

On colour symmetries of hyperbolic regular tilings and cyclotomic integers

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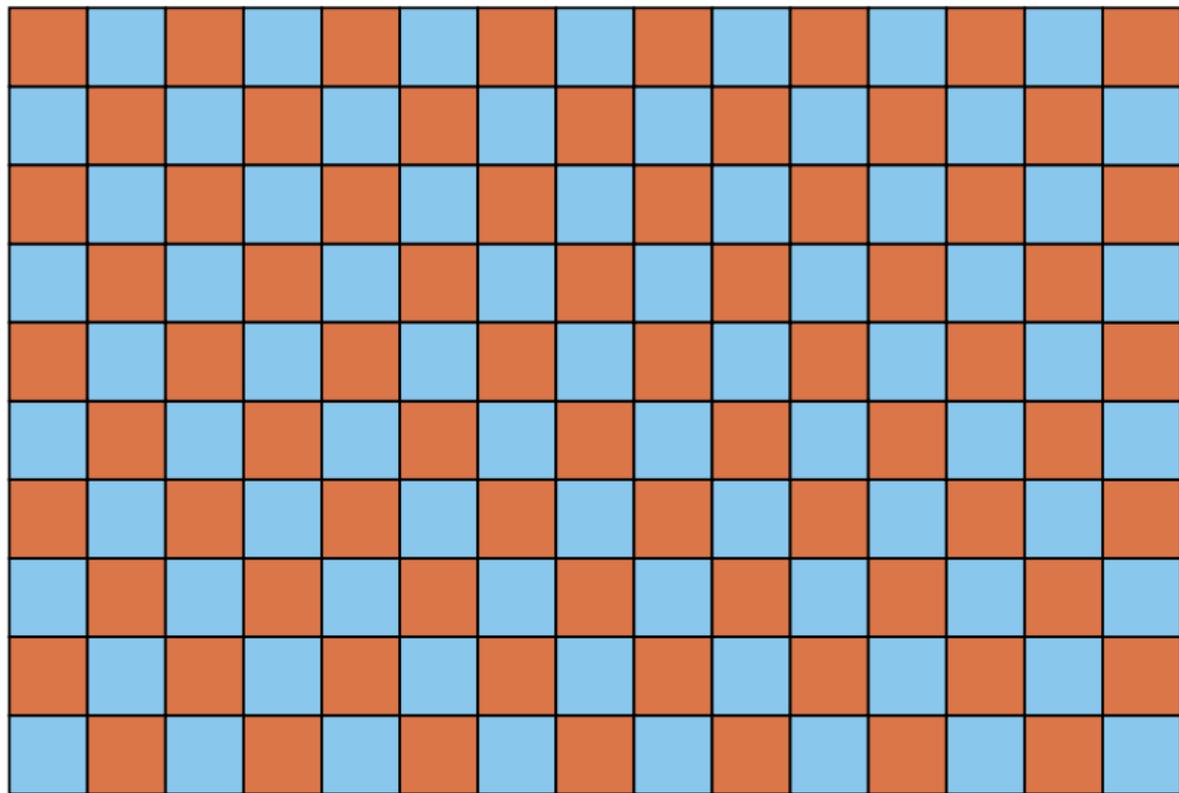
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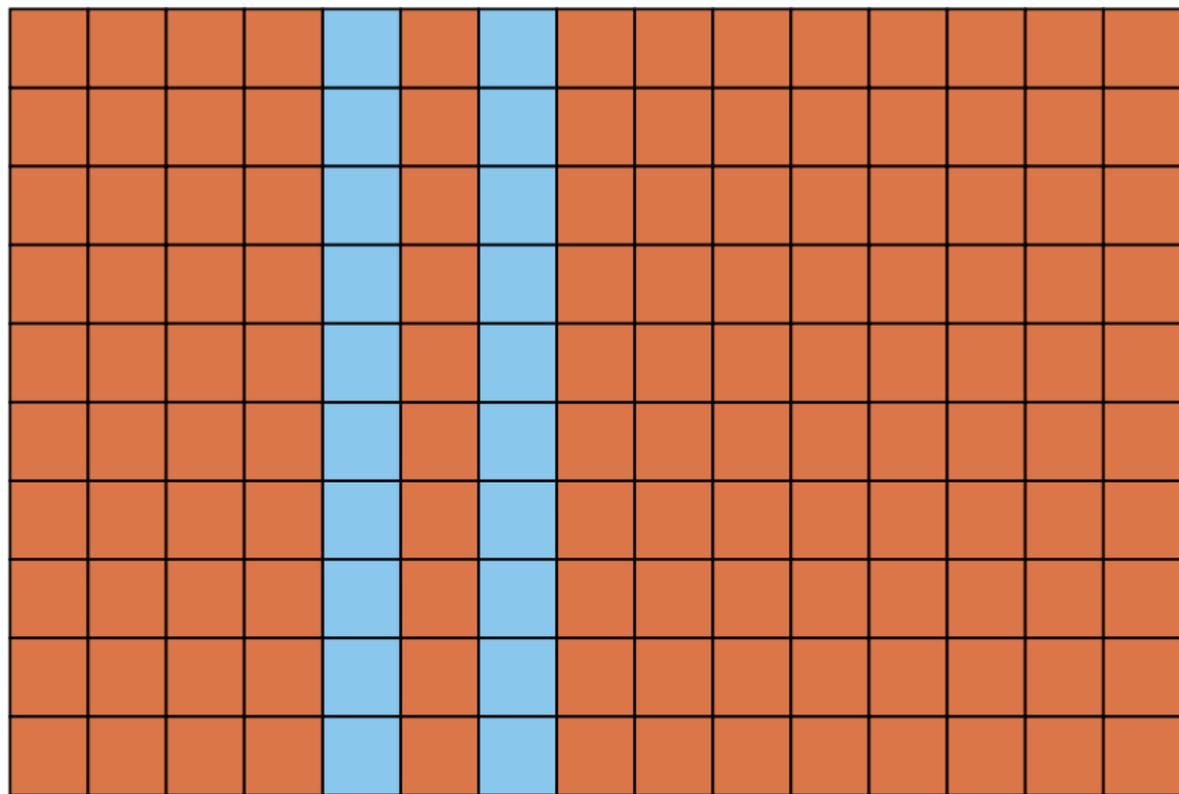
Perfect colouring: Colouring of some pattern X , where each $f \in S(X)$ acts as a global permutation of colours.

