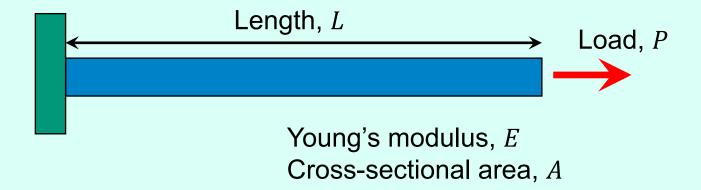


# Bar Elements

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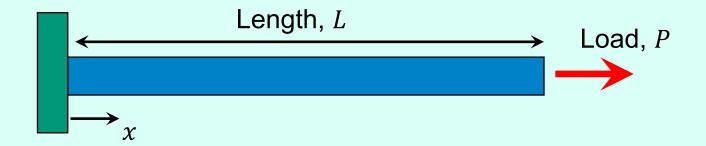
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#### 3. Bar Elements

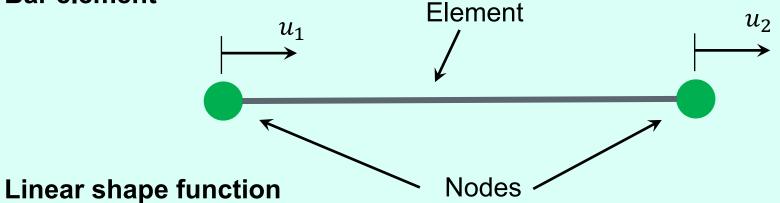


- We have already considered the problem of a bar under extension/compression in section 2.
- However, we do not wish to be formulating the total energy each time (especially for systems with many DOF) and hence wish to construct the FEM for general bar elements within a formal mathematical framework.
- This framework will also help us later on when we wish to develop other types of element, e.g beam, solid, shell.





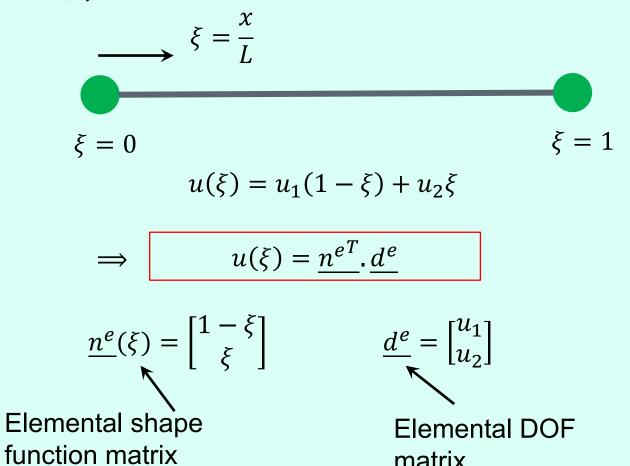
#### **Bar element**



$$u(x) = u_1 \left( 1 - \frac{x}{L} \right) + u_2 \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)$$



### Local variable, $\xi$



matrix

$$\xi = \frac{x}{L} \qquad d\xi = \frac{dx}{L} \implies dx = Ld\xi$$

$$\xi = 0 \qquad \qquad \xi = 1$$

$$u(\xi) = u_1(1 - \xi) + u_2\xi$$

$$u(\xi) = \underline{n^{e^T}} \cdot \underline{d^e}$$

$$\underline{n^e(\xi)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \xi \\ \xi \end{bmatrix} \qquad \underline{d^e} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Check

Where

$$u(\xi) = \underline{n^{e^T}} \cdot \underline{d^e} = [1 - \xi, \xi] \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow u(\xi) = [(1 - \xi)u_1 + \xi u_2]$$



#### **Strain-displacement matrix**

$$\epsilon_x = \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{L} \frac{du}{d\xi}$$
 as  $dx = Ld\xi$ 

$$\epsilon_{x} = \frac{1}{L} \frac{du}{d\xi} = \frac{1}{L} \frac{d(\underline{n^{e^{T}}} \cdot \underline{d^{e}})}{d\xi} = \frac{1}{L} \frac{d\underline{n^{e^{T}}}}{d\xi} \cdot \underline{d^{e}} = \underline{b^{e^{T}}} \cdot \underline{d^{e}}$$

