



CIVIL 449: Nonlinear Analysis of Structures

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Revision on Matrix Structural Analysis

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EPFL Objectives of today's lecture

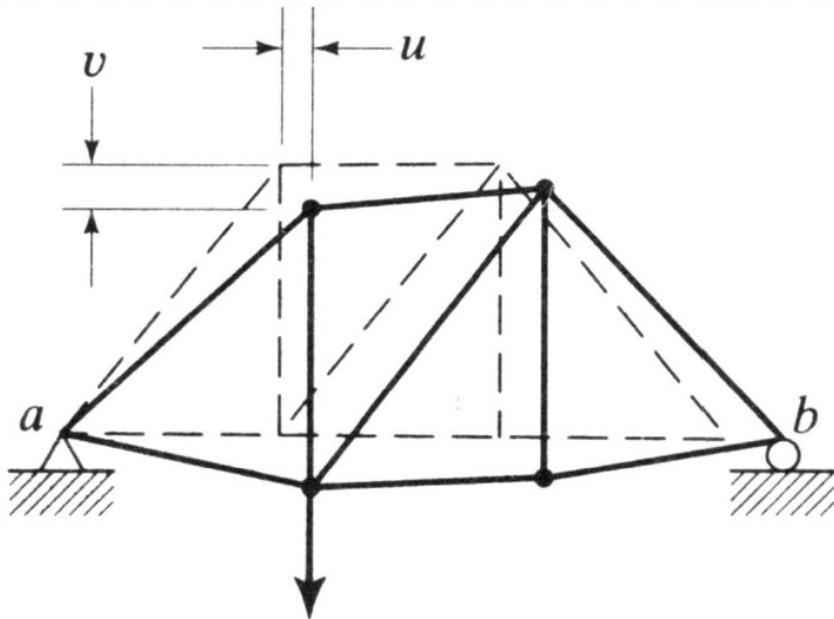
To introduce:

- Definitions and concepts
- Coordinate system
- Direct stiffness method
- Static condensation
- Examples of application

