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## Coxeter polytopes with a unique pair of non-intersecting facets

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### ABSTRACT

We consider compact hyperbolic Coxeter polytopes whose Coxeter diagram contains a unique dotted edge. We prove that such a polytope in  $d$ -dimensional hyperbolic space has at most  $d + 3$  facets. In view of results by Kaplinskaja [I.M. Kaplinskaya, Discrete groups generated by reflections in the faces of simplicial prisms in Lobachevskian spaces, *Math. Notes* 15 (1974) 88–91] and the second author [P. Tumarkin, Compact hyperbolic Coxeter  $n$ -polytopes with  $n + 3$  facets, *Electron. J. Combin.* 14 (2007), R69, 36 pp.], this implies that compact hyperbolic Coxeter polytopes with a unique pair of non-intersecting facets are completely classified. They do exist only up to dimension 6 and in dimension 8.

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## 1. Introduction

We study compact Coxeter polytopes in hyperbolic spaces. Besides the general restriction  $d < 30$  on the dimension  $d$  of the polytope [12] and investigation of arithmetic subgroups, there are several directions in which some attempts of general classification were undertaken. One of them is to fix the dimension of polytope. Compact hyperbolic Coxeter polytopes of dimensions 2 and 3 were completely classified in [10,2], respectively. Another direction is to fix the difference between the number of facets of the polytope and its dimension. Simplices were classified in [9],  $d$ -dimensional polytopes with  $d + 2$  facets were classified in [8,4],  $d$ -dimensional polytopes with  $d + 3$  facets were classified in [3,11]. This paper is devoted to investigation of another direction in classification: the number of pairs of non-intersecting facets.

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In paper [5] we classified all compact hyperbolic Coxeter polytopes with mutually intersecting facets. It turns out that they do exist up to dimension 4 only, and have at most 6 facets. In this paper we expand the technique developed in [5] to investigate compact hyperbolic Coxeter polytopes with exactly one pair of non-intersecting facets. The paper is devoted to the proof of the following theorem:

**Main Theorem.** *A compact hyperbolic Coxeter  $d$ -polytope with exactly one pair of non-intersecting facets has at most  $d + 3$  facets. In particular, no such polytopes do exist in dimensions  $d \geq 9$  and  $d = 7$ .*

Clearly, neither simplices nor products of simplices (except prisms) have non-intersecting facets. Therefore, the Main Theorem can be reformulated in the following way.

**Corollary.** *Any compact hyperbolic Coxeter  $d$ -polytope with exactly one pair of non-intersecting facets is either a prism or a polytope with  $d + 3$  facets. All these polytopes are listed in Tables 10 and 11 of Appendix A.*

The proof is based on already obtained classifications of polytopes of either smaller dimensions or with smaller number of facets, or with smaller number of pairs of non-intersecting facets. In fact, the technique we use may lead to the inductive algorithm of classification of compact hyperbolic polytopes with respect to three directions described above. In this context the Main Theorem may be considered as the adjusting of the base of the tentative algorithm.

The paper is organized as follows: in Section 2 we expand the technique developed in [5] to the case of compact hyperbolic Coxeter polytopes with exactly one pair of non-intersecting facets. In Section 3 we prove the Main Theorem moving from smaller dimensions to larger ones (namely, up to dimension 12). Then we finish the proof considering dimensions greater than 12. In Appendix A we reproduce the list of all the compact hyperbolic Coxeter polytopes with exactly one pair of non-intersecting facets.

## 2. Technical tools

We refer to [5, Sections 2 and 3.1] for all essential preliminaries. Concerning Coxeter polytopes and Coxeter diagrams, we mainly follow [12,13]. We use the technique of local determinants developed in [12]. Description of Coxeter facets may be found in [1]. We use standard notation for elliptic and parabolic diagrams (see [13]).

### 2.1. Notation

We recall some notation introduced in [5].

We write  $d$ -polytope instead of “ $d$ -dimensional polytope” and  $k$ -face instead of “ $k$ -dimensional face.” We say that an edge of Coxeter diagram is *multiple* if it is of multiplicity at least two, and an edge is *multi-multiple* if it is of multiplicity at least four. For nodes  $x$  and  $y$  of a Coxeter diagram  $\Sigma$  we write  $[x, y] = m$  if  $x$  is joined with  $y$  by an  $(m - 2)$ -tuple edge (or by an edge labeled by  $m$ ). We write  $[x, y] = \infty$  if  $x$  is joined with  $y$  by a dotted edge, and we write  $[x, y] = 2$  if the nodes  $x$  and  $y$  are not joined.

If  $\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma_2$  are subdiagrams of a Coxeter diagram  $\Sigma$ , we denote by  $\langle \Sigma_1, \Sigma_2 \rangle$  a subdiagram of  $\Sigma$  spanned by all nodes of  $\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma_2$ . By  $\Sigma_1 \setminus \Sigma_2$  we denote a subdiagram of  $\Sigma$  spanned by all nodes of  $\Sigma_1$  that do not belong to  $\Sigma_2$ . By  $|\Sigma|$  we denote an order of the diagram  $\Sigma$ .

Given a Coxeter  $d$ -polytope  $P$  we denote by  $\Sigma(P)$  the Coxeter diagram of  $P$ . If  $S_0$  is an elliptic subdiagram of  $\Sigma(P)$ , we denote by  $P(S_0)$  the face defined by this subdiagram (it is a  $(d - |S_0|)$ -face obtained by the intersection of the facets corresponding to the nodes of  $S_0$ ). We say that  $x \in \Sigma(P)$  is a *neighbor* of  $S_0$  if  $x$  attaches to  $S_0$  (i.e.  $x$  is joined with  $S_0$  by at least one edge), otherwise we say that  $x$  is a *non-neighbor* of  $S_0$ . We say that the neighbor  $x$  of  $S_0$  is *good* if  $(S_0, x)$  is an elliptic diagram, and *bad* otherwise. We denote by  $\bar{S}_0$  the subdiagram of  $\Sigma(P)$  consisting of nodes corresponding to facets of  $P(S_0)$ . The diagram  $\bar{S}_0$  is spanned by all good neighbors and all non-neighbors of  $S_0$  (in other

words,  $\bar{S}_0$  is spanned by all vertices of  $\Sigma(P) \setminus S_0$  except bad neighbors of  $S_0$ ). If  $P(S_0)$  is a Coxeter polytope, denote its Coxeter diagram by  $\Sigma_{S_0}$ .

It is shown in [1, Theorem 2.2] that if  $S_0$  is an elliptic diagram containing no  $A_n$  and  $D_5$  components, then the face  $P(S_0)$  is a Coxeter polytope, and its diagram  $\Sigma(S_0)$  can be easily found from the subdiagram  $\langle S_0, \Sigma_{S_0} \rangle$ . This fact is the main tool for our induction: if  $S_0$  has no good neighbors (this is always the case if  $S_0$  is of the type  $H_4$ ,  $F_4$  or  $G_2^{(k)}$ , where  $k \geq 6$ ) then  $\Sigma_{S_0} = \bar{S}_0$  is a diagram of a Coxeter polytope of lower dimension. If the initial polytope has at most one pair of non-intersecting facets, then the same is true for  $P(S_0)$ . So, in assumption that the Main Theorem holds in lower dimensions, this implies that  $P(S_0)$  is either a simplex, or a triangular prism, or one of 7 Esselmann polytopes, or one of finitely many  $d'$ -polytopes with  $d' + 3$  facets which have diagrams containing at most one dotted edge (more precisely, in the latter case there are eight 4-polytopes, a unique 5-polytope), three 6-polytopes, a unique 8-polytope, and no polytopes in dimension 7 and in dimensions greater than 8, see Table 11.

We will also use the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1.1.** *Let  $S \subset \Sigma(P)$  be an elliptic subdiagram containing no components of the type  $A_n$  and  $D_5$ . If  $P(S)$  is a 2-polytope (i.e.  $P(S)$  is a polygon) then:*

- 1) *If  $\bar{S}_0 = \Sigma_{S_0}$  and  $\bar{S}_0$  contains no dotted edge, then  $\bar{S}_0$  is a Lannér diagram of order 3.*
- 2) *If  $\bar{S}_0$  contains a dotted edge, then  $S$  has at least one good neighbor.*

**Proof.** A triangle is the only polygon with mutually intersecting facets, which proves the first statement. Suppose that the second statement does not hold, and  $S$  has no good neighbors. Then  $\bar{S}_0 = \Sigma_{S_0}$ , and the assumption that  $\bar{S}_0$  contains a dotted edge contradicts the first statement of the lemma.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.1.2.** *Suppose that  $P$  is a compact Coxeter  $d$ -polytope with exactly one pair of non-intersecting facets and at least  $d + 4$  facets. Let  $\Sigma_1 \subset \Sigma(P)$  be a subdiagram of order not greater than  $d + 2$ . Then:*

- 1) *There exists a node  $x \in \Sigma(P) \setminus \Sigma_1$  such that the subdiagram  $\langle x, \Sigma_1 \rangle$  contains no dotted edges.*
- 2) *Suppose in addition that  $S \subset \Sigma_1$  is an elliptic diagram of order  $|\Sigma_1| < d$  having less than  $d - |\Sigma_1|$  good neighbors and non-neighbors in total in  $\Sigma_1$ . Then there exists a node  $x \in \Sigma(P) \setminus \Sigma_1$  such that  $x$  is not a bad neighbor of  $S$  and the subdiagram  $\langle x, \Sigma_1 \rangle$  contains no dotted edges.*
- 3) *The statement of the preceding item is also true if  $S_1$  has exactly  $d - |\Sigma_1|$  good neighbors and non-neighbors in total in  $\Sigma_1$  and  $S_1$  contains an end of the dotted edge.*

**Proof.** To prove the first statement, notice that  $\Sigma(P) \setminus \Sigma_1$  contains at least two nodes, at least one of these nodes is not joined with  $\Sigma_1$  by a dotted edge. The same consideration works for the second statement:  $\bar{S}$  must have at least  $d - |\Sigma_1| + 1$  nodes, so  $\Sigma(P) \setminus \Sigma_1$  contains at least two good neighbors or non-neighbors of  $S$ . To prove the third statement, notice that  $\Sigma(P) \setminus \Sigma_1$  contains a good neighbor or a non-neighbor of  $S$ , which definitely cannot be an end of the dotted edge.  $\square$

## 2.2. Lists $L(S_0, d)$ , $L_1(S_0, d)$ and $L'(\Sigma, C, d)$

In [5, Lemma 3] we have proved that if a Coxeter diagram of a polytope contains no dotted edges, then it contains a subdiagram satisfying some special properties. We have defined a finite list  $L(S_0, d)$  of diagrams satisfying these properties. In this section we slightly change this definition to be applied to the case of diagrams containing a unique dotted edge.

We will need the following definitions.

If  $\Sigma$  is a Coxeter diagram of a simplicial prism, then the node  $x \in \Sigma$  is called a *tail* if  $x$  is an end of the dotted edge and  $\Sigma \setminus x$  is a connected diagram. By a *diagram without tail* we mean  $\Sigma$  with exactly one of its tails discarded.

We introduce a partial order “ $\prec$ ” on the set of connected elliptic subdiagrams of maximal order of Lannér diagrams and diagrams of simplicial prisms without tail:

- $A_2 < B_2 < G_2^{(k)}$ ,  $k > 2$ , and  $G_2^{(k)} < G_2^{(l)}$  if  $k < l$ ;
- $A_3 < B_3 < H_3$ ;
- $A_4 < B_4 < F_4 < H_4$ .

**Remark.** We do not need to introduce a partial order on the diagrams of order 5, since any diagram of a 5-prism without tail contains connected elliptic diagrams of order 5 of one type only.

Suppose that  $\Sigma$  is a Lannér diagram or a diagram of a simplicial prism without tail. A connected elliptic subdiagram  $S \subset \Sigma$  of maximal order is called *maximal in  $\Sigma$*  if  $\Sigma$  contains no connected elliptic subdiagram  $S'$  such that  $S < S'$ . A connected elliptic subdiagram  $S \subset \Sigma$  of maximal order is called *next to maximal in  $\Sigma$*  if  $\Sigma$  contains a maximal connected elliptic subdiagram  $S'$  such that  $S < S'$  while  $\Sigma$  contains no connected elliptic subdiagram  $S''$  such that  $S < S'' < S'$ .

**Lemma 2.2.1.** *Let  $P$  be a compact Coxeter  $d$ -polytope with a unique pair of non-intersecting facets, and assume that  $P$  has at least  $d + 4$  facets. Let  $S_0$  be a connected elliptic subdiagram of  $\Sigma(P)$  such that:*

- (I)  $|S_0| < d$  and  $S_0 \neq A_n, D_5$ .
- (II)  $S_0$  has no good neighbors in  $\Sigma(P)$ .
- (III) If  $|S_0| \neq 2$ , then  $\Sigma(P)$  contains no multi-multiple edges.  
If  $|S_0| = 2$ , then the edge of  $S_0$  has the maximum multiplicity amongst all edges in  $\Sigma(P)$ .

Suppose that the Main Theorem holds for any  $d_1$ -polytope satisfying  $d_1 < d$ . Then there exist a subdiagram  $S_1 \subset \Sigma(P)$  and two vertices  $y_0, y_1 \in \Sigma(P)$  such that the subdiagram  $\langle S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle$  satisfies the following conditions:

- (0)  $\langle S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle$  contains no dotted edges and parabolic subdiagrams;
- (1)  $S_0$  and  $S_1$  are elliptic diagrams,  $S_0$  is connected, and  $S_0 \neq A_n, D_5$ ;
- (2) No vertex of  $S_1$  attaches to  $S_0$ , and  $|S_0| + |S_1| = d$ ;
- (3)  $\langle y_0, S_1 \rangle$  is either a Lannér diagram, or a diagram of a simplicial prism with a tail discarded, or one of the diagrams shown in Table 1 (in the latter case  $y_0$  is the marked vertex of the diagram);
- (4)  $\langle S_0, y_1 \rangle$  is an indefinite subdiagram, and  $y_1$  is either a good neighbor of  $S_1$  or a non-neighbor of  $S_1$ .
- (5) If  $|S_0| \neq 2$ , then  $\langle S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle$  contains no multi-multiple edges;  
If  $|S_0| = 2$ , then the edge of  $S_0$  has the maximum possible multiplicity in  $\langle S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle$ ;
- (6) If  $\langle y_0, S_1 \rangle$  is either a Lannér diagram or a diagram of a simplicial prism without tail, then exactly one of the following holds:
  - either  $S_1$  is a maximal connected elliptic subdiagram in  $\langle y_0, S_1 \rangle$  of order  $d - |S_0|$ ,
  - or  $S_1$  is a next to maximal connected elliptic subdiagram in  $\langle y_0, S_1 \rangle$  of order  $d - |S_0|$ ,  $S_1$  contains a node  $x$  which is an end of the dotted edge, and the diagram  $\langle y_0, S_1 \rangle \setminus x$  is a unique maximal connected elliptic subdiagram of order  $d - |S_0|$  in  $\langle y_0, S_1 \rangle$ .

**Proof.** The construction is very close to one provided in [5, Lemma 3].

1. *Analyzing the data.* Since  $S_0$  has no good neighbors,  $\bar{S}_0 = \Sigma_{S_0}$ . Let  $d_0 = d - |S_0|$  be the dimension of  $P(S_0)$ . Being a subdiagram of  $\Sigma(P)$ , the diagram  $\Sigma_{S_0}$  contains at most one dotted edge. Clearly,  $d_0 < d$ . By the assumption, the Main Theorem holds for polytopes of dimension less than  $d$ , so  $P(S_0)$  contains at most  $d_0 + 3$  facets, and it is either a simplex, or a  $d_0$ -prism, or an Esselmann polytope, or a  $d_0$ -polytope with  $d_0 + 3$  facets.

