

Course of Aerospace Structures

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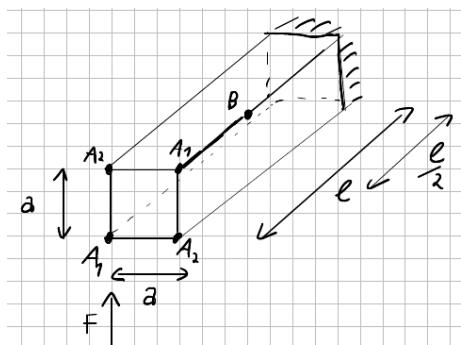
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Exercise 1

The semi-monocoque beam sketched in the figure is loaded at the free end by the vertical force F , applied along the leftmost panel.

Compute the upper right stringer axial stress σ_{zz} at point B .

(Unit for result: MPa)



Data

$a = 400 \text{ mm}$
 $l = 12000 \text{ mm}$
 $E = 70000.0 \text{ MPa}$
 $\nu = 0.3$
 $A_1 = 200 \text{ mm}^2$
 $A_2 = 400 \text{ mm}^2$
 $F = 5000 \text{ N}$

Answer _____

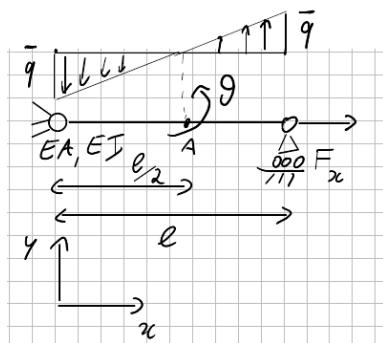
Exercise 2

The beam sketched in the figure is loaded by a distributed force for unit of length with butterfly distribution and null resultant $q(x) = -\bar{q} + 2\bar{q}x/l$.

By resorting to the displacement method, and using a trigonometric approximation for the vertical displacement v , with the first and second term (i.e. $v \approx a \sin(\pi x/l) + b \sin(2\pi x/l)$), estimate the rotation θ at point A (the point at $x = l/2$ from the hinge). **Account for the axial pre-stress**.

Note: $\int \sin(\frac{c\pi x}{l}) x dx = -\frac{l_x}{c\pi} \cos(\frac{c\pi x}{l}) + \frac{l^2}{\pi^2 c^2} \sin(\frac{c\pi x}{l})$.

(Unit for result: rad)



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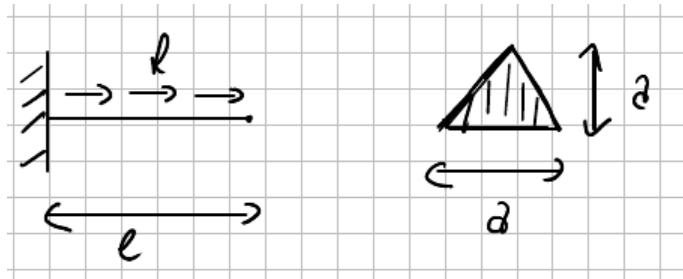
$\bar{q} = 100 \text{ N/mm}$
 $F_x = 10000 \text{ N}$
 $EA = 1 \times 10^8 \text{ N}$
 $EI = 1 \times 10^{11} \text{ Nmm}^2$
 $l = 4000 \text{ mm}$

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Exercise 3

The beam in the figure, with the sketched triangular cross section, is loaded by a distributed traction force per unit of length f . By resorting to a FE model of the beam with *one* linear element estimate the axial displacement of the free end.

(Unit for result: mm)



Answer _____

Data

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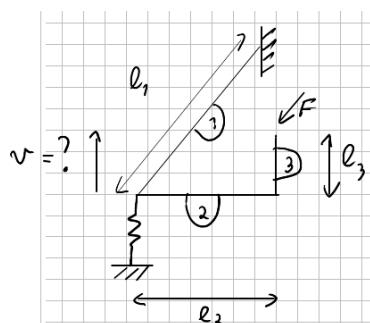
Exercise 4

Consider the 3-D beam sketched in the figure, loaded by the force F .

