

and hence  $\pi$  is a square root of the involution  $\hat{\kappa} = (2\ 10)(3\ 9)(4\ 8)(5\ 7)$ . Therefore  $\pi$  must consist of 4-cycles. Since  $\pi$  preserves parity mod 2, like any dissipative meander, the 4-cycles must permute the sets  $\{2, 4, 8, 10\}$  and  $\{3, 5, 7, 9\}$ , separately. Since (3.10) holds for the entire substitution orbit  $\pi^{-1}, \kappa\pi\kappa, \kappa\pi^{-1}\kappa$ , once it holds for  $\pi$  itself, only the two candidates  $\pi = (2\ 8\ 10\ 4)(3\ 7\ 9\ 5)$  and  $(2\ 8\ 10\ 4)(3\ 5\ 9\ 7)$  remain, without loss of generality. Since  $(2\ 8\ 10\ 4)(3\ 5\ 9\ 7)$  is not a meander permutation, this proves

$$(3.11) \quad \pi = (2\ 8\ 10\ 4)(3\ 7\ 9\ 5),$$

to be the only self-dual case with  $N = 11$  equilibria, up to trivial substitutions.

Motivated by the pitchforkable Chafee-Infante nonlinearity  $f = \lambda u(1 - u^2)$ , as discussed in [He85], [CoSm83], the self-dual case  $11.3^2 - 3$  has already been considered in [Ro91] as an example of a non-pitchforkable Sturm attractor: *pitchforkable* attractors can be simplified by a pitchfork bifurcation which reduces the number of equilibria by 2. In terms of the Sturm permutation  $\pi$ , they feature three adjacent entries:

$$(3.12) \quad \begin{aligned} \pi &= (\dots m-1 \quad m \quad m+1 \dots) \quad \text{or} \\ \pi &= (\dots m+1 \quad m \quad m-1 \dots). \end{aligned}$$

By tables 3.1, 3.2 and their simpler ancestors with  $N = 3, 5, 7$  and 9 equilibria, the self-dual attractor  $11.3^2 - 3$  is in fact the first and lowest-dimensional non-pitchforkable example with up to 11 equilibria.

## 4 Specifics: the planar Platonic graphs

In sections 4.1–4.5 we design Sturm attractors with the five planar Platonic graphs  $G$  as 1-skeletons  $\mathcal{C}_f^1$  of their connection graphs. Throughout we eliminate cases with substitution equivalent attractors or orientation isomorphic 1-skeletons  $G$ .

*Polarity* is a primary feature of Sturm attractors and, more generally, of any Morse system. This is caused by the two possible signs of any eigenfunction for any simple real eigenvalue and, consequently, by the two asymptotic directions of any trajectory which converges to any hyperbolic equilibrium – be it forward or backward in time, at a slower or faster exponential rate. See for example [BrFi86].

Such polarity is not easily accomodated by Platonic polyhedra. In the following sections we therefore present our attempts at designing planar Sturm attractors  $\mathcal{A}_f$  such that the 1-skeletons  $\mathcal{C}_f^1$  of their connection graphs coincide with the five Platonic graphs. Each of these planar graphs possesses only one plane embedding  $G$ , up to isomorphism, by the symmetries of the Platonic solids.

Case	Sturm permutation
$\pi$	1 12 11 4 5 10 9 6 3 2 7 8 13
$\kappa\pi^{-1}\kappa$	1 12 11 8 7 2 3 6 9 10 5 4 13

Table 4.1: Sturm permutations with the filled plane tetrahedral graph as connection graph.

Our general strategy follows theorems 1.1 and 1.2 via the recipe at the end of section 2.1. We first study inequivalent positions for the extreme equilibria  $\underline{v}$  and  $\bar{v}$  on  $G$ . We then enumerate the resulting admissible orientations of  $G$ , in the sense of theorem 1.1. Throughout section 3, the orientation was determined uniquely by the positions of  $\underline{v}$  and  $\bar{v}$ , up to trivial substitutions. We will now see how the same geometric configuration of  $\underline{v}$ ,  $\bar{v}$  can accommodate several orientations. As was mentioned in sections 1 and 2.1, any admissible orientation then determines a unique boundary (ZS)-Hamiltonian pair  $(h_0, h_1)$  of paths from  $\underline{v}$  to  $\bar{v}$ . This pair, in turn, defines the Sturm permutation  $\pi = h_0^{-1}h_1$  which produces the prescribed Platonic connection graph with 1-skeleton  $\mathcal{C}_f^1 = G$ . Conversely, again by theorems 1.1, 1.2, any connection graph with  $\mathcal{C}_f^1 = G$  defines an admissible orientation of  $G$ , and therefore must come from one of the Sturm permutations  $\pi$  which we have constructed.

## 4.1 The plane tetrahedral graph

See figure 4.1, left for the planar tetrahedral graph, the numbering of its vertices, and the two admissible orientations of its 1-skeleton. We only need to consider extremal vertices  $\underline{v} = 1$  and  $\bar{v} = 2$ , possibly after rotation and interchange of  $\underline{v}, \bar{v}$  by reflection  $\sigma_1$  through the symmetry axis 35 of the plane embedded tetrahedral graph.

The two admissible orientations on the 1-skeleton  $G$  are related as follows. Reflecting through 35 and reversing all arrows transforms one orientation into the other. Consequently, the right diagram of figure 4.1 is obtained from the center diagram by reflection through 35, reversal of all arrows, and interchange of  $h_0, h_1$ .

To derive the associate Sturm permutations  $\pi = \pi_f$  which turn figure 4.1 into an attractor design, we recall  $\pi = h_0^{-1} \circ h_1$  from (2.3). Relabeling vertices does not affect  $\pi$ . Let us therefore relabel vertices such that the  $Z$ -Hamiltonian path  $h_0 = id$ : we simply tag vertices along the path  $h_0$ . Then  $\pi = h_1$  simply collects the same tags along the  $S$ -Hamiltonian path  $h_1$ ; see (2.4).

The Sturm permutations  $\pi_1, \pi_2$  leading to – or generated by – the center and right diagrams in figure 4.1 are given explicitly in table 4.1. Note that  $\pi_2 = \kappa\pi^{-1}\kappa$  is trivially substitution equivalent to  $\pi_1$  by symmetry  $\sigma_1$ . Neither permutation is pitchforkable. Inspection of the duals  $G^*$ , as in section 3, shows that the tetrahedral graphs are face-glued versions of the

