

# Analysis of Trusses

Basic formulation and examples

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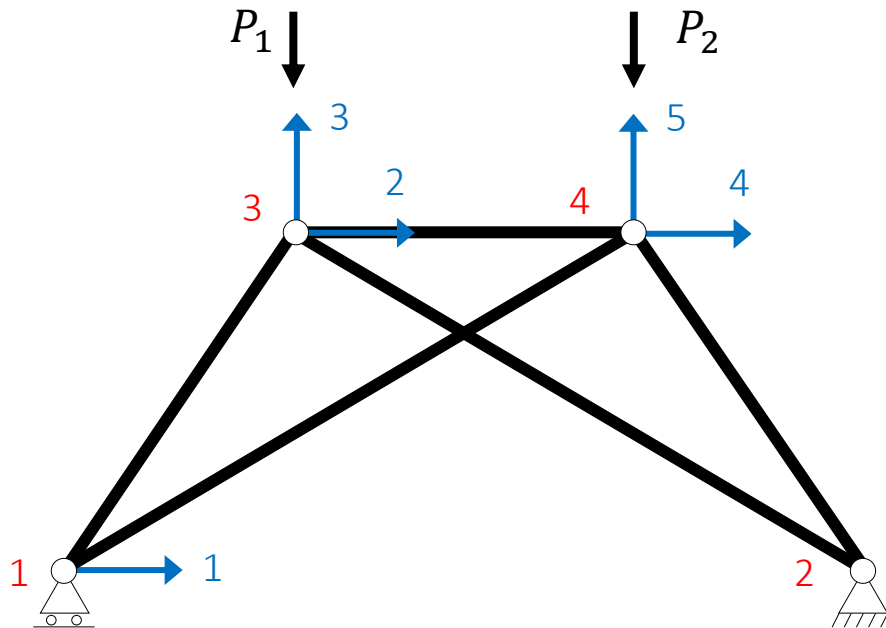
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Given the following isostatic truss:

- 4 **nodes**, 5 **bars** and 5 **free DOFs**

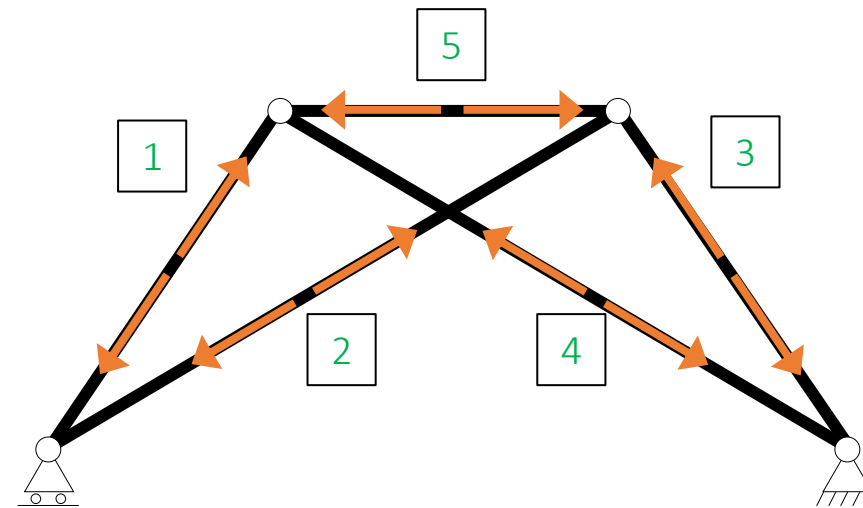


## Global coordinate system

- Displacements:  $\mathbf{u} = [u_1 \ u_2 \ u_3 \ u_4 \ u_5]^T$
- External forces:  $\mathbf{f} = [0 \ 0 \ -P_1 \ 0 \ -P_2]^T$

## Internal coordinate system

- Elongations:  $\boldsymbol{\delta} = [\delta_1 \ \delta_2 \ \delta_3 \ \delta_4 \ \delta_5]^T$
- Internal forces:  $\mathbf{n} = [n_1 \ n_2 \ n_3 \ n_4 \ n_5]^T$



