

EQUIANGULAR LINES VIA MATRIX PROJECTION

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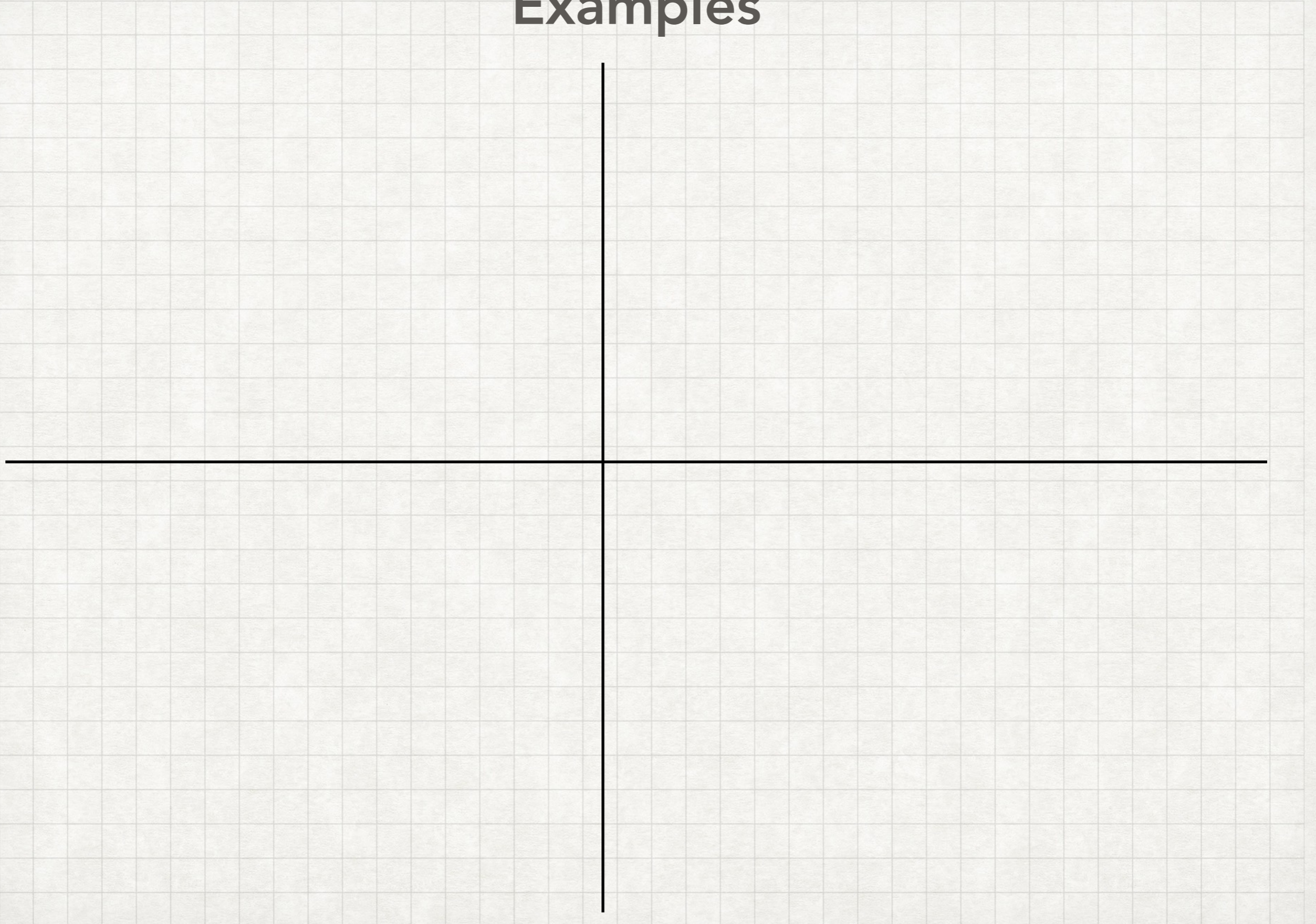
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- Elliptic geometry
- Frame theory
- Theory of polytopes
- Banach space theory
- Spectral graph theory
- Algebraic number theory
- Quantum information theory

