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# Enumeration of n-Dimensional Hypercube, Icosahedral, Rubik's Cube Dice, Colorings and Encryptions Based on Their Symmetries

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**Abstract:** The whimsical Las Vegas/Monte Carlo cubic dice are generalized to construct the combinatorial problem of enumerating all n-dimensional hypercube dice, and dice of other shapes that exhibit cubic, icosahedral and higher symmetries. By utilizing powerful generating function techniques for various irreducible representations, we derive the combinatorial enumerations of all possible dice in n-dimensional space with hyperoctahedral symmetries. Likewise a number of shapes that exhibit icosahedral symmetries such as a truncated dodecahedron and a truncated icosahedron are considered for the combinatorial problem of dice enumerations with the corresponding shapes. We consider several dice with cubic symmetries such as truncated octahedron, dodecahedron and Rubik's cube shapes. It is shown that all enumerated dice are chiral and we provide the counts of chiral pairs of dice in the n-dimension space. During the combinatorial enumeration, it was discovered that two different shapes of dice exist with the same chiral pair count culminating into the novel concept of isochiral polyhedra. The combinatorial problem of dice enumeration is generalized to multi-coloring partitions. Applications to chirality in n-dimension, molecular clusters, zeolites, mesoporous materials, cryptography and biology are also pointed out. Applications to nonlinear n-dimensional hypercube and other dicey encryptions are exemplified with romantic, clandestine messages; "I love U" and "V Elope at 2".

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## 1. Introduction

The Monte Carlo/Las Vegas dice are special cases of face colorings of a cube with 6 different numbers/colors under cubic rotational symmetry action stipulating that the sum of numbers on the opposite sides of the cube add to 7. There are exactly 30 possible dice or 15 chiral pairs without any such constraints, and yet only one die is chosen for gambling. Even though a chiral pair of dice exist with the stipulation that the sum of opposite sides shall be 7, only the right-handed die is the favorite of the Las Vegas world of gambling. Yet stimulated by several applications, there are scholarly reasons to consider all possible dice enumerations not only in the 3D-space but also the dice and coloring enumerations in n-dimensions. Furthermore consideration of other shapes of dice such as a truncated octahedron, truncated icosahedron and so forth could have several applications in chemistry, material science, and biology including molecular structures arising from face cappings of such three-dimensional molecular structures to genetic regulatory networks [1–33]. The generalization of these combinatorial enumeration problems to n-dimensional hypercubes, polycubes, polytopes, molecular bodies, and databases [1–33] and the related combinatorics of hyperoctahedral or wreath product groups can have profound ramifications in several fields [34–58]. A phenomenal exemplification of such applications is to the cynosure of wreath product objects namely, the celebrated Rubik's cube, which in general symmetry terms, is a quintessential element of dynamic symmetry and coloring under the wreath product symmetry action.

The n-dimensional hypercubes are ubiquitous in varied fields such as artificial intelligence, pattern recognition, visual image processing, electrical circuit theory, information science including

Boolean logic, where the  $2^n$  possible Boolean strings become the vertices of an  $n$ -dimensional hypercube [34–58]. Furthermore hypercubes find applications in biology, chemistry, isomerization reactions, finite automata, enumeration of isomers, genetics, computer graphics, chirality, protein-protein interactions, intrinsically disordered proteins and their moonlighting functions, computational psychiatry, partitioning of big data, and parallel computing [34–58]. The recursive nature of symmetries of hypercubes can be molded into hyperoctahedral wreath products [1]. These recursive symmetries find numerous applications in isomerization reactions, enumerative combinatorics, nuclear spin statistics, water clusters, non-rigid molecules, proteomics, and spontaneous generation of chirality, a phenomenon made possible by chiral reaction pathways in isomerization graphs [1,34–58]. The  $nd$ -boolean hypercubes find their ways into novel representations of time measures, periodic table of elements, quantum similarity measures, and so forth [4–9], biochemical and multi-dimensional imaging [11], big data, Quantitative Shape-Activity Relations (QShAR), and so forth [12–15].

Combinatorial enumeration of face colorings of  $n$ -dimensional hypercubes has a direct bearing to the subject matter of this study, although the vertex-coloring of  $n$ -dimensional hypercubes has been the subject matter of numerous studies over the years. Pólya [22,23] alluded to the errors propagated in earlier works on the enumeration of colorings of vertices  $nD$ -hypercubes. The topic has attracted numerous researchers for decades culminating into a plethora of publications owing to their interest in multiple fields [20–58]. In the present study we apply the face colorings of hypercubes not only to the problem of dice enumerations in  $n$ -dimension but also point out several other applications with different color partitions. Furthermore several chemical and spectroscopic applications require generalized combinatorial/group theory enumeration techniques that include *all the irreducible representations of the groups* whereas Pólya's theorem reduces to a special case, namely the one for the totally symmetric representation. In the present study, we consider the enumeration of dice and face colorings of not only objects of cubic symmetries but also icosahedral symmetries such as a truncated icosahedron and so on which find applications in the representation of the celebrated buckminsterfullerene. Consequently, these techniques would find natural applications to mesoporous materials, zeolites and large highly symmetric fullerene cages including the golden fullerenes and nanospheres. Furthermore, the enumeration of  $n$ -dimensional dice and colorings could have profound implications in cryptography in encrypting and decrypting messages through face-labeled packets of  $nd$ -hypercubes and icosahedral structures.

## 2. Combinatorial and Group Theoretical Techniques

The symmetry group of an  $nD$ -hypercube is an hyperoctahedral group which can be cast into the wreath product form  $S_n[S_2]$  where  $S_n$  is the full permutation group of  $n$  objects with  $n!$  permutations. Consequently, the cardinality of the  $nD$ -hypercube group is  $2^n \times n!$ . For example, the asymmetry group of a 10-rcube contains  $2^{10} \times 10!$  permutations spanning 481 conjugacy classes, and 481 irreducible representations. Moreover, there are 10 hyperplanes for a 10-cube, and hence enumerating colorings of different hyperplanes of an  $nD$ -hypercube for all irreducible representations can be combinatorial a complex and daunting problem which provides a perfect platform for artificial intelligence. Coxeter [59] has carried out ground-breaking work on the characterization of hypercubes and several other regular polytopes. An  $nD$ -hypercube contains  $(n-q)$ -hyperplanes where  $q$  goes from 0 to  $n$ . The largest value of  $q = n$  represents the vertices,  $q=n-1$  represents the edges,  $q=n-2$  represents the faces, and so on. In the present study we focus on the face colorings and their combinatorial enumerations. The induced permutation arising from the action of the symmetry group of the  $nD$ -hypercube on each of these hyperplanes require complex mathematical techniques involving polynomial generators and Möbius inversion techniques both of which have been discussed extensively in previous studies. Hence we will not repeat these details and restrict ourselves to face colorings. Moreover we consider the enumerations that involve all irreducible representations which require the cycle types of each conjugacy class, which are constructed from matrices of the conjugacy classes of wreath product groups.

Consider a 7D-hypercube or briefly denoted as a 7-cube. The geometrical structure of a t-cube is characterized by a  $7 \times 7$  configuration matrix in Coxeter's notation [59] exemplified here where the rows are  $q$  values in reverse order, ( from 7 to 1) as they represent  $(n-q)$ -hyperplanes of the  $n$ -cube.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 128 & 7 & 21 & 35 & 35 & 21 & 7 \\ 2 & 448 & 6 & 15 & 20 & 15 & 6 \\ 4 & 4 & 672 & 5 & 10 & 10 & 5 \\ 8 & 12 & 6 & 560 & 4 & 6 & 6 \\ 16 & 32 & 24 & 8 & 280 & 3 & 3 \\ 32 & 80 & 80 & 40 & 10 & 84 & 2 \\ 64 & 192 & 240 & 160 & 60 & 12 & 14 \end{pmatrix}$$

The number of  $(n-q)$ -hyperplanes for an  $n$ -hypercube is obtained as

$$N_q = \binom{n}{q} 2^q$$

In particular the number of faces for an  $n$ -cube is obtained as

$$N_{n-2} = \binom{n}{n-2} 2^{n-2} = \binom{n}{2} 2^{n-2} = n(n-1)2^{n-3}$$

When above formula is applied to the 7D-hypercube we obtain the number of faces as

$$\binom{7}{2} 2^5 = 672,$$

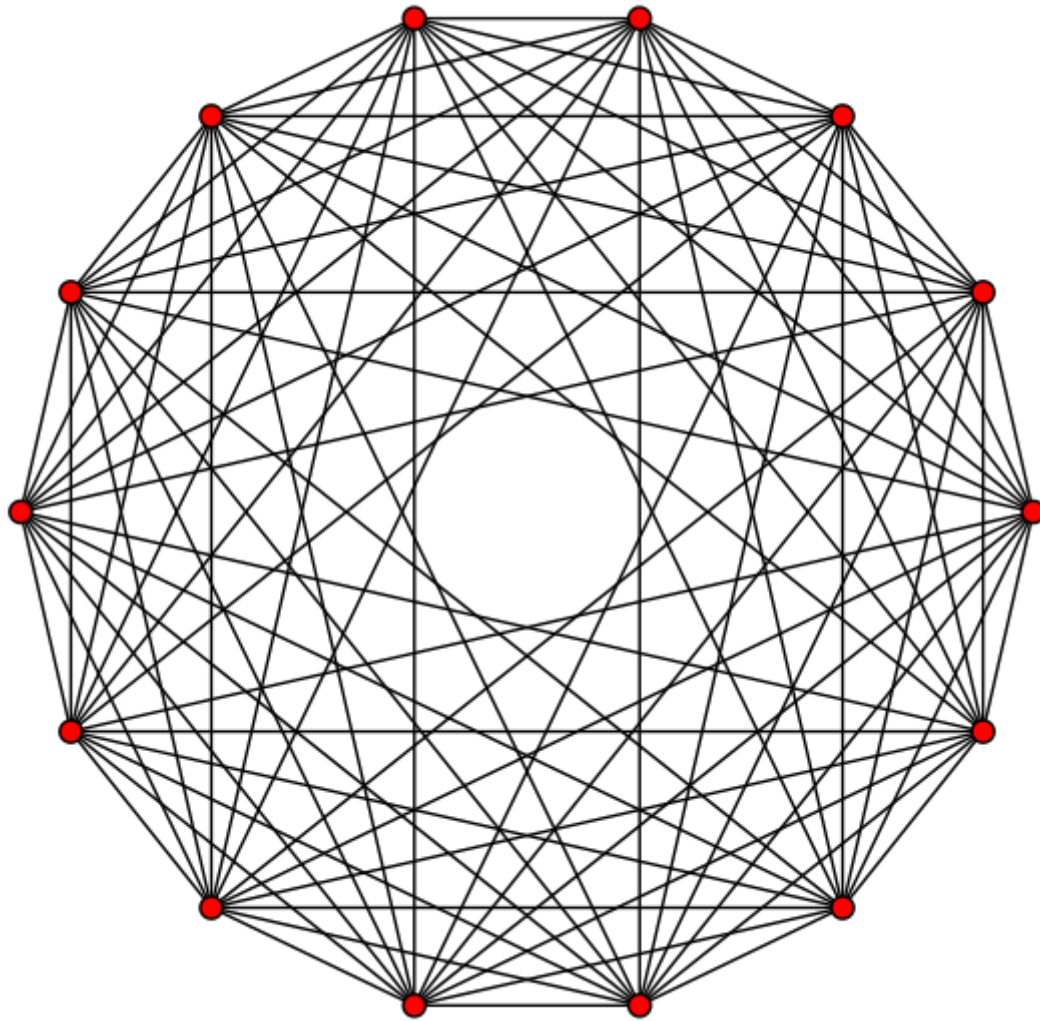
Which is the diagonal element of the third row in the above configuration matrix.

