

Crystal Nets as Graphs

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**Introduction to graph theory
and its application to crystal nets**



Questions, problems, feedback

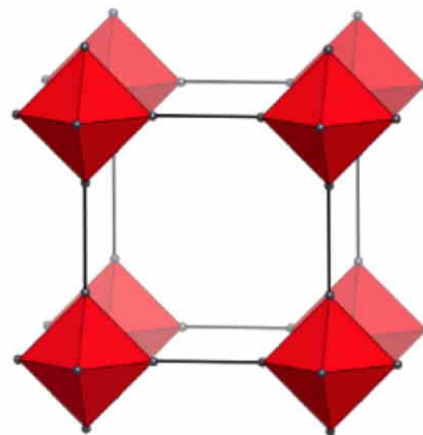
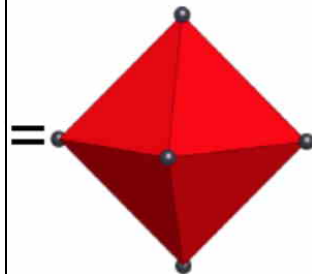
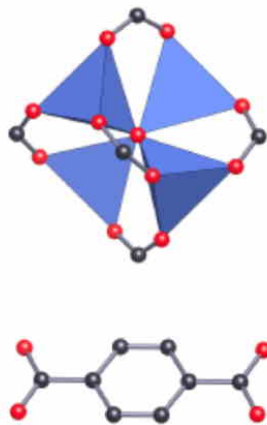
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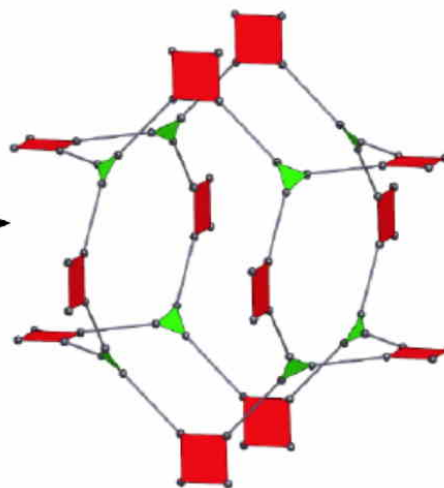
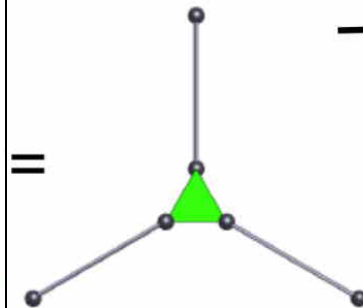
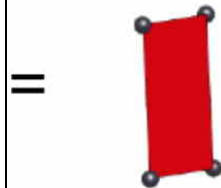
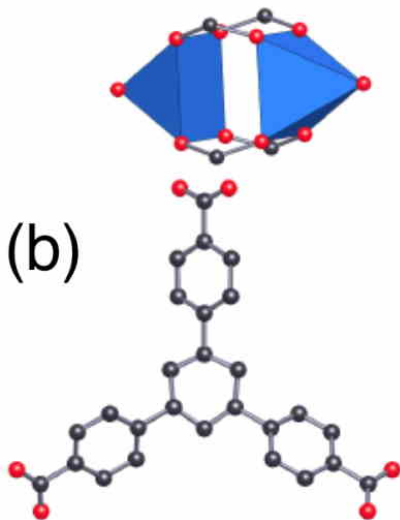
shapes

periodic net

(a)

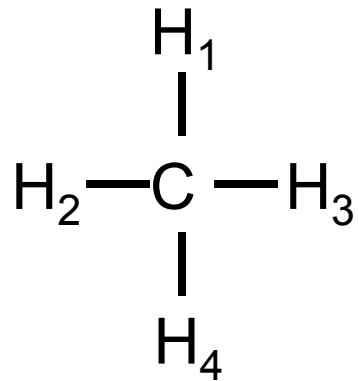


(b)



Now an introduction to graph theory

Molecular topology is a graph



edges:

C H₁

C H₂

C H₃

C H₄

atoms (vertices) joined by bonds (edges)

mathematical graph theory is highly developed

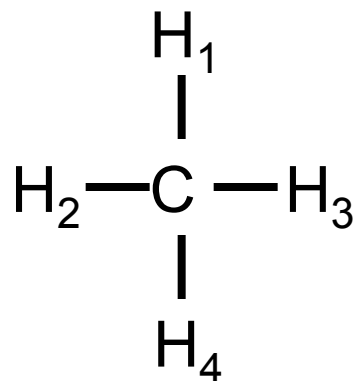
Crystals e.g. diamond have topology

specified by an **infinite periodic** graph

The mathematics of periodic structures is highly **undeveloped**.

atoms \leftrightarrow vertices
SBU's

bonds \leftrightarrow edges
links



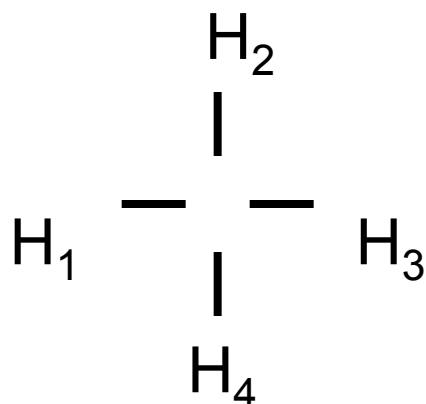
edges:

C H_1

C H_2

C H_3

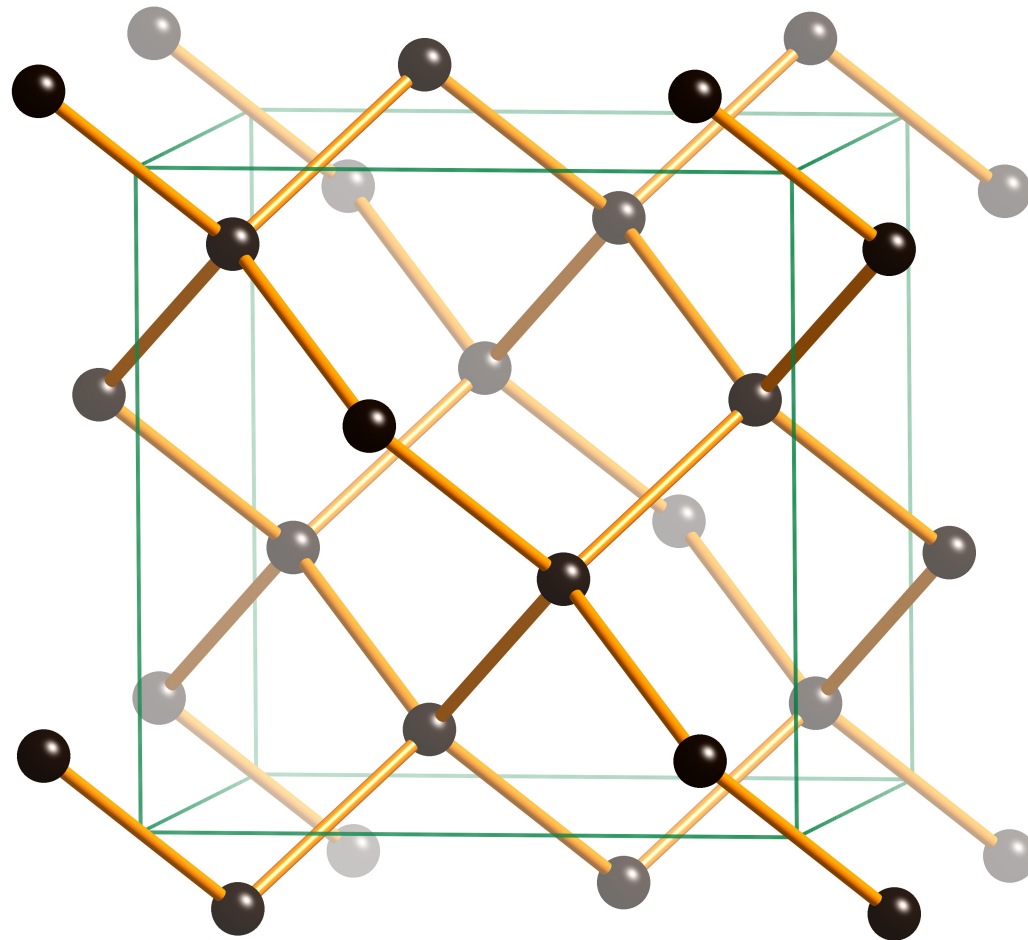
C H_4



same
edges

interchanging H_1 and H_2 is an
automorphism of the graph

→ automorphism group



part of the diamond met - a periodic infinite graph

Graph consists of **vertices** ... v_i, v_j, \dots
edges (i, j) connect two vertices

special kinds of edge

i, j



directed

j, i



i, i



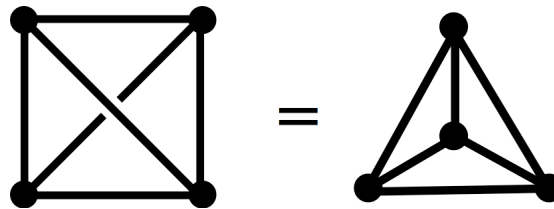
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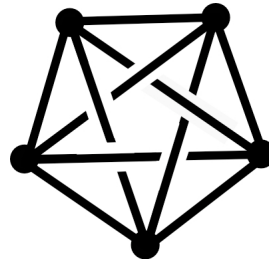
multiple

A **faithful embedding** is a realization (e.g. coordinates for vertices) in which edges are finite and do not intersect. Graphs which admit a 2-dimensional faithful embedding are **planar**.

The graphs of all convex polyhedra are planar.

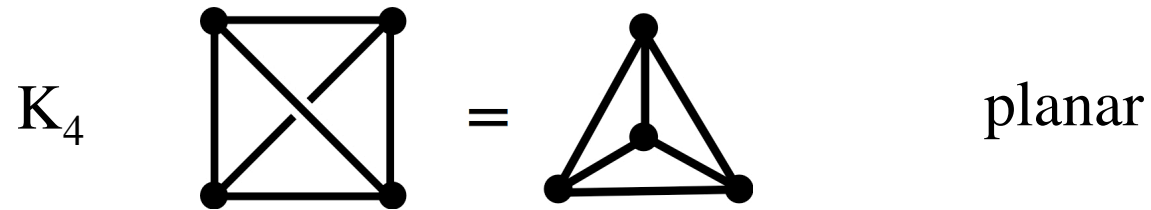


planar

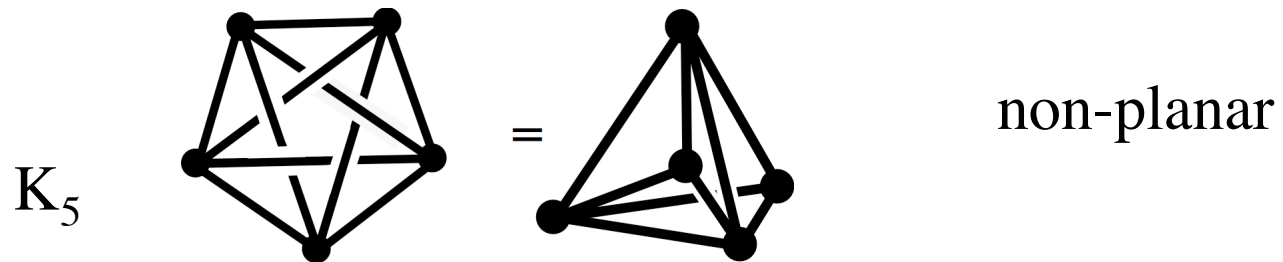


nonplanar

complete graphs –
every vertex linked to every other vertex):



planar

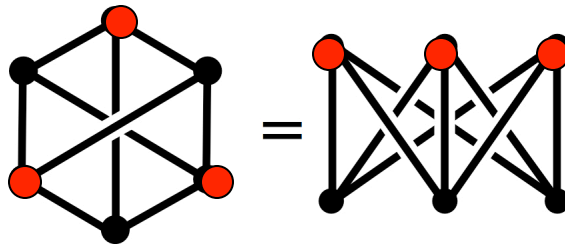


non-planar

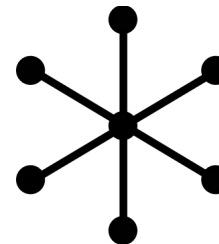
Complete bipartite graph $K_{m\ n}$

Two sets of vertices m in one set and n in the other
all m linked only to all n

The graph $K_{1\ n}$ is the same as the star graph S_{n+1}
(an example of a **tree**)

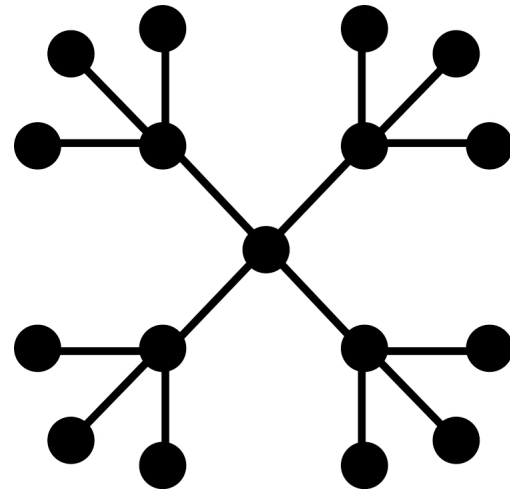
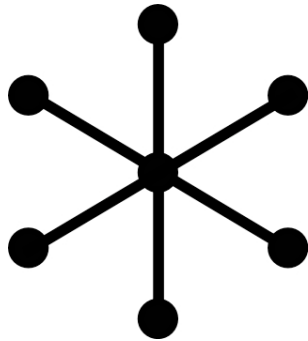


$K_{3\ 3}$ (nonplanar)



$K_{1\ 6} = S_7$

Tree has no cycles (closed paths)



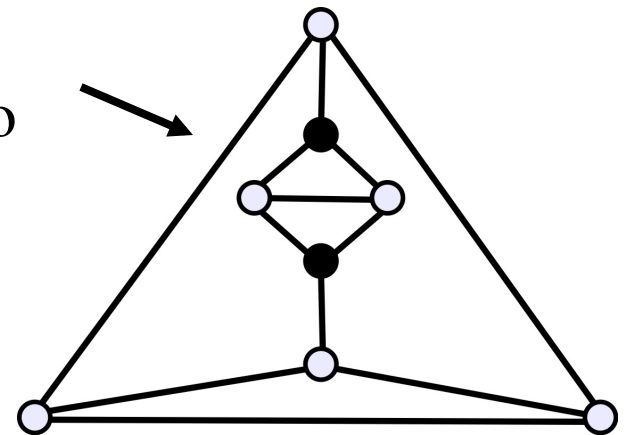
A **connected** graph
has a continuous path between every pair of vertices

A k -connected graph is one in which at least k vertices
(and their incident edges) have to be deleted to separate
the graph into two disjoint pieces.

