











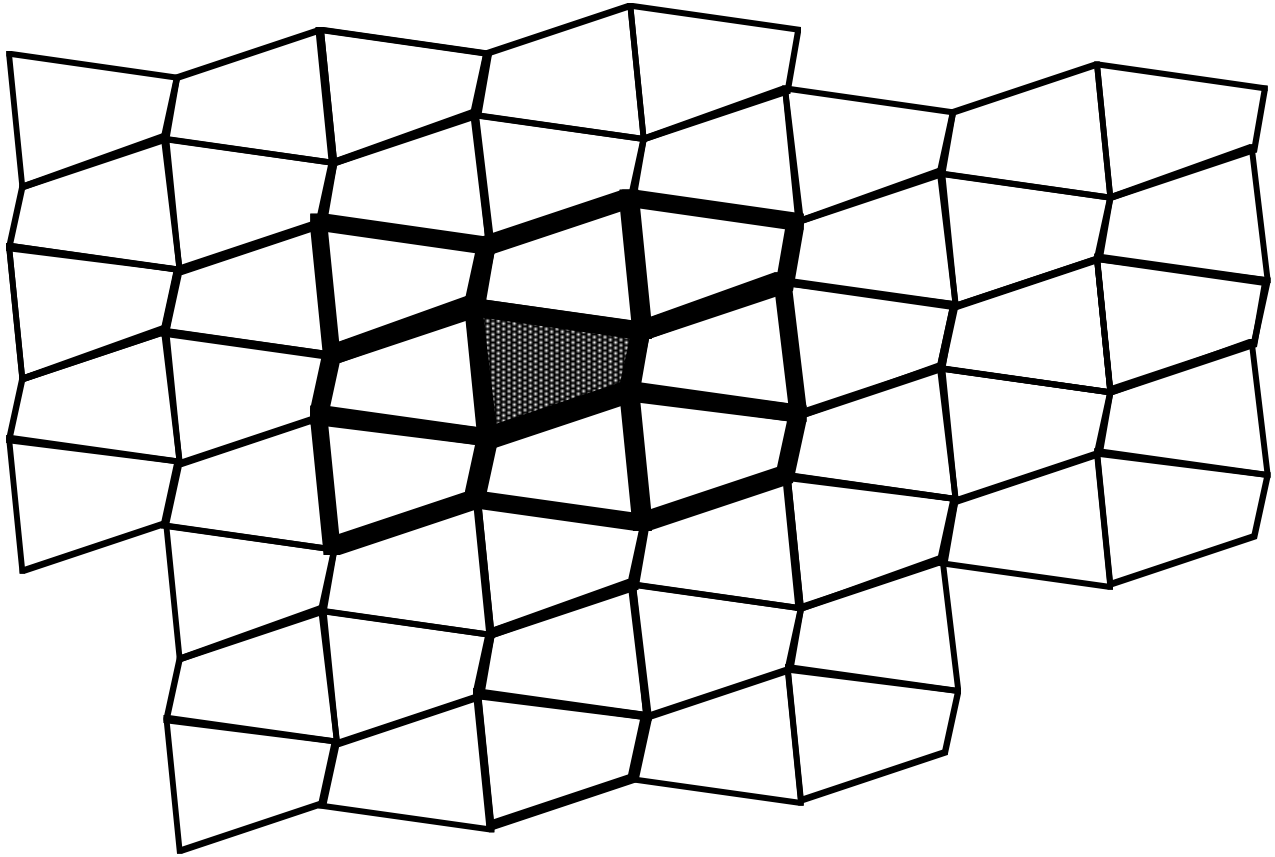
[1] The UPC code on a can of Alpo dog food is 0 11132 00361 "?". What should the check digit be? (Remember: the UPC code is such that when you add every other digit starting with the first, triple the result and then add the remaining digits, you get an even multiple of 10.)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 6 & x \end{pmatrix} = 24 \cdot 3 + 10 + x = 34 + x$$

Thus $(n-2)((n-1)/n) = 3795/180 = 21.08$. But $(n-1)/n$ is close to but a little less than 1, so $(n-2)((n-1)/n) = 21.08$ is close to but a little less than $n-2$; i.e., $n-2 > 21.08$. Thus n is at least 24. Now start checking: $n=24$, $n=25$, etc. Plugging $n=24$ into $((n-2)180/n)*(n-1)$ gives $((24-2)180/24)*(24-1) = 3795$, so $n = 24$ works.

Do this with a drawing in which the given polygonal tile is surrounded by 8 additional tiles, one for each vertex and side. (Use a separate piece of paper, tracing the given tile by placing the paper over it, and sliding the paper to a new position and tracing again, etc.)

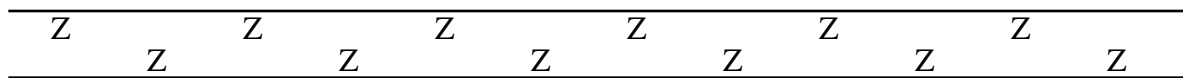


[5] If 8 and 17 are the legs then the hypotenuse is the square root of $8*8 + 17*17 = 353$, which is about 18.8. If 17 is the hypotenuse, then the third side is the square root of $17*17 - 8*8 = 225$, which is 15.