In order to enumerate the  $n$ -cube dice or in general face colorings of the  $n$ -cube with a color partition we consider a set  $D$  of faces of the  $n$ -cube with set  $R$  as the various colors such as blue, red, green, white and so on. A face coloring is then a map from the set  $D$  to set  $R$  and the combinatorial enumeration of face colorings is tantamount to enumerating the equivalence classes of such maps under the action of the symmetry cube of  $n$ -cube which is the wreath product  $S_n[S_2]$ . For example, the symmetry group of the 7-cube is isomorphic to the  $S_7[S_2]$  wreath product group which contains  $7! \times 2^7$  permutations. These permutations generate different orbit structures for each set of hyperplanes of the  $n$ -cube. In particular, for the faces of the  $n$ -cube the orbit length of the permutation acting on the faces is  $n(n-1)2^{n-3}$ , and hence the cycle types of the permutations and hence their cycle types would all be different from the cycle types and orbit structures of  $2^n$  vertices of the  $n$ -cube. We have previously demonstrated the Möbius inversion technique for the construction of cycle types and orbit structures for the various hyperplanes of the  $n$ -cube [1,3]. In summary, the Möbius inversion technique yields the orbit structure of every set of hyperplanes of the  $n$ -cube. The orbit structure is required in order to construct the generating functions for the colorings of the various hyperplanes of the  $n$ -cube.

We briefly discuss this with an illustration of the permutational cycle type of the  $S_7[S_2]$  group for each of the hyperplanes is obtained by using the Möbius inversion method. As a first step, the  $2 \times 7$  cycle type matrices for each of the 110 conjugacy classes of the 7D-hypercube which also represent the permutations of the cycle types of the hexeracts ( $q=1$ ) of the 7D-hypercube shown in Figure 1. The cycle index used in Pólya's technique, can be generalized for all irreducible representations of the  $n$ -cube's group. Consequently, one needs the cycle types for each conjugacy class of the  $S_n[S_2]$  group and for each of hyperplanes ( $q = 1, n$ ) of the  $n$ -cube. This requires the construction of the cycle types of  $q=1$  or hexeracts of the 7D-hypercube shown in Figure 1, for example. This is accomplished through matrix generators functions yielding the  $2 \times n$  matrices for the  $n$ -cube for all conjugacy classes. Subsequently, we invoke the Möbius generating function method is used to



enumerate all cycle types for  $q=2$  through  $n$ , as demonstrated in previous works for the 7-cube and 8-cube [1,39,40].



**Figure 1.** A dual representation of the 7D-hypercube in which 14 hexeracts of the 7D-hypercube are the vertices and edges representing their neighborhood connectivity. The vertices of the graph can also represent the fourteen protons of the nonrigid water heptamer,  $(\text{H}_2\text{O})_7$  in its fully nonrigid limit. (reproduced from Ref. [60]).

The character table of hyperoctahedral group containing all irreducible representations is required to construct the GCCIs of the irreducible representation  $\Gamma$  with character  $\chi$  of the group. Let the set  $D$  of the faces of the hypercube with cardinality  $l$ . In general, the GCCI for the character  $\chi$  of a group  $G'$  is defined as

$$P_{G'}^{\chi} = \frac{1}{|G'|} \sum_{g \in G'} \chi(g) s_1^{b_1} s_2^{b_2} \dots s_m^{b_m}$$

where the sum is over all permutation representations of  $g \in G'$  that generate  $b_1$  cycles of length 1,  $b_2$  cycles of length 2, ...,  $b_m$  cycles of length  $m$  upon its action on the set  $D$  of the faces of the hypercube. The generalized Pólya substitution in the GCCIs for each representation of  $S_n[S_2]$  with a multinomial expansion for coloring the faces of the hypercube with say  $r$  colors. Let  $[l]$  be an

ordered partition, also called the composition of  $l$  into  $p$  parts such that  $n_1 \geq 0, n_2 \geq 0, \dots, n_p \geq 0$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^p n_i = l$ . A multinomial generating function in  $\lambda$ s is obtained as

$$(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_p)^l = \sum_{\substack{[r] \\ n_1 n_2 \dots n_p}} \binom{l}{n_1 n_2 \dots n_p} \lambda_1^{n_1} \lambda_2^{n_2} \dots \lambda_{p-1}^{n_{p-1}} \lambda_p^{n_p}$$

where  $\binom{l}{n_1 n_2 \dots n_p}$  are multinomials given by

$$\binom{l}{n_1 n_2 \dots n_p} = \frac{l!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_{p-1}! n_p!}$$

Let the set  $R$  which contains  $r$  different types of colors (for example, yellow, blue, green, red, white...) that can be used to color the faces of the  $n$ -cube. Let  $w_i$  be the weight of each color  $r$  in  $R$ . Consequently, the weight of a function  $f$  from  $D$  to  $R$  is defined as

$$W(f) = \prod_{i=1}^{|R|} w(f(d_i))$$

The generating function for each irreducible representation of the  $nD$ -hyperoctahedral group is obtained by the substitution as

$$GF^X(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_p) = P_G^X \{s_k \rightarrow (\lambda_1^k + \lambda_2^k + \dots + \lambda_{p-1}^k + \lambda_p^k)\}$$

The above GFs are computed for each irreducible representation of the  $n$ -cube hyperoctahedral group. The coefficient of each term  $(\lambda_1^{n_1} \lambda_2^{n_2} \dots \lambda_p^{n_p})$  generates the number of functions in the set  $R^D$  that transform in accord with the irreducible representation  $\Gamma$  with character  $\chi$ . For the totally symmetric irreducible representation  $A_1$ , the GF reduces to the celebrated Pólya's theorem, or the enumerative GF for the number of equivalence classes of colorings. Likewise the GF for a chiral representation which would have character value of +1 for proper rotations and -1 for improper rotations would enumerate the number of chiral face colorings for a given color partition in the GF.

As these GFs become combinatorially complex with numerous terms and a large number of irreducible representations in the  $n$ -cube, computations become quite intensive. Consequently, we have automated the iterative process with Fortran '95 codes that compute the cycle types for all hyperplanes using the Möbius inversion method, the character tables and then finally the generating functions for the face colorings of the  $n$ -cube. We note that the same codes could be used for other hyperplanes of the  $n$ -cube such as vertices, edges, cells, tesseracts, and so forth. All of the computations were carried out in quadruple precision (Real\*16) arithmetic with an accuracy of up to 32 digits. We note that the needed multinomials for the colorings were computed recursively prior to constructing the GFs and stored in memory for subsequent computations of the GFs of each IR of the  $n$ -cube.

### 3. Results and Discussions

#### A. n-cube dice and chirality.

We start with the 4-cube or tesseract to illustrate the dice enumeration in fourth dimension and their chirality. The number of faces of the 4-cube and the order of the 4-cube hyperoctahedral group are 24 and 384, respectively. The generating functions can be derived from the cycle indices for the totally symmetric and chiral representations of the 4-cube which are shown below:

$$P_{S_4[S_2]}^{A_1} = \frac{1}{384} \{s_1^{24} + 4s_1^{12}s_2^6 + 6s_1^4s_2^{10} + 12s_1^6s_2^9 + 12s_1^4s_4^5 + 4s_2^{12} + 24s_1^2s_2^{11} + 24s_2^2s_4^5 + 32s_3^8 + 32s_6^4 + s_2^{12} + 12s_1^2s_2^{11} + 12s_2^2s_4^5 + 32s_3^4s_6^2 + 32s_6^4 + 12s_1^4s_2^{10} + 24s_1^2s_2^{\square} s_4^5 + 12s_4^6 + 48s_2^2s_4^5 + 48s_8^3\}$$

$$P_{S_4[S_2]}^{A_3} = \frac{1}{384} \{s_1^{24} - 4s_1^{12}s_2^6 + 6s_1^4s_2^{10} + 12s_1^6s_2^9 - 12s_1^4s_4^5 - 4s_2^{12} - 24s_1^2s_2^{11} + 24s_2^2s_4^5 + 32s_3^8 - 32s_6^4 + s_2^{12} + 12s_1^2s_2^{11} - 12s_2^2s_4^5 - 32s_3^4s_6^2 + 32s_6^4 + 12s_1^4s_2^{10} - 24s_1^2s_2^{\square} s_4^5 + 12s_4^6 + 48s_2^2s_4^5 - 48s_8^3\}$$

As the maximum of different colors that can be used to color the faces of the 4-cube is 24 the generating functions for the totally symmetric and chiral representations are obtained by replacing every  $s_k$  by

$$(\lambda_1^k + \lambda_2^k + \dots + \lambda_{23}^k + \lambda_{24}^k)$$

Thus the GF contains all possible color distributions for coloring the faces of the 4-cube such that the coefficient of a typical term  $(\lambda_1^{n_1}\lambda_2^{n_2}\dots\lambda_p^{n_p})$  in the GF gives the number of irreducible representations that occur in the set of colorings with  $n_1$  colors of type 1,  $n_2$  colors of type 2, and so forth. In particular as every face of the 4-cube needs to be colored with a different color for the dice enumeration, the coefficient of  $(\lambda_1^{\square}\lambda_2^{\square}\dots\lambda_{24}^{\square})$  in the GF enumerates the number of colorings that transform in accord with the irreducible representation. It can be seen for the 4-cube these numbers for the  $A_1$  and  $A_3$  IRs are given by

$$N_{A_1} = N_{A_3} = \left\{ \frac{1}{384} x \frac{24!}{1!1!\dots1!} \right\} = 1.61575104618031104 \times 10^{21}$$

suggesting that all 4-cube dice are chiral and there are  $1.61575104618031104 \times 10^{21}$  pairs with the total number of 4-cube dice enumerated as  $3.23150209236062208 \times 10^{21}$ .