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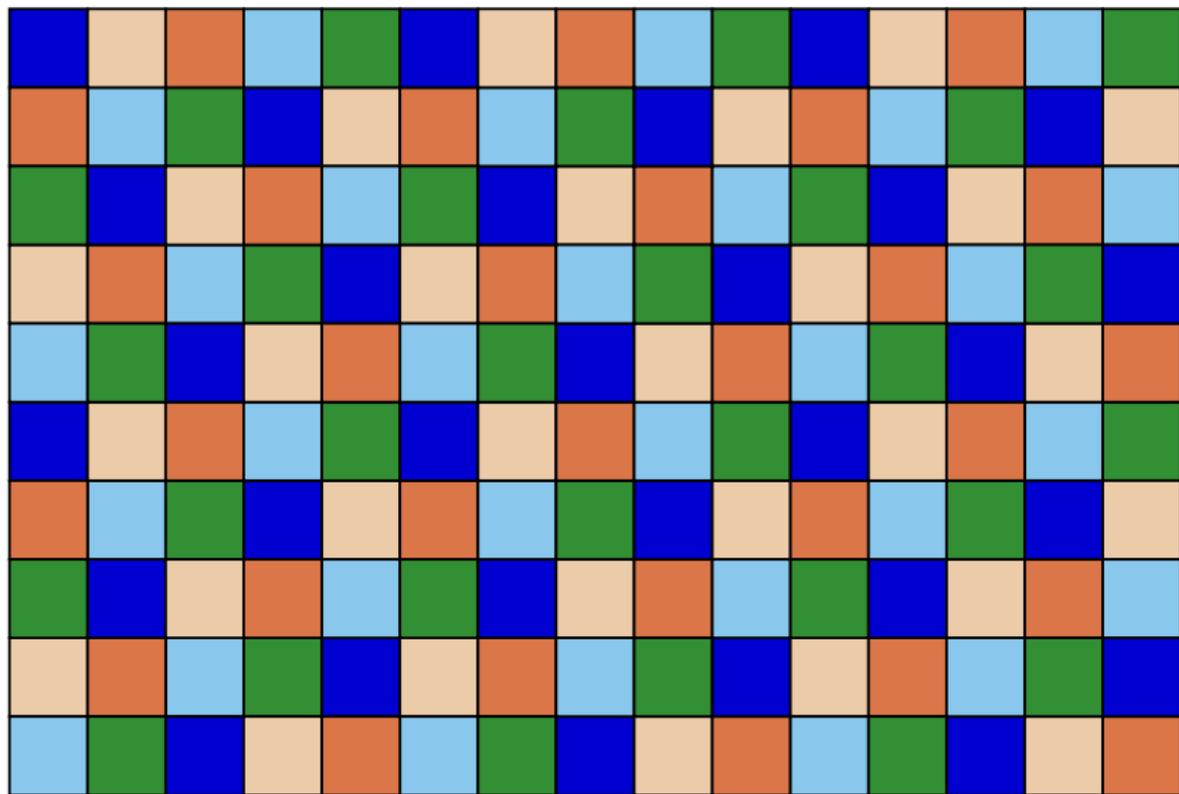
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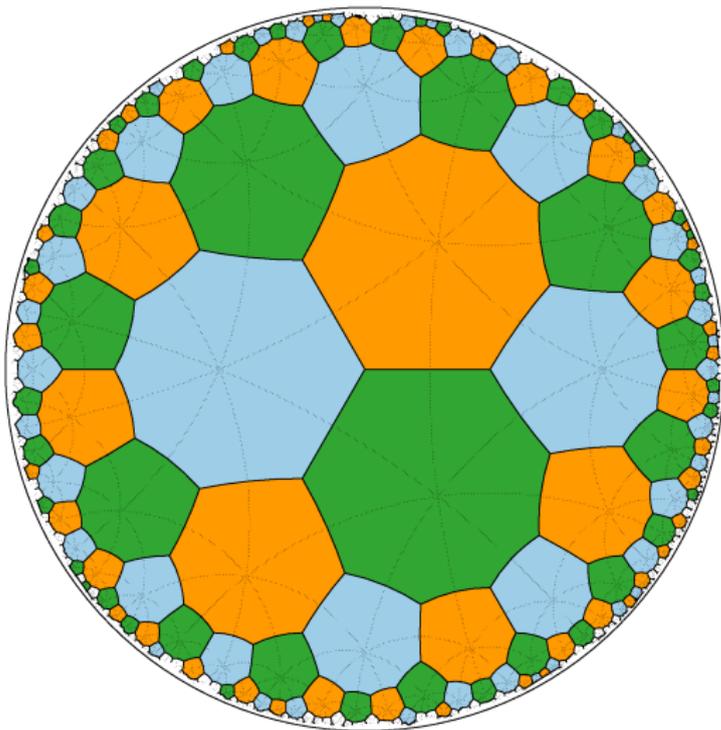
Not a perfect colouring of (4^4) :



