

# Tensegrities, flexibility of discrete and semidiscrete surfaces

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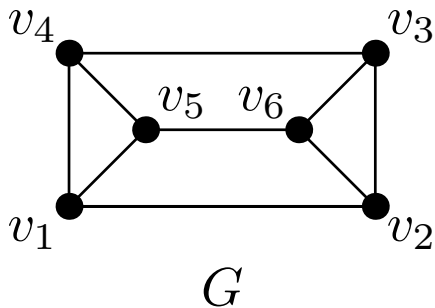
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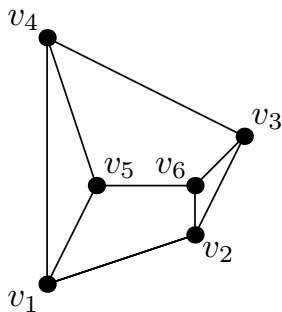
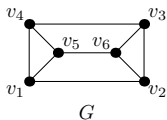
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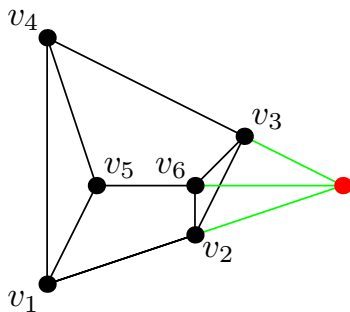
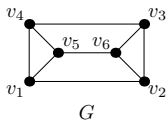
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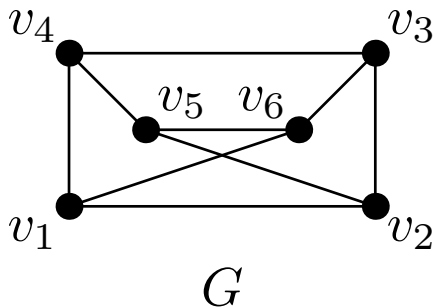
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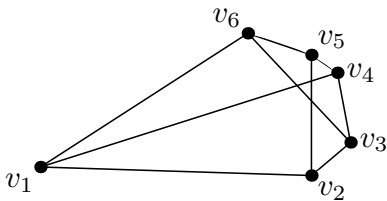
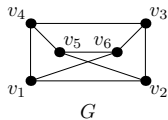
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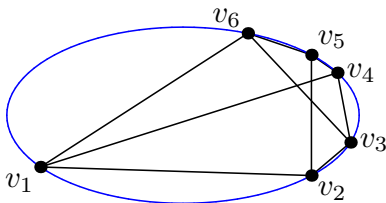
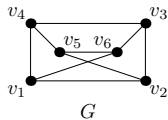


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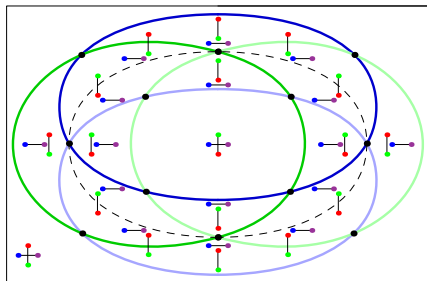
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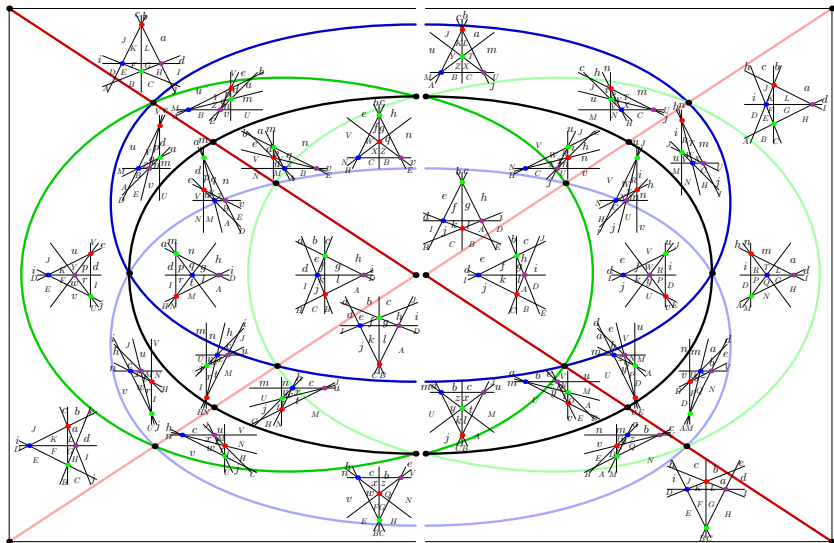
The points  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5$ , and  $v_6$  are on a conic.

