

# Equivelar toroids with few flag-orbits

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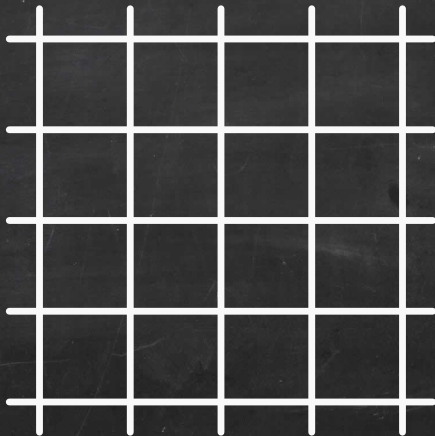
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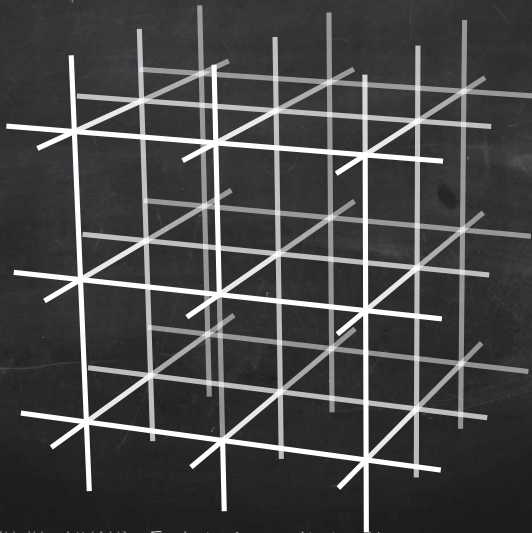
An **Euclidean Tessellation**  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $\mathbb{E}^n$  is a family of convex  $n$ -polytopes such that

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

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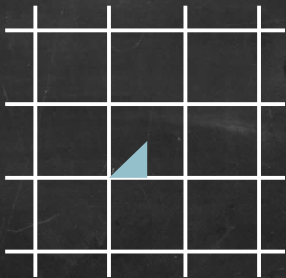


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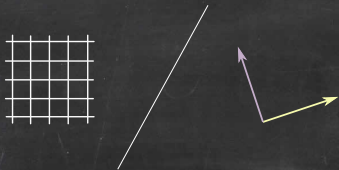
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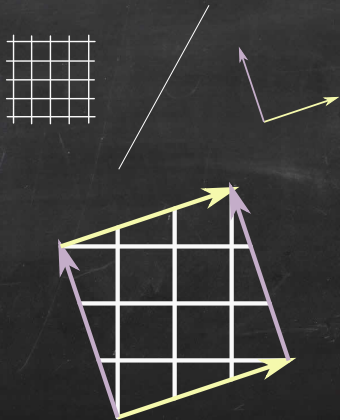
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