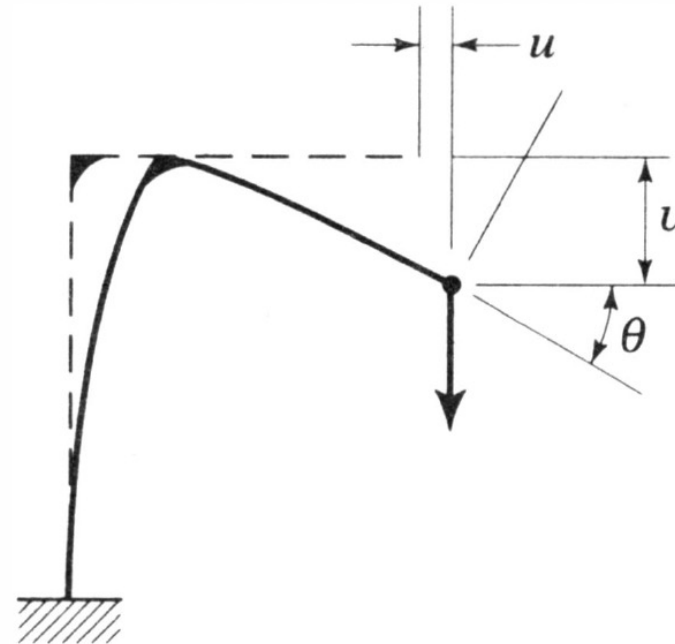
Degrees of freedom

-Displacement field

Pin-jointed plane truss

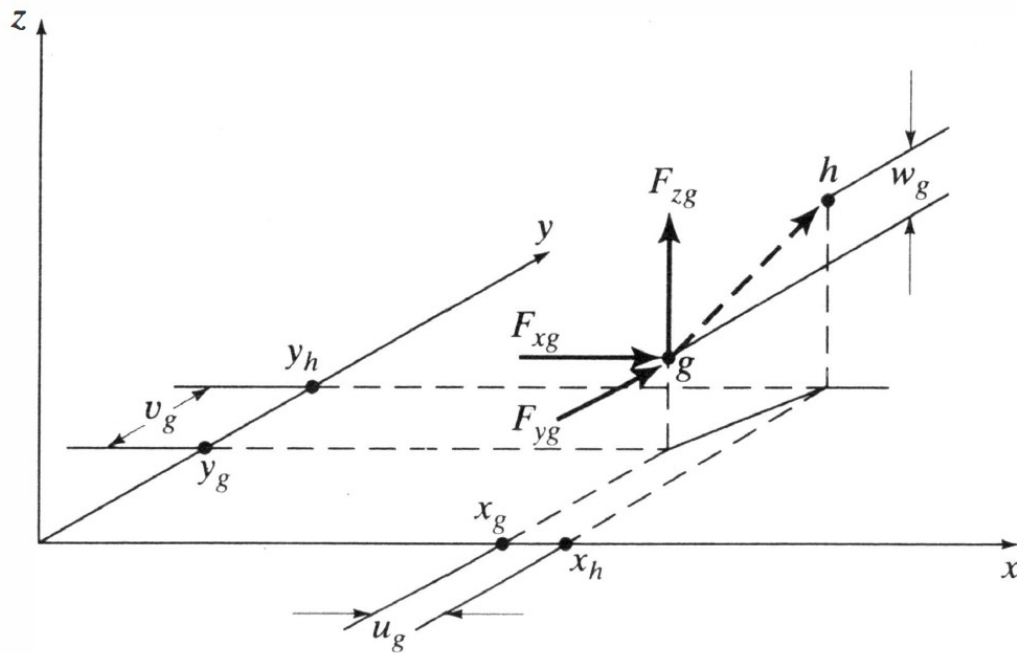


Plane frame

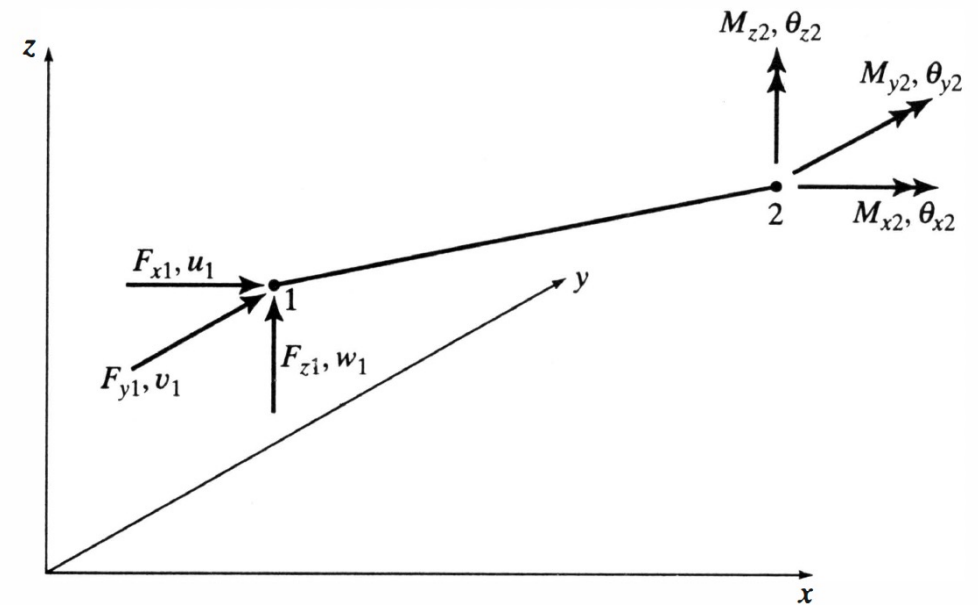


Coordinate systems and conditions of analysis

Displacement from point g to point h

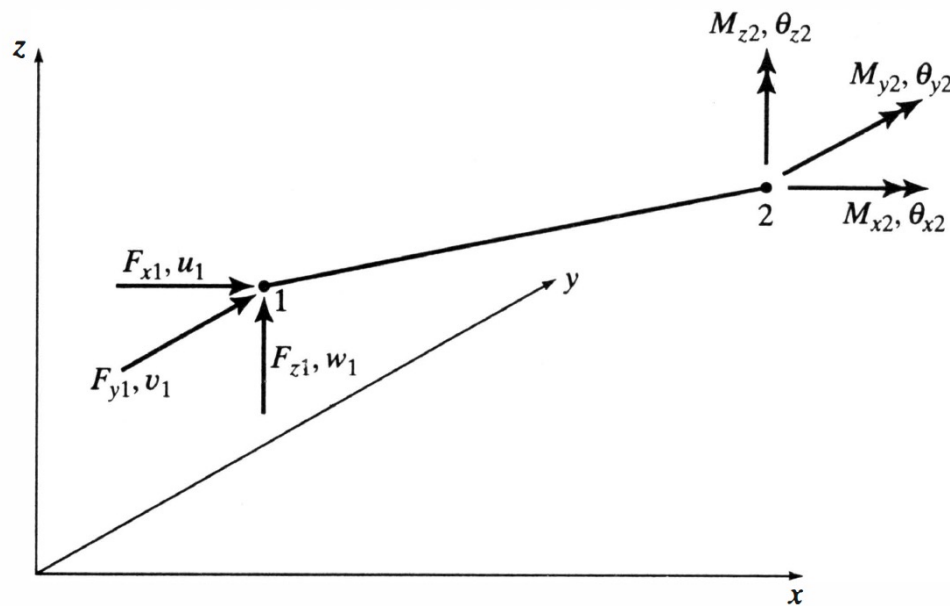


Forces, moments and corresponding displacements



$$\theta_{x2} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \bigg|_2 \quad \theta_{y2} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \bigg|_2 \quad \theta_{z2} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \bigg|_2$$

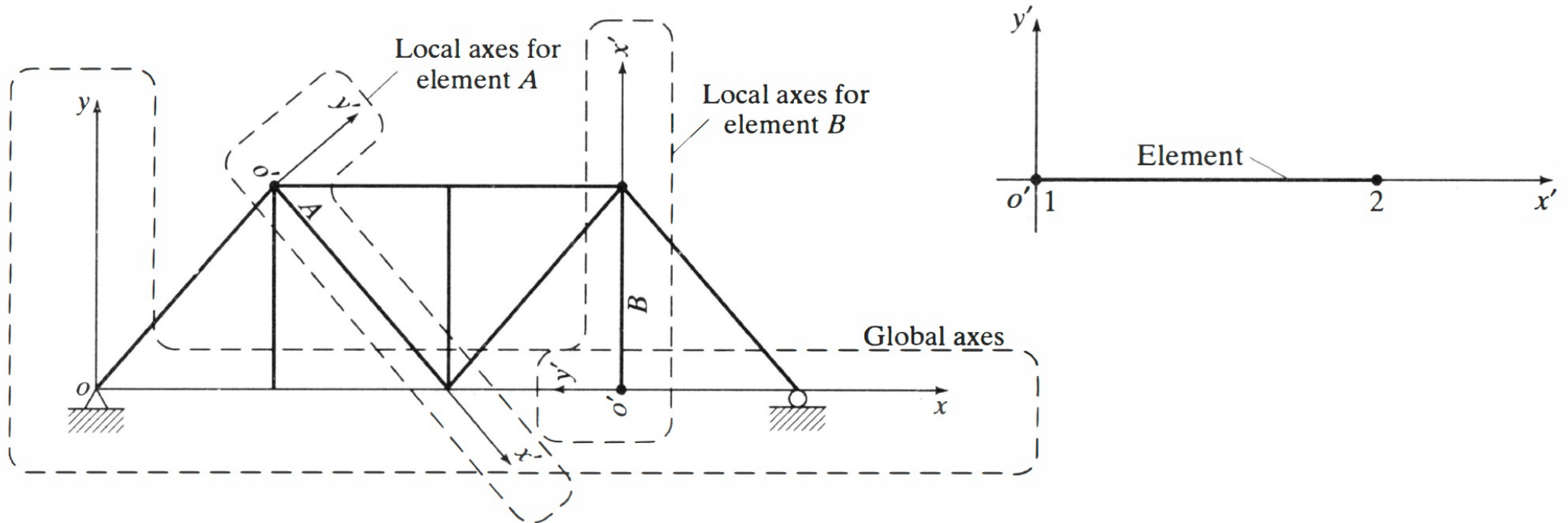
Coordinate systems and conditions of analysis (2)