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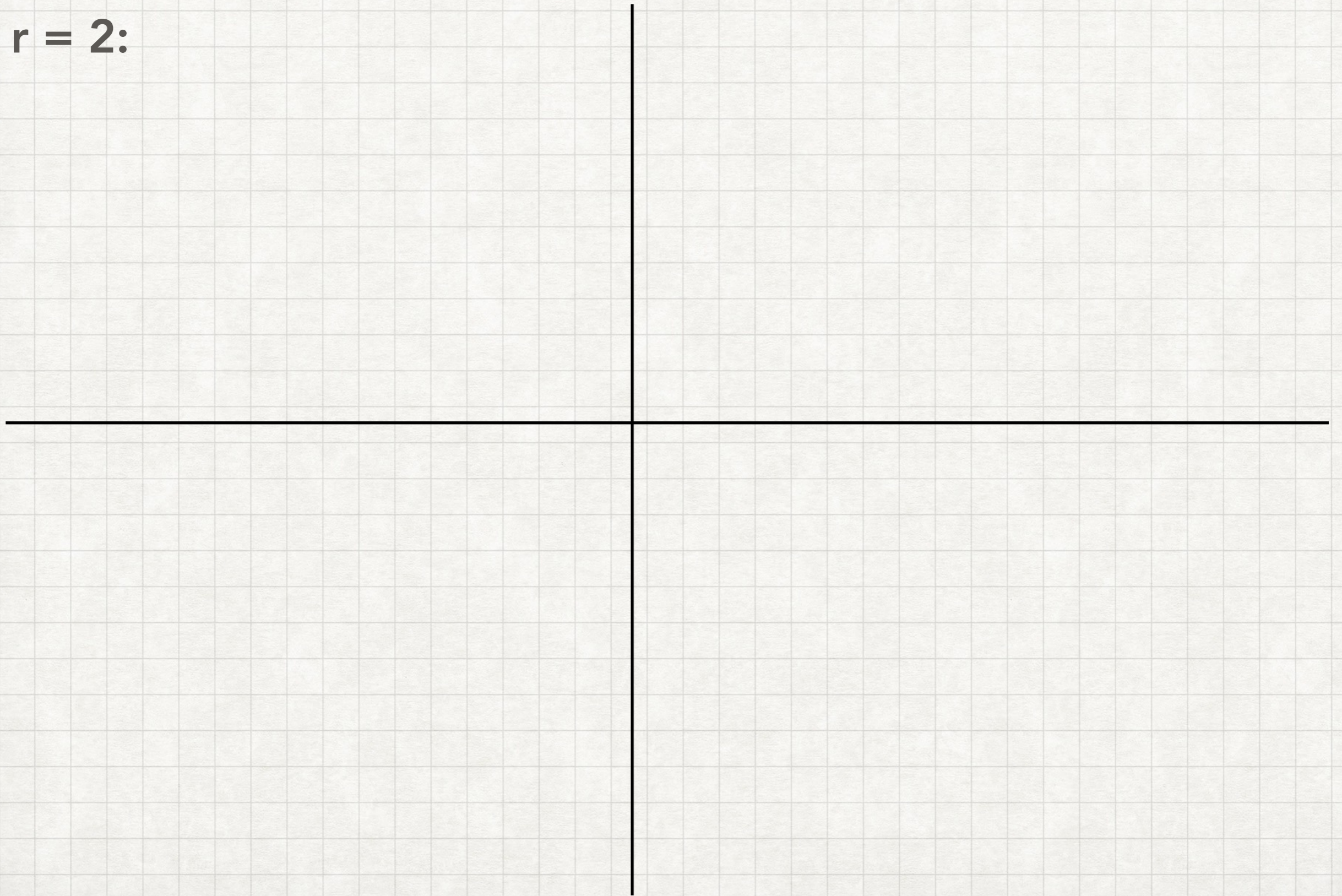
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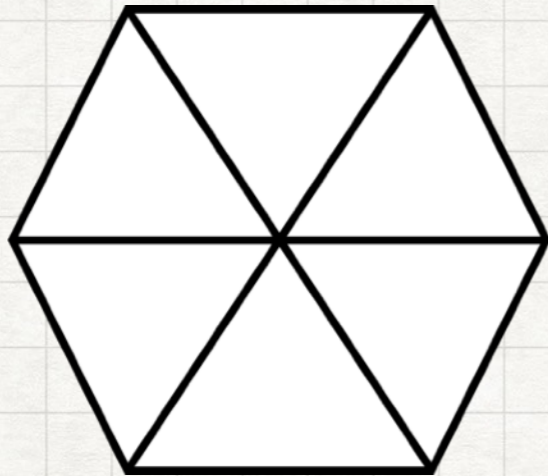
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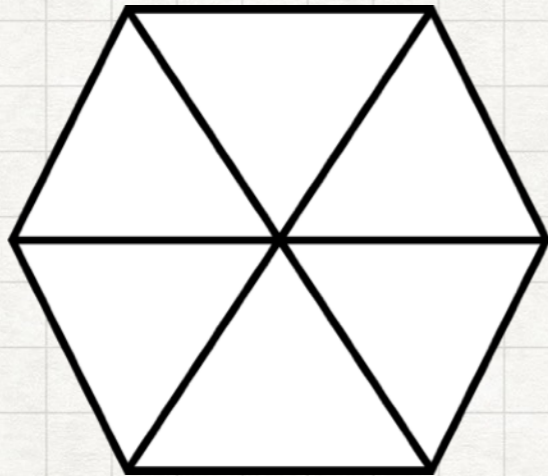
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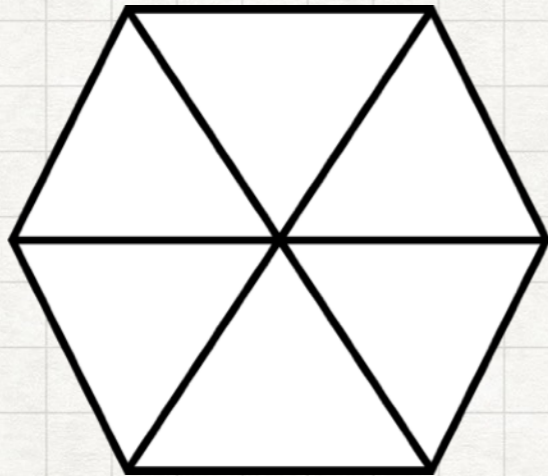