Where

$$\frac{b^{e^{T}}}{L} = \frac{1}{L} \frac{d\underline{n}^{e^{T}}}{d\xi} = \frac{1}{L^{e}} \frac{d}{d\xi} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \xi \\ \xi \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{L^{e}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{n}^{e} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \xi \\ \xi \end{bmatrix} \qquad \int$$

Elemental strain-displacement matrix  $(L^e = L)$  is the length of element e)



#### Check

$$\epsilon_{x} = \underline{b^{e^{T}}} \cdot \underline{d^{e}}$$

$$\epsilon_{x} = \frac{1}{L^{e}} [-1,1] \begin{bmatrix} u_{1} \\ u_{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\epsilon_{x} = \frac{1}{L^{e}} (-u_{1} + u_{2})$$

$$\epsilon_{x} = \frac{(u_{2} - u_{1})}{L^{e}}$$

### Elastic strain energy of an element

$$U = \frac{1}{2}EA \int_0^L \epsilon_x^2 dx$$

Where

$$U = \frac{1}{2}EAL \int_0^1 \epsilon_x^2 d\xi \qquad \boxed{Eq 1}$$

$$\underline{\epsilon} = [\epsilon_x] = \underline{b}^{eT} \cdot \underline{d}^e$$

$$\underline{\epsilon}^T = [\epsilon_x^T] = \underline{d}^{eT} \cdot \underline{b}^e$$

$$\epsilon_x^2 = \epsilon_x^T \cdot \epsilon_x = \underline{d}^{eT} \cdot \underline{b}^e \cdot \underline{b}^{eT} \cdot \underline{d}^e$$

Substitute  $\epsilon_x^2$  in  $Eq\ 1$ 

$$U = \frac{1}{2}AL \int_0^1 \underline{d^{e^T}} \cdot \underline{b^e} \cdot E \cdot \underline{b^{e^T}} \cdot \underline{d^e} d\xi$$



### Elastic strain energy of an element

$$U = \frac{1}{2}AL \int_0^1 \underline{d^{e^T}} \cdot \underline{b^e} \cdot E \cdot \underline{b^{e^T}} \cdot \underline{d^e} d\xi$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \underline{d^{e^T}} \int_0^1 \{ \underline{b^e} \cdot EAL \cdot \underline{b^{e^T}} d\xi \} \cdot \underline{d^e}$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \underline{d^{e^T}}[k^e] \cdot \underline{d^e}$$

### Elastic strain energy of an element

$$\underline{\sigma} = [\sigma_x] = E \cdot \underline{\epsilon}$$

$$\underline{\sigma}^T = \underline{d}^{e^T} \cdot \underline{b}^e \cdot E$$

$$\underline{\sigma}^T \cdot \underline{\epsilon} = \underline{d}^{e^T} \cdot \underline{b}^e \cdot E \cdot \underline{b}^{e^T} \cdot \underline{d}^e$$

$$U^{e} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{V^{e}} \underline{\sigma^{T}} \cdot \underline{\epsilon} \ dV = \frac{1}{2} \underline{d^{e^{T}}} \cdot [k^{e}] \cdot \underline{d^{e}}$$

Where

$$[k^e] = \int_{V^e} \underline{b^e} \cdot E \cdot \underline{b^{e^T}} \ dV = EAL \int_0^1 \underline{b^e} \cdot \underline{b^{e^T}} \ d\xi$$
 Eq 2

Elemental stiffness matrix



Check

$$\underline{b^e} = \frac{1}{L} \begin{bmatrix} -1\\1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \underline{b^{e^T}} = \frac{1}{L} [-1, 1]$$

