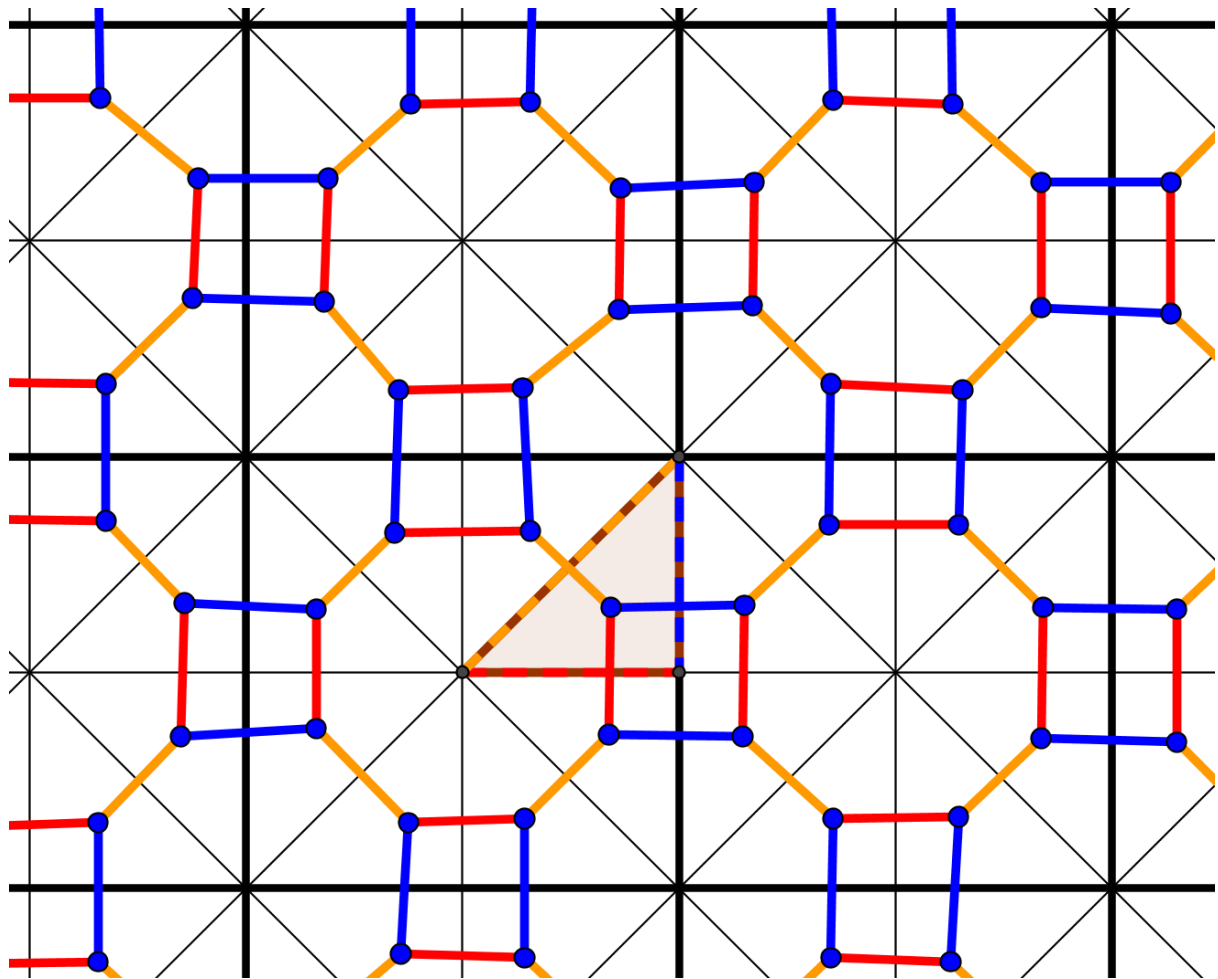


Claim: $D_4 = \langle X, Y \mid X^2 = Y^2 = (XY)^4 = 1 \rangle$

1. In the **first picture**, two particular reflections X, Y that generate D_4 have been chosen.
2. Our reference fundamental domain is the one bounded by X, Y and is identified with the identity "1" in D_4 .
3. Each other fundamental domain is labelled by the group element that maps the reference fundamental domain to it.
 - So $XYXY$ maps the reference fundamental domain to the one diametrically opposite. Check this - the route goes all over the place. Note that your first move is to apply a Y .
4. In the **second picture**, suppose a fundamental domain is labelled with the group element g . Then the red arrow points to the domain labelled by gX and the yellow one points to gY . *The great thing is that these are both adjacent domains.*
5. So an alternative way to see that the domain opposite 1 is $XYXY$ is to walk round the bottom of the square writing down X for each red arrow and Y for each yellow one!
6. The picture "proves" the claim. X, Y generate D_4 because there is a path following arrows from the reference fundamental domain to any other. Now we need to show that given a "word" in the generators X, Y that equals 1 in the group it can be simplified to 1 using the relations given.
 - Such a word is a path starting and finishing at 1.
 - We can remove any "doubling back" using $X^2 = Y^2 = 1$.
 - So now the path just winds n times round the circle and so can be reduced to nothing using $(XY)^4 = 1$.
7. In future for generators of order two we will just join fundamental domains with a line rather than two opposing arrows.



- Understand the whole argument given by this picture for *442 (from the notes)
- Consider the 333 example (available in class) or consider one of your own. Eg consider *2222 or ** using the squared grid or 4*2 using the “isosceles right-angle” grid.