WARNING! Chemists use k -connected to mean k -coordinated

A 3-valent (3-coordinated) graph that
is not 3-connected. Removal of the two
vertices shown as filled circles will
separate the graph into two pieces.

**Note: a $k+1$ -connected graph is
necessarily k -connected**

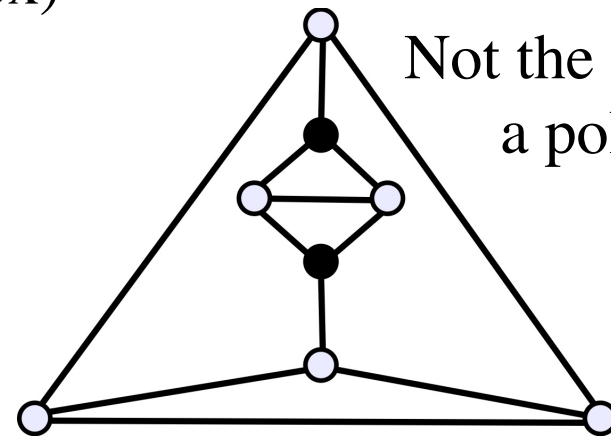
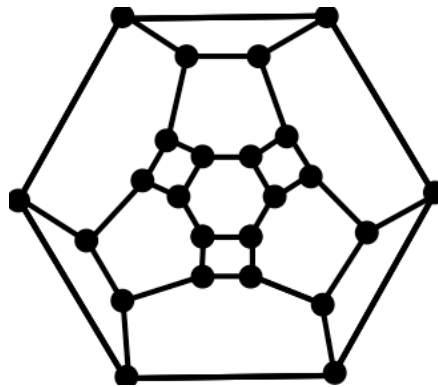


Every 3-connected planar graph can be realized as a convex polyhedron. Steinitz theorem.

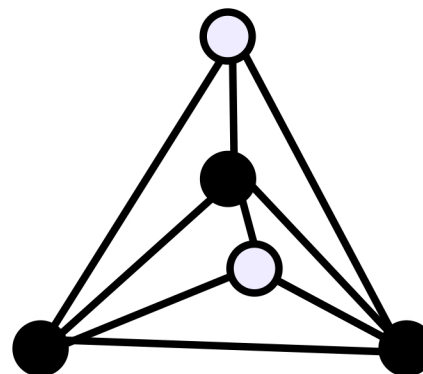
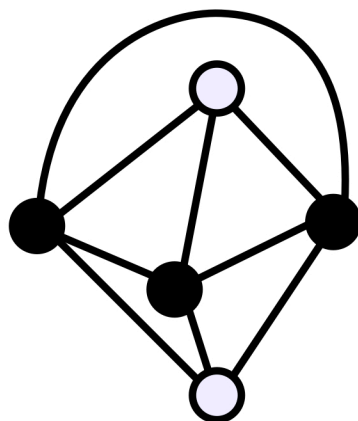
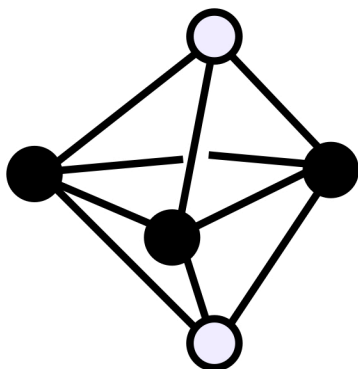
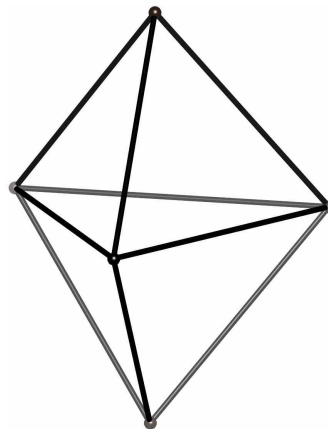
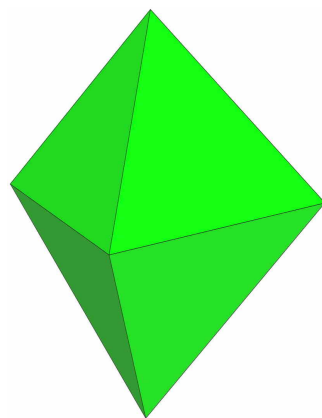
A convex polyhedron has planar faces and the line joining any two points on different faces is entirely inside the polyhedron.

A **simple** polyhedron has a 3-connected 3-valent graph (three edges meet at each vertex)

Graph of
truncated
octahedron
(simple)

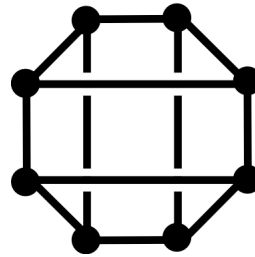
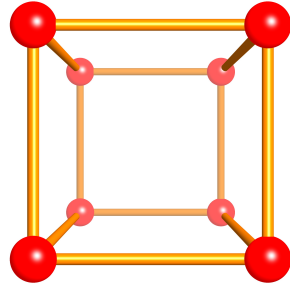
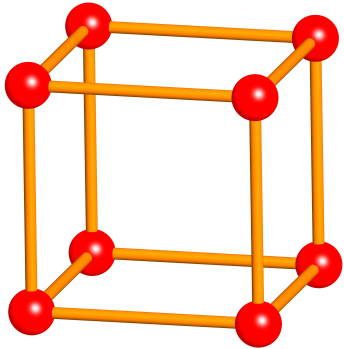


Not the graph of
a polyhedron

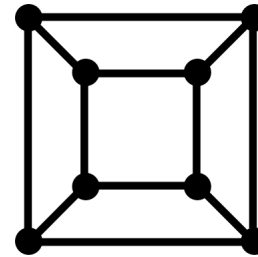


three ways of drawing rge graph of a trigonal bipyramid

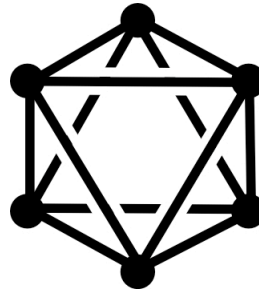
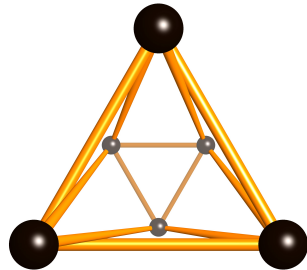
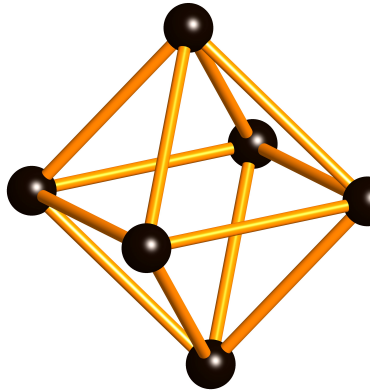
More examples of graphs of polyhedra



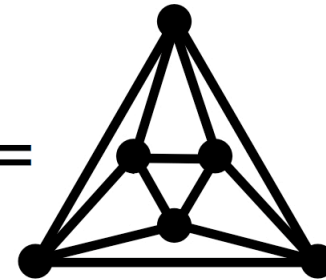
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cube



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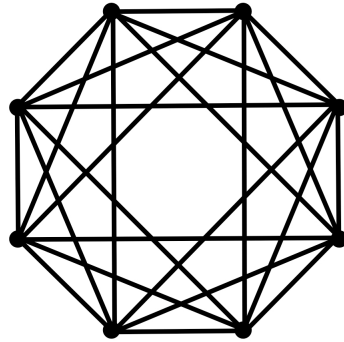


octahedron

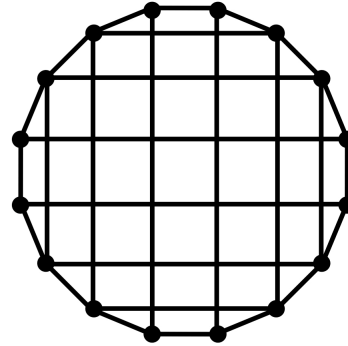
Drawings on the right with linear non-intersecting edges are *Schlegel diagrams*.

Some more symmetric (vertex and edge transitive) graphs

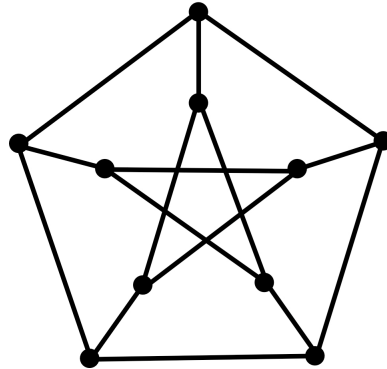
4-D cross polytope
(4-D "octahedron")



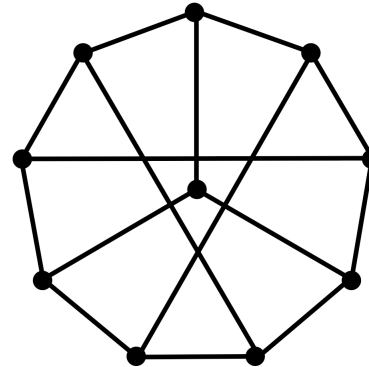
tesseract
(4-D "cube")



Petersen graph

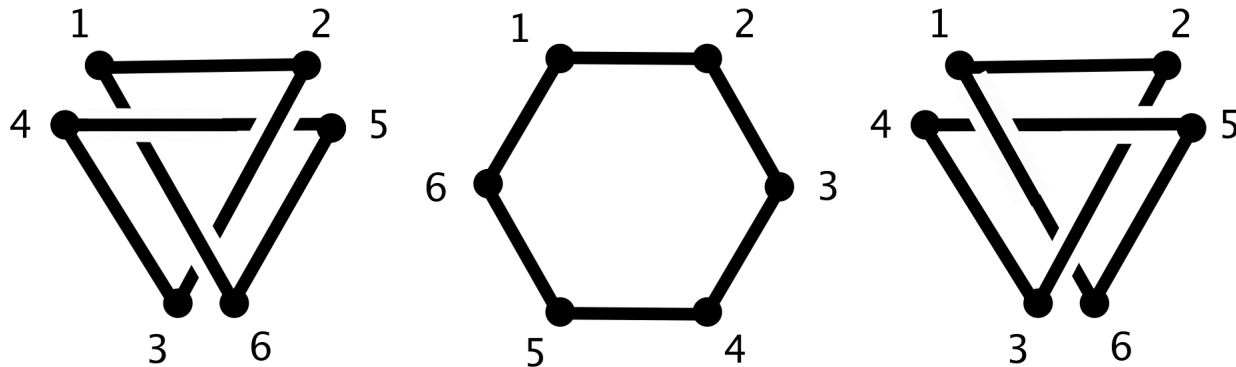


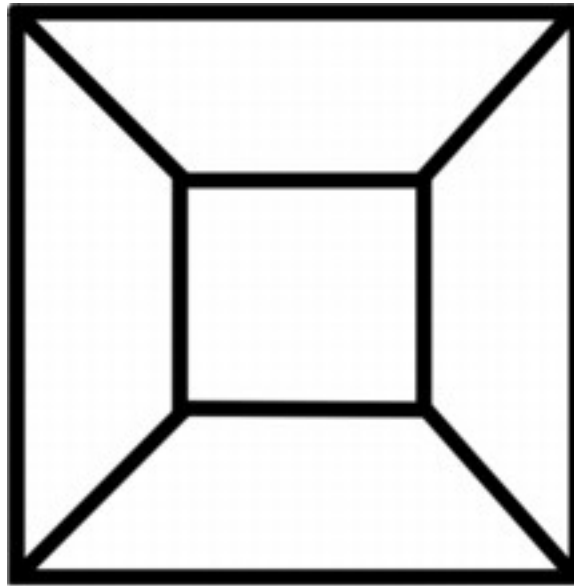
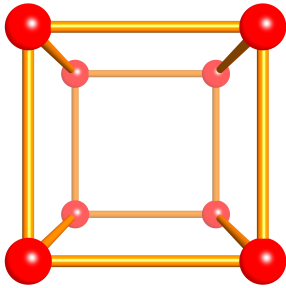
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The graphs below are **isomorphic** – there is a one-to-one correspondence between vertices that induces a one-to-one correspondence between edges (vertex 1 is bonded to 2 and 6 in every case, etc.).

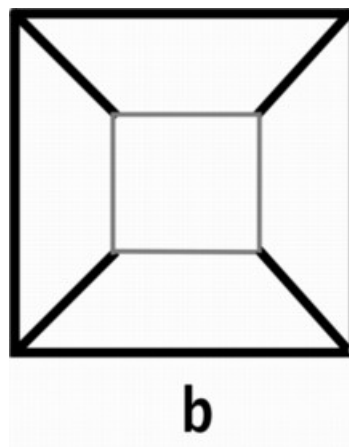
The embeddings are not **ambient isotopic** – they cannot be deformed one into another without bonds intersecting. (or going into higher dimensions)





a

This is the graph of a cube (Schlegel diagram)
Note that it is planar



The heavy lines are a connected subgraph without circuits that connects all vertices.

It is a **spanning tree**.