So

$$\underline{b^e}.\underline{b^{e^T}} = \frac{1}{L} \begin{bmatrix} -1\\1 \end{bmatrix}.\frac{1}{L} [-1,1]$$

$$\underline{b^e} \cdot \underline{b^{e^T}} = \frac{1}{L^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Substitute  $\underline{b^e}$ .  $\underline{b^{e^T}}$  in Eq 2

$$[k^e] = \int_{V^e} \underline{b^e} \cdot E \cdot \underline{b^{e^T}} \, dV = EAL \int_0^1 \underline{b^e} \cdot \underline{b^{e^T}} \, d\xi$$
$$= EAL \frac{1}{L^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \int_0^1 d\xi = \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

### **Total strain energy**

Elemental strain energy

$$U^e = \frac{1}{2} \underline{d^{e^T}} \cdot [k^e] \cdot \underline{d^e}$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} [u_1 - u_2] \cdot \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \frac{EA}{L} \cdot (u_1^2 - u_2 u_1 - u_1 u_2 + u_2^2)$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \frac{EA}{L} (u_2 - u_1)^2$$



### **Total strain energy**

Elemental strain energy

$$U^e = \frac{1}{2} \underline{d^{e^T}} \cdot [k^e] \cdot \underline{d^e}$$

Total strain energy

$$U = \sum_{\substack{\text{all elements } e \\ = \frac{1}{2} \underline{d^T}.[K].\underline{d}}} U^e$$

The global stiffness matrix [K] is the assembly of the elemental stiffness matrices  $[k^e]$ .

The global DOF matrix  $\underline{d}$  contains all the DOF across all elemental DOF  $d^e$ .

#### **Finite Element Method**

Potential energy of the applied loads

$$\Omega = -\underline{d^T} \cdot \underline{f}$$

Total energy

The global force matrix  $\underline{f}$  contains all the forces acting of the respective DOF

$$\Pi = \frac{1}{2}\underline{d^T}.[K].\underline{d} - \underline{d^T}.\underline{f}$$

Minimise the total energy with respect to the DOF to find the unknowns d.

A quadratic function of  $\underline{d}$ 

$$\frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial \underline{d}} = [K].\underline{d} - \underline{f} = \underline{0}$$

$$[K].\underline{d} = \underline{f}$$

Solution



## 3a. FEM Summary

#### **Finite Element Method**

To find the N degrees of freedom  $\underline{d}$  solve the N simultaneous linear equations defined by

Where

[K] is the assembly of the  $[k^e]$  f are the forces acting on each DOF

#### **Elemental Matrices**

Defined by assumed displacement field.

$$u(x) = \underline{n^{e^{T}}} \cdot \underline{d^{e}}$$

$$\underline{b^{e^{T}}} = \frac{1}{L} \frac{d\underline{n^{e^{T}}}}{d\xi}$$

$$[k^{e}] = \int_{V^{e}} \underline{b^{e}} \cdot E \cdot \underline{b^{e^{T}}} \ dV$$

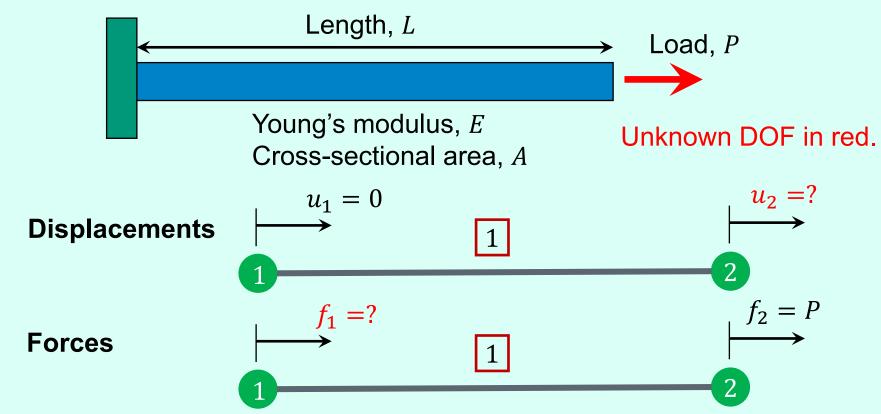
 All FEM problems can be written in this form.