Table 1 shows the number of dice for n-cube for n up to 7. As seen from Table 1 there are only 30 possible dice for the ordinary cube in 3-dimension all of which are chiral or equivalently there are 15 chiral pairs of cubic dice. These numbers increase in astronomical proportions as a function of n, as seen from Table 1. The number of dice in the fourth dimension already reaches  $3.23150209236062208 \times 10^{21}$  in comparison to molecular Avogadro number of  $6.023 \times 10^{23}$ . The number of dice reaches  $2.8214838544319294796427515741969896 \times 10^{1604}$  in the 7<sup>th</sup> dimension beyond which even in REAL\*16 arithmetic precision the numbers become too large to be exactly listed although the

mathematical expression for the number of chiral pairs of dice for any n-cube is derived from the GF of the n-cube as

$$N_c = \frac{\{n(n-1)2^{n-3}\}!}{n!2^n} = \frac{(n-1)!2^{n-3}!}{2^n}$$

Although this number grows astronomically natural log of the above number can be simplified using Stirling’s approximation as

$$\ln(N_c) = (n - 1) \ln(n - 1) - n + 1 + \{(n - 3)2^{(n-3)} - n\} \ln(2) - 2^{(n-3)}$$

**Table 1.** Number of possible dice in n-dimensions for n-cubes with all different numbers placed on the faces of the n-cube for n=3 to 7.

n	Faces	No of dice	No of Chiral Pairs of dice
3	6	30	15
4	24	$3.23150209236062208 \times 10^{21}$	$1.61575104618031104 \times 10^{21}$
5	80	$3.7275758878262397028547673814159646 \times 10^{115}$	$1.8637879439131198514273836907079823 \times 10^{115}$
6	240	$1.7655752446384800870197812159231254 \times 10^{464}$	$8.827876223192400435098906079615627 \times 10^{463}$
7	672	$2.8214838544319294796427515741969896 \times 10^{1604}$	$1.4107419272159647398213757870984948 \times 10^{1604}$

Given the large number of possible dice even in the fourth dimension (~1.616x10<sup>21</sup> chiral pairs of dice) the n-cube dice offer a very good platform for cryptographic applications where for example 24 faces of the 4-cube can be used to label different fragments of messages or alphabets. Moreover several such 4-cube packets can be generated to encrypt and decrypt messages using artificial intelligence techniques as we discuss in a subsequent section. For several chemical and biological applications natural log of the enumerated numbers are relevant and these number are still under control for the n-cubes. For example, entropies and information content based on dice enumerations would be measured using natural logarithms of the combinatorial numbers enumerated above.

**B. n-cube 4-color problem: dice enumeration with 4 colors for the n-cube and their chirality.**

We consider the special case of a four-color dice as the four-color problem in combinatorics and topology is quite significant. For this special case, we take a n-cube dice with 4 different colors say, green, red, violet and blue. For such a case, the combinatorics results in a generating function involving partitions with 4 parts. This is exemplified in Table 4 for a 4-cube with 24 faces four-color problem for both achiral and chiral combinatorial enumerations.

**Table 2.** The Four-Color problem of n-cube: Enumerations for the face-colorings of the 4-cube with 4 different colors. The color partition n<sub>1</sub> n<sub>2</sub> n<sub>3</sub> n<sub>4</sub> represents a coloring in which n<sub>1</sub> red, n<sub>2</sub> blue, n<sub>3</sub> green and n<sub>4</sub> yellow colors are used to color 24 faces of the 4-cube.

Color Partition	No of A <sub>1</sub> Colorings <sup>a</sup>	No of A <sub>3</sub> Colorings <sup>a</sup>
24 0 0 0	1	0
23 1 0 0	1	0
22 2 0 0	5	1
21 3 0 0	16	6
20 4 0 0	57	27



19 5 0 0	169	105
18 6 0 0	475	335
17 7 0 0	1099	866
16 8 0 0	2234	1849
15 9 0 0	3843	3307
14 10 0 0	5669	4967
13 11 0 0	7132	6336
12 12 0 0	7725	6871
22 1 1 0	5	1
21 2 1 0	32	13
20 3 1 0	158	97
19 4 1 0	688	503
18 5 1 0	2396	1973
17 6 1 0	6893	6025
16 7 1 0	16303	14810
15 8 1 0	32156	29818
14 9 1 0	53118	49918
13 10 1 0	74020	70054
12 11 1 0	87278	82892
20 2 2 0	244	145
19 3 2 0	1331	1021
18 4 2 0	5871	4986
17 5 2 0	20208	18285
16 6 2 0	56090	52312
15 7 2 0	126548	120340
14 8 2 0	235721	226411
13 9 2 0	365096	353006
12 10 2 0	473741	459377
11 11 2 0	516370	501374
18 3 3 0	7674	6682
17 4 3 0	33276	30591
16 5 3 0	110825	105097
15 6 3 0	292629	281871
14 7 3 0	623256	606096
13 8 3 0	1087220	1062760
12 9 3 0	1567505	1536897
11 10 3 0	1879494	1845178
16 4 4 0	138453	131493
15 5 4 0	437694	423510
14 6 4 0	1087993	1062443
13 7 4 0	2168246	2129446
12 8 4 0	3517231	3464261

11 9 4 0	4684708	4622058
10 10 4 0	5152084	5085022
14 5 5 0	1303756	1275752
13 6 5 0	3031508	2983480
12 7 5 0	5618270	5548102
11 8 5 0	8418614	8328046
10 9 5 0	10284396	10182022
12 6 6 0	6553122	6474210
11 7 6 0	11217872	11108824
10 8 6 0	15415306	15281078
9 9 6 0	17123720	16981820
10 7 7 0	17611556	17467588
9 8 7 0	22006070	21840340
8 8 8 0	24753462	24573093
21 1 1 1	51	22
20 2 1 1	425	281
19 3 1 1	2510	2015
18 4 1 1	11325	9945
17 5 1 1	39621	36528
16 6 1 1	110649	104649
15 7 1 1	250736	240748
14 8 1 1	467930	453070
13 9 1 1	725780	706350
12 10 1 1	942226	919270
11 11 1 1	1027332	1003242
19 2 2 1	3756	3061
18 3 2 1	22360	20105
17 4 2 1	98101	92141
16 5 2 1	329008	316265
15 6 2 1	871348	847760
14 7 2 1	1859676	1822056
13 8 2 1	3247280	3194050
12 9 2 1	4684626	4618066
11 10 2 1	5618508	5544042
17 3 3 1	130170	123075
16 4 3 1	546260	528355
15 5 3 1	1736268	1699440
14 6 3 1	4325880	4260540
13 7 3 1	8634420	8534760
12 8 3 1	14016130	13881320
11 9 3 1	18677240	18517190
10 10 3 1	20541952	20371606

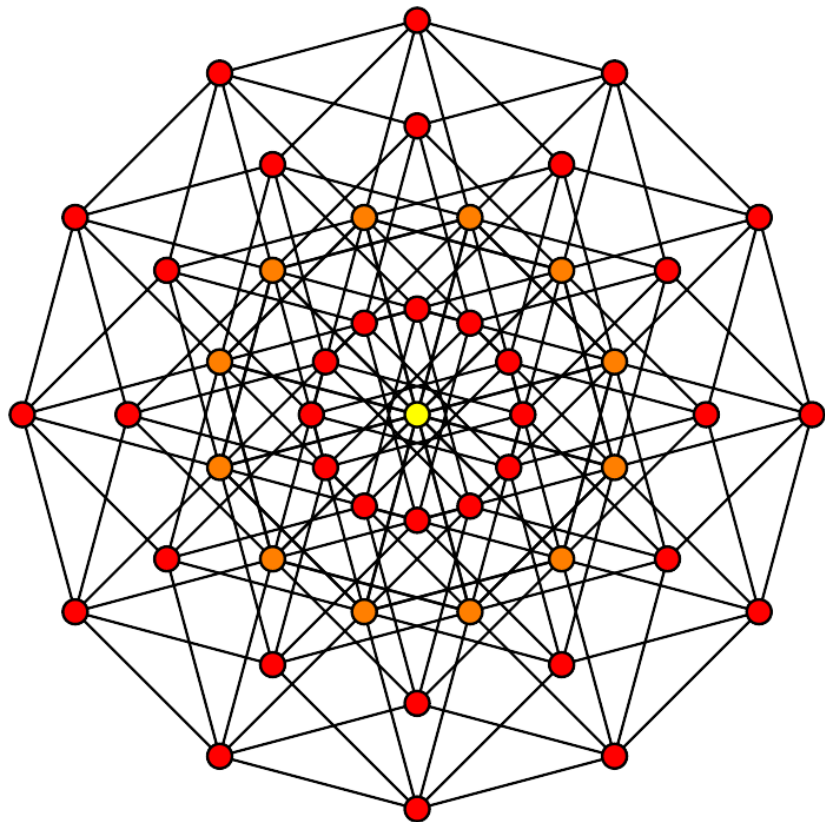
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13 6 4 1	15094180	14950100
12 7 4 1	28000166	27789946
11 8 4 1	41975340	41705670
10 9 4 1	51289438	50984818
13 5 5 1	18105486	17944878
12 6 5 1	39180892	38920964
11 7 5 1	67120260	66760032
10 8 5 1	92260524	91821066
9 9 5 1	102499670	102032840
11 6 6 1	78296512	77897372
10 7 6 1	122981972	122455864
9 8 6 1	153698290	153094910
9 7 7 1	175633880	174981580
8 8 7 1	197572890	196868820
18 2 2 2	33487	30322
17 3 2 2	194912	185257
16 4 2 2	818481	794136
15 5 2 2	2602172	2552704
14 6 2 2	6484766	6397066
13 7 2 2	12945012	12811992
12 8 2 2	21015167	20835247
11 9 2 2	28004836	27791786
10 10 2 2	30801270	30574296
16 3 3 2	1088655	1059945
15 4 3 2	4328656	4259696
14 5 3 2	12944976	12809676
13 6 3 2	30156640	29928140
12 7 3 2	55953912	55621272
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12 5 5 2	117411604	116879096
11 6 5 2	234687752	233871724
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9 8 5 2	460789280	459559450

