

Derivation of Six-Strut (Tetrahedral) Tensegrity Ge

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If we now specify the geometry to be a six-strut (tetrahedral) tensegrity structure, and considered with a coordinate system:

1. whose origin, S , is at the center of gravity of the entire spherical tensegrity, and
2. whose Z axis passes through point P of strut OPQ , where point P is distance d from point O
3. whose X , Y and Z units are each equal to half the length of the strut (i.e. \overline{PO}), and
4. such that the axis of the strut lies at a 45 degree angle from the XZ and YZ planes, with both X and Y are positive.

Then the coordinates of each of the labelled points in the figure can be written by inspection at the geometry is known at these points:

$\phi = 0 \implies d = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\phi = \frac{\pi}{4} \implies d = \frac{1}{2}$	$\phi = \frac{\pi}{2} \implies d = 0$
<i>point</i> <i>coordinates</i>	<i>point</i> <i>coordinates</i>	<i>point</i> <i>coordinates</i>
$O : \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right]$	$O : \left[0, 1, \frac{1}{2} \right]$	$O : \left[-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right]$
$P : \left[0, 0, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right]$	$P : \left[0, 0, \frac{1}{2} \right]$	$P : \left[0, 0, 0 \right]$
$Q : \left[-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right]$	$Q : \left[0, -1, \frac{1}{2} \right]$	$Q : \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right]$
$A : \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right]$	$A : \left[\frac{1}{2}, 0, 1 \right]$	$A : \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right]$
$B : \left[-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right]$	$B : \left[-\frac{1}{2}, 0, 1 \right]$	$B : \left[-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right]$
$C : \left[-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right]$	$C : \left[-1, \frac{1}{2}, 0 \right]$	$C : \left[-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right]$
$D : \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right]$	$D : \left[1, \frac{1}{2}, 0 \right]$	$D : \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right]$
$E : \left[-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right]$	$E : \left[0, 1, -\frac{1}{2} \right]$	$E : \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right]$
$F : \left[-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right]$	$F : \left[-1, -\frac{1}{2}, 0 \right]$	$F : \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right]$
$G : \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right]$	$G : \left[\frac{1}{2}, 0, -1 \right]$	$G : \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right]$
$H : \left[-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right]$	$H : \left[-\frac{1}{2}, 0, -1 \right]$	$H : \left[-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right]$
$I : \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right]$	$I : \left[0, -1, -\frac{1}{2} \right]$	$I : \left[-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right]$
$J : \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right]$	$J : \left[1, -\frac{1}{2}, 0 \right]$	$J : \left[-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right]$
$S : \left[0, 0, 0 \right]$	$S : \left[0, 0, 0 \right]$	$S : \left[0, 0, 0 \right]$

From this position, strut OPQ can be rotated about the Z axis through the angle ϕ (where ϕ is the distance d from the origin to get coordinate formulas for the general-case position of the strut. To do this, we use the first three rows above, but converted to *homogeneous coordinates*, by adding a fourth coordinate whose value is 1. Then we post-multiply this coordinate matrix by the bilinear transformation matrix for rotation about

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & , & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & , & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & , & 1 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & , & 1 \\ -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & , & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & , & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & , & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & , & \sin \phi & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ -\sin \phi & , & \cos \phi & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & -(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - d) & , & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\cos \phi - \sin \phi) & , & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sin \phi + \cos \phi) & , & d & , & 1 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & , & 1 \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sin \phi - \cos \phi) & , & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sin \phi + \cos \phi) & , & d & , & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Top to back (for CD) — rotate strut OPQ -90 w/o Z , then -90 w/o X :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & , & -1 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 1 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & -1 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 1 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 & , & 0 \\ 1 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 1 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For D and C ($O \rightarrow D$ and $Q \rightarrow C$):