## Global/Internal transformations

$$\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{f}$$

$\mathbf{B}^T$  is the force equilibrium matrix

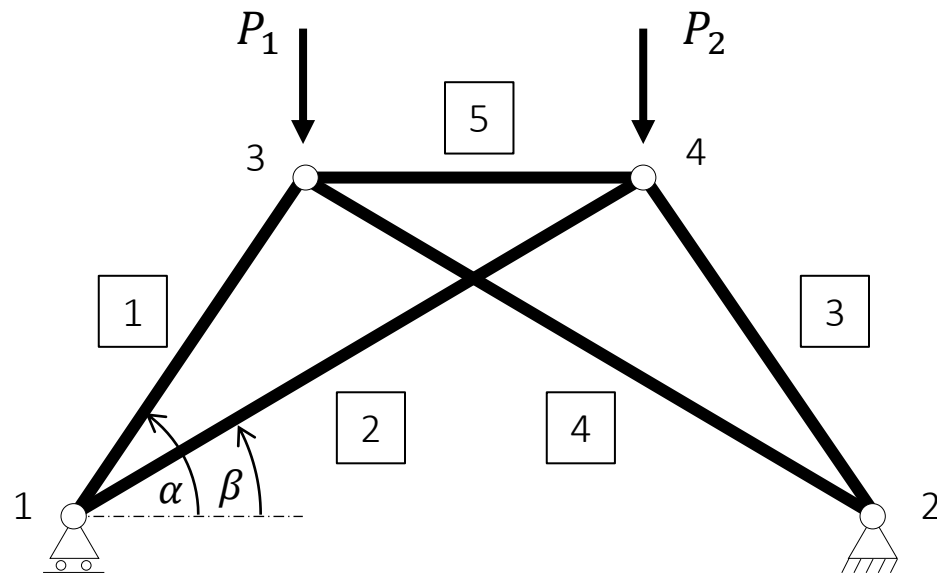
$$\boldsymbol{\delta} = \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u}$$

$\mathbf{B}$  is the incidence matrix

# Force Equilibrium Matrix

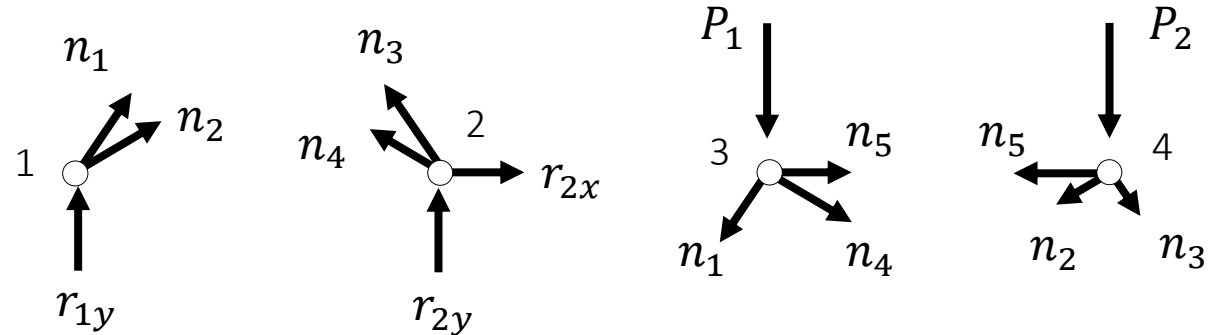
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## Example



$$\begin{aligned} c_\alpha &= \cos \alpha & c_\beta &= \cos \beta \\ s_\alpha &= \sin \alpha & s_\beta &= \sin \beta \end{aligned}$$

## Performing nodal equilibrium



$$\begin{bmatrix} -c_\alpha & -c_\beta & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -s_\alpha & -s_\beta & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c_\alpha & c_\beta & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -s_\alpha & -s_\beta & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ c_\alpha & 0 & 0 & -c_\beta & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ s_\alpha & 0 & 0 & s_\beta & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_\beta & -c_\alpha & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_\beta & s_\alpha & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \\ n_3 \\ n_4 \\ n_5 \\ r_{1y} \\ r_{2x} \\ r_{2y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -P_1 \\ 0 \\ -P_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix is square and invertible: system is statically determinate

