## GOD'S NUMBER OF BI-COLORED CUBES

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ABSTRACT. The Rubik's Cube, a quintessential mathematical puzzle, has long been a subject of recreational fascination and academic inquiry. God's Number for the classical 6-Colored cube has been extensively studied, and standard cases of Bi-Colored Rubik's Cube have been explored. This paper continues the exploration and extends the discussion to extreme cases in  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  and  $3 \times 3 \times 3$  cubes under the Quarter-Turn Metric. By employing group theory, Burnside's counting theorem, and computational algorithms such as breadth-first search (BFS) and symmetric reduction, we calculate the total number of configurations and determine God's Numbers for various Bi-Colored scenarios. However, computational limitations, particularly memory requirements, constrained our ability to analyze higher-order cubes and more complex configurations. Future developments, including coset methods and machine learning approaches, promise to overcome these challenges, enabling the exploration of larger cubes and Multi-Colored configurations with enhanced efficiency and scalability.

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## 1. Introduction

The Rubik's Cube, invented in 1974 by Hungarian architect Ernő Rubik, is a three-dimensional mechanical puzzle that has become one of the most iconic and enduring challenges in recreational mathematics and popular culture. It even leads to applications in cryptography and physics([9], [17]). Comprising 26 smaller cubes, or "cubies," it forms a  $3 \times 3 \times 3$  structure with six faces, each consisting of nine squares. The goal is to twist and rotate the layers of the cube to align each face with a uniform color after being scrambled. The Rubik's Cube is renowned not only for its entertainment value but also for its mathematical complexity. The puzzle's configuration space comprises over 43 quintillion  $(4.3 \cdot 10^{19})$  possible arrangements, yet it is known that every configuration can be solved in 20 moves or fewer—a number famously referred to as "God's Number." This name reflects the idea of ultimate perfection and efficiency, which an all-knowing entity would achieve. The Rubik's Cube problem is formalized and extended by defining G(n) and two metrics.

**Definition 1.1** (God's Number of Cubes). Let  $G(n) = G_{1,1,1,1,1}(n)$  denote the God's number for an  $n \times n \times n$  cube, where each of the six faces is a distinct color, defined as the maximum number of moves required to solve the cube from any scrambled state under a given metric. We denote n as the order of the cube.

**Definition 1.2** (Quarter-Turn Metric). The quarter-turn metric counts each  $90^{\circ}$  rotation of one face of the cube as a single move. For example, a clockwise or counterclockwise  $90^{\circ}$  turn of any face is considered one move.

**Definition 1.3** (Half-Turn Metric). The half-turn metric counts both  $90^{\circ}$  and  $180^{\circ}$  rotations of one face of the cube as a single move. In this metric, both quarter- and half-turns are equivalent in terms of their cost.

It is worth emphasizing that while quarter-turns and half-turns are similar operations, they differ in how they contribute to the move count under distinct metrics. As a result, God's numbers obtained in different metrics are different, and the analysis differs slightly. When  $n \leq 3$ , the result is well-studied due to the relatively small size of possible configurations. When n = 2, God's number G(2) is known to be 14 by quarter turns and 11 by half turns, where a single half turn is defined as rotating any face by  $180^{\circ}$  (https://www.jaapsch.net/puzzles/cube2.htm). The God's number of standard Rubik's cube, which is G(3), is mostly studied. By 1980, a lower bound for G(3) in half turns was known to be 18, while the upper bound was around 80. For almost 30 years after that, through the unremitting exploration of mathematicians, the gap was eventually closed at 20 by the works of Tomas Rokicki, Herbert Kociemba, Morley Davidson, and John Dethridge ([13]). The timetable available on https://www.cube20.org is visually represented in Figure 1.



FIGURE 1. Development of God's Number in Half-Turn Metric (Most results were only reported electronically: see [4] for links).

The breakthrough for the quarter turns came slightly later by Tomas Rokicki and Morley Davidson ([12]). They showed that G(3) in the Quarter-Turn Metric is 26 in 2014. A similar figure for the progress is shown in Figure 2.



FIGURE 2. Development of God's Number in Quarter-Turn Metric (Most results were only reported electronically: see [11] for links).

For G(4) or even larger, no result has been proven due to the large size of all possible configurations. Recently, Salkinder estimated that the God's number's growth rate is  $\Omega(n^2/\log(n))$  ([15]). This paper addresses the Bi-Colored case, which serves as a tractable but non-trivial extension of classical Rubik's Cube studies. The standard result  $G_{3,3}(3)$  has been explored in Pieper's thesis ([10]). We extend the results to all possible extreme cases of the pocket cube and  $G_{1,5}(3)$ . We provide a systematic analysis of the Bi-Colored  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  and  $3 \times 3 \times 3$  cube, introducing the necessary mathematical framework and computational methods under the Quarter-Turn Metric. This work also assumes that all squares of the Rubik's Cube are solid colors. The cases are different when pictures replace solid colors.

The number of configurations reachable at each depth in the solving process forms integer sequences that reflect the underlying combinatorial structure. For example, for the  $(5,1)_3$  case defined in Definition 1.7, the sequence of reachable states grows as follows: 1, 8, 76, 680, 5714, ..., illustrating the exponential increase in states. These sequences contribute to the broader study of combinatorial integer sequences and underscore the complexity of solving asymmetric cube configurations.

**Definition 1.4** (God's Number of Bi-Colored Cubes). Let  $G_{k,6-k}(n)$  denote God's number for an  $n \times n \times n$  cube with solid colors on all squares, with k faces of one color and 6-k faces of a different color, defined as the maximum number of moves required to solve the cube from any scrambled state under Quarter-Turn Metric.

As Rubik's Cube can be described as a finite group where each configuration corresponds to an element of the group, and each legal move is a group operation. As the group is finite, any state can be expressed as a finite product of turns applied on the solved state. This guarantees that every configuration is a finite number of moves away from the identity element, corresponding to the solved state. Consequently, God's number is well-defined. The proof of Rubik's Cube as a group is provided in Section 2.1. Considering  $G_{4,2}(n)$  and  $G_{3,3}(n)$ , there exist two possible colorings. To explicitly distinguish them, we make the following definitions.

**Definition 1.5** (God's Number of Bi-Colored Cubes with Opposite Coloring). Let  $G'_{k,6-k}(n)$  denote God's number  $G_{k,6-k}(n)$ , where a pair of opposite faces with the same color exists.

**Definition 1.6** (God's Number of Bi-Colored Cubes with Adjacent Coloring). Let  $G''_{k,6-k}(n)$  denote God's number  $G_{k,6-k}(n)$ , where k faces of one color form a connected, adjacent region, and the remaining 6 - k faces are of a different color.

**Definition 1.7** (Bi-Colored Case). Let  $(x, y)_n$  denote the configuration of an  $n \times n \times n$  cube where x faces are colored with color  $C_1$ , and the remaining y = 6 - x faces are colored with color  $C_2$ .

Using results from group theory and Burnside's counting theorem, we calculated the total number of configurations for all Bi-Colored cases  $(5, 1)_2$ ,  $(4, 2)_2$ , and  $(3, 3)_2$  and  $(5, 1)_3$ . Using a breadth-first search (BFS) approach algorithm, we calculate God's number for various Bi-Colored configurations and explore how symmetry considerations affect results. The most complex result obtained is for  $G_{5,1}(3)$  in Table 1. "Depth" refers to the number of quarter turns. "New States Found" refers to unique states that can be achieved at the current depth and have never been found before.

Depth	New States Found	Total States Can Be Reached
0	1	1
1	8	9
2	76	85
3	680	765
4	5714	6479
5	47558	54037
6	376614	430651
7	2646584	3077235
8	13077539	16154774
9	23709256	39864030
10	5033865	44897895
11	8505	44906400

TABLE 1. Exploration results for  $(5,1)_3$  and  $G_{5,1}(3)$ .

We start by recognizing the Rubik's Cube as a group following proper definitions of operations applied to it. Then, we use some related group properties for calculations of the total number of configurations from  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  to  $3 \times 3 \times 3$ . The formulation of algorithms and results of God's numbers are introduced in Section 4.

# 2. Notation and Classification

In this section, we explore how the Rubik's Cube satisfies the properties of a group and how the number of possible configurations of both the  $3 \times 3 \times 3$  and  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  cubes is derived. The study of the Rubik's Cube through group theory allows us to formalize its behavior and understand the structure of these permutations. Moreover, it provides tools for solving the cube.

## 2.1. The Rubik's Cube as a Group

The Rubik's Cube can be modeled as a group, where each element of the group corresponds to a specific rotation of one of its faces. We give the following definitions for all possible quarter turns.

**Definition 2.1** (Face Rotations). The Rubik's Cube is manipulated through face rotations, each of which corresponds to a specific move. Let F, R, U, L, D, B represent 90-degree clockwise rotations of the front, right, upper, left, down, and back faces, respectively.

**Definition 2.2** (Inverse Moves). Each face rotation has its inverse, denoted by F', R', U', L', D', B', which represent counterclockwise rotations of the front, right, upper, left, down, and back faces, respectively.

A group operation is the sequential composition of these moves. The Rubik's Cube satisfies the four fundamental properties of a group.

- Closure: The composition of any two moves on the cube results in another valid cube configuration. For example, applying  $F \cdot R$  produces a new permutation of the cube pieces.
- Identity: The solved state of the cube is the identity element of the group. Any move followed by its inverse returns the cube to this solved state. For example,  $F \cdot F' = e$ , where e is the identity element, representing the solved cube.

- Invertibility: Every move has a corresponding inverse that undoes the effect of the original move. For example, if the move R rotates the right face of the cube clockwise, then R' undoes this by rotating the same face counterclockwise.
- Associativity: The composition of the moves is associative; that is, for any moves A, B, C, the result of  $(A \cdot B) \cdot C$  is the same as  $A \cdot (B \cdot C)$ . This property holds for any sequence of face rotations.

As a concrete example, consider the sequence  $F \cdot U \cdot R'$ , which changes the configuration of the cube. Applying their inverses  $R \cdot U' \cdot F'$  returns the cube to its solved state, satisfying both the identity and the invertibility property. Some key properties of a group, consequently, can be used to analyze Rubik's cube, develop solving algorithms, and understand its complexities.

- **Commutativity**: Some sequences of moves on the cube commute, meaning that the order of applying them does not change the outcome. For example, rotating the front face followed by rotating the back face often results in the same configuration regardless of the order.
- Cyclic Groups: Each face of the cube generates a cyclic group of order 4. That is, rotating any face by 90 degrees four times returns the cube to its original configuration. The same principle applies to face inverses, where applying  $F^4 = e$ , which means that four 90-degree rotations on the front face restore the cube to its initial state.
- Conjugacy: In solving strategies, conjugates play an important role. A sequence of moves A, followed by a different move B, and then the inverse of A, is known as a conjugate. Conjugates allow solvers to manipulate specific parts of the cube while leaving other areas unchanged. For example, the sequence  $F \cdot R \cdot F'$  applies a targeted transformation to the cube while preserving the rest of its structure.