The axial stiffness EA , torsional stiffness GJ and bending stiffnesses EI_{xx} and EI_{yy} are the same for the three beams. The spring has stiffness K .

Compute the vertical displacement v at the extremity of beam 1.

(Unit for result: mm)



Data

$$\begin{aligned} E &= 70000 \text{ MPa} \\ \nu &= 0.3 \\ l_1 &= 1000 \text{ mm} \\ l_2 &= 500 \text{ mm} \\ l_3 &= 250 \text{ mm} \\ EA &= 800 * E \text{ N} \\ GJ &= 1000 * G \text{ Nmm}^2 \\ EI_{xx} &= EI_{yy} = 10000 * E \text{ Nmm}^2 \\ K &= 10 \text{ N/mm} \\ F &= 1000 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

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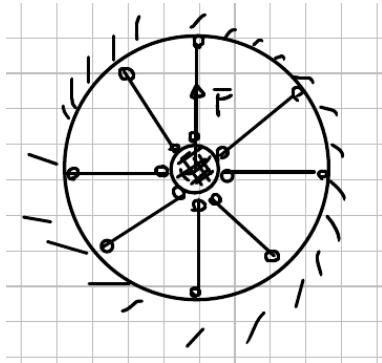
Exercise 5

Enterprise's antimatter containment chamber (the inner circle in the figure, to be considered as rigid) is held in place by a web of eight equal beams of length l , each **hinged at both extremities**. The outer ring onto which the beams are hinged is rigid and fully constrained. The beams material have elastic modulus E and Poisson coefficient ν . Their cross section area is A , their bending stiffness are E_{xx} and E_{yy} , and their torsional stiffness is GJ

The beams are arranged in such a way that the angle between them is equal to 45 deg. The first vertical beam is aligned with a force F that is applied to the antimatter containment chamber.

Compute the overall vertical displacement of the antimatter containment chamber in the direction of the force.

(Unit for result: mm)



Data

$$\begin{aligned} l &= 1 \text{ m} \\ A &= 150 \text{ mm}^2 \\ E &= 210000 \text{ MPa} \\ \nu &= 0.3 \\ EI_{xx} &= EI_{yy} = 1000 * E \text{ Nmm}^2 \\ GJ &= 1000 * G \text{ Nmm}^2 \\ F &= 1 \times 10^5 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

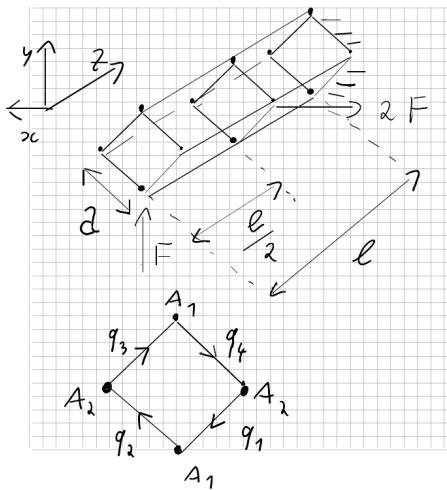
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Exercise 6

The semi-monocoque beam sketched in the figure, with the square cross section drawn below, is loaded by a vertical force F aligned with the vertical cross-section diagonal and applied at the free end, and an horizontal force $2F$ aligned with the horizontal cross-section diagonal and applied in the middle of the beam. All panels have the same thickness t .

Compute the shear stress τ in the panel 4 (the one with flux q_4) at $z = 3/4l$ (i.e. at a distance of $1/4l$ from the clamp).

