

# Classification of Regular and Chiral Polytopes by Topology

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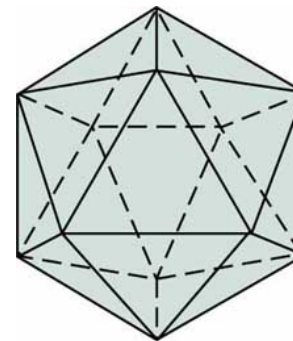
# Classical Regular Polytopes — Review

*Convex polytope*: convex hull of finitely many points in  $\mathbb{E}^n$

Key observation: topologically spherical, both globally and locally!

*Regularity*: flag transitivity of the symmetry group (other equivalent definitions).

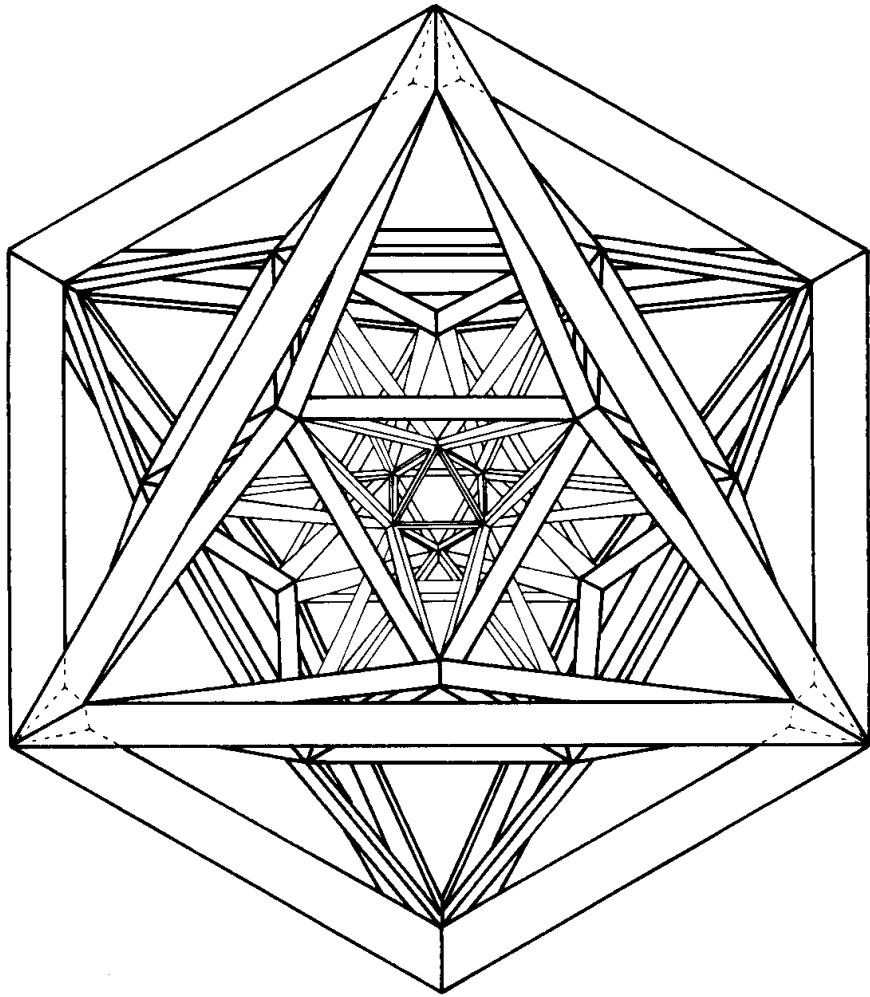
- $n=2$ : polygons  $\{p\}$  (Schläfli-symbol)
- $n=3$ : Platonic solids  $\{p, q\}$



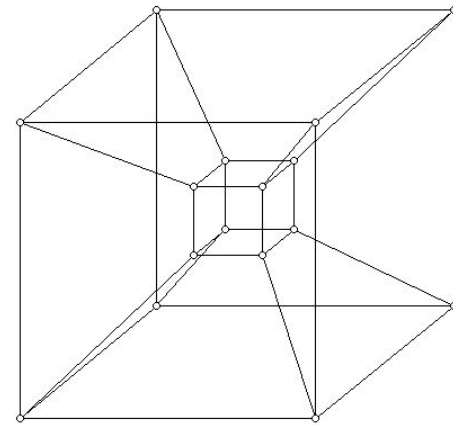
$\{3, 5\}$

DIMENSION  $n \geq 4$

name	symbol	#facets	group	order
simplex	$\{3,3,3\}$	5	$S_5$	120
cross-polytope	$\{3,3,4\}$	16	$B_4$	384
cube	$\{4,3,3\}$	8	$B_4$	384
24-cell	$\{3,4,3\}$	24	$F_4$	1152
600-cell	$\{3,3,5\}$	600	$H_4$	14400
120-cell	$\{5,3,3\}$	120	$H_4$	14400
simplex	$\{3, \dots, 3\}$	$n+1$	$S_{n+1}$	$(n+1)!$
cross-polytope	$\{3, \dots, 3, 4\}$	$2^n$	$B_{n+1}$	$2^n n!$
cube	$\{4, 3, \dots, 3\}$	$2n$	$B_{n+1}$	$2^n n!$

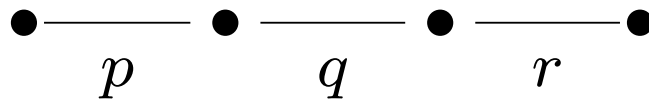


24-cell  $\{3, 4, 3\}$   
(with thickened edges)



