THE CHAMBER GRAPH OF THE M_{24} MAXIMAL 2-LOCAL GEOMETRY

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Abstract

The chamber graph of the maximal 2-local geometry for M_{24} , the Mathieu group of degree 24, is analysed extensively. In addition to determining the discs around a fixed chamber of the chamber graph, the geodesic closure of an opposite pair of chambers is investigated.

1. Introduction

By a geometry (over the set I) we mean a triple $(\Gamma, \tau, *)$ where Γ is a set, τ an onto map from Γ to I and * is a symmetric relation on Γ with the property that for $x, y \in \Gamma$, x * y implies $\tau(x) \neq \tau(y)$. We refer to * as the incidence relation and τ as the type map of the geometry; $x \in \Gamma$ is said to have type i if $\tau(x) = i$. For brevity, we write Γ to stand for $(\Gamma, \tau, *)$. A flag F is a set of pairwise incident elements of Γ . The rank of Γ is |I| and the rank of F is $|\{\tau(x) \mid x \in F\}|$. Let C denote the set of maximal flags (or chambers) of Γ – a flag F is maximal provided its rank is |I|. The chamber graph of Γ has C as its vertex set and two (distinct) chambers F_1 and F_2 are adjacent whenever the rank of $F_1 \cap F_2$ is |I| - 1. We will denote the chamber graph of Γ by C.

For further discussion on chamber systems see [7, 9] and for background on geometries consult [1].

Here we will be solely concerned with elucidating the combinatorial structure and uncovering interesting properties of the chamber graph of the M_{24} maximal 2-local geometry. This geometry first saw the light of day in [6], accompanied by the following diagram.



The square box is sometimes called a ghost node. There are no ghouls in this paper – we shall regard this as a rank 3-geometry, henceforth denoted Γ . The elements of Γ are the octads, trios and sextets of the Steiner system S(24, 8, 5), with octads, trios and sextets having, respectively, type 0, 1 and 2, where $I = \{0, 1, 2\}$. An octad is deemed to be incident with a trio if it is one of the three octads of the trio, and to be incident with a sextet if it may be obtained as the union of two of the tetrads of the sextet. A trio and a sextet are incident if the three octads of the trio are unions of the tetrads of the sextet.

Received 13 August 2007, revised 3 November 2008; *published* 22 July 2009. 2000 Mathematics Subject Classification 20D08 © 2009, Peter Rowley So, at a more down to earth level, an element (chamber) of \mathcal{C} consists of an octad, trio and sextet such that the trio may be obtained from the sextet by a suitable pairing of the tetrads and the octad is one of the octads of the trio. Throughout this paper G denotes the copy of M_{24} preserving the Steiner system determined by Curtis's standard MOG array [4]. We recall that G is a subgroup of Aut Γ which acts transitively on the chambers of Γ (that is the vertices of \mathcal{C}).

Apart from anything to do with M_{24} being of intrinsic interest, it is the geometric context that motivates much of our investigations. In the geometric world Γ occupies an exalted position by virtue of its appearance as a residue geometry in other geometries associated with $\cdot 1$, M, Fi_{24} and J_4 (see [6] again). The class of buildings is also much revered in the geometry world. In fact, the chamber graph of a building encodes many of the building axioms and concepts (such as galleries, thin subgeometries – see [7, 8] for more on this). This then leads us to compare and contrast the chamber graph of other geometries with those of buildings.

We use d(,) to denote the distance function on the chamber graph C and, for $c \in C$, define the *j*th disc of *c* to be

$$D_j(c) := \{ c' \in \mathcal{C} \mid d(c, c') = j \}.$$

Observing that Γ has $1771 \cdot 15 \cdot 3 = 79,695$ chambers, we come to our first result. THEOREM 1. Let c_0 be a fixed chamber in C. Then the sizes of $D_j(c_0)$ are as follows.

j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$ D_j(c_0) $	1	10	44	184	544	1536	4800	10368	22272	38400	1536

Theorem 1 is a consequence of a much more detailed picture of C which is unveiled in Section 3. Various other properties of C also emerge; concerning the last disc $D_{10}(c_0)$ we mention

THEOREM 2. Let c_0 be a fixed chamber in C. Then G_{c_0} is transitive on $D_{10}(c_0)$ and, furthermore, $D_{10}(c_0)$ is a coclique.

Theorem 2 leads us to view pairs of chambers which are distance 10 apart (in C) with some interest. We shall call such a pair of chambers in C an opposite pair of chambers.

For $c, c' \in \mathcal{C}$ a geodesic (or minimal gallery) from c to c' is a shortest path in the graph \mathcal{C} , starting with c and ending with c'. Let \mathcal{X} be a subset of \mathcal{C} . The geodesic closure of \mathcal{X} , denoted by $\bar{\mathcal{X}}$, consists of all the chambers in \mathcal{C} which lie on a geodesic between c and c' where $c, c' \in \mathcal{X}$. The geodesic closure of two chambers that are maximal distance apart in the chamber graph of a building of spherical type yields (the chambers of) an apartment and every apartment of the building appears in this way (see [6; 2.15 Theorem and 3.8 Theorem]). This leads us to the subject of our next result.

THEOREM 3. Suppose $\{c_0, c_{10}\}$ is an opposite pair of chambers in \mathcal{C} , and set $\Delta_j = \overline{\{c_0, c_{10}\}} \cap D_j(c_0)$. Then the sizes of Δ_j are as follows.

j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$ \Delta_j $	1	10	12	14	15	14	15	14	12	10	1

In Section 4 we scrutinize $\overline{\{c_0, c_{10}\}}$ in some detail; indeed in an appendix we give a listing of all 118 chambers in $\overline{\{c_0, c_{10}\}}$ for a specific c_0 and c_{10} since we

believe/hope this set of chambers will repay further study. We note that the 'symmetry' of the sizes in Theorem 3 is a consequence of G being transitive on C and $D_{10}(c_0)$ being a G_{c_0} -orbit. Further properties and a discussion of this graph may be found in [8].

Briefly, this paper is arranged as follows. In the next section, we review properties of the Steiner system S(24, 8, 5) with, as might be expected, particular emphasis on the octads, trios and sextets. We employ Curtis's MOG [4] both as our main descriptive device and also as an essential tool in our calculations. Accordingly, in Section 2, we spruce up MOG ready for action in Section 3 where we determine the discs $D_j(c_0)$ for a fixed $c_0 \in C$. As mentioned above, Section 4 examines the geodesic closure of a pair of opposite chambers in C, as well as airing some questions about C, with further details given in Appendix A and Appendix B. Finally, Appendix C gives some MAGMA code (supplied by the referee who we thank) which calculates the lengths of the G_{c_0} -orbits on C. This is to act as a check for some of the data in (3.2).

2. Notation and CHAMBERMOG

Let Ω be a 24-element set which we assume comes equipped with the Steiner system S(24, 8, 5). We denote the set of all octads, trios and sextets of Ω by, respectively, \mathcal{O} , \mathcal{T} and \mathcal{S} .

For $c \in C$, we use, respectively, O(c), T(c) and S(c) to denote the octad, trio and sextet of c. So T(c) is obtained via a suitable partition of the tetrads of S(c)and O(c) is one of the three octads of T(c). The three heavy blocks of the MOG are labelled thus

$$\Omega = \begin{bmatrix} O_1 & O_2 & O_3 \\ & & O_2 & O_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

By the terms standard trio and standard sextet we mean the following trio and sextet.

