

Sky tessellation

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I. ICOSAHEDRON

The vertices of an icosahedron centered at the origin and with circumradius 1 are:

$$V_1 = (0, 0, 1) \quad (1a)$$

$$V_2 = (0, 0, -1) \quad (1b)$$

$$V_3 = \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}, 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \right) \quad (1c)$$

$$V_4 = \left(-\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}, 0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \right) \quad (1d)$$

$$V_5 = \left(-\frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{10}, \sqrt{\frac{5-\sqrt{5}}{10}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \right) \quad (1e)$$

$$V_6 = \left(-\frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{10}, -\sqrt{\frac{5-\sqrt{5}}{10}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \right) \quad (1f)$$

$$V_7 = \left(\frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{10}, \sqrt{\frac{5-\sqrt{5}}{10}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \right) \quad (1g)$$

$$V_8 = \left(\frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{10}, -\sqrt{\frac{5-\sqrt{5}}{10}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \right) \quad (1h)$$

$$V_9 = \left(\frac{5-\sqrt{5}}{10}, \sqrt{\frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{10}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \right) \quad (1i)$$

$$V_{10} = \left(\frac{5-\sqrt{5}}{10}, -\sqrt{\frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{10}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \right) \quad (1j)$$

$$V_{11} = \left(-\frac{5-\sqrt{5}}{10}, \sqrt{\frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{10}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \right) \quad (1k)$$

$$V_{12} = \left(-\frac{5-\sqrt{5}}{10}, -\sqrt{\frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{10}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \right) \quad (1l)$$

II. ORTHOGRAPHIC PROJECTION

If we have a unit sphere centered on the origin O and 2 points $P_{1,2} = (x_{1,2}, y_{1,2}, z_{1,2})$ on it, find the Cartesian equation of the great circle which passes through both of these points.

III. CONSTRUCTING FINER TESSELATIONS

We have a unit sphere centered on the origin O and 2 points $P_{1,2} = (x_{1,2}, y_{1,2}, z_{1,2})$ on it. Take a point M which lies on the line $P_1 P_2$ and is inside the sphere, such that

$$\frac{P_1 M}{M P_2} = \frac{a}{b}, a, b \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (2)$$

Find the coordinates of the point M in terms of the coordinates of P_1 and P_2 , a , and b .

If the ray \vec{OM} intersects the sphere at point Q , find the coordinates of Q .

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