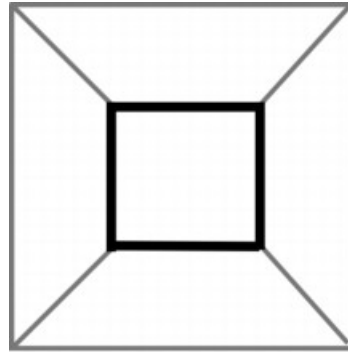
The number of edges necessary to complete the graph is the **cyclomatic number**, g , of the graph (= 5 in this case)

In molecular chemistry this is the number of rings

If there are v vertices and e edges

$$g = 1 - v + e$$

(cubane is
pentacyclo-
octane)



c

The heavy lines outline a **cycle**
In this case it is also a **strong ring**
as it is not the sum of smaller cycles

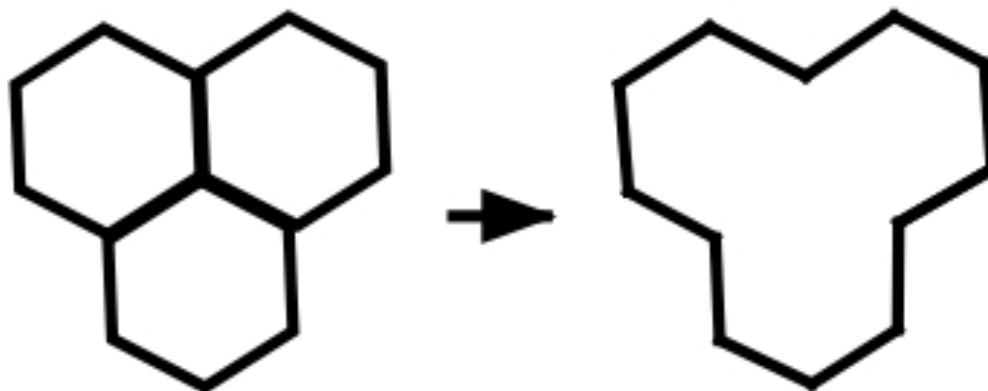
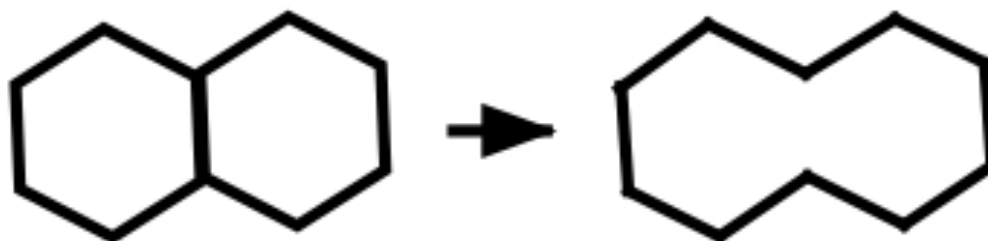
Ring (cycle) sum

The sum of two rings (cycles) is the set of edges that occur exactly once.

The sum of n rings (cycles) is the set of edges that occur an odd number of times.

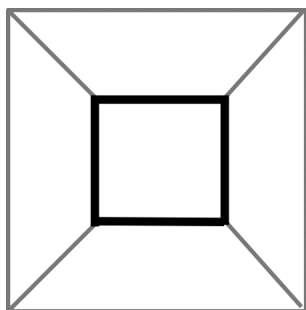
In solid state chemistry (not molecular chemistry!)

A **ring** is a cycle that is not the sum of two smaller cycles



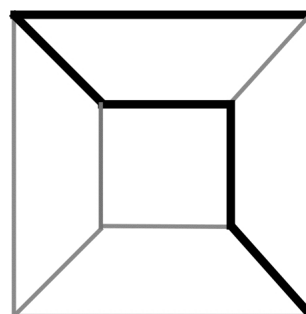
rings

sum



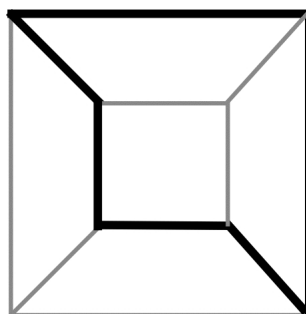
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A cycle that is a **strong ring** (not the sum of smaller cycles).



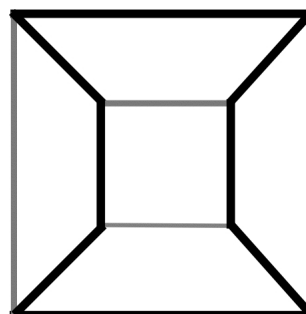
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A cycle that is not a ring. (It is the sum of two smaller cycles.)



e

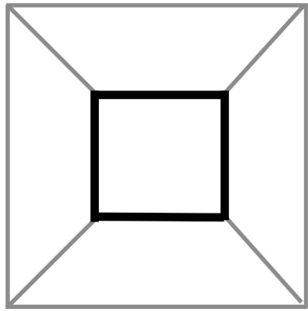
A cycle that is a **ring** (not the sum of two smaller cycles) But **not** a strong ring (it is the sum of three smaller cycles).



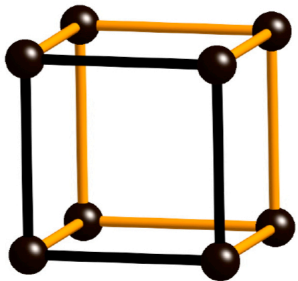
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A cycle that is **not** a ring. It is the sum of two *smaller* cycles: a 6-cycle and a 4-cycle. (Contrast e on left.)

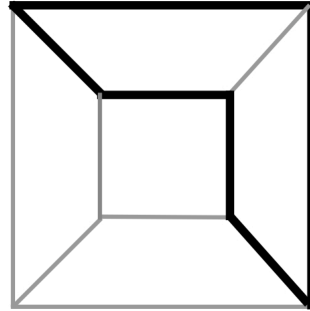
Repeated...



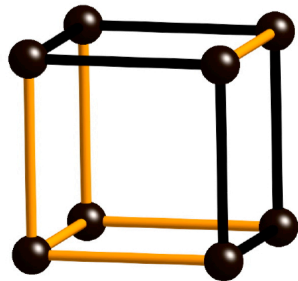
a



strong
ring

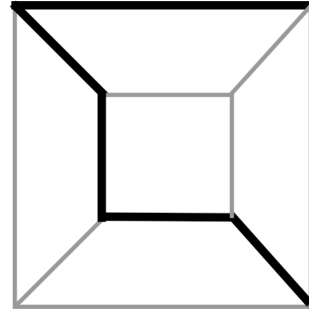


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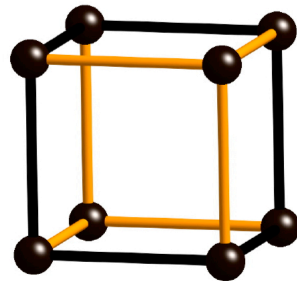


6-cycle
not a ring

(sum of two
4-rings)

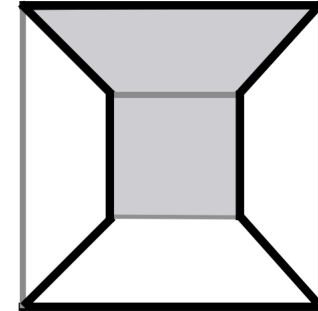


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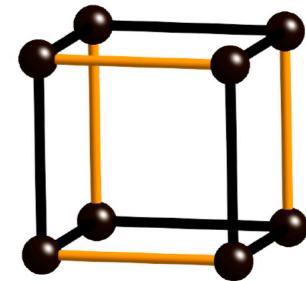


6-ring not
a strong ring

(sum of three
4-rings)



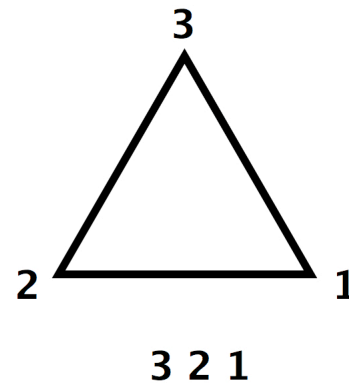
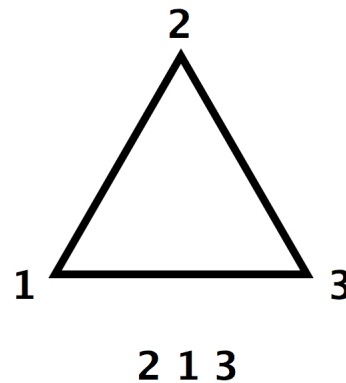
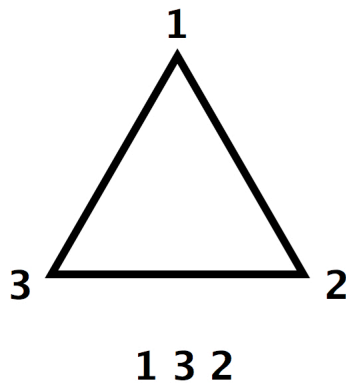
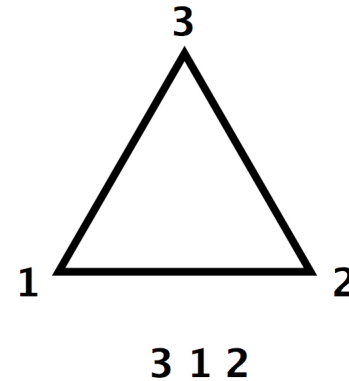
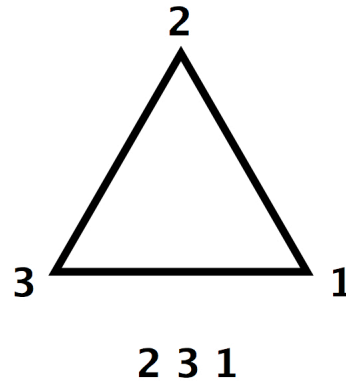
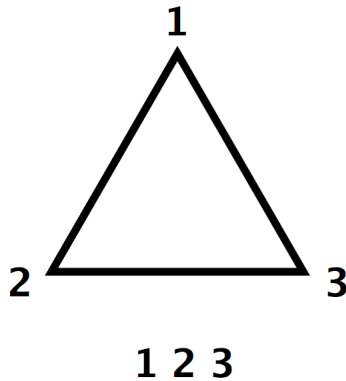
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8-cycle
not a ring

(sum of a
4-ring and
a 6-ring)

Symmetries of graphs: the automorphism group
An automorphism is a permutation of vertices that preserves the edges.

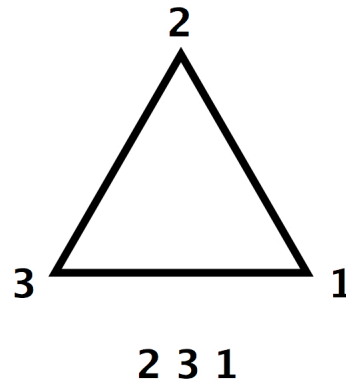
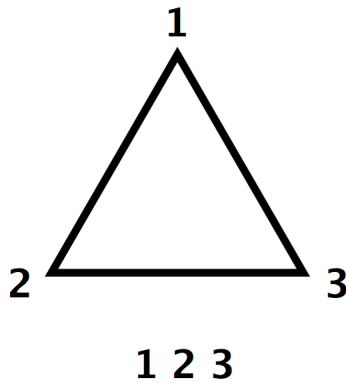


Note 1 2 3 \rightarrow 2 3 1

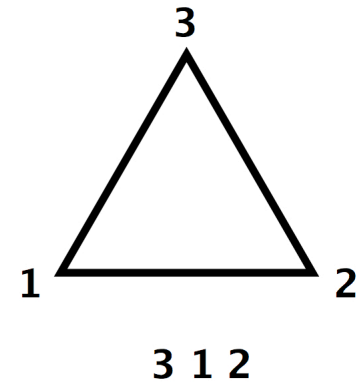
means

put vertex 2 where vertex 1 was
put vertex 3 where vertex 2 was
put vertex 1 where vertex 3 was

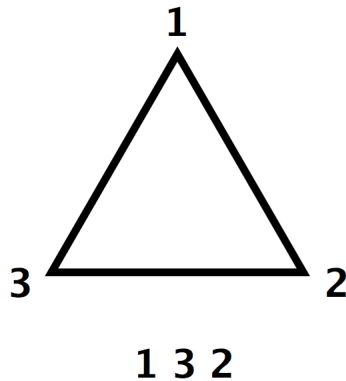
Symmetries of graphs: the automorphism group of a planar 3-connected graph is isomorphic to a rigid body symmetry



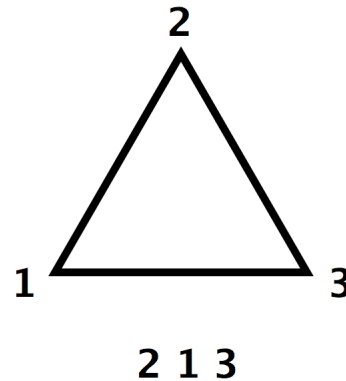
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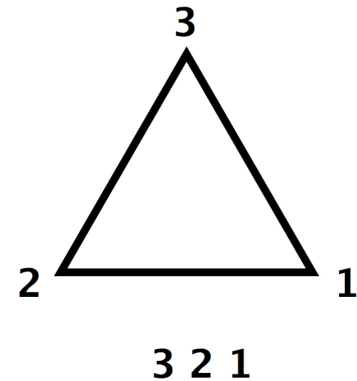
rotate anticlockwise



reflect

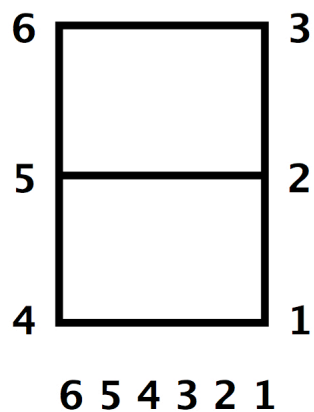
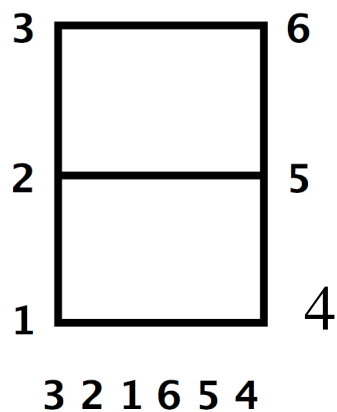
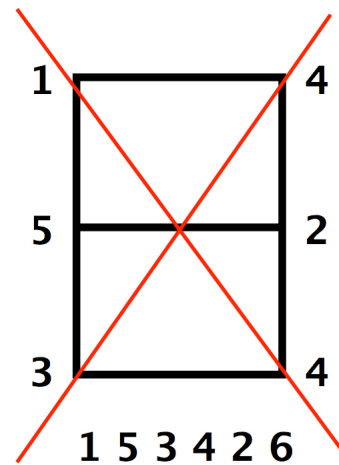
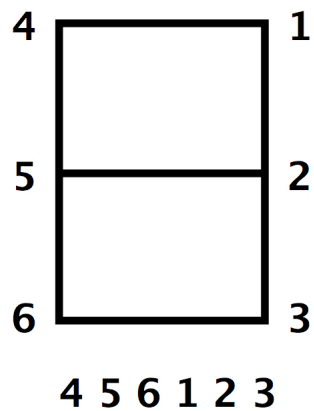
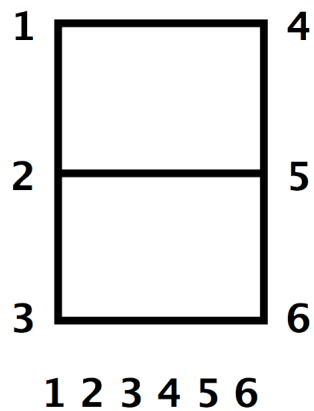


reflect



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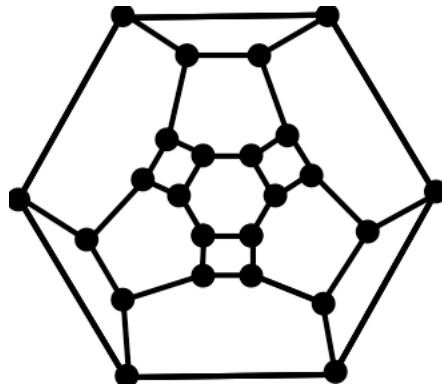
isomorphic to $3m$



