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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

CAD	Computer-aid design
DAVID SLS-1	DAVID Structured Lighted System version 1
DLG	Double layer grid
DWG	Drawing format file for storing 2-D to 3-D design data
DXF	Drawing exchange format for CAD based system
ESPI	Electronic speckle pattern interferometry
FEM	Finite element modeling
ICM	Image capturing method
LUSAS	A finite element analysis application software
MESHLAB	Advanced 3-D mesh processing software system
NURB	Non-uniform rational B-spline
OBJ	Object file format for definition of 3-D geometry
QSL8	Quadrilateral semiloof curved thin shell element
RE	Reverse engineering
RSLT	Resultant
SLG	Single layer grid
SLM	Structured light method
SPLINE	Special function of line defined piecewise by polynomials
SSCFL	Shell structure with curved fold lines

LIST OF SYMBOLS

A_C	Percentage area of coverage within the boundary lines of origami model
C_S	Camera positioned at side from object for image capturing
C_T	Camera positioned at top from object for image capturing
f_c	Characteristic compressive strength
F_d	Folding distance
fF_S	Final folding stage
iF_S	First intermediate folding stage
F_S	Folding stage
f_s	Shear strength capacity
f_t	Tensile strength capacity
G_n	Numbering sequence for grid lines
H_B	Maximum height measured at boundary of origami model
H_C	Maximum height measured at center of origami model
H_M	Maximum height measured at mountain fold line of origami model
H_{MB}	Height of mountain fold at boundary
H_{MC}	Height of mountain fold at the center
H_V	Maximum height measured at valley fold line of origami model
H_{VC}	Height of valley fold at center
iF_S	Intermediate folding stage
l	Length between two supports of origami model
ℓ_B	Maximum length measured between boundary lines of origami model
ℓ_M	Maximum length measured between ends of mountain fold lines of origami model

ℓ_{MF}	Length from center to the end of mountain fold
ℓ_V	Maximum length measured between ends of valley fold lines of origami model
M_{all}	Allowable moment resultant
MF	Mountain fold
M_x	Moment resultant per unit width of thin shell element in local Cartesian system of x direction
M_{xy}	Twisting moment resultant per unit width of thin shell element in local Cartesian system of xy plane
M_y	Moment resultant per unit width of thin shell element in local Cartesian system of y direction
N_{all}	Allowable stress resultant
N_x	Stress resultant per unit width of thin shell element in local Cartesian system of x direction
N_{xy}	Stress resultant per unit width of thin shell element in local Cartesian system of xy plane
N_y	Stress resultant per unit width of thin shell element in local Cartesian system of y direction
O_S	Optical projector positioned at side from object for scanning
O_T	Optical projector positioned at top from object for scanning
T	Thickness of shell surface
VF	Valley fold
θ_B	Angle of rotation measured between ends of boundary lines with respect to original alignment
θ_C	Angle of rotation measured at center of origami model with respect to original alignment
θ_M	Angle of rotation measured between ends of mountain fold lines with respect to original alignment
θ_V	Angle of rotation measured between ends of valley fold lines with respect to original alignment
σ	Nominal stress
σ_{all}	Allowable stress

STRUKTUR LIPAT BERASASKAN KONSEP ORIGAMI DENGAN GARIS LIPAT MELENGKUNG

ABSTRAK

Origami dengan garis lipatan melengkung mempunyai ciri-ciri permukaan melengkung yang dirangkumi oleh garis lipatan melengkung yang boleh digunakan secara bermanfaat sebagai struktur lipatan. Walau bagaimanapun, potensi penggunaan origami dengan garis lipatan melengkung didapati tidak banyak dikaji kerana proses melipat yang kompleks dengan pelbagai susun atur dan konfigurasi garis lipatan melengkung. Kajian ini dijalankan untuk menyiasat ciri-ciri proses lipatan origami dengan garis lipatan melengkung. Kesan geometri permukaan origami dengan garis lipatan melengkung pada peringkat lipatan yang berlainan ke atas tingkah-laku struktur kekerang dengan garis lipatan melengkung (SSCFL) juga ditentukan. Satu set kriteria telah dibangunkan dalam mengklasifikasikan origami dengan garis lipatan melengkung yang dicipta oleh ramai penyelidik atau ahli sains origami dan digunakan dalam klasifikasi 51 model origami kepada 11 kumpulan. Daripada 51 model, sejumlah 13 model origami yang berpotensi untuk digunakan sebagai struktur lipatan telah dipilih dan dikumpulkan semula ke dalam empat kategori utama seperti berikut: *Non-inflated n Degree-n Vertices* (kategori A), *Inflated n Degree-n Vertices* (kategori B), *n Curve Mountain Ridge* (kategori C), dan Bentuk kompleks (kategori D). Perolehan data permukaan 3-D dengan teknik pengukuran imej tanpa sentuh seperti kaedah penangkapan imej dan kaedah cahaya berstruktur, digunakan untuk mendapatkan model geometri origami dengan lipatan melengkung yang tepat. Prosedur berasaskan CAD dalam penjanaan model geometri origami 3-D dengan garis lipatan melengkung telah dibangunkan. Mekanisme lipatan berdasarkan penilaian ke atas set pengukuran atau parameter yang mewakili perubahan

geometri permukaan model origami semasa proses lipatan telah dikaji. Daripada hasil pengukuran, didapati proses lipatan origami di bawah kategori A dan B diiringi dengan ubahbentuk berputar terhadap pusat model. Tiada ubah bentuk berputar diperhatikan dalam proses lipatan origami di bawah kategori C dan D. Model di bawah kategori C (*n Curve Mountain Ridge*) khususnya C10 menunjukkan perubahan terbesar dalam ketinggian maksimum di pusat model, dan pengurangan terbesar dalam saiz pelan origami semasa proses lipatan. Sementara itu, perubahan geometri dari segi sudut putaran maksimum di pusat dan penjuru model origami didapati berlaku dalam Model B06 di bawah kategori B (*Inflated n Degree-n Vertices*). Perubahan maksimum ketinggian di sempadan didapati berlaku dalam Model B04. Satu siri model SSCFL dengan geometri permukaan model origami masing-masing di peringkat lipatan yang berbeza telah dihasilkan. SSCFL ini adalah 100 kali ganda saiz model origami masing-masing dengan ketebalan permukaan 200 mm (permukaan keseluruhan) dan 250 mm (di kawasan sokongan). SSCFL dikenakan sokongan garis dan dimodelkan menggunakan konkrit kekuatan normal. Keputusan analisis elemen terhad di bawah keadaan berat sendiri menunjukkan bahawa model SSCFL di bawah kategori C (khususnya geometri permukaan yang berkaitan dengan C11 dan C12) dan kategori D (D13) memenuhi had tegasan atas sebab kemiripannya dengan struktur kubah. Sebaliknya, model SSCFL di bawah kategori A dan B gagal memenuhi had tegasan kerana sifat geometri permukaan yang tidak simetri dan kewujudan sempadan struktur dengan panjang terjulur yang agak besar. Model SSCFL didapati menunjukkan prestasi yang cemerlang dari segi kekukuhan atas sebab wujudnya lipatan melengkung yang meningkatkan kedalaman efektif struktur yang berkesan.

