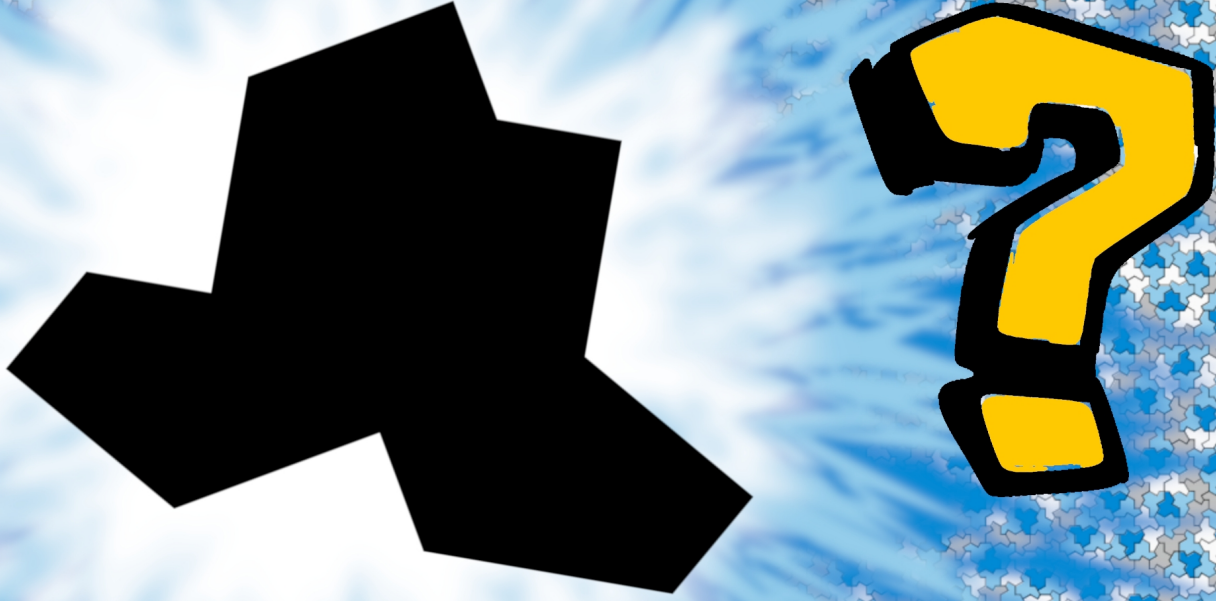


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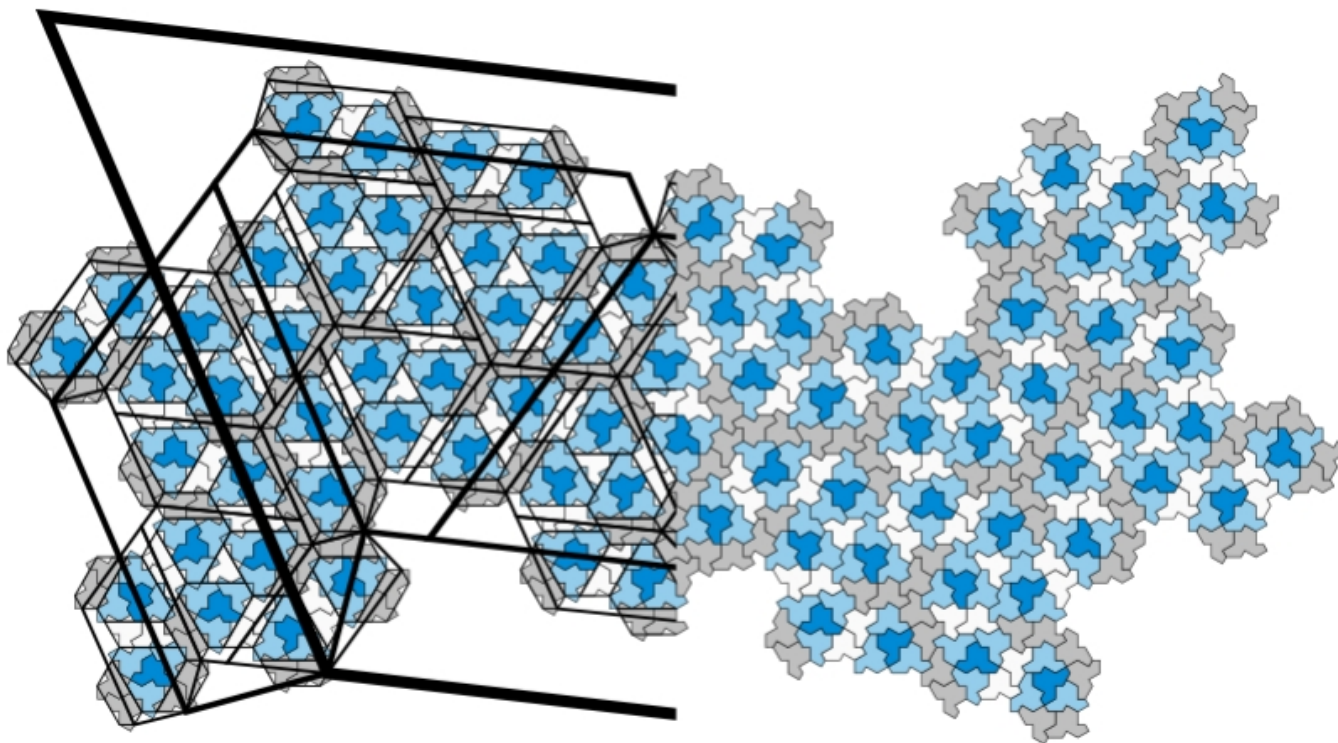
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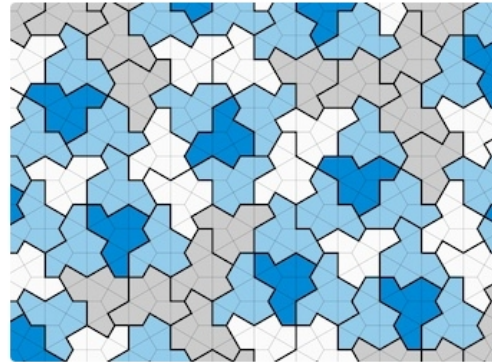
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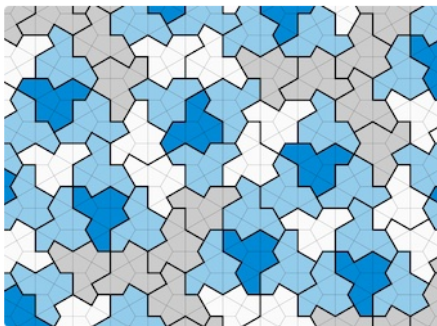
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A groundbreaking new discovery in mathematics!

The Hat, an aperiodic monotile



Presenting “the Hat,” a newly discovered (and first-ever!) shape that can tile the plane endlessly but only without ever quite repeating the pattern.



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Hear the story behind the discovery

A Hat for Einstein

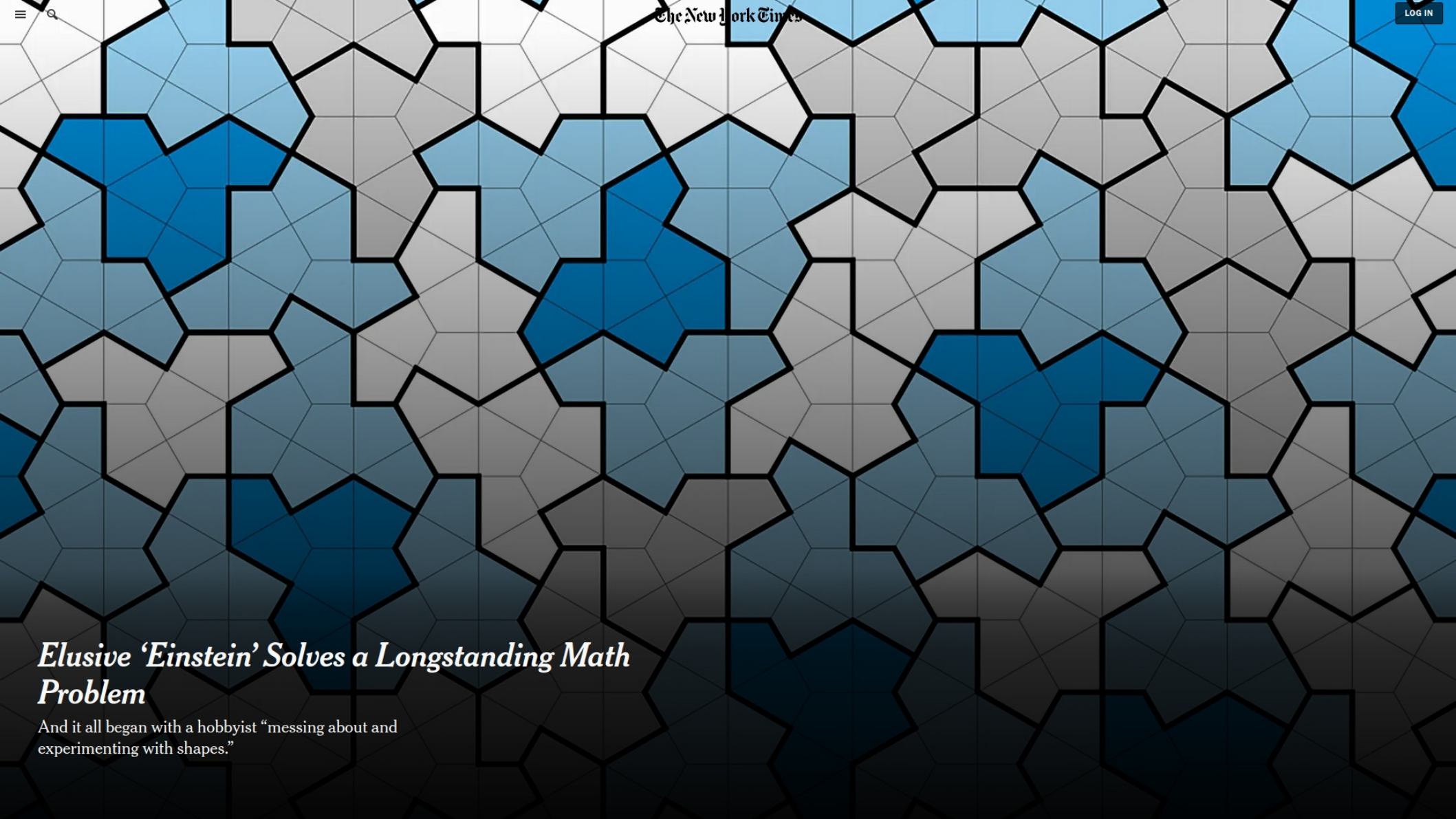
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Join Craig S. Kaplan and Chaim Goodman-Strauss who, along with their co-authors David Smith and Joseph Samuel Myers, wrote the groundbreaking paper about the Hat. They will discuss how they discovered this aperiodic monotile and how it impacts modern mathematics. [Watch the video.](#)

Meet the Authors

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Join all four authors of the groundbreaking paper, David Smith, Joseph Samuel Myers, Craig Kaplan, and Chaim Goodman-Strauss, as they discuss their exciting mathematical discovery of the Hat, the first-ever shape that can tile the plane endlessly but only without ever quite repeating the pattern. Have your questions answered — or just enjoy the lively discussion — at this interactive Q&A session! [Watch the video.](#)



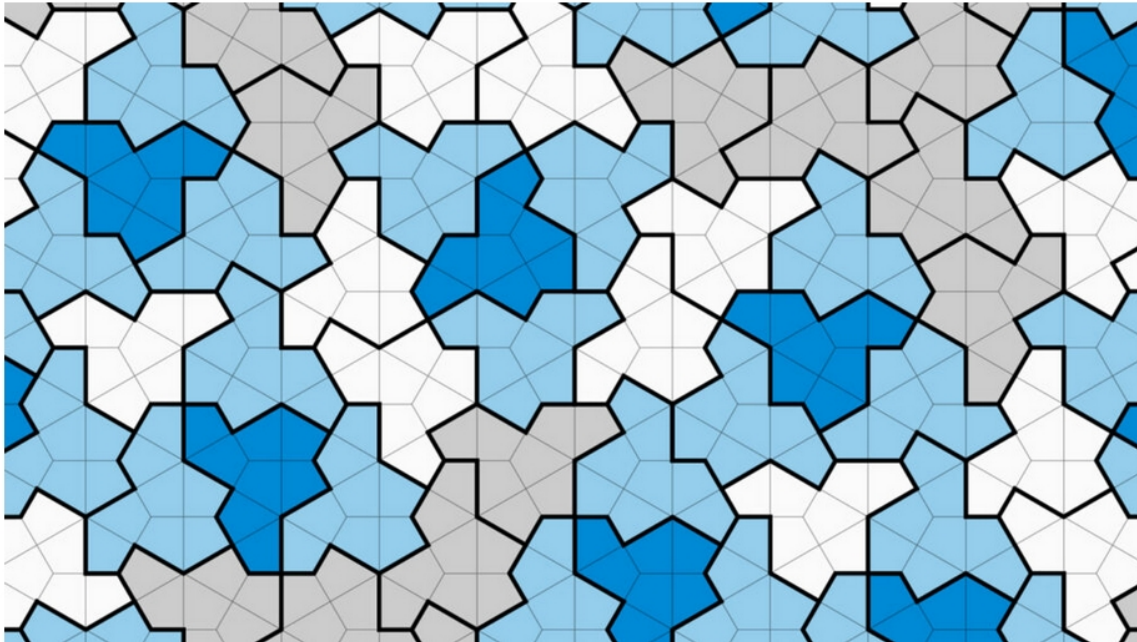
Elusive 'Einstein' Solves a Longstanding Math Problem

And it all began with a hobbyist “messaging about and experimenting with shapes.”

NEWS MATH

Mathematicians have finally discovered an elusive 'einstein' tile

A 13-sided shape called 'the hat' forms a pattern that never repeats



A 13-sided tile called "the hat" forms a pattern that covers an infinite plane yet it cannot repeat, making it a long-sought shape known as an "einstein." A sample of that pattern is shown here.

D. SMITH, J.S. MYERS, C.S. KAPLAN AND C. GOODMAN-STRAUSS ([CC BY 4.0](#))

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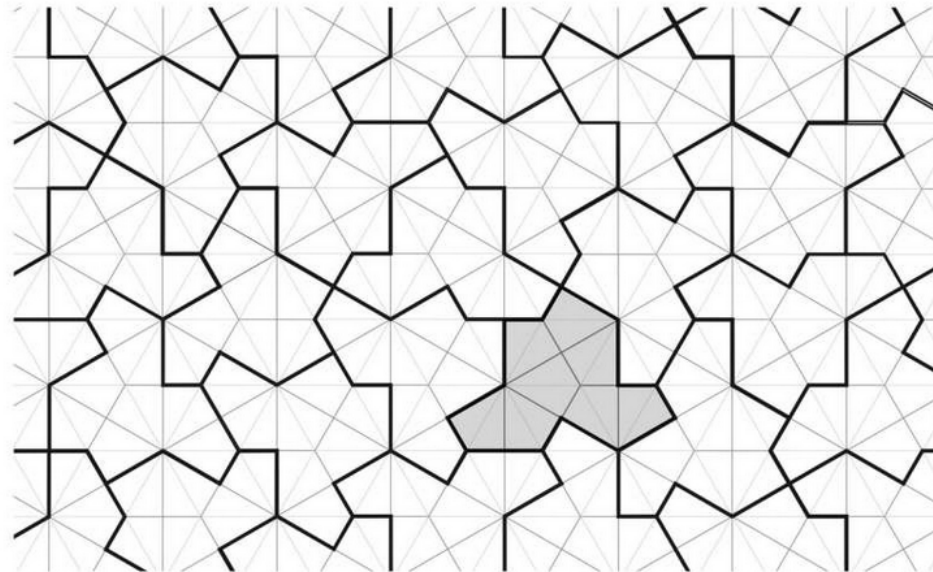


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A geometric shape that does not repeat itself when tiled

by Bob Yirka, Phys.org



The gray "hat" polykite tile is an "einstein", an aperiodic monotile. In other words, copies o...

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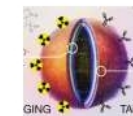
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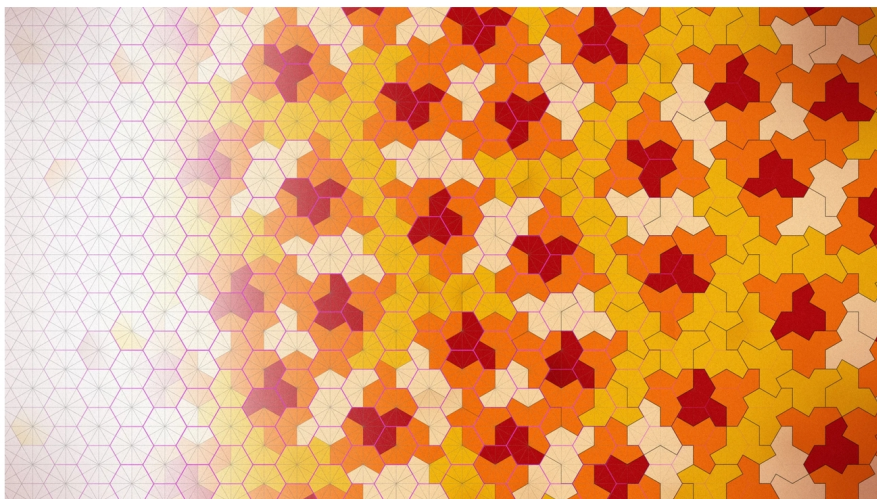
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GEOMETRY

Hobbyist Finds Math's Elusive 'Einstein' Tile



The surprisingly simple tile is the first single, connected tile that can fill the entire plane in a pattern that never repeats — and can't be made to fill it in a repeating way.