4D cube  $\{4, 3, 3\}$

Symmetry group of  $\{p, q, r\}$  is the Coxeter group with string diagram



Presentation

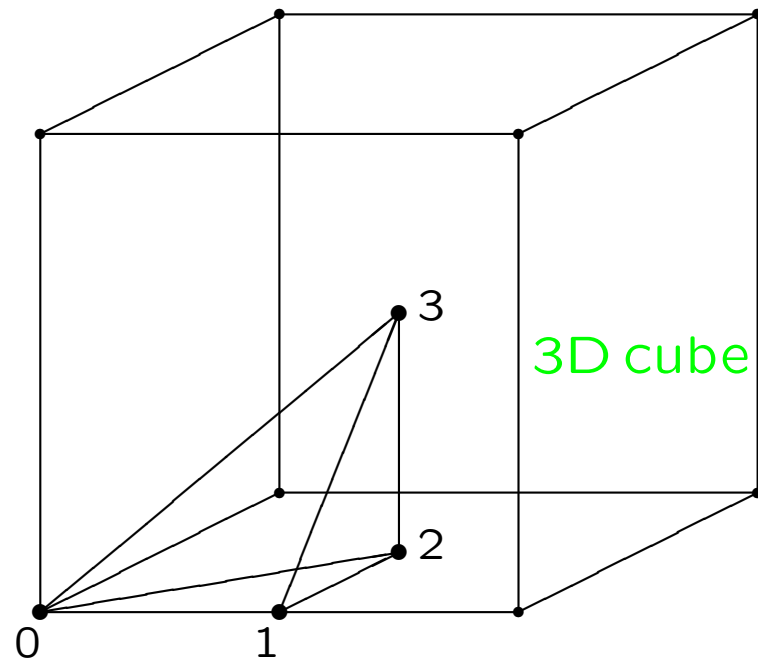
$$\begin{aligned}\rho_0^2 &= \rho_1^2 = \rho_2^2 = \rho_3^2 = 1 \\ (\rho_0\rho_1)^p &= (\rho_1\rho_2)^q = (\rho_2\rho_3)^r = 1 \\ (\rho_0\rho_2)^2 &= (\rho_1\rho_3)^2 = (\rho_0\rho_3)^2 = 1\end{aligned}$$

Generators are reflections in the walls of a fundamental chamber.

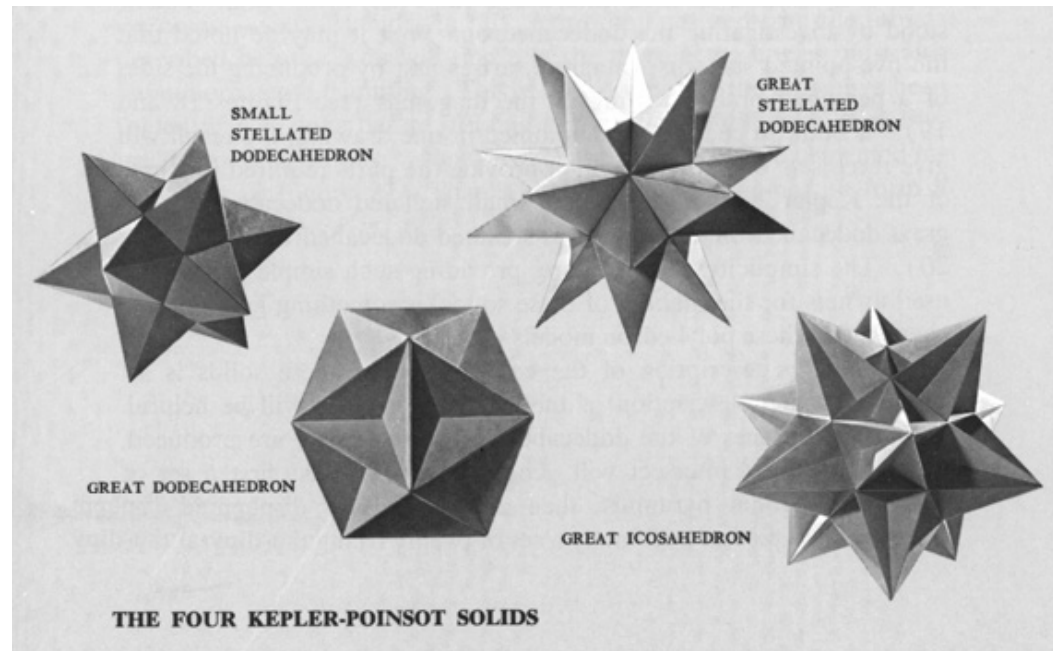
## Presentation for 3-cube

$$\rho_0^2 = \rho_1^2 = \rho_2^2 = 1$$

$$(\rho_0\rho_1)^4 = (\rho_1\rho_2)^3 = (\rho_0\rho_2)^2 = 1$$



- **Regular star-polyhedra — Kepler-Poinsot polyhedra** (Kepler 1619, Poinsot 1809). Cauchy (1813).



- **Ten regular star-polytopes in dimension 4. None in dimension  $> 4$ .**

Dim.	Symbol	$f_0$	$f_{n-1}$	Group
$n = 3$	$\{3, \frac{5}{2}\}$	12	20	$H_3$
	$\{\frac{5}{2}, 3\}$	20	12	
	$\{5, \frac{5}{2}\}$	12	12	
	$\{\frac{5}{2}, 5\}$	12	12	
$n = 4$	$\{3, 3, \frac{5}{2}\}$	120	600	$H_4$
	$\{\frac{5}{2}, 3, 3\}$	600	120	
	$\{3, 5, \frac{5}{2}\}$	120	120	
	$\{\frac{5}{2}, 5, 3\}$	120	120	
	$\{3, \frac{5}{2}, 5\}$	120	120	
	$\{5, \frac{5}{2}, 3\}$	120	120	
	$\{5, 3, \frac{5}{2}\}$	120	120	
	$\{\frac{5}{2}, 3, 5\}$	120	120	
	$\{5, \frac{5}{2}, 5\}$	120	120	
	$\{\frac{5}{2}, 5, \frac{5}{2}\}$	120	120	

**Regular Star-Polytopes  
in  $\mathbb{E}^n$  ( $n \geq 3$ )**



## Regular Honeycombs

### Euclidean space

n=2: with triangles, hexagons, squares  
 $\{3,6\}$ ,  $\{6,3\}$ ,  $\{4,4\}$

n $\geq$ 2: with cubes,  $\{4,3,\dots,3,4\}$

n=4: with 24-cells,  $\{3,4,3,3\}$   
with cross-polytopes,  $\{3,3,4,3\}$

### Hyperbolic space

n=2: each symbol  $\{p,q\}$  with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} < \frac{1}{2}$

n=3: # = 15  $\{3,5,3\}$ ,  $\{4,3,5\}$ ,  $\{5,3,5\}$ ,  $\{6,3,3\}$ , ...

n=4: # = 7  $\{5,3,3,4\}$ ,  $\{5,3,3,5\}$ ,  $\{3,4,3,4\}$ , ...

