

## **48-747 Shape Grammars**

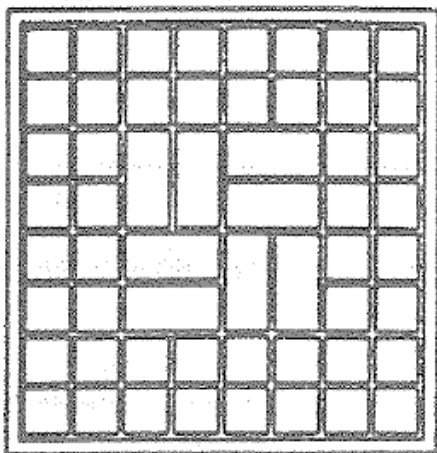
*ICERRAY and HEPPLEWHITE CHAIRBACK DESIGNS*

chinese lattice designs

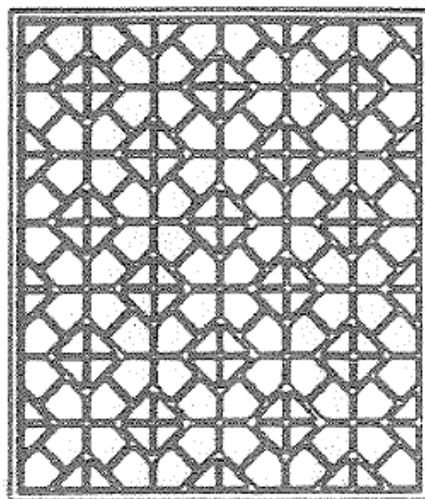
george stiny

*Ice-ray: a note on the generation of Chinese lattice designs*

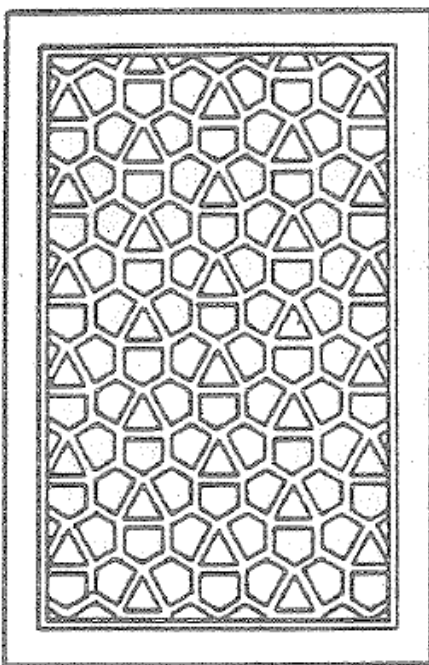
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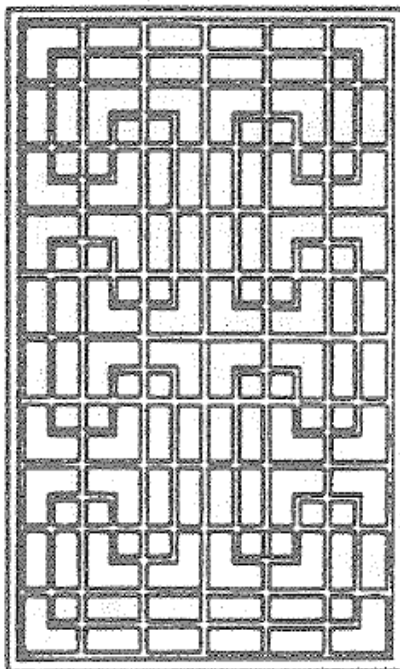
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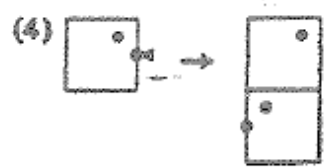


(d)



S: \_\_\_\_\_

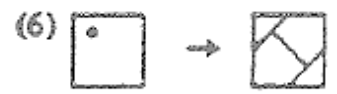
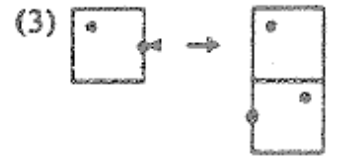
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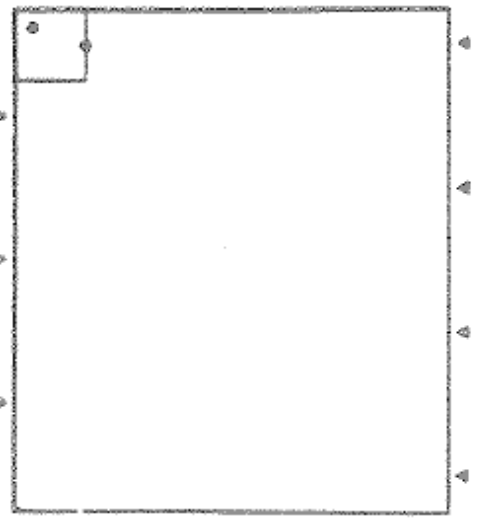
L:  $\{(0, 0) : \bullet\}, \{(0, 0) : \blacktriangle\}$



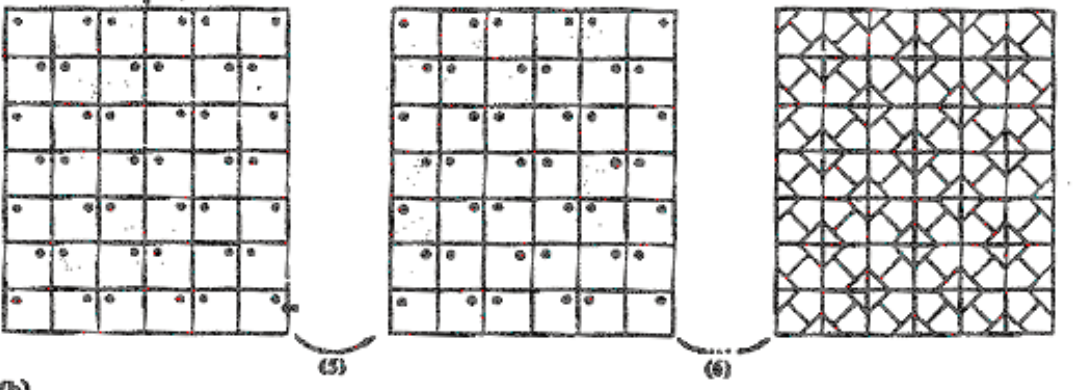
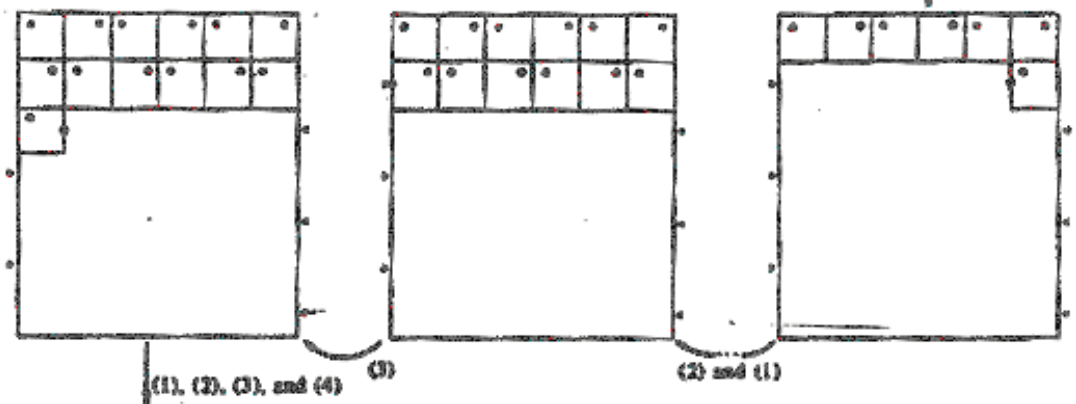
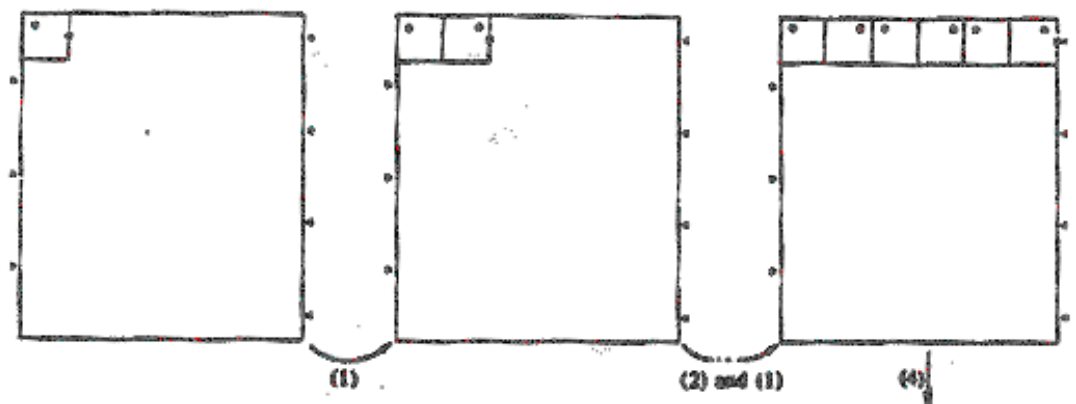
(5)  $G_{\bullet}, \{(0, 0) : \bullet, (0, 0) : \blacktriangle\}$   
 $\rightarrow (x_{\bullet}, \bullet)$



