

Structural Models: Beam Elements

Finite Element Methods

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Outline

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Las Piedras. L=19×63.5=1206.5 m; H=92 m

Córdoba–Málaga HS line

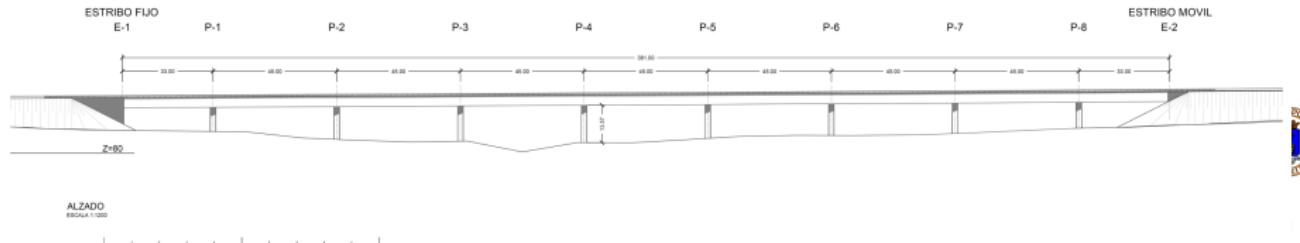


Contreras viaducts; Arch L=261 m

Madrid–Valencia HS line

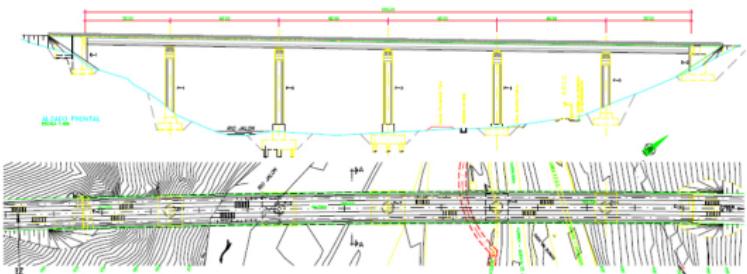


La Marota. L=381 m; Córdoba–Málaga HS line

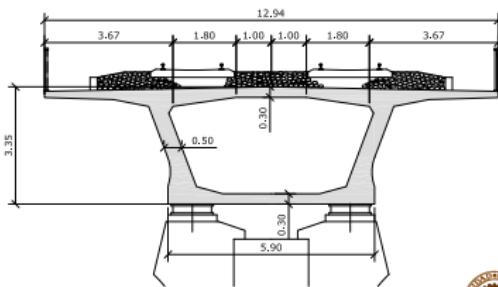


Villanueva del Jalón Bridge

Madrid-Barcelona HS line

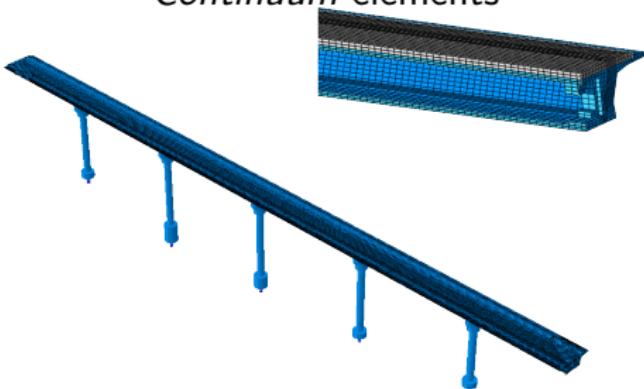


- Madrid-Barcelona High Speed Railway
- Prestressed concrete
- Total length: 250 m
- 6 spans ($35 + 4 \times 45 + 35$)

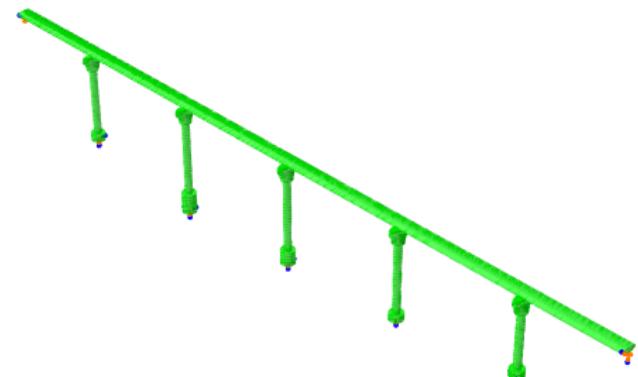


Villanueva del Jalón: types of FE models

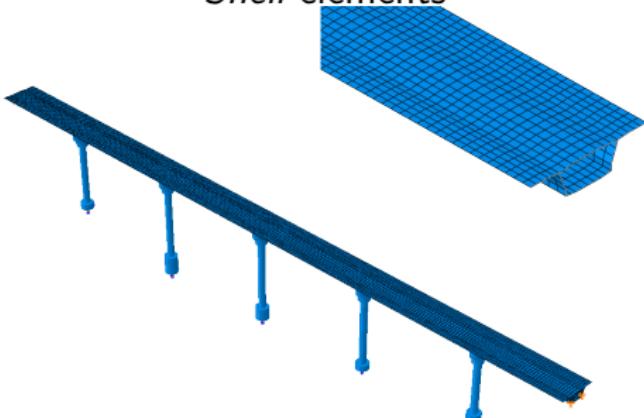
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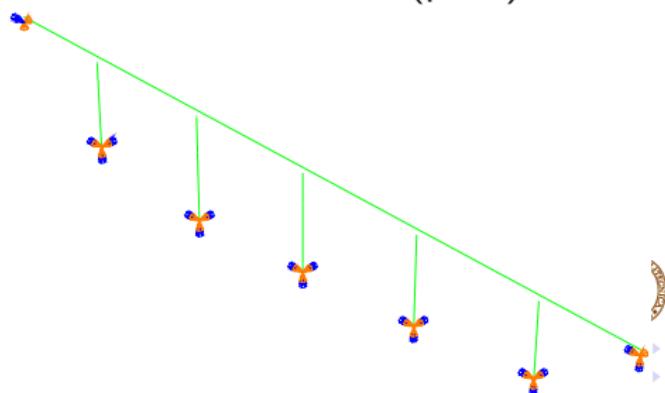
Beam elements (ornate)



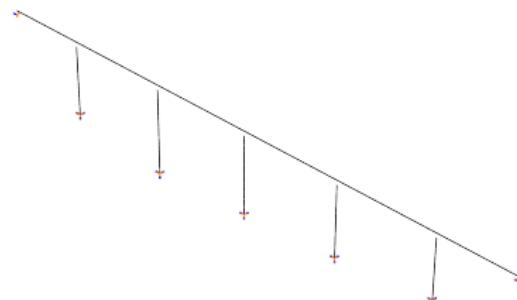
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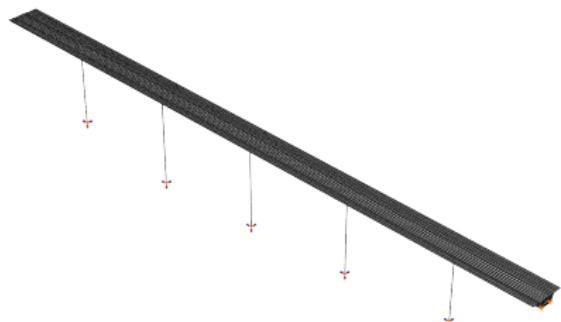
Beam elements (plain)



Villanueva del Jalón: Numerical models



FEM (Beams)



FEM (Shells)

	Frequency [Hz]		
	1st lateral	1st vertical	1st torsion
Beam elements	0.623	3.228	3.498
Shell elements	0.627	3.059	5.823

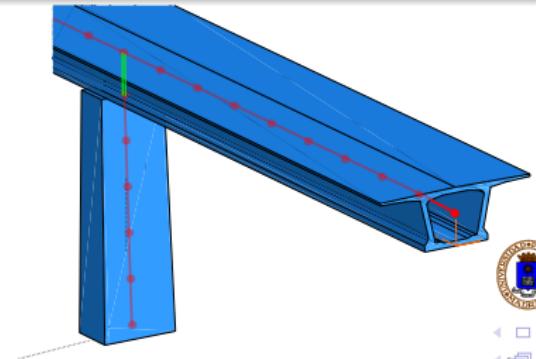
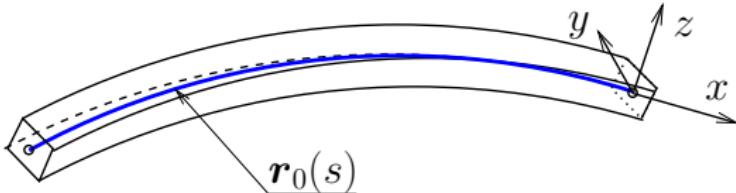


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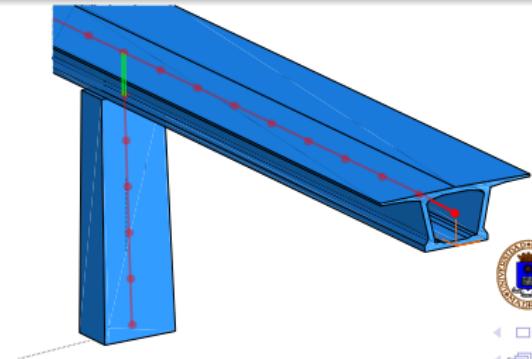
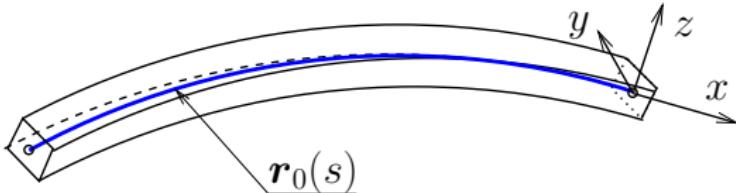
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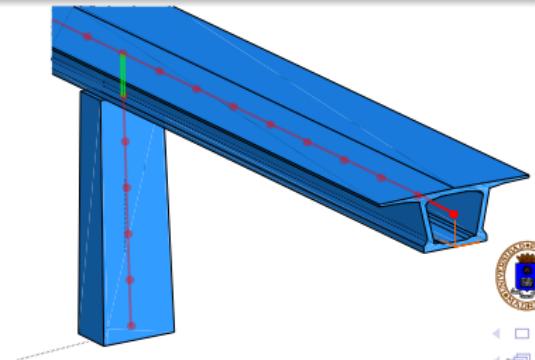
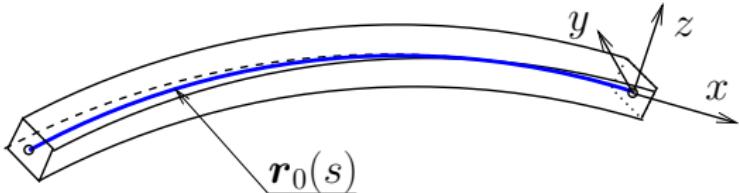
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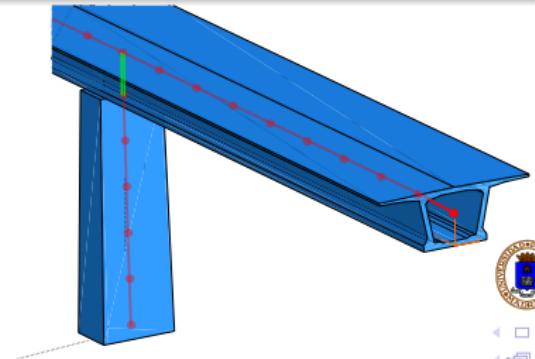
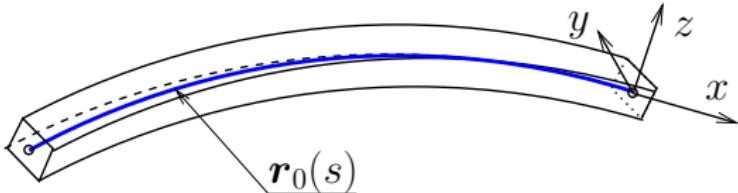
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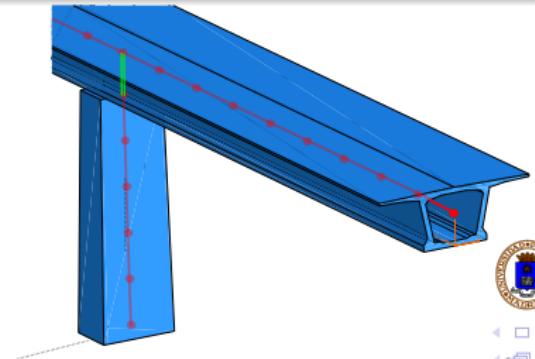
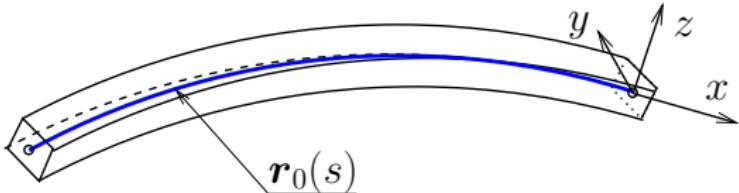
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2D Beams: Section Resultants