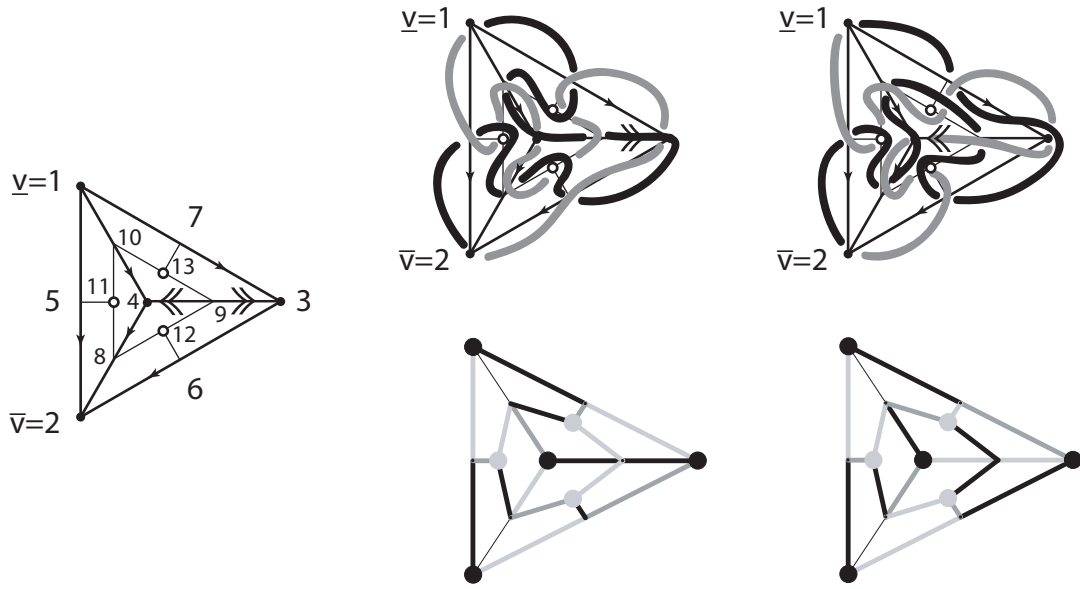


Figure 4.1: The filled plane tetrahedral graph. Left: numbering of vertices and orientations. Center and right: boundary  $ZS$ -Hamiltonian pairs  $(h_0, h_1)$ . Double arrows indicate deviating orientations. Top row: disentangled paths  $h_0$  (black) and  $h_1$  (gray). Simplified diagrams in bottom row: edges traversed by both  $h_0$  and  $h_1$  are gray; black is for  $h_0$ , and light gray for  $h_1$ , alone; thin edges for neither.

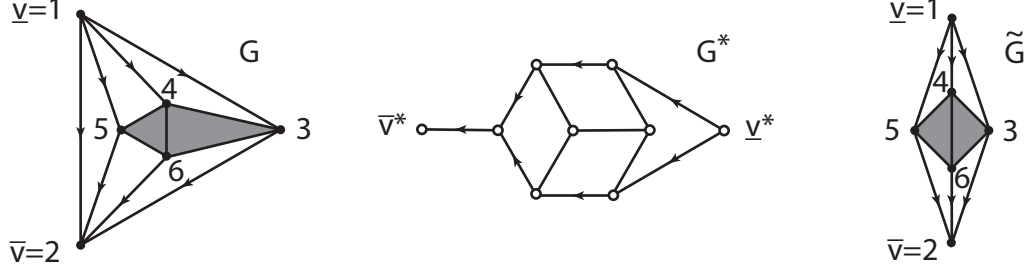


Figure 4.2: The plane octahedral graph  $G$ . Left: numbering of vertices and basic orientations. Center: the dual 1-skeleton  $G^*$ . Right:  $G$  after removal of glued triangle 125 on the left.

self-dual case  $11.3^2 - 3$ ; see also figure 3.11 and table 3.2. The gluing face is the triangle 124 in  $G$ . Face gluing always applies, trivially, for adjacent extrema  $\underline{v}$ ,  $\bar{v}$  on  $\partial G$ .

## 4.2 The plane octahedral graph

See figure 4.2, left, for the plane octahedral graph  $G$ , the numbering of its vertices, and the basic orientation constraints induced by the extremal vertices  $\underline{v}$  and  $\bar{v}$ . Again we only need to consider adjacent extremal vertices  $\underline{v} = 1$  and  $\bar{v} = 2$ , without loss of generality.

Before we determine all remaining possibilities for the orientations in the “square” 3456, we trivially observe that the face 125 is a gluing face; see the stacking in the dual, figure 4.2, center. We are therefore left with the orientation problem of the reduced graph  $\tilde{G}$  on the right of figure 4.3. More precisely, we have to check the  $2^5$  possible orientations of the five edges in the square 3456 for their admissibility.

Instead of case-by-case, we proceed by isotropy with respect to the symmetries of the reduced 1-skeleton  $\tilde{G}$ . Let  $\sigma_1$  denote reflection of  $G$  through the horizontal axis 35, again, which comes with reversal of all orientation arrows. To fix  $\underline{v}$ ,  $\bar{v}$ , we also reverse and interchange the  $ZS$ -Hamiltonian paths  $h_0, h_1$  from  $\underline{v}$  to  $\bar{v}$ . Let  $\sigma_2$  denote the reflection of  $\tilde{G}$  through the vertical axis  $\underline{v} \bar{v} = 12$ , which also interchanges  $h_0, h_1$  but does not reverse arrows. Rotation by  $180^\circ$ , with orientation reversal, is the composite  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$  of the commuting reflections. The orientation of the edge  $\{4, 6\}$  in the square 3456 is affected by neither of these automorphism of the (unoriented) graph  $\tilde{G}$ . Let  $I$  denote the *orientation isotropy* of  $\tilde{G}$ , that is the subgroup of those elements in the symmetry group  $\Gamma = \langle \sigma_1, \sigma_2 \rangle = \{id, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_1 \sigma_2\}$  of  $\tilde{G}$  which also respect a given orientation of  $\tilde{G}$ .

First suppose  $\sigma_1 \in I$ . Then the edges  $\{4, 5\}$  and  $\{5, 6\}$  possess antiparallel orientation, as do

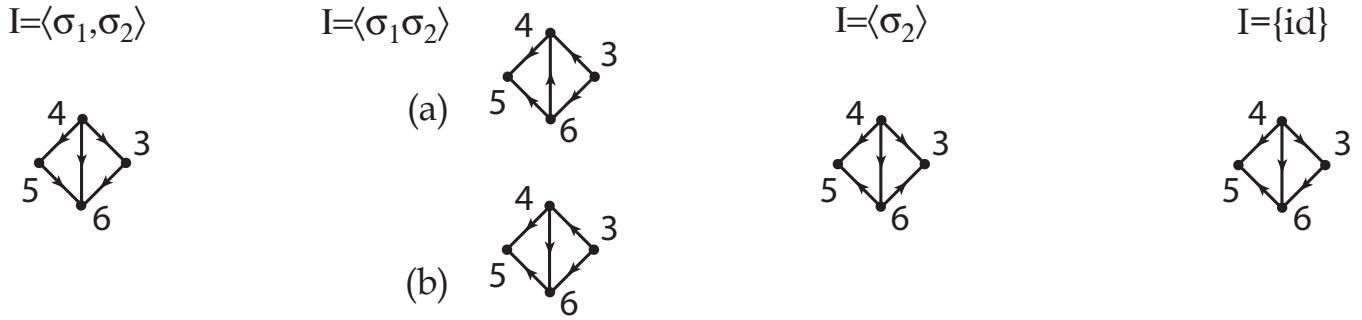


Figure 4.3: Orientations and isotropies  $I$  of the octahedral square 3456, up to action by  $\Gamma = \langle \sigma_1, \sigma_2 \rangle$ .

