# Discrete Conformality and Graph Embedding

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## Outline

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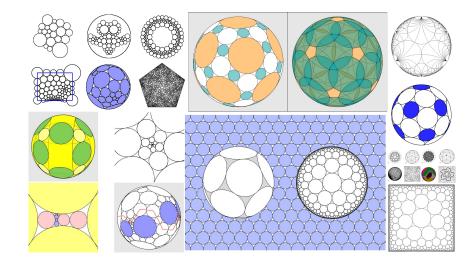
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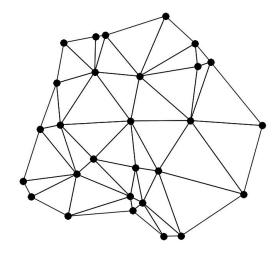
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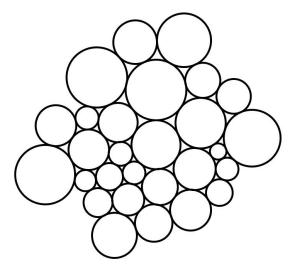
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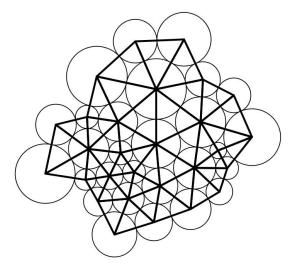
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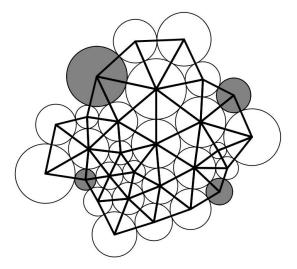
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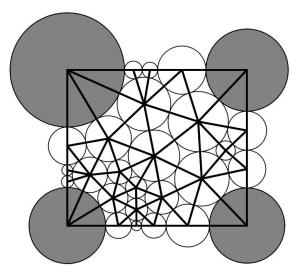


