



Symmetry and the Klein quartic

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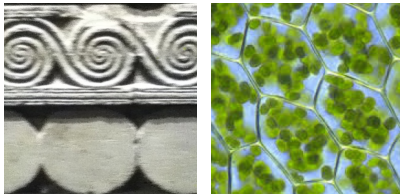
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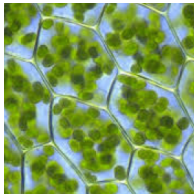
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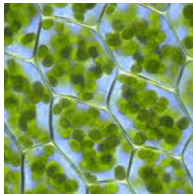
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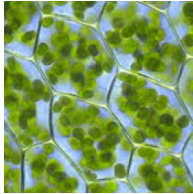
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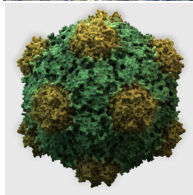
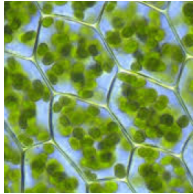
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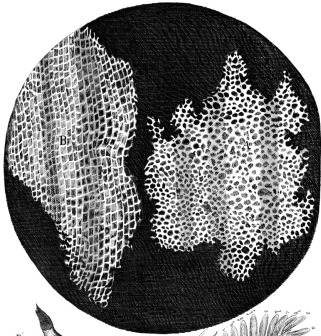
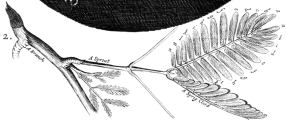


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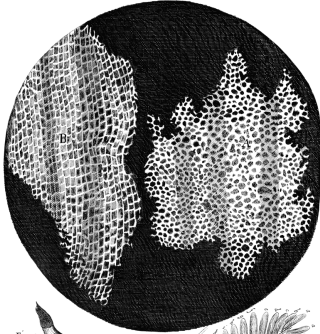
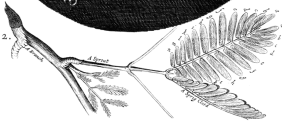
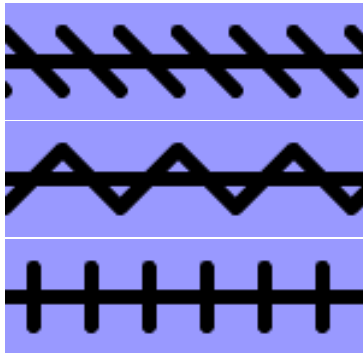
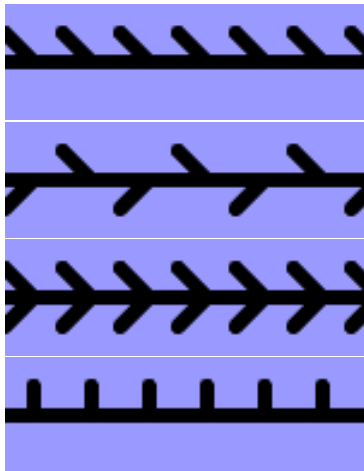


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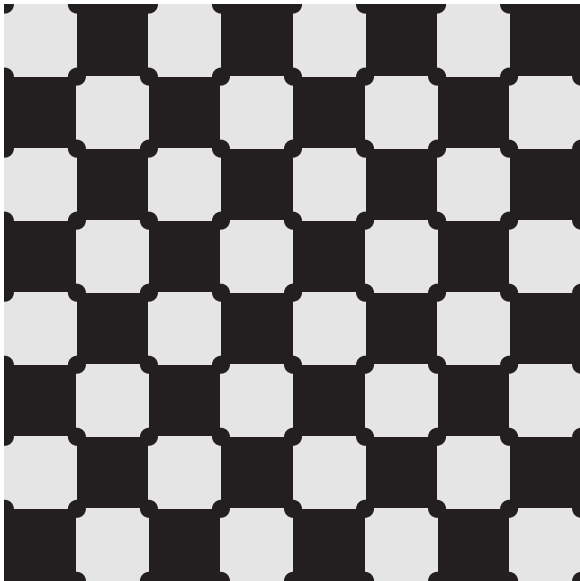
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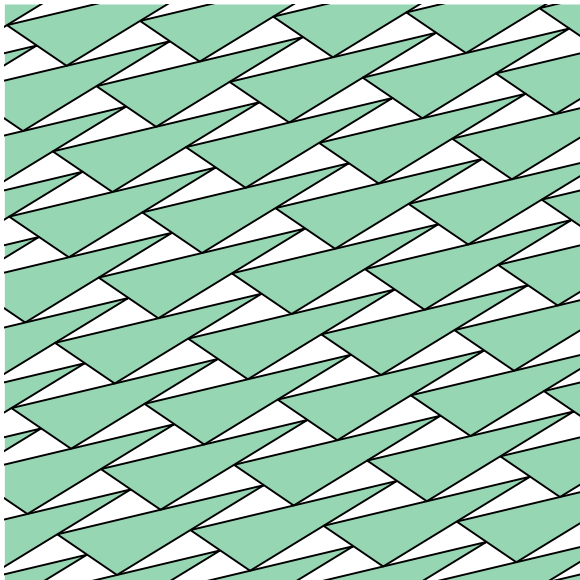


