

Fig. 10.

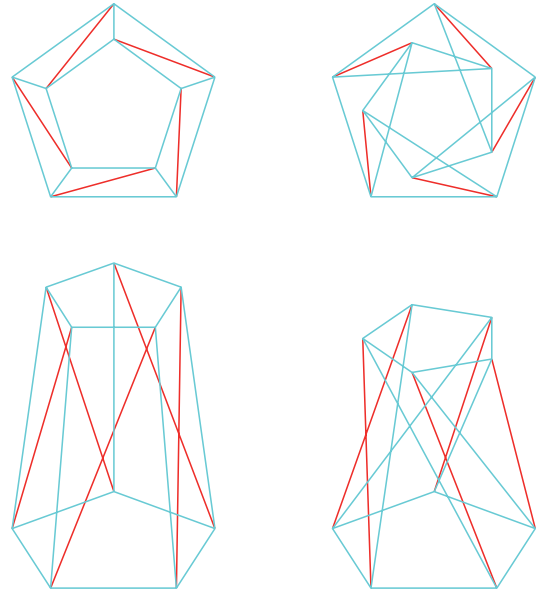


Fig. 11.

Table 2.

Node	Coord-X	Coord-Y	Coord-Z
1	$-s/2$	$-r/2$	$h$
2	$s/2$	$-r/2$	$h$
3	0	$r$	$h$
4	0	$-2r$	$h$
5	$s$	$r$	$h$
6	$-s$	$r$	$h$
7	$s$	$-r$	$-h$
8	$-s$	$-r$	$-h$
9	0	$2r$	$-h$
10	0	$-r$	$-h$
11	$-s/2$	$r/2$	$-h$
12	$s/2$	$r/2$	$-h$

Table 3.

Elem	Node	Node
3	4	11
6	5	10
9	6	12
12	7	1
15	8	3
18	9	2

Table 4.

Elem	Area	Length
3	-1.25	1.4563
6	-1.50	1.5654
9	-1.75	1.6297
12	-2.00	1.8555
15	-2.25	1.8875
18	-2.50	1.8884

Table 5.

Elem	Area	Length
3	-1.00	1.7321
6	-1.00	1.7321
9	-1.00	1.7321
12	-1.00	1.7320
15	-1.00	1.7321
18	-1.00	1.7320

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**Example 6:** An initially flat square surface with thickness = 1, side = 1 and two opposite corners displaced by  $+1/2$  while the two other opposite corners displaced by  $-1/2$ . The edges have line elements with area = 500. Figure 9 shows the meshes for the initial and final surfaces.

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**Example 7:** A straight prismoid with height = 3. The bottom and top regular triangles are inscribed in a circle of