Isotropy $I$	Sturm permutation
$\Gamma = \langle \sigma_1, \sigma_2 \rangle$	1 24 23 16 15 4 5 14 17 22 21 18 13 12 11 6 3 2 7 10 19 20 9 8 25
$\langle \sigma_2 \rangle$	1 24 23 20 19 4 5 18 17 8 9 16 21 22 15 14 13 10 7 6 3 2 11 12 25
$\langle \sigma_1, \sigma_2 \rangle$ , (a)	1 24 23 20 19 16 15 2 3 14 13 6 7 12 17 18 11 10 21 22 9 8 5 4 25
$\langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \rangle$ , (b)	1 24 23 20 19 10 9 2 3 8 11 18 17 12 7 6 13 16 21 22 15 14 5 4 25
$\{id\}$ , (a)	1 24 23 20 19 4 5 18 17 12 11 6 3 2 7 10 13 16 21 22 15 14 9 8 25
$\{id\}$ , (b)	1 24 23 12 11 4 5 10 13 22 21 14 9 8 15 20 19 16 7 6 3 2 17 18 25

Table 4.2: Sturm permutations  $\pi$  with the filled plane octahedral graph as connection graph. Substitution equivalent and orientation isomorphic copies are omitted. See also figure 4.4

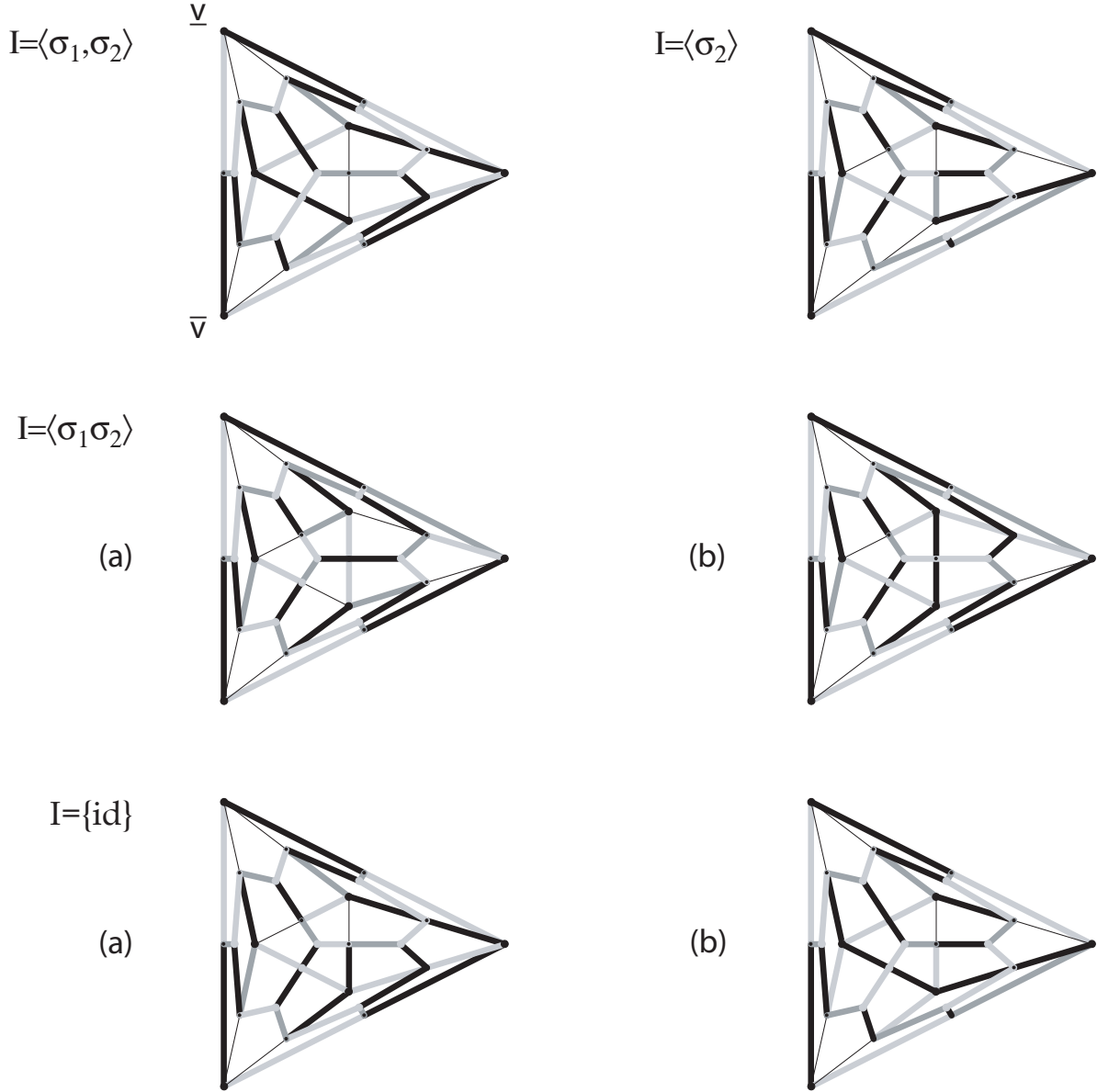


Figure 4.4: The six boundary  $ZS$ -Hamiltonian pairs  $(h_0, h_1)$  for the planar octahedral graph. For Sturm permutations and enumeration of cases by isotropy  $I$  see table 4.2. Edges traversed by both  $h_0$  and  $h_1$  are gray; black is for  $h_0$ , light gray for  $h_1$  alone; thin edges for neither.

$\{3,4\}$  and  $\{3,6\}$ . Because none of the vertices 3,5 is di-critical in  $G$ , in the sense of section 1, the resulting orientations are 45, 56, and 43, 36. Acyclicity of the orientation then implies downward orientation 46 of the vertical diagonal edge  $\{4,6\}$ . This unique case therefore possesses full isotropy,  $I = \Gamma = \langle \sigma_1, \sigma_2 \rangle$ . See figure 4.3

Next suppose  $\sigma_1 \notin \Gamma$ . Then at least one of the above two nonvertical edge pairs must possess parallel orientation. Acting by  $\sigma_2$ , we may assume the left pair  $\{4,5\}$ ,  $\{5,6\}$  to be parallel. Acting by  $\sigma_1$  we may assume outward orientation 45, 65. Two cases arise here:

- (a) upward orientation 64 of the vertical edge. Because neither vertex 4 nor vertex 6 is di-critical, this implies the orientations 34 and 36, with resulting isotropy  $I = \langle \sigma_1, \sigma_2 \rangle$ . See figure 4.3,  $I = \langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \rangle$ , case (a).
- (b) downward orientation 46 of the vertical edge. If  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \in I$ , i.e.,  $I = \langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \rangle$ , then 45, 65 imply 36, 34, respectively. See figure 4.3,  $I = \langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \rangle$ , case (b).

If  $\sigma_2 \in I_2$ , i.e.,  $I_2 = \langle \sigma_2 \rangle$ , then we obtain 63, 43, instead, as in figure 4.3,  $I = \langle \sigma_2 \rangle$ .

