# Goldberg-Coxeter Construction for 3- and 4-valent Plane Graphs

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#### Abstract

We consider the Goldberg-Coxeter construction  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  (a generalization of a simplicial subdivision of the dodecahedron considered in [Gold37] and [Cox71]), which produces a plane graph from any 3- or 4-valent plane graph for integer parameters k, l. A zigzag in a plane graph is a circuit of edges, such that any two, but no three, consecutive edges belong to the same face; a central circuit in a 4-valent plane graph G is a circuit of edges, such that no two consecutive edges belong to the same face. We study the zigzag (or central circuit) structure of the resulting graph using the algebraic formalism of the moving group, the (k, l)-product and a finite index subgroup of  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ , whose elements preserve the above structure. We also study the intersection pattern of zigzags (or central circuits) of  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  and consider its projections, obtained by removing all but one zigzags (or central circuits).

Key words. Plane graphs, polyhedra, zigzags, central circuits.

## 1 Introduction

As initial graph  $G_0$  for the Goldberg-Coxeter construction, we consider mainly:

(i) 3- and 4-valent 1-skeleton of Platonic and semiregular polyhedra, prisms and antiprisms (see Table 1),

(ii) 3-valent graphs related to *fullerenes* and other chemically-relevant polyhedra,

(iii) 4-valent plane graphs, which are minimal projections for some interesting alternating links; those links are denoted according to Rolfsen's notation [Rol76] (see also, for example, [Kaw96]).

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name	$ Mov(G_0) $	reference			
Tetrahedron	4	Theorem 6.5			
Cube	12	Theorem 6.5, Theorem 6.7,			
		Proposition 7.4 and Conjecture 7.7			
Dodecahedron	60	Theorem 6.5, Proposition 7.4			
		and Conjecture 7.7			
Octahedron	24	Theorem 6.5, Theorem 6.7			
		and Proposition 7.4			
Cuboctahedron	576	$= GC_{1,1}(Octahedron)$			
Icosidodecahedron	7200	Conjecture 6.9			
trunc. Tetrahedron	12	$= GC_{1,1}(Tetrahedron)$			
trunc. Octahedron	576	$= GC_{1,1}(Cube)$			
trunc. Cube	20736	Theorem 6.7			
trunc. Icosahedron	648000	$= GC_{1,1}(Dodecahedron)$			
trunc. Dodecahedron	648000	Theorem 6.7			
Rhombicuboctahedron	165888	$= GC_{2,0}(Octahedron)$			
Rhombicosidodecahedron	51840000	$= GC_{1,1}(Icosidodecahedron)$			
trunc. Cuboctahedron	1327104	Theorem 6.7			
trunc. Icosidodecahedron	139968000000	Conjecture 6.9			
$Prism_m$	$12(\frac{m}{acd(m,4)})^3$	Conjecture 6.11			
$APrism_m$	$\frac{24}{gcd(m,2)} \left(\frac{m}{gcd(m,3)}\right)^3$	Conjecture 6.12			

Table 1: The Goldberg-Coxeter construction from 3 or 4-valent regular and semiregular polyhedra

The group of all rotations, preserving a plane graph G, will be denoted by Rot(G); it is a subgroup of index 1 or 2 of the full automorphism group Aut(G). For 3-connected plane graphs without 2-gonal faces, the following theorem of Mani ([Mani71], a refinement of Steinitz's theorem [Ste16], see also [Grün67]) is useful: the symmetry group (i.e. automorphism group) of a graph can be realized as the point group of a convex polyhedron, having this graph as the skeleton, and so, it can be identified with this point group. In the presence of 2-gonal faces (i.e. multiple edges), one cannot speak of convex polyhedra; however, for the graphs with 2-gonal faces, considered in this paper, one can still identify the symmetry group of the graph with a point group.

We consider here plane graphs with restrictions on their valency (namely, having valency 3 or 4) and face sizes. It turns out, that some classes of such graphs with maximal symmetry can be described in terms of what we call the Goldberg-Coxeter construction  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  with  $G_0$  being the initial graph (see Section 5). Since the Goldberg-Coxeter construction will concern only 3- and 4-valent plane graphs, there are two cases, whose main features are depicted in Table 2.

A *zigzag* in a 3-valent plane graph is a circuit (possibly, with self-intersections) of edges, such that any two, but no three, consecutive edges belong to the same face. A *central circuit* in a 4-valent plane graph is a circuit of edges, such that no two consecutive edges belong to the same face. Many results for 3- and 4-valent graphs will be similar; in such case we will use general notion of "either zigzag, or central circuit" and call it *ZC-circuit*.

ĺ		3-valent graph $G_0$	4-valent graph $G_0$
	lattice	root lattice $A_2$	square lattice $\mathbb{Z}^2$
	ring	Eisenstein integers $\mathbb{Z}[\omega]$	Gaussian integers $\mathbb{Z}[i]$
	t(k, l)	$k^2 + kl + l^2$	$k^2 + l^2$
	Euler formula	$\sum_{i} (6-i)p_i = 12$	$\sum_{i} (4-i)p_i = 8$
	zero-curvature	hexagons	squares
	ZC-circuits	zigzags	central circuits
	case $k = l = 1$	leapfrog graph	medial graph

Table 2: Main features of GC-construction

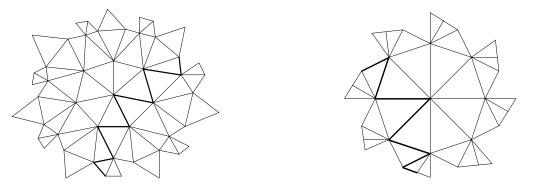


Figure 1: A zigzag in Klein map  $\{3^7\}$  and Dyck map  $\{3^8\}$ 

A road in a 3- or 4-valent plane graph is a non-extendible sequence (possibly, with self-intersections) of either hexagonal faces or of square faces, such that any non-end face is adjacent to its neighbors on opposite edges. If the sequence stops on a non-hexagon or, respectively, a non-square face, then it is called a *pseudo-road*; otherwise, it is called a *railroad* and it is a circuit by finiteness of the graph. A graph without railroads is called *tight*; in other words, every ZC-circuit of a tight graph is incident on each, the left and right side, to at least one non-hexagonal or, respectively, non-square face (in [DeSt03] and [DDS03] the term "*irreducible*" was used instead of "tight").

Those notions can be also defined for maps on orientable surfaces; see, for example, on Figure 1 a zigzag for the Klein map  $\{3^7\}$  and the Dyck map  $\{3^8\}$ , which are dual triangulations for such 3-valent maps. The notion of zigzag (respectively, central circuit) is used here in 3-valent (respectively, 4-valent) case, but they can be defined on any plane graph (respectively, Eulerian plane graph). Moreover, the notion of zigzag extends naturally to infinite plane graphs and to higher dimension (see [DeDu04]).

For any plane graph G the *dual* graph  $G^*$  is the graph with vertex-set being the set of faces of G and two faces being adjacent if they share an edge of G.

#### **Definition 1.1** A ZC circuit with an orientation will be denoted by $\overline{ZC}$ .

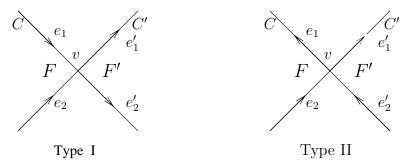
(i) Let Z and Z' be two (possibly, identical) zigzags of a plane graph and let an orientation be selected on them. An edge e of intersection is called of type I or type II, if

Z and Z' traverse it in opposite or same direction, respectively (see picture below).



The intersection  $I(\vec{Z}, \vec{Z}')$  of two zigzags Z and Z' with an orientation fixed on them, is the pair  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$ , where  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  are, respectively, the numbers of edges of intersection of type I, type II, respectively, between  $\vec{Z}$  and  $\vec{Z}'$ . If Z = Z', then the type of intersection is independent of the chosen orientation; hence, the intersection of Z with itself, which we will call its signature is well-defined.

(ii) Let G be a 4-valent plane graph and denote by  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  a bipartition of the face-set of G (it exists, since G<sup>\*</sup> is bipartite). Let C and C' be two (possibly, identical) central circuits of G and let an orientation be selected on them. A vertex v of the intersection between C and C' is contained in two faces, say, F and F', of  $C_1$ . The vertex v is incident to two edges of F, say,  $e_1$  and  $e_2$ , and to two edges of F', say,  $e'_1$  and  $e'_2$ . If  $e_1$  and  $e_2$ have both arrows pointing to the vertex or both arrows pointing out of the vertex, then  $e'_1$ and  $e'_2$  are in the same case. The type of the vertex v, relatively to the pair  $(C_1, C_2)$ , is said to be I in this case and II, otherwise.



If one interchanges  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , while keeping the same orientation, then the types of intersection of vertices are interchanged. The intersection  $I_{\mathcal{C}_1,\mathcal{C}_2}(\overrightarrow{C},\overrightarrow{C}')$  of two central circuits C and C', with an orientation fixed on them, is the pair  $(\alpha_1,\alpha_2)$ , where  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$ are, respectively, the numbers of vertices of the intersection between C and C' of type I, II, respectively, relatively to  $\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2$ .

If C = C', then the type of intersection is independent of the chosen orientation; hence, the intersection of C with itself, which we will call its signature, relatively to  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  is well-defined.

Since interchanging  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  interchanges  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$ , there is an ambiguity in the definition of  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$ , which can be resolved either by specifying  $C_1$  or if not precised by requiring  $\alpha_1 \geq \alpha_2$ .

For any 3-valent plane graph G, the *leapfrog* of G is defined to be the truncation of  $G^*$  (see [FoMa95]).

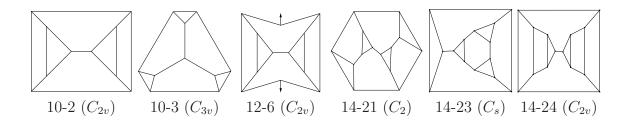


Figure 2: Some z-uniform 3-valent graphs with their symmetry group

The medial graph of a plane graph G, denoted by Med(G), is defined by taking, as vertex-set, the set of edges of G with two edges being adjacent if they share a vertex and belong to the same face of G. Med(G) is 4-valent and its central circuits  $C_1, \ldots, C_p$ correspond to zigzags  $Z_1, \ldots, Z_p$  of G. Moreover, an orientation of a zigzag  $Z_i$  induces an orientation of a central circuit  $C_i$ . The set of faces of Med(G) corresponds to the set of vertices and faces of G. If one takes  $C_1$  (respectively,  $C_2$ ) to be the set of faces of Med(G)corresponding to faces (respectively, vertices) of G, then (if we keep the same orientation) the intersection numbers of  $C_i$  and  $C_j$  are the same as the intersection numbers of  $Z_i$  and  $Z_j$ .

The z-vector (or CC-vector) of a graph G is the vector enumerating lengths, i.e. the numbers of edges, of all its zigzags (or, respectively, central circuits) with their signature as subscript. The simple ZC-circuits are put in the beginning, in non-decreasing order of length, without their signature (0,0), and separated by a semicolon from others. The self-intersecting ones are also ordered by non-decreasing lengths. If there are m > 1 ZC-circuits of the same length l and the same signature  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$ , then we write  $l^m$  if  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 0$  and  $l^m_{\alpha_1,\alpha_2}$ , otherwise. For a ZC-circuit ZC, its intersection vector  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2); \ldots, c_k^{m_k}, \ldots$  is such that  $\ldots, c_k, \ldots$  is an increasing sequence of sizes of its intersection with all other ZC-circuits, while  $m_k$  denote respective multiplicity. Given a 3-valent plane graph  $G_0$ , its z-vector is equal to the CC-vector of  $Med(G_0)$ .

A 3- or 4-valent graph is called ZC-uniform if all its ZC-circuits have the same length and the same signature. In ZC-uniform case, the length of each of the r central circuits (respectively, zigzags) is  $\frac{2n}{r}$  (respectively,  $\frac{3n}{r}$ ). For example, for  $G = GC_{4,1}(Prism_{12})$ , it holds  $z = 84^6$ ;  $84_{2,0}^{12}$ ; so, it is not z-uniform. A graph is called ZC-transitive if its symmetry group acts transitively on ZC-circuits; clearly, ZC-transitivity implies ZC-uniformity. A graph is called ZC-knotted if it has only one ZC-circuit; a graph is called ZC-balanced if all its ZC-circuits of the same length and same signature, have identical intersection vectors. We do not know example of a ZC-uniform, but not ZC-balanced, graph. For example, amongst the graphs  $GC_{k,l}(G_0 = 10\text{-}2)$ , the first z-unbalanced one occurs for (k, l) = (7, 1). The only graphs  $G_0$ , which are 3-valent, z-uniform, have at most 14 vertices and such that their leapfrog  $GC_{1,1}(G_0)$  are not z-balanced, are Nr.12-6, 14-21, 14-23 and 14-24 on Figure 2.

Above and below we denote by x-y the 3-valent plane graph with x vertices, which appear in y-position, when one uses the generation program Plantri (see [BrMK]); see, for example, Figure 2.

Table 3 present the graphs  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$ , which are considered in this paper. In this

Table, r denotes the number of ZC-circuits in  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$ . The case (k, l) = (1, 0) corresponds to the initial graph  $G_0$ . The columns 1–4 give, respectively, the class of graphs, valency d, *p*-vector (i.e. one enumerating the numbers  $p_i$  of *i*-gonal faces) and all realizable symmetry groups for the graphs  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$ . The case k = l = 1 corresponds to the medial graph for 4- and to the leapfrog graph for 3-valent case. The column "r if I" represents the number (conjectured or proved) r of ZC-circuits in the case  $k \equiv l \pmod{3}$  (for valency 3) or (for valency 4)  $k \equiv l \pmod{2}$ , while the column "r if II" represents the remaining case.

Given a graph G, denote by Mov(G) the permutation group on the set of directed edges, which is generated by two basic permutations, called left L and right R; Mov(G)is called the moving group of G. Directed edges are edges of  $G_0^*$  with prescribed direction. We will associate to every pair (k, l) of integers an element of this moving group, which we call (k, l)-product of basic permutations, and which encodes the lengths of the ZC-circuits of  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$ . For k = l = 1, this (k, l)-product is, actually, ordinary product in the group  $Mov(G_0)$ . Take a ZC-circuit of  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  and fix an orientation on it. It will cross some edges of  $G_0^*$ . For any directed edge  $\vec{e}$  of oriented ZC-circuit, there are exactly two possible successors  $L(\vec{e})$  and  $R(\vec{e})$ ; it is clear for zigzags in 3-valent graph  $G_0$ , but for central circuits in 4-valent, it will be obtained from algebraic considerations. The k + l successive left and right choices will define the (k, l)-product. In some cases, the knowledge of normal subgroups of  $Mov(G_0)$  will allow an exact computation of the z-vector of  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  in terms of congruences valid for numbers (k, l). On the other hand, Theorem 4.7 gives a characterization of the graphs G for which Mov(G) is an Abelian group.

Two-faced (i.e. having only p- and q-gonal faces,  $2 \leq q < p$ ) 3- and 4-valent plane graphs are studied, for example, in [DeGr01], [DeGr99], [DDF02], [De02], [DeDu02], [DeSt03], [DDS03], [DHL02], for which this work is a follow-up.

Denote by  $q_n$  the class of 3-valent plane graphs having only 6-gonal and q-gonal faces. Euler formula  $\sum_{i\geq 1} (6-i)p_i = 12$  for the *p*-vector of any 3-valent plane graph implies, that the classes  $2_n$ ,  $3_n$ ,  $4_n$  and  $5_n$  have, respectively, three, four, six and twelve q-gonal faces.  $5_n$  are, actually, the *fullerenes*, well known in Organic Chemistry (see, for example, [FoMa95]).

Call an *i*-hedrite any plane 4-valent graph, such that the number  $p_j$  of its *j*-gonal faces is zero for any *j*, different from 2, 3 and 4, and such that  $p_2 = 8 - i$ . So, an *n*-vertex *i*-hedrite has  $(p_2, p_3, p_4) = (8 - i, 2i - 8, n + 2 - i)$ . Clearly,  $(i; p_2, p_3) = (8; 0, 8), (7; 1, 6), (6; 2, 4), (5; 3, 2)$  and (4; 4, 0) are all possibilities.

The *Bundle* is defined as plane 3-valent graph consisting of two vertices with three edges connecting them. A  $Foil_m$  is defined as plane 4-valent graph consisting of a *m*-gon with each edge replaced by a 2-gon; its CC-vector is 2m, if *m* is odd, and  $m^2$ , if *m* is even. The medial graph of  $Foil_m$  is  $Prism_m$ , in which *m* edges, connecting two *m*-gons, are replaced by 2-gons; its *CC*-vector is  $4^m$ . Clearly, for m = 2, 3 and 4,  $Foil_m$  are (projections of links)  $2_1^2$ , Trefoil  $3_1$  and  $4_1^2$  (see Figure 3).

Class	d	<i>p</i> -vector	Groups	(k,l) = (1,0)	(k,l) = (1,1)	r if I	r if II
2n	3	$p_2 = 3, p_6$	all $D_3, D_{3h}$	Bundle	tr.Triangle	3	1
$3_n$	3	$p_3 = 4, p_6$	all $T, T_d$	Tetrah.	tr.Tetrahed.	3	3
4n	3	$p_4 = 6, p_6$	all $O, O_h$	Cube	tr.Octahed.	6	4
$5_n$	3	$p_5 = 12, p_6$	all $I, I_h$	Dodecah.	tr.Icosahed.	6, 1	10, 15
$\mathcal{GP}_m$	3	$p_4 = m, \ p_m = 2, \\ p_6 \ (m \neq 2, 4)$	all $D_m, D_{mh}$	$\operatorname{Prism}_m$	${\rm tr.} Prism_m^*$	Cor	nj.6.11
	4	$p_3 = 2m, \ p_m = 2, \\ p_4 \ (m \neq 3)$	some $D_m, D_{md}$	$APrism_m$	$Med(APrism_m)$	Conj.6.12	
8-hed.	4	$p_3 = 8, p_4$	all $O, O_h$	Octahed.	Cuboctahed.	4	3, 6
4-hed.	4	$p_2 = 4, p_4$	all $D_4, D_{4h}$	$Foil_2$	$Foil_4$	2	2
6-hed.	4	$p_2 = 2, \ p_3 = 4, \ p_4$	some $D_{2d}, D_2$	41	$Med(4_1) = 8_{14}^2$	2, 4	1, 3
7-hed.	4	$p_2 = 1,  p_3 = 6, \\ p_4$	some $C_2, C_{2v}$	$7_{6}^{2}$	$Med(7_6^2)$	3, 5, 7	1, 2, 3, 5
5-hed.	4	$p_2 = 3, p_3 = 2, p_4$	all $D_3, D_{3h}$	Trefoil $3_1$	$Med(3_1) = 6_1^3$	3	1

Table 3: Main series of considered graphs  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$ 

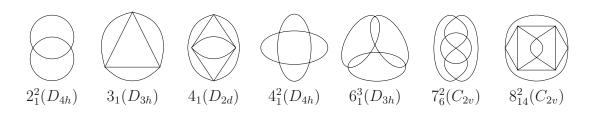


Figure 3: Minimal plane projections of some alternating links with their symmetry groups

## 2 The complex rings $\mathbb{Z}[\omega]$ and $\mathbb{Z}[i]$

The root lattice  $A_2$  is defined by  $A_2 = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}^3 : x_0 + x_1 + x_2 = 0\}$ . The square lattice is denoted by  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ .

The ring  $\mathbb{Z}[\omega]$ , where  $\omega = e^{\frac{2\pi}{6}i} = \frac{1}{2}(1+i\sqrt{3})$  of Eisenstein integers consists of the complex numbers  $z = k + l\omega$  with  $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$  (see also [HaWr96], where  $\omega$  is replaced by  $\rho$ ). The norm of such z is denoted by  $N(z) = z\overline{z} = k^2 + kl + l^2$  and we will use the notation  $t(k,l) = k^2 + kl + l^2$ . If one identifies  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in A_2$  with the Eisenstein integer  $z = x_1 + x_2\omega$ , then it holds  $2N(z) = ||x||^2$ .

One has  $\mathbb{Z}^2 = \mathbb{Z}[i]$ , where  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  consists of the complex numbers z = k + li with  $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$ . The norm of such z is denoted by  $N(z) = z\overline{z} = k^2 + l^2$  and we will use the notation  $t(k, l) = k^2 + l^2$ .

Two Eisenstein or two Gaussian integers z and z' are called *associated* if the quotient  $\frac{z}{z'}$  is an Eisenstein unit (i.e.  $\omega^k$  with  $0 \le k \le 5$ ; namely, 1,  $\omega$ ,  $\omega^2$ , -1,  $-\omega$ ,  $-\omega^2$ ) or a Gaussian unit (i.e.  $i^k$  with  $0 \le k \le 3$ ; namely, 1, i, -1, -i). They are called *C*-associated if one of the quotients  $\frac{z}{z'}$ ,  $\frac{\overline{z}}{z'}$  is an Eisenstein or Gaussian unit. Every Eisenstein or Gaussian integer is associated (respectively, C-associated) to  $k + l\omega$  or k + li, respectively, with  $k, l \ge 0$  (respectively,  $0 \le l \le k$ ).

