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Talk Title: The Garnet Recurrence & The Ising Model

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List 6-12 key words for the talk: Statistical Mechanics, Ising model, Octahedral recurrence, cluster mutation, Laurent phenomenon

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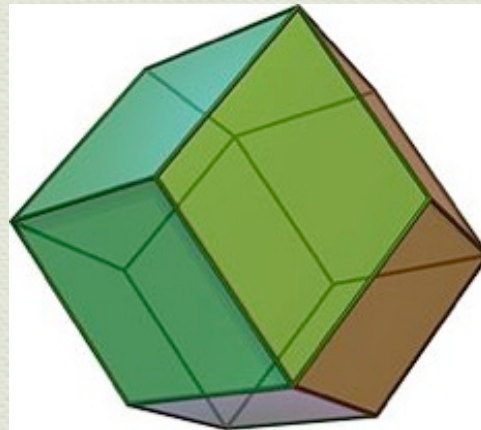
# THE GARNET RECURRENCE AND THE ISING MODEL

R. Kenyon (Brown)

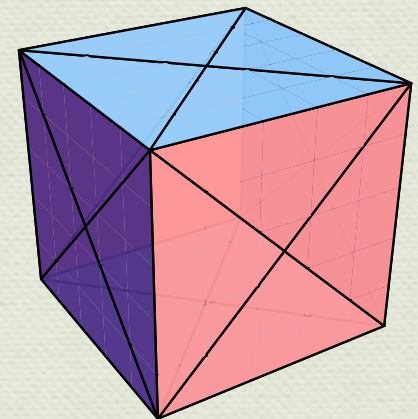
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garnet crystal



rhombic dodecahedron

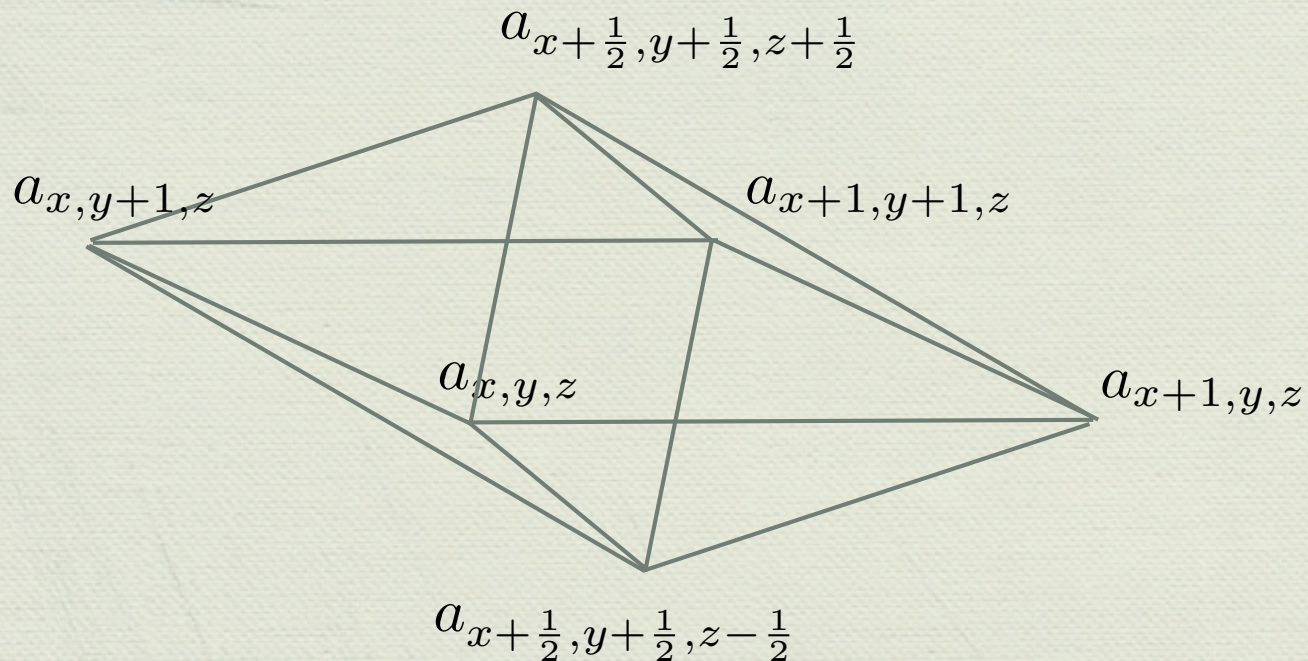


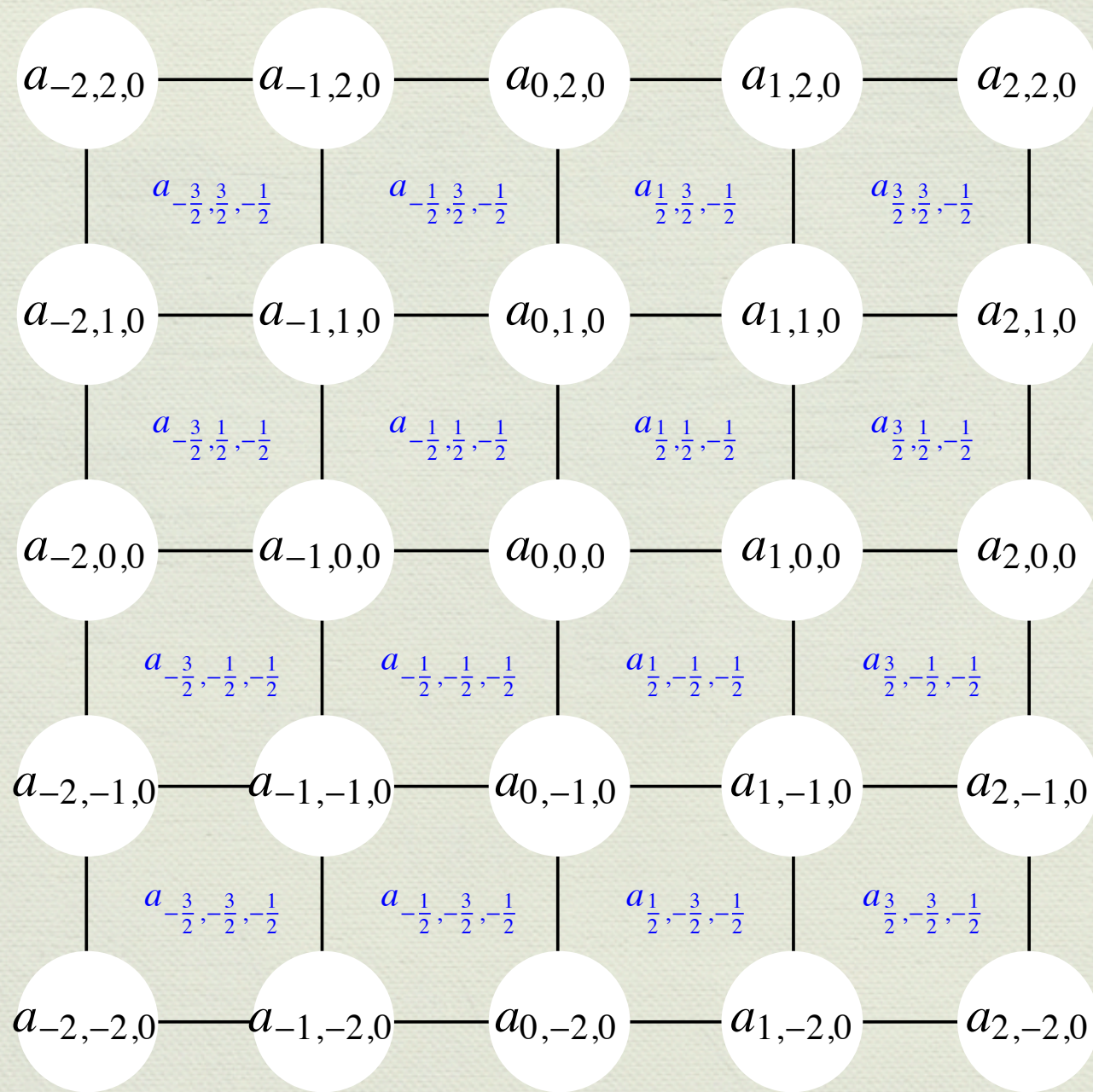
Octahedron recurrence = Hirota bilinear difference equation (HBDE)

