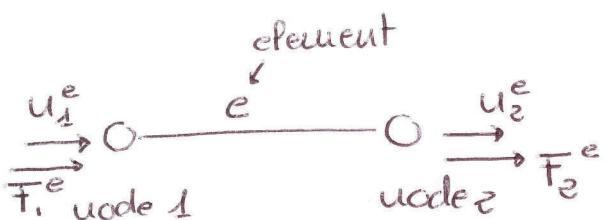


# Analysis of a system of trusses (or springs)

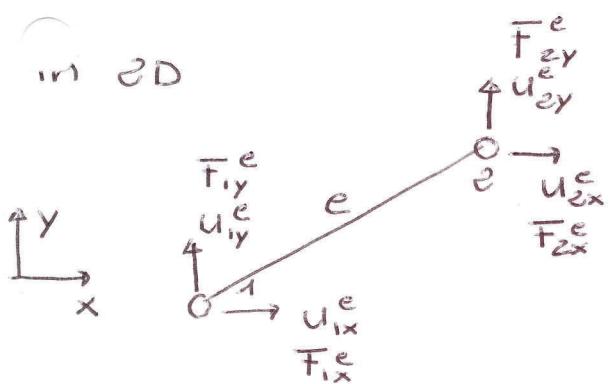
see Fish and Belytschko  $\Rightarrow$  chapter 12

Goal: how to describe the behavior of the entire system starting from the equations that govern individual elements  $\rightarrow$  "Assembly" process

## Behavior of a single bar element



nodal displ  $\rightarrow (u_1^e \ u_2^e)$   
nodal internal forces  $\rightarrow (\bar{F}_1^e \ \bar{F}_2^e)$



Governing equations for the bar:

1) Equilibrium  $\bar{F}_1^e + \bar{F}_2^e = 0$

2) constitutive relation:  $\sigma^e : E^e \epsilon^e$  positive in tension  
 $\epsilon^e : \frac{\delta^e}{L^e}$  elongation  
 $\sigma^e : \frac{P^e}{A^e}$  internal force across any section  
 $L^e$  initial length  $A^e$  cross sectional area

3) Deformation of the structure must be compatible  
 $\downarrow$   
no gaps or overlaps

For the bar

$$\bar{P}^e = \bar{F}_2^e = \sigma^e A^e = E^e \epsilon^e A^e \\ ! = E^e \frac{\delta^e}{L^e} A^e$$

$$\delta^e = u_2^e - u_1^e$$

$$\bar{F}_2^e = \left( \frac{E^e A^e}{L^e} \right) (u_2^e - u_1^e)$$

$\uparrow k^e$

$$\text{From equie } \rightarrow \bar{F}_1^e = -\bar{F}_2^e = -k^e (u_2^e - u_1^e)$$

In matrix form

$$\begin{vmatrix} \bar{F}_1^e \\ \bar{F}_2^e \end{vmatrix} = k^e \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} u_1^e \\ u_2^e \end{vmatrix} \Rightarrow \underline{\bar{F}}^e = \underline{K}^e \underline{d}^e$$

$\begin{matrix} \uparrow \bar{F}^e & \uparrow \underline{K}^e & \uparrow \underline{d}^e \\ \text{elem force} & \text{elem} & \text{elem disp vector} \\ \text{vector} & \text{stiffness} & \\ & \text{matrix} & \end{matrix}$

Note :

1)  $\underline{K}^e$  is symmetric  $\Rightarrow \underline{K}^e = (\underline{K}^e)^T$

2)  $\underline{K}^e$  is singular  $\Rightarrow \det \underline{K}^e = 0$

$\downarrow$   
therefore  $\underline{K}^e$  is ~~never~~ not invertible  $\rightarrow$  we can't invert it

to get the displ  $\rightarrow \cancel{\underline{d}^e = (\underline{K}^e)^{-1} \underline{F}^e}$

