

Equivelar toroids with few flag-orbits

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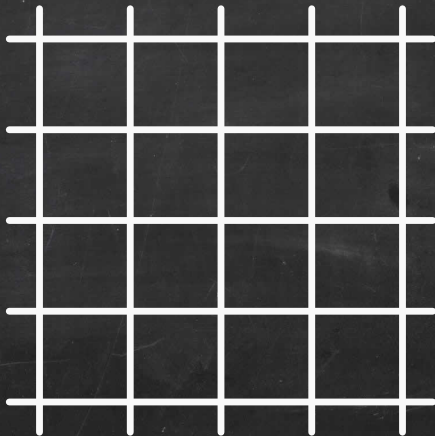
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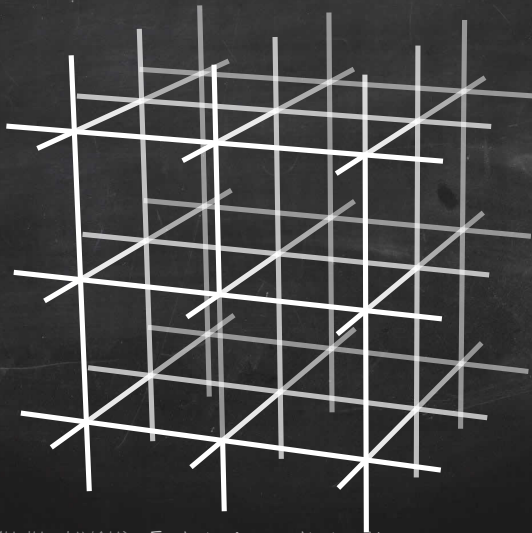
An **Euclidean Tessellation** \mathcal{U} of \mathbb{E}^n is a family of convex n -polytopes such that

- * \mathcal{U} is a cover of \mathbb{E}^n and the cells tile \mathbb{E}^n in a face-to-face manner.
- * \mathcal{U} is locally finite.

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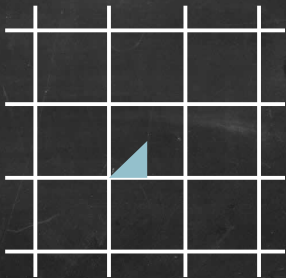


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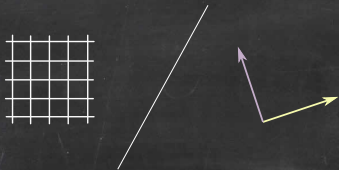
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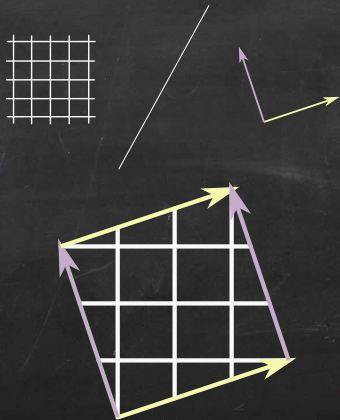
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Thank you!

And happy Birthday conference to
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