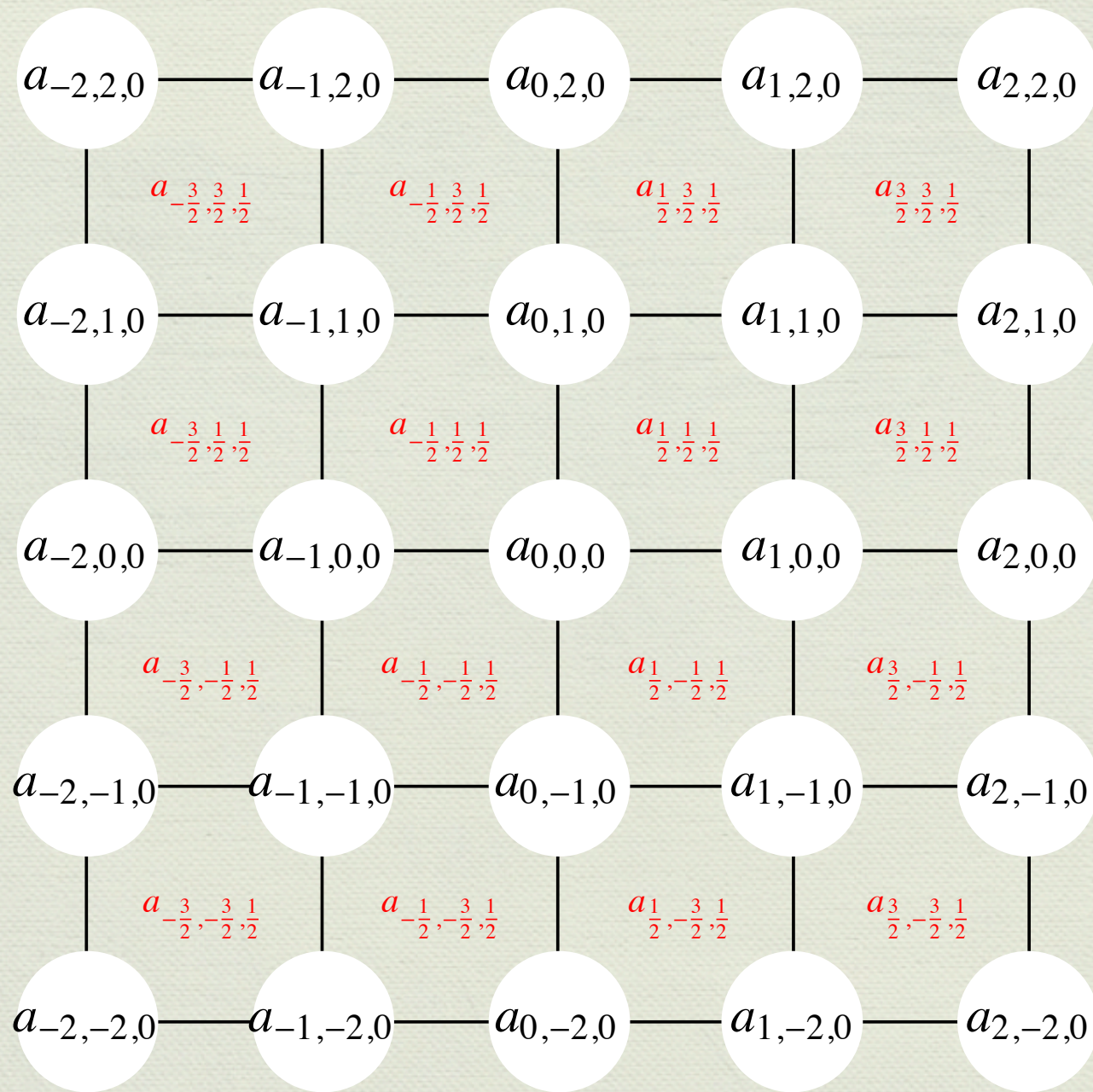
$$a_{x+\frac{1}{2},y+\frac{1}{2},z+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{a_{x,y,z}a_{x+1,y+1,z} + a_{x,y+1,z}a_{x+1,y,z}}{a_{x+\frac{1}{2},y+\frac{1}{2},z-\frac{1}{2}}}$$



diamond crystal







## Dodgson condensation for computing determinants

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix}$$

$a$		$b$		$c$
	$ae - bd$		$bf - ce$	
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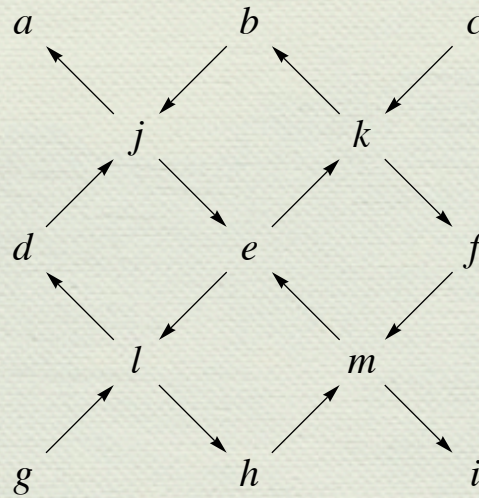


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$$\frac{(ae - bd)(ei - fh) - (bf - ce)(dh - eg)}{e} = \det M$$

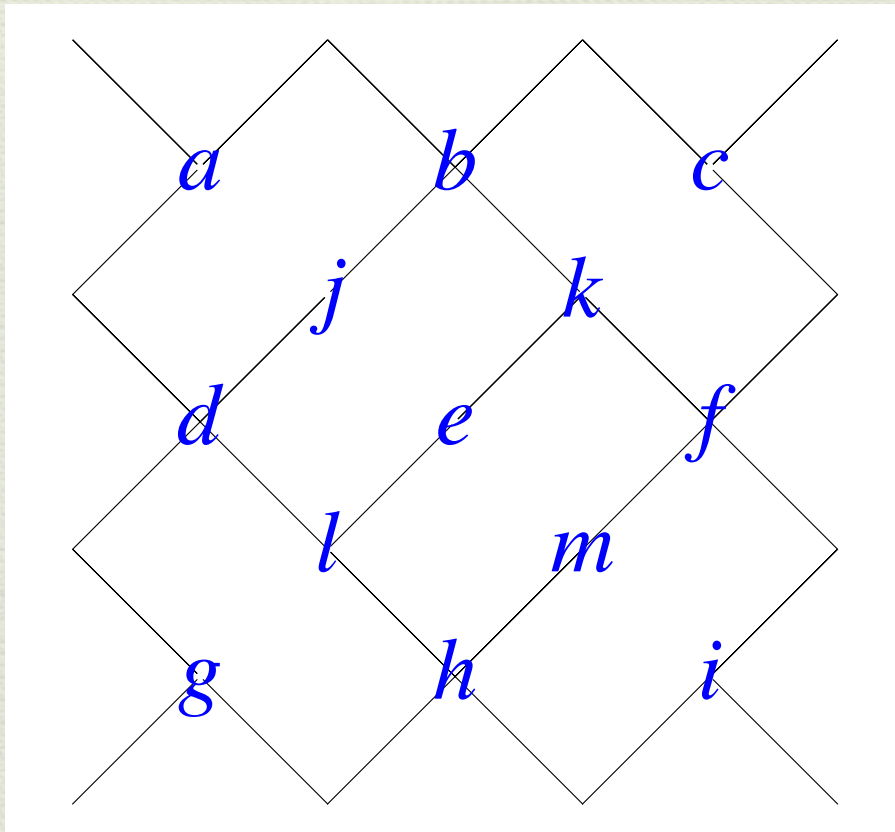


The octahedron recurrence is a “cluster modular transformation”

$$e_1 = \frac{aei}{jm} + \frac{bdi}{jm} + \frac{afh}{jm} + \frac{bdfh}{ejm} + \frac{bdfh}{ekl} + \frac{bfg}{kl} + \frac{cdh}{kl} + \frac{ceg}{kl}$$

**Theorem [Fomin, Zelevinsky]:**

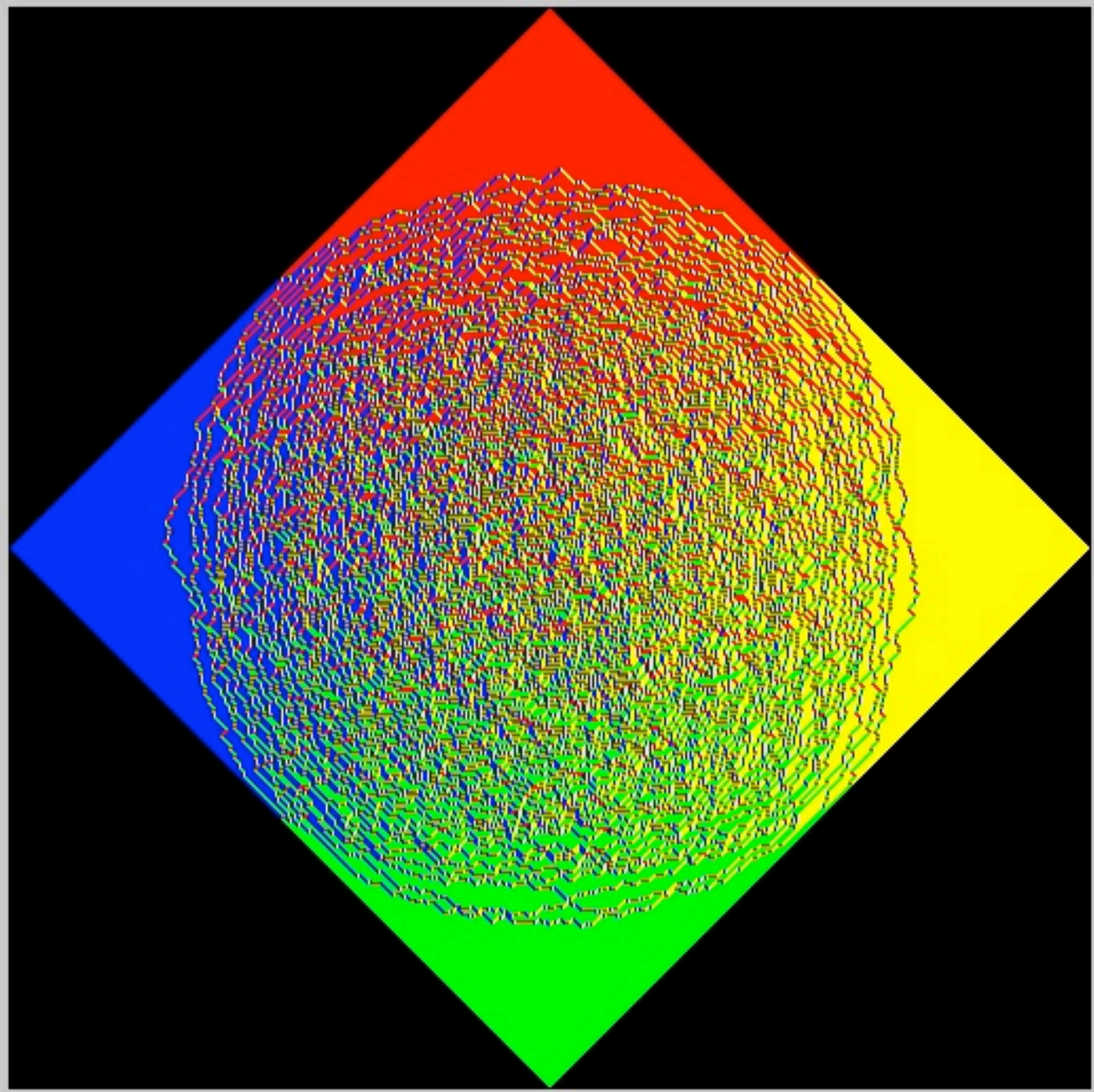
$a_{i,j,k}$  is a Laurent polynomial in the initial variables ( $k = 0, -1/2$ ).



