

Computational Mechanics

Chapter 1 Introduction

(Covers Chapter 1, and Sections 2.1, 2.2, 2.4 and 2.6 of *A first course in finite elements*)



Introduction to Computational Mechanics

- Computational mechanics is the discipline concerned with the use of computational methods to study phenomena governed by the principles of mechanics¹.
- Computational mechanics is interdisciplinary:
 - Mechanics – Objective
 - Mathematics – Method
 - Computational science – Tool
- Common computational mechanics method:
 - Finite different method – direct approximation for partial differential equations, cannot handle complex geometry
 - Finite element method (FEM) – wide application areas, great for complicated engineering problems
 - ❖ Lagrangian mesh: deform with body, suitable for solid analysis
 - ❖ Eulerian mesh: fixed mesh, appropriate for fluid/field analysis

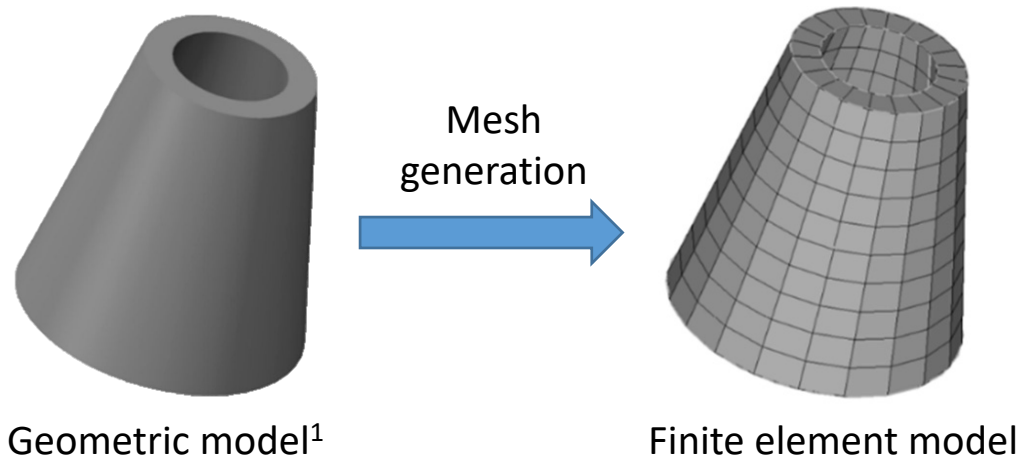
Similar equations for infinitesimal deformation



1. Ghaboussi J, Wu XS. Numerical Methods in Computational Mechanics. CRC Press; 2016 Nov 25.

Introduction to Finite Element Method (FEM)

- The FEM was developed in 1950s in the aerospace industry, **from industry to academia**
- FEM divides complex objectives/fields into regular finite elements:



1. Convert complex domains and boundary conditions into **simple and unified** ones
2. Change one set of mechanics equations to numerous ones – applicable to computers

- Commercial FEM software packages: Abaqus, LS-DYNA, NASTRAN, etc.

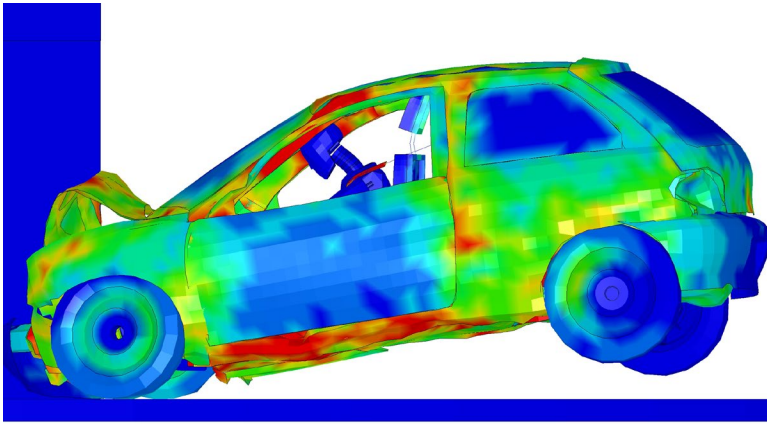
MATLAB is also a useful tool in development stage



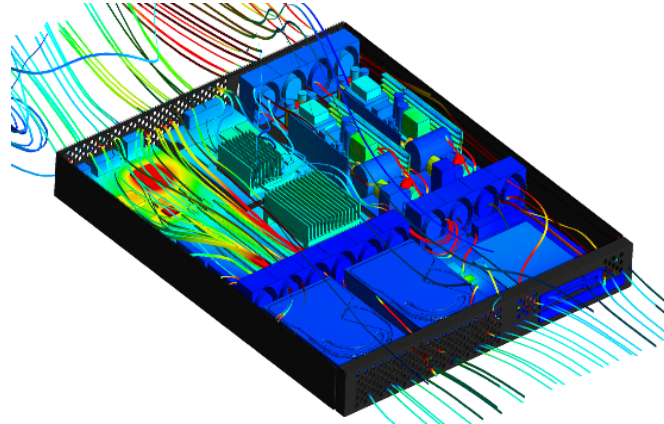
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Applications of FEM