Finally, therefore, trivial isotropy comes with antiparallel orientation of the edges  $\{3,4\}$  and  $\{3,6\}$ . Because vertex 3 is not di-critical in  $G$ , this implies 43, 36, as in figure 4.3,  $I = \{id\}$ . The five cases of figure 4.3 therefore exhaust all admissible orientations of the reduced square 3456 in the reduced 1-skeleton  $\tilde{G}$  and in the octahedral 1-skeleton  $G$ , alike. For the associated boundary  $ZS$ -Hamiltonian pairs from  $\underline{v} = 1$  to  $\bar{v} = 2$  see figure 4.4. As in the case of the tetrahedron, we may relabel vertices such that  $h_0 = id$ . Then the Sturm permutations  $\pi = \pi_f$  are given by the paths  $h_1$  as  $\pi = h_1$ . In table 4.2 we list the resulting six Sturm permutations. We omit the trivial substitution action of  $\sigma_1$ , given by  $\pi \mapsto \kappa \pi^{-1} \kappa$ . Only for trivial isotropy,  $I = \{id\}$ , the actions of the remaining group elements cannot be represented by  $\sigma_1$  alone. Instead, we obtain two permutations, which are related by  $\sigma_2$ , in this case. Only the case with isotropy  $I = \langle \sigma_2 \rangle$  is pitchforkable. In figure 4.4 it is informative to check the isotropies  $I$  with respect to  $\sigma_1$ , on  $G_2$ , and with respect to  $\sigma_2$ , on the filled reduced graph  $\tilde{G}_2$  of  $\tilde{G}$ , in terms of reflections, orientation reversals, and interchanges of  $h_0, h_1$ .

### 4.3 The plane hexahedral (cube) graph

See figure 4.5, left, for the plane hexahedral graph  $G$ , otherwise known as the 1-skeleton of the 3-cube. Immediately two cases arise, depending on the relative position of the extrema  $\underline{v}$ ,  $\bar{v}$ . Indeed,  $\underline{v}$  and  $\bar{v}$  may either be adjacent, or else diagonally opposite on the boundary  $\partial G$ .

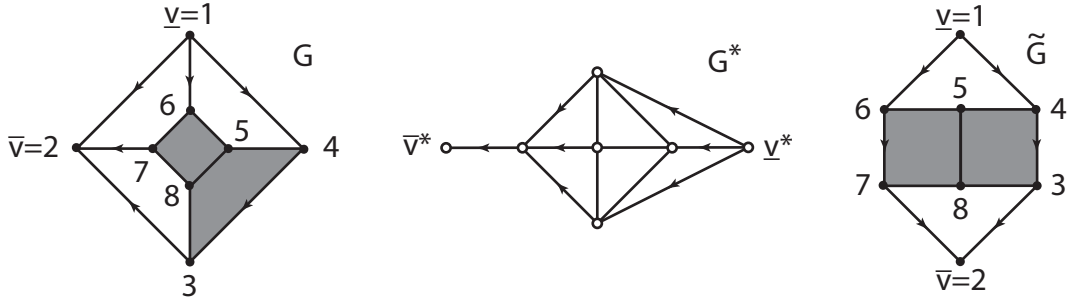


Figure 4.5: The plane hexahedral graph  $G$  with adjacent extrema  $\underline{v} = 1$ ,  $\bar{v} = 2$ . Left: numbering of vertices and basic orientations. Center: dual 1-skeleton  $G^*$ . Right: reduced 1-skeleton  $\tilde{G}$  after removal of the glued trapezoid 1276 from  $G$ .

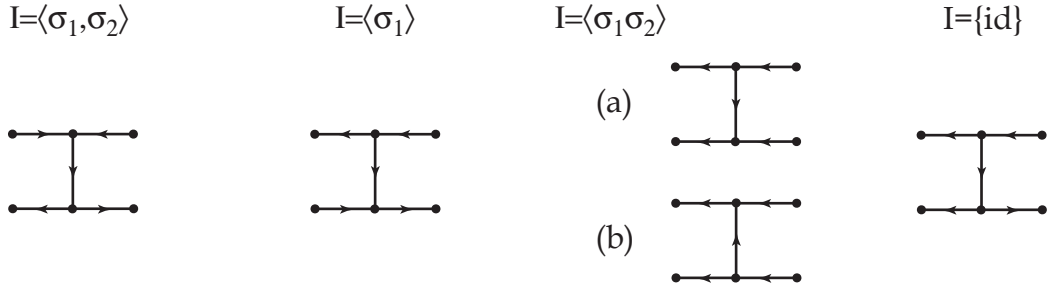


Figure 4.6: Orientations and isotropies of the hexahedral "letter I" spanned by the vertices 345678.



Isotropy $I$	Sturm Permutation
$\Gamma = \langle \sigma_1, \sigma_2 \rangle$	1 24 23 8 9 20 19 10 7 2 3 6 11 12 13 18 21 22 17 14 5 4 15 16 25
$\langle \sigma_1 \rangle$	1 24 23 12 11 2 3 6 7 10 13 14 15 22 21 16 9 8 17 18 5 4 19 20 25
$\langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \rangle$ , (a)	1 24 23 18 17 2 3 10 11 16 19 20 15 12 9 4 5 8 13 14 21 22 7 6 25
$\langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \rangle$ , (b)	1 24 23 18 17 2 3 14 13 4 5 8 9 12 15 16 19 20 11 10 21 22 7 6 25
$\{id\}$	1 24 23 18 17 2 3 6 7 16 19 20 15 8 9 14 21 22 13 10 5 4 11 12 25

Table 4.3: Sturm permutations  $\pi$  with the filled plane hexahedral (cube) graph as connection graph and adjacent extrema  $\underline{v}$ ,  $\bar{v}$ . Substitution equivalent and orientation isomorphic copies are omitted. See also figure 4.7.

Isotropy $I$	Sturm Permutation
$\langle \sigma_2 \rangle$	1 16 17 24 23 18 15 8 9 14 19 20 13 10 7 2 3 6 11 12 21 22 5 4 25
$\langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \rangle$ , (a)	1 16 17 24 23 18 15 4 5 14 19 20 13 6 7 12 21 22 11 8 3 2 9 10 25
$\langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \rangle$ , (b)	1 6 7 24 23 8 9 14 15 22 21 16 13 10 5 4 11 12 17 18 3 2 19 20 25
$\{id\}$ , (a)	1 10 11 24 23 12 9 4 5 8 13 14 15 22 21 16 7 6 17 18 3 2 19 20 25
$\{id\}$ , (b)	1 16 17 24 23 18 15 12 11 2 3 6 7 10 13 14 19 20 9 8 21 22 5 4 25

Table 4.4: Sturm permutations  $\pi$  with the filled plane hexahedral (cube) graph as connection graph and diagonally opposite extrema  $\underline{v}$ ,  $\bar{v}$ . Substitution equivalent and orientation isomorphic copies are omitted. See also figure 4.10.