10 6 6 2	430095214	428905586
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8 8 6 2	691047030	689459130
8 7 7 2	789709860	787996500
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9 9 3 3	341378584	340355686
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12 5 4 3	195601766	194861566
11 6 4 3	391016740	389884220
10 7 4 3	614296776	612807816
9 8 4 3	767787880	766082150
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10 6 5 3	859878528	858043860
9 7 5 3	1228207740	1225936680
8 8 5 3	1381679430	1379231310
9 6 6 3	1432840398	1430330262
8 7 6 3	1842059400	1839135600
7 7 7 3	2105109000	2101948920
12 4 4 4	244472700	243610770
11 5 4 4	586400958	584936118
10 6 4 4	1074771633	1072641603
9 7 4 4	1535163270	1532530170
8 8 4 4	1726995915	1724156055
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9 6 5 4	2148984460	2145744020
8 7 5 4	2762767590	2758994670
8 6 6 4	3223114485	3218943735
7 7 6 4	3683411640	3678907800
9 5 5 5	2578619766	2575009806
8 6 5 5	3867527364	3862884864
7 7 5 5	4419870336	4414853016
7 6 6 5	5156360952	5150820912
6 6 6 6	6015584844	6009464868

<sup>a</sup>N(A<sub>1</sub>)+ N(A<sub>3</sub>) yields the total number of colorings among which N(A<sub>3</sub>) enumerate chiral pairs.

C. Chess Board type Black and white dice enumeration in n dimension and their chirality.

In this section we consider a black-and-white dice combinatorics akin to that of a chess board. For this purpose, we take a 6-cube shown in Figure 2, although we consider the faces of the 7-cube. The generating functions were computed for both totally symmetric and chiral representations for the binomial distribution. The results were computed in quadruple precision and are shown in Table 3 for coloring 240 faces of the 6-cube with black and white colors. We have restricted listing the computed results only for the totally symmetric  $A_1$  irreducible representation. It is pointed out that almost all colorings become chiral when the colorings are evenly distributed culminating into a maximum for 120 black and 120 white colors for coloring 240 faces of a 6-cube.



**Figure 2.** Graphical representation of hexeract or 6-cube. Table 3 enumerates black & white face colorings of the 6-cube with varied number of black and white colors, Reproduced from [60].

**Table 3.** Black-and White dice of hypercube in the 6<sup>th</sup> dimension with 240 faces;  $n_b$  stands for the number of black colors with  $240-n_b$  being the number of white colors.

$n_b$	$N(A_1)$
0	1
1	1
2	11
3	139
4	4176
5	152635
6	5580266
7	182586993



8	5283117184
9	135891832431
10	3136801139463
11	65570741043751
12	1251192201334018
13	21943233858075034
14	355789263949855043
15	5360531557936453701
16	75382327861202736302
17	993272251366379046339
18	12305535660981459650639
19	143780450498062303705832
20	1588773890867771345864514
21	16644297515678879808798297
22	165686414507591622101552686
23	1570419052306115065132618723
24	14199205570066871577428871140
25	122681136017010754158309432703
26	1014478624347489084027884140426
27	8040682428518284564435181330429
28	61166619897340434689394786752894
29	447149083369066948751292268832796
30	3144948552967196406093283337735784
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32	139144951600574592746649080159671056
33	877034846450078628652128896100267264
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38	5271081103312257287838648872443980546048
39	27301496996641809668910837171761665015808
40	137190022408121978237796878411228575170560
41	669219621503025866250112350741134231732224
42	3170826301883363428193286508672704248283136
43	14600549017974504078101835470726548970012672
44	65370639921385716211126737122035700519141376
45	284725453879813021523275240995846178515976192
46	1206988337099206608564703950062943154911313920
47	4982036965898851012606659737835556794489896960
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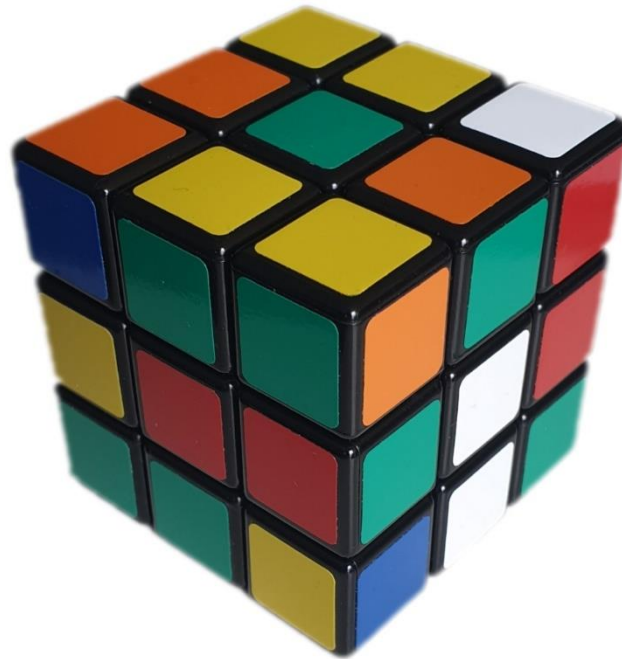
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53	14401754183287135804246166953385408335748576313344
54	49872741338420266137322529195039577022891227611136
55	168660543435384899112410284701246690287995790032896
56	557182152420467968422421922547752056414106468483072
57	1798623088515194841712775021084035912510703835021312
58	5674965951694494062205410635512839112833661296181248
59	17505827173023693533563297554260934909613741294223360
60	52809245305288142132272869107153182169520534320054272
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120	1972734050425523633099066888879877060171554196485690791403223777280

D. Rubik’s Cube Enumerations and colorings.

Rubik’s cube [61] is an interesting case of hypercube and hyperoctahedral symmetry, as it has been a cynosure of puzzles and games over four decades. The symmetry operations of a Rubik’s cube can be rationalized by dividing the cubes to corner cubes and edge cubes. As seen from Figure 3, which shows a typical Rubik’s cube, the eight corner cubes carry three faces while the 12 edge cubes carry 2 faces each. The dynamics of the Rubik’s cube facilitates three fold rotations of each corner cube independent of other cubes while providing two fold flipping motions of the edge cubes. The eight corners of the overall cube can be permuted in all possible ways with each cube within each corner undergoing a three-fold rotation during various dynamical operations of the Rubik’s cube. Likewise the twelve edge cubes can be permuted in all possible ways with each cube within the edge exhibiting a two-fold flip. This results in the direct product of two hyperoctahedral groups, namely, the corner cubes generating the  $S_8[C_3]$  wreath product while the edge cubes give rise to the wreath product  $S_{12}[S_2]$ . Consequently, the overall group of the Rubik’s cube is the direct product  $S_8[C_3] \times S_{12}[S_2]$ . The cubes within the Rubik’s cube are partitioned into three classes, 8 corner cubes,

12 edge cubes and 6 center cubes. Consequently, the 54 faces of the Rubik's cube are partitioned into 24 corner square faces, 24 edge square faces and 6 central square faces. The overall order of Rubik's cube group is obtained by multiplying the orders of comprising wreath product groups yielding  $5.19024039293878272 \times 10^{20}$  symmetry operations in the Rubik's cube.



**Figure 3.** Rubik's Cube: There are  $5.34018574959804633194496 \times 10^{29}$  possible dice for Rubik's cube, see text for details of enumeration. Reproduced from [62].

Hence we arrive at the result for the number of dice that can be obtained by using distinct numbers for each of the corner faces, edges faces and central faces, that is, treating the set of faces in the three partitions independent of each other as

$$N_c = \frac{24!24!6!}{12!x8!x3^8x2^{12}} = 5.34018574959804633194496 \times 10^{29}$$

In the above enumeration, analogous to previous enumerations considered in this study, we treat the faces that are not equivalent separately rather than all faces of the object collectively. This is made possible by the equivalence classes of face partitions generated by the overall group, and consequently, two faces in different classes are never permuted into each other by any of the symmetry operations.

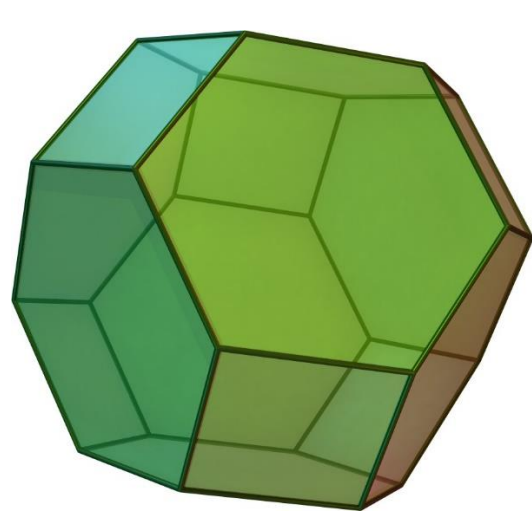
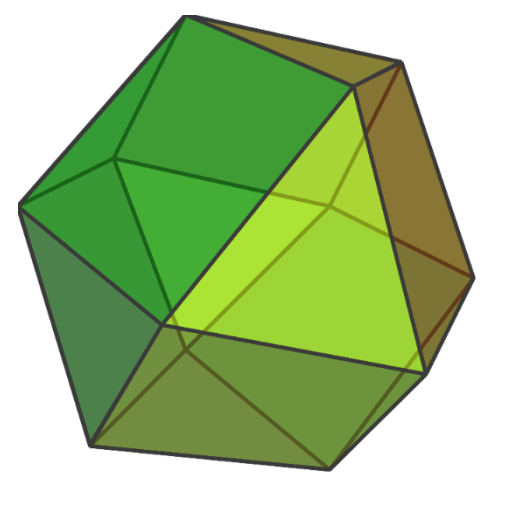
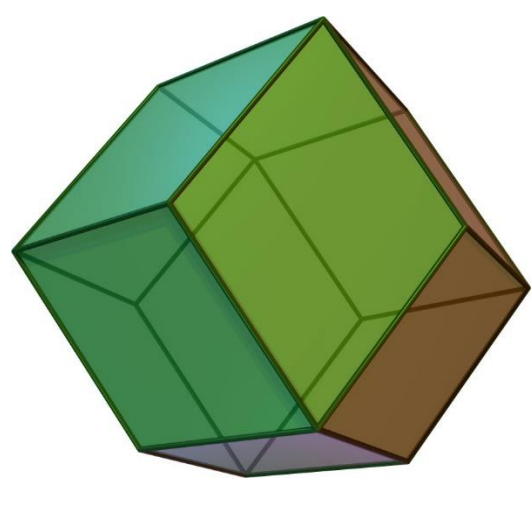
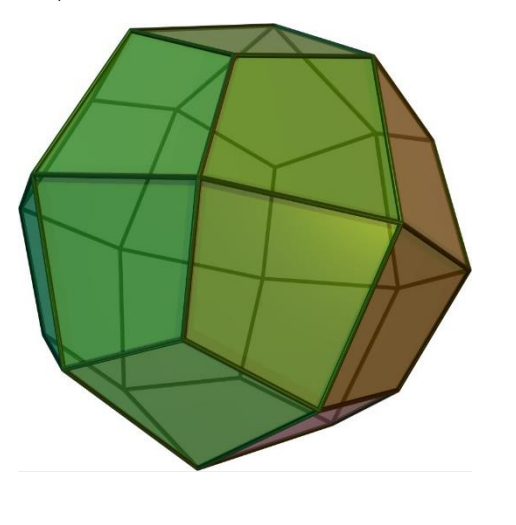
#### E. Dice of different shapes with octahedral/cubic symmetries.

