

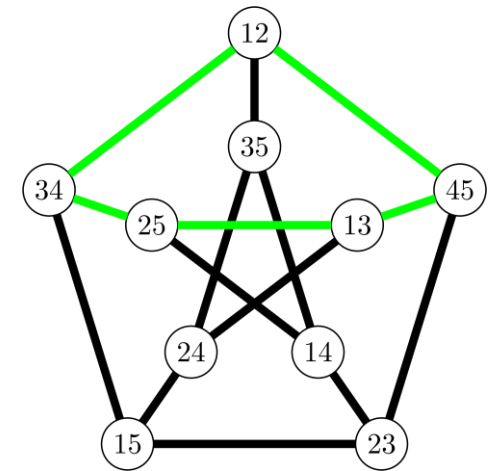
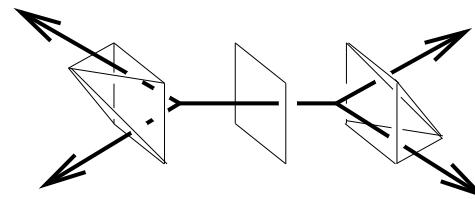
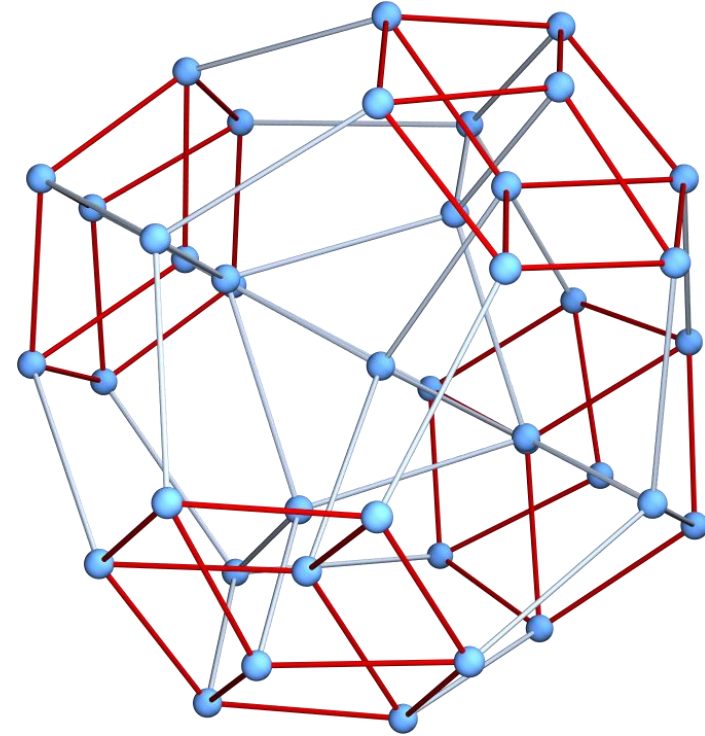
# The Chirotopical Grassmannian

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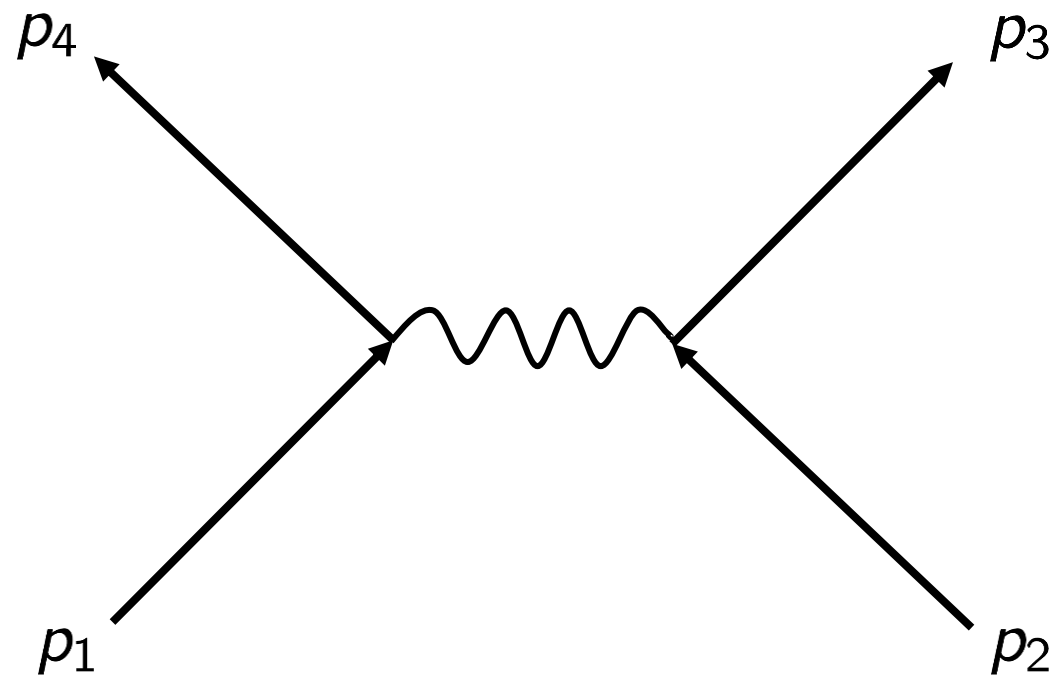