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\cos \phi - \sin \phi) & , & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sin \phi + \cos \phi) & , & d & , & 1 \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sin \phi - \cos \phi) & , & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sin \phi + \cos \phi) & , & d & , & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 & , & 0 \\ 1 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 1 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sin \phi + \cos \phi) & , & d & , & 1 \\ -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sin \phi + \cos \phi) & , & d & , & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Top to left (for BH) — rotate strut OPQ -90 w/o Z , then -90 w/o Y :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & , & -1 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 1 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 1 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ -1 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & , & -1 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 & , & 0 \\ -1 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For BH ($O \rightarrow B$ and $Q \rightarrow H$):

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\cos \phi - \sin \phi) & , & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sin \phi + \cos \phi) & , & d & , & 1 \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sin \phi - \cos \phi) & , & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sin \phi + \cos \phi) & , & d & , & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & , & -1 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 & , & 0 \\ -1 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -d & , & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sin \phi - \cos \phi) & , & d & , & 1 \\ -d & , & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\cos \phi - \sin \phi) & , & d & , & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Top to right (for AG) — rotate strut OPQ 90 w/o Z , then 90 w/o Y :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & , & 1 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ -1 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & , & 0 & , & -1 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 1 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 1 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & , & 1 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 & , & 0 \\ 1 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For AG ($O \rightarrow A$ and $Q \rightarrow G$):

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\cos \phi - \sin \phi) , & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sin \phi + \cos \phi) , & d , & 1 \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sin \phi - \cos \phi) , & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sin \phi + \cos \phi) , & d , & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & , & 1 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 & , & 0 \\ 1 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d , & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\cos \phi - \sin \phi) , \\ d , & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sin \phi - \cos \phi) , \end{bmatrix}$$

Top to front (for FJ) — rotate strut OPQ 90 w/o Z , then -90 w/o X :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & , & 1 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ -1 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & -1 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 1 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & , & 0 & , & -1 & , & 0 \\ -1 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 1 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For F and J ($O \rightarrow J$ and $Q \rightarrow F$):

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\cos \phi - \sin \phi) , & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sin \phi + \cos \phi) , & d , & 1 \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sin \phi - \cos \phi) , & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sin \phi + \cos \phi) , & d , & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & , & 0 & , & -1 & , & 0 \\ -1 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 1 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sin \phi + \cos \phi) , \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sin \phi + \cos \phi) , \end{bmatrix}$$

Top to bottom (for EI) — rotate strut OPQ 180 w/o X :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & -1 & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & -1 & , & 0 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For E and I ($O \rightarrow I$ and $Q \rightarrow E$):

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\cos \phi - \sin \phi), & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi), & d, & 1 \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi - \cos \phi), & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi), & d, & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1, & 0, & 0, & 0 \\ 0, & -1, & 0, & 0 \\ 0, & 0, & -1, & 0 \\ 0, & 0, & 0, & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\cos \phi - \sin \phi), & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi - \cos \phi), & d, & 1 \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi - \cos \phi), & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi), & d, & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So, in the general case:

<i>point</i>	<i>coordinates</i>
$O :$	$\left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\cos \phi - \sin \phi), \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi), d \right]$
$P :$	$\left[0, 0, d \right]$
$Q :$	$\left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi - \cos \phi), -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi), d \right]$
$A :$	$\left[d, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\cos \phi - \sin \phi), \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi) \right]$
$B :$	$\left[-d, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi - \cos \phi), \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi) \right]$
$C :$	$\left[-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi), d, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi - \cos \phi) \right]$
$D :$	$\left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi), d, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\cos \phi - \sin \phi) \right]$
$E :$	$\left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi - \cos \phi), \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi), -d \right]$
$F :$	$\left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi), d, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\cos \phi - \sin \phi) \right]$
$G :$	$\left[d, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi - \cos \phi), -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi) \right]$
$H :$	$\left[-d, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\cos \phi - \sin \phi), -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi) \right]$
$I :$	$\left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\cos \phi - \sin \phi), -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi), -d \right]$
$J :$	$\left[-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi), d, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi - \cos \phi) \right]$
$S :$	$\left[0, 0, 0 \right]$

