

# Exercises with 'An 88(/99) line topology optimization code written in Matlab' \*

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## 1 Introduction

The following exercises are based on the paper *Efficient topology optimization in MATLAB using 88 lines of code* (Andreassen et al. 2011). Both the source code and a preprint of the paper can be downloaded from [www.topopt.dtu.dk](http://www.topopt.dtu.dk). The exercises require some basic knowledge of mechanics, finite element analysis and optimization theory. For groups with less Matlab and Finite Element experience, the less efficient<sup>1</sup> but more transparent 99 line code (Sigmund 2001) may also be used as a basis for the exercises.

You should solve at least problems 1-6 during the course. If you have previous experience or you are fast you may skip problems 1-3 and solve some of the more complex problems 7 through 14 in section 4. For the interested students there is also the possibility to work with large scale topology optimization using the C++ TopOpt.in\_PETSc framework, see [www.topopt.dtu.dk/PETSc](http://www.topopt.dtu.dk/PETSc). This will however require that you have significant prior experience with programming languages such as C/C++ or Fortran.

The solutions must be presented in a presentation session (consisting of a number of slides) and a copy of the slide show and important source code(s) must be handed over to Ole Sigmund on Tuesday June 1st. The evaluation procedure will be explained, however, document your findings by saving different versions of your programs and insert key figures in a slide show already from the beginning.

The papers (Andreassen et al. 2011, Sigmund 2001) (see also the appendix in Bendsøe and Sigmund (2004)) give a lot of hints on how to solve problems 1 through 6.

From the file sharing pages on Learn ([learn.inside.dtu.dk](http://learn.inside.dtu.dk)) you can download relevant Matlab subroutines and other relevant material during the course.

## 2 Getting started

- Form a group of preferably 2 students and login to the DTU system with your student account. Try to make sure that at least one group member has a mechanical engineering background and one has Matlab programming experience. Also try to hook up with somebody you do not already know - networking is important!

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<sup>1</sup>A speed quick-fix will be provided

- Go to the TOPOPT web-page: [www.topopt.dtu.dk](http://www.topopt.dtu.dk)
- Choose “Apps/software” and “Matlab codes”
- Download the Matlab code `top88.m` (or `top.m`) to your home directory ”My Documents”
- Start up Matlab
- Run the default MBB-example by writing `top88(300,100,0.5,3.0,1.1,1)` in the Matlab command line
- Start experimenting with the code
- Keep an original version of the Matlab code and start editing new versions
- Extensions to the Matlab code such as a few lines which create a displacement picture, the equations for the strain-displacement matrix and a more efficient sparse assembly strategy (for the 99-line code) are given in appendices A, B and C. You can also download these from Learn along with a tool that plots nodes, forces and boundary conditions.

### 3 Recommended problems

The downloaded Matlab code solves the problem of optimizing the material distribution in the MBB-beam such that its compliance is minimized. A number of extensions and changes in the algorithm can be thought of.

#### Problem 1: Test influence of discretization, filter type, filter size and penalization power

Use the Matlab code to investigate the influence of the filter type (sensitivity or density), filter size `rmin`, the penalization power `penal` and the discretization (`nelx*nely`) on the topology of the MBB-beam (default example). Discuss the results.

#### Problem 2: Implement other boundary conditions

Change boundary and support conditions in order to solve the optimization problems sketched in Figure 1. Does the direction of the forces change the design?

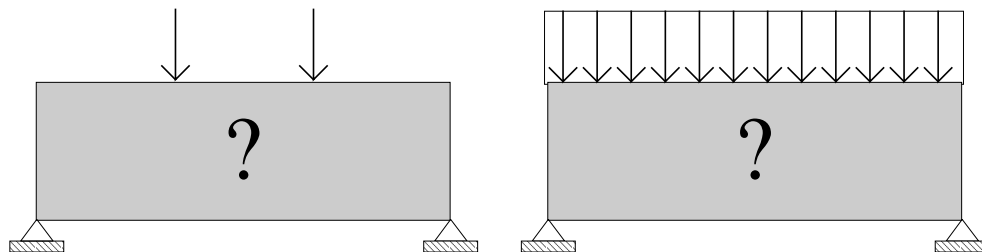


Figure 1: Topology optimization of a ”bridge” structure. Left: two (simultaneous) point loads and right: distributed load.