2. *Choosing a diagram  $\Sigma' = \langle S_1, y_0 \rangle$ .*

If  $P(S_0)$  is a simplex then  $\Sigma' = \bar{S}_0$ .

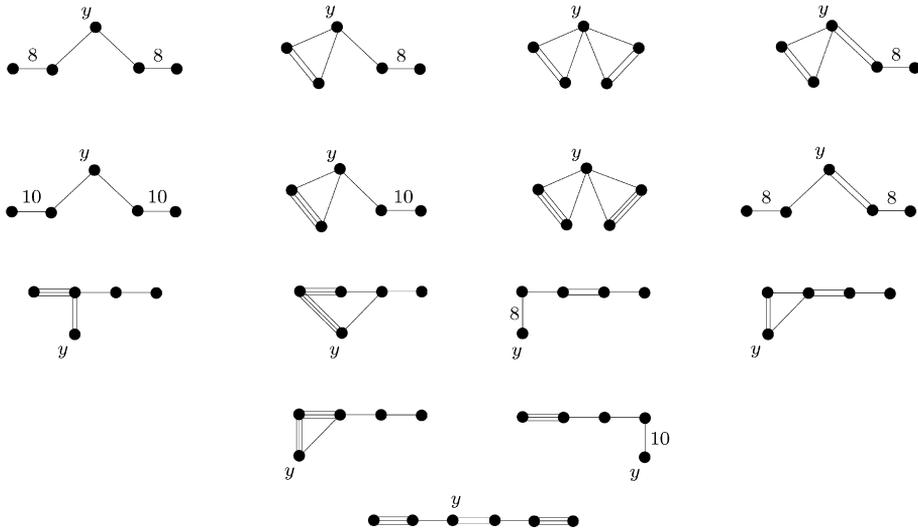
If  $P(S_0)$  is a prism then  $\Sigma'$  is a diagram of a prism without tail.

If  $P(S_0)$  is a  $d_0$ -polytope with  $d_0 + 3$  facets then  $\Sigma'$  is one of the diagrams shown in the first two lines of Table 1.

If  $P(S_0)$  is an Esselmann polytope, then each node of  $\bar{S}_0$  belongs to some subdiagram of the type shown in the third and fourth lines of Table 1. Thus, we may choose as  $\Sigma'$  a diagram of the type

**Table 1**

List of diagrams  $\langle y_0, S_1 \rangle$ , see Lemma 2.2.1.



shown in Table 1 not containing any end of the dotted edge (clearly, at least one such node does exist).

3. Choosing  $S_1$  and  $y_0$  in  $\Sigma'$ .

If  $P(S_0)$  is an Esselmann polytope or a  $d_0$ -polytope with  $d_0 + 3$  facets, then  $y_0$  is the marked node of the diagram (see Table 1), and  $S_1 = \Sigma' \setminus y_0$ .

If  $P(S_0)$  is a prism, then  $\Sigma'$  contains at least one connected elliptic subdiagram of order  $d_0$ , and we take as  $S_1$  any maximal one.

Now, let  $P(S_0)$  be a simplex. Consider a maximal elliptic connected subdiagram  $S \subset \Sigma'$  of order  $d_0$ . Let  $x \in \bar{S}$  be a node not joined with  $S_0$  by the dotted edge (there exists one since  $\bar{S}$  is either a Lannér diagram or a diagram containing at least two nodes besides  $S_0$ ). By the choice of  $x$ ,  $\Sigma' \setminus S$  is the only node of the subdiagram  $\langle S_0, x, \Sigma' \rangle$  that can be joined with  $x$  by the dotted edge. If  $x$  is not joined with  $\Sigma' \setminus S$  by the dotted edge, we choose  $S_1 = S$  and  $y_0 = \Sigma' \setminus S$ , otherwise we take as  $S_1$  a next to maximal elliptic connected subdiagram of  $\Sigma'$  of order  $d_0$  (and  $y_0 = \Sigma' \setminus S_1$ ).

4. Choosing  $y_1$ .

Consider a subdiagram  $\bar{S}_1$ . We claim that it is always possible to take a node  $y_1 \in \bar{S}_1 \setminus S_0$  such that  $y_1$  is not joined by the dotted edge neither with  $\langle S_1, y_0 \rangle$  nor with  $S_0$ . Indeed, we may choose  $y_1$  not to be joined by the dotted edge with  $S_0$  (the argument repeats one given in the preceding item). Furthermore, such  $y_1$  is not joined with  $\langle S_1, y_0 \rangle$  by the dotted edge by the choice of  $S_1$  and  $y_0$  (see items 2 and 3).

Clearly, all conditions (0)–(6) are satisfied by the construction.  $\square$

A nice property of the construction is that any edge of the obtained diagram  $\langle S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle$  belongs to either  $\langle S_0, y_1 \rangle$  or  $\langle y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle$ . This implies that we may use the following equation on local determinants (see [12, Proposition 12] or [5, Proposition 3.1.1]):

$$\det(\langle S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle, y_1) = \det(\langle S_0, y_1 \rangle, y_1) + \det(\langle y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle, y_1) - 1.$$

Combining this with the fact that  $|\langle S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle| = d + 2$  (and, hence,  $\det \langle S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle = 0$ ), we obtain

$$\det(\langle S_0, y_1 \rangle, y_1) + \det(\langle y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle, y_1) = 1. \tag{*}$$

This allows us to prove the finiteness of the number of diagrams  $\langle S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle$  in consideration.

**Lemma 2.2.2.** *The number of diagrams  $\langle S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle$  of signature  $(d, 1)$ ,  $4 \leq d \leq 8$ , satisfying conditions (0)–(6) of Lemma 2.2.1, is finite.*

**Proof.** It is easy to see that the number of the diagrams  $\langle S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle$  with  $S_0 \neq G_2^{(k)}$  for  $k \geq 6$  is finite. Indeed, by conditions (0) and (5) the diagram  $\langle S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle$  contains neither dotted nor multi-multiple edges. Since  $|S_0| + |S_1| = d \leq 8$ , we obtain that  $|\langle S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle| \leq 10$ , and we have finitely many possibilities for the diagram.

Now, consider the case  $S_0 = G_2^{(k)}$ ,  $k \geq 6$ . As it was mentioned above, by construction of the diagram  $\langle S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle$  we may use Eq. (\*) on local determinants. Since  $|\langle y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle| = d$ , we have

$$|\det\langle y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle| \leq d! \tag{**}$$

(since the absolute value of each of the summands in the standard expansion of the determinant does not exceed 1). Further, if  $\langle y_0, S_1 \rangle$  is a Lannér diagram of order 3 then  $\det\langle y_0, S_1 \rangle$  is bounded from above by  $\frac{3}{4} - \cos^2(\frac{\pi}{7}) \approx -0.329$  (which is the determinant of the Lannér diagram of order 3 with one simple edge, one empty edge and one edge labeled by 7). If  $\langle y_0, S_1 \rangle$  is a diagram of a 3-prism without tail, then the determinant of  $\langle y_0, S_1 \rangle$  is a decreasing function on multiplicities of all edges of  $\langle y_0, S_1 \rangle$ . So, it is easy to check that  $\det\langle y_0, S_1 \rangle$  is bounded from above by  $\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{16} \approx -0.08$ . In all other cases, i.e. if  $\langle y_0, S_1 \rangle$  is neither a Lannér diagram of order 3 nor a 3-prism without tail, according to condition (3) we have finitely many possibilities for  $\langle y_0, S_1 \rangle$ . Therefore, there exists a positive constant  $M$  such that

$$M < |\det\langle y_0, S_1 \rangle|. \tag{***}$$

Combining (\*\*) and (\*\*\*), we obtain that the determinant  $\det(\langle y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle, y_1)$  (which is positive) is bounded from above, so  $\det(\langle S_0, y_1 \rangle, y_1)$  (which is negative) is uniformly bounded from below. However, since  $S_0 = G_2^{(k)}$ ,  $k \geq 6$ , the determinant  $\det(\langle S_0, y_1 \rangle, y_1)$  tends to infinity while  $k$  increases (see [12]). Thus,  $k$  is bounded, and there are finitely many possibilities for the whole diagram  $\langle S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle$ .  $\square$

Now we define several lists of diagrams similar to ones defined in [5, Section 3].

For each  $S_0 = G_2^{(k)}, B_3, B_4, H_3, H_4, F_4$  we can write down the complete list

$$L_1(S_0, d)$$

of diagrams  $\langle S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle$  of signature  $(d, 1)$ ,  $4 \leq d \leq 8$ , satisfying conditions (0)–(6) of Lemma 2.2.1. Define also a list

$$L_1(d) = \bigcup_{k=6}^{\infty} L_1(G_2^{(k)}, d).$$

By Lemma 2.2.2, the list  $L_1(d)$  is also finite.

Clearly, the list  $L_1(S_0, d)$  contains the list  $L(S_0, d)$  defined in [5, Section 3.2].

These lists were obtained by a computer. The procedure is provided by the proof of Lemma 2.2.2. Namely, to get the list  $L(S_0, d)$  we do the following.

We list all possible diagrams  $\langle y_0, S_1 \rangle$  of signature  $(d - |S_0|, 1)$  according to condition (3) taking into account that multiplicity of an edge in  $\langle y_0, S_1 \rangle$  does not exceed either 3 (if  $|S_0| \neq 2$ ) or  $k - 2$  (if  $S_0 = G_2^{(k)}$ ). For each of these diagrams we compose all possible diagrams  $\langle S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle$  by joining a new node  $y_1$  with  $S_0$  and  $\langle y_0, S_1 \rangle$  in all possible ways by edges of multiplicity not exceeding either 3 or  $k - 2$  depending on  $S_0$ . The list  $L(S_0, d)$  consists of those diagrams  $\langle S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle$  which have zero determinant and contain no parabolic subdiagrams.

To get the list  $L_1(d)$  we take the union of the lists  $L_1(G_2^{(k)}, d)$  for  $6 \leq k \leq k_0$ , where  $k_0$  can be found according to the proof of Lemma 2.2.2. More precisely, the expression for  $\det(\langle G_2^{(k)}, y_1 \rangle, y_1)$  (see e.g. [5, Section 3.1]) shows that for  $k \geq 7$  the local determinant  $\det(\langle G_2^{(k)}, y_1 \rangle, y_1)$  does not exceed  $1 - 1/(4\sin^2 \frac{\pi}{k})$ . Combining inequalities (\*\*) and (\*\*\*), we see that the local determinant

$\det(\langle y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle, y_1)$  is bounded from above by some constant  $d!/M$  depending on  $d$  only. Now, combining this with Eq. (\*), we get an explicit expression for  $k_0$ .

Usually the lists  $L_1(S_0, d)$  and  $L_1(d)$  are not very short. In what follows we reproduce some parts of the lists as far as we need.

In fact, the bounds obtained in the proof of Lemma 2.2.2 are not optimal. To reduce computations we usually analyze concrete data. For example, instead of taking  $d!$  as the bound of  $|\det(S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1)|$ , we may bound it by the number of negative summands in its expansion. This leads to reasonable bounds on the multiplicity of multi-multiple edges in  $\langle S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle$ , the worst of which was 87 in one of the cases.

Now, given a diagram  $\Sigma$ , a constant  $C$  and dimension  $d$ , define a list

$$L'(\Sigma, C, d)$$

of diagrams  $\langle \Sigma, x \rangle$  of signature  $(d, 1)$  containing no subdiagrams of the type  $G_2^{(k)}$  for  $k > C$ , no dotted edges incident to  $x$ , and no parabolic subdiagrams. Clearly, for given  $\Sigma$ ,  $C$  and  $d$ , this list is finite. One can notice that if  $\Sigma$  contains no dotted edges, this list coincides with the list  $L'(\Sigma, C, d)$  defined in [5, Section 3.2].

The list  $L'(\Sigma, C, d)$  is easy to obtain by computer. We join a new node with all nodes of  $\Sigma$  by edges of multiplicity at most  $C - 2$  and choose those diagrams having signature  $(d, 1)$  and containing no parabolic subdiagrams. To reduce the computations, we first compute the determinant, and check the signature only if the determinant vanishes.

As in [5], for given  $\Sigma$ ,  $C$ ,  $d$  and an elliptic subdiagram  $S \subset \Sigma$  we define the sublist  $L'(\Sigma, C, d, S)$  which consists of diagrams  $\langle \Sigma, x \rangle$ , where either  $x$  is either a good neighbor or a non-neighbor of  $S$  (in [5] this list is denoted by  $L'(\Sigma, C, d, S^{(g,n)})$ ).

### 3. Proof of the Main Theorem

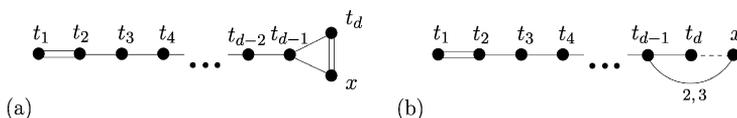
First, we prove some general facts concerning subdiagrams of the type  $B_k$  which will be used later for the proof in all dimensions; then we prove the theorem starting from low dimensions and going to higher ones.

#### 3.1. Subdiagrams of the type $B_k$

**Lemma 3.1.1.** *Let  $P \subset \mathbb{H}^d$ ,  $d \geq 6$ , be a compact Coxeter polytope such that  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a unique dotted edge. If  $\Sigma(P)$  contains neither subdiagram of the type  $F_4$  nor subdiagram of the type  $G_2^{(k)}$ ,  $k \geq 5$ , then  $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagram of the type  $B_d$ .*

**Proof.** At first, notice that the assumptions of the lemma imply that for any two nodes  $t_i, t_j \in \Sigma$  we have  $[t_i, t_j] \in \{2, 3, 4, \infty\}$  (recall that  $[t_i, t_j] = k$  means that the nodes  $t_i$  and  $t_j$  are joined by a  $(k - 2)$ -fold edge, and  $[t_i, t_j] = \infty$  means that the nodes are joined by a dotted edge). This will be used frequently throughout the proof.

Suppose that  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a diagram of the type  $B_d$ , denote by  $t_1, \dots, t_d$  the nodes of  $S_0$  ( $[t_1, t_2] = 4$ ,  $[t_i, t_{i+1}] = 3$  for all  $1 < i < d$ ). Consider the diagram  $S_1 = \langle t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{d-1} \rangle$  of the type  $B_{d-1}$ . The polytope  $P(S_1)$  is one-dimensional, so the diagram  $\Sigma_{S_1}$  consists of two nodes connected by a dotted edge. By [1, Theorem 2.2], this implies that the diagram  $\langle S_1, \bar{S}_1 \rangle$  is of one of the two types shown in Fig. 3.1.1 (since  $t_d \in \bar{S}_1$ ). We consider these two diagrams separately.



**Fig. 3.1.1.** Two types of the diagram  $\langle S_1, \bar{S}_1 \rangle$ , see Lemma 3.1.1.

**Case (1):**  $\langle S_1, \bar{S}_1 \rangle$  is a diagram of the type shown in Fig. 3.1.1(a).

Consider the diagram  $S_2 = \langle t_2, t_3, \dots, t_{d-1}, t_d \rangle$  of the type  $A_{d-1}$ . It has a unique good neighbor in  $\langle S_1, \bar{S}_1 \rangle$ , so in  $\Sigma$  there exists a node  $y$  which is either a good neighbor or a non-neighbor of  $S_2$  (since the diagram of the type  $A_{d-1}$  defines a 1-face of  $P$ , which should have two ends). We consider two cases: either  $y$  is joined with  $t_1$  by a dotted edge, or it is not.