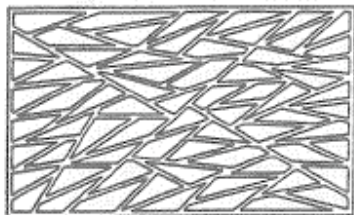
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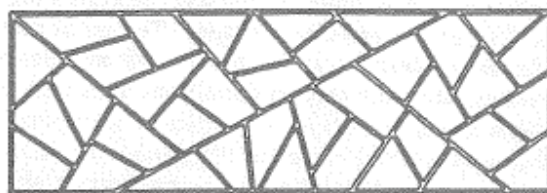
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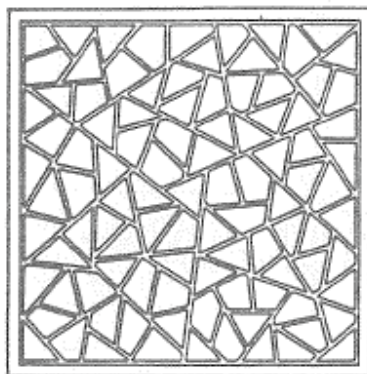
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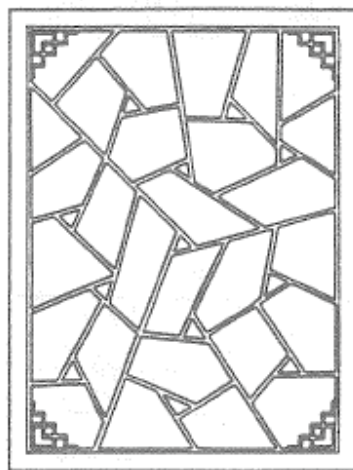
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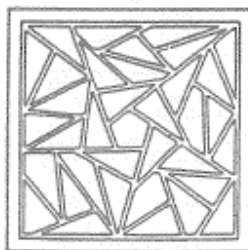
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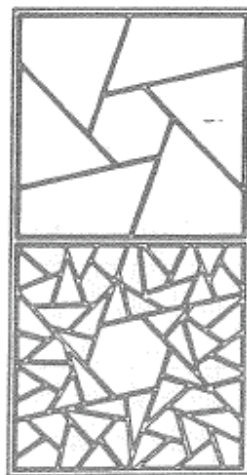
(c)



(d)



(e)



(f)



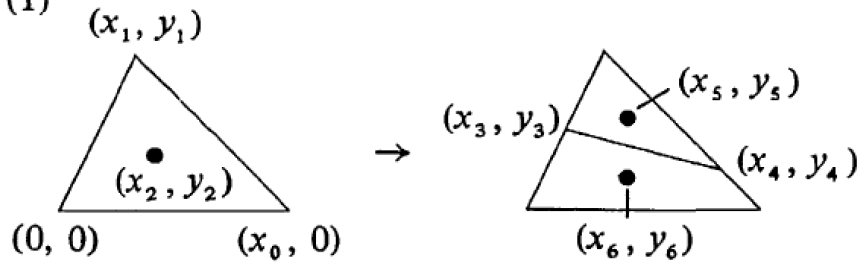
(g)

*S*: —

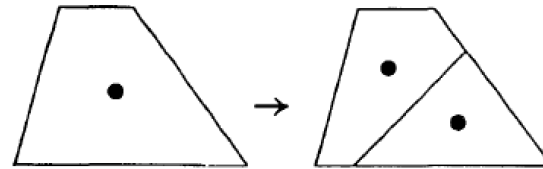
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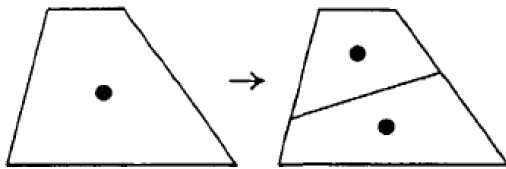
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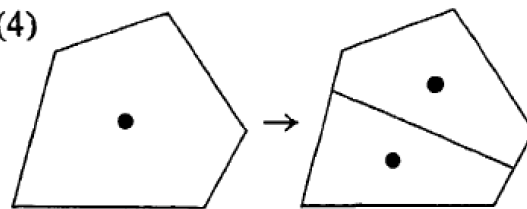
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(3)



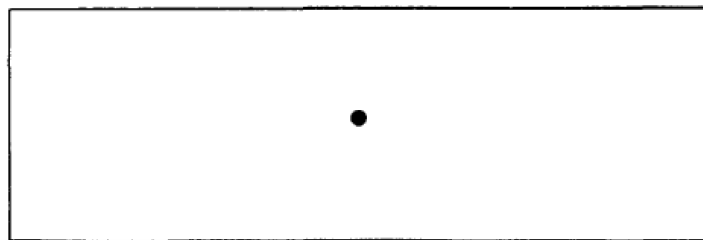
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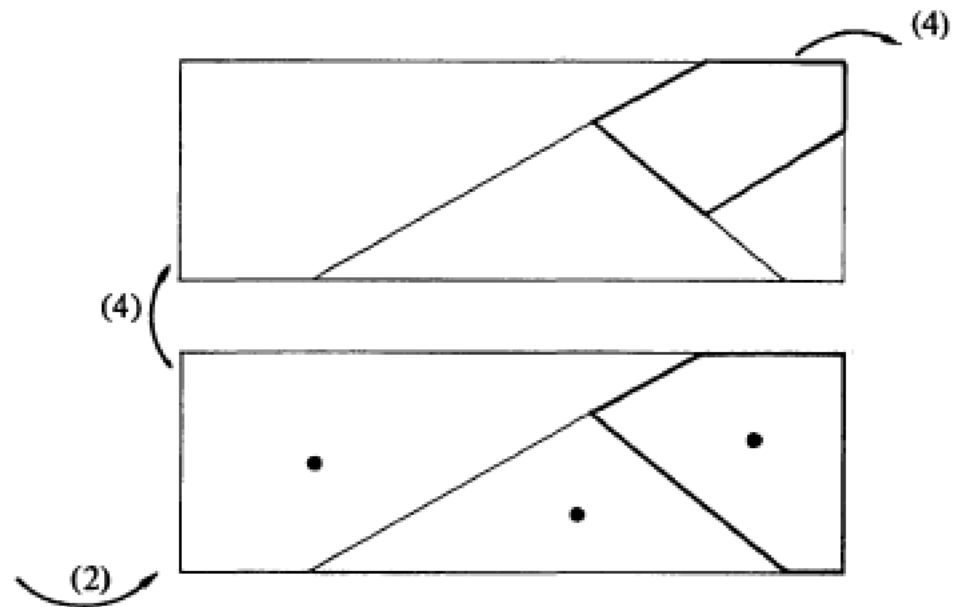
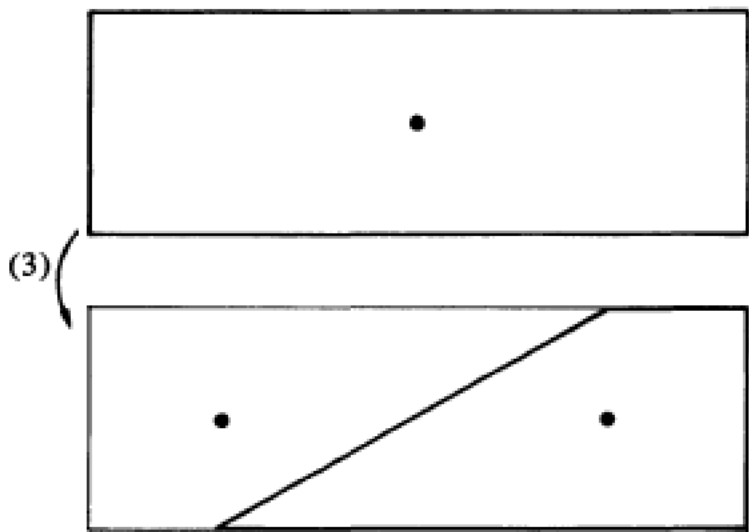
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$\langle s_\emptyset, \{(0, 0) : \bullet\} \rangle \rightarrow \langle s_\emptyset, \emptyset \rangle$