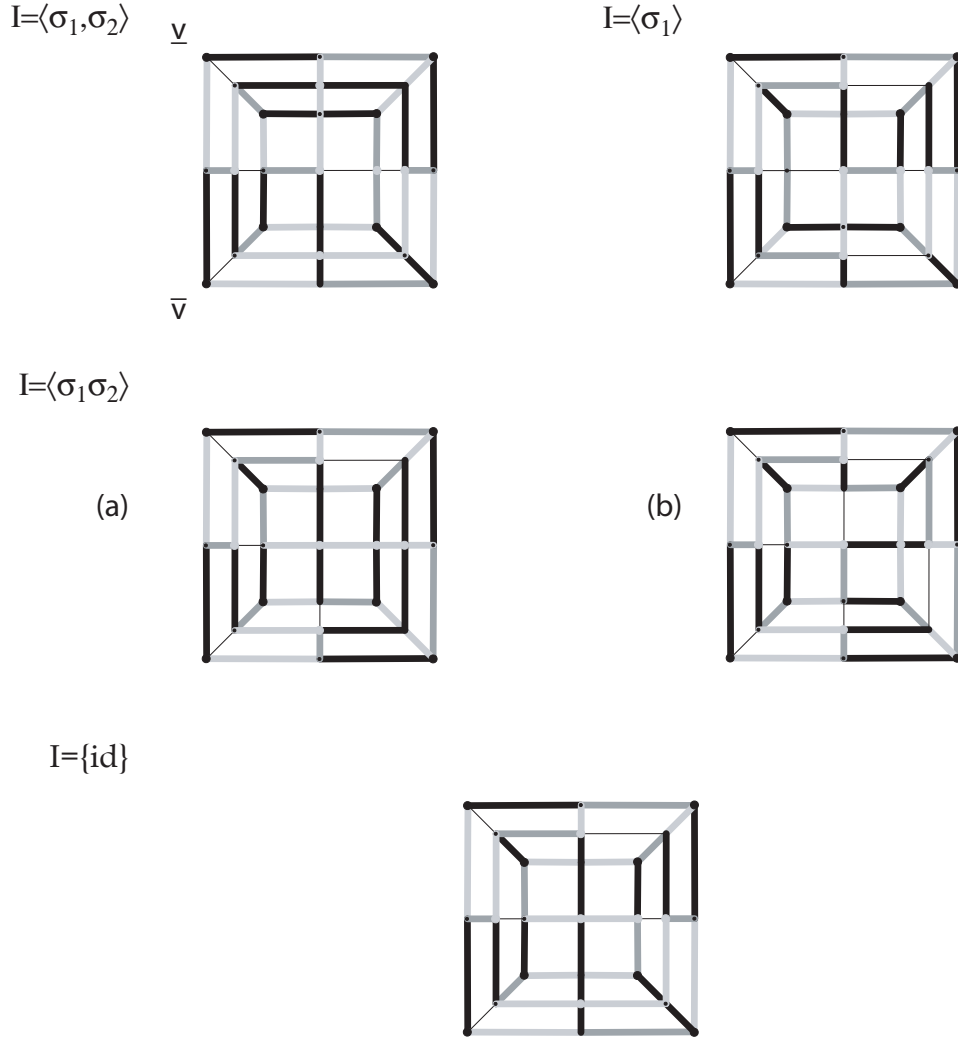


Figure 4.7: The five boundary  $ZS$ -Hamiltonian pairs  $(h_0, h_1)$  for the planar hexahedral (cube) graph with adjacent extrema  $\underline{v}$ ,  $\bar{v}$ . For Sturm permutations and enumeration of cases by isotropy  $I$  see table 4.3. Edges traversed by both  $h_0$  and  $h_1$  are gray; black is for  $h_0$ , light gray for  $h_1$  alone; thin edges for neither.

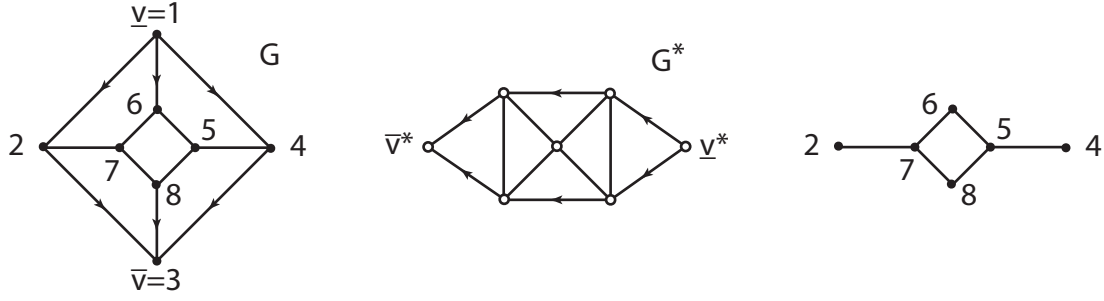


Figure 4.8: The plane hexahedral graph  $G$  with diagonally opposite extrema  $\underline{v} = 1$ ,  $\bar{v} = 3$ . Left: numbering of vertices and basic orientations. Center: the dual 1-skeleton  $G^*$ . Right: the central winged square 267854 of  $G$ .

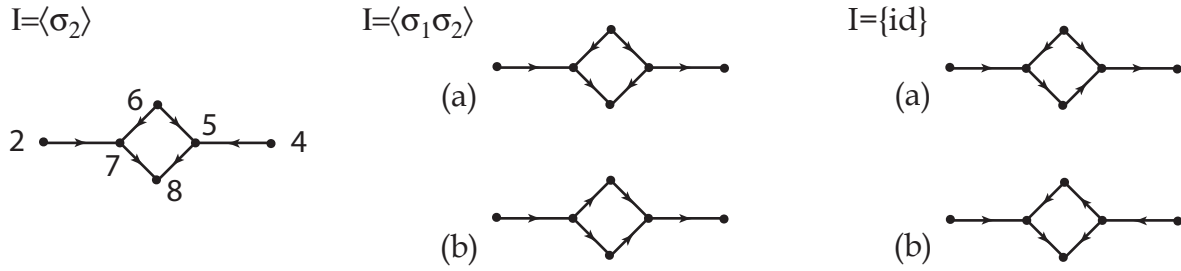


Figure 4.9: Orientations and isotropies of the hexahedral winged squared 267854.

