



# Low dimensional Euclidean buildings

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Motivation for low rank/dimension Euclidean building

Goal 1: Radu's lattice

Goal 2: An estimate motivated by buildings

Groups acting on buildings



A university  
is just  
a group of  
buildings  
gathered around  
a library.

-Shelby Foote-



- ▶ Buildings were introduced by Belgian mathematician **Jacques Tits** to unify the classification of semi-simple Lie groups.
- ▶ Existence of particular subgroups  $B$  and  $N$  in an ambient group  $G$ .
- ▶ Tits recognized that  $B$  and  $N$  and their conjugates were living in  $G$  in an organized fashion which could be encoded by a simplicial complex satisfying some properties.
- ▶ He extracted the axioms of building which are more general than the classical/algebraic setting of  $B, N < G$ .
- ▶ He later realized that only the chambers (maximal simplices) matter and the **chamber system** contains all the information.



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- ▶ We will come back to the **classification** later.

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**All the credit for the code and illustrations goes to him.**



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- ▶ Rank 2 residues in an  $\tilde{A}_2$ -building are subbuildings of type  $A_2$  called **projective planes**.
- ▶ Projective planes of the form  $A_2(k)$  satisfy **Desargues' Theorem**.
- ▶ A (cocompact) **lattice** is a discrete group acting on the building with finitely many orbits.
- ▶ A theorem of Cartwright-Mantero-Stegger-Zappa (CMSZ) shows that to find such building and lattice we can look for two combinatorial objects in a finite projective plane:
  - ▶ A **point-line correspondence**  $\lambda : P \rightarrow L$ .
  - ▶ A **triangular presentation**  $\mathcal{T}$  compatible with  $\lambda$ .



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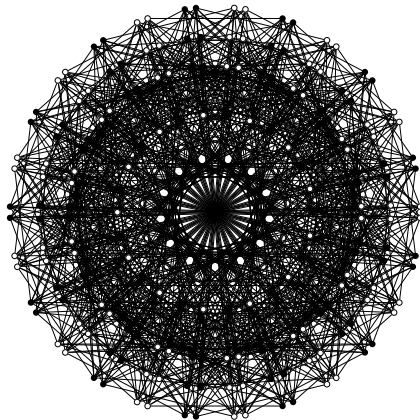
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**Goal: get familiar with the construction, the algorithm, C++, and possibly improve to find new examples.**

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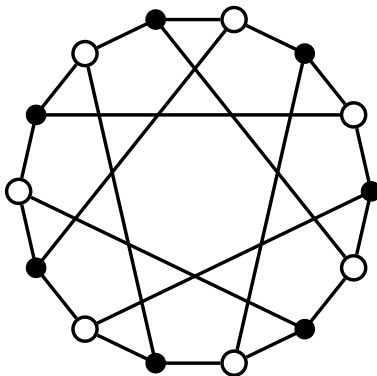
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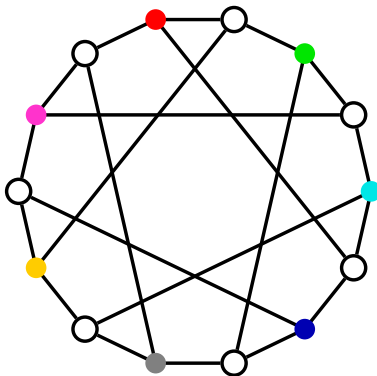
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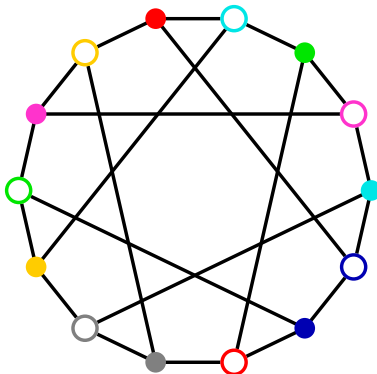
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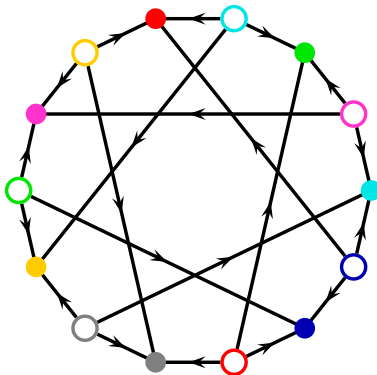
- ▶ A point-line correspondence  $\lambda$  forming pairs.