**Case (1a):** Suppose that  $[y, t_1] = \infty$ .

Consider the diagram  $S_3 = \langle t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{d-3} \rangle$  of the type  $B_{d-3}$ .  $P(S_3)$  is a Coxeter 3-polytope whose Coxeter diagram  $\Sigma_{S_3}$  contains a Lannér subdiagram of order 3 (coming from the subdiagram  $\langle t_{d-1}, t_d, x \rangle \subset \Sigma$ ). This implies that  $P(S_3)$  is not a simplex, so, it has a pair of non-intersecting facets. Since  $\Sigma$  contains only one dotted edge  $yt_1$ , which is not contained in  $\bar{S}_3$ , we conclude that  $S_3$  has a good neighbor  $z$ . So,  $z$  is not joined with  $\langle t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{d-4} \rangle$ ,  $[z, t_{d-3}] = 3$  (here we use that  $d \geq 6$  and that  $\Sigma$  contains no subdiagram of the type  $F_4$ ). Furthermore,  $z$  may be joined with  $t_{d-1}$ ,  $t_d$  and  $x$  by either simple or double edge. Notice, that  $[z, t_{d-2}] = 4$ , otherwise either  $\langle t_{d-3}, t_{d-2}, z \rangle$  or  $\langle S_3, t_{d-2}, z \rangle$  is a parabolic subdiagram (of the types  $\tilde{A}_2$  and  $\tilde{B}_{d-2}$ , respectively). So, we have 27 possibilities for the diagram  $\langle S_0, x, z \rangle = \langle t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{d-1}, t_d, x, z \rangle$  (see Fig. 3.1.2(a)). The diagram  $\langle S_0, x, z \rangle$  contains  $d + 2$  nodes, so  $\det(S_0, x, z) = 0$ , which holds only in the case shown in Fig. 3.1.2(b) (to see this for any  $d \geq 5$ , we use local determinants, namely, we check the equality  $\det(S_3, t_{d-3}) + \det(\langle x, z, t_{d-3}, t_{d-2}, t_{d-1}, t_d \rangle, t_{d-3}) = 1$ ).

Recall that  $y$  is either a good neighbor or a non-neighbor of  $S_2$ . So,  $y$  is joined with  $S_2$  by at most one edge (simple or double, since  $[y, t_1] = \infty$ ). On the other hand,  $y$  should be joined with each of the Lannér diagrams  $\langle z, t_{d-3}, t_{d-2} \rangle$ ,  $\langle z, t_{d-2}, t_{d-1} \rangle$  and  $\langle x, t_{d-1}, t_d \rangle$ . Since any non-dotted edge in  $\Sigma(P)$  has multiplicity at most two, a short explicit check shows that we always obtain a parabolic subdiagram of one of the types  $\tilde{A}_2$ ,  $\tilde{C}_2$ ,  $\tilde{A}_3$  and  $\tilde{C}_3$ , which is impossible.

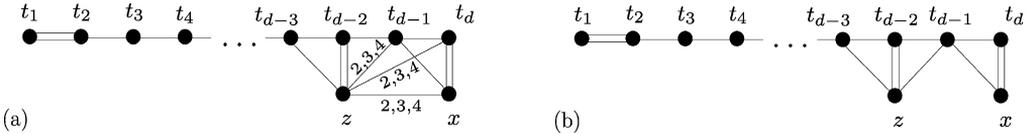


Fig. 3.1.2. To the proof of Lemma 3.1.1, case (1a).

**Case (1b):** Suppose that  $[y, t_1] \neq \infty$ .

Since  $y$  is either a good neighbor or a non-neighbor of  $S_2 = \langle t_2, \dots, t_{d-1}, t_d \rangle$ ,  $y$  cannot be joined with  $S_0$  by a dotted edge. However, it is possible that  $[y, x] = \infty$ . In the latter case we consider the diagram  $S'_2 = \langle t_2, \dots, t_{d-1}, x \rangle$  instead of the diagram  $S_2$  and find its good neighbor (or non-neighbor)  $y'$ , which is definitely not an end of a dotted edge in this case. Therefore, we may assume that  $[y, x] \neq \infty$ , in other words, that the diagram  $\langle S_0, x, y \rangle$  contains no dotted edges.

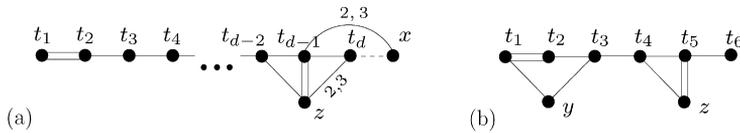
To find out, how  $y$  can be joined with  $\langle S_0, x \rangle$ , notice that:

1.  $y$  is joined with  $S_0$  and with  $\langle S_1, x \rangle$  (otherwise we obtain an elliptic diagram of order  $d + 1$ ).
2.  $[y, t_1] \neq 2$  (otherwise either the subdiagram  $\langle S_0, y \rangle$  contains a parabolic subdiagram, or  $\langle S_0, y \rangle$  is a diagram of the type  $B_{d+1}$ , which is also impossible).
3.  $y$  is joined with one of  $t_2$  and  $t_3$  (otherwise  $\langle y, t_1, t_2, t_3 \rangle$  either is a diagram of the type  $F_4$  or contains a parabolic subdiagram of the type  $\tilde{C}_2$ ). In particular, this implies that  $y$  is not joined with  $\langle t_4, t_5, \dots, t_d \rangle$ .
4.  $[y, x] \neq 2$  (since  $d \geq 6$ , the edge  $yx$  is the only way to join an indefinite subdiagram  $\langle y, t_1, t_2, t_3 \rangle$  with Lannér diagram  $\langle t_{d-1}, t_d, x \rangle$ ).
5.  $[y, x] = 3$  (if  $[y, x] = 4$  then  $\langle y, x, t_d \rangle$  is a parabolic diagram of the type  $\tilde{C}_2$ ).
6.  $[y, t_1] = 3$  (if  $[y, t_1] = 4$  then  $\langle t_1, y, x, t_d \rangle$  is a parabolic diagram of the type  $\tilde{C}_3$ ).
7.  $[y, t_2] = 3$  (if  $[y, t_2] = 2$  then  $\langle t_2, t_1, y, x, t_d \rangle$  is a parabolic diagram of the type  $\tilde{C}_4$ , if  $[y, t_2] = 4$  then  $\langle t_2, y, x, t_d \rangle$  is a parabolic diagram of the type  $\tilde{C}_3$ ).

We arrive with a parabolic subdiagram  $\langle x, y, t_2, t_3, t_4, \dots, t_{d-2}, t_{d-1} \rangle$  of the type  $\tilde{A}_{d-1}$ , which is impossible.

**Case (2):**  $\langle S_1, \bar{S}_1 \rangle$  is a diagram of the type shown in Fig. 3.1.1(b).

Similarly to the case (1), we consider the diagrams  $S_2 = \langle t_2, t_3, \dots, t_{d-1}, t_d \rangle$  and  $S_3 = \langle t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{d-2} \rangle$ . As before,  $S_2$  has either a good neighbor or a non-neighbor  $y$ , and  $S_3$  has a good neighbor  $z$  (to see the latter statement, notice, that  $P(S_3)$  is a 2-polytope whose diagram  $\Sigma_{S_3}$  contains a dotted edge coming from  $\langle t_d, x \rangle$ , so  $\Sigma_{S_3}$  contains at least one more dotted edge, which can appear only if  $S_3$  has one more good neighbor). So,  $[z, t_{d-2}] = 3$ , which implies  $[z, t_{d-1}] = 4$  (otherwise, either  $\langle S_3, t_{d-1}, z \rangle$  is a parabolic diagram of the type  $B_{d-1}$  or  $\tilde{C}_{d-1}$ , or  $\langle t_{d-2}, t_{d-1}, z \rangle$  is of the type  $\tilde{A}_2$ ). So,  $\langle S_0, z \rangle$  is one of the two diagrams shown in Fig. 3.1.3(a).



**Fig. 3.1.3.** To the proof of Lemma 3.1.1, case (2).

Similarly to case (1b), consider the multiplicities of edges joining  $y$  with  $\langle S_1, z \rangle$ . All the assertions 1–7 (as well as the arguments) still hold if we replace  $x$  by  $z$ ,  $t_d$  by  $t_{d-1}$ , and  $t_{d-1}$  by  $t_{d-2}$ . However, to state assertion 4 we need to assume now that  $d \geq 7$ . To state the same for  $d = 6$  notice, that the only case when  $[y, z] = 2$  and all Lannér subdiagrams of  $\langle y, t_1, t_2, t_3 \rangle$  are joined with Lannér diagram  $\langle t_{d-2}, t_{d-1}, z \rangle$  is one shown in Fig. 3.1.3(b) (in all other cases the subdiagram  $\langle t_1, \dots, t_5, y, z \rangle$  contains a parabolic subdiagram). However, this diagram is superhyperbolic, so all the assertions 1–7 hold for any  $d \geq 6$ . This leads to a parabolic subdiagram  $\langle z, y, t_2, t_3, t_4, \dots, t_{d-3}, t_{d-2} \rangle$  of the type  $\tilde{A}_{d-2}$ , which is impossible.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.1.2.** Let  $P \subset \mathbb{H}^d$ ,  $d \geq 4$ , be a compact Coxeter polytope such that  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a unique dotted edge. Suppose that  $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagram of the type  $F_4, G_2^{(m)}$ ,  $m \geq 5$ , and  $B_d$ . Then  $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagram of the type  $B_k$  for any  $k < d, k \geq 3$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that the lemma is true for all  $k' > k$ , but there exists a subdiagram  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  of the type  $B_k$ . Then  $S_0$  has no good neighbors (here we use the assumption that  $\Sigma$  contains no subdiagram of the type  $F_4$ ). Thus,  $\bar{S}_0 = \Sigma_{S_0}$  is a Coxeter diagram of a  $(d - k)$ -polytope  $P(S_0)$ . Clearly,  $\bar{S}_0$  contains at most one dotted edge and does not contain edges of multiplicity greater than 2. As above, denote by  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_d$  the nodes of  $S_0$  ( $[t_1, t_2] = 4, [t_i, t_{i+1}] = 3$  for all  $1 < i < d$ ).

Consider a subdiagram  $S_1 \subset S_0$  of the type  $B_{k-1}$ . Since  $S_1 \subset S_0$ , at least one bad neighbor (denote it by  $x$ ) of  $S_0$  is not a bad neighbor of  $S_1$  ( $P(S_1)$  is a face of bigger dimension than  $P(S_0)$  is). Suppose that  $x$  is not an end of the dotted edge. Clearly,  $x$  is a good neighbor of  $S_1$ , otherwise it is a non-neighbor and the diagram  $\langle S_0, x \rangle$  is either a parabolic diagram  $\tilde{C}_k$  or a diagram of the type  $B_{k+1}$  which is impossible by assumption. So,  $\langle S_1, x \rangle$  is a diagram of the type  $B_k$  (we use the assumption that  $k > 3$  and that  $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagram of the type  $F_4$ ). Let  $x'$  be any node of  $\bar{S}_0$  joined with  $x$  (it does exist since an indefinite diagram  $\langle S_0, x \rangle$  should be joined with each Lannér subdiagram of  $\bar{S}_0$ ). Then the diagram  $\langle S_1, x, x' \rangle$  is either a parabolic diagram  $\tilde{C}_k$  or a diagram of the type  $B_{k+1}$ , which is impossible by assumption.

Therefore,  $x$  is an end of the dotted edge. Moreover, the paragraph above shows that another end of the dotted edge coincides with either  $t_d$  or some  $x' \in \bar{S}_0$  (otherwise we repeat the arguments and obtain a contradiction). This implies that  $x$  is the only bad neighbor of  $S_0$  that is not a bad neighbor of  $S_1$ , and either  $[x, t_k] = \infty$  or  $[x, x'] = \infty$ , where  $x' \in \bar{S}_0$ . In particular, this implies that  $\bar{S}_0$  contains no dotted edge, which is possible only if  $\Sigma_{S_0}$  is one of the diagrams shown in Fig. 3.1.4 (here we use the classification of Coxeter polytopes with mutually intersecting facets, we also use that any non-dotted edge of  $\Sigma$  is either a simple edge or a double edge).

Suppose that  $[x, x'] = \infty$ , where  $x' \in \bar{S}_0$ . It is easy to see that  $[x, t_{k-1}] = 3$  and  $[x, t_k] = 4$  (otherwise  $\Sigma$  contains either a parabolic subdiagram or a subdiagram of the type  $B_{k+1}$ ). Since  $x$  is the only bad neighbor of  $S_0$  that is not a bad neighbor of  $S_1$ , we have  $\bar{S}_1 = \langle t_k, x, \bar{S}_0 \rangle$ . Thus, the diagram  $\Sigma_{S_1}$  contains exactly three Lannér subdiagrams: two dotted edges coming from  $t_k x$  and  $xx'$ , and a Lannér

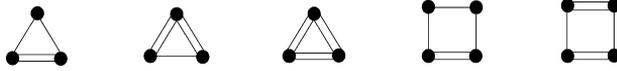


Fig. 3.1.4. Possible diagrams  $\Sigma_{S_0} = \bar{S}_0$ , see Lemma 3.1.2.

diagram of order 2 or 3 (which coincides with  $\bar{S}_0$ ). Hence, the Lannér diagram coming from  $xx'$  has a common point with any other Lannér diagram of  $\Sigma_{S_1}$ , which is impossible by [6, Lemma 1.2].

Therefore,  $[x, t_k] = \infty$ . Let  $S_2 = \langle t_2, t_3, \dots, t_k \rangle$  be a subdiagram of the type  $A_{k-1}$ , and let  $S_3 \subset \bar{S}_0$  be any subdiagram of the type  $B_3$  (if any) or of the type  $B_2$  (otherwise). Then the subdiagram  $\langle S_2, S_3 \rangle$  has exactly one good neighbor (or non-neighbor)  $y$  besides the node  $t_1$ . Clearly,  $y$  is a bad neighbor of  $S_0$  distinct from  $x$ . So,  $y$  is not an end of the dotted edge. Let  $y' = \bar{S}_0 \setminus S_3$ .

To find out, how  $y$  can be joined with  $\langle S_0, x \rangle$ , notice that:

1.  $[y, t_1] \neq 2$  (otherwise the subdiagram  $\langle S_0, y \rangle$  contains a parabolic subdiagram).
2.  $y$  is joined with one of  $t_2$  and  $t_3$  (otherwise  $\langle y, t_1, t_2, t_3 \rangle$  either is a diagram of the type  $F_4$ , or contains a parabolic subdiagram of the type  $\tilde{C}_2$ ). In particular, this implies that  $y$  is not joined with  $\langle t_4, t_5, \dots, t_k \rangle$ .
3.  $y$  is not joined with  $S_3$  (otherwise an elliptic diagram  $\langle S_2, S_3, y \rangle$  is connected, so it is of the type  $B_{k+2}$  or  $B_{k+3}$ ).
4.  $[y, y'] = 3$  (if  $[y, y'] = 4$  then  $\langle t_1, y, \bar{S}_0 \rangle$  contains either a parabolic diagram of the type  $\tilde{C}_2$  or  $\tilde{C}_3$ , or a subdiagram of the type  $F_4$ ).