$$\{\mathbf{F}\} = [F_{x1} \quad F_{y1} \quad F_{z1} \quad M_{x2} \quad M_{y2} \quad M_{z2}]^T$$

$$\{\Delta\} = [u_1 \quad v_1 \quad w_1 \quad \theta_{x2} \quad \theta_{y2} \quad \theta_{z2}]^T$$

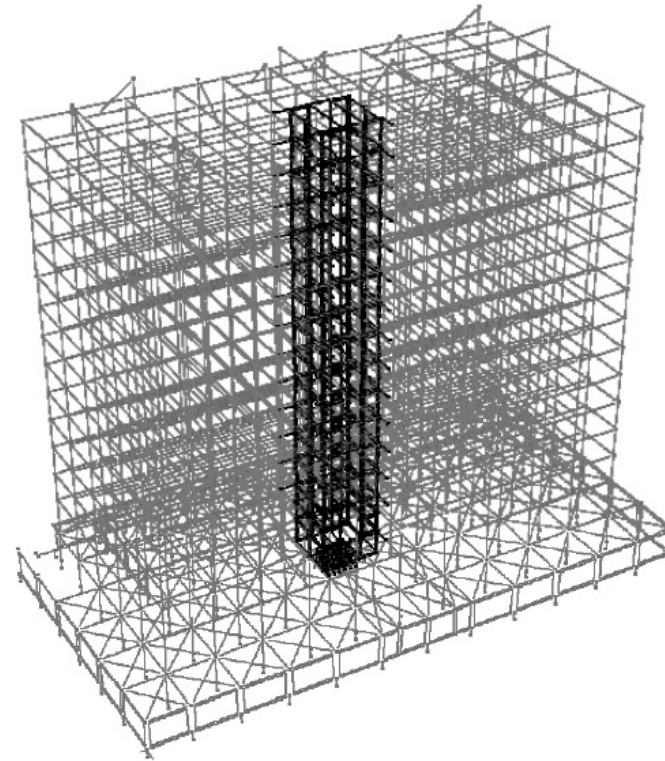
Coordinate systems and conditions of analysis (3)



EPFL Idealization of structures into frame and/or truss elements



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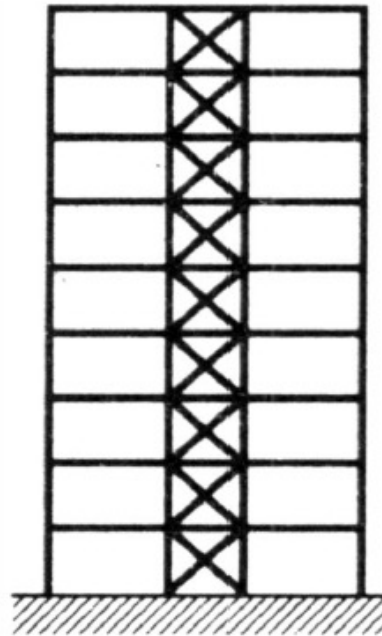


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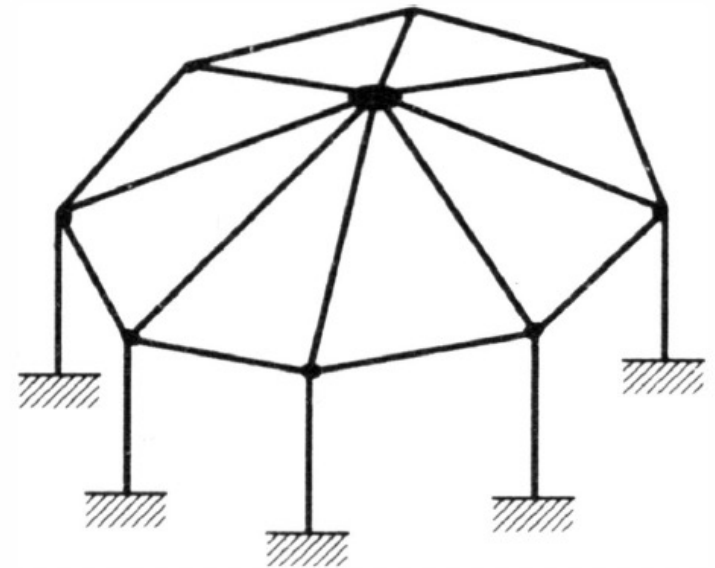
Industrial hall