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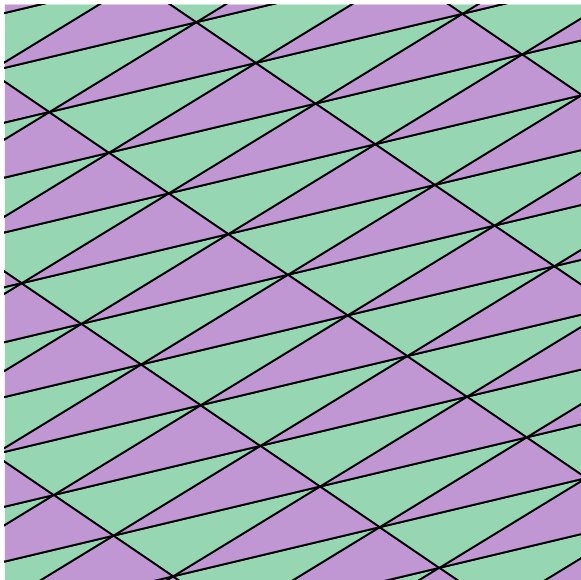
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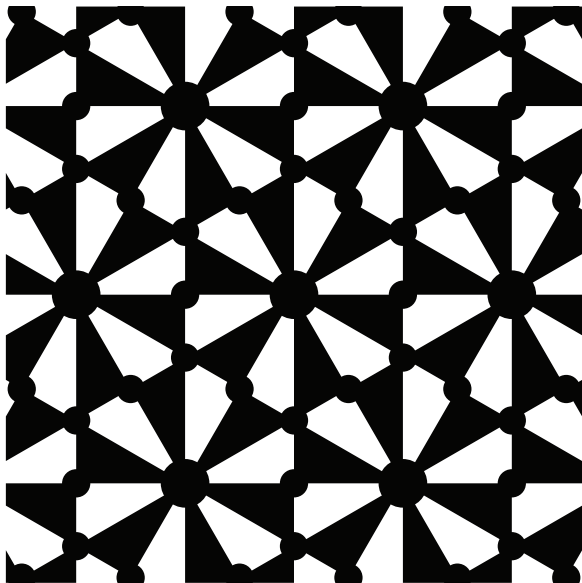
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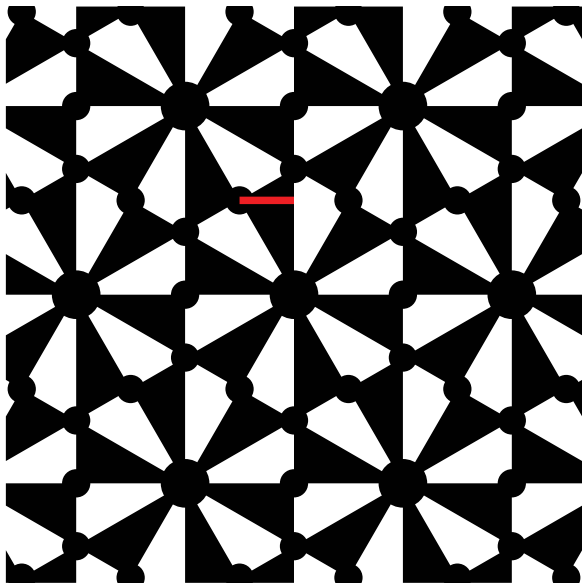
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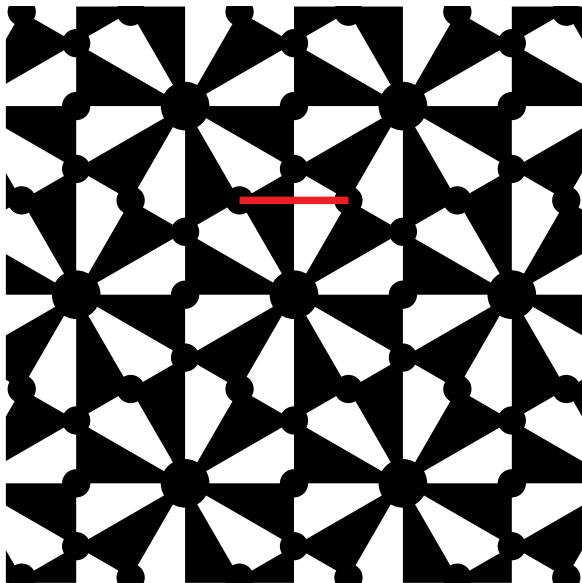
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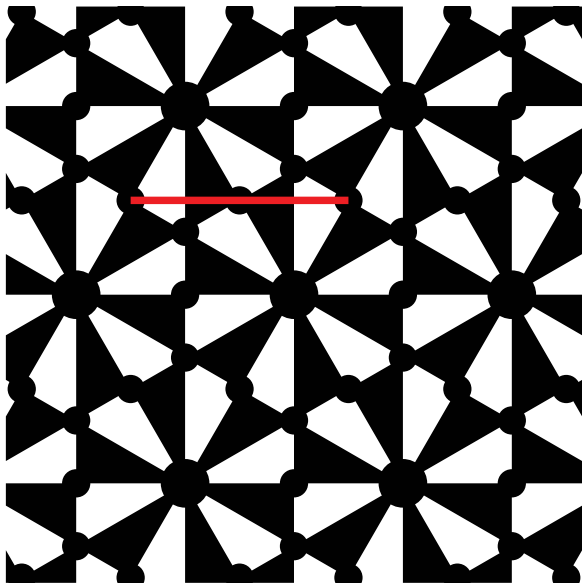
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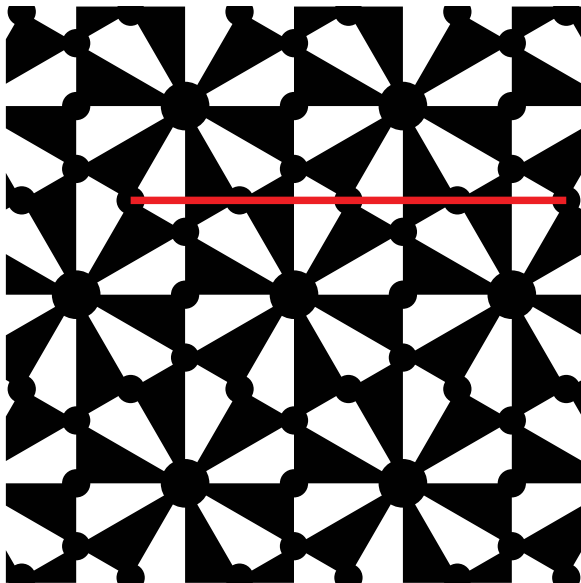
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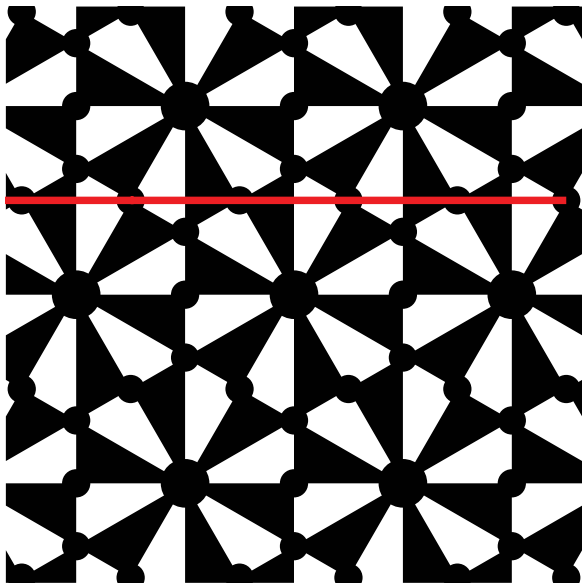
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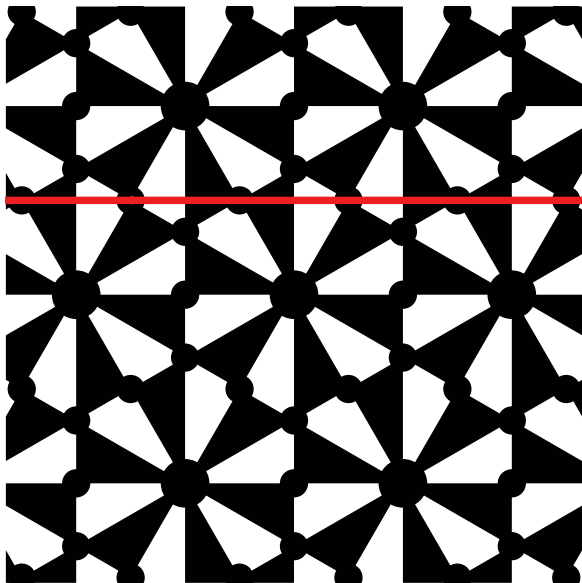
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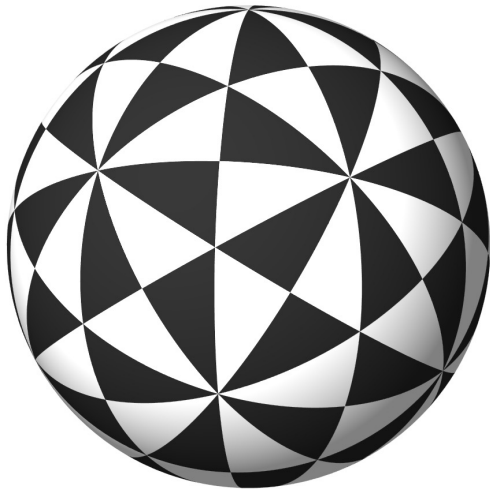


