

PAG: a GAP package for constructing combinatorial objects with prescribed automorphism groups^{*}

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Introduction



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Prescribed Automorphism Groups

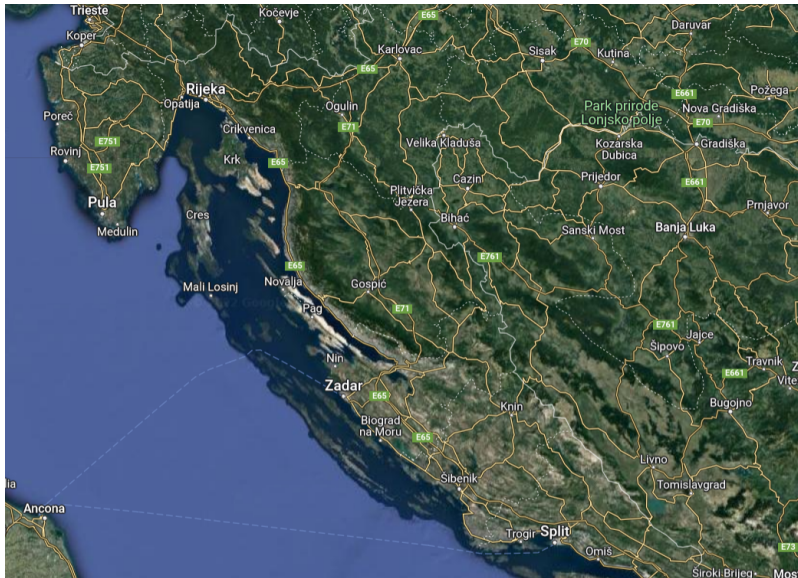
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Abstract

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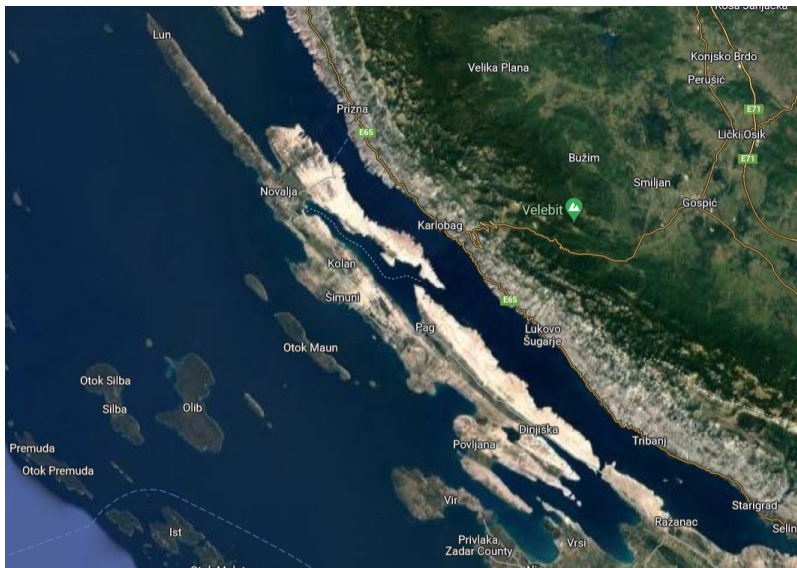
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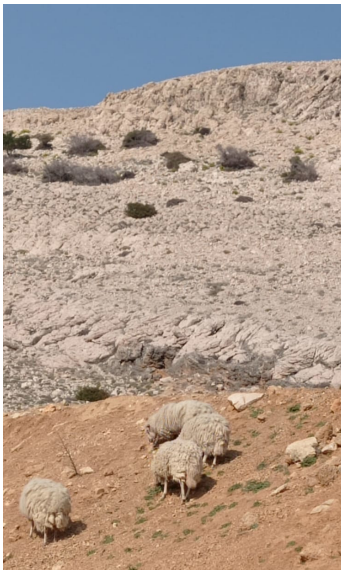
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The island Pag – Sheep

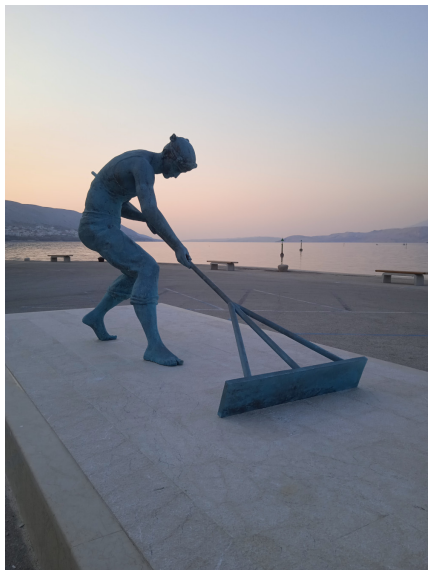


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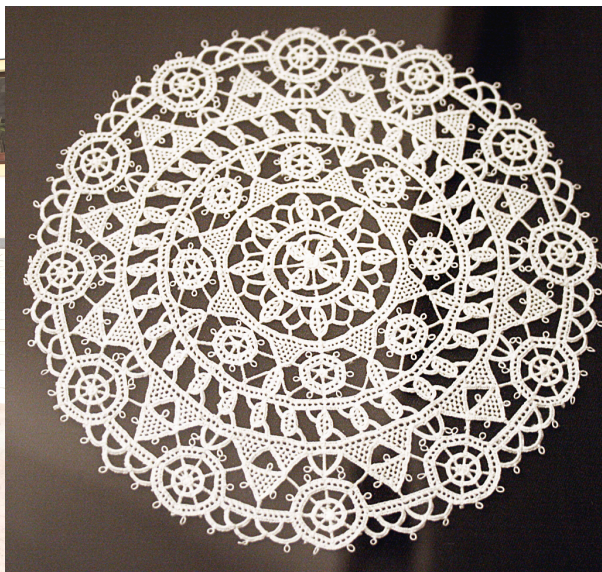
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The island Pag – Lacemaking