## Example

### Performing nodal equilibrium

- Each row (equation) is associated with a DOF
- Each column is associated with an unknown

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{B}_{rn} \\ \mathbf{B}_{rr} & \mathbf{B}_{rr} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{n} \\ \mathbf{r} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

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### Solving for internal forces

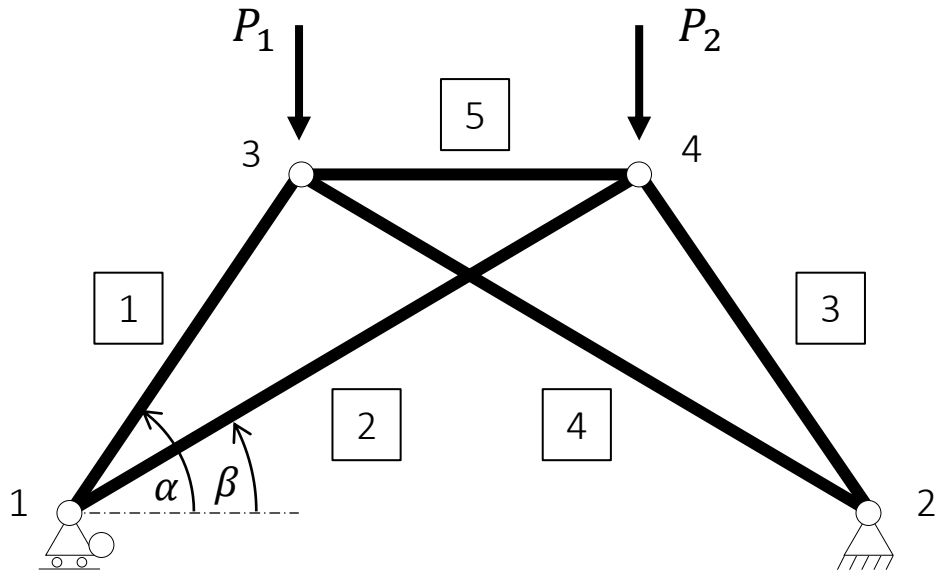
- Keep only the free DOFs

$$\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{f}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -c_\alpha & -c_\beta & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c_\alpha & 0 & 0 & -c_\beta & -1 \\ s_\alpha & 0 & 0 & s_\beta & 0 \\ 0 & c_\beta & -c_\alpha & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & s_\beta & s_\alpha & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \\ n_3 \\ n_4 \\ n_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -P_1 \\ 0 \\ -P_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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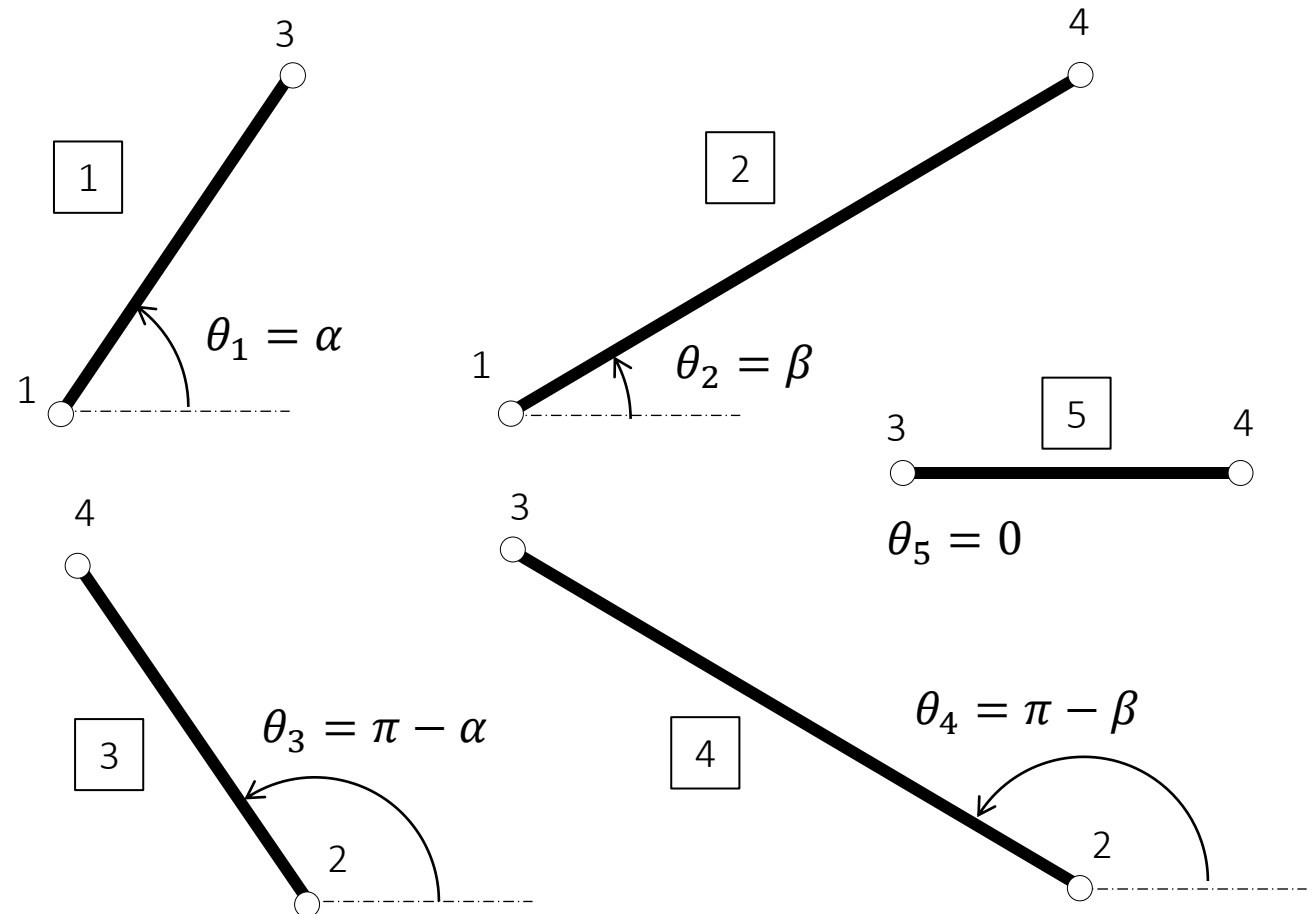
## Example



Given connectivity of the bars