# Summary

- Preliminaries and motivations:
  - Scattering amplitudes, Feynman Diagrams
  - The Tropical Grassmannian  $\text{Trop } G(2, n)$  and phylogenetic trees
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  - Chirotopes
  - Chirotropical Grassmannians and chirotropical Dressians
  - $\text{Trop}^x G(3, n)$  vs  $\text{Dr}^x(3, n)$
  - Computation of  $\text{Trop}^x G(3, n)$  for  $n = 6, 7, 8$
  - $\text{Trop}^x G(3, 6)$  is polytopal

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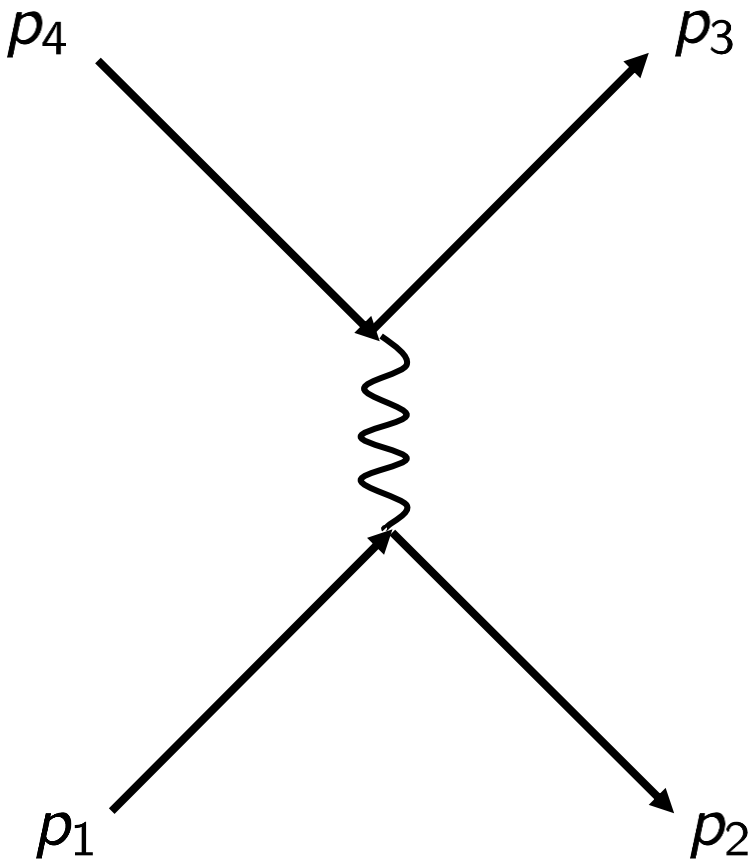
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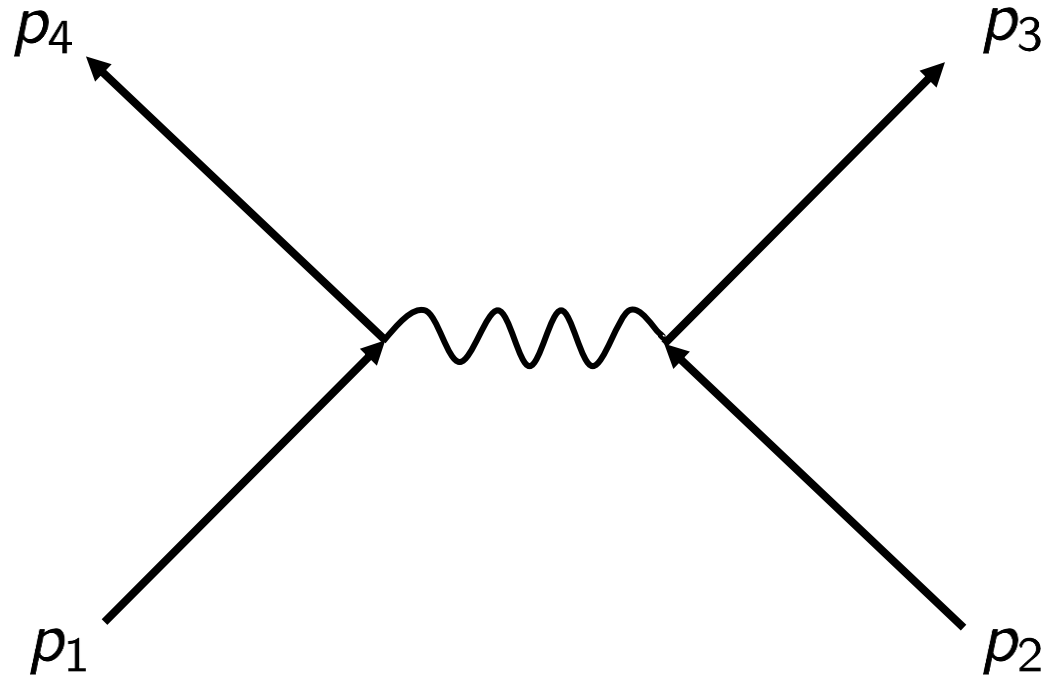
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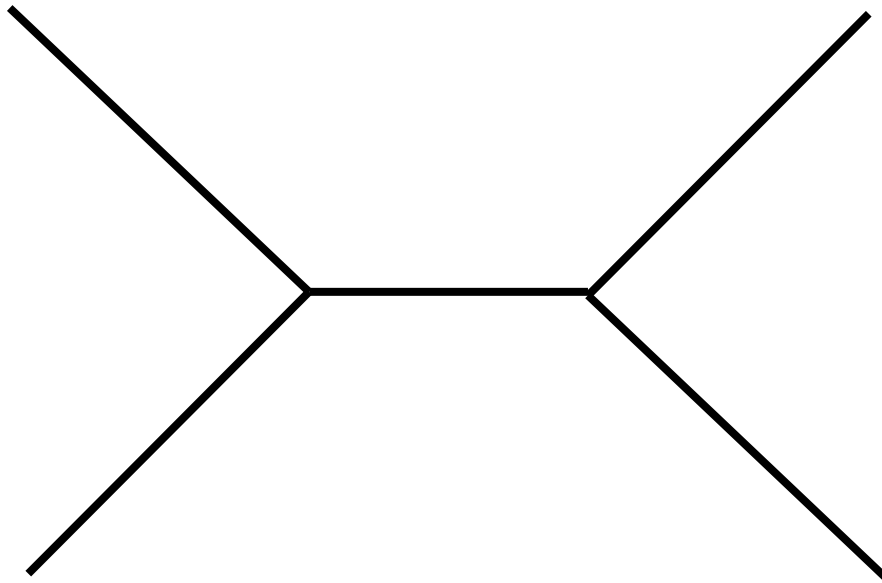
# Feynman expansion

Perturbative expansion using Feynman diagrams:

$$m_n^{\text{tree}}(\mathfrak{s}) = \sum_{\substack{G \text{ Feynman diagram} \\ G \text{ tree}}} \prod_{e \in IE(G)} \frac{1}{X_e(\mathfrak{s})}$$

