



# Module 10

Conservative Force and Potential Energy – General Formulation

- Notations
- Discrete Equations of Motion

# Goal



- Become familiar with notations and conventions
- Formulate and solve discrete equations of motion



- Read “*Chapter 4: Conservative force and potential energy*” of Course Notes



# When only conservative forces are involved

$$m_i \ddot{q}_i + \frac{\partial E_{\text{potential}}}{\partial q_i} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{M} \ddot{\mathbf{q}} + \frac{\partial E_{\text{potential}}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{0}$$

Mass matrix ( $N = 3$ ):

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_3 \end{bmatrix} = m_i \delta_{ij}$$

DOF Vector ( $N = 3$ ):

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ q_3 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Conservative forces and Viscous Forces

$$m_i \ddot{q}_i + \frac{\partial E_{\text{potential}}}{\partial q_i} + \boxed{c_i \dot{q}_i} = 0$$



Damping force:  $-c_i \dot{q}_i$ , where  $c_i$  (unit: N-s/m) is related to viscous damping.

$$\mathbf{M} \ddot{\mathbf{q}} + \frac{\partial E_{\text{potential}}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} + \mathbf{C} \dot{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{0}$$

Damping matrix ( $N = 3$ ):

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} = c_i \delta_{ij}$$



# Discrete (in time) equations of motion

$$m_i \ddot{q}_i + \frac{\partial E_{\text{potential}}}{\partial q_i} + c_i \dot{q}_i = 0$$

$$f_i \equiv \frac{m_i}{\Delta t} \left[ \frac{q_i(t_{k+1}) - q_i(t_k)}{\Delta t} - \dot{q}_i(t_k) \right] + \frac{\partial E_{\text{potential}}}{\partial q_i} + c_i \frac{q_i(t_{k+1}) - q_i(t_k)}{\Delta t} = 0$$

$$\mathbb{J}_{ij} = \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial q_j} = \mathbb{J}_{ij}^{\text{inertia}} + \mathbb{J}_{ij}^{\text{potential}} + \mathbb{J}_{ij}^{\text{viscous}},$$

where

$$\mathbb{J}_{ij}^{\text{inertia}} = \frac{m_i}{\Delta t^2} \delta_{ij},$$

$$\mathbb{J}_{ij}^{\text{potential}} = \frac{\partial^2 E_{\text{potential}}}{\partial q_i \partial q_j},$$

$$\mathbb{J}_{ij}^{\text{viscous}} = \frac{c_i}{\Delta t} \delta_{ij}.$$



# Module 11

Example Problem: Rigid Spheres Connected by Springs in Viscous Flow

- Equations of Motion
- Advice on Programming Implementation

# Goal

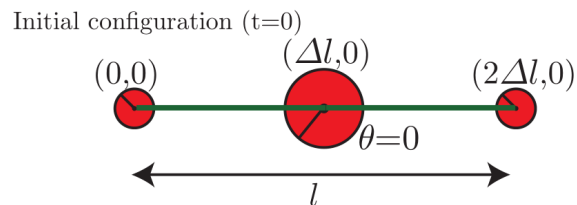
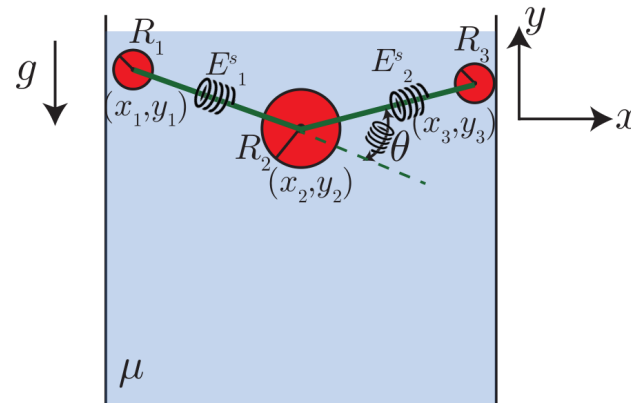


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- Setup a simple problem with three rigid spheres connected by springs in a viscous flow
- Formulate equations of motion