To make the tiling, slice an ordinary hexagonal grid into segments, then glue together adjoining segments.

Samuel Willcocks/Quanta Magazine



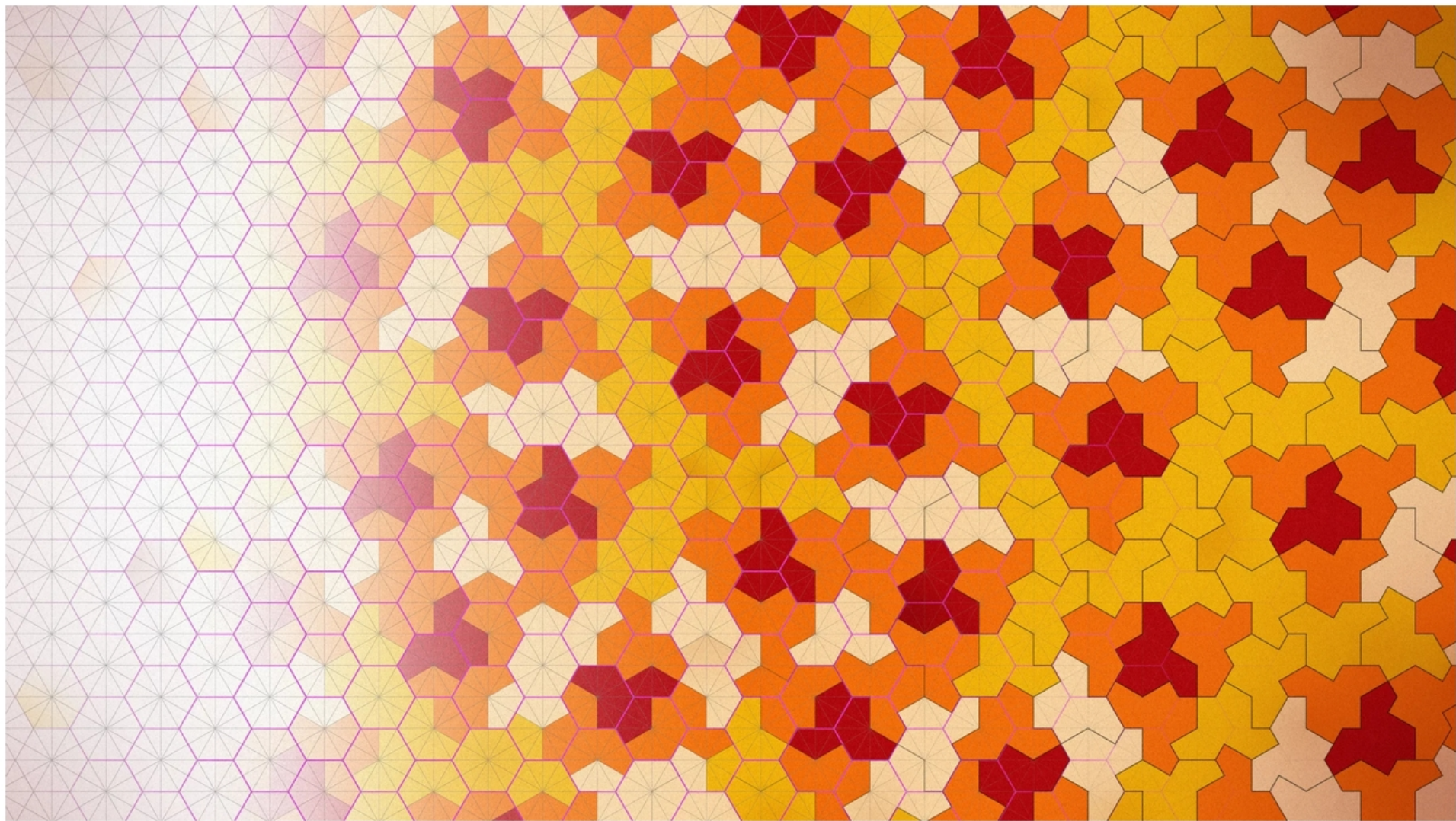
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Hat Trick

The proof that the hat tile is aperiodic relies on recursively creating ever-larger structures, a technique that goes back to the 1960s.

METATILES



Hat tile

Using only the hat tile, create four metatiles (named H,T,P,F).

H

T

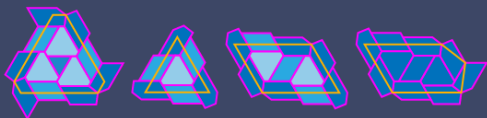
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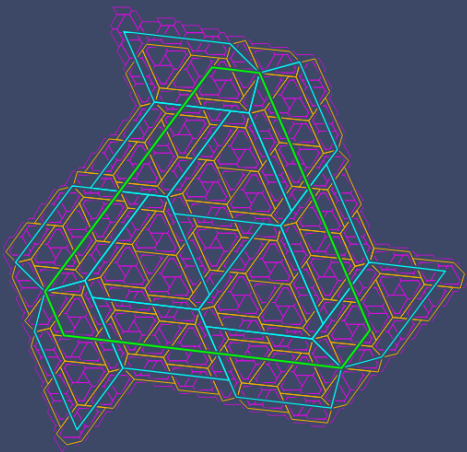
SUPERTILES

The metatiles can be further compiled into four larger versions of themselves called supertiles.



FOUR ITERATIONS

The four supertiles can be further arranged into even larger supertiles and so on, gradually filling the entire plane.



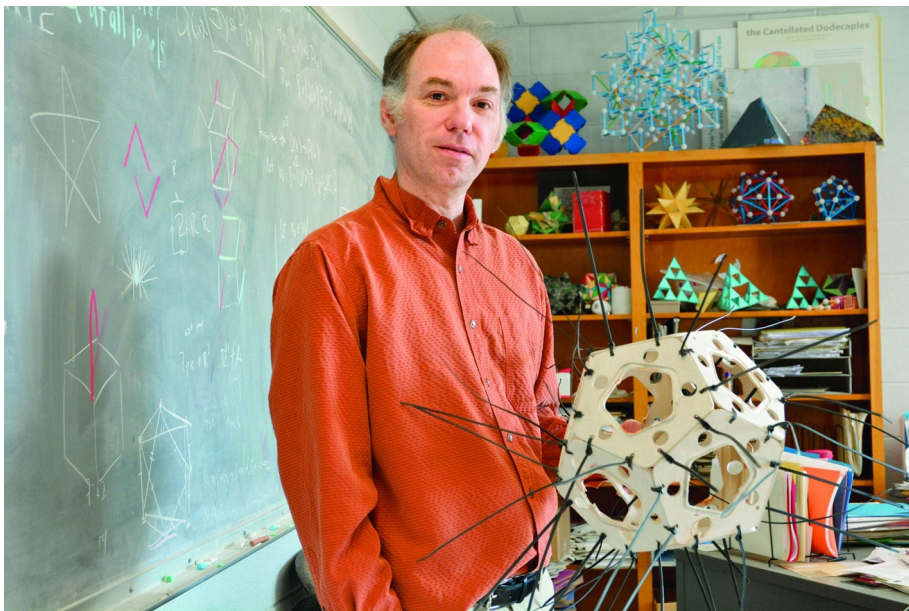
Craig Kaplan, a computer scientist at the University of Waterloo in Canada.

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David Smith's discovery has been called "mind-boggling."

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Courtesy of David Smith



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 - As Archivist for the Archimedean's, I have made [old versions of the Constitution, Standing Orders and Procedures](#) available.
 - I am a member of the [Trinity Mathematical Society](#), and updated and made available online Paul Taylor's list of [past Trinity Mathematical Society meetings](#) ([older talks list](#) also available).
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 - I've done a fair amount of work on the [CUCPS](#) (Cambridge University Computer Preservation Society) web site, in particular the [information about TITAN](#). Note that CUCPS is no longer active.
- [Historical information on British Summer Time.](#)
- As part of my interest in computer history, I have also made available here the standard [ECMA-10—ECMA standard for Data Interchange on Punched Tape](#). The standards organisation [ECMA](#) produce computer-related standards that are freely available both online and in printed form (even a complete set of current printed ECMA standards is free); unfortunately they cannot supply copies of obsolete standards such as this one, but since their standards are not copyright it can be distributed here. Many ECMA standards are essentially identical to expensive [ISO](#) ones; there are several ISO standards for punched paper tape (numbers 1113, 1154, 1729, 2195 and 3692) but I have not checked their equivalence to this one.



HEDRAWEB – DAVID SMITH

POLYHEDRA, SHAPES, TESSELLATIONS AND PATTERNS.

IT'S A SHAPE JIM, BUT NOT AS WE KNOW IT



Thanks to the super human effort of Craig Kaplan, Joseph Myers and Chaim Goodman-Strauss, the hat and turtle polykites have finally arrived on the scene...
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.10798>

This article is intended to be a temporary 'scrapbook' of how the polykites were conceived. It will contain many raw images and is likely to look messy until I get round to producing something more presentable.

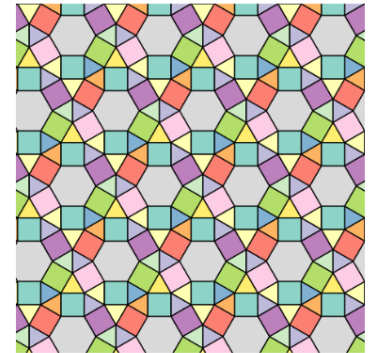
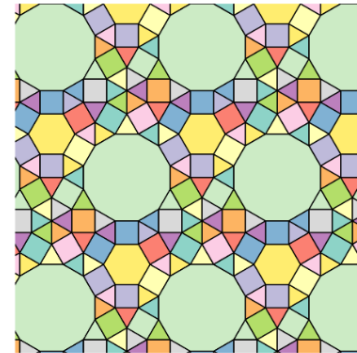
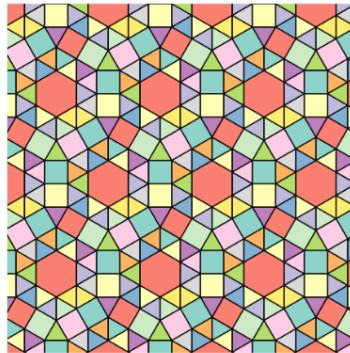
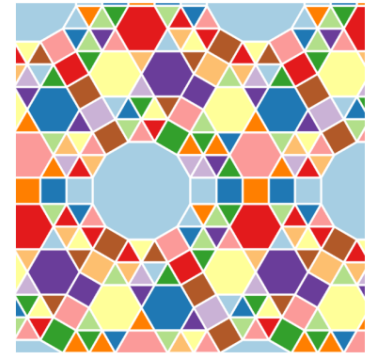
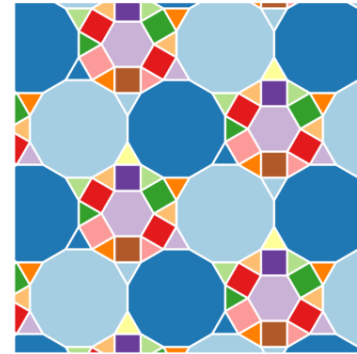
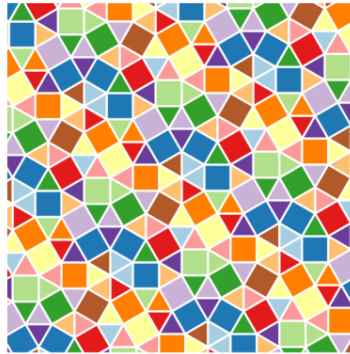
The hat and turtle can only tile the infinite plane aperiodically. They do not permit periodic tilings. They should be treated with respect!

The shaded areas below indicate the similarities between the two polykites. The hat is composed of 8 kites and the turtle, 10.



¿Qué es una teselación (*tiling*)?

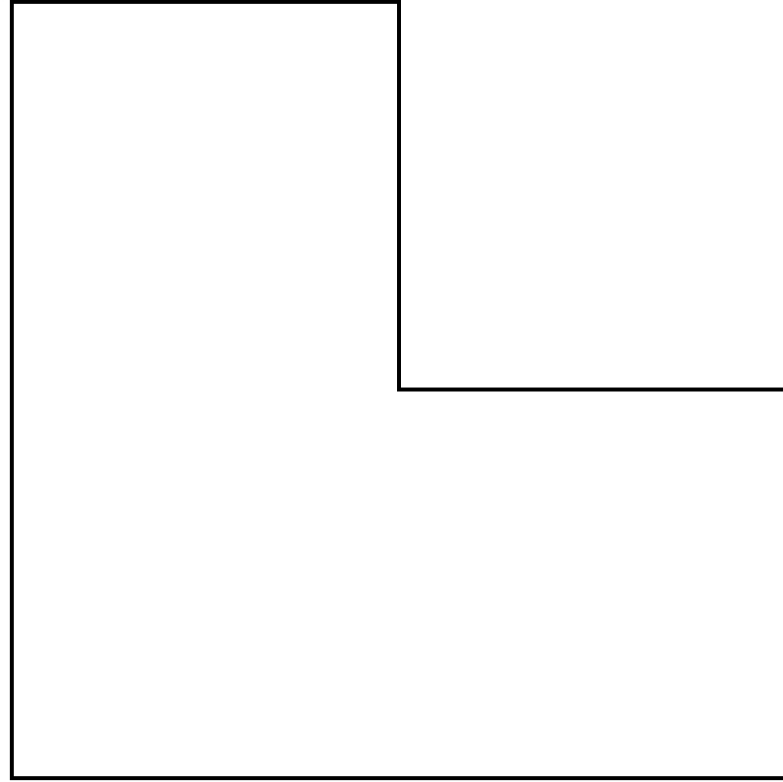
- Conjunto de teselas.
- Arreglo de isometrías de las teselas, tal que:
 - Su unión cubre todo el plano.
 - La intersección de su interior es vacía.

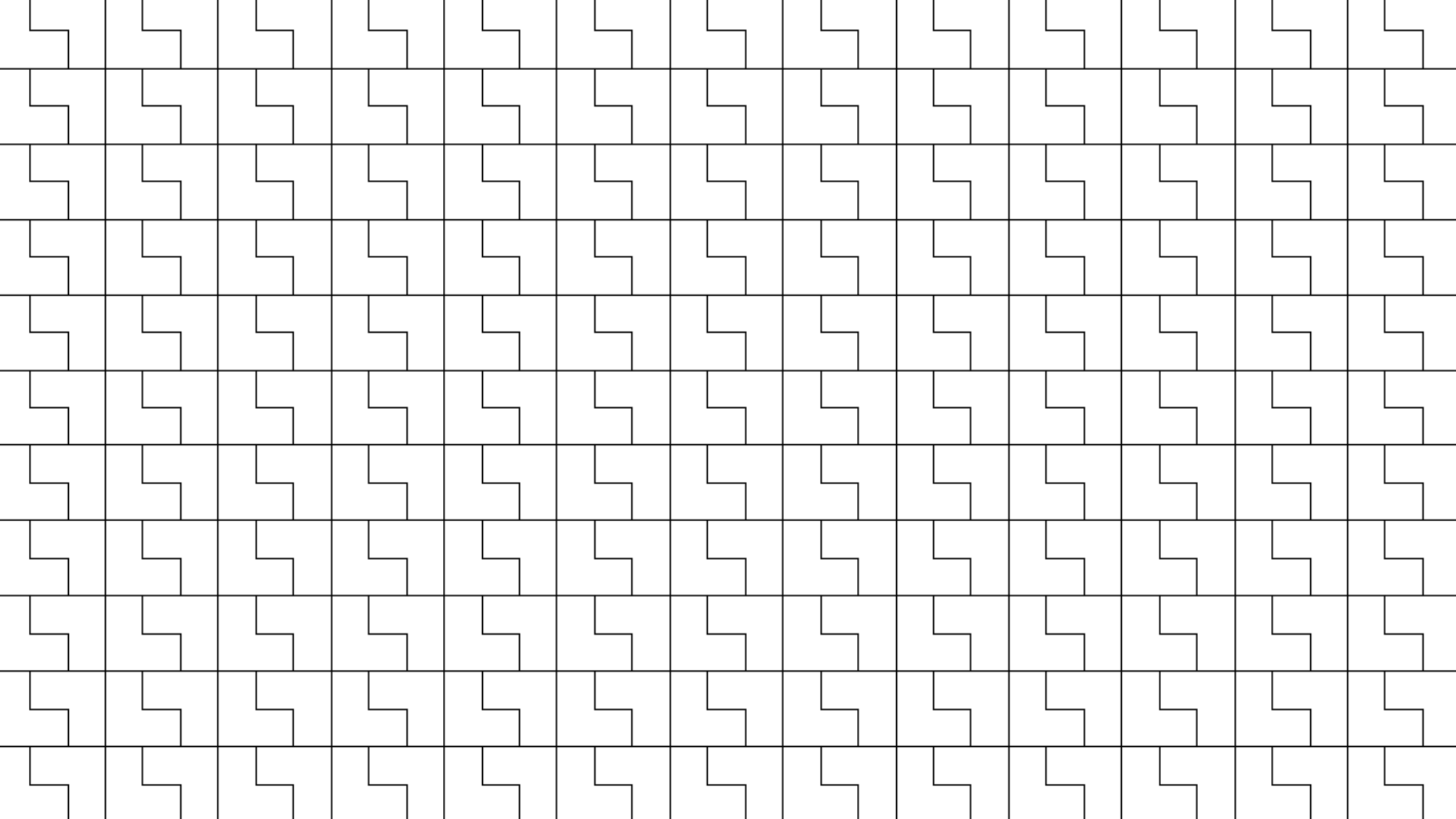


Algo de teoría

- Si existe una teselación con un conjunto T de teselas, se dice que T **admite** esa teselación.
- Si k teselas son utilizadas para formar una teselación, ésta se llama **k -édrica** (*k -hedral*).