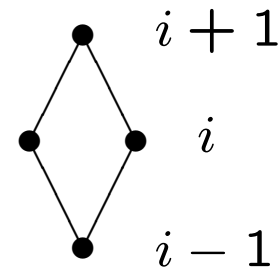
n=5: # = 5  $\{3,3,4,3,3\}$ ,  $\{3,3,3,4,3\}$ , ...

n $\geq$ 6: none

## Abstract Polytopes $P$ of rank $n$

$P$  ranked partially ordered set  
 $i$ -faces elements of rank  $i$  ( $= -1, 0, 1, \dots, n$ )  
 $i=0$  vertices  
 $i=1$  edges  
 $i=n-1$  facets

- Faces  $F_{-1}, F_n$  (of ranks  $-1, n$ )
- Each flag of  $P$  contains exactly  $n+2$  faces
- $P$  is connected
- Intervals of rank 1 are diamonds:

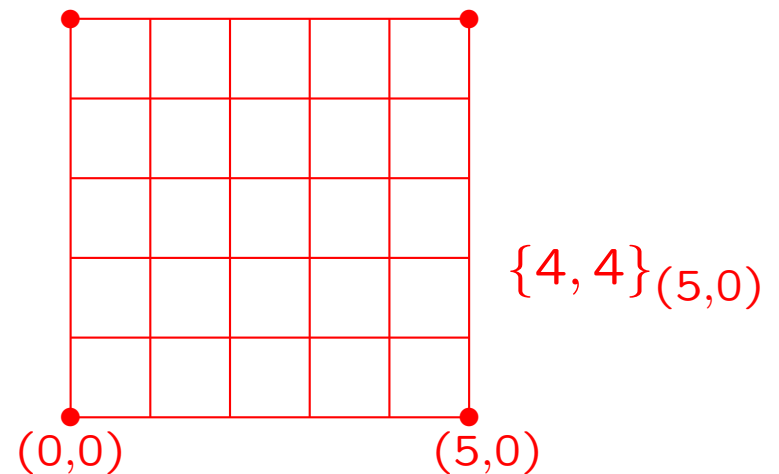
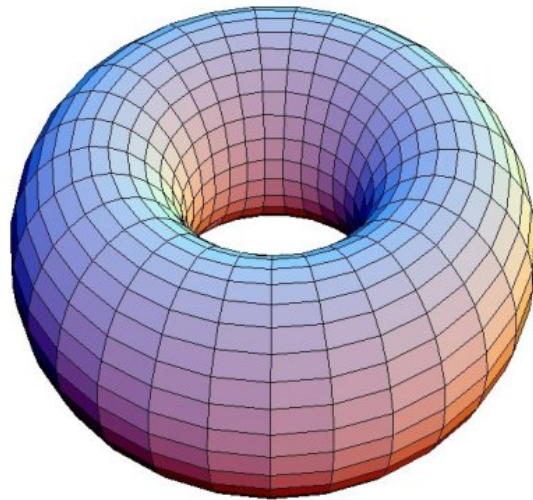


$P$  is *regular* iff  $\Gamma(P)$  flag transitive.

$P$  is *chiral* iff  $\Gamma(P)$  has two orbits on the flags such that adjacent flags always are in different orbits.

Nothing new in ranks 0, 1, 2 (points, segments, polygons)!

Rank 3: maps (2-cell tessellations) on closed surfaces.



Rich history: Klein, Dyck, Brahana, Coxeter, Jones & Singerman, Wilson, Conder .....

Well-known: torus maps  $\{4, 4\}_{(b,c)}, \{3, 6\}_{(b,c)}, \{6, 3\}_{(b,c)}$ .

Classification of regular and chiral maps by genus (Conder)

- orientable surfaces of genus 2 to 300
- non-orientable surfaces of genus 2 to 600

Rank  $n \geq 4$ : How about polytopes of rank 4 (or higher)?

Local picture for a 4-polytope of type  $\{4, 4, 3\}$

**Facets:** torus maps  $\{4, 4\}_{(s,0)}$  ( $s \times s$  chessboard)

**Vertex-figures:** cubes  $\{4, 3\}$

2 tori meeting at each 2-face

3 tori surround each edge

6 tori surround each vertex

**Problems:** local — global; universal polytopes; finiteness.

regular polytopes  $\iff$  C-groups

C-group  $\Gamma = \langle \rho_0, \dots, \rho_{n-1} \rangle$

- $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho_i^2 = (\rho_i \rho_j)^2 = 1 \quad (|i - j| \geq 2) \\ (\rho_0 \rho_1)^{p_1} = (\rho_1 \rho_2)^{p_2} = \dots = (\rho_{n-2} \rho_{n-1})^{p_{n-1}} = 1 \\ \& \text{ in general additional relations!} \end{array} \right.$

- *Intersection property*  $\langle \rho_i | i \in I \rangle \cap \langle \rho_i | i \in J \rangle = \langle \rho_i | i \in I \cap J \rangle$

Polytope associated with  $\Gamma$

$j$ -faces — right cosets of  $\Gamma_j := \langle \rho_i | i \neq j \rangle$

partial order:  $\Gamma_j \varphi \leq \Gamma_k \psi$  iff  $j \leq k$  and  $\Gamma_j \varphi \cap \Gamma_k \psi \neq \emptyset$ .

Quotient of the Coxeter group  $\bullet \xrightarrow{p_1} \bullet \xrightarrow{p_2} \bullet \dots \bullet \xrightarrow{p_{n-1}} \bullet$

**Topological classification** (of universal polytopes)

**Classical case** spherical or locally spherical

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quotient of a regular tessellation in  $S^{n-1}$ ,  $E^{n-1}$  or  $H^{n-1}$

**Grünbaum's Problem (mid 70's): Classify toroidal and locally toroidal regular polytopes.**

Step 1: Tessellations on the  $(n-1)$ -torus (globally toroidal)

Step 2: Locally toroidally polytopes only in ranks  $n = 4, 5, 6$ .

A lot of progress! Enumeration complete for  $n = 5$ ; almost complete for  $n = 4$ ; conjectures for  $n = 6$ .

McMullen & S.; also Weiss, Monson

## Toroids

Torus maps  $\{4, 4\}_{(b,c)}, \{3, 6\}_{(b,c)}, \{6, 3\}_{(b,c)}$ . How about higher-dimensional tori?