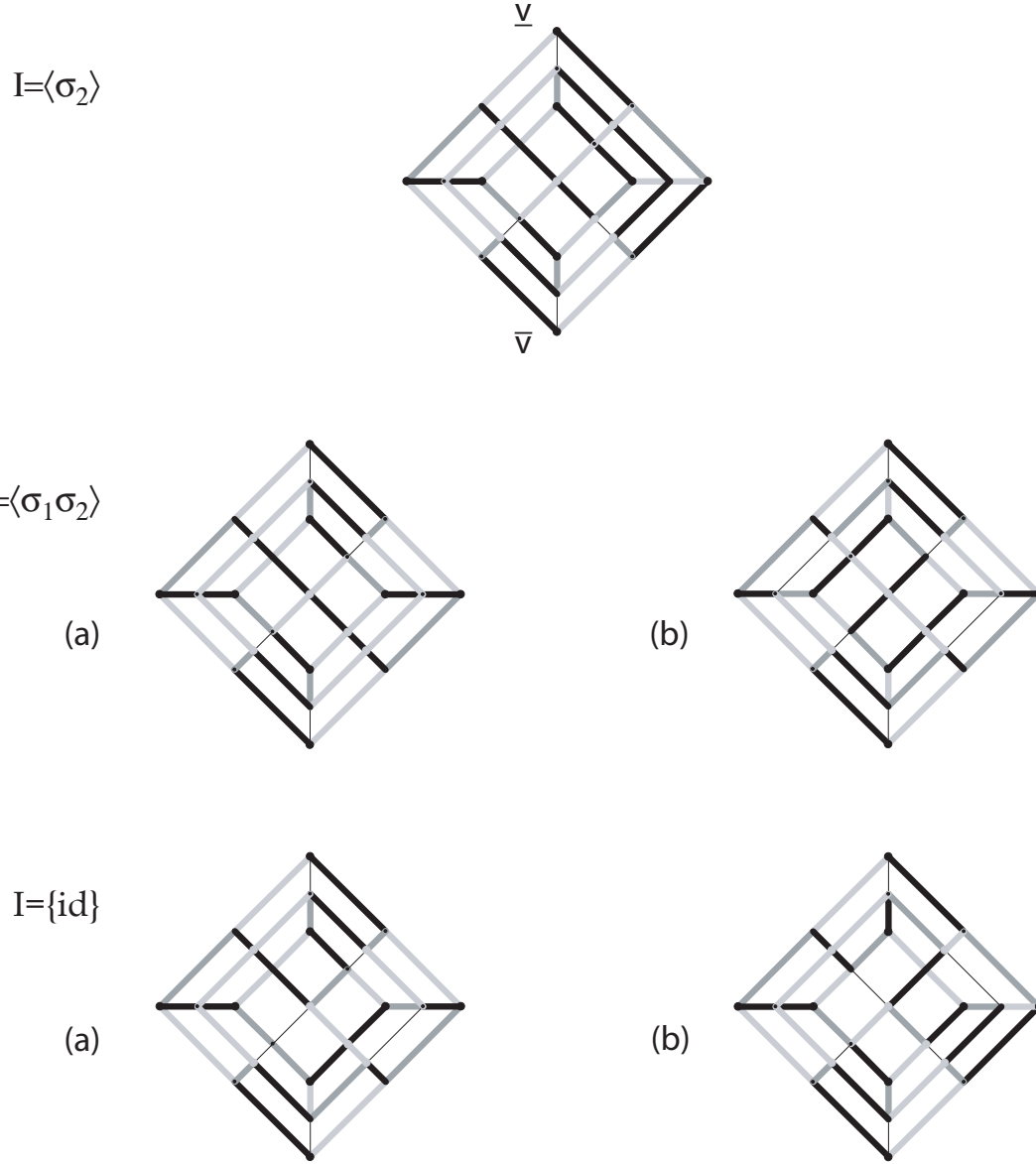


Figure 4.10: The five boundary  $ZS$ -Hamiltonian pairs  $(h_0, h_1)$  for the planar hexahedral (cube) graph with diagonally opposite extrema  $\underline{v}, \bar{v}$ . For Sturm permutations and enumeration of cases by isotropy  $I$  see table 4.4. Edges traversed by both  $h_0$  and  $h_1$  are gray; black is for  $h_0$ , light gray for  $h_1$  alone; thin edges for neither.

### 4.3.1 The case of adjacent extrema $\underline{v}$ , $\bar{v}$

Without loss of generality,  $\underline{v} = 1$  and  $\bar{v} = 2$ . See figure 4.5 for the dual 1-skeleton  $G^*$ , and for the reduced 1-skeleton  $\tilde{G}$  after removal of the trivially glued trapezoid face 1276. Face gluing forces the orientation 67 of the edge  $\{6,7\}$ . Analogously to section 4.2, we perform an admissibility check on the  $2^5$  orientations of the remaining “letter I” spanned by the vertices 345678. We consider reflections  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  as before: the axis of  $\sigma_2$  runs through 1582, vertically, whereas  $\sigma_1$  bisects the edges 43,  $\{5,8\}$  and 67 horizontally. Di-criticality and acyclicity constraints on admissible orientations lead to the five cases listed in figure 4.6. We leave the derivation, which is analogous to section 4.2, to our reader as an exercise.

For boundary  $ZS$ -Hamiltonian pairs from  $\underline{v} = 1$  to  $\bar{v} = 2$  generated by these orientations see figure 4.7. In table 4.3 we list the resulting five Sturm permutations. Again, we omit  $\sigma_1$ -related cases, alias  $\kappa\pi^{-1}\kappa$ . Only for trivial isotropy, the remaining  $\sigma_2$ -related case has to be added. Only the cases with isotropy  $I = \langle \sigma_1, \sigma_2 \rangle$  and  $I = \langle \sigma_1 \rangle$  are pitchforkable.

### 4.3.2 The case of diagonally opposite extrema $\underline{v}$ , $\bar{v}$

Without loss of generality,  $\underline{v} = 1$  and  $\bar{v} = 3$ . See figure 4.8 for  $G^*$  to see that  $G$  is neither face-glued nor stacked. This leaves us with  $2^6$  orientations for the central winged square 267854 to check for admissibility.

Analogously to figures 4.3 and 4.6 we arrive at the five admissible orientations of figure 4.9, listed by decreasing isotropy with respect to the horizontal and vertical reflections  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  of the winged square.

In addition to  $\sigma_1$ , this time, also  $\sigma_2$  acts on the non-reduced 1-skeleton  $G$  itself, by interchange of the paths  $h_0$  and  $h_1$ . Since relabeling of vertices does not affect the Sturm permutation  $\pi$ , this amounts to the trivial substitution equivalence  $\pi \leftrightarrow \pi^{-1}$ . Therefore only five cases arise, up to trivial substitutions. See table 4.4 and figure 4.10. None of the resulting cases is pitchforkable.

## 4.4 The plane dodecahedral graph

The plane dodecahedral graph  $G$ , as a 1-skeleton, features 30 edges. Since  $\partial G$  is a 5-gon, and by the rotation and reflection symmetries of the dodecahedron, it is sufficient to consider two relative positions of the extrema  $\underline{v}$ ,  $\bar{v}$  on  $\partial G$ : adjacent, or else at distance 2. Either case fixes the orientations of the five boundary edges. In the adjacent case, moreover, the 5-gon containing  $\underline{v}$ ,  $\bar{v}$  also fixes the orientations of an additional 4 interior edges. As for the cube in section 4.3.1, this follows because the dual 1-skeleton  $G^*$  is then stacked, the face adjacent to  $\underline{v}$  and  $\bar{v}$  is trivially face glued, and the boundary orientation of theorem 1.1 applies to

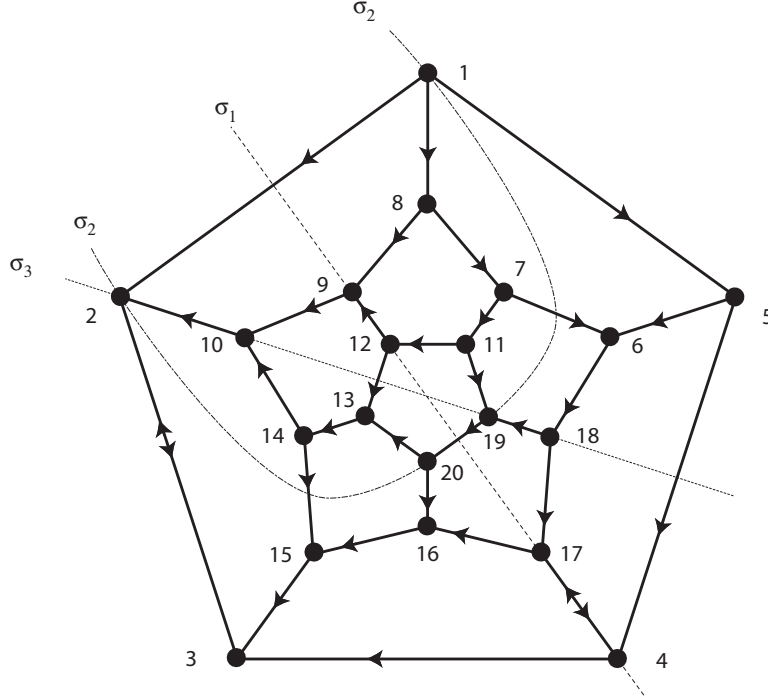


Figure 4.11: Orientations and symmetries of the plane dodecahedron.

