

Finite Elements in Structural Mechanics

Truss elements

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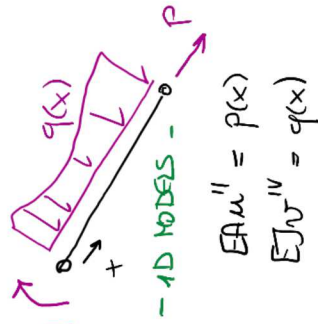
STRUCTURAL MECHANICS



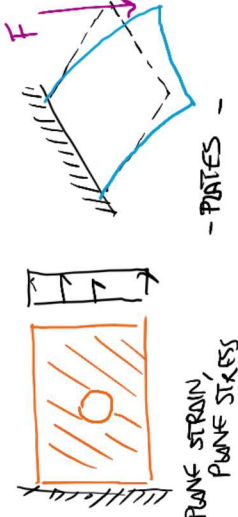
"COMPLEX" DIFF. EQUATIONS

$$\begin{cases} \text{div } \underline{\sigma} + f = 0 \\ \underline{\epsilon} = \frac{\nabla u + \nabla u^T}{2} \\ \underline{\sigma} = \underline{C} \underline{\epsilon} \end{cases}$$

STRUCTURAL MODELS



2D MODELS

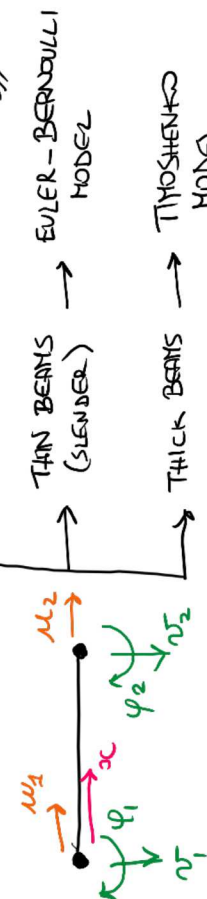


FINITE ELEMENTS FOR STRUCTURAL MECHANICS

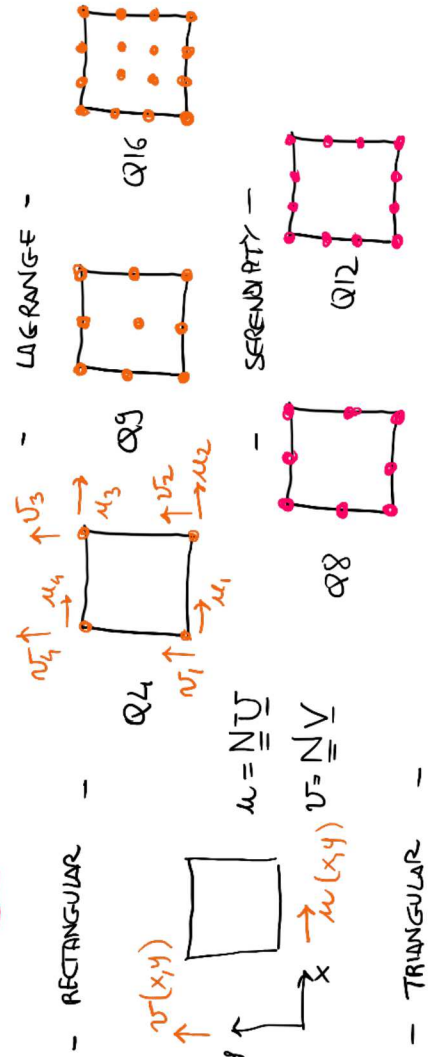
* 1D MODELS : i) TRUSS FINITE ELEMENT



ii) BEAM FINITE ELEMENT

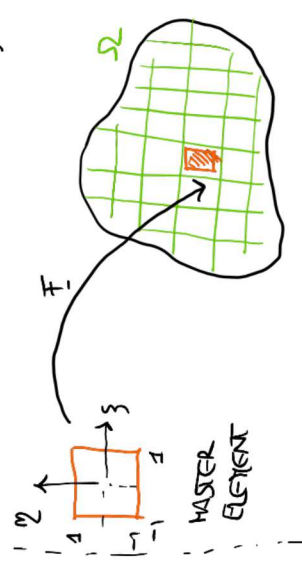


* 2D MODELS : i) FINITE ELEMENT FOR 2D PLANAR PROBLEMS

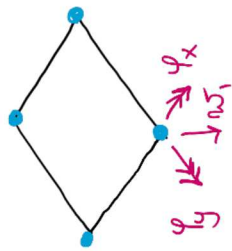


BETTER FOR COMPLEX MESH, BUT "INTERIALLY NOT SYMMETRIC"

- ISOPARAMETRIC FE -
 (HOW THE PROBLEM IS WRITTEN)



1.1) 2D MODELS FOR PLATES



ACH (12 dots)

BFS (16 dots)

MORE COMPLICATED TO STUDY AND USE!

* 3D MODELS

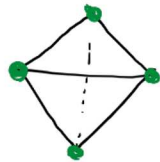
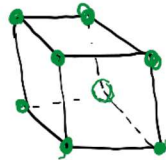
i) AXISYMMETRIC ELEMENTS



theta DOES NOT PLAY A ROLE!!

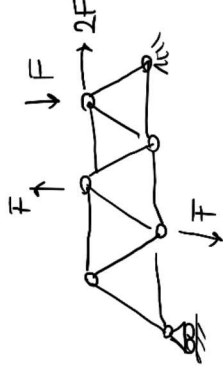
SIMPLIFIED PROBLEMS

ii) 3D GENERAL PROBLEMS



ELEMENT FINITE TRUSS

TRUSS → SUBJECTED ONLY TO AXIAL LOADS



TRUSS RODS ARE THE ELEMENTS OF TRUSSES WHERE ONLY THE NODES ARE LOADED

THE INTERNAL FORCE IS ONLY AXIAL FORCE, NO FLEXURAL DISPLACEMENTS



STATIC EQUIVALENCE

$$\sigma = \frac{N}{A} \rightarrow N = A\sigma \quad (\sigma = \sigma_x \text{ ONLY STRESS COMPONENT})$$

CONSTITUTIVE RELATIONS

$$\sigma = E\epsilon$$

epsilon IS THE AXIAL STRAIN COMPONENT

COMPATIBILITY OF DISPLACEMENTS

$$\epsilon = \frac{du}{dx}$$

COMBINING ALL THE PREVIOUS EQUATIONS...