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Well known for lattices, regular tilings etc. in $\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^3, \dots$

(Belov & Shubnikov, ... van der Waerden, Schwarzenberger, ...
Grünbaum & Shephard, Conway)

Few is known for regular tilings in \mathbb{H}^2

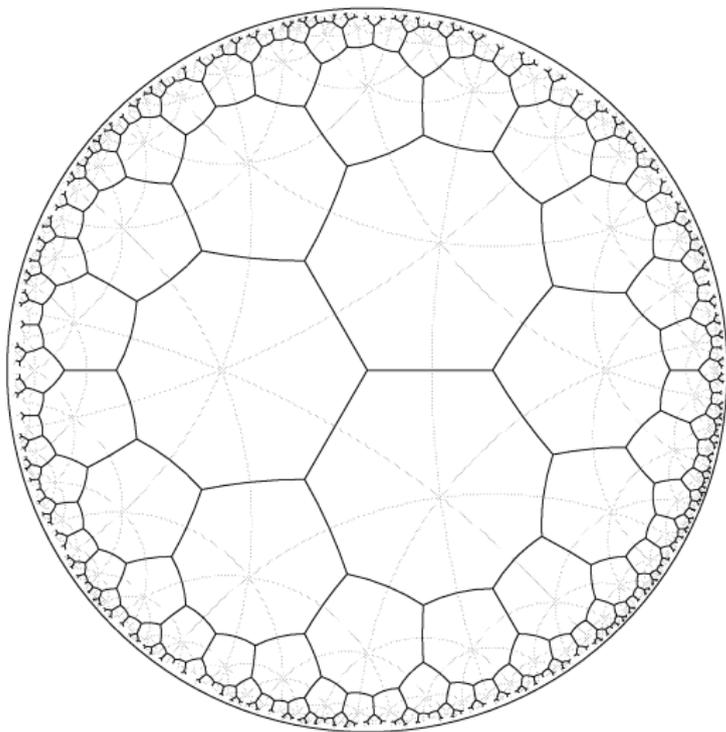
Regular tiling (p^q): edge-to-edge tiling by regular p -gons, where q tiles meet at each vertex.

In \mathbb{R}^2 : three regular tilings: (4^4) , (3^6) , (6^3) .

In \mathbb{S}^2 : five regular tilings: (3^3) , (4^3) , (3^4) , (5^3) , (3^5) .

