

Hyperbolic Coxeter polytopes

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Giving talks

usually: because of recent progress;
today: less progress than expected.

- Collect what we know;
- connect to another classification problem.

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Coxeter diagrams

- Nodes \longleftrightarrow facets f_i of P

- Edges:

$\bullet \xrightarrow{m_{ij}} \bullet$ if $\angle(f_i f_j) = \pi/m_{ij}$

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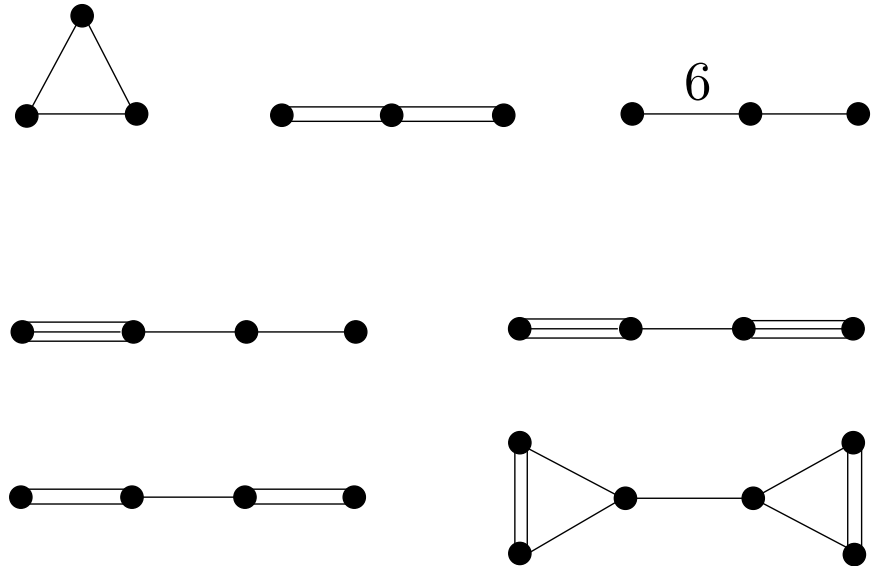
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$\bullet \text{ - - - } \bullet$ if $f_i \cap f_j = \emptyset$

$\bullet \text{ = } \bullet$ if $f_i \cap f_j \in \partial \mathbb{H}^n$

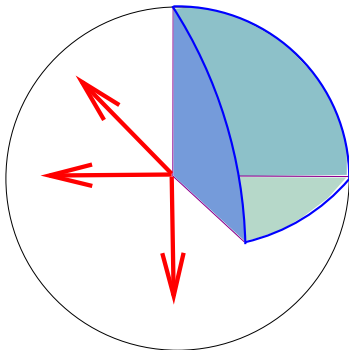
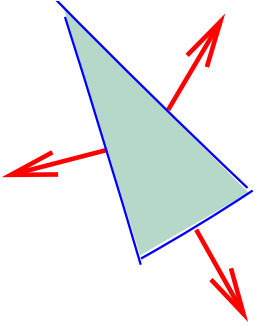
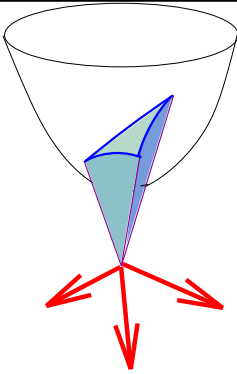
Examples:



Gram matrix

$P \subset \mathbb{S}^n, \mathbb{E}^n$ or $\mathbb{H}^n \longrightarrow$ Symmetric matrix $G = \{g_{ij}\}$

- $g_{ii} = 1,$ $g_{ij} = \begin{cases} -\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{m_{ij}}\right), & \text{if } \angle(f_i f_j) = \pi/m_{ij}, \\ 1, & \text{if } f_i \text{ is parallel to } f_j, \\ -\cosh(\rho(f_i, f_j)), & \text{if } f_i \text{ and } f_j \text{ diverge.} \end{cases}$