$$N = A\sigma = AE\epsilon = EA \frac{du}{dx} \rightarrow$$

INDEFINITE EQUILIBRIUM EQUATIONS FOR A TRUSS (DISPLACEMENT FORMULATION)

$$[EA u(x)'] + p(x) = 0$$

ON THE DOMAIN $x \in [0, L]$

BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

IN CASE OF $EA = \text{const.}$

$$EA u''(x) + p(x) = 0, x \in [0, L]$$

ESSENTIAL BC: $u(0) = u^0, u(L) = u^L$

NATURAL BC: $EA u'(0) = -F(0) \rightarrow EA u'(L) = F(L)$

TOTAL POTENTIAL ENERGY

$$\pi[u] = \mathcal{E}[u] - \mathcal{L} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \int_0^L EA(u')^2}_{\substack{\text{ELASTIC POTENTIAL ENERGY} \\ \mathcal{E}[u]}} - \underbrace{\int_0^L p u - F(0)u(0) - F(L)u(L)}_{\substack{\text{POTENTIAL of EXTERNAL LOADS} \\ (-\text{WORK})}}$$

($u(x)$ IS ASSUMED TO BE A COMPATIBLE DISPLACEMENT)

SOLUTION $u(x)$ FULFILLS EQUILIBRIUM $\Leftrightarrow$ MINIMUM OF TPE

LET'S ASSUME THAT $\tilde{u}(x)$ FULFILLS BOTH COMPATIBILITY AND EQUILIBRIUM $\rightarrow$ THE VARIATION FUNCTION $\tilde{u} + \delta u(x)$ IS DEFINED IN SUCH A WAY $\delta u(x)$ IS HOMOGENEOUS AT THE BOUNDARY

$$EA \tilde{u}''(x) + p(x) = 0$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tilde{u}(0) = \tilde{u}_0 \\ \tilde{u}(L) = \tilde{u}_L \end{array} \right. \text{ OR } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u'(0) = \frac{-F(0)}{EA} \\ u'(L) = \frac{F(L)}{EA} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\delta u(0) = 0 \text{ AND/OR } \delta u(L) = 0$$

THE VARIATION OF THE TPE IS

$$\begin{aligned} \pi[\tilde{u} + \delta u] &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L EA(\tilde{u}' + \delta u')^2 - \int_0^L p(\tilde{u} + \delta u) - F(0)(\tilde{u}(0) + \delta u(0)) - F(L)(\tilde{u}(L) + \delta u(L)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L EA \tilde{u}'^2 - \int_0^L p \tilde{u} - F(0) \tilde{u}(0) - F(L) \tilde{u}(L) + \underbrace{\pi[\tilde{u}]}_{\text{TOTAL POTENTIAL ENERGY}} \\ &\quad + \int_0^L EA \tilde{u}' \delta u' + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L EA \delta u'^2 - \int_0^L p \delta u - F(0) \delta u(0) - F(L) \delta u(L) \end{aligned}$$

USING INTEGRATION BY PARTS:

$$\tilde{u}' \delta u' = (\tilde{u}' \delta u)' - \tilde{u}'' \delta u$$

$$\begin{aligned} EA \int_0^L \tilde{u}' \delta u' &= EA \left[\tilde{u}'(L) \delta u(L) - \tilde{u}'(0) \delta u(0) \right] - \int_0^L EA \tilde{u}'' \delta u \\ &= F(0) \delta u(0) + F(L) \delta u(L) - \int_0^L EA \tilde{u}'' \delta u \end{aligned}$$

HENCE

$$\begin{aligned} \pi[\tilde{u} + \delta u] &= \pi[\tilde{u}] + F(L) \delta u(L) + F(0) \delta u(0) - \int_0^L (EA \tilde{u}'' + p) \delta u + \\ &\quad - F(L) \delta u(L) - F(0) \delta u(0) + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L EA \delta u'^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\pi[\tilde{u} + \delta u] = \pi[\tilde{u}] - \underbrace{\int_0^L (EA \tilde{u}'' + p) \delta u}_{\substack{\delta \pi = 0 \\ \text{FIRST VARIATION}}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \int_0^L EA \delta u'^2}_{\substack{\delta^2 \pi \\ \text{SECOND VARIATION}}}$$

$\tilde{u}$ FULFILLS EQUILIBRIUM EQUATIONS ($\delta \pi = 0$)

ALWAYS POSITIVE $\rightarrow$

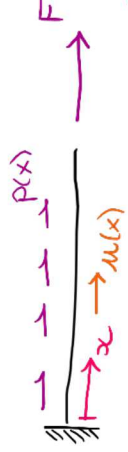
$$\pi[\tilde{u} + \delta u] - \pi[\tilde{u}] = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L EA \delta u'^2 \geq 0, \forall \delta u \text{ ADMISSIBLE}$$

$$= 0 \text{ iff } \delta u = 0$$

THIS MEANS THAT $\rightarrow$

$\pi[\tilde{u}]$ IS A MINIMUM !!!

FINITE ELEMENT FORMULATION



$$+ \quad L \quad + \quad x \in [0, L]$$

INTEGRAL FORMULATION $\rightarrow$ LET'S USE TOTAL POTENTIAL ENERGY

$$\Pi[u] = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L EA(u')^2 - \int_0^L p u - F(u(L) - F(L)u(L))$$

$u(x)$ t.c. $u \in L^2([0, L])$ s.t. THE INTEGRALS INTO THE ARE WELL DEFINED

ASSUME $u(x) \in \mathcal{C}^1 \rightarrow$ CONTINUE AND DIFFERENTIABLE FUNCTIONS

1) DISCRETISATION : DIVIDE THE BAR INTO FINITE ELEMENTS AN STUDY THE SINGLE ONE



$$\textcircled{1} + l^e + \textcircled{2} \quad x \in [0, L] \quad e\text{-th FE}$$

THE TPE IS SEEN AS A SUM

$$\Pi[u(x)] = \sum_{e=1}^{m_e} \Pi^e[u^e(x)] \rightarrow \text{ADDITIVITY 'IS USEFUL'}$$

2) ANALYTICAL APPROXIMATION

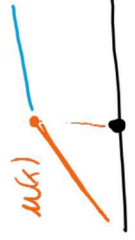
THE UNKNOWN FIELD $u(x)$ FULFILLS

- $u(x) \in \mathcal{C}^1 \rightarrow$ INSIDE THE DOMAIN OF THE FUNCTION
- $u(x) \in \mathcal{C}^0 \rightarrow$ ON THE BOUNDARY ($x=0, x=L$)