Monotile
(monoédrica)

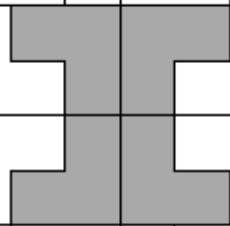




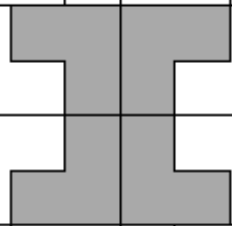
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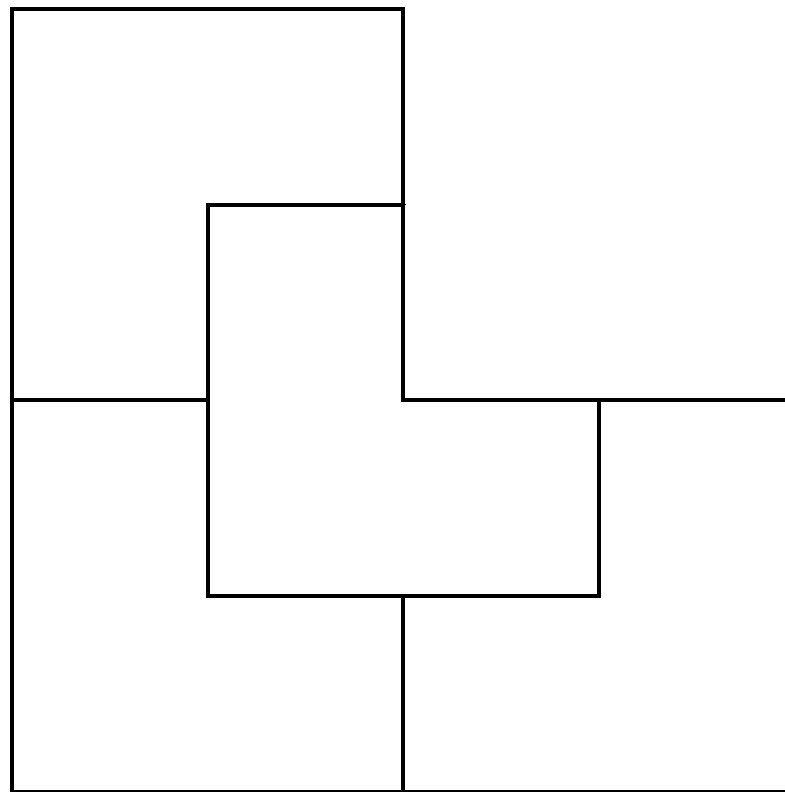
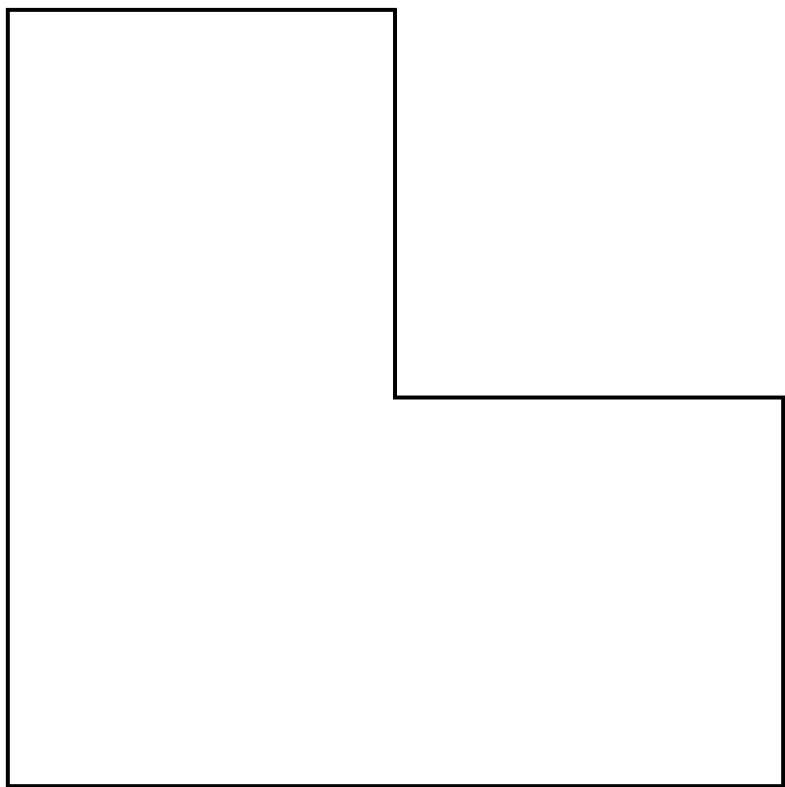


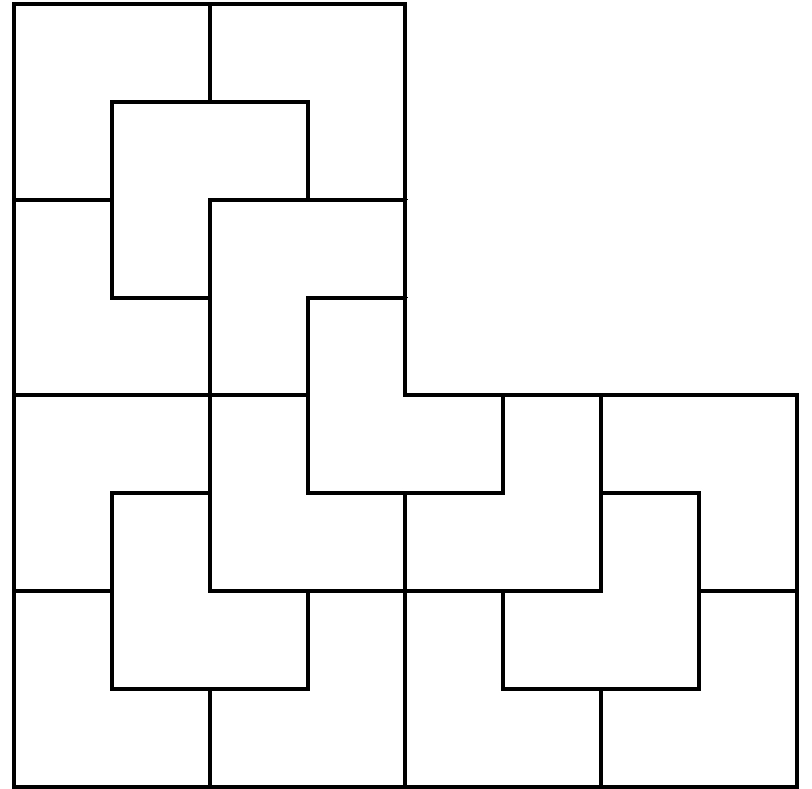
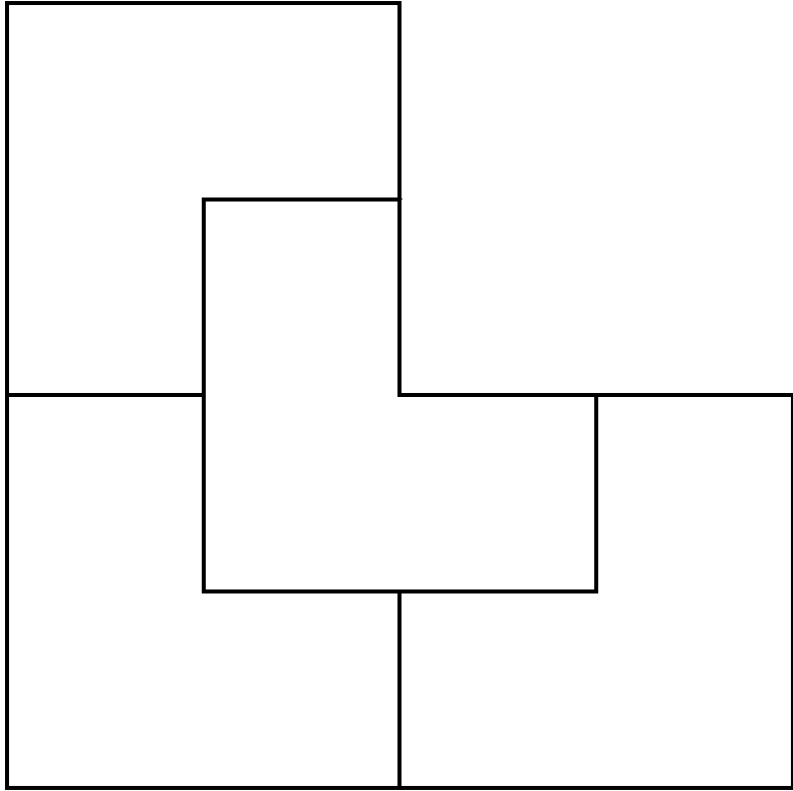
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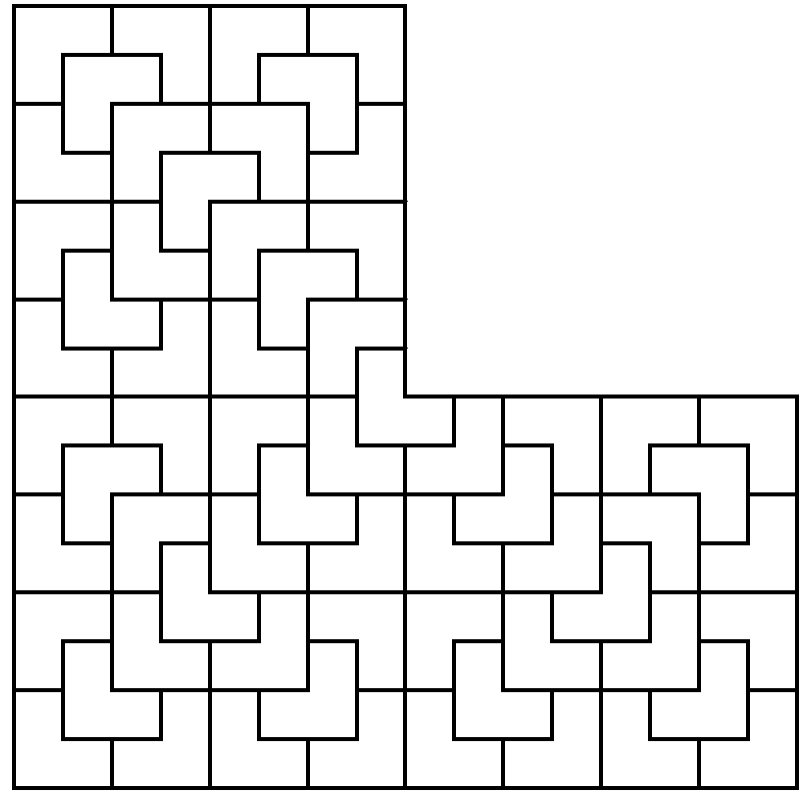
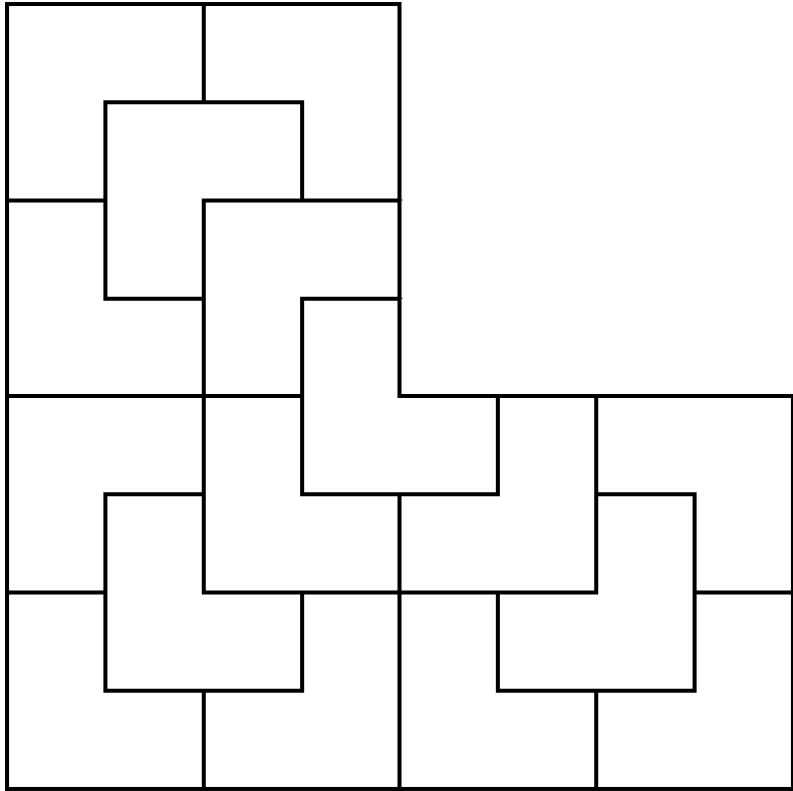


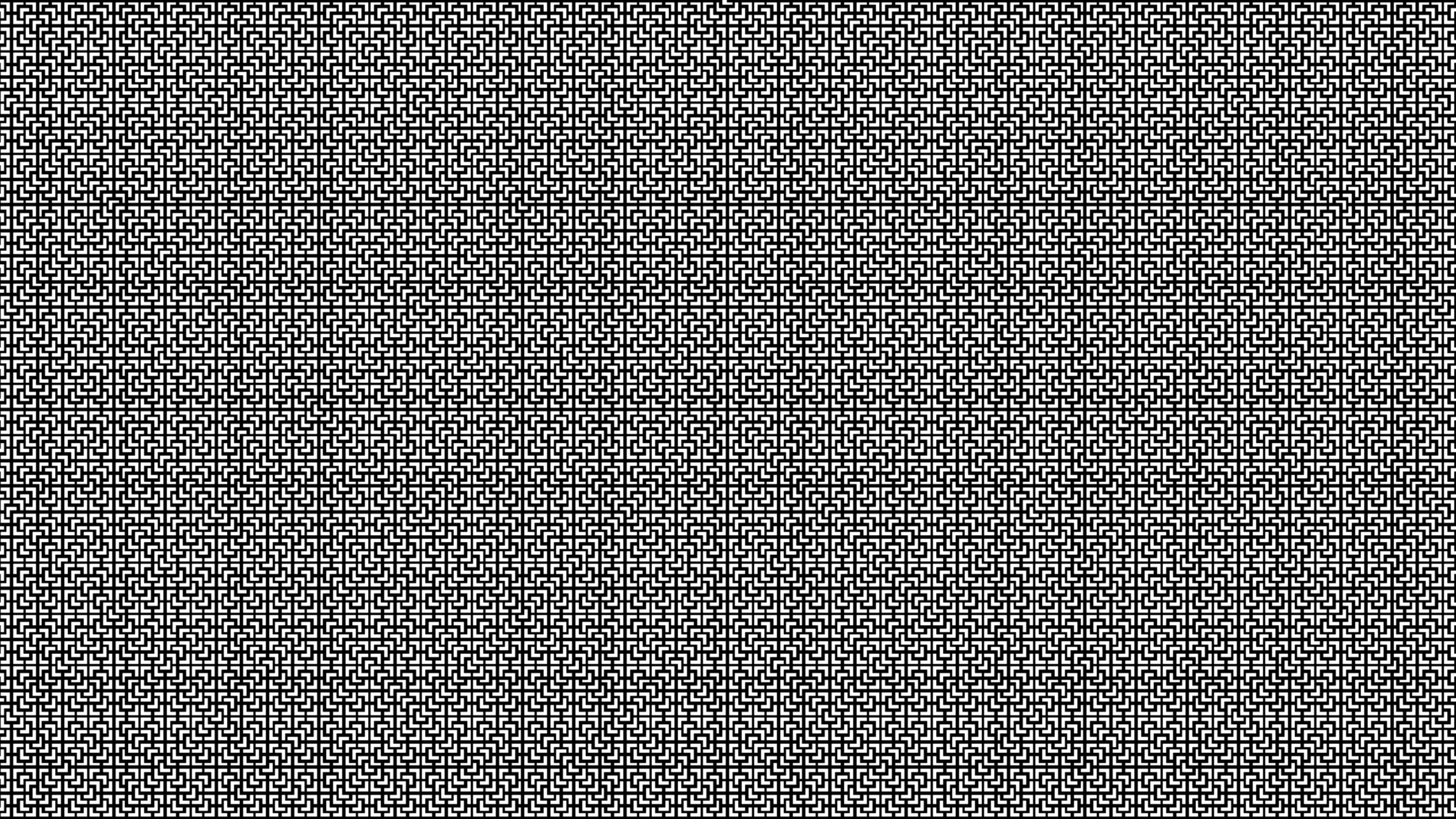
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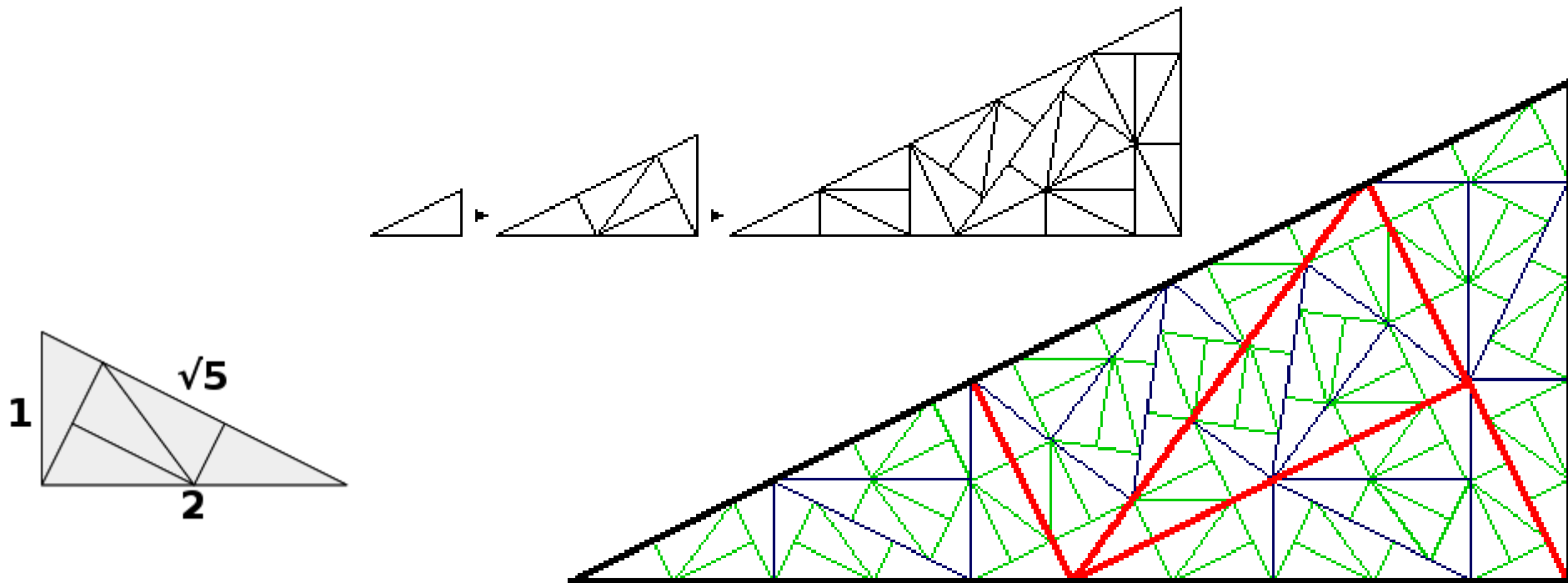