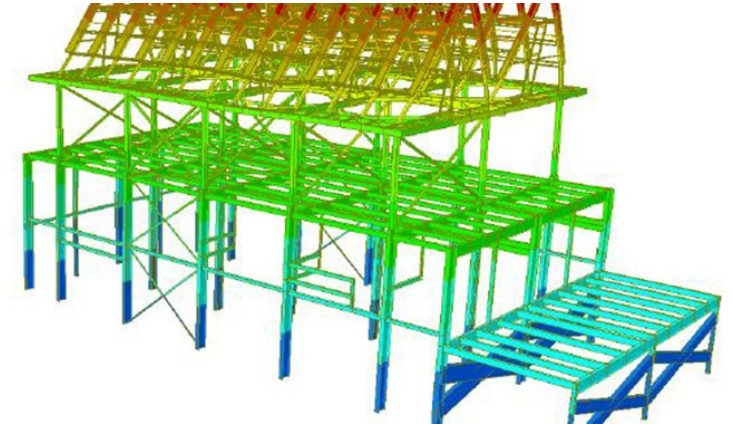
- The range of applications of FEM is very large:
 - Categorized based on field types – mechanical, thermal, electromagnetic, etc.
 - Categorized based on industries – automotive, consumer electronics, arms, etc.
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- Application examples of FEM include:



Automotive crash analysis¹



Electronic chip performance analysis²



Seismic analysis for architectures³



1. https://ctag.com/en/servicios/tecnologia-seguridad-pasiva/simulacion-impacto_crash-simulation/
2. <https://www.finiteelementanalysis.com.au/featured/dcir-analysis-of-pcb-in-ansys-siwave/>
3. <http://pepconsultingengineers.it/en/fem-analysis-e-seismic-design/>

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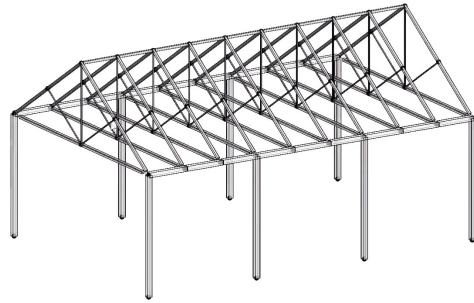
Easiest analysis with 1D bar elements and no partial differential equations

- Solving equations.

- Postprocessing: calculation results visualization and output.



Single Bar Element



Truss structure¹

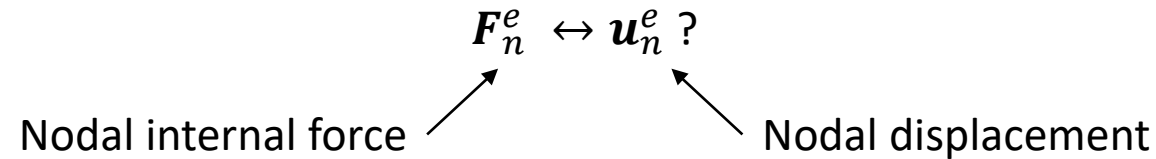
Mesh
generation
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Bar element

Bar elements are assumed to be **thin**:

1. Negligible torsion, bending and shear
2. Internal forces only along axes – **spring**



Notation:

- Element number – superscript
- Node number – subscript

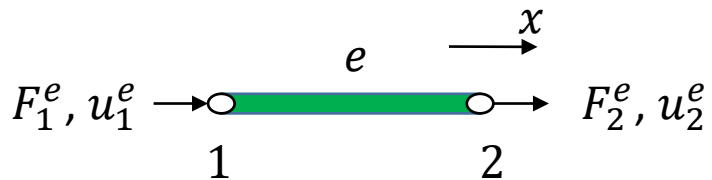
1. https://www.karamba3d.com/tutorials/tutorials_workflow/export-gable-truss-to-revit-with-geometry-gym-rhynamo/



1D Single Bar Element – Stress and Deformation

- For simplification:

1. Straight bar element
2. Material obeying Hooke's Law
3. Only axial loading
4. Static analysis



- Equilibrium of the element (static analysis):
$$F_1^e + F_2^e = 0$$

- Calculation of axial stress:

$$\sigma^e = \frac{p^e}{A^e} = \frac{F_2^e}{A^e} \quad \text{Sign of } p \text{ and } F?$$

- Hooke's Law:

$$\sigma^e = E^e \varepsilon^e$$

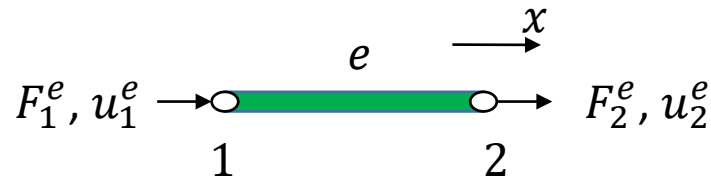
- Compatible deformation – no gap or overlap

- Calculation of axial strain:

$$\varepsilon^e = \frac{\delta^e}{l^e} = \frac{l_{new}^e - l^e}{l^e} = \frac{u_2^e - u_1^e}{l^e}$$



1D Single Bar Element – Stiffness Matrix



- Definition of stiffness:

$$F_2^e = A^e \sigma^e = A^e E^e \varepsilon^e = \frac{A^e E^e}{l^e} (u_2^e - u_1^e)$$

k^e

$$\Rightarrow F_2^e = k^e (u_2^e - u_1^e)$$

- Equilibrium condition:

$$F_1^e = -F_2^e = k^e (u_1^e - u_2^e)$$

- Force – displacement relationship written in the **matrix** form for **computation**:

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

$\mathbf{F}^e \qquad \mathbf{K}^e \qquad \mathbf{d}^e$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{F}^e = \mathbf{K}^e \mathbf{d}^e$$

