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Sporadic Reinhardt polygons
Let $n$ be a positive integer, not a power of two. A Reinhardt polygon is a convex $n$-gon that is optimal in three different geometric optimization problems: it has maximal perimeter relative to its diameter, maximal width relative to its diameter, and maximal width relative to its perimeter. There is a correspondence between Reinhardt polygons and polynomials with specific divisibility properties and with tight restrictions on their coefficients. This correspondence is useful in the construction of such polygons. For almost all $n$, there are many Reinhardt polygons with $n$ sides, and many of them exhibit a particular periodic structure. While these periodic polygons are well understood, for certain values of $n$, additional Reinhardt polygons exist that do not possess this structured form. We call these polygons sporadic. We completely characterize the integers $n$ for which sporadic Reinhardt polygons exist, showing that these polygons occur precisely when $n=p q r$ with $p$ and $q$ distinct odd primes and $r \geq 2$. We also prove that a positive proportion of the Reinhardt polygons with $n$ sides are sporadic for almost all integers $n$, and we investigate the precise number of sporadic Reinhardt polygons that are produced for several values of $n$ by a construction that we introduce.