The bar is not constrained in space  $\Rightarrow$  it can attain multiple positions in space for the same nodal forces

$$\begin{vmatrix} F_1^e \\ F_2^e \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$K_e = 1$$

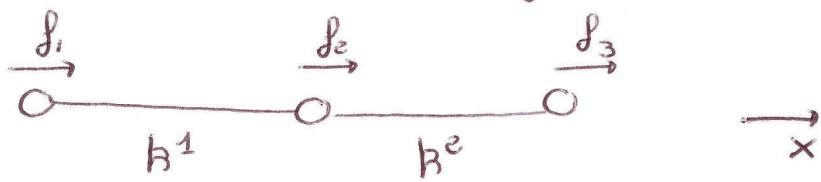
$$\begin{vmatrix} F_1^e \\ F_2^e \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

### System of bars

Assembly operations → they are always used in FEM

### problem

Analyze the behavior of the system composed of two truss elements loaded by external forces



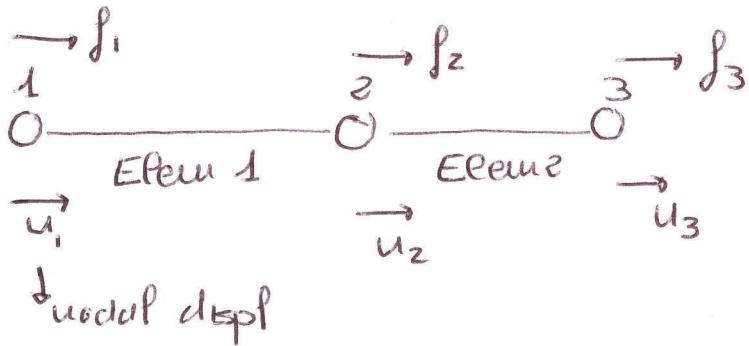
$f_1, f_2, f_3 \rightarrow$  external forces

Positive directions of all forces are along positive x-axis

### solution

~~Model~~ → preprocessing

We break the system into smaller parts ("elements") connected through "nodes"



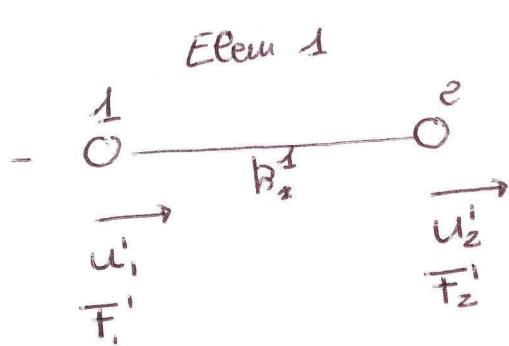
## Analysis

Step 1 → development of eqns for a single element

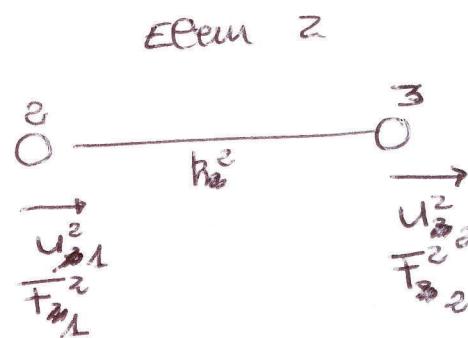
$$\underline{F}^e = \underline{\underline{K}}^e \underline{d}^e$$

Step 2 → Assembly → from eqns of a single elem to eqns of the entire system

split the structure into component elements



$$\begin{vmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{vmatrix} = k_1^e \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{vmatrix}$$



$$\begin{vmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{vmatrix} = k_2^e \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Looking for a link between local and global variables

$u_1^1 = u_1$   
local      global → they are arbitrarily chosen

$$u_2^1 = u_2^2 = u_2$$

$$u_2^2 = u_3$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{vmatrix} = k^e \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{vmatrix} = k^e \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Node element connectivity chart