Next we consider dice that can be constructed with several shapes of octahedral or cubic symmetries and that which are not comprised of the regular cubes of normal dice. Such dice enumerations not only generalize the normal cubic dice shapes but also pave the way for several applications in a variety of fields. Stimulated by such applications and mathematically intriguing nature and aesthetics of these shapes, we have shown in Table 4, a collection of dice of varied shapes, a common feature being their symmetries are all described by the octahedral group  $O_h$  containing 48 operations with the exception of the snubcube which is chiral with the symmetry group  $O$ .

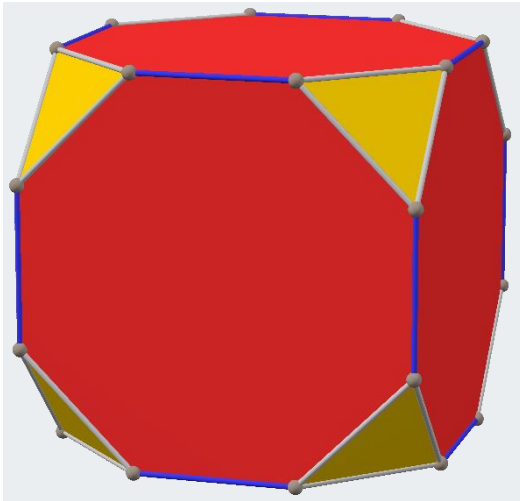
Table 4 considers several shapes of octahedral or cubic symmetries many of which are not only mathematically interesting but have several applications to materials such as zeolites and

mesoporous molecular sieves. The combinatorial enumerations considered in Table 4 make use of face partitions. That is, faces of different shapes, for examples, squares and hexagons of a truncated octahedron are treated as different equivalence classes and thus they are not treated as a single entity in the combinatorial enumeration. This is the case in many practical applications as a hexagonal face capping is not equivalent to a square face capping in molecular structures. Thus eight hexagons and 6 squares are treated as separate equivalence classes in dice enumerations of a truncated octahedron dice shown in Table 4. .

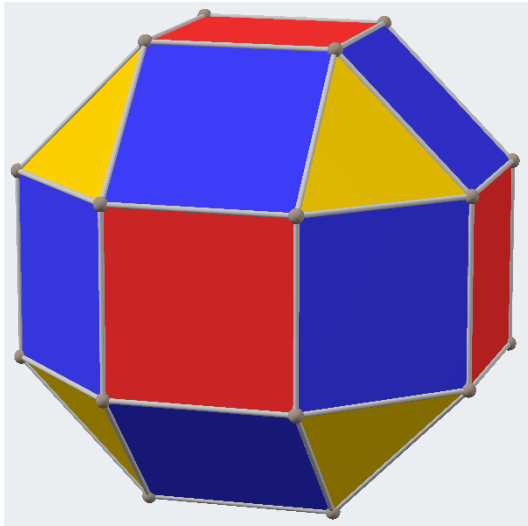
**Table 4.** Combinatorial Enumeration of dice of different shapes with Octahedral/cubic Symmetries<sup>a</sup>.

	
Truncated octahedron 604,800 Chiral Pairs of dice	Cuboctahedron (isochiral with truncated octahedron) 604,800 Chiral Pairs of dice
	
Rhombicdodecahedron 1,816,214,400 Chiral Pairs of dice	<b>deltoidal icositetrahedron</b> 133,382,785,536,000 Chiral Pairs of dice

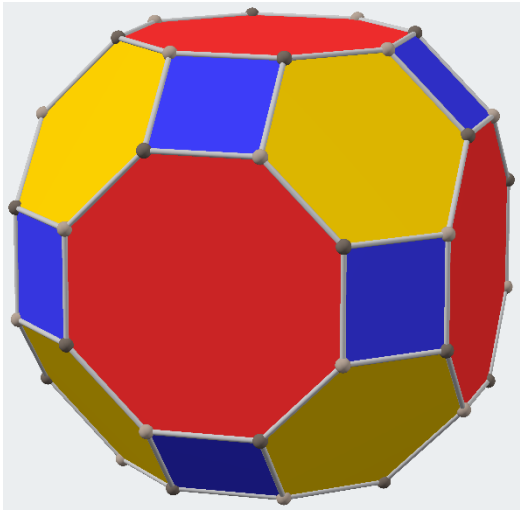




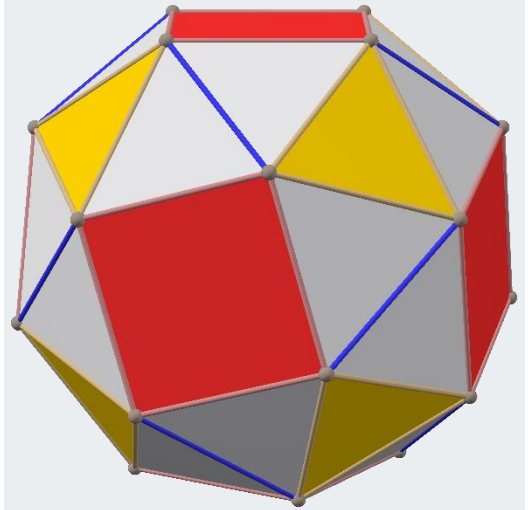
Truncated Cube:  $6!8!/48$   
604,800 Chiral pairs of dice  
isochiral with truncated octahedron



Rhombic cuboctahedron:  $6!12!8!/48$   
289,700,167,680,000 Chiral Pairs of dice



Truncated cuboctahedron 289,700,167,680,000  
Chiral Pairs  
of dice: Isochiral with Rhombic cuboctahedron.



Suncube(chiral)  
 $7.8939251080108059050165403648 \times 10^{36}$

<sup>a</sup>All Images were created by POV-RAY codes and are public domain open-access freely reproduced from ref [63].

There are a few interesting findings that emerge from a critical analysis of Table 4. First all dice enumerated in Table 4 are chiral and hence we list the number of dice as chiral pairs of dice. We label the faces in different equivalence classes with numbers 1 through  $|C|$ , where  $|C|$  is the cardinality of the equivalence class C. Although with the exception of the suncube, the parent structures shown in Table 4 are not chiral, the dice originating from every shape are chiral. The suncube is an interesting case of octahedral symmetry as the structure itself is chiral as its symmetry group is  $O$  rather than  $O_h$ . All other structures in Table 4 conform to  $O_h$  symmetry.

As can be seen from Table 4, there exists two different structures with the same chiral pairs of dice. For example, truncated cuboctahedron exhibits the same number of chiral pairs of dice as rhombic cuboctahedron (See Table 4). We call such structures with different shapes with the same number of chiral pairs of dice as isochiral. In some cases isochirality arises from mapping the vertices

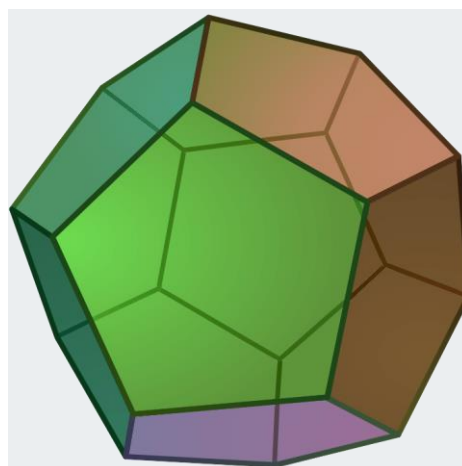
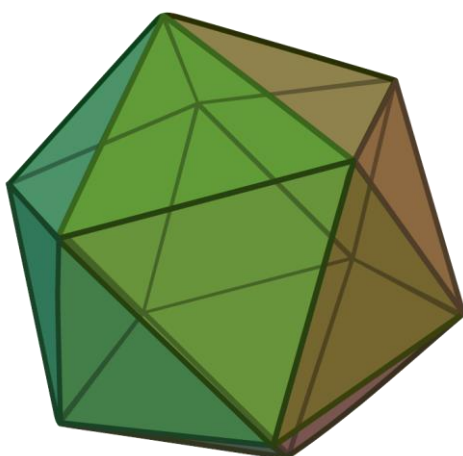
of an octahedron with different shapes of faces while in other cases it is quite interesting in that the number of faces is not even the same. For example, the truncated cuboctahedron can be obtained by mapping the red squares of the rhombic cuboctahedron with decagons and triangles with hexagons. Thus isochirality can be readily explained for such direct topological transforms. On the other hand, the isochirality of a cuboctahedron and truncated octahedron is less obvious from a simple observation. These enumerations and the chirality aspects of the enumerated structures open up a plethora of applications to a number of fields as we discuss subsequently.