The lattices  $A_2$  and  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  correspond to regular partitions of the plane into regular triangles and squares, respectively. The skeletons of those partitions are infinite graphs; their shortest path metrics are called (in Robot Vision) the *hexagonal distance* and 4*distance*. (The 4-distance is, in fact, a  $l_1$ -metric on  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ .) If  $k, l \geq 0$ , then the shortest path distance between 0 and  $k + l\omega$  (or, respectively, k + li) is k + l.

Thurston ([Thur98]) developed a global theory of parameter space for sphere triangulations with valency of vertices at most 6. Clearly, our 3-valent two-faced plane graphs  $q_n$  are covered by Thurston consideration. Let *s* denote the number of vertices of valency less than 6; such vertices reflect positive curvature of the triangulation of the sphere  $S^2$ . Thurston has built a parameter space with s - 2 degrees of freedom (complex numbers). If we restrict ourselves to some particular symmetries of plane graphs, then it restricts the number of parameters needed for a characterization. General fullerenes have 10 degrees of freedom, while those with symmetry I or  $I_h$  have just one degree of freedom.

For example, in [FoCrSt87] the fullerenes  $5_n$  with symmetry  $D_5$ ,  $D_6$ , T were described by two complex parameters (or, in other words, by four integer parameters).

We believe, that the hypothesis on valency of vertices (in dual terms, that the graph has no q-gonal faces with q > 6) in [Thur98] is unnecessary to his theory of parameter space. Also, we think, that his theory can be extended to the case of quadrangulations instead of triangulations.

In this paper, we focus mainly on the classes of plane graphs, which can be parametrized by *one* complex parameter, namely, by  $k + l\omega$  or k + li. For those classes, the *GC*-construction, defined below, fully describes them.

**Remark 2.1** (i) A natural number  $n = \prod_i p_i^{\alpha_i}$  admits a representation  $n = k^2 + l^2$  or  $n = k^2 + kl + l^2$  if and only if any  $\alpha_i$  is even, whenever  $p_i \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  (Fermat Theorem) or, respectively,  $p_i \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  (see, for example, [CoGu96] and [Con03]).

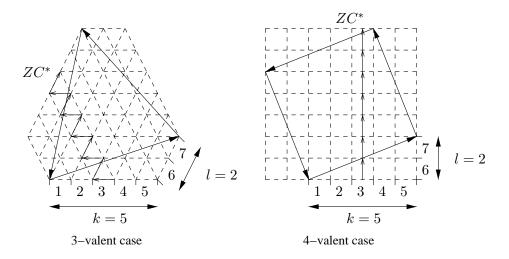


Figure 4: The master polygon and an oriented ZC-circuit for parameters k = 5, l = 2

(ii) One can have t(k, l) = t(k', l') with corresponding complex numbers z, z' not being C-associated. First cases with gcd(k, l) = gcd(k', l') = 1 are  $91 = 6^2 + 6 \times 5 + 5^2 = 9^2 + 9 + 1^2$  and  $65 = 8^2 + 1^2 = 7^2 + 4^2$ .

## 3 The Goldberg-Coxeter construction

First consider the 3-valent case. By duality, every 3-valent plane graph  $G_0$  can be transformed into a *triangulation*, i.e. into a plane graph whose faces are triangles only. The Goldberg-Coxeter construction with parameters k and l consists of subdividing every triangle of this triangulation into another set of faces according to Figure 4, which is defined by two integer parameters k, l. One can see that the obtained faces, if they are not triangles, can be glued with other non-triangle faces (coming from the subdivision of neighboring triangles) in order to form triangles; so, we end up with a new triangulation.

The triangle of Figure 4 has area  $\mathcal{A}(k^2 + kl + l^2)$  if  $\mathcal{A}$  is the area of a small triangle. By transforming every triangle of the initial triangulation in such way and gluing them, one obtains another triangulation, which we identify with a (dual) 3-valent plane graph and denote by  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$ . The number of vertices of  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  (if the initial graph  $G_0$ has *n* vertices) is nt(k, l) with  $t(k, l) = k^2 + kl + l^2$ .

For a 4-valent plane graph  $G_0$ , the duality operation transforms it into a quadrangulation and this initial quadrangulation is subdivided according to Figure 4, which is also defined by two integer parameters k, l. After merging the obtained non-square faces, one gets another quadrangulation and the duality operation yields graph  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  having nt(k, l) vertices with  $t(k, l) = k^2 + l^2$ .

In both 3- or 4-valent case, the faces of  $G_0$  correspond to some faces of  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  (see Figure 6 and 11). If t(k, l) > 1, then those faces are not adjacent.

The family  $GC_{k,l}(Dodecahedron)$  consists of all  $5_n$  having symmetry  $I_h$  or I (see [Gold37], [Cox71] and Theorem 5.2). There is large body of literature, where such *icosa*-

(k,l)	symmetry	capsid of virion
(1,0)	$I_h$	gemini virus
(1,1)	$I_h$	turnip yellow mosaic virus
(2,0)	$I_h$	he pathite B
(2,1)	I, laevo	HK97, rabbit papilloma virus
(1,2)	I, dextro	human wart virus
(3, 1)	I, laevo	rotavirus
(4, 0)	$I_h$	herpes virus, varicella
(5,0)	$I_h$	a denovirus
(6, 0)	$I_h$	HTLV-1
(6,3)?	I, laevo	HIV-1
(7,7)?	$I_h$	iridovirus

Table 4: Some capsides of viruses having form of icosahedral dual  $5_n$ , n = 20t(k, l)

hedral fullerenes appear as Fuller-inspired geodesic domes (in Architecture) and virus capsides (protein coats of virions, see [CaKl62]); see, for a survey, [Cox71] and [DDG98]. The Goldberg-Coxeter construction is also used in numerical analysis, i.e. for obtaining good triangulations of the sphere (see, for example [Sl099], [ScSw95]). In Table 4 are listed some examples illustrating present knowledge in this area; in Virology, the number t(k, l) (used for icosahedral fullerenes) is called *triangulation number*. In terms of Buckminster Fuller, the number k + l is called *frequency*, the case l = 0 is called *Alternate*, and the case l = k is called *Triacon*. He also called the GC-construction *Breakdown* of the initial plane graph  $G_0$ .

We will say, that a face has gonality q if it has q sides. A q-gonal face of a 3- (or 4-valent) graph  $G_0$  is called *of positive, zero, negative curvature* if q < 6 (or 4), q = 6 (or 4), q > 6 (or 4), respectively, according to the following Euler formula (a discrete analogue of the Gauss-Bonnet formula for surfaces) for 3- or 4-valent plane graphs:

$$\sum_{i \ge 1} (6-i)p_i = 12 \quad \text{or} \quad \sum_{i \ge 1} (4-i)p_i = 8, \text{respectively.}$$

**Proposition 3.1** Let  $G_0$  be a 3- or 4-valent plane graph and denote the graph  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$ also by  $GC_z(G_0)$ , where  $z = k + l\omega$  or z = k + li in 3- or 4-valent case, respectively. The following hold:

(i)  $GC_z(GC_{z'}(G_0)) = GC_{zz'}(G_0).$ 

(ii) If z and z' are two associated Eisenstein or Gaussian integers, then  $GC_z(G_0) = GC_{z'}(G_0)$ .

(iii)  $GC_{\overline{z}}(G_0) = GC_z(\overline{G_0})$ , where  $\overline{G_0}$  denotes the plane graph, which differ from  $G_0$  only by a plane symmetry; if  $\overline{G_0} = G_0$  (i.e.  $Rot(G_0) \neq Aut(G_0)$ ) and z, z' are two C-associated Eisenstein or Gaussian integers, then  $GC_z(G_0) = GC_{z'}(G_0)$ .

(iv) If  $G_0$  has no faces of zero curvature and if  $GC_{k,l}(G_0) = GC_{k',l'}(G_0)$  with  $0 \le l \le k$  and  $0 \le l' \le k'$ , then (k, l) = (k', l').

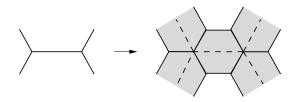


Figure 5: Chamfering seen locally

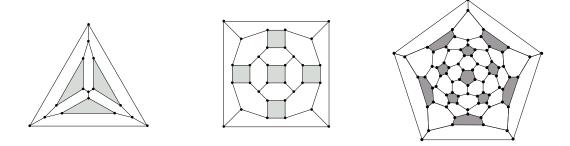


Figure 6: Chamfering  $GC_{2,0}(G_0)$  for  $G_0$  being Tetrahedron, Cube and Dodecahedron

**Proof.** (i) follows from the basic construction depicted in Figure 4, which is extended globally. (ii) also follows from this basic picture. Let  $G_0$  be a 3-valent plane graph, such that  $GC_{k,l}(G_0) = GC_{k',l'}(G_0)$ . Because of the equality for the numbers of vertices, one obtains t(k, l) = t(k', l'). The minimum distance between two faces of non-zero curvature in  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  is k + l; therefore, k + l = k' + l'. If one writes v = k' - k, then k' = k + v and l' = l - v. The equality t(k, l) = t(k', l') yields  $v(k - l) + v^2 = 0$  and so, (k', l') is (k, l) or (l, k). Only first case is possible. The 4-valent case can be treated in a similar way.  $\Box$ 

In particular, the condition  $k \equiv l \pmod{3}$  means, that the Eisenstein integer  $k+l\omega$  is factorizable by  $1+\omega$ , i.e. by the complex number corresponding to the leapfrog operation,  $GC_{1,1}$ . The condition  $k \equiv l \pmod{2}$  means, that the Gaussian integer k+li is factorizable by 1+i, i.e. by the complex number corresponding to the medial operation,  $GC_{1,1}$ . Note that  $k \equiv l \pmod{2}$  is equivalent to  $t(k, l) = (k - l)^2 + 2kl$  being even and  $k \equiv l \pmod{3}$ is equivalent to  $t(k, l) = (k - l)^2 + 3kl$  being divisible by three.

The above Proposition implies, that we can consider only the case  $0 \le l \le k$  in computations, since all considered graphs have a symmetry plane.

If l = 0, then  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  is called *k*-inflation of  $G_0$ . For k = 2, l = 0, it is called chamfering of  $G_0$  (because Goldberg called the result of his construction for (k, l) = (2, 0)on the Dodecahedron, chamfered dodecahedron, see Figure 5). Another case, interesting for Chemistry, is Capra i.e.,  $GC_{2,1}$  (see [Diu03]). All symmetries are preserved if l = 0or l = k, while only rotational symmetries are preserved if 0 < l < k. The Goldberg-Coxeter construction can be also defined, similarly, for maps on orientable surfaces. While the notions of medial, leapfrog and k-inflation go over for non-orientable surfaces, the Goldberg-Coxeter construction is not defined on a non-orientable surface.

The Goldberg-Coxeter construction for 3- or 4-valent plane graphs can be seen, in

algebraic terms, as the scalar multiplication by Eisenstein or Gaussian integers in the parameter space (see [Sah94]). More precisely,  $GC_{k,l}$  corresponds to multiplication by complex number  $k + l\omega$  or k + li in the 3- or 4-valent case, respectively.

In Proposition 3.2 and 3.3, we consider the ZC-structure of  $GC_{k,0}(G_0)$ , i.e. of k-inflation of  $G_0$ , in terms of the ZC-structure of  $G_0$  (See example  $G_0 = Trefoil$  in Figure 11).

**Proposition 3.2** Let  $G_0$  be a 3-valent plane graph with zigzags  $Z_1, \ldots, Z_p$ . Choose an orientation on every zigzag.

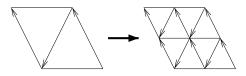
Let G' be the k-inflation of  $G_0$ . The graph G' has kp zigzags  $Z_{i,j}$  with  $1 \leq i \leq p$ and  $1 \leq j \leq k$ ; the length of every  $Z_{i,j}$  is k times the length of  $Z_i$ . The orientation on  $Z_i$ induces an orientation on k zigzags  $(Z_{i,j})_{1 \leq j \leq k}$ .

The intersection between  $Z_{i,j}$  and  $Z_{i',j'}$  is equal to the intersection between  $Z_i$  and  $Z_{i'}$ , to twice the self-intersection of  $Z_i$ , or to the self-intersection of  $Z_i$ , respectively, if  $i \neq i'$ , i = i and  $j \neq j'$ , or i = i' and j = j', respectively.

In particular, if the z-vector of  $G_0$  is  $\ldots, c_v^{n_v}, \ldots; \ldots, d_{v_{\alpha_{v1},\alpha_{v2}}}, \ldots$ , then the z-vector of G' is  $\ldots, kc_v^{kn_v}, \ldots; \ldots, kd_{v_{\alpha_{v1},\alpha_{v2}}}, \ldots$ .

If the intersection vector of  $Z_i$  is  $(a_i, b_i); i_1^{p_1}, \ldots, i_q^{p_q}$ , then the intersection vector of  $Z_{i,j}$  is  $(a_i, b_i); i_1^{kp_1}, \ldots, i_q^{kp_q}, (2a_i + 2b_i)^{k-1}$ .

**Proof.** Let us consider the 3-valent case. The z-structure of  $G_0^*$  differs from the one of  $G_0$  only by reversal of type I and type II. The local structure of zigzags changes according to the rule, which is exemplified by the picture below for the case k = 2.



This local picture can be extended to whole graph and we get kp zigzags. The statement about intersections follows easily.

The 4-valent case is much more complicate. Take a bipartition  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  of the face-set of a 4-valent plane graph  $G_0$ . This face-set corresponds to a subset of the face-set of  $GC_{k,0}$ . The graph  $(GC_{k,0}(G_0))^*$  is bipartite also; if k is even, then faces corresponding to  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  in  $GC_{k,0}(G_0)$ , are in the same part, while if k is odd, then they are in different parts (see Figure 7 for an example). By convention, we take a bipartition  $C'_1$ ,  $C'_2$  of the face-set of  $GC_{k,0}(G_0)$ , such that  $C'_1$  contains  $C_1$  (and also  $C_2$ , if k is even).

For a 4-valent plane graph  $G_0$ , the graph  $GC_{k,0}(G_0)$  coincides with the k-inflation defined in [DeSt03] and [DDS03].

**Proposition 3.3** Let  $G_0$  be a 4-valent plane graph with central circuits  $C_1, \ldots, C_p$ . Choose an orientation on every central circuit

Let G' be the k-inflation of  $G_0$ . Choose the bipartition  $C'_1$ ,  $C'_2$  of the faces of G' according to the above rule. The graph G' has kp central circuits  $C_{i,j}$  with  $1 \le i \le p$  and  $1 \le j \le k$ ; the length of every circuit  $C_{i,j}$  is k times the length of  $C_i$ .

We define now the orientation on the circuits  $C_{i,j}$  in the following way:

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- If  $1 \leq j \leq k-1$ , then  $C_{i,j}$  is oriented in the opposite way of  $C_{i,j+1}$ .
- If k is odd, then the central circuits  $C_{i,1}$  and  $C_{i,k}$  are oriented in the same direction as the central circuit  $C_i$ .
- If k is even, then there exist an orientation of all  $C_{i,j}$ , such that all intersections are of type II.

With this orientation one obtains that, if the intersection between  $C_i$  and  $C_{i'}$  is  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$  and  $i \neq i'$ , then the intersection between  $C_{i,j}$  and  $C_{i',j'}$  is equal to  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$  if k is odd and to  $(0, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2)$  if k is even. If the self-intersection of  $C_i$  is equal to  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$ , then the self-intersection of  $C_{i,j}$  is  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$ ,  $(0, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2)$  if k is odd, even, respectively, while the intersection between  $C_{i,j}$  and  $C_{i,j'}$  is  $(2\alpha_1, 2\alpha_2), (0, 2\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2)$  if k is odd, even, respectively.

In particular, if the CC-vector of  $G_0$  is  $\ldots, c_v^{n_v}, \ldots; \ldots, d_{v_{\alpha_{v_1},\alpha_{v_2}}}, \ldots$ , then the CC-vector of G' is  $\ldots, kc_v^{kn_v}, \ldots; \ldots, kd_{v_{\alpha_{v_1},\alpha_{v_2}}}, \ldots$ .

If the intersection vector of  $C_i$  is  $(a_i, b_i)$ ;  $i_1^{p_1}, \ldots, i_q^{p_q}$ , then the intersection vector of  $C_{i,j}$  is  $I_i$ ;  $i_1^{kp_1}, \ldots, i_q^{kp_q}$ ,  $(2a_i + 2b_i)^{k-1}$  with  $I_i = (0, a_i + b_i)$  if k is even and  $I_{i,i} = (a_i, b_i)$ , otherwise.

**Proof.** By definition of the k-inflation in [DDS03], every central circuit  $C_i$  of  $G_0$  corresponds to k central circuits of  $GC_{k,0}(G_0)$ .

If k is odd, then the central circuits  $C_{i,1}$  and  $C_{i,k}$  have the orientation of  $C_i$ ; hence, their pairwise intersection is the same. It is easy to see that the convention of orienting  $C_{i,j+1}$  in reverse to  $C_{i,j}$ , together with the "chess-like" structure of the bipartition  $C'_1$ ,  $C'_2$ , ensures that the intersection between  $C_{i,j}$  and  $C_{i',j'}$  is independent of j and j'.

The case of k even is more difficult. Every central circuit  $C_i$  corresponds to a set  $C_{i,1}, \ldots, C_{i,k}$  of central circuits. By choosing the orientation of  $C_{i,1}$ , one can assume that it is incident to faces of  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  on the left only. The vertices of the intersection between two (possibly, identical) central circuits  $C_{i,1}$  and  $C_{i',1}$  belong to faces of  $C_1$  or  $C_2$ . By the orientation convention, the intersection between  $C_{i,1}$  and  $C_{i',1}$  are of type II. By the opposition of orientation between  $C_{i,j}$  and  $C_{i,j+1}$ , the type of vertices of intersection between  $C_{i,j}$  and  $C_{i',j'}$  is independent of j and j'. In particular,  $C_{i,k}$  will also be incident on the left only to faces of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ .

The result on intersection vector follow easily.

The chosen orientation is necessary for obtaining the above result on intersection vectors; see Figure 7 for an illustration of this point.

## 4 The moving group and the (k, l)-product

Given a group  $\Gamma$  acting on a set X, the *stabilizer* (also called *isotropy group*) of an element  $x \in X$  is the set of elements  $g \in \Gamma$ , such that gx = x. The action is called *transitive* if for every  $x, y \in X$  there exist an element  $g \in \Gamma$ , such that gx = y. The *order* of an element  $u \in \Gamma$  is the smallest integer s > 0, such that  $u^s = Id$ . The action is called *free* if the stabilizer of each element of X is trivial.

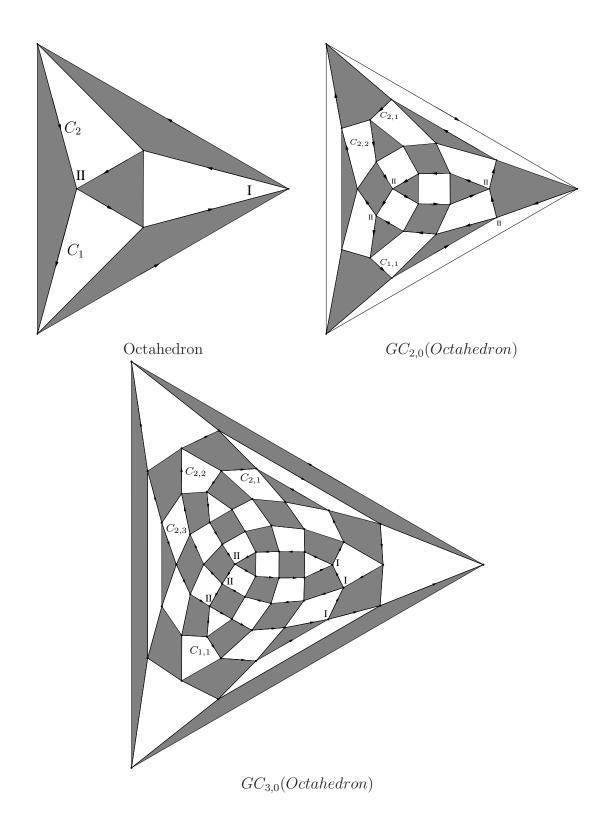


Figure 7: Two central circuits  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  in Octahedron and  $C_{1,1}$ ,  $(C_{2,i})_{1 \le i \le k}$  in  $GC_{k,0}(Octahedron)$  for k = 2, 3

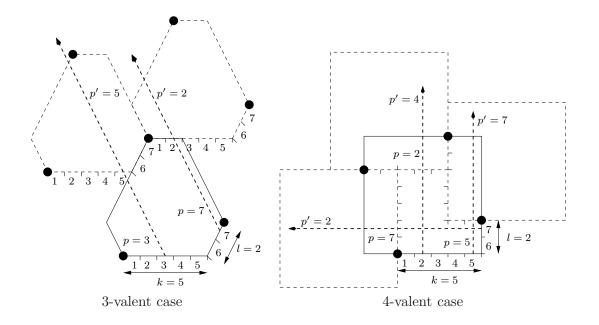


Figure 8: The position mapping  $PM(G_0)$ 

**Lemma 4.1** If  $k, l \ge 0$ , then the mapping

$$\begin{cases} \phi_{k,l} : \{1, \dots, k+l\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, k+l\} \\ u \mapsto \begin{cases} u+l & if \quad u \in \{1, \dots, k\} \\ u-k & if \quad u \in \{k+1, \dots, k+l\} \end{cases}$$

is bijective and periodic with period k + l; moreover, the successive images of any  $x \in \{1, \ldots, k+l\}$  cover entirely the set  $\{1, \ldots, k+l\}$  of integers.