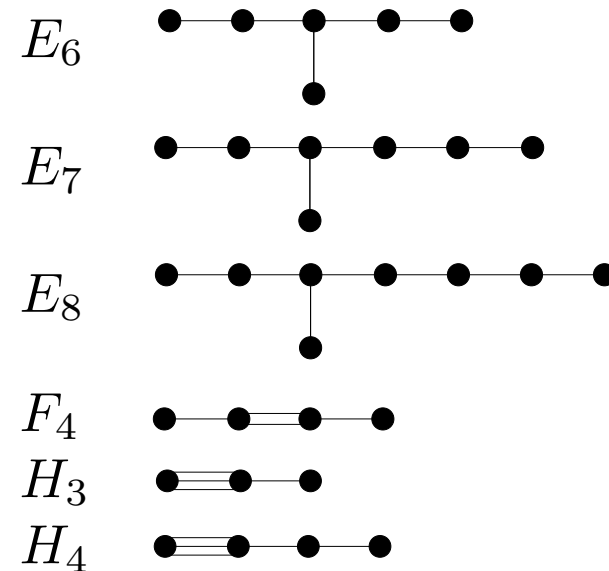
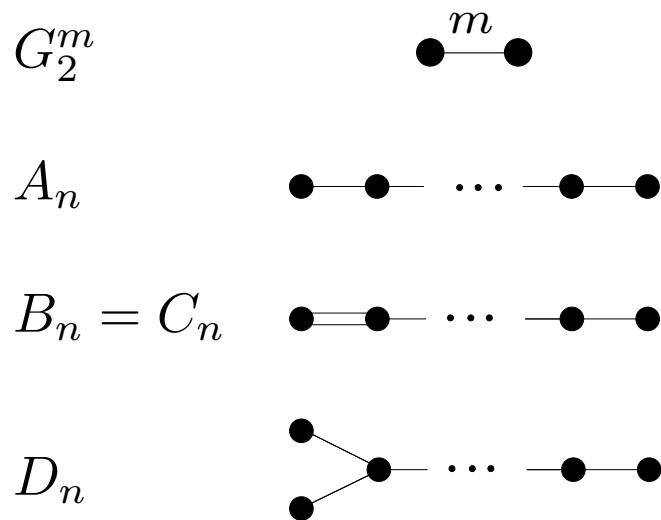
| | \mathbb{S}^d | \mathbb{E}^d | \mathbb{H}^d |
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| $sgn(G)$ | $(d + 1, 0)$ | $(d, 0)$ | $(d, 1)$ |

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 - finitely many types in each dimension;
 - classified by Coxeter in 1934.

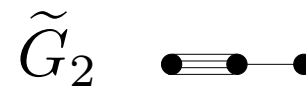
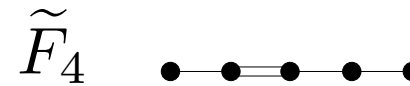
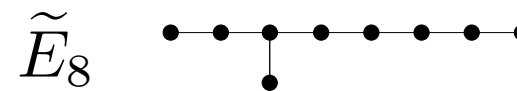
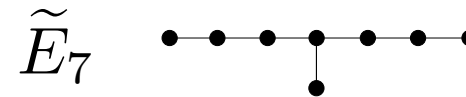
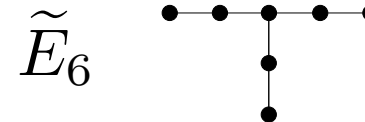
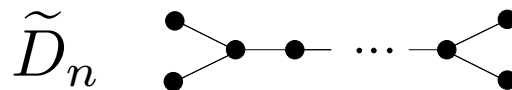
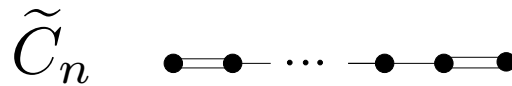
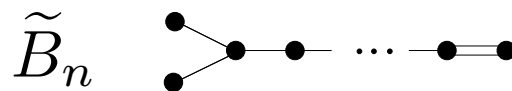
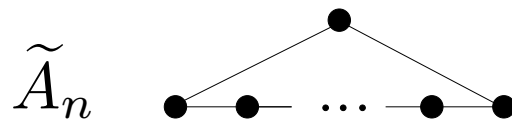
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Euclidean Coxeter polytopes