In \mathbb{H}^2 : Infinitely many regular tilings: (p^q) , where $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} < \frac{1}{2}$.

Regular hyperbolic tiling (8^3):



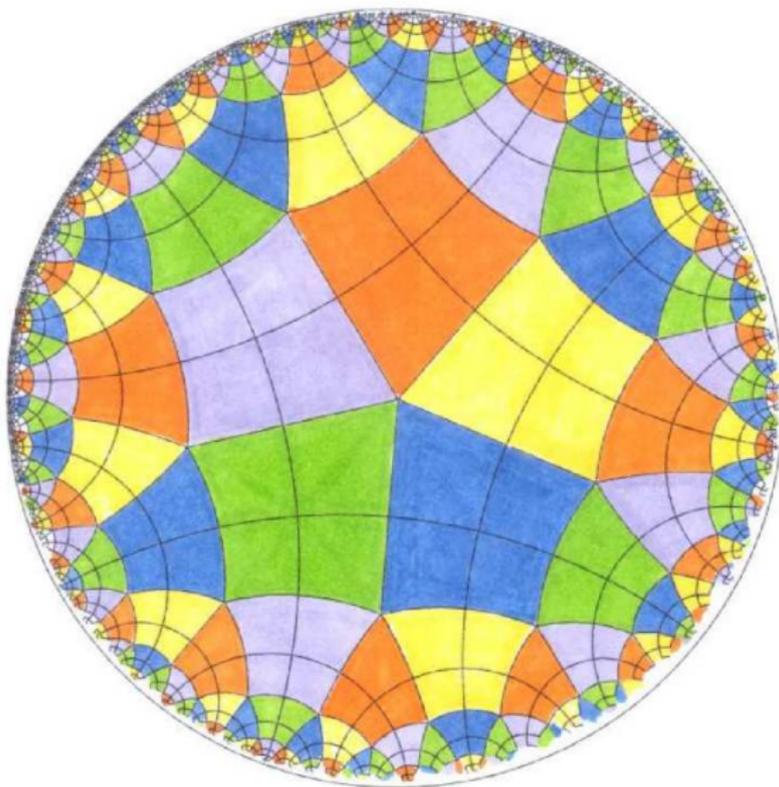
Perfect colourings (F. 2008):

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| (6^3) | 1, 3, 4, 9, 12, 16, 25, 27, 36, ... |
| (7^3) | 1, 8, 15, 22, 24, 30, 36^2 , 44, 50^5 , ... |
| (3^7) | 1, 22, 28^5 , 37, 42^4 , 44, 49^7 , 50^3 , ... |
| (8^3) | 1, 3, 6, 12, 17, 21^4 , 24, 25^5 , 27^3 , 29^4 , 31^4 , 33^6 , 37^6 , 39^8 , ... |
| (3^8) | 1, 2, 4, 8, 10^2 , 12, 14, 16^2 , 18, 20^4 , 24^3 , 25^5 , 26 , 28^{12} , 29, 30^2 , ... |
| (5^4) | 1, 2, 6, 11, 12, 16^2 , 21^3 , 22^5 , 24, 26^9 , 28, ... |
| (4^5) | 1, 5^2 , 10^4 , 11, 15^7 , 16, 20^9 , 21^3 , 22, 25^{27} , 26, 27^3 , 30^{38} , ... |
| (6^4) | 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10^2 , 12^7 , 13^4 , 14, 15^2 , 16^{13} , 18^{13} , 19^{10} , 20^{23} , 21^{10} ... |
| (4^6) | 1, 2, 3, 5, 6^3 , 9^4 , 10^1 , 11^2 , 12^7 , 13^5 , 14^2 , 15^{16} , 16^2 , 17^9 , 18^{26} , ... |

