



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,     | 1, 1                         |
| 4                |   | 1, | 1, | 1,  | 2,     | 2, 1, 1                      |
| 5                |   | 1, | 1, | 1,  | 2,     | 3, 3, 1, 1                   |
| 6                |   | 1, | 1, | 1,  | 2,     | 3, 3, 2, 1, 1                |
| 7                |   | 1, | 1, | 1,  | 2,     | 3, 3, 3, 2, 1, 1             |
| 8                |   | 1, | 1, | 1,  | 2,     | 3, 3, 3, 3, 2, 1, 1          |
| 9                |   | 1, | 1, | 1,  | 2,     | 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 2, 1, 1       |
| 10               |   | 1, | 1, | 1,  | 2,     | 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 2, 1, 1    |
| 11               |   | 1, | 1, | 1,  | 2,     | 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 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. How many  $d$ -dimensional  $k$ -poly- $d$ -faces live on the  $n$ -cube?
2. How many  $d$ -dimensional  $k$ -poly- $d$ -faces live on the  $n$ -simplex?
3. How many  $d$ -dimensional  $k$ -poly- $d$ -faces live on the  $n$ -orthoplex?
4. How many  $k$ -polyfacets live on the  $n$ -demicube?
5. How many fixed polyforms? One-sided polyforms?
6. If we chop up the hypercube into an  $\ell \times \cdots \times \ell$  “Rubik’s” hypercube, how many polyfacets live on this subdivision?
7. 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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