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Lacemaking in Croatia

Croatia

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At least three distinct traditions of Lacemaking in Croatia persist today, centred on the towns of Pag on the Adriatic, Lepoglava in northern Croatia and Hvar on the Dalmatian island of the same name. Pag needle-point lace was originally used to make ecclesiastical garments, tablecloths and ornaments for clothing. The process involves embellishing a spider web pattern with geometrical motifs and is transmitted today by older women who offer year-long courses. Lepoglava bobbin lace is made by braiding thread wound on spindles, or bobbins; it is often used to make lace ribbons for folk costumes or is sold at village fairs. An International Lace Festival in Lepoglava celebrates the art every year. Aloe lace is made in Croatia only by Benedictine nuns in the town of Hvar. Thin, white threads are obtained from the core of fresh aloe leaves and woven into a net or other pattern on a cardboard background. The resulting pieces are a symbol of Hvar. Each variety of lace has long been created by rural women as a source of additional income and has left a permanent mark on the culture of its region. The craft both produces an important component of traditional clothes and is itself testimony to a living cultural tradition.



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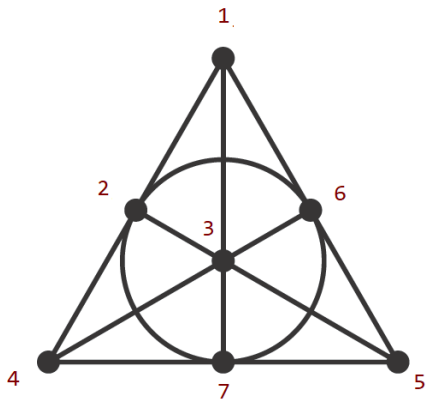
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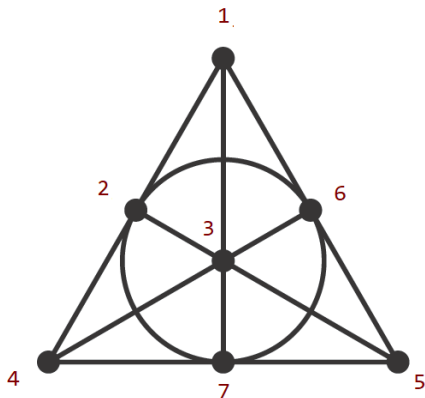
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gap> AllTDesignLambdas(d);
[ 7, 3, 1 ]
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gap> BlocksToIncidenceMat(B);  
[ [ 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0 ],  
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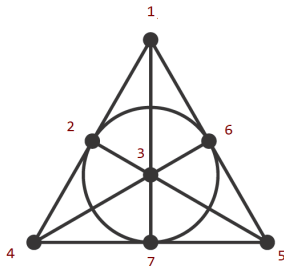