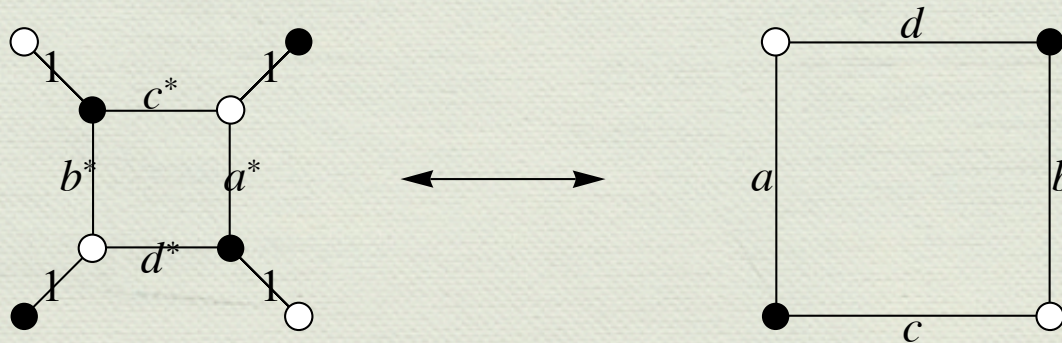
Tilings of the  
Aztec diamond.

(Speyer)

$$a_{0,0,1} = \frac{aei}{jm} + \frac{bdi}{jm} + \frac{afh}{jm} + \underbrace{\frac{bdfh}{ejm}} + \frac{bdfh}{ekl} + \frac{bfg}{kl} + \frac{cdh}{kl} + \frac{ceg}{kl}$$



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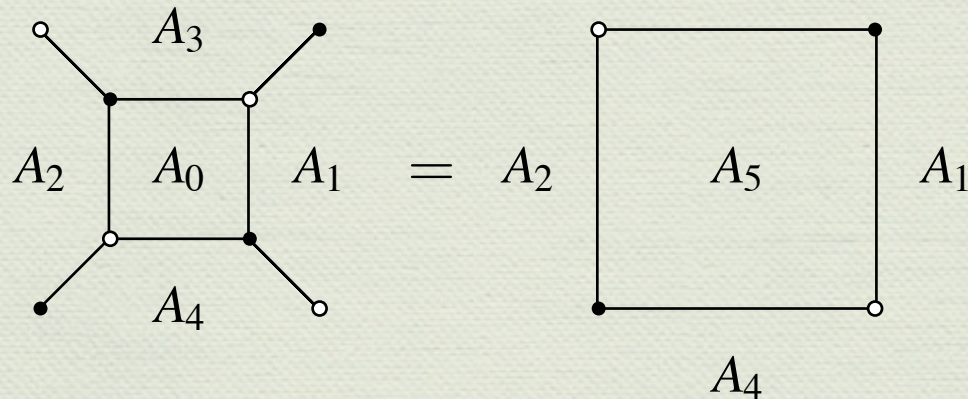
$$a^* = \frac{a}{ab + cd}$$

$$b^* = \frac{b}{ab + cd}$$

$$c^* = \frac{c}{ab + cd}$$

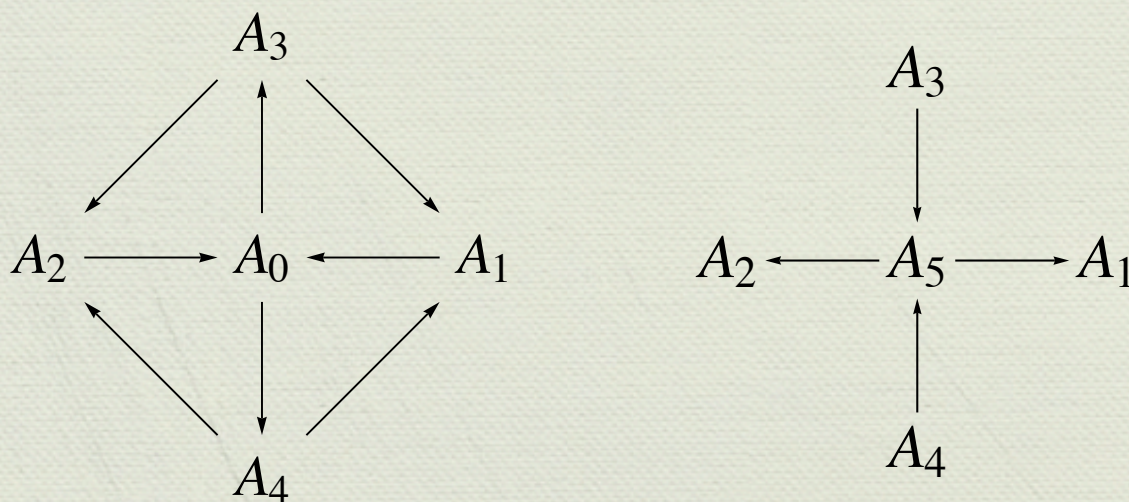
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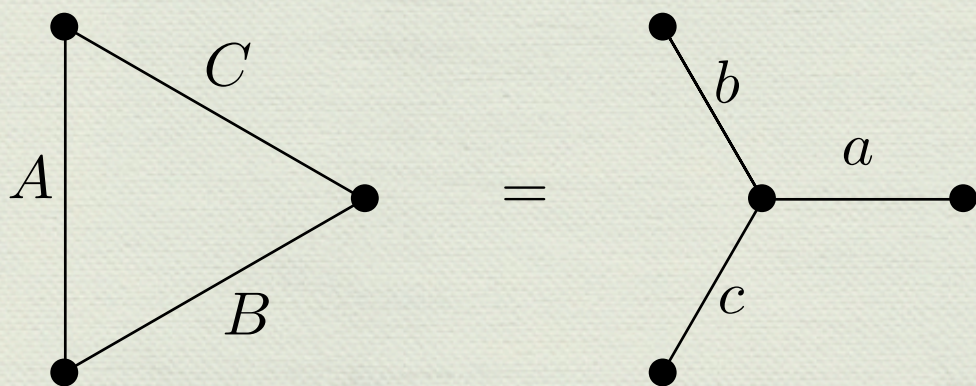
(The  $A$  variables are related to the edge variables by: [omitted])  
 (Plücker coordinate vars)

In terms of quivers: mutation



# Resistor networks

Y-Delta transformation for resistor networks

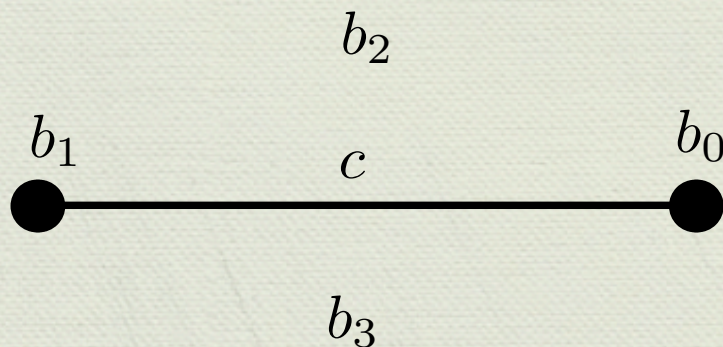


$$A = \frac{bc}{a + b + c}$$

$$B = \frac{ac}{a + b + c}$$

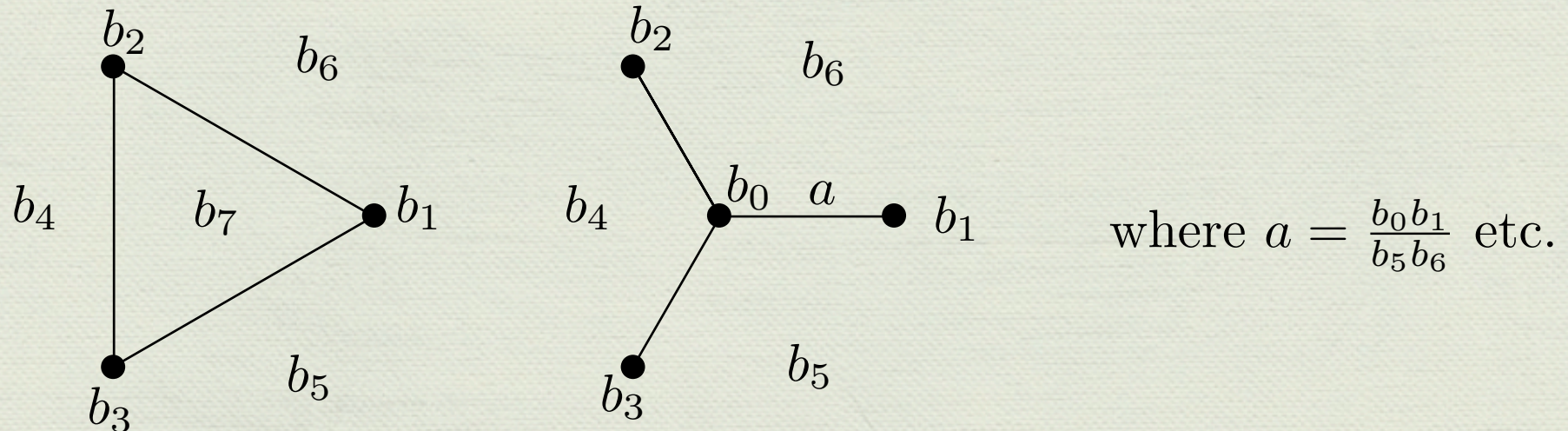
$$C = \frac{ab}{a + b + c}$$

Define new coordinates (“activities”)  $b_i$  on vertices and faces:



related to conductances by  $c = \frac{b_0 b_1}{b_2 b_3}$ .

## Y-Delta transformation for resistor networks



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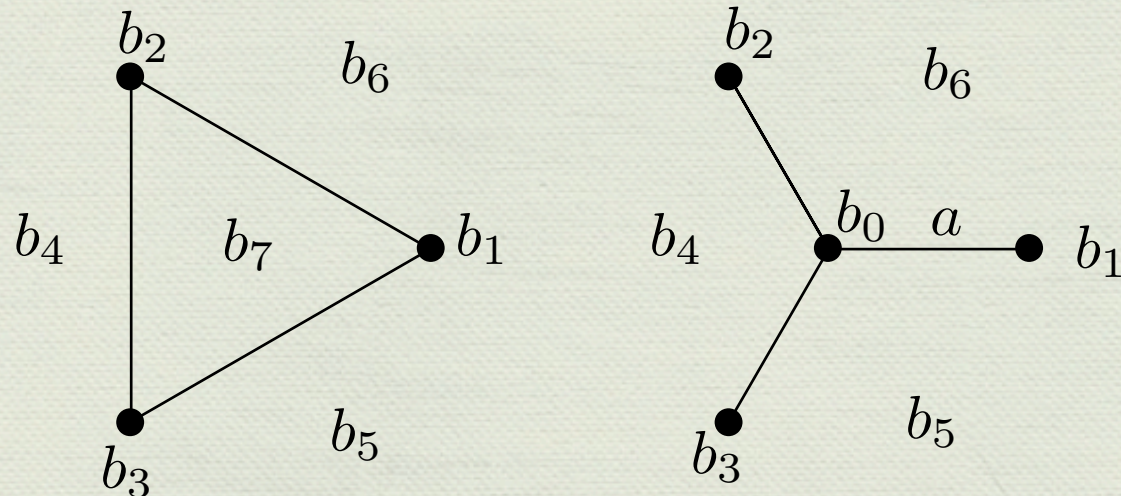
Then  $b_0 b_7 = b_1 b_4 + b_2 b_5 + b_3 b_6.$

This is the “cube recurrence”:

$$b_{i+1,j+1,k+1} b_{i,j,k} = b_{i+1,j,k} b_{i,j+1,k+1} + b_{i,j+1,k} b_{i+1,j,k+1} + b_{i,j,k+1} b_{i+1,j+1,k}$$



## Y-Delta transformation for resistor networks



where  $a = \frac{b_0 b_1}{b_5 b_6}$  etc.