THIS CHOICE GUARANTEES THE CONTINUITY OF THE PRINCIPAL UNKNOWN FIELD $u(x) \rightarrow$ FOR THIS KIND OF PROBLEMS

$\rightarrow$ HENCE, THE DISPLACEMENTS ARE CONTINUOUS, BUT THE STRESSES ARE NOT



j-th NODE



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NOTE: IN THE FINITE ELEMENT

METHOD, THE APPROXIMATION OF DERIVED FIELDS (STRESS, STRAIN) IS ALWAYS WORSE THAN THE APPROXIMATION OF THE PRINCIPAL UNKNOWN FIELD

$\rightarrow$ TO INCREASE THE QUALITY OF THE SOLUTION WE CAN :

i) **REFINE THE MESH**, BUT THE SOLUTION STILL REMAINS AN APPROXIMATION

ii) **INCREASE THE ORDER OF FE**, i.e. CONSIDER

$u(x) \in \mathcal{C}^m$ ($m > 1$), TO ENRICH THE FORMULATION AND HAVE CONTINUOUS DERIVATIVE

THE SHAPE FUNCTIONS DEFINE THE ORDER OF APPROXIMATION

NOTE: CHOOSE A COMPLETE

FUNCTIONAL BASIS

CHOOSE ALL THE TERMS OF THE POLYNOMIAL $\rightarrow$ UNDER THE GIVEN DEGREE

$$\lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} \left[u(x) - \sum_{i=1}^K \alpha_i \phi_i(x) \right] = 0$$

LINEAR TRUSS FINITE ELEMENT

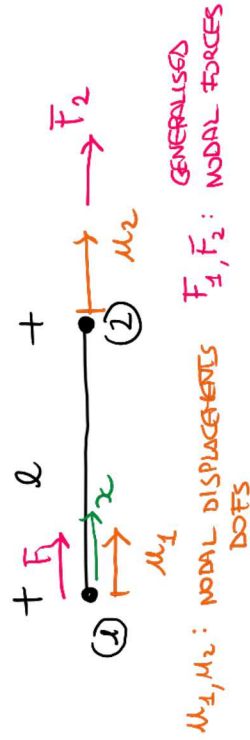
THE DISPLACEMENT IS ASSUMED TO BE LINEAR ON EACH EL.

$$u(x) = \alpha_i \quad \varphi_i(x) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 x \rightarrow$$

RITZ-GALERKIN APPROACH

$u(x)$ DEPENDS ON GENERAL COORDINATES α_i

LET'S PASS TO A "PHYSICAL" REPRESENTATION, WHERE THE DOFS ARE THE NODAL DISPLACEMENTS



PASSAGE FROM RITZ-GALERKIN TO NODAL DOFS

$$\begin{cases} u(0) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \cdot 0 = u_1 & \alpha_1 = u_1 \\ u(L) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \cdot L = u_2 & \alpha_2 = \frac{u_2 - u_1}{L} \end{cases}$$

HENCE

$$u(x) = u_1 + \frac{u_2 - u_1}{L} x = \underbrace{u_1 \left(1 - \frac{x}{L}\right)}_{N_1(x)} + \underbrace{u_2 \left(\frac{x}{L}\right)}_{N_2(x)}$$

$$u(x) = N_i(x) u_i \quad i=1,2$$

NODAL 2 DOFS

LINEAR MODEL : $N_1(x) = 1 - \frac{x}{L}$, $N_2(x) = \frac{x}{L}$

$$N_1(x) = 1 - \frac{x}{L}$$



THE VALUE OF THE SHAPE FUNCTION IS 1 IF COMPUTED IN THE NODE, 0 OTHERWISE.

$$N_i(x_j) = \delta_{ij}$$

$$N_1(x) + N_2(x) = 1 - \frac{x}{L} + \frac{x}{L} = 1 \rightarrow \text{SINCE ALSO A RIGID MOTION MUST BE REPRESENTED}$$

RIGID MOTION

$$u(x) = \bar{u}$$

$$u_1 = u_2 = \bar{u}$$

$$u(x) = \bar{u} N_1 + \bar{u} N_2 = \bar{u} (N_1 + N_2) \rightarrow \text{IT IMPLIES } N_1 + N_2 = 1$$

LET'S USE MATRIX NOTATION

$$u(x) = N_1(x) u_1 + N_2(x) u_2 = \underbrace{[N_1(x) \ N_2(x)]}_{\text{SHAPE FUNCTION MATRIX}} \underbrace{\begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}}_{\text{VECTOR OF NODAL DOFS}} = \bar{N} \bar{U}$$

THIS MODEL IS VALID $\forall \bar{U}$

$$u^e(x) = \bar{N}^e(x) \bar{U}_e = \bar{N}(x^e) \bar{U}_e \quad (\bar{N} \text{ ARE ALWAYS THE SAME, } \forall x)$$

DEFORMATION :

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon(x) = u'(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} [N_1(x) u_1 + N_2(x) u_2] = N_1'(x) u_1 + N_2'(x) u_2 = \\ &= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} N_1'(x) & N_2'(x) \end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{B}} \underbrace{\begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}}_{\bar{U}_e} = \frac{1}{L} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \bar{B} \bar{U}_e \end{aligned}$$

STRAIN - DISPLACEMENTS MATRIX $\bar{B}$

$B_1 + B_2 = 0 \rightarrow$ DUE TO RIGID MOTION...

$$u(x) = \bar{u} \rightarrow \epsilon = 0 = \bar{u} (B_1 + B_2)$$

THE APPROXIMATION OF THE UNKNOWN FIELD CAN ALWAYS BE DONE USING MATRIX NOTATION

$$u(x) = \bar{N}(x) \bar{U} \quad \varepsilon(x) = \bar{B}(x) \bar{U}$$

$\bar{N}, \bar{B}$ CHANGE ON THE BASIS OF THE FORMULATION

3) WEAK FORM / STATIONARY POINT OF FUNCTIONAL

FOR EACH FE, THE TOTAL POTENTIAL ENERGY IS

$$\Pi^e[u] = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^l EA(u')^2 - \int_0^l p u - \tilde{F}_1 u_1 - \tilde{F}_2 u_2 =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^l (u')^T EA(u') - \int_0^l (u')^T p - \tilde{F}_1 u_1 - \tilde{F}_2 u_2 =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^l \bar{U}^T \bar{B}^T(x) EA \bar{B}(x) \bar{U} - \int_0^l \bar{U}^T \bar{N}(x) p - u_1 \tilde{F}_1 - u_2 \tilde{F}_2 =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \bar{U}^T \left(\underbrace{\int_0^l \bar{B}^T(x) EA \bar{B}(x)}_{\bar{K}} \right) \bar{U} - \bar{U}^T \left(\underbrace{\int_0^l \bar{N}(x) p(x)}_{\bar{F}} \right) - u_1 \tilde{F}_1 - u_2 \tilde{F}_2$$