FOLDABLE STRUCTURE BASED ON ORIGAMI WITH CURVED FOLD LINES CONCEPT

ABSTRACT

Origami with curved fold lines possesses characteristic feature of curved surface bounded by curved fold lines which can be advantageously adopted for foldable structures. However, potential use of origami with curved fold lines has not been much studied due to complexity of the folding process under many different possible layouts and configurations of curved fold lines. This study is carried out to investigate the characteristics of the folding process of origami with curved fold lines. Effect of surface geometry at different folding stage of origami with curved fold lines on structural behaviour of shell structure with curved fold lines (SSCFL) was also determined. A set of criteria in classifying origami with curved fold lines created by many researchers or origami scientist has been established and used in the classification of 51 origami models into 11 groups. From the 51 models, 13 number of origami models with potential application as foldable structures have been chosen and regrouped into the following four main categories: Non-inflated n Degree- n Vertices (category A), Inflated n Degree- n Vertices (category B), n Mountain Ridge Curve (category C), and the Complex Shape (category D). 3-D surface data acquisition using optical non-contact measuring techniques of image capturing method and structured light method were used to obtain an accurate geometrical model of origami with curved folds. CAD based procedures in generating 3-D geometrical model of origami with curved fold lines have been developed. The folding mechanism based on the evaluation of a set of measurement or parameter representing change in surface geometry of the origami models during the folding process has been studied. From the results of

measurements, it is found that folding process of origami under categories A and B is accompanied by twisting deformation about the center of the model. No twisting deformation is observed in folding process of origami under categories C and D. Models under category C (*n* Mountain Ridge Curve) specifically C10 shows the largest change in maximum height at center of model, and largest reduction in plan area of origami during folding process. Meanwhile, change in geometry in term of maximum angle of rotation of the center and boundary of origami model is found to occur in Model B06 under category B (Inflated *n* Degree-*n* Vertices). The maximum change in height at boundary is found to occur in Model B04. A series of SSCFL models with surface geometry of the respective origami model at different folding stage have been generated. These SSCFL are 100 times scaled up models of respective origami model with surface thickness of 200 mm (overall surface) and 250 mm (at support regions). The SSCFL were assigned with line supports and modelled using normal strength concrete. Results of finite element analysis under self-weight show that SSCFL models under category C (specifically surface geometry associated with C11 and C12) and category D (D13) satisfy stress limit due to their resemblance to dome structure. On the other hand, SSCFL models under categories A and B failed to satisfy stress limit due to unsymmetrical nature of the surface geometry and existence of free boundary of structure with relatively large overhang length. SSCFL models were found to exhibit superior performance in terms of stiffness due to existence of curved folds which increases the effective depth of the structure.

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 General

Nowadays, most large span roof structural systems are concerned not only the protection from weather effect but also economy by minimizing costs within the constraints of functional and aesthetic requirements. Designers thus try to search new forms such as shell and folded plate structures that can resist loads more efficiently than when the structure is designed in conventional form using slab and beam. For covering a given area by a roof, conventionally, as column spacing becomes larger, the sizes of beams increase, thereby making the structure uneconomical and aesthetically unpleasing. Alternatively, to cover the same area, a curved surface or folded surface can be conceived that carries the loads mainly in direct tension or compression, rather than in bending and shear as in the case of slab and beam structures. Even with a relative small thickness, shell and folded plate structures can sustain more loads over large column-free areas with a minimum deflection.

Over the last few decades, advancements in the structural analysis domain and computational tools enable engineers to satisfactorily analyze and build folded shells not just in various types and forms, but also as a foldable surface structure by folding or retracting the surface to transform size or dimension upon necessity of functions of venue requirement. Foldability of surface structures with wide variety of shapes and breathtaking elegance can be seen in origami. The available of advancement in technology nowadays allows design and construction of long spanning roof structural

system infused with surface geometry inspired by the concept of origami. Furthermore, the kinematic characteristic of origami allows a flat piece of paper to transform from initial 2-D flat surface (open-stage) into 3-D geometry (closed-stage) via the process of folding. Thence, the uniqueness of origami with the properties of thin folding paper (equivalent to folded plate structure) and geometrical transform during folding process (equivalent to foldable structures) could be adopted as a new design for large spanning roof structure.

1.2 Background of Study

Long span roof surface structures are generally constructed with column-free internal space with span between supports of more than 12 meters in length (Chang and Swenson, 2017, Lisantono and Arfiadi, 2013, Roof, 2017, Beams, 2017, Munch - Andersen and Dietsch, 2011). High tensile strength materials which are thin and light are typically the choice in fabricating this structural system, making it flexible in term of geometry changes and during process of erection and dismantle, which subsequently reduce sub-structural costs and construction time. Examples of large span structural system commonly found in wide range of application are stadia, gymnasiums, arenas, factories, warehouses, malls, agricultural buildings, and coverage for swimming polls. The structural system are typically classified into five major groups of structural forms: space structures, cable structures, membrane structures, hybrid structures and convertible roofs (Majowiecki, 2005) as illustrated in Figure 1.1.