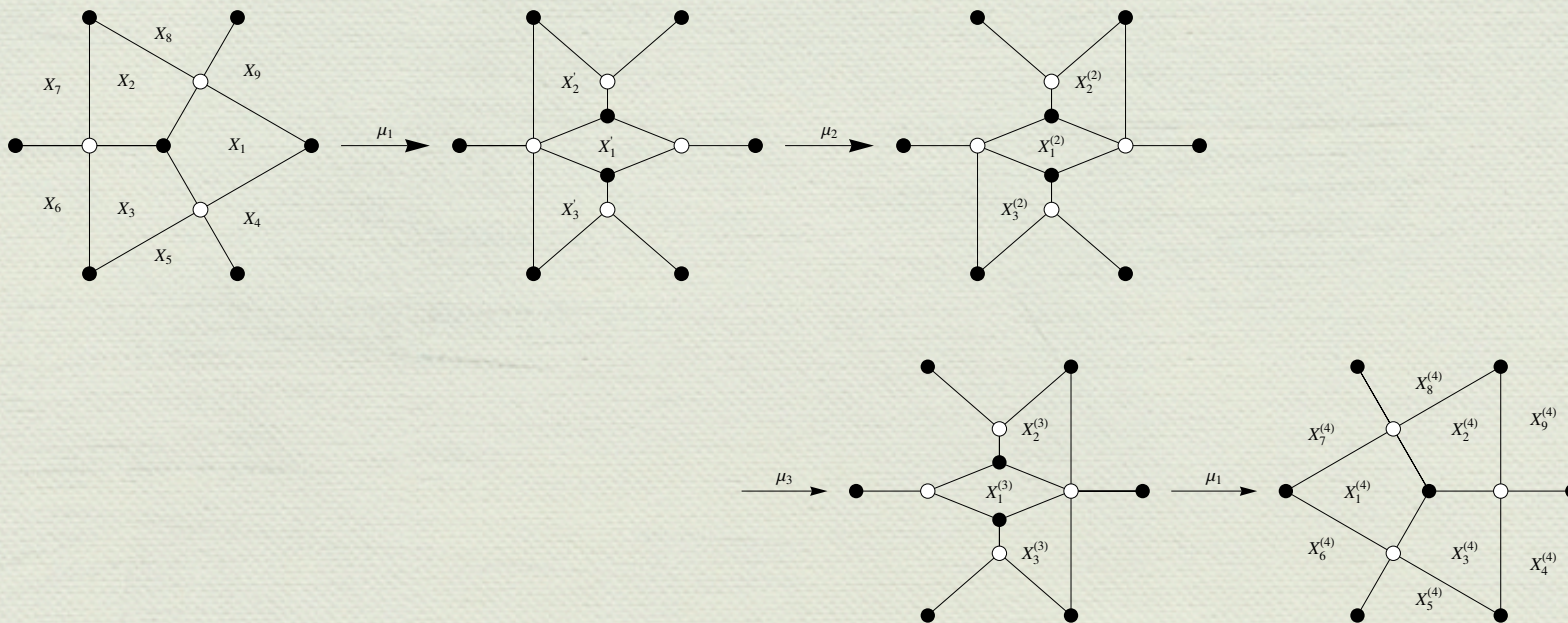
$$\frac{b_2 b_3}{b_4 b_7} = \frac{\frac{b_2 b_0}{b_4 b_6} \frac{b_0 b_3}{b_4 b_5}}{\frac{b_2 b_0}{b_4 b_6} + \frac{b_0 b_3}{b_4 b_5} + \frac{b_0 b_1}{b_5 b_6}}$$

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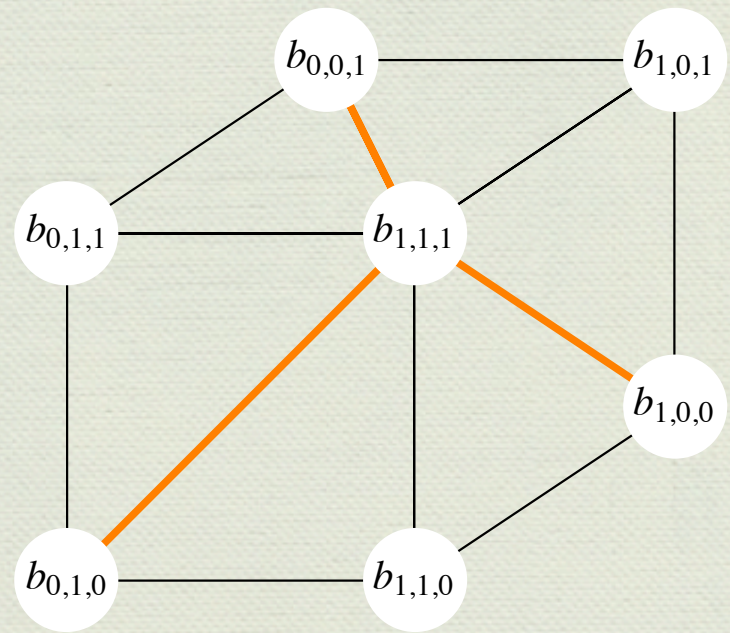
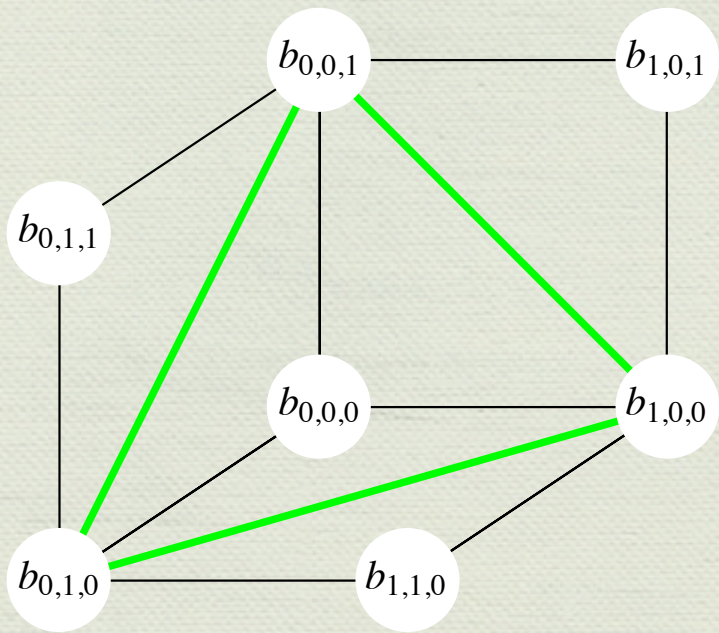
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# The cube recurrence

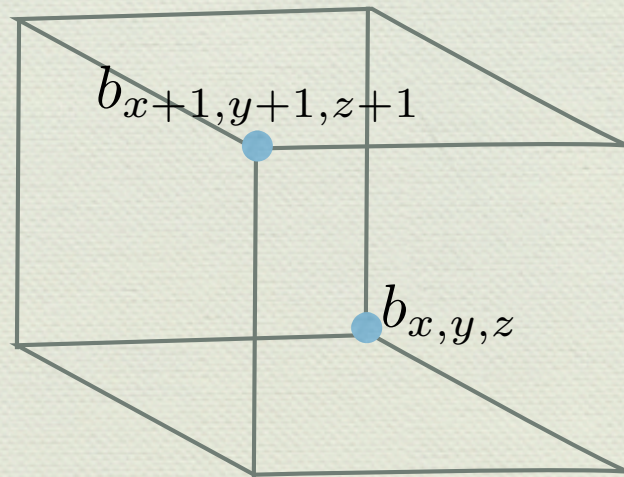


...is a composition of four urban renewals.  
(four quiver mutations.)



