

# ZeroLengthContactNTS2D

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This command is used to construct a zeroLengthContactNTS2D element object. This is a Node-To-Segment (NTS) frictional contact element used in two dimensional analysis for contact between elements with 2 DOF nodes.

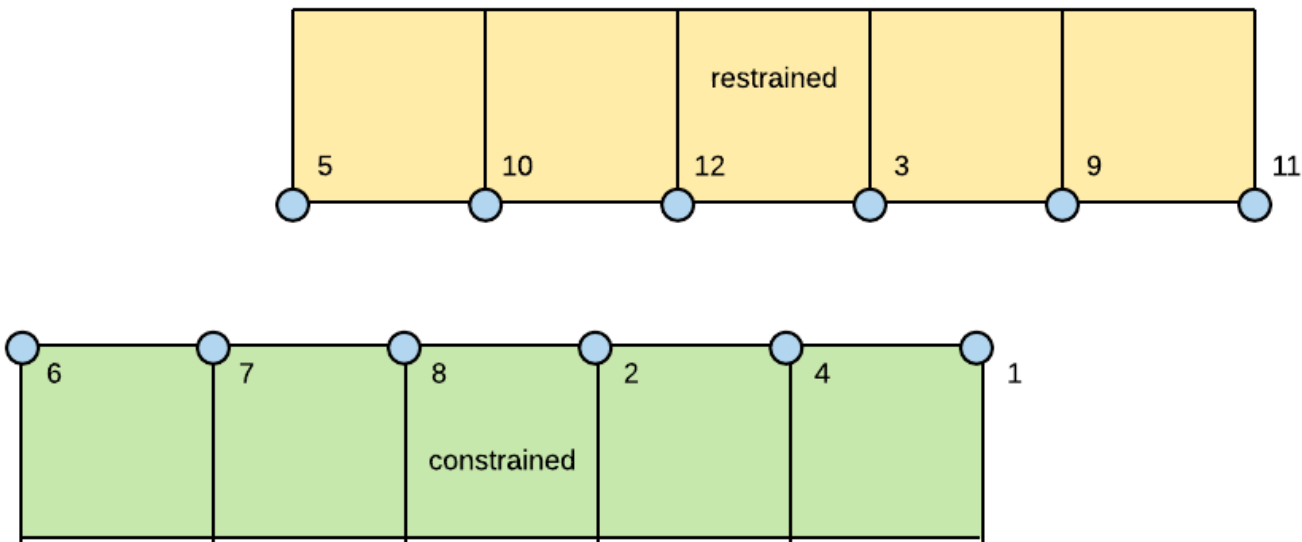
**element zeroLengtContactNTS2D \$eleTag -cNdNum \$cNdNum -rNdNum \$rNdNum -Nodes \$Nodes \$Kn \$kt \$phi**

\$eleTag	unique element object tag
\$cNdNum	Number of Constrained Nodes
\$rNdNum	Number of Retained nodes
\$Nodes ...	Constrained and Retained node tags respectively
\$Kn	Penalty in normal direction
\$Kt	Penalty in tangential direction
\$phi	Friction angle in degrees

**NOTES:**

- 1. The contact element is node-to-segment (NTS) contact. The relation follows Mohr-Coulomb frictional law:  $T = N \times \tan(\phi)$ , where  $T$  is the tangential force,  $N$  is normal force across the interface and  $\phi$  is friction angle.
- 2. For 2D contact, constrained nodes and retained nodes must be 2 DOF and notice that the constrained and retained nodes must be entered in counterclockwise order.
- 3. The resulting tangent from the contact element is non-symmetric. Switch to the non-symmetric matrix solver if convergence problem is experienced.
- 4. As opposed to node-to-node contact, predefined normal vector for node-to-segment (NTS) element is not required because contact normal will be calculated automatically at each step.
- 5. contact element is implemented to handle large deformations.

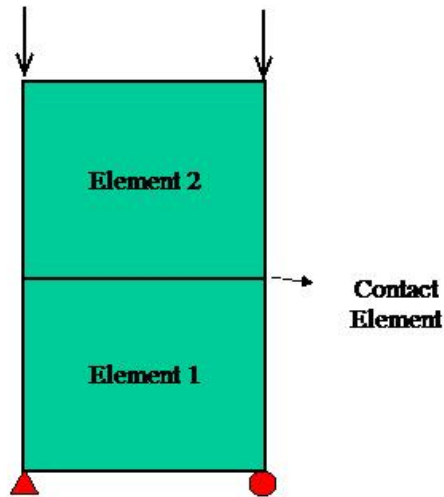
**EXAMPLE:**



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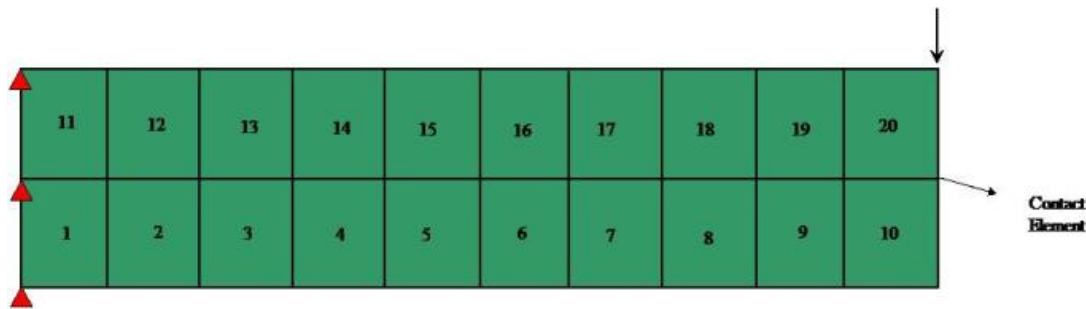
### Example 1:

This example simply shows the two quadrilateral elements in normal contact. The top element is in normal downward uniform force. The Tcl script of this example can be found [here](#).

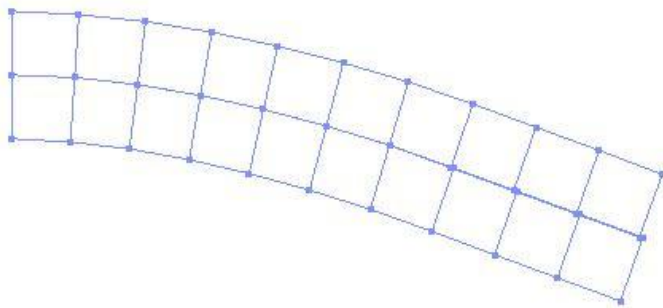


### Example 2:

This example shows two cantilever beams in contact. The beams were modeled using four-node quadrilateral elements and the end of top beam was subjected to a linearly increasing displacement. The Tcl scripts for this example can be found [here](#).



The following Figure shows the deflections of the two beams.



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