Esta sí es aperiódica...
(Chair Tiling)

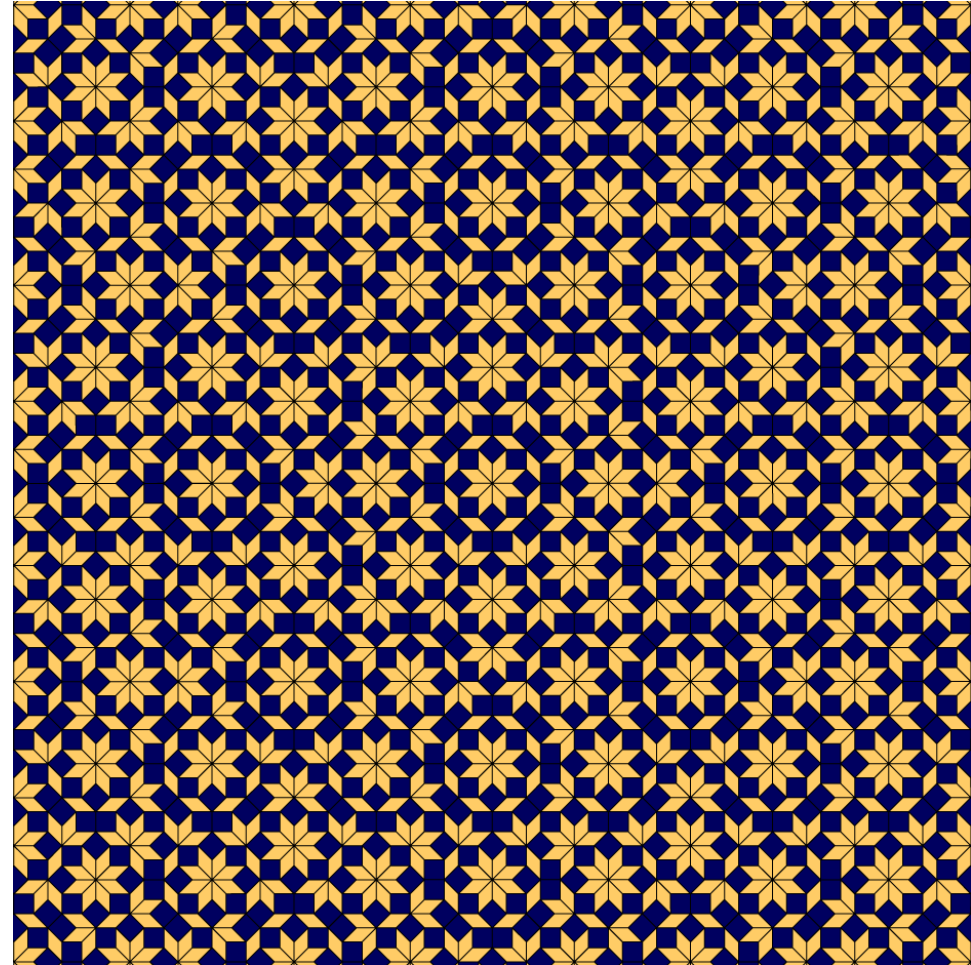
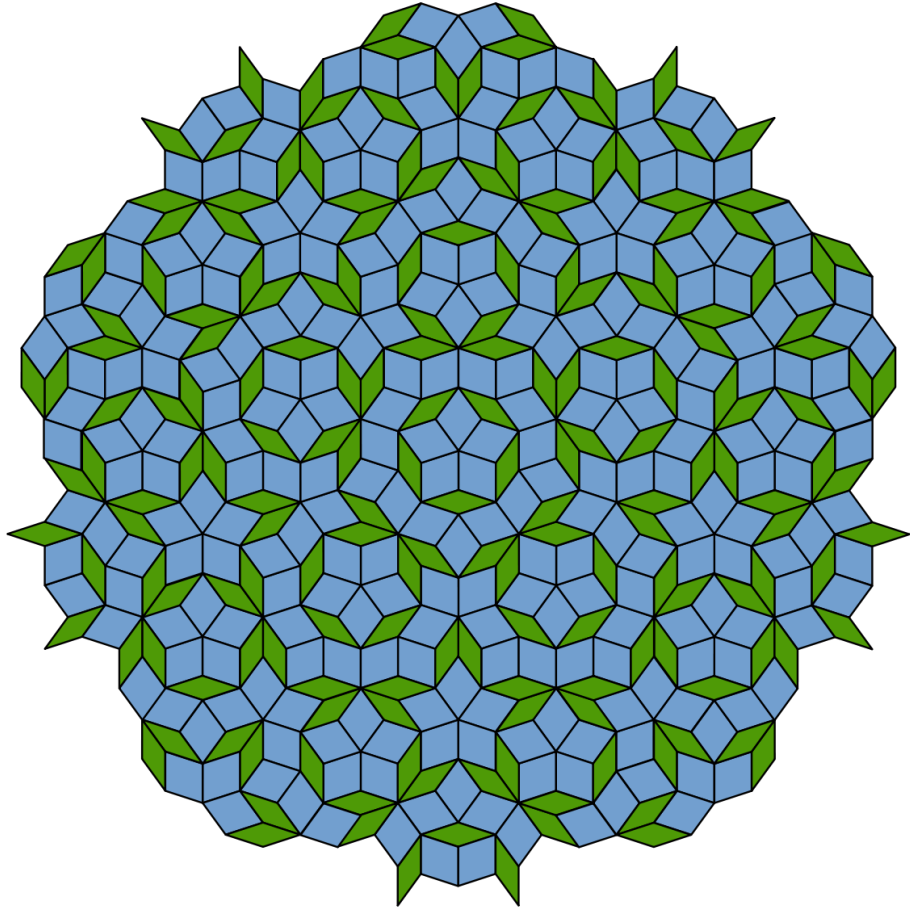
Aperiodicidad

- Teselaciones que no tienen áreas arbitrariamente grandes repetidas.
- Berger (1966) construyó la primera teselación aperiódica usando 20,246 teselas.
- Aperiódicas famosas...

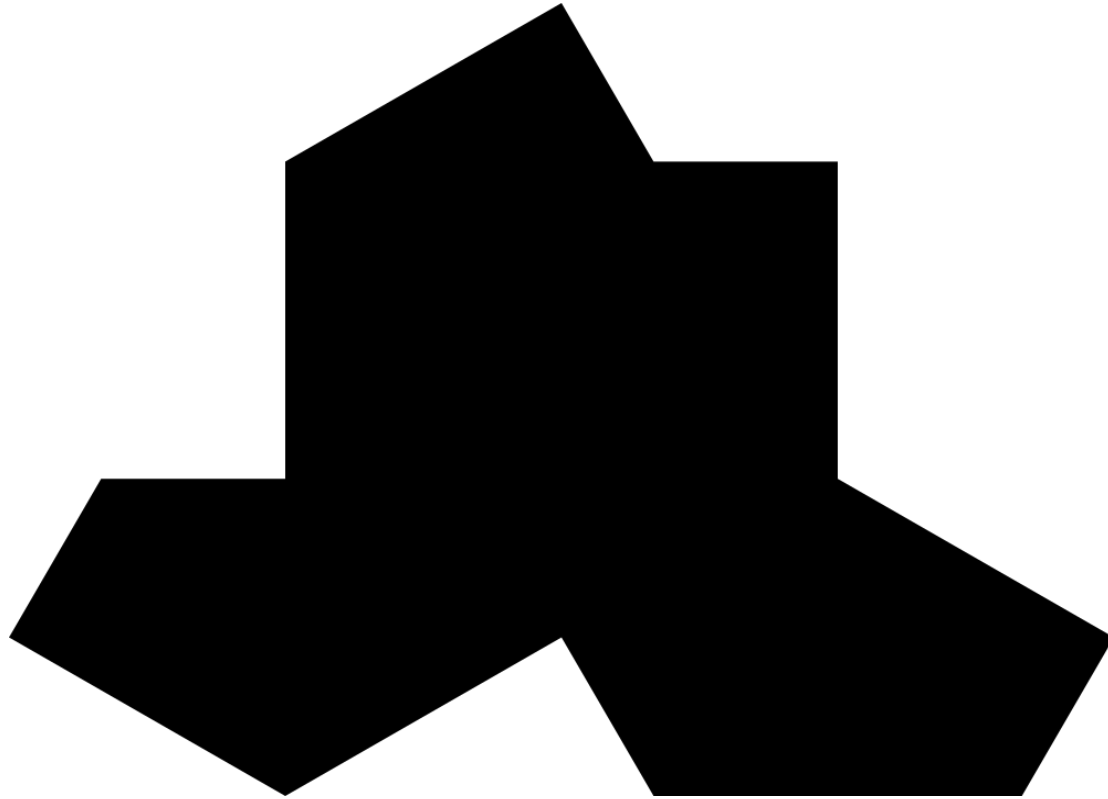
Pinwheel Tiling (Radin & Conway)



Penrose / Ammann-Beenker



Y entonces... ¿Por qué el alboroto?



Porque tanto la silla,
como el pinwheel
admiten teselaciones periódicas!

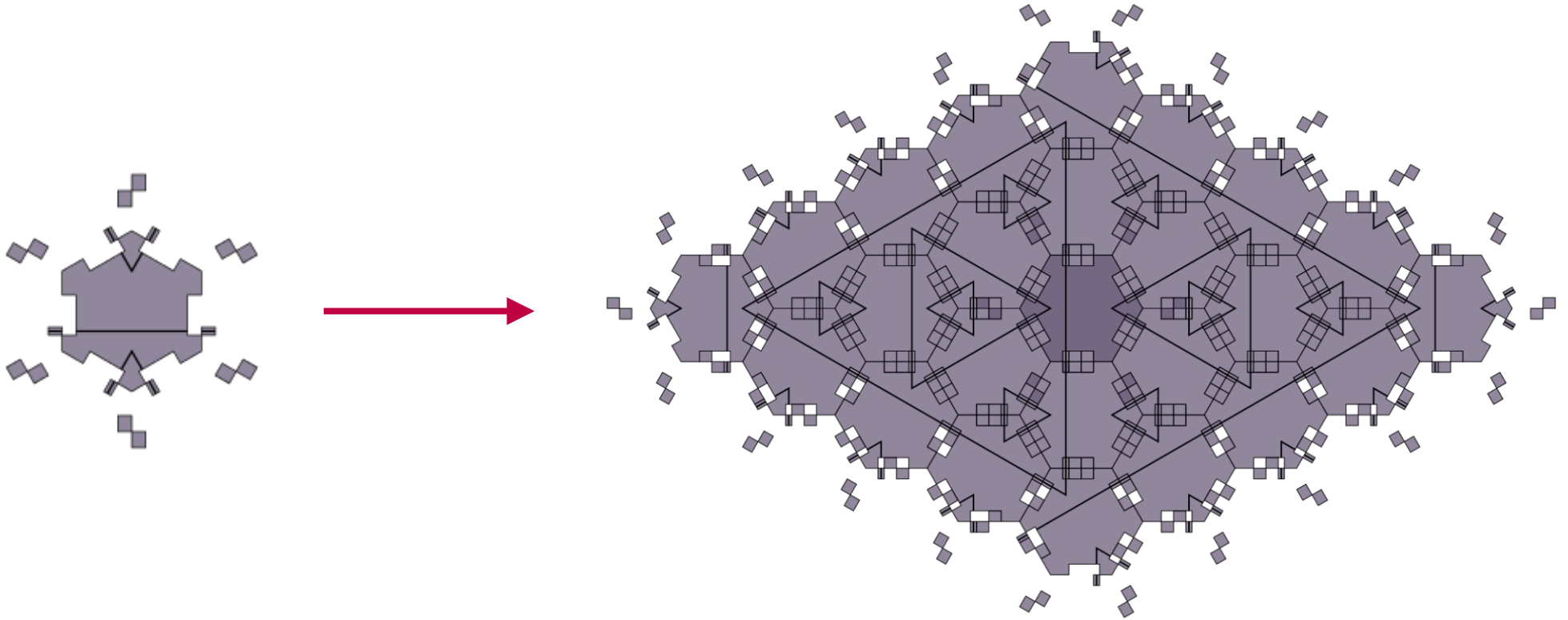
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¿Acaso existe una tesela

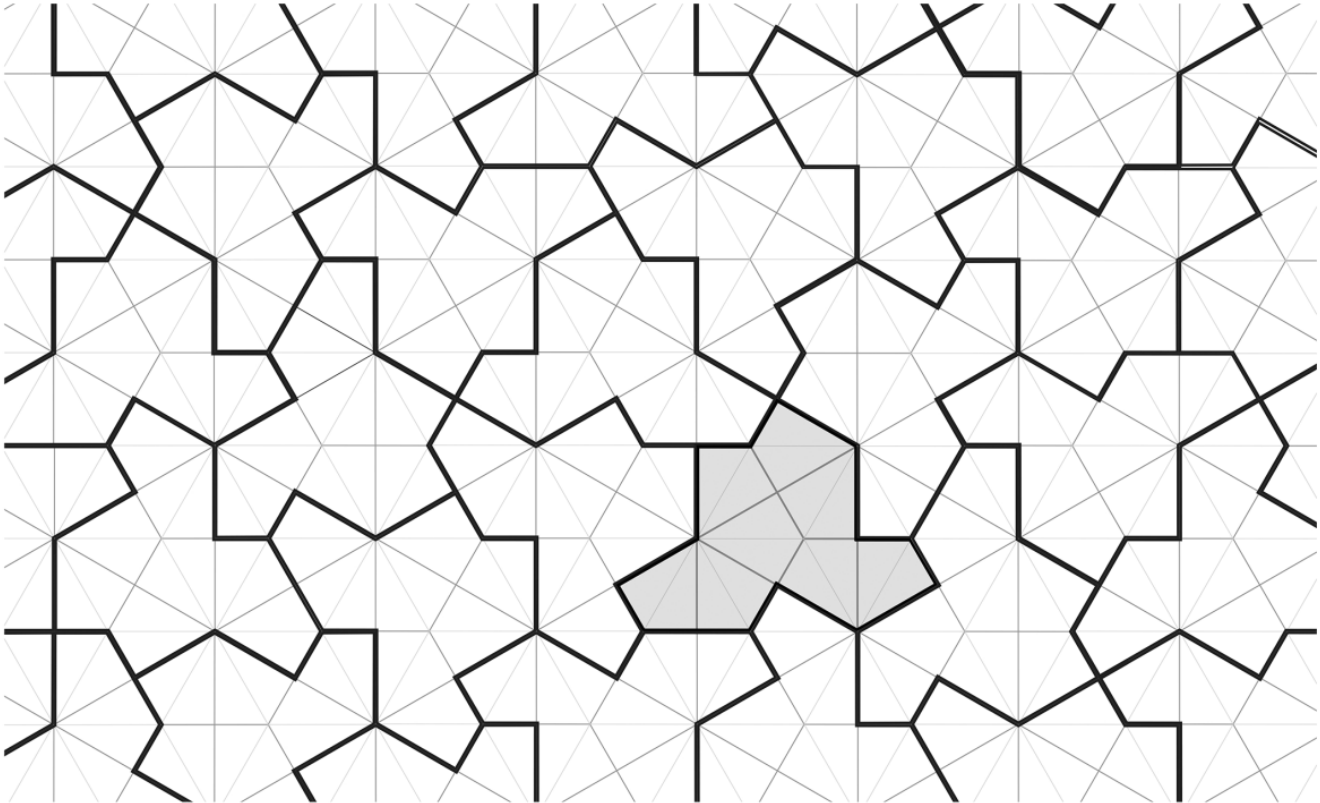
(*ein-stein* = una-piedra) que sólo

admite teselaciones aperiódicas?