	+ +	 0 0		+ -	$\times *$	∘ ♦
T	+ +	 0 0	S	+ -	\times *	• 💠
$I_0 :=$	+ +	 0 0	$S_0 :=$	+ -	\times *	• 💠
	+ +	 0 0		+ -	\times *	• 💠

Throughout this paper, c_0 denotes the chamber of C for which $O(c_0) = O_1$, $T(c_0) = T_0$ and $S(c_0) = S_0$. Let B denote the stabilizer in $G \cong M_{24}$ of c_0 . Then $B = G_{O_1} \cap G_{T_0} \cap G_{S_0}$ has shape $2^6 : (3 \times D_8) : 2$ and $B = MN_B(\langle \rho \rangle)$ where





We note that $B = N_G(\langle \rho \rangle)$ is the stabilizer of the top row of the MOG and is isomorphic to the triple cover $3 \cdot S_6$. Further, M is an elementary abelian group of order 2^6 whose elements may also be labelled by the words of the hexacode. If $\{0, 1, \omega, \bar{\omega}\}$ are the elements of the Galois field GF(4), then 0 corresponds to the identity (on a column), 1 corresponds to interchanging the 1st and 2nd, 3rd and 4th entries, ω corresponds to interchanging the 1st and 3rd, 2nd and 4th entries and $\bar{\omega}$ corresponds to interchanging the 1st and 4th, 2nd and 3rd entries. So g_4 corresponds to the hexacode word $(1, \omega, \bar{\omega}, 0, 0, \bar{\omega})$. See the M_{24} page in [2] for further details.

For distinct sextets X_1 and X_2 , we have the following three possibilities for their

intersection matrix. (The (i, j)th entry is the number of elements in the intersection of the *i*th tetrad of X_1 with the *j*th tetrad of X_2 , given a labelling of the tetrads of X_1 and X_2 .)

For a fixed sextet X let $\sigma_i(X)$ denote the set of sextets which have an S_i intersection matrix with X, i = 0, 1, 3. (So $S = \{X\} \cup \sigma_0(X) \cup \sigma_1(X) \cup \sigma_3(X)$.) When $X = S_0$ we will write σ_i in place of $\sigma_i(X)$. Note that for $X_1 \in \sigma_i(X)$, X_1 and X have precisely *i* octads in common.

(2.1) Let X be a fixed sextet. Then

(i)
$$|\sigma_0(X)| = 1440$$
, $|\sigma_1(X)| = 240$, $|\sigma_3(X)| = 90$; and

(ii) the G_X -orbits on the set of sextets are X, $\sigma_0(X)$, $\sigma_1(X)$, $\sigma_3(X)$.

Proof. See [3, Chapter 1, Section 2].

Next we consider trios. Let Y_1 and Y_2 be distinct trios. Then there are four possible ways their octads can intersect. Here the (i, j)th entry is the size of the intersection of the *i*th octad of Y_1 with the *j*th octad of Y_2 , assuming a labelling of the octads of Y_1 and Y_2 .

$$\mathcal{T}_{0} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \qquad \mathcal{T}_{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\mathcal{T}_{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \qquad \mathcal{T}_{3} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 4 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

For a trio Y, $\tau_i(Y)$ will denote the set of trios whose octad intersection matrix with Y is \mathcal{T}_i , i = 0, 1, 2, 3. In the case when $Y = T_0$, we shorten $\tau_i(Y)$ to τ_i .

We usually describe a sextet X in the following manner. For $i \in \{1, ..., 6\}$ the 4-element subset of the MOG labelled by *i* defines the tetrads of X. So

	$1 \ 2$	3 4	$5 \ 6$	
с.	$1 \ 2$	$3 \ 4$	$5 \ 6$	
$S_0 :=$	$1 \ 2$	$3 \ 4$	$5 \ 6$	•
	$1 \ 2$	$3 \ 4$	$5 \ 6$	

Also note that, for example,

2 1	3 3	$3 \ 3$		54	1 1	1 1
1 2	4 4	4 4	1	4 5	$2 \ 2$	$2 \ 2$
$1 \ 2$	$5 \ 5$	$5 \ 5$	and	4 5	$3 \ 3$	$3 \ 3$
$1 \ 2$	6 6	6 6		$4 \ 5$	6 6	6 6

describe the same sextet, say X_1 .

We employ two schemes for describing chambers which we explain with an example. By

$$c_{1} := \boxed{\begin{array}{c} 2 & 1 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 4 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 & 5 & 5 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 6 & 6 & 6 & 6 \end{array}}_{12|34|56} \quad \text{or} \quad c_{1} := \boxed{\begin{array}{c} 2 & 1 & 3^{+} & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 4^{+} & 4 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 5^{-} & 5 & 5 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 6^{-} & 6 & 6 & 6 \end{array}}_{12|34|56}$$

we mean that c_1 is a chamber with $O(c_1) = O_1$, $T(c_1) = T_0$ and $S(c_1) = X_1$. The <u>12</u>|34|56 tells us how to partition the tetrads to obtain the trio and the underlined partition gives the octad of the chamber. In the alternative notation the + on the 3 and 4 and the - on the 5 and 6 indicate two of the octads of the trio and the 'unmarked' octad is the octad of the chamber. Dressed in this way MOG becomes CHAMBERMOG.

3. *B*-orbits and disc structure

Our strategy for determining the chambers in a particular $D_j(c_0)$ is first to determine the *B*-orbits of C. Clearly, if a chamber c is in $D_j(c_0)$, then the *B*-orbit of c will be contained in $D_j(c_0)$. Beginning with c_0 we work outwards building up successive discs of c_0 . Suppose we have successfully enumerated $D_i(c_0)$ for $i \leq j$. Taking $c \in D_j(c_0)$ we calculate, using the MOG, the ten chambers of C adjacent to c. In the light of our knowledge of $D_i(c_0)$, $i \leq j$, we discover which of the ten chambers are in $D_{j+1}(c_0)$, and hence the *B*-orbits of these chambers will be in $D_{j+1}(c_0)$. Letting c run through representatives of the *B*-orbits of $D_j(c_0)$, this procedure delivers $D_{j+1}(c_0)$ as a union of *B*-orbits. And we repeat this procedure until we run out of chambers!

We arrive at the orbits of B on the chambers of C in a series of stages. First we determine the orbits of B upon the sextets of Ω . Then taking a representative sextet X from each of these we may obtain the 15 trios incident with X whence, by nominating a particular octad, we then get the 45 chambers which contain X. Examining the action of B_X and combinatorial properties of such chambers in relation to c_0 allows us to compile the B-orbits of C.

In order to describe the *B*-orbits of \mathcal{S} we need some auxiliary notions.

Let $X \in S$, and first we suppose that $X \in \sigma_0$. Then there will be precisely two columns (of the MOG) and four tetrads of X each of which intersect the two columns (of the MOG) in one element. We shall refer to either of these two columns of the MOG as mixed cols of X. So, for example, if

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 5 & 4 \\ 3 & 3 & 5 & 1 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 & 4 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

then the first and third columns of the MOG are the mixed cols of X. Now consider the case when $X \in \sigma_1$. Here we have exactly two columns of the MOG for which two of the tetrads of X intersect these columns in 3 elements. Such columns of the MOG will be called 3-cols of X. If, say,

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 5 & 5 & 5 & 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 6 & 6 & 6 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

then the fifth and sixth columns of the MOG are the 3-cols of X. Lastly we look at $X \in \sigma_3$. In this case the six columns of the MOG are partitioned into three pairs where each pair of columns is determined by two tetrads of X each of which intersects both columns of the pair in two elements. Any three of these pairs of columns we call a col pair of X. If, for example,

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 6 & 5 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 6 & 6 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 5 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix},$$

then the col pairs of X are columns 1 and 2, columns 3 and 5, and columns 4 and 6.

