

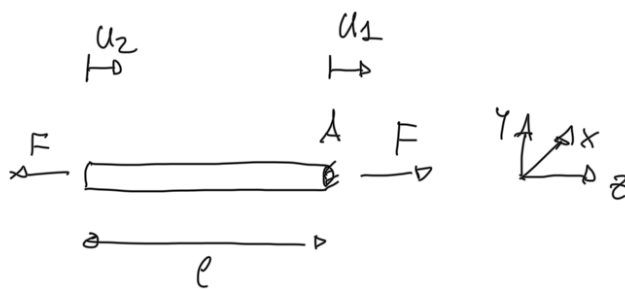
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Principle of Virtual Work

Static equilibrium $(=)$ $\delta W_i = \delta W_e$
for any arbitrary virtual compatible displacement
 δu $\delta \epsilon$

$$\delta W = F \cdot \delta u$$

We are looking for the only equilibrated solution among the infinite compatible ones.



TRUSS: it can carry only axial load

linear elastic C.L.

$$\sigma_{zz} = \frac{F}{A} = E \cdot \epsilon_{zz}$$

$$\epsilon_{zz} = \frac{u_1}{l} = \frac{\delta l}{l}$$

↑
it holds
for infinitesimal
displacements

VIRTUAL

$$\begin{aligned} \delta W_i &= \int_V \delta \epsilon_{zz} \cdot \sigma_{zz} dV = \int_0^l \int_A \delta \epsilon_{zz} \cdot \sigma_{zz} dA \cdot dz \\ &= \int_0^l \delta \epsilon_{zz} \cdot \int_A \sigma_{zz} dA \cdot dz = \int_0^l \delta \epsilon_{zz} \cdot F dz = \underline{\underline{\delta \Delta l \cdot F}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \delta (u_1 - u_2) \cdot F$$

↑
it's not the position,
it's the displacements



we can describe our truss as

a spring, which kinematics is described by u_1 and u_2

curly brackets
column vector

$$SW_i = SW_e$$

VIRTUAL

$$\frac{\delta W_i}{\delta (u_1 - u_2)} \cdot F = \frac{\delta W_e}{\delta \ell} \cdot F$$

$$\Delta \ell = u_1 - u_2$$

$$\underline{\delta \Delta \ell} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \delta \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\delta W_i = \int_V \delta \underline{\underline{\epsilon}} \cdot \underline{\underline{\sigma}} \, dV = \underline{\underline{\delta \Delta \epsilon}} \cdot \underline{\underline{F}} =$$

$$= \underbrace{\delta \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}^T}_{\text{VIRTUAL}} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \underbrace{K}_{\text{REAL}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix} =$$

(OUTER SCALAR PRODUCT)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \delta \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}^T \cdot \begin{bmatrix} K & -K \\ -K & K \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \delta W_i$$

↑
stiffness matrix
of our spring

$$\delta W_e = \delta \Delta l \cdot F = \delta \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}^T \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot F = \delta \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}^T \cdot \begin{bmatrix} F \\ -F \end{bmatrix}$$

$$PVW \quad \delta W_i = \delta W_e$$

$$\delta \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}^T \cdot \begin{bmatrix} k & -k \\ -k & k \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \delta \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}^T \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} F \\ -F \end{Bmatrix}$$

TBN: you cannot eliminate $\delta \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}^T$ from both sides of the equation:

→ It's mathematically WRONG

→ It's conceptually misleading

What we actually do:

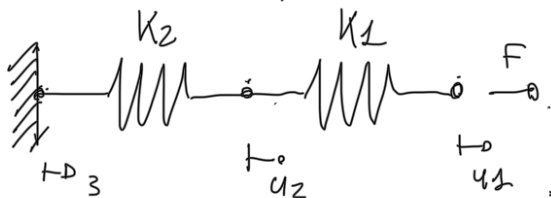
$$\delta \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}^T \left(\begin{bmatrix} k & -k \\ -k & k \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix} - \begin{Bmatrix} F \\ -F \end{Bmatrix} \right) = 0$$