# Stratification of $B_2(K_4)$



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- ▶ The dashed black line is the projection of the equator. It corresponds to the degenerate case of parallel segments.

# Stratification of $B_2(K_5)$ (K., Schepers, B. Servatius, '13)



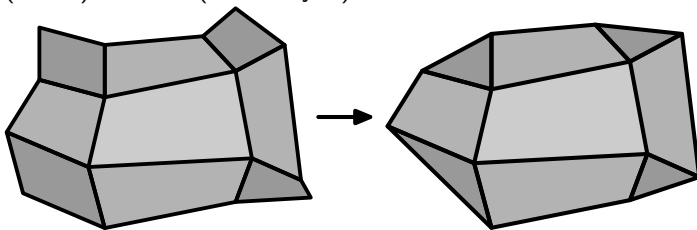
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- ▶ Surgeries on graphs that preserves the strata.

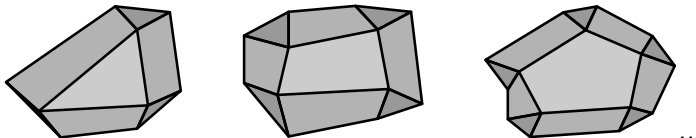
## II. FLEXIBILITY OF POLYHEDRAL SURFACES

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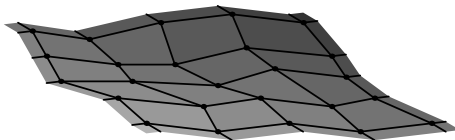
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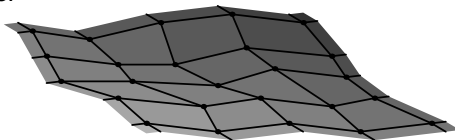
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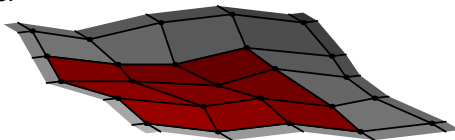
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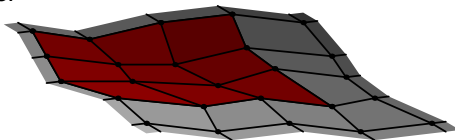
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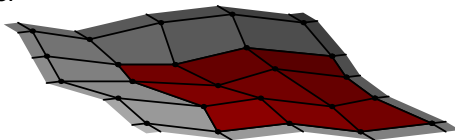
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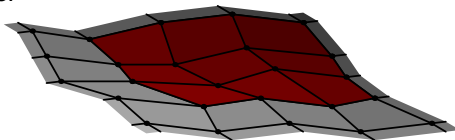
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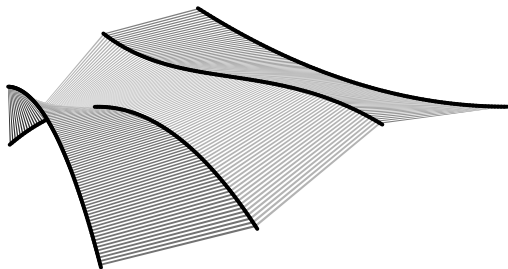
- ▶ Flexibility of pentagonal, hexagonal, etc. Kokotsakis meshes.
- ▶ Flexibility of meshes with non-planar faces.

## III. FLEXIBILITY OF SEMIDISCRETE SURFACES



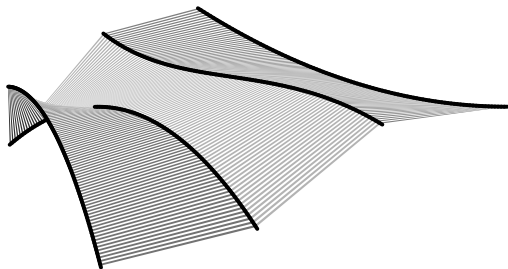
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- ▶  $n$ -ribbon surface:  $f : [a, b] \times \{0, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ .



## Snake

## Butterfly Trunk

## Directions for further studies.

- ▶ Flexibility of 3-ribbon surfaces.
- ▶ Flexions for non-generic surfaces.
- ▶ Compare with a discrete case.
- ▶ Applications.