(Unit for result: MPa)



Data

$$\begin{aligned} F &= 1 \times 10^5 \text{ N} \\ l &= 5 \text{ m} \\ a &= 50 \text{ cm} \\ A_1 &= 1500 \text{ mm}^2 \\ A_2 &= 1000 \text{ mm}^2 \\ t &= 2 \text{ mm} \\ E &= 70000 \text{ MPa} \\ \nu &= 0.3 \end{aligned}$$

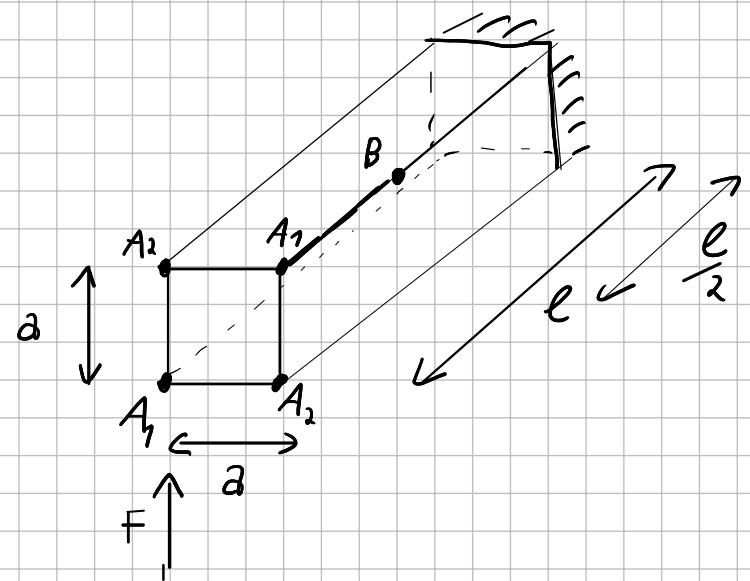
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True/False Questions*(Put a T (true) or F (false) at the end of the sentence)*

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 - (g) the beam length, the bending stiffness, the cross-section area and the constraints
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 - (i) none of the above



$$d = 400 \text{ mm}$$

$$\ell = 12000 \text{ mm}$$

$$E = 70000 \text{ MPa}$$

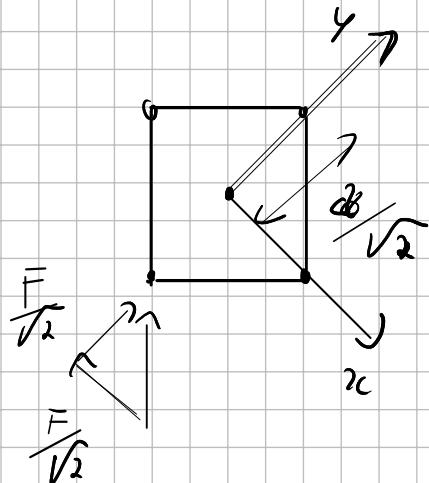
$$v = 0,3$$

$$A_1 = 200 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$A_2 = 400 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$F = 5000 \text{ N}$$

Axial stress at point B, located at $\frac{\ell}{2}$ from the clamp

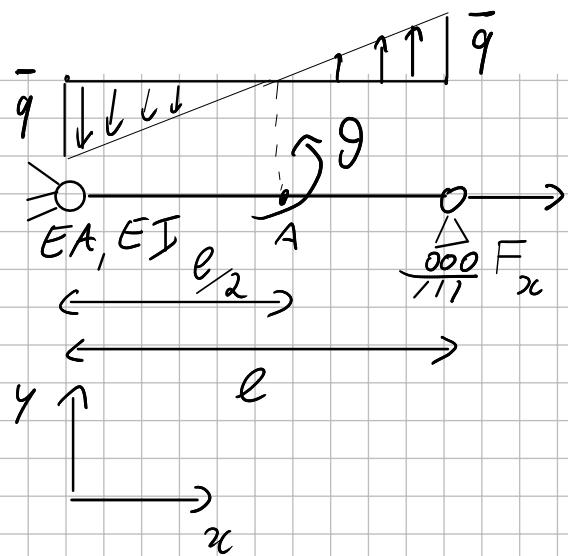


$$M_y(\ell/2) = -\frac{F}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\ell}{2}$$