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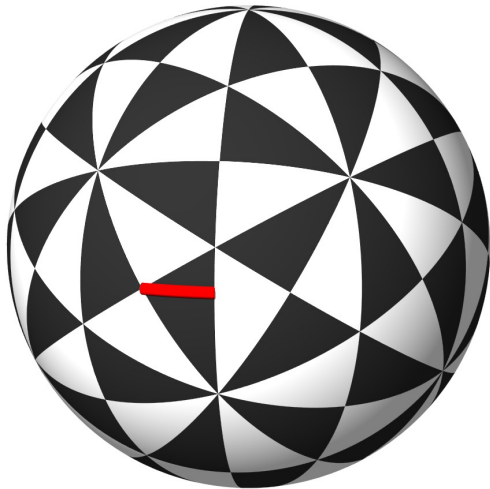
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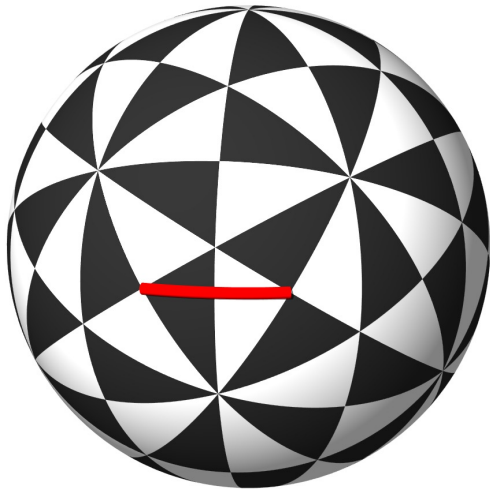
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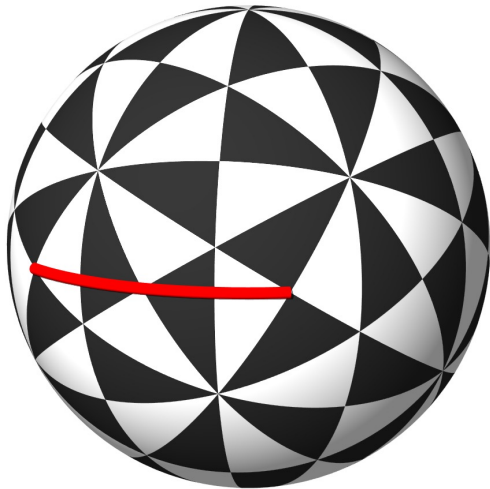
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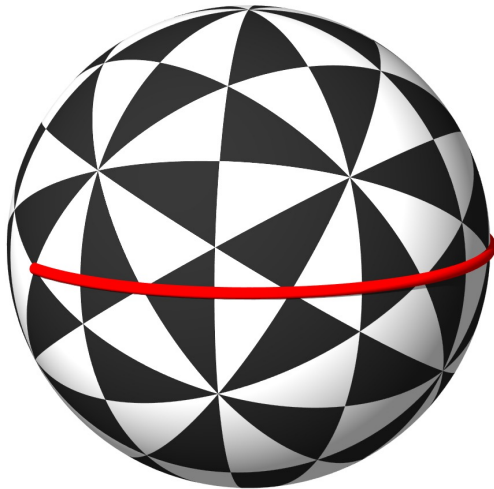
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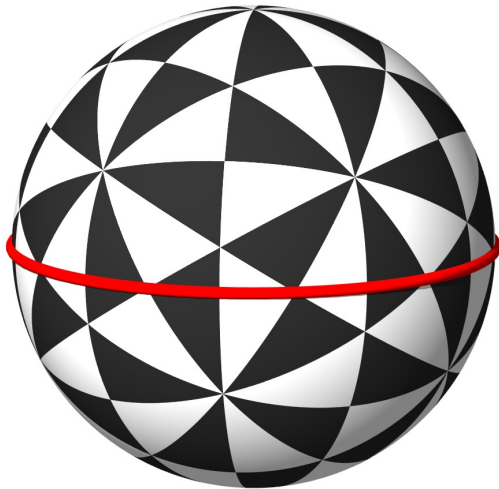
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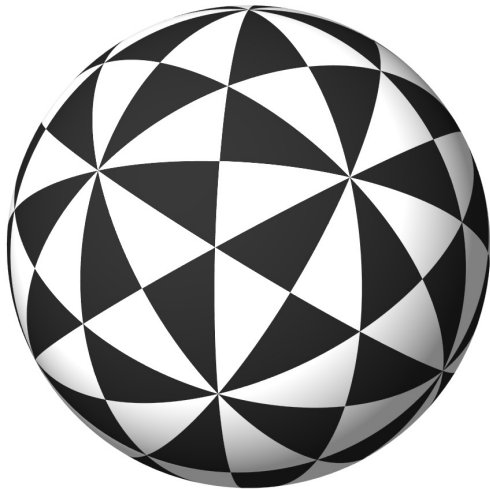
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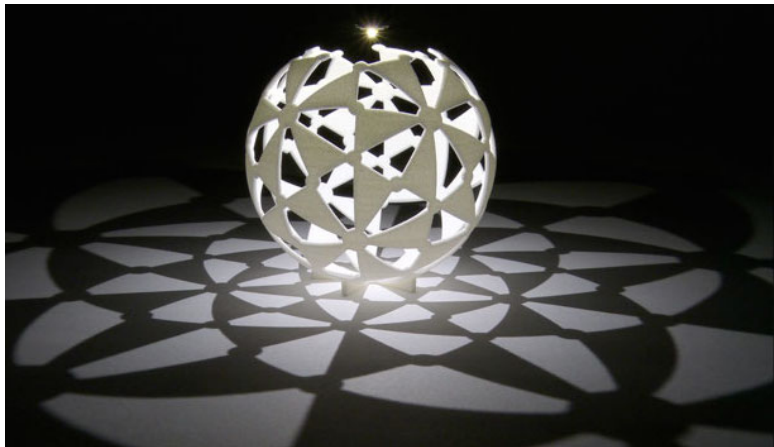
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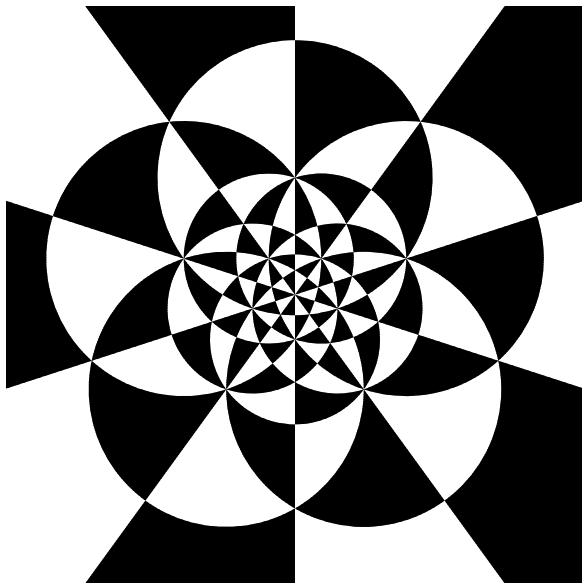
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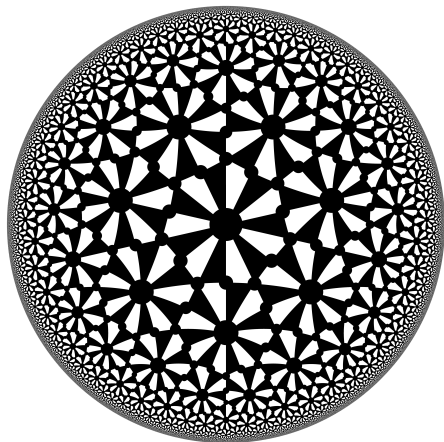