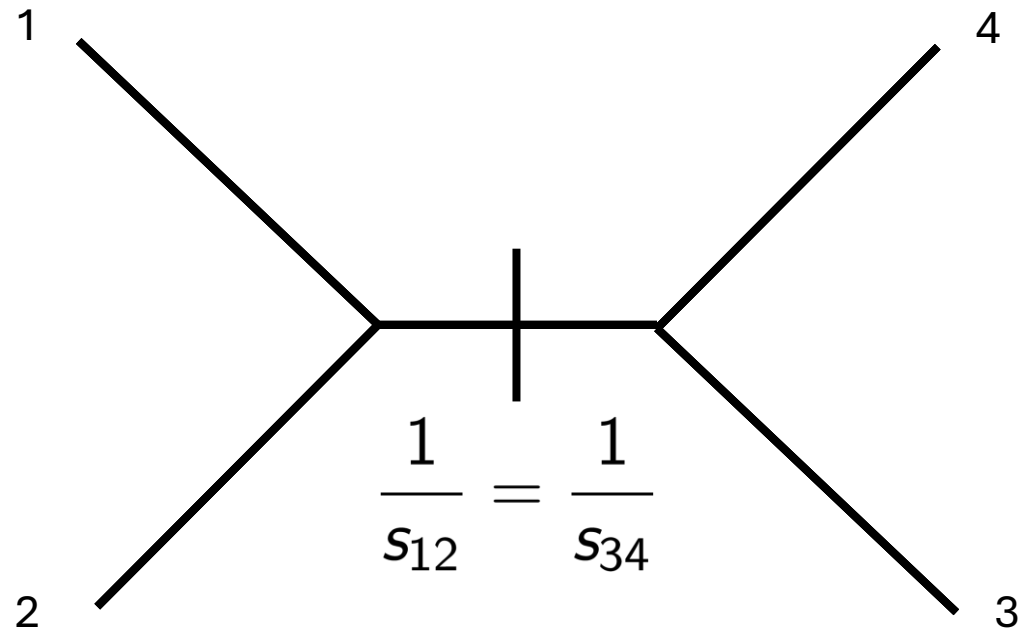
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We will always work in the constant coefficients case (trivial valuation)

$\rightsquigarrow$   $\text{Trop } G(k, n)$  is a polyhedral fan.

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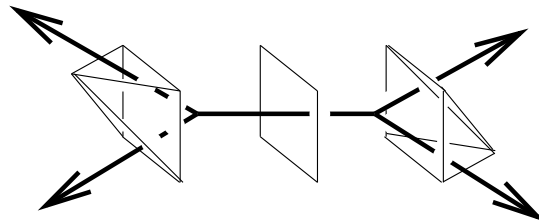
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Credit: David Speyer, *Tropical Linear Spaces* (2004)

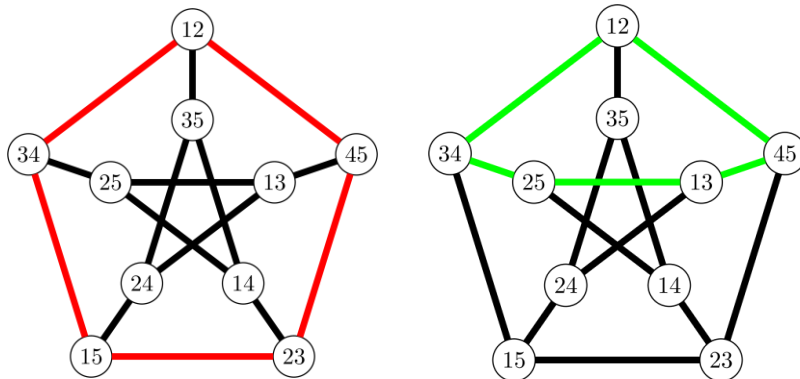


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**Question.** What happens for the next family of Grassmannians  $\text{Trop } G(3, n)$ ?  
What is the correspondence on the Physics side?

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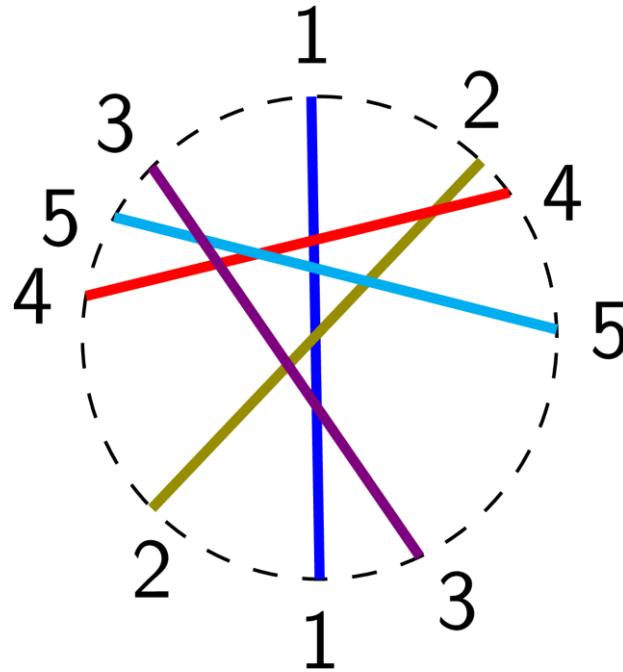
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$\rightsquigarrow$  the CEGM bi-adjoint amplitude at tree-level for  $k = 3$  can be computed from the maximal cones of each Trop<sup>x</sup>  $G(3, n)$ ,  $n = 6, 7, 8$ .