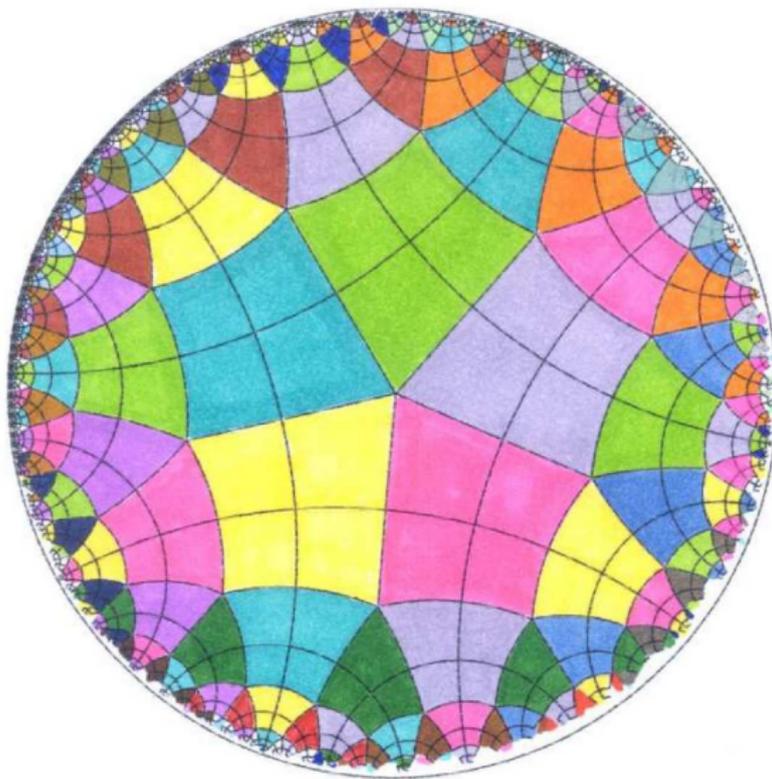
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| (4^6) | 1, 2, 3, 5, $6^4, 7^2, 8, 9^8, 10^3, 11^5, 12^{15}, \dots$ |

Perfect colouring of (4^5) with five colours (R. Lück, Stuttgart):



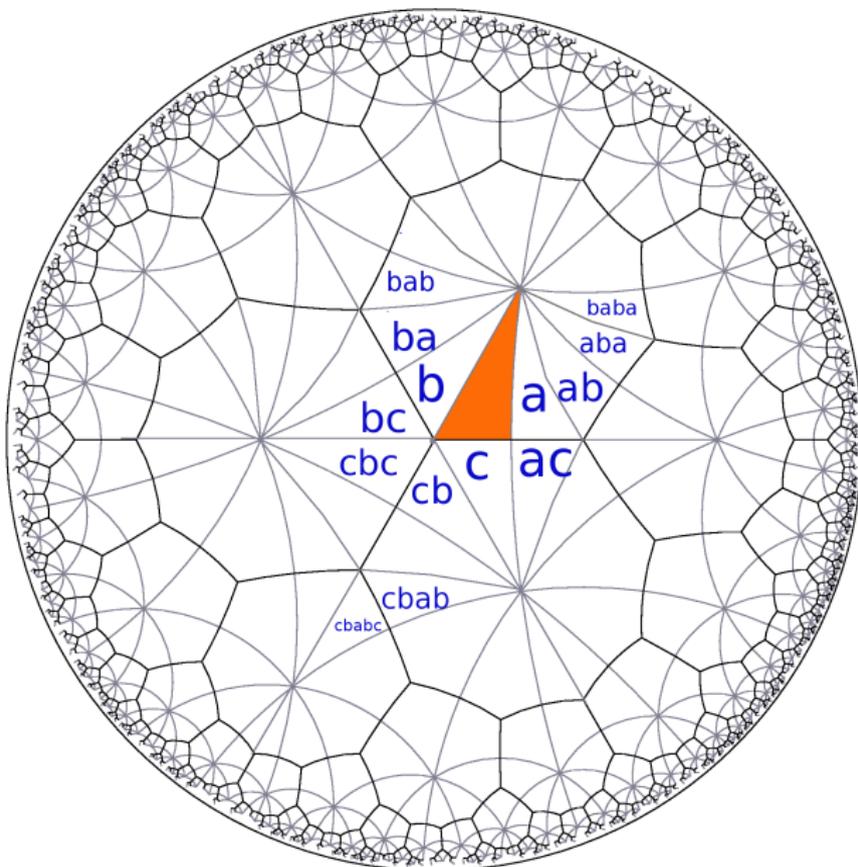
Perfect colouring of (4^5) with 25 colours (R. Lück, Stuttgart):



How to obtain these values?

The (full) symmetry group of a regular tiling (p^q) is a Coxeter group:

$$G_{p,q} = \langle a, b, c \mid a^2 = b^2 = c^2 = (ab)^p = (ac)^2 = (bc)^q = \text{id} \rangle$$



Left coset colouring of (p^q) :

Let F be the fundamental triangle.

