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1. Problem

One shell element with mid side nodes (S8 for Calculix).

Element dimension: 1000 x 1000 mm, thickness 10 mm; $E = 210$ GPa; $\nu = 0,3$

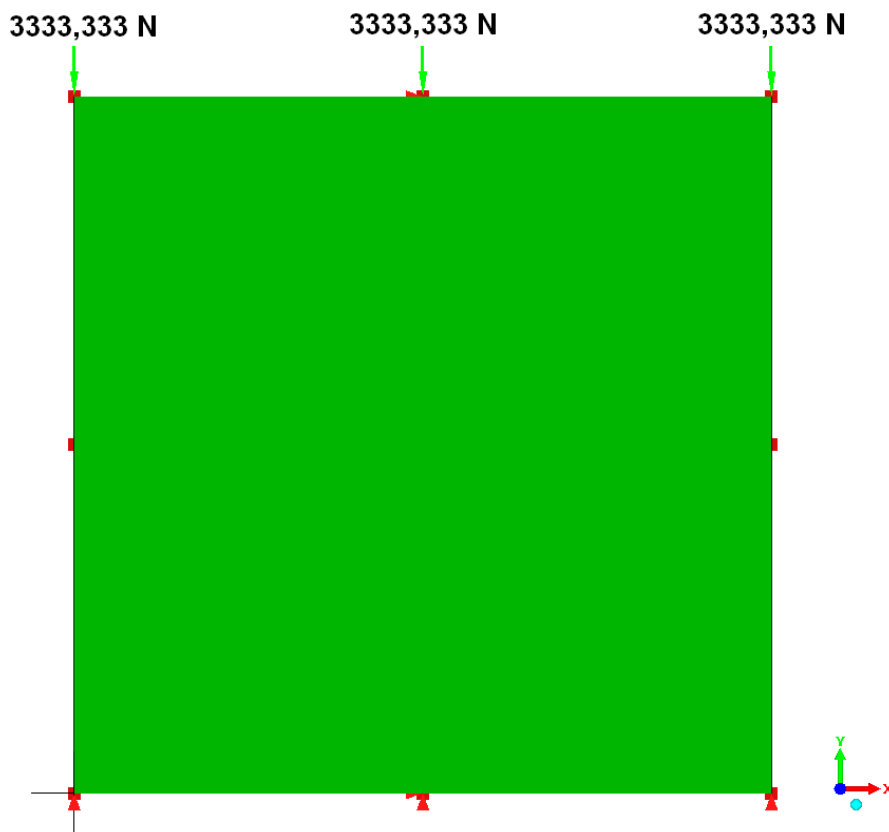
Element subjected to pure compression of 1 MPa:

Total force: $F = 1000 \times 10 \times 1 = 10000$ N

2. Wrong nodal force distribution on one element

Dividing the total force:

Nodal force: $F_n = \frac{1}{3} 10000 = 3333,333$ N



the solution is incorrect.