$\bar{K}$ = STIFFNESS MATRIX

$$-\bar{U}^T \bar{F} = -\bar{U}^T \left[\int_0^l \bar{N}^T p + \begin{Bmatrix} \tilde{F}_1 \\ \tilde{F}_2 \end{Bmatrix} \right]$$

$\bar{F}$ NODAL FORCE VECTOR

HENCE $\bar{K}[u] = \frac{1}{2} \bar{U}^T \bar{K} \bar{U} - \bar{U}^T \bar{F}$

IT'S A FUNCTION OF THE NODAL UNKNOWN $\bar{U}$

STIFFNESS MATRIX

$$\bar{B} = \frac{1}{l} \{-1, 1\}$$

$$\bar{K}^e = \int_0^l \bar{B}^T(x) EA \bar{B} \, dx = \int_0^l \frac{EA}{l^2} \begin{Bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{Bmatrix} dx = \frac{EA}{l^2} \int_0^l \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} dx = \frac{EA}{l^2} \begin{bmatrix} l & -l \\ -l & l \end{bmatrix}$$

FINITE ELEMENT WITH LINEAR FORMULATION

$$\bar{K}^e = \frac{EA^e}{l_e} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

NODAL FORCE VECTOR

$$\int_0^l \bar{N}^T p(x) \, dx = \int_0^l \begin{Bmatrix} (1-\frac{x}{l}) \\ \frac{x}{l} \end{Bmatrix} p(x) \, dx \rightarrow$$

IT REPRESENTS A NODAL LOAD WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO A DISTRIBUTED LOAD, FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE ENERGY (i.e. THE SAME CONTRIBUTION IN THE TPE)

- CONSTANT LOAD

$$p(x) = \bar{p} = \text{const}$$

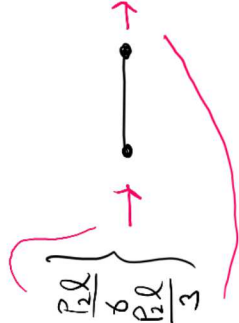
$$p(x) = \bar{p}$$

$$\bar{F} = \bar{p} \int_0^l \begin{Bmatrix} 1-\frac{x}{l} \\ \frac{x}{l} \end{Bmatrix} dx = \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{\bar{p}l}{2} \\ \frac{\bar{p}l}{2} \end{Bmatrix}$$



- LINEAR LOAD

$$p(x) = p_1 + \frac{p_2 - p_1}{l} x, \quad \bar{F} = \int_0^l \begin{Bmatrix} 1-\frac{x}{l} \\ \frac{x}{l} \end{Bmatrix} (p_1 - \frac{p_2 - p_1}{l} x) dx = \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{p_1 l}{3} + \frac{p_2 l}{6} \\ \frac{p_1 l}{6} + \frac{p_2 l}{3} \end{Bmatrix}$$



MINIMUM OF THE TOTAL POTENTIAL ENERGY

$$\pi[u] \approx \pi(u) \approx \sum_e \pi^e(u) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{FUNCTIONAL} \\ \text{OF THE UNKNOWN } u \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{DISCRETISATION} \end{array}$$

IMPOSE THE CONDITION THAT THE FUNCTIONAL IS STATIONARY

$$\delta \pi[u] = 0, \quad \forall \delta u$$

VALID FOR EACH VARIATION δu ,

HENCE VALID FOR EACH FINITE ELEMENT $\rightarrow$

$$\boxed{\text{MINIMUM OF } \pi^e(u^e) \quad \forall \text{ EF}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \pi^e(u)}{\partial u} = 0, \quad \pi^e(u) = \frac{1}{2} u^T K_e u - u^T F_e$$

INDEX NOTATION:

$$\pi = \frac{1}{2} K_{ij} u_i u_j - u_i F_i$$

$$\frac{\partial \pi}{\partial u_i} = \frac{1}{2} K_{ij} \left\{ \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial u_i} u_j + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial u_i} u_i \right\} - F_i \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial u_i}$$

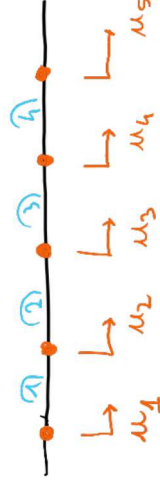
$$= \frac{1}{2} K_{ij} \left(2 \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial u_i} u_j \right) - F_i \delta_{ij}$$

$$= K_{ij} \delta_{ij} u_j - F_i \delta_{ij} = K_{aj} u_j - F_a = 0$$

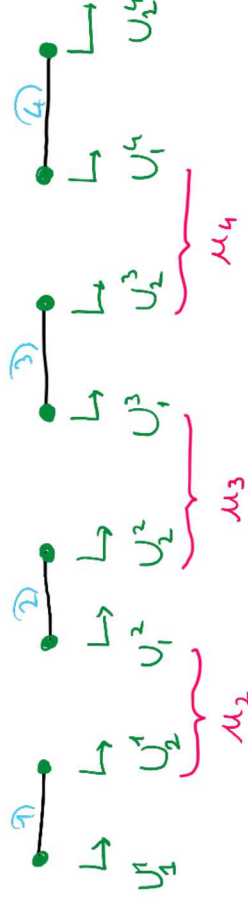
$$\frac{\partial \pi^e}{\partial u} = K_e u - F_e = 0 \rightarrow \boxed{K_e u = F_e}$$

EQUILIBRIUM EQUATION FOR EACH FINITE ELEMENT

ASSEMBLY



THE SAME CONCEPT IS VALID ALSO CONSIDERING THE FORCES



TWO KINEMATIC UNKNOWN FOR EACH FINITE ELEMENT $\rightarrow$

BUT FROM A GLOBAL POINT OF VIEW THE NUMBER OF UNKNOWN DECREASES

SOME UNKNOWN ARE SHARED BY TWO OR MORE ELEMENTS

$$u_2^{i+1} = u_i^i \quad F_2^{i+1} = F_1^i$$

THROUGH ASSEMBLY, WE PASS FROM THE PROBLEM ON THE SINGLE ELEMENT TO THE GLOBAL PROBLEM

o) "COMPLETE" METHODS

ii) EXPANDED MATRIX METHODS

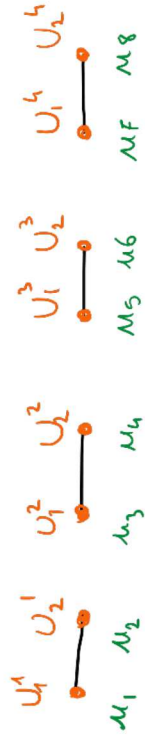
iii) DIRECT METHOD

ASSEMBLY METHODS

$$\boxed{K u = F}$$

0) COMPLETE METHOD $\rightarrow$ DO NOT USE π^e APPLIED WITHOUT THINKING...