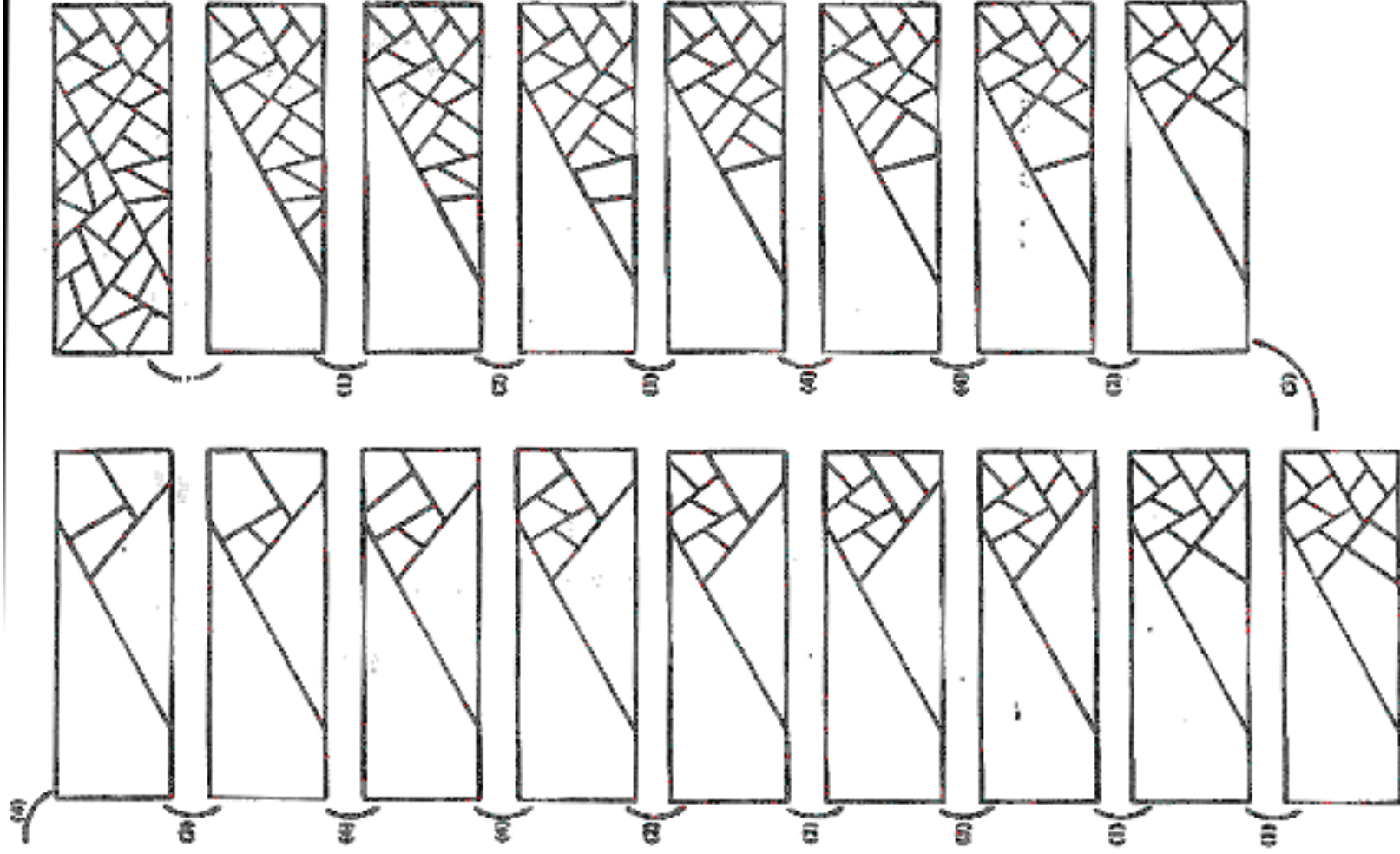
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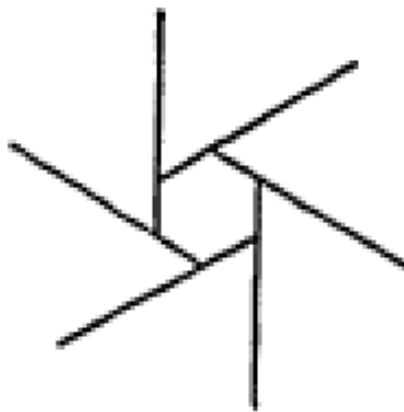


*T*: translation, rotation, or finite compositions of these.









hepplewhite chairback designs

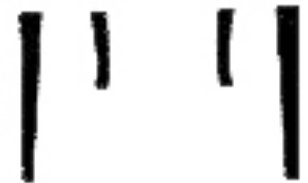
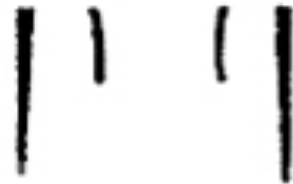
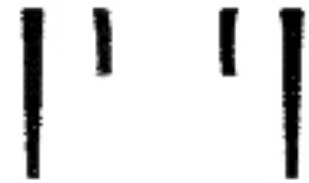
terry knight

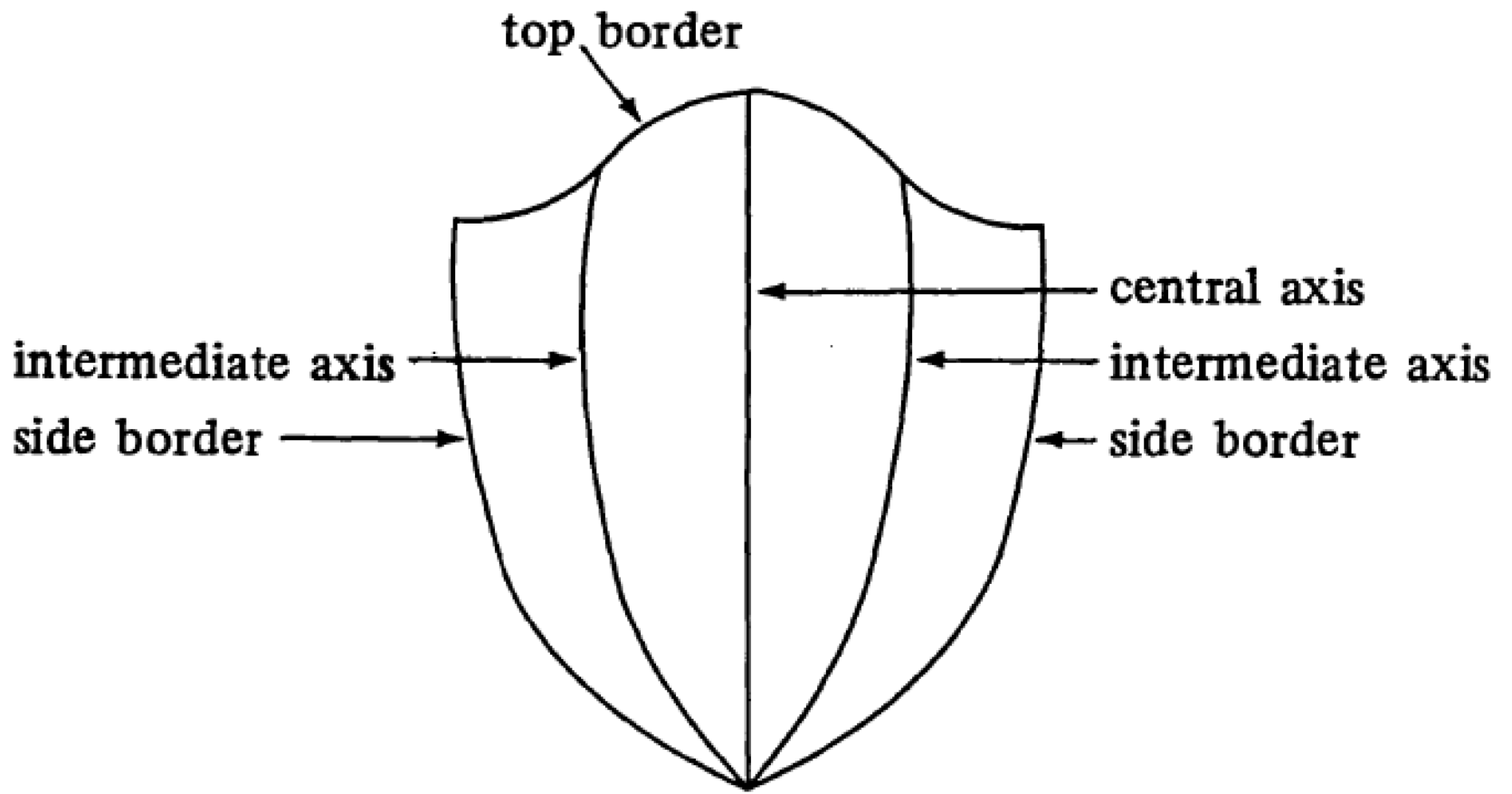
*The generation of Hepplewhite-style chair-back designs*