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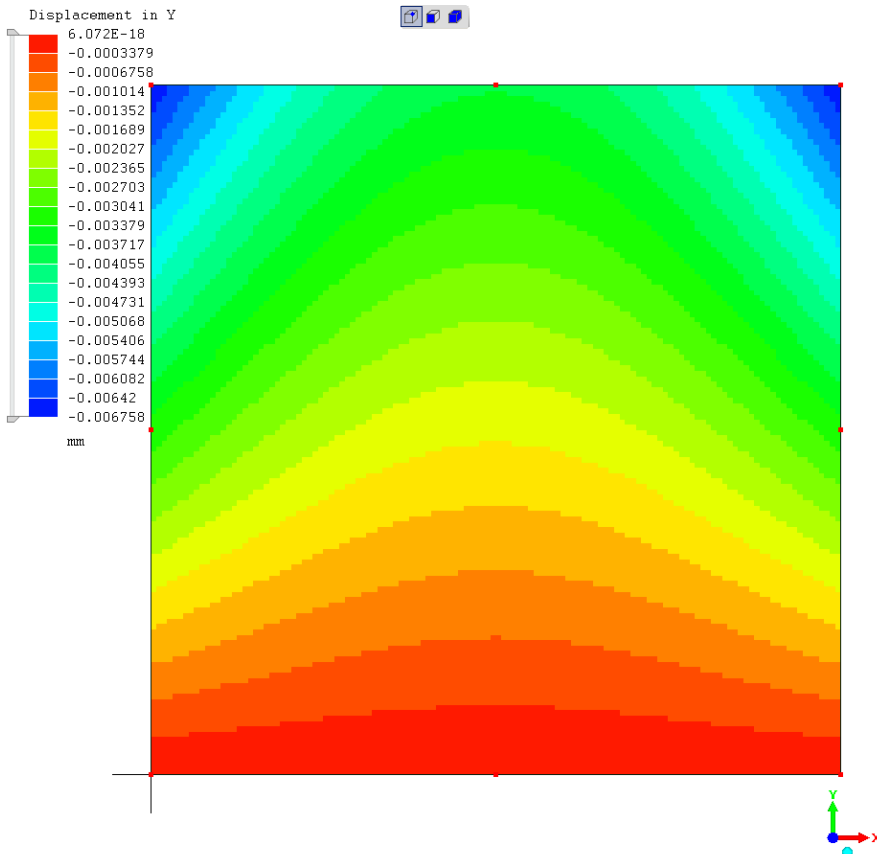
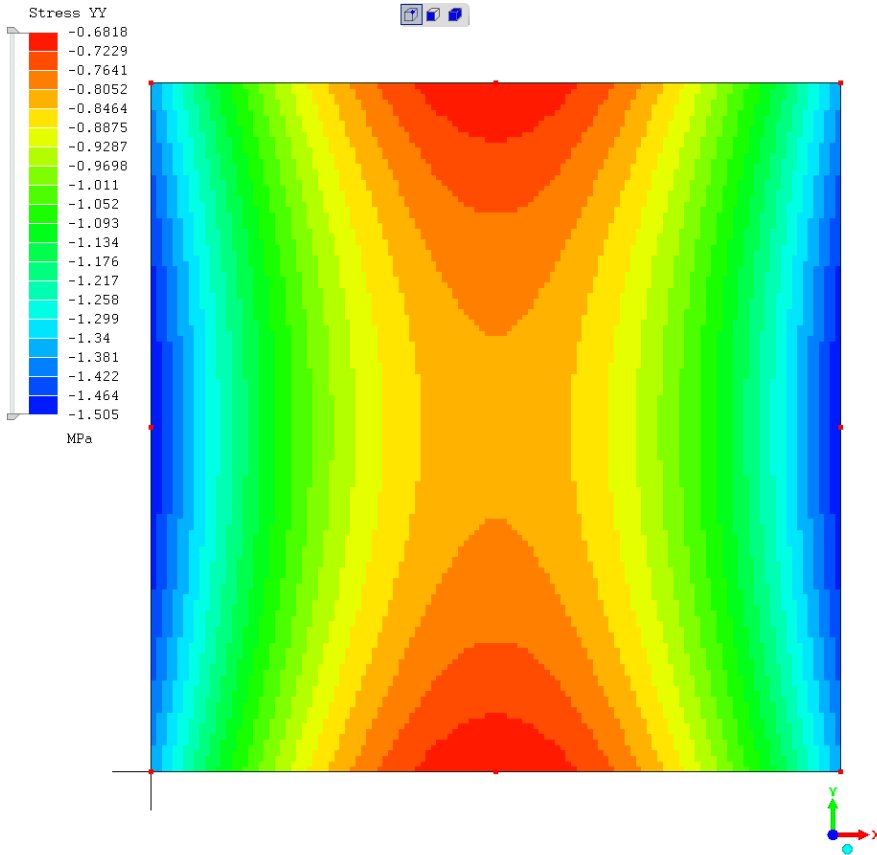
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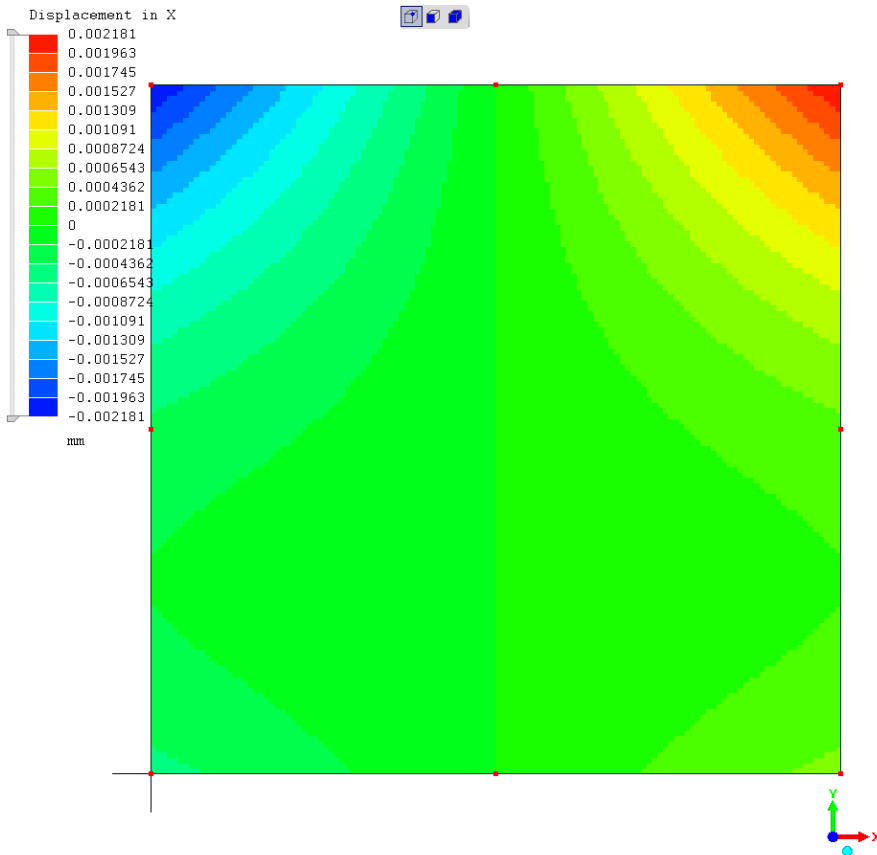
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3. Right nodal force distribution on one element