### Tessellations $\mathcal{T}$ in euclidean space

$n = 2$ : with triangles, hexagons, squares,  
 $\{3, 6\}, \{6, 3\}, \{4, 4\}$

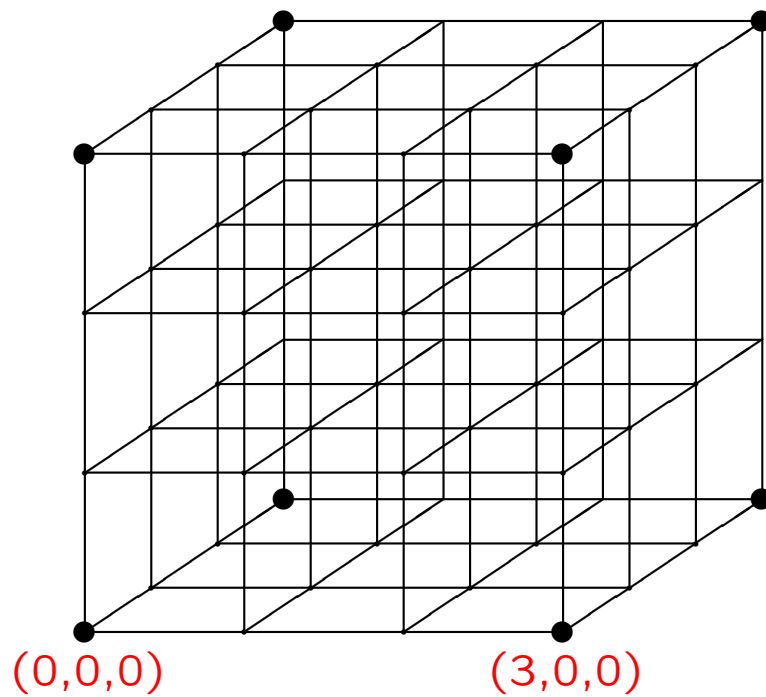
$n \geq 2$ : with cubes,  $\{4, 3, \dots, 3, 4\}$

$n = 4$ : with 24-cells,  $\{3, 4, 3, 3\}$   
with cross-polytopes,  $\{3, 3, 4, 3\}$

Regular toroids of rank  $n + 1$  (McMullen & S.)

Quotients  $\mathcal{T}/\Lambda$  of regular tessellations  $\mathcal{T}$  in  $\mathbb{E}^n$  by suitable lattices  $\Lambda$ .

A toroid with 27 cubical facets on the 3-torus (rank 4)



Type  $\{4, 3, 4\}_{(3,0,0)}$

$$(\rho_0 \rho_1 \rho_2 \rho_3 \rho_2 \rho_1)^3 = 1$$



## Cubical Toroids $\{4, 3^{n-2}, 4\}_s$ on $n$ -Torus

$\mathbf{s}$	vertices	facets	order	lattice
$(s, 0, \dots, 0)$	$s^n$	$s^n$	$(2s)^n \cdot n!$	$s\mathbb{Z}^n$
$(s, s, 0, \dots, 0)$	$2s^n$	$2s^n$	$2^{n+1}s^n \cdot n!$	$sD_n$
$(s, \dots, s)$	$2^{n-1}s^n$	$2^{n-1}s^n$	$2^{2n-1}s^n \cdot n!$	$2sD_n^*$

Standard relations for  $\bullet \text{---}_4 \bullet \text{---}_3 \bullet \dots \bullet \text{---}_3 \bullet \text{---}_4 \bullet$

and the **single extra relation**

$$(\rho_0 \rho_1 \dots \rho_n \rho_{n-1} \dots \rho_k)^{ks} = 1 \quad (k = 1, 2 \text{ or } n, \text{ resp.})$$

Exceptional Toroids  $\{3, 3, 4, 3\}_s$  on 4-Torus (up to duality)

$\mathbf{s}$	vertices	facets	order	lattice
$(s, 0, 0, 0)$	$s^4$	$3s^4$	$1152s^4$	$sD_4$ (self-reciprocal $D_4$ )
$(s, s, 0, 0)$	$4s^4$	$12s^4$	$4608s^4$	$sD_4$

Standard relations for  $\bullet \text{---} \frac{3}{\text{---}} \bullet \text{---} \frac{3}{\text{---}} \bullet \text{---} \frac{4}{\text{---}} \bullet \text{---} \frac{3}{\text{---}} \bullet$

and the **single extra relation**

$$\begin{cases} (\rho_0 \sigma \tau \sigma)^s = 1 & \text{if } \mathbf{s} = (s, 0, 0, 0), \\ (\rho_0 \sigma \tau)^{2s} = 1 & \text{if } \mathbf{s} = (s, s, 0, 0), \end{cases}$$

where  $\sigma = \rho_1 \rho_2 \rho_3 \rho_2 \rho_1$  and  $\tau = \rho_4 \rho_3 \rho_2 \rho_3 \rho_4$ .

## Locally Toroidal Regular Polytopes

- universal polytopes = {facets, vertex-figures}

### Rank $n=4$

$$\{\{4, 4\}_s, \{4, 3\}\},$$

$$\{\{4, 4\}_s, \{4, 4\}_t\},$$

$$\{\{6, 3\}_s, \{3, r\}\} \quad (r = 3, 4, 5),$$

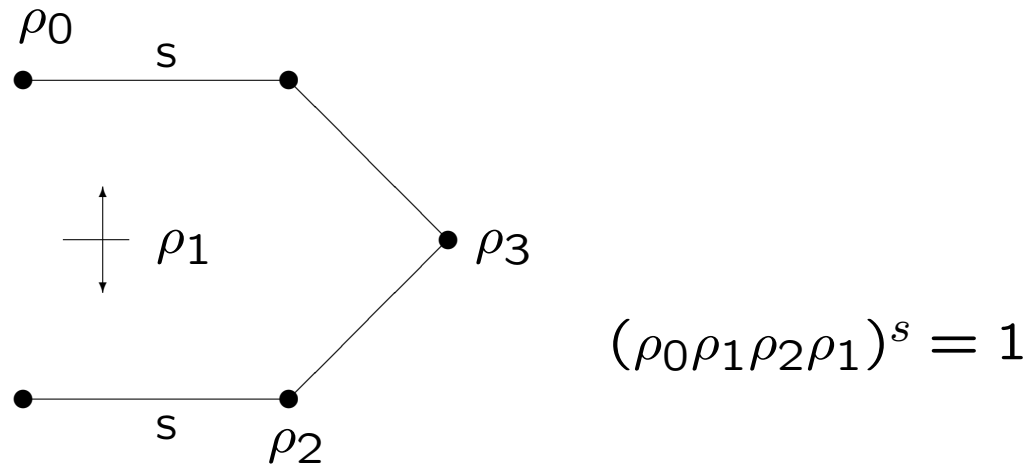
$$\{\{6, 3\}_s, \{3, 6\}_t\},$$

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where  $s = (s, 0)$  or  $(s, s)$  and  $t = (t, 0)$  or  $(t, t)$ .