**inspiration**

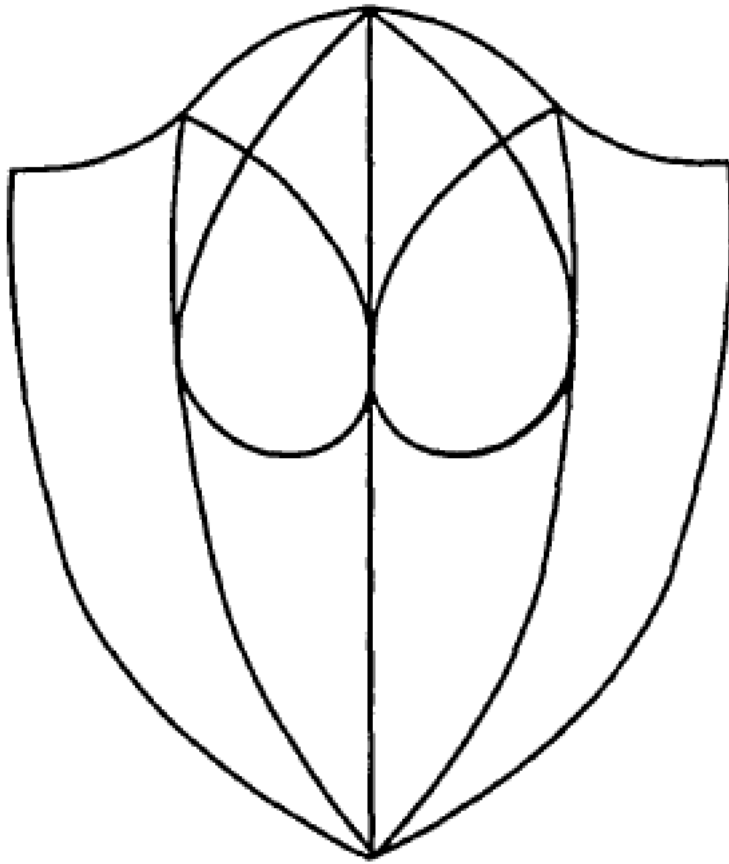
hepplewhite chairback

designs – brought to America by  
Samuel Macintyre



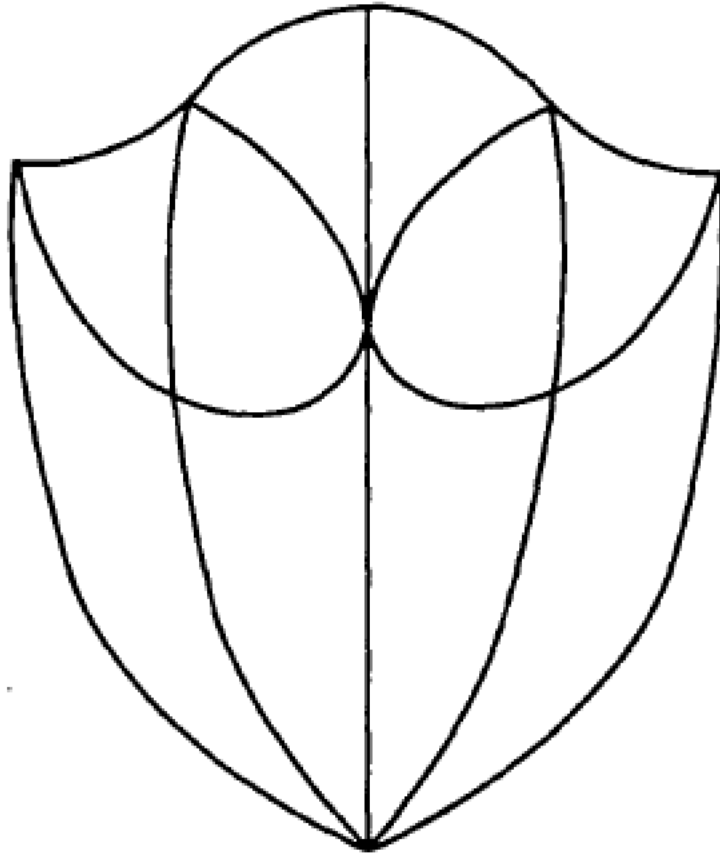


hepplewhite chairback designs - basic **forms**



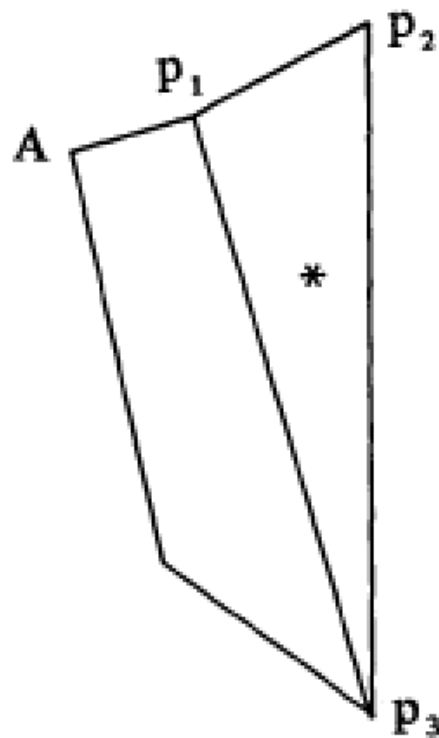
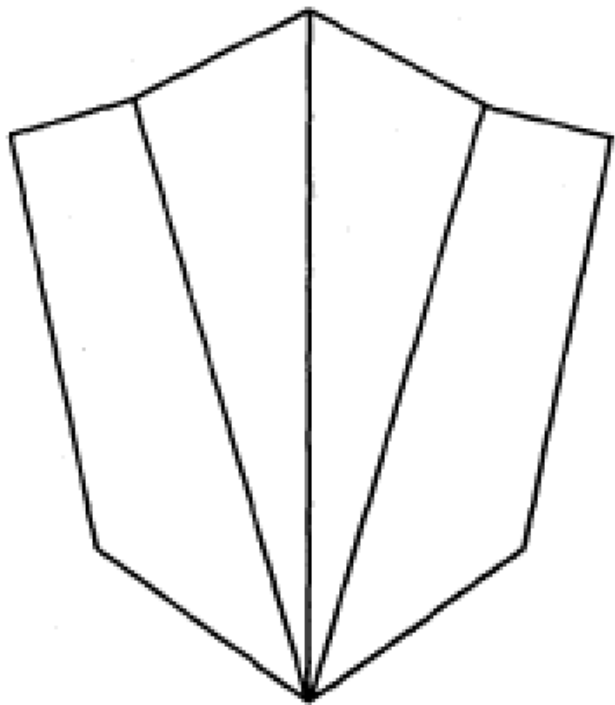
Three curves are added  
between the  
central and intermediate axes

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A curve is added between the intermediate axis and the side border

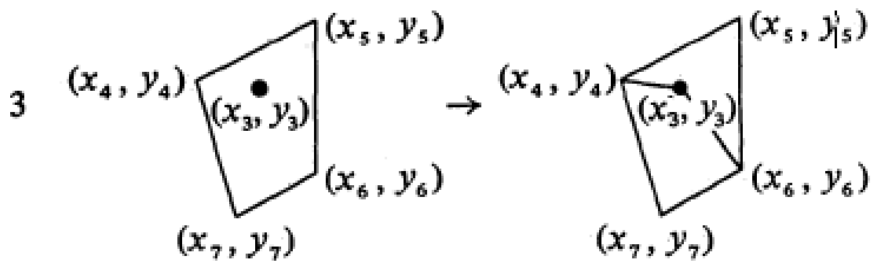
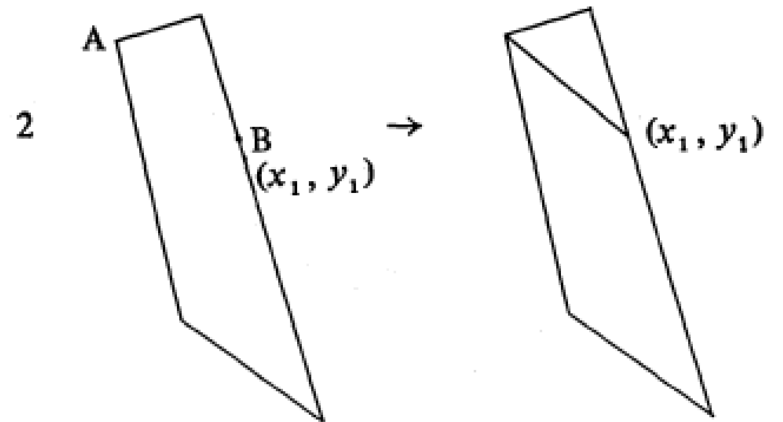
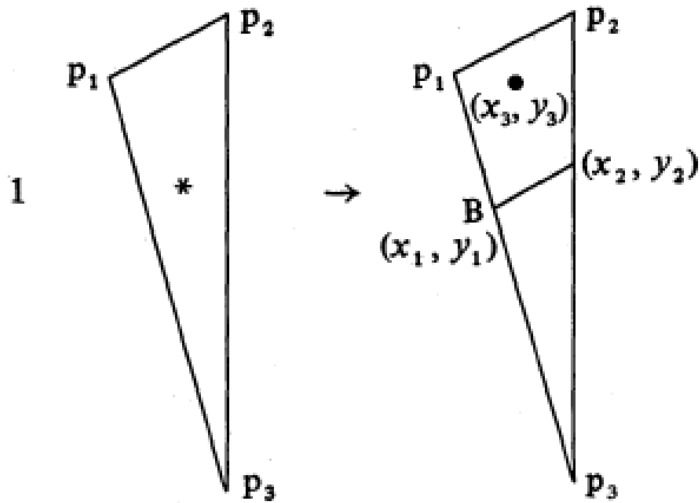
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Initial shape