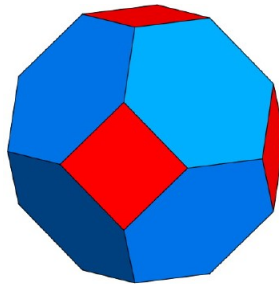
there is no edge
15 in the graph

isomorphic to $2mm$

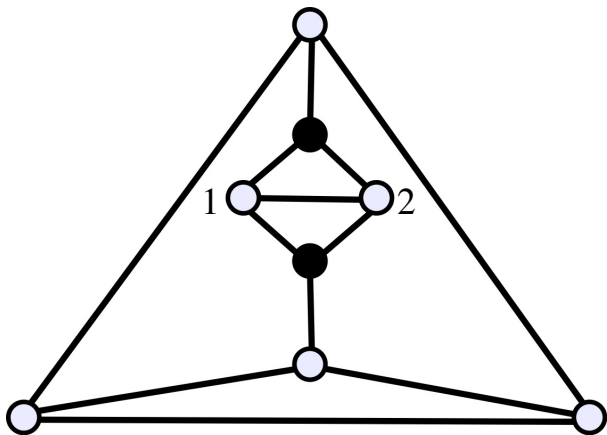
A planar 3-connected graph has combinatorial symmetry isomorphic to the symmetry group of the most-symmetric embedding.



graph of truncated octahedron



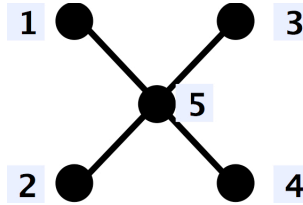
symmetry $m-3m$. Order 48



A graph that is not 3-connected can have symmetries that do not correspond to rigid-body symmetries. Interchange of vertices 1 and 2 leaving the rest fixed is a graph automorphism

symmetries of molecular graphs

methane CH_4

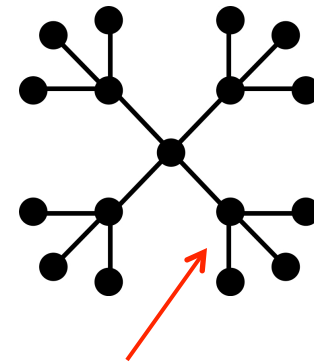


any permutation of vertices 1,2,3,4 is an automorphism of the graph. The automorphism group has order $4! = 24$ and is isomorphic to T_d .

neopentane $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_4$

The symmetry of the graph has
order $3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 24 = 1944$

symmetry of flexible molecule

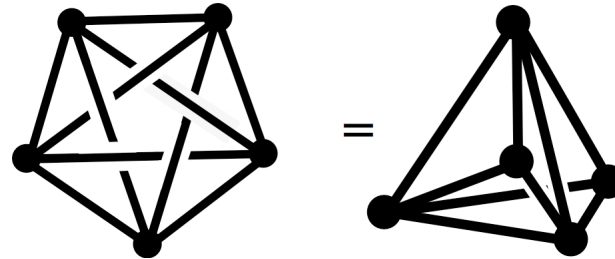


it's not 3-connected! if I delete this vertex, three vertices are isolated

Remember K_5 ?

In four dimensions it
has a symmetrical
embedding a simplex

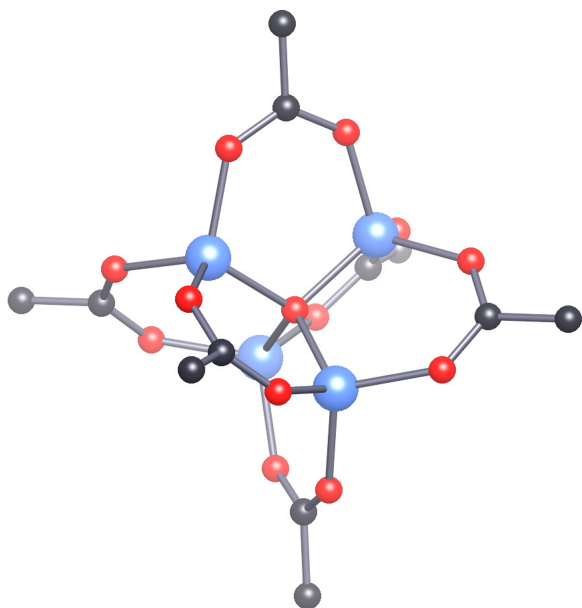
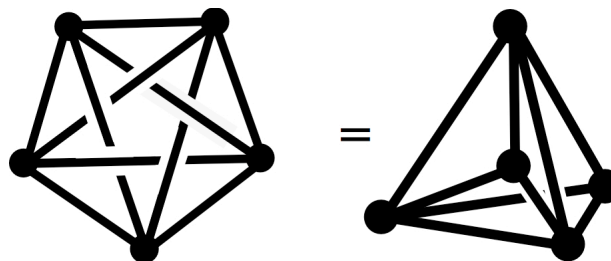
(generalization of tetrahedron). Order of symmetry = $5! = 120$



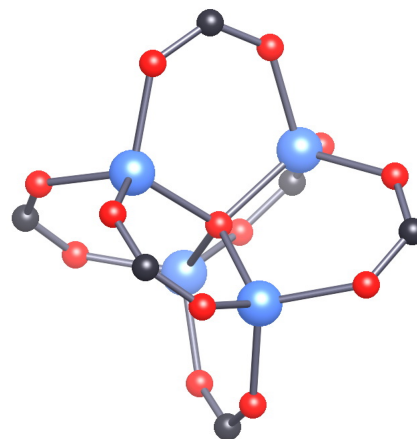
The graph automorphism ("symmetry") group is isomorphic to the symmetric group S_5 corresponding to the group of permutations of 5 things.

It is also isomorphic to I_h , the group of symmetries of a regular icosahedron.

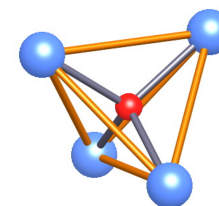
K_5



basic Zn acetate
(no H)



methyl carbon
deleted

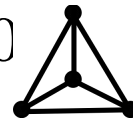


underlying graph
is K_5

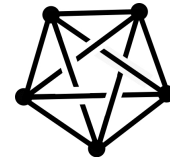
An ***n*-periodic** graph has a realization (not necessarily an embedding) with translational symmetry in exactly n independent directions.

Distinguish n -periodic from n -dimensional

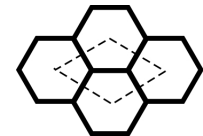
K_4 (graph of tetrahedron) is 2-dimensional but 0 periodic



K_5 is 3-dimensional but 0-periodic



net of graphite layer (honeycomb) is 2-dimensional and 2-periodic.



A **net**, as used in solid state chemistry, is a periodic connected simple graph.

(**connected** = there is a continuous path between every pair of vertices)

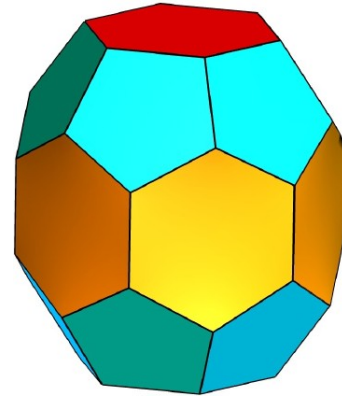
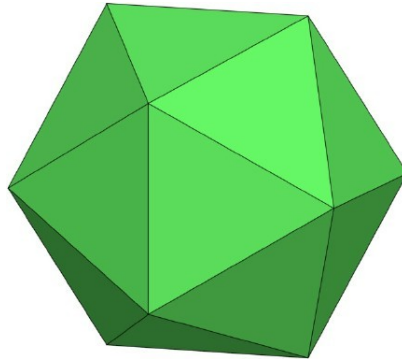
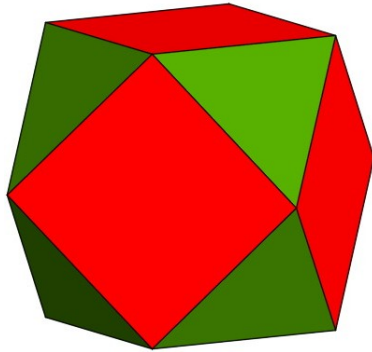
(**simple** = at most one undirected edge for a pair of vertices)

Vertex and facesymbols for polyhedra and plane nets

(both of these are tilings of two-dimensional surfaces - the surface of a sphere and the euclidean plane respectively).

Vertex Symbol. Give the size of faces in cyclic order around each kind of vertex.

Face symbol. Only for polyhedra (and 3-D cages)
Guve the size and total number of faces



vertex symbol (used mainly when one kind of vertex)

3.4.3.4

3^5

$(5^2.6)_2(5.6^2)$

(not 4.3.4.3)

(short for 3.3.3.3.3)

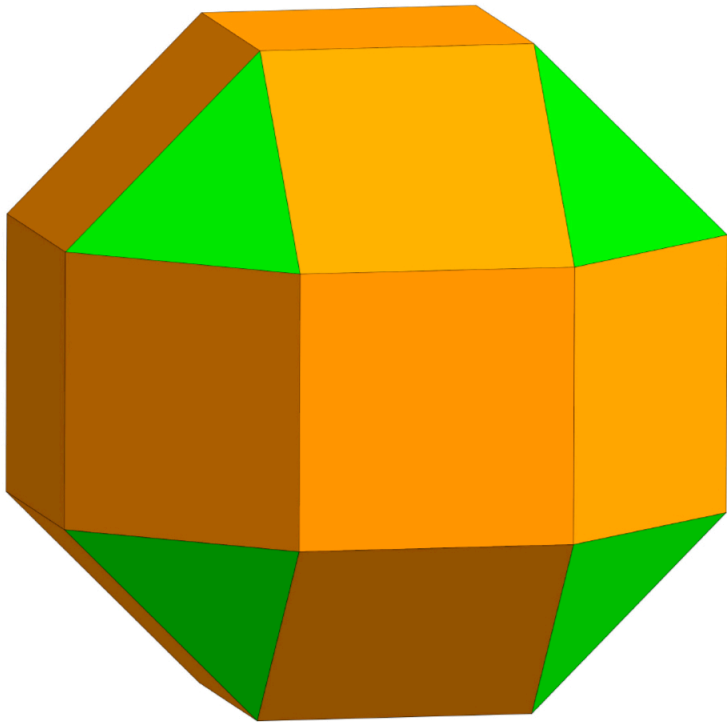
face symbol

$[3^8.4^6]$

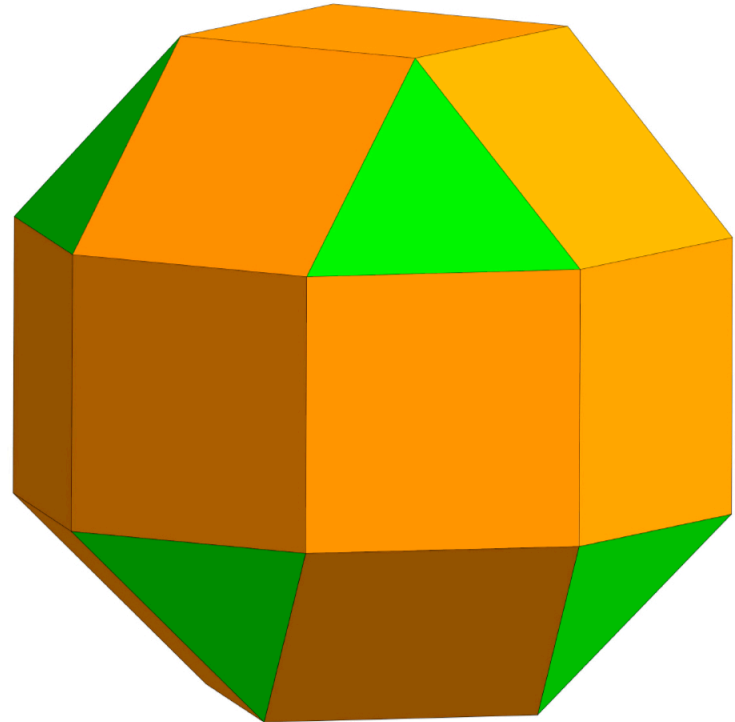
$[3^{20}]$

$[5^{12}.6^8]$

Two distinct polyhedra with the same
vertex symbol 3.4^3
face symbol $[3^8.4^{18}]$