These properties are exploited in various solving methods, allowing for more efficient algorithms that minimize the number of moves required to solve the cube. Furthermore, these properties help explain the cube symmetry and provide insight into how the group structure governs its behavior.

# 2.2. General Methods for Solving based on Group Property

Based on the group properties of the Rubik's Cube, a widely-used method for solving it, called the layer-by-layer method, involves solving each layer sequentially while preserving the already solved ones. The layer-by-layer method systematically utilizes the group structure of the cube by progressively reducing the configuration space through a sequence of stabilizer subgroups. Each step corresponds to solving a specific layer, mathematically represented by restricting the group G to smaller subgroups  $H_1 \supset H_2 \supset \cdots \supset H_k$ . Key group properties, such as closure, parity constraints, and commutators, ensure that solved layers remain invariant during the manipulation of unsolved parts. Conjugation and coset operations further localize transformations to targeted pieces while preserving the cube's overall parity. By Lagrange's theorem, the size of each stabilizer subgroup is a divisor of G, ensuring convergence to the solved state. Details of the specific steps can be found in David Singmaster's work. Some other general methods include the CFOP method by Jessica Fridrich and others in the 1980s ([16]) and the Petrus Method ([7]). Despite these general methods not necessarily being efficient, they are foundational in understanding the mathematical structure of the Rubik's Cube and provide a systematic framework for solving it.

# 2.3. Configurations and Counting of Order 3 Cube

The number of possible configurations of the  $n \times n \times n$  Rubik's Cube is determined by the permutations and orientations of its corner and edge pieces. For any cube, there are always 8 corner pieces with three possible colors and 12(n-2) edge pieces with 2 possible colors. When limiting the discussion for  $n \leq 3$  in the paper, only the orientations and positions of the corner and edge pieces determine each distinct configuration of Rubik's cube. Hence, some definitions and counting techniques are introduced as follows.

### 2.3.1. Cubies, Permutations, and Orientations

**Definition 2.3** (Cubie). A **cubie** is a block that occupies one position on the Rubik's Cube and contains solid colored stickers.

**Definition 2.4** (Corner Cubie). A corner cubie is a type of cubie with three stickers. It occupies one of the 8 corner positions on the Rubik's Cube and is denoted as  $x_i$  where  $i \in [1, 8]$ .

**Definition 2.5** (Edge Cubie). An **edge cubie** is a type of cubie with two stickers. It occupies one of the 12(n-2) edge positions on an  $n \times n \times n$  Rubik's Cube and is denoted as  $y_i$  where  $i \in [1, 12(n-2)]$ .

**Definition 2.6** (Orientation of a Cubie). The **orientation** of a cubie refers to its rotational state within its position on the Rubik's Cube. For a corner cubie, there are three possible orientations, represented by the set  $x_i = \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ . For an edge cubie, there are two possible orientations, represented by the set  $y_i = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ .

**Definition 2.7** (Permutation of a Cubie). The **permutation** of a cubie refers to its position relative to other cubies on the Rubik's Cube. In a standard Rubik's Cube, the permutation is represented by an ordered list of  $x_1, \ldots, x_8$  and  $y_1, \ldots, y_{12}$ .

The orientation specifies how the stickers on a cubie are aligned relative to the solved state. For example, a corner cubie with three stickers can rotate within its position in three distinct ways. Similarly, an edge cubie with two stickers has only two possible orientations: aligned or flipped. The permutation of cubies determines the arrangement of all cubies on the cube. For corner cubies, the current configuration can be represented by assigning an element in  $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$  to each cubie. For example, a configuration of the eight corner cubies can be expressed as  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_8 \in \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ . Together, orientation and permutation fully specify the current state of the cube.

### 2.3.2. Corner Permutations and Orientations

For the 8 corner cubies, the three colors of each can be labeled  $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ . An example of labeling on one face of the  $3 \times 3 \times 3$  Rubik's cube is shown in Figure 3 for illustration.

	2	1	
1	0	0	2
2	0	0	1
	1	2	

FIGURE 3. Front face of  $3 \times 3 \times 3$  Rubik's Cube with labeled corner orientations.

When one move is applied to the cube, F as an example, the labeling would be the same as that in Figure 3, but the change of relative positions leads to a different configuration for the cube. This change is demonstrated in Figure 4.



FIGURE 4. Left: original state, Right: after F move.

Meanwhile, changing the label, representing the change in orientation, would lead to another configuration. Taking the top right corner as an example, both the relative positions of the corners and the orientation change as shown in Figure 5.



FIGURE 5. Left: original state, Right: after R move.

The total number of unique configurations of the corner cubies, as a result, is  $8! \cdot 3^8$  considering the relative positions of  $x_1, \ldots, x_8$  and the orientation of each of them. However, the cubie would be unsolvable when one corner cubie is rotated. One important result states that  $\sum_{i=1}^8 x_i \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ . The proof is straightforward. Consider the cube of the solved status. The result holds naturally. A right move, as shown in Figure 5, changes the value of the four corner cubies by 1, 2, 1, 2, again satisfying the result. Using similar arguments, each move maintains the change a multiple of 3, and the result holds. Hence, the total number of corner configurations is calculated in Equation 1.

$$8! \cdot \frac{3^8}{3} = 8! \cdot 3^7. \tag{1}$$

#### 2.3.3. Edge Permutations and Orientations

For the 12 edge cubies of the  $3 \times 3 \times 3$  Rubik's Cube, each cubie is formally defined in Definition 2.5 2.6. Similarly to corner cubies, both the orientation and permutations of edge cubies determine

the total number of configurations of the Rubik's cube. Consider the R move as an example shown in Figure 6.



FIGURE 6. Left: original state, Right: after R move.

When R move is placed, both the relative positions of  $y_i$  and their labeling change, leading to a new configurations. Naitively like the discussion in corner part, the total number of unique configurations of the edge cubies is initially  $12! \cdot 2^{12}$ . A similar result also holds such that  $\sum_{i=1}^{12} y_i \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . Starting from the solved state, the sum is zero. Each basic move (like F, R, etc.) flips an even number of edge cubies. For example, the F move flips the orientations of the four front face edges, but since flipping an edge orientation is equivalent to adding 1 modulo 2, and  $1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 0 \mod 2$ , the total remains even. Therefore, after any sequence of valid moves, the sum remains congruent to zero modulo 2. The total number of edge configurations is thus obtained in Equation 2.

$$12! \cdot \frac{2^{12}}{2} = 12! \cdot 2^{11}. \tag{2}$$

#### 2.3.4. Parity condition

In combinatorics, a permutation is an arrangement of elements in a set. The parity of a permutation can either be even or odd.

- (1) A permutation is *even* if it can be achieved using an even number of swaps between elements.
- (2) A permutation is odd if it requires an odd number of swaps.

For instance, the permutation  $(123) \rightarrow (213)$  is odd because it involves swapping 1 and 2, while  $(123) \rightarrow (312)$  is even because it can be achieved with two swaps. In the context of the Rubik's Cube, every face rotation is composed of cycles that involve moving pieces in a way that corresponds to an even permutation. Specifically, a face rotation affects four corner pieces, rotating them in a cycle. This cycle is an even permutation since it can be represented as a 4-cycle, which is an even permutation. Similarly, a face rotation affects four edge pieces, also rotating them in a cycle, which is an even permutation. Since both the corner permutation and the edge permutation resulting from a face rotation are even, any sequence of face rotations (legal moves) always results in permutations where the parities of the corners and edges match. It is impossible to achieve, through legal moves, a state where the corners are in an even permutation while the edges are in an odd permutation, or vice versa. Thus, only half of the configurations in earlier parts are valid, as the parity of the corners and edges must match. Thus, the total number of valid configurations is calculated in Equation 3.

$$\frac{8! \cdot 3^7 \cdot 12! \cdot 2^{11}}{2} = 43,252,003,274,489,856,000.$$
(3)

#### 2.4. Configurations and Counting of Order 2 Cube

The  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  cube is a simplified version of the  $3 \times 3 \times 3$  cube, consisting only of 8 corner pieces. The number of possible configurations is determined by the permutations and orientations of the corner cubies, without edge pieces.

#### 2.4.1. Corner Permutations and Orientations

The 8 corner cubies can be permuted among the 8 corner positions in 8! = 40,320 ways. Each corner cubie can be oriented in 3 ways, but the orientation of the eighth corner depends on the first seven, resulting in  $3^7 = 2,187$  valid orientations. However, without the center cubie to fix the orientation of each face of the cube, which happens to all even cubes, the rotation of the entire cube such as  $U \cdot D$  in the  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  cube preserves the original configuration. Since each face can be placed as the front with 4 possibilities. The total number of configurations is reduced by a factor of 24, and the result for the pocket cube is shown in Equation 4.

$$8! \cdot 3^7 \cdot \frac{1}{6 \cdot 4} = 3,674,160. \tag{4}$$

# 3. Bi-Colored Cases of Order 2 Cube

While the god's number of the 6-Colored  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  cube has been fully examined, some cases with fewer colors remain unclear. The total number of configurations, with and without the consideration of the symmetry property brought by the lack of a center cubie at each face, is discussed. For better visualization, denote  $C_1 = White$ ,  $C_2 = Yellow$ .

## **3.1.** $(5,1)_2$ Case

The case represents 5 faces in color  $C_1$ , while the last face is in a different color,  $C_2$ . The labeling and color arrangement of the sample in the solved state is shown in Figure 7.



FIGURE 7.  $(5,1)_2$  cube faces F, R, U and cube faces B, L, D.

The figure on the left demonstrates the front, right, and top faces of the cube, where all faces are colored white. The figure on the right represents the back, left, and down faces of the cube, where only the back face is colored yellow. The total number of configurations, without considering the symmetry property mentioned in the general case of the  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  cube, is calculated in Equation 5.

$$\frac{8!}{4! \cdot 4!} \cdot 3^4 = 5670. \tag{5}$$

Note that the orientation constraints, which cause the division by 3 in the previous part, disappear when different types of corner cubies violate the pure  $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$  labeling.

#### **3.2.** $(4,2)_2$ Case

The case also represents a 2-color case, where 4 faces in color  $C_1$  while the rest 2 faces are in a different color  $C_2$ . The first scenario is when two faces of  $C_2$  are opposite, which is visually presented in Figure 8. The result corresponds to  $G_{4,2}(2)'$ .



FIGURE 8. Scenario 1:  $(4,2)_2$  cube faces F, R, U and cube faces B, L, D.

