

**Coxeter polytope:**

A polytope  $P$  in  $X = S^d, \mathbb{E}^d$  or  $\mathbb{H}^d$  is called a *Coxeter polytope* if all dihedral angles of  $P$  are integer submultiples of  $\pi$ .

- The group  $G_P$  generated by reflections with respect to the facets of  $P$  acts discretely on  $X$ ,  $P$  is the fundamental domain of  $G_P$ .
- Moreover, a fundamental domain of any discrete reflection group in  $X$  is a Coxeter polytope.

The highest dimension faces of polytopes are called *facets*.

**Gram matrix:**

The *Gram matrix* of a Coxeter polytope  $P$  with  $n$  facets  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  is a symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix  $G = \{g_{ij}\}$  such that

$$g_{ii} = 1, \quad g_{ij} = \begin{cases} -\cos(\frac{\pi}{m_{ij}}), & \text{if } \angle f_i f_j = \frac{\pi}{m_{ij}}; \\ -1, & \text{if } f_i \text{ is parallel to } f_j; \\ -\cosh \rho_{ij}, & \text{if } f_i \text{ and } f_j \text{ diverge and lie at distance } \rho_{ij}. \end{cases}$$


**Coxeter diagram:**

It is convenient to represent Coxeter polytopes with *Coxeter diagrams*:

- **vertices**  $v_i$  correspond to facets  $f_i$  of  $P$ ;
- **edges:**
  - $v_i$  is joined to  $v_j$  by an edge labelled  $k$  if  $\angle f_i f_j = \frac{\pi}{k}$ ;
  - if  $k = 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$  one uses the following notation:
    - $v_i$  is **not** joined to  $v_j$  if  $\angle f_i f_j = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ;
    - $v_i$  is joined to  $v_j$  by  $(k - 2)$ -fold edge if  $\angle f_i f_j = \frac{\pi}{k}$ ;
  - $v_i$  is joined to  $v_j$  by a **bold** edge if  $f_i$  is parallel to  $f_j$ ;
  - $v_i$  is joined to  $v_j$  by a **dotted** edge if  $f_i$  and  $f_j$  diverge;
    - a dotted edge  $v_i v_j$  is labelled by  $\cosh \rho$ , where  $\rho$  is the hyperbolic distance from  $f_i$  to  $f_j$ .

**Examples:**

- A spherical triangle with angles  $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{4})$  is a 2-dimensional Coxeter polytope

with Gram matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ 0 & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and Coxeter diagram 

- A hyperbolic quadrilateral with angles  $(0, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{7})$  is a 2-dim Coxeter polytope

with Gram matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -\cosh d_1 & -\cos \frac{\pi}{7} \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & -\cosh d_2 \\ -\cosh d_1 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ -\cos \frac{\pi}{7} & -\cosh d_2 & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

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