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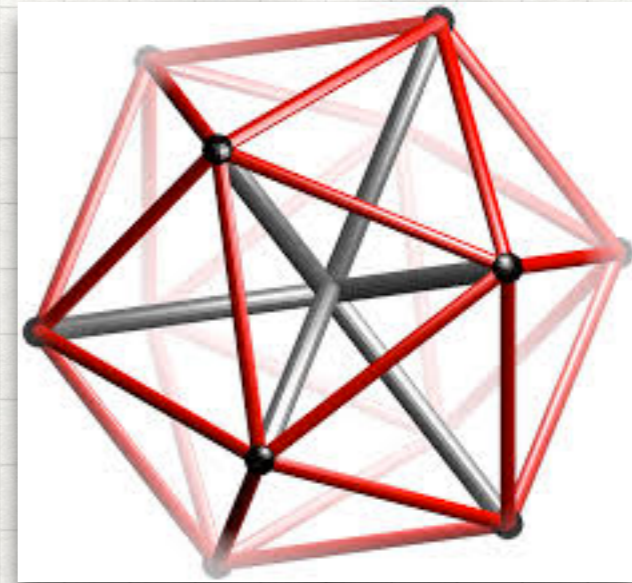
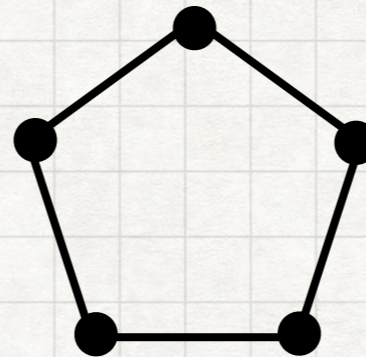
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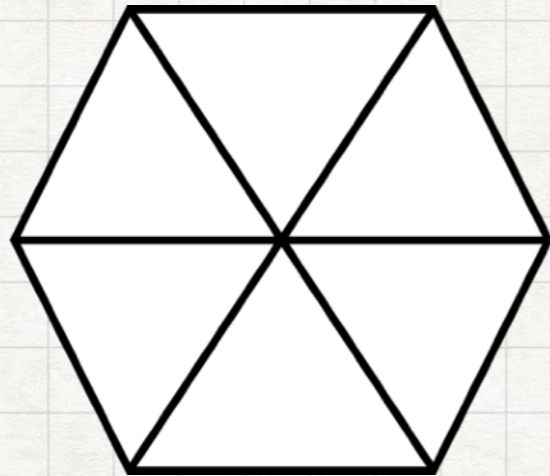
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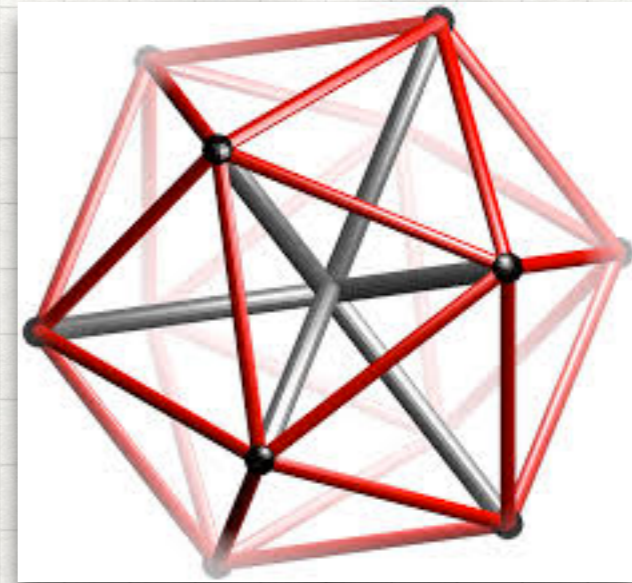