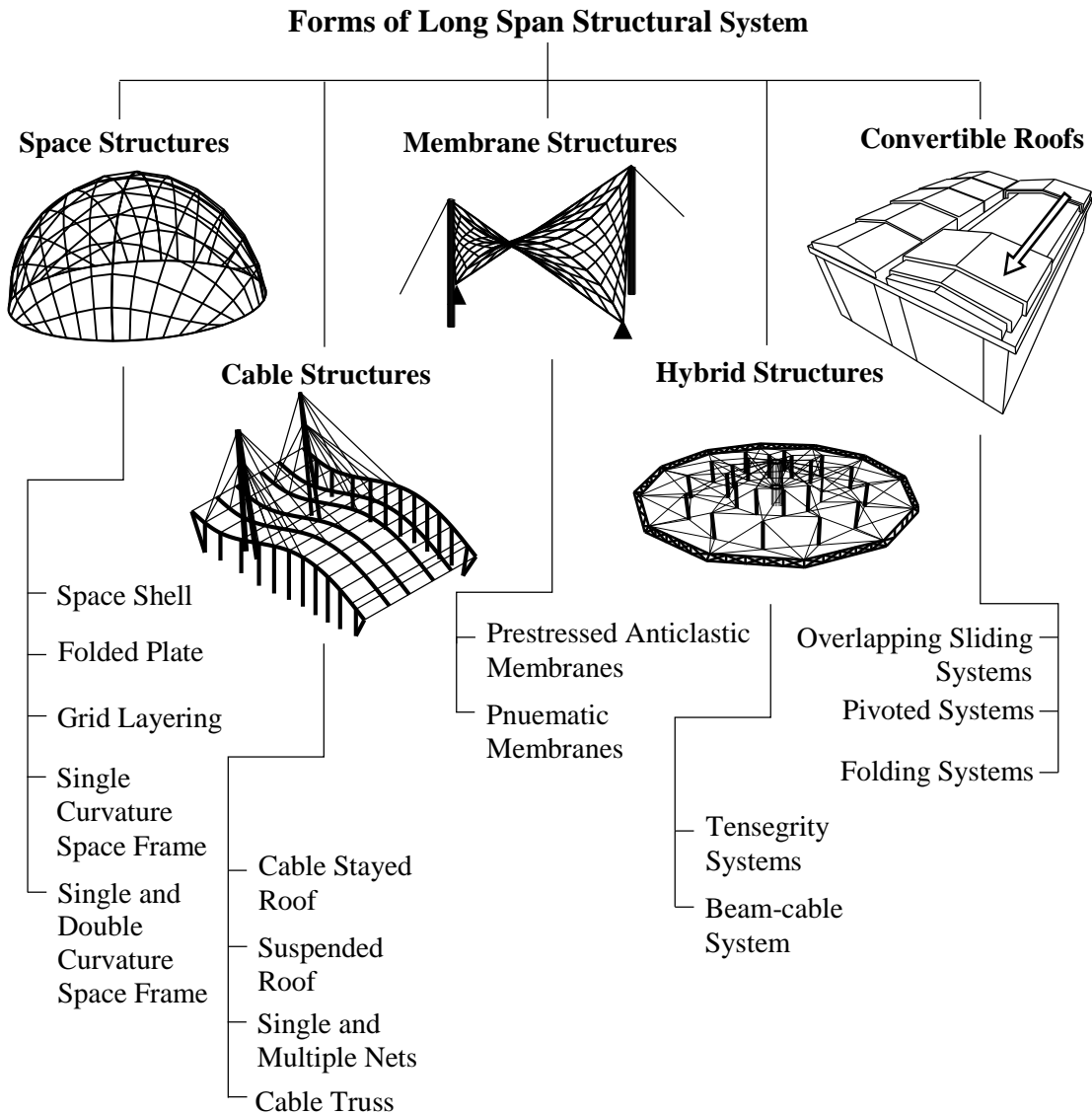


Figure 1.1- Typologies for the Forms of Long Span Roof Structural System

Space structures normally refer to a space frame in the form of a truss-like, lightweight rigid structure constructed from interlocking struts in a geometrical pattern such as single or multilayers of grid structures. Dome space structure is one the typical example of structure form under this category. Figure 1.2(a) shows one of the two biggest wooden dome to cover the bunkers of the "Federico II" Enel power plant in Brindisi by Holzbau (2015). The dome building was built with clear span of 143 meters in diameter and 50 meters in total height. Besides, space shell and folded plate

structures are constructed by assembling small units of shell in which its thickness is small compared to the other dimensions. This allows its surface to be built in curved geometry with either single curvature or multi curvature.

Secondly, cable structures are those where the main elements that support the load, such as wires, cables, chains, and nets, are subjected only to tensile forces. Typical example of cable structures are bridges and roofs in which its plane or horizontal structures are fastened to supports by a series of wires. Figure 1.2(b) shows the Penang Second Bridge in Malaysia built by using cable stayed structural system with longest span between supports of 240 meters length which completed in year 2014 (Yadollahi et al., 2015).

For third, membrane structures are one of the long span structural system that made out of tensioned membrane or fabric materials such as PTFE glass and PVC polyester which are extremely strong in tension. The structural use of the membrane is divided into prestressed anticlastic membrane and pneumatic membrane. A famous example of successful application of membrane structural system is Beijing National Aquatics Center or called as The Water Cube in Beijing, China for the use of Olympics 2008 as shown in Figure 1.2(c). The tension fabric used in the structure is ETFE membrane with 0.2 mm in total thickness (Edmondson, 2012).

Next, hybrid structures are another advanced structural system that combine use of an isolated components in compression inside a net of continuous tensile properties of cables, in such a way that the compressed members (usually bars or struts) do not touch each other and the prestressed tensioned members (usually cables or tendons) delineate

the system spatially (Jáuregui, 2010). Typical example of the structural systems are tensegrity and beam-cable. La Plata Stadium (Figure 1.2(d)) in Buenos Aires, Argentina is one of the most successful hybrid roofing structure which opened in 2003 (Wiki, 2017).

Lastly, convertible roof or called foldable roof is another choice of roof structural system. It allows the roof surface to be retractable or foldable for transforming an indoor space into an outdoor environment. A folding mechanism is designed for the specific type of convertible structure. Figure 1.2(e) shows a multi-purpose retractable roof stadium of the Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia which was just opened in August 2017. It is designed with 8 triangular rigid-translucent-panels retractable by sliding of pinwheel to create a folding mechanism for opening the roof centrifugally towards the outside perimeters of the roof structure (Mercedes-Benz, 2017).



(a) Geodesic Dome Structures in Brindisi, Italy

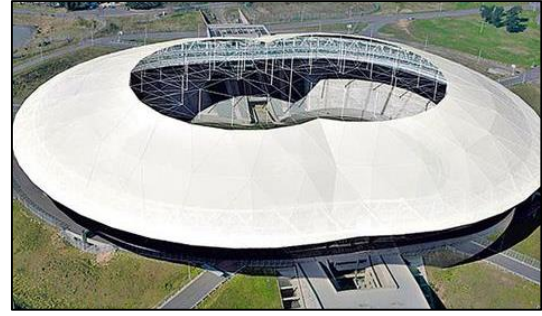


(b) Penang Second Bridge in Pulau Pinang, Malaysia

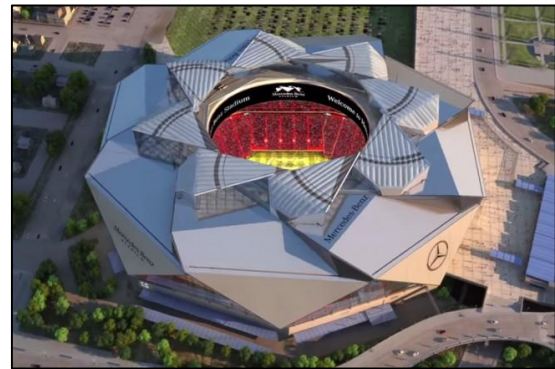
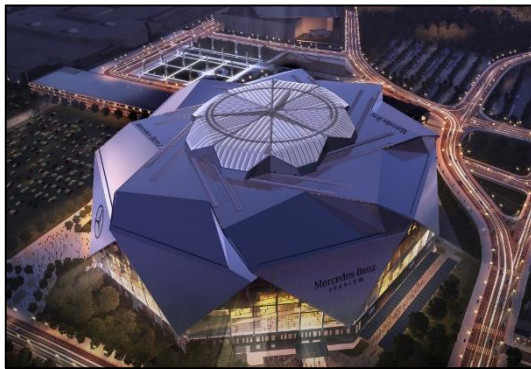
Figure 1.2- Successful Application of Long Span Structural System: (a) Space Structure (Holzbau, 2015); (b) Cable Structure (Fauzi, 2012); (c) Membrane Structure (Cube, 2016); (d) Hybrid Structure (Wiki, 2017); and (e) Convertible Structure (Mercedes-Benz, 2017)



(c) Water Cube (National Aquatics Center) in Beijing, China



(d) La Plata Stadium in Buenos Aires, Argentina



(e) Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia

Figure 1.2- Continued

1.2.1 Roof Structures with Folded Shell System

With the combination of thin surface structure of shell elements and strength enhancement feature along with the folded system, a kind of roof structure system called the fold shell possess structural similarities with origami. There are many application of this kind of structural system which have successfully been built.

