

The Isomorphism of 3-Qubit Hadamards and E_8

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This paper presents several notable properties of the matrix \mathbb{U} shown to be related to the isomorphism between H_4 and E_8 . The most significant of these properties is that $\mathbb{U} \cdot \mathbb{U}$ is to rank 8 matrices what the golden ratio is to numbers. That is to say, the difference between it and its inverse is the identity element, albeit with a twist. Specifically, $\mathbb{U} \cdot \mathbb{U} \cdot (\mathbb{U} \cdot \mathbb{U})^{-1}$ is the reverse identity matrix or standard involutory permutation matrix of rank 8. It has the same palindromic characteristic polynomial coefficients as the normalized 3-qubit Hadamard matrix with 8-bit binary basis states, which is known to be isomorphic to E8 through its (8,4) Hamming code.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Split Real Even (SRE) form of the E_8 Lie group with a unimodular lattice in \mathbb{R}^8 has 240 vertices and 6,720 edges of 8-dimensional (8D) length $\sqrt{2}$. E_8 is the largest of the exceptional simple Lie algebras, groups, lattices, and polytopes related to octonions (\mathbb{O}), (8,4) Hamming codes, and 3-qubit (8 basis state) Hadamard matrix gates. An important and related higher dimensional structure is the \mathbb{R}^{24} (\mathbb{C}^{12}) Leech lattice ($\Lambda_{24} \supset E_8 \oplus E_8 \oplus E_8$), with its binary (ternary) Golay code construction.

It has been shown[1] that the matrix \mathbb{U} in (1) along with its inverse (2) is related to the isomorphism between H_4 and E_8 .

$$\mathbb{U} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-\varphi & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\varphi^2 \\ 0 & -1 & \varphi & 0 & 0 & \varphi & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \varphi & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & \varphi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & \varphi & \varphi & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \varphi & \varphi & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \varphi & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & \varphi & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \varphi & 0 & 0 & \varphi & -1 & 0 \\ -\varphi^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1-\varphi \end{pmatrix} / (2\sqrt{\varphi}) \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbb{U}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi-1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\varphi^2 \\ 0 & -\varphi & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \varphi & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \varphi & -\varphi & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\varphi & 1 & 1 & \varphi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \varphi & 1 & 1 & -\varphi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \varphi & -\varphi & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \varphi & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -\varphi & 0 \\ -\varphi^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \varphi-1 \end{pmatrix} / (2\sqrt{\varphi}) \quad (2)$$

The Coxeter-Dynkin diagram for E_8 is shown in Fig. 1 along with its Cartan matrix (cmE8) and simple roots matrix (srE8). It has been shown[2] that $\text{cmE8} = \text{srE8} \cdot \text{srE8}^T$, such that we can think of the simple roots as $\sqrt{\text{cmE8}}$. It was also shown that the SRE E_8 vertex coordinates can be derived from the dot product of $\pm \text{E8roots} \cdot \text{srE8}$. Applying these relationships to \mathbb{U} gives interesting results as described in Section II.

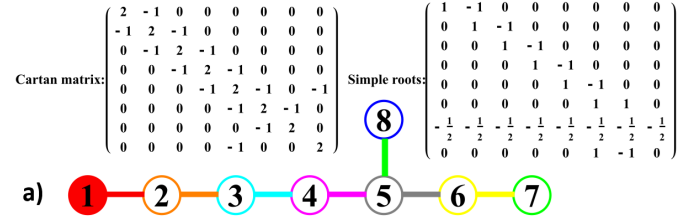


FIG. 1. a) E_8 Dynkin diagram with its Cartan matrix and simple roots matrix

II. PROPERTIES OF \mathbb{U}

Similar to the relationships between the Cartan matrix, \pm roots, weights, heights of E_8 , we can construct a Cartan matrix $\text{cm}\mathbb{U} = \mathbb{U} \cdot \mathbb{U}$ shown in (3), with \mathbb{U} playing the role of the simple roots matrix.