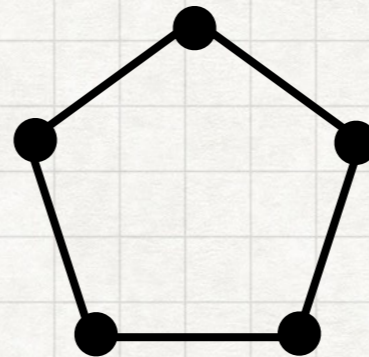
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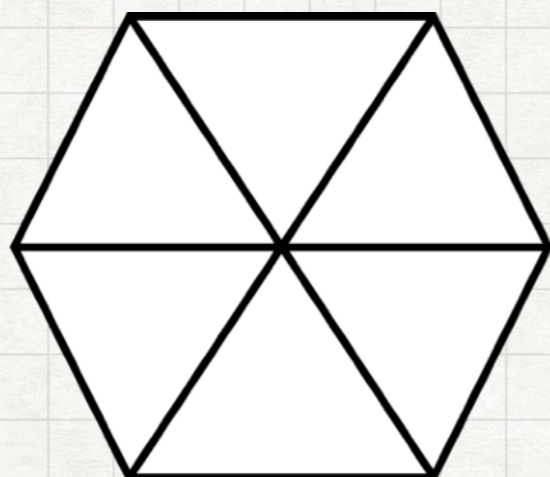


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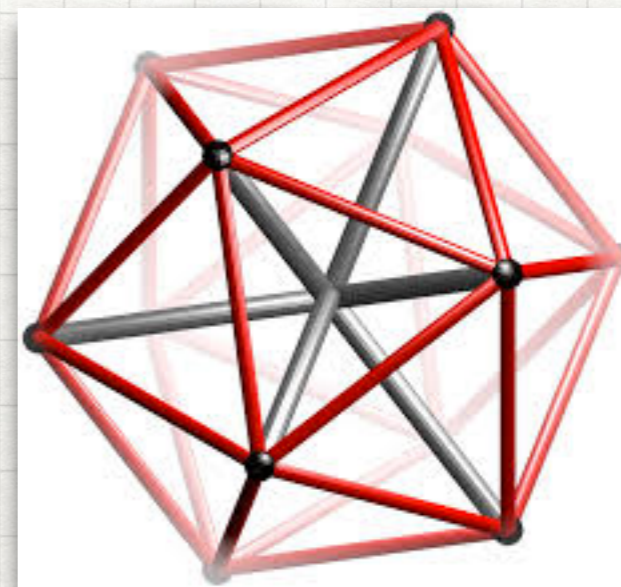
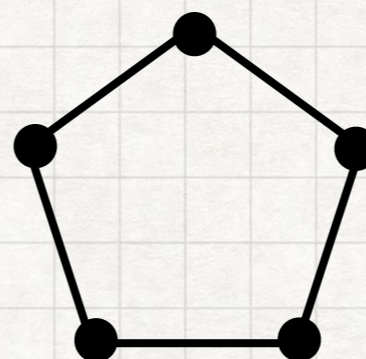
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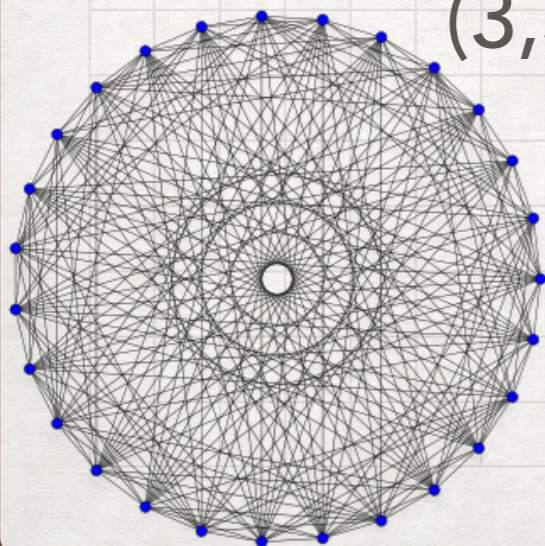