The structure is the same as the  $(5,1)_2$  case, but the front and back faces are now both colored yellow. Without the symmetry discussion, when all 8 corner cubies are colored exactly the same, the total number of configurations is shown in Equation 6.

$$\frac{8!}{8!} \cdot \frac{3^8}{3} = 2187. \tag{6}$$

The second scenario occurs when the faces of  $C_2$  are adjacent. A sample figure showing its solved states is provided in Figure 9. The result corresponds to  $G_{4,2}(2)''$ .



FIGURE 9. Scenario 2:  $(4, 2)_2$  cube faces F, R, U and cube faces B, L, D.

Now, the left and back faces are both colored yellow. There are three types of corner cubies.

- 2 corner cubies with  $(C_1, C_1, C_1)$ .
- 4 corner cubies with  $(C_1, C_1, C_2)$ .
- 2 corner cubies with  $(C_1, C_2, C_2)$ .

It leads to the calculation of the total number of configurations in Equations 7.

$$\frac{8!}{2! \cdot 2! \cdot 4!} \cdot 3^6 = 306180. \tag{7}$$

#### **3.3.** $(3,3)_2$ Case

The case is also for Bi-Colored case, where 3 faces in color  $C_1$  and 3 faces in color  $C_2$ . There are also 2 different scenarios. The first scenario is when one pair of faces in  $C_1$  is opposite(Figure 10). The corresponding God's number is  $G'_{3,3}(2)$ .



FIGURE 10. Scenario 1:  $(3,3)_2$  cube faces F, R, U and cube faces B, L, D.

The front, left, and back faces are colored in  $C_2$ . The left and right faces are in the opposite positions but colored differently. There are two types of corner cubies.

- 4 corner cubies with  $(C_1, C_1, C_2)$ .
- 4 corner cubies with  $(C_1, C_2, C_2)$ .

The number of configurations, as a result, is obtined in Equation 8.

$$\frac{8!}{4! \cdot 4!} \cdot \frac{3^8}{3} = 153090. \tag{8}$$

The second scenario is when all faces that are colored the same are adjacent to each other. Another sample figure is drawn in Figure 11. The corresponding God's number is  $G''_{3,3}(2)$ .



FIGURE 11. Scenario 2:  $(3,3)_2$  cube faces F, R, U and cube faces B, L, D.

The back, left, and down faces are colored in  $C_2$  while the rest faces are colored in  $C_1$ . It changes the corner cubies into the following four types.

- 1 corner cubies with  $(C_1, C_1, C_1)$ .
- 3 corner cubies with  $(C_1, C_1, C_2)$ .
- 3 corner cubies with  $(C_1, C_2, C_2)$ .
- 1 corner cubies with  $(C_2, C_2, C_2)$ .

The total number of configurations is derived in Equation 9.

$$\frac{8!}{3! \cdot 3! \cdot 1! \cdot 1!} \cdot 3^6 = 816480.$$
(9)

#### 3.4. Permutations and Symmetry

While exploring the less colored pocket cube, it is worth noting that the formula for calculating the total number of configurations varies depending on the labeling of each cubie. Similarly, when considering the symmetry brought by the lack of center cubies on each face to fix position, the flexibility for the entire cube to rotate as a whole makes the counting complicated. Simple strategies such as division by 24 no longer work. Burnside's counting theorem, also known as the Cauchy–Frobenius lemma, should be applied for more careful analysis. Let G be a finite group acting on a set X. The number of distinct orbits of the action of G on X is given in Equation 10.

$$|X/G| = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} |X^g|.$$
(10)

where |G| is the order of the group  $G, X^g = \{x \in X : g \cdot x = x\}$  is the set of elements in X that are fixed by the group element  $g, |X^g|$  denotes the cardinality of the set  $X^g$ . The number of distinct orbits is the average number of elements fixed by the group elements. Using such an approach, it becomes possible to eliminate symmetric cases. The results for all three 2-color cases are listed in Table 2.

Case	Scenario	Number of Configurations
$(5,1)_2$	_	258
$(4, 2)_{2}$	Scenario 1	102
(4, 2)2	Scenario 2	12,879
$(3, 3)_{2}$	Scenario 1	6,441
$(3, 3)_2$	Scenario 2	34,032

TABLE 2. Configurations for Bi-Colored Cubes.

# 4. Bi-Colored Cases of Order 3 Cube

#### 4.1. $(5,1)_2$ Case

Followed by the definitions in 2.4, 2.5, and 1.7, we define a  $3 \times 3 \times 3$  cube with 5 faces in one color  $C_1$  while the remaining face in another color  $C_2$ . Using a similar treatment as in Section 3.3, we can let  $C_1 = White$ ,  $C_2 = Yellow$  for better visualization. The only scenario is represented in solved states in Figure 12.



FIGURE 12.  $(5,1)_3$  cube faces F, R, U and cube faces B, L, D.

The total number of configurations, with the edge cubies added, is displayed in Equation 11.

$$\frac{8!}{4! \cdot 4!} \cdot 3^4 \cdot \frac{12!}{4! \cdot 8!} \cdot 2^4 = 44906400.$$
(11)

# 5. God's Number Results

# **5.1.** $G_{5,1}(2), G_{4,2}(2)$ , and $G_{3,3}(2)$

All of our explorations are built on the Quarter-Turn Metric. The exploration of God's number is examined through a brute force approach due to the relatively limited size of possibilities. The breadth first search approach (BFS) is used to explore possible new configurations until no new states can be found. The search result when symmetry is not considered is stated in Table 3, Table 4, and Table 5. In the table, "Depth" refers to the number of quarter turns applied on the solved state. "New States Found" refers to unique states that can be achieved at the current depth and have never been found before. "Total States Can Be Reached" refers to the total number of unique states that can be reached within the current depth.

Depth	New States Found	Total States Can Be Reached
0	1	1
1	8	9
2	60	69
3	332	401
4	1343	1744
5	2988	4732
6	932	5664
7	6	5670

TABLE 3. Results of  $G_{5,1}(2)$  without symmetric reduction.

Scenario	Depth	New States Found	Total States Can Be Reached
	0	1	1
	1	4	5
	2	26	31
	3	110	141
Scenario 1	4	372	513
	5	684	1197
	6	816	2013
	7	150	2163
	8	24	2187
	0	1	1
	1	12	13
	2	106	119
	3	776	895
Scenario 2	4	4461	5356
	5	19832	25188
	6	64030	89218
	7	124374	213592
	8	87032	300624
	9	5556	306180

TABLE 4. Combined Table for Results of  $G_{4,2}(2)$  without symmetric reduction.

Scenario	Depth	New States Found	Total States Can Be Reached
	0	1	1
	1	10	11
	2	93	104
	3	694	798
Scopario 1	4	4055	4853
Scenario 1	5	17140	21993
	6	50797	72790
	7	63472	136262
	8	16636	152898
	9	192	153090
	0	1	1
	1	12	13
	2	99	112
	3	648	760
	4	3663	4423
Scenario 2	5	17580	22003
	6	67851	89854
	7	199812	289666
	8	340086	629752
	9	178168	807920
	10	8560	816480

TABLE 5. Combined Table for Results of  $G_{3,3}(2)$  without symmetric reduction.

The maximum depth is God's number as it represents the most complicated configuration. When symmetry is considered and matches the real pocket cube, it makes the total number of configurations significantly fewer. The symmetric reduction is achieved through a conversion from configurations to numbers. Since each configuration in a pocket cube can repeat at most 24 times, the lowest conversion result is taken for hashing and subsequent comparisons. With the symmetric reduction, all results are shown below in Table 6, Table 7, and Table 8.

Depth	New States Found	Total States Can Be Reached
0	1	1
1	2	3
2	5	8
3	21	29
4	66	95
5	121	216
6	41	257
7	1	258

TABLE 6. Results of  $G_{5,1}(2)$ .

Scenario	Depth	New States Found	Total States Can Be Reached
	0	1	1
	1	1	2
	2	2	4
	3	5	9
Scenario 1 for $G'_{4,2}(2)$	4	17	26
	5	31	57
	6	37	94
	7	7	101
	8	1	102
	0	1	1
	1	4	5
	2	16	21
	3	58	79
Scenario 2 for $C''_{-}(2)$	4	227	306
$Scenario 2 101 O_{4,2}(2)$	5	855	1161
	6	2634	3795
	7	5192	8987
	8	3656	12643
	9	236	12879

TABLE 7. Combined Table for Results of  $G_{4,2}(2)$ .

Scenario	Depth	New States Found	Total States Can Be Reached
	0	1	1
	1	5	6
	2	14	20
	3	52	72
Sconario 1 for $C'$ (2)	4	210	282
$\int SCENATIO 1 IOI O_{3,3}(2)$	5	741	1023
	6	2086	3109
	7	2630	5739
	8	694	6433
	9	8	6441
	0	1	1
	1	2	3
	2	9	12
	3	40	52
	4	178	230
Scenario 2 for $G''_{3,3}(2)$	5	746	976
	6	2801	3777
	7	8300	12077
	8	14168	26245
	9	7429	33674
	10	358	34032

TABLE 8. Combined Table for Results of  $G_{3,3}(2)$ .

### **5.2.** $G_{5,1}(3)$

By our calculation in Section 4, we can still manage to explore  $G_{5,1}(3)$  in Bi-Colored  $3 \times 3 \times 3$  cube given the total number of configurations are not too large. The center cubie on each face fixes the relative position and removes the need for symmetric reduction. Hence, the algorithm, with the addition of edge cubies, manages to produce results for  $G_{5,1}(3)$  as shown in Table 1. When the case becomes slightly more complex, such as  $(4, 2)_3$  and  $(3, 3)_3$ , the drastic increase in the total number of configurations forbids direct numerical results. The simpler case of  $(4, 2)_3$  requires at least 40*G* memory to run.

# 6. Conclusion and Future Development

This study identifies the complexities of solving Bi-Colored Rubik's Cube configurations, enhancing our understanding of their unique properties. These findings contribute to the larger effort to categorize God's numbers for nonstandard cases, paving the way for further exploration of multicolored and higher order cubes. The results are summarized in Table 9.

God's Number Symbol	Value
$G_{5,1}(2)$	7
$G'_{4,2}(2)$	8
$G''_{4,2}(2)$	9
$G'_{3,3}(2)$	9
$G_{3,3}''(2)$	10
$G_{5,1}(3)$	11

TABLE 9. Combined Results of God's Number in Bi-Colored Cubes in Quarter-Turn Metric.

The computational effort required for this project increased significantly as the size of the cube grew and as the complexity of the Bi-Colored cases intensified. It is expected to have at least 40G memory for the simpler case in  $(4, 2)_3$ . It might be possible to apply the algorithms directly for  $G_{4,2}(3)$  and  $G_{3,3}(3)$  with more computing resources. Such an approach should be modified when cases become more complex, such as a higher order of Rubik's Cube or more than 2 colors. In Pieper's thesis, one case of  $(3, 3)_3$  was explored and the total configurations found are shown to be 10,344,206,272, but the other case remains unknown due to the limit of computational power([10]).