- **Element stiffness matrix:**

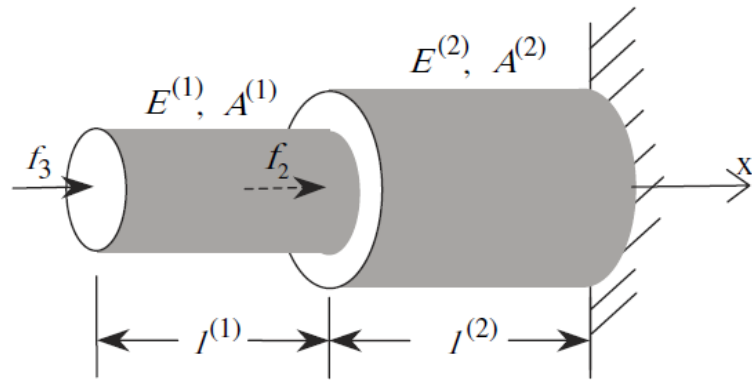
$$\mathbf{K}^e = \begin{bmatrix} k^e & -k^e \\ -k^e & k^e \end{bmatrix} = \frac{A^e E^e}{l^e} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

1. Symmetric matrix
2. 1D element with constant A^e
3. Linearity for all ingredients



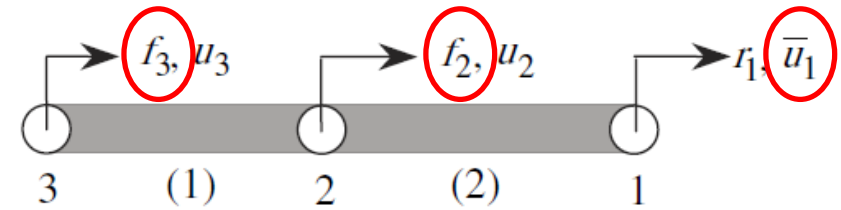
FEM Model for a 2-Bar System

- A system is made by several elements – starting from a 2-bar system:



2-bar system

Cross-section size does not matter for 1D analysis

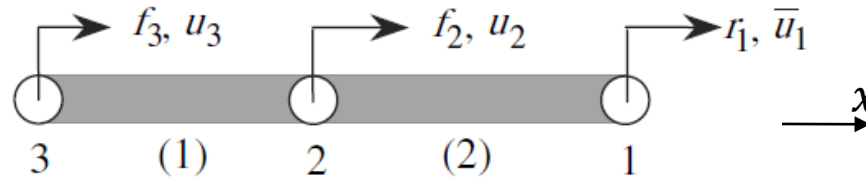


FEM model of the 2-bar system

- Global nodes and elements are not numbered in a specific order in FEM
- Constraint of FEM problems:
 - Boundary conditions are intentionally applied **on nodes**
 - Boundary conditions are either external forces or displacements, but **not both** to avoid over-constraint

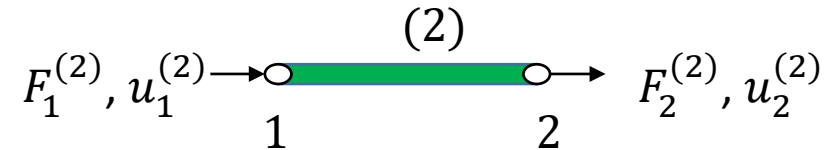
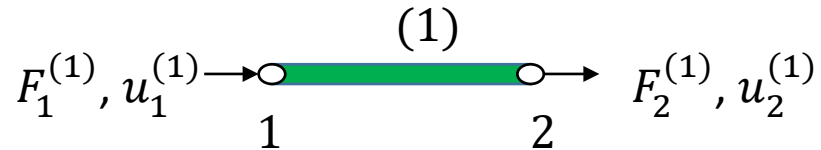


Force Equations for a 2-Bar System

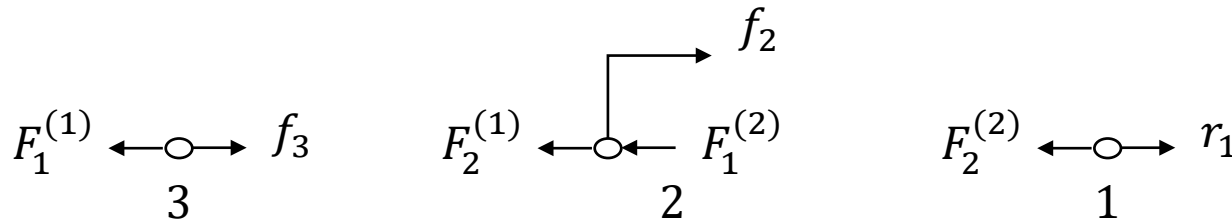


- Internal forces and displacements for elements:

Local node numbering are unified to increase along x direction



- Free-body diagrams of nodes:

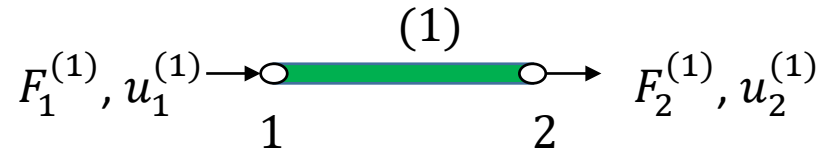
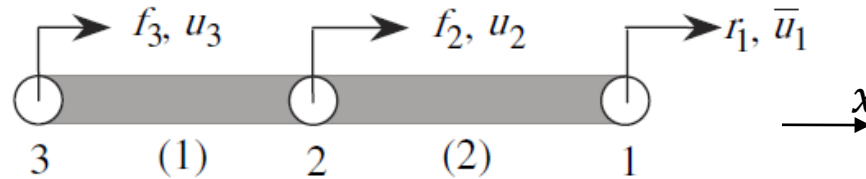


Internal forces change directions because of Newton's 3rd law.