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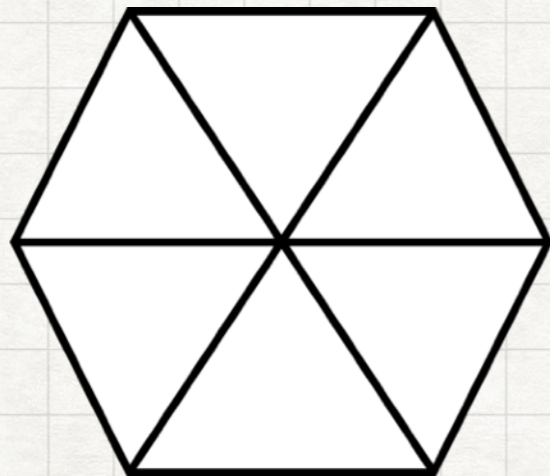


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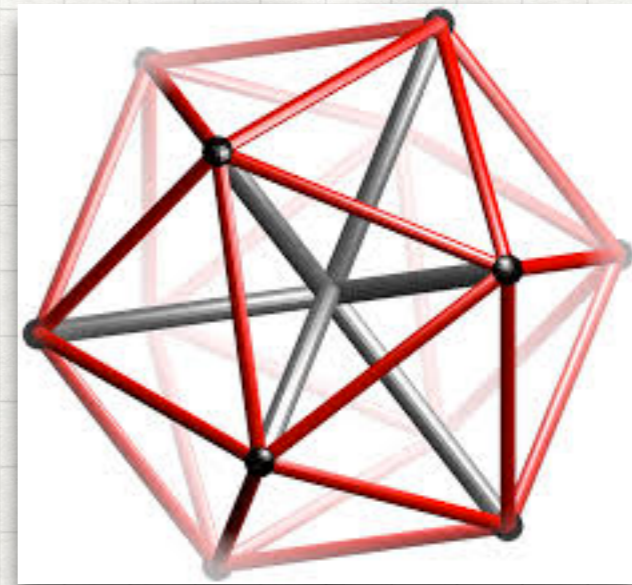
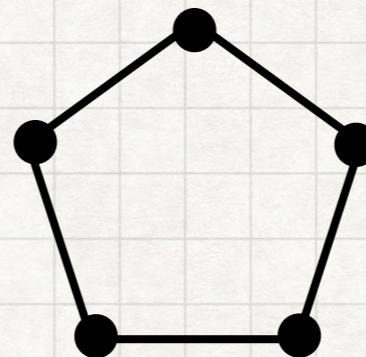
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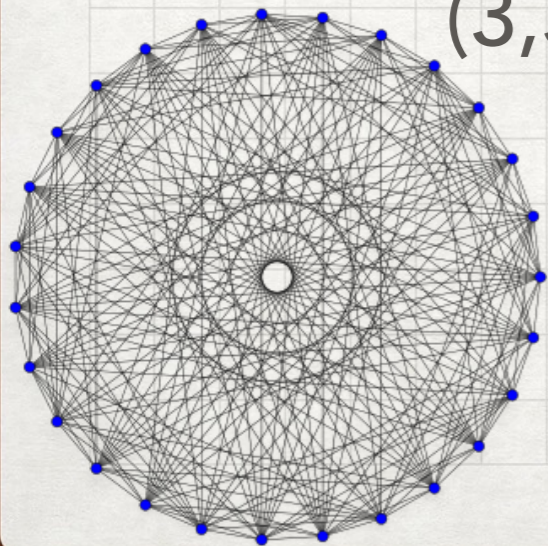