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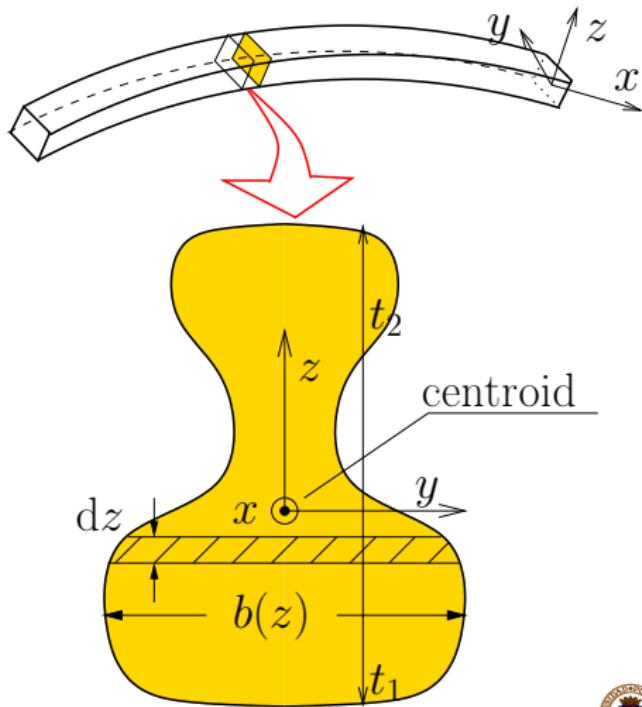
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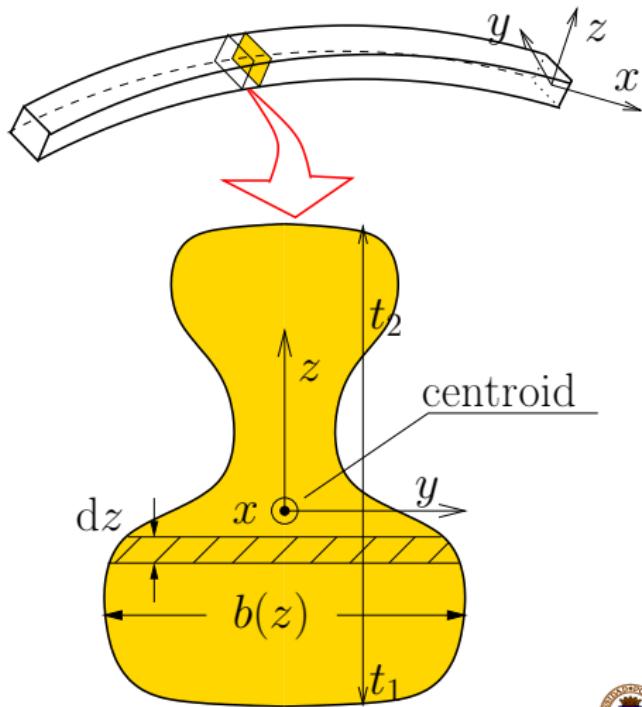
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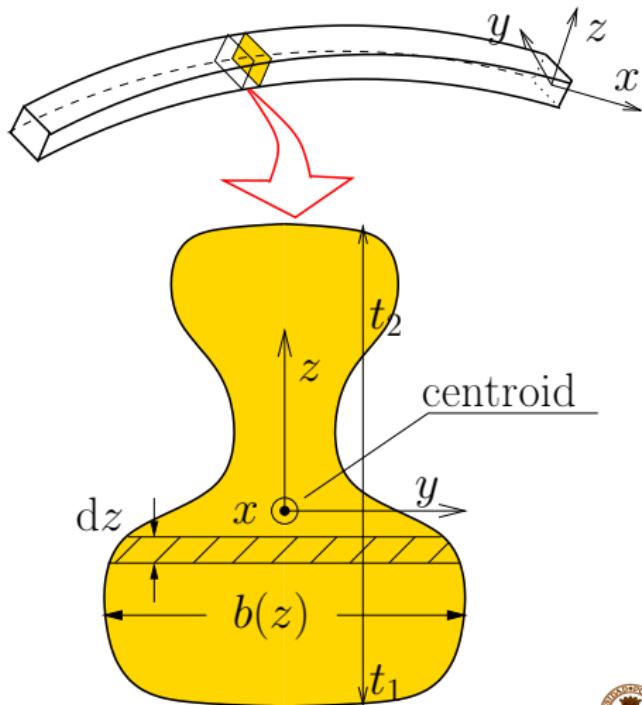
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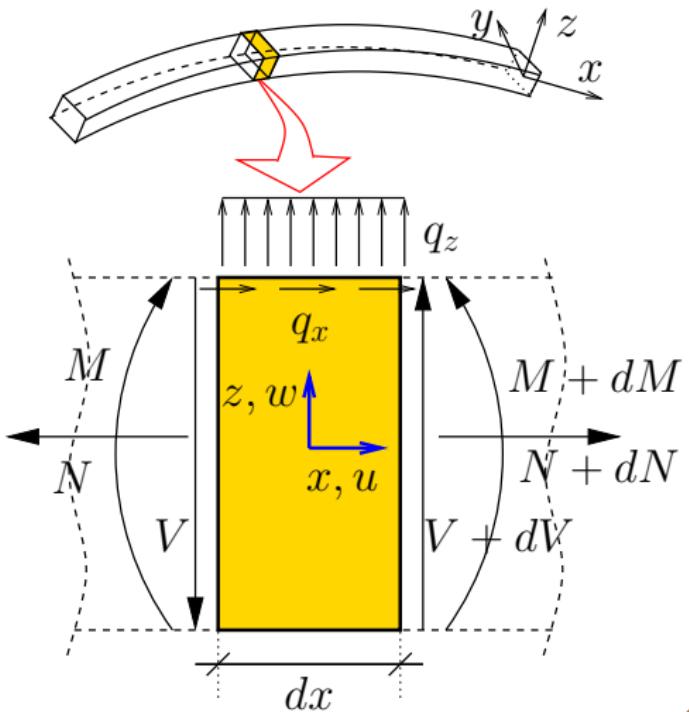
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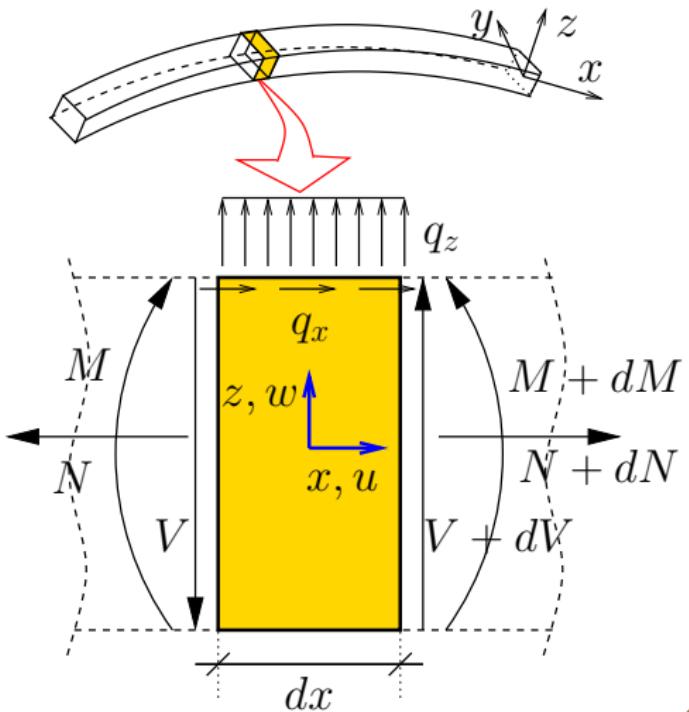
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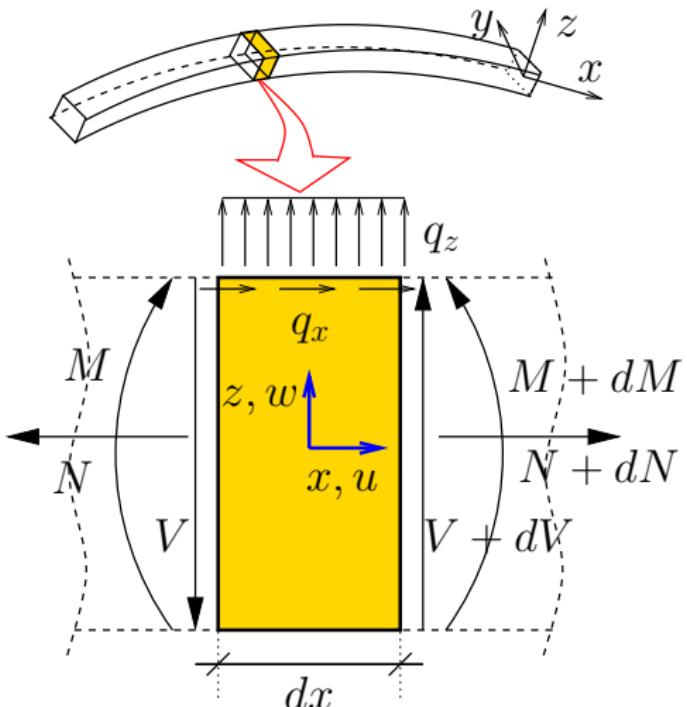
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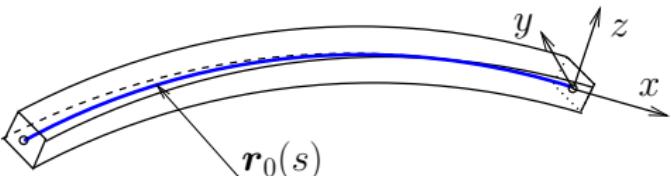
♣ Universal validity, even with material or geometric nonlinearities



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Bernoulli-Euler Assumptions

- ① Prismatic rod, with base curve ("directriz") $r_0(s)$ (line of centroids)



- ② After deformation, plane cross sections (yz) remain plane and **normal to the base curve**
- ③ (2D) Displacements normal to the beam ($w \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} u_z$) are uniform along the cross section and equal to those of the base curve:

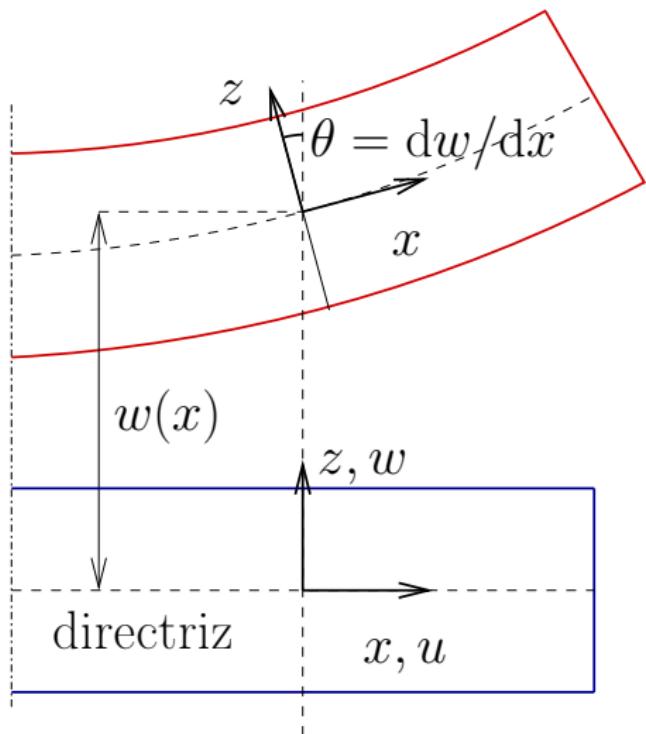
$$w(x, z) = w(x). \quad (7)$$

- ④ (2D) Plane stress:

$$\sigma_{zz} = 0. \quad (8)$$



Displacements (2D)