- $P \subset \mathbb{E}^n \Rightarrow P$ is a product of simplices.
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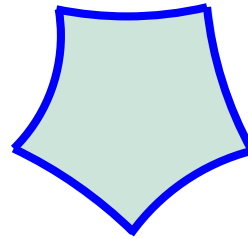
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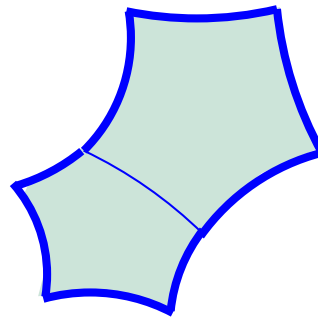
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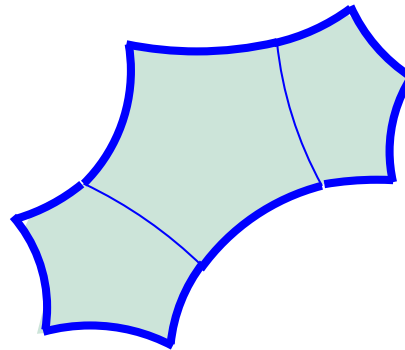
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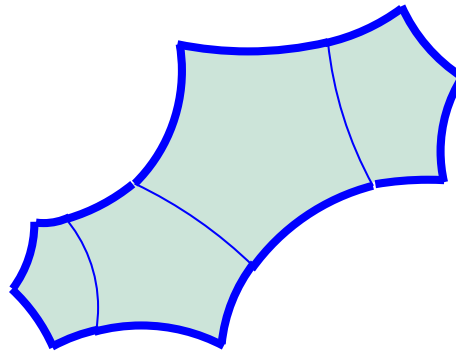
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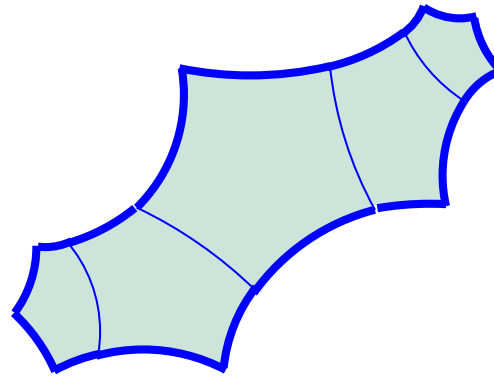
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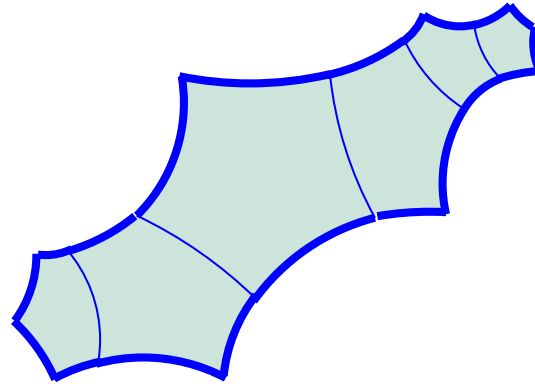
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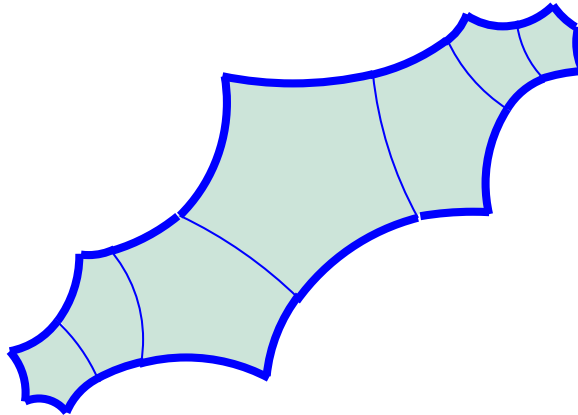
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- **Plan:**
 1. How badly we don't know
 2. Small bits we know
 3. How to add a bit of structure
 4. How to use