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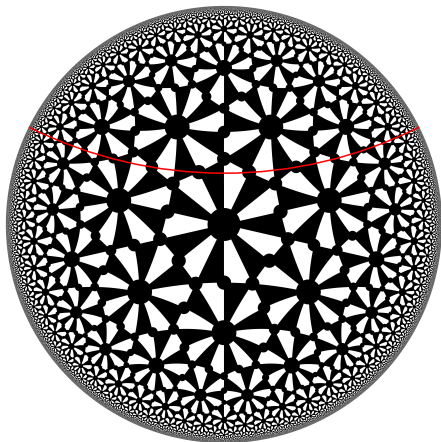
M.C. Escher, Circle Limit III

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Roice Nelson, (2, 3, 7) tiling

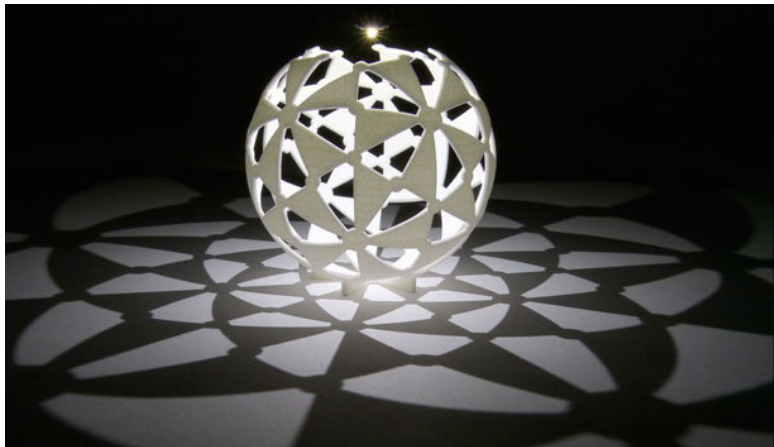
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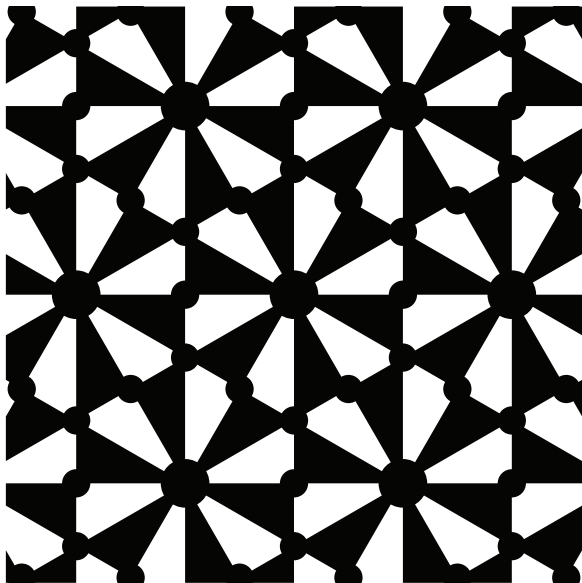
Roice Nelson and Henry Segerman, $(2, 3, 7)$ tiling with kite path

Covers and quotients

Finite versus infinite



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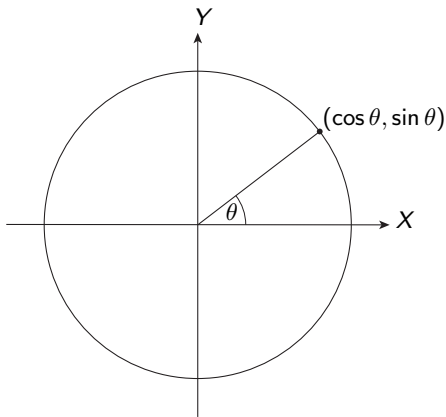


Cylinder seals



Late Urak cylinder seal, about 3300-3000 BC. British Museum.

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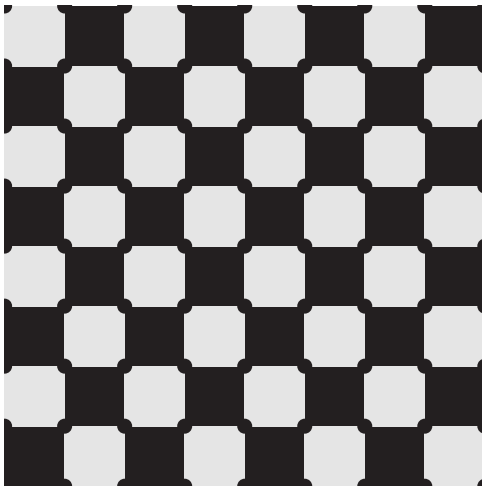
$$\cos(\theta) = 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2} + \frac{\theta^4}{4!} - \frac{\theta^6}{6!} + \dots$$