#### For a linear bar element

$$\underline{n^e} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \xi \\ \xi \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{b^{e^T}} = \frac{1}{L} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[k^e] = \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



In general, either the displacement OR the force at a node is known, but never NEITHER or BOTH.

$$\underline{d} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \underline{f} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ P \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{f} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ P \end{bmatrix}$$



All that is needed is the elemental stiffness matrix.

#### For element (1)

$$\begin{bmatrix} k^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \underline{d^{(1)}} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

As only one element the elemental matrix is the same as the global matrix so no "assembly" required.

$$[K] = \begin{bmatrix} k^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[K]. \underline{d} = \underline{f} \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ P \end{bmatrix}$$



Two equations for 2 unknowns ( $u_2$  and  $f_1$ )

$$\frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ P \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{EA}{L}(1\times 0 - 1\times u_2) = f_1 \qquad \boxed{Eq \ 1}$$

$$\frac{EA}{L}(-1\times 0 + 1\times u_2) = P \qquad Eq \ 2$$



#### Second equation gives

$$\frac{EA}{L}(-1\times 0 + 1\times u_2) = P \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad \frac{EA}{L}u_2 = P$$
 Same as previous solution as same linear shape function

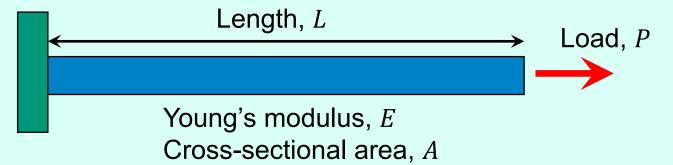
### First equation gives

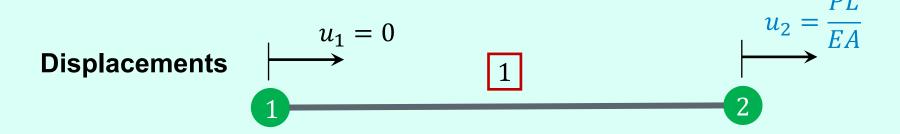
$$\frac{EA}{L}(1 \times 0 - 1 \times u_2) = f_1 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad -\frac{EA}{L}u_2 = f_1$$

Substitute  $u_2$  in Eq 1

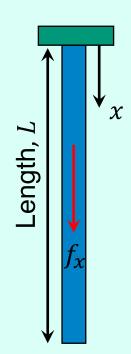
$$f_1 = -P$$

This is the reaction force provided by the wall to keep the displacement  $u_1 = 0$ .

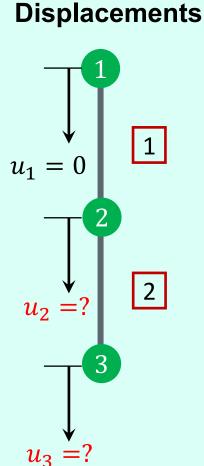




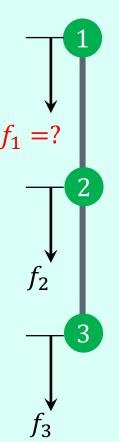




Body force:  $f_x = \rho g$ 



### **Forces**



From section 2b, we know exact solution is a quadratic. Here we use two linear bar elements to get an approximate solution.



#### Forces due to distributed load

$$\Omega^{e} = -\int_{V^{e}} f_{x} u(x) dx = -AL^{e} \int_{0}^{1} \rho g. \underline{n^{eT}}(\xi) d\xi. \underline{d^{e}} = -\underline{f^{eT}}. \underline{d^{e}}$$

So

$$\underline{f^e} = AL^e \rho g \int_0^1 \underline{n^e}(\xi) d\xi = AL^e \rho g \int_0^1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \xi \\ \xi \end{bmatrix} d\xi = AL^e \rho g \begin{bmatrix} \xi - \frac{1}{2}\xi^2 \\ \frac{1}{2}\xi^2 \end{bmatrix}_0^1$$

$$\underline{f^e} = AL^e \rho g \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{AL^e \rho g}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Where  $L^e = \frac{L}{2}$  Each element is half the total length L