This must be 0 for any value of $\delta \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}^T$

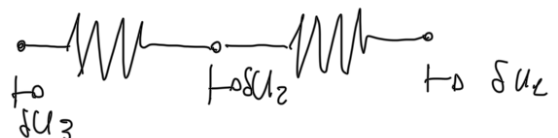
$$\begin{bmatrix} k & -k \\ -k & k \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix} - \begin{Bmatrix} F \\ -F \end{Bmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{SPRING CONSTITUTIVE EQUATION}$$

Let's try with a more complex system

REAL



VIRTUAL



$$PVW \quad \delta W_i = \delta W_e$$

for the first spring $\begin{Bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} K_2 & -K_2 \\ -K_2 & K_2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}$

for the second $\begin{Bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} K_1 & -K_1 \\ -K_1 & K_1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_1 \end{Bmatrix}$

spring (f3) [-k2 k2] (u3)

$$\delta W_i = \delta W_{i1} + \delta W_{i2} = \delta \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}^T \overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} k_2 & -k_1 \\ -k_1 & k_1 \end{bmatrix}}^{\text{red force}} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \delta \begin{Bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} k_2 & -k_2 \\ -k_2 & k_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\delta W_e = \delta \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix}^T \begin{Bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\text{PVW} \quad \delta \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} k_2 & -k_1 \\ -k_1 & k_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \delta \begin{Bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} k_2 & -k_2 \\ -k_2 & k_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \delta \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix}^T \begin{Bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

let's add the BC

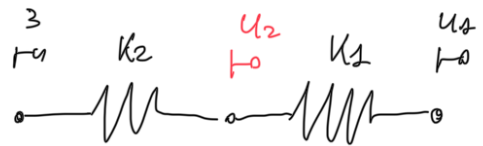
$$u_3 = 0 \quad \delta u_3 = 0$$

$$\delta \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} k_2 & -k_1 \\ -k_1 & k_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \delta u_2 k_2 u_2 = \delta u_1 f_1$$

$$\delta \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} k_2 & -k_1 \\ -k_1 & k_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \delta \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & k_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix} - \delta \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}^T \begin{Bmatrix} f_1 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\delta \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}^T \left(\begin{bmatrix} k_2 & -k_1 \\ -k_1 & k_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & k_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix} - \begin{Bmatrix} f_1 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \right) = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} k_2 & -k_1 \\ -k_1 & k_1 + k_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix} - \begin{Bmatrix} f_1 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} = 0$$



Let's do it in a different way

$$\text{ASSEMBLY} \quad \begin{Bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_2 & -k_1 & 0 \\ -k_1 & k_2 + k_1 & -k_2 \\ 0 & -k_2 & k_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\text{PVW} \quad \delta \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} k_2 & -k_1 & 0 \\ -k_1 & k_2 + k_1 & -k_2 \\ 0 & -k_2 & k_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \delta \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix}^T \begin{Bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\text{B.C.} \quad (u_1)^T [k_2 \ -k_1 \ 0] (u_1) \quad (u_2)^T [f_2]$$

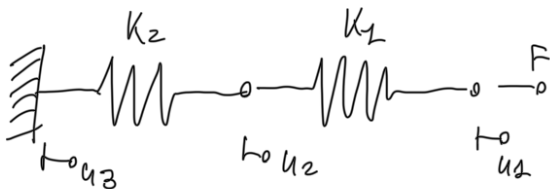
$$\delta \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -k_1 & k_1+k_2 & -k_2 \\ \cancel{\delta} & \cancel{-k_2} & \cancel{k_2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \delta \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix} \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} \cancel{F} \\ \cancel{0} \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\delta \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} k_1 & -k_1 \\ -k_2 & k_1+k_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix} - \delta \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}^T \begin{Bmatrix} F \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix} \left(\begin{bmatrix} k_1 & -k_1 \\ -k_2 & k_1+k_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix} - \begin{Bmatrix} F \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \right) = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} k_1 & -k_1 \\ -k_2 & k_1+k_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix} - \begin{Bmatrix} F \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} = 0 \quad u_1 = F \left(\frac{1}{k_1} + \frac{1}{k_2} \right)$$