Cube recurrence = Miwa equation

$$b_{x+1,y+1,z+1} = \frac{b_{x+1,y,z}b_{x,y+1,z+1} + b_{x,y+1,z}b_{x+1,y,z+1} + b_{x,y,z+1}b_{x+1,y+1,z}}{b_{x,y,z}}$$

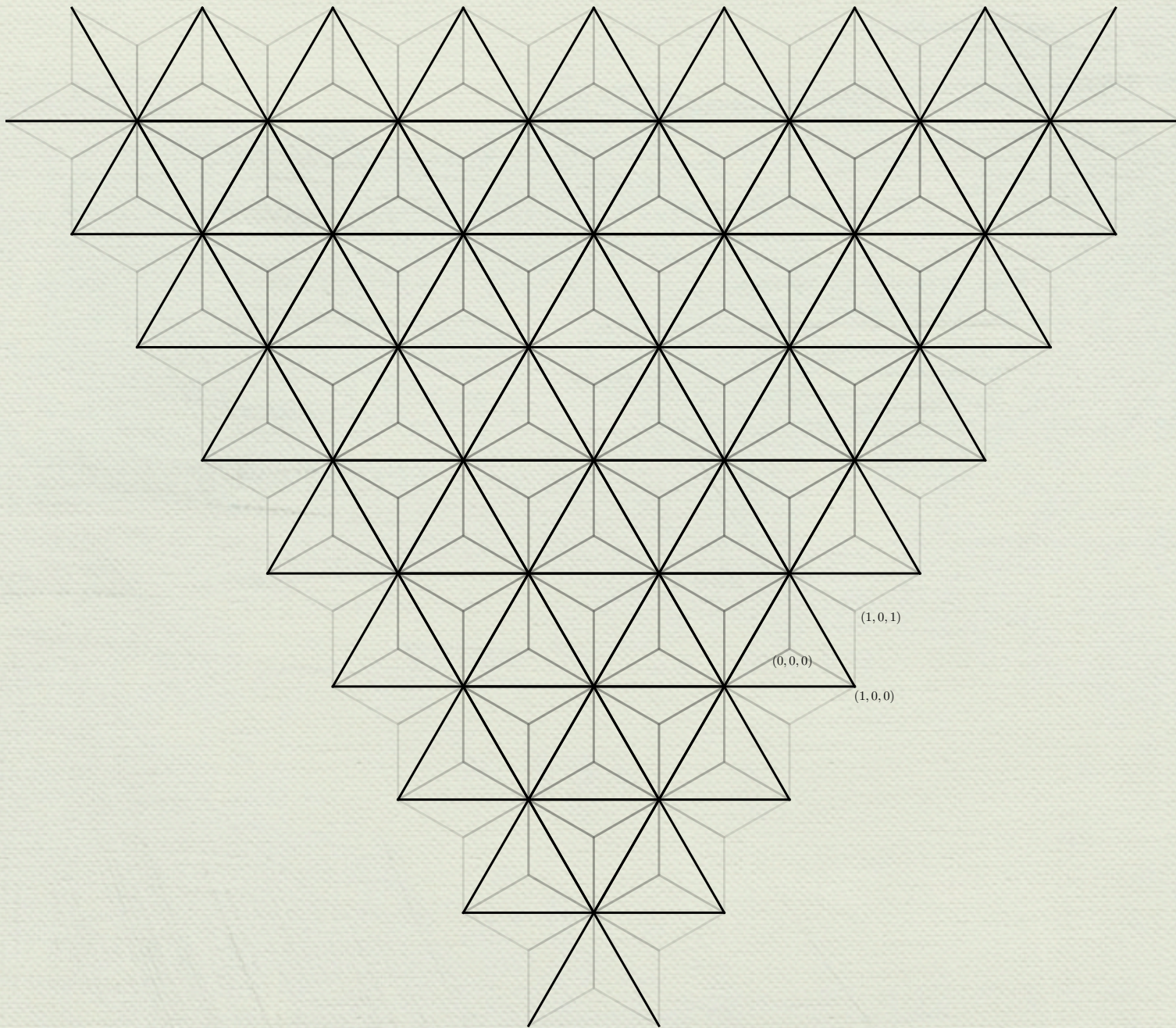


pyrite crystals

From the values on  $0 \leq x + y + z \leq 2$  (or any other “stepped surface”)  
we get all  $b_{x,y,z}$ .

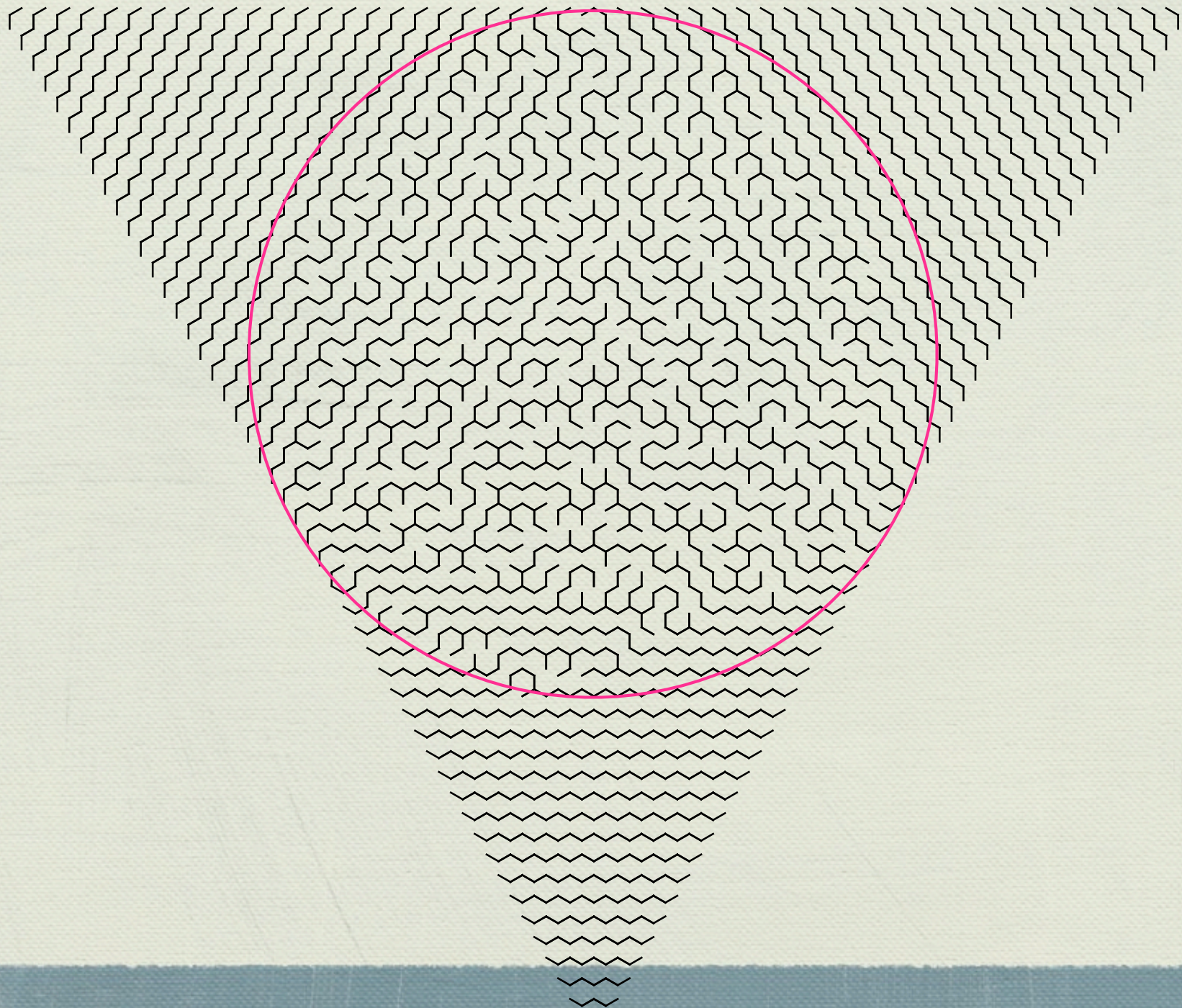
The Laurent property holds:

$b_{x,y,z}$  is a Laurent polynomial in the initial variables.





For large groves, arctic circle theorem [Peterson-Speyer]



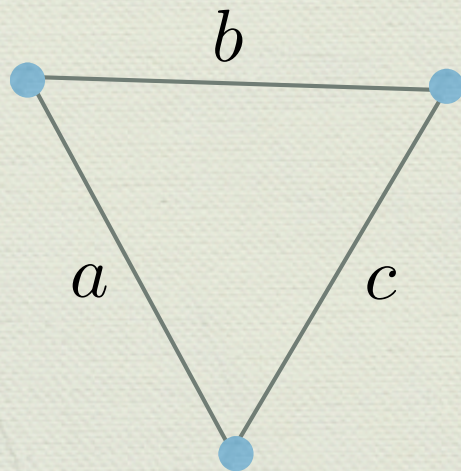
# Ising model

$G$  a graph,  $c : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0}$  edge weights.

Configuration space  $\Omega = \{1, -1\}^G$

Partition function

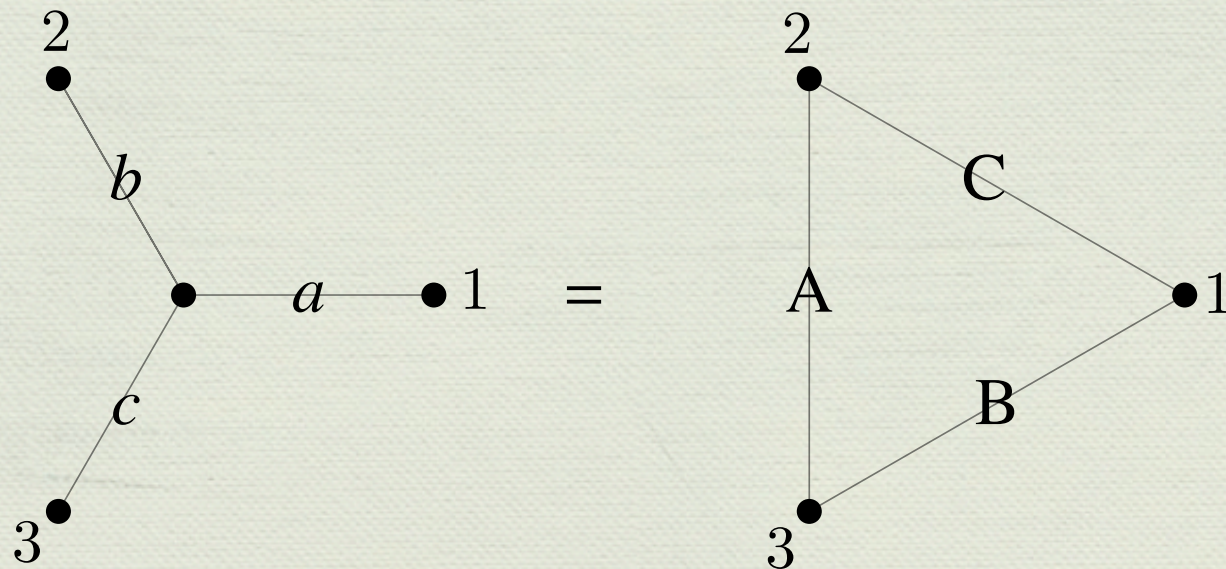
$$Z = \sum_{\sigma \in \Omega} \prod_{i \sim j: \sigma_i = \sigma_j} c_{ij}$$



$$Z = 2abc + 2a + 2b + 2c$$



# Ising model Y-Delta transformation



spins				
1	2	3		
+	+	+	$abc + 1$	$ABC$
-	+	+	$a + bc$	$A$
+	-	+	$b + ac$	$B$
+	+	-	$c + ab$	$C$