#### Problem 3: Implement multiple load cases

Extend the algorithm such that it can solve the two-load case problem shown in Figure 2. Discuss the difference in topology compared to the one-load case solution from Figure 1(left).

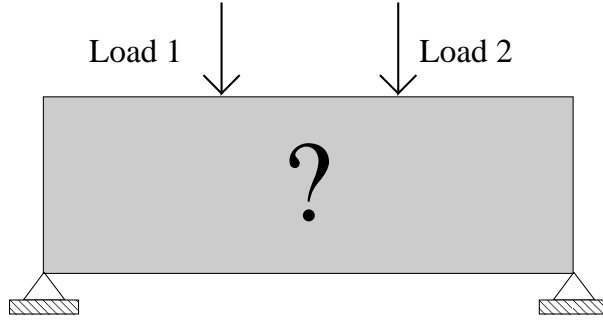


Figure 2: Topology optimization of a bridge structure with two load cases.

#### Problem 4: Method of Moving Asymptotes (MMA)

Krister Svanberg from KTH in Stockholm Sweden has written an optimization routine called Method of Moving Asymptotes (MMA) (Svanberg 1987). Rewrite the topology optimization code such that it calls the MMA Matlab routine instead of the Optimality Criteria Solver. Use the developed software to optimize the default MBB-beam and possibly other examples. How does it compare to the OC solver?

The MMA routines `mmasub.m` and `subsolv.m` can be downloaded from the file sharing pages on Learn together with the documentation for the Matlab MMA code. The program solves the following optimization problem

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 \min_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, z} & : f_0(\mathbf{x}) + a_0 z + \sum_{i=1}^m (c_i y_i + \frac{1}{2} d_i y_i^2) \\
 \text{subject to} & : f_i(\mathbf{x}) - a_i z - y_i \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \\
 & : x_j^{\min} \leq x_j \leq x_j^{\max}, \quad j = 1, \dots, n \\
 & : y_i \geq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \\
 & : z \geq 0
 \end{aligned} \right\}, \quad (1)$$

where  $m$  and  $n$  are number of constraints and number of design variables respectively,  $\mathbf{x}$  is the vector of design variables,  $\mathbf{y}$  and  $z$  are positive optimization variables,  $f_0$  is the objective function,  $f_1, \dots, f_m$  are the constraint functions ( $f_i(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0$ ) and  $a_i$ ,  $c_i$  and  $d_i$  are positive constants which can be used to determine the type of optimization problem.

If we want to solve the simpler problem

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 \min_{\mathbf{x}} & : f_0(\mathbf{x}) \\
 \text{subject to} & : f_i(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \\
 & : x_j^{\min} \leq x_j \leq x_j^{\max}, \quad j = 1, \dots, n
 \end{aligned} \right\}, \quad (2)$$

we must make sure that the optimization variables  $\mathbf{y}$  and  $z$  from the original optimization problem (1) are equal to zero at optimum. This is obtained if we select the constants to the following values (suggested by Krister Svanberg)

$$a_0 = 1, \quad a_i = 0, \quad c_i = 1000, \quad d = 0. \quad (3)$$

The call of the MMA routine requires the determination of sensitivities `df0dx`, `df0dx2`, `dfidx`, `dfidx2` corresponding to the derivatives  $\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial x_j}$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 f_0}{\partial x_j^2}$ ,  $\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j}$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 f_i}{\partial x_j^2}$ , respectively. Since second

derivatives are difficult to determine in topology optimization problems, we simply set them to zero.

The MMA call is

```
function [xmma,ymma,zmma,lam,xsi,eta,mu,zet,s,low,upp] = ...
    mmasub(m,n,iter,xval,xmin,xmax,xold1,xold2, ...
    f0val,df0dx,df0dx2,fval,dfdx,dfdx2,low,upp,a0,a,c,d);
```

Hints:

- Check the MMA documentation or the `mmasub.m` file for explanations and definitions of the MMA variables
- Watch out for the difference between column and row vectors
- Remember to normalize constraints and objective function, i.e. instead of  $V(\mathbf{x}) - V^* \leq 0$  use  $V(\mathbf{x})/V^* - 1 \leq 0$
- In order to convert a Matlab matrix to a Matlab vector you may make use of the Matlab command `reshape` (type `help reshape` in the Matlab prompt to get help on `reshape`)

### Problem 5: Mechanism synthesis

Extend the Matlab code to include compliant mechanism synthesis. Solve the inverter problem in Figure 3.

