## Geometry of Flat Origami Triangulations



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## Origami in nature and engineering



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Toy example:


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redundant constraints $=$ 'self stress'

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Gaussian curvature vanishes at each vertex


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The two nappes correspond to popped up and popped down configurations!
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Bézout's theorem: at most $\mathbf{2}^{\wedge} 2$ solutions

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## Exactly $2^{\wedge} V_{\text {int }}$ solutions ???



| $V_{i}$ | triangulations <br> generated | precision <br> used |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | 100 | 500 |
| 3 | 5000 | 690 |
| 4 | 1000 | 690 |
| 5 | 1000 | 690 |
| 6 | 1000 | 690 |
| 7 | 300 | 690 |
| 8 | 50 | 690 |

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vertex sign patterns seem to uniquely label pairs of branches!


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How to show that all vertex sign patterns are realized twice?

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Maybe we're in good shape...


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## One crease pattern with fixed M-V labels : two branches!



(a) $(+)$ solution

(b) $(-)$ solution

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## Summary:

The flat state is singular, but self stresses help us navigate...

$2^{\wedge} V_{\text {int }}$ branches from popping vertices up / down?
Do these second-order motions generically extend to continuous motions?


## Thanks!

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