**Proof.** If one takes addition modulo k + l, then one can write  $\phi_{k,l}(u) = u + l$ ; the lemma follows.

Let  $G_0$  be a 3- or 4-valent graph. We call *master polygon* a triangle or a square face of  $G_0^*$  (see Figure 4). A *directed edge* is an edge of a master polygon with a fixed direction; the set of directed edges is denoted by  $\mathcal{DE}$ . Given a directed edge  $\overrightarrow{e}$ , its *reverse* (i.e. the one with the same vertices, but opposite direction) is denoted by  $\overleftarrow{e}$ .

Any ZC-circuit ZC of  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$ , with an orientation, corresponds to a zigzag or a railroad of the dual  $G_0^*$ , which we denote  $ZC^*$ . If some edges of  $ZC^*$  belong to a master polygon, then the orientation of  $ZC^*$  determines an entering edge and this entering edge is canonically oriented by  $ZC^*$  (see Figure 4).

If  $\overrightarrow{e}$  is a directed edge and  $ZC^*$  go across  $\overrightarrow{e}$ , then the position p of  $ZC^*$ , relatively to  $\overrightarrow{e}$ , is defined as the number of the edge, contained in  $ZC^*$ , as numbered in Figure 4; the position of the circuit  $ZC^*$ , drawn in Figure 4, is 3. The directed edge, together with its position, determines the circuit  $ZC^*$  and its orientation.

Take a circuit  $ZC^*$  and a pair  $(\overrightarrow{e}, p)$  with  $\overrightarrow{e}$  being a directed edge and p being the position of  $ZC^*$ . The directed edge  $\overrightarrow{e}$  determines a master polygon P, and the next

master polygon P' (to which  $ZC^*$  belongs) determines a pair  $(\overrightarrow{e}', p')$ . The following equation is a key to all construction that follows:

$$p' = \phi_{k,l}(p) \; .$$

This equation can be checked on Figure 8 by examining all cases.

The mapping  $(\overrightarrow{e}, p) \mapsto (\overrightarrow{e}', p')$  is called the *position mapping* and denoted by  $PM(G_0)$ .

Since the function  $\phi_{k,l}$  is (k+l)-periodic by Lemma 4.1, one obtains, for any  $(\overrightarrow{e}, p)$ , the relation  $PM(G_0)^{k+l}(\overrightarrow{e}, p) = (\overrightarrow{e''}, p)$  with  $\overrightarrow{e''} \in \mathcal{DE}$ ; let us call *iterated p-position* mapping and denote by  $IPM_p(G_0, k, l)$  the function

$$\left\{\begin{array}{ccc} IPM_p(G_0,k,l):\mathcal{DE} & \to & \mathcal{DE} \\ & \overrightarrow{e} & \mapsto & \overrightarrow{e'} \end{array}\right.$$

Given a circuit  $ZC^*$ , let  $(\overrightarrow{e}, 1)$  be a possible pair of it. Call the *order* of  $ZC^*$  and denote by Ord(ZC) the smallest integer s, such that  $IPM_1(G_0, k, l)^s \overrightarrow{e} = \overrightarrow{e}$ .

**Theorem 4.2** If  $G_0$  is a 3- or 4-valent plane graph without faces of zero curvature and gcd(k, l) = 1, then  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  is tight.

**Proof.** Take a ZC-circuit ZC of  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$ . The successive pairs of ZC are denoted by  $(\vec{e}_1, p_1), \ldots, (\vec{e}_M, p_M)$  with M = (k+l)Ord(ZC). By the computations done above,  $p_{i+1} = \phi_{k,l}(p_i)$ .

By Lemma 4.1, there exist  $i_0$  and  $i_1$ , such that  $p_{i_0} = 1$  and  $p_{i_1} = k + l$ . First case corresponds to an incidence on the left to a face of non-zero curvature, while the second case corresponds to an incidence on the right.

**Remark 4.3** If amongst faces of  $G_0$  there is one of zero curvature, then, in general,  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  is not tight if gcd(k,l) = 1. For the case of  $G_0 = Prism_6$ , we expect, that  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  is tight if and only if gcd(k,l) = 1.

**Definition 4.4** Let  $G_0$  be a 3- or 4-valent plane graph.

(i) In 3-valent case, define two mappings L and R, which associate to a given directed edge  $\overrightarrow{e} \in \mathcal{DE}$  the directed edges  $L(\overrightarrow{e})$  and  $R(\overrightarrow{e})$ , according to Figure 9.

(ii) In 4-valent case, define the mappings  $g_1$ ,  $g_2$  and  $g_3$ , which associate to a given directed edge  $\overrightarrow{e} \in \mathcal{DE}$  the directed edges  $g_1(\overrightarrow{e})$ ,  $g_2(\overrightarrow{e})$  and  $g_3(\overrightarrow{e})$ , according to Figure 9. Also define  $L = g_1$  and  $R = g_3 \circ g_2 \circ g_1^{-1}$ , where  $\circ$  denotes composition operation.

Fix a directed edge  $\overrightarrow{e} \in \mathcal{DE}$  and a position  $p \in \{1, \dots, k+l\}$ . The following hold: (i) In 3-valent case,  $PM(G_0)(\overrightarrow{e}, p) = (\overrightarrow{e'}, \phi_{k,l}(p))$  with  $\overrightarrow{e'} = L(\overrightarrow{e})$  or  $R(\overrightarrow{e})$ ,

(i) In 3-valent case,  $FM(G_0)(e, p) = (e, \phi_{k,l}(p))$  with e = L(e) of R(e), according to  $p \in \{1, \dots, k\}$  or  $\{k+1, \dots, k+l\}$ .

(*ii*) In 4-valent case,  $PM(G_0)(\overrightarrow{e}, p) = (\overrightarrow{e}', \phi_{k,l}(p))$  with  $\overrightarrow{e}' = g_1(\overrightarrow{e}), g_2(\overrightarrow{e})$  or  $g_3(\overrightarrow{e}), according to p \in \{1, \dots, k-l\}, \{k-l+1, \dots, k\}$  or  $\{k+1, \dots, k+l\}.$ 

Define directed edge moving group (in short, moving group)  $Mov(G_0)$  to be the permutation group of the set  $\mathcal{DE}$ , which is generated by L and R.

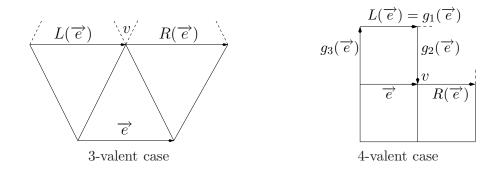


Figure 9: The first and the second mapping

**Theorem 4.5** For any ZC-circuit ZC of  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  with gcd(k,l) = 1, the following hold: length(ZC) = 2t(k,l)Ord(ZC) if  $G_0$  is 3-valent and length(ZC) = t(k,l)Ord(ZC) if  $G_0$  is 4-valent.

**Proof.** Let us consider the 4-valent case. Given a central circuit C, one can consider the sequence of successive pairs  $(\overrightarrow{e}_1, p_1), \ldots, (\overrightarrow{e}_M, p_M)$  with M = (k+l)Ord(C). To every directed edge  $\overrightarrow{e}_i$ , one can associate a master square, say,  $SQ_i$ . Moreover, C can be interpreted as a sequence of squares in the dual graph  $(GC_{k,l}(G_0))^*$ . So, to every pair  $(\overrightarrow{e}_i, p_i)$  one can associate the area  $A_i$  of the set of squares in  $SQ_i$  between pair  $(\overrightarrow{e}_i, p_i)$ and pair  $(\overrightarrow{e}_{i+1}, p_{i+1})$ . The sets, corresponding to area  $A_1, \ldots, A_{k+l}$ , can be moved to form a full square of area  $t(k, l) = k^2 + l^2$ , according to Figure 10. This can be done Ord(C)times. So, the length of C is equal to t(k, l)Ord(C).

In the 3-valent case, the situation is a bit more complicated: for every directed edge  $\overrightarrow{e_i}$ , we define a master triangle, say,  $T_i$ . There is only one triangle  $T_{1,i}$ , adjacent to  $T_i$  and having the directed edge  $L(\overrightarrow{e_i})$ , and only one triangle  $T_{2,i}$ , adjacent to  $T_i$  and having the directed edge  $R(\overrightarrow{e_i})$ . The directed edges  $L(\overrightarrow{e_i})$  and  $R(\overrightarrow{e_i})$  are parallel to the directed edge  $\overrightarrow{e_i}$ . The area  $A_i$  is equal to the area of the set of triangles, which belong to the zigzag going between directed edge  $\overrightarrow{e_i}$  and  $L(\overrightarrow{e_i})$ ,  $R(\overrightarrow{e_i})$ . Those areas can be moved to form a parallelogram (the union of two triangles) of area 2t(k, l). So, the length of Z is 2t(k, l)Ord(Z).  $\Box$ 

We call partition vectors and denote by [z], [CC] or, in general, [ZC] the vector obtained from z-vectors and CC-vectors by dividing each length by 2t(k, l) and t(k, l), respectively (we remove the subscripts specifying self-intersections of different type). In fact, the sum of the components of [ZC]-vector of any  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  is the number of edges of  $G_0$ .

**Theorem 4.6** Let  $G_0$  be a plane graph; define s = 6 or 4 if  $G_0$  is 3- or 4-valent, respectively. The action of  $Mov(G_0)$  splits  $D\mathcal{E}$  into w orbits of equal size, where w denotes the greatest common divisor of gonalities of all faces of  $G_0$  and of s. The orbit decomposition is as follow:

(i) If w = 2, then for every face F of  $G_0^*$ , denote by DE(F) the set of its directed edges having F on the left.  $G_0^*$  is bipartite; denote by  $\mathcal{F}_1$  and  $\mathcal{F}_2$  their corresponding sets of faces. The sets  $\mathcal{DE}_i$  of directed edges of faces of  $\mathcal{F}_i$  form the orbits of the action of  $Mov(G_0)$  on  $\mathcal{DE}$ .

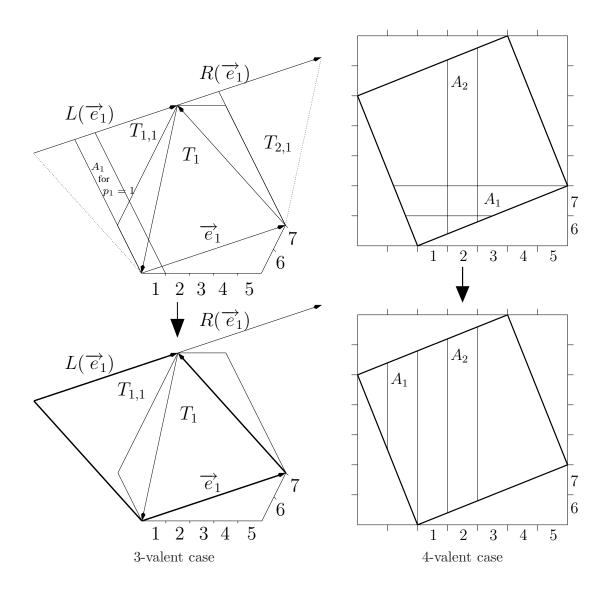


Figure 10: The area covered by ZC-circuits

(ii) If w = 3 and  $G_0$  is 3-valent, then there is a tripartition of  $\mathcal{DE}$  into 3 orbits  $O_1$ ,  $O_2$ ,  $O_3$ , such that if  $\overrightarrow{e} \in O_i$ , then its reverse  $\overleftarrow{e}$  is also in  $O_i$ . (iii) In other cases, there is only one orbit.

**Proof.** We will work in  $G_0^*$ . If  $G_0^*$  is 4-valent, then fix a square, say, sq of  $G_0^*$ . Any directed edge of  $G_0^*$  can be moved to a directed edge of sq or its reverse. Moreover, if  $\vec{e}$  has sq on its right, then  $L^{-1}(\vec{e})$  has sq on its left. So, any directed edge is equivalent to a directed edge of DE(sq). Hence, there are at most 4 orbits of directed edges. Any directed edge can be moved using L and R, to a directed edge incident to a fixed vertex v. So, in the case of 4 orbits, the minimal valency is at least 4, which is impossible by Euler formula. Therefore, there is 1 or 2 orbits of directed edges.

If  $G_0$  is 3-valent, then fix a triangle, say,  $\Delta$  of  $G_0^*$ . Any directed edge of  $G_0^*$  can be moved to a directed edge of  $DE(\Delta)$  or to its reverse. So, there are at most 6 orbits of directed edges. Any directed edge can be moved using L and R to a directed edge incident to a fixed vertex v. So, in the case of 6 orbits, the minimal valency is at least 6, which is impossible by Euler formula. So, there are 1, 2 or 3 orbits of faces.

If all faces have even gonality, then  $G_0^*$  is bipartite and the corresponding bipartition of faces  $\mathcal{F}_1 = \{F_1, \ldots\}, \mathcal{F}_2 = \{F'_1, \ldots\}$  induces a bipartition of  $\mathcal{DE}$  by  $\{DE(F_1), \ldots\}$  and  $\{DE(F'_1), \ldots\}$ . So, there are two orbits and, given a directed edge  $\vec{e}$ , its reverse belongs to the other orbit. If some faces have odd gonality and  $G_0$  is 4-valent, then there is no such bipartition and so, there is only one orbit. In 3-valent case, if  $\vec{e}$  is in orbit, say, O, then its reverse is also in O and one can identify pairs of opposite directed edges with edges.

Take an edge, say,  $e = \{v, v'\}$  in  $G_0^*$ , and denote by O the orbit, to which it belongs. We will prove, that O contains one third of all edges. By hypothesis, v and v' have valency divisible by 3. By successive iteration of  $L \circ R^{-1}$ , one gets that at least one third of all edges, incident to v, belong to O. This yields that O contains at least one third of all edges. Now, let us prove that for each vertex, exactly one third of all edges belong to O. Let us take a vertex v incident to two edges  $e, e' \in O$ , which are adjacent; so, at least two third of all edges, which are incident to v, are in O. By hypothesis, there exists a path of edges  $e = e_1, \ldots, e_N = e'$ , such that  $e_{i+1}$ , is obtained by application of L or R, the rotation  $L \circ R^{-1}$ ,  $R^{-1} \circ L$ , or their inverses. One can assume the path to be of minimal length; this imply that the sequence has no self-intersection. The contradiction arises by application of the Euler formula. So, there are three orbits.

**Theorem 4.7** If  $G_0$  is a 3- or 4-valent plane graph, then  $Mov(G_0)$  is commutative if and only if the graph  $G_0$  is either a  $2_n$ , a  $3_n$ , or a 4-hedrite.

**Proof.** In 3-valent case, one can see from Figure 9, that  $L \circ R(\overrightarrow{e}) = R \circ L(\overrightarrow{e})$  if and only if v has valency 2, 3 or 6. In dual terms, it corresponds to  $G_0$  having 2-, 3- or 6-gonal faces only. Euler formula  $12 = 4p_2 + 3p_3$  for 3-valent plane graphs have solutions  $(p_2, p_3) = (3, 0)$  or (0, 4) only.

In 4-valent case, the equality  $L \circ R(\overrightarrow{e}) = R \circ L(\overrightarrow{e})$  holds if and only if the vertex v in Figure 9 is 2- or 4-valent. A 4-valent plane graph with all faces being 2- or 4-gons, is exactly a 4-hedrite.

**Remark 4.8** The problem of generating every graph in the three classes of the above Theorem has been solved:

- All  $2_n$  come by the Goldberg-Coxeter construction from the Bundle (see [GrZa74]).
- All  $3_n$  are described in [GrünMo63] (see also [DeDu02], where it is recalled).
- All 4-hedrites are described in [DeSt03] (see also [DDS03], where it is recalled).

Moreover, no other general classes of graphs  $q_n$  or *i*-hedrites is known to admit such simple descriptions.

Given a pair  $(k, l) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ , define the residual group  $\operatorname{Res}_{k,l}$  to be the quotient of  $A_2$  or  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  (seen as a group) by the sub-group generated by complex numbers  $k + l\omega$ ,  $\omega(k + l\omega)$  or, respectively, k + li, i(k + li).

**Conjecture 4.9** (i) The group  $Mov(G_0)$  is isomorphic to a subgroup of  $Mov(GC_{k,l}(G_0))$ . (ii) If  $Mov(G_0)$  is commutative, then  $Mov(GC_{k,l}(G_0))$  is also commutative and

 $Mov(GC_{k,l}(G_0))/Mov(G_0)$  is isomorphic to  $Res_{k,l}$ . (iii) If  $G_0$  is a graph  $3_n$  (respectively, a 4-hedrite), such that  $G_0 \neq GC_{k,l}(G_1)$  for  $G_1$  being any other graph  $3_n$  (respectively, any other 4-hedrite), then  $Mov(G_0)$  has  $\frac{n^2}{4}$  (respectively,  $n^2$ ) elements.

(iv) A corollary of (iii): all orders of moving groups are the numbers  $\frac{n^2}{4t(k,l)}$  (respectively,  $\frac{n^2}{t(k,l)}$ ) with t(k,l) dividing  $\frac{n}{4}$  (respectively,  $\frac{n}{2}$ ) for  $3_n$  (respectively, for 4-hedrites).

**Remark 4.10** The order of the group  $Mov(GC_{k,l}(G_0))$  seems to depend on (k, l) in a complicate way and  $Mov(G_0)$  is not, in general, a normal subgroup of  $Mov(GC_{k,l}(G_0))$ .

The following definition of (k, l)-product can be considered for any group  $\Gamma$ , but in this paper we used it only for the case, when  $\Gamma$  is a moving group of some 3- or 4-valent plane graph  $G_0$ . It seems to us, that the majority of notions of this Section are new in both, combinatorial and algebraic, contexts. However, an analogous expression of this product itself was proposed in [No87], on the Fisher-Griess Monster group.

**Definition 4.11** (the (k, l)-product) Let  $\Gamma$  be a group and  $g_1$ ,  $g_2$  be two of its elements. Given a pair  $(k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^2$  with gcd(k, l) = 1, define an element of  $\Gamma$  be their (k, l)-product (and denote it by  $g_1 \odot_{k,l} g_2$ ) in the following way:

Define inductively the sequence  $(p_0, \ldots, p_{k+l})$  by  $p_0 = 1$ ,  $p_i = \phi_{k,l}(p_{i-1})$ . Set  $S_i = g_1$  if  $p_i - p_{i-1} = l$  and  $S_i = g_2$  if  $p_i - p_{i-1} = -k$ ; then set

$$g_1 \odot_{k,l} g_2 = S_{k+l} \ldots S_2 S_1 .$$

By convention, set  $g_1 \odot_{1,0} g_2 = g_1$  and  $g_1 \odot_{0,1} g_2 = g_2$ .

In the following Theorem, the above formalism is used to translate the Goldberg-Coxeter construction in terms of representation of permutations as product of cycles.

For an element  $u \in Mov(G_0)$ , denote by ZC(u) the vector  $\ldots, c_k^{m_k}, \ldots$  with multiplicities  $m_k$  being the half of the number of cycles of length  $c_k$  in the permutation uacting on the set  $\mathcal{DE}$ . For S a subset of  $Mov(G_0)$ , denote by ZC(S) the set of all ZC(u)with  $u \in S$ . **Theorem 4.12** Let  $G_0$  be a 3- or 4-valent plane graph. The following hold: (i)  $IPM_1(G_0, k, l) = L \odot_{k,l} R$  and (ii) the partition vector [ZC] of  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  is ZC(u) with  $u = IPM_1(G_0, k, l)$ .

**Proof.** In 3-valent case the result follows from the very definition of  $IPM_1(G_0, k, l)$ . In 4-valent case, the situation is a bit more complicated. Given a sequence of positions  $(p_0, p_1, \ldots, p_{k+l}), S_i = g_1, g_2, g_3$ , according to  $p_{i-1} \in \{1, \ldots, k-l\}, \{k-l+1, \ldots, k\}, \{k+1, \ldots, k+l\}$ , and it holds  $IPM_1(G_0, k, l) = S_{k+l} \circ \cdots \circ S_2 \circ S_1$ .