Multi-story frame

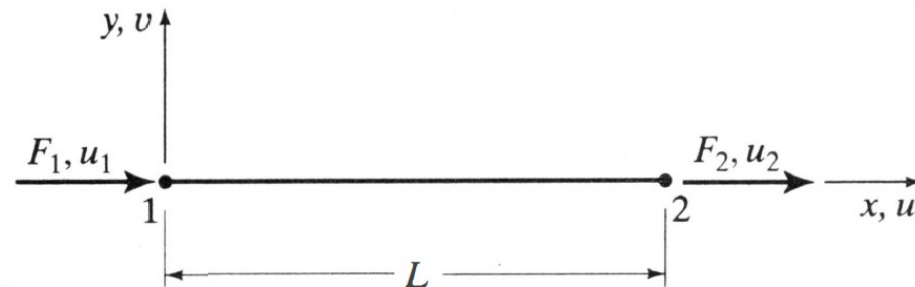


Space frame



Axial force element: Force-displacement relations

-Element stiffness matrix



$$\{\mathbf{F}\} = [\mathbf{k}]\{\Delta\}$$

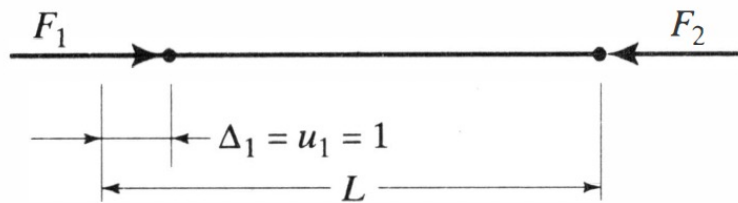
$[\mathbf{k}]$ Element stiffness matrix

k_{ij} Element stiffness coefficient

EPFL Axial force element: Force-displacement relations

-Element stiffness matrix

If a displacement Δ_j of unit value is imposed and all other degrees of freedom are held fixed, the force F_i is equal to k_{ij}



$$\{\mathbf{F}\} = [F_1 \quad F_2]^T$$

$$\{\mathbf{k}_{i1}\} = [k_{11} \quad k_{21}]^T$$

From basic mechanics:

$$u_1 = \frac{F_1 L}{EA}$$

$$F_1 = \frac{EA}{L} u_1$$

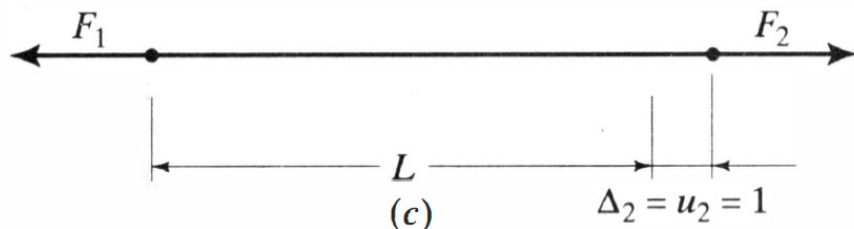
By equilibrium:

$$F_2 = -F_1 = -\frac{EA}{L} u_1$$

Axial force element: Force-displacement relations

-Element stiffness matrix

Similarly,



$$F_2 = -F_1 = \frac{EA}{L} u_2$$

Collected in matrix form:

$$\begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_{11} & k_{12} \\ k_{21} & k_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Stiffness matrix of a truss element

EPFL Axial force element: Force-displacement relations

-Element flexibility equations

Element flexibility equations express, for elements supported in a stable manner, the joint displacements, $\{\Delta_f\}$, as a function of the joint forces, $\{\mathbf{F}_f\}$:

$$\{\Delta_f\} = [\mathbf{d}]\{\mathbf{F}_f\}$$

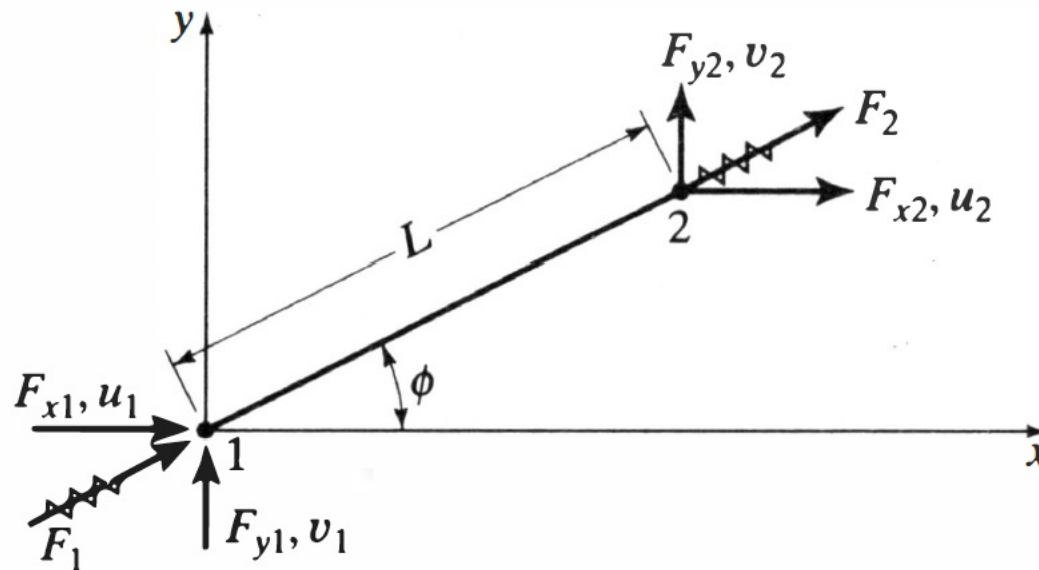
$[\mathbf{d}]$ Element flexibility matrix (inverse of $[\mathbf{k}]$)