#### F. Enumeration of Dice and face colorings of different shapes with icosahedral symmetries.

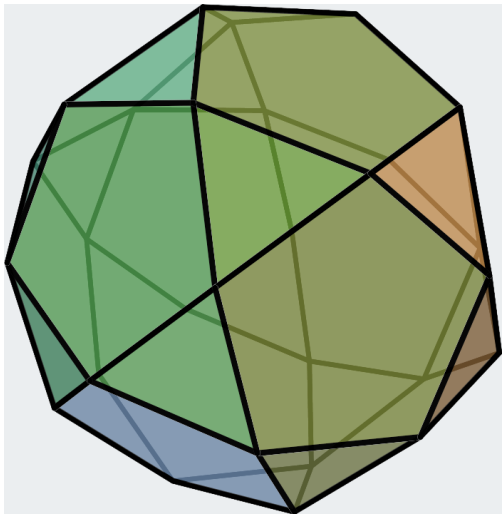
Icosahedral symmetries are quite interesting as demonstrated earlier [3,65] in that the character values of the three dimensional irreducible representations of the  $I_h$  group are golden ratios or their reciprocals thus making them interesting candidates for symmetry studies. Furthermore icosahedral symmetries occur in the molecular structures of boranes, carboranes, and metallocarboranes as well as the celebrated buckminsterfullerene,  $C_{60}$  which became the subject matter of the Nobel prize winning work of Smalley and coworkers [66,67]. Hence we devote this subsection to different shapes of icosahedral symmetries.

Table 5 shows a number of structures with icosahedral symmetry ( $I_h$ ) starting with the regular icosahedron itself which consists of 20 triangles. Many of the structures in Table 5 are Archimedean solids and share the same symmetry group. They differ in number of faces or the shapes of the faces. While the icosahedron contains 20 triangles the relative dodecahedron contains 12 pentagons (see Table 5). Consequently, the number of chiral pairs of dice for an icosahedron is considerably larger (20,274,183,401,472,000) compared to 3,991,680 chiral pairs for a dodecahedron. This can be envisaged by mapping the 12 vertices of the icosahedron into pentagons which generates the dodecahedron. Thus the dice enumeration of dodecahedron is equivalent to the vertex coloring problem of icosahedron with 12 different colors. As can be seen from Table 5, Icosododecahedron and truncated dodecahedron are isochiral as they both generate  $9.7113662879985303552 \times 10^{24}$  chiral pairs of dice. Likewise there are a number of isochiral pairs of structures in Table 5. For example, truncated icosododecahedron and rhombicosidodecahedron are isochiral. The truncated icosododecahedron has also been considered in molecular context as a candidate for the structure of  $C_{120}$  and it has been called archimedene [68]. The spectra, characteristic polynomials and other graph theoretical properties of archimedene and related clusters have been considered before [68]. The truncated icosahedron shown in Table 5 is of special interest in the context of fullerenes which are structures containing 12 pentagons and any number of hexagons. As seen from Table 5, the structure which is the molecular structure of  $C_{60}$  Buckminsterfullerene exhibits  $9.7113662879985303552 \times 10^{24}$  chiral pairs of dice.

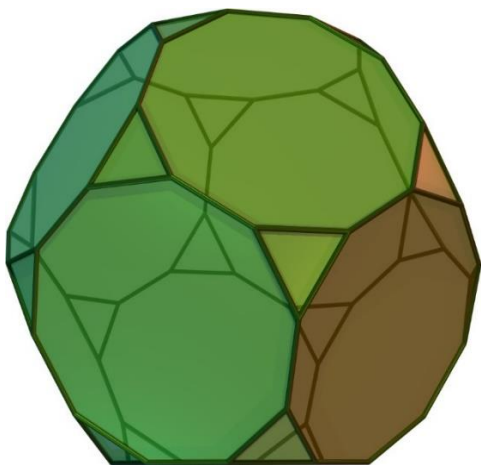
**Table 5.** Combinatorial Enumeration of dice with different shapes with Icosahedral Symmetry. <sup>a</sup>.



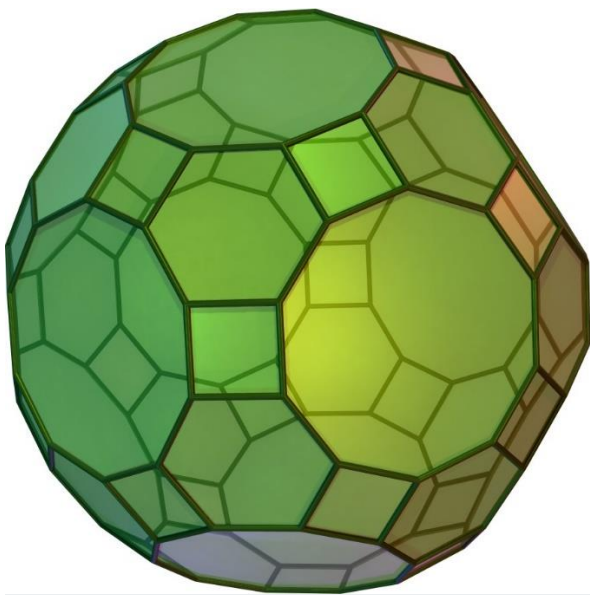
Icosahedron: Chiral Pairs of Dice:  
20,274,183,401,472,000



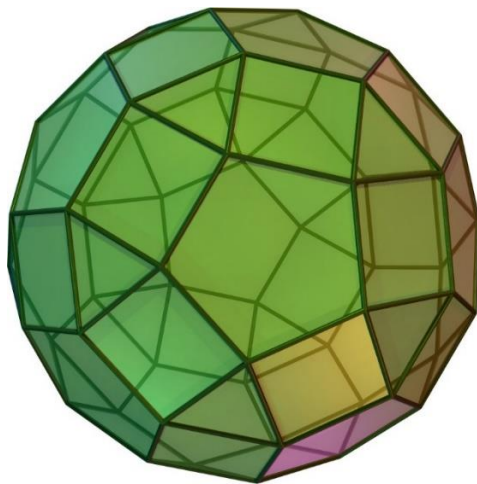
Dodecahedron: 3,991,680 Chiral Pairs of  
Dice



Icosododecahedron  $9.7113662879985303552 \times 10^{24}$   
chiral pairs of dice

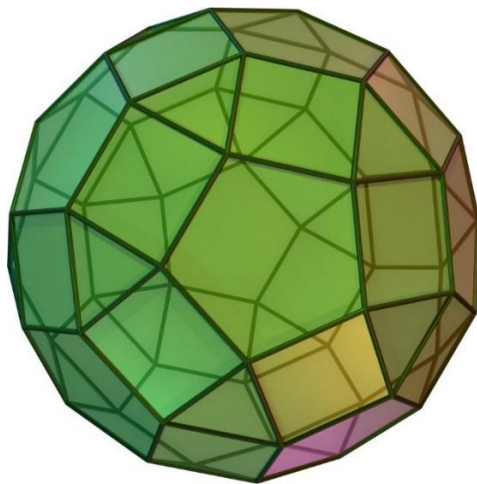


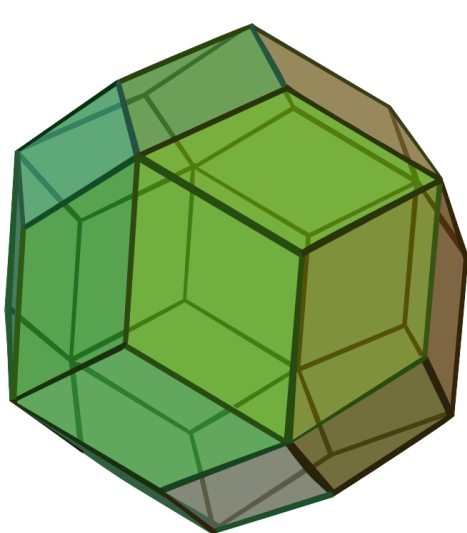
Truncated dodecahedron:  
 $9.7113662879985303552 \times 10^{24}$  chiral pairs  
of dice



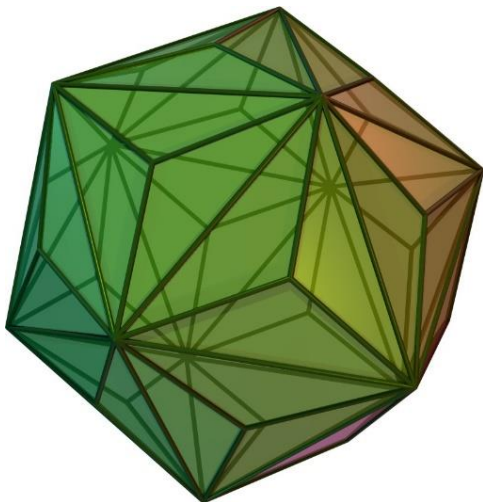
Truncated icosodedecahedron  
 $2.5759676805753124307695693098745908 \times 10^{57}$  chiral  
pairs of dice

Rhombicosidodecahedron:  
 $2.5759676805753124307695693098745908 \times$   
 $10^{57}$  chiral pairs of dice

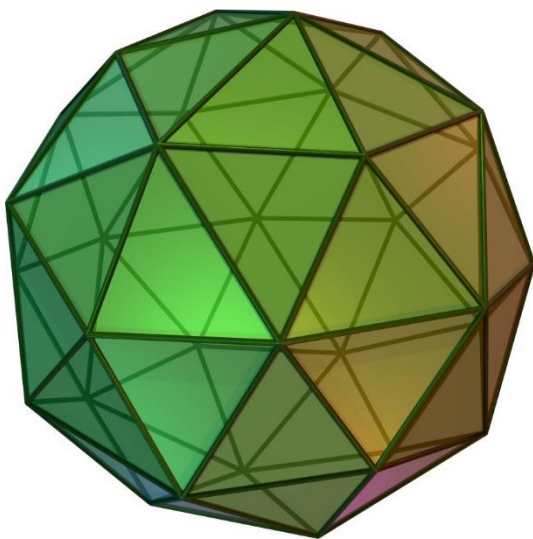




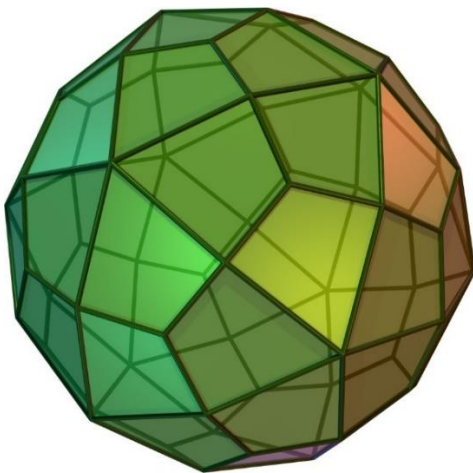
rhombic triacontahedron :  
2.210440498434925488635904x 10<sup>30</sup> chiral pairs



triakis icosahedron  
6.93415592728449178689695098601947 x  
10<sup>79</sup>chiral pairs