#### **Global matrices**

$$\underline{d} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{f} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### **Elemental stiffness matrices**

Element (1) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} k^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{EA}{\frac{1}{2}L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \frac{u_1}{u_2} \qquad \underline{d^{(1)}} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 Applied load due to self weight 
$$\underline{f^{(1)}} = \frac{A\frac{L}{2}\rho g}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{AL\rho g}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Force due to unknown reaction at node 1



Element (2) 
$$[k^{(2)}] = \frac{EA}{\frac{1}{2}L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \frac{u_2}{u_3}$$
 
$$\underline{d^{(2)}} = \begin{bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{f^{(2)}} = \frac{AL\rho g}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} f_2 \\ f_3 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{AL\rho g}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a = \frac{AL\rho g}{4}$$



### Assembly of elemental force matrices

$$\underline{f} = \begin{bmatrix} a + f_1 \\ a + a \\ a \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{c} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{array}$$

Element (1)

$$\underline{f^{(1)}} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{u_1}_{u_2}$$

Element (2)

$$\underline{f^{(2)}} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \frac{u_2}{u_3}$$

#### Global stiffness matrix

$$[K] = \frac{2EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 + 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_3 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Element (1)

$$[k^{(1)}] = \frac{2EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & u_2 \\ 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Element (2)

$$[k^{(2)}] = \frac{2EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} u_2 & u_3 \\ 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$[K].\underline{d} = \underline{f} \implies \frac{2EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & a + f_1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & u_2 & = 2a \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & u_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2a & Eq & 3 \\ a & A \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a = \frac{AL\rho g}{4}$$

As in previous example, partition out 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> equations where forces are known

$$\frac{2EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2a \\ a \end{bmatrix}$$

### **Matrix inversion (reminder)**

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{(ad - bc)} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{La}{2EA} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{(2 \times 1 - (-1)^{2})} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2 - 1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a \longrightarrow$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_{2} \\ u_{3} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{L}{2EA} \times \frac{AL\rho g}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{L^{2}\rho g}{8E} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

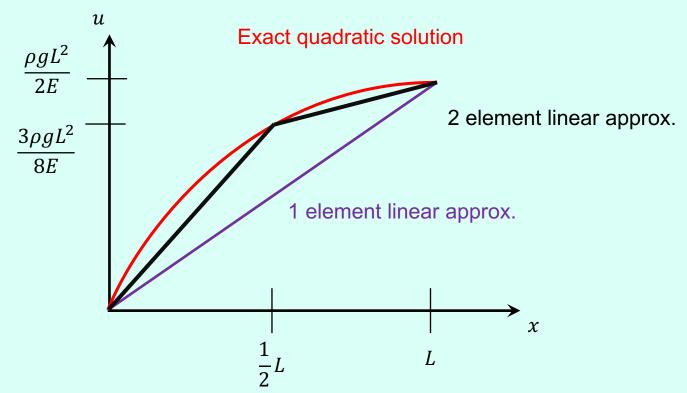
First equation from Eq 3 then gives

$$\frac{2EA}{L}[1.(0) - 1.(u_2).0(u_3)] = a + f_1$$

$$\Rightarrow a + f_1 = \frac{2EA}{L}(-u_2) = -\frac{2EA}{L} \cdot \frac{3L^2 \rho g}{8E} = -\frac{3AL\rho g}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_1 = -\frac{3AL\rho g}{4} - \frac{AL\rho g}{4} = -AL\rho g \left(\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4}\right) \Rightarrow f_1 = -AL\rho g$$
Reaction = weight of bar
$$\Rightarrow f_1 = -AL\rho g$$
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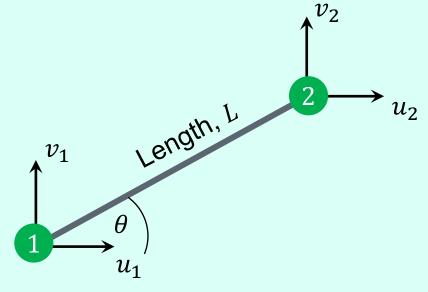




### 3c. Bar elements for 2D frameworks

Consider a bar element with orientation  $\theta$ . In 2D the horizontal and vertical displacements are u and v.