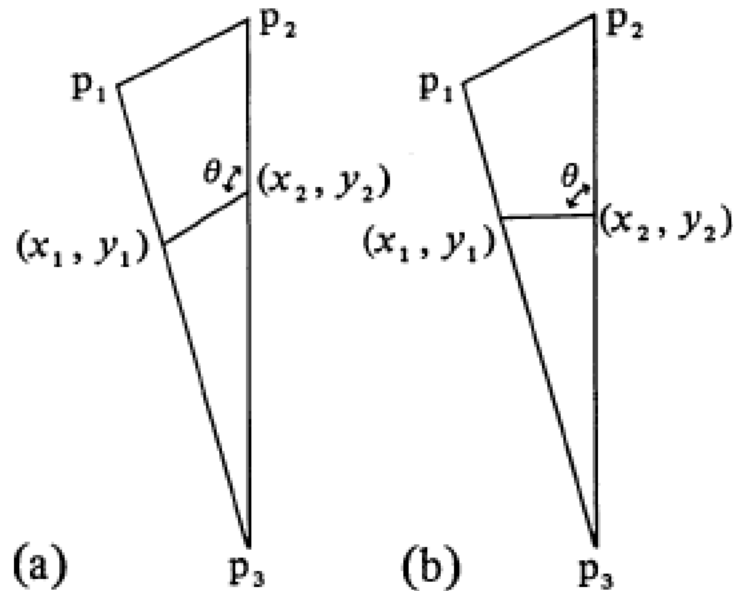
hepplewhite chairback designs - basic rectilinear form





- 4a  $\langle s\phi, \{(0, 0): A\} \rangle \rightarrow \langle s\phi, \emptyset \rangle$
- 4b  $\langle s\phi, \{(0, 0): B\} \rangle \rightarrow \langle s\phi, \emptyset \rangle$
- 4c  $\langle s\phi, \{(0, 0): *\} \rangle \rightarrow \langle s\phi, \emptyset \rangle$
- 4d  $\langle s\phi, \{(0, 0): \bullet\} \rangle \rightarrow \langle s\phi, \emptyset \rangle$

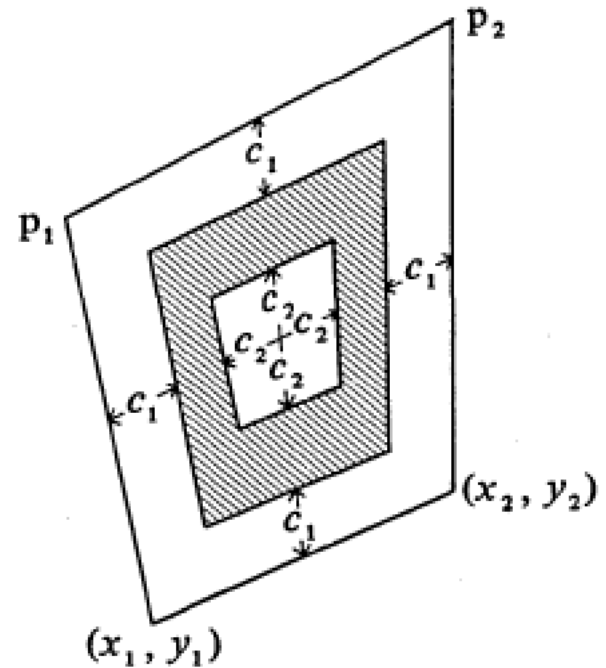
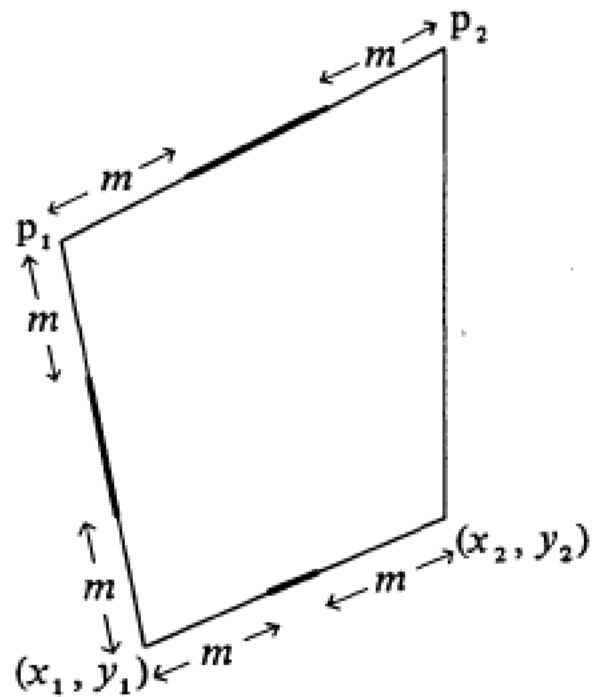
parametric shape grammar for **half** a hepplewhite chair back designs



Points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  is any point between  $5/8$ -ths and  $3/4$ -ths the distance from point  $p_3$  to point  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  respectively.

Angle  $\theta$  formed by drawing a line with endpoints  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  must be  $\geq 90^\circ$ .

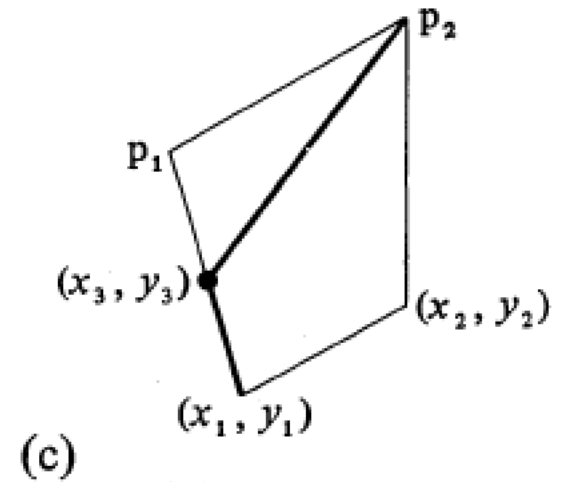
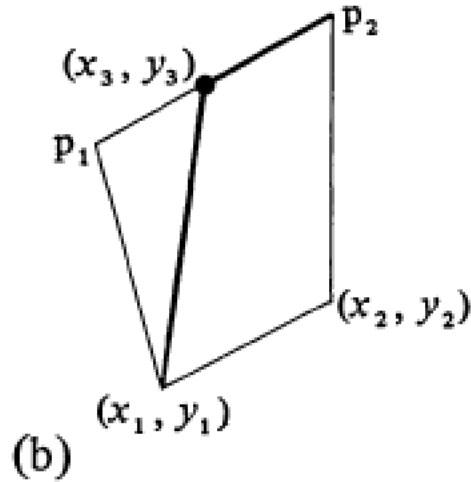
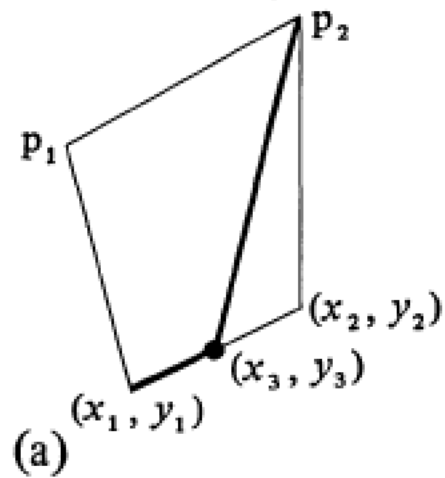
possible placements of the line with endpoints  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$