The right force distribution is the following:

Mid side node: $F_{mn} = \frac{2}{3}10000 = 6666,667 \text{ N}$

Corner nodes: $F_{cn} = \frac{1}{6}10000 = 1666,667 \text{ N}$

Stress in yy direction equal 1 MPa and x displacements are symmetrical.

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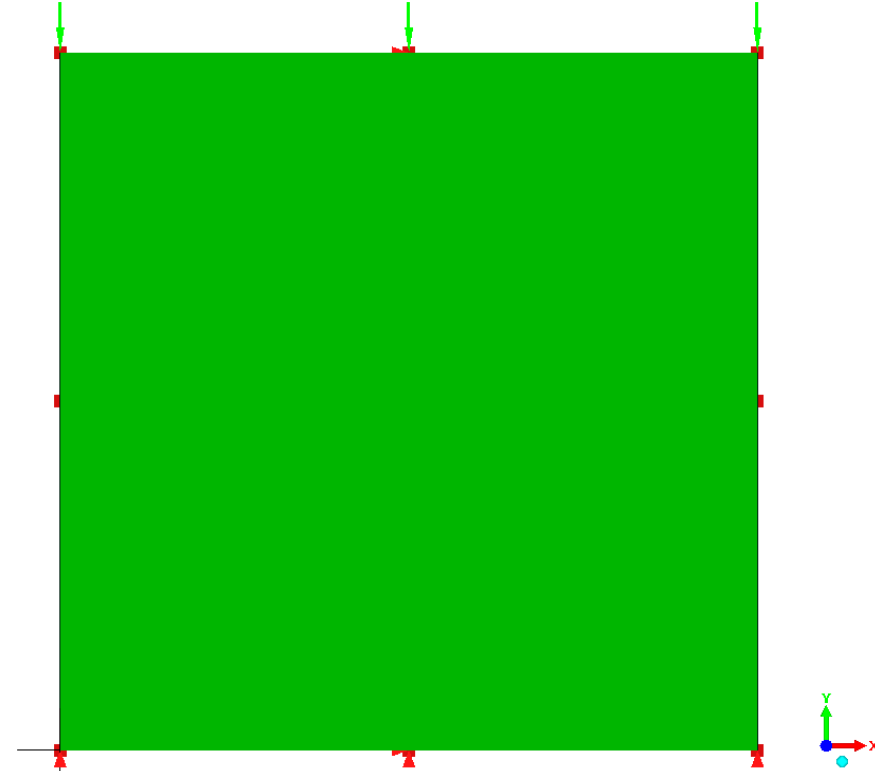