$$= \sum (-1)^k \frac{\theta^{2k}}{(2k)!}$$

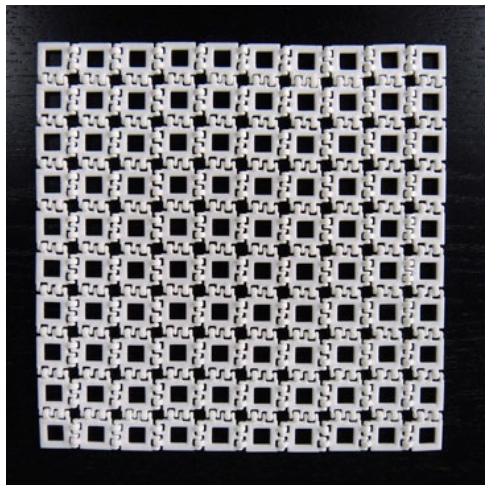
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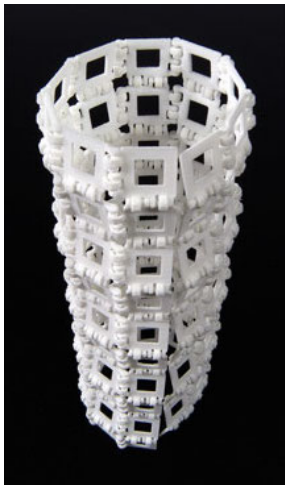
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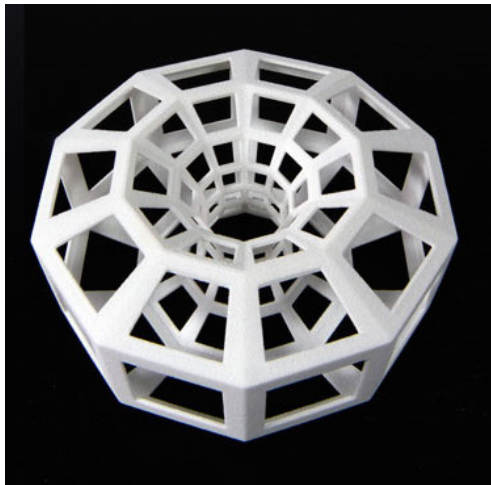
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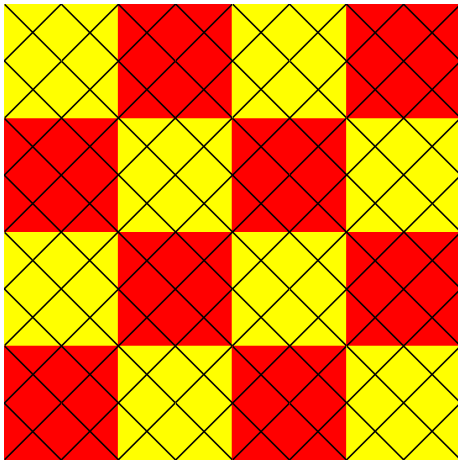
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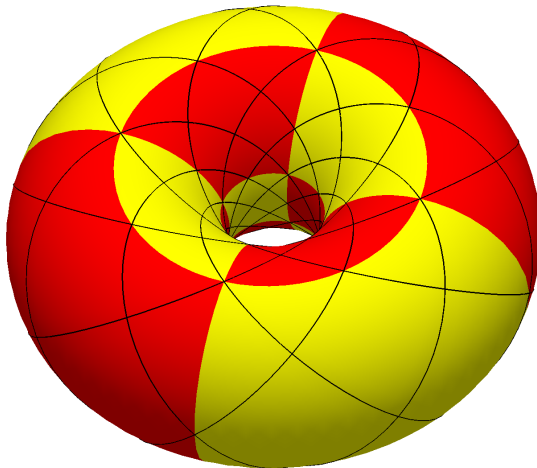


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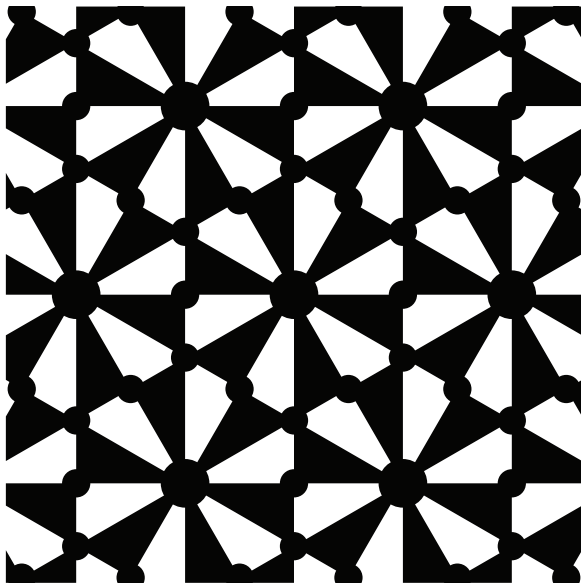
John Sullivan, Conformal tiling on a torus, Figure 1

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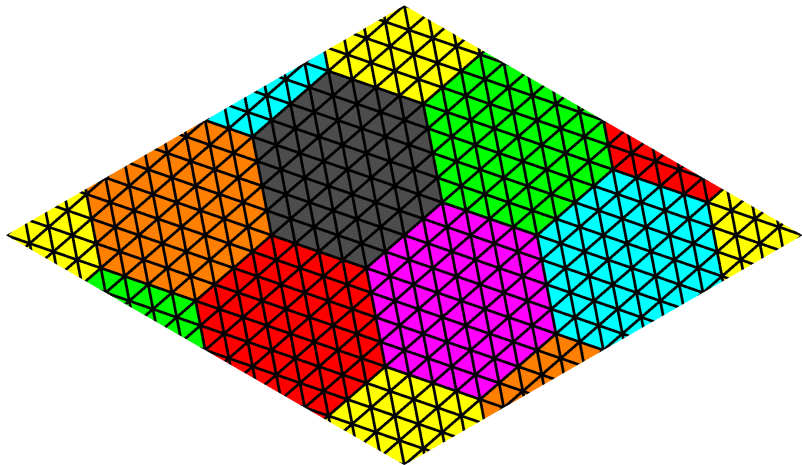


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Wrapping up the $(2, 3, 6)$ tiling

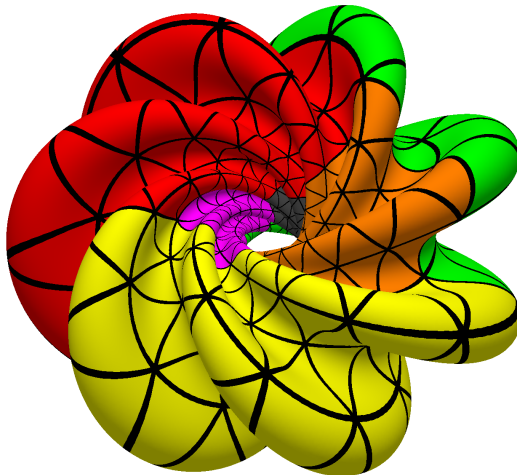


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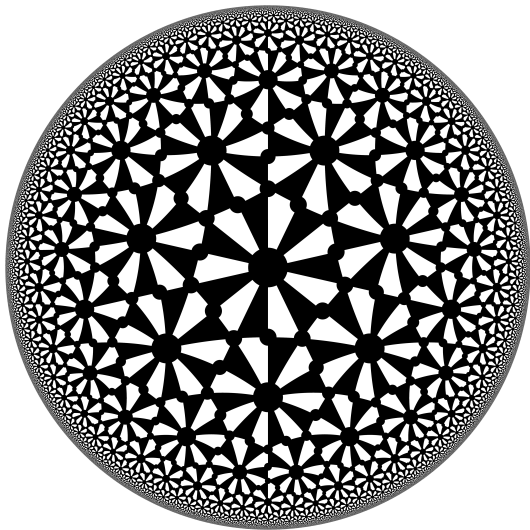
John Sullivan, Conformal tiling on a torus, Figure 4