d_{ij} Element flexibility coefficient

EPFL Axial force element: Global stiffness equations

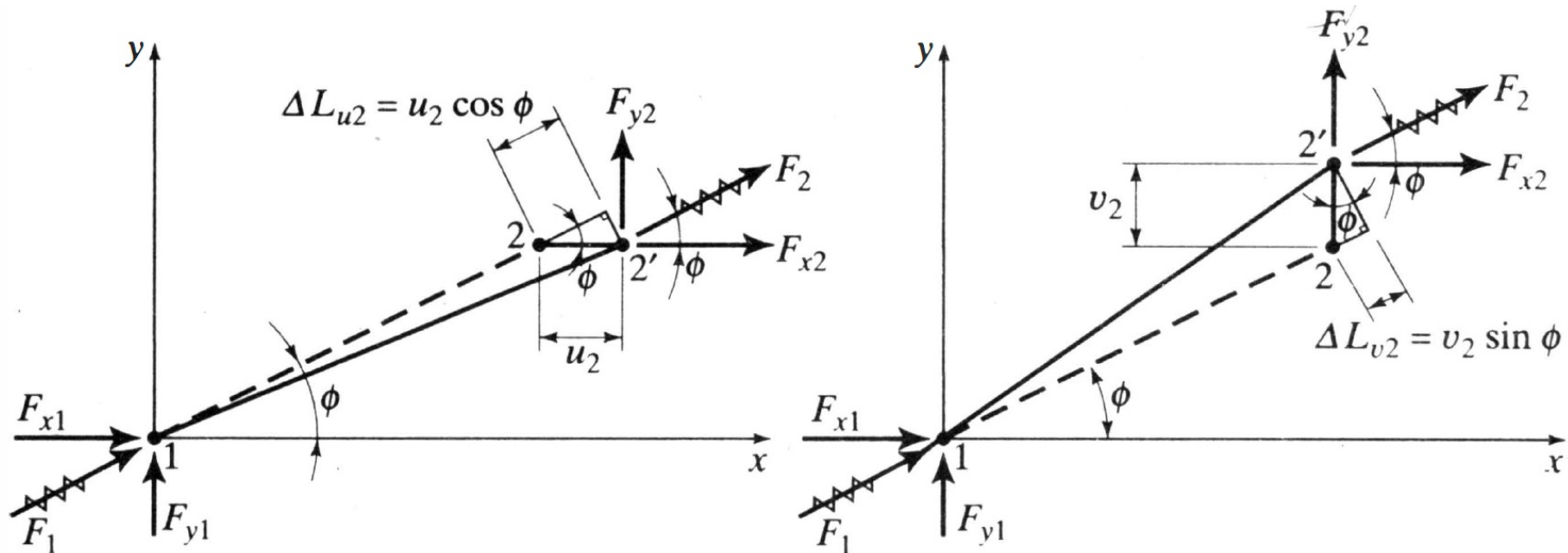
Simplest way to form the global stiffness equations for the analysis of a structure:

- start with element stiffness equations in a local coordinate system
- Transform to global axes



EPFL Axial force element: Global stiffness equations (2)

Impose a small displacement in the x and y directions of node 2



$$\Delta L_{u2} = u_2 \cos \phi$$

$$F_2 = \frac{EA}{L} \Delta L_{u2} = \frac{EA \cos \phi}{L} \cdot u_2$$

$$\Delta L_{v2} = v_2 \sin \phi$$

$$F_2 = \frac{EA}{L} \Delta L_{v2} = \frac{EA \sin \phi}{L} \cdot v_2$$

EPFL Axial force element: Global stiffness equations (3)

Analyzing the force into the global coordinate system (x -direction):

$$F_{x2} = -F_{x1} = F_2 \cos \phi = \frac{EA}{L} \cos^2 \phi \cdot u_2$$

$$F_{y2} = -F_{y1} = F_2 \sin \phi = \frac{EA}{L} \sin \phi \cos \phi \cdot u_2$$

Analyzing the force into the global coordinate system (y -direction):

$$F_{x2} = -F_{x1} = F_2 \cos \phi = \frac{EA}{L} \sin \phi \cos \phi \cdot v_2$$

$$F_{y2} = -F_{y1} = F_2 \sin \phi = \frac{EA}{L} \sin^2 \phi \cdot v_2$$

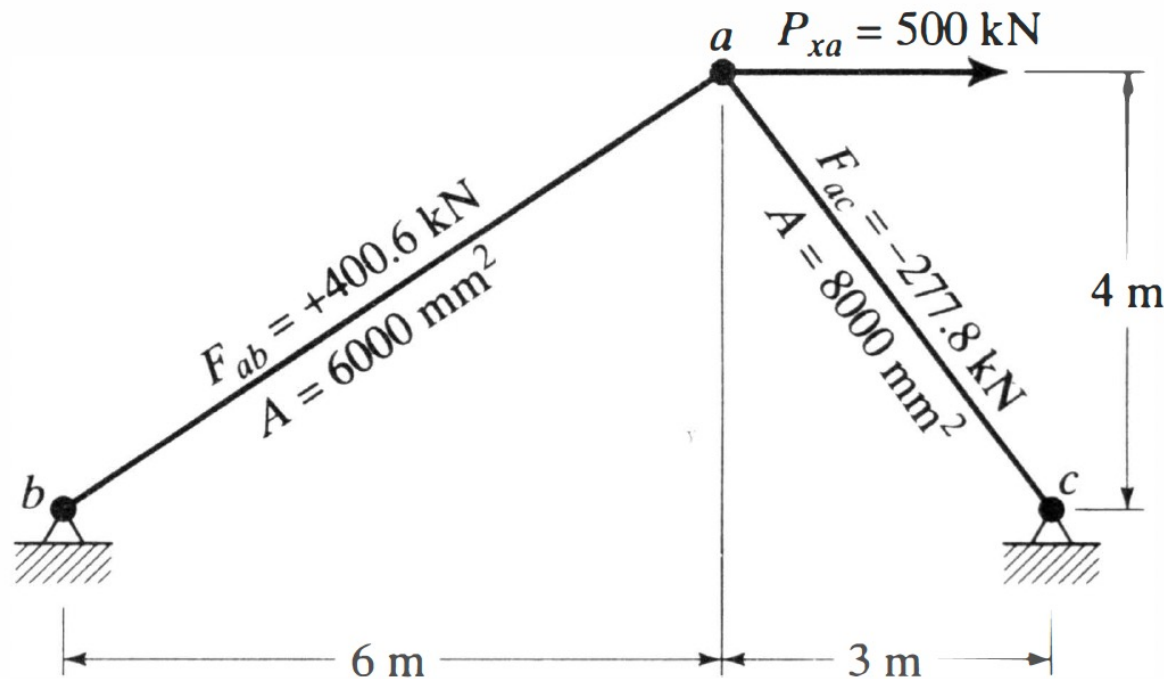
EPFL Axial force element: Global stiffness equations (4)