## Locally toroidal 4-polytopes $\{\{4, 4\}_{(s,0)}, \{4, 3\}\}$

Coxeter group  $W_s$



$\Gamma_s := \langle \rho_0, \rho_1, \rho_2, \rho_3 \rangle \cong W_s \rtimes C_2$  is the correct group!

The universal polytope is finite iff  $s = 2$  or  $s = 3$ .

The polytope for  $s = 3$  (with group  $S_6 \rtimes C_2$ ) can be realized by a tessellation on  $\mathbb{S}^3$  consisting of 20 tori (Grünbaum and Coxeter & Shephard).

## More on Rank 4

$s$	$v$	$f$	$g$	Group
$(2, 0)$	4	6	192	$D_4 \times S_4$
$(3, 0)$	30	20	1440	$S_6 \times C_2$
$(2, 2)$	16	12	768	$C_2 \wr D_6$

The finite polytopes  $\{\{4, 4\}_s, \{4, 3\}\}$ ,  $s = (s, 0), (s, s)$ .

s	t	v	f	g	Group
(2, 0)	$(t, t),$ $t \geq 2$	4	$2t^2$	$64t^2$	$(D_t \times D_t \times C_2 \times C_2)$ $\rtimes (C_2 \rtimes C_2)$
(2, 0)	$(2m, 0),$ $m \geq 1$	4	$4m^2$	$128m^2$	$(C_2 \times C_2) \rtimes [4, 4]_{(2,0)}$ if $m = 1$ ; $(D_m \times D_m) \rtimes [4, 4]_{(2,0)}$ if $m \geq 2$
(3, 0)	(3, 0)	20	20	1440	$S_6 \times C_2$
(3, 0)	(4, 0)	288	512	36864	$C_2 \wr [4, 4]_{(3,0)}$
(3, 0)	(2, 2)	36	32	2304	$(S_4 \times S_4) \rtimes (C_2 \times C_2)$
(2, 2)	(2, 2)	16	16	1024	$C_2^4 \rtimes [4, 4]_{(2,2)}$
(2, 2)	(3, 3)	64	144	9216	$C_2^6 \rtimes [4, 4]_{(3,3)}$
(3, 0)	(5, 0)	19584	54400	3916800	$Sp_4(4) \times C_2 \times C_2$

The finite polytopes  $\{\{4, 4\}_s, \{4, 4\}_t\}$   
(except  $\{\{4, 4\}_{(s,0)}, \{4, 4\}_{(t,0)}\}$ , with  $s, t$  odd and distinct)

## Conjecture

The universal polytopes  $\{\{4, 4\}_{(s,0)}, \{4, 4\}_{(t,0)}\}$ , with  $s, t$  odd and distinct, are finite iff the regular tessellation  $\{s, t\}$  is spherical (that is, iff  $(s, t) = (3, 5), (5, 3)$ .)

Case  $(s, t) = (3, 5)$ :  $Sp_4(4) \times C_2 \times C_2$ .

## Still more on Rank 4

$r$	$s$	$v$	$f$	$g$	Group
3	(2, 0)	10	5	240	$S_5 \times C_2$
	(3, 0)	54	12	1296	$[1\ 1\ 2]^3 \rtimes C_2$
	(4, 0)	640	80	15360	$[1\ 1\ 2]^4 \rtimes C_2$
	(2, 2)	120	20	2880	$S_5 \times S_4$
4	(1, 1)	12	8	288	$S_3 \times [3, 4]$
	(2, 0)	16	16	768	$[3, 3, 4] \rtimes C_2$
5	(2, 0)	240	600	28800	$[3, 3, 5] \rtimes C_2$

The finite polytopes  $\{\{6, 3\}_s, \{3, r\}\}$   
 ( $s = (s, 0), (s, s)$  and  $r = 3, 4, 5$ ).



**Thm** The universal regular 4-polytope  $\{\{6, 3\}_{(s,0)}, \{3, 6\}_{(t,0)}\}$  exists for all  $s, t \geq 2$ . In particular, it is finite if and only if  $(s, t) = (2, k)$  or  $(k, 2)$ , with  $k = 2, 3, 4$ . In this case, its group is  $[1\ 1\ 2]^k \rtimes (C_2 \times C_2)$ , of order  $480, 108 \cdot 4!, 256 \cdot 5!$  if  $k = 2, 3, 4$ , respectively.

**Thm** The universal regular 4-polytope  $\{\{6, 3\}_{(s,s)}, \{3, 6\}_t\}$ , with  $t = (t, 0)$  or  $(t, t)$ , exists for all  $s, t \geq 2$ . In particular, it is finite if and only if  $s = 2$  and  $t = (2, 0)$ ; in this case, its group is  $S_5 \times S_4 \times C_2$ .

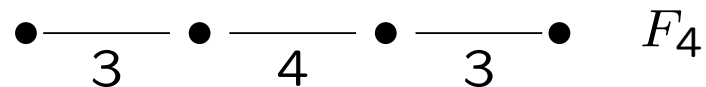
Somewhat open:  $\{\{3, 6\}_s, \{6, 3\}_t\}$

## Locally toroidal regular polytopes (cont.)

Rank  $n = 5$

$\mathbf{s}$	vertices	facets	group	order
(2, 0, 0)	24	8	$C_2^3 \times F_4$	9216
(2, 2, 0)	48	32	$C_2^5 \times F_4$	36864
(2, 2, 2)	1536	2048	$(C_2^6 \times C_2^5) \times F_4$	2359296

Finite polytopes  $\{\{3, 4, 3\}, \{4, 3, 4\}_s\}$   
 (with  $s = (s, 0, 0), (s, s, 0), (s, s, s)$ )