THE GLOBAL UNKNOWN ARE ALL THE UNKNOWN FOR EACH FINITE ELEMENT $\rightarrow$ WE NEED OTHER CONSTRAINT EQUATIONS



VECTOR OF GLOBAL UNKNOWN $\underline{u} = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u_5, \dots\}^T$

ADD OTHER CONSTRAINT EQUATION TO DEFINE WHICH DOFS ARE EQUAL $\underline{A} \underline{u} = \underline{0}$

THIS METHOD IS NOT 'SMART'...

1) EXPANDED MATRIX METHOD

$\forall e$, WE HAVE THESE RELATIONS $\underline{K}^e \underline{u}^e = \underline{F}^e$

NOW, REWRITE THESE RELATIONS IN THIS WAY:

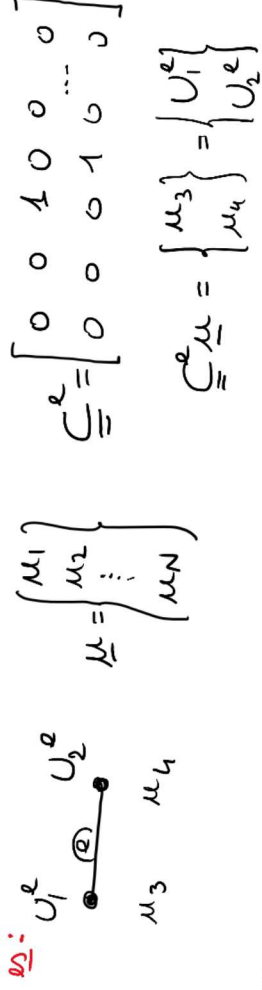
$\underline{K}^e \underline{u} = \underline{F}^e$ $\underline{u} = \{u_1, u_2, \dots\}$ GLOBAL VECTOR

THEY ARE STILL WAITED FOR EACH FINITE ELEMENT, BUT THE DIMENSION OF $\hat{K}$ AND $\hat{F}$ IS COMPATIBLE WITH VECTOR $\underline{u}$

IF $\underline{u}$ HAS N COMPONENTS $\rightarrow \underline{K}^e$ $N \times N$ $\rightarrow$ THE REASON WHY IT'S CALLED "EXPANDED MATRIX" ... $\hat{F}^e$ $N \times 1$

LET'S INTRODUCE THE CONNECTIVITY MATRIX

$\underline{U}^e = \underline{C}^e \underline{u}$ $\underline{C}^e$ IS A $2 \times N$ BOOLEAN MATRIX



THE TPE FOR EACH ELEMENT IS:

$$\underline{\pi}^e(\underline{u}) = \frac{1}{2} \underline{U}^e \underline{K}^e \underline{U}^e - \underline{U}^e \underline{F}^e = \frac{1}{2} (\underline{C}^e \underline{u})^T \underline{K}^e \underline{C}^e \underline{u} - (\underline{C}^e \underline{u})^T \underline{F}^e =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \underline{u}^T \underline{C}^e \underline{K}^e \underline{C}^e \underline{u} - \underline{u}^T \underline{C}^e \underline{F}^e \quad \underline{K}^e \underline{C}^e \underline{C}^e \underline{K}^e \underline{u} - \underline{u}^T \underline{F}^e$$

$\hat{K}^e$ and $\hat{F}^e$ ARE SPARSE MATRICES $\hat{K}^e = \underline{C}^e \underline{K}^e \underline{C}^e$ $\hat{F}^e = \underline{C}^e \underline{F}^e$

THEY ARE NULL ALMOST EVERYWHERE, FEW ELEMENTS ARE NOT VANISHING

$$\underline{\pi}(\underline{u}) = \sum_{e=1}^M \underline{\pi}^e = \sum_{e=1}^M \frac{1}{2} \underline{U}^e \underline{K}^e \underline{U}^e - \underline{U}^e \underline{F}^e = \sum_{e=1}^M \frac{1}{2} \underline{u}^T \underline{K}^e \underline{u} - \underline{u}^T \underline{F}^e =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \underline{u}^T \left(\sum_{e=1}^M \hat{K}^e \right) \underline{u} - \underline{u}^T \left(\sum_{e=1}^M \hat{F}^e \right) = \frac{1}{2} \underline{u}^T \underline{K} \underline{u} - \underline{u}^T \underline{F} \Rightarrow \underline{K} = \sum_{e=1}^M \hat{K}^e, \underline{F} = \sum_{e=1}^M \hat{F}^e$$

HENCE

$$\underline{K} = \sum_e \hat{K}^e, \quad \underline{F} = \sum_e \hat{F}^e \rightarrow$$

THEN SOLVE THE GLOBAL PROBLEM

$$\underline{K} \underline{u} = \underline{F}$$

THE PROBLEM OF THIS METHOD IS THAT WE NEED TO SOLVE THE EXPANDED MATRICES, WHICH ARE COMPOSED OF ZERO ELEMENTS ...