these should be proportional

“Before” and “after” are proportional (Ising measure preserved) iff

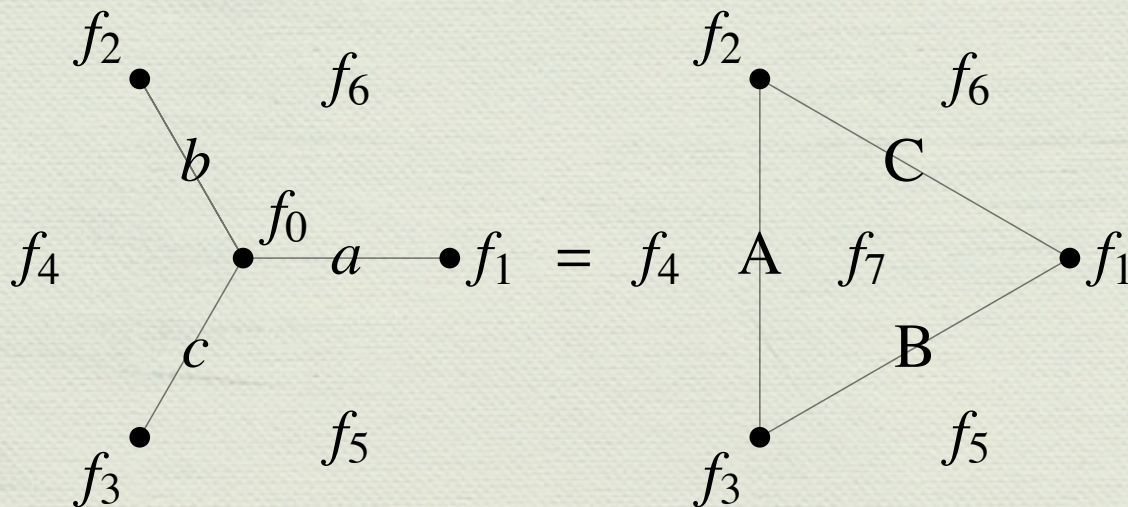
$$A = \sqrt{\frac{(abc + 1)(a + bc)}{(b + ac)(c + ab)}}$$

$$B = \sqrt{\frac{(abc + 1)(b + ac)}{(a + bc)(c + ab)}}$$

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Remarkable fact about the Ising Y-Delta move (Kashaev):

Define new variables  $f$  on vertices and faces: “activities”



The activities are related to edge weights as:

$$\left(\frac{a - 1/a}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{f_0 f_1}{f_5 f_6}, \quad \text{etc.}$$

**Theorem [Kashaev]** The  $f$ s satisfy

$$f_0^2 f_7^2 + f_1^2 f_4^2 + f_2^2 f_5^2 + f_3^2 f_6^2 - 2(f_1 f_2 f_4 f_5 + f_1 f_4 f_3 f_6 + f_2 f_3 f_5 f_6) \\ - 2f_0 f_7 (f_1 f_4 + f_2 f_5 + f_3 f_6) - 4(f_0 f_4 f_5 f_6 + f_7 f_1 f_2 f_3) = 0.$$

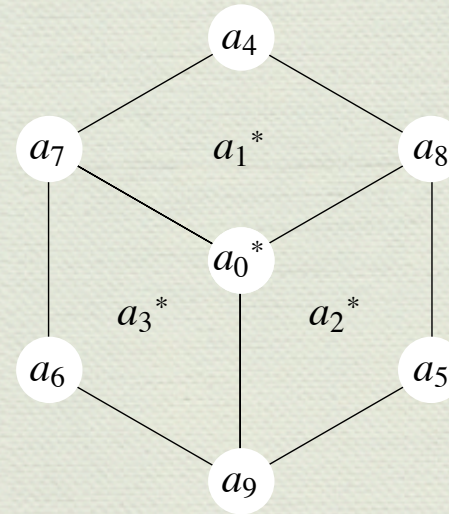
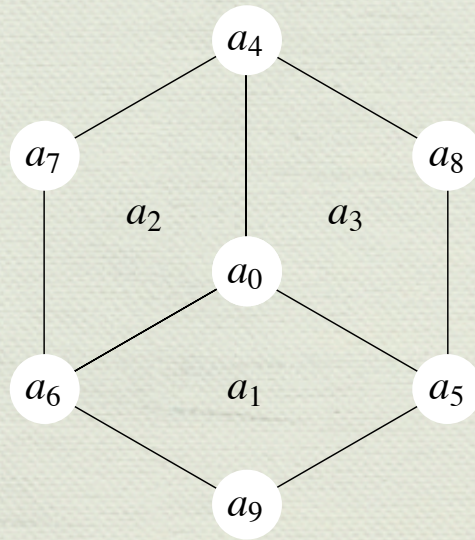
(This is the algebraic identity satisfied by the principal minors  
of a  $3 \times 3$  symmetric matrix.)

We say  $f : \mathbb{Z}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  satisfies the **Kashaev recurrence**

if  $P(f_{i,j,k}, f_{i+1,j,k}, \dots, f_{i+1,j+1,k+1}) = 0$  for all  $(i, j, k) \in \mathbb{Z}^3$ .

By defining  $f_{i,j,k}$  on  $0 \leq i + j + k \leq 2$  we can use  $P$  to define it everywhere.

# The garnet recurrence



$$a_1^* = \frac{a_1 a_2 a_3 + a_4 a_5 a_6 + a_0 a_4 a_7}{a_0 a_1}$$

$$a_2^* = \frac{a_1 a_2 a_3 + a_4 a_5 a_6 + a_0 a_5 a_8}{a_0 a_2}$$

$$a_3^* = \frac{a_1 a_2 a_3 + a_4 a_5 a_6 + a_0 a_6 a_9}{a_0 a_3}$$

$$a_0^* = \frac{a_1^2 a_2^2 a_3^2 + a_1 a_2 a_3 (2a_4 a_5 a_6 + a_0 a_4 a_7 + a_0 a_5 a_8 + a_0 a_6 a_9) + (a_5 a_6 + a_0 a_7)(a_4 a_5 + a_0 a_9)(a_4 a_6 + a_0 a_8)}{a_0^2 a_1 a_2 a_3}$$

## Main results:

### **Theorem [Propp, FZ, KP]:**

The octahedron, cube and garnet recurrences are compositions of urban renewal transformations.

**Corollary [FZ]:** Laurent phenomenon.

### **Theorem [KP]:**

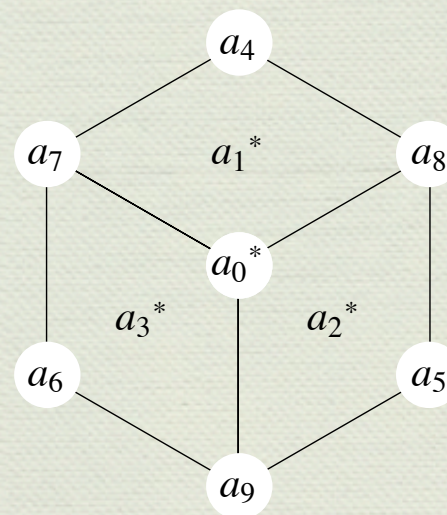
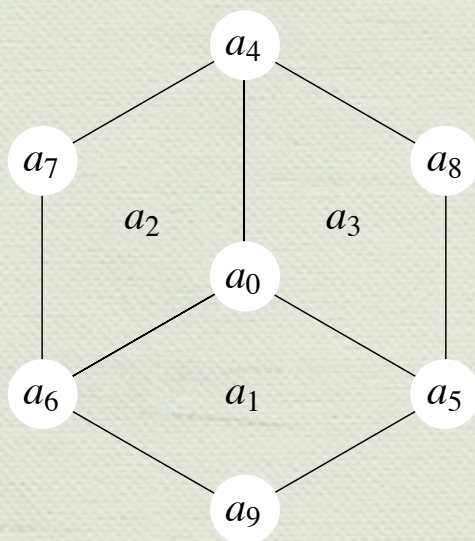
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**Corollary [KP]:** Laurent phenomenon.

### **Open question:**

Identify monomials of Kashaev recurrence with some combinatorial objects.

The Kashaev recurrence as a special case of the garnet recurrence.