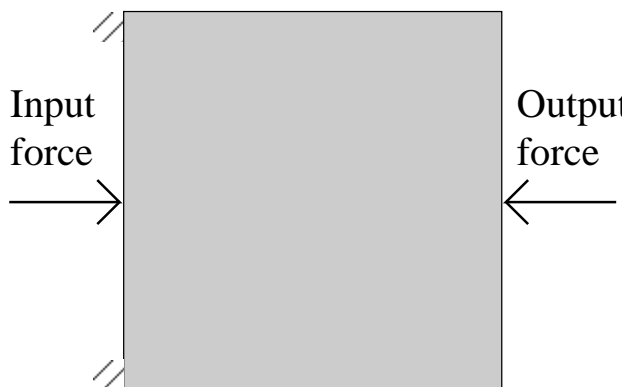


Figure 3: Synthesis of compliant inverter mechanism.

The simplest compliant mechanism design formulation is one with springs at both input and output ports. The input spring stiffness together with the input force constitute a model of so-called strain-based actuators, such as piezo-electric or shape memory alloy (SMA) actuators. The input force is given by the actuator blocking force and the spring stiffness is given by the actuator stiffness or the ratio between the blocking force and the unloaded actuator displacement. The resulting optimization problem is formulated as

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x}} & : u_{out} \\ \text{subject to} & : V(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{x} \leq V^* \\ & : \mathbf{K}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}_{in} \\ & : 0 < x_j^{min} \leq x_j \leq 1, \quad j = 1, \dots, n \end{aligned} \right\}, \quad (4)$$

A slightly more complicated and less physical formulation is the one from Sigmund (1997), where the input spring/force model is substituted with an input displacement constraint  $u_{in} \leq u_{in}^*$ . One can here use the same input force as for the double spring model above but the input spring is removed from the model. As initial value for the input displacement constraint one can use the input displacement obtained after the optimization of the double spring problem. The inclusion of an additional constraint is a good starting exercise when learning to solve topology optimization problems with multiple constraints.

Hints:

- The input displacement is found as  $u_{in} = \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{l}_{in}$  where  $\mathbf{l}_{in}$  is a unit vector which has the value one at the input degree of freedom and is zero for all other degrees of freedom.
- The output displacement is found as  $u_{out} = \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{l}_{out}$  where  $\mathbf{l}_{out}$  is a unit vector which has the value one at the output degree of freedom and is zero for all other degrees of freedom.
- Use the adjoint method to determine sensitivities
- The input and output springs are added to the analysis by adding the respective spring stiffnesses at the positions of the input and output degrees of freedom in the global stiffness matrix, respectively.
- Make use of symmetry
- Check the correctness of the derivatives of objective function and constraints by the finite difference method for a number of different elements. Remember to turn of the checkerboard filter during this test.
- In order to stabilize convergence you may change the values of `asyincr` and `asydecr` in the `mmasub.m` routine to 1.07 and 0.65, respectively (strategy for moving of asymptotes). You may also introduce external fixed movelimits, i.e.  $xmin = \max(0, x - move)$ , etc.
- Start with Young's modulus  $E=100$  and spring stiffnesses and input forces unity.

### Problem 6: Optimization with time-harmonic loads

Extend your code to optimize for undamped forced vibrations. With a time-harmonic load of angular frequency  $\omega$ , the FE equation is changed from  $\mathbf{K}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}$  to:

$$\mathbf{S}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}, \tag{5}$$

where  $\mathbf{f}$  now represents the amplitude of the load and  $\mathbf{u}$  the amplitude of vibration.  $\mathbf{S}$  is the system matrix (or "dynamic stiffness" matrix) defined as

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{K} - \omega^2 \mathbf{M}, \tag{6}$$

where  $\mathbf{M}$  is the global mass matrix.

Optimize the MBB-example for minimum dynamic compliance using the objective  $|\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{f}|$  for a specific excitation frequency  $\omega$ . The necessary expressions for the sensitivity calculations can be found in Jensen (2017). Complete the following steps:

1. Use an MBB-beam optimized for static compliance as initial design and plot its frequency response (objective values vs frequency). Use a log y-scale.
2. Choose the optimization frequency below the first resonance frequency (eg. at 90%).