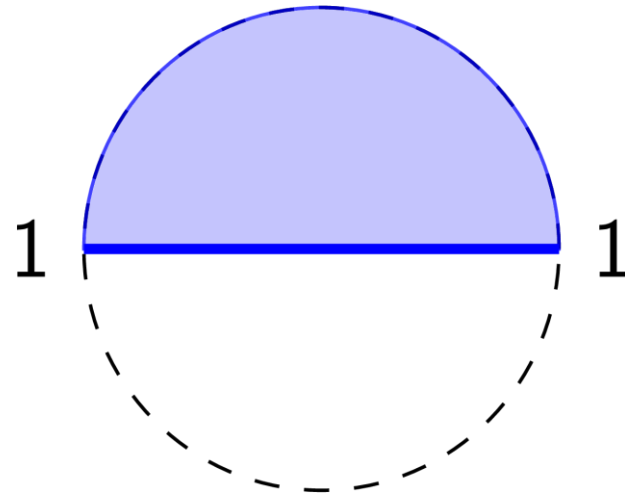
# Outline of our contribution

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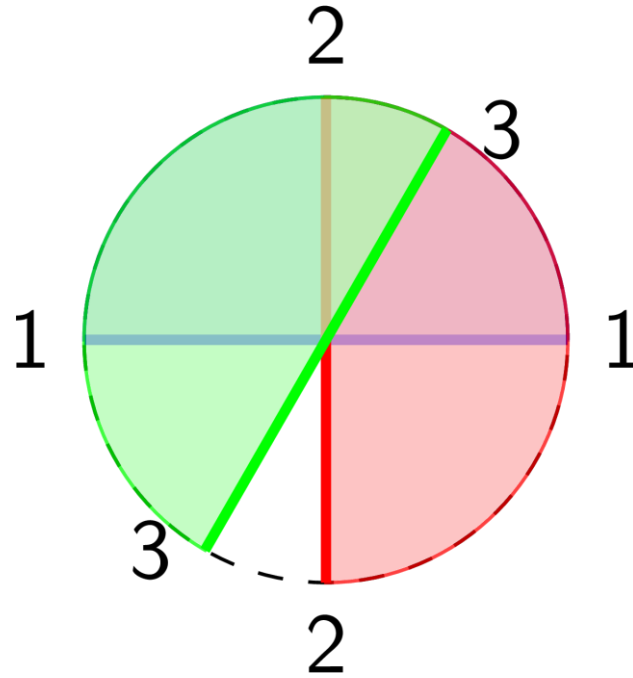
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$$\rightsquigarrow \{\text{columns}\} \xleftrightarrow{\sim} \{\text{points in } \mathbb{P}^2\}$$

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**Theorem 1 [A-E].** For  $n = 6, 7, 8$ ,  $\text{Trop}^{\chi}G(3, n) = \text{Dr}^{\chi}(3, n)$  set-theoretically and  $\text{Trop} G(3, n)$  is covered by relabelings of chiotropical Grassmannians.

# Feynman rules for Trop $G(3, n)$

- $\chi$ -tropical Plücker relation  $\text{Trop}^\chi(F)$ ,  $F$  Plücker relation;
- $\chi$ -compatible pairs  $v_1, v_2 \in \text{Dr}^\chi(3, n)$  such that  $v_1 + v_2 \in \text{Dr}^\chi(3, n)$ .



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$$X^{\chi}(3, 6) = \{g \in X(3, 6) : \exists g' \in G^{\circ}(3, 6) \text{ s.t. } g = [g']_{(\mathbb{R}^{\times})^n} \\ \text{and } \text{sign } p_{ijk}(g') = \chi_{ijk} \forall ijk\}.$$

and each of these tiles is a positive geometry with an explicit canonical form.

