Polyhedral Edge Knots

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Cube Edge Knot; S_4 symmetry \rightarrow Alternating Knot $12a_{1288}$

Cuboctahedral Edge Knot

D₃ symmetry

Mathematical knots can never exhibit the symmetries of the regular or semi-regular polyhedra. But they can still be shaped to convey the look of such polyhedral bodies, if they mostly follow the corresponding wire-frame edges. To pass through all edges at least once, we need to construct a Eulerian circuit on a graph with all nodes of even valence; this can be done by judiciously doubling some of the given edges or simply doubling all of them.