In a matrix form

$$\begin{Bmatrix} F_{x1} \\ F_{y1} \\ F_{x2} \\ F_{y2} \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \phi & \sin \phi \cos \phi & -\cos^2 \phi & -\sin \phi \cos \phi \\ \sin \phi \cos \phi & \sin^2 \phi & -\sin \phi \cos \phi & -\sin^2 \phi \\ -\cos^2 \phi & -\sin \phi \cos \phi & \cos^2 \phi & \sin \phi \cos \phi \\ -\sin \phi \cos \phi & -\sin^2 \phi & \sin \phi \cos \phi & \sin^2 \phi \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \\ u_2 \\ v_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

EPFL Example

A statically determinate truss is subjected to the load and resulting bar forces shown. What is the displacement of a ? assume $E=200,000\text{MPa}$

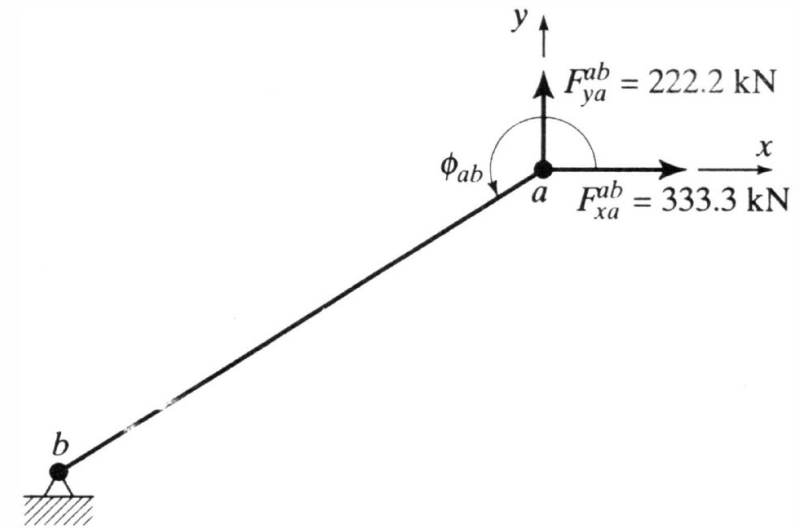


EPFL Example (2)

Consider ab :

$$\left(\frac{EA}{L}\right)_{ab} = \frac{200 \times 6 \times 10^3}{\sqrt{6^2 + 4^2} \times 10^3} = 166.4 \text{ kN/mm}$$

$$\phi_{ab} = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-4}{-6}\right) = 213.69^\circ$$



$$F_{xa}^{ab} = 166.4(\cos^2 \phi_{ab} \cdot u_a + \sin \phi_{ab} \cos \phi_{ab} \cdot v_a)$$
$$333.3 = 166.4(0.6923u_a + 0.4615v_a)$$

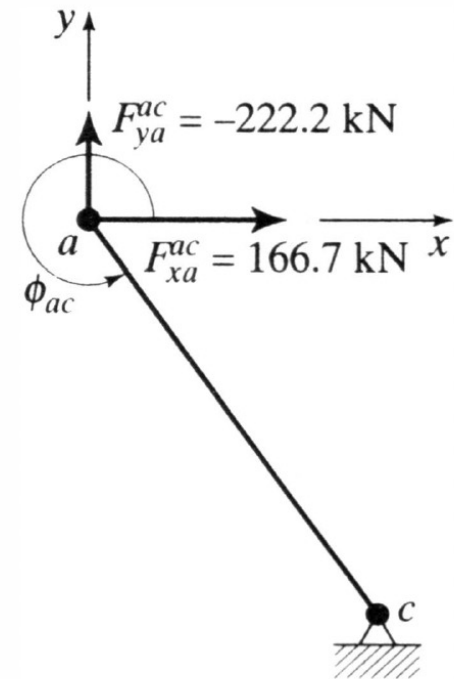
EPFL Example (3)

Consider ac :

$$\left(\frac{EA}{L}\right)_{ac} = \frac{200 \times 8 \times 10^3}{5 \times 10^3} = 320.0 \text{ kN/mm}$$

$$\phi_{ac} = \tan^{-1}\left(-\frac{4}{3}\right) = 306.87^\circ$$

$$F_{xa}^{ac} = 320.0(\cos^2 \phi_{ac} \cdot u_a + \sin \phi_{ac} \cos \phi_{ac} \cdot v_a)$$
$$166.7 = 320.0(0.3600u_a - 0.4800v_a)$$



EPFL Example (4)