In the year 1955, Royan Central Market in Nouvelle-Aquitaine, France (Figure 1.3(a)) is constructed in the form of multi-layer conoidal shape extruded from the center of the structure which create folding effect along its perimeter of the hall (Janberg, 1998b). The span of the thin folded shell is in 52.4 m and height up to 10.5 m with just 8.0 cm

of its thickness (Tourisme, 2015).

The corrugated concrete dome of State Farm Center (Figure 1.3(b)) is another application of the concept of long span folded shell structure. The shape of surface takes the form of branching triangular folds with a span of around 122.7 m (Janberg, 1998a). In the same year, TWA Flight Center at New York of USA (Figure 1.3(c)) was built with concrete shell (Jen, 2011).

Miami Marine Stadium in Florida, United States built in 1963 (Figure 1.3(d)) is a dedicated example of roof structural system design in the form of folded shell. The geometrical shape of a single panel is in the hyperbolic paraboloid cantilevering shell which folded at the center along the support. It was considered as one of the longest span of cantilevered concrete folded shell structure in the world at the time it was built (Candela, 2008, Adriaenssens et al., 2014).

In 1973, a double curvature thin shell structural building called the Sydney Opera House was constructed in Sydney, Australia (Figure 1.3(e)). Prestressed concrete material was used for the long span length of up to 183 m (Janberg, 2006).

Another multi-conoidal thin folded thin shell structural form that was built in 2013 is L'Oceanogràfic Marine Complex in Valencia, Spain (Figure 1.3(f)) which is the largest complex of its type in Europe with total surface coverage of up to 110,000 m². The length of span of shell between supports is 35.5 m with the shell thickness of just 6 cm (Janberg, 2007).

Lastly, the most recent long span roof structure that in the form system of folded shell is the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts in Missouri, United States (Figure 1.3(g)). Design of the roof consists of two symmetrical half shells in vertical alignment. Repetitive of scaling down the circular half shell surface creates an folded effect of the entire roof system (Arts, 2017, contributors, 2017c).



(a) Royan Central Market in Nouvelle-Aquitaine, France (Tourisme, 2015)



(b) State Farm Center in Illinois, USA (Dori, 2003, Benkrut, 2013)



(c) Trans World Flight Center in New York, United State (Avdeev, 2015)

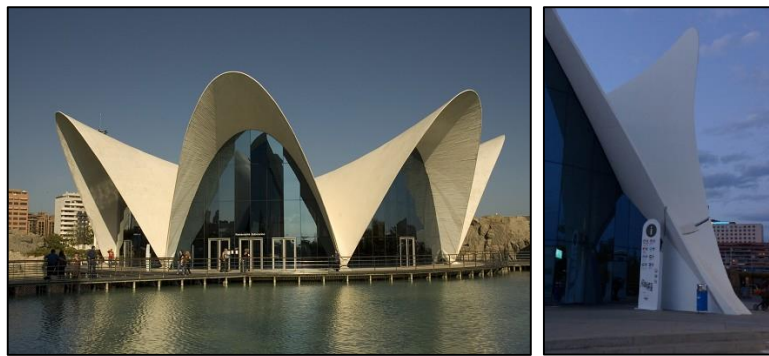
Figure 1.3- Some Applications of Folded Shell Structures



(d) Miami Marine Stadium in Florida, United States (Candela, 2008)



(e) Sydney Opera House in Bennelong Point, Sydney (Janberg, 2006)



(f) L'Oceanogràfic Marine Complex in Valencia, Spain (Janberg, 2007)



(g) Kauffman Center in Missouri, United States (Husley, 2011)

Figure 1.3- Continued

1.2.2 Roof Structures with Foldable Design

Foldable surface is one of the main characteristic of origami, with the capability to transforming from a flat surface (open-stage) to a 3-D geometry of retracted or stowed form (closed-stage). The foldable or retractable structures are also called as kinetic architectural structures.

Dated back to the year of 1961, Civic Arena (Figure 1.4(a)) was the first retractable roof major-sports venue in the world with coverage area of 15,794 m². The dome shaped roof was designed with eight individual panels. Six out of them are capable to retract by folding beneath adjacent panels along the perimeter of the dome (contributors, 2017a, Hockey, 1999).

For facilitating the international event of 1976 Summer Olympics in Canada, a stadium with retractable roof structure named the Montreal Olympic Stadium was constructed (Figure 1.4(b)). It was designed with a cantilever tower that could retract a series of cables holding the roof membrane for transforming it to indoor or outdoor field. The roof membrane retractable structure could cover area up to 5,500 m² (Baseball, 2001, contributors, 2017e, Janberg, 2003).

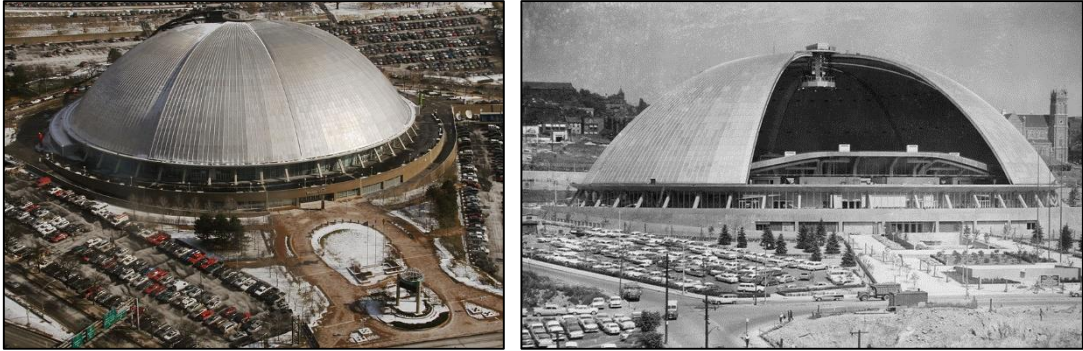
Umbrella-type structures are another example of pivotal folding system that retracts surface with centric configuration, such as the 17 m × 18 m large automatically controlled umbrellas proposed in 1992 by SL-Rasch GmbH (Rasch, 1980) for the courts of the Prophet's Holy Mosque in Madinah (Stevenson, 2011) as shown in Figure 1.4(c). Tension fabric material of PTFE membrane was used to form bell-shaped roof

system when it is in open stage (MakMax, 2016, Soto, 2017).

In the year of 1999, Jaén Auditorium a retractable roof structure in Spain is constructed based on the principle of linkage bars and scissor system (Figure 1.4(d)). It is built with a series of steel arches that could folds by translating horizontally over a rail in which have the tensioned fabric between them to achieve a practical deployment process that fits together the structure and the enclosure while temporarily covers a specific area (Escrig, 1999, Torres, 2013).

The retractable roof of Minute Maid Park in Texas, USA (Figure 1.4(e)) could cover the field with longest span of 132.6 m in length (Smith and Andorka, 2001). Three roof panels are controlled by electro-mechanical drive system to trigger parallel-slide of folding motion along flat crane rails (Riberich, 2000).