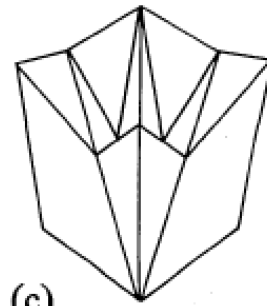
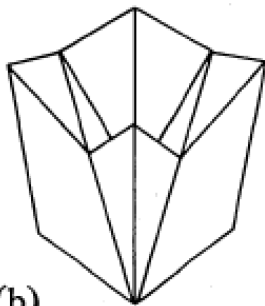
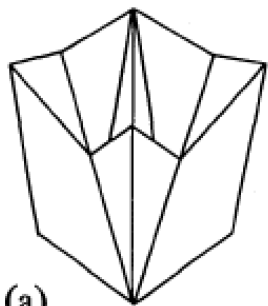
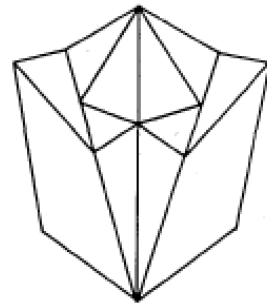
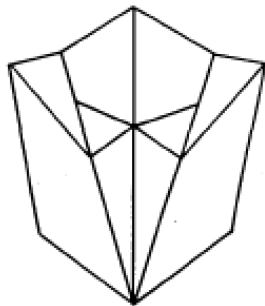
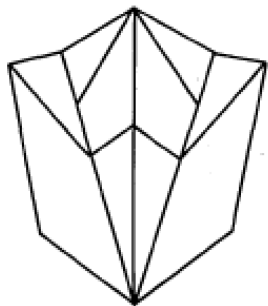
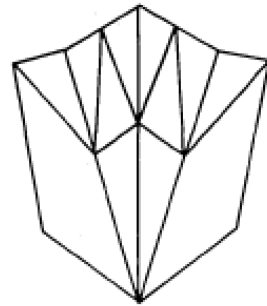
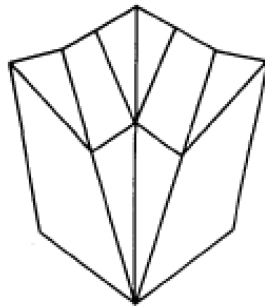
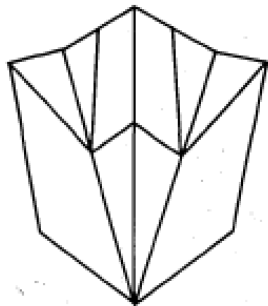
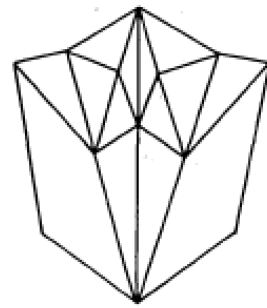
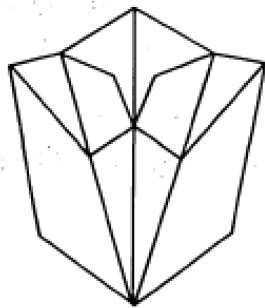
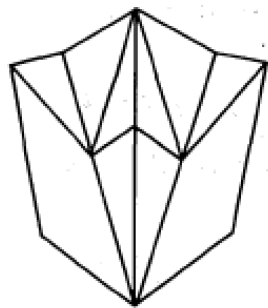
The point  $(x_3, y_3)$  can be any point on the lines with endpoints  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ , or  $p_1$  and  $(x_1, y_1)$ , or  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  in the intervals  $m$  units away from the endpoints of these lines where  $m$  is a fixed constant

And can also be any point within the area defined by constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$

**possible placements of point  $(x_3, y_3)$**



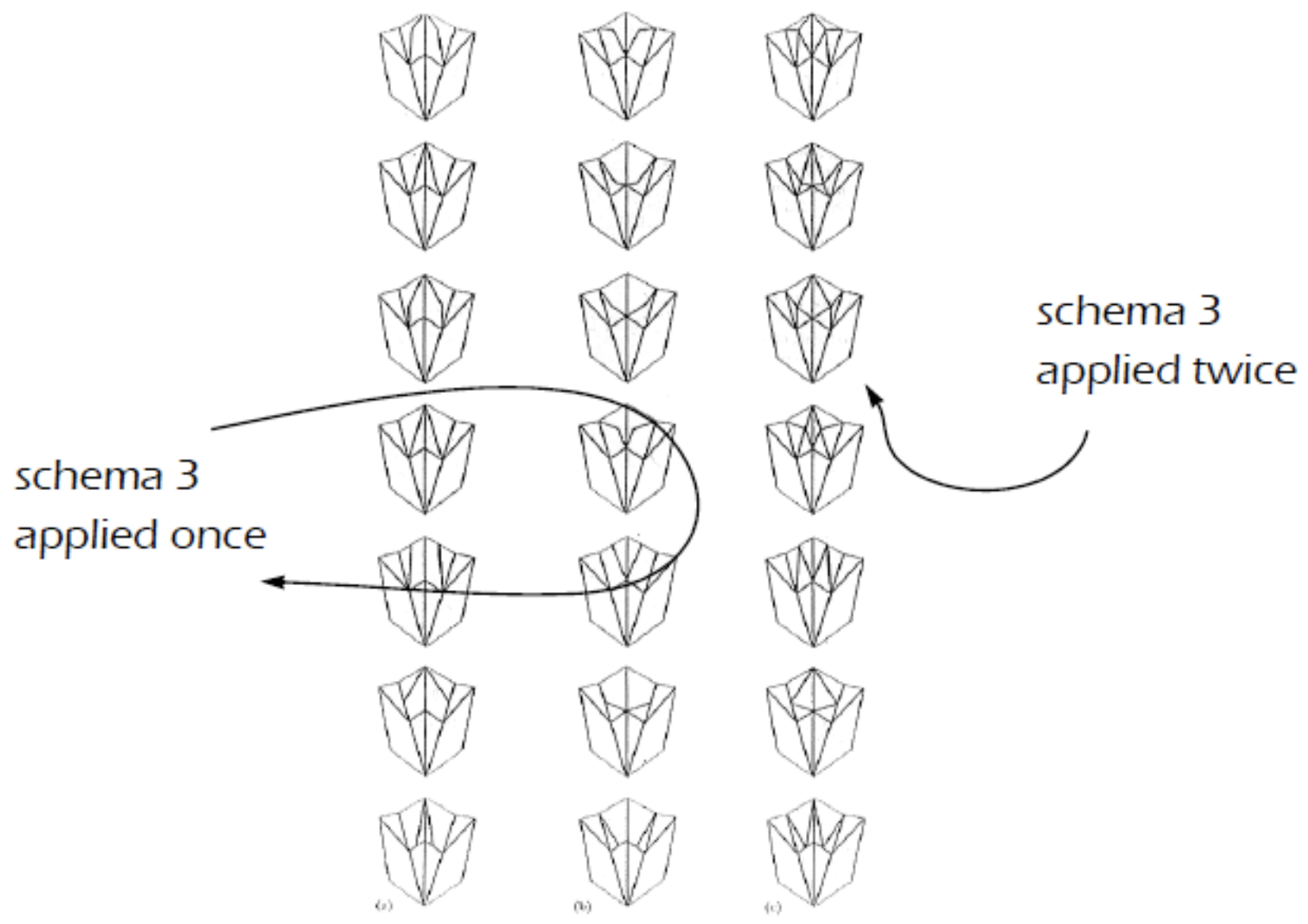
Lines may overlap a line previously generated as in (a) or a line in the initial shape as in (b) and (c)

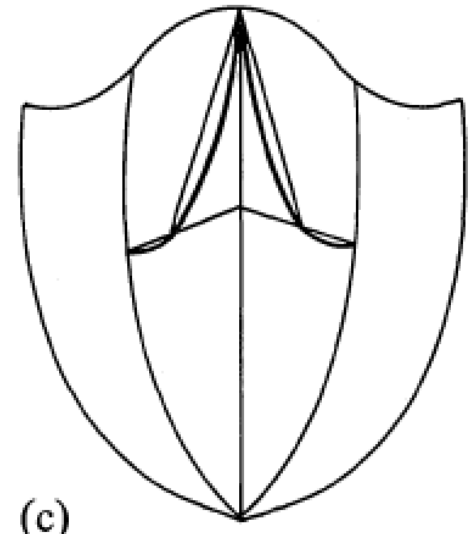
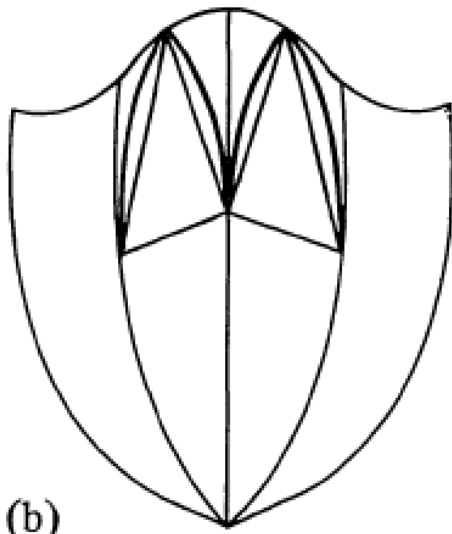
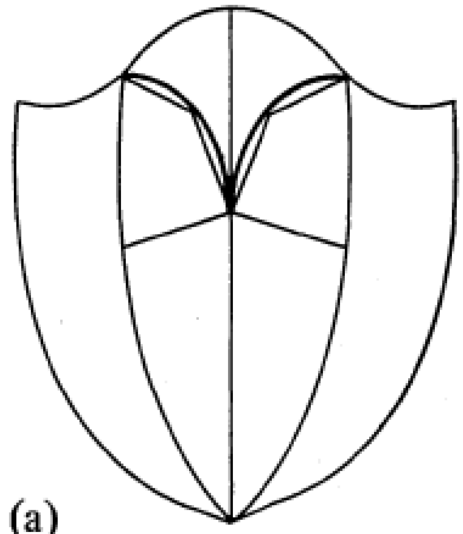
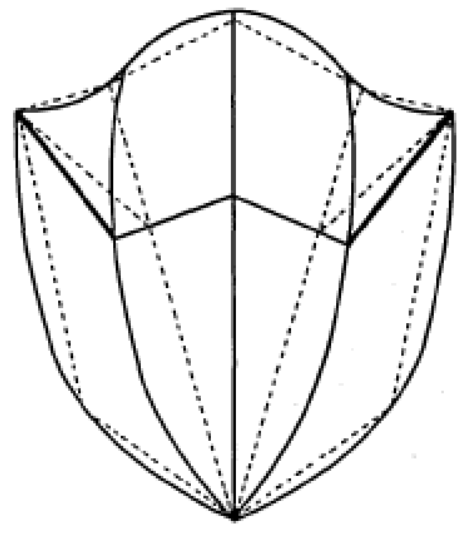
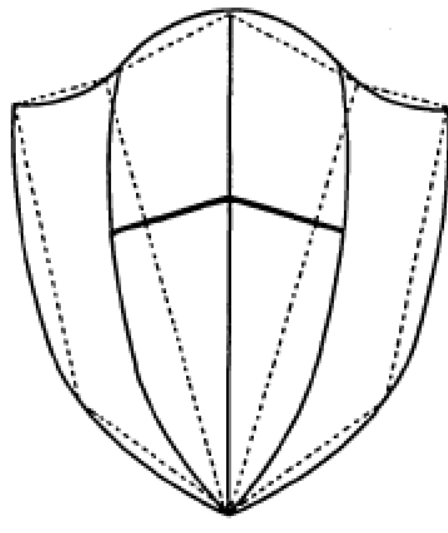
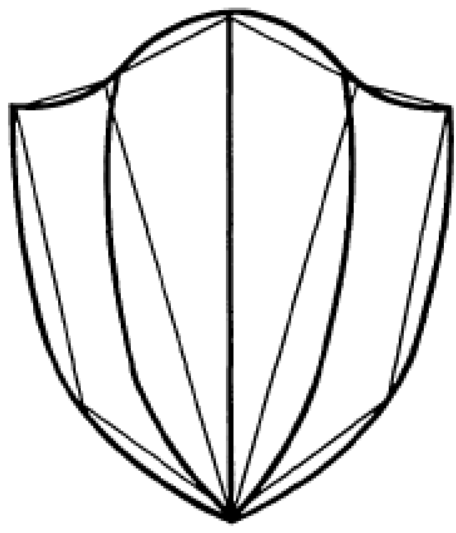