DOF



Only displacements parallel to bar axis cause extension/compression



### 3c. Bar elements for 2D frameworks

#### **Elemental strain energy**

$$U^{e} = \frac{1}{2} \underline{d^{e^{T}}} \cdot [k^{e}] \cdot \underline{d^{e}} \qquad \underline{d^{e}} = \begin{bmatrix} u_{1} \\ u_{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[k^{e}] = \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \underline{d^{e}} = \begin{bmatrix} u_{1} \cos \theta + v_{1} \sin \theta \\ u_{2} \cos \theta + v_{2} \sin \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U^{e} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} u_{1} & u_{2} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} u_{1} \\ u_{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U^{e} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} u_{1} & u_{2} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} u_{1} & -u_{2} \\ -u_{1} & u_{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U^{e} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} u_{1}(u_{1} - u_{2}) + u_{2}(-u_{1} + u_{2}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U^{e} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{EA}{L} [u_{1}(u_{1} - u_{2}) + u_{2}(-u_{1} + u_{2})]$$

$$U^{e} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{EA}{L} [u_{2}(u_{2} - u_{1})^{2}$$



### 3c. Bar elements for 2D frameworks

$$U^e = \frac{1}{2} \frac{EA}{L} (u_2 - u_1)^2$$

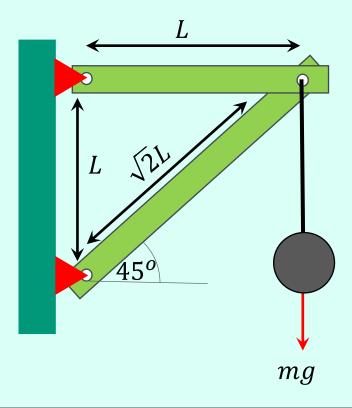
$$U^e = \frac{1}{2} \frac{EA}{L} (u_2 \cos \theta + v_2 \sin \theta - u_1 \cos \theta - v_1 \sin \theta)^2$$

$$U^e = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^e}{L} \cdot [k^e] \cdot \underline{d^e}$$

We wish to consider the four nodal DOF separately. It is easy to show that  $U^e$  is the same with

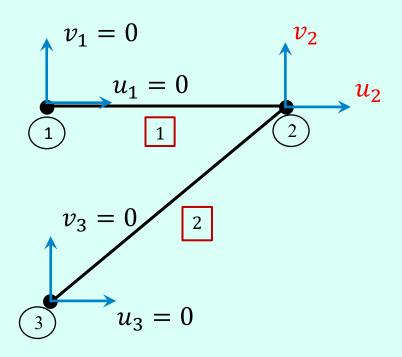
$$[k^e] = \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \theta & \cos \theta \sin \theta & -\cos^2 \theta & -\cos \theta \sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \sin \theta & \sin^2 \theta & -\cos \theta \sin \theta -\sin^2 \theta \\ -\cos^2 \theta & -\cos \theta \sin \theta & \cos^2 \theta & \cos \theta \sin \theta \\ -\cos \theta \sin \theta & -\sin^2 \theta & \cos \theta \sin \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \\ u_2 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using two linear bar elements, find the unknown nodal displacements and forces, assuming E and A same for both bars

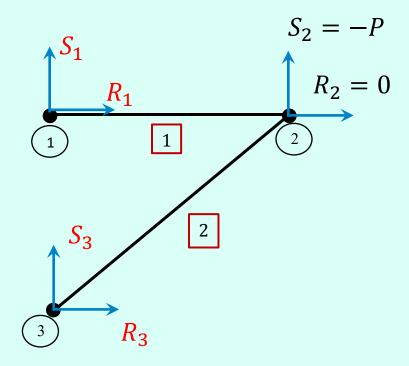




### **Displacements**



#### **Forces**



P = mg

Unknown DOF in red.