Another pivot controlled system of fan-shaped convertible roof structured studio called the Miller Park is constructed was 2001 (Figure 1.4(f)). The total span of 183 m in length of retractable roof which consists of five movable panels that could open and close simultaneously in sweeping manner by rolling along the periphery of heavy wheel (contributors, 2017d, George, 2011, Moser, 2001, Janberg, 2001).



(a) Civic Arena in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (Cojo, 2017, Jensen, 2015)



(b) Montreal Olympic Stadium in Quebec, Canada (archINFORM, 2017, Martes, 2013)



(c) Umbrellas for the Piazza of the Prophet's Holy Mosque, Medina (Soto, 2017)

Figure 1.4- Some Applications of Foldable Roof Structures



(d) Jaén Auditorium in Jaén, Spain (Escrig, 1999)



(e) Minute Maid Park Roof in Texas, USA (Riberich, 2000, Smith and Andorka, 2001)



(f) Miller Park in Wisconsin, USA (George, 2011, Moser, 2001)

Figure 1.4- Continued

1.3 Structures Inspired from the Geometry of Origami

Origami or folding paper is a traditional cultural of ancient Chinese and Japanese art of folding paper to represent real objects. Specifically, the word of “origami” comes from Japanese, it is the combination “ori” (root verb “oru”) meaning to fold, and “kami” means for paper (Demaine and O’Rourke, 2007, contributors, 2017b). There are many attempts in classifying types of origami in the world by Center (2017), Origami (2017), Zhezhi and Gi (2017). In general, origami could be broadly classified into six type of folding patterns according to its folding technique and the geometrical requirement of the final output shapes (contributors, 2017f). They are the action origami, modular origami, wet-folding, pureland origami, origami tessellations, and kirigami, as illustrated in Figure 1.5.

Origami reveals a rich source of geometric shape for consideration with different type of origami formations. The beauty of paper folding lies in the result of a totally attractive piece of mathematical artwork which is created from a simple, flat sheet of paper by using almost all folds of corners, creases and edges. Due to the aesthetical value possessed to the idea or concept of geometry originated from origami are widely applied in various industrial fields. It ranges from small products such as electronic devices and micro-cellular tube in medication purposes; to large scaling projects such as auditorium, stadium, and solar panels in satellite.

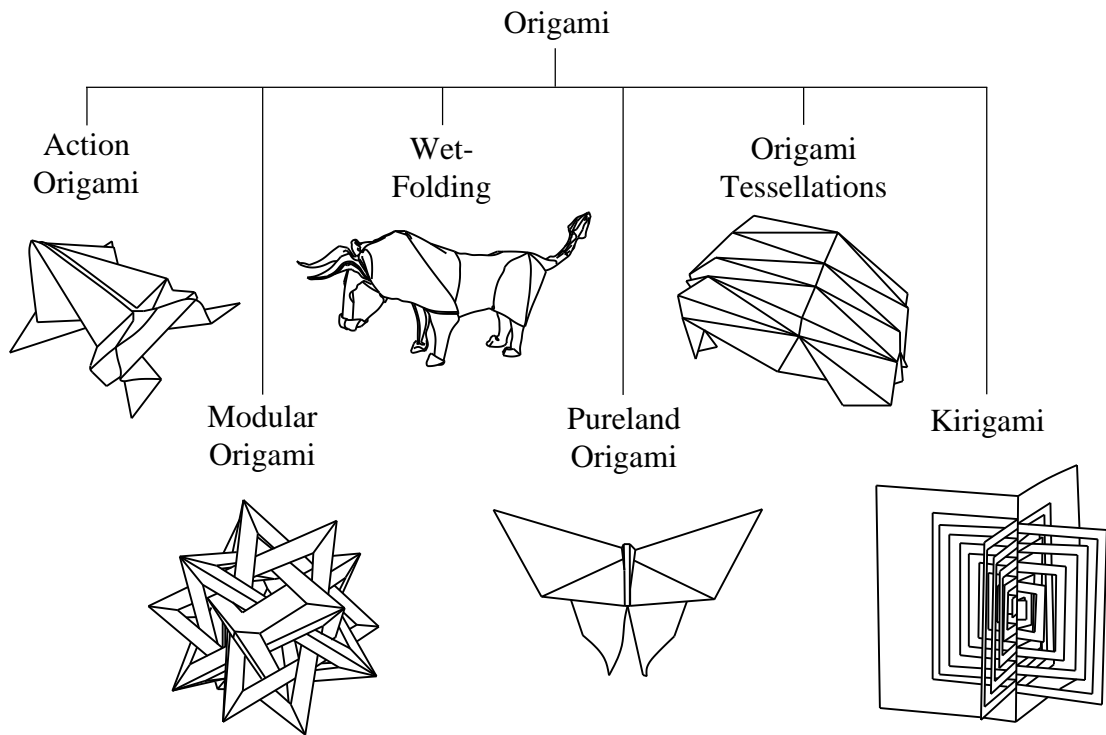


Figure 1.5- Type of origami

Forms of geometry created from origami patterns especially the origami tessellations, are nowadays extensively popular in the attempt to implement in large span roof or as foldable structures especially in the form of folded plate or shell. In this context, United States Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel (Figure 1.6(a)) and Yokohama Cruise Terminal in Japan (Figure 1.6(b)) are two well-known examples of shell buildings with folds in which the diagrams and structural relations of origami tessellations can be traced easily. For the Yokohama Cruise Terminal, it could be observed that the internal channel of the terminal is designed using the tessellation type of folding pattern from Yoshimuna technique to create a repetitive diamond effect (FOA, 2006, Mishima and Streeter, 2004).

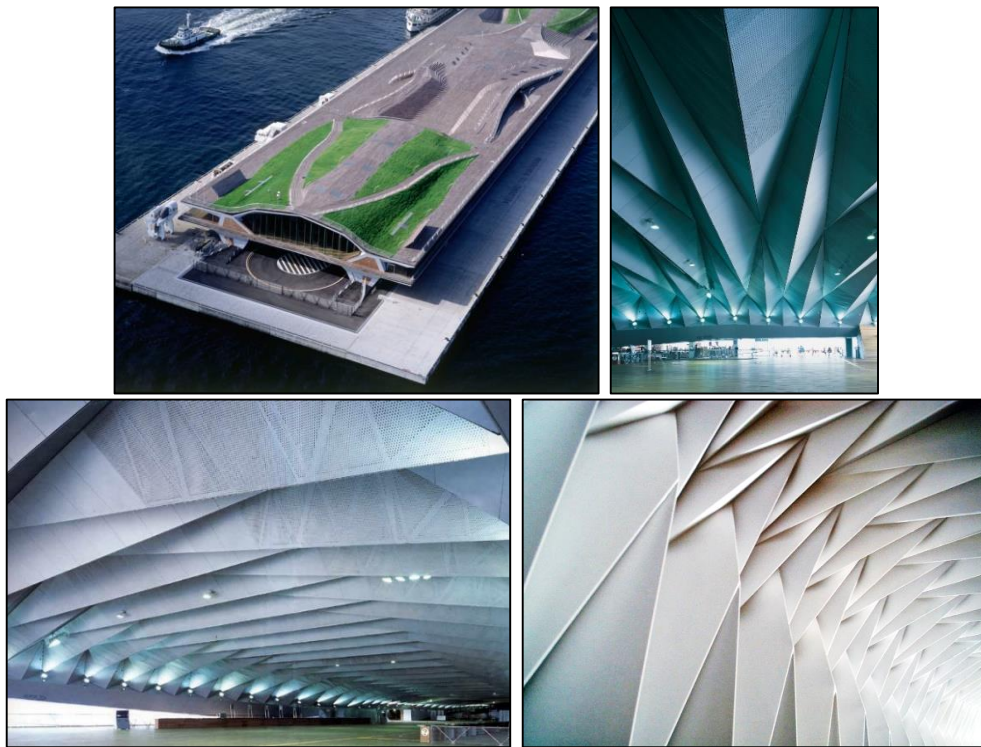
Figure 1.6(c) shows the Automobile Museum in Nanjing (Figure 1.6(c)), which is inspired by kirigami being constructed in China. The design of the museum combines geometrical idea from spiral-cut of a piece of square paper together with foldings (Basulto, 2010). Besides, another foldable roofing structure that is also inspired by repetitive triangular panels of origami tessellations type called the Bengt Sjostrom Theatre in Rockford, Illinois was built in 2003 (Figure 1.6(d)) (Gang, 2009).