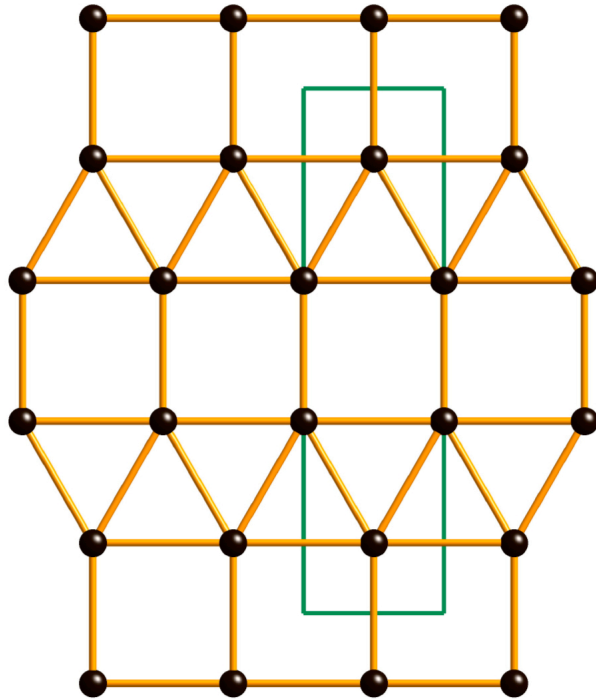


symmetry O_h

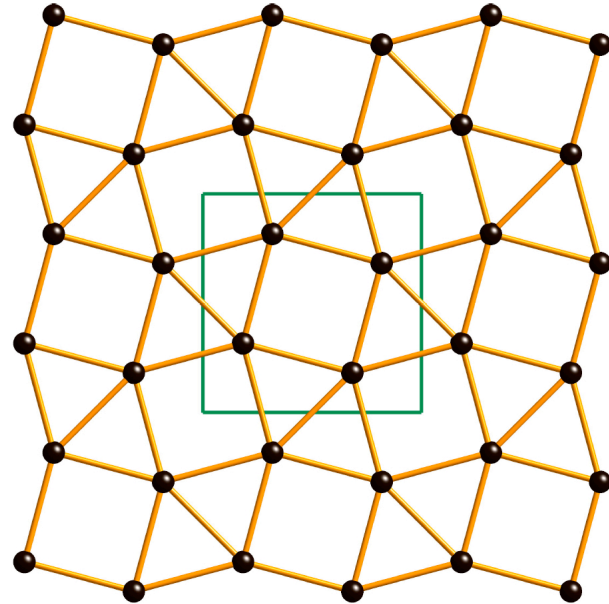


symmetry D_{4d}

plane nets



$3^3.4^2$

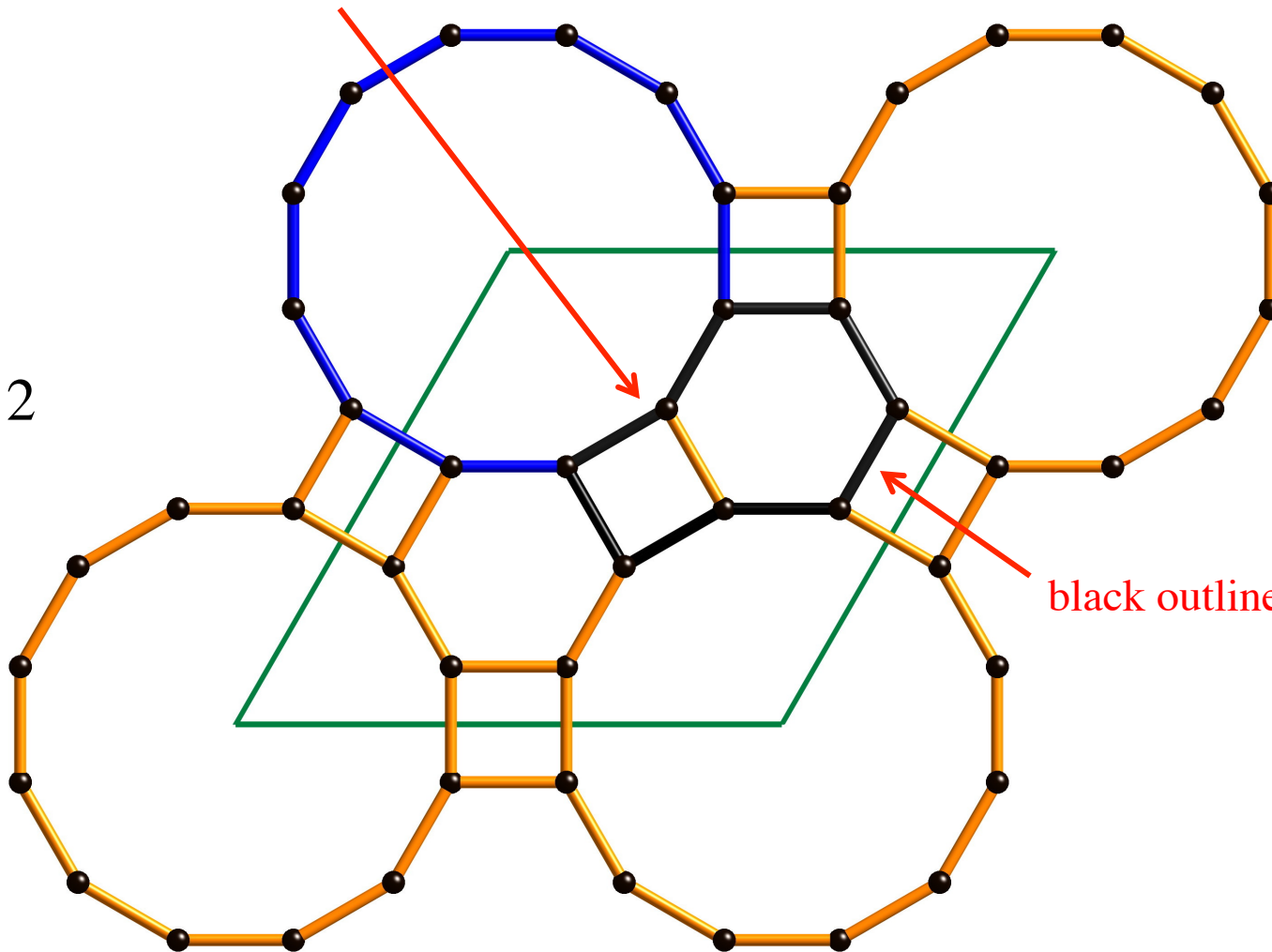


$3^2.4.3.4$

not that giving rings in cyclic order distinguishes these two

notice the 12-ring is not a shortest cycle

4.6.12



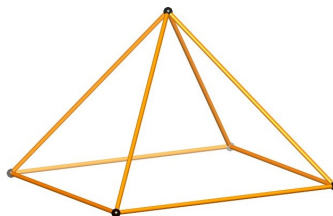
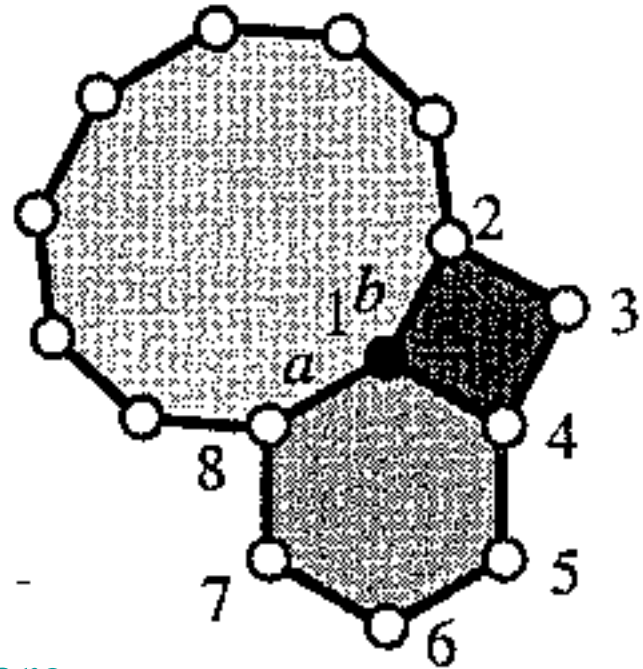
black outlines an 8-cycle

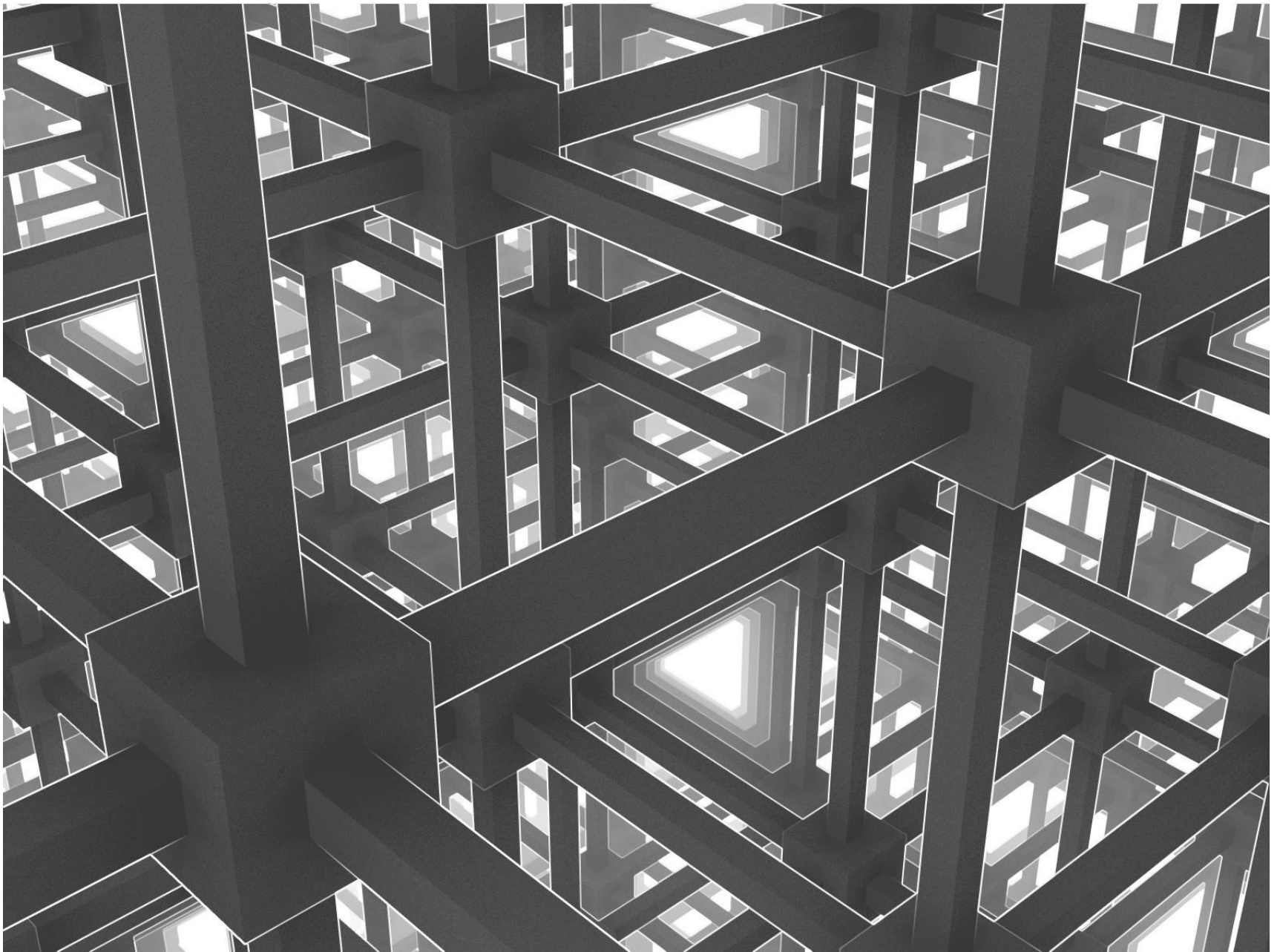
Fragment of the polyhedron
vertex symbol 4.6.10

Note we use rings not cycles.
In the angle with edges ab there
is an 8-cycle.

So in the vertex symbols for nets
we use rings

(notice that the faces of polyhedra are
rings but may not be strong rings. Think
of a pyramid)



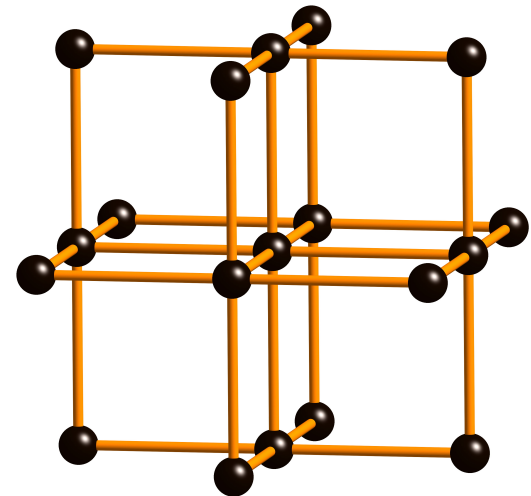
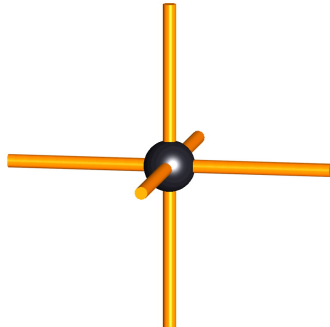


3-periodic nets (graphs)

Point symbols for 3-periodic nets

At each n -coordinated vertex there are $N = n(n-1)/2$ angles
“Point symbol” $A^aB^bC^c\dots$ gives the size ($A, B, C\dots$) of the
shortest cycle at each angle and the numbers of shortest
cycles of each size so that $a + b + c + \dots = N$.

Diamond (**dia**) 4-coordinated; shortest cycle at each angle is
6-cycle. The point symbol is 6^6 .
Primitive cubic lattice (**pcu**) $4^{12}6^3$.



Point symbol is often called "Schläfli symbol"*

This is unfortunate because in mathematics
"Schläfli symbol" refers to a symbol for a tiling

*including in some of my older papers! Mea culpa

Please

**DO NOT USE “SCHLÄFLI SYMBOL” FOR
POINT SYMBOL OR VERTEX SYMBOL**

A POINT SYMBOL IS NOT A "TOPOLOGY"

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CrystEngComm **2010**, 12, 44

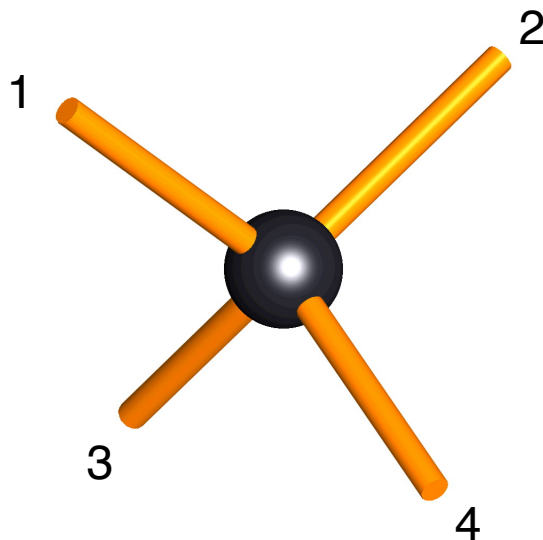
Vertex symbols for 3-periodic nets

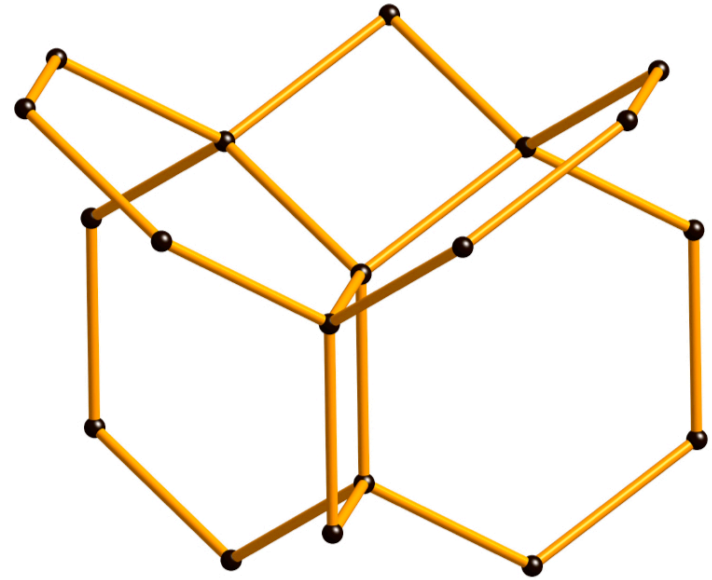
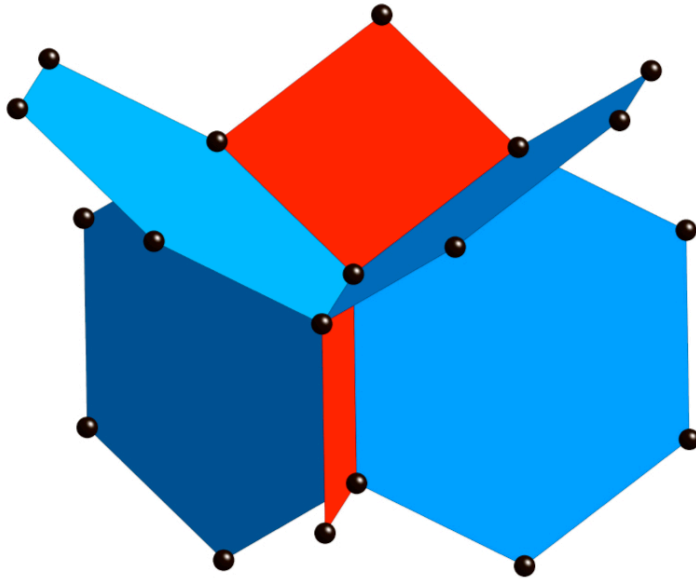
(used mainly for 3- or 4-coordinated vertices)

$A_a \cdot B_b \cdot C_c \dots$ with $n(n-1)/2$ entries for n -coordination

$A, B, C \dots$ are the sizes of the smallest *ring* at an angle and $a, b, c \dots$ are the numbers of those rings.