Solve Equations a and b simultaneously:

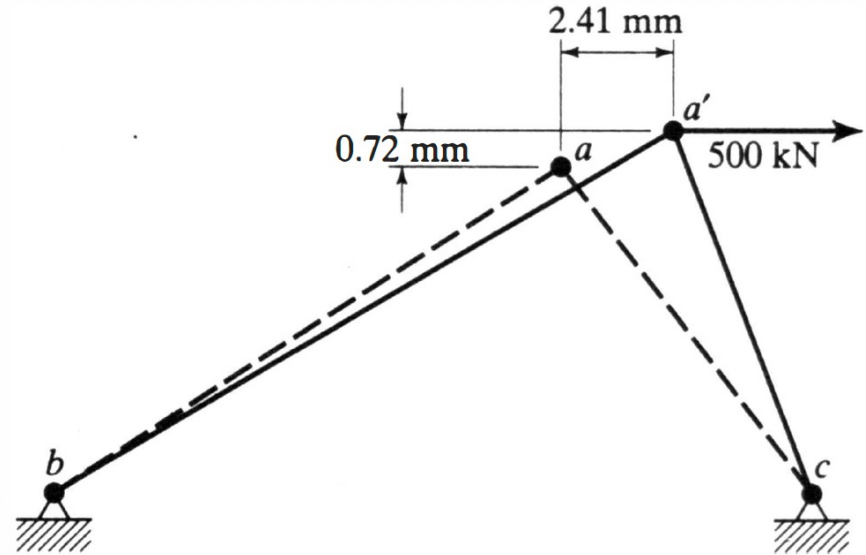
$$0.6923u_a + 0.4615v_a = 2.003 \quad (a)$$