One direction of future improvements is the use of coset methods. By focusing on coset representatives and stabilizer subgroups, such a method significantly reduces the need to store each different configuration and allows for much faster computation([9]). This method was also used in the discovery of G(3) ([12], [13]). Another direction of future works is the analysis of different shapes of puzzles in the style of Rubik's Cube. Some potential extensions include Pyraminx, Megaminx, Skewb, and Fenghuolun. Some interesting results have been shown such as the God's number of Pyraminx Duo ([5]).

Limited by the computing power, the deterministic method to compute God's number is fairly difficult and even impossible when the cube size n becomes large. The machine learning method, on the other hand, provides an alternative to efficiently solving Rubik's cube. Some results have proven the effectiveness of such an approach. Forest Agostinelli, Stephen McAleer, Alexander Shmakov, and Pierre Baldi built a model based on deep learning and reinforcement, which optimally solves 60.3% of  $3 \times 3 \times 3$  cubes ([1]). More subsequent works on machine learning, such as entropy

modeling ([2]), Autodidactic Iteration as one reinforcement learning approach ([8]), and various deep learning approaches ([6], [14], [3]) have demonstrated significant potential in solving Rubik's cubes, particularly for standard  $3 \times 3 \times 3$  cases. Their application in Bi-Colored cases and larger size n is an exciting unexplored territory.

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# A. Code Appendix

The exploration of God's number and possible states that can be reached at each step is done by the following C++ algorithm with BFS approach. Despite only Bi-Colored cases are discussed earlier, the code is written in 6-bases that can accommodate any initial state with fewer or equal to 6 colors in total. The algorithm, once changing the initial cube labeling, will produce all results like the table earlier until all possible configurations have been explored. The min\_symmetry function is

used to transform each configuration to the lowest possible number representation in 24 possible directions to view the pocket cube, which eliminates all the symmetric configurations as a result. When the function min\_symmetry is removed, the result will recover the cases where no symmetry is involved like the first few God's number results. All codes used are provided below:

## A.1. Codes of Order 2 Cube

```
#include <algorithm>
1
    #include <array>
\mathbf{2}
    #include <fstream>
3
    #include <iostream>
4
    #include <queue>
5
    #include <unordered_set>
6
    #include <vector>
7
8
    // define 6 colors in total
9
    enum colors { WHITE = 0, YELLOW = 1, RED = 2,
10
        ORANGE = 3, GREEN = 4, BLUE = 5 \};
11
12
    // define the structure of corners and 2 by 2 by 2 cube
13
14
    // The corners are labled as 0 at UFR, 1 at UBR, 2 at UBL,
15
    //3 at UFL, 4 at DFR, 5 at DBR, 6 at DBL, 7 at DFL
16
    using Corner = std::array<colors, 3>;
17
18
    using Cube = std::array<Corner, 8>;
19
20
    // define Front Rotation
21
    Cube rotate_Front(Cube cube) {
22
        Cube new_state = cube;
23
        Corner temp0 = cube[0];
24
        Corner temp3 = cube[3];
25
        Corner temp4 = cube[4];
26
        Corner temp7 = cube[7];
27
        new_state[0] = { temp3[2], temp3[0], temp3[1] };
28
        new_state[3] = { temp7[1], temp7[2], temp7[0] };
29
        new state [4] = \{ temp0[1], temp0[2], temp0[0] \};
30
        new_state[7] = { temp4[2], temp4[0], temp4[1] };
31
32
        return new_state;
33
    Cube rotate_Front_Inverse(Cube cube) {
34
        Cube new_state = cube;
35
        Corner temp0 = cube[0];
36
        Corner temp3 = cube[3];
37
        Corner temp4 = cube[4];
38
        Corner temp7 = cube[7];
39
        new_state[0] = { temp4[2], temp4[0], temp4[1] };
40
        new state [3] = \{ temp0[1], temp0[2], temp0[0] \};
41
        new_state[4] = { temp7[1], temp7[2], temp7[0] };
42
        new_state[7] = { temp3[2], temp3[0], temp3[1] };
43
```

```
return new_state;
44
    }
45
46
    // define Right Rotation
47
48
    Cube rotate_Right(Cube cube) {
49
        Cube new_state = cube;
50
        Corner temp0 = cube[0];
51
        Corner temp1 = cube[1];
52
        Corner temp4 = cube[4];
53
        Corner temp5 = cube[5];
54
        new_state[0] = { temp4[1], temp4[2], temp4[0] };
55
        new_state[1] = { temp0[2], temp0[0], temp0[1] };
56
        new_state[4] = { temp5[2], temp5[0], temp5[1] };
57
        new_state[5] = { temp1[1], temp1[2], temp1[0] };
58
        return new_state;
59
    }
60
61
    Cube rotate_Right_Inverse(Cube cube) {
62
        Cube new_state = cube;
63
        Corner temp0 = cube[0];
64
        Corner temp1 = cube[1];
65
        Corner temp4 = cube[4];
66
        Corner temp5 = cube[5];
67
        new_state[0] = { temp1[1], temp1[2], temp1[0] };
68
        new_state[1] = { temp5[2], temp5[0], temp5[1] };
69
        new_state[4] = { temp0[2], temp0[0], temp0[1] };
70
        new_state[5] = { temp4[1], temp4[2], temp4[0] };
71
        return new_state;
72
    }
73
74
    Cube rotate_Back(Cube cube) {
75
        Cube new state = cube;
76
        Corner temp1 = cube[1];
77
        Corner temp2 = cube[2];
78
        Corner temp5 = cube[5];
79
        Corner temp6 = cube[6];
80
        new_state[1] = { temp5[1], temp5[2], temp5[0] };
81
        new_state[2] = { temp1[2], temp1[0], temp1[1] };
82
        new_state[5] = { temp6[2], temp6[0], temp6[1] };
83
        new_state[6] = { temp2[1], temp2[2], temp2[0] };
84
        return new_state;
85
    }
86
87
    Cube rotate_Back_Inverse(Cube cube) {
88
        Cube new_state = cube;
89
        Corner temp1 = cube[1];
90
        Corner temp2 = cube[2];
91
        Corner temp5 = cube[5];
92
        Corner temp6 = cube[6];
93
```

```
new_state[1] = { temp2[1], temp2[2], temp2[0] };
94
         new_state[2] = { temp6[2], temp6[0], temp6[1] };
95
         new_state[5] = { temp1[2], temp1[0], temp1[1] };
96
         new_state[6] = { temp5[1], temp5[2], temp5[0] };
97
         return new_state;
98
     }
99
100
     Cube rotate_Left(Cube cube) {
101
         Cube new_state = cube;
102
         Corner temp2 = cube[2];
103
         Corner temp3 = cube[3];
104
         Corner temp6 = cube[6];
105
         Corner temp7 = cube[7];
106
         new_state[2] = { temp6[1], temp6[2], temp6[0] };
107
         new_state[3] = { temp2[2], temp2[0], temp2[1] };
108
         new_state[6] = { temp7[2], temp7[0], temp7[1] };
109
         new_state[7] = { temp3[1], temp3[2], temp3[0] };
110
         return new_state;
111
     }
112
113
     Cube rotate_Left_Inverse(Cube cube) {
114
         Cube new state = cube;
115
         Corner temp2 = cube[2];
116
         Corner temp3 = cube[3];
117
         Corner temp6 = cube[6];
118
         Corner temp7 = cube[7];
119
         new_state[2] = { temp3[1], temp3[2], temp3[0] };
120
         new_state[3] = { temp7[2], temp7[0], temp7[1] };
121
         new_state[6] = { temp2[2], temp2[0], temp2[1] };
122
         new_state[7] = { temp6[1], temp6[2], temp6[0] };
123
         return new_state;
124
     }
125
126
     Cube rotate_Top(Cube cube) {
127
         Cube new_state = cube;
128
         Corner temp0 = cube[0];
129
         Corner temp1 = cube[1];
130
         Corner temp2 = cube[2];
131
         Corner temp3 = cube[3];
132
         new_state[0] = { temp3[0], temp3[1], temp3[2] };
133
         new_state[1] = { temp0[0], temp0[1], temp0[2] };
134
         new_state[2] = { temp1[0], temp1[1], temp1[2] };
135
         new_state[3] = { temp2[0], temp2[1], temp2[2] };
136
137
         return new_state;
     }
138
139
     Cube rotate_Top_Inverse(Cube cube) {
140
         Cube new_state = cube;
141
         Corner temp0 = cube[0];
142
         Corner temp1 = cube[1];
143
```

```
Corner temp2 = cube[2];
144
         Corner temp3 = cube[3];
145
         new_state[0] = { temp1[0], temp1[1], temp1[2] };
146
         new_state[1] = { temp2[0], temp2[1], temp2[2] };
147
         new_state[2] = { temp3[0], temp3[1], temp3[2] };
148
         new_state[3] = { temp0[0], temp0[1], temp0[2] };
149
         return new_state;
150
     }
151
152
     Cube rotate_Down(Cube cube) {
153
         Cube new state = cube;
154
         Corner temp4 = cube[4];
155
         Corner temp5 = cube[5];
156
         Corner temp6 = cube[6];
157
         Corner temp7 = cube[7];
158
         new_state[4] = { temp7[0], temp7[1], temp7[2] };
159
         new_state[5] = { temp4[0], temp4[1], temp4[2] };
160
         new_state[6] = { temp5[0], temp5[1], temp5[2] };
161
         new_state[7] = { temp6[0], temp6[1], temp6[2] };
162
         return new_state;
163
     }
164
165
     Cube rotate_Down_Inverse(Cube cube) {
166
         Cube new_state = cube;
167
         Corner temp4 = cube[4];
168
         Corner temp5 = cube [5];
169
         Corner temp6 = cube[6];
170
         Corner temp7 = cube[7];
171
         new_state[4] = { temp5[0], temp5[1], temp5[2] };
172
         new_state[5] = { temp6[0], temp6[1], temp6[2] };
173
         new_state[6] = { temp7[0], temp7[1], temp7[2] };
174
         new_state[7] = { temp4[0], temp4[1], temp4[2] };
175
         return new_state;
176
     }
177
178
     // Convert the cube to a numerical representation for comparison
179
     long long cubeToNumber(const Cube& cube) {
180
         long long number = 0;
181
         for (const auto& corner : cube) {
182
             for (const auto& color : corner) {
183
                  number = number * 6 + color;
                                                 // Base-6 number representation
184
             }
185
         }
186
187
         return number;
     }
188
189
     Cube rotate_without_change(Cube cube) {
190
         Cube temp = cube;
191
         temp[0] = cube[1];
192
         temp[1] = cube[2];
193
```

```
temp[2] = cube[3];
194
         temp[3] = cube[0];
195
         temp[4] = cube[5];
196
         temp[5] = cube[6];
197
         temp[6] = cube[7];
198
         temp[7] = cube[4];
199
         return temp;
200
     }
201
202
     // Function to rotate the cube so that a specific face becomes the top
203
     Cube changeTopColor(Cube cube, colors newTop) {
204
         Cube rotated = cube;
205
206
         switch (newTop) {
207
         case WHITE:
208
             // No rotation needed
209
             break;
210
         case YELLOW:
211
             // Rotate 180 degrees around the x-axis (top to bottom)
212
             return rotate_Left(rotate_Right_Inverse(
213
                  rotate_Left(rotate_Right_Inverse(cube))));
214
         case RED:
215
             return rotate_Left_Inverse(rotate_Right(cube));
216
217
         case ORANGE:
             return rotate_Right_Inverse(rotate_Left(cube));
218
         case GREEN:
219
             return rotate_Back_Inverse(rotate_Front(cube));
220
         case BLUE:
221
             return rotate_Front_Inverse(rotate_Back(cube));
222
         }
223
224
         return rotated;
225
     }
226
227
228
     long long min_symmetry(Cube cube) {
229
         long long minNumber = std::numeric_limits<long long>::max();
230
231
         // Check all 24 symmetries (6 top colors * 4 rotations each)
232
         for (colors topColor : { WHITE, YELLOW, RED, ORANGE, GREEN, BLUE }) {
233
             Cube topChanged = changeTopColor(cube, topColor);
234
             long long currentNumber = cubeToNumber(topChanged);
235
             if (currentNumber < minNumber) {</pre>
236
                  minNumber = currentNumber;
237
             }
238
             for (int i = 0; i < 3; ++i) {
239
                  topChanged = rotate_without_change(topChanged);
240
                  long long currentNumber = cubeToNumber(topChanged);
241
                  if (currentNumber < minNumber) {</pre>
242
                      minNumber = currentNumber;
243
```

```
}
244
              }
245
         }
246
         return minNumber;
247
     }
248
249
     // Function to convert enum color to string
250
     std::string colorToString(colors color) {
251
         switch (color) {
252
         case WHITE:
253
              return "WHITE";
254
         case YELLOW:
255
              return "YELLOW";
256
         case RED:
257
              return "RED";
258
         case ORANGE:
259
              return "ORANGE";
260
         case GREEN:
261
              return "GREEN";
262
         case BLUE:
263
              return "BLUE";
264
         default:
265
              return " ";
266
         }
267
     }
268
269
     void displayCube(std::ostream& outputFile, const Cube& cube) {
270
         const std::array<std::string, 8> cornerLabels
271
              = { "UFR", "UBR", "UBL", "UFL", "DFR", "DBR", "DBL", "DFL" };
272
273
         // Write the cube's state to the open file stream
274
         for (size_t i = 0; i < cube.size(); ++i) {</pre>
275
              outputFile << "Corner { ";</pre>
276
              for (size_t j = 0; j < 3; ++j) {</pre>
277
                  outputFile << colorToString(cube[i][j]);</pre>
278
                  if (j < 2) outputFile << ", ";</pre>
279
              }
280
              outputFile << " }, // Corner " << i << ": "</pre>
281
                   << cornerLabels[i] << std::endl;
282
         }
283
         outputFile << std::endl;</pre>
284
     }
285
286
     // Function to explore all possible configurations using BFS
287
     void findGodsNumber(Cube solvedCube, std::ostream& out
288
         = std::cout, bool print_example = false, int sample = 1) {
289
         std::unordered_set<long long> visited; // To store configurations
290
         std::queue<std::pair<Cube, int>> queue;
                                                        // Queue for BFS
291
292
         long long solvedNumber = min_symmetry(solvedCube);
293
```

```
queue.push({ solvedCube, 0 });
294
         visited.insert(solvedNumber);
295
296
         int depth = 0;
297
         std::vector<Cube> deepest_sample;
298
         while (!queue.empty()) {
299
              int currentDepth = depth;
300
             size_t levelSize = queue.size();
301
             out << "Exploring depth: " << depth << " with "</pre>
302
                  << levelSize << " nodes." << std::endl;
303
             out << "Finding unique states: " << visited.size() << std::endl;</pre>
304
             bool next level exist = false;
305
             for (size_t i = 0; i < levelSize; ++i) {</pre>
306
                  // Use explicit access to elements of the pair
307
                  Cube currentCube = queue.front().first;
308
                  queue.pop();
309
310
                  // Generate possible moves (rotations)
311
                  std::vector<Cube> nextMoves = { rotate_Front(currentCube),
312
                                                rotate_Front_Inverse(currentCube),
313
                                                rotate_Right(currentCube),
314
                                                rotate_Right_Inverse(currentCube),
315
                                                rotate_Back(currentCube),
316
                                                rotate_Back_Inverse(currentCube),
317
                                                rotate_Left(currentCube),
318
                                                rotate Left Inverse(currentCube),
319
                                                rotate_Top(currentCube),
320
                                                rotate_Top_Inverse(currentCube),
321
                                                rotate_Down(currentCube),
322
                                                rotate_Down_Inverse(currentCube) };
323
                  for (const auto& nextCube : nextMoves) {
324
                      long long nextNumber = min_symmetry(nextCube);
325
                      if (visited.find(nextNumber) == visited.end()) {
326
                           visited.insert(nextNumber);
327
                           queue.push({ nextCube, currentDepth + 1 });
328
                           if (print_example) {
329
                               if (!next_level_exist) {
330
                                   deepest_sample.clear();
331
                               }
332
                               if (deepest_sample.size() < sample) {</pre>
333
                                   deepest_sample.push_back(nextCube);
334
                               }
335
                               next_level_exist = true;
336
337
                           }
                      }
338
                  }
339
             }
340
             out << "All unique configurations reached at depth: "
341
                  << depth << std::endl << std::endl;
342
             depth++;
343
```

```
}
344
345
         out << "Explored all configurations." << std::endl;</pre>
346
         if (print example) {
347
             out << "Cubes can be reached at depth "
348
                  << (depth - 1) << " are: " << std::endl;
349
             for (int i = 0; i < deepest_sample.size(); i++) {</pre>
350
                  displayCube(out, deepest_sample[i]);
351
             }
352
         }
353
     }
354
355
356
     int main() {
357
         // Initialize a solved cube state with standard corner labels
358
         std::ofstream outputFile("output_S.txt");
359
360
         // Check if the file is open
361
         if (!outputFile.is_open()) {
362
             std::cerr << "Failed to open the file." << std::endl;</pre>
363
         }
364
         Cube cube 6 color = {
365
             Corner {
                                  BLUE,
                                           RED }, // Corner 0: UFR
                       WHITE,
366
             Corner {
                       WHITE, ORANGE,
                                          BLUE }, // Corner 1: UBR
367
                                GREEN, ORANGE }, // Corner 2: UBL
             Corner {
                        WHITE,
368
                                         GREEN }, // Corner 3: UFL
             Corner { WHITE,
                                   RED,
369
             Corner { YELLOW,
                                   RED,
                                          BLUE }, // Corner 4: DFR
370
             Corner { YELLOW,
                                 BLUE, ORANGE }, // Corner 5: DBR
371
             Corner { YELLOW, ORANGE,
                                        GREEN }, // Corner 6: DBL
372
             Corner { YELLOW,
                                GREEN,
                                           RED } // Corner 7: DFL
373
         };
374
         Cube cube_2_color_1v5 = {
375
             Corner { WHITE, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 0: UFR
376
             Corner {
                       WHITE, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 1: UBR
377
             Corner { WHITE, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 2: UBL
378
             Corner { WHITE, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 3: UFL
379
             Corner { YELLOW, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 4: DFR
380
             Corner { YELLOW, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 5: DBR
381
             Corner { YELLOW, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 6: DBL
382
             Corner { YELLOW, YELLOW, YELLOW } // Corner 7: DFL
383
         };
384
385
         Cube cube_2_color_2v4_symmetric = {
386
387
             Corner { WHITE, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 0: UFR
             Corner { WHITE, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 1: UBR
388
             Corner { WHITE, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 2: UBL
389
             Corner { WHITE, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 3: UFL
390
             Corner { WHITE, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 4: DFR
391
             Corner { WHITE, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 5: DBR
392
             Corner { WHITE, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 6: DBL
393
```