- Read “*Chapter 4: Conservative force and potential energy*” of Course Notes



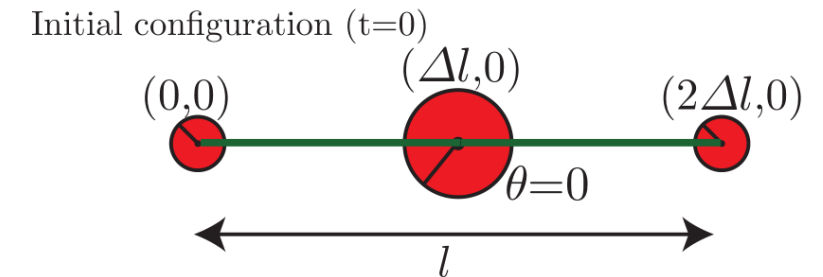
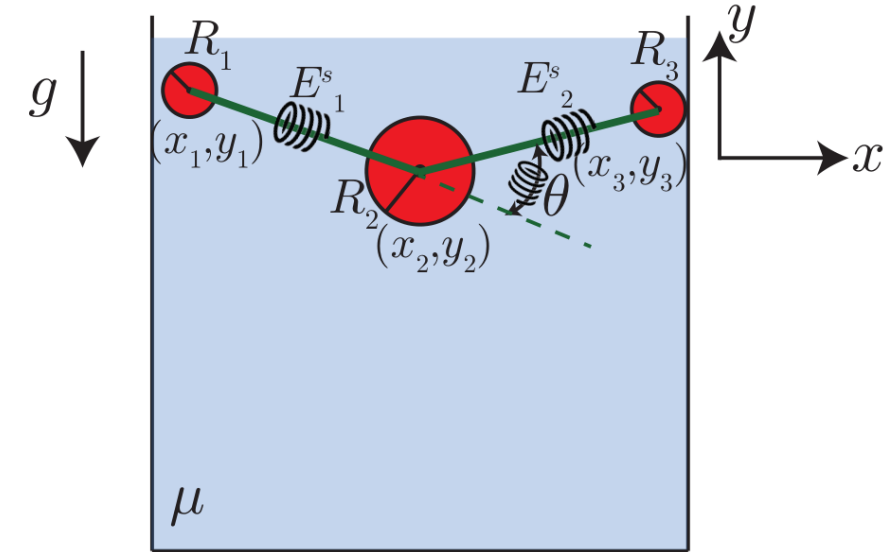


# Problem Setup

Three spheres are connected with two linear springs and one torsional spring.

- Radii of the sphere ( $R_1, R_2, R_3$ ) are known
- Viscosity of the fluid ( $\mu$ ) is known
- Initial configuration ( $\Delta l$ ) is known
- Densities of the spheres ( $\rho_{metal}$ ) and fluid ( $\rho_{fluid}$ ) are known

**Problem:** simulate the shape of the system as a function of time



# Degrees of Freedom

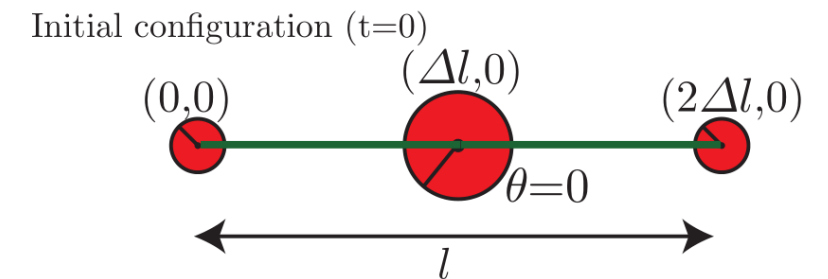
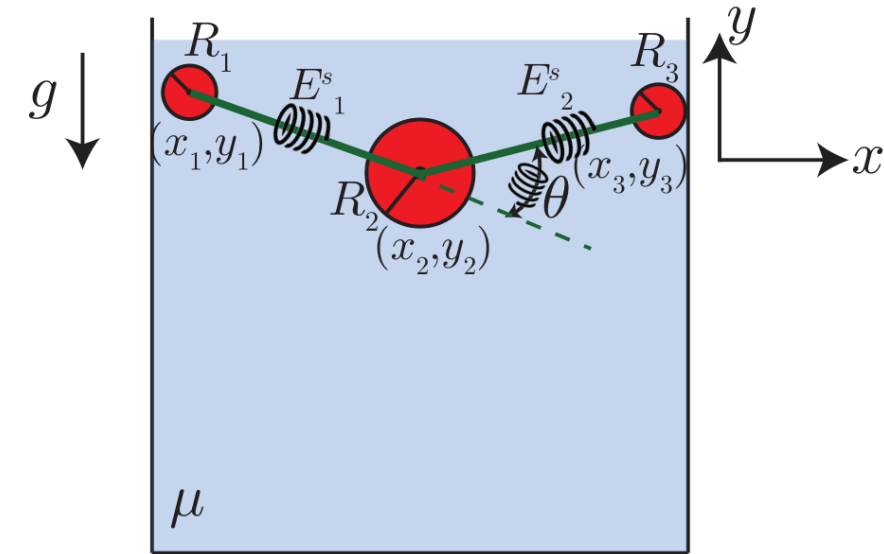


