MECE5397 / 6397 Assignment 4: Topology optimization

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Task 1 – Derive the element stiffness matrix

Task 2 – Derive the element DOF Matrix

Task 3 – Code an finite element solver

Task 4 – Implement the filter function

Task 5 – Code optimality criteria

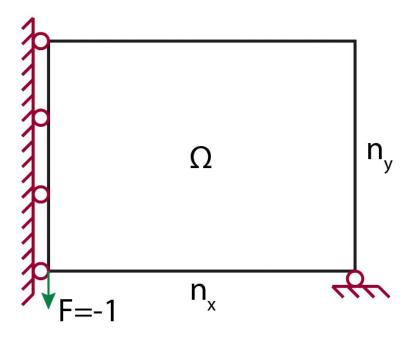
Task 6 – Implement the SIMP algorithm

Task 7 – Design and plot an interesting structure





Test case 1



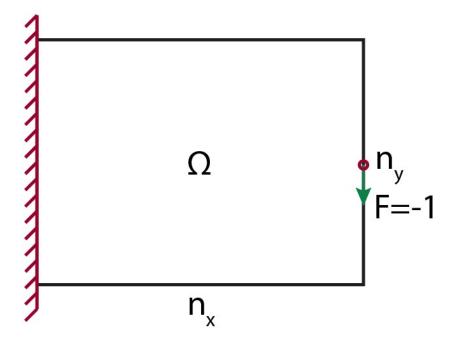
Left wall is constrained in x but free in y
Bottom right corner is constrained in y but not x

A concentrated load is applied in the –y direction at the left bottom corner of magnitude 1





Test case 2



Left wall is constrained in both x and y

A concentrated load is applied in the –y direction In the middle of the right wall of magnitude 1