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ F_2^{(1)} \\ F_1^{(1)} \end{bmatrix}}_{\tilde{\mathbf{F}}^{(1)}} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} F_2^{(2)} \\ F_1^{(2)} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\tilde{\mathbf{F}}^{(2)}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{f}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{f}} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{r}}$$



Stiffness Equations for a 2-Bar System (1/2)



- Utilize the 1D single bar stiffness equation:

Element (1):

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_1^{(1)} \\ F_2^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k^{(1)} & -k^{(1)} \\ -k^{(1)} & k^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_3 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Element (2):

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_1^{(2)} \\ F_2^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k^{(2)} & -k^{(2)} \\ -k^{(2)} & k^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Stiffness Equations for a 2-Bar System (2/2)

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ F_2^{(1)} \\ F_1^{(1)} \end{bmatrix}}_{\tilde{\mathbf{f}}^{(1)}} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} F_2^{(2)} \\ F_1^{(2)} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\tilde{\mathbf{f}}^{(2)}} = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{f}} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{r}}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ F_2^{(1)} \\ F_1^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & k^{(1)} & -k^{(1)} \\ -k^{(1)} & k^{(1)} & 0 \\ 0 & -k^{(1)} & k^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{u}_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_2^{(2)} \\ F_1^{(2)} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k^{(2)} & -k^{(2)} & 0 \\ k^{(2)} & k^{(2)} & 0 \\ 0 & k^{(2)} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{u}_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{matrix} \tilde{\mathbf{K}}^{(1)} & \mathbf{d} & \tilde{\mathbf{K}}^{(2)} & \mathbf{d} \\ \hline \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & k^{(1)} & -k^{(1)} \\ 0 & -k^{(1)} & k^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} & + & \begin{bmatrix} k^{(2)} & -k^{(2)} & 0 \\ -k^{(2)} & k^{(2)} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{u}_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ \hline = & \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \end{bmatrix} & + & \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

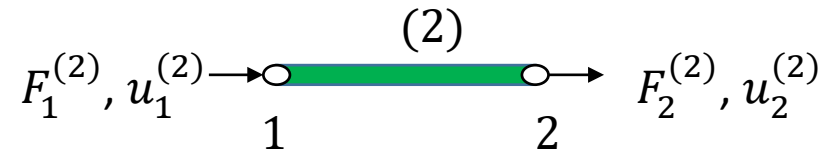
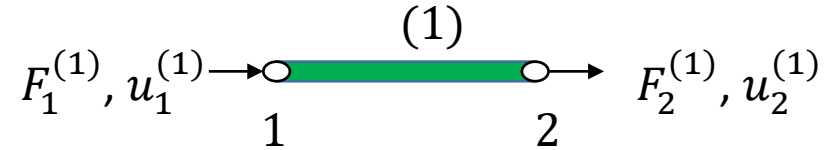
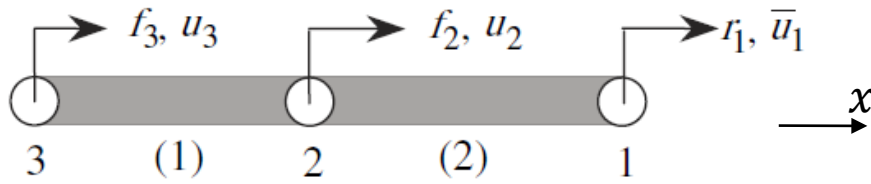
Equation for unknowns

$$(\tilde{\mathbf{K}}^{(1)} + \tilde{\mathbf{K}}^{(2)})\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{Kd} = \mathbf{f} + \mathbf{r}$$

$$\mathbf{K} = \sum \tilde{\mathbf{K}}^{(i)} = \begin{bmatrix} k^{(2)} & -k^{(2)} & 0 \\ -k^{(2)} & k^{(1)} + k^{(2)} & -k^{(1)} \\ 0 & -k^{(1)} & k^{(1)} \end{bmatrix}$$



Direct Assembly of Global Stiffness Matrix



Element (1):

$$\begin{bmatrix} k^{(1)} & -k^{(1)} \\ -k^{(1)} & k^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{matrix}$$

Element (2):

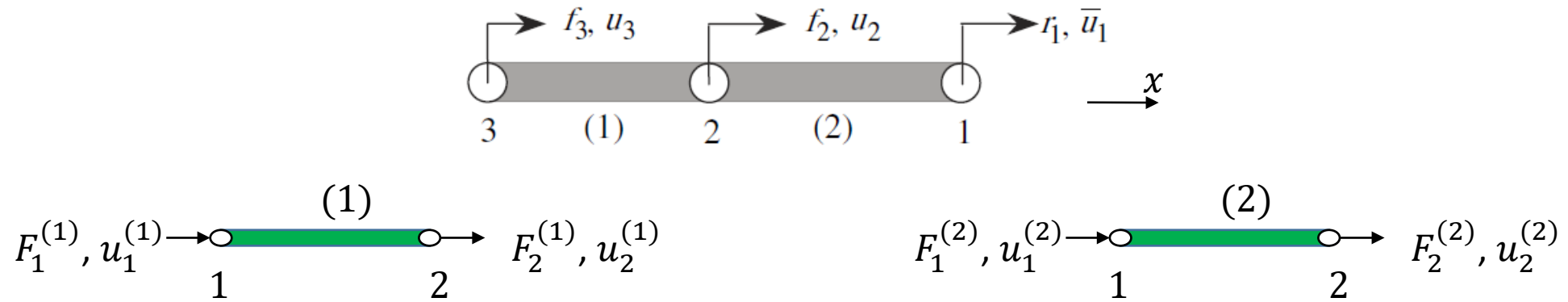
$$\begin{bmatrix} k^{(2)} & -k^{(2)} \\ -k^{(2)} & k^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{matrix}$$