Since $B \leq G_{S_0}$, we see that σ_i (i = 0, 1, 3) will be a union of *B*-orbits. Hence we label the *B*-orbits of S by $\sigma_i^{(n)}$ to indicate that $\sigma_i^{(n)} \subseteq \sigma_i$ (i = 0, 1, 3); the *n* is the size of that particular *B*-orbit.

(3.1) B has 12-orbits on S the details of which are tabulated below.

B-ORBIT	SIZE	DESCRIPTION
$\{S_0\}$	1	standard sextet
$\sigma_0^{(96)}$	96	both mixed cols in O_1
$\sigma_0^{(192)}$	192	both mixed cols either in O_2 or in O_3
$\sigma_0^{(384)}$	384	one mixed col in O_2 , one mixed col in O_3
$\sigma_0^{(768)}$	768	one mixed col in O_1 , one mixed col either in O_2 or in O_3
$\sigma_1^{(16)}$	16	both 3-cols in O_1
$\sigma_{1}^{(32)}$	32	both 3-cols either in O_2 or in O_3
$\sigma_1^{(64)}$	64	one 3-col in O_2 , one 3-col in O_3
$\sigma_1^{(128)}$	128	one 3-col in O_1 , one 3-col either in O_2 or in O_3
$\sigma_3^{(6)}$	6	each col pair contained in one of O_1 , O_2 , O_3
$\sigma_3^{(12)}$	12	one col pair in O_1 , no col pairs either in O_2 or in O_3
$\sigma_3^{(24)}$	24	one col pair in O_2 , no col pairs either in O_1 or in O_3 or
		one col pair in O_3 , no col pair either in O_1 or in O_2
$\sigma_{3}^{(48)}$	48	no col pairs in any of O_1, O_2, O_3

Building upon the information in (3.1) we obtain the *B*-orbits of C and then we implement the procedure discussed earlier, the results of which, together with the *B*-orbits of C, are presented in (3.2). After (3.2) we explain how the MOG helps us to calculate the adjacent chambers of a given chamber. In columns 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the tables in (3.2) we give, respectively, the sizes of a *B*-orbit, the *j* for which $D_j(c_0)$ contains the *B*-orbit, τ_i for which $T(c) \in \tau_i$ and $|O(c) \cap O_1|$ (where *c* is a chamber in the *B*-orbit).

S(c)

$$S(c) = S_0:$$

	$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c}3 & 4\\3 & 4\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 6 \end{array}$		B-orbit representative	size	disc	$ au_i$	O_1 - intersection
=	$1 \ 2$	$3 \ 4$	$5 \ 6$,	12 34 56	1	0	$ au_0$	8
	$1 \ 2$	$3 \ 4$	$5 \ 6$		12 34 56	2	1	$ au_0$	0
					12 35 46	2	1	$ au_2$	8
					15 26 34	4	2	$ au_2$	0
					12 35 46	4	2	$ au_2$	0
					15 26 34	8	3	$ au_2$	4
					14 26 35	8	3	$ au_3$	0
					13 25 46	16	4	τ_2	4

$S(c) \in \sigma_0^{(50)}$:								
	1 3	$5 \ 1$	3 5					
S(a) =	$2 \ 4$	$6\ 1$	3 6					
S(c) =	$3 \ 2$	$2 \ 5$	$5 \ 4$,				
	4 1	$2 \ 6$	$6 \ 4$					

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B-orbit representative	size	disc	$ au_i$	O_1 - interestiion
$12 34 \underline{56}$	1×96	5	$ au_3$	0
$13 24 \underline{56}$	2×96	6	$ au_1$	0
12 34 56	2×96	6	$ au_3$	4
13 24 56	4×96	7	$ au_1$	4
12 35 46	4×96	7	$ au_1$	4
13 25 46	8×96	8	$ au_0$	4
15 26 34	8×96	8	$ au_1$	2
15 23 46	16×96	9	$ au_0$	2

$$S(c) \in \sigma_0^{(192)}:$$

$$S(c) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & 1 & 3 & 3 & 5 \\ 6 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 & 6 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 & 2 & 5 & 4 \\ 2 & 6 & 4 & 1 & 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

B-orbit representative	size	disc	$ au_i$	O_1 - intersection
12 34 56	1×192	5	$ au_3$	0
15 34 26	2×192	6	$ au_1$	0
$12 34 \underline{56}$	1×192	6	$ au_3$	4
12 34 56	1×192	6	$ au_3$	4
16 25 34	4×192	7	$ au_1$	4
12 35 46	2×192	7	$ au_1$	4
$13 24 \underline{56}$	2×192	7	$ au_1$	4
15 23 46	8×192	8	$ au_0$	4
12 35 46	4×192	8	$ au_1$	2
13 24 56	4×192	8	$ au_1$	2
14 26 35	8×192	9	$ au_0$	2
13 25 46	8×192	9	$ au_0$	2

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$$S(c) \in \sigma_0^{(384)}:$$

$$S(c) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 & 1 & 6 & 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 & 2 & 5 & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 3 & 2 & 2 & 6 \\ 6 & 6 & 4 & 2 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

1 1		B-orbit representative	size	disc	$ au_i$	O_1 - intersection
6	,	12 34 56	1×384	6	$ au_1$	0
5		12 35 46	2×384	6	$ au_1$	0
		12 35 46	4×384	7	$ au_1$	4
		12 34 56	1×384	7	$ au_1$	4
		$12 34 \underline{56}$	1×384	7	$ au_1$	4
		14 35 26	8×384	8	$ au_0$	4
		$15 26 \underline{34}$	2×384	8	$ au_0$	4
		$14 \underline{56} 23$	2×384	8	$ au_0$	4
		13 25 46	8×384	9	$ au_0$	2
		14 25 36	8×384	9	$ au_0$	2
		$\underline{16} 25 34$	4×384	9	$ au_0$	2
		14 23 56	4×384	9	$ au_0$	2

$$S(c)\in \sigma_0^{(768)}\colon$$

	6 4	$3 \ 2$	$5 \ 4$
$\mathcal{C}(z)$	$3 \ 3$	$5 \ 1$	$5 \ 6$
S(c) =	$5 \ 1$	$2 \ 2$	1 6
	$2 \ 3$	64	4 1