Just as the golden ratio $\varphi = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{5}) \approx 1.618$ generates the integer identity $\varphi - 1/\varphi = 1$, we now have $\text{cm}\mathbb{U} \cdot \text{cm}\mathbb{U}^{-1}$ generating the exchange matrix or standard involutory permutation matrix of rank 8 shown in (4). This has the same palindromic characteristic polynomial coefficients (8) as the normalized 3-qubit Hadamard matrix with 8-bit binary basis states shown in (5), which has been shown by Elkies[3] to be isomorphic to E_8 through its (8,4) Hamming code.

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$$\text{cm}\mathbb{U} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{cm}\mathbb{U} - \text{cm}\mathbb{U}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} / \sqrt{8} \quad (5)$$

Just as $\frac{\varphi+1/\varphi}{2\varphi-1}=1$, $\frac{\text{cm}\mathbb{U}+\text{cm}\mathbb{U}^{-1}}{2\varphi-1}=8 \times 8$ Identity Matrix. Of course, we can reverse the rows in $\text{cm}\mathbb{U}$, which then swaps the sum and difference operation results of Identity vs. Involutory permutation matrices (respectively). Also as the exponentiation of sum (difference) $\varphi^n \pm 1/\varphi^n$ results in integer factors on even (odd) n and integer radicand factors on odd (even) n as shown in Fig. 2, by using matrix power operations on $\text{cm}\mathbb{U}^n \pm \text{cm}\mathbb{U}^{-n}$ produces the Identity (Involutory) matrices with those same scaling factors. This application of matrix powers to \mathbb{U} instead of $\text{cm}\mathbb{U}$ puts all even n as the alternating integer (integer radicand) matrices, with odd n shown in (6) and (7). Please note that like the 3-qubit Hadamard, inside the square brackets these matrices are traceless and unitary with the characteristic polynomial of (8).

$$\mathbb{U}^{\text{odd}(n)} + \mathbb{U}^{-\text{odd}(n)} = - \left[\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] \frac{\varphi^n + 1}{\varphi^{n/2}} \quad (6)$$

n	φ^n	φ^{-n}	$\varphi^n + \varphi^{-n}$	$\varphi^n - \varphi^{-n}$
1	φ	$\frac{1}{\varphi}$	$\sqrt{5}$	1
2	φ^2	$\frac{1}{\varphi^2}$	3	$\sqrt{5}$
3	φ^3	$\frac{1}{\varphi^3}$	$2\sqrt{5}$	4
4	φ^4	$\frac{1}{\varphi^4}$	7	$3\sqrt{5}$
5	φ^5	$\frac{1}{\varphi^5}$	$5\sqrt{5}$	11

FIG. 2. Sum and difference in powers of φ

$$\mathbb{U}^{\text{odd}(n)} - \mathbb{U}^{-\text{odd}(n)} = - \left[\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \right] \frac{\varphi^n - 1}{\varphi^{n/2}} \quad (7)$$

From [1] we know that \mathbb{U} produces the folding of E_8 to H_4 with \mathbb{U}^{-1} involved in the unfolding back to E_8 . We also know its palindromic characteristic polynomial coefficients are those shown in (9) with the same form as (8). This gives us a better understanding of why E_8 is isomorphic to both the Hadamard matrix and H_4 . Given that the sum, difference, product, and division of \mathbb{U} and $\text{cm}\mathbb{U}$ generate both the left and right matrix identities of rank 8 suggests a possible connection to Bott periodicity.

$$H_{cp} = x^8 - 4x^6 + 6x^4 - 4x^2 + 1 \quad (8)$$

$$U_{cp} = x^8 - 2\sqrt{5}x^6 + 7x^4 - 2\sqrt{5}x^2 + 1 \quad (9)$$

Exploring further, if we take seriously the idea of $\text{cm}\mathbb{U}$ as a Cartan matrix, it can be visualized with its positive roots, weights, heights, and Hasse diagrams as shown in Appendix A Figs. 5-6. After deleting duplicates generated in the SuperLie[4] analysis of $\text{cm}\mathbb{U}$, the cumulative index count up to height 8 is same as that of E_8 being 120.

A corresponding Coxeter-Dynkin diagram, with Cartan, Schläfli, and Coxeter matrices is shown in Fig. 3, noting the Schläfli matrix adding fractional $1/2$ scaling on the Identity and $-3/2$ scaling on the Involutory matrices reproduces $-\mathbb{U}^{-1}$.

