



Polysticks can be used to model nets of a (not necessarily convex) polyhedron with square faces, by thinking of the vertices of the polystick as faces of a polycube and the edges of the polystick as Scotch tape connecting two faces at an edge.

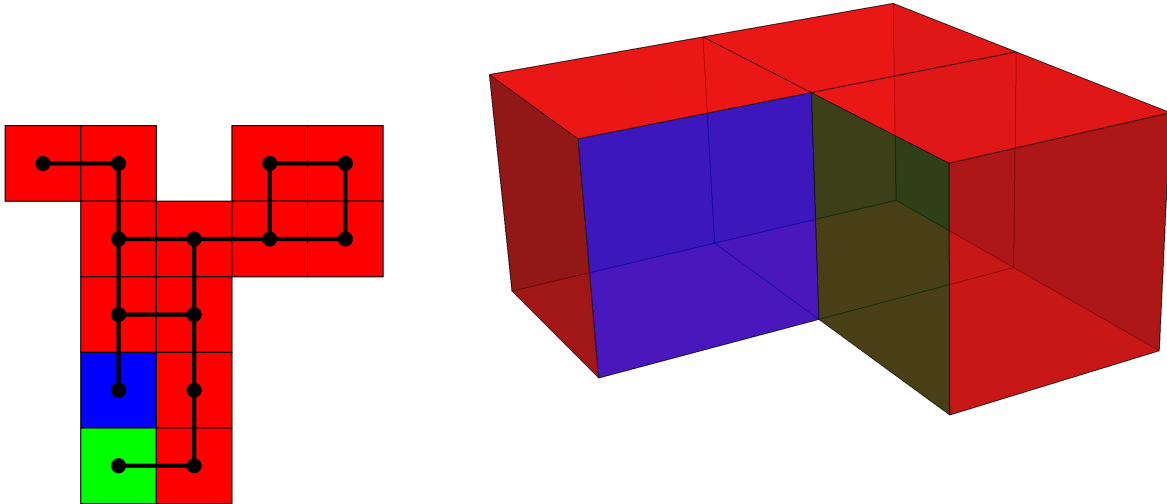


Figure 1: A polystick with 15 edges that models a net of a polycube.

Question. Which polysticks can be used to realize a polyhedron with square faces?

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2. Is there a computationally efficient algorithm of determining the number of ways a given polystick can be folded into a polyhedron?
3. How many polysticks can be folded into a rigid structure with no degrees of freedom?
4. What if we model polyhedra with triangular faces instead? Pentagonal?

References.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polystick>