In the practice of architecture it is not surprising to see the impact of origami as a medium to generate different shell forms. Contemporary form is one of the foldable structures that currently being widely employed from the geometrical idea of origami tessellations. In 2008, a foldable artwork called “Packaged” designed by Miwa Takabayashi, which was exhibited in shopping center of Maidstone in Kent, United State (Figure 1.6(e)). It was designed to fold by joining a series of rigid cardboard in the form of tessellation. The artwork was erected in various shopping center as display (Takabayashi, 2009, SORGUÇ et al., 2009).

Another outstanding contemporary pavilion inspired from the origami tessellation of combining two units of “flower” module was designed and built by Tal Friedman in Detmold University, Germany (Figure 1.6(f)). The pavilion is made out of folding rigid aluminum boards. Although, the material used is very thin, it is fully self-supported without any sub-structures. Hence, from the structures inspired by the geometry of origami mentioned above, it could be used to show the potentials of origami as idea for exploring the new form of architectural design in constructing not just large span roofing system, but also for the kinematic requirements as foldable or retractable structures.



(a) United States Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel in Colorado Springs
(contributors, 2017g, Harrington, 2017)



(b) Yokohama Cruise Terminal in Japan (Mishima and Streeter, 2004, FOA, 2006)



(c) Automobile Museum in Nanjing, China (Basulto, 2010)

Figure 1.6- Structures Inspired from Geometry of Origami



(d) Bengt Sjoström Theatre in Rockford, Illinois (Gang, 2009)



(e) “Packaged” Artwork designed by Miwa Takabayashi in Kent, USA (Takabayashi, 2009, SORGUÇ et al., 2009)



(f) Two “Flower” Modules of Origami Pavilion designed by Tal Friedman in Detmold University, Germany (Friedman, 2016)

Figure 1.6- Continued

1.4 Justification of Research

Origami or paper folding is not only a great source of inspiration in architectural design, but also an effective medium for structural form finding because of the foldability characteristic of origami which is useful in the design of shell structure and also foldable or retractable structures. As mentioned earlier in the previous section, straight fold lines are traditionally used. Likewise, by altering the crease and making its configuration into one with curvature, the ordinary planar surface could become a complex 3-D form of which the surface geometry cannot be described easily by simple parameters such as vertex coordinates. Curved folding is a hybrid of curved folds and bending of a paper. The resulting surface is comprised of curved creases and smooth developable surface patches. Comparing with origami with straight fold lines of which the resulting surface consists of folding of rigid planar surface, origami with curved fold lines involves combination of smooth curved surface as a results of bending bounded by set of curved fold lines.

Origami with curved folds could be dated back to early of 1920's, when the teaching works by Josef Albers at Bauhaus was documented in photographs and presented as the first account of a specific curve creased model investigated by Adler (2004). Figure 1.7(a) shows one of the curve creased model that created by a series of concentric circles with alternating mountain and valley folds with a circular hole at the center. Similar features of the model was further explored and modified by Irene Schawinsky in 1944 (McPharlin, 1944) (Figure 1.7(b)), Thoki Yenn in 1989 (Yenn, 2001) (Figure 1.7(c)), and Kunihiko Kasahara in 2002 (Kasahara, 2002) (Figure 1.7(d)). Currently, Erik Demain, Martin Demain and Duks Koschitz are among the most active researches

that studying this form of curved crease models (Demaine et al., 2011b, Demaine et al., 1999, Koschitz et al., 2008).

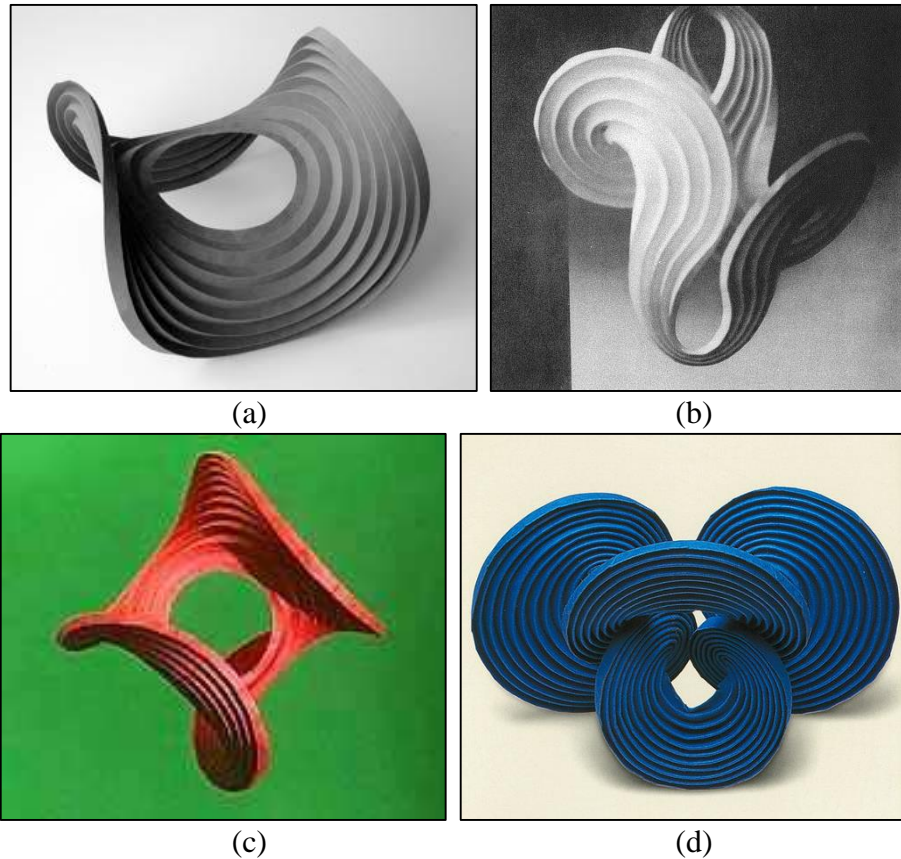


Figure 1.7- Curve Creased Models: (a) by Josef Albers's students (Schlemmer et al., 1978); (b) by Irene Schawinsky (McPharlin, 1944); (c) by Thoki Yenn (Yenn, 2001); and (d) Kunihiro Kasahara (Kasahara, 2002)

In 1971, Ronald Resch was explored many irregular form of paper folding with curved creases (Resch, 1974). One of the sculpture that he created is called "The White Space Curve Fold with 3-fold Symmetry" as shown in Figure 1.8(a). During almost the same period of time, a mathematician and also a computer scientist, David Huffman, studied in creating paper folding with curve crease based on concept of degree and vertex (Huffman, 1976). Some examples of Huffman's creations are shown in Figure 1.8(b) to Figure 1.8(d) which was documented by Davis et al. (2013) and Demaine et al. (2011a).

