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% nodal coordinates (x,y)
% one row for each node
nodes.position = [ 0.0 , 0.0      %N1
                  0.7 , 1.0      %N2
                  1.7 , 0.4 ] ; %N3
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% each spring connects 2 nodes
% one row for each spring
% node indexes (start,end)
springs.nodes = [ 1 , 2      %S1
                 1 , 3      %S2
                 2 , 3 ] ;  %S3
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% spring properties
% one row for each spring
% rest_length is length when spring force is zero
springs.rest_length = [ 1.0
                       1.0
                       1.0 ] ;
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% is compression allowed for each spring?
springs.compression = [ false
                       false
                       false ] ;
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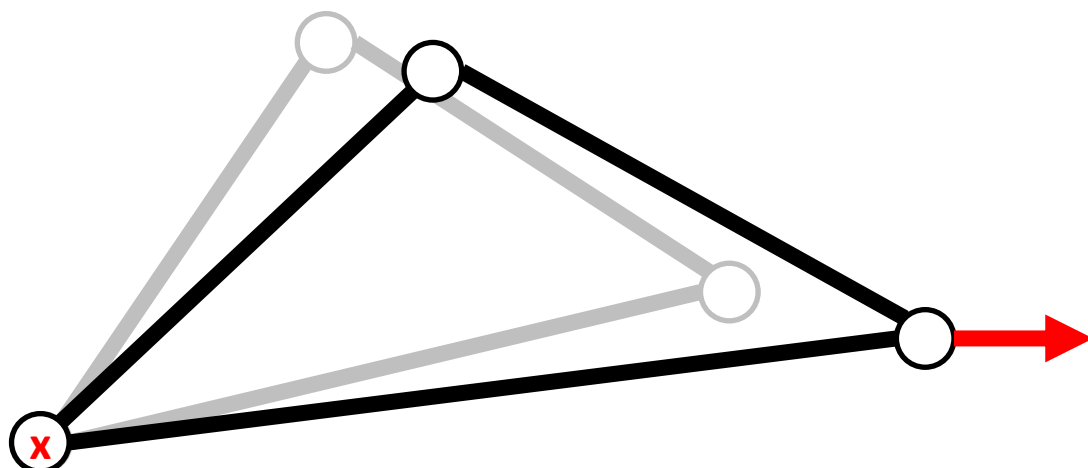
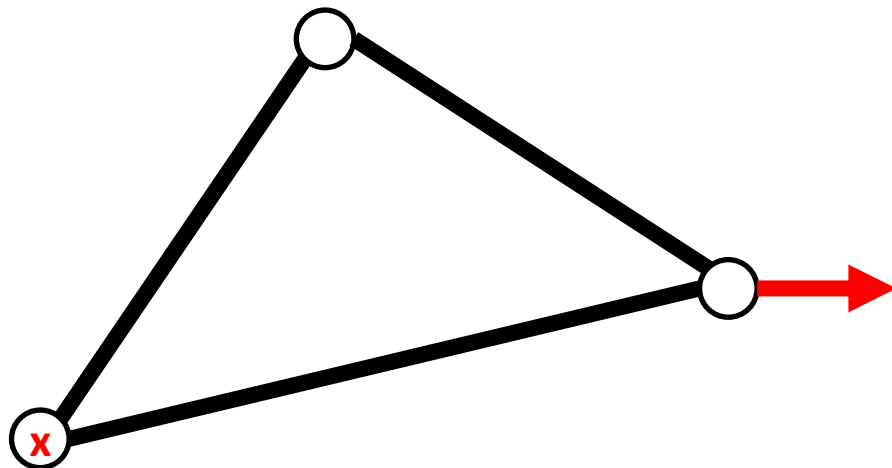
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% stiffness is defined by polynomial coefficients
% each n'th column is the coefficient for (length-rest_length)^n
% leave empty for zero force during tension/compression
springs.stiffness_tension = [ 2.0 , 0.0      % F = 2.0*dx
                             1.0 , +0.1     % F = 1.0*dx + 0.1*dx*dx
                             1.0 , -0.1 ] ; % F = 1.0*dx + 0.1*dx*dx