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INTERACTION LABORATORY

DOF Vector ( $N = 6$ ):

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ x_2 \\ y_2 \\ x_3 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Keep in mind:  $\theta$  can be determined from  $\mathbf{q}$   
and we do not need  $\theta$  as an additional DOF





# Continuous Equations of Motion

$$m_i \ddot{q}_i + \frac{\partial E^{\text{elastic}}}{\partial q_i} + c_i \dot{q}_i - \boxed{w_i} = 0$$



Weight (unit: N) associated with the  $i$ -th DOF.

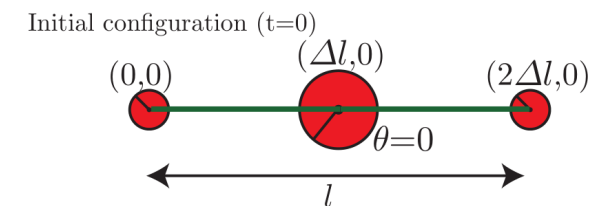
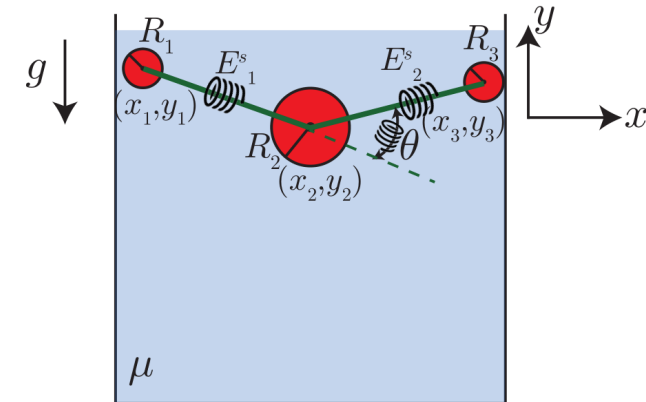
Alternative notation:  $\boxed{\mathbf{M}} \ddot{\mathbf{q}} + \frac{\partial E^{\text{elastic}}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} + \mathbf{C} \dot{\mathbf{q}} - \mathbf{W} = 0$

Mass matrix:

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & m_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & m_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & m_3 \end{bmatrix},$$

where

$$m_1 = \frac{4}{3} \pi R_1^3 \rho_{\text{metal}}, m_2 = \frac{4}{3} \pi R_2^3 \rho_{\text{metal}}, m_3 = \frac{4}{3} \pi R_3^3 \rho_{\text{metal}},$$