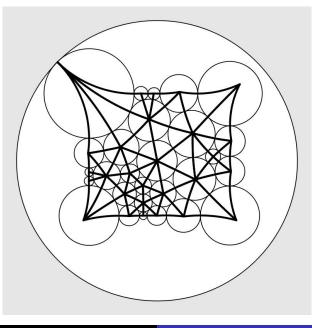


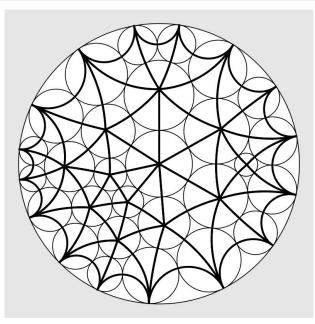


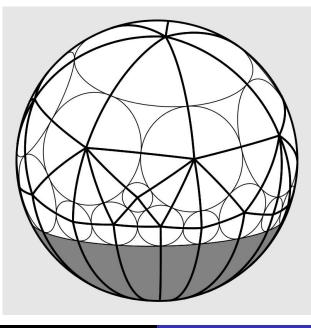


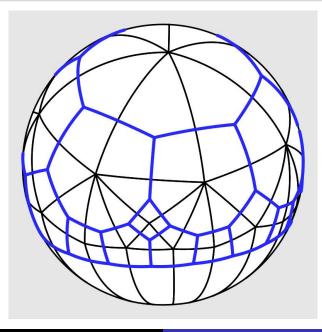


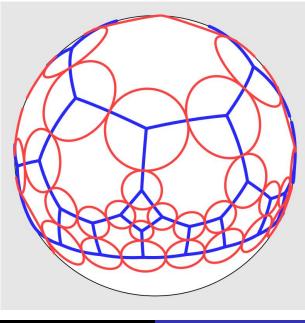


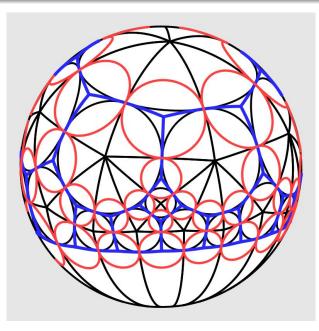












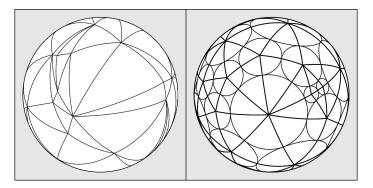
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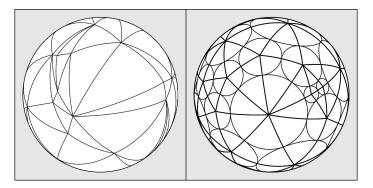
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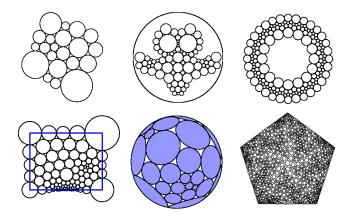
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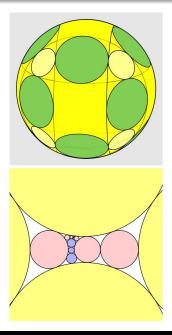
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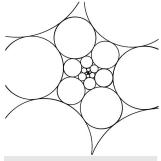
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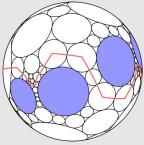
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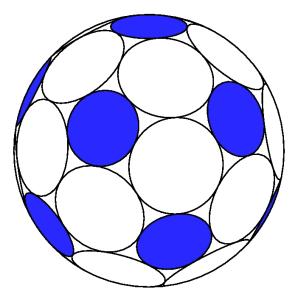
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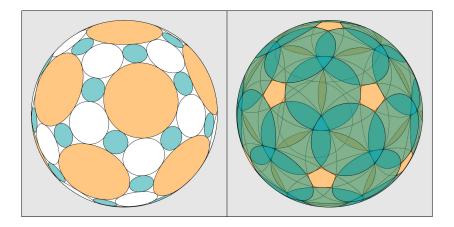




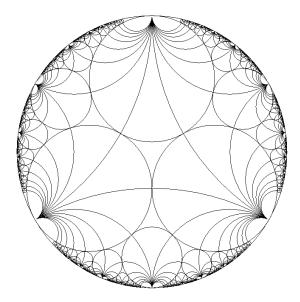


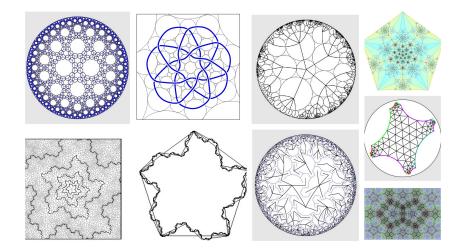
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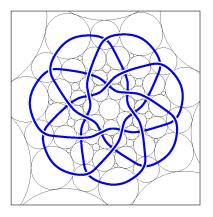


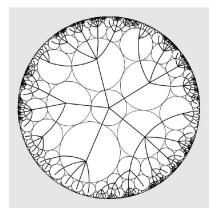


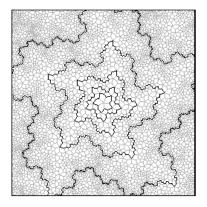
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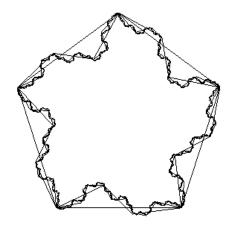