Corner { WHITE, YELLOW, YELLOW } // Corner 7: DFL 394 }; 395 Cube cube\_2\_color\_2v4\_adjacent = { 396 Corner { WHITE, WHITE, YELLOW }, // Corner 0: UFR 397 Corner { WHITE, YELLOW, WHITE }, // Corner 1: UBR 398 Corner { WHITE, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 2: UBL 399Corner { WHITE, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 3: UFL 400 Corner { YELLOW, YELLOW, WHITE }, // Corner 4: DFR 401 Corner { YELLOW, WHITE, YELLOW }, // Corner 5: DBR 402 Corner { YELLOW, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 6: DBL 403 Corner { YELLOW, YELLOW, YELLOW } // Corner 7: DFL 404}; 405406Cube cube\_2\_color\_3v3\_all\_adjacent = { 407 Corner { WHITE, WHITE, WHITE }, // Corner 0: UFR 408Corner { WHITE, YELLOW, WHITE }, // Corner 1: UBR 409Corner { WHITE, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 2: UBL 410Corner { WHITE, WHITE, YELLOW }, // Corner 3: UFL 411 Corner { YELLOW, WHITE, WHITE }, // Corner 4: DFR 412 Corner { YELLOW, WHITE, YELLOW }, // Corner 5: DBR 413 Corner { YELLOW, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 6: DBL 414 Corner { YELLOW, YELLOW, WHITE } // Corner 7: DFL 415}; 416 417 Cube cube\_2\_color\_3v3\_opposite = { 418 Corner { WHITE, YELLOW, WHITE }, // Corner 0: UFR 419Corner { WHITE, WHITE, YELLOW }, // Corner 1: UBR 420Corner { WHITE, YELLOW, WHITE }, // Corner 2: UBL 421Corner { WHITE, WHITE, YELLOW }, // Corner 3: UFL 422WHITE, YELLOW }, // Corner 4: DFR Corner { YELLOW, 423 Corner { YELLOW, YELLOW, WHITE }, // Corner 5: DBR 424 Corner { YELLOW, WHITE, YELLOW }, // Corner 6: DBL 425Corner { YELLOW, YELLOW, WHITE } // Corner 7: DFL 426 }; 427outputFile << std::endl << "1v5 Cube:" << std::endl;</pre> 428 findGodsNumber(cube\_2\_color\_1v5, outputFile); 429outputFile << std::endl << "2v4 Adjacent Cube:" << std::endl;</pre> 430findGodsNumber(cube\_2\_color\_2v4\_adjacent, outputFile); 431 outputFile << std::endl << "2v4 Symmetric Cube:" << std::endl;</pre> 432findGodsNumber(cube\_2\_color\_2v4\_symmetric, outputFile); 433outputFile << std::endl << "3v3 Opposite Cube:" << std::endl;</pre> 434 findGodsNumber(cube\_2\_color\_3v3\_opposite, outputFile); 435outputFile << std::endl << "3v3 All Adjacent:" << std::endl;</pre> 436437findGodsNumber(cube\_2\_color\_3v3\_all\_adjacent, outputFile, true); 438439return 0; } 440