If we do the same analysis using the involutory permutation matrix of rank 8 (4) as a Cartan matrix, it shows the only difference is the weights are now integers as opposed to factors of φ . This is shown in Appendix A Figs. 7-8.

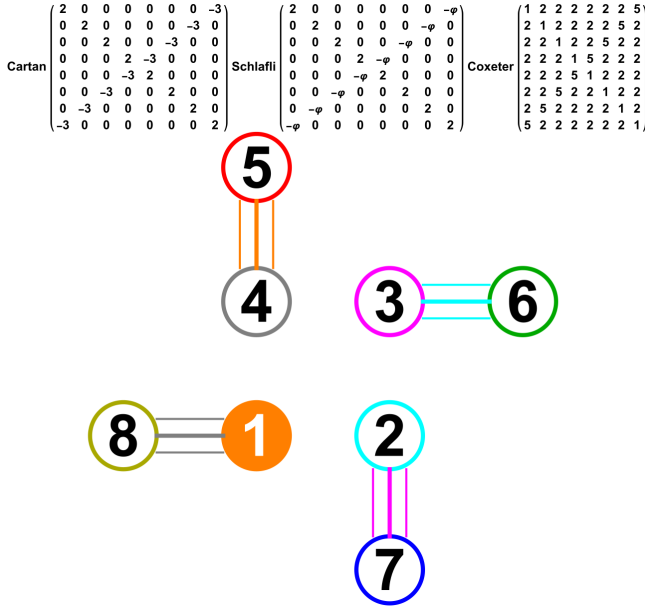


FIG. 3. $\text{cm}\mathbb{U}$ Coxeter-Dynkin diagram, with Cartan, Schläfli, and Coxeter matrices

Generating as prescribed above the $\text{cm}\mathbb{U}$ -based vertex coordinates and projecting to 3D using the methods shown in [1] gives somewhat different results than with the folded or unfolded E_8 . Instead of finding each of 56 possible subsets of 3 dimensions having the same tally of hull groupings with the same hull geometries, \mathbb{U} groupings rotate into much smaller groups as shown in Fig. 4. A more complete hull breakdown using dimensions $\{2,3,4\}$ is shown in Appendix B Fig. 9, noting the predominance of regular octahedral and irregular icosahedral hulls.

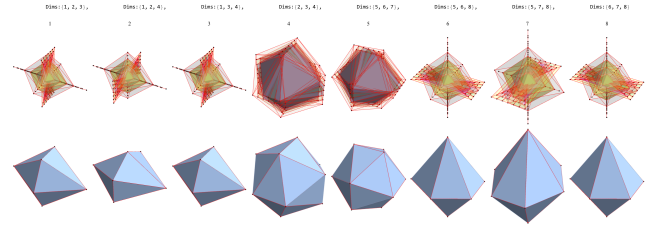


FIG. 4. Eight orthogonal projections to 3D of $\text{cm}\mathbb{U}$ -based vertices from the \pm roots of $\text{cm}\mathbb{U}$

III. CONCLUSION

This paper presents properties of the matrix \mathbb{U} shown to be related to the isomorphism between H_4 and E_8 . Significantly, $\mathbb{U}\cdot\mathbb{U}$ is to rank 8 matrices what the golden ratio is to numbers, such that $\mathbb{U}\cdot\mathbb{U}-(\mathbb{U}\cdot\mathbb{U})^{-1}$ is the reverse identity matrix or standard involutory permutation matrix of rank 8, with a possible connection to Bott periodicity. It has the same palindromic characteristic polynomial coefficients as the normalized 3-qubit Hadamard matrix with 8-bit binary basis states known to be isomorphic to E_8 through its (8,4) Hamming code. In addition to providing insight into the isomorphisms of E_8 , taking advantage of this property may open the door to as yet unexplored E_8 -based Grand Unified Theories or GUTs. It is anticipated that these visualizations and connections will be useful in discovering new insights into unifying the mathematical symmetries as they relate to unification in theoretical physics.