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B-orbit representative	size	disc	$ au_i$	O_1 - intersection
14 23 56	1×768	7	$ au_1$	4
15 23 46	2×768	7	$ au_1$	4
14 23 56	1×768	8	$ au_1$	2
$14 23 \underline{56}$	1×768	8	$ au_1$	2
15 23 46	4×768	8	$ au_1$	2
12 35 46	4×768	8	$ au_0$	4
$14 26 \underline{35}$	2×768	8	$ au_0$	4
13 24 56	2×768	9	$ au_0$	4
13 25 46	4×768	9	$ au_0$	4
14 25 36	2×768	9	$ au_0$	2
$12 34 \underline{56}$	2×768	9	$ au_0$	2
12 36 45	4×768	9	$ au_0$	2
13 26 45	4×768	9	$ au_0$	2
12 36 45	4×768	9	$ au_0$	2
14 25 36	2×768	9	$ au_0$	2
13 25 46	4×768	9	$ au_0$	2
12 34 56	2×768	10	$ au_0$	2

$$S(c) \in \sigma_1^{(16)}:$$

$$S(c) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 4 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 & 5 & 5 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 6 & 6 & 6 & 6 \end{bmatrix},$$

B-orbit representative	size	disc	$ au_i$	O_1 - intersection
12 34 56	3×16	3	$ au_2$	8
12 34 56	6×16	4	$ au_2$	0
15 26 34	12×16	5	$ au_1$	0
$\underline{13} 24 56$	24×16	6	$ au_1$	4

$S(c) \in c$	$\sigma_1^{(32)}$:								
C(z)	$\begin{array}{c}3&3\\4&4\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c}3&3\\4&4\end{array}$		B-orbit representative	size	disc	$ au_i$	O_1 - intersection
S(c) =	$5 \ 5$	$1 \ 2$	$5 \ 5$,	12 34 56	3×32	4	$ au_2$	0
	6 6	$1 \ 2$	6 6		12 34 56	6×32	5	$ au_2$	4
I					$13 24 \underline{56}$	12×32	6	$ au_1$	4
					$\underline{13} 24 56$	24×32	7	$ au_1$	2

$$S(c) \in \sigma_1^{(64)}:$$

$$S(c) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 6 \\ 6 & 5 & 2 & 5 & 1 & 4 \\ 4 & 6 & 2 & 4 & 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 3 & 2 & 6 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

B-orbit representative	size	disc	$ au_i$	O_1 - intersection
12 34 56	3×64	5	$ au_1$	0
12 34 56	6×64	6	$ au_1$	4
$13 24 \underline{56}$	12×64	7	$ au_0$	4
$\underline{13} 24 56$	24×64	8	$ au_0$	2

	B-orbit representative	size	disc	$ au_i$	O_1 - intersection
,	$\underline{12} 34 56$	3×128	6	$ au_1$	4
	12 34 56	6×128	7	$ au_1$	2
	$13 24 \underline{56}$	12×128	8	$ au_0$	2
	13 24 56	12×128	9	$ au_0$	2
	14 23 56	12×128	9	$ au_0$	4

$$S(c) \in \sigma_3^{(6)}:$$

$$S(c) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 & 3 & 5 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 3 & 5 & 5 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 & 4 & 6 & 6 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 & 4 & 6 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

B-orbit representative	size	disc	$ au_i$	O_1 - intersection
$\underline{12} 34 56$	1×6	1	$ au_0$	8
12 34 56	2×6	2	$ au_0$	0
12 35 46	2×6	2	$ au_2$	8
12 35 46	4×6	3	$ au_2$	0
$13 24 \underline{56}$	4×6	3	$ au_2$	0
13 26 45	8×6	4	$ au_3$	0
13 24 56	8×6	4	$ au_2$	4
13 25 46	16×6	5	$ au_3$	4

,

$$S(c) \in \sigma_3^{(12)}:$$

$$S(c) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 & 5 & 6 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 & 6 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 6 & 4 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 2 & 6 & 4 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

B-orbit representative	size	disc	$ au_i$	O_1 - intersection
12 36 45	1×12	2	$ au_2$	8
12 34 56	2×12	3	$ au_2$	8
12 36 45	2×12	3	$ au_2$	0
12 34 56	4×12	4	$ au_2$	0
14 25 36	4×12	4	$ au_1$	0
15 26 34	8×12	5	$ au_1$	0
14 25 36	8×12	5	$ au_1$	4
14 23 56	16×12	6	$ au_1$	4

$$S(c) \in \sigma_3^{(24)}:$$

$$S(c) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 3 & 5 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 3 & 6 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 & 4 & 6 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix},$$

B-orbit representative	size	disc	$ au_i$	O_1 - intersection
$12 34 \underline{56}$	1×24	3	$ au_2$	0
$13 24 \underline{56}$	2×24	4	$ au_2$	0
12 34 56	2×24	4	$ au_2$	4
13 24 56	4×24	5	$ au_2$	4
12 35 46	4×24	5	$ au_1$	4
13 25 46	8×24	6	$ au_1$	4
15 26 34	8×24	6	$ au_1$	2
$\underline{15} 23 46$	16×24	7	$ au_1$	2

$$S(c) \in \sigma_3^{(48)}:$$

$$S(c) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 & 6 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 & 5 & 3 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 6 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 5 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix},$$

B-orbit representative	size	disc	$ au_i$	O_1 - intersection
$12 34 \underline{56}$	1×48	4	$ au_3$	0
$13 24 \underline{56}$	2×48	5	$ au_1$	0
12 34 56	2×48	5	$ au_3$	4
13 24 56	4×48	6	$ au_1$	4
12 36 45	4×48	6	$ au_1$	4
13 25 46	8×48	7	$ au_0$	4
15 26 34	8×48	7	$ au_1$	2
15 23 46	16×48	8	$ au_0$	2

We illustrate the procedure adopted to calculate the neighbours of a chamber in the chamber graph, selecting

$$c_{10} := \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 5 & 4 \\ 3 & 3 & 5 & 1 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 & 4 & 4 & 1 \\ \hline 12|34|56 \end{bmatrix}$$

for demonstration purposes. Four of the ten neighbours of c_{10} are readily obtained where the sextet is kept the same and the varying of the octad and trio is given by 12|34|56, 12|34|56, 12|35|46 and 12|36|45. To locate the remaining six neighbours of c_{10} (which will all have the same octad and trio as c_{10}), MOG comes out to play. Note that we are hunting for sextets whose tetrads are each contained in one of the octads of $T(c_{10})$ as well as hitting two tetrads of $S(c_{10})$ each in two elements. Let $t_1, ..., t_6$ denote the six tetrads of $S(c_{10})$ and $O(1, 2) = t_1 \cup t_2$, $O(3, 4) = t_3 \cup t_4$, $O(5, 6) = t_5 \cup t_6$, the three octads of $T(c_{10})$.

First we select any 2-element subset of t_1 , say

Now we look for an octad contained in $D \cup t_2 \cup t_3 \cup t_4$ and which contains D. Consulting the MOG gives

Then the intersection of Oct_1 with O(1,2) and with O(3,4) defines a partition of O(1,2) and O(3,4), and gives us four of the tetrads we seek, namely

 $Oct_1 \cap O(1,2), \quad O(1,2) \setminus Oct_1, \quad Oct_1 \cap O(3,4), \quad O(3,4) \setminus Oct_1.$

We now repeat the above process, slightly modified, this time with the aim of finding an octad contained in $D \cup (t_2 \cap Oct_1) \cup t_5 \cup t_6$ which itself contains $D \cup (t_2 \cap Oct_1)$. Using the MOG again we find

Then $Oct_2 \cap O(5,6)$ and $O(5,6) \setminus Oct_2$ supplies the remaining two tetrads we need to define the sextet

$$Sex_1 := \begin{bmatrix} \diamondsuit & * & * & + & \circ & \times \\ * & \times & \circ & - & \diamondsuit & \circ \\ \diamondsuit & - & - & + & + & \diamondsuit \\ - & \times & \circ & * & \times & + \end{bmatrix}.$$

REMARK. For each of Oct_1 and Oct_2 there is one other octad which also fulfils our requirements – however they will yield the same sextet. Also note that when finding Oct_1 we only needed to look in a certain 14-element subset of Ω and when finding Oct_2 in a certain 12-element subset of Ω . This, of course, makes our task easier.