3. Compute the frequency response of the optimized structure and compare it to the one obtained for the initial structure.
4. Try also an optimization frequency closer to or above the first resonance frequency - comment on your observations.

Hints for implementation:

- Assemble the mass matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  using the local mass matrix found in appendix B.
- Use a linear interpolation for the mass.
- Use unit mass density of the material:  $\rho_0=1$  and a minimum value in the void given as:  $\rho_{min}=1e-8$ . Change the minimum stiffness to  $E_{min}=1e-4$ .
- Use MMA (with movelimits) as optimizer.
- Use the density filter.

## 4 Voluntary Matlab problems

### Problem 7: Min-Max formulation of multiple load cases

Minimize the maximum compliance of a three load case problem. This problem can be solved by fiddling with the constants in the MMA optimizer.

An optimization problem looking like

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x}} & : \max_{k=1,\dots,p} \{|h_k(\mathbf{x})|\} \\ \text{subject to} & : g_i(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, q \\ & : x_j^{min} \leq x_j \leq x_j^{max}, \quad j = 1, \dots, n \end{aligned} \right\}, \quad (7)$$

can be re-written to

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x}, z} & : z \\ \text{subject to} & : h_i - z \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, p \\ & : -h_i - z \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, p \\ & : g_i(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, q \\ & : x_j^{min} \leq x_j \leq x_j^{max}, \quad j = 1, \dots, n \end{aligned} \right\}, \quad (8)$$

which may be solved by MMA using the constants

$$\begin{aligned} m &= 2p + q \\ f_0(\mathbf{x}) &= 0 \\ f_i(\mathbf{x}) &= h_i(\mathbf{x}), \quad i = 1, \dots, p \\ f_{p+i}(\mathbf{x}) &= -h_i(\mathbf{x}), \quad i = 1, \dots, p \\ f_{2p+i}(\mathbf{x}) &= g_i(\mathbf{x}), \quad i = 1, \dots, q \\ a_0 &= 1 \\ a_i &= 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, 2p \\ a_{2p+i} &= 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, q \\ d_i &= 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \\ c_i &= 1000, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

### Problem 8: Robust topology optimization

Implement the robust design formulation Sigmund (2009), Wang et al. (2011) and test it on the force inverter problem from course Problem 5. The 88-line code already has the Heaviside projection filter built-in so the main challenge consists in implementing the min-max formulation (like in course Problem 7) and solving for the three geometry cases in each iteration.

### Problem 9: Mechanisms with multiple outputs

Design an “elevator mechanism” as shown in Figure 4 (the platform must remain horizontal during elevation) or a gripping mechanism with parallel moving jaws.

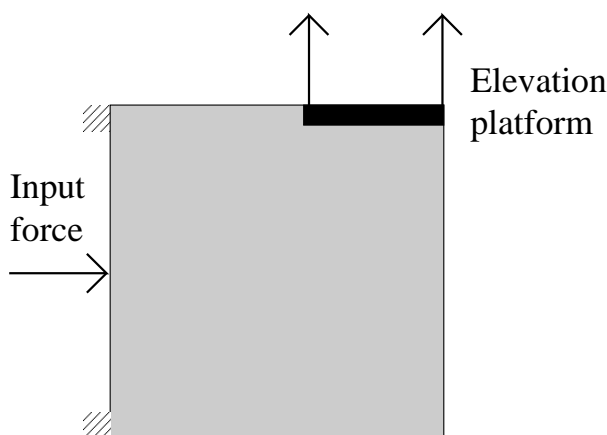


Figure 4: Mechanism synthesis for an “elevator mechanism”. The platform must remain horizontal during elevation.

### Problem 10: Stress constraints

Implement stress constraints for a problem of your choice. Use the general formulation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min_{\boldsymbol{\rho}} : & \Phi(\boldsymbol{\rho}) \\
 \text{s.t.} : & \mathbf{K}(\boldsymbol{\rho})\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f} \\
 & : \sum_{e=1}^N v_e \rho_e = \mathbf{v}^T \boldsymbol{\rho} \leq V^* \\
 & : \|\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{VM}(\boldsymbol{\rho})\|_P \leq \sigma_y^* \\
 & : \mathbf{0} < \boldsymbol{\rho}_{\min} \leq \boldsymbol{\rho} \leq \mathbf{1},
 \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

where the global Von-Mises stress measure is defined as

$$\|\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{VM}(\boldsymbol{\rho})\|_P = \left( \sum_{e=1}^N v_e \sigma_{VM,e}^P \right)^{\frac{1}{P}} \tag{11}$$

An implementation for a mechanism design problem (including sensitivity analysis and appropriate density interpolation schemes) can be found in Leon et al. (2015).