$G^*$ . In any case, we are left with  $2^{21}$  possibilities to discuss for an orientation of  $G$ , many of which are admissible. The group generated by the symmetries  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$ , as in the previous sections, will be of little help in any attempt of a complete enumeration. With a merciful eye on the referee, and ourselves, we only discuss three examples which differ by flipping the orientation of only two edges, as indicated in figure 4.11.

Our examples differ in the orientation of the edges  $\{2,3\}$  and  $\{4,17\}$ . We distinguish the three cases of table 4.5. In cases 1 and 2 the extrema  $\underline{v}, \bar{v}$  are adjacent in  $G$ . After removal of the glued face  $1\ 8\ 9\ 10\ 2$  we obtain the reflection symmetries  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  of the reduced 1-skeleton  $\tilde{G}$ , as in the previous sections and as indicated in figure 4.11. This time, however, the edges  $\{9,12\}$  and  $\{4,17\}$  come to lie on the reflection axis of  $\sigma_1$ . Since  $\sigma_1$  reverses orientations, this implies that  $\sigma_1$  cannot be in the isotropy of any orientation. Likewise,  $\sigma_2$  cannot be an isotropy element because the axis of  $\sigma_2$  bisects the edges  $\{6,7\}$  and  $\{14,15\}$ , but does not reverse orientations. Therefore, the maximal isotropy of any admissible orientation is  $I = \langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \rangle$ , as exemplified in case 1. Reversing only the orientation of the edge  $\{4,17\}$ , as in case 2, is sufficient to eliminate all isotropy. Case 3, finally, moves the extremum  $\bar{v}$  from 2

Case	$\{2,3\}$	$\{4,17\}$	$\underline{v}$	$\bar{v}$	isotropy $I$
1	$3 \rightarrow 2$	$4 \rightarrow 17$	1	2	$\langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \rangle$
2	$3 \rightarrow 2$	$17 \rightarrow 4$	1	2	$\{id\}$
3	$2 \rightarrow 3$	$4 \rightarrow 17$	1	3	$\{id\}$

Table 4.5: Three examples of orientations of the plane dodecahedron, distinguished by orientations of the edges  $\{2,3\}$  and  $\{4,17\}$ . See also figure 4.11.

Case	Sturm Permutation
1	1 60 59 12 13 54 53 14 15 26 27 38 29 52 55 56 51 40 37 28 25 16 11 2 3 10 17 18 19 24 29 30 31 36 41 42 43 50 57 58 49 44 35 32 23 20 9 4 5 8 21 22 33 34 45 46 7 6 47 48 61
2	1 60 59 8 9 54 53 10 11 26 27 38 39 52 55 56 51 40 37 28 25 12 7 2 3 6 13 14 15 24 29 30 31 36 41 42 43 50 57 58 49 44 35 32 23 16 17 22 33 34 45 46 21 18 5 4 19 20 47 48 61
3	1 58 57 12 13 52 51 14 15 26 27 38 39 50 53 54 49 40 37 28 25 16 11 2 3 10 17 18 19 24 29 30 31 36 41 42 43 48 55 56 59 60 47 44 35 32 23 20 9 4 5 8 21 22 33 34 45 46 7 6 61

Table 4.6: Three Sturm permutations of dodecahedra. For enumeration of cases by isotropy  $I$  see table 4.5 and figure 4.12.

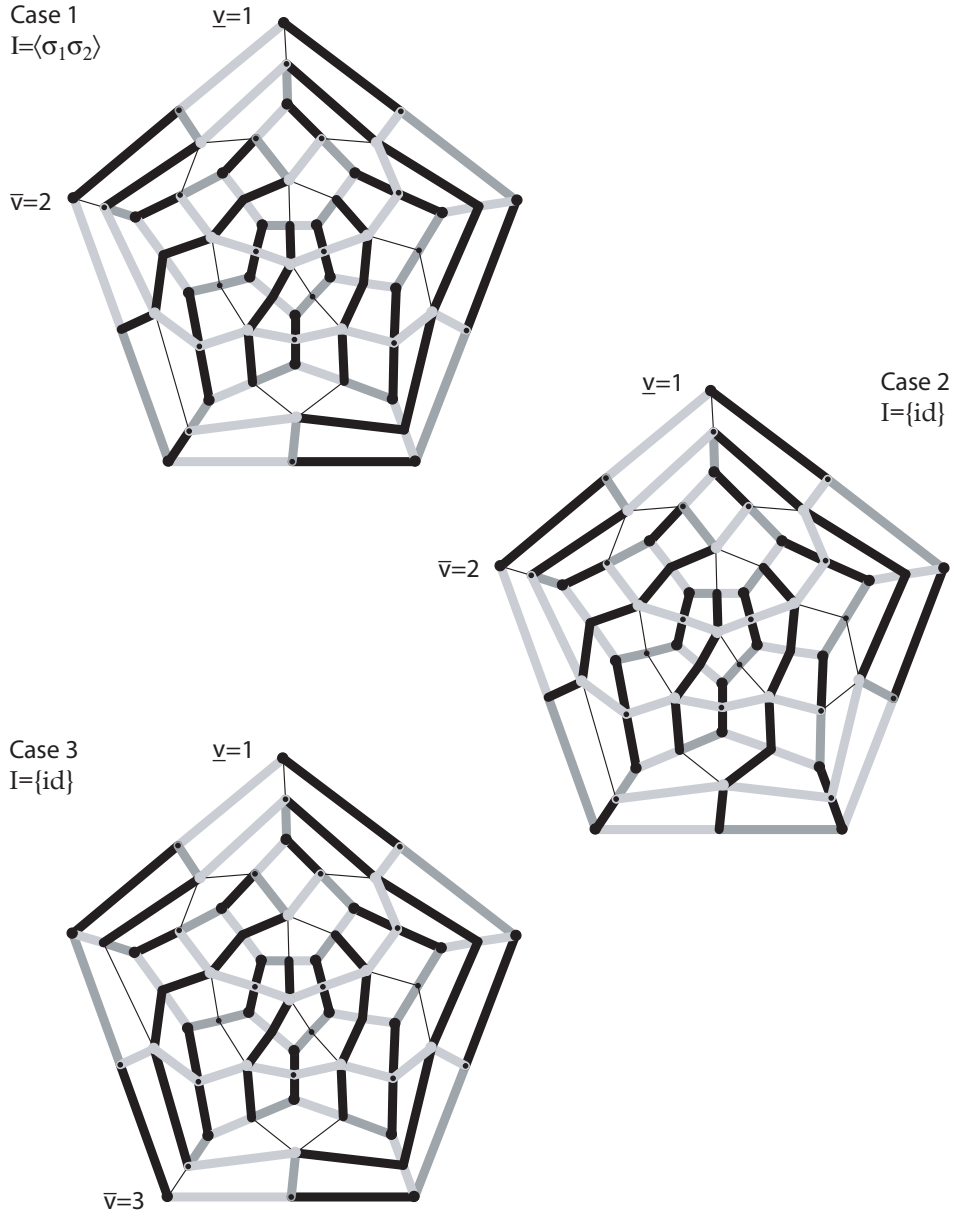


Figure 4.12: Boundary  $ZS$ -Hamiltonian paths  $h_0, h_1$  for the three dodecahedral orientations of table 4.5. Edges traversed by both  $h_0$  and  $h_1$  are gray; black is for  $h_0$ , light gray for  $h_1$  alone; thin edges for neither.