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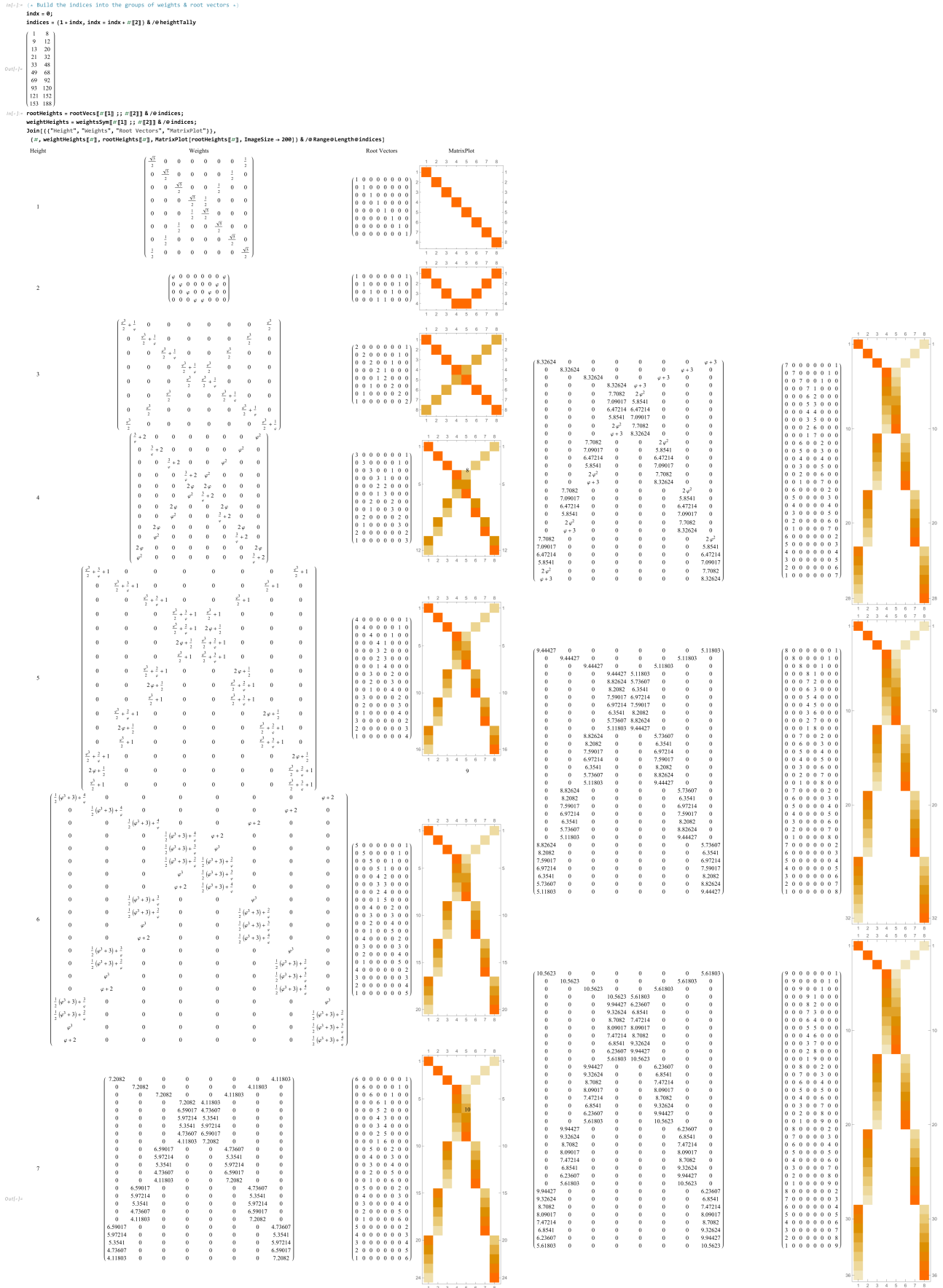
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Appendix A: *SuperLie* package analysis of $\text{cm}\mathbb{U}$ and the rank 8 involution permutation matrix showing the positive roots, weights, heights, and Hasse visualizations up to height 10

