It's not clear to me that all of the examples (nazgul, scorpion, shrimp, etc.) are uniaxial. At least they don't seem to be. But I thought the algorithm you were describing worked only for uniaxial origamis?
"Scorpion varileg, opus 379"
Robert Lang, 2002

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John Montroll’s “Dog Base” & “Sausage Dog”
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How often is TreeMaker or Origamizer used in practice? What techniques are most commonly used for origami design?
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“C. P. Snow, opus 612”
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“Emperor Scorpion, opus 593”
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“Pan 1.6”
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“tessellated hypar”
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“3D origami bell shape”
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“Mouse”
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“Tetrapod”
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“Leaf of Kajinoki (Broussonetia Papyrifera)”
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To view video of folding the Stanford bunny, by Tomohiro Tachi: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GAnW-KU2yn4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GAnW-KU2yn4).
“Origami Stanford Bunny”
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On boxpleating vs TreeMaker — is there something similar to TreeMaker for box pleating? Is the variety of trees that boxpleating can implement limited in some way?
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I'd like to see more of the triangulation algorithm
TreeMaker wasn't able to construct all polygons, possibly because a polygon was nonconvex or contained one or more nodes in its interior. This is common with many-branched trees. Try selecting all unpinned edges, performing an edge optimization, then rebuilding the polygons and/or crease pattern.

OK
I would like to understand better how the Lang Universal Molecule works.
You mention a class of largely open problems where one tries to fold some 3D structure (such as a tetrahedron) optimally with a square of paper. Is there a name for this problem or some way to know what versions are open?
For the checkerboard, you said we can efficiently get arbitrary flaps, but this doesn't look at all like a uniaxial base — how do we get from there to here?

Demaine, Demaine, Konjevod, Lang 2009
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Has anybody written software to take an image, sample at low resolution, and create the checkerboard-type folding pattern?
Folding a Better Checkerboard

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“Wow, that was not one of the easier things I've done.”
— Robert Lang

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How does the version of Origamizer that's actually in software but not proven work?

Origamizing Polyhedral Surfaces

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**Abstract**—This paper presents the first practical method for “origamizing” or obtaining the folding pattern that folds a single sheet of material into a given polyhedral surface without any cut. The basic idea is to tuck fold a planar paper to form a three-dimensional shape. The main contribution is to solve the inverse problem; the input is an arbitrary polyhedral surface and the output is the folding pattern. Our approach is to convert this problem into a problem of laying out the polygons of the surface on a planar paper by introducing the concept of tucking molecules. We investigate the equality and inequality conditions required for constructing a valid crease pattern. We propose an algorithm based on two-step mapping and edge splitting to solve these conditions. The two-step mapping precalculates linear equalities and separates them from other conditions. This allows an interactive manipulation of the crease pattern in the system implementation. We present the first system for designing three-dimensional origami, enabling a user can interactively design complex spatial origami models that have not been realizable thus far.

**Index Terms**—Origami, origami design, developable surface, folding, computer-aided design.
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P2 P3 P4

Vertex-Tucking Molecule
Edge-Tucking Molecule
Surface Polygon

Voronoi diagram

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Could you explain the tuck gadgets for the Origamizer a little more fully?

How do the tuck proxies work?

I was definitely very confused in the last few minutes with those diagrams with circles and spheres...