Either  $\langle t_1, t_2, t_3, y \rangle$  or  $\langle t_1, t_2, y \rangle$  is a Lannér diagram (one of the diagrams shown in Fig. 3.1.4), denote it by  $L$ . By construction,  $L$  is joined with a Lannér diagram  $\bar{S}_0$  by the edge  $yy'$  only. Thus, we obtain a subdiagram  $\langle L, \bar{S}_0 \rangle \subset \langle S_0, y, \bar{S}_0 \rangle$  of the following type: it consists of two Lannér diagrams  $L$  and  $\bar{S}_0$  from Fig. 3.1.4 joined by a unique simple edge  $yy'$ , where  $y \in L$ ,  $y' \in \bar{S}_0$ , and both diagrams  $L \setminus y$  and  $\bar{S}_0 \setminus y'$  are of the type  $B_2$  or  $B_3$ . It is easy to see that any such diagram  $\langle L, \bar{S}_0 \rangle$  is superhyperbolic, which proves the lemma.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.1.3.** Suppose that the Main Theorem holds for any dimension  $d' < d$ ,  $d > 4$ . Suppose also that for any compact Coxeter polytope  $P \subset \mathbb{H}^d$ , such that  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a unique dotted edge, it is already shown that  $\Sigma(P)$  contains neither subdiagram of the type  $F_4$ , nor subdiagram of the type  $G_2^{(k)}$ ,  $k \geq 5$ , nor subdiagram of the type  $B_d$ . Then the Main Theorem holds in dimension  $d$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that the Main Theorem is broken in dimension  $d$ . Let  $P \subset \mathbb{H}^d$  be a compact Coxeter polytope with at least  $d + 4$  facets, such that  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a unique dotted edge, and  $\Sigma(P)$  contains neither subdiagram of the type  $F_4$  nor subdiagram of the type  $G_2^{(k)}$ ,  $k \geq 5$ , nor subdiagram of the type  $B_d$ . By Lemma 3.1.2,  $\Sigma(P)$  also contains no subdiagram of the type  $B_k$ ,  $k > 2$ . It follows that any Lannér diagram of  $\Sigma(P)$  is either a dotted edge or one of the three diagrams of order three shown in Fig. 3.1.4.

Let  $L_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  be a Lannér diagram of order 2, i.e. a dotted edge. By [6, Lemma 1.2],  $\Sigma(P) \setminus L_0$  contains at least one Lannér diagram  $L$ . So,  $L$  is one of three diagrams of order three shown in Fig. 3.1.4. Let  $S_0 \subset L$  be a subdiagram of the type  $B_2$ . By assumptions,  $S_0$  has no good neighbors, so  $\bar{S}_0 = \Sigma_{S_0}$  is a diagram containing at most one dotted edge.  $\bar{S}_0$  is a diagram of a  $(d - 2)$ -polytope with at most  $(d - 2) + 3$  nodes, containing no edges of multiplicity greater than 2, and no diagrams of type  $B_3$ . It follows from the classification of  $d'$ -polytopes with at most  $d' + 3$  facets, that  $P(S_0)$  is a polytope of dimension at most 3. If  $P(S_0)$  is either a 2-polytope or a 1-polytope, then  $d < 5$  in contradiction to the assumptions.

So,  $P(S_0)$  is a 3-polytope. Then  $P(S_0)$  is a 3-prism (it cannot be a simplex since diagrams of 3-simplices always contain subdiagrams of one of the forbidden types). It is easy to see that  $\bar{S}_0 = \Sigma_{S_0}$  is the diagram shown in Fig. 3.1.5. Since the 5-polytope  $P$  has at least  $d + 4 = 9$  facets, there exists a node  $x \in \Sigma(P)$  such that  $x \notin \langle S_0, \bar{S}_0 \rangle$ . Notice that  $x$  is joined with  $\langle S_0, \bar{S}_0 \rangle$  by simple and double edges only. Since  $P$  is a 5-polytope,  $\det\langle x, S_0, \bar{S}_0 \rangle = 0$ . However, each of the diagrams satisfying all

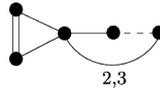


Fig. 3.1.5. The diagram  $\Sigma_{S_0} = \bar{S}_0$ , see Lemma 3.1.3.

the conditions above either contains a parabolic subdiagram, or is superhyperbolic (in other words, the list  $L'(\langle S_0, \bar{S}_0 \rangle, 4, 5)$  is empty). This proves the lemma.  $\square$

### 3.2. Dimensions 2 and 3

In dimensions 2 and 3 the statement of the Main Theorem is combinatorial: it is easy to see that any polygon except triangle has at least two pairs of disjoint sides, and any polyhedron (3-polytope) having a unique pair of disjoint facets is a triangular prism.

### 3.3. Dimension 4

Let  $P$  be a 4-dimensional compact hyperbolic Coxeter polytope such that  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a unique dotted edge and  $P$  has at least 8 facets.

**Lemma 3.3.1.**  $\Sigma(P)$  contains no multi-multiple edges.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a multi-multiple edge of the maximum multiplicity in  $\Sigma(P)$ . Then  $S_0$  has no good neighbors and, by Lemma 2.2.1,  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a subdiagram  $\langle S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle$  from the list  $L_1(4)$ . The list contains 28 diagrams, 3 of these diagrams are Esselmann diagrams, which cannot be subdiagrams of  $\Sigma(P)$  by [5, Lemma 1]. For each of the remaining 25 diagrams we check the list  $L'(\Sigma_1, k(\Sigma_1), 4)$ , where  $\Sigma_1$  ranges over the 25 diagrams, and  $k(\Sigma_1)$  is the maximum multiplicity of an edge in  $\Sigma_1$  (in fact,  $k(\Sigma_1) \leq 14$ ;  $\Sigma(P)$  contains some diagram from one of these lists by Lemma 2.1.2). All these lists are empty, so the lemma is proved.  $\square$

In the proof of the following lemma we use Gale diagram of simple polytope (see [5, Section 2.2] for essential facts about Gale diagrams, and [7] for general theory).

**Lemma 3.3.2.**  $\Sigma(P)$  contains two non-intersecting Lannér diagrams of order 3, all nodes of which are not ends of the dotted edge.

**Proof.** The proof follows the proof of [5, Lemma 8].

Let  $n$  be the number of facets of  $P$  and let  $f_{n-1}$  and  $f_n$  be the facets of  $P$  having no common point.

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a Gale diagram of  $P$ . It consists of  $n$  points  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  in  $(n-6)$ -dimensional sphere  $\mathbb{S}^{(n-6)}$ . Let  $a_i$  be the point corresponding to facet  $f_i$ . Consider a unique hyperplane  $H \subset \mathbb{S}^{(n-6)}$  containing all points  $a_i, i \geq 7$ . Let  $H^+$  and  $H^-$  be open hemispheres of  $\mathbb{S}^{(n-6)}$  bounded by  $H$ . Since any two of  $f_j, 1 \leq j \leq 6$ , have non-empty intersection, each of  $H^+$  and  $H^-$  contains at least three points  $a_j, 1 \leq j \leq 6$ . Since  $n \geq 8, H^+$  and  $H^-$  do not contain neither  $a_{n-1}$  nor  $a_n$ , which proves the lemma.  $\square$

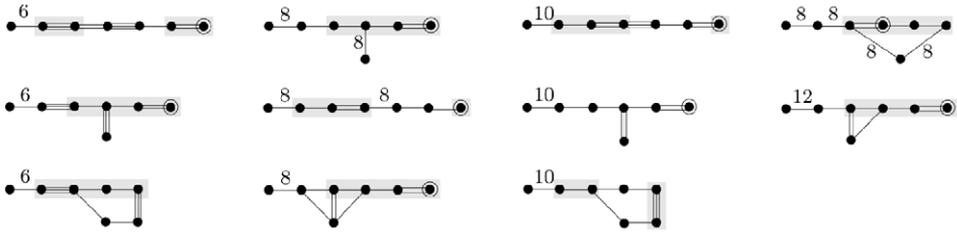
**Lemma 3.3.3.** The Main Theorem holds in the dimension  $d = 4$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that the Main Theorem does not hold for  $d = 4$ , so let  $P$  be a compact Coxeter 4-polytope with at least 8 facets such that  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a unique dotted edge.

By Lemma 3.3.2,  $\Sigma(P)$  contains two disjoint Lannér subdiagrams  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  of order three each such that the diagram  $\langle T_1, T_2 \rangle$  contains no dotted edges. It is shown in [5, Lemma 9] that there are only 39 diagrams  $\langle T_1, T_2 \rangle$  of signature  $(4, 1)$  such that  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are Lannér diagrams of order

**Table 2**

The list  $L_1(5)$ . Ends of dotted edges are encircled.



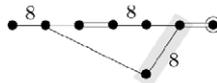
three and  $\langle T_1, T_2 \rangle$  contains no edges of multiplicity greater than three. 3 of these diagrams are Esselmann diagrams (by [5, Lemma 1], they are not parts of any diagram of a 4-polytope with more than 6 facets), 5 of them contain parabolic subdiagrams. For each of the remaining 31 diagrams the list  $L'(\langle T_1, T_2 \rangle, 5, 4)$  is empty.  $\square$

3.4. Dimension 5

Let  $P$  be a 5-dimensional compact hyperbolic Coxeter polytope such that  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a unique dotted edge and  $P$  has at least 9 facets.

**Lemma 3.4.1.**  $\Sigma(P)$  contains no multi-multiple edges.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a multi-multiple edge of the maximum multiplicity in  $\Sigma(P)$ . Then  $S_0$  has no good neighbors and, by Lemma 2.2.1,  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a subdiagram  $\langle S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle$  from the list  $L_1(5)$ . The list consists of 11 diagrams shown in Table 2. Notice that  $\bar{S}_0$  in this case is a diagram of a 3-polytope with at most one pair of non-intersecting facets, i.e. either a simplex or a prism. In the cases when  $S_1$  is either a diagram of a prism without tail or a next to maximal subdiagram of a diagram of a simplex, we mark the end of the dotted edge by a circle. Denote by  $S_2$  an elliptic subdiagram of  $\langle S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle$  of order 4 marked by a gray block (if any, see Table 2). Notice that  $S_2$  has at most 1 good neighbor or non-neighbor in  $\langle S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle$ , and if it has exactly one then  $S_2$  contains an end of the dotted edge. Therefore, there exists a node  $x \in \Sigma(P) \setminus \langle S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle$  such that  $x$  is not a bad neighbor of  $S_2$ , and the diagram  $\langle x, S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle$  contains no dotted edges. In other words,  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a diagram from the list  $L'(\Sigma_1, k(\Sigma_1), 5, S_2)$ , where  $\Sigma_1$  ranges over the 11 diagrams  $\langle S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle$  and  $k(\Sigma_1)$  is a maximum multiplicity of the edge in  $\Sigma_1$  (in a unique case when the diagram  $S_2$  is not defined, we take a list  $L'(\Sigma_1, 10, 5)$  instead). All these lists but one are empty. The remaining one contains a unique entry  $\Sigma_2$  shown in Fig. 3.4.1 (again, we mark an end of the dotted edge by a circle). Consider a subdiagram  $S_3 \subset \Sigma_2$  of the type  $G_2^{(8)}$  marked in Fig. 3.4.1 by a gray block. Clearly, the subdiagram  $\bar{S}_3$  contains no dotted edges. At the same time, starting from  $S_3$  instead of  $S_0$ , we should obtain some diagram of the list  $L_1(S_3, 5) \subset L_1(5)$ , but looking at Table 2 one can note that each entry of  $L_1(5)$  containing the subdiagram  $G_2^{(8)}$  contains an end of the dotted edge. The contradiction proves the lemma.  $\square$



**Fig. 3.4.1.** Treating the list  $L_1(5)$ , see Lemma 3.4.1.

**Lemma 3.4.2.**  $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagrams of the types  $H_4$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a subdiagram of the type  $H_4$ . Then  $S_0$  has no good neighbors, so  $\bar{S}_0 = \Sigma_{S_0}$  is a dotted edge. Let  $S_1 \subset S_0$  be a subdiagram of the type  $H_3$ . By Lemma 2.1.1,  $S_1$  has a

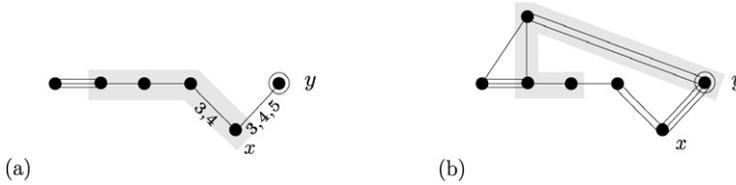


Fig. 3.4.2. Notation to the proof of Lemma 3.4.2. (a) six possibilities for  $\langle S_0, x, y \rangle$ ; (b) diagram  $\Sigma'$ .

good neighbor or a non-neighbor  $x \notin \langle S_0, \bar{S}_0 \rangle$ . If  $x$  is a good neighbor of  $S_1$ , consider the diagram  $S_2 = \langle S_1, x \rangle$  of the type  $H_4$ . As it is shown above for the diagram  $S_0$ , the dotted edge belongs to  $\bar{S}_2$ . Hence, the dotted edge is not joined with an indefinite diagram  $\langle S_0, x \rangle$ , which is impossible. Therefore,  $x$  is a non-neighbor of  $S_1$ . Let  $y$  be an end of the dotted edge joined with  $x$  (there exists one, since  $\Sigma(P)$  is not superhyperbolic). Let  $t_1 = S_0 \setminus S_1$  and notice that  $[x, t_1] \neq 5$  (otherwise  $\langle S_0, x \rangle$  contains a subdiagram  $S_3$  of the type  $H_4$  such that  $\bar{S}_3$  contains no dotted edge, which is impossible as it was proved above). Thus, we have only 6 possibilities for the diagram  $\langle S_0, x, y \rangle$  (see Fig. 3.4.2(a)). In fact, only in 3 of these cases the diagram  $\langle S_0, x, y \rangle$  contains no parabolic subdiagrams. If  $x$  is joined with  $S_0$  by a simple edge, we consider the list  $L'(\langle S_0, x, y \rangle, 5, 5)$ , which is empty. If  $x$  is joined with  $S_0$  by a double edge, we denote by  $S_4 \subset \langle S_0, x \rangle$  a subdiagram of the type  $B_4$  and consider the list  $L'(\langle S_0, x, y \rangle, 5, 5, S_4)$ . The latter list consists of a unique diagram  $\Sigma'$ , shown in Fig. 3.4.2(b).

Let  $S_4 \subset \Sigma'$  be the subdiagram of type  $B_4$  marked by a gray box.  $S_4$  contains an end of the dotted edge and has a unique good neighbor (and no non-neighbors) in  $\Sigma'$ . Hence, it has at least one good neighbor (or non-neighbor) in  $\Sigma(P) \setminus \Sigma'$ , so  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a diagram from the list  $L'(\Sigma', 5, 5, S_4)$ , which is empty.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.4.3.**  $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagrams of the type  $H_3$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a subdiagram of the type  $H_3$ . In view of Lemma 3.4.2, the diagram  $S_0$  has no good neighbors, and  $\bar{S}_0 = \Sigma_{S_0}$  is a Lannér diagram of order 3 (see Lemma 2.1.1). By Lemmas 2.1.2 and 3.4.1,  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a subdiagram from the list  $L'(\langle S_0, \bar{S}_0 \rangle, 5, 5)$ . This list consists of 12 diagrams, 5 of which contain a subdiagram of the type  $H_4$ . Again, by Lemma 2.1.2,  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a subdiagram from the list  $L'(\Sigma_1, 5, 5)$ , where  $\Sigma_1$  ranges over the 7 diagrams of  $L'(\langle S_0, \bar{S}_0 \rangle, 5, 5)$  containing no subdiagram of the type  $H_4$ . All these lists  $L'(\Sigma_1, 5, 5)$  are empty, which completes the proof.  $\square$

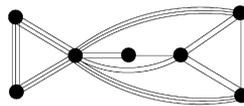


Fig. 3.4.3. To the proof of Lemma 3.4.4.