$$a_1 = \sqrt{a_0 a_9 + a_5 a_6}$$

$$a_2 = \sqrt{a_0 a_7 + a_4 a_6}$$

$$a_3 = \sqrt{a_0 a_8 + a_4 a_5}$$

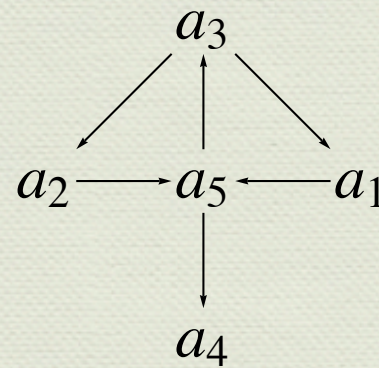
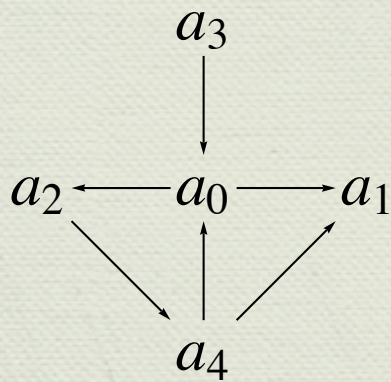
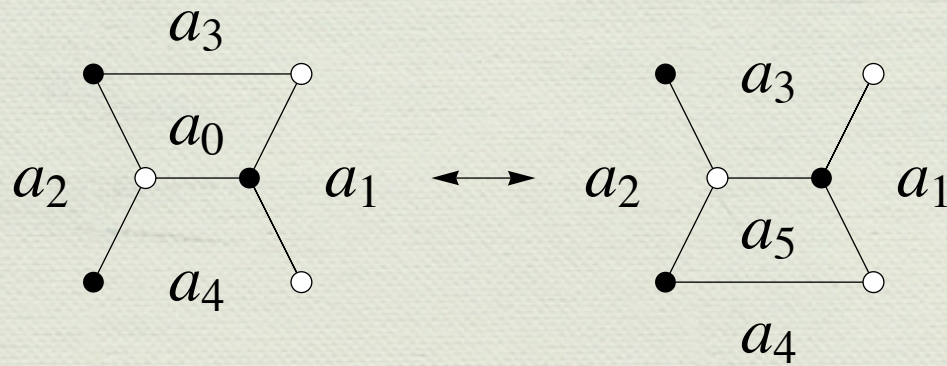
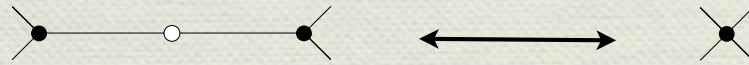
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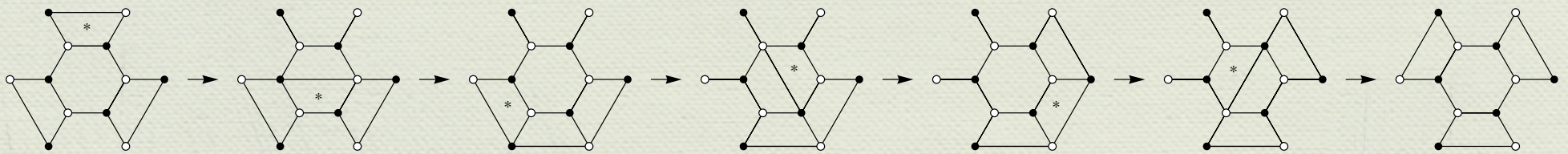
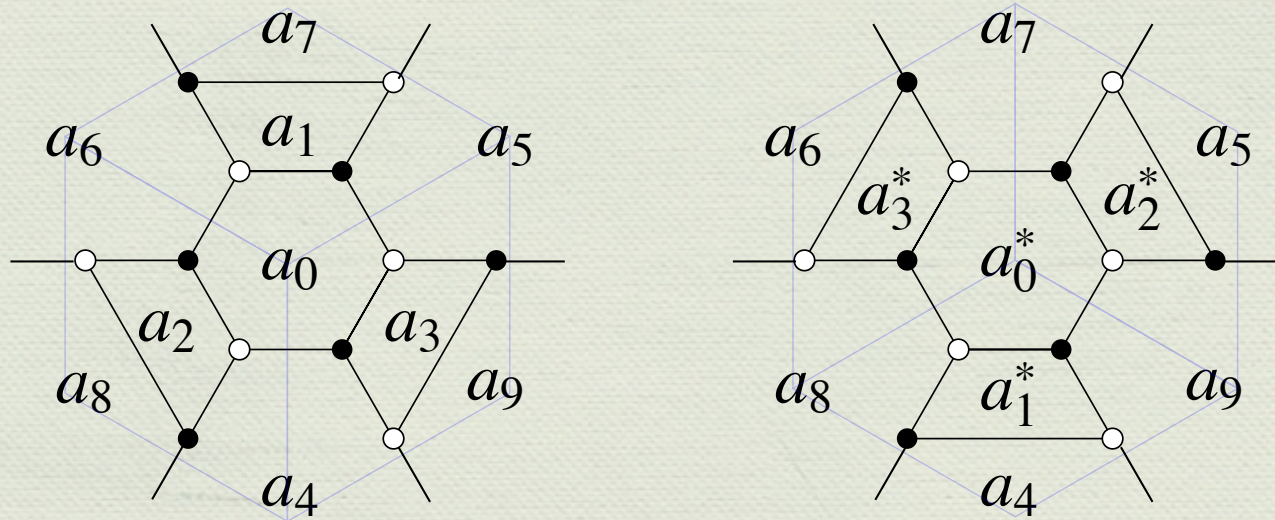
# Urban renewal variant

(equivalent under contraction/expansion of degree 2 vertices)





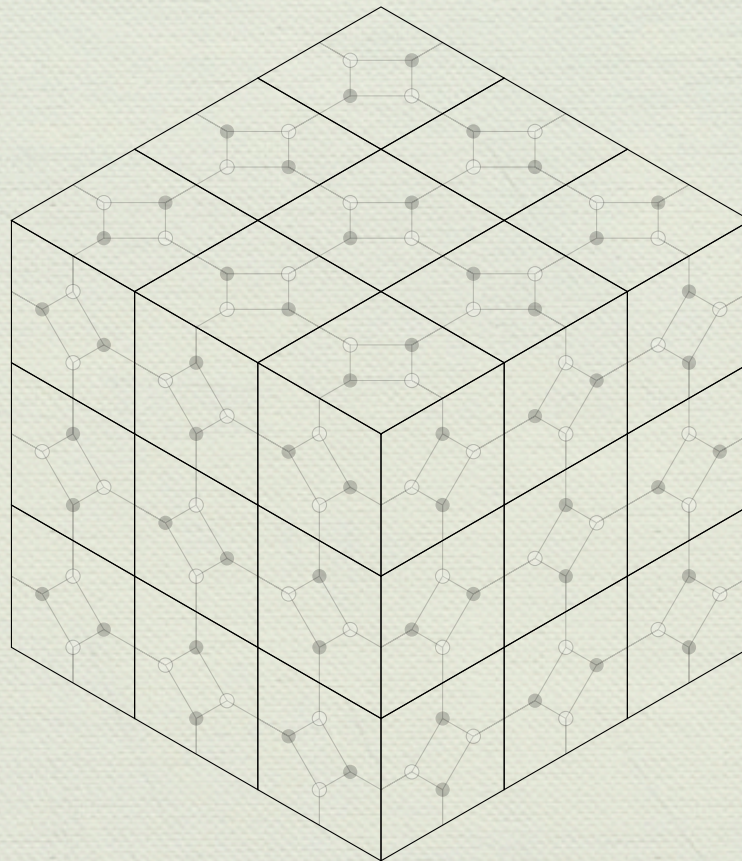
# The garnet recurrence (“superurban renewal”)



...is a composition of six urban renewals

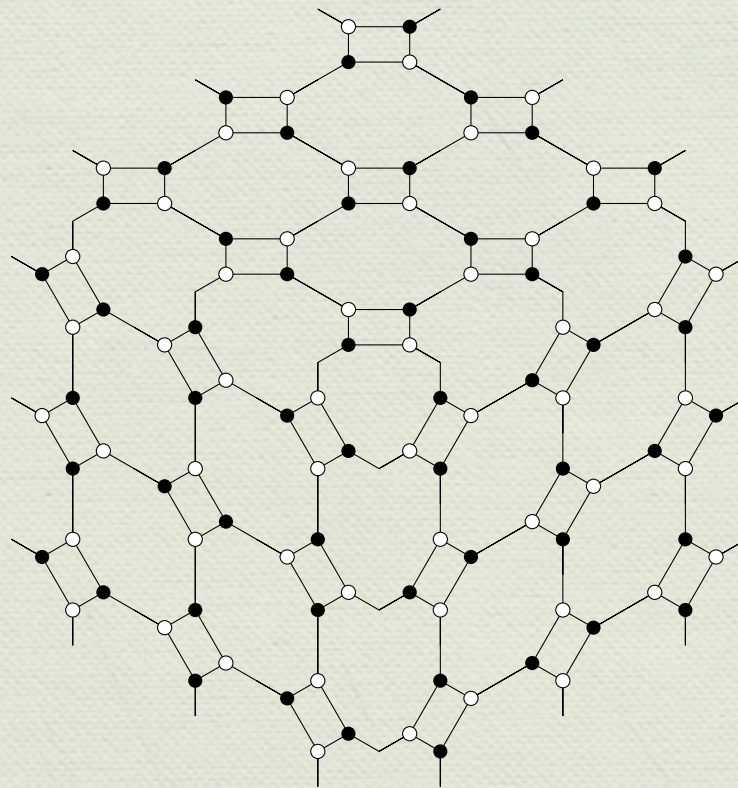
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Certain “double-dimer” configurations on the cubic corner graph:



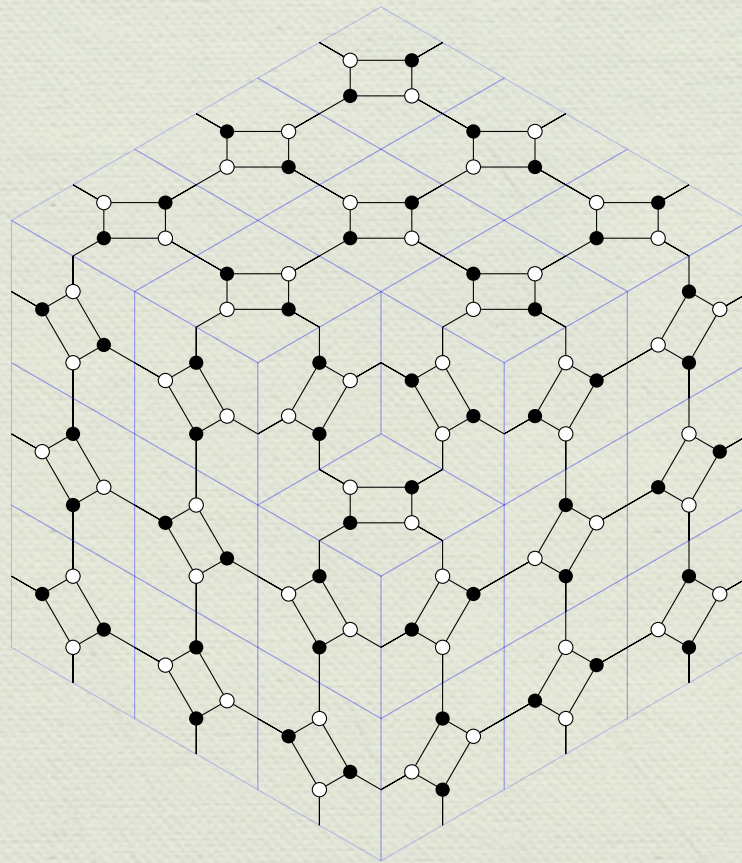
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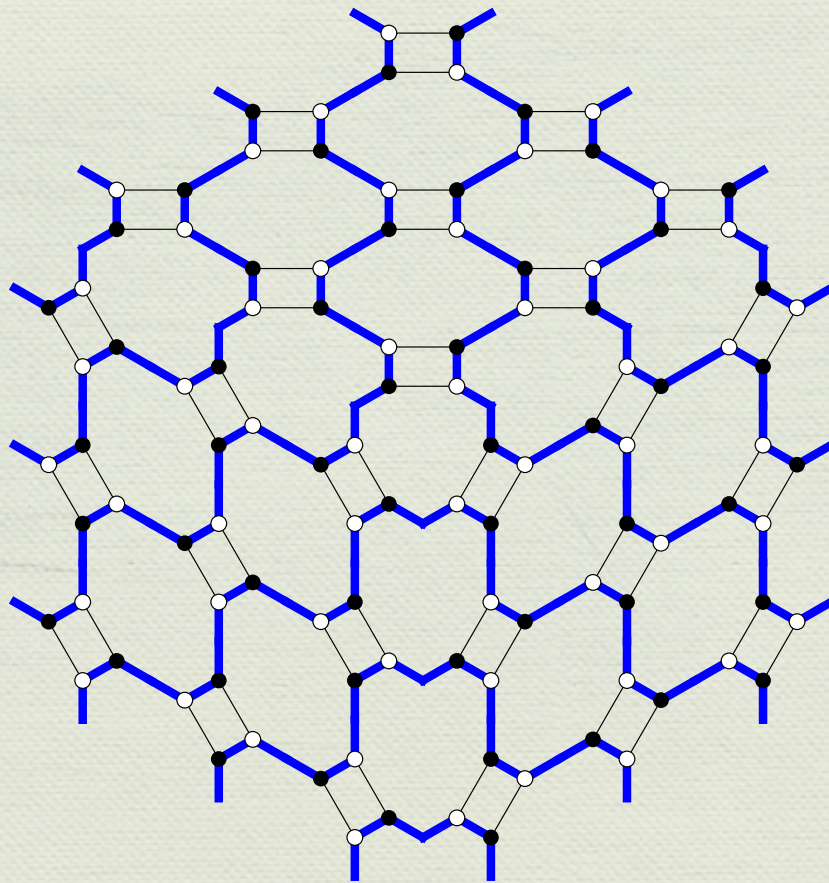
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$\Gamma_n$  is obtained by “removing” cubes  $x + y + z < n$ .