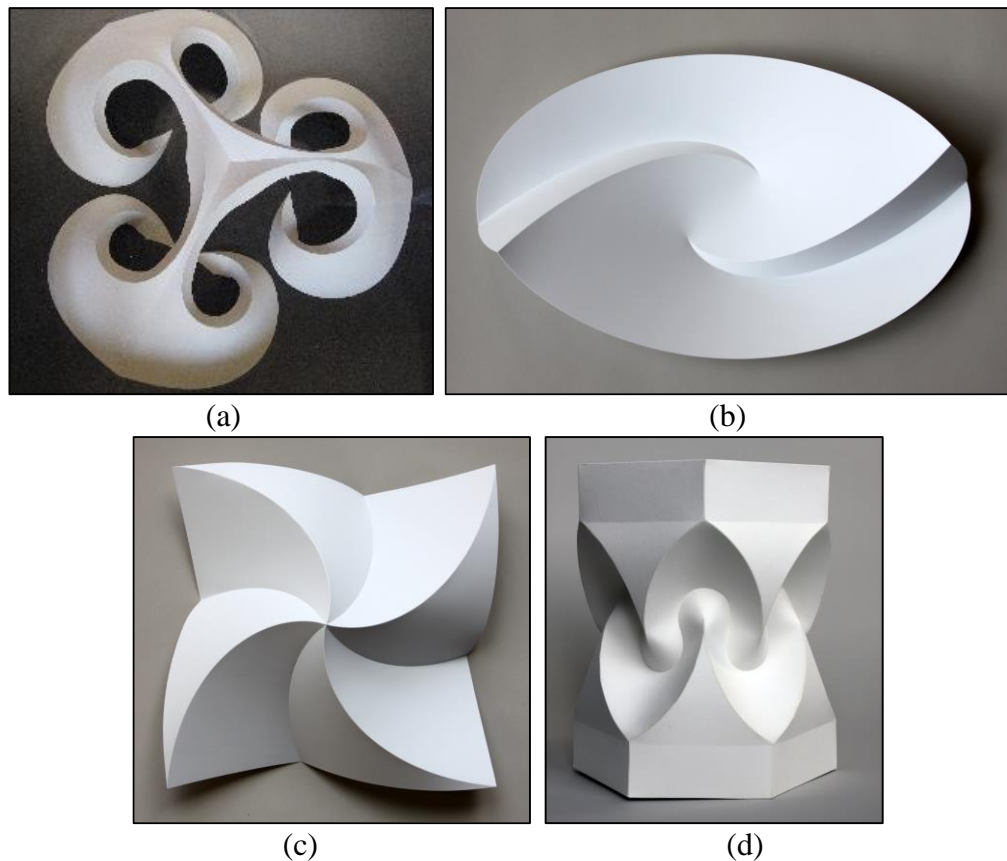


Figure 1.8- Curve Creased Models: (a) “The White Space Curve Fold with 3-fold Symmetry” by Ronald Resch (Resch, 1974); (b) Two Degree-2 Vertices; (c) Non-Inflated Degree-4 Vertex; and (d) “Hexagonal column with cusps” by Huffman (Demaine et al., 2011a)

Another new forms of geometry based on mountain ridged curve folds of origami models were developed by Professor Yoshinobu Miyamoto in 2008 (Miyamoto, 2008, Miyamoto, 2014) as shown in Figure 1.9. In the same year, Kilian et al. (2008) introduced new approach in design and reconstruction of many complex and unexplored origami with curved folds. Apart from the above works on origami with curved fold lines, there were many origami sculptures with curved folds which are created as a contemporary artworks. Most of them are published in webpage for kind of hobby and entertainment, such as those by Chapman-Bell (2010), dimensionaut (2010), Scudellari (2010), Symeonidou (2010a), and Hofmann (2010). Figure 1.10 shows a full picture of historical development of research works in the context of form finding in origami with curved fold lines.

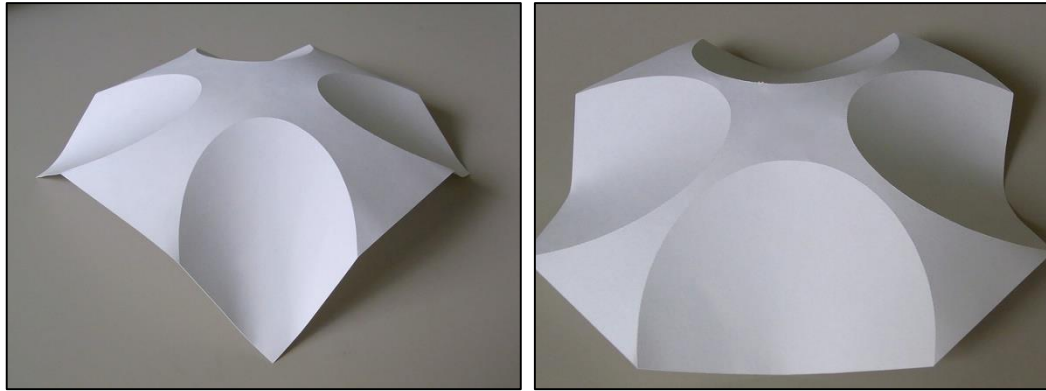


Figure 1.9- Two Examples of origami models with Mountain Ridged Curve Folds by Yoshinobu Miyamoto (Miyamoto, 2008)

A comprehensive exploration on different types of geometrical forms of origami with curved fold lines with different variety of combination of creases and folding patterns has been represented. However, curved folding is still a relatively underexplored topic, when it comes to the aspect of structural application in the discipline of architectural. Therefore, in this research, one of the main goal of the study is to evaluate and identity origami with curved fold lines which possess potential as foldable surface structure. For example, one of Huffman's origami model (Figure 1.11) can be folded (into closed stage) and unfolded (back to open stage), when a gentle force by hands is applied from the corners between folds and boundary of the paper.