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gap> KramerMesnerSearch(2,7,3,1,g);
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Computing k-subset orbit representatives...
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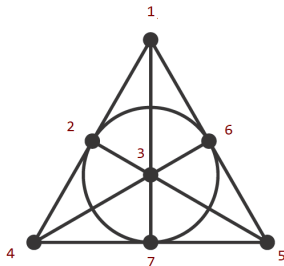
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Removing k-subset orbits covering t-subset orbits more than lambda times...
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11  
Computing the Kramer-Mesner matrix...
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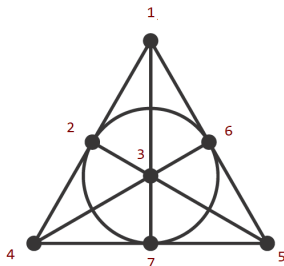
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Total number of solutions: 6
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total enumeration time: 0:00:00
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Performing isomorph rejection...
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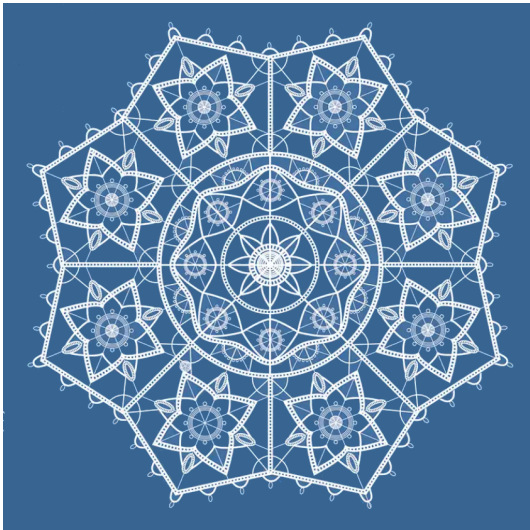
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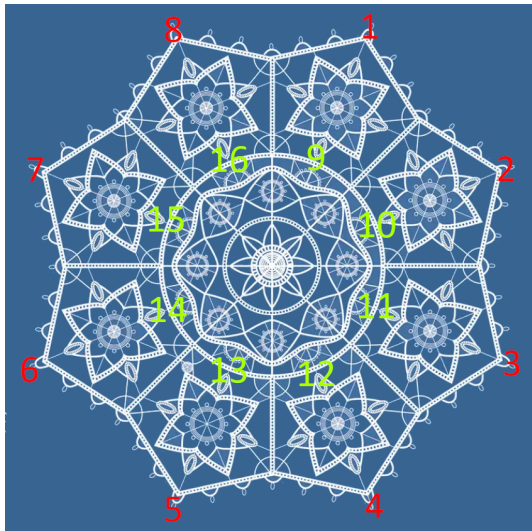
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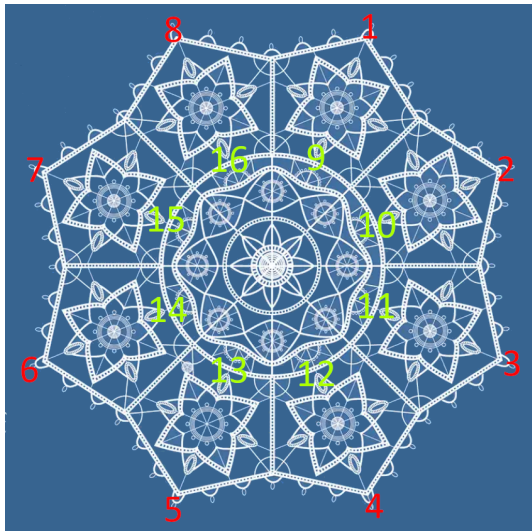
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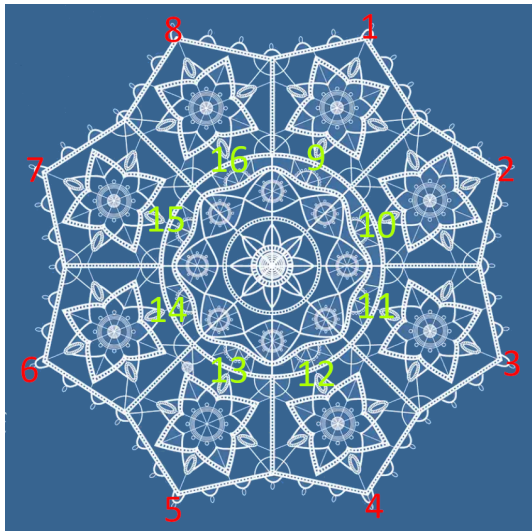
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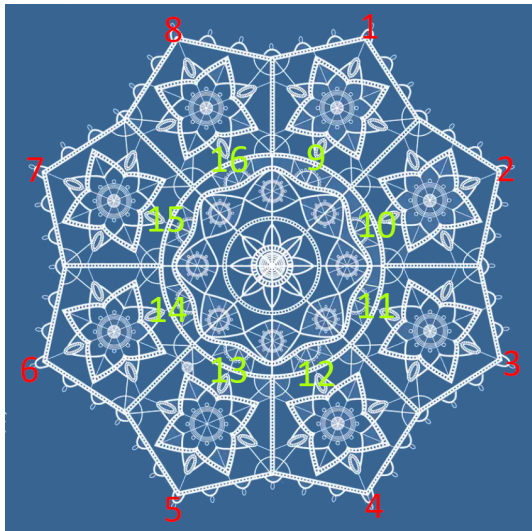
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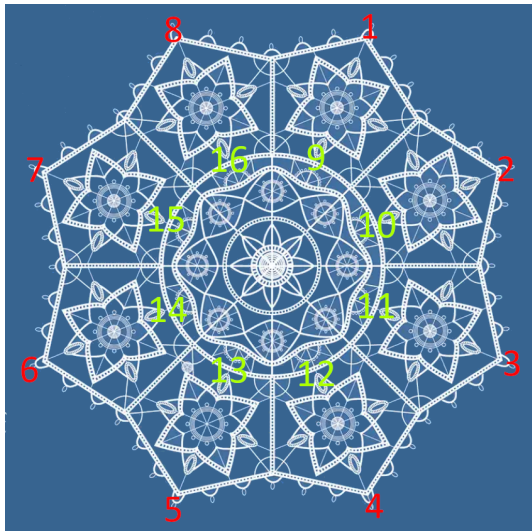
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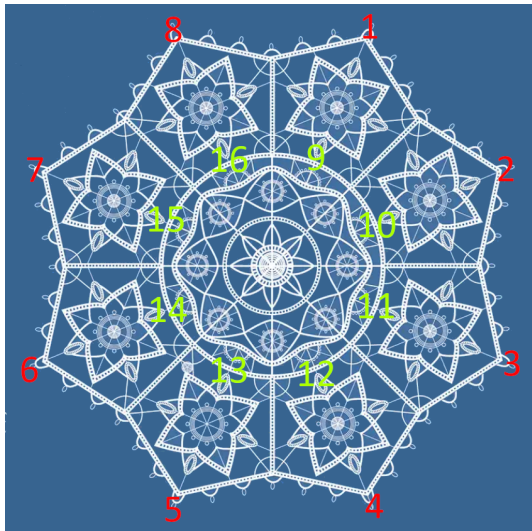
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"D16"
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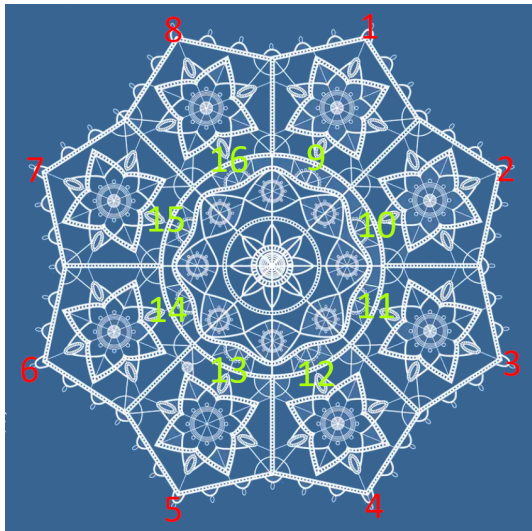
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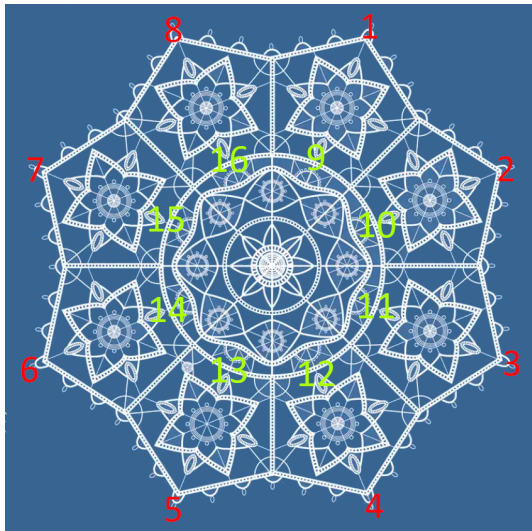
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"C2 x D16"
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How to construct designs in PAG?