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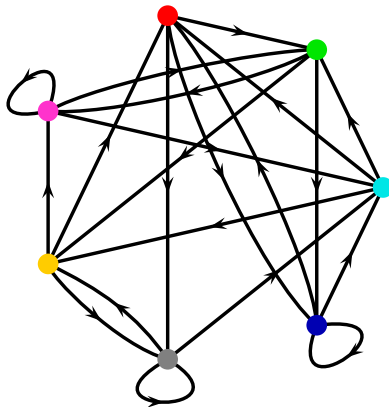
- ▶ The incidence relation:  $point \subset line$



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- ▶ A graph  $G_\lambda$  associated to the point line correspondence  $\lambda$ .

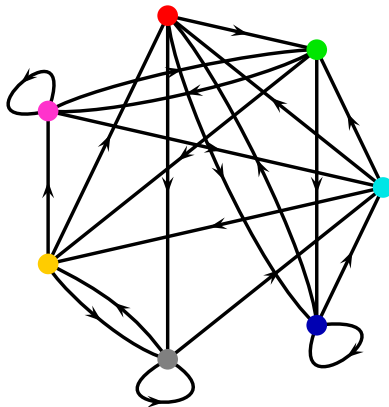




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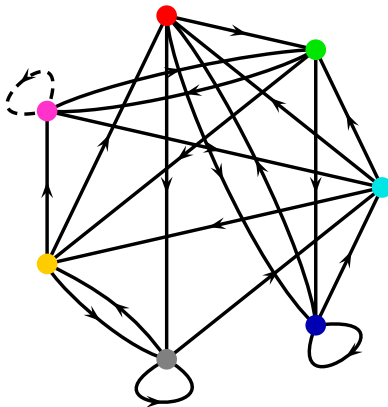
- ▶ The triangle presentation  $\mathcal{T}$  is a cover of  $G_\lambda$  by disjoint of triangles.



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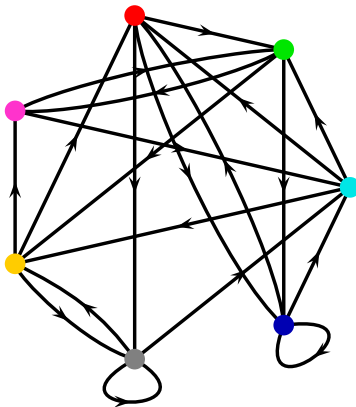
- ▶ Triangle can also mean loop.



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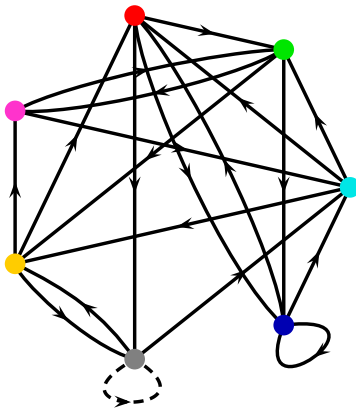
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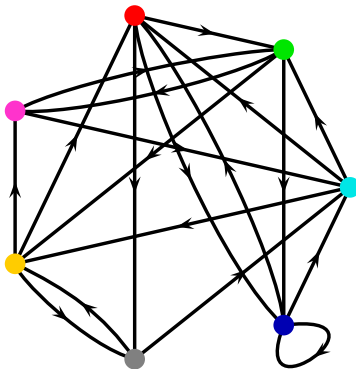
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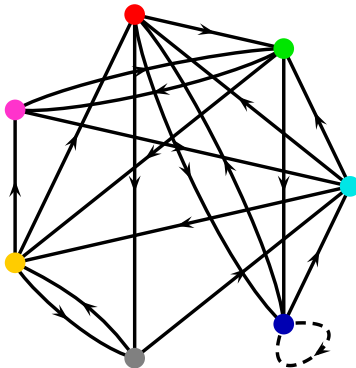
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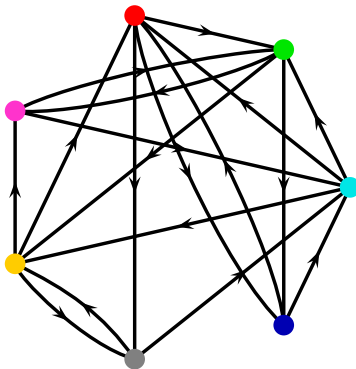
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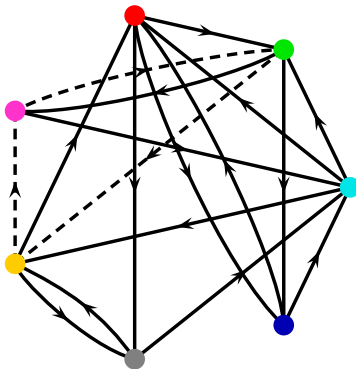
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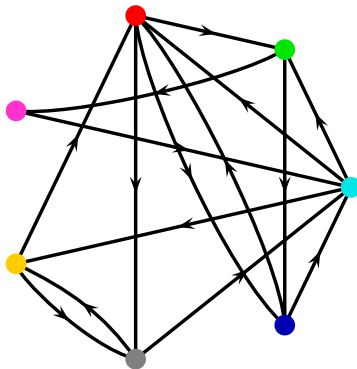