### Problem 11: Infill design

Implement a local volume constraint for infill design using the general formulation:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\boldsymbol{\rho}} : & \Phi(\hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}}) \\ \text{s.t.} : & \mathbf{K}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}})\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f} \\ & : \sum_{e=1}^N v_e \hat{\rho}_e = \mathbf{v}^T \hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}} \leq V^* \\ & : \|\bar{\boldsymbol{\rho}}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}}) - \boldsymbol{\alpha}\| \leq \epsilon \\ & : \mathbf{0} < \boldsymbol{\rho}_{\min} \leq \boldsymbol{\rho} \leq \mathbf{1}, \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

where  $\hat{\rho}$  is the standard (density or sensitivity filtered physical density) and  $\bar{\rho}$  denotes a larger (density) filtering with radius yielding microstructure lengthscale with prescribed local density  $\alpha$ .

See more details in Wu et al. (2017).

### Problem 12: Interior point method

In Problem 4 you have written a program that calls an optimization routine (MMA in our case) to perform one design update. Most off-the-shelf optimization packages operate in a different way. The software user is required to provide a number of callback functions, which evaluate the value and the gradient of an objective function, values and gradients (Jacobian matrix) of the non-linear constraints, if any are present. Further, some solver may utilize second order derivatives (Hessian matrix) of the objective function and non-linear constraints in order to achieve faster convergence (Newton-like methods), whereas other algorithms may approximate second order derivatives based on the gradient information evaluated at previous iterations (quasi-Newton approaches).

There are at least two possible optimizers that can be compared with MMA:

- `fmincon` which is a part of Matlab's Optimization Toolbox<sup>2</sup>
- `Ipopt` Interior Point Optimizer (pronounced "Eye-Pea-Opt") is an open source software package for large-scale nonlinear optimization.<sup>3</sup>

Start with a template program `top88_fmincon.m` downloadable from `learn.inside.dtu.dk`, which is simply a re-arranged 88-line topology optimization code written in Matlab.

Fill in the code lines marked with comments `%FIXIT`, this should give you a compliance minimization code similar to the one in Problem 5, but which is based on the interior-point optimization algorithm with approximate second order information.

Compare the performance of the different optimizers on some benchmark examples (e.g., coming from Problems 1–3). When comparing, pay attention to the number of FE analysis conducted.

Hints:

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<sup>2</sup>Type `help fmincon` or `doc fmincon` to learn more about a multitude of various options and parameters of `fmincon` routine.

<sup>3</sup>The `Ipopt` project homepage is <https://coin-or.github.io/Ipopt/>. A matlab interface can be found at <https://se.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/53040-ebertolazzi-mexipopt>



- When debugging the script `top88_fmincon.m` you may wish to turn on the automatic verification of user supplied derivatives by setting the option 'Derivative Checking' to 'on'.
- You may study how the number of gradient vectors stored by the L-BFGS algorithm affects the total number of optimization iterations and the total time of the solution by adjusting the number after the option 'lbfgs'. More vectors mean potentially better approximation of the Hessian, which comes at some computational cost. However, “too many vectors” mean that the Hessian is approximated using the gradients evaluated far away from the current optimization point, which may in fact be disadvantageous.
- By default, `fmincon` solves the optimization problem to a very high precision,  $1 \cdot 10^{-6}$ . This precision may be adjusted by setting the optimization parameters `TolX`, `TolFun`, and in the presence of non-linear constraints, `TolCon`.
- When comparing different methods, pay attention to the total number of optimization iterations, total runtime, and the final value of the objective function found.

### Problem 13: Three dimensions

Download the 3D code `top3D125.m` based on the `top99neo.m` code (<https://www.topopt.mek.dtu.dk/Apps-and-software/New-99-line-topology-optimization-code-written-in-MATLAB> - by Ferrari and Sigmund) and implement some of the exercises in this code.

### Problem 14: Alternative measures of dynamic compliance

Optimize the MBB-example for time-harmonic loads using an alternative choice of dynamic compliance: 1) dissipated energy in the structure or 2) total energy level in the structure. Compare the optimized structures to the ones obtained in exercise 6.

