18.701 Problem Set 6

This assignment is due Wednesday October 23.

1. Chapter 6, Exercise 5.8 (b). (frieze patterns)

I recommend that you begin by drawing some frieze patterns with different symmetries. Then, base your classification on the possible point groups. Be careful: The formula for an element of the group depends on the choice of origin. Please lay out your work clearly, separating the various cases. For example, if the point group \overline{G} contains the reflection \overline{r} about the x-axis, G will contain glides with the x-axis as glide line. It may contain the reflection r or not.

2. Chapter 6, Exercise 11.1. (operations of S_3 on a set of 4.

Let's agree to call two operations that differ by a permutation of the set of 4 equivalent. I recommend starting your analysis by listing the partitions of a set of 4.