#### A.2. Codes of Order 3 Cube

For  $3 \times 3 \times 3$  Cube, the algorithm, using similar approach for  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  Cube, is also attached below:

```
#include <algorithm>
1
    #include <array>
\mathbf{2}
3
    #include <fstream>
    #include <iostream>
4
    #include <queue>
\mathbf{5}
    #include <unordered_set>
\mathbf{6}
    #include <vector>
7
8
    // define 6 colors in total
9
    enum colors { WHITE = 0, YELLOW = 1, RED = 2,
10
                  ORANGE = 3, GREEN = 4, BLUE = 5 };
11
12
    // define the structure of corners and 2 by 2 by 2 cube
13
14
    // The corners are labled as 0 at UFR, 1 at UBR, 2 at UBL,
15
    // 3 at UFL, 4 at DFR, 5 at DBR, 6 at DBL, 7 at DFL
16
    using Corner = std::array<colors, 3>;
17
    using Edge = std::array<colors, 2>;
18
    struct Cube {
19
        std::array<Corner, 8> corners;
                                           // Array of 8 corners
20
        std::array<Edge, 12> edges;
                                           // Array of 12 edges
21
    };
22
23
    // define Front Rotation
24
    Cube rotate_Front(Cube cube) {
25
        Cube new_state = cube;
26
        Corner temp0 = cube.corners[0];
27
        Corner temp3 = cube.corners[3];
28
        Corner temp4 = cube.corners[4];
29
        Corner temp7 = cube.corners[7];
30
        new_state.corners[0] = { temp3[2], temp3[0], temp3[1] };
31
        new_state.corners[3] = { temp7[1], temp7[2], temp7[0] };
32
        new_state.corners[4] = { temp0[1], temp0[2], temp0[0] };
33
        new_state.corners[7] = { temp4[2], temp4[0], temp4[1] };
34
        Edge e_temp0 = cube.edges[0];
35
        Edge e_temp4 = cube.edges[4];
36
        Edge e_temp8 = cube.edges[8];
37
        Edge e_temp7 = cube.edges[7];
38
        new_state.edges[0] = { e_temp7[1], e_temp7[0] };
39
        new_state.edges[4] = { e_temp0[0], e_temp0[1] };
40
        new_state.edges[8] = { e_temp4[1], e_temp4[0] };
41
        new_state.edges[7] = { e_temp8[0], e_temp8[1] };
42
        return new_state;
43
44
    Cube rotate_Front_Inverse(Cube cube) {
45
        Cube new_state = cube;
46
```

```
Corner temp0 = cube.corners[0];
47
        Corner temp3 = cube.corners[3];
48
        Corner temp4 = cube.corners[4];
49
        Corner temp7 = cube.corners[7];
50
        new_state.corners[0] = { temp4[2], temp4[0], temp4[1] };
51
        new_state.corners[3] = { temp0[1], temp0[2], temp0[0] };
52
        new_state.corners[4] = { temp7[1], temp7[2], temp7[0] };
53
        new_state.corners[7] = { temp3[2], temp3[0], temp3[1] };
54
        Edge e_temp0 = cube.edges[0];
55
        Edge e_temp4 = cube.edges[4];
56
        Edge e_temp8 = cube.edges[8];
57
        Edge e_temp7 = cube.edges[7];
58
        new_state.edges[0] = \{ e_{temp4}[0], e_{temp4}[1] \};
59
        new_state.edges[4] = { e_temp8[1], e_temp8[0] };
60
        new_state.edges[8] = { e_temp7[0], e_temp7[1] };
61
        new_state.edges[7] = { e_temp0[1], e_temp0[0] };
62
        return new_state;
63
    }
64
65
    // define Right Rotation
66
67
    Cube rotate_Right(Cube cube) {
68
        Cube new_state = cube;
69
        Corner temp0 = cube.corners[0];
70
        Corner temp1 = cube.corners[1];
71
        Corner temp4 = cube.corners[4];
72
        Corner temp5 = cube.corners[5];
73
        new_state.corners[0] = { temp4[1], temp4[2], temp4[0] };
74
        new_state.corners[1] = { temp0[2], temp0[0], temp0[1] };
75
        new_state.corners[4] = { temp5[2], temp5[0], temp5[1] };
76
        new_state.corners[5] = { temp1[1], temp1[2], temp1[0] };
77
        Edge e_temp1 = cube.edges[1];
78
        Edge e temp4 = cube.edges[4];
79
        Edge e_temp5 = cube.edges[5];
80
        Edge e_temp9 = cube.edges[9];
81
        new_state.edges[1] = { e_temp4[1], e_temp4[0] };
82
        new_state.edges[4] = { e_temp9[0], e_temp9[1] };
83
        new_state.edges[5] = { e_temp1[0], e_temp1[1] };
84
        new_state.edges[9] = { e_temp5[1], e_temp5[0] };
85
        return new_state;
86
    }
87
88
    Cube rotate_Right_Inverse(Cube cube) {
89
90
        Cube new state = cube;
        Corner temp0 = cube.corners[0];
91
        Corner temp1 = cube.corners[1];
92
        Corner temp4 = cube.corners[4];
93
        Corner temp5 = cube.corners[5];
94
        new_state.corners[0] = { temp1[1], temp1[2], temp1[0] };
95
        new_state.corners[1] = { temp5[2], temp5[0], temp5[1] };
96
```

```
new_state.corners[4] = { temp0[2], temp0[0], temp0[1] };
97
         new_state.corners[5] = { temp4[1], temp4[2], temp4[0] };
98
         Edge e_temp1 = cube.edges[1];
99
         Edge e_temp4 = cube.edges[4];
100
         Edge e_temp5 = cube.edges[5];
101
         Edge e_temp9 = cube.edges[9];
102
         new_state.edges[1] = { e_temp5[0], e_temp5[1] };
103
         new_state.edges[4] = { e_temp1[1], e_temp1[0] };
104
         new_state.edges[5] = { e_temp9[1], e_temp9[0] };
105
         new_state.edges[9] = { e_temp4[0], e_temp4[1] };
106
         return new_state;
107
     }
108
109
     Cube rotate_Back(Cube cube) {
110
         Cube new state = cube;
111
         Corner temp1 = cube.corners[1];
112
         Corner temp2 = cube.corners[2];
113
         Corner temp5 = cube.corners[5];
114
         Corner temp6 = cube.corners[6];
115
         new_state.corners[1] = { temp5[1], temp5[2], temp5[0] };
116
         new_state.corners[2] = { temp1[2], temp1[0], temp1[1] };
117
         new_state.corners[5] = { temp6[2], temp6[0], temp6[1] };
118
         new_state.corners[6] = { temp2[1], temp2[2], temp2[0] };
119
         Edge e_temp2 = cube.edges[2];
120
         Edge e_temp5 = cube.edges[5];
121
         Edge e_temp6 = cube.edges[6];
122
         Edge e_temp10 = cube.edges[10];
123
         new_state.edges[2] = { e_temp5[1], e_temp5[0] };
124
         new_state.edges[5] = { e_temp10[0], e_temp10[1] };
125
         new_state.edges[6] = { e_temp2[0], e_temp2[1] };
126
         new_state.edges[10] = { e_temp6[1], e_temp6[0] };
127
         return new_state;
128
     }
129
130
     Cube rotate_Back_Inverse(Cube cube) {
131
         Cube new_state = cube;
132
         Corner temp1 = cube.corners[1];
133
         Corner temp2 = cube.corners[2];
134
         Corner temp5 = cube.corners[5];
135
         Corner temp6 = cube.corners[6];
136
         new_state.corners[1] = { temp2[1], temp2[2], temp2[0] };
137
         new_state.corners[2] = { temp6[2], temp6[0], temp6[1] };
138
         new_state.corners[5] = { temp1[2], temp1[0], temp1[1] };
139
         new_state.corners[6] = { temp5[1], temp5[2], temp5[0] };
140
         Edge e_temp2 = cube.edges[2];
141
         Edge e_temp5 = cube.edges[5];
142
         Edge e_temp6 = cube.edges[6];
143
         Edge e_temp10 = cube.edges[10];
144
         new_state.edges[2] = { e_temp6[0], e_temp6[1] };
145
         new_state.edges[5] = { e_temp2[1], e_temp2[0] };
146
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```
new_state.edges[6] = { e_temp10[1], e_temp10[0] };
147
         new_state.edges[10] = { e_temp5[0], e_temp5[1] };
148
         return new_state;
149
     }
150
151
     Cube rotate_Left(Cube cube) {
152
         Cube new_state = cube;
153
         Corner temp2 = cube.corners[2];
154
         Corner temp3 = cube.corners[3];
155
         Corner temp6 = cube.corners[6];
156
         Corner temp7 = cube.corners[7];
157
         new state.corners[2] = \{ temp6[1], temp6[2], temp6[0] \};
158
         new_state.corners[3] = { temp2[2], temp2[0], temp2[1] };
159
         new_state.corners[6] = { temp7[2], temp7[0], temp7[1] };
160
         new_state.corners[7] = { temp3[1], temp3[2], temp3[0] };
161
         Edge e_temp3 = cube.edges[3];
162
         Edge e_temp6 = cube.edges[6];
163
         Edge e_temp7 = cube.edges[7];
164
         Edge e_temp11 = cube.edges[11];
165
         new_state.edges[3] = { e_temp6[1], e_temp6[0] };
166
         new_state.edges[6] = { e_temp11[0], e_temp11[1] };
167
         new_state.edges[7] = { e_temp3[0], e_temp3[1] };
168
         new_state.edges[11] = { e_temp7[1], e_temp7[0] };
169
         return new_state;
170
     }
171
172
     Cube rotate_Left_Inverse(Cube cube) {
173
         Cube new_state = cube;
174
         Corner temp2 = cube.corners[2];
175
         Corner temp3 = cube.corners[3];
176
         Corner temp6 = cube.corners[6];
177
         Corner temp7 = cube.corners[7];
178
         new_state.corners[2] = { temp3[1], temp3[2], temp3[0] };
179
         new_state.corners[3] = { temp7[2], temp7[0], temp7[1] };
180
         new_state.corners[6] = { temp2[2], temp2[0], temp2[1] };
181
         new_state.corners[7] = { temp6[1], temp6[2], temp6[0] };
182
         Edge e_temp3 = cube.edges[3];
183
         Edge e_temp6 = cube.edges[6];
184
         Edge e_temp7 = cube.edges[7];
185
         Edge e temp11 = cube.edges[11];
186
         new_state.edges[3] = { e_temp7[0], e_temp7[1] };
187
         new_state.edges[6] = { e_temp3[1], e_temp3[0] };
188
         new_state.edges[7] = { e_temp11[1], e_temp11[0] };
189
         new_state.edges[11] = { e_temp6[0], e_temp6[1] };
190
         return new_state;
191
     }
192
193
     Cube rotate_Top(Cube cube) {
194
         Cube new_state = cube;
195
         Corner temp0 = cube.corners[0];
196
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```
Corner temp1 = cube.corners[1];
197
         Corner temp2 = cube.corners[2];
198
         Corner temp3 = cube.corners[3];
199
         new_state.corners[0] = { temp3[0], temp3[1], temp3[2] };
200
         new_state.corners[1] = { temp0[0], temp0[1], temp0[2] };
201
         new_state.corners[2] = { temp1[0], temp1[1], temp1[2] };
202
         new_state.corners[3] = { temp2[0], temp2[1], temp2[2] };
203
         Edge e_temp0 = cube.edges[0];
204
         Edge e_temp1 = cube.edges[1];
205
         Edge e_temp2 = cube.edges[2];
206
         Edge e_temp3 = cube.edges[3];
207
         new_state.edges[0] = { e_temp3[0], e_temp3[1] };
208
         new_state.edges[1] = { e_temp0[0], e_temp0[1] };
209
         new_state.edges[2] = { e_temp1[0], e_temp1[1] };
210
         new_state.edges[3] = { e_temp2[0], e_temp2[1] };
211
         return new_state;
212
     }
213
214
     Cube rotate_Top_Inverse(Cube cube) {
215
         Cube new_state = cube;
216
         Corner temp0 = cube.corners[0];
217
         Corner temp1 = cube.corners[1];
218
         Corner temp2 = cube.corners[2];
219
         Corner temp3 = cube.corners[3];
220
         new_state.corners[0] = { temp1[0], temp1[1], temp1[2] };
221