**Lemma 3.4.4.**  $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagrams of the type  $G_2^{(5)}$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a subdiagram of the type  $G_2^{(5)}$ . Then  $S_0$  has no good neighbors, and  $\bar{S}_0 = \Sigma_{S_0}$ .  $P(S_0)$  is a 3-polytope with at most one pair of non-intersecting facets, so  $\bar{S}_0$  is either is a Lannér diagram of order 4, or a diagram of a triangular prism. If  $\bar{S}_0$  is a diagram of a triangular prism, let  $\Sigma_1$  be a diagram spanned by  $S_0$  and  $\bar{S}_0$  without tail. In case of a Lannér diagram of order 4, let  $\Sigma_1 = \langle \bar{S}_0, S_0 \rangle$ . By Lemmas 2.1.2 and 3.4.3,  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a subdiagram from one of the lists  $L'(\Sigma_1, 5, 5)$  with  $\Sigma_1$  as above. Notice that we may consider only Lannér diagrams and diagrams of prisms not containing subdiagrams of the type  $H_3$ . The union of these lists contains 5 entries, only one of them contains no subdiagram of the type  $H_3$ . We present this diagram in Fig. 3.4.3 and

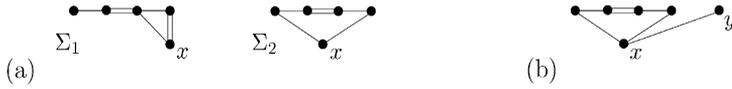


Fig. 3.4.4. To the proof of Lemma 3.4.5.

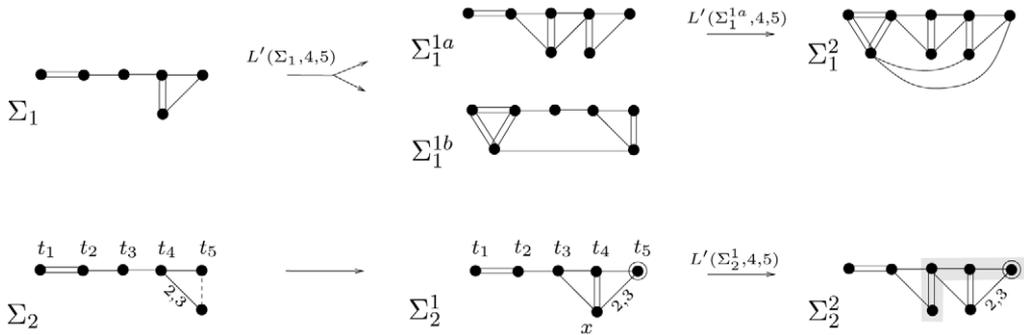
denote it by  $\Sigma_2$ . By Lemma 2.1.2,  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a subdiagram from the list  $L'(\Sigma_2, 5, 5)$ , which is empty.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.4.5.**  $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagrams of the types  $F_4$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a subdiagram of the type  $F_4$ . Then  $S_0$  has no good neighbors, so  $\bar{S}_0 = \Sigma_{S_0}$  is a dotted edge. Let  $S_1 \subset S_0$  be a subdiagram of the type  $B_3$ .  $P(S_1)$  is a 2-polytope with a pair of non-intersecting facets, so  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a node  $x$  such that  $x$  is not a bad neighbor of  $S_1$ , and the edge  $xt_1$  turns into a dotted edge in  $\Sigma_{S_1}$ . It follows from [1, Theorem 2.2] that  $\langle S_0, x \rangle$  is one of the two diagrams  $\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma_2$  shown in Fig. 3.4.4(a). Notice, that  $x$  is a bad neighbor of  $S_0$ , so it is joined with at least one end (denote it by  $y$ ) of the dotted edge (otherwise the diagram  $\langle S_0, x, \bar{S}_0 \rangle$  is superhyperbolic). By Lemmas 3.4.1 and 3.4.4,  $[y, x] = 3$  or 4. In case of the diagram  $\Sigma_1$  this leads to a parabolic subdiagram of the type  $\tilde{F}_4$  or  $\tilde{C}_3$ . In case of  $\Sigma_2$  this implies that  $[y, x] = 3$  (otherwise we obtain a parabolic subdiagram of the type  $\tilde{C}_4$ ). So, we are left with the only possibility for the diagram  $\langle \Sigma_2, x \rangle$ , see Fig. 3.4.4(b). By Lemma 2.1.2,  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a subdiagram from the list  $L'(\langle \Sigma_2, x \rangle, 4, 5)$ . However, this list is empty.  $\square$

Table 3

Notation to the proof of Lemma 3.4.6.



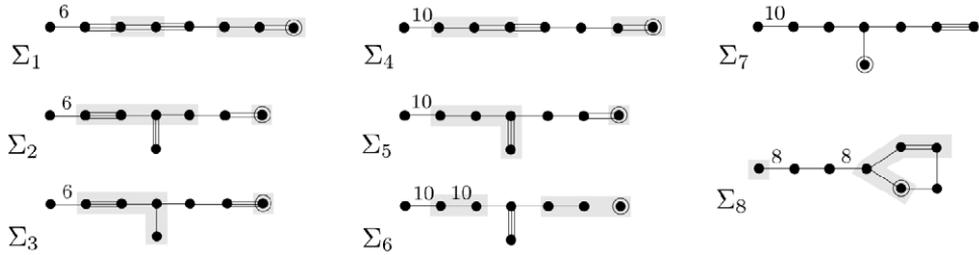
**Lemma 3.4.6.**  $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagrams of the type  $B_5$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a subdiagram of the type  $B_5$ . Let  $S_1 \subset S_0$  be a subdiagram of the type  $B_4$ .  $P(S_0)$  is a 1-polytope, so  $\Sigma_{S_0}$  is a dotted edge. By [1, Theorem 2.2], this may happen only if  $\langle S_1, \bar{S}_1 \rangle$  is one of two diagrams  $\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma_2$  shown in the left row of Table 3.

Consider the diagram  $\Sigma_1$ . By Lemma 2.1.2,  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a diagram from the list  $L'(\Sigma_1, 4, 5)$ . The list consists of two diagrams  $\Sigma_1^{1a}$  and  $\Sigma_1^{1b}$  (see Table 3). The diagram  $\Sigma_1^{1b}$  contains a subdiagram of the type  $F_4$ , which is impossible by Lemma 3.4.5. For the diagram  $\Sigma_1^{1a}$  we consider the list  $L'(\Sigma_1^{1a}, 4, 5)$ , which consists of a unique diagram  $\Sigma_1^2$ . The latter diagram contains a subdiagram of the type  $F_4$ , which is impossible.

Consider the diagram  $\Sigma_2$ . Let  $S_2 \subset \Sigma_2$  be a subdiagram of the type  $B_3$ .  $P(S_2)$  is a polygon with at least 4 edges. So, there exists at least one good neighbor or a non-neighbor  $x$  of  $S_2$  such that  $xt_4$  turns into a dotted edge in  $\Sigma_{S_2}$  (see Table 3 for the notation). This is possible only if  $[x, t_3] = 3$  and  $[x, t_4] = 4$ . Notice, that  $[x, t_5] \neq 4$ , otherwise  $\langle S_0, x \rangle$  contains a parabolic subdiagram of the type  $\tilde{C}_4$ . Denote by  $\Sigma_2^1$  the subdiagram  $\langle S_0, x \rangle$  (see Table 3). By Lemma 2.1.2,  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a diagram from

**Table 4**  
The list  $L_1(6)$ .



the list  $L'(\Sigma_2^1, 4, 5)$ , which consists of a unique diagram  $\Sigma_2^2$  (see Table 3 again). Consider the subdiagram  $S_3 \subset \Sigma_2^2$  marked by a gray box.  $S_3$  is a diagram of the type  $B_4$  containing an end  $t_5$  of the dotted edge. So,  $(S_3, \bar{S}_3)$  is a diagram of the same type as  $\Sigma_1$ . As it is shown above, the diagram  $\Sigma_1$  cannot be a subdiagram of  $\Sigma(P)$ . So, the diagram  $S_3$  also cannot be a subdiagram of  $\Sigma(P)$ , which completes the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.4.7.** *The Main Theorem holds in dimension 5.*

**Proof.** Let  $P$  be a compact hyperbolic Coxeter 5-polytope with at least 5 facets and exactly one pair of non-intersecting facets. By Lemmas 3.4.1–3.4.6,  $\Sigma(P)$  does not contain neither edges of multiplicity greater than 2, nor diagrams of the type  $B_5$ . Applying Lemmas 3.1.2 and 3.1.3, we finish the proof.  $\square$

**Remark.** Instead of Lemmas 3.4.2–3.4.6 one could use the reasoning similar to the proof of Lemma 3.3.3; however, in dimension 5 this leads to very long computation (in particular, one should find the list  $L'(\langle T_1, T_2 \rangle, 5, 5)$ , where  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are Lannér diagrams of order 3 containing no multiple edges, and then for each diagram  $\Sigma \in L'(\langle T_1, T_2 \rangle, 5, 5)$  we should find the list  $L'(\Sigma, 5, 5)$ ).

3.5. Dimension 6

Let  $P$  be a 6-dimensional compact hyperbolic Coxeter polytope such that  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a unique dotted edge and  $P$  has at least 10 facets.

**Lemma 3.5.1.**  $\Sigma(P)$  contains no multi-multiple edges.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a multi-multiple edge of the maximum multiplicity in  $\Sigma(P)$ . Then  $S_0$  has no good neighbors, and, by Lemma 2.2.1,  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a subdiagram  $(S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1)$  from the list  $L_1(6)$ . The list consists of 8 diagrams shown in Table 4. We denote these diagrams  $\Sigma_1, \dots, \Sigma_8$ . Notice, that for each of the diagrams it is easy to find out where the subdiagram  $S_0$  is (the multi-multiple edge with a unique bad neighbor), where the node  $y_1$  is (which is the bad neighbor of  $S_0$ ), and where  $(y_0, S_1)$  is. The node  $y_1$  is a bad neighbor of the subdiagram  $S \subset (y_0, S_1)$  of the type  $H_4$  or  $F_4$ , so the node  $(y_0, S_1) \setminus S$  is an end of the dotted edge (we mark the end of the dotted edge by a circle). For each of  $\Sigma_1, \dots, \Sigma_8$  (except  $\Sigma_7$ ) denote by  $S_2$  the elliptic subdiagram of order 5 marked by a gray box. Notice, that  $S_2$  has a unique good neighbor (or a unique non-neighbor) in  $\Sigma_i$ . So, it has one more in  $\Sigma(P)$ . Thus, in case of diagrams  $\Sigma_1, \dots, \Sigma_6$  we consider the lists  $L'(\Sigma_i, k(\Sigma_i), 6, S_2)$ , where  $k(\Sigma_i) = 6$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$  and  $k(\Sigma_i) = 10$  for  $i = 4, 5, 6$ . The lists are empty.

We are left to consider the diagrams  $\Sigma_7$  and  $\Sigma_8$ . In case of the diagram  $\Sigma_7$  denote by  $\Sigma_7^1 \subset \Sigma_7$  the subdiagram with the end of the dotted edge discarded. Let  $S_2 \subset \Sigma_7^1$  be the subdiagram of the type  $H_4$ . Since  $S_2$  has only two non-neighbors in  $\Sigma_7^1$ , it has at least one more in  $\Sigma(P)$ . So,  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a diagram from the list  $L'(\Sigma_7^1, 10, 6, S_2)$ , which consists of two diagrams shown in Fig. 3.5.1. The diagram shown in Fig. 3.5.1(a) is a diagram of a 6-polytope with 9 facets, so by [5, Lemma 1]

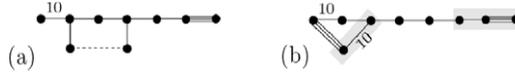
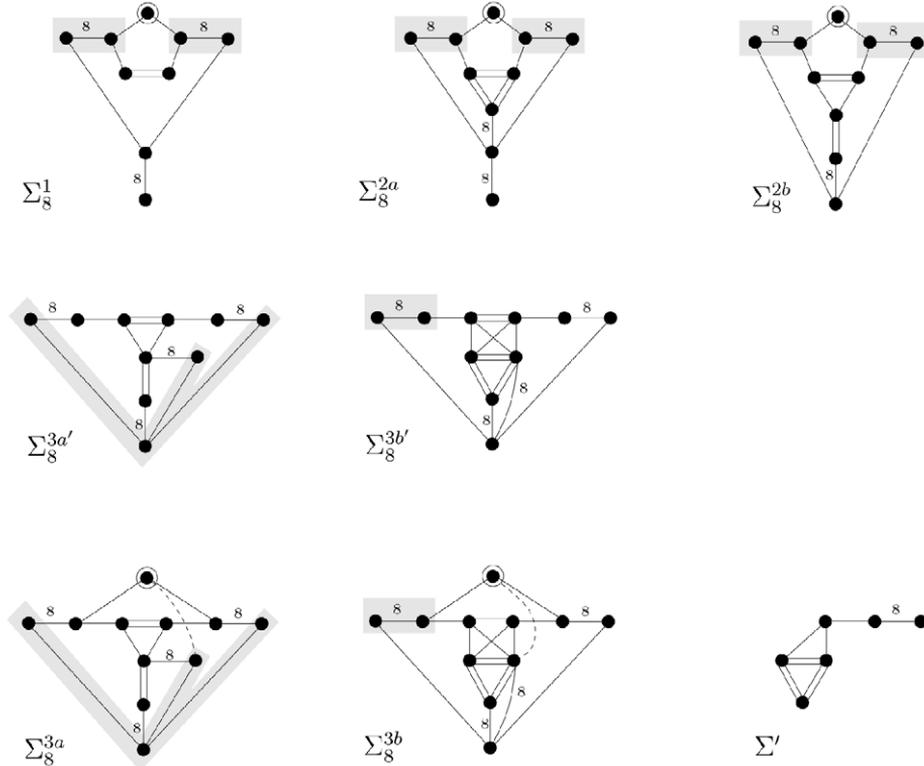


Fig. 3.5.1. Treating the diagram  $\Sigma_7$ , see Lemma 3.5.1.

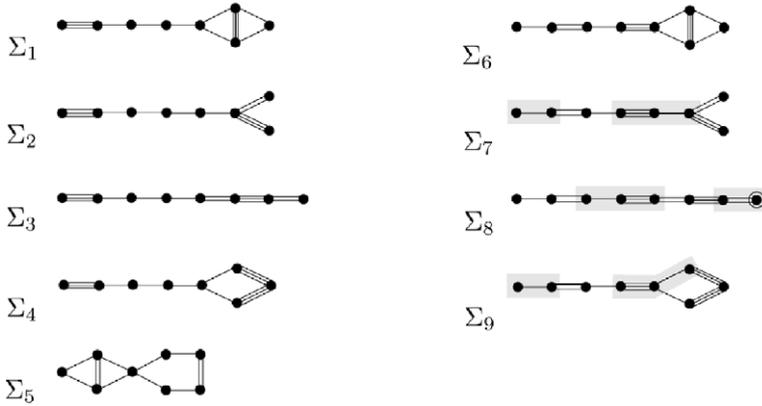
it cannot be a subdiagram of  $\Sigma(P)$ . Denote by  $\Sigma_7^2$  the diagram shown in Fig. 3.5.1(b) and consider the elliptic subdiagram  $S_3 \subset \Sigma_7^2$  of order 5 marked by a gray box. It has no good neighbors (non-neighbors) in  $\Sigma_7^2$ , so at least one of its good neighbors (non-neighbors) is not joined with  $\Sigma_7^2$  by a dotted edge. However, the list  $L'(\Sigma_7^2, 10, 6, S_3)$  is empty, and the diagram  $\Sigma_7$  cannot be a subdiagram of  $\Sigma(P)$ .