Having pinpointed one sextet of the desired kind we enact the same procedure as above but starting with a 2-element subset D_1 of a tetrad of $S(c_{10})$ which is not contained in a tetrad of Sex_1 . So we may select D_1 to be



Then, with the aid of the MOG, we find that

is an octad contained in $D_1 \cup t_1 \cup t_3 \cup t_4$ which contains D_1 . And then

is an octad contained in $D_1 \cup (t_2 \cap Oct_3) \cup t_5 \cup t_6$ which contains $D_1 \cup (t_2 \cap Oct_3)$. Using Oct_3 and Oct_4 we obtain the following sextet

	0	×	*	_	\diamond	*	1
Som	\times	*	0	_	0	\diamond	
$Sex_2 :=$	\diamond	+	+	+	—	\diamond	
	—	\times	0	*	\times	+	

A further sextet, Sex_3 , is obtained by taking the symmetric differences of the tetrads of Sex_1 and Sex_2 .

	0	\times	\diamond	+	0	\times
Ser	×	\times	*	_	0	0
<i>Seu</i> ₃ .—	*	+	+	—	+	*
	—	\diamond	*	\diamond	\diamond	_

By taking the symmetric differences of the tetrads of $S(c_{10})$ and Sex_1 , $S(c_{10})$ and Sex_2 , $S(c_{10})$ and Sex_3 we produce the three remaining sextets of the required types. To summarize, the chambers which are neighbours of c_{10} are

(3.3)



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and

6	4 4	1	6	3	5	4	4	2	6	4
3	4 5	2	5	5	3	3	5	2	6	5
6	1 2	2	2	5	5	1	2	1	1	6
1	3 6	3	4	1	1	4	6	3	3	2
	<u>12</u> 3	4 5	6			1	<u>2</u> 3	4 5	6	

Finally we note that by resorting the data in (3.2) we obtain the disc sizes stated in Theorem 1.

4. Properties of C

Though (3.2) presents C from the viewpoint of c_0 , it is an easy matter to translate this information to another chamber c'_0 . Then the first, third and last two columns would, respectively, give $G_{c'_0}$ -orbits, distance between c'_0 and c, $\tau_i(T(c'_0))$ and $|O(c'_0) \cap O(c)|$ (c a chamber of C). So, for example, we may use (3.2) to discover the distance between two given chambers c', c''. Our elimination procedure being as follows:

- (a) find *i* such that $S(c'') \in \sigma_i(S(c'))$;
- (b) using the $G_{c'}$ -orbits (obtained by suitably modifying (3.1)) find n such that $S(c'') \in \sigma_i^{(n)}(S(c'));$
- (c) narrow down the possibilities in the $\sigma_i^{(n)}$ table, using $T(c'') \in \tau_k(T(c'))$ and $|O(c') \cap O(c'')|$; and finally
- (d) by examining the remaining options deduce to which $G_{c'}$ -orbit c'' belongs and thence obtain the distance between c' and c''.

We give a 'real life' illustration, taking our chambers to be

$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	c' =	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{c} 2\\ 4\\ 6\\ 6\end{array}$	$2 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 4$	$ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 5 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{array} $	4 1 2 1	, c'' =	5^{-} 5 1 6^{-}		$ \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 6 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 6 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{array} $	4 3 2 5	2 2 1 6	:
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(a)
$$S(c'') \in \sigma_0(S(c'));$$

(b) (Here, of course, rather than mixed cols we should speak of mixed tetrads, where the tetrads are those of S(c').) The mixed tetrads for S(c'') are



Since the first of these tetrads is in

and the other is not, we see that $S(c'') \in \alpha_0^{(768)}(S(c'))$.

- (c) Since $T(c'') \in \tau_0(T(c'))$ and $|O(c') \cap O(c'')| = 2$, one of the last eight possibilities of the $\sigma_0^{(768)}$ table in (3.2) must hold. Noting that $O(c') \cap O(c'')$ contains one element each from the two tetrads of O(c') reduces the list of possibilities to four: 12|36|45, 13|26|45, 12|36|45, 12|34|56. (Incidentally, at this stage we know that c' and c'' are either distance 9 or 10 apart.)
- (d) We scrutinize the finer structure of the intersection of the octade of T(c'')with O(c'). The octad of T(c''),



intersects O(c') in 4 elements which split 3|1 between the tetrads of O(c'), and the octad of T(c''),



intersects O(c') in two elements which are both contained in one of the tetrads of O(c'). Consequently, two possibilities remain, namely, <u>12</u>|34|56 and $13|26|\underline{45}.$

The octad of T(c'), not equal to O(c'), which intersects O(c'') in two elements is

*	*	*	*	,
*	*		*	

and the intersection this octad has with O(c'') is contained in one of the tetrads of O(c''). So this rules out 13|26|45 and therefore 12|34|56 is the only possibility. Hence d(c', c'') = 10.

In fact, c' and c'' are both distance 10 from c_0 as the reader may verify using the above scheme.

We recall, from Section 3, that

$$c_{10} := \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 5 & 4 \\ 3 & 3 & 5 & 1 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 & 4 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\underbrace{12|34|56}$$

By (3.2) $c_{10} \in D_{10}(c_0)$, $(c_{10}$ is the representative of the *B*-orbit given in the $\sigma_0^{(768)}$ table). Before analysing the geodesic closure of c_0 and c_{10} , we note that (3.2) implies that $B = G_{c_0}$ is transitive on $D_{10}(c_{10})$ and, combining (3.2) and (3.3), that c_{10} has no neighbours in $D_{10}(c_0)$. This establishes Theorem 2. Turning to Theorem 3, the following basic observation enables us, using (3.2), to enumerate the chambers in $\overline{\{c_0, c_{10}\}}$: for j with $0 \leq j \leq 10$,

$$\overline{\{c_0, c_{10}\}} \cap D_j(c_0) = \overline{\{c_0, c_{10}\}} \cap D_{10-j}(c_{10}) = D_j(c_0) \cap D_{10-j}(c_{10})$$

Set $\Delta_j = \overline{\{c_0, c_{10}\}} \cap D_j(c_0)$. Put



Then $x, y \in G$ (this may be checked using [5]) and $x^2 = y^2 = 1$. (We point out that x may be described by the octad it fixes point-wise and any one of the pairs of points it interchanges. Whereas y is an example of an involution given by the recipe: leave invariant the tetrads of a sextet and a dodecad which cuts across the sextet in 2^6 .) Moreover, x fixes c_0 and c_{10} (so $B_{c_{10}} = \langle x \rangle$) and y interchanges c_0 and c_{10} . Thus y interchanges the sets Δ_j and Δ_{10-j} for $0 \leq j \leq 10$. In Appendix A we list the chambers in $\{c_0, c_{10}\}$. There we label each chamber by $c_j^k - j$ indicates that c_j^k is in the *j*th disc of c_0 (that is $c_j^k \in D_j(c_0)$) and the k is just a superscript. Our notation is arranged so as, when $j \neq 5$, y maps c_k^j to c_k^{10-j} . The existence of ymeans that it is only necessary for us to draw just over 'half' of $\{c_0, c_{10}\}$; this we do in Appendix B.

