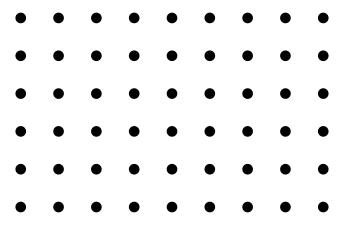
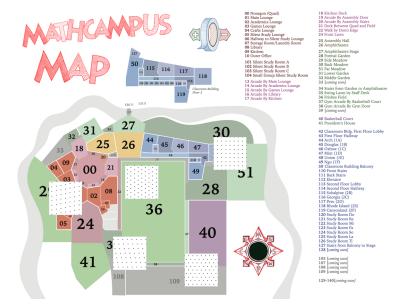
#### Lattices

 A *lattice* in the plane is an infinitely repeating grid of points in the plane containing the origin.



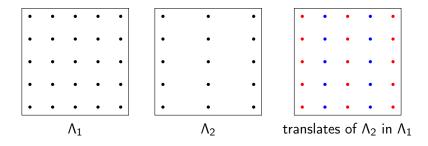
# An atlas of lattices?



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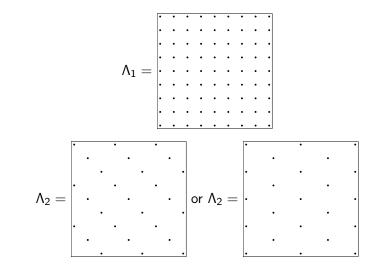
## Relations between lattices

- Let  $\Lambda_1$ ,  $\Lambda_2$  be lattices satisfying  $\Lambda_2 \subseteq \Lambda_1$ .
- Then Λ<sub>1</sub> is a union of finitely many translates of Λ<sub>2</sub>.
- The number of translates is called the *index* of Λ<sub>2</sub> in Λ<sub>1</sub>, denoted [Λ<sub>1</sub> : Λ<sub>2</sub>].
- In the example below,  $[\Lambda_1 : \Lambda_2] = 2$ .



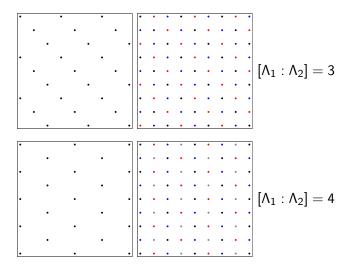
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Exercise: computing the index



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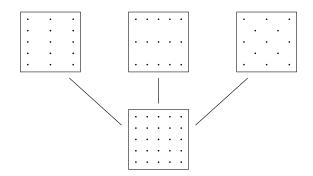
## Exercise: computing the index



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## Relations between lattices

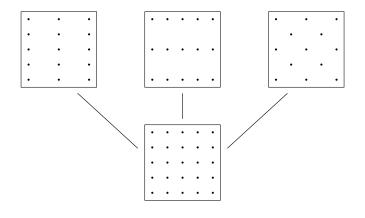
For any lattice  $\Lambda_1$ , there are exactly three lattices  $\Lambda_2$  satisfying  $\Lambda_2 \subset \Lambda_1$  and  $[\Lambda_1 : \Lambda_2] = 2$ .



We can summarize this information in a graph.

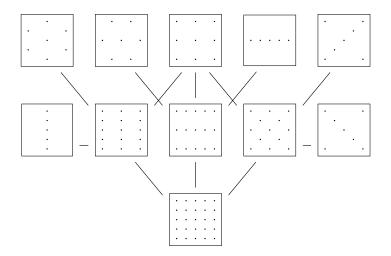


- ► We construct a graph as follows:
  - Each lattice in the plane is a vertex of the graph.
  - We draw an edge between the lattices Λ<sub>1</sub> and Λ<sub>2</sub> if Λ<sub>2</sub> ⊂ Λ<sub>1</sub> and [Λ<sub>1</sub> : Λ<sub>2</sub>] = 2.
- We just saw a small piece of the graph:



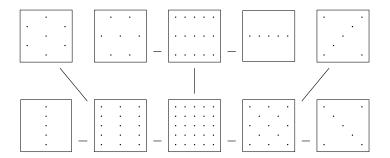
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► A slightly larger piece of the graph:



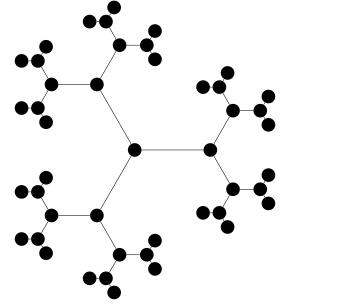
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 Declare two vertices to be *equivalent* if their lattices are related by scaling.