### Problem 15: Others

Look in Bendsøe and Sigmund (2004) and get inspired to solve some other problems like thermal loads, conduction, self-weight etc.

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## A Appendix: MATLAB extension for plotting displacements

To obtain plots with displacements exchange the line

```
colormap(gray); imagesc(-x); axis equal; axis tight; axis off; pause(1e-6);
```

with the lines

```
% colormap(gray); imagesc(-x); axis equal; axis tight; axis off; pause(1e-6);
colormap(gray); axis equal; axis tight; axis off;
Faces = ((edofMat(:,[1 3 5 7])-1)/2)+1;
[XGrid,YGrid]=meshgrid(0:nelx,nely:-1:0);
Grid = [XGrid(:),YGrid(:)];
Deform = [U(1:2:end,1),U(2:2:end,1)];
patch('Faces',Faces,'Vertices',Grid+Deform*0.05,'FaceColor','Flat', ...
      'FaceVertexCData',1-x(:),'EdgeColor','none');
drawnow; clf;
```

Note that the factor 0.05 is a scaling factor that may be freely chosen.

## B Appendix: MATLAB mass and strain-displacement matrices for 4-node element

The strain displacement matrix ( $\varepsilon = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}_e$ )

```
bmat = [-1/2 0 1/2 0 1/2 0 -1/2 0
         0 -1/2 0 -1/2 0 1/2 0 1/2
        -1/2 -1/2 -1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 -1/2];
```

and the mass matrix (with total mass equal to unity)

```
m0 = [4/9 0 2/9 0 1/9 0 2/9 0
       0 4/9 0 2/9 0 1/9 0 2/9
       2/9 0 4/9 0 2/9 0 1/9 0
       0 2/9 0 4/9 0 2/9 0 1/9
       1/9 0 2/9 0 4/9 0 2/9 0
       0 1/9 0 2/9 0 4/9 0 2/9
       2/9 0 1/9 0 2/9 0 4/9 0
       0 2/9 0 1/9 0 2/9 0 4/9]/(4*nel);
```

and the constitutive matrix for plane stress

```
Emat = E/(1-nu^2)*[ 1 nu 0
                   nu 1 0
                   0 0 (1-nu)/2];
```

## C Appendix: Fast MATLAB sparse assembly

The `top.m` code uses a sparse assembly strategy that is easy to read but highly inefficient for larger problem:

```
K=sparse(2*(nelx+1)*(nely+1), 2*(nelx+1)*(nely+1));
F=sparse(2*(nely+1)*(nelx+1),1);
U=zeros(2*(nely+1)*(nelx+1),1);
for elx = 1:nelx
    for ely = 1:nely
        n1 = (nely+1)*(elx-1)+ely;
        n2 = (nely+1)* elx +ely;
        edof = [2*n1-1; 2*n1; 2*n2-1; 2*n2; 2*n2+1; 2*n2+2; 2*n1+1; 2*n1+2];
        K(edof,edof) = K(edof,edof) + x(ely,elx)^penal*KE;
    end
end
```

A dramatic speed-up can be obtained (for large problems) if the lines above are replaced by the following lines:

```
I=zeros(nelx*nely*64,1);
J=zeros(nelx*nely*64,1);
X=zeros(nelx*nely*64,1);
F=sparse(2*(nely+1)*(nelx+1),1);
U=zeros(2*(nely+1)*(nelx+1),1);
ntriplets=0;
for elx = 1:nelx
    for ely = 1:nely
        n1 = (nely+1)*(elx-1)+ely;
        n2 = (nely+1)* elx +ely;
        edof = [2*n1-1 2*n1 2*n2-1 2*n2 2*n2+1 2*n2+2 2*n1+1 2*n1+2];
        xval = x(ely,elx)^penal;
        for krow = 1:8
            for kcol = 1:8
                ntriplets = ntriplets+1;
                I(ntriplets) = edof(krow);
                J(ntriplets) = edof(kcol);
                X(ntriplets) = xval*KE(krow,kcol);
            end
        end
    end
end
K=sparse(I,J,X,2*(nelx+1)*(nely+1),2*(nelx+1)*(nely+1));
```