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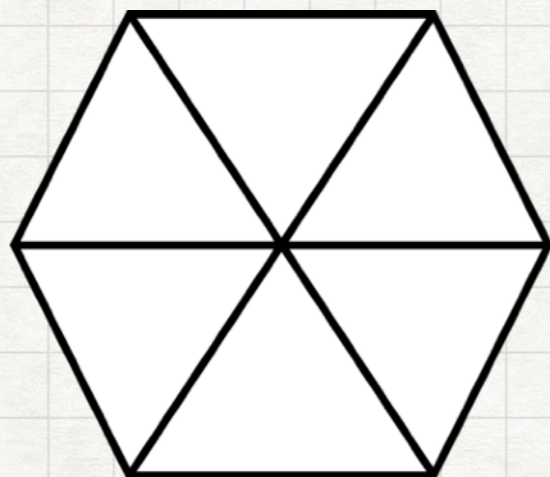
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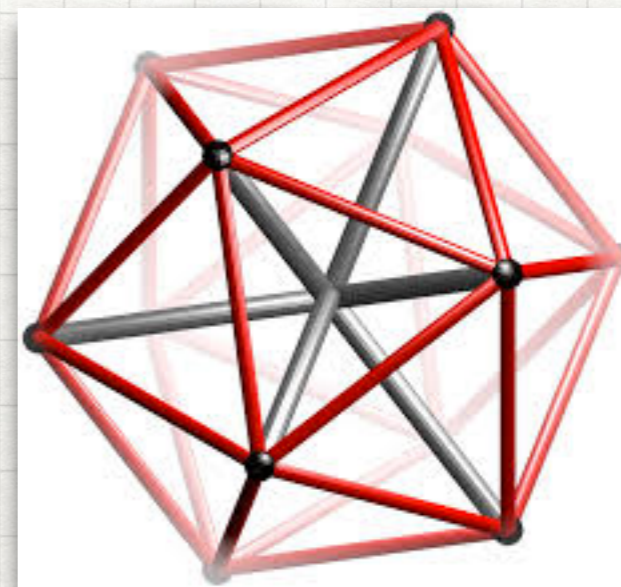
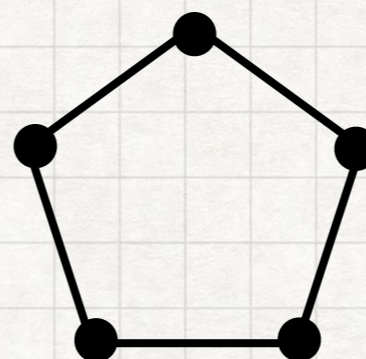
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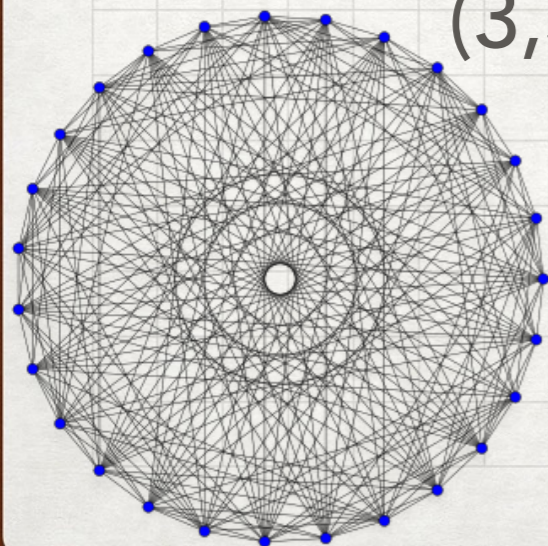