To complete the story of the action of y upon $\overline{\{c_0, c_{10}\}}$ we have

(4.1) The orbits of y upon Δ_5 are $\{c_5^1, c_5^{14}\}, \{c_5^2, c_5^3\}, \{c_5^4, c_5^5\}, \{c_5^6, c_5^9\}, \{c_5^7, c_5^8\}, \{c_5^{10}, c_5^{13}\}, \{c_5^{11}, c_5^{12}\}.$

REMARK. y fixes no chambers in $\overline{\{c_0, c_{10}\}}$.

We also document the action of x upon $\overline{\{c_0, c_{10}\}}$. Since x and y commute, we only need consider Δ_i for $1 \leq i \leq 5$.

(4.2) The orbits of x upon Δ_i are as follows:

$$\begin{split} i &= 1: \quad \{c_1^1\}, \ \{c_1^6\}, \ \{c_1^9\}, \ \{c_1^{10}\}, \ \{c_1^2, c_1^4\}, \ \{c_1^3, c_1^5\}, \ \{c_1^7, c_1^8\} \\ i &= 2: \quad \{c_2^1\}, \ \{c_2^6\}, \ \{c_2^7\}, \ \{c_2^{12}\}, \ \{c_2^2, c_2^4\}, \ \{c_2^3, c_2^5\}, \ \{c_2^8, c_2^{10}\}, \ \{c_2^9, c_2^{11}\} \\ i &= 3: \quad \{c_3^1\}, \ \{c_3^8\}, \ \{c_3^9\}, \ \{c_3^{10}\}, \ \{c_3^{13}\}, \ \{c_3^{14}\}, \ \{c_2^3, c_3^5\}, \ \{c_3^3, c_3^6\}, \ \{c_3^4, c_3^7\}, \ \{c_3^{11}, c_3^{12}\} \\ i &= 4: \quad \{c_4^1\}, \ \{c_2^4\}, \ \{c_4^9\}, \ \{c_4^{10}\}, \ \{c_4^{11}\}, \ \{c_4^{12}\}, \ \{c_4^{15}\}, \ \{c_4^3, c_4^6\}, \ \{c_4^4, c_4^7\}, \ \{c_5^5, c_4^8\}, \ \{c_5^1\}, \ \{c_5^5\}, \ \{c_5^5\}, \ \{c_5^{51}, \ \{c_5^{51}, \ c_5^{11}, \ c_5^{13}\}. \end{split}$$

Appendix A. The chambers in $\overline{\{c_0, c_{10}\}}$

Each of the sextets listed below are chambers via $\underline{12}|34|56$.

 Δ_0 :

$$c_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

 Δ_1 :

	1	1	4	4	6	6
a ¹ —	2	2	3	3	5	5
$c_1 =$	1	1	4	4	6	6
	2	2	3	3	5	5
	1	0	0	4	۲	C
	T	2	3	4	Э	6
.4 _	2	1	4	3	6	5
$c_1 =$	2	1	4	3	6	5
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		_	-			
	1	2	6	3	4	5
.7	1	2	6	3	4	5
$c_1 =$	1	2	6	3	4	5
	1	2	6	3	4	5
	6	5	4	3	1	2
10	6	5	4	3	1	2
$c_1^{10} =$	6	5	4	3	1	2
	G	Б	4	2	1	2

	1	1	3	3	6	6
_2	1	1	3	3	6	6
$c_1 =$	2	2	4	4	5	5
	2	2	4	4	5	5
	1	1	4	4	6	6
_5	2	2	3	3	5	5
$c_1 =$	2	2	3	3	5	5
	1	1	4	4	6	6
	1	2	5	3	6	4
8	1	2	5	3	6	4
$c_1 =$	1	2	5	3	6	4
	1	2	5	3	6	4

	1	2	4	3	6	5
_3	1	2	4	3	6	5
$c_1 =$	2	1	3	4	5	6
	2	1	3	4	5	6
	1	2	3	4	5	6
_6	2	1	4	3	6	5
$c_1 =$	1	2	3	4	5	6
	2	1	4	3	6	5
	5	6	2	1	3	4
_9	5	6	2	1	3	4
$c_1 =$	5	6	2	1	3	4
	5	6	2	1	3	4

 Δ_2 :

$c_{2}^{1} =$	$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 & 4 & 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 6 & 6 & 3 & 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 & 4 & 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 6 & 6 & 3 & 3 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$	$c_{2}^{2} =$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$c_2^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
$c_{2}^{4} =$	$ \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 5 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 5 & 6 & 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 6 & 5 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \end{bmatrix} $	$c_{2}^{5} =$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$c_2^6 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
$c_{2}^{7} =$	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$c_{2}^{8} =$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$c_2^9 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 5 \\ 6 & 5 \\ 6 & 5 \\ 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$
$c_2^{10} =$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$c_2^{11} =$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$c_2^{12} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4\\ 5 & 4\\ 5 & 4\\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

	1	2	5	3	4	6
_3 _	1	2	5	3	4	6
$c_2 =$	2	1	3	5	6	4
	2	1	3	5	6	4
	1	2	3	5	6	4
-6	2	1	5	3	4	6
$c_2 =$	1	2	3	5	6	4
	2	1	5	3	4	6
	6	5	3	1	2	4
9	6	5	3	1	2	4
$c_{2}^{o} =$	6	5	3	1	2	4
	6	5	3	1	2	4
1	5	4	6	3	1	2
12	5	4	6	3	1	2
$c_2 =$	5	4	6	3	1	2
	۲	4	C	2	1	2

 Δ_3 :