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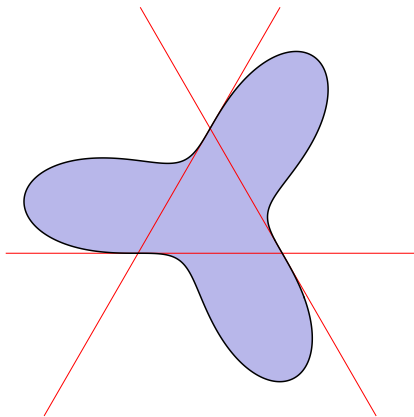
John Sullivan, Conformal tiling on a torus, Figure 5

Wrapping up the $(2, 3, 7)$ tiling



The Klein quartic

$$Q : X^3Y + Y^3Z + Z^3X = 0$$



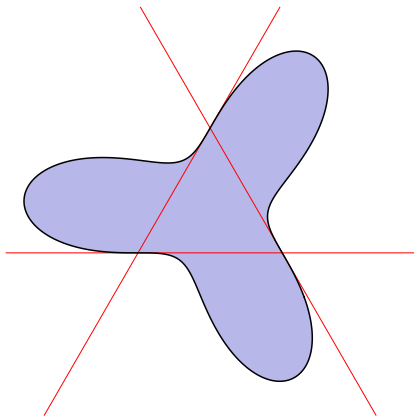
The real points of Q in the plane $X + Y + Z = 1$. The defining equation is degree four and is *homogeneous*.

Genus



Genus formula: A smooth curve X in $\mathbb{C}P^2$ of degree d has genus $g(X) = (d - 1)(d - 2)/2$. [So $g(Q) = (4 - 1)(3 - 1)/2 = 3$]

Symmetries of $Q : X^3Y + Y^3Z + Z^3X = 0$



The origin is a point of order three. Also, there are three reflection lines.

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$$r' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad t = \begin{bmatrix} \omega^4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \omega \end{bmatrix}$$

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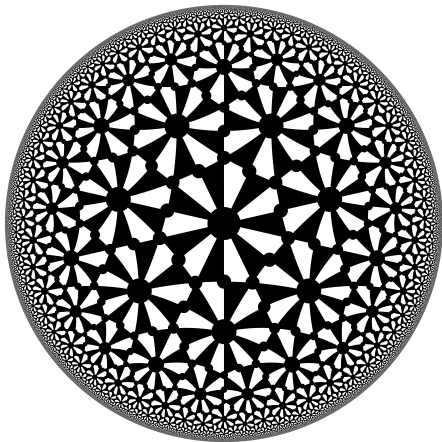
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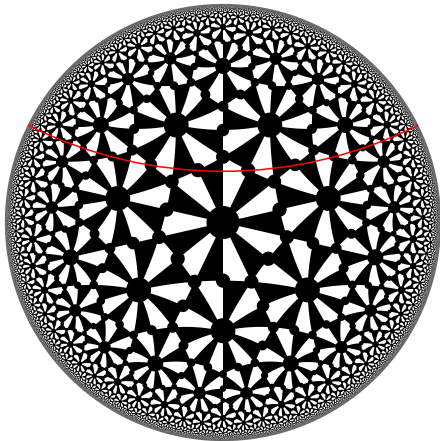
So t has order seven, s has order two, and $r = TS$ has order three (and is conjugate to r'). However, we also have $(tsTS)^4 = 1$.

Symmetries of the $(2, 3, 7)$ tiling



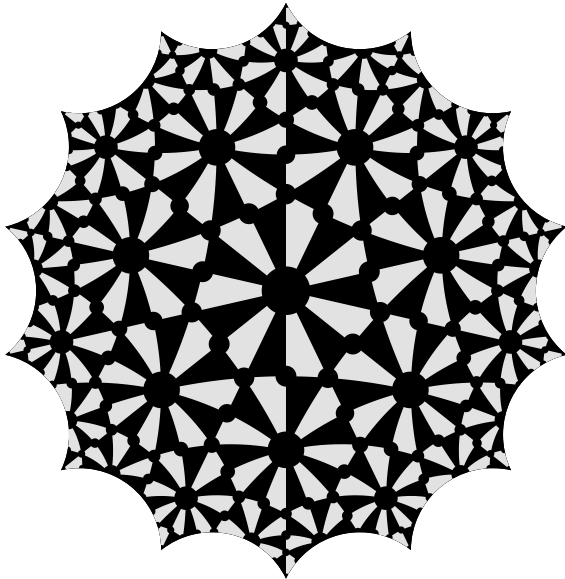
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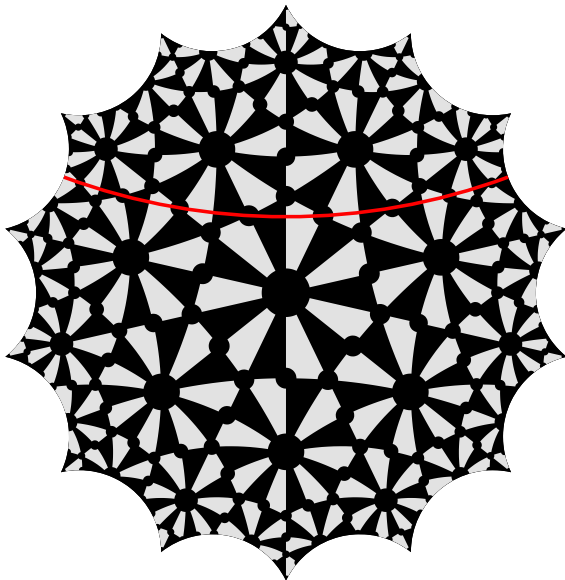


Note s and t have orders two and seven. The product $r = TS$ is a rotation of order three. However, the element $tsTS$ is not finite order. It is the kite path!

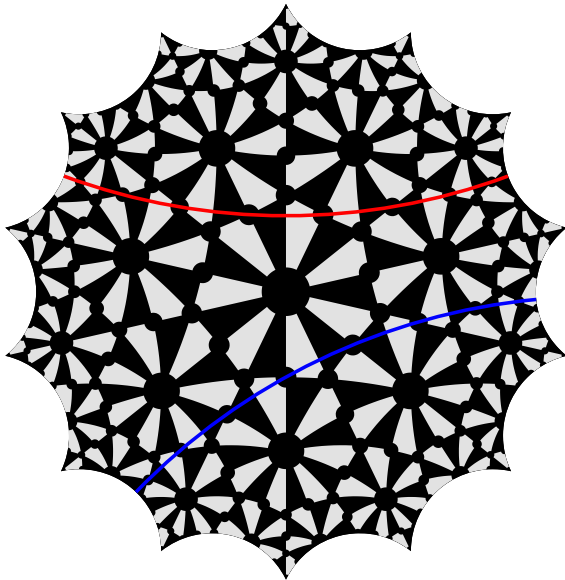
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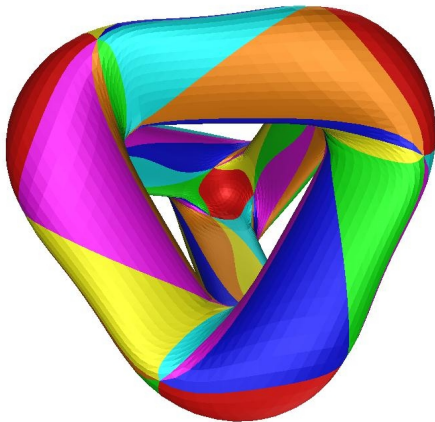
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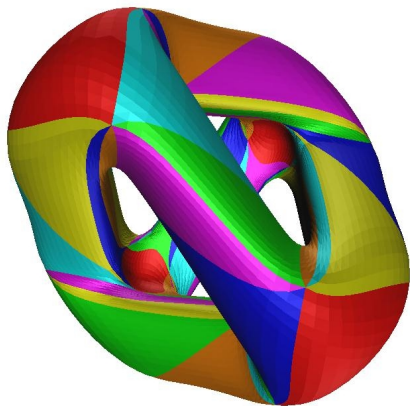