Any multiplication by  $g_2$  is followed by a multiplication by  $g_3$ ; hence, the relation  $IPM_1(G_0, k, l) = g_1 \odot_{k,l} g_3 \circ g_2 \circ g_1^{-1} = L \odot_{k,l} R.$ 

Take any ZC-circuit ZC and define its sequence of pairs as  $(\vec{e}_1, p_1), \ldots, (\vec{e}_M, p_M)$ . It holds M = (k+l)Ord(ZC) and the values  $p_i = 1, k+l$  appear Ord(ZC) times. If one reverses the orientation on ZC, then the corresponding sequence of pairs is  $(\overleftarrow{e}_M, k+l+1-p_M), \ldots, (\overleftarrow{e}_1, k+l+1-p_1)$  with  $\overleftarrow{e}_i$  being the reverse directed edge of  $\overrightarrow{e}_i$ . It implies, that to every ZC-circuit of length Ord(ZC) correspond two cycles:

$$(IPM_1(G_0,k,l)^i \overrightarrow{e}_1)_{0 \le i \le Ord(ZC)-1}$$
 and  $(IPM_1(G_0,k,l)^i \overleftarrow{e}_M)_{0 \le i \le Ord(ZC)-1}$ ,

both of length Ord(ZC).

**Remark 4.13** The following hold:

(i)  $g_1 \odot_{1,1} g_2 = g_2 g_1$ ,  $g_1 \odot_{k,1} g_2 = g_2 g_1^k$  and  $g_1 \odot_{k,k-1} g_2 = (g_2 g_1)^{k-1} g_1$ . (ii)  $g_1 \odot_{2q+1,2} g_2 = g_1 (g_1^q g_2)^2$  for any integer q.

The Proposition below gives Euclid algorithm formulas, which can be used to compute  $g_1 \odot_{k,l} g_2$  in an efficient way.

**Proposition 4.14** If  $(k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^2$  with gcd(k, l) = 1, then the following hold: (i) If q is an integer, then it holds:

$$\begin{cases} g_1 \odot_{k,l} g_2 &= g_1 \odot_{k-ql,l} g_2 g_1^q & \text{if } k-ql \ge 0, \\ g_1 \odot_{k,l} g_2 &= g_2^q g_1 \odot_{k,l-qk} g_2 & \text{if } l-qk \ge 0. \end{cases}$$

(*ii*) 
$$\{g_1 \odot_{k,l} g_2\}^{-1} = g_2^{-1} \odot_{l,k} g_1^{-1}$$
.  
(*iii*)  $g_1 \odot_{k,l} g_2 = g_1^k g_2^l$  if  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  commute.  
(*iv*)  $g_1 \odot_{k,l} g_2 \neq Id$  if  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  do not commute.

**Proof.** (i) and (ii) can be obtained by writing down the expressions on both sides and identification. The properties (i) and (ii) allow to compute  $g_1 \odot_{k,l} g_2$  by applying the Euclid algorithm to the pair (k, l); at each step of Euclid algorithm, the pair  $(g_1, g_2)$  is modified into another pair  $(g'_1, g'_2)$ . It follows from (i) and (ii), that  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  do not commute; so, at any step of the computation, the pair of elements will not commute. Therefore, it is not possible that  $g_1 \odot_{k,l} g_2 = Id$ , since Id commutes with every element and it yields the commutativity of  $g_1$  and  $g_2$ .

**Corollary 4.15** If partition vector [ZC] of  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  is  $1^p$  for one pair (k,l), then  $Mov(G_0)$  is commutative.

**Proof.** The partition vector  $1^p$  corresponds to  $IPM_1(G_0, k, l) = Id$ ; Theorem 4.14 (iv) yields that  $Mov(G_0)$  is commutative.

**Remark 4.16** The only known example of graph  $G_0$ , such that partition vector [ZC] of  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  can be  $1^p$ , is the Bundle.

**Proposition 4.17** Let  $\Gamma = \langle g_1, g_2 \rangle$  be a group, generated by two elements  $g_1$  and  $g_2$ , and let K be a proper normal subgroup of  $\Gamma$ . Let  $(k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^2$  with gcd(k, l) = 1. The following hold:

(i) If  $\Gamma/K$  is non-commutative, then  $g_1 \odot_{k,l} g_2 \notin K$ .

(ii) If  $\Gamma/K$  is commutative and  $\overline{g_2} = \overline{g_1}^{-1}$  (with  $\overline{x} = xK$ ), then  $g_1 \odot_{k,l} g_2 \in K$  if and only if  $k - l \equiv 0$  modulo the index of K in  $\Gamma$ .

(iii) Denote by  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  the orders of  $\overline{g_1}$  and  $\overline{g_2}$ , respectively, considered as group elements. Assume that the following properties hold:

- $\Gamma/K$  is commutative,
- $gcd(n_1, n_2) > 1$ ,
- the mapping

$$\begin{split} \Psi : \mathbb{Z}_{n_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{n_2} & \to & \Gamma/K \\ (k,l) & \mapsto & \overline{L}^k \overline{R}^l \; . \end{split}$$

is an isomorphism.

Then  $g_1 \odot_{k,l} g_2 \notin K$  for every k, l with gcd(k, l) = 1.

**Proof.** The (k, l)-product goes over to the quotient, i.e.  $\overline{g_1 \odot_{k,l} g_2} = \overline{g_1} \odot_{k,l} \overline{g_2}$ ; so, (i) follows from 4.14 (iii).

If the quotient is commutative, then  $\overline{g_1 \odot_{k,l} g_2} = \overline{g_1}^k \overline{g_2}^l = \overline{g_1}^{k-l}$ . The quotient is generated by  $\overline{g_1}$ ; so, (ii) follows.

In case (iii),  $g_1 \odot_{k,l} g_2 \in K$  if and only if  $\overline{g_1}^k \overline{g_2}^l = 1$ , i.e. k and l are, respectively, divisible by  $n_1$  and  $n_2$ . By the condition gcd(k, l) = 1, this implies k = l = 0.  $\Box$ 

#### 4.1 The stabilizer group

Denote by  $\mathcal{P}(G_0)$  the set of all pairs  $(g_1, g_2)$  with  $g_i \in Mov(G_0)$ . Denote by  $U_{g_1,g_2}$  the smallest subset of  $\mathcal{P}(G_0)$ , containing the pair  $(g_1, g_2) \in \mathcal{P}(G_0)$ , which is stable by the operations  $(x, y) \mapsto (x, yx)$  and  $(x, y) \mapsto (yx, y)$ .

**Theorem 4.18** If  $G_0$  is a 3- or 4-valent plane graph, then it holds:

(i) The sequence of subsets  $U_{i,L,R}$ , defined by  $U_{0,L,R} = \{(L,R)\}$  and

 $U_{n+1,L,R} = \{(v,w), (v,wv), (wv,w) \text{ with } (v,w) \in U_{n,L,R}\},\$ 

satisfy to  $U_{n,L,R} = U_{L,R}$  for n large enough.

(ii) The set of all possible [ZC]-vectors of  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  is the set formed by all partition vectors ZC(v) and ZC(w) with  $(v, w) \in U_{L,R}$ .

**Proof.** Since  $G_0$  is finite,  $Mov(G_0)$  is finite and so,  $U_{L,R}$  too. The sequence  $(U_{n,L,R})_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  is increasing and so, by finiteness, there exists an  $n_0$ , such that  $U_{n_0,L,R} = U_{n_0+1,L,R}$ . By construction, the set  $U_{n_0,L,R}$  is stable by the operations  $(x, y) \mapsto (x, yx)$ , (yx, y), which yields (i).

Fix a pair  $(k, l) \in \mathbb{N}^2$  with gcd(k, l) = 1. By successive applications of Proposition 4.14 (i), one obtains  $L \odot_{k,l} R = g_1 \odot_{1,0} g_2$  or  $g_1 \odot_{0,1} g_2$  with  $(g_1, g_2) \in U_{L,R}$ . So,  $L \odot_{k,l} R = g_1$  or  $g_2$ . Hence, the possible [ZC]-vectors of  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  are obtained from  $g_1$  or  $g_2$ . On the other hand, if  $(g_1, g_2) \in U_{L,R}$ , then, by reversing the process described in (i), that led to  $(g_1, g_2)$ , one obtains two pairs  $(k_i, l_i) \in \mathbb{N}^2$ ,  $gcd(k_i, l_i) = 1$  (with i = 1 or 2), such that  $L \odot_{k_i, l_i} R = g_i$ .

The modular group  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  is the group of all  $2 \times 2$  integral matrices of determinant 1. This group is generated by the matrices  $T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $U = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ . The group  $PSL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  is the quotient of  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  by its center  $\{I_2, -I_2\}$  with  $I_2$  being the identity matrix. The matrices T and U satisfy to  $T^2 = -I_2$  and  $U^3 = I_2$ .

**Lemma 4.19** (i) The group  $PSL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  is isomorphic to the group generated by two elements x, y subject to the relations:

$$x^2 = Id \text{ and } y^3 = Id$$
.

(ii) The group  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  is isomorphic to the group generated by two elements x, y subject to the relations:

$$x^4 = Id, \ x^2y = yx^2 \ and \ y^3 = Id$$

**Proof.** (i) is proved in [Ne72]. In order to prove (ii), we will use (i) and the surjective mapping

$$\phi: SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \to PSL_2(\mathbb{Z}) M \mapsto \{M, -M\} .$$

Let  $W = I_2$  be a word in letters T and U. Write  $W = S_1^{n_1} \dots S_N^{n_N}$  with  $S_i = T$ , U if i is odd, even, respectively. Using the relation  $T^4 = I_2$  and  $U^3 = I_2$ , one can assume that  $n_i \in \{1, 2, 3\}, n_i \in \{1, 2\}$  if i is odd, even, respectively. Using the relation  $T^2U = UT^2$ , one can reduce ourselves to the case of  $n_i = 1$  if i odd and greater than 1. Using the morphism  $\phi$  and the property (i), one obtains  $m_i = 0$  if i is even. So, the expression can be rewritten as  $T^h = I_2$ .

#### **Definition 4.20** Let $\Gamma$ be a group.

(i) Let  $\mathcal{P}(\Gamma)$  be the set of all pairs  $(g_1, g_2)$  of elements of  $\Gamma$ .

(ii) The derived group  $D(\Gamma)$  is defined as the group generated by all  $uvu^{-1}v^{-1}$  with  $u, v \in \Gamma$ ; it is a normal subgroup of  $\Gamma$  and it is trivial if and only if  $\Gamma$  is commutative. (iii) The group  $D(\Gamma)$  acts on  $\Gamma$  and  $\mathcal{P}(\Gamma)$  in the following way:

$$\begin{cases} Int: D(\Gamma) \times \Gamma \to \Gamma \\ (a,g) \mapsto Int_a(g) = aga^{-1}, \\ Int: D(\Gamma) \times \mathcal{P}(\Gamma) \to \mathcal{P}(\Gamma) \\ (a,(g_1,g_2)) \mapsto Int_a(g_1,g_2) = (Int_a(g_1), Int_a(g_2)) \end{cases}$$

The set of equivalence classes of  $\mathcal{P}(\Gamma)$  under this action is denoted by  $\mathcal{CP}(\Gamma)$ .

The mappings  $Int_a$  are automorphisms, which are usually called *interior*.

**Theorem 4.21** There exists a group action

$$\phi: SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \times \mathcal{CP}(\Gamma) \to \mathcal{CP}(\Gamma) (M,c) \mapsto \phi(M)c ,$$

such that if  $\phi(M)(g_1, g_2) = (h_1, h_2)$ , then  $g_1 \odot_{(k,l)M} g_2$  is conjugated to  $h_1 \odot_{k,l} h_2$ , where (k, l)M = (ak + cl, bk + dl) for  $M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Proof.** Let us define:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \phi(T)(g_1,g_2) &=& (g_2,g_2g_1^{-1}g_2^{-1}) = Int_{g_2}(g_2,g_1^{-1}) \text{ and} \\ \phi(U)(g_1,g_2) &=& (g_2,g_2g_1^{-1}g_2^{-2}) = Int_{g_2}(g_2,g_1^{-1}g_2^{-1}) \ . \end{array}$$

This defines mappings from  $\mathcal{P}(\Gamma)$  to  $\mathcal{P}(\Gamma)$  and so, mappings from  $\mathcal{CP}(\Gamma)$  to  $\mathcal{CP}(\Gamma)$ .

If  $M \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  then one can find an expression  $M = S_1 \dots S_N$  with  $S_i = T$  or Uand define:

$$\phi(M) : \mathcal{CP}(\Gamma) \to \mathcal{CP}(\Gamma)$$
  
$$c \mapsto \phi(M)c = \phi(S_1) \dots \phi(S_N)c .$$

In order to prove, that  $\phi$  is well defined, one needs to prove the independence of  $\phi(M)$ , over the different expressions of M, in terms of T and U. By standard, but tedious, computations one gets, using the definition of  $\phi(T)$  and  $\phi(U)$ :

$$\begin{cases} \phi(T)^4(g_1,g_2) &= \phi(U)^3(g_1,g_2) = Int_{g_2g_1^{-1}g_2^{-1}g_1}(g_1,g_2), \\ \phi(U)\phi(T)^2(g_1,g_2) &= \phi(T)^2\phi(U)(g_1,g_2). \end{cases}$$

The above computations prove the independence of  $\phi(M)$  over the different possible expressions of M, since, by Lemma 4.19, all relations, satisfied by T and U, are generated by  $T^4 = U^3 = I_2$  and  $T^2U = UT^2$ . One obtains the relation  $\phi(MM') = \phi(M)\phi(M')$  by concatenating two expressions of M and M' in terms of T and U.

One gets 
$$\phi\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1\\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (g_2g_1, g_2)$$
 and  $\phi\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0\\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (g_1, g_2g_1)$ , which yields the

asked relation for the matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Since those matrices generate  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ , the relation is always true.

Note that the (k, l)-product  $g_1 \odot_{k,l} g_2$  is defined for every pair (k, l) with  $k \ge 0, l \ge 0$ and gcd(k, l) = 1. Using the matrices T or U, one can extend it for every pair (k, l) with gcd(k, l) = 1, keeping in mind the important fact, that it is defined only up to conjugacy. The obtained extension still denoted  $g_1 \odot_{k,l} g_2$  satisfy formula (i) of Proposition 4.14 up to conjugacy without restriction on signs.

For a given 3- or 4-valent plane graph, denote  $\mathcal{CP}(G_0)$  the set of equivalence classes of  $\mathcal{P}(G_0)$  under the action of  $D(Mov(G_0))$ . Also, denote by  $Stab(G_0)$  the stabilizer of the pair  $(L, R) \in \mathcal{CP}(G_0)$  under the action of  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  on  $\mathcal{CP}(G_0)$ . **Proposition 4.22** If  $G_0$  be a 3- or 4-valent plane graph, then the following hold:

(i)  $Stab(G_0)$  is a finite index subgroup of  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ , whose index I is equal to the size of the orbit of  $(L, R) \in C\mathcal{P}(G_0)$  under the action of  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ .

(ii) If  $(k_1, l_1) = (k_0, l_0)M$  with  $M \in Stab(G_0)$ , then  $GC_{k_0, l_0}(G_0)$  and  $GC_{k_1, l_1}(G_0)$  have the same [ZC]-vector.

(iii) There exist a finite set  $\{(k_1, l_1), \ldots, (k_I, l_I)\}$  with  $gcd(k_i, l_i) = 1$ , such that, denoting by  $P_i$  the [ZC]-vector of  $GC_{k_i, l_i}(G_0)$ , the following hold: for every (k, l) with gcd(k, l) = 1, there is an  $i_0 \in \{1, \ldots, I\}$  and an  $M \in Stab(G_0)$ , such that  $(k, l)M = (k_{i_0}, l_{i_0})$  and  $GC_{k, l}(G_0)$  has [ZC]-vector  $P_i$ .

**Proof.** (i) The group  $Mov(G_0)$  is finite; so,  $\mathcal{P}(G_0)$  and  $\mathcal{CP}(G_0)$  are finite and the orbit of (L, R) is finite also. This implies the finite index property by elementary group theory.

(ii) If  $(k_1, l_1) = (k_0, l_0)M$ , then  $L \odot_{k_0, l_0} R$  and  $L \odot_{k_1, l_1} R$  are equal, up to a conjugacy. Since conjugacy does not change the cyclic structure, it does not change the corresponding [ZC]-vector. So,  $GC_{k_0, l_0}(G_0)$  has the same [ZC]-vector as  $GC_{k_1, l_1}(G_0)$ .

(iii) Since a partition vector partitions a finite set, there exist a finite number of possibilities for it. Denote by  $M_1, \ldots, M_I$  the set of coset representatives of  $Stab(G_0)$  in  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ . The group  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  is transitive on the set of pairs  $(k, l) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  with gcd(k, l) = 1. So, for any  $(k, l) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  with gcd(k, l) = 1, there exists  $P \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ , such that (k, l)P = (1, 0). Write  $P = MM_i$  with  $M \in Stab(G_0)$  and one obtains  $(k, l)M = (k_i, l_i)$  with  $(k_i, l_i) = (1, 0)M_i^{-1}$ .

**Remark 4.23** (i) The hexagonal (or square) lattice have a point group of isometry of order 6 (or 4) of rotation of angle  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  (or  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ ). So,  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  is isomorphic to  $GC_{-l,k+l}(G_0)$ (or to  $GC_{-l,k}(G_0)$ ). One would expect, that  $Stab(G_0)$  contains a subgroup, which is isomorphic to this point group. In fact, this is the case of Dodecahedron and Octahedron, but not of Tetrahedron, for which  $-I_2 \notin Stab(Tetrahedron)$ . It may be possible, that our definition of membership in  $Stab(G_0)$  is too strict and that with another definition, one will get this point group as subgroup.

(ii) It seems, that there are no constraints on the values of the coefficients of elements of  $Stab(G_0)$ .

**Conjecture 4.24** (i) Stab(Dodecahedron) is generated by

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} and \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix};$$
  
(ii) Stab(Cube) is generated by  
$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} and \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix};$$
  
(iii) Stab(Octahedron) is generated by  
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} and \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Conjecture 4.25** For any matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ , one defines A' by:

(i) if either  $a \neq d$ , or a = d = 0, then  $A' = \begin{pmatrix} a & -c \\ -b & d \end{pmatrix}$ ; (ii) otherwise,  $A' = \begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix}$ . Let  $G_0$  be a 3-valent graph. If  $A \in Stab(G_0)$ , then  $A' \in Stab(G_0)$ .

### 5 Classes of graphs

**Theorem 5.1** Every graph  $2_n$  comes as  $GC_{k,l}(Bundle)$ ; its symmetry group is  $D_{3h}$  if l = 0, k and  $D_3$ , otherwise.

**Proof.** It is given implicitly in [GrZa74].

The complete list of all possible symmetry groups of graphs  $q_n$  and *i*-hedrites were found: for  $5_n$  in [FoMa95], for  $3_n$  in [FoCr97], for  $4_n$  in [DeDu02] and for *i*-hedrites in [DDS03].

Part (iv) of Theorem below is proved in [Gold37] and (i), (ii) are only indicated there.

**Theorem 5.2** (i) Any graph  $3_n$  with symmetry T or  $T_d$  is  $GC_{k,l}(Tetrahedron)$ ,

(ii) any graph  $4_n$  with symmetry O or  $O_h$  is  $GC_{k,l}(Cube)$ ,

(iii) any graph  $4_n$  with symmetry  $D_6$  or  $D_{6h}$  is  $GC_{k,l}(Prism_6)$ ,

(iv) any graph  $5_n$  with symmetry I or  $I_h$  is  $GC_{k,l}(Dodecahedron)$ ,

(v) any 4-hedrite with symmetry  $D_4$  or  $D_{4h}$  is  $GC_{k,l}(Foil_2)$ ,

(vi) any 5-hedrite of symmetry  $D_3$  or  $D_{3h}$  is  $GC_{k,l}(Trefoil)$ ,

(vii) any 8-hedrite of symmetry O or  $O_h$  is  $GC_{k,l}(Octahedron)$ .

**Proof.** Take a graph  $3_n$  of symmetry T or  $T_d$ . Given a face F, the size of its orbit (under the action of the group T) is 4 if F lies on an axis of rotation of order 3, 6 if F lies on an axis of rotation of order 2, or 12 if F is in general position. This implies that all four triangles are on axis of order 3. Take a triangle, say,  $T_1$ ; after adding p rings of hexagons, one finds a triangle and so, three triangles, say,  $T_2$ ,  $T_3$  and  $T_4$ . The position of triangle  $T_2$ relatively to  $T_1$  defines the Eisenstein integer, corresponding to this graph. One can see easily, that this graph is  $GC_{k,l}(Tetrahedron)$ .

Take a graph  $4_n$  of symmetry O or  $O_h$ . One 4-fold symmetry axis goes through a square, say,  $sq_1$ . After adding p rings of hexagons around  $sq_1$ , one finds a square and so, by symmetry, four squares, say,  $sq_2$ ,  $sq_3$ ,  $sq_4$ ,  $sq_5$ . The position of the square  $sq_2$  relatively to  $sq_1$  defines an Eisenstein integer  $z = k + l\omega$ . The graph can be completed in an unique way and this proves, that it is  $GC_{k,l}(Cube)$ .