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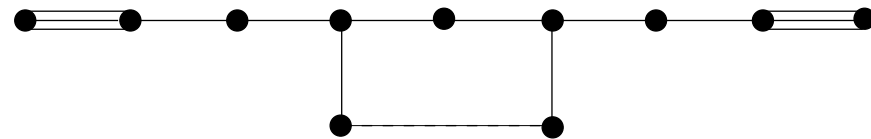
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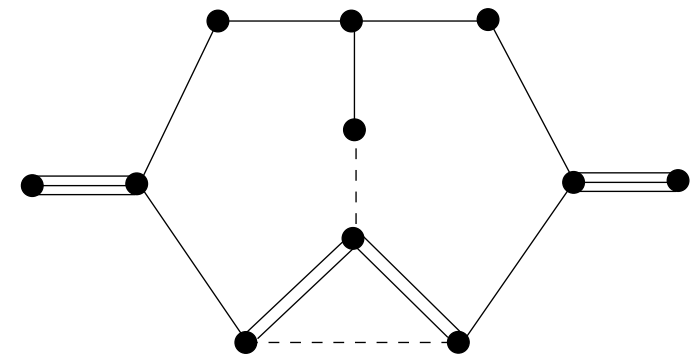
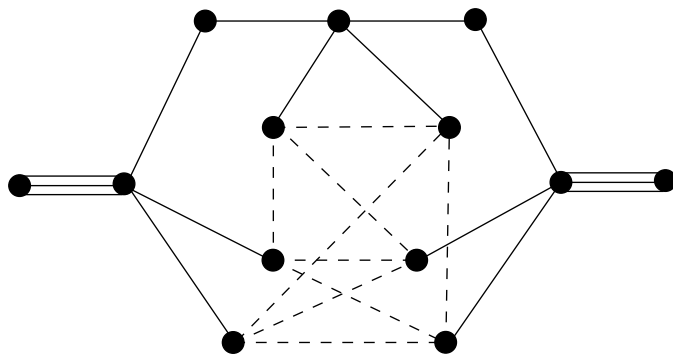
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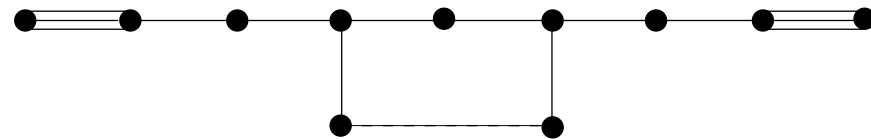
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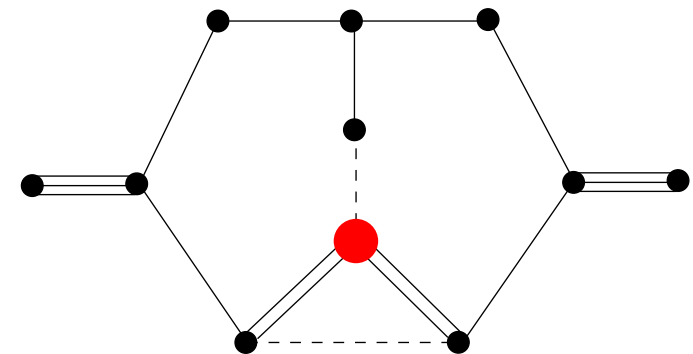
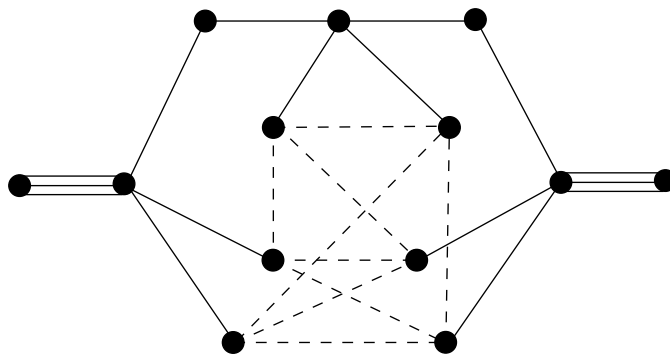
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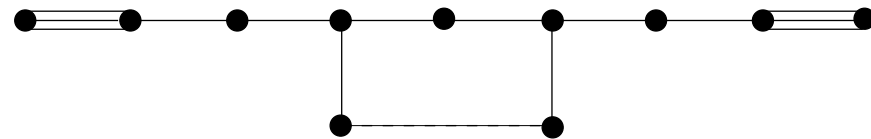
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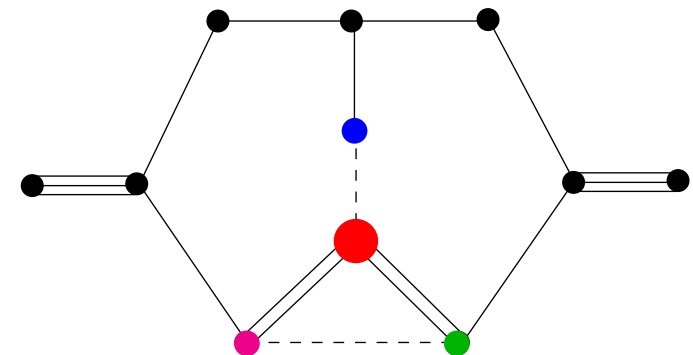
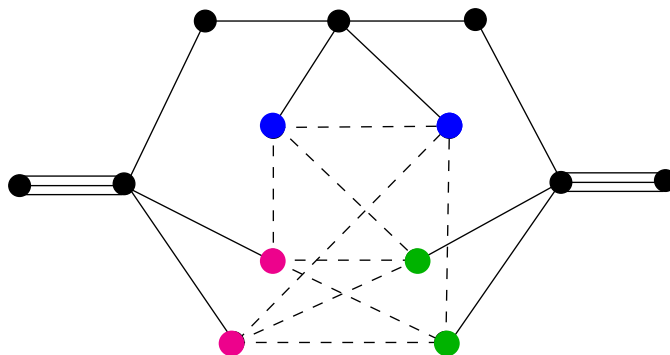
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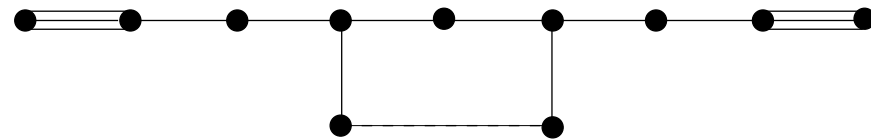
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- If $P \subset \mathbb{H}^d$ is of finite volume then $d \leq 996$.
[Prochorov'85, Khovanskiy'86].

