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% Static force analysis of 2D MitchelTruss (Fig 3.3 of Skelton & de Oliveira 2009)
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clear; clf; figure(1);

beta = pi/6;
phi = pi/16;

r0 = 1;
r1 = r0*sin(beta)/(sin(beta+phi));
r2 = r1*sin(beta)/(sin(beta+phi));
r3 = r2*sin(beta)/(sin(beta+phi));
r4 = r3*sin(beta)/(sin(beta+phi));

% Free [Q=Q_(dim x q)] and fixed [Q=Q_(dim x q)] node locations
Q(:,1)=[r0; 0];
Q(:,2)=[r1*cos(phi); r1*sin(phi)];
Q(:,3)=[r1*cos(phi); -r1*sin(phi)];
Q(:,4)=[r2*cos(phi*2); r2*sin(phi*2)];
Q(:,5)=[r2,0];
Q(:,6)=[r2*cos(phi*2); -r2*sin(phi*2)];
Q(:,7)=[r3*cos(phi*3); r3*sin(phi*3)];
Q(:,8)=[r3*cos(phi); r3*sin(phi)];
Q(:,9)=[r3*cos(phi); -r3*sin(phi)];
Q(:,10)=[r3*cos(phi*3); -r3*sin(phi*3)];
P(:,1)=[r4*cos(phi*4); r4*sin(phi*4)];
P(:,2)=[r4*cos(phi*2); r4*sin(phi*2)];
P(:,3)=[r4; 0];
P(:,4)=[r4*cos(phi*2); -r4*sin(phi*2)];
P(:,5)=[r4*cos(phi*4); -r4*sin(phi*4)];
[dim,q]=size(Q), p=size(P,2), n=q+p;

% Connectivity matrix
b = 20;
C(:,1)= conVect(1,2,15);
C(:,2)= conVect(1,3,15);
C(:,3)= conVect(2,5,15);
C(:,4)= conVect(3,5,15);
C(:,5)= conVect(2,4,15);
C(:,6)= conVect(3,6,15);
C(:,7)= conVect(4,7,15);
C(:,8)= conVect(4,8,15);
C(:,9)= conVect(5,8,15);
C(:,10)= conVect(5,9,15);
C(:,11)= conVect(6,9,15);
C(:,12)= conVect(6,10,15);
C(:,13)= conVect(7,11,15);
C(:,14)= conVect(7,12,15);
C(:,15)= conVect(8,12,15);
C(:,16)= conVect(8,13,15);
C(:,17)= conVect(9,13,15);
C(:,18)= conVect(9,14,15);
C(:,19)= conVect(10,14,15);
C(:,20)= conVect(10,15,15); s = 0; m=b+s;
C=C';

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% Applied external force U=U_(dim x q)
U(1:dim,1:q)=0; U(2,1)=-10;

% Solve for the forces at equilibrium, and plot
[c_bars,t_strings,V]=tensegrity_statics(b,s,q,p,dim,Q,P,C,U);
tensegrity_plot(Q,P,C,b,s,U,V,true,2.0); 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 MitchelTruss4

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dim =

2

q =

10

p =

5

mhat =

20

nhat =

20

r =

20

Ase is not potentially inconsistent. Good.

Bar compressions and string tensions with loads as specified,  
least squares solution (i.e., NO pretensioning):

c\_bars =

Columns 1 through 7

-10.0000    10.0000    2.2527    -2.2527    -10.9342    10.9342    -11.9557

Columns 8 through 14

2.4632	-2.9706	2.9706	-2.4632	11.9557	-13.0726	2.6933
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Columns 15 through 20

-3.8030	3.3625	-3.3625	3.8030	-2.6933	13.0726
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Note: some bars not under compression. Maybe replace them with strings?

t\_strings =

1×0 empty double row vector

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

Ase is not underdetermined (thus, it is not tensionable). The above solution is unique.