(a)

(b)

(c)



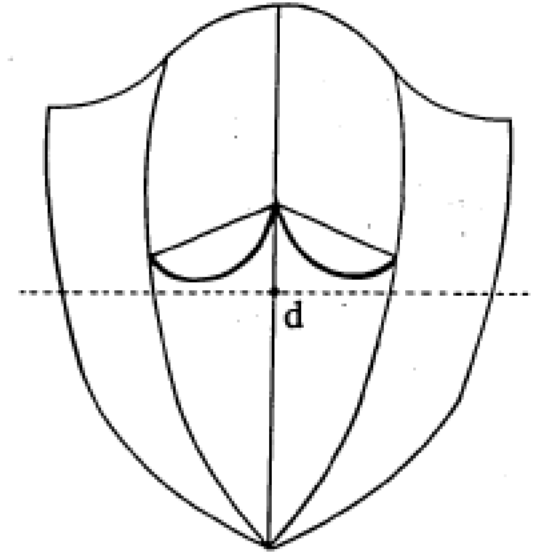
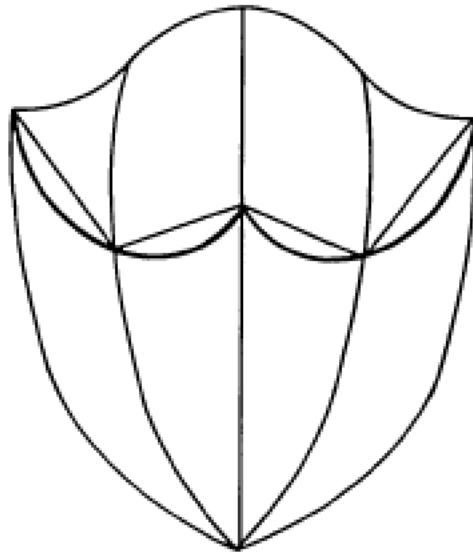
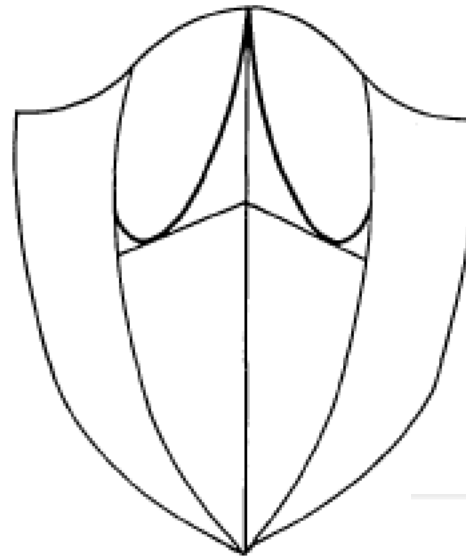
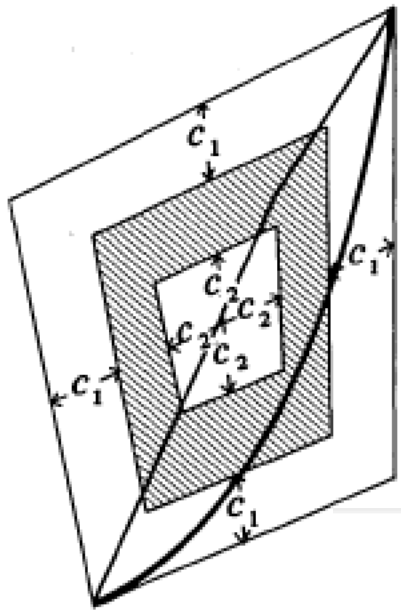


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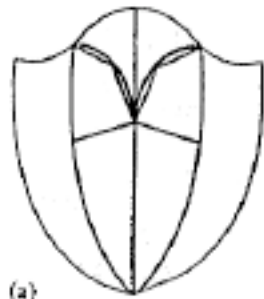
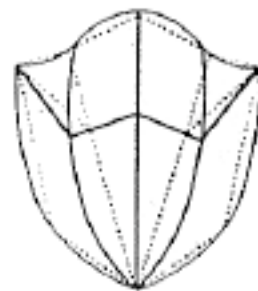
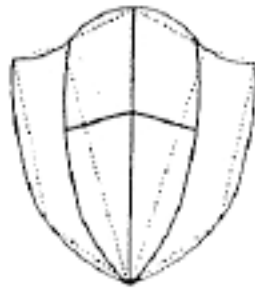
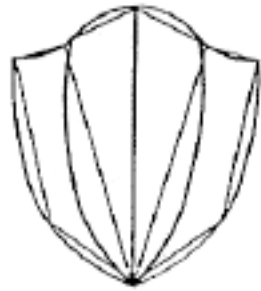
(c)