## Locally toroidal regular polytopes (cont.)

Rank  $n = 6$  (first type)

<b>s</b>	vertices	facets	order
(2, 0, 0, 0)	20	960	368640
(2, 2, 0, 0)	160	30720	11796480
(3, 0, 0, 0)	780	189540	72783360

**Conjectured finite polytopes of type**

$\{\{3, 3, 3, 4\}, \{3, 3, 4, 3\}_s\}$

Rank  $n = 6$  (second type)

<b>s</b>	<b>t</b>	vertices	facets	order
(2, 0, 0, 0)	( $t, 0, 0, 0$ ) ( $t$ even)	32	$2t^4$	$36864t^4$
(2, 0, 0, 0)	( $t, t, 0, 0$ ) ( $t$ even)	32	$8t^4$	$147476t^4$
(2, 2, 0, 0)	(2, 2, 0, 0)	2048	2048	150994944
(3, 0, 0, 0)	(3, 0, 0, 0)	2340	2340	218350080

**Conjectured finite polytopes of type**

$\{\{3, 3, 4, 3\}_s, \{3, 4, 3, 3\}_t\}$

Rank  $n = 6$  (third type)

<b>s</b>	<b>t</b>	vertices	facets	order
$(s, 0, 0, 0)$ ( $s$ even)	$(2, 0, 0, 0)$	$3s^4$	16	$18432s^4$
$(s, s, 0, 0)$	$(2, 0, 0, 0)$	$12s^4$	16	$73728s^4$
$(s, 0, 0, 0)$ ( $s$ even)	$(2, 2, 0, 0)$	$6s^4$	64	$73728s^4$
$(s, s, 0, 0)$ ( $s$ even)	$(2, 2, 0, 0)$	$24s^4$	64	$294912s^4$
$(2, 0, 0, 0)$	$(2, 2, 2, 2)$	384	1024	18874368
$(2, 0, 0, 0)$	$(4, 0, 0, 0)$	12288	65536	1207959552
$(3, 0, 0, 0)$	$(3, 0, 0, 0)$	2340	780	72783360

**Conjectured finite polytopes of type**  
 $\{\{3, 4, 3, 3\}_s, \{4, 3, 3, 4\}_t\}$

## Open Problem

Classify all locally toroidal chiral polytopes!

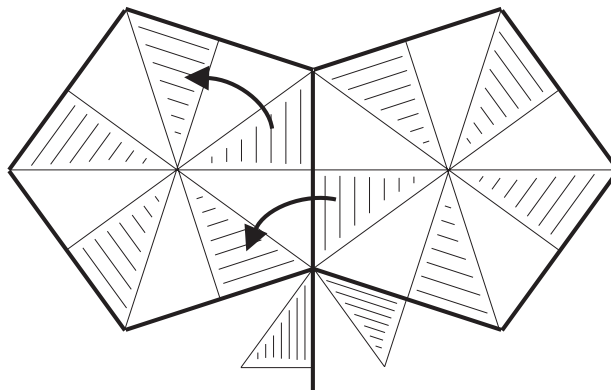
Rank 4:  $\{\{4, 4\}_{(b,c)}, \{4, 3\}\}$ ,  $\{\{4, 4\}_{(b,c)}, \{4, 4\}_{(e,f)}\}$ , .....

Almost completely open!

## Chirality

$\Gamma(P)$  has 2 flag-orbits, represented by adjacent flags!

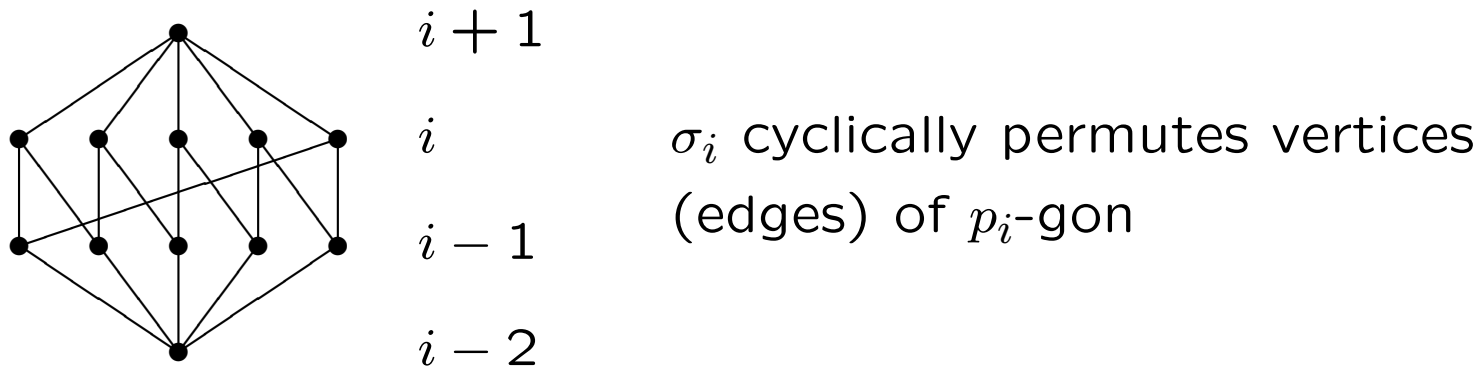
- Rank 3: Lots of chiral torus maps! Occurrence very sporadic, at least for small genus  $g$  (next for  $g = 7$ ).



Generators  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  for type  $\{p, q\}$  in rank 3

$$\sigma_1^p = \sigma_2^q = (\sigma_1\sigma_2)^2 = 1 \quad \& \quad \text{generally more relations.}$$

**Local definition:**  $P$  not regular, but for some *base flag*  $\Phi := \{F_1, F_0, \dots, F_n\}$  there exist  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{n-1} \in \Gamma(P)$  such that  $\sigma_i$  fixes each face in  $\Phi \setminus \{F_{i-1}, F_i\}$  and cyclically permutes consecutive  $i$ -faces in the section  $F_{i+1}/F_{i-2}$ .



**Two enantiomorphic forms:** Chiral polytopes occur in a “right-hand” and a “left-hand” version, distinguished by the choice of base flag.