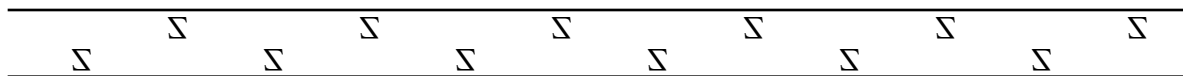
[6] Some example: [a] Make an actual count using an aerial photo. This can be very accurate but it is time consuming and it doesn't take into account participants who left before or who arrive later. [b] Estimate the crowd density (in square feet per person) and multiply by the area the crowd occupies. This is fairly easy to do but estimates of the crowd density are likely to be inaccurate. [c] Weigh the garbage the crowd produced. This does not give a direct measure of the size of the crowd, and different occasions may produce different amounts of garbage, but it may be a convenient way to compare annual events in different years.

[7] If a , b and c are consecutive Fibonacci numbers, then $a+b = c$. Here we have $a = 3524578 + b = 9227465$, so b is 5702887.

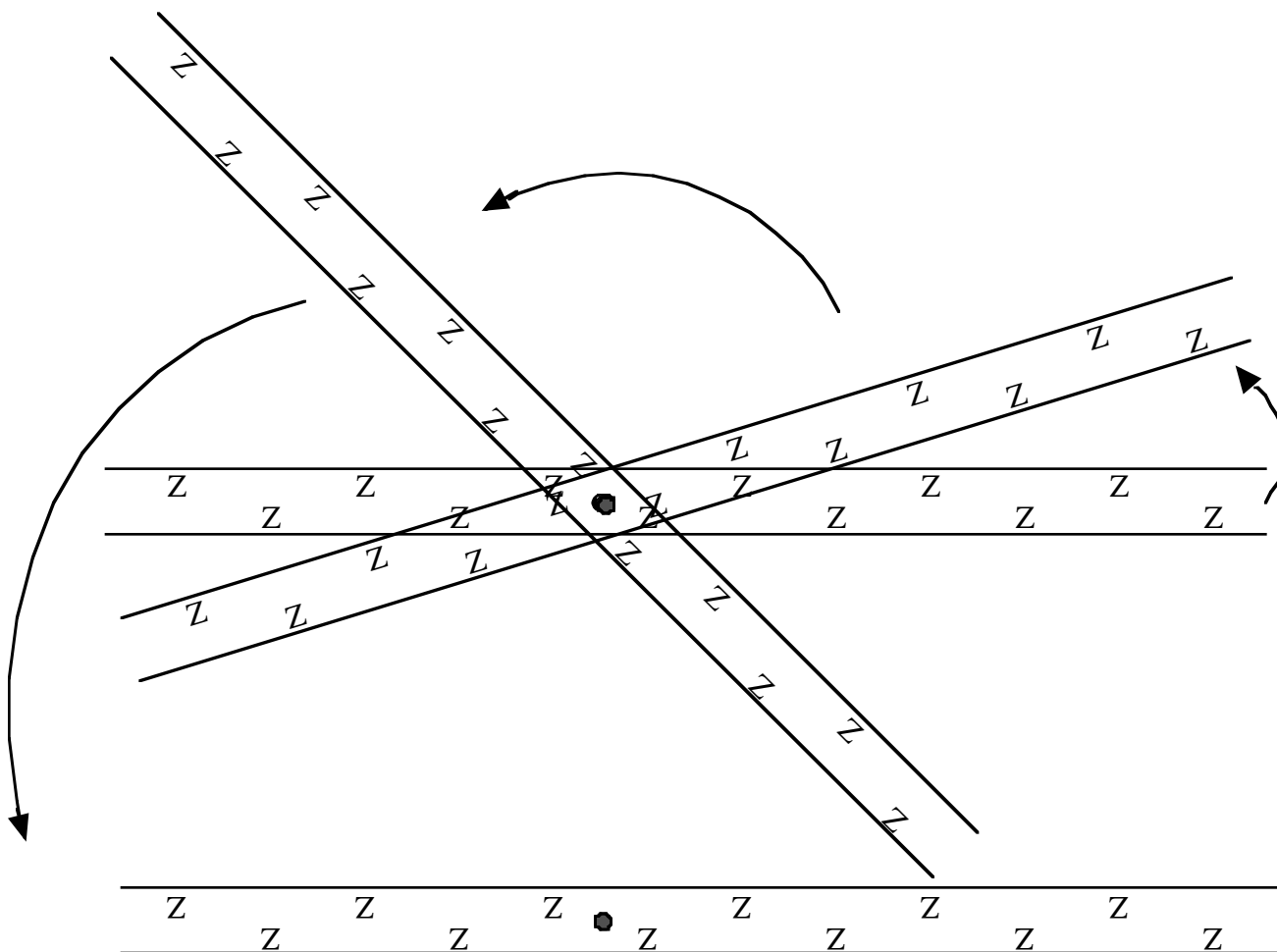
[8] Determine the symmetries of the following strip pattern (which you should imagine as extending indefinitely to the right and left), and use crystallographic notation to classify the pattern:



If you reflect this strip across a horizontal or vertical line, the Z's face the wrong way, as shown below:



Thus the strip has no reflection symmetries nor a glide symmetry, since sliding the reflected strip sideways can never make the Z's face the correct way. But rotating the strip by 180° around the shaded dot shown below leaves the strip unchanged:



The crystallographic notation denoting the symmetries of this strip is given by $p112$.