Elem	node 1	node 2	→ local node number
1	1	2	
2	2	3	← global node number

Therefore

We expand the matrices and vectors to obtain

$$\begin{vmatrix} F_1' \\ F_2' \\ 0 \end{vmatrix} = k' \begin{vmatrix} k' & -k' & 0 \\ -k' & k' & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \Theta^1 \\ F_1^2 \\ F_2^2 \end{vmatrix} = k^2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

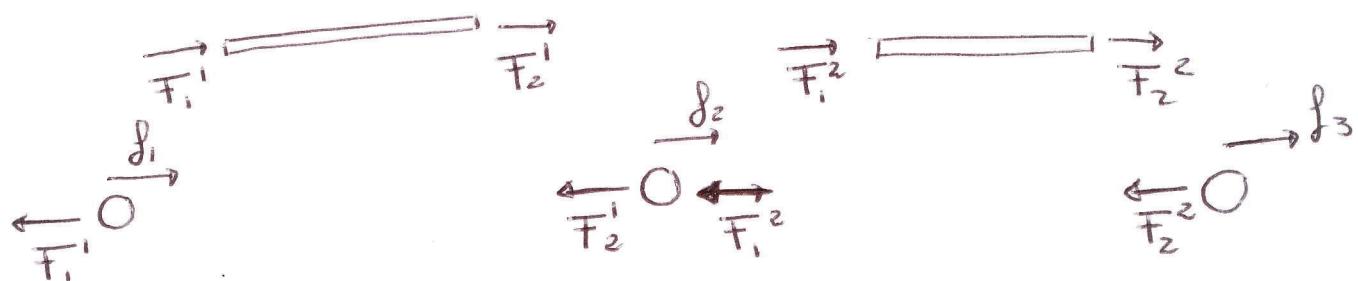
↑  
expanded  
elem force  
vector

↑  
Expanded  
elem stiffness  
matrix

↑ global displ  
vect

How do we relate element local nodal forces to global forces?

We draw free body diagrams of nodes and elem



Equip conditions for the nodes

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \delta_1 - F_1' = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{node 1} \\ \delta_2 - F_2^2 + F_1^2 = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{node 2} \\ \delta_3 - F_2^2 = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{node 3} \end{array} \right.$$

in vector form

$$\underline{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \delta_1 \\ \delta_2 \\ \delta_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} F_1' \\ F_2^2 + F_1^2 \\ F_2^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

global  
nodal force  
vector

(2)

$$\underline{F} = \underline{F}_{\text{exp}}^1 + \underline{F}_{\text{exp}}^2 \quad \text{→ expanded elem force vectors}$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \underline{F}_{\text{exp}}^1 \\ \hline \underline{F}_1 \\ \underline{F}_2 \\ \hline \downarrow \\ \underline{O} \end{array} \right| \quad \left| \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \underline{F}_{\text{exp}}^2 \\ \hline \underline{F}_1 \\ \underline{F}_2 \\ \hline \downarrow \\ \underline{F}_c \end{array} \right|$$

but

$$\underline{F}_{\text{exp}}^1 = \underline{\underline{K}}_{\text{exp}}^1 \underline{d}$$

$$\underline{F}_{\text{exp}}^2 = \underline{\underline{K}}_{\text{exp}}^2 \underline{d}$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{c} \underline{u}_1 \\ \underline{u}_2 \\ \underline{u}_3 \end{array} \right|$$



$$\underline{F} = \left( \underbrace{\underline{\underline{K}}_{\text{exp}}^1 + \underline{\underline{K}}_{\text{exp}}^2}_{\substack{\text{global} \\ \text{nodal} \\ \text{force} \\ \text{vector}}} \right) \underline{d} \quad \uparrow \text{global nodal disp vector}$$

