Class Exercise #7

1.050 Solid Mechanics

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Displacement/Deformation(spring) analysis of opening the umbrella. Again, we show one of the eight, rotationally symmetrically distributed, ribs in a displaced state.

We seek now how the angles Ψ and ϕ , and the lengths x and l, change with θ . This is a matter of geometry of displacement and rotations. Consider θ , a, b, c, and d as given. From the geometry, construct two relationships from which you can compute Ψ and ϕ in terms of these given quantities.

Deduce, again from the geometry, an expression which will allow you to compute the length l given Ψ and ϕ and the given lengths.