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30
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SQS(16): **1 054 163**

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How to construct designs in PAG?

```
gap> KramerMesnerSearch(2,16,6,2,g);;  
Computing t-subset orbit representatives...  
13  
Computing k-subset orbit representatives...  
547  
:  
:  
Total number of solutions: 8  
Performing isomorph rejection...  
2
```

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gap> KramerMesnerSearch(5,16,6,3,h,rec(StopAfter:=100));;
Computing t-subset orbit representatives...
147
Computing k-subset orbit representatives...
291
:
Stopped after number of solutions: 100
Performing isomorph rejection...
100
```

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Performing isomorph rejection...      (biplanes, i.e. SBIBDs with  $\lambda = 2$ )
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```

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Stopped after number of solutions: 100
Performing isomorph rejection...
100           Number of 5-(16, 6, 3) designs: ?
```

An existence result: 3 -($42, 6, 1$) designs

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```

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This dataset contains the known Steiner 3-(v,k,1) designs with $v \leq 50$ and their extensions to Steiner 5-designs. Rotational Steiner quadruple systems of orders $v=46$ and $v=92$ are also included, as well as Steiner 2-designs with parameters 2-(40,4,1), 2-(41,5,1), 2-(45,5,1), and 2-(49,4,1). The designs were compiled in the study

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The files are gnu-zipped text files containing designs in a format compatible with the computer algebra system GAP and the DESIGN package. Each file named t-v-k-lambda.des.gz contains a list of t-(v,k,lambda) designs. An on-line table of the designs in this dataset is also available [here](#).

Files

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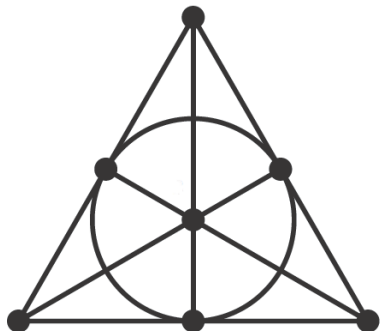
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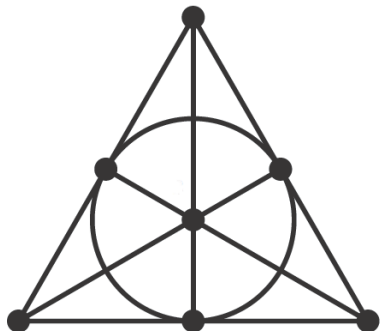
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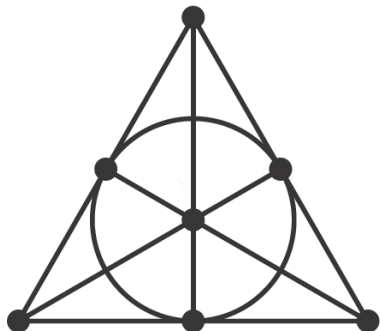
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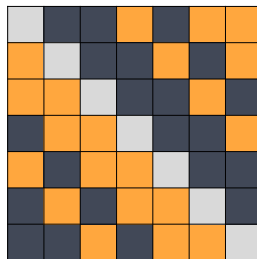
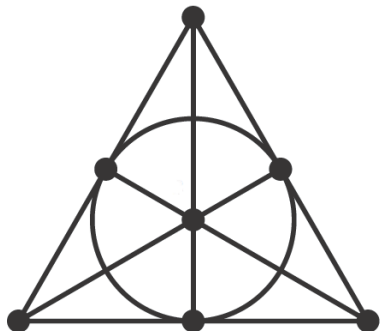
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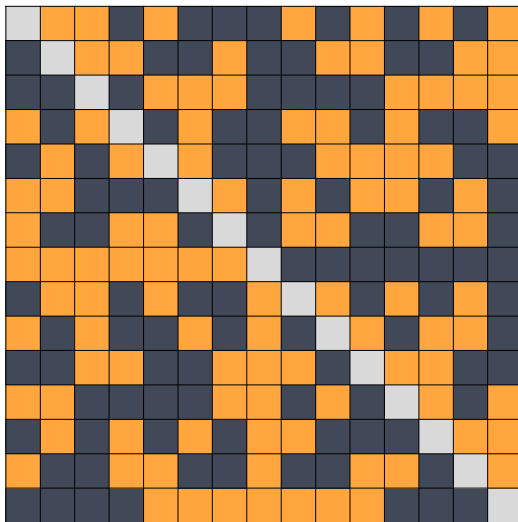


