

# Cayley graph of $A_4 = \text{Rotations of Tetrahedron}$

Generators

$$R_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ & 4 & 2 & 3 \\ & & & \end{pmatrix} = (243)$$

$$R_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ & 3 & 2 & 4 & 1 \\ & & & \end{pmatrix} = (134)$$

$$R_1^3 = I$$

$$R_2^3 = I$$

} triangles

$$R_1 R_2^{-1} R_1 R_2^{-1} = I$$

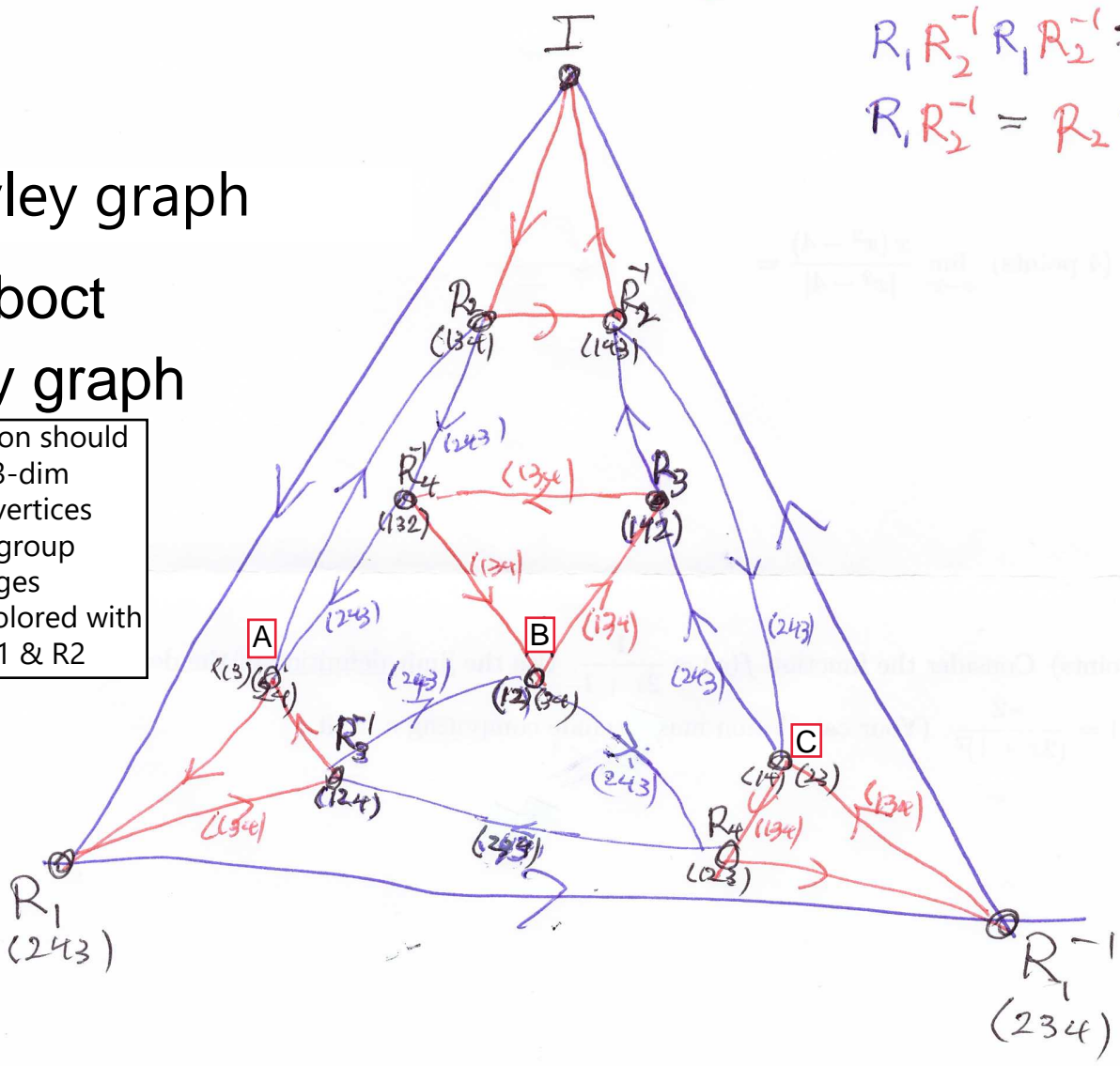
$$R_1 R_2^{-1} = R_2 R_1^{-1}$$

} rectangles

#8 Cayley graph

#9 Cuboct  
Cayley graph

Cuboctahedron should be drawn in 3-dim perspective; vertices labeled with group elements; edges oriented & colored with generators R1 & R2



## Edge-graph of Cuboctahedron

- 12 vertices
- 8 triangle faces
- 6 rectangle faces

#3,4,6

$$B = R_1 R_2 R_1 = R_2 R_1 R_2 = (12)(34)$$

$$A = R_2 R_1^{-1} = R_1 R_2^{-1} = (13)(24)$$

$$C = R_1^{-1} R_2 = R_2^{-1} R_1 = (14)(23)$$

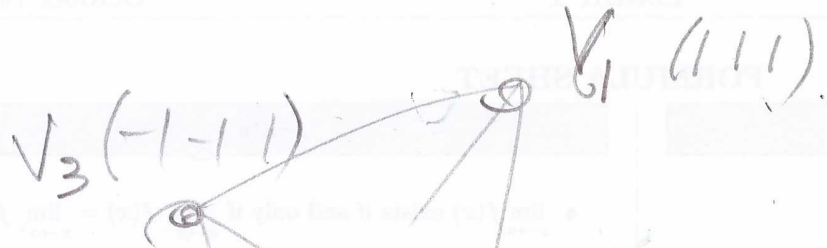
$$R_3 = R_2^{-1} R_1^{-1} = R_2 R_1 R_2^{-1} = (142)$$

$$R_4 = R_1^{-1} R_2^{-1} = R_2^{-1} R_1 R_2 = (123)$$

#7 (1pt)

#5 Eigenvector