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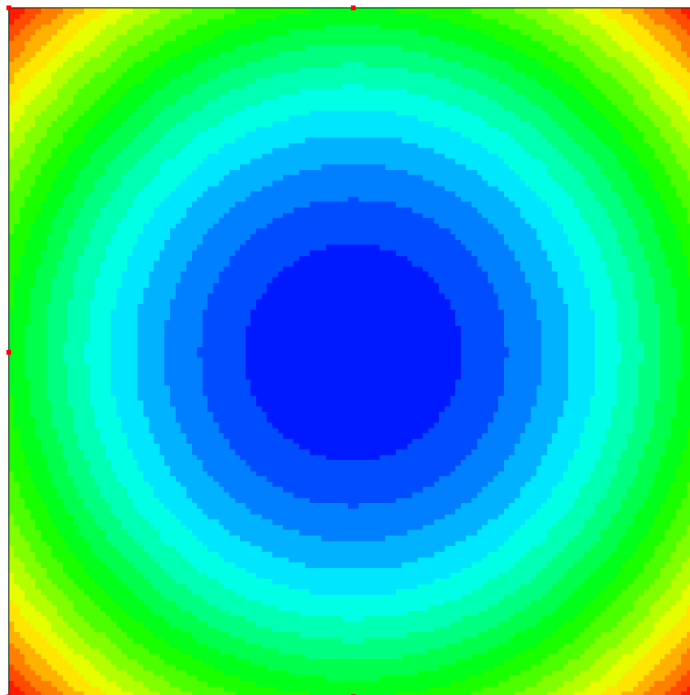
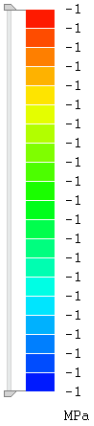
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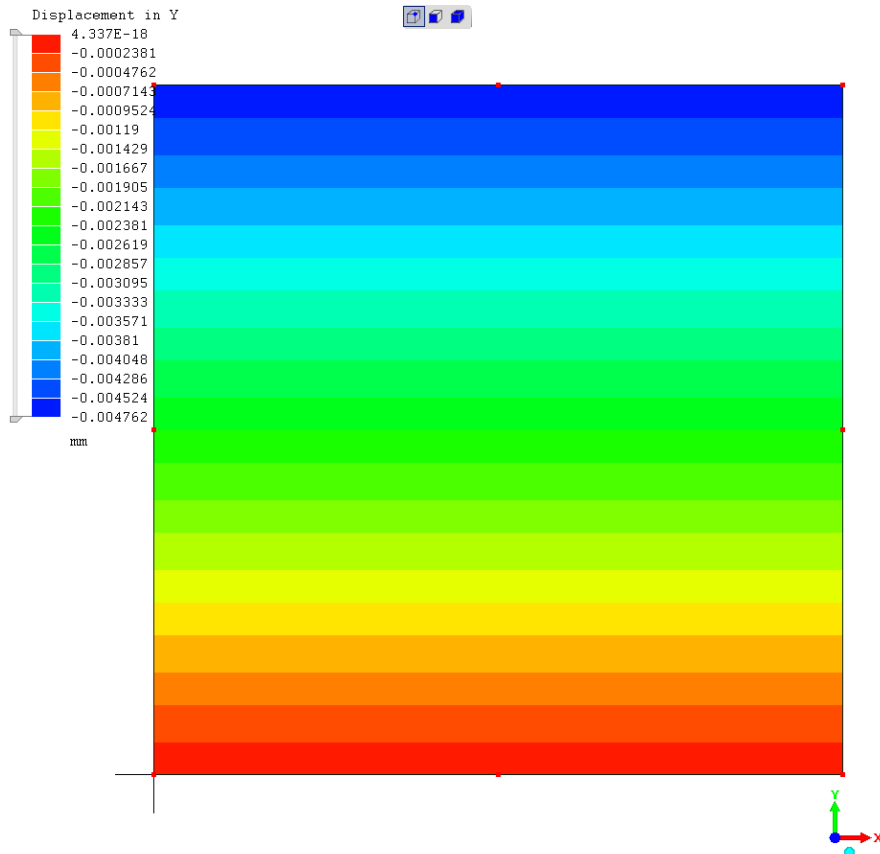
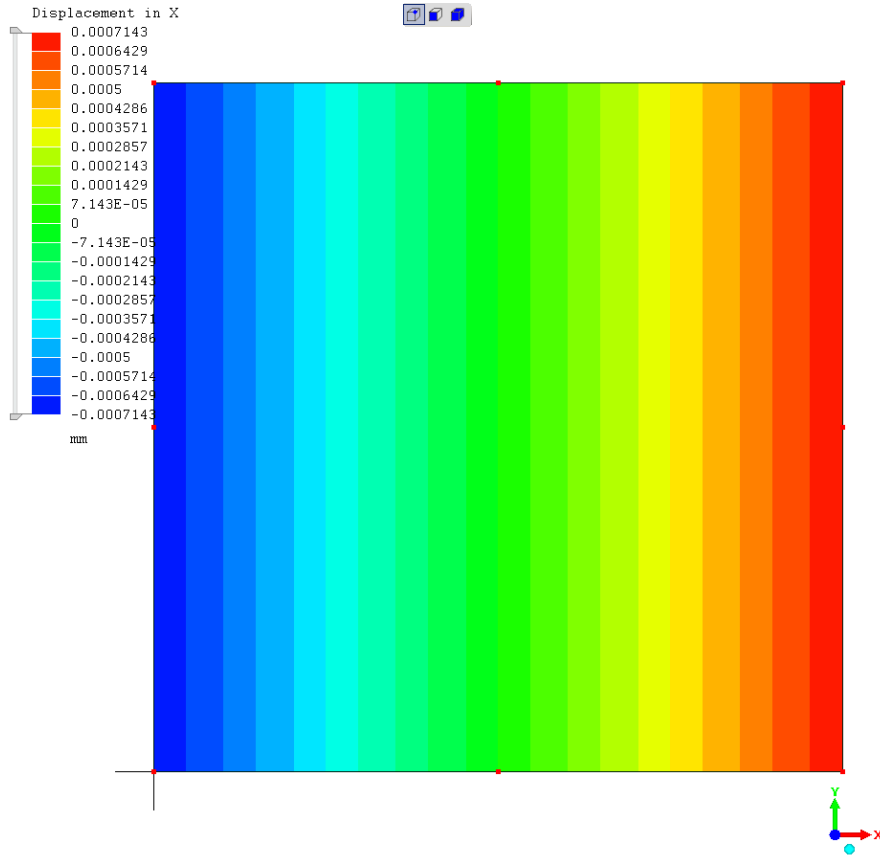
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4. General case of more elements