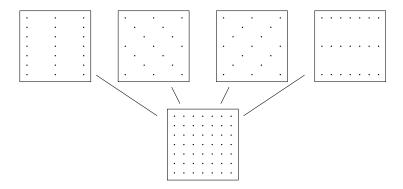
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The new graph is an infinite 3-regular tree, called a *Bruhat–Tits tree*.



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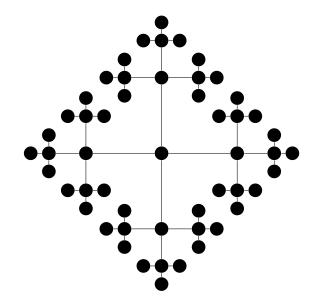
Suppose that we instead consider lattices Λ<sub>1</sub>, Λ<sub>2</sub> satisfying [Λ<sub>1</sub> : Λ<sub>2</sub>] = 3.



We draw a graph according to the same procedure as before:

- Each lattice in the plane is a vertex of the graph.
- ► Draw an edge between the lattices  $\Lambda_1$  and  $\Lambda_2$  if  $\Lambda_2 \subset \Lambda_1$  and  $[\Lambda_1 : \Lambda_2] = 3$ .
- Then identify vertices related by scaling of lattices.

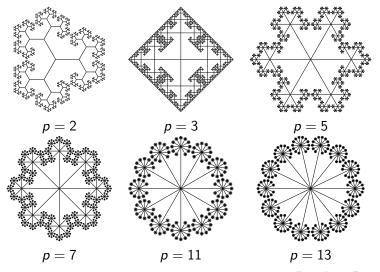
► This time, we get an infinite 4-regular tree:



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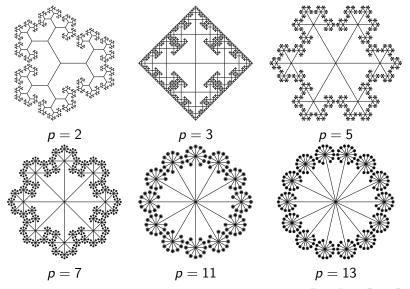
## A nice pattern

Suppse we draw an edge between lattices satisfying [Λ<sub>2</sub> : Λ<sub>1</sub>] = p:



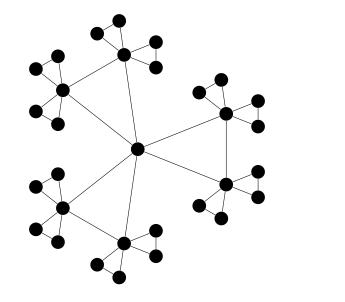
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For any prime *p*, if we draw an edge between lattices satisfying [Λ<sub>2</sub> : Λ<sub>1</sub>] = *p*, we get an infinite *p* + 1-regular tree.



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If we draw an edge between lattices satisfying  $[\Lambda_1:\Lambda_2]=4$  for example, we no longer get a tree:



# Generalizations of this setup

Higher-dimensional lattices

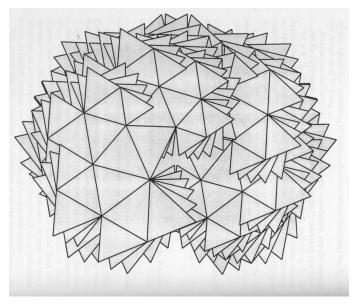
Lattices with symmetry

## Three-dimensional lattices

- Construct a graph as follows:
  - Vertices are lattices in three-dimensional space.
  - Draw an edge between  $\Lambda_1$  and  $\Lambda_2$  if  $\Lambda_2 \subset \Lambda_1$  and  $[\Lambda_1 : \Lambda_2] = 2$ .

- Then identify two vertices if their lattices are related by scaling.
- The resulting graph is called a *building*.