- ▶ Choose a subgroup S of $G_{p,q}$ such that $a, b \in S$
- ▶ Assign colour 1 to each $f F$ ($f \in S$)
- ▶ Analogously, assign colour i to the i -th coset S_i of S

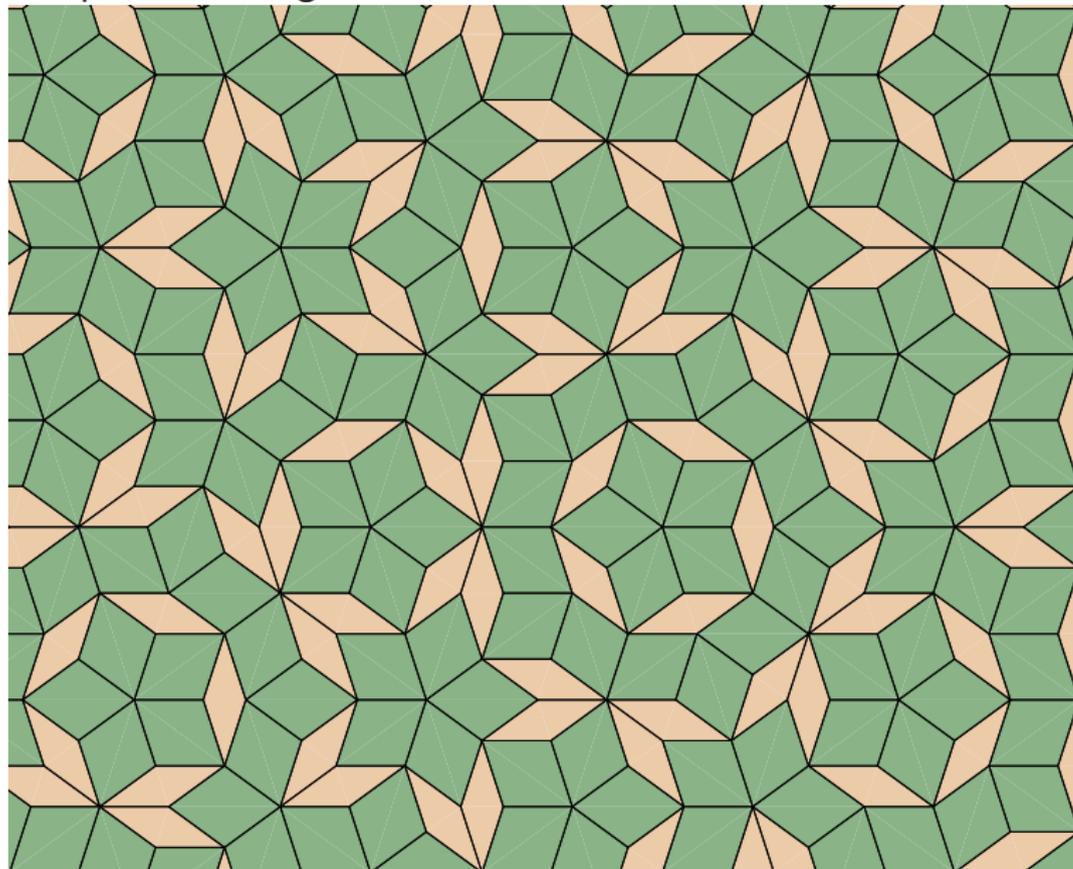
Yields a colouring with $[G_{p,q} : S]$ colours.

How to count perfect colourings now?

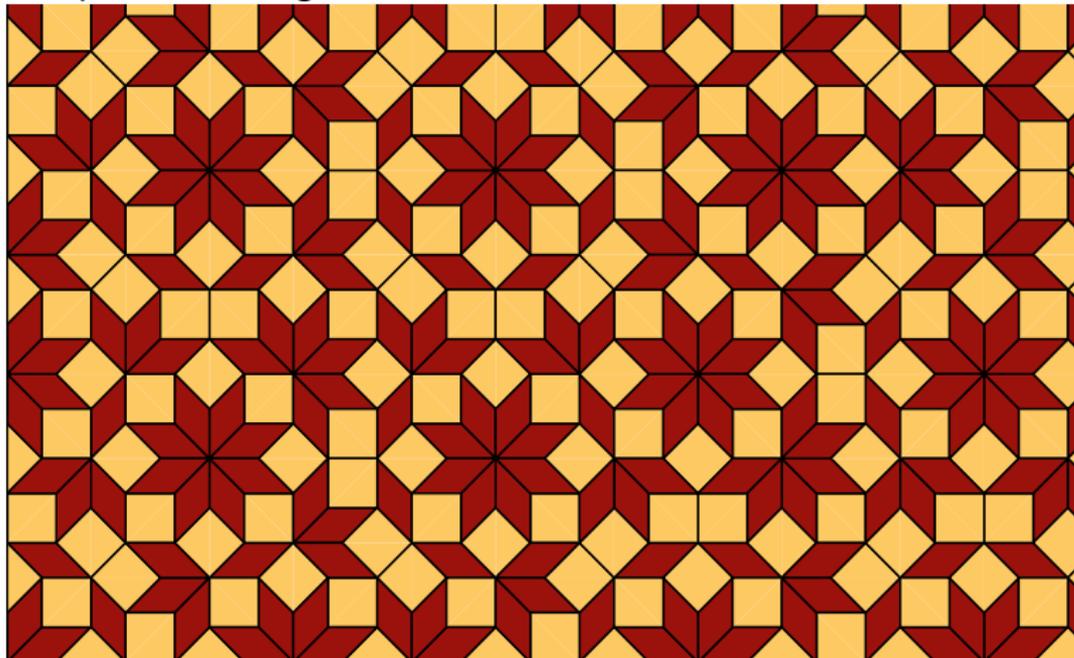
- ▶ Show that each of these colourings is perfect (simple)
- ▶ Show that each perfect colouring is obtained in his way
- ▶ Count subgroups of index k in $G_{p,q}$ (hard)