(BUT ACTUALLY IS NOT A GREAT PROBLEM !!)

ii) DIRECT METHOD

ACCORDING TO THIS METHOD, THE ELEMENTS OF $\underline{K}^e$ ARE PUT DIRECTLY IN THE $\underline{K}$ GLOBAL MATRIX, IN THE RIGHT POSITION

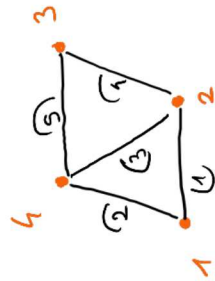
LET'S CONSIDER THE PREVIOUS RESULT

$$\underline{K} = \sum_e \underline{K}^e, \quad \underline{F} = \sum_e \underline{F}^e$$

HENCE, THE ELEMENTS OF $\underline{K}^e$ ENTER IN THE GLOBAL MATRIX $\underline{K}$ AS A "SUM"

$$\underline{K} \underline{u} = \underline{F} \quad \underline{u} = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_N\}^T$$

LET'S DEFINE A CONNECTIVITY MATRIX:



IN THE j -th ROW THERE ARE THE LABELS OF THE NODES OF THE j -th ELEMENT

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

CONNECTIVITY MATRIX GIVES US INFORMATIONS ALSO ON THE ORIENTATION OF THE REF. SYSTEM ON THE ELEMENTS

EX: ELEMENT 3 $\rightarrow$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} K_{11}^3 & K_{12}^3 \\ K_{21}^3 & K_{22}^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1^3 \\ u_2^3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_1^3 \\ F_2^3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

THE CONNECTIVITY MATRIX TELLS US THE LINK FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL COORDINATES

$$\begin{Bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} u_1^3 \\ u_2^3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

WE NEED THOSE OF THE GLOBAL REFERENCE

$$\underline{K} \underline{u} = \underline{F}$$

THE COMPONENTS OF $\underline{K}^{(3)}$ AND $\underline{F}^{(3)}$ ENTER IN THE GLOBAL MATRIX/VECTOR IN THIS WAY
THEY ARE SUMMED TO THE ELEMENTS ALREADY PRESENT IN THE SAME POSITION

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \mu_3 \\ \mu_4 \\ \mu_5 \end{Bmatrix}$$

ITERATIVE PROCEDURE:

STEP 1: INITIALISE NULL MATRIX $\underline{K}$ AND VECTOR $\underline{F}$

for $e = 1: M_0$

STEP 2: THROUGH CONNECTIVITY MATRIX, UNDERSTAND THE POSITION OF $\underline{K}^{(e)}$ AND $\underline{F}^{(e)}$ IN THE GLOBAL MATRIX/VECTOR

STEP 3: SUM THE ELEMENTS OF $\underline{K}^{(e)}$ AND $\underline{F}^{(e)}$ TO THOSE ALREADY PRESENT IN THE CONSIDERED POSITIONS

end

PROPERTY OF THE GLOBAL SYSTEM

$$\underline{K} \underline{u} = \underline{F} \rightarrow \Pi[\underline{u}] = \frac{1}{2} \underline{u}^T \underline{K} \underline{u} - \underline{u}^T \underline{F}$$

TPE OF THE GLOBAL SYSTEM
(FUNCTION OF $\underline{u}$)

MECHANICAL
INTERPRETATION

$\underline{F}$: EXTERNAL FORCES APPLIED
TO THE NODES OF THE STRUCTURE

$\underline{K} \underline{u}$: INTERNAL FORCES DUE TO THE
ELASTIC STRUCTURE (RESPONSE OF
EXTERNAL LOADS)

THROUGH FEM, THE STIFFNESS OF THE
STRUCTURE BECOMES AN ELASTIC
SPRING $\rightarrow$ SPRING IS DESCRIBED BY $\underline{K}$,
IT DEPENDS ON THE STRUCTURE

NOTE: THE EQUATIONS $\underline{K} \underline{u} = \underline{F}$
CAN BE INTERPRETED AS THE EQUILIBRIUM
EQUATIONS OF THE STRUCTURE

PROPERTY OF $\underline{K}$:

i) THE ROWS OF $\underline{K}$ REPRESENT EQUILIBRIUM EQUATION
OF THE NODES OF THE TRUSS STRUCTURE

ii) THE COLUMNS OF $\underline{K}$ ARE THE NODAL FORCES CAUSED BY A UNIT DISPLACEMENT
ASSOCIATED TO THE D.O.F. OF THE CONSIDERED COLUMN

$$\begin{bmatrix} K_{11} & K_{12} & K_{13} & \dots & K_{1N} \\ K_{21} & K_{22} & K_{23} & \dots & K_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ K_{N1} & K_{N2} & K_{N3} & \dots & K_{NN} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ \vdots \\ u_N \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ \vdots \\ F_N \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{Bmatrix} K_{11} \\ K_{21} \\ \vdots \\ K_{N1} \end{Bmatrix} u_1 + \begin{Bmatrix} K_{12} \\ K_{22} \\ \vdots \\ K_{N2} \end{Bmatrix} u_2 + \dots = \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ \vdots \\ F_N \end{Bmatrix}$$

FORCE DUE
ONLY TO DISPL. u_1

iii) $\underline{K}$ IS SINGULAR FOR THE
UNCONSTRAINED STRUCTURE

$\rightarrow$ THE ELASTIC SOLUTION IS
UNIQUE UNLESS THE PRESENCE
OF A RIGID MOTION

THE ELASTIC FORCES DUE
TO A RIGID MOTION
ARE NULL !!

$$\underline{K} \underline{u}^R = 0, \forall \underline{u}^R \text{ ADMISSIBLE} \Rightarrow \det(\underline{K}) = 0$$

iv) $\underline{K}$ IS POSITIVE
SEMI-DEFINITE $\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2} \underline{u}^T \underline{K} \underline{u} \geq 0, \forall \underline{u} \quad (\mathcal{E} = 0 \text{ iff } \underline{u} = 0)$

v) $\underline{K} \in \text{Sym}$ $\rightarrow$ LET'S APPLY BETTI'S THEOREM

$$L_{ab} = L_{ba}$$

CONDITION a) $\underline{u}^a, \underline{F}^a = \underline{K} \underline{u}^a$

$$\underline{u}^b \cdot \underline{F}^a = \underline{u}^a \cdot \underline{F}^b \rightarrow \underline{u}^b \cdot \underline{K} \underline{u}^a = \underline{u}^a \cdot \underline{K} \underline{u}^b$$

CONDITION b) $\underline{u}^b, \underline{F}^b = \underline{K} \underline{u}^b$

$$\underline{u}^b \cdot \underline{K} \underline{u}^a = \underline{u}^a \cdot \underline{K}^T \underline{u}^b \Rightarrow \underline{K} = \underline{K}^T$$