	PVV	PCVV
problem as a function of	<u>displacements</u> strains	<u>forces</u> stresses
virtual	displacements	forces
enforce A PRIORI	compatibility Dirichlet / Essential BC	equilibrium Neumann / Natural BC
find a solution	equilibrated	compatible



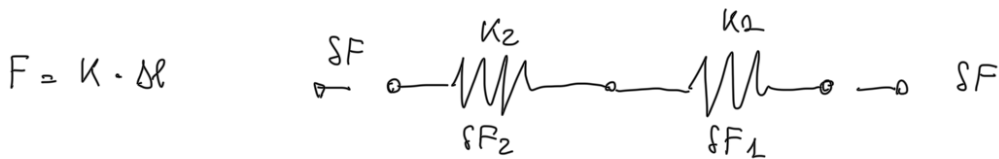
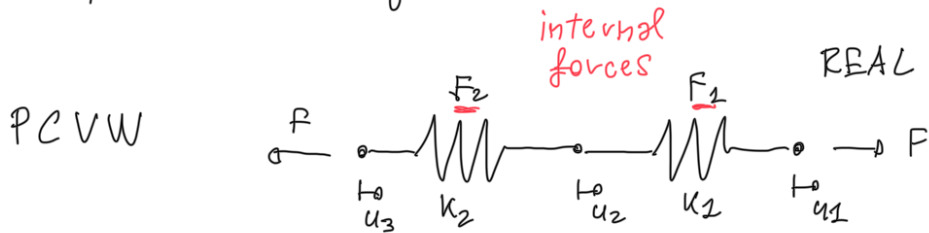
SERIES
the Internal force is constant along the structure

- Is this statically determined? Is this ISOSTATIC?
YES

If our structure is isostatic, we can solve our elastic problem simply IMPOSING THE EQUILIBRIUM



Equilibrium along z $F + R = 0$ $R = -F$



$$\delta W_i = \delta W_{i1} + \delta W_{i2} = \delta F_1 \cdot \Delta l_1 + \delta F_2 \cdot \Delta l_2 =$$

$$= \delta F_1 \cdot \frac{F_1}{k_1} + \delta F_2 \cdot \frac{F_2}{k_2} =$$

SERIES

$\delta F = \delta F_1 = \delta F_2$
 $F = F_1 = F_2$

$$= \delta F \left(\frac{F}{k_1} + \frac{F}{k_2} \right)$$

the RF don't produce work

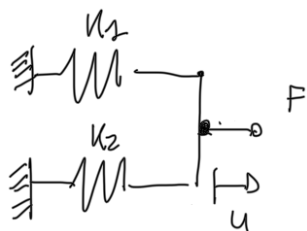
$$\delta W_e = \delta F \cdot u_1 + \delta F \cdot u_3$$

$$= \delta F \cdot u_1$$

PCVW $\delta W_i = \delta W_e$ $\delta F \cdot F \left(\frac{1}{k_1} + \frac{1}{k_2} \right) - u_1 \delta F = 0$

$$\delta F \left(F \left(\frac{1}{k_1} + \frac{1}{k_2} \right) - u_1 \right) = 0$$

$$u_1 = F \left(\frac{1}{k_1} + \frac{1}{k_2} \right)$$



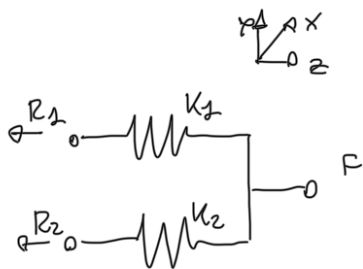
TBN: we have only axial behavior.