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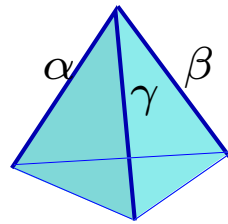
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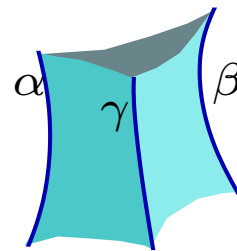
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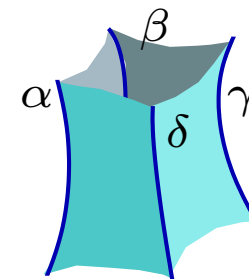
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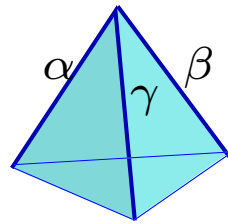


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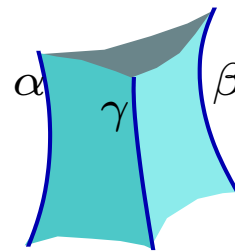
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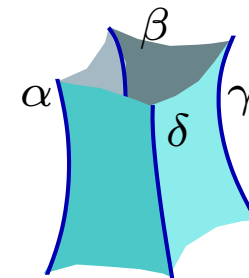
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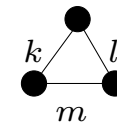
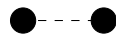
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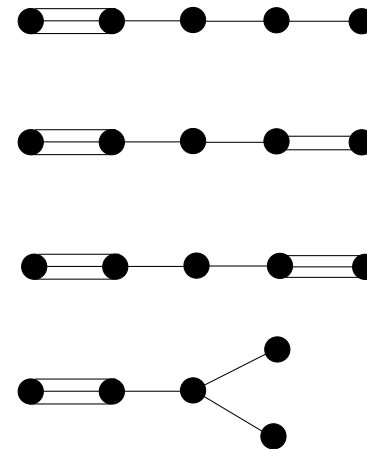
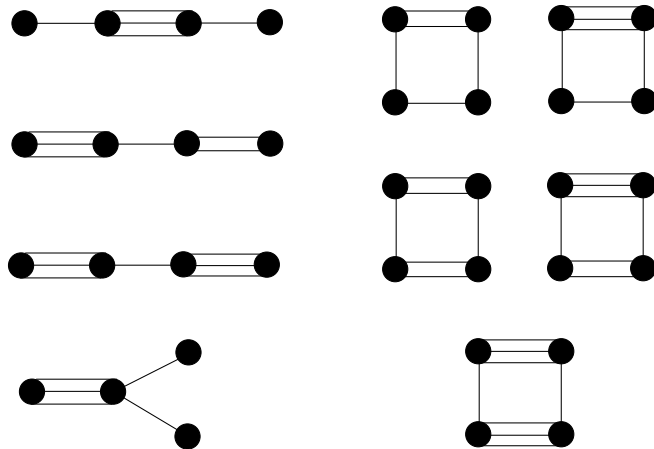
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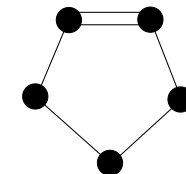
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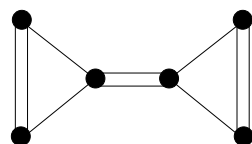