$$\mathbf{BAR} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can define directional cosines for each bar



## Example

Calculating directional unit vectors

For each bar

$$\theta_1 = \alpha \Rightarrow \hat{d}_1 = [c_\alpha \quad s_\alpha]^T$$

$$\theta_2 = \beta \Rightarrow \hat{d}_2 = [c_\beta \quad s_\beta]^T$$

$$\theta_3 = \pi - \alpha \Rightarrow \hat{d}_3 = [-c_\alpha \quad s_\alpha]^T$$

$$\theta_4 = \pi - \beta \Rightarrow \hat{d}_4 = [-c_\beta \quad s_\beta]^T$$

$$\theta_5 = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{d}_5 = [1 \quad 0]^T$$

$$\mathbf{q}_e = \begin{bmatrix} -\hat{d}_e \\ \hat{d}_e \end{bmatrix}$$

A vector  $\mathbf{q}_e$  for each element  $e$  can be used to assemble  $\mathbf{B}^T$   
For example, let  $e = 2$

$$\mathbf{BAR} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{4} \\ 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{DOF} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 & 6 \\ \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{7} & \mathbf{8} \\ 3 & 4 & 7 & 8 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{q}_{e=2} = \begin{bmatrix} -c_\beta \\ -s_\beta \\ c_\beta \\ s_\beta \end{bmatrix}$$