## D Appendix: MMA Matlab documentation

You may download the MMA-code from the file sharing pages on Learn ([learn.inside.dtu.dk](http://learn.inside.dtu.dk)).

```
% This is the file mmasub.m
%
```

```

function [xmma,ymma,zmma,lam,xsi,eta,mu,zet,s,low,upp] = ...
mmasub(m,n,iter,xval,xmin,xmax,xold1,xold2, ...
f0val,df0dx,df0dx2,fval,dfdx,dfdx2,low,upp,a0,a,c,d);
%
%   Written in May 1999 by
%   Krister Svanberg <krille@math.kth.se>
%   Department of Mathematics
%   SE-10044 Stockholm, Sweden.
%
%   Modified ("spdiags" instead of "diag") April 2002
%
%
%   This function mmasub performs one MMA-iteration, aimed at
%   solving the nonlinear programming problem:
%
%       Minimize  f_0(x) + a_0*z + sum( c_i*y_i + 0.5*d_i*(y_i)^2 )
%   subject to  f_i(x) - a_i*z - y_i <= 0,  i = 1,...,m
%               xmin_j <= x_j <= xmax_j,    j = 1,...,n
%               z >= 0,  y_i >= 0,          i = 1,...,m
%*** INPUT:
%
%   m   = The number of general constraints.
%   n   = The number of variables x_j.
%   iter = Current iteration number ( =1 the first time mmasub is called).
%   xval = Column vector with the current values of the variables x_j.
%   xmin = Column vector with the lower bounds for the variables x_j.
%   xmax = Column vector with the upper bounds for the variables x_j.
%   xold1 = xval, one iteration ago (provided that iter>1).
%   xold2 = xval, two iterations ago (provided that iter>2).
%   f0val = The value of the objective function f_0 at xval.
%   df0dx = Column vector with the derivatives of the objective function
%           f_0 with respect to the variables x_j, calculated at xval.
%   df0dx2 = Column vector with the non-mixed second derivatives of the
%            objective function f_0 with respect to the variables x_j,
%            calculated at xval. df0dx2(j) = the second derivative
%            of f_0 with respect to x_j (twice).
%            Important note: If second derivatives are not available,
%            simply let df0dx2 = 0*df0dx.
%   fval = Column vector with the values of the constraint functions f_i,
%           calculated at xval.
%   dfdx = (m x n)-matrix with the derivatives of the constraint functions
%           f_i with respect to the variables x_j, calculated at xval.
%           dfdx(i,j) = the derivative of f_i with respect to x_j.
%   dfdx2 = (m x n)-matrix with the non-mixed second derivatives of the
%            constraint functions f_i with respect to the variables x_j,
%            calculated at xval. dfdx2(i,j) = the second derivative
%            of f_i with respect to x_j (twice).
%            Important note: If second derivatives are not available,
%            simply let dfdx2 = 0*dfdx.
%   low  = Column vector with the lower asymptotes from the previous
%           iteration (provided that iter>1).
%   upp  = Column vector with the upper asymptotes from the previous
%           iteration (provided that iter>1).
%   a0   = The constants a_0 in the term a_0*z.
%   a    = Column vector with the constants a_i in the terms a_i*z.
%   c    = Column vector with the constants c_i in the terms c_i*y_i.

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% d      = Column vector with the constants d_i in the terms 0.5*d_i*(y_i)^2.
%
%*** OUTPUT:
%
% xmma   = Column vector with the optimal values of the variables x_j
%         in the current MMA subproblem.
% ymma   = Column vector with the optimal values of the variables y_i
%         in the current MMA subproblem.
% zmma   = Scalar with the optimal value of the variable z
%         in the current MMA subproblem.
% lam    = Lagrange multipliers for the m general MMA constraints.
% xsi    = Lagrange multipliers for the n constraints  $\alpha_j - x_j \leq 0$ .
% eta    = Lagrange multipliers for the n constraints  $x_j - \beta_j \leq 0$ .
% mu     = Lagrange multipliers for the m constraints  $-y_i \leq 0$ .
% zet    = Lagrange multiplier for the single constraint  $-z \leq 0$ .
% s      = Slack variables for the m general MMA constraints.
% low    = Column vector with the lower asymptotes, calculated and used
%         in the current MMA subproblem.
% upp    = Column vector with the upper asymptotes, calculated and used
%         in the current MMA subproblem.
%
epsimin = sqrt(m+n)*10(-9);
feps    = 0.000001;
asyinit = 0.5;
asyincr  = 1.2;
asydecr  = 0.7;

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