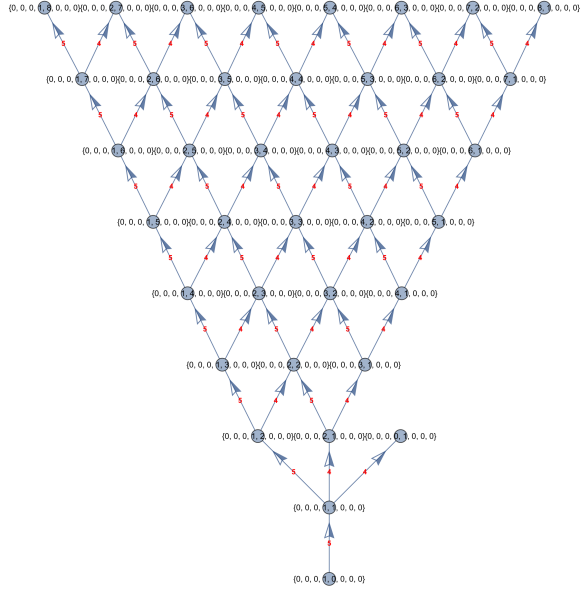
Figs. 5-8

Appendix B: *Orthogonal projection to 3D of the $\text{cm}\mathbb{U}$ -based vertex coordinates using dimensions $\{2,3,4\}$*

Fig. 9



$in[-]=$ **doHasse**



$Out[-]=$

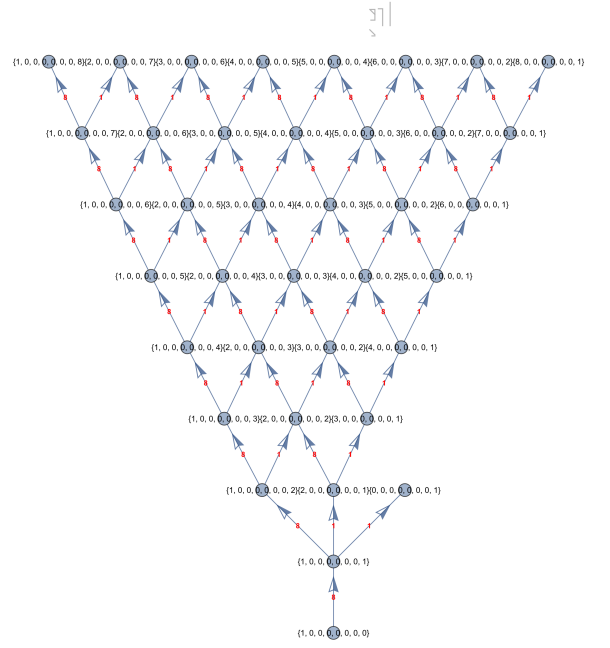
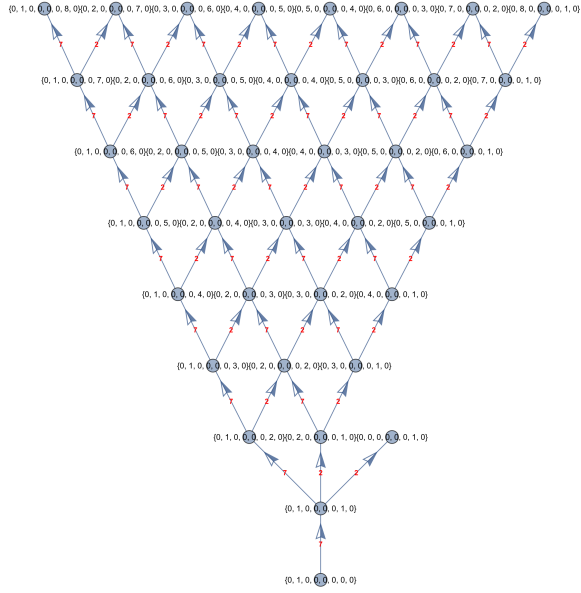