- Rotation of cross section: θ
- Rotation of tangent to base curve: $\frac{dw}{dx} = w'$
- Cross section normal to base curve:

$$\theta = \frac{dw}{dx} \quad (9)$$

- Longitudinal displacements:

$$u(x, z) = u_0(x) - z\theta \\ = u_0(x) - z \frac{dw}{dx} \quad (10)$$



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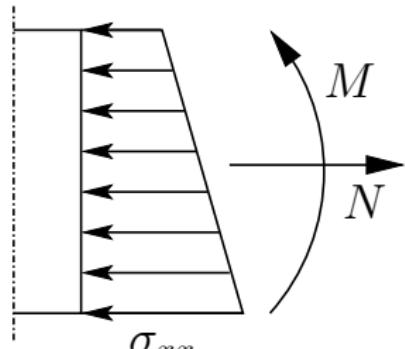
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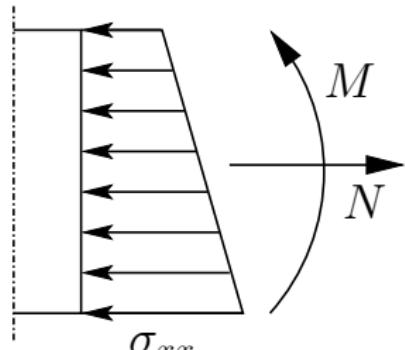
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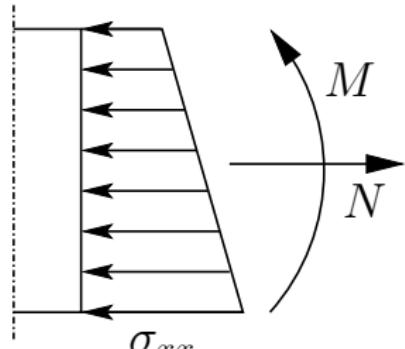
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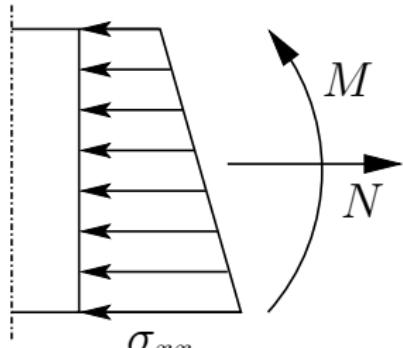
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Constitutive Relations: Axial & Shear Resultants

- Integrating the normal stresses

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$$V = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \sigma_{xz} b(z) dz; \quad (20)$$

- Contradiction: from (??),

$$\gamma_{xz} = 0 \Rightarrow \sigma_{xz} = G\gamma_{xz} = 0 \Rightarrow V = 0 ! \quad (21)$$

However, we know $V \neq 0$.

- In practice, shear V is evaluated from the equilibrium equations (??):

$$V = -dM/dx$$



Strong Formulation: Transverse Deflection

- Strong Formulation / Transverse Deflection (??), (??):

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{dM}{dx} + V = 0 \\ \frac{dV}{dx} + q_z = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \frac{d^2M}{dx^2} = q_z \quad (22)$$

$$M = EI \frac{d^2w}{dx^2} \Rightarrow EI \frac{d^4w}{dx^4} = q_z \quad (23)$$

(assuming EI constant)

- Differential equation (4th order) of the *elastica*, as function of $w(x)$



Strong Formulation: Axial Displacement

- Axial resultants / displacements $u = u_0$ (??):

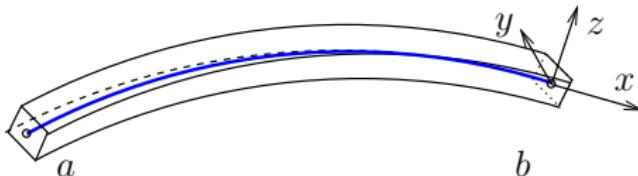
$$\frac{dN}{dx} + q_x = 0; \quad N = EA \frac{du_0}{dx} \quad (24)$$

$$EA \frac{d^2u_0}{dx^2} + q_x = 0 \quad (25)$$

- We assume axial resultants N **uncoupled** from moment and shear resultants (M, V). In a first stage we will not consider them for simplicity: *beam* elements.
- Elements of **frame** type (aka *beam-column*): include simultaneously axial and transverse deformation ($\rightarrow M, V, N$)



Weak Formulation



- Weight functions (*virtual displacements*) \bar{w} , of arbitrary value. From (??), integrating on body $[a, b]$:

$$\frac{d^2M}{dx^2} = q_z \quad \Rightarrow \quad \int_a^b \bar{w} \frac{d^2M}{dx^2} dx = \int_a^b \bar{w} q_z dx \quad \forall \bar{w} \quad (26)$$

- Integrating by parts (twice):

$$-\int_a^b \frac{d\bar{w}}{dx} \frac{dM}{dx} dx + \left[\bar{w} \frac{dM}{dx} \right]_a^b = \int_a^b \bar{w} q_z dx$$

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- M_a, V_a, M_b, V_b : *natural* boundary conditions.

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$$w(x) \approx w_h(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n N_i(x) a_i = \{\mathbf{N}\}^\top \{\mathbf{a}\}$$

$$= [N_1(x) \quad N_2(x) \quad \dots \quad N_n(x)] \begin{Bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{Bmatrix}$$

- Interpolation of *strains*: $[\mathbf{B}]$

$$\frac{d^2 w}{dx^2} \approx [\mathbf{B}] \{\mathbf{a}\}; \tag{28}$$

$$[\mathbf{B}] = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \{\mathbf{N}\}^\top = \left[\frac{d^2 N_1}{dx^2} \quad \frac{d^2 N_2}{dx^2} \quad \dots \quad \frac{d^2 N_n}{dx^2} \right] \tag{29}$$



Galerkin Method

Same interpolation for \bar{w} as for w

$$\frac{d^2\bar{w}}{dx^2} \approx [\mathbf{B}]\{\bar{\mathbf{a}}\} = \{\bar{\mathbf{a}}\}^T [\mathbf{B}]^T \quad (30)$$

$$\int_a^b \frac{d^2w}{dx^2} EI \frac{d^2\bar{w}}{dx^2} dx \approx \int_a^b \{\bar{\mathbf{a}}\}^T ([\mathbf{B}]^T EI [\mathbf{B}]) \{\mathbf{a}\} dx \quad (31)$$

$$\int_a^b \bar{w} q dx \approx \int_a^b \{\bar{\mathbf{a}}\}^T \{\mathbf{N}\} q dx = \{\bar{\mathbf{a}}\}^T \{\mathbf{f}_{\text{dist}}\} \quad (32)$$

$$\{\bar{\mathbf{a}}\}^T \underbrace{\left(\int_a^b \underbrace{[\mathbf{B}]^T}_{(n \times 1)} EI \underbrace{[\mathbf{B}]}_{(1 \times n)} dx \right)}_{[\mathbf{K}] \ (n \times n)} \{\mathbf{a}\} = \{\bar{\mathbf{a}}\}^T \left[\{\mathbf{f}_{\text{dist}}\} + \{\mathbf{f}_{\text{boun}}\} \right] \quad (33)$$



Matrix Formulation

- Taking arbitrary $\{\bar{a}\}^T$; and calling $\{f\} = \{f_{\text{dist}}\} + \{f_{\text{boun}}\}$:

$$[\mathbf{K}]\{\mathbf{a}\} = \{\mathbf{f}\}$$

with

- $w, dw/dx$: kinematic or *essential* boundary conditions
- M, V : static or *natural* boundary conditions ($\rightarrow \{f\}_{\text{boun}}$)
- Integration is performed locally for each subdomain Ω^e (*element e*):

$$[\mathbf{K}^e]\{\mathbf{a}^e\} = \{\mathbf{f}^e\}; \quad (34)$$

$$[\mathbf{K}] = \bigwedge^{\text{numel}} [\mathbf{K}^e]; \quad \{\mathbf{f}\} = \bigwedge^{\text{numel}} \{\mathbf{f}^e\}. \quad (35)$$

- \bigwedge^{numel} : **Assembly** operator



Requirements for Convergence

Completeness

- $w(x)$ capable to represent an arbitrary rigid body displacement
 $\left(w^0, \theta^0 = \left(\frac{dw}{dx} \right)^0 \right)$
- $w(x)$ capable to represent deformations with arbitrary constant curvature, $\left(\frac{d^2w}{dx^2} \right)^0 = \kappa^0$. $\rightarrow w(x) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x + \alpha_2 x^2 + \dots$

Compatibility

- **Variational index m** : order of derivatives in weak formulation
 $(d^2w/dx^2 \rightarrow m = 2)$
- $w(x)$ must be continuous at least of order $(m - 1) = 1$:
 $\rightarrow w(x) \in C^1$
4 conditions: $w_a, (\frac{dw}{dx})_a, w_b, (\frac{dw}{dx})_b$.

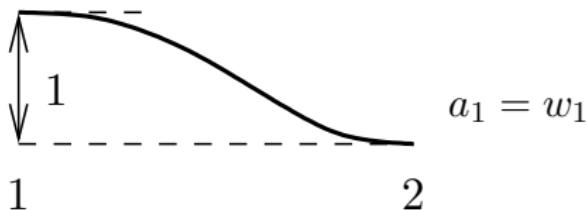
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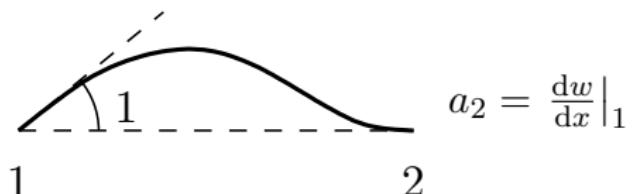


Element with Cubic (Hermitic) Interpolation

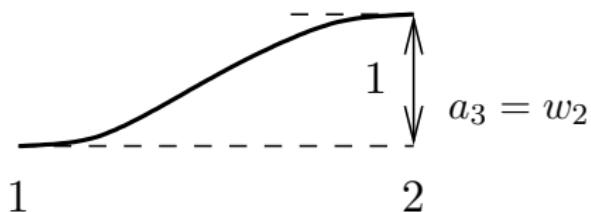
$$N_1(x) = 1 - 3\frac{x^2}{l^2} + 2\frac{x^3}{l^3}$$



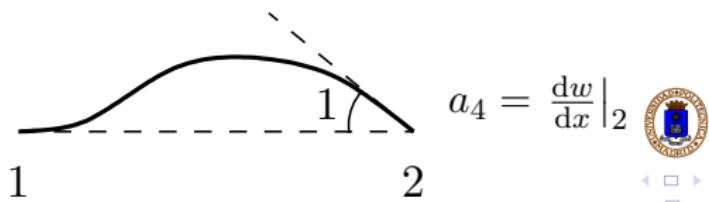
$$N_2(x) = x \left(1 - 2\frac{x}{l} + \frac{x^2}{l^2} \right)$$



$$N_3(x) = \frac{x^2}{l^2} \left(3 - 2\frac{x}{l} \right)$$



$$N_4(x) = \frac{x^2}{l} \left(\frac{x}{l} - 1 \right)$$



Stiffness Matrix

Integrating the individual matrix components in (??)

$$K_{11}^e = EI \int_0^l B_1^2 dx; \quad B_1 = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} N_1(x) = -\frac{6}{l^2} + \frac{12x}{l^3}; \quad (37)$$

$$K_{11}^e = \frac{12EI}{l^3}; \quad (38)$$

$$K_{12}^e = \frac{6EI}{l^2}; \quad K_{13}^e = -\frac{12EI}{l^3}; \dots \quad (39)$$

$$[\mathbf{K}^e] = \frac{12EI}{l^3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & l/2 & -1 & l/2 \\ l/2 & l^2/3 & -l/2 & l^2/6 \\ -1 & -l/2 & 1 & -l/2 \\ l/2 & l^2/6 & -l/2 & l^2/3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (40)$$



Consistent Load Vectors

- Integrating the individual terms in (??), (??) for each element e , assuming constant distributed load q :

$$\{\mathbf{f}^e\} = \underbrace{\begin{Bmatrix} ql/2 \\ ql^2/12 \\ ql/2 \\ -ql^2/12 \end{Bmatrix}}_{\{\mathbf{f}_{\text{dist}}\}} + \underbrace{\begin{Bmatrix} -V_1 \\ -M_1 \\ V_2 \\ M_2 \end{Bmatrix}}_{\{\mathbf{f}_{\text{boun}}\}} \quad (41)$$

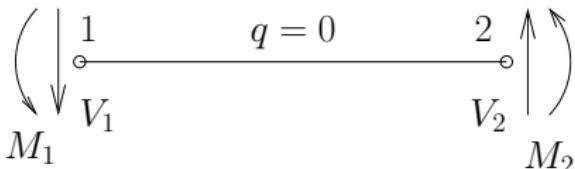
- $\{\mathbf{f}_{\text{dist}}\}$ includes the distributed transverse loads q and the fixed-end moments ("momentos de empotramiento perfecto")
- $\{\mathbf{f}_{\text{boun}}\}$ corresponds to the loads at the ends (boundaries) of the element



Direct Matrix Formulation (w/o Finite Elements)

- General solution in beam 1–2 without distributed loads ($q = 0$):

$$\frac{d^4 w}{dx^4} = 0$$



- Boundary conditions: $w_1, \left. \frac{dw}{dx} \right|_1, w_2, \left. \frac{dw}{dx} \right|_2$

$$w(x) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x + \alpha_2 x^2 + \alpha_3 x^3 \quad (42)$$

4 conditions \Rightarrow 4 parameters $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3)$

Exact solution with FE interpolation!