- Direct assembly – computer implementation:

$$\mathbf{K} = K_{mn} = \sum \tilde{K}_{mn}^{(i)} = \begin{bmatrix} k^{(2)} & -k^{(2)} & 0 \\ -k^{(2)} & k^{(1)} + k^{(2)} & -k^{(1)} \\ 0 & -k^{(1)} & k^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{matrix}$$



Introduction of Gather Matrices



- **Gather matrices** are introduced to enforce compatibility among elements:

$$\mathbf{d}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1^{(1)} \\ u_2^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_3 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{L}^{(1)}} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{u}_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{d}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1^{(2)} \\ u_2^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_1 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{L}^{(2)}} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{u}_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{d}^e = \mathbf{L}^e \mathbf{d}$$

$$\mathbf{F}^e = \mathbf{K}^e \mathbf{d}^e \Rightarrow \mathbf{F}^e = \mathbf{K}^e \mathbf{L}^e \mathbf{d}$$



Application of Gather Matrices for Stiffness

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ F_2^{(1)} \\ F_1^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F_1^{(1)} \\ F_2^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{L}^{(1)\mathbf{T}} \mathbf{F}^{(1)}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_2^{(2)} \\ F_1^{(2)} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F_1^{(2)} \\ F_2^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{L}^{(2)\mathbf{T}} \mathbf{F}^{(2)}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ F_2^{(1)} \\ F_1^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} F_2^{(2)} \\ F_1^{(2)} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\sum \mathbf{L}^{(i)\mathbf{T}} \mathbf{F}^{(i)} = \mathbf{f} + \mathbf{r}$$

$$\mathbf{F}^e = \mathbf{K}^e \mathbf{L}^e \mathbf{d}$$



$$\mathbf{f} + \mathbf{r} = \sum \mathbf{L}^{(i)\mathbf{T}} \mathbf{F}^{(i)}$$

$$= \sum \mathbf{L}^{(i)\mathbf{T}} \mathbf{K}^{(i)} \mathbf{L}^{(i)} \mathbf{d}$$

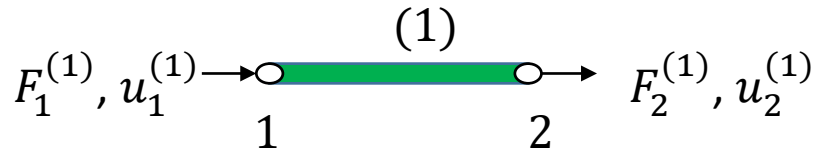
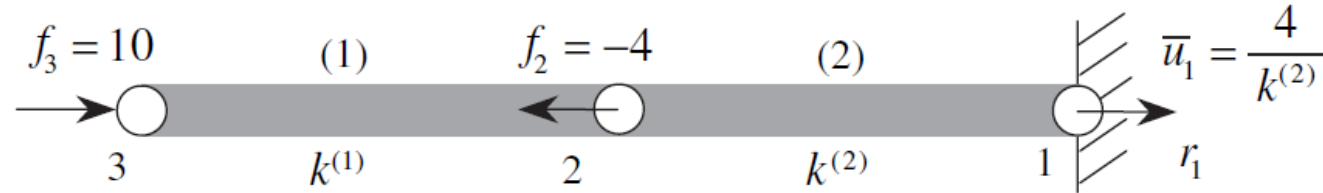
$$= \mathbf{K} \mathbf{d}$$

This is another approach to calculate the global stiffness matrix.

Cumbersome but the symbolic expression is suitable for theoretical analysis



Solution Method – System Partition



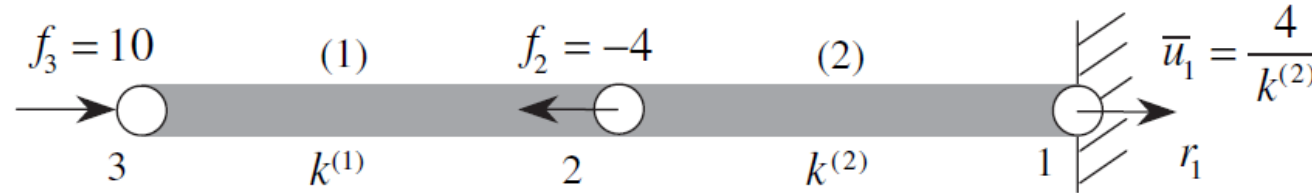
- System equation:

$$\mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{d} = \begin{bmatrix} k^{(2)} & -k^{(2)} & 0 \\ -k^{(2)} & k^{(1)} + k^{(2)} & -k^{(1)} \\ 0 & -k^{(1)} & k^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{u}_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{f} + \mathbf{r} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} k^{(2)} & -k^{(2)} & 0 \\ -k^{(2)} & k^{(1)} + k^{(2)} & -k^{(1)} \\ 0 & -k^{(1)} & k^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4/k^{(2)} \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ -4 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$



E-Nodes and F-Nodes



- 3 unknowns – 3 equations:

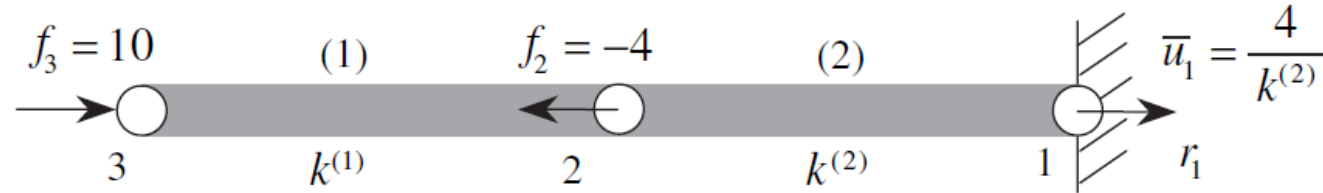
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- E-nodes – essential boundary conditions with known displacements and unknown external forces.
- F-nodes – free boundary conditions with unknown displacements and known external forces.