$c_{3}^{1} =$	$\begin{array}{ccc} 4 & 4 \\ 5 & 5 \\ 4 & 4 \\ 5 & 5 \end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{ccc} 6 & 6 \\ 3 & 3 \\ 6 & 6 \\ 3 & 3 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$c_3^2 =$	$\begin{array}{c}4\\4\\6\\6\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c ccc} 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \\ 5 & 2 \\ \end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{rrrr} 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 \\ 5 & 5 \\ 5 & 5 \end{array} $	$c_3^3 =$	1 2 1 1	2 2 1 2	5 6 3 4	4 3 6 5	4 3 6 5	5 6 3 4
$c_{3}^{4} =$	$\begin{array}{ccc} 6 & 5 \\ 6 & 5 \\ 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 6 \end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{r} 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$c_3^5 =$	5 4 4 5	$\begin{array}{c ccc} 4 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \\ 5 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 \\ \end{array}$	2 1 1 2	$ \begin{array}{rrrr} 3 & 6 \\ 6 & 3 \\ 6 & 3 \\ 3 & 6 \end{array} $	$c_3^6 =$	1 2 1 1	2 2 1 2	6 4 3 5	$5\\3\\4\\6$	5 3 4 6	6 4 3 5
$c_{3}^{7} =$	5 5 6 6 6 5 5	$\begin{array}{ccc} 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 \end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$c_{3}^{8} =$	$ \begin{array}{c} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \\ \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 \end{array} $		$ \begin{array}{rrrr} 6 & 4 \\ 3 & 5 \\ 5 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 \\ \end{array} $	$c_{3}^{9} =$	$5 \\ 6 \\ 5 \\ 6$		3 2 3 2	2 3 2 3	1 4 1 4	4 1 4 1
$c_3^{10} =$	$\begin{array}{ccc} 6 & 4 \\ 4 & 6 \\ 6 & 4 \\ 4 & 6 \end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$ \begin{array}{r} 3 & 5 \\ 5 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 \\ 5 & 3 \end{array} $	$c_3^{11} =$	5 (5 ; 6 (6 ;	$\begin{array}{cccc} 5 & 3 \\ 5 & 4 \\ 5 & 4 \\ 5 & 3 \end{array}$	$2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2$	$ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{array} $	$c_3^{12} =$		6 5 6 5	3 3 4 4	1 1 2 2	3 3 4 4	$ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{array} $
$c_3^{13} =$	$ \begin{array}{rrrr} 6 & 3 \\ 5 & 4 \\ 6 & 3 \\ 5 & 4 \end{array} $	$ 5 4 \\ 6 3 \\ 5 4 \\ 6 3 $	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$c_3^{14} =$	6 2 6 2 6 2	$\begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 5 \end{array}$	1 1 1 1	$ \begin{array}{r} 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 \end{array} $							
Δ_4 :															
$c_{4}^{1} =$	$\begin{array}{ccc} 4 & 3 \\ 6 & 5 \\ 4 & 3 \\ 6 & 5 \end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{rrrr} 6 & 5 \\ 4 & 3 \\ 6 & 5 \\ 4 & 3 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$c_4^2 =$	$\begin{array}{c}4\\2\\4\\2\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c cc} 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \\ \end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{array} $	5 5 6 6 5 5 6 6	$c_4^3 =$	$ \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 3 \\ 6 \\ 5 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{array} $	2 2 1 2	1 1 1 2	$ \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 3 \\ 6 \\ 5 \end{array} $
$c_{4}^{4} =$	$ \begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 \\ 5 & 5 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 \\ 4 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$c_{4}^{5} =$		5 3 5 4 5 4 5 1 5 2	$2 \\ 1 \\ 4 \\ 3$	$ \begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{array} $	$c_4^6 =$	5 3 4 6	$ \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ 4 \end{array} $	2 2 1 2	1 1 1 2	$ \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ 4 \end{array} $	5 3 4 6
$c_{4}^{7} =$	$\begin{array}{cccc} 6 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 \\ 2 & 6 \\ 6 & 2 \end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{r} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 \\ 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 5 \\ 5 & 1 \\ 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{array} $	$c_4^8 =$	6 5 6 6		$ \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{rrrr} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{array} $	$c_4^9 =$		5 5 6 5	4 2 3 1	1 3 2 4	1 3 2 4	4 2 3 1
$c_4^{10} =$	$ \begin{array}{rrrr} 6 & 4 \\ 4 & 6 \\ 6 & 4 \\ 4 & 6 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{cccc} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 5 \\ 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \\ 5 & 1 \end{array} $	$c_4^{11} =$	$ \begin{array}{c} 6 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{ccc} 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{cccc} 3 & 6 \\ 6 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 \end{array} $	$c_4^{12} =$	2 5 2 5	5 2 5 2	3 4 3 4	4 3 4 3	6 1 6 1	1 6 1 6
$c_{t}^{13} =$	4 5	3 2	1 6		5 8	5 3	1	3 1		5	1	6	2	3	4
	$\begin{array}{ccc} 4 & 4 \\ 5 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{ccc} 6 & 1 \\ 6 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 6 \end{array} $	$c_4^{14} =$	$\begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{ccc} 4 & 3 \\ 5 & 6 \\ 4 & 6 \end{array} $	$\frac{1}{2}$	$ \begin{array}{r} 3 & 1 \\ 6 & 2 \\ 6 & 2 \end{array} $	$c_4^{15} =$	6 5 6	2 1 2	5 6 5	1 2 1	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$

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 Δ_5 :

$c_{5}^{1} =$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$c_5^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 & 4 & 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 3 & 5 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 6 & 6 & 1 & 5 & 5 & 1 \\ 6 & 3 & 2 & 4 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$	$c_5^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 5 & 4 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 6 & 3 & 3 & 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$
$c_{5}^{4} =$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$c_5^5 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 5 & 6 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 6 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 6 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 5 & 5 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$	$c_5^6 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 & 6 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 & 6 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 6 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 5 & 5 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$
$c_{5}^{7} =$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$c_5^8 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 3 & 6 & 1 & 4 & 5 & 1 \\ 5 & 4 & 4 & 2 & 2 & 5 \\ 4 & 6 & 1 & 3 & 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$	$c_5^9 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 & 4 & 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 3 & 1 & 6 & 6 & 1 \\ 5 & 5 & 6 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 & 2 & 4 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$
$c_5^{10} =$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$c_5^{11} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 6 & 4 & 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 & 5 & 2 & 5 & 1 \\ 5 & 3 & 6 & 1 & 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$	$c_5^{12} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 6 & 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 & 6 & 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$
$c_5^{13} =$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$c_5^{14} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 5 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 6 & 5 & 3 & 3 \\ 6 & 5 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 6 & 5 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$	
Δ_6 :			
$c_{6}^{1} =$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$c_6^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 & 3 & 2 & 6 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 6 & 2 & 5 & 5 \\ 5 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 4 & 1 & 5 & 1 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$	$c_6^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 6 & 3 & 3 & 6 \\ 5 & 5 & 3 & 6 & 6 & 3 \\ 5 & 1 & 4 & 2 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$
$c_{6}^{4} =$	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$c_6^5 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 & 5 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 & 5 & 5 & 6 & 4 \\ 6 & 4 & 3 & 3 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$	$c_6^6 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 & 2 & 5 & 5 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & 3 & 3 & 4 \\ 6 & 6 & 3 & 4 & 4 & 3 \\ 6 & 1 & 5 & 2 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$
$c_{6}^{7} =$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$c_6^8 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 4 & 5 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 6 & 5 & 5 & 6 & 2 \\ 6 & 2 & 4 & 4 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$	$c_6^9 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 5 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 & 5 & 5 & 6 & 2 \\ 6 & 2 & 4 & 4 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$
$c_6^{10} =$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$c_6^{11} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 2 & 6 & 6 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 5 & 3 & 3 & 5 \\ 4 & 4 & 3 & 5 & 5 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 6 & 2 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$	$c_6^{12} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 5 & 6 & 1 \\ 6 & 5 & 5 & 2 & 2 & 6 \\ 5 & 4 & 1 & 3 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$
$c_6^{13} =$	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$c_6^{14} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 2 & 4 & 3 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 6 & 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 6 & 5 & 5 & 4 & 4 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 & 1 & 3 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$	$c_6^{15} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 6 & 3 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 & 1 & 2 & 5 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 6 & 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

 Δ_7 :

$c_{7}^{1} =$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{array}$ $c_7^2 =$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$c_7^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$	3 5 2 4 5 2 1 2 2 6 5 5	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
$c_{7}^{4} =$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{array}$ $c_7^5 =$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$c_7^6 = egin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 \ 3 & 5 \ 4 & 1 \ 1 & 4 \ \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{ccc} 3 & 5 \\ 5 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 \end{array}$
$c_{7}^{7} =$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{array}$ $c_7^8 =$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$c_7^9 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 6 \\ 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{ccc} 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 5 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 \end{array}$
$c_7^{10} =$	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{c} 2\\5\\3\\6\end{array}$ $c_7^{11} =$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$c_7^{12} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \\ 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccc} 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 \end{array}$
$c_7^{13} =$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$ \begin{array}{c} 6 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 6 \end{array} c_7^{14} = $	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$			

