Homework #4

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Truss Class

This class loads and analyze a 2D truss using the method of joints. If a third user input is given, then a plot is generated and saved in the specified file path.

Methods in Class:

- __init__ Initialize the instance.
- parse data

Read joints.dat and beams.dat files from specified truss# directory.

compute_beamsxy

Compute the components Bx and Bx of each beam force B1, B2, ..., etc., and store them in a dictionary.

• compute_beamsPerJoint

Store the intersecting beams per joint, and store them in a dictionary.

- compute_sparsematrix
 - Compute the sparse matrix in a csr matrix format.
- solve_system

Solve system of equations from sparse matrix (self.M) and known forces per joint (self.f).

PlotGeometry

Compute the sparse matrix in a csr matrix format.

Type of sparse matrix: CSR sparse matrix where unknowns are the beams and the reaction forces specified by the joints.dat file.

Input and output arguments for each methods:

• __init__ class method:

Two arguments

Argument 1: joints_file

Argument 2: beams_file

• parse data class method:

No arguments

• compute_beamsxy class method:

No arguments

• compute_beamsPerJoint class method:

No arguments

• compute_sparsematrix class method: No arguments

• solve_system class method:

No arguments

• PlotGeometry class method:

No arguments