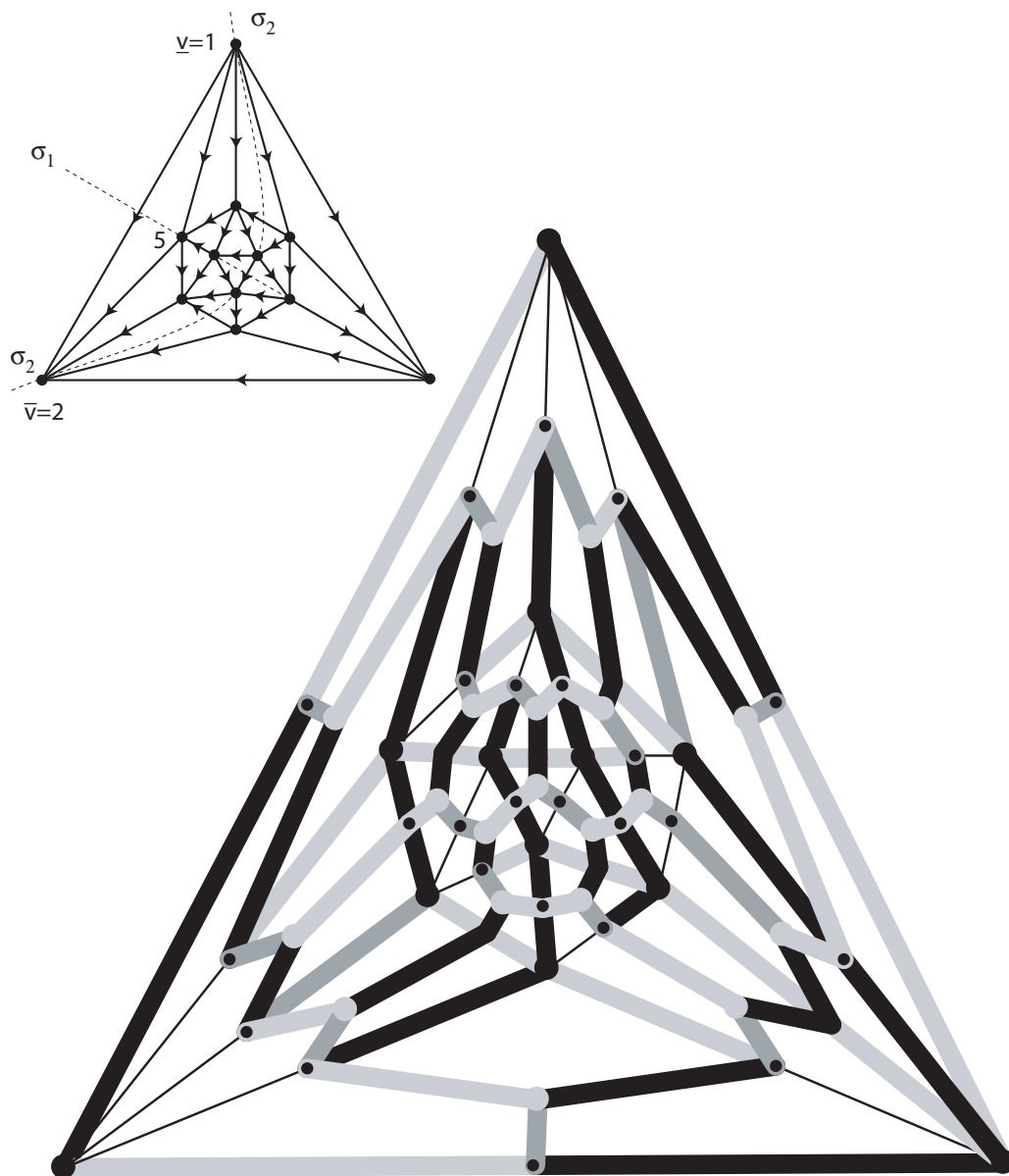


Figure 4.13: An example of the plane icosahedron. Insert: orientations and symmetries. Main: boundary  $ZS$ -Hamiltonian paths  $h_0, h_1$ . Edges traversed by both  $h_0$  and  $h_1$  are gray; black is for  $h_0$ , light gray for  $h_1$  alone; thin edges for neither.

to 3. This leaves only the reflection  $\sigma_3$  as a candidate for isotropy. However,  $\sigma_3$  fails because it reverses orientation and contains the edges  $\{2,10\}$  and  $\{18,19\}$  of the 1-skeleton.

The  $ZS$ -Hamiltonian pairs  $(h_0, h_1)$  for all three cases are illustrated in figure 4.12. Note the invariance of paths and the reversal of orientations in  $\tilde{G}$  effected by the isotropy  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$  in case 1. Also note how the “atomic” orientation flips from case 1 to cases 2 and 3, respectively, are accommodated by rather localized changes in the Hamiltonian paths. The resulting changes in the Sturm permutations  $\pi = h_0^{-1}h_1$ , however, are quite nonlocal; see table 4.6. All three cases are pitchforkable.

## 4.5 The plane icosahedral graph

As a final illustration of design of Sturm attractors we consider the plane icosahedral 1-skeleton  $G$ , again with 30 edges. The extrema  $\underline{v}$ ,  $\bar{v}$  are necessarily adjacent on the triangular boundary; see the insert of figure 4.13. The face 125 is therefore glued. The reduced 1-skeleton  $\tilde{G}$  possesses the indicated symmetries  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$ , as discussed in the sections above. For the same reasons as in section 4.4, neither  $\sigma_1$  nor  $\sigma_2$  alone can be an isotropy element. Since we are left with  $2^{21}$  choices for the remaining edge orientations, once again many of them admissible, we select a single example orientation with isotropy  $I = \langle \sigma_1\sigma_2 \rangle$ . See figure 4.13 for the chosen orientation of the 1-skeleton  $G$  and for the resulting  $ZS$ -Hamiltonian paths  $h_0$  and  $h_1$ . Note grayscale preservation and orientation reversal under the rotation  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ , outside the glued on triangle 125. The Sturm permutation  $\pi = h_0^{-1}h_1$  of this example is multiply pitchforkable:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \pi = & (1\ 60\ 59\ 52\ 51\ 20\ 19\ 4\ 5\ 18\ 21\ 50\ 49\ 34\ 33\ 22\ 17\ 16\ 23\ 32 \\
 (4.1) \quad & 35\ 48\ 53\ 58\ 57\ 54\ 47\ 46\ 45\ 36\ 31\ 30\ 29\ 24\ 15\ 14\ 13\ 6\ 3\ 2 \\
 & 7\ 12\ 25\ 28\ 37\ 44\ 43\ 38\ 27\ 26\ 11\ 10\ 39\ 42\ 55\ 56\ 41\ 40\ 9\ 8\ 61)
 \end{aligned}$$

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