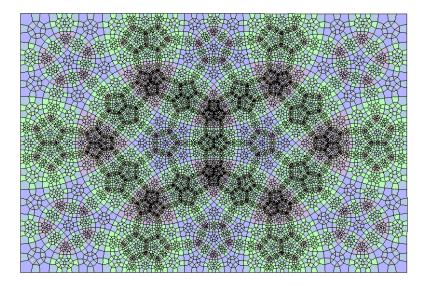


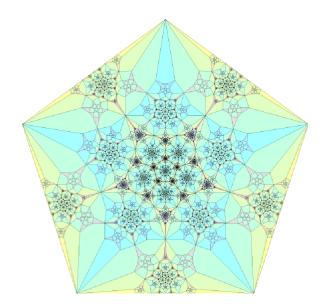


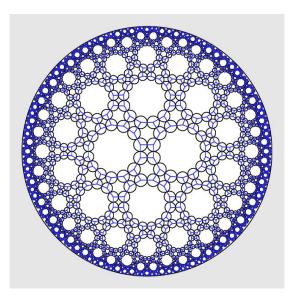


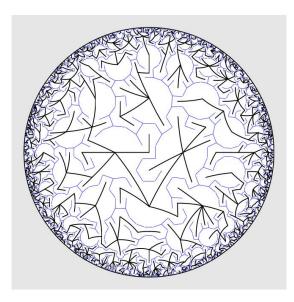


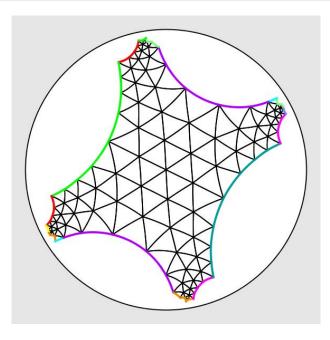












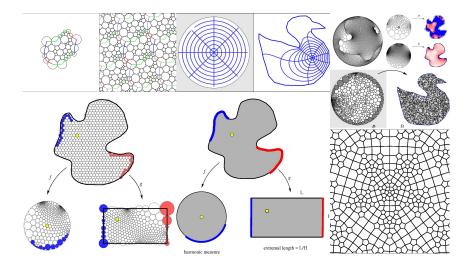
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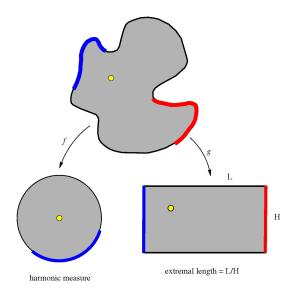
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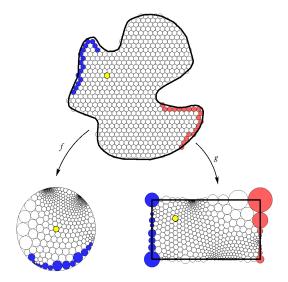
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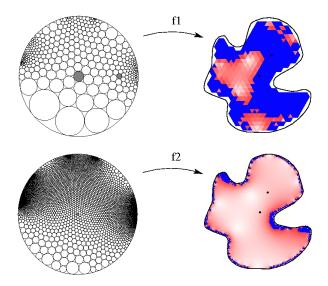


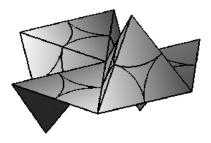
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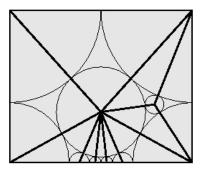


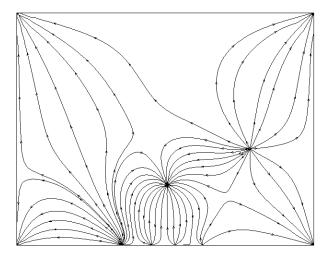
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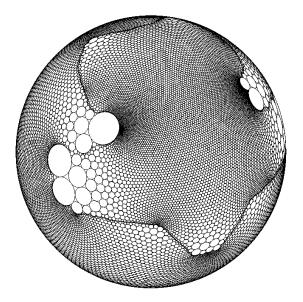