FIG. 6. Analysis of cmU showing its Hasse visualizations to height 10

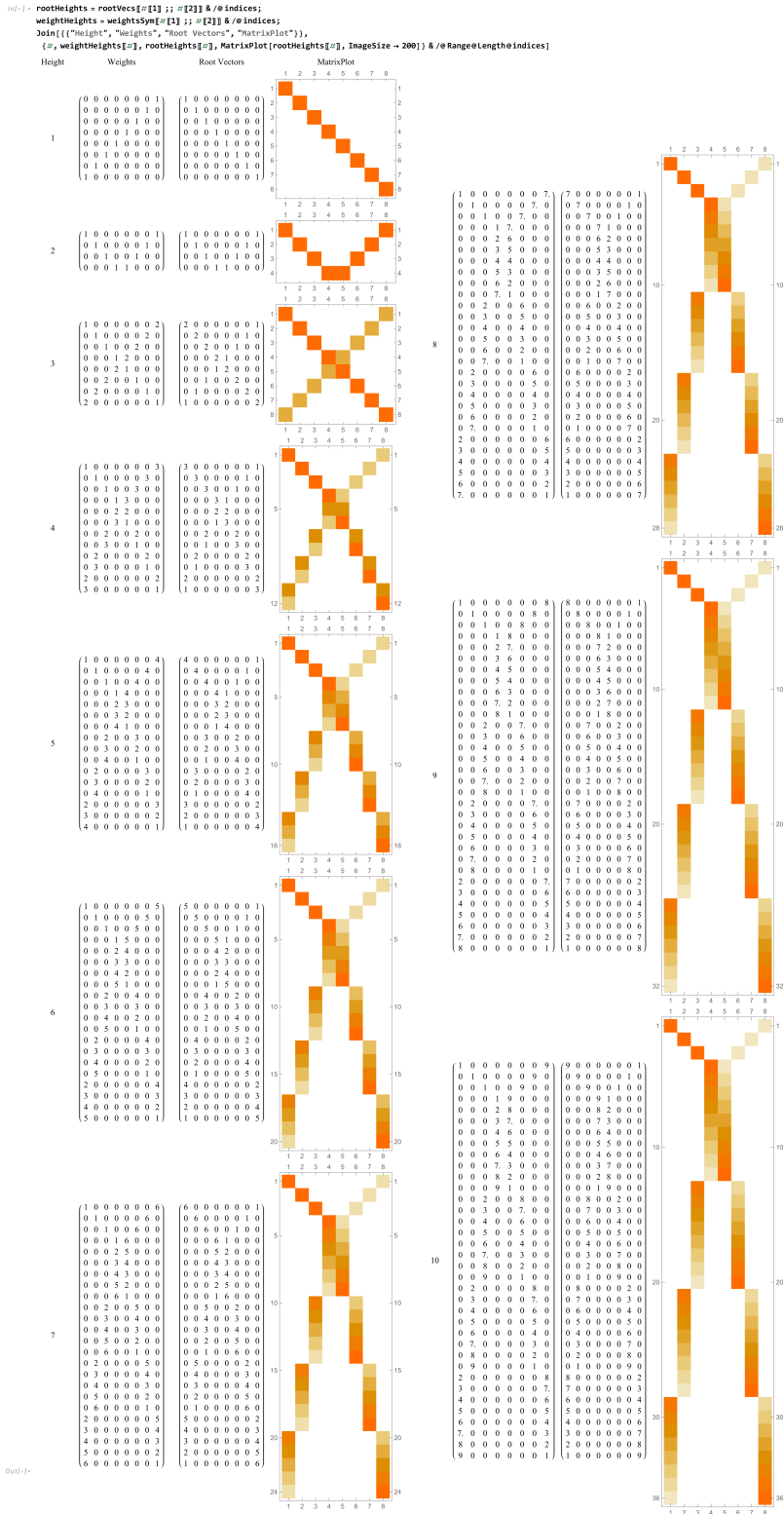
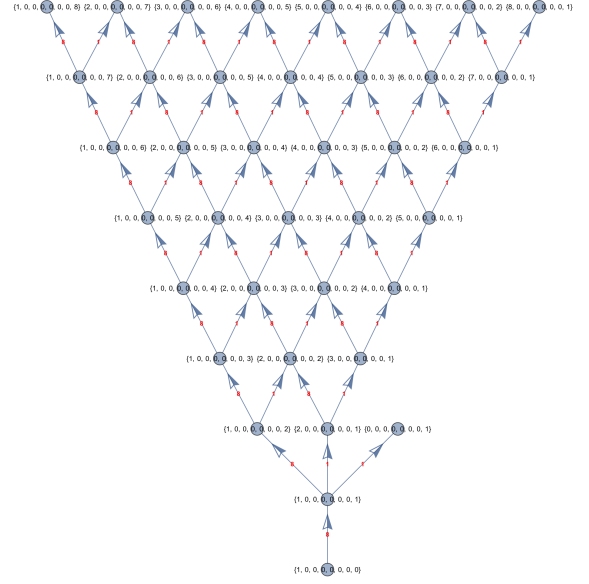
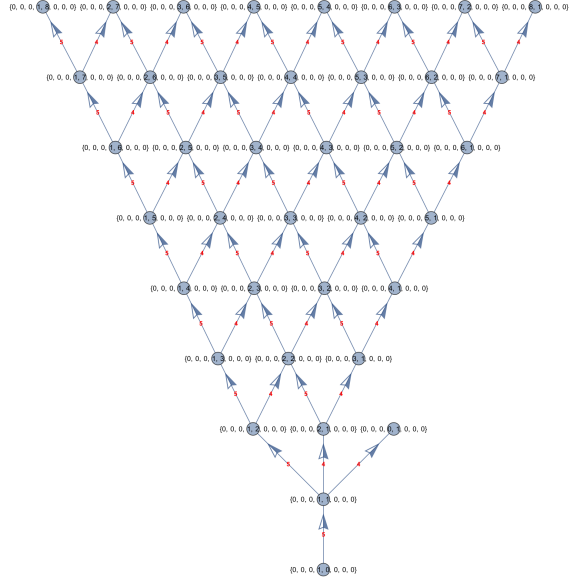