### Element (1)

$$\underline{d^{(1)}} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \\ u_2 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{f} = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 \\ S_1 \\ R_2 \\ S_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Element 1** 
$$(\theta = 0^0)$$
  $\cos^2 0^o = 1$   $\cos 0^o \sin 0^o = \sin^2 0^o = 0$ 

$$\begin{bmatrix} k^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} = k_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad k_1 = \frac{EA}{L}$$



#### Element (2)

$$\underline{d^{(2)}} = \begin{bmatrix} u_3 \\ v_3 \\ u_2 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{f} = \begin{bmatrix} R_3 \\ S_3 \\ R_2 \\ S_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Element 2** 
$$(\theta = 45^{\circ})$$
  $\cos^2 45^{\circ} = \cos 45^{\circ} \sin 45^{\circ} = \sin^2 45^{\circ} = \frac{1}{2}$ 



#### Assemble global matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1 & v_1 & u_2 & v_2 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \\ u_2 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$EA$$

$$k_1 = \frac{EA}{L}$$

$$k_2 = \frac{EA}{2\sqrt{2}L}$$

$$\underline{d} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \\ u_2 \\ v_2 \\ u_3 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{d} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_2 \\ u_3 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} \qquad [K] = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ 0$$

#### **Assemble global matrices**

$$[K] = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 & 0 & -k_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -k_1 & 0 & k_1 + k_2 & k_2 & -k_2 & -k_2 \\ 0 & 0 & k_2 & k_2 & -k_2 & -k_2 \\ 0 & 0 & -k_2 & -k_2 & k_2 & k_2 \\ 0 & 0 & -k_2 & -k_2 & k_2 & k_2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \underline{d} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \\ u_2 \\ v_2 \\ u_3 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ u_2 \\ v_2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{d} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \\ u_2 \\ v_2 \\ u_3 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ u_2 \\ v_2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{f} = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 \\ S_1 \\ R_2 \\ S_2 \\ R_3 \\ S_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 \\ S_1 \\ 0 \\ -P \\ R_3 \\ S_3 \end{bmatrix}$$



#### Solution

$$\begin{bmatrix} k_1 & 0 & -k_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -k_1 & 0 & k_1 + k_2 & k_2 & -k_2 & -k_2 \\ 0 & 0 & k_2 & k_2 & -k_2 & -k_2 \\ 0 & 0 & -k_2 & -k_2 & k_2 & k_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ u_2 \\ v_2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 \\ S_1 \\ 0 \\ -P \\ R_3 \\ S_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Partition out 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> equations where forces are known.

$$\begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 & k_2 \\ k_2 & k_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_2 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -P \end{bmatrix}$$



#### **Solution**

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_2 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{(k_1 + k_2)k_2 - k_2^2} \begin{bmatrix} k_2 & -k_2 \\ -k_2 & k_1 + k_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -P \end{bmatrix}$$

$${u_2 \brack v_2} = \frac{1}{k_1 k_2} {k_2 P \brack -(k_1 + k_2)P}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} u_2 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = P \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{k_1} \\ -\left(\frac{1}{k_1} + \frac{1}{k_2}\right) \end{bmatrix}$$



#### **Solution**

Substitute known displacements into remaining equations to find unknown forces.