$$\bar{x}_{xx} = A_1 \cdot 2 \frac{d^2}{2} = A_1 \cdot d^2$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{z_2}(B) = \frac{M_y(\ell/2)}{\bar{x}_{xx}} \cdot \frac{d}{\sqrt{2}} = -\frac{F}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\ell}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{A_1 d^2} \cdot \frac{d}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{-F \ell}{4 A_1 d}$$

$$= -187 \text{ MPa}$$



$$\bar{q} = 100 \text{ N/mm}$$

$$F_x = 10000 \text{ N}$$

$$EA = 1E8 \text{ N}$$

$$EI = 1E11 \text{ N mm}^2$$

$$l = 4000 \text{ mm}$$

$$q(x) = -\bar{q} + \frac{2\bar{q}}{l} x$$

Rotation θ

of point A, located at $\frac{l}{2}$

use a 2-term trigonometric approximation of the transverse displacement and the PVU

$$\int \sin\left(\frac{\epsilon\pi}{l}x\right) x dx = -\frac{l}{\epsilon\pi} x \cos\left(\frac{\epsilon\pi}{l}x\right) + \frac{l^2}{\epsilon^2\pi^2} \sin\left(\frac{\epsilon\pi}{l}x\right)$$

$$\int_0^l (\delta \omega'' E \bar{\gamma} \omega'' + \delta \omega' \omega' F_x) dx = \int_0^l \delta \omega q dx$$

$$\omega = a \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{l}\right) + b \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{l}\right)$$

$$\omega' = \frac{\pi}{l} a \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{l}\right) + \frac{2\pi}{l} b \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x}{l}\right)$$

$$\omega'' = -\frac{\pi^2}{l^2} a \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{l}\right) - \frac{4\pi^2}{l^2} b \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{l}\right)$$

$$\int_0^l -\delta a \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{l}\right) \bar{q} dx = -\delta a \left. \frac{l}{\pi} \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{l}\right) \right|_0^l \bar{q} = -\delta a \frac{l}{\pi} 2 \bar{q}$$

$$\int_0^l \delta a \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{l}\right) \frac{2\bar{q}}{l} x dx = \left. \frac{\delta a 2\bar{q}}{l} \left[\left(\frac{l}{\pi}\right)^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{l}\right) - \frac{l}{\pi} x \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{l}\right) \right] \right|_0^l = 2\delta a \frac{l}{\pi} \bar{q}$$

$$\int_0^l -\delta b \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{l}\right) \bar{q} dx = -\delta b \left. \frac{l}{2\pi} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x}{l}\right) \right|_0^l = \delta b \cdot 0$$

$$\int_0^l \delta b \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{l}\right) \frac{2\bar{q}}{l} x dx = \left. \frac{\delta b 2\bar{q}}{l} \left[\left(\frac{l}{2\pi}\right)^2 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{l}\right) - \frac{l}{2\pi} x \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x}{l}\right) \right] \right|_0^l = \frac{\delta b 2\bar{q}}{l} \left(-\frac{l^2}{2\pi} \right)$$

$$= \delta b \left(-\frac{l \bar{q}}{2\pi} \right)$$

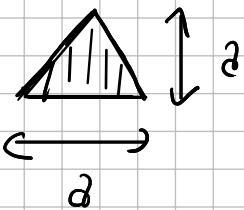
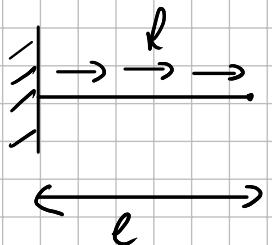
$$\delta_a \left(\frac{\pi}{l}\right)^4 EI \frac{1}{2} l \alpha + \delta_a \left(\frac{\pi}{l}\right)^2 \frac{1}{2} l F_x \alpha + \\ + \delta_b \left(\frac{2\pi}{l}\right)^4 EI \frac{1}{2} l b + \delta_b \left(\frac{2\pi}{l}\right)^2 \frac{1}{2} F_x l b = \delta_b \left(-\frac{lq}{\pi}\right)$$