         new_state.corners[1] = { temp2[0], temp2[1], temp2[2] };
222
         new_state.corners[2] = { temp3[0], temp3[1], temp3[2] };
223
         new_state.corners[3] = { temp0[0], temp0[1], temp0[2] };
224
         Edge e_temp0 = cube.edges[0];
225
         Edge e_temp1 = cube.edges[1];
226
         Edge e_temp2 = cube.edges[2];
227
         Edge e_temp3 = cube.edges[3];
228
         new_state.edges[0] = { e_temp1[0], e_temp1[1] };
229
         new_state.edges[1] = { e_temp2[0], e_temp2[1] };
230
         new_state.edges[2] = { e_temp3[0], e_temp3[1] };
231
         new_state.edges[3] = { e_temp0[0], e_temp0[1] };
232
         return new_state;
233
     }
234
235
     Cube rotate Down(Cube cube) {
236
         Cube new_state = cube;
237
         Corner temp4 = cube.corners[4];
238
         Corner temp5 = cube.corners[5];
239
         Corner temp6 = cube.corners[6];
240
         Corner temp7 = cube.corners[7];
241
         new_state.corners[4] = { temp7[0], temp7[1], temp7[2] };
242
         new_state.corners[5] = { temp4[0], temp4[1], temp4[2] };
243
         new_state.corners[6] = { temp5[0], temp5[1], temp5[2] };
244
         new_state.corners[7] = { temp6[0], temp6[1], temp6[2] };
245
         Edge e_temp8 = cube.edges[8];
246
```

```
Edge e_temp9 = cube.edges[9];
247
         Edge e_temp10 = cube.edges[10];
248
         Edge e_temp11 = cube.edges[11];
249
         new_state.edges[8] = { e_temp11[0], e_temp11[1] };
250
         new_state.edges[9] = { e_{temp8[0]}, e_{temp8[1]} };
251
         new_state.edges[10] = { e_temp9[0], e_temp9[1] };
252
         new_state.edges[11] = { e_temp10[0], e_temp10[1] };
253
         return new_state;
254
     }
255
256
     Cube rotate_Down_Inverse(Cube cube) {
257
         Cube new state = cube;
258
         Corner temp4 = cube.corners[4];
259
         Corner temp5 = cube.corners[5];
260
         Corner temp6 = cube.corners[6];
261
         Corner temp7 = cube.corners[7];
262
         new_state.corners[4] = { temp5[0], temp5[1], temp5[2] };
263
         new_state.corners[5] = { temp6[0], temp6[1], temp6[2] };
264
         new_state.corners[6] = { temp7[0], temp7[1], temp7[2] };
265
         new_state.corners[7] = { temp4[0], temp4[1], temp4[2] };
266
         Edge e_temp8 = cube.edges[8];
267
         Edge e temp9 = cube.edges[9];
268
         Edge e_temp10 = cube.edges[10];
269
         Edge e_temp11 = cube.edges[11];
270
         new_state.edges[8] = { e_temp9[0], e_temp9[1] };
271
         new_state.edges[9] = { e_temp10[0], e_temp10[1] };
272
         new_state.edges[10] = { e_temp11[0], e_temp11[1] };
273
         new_state.edges[11] = { e_temp8[0], e_temp8[1] };
274
         return new_state;
275
     }
276
277
     // Convert the cube to a numerical representation for comparison
278
     long long cubeToNumber(const Cube& cube, long long color num) {
279
         long long number = 0;
280
         for (const auto& corner : cube.corners) {
281
             for (const auto& color : corner) {
282
                 number = number * color_num + color;
283
             }
284
         }
285
         for (const auto& edge : cube.edges) {
286
             for (const auto& color : edge) {
287
                 number = number * color_num + color;
288
             }
289
         }
290
         return number;
291
     }
292
293
     // Convert the cube to a numerical representation for comparison
294
     Cube numberToCube(long long cube_num, long long color_num) {
295
         Cube cube;
296
```

```
// Decode edges
297
         for (int i = cube.edges.size() - 1; i >= 0; --i) {
298
              for (int j = 1; j >= 0; --j) {
299
                  cube.edges[i][j] = static_cast<colors>(cube_num % color_num);
300
                  cube_num /= color_num;
301
              }
302
         }
303
304
         // Decode corners
305
         for (int i = cube.corners.size() - 1; i >= 0; --i) {
306
              for (int j = 2; j >= 0; --j) {
307
                  cube.corners[i][j] = static_cast<colors>(cube_num % color_num);
308
                  cube_num /= color_num;
309
              }
310
         }
311
312
         return cube;
313
     }
314
315
316
     // Function to convert enum color to string
317
     std::string colorToString(colors color) {
318
         switch (color) {
319
         case WHITE:
320
              return "WHITE";
321
         case YELLOW:
322
              return "YELLOW";
323
         case RED:
324
              return "RED";
325
         case ORANGE:
326
              return "ORANGE";
327
         case GREEN:
328
              return "GREEN";
329
         case BLUE:
330
              return "BLUE";
331
         default:
332
              return " ";
333
         }
334
     }
335
336
     void displayCube(std::ostream& outputFile, const Cube& cube) {
337
         const std::array<std::string, 8> cornerLabels = { "UFR", "UBR", "UBL",
338
               "UFL", "DFR", "DBR", "DBL", "DFL" };
339
         const std::array<std::string, 12> edgeLabels
340
            = { "UF", "UR", "UB", "UL", "FR", "RB",
341
               "BL", "LF", "DF", "DR", "DB", "DL" };
342
343
         // Write the cube's state to the open file stream
344
         for (size_t i = 0; i < cube.corners.size(); ++i) {</pre>
345
              outputFile << "Corner { ";</pre>
346
```

```
for (size_t j = 0; j < 3; ++j) {</pre>
347
                  outputFile << colorToString(cube.corners[i][j]);</pre>
348
                  if (j < 2) outputFile << ", ";</pre>
349
              }
350
              outputFile << " }, // Corner " << i << ": "
351
                  << cornerLabels[i] << std::endl;
352
         }
353
         for (size_t i = 0; i < cube.edges.size(); ++i) {</pre>
354
              outputFile << "Edge { ";</pre>
355
              for (size_t j = 0; j < 2; ++j) {</pre>
356
                  outputFile << colorToString(cube.edges[i][j]);</pre>
357
                  if (j < 1) outputFile << ", ";</pre>
358
              }
359
              outputFile << " }, // Edge " << i</pre>
360
                  << ": " << edgeLabels[i] << std::endl;
361
         }
362
         outputFile << std::endl;</pre>
363
     }
364
365
     // Function to explore all possible configurations using BFS
366
     void findGodsNumber(Cube solvedCube, std::ostream& out = std::cout,
367
                           bool print_example = false, int sample = 1,
368
                           long long num_color = 2) {
369
         std::unordered_set<long long> visited;
                                                           // To store configurations
370
         std::queue<std::pair<long long, int>> queue; // Queue for BFS
371
372
         long long solvedNumber = cubeToNumber(solvedCube, num_color);
373
         queue.push({ solvedNumber, 0 });
374
         visited.insert(solvedNumber);
375
376
         int depth = 0;
377
         std::vector<Cube> deepest_sample;
378
         while (!queue.empty()) {
379
              int currentDepth = depth;
380
              size_t levelSize = queue.size();
381
              out << "Exploring depth: " << depth << " with "
382
                  << levelSize << " nodes." << std::endl;
383
              out << "Finding unique states: " << visited.size() << std::endl;</pre>
384
              bool next_level_exist = false;
385
              for (size t i = 0; i < levelSize; ++i) {</pre>
386
                  // Use explicit access to elements of the pair
387
                  long long cube_num = queue.front().first;
388
                  Cube currentCube = numberToCube(cube_num, num_color);
389
390
                  queue.pop();
391
                  // Generate possible moves (rotations)
392
                  std::vector<Cube> nextMoves = { rotate_Front(currentCube),
393
                                                 rotate_Front_Inverse(currentCube),
394
                                                 rotate_Right(currentCube),
395
                                                 rotate_Right_Inverse(currentCube),
396
```

```
rotate_Back(currentCube),
397
                                                 rotate_Back_Inverse(currentCube),
398
                                                 rotate_Left(currentCube),
399
                                                 rotate_Left_Inverse(currentCube),
400
                                                 rotate_Top(currentCube),
401
                                                 rotate_Top_Inverse(currentCube),
402
                                                 rotate_Down(currentCube),
403
                                                 rotate_Down_Inverse(currentCube) };
404
                  for (const auto& nextCube : nextMoves) {
405
                       long long nextNumber = cubeToNumber(nextCube, num_color);
406
                       if (visited.find(nextNumber) == visited.end()) {
407
                           visited.insert(nextNumber);
408
                           queue.push({ nextNumber, currentDepth + 1 });
409
                           if (print_example) {
410
                               if (!next_level_exist) {
411
                                    deepest_sample.clear();
412
                               }
413
                               if (deepest_sample.size() < sample) {</pre>
414
                                    deepest_sample.push_back(nextCube);
415
                               }
416
                               next_level_exist = true;
417
                           }
418
                       }
419
                  }
420
              }
421
              out << "All unique configurations reached at depth: "</pre>
422
                  << depth << std::endl << std::endl;
423
              depth++;
424
         }
425
426
         out << "Explored all configurations." << std::endl;</pre>
427
         if (print_example) {
428
              out << "Cubes can be reached at depth "
429
                  << (depth - 1) << " are: " << std::endl;
430
              for (int i = 0; i < deepest_sample.size(); i++) {</pre>
431
                  displayCube(out, deepest_sample[i]);
432
              }
433
         }
434
     }
435
436
437
     int main() {
438
         // Initialize a solved cube state with standard corner labels
439
         std::ofstream outputFile("output3.txt");
440
441
         // Check if the file is open
442
         if (!outputFile.is_open()) {
443
              std::cerr << "Failed to open the file." << std::endl;</pre>
444
         }
445
         Cube cube_6_color = {
446
```