COMPUTE THE SOLUTION

$$\det(\underline{K}) = 0 \quad \underline{r}_y(\underline{K}) = 2m - 3$$

WE NEED AT LEAST 3 DOES TO HAVE AN INVERTIBLE SUB-MATRIX

$$\underline{u} = \begin{Bmatrix} \underline{u}_U \\ \underline{u}_F \end{Bmatrix}, \underline{F} = \begin{Bmatrix} \underline{F}_U \\ \underline{F}_F \end{Bmatrix}$$

-PARTITION-

$\underline{u}_U, \underline{F}_U \rightarrow$ DISPLACEMENTS AND FORCES WHERE THE DISPLACEMENTS ARE KNOWN

$\underline{u}_F, \underline{F}_F \rightarrow$ WHERE THE FORCES ARE KNOWN

THE PROBLEM CAN BE PARTITIONED IN THIS WAY:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \underline{K}_{UU} & \underline{K}_{UF} \\ \underline{K}_{FU} & \underline{K}_{FF} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \underline{u}_U \\ \underline{u}_F \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \underline{F}_U \\ \underline{F}_F \end{Bmatrix}$$

2nd ROW:

$$\underline{K}_{FF} \underline{u}_F = \underline{F}_F - \underline{K}_{FU} \underline{u}_U$$

EXTERNAL FORCES DUE TO PRESCRIBED DISPLACEMENT

UNKNOWN OF THE PROBLEM

ONE CAN SOLVE THE SYSTEM IN $\underline{u}_F \rightarrow$ USE THE SOLUTION IN THE 1st ROW

$$\underline{F}_U = \underline{K}_{UU} \underline{u}_U + \underline{K}_{UF} \underline{u}_F \rightarrow \underline{F}_U \text{ ARE THE REACTIONS}$$

(IN FACT, IN THE CONSTRAINTS THE DISPL. ARE KNOWN)

QUADRATIC FINITE ELEMENT FORMULATION

GOOD APPROXIMATION FOR DISPLACEMENTS, WORSE APPROX. FOR INTERNAL STRESS AND AXIAL FORCES

UNTIL NOW WE USED A LINEAR APPROXIMATION OF THE FINITE ELEMENT $\rightarrow u(x) = \left(1 - \frac{x}{l}\right) u_1 + \frac{x}{l} u_2$

$N(x) = EA u'(x) \rightarrow$ THE APPROXIMATION OF $N(x)$ IS PIECEWISE-LINEAR $\rightarrow$ REFINING THE MESH, THE SOLUTION QUALITY OF $u(x)$ IMPROVES, BUT $N(x)$ IS STILL PIECEWISE LINEAR

TO IMPROVE THE SOLUTION,

WE CAN INCREASE THE ORDER OF THE POLYNOMIAL OF THE SHAPE FUNCTIONS

$$u(x) = a + bx + cx^2 \rightarrow \text{WE NEED 3 DOFS IN 3 NODES}$$

(PITZ-GALERKIN)

$$\begin{matrix} + & + & + \\ \frac{l}{2} & \frac{l}{2} & l \\ \textcircled{1} & \textcircled{3} & \textcircled{2} \end{matrix}$$

HENCE

$$\begin{cases} u(0) = u_1 = a \\ u(l/2) = u_3 = a + b\frac{l}{2} + c\frac{l^2}{4} \\ u(l) = u_2 = a + bl + cl^2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} a = u_1 \\ b\frac{l}{2} + c\frac{l^2}{4} = u_3 - u_1 \\ bl + cl^2 = u_2 - u_1 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} a = u_1 \\ b = \frac{1}{l}(3u_1 - u_2 + 4u_3) \\ c = \frac{1}{l^2}(2u_1 + 2u_2 - 4u_3) \end{cases}$$

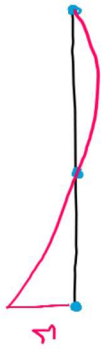
THE QUADRATIC FORMULATION BECOMES:

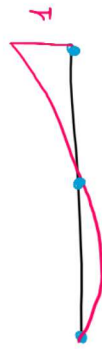
$$u(x) = \underbrace{\left[1 - \frac{3x}{l} + \frac{2x^2}{l^2}\right]}_{N_1(x)} u_1 + \underbrace{\left[-\frac{x}{l} + \frac{2x^2}{l^2}\right]}_{N_2(x)} u_2 + \underbrace{\left[\frac{4x}{l} - \frac{4x^2}{l^2}\right]}_{N_3(x)} u_3$$

$$u^e(x) = N_i(x) U_i^e = [N_1, N_2, N_3] U^e = \bar{N}(x) \bar{U}^e$$

$$E^e(x) = \frac{du^e}{dx} = \left[\frac{dN_1}{dx}, \frac{dN_2}{dx}, \frac{dN_3}{dx} \right] U^e = \bar{B}(x) \bar{U}^e$$

THEN $N_i(x_j) = \delta_{ij}$, $\sum N_i = 1$, $\sum B_i = 0$

$$N_1(x) = 1 - \frac{3x}{l} + \frac{2x^2}{l^2}$$


$$N_2(x) = \frac{x}{l} \left(-1 + 2\frac{x}{l} \right)$$


$$N_3(x) = 4\frac{x}{l} \left(1 - \frac{x}{l} \right)$$


MATRIX NOTATION:

$$\bar{N}(x) = \left\{ \left(1 - \frac{3x}{l} + \frac{2x^2}{l^2} \right), \frac{x}{l} \left(-1 + 2\frac{x}{l} \right), \frac{4x}{l} \left(1 - \frac{x}{l} \right) \right\}$$

$$\bar{B}(x) = \left\{ \left(-\frac{3}{l} + \frac{4x}{l^2} \right), \left(-\frac{1}{l} + \frac{4x}{l^2} \right), \left(\frac{4}{l} - \frac{8x}{l^2} \right) \right\}$$

TOTAL POTENTIAL ENERGY

$$\Pi[U] = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} U^T \left(\int_0^l \bar{B}^T(x) EA \bar{B}(x) dx \right) U^e}_{\text{NOW } U \text{ HAS 3 COMPONENTS}} - \underbrace{U^T \left(\int_0^l \bar{N}^T(x) p(x) dx \right)}_{\substack{\text{F VECTOR} \\ \text{OF NODAL FORCES}}} - \left\{ \begin{matrix} F_1^e \\ F_2^e \\ F_3^e \end{matrix} \right\}$$

STIFFNESS MATRIX:

$$\bar{K} = EA \int_0^l \begin{bmatrix} B_1^2 & B_1 B_2 & B_1 B_3 \\ B_2^2 & B_2^2 & B_{23} \\ B_3^2 & B_3^2 & B_3^2 \end{bmatrix}_{\text{Sym}} dx = \frac{EA}{3l} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 1 & -8 \\ 1 & 7 & -8 \\ -8 & -8 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