FIG. 7. Analysis of cmU-cmU^{-1} showing all integer positive roots, weights, heights

in[-] := doHasse



out[-] :=

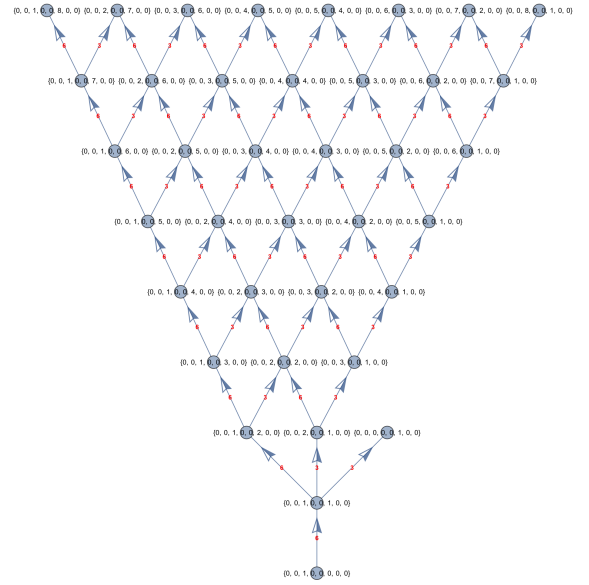
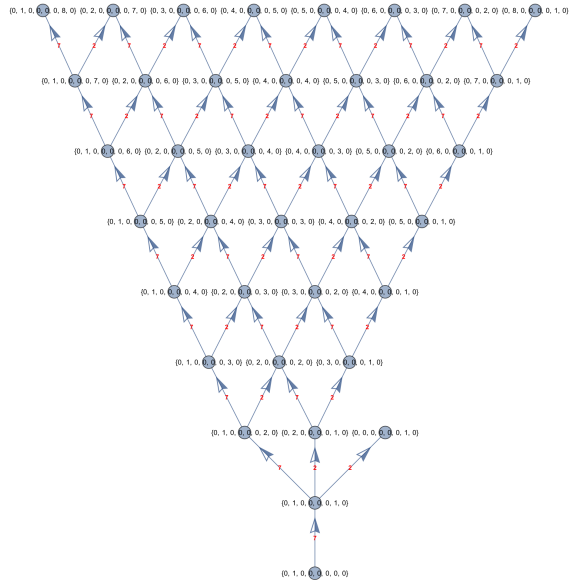