## Rank 4

Generators  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$  for type  $\{p, q, r\}$  in rank 4

### Standard relations

$$\sigma_1^p = \sigma_2^q = \sigma_3^r = (\sigma_1\sigma_2)^2 = (\sigma_2\sigma_3)^2 = (\sigma_1\sigma_2\sigma_3)^2 = 1$$

**Example:** The universal  $\{\{4, 4\}_{(b,c)}, \{4, 3\}\}$  has extra relation

$$(\sigma_1^{-1}\sigma_2)^b(\sigma_1\sigma_2^{-1})^c = 1$$

### Intersection property

$$\langle \sigma_1 \rangle \cap \langle \sigma_2 \rangle = \langle \epsilon \rangle = \langle \sigma_2 \rangle \cap \langle \sigma_3 \rangle, \quad \langle \sigma_1, \sigma_2 \rangle \cap \langle \sigma_2, \sigma_3 \rangle = \langle \sigma_2 \rangle$$

## Polytopes associated with the groups

Regular polytopes:  $\Gamma$  generated by  $\rho_0, \dots, \rho_{n-1}$

$j$ -faces: right cosets of  $\Gamma_j := \langle \rho_i \mid i \neq j \rangle$

Chiral polytopes:  $\Gamma$  generated by  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}$

$j$ -faces: right cosets of

$$\Gamma_j := \begin{cases} \langle \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{n-1} \rangle & \text{if } j = 0, \\ \langle \{ \sigma_i \mid i \neq j, j+1 \} \cup \{ \sigma_j \sigma_{j+1} \} \rangle & \text{if } j = 1, \dots, n-2, \\ \langle \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{n-2} \rangle & \text{if } j = n-1. \end{cases}$$

Partial order in both cases:

$$\Gamma_j \varphi \leq \Gamma_k \psi \text{ iff } j \leq k \text{ and } \Gamma_j \varphi \cap \Gamma_k \psi \neq \emptyset.$$

## Rank 4

Plenty of locally toroidal chiral 4-polytopes. (Coxeter, Weiss & S., Monson, Nostrand; 1990's and earlier.)

**Key idea:** Relevant hyperbolic Coxeter groups have nice representations as groups of Möbius transformations over  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}[\omega]$ , .... Rotation subgroups have generators like  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$ .

*Then construct polytopes by modular reduction of the corresponding groups of  $2 \times 2$  matrices.*

**Example:** Take rotation subgroup of  $\bullet \text{---} \frac{4}{4} \bullet \text{---} \frac{4}{4} \bullet \text{---} \frac{3}{3} \bullet$  and work over  $\mathbb{Z}_m$ , where  $-1$  is a quadratic residue mod  $m$ . Gives chiral polytopes of type  $\{\{4, 4\}_{(b,c)}, \{4, 3\}\}$  with  $m = b^2 + c^2$ ,  $(b, c) = 1$  and group  $PSL_2(\mathbb{Z}_m)$  or  $PSL_2(\mathbb{Z}_m) \rtimes C_2$ . (Work modulo the ideal in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  generated by  $b + ic$ .)

## Higher ranks

- Lots of finite examples in "low ranks" by Conder, Hubbard & Pisanski; Breda, Jones & S.; Conder & Devillers, ...
- Finite examples for every rank  $n \geq 3$  (Pellicer, 2009)!
- **Extension problem:** Chiral  $n$ -polytope  $P$  as the facet of a chiral  $(n + 1)$ -polytope  $Q$ ? Facets of  $P$  regular!
  - (a) Universal:  $\Gamma(Q) = \Gamma(P) *_{\Gamma+(F)} \Gamma(F)$  (Weiss & S., 1994)
  - (b) Finite  $Q$ , if  $P$  is finite. (Cunningham & Pellicer, 2013)
- $n$ -torus is the only compact euclidean space form with regular or chiral tessellations. Chirality only when  $n = 2$ ! (Hartley, McMullen & S., 1999)

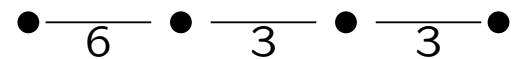
*..... The End .....*

Thank you

## **Abstract**

The past three decades have seen a revival of interest in the study of polytopes and their symmetry. The most exciting new developments all center around the concept and theory of abstract polytopes. The lecture gives a survey of currently known topological classification results for regular and chiral polytopes, focusing in particular on the universal polytopes which are globally or locally toroidal. While there is a great deal known about toroidal regular polytopes, there is almost nothing known about the classification locally toroidal chiral polytopes.

Example:  $P = \{\{6, 3\}_{(s,s)}, \{3, 3\}\}$



extra relation:  $(\rho_2(\rho_1\rho_0)^2)^{2s} = 1$

Polytopes of type  $\{6,3,r\}$

1. Normal subgroup  $W$  of  $\Gamma(P)$  of finite index!
2. “Locally unitary” representation

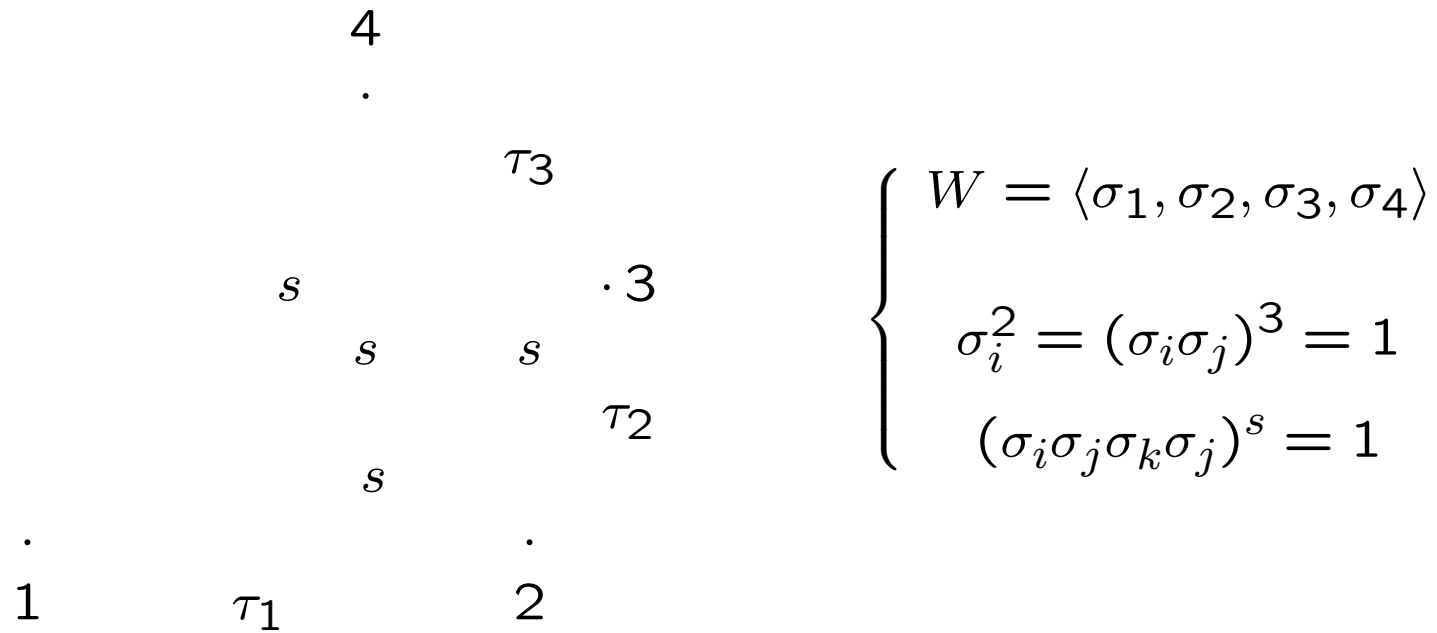
$$\varphi : W \mapsto GL_m(\mathbb{C})$$