Nodes with no boundary conditions applied is F-nodes (0 external forces).



Matrix Partition



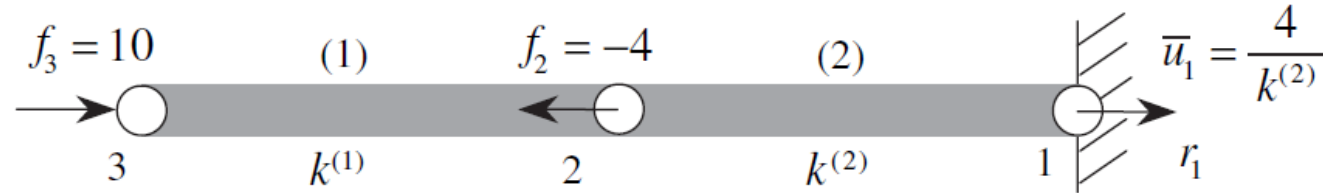
• 3 unknowns – 3 equations:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \mathbf{K}_E \\
 \left[\begin{array}{c|cc} k^{(2)} & -k^{(2)} & 0 \\ -k^{(2)} & k^{(1)} + k^{(2)} & -k^{(1)} \\ 0 & -k^{(1)} & k^{(1)} \end{array} \right] \\
 \mathbf{K}_{EF}^T \quad \mathbf{K}_F
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \mathbf{K}_{EF} \\
 \mathbf{d}_E \\
 \left[\begin{array}{c} 4/k^{(2)} \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{array} \right] \\
 \mathbf{d}_F
 \end{array}
 =
 \begin{array}{c}
 \mathbf{r}_E \\
 \left[\begin{array}{c} r_1 \\ -4 \\ 10 \end{array} \right] \\
 \mathbf{f}_F
 \end{array}$$

- E-nodes can be numbered first for partition convenience.



Solution to F-Nodes



• 3 unknowns – 3 equations:

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\mathbf{K}_{EF}^T \mathbf{K}_F \mathbf{d}_F

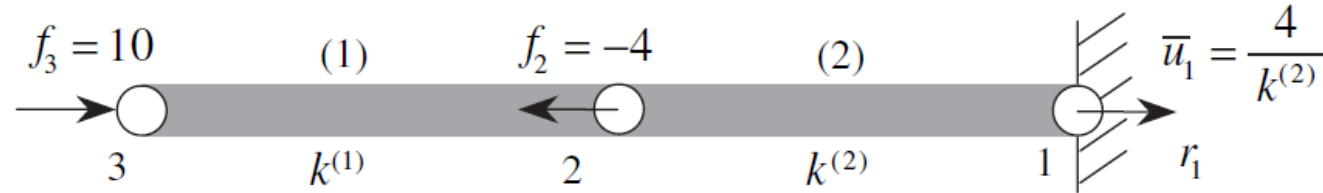
- Solve F-nodes part first:

$$\mathbf{K}_{EF}^T \cdot \bar{\mathbf{d}}_E + \mathbf{K}_F \cdot \mathbf{d}_F = \mathbf{f}_F$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{d}_F = \begin{bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{K}_F^{-1} \cdot (\mathbf{f}_F - \mathbf{K}_{EF}^T \cdot \bar{\mathbf{d}}_E) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{10}{k^{(2)}} \\ \frac{10}{k^{(1)} + \frac{10}{k^{(2)}}} \end{bmatrix}$$



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\mathbf{K}_{EF}^T \mathbf{K}_F \mathbf{d}_F \mathbf{f}_F

- Solve E-nodes part:

$$\mathbf{K}_E \cdot \bar{\mathbf{d}}_E + \mathbf{K}_{EF} \cdot \mathbf{d}_F = \mathbf{r}_E$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{r}_E = [r_1] = [k^{(2)}] \left[\frac{10}{k^{(1)}} + \frac{10}{k^{(2)}} \right] = -6$$



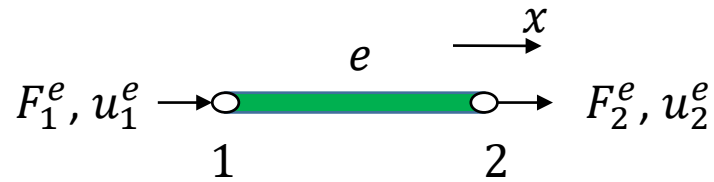
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 - Only determined by element and node numbers
 - Applicable to other problems with different elements
- Postprocessing: calculation results visualization and output.



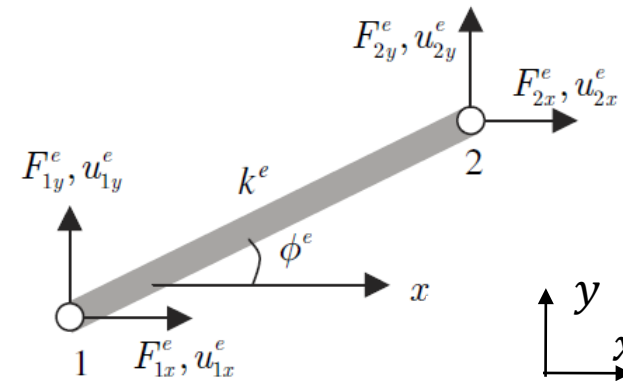
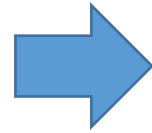
2D Truss System