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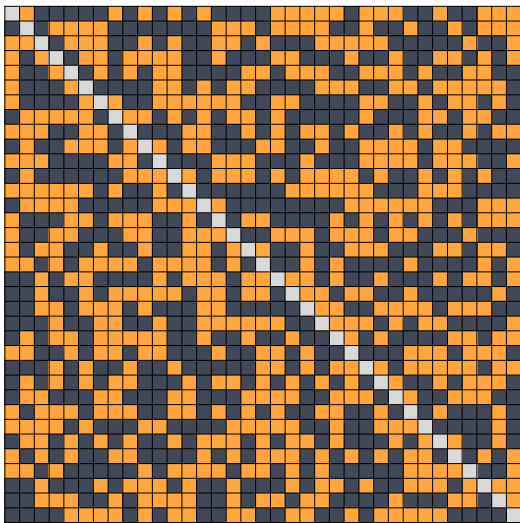
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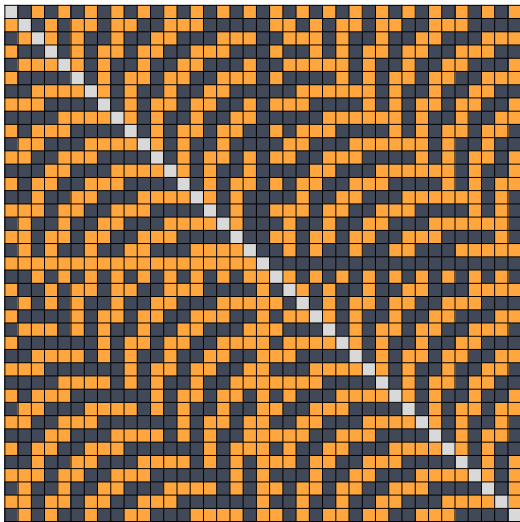
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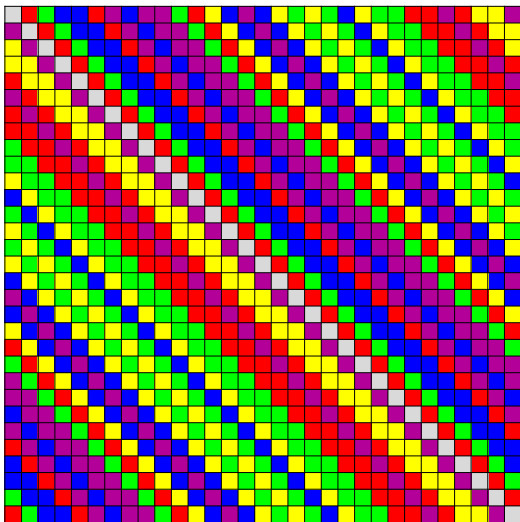
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A mosaic of projective planes of order 5



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```

```
gap> m:=DifferenceMosaic(CyclicGroup(31), t);
```

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Difference sets \rightsquigarrow tilings \rightsquigarrow mosaics

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1 Definitions

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gap> m:=DifferenceMosaic(CyclicGroup(31), t);;
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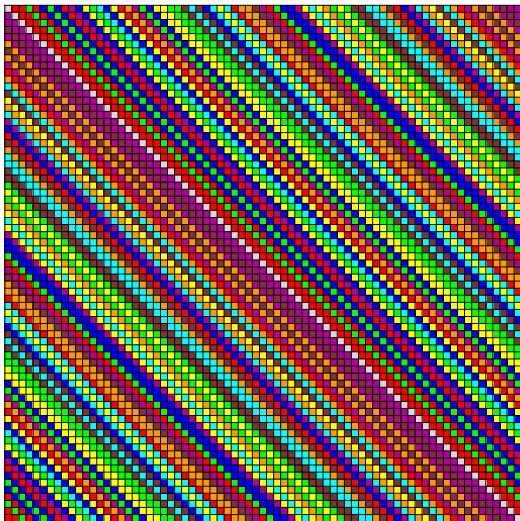
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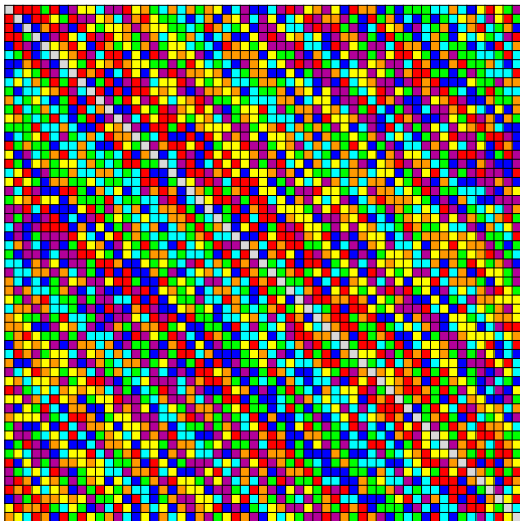
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A mosaic of projective planes of order 8