$\underline{\underline{K}}$   
stiffness  
matrix

$$\underline{\underline{K}} = \sum_e \underline{\underline{K}}^e = \begin{vmatrix} K^1 & -k_1^1 & 0 \\ -k_1^1 & k_1^1 + k^2 & -k^2 \\ 0 & -k^2 & k^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Note : -  $\underline{\underline{K}}$  is symmetric

-  $\underline{\underline{K}}$  is singular  $\Rightarrow$  bca. boundary conditions must be prescribed

$\underline{F} = \underline{\underline{K}} \underline{d}$   $\Rightarrow$  these are the 3 equil eqns at the 3 nodes

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

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f_1 = \underbrace{k^1 u_1 - k^1 u_2}_{\bar{F}_1^1} \\ f_2 = -k^1 u_1 + (k^1 + k^2) u_2 - k^2 u_3 \\ f_3 = -k^2 u_2 + k^2 u_3 \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{equil equs at} \\ 3 \text{ nodes} \end{array}$$

Notice that

$$f_1 + f_2 + f_3 = \bar{F}_1^1 + (\bar{F}_2^1 + \bar{F}_1^2) + \bar{F}_2^2 = 0$$

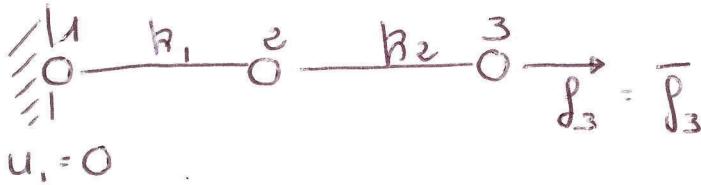
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the structure is in static equil

Step 3 : solution of the eqns

~~now~~  $\underline{K}$  is singular  $\Rightarrow$  boundary cond

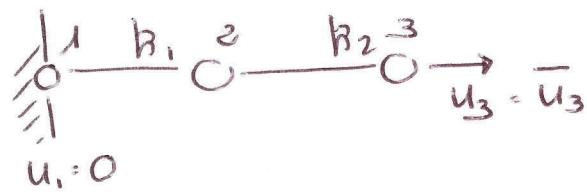
partition approach  
must be specified

case A



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{d}_E = \begin{vmatrix} u_1 \\ \end{vmatrix} \quad \underline{d}_F = \begin{vmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{vmatrix} \\ \underline{F}_E = \begin{vmatrix} f_1 \\ \end{vmatrix} \quad \underline{F}_F = \begin{vmatrix} f_2 \\ f_3 \end{vmatrix} \end{array} \right.$$

case b



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{d}_F = \begin{vmatrix} u_2 \\ \end{vmatrix} \quad \underline{d}_E = \begin{vmatrix} u_1 \\ u_3 \end{vmatrix} \\ \underline{F}_F = \begin{vmatrix} f_2 \\ f_3 \end{vmatrix} \quad \underline{F}_E = \begin{vmatrix} f_1 \\ \end{vmatrix} \end{array} \right.$$

We partition the nodes into  $\rightarrow E$ -nodes (essential nodes)

$$\underline{d} = \begin{vmatrix} \underline{d}_E \\ \underline{d}_F \end{vmatrix}$$

their displ is known

$\rightarrow F$ -nodes (free nodes)

their displ are unknown

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$$\Leftrightarrow \underline{F} = \underline{K} \underline{d}$$

↓

unknown  $\rightarrow$   $\begin{vmatrix} \underline{F}_E \\ \underline{F}_F \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} K_{EE} & K_{EF} \\ K_{FE} & K_{FF} \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} \underline{d}_E \\ \underline{d}_F \end{vmatrix}$  unknown

~~$K_{EE} = K_{FF}$~~   ~~$d_E = K^T d_F$~~

$$\underline{F}_F = K_{FE} \underline{d}_E + K_{FF} \underline{d}_F$$

↑  
known      ↑  
known

$$\underline{d}_F = K_{FF}^{-1} (\underline{F}_F - K_{FE} \underline{d}_E)$$

once we know  $\underline{d}_F$

$$\hookrightarrow \underline{F}_E = K_{EE} \underline{d}_E + K_{EF} \underline{d}_F$$

