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% Static force analysis of 2D TBar (Fig 3.3 of Skelton & de Oliveira 2009)
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clear; clf; figure(1);
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theta = 45*pi/180;
r = [cos(theta),0,-sin(theta);0,1,0;sin(theta),0,cos(theta)];
% Free [Q=Q_(dim x q)] and fixed [Q=Q_(dim x q)] node locations
Q(:,1)=[-1,0,-1];
Q(:,2)=[-1,0,1];
Q(:,3)=[1,0,1];
Q(:,4)=[1,0,-1];
Q(:,5)=[-1,2,-1]*r;
Q(:,6)=[-1,2,1]*r;
Q(:,7)=[1,2,1]*r;
Q(:,8)=[1,2,-1]*r;
P=[];
%Q=Q';
[dim,q]=size(Q); p=size(P,2); n=q+p;
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C(:,1)=conVect(1,7,8);
C(:,2)=conVect(2,8,8);
C(:,3)=conVect(3,5,8);
C(:,4)=conVect(4,6,8); b = 4;
C(:,5)=conVect(1,3,8);
C(:,6)=conVect(2,4,8);
C(:,7)=conVect(1,6,8);
C(:,8)=conVect(2,5,8);
C(:,9)=conVect(2,7,8);
C(:,10)=conVect(3,6,8);
C(:,11)=conVect(3,8,8);
C(:,12)=conVect(4,7,8);
C(:,13)=conVect(1,8,8);
C(:,14)=conVect(4,5,8);
C(:,15)=conVect(6,8,8);
C(:,16)=conVect(5,7,8);
C(:,17)=conVect(1,2,8);
C(:,18)=conVect(2,3,8);
C(:,19)=conVect(3,4,8);
C(:,20)=conVect(4,1,8);
C(:,21)=conVect(1,5,8);
C(:,22)=conVect(2,6,8);
C(:,23)=conVect(3,7,8);
C(:,24)=conVect(4,8,8);
C(:,25)=conVect(5,6,8);
C(:,26)=conVect(6,7,8);
C(:,27)=conVect(7,8,8);
C(:,28)=conVect(8,5,8); s = 24;
%{
% Connectivity matrix
C( 1,1)=1; C( 1,2)=-1; % bars
C( 2,2)=1; C( 2,3)=-1;
C( 3,2)=1; C( 3,4)=-1;
C( 4,2)=1; C( 4,5)=-1;
C( 5,2)=1; C( 5,6)=-1; b=5;
C(b+1,1)=1; C(b+1,4)=-1; % strings
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C(b+2,1)=1; C(b+2,5)=-1;
C(b+3,1)=1; C(b+3,6)=-1;
C(b+4,3)=1; C(b+4,4)=-1;
C(b+5,3)=1; C(b+5,5)=-1;
C(b+6,3)=1; C(b+6,6)=-1;
C(b+7,4)=1; C(b+7,5)=-1;
C(b+8,5)=1; C(b+8,6)=-1;
C(b+9,6)=1; C(b+9,4)=-1; s=9; m=b+s;
%}
C = C';
% Applied external force U=U_(dim x q)
U(1:dim,1:q)=0;
%U(1,1)=1; U(1,3)=-1;
U(:,1) = [0; 10; 0];
U(:,2) = [0; 10; 0];
U(:,3) = [0; 10; 0];
U(:,4) = [0; 10; 0];
U(:,5) = [0; -10; 0];
U(:,6) = [0; -10; 0];
U(:,7) = [0; -10; 0];
U(:,8) = [0; -10; 0];

% Solve for the forces at equilibrium, and plot
[cBars,t_strings,V]=tensegrity_statics(b,s,q,p,dim,Q,P,C,U);
tensegrity_plot(Q,P,C,b,s,U,V,true,1,0.08); grid on;

function C_vect = conVect(start,finish,total_nodes)
C_vect = zeros(1,total_nodes);
C_vect(1,start) = -1;
C_vect(1,finish) = 1;
return
end
% end script TBar3

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mhat =

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nhat =

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r =

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Warning: Ase is potentially inconsistent, implying the presence of soft modes, or instability! More strings or fixed points should fix the problem.

Bar compressions and string tensions with loads as specified,
least squares solution (i.e., NO pretensioning):
u in column space of Ase, so at least one solution exists, with residual 2.2558e-14.

cBars =

1.7865	1.7865	1.7865	1.7865
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No bars under tension. Good.

tStrings =

Columns 1 through 7

2.1213	2.1213	-1.7865	-4.4507	-1.7865	-4.4507	-1.7865
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Columns 8 through 14

-4.4507	-4.4507	-1.7865	2.1213	2.1213	1.5000	1.5000
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Columns 15 through 21

1.5000	1.5000	-4.4507	-4.4507	-4.4507	-4.4507	1.5000
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Columns 22 through 24

1.5000	1.5000	1.5000
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Some strings not under tension. Needs different tensioning or external loads.

Ase is underdetermined with 10 DOF. Checking now to see if system is pretensionable, with tension ≥ 0.1 in all tethers for zero applied load.

Not pretensionable!

Results with external forces u as specified and tensioned to maximize tau_min:

cBars =

3.3619	3.3619	3.3619	3.3619
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No bars under tension. Good.

tStrings =

Columns 1 through 7

-3.3619	-3.3619	-3.3619	-3.3619	-3.3619	-3.3619	-3.3619
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Columns 8 through 14

-3.3619	-3.3619	-3.3619	10.9122	10.9122	6.7314	6.7314
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Columns 15 through 21

6.7314	6.7314	-3.3619	-3.3619	-3.3619	-3.3619	-3.3619
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Columns 22 through 24

-3.3619	-3.3619	-3.3619
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