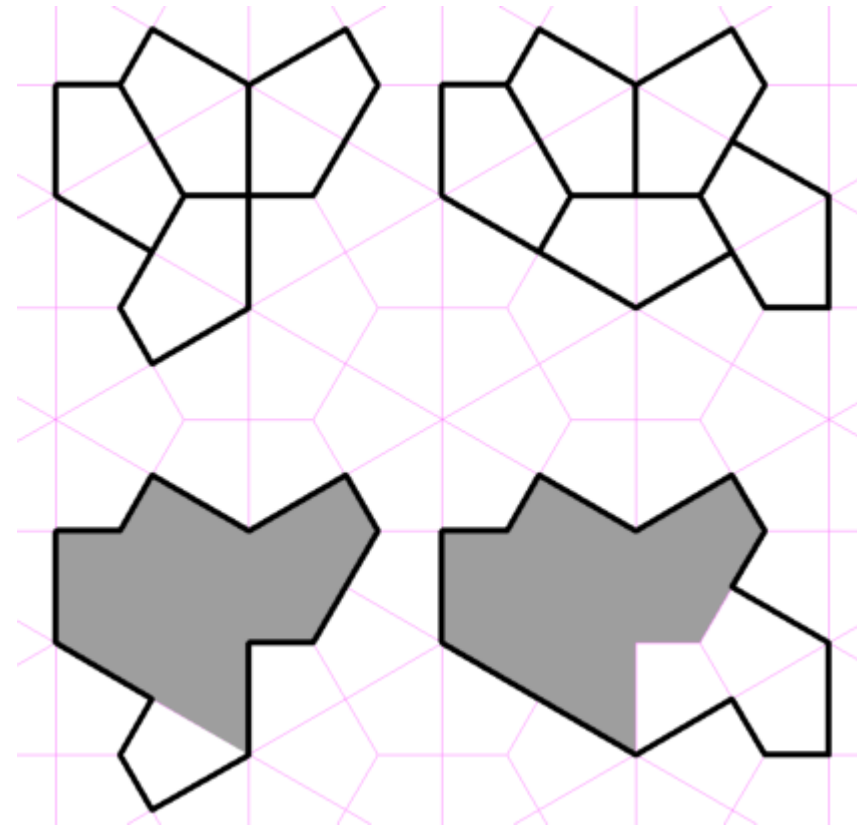
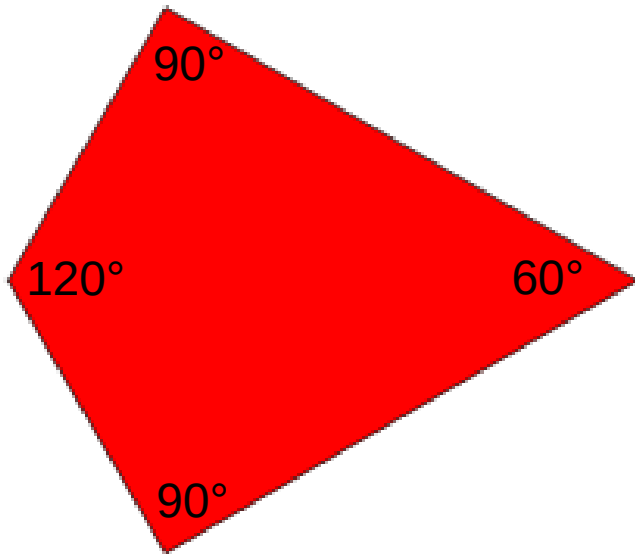
Socolar & Taylor, 2011



Smith, Myers, Kaplan & Goodman-Strauss, 2023



Espera, ¿son dos polykites?



Es una familia infinita!

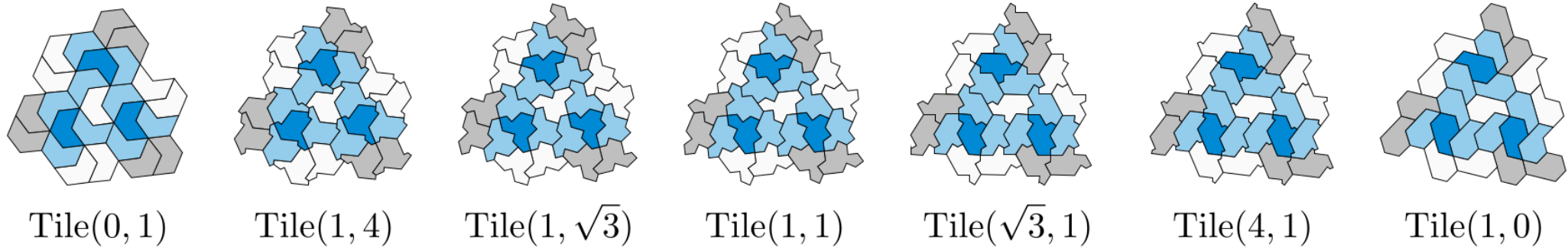
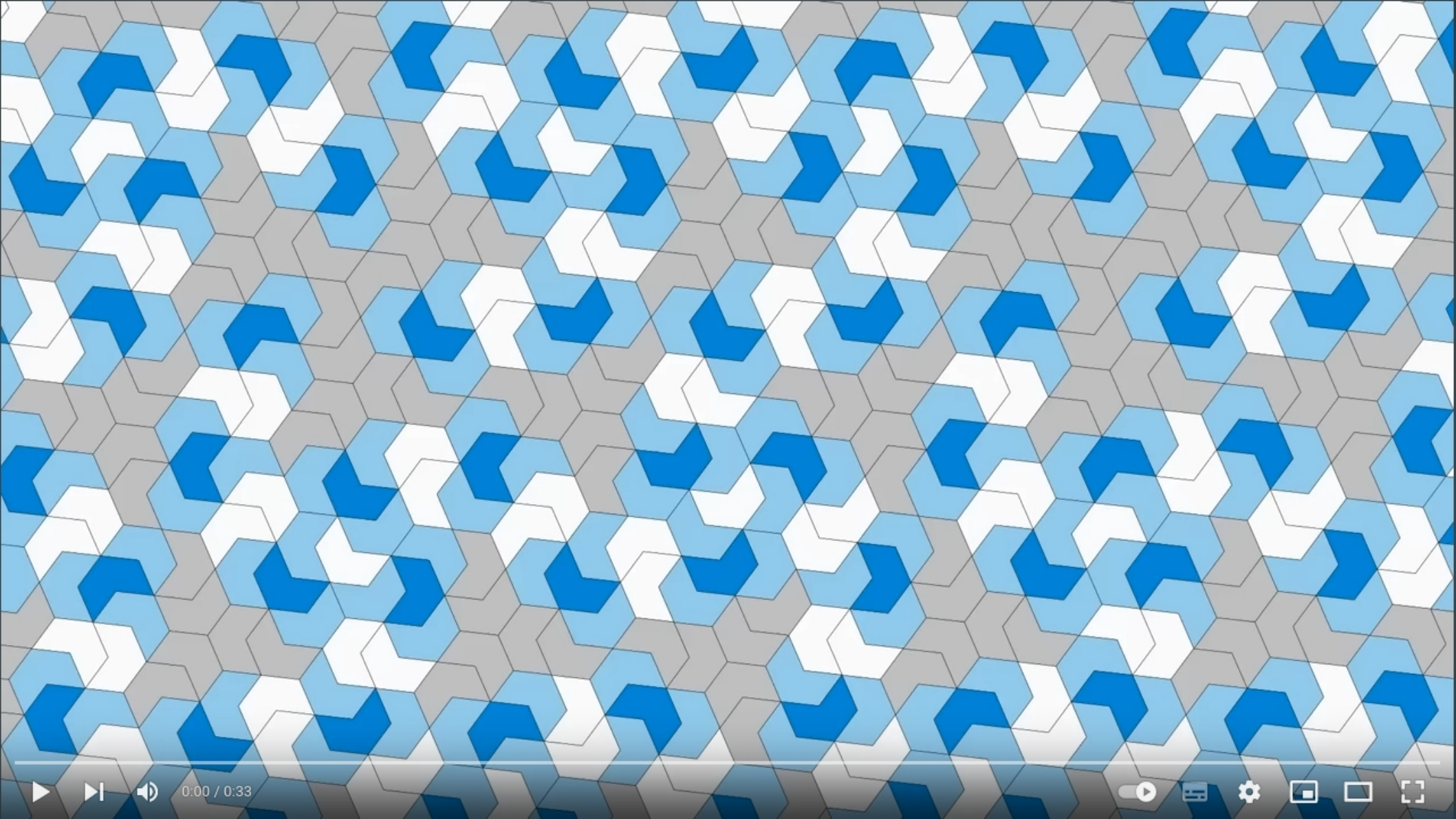


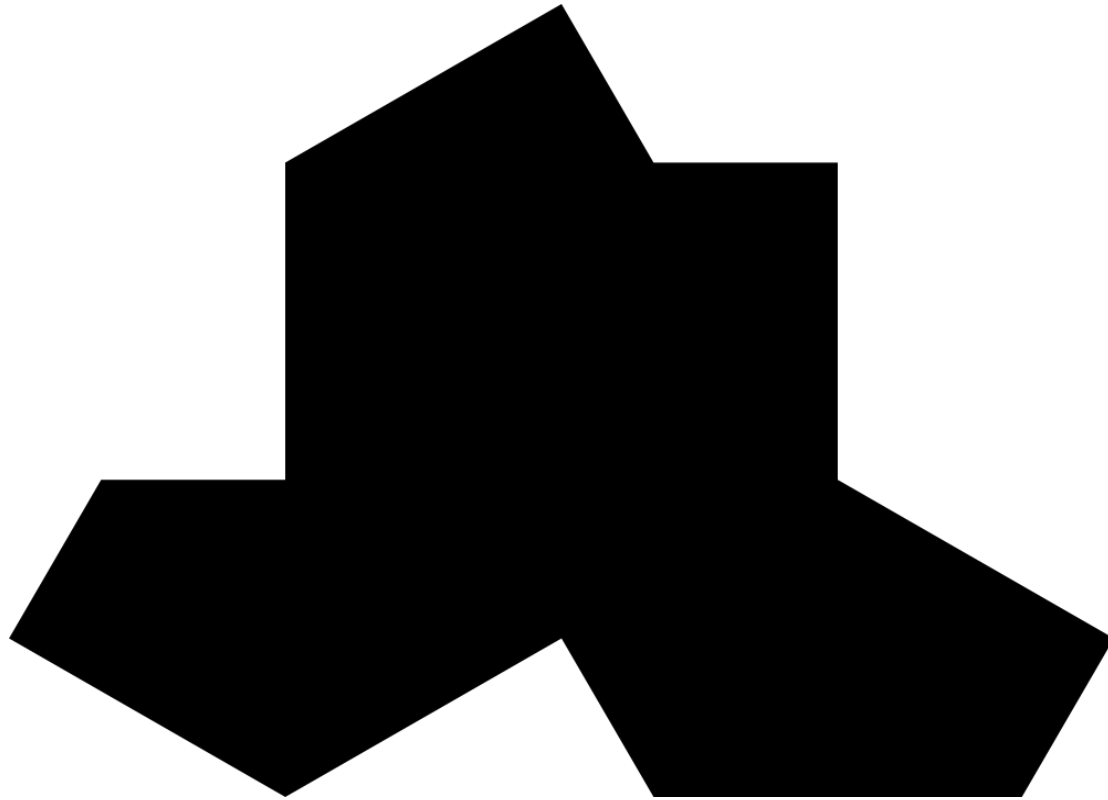
Figure 2.3: The two edge lengths in the hat polykite can be manipulated independently, producing a continuum of shapes. A selection of those shapes is shown here, normalized for scale. Tile(0, 1), Tile(1, 1), and Tile(1, 0) admit periodic tilings; all others are aperiodic.



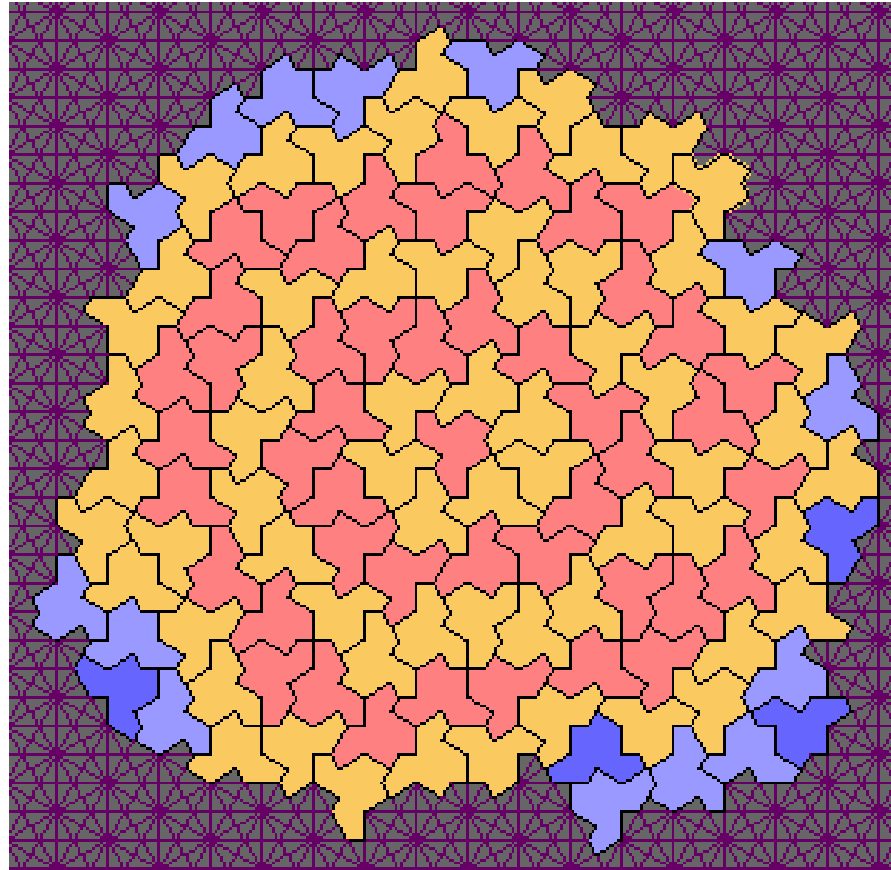
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Y, ¿cómo sabemos que tesela?