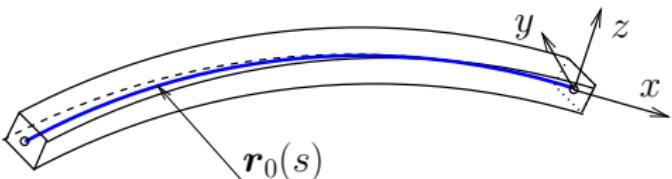
- Direct formulation of matrix structural equations
- Warning: distributed loads ($q \neq 0$) require correction (fixed-end moments)



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Timoshenko Beam Model: Assumptions

- ① Prismatic rod, with base curve ("directriz") $r_0(s)$ (line of centroids)



- ② After deformation, plane cross sections (yz) remain plane but **not necessarily normal to the base curve**
- ③ (2D) Displacements normal to the beam (z) are uniform along the cross section and equal to those of the base curve:

$$w(x, z) = w(x). \quad (43)$$

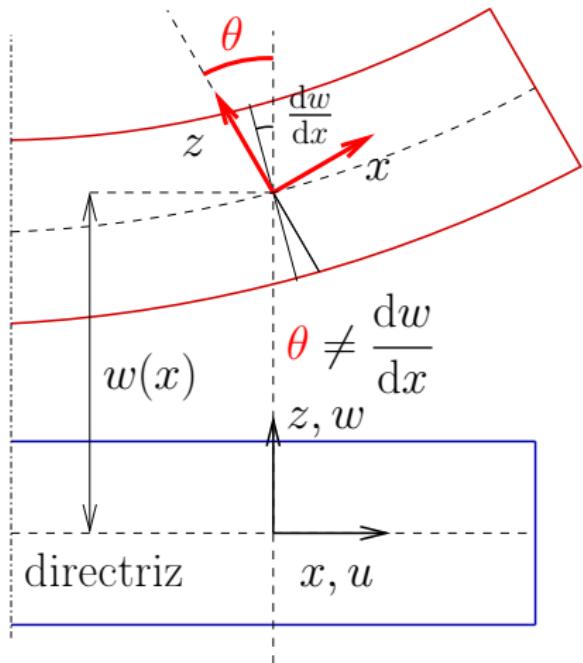
- ④ (2D) Plane stress:

$$\sigma_{zz} = 0. \quad (44)$$



Timoshenko Beams: Displacements

- θ : rotation of cross section; x : normal to cross section
- $dw/dx = w'$: rotation of base curve tangent (1st order)



- Cross section not normal to base curve:

$$\theta \neq \frac{dw}{dx} \quad (45)$$

- Longitudinal displacements:

$$u(x, z) = u_0(x) - z\theta \quad (46)$$



Timoshenko Beams: Strains

From the above displacement equations,

$$(\text{??}): \rightarrow \varepsilon_{xx} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{du_0}{dx} - z \frac{d\theta}{dx} \quad (47)$$

$$(\text{??}): \rightarrow \varepsilon_{zz} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0; \quad (48)$$

$$(\text{??}): \rightarrow \gamma_{xz} = 2\varepsilon_{xz} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = -\theta + \frac{dw}{dx} \neq 0 \quad (49)$$

$$\gamma_{yz} = \gamma_{xy} = 0 \quad (50)$$

Implications

- Shear deformation $\gamma_{xz} \neq 0$ is considered
- Shear deformation is constant across cross section (Navier hypothesis)
- Assumption valid for not so slender beams: $\lambda = \frac{l}{t} \gtrapprox 8$.



Constitutive relations

- Stresses

$$\sigma_{xx} = E\varepsilon_{xx} = E \frac{du_0}{dx} - Ez \frac{d\theta}{dx} \quad (51)$$

$$\sigma_{xz} = \tau = G\gamma_{xz} = G \left(\frac{dw}{dx} - \theta \right) \quad (52)$$

- Resultants

$$M = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} -Ez^2 \frac{d\theta}{dx} b(z) dz = EI \frac{d\theta}{dx} = EI\kappa \quad (53)$$

$$V = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} G \left(\frac{dw}{dx} - \theta \right) b(z) dz = GA \left(\frac{dw}{dx} - \theta \right) = GA\gamma_{xz} \quad (54)$$

$$N = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} E \left(\frac{du_0}{dx} - z \frac{d\theta}{dx} \right) b(z) dz = EA \frac{du_0}{dx} \quad (55)$$

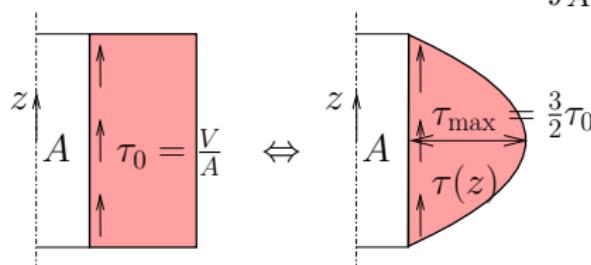


Shear: stress distribution in cross section

- Following (??), shear strain is assumed constant throughout the cross section, which implies a similar constant value for the shear stress

$$\gamma_{xz} = \gamma_0 \text{ (const.)} \Rightarrow \tau_0 = G\gamma_0 = \frac{V}{A} \text{ (const.)} \quad (56)$$

- However, basic equilibrium requires $\tau = 0$ at the top and bottom boundaries. Assuming for simplicity a rectangular cross section (width b , depth h), the correct distribution of shear stress $\tau(z)$ consistent with the continuum mechanics equilibrium equations is **parabolic**.
- Equating the shear resultant for both cases, $V = \int_A \tau(z) dA$:

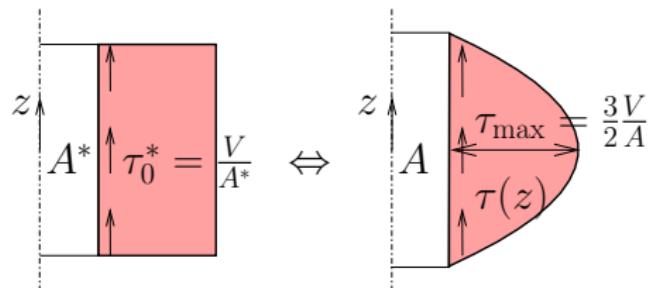


- Note: For a parabolic distribution, elasticity equations imply non-uniform shear strain and **warping** of the cross section.



Shear: reduced shear area

- In order to ensure correct shear deformation of the Timoshenko beam model, we now equate the strain energy for both cases, assuming an equivalent shear area A^*



$$\frac{1}{2GA^*}V^2 = \frac{1}{2} \int_A \frac{1}{G} \tau^2(z) dA \Rightarrow A^* = \alpha A.$$

- The **shear correction factor α** depends on the shape of the section.
- For the **rectangular section**, with $dA = b dz$, the above equation yields

$$A^* = \frac{5}{6}A \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{5}{6}$$



Strong Formulation

- From equilibrium equations

$$(??): \frac{dM}{dx} + V = 0 \Rightarrow EI \frac{d^2\theta}{dx^2} + V = 0 \quad (57)$$

$$(??): \frac{dV}{dx} + q = 0 \Rightarrow GA^* \left(\frac{d^2w}{dx^2} - \frac{d\theta}{dx} \right) + q = 0 \quad (58)$$

- These include 2nd order derivatives of w, θ .



Weak Formulation (Moments)

Taking in 1st place the moment equation (??):

$$\int_1^2 \bar{\theta} \left(EI \frac{d^2\theta}{dx^2} \right) dx + \int_1^2 \bar{\theta} \underbrace{V}_{GA^* \gamma_{xz}} dx = 0 \quad \forall \bar{\theta} \quad (59)$$

Integrating by parts,

$$-\int_1^2 \frac{d\bar{\theta}}{dx} EI \frac{d\theta}{dx} dx + \left[\bar{\theta} EI \frac{d\theta}{dx} \right]_1 + \int_1^2 \bar{\theta} GA^* \left(\frac{dw}{dx} - \theta \right) dx = 0 \quad \forall \bar{\theta} \quad (60)$$



Weak Formulation (Shear)

Doing the same for the shear equation (??):

$$\int_1^2 \bar{w} G A^* \left(\frac{d^2 w}{dx^2} - \frac{d\theta}{dx} \right) dx + \int_1^2 q \bar{w} dx = 0 \quad \forall \bar{w} \quad (61)$$

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Weak Formulation (Joint)

Adding (??) & (??):

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_1^2 \underbrace{\left(\frac{d\bar{w}}{dx} - \bar{\theta} \right)}_{\bar{\gamma}} GA^* \underbrace{\left(\frac{dw}{dx} - \theta \right)}_{\gamma} dx + \int_1^2 \underbrace{\frac{d\bar{\theta}}{dx}}_{\bar{\kappa}} EI \underbrace{\frac{d\theta}{dx}}_{\kappa} dx \\ &= \underbrace{\left[\bar{w} GA^* \left(\frac{dw}{dx} - \theta \right) \right]_1^2}_{V_i} + \underbrace{\left[\bar{\theta} EI \frac{d\theta}{dx} \right]_1^2}_{M_i} + \int_1^2 \bar{w} q dx \quad \forall(\bar{w}, \bar{\theta}) \quad (63) \end{aligned}$$

Convergence Requirements

- The weak formulation includes first order derivatives of $w, \bar{w}, \theta, \bar{\theta}$
- \Rightarrow FEM requires only C^0 approximation



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Finite Element Approximation (Galerkin)

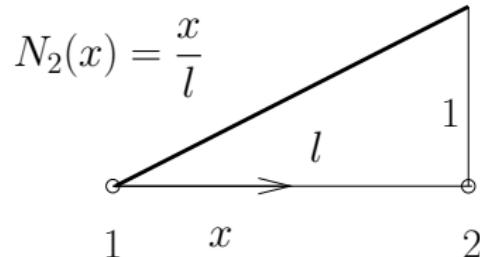
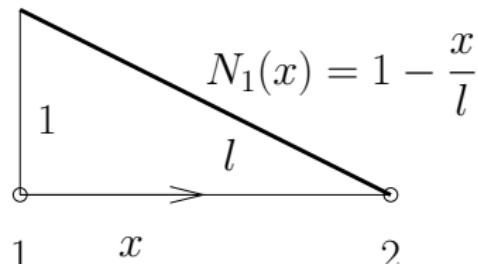
Weak formulation (from (??))

$$\delta W = \int_1^2 \bar{\gamma} G A^* \gamma \, dx + \int_1^2 \bar{\kappa} EI \kappa \, dx - \int_1^2 \bar{w} q \, dx - [\bar{w} V]_1^2 - [\bar{\theta} M]_1^2 = 0 \quad \forall (\bar{\gamma}, \bar{\kappa})$$