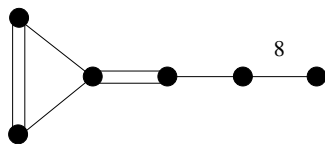
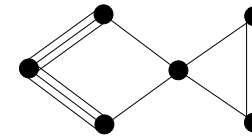
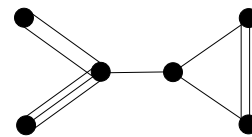
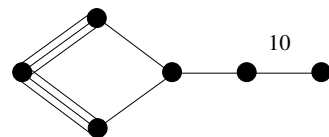
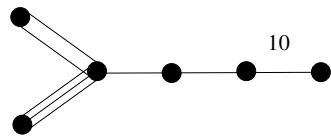
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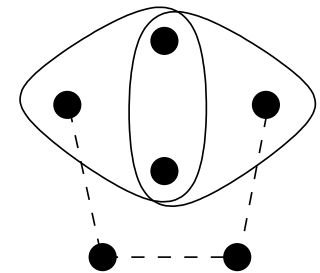
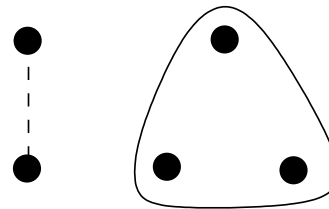
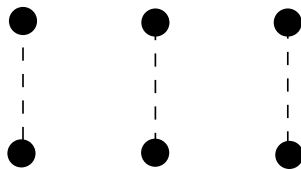
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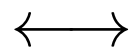
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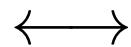
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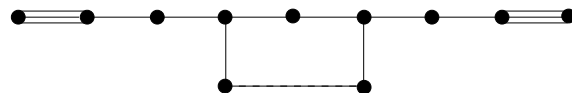
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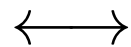
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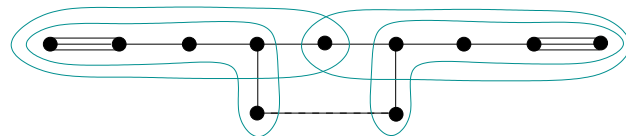
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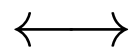
