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Shape Selection in Non-Euclidean Plates JOHN GEMMER,
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LABORATION — We present a theoretical study of free non-Euclidean plates with
a disc geometry and a prescribed metric that corresponds to a constant negative
Gaussian curvature. We take the equilibrium configuration taken by these sheets
to be a minimum of a Föppel Von-Kàrmàn type functional in which configurations
free of any in plane stretching correspond to isometric embeddings of the metric.
We show for all radii there exists low bending energy configurations free of any in
plane stretching that obtain a periodic profile. The number of periods in these con-
figurations is set by the condition that the principle curvatures of the surface remain
finite and grows approximately exponentially with the radius of the disc.

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