rectilinear shapes replaced by curved shapes

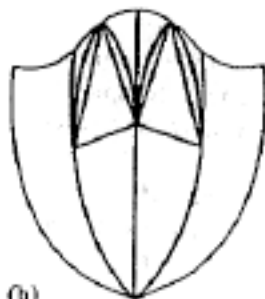


finer adjusting the curve

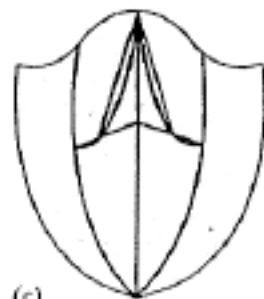




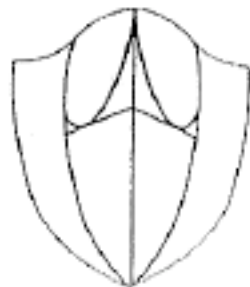
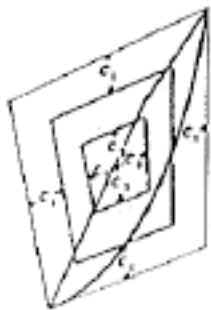
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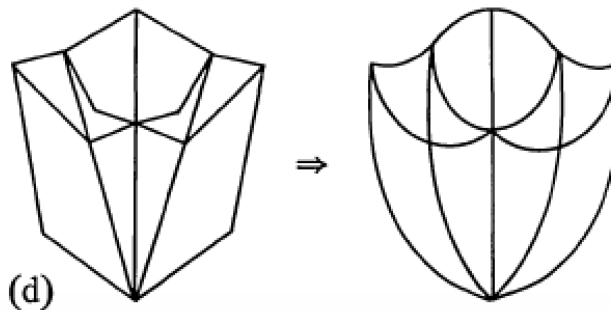
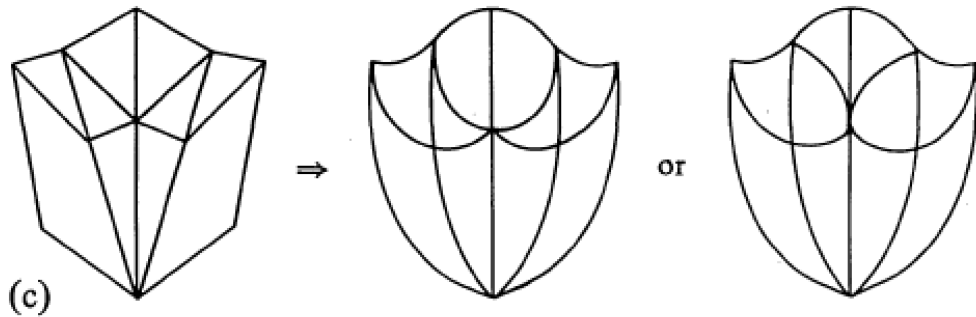
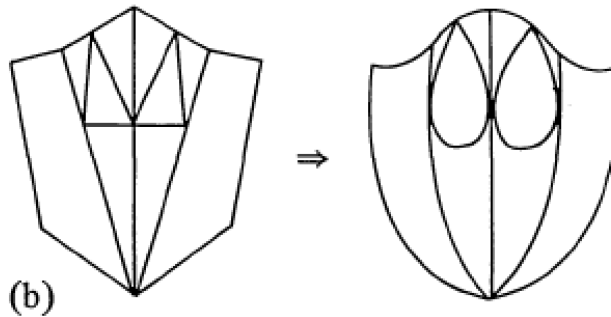
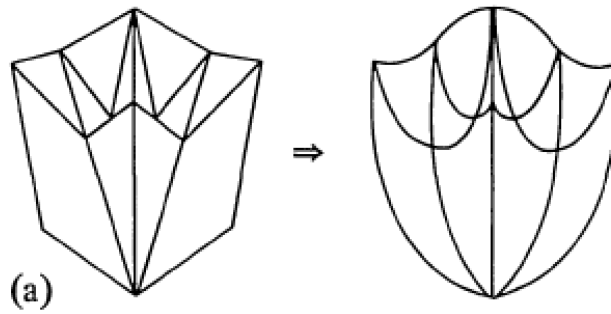


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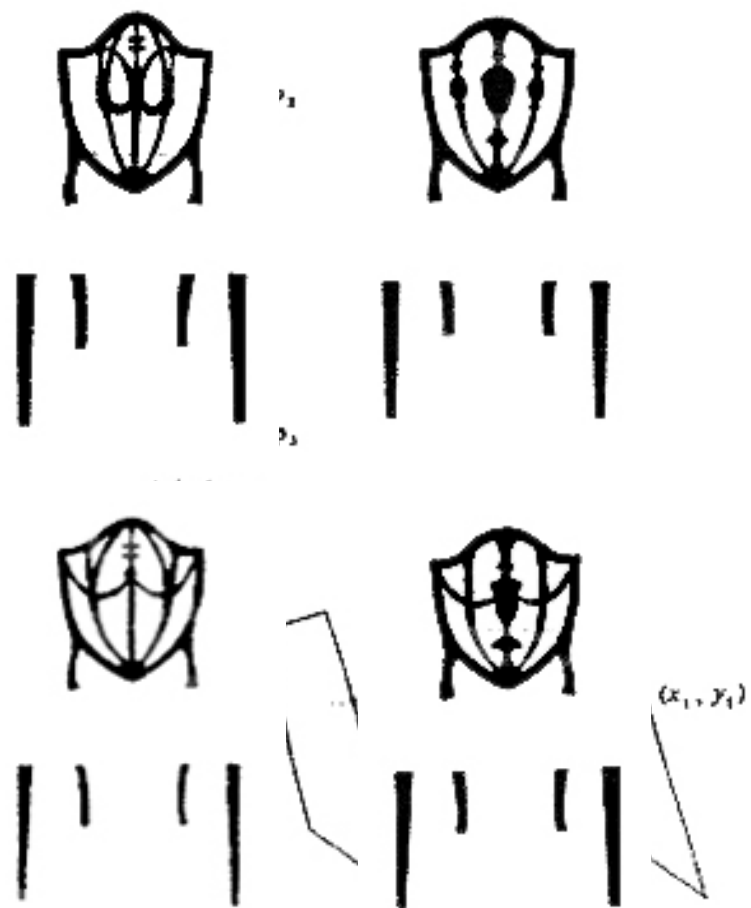
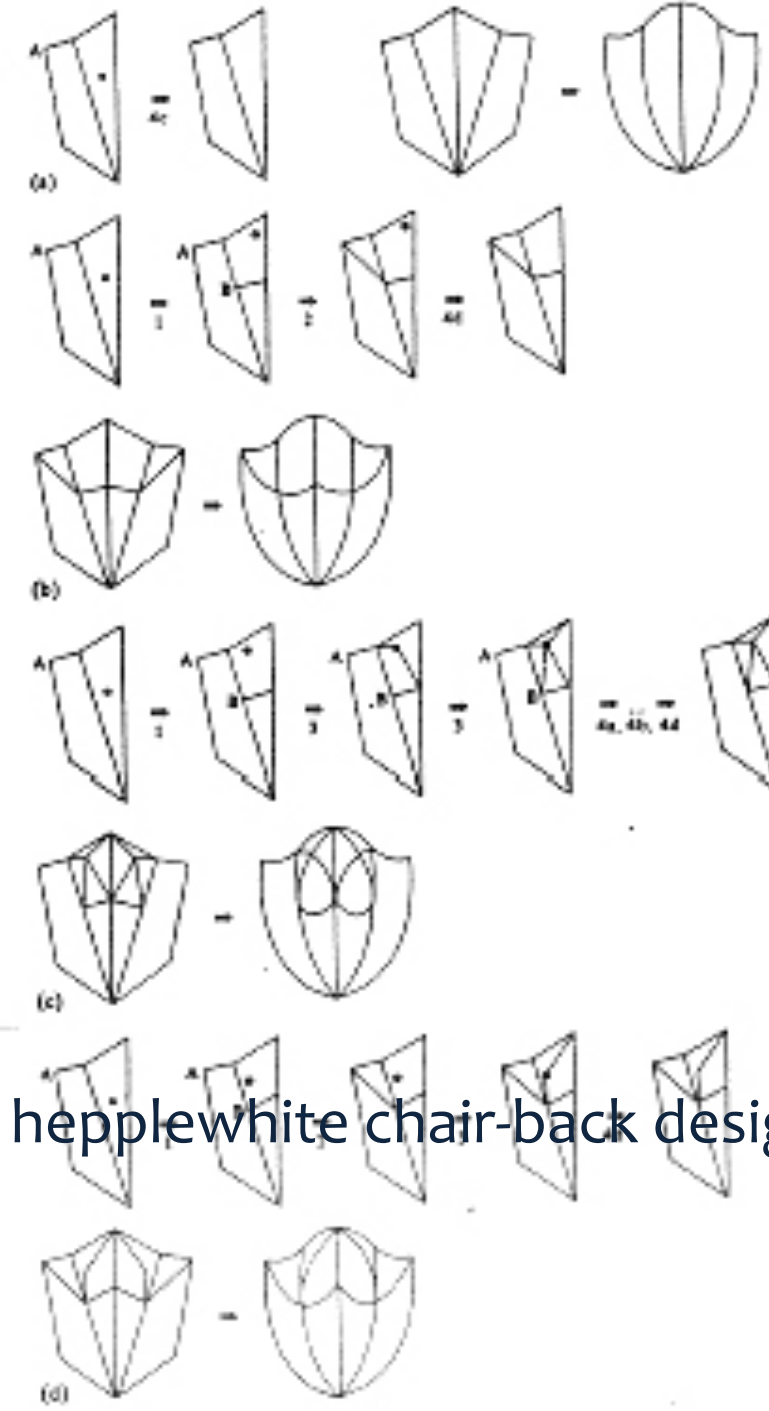


(c)





Basic shape converted  
into curves  
Lines generated by  
rule 1 extended  
Lines generated by  
rule 2 repositioned  
Lines generated by  
rule 3 replaced by  
curves



hepplewhite chair-back designs

- 4a  $(s_p, (10, 0)) \ A \ B \rightarrow (s_p, \emptyset)$
- 4b  $(s_p, (10, 0)) \ B \ \emptyset \rightarrow (s_p, \emptyset)$
- 4c  $(s_p, (10, 0)) \ \cdot \ \emptyset \rightarrow (s_p, \emptyset)$
- 4d  $(s_p, (10, 0)) \ \bullet \ \emptyset \rightarrow (s_p, \emptyset)$

“... we designedly followed the latest or most prevailing fashion only, purposely omitting such articles, whose recommendation was mere novelty, and perhaps a violation of all established rule, the production of whim at instance of caprice, whose appetite must ever suffer disappointment if any familiar thing had been thought of; we say, having regularly avoided those fancies and steadily adhered to such articles only as are of general use and service, one principal hope for favour and encouragement will be, in having combined near three hundred different patterns for furniture in so small a space and at so small a price. In this instance we hope for reward; and though we lay no claim to extraordinary merit in our designs, we flatter ourselves they will be found serviceable to young workmen in general, and occasionally to more experienced ones.”

Hepplewhite, *The Cabinet-Maker and Upholsterer's Guide*