# Continuous Equations of Motion

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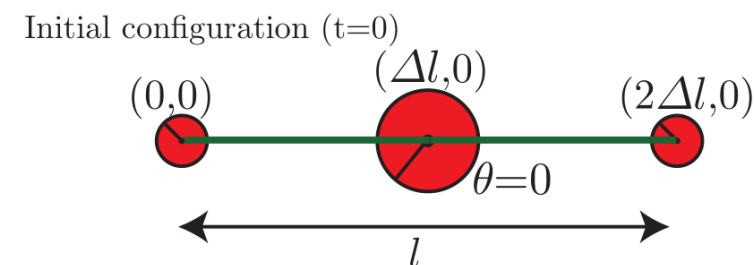
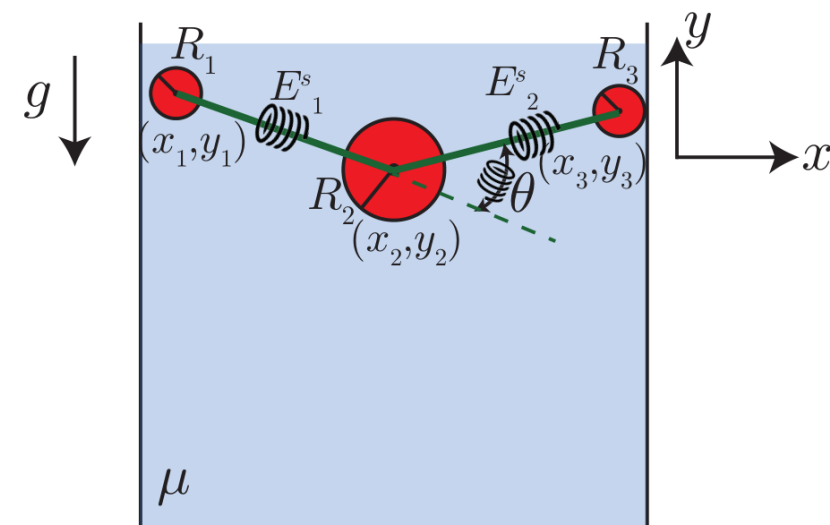
$$E^{\text{elastic}} = E_1^s + E_2^s + E^b,$$

where superscript  $s$  refers to *stretching*,  $b$  corresponds to *bending*, and

$$E_1^s = \frac{1}{2} EA \left( 1 - \frac{\sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}}{\Delta l} \right)^2 \Delta l,$$

$$E_2^s = \frac{1}{2} EA \left( 1 - \frac{\sqrt{(x_3 - x_2)^2 + (y_3 - y_2)^2}}{\Delta l} \right)^2 \Delta l,$$

$$E^b = \frac{1}{2} \frac{EI}{\Delta l} \left( 2 \tan \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right)^2.$$



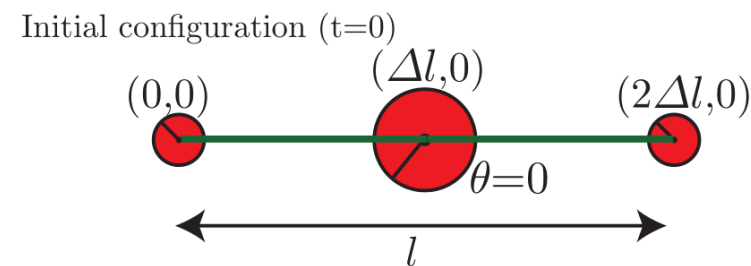
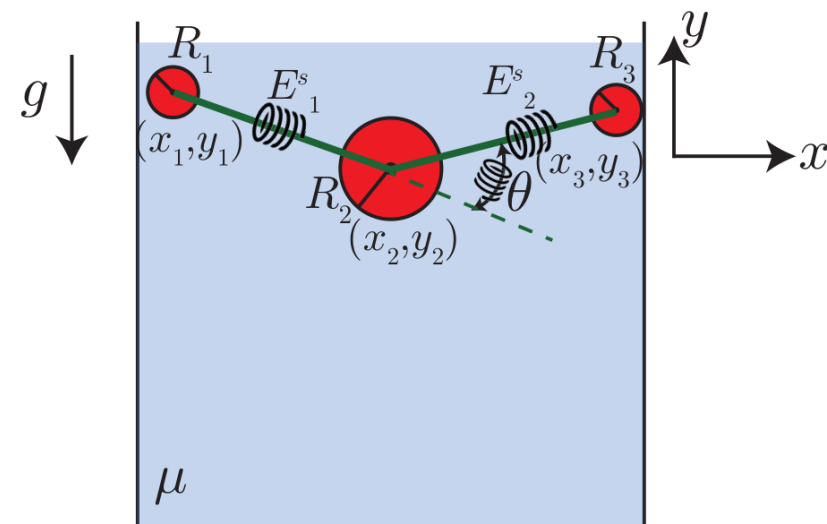


