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Consider all of the ways to take a square piece of paper and make two “precise” creases—that is, we can make a crease between two distinguished points, we can crease the paper such that any two distinguished points touch, and we can take an angle and bisect it.

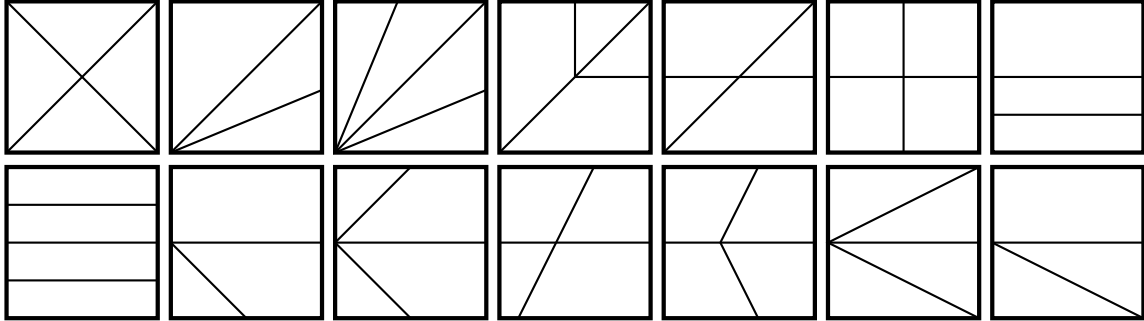


Figure 1: Fourteen (all?) two-crease patterns.

Question. How many such crease patterns exist on n creases?

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1. If we “overlap” all diagrams, how many distinct lines?
2. What if we start with a rectangle? Equilateral triangle?
3. What if n is the number of folds, and unfolding counts as a fold?
4. What if we restrict the possible folds—for example, disallow folding a crease between two distinguished points?

References.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crease_pattern