A building



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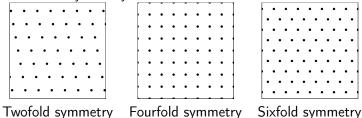
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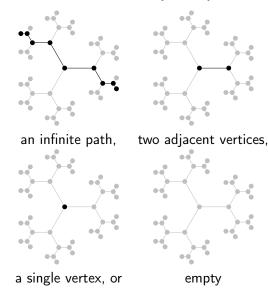
Symmetries of lattices in two dimensions

- ► All lattices have twofold rotational symmetry.
- In the plane, some lattices also have fourfold or sixfold rotational symmetry.



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- Which lattices have more than twofold symmetry?
- On the Bruhat–Tits tree, the set of vertices corresponding to lattices with fourfold or sixfold symmetry is either:

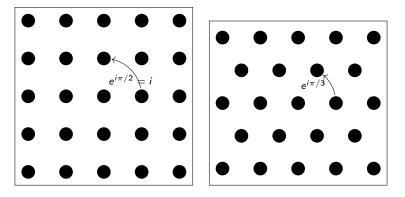


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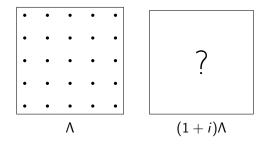
## Symmetries and complex numbers

- Before moving to higher dimensions, let's consider how to express symmetries using complex numbers.
- In the complex plane, multiplication by  $e^{i\theta}$  corresponds to rotation by  $\theta$ .



## Symmetries and complex numbers

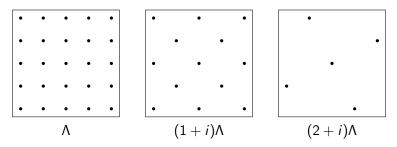
- A lattice Λ has fourfold rotational symmetry if and only if iΛ = Λ.
- If i∧ = ∧, then (1 + i)∧ ⊂ ∧, since the sum of two elements of ∧ is also in ∧.
- Exercise: draw  $(1 + i)\Lambda$ .



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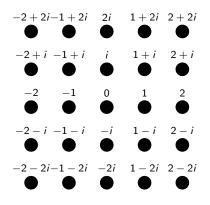
## Symmetries and complex numbers

- A lattice Λ has fourfold rotational symmetry if and only if iΛ = Λ.
- If iΛ = Λ, then (1 + i)Λ ⊂ Λ, since the sum of two elements of Λ is also in Λ. Similarly, (a + bi)Λ ⊂ Λ for all a, b ∈ Z.



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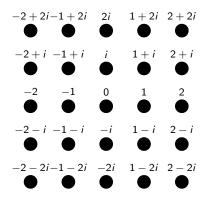
▶ Let  $\mathbb{Z}[i] := \{a + bi | a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$ 



A lattice Λ has fourfold symmetry if and only if

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\{z \in \mathbb{C} | z \Lambda \subseteq \Lambda\} = \mathbb{Z}[i].
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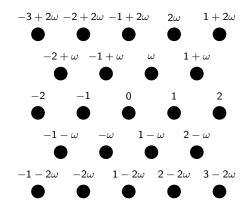
If this condition is satified, we say that Λ is a Z[i]-ideal.



Z[i] is an example of an *order*: in addition to being a lattice, it satisfies

▶ 
$$1 \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$$
.  
▶ For all  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{Z}[i], z_1z_2 \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ 

• Let 
$$\mathbb{Z}[\omega] := \{a + b\omega | a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$
, where  $\omega = e^{\pi i/3} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$ .



 $\triangleright$   $\mathbb{Z}[\omega]$  is also an order:

- ▶  $1 \in \mathbb{Z}[\omega]$ .
- For all  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{Z}[\omega]$ ,  $z_1 z_2 \in \mathbb{Z}[\omega]$ .

A lattice Λ has sixfold rotational symmetry if and only if

$$\{z \in \mathbb{C} | z \Lambda \subseteq \Lambda\} = \mathbb{Z}[\omega]$$

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For any lattice  $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{C}$ , define

$$\operatorname{End}(\Lambda) := \{z \in \mathbb{C} | z\Lambda \subseteq \Lambda\}$$
.