A mosaic of projective planes of order 7



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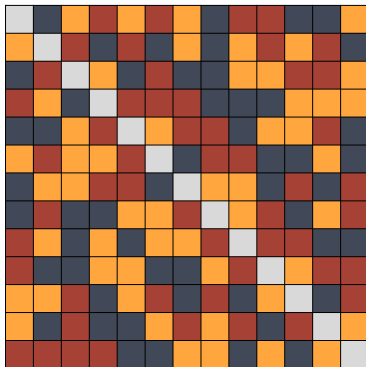
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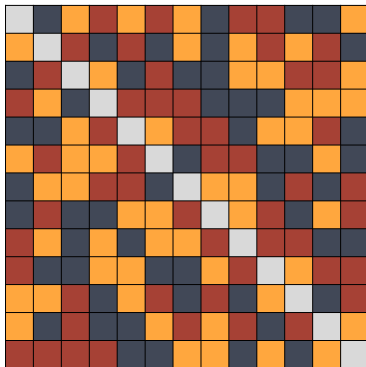
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General mosaics



General mosaics



Order	2	3	4	5	7	8	9	...
Tiling	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	...
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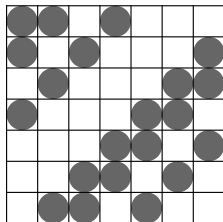
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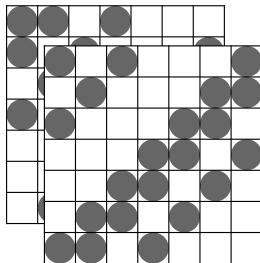
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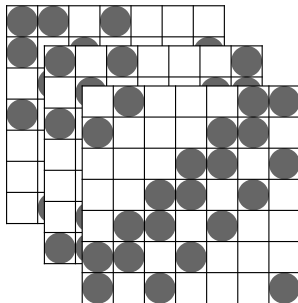
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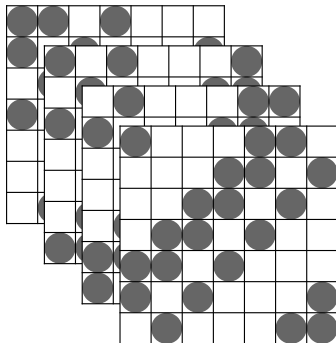
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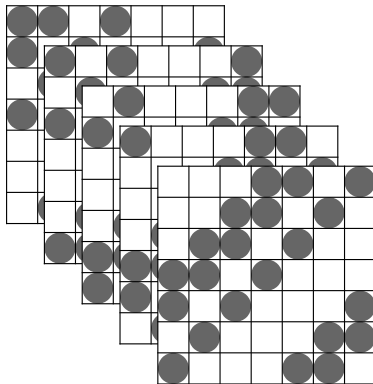
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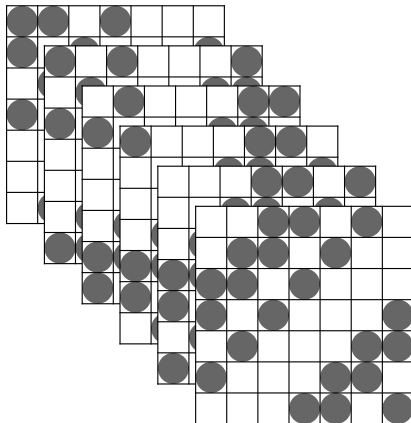
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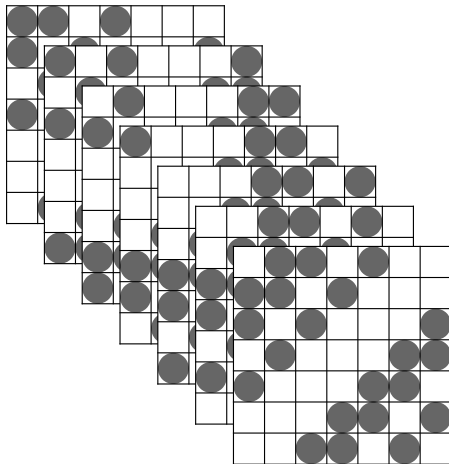
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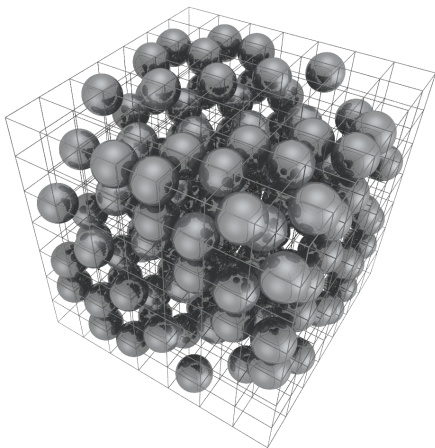


