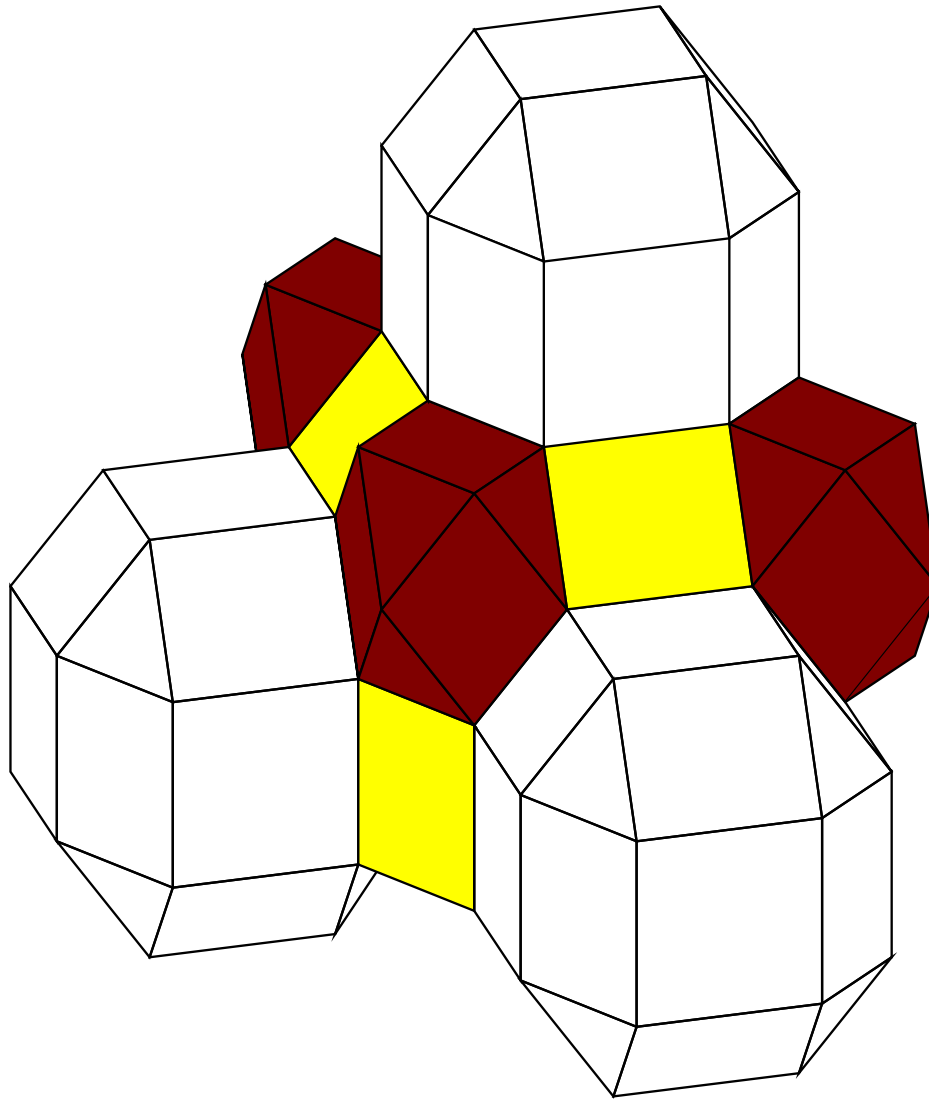
There are 28 vertex-transitive tilings of 3-space by regular and semi-regular polyhedra (Andreini, Johnson, Grunbaum, Deza–Shtogrin).

**Exp.: not 5-gonal**  $\delta_3(\{0, 1\}) = \delta_3(\{2, 3\})$



Nr. 7 (of 28), tiled 1:4 by  $\beta_3$  and tr.  $\gamma_3$ ; boride  $CaB_6$

**Exp.: not 5-gonal**  $\delta_3(\{0, 2\}) = \delta(\{1, 3\})$



Nr. 18 (of 28), tiled 2:1:2 by  $\gamma_3$ ,  $Cbt$  and  $Rcbt$

# Some Wyth. of reg. $d$ -space tilings, $d \geq 4$

Wythoffian	tiles	embedding?
$\delta_d = \delta_d(\{0\}) = \delta_d(\{d\}) = \delta_d(\{0, d\})$ $\delta_d(\{0, 1\}) = \text{tr } \delta_d$	$\gamma_d$ $\beta_d, \text{tr } \gamma_d$	$Z^d$ non 5-gonal
$Vo(D_4) = Vo(D_4)(\{0\})$ $Vo(D_4)^* = Vo(D_4)(\{4\})$ $Vo(D_4)(\{1\}) = Med(Vo(D_4))$ $Vo(D_4)(\{0, 1\}) = \text{tr } Vo(D_4)$	$24 - cell$ $\beta_4$ $\gamma_4, Med(24 - cell)$ $\gamma_4, \text{tr } 24 - cell$	non 5-gonal non 5-gonal non 5-gonal $Z^{12}$

**Conjecture** (holds for  $d \leq 3$ ):

$\delta_d(\{0, \dots, d\})$  and  $\delta_d(\{0, \dots, d - 1\})$  embed into  $Z^{d^2}$ .

Remind that  $\beta_d(\{0, \dots, d - 1\})$  embeds into  $H_{d^2}$ .