PARALLEL $\Delta l = \Delta l_1 = \Delta l_2$

given F , let's find u

• statically determined? 3 rigid DOF

NO! the system is hyperstatic



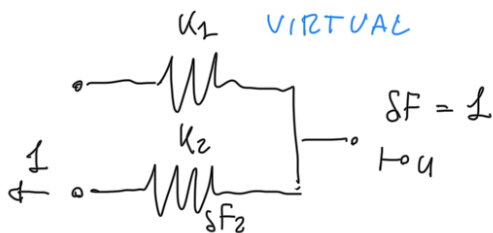
Impose the equilibrium along z

$$F - R_1 - R_2 = 0$$

\uparrow \uparrow
unknowns

First method: PCVW

(I)



$$\delta F = \cancel{\delta F_1} + \delta F_2$$

$$\delta W_i = \delta W_{i1} + \delta W_{i2} = \cancel{\delta F_1} \cdot \frac{F_1}{K_1} + \delta F_2 \cdot \frac{F_2}{K_2}$$

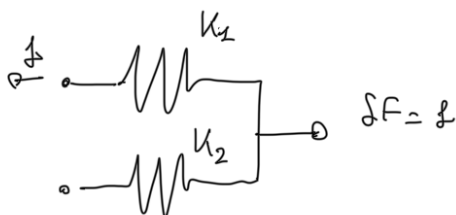
$$\delta W_e = \delta F \cdot u = u \quad [N \cdot mm]$$

$$\delta F_2 \cdot \frac{F_2}{K_2} = u$$

$\delta F_2 = \delta F$

$$\frac{F_2}{K_2} = u$$

unknowns



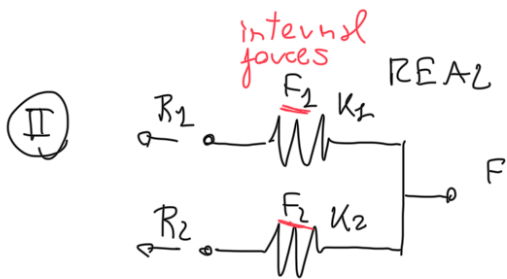
$$\frac{F_1}{K_1} = u$$

$$F_2 = F - F_1$$

$$u = \frac{F_1}{K_1} = \frac{F - F_2}{K_1} = \frac{F_2}{K_2}$$

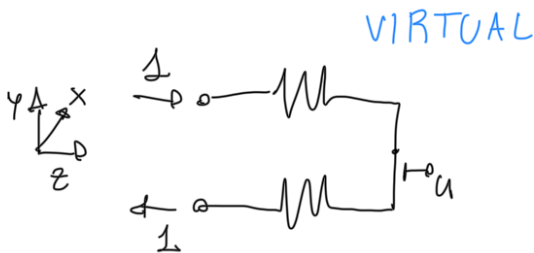
$$K_2 F - K_2 F_2 - F_2 K_1 = 0 \quad F_2 = F \cdot \frac{K_2}{K_1 + K_2}$$

$$u = \frac{F_2}{K_2} = \frac{F}{K_1 + K_2}$$



$$F_1 = F - F_2$$

we can chose
a smarter system
of EQUILIBRATED
FORCES



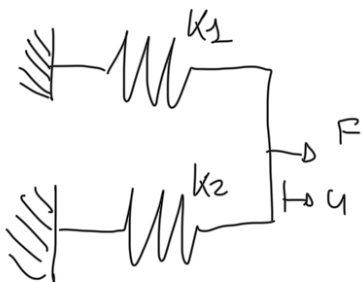
$$\begin{aligned} \delta W_i &= \delta F_2 \cdot \frac{F_2}{K_2} + \delta F_1 \cdot \frac{F_1}{K_1} \\ &= -1 \cdot \frac{F_2}{K_2} + 1 \cdot \frac{F - F_2}{K_1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\delta W_e = u \cdot \phi = 0$$

$$-K_1 F_2 + K_2 F - K_2 F_2 = 0 \quad -F_2 (K_1 + K_2) = -K_2 F$$

$$F_2 = F \cdot \frac{K_2}{K_1 + K_2} \quad u = \frac{F_2}{K_2} = \frac{F}{K_1 + K_2}$$