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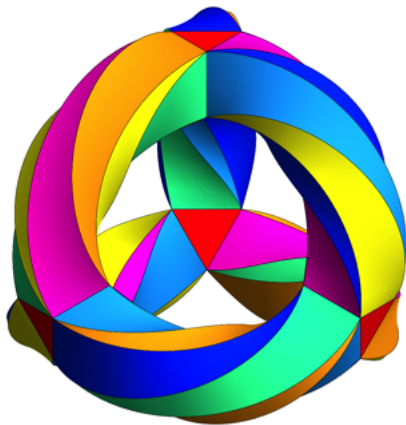
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Carlo Séquin, Patterns on the genus-three Klein quartic

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Greg Egan, Klein's quartic curve

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Helaman Ferguson, The eightfold way

Ramanujan's q -series

$$a = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} q^{(14n+5)^2}$$

$$b = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{(14n+3)^2}$$

$$c = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{(14n+1)^2}$$

Here $z = x + iy$ is a point in the upper-half plane ($y > 0$) and $q = \exp(2\pi iz/56)$. The q -series a , b , and c satisfy the quartic equation! [Lachaud, Berndt, Ramanujan, Klein] This gives a parametrisation of Q .

Extracting Q from $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^2$

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Map of the Klein quartic from CP^2 to R^3



The Klein quartic Q is cut out of $\mathbb{C}P^2$ by the homogeneous equation

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$$x^3y + y^3z + z^3x = 0.$$



It has 168 orientation preserving automorphisms and includes several copies of the tetrahedral group (with twelve elements).



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Is there a nice way to take the points of Q in $\mathbb{C}P^2$, map them to \mathbb{R}^3 (preserving one of the tetrahedral symmetry groups) and so produce an embedded, compact, genus three surface?

There are already a number of models of the Klein quartic in \mathbb{R}^3 . So far we've found the two by Joe Christy and Greg Egan (see [this webpage](#) by John Baez) and also [a version](#) by Carlo Sequin. As far as we (Saul Schleimer and I) can tell, these are all "topological" models and not obtained by mapping from $Q \subset \mathbb{C}P^2$ in some sensible way.

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Bihomogeneous polynomials

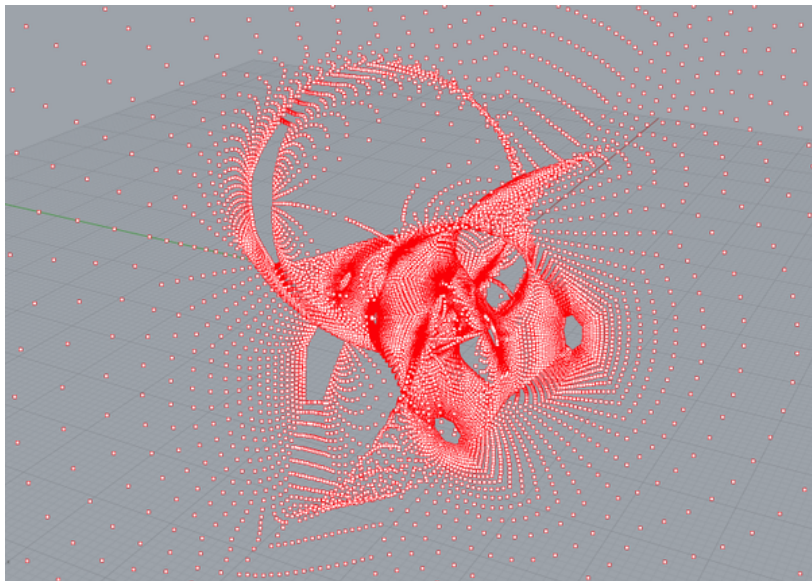
Noam Elkies says to look for degree $2d$ bihomogeneous polynomial functions that are equivariant with respect to the A_4 action. Here are a few examples:

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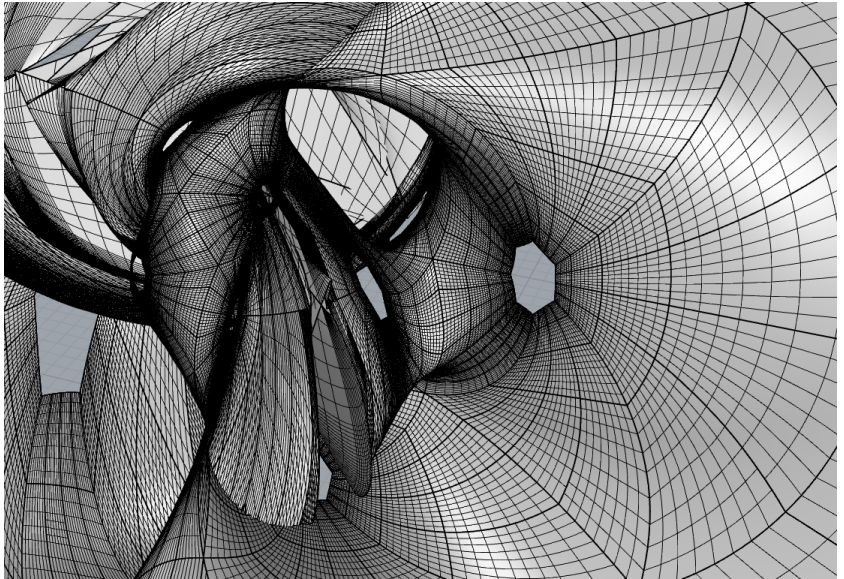
$$(YZ\bar{X}^2, ZX\bar{Y}^2, XY\bar{Z}^2)/(X\bar{X} + Y\bar{Y} + Z\bar{Z})^2$$

We found all such for $d = 1, 2, 3$. Next we took linear combinations, searching for an embedding.