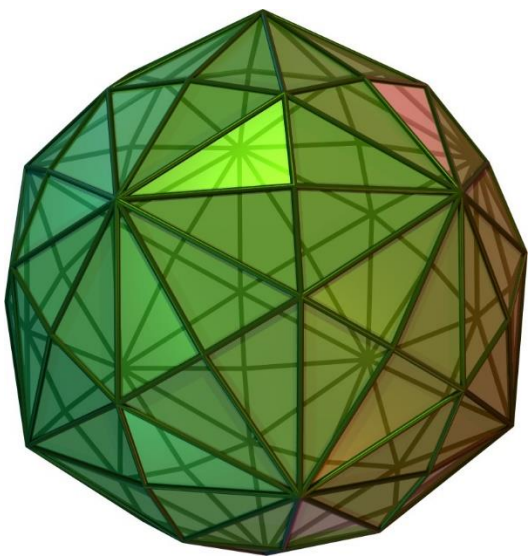


pentakis dodecahedron :  
6.93415592728449178689695098601947 x 10<sup>79</sup> chiral  
pairs



deltoidal hexecontahedron  
6.93415592728449178689695098601947 x  
10<sup>79</sup> Chiral Pairs

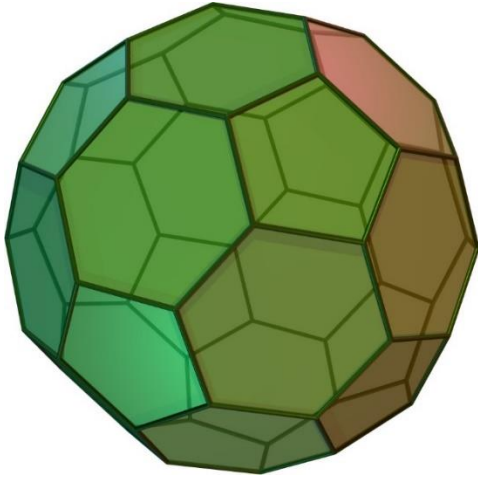




disdyakis triacontahedron:

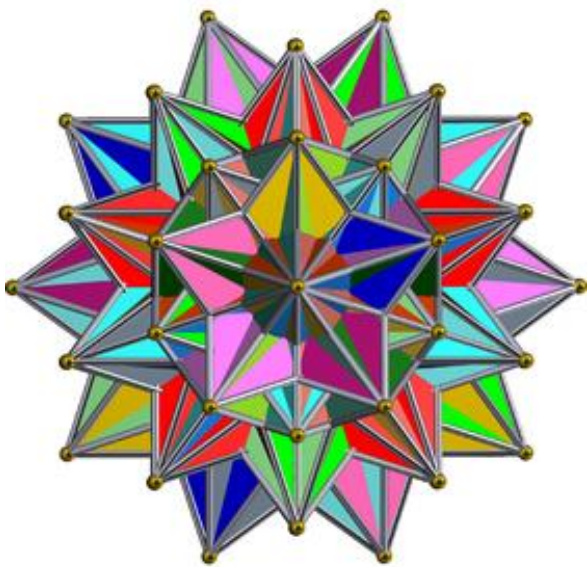
$5.574585761207605881323431711741975 \times 10^{196}$  Chiral

Pairs



Truncated icosahedron:

$9.7113662879985303552 \times 10^{24}$  chiral pairs



Grand 600-Cell/grand polytetrahedron

$4.4102702121446021496460288562760144 \times 10^{3171}$

Chiral Pairs

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The last structure shown in Table 5, the grand 600-cell or grand polytetrahedron requires further discussion as it poses grand challenge for the dice enumeration. First it contains 1200 triangular faces with a symmetry group that contains 14,400 symmetry elements which is square of the order of the icosahedral group. Consequently, the number of chiral pairs of dice for the 600-cell in Table 5 is given by



$$N_c = 1200!/14400$$

As direct computation of such a large factorial is quite difficult, we invoked Stirling’s approximation for the factorial of large numbers as follows:

$$n! \sim \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \left\{1 + \frac{1}{12n} + \frac{1}{288n^2} - \frac{139}{51840n^3} - \frac{571}{2488320n^4} \dots \dots \right\}$$

Using the above approximation for n! we could compute the number of grand-600 cell dice using Fortran ’95 software in quadruple precision as

$$1200! \sim 6.350789105488227095490281553037461 \times 10^{3175}$$

And thus the number of grand cell-600 dice as

$$N_c = 6.350789105488227095490281553037461 \times 10^{3175}/14400 =$$

$$4.4102702121446021496460288562760144 \times 10^{3171}$$

The grand 600-cell is certainly a challenging object for the dice enumeration problem. Among the structures shown in Table 5, the truncated icosahedron or the structure of buckminsterfullerene can be studied further, as it poses several interesting questions and it continues to be a subject matter of active investigation. Table 6 shows the face colorings of the faces of the buckyball for coloring the hexagons with 6 different colors (vibgyr) and pentagons with 10 different colors (vibgyorbwp). We show the computed combinatorial numbers for the  $A_g$  and  $A_u$  irreducible representations for 20 hexagons and 12 pentagons, respectively. The sum of  $A_g$  and  $A_u$  numbers give the total number of inequivalent face colorings while the  $A_u$  numbers correspond to the chiral pairs. The difference between  $A_g$  and  $A_u$  numbers yield the number of achiral colorings. As seen from Table 6, as the color partition gets distributed, for example, 4 4 3 3 3 3 for the hexagons almost every hexagonal face coloring is chiral. The same comment applies to the colorings of pentagons for a distributed color partition (See, Table 6).

**Table 6.** Six-color Enumeration for hexagons & Ten-color Enumeration for Pentagons of the Buckyball: Enumeration of Chiral and achiral colorings: For hexagons of the buckyball with 6 types of colors (vibgyr)<sup>a</sup> For pentagons 10- types of colors: vibgyorbwp (b:black, w:white, p:pink).

Hexagons			Pentagons		
Color Partition	$A_g$	$A_u$	Color Partition	$A_g$	$A_u$
20 0 0 0 0 0	1	0	12 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	1	0
19 1 0 0 0 0	1	0	11 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	1	0
18 2 0 0 0 0	5	1	10 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	3	0
17 3 0 0 0 0	5	2	9 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	3	0
16 4 0 0 0 0	15	6	8 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	5	0
18 1 1 0 0 0	34	23	10 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	9	2
17 2 1 0 0 0	60	54	9 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	14	8
16 3 1 0 0 0	58	38	8 3 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	10	2
16 2 2 0 0 0	176	151	8 2 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	23	10

17 1 1 1 0 0	274	233	9 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0	37	20
16 2 1 1 0 0	498	471	8 2 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0	57	42
16 1 1 1 1 0	972	966	8 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0	102	96
15 5 0 0 0 0	149	113	7 5 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	12	2
14 6 0 0 0 0	674	622	6 6 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	42	24
15 4 1 0 0 0	1337	1249	7 4 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	80	52
14 5 1 0 0 0	2610	2562	6 5 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	144	120
15 3 2 0 0 0	3928	3824	7 3 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	216	180
14 4 2 0 0 0	7776	7728	6 4 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	408	384
14 3 3 0 0 0	15504	15504	6 3 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	792	792
15 3 1 1 0 0	371	310	7 3 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0	18	6
14 4 1 1 0 0	1984	1892	6 4 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0	58	36
15 2 2 1 0 0	4984	4796	7 2 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0	142	104
14 3 2 1 0 0	9744	9636	6 3 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0	246	216
14 2 2 2 0 0	6557	6373	6 2 2 2 0 0 0 0 0 0	178	134
15 2 1 1 1 0	19480	19280	7 2 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0	488	436
14 3 1 1 1 0	38784	38736	6 3 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0	936	912
14 2 2 1 1 0	29352	28968	6 2 2 1 1 0 0 0 0 0	748	668
14 2 1 1 1 1	58248	58032	6 2 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0	1416	1356
13 7 0 0 0 0	116304	116256	5 5 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	2784	2760
12 8 0 0 0 0	693	609	5 4 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	5544	5544
13 6 1 0 0 0	4597	4457	4 4 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	160	118
12 7 1 0 0 0	13720	13412	5 5 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0	296	260
13 5 2 0 0 0	27216	27048	5 4 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0	258	204
12 6 2 0 0 0	22802	22438	4 4 3 1 0 0 0 0 0 0	726	660
13 4 3 0 0 0	68040	67620	4 4 2 2 0 0 0 0 0 0	1404	1368
12 5 3 0 0 0	135744	135576	5 4 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0	960	888
12 4 4 0 0 0	90618	90282	4 4 2 1 1 0 0 0 0 0	1440	1332
13 5 1 1 0 0	136024	135296	4 4 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0	2808	2736
12 6 1 1 0 0	271488	271152	5 3 3 1 0 0 0 0 0 0	5544	5544
13 4 2 1 0 0	542640	542640	5 3 2 2 0 0 0 0 0 0	4224	4092
12 5 2 1 0 0	407400	406560	4 3 3 2 0 0 0 0 0 0	8352	8280
12 4 3 1 0 0	814128	813792	5 3 2 1 1 0 0 0 0 0	16632	16632
12 4 2 2 0 0	1135	1022	4 3 3 1 1 0 0 0 0 0	33264	33264
13 4 1 1 1 0	8501	8305	5 2 2 2 1 0 0 0 0 0	330	270
12 5 1 1 1 0	29739	29262	4 3 2 2 1 0 0 0 0 0	1194	1116
12 4 2 1 1 0	58917	58665	4 2 2 2 2 0 0 0 0 0	1818	1692
12 4 1 1 1 1	59085	58497	5 2 2 1 1 1 0 0 0 0	3510	3420
11 9 0 0 0 0	176680	176036	4 3 2 1 1 1 0 0 0 0	6948	6912
10 10 0 0 0 0	352800	352632	4 2 2 2 1 1 0 0 0 0	2376	2244
11 8 1 0 0 0	74014	73286	4 2 2 1 1 1 1 0 0 0	4656	4584
10 9 1 0 0 0	294290	293590	3 3 3 3 0 0 0 0 0 0	7008	6852