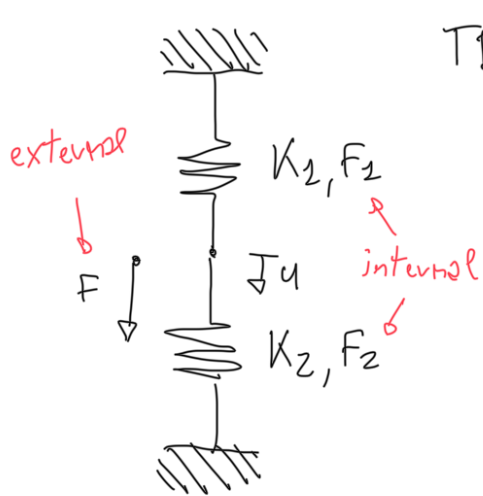
Second Method: PVW



$$\delta u \cdot K_1 u + \delta u K_2 u = \delta u F$$

$$F = (K_1 + K_2) u$$

$$u = \frac{F}{K_1 + K_2}$$



TBN: this is not a SERIES

=> if $K_1 \neq K_2$, then $F_1 \neq F_2$

$$F = F_1 + F_2$$

I) PVW

$$\delta \begin{Bmatrix} \emptyset \\ u \end{Bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} K_1 & -K_1 \\ -K_1 & K_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \emptyset \\ u \end{Bmatrix} + \delta \begin{Bmatrix} u \\ \emptyset \end{Bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} K_2 & -K_2 \\ -K_2 & K_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u \\ \emptyset \end{Bmatrix} = \delta u \cdot F$$

$$\delta u K_1 u + \delta u K_2 u - \delta u F = 0$$

$$(K_1 + K_2) \cdot u = F$$

II) PCVW

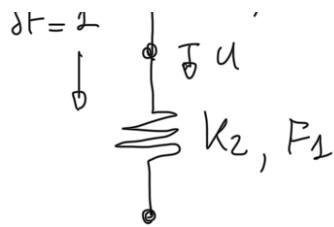
VIRTUAL 1

$$\uparrow \delta F = 1$$

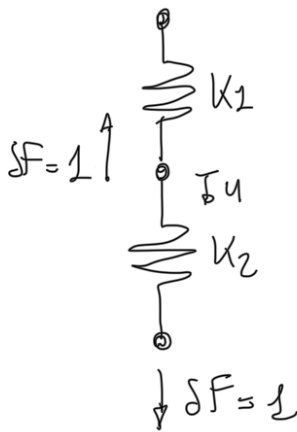


$$\delta F \cdot \frac{F_1}{K_1} = \delta F \cdot u$$

$$u = \frac{F_1}{K_1}$$



VIRTUAL 2



they are both negative

$$\delta F \cdot \frac{F_2}{K_2} = \delta F u$$

$$u = \frac{F_2}{K_2}$$

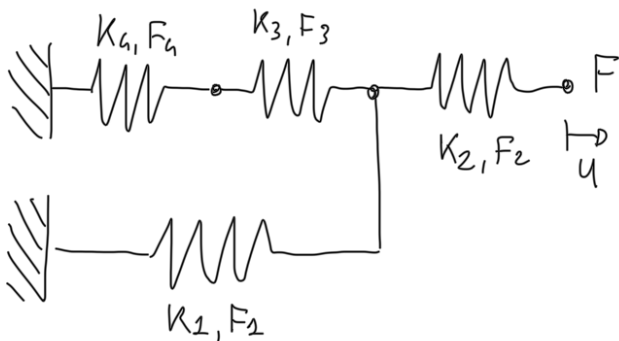
$$u = \frac{F_1}{K_1} = \frac{F_2}{K_2} = \frac{F - F_2}{K_1}$$