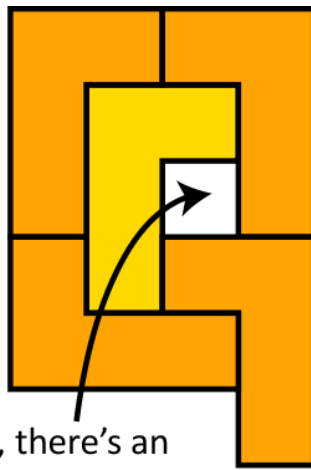


Coronas y números de Heesch

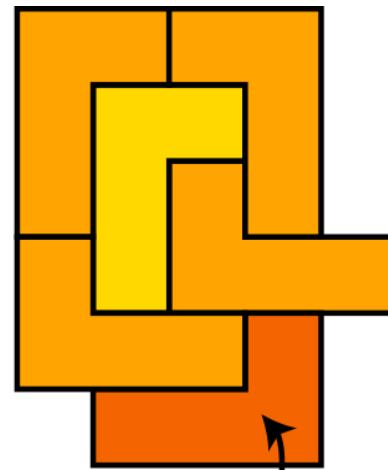




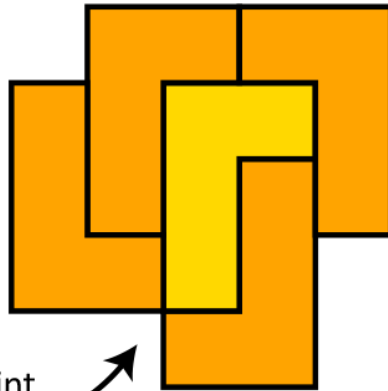
Our shape



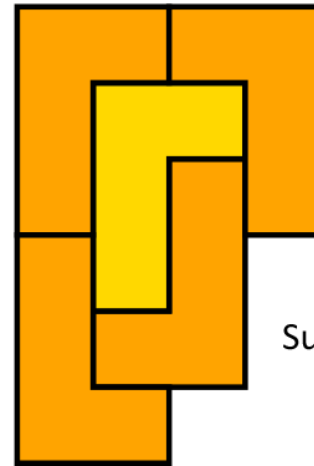
Nope, there's an internal hole



Nope, someone's not helping



Nope, this point isn't surrounded



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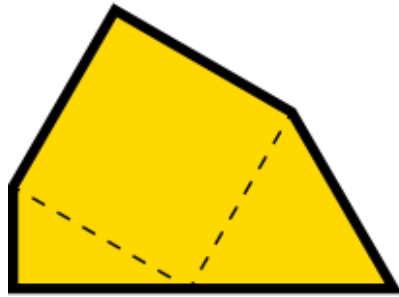
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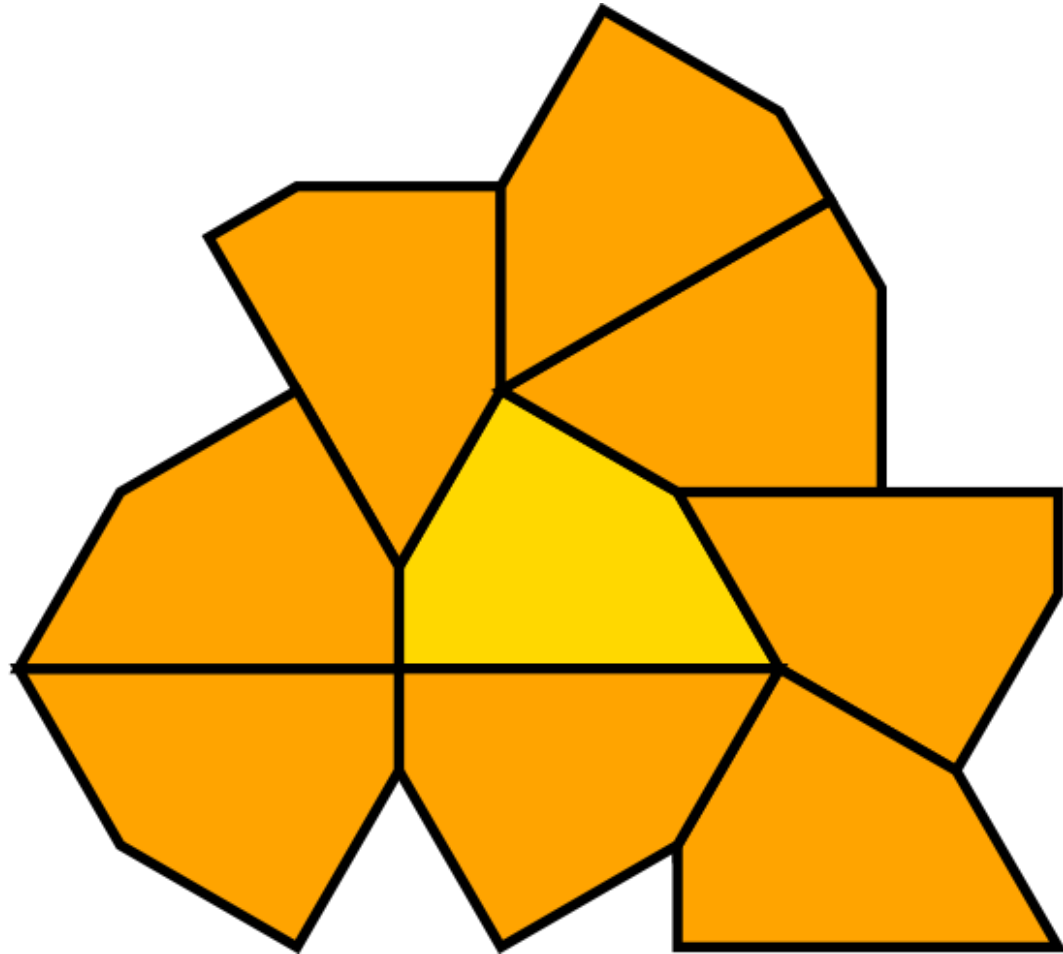
Número de Heesch

- Una tesela tiene número de Heesch igual a k , si y sólo si la k -corona es factible (existe una configuración) y la $(k+1)$ -corona no lo es.
- Por ejemplo:

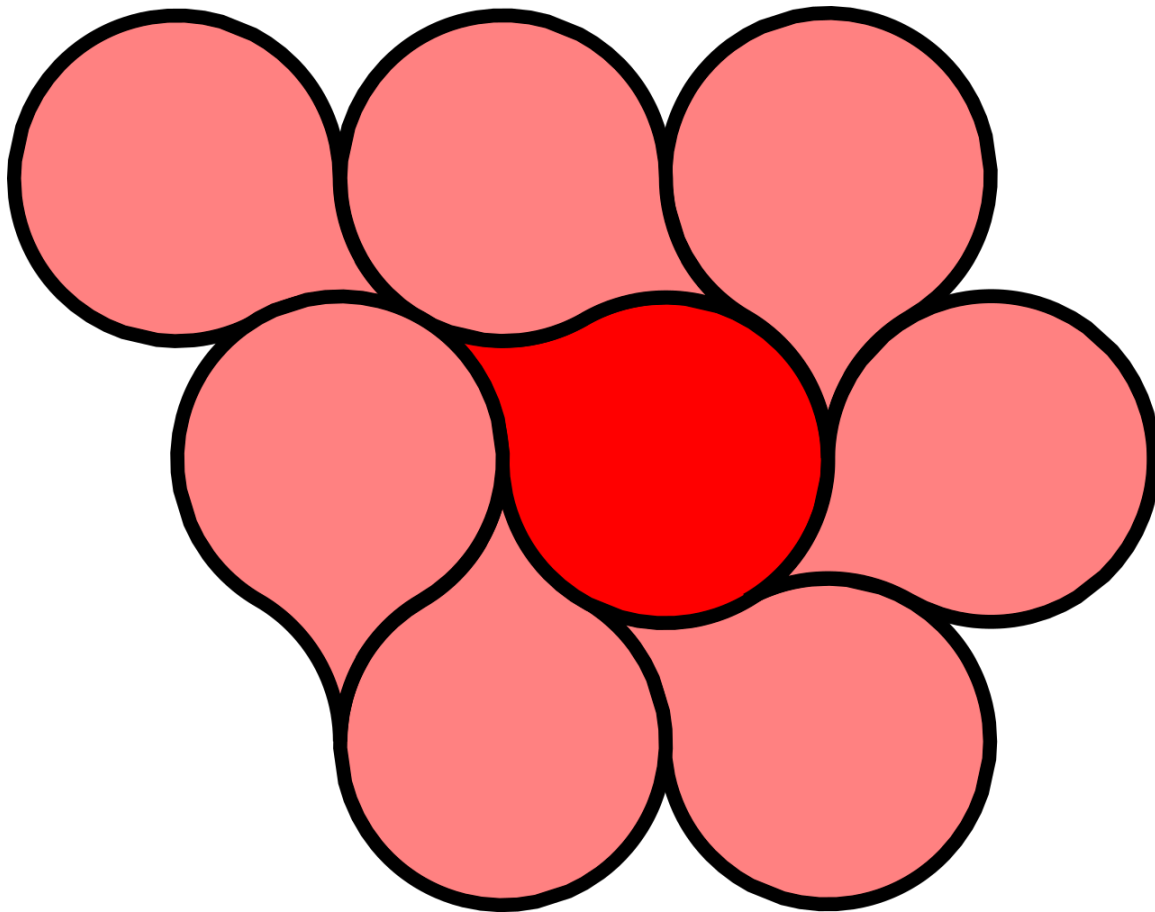
Heesch, 1968

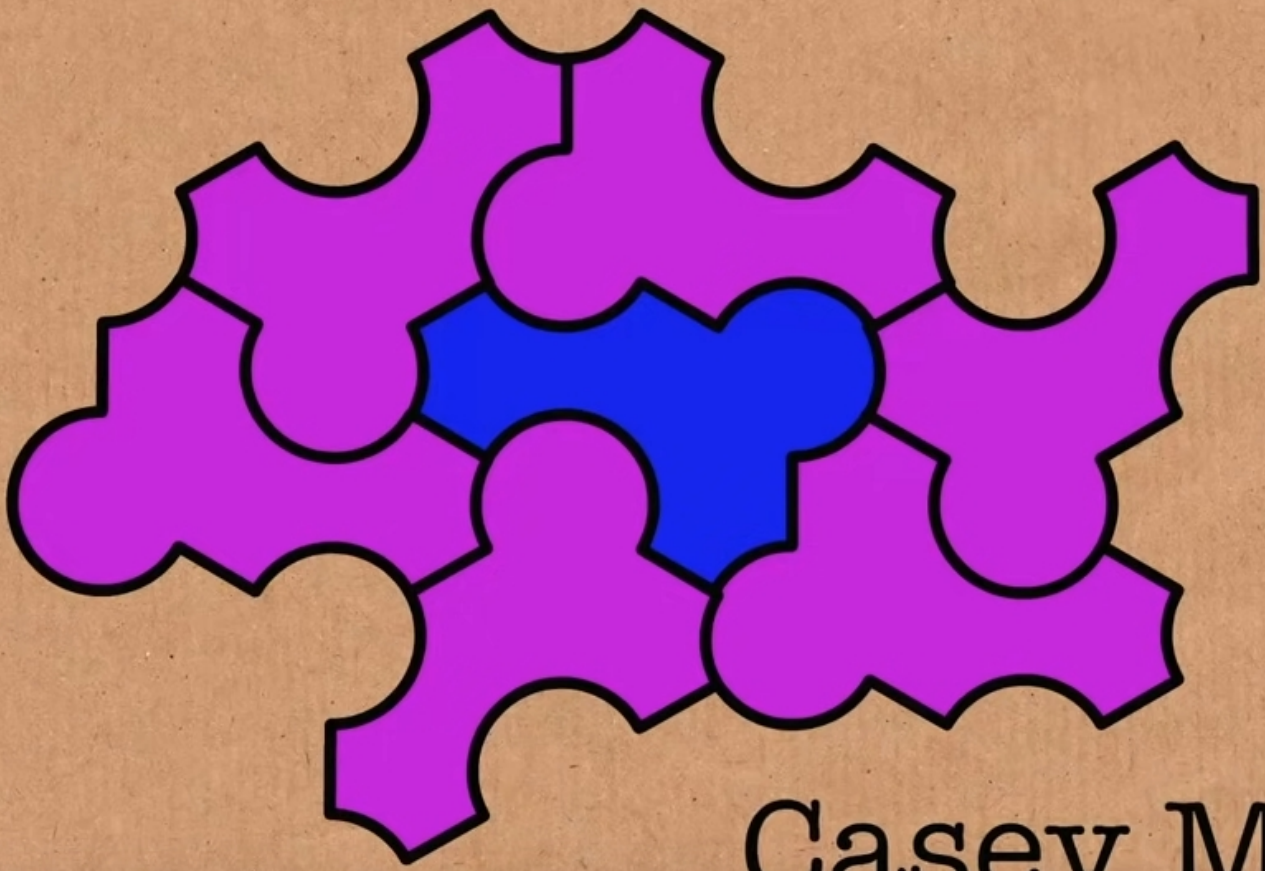


Heesch number = 1



Walther Lietzmann, 1928



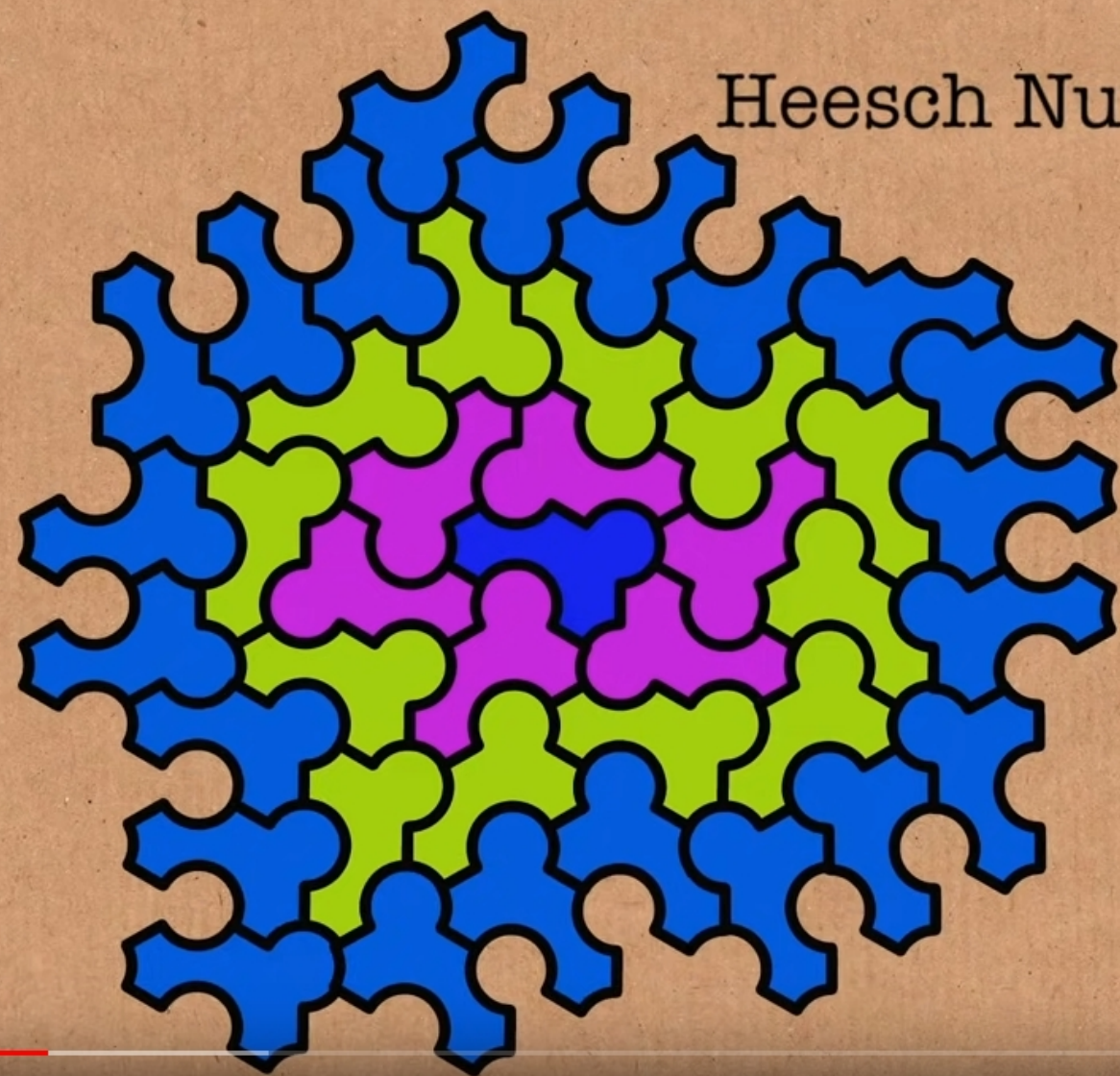


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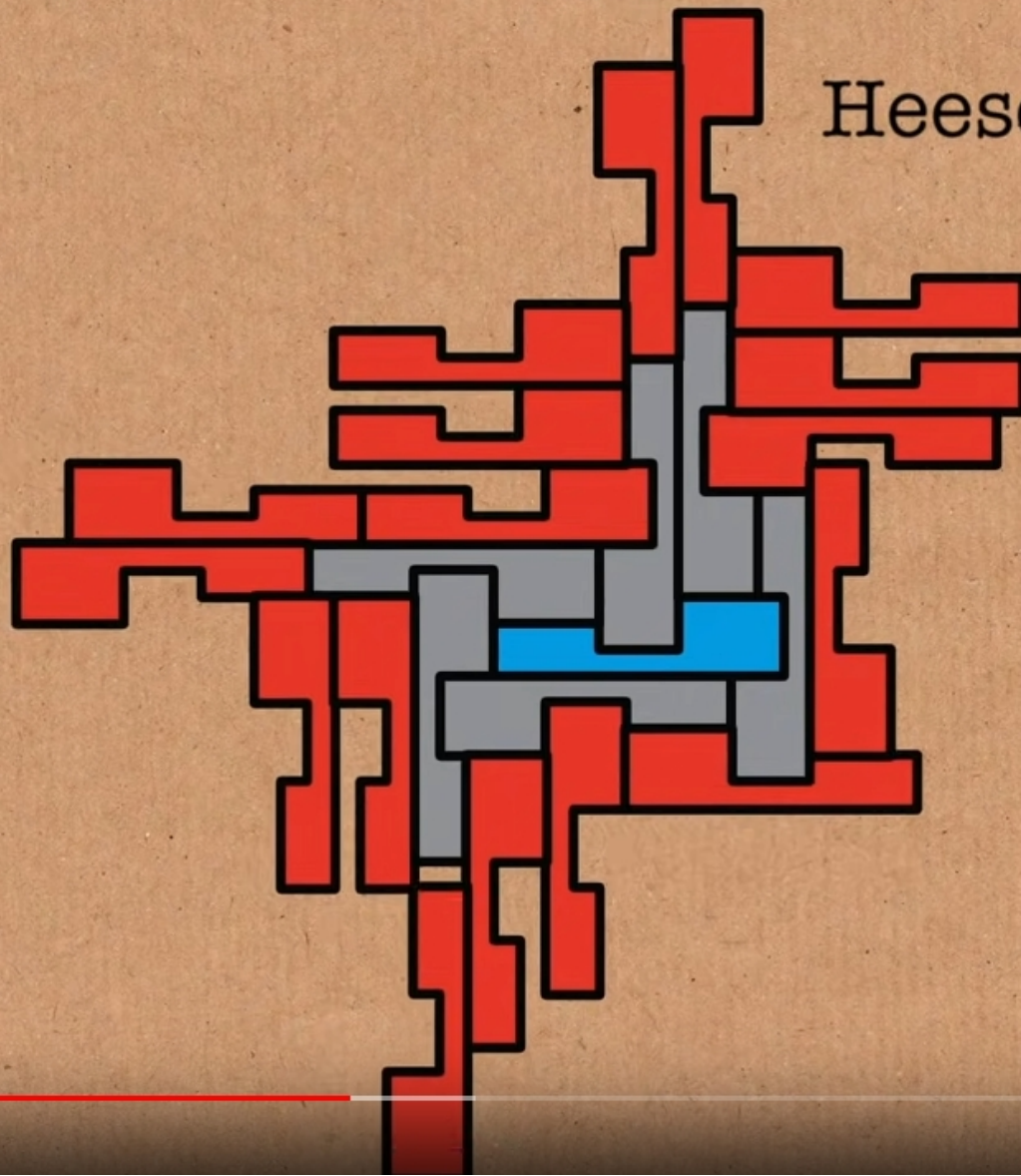
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Heesch Number: 2