Consider the remaining diagram,  $\Sigma_8$ . The subdiagram  $S_2$  of order 5 (marked by a gray box) has a unique good neighbor in  $\Sigma_8$ .  $S_2$  contains an end of the dotted edge, so, the second good neighbor of  $S_2$  (or non-neighbor) is not joined with  $\Sigma_8$  by the dotted edge. Therefore,  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a diagram from the list  $L'(\Sigma_8, 8, 6, S_2)$ , which consists of a unique diagram  $\Sigma_8^1$  shown in Table 5. Let  $S_3 \subset \Sigma_8^1$  be a subdiagram of order 4 marked by a gray box (see Table 5).  $S_3$  has only one non-neighbor (and no good neighbors) in  $\Sigma_8^1$ , so it should have at least two more in  $\Sigma(P)$ . Therefore,  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a diagram from the list  $L'(\Sigma_8^1, 8, 6, S_3)$ , which consists of two diagrams  $\Sigma_8^{2a}$  and  $\Sigma_8^{2b}$  shown in Table 5. Denote by  $\Sigma_8^{2a'}$  and  $\Sigma_8^{2b'}$  these diagrams with the end of the dotted edge discarded. Denote by  $S_4$  the subdiagram of order 4 in  $\Sigma_8^{2a'}$  and  $\Sigma_8^{2b'}$  marked by a gray box.  $S_4$  has only to non-neighbors (and no good neighbors) in  $\Sigma_8^{2a'}$  (and in  $\Sigma_8^{2b'}$ ), so, it has at least one more in  $\Sigma(P)$ . Since the diagrams  $\Sigma_8^{2a'}$  and  $\Sigma_8^{2b'}$  contain no end of dotted edge,  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a diagram from one of the lists

Table 5  
Treating the diagram  $\Sigma_8$ , see Lemma 3.5.1.



**Table 6**  
Lists  $L_1(H_4, 6)$  and  $L_1(F_4, 6)$ .



$L'(\Sigma_8^{2a'}, 8, 6, S_4)$  and  $L'(\Sigma_8^{2b'}, 8, 6, S_4)$ . The first of these lists is empty, the second one consists of two diagrams  $\Sigma_8^{3a'}$  and  $\Sigma_8^{3b'}$  shown in Table 5. Returning the end of the dotted edge and computing the weight of the edge joining that with  $\Sigma_8^{3a'} \setminus \Sigma_8^{2a'}$  (respectively, with  $\Sigma_8^{3b'} \setminus \Sigma_8^{2b'}$ ), we obtain subdiagrams  $\Sigma_8^{3a}$  and  $\Sigma_8^{3b}$  of  $\Sigma(P)$ , see Table 5.

Consider the diagram  $\Sigma_8^{3a}$ . Let  $S_5 \subset \Sigma_8^{3a}$  be a subdiagram of the type  $D_4$  marked by a gray box. It has only two non-neighbors (and no good neighbors) in  $\Sigma_8^{3a}$ . Hence,  $\Sigma_8^{3a}$  is not a diagram of a Coxeter polytope. Now, consider the diagram  $\Sigma_8^{3a'}$ . Since there exists a good neighbor (or a non-neighbor) of  $S_5$  which does not belong to  $\Sigma_8^{3a}$ , we conclude that  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a diagram from the list  $L'(\Sigma_8^{3a'}, 8, 6, S_5)$ , which is empty.

We are left to consider the diagram  $\Sigma_8^{3b}$ . Consider the diagram  $S_6$  of the type  $G_2^{(8)}$  marked by a gray box. It has no good neighbors in  $\Sigma(P)$ , so  $\bar{S}_6 = \Sigma_{S_6}$  is either a Lannér diagram of order 5 or an Esselmann diagram (since one of the ends of the dotted edge is a bad neighbor of  $S_6$ ). However, discarding from  $\Sigma_8^{3b}$  the subdiagram  $S_6$  with all its bad neighbors, we obtain a subdiagram  $\Sigma'$  shown in Table 5, which is neither a Lannér diagram nor a part of an Esselmann diagram. Therefore, the diagram  $\Sigma_8$  also cannot be a subdiagram of  $\Sigma(P)$ , and the lemma is proved.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.5.2.**  $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagrams of the types  $H_4$  and  $F_4$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a subdiagram of the type  $H_4$  or  $F_4$ . Then  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a diagram from the list  $L_1(H_4, 6)$  or  $L_1(F_4, 6)$ . The union of these lists consists of 9 diagrams shown in Table 6, we denote these diagrams  $\Sigma_1, \dots, \Sigma_9$  (the list  $L_1(H_4, 6)$  is shown in the left column,  $L_1(F_4, 6)$  is shown in the right one). For the diagrams  $\Sigma_1, \dots, \Sigma_6$  we consider the lists  $L'(\Sigma_i, 5, 6)$ , which turn out to be empty. In particular, this implies that  $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagram of the type  $H_4$ .

For the diagrams  $\Sigma_7, \Sigma_8$  and  $\Sigma_9$  we denote by  $S_2$  a subdiagram of order 5 marked by a gray box. It has neither good neighbors nor non-neighbors in cases of  $\Sigma_7$  and  $\Sigma_9$ , and it has a unique good neighbor in case of  $\Sigma_8$ , however in the latter case  $S_2$  contains an end of the dotted edge (we know where the end of the dotted edge is, since  $y_1$  is a good neighbor of a subdiagram of the type  $B_2 \subset \bar{S}_0$  but not of the subdiagram of the type  $G_2^{(5)}$ , which is maximal). Therefore,  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a subdiagram from one of the lists  $L'(\Sigma_i, 5, 6, S_2)$ ,  $i = 7, 8, 9$ . Each of the lists  $L'(\Sigma_7, 5, 6, S_2)$  and  $L'(\Sigma_8, 5, 6, S_2)$  consist of the diagram  $\Sigma_7^8$  shown in Fig. 3.5.2(a), the list  $L'(\Sigma_9, 5, 6, S_2)$  consists of the diagram  $\Sigma_9^9$  shown in Fig. 3.5.2(b). For each of  $\Sigma_7^8$  and  $\Sigma_9^9$  consider a subdiagram  $S_3$  of the type  $H_3$  marked by a gray box. As it was shown above,  $S_3$  has no good neighbors in  $\Sigma(P)$ . So,  $P(S_3)$  is a 3-polytope with at most one pair of non-intersecting facets, and  $\bar{S}_3 = \Sigma_{S_3}$  is either a Lannér diagram of order 4, or a diagram of a 3-prism. The former case is impossible since  $\bar{S}_3$  contains a Lannér subdiagram of

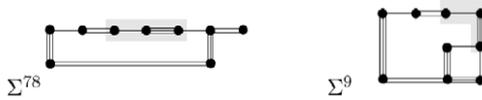


Fig. 3.5.2. Treating the diagrams  $\Sigma_7$ ,  $\Sigma_8$  and  $\Sigma_9$ , see Lemma 3.5.2.

order 3, so  $P(S_3)$  is a prism. In case of the diagram  $\Sigma^9$  this implies that  $S_3$  has at least 2 additional non-neighbors, and hence,  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a diagram from the list  $L'(\Sigma^9, 5, 6, S_3)$ , which is empty.

We are left with the diagram  $\Sigma^{78}$ . Let  $T$  be the Lannér subdiagram of  $\Sigma^{78}$  contained in  $\bar{S}_3$ , and let  $x$  be the leaf of  $\Sigma^{78}$  (node of valency 1). Since  $P(S_3)$  is a prism, there exists a non-neighbor of  $S_3$ , a node  $y \in \Sigma(P) \setminus \Sigma^{78}$ , such that  $y$  is joined with  $T$  by some edge and  $y$  is joined with  $x$  by a dotted edge. However, the list  $L'(\Sigma^{78} \setminus x, 5, 6, S_3)$  contains no entry in which the new node is joined with  $T$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.5.3.**  $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagram of the type  $H_3$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a subdiagram of the type  $H_3$ . Then  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a diagram from the list  $L_1(H_3, 6)$ , which consists of 4 diagrams. Two of these diagrams contain the subdiagrams of the type  $F_4$  or  $H_4$ . The remaining two diagrams are the diagrams  $\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma_2$  shown in Fig. 3.5.3. For the diagram  $\Sigma_1$  we check the list  $L'(\Sigma_1, 5, 6)$ , which is empty. For the diagram  $\Sigma_2$  the list  $L'(\Sigma_2, 5, 6)$  consists of a unique entry  $\Sigma'_2$  (see Fig. 3.5.3). Let  $S_2 \subset \Sigma'_2$  be a subdiagram of the type  $B_2$  marked by a gray box. Discarding from  $\Sigma'_2$  the subdiagram  $S_2$  with all its bad neighbor, we obtain a subdiagram  $\Theta$  of order 5 which consists of a Lannér diagram of order 3 and of two separate nodes. It is easy to see that  $\Theta$  is not a subdiagram of a Lannér diagram of order 5, of an Esselmann diagram or of diagram of a 4-prism. Therefore,  $\Sigma_{S_2}$  contains at least 7 nodes, and  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a diagram from the list  $L'(\Sigma'_2, 5, 6, S_2)$ , which is empty.  $\square$

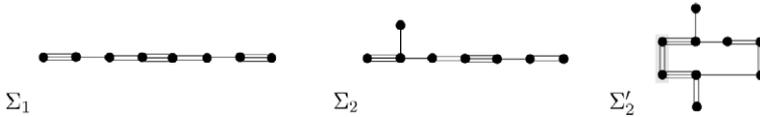


Fig. 3.5.3. To the proof of Lemma 3.5.3, see Lemma 3.5.3.

**Lemma 3.5.4.**  $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagram of the type  $G_2^{(5)}$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a subdiagram of the type  $G_2^{(5)}$ . Then  $S_0$  has no good neighbors, so  $P(S_0)$  is a 4-polytope with at most one pair of non-intersecting facets, so (by the Main Theorem in dimension  $d = 4$ ), a 4-polytope with at most 7 facets. There are only four 4-polytopes with at most 7 facets such that their Coxeter diagrams contain no subdiagram of the type  $H_4$  or  $F_4$ . The diagrams are shown in Fig. 3.5.4(a) (the diagram  $\Sigma_1$  corresponds to two 4-prisms). Notice, that all these diagrams contain dotted edges. At the same time, the diagram  $\Sigma_3$  contains a subdiagram  $S_1$  of the type  $G_2^{(5)}$  such that  $\bar{S}_1$  definitely contains no dotted edges (one end of the dotted edge is a

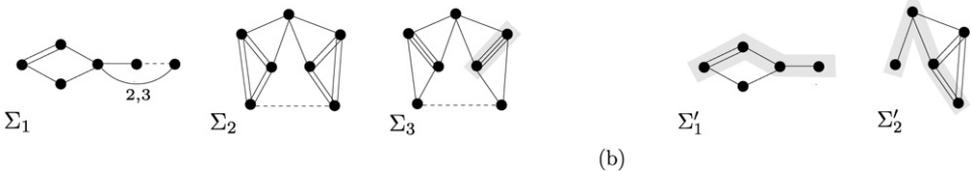
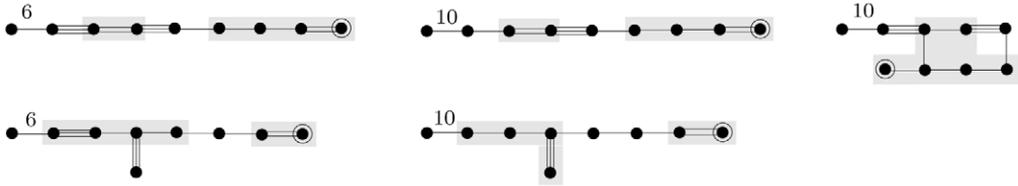


Fig. 3.5.4. To the proof of Lemma 3.5.4. (a) 4-polytopes with at most 7 facets containing no subdiagrams  $H_4$ ,  $F_4$  and  $G_2^{(k)}$ ,  $k \geq 6$ ; (b) some subdiagrams of the diagrams shown in (a) ( $\Sigma'_1 \subset \Sigma_1$ ,  $\Sigma'_2 \subset \Sigma_2$ ).

**Table 7**

The list  $L_1(7)$ .



bad neighbor of  $S_1$ ). This is impossible, so we are left with the diagrams  $\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma_2$ . Denote by  $\Sigma'_1$  and  $\Sigma'_2$  the diagrams with respectively one and two nodes discarded (see Fig. 3.5.4(b)). Let  $S_2$  be a subdiagram of  $\Sigma'_1$  or  $\Sigma'_2$  of the type  $B_4$  (marked by a gray box). The diagram  $S_2$  has only two good neighbors in  $\langle S_0, \Sigma'_1 \rangle$  as well as in  $\langle S_0, \Sigma'_2 \rangle$ , at the same time,  $S_2$  contains an end of the dotted edge. Therefore,  $S_2$  has a good neighbor (or a non-neighbor) in  $\Sigma(P) \setminus \langle S_0, \Sigma'_1 \rangle$  (or in  $\Sigma(P) \setminus \langle S_0, \Sigma'_2 \rangle$ , respectively), and  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a diagram from the list  $L'(\langle S_0, \Sigma'_1 \rangle, 5, 6, S_2)$  or  $L'(\langle S_0, \Sigma'_2 \rangle, 5, 6, S_2)$ . Both these lists are empty, and the lemma is proved.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.5.5.** *The Main Theorem holds in dimension 6.*

**Proof.** Let  $P$  be a compact hyperbolic Coxeter 6-polytope with at least 10 facets and exactly one pair of non-intersecting facets. By Lemmas 3.5.1–3.5.4,  $\Sigma(P)$  does not contain edges of multiplicity greater than 2. Now we apply Lemmas 3.1.1, and 3.1.3 to complete the proof.  $\square$

### 3.6. Dimension 7

Let  $P$  be a 7-dimensional hyperbolic Coxeter polytope such that  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a unique dotted edge and  $P$  has at least 11 facets.

**Lemma 3.6.1.**  $\Sigma(P)$  contains no multi-multiple edges.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a multi-multiple edge of the maximum multiplicity in  $\Sigma(P)$ . Then  $S_0$  has no good neighbors and  $P(S_0)$  is either a 5-prism or a 5-polytope with 8 facets with a unique pair of non-intersecting facets (there is a unique such polytope). By Lemma 2.2.1,  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a subdiagram  $\langle S_0, y_1, y_0, S_1 \rangle$  from the list  $L_1(7)$ . The list consists of 5 diagrams  $\Sigma_1, \dots, \Sigma_5$  (see Table 7). Notice, that for each of these diagrams the subdiagram  $\langle y_0, S_1 \rangle$  is a part of a diagram of a 5-prism, and we know where the end of the dotted edge is. Denote by  $S_2 \subset \Sigma_i, i = 1, \dots, 5$  the elliptic subdiagram of order 6 marked by a gray box. The diagram  $S_2$  contains an end of the dotted edge and has at most 1 good neighbor in  $\Sigma_i$ . Therefore, there exists a good neighbor or a non-neighbor of  $S_2$  which is not joined with  $\Sigma_i$  by a dotted edge. So,  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a subdiagram from the list  $L'(\Sigma_i, k(\Sigma_i), 7)$ , where  $\Sigma_i$  ranges over 5 diagrams  $\Sigma_1, \dots, \Sigma_5$  and  $k(\Sigma_i)$  is a maximum multiplicity of the edge in  $\Sigma_i$ . All these lists are empty, and the lemma is proved.  $\square$

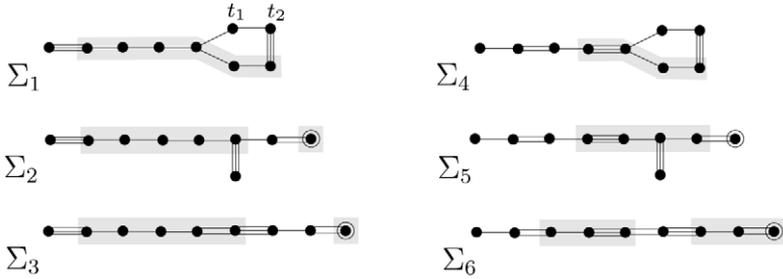
**Lemma 3.6.2.**  $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagrams of the types  $H_4$  and  $F_4$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a subdiagram of the type  $H_4$  or  $F_4$ . Then  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a diagram from the list  $L_1(H_4, 7)$  or  $L_1(F_4, 7)$ . Each of these lists consists of 3 diagrams, we denote these 6 diagrams by  $\Sigma_1, \dots, \Sigma_6$  (see Table 8). Notice that in cases of the diagrams  $\Sigma_2, \Sigma_3, \Sigma_5$  and  $\Sigma_6$  we know where the end of the dotted edge is, since  $y_1$  (the bad neighbor of  $S_0$ ) is a good neighbor of a diagram  $S_1 \subset \bar{S}_0$  of the type  $B_3$ , but not  $H_3$ .