- Expand the single bar element from 1D space to 2D space:



$$\mathbf{F}^e = \begin{bmatrix} F_1^e \\ F_2^e \end{bmatrix} = [F_1^e \quad F_2^e]^T$$

$$\mathbf{d}^e = \begin{bmatrix} u_1^e \\ u_2^e \end{bmatrix} = [u_1^e \quad u_2^e]^T$$



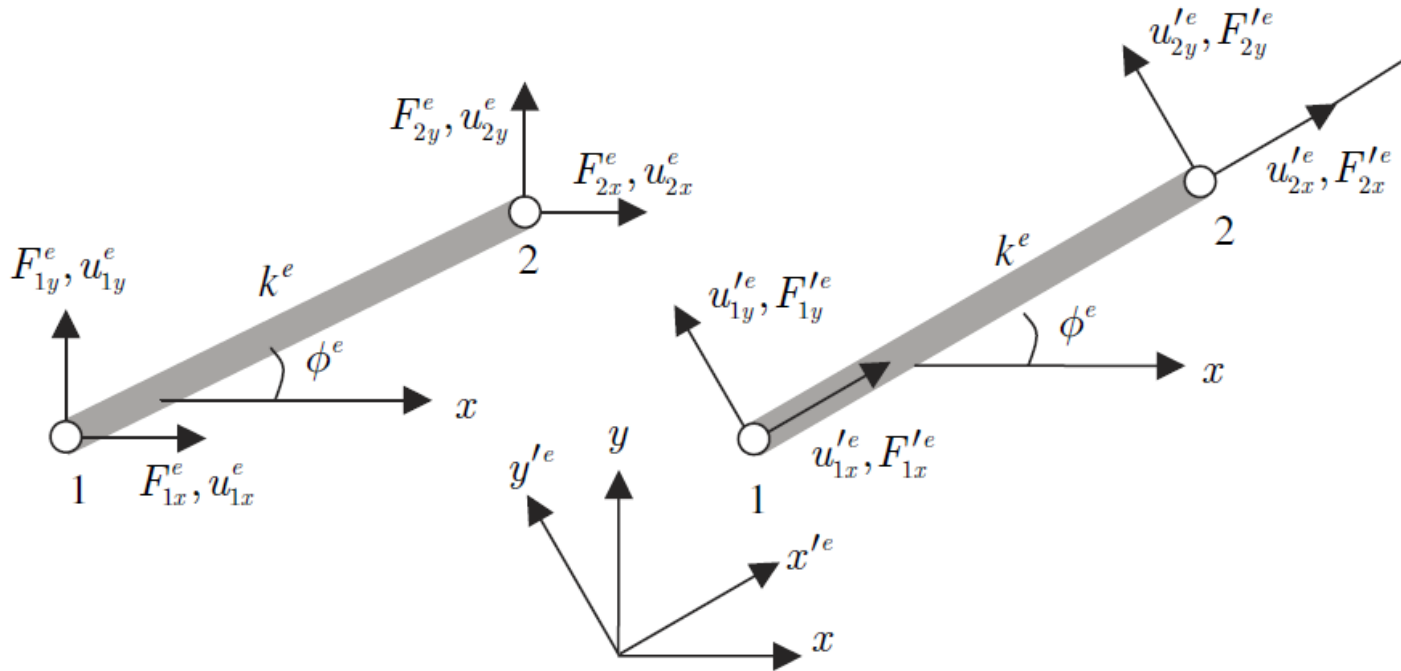
$$\mathbf{F}^e = [F_{1x}^e \quad F_{1y}^e \quad F_{2x}^e \quad F_{2y}^e]^T$$

$$\mathbf{d}^e = [u_{1x}^e \quad u_{1y}^e \quad u_{2x}^e \quad u_{2y}^e]^T$$



Local Coordinate for 2D Single Bar Elements

- Local coordinate facilitates force-displacement analysis:



- Along bar direction, similar to the 1D element:

Transverse displacement has negligible effect

$$\begin{bmatrix} F'_{1x} \\ F'_{2x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k^e & -k^e \\ -k^e & k^e \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u'_{1x} \\ u'_{2x} \end{bmatrix}$$

- In transverse direction, bar elements are assumed to have 0 shear stiffness:

$$F'_{1y} = F'_{2y} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} F'_{1x} \\ F'_{1y} \\ F'_{2x} \\ F'_{2y} \end{bmatrix} = k^e \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u'_{1x} \\ u'_{1y} \\ u'_{2x} \\ u'_{2y} \end{bmatrix}$$