which preserves a hermitian form  $h$  on  $C^m$ .

3. Finiteness of  $P$  is decided by  $h$ !

$$P = \{ \{6, 3\}_{(s,s)}, \{3, 3\} \}$$





GROUP:  $\Gamma(P) = W \rtimes S_4$

$\rho_0 = \sigma_1, \rho_1 = \tau_1, \rho_2 = \tau_2, \rho_3 = \tau_3$

Structure of  $W = W_s$  ?

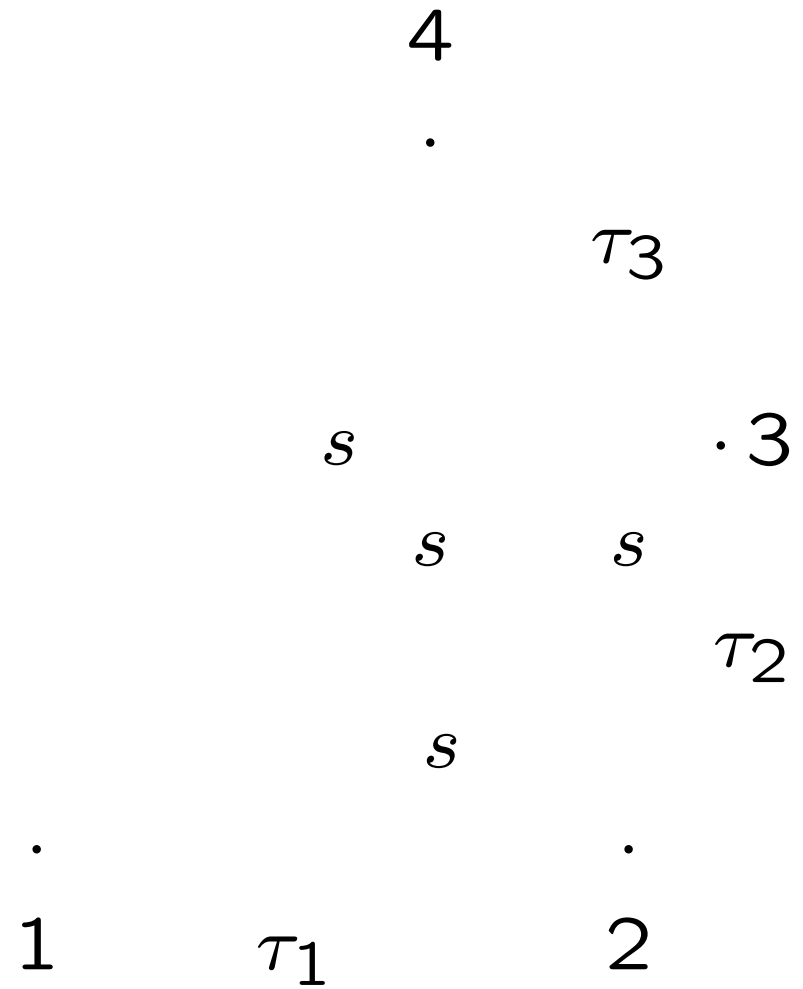
REPRESENTATION

$$\varphi : W \mapsto GL_4(C)$$

$$\sigma_i \mapsto S_i \quad (i = 1, 2, 3, 4),$$

where

$$S_i(x) = x - 2h(x, e_i) e_i$$



## HERMITIAN FORM:

$e_1, \dots, e_4$  canonical basis of  $C^4$

$$h(x, y) := \sum_{i=1}^4 x_i \bar{y}_i - \sum_{i \neq j} c_{ij} x_i \bar{y}_j ,$$

$\langle S_i, S_j, S_k \rangle \cong [1 \ 1 \ 1]^s$  (“locally unitary”).

Choice of  $c_{ij}$ :

$$c_{12} = c_{34} = c_{31} = \frac{e^{2\pi i/s}}{2}$$
$$c_{23} = c_{24} = c_{41} = \frac{e^{-2\pi i/s}}{2}$$

Situation:  $W$  acts on  $C^4$  as a reflection group

Theorem:  $W$  finite iff  $h$  positive definite

Classification of unitary reflection groups: Shephard, Todd,  
Coxeter, Cohen

Consequence:  $\{\{6, 3\}_{(s,s)}, \{3, 3\}\}$  finite  
iff  $h$  positive definite

$$\det(h) = \frac{1}{16}(-9 - 16 \cos \frac{2\pi}{s} - 2 \cos \frac{4\pi}{s})$$

$$h \text{ is } \begin{cases} \text{positive definite for } s = 2 \\ \text{positive semi-definite for } s = 3 \\ \text{indefinite for } s \geq 4 \end{cases}$$

Thm:  $P := \{\{6, 3\}_{(s,s)}, \{3, 3\}\}$  exists for  
each  $s \geq 2$ , and  $P$  is finite iff  $s = 2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{s=2}: \Gamma(P) &= S_5 \times S_4, \\ W &= S_5 = \langle (1\ 5), (2\ 5), (3\ 5), (4\ 5) \rangle \end{aligned}$$