1.5 Problem Statement

Origami with straight fold lines typically consists of oblique surface geometry limited with rigid and flat sub-surfaces accompanied with kinking joints. On the other hand, origami with curved fold lines provide instead a three-dimensional smooth curved surface globally where each sub-surfaces between folding joints are bendable. Unique feature of smooth surface geometry embodied in curve folding lines is found mainly in the form of contemporary artwork and creation for entertainment in the form of

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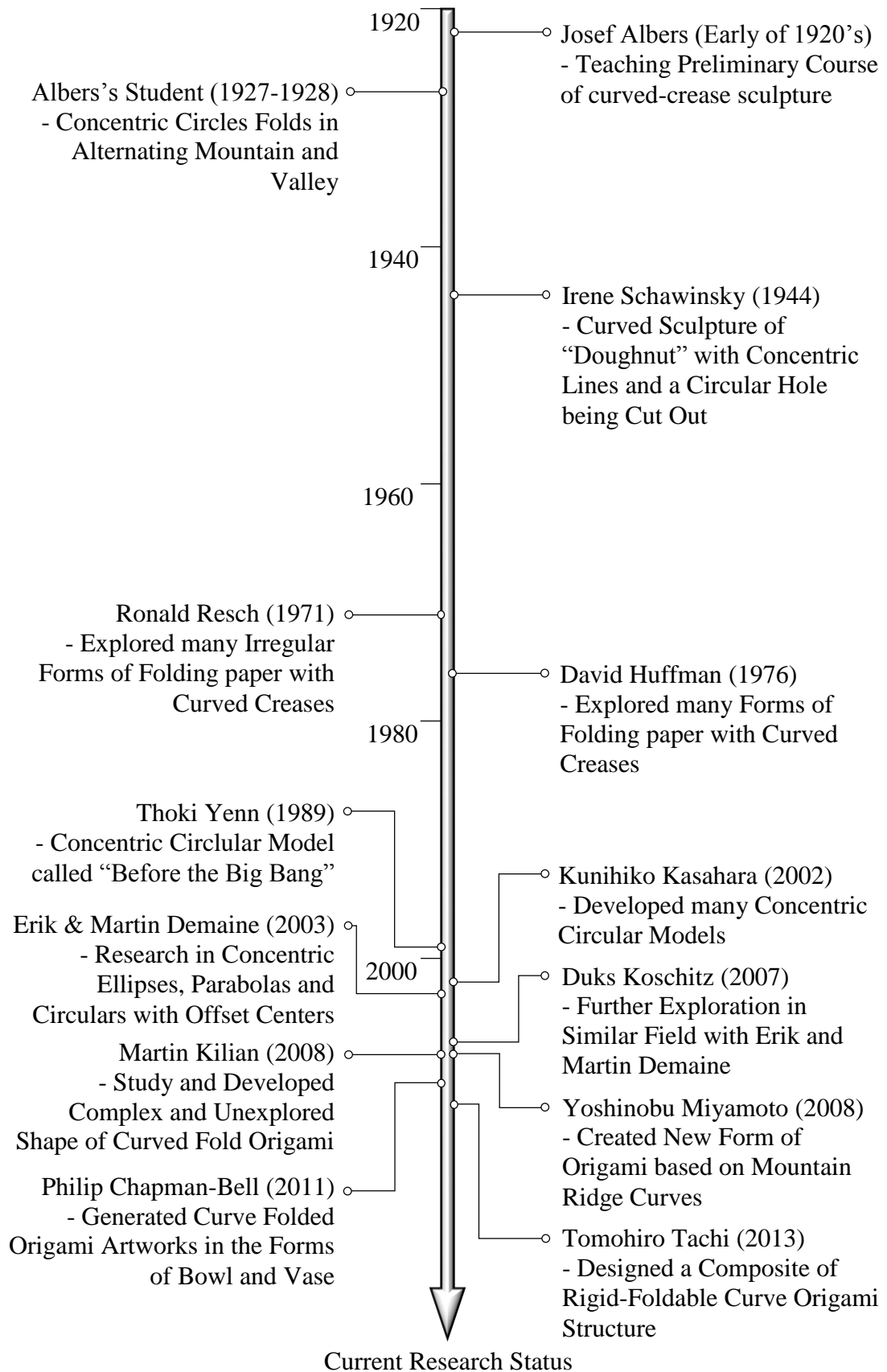


Figure 1.10- The Development of Research Works in the Context of Form Finding in Origami with Curved Fold Lines

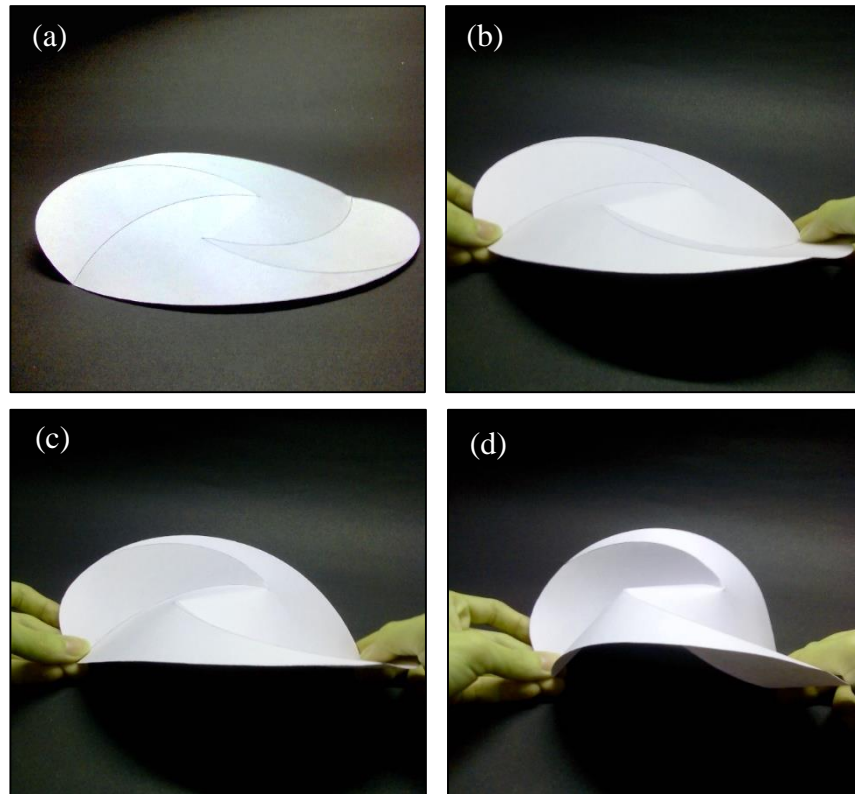


Figure 1.11- Folding Process of Origami Surface with Curved Fold Lines from initial opening-stage of (a) to final closed-stage of (d)

artistic sculptures (Chapman-Bell, 2011, dimensionaut, 2010, Hofmann, 2010, Högsbro, 2010, Miyamoto, 2008, Symeonidou, 2010). Some creations of origami with curved fold lines by pioneers such as Albers (1985) and Huffman (1976) can be used as basis to regenerate the models through preliminary study on the folding patterns and surface configurations (Demaine et al., 2011, Kilian et al., 2008, Koschitz et al., 2008). Unlimited or continuous shape transformation could be achieved with origami with curved fold lines (Schlemmer et al., 1978, McPharlin, 1944, Yenn, 2001, Kasahara, 2002). Although computational simulation on origami shape transformation has been extensively studied (Tachi, 2013, Cai et al., 2013, Schenk, 2009), it is only found within those under straight fold lines. However, in comparison with origami with straight fold lines, potential application of origami with curved fold lines as foldable structure has not attracted much attention. Difficulty in simulating the folding