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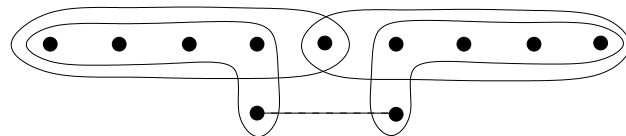
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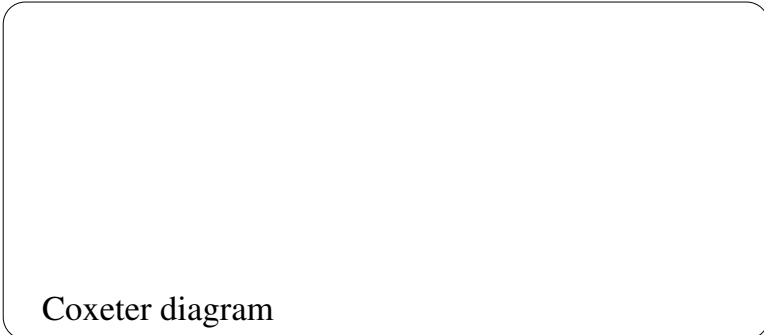
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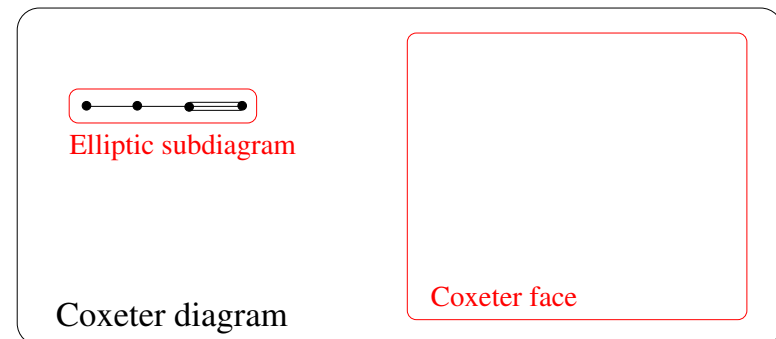
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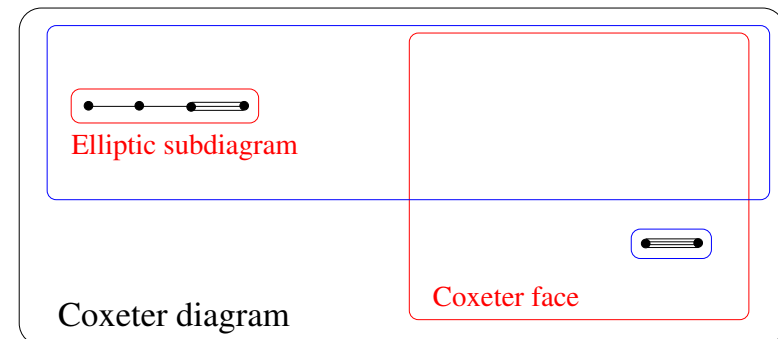
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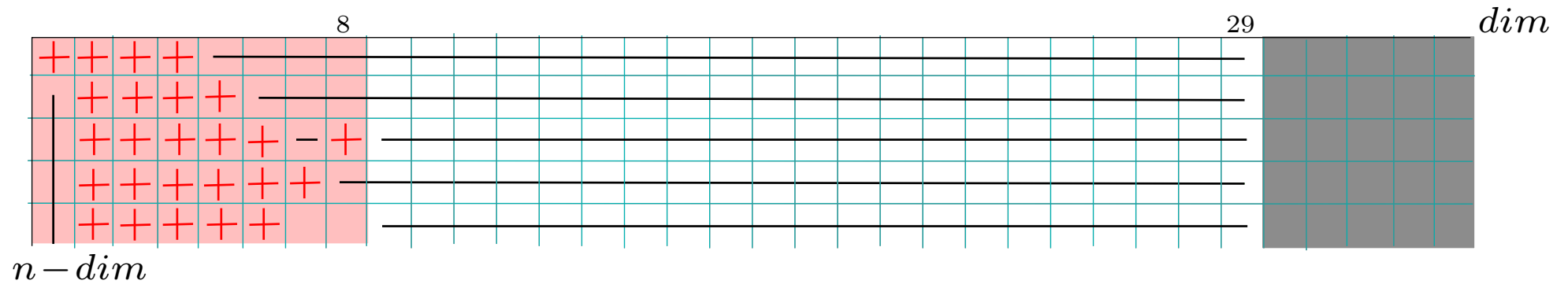
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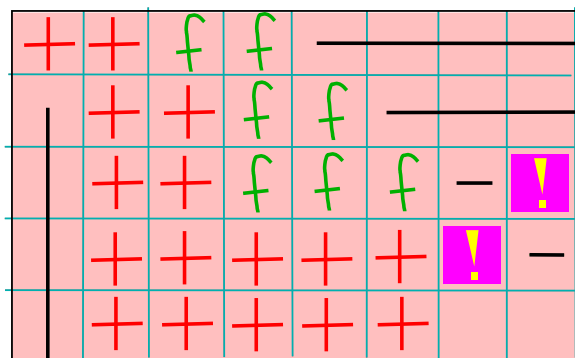
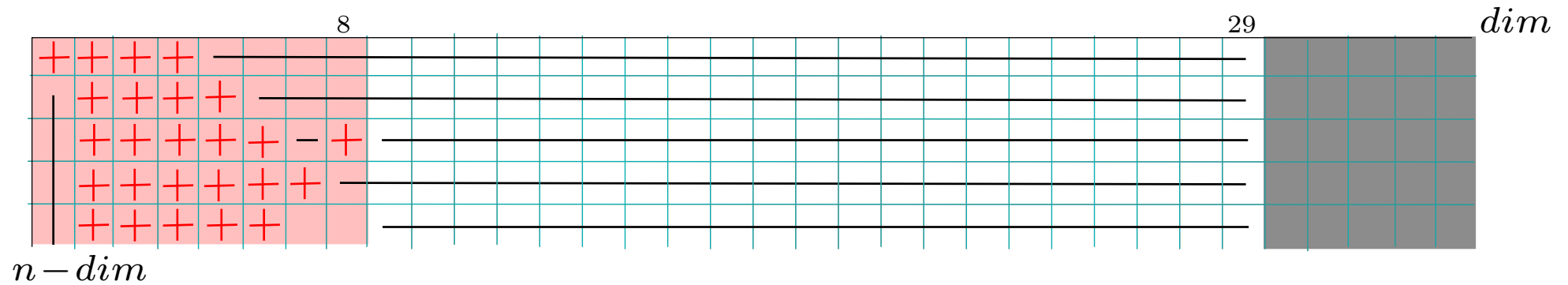
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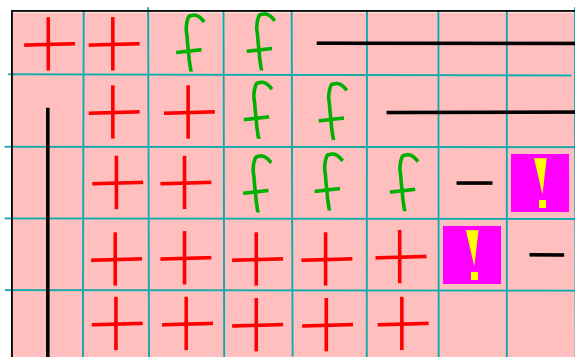
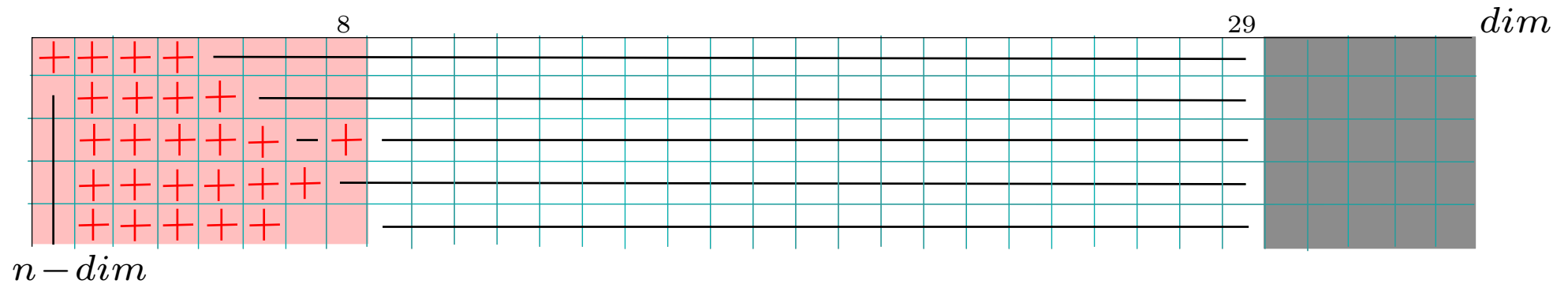
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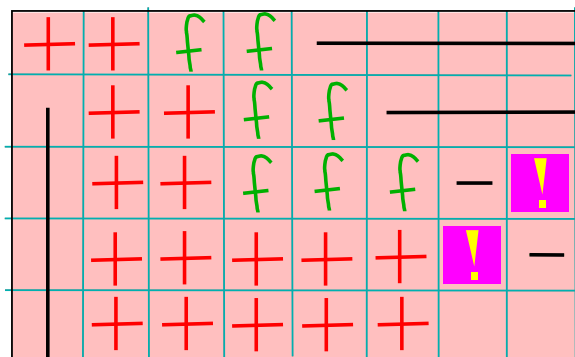
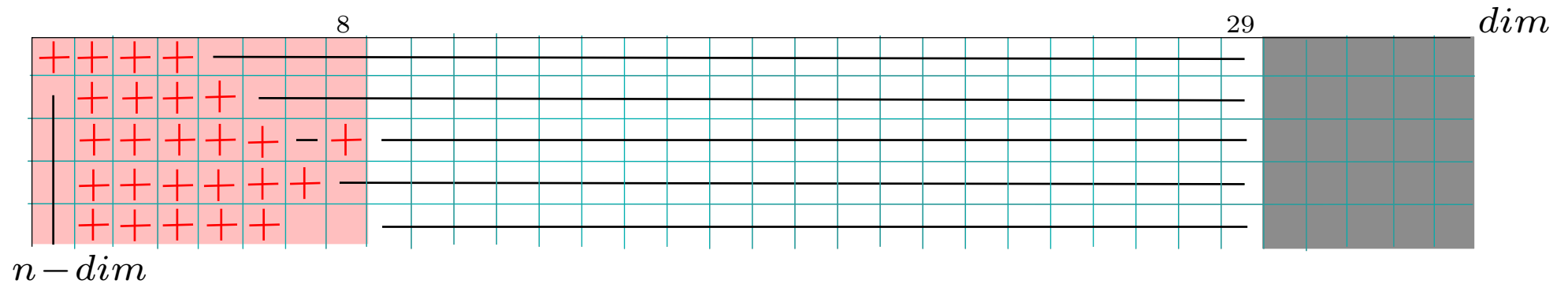
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[Nikulin'07] and [Agol, Belolipetsky, Storm, Whyte'08].