For 4-coordinated only angles are grouped in opposite pairs; 12,34 and 13,24 and 14,23



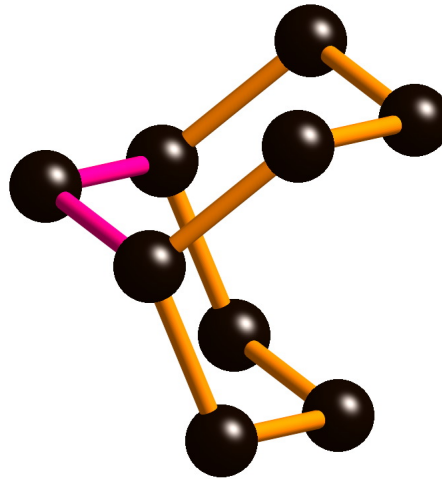


Environment of a vertex of the sodalite net (**sod**)

point symbol $4^2.6^4$

vertex symbol 4.4.6.6.6.6 this tells us the 4-rings don't share an edge

In diamond (**dia**) there are two 6- rings at each angle



vertex symbol $6_2.6_2.6_2.6_2.6_2$

If rings are planar (flat) only one per angle

For feldspar (**fel**) with two kind of vertex, both with point symbol $4^2.6^3.8$, the vertex symbols are $4 \cdot 6 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 8_2 \cdot 10_{10}$ and $4 \cdot 6_2 \cdot 4 \cdot 8 \cdot 6 \cdot 6_2$. Notice that, subsequent to the constraint that opposite angles are paired, the numbers are written in lexicographic order (smallest numbers first).

Can be many shortest rings:

uml $4.6_2.4.6_3.6.18_{1422}$

For coordination > 4 the symbol is sorted so smallest rings come first. For a 6-coordinated net known as **pcu-m** it is

$$3.3.3.3.4.4.4.8_2.8_2.8_3.9_2.9_3.9_4.9_5.9_6$$

Sometimes an angle does not contain a ring
Vertex symbol for 4-coordinated **cds** net is

$$6.6.6.6.6_2.*$$

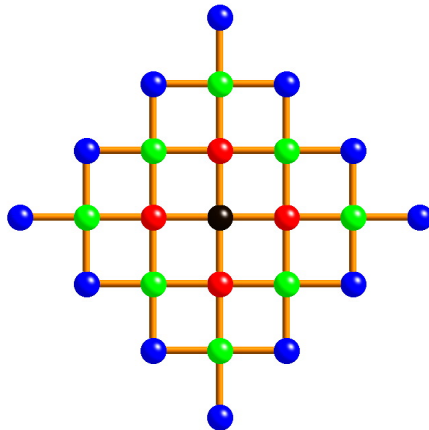
For the 6-coordinated **pcu** net it is:

$$4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.*.*.*$$

Coordination sequence for a vertex

$$n_1, n_2, n_3, n_k, \dots$$

n_k is the number of vertices linked to the reference vertex by a path of exactly k steps



square lattice coordination sequence is 4, 8, 12,...

cumulative sequence

$$c_k = \sum_{1 \text{ to } k} n_k$$

$$\text{TD}_{10} = 1 + c_{10}$$

If there is more than one kind of vertex, then for TD_{10} use weighted average of c_{10}

used as a search tool for zeolite-like nets

topological density:

2-periodic limit $k \rightarrow \infty$, $c_k/2k^2$

3-periodic limit $k \rightarrow \infty$, $c_k/3k^3$

next nets as periodic graphs

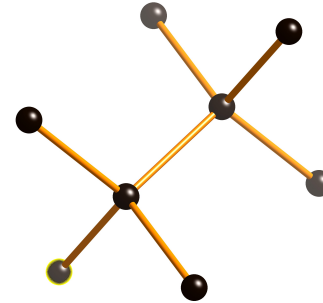
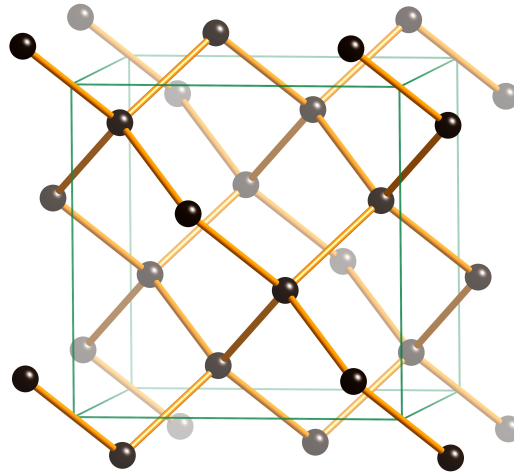
Crystal nets as periodic simple connected graphs

periodic

simple - no loops or multiple edges

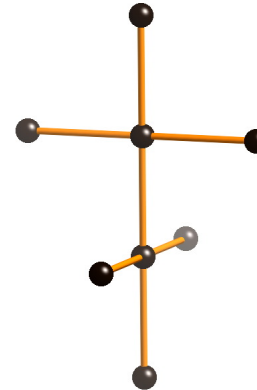
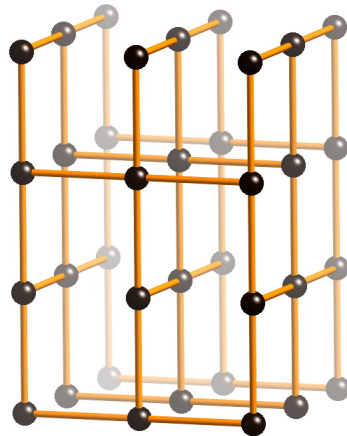
connected - a path from every vertex to every other

diamond
net (**dia**)



minimum repeat unit
2 vertices, 4 bonds

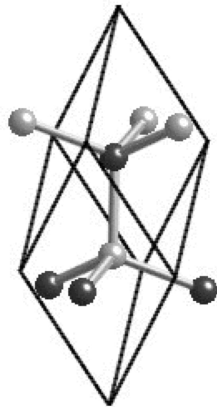
CdSO_4 net
(**cds**)



Quotient graph* and vector representation

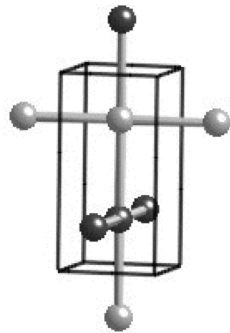
net unit cell quotient graph vector representation

dia



		in		
from	to	unit cell		
1	2	0	0	0
1	2	1	0	0
1	2	0	1	0
1	2	0	0	1

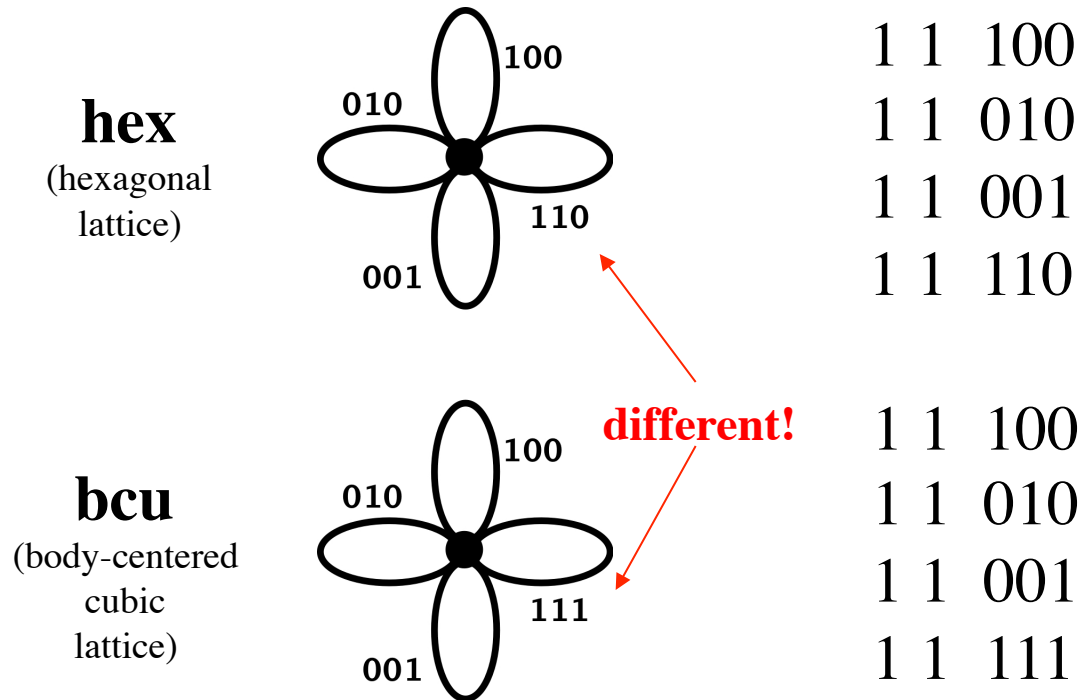
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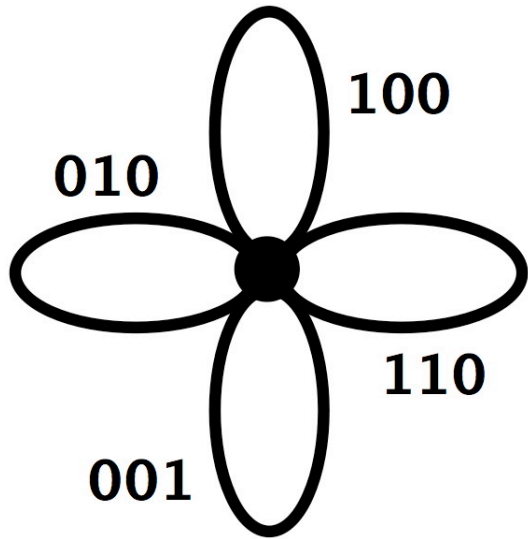
1	2	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	0
2	2	0	1	0
1	2	0	0	1

*Chung, Hahn & Klee, 1984

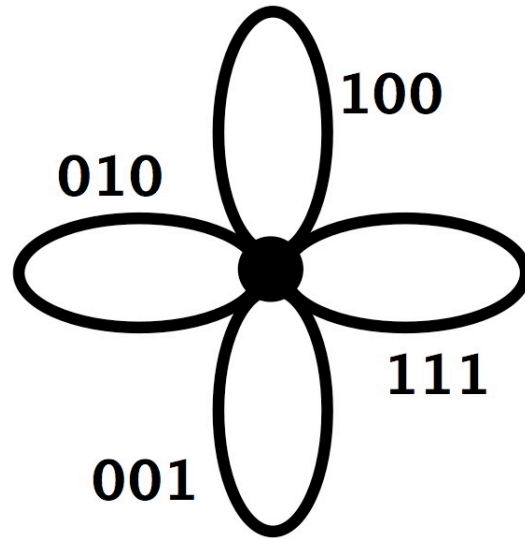
The same unlabeled quotient graph may be the graph of different nets. E.g.:



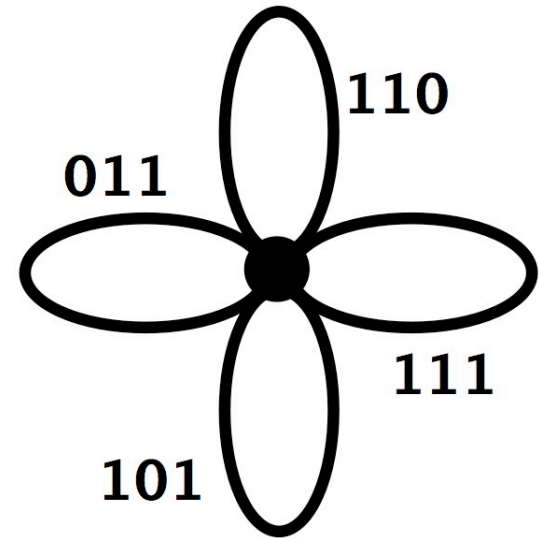
Examples of nets with the same unlabelled quotient graph
(these examples are *lattice nets* - one vertex in the repeat unit)



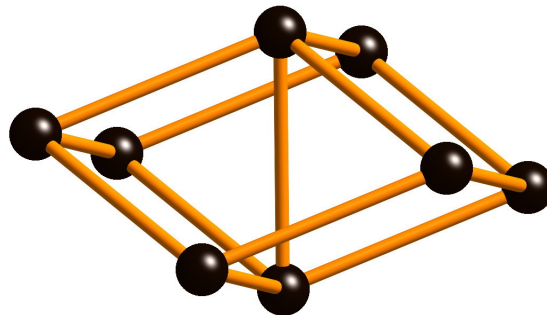
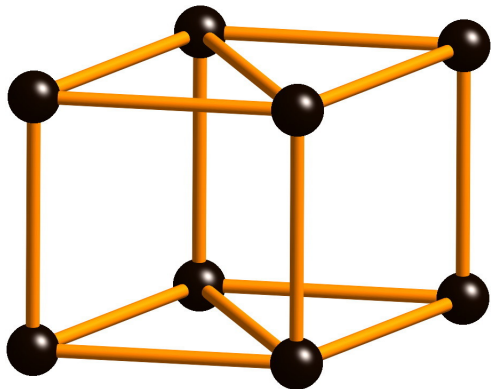
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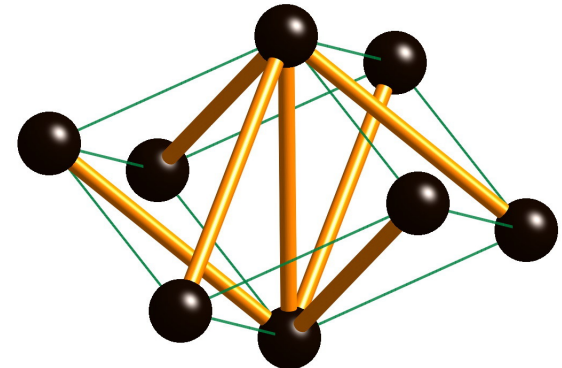
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ilc



primitive cell of body-centered cubic

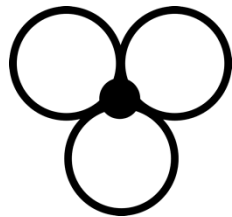
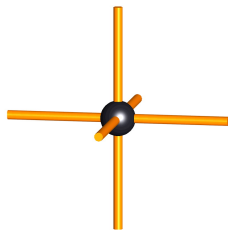


Notice that the quotient graph has the same number of vertices, v and edges, e , as the repeat unit (primitive cell) of the net.