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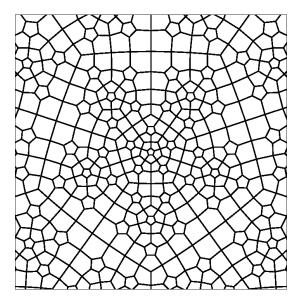
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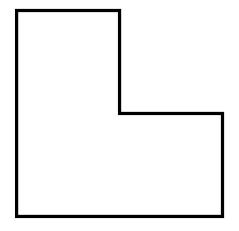
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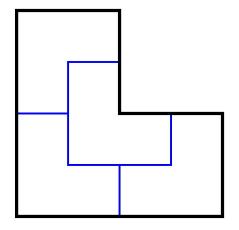
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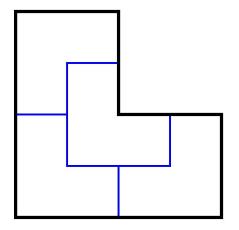
# **Synergies**

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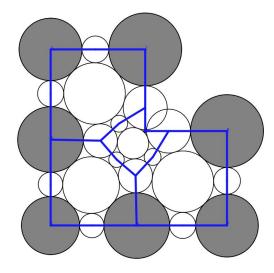


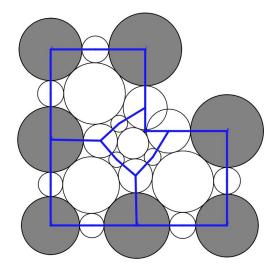




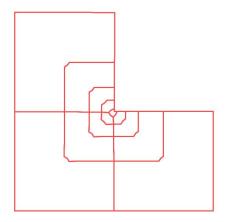


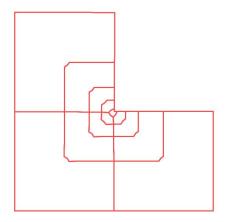
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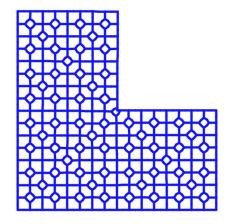


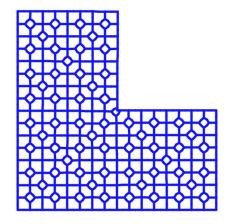


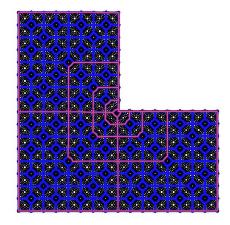
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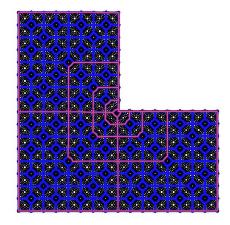


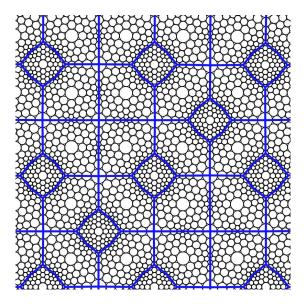


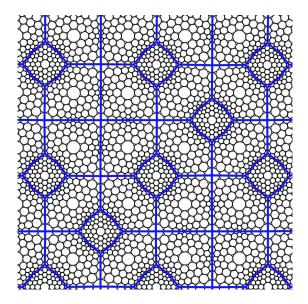












Detail: converging to a conformally regular tiling of octagons

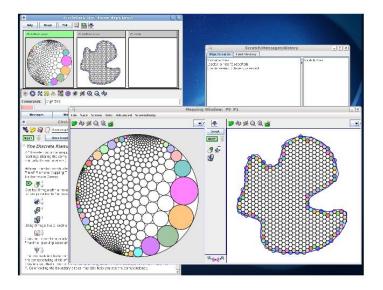
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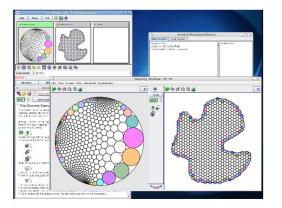
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