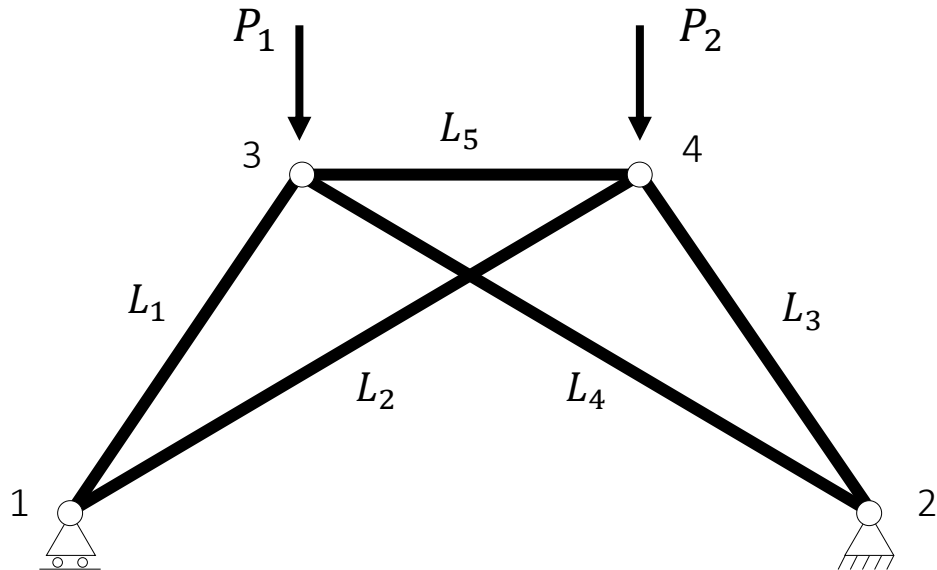
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# Automatic Assembly of $B^T$

## Example using Julia

Given

- List of nodal coordinates
- List of supported DOFs
- List of bar connectivity



$$\text{NODE} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{SUPP} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{BAR} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Automatic Assembly of BT

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In [1]: using LinearAlgebra
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### Given nodal coords and bar connectivity

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In [2]: # Nodal coords: [x_i, y_i] = NODE[i,:]
NODE = [0 0; 3 0; 1 2; 2 2]

# Support DOF: 0 for free, 1 for fix
SUPP = [0 1; 1 1; 0 0; 0 0]

# Bar connectivity: bar_e have nodes ELEM[e,:]
BAR = [1 3; 1 4; 2 4; 2 3; 3 4];
```

### Pre process data

```
In [3]: # Get number of DOFs
n_dof = 2 * size(NODE, 1)
println("Number of DOFs : ", n_dof)

# Define DOFs of each bar
DOF = [2BAR[:, 1].-1 2BAR[:, 1] 2BAR[:, 2].-1 2BAR[:, 2]]
println("DOFs of bars : ", DOF)

# Define free DOFs
free = setdiff(1:n_dof, findall(SUPP'[:, :] .== 1))
println("Free DOFs : ", free)

Number of DOFs : 8
DOFs of bars : [1 2 5 6; 1 2 7 8; 3 4 7 8; 3 4 5 6; 5 6 7 8]
Free DOFs : [1, 5, 6, 7, 8]
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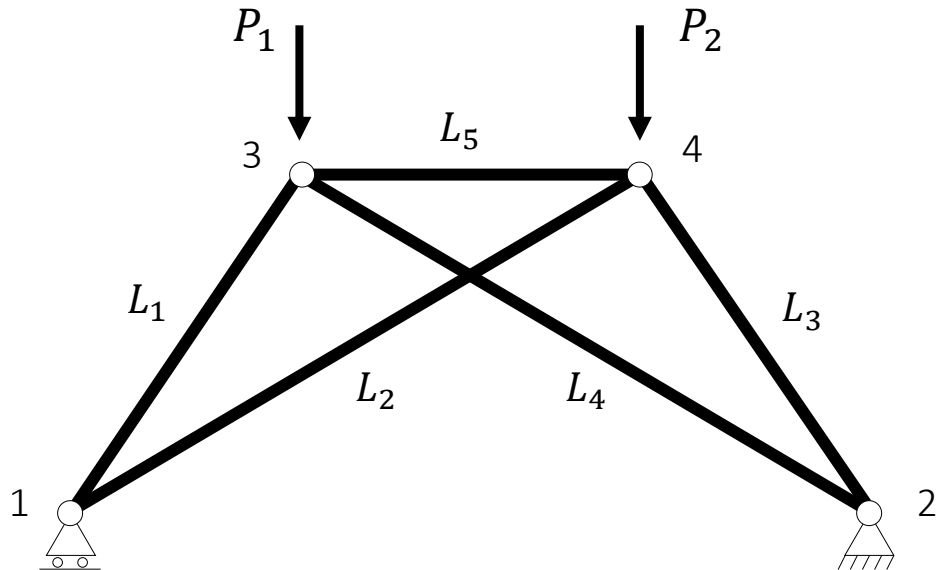