#### Node 1

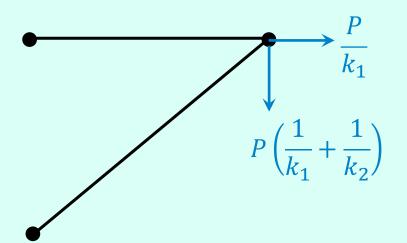
$$\begin{bmatrix} -k_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_2 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 \\ S_1 \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{bmatrix} R_1 \\ S_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -k_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot P \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{k_1} \\ -\left(\frac{1}{k_1} + \frac{1}{k_2}\right) \end{bmatrix} = P \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Node 3

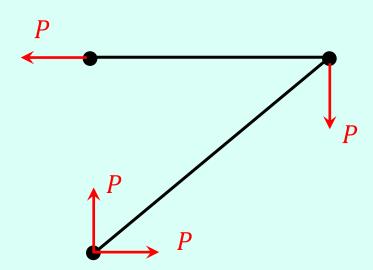
$$\begin{bmatrix} -k_2 & -k_2 \\ -k_2 & -k_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_2 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_3 \\ S_3 \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{bmatrix} R_3 \\ S_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -k_2 & -k_2 \\ -k_2 & -k_2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot P \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{k_1} \\ -\left(\frac{1}{k_1} + \frac{1}{k_2}\right) \end{bmatrix} = P \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



### **Displacements**

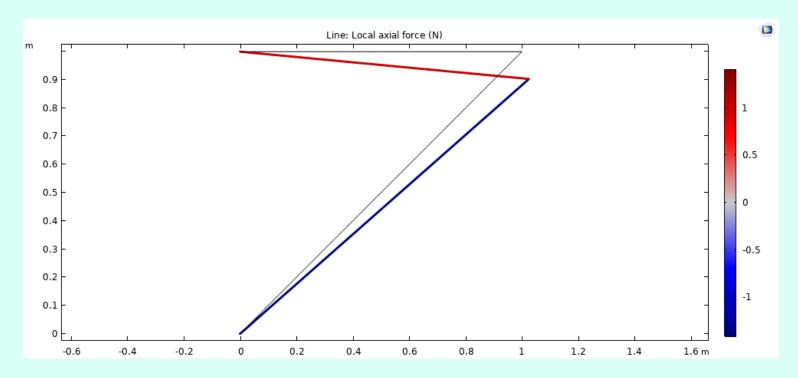


#### **Forces**



### 3c. COMSOL Practical #1

(1) Solve this example and check solution is the same

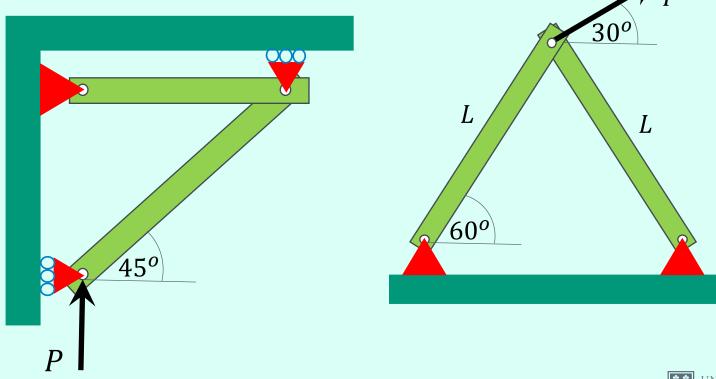


(1) Explore the effects of changing the angle from 45° using a parametric analysis.



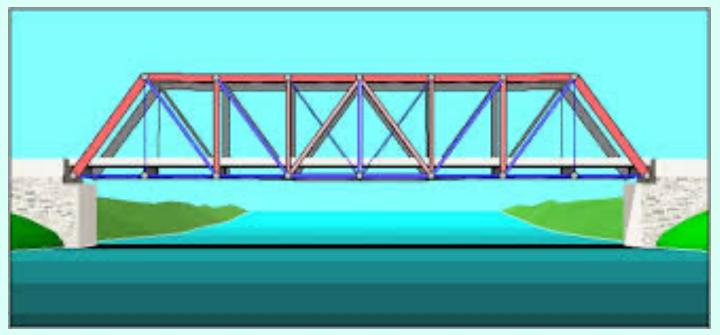
## 3c. COMSOL Practical #1 (continued)

(3) Solve the examples in **Exercise Sheet #3** and check results using COMSOL.



## 3c. COMSOL Practical #2

### Design of a truss bridge



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(4) Beam Elements