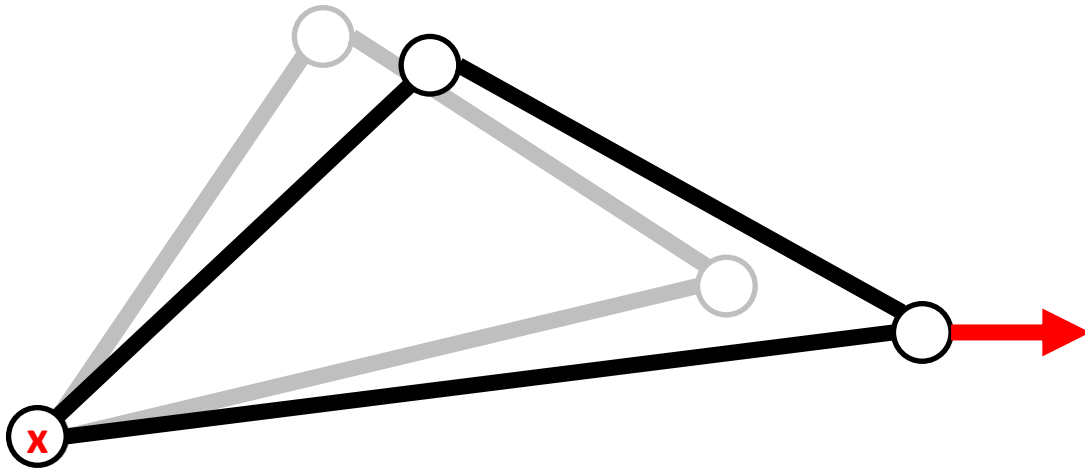
springs.stiffness_compression = [ ] ;
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% nodal boundary conditions (x,y)
% is node position locked in each direction?
nodes.fixed = [ true , true
               false , false
               false , false ] ;

% external applied force in each direction
nodes.force = [ 0.0 , 0.0
               0.0 , 0.0
               +1.0 , 0.0 ] ;
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% solve equilibrium node positions
% note: springs_eq should not be different from springs
[ nodes_eq , springs_eq ] = springs_solve( nodes , springs ) ;
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Two choices for objective function (i.e. the function to be minimized numerically):

Sum of elastic energy in each spring:

$$\min \sum_s \frac{1}{2} F_s (L_s - L_{0,s})$$

F_s = elastic force in spring s

L_s = length of spring s

$L_{0,s}$ = rest length of spring s

Sum of net force magnitude at each node:

$$\min \sum_n \left\| \mathbf{F}_{\text{ext},n} + \sum_s \mathbf{F}_{s,n} \right\|$$

$F_{\text{ext},n}$ = external force applied to node n

$F_{s,n}$ = elastic force applied to node n by spring s

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% solver parameters not specified are treated as default
options = springs_default_options() ;
[ nodes_eq , ~ ] = springs_solve( nodes , springs , options ) ;
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% these are the default options
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options = struct( ...
    'precision' , 'double' , ...
    'algorithm' , 'newton' , ...
    'num_iter_save' , 0 , ...
    'num_iter_print' , 0 , ...
    'num_iter_max' , 0 , ...
    'use_sum_net_force' , false , ...
    'use_numerical_hessian' , false , ...
    'tolerance_change_energy' , 1.0e-12 , ...
    'tolerance_sum_net_force' , 1.0e-12 ) ;
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% choices for floating point precision
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options.precision = 'single' ; % 32 bit
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options.precision = 'double' ; % 64 bit (default)
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% choices for algorithm
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options.algorithm = 'newton' ; % newton method, 2nd order (default)
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options.algorithm = 'steepest' ; % gradient descent, 1st order
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options.algorithm = 'anneal' ; % simulated annealing
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% choices for hessian calculation
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% note: only applies to newton method algorithm
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options.use_numerical_hessian = false ; % analytical spring energy hessian (default)
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options.use_numerical_hessian = true ; % compute numerically by finite differences
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% choices for objective function (or “energy”)
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options.use_sum_net_force = false ; % minimize energy = sum of spring energies (default)
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options.use_sum_net_force = true ; % minimize energy = sum of nodal net force magnitudes
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% convergence criteria
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% note: a value <= 0 will use the default tolerance for the specific algorithm
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% note: if use_sum_net_force is true, then these two tolerances should be the same
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options.tolerance_change_energy = 1e-24 ; % change in objective function
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```
options.tolerance_sum_net_force = 1e-24 ; % change in sum of nodal net force magnitudes
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% status updates
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% note: a value <= 0 will use the default tolerance for the specific algorithm
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options.num_iter_save = 0 ; % save intermediate network state every # iterations
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options.num_iter_print = 0 ; % print convergence updates every # iterations
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options.num_iter_max = 0 ; % maximum number of iterations allowed
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