

# Unfoldings of 4D-Hypercube Unfoldings that tile R<sup>2</sup>

## Presentation

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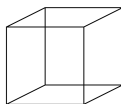
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## 1 Introduction

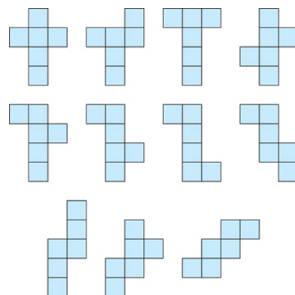
## 2 Results

# Background (3D)

This 3D-cube has the following properties:



- Tiles  $\mathbb{R}^3$
- 11 edge-unfoldings each of which tiles  $\mathbb{R}^2$
- Therefore it is a Dimension-descending Tiler (DDT)



## DDT

A polytope that monohedrally tiles  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is a DDT if all of its facet-unfoldings tile  $\mathbb{R}^{d-1}$ , and every  $\mathbb{R}^{d-1}$  polytope has a facet-unfolding that tiles  $\mathbb{R}^{d-2}$  and so on till an edge-unfolding that tiles  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

# Background (4D)

This 4D-cube has the following properties:



- Tiles  $R^4$
- 261 face-unfoldings each of which tiles  $R^3$   
[Tur84][DR15][Wh21]
- 2 (of 261) face-unfoldings have edge-unfoldings that tile  $R^2$   
[DR15][AS16]



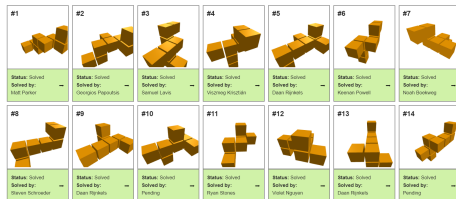
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- Tiles  $R^4$
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- X? (of 261) face-unfoldings have edge-unfoldings that tile  $R^2$  [S. Langerman]

# Question

Question posed by Stefan Langerman:

## Question 1

Does every face-unfolding of the hypercube have an edge-unfolding that tiles space?

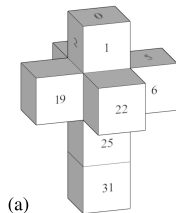
# Linear Unfoldings

## Question 1

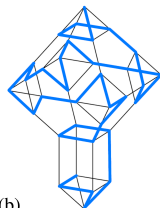
Let  $T$  be a hamiltonian path on the dual graph of the polycube. The unfolding corresponding to  $T$  is linear if direction  $x$  is used and direction  $-x$  is not.

(a) Dali Cross

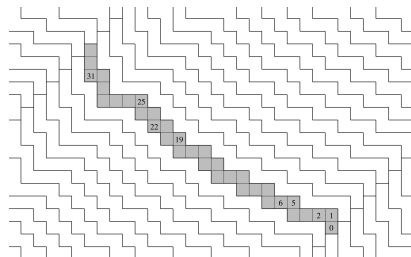
(b) A hamiltonian path on the dual graph of the Dali Graph



(a)



(b)





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## 2 Results

## Theorem 1

Every face-unfolding of the hypercube has an edge-unfolding that tiles  $\mathbb{R}^2$

## Tesseract is c-DDT

A polytope that monohedrally tiles  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is a c-DDT if all of its facet-unfoldings tile  $\mathbb{R}^{d-1}$ , and every  $\mathbb{R}^{d-1}$  polytope has a facet-unfolding that tiles  $\mathbb{R}^{d-2}$ . The  $\mathbb{R}^{d-2}$  polytope must then have a facet-unfolding that tiles  $\mathbb{R}^{d-3}$  and so on till an edge-unfolding that tiles  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

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