FIG. 8. Analysis of cmU-cmU^{-1} showing its Hasse visualizations up to height 10, which are identical to those in Fig. 6

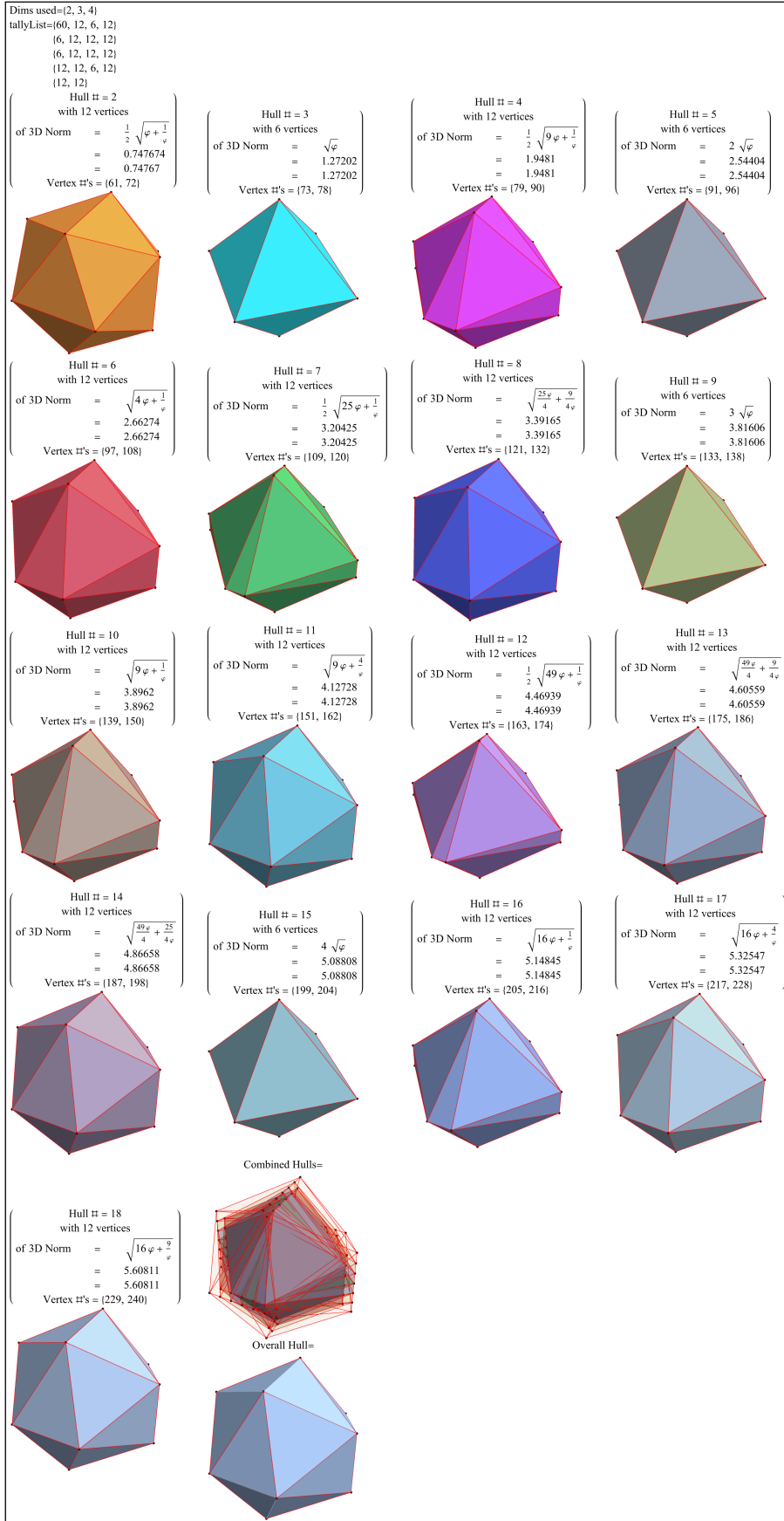


FIG. 9. Orthogonal projection to 3D of the cmU -based vertex coordinates using dimensions $\{2,3,4\}$, noting the regular octahedral and irregular icosahedral hulls