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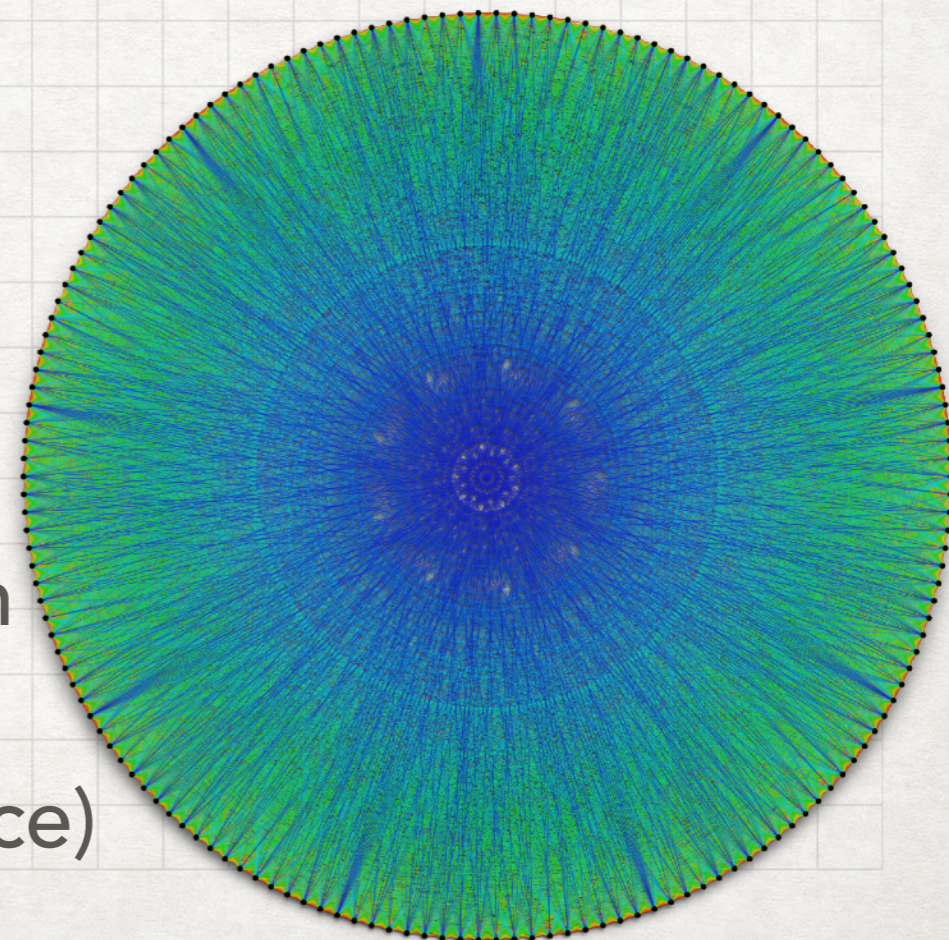


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with equality in both whenever $n + 1 = \binom{n - \text{mult}(\lambda_2) + 1}{2}$, i.e.

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Future directions for research

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