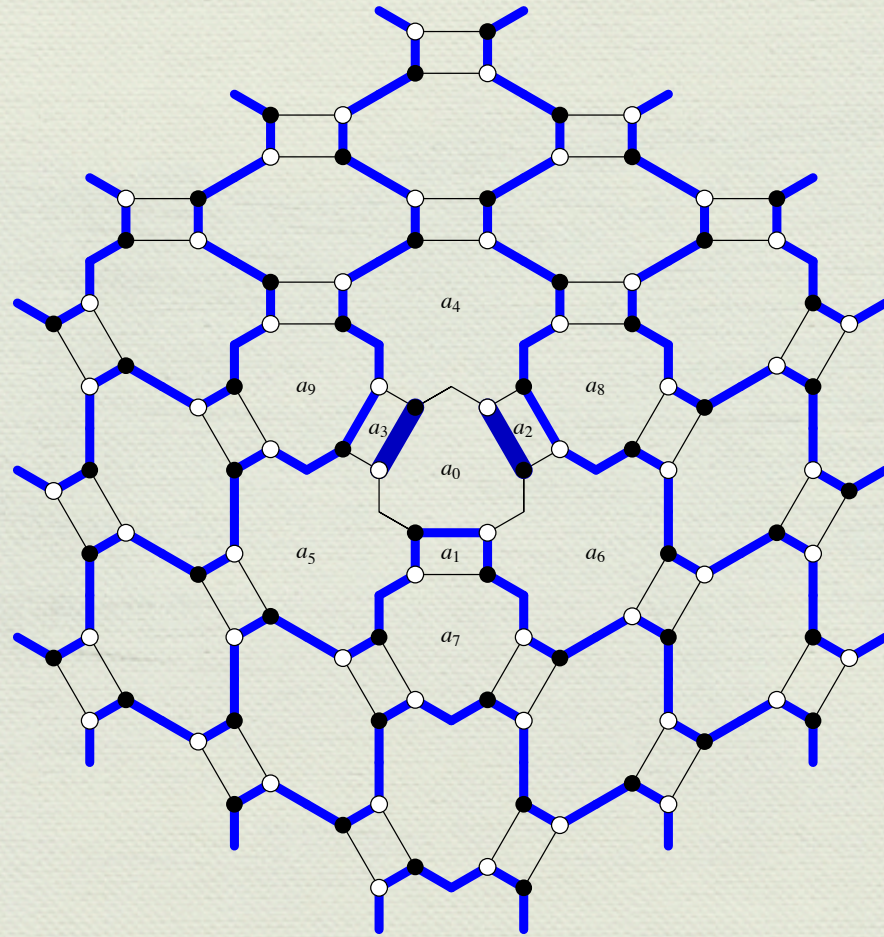
$\Gamma_1$  :





The initial configuration  $m_0$  on  $\Gamma_0$ .

When you “remove” a cube the configuration changes *locally* (and randomly) and preserving topology.

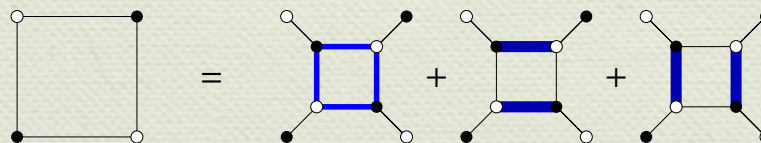
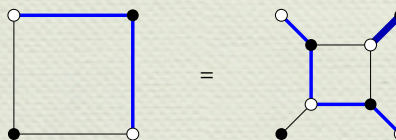
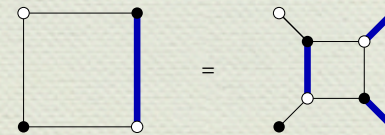
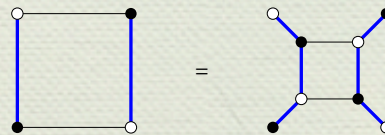
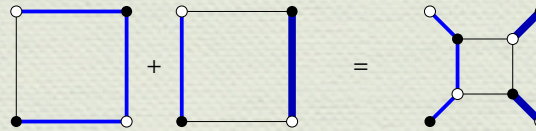
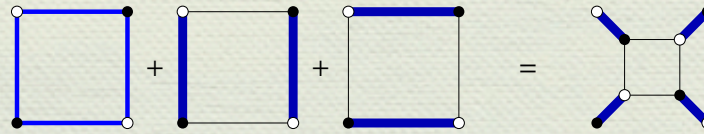


$$\text{weight} = \frac{a_4^2 a_5 a_6 a_7}{a_0 a_1 a_2 a_3}$$

A taut configuration on  $\Gamma_1$ . (Same connections as  $m_0$ ).

**Thm:**  $a_{i,i,i}$  is a Laurent polynomial whose monomials are in bijection with “taut” double-dimer covers of  $\Gamma_i$ .

**Proof:** Check that urban renewal preserves topology...



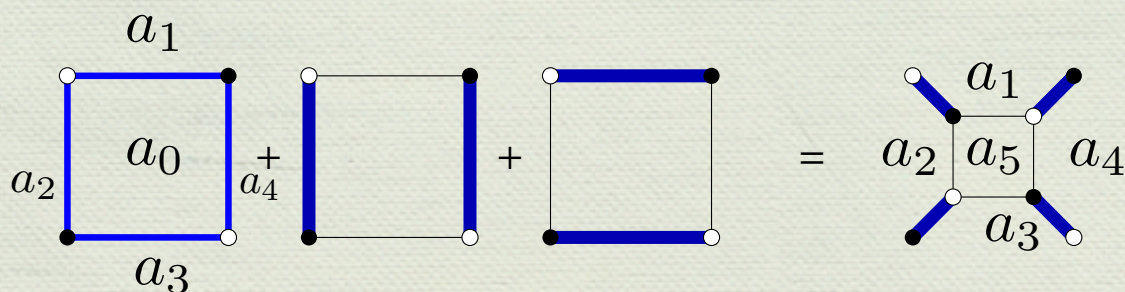
magic formula:

the monomial for a configuration is

$$2^c \prod_{\text{faces } f} a_f^{L-2-\#\text{edges}}$$

number of loops
length of face

for example:



$$\frac{2}{a_0^2 a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4} + \frac{1}{a_0^2 a_2^2 a_4^2} + \frac{1}{a_0^2 a_1^2 a_3^2} = \frac{a_5^2}{a_1^2 a_2^2 a_3^2 a_4^2}$$



Arctic circle theorem: use  $a_{i,j,k} = 3^{(i+j+k)^2/2}$  (vertex variables)  
 $a_{i,j,k} = 2 \cdot 3^{(i+j+k+1)^2/2}$  (face variables)

then  $\frac{a'_{i,j,k}}{a_{i,j,k}}$  satisfies a linear recurrence (with constant coefficients).

$$\text{Let } G(x, y, z) = \sum \frac{a'_{i,j,k}}{a_{i,j,k}} x^i y^j z^k.$$

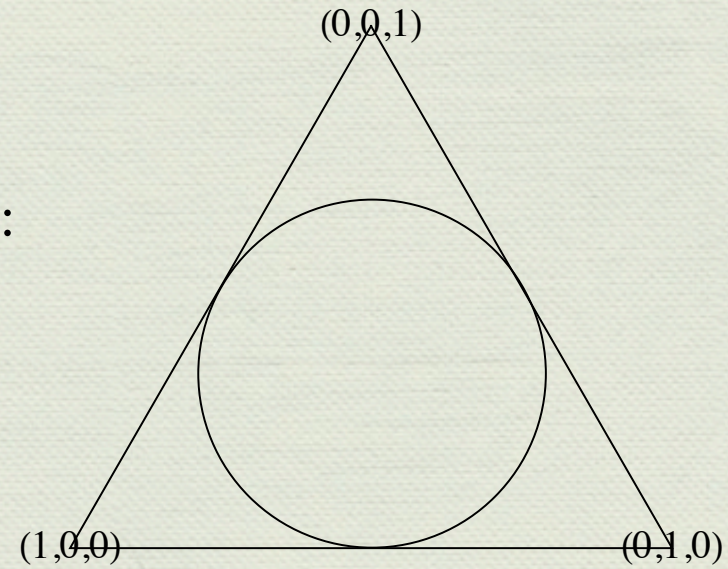
Then  $G(x, y, z)$  satisfies a linear recurrence with characteristic polynomial:

$$P(x, y, z) = xyz + 1 - \frac{1}{3}(xy + xz + yz + x + y + z).$$

Analyze growth of coefficients of  $1/P$ :

- polynomial inside inscribed circle
  - exponential decay outside inscribed circle
- QED.

Specific “ $3^n$ ” initial conditions:



More generic initial conditions