Case A :  $K_{EE} = k'$        $K_{FF} = \begin{vmatrix} k' + k'' & -k'' \\ -k'' & k'' \end{vmatrix}$

$$K_{EF} = K_{FE} = \begin{bmatrix} k' & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\therefore \underline{F}_F = \begin{vmatrix} 0 \\ \bar{f}_3 \end{vmatrix} \quad \underline{d}_E = 0$

$\begin{vmatrix} K_{EE} & 0 \\ k' & k' + k'' \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} -k' & 0 \\ k' + k'' & -k'' \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} K_{FF} & 0 \\ -k'' & k'' \end{vmatrix} \leftarrow K$

$$\underline{d}_F = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{k_1} & \frac{1}{k_1} \\ \frac{1}{k_1} & \frac{1}{k_1} + \frac{1}{k_2} \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 0 \\ \bar{f}_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \bar{f}_3 \\ \bar{f}_3 \left( \frac{1}{k_1} + \frac{1}{k_2} \right) \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\underline{F}_E = -k' \cdot 0 + \begin{bmatrix} k' & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{f}_3 \\ \bar{f}_3 \left( \frac{1}{k_1} + \frac{1}{k_2} \right) \end{bmatrix} = -\bar{f}_3$$

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Case B

$$F_F = 0 \quad d_E = \begin{vmatrix} 0 \\ \bar{U}_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram showing a system with springs and forces } F_c, F_F, \text{ and displacements } g_1, g_2, g_3. \\ \begin{array}{l} F_c \\ \hline F_F \rightarrow \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} g_1 \\ g_3 \\ g_2 \end{array} \right\} = \left| \begin{array}{cc|c} K' & 0 & K_{EE} \\ 0 & K^2 & -k_1 \\ -k_1 & -k_2 & K_{FF} \end{array} \right| \left| \begin{array}{l} U_1 \\ U_3 \\ U_2 \end{array} \right\} \right\} \begin{array}{l} d_E \\ d_F \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$K_{EE} = \begin{vmatrix} k_1 & 0 \\ 0 & k_2 \end{vmatrix} \quad K_{FF} = k_1 + k_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} d_F &= \frac{1}{k_1 + k_2} \left( 0 - [-k_1 \quad -k_2] \begin{vmatrix} 0 \\ \bar{U}_3 \end{vmatrix} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{k_1 + k_2} \frac{k_1 + k_2 \bar{U}_3}{k_1 + k_2} = \bar{U}_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$F_E = \begin{vmatrix} k_1 & 0 \\ 0 & k_2 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 0 \\ \bar{U}_3 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} -k_1 \\ -k_2 \end{vmatrix} + \frac{k_2 \bar{U}_3}{k_1 + k_2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{vmatrix} 0 \\ k_2 \bar{U}_3 \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} \frac{k_1 k_2 \bar{U}_3}{k_1 + k_2} \\ \frac{k_2^2 \bar{U}_3}{k_1 + k_2} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -\frac{k_1 k_2 \bar{U}_3}{k_1 + k_2} \\ \frac{k_1 k_2 \bar{U}_3 + k_2^2 \bar{U}_3 - k_2^2 \bar{U}_3}{k_1 + k_2} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} F_1 \\ F_3 \end{vmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

## Physical significance of $\underline{\underline{K}}$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \delta_1 \\ \delta_2 \\ \delta_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} k_{11} & k_{12} & k_{13} \\ k_{21} & k_{22} & k_{23} \\ k_{31} & k_{32} & k_{33} \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$k_{ij}$  → Force at node "i" due to unit displ at node "j" keeping all the other nodes fixed