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## Calculate length of bars

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In [4]: # Define directional vectors of each bar
d(e) = NODE[BAR[e, 2], :] - NODE[BAR[e, 1], :]

# Calculate and show length of bars
n_bar = size(BAR, 1);
L = [norm(d(e)) for e in 1:n_bar]
[println("L$e : $(L[e])") for e in 1:n_bar];

L1 : 2.23606797749979
L2 : 2.8284271247461903
L3 : 2.23606797749979
L4 : 2.8284271247461903
L5 : 1.0
```

## Calculate directional unit vectors of bars

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In [5]: # Calculate and show directional unit vector of each bar
d = [d(e) / L[e] for e in 1:n_bar]
[println("d$e : $(d[e])") for e in 1:n_bar];

d1 : [0.4472135954999579, 0.8944271909999159]
d2 : [0.7071067811865475, 0.7071067811865475]
d3 : [-0.4472135954999579, 0.8944271909999159]
d4 : [-0.7071067811865475, 0.7071067811865475]
d5 : [1.0, 0.0]
```

## Assembly Force Equilibrium Matrix, BT

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In [6]: # Init and fill BT matrix
BT = zeros(n_dof, n_bar)
for e in 1:n_bar
    BT[DOF[e, :], e] = [-d[e]; d[e]]
end

# Remove fixed DOFs
BT = BT[free, :]
```

```
Out[6]: 5x5 Array{Float64,2}:
-0.447214  -0.707107   0.0      0.0      0.0
 0.447214   0.0      0.0     -0.707107  -1.0
 0.894427   0.0      0.0      0.707107  -0.0
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 0.0      0.707107  0.894427  0.0      0.0
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Given the force equilibrium relationship

$$\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{f}$$

$g \times b \quad b \times 1 \quad g \times 1$

$g$ : Number of free DOFs

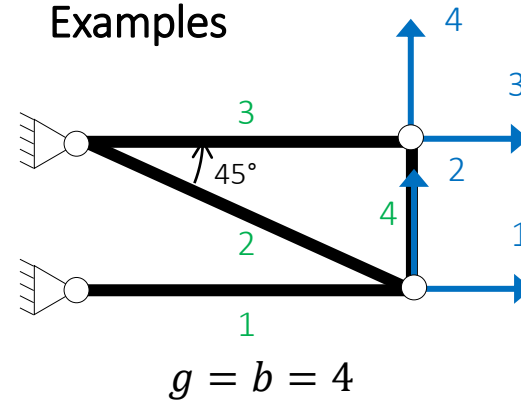
$b$ : Number of bars

We can also evaluate matrix  $\mathbf{B}^T$  rank,  $r$

- Number of linearly independent column vectors

Case	Order	Rank	Structural type
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4	$g > b$	$r \leq b$	

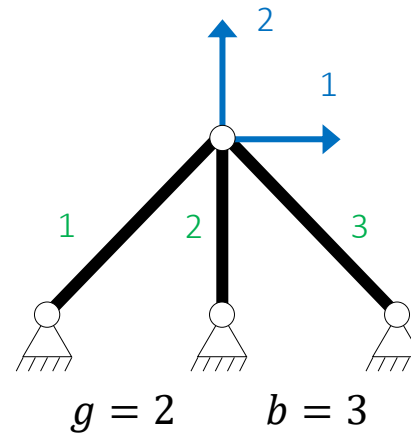
Examples



Case 1

$$\mathbf{B}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \sqrt{2}/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{2}/2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$r = 4$



