symmetry

### symmetry

transformation (change) conservation (invariance)

#### **2D transformations**

translation rotation reflection glide reflection (scale)

#### **3D transformations**

translation rotation screw rotation reflection glide reflection rotor reflection (scale)

# translation





# reflection



# glide reflection



#### **3D transformations**

translation rotation screw rotation reflection glide reflection rotor reflection (scale)



#### TRANSLATION



ROTATION



SCREW ROTATION





GLIDE REFLECTION



ROTOR REFLECTION

#### symmetry type

#### transformations

point frieze wallpaper rotations translations (one direction) translations (two directions)

#### **3D**

#### symmetry type

point rod layer space

#### transformations

rotations

translations (one direction) translations (two directions) translations (three directions)

**2D** 

# 2D (finite) point symmetry

#### rotations about a point

optional: reflections across an axis through the rotation point

The two point groups: the cyclic group, Cn, consists of rotations about a single point, O, through  $2\pi/n$ , while the dihedral group, Dn, includes a reflection through O.



## 2D (infinite) frieze symmetry

## translations along a line

optional: rotations, reflections, glide reflections

#### The seven frieze groups:

- F1, translation along one axis
- F1, reflection in the axis
- F<sup>2</sup><sub>1</sub>, reflection perpendicular to the axis
- $F_1^3$ , reflection and glide translation
- F2, halfturn
- $F_2^1$ , reflection in the axis
- $\mathsf{F}_2^\mathsf{n}$  , glide reflection, or reflection in pairs of axes





#### 2D (infinite) wallpaper symmetry

#### translations along two lines (two directions)

optional: rotations, reflections, glide reflections

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The seventeen wallpaper groups







## **3D** space

## point rotations optional: reflections, rotor reflections

- rod translations (one direction) optional: rotations, reflections, rotor reflections screw rotations, glide reflections
- layertranslations (two directions)optional:rotations, reflections, rotor reflectionsscrew rotations, glide reflections
- space translations (three directions)
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twisted tower prototypes - Carlos Barrios

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#### symmetry group

set of *transformations* that leave an object invariant

(looking exactly the same -- same position, size, and orientation -- before and after the transformation)

#### order of symmetry group

number of transformations in the group

# basic grammar



# Froebel building gifts



# Froebel building gifts



# basic grammar



shape

arrangement of basic elements in space



# spatial relation

an arrangement of shapes (in 2D or 3D)

## spatial relations



shapes can be arranged in any way to make a spatial relation

a spatial relation is denoted as A + B



spatial relations that are the same



spatial relations that are different



spatial relations that are different

A spatial relation A+B is the **same** as another spatial relation C+D whenever there is a transformation t such that:

$$t(A) = C$$
 and  $t(B) = D$ 

or

t(A) = D and t(B) = C



## A spatial relation is A+B is **symmetric** whenever there is a transformation *t* such that:

t(A) = B and t(B) = A





spatial relations: symmetric and nonsymmetric







gift 6



oblong, square: 3, 7



pillar, pillar: 4, 4



pillar, pillar: 4, 5







pillar, square: 4, 6



pillar, square: 4, 7



pillar, square: 5, 6









pillar, square: 5, 7

square, squara: 6, 6

square, square: 6, 7

spatial relations for gift 6



oblong, pillar: 1, 4

oblong, pillar: 1, 5









oblong, pillar: 2, 4



oblong, square: 1, 7



oblong, pillar: 3, 5



oblong, square: 1, 6



oblong, square: 2, 6



oblong, square: 2, 7



oblong, square: 3, 6

spatial relations for gift 6

# spatial relation A + B

addition rules

subtraction rules

 $\begin{array}{ll} A \rightarrow A + B & A + B \rightarrow A \\ B \rightarrow A + B & A + B \rightarrow B \end{array}$ 

 $\rightarrow$ 



addition rules



spatial relation

subtraction rules

 $\rightarrow$ 





spatial relation









subtraction rules

addition rules

shape rule:  $X \rightarrow Y$ 

design

#### A rule applies to a design:

whenever there is a transformation t that makes the left-side X a part of the design:  $t(X) \le design$ 

#### To apply the rule:

first subtract the transformation t of the left-side X from the design, and then add the same transformation t of the right-side Y to the design.

## The result of applying the rule is a new design:

new design = [design - t(X)] + t(Y)

### applying a rule $A \rightarrow A + B$

**match** the shape A with a shape in a design

**add** the shape B to the design to create the spatial relation A+B





nondeterminism

which rule to apply
 ↓
where to apply the rule
 ↓
how to apply the rule





**(a)** 









The addition rule in (a) applies to the oblong in (b) under different transformations to generate the different designs in (c).

#### **Questions about nondeterminism**

Given a rule and a shape to which it applies:

- 1 How many different ways does the rule apply (with how many different results)?
- 2 Can the rule be restricted to apply in particular ways?



cube (48)







half-cube (4)

pillar (16)



square (16)



quarter-cube (4)

The Froebel blocks labeled according to their symmetries





(C)























Applications of an addition rule labeled according to the symmetry group of the shape on the left-side of the rule. The labeled rule in (a) applies to each of the labeled oblongs in (b) to generate the different designs in (c)



spatial relation A + B between two oblongs



addition rule  $A \rightarrow A + B$  based on the spatial relation



different labelings of the rule  $A \rightarrow A + B$ 





















rule



initial shape

design in language

rule



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