Next, rotate the coordinate system $-\pi/4$, then ϕ around the Z axis, by use of the following transfo

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, & 0, & 0 \\ -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, & 0, & 0 \\ 0, & 0, & 1, & 0 \\ 0, & 0, & 0, & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi, & -\sin \phi, & 0, & 0 \\ \sin \phi, & \cos \phi, & 0, & 0 \\ 0, & 0, & 1, & 0 \\ 0, & 0, & 0, & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi), & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\cos \phi - \sin \phi), & 0, & 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi - \cos \phi), & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi), & 0, & 0 \\ 0, & 0, & 1, & 0 \\ 0, & 0, & 0, & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying the transformation to the points:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\cos \phi - \sin \phi) & , & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi) & , & d & , & 1 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & d & , & 1 \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi - \cos \phi) & , & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi) & , & d & , & 1 \\ d & , & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\cos \phi - \sin \phi) & , & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi) & , & 1 \\ -d & , & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi - \cos \phi) & , & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi) & , & 1 \\ -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi) & , & d & , & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi - \cos \phi) & , & 1 \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi) & , & d & , & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\cos \phi - \sin \phi) & , & 1 \\ 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi) & , & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi - \cos \phi) & , & 0 & , & 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi - \cos \phi) & , & 0 & , & 0 & , & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The first point (O) is:

$$\begin{aligned} O &= \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\cos \phi + \sin \phi) (\cos \phi - \sin \phi) - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\cos \phi + \sin \phi) (\cos \phi - \sin \phi) , \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\cos \phi - \sin \phi) (\cos \phi + \sin \phi) - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\cos \phi - \sin \phi) (\cos \phi + \sin \phi) , d , 1 \right] \\ &= \left[0 , \frac{1}{2} (\cos^2 \phi - 2 \cos \phi \sin \phi + \sin^2 \phi) + \frac{1}{2} (\cos^2 \phi + 2 \cos \phi \sin \phi + \sin^2 \phi) , d , 1 \right] \\ &= \left[0 , \frac{1}{2} (\cos^2 \phi - 2 \cos \phi \sin \phi + \sin^2 \phi + \cos^2 \phi + 2 \cos \phi \sin \phi + \sin^2 \phi) , d , 1 \right] \\ &= \left[0 , 1 , d , 1 \right] \end{aligned}$$

The second point (A) is:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi + \cos \phi) - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\cos \phi - \sin \phi)^2 , -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi - \cos \phi) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\cos \phi + \sin \phi) (\cos \phi - \sin \phi) , \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi - \cos \phi) - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\cos \phi + \sin \phi) (\cos \phi - \sin \phi) , d , 1 \right] \\ &= \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi + \cos \phi) - \frac{1}{2} (\cos \phi - \sin \phi)^2 , \frac{1}{2} (\cos^2 \phi - \sin^2 \phi) - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi - \cos \phi) , \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\cos \phi - \sin \phi) , d , 1 \right] \end{aligned}$$

The third point (B) is:

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \left[-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi + \cos \phi) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sin \phi - \cos \phi)^2 , \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi - \cos \phi) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sin \phi + \cos \phi) (\sin \phi - \cos \phi) , \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi - \cos \phi) - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sin \phi + \cos \phi) (\sin \phi - \cos \phi) , d , 1 \right] \\ &= \left[-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi + \cos \phi) + \frac{1}{2} (\sin \phi - \cos \phi)^2 , \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi - \cos \phi) + \frac{1}{2} (\sin^2 \phi - \cos^2 \phi) , \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\cos \phi - \sin \phi) , d , 1 \right] \end{aligned}$$