Since then?

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 - cubes [Jacquemet' 16; Jacquemet-Tschantz' 17 ?].
- Some results for finite volume polytopes
 - pyramids over products of more than two simplices [Mcleod' 13];
 - $n = \dim + 3$, with one non-simple vertex [Roberts' 15];
 - non-arithmetic examples in $\dim \leq 12$ and $\dim = 14, 18$ [Vinberg' 15].

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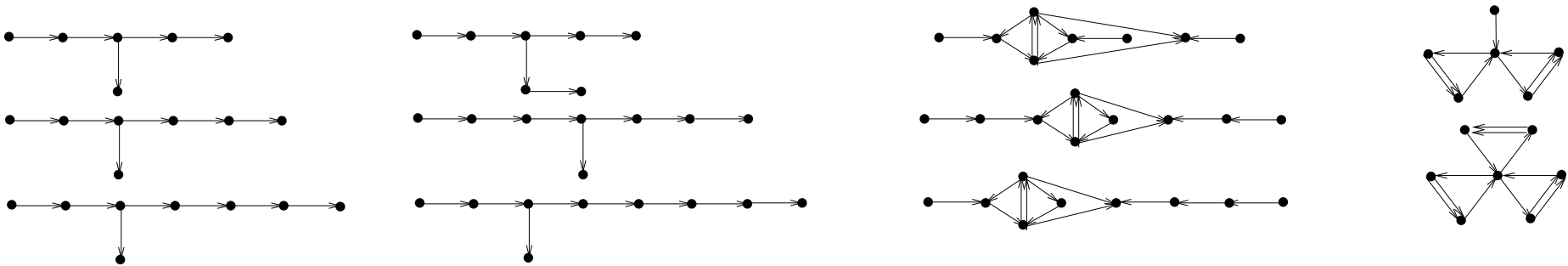
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– upside-down technique \longrightarrow minimal;
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Then either Q has 2 vertices,
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Some known classifications:

By dimension (dim):

- $\dim=2$: there exists a polygon with given angles if and only if the sum of angles is less than π [Po].
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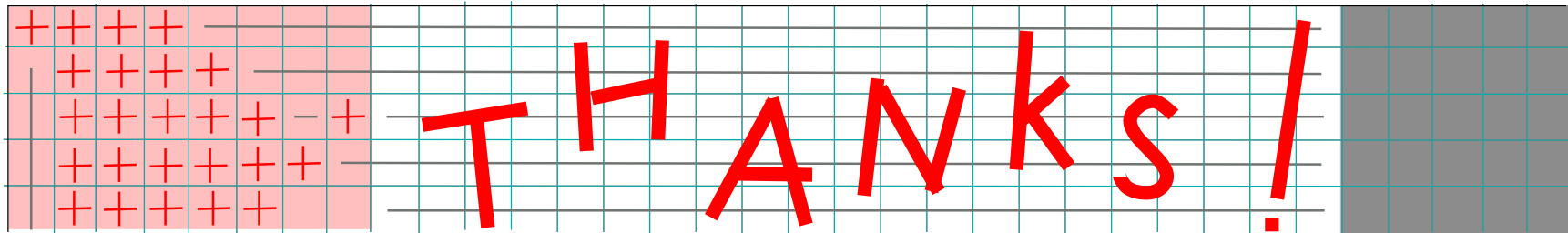
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