$$\delta_a: \left[\left(\frac{\pi}{l}\right)^4 EI \frac{1}{2} l + \left(\frac{\pi}{l}\right)^2 F_x \frac{1}{2} l \right] \alpha = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \alpha = 0$$

$$\delta_b: \left[\left(\frac{2\pi}{l}\right)^4 EI \frac{1}{2} l + \left(\frac{2\pi}{l}\right)^2 \frac{1}{2} F_x l \right] b = -\frac{lq}{\pi}$$

$$b = -\frac{\frac{q}{\pi}}{\frac{1}{2} \left(\left(\frac{2\pi}{l}\right)^4 EI + \left(\frac{2\pi}{l}\right)^2 F_x \right)}$$

$$\theta = \omega' \left(\frac{l}{2}\right) = b \frac{2\pi}{l} \cos(\pi) = -\frac{2\pi}{l} b = 0,15 \text{ rad}$$



$$d = 1 \text{ cm}$$

$$l = 1 \text{ m}$$

$$P = 100 E 2 \text{ N/m}$$

$$E = 70000 \text{ MPa}$$

Make a FE element model of the beam with a single linear beam element and estimate the displacement at the extremity

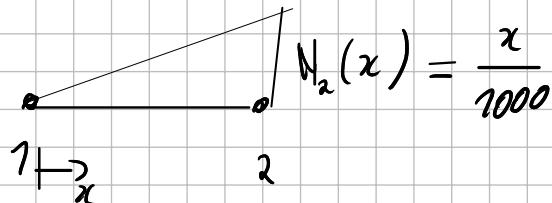
$$d = 1 \text{ cm} = 10 \text{ mm}$$

$$P = 100 E 2 \text{ N/m} = 10 \text{ N/mm}$$

$$l = 1 \text{ m} = 1000 \text{ mm}$$

$$A = \frac{d^2}{2}$$

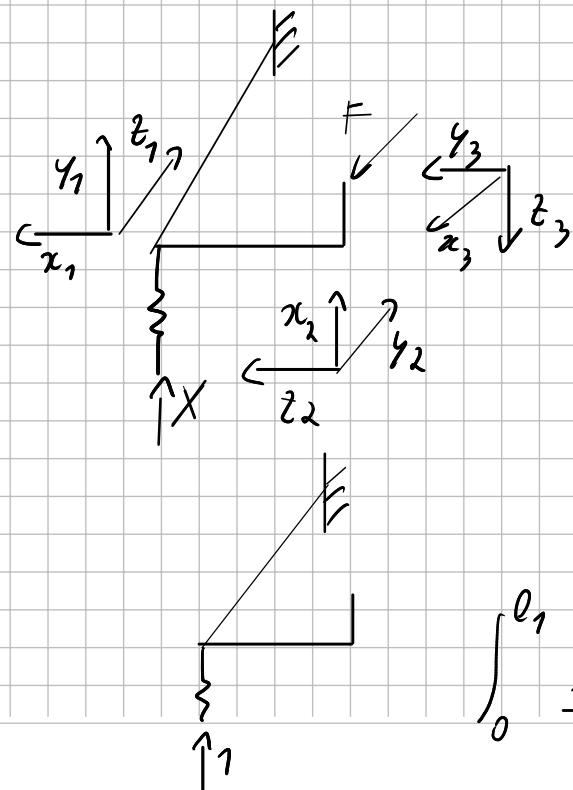
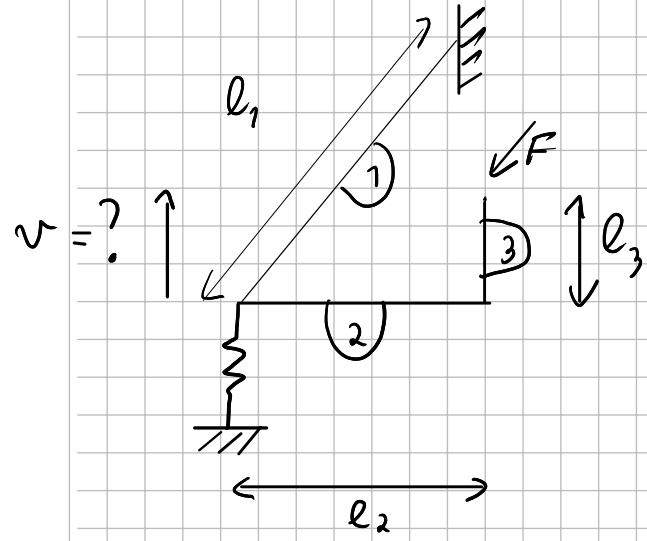
$$EA = E \cdot A$$