\mathbf{F}'^e

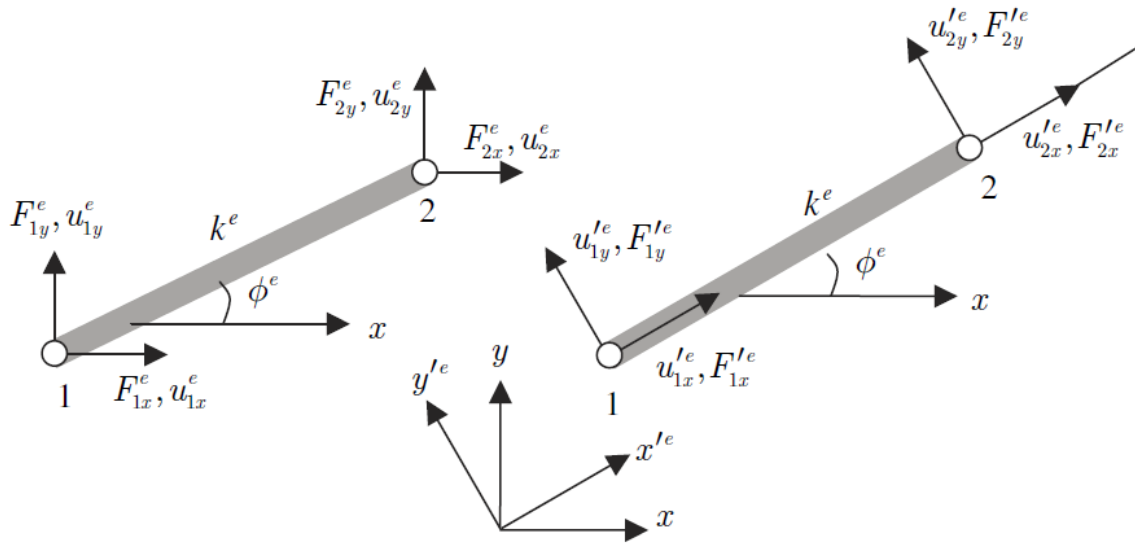
\mathbf{K}'^e

\mathbf{d}'^e



Transformation Law

- Local equations should be transformed to the global coordinate for system-level analysis:



- Displacement vector coordinate transformation:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} u'_{1x} \\ u'_{1y} \\ u'_{2x} \\ u'_{2y} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{d}'^e} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \cos \Phi^e & \sin \Phi^e & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \Phi^e & \cos \Phi^e & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cos \Phi^e & \sin \Phi^e \\ 0 & 0 & -\sin \Phi^e & \cos \Phi^e \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{R}^e} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} u^e_{1x} \\ u^e_{1y} \\ u^e_{2x} \\ u^e_{2y} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{d}^e}$$

$$(\mathbf{R}^e)^{-1} = \mathbf{R}^{eT} \Rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{eT} \mathbf{d}'^e = \mathbf{R}^{eT} \mathbf{R}^e \mathbf{d}'^e = \mathbf{d}^e$$

- Similarly for force vectors:

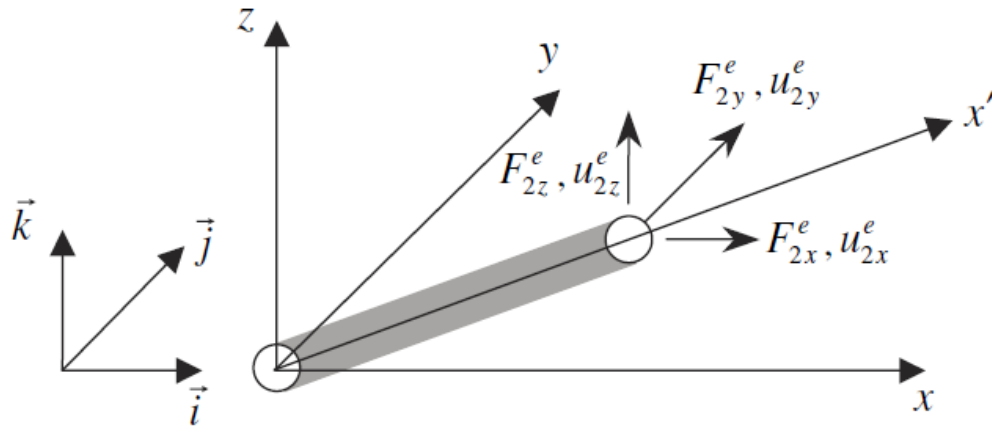
$$\mathbf{R}^e \mathbf{F}^e = \mathbf{F}'^e, \quad \mathbf{R}^{eT} \mathbf{F}'^e = \mathbf{F}^e$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{F}^e = \mathbf{R}^{eT} \mathbf{F}'^e = \mathbf{R}^{eT} \mathbf{K}'^e \mathbf{d}'^e = \underbrace{\mathbf{R}^{eT} \mathbf{K}'^e \mathbf{R}^e}_{\mathbf{K}^e} \mathbf{d}^e$$



3D Truss System

- Further expand the single bar element from 1D space to 3D space:



$$\mathbf{F}^e = [F_{1x}^e \quad F_{1y}^e \quad F_{1z}^e \quad F_{2x}^e \quad F_{2y}^e \quad F_{2z}^e]^T$$

$$\mathbf{d}^e = [u_{1x}^e \quad u_{1y}^e \quad u_{1z}^e \quad u_{2x}^e \quad u_{2y}^e \quad u_{2z}^e]^T$$

- Transformation from local to global coordinates:

$$\vec{l}' = \frac{1}{l^e} (x_{21}^e \vec{l} + y_{21}^e \vec{j} + z_{21}^e \vec{k})$$

$$(x_{21}^e = x_2^e - x_1^e, \text{ etc.})$$

$$\vec{u}_I^e = u'_{Ix} \vec{l}' + u'_{Iy} \vec{j}' + u'_{Iz} \vec{k}' = u_{Ix}^e \vec{l} + u_{Iy}^e \vec{j} + u_{Iz}^e \vec{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow u'_{Ix} = u_{Ix}^e \vec{l} \cdot \vec{l}' + u_{Iy}^e \vec{j} \cdot \vec{l}' + u_{Iz}^e \vec{k} \cdot \vec{l}'$$

$$\Rightarrow u'_{Ix} = \frac{1}{l^e} (x_{21}^e u_{Ix}^e + y_{21}^e u_{Iy}^e + z_{21}^e u_{Iz}^e)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} u'_{1x} \\ u'_{2x} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{l^e} \begin{bmatrix} x_{21}^e & y_{21}^e & z_{21}^e & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x_{21}^e & y_{21}^e & z_{21}^e \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{d}^e$$

\mathbf{R}^e

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{K}_{6 \times 6}^e = \mathbf{R}_{6 \times 2}^{eT} \mathbf{K}_{2 \times 2}'^e \mathbf{R}_{2 \times 6}^e$$

Local stiffness matrix is 2X2, but coordinate transformation add dimension



The End