Using GAP yields the tables above.

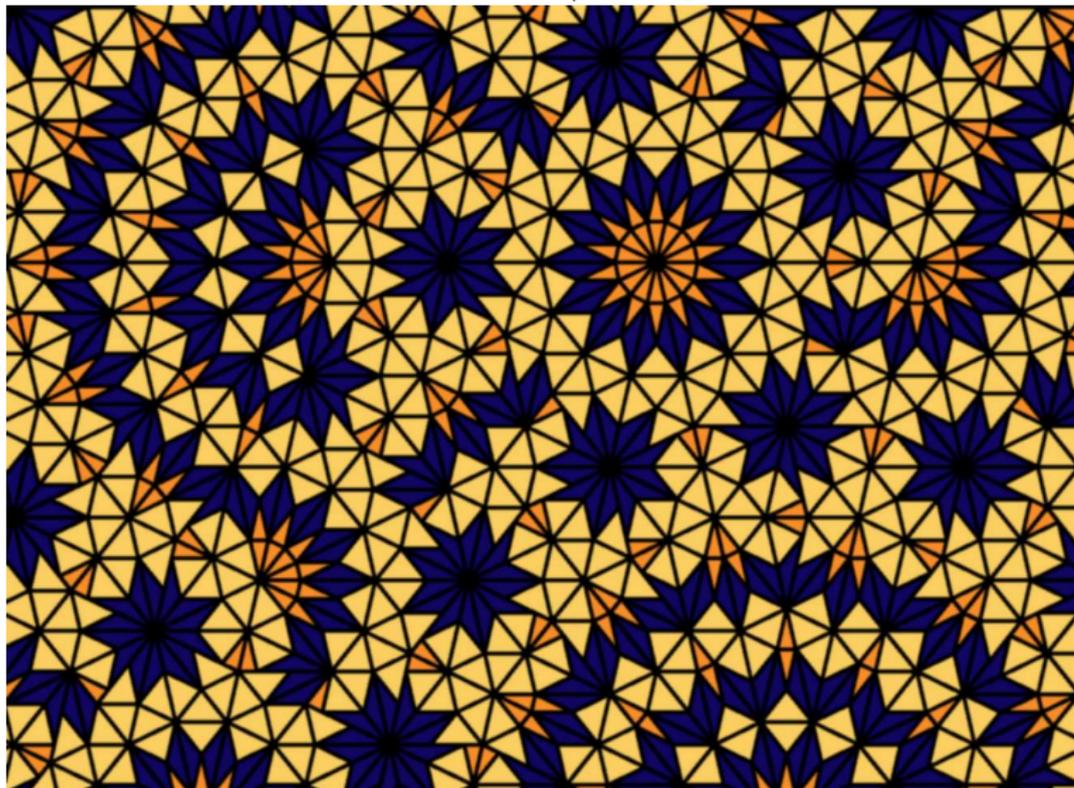
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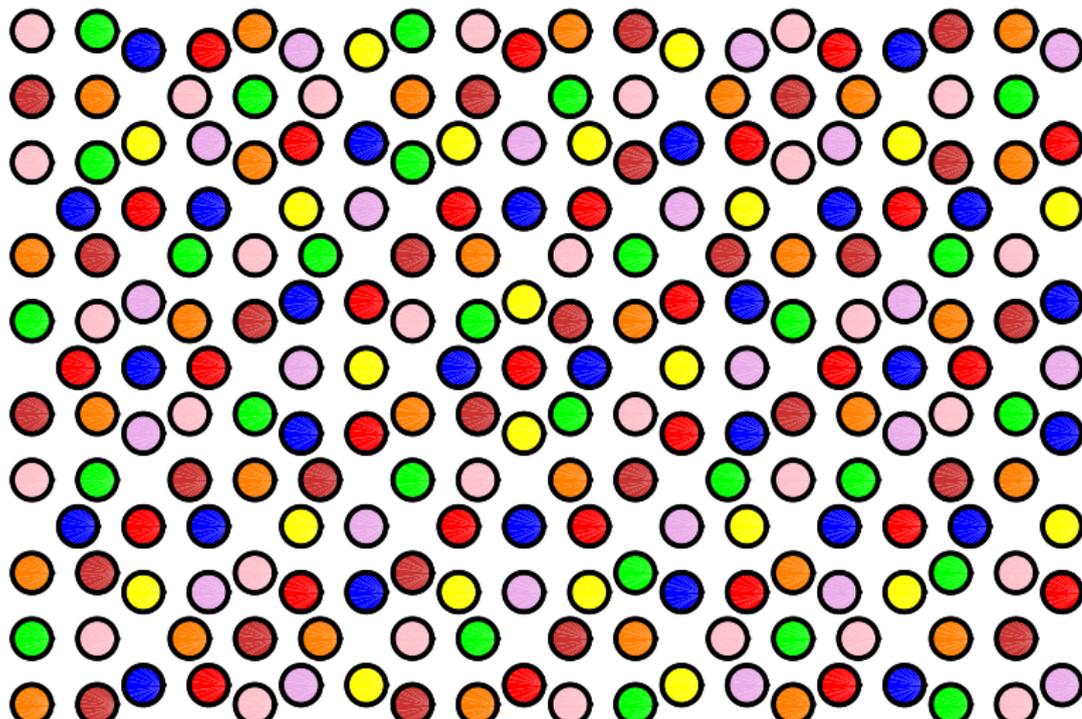
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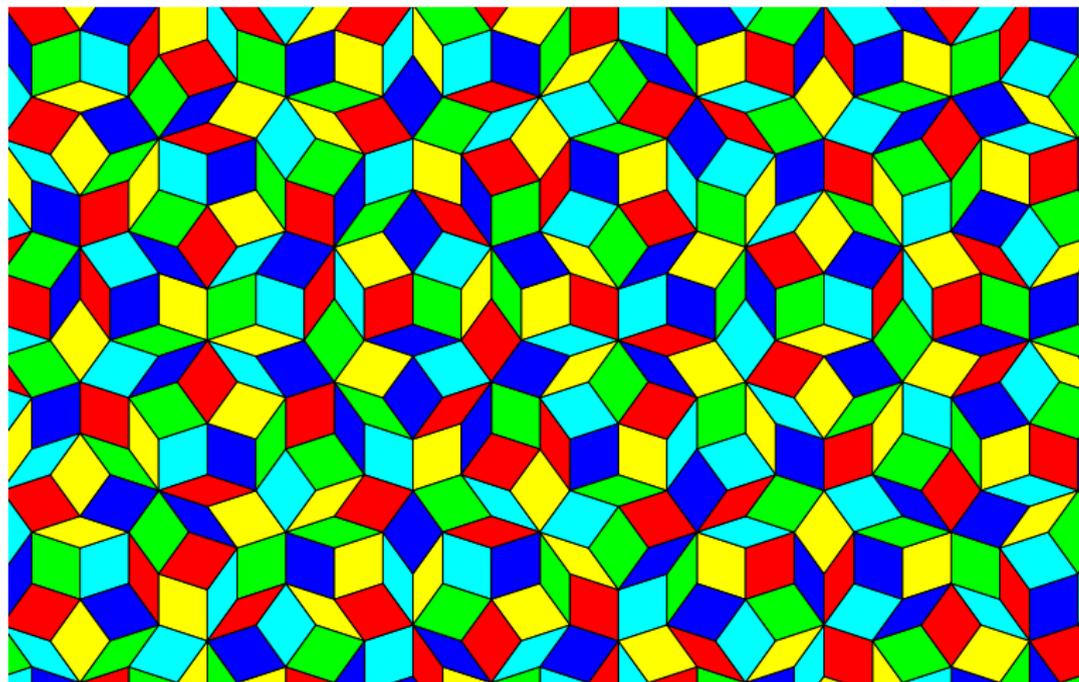
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Consider colourings of $\mathbb{Z}[\xi_n]$, the tilings inherit the colours from those.





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E.g.: $n = 4$ (square lattice):

- ▶ 4 colours: $q = 2 = (1 + i)(1 - i)$ balanced
- ▶ 5 colours: $q = (2 + i)$ not balanced