## Density Filtering

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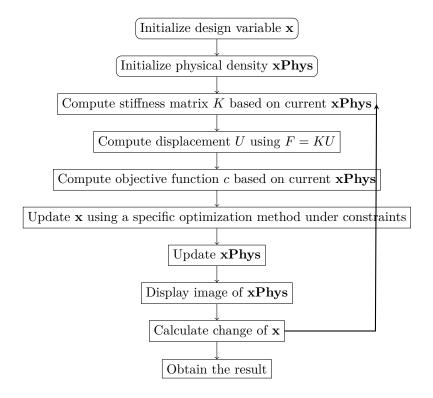


Figure 1: Flowchart of the optimization process with density filtering

- The design variable is still  $\mathbf{x}$ , which means that when calculating sensitivity, we are computing the derivative of the objective function with respect to  $\mathbf{x}$ . The variables directly updated using optimization algorithms (such as OC or MMA) remain as  $\mathbf{x}$ .
- We have essentially inserted a layer of  $\mathbf{xPhys}$  into the entire flowchart. It is a convolution of  $\mathbf{x}$ , and  $\mathbf{xPhys}$  replaces the original  $\mathbf{x}$  in the calculations of K, the objective function, the volume constraint, and the visualization in the images.

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