Linear interpolation functions (C^0 continuity):

$$w^h(x) = w_1 N_1(x) + w_2 N_2(x);$$

$$\theta^h(x) = \theta_1 N_1(x) + \theta_2 N_2(x);$$



Interpolation of Strains

$$\kappa^h = \theta_1 \frac{dN_1}{dx} + \theta_2 \frac{dN_2}{dx} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1/l & 0 & 1/l \end{bmatrix}}_{[\mathbf{B}_f^e]} \begin{Bmatrix} w_1 \\ \theta_1 \\ w_2 \\ \theta_2 \end{Bmatrix} \text{ (cte.)}$$

$$\gamma^h = \left(\frac{dw^h}{dx} - \theta^h \right) = w_1 \frac{dN_1}{dx} - \theta_1 N_1 + w_2 \frac{dN_2}{dx} - \theta_2 N_2$$

$$= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1/l & -1 + x/l & 1/l & -x/l \end{bmatrix}}_{[\mathbf{B}_c^e]} \begin{Bmatrix} w_1 \\ \theta_1 \\ w_2 \\ \theta_2 \end{Bmatrix} \text{ (linear)}$$



Element Matrices (1)

$$\delta W^{h,e} = \{\bar{\mathbf{a}}^e\}^\top \left[\left([\mathbf{K}_f^e] + [\mathbf{K}_c^e] \right) \{\mathbf{a}^e\} - \{\mathbf{f}_{\text{int}}^e\} - \{\mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}}^e\} \right]$$

$$[\mathbf{K}_f^e] = \int_1^2 [\mathbf{B}_f^e]^\top EI[\mathbf{B}_f^e] dx ;$$

$$[\mathbf{K}_c^e] = \int_1^2 [\mathbf{B}_c^e]^\top GA^*[\mathbf{B}_c^e] dx$$

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Element Matrices (2)

Exact closed form integration:

$$[\mathbf{K}_f^e] = \left(\frac{EI}{l} \right)^e \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{constant: 1 Gauss point})$$

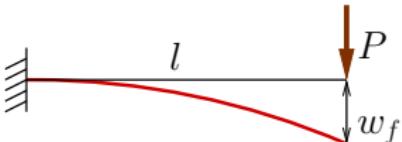
$$[\mathbf{K}_c^e] = \left(\frac{GA^*}{l} \right)^e \begin{pmatrix} 1 & l/2 & -1 & l/2 \\ l/2 & l^2/3 & -l/2 & l^2/6 \\ -1 & -l/2 & 1 & -l/2 \\ l/2 & l^2/6 & -l/2 & l^2/3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{quadratic: 2 Gauss points})$$



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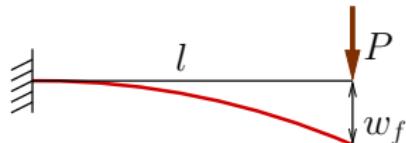
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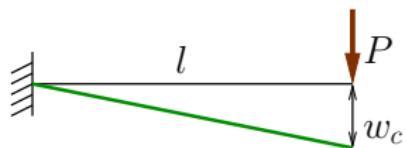
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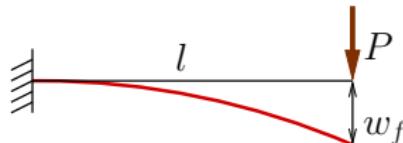
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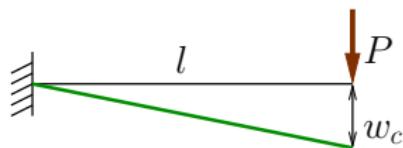
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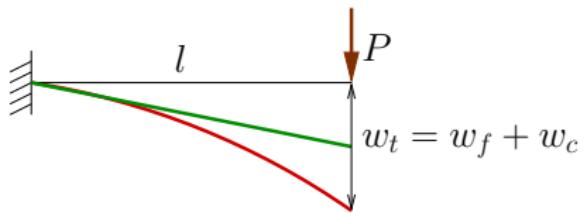
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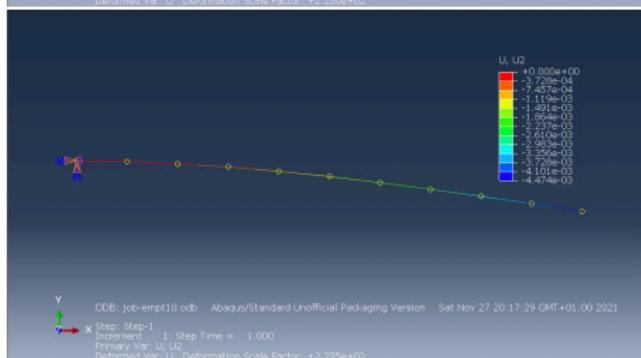
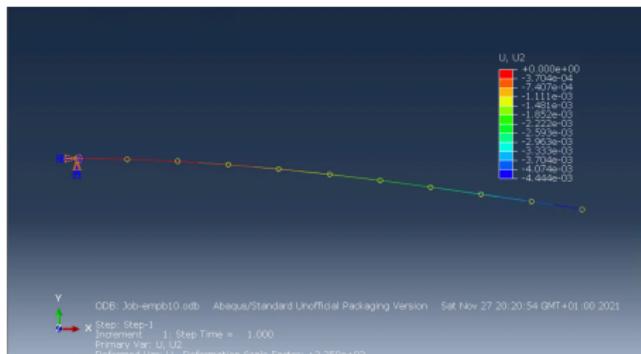
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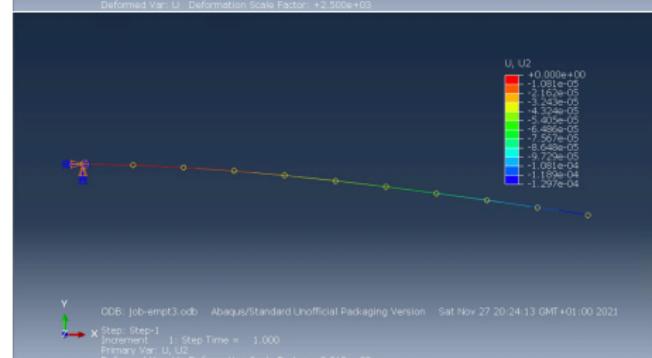
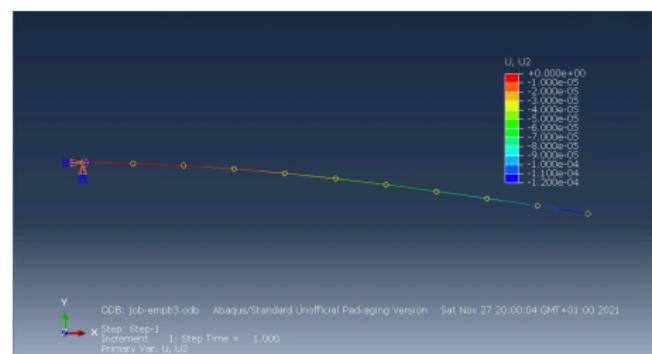
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Example of cantilever beam FE models



$$\lambda = \frac{l}{t} = 10 \Rightarrow \frac{u_t - u_b}{u_b} = 0.68\% \quad \text{acceptable error}$$



$$\lambda = \frac{l}{t} = 3 \Rightarrow \frac{u_t - u_b}{u_b} = 8.08\% \quad \text{excessive error!}$$



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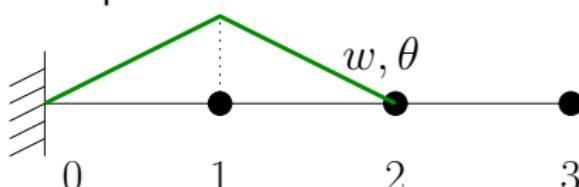


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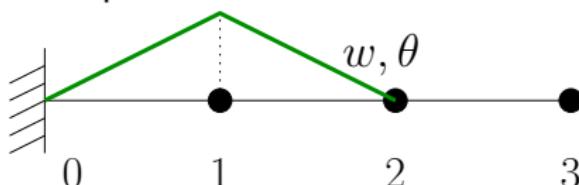


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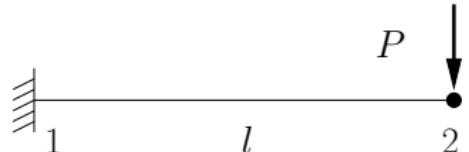
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♣ 1 element Timoshenko beam



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♣ Identical to exact solution (with bending and shear),

except for the factor $\frac{\mu}{1+\mu}$.

♣ Value for an infinitely slender rectangular section beam ($b \times t$) & $\nu = 1/4$:

$$\frac{\mu}{1+\mu} = \frac{3}{3+\lambda^2}; \quad \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mu}{1+\mu} = 0 \Rightarrow w_2 = 0$$

Locking!



Reduced Integration

- In principle it would be necessary to integrate at one point the bending terms and at two points the shear terms
- It is possible to modify these integration rules so as to relax the locking exhibited by these elements
- Particularising $[\mathbf{K}_c]$ at the center of the element, and integrating with only one point:

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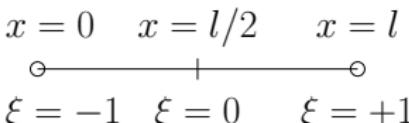
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- Using isoparametric coordinates:
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$$\gamma = \underbrace{\frac{1}{l}(w_2 - w_1)}_{\alpha_1} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}_{\alpha_2} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(\theta_1 - \theta_2)\xi}_{\alpha_2} \quad \xi = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \xi$$

- Very slender beams:

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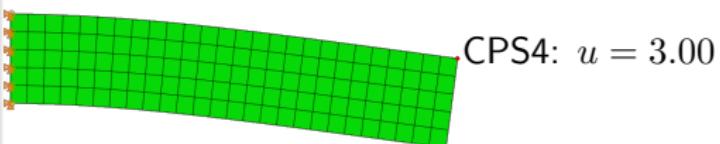
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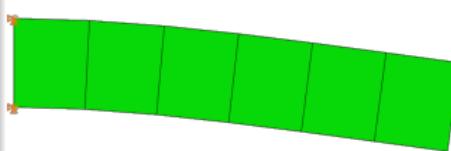
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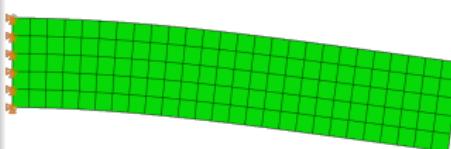
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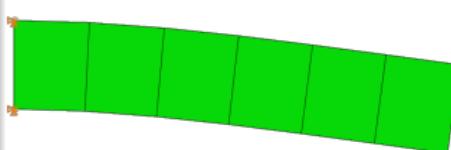
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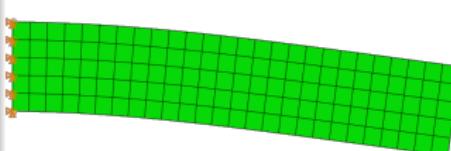
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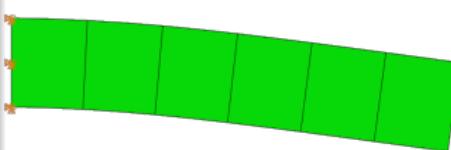
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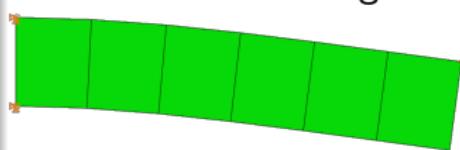
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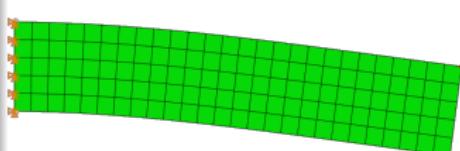
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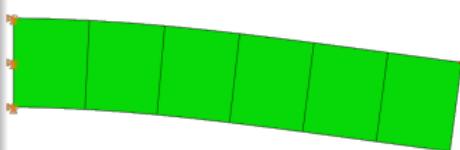
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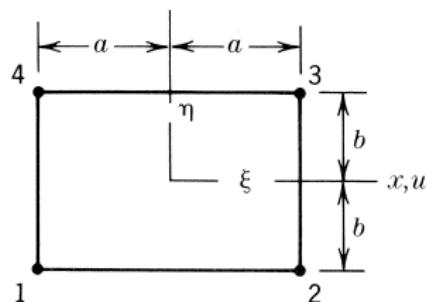