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11 6 3 0 0 0	1763664	1763496	3 3 2 2 1 1 0 0 0 0	10572	10308
10 7 3 0 0 0	588509	587221	3 2 2 2 2 1 0 0 0 0	20880	20700
10 6 4 0 0 0	1175898	1175562	2 2 2 2 2 2 0 0 0 0	41616	41544
11 7 1 1 0 0	1764280	1762880	3 2 2 2 1 1 1 0 0 0	83160	83160
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9 9 2 0 0 0	705600	705264	3 2 2 2 1 1 1 0 0 0	83232	83088
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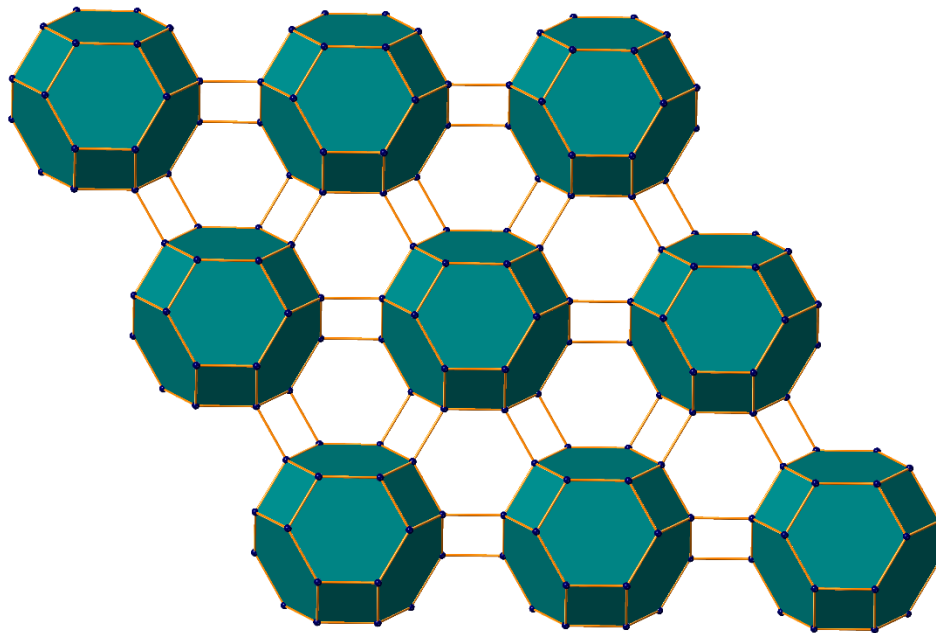
<sup>a</sup>number of hexagonal face colors:  $N(A_g)+N(A_u)$ ; <sup>a</sup>number of chiral pairs of hexagonal face colors:  $N(A_u)$  <sup>a</sup>number of achiral hexagonal face colors:  $N(A_g)-N(A_u)$ .

4. Applications: Chirality, Zeolites, mesoporous, nanomaterials and Biological Networks

Combinatorial enumerations under symmetry action have several applications to chirality, materials and biological networks. In the context of chirality, as shown in the previous section the combinatorial numbers for the totally symmetric  $A_g$  representation for any given color partition enumerates the Pólya equivalence classes of face colorings under the full  $O_h$  or  $I_h$  group. The combinatorial numbers for the chiral  $A_u$  IR yield the number of chiral pairs of face colorings while the difference between  $A_g$  and  $A_u$  numbers yields the number of achiral face colorings. Consequently, the sum of  $A_g$  and  $A_u$  numbers yields the total number of equivalence classes under the pure rotational operations or in  $O$  or  $I$  groups, respectively. As it is well known, chirality arises in a face coloring of the geometrical shapes considered here if the mirror image of the face coloring is not superimposable on the original coloring.

Another interesting application of the combinatorial enumeration scheme considered here is to spectroscopy in the context of nuclear spin statistics under symmetry [17,18,57,58]. In this context, the alternating irreducible representation, which is defined with +1 character values for even permutations and -1 for the odd permutations, plays a critical role in the case of fermion statistics. Consequently, the alternating representation is critical to the quantum chemical classification of the rovibronic wavefunctions of fermions, as the total wavefunction for fermions must be antisymmetric as stipulated by the Pauli Principle. Consequently, the direct product of the nuclear spin functions of the rovibronic and the IR of the rovibronic level of water clusters in the total nonrigid limit would have to transform according to the alternating representation of the hypercube. Consequently, the combinatorial enumerations considered here are extremely useful in the analysis of experimental spectroscopic properties of a number of weakly-bound *van der waals* clusters such as  $(H_2O)_n$ ,  $(NH_3)_n$  and so forth [17,18].

A number of mesoporous materials and zeolite structures are networks of various shapes that we have considered in this study. For example, the structure of the tetragonal zeolite farneseite [64] shown in Figure 4, consists of several truncated octahedra. The combinatorics of a truncated octahedron was considered in Table 4 among several other structures of octahedral or cubic symmetries. Consequently, when dice enumerations are specialized to the case of a few chosen types of colors, the combinatorics considered reduces to face colorings of complex zeolite types of structures like the one shown in Figure 4. That is, face colorings would correspond to the enumeration of isomeric structures that would arise from face capping of zeolite structures, analogous to the one shown in Figure 4. It is hoped that the present work will stimulate such applications to novel nanomaterials in the future.



**Figure 4.** The structure of the tetragonal zeolite farneseite comprising of several truncated octahedral. Figure reproduced with permission of authors [64]. The enumeration of structures obtained from face capping of such zeolites correspond to face color enumerations considered in the current study.

Cayley trees are recursive symmetry structures which find a number of applications in biological networks such as phylogenetic trees [51]. The symmetry groups of such structures are recursive wreath products and thus the colorings of vertices or edges of phylogenetic trees follow applications of the techniques considered in this study. These trees also find applications in pandemic trees as demonstrated in recent study on COVID-19 [52]. Moreover, in genetics the canalization or control of one genetic trait by another trait in the genetic regulatory networks is well described by the coloring of vertices of the hypercubes. Such genetic regulatory networks play important roles in evolutionary processes [53,54]. In this context, partitioning 2-colorings of the vertices of hypercubes into equivalence classes yield smaller clustering subsets for the statistical analysis of such networks. Consequently, the properties of any representative in an equivalence class contain the same genetic expression as any other function in the same equivalence class. The hypercubes have applications to the representations of DNA bases including DNA unnatural pairs [6].

## 5. Applications to Cryptography.

The combinatorial complexity of various shapes of dice considered here facilitates their applications to cryptography due to the enormous number of configurations rising from the face colorings and number of chiral dice generated from various shapes. As seen from previous Tables, the numbers grow in astronomical proportions culminating into  $4.4102702121446021496460288562760144 \times 10^{3171}$  for the grand cell-600 dice. Such large combinatorial

numbers relate to the combinatorial complexity of these shapes. Combinatorial complexity can be measured by the number of dice generated for each shape, as this could be one powerful measure of the complexity. The greater is this number the more complex is the structure. The large combinatorial complexity paves the way for powerful applications in cryptography for encrypting and decrypting messages through labeling the faces of the shapes with words or alphabets contained in a message. Once a mapping of the alphabets or other coded parts of a message are mapped to the faces of the shape considered here then the various permutations of the faces would result in enormous number of configurations allowing to scramble the codes message completely.

The Rubik's cube in an excellent exemplification of the underlying combinatorial complexity and thus a great candidate for the puzzle that it is eminent for. As seen from the previous section on Rubik's cube, there are  $5.34018574959804633194496 \times 10^{29}$  possible dice suggesting astronomical number of ways to label the faces of the Rubik's cube. This would indeed enable encryption of messages by labeling the faces of the cube with alphabets or codes. Then the various rotations of the larger faces would scramble the message completely and there are  $5.34018574959804633194496 \times 10^{29}$  such possibilities in the most general case. Consider two romantic clandestine messages to illustrate the point using the Rubik's cube namely, "I Love U" and "V Elope at 2". The first message has 6 alphabets and 2 blank spaces. For example, if say a corner or edge square of each larger face of the Rubik's cube is chosen to label with 6 alphabets in the message and the cube is scrambled by the various rotations. The receiver then would have to solve the Rubik's cube puzzle to decrypt the message. The complexity of the encryption can be further enhanced by mapping alphabets to other characters, simplest would be to map the alphabets to 26 numbers or other characters including !, @, #, \$, %, ^, &, \* and so on to make the message totally look like some sort of gibberish. The other message "V Elope at 2", contains 12 characters, 2 repeating es, 3 blanks and a number 2. If these characters are intertwined with other characters or numbers and one uses say a grand cell-600, one would achieve a bit less than the maximum number of  $4.4102702121446021496460288562760144 \times 10^{3171}$  chiral pairs of configurations. The numbers will be reduced by the repeating 3 blank spaces and two repeating es (assuming upper and lower cases are not differentiated) or by  $3! \times 2!$  provided all other faces are labelled with other unique numbers or characters, we would then arrive at  $3.67522517678717 \times 10^{3170}$  ways to scramble the message "V Elope at 2" using the faces of a grand cell-600 to encrypt the message. Just like the problem of Rubik's cube, the larger encryption puzzles involving n-dimensional objects can be solved by a series of systematic algorithms. The other nuance that can be introduced in n-dimensional encryption algorithms is to use characters to code a message, for example, a simple message: V Elope at 2 becomes ☙ ☞●□□ℳ ☞◆ ☞ in Wingding font. Note that with the increasing importance of artificial intelligence in the coming years, it is very clear that algorithms with machine learning and AI techniques can be developed to decrypt the messages sent through even such complex pockets of objects, for example, a grand cell-600. Indeed n-dimensional hypercubes and other combinatorially complex shapes considered here provide very compelling objects to generate packets of encrypted messages with face or edge or cell or tesseract or other complex p-dimensional hyperplanes for complex encryption that cannot be easily decrypted without invoking very complex AI algorithms that can unravel puzzles in n-dimensional spaces. Consequently, the present investigation on combinatorics of dice of various shapes in n dimensions indeed opens up such a plethora of applications in cryptography with potentials for defense and other applications.

## 6. Conclusions

In the preset study we considered several geometrical forms of dice with octahedral, icosahedral and higher symmetries including the hyperoctahedral symmetries. Combinatorial enumeration of dice for these various shapes as well as the enumeration of dice in n-dimensions were considered. The results not only revealed substantial combinatorial complexities for higher order dice but also the existence of intriguing isochiral dice for some of the geometrical shapes. A number of applications to material science, biology, molecular clusters and cryptography were pointed out. It is clear that

these n-dimensional and other complex objects considered here hold considerable promise as candidates for numerous applications going into the future.

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