The fourth point (C) is:

$$\begin{aligned} C &= \left[-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sin \phi + \cos \phi)^2 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi - \cos \phi), \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sin \phi + \cos \phi) (\sin \phi - \cos \phi) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi - \cos \phi) \right] \\ &= \left[-\frac{1}{2} (\sin \phi + \cos \phi)^2 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi - \cos \phi), \frac{1}{2} (\sin^2 \phi - \cos^2 \phi) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi - \cos \phi) \right] \end{aligned}$$

The fifth point (D) is:

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sin \phi + \cos \phi)^2 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi - \cos \phi), \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\sin \phi + \cos \phi) (\cos \phi - \sin \phi) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi - \cos \phi) \right] \\ &= \left[\frac{1}{2} (\sin \phi + \cos \phi)^2 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi - \cos \phi), \frac{1}{2} (\cos^2 \phi - \sin^2 \phi) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi - \cos \phi) \right] \end{aligned}$$

So, gathering all the points together:

$$\begin{aligned} O &: \left[0, 1 \right] \\ A &: \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi + \cos \phi) - \frac{1}{2} (\cos \phi - \sin \phi)^2, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi - \cos \phi) + \frac{1}{2} (\cos^2 \phi - \sin^2 \phi) \right] \\ B &: \left[-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi + \cos \phi) + \frac{1}{2} (\sin \phi - \cos \phi)^2, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi - \cos \phi) + \frac{1}{2} (\sin^2 \phi - \cos^2 \phi) \right] \\ C &: \left[-\frac{1}{2} (\sin \phi + \cos \phi)^2 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi - \cos \phi), \frac{1}{2} (\sin^2 \phi - \cos^2 \phi) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi - \cos \phi) \right] \\ D &: \left[\frac{1}{2} (\sin \phi + \cos \phi)^2 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi - \cos \phi), \frac{1}{2} (\cos^2 \phi - \sin^2 \phi) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi - \cos \phi) \right] \end{aligned}$$

We can subtract 1 from the y -coordinate and d from the z -coordinate to center our coordinate system:

$$\begin{aligned} O &: \left[0, 0 \right] \\ A &: \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi + \cos \phi) - \frac{1}{2} (\cos \phi - \sin \phi)^2, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi - \cos \phi) + \frac{1}{2} (\cos^2 \phi - \sin^2 \phi) - d \right] \\ B &: \left[-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi + \cos \phi) + \frac{1}{2} (\sin \phi - \cos \phi)^2, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi - \cos \phi) + \frac{1}{2} (\sin^2 \phi - \cos^2 \phi) - d \right] \\ C &: \left[-\frac{1}{2} (\sin \phi + \cos \phi)^2 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi - \cos \phi), \frac{1}{2} (\sin^2 \phi - \cos^2 \phi) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi - \cos \phi) - d \right] \\ D &: \left[\frac{1}{2} (\sin \phi + \cos \phi)^2 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi - \cos \phi), \frac{1}{2} (\cos^2 \phi - \sin^2 \phi) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} d (\sin \phi - \cos \phi) - d \right] \end{aligned}$$

Recall the equilibrium equation for our class of symmetrical tensegrities:

$$(z_{OB} + z_{OC})(x_{OA} + x_{OD}) = (x_{OB} + x_{OC})(z_{OA} + z_{OD})$$

By simple substituting of coordinates we get:

$$(z_B + z_C)(x_A + x_D) = (x_B + x_C)(z_A + z_D)$$

where z_p and x_p are the z and x components of point p in our coordinate system centered at O . Now

$$\begin{aligned} z_B + z_C &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\cos \phi + \sin \phi) - d + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sin \phi - \cos \phi) - d = \sqrt{2} \sin \phi - 2d \\ x_A + x_D &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}d(\sin \phi + \cos \phi) - \frac{1}{2}(\cos \phi - \sin \phi)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi)^2 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}d \\ &= 2 \cos \phi \sin \phi + \sqrt{2}d \sin \phi \\ x_B + x_C &= -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}d(\sin \phi + \cos \phi) + \frac{1}{2}(\sin \phi - \cos \phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi)^2 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}d \\ &= -2 \cos \phi \sin \phi - \sqrt{2}d \cos \phi \\ z_A + z_D &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\cos \phi + \sin \phi) - d + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\cos \phi - \sin \phi) - d = \sqrt{2} \cos \phi - 2d \end{aligned}$$