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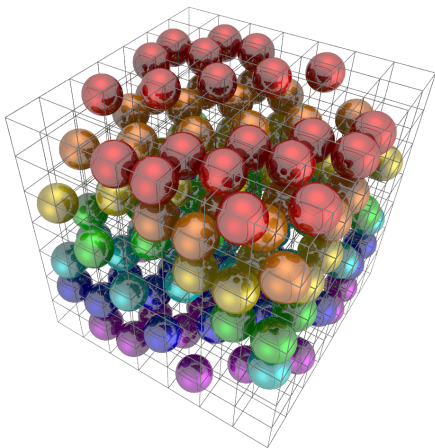
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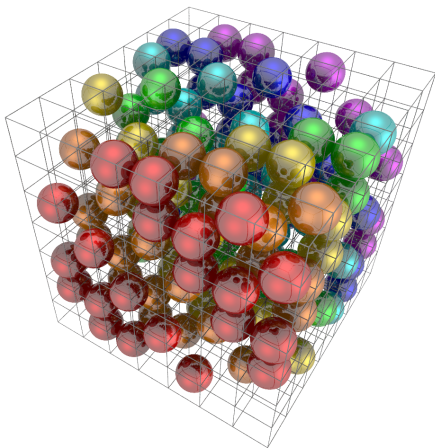
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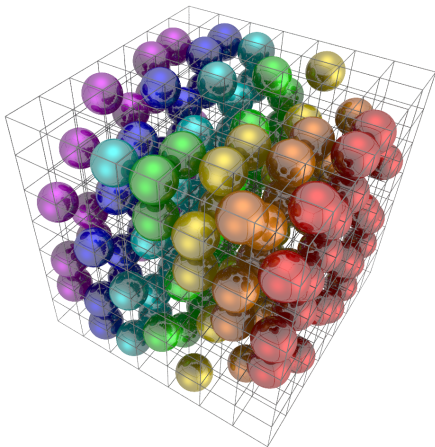
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There are exactly three symmetric 2 - $(16, 6, 2)$ designs:

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Red design,

Green design,

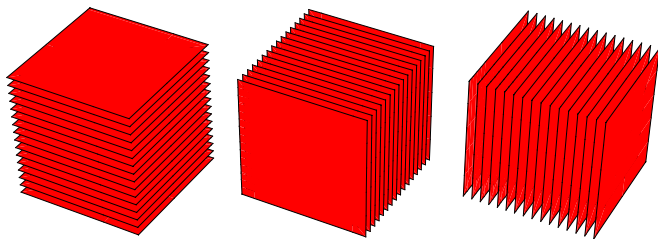
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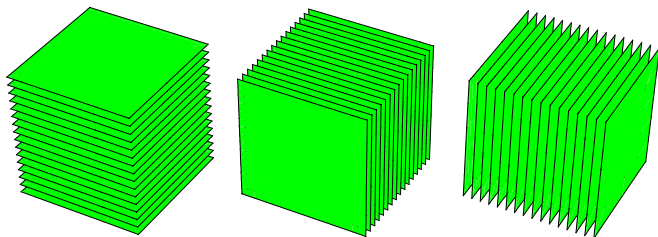


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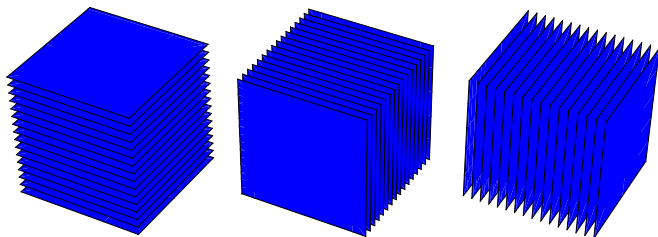