Take a graph  $5_n$  of symmetry I or  $I_h$ . Any 5-fold axis must go though two pentagons. Since the group I contains six 5-fold axises, this means that every pentagon belongs to one 5-fold axis. Take a pentagon, say,  $P_1$ ; after adding p rings of hexagons around  $P_1$ , one finds five pentagons, in cyclic order, say,  $P_2$ ,  $P_3$ ,  $P_4$ ,  $P_5$ ,  $P_6$ . The position of pentagon  $P_2$  relatively to  $P_1$  defines an Eisenstein integer  $k + l\omega$ , which is equal to the position of  $P_3$  relatively to  $P_2$  and to the position of  $P_1$  relatively to  $P_3$ . The figure formed by  $P_1$ ,

 $P_2$ ,  $P_3$  is reproduced all over the graph, thanks to the six 5-fold axes. So, the Eisenstein integer defines entirely the graph.

Take a 4-hedrite G with symmetry  $D_4$  or  $D_{4h}$ . The 4-fold axis must go through two vertices, say,  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$  or two 4-gonal faces, say,  $sq_1$ ,  $sq_2$ . After adding p rings of squares around  $v_1$  or  $sq_1$ , one finds a 2-gon and so, by symmetry, four 2-gons, say,  $\Delta_i$ ,  $1 \le i \le 4$ . The position of  $\Delta_2$ , relatively to  $\Delta_1$ , determines a Gaussian integer k + li, such that  $G = GC_{k,l}(Foil_2)$ .

Take an 8-hedrite of symmetry O or  $O_h$ . Any 3-fold axis must go through two triangles. Since there are four 3-fold axis of symmetry, this implies that any triangle contains a 3-fold axis of symmetry. The proof is then similar to the case of  $5_n$  with symmetry I or  $I_h$ .

The proofs of (iii) and (vi) are special cases of, respectively, (i) and (ii) of Proposition 5.3.  $\Box$ 

For other classes of graphs, the description should be done in terms of several complex parameters. For them, it is not possible to obtain a description in terms of Goldberg-Coxeter construction of basic graphs, even a finite number of such graphs.

**Proposition 5.3** (i) Let  $\mathcal{GP}_m$  (for  $m \neq 2, 4$ ) denote the class of 3-valent plane graphs with two m-gonal faces, m 4-gons and  $p_6$  6-gonal faces. Every such graph, having a m-fold axis, comes as  $GC_{k,l}(Prism_m)$  and has symmetry group  $D_m$  or  $D_{mh}$ .

(ii) Let  $\mathcal{GF}_m$  (for  $m \neq 2,3$ ) denote the class of 4-valent plane graphs with two mgonal faces, m 2-gons and  $p_4$  4-gonal faces. Every such graph, having a m-fold axis, comes as  $GC_{k,l}(Foil_m)$  and has symmetry group  $D_m$  or  $D_{mh}$ .

**Proof.** Take a graph  $\mathcal{GP}_m$  with an *m*-fold axis; the *m*-fold axis goes through two *m*-gonal faces, say,  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ . After adding *p* rings of hexagons around  $F_1$ , one finds a square, say,  $sq_1$  and so, by symmetry, *m* squares, say,  $sq_1, \ldots, sq_m$ . The position of  $sq_1$  relatively to  $F_1$  defines an Eisenstein integer  $k + l\omega$ , such that the graph is  $GC_{k,l}(Prism_m)$ .

Take a graph  $\mathcal{GF}_m$  with an *m*-fold axis. The *m*-fold axis must go through the two *m*-gonal faces, say,  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ . After adding *p* rings of squares around  $F_1$ , one finds a 2-gon and so, by symmetry, *m* 2-gons, say,  $D_1, \ldots, D_m$ . The position of  $D_1$  relatively to  $F_1$  defines a Gaussian integer k + li. Once the position of the digons  $D_i$  is found, the graph is uniquely determined and so, it is  $GC_{k,l}(Foil_m)$ .

# 6 The ZC-structure of the Goldberg-Coxeter construction of basic plane graphs

Consider the Goldberg-Coxeter construction  $GC_{k,l}(G)$  for some two-faced plane graphs of high symmetry. Observe that if gcd(k, l) = u, then one can decompose, using Proposition 3.1, the action as two consecutive ones:  $GC_{\frac{k}{u},\frac{l}{u}}(G)$  and *u*-inflation. So, using Proposition 3.2 and 3.3, it suffices to consider only the case gcd(k, l) = 1.

We will consider below the following problems:

- what are the possible [ZC]-vectors of  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$ ?
- how can those [ZC]-vectors be expressed in terms of (k, l)?

Given a graph  $G_0$ , the first problem can be solved by using Theorem 4.18.

For the second problem, one can prove in some cases (see Theorem 6.7) simple congruence conditions which determine the [ZC]-vector, by using the normal subgroups of the moving group and Proposition 4.17.

While the moving group allows us to prove most of the results below, in some cases (see Theorem 6.5) the geometric considerations are sufficient. An important case, considered in Theorem 6.1 and 6.2, is the one, when  $Rot(G_0)$  is transitive on  $\mathcal{DE}$ . Given a group  $\Gamma$ , the enumeration of 3-valent maps M with  $Rot(G_0) = \Gamma$  being transitive on  $\mathcal{DE}$ , is carried on in [Jo85].

**Theorem 6.1** If  $G_0$  is a 3- or 4-valent plane graph, then the following hold:

(i) The actions of  $Rot(G_0)$  and  $Mov(G_0)$  on  $\mathcal{DE}$  commute.

(ii) The action of  $Rot(G_0)$  on  $\mathcal{DE}$  is free.

(iii) If the action of  $Rot(G_0)$  on  $\mathcal{DE}$  is transitive, then:

(iii.1) the action of  $Mov(G_0)$  on  $\mathcal{DE}$  is free,

(iii.2) every directed edge  $\overrightarrow{e} \in \mathcal{DE}$  defines an injective group morphism

$$\begin{cases} \phi_{\overrightarrow{e}} : Mov(G_0) \to Rot(G_0) \\ u \mapsto \phi_{\overrightarrow{e}}(u) \end{cases} \quad with \ u^{-1}(\overrightarrow{e}) = \phi_{\overrightarrow{e}}(u)(\overrightarrow{e}), \end{cases}$$

(iii.3) if  $\overrightarrow{e}, \overrightarrow{e'} \in \mathcal{DE}$ , then there is a  $w \in Rot(G_0)$ , such that  $\phi_{\overrightarrow{e'}}(u) = w^{-1} \circ \phi_{\overrightarrow{e'}}(u) \circ w$ ,

(iii.4) for any  $\overrightarrow{e} \in \mathcal{DE}$ ,  $\phi_{\overrightarrow{e}}(Mov(G_0))$  is the normal subgroup of  $Rot(G_0)$ , formed by all elements preserving the orbit partition of  $\mathcal{DE}$  under the action of  $Mov(G_0)$ .

**Proof.** (i) The action of  $Mov(G_0)$  is defined, in geometric terms, on Figure 9; so, any rotation of  $G_0$  preserves this picture and two actions commute.

(ii) The only rotation, preserving a directed edge, is, clearly, identity.

(iii.1) Let  $\overrightarrow{e}$  be a directed edge and u be an element stabilizing  $\overrightarrow{e}$ . It implies the equality  $u(\overrightarrow{e}) = \overrightarrow{e}$ . If  $\overrightarrow{e}'$  is another directed edge, then, by transitivity, there exists a  $w \in Rot(G_0)$ , such that  $\overrightarrow{e} = w(\overrightarrow{e}')$ . One gets  $w^{-1} \circ u \circ w(\overrightarrow{e}') = \overrightarrow{e}'$  and, by commutativity,  $u(\overrightarrow{e}') = \overrightarrow{e}'$ . So, u is the identity.

(iii.2) If  $\overrightarrow{e}$  is a directed edge of  $G_0$  and  $u \in G_0$ , then, by transitivity and (ii), there is an unique  $v \in Rot(G_0)$ , such that  $u^{-1}(\overrightarrow{e}) = v(\overrightarrow{e})$ . If v denotes  $\phi_{\overrightarrow{e}}(u)$ , then the following hold:

$$\phi_{\overrightarrow{e}}(u) \circ \phi_{\overrightarrow{e}}(u') \overrightarrow{e} = \phi_{\overrightarrow{e}}(u) \circ u'^{-1}(\overrightarrow{e})$$

$$= u'^{-1} \circ \phi_{\overrightarrow{e}}(u)(\overrightarrow{e}), \text{ by commutativity of } Rot(G_0) \text{ and } Mov(G_0),$$

$$= u'^{-1} \circ u^{-1}(\overrightarrow{e}) = (u \circ u')^{-1}(\overrightarrow{e})$$

$$= \phi_{\overrightarrow{e}}(u \circ u')(\overrightarrow{e}), \text{ by the definition of } \phi_{\overrightarrow{e}}.$$

Therefore, (iii.1) yields equality  $\phi_{\overrightarrow{e}}(u \circ u') = \phi_{\overrightarrow{e}}(u) \circ \phi_{\overrightarrow{e}}(u')$  and injectivity of  $\phi_{\overrightarrow{e}}$ .

(iii.3) If  $\overrightarrow{e}'$  is another directed edge, then there is an unique w, such that  $\overrightarrow{e} = w(\overrightarrow{e}')$ . So, one gets again, by commutativity,  $u(\overrightarrow{e}') = w^{-1} \circ v \circ w(\overrightarrow{e}')$ , i.e.  $\phi_{\overrightarrow{e}'}(u) = w^{-1} \circ \phi_{\overrightarrow{e}}(u) \circ w$ .

(iii.4) It can be checked, using the construction of orbit done in Theorem 4.6, that any element of  $Rot(G_0)$ , which leaves invariant one orbit, say,  $O_1$ , will leave invariant other orbits. By construction, any element u of the form  $\phi_{\vec{e}}(u)$  will leave invariant the orbit of  $\vec{e}$  and so, any orbit. Moreover, using freeness of the action, one proves, that if  $f \in Rot(G_0)$  preserves the partition of  $\mathcal{DE}$  into orbits under the action of  $Mov(G_0)$ , then there exists an  $u \in Mov(G_0)$ , such that  $\phi_{\overrightarrow{e}}(u) = f$ . So,  $\phi_{\overrightarrow{e}}(Mov(G_0))$  is the group of transformations preserving the partition of  $\mathcal{DE}$  into orbits and it is normal by (iii.3).  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 6.2** Let  $G_0$  be a 3- or 4-valent n-vertex plane graph, such that  $Rot(G_0)$  is transitive on  $\mathcal{DE}$ . Let (k, l) with gcd(k, l) = 1 and let r denote the number of ZC-circuits of  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$ . The following hold:

(i)  $GC_{ku,lu}(G_0)$  is ZC-uniform and it holds:

(i.1) if u is even, then there are  $\frac{u}{2}$  orbits of ZC-circuits of size 2r each, (i.2) if u is odd, then there are  $\frac{u-1}{2}$  orbits of ZC-circuits of size 2r and one orbit of size  $r_{i}$ 

(i.3)  $GC_{ku,lu}(G_0)$  is ZC-transitive if and only if u = 1 or 2.

(ii) If  $i_0$  denotes the number of faces of non-zero curvature, which are incident to a fixed ZC-circuit ZC of  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  with gcd(k,l) = 1, then:

(ii.1)  $i_0$  is even,  $r = \frac{|S(G_0)|}{i_0}$  and the stabilizer of ZC is the point subgroup  $D_{i_0/2}$ (or  $C_2$ ) of  $Rot(G_0)$ , if  $i_0 > 2$  (or  $i_0 = 2$ , respectively),

(ii.2) r is equal to:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{3n}{2Ord(IPM_1(G_0,k,l))} & in the 3-valent case, \\ \frac{2n}{Ord(IPM_1(G_0,k,l))} & in the 4-valent case. \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** We consider only the 3-valent case, since a proof for the 4-valent case is similar.

Not all faces are 6-gonal, since we consider finite plane graphs. The transitivity of  $Rot(G_0)$  on  $\mathcal{DE}$  implies transitivity on the set of faces; so, all faces have the same number q of edges, where q < 6. This yields  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  being tight if gcd(k,l) = 1. Since  $G_1 = GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  is tight, every zigzag Z is incident on the right to a non 6-gonal face F; this incidence corresponds to a directed edge  $\overrightarrow{e} \in \mathcal{DE}$ . The directed edge  $\overrightarrow{e}$  belongs to F and comes, in fact, from  $G_0$ . The transitivity of  $Rot(G_0)$  on  $\mathcal{DE}$  yield the transitivity on the set of zigzags of  $G_1$ , since  $\overrightarrow{e}$  defines the zigzag Z.

Now denote  $G_2 = GC_{ku,lu}(G_0) = GC_{u,0}(G_1)$ . Every zigzag Z of  $G_1$  corresponds to a set of zigzags  $Z_1, \ldots, Z_u$  of  $G_2$ . If Z has positions  $(\vec{e}, 1)$  and  $(\vec{e}', k+l)$ , then there exists a transformation  $g \in Rot(G_0)$ , such that  $g(\overrightarrow{e'}) = \overleftarrow{e'}$  with  $\overleftarrow{e'}$  being the reverse of  $\overrightarrow{e'}$ . This transformation reverses the orientation of Z and maps  $Z_1$  to  $Z_u$  in  $G_2$  and, more generally,  $Z_s$  to  $Z_{u+1-s}$ .

(ii.1) Suppose that ZC has the right incidences  $\overrightarrow{e_1}, \ldots, \overrightarrow{e_s}$  and the left incidences  $\overrightarrow{e}'_1, \ldots, \overrightarrow{e}'_{s'}$  with  $i_0 = s + s'$ . By transitivity on  $\mathcal{DE}$ , there exists an element  $g_0 \in Rot(G_0)$ , such that  $g_0(\vec{e}_1) = \vec{e}_1'$ . This yields s = s' and  $i_0 = 2s$ . Consider now the group  $Stab_2$ of transformations preserving the set  $\{\vec{e}_1, \ldots, \vec{e}_{i_0/2}\}$ . Stab<sub>2</sub> is a normal subgroup of the stabilizer  $Stab_1$ . The stabilizer  $Stab_2$  can do only cyclic shifts on the right incidences  $\vec{e}_1$ ,  $\ldots, \overrightarrow{e}_{i_0/2}$  and so, it is isomorphic to  $C_{i_0/2}$  and  $Stab_1$  is isomorphic to  $D_{i_0/2}$ .

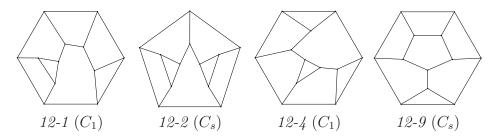
(ii.2) Take a zigzag Z of  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  and define the sequence  $\overrightarrow{e}_1, \ldots, \overrightarrow{e}_{Ord(Z)}$  by  $\overrightarrow{e}_{i+1} = IPM_1(G_0, k, l) \overrightarrow{e}_i$ . By z-transitivity, all zigzags have the same length; so,  $Ord(Z) = Ord(IPM_1(G_0, k, l))$ . The length of Z is Ord(Z)2t(k, l). Since Rot(G) is z-transitive, one obtains, by direct enumeration and using that every edge is covered two times, rOrd(Z)2t(k, l) = 3nt(k, l) and so,  $r = \frac{3n}{2Ord(IPM_1(G_0, k, l))}$ .

**Remark 6.3** (i) Every element of  $Rot(G_0)$  yields a restriction on the possibilities for  $Mov(G_0)$  by Theorem 6.1 (i).

(ii) A 3-valent (respectively, 4-valent) plane graph  $G_0$  with n vertices has 3n (respectively, 4n) directed edges. The generators L and R of  $Mov(G_0)$  are even permutations of those directed edges by Proposition 4.12. So,  $Mov(G_0)$  is isomorphic to a subgroup of Alt(3n) (respectively, of Alt(4n)).

(iii) In the extreme case of  $Rot(G_0)$  being transitive, the group  $Mov(G_0)$  is isomorphic to a subgroup of  $Rot(G_0)$ ; so, it has at most 3n (or 4n) elements.

(iv) The smallest 3-valent plane graphs, for which  $Mov(G_0) = Alt(3n)$ , are given in the picture below with their symmetry groups.



Does there exist an example of a 4-valent plane graphs with  $Mov(G_0) = Alt(4n)$ ?

A face F of a 3- (or 4-valent) plane graph is called 1-*colored* if all its vertices (or, respectively, edges) belong to one ZC-circuit.

**Lemma 6.4** If G is a 3- or 4-valent tight plane graphs, whose faces of non-zero curvature are all 1-colored, then it is ZC-knotted.

**Proof.** Let G be a 4-valent tight plane graph with all faces of non-zero curvature being 1-colored. Let  $C_1, \ldots, C_r$  be the central circuits of G.

If two central circuits  $C_i$  and  $C_j$  have opposite edges of a square, then they define a road, which is a pseudo-road, since G is tight and finish on a q-gonal face with  $q \neq 4$ . The 1-coloring property yields  $C_i = C_j$ .

Assume that two central circuits  $C_i$  and  $C_j$  intersect in one vertex, say, v. If v belongs to a non-square face, then one obtains  $C_i = C_j$  by 1-coloring property. If not, then one can find a vertex v', which is adjacent to v, such that  $\{v, v'\}$  belongs to a square. Using the above reasoning, one finds that  $C_i$  and  $C_j$  intersect in v'. Since G is connected,  $C_i$  and  $C_j$  intersect in a vertex of a q-gonal face with  $q \neq 4$ ; so,  $C_i = C_j$ .

The proof in 3-valent case is similar.

**Theorem 6.5** If  $0 \leq l \leq k$  with gcd(k, l) = 1, then in 8 cases below only following [ZC]-vectors of  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  occurs. The last column gives the index of  $Stab(G_0)$  in  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ :

$G_0$	$possible \ [ZC]$	index
Tetrahedron	$2^{3}$	6
Dode cahedron	$5^6 \ or \ 3^{10}, \ or \ 2^{15}$	10
Bundle	$1^{3} or 3$	8
Klein map $\{3^7\}$	$3^{28} or 4^{21}$	$\tilde{\gamma}$
Cube	$3^4 \ or \ 2^6$	8
Octahedron	$4^3 \text{ or } 3^4, \text{ or } 2^6$	9
$link 2^2_1$	$2^{2}$	6
Trefoil $3_1$	$2^3 \ or \ 6$	6

**Proof.** The group  $Rot(G_0)$  is transitive on  $\mathcal{DE}$  for all cases, considered here, except Trefoil  $3_1$ . So, by Theorem 6.2, the partition vector has form  $l^r$ . Now, Theorem 6.2 gives that the number r of ZC-circuits is equal to  $\frac{3n}{2g}$  or  $\frac{2n}{g}$ , with g being the order of an element of  $Mov(G_0)$ , which using embedding  $\phi_{\overrightarrow{e}}$  of Theorem 6.1 is an element of  $Rot(G_0)$ .

If  $G_0$  is the *Bundle*, then the orders of elements of  $Rot(G_0)$  are 1, 2 or 3, which yields r = 1 or 3 as the only possibilities; those values of r are attained for (k, l)=(1, 0) and (1, 1), respectively.

If  $G_0$  is Tetrahedron or link  $2_1^2$ , then  $Mov(G_0) = \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$  and, using Theorem 4.17 (iii) with  $K = \{Id\}$ , one proves that  $L \odot_{k,l} R \neq Id$  and so,  $L \odot_{k,l} R$  is necessarily of order 2, which proves the required results. Another possibility is to use Theorem 5.2 from [DeDu02] (respectively, Theorem 5 of [DDS03]), which gives that a tight  $3_n$  (respectively, 4-hedrite) has exactly three zigzags (respectively, two central circuits).

In all other cases  $Mov(G_0)$  is non-commutative and so, by Corollary 4.15, it holds l > 1.

If  $G_0$  is Dodecahedron, then r = 6, 10 or 15, which are attained for (k, l) = (1, 0), (1, 1) and (2, 1), respectively.

If  $G_0$  is Octahedron, then r = 3, 4 or 6, which are attained for (k, l) = (1, 0), (1, 1)and (2, 1), respectively.

If  $G_0$  is Cube, then r = 6, 4 or 3. Assume that r = 3; then, by Theorem 6.2, the stabilizer of any zigzag Z is  $D_4$ , with the 4-fold axis going through two squares, say,  $sq_1$  and  $sq_6$ . Z cannot be incident to  $sq_1$  or  $sq_6$ , since it would yield 1-coloring property and so, G being z-knotted. So, Z is incident exactly once to each of the squares, say,  $sq_2, \ldots, sq_5$ . One can construct a zigzag Z', which is parallel to Z and incident to both,  $sq_1$  and  $sq_2$ . Either  $\{sq_2, sq_4\}$ , or  $\{sq_3, sq_5\}$  form the 4-fold axis of Z; so, either  $sq_2$ , or  $sq_3$  are 1-colored. Therefore, r = 3 is not possible and the values r = 4, 6 are attained for (k, l) = (1, 0) and (1, 1).

If  $G_0$  is Klein map, then the orders of non-zero element of  $Rot(G_0)$  are 2, 3, 4 or 7. In order to show the impossibility of 2 and 7, we use Theorem 4.18.