- For most lattices Λ, End(Λ) = Z. But End(Λ) can be an order such as Z[i] or Z[ω], as we just saw.
- If End(Λ) is an order (i.e. if End(Λ) is a lattice), then we say that Λ is an End(Λ)-ideal.

- Our construction of Ramanujan graphs will involve lattices in four dimensions with symmetry.
- We will need a four-dimensional replacement for the complex numbers.

▶ We will use the *quaternions*.

#### Quaternions

Define the set of *quaternions* by

$$\mathbb{H} := \{a + bi + cj + dk | a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

Multiplication of quaternions is defined by the rules

$$i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1$$
,  
 $ij = -ji = k$ ,  $ki = -ik = j$ ,  $jk = -kj = i$ .

### Orders and ideals in $\mathbb H$

An order in  $\mathbb{H}$  is a lattice  $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathbb{H}$  such that:

▶  $1 \in \mathcal{O}$ .

For all  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathcal{O}$ ,  $z_1 z_2 \in \mathcal{O}$ .

Let A be a lattice in H, and let O be an order in H. We say that A is a *left O-ideal* if

 $\{z \in \mathbb{H} | z \Lambda \subseteq \Lambda\} = \mathcal{O}.$ 

#### Exercise: orders in $\mathbb H$

An order in  $\mathbb{H}$  is a lattice  $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathbb{H}$  such that:  $\blacktriangleright$  1  $\in \mathcal{O}$ . For all  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathcal{O}$ ,  $z_1 z_2 \in \mathcal{O}$ .  $\blacktriangleright$  Which of these are orders in  $\mathbb{H}$ ? 7.  $\{a + bi + cj + dk | a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  $\{a+bi+cj+dk|a,b,c,d\in 2\mathbb{Z}\}$  $\{a+bi+cj+dk|a\in\mathbb{Z}, b, c, d\in 2\mathbb{Z}\}$  $\{a+bi+cj+dk|a,b,c,d\in\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}\}$ 

## $\mathsf{Exercise:} \ \mathsf{orders} \ \mathsf{in} \ \mathbb{H}$

Which of these are orders?

#### $\mathbb{Z}$ No

 ${\mathbb Z}$  is not a lattice in  ${\mathbb H}.$ 

$$\{a + bi + cj + dk | a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$
 Yes  
 $\{a + bi + cj + dk | a, b, c, d \in 2\mathbb{Z}\}$  No

Does not contain 1.

$$\{a + bi + cj + dk | a \in \mathbb{Z}, b, c, d \in 2\mathbb{Z}\}$$
 Yes  
 $\{a + bi + cj + dk | a, b, c, d \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}\}$  No

1/2 is in the lattice but  $(1/2)^2$  is not.

## An order in $\mathbb H$

 $\blacktriangleright$  Consider the lattice  ${\cal O}$  in  ${\mathbb H}$  generated by

1, 
$$\frac{i-\sqrt{3}k}{2}$$
,  $i-\sqrt{3}j$ ,  $\frac{1+3i+\sqrt{3}j+\sqrt{3}k}{2}$ .

▶  $\mathcal{O}$  is an order:  $1 \in \mathcal{O}$  and for all  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathcal{O}$ ,  $z_1z_2 \in \mathcal{O}$ . For example, we can check that

$$\left(\frac{i-\sqrt{3}k}{2}\right)\left(i-\sqrt{3}j\right)$$
$$=\frac{1}{2}\left(i\cdot i-i\cdot\sqrt{3}j-\sqrt{3}k\cdot i+\sqrt{3}k\cdot\sqrt{3}j\right)$$
$$=\frac{1}{2}\left(-1-\sqrt{3}k-\sqrt{3}j-3i\right)$$
$$=-\frac{1+3i+\sqrt{3}j+\sqrt{3}k}{2}\in\mathcal{O}.$$

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▶ We will describe a procedure that constructs a graph given:

- An order  $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathbb{H}$ .
- A prime p.
- ▶ It will turn out that this graph is *usually* Ramanujan.
- More precisely, for any fixed O, the graph is Ramanujan for all but finitely many p.
- We will show how to construct the Ramanujan graph from the first lecture using this procedure.

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