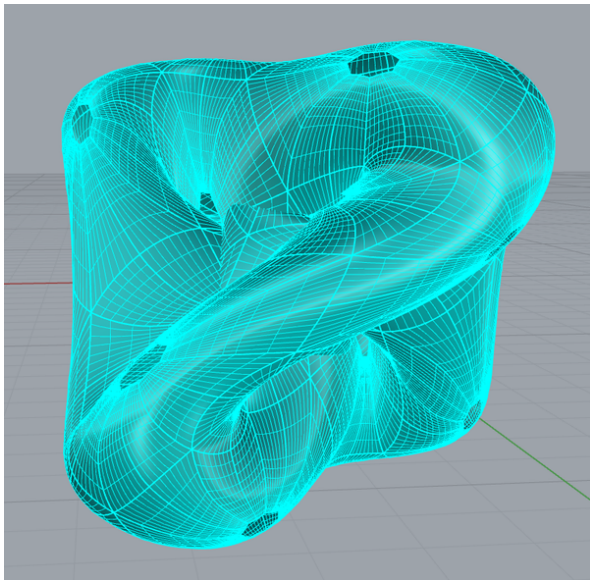
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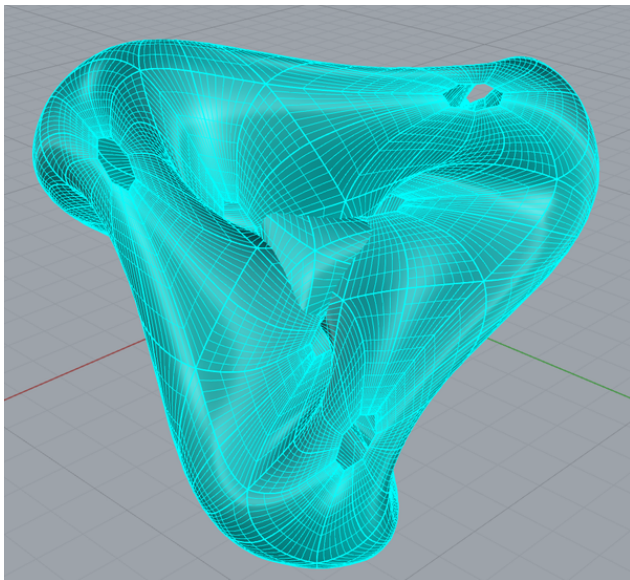
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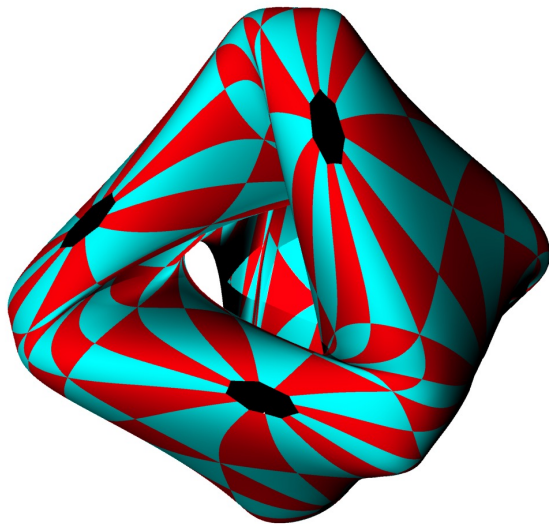
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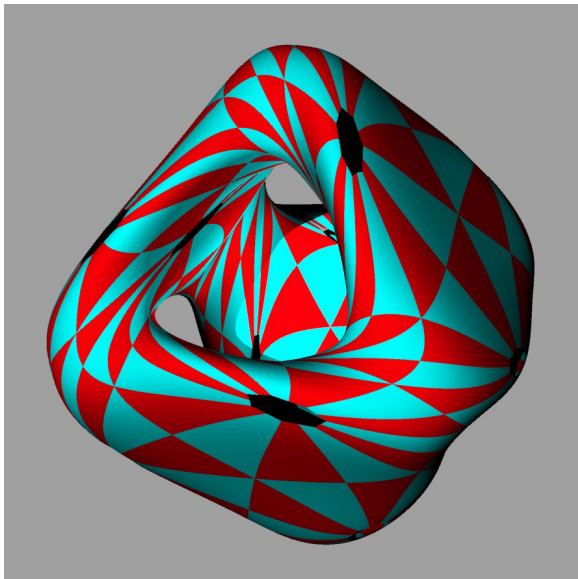
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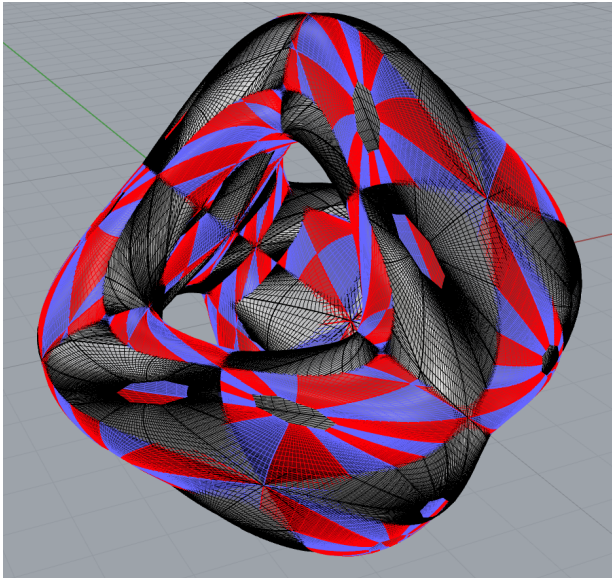
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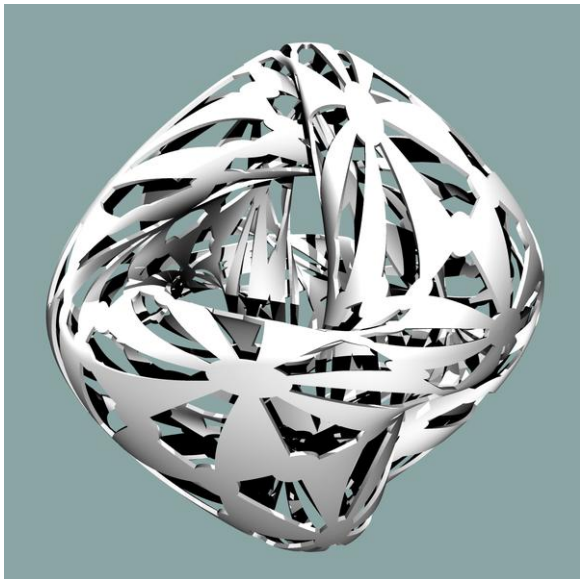
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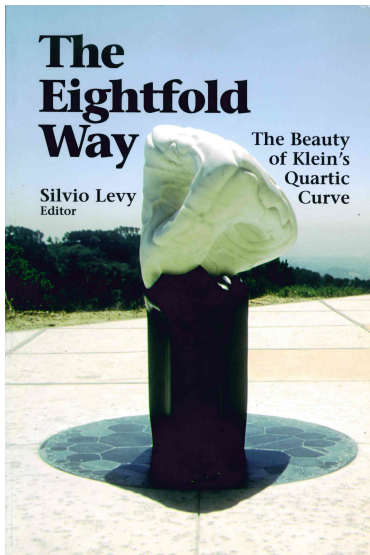
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