Anne Fontaine, 1991



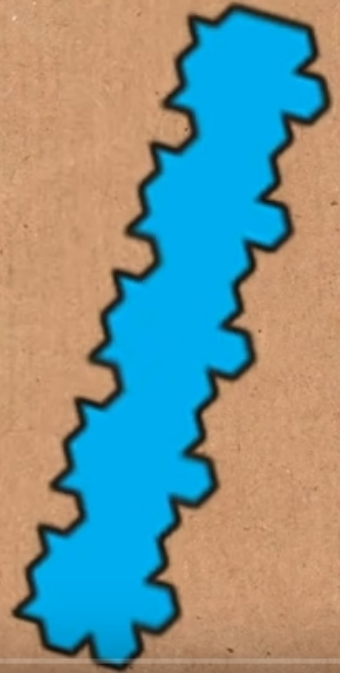
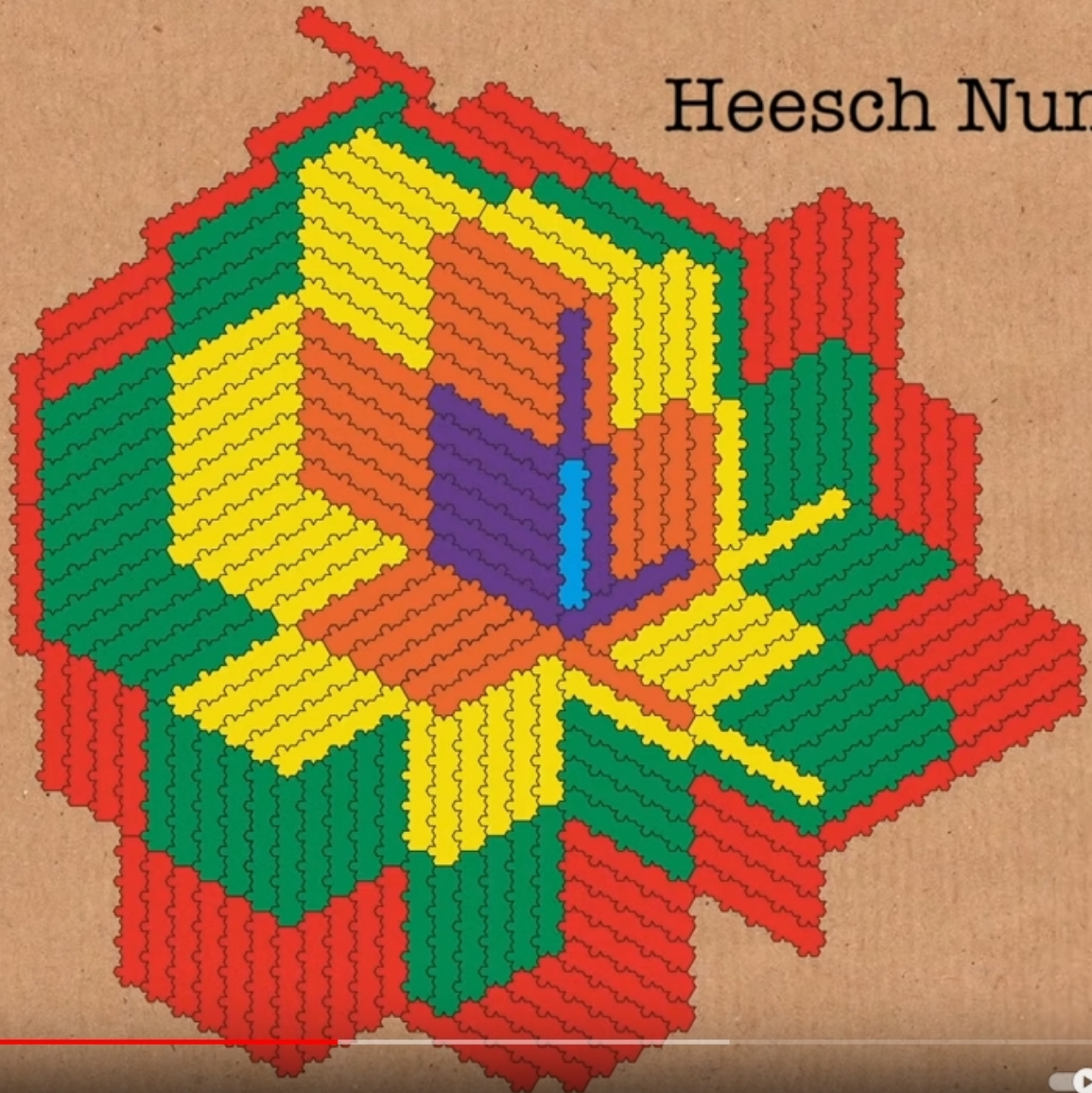
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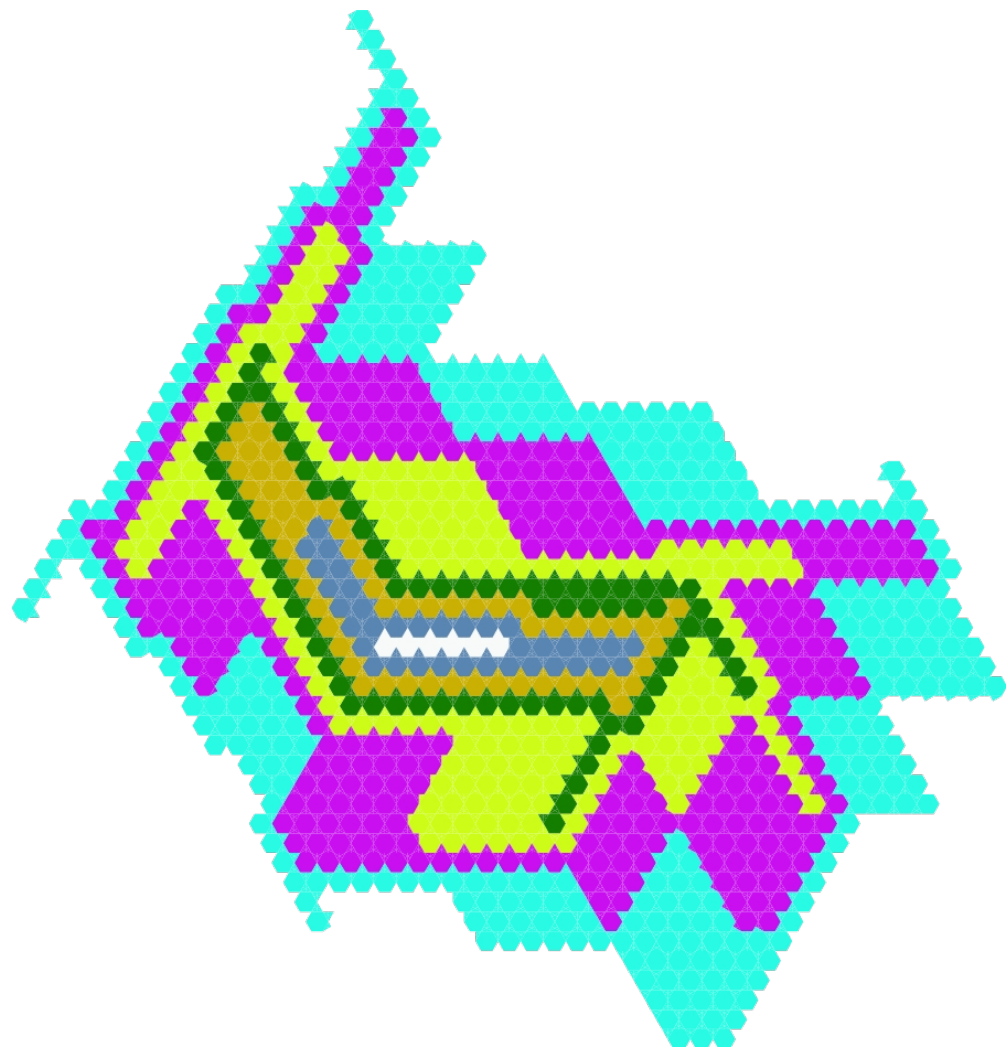
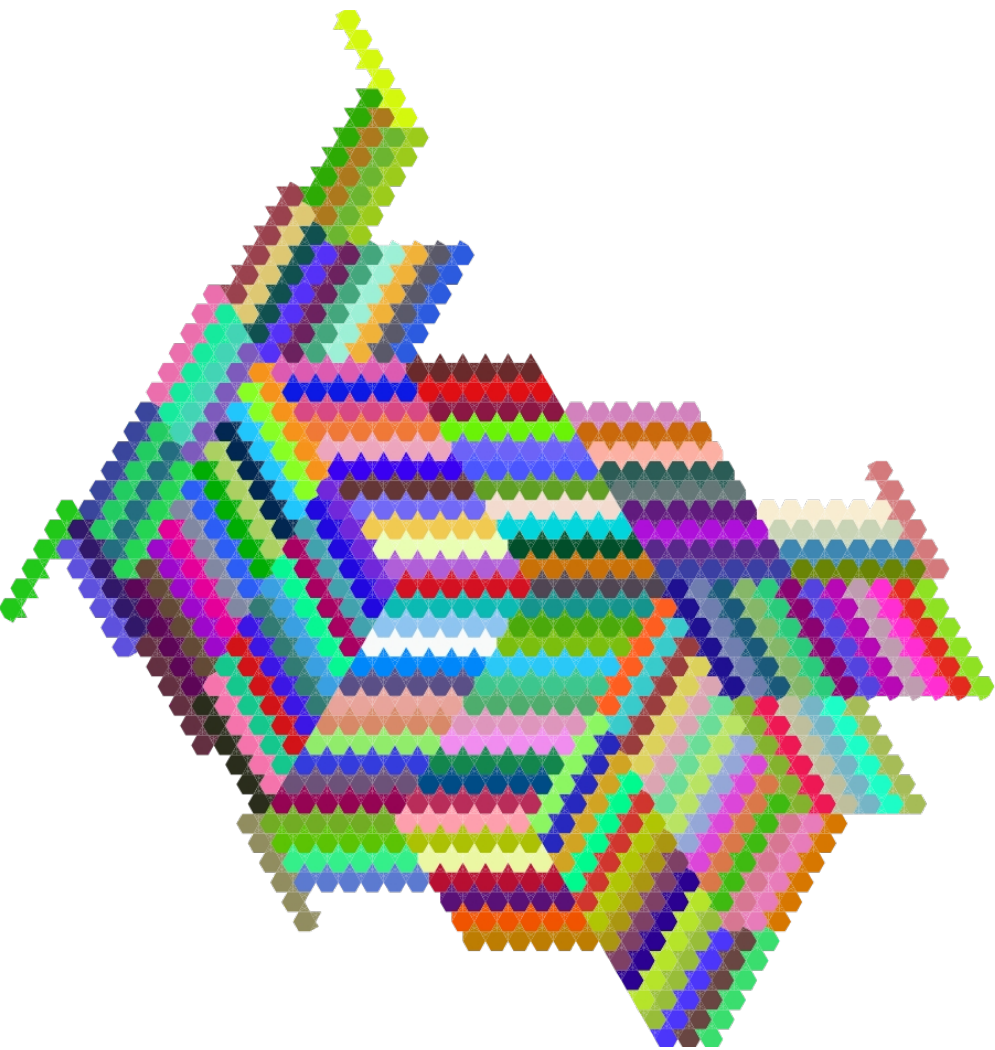
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Heesch Number: 5





Bojan Bašić, 2020

Número de Heesch

Obs. Si una tesela admite una teselación, su número de Heesch es igual a ∞ .

- ¿Para cualquier entero k existe una tesela cuyo número de Heesch es igual a k ?
- ¿Existe H tal que si el número de Heesch de una tesela es mayor o igual a H , entonces esta tesela admite una teselación?

Aperiodicidad

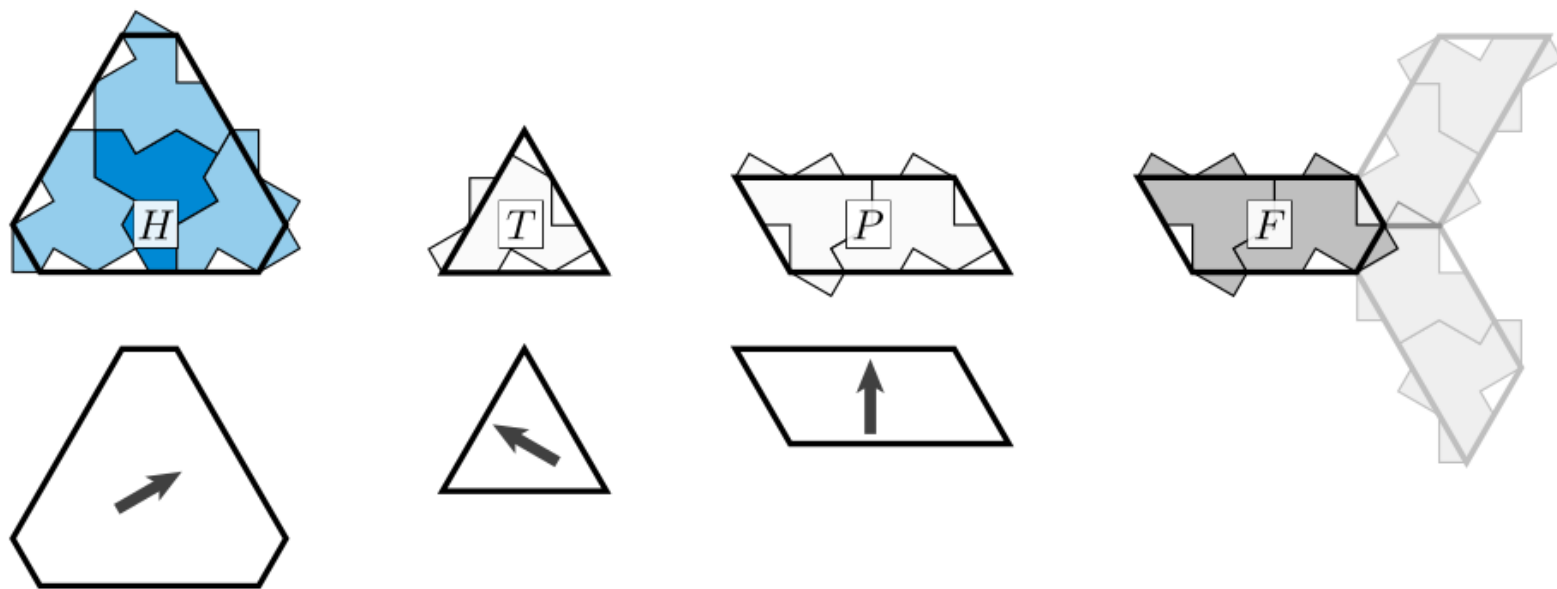


Figure 2.5: The *H*, *T*, *P*, and *F* metatiles (top), constructed by simplifying the boundaries of clusters of hats. We mark the *H*, *T*, and *P* metatiles with arrows when needed (bottom), to distinguish between otherwise symmetric orientations.

