6.5310: Geometric Folding Algorithms, Spring 2025 Prof. Erik Demaine, Josh Brunner, Jenny Diomidova

Problem Set 2

Due: Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 10am

Problem 2.1 [Flat Folding]. Which of the four crease patterns in Figure 1 are flat foldable? Justify each answer by either submitting a photograph of a flat folding or arguing why the crease pattern cannot fold flat. Are any simply foldable (foldable by a sequence of simple folds)?

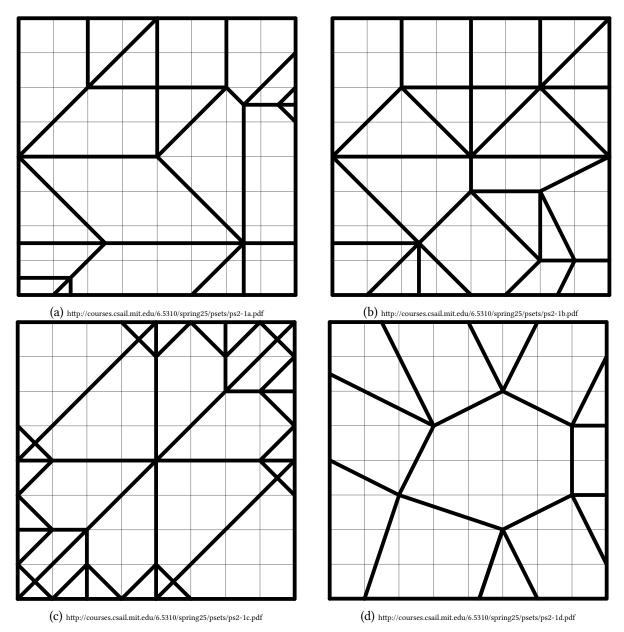


Figure 1: Crease patterns for Problem 2.1. All vertices lie on a 16×16 grid.

Optional: Is the crease pattern in Figure 2 flat foldable?

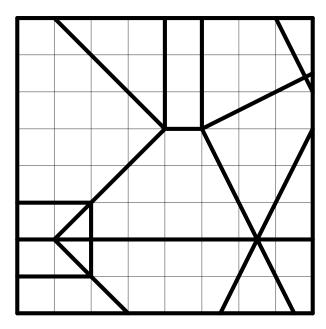


Figure 2: Optional crease pattern for Problem 2.1. http://courses.csail.mit.edu/6.5310/spring25/psets/ps2-1e.pdf

Problem 2.2 [1D Folding Counterexamples].

- (a) Draw a 1D mountain-valley pattern that is mingling (as defined in Lecture 1) but not flat foldable.
- (b) Draw a folded state (including stacking order) of a 1D mountain-valley pattern that cannot be achieved by crimps and end folds.