$$\delta \phi_e = \int_0^{1000} \delta u_2 \cdot \frac{x}{1000} \cdot P dx = \delta u_2 \cdot 500 \text{ kN}$$

$$\frac{EA}{l} u_2 = 500 \text{ kN}$$

$$u_2 = \frac{500 \cdot l \text{ kN}}{EA} = 7,43 \text{ mm}$$



$$\nu = 0,3$$

$$E = 70\,000 \text{ MPa}$$

$$l_1 = 1000 \text{ mm}$$

$$l_2 = 500 \text{ mm}$$

$$l_3 = 250 \text{ mm}$$

$$EA_1 = EA_2 = EA_3 = 500 \cdot E \text{ N}$$

$$GJ_1 = GJ_2 = GJ_3 = 1000 \cdot G \text{ N mm}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} EI_{xx1} &= EI_{xx2} = EI_{xx3} = EI_{yy1} \\ &= EI_{yy2} = EI_{yy3} = 10000 \cdot E \text{ N mm}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$K = 10 \text{ N/mm}$$

$$F = 1000 \text{ N}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_{y3} &= F z_3 \\ M_{z2} &= -F l_3 \\ M_{x2} &= -F z_2 \\ M_{x1} &= -X z_1 + F l_3 \end{aligned}$$

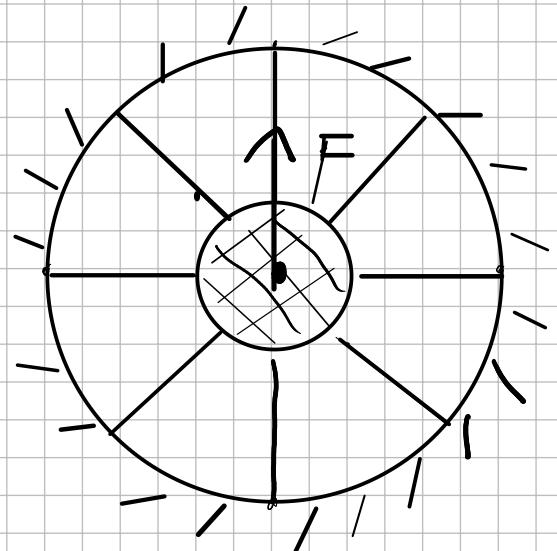
you need not to compute these because there is only one $\neq 0$ with X and it works for

$$\int_0^{l_1} \frac{X z_1^2}{EI_{xx1}} - \frac{F l_3 z_1}{EI_{xx1}} dz_1 + \frac{X}{K} = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{3} l_1^3 + \frac{EJ_{xx}}{K} \right) X = \frac{1}{2} Fl_3 l_1^2$$

$$X = \frac{\frac{1}{2} Fl_3 l_1^2}{\left(\frac{1}{3} l_1^3 + \frac{EJ_{xx}}{K} \right)}$$