Elements on edge: N_e
Nodes on edge: $N_n = 2N_e + 1$
Mid side nodes: $N_{mn} = N_e$
Inside corner nodes: $N_{icn} = N_e - 1$
Corner nodes: $N_{cn} = 2$

Force acting on every mid side node: $f_{mn} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{F}{N_{mn}}$

Total force acting on mid side nodes: $\sum f_{mn} = F_{mn} = \frac{2}{3} F$

Force acting on inside corner node: $f_{icn} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{F}{N_{icn} + 1}$

Total force acting on inside corner nodes: $\sum f_{icn} = F_{icn} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{F}{N_{icn} + 1} N_{icn}$

Force acting on corner node: $f_{cn} = \frac{f_{icn}}{2} = \frac{1}{6} \frac{F}{N_{icn} + 1}$

Rapid calculus:

$$f_{mn} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{F}{N_{mn}} \quad f_{icn} = \frac{1}{2} f_{mn} \quad f_{cn} = \frac{1}{2} f_{icn}$$

5. Example

Elements on edge: $N_e = 10$
Nodes on edge: $N_n = 2N_e + 1 = 21$
Mid side nodes: $N_{mn} = N_e = 10$
Inside corner nodes: $N_{icn} = N_e - 1 = 9$
Corner nodes: $N_{cn} = 2$

Same plate 1000 x 1000 x 10, total force 10000 N:


Force acting on every mid side node: $f_{mn} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{F}{N_{mn}} = 666,667 \text{ N}$

Total force acting on mid side nodes: $\sum f_{mn} = F_{mn} = \frac{2}{3} F = 6666,667 \text{ N}$

Force acting on inside corner node: $f_{icn} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{F}{N_{icn} + 1} = 333,333 \text{ N}$