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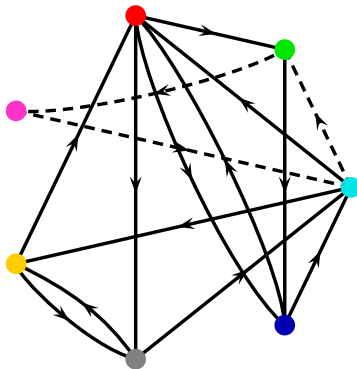
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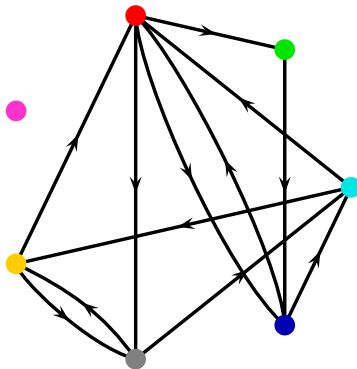
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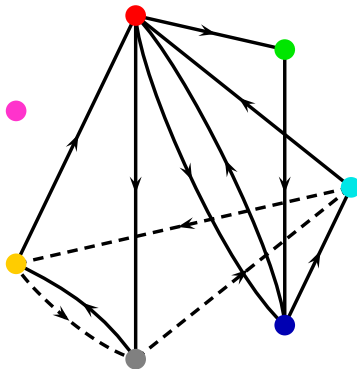
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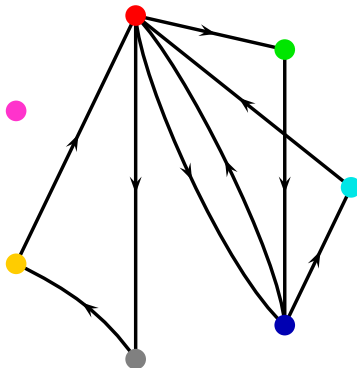
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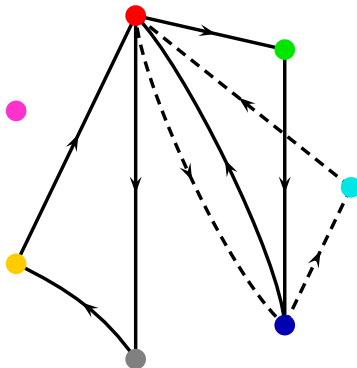
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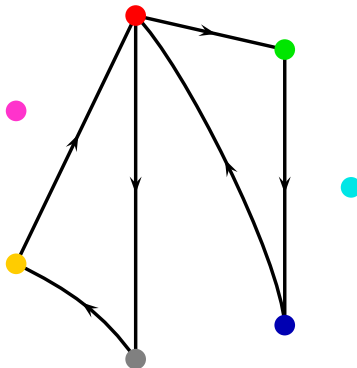
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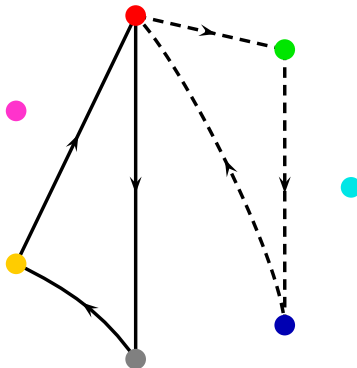
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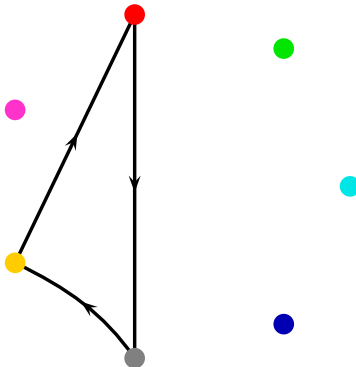