# Continuous Equations of Motion

$$\mathbf{M} \ddot{\mathbf{q}} + \boxed{\frac{\partial E^{\text{elastic}}}{\partial \mathbf{q}}} + \mathbf{C} \dot{\mathbf{q}} - \mathbf{W} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial E^{\text{elastic}}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} = \frac{\partial E_1^s}{\partial \mathbf{q}} + \frac{\partial E_2^s}{\partial \mathbf{q}} + \frac{\partial E^b}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \rightarrow \text{Vector of size 6.}$$

Codes that compute this gradient are provided to you.





# Continuous Equations of Motion

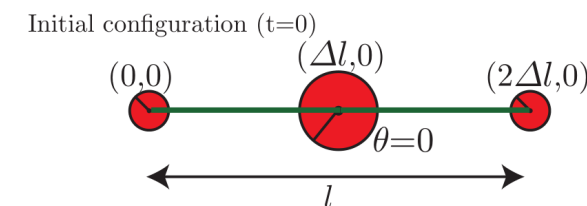
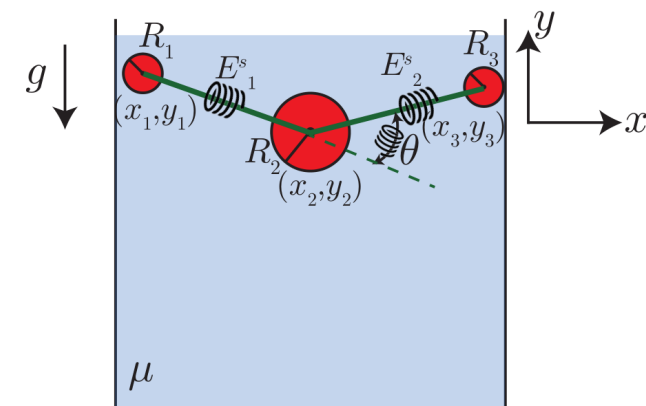
$$\mathbf{M} \ddot{\mathbf{q}} + \frac{\partial E^{\text{elastic}}}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}} + \boxed{\mathbf{C}} \dot{\mathbf{q}} - \mathbf{W} = 0$$

Damping matrix:

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} C_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & C_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & C_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & C_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & C_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & C_3 \end{bmatrix},$$

where

$$C_1 = 6\pi\mu R_1, C_2 = 6\pi\mu R_2, C_3 = 6\pi\mu R_3,$$





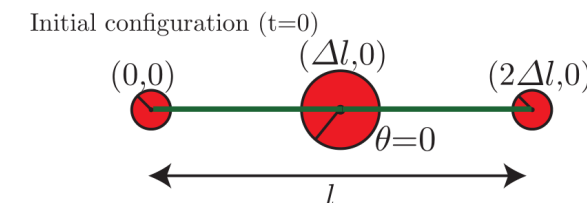
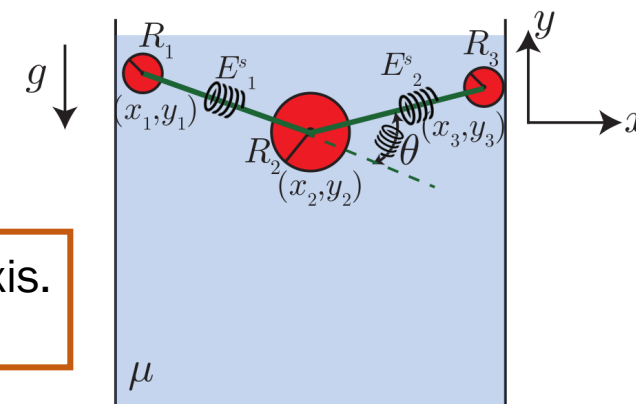
# Continuous Equations of Motion

$$\mathbf{M} \ddot{\mathbf{q}} + \frac{\partial E^{\text{elastic}}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} + \mathbf{C} \dot{\mathbf{q}} - \boxed{\mathbf{W}} = \mathbf{0}$$