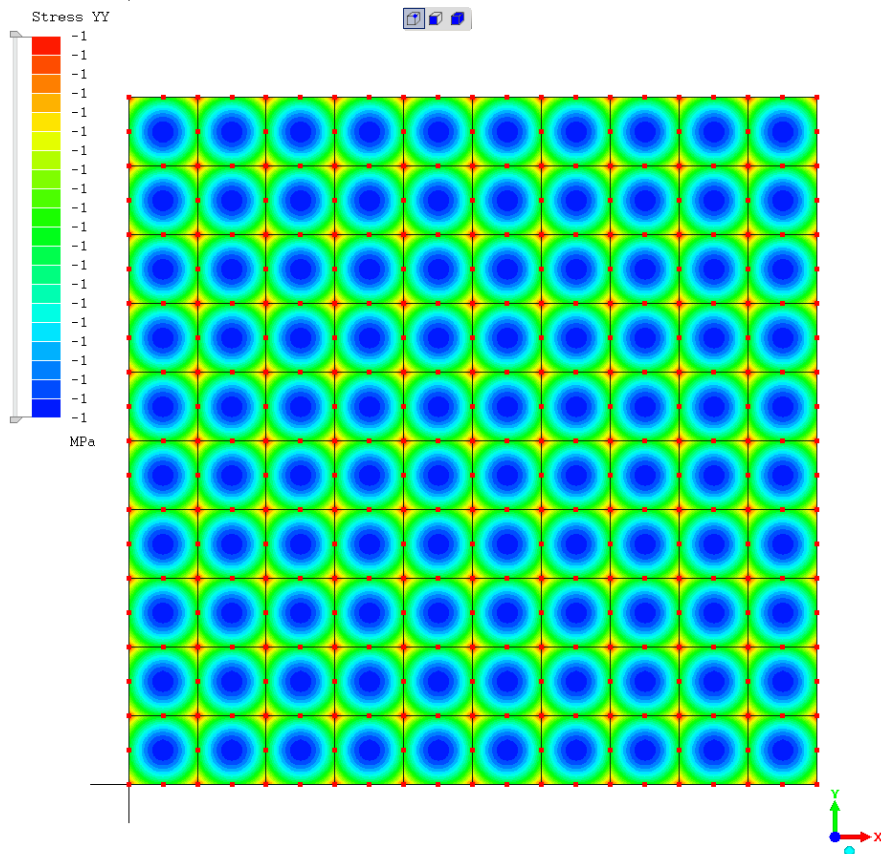
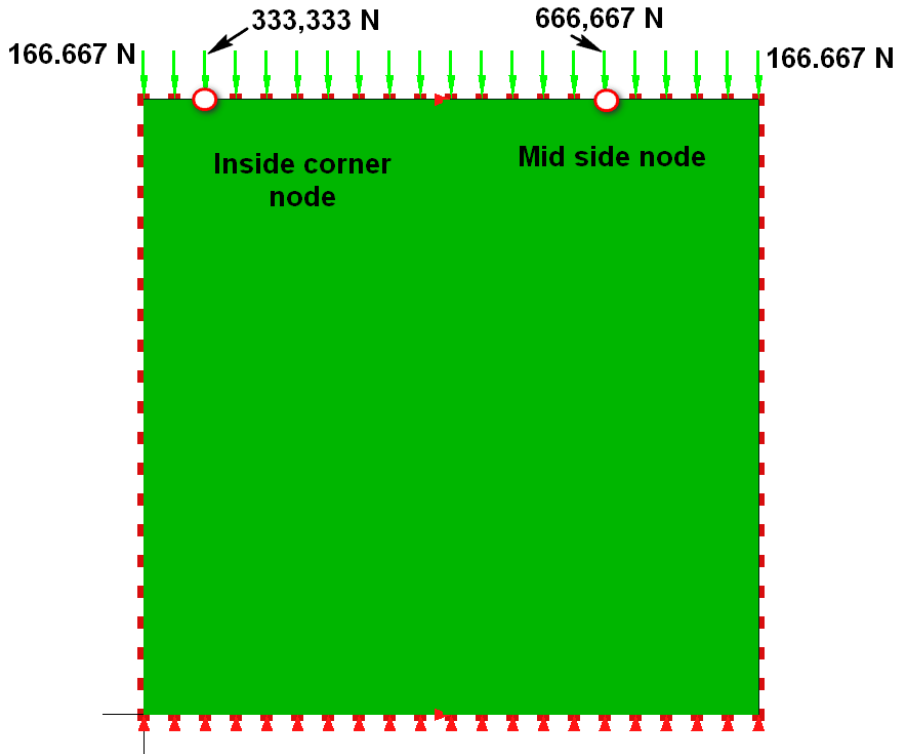
Total force acting on inside corner nodes: $\sum f_{icn} = F_{icn} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{F}{N_{icn} + 1} N_{icn} = 3000 \text{ N}$

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Force acting on corner node:

$$f_{cn} = \frac{f_{icn}}{2} = \frac{1}{6} \frac{F}{N_{icn} + 1} = 166,667 \text{ N}$$



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