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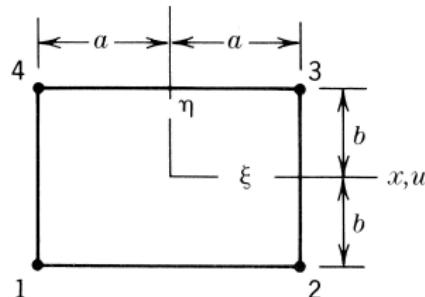
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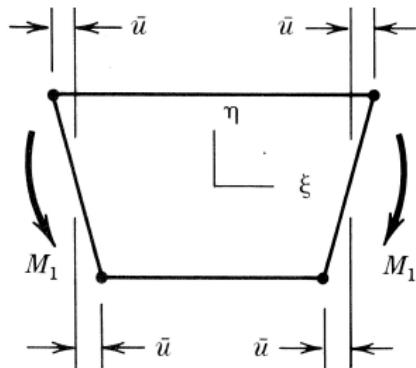


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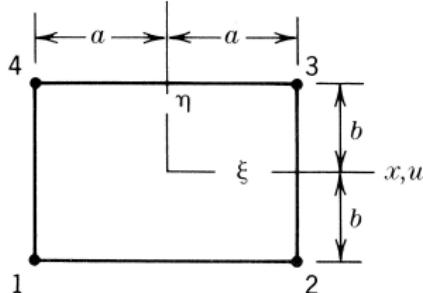
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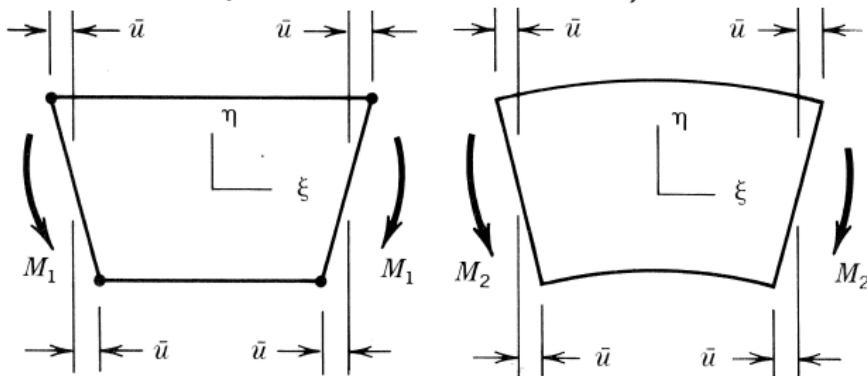


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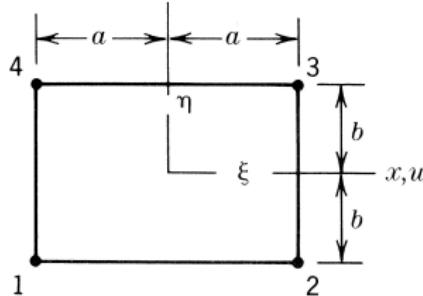
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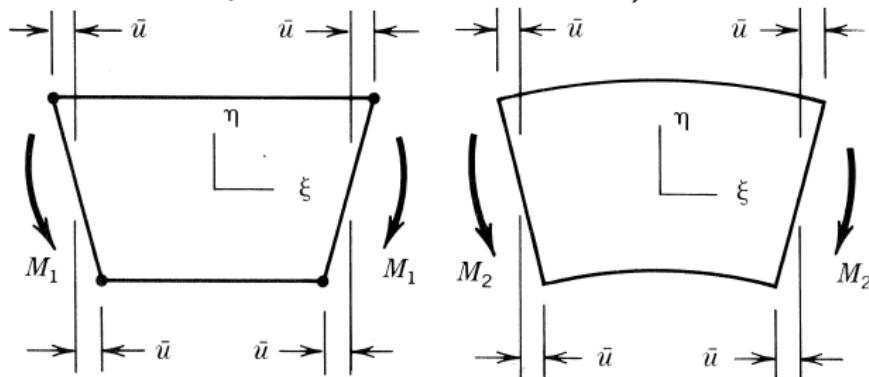


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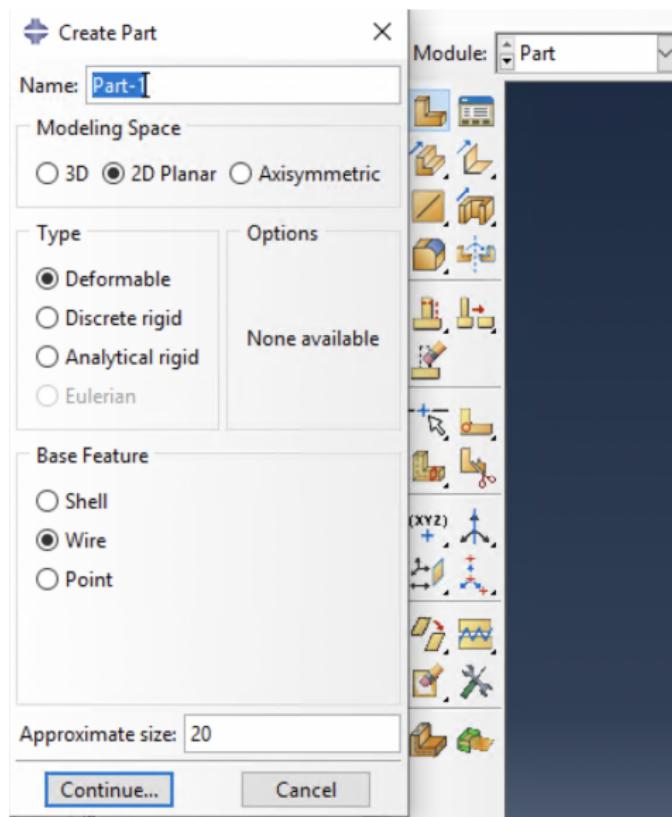
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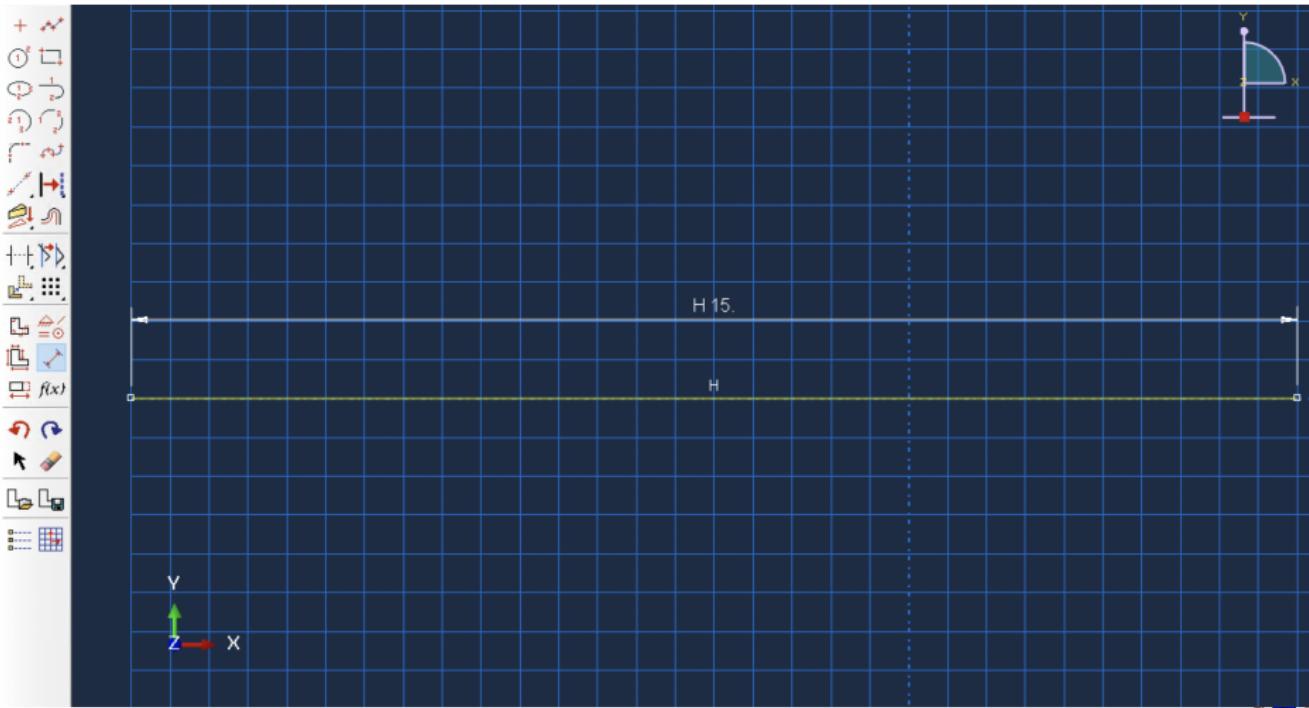


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Part module (2)



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Name: Section-1
Type: Beam

Section integration: During analysis Before analysis

Beam shape along length: Constant Tapered

Beam Shape

Profile name:

Profile shape:

Basic Damping Stiffness Fluid Inertia Output Point

Use thermal expansion data
 Use temperature-dependent data

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Young's Modulus	Shear modulus
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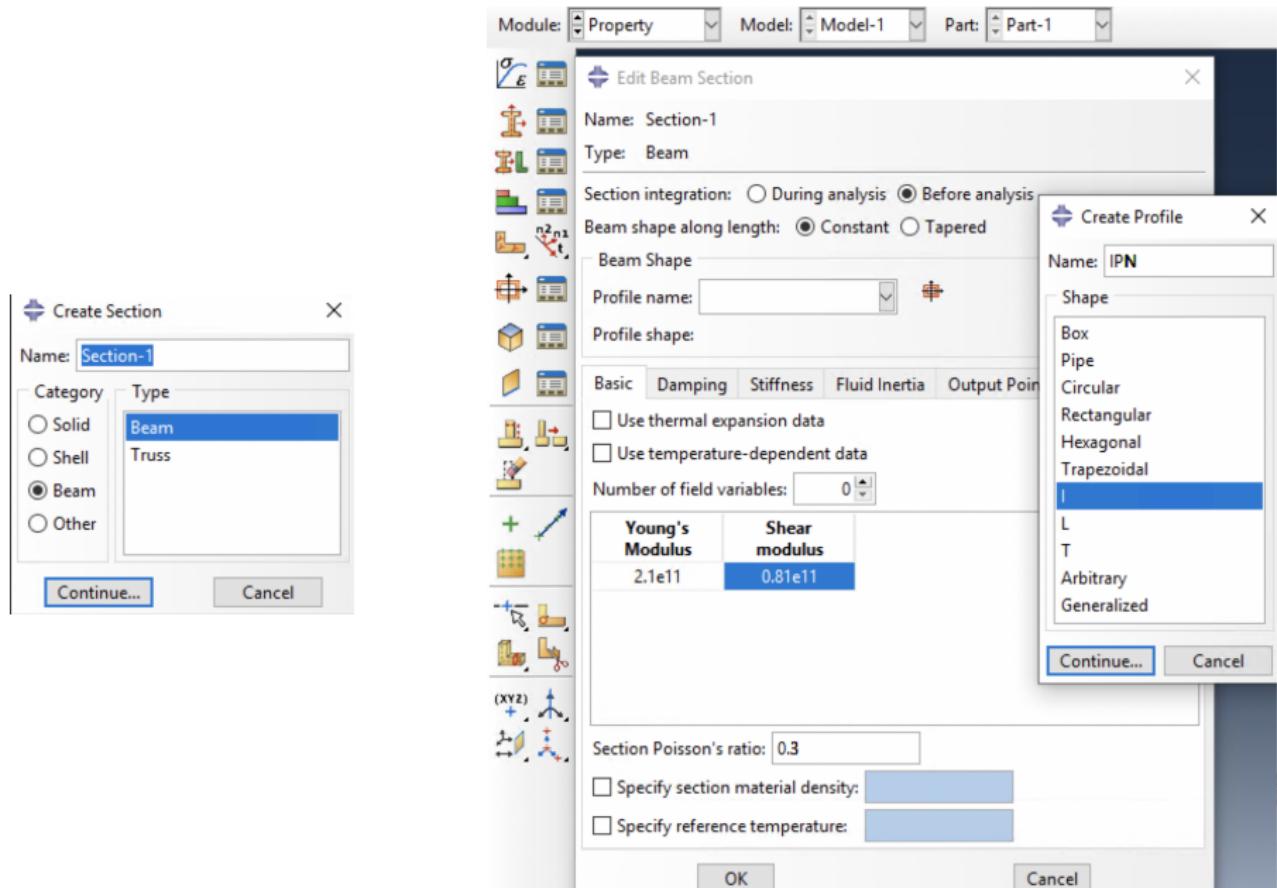
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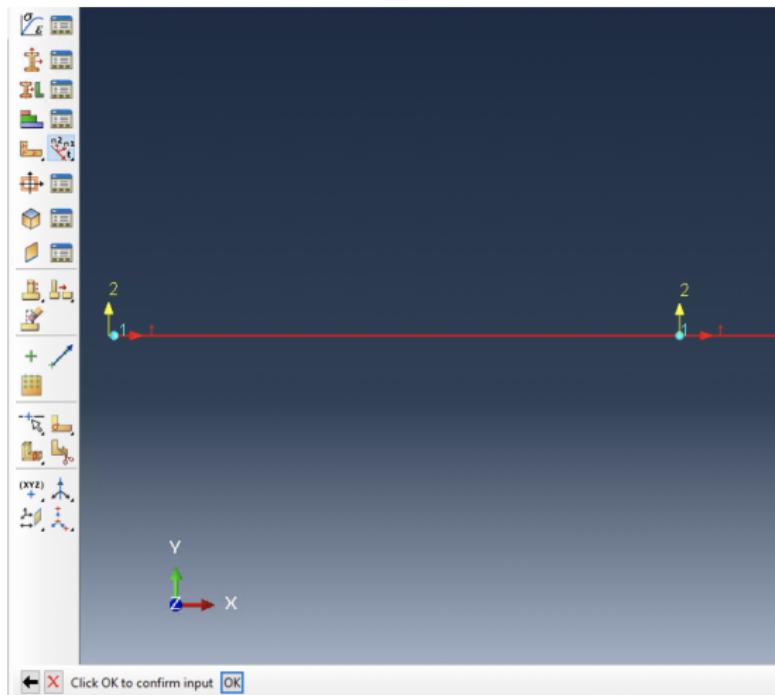
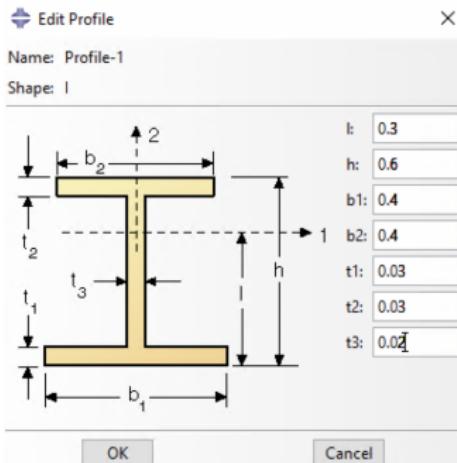
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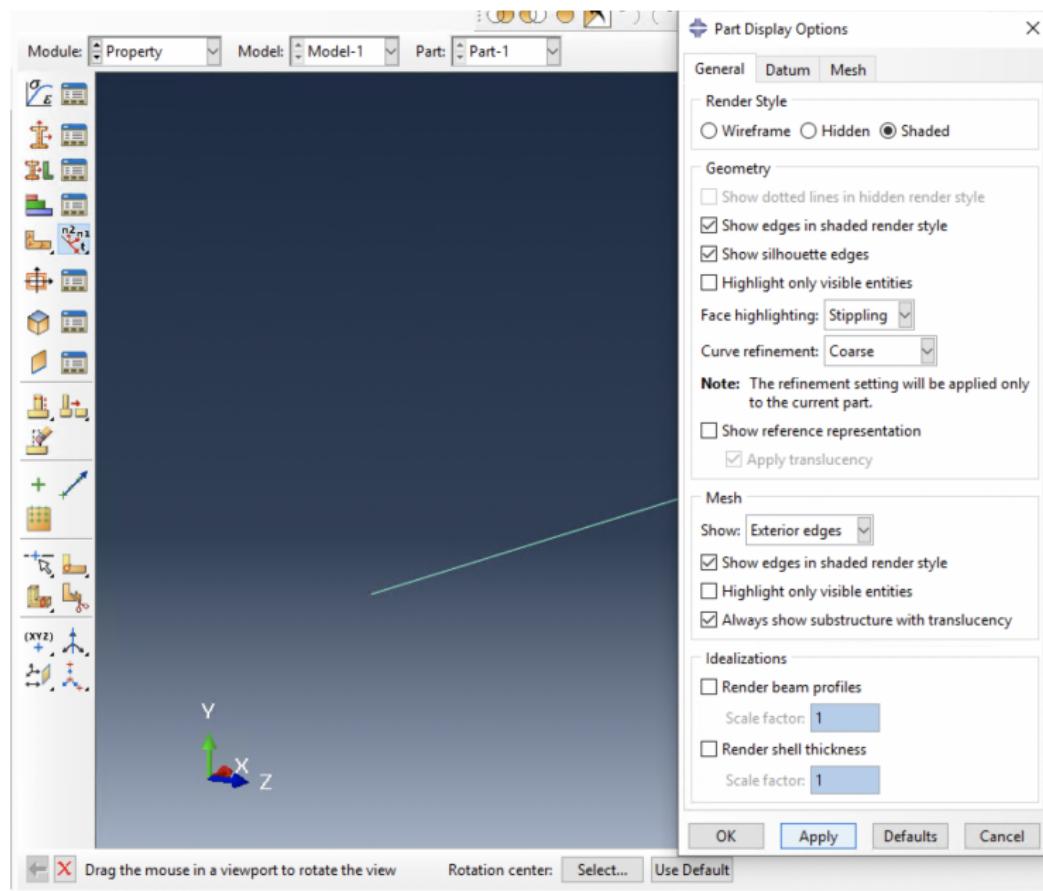
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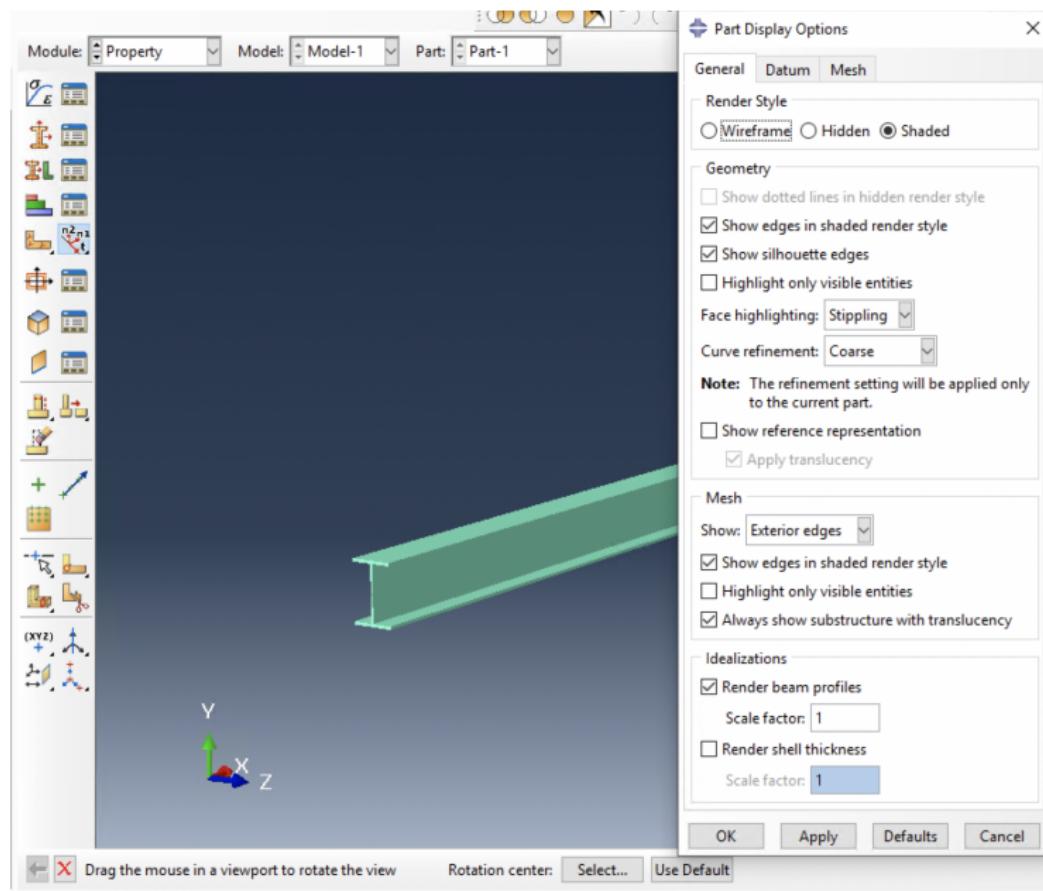
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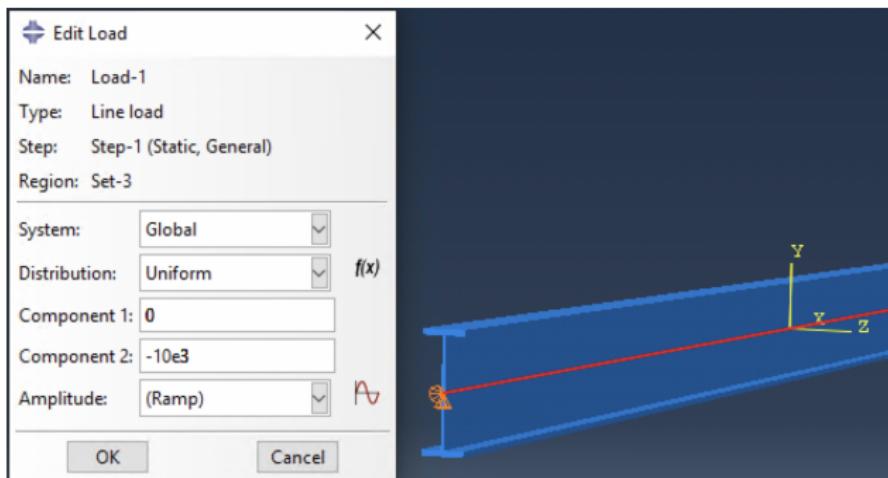