Weight vector:

$$\mathbf{W} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ W_1 \\ 0 \\ W_2 \\ 0 \\ W_3 \end{bmatrix},$$

Weight only acts along the  $y$ -axis.  
Weight along the  $x$ -axis is 0.



where

$$W_1 = -\frac{4}{3}\pi R_1^3(\rho_{\text{metal}} - \rho_{\text{fluid}})g, \quad W_2 = -\frac{4}{3}\pi R_2^3(\rho_{\text{metal}} - \rho_{\text{fluid}})g, \quad W_3 = -\frac{4}{3}\pi R_3^3(\rho_{\text{metal}} - \rho_{\text{fluid}})g$$

Warning: be consistent with your sign convention.



# Advice on Programming Implementation

- Elastic (conservative) forces

$$\frac{\partial E^{\text{elastic}}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} = \frac{\partial E_1^s}{\partial \mathbf{q}} + \frac{\partial E_2^s}{\partial \mathbf{q}} + \frac{\partial E^b}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \rightarrow \text{Vector of size 6.}$$

$E_1^s$  only depends on  $x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2$ . Therefore,

$$\frac{\partial E_1^s}{\partial \mathbf{q}} = \begin{bmatrix} \times \\ \times \\ \times \\ \times \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Non-zero vector of size 4.

Code that computes this non-zero portion is provided with the Course Notes.

# Advice on Programming Implementation

- Elastic (conservative) forces

$$\frac{\partial E^{\text{elastic}}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} = \frac{\partial E_1^s}{\partial \mathbf{q}} + \frac{\partial E_2^s}{\partial \mathbf{q}} + \frac{\partial E^b}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \rightarrow \text{Vector of size 6.}$$

$$\frac{\partial E_s^1}{\partial \mathbf{q}} = \begin{bmatrix} \times \\ \times \\ \times \\ \times \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \frac{\partial E_s^2}{\partial \mathbf{q}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \times \\ \times \\ \times \\ \times \end{bmatrix} \quad \frac{\partial E^b}{\partial \mathbf{q}} = \begin{bmatrix} \times \\ \times \\ \times \\ \times \\ \times \\ \times \end{bmatrix}$$

# Advice on Programming Implementation

- Jacobian associated with elastic (conservative) forces
  - Also called the Hessian of elastic energy

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial^2 E^{\text{elastic}}}{\partial \mathbf{q} \partial \mathbf{q}}} = \frac{\partial E_1^s}{\partial \mathbf{q} \partial \mathbf{q}} + \frac{\partial E_2^s}{\partial \mathbf{q} \partial \mathbf{q}} + \frac{\partial E^b}{\partial \mathbf{q} \partial \mathbf{q}} \rightarrow \text{Matrix of size } 6 \times 6.$$

Alternative notation:  $\frac{\partial^2 E^{\text{elastic}}}{\partial \mathbf{q}_i \partial \mathbf{q}_j}$  with  $i = 1, 2, 3$  and  $j = 1, 2, 3$ .

$$\frac{\partial^2 E_s^1}{\partial \mathbf{q} \partial \mathbf{q}} = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & 0 & 0 \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & 0 & 0 \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & 0 & 0 \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \frac{\partial^2 E_s^2}{\partial \mathbf{q} \partial \mathbf{q}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix} \quad \frac{\partial^2 E^b}{\partial \mathbf{q} \partial \mathbf{q}} = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}$$



# Advice on Programming Implementation

- Take advantage of the “block” nature of the forces and Jacobian

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J = zeros(6,6);  
  
a = [ 1 2 3 4;  
      5 6 7 8;  
      9 1 2 3;  
      4 5 6 7 ];  
  
J(3:6, 3:6) = J(3:6, 3:6) + a;
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J =  
  
0 0 0 0 0 0  
0 0 0 0 0 0  
0 0 1 2 3 4  
0 0 5 6 7 8  
0 0 9 1 2 3  
0 0 4 5 6 7
```