Show  $|G| = 12$ . Clearly  $G \subset S_4$ . For permutation  $p$  in  $G$ , we have  $p(1)$  in  $\{1,2,3,4\}$  and  $p(2)$  in  $\{1,2,3,4\} - \{p(1)\}$ . But  $p(3)$  is the unique vertex clockwise from arrow  $p(1) \rightarrow p(2)$ , since rotation maintains orientation. Total choices for 4 vertices:  $(4)(3)(1)(1) = 12$ .



$$R_2^2 R_1 = (143)(234) = (142) \xrightarrow{R_1(234)} (14)(23) = C$$

#1

#2

$$R_1 = (243) \quad (100) \rightarrow (010) \rightarrow (001) \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 = (134) \quad (100) \rightarrow (0-10) \rightarrow (00-1) \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_3 = (142) \quad (-100) \rightarrow (0-10) \rightarrow (001) \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_4 = (123) \quad (-100) \rightarrow (010) \rightarrow (00-1) \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

It's OK to label R1 as R1<sup>-1</sup> etc, and vary labeling of A,B,C. But labels must be consistent, perms agree with matrices.

$$R_1 R_2 = (243)(134) = (124) = R_3^{-1}$$

$$R_2 R_1 = (134)(243) = (132) = R_4^{-1}$$

$$R_1 R_3 = (243)(142) = (132) = R_4^{-1}$$

$$R_3 R_1 = (142)(243) = (143) = R_2^{-1}$$

$$R_1 R_4 = (243)(123) = (143) = R_2^{-1}$$

$$R_1 R_2^{-1} = (243)(143) = (13)(24) = \boxed{A} = R_2 R_1^{-1}$$

$R_2 R_1 = R_1 R_2$   
 $R_1 R_3 R_1 = R_4$