$$v = -\frac{X}{K} = -31 \text{ mm}$$



$$l = 1 \text{ m}$$

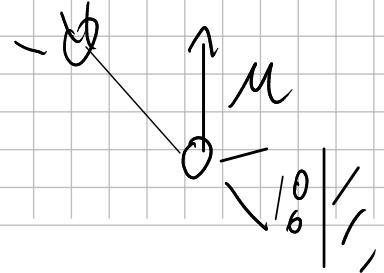
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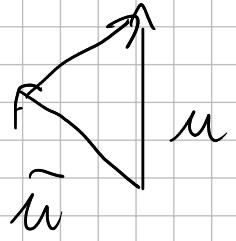
$$F = 1 \times 10^5 \text{ N}$$

horizontal displacement = 0

vertical displacement;



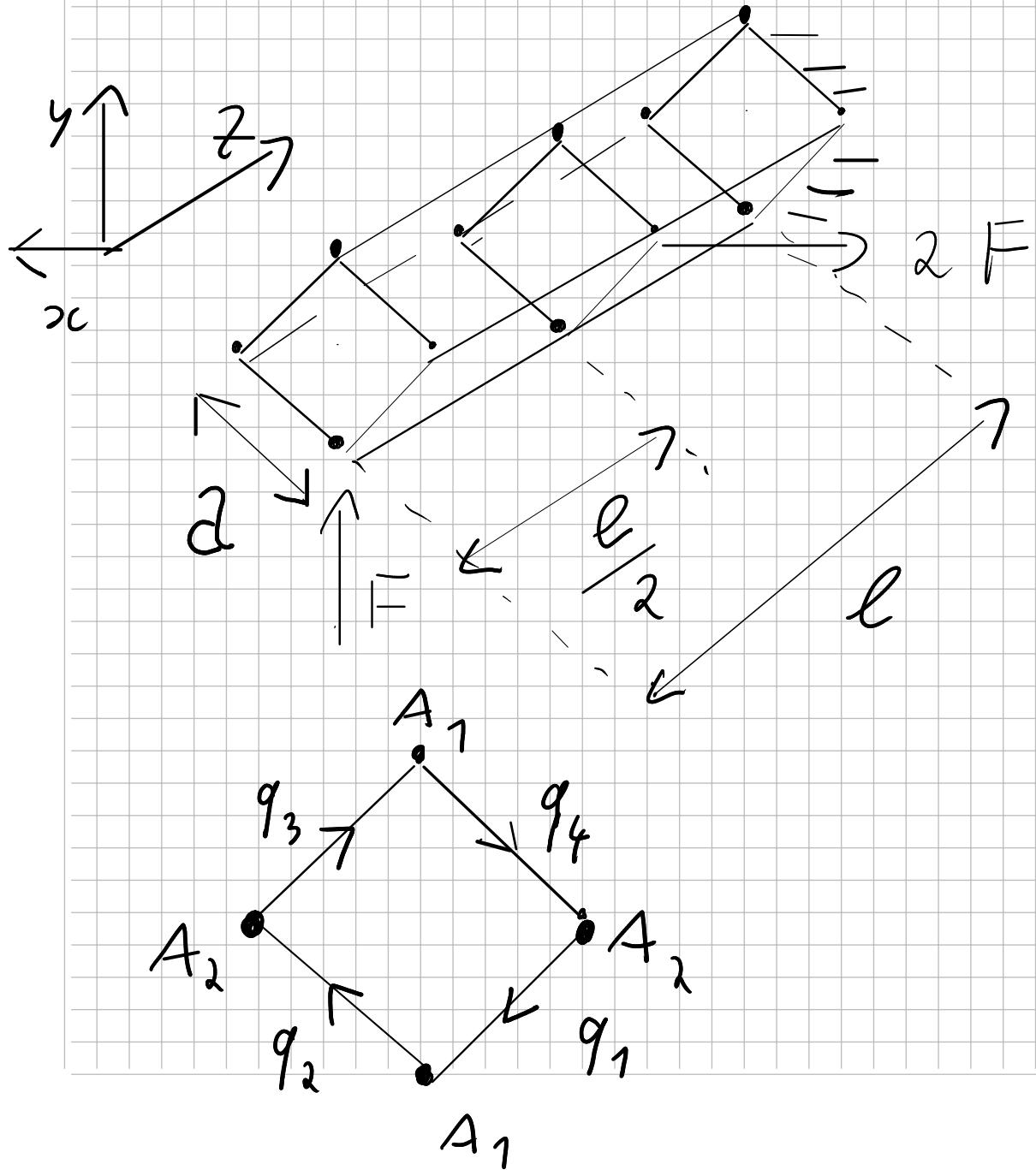
$$k = \frac{EA}{l}$$



$$\tilde{w} = \frac{u}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\left(2 + \frac{4}{2} \right) k u = F$$

$$u = \frac{F}{k \left(2 + \frac{4}{2} \right)} = 0.79 \text{ mm}$$



$$F = 1 \times 10^5 \text{ N}$$

$$\ell = 5 \text{ m}$$

$$d = 50 \text{ cm}$$

$$A_1 = 1500 \text{ mm}^2$$

