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#3 Coordinates

What are the coordinates of the corners (*vertices*) of some of the polyhedra that we have encountered so far?

1. Make a sketch of a cube and find a possible set of coordinates for each of its eight vertices. Suggestion: Try to center it around the origin $(0,0,0)$, and give one vertex the coordinates $(1,1,1)$.
2. A tetrahedron is the polyhedron based on the space cluster $(3,3,3)$. Look at a model or sketch of a cube, and find a way to use some of its vertices to obtain the vertices of a tetrahedron. There are two ways to do this. Draw a good sketch to illustrate this.
3. An octahedron is the polyhedron based on the space cluster $(3,3,3,3)$. Construct a model, make a good sketch, and find convenient coordinates for its vertices. Suggestion: Try to center it conveniently around the origin.
4. A cuboctahedron is the polyhedron based on the space cluster $(3,4,3,4)$. Construct a model, make a good sketch, and find convenient coordinates for its vertices. Suggestion: Think about an easy way to “get” the cuboctahedron from a cube.
5. Carry out the same exercise for the truncated tetrahedron, which is based on the space cluster $(3,6,6)$.