Now we can set these factors equal to one another and solve for d .

$$\begin{aligned} (\sqrt{2} \sin \phi - 2d)(2 \cos \phi \sin \phi + \sqrt{2}d \sin \phi) &= (-2 \cos \phi \sin \phi - \sqrt{2}d \cos \phi)(\sqrt{2} \cos \phi - 2d) \\ \iff -(\sqrt{2} \cos \phi + \sqrt{2} \sin \phi) d^2 + (1 - 4 \sin \phi \cos \phi) d + \sqrt{2} \cos \phi \sin^2 \phi + \sqrt{2} \sin^2 \phi \cos \phi &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Using the quadratic formula $[ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \implies x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}]$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} d(\phi) &= \frac{1 - 4 \cos \phi \sin \phi \pm \sqrt{(1 - 4 \cos \phi \sin \phi)^2 + 4(\sqrt{2} \cos^2 \phi \sin \phi + \sqrt{2} \sin^2 \phi \cos \phi)}}{2\sqrt{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi)} \\ &= \frac{1 - 4 \cos \phi \sin \phi \pm \sqrt{32 \cos^2 \phi \sin^2 \phi + 1}}{2\sqrt{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi)} \end{aligned}$$

The negative root can be shown to be absurd (its values for $d(\phi)$ are negative which is not possible in

We can also calculate $|OA|$ which is the length of the “short” tendon and $|OB|$, the length of the “long” tendon.

$$\begin{aligned}
|OA| &= \sqrt{(x_A - x_O)^2 + (y_A - y_O)^2 + (z_A - z_O)^2} \\
&= \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}d(\sin \phi + \cos \phi) - \frac{1}{2}(\cos \phi - \sin \phi)^2\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}d(\sin \phi - \cos \phi) + \frac{1}{2}(\cos^2 \phi - \sin^2 \phi)\right)^2} \\
&= \sqrt{2d^2 - 2\sqrt{2}\cos \phi d + \cos^2 \phi + \frac{1}{2}\sin^4 \phi + 2\sin^2 \phi + \frac{1}{2}} \\
|OB| &= \sqrt{(x_B - x_O)^2 + (y_B - y_O)^2 + (z_B - z_O)^2} \\
&= \sqrt{\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}d(\sin \phi + \cos \phi) + \frac{1}{2}(\sin \phi - \cos \phi)^2\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}d(\sin \phi - \cos \phi) + \frac{1}{2}(\cos^2 \phi - \sin^2 \phi)\right)^2} \\
&= \sqrt{2d^2 + d(\sqrt{2}\cos(2\phi)\sin \phi - \sqrt{2}\cos \phi \cos(2\phi) - 2\sqrt{2}\cos \phi) + \sin^2 \phi + \frac{1}{2}\cos^4 \phi + 2\cos^2 \phi + \frac{1}{2}}
\end{aligned}$$

Since the minima and maxima points seem interesting, let's calculate the derivative of $d(\phi)$:

$$d' = \frac{\frac{32\cos(2\phi)\cos \phi \sin \phi}{\sqrt{32\cos^2 \phi \sin^2 \phi + 1}} - 4\cos(2\phi)}{2\sqrt{2}(\sin \phi + \cos \phi)} - \frac{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sqrt{32\cos^2 \phi \sin^2 \phi + 1} - 4\cos \phi \sin \phi + 1)}{2(\sin \phi + \cos \phi)^2}$$

$d(\phi)$ is at a maximum when $d'(\phi) = 0$. By numerical methods the derivative is 0 when...

Sometimes it is desired to determine an unknown strut length given on the length of the two strings.