First, consider the diagram  $\Sigma_1$ . Let  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  be the nodes of  $\Sigma_1$  marked in Table 8. Without loss of generality we may assume that neither  $t_1$  nor  $t_2$  is an end of the dotted edge (here we use the

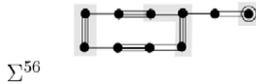
**Table 8**

The lists  $L_1(H_4, 7)$  and  $L_1(F_4, 7)$ .



symmetry of the diagram  $\Sigma_1$ ). Let  $S_2 \subset \Sigma_1$  be a diagram of the type  $A_6$  that does not contain the nodes  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ . Then  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a diagram from the list  $L'((S_2, t_1, t_2), 5, 7)$ , which is empty.

For the diagrams  $\Sigma_2, \dots, \Sigma_6$  denote by  $S_2$  a subdiagram marked by a gray box. In cases of  $\Sigma_4$  and  $\Sigma_5$  the diagram  $S_2$  is of order 4, and it has only 2 good neighbors (or non-neighbors) in  $\Sigma_i$ , so it has at least 2 more good neighbors (or non-neighbors) in  $\Sigma(P)$ , one of which is joined with  $\Sigma_i$  without dotted edges. In cases of  $\Sigma_2, \Sigma_3$ , and  $\Sigma_6$ , the diagram  $S_2$  is of order 6, and it has only 1 good neighbor (or non-neighbor) in  $\Sigma_i$ , so, it has another one in  $\Sigma(P) \setminus \Sigma_i$  (and this good neighbor or non-neighbor cannot be joined with  $\Sigma_i$  by a dotted edge since  $S_2$  contains an end of the dotted edge). Therefore,  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a diagram from the list  $L(\Sigma_i, 5, 7, S_2)$ , where  $i = 2, \dots, 6$ . For  $i = 2, 3, 4$  the lists are empty. For  $i = 5$  and  $i = 6$  the lists consist of a unique entry  $\Sigma^{56}$  shown in Fig. 3.6.1. Denote by  $S_3 \subset \Sigma^{56}$  a subdiagram of order 6 marked by a gray box. It has only one good neighbor (and no non-neighbors) in  $\Sigma^{56}$  and contains an end of the dotted edge. Hence,  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a diagram from the list  $L(\Sigma^{56}, 5, 7, S_3)$ , which is empty.  $\square$



**Fig. 3.6.1.** Treating the diagrams  $\Sigma_5$  and  $\Sigma_6$ , see Lemma 3.6.2.

**Lemma 3.6.3.**  $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagram of the type  $H_3$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a subdiagram of the type  $H_3$ . Then  $P(S_0)$  is a 4-polytope whose Coxeter diagram contains at most 1 dotted edge, so it is either a simplex, or an Esselmann polytope, or a 4-prism, or a 4-polytope with 7 facets. Since  $\bar{S}_0 = \Sigma_{S_0}$  contains neither multi-multiple edges nor subdiagrams of the types  $H_4$  and  $F_4$ , we are left with only three possibilities for  $\bar{S}_0$  shown in Fig. 3.5.4(a). For each of these diagrams consider a subdiagram  $\Sigma'$  of order 5 shown in Fig. 3.6.2, and let  $S_1 \subset \Sigma'$  be a subdiagram of order 4 marked by a gray block. Notice that  $S_1$  has at least one good neighbor or non-neighbor in  $\Sigma(P) \setminus \langle S_0, \bar{S}_0 \rangle$ , so  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a diagram from the list  $L'(\Sigma', 5, 7, S_1)$ , where  $\Sigma'$  ranges over the three diagrams shown in Fig. 3.6.2. These lists are empty, and the lemma is proved.  $\square$



**Fig. 3.6.2.** To the proof of Lemma 3.6.3.

**Lemma 3.6.4.**  $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagram of the type  $G_2^{(5)}$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a subdiagram of the type  $G_2^{(5)}$ . Then  $P(S_0)$  is a 5-polytope with at most one pair of non-intersecting facets. By the Main Theorem in dimension 5, this implies that  $P(S_0)$  has at most 8 facets. However, any diagram of a 5-polytope with at most 8 facets contains either 2 dotted edges or a subdiagram of the types  $H_4$  or  $F_4$ . Together with Lemma 3.6.2 this proves the lemma.  $\square$

Applying Lemmas 3.1.1 and 3.1.3, we obtain the following result.

**Lemma 3.6.5.** The Main Theorem holds in dimension 7.

3.7. Dimension 8

Let  $P$  be an 8-dimensional compact hyperbolic Coxeter polytope such that  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a unique dotted edge and  $P$  has at least 12 facets.

**Lemma 3.7.1.**  $\Sigma(P)$  contains no multi-multiple edges.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a multi-multiple edge of the maximum multiplicity in  $\Sigma(P)$ . Then  $S_0$  has no good neighbors and  $P(S_0)$  is a Coxeter 6-polytope with at most 1 pair of non-intersecting facets. Since the Main Theorem is already proved in dimension 6, this implies that  $P(S_0)$  has at most 9 facets and  $\bar{S}_0$  is one of the 3 diagrams  $\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2, \Sigma_3$  shown in Fig. 3.7.1.

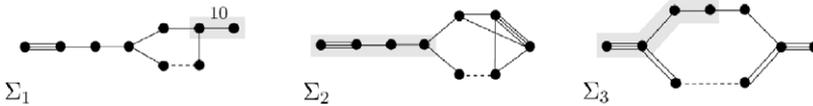


Fig. 3.7.1. To the proof of Lemma 3.7.1.

Consider the diagram  $\Sigma_1$ . It contains a subdiagram  $S_1$  of the type  $G_2^{(10)}$  such that  $\bar{S}_1 = \Sigma_{S_1}$  contains no dotted edge. Since  $P(S_1)$  is a 6-polytope, this is impossible.

Consider the diagram  $\Sigma_2$ . It contains a subdiagram  $S_1$  of the type  $H_4$  (marked by a gray box) such that  $\bar{S}_1 = \Sigma_{S_1}$  contains no dotted edge.  $P(S_1)$  is a 4-polytope, so  $\bar{S}_1$  is either a Lannér diagram of order 5 or an Esselmann diagram. At the same time,  $\bar{S}_1$  contains a multi-multiple edge  $S_0$  and a Lannér diagram of order 3 with one triple edge and two simple edges. This is impossible for an Esselmann diagram as well as for a Lannér diagram of order 5.

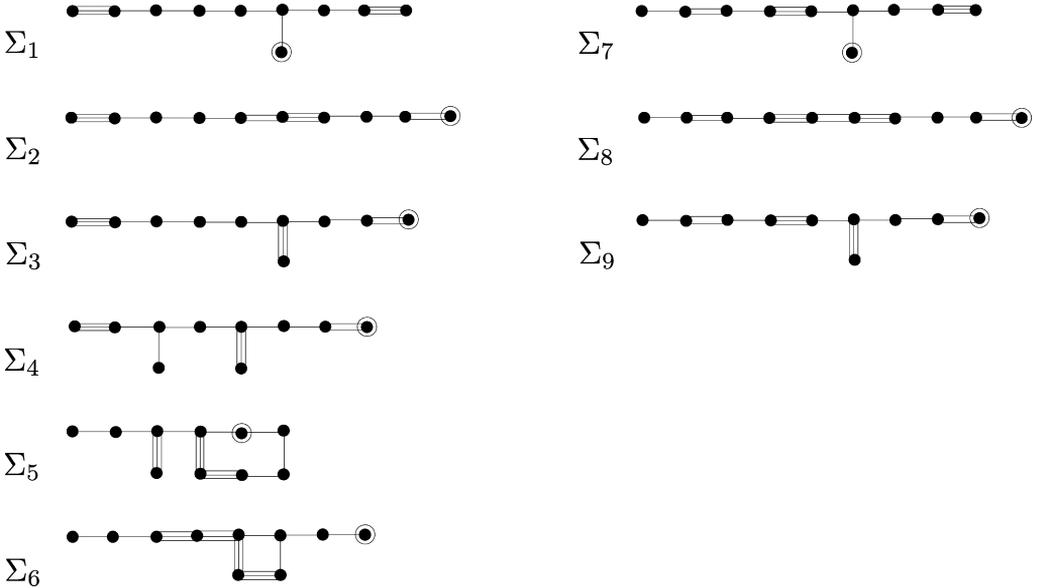
Consider the diagram  $\Sigma_3$ . It contains a subdiagram  $S_1$  of the type  $H_4$  such that  $\bar{S}_1 = \Sigma_{S_1}$  contains no dotted edge. At the same time,  $\bar{S}_1$  contains a multi-multiple edge  $S_0$  and a Lannér diagram of order 3 with one triple edge, one double edge, and one empty edge. This is possible only if  $\bar{S}_1$  is an Esselmann diagram and  $S_0 = G_2^{(10)}$ . In particular, this implies that any multi-multiple edge in  $\Sigma(P)$  is of the type  $G_2^{(10)}$ . Denote by  $\Sigma'_3$  the diagram  $\Sigma_3$  with one end of the dotted edge discarded. Let  $S_2 \subset \Sigma'_3$  be a subdiagram of the type  $B_6$ . It has only two non-neighbors (and no good neighbors) in  $\langle S_0, \Sigma_3 \rangle$ , so there exists either a good neighbor or a non-neighbor  $x$  of  $S_2$ , such that  $x \notin \langle S_0, \Sigma_3 \rangle$  and the diagram  $\langle x, S_0, \Sigma'_3 \rangle$  contains no dotted edges. Since any multi-multiple edge in  $\Sigma(P)$  is of the type  $G_2^{(10)}$ , the number of such diagrams is finite. None of these diagrams has zero determinant, so the lemma is proved.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.7.2.**  $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagrams of the types  $H_4$  and  $F_4$ .

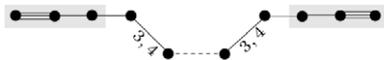
**Proof.** Suppose that  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a subdiagram of the type  $H_4$  or  $F_4$ .  $S_0$  has no good neighbors, so  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a diagram from the list  $L_1(H_4, 8)$  or  $L_1(F_4, 8)$ . The union of these lists consists

**Table 9**

The lists  $L_1(H_4, 8)$  and  $L_1(F_4, 8)$ .



of 9 diagrams  $\Sigma_1, \dots, \Sigma_9$ , see Table 9. One can note that for any of diagrams  $\Sigma_1, \dots, \Sigma_9$  the diagram  $\bar{S}_0$  is a linear Lannér subdiagram containing a subdiagram of the type  $H_4$ , and  $\bar{S}_0 \subset \Sigma_i$  (by a linear diagram we mean a connected diagram without nodes of valency greater than 2). This implies that we can always start from the diagram  $S_0$  of the type  $H_4$ , so  $\Sigma(P)$  must contain one of the diagrams  $\Sigma_1, \dots, \Sigma_6$ , and we do not need to consider the diagrams  $\Sigma_7, \Sigma_8$ , and  $\Sigma_9$ . Moreover, notice that  $y_1$  (which is a unique bad neighbor of  $S_0$  in  $\Sigma_i$ ) is always a bad neighbor of a unique subdiagram  $S_2 \subset \bar{S}_0$  of the type  $H_4$ . By construction (see Lemma 2.2.1), this implies that there exists a non-neighbor  $y_2 \notin \Sigma_i$  of  $S_2$  joined with  $\bar{S}_0 \setminus S_2$  by a dotted edge. Starting from  $S_2$  instead of  $S_0$ , we obtain (by symmetry) that  $\bar{S}_2$  is also a linear Lannér diagram of order 5. Since  $\langle S_0, y_2 \rangle \subset \bar{S}_2$ , we see that both  $\langle S_0, y_2 \rangle$  and  $\bar{S}_0$  are linear Lannér diagrams, and  $y_2$  is joined with  $\bar{S}_0 \setminus S_2$  by a dotted edge. Thus, we obtain three possibilities for the subdiagram  $\langle S_0, y_2, \bar{S}_0 \rangle$ , see Fig. 3.7.2. For each of these 3 diagrams we solve the equation  $\det(\langle S_0, y_2, \bar{S}_0 \rangle) = 0$  and find the weight of the dotted edge. Consider a diagram  $S_3 \subset \langle S_0, y_2, \bar{S}_0 \rangle$  of the type  $H_3 + H_3$  (it is marked on Fig. 3.7.2).  $S_3$  has four good neighbors and non-neighbors in total in  $\langle S_0, y_2, \bar{S}_0 \rangle$ , while  $\bar{S}_3$  has at least three dotted edges (one coming from a dotted edge of  $\Sigma(P)$  and two coming from simple or double edges). This implies that  $S_3$  has at least one good neighbor or a non-neighbor in  $\Sigma(P) \setminus \langle S_0, y_2, \bar{S}_0 \rangle$ . So,  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a diagram from the list  $L'(\langle S_0, y_2, \bar{S}_0 \rangle, 5, 8)$ . This list consists of a unique diagram, which is a diagram of a Coxeter 8-polytope with 11 facets (see Fig. 3.9.1). By [5, Lemma 1], this diagram cannot be a subdiagram of  $\Sigma(P)$ .  $\square$



**Fig. 3.7.2.** The diagram  $\langle S_0, y_2, \bar{S}_0 \rangle$ , see Lemma 3.7.2.

**Lemma 3.7.3.**  $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagram of the type  $H_3$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a subdiagram of the type  $H_3$ . Then  $P(S_0)$  is a 5-polytope with at most one pair of non-intersecting facets. By the Main Theorem in dimension 5, this implies that  $P(S_0)$  has at most 8 facets. However, any diagram of a 5-polytope with at most 8 facets either contains 2

dotted edges or contains a subdiagram of the types  $H_4$  or  $F_4$ . Together with Lemma 3.7.2, this proves the lemma.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.7.4.**  $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagram of the type  $G_2^{(5)}$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a subdiagram of the type  $G_2^{(5)}$ . Then  $P(S_0)$  is a 6-polytope with at most one pair of non-intersecting facets. By the Main Theorem in dimension 6, this implies that  $P(S_0)$  has at most 9 facets, so  $P(S_0)$  has exactly 9 facets. However, any diagrams of a 6-polytope with 9 facets contains a subdiagram of the type  $H_4$ . Together with Lemma 3.7.2, this proves the lemma.  $\square$

As in dimensions 6 and 7, we apply Lemmas 3.1.1 and 3.1.3 to obtain

**Lemma 3.7.5.** The Main Theorem holds in dimension 8.

3.8. Dimension 9

**Lemma 3.8.1.** The Main Theorem holds in dimension 9.

**Proof.** Suppose that the lemma is broken. Let  $P$  be a 9-dimensional compact hyperbolic Coxeter polytope such that  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a unique dotted edge and  $P$  has at least 13 facets.