Case 2

$$\mathbf{B}^T = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 & 0 & -\sqrt{2}/2 \\ -\sqrt{2}/2 & -1 & -\sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$r = 2$

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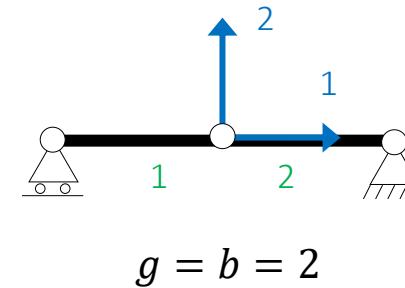
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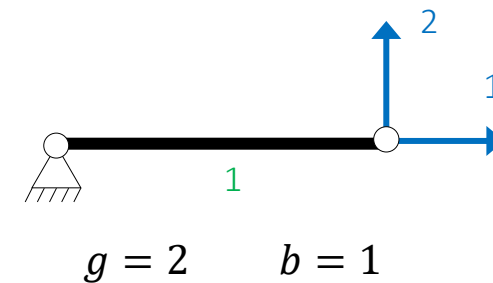
Examples



Case 3

$$\mathbf{B}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$r = 1$



Case 4

$$\mathbf{B}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$r = 1$

## Strain-stress relationship

- Internal coordinate system
- Linear elastic material
- Young's modulus  $E_e$

$$\sigma_e = E_e \varepsilon_e$$

## Hooke Law

- Force-displacement relationship
- Bar stiffness  $k_e$

$$\frac{n_e}{A_e} = E_e \frac{\delta_e}{L_e} \Rightarrow n_e = \left[ \frac{E_e A_e}{L_e} \right] \delta_e$$

$$n_e = k_e \delta_e$$

## Generalizing for all bars

- $\mathbf{C}$  is a diagonal matrix with bar stiffness (internal stiffness matrix)

$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{C} \boldsymbol{\delta}$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & k_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & k_{\text{nbars}} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Merging all equations

- $\mathbf{K}$  is the global stiffness matrix

$$\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{B}^T (\mathbf{C} \boldsymbol{\delta}) = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{C} (\mathbf{B} \mathbf{u}) = (\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{B}) \mathbf{u}$$

$$\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{K} \mathbf{u}$$

## Internal Flexibility Matrix, $\mathbf{C}^{-1}$

- Since  $\mathbf{C}$  is the internal stiffness matrix

$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{C} \boldsymbol{\delta}$

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & k_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & k_{\text{nbars}} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Multiplying both sides of equation by  $\mathbf{C}^{-1}$

$\boldsymbol{\delta} = \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{n}$

$$\mathbf{C}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{k_1} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{k_2} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \frac{1}{k_{\text{nbars}}} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Global Flexibility Matrix, $\mathbf{F}$

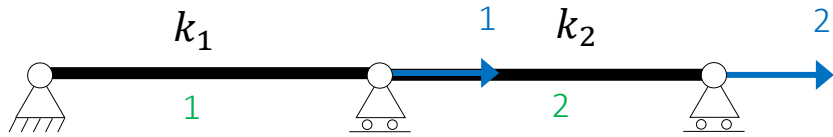
- The inverse of global stiffness matrix,  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{K}^{-1}$

### Remarks

- In some cases, structures may not be sufficiently constrained:
  - Global stiffness may not be invertible
    - Global flexibility matrix cannot be determined
  - Global flexibility matrix may not not invertible
    - Global stiffness matrix cannot be determined
  - Even then, internal coordinate system is consistent
    - Internal stiffness and flexibility matrices can be determined!