Corner { WHITE, BLUE, RED }, // Corner 0: UFR 447 Corner { WHITE, ORANGE, BLUE }, // Corner 1: UBR 448 Corner { WHITE, GREEN, ORANGE }, // Corner 2: UBL 449Corner { WHITE, RED, GREEN }, // Corner 3: UFL 450Corner { YELLOW, RED, BLUE }, // Corner 4: DFR 451Corner { YELLOW, BLUE, ORANGE }, // Corner 5: DBR 452Corner { YELLOW, ORANGE, GREEN }, // Corner 6: DBL 453Corner { YELLOW, GREEN, RED }, // Corner 7: DFL 454Edge { RED, WHITE }, // Edge 0: UF 455Edge { BLUE, WHITE }, // Edge 1: UR 456 Edge { ORANGE, WHITE }, // Edge 2: UB 457Edge { GREEN, WHITE }, // Edge 3: UL 458Edge { RED, BLUE }, // Edge 4: FR 459Edge { BLUE, ORANGE }, // Edge 5: RB 460Edge { ORANGE, GREEN }, // Edge 6: BL 461 Edge { GREEN, RED }, // Edge 7: LF 462Edge { YELLOW, RED }, // Edge 8: DF 463Edge { YELLOW, BLUE }, // Edge 9: DR 464Edge { YELLOW, ORANGE }, // Edge 10: DB 465Edge { YELLOW, GREEN } // Edge 11: DL 466}; 467 Cube cube 2 color  $1v5 = \{$ 468Corner { WHITE, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 0: UFR 469Corner { WHITE, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 1: UBR 470Corner { WHITE, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 2: UBL 471Corner { WHITE, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 3: UFL 472Corner { YELLOW, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 4: DFR 473Corner { YELLOW, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 5: DBR 474Corner { YELLOW, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 6: DBL 475Corner { YELLOW, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 7: DFL 476 Edge { YELLOW, WHITE }, 477Edge { YELLOW, WHITE }, 478Edge { YELLOW, WHITE }, 479Edge { YELLOW, WHITE }, 480Edge { YELLOW, YELLOW }, 481Edge { YELLOW, YELLOW }, 482Edge { YELLOW, YELLOW }, 483Edge { YELLOW, YELLOW }, 484Edge { YELLOW, YELLOW }, 485Edge { YELLOW, YELLOW }, 486Edge { YELLOW, YELLOW }, 487 Edge { YELLOW, YELLOW }, 488 }; 489490Cube cube 2 color 2v4a = { Corner { YELLOW, WHITE, WHITE }, // Corner 0: UFR 491Corner { YELLOW, WHITE, WHITE }, // Corner 1: UBR 492Corner { YELLOW, WHITE, WHITE }, // Corner 2: UBL 493Corner { YELLOW, WHITE, WHITE }, // Corner 3: UFL 494Corner { YELLOW, WHITE, WHITE }, // Corner 4: DFR 495Corner { YELLOW, WHITE, WHITE }, // Corner 5: DBR 496

107	Corner & VELLOW WUTTE WUTTE & // Corner 6, DPL
497	Corner { VELLOW, WHILE, WHILE }, // Corner O. DEL
498	Edge $\int UUTTE VELIOU \downarrow // Edge O: UE$
499	Edge ( WHITE, TELEOW ), // Edge 0. $D^{2}$
500	Edge ( WHITE, TELEOW ), // Edge 1. $OR$
501	Edge { WHITE, TELEOW }, // Edge 2. 0D Edge { WHITE, VELLOW } // Edge 2. UL
502	Edge ( WHITE, IELEOW ), // Edge J. OL
503	Edge ( WHITE, WHITE ), // Edge 4. $PR$
504	Edge ( WHITE, WHITE ), // Edge 6: $RI$
505	Edge ( WHITE, WHITE ), // Edge 0. DL Edge { WHITE WHITE } // Edge 7. LE
500	Edge ( WHILE, WHILE ), // Edge 7. EF
508	Edge { YELLOW, WHITE }, // Edge 0. DI Edge { YELLOW WHITE } // Edge 9. DR
500	Edge { YELLOW, WHITE }, // Edge 5. DR Edge { YELLOW WHITE } // Edge 10. DR
510	Edge { YELLOW, WHITE }, // Edge 10. DD
510	Lage ( IEEEOW, WIIIE ) // Eage II. DE
519	Cube cube 2 color $2\pi/h = \frac{1}{2}$
512	Corner { WHITE YELLOW WHITE } // Corner O: UFR
514	Corner { WHITE WHITE VELLOW } // Corner 1: UBB
515	Corner { WHITE, WHITE, WHITE } // Corner 2: UBL
516	Corner { WHITE, WHITE, WHITE }, // Corner 3: UFL
517	Corner { YELLOW, WHITE, YELLOW }, // Corner 4: DFR
518	Corner { YELLOW, YELLOW, WHITE }, // Corner 5: DBR
519	Corner { YELLOW, WHITE, WHITE }, // Corner 6: DBL
520	Corner { YELLOW, WHITE, WHITE }, // Corner 7: DFL
521	Edge { WHITE, WHITE }, // Edge 0; UF
522	Edge { YELLOW, WHITE }, // Edge 1: UR
523	Edge { WHITE, WHITE }, // Edge 2: UB
524	Edge { WHITE, WHITE }, // Edge 3: UL
525	Edge { WHITE, YELLOW }, // Edge 4: FR
526	Edge { YELLOW, WHITE }, // Edge 5: RB
527	Edge { WHITE, WHITE }, // Edge 6: BL
528	Edge { WHITE, WHITE }, // Edge 7: LF
529	Edge { YELLOW, WHITE }, // Edge 8: DF
530	Edge { YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Edge 9: DR
531	Edge { YELLOW, WHITE }, // Edge 10: DB
532	Edge { YELLOW, WHITE } // Edge 11: DL
533	};
534	Cube cube_2_color_3v3a = {
535	Corner { YELLOW, YELLOW, WHITE }, // Corner 0: UFR
536	Corner { YELLOW, WHITE, YELLOW }, // Corner 1: UBR
537	Corner { YELLOW, WHITE, WHITE }, // Corner 2: UBL
538	Corner { YELLOW, WHITE, WHITE }, // Corner 3: UFL
539	Corner { YELLOW, WHITE, YELLOW }, // Corner 4: DFR
540	Corner { YELLOW, YELLOW, WHITE }, // Corner 5: DBR
541	Corner { YELLOW, WHITE, WHITE }, // Corner 6: DBL
542	Corner { YELLOW, WHITE, WHITE }, // Corner 7: DFL
543	Edge { WHITE, YELLOW }, // Edge 0: UF
544	Edge { YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Edge 1: UR
545	Edge { WHITE, YELLOW }, // Edge 2: UB
546	Edge { WHITE, YELLOW }, // Edge 3: UL

Edge { WHITE, YELLOW }, // Edge 4: FR 547Edge { YELLOW, WHITE }, // Edge 5: RB 548 Edge { WHITE, WHITE }, // Edge 6: BL 549Edge { WHITE, WHITE }, // Edge 7: LF 550Edge { YELLOW, WHITE }, // Edge 8: DF 551Edge { YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Edge 9: DR 552Edge { YELLOW, WHITE }, // Edge 10: DB 553Edge { YELLOW, WHITE } // Edge 11: DL 554}; 555Cube cube\_2\_color\_3v3b = { 556Corner { WHITE, WHITE, WHITE }, // Corner 0: UFR 557 Corner { WHITE, YELLOW, WHITE }, // Corner 1: UBR 558Corner { WHITE, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 2: UBL 559Corner { WHITE, WHITE, YELLOW }, // Corner 3: UFL 560Corner { YELLOW, WHITE, WHITE }, // Corner 4: DFR 561Corner { YELLOW, WHITE, YELLOW }, // Corner 5: DBR 562Corner { YELLOW, YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Corner 6: DBL 563Corner { YELLOW, YELLOW, WHITE }, // Corner 7: DFL 564Edge { WHITE, WHITE }, // Edge 0: UF 565Edge { WHITE, WHITE }, // Edge 1: UR 566 Edge { YELLOW, WHITE }, // Edge 2: UB 567 Edge { YELLOW, WHITE }, // Edge 3: UL 568Edge { WHITE, WHITE }, // Edge 4: FR 569Edge { WHITE, YELLOW }, // Edge 5: RB 570Edge { YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Edge 6: BL 571Edge { YELLOW, WHITE }, // Edge 7: LF 572Edge { YELLOW, WHITE }, // Edge 8: DF 573Edge { YELLOW, WHITE }, // Edge 9: DR 574Edge { YELLOW, YELLOW }, // Edge 10: DB 575Edge { YELLOW, YELLOW } // Edge 11: DL 576}; 577 outputFile << std::endl << "2 color 1v5 cube:" << std::endl;</pre> 578findGodsNumber(cube\_2\_color\_1v5, outputFile); 579outputFile << std::endl << "2 color 2v4\_opposite cube:" << std::endl;</pre> 580findGodsNumber(cube\_2\_color\_2v4a, outputFile); 581outputFile << std::endl << "2 color 2v4\_adjacent cube:" << std::endl;</pre> 582findGodsNumber(cube\_2\_color\_2v4b, outputFile); 583outputFile << std::endl << "2 color 3v3\_opposite cube:" << std::endl;</pre> 584findGodsNumber(cube\_2\_color\_3v3a, outputFile); 585outputFile << std::endl << "2 color 3v3 adjacent cube:" << std::endl;</pre> 586findGodsNumber(cube\_2\_color\_3v3b, outputFile); 587 return 0; 588 } 589

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