- $\Sigma(P)$  contains no multi-multiple edges.

Indeed, if  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a multi-multiple edge, then  $P(S_0)$  is a 7-polytope with at most one pair of non-intersecting facets, so  $P(S_0)$  is a 7-polytope with at most 10 facets, which does not exist.

- $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagrams of the types  $H_4$  and  $F_4$ .

Suppose that  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a subdiagram of the type  $H_4$  or  $F_4$ . Then  $P(S_0)$  is a 5-polytope with at most one pair of non-intersecting facets, so  $P(S_0)$  is a 5-polytope with at most 8 facets. Since  $\bar{S}_0 = \Sigma_{S_0}$  contains no multi-multiple edges and at most one dotted edge, there are only three possibilities for the diagram  $\bar{S}_0$ , see Fig. 3.8.1(a)–(c). For each of these cases we choose a subdiagram  $\Sigma_1$  of order 6 shown in Fig. 3.8.1(d)–(f) respectively, and denote by  $S_1 \subset \Sigma_1$  a subdiagram of the type  $H_4$  or  $F_4$  marked by a gray box. Let  $S_2 \subset S_0$  be a subdiagram of the type  $H_3$  or  $B_3$  (if  $S_0$  is of the type  $H_4$  or  $F_4$ , respectively). Let  $S_3 = \langle S_1, S_2 \rangle$ . Notice that  $S_3$  has 3 good neighbors and non-neighbors in total in  $\langle S_0, \bar{S}_0 \rangle$ , two of which are the ends of the dotted edge. Hence, by Lemma 2.1.1,  $S_3$  has at least one good neighbor or non-neighbor in  $\Sigma(P) \setminus \langle S_0, \bar{S}_0 \rangle$ . Therefore,  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a diagram from the list  $L'(\langle S_0, \Sigma_1 \rangle, 5, 9, S_3)$ , where  $\Sigma_1$  ranges over the diagrams shown in Fig. 3.8.1(d)–(f). The lists are empty, and the statement is proved.

- $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagrams of the types  $H_3$ .

Indeed, if  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a subdiagram of the type  $H_3$ , then  $P(S_0)$  is a 6-polytope with at most one pair of non-intersecting facets. However, a diagram of any such a polytope contains a subdiagram of the type  $H_4$ .

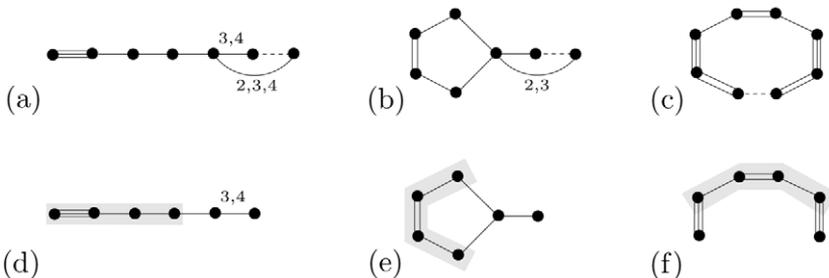


Fig. 3.8.1. To the proof of Lemma 3.8.1.

- $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagrams of the types  $G_2^{(5)}$ .

If  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a subdiagram of the type  $G_2^{(5)}$ , then  $P(S_0)$  is a 7-polytope with at most one pair of non-intersecting facets, which does not exist.

Now, we apply Lemmas 3.1.1 and 3.1.3, which finishes the proof.  $\square$

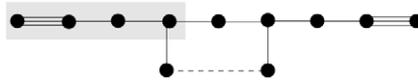
3.9. Dimension 10

**Lemma 3.9.1.** *The Main Theorem holds in dimension 10.*

**Proof.** Suppose that the lemma is broken. Let  $P$  be a 10-dimensional compact hyperbolic Coxeter polytope such that  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a unique dotted edge.

- $\Sigma(P)$  contains no multi-multiple edges.

Indeed, if  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a multi-multiple edge, then  $P(S_0)$  is an 8-polytope with at most one pair of non-intersecting facets, so  $P(S_0)$  is an 8-polytope with at most 11 facets. There exists a unique such a polytope, its diagram is shown in Fig. 3.9.1. Let  $S_1 \subset \bar{S}_0$  be a subdiagram of the type  $H_4$ . Then  $\bar{S}_1$  contains no dotted edges, and  $P(S_1)$  is a Coxeter 6-polytope with mutually intersecting facets, which is impossible.



**Fig. 3.9.1.** A unique 8-polytope with 11 facets.

- $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagrams of the types  $H_4$  and  $F_4$ .

Suppose that  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a subdiagram of the type  $H_4$  or  $F_4$ . Then  $P(S_0)$  is a 6-polytope with at most one pair of non-intersecting facets, so  $P(S_0)$  is a 6-polytope with exactly 9 facets. There are 3 such polytopes (see Fig. 3.7.1), each contains a subdiagram  $S_1$  of the type  $H_4$  such that  $\bar{S}_1$  contains no dotted edges. So,  $P(S_1)$  is a 6-polytope with mutually intersecting facets, which is impossible.

- $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagrams of the types  $H_3$ .

Indeed, if  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a subdiagram of the type  $H_3$ , then  $P(S_0)$  is a 7-polytope with at most one pair of non-intersecting facets. This implies that  $P(S_0)$  is a 7-polytope with at most 10 facets, which is impossible.

- $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagrams of the types  $G_2^{(5)}$ .

As it was already shown, the diagram of the type  $G_2^{(5)}$  cannot have good neighbors, so the proof coincides with the reasoning used for multi-multiple edges.

Applying Lemmas 3.1.1 and 3.1.3, we complete the proof.  $\square$

3.10. Dimension 11

**Lemma 3.10.1.** *The Main Theorem holds in dimension 11.*

**Proof.** Suppose that the lemma is broken. Let  $P$  be an 11-dimensional compact hyperbolic Coxeter polytope such that  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a unique dotted edge.

- $\Sigma(P)$  contains no multi-multiple edges.

If  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a multi-multiple edge, then  $P(S_0)$  is a 9-polytope with at most one pair of non-intersecting facets.

- $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagrams of the types  $H_4$  and  $F_4$ .

Indeed, if  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a subdiagram of the type  $H_4$  or  $F_4$ , then  $P(S_0)$  is a 7-polytope with at most one pair of non-intersecting facets, which is impossible.

- $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagrams of the types  $H_3$ .

If  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a subdiagram of the type  $H_3$ , then  $P(S_0)$  is an 8-polytope with at most one pair of non-intersecting facets. However, the diagram of a unique such a polytope contains a subdiagram of the type  $H_4$ .

- $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagrams of the types  $G_2^{(5)}$ .

Again, we follow the proof for multi-multiple edges.

Application of Lemmas 3.1.1 and 3.1.3 finishes the proof.  $\square$

### 3.11. Dimension 12

**Lemma 3.11.1.** *The Main Theorem holds in dimension 12.*

**Proof.** Suppose that the lemma is broken. Let  $P$  be a 12-dimensional hyperbolic Coxeter polytope such that  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a unique dotted edge.

- $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagrams of the types  $H_4$  and  $F_4$ .

Indeed, if  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a subdiagram of the type  $H_4$  or  $F_4$ , then  $P(S_0)$  is an 8-polytope with at most one pair of non-intersecting facets. So,  $\bar{S}_0$  is the diagram shown in Fig. 3.9.1. However, the latter diagram contains a subdiagram  $S_1$  of the type  $H_4$  such that  $\bar{S}_1$  contains no dotted edges, which is impossible.

- $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagrams of the types  $H_3$  and  $G_2^{(k)}$ ,  $k \geq 5$ .

If  $S_0 \subset \Sigma(P)$  is a subdiagram of the type  $H_3$  or  $G_2^{(k)}$ ,  $k \geq 5$ , then  $P(S_0)$  is a  $d$ -polytope with at most one pair of non-intersecting facets, where  $d = 9$  or  $10$ , which is impossible.

Again, we complete the proof applying Lemmas 3.1.1 and 3.1.3.  $\square$

### 3.12. Large dimensions

To complete the proof of the Main Theorem, we prove the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.12.1.** *The Main Theorem holds in dimensions  $d > 12$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that the lemma is broken, and let  $P$  be a  $d$ -dimensional compact hyperbolic Coxeter polytope such that  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a unique dotted edge ( $d > 12$ ). We may assume that the Main Theorem holds in all dimensions less than  $d$ . Suppose that  $\Sigma(P)$  contains a subdiagram  $S_0$  of the type  $H_4$  or  $F_4$ . Then  $P(S_0)$  is a  $d$ -polytope with at most one pair of non-intersecting facets, where  $d \geq 9$ , which is impossible. Similarly,  $\Sigma(P)$  contains no subdiagrams of the types  $H_3$  and  $G_2^{(k)}$ ,  $k \geq 5$ .

As usual, Lemmas 3.1.1 and 3.1.3 imply that such a polytope  $P$  does not exist.  $\square$

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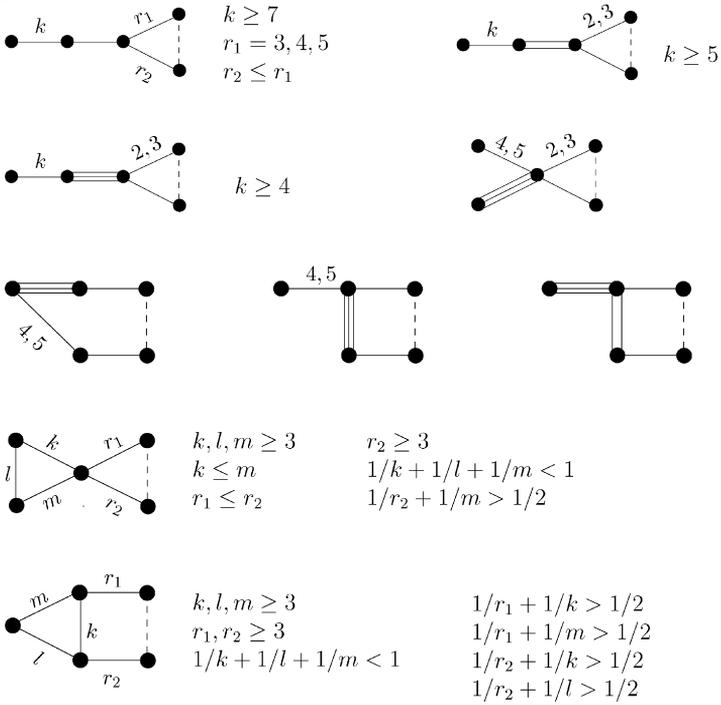
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## Appendix A

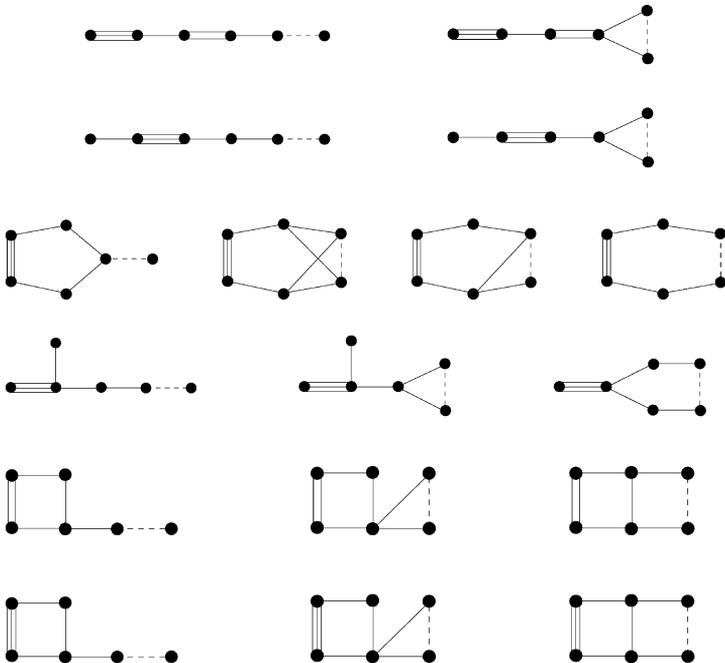
In this appendix we list all compact hyperbolic Coxeter polytopes with exactly one pair of non-intersecting facets. Table 10 contains Coxeter diagrams of prisms. The list of "right" prisms (i.e., prisms with one facet composing right dihedral angles only) is reproduced from [8] (see also [13]). The remaining prisms are obtained by gluing two right prisms along congruent bases. Table 11 contains Coxeter diagrams of  $d$ -polytopes with  $d + 3$  facets, the list is reproduced from [11].

**Table 10**  
Compact hyperbolic Coxeter prisms

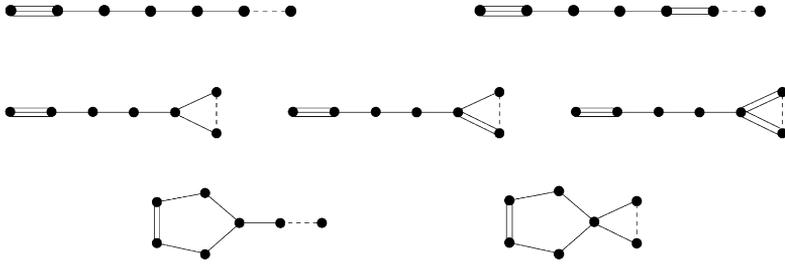
**d=3**



**d=4**



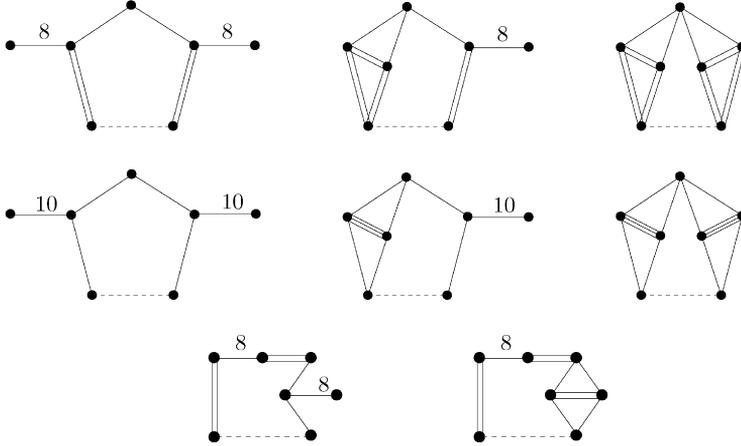
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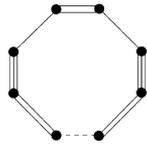
**Table 11**

Compact hyperbolic Coxeter  $d$ -polytopes with  $d + 3$  facets and exactly one pair of non-intersecting facets.

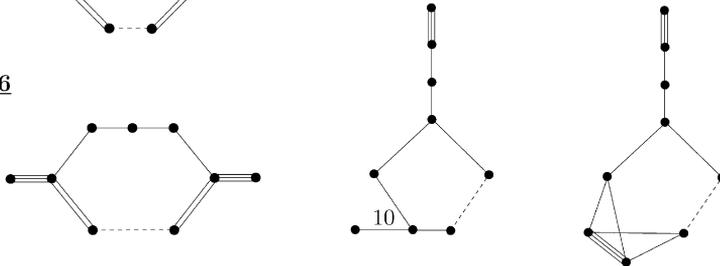
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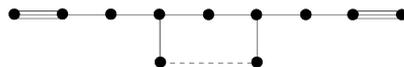
**d=5**



**d=6**



**d=8**



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