# Stiffness and Flexibility Matrices

Case #1



$$g = b = 2$$

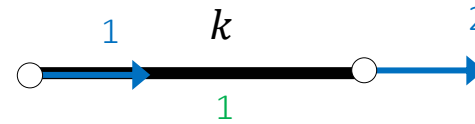
$$\mathbf{B}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow r = 2 \Rightarrow \text{Isostatic}$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 & 0 \\ 0 & k_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 & -k_2 \\ -k_2 & k_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{K}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{k_1} & \frac{1}{k_1} \\ \frac{1}{k_1} & \frac{k_1 + k_2}{k_1 k_2} \end{bmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

Case #2



$$g = 2 \quad b = 1$$

$$\mathbf{B}^T = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow r = 1 \Rightarrow \text{Mechanism} \quad \text{(Static dependency)}$$

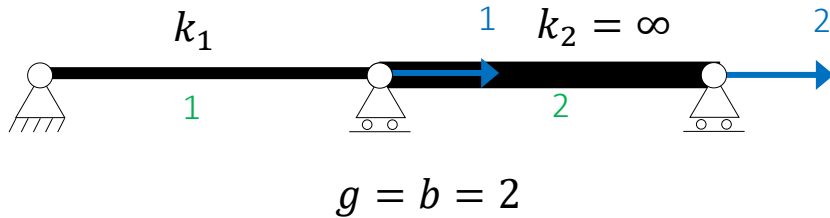
$$\mathbf{C} = [k]$$

$$\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} k & -k \\ -k & k \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{!}$$

Singular matrix,  $\det \mathbf{K} = 0$

$\mathbf{F}$  cannot be determined! ✗

## Case #3



$$\mathbf{B}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow r = 2 \Rightarrow \boxed{\text{Isostatic}}$$

(Kinematic dependency)

$\mathbf{K}$  cannot be determined!



$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{B}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \infty \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{C}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/k_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

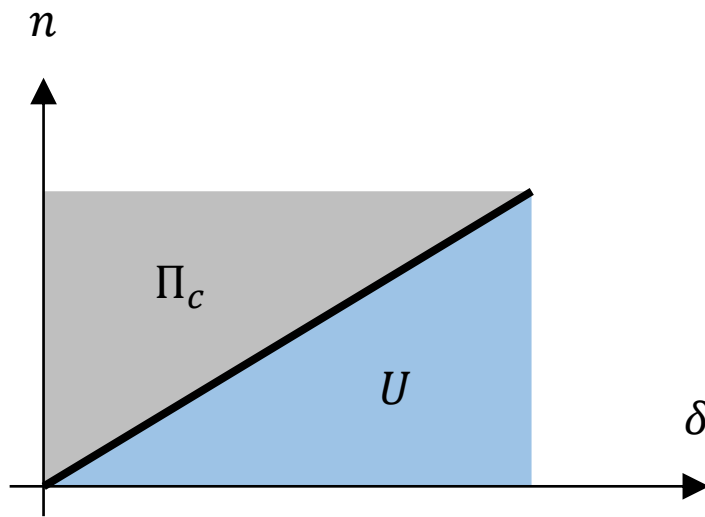
$$\mathbf{F} \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{u} \Rightarrow \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{n}) = \mathbf{B}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\delta} \Rightarrow (\mathbf{F} \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{C}) \boldsymbol{\delta} = (\mathbf{B}^{-1}) \boldsymbol{\delta}$$

$$\mathbf{F} \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{B}^{-1} \Rightarrow \mathbf{C} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{F} = (\mathbf{B}^{-1})^T \Rightarrow \mathbf{B} \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{C}^{-1} (\mathbf{B}^{-1})^T$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{C}^{-1} (\mathbf{B}^{-1})^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1/k_1 & 1/k_1 \\ 1/k_1 & 1/k_1 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Energetic Analysis



- Strain energy

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\delta}^T \mathbf{C} \boldsymbol{\delta}$$

- Complementary energy

$$\Pi_c = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{n}$$

- Total Potential energy

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{u}$$

$$\Pi_c = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{F} \mathbf{f}$$

$$\Pi = U - \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{u}$$

- For linear elastic materials

$$\Pi_c = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{f} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{K} \mathbf{u})^T \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{u} = U$$



# Questions? Comments?

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<https://github.com/ricardoaf/conopt>

New to Julia?

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