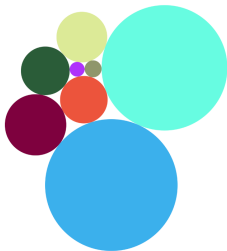


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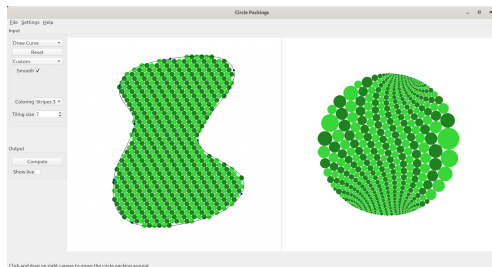
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The software: *Circle Packings* (with B. Beeker)
brice.loustau.eu/circlepackings

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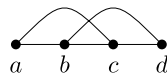
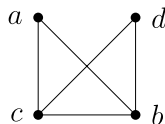
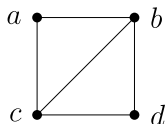
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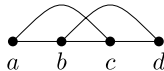
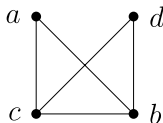
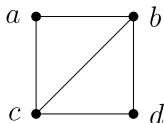
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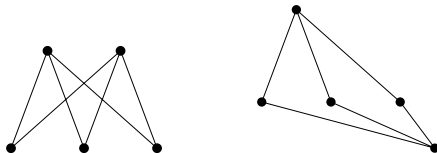
Applications of graph theory: Computer science (networks), linguistics, physics and chemistry, biology, social sciences, etc.

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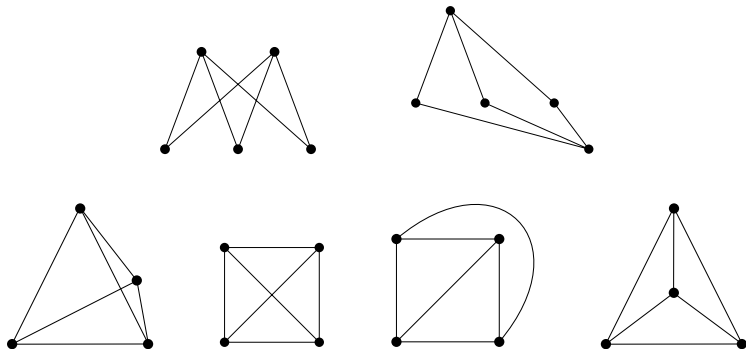
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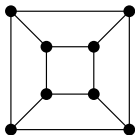
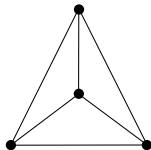
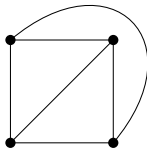
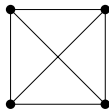
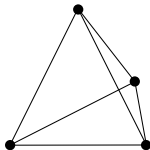
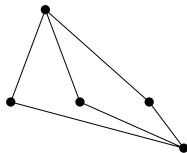
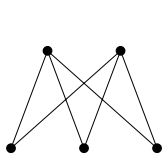
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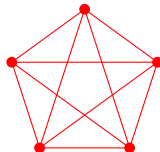
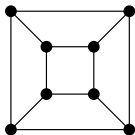
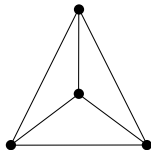
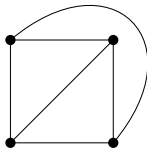
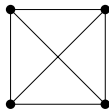
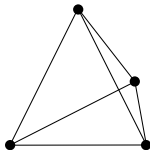
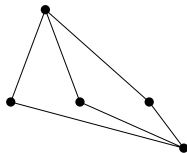
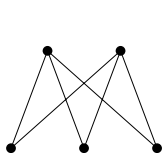
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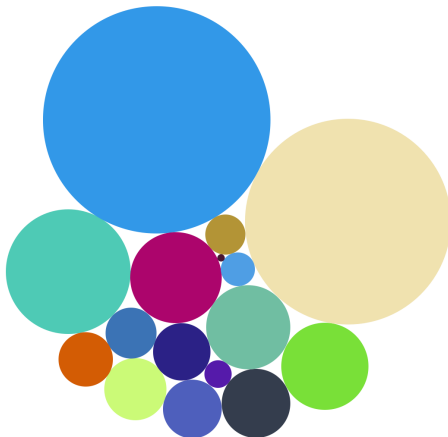
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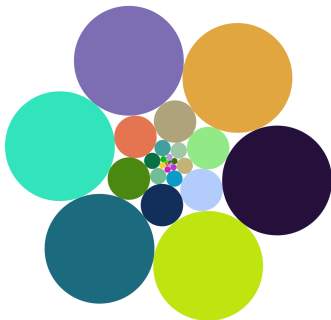
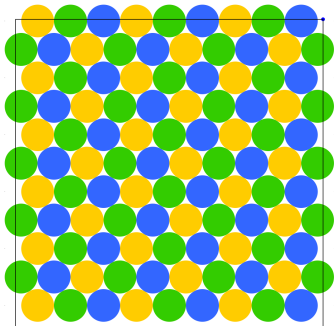


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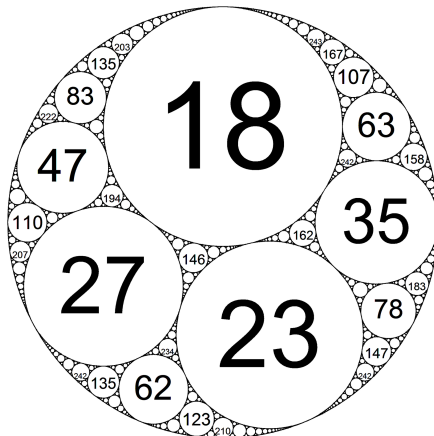
A **circle packing** is a collection of circles that are either disjoint or tangent.



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Appollonian gasket:



The curvatures (inverse radii) of four mutually tangent circles satisfy:

$$(a + b + c + d)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2$$