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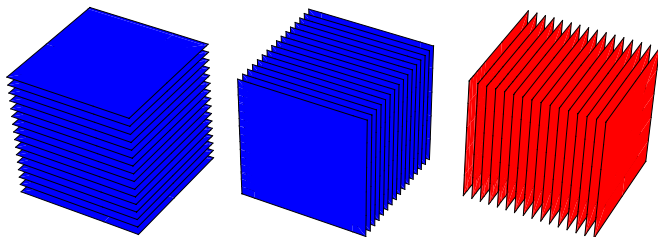
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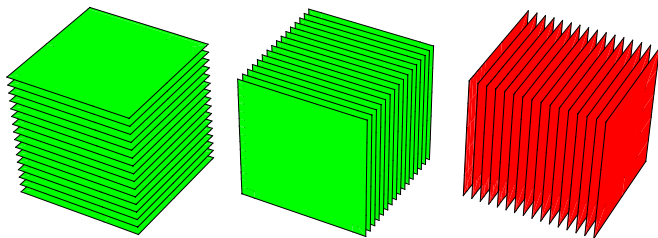
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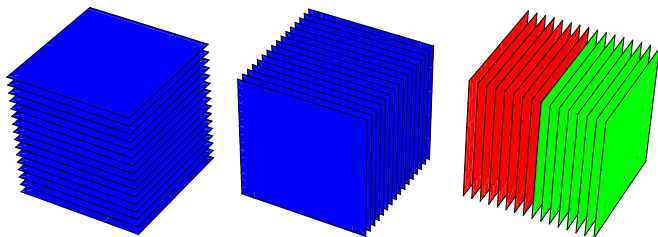
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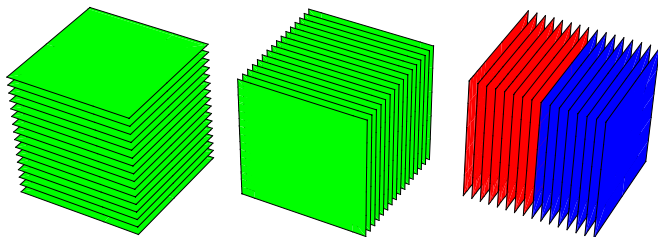
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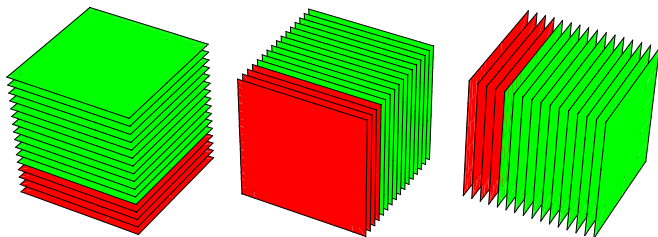
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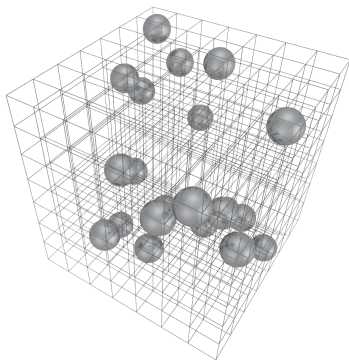
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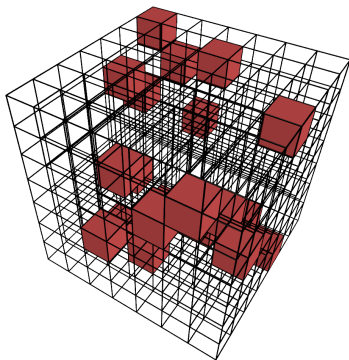
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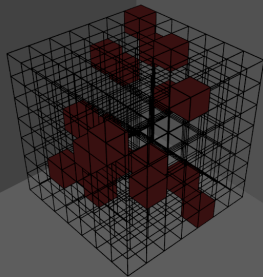
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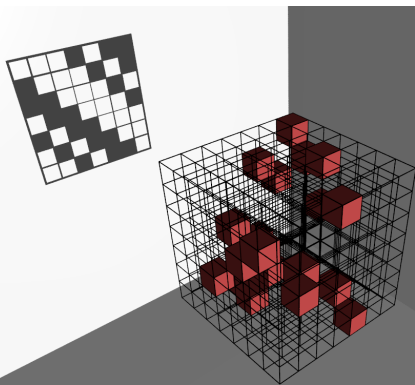
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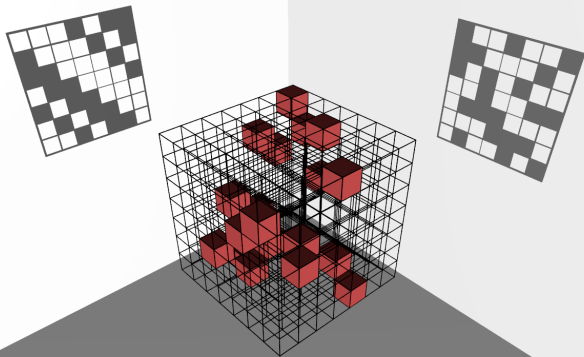
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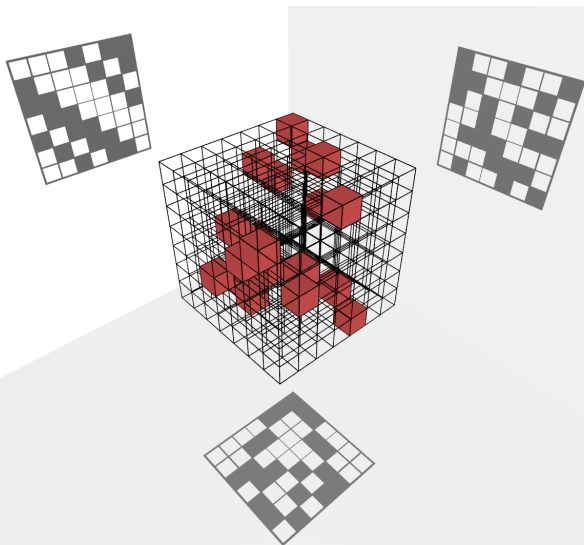
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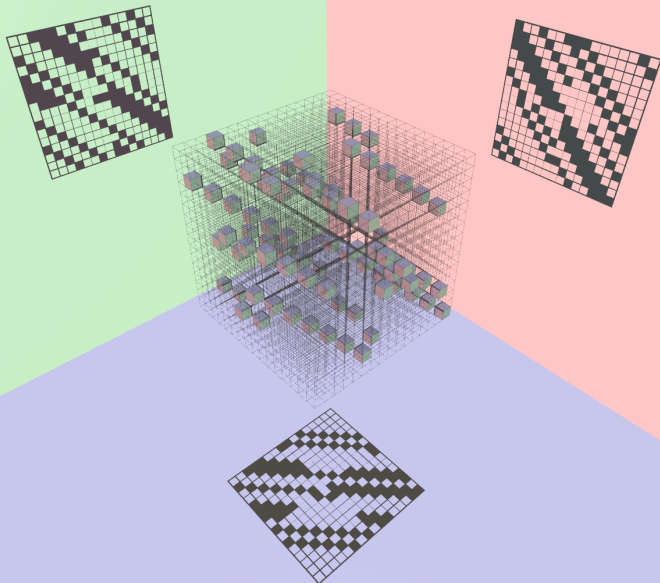
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Thanks for your attention!