The cyclomatic number of the quotient graph is $g = 1 - v + e$

We call this the **genus** of the net.

(The reason is this. Imagine the repeat unit of the net there will be pairs of bonds going to the uvw cell and the $-u-v-w$ cell. Join these. Now inflate the bonds to get a *handlebody* of g holes.)

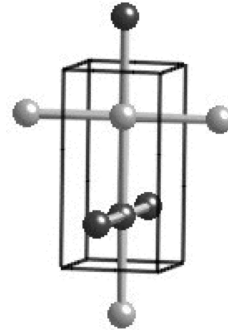
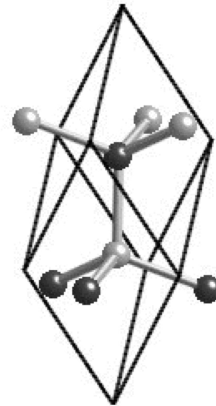


pcu has $v = 1$, $e = 3$ (six half edges)
 $g = 1 - v + e = 3 =$ cyclomatic
number of quotient graph.

An N -periodic net must have $g \geq N$. Nets with $g = N$ are **minimal nets** (Beukemann & Klee)

Minimal net. For 3 dimensions there are 15 minimal nets
(there are 15 connected graphs with cyclomatic number 3
Beukemann & Klee, *Z. Krist* 1992).

the **dia** and **cds** nets
are the only 4-c minimal
nets. (2 vertices in the
primitive cell)



Systre (O. Delgado-Friedrichs)

vector representation



Barycentric (center of mass) coordinates



symmetry



canonical form

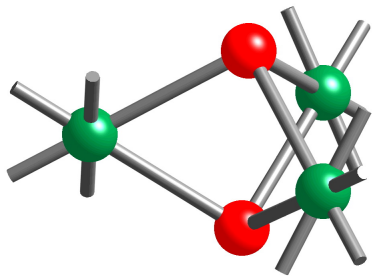


equal edge, minimal density embedding

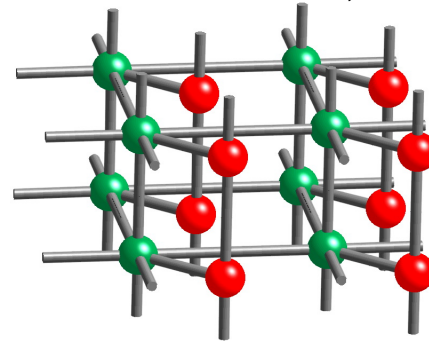
**barycentric coordinates
(equilibrium placement,
Olaf Delgado-Friedrichs 2005 after Tutte 1960)**

once one vertex fixed, rest unique
rational, hence exact, using integer arithmetic

problem: there may be collisions (two or more
vertices with the same coordinates)



vertices with
common neighbors



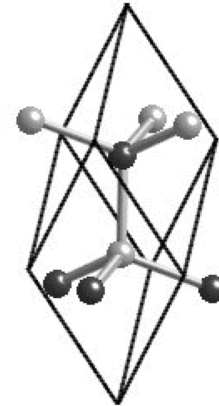
“dangling” vertices & ladders

collisions rare in crystal nets!

barycentric coordinates, example of diamond

dia

from	to	in unit cell
1	2	0 0 0
1	2	1 0 0
1	2	0 1 0
1	2	0 0 1



let vertex 2 be at 0,0,0 and vertex 1 at x, y, z then
coordinates of neighbors of 1 are

0 0 0

1 0 0

0 1 0

0 0 1

average $1/4, 1/4, 1/4$

thus $x = 1/4, y = 1/4, z = 1/4$

Systre
Olaf Delgado-Friedrichs
Symmetry

Once Systre has determined a placement (barycentric coordinates) the automorphisms of the net (including translations) can be found. For nets without collisions these correspond to operations of a space group which is identified.

Systre first looks for translations. If any found a reduced cell is determined.

Then find matrices \mathbf{A} and translations \mathbf{t} such that $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{t} = \mathbf{x}_2$ where \mathbf{x}_1 and \mathbf{x}_2 are coordinate triples.

\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{t} can be identified with a symmetry operation.

Symmetry operations must map vertices and edges.

Two important results (Olaf Delgado-Friedrichs)

1. 3-periodic nets without collisions have an isomorphism group isomorphic with a space group.

If this group is chiral, the net is chiral
If not, not.

2. The graph-isomorphism problem is solved for nets without collisions.

Systre finds the symmetry and "Systre key" (unique signature)

Canonical form of vector representation

Olaf Delgado-Friedrichs

The vector representation of a net is a string of digits that codes exclusively for that net. But:

- (a) there are $n!$ ways of numbering the vertices in the unit cell (n can easily be > 100)
- (b) there is an essentially infinite number of choices of basis vectors

Systre solves these problems to find a unique canonical form for each topology.

Number vertices in order of barycentric coordinates

$x_i < x_j$; if $x_i = x_j$ then $y_i < y_j$; if $y_i = y_j$ then $z_i < z_j$

We have gone from $n!$ to n possible numbering schemes

Basis vectors must be 100 010 001

Write out all possible representations (not so many) as a string of digits

e.g. (1 2 0 0 0 1 2 0 0 1 1 2 0 1 0 1 2 1 0 0)

Keep the lexicographically smallest as canonical form

It has been proved that this is unique and can be done in polynomial time

Systre structure

Once we have the canonical form for a new net, we can compare it to those of known structures. If it matches one, we know that the new net is isomorphic with that one. If there are no matches, the net is different from those known structures. Thus, for the first time, one can determine without ambiguity whether two nets are isomorphic or not!

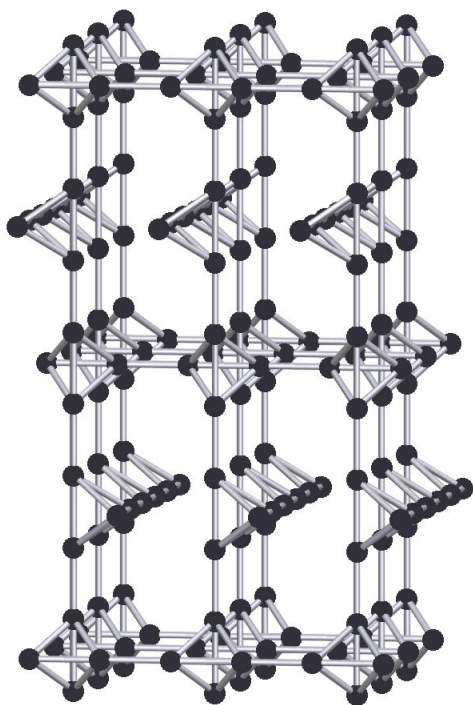
Systre realization

The final step in Systre is finding a maximum symmetry realization, which may, or may not, be an embedding.

If possible all edges are constrained to be equal (e.g. to 1.0)

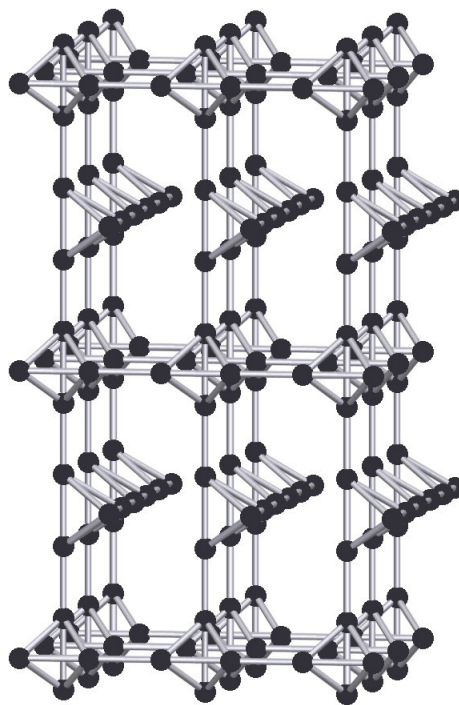
The, subject to that constraint, the volume is maximized (density minimized).

For a periodic net without collisions, the combinatorial symmetry including translations is isomorphic to the maximum achievable symmetry (space group) of a realization (which may not be a good embedding). Here are three realizations – not ambient isotopic – of a net with combinatorial symmetry $I4_1/amd$



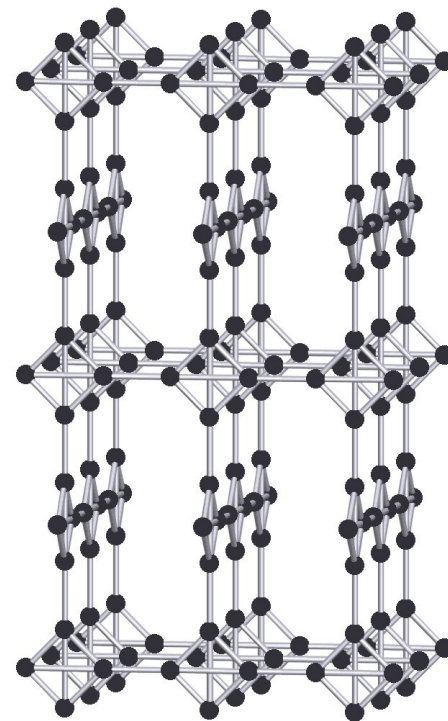
good $P4_122$

chiral



good $Ama2$

polar

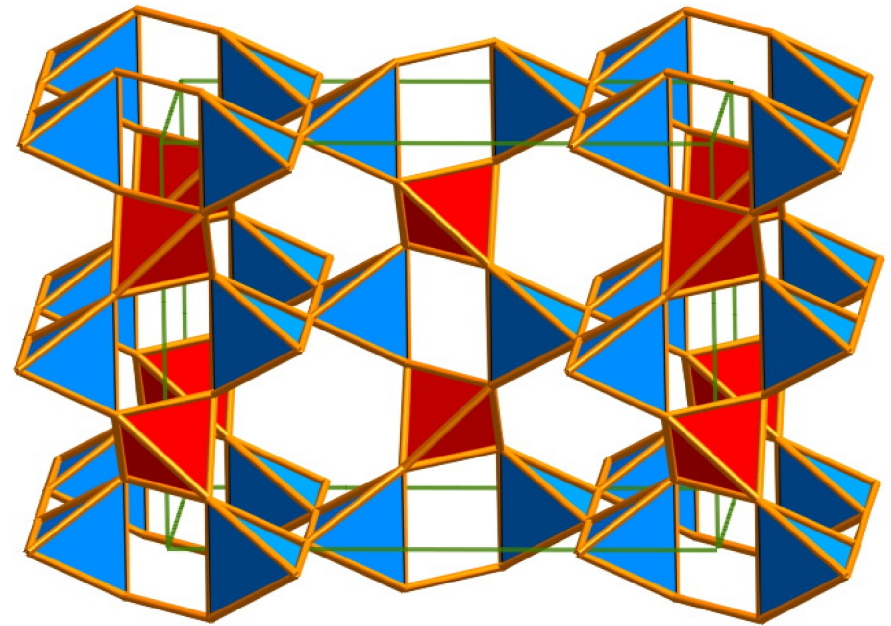


bad (edges intersect)

$I4_1/amd$

anion net of moganite
(a form of SiO_2 - also
structure of BeH_2)

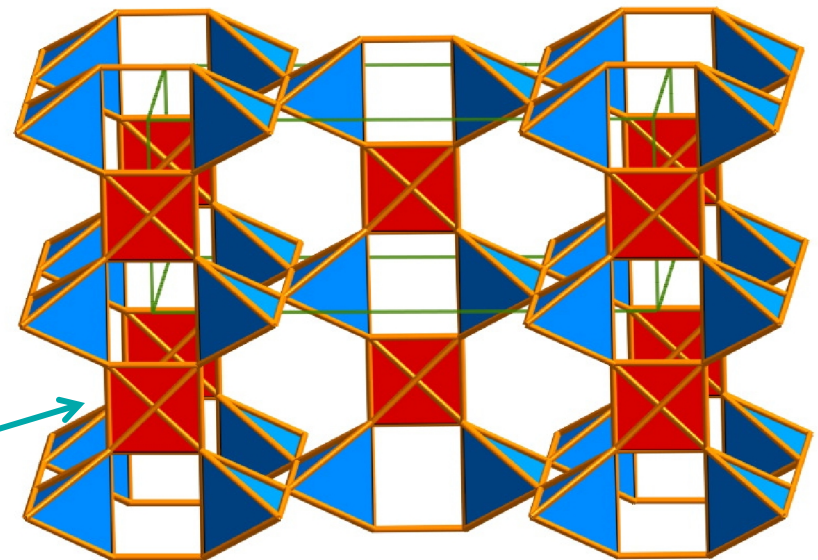
symmetry for tetrahedral
coordination



Ibam

maximum symmetry
(the net of zeolite ASV
behaves similarly)

square, edges intersect



Cmmm

Get Systre at www.gavrog.org

requires Java (on Apple Macintosh and many others
or free donload, if not already installed)

Systre input for periodic graph:

PERIODIC_GRAPH

ID "diamond"

EDGES

1 2 0 0 0

1 2 1 0 0

1 2 0 1 0

1 2 0 0 1

END

Examples of Systre input

CRYSTAL

GROUP P6122

ATOM 1 4 0.28727 0.59679 0.02762

EDGE 1 0.69048 1.40321 -0.02762

EDGE 1 0.40321 0.71273 -0.19429

EDGE 1 0.59679 0.30952 -0.13905

END

give symmetry
and one of each kind
of vertex ("atom") and
edge

CRYSTAL

ID 'banalsite'

GROUP Ibam

CELL 8.496 9.983 16.775 90.0 90.0 90.0

ATOM 1 4 0.2283 0.4429 0.4067

ATOM 2 4 0.0754 0.3095 0.1586

END

If no edges given
Systre will take the n
nearest neighbors of each
atom of coordination
number n. Now unit cell
is necessary

Systre output

Structure #1 - "diamond".