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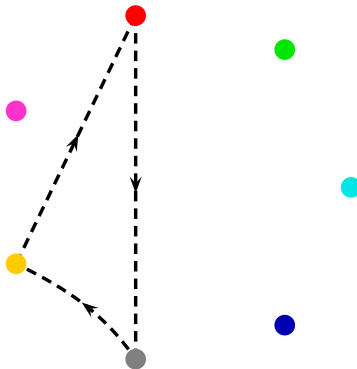
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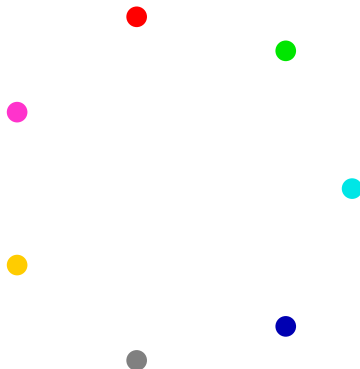
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- ▶ No triangle left, so we the triangle we removed form a cover of  $G_\lambda$ .  
Pretty lucky!



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- ▶  $f_n$  piecewise linear and  $h(x) = q^{-|x|}$ .

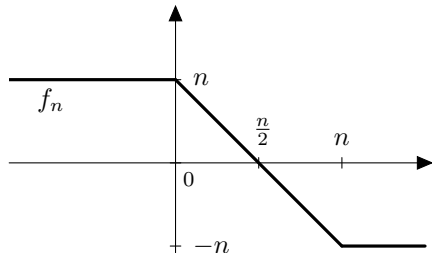


Figure: Graph of  $f_n$ .

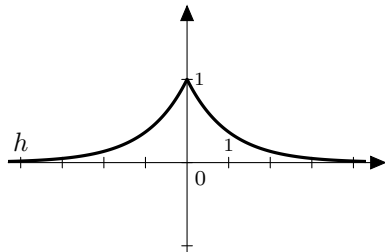


Figure: Graph of  $h$ .

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- ▶  $g$  represents a signed measure (on  $\mathbf{Z}$ ):

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} h(x) & \text{if } x \leq 0, \\ 1 - 2x & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1, \\ -h(x - 1) & \text{if } 1 \leq x, \end{cases}$$

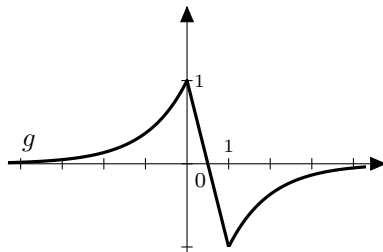


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Finally:

- ▶  $\mu_n$  a positive weight function (on  $\mathbf{Z}$ ):

$$\mu_n(x) = \begin{cases} q^{|x|} & \text{if } x \leq 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq n, \\ q^{x-n} & \text{if } n \leq x, \end{cases}$$

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Let  $f_n, g, \mu_n$  be as above and let  $P_n$  be defined as follows:

$$P_n(i) = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} f_n(k)g(k - i)$$

### Theorem

*This is a constant  $C = C(q)$  such that for all  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ :*

$$\|P_n\|_{\ell^2(\mathbf{Z}, \mu_n)}^2 = \sum_{i \in \mathbf{Z}} P_n(i)^2 \mu_n(i) \leq C \cdot n.$$





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