NODAL FORCE VECTOR:

- CONSTANT LOAD $l \int_0^l \bar{N}^T(x) \bar{P} = \bar{P} \int_0^l \bar{N}(x) dx = \begin{Bmatrix} P_1/2 \\ P_2/2 \\ P_3 \end{Bmatrix}$

- LINEAR LOAD

$p(x) = P_1 + \frac{P_2 - P_1}{l} x$ $\int_0^l \bar{N}^T(x) p(x) dx = \frac{l}{3} \begin{Bmatrix} P_1/2 \\ P_2/2 \\ P_1 + P_2 \end{Bmatrix}$



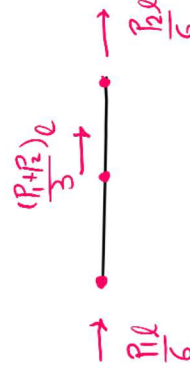
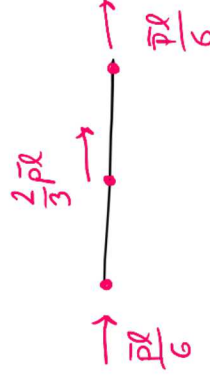
ALTERNATIVE METHOD FOR SHAPE FUNCTIONS

i) $N_1(x)$ IS QUADRATIC

ii) $\begin{cases} N_1(0) = 1 \\ N_1(l/2) = 0 \\ N_1(l) = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow N_1(x) = A_1 \left(x - \frac{l}{2} \right) \left(x - l \right)$

$N_1(0) = A_1 \frac{l^2}{2} = 1 \rightarrow A_1 = \frac{2}{l^2}$

$N_1(x) = \frac{2}{l^2} \left(x - \frac{l}{2} \right) \left(x - l \right)$

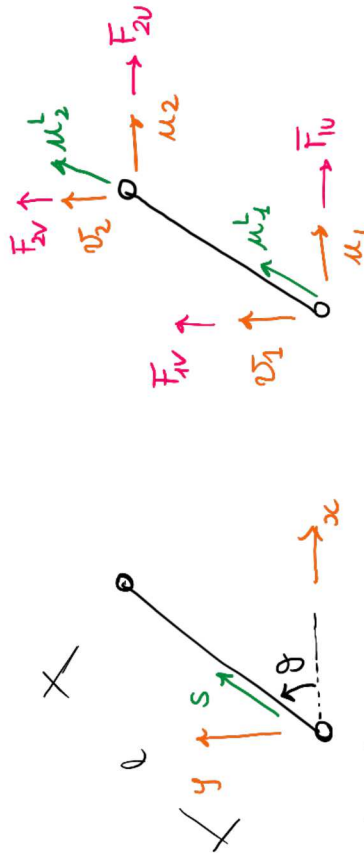


INCLINED ELEMENTS



FOR "INTRINSIC ID" STRUCTURE THE TRUSS FORMULATION IS ENOUGH TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM DIRECTLY

FOR 2D STRUCTURES, WE NEED A LINK BETWEEN DISPLACEMENTS $u(x, y)$ AND $v(x, y)$ WITH THE AXIAL DISPLACEMENT OF EACH TRUSS ELEMENT



$$\begin{cases} u(s) = N_1(s)u_1 + N_2(s)u_2 \\ v(s) = N_1(s)v_1 + N_2(s)v_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} u(s) \\ v(s) \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} N_1(s) & 0 & N_2(s) & 0 \\ 0 & N_1(s) & 0 & N_2(s) \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \\ u_2 \\ v_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

THE LINK BETWEEN $u(s)$, $v(s)$ AND THE LOCAL DISPLACEMENT $u'(s)$ IS

$$u'(s) = u(s) \cos \theta + v(s) \sin \theta$$

COMPUTED IN THE NODES

$$\begin{Bmatrix} u_1' \\ u_2' \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cos \theta & \sin \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \\ u_2 \\ v_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$T \rightarrow 2 \times 4$$

THE TPE ON THE SINGLE FE IS:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\underline{K}} &= \frac{1}{2} \underline{\underline{u}}_1^T \underline{\underline{K}}_L \underline{\underline{u}}_L - \underline{\underline{u}}_L^T \underline{\underline{F}}_L = \frac{1}{2} \underline{\underline{u}}_1^T T^T \underline{\underline{K}}_L T \underline{\underline{u}}_1 - \underline{\underline{u}}_1^T T^T \underline{\underline{F}}_L \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \underline{\underline{u}}_1^T \underline{\underline{K}}_L \underline{\underline{u}}_1 - \underline{\underline{u}}_1^T \underline{\underline{F}} \end{aligned}$$

$$T^T \underline{\underline{K}}_L T \rightarrow \begin{matrix} 4 \times 2 & 2 \times 2 & 2 \times 4 \\ \underline{\underline{K}}_L & \underline{\underline{F}}_L & \end{matrix}$$

$$c = \cos \theta \\ s = \sin \theta$$

$$T^T \underline{\underline{K}}_L T = \frac{EA}{l} \begin{bmatrix} c & 0 \\ s & 0 \\ 0 & c \\ 0 & s \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c & s & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c & s \end{bmatrix} = \frac{EA}{l} \begin{bmatrix} c & s & -c & -s \\ -c & -s & c & s \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{EA}{l} \begin{bmatrix} c^2 & cs & -c^2 & -cs \\ cs & s^2 & -cs & -s^2 \\ -c^2 & -cs & c^2 & cs \\ -cs & -s^2 & cs & s^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{\underline{K}}_1 & \underline{\underline{K}}_2 & \underline{\underline{K}}_3 & \underline{\underline{K}}_4 \\ \underline{\underline{K}}_2^T & \underline{\underline{K}}_1 & \underline{\underline{K}}_4^T & \underline{\underline{K}}_3^T \\ \underline{\underline{K}}_3^T & \underline{\underline{K}}_4^T & \underline{\underline{K}}_1 & \underline{\underline{K}}_2 \\ \underline{\underline{K}}_4^T & \underline{\underline{K}}_3^T & \underline{\underline{K}}_2^T & \underline{\underline{K}}_1 \end{bmatrix}, \underline{\underline{F}} = \begin{Bmatrix} cF \\ sF \\ -cF \\ -sF \end{Bmatrix}$$