Structure of dimension 3.

Given space group is P1.

2 nodes and 4 edges in repeat unit as given.

Given repeat unit is accurate. Point group has 48 elements. 1 kind of node.

Equivalences for non-unique nodes: 2 --> 1

Ideal space group is Fd-3m.

Structure was found in built in archive: Name: dia

Relaxed cell parameters:

a = 2.30940, b = 2.30940, c = 2.30940

alpha = 90.0000, beta = 90.0000, gamma = 90.0000

Cell volume: 12.31681

Relaxed positions:

Node 1: 0.12500 0.12500 0.62500

Edges:

0.12500 0.12500 0.62500 <-> 0.37500 0.37500 0.37500

Edge centers:

0.25000 0.25000 0.50000

Edge statistics: minimum = 1.00000, maximum = 1.00000, average = 1.00000

Angle statistics: minimum = 109.47122, maximum = 109.47122, average = 109.47122

Shortest non-bonded distance = 1.63299

Degrees of freedom: 1

Sphere Packings

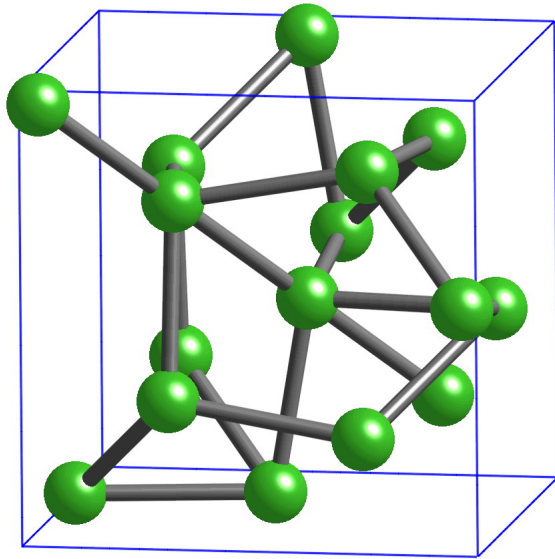
If an embedding of a net has all edges equal and these are the shortest distances between vertices we say that the structure is a sphere packing.

Many (most?) nets of interest in crystal chemistry have embeddings as sphere packings.

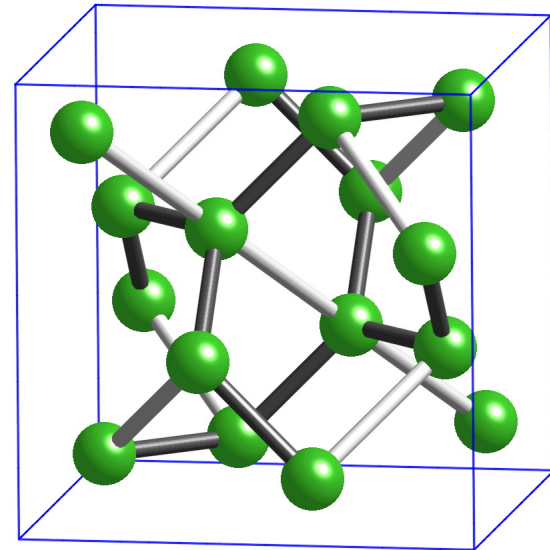
A lot is known about sphere-transitive (one kind of sphere) packings (**W. Fischer, E. Koch, H. Sowa**)

Not all sphere packings can be realized as sphere packings at full symmetry. (next slides):

Sphere packing 5/5/ $c1$ (W. Fischer) symbol **fnm**



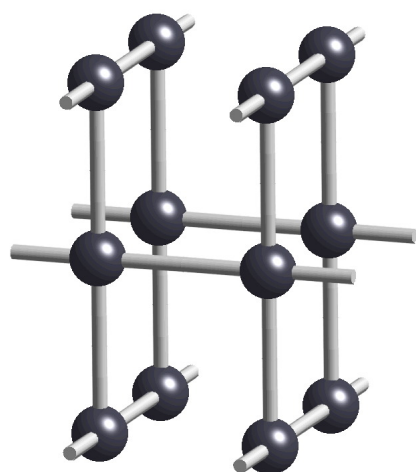
$I-43d$ 0.0366, x, x
5 equidistant neighbors



$x = 0.125$. True symmetry
 $Ia-3d$. 3 nearest neighbors

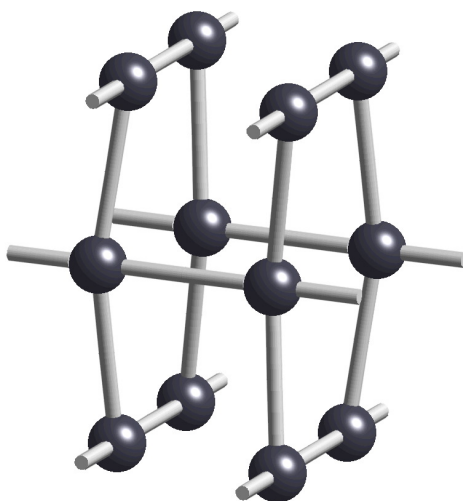
Examples of important 4-coordinated nets that are not 4-coordinated sphere packings in maximum symmetry embeddings

can be realized as
4-coordinated SP:



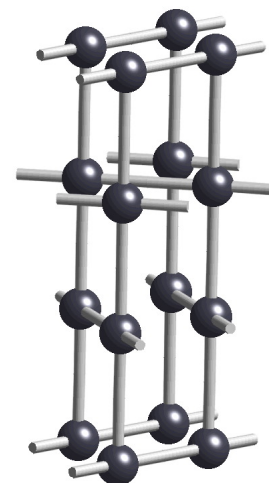
cds

$P4_2/mmc$
6 equidistant
neighbors



$P4_2/mbc$ ($a' = 2a$)
4 equidistant
neighbors

cannot be realized as
4-coordinated SP

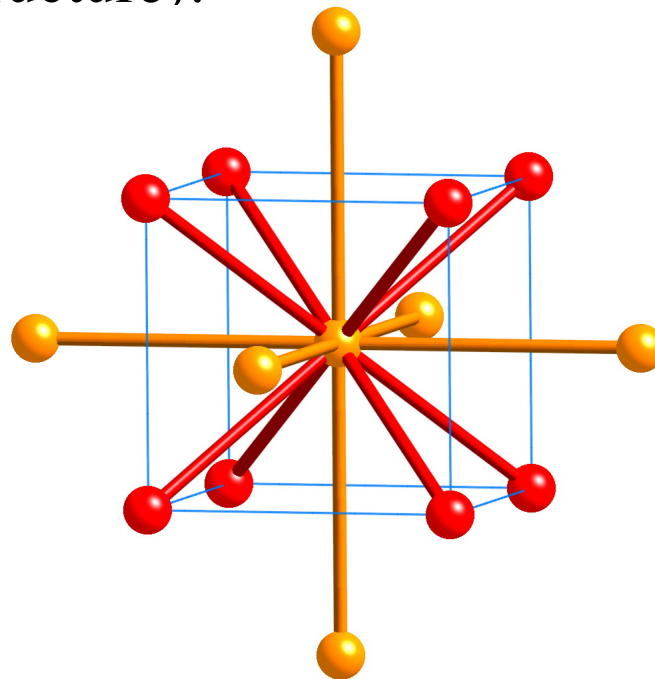


qzd

$P6_222$
8 equidistant
neighbors

Example of a structure for which there is no embedding with all edges equal. this is the body-centered cubic lattice with edges linking first- and second geometric neighbors. (for some purposes this is the ‘best’ way to consider this structure).

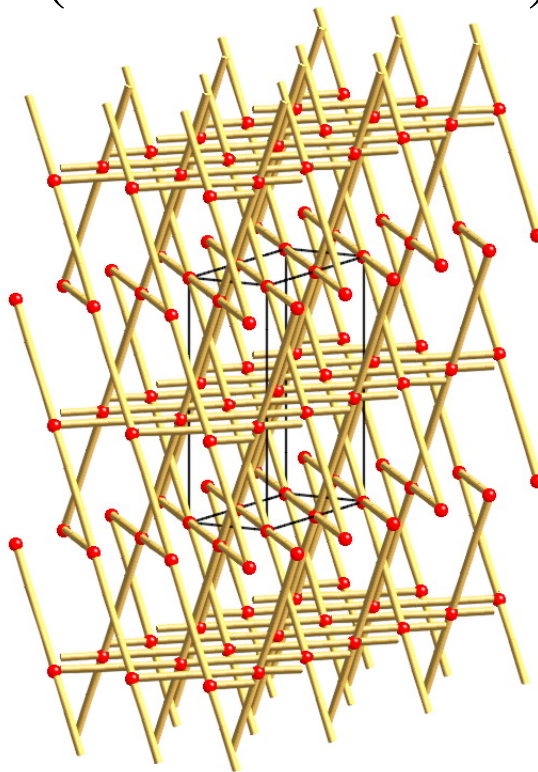
bcc-x
(the symbol
bcc refers to
8-coordination)



Example of a net in which intervertex distances are always shorter than edges.

Minimum intervertex distance ~ 0.88 longest edge.

Such nets rare in crystal chemistry, but in principle very common (“almost” all nets?)



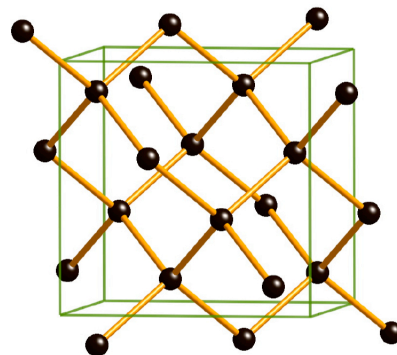
tcb a net with vertex symbol $8_2 \cdot 8_2 \cdot 8_5 \cdot 8_5 \cdot 8_5 \cdot 8_5$

J.-F. Ma et al. 2003; M.-L. Tong et al. 2003

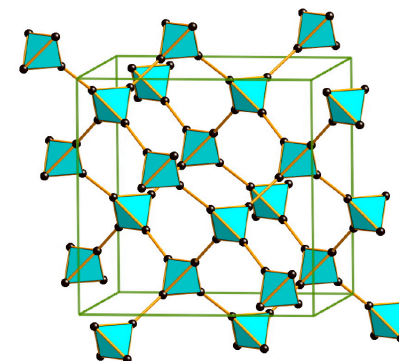
RCSR symbols for nets

dia

typical three letter code
for the diamond net

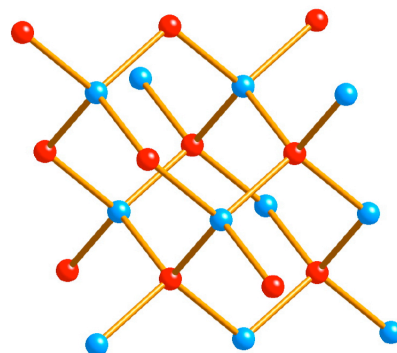


dia

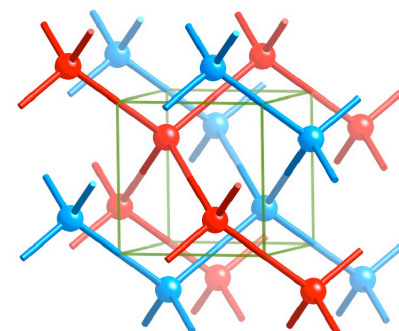


dia-a

derived net



dia-b



dia-c

dia-a = augmented

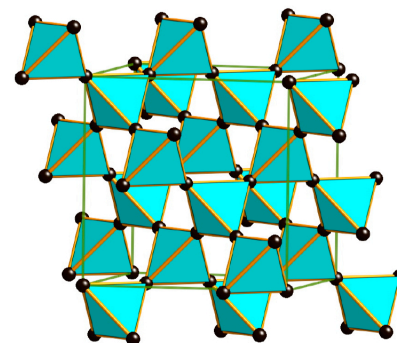
dia-b = binary version

dia-c = catenated

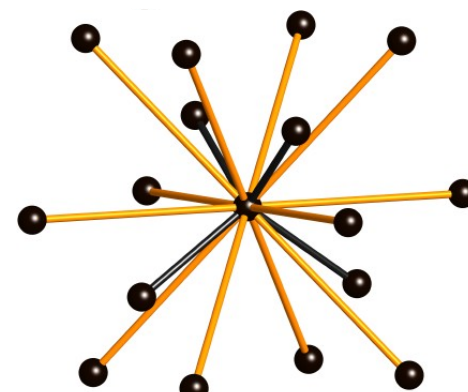
dia-d = dual

dia-e = edge net

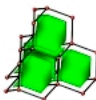
dia-x = extended coord.



dia-e



dia-x



dia

names: diamond, D, 4/6/c1

key words: regular net, uniform net, isohedral tiling, self dual net, quasisimple tiling, good

references: Acta Cryst. A59, 22-27 (2003),
Acta Cryst. A60, 517-520 (2004)

embed type	space group	volume	density	genus	td10
1a	Fd-3m	12.3168	0.6495	3	981

unit cell:

a	b	c	alpha	beta	gamma
2.3094	2.3094	2.3094	90.0	90.0	90.0

vertices: 1

vertex	cn	x	y	z	symbolic	Wyckoff	symmetry	order
V1	4	0.125	0.125	0.125	1/8, 1/8, 1/8	8 a	-43m	24

vertex	CS ₁	CS ₂	CS ₃	CS ₄	CS ₅	CS ₆	CS ₇	CS ₈	CS ₉	CS ₁₀	cum ₁₀	vertex symbol
V1	4	12	24	42	64	92	124	162	204	252	981	6(2).6(2).6(2).6(2).6(2).6(2)

edges: 1

edge	x	y	z	symbolic	Wyckoff	symmetry
E1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0, 0, 0	16 c	-3m

tiling:

tiling	dual	vertices	edges	faces	tiles	D-symbol
[6 ⁴]	dia	1	1	1	1	2

Export 3dt input: dia.cgd

occurrences: [\[show|hide\]](#)

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What nets are there?

It is convenient to discuss tiling first

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