# Example

For the chirotope:

$$\chi = (1, -1, -1) \in \{-1, 1\}^{\binom{6}{3}}$$

**Step 1.** Starting from the positive parametrization of  $X^+(3, 6)$ , we constructed the matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{y_1+1} & \frac{y_2y_3+y_1y_2y_4y_3+y_2y_4y_3+y_4y_3+y_3+y_1y_2y_4+y_2y_4+y_4+1}{y_1y_2y_3+y_2y_3+y_1y_2y_4y_3+y_2y_4y_3+y_4y_3+y_3+y_1y_2y_4+y_2y_4+y_4+1} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{(y_1+1)y_2} & \frac{y_2y_3+y_1y_2y_4y_3+y_2y_4y_3+y_4y_3+y_3+y_1y_2y_4+y_2y_4+y_4+1}{(y_2y_3+y_3+1)(y_1y_2y_3+y_2y_3+y_1y_2y_4y_3+y_2y_4y_3+y_4y_3+y_3+y_1y_2y_4+y_2y_4+y_4+1)} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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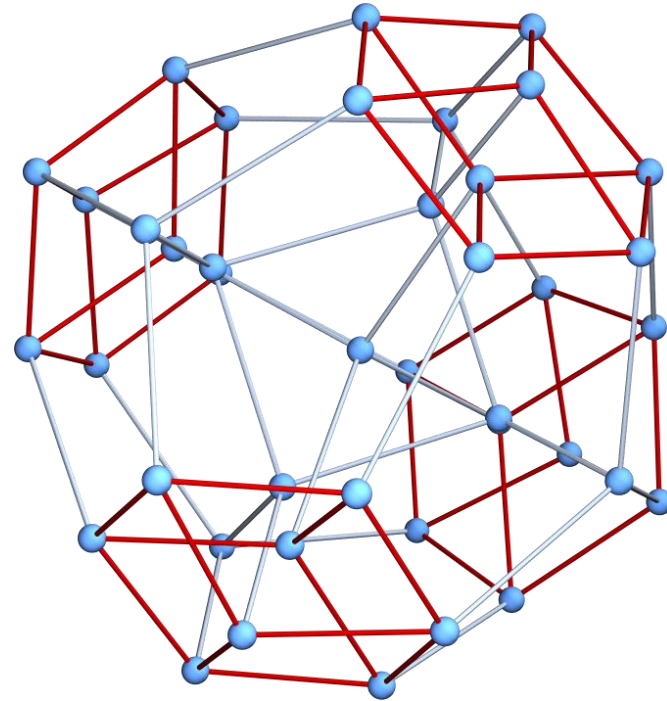
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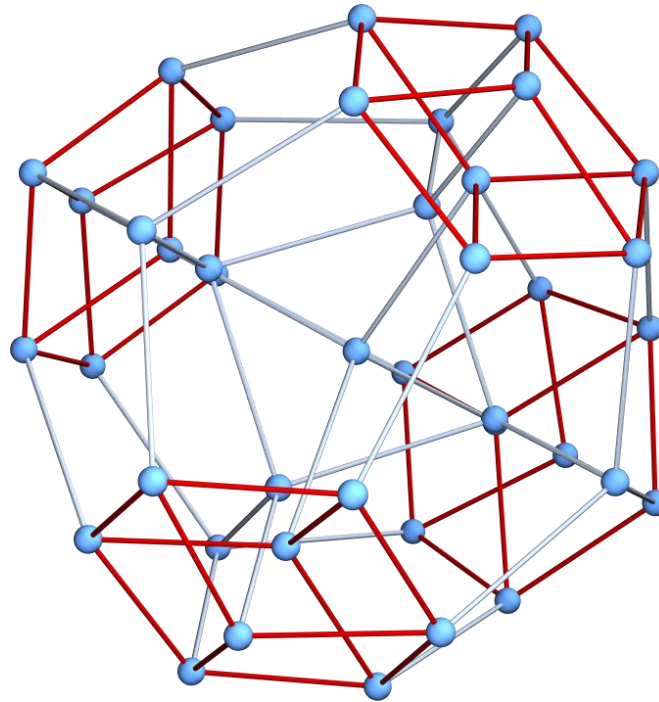
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# Future directions

- exploring positive parametrizations of  $X^x(k, n)$
- implementing the algorithm for the cases in which this parametrization exists.

Thanks for your attention!



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