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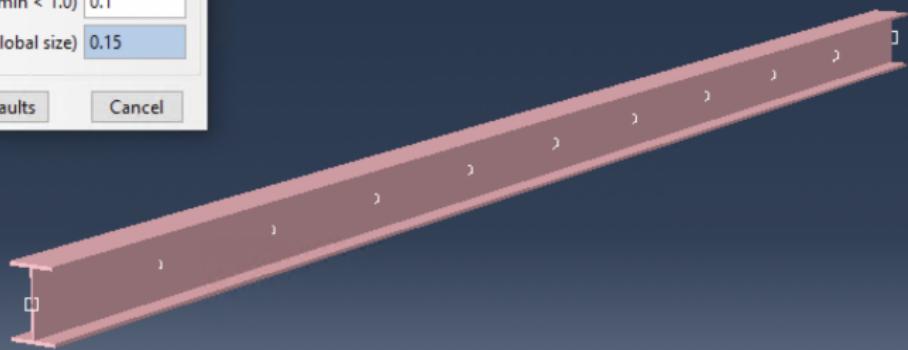
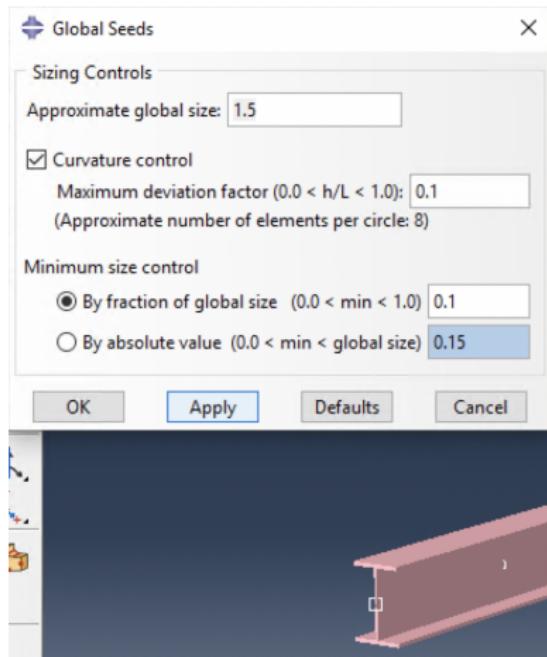
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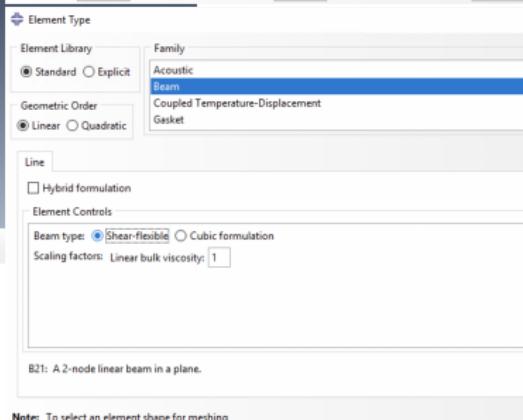
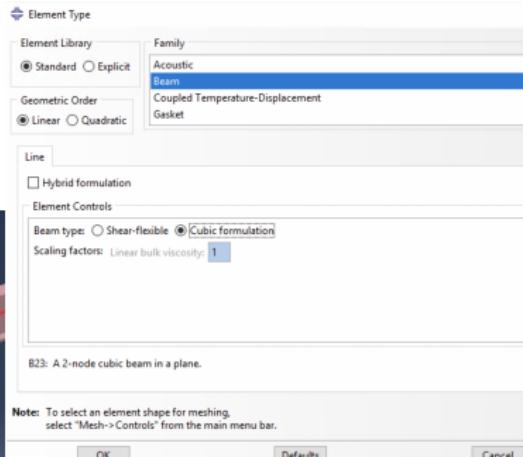
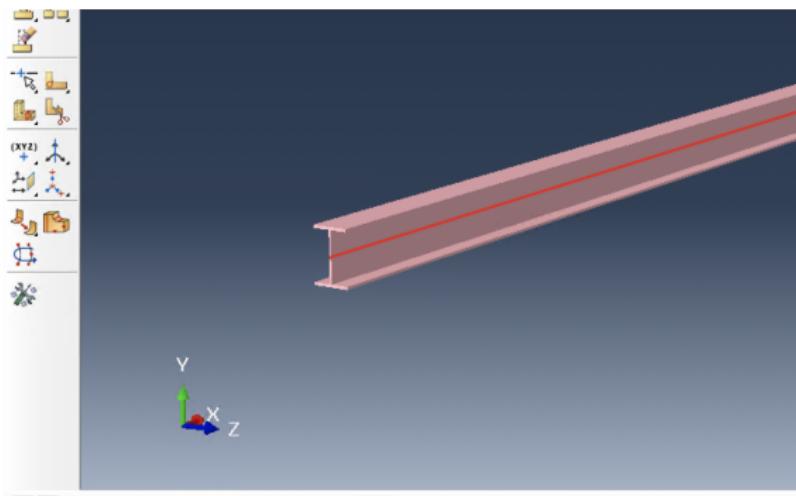
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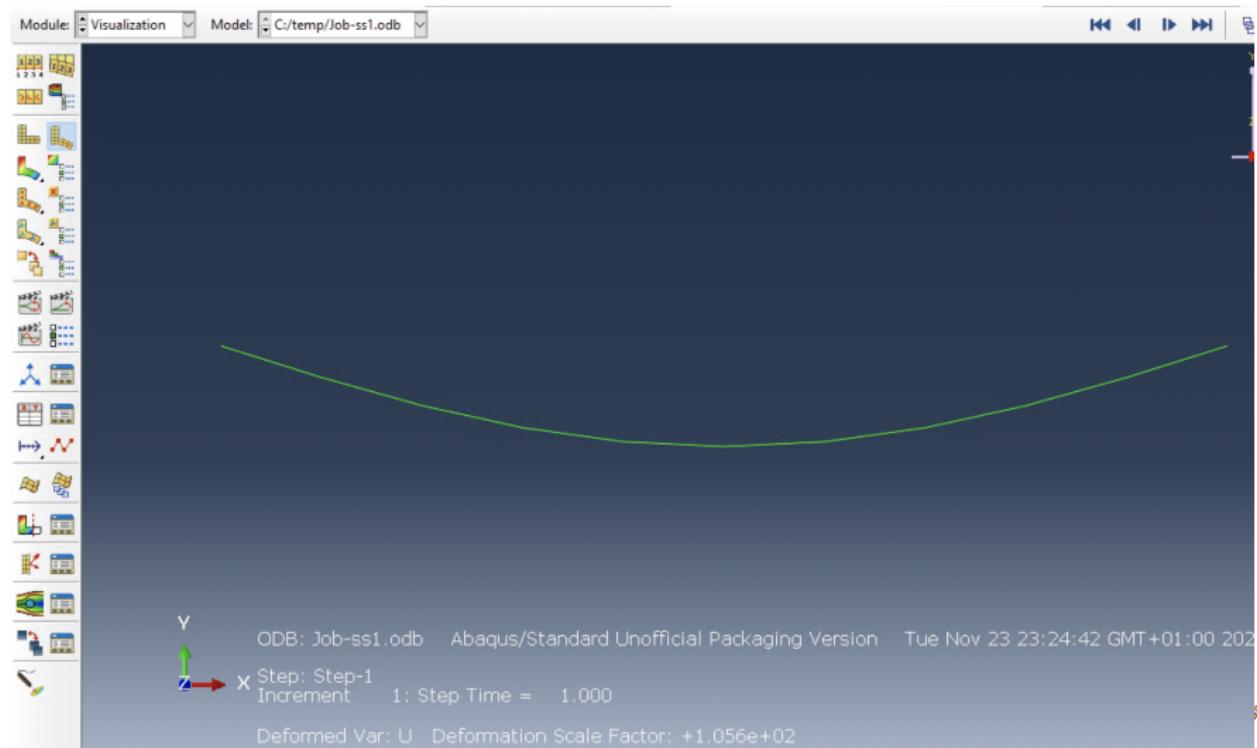
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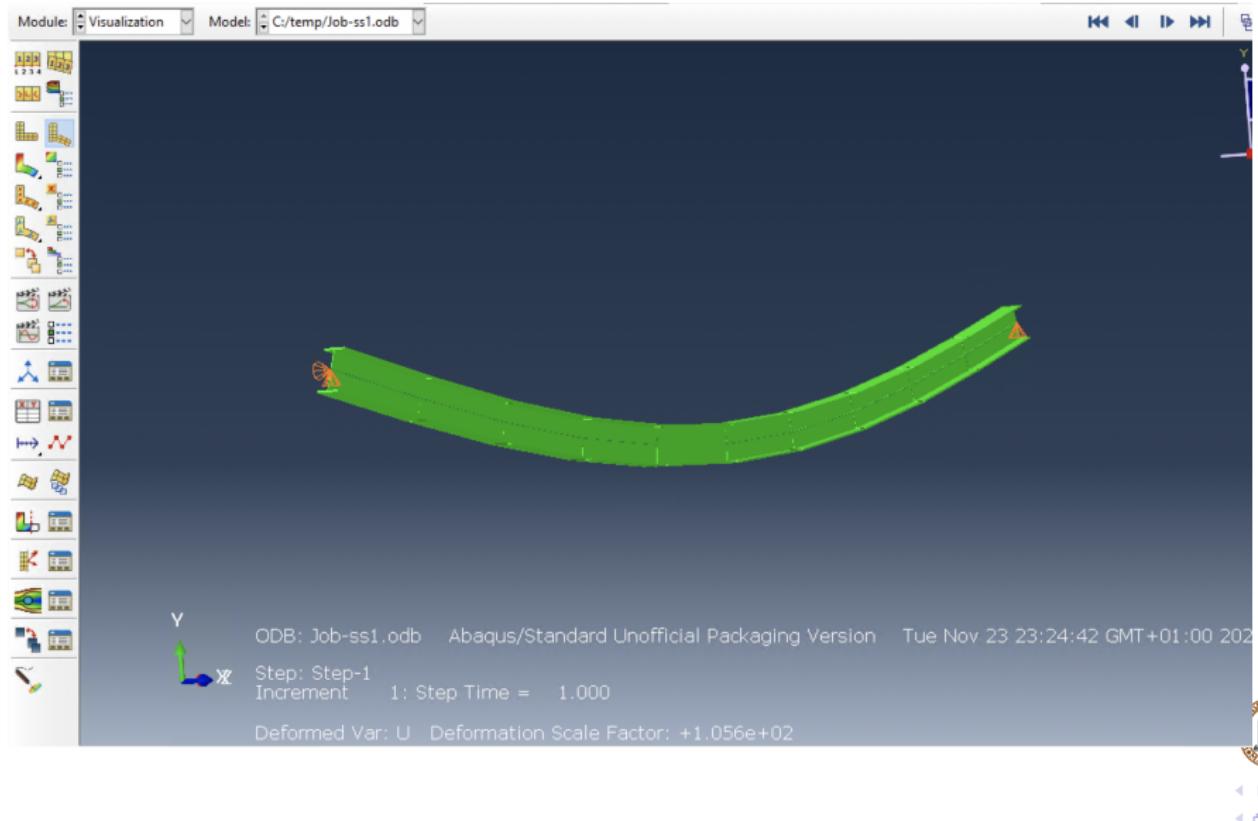
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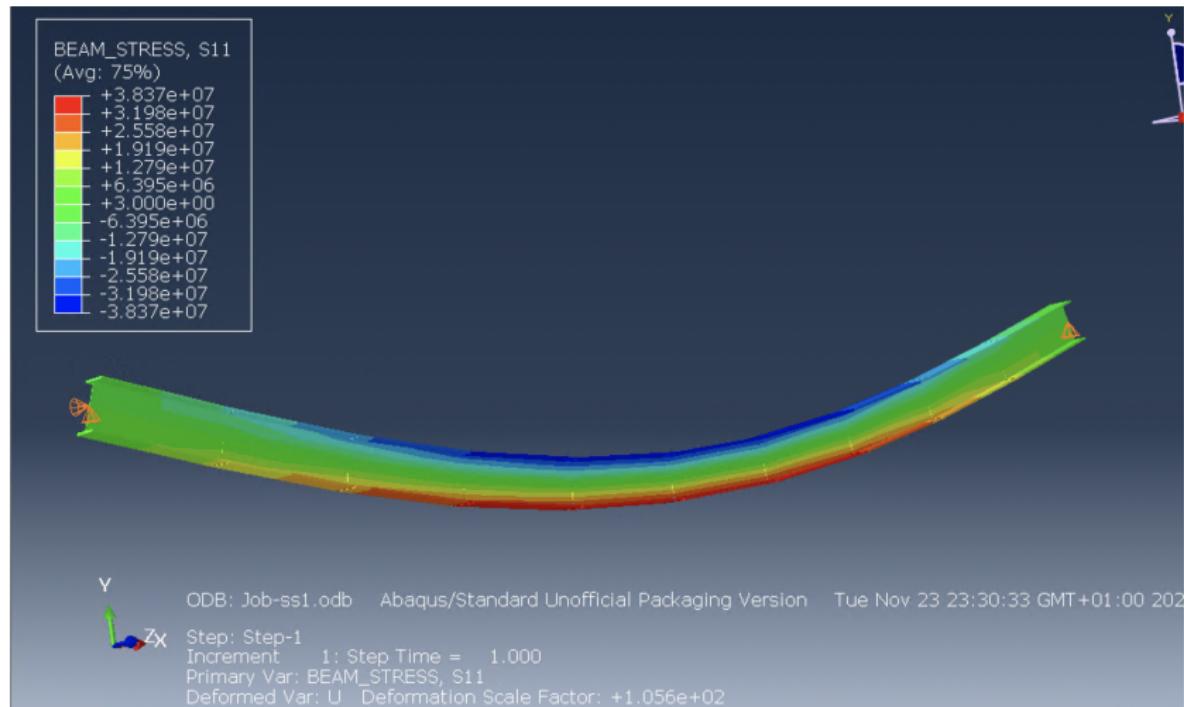
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