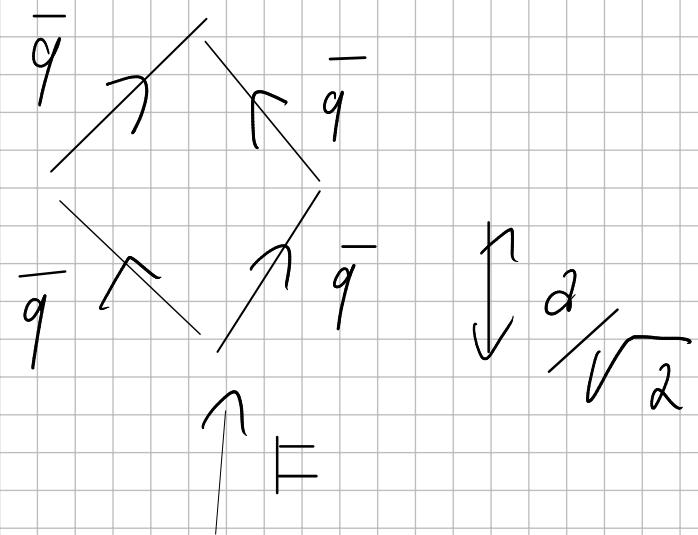
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$$t_1 = t_2 = t_3 = t_4 = 2 \text{ mm}$$

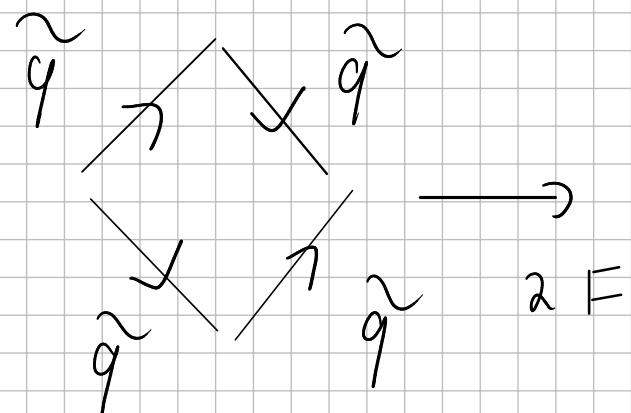
$$E = 70000 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\nu = 0.3$$

$$T_4 = ?$$



$$\bar{q} = \frac{F}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2d} = \frac{F}{2\sqrt{2}d}$$



$$\tilde{q} = \frac{2F}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2d} = \frac{F}{\sqrt{2}d}$$

$$q_4 = \tilde{q} - \bar{q} = \frac{F}{2\sqrt{2}d}$$

$$\tau_4 = \frac{q_4}{E_4} = 35,35 \text{ MPa}$$

True/False Questions

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