



Consider polyforms formed by facets of an n -dimensional hypercube. If such a polyform has k cells, call it a k -polyfacet. Count these up to symmetries of the cube.



Figure 1: On the left, the two 3-polyfacets on the cube, and on the right, the two 4-polyfacets on the cube. The 0-, 1-, 2-, 5-, and 6-polyfacets are unique on the cube.

Question. How many k -polyfacets live on the n -cube?

Note. The following table gives the number of k -polyfacets on an n -cube:

$n \backslash k$	0	1	2	...	$2n-1$	$2n$
2		1, 1, 1,			1, 1	
3		1, 1, 1, 2,			2, 1, 1	
4		1, 1, 1, 2, 3,			2, 2, 1, 1	
5		1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 3,			3, 2, 2, 1, 1	
6		1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 4,			3, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1	
7		1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4,			4, 3, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1	
8		1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5,			4, 4, 3, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1	
9		1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5,		5, 4, 4, 3, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1		
10		1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 5, 5, 4, 4, 3, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1				

Notice that $T(n, k) = T(n, n - k)$ for all $k \notin \{2, n - 2\}$. In this case, $T(n, 2) = 1$ and $T(n, n - 2) = 2$.

Related.

1. What if (not necessarily connected) 2-colorings are considered instead of polyforms? k -colorings?
2. How many d -dimensional k -poly- d -faces live on the n -cube? n -simplex? n -orthoplex? n -demicube?
3. How many fixed polyforms? One-sided polyforms?
4. If we chop up the hypercube into an $\ell \times \dots \times \ell$ “Rubik’s” hypercube, how many polyfacets live on this subdivision?
5. Let $T(n, k)$ denote the k -polyfacets on an n -cube. Which of the $T(n, k)$ polyfacets has the most symmetry? The least?

References.

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