 $GC_{k,l}(Trefoil)$  is tight; so, by Theorem 4 in [DDS03], there are at most three central circuits. Assume that  $GC_{k,l}(Trefoil)$  has two central circuits, say,  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ . Since  $GC_{k,l}(Trefoil)$  has a 3-fold rotation axis, by going through triangles, say,  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ , one obtains, that those two triangles are 1-colored. Two parallel edges, say,  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  of a square will define a pseudo-road, which finish either on a 2-gon, giving  $e_1$ ,  $e_2$  in the same central circuit, or on a 3-gon, giving also  $e_1$ ,  $e_2$  in the same central circuit. The proof goes in the same way, as in Lemma 6.4, and one obtains, that  $GC_{k,l}(Trefoil)$  has one central circuit. CC-transitivity is trivial in the case r = 1; in the case r = 3, the 3-fold axis of symmetry around  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$  gives CC-transitivity and so,  $[CC] = 2^3$ .

**Remark 6.6** The above proof of Theorem 6.5 uses Corollary 4.15 (iii). Another, more combinatorial, method is possible: the maximum number of zigzags (or central circuits) of a tight graph  $q_n$  (or i-hedrite, respectively) is bounded (see [DeDu02] and [DDS03]). For example, the maximal number of central circuits of a tight 8-hedrite is 6, while a tight graph  $4_n$  has at most 9 zigzags (we expect 8 to be the maximal value).

For the link  $7_6^2$ , the index is 1764, and all possibilities of [ZC]-vectors are, with their first appearance (k, l):

14	(4, 1)	$1^2, 12$	(9, 7)	$1^2, 2^2, 8$	(5, 1)	$1^4, 2, 4^2$	(21, 19)
$1^4, 3^2, 4$	(7, 5)	2, 12	(10, 3)	$2, 6^2$	(5, 2)	$2^2, 10$	(2, 1)
$2^2, 4, 6$	(11, 2)	$2^3, 4^2$	(5, 3)	$2^4, 6$	(9, 2)	$2^{7}$	(29, 21)
$3^2, 8$	(1, 1)	4, 10	(1, 0)	$4, 5^2$	(3, 1)	$4^2, 6$	(9, 1)
6, 8	(3, 2)				<b>x</b> · · <i>y</i>		

We expect also, that if  $GC_{k,l}(7_6^2)$  has two central circuits, then the closest integer to  $\frac{|C_1 \cap C_2|}{t(k,l)}$  is 3.

**Theorem 6.7** The [ZC]-vectors of  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  are distributed in the following way (cf. Table 3 above):

$G_0$	[ZC] if I	[ZC] if II	index
Bundle	$1^{3}$	3	8
Cube	$2^{6}$	$3^{4}$	8
Dyck map $\{3^8\}$	$4^{12}$	$3^{16}$	8
trunc. Cube	$2^{12}, 3^4 \ or \ 2^{18}$	$6^{6} or 9^{4}$	64
trunc. Dodecahedron	$2^{30}, 3^{10} \text{ or } 2^{30}, 5^{6} \text{ or } 2^{45}$	$15^6 \ or \ 6^{15} \ or \ 9^{10}$	80
trunc. Cuboctahedron	$2^{12}, 4^{12} \text{ or } 2^{24}, 3^{8} \text{ or}$	$6^{12} or 9^8$	256
	$2^{36} or 3^8, 4^{12}$		
Trefoil $3_1$	$2^{3}$	6	6
Octahedron	$3^4$	$4^3 \ or \ 2^6$	9
knot $4_1$	$1^2, 3^2 \ or \ 2, 6$	$2^2, 4 \ or \ 8$	72

**Proof.** All those results follow from repeated application of Proposition 4.17. The groups were computed using GAP [GAP] and PlanGraph [Dut02].

The group  $Mov(Bundle) = \mathbb{Z}_3$  is commutative. Using 4.17 (ii) with  $K = \{Id\}$  (i.e. the trivial normal subgroup), the result follows.

The group Mov(Cube) is isomorphic to the non-commutative group Alt(4) and has the normal subgroup  $K = \langle (1,2)(3,4), (1,3)(2,4) \rangle$ . So,  $L \odot_{k,l} R \neq Id$  and  $L \odot_{k,l} R \in K$  if and only if  $k \equiv l \pmod{3}$ . The set of elements of order 3 of Alt(4) is exactly Alt(4) - Kand the set of elements of order 2 of Alt(4) is  $K - \{Id\}$ . This yields the required result.

The group Mov(Trefoil) has order 36 and has one normal subgroup  $K_1$  of order 9, for which  $Mov(Trefoil)/K_1 = \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ . So, applying 4.17 (ii), one obtains  $L \odot_{k,l} R \notin K_1$ .

 $\{Id, \overline{LR}\}\$  is a normal subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ , which corresponds to a normal subgroup  $K_2$  of  $Mov(G_0)$  of order 18. Using 4.17 (ii), one obtains  $L \odot_{k,l} R \in K_2$  if and only if  $k \equiv l \pmod{2}$ . The elements of  $Mov(G_0) - K_2$  correspond to  $GC_{k,l}(Trefoil)$  having one central circuit, while the elements of  $K_2 - K_1$  correspond to  $GC_{k,l}(Trefoil)$  having three central circuits. So, the result follows.

The group Mov(Octahedron) is isomorphic to Sym(4), which possess normal subgroups  $K_1 = Alt(4)$  and  $K_2 = \langle (1,2)(3,4), (1,3)(2,4) \rangle$ .  $Mov(Octahedron)/K_2$  is noncommutative; so,  $L \odot_{k,l} R \notin K_2$ . By 4.17 (ii), it holds  $L \odot_{k,l} R \in K_1$  if and only if  $k \equiv l$ (mod 2). The elements of  $K_1 - K_2$  have order 3, while the elements of  $Mov(G_0) - K_1$ have order 2 or 4. So, r = 4 if and only if  $k \equiv l \pmod{2}$  and  $r \in \{3,6\}$  if and only if  $k - l \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ .

The group Mov(Dyck map) has 48 elements and two normal subgroups,  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ , of order 4 and 16, respectively. The quotient  $Mov(Dyck map)/K_1$  is non-commutative; so,  $L \odot_{k,l} R \notin K_1$ . The quotient  $Mov(Dyck map)/K_2$  is commutative and  $\overline{L} = \overline{R}^{-1}$ . So,  $L \odot_{k,l} R \in K_2$  if and only if  $k \equiv l \pmod{3}$ . However, elements of  $Mov(G_0) - K_1$ correspond to  $[z] = 3^{16}$ , while elements of  $K_1 - K_2$  correspond to  $[z] = 4^{12}$ . So, the result follows.

For the remaining cases of knot  $4_1$ , truncated Cube, truncated Dodecahedron and truncated Cuboctahedron, the technique was always the same:

- first compute the set S of possibilities for [ZC], using Theorem 4.18,
- find a normal subgroup K of index 2 or 3 in  $Mov(G_0)$ ,
- the sets  $ZC(K) \cap S$  and  $ZC(Mov(G_0) K) \cap S$  are disjoint, which yield the required result.

Those computer computations had to deal with the size of the moving groups; for example Mov(trunc. Cuboctahedron) has 1327104 elements.

**Remark 6.8** (i) One can prove easily, that for pairs (k,l) = (2l - 1, 1), (2l - 7, l), (2l - 17, l) the graph  $GC_{k,l}(Octahedron)$  has 3 central circuits for every l. Also the graph  $GC_{2l-3,l}(Octahedron)$  has 6 central circuits for every l. We expect that for other values of i the number of central circuits of  $GC_{2l-i,l}(Octahedron)$  depends on l.

(ii)  $GC_{k,3}(Octahedron)$  with  $k \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3}$  has 6 central circuits for every k and we expect, that for other values of l, the number of central circuits depends on k.

Examples of 3-valent z-uniform graphs are Tetrahedron,  $Prism_3$ , Cube, 10-2, 10-3,  $Prism_5$  (see Figure 2)). In Tables 5 and 6 we present the [z]- and [CC]-vectors of such graphs for pairs (k, l) with  $t(k, l) \leq 200$ . We add \* to k, l in the first column if  $k \equiv l \pmod{3}$  or  $k \equiv l \pmod{2}$  in 3- or 4-valent case, respectively. For Cube, Dodecahedron, Trefoil and Octahedron we also indicate the intersection vectors.

**Conjecture 6.9** (i) For  $GC_{k,l}(Icosidodecahedron)$ , [CC]-vector is:

 $(2^{30}), (3^{20}) \text{ or } (5^{12}) \text{ if } k \equiv l \pmod{2},$ 

- $(10^6)$ ,  $(4^{15})$  or  $(6^{10})$ , otherwise.
- (ii) For  $GC_{k,l}$ (truncated Icosidodecahedron), [z]-vector is:

 $2^{30}, 3^{40}$  or  $2^{30}, 5^{24}$  or  $3^{20}, 5^{24}$  or  $2^{60}, 3^{20}$  or  $2^{60}, 5^{12}$  or  $3^{40}, 5^{12}$  or  $2^{90}$  or  $3^{60}$  or  $5^{36}$  if  $k \equiv l \pmod{2}$ ,  $9^{20}, 6^{30} \text{ or } 15^{12}, \text{ otherwise.}$ 

Theorem 4.18 yield the list of all possible [ZC]-vectors. The Proposition 4.17 does not yield the expected partition of [CC]-vectors for Icosidodecahedron, while truncated Icosidodecahedron was too complex to be treated.

In the remainder of this Section, we indicate the properties, which we expect to hold for ZC-structure and moving group of  $Foil_m$ ,  $Prism_m$  and  $APrism_m$ . We extracted those conjectures from extensive computation and expect that the proofs will come from better understanding of the moving group and the (k, l)-product.

**Conjecture 6.10** For  $GC_{k,l}(Foil_m)$  with gcd(k,l) = 1 holds: [CC] is  $2^m$  if k-l is odd and, otherwise, it is m or  $\left(\frac{m}{2}\right)^2$  for m odd or even, respectively.

This conjecture was checked for  $m \leq 20$ ; in the computer proof were used normal subgroups of  $Mov(Foil_m)$  and Proposition 4.17. However, doing a proof for general m pose several problems: there are many normal subgroups in  $Mov(G_0)$  and the computer proof came from the use of all of them.

**Conjecture 6.11** On z-structure of  $GC_{k,l}(Prism_m)$  with gcd(k,l) = 1, we conjecture: (i)  $GC_{k,l}(Prism_m)$  is z-balanced and tight.

(ii) All possible |z|-vectors for  $GC_{k,l}(Prism_m)$  are:

(ii.1) if  $k \equiv l \pmod{3}$ : all  $2^m, (\frac{m}{i})^j$ ,

where j is any divisor of m, such that  $j \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , if  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . (ii.2) if  $k - l \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3}$ : all  $\left(\frac{3m}{j}\right)^j$ ,

where j is any divisor of m, such that  $j \equiv m \pmod{4}$ , if  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . (iii) Denoting  $m^* = \frac{m}{\gcd(m,4)}$ , the following hold:

(iii.1)  $[z] = 3^m$  in the case l = k - 1 if and only if  $k = 2, 2m^* - 1 \pmod{2m^*}$ ;  $[z] = 3^m$  in the case l = 1 if and only if  $k = 2, 3m^* - 3 \pmod{3m^*}$ ,

 $(iii.2) [z] = 2^m, (\frac{m}{2})^2$  in the case  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}, k \equiv l \pmod{3},$ (*iii.3*) if  $m \equiv 1, 2, 3 \pmod{4}$ , then:

- $[z] = 2^m, 1^m$  in the case l = k-3 if and only if  $k = 3m^*-5, 3m^*-1, 3m^*+4, 3m^*+8$  $(\mod 6m^*);$
- $[z] = 2^m, 1^m$  in the case l = 1 if and only if  $k = \frac{m^* 1}{2} \pmod{m}^*$ ,

(iii.4) in the case  $(k,l) = (1,1), [z] = 2^m, (\frac{m}{2})^2$  or  $2^m, m$ , if m is even or odd, respectively.

(iv) The order of  $Mov(Prism_m)$  is  $12(m^*)^3$  and its largest normal subgroup has index 3. The orders of all other normal subgroups are exactly the numbers of the form  $2^{i}q^{3}$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq max(3t-6,0)$ , t is the exponent of 2 in the factorization of m and q is any odd divisor of m.

 $\begin{array}{c} (v) \begin{pmatrix} 2m+1 & -2m \\ 2m & 1-2m \end{pmatrix} \in Stab(Prism_m). \\ (vi) \ the \ index \ of \ Stab(Prism_m) \ is \ \frac{64}{9}(m^*)^2 \ if \ m \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \ and \ 8(m^*)^2, \ otherwise. \end{array}$ 

**Conjecture 6.12** On z-structure of  $GC_{k,l}(APrism_m)$  with gcd(k,l) = 1, we conjecture: (i)  $GC_{k,l}(APrism_m)$  is z-balanced and tight.

(ii) All possible [CC]-vectors for  $GC_{k,l}(APrism_m)$  are:

(*ii.1*) if  $k - l \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , then  $[CC] = 2^m, (\frac{2m}{i})^j$  and  $(\frac{4m}{i})^j$ ,

where j is any odd divisor of m, such that  $j \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  if  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

(*ii.2*) if  $k \equiv l \pmod{2}$ , then  $[CC] = (\frac{m}{i})^i, (\frac{3m}{j})^j$ , where *i*, *j* are any divisors of *m*, such that:

•  $j \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  if  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  and

• either i, j are odd and gcd(i, j) = 1, or gcd(i, j) = 2 and  $i + j \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . (iv) Denote  $m^* = \frac{m}{gcd(m,3)}$ . The order of  $Mov(APrism_m)$  is  $24\frac{(m^*)^4}{gcd(m,2)}$ . Let  $m^* = \prod_{t=1}^T p_t$  with  $2 \le p_1 \le p_2 \le \cdots \le p_T$  and all  $p_t$  are prime. (iv.1) If  $m^*$  is odd, then the orders of normal subgroups are all numbers of form

 $\Pi_{t=1}^{T} p_t^{j_t}$  with  $j_t \in \{0, 1, 3, 4\}$  and  $4\Pi_{t=1}^{T} p_t^{j_t}$  or  $12\Pi_{t=1}^{T} p_t^{j_t}$  with  $j_t \in \{3, 4\}$ .

(iv.2) If  $m^*$  is even, then the same expressions hold, but  $j_1 \neq 4$ .

In terms of index: the indexes of the above groups are:

if  $m^*$  is odd: 2g, 6g for any divisor g of  $m^*$  and any  $24\Pi_{t=1}^T p_t^{j_t}$  for  $j_t \in \{0, 1, 3, 4\}$ ; if  $m^*$  is even: 2g, 6g for any divisor g of  $\frac{m^*}{2}$  and any  $24\Pi_{t=2}^T p_t^{j_t}$ ,  $96\Pi_{t=2}^T p_t^{j_t}$ ,  $192\Pi_{t=2}^T p_t^{j_t}$ for  $j_t \in \{0, 1, 3, 4\}$ .

 $\begin{array}{c} (v) \ It \ holds \left( \begin{array}{c} 3m+1 & 3m \\ -3m & -3m+1 \end{array} \right) \in Stab(APrism_m) \ and \ Stab(APrism_m) \ is \ stable \ by \ transposition. \end{array}$ 

(vii) the index of  $Stab(APrism_m)$  in  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  is  $gcd(m, 4)m^2$  if  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  and  $9qcd(m, 4)m^2$ , otherwise.

# 7 Projections of ZC-transitive $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$ for some graphs $G_0$

We consider in this Section the case, when  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  is ZC-transitive if gcd(k,l) = 1. Such situation occurs if  $Rot(G_0)$  is transitive on the set  $\mathcal{DE}$  of directed edges and in some other cases, for example, for  $G_0$  being Trefoil  $3_1$ .

By transitivity of  $Aut(G_0)$  on the set of ZC-circuits (apropos, transitivity of  $Rot(G_0)$  on  $\mathcal{DE}$  implies ZC-transitivity by Theorem 6.2), all ZC-circuits have the same signature, which we denote by  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$ .

**Definition 7.1** Let  $G_0$  be 3- or 4-valent plane graph, such that  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  is ZC-transitive. Call projection of G and denote by  $Proj_{k,l}(G_0)$  the plane graph, obtained by the deletion of all but one central circuits of  $Med(GC_{k,l}(G_0))$  (or  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$ ). It has  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2$  vertices.

$G_0$	) =		Cube	$Prism_3$	$Prism_6$	10-2	10-3		Dodecahedron
k, l	t(k, l)	[z]	Int	[z]	[z]	[z]	[z]	[z]	Int
1, 0	1	$3^{4}$	$(0,0); 2^3$	9	$9^{2}$	15	15	$5^{6}$	$(0,0); 2^5$
$1, 1^{*}$	3	$2^{6}$	$(0,0); 2^4, 4$	$2^3;3$	$2^6, 3^2$	$2^2; 3, 8$	$2^{3};9$	$3^{10}$	$(0,0); 2^9$
2, 1	7	$3^{4}$	$(3,0);12^3$	$3^{3}$	$3^{6}$	15	$3, 4^3$	$2^{15}$	$(0,0); 2^{14}$
3, 1	13	$3^{4}$	$(9,0);20^3$	9	$9^{2}$	6,9	$2^{3}, 3^{3}$	$3^{10}$	$(0,3); 8^9$
3, 2	19	$3^{4}$	$(9,0); 32^3$	9	$9^{2}$	6,9	$5^{3}$	$5^{6}$	$(0, 15); 32^5$
$4, 1^{*}$	21	$2^{6}$	$(4,0); 14^4, 20$	$1^3, 2^3$	$1^6; 2^6$	$2^2, 3^2, 5$	15	$5^{6}$	$(5, 10); 36^5$
5, 1	31	$3^{4}$	$(18, 0); 50^3$	9	$9^{2'}$	15	$5^{3}$	$5^{6}$	$(15, 10); 52^5$
4, 3	37	$3^{4}$	$(19, 0); 62^3$	9	$9^{2}$	6,9	15	$5^{6}$	$(0, 25); 64^5$
$5, 2^{*}$	39	$2^{6}$	$(12, 0); 26^4, 28$	$2^3, 3$	$2^6, 3^2$	$1^2, 2^5, 3$	15	$5^{6}$	$(0, 25); 68^5$
6, 1	43	$3^{4}$	$(30, 0); 66^3$	$3^{3^{-1}}$	36	15	$2^{3}, 9$	$3^{10}$	$(0,9); 24^3, 28^6$
5, 3	49	$3^{4}$	$(36, 0); 74^3$	9	$9^{2}$	15	$2^3, 9$ $1^3, 4^3$	$3^{10}$	$(0, 9); 28^3, 32^6$
$7, 1^{*}$	57	$2^{6}$	$(12, 0); 38^4, 52$	$2^3, 3$	$2^6, 3^2$	$1^3, 2^5$	$1^3, 4^3$	$2^{15}$	$(0, 4); 14^4, 18^{10}$
5, 4	61	$3^{4}$	$(30, 0); 102^3$	$3^{3^{-1}}$	$3^{6}$	15	$1^{3}, 4^{3}$	$2^{15}$	$(0, 4); 14^4, 18^{10}$
7, 2	67	$3^{4}$	$(45, 0); 104^3$	9	$9^{2}$	15	$3, 4^{3}$	$2^{15}$	$(0, 8); 18^{14}$
8, 1	73	$3^{4}$	$(45, 0); 116^3$	9	$9^{2}$	15	$2^3, 9$	$3^{10}$	$(0, 18); 42^3, 46^6$
7, 3	79	$3^{4}$	$(54, 0); 122^3$	9	$9^{2}$	15	$2^{3}, 9$	$3^{10}$	$(0, 18); 46^3, 50^6$
6, 5	91	$3^{4}$	$(45, 0); 152^3$	9	$9^{2}$	15	15	$5^{6}$	$(0, 70); 154^5$
9, 1	91	$3^{4}$	$(63, 0); 140^3$	9	$9^{2}$	15	$5^{3}$	$5^{6}$	$(30, 40); 154^5$
$7, 4^{*}$	93	$2^{6}$	$(24, 0); 62^4, 76$	$2^3, 3$	$2^6, 3^2$	$2^2, 3^2, 5$	15	$5^{6}$	$(0, 70); 158^5$
8, 3	97	$3^{4}$	$(72, 0); 146^3$	9	$9^{2}$	15	15	$5^{6}$	$(10, 70); 162^5$
9, 2	103	$3^{4}$	$(63, 0); 164^3$	9	$9^{2}$	$3, 6^2$	$2^3, 9$	$3^{10}$	$(12, 12); 58^3, 66^6$
7, 5	109	$3^{4}$	$(81, 0); 164^3$	9	$9^{2}$	$3, 6^{2}$	15	$5^{6}$	$(40, 40); 186^5$
$10, 1^{*}$	111	$2^{6}$	$(24, 0); 74^4, 100$	$2^3, 3$	$2^6, 3^2$	$2^{2}, 3^{2}, 5$	15	$5^{6}$	$(50, 40); 186^5$
7, 6	127	$3^{4}$	$(63, 0); 212^3$	9	$9^{2}$	15	$5^{3}$	$5^{6}$	$(0, 90); 218^5$
$8, 5^{*}$	129	$2^{6}$	$(40, 0); 86^4, 92$	$1^3, 2^3$	$1^6, 2^6$	2, 5, 8	15	$5^{6}$	$(20, 80); 218^5$
9, 4	133	$3^{4}$	$(99, 0); 200^3$	9	$9^{2}$	15	$5^{3}$	$5^{6}$	$(0, 90); 230^5$
11, 1	133	$3^{4}$	$(84, 0); 210^3$	3 <sup>3</sup>	36	6,9	$2^3, 3^3$	$3^{10}$	$(0, 30); 74^3, 86^6$
10, 3	139	$3^{4}$	$(102, 0); 210^3$	3 <sup>3</sup>	36	15	15	$5^{6}$	$(10, 100); 234^5$
$11, 2^*$	147	$2^{6}$	$(48, 0); 98^4, 100$	$2^3, 3$	$2^6, 3^2$	$2^2, 3^2, 5$	$3, 4^{3}$	$2^{15}$	$(4, 12); 38^8, 42^6$
9, 5	151	$3^{4}$	$(99, 0); 236^3$	9	$9^{2}$	15	$2^3, 3^3$	$3^{10}$	$(0, 30); 86^3, 98^6$
12, 1	157	$3^{4}$	$(108, 0); 242^3$	9	$9^{2}$	15	$3, 4^3$	$2^{15}$	$(0, 12); 38^8, 50^6$
11, 3	163	$3^{4}$	$(108, 0); 254^3$	9	$9^{2}$	15	$2^3, 9$	$3^{10}$	$(6, 42); 98^9$
8,7	169	$3^{4}$	$(84, 0); 282^3$	$3^{3}$	36	15	$3, 4^{3}$	$2^{15}_{15}$	$(0, 12); 38^4, 50^{10}$
11, 4	181	$3^{4}$	$(135, 0); 272^3$	9	$9^{2}$	15	$3, 4^3$	$2^{15}$	$(0, 20); 46^4, 50^{10}$
$13, 1^{*}$	183	$2^{6}$	$(40, 0); 122^4, 164$	$1^3, 2^3$	$1^{6}, 2^{6}$	$2^2, 3, 8$	$2^{3}, 9$	$3^{10}$	$(0, 45); 104^3, 116^6$
9,7	193	$3^{4}$	$(144, 0); 290^3$	9	$9^{2}$	15	$2^{3}, 9$	$3^{10}$	$(0, 45); 108^3, 124^6$
13, 2	199	$3^{4}$	$(135, 0); 308^3$	9	$9^{2}$	15	15	$5^{6}$	$(20, 125); 340^5$

Table 5: z-structure of  $GC_{k,l}(G_0), t(k,l) \leq 200$ , for some 3-valent graphs  $G_0$ .