 Δ_8 :

$ \begin{array}{rrrr} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 4 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 2 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} 6 & 2 \\ 6 & 1 \\ 6 & 5 \\ 4 & 3 \end{array} $	$\begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{array}$	$c_{8}^{2} =$	$\begin{array}{c} 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 2 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		3 3 5 1	2 4 3 6	$c_{8}^{3} =$	$ \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 3 \\ 6 \\ 1 \end{array} $	3 3 2 5	5 6 2 6	2 1 1 5	$ \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 4 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 4 \\ 6 \\ 1 \end{array} $
$\begin{array}{rrrr} 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \\ 6 & 1 \end{array}$	$2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 4$	$egin{array}{ccc} 6 & 4 \ 5 & 3 \ 5 & 5 \ 1 & 2 \end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{cccc} 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 \\ 5 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 \end{array} $	$c_{8}^{5} =$	$5 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 3$	$\begin{array}{ccc} 3 & 6 \\ 5 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 \end{array}$	2 2 1 6	4 5 2 3	6 4 4 1	$c_{8}^{6} =$	6 3 6 2	3 5 2 5	3 4 2 4	1 2 1 3	4 6 1 5	5 4 6 1
$ \begin{array}{rrrr} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \\ 6 & 2 \\ \end{array} $	1 4 6 4	$egin{array}{cccc} 5 & 4 \ 6 & 3 \ 5 & 5 \ 1 & 2 \end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{cccc} 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{array} $	$c_{8}^{8} =$	$ \begin{array}{c} 6 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{cccc} 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{array} $	4 3 2 6	$5\\5\\5\\1$	$c_{8}^{9} =$	4 1 2 5	3 1 6 1	$\begin{array}{c}1\\2\\5\\4\end{array}$	$5 \\ 6 \\ 5 \\ 3$	2 2 6 3	$\begin{array}{c} 3\\ 4\\ 4\\ 6\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ccc} 4 & 6 \\ 3 & 3 \\ 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{array}$	4 6 1 3	2 5 2 5 5 5	5 6 6 6 6 4 2 3 5 1	$c_8^{11} =$	2 4 1 1 3 6 5 1	$\begin{array}{c cc} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 \end{array}$	$5 \\ 6 \\ 5 \\ 4$	3 3 6 4	4 2 2 6	$c_8^{12} =$	2 3 1 4	6 3 5 3	3 1 4 2	$\begin{array}{c} 4\\ 5\\ 4\\ 6\end{array}$	1 1 5 6	6 2 2 5
	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$

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 Δ_9 :

$c_{9}^{1} =$	5 3 6 1	$\begin{array}{c} 4\\ 4\\ 2\\ 4\end{array}$	3 5 1 6	2 2 2 4	5 6 1 3	$ \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 6 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{array} $	¢	$c_9^2 =$	5 3 5 2	4 3 2 4	4 5 1 6	1 1 2 3	6 6 2 3	$\begin{array}{c} 4\\ 5\\ 6\\ 1\end{array}$	$c_{9}^{3} =$	6 3 5 1	3 3 2 4	4 5 2 5	2 1 1 4	6 6 2 4	$ \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 6 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{array} $
$c_{9}^{4} =$	6 3 6 1	4 4 1 3	4 5 2 6	1 2 2 3	6 5 2 4	3 5 5 1	($c_{9}^{5} =$	6 3 5 2	3 4 1 3	4 6 1 6	2 2 1 4	5 6 2 3	$ \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{array} $	$c_{9}^{6} =$	5 3 5 2	$ \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 4 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{array} $	3 6 2 6	1 2 1 3		$ \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 6 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{array} $
$c_{9}^{7} =$	5 3 4 2	6 3 1 3	3 4 2 5	2 1 2 6	4 4 1 6	6 5 5 1	Ċ	$c_{9}^{8} =$	4 3 6 2	5 3 1 3	3 6 2 4	2 1 2 5	6 6 1 5	5 4 4 1	$c_{9}^{9} =$	4 1 3 6	2 1 5 1	1 3 6 4		3 3 5 2	$2 \\ 4 \\ 4 \\ 5$
a ¹⁰ —	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{4}{3}$	$\frac{3}{1}$	$5\\6$	1 1	4 2															

 Δ_{10} :

5

3 2

	6	4	3	2	5	4
$c_{10} =$	3	3	5	1	5	6
	5	1	2	2	1	6
	2	3	6	4	4	1

Appendix B.

On the next page we draw the induced subgraph of $\overline{\{c_0, c_{10}\}}$, together with the *i*-adjacency information. Recall that two adjacent chamber c' and c'' are said to be *i*-adjacent if $\tau(c') = \{i\} \cup \tau(c' \cap c'') = \tau(c'')$. So 0-, 1-, 2-adjacency means that c' and c'' 'differ' only in, respectively, an octad, a trio, a sextet.

As mentioned earlier we only need describe $\{c_0\}\cup\Delta_1\cup\Delta_2\cup\Delta_3\cup\Delta_4\cup\Delta_5-\overline{\{c_0,c_{10}\}}$ can then be constructed from this using y.

So as not to clutter up our picture, the names of the chambers have been suppressed, with the exception of c_0 and c_j^1 $(1 \le j \le 5)$. Reading downwards, in order, from c_j^1 gives the chambers c_j^k in Δ_j . Since $c_0, c_1^1, c_1^2, c_1^3, c_1^4, c_1^5$ and c_1^6 have the same octad and trio, any two of them are 2-adjacent. On our picture we have not drawn the 2-adjacency between c_1^m and c_1^n $(1 \le m < n \le 6)$. All other adjacencies within $\{c_0\} \cup \Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2 \cup \Delta_3 \cup \Delta_4 \cup \Delta_5$ are given.



Appendix C.

m24:=sub<Sym(24) | (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19, 20,21,22,23), (24,23)(3,19)(6,15)(9,5)(11,1)(4,20)(16,14)(13,21)>; #m24; 244823040 sextet:=sub<m24|Stabilizer(m24,{24,3,6,9}),m24.2>; Index(m24,sextet); 1771 triopw:=Stabilizer(Stabilizer(m24, {22, 18, 8, 12, 2, 10, 17, 7}), $\{24,3,6,9,11,4,16,13\});$ flag:=sub<m24|triopw,m24.2> meet sextet; Index(m24,flag); 79695 CT:=CosetTable(m24,flag); flagp:=CosetTableToPermutationGroup(m24,CT); oo:=Orbits(Stabilizer(flagp,1)); [#oo[i]:i in [1..106]]; [1, 2, 2, 4, 4, 6, 8, 8, 12, 12, 12, 16, 24, 24, 24, 24, 24, 48, 768, 768, 768, 768, 768, 1536, 1536, 1536, 1536, 1536, 1536, 1536, 1536, 1536, 1536, 1536, 1536, 1536, 1536, 1536, 1536, 1536, 1536, 3072, 3072, 3072, 3072, 3072, 3072, 3072, 3072, 3072, 3072]

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