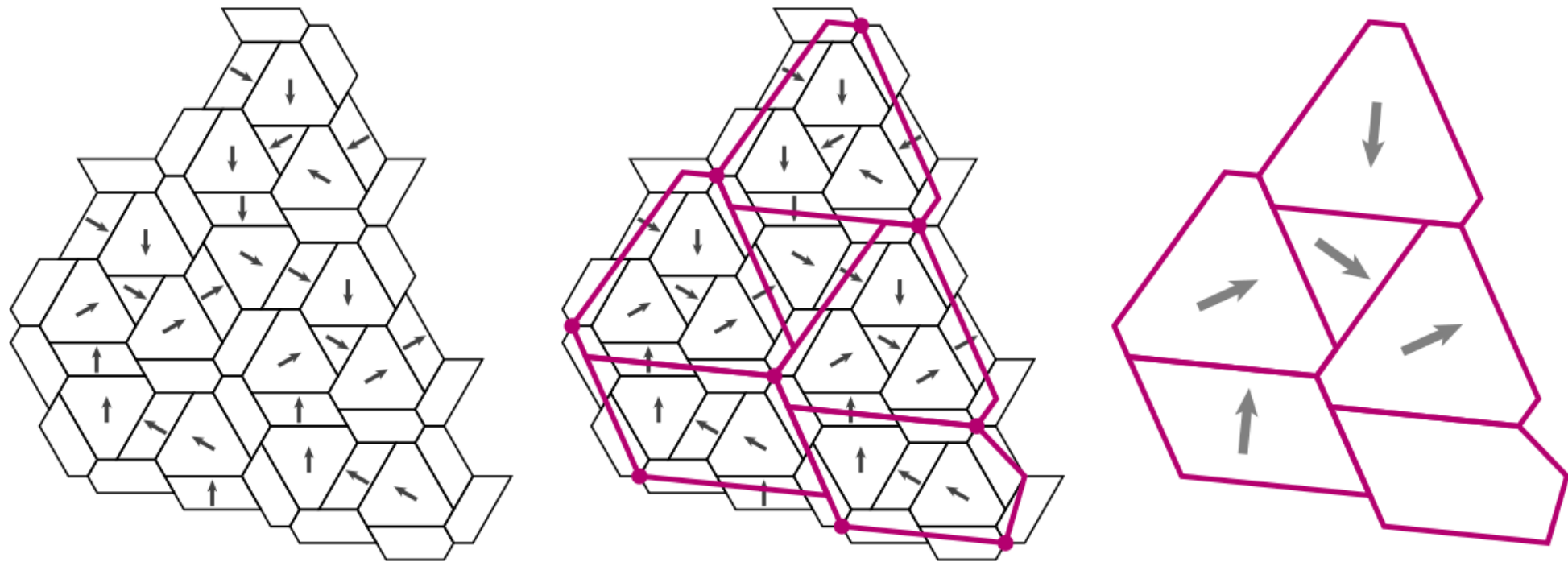


Figure 2.6: The construction of a family of supertiles from a patch of metatiles. The patch of metatiles on the left can be used to locate key vertices of the supertiles, marked with red dots in the central diagram. Those dots, together with constraints on angles, fully determine the shapes of the supertiles, which are not merely scaled-up copies of their progenitors. On the right, the supertiles are marked with arrows indicating their orientations.

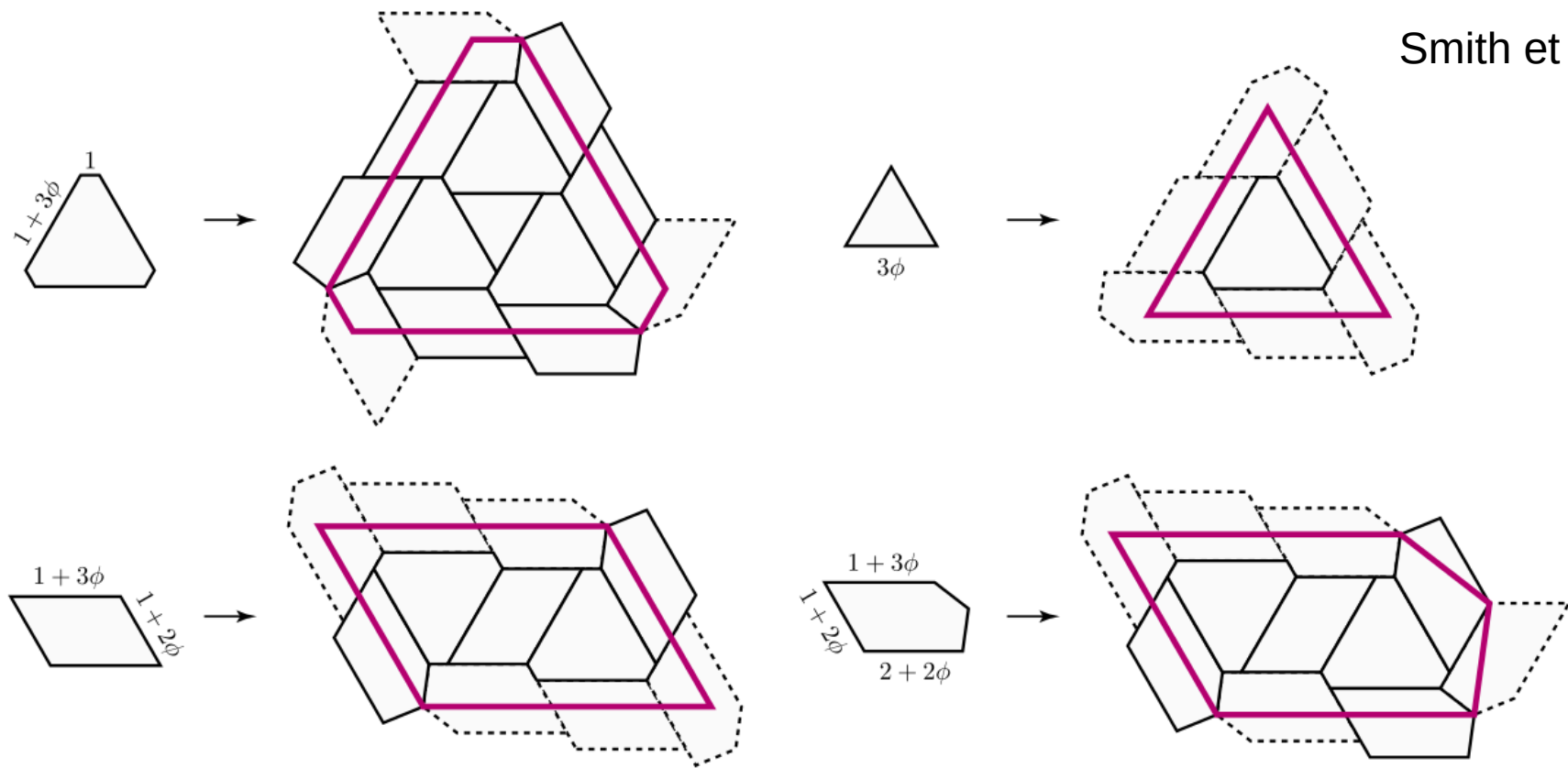
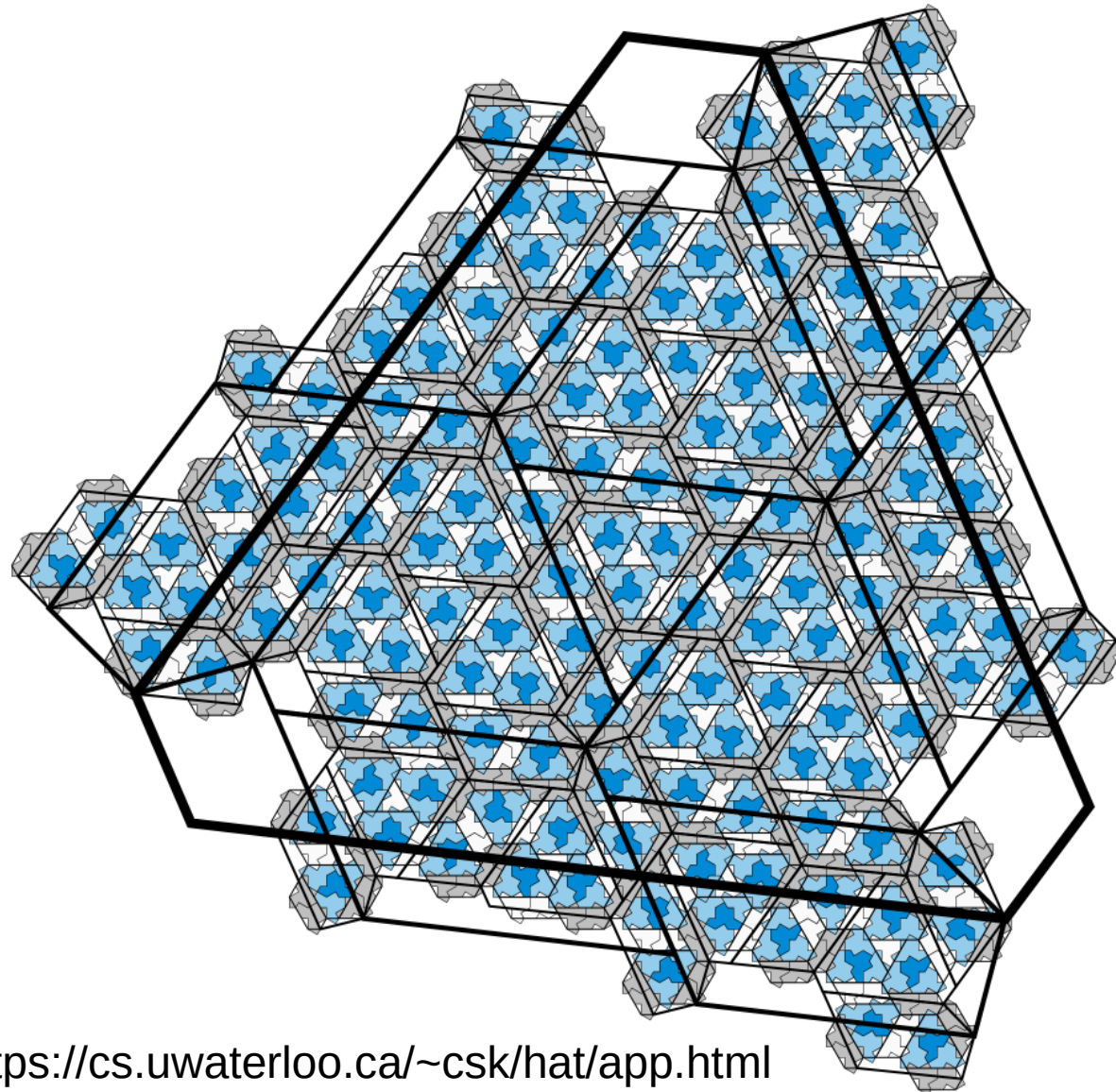
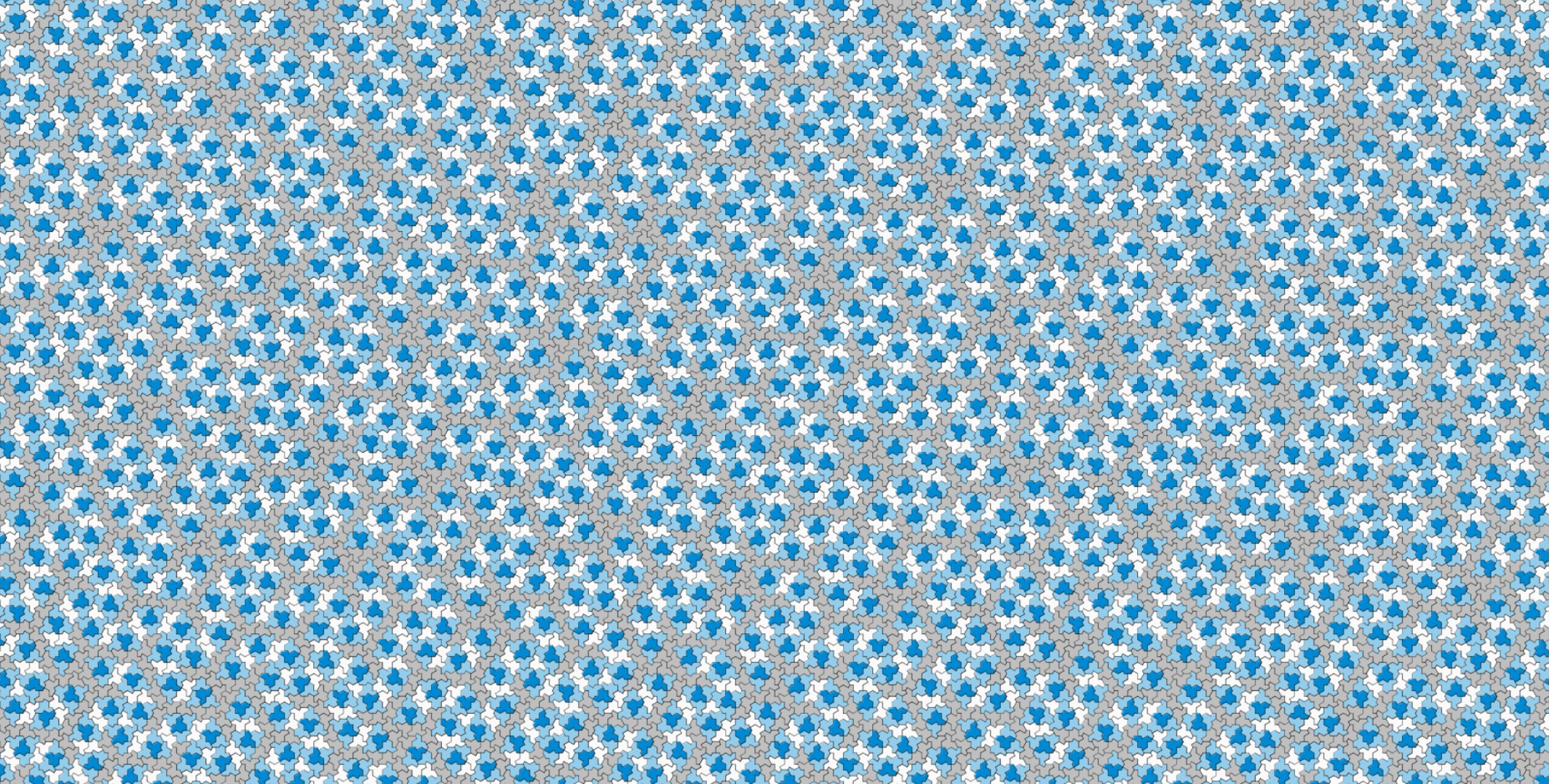


Figure 2.8: A substitution system based on converged tile shapes. Scaling the tiles so that the short edges of the H tile have unit length, all tile edges except the two adjacent to fyllot centres have lengths in $\mathbb{Z}[\phi]$, where ϕ is the golden ratio. In each substitution rule, tiles shown with dashed boundaries can be omitted, leading to patches in which there are no duplicate tiles contributed by supertiles sharing an edge.



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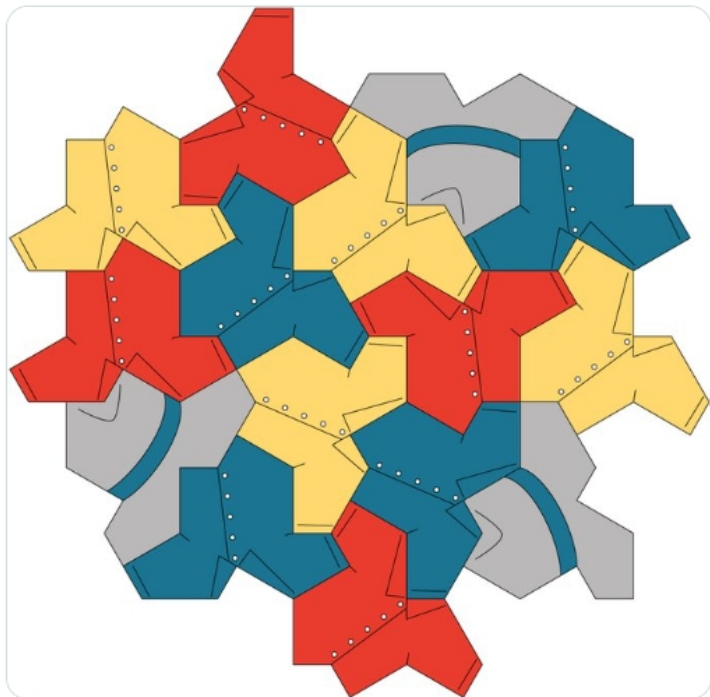
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The new aperiodic monotile discovered by Dave Smith, Joseph Myers, Craig Kaplan, and Chaim Goodman-Strauss, rendered as shirts and hats. The hat tiles are mirrored relative to the shirt tiles.



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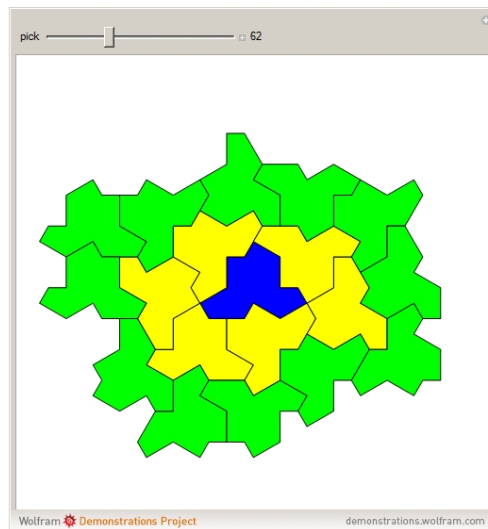
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The Hat monotile is a new family of polygons that tiles the plane aperiodically [1]. This [\[more\]](#)

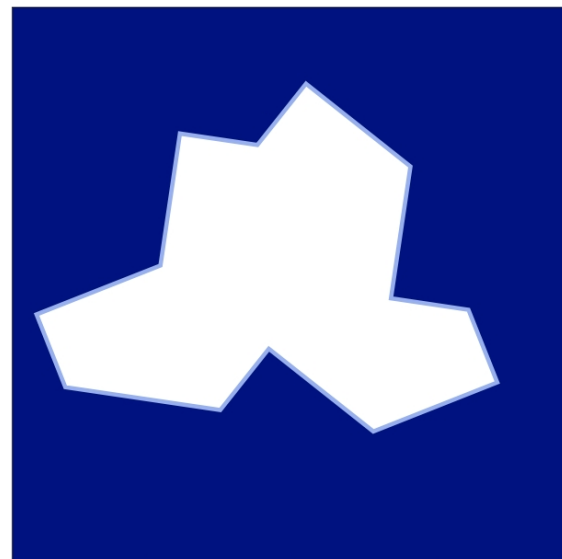
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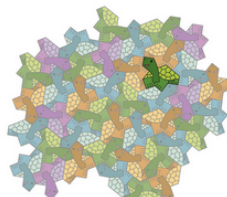
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