$G_0 =$		Trefoil 3 <sub>1</sub>		$4_1  7_6^2$		(	Dctahedron	$APrism_4$
k, l	t(k, l)	[CC]	Int	[CC]	[CC]	[CC]	Int	[CC]
1,0	1	6	(3,0)	8	4;10	43	$(0,0); 2^2$	16
1, 0 $1, 1^*$	2	$2^{3}$	$(0,0); 2^2$	2,6	$3^2; 8$	$3^{4}$	$(0,0); 2^3$	4;12
2, 1	5	6	(15,0)	$2^2;4$	$2^2;10$	$2^{6}$	$(0,0); 2^5$	$2^4;8$
$3, 1^*$	10	$2^{3}$	$(2,0);8^2$	$1^2; 3^2$	$4,5^2$	$3^{4}$	$(3,0); 8^3$	$2^2; 3^4$
3, 2	13	6	(39,0)	8	6,8	$4^{3}$	$(4,4);18^2$	16
4,1	17	6	(51, 0)	8	14	$4^{3}$	$(4, 4); 26^2$	16
4,3	25	6	(75, 0)	8	14	$4^{3}$	$(8,8);34^2$	16
$5, 1^{*}$	26	$2^{3}$	$(8,0);18^2$	$1^2, 3^2$	$1^2; 2^2, 8$	$3^{4}$	$(9,0);20^3$	$1^4; 6^2$
5, 2	29	6	(87, 0)	8	$2, 6^2$	$4^{3}$	$(8,8);42^2$	16
$5, 3^{*}$	34	$2^{3}$	$(8,0);26^2$	$1^2, 3^2$	$2^3, 4^2$	$3^{4}$	$(9,0);28^3$	$1^4; 6^2$
6, 1	37	6	(111, 0)	$2^2.4$	14	$2^{6}$	$(2,2); 10, 14^4$	$2^4, 8$
5, 4	41	6	(123, 0)	$2^{2}, 4$	14	$2^{6}$	$(2, 2); 14^4, 18$	$2^4, 8$
$7, 1^{*}$	50	$2^{3}$	$(16, 0); 34^2$	2, 6	$2^2, 10$	$3^{4}$	$(18, 0); 38^3$	4,12
7, 2	53	6	(159, 0)	$2^{2}, 4$	14	$2^{6}$	$(4, 4); 18^5$	$2^4, 8$
$7, 3^{*}$	58	$2^{3}$	$(16, 0); 42^2$	2, 6	$4, 5^2$	$3^{4}$	$(18, 0); 46^3$	4,12
6, 5	61	6	(183, 0)	8	$2^2, 10$	$4^{3}$	$(20, 20); 82^2$	16
7, 4	65	6	(195, 0)	8	6,8	$4^{3}$	$(20, 20); 90^2$	16
8,1	65	6	(195, 0)	8	4,10	$4^{3}$	$(16, 16); 98^2$	16
8, 3	73	6	(219, 0)	8	4,10	$4^{3}$	$(24, 24); 98^2$	16
$7,5^{*}$	74	$2^{3}$	$(18, 0); 56^2$	2, 6	$1^4, 3^2, 4$	$3^{4}$	$(24, 0); 58^3$	4, 12
$9,1^{*}$	82	$2^{3}$	$(26, 0); 56^2$	2, 6	$4^2, 6$	$3^{4}$	$(30, 0); 62^3$	4, 12
7, 6	85	6	(255, 0)	8	4,10	$4^{3}$	$(28, 28); 114^2$	16
9, 2	85	6	(255, 0)	$2^2, 4$	$2^4, 6$	$2^{6}$	$(6, 6); 26, 30^4$	$2^4, 8$
8, 5	89	6	(267, 0)	8	$2^2, 10$	$4^{3}$	$(28, 28); 122^2$	16
9, 4	97	6	(291, 0)	8	4,10	$4^{3}$	$(28, 28); 138^2$	16
10, 1	101	6	(303, 0)	$2^2, 4$	4,10	$2^{6}$	$(6, 6); 26, 38^4$	$2^4, 8$
$9,5^{*}$	106	$2^{3}$	$(34, 0); 72^2$	2, 6	$3^2, 8$	$3^{4}$	$(30, 0); 86^3$	4, 12
10, 3	109	6	(327, 0)	8	2, 12	$4^{3}$	$(36, 36); 146^2$	16
8,7	113	6	(339, 0)	$2^2, 6$	14	$2^{6}$	$(6, 6); 38^4, 50$	$2^4, 8$
$11, 1^{*}$	122	$2^{3}$	$(40, 0); 82^2$	$1^2, 3^2$	$4^2, 6$	$3^{4}$	$(45, 0); 92^3$	$1^4, 6^2$
11, 2	125	6	(375, 0)	8	$2^2, 4, 6$	$4^{3}$	$(40, 40); 170^2$	16
$9,7^{*}$	130	$2^{3}$	$(32, 0); 98^2$	$1^2, 3^2$	$1^2, 12$	$3^{4}$	$(45, 0); 100^3$	$1^4, 6^2$
$11, 3^{*}$	130	$2^{3}$	$(40, 0); 90^2$	2, 6	$2^4, 6$	$3^{4}$	$(48, 0); 98^3$	4, 12
11, 4	137	6	(411, 0)	$2^{2}, 4$	$2^2, 10$	$2^{6}$	$(10, 10); 46^4, 50$	$2^4, 8$
9,8	145	6	(435, 0)	8	14	$4^{3}$	$(48, 48); 194^2$	16
12, 1	145	6	(435, 0)	8	4,10	$4^{3}$	$(36, 36); 218^2$	16
$11, 5^{*}$	146	$2^{3}$	$(48, 0); 98^2$	$1^2, 3^2$	$3^2, 8$	$3^{4}$	$(45, 0); 116^3$	$1^4, 6^2$
10, 7	149	6	(447, 0)	$2^2, 4$	$4^2, 6$	$2^{6}$	$(12, 12); 50^5$	$2^4, 8$
11, 6	157	6	(471, 0)	8	4,10	$4^{3}$	$(48, 48); 218^2$	16
12, 5	169	6	(507, 0)	8	4,10	$4^{3}$	$(52, 52); 234^2$	16
$11,7^{*}$	170	$2^{3}$	$(50,0);120^2$	$1^2, 3^2$	$3^2, 8$	$3^{4}$	$(63, 0); 128^3$	$2^2, 3^4$
$13, 1^{*}$	170	$2^{3}$	$(56, 0); 114^2$	$1^2, 3^2$	$2^2, 10$	$3^{4}$	$(63, 0); 128^3$	$2^2, 3^4$
13, 2	173	6	(519, 0)	8	14	$4^{3}$	$(52, 52); 242^2$	16
$13, 3^{*}$	178	$2^{3}$	$(56, 0); 122^2$	2, 6	$1^2, 12$	$3^{4}$	$(66, 0); 134^3$	4, 12
10, 9	181	6	(543, 0)	8	6, 8	$4^{3}$	$(60, 60); 242^2$	16
11, 8	185	6	(555, 0)	$2^2, 4$	14	$2^{6}$	$(14, 14); 62^4, 66$	$2^4, 8$
13, 4	185	6	(555, 0)	8	14	$4^{3}$	$(60, 60); 250^2$	16
12,7	193	6	(579, 0)	8	$2^2, 10$	$4^{3}$	$(64, 64); 258^2$	16
$13, 5^{*}$	194	$2^{3}$	$(56, 0); 138^2$	$1^2, 3^2$	$2^2, 10$	$3^{4}$	$(69, 0); 148^3$	$1^4, 6^2$
14, 1	197	6	(591, 0)	$2^2, 4$	14	$2^{6}$	$(12, 12); 50, 74^4$	$2^4, 8$

Table 6: CC-structure of  $GC_{k,l}(G_0), t(k,l) \leq 200$ , for some 4-valent graphs  $G_0$ 

			(k, k - 1)		(k, 1)			
$G_0$	[ZC]	k	$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_2$	(k, 1)	$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_2$	
Π	$2^{15}$	$2 \pmod{3}$	0	$4\binom{\lfloor \frac{k}{3}+1 \rfloor}{2}$	$2 \pmod{5}$	0	$4\binom{\lfloor \frac{k}{5}+1 \rfloor}{2}$	
Dodec.	$3^{10}$	none			$1, 3 \pmod{5}$	0	$3\binom{\lceil (k-1)/2\rceil}{2}$	
	$5^{6}$	$1,3 \pmod{3}$	0	?	$0,4 \pmod{5}$	$5\binom{\lceil \frac{2}{5}(k+1)\rceil}{2}$	$10\left\lceil\frac{k}{5}\right\rceil^2$	
	$2^{6}$	$2 \pmod{3}$	$\frac{(k-2)(k-1)}{9}$	$\frac{(k-2)(k-1)}{9}$	$2 \pmod{4}$	$2\binom{\frac{k+2}{4}}{3\binom{\frac{k+1}{2}}{2}}$	$2\left(\frac{k+2}{2}\right)$	
Octah.	$3^{4}$	none	—	—	$1,3 \pmod{4}$	$3\left(\frac{\frac{\kappa+1}{2}}{2}\right)$	0	
	$4^{3}$	$0,1 \pmod{3}$	$\equiv 0 \pmod{4}$	$\equiv 0 \pmod{4}$	$0 \pmod{4}$	$\frac{k^2}{4}$	$\frac{k^2}{4}$	
Cube	$2^{6}$	none			$1 \pmod{3}$	$4\binom{ (k+l)/3 }{2}$	0	
	$3^{4}$	all	$3\binom{k}{2}$	0	$0,2 \pmod{3}$	$3\binom{k-\lfloor \binom{2}{k-1}/3 \rfloor}{2}$	0	

Table 7: Conjectured [ZC]-vector and signature for  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  with l = k - 1, 1 and  $G_0$  being a Platonic polyhedron

Tables 8 and 9 represent the projections of  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  with  $G_0$  being, respectively, Cube, Dodecahedron and Trefoil, Octahedron. The first column contains (k, l) and mark \* if  $k \equiv l \pmod{3}$  (respectively,  $k \equiv l \pmod{2}$ ). For each graph  $G_0$  and considered pair (k, l) we indicate the [ZC]-vector, the number **Nr** of its projection, its symmetry group and p-vector. The Figures 12, 13 and 14, 15 present pictures of projections given in Tables 8 and 9, respectively, by their numbers in Figures.

Remark, that projections Nr.1, 2, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 of  $GC_{k,l}(Cube)$  coincide with projections Nr.1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 of  $GC_{k,l}(Dodecahedron)$ . Remark also, that in Table 9, for Trefoil, we omit projections in the CC-knotted case, since it coincides with the graph itself.

The plane graph  $Proj_{k,l}(G_0)$  is 4-valent with one central circuit; hence, one can use the notion of type of intersection defined in 1.1. However, this intersection does not correspond to the self-intersection of the corresponding central circuit in  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$ . For instance, central circuits of  $GC_{13,3}(Octahedron)$  have self-intersection (66, 0), while their projection have self-intersection (33, 33).

**Proposition 7.2** If  $G_0$  is a 3-valent plane graph, then  $Med(G_0)$  appears as a projection of  $Med(GC_{k,0}(G_0))$ .

**Proof.** Take the zigzags  $(Z_i)_{1 \le i \le p}$  of  $G_0$ ; they correspond to the set of central circuits  $(C_i)_{1 \le i \le p}$  in  $Med(G_0)$ . Let the set of zigzags of  $GC_{k,0}(G_0)$  be  $(Z_{i,j})_{1 \le i \le p} |_{1 \le j \le k}$ . Those zigzags  $Z_{i,j}$  become central circuits  $C_{i,j}$  in  $Med(GC_{k,0}(G_0))$ . The central circuit  $C_i$  correspond to the set of central circuits  $(C_{i,j})_{1 \le j \le k}$  forming a parallel class. So, after removing the central circuits  $C_{i,j}$  with  $1 \le i \le p$  and  $2 \le j \le k$ , one obtains  $Med(G_0)$ .

The Proposition 7.2 means, that one can consider projection only for  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  with gcd(k,l) = 1. Every symmetry preserving a ZC-circuit in  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  yields a symmetry of the projection graph. This symmetry group is denoted by  $Rot_{k,l}(G_0)$ . Note, that the group of all symmetries of  $Proj_{k,l}(G_0)$  can be larger than  $Rot_{k,l}(G_0)$ . We expect equality  $Rot_{k,l}(G_0) = Aut(Proj_{k,l}(G_0))$  in all, but a finite number, of cases.

If  $G_0$  is Cube, Dodecahedron or Octahedron, then one can apply Theorem 6.2 and get that  $Rot_{k,l}(G_0) = D_m$ . The group  $Rot(Trefoil) = D_3$  is not transitive on directed

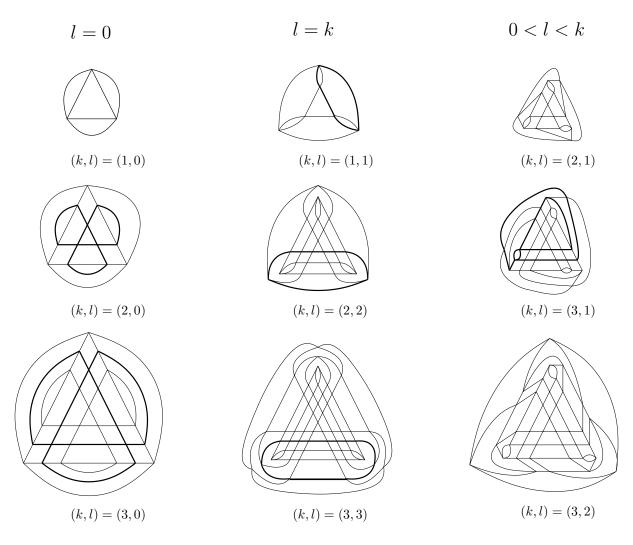


Figure 11: Graphs  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  with  $G_0 = Trefoil$  for  $0 \le l \le k \le 3$ ; in non-knotted case a projection is marked by double line

edges. If the graph  $GC_{k,l}(Trefoil)$  has 3 central circuits, then the stabilizer of a central circuit has order 2 and the group itself is  $C_2$ .

See on Figure 11 a list of first 5-hedrites of symmetry  $D_{3h}$  and  $D_3$  with their projections marked by double lines.

The following proposition is to compare with Theorem 4.6.

**Proposition 7.3** If  $G_0$  is a 3- or 4-valent plane graph, whose faces have gonality divisible by 3 or 2, respectively, then all ZC-circuits of  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  are simple.

**Proof.** If  $G_0$  satisfy this property, then  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$  satisfy it too. The 3-valent case was proved in [Mo64]. Let us consider the 4-valent case.

In fact, if a central circuit of  $G_0$  self-intersects, then, in terms of [DDS03], one gets an 1-gonal regular patch P (i.e. a patch with an angle  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ , see [DDS03] for details). By applying the local Euler formula (proved in [DeSt03]), one obtains:

$$3 = 4 - t = \sum_{i} (4 - i)p'_{i}$$

with  $p'_i$  being the number of *i*-gonal faces in *P*, and obtains a contradiction, since the right hand side is even.

**Proposition 7.4** For  $GC_{k,l}(Dodecahedron)$  with r = 6, for  $GC_{k,l}(Cube)$  with r = 4and for  $GC_{k,l}(Octahedron)$  with r = 3 or 4, the symmetry group is transitive on pairs of ZC-circuits and their pairwise intersection has the same size for every two different ZC-circuits.

**Proof.** The stabilizers of ZC-circuits are point groups  $D_m$  by Theorem 6.2.

If  $GC_{k,l}(Dodecahedron)$  has 6 zigzags  $Z_1, \ldots, Z_6$ , then  $Stab(Z_1) = D_5$ . The conjugacy class of  $D_5$  in Rot(Dodecahedron) = Alt(5) has 6 elements. The pairwise intersection of those subgroups has size 2. So, the action of  $Stab(Z_1)$  on  $Z_2$  yields five zigzags  $Z_2, \ldots, Z_6$ , i.e. G is transitive on pairs of zigzags.

If  $GC_{k,l}(Cube)$  has 4 zigzags  $Z_1, \ldots, Z_4$ , then  $Stab(Z_1) = D_3$ . The conjugacy class of  $D_3$  in Rot(Cube) = Sym(4) has 4 elements. The pairwise intersection of those subgroups has size 2 and the proof is as above.

If  $GC_{k,l}(Octahedron)$  has 3 central circuits  $C_1, C_2, C_3$ , then pairs of central circuits correspond to central circuits and so, we get again transitivity. If it has 4 central circuits, then the proof is the same as for  $GC_{k,l}(Cube)$ .

**Conjecture 7.5** (i) Is it true that if  $G_0$ ,  $G_1$  are two 4-valent plane graphs, then the set of pairs (k, l) with gcd(k, l) = 1, such that  $G_0 = Proj_{k,l}(G_1)$ , is finite?

(ii) Is it true that if  $G_0$  is a 4-valent plane graph and  $G_1$  a 3-valent plane graph, then the set of pairs (k, l) with gcd(k, l) = 1, such that  $G_0 = Proj_{k,l}(G_1)$ , is finite?

A 4-valent plane graph can have central circuits of the same length, but with different number of self-intersections. For example,  $GC_{5,3}(G_0 = 7_6^2)$  (see Table 6) has one central circuit of length 68 with self-intersection 2, while any of two other central circuits of length 68 have self-intersection 4.

**Conjecture 7.6** (i) Each central circuit of  $GC_{k,l}(Trefoil)$  has self-intersection of the form (x, 0).

(ii) If gcd(k, l) = 1, then  $Proj_{k,l}(Trefoil)$  is a 5-hedrite, except of the cases (k, l) = (1, 1) or (3, 1).

Remark, that for  $GC_{k,l}(4_1)$  all central circuits satisfy to  $\alpha_2 = 0$  if  $k \equiv l \pmod{2}$ and  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2$ , otherwise. **Conjecture 7.7** (i) The 2-fold axis of the point group  $Rot_{k,l}(G_0)$  do not go through vertices of  $Proj_{k,l}(Cube)$  or  $Proj_{k,l}(Dodecahedron)$ , if the rotation group is  $D_2$ .

(ii)  $\operatorname{Proj}_{k,l}(\operatorname{Cube})$  and  $\operatorname{Proj}_{k,l}(\operatorname{Dodecahedron})$  do not have q-gonal faces with q > 6. (iii) Denote by  $p_2$  the number of 2-gons, for a projection of  $\operatorname{GC}_{k,l}(\operatorname{Cube})$  it holds: (iii.1) if r = 6, then  $p_2 = 0$  or 2,

(iii.2) if r = 4, then  $p_2 = 0$  or 6, except of  $Proj_{2,1}(Cube)$ , for which  $p_2 = 3$ .