$$\frac{F_2}{K_2} = \frac{F - F_2}{K_1}$$

$$K_1 F_2 = (F - F_2) K_2$$

$$F = \frac{(K_1 + K_2) F_2}{K_2} = \frac{K_1 + K_2}{K_2} \cdot u$$

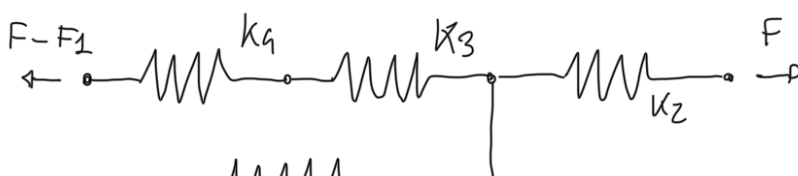
$$u (K_1 + K_2) = F$$



given F , find u

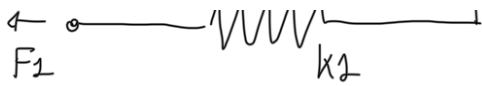
• Is it isostatic? No, thus it's not statically determined

• Reaction forces



$$F_2 = F$$

$$F_3 = F_1 = F - F_1$$

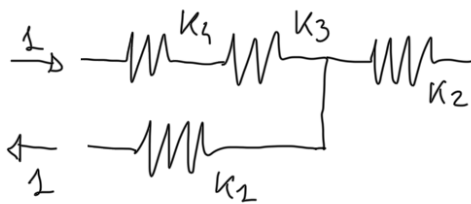


• Let's use PCVV two times:

- one to find the reaction forces
- one to find u .

VIRTUAL 1

as we did before, let's choose a smart system of equilibrated forces



$$\underbrace{1 \cdot \frac{F_1}{k_1}}_{\text{positive: TENSED}} - \underbrace{1 \cdot \frac{(F-F_1)}{k_3}}_{\text{negative: COMPRESSED}} - \underbrace{1 \cdot \frac{(F-F_2)}{k_4}}_{\text{negative: COMPRESSED}} = 1 \cdot \phi$$

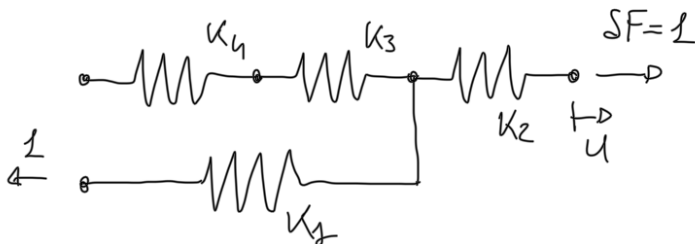
positive: TENSED negative: COMPRESSED negative: COMPRESSED

$$k_3 k_4 \cdot F_1 - k_2 k_4 (F - F_1) - k_1 k_3 (F - F_2) = \phi$$

$$F_1 = \frac{k_1 k_4 + k_1 k_3}{k_3 k_4 + k_1 k_4 + k_1 k_3} \cdot F \quad \text{then } F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4 \text{ are known}$$

VIRTUAL 2

If we want to find u , let's put $\delta F_1 = 1$ there.



$$1 \cdot \frac{F_2}{k_2} + 1 \cdot \frac{F}{k_1} = 1 \cdot u$$

$$k_1 \quad k_2$$

$$u = \frac{F_1}{k_1} + \frac{F}{k_2}$$