(iv) For a projection of  $GC_{k,l}$  (Dodecahedron), one can have  $p_2 > 0$  only in case  $[z] = 2^{15}$ , for which  $p_2 = 2$ ; in this case  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  are divisible by 4.

The projections, considered in this Section, are often one of the following forms:

- (i) The Conway graph  $(k \times m)^*$  (see, for example, [Kaw96]) is, for k = 2, *m*-sided antiprism; for k > 2, it comes from  $((k 1) \times m)^*$  by inscribing an *m*-gon in the first of its two *m*-gons. In particular,  $(2 \times 2)^* = 4_1$ ,  $(2 \times 4)^* = 8_{18}$ ,  $(3 \times 3)^* = 9_{40}$ .
- (ii) The  $D_m$ -spiral alternating knot is a 4-valent plane graph with symmetry  $D_m$  having p-vector ( $p_m = 2, p_3 = 2m, p_4$ , other  $p_i = 0$ ) and only one central circuit.

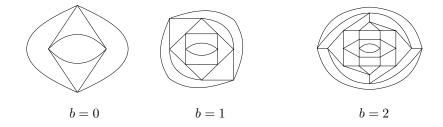
**Conjecture 7.8** If (k, l) has the form (3b+4, 1), then  $G = Proj_{k,l}(Cube)$  is a  $D_2$ -spiral alternating knot. Moreover, we expect the following:

(i) 4 triangles of G occur in two pairs of adjacent ones,

(ii) there are four pseudo-roads, linking each 2-gons to triangles, and having the same length b,

(iii) G has  $4\binom{b+2}{2}$  vertices.

See the cases b = 0, 1 and 2 on the picture below.



**Conjecture 7.9** If d is the length of each central circuit, r the number of central circuits and  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$  the signature of each central circuit in  $GC_{k,l}(Octahedron)$ , then we conjecture:

(i)  $\alpha_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  and  $\alpha_2 = 0$  if  $k \equiv l \pmod{2}$ ; otherwise,  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2$ . (ii)  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 \geq \frac{d-4}{16}$  if r = 3 with equality if and only if (k, l) = (4p, 1);  $\alpha_1 \leq \frac{d-6}{8}$  if r = 4 with equality if l = 1.

	$GC_{k,l}(Cube)$					$GC_{k,l}(Dodecahedron)$					
k, l	[z]	Projection	Group	$p_2,, p_6$	[z]	Projection	Group	$p_2,, p_6$			
1,0	$3^{4}$	01	$D_{\infty h}$	0,0,0,0,0	$5^{6}$	01	$D_{\infty h}$	0,0,0,0,0			
$1, 1^{*}$	$2^{6}$	$0_{1}$	$D_{\infty h}$	0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0	$3^{10}$	$0_1$	$D_{\infty h}$	0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0			
2,1	$3^{4}$	9 = Trefoil	$D_{3h}$	3, 2, 0, 0, 0	$2^{15}$	01	$D_{\infty h}$	0,0,0,0,0			
3, 1	$3^{4}$	10	$D_{3h}$	6, 2, 0, 0, 3	$3^{10}$	6 = Trefoil	$D_{3h}$	3, 2, 0, 0, 0			
3, 2	$3^{4}$	$11 = (3 \times 3)^*$	$D_{3h}$	0, 8, 3, 0, 0	$5^{6}$	$13 = (3 \times 5)^*$	$D_{5h}$	0, 10, 5, 2, 0			
$4, 1^{*}$	$2^{6}$	$1 = (2 \times 2)^{*}$	$D_{2d}$	2, 4, 0, 0, 0	$5^{6}$	$13 = (3 \times 5)^*$	$D_{5h}$	0, 10, 5, 2, 0			
5, 1	$3^{4}$	12	$D_3$	0, 8, 12, 0, 0	$5^{6}$	$14 = (5 \times 5)^*$	$D_{5h}$	0, 10, 15, 2, 0			
4, 3	$3^{4}$	12	$D_3$	0, 8, 12, 0, 0	$5^{6}$	$14 = (5 \times 5)^*$	$D_{5h}$	0, 10, 15, 2, 0			
$5, 2^{*}$	$2^{6}$	5	$D_2$	2, 8, 0, 4, 0	$5^{6}$	$14 = (5 \times 5)^*$	$D_{5h}$	0, 10, 15, 2, 0			
6, 1	$3^{4}$	25	$D_3$	6, 12, 0, 12, 2	$3^{10}$	$7 = (3 \times 3)^*$	$D_{3h}$	0, 8, 3, 0, 0			
5, 3	$3^{4}$	17	$D_3$	6, 14, 6, 6, 6	$3^{10}$	$7 = (3 \times 3)^*$	$D_{3h}$	0, 8, 3, 0, 0			
$7, 1^{*}$	$2^{6}$	2	$D_2$	2, 4, 8, 0, 0	$2^{15}$	$1 = (2 \times 2)^*$	$D_{2d}$	2, 4, 0, 0, 0			
5, 4	$3^{4}$	13	$D_3$	0, 8, 24, 0, 0	$2^{15}$	$1 = (2 \times 2)^*$	$D_{2d}$	2, 4, 0, 0, 0			
7, 2	$3^{4}$	26	$D_3$	0, 24, 12, 6, 5	$2^{15}$	$2 = (2 \times 4)^*$	$D_{4d}$	0, 8, 2, 0, 0			
8, 1	$3^{4}$	18	$D_3$	0, 14, 27, 6, 0	$3^{10}$	8	$D_3$	0, 8, 12, 0, 0			
7, 3	$3^{4}$	19	$D_3$	0, 20, 24, 12, 0	$3^{10}$	8	$D_3$	0, 8, 12, 0, 0			
6, 5	$3^{4}$	14	$D_3$	0, 8, 39, 0, 0	$5^{6}$	15	$D_5$	0, 10, 60, 2, 0			
9,1	$3^{4}$	20	$D_3$	6, 26, 9, 18, 6	$5^{6}$	18	$D_5$	0, 40, 10, 12, 10			
$7, 4^{*}$	$2^{6}$	6	$D_2$	2, 8, 12, 4, 0	$5^{6}$	15	$D_5$	0, 10, 60, 2, 0			
8, 3	$3^{4}$	28	$D_3$	0, 36, 12, 24, 2	$5^{6}$	19	$D_5$	0, 20, 50, 12, 0			
9, 2	$3^{4}$	27	$D_3$	0, 24, 27, 12, 2	$3^{10}$	11	$D_3$	0, 14, 6, 6, 0			
7, 5	$3^{4}$	29	$D_3$	6, 50, 0, 0, 27	$5^{6}$	20	$D_5$	0, 50, 0, 22, 10			
$10, 1^{*}$	$2^{6}$	3	$D_2$	2, 4, 20, 0, 0	$5^{6}$	21	$D_5$	0, 40, 30, 12, 10			
7, 6	$3^{4}$	15	$D_3$	0, 8, 57, 0, 0	$5^{6}$	16	$D_5$	0, 10, 80, 2, 0			
$8,5^{*}$	$2^{6}$	7	$D_2$	2, 24, 0, 12, 4	$5^{6}$	22	$D_5$	0, 30, 30, 50, 22			
9, 4	$3^{4}$	32	$D_3$	6, 48, 6, 30, 11	$5^{6}$	16	$D_5$	0, 10, 80, 2, 0			
11, 1	$3^{4}$	30	$D_3$	0, 24, 48, 12, 2	$3^{10}$	9	$D_3$	0, 8, 24, 0, 0			
10, 3	$3^{4}$	33	$D_3$	6, 54, 12, 6, 26	$5^{6}$	17	$D_5$	0, 20, 80, 12, 0			
$11, 2^{*}$	$2^{6}$	8	$D_2$	2, 28, 4, 8, 8	$2^{15}$	$4 = (4 \times 4)^*$	$D_{4d}$	0, 8, 10, 0, 0			
9, 5	$3^{4}$	31	$D_3$	0, 42, 30, 24, 5	$3^{10}_{15}$	9	$D_3$	0, 8, 24, 0, 0			
12, 1	$3^{4}$	22	$D_3$	6, 44, 24, 24, 12	$2^{15}$	3	$D_2$	2, 4, 8, 0, 0			
11, 3	$3^{4}$	21	$D_3$	0, 38, 48, 18, 6	$3^{10}_{15}$	12	$D_3$	0, 14, 30, 6, 0			
8,7	$3^{4}$	16	$D_3$	0, 8, 78, 0, 0	$2^{15}$	3	$D_2$	2, 4, 8, 0, 0			
11, 4	$3^{4}$	34	$D_3$	6, 72, 18, 6, 35	$2^{15}$	5	$D_2$	0, 8, 14, 0, 0			
$13, 1^{*}$	$2^{6}_{4}$	4	$D_2$	2, 4, 36, 0, 0	$3^{10}_{10}$	10	$D_3$	0, 8, 39, 0, 0			
9,7	$3^{4}$	24	$D_3$	6, 80, 12, 12, 36	3 <sup>10</sup>	10	$D_3$	0, 8, 39, 0, 0			
13, 2	$3^{4}$	23	$D_3$	0, 56, 51, 12, 18	$5^{6}$	23	$D_5$	0, 50, 65, 22, 10			

Table 8: Projections of  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$ ,  $t(k,l) \leq 200$ , with  $G_0$  being Cube or Dodecahedron

Final remarks This research leaves many open questions, for examples:

- to extend Thurston's idea to classes of plane graphs, defined by more than one parameter,
- to consider the self-intersection number of ZC-circuits in  $GC_{k,l}(G_0)$ ,
- to prove the conjectures of expression of [ZC] for  $Foil_m$ , using another idea than the moving group formalism,
- to prove that one can have  $[ZC] = 1^p$  only for Bundle,
- to extend the Goldberg-Coxeter construction to higher dimension and, more precisely, to simplicial and cubical complexes.

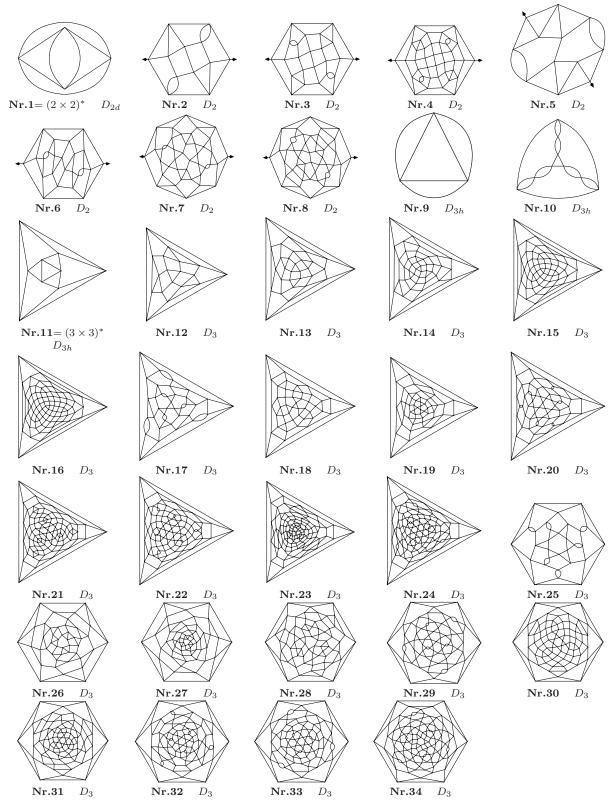


Figure 12: Projections of  $GC_{k,l}(Cube)$  from Table 8

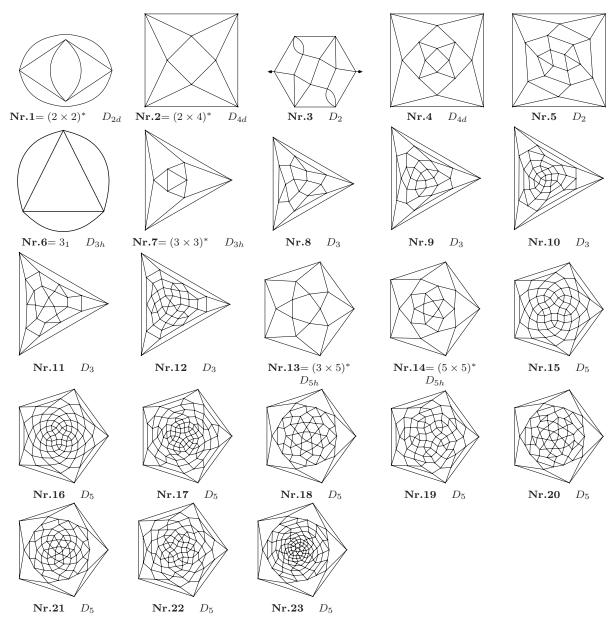


Figure 13: Projections of  $GC_{k,l}(Dodecahedron)$  from Table 8

		$GC_{k,l}$	(Trefoil)		$GC_{k,l}(Octahedron)$				
k, l	[CC] Projection		Group	<i>oup</i> $p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4$		[CC] Projection		$p_2, p_3, p_4$	
1,0	6		$D_{3h}$	0, 3, 2, 0	$4^{3}$	$0_1$	$D_{\infty h}$	0,0,0	
$1, 1^*$	$2^{3}$	$0_{1}$	$D_{\infty}$	0, 0, 0, 0	$3^{4}$	$0_1$	$D_{\infty h}$	0, 0, 0	
2, 1	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 12	$2^{6}$	$0_{1}$	$D_{\infty h}$	0, 0, 0	
$3, 1^{*}$	$2^{3}$	1	$C_{2v}$	2, 1, 0, 1	$3^{4}$	8	$D_{3h}$	3, 2, 0	
3, 2	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 36	$4^{3}$	20	$D_{4d}$	0, 8, 2	
4, 1	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 48	$4^{3}$	20	$D_{4d}$	0, 8, 2	
4, 3	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 72	$4^{3}$	21	$D_{4d}$	0, 8, 10	
$5, 1^{*}$	$2^{3}$	2	$C_2$	0, 3, 2, 5	$3^{4}$	9	$D_{3h}$	0, 8, 3	
5, 2	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 84	$4^{3}$	21	$D_{4d}$	0, 8, 10	
$5, 3^{*}$	$2^{3}$	2	$C_2$	0, 3, 2, 5	$3^{4}$	9	$D_{3h}$	0, 8, 3	
6, 1	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 108	$2^{6}$	1	$D_{2d}$	2, 4, 0	
5, 4	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 120	$2^{6}$	1	$D_{2d}$	2, 4, 0	
$7, 1^{*}$	$2^{3}$	3	$C_2$	0, 3, 2, 13	$3^{4}$	10	$D_3$	0, 8, 12	
7, 2	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 156	$2^{6}$	20	$D_{4d}$	0, 8, 2	
$7, 3^{*}$	$2^{3}$	3	$C_2$	0, 3, 2, 13	$3^{4}$	10	$D_3$	0, 8, 12	
6, 5	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 180	$4^{3}$	22	$D_4$	0, 8, 34	
7, 4	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 192	$4^{3}$	22	$D_4$	0, 8, 34	
8, 1	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 192	$4^{3}$	24	$D_4$	0, 8, 26	
8, 3	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 216	$4^{3}$	25	$D_4$	0, 8, 42	
$7,5^{*}$	$2^{3}$	4	$C_2$	0, 3, 2, 15	$3^{4}$	11	$D_3$	0, 8, 18	
$9,1^{*}$	$2^{3}$	5	$C_2$	0, 3, 2, 23	$3^{4}$	12	$D_3$	0, 8, 24	
7, 6	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 252	$4^{3}$	23	$D_4$	0, 8, 50	
9, 2	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 252	$2^{6}$	4	$D_2$	0, 8, 6	
8, 5	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 264	$4^{3}$	26	$D_4$	0, 8, 50	
9, 4	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 288	$4^{3}$	23	$D_4$	0, 8, 50	
10, 1	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 300	$2^{6}$	2	$D_2$	2, 4, 8	
$9,5^{*}$	$2^{3}$	6	$C_2$	0, 3, 2, 31	$3^{4}$	12	$D_3$	0, 8, 24	
10, 3	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 324	$4^{3}$	28	$D_4$	0, 8, 66	
8,7	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 336	$2^{6}$	2	$D_2$	2, 4, 8	
$11, 1^{*}$	$2^{3}$	8	$C_2$	0, 3, 2, 37	$3^{4}$	14	$D_3$	0, 8, 39	
11, 2	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 372	$4^{3}$	29	$D_4$	0, 8, 74	
$9,7^{*}$	$2^{3}$	7	$C_2$	0, 3, 2, 29	$3^{4}$	13	$D_3$	0, 8, 39	
$11, 3^{*}$	$2^{3}$	9	$C_2$	0, 3, 2, 37	$3^{4}$	15	$D_3$	0, 8, 42	
11, 4	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 408	$2^{6}$	5	$D_2$	0, 8, 14	
9, 8	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 432	$4^{3}$	27	$D_4$	0, 8, 90	
12, 1	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 432	$4^{3}$	30	$D_4$	0, 8, 66	
$11, 5^{*}$	$2^{3}$	10	$C_2$	0, 3, 2, 45	$3^{4}$	14	$D_3$	0, 8, 39	
10, 7	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 444	$2^{6}_{0}$	6	$D_2$	0, 8, 18	
11, 6	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 468	$4^{3}$	27	$D_4$	0, 8, 90	
12, 5	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 504	$4^{3}$	31	$D_4$	0, 8, 98	
$11, 7^{*}$	$2^{3}$	11	$C_2$	0, 3, 2, 47	$3^{4}$	16	$D_3$	0, 8, 57	
$13, 1^{*}$	$2^{3}$	12	$C_2$	0, 3, 2, 53	$3^{4}$	17	$D_3$	0, 8, 57	
13, 2	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 516	$4^{3}$	32	$D_4$	0, 8, 98	
$13, 3^{*}$	$2^{3}$	13	$C_2$	0, 3, 2, 53	$3^4$	19	$D_3$	0, 8, 60	
10, 9	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 540	$4^{3}$	33	$D_4$	0, 8, 114	
11, 8	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 552	$2^{6}$	7	$D_2$	0, 8, 22	
13, 4	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 552	$4^{3}$	34	$D_4$	0, 8, 114	
12, 7	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 576	$4^{3}$	35	$D_4$	0, 8, 122	
$13, 5^{*}$	$2^{3}$	14	$C_2$	0, 3, 2, 53	$3^{4}$	18	$D_3$	0, 8, 63	
14, 1	6		$D_3$	0, 3, 2, 588	$2^{6}$	3	$D_2$	2, 4, 20	

Table 9: Projections of  $GC_{k,l}(G_0), t(k,l) \leq 200$ , with  $G_0$  being Trefoil or Octahedron

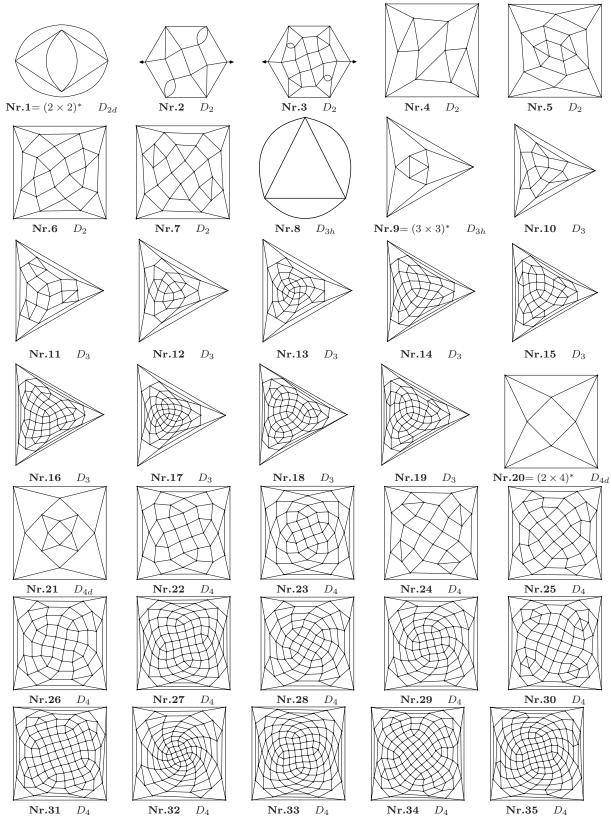


Figure 14: Projections of  $GC_{k,l}(Octahedron)$  from Table 9

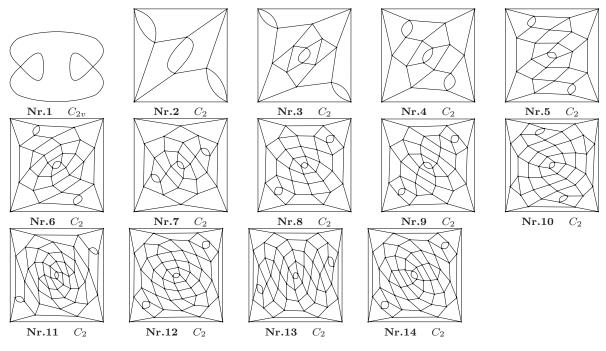


Figure 15: Projections of  $GC_{k,l}(Trefoil)$  from Table 9

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