$$0.3600u_a - 0.4800v_a = 0.5209 \quad (b)$$

$$u_a = 2.41 \text{ mm} \rightarrow$$

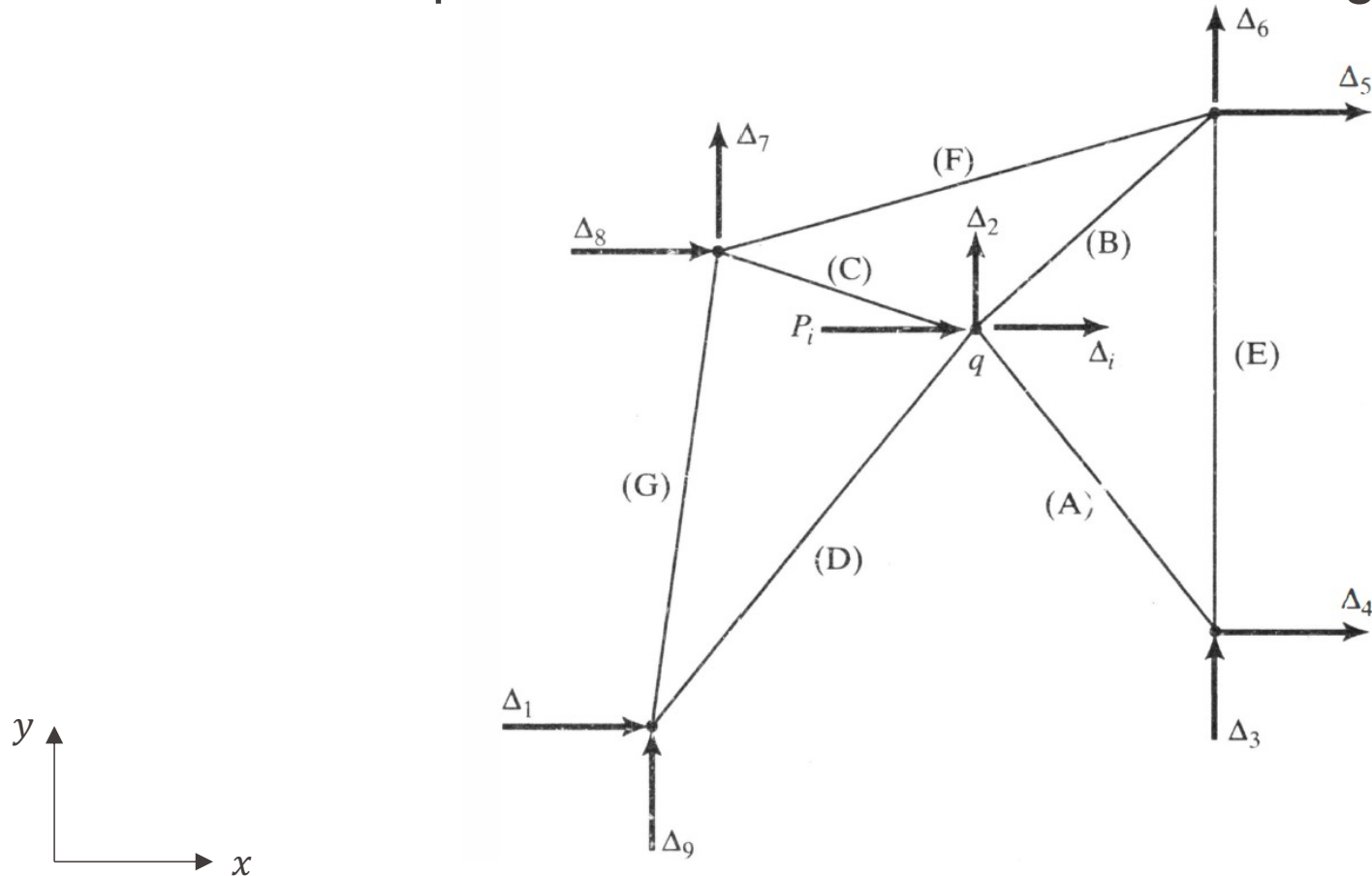
$$v_a = 0.72 \text{ mm} \uparrow$$

$$\overline{aa'} = 2.52 \text{ mm} \nearrow$$



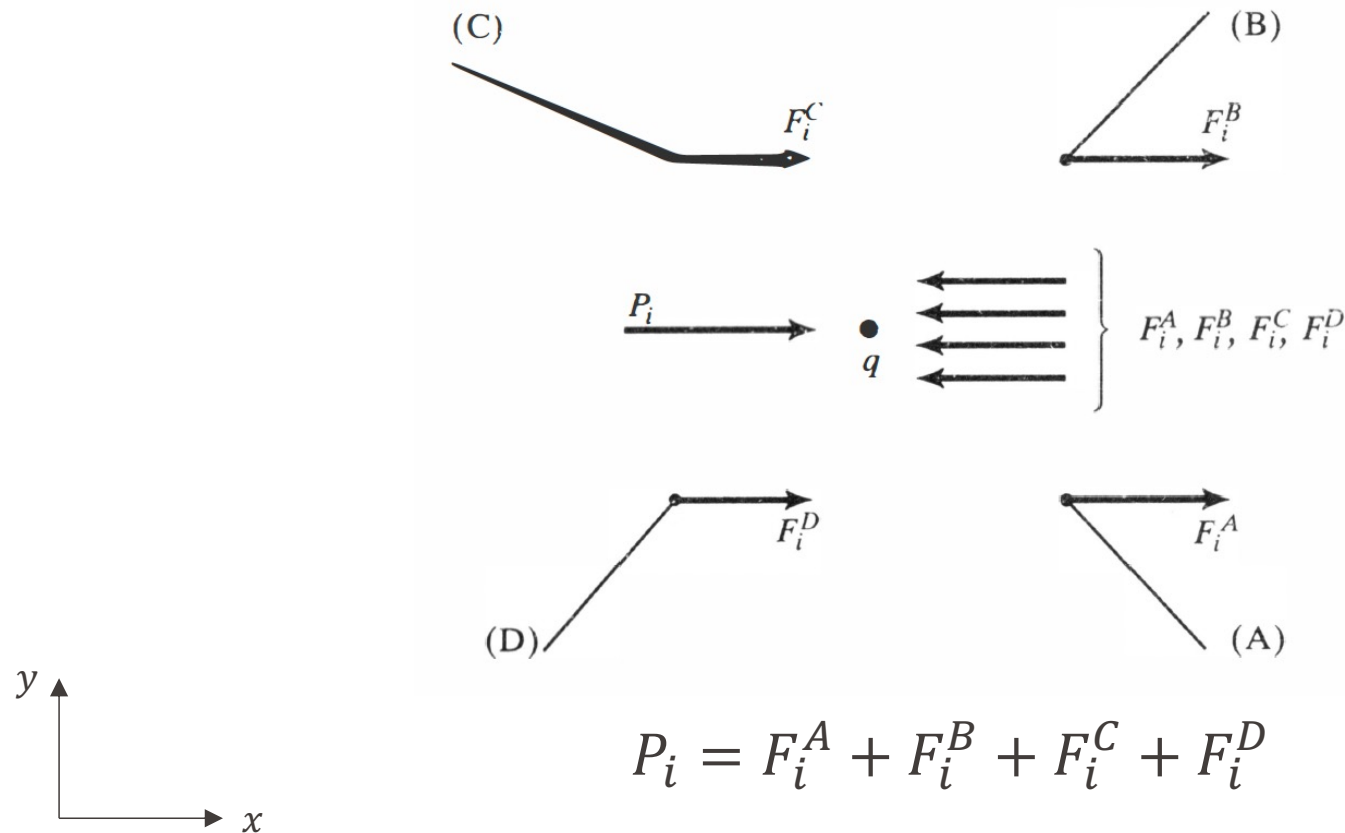
EPFL The direct stiffness method

Let us assume the plane truss below with identified degrees of freedom



EPFL The direct stiffness method (2)

At junction q



Global x -direction
internal force on bars

EPFL The direct stiffness method (3)

These forces yield expressions for $F_i^A, \dots F_i^D$ in terms of the corresponding element degrees of freedom $\Delta_i^A, \dots \Delta_9^D$; hence,

$$P_i = F_i^A + F_i^B + F_i^C + F_i^D =$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_i = & k_{ii}^A \Delta_i^A + k_{i2}^A \Delta_2^A + k_{i3}^A \Delta_3^A + k_{i4}^A \Delta_4^A \\ & + k_{ii}^B \Delta_i^B + k_{i2}^B \Delta_2^B + k_{i3}^B \Delta_3^B + k_{i4}^B \Delta_4^B \\ & + k_{ii}^C \Delta_i^C + k_{i2}^C \Delta_2^C + k_{i3}^C \Delta_3^C + k_{i4}^C \Delta_4^C \\ & + k_{ii}^D \Delta_i^D + k_{i2}^D \Delta_2^D + k_{i3}^D \Delta_3^D + k_{i4}^D \Delta_4^D \end{aligned}$$

EPFL The direct stiffness method (4)

At the joint the condition of displacement compatibility applies

$$\Delta_i^A = \Delta_i^B = \Delta_i^C = \Delta_i^D = \Delta_i$$

Therefore,

$$P_i = (k_{ii}^A + k_{ii}^B + k_{ii}^C + k_{ii}^D)\Delta_i + k_{i1}^D\Delta_1 + (k_{i2}^A + k_{i2}^B + k_{i2}^C + k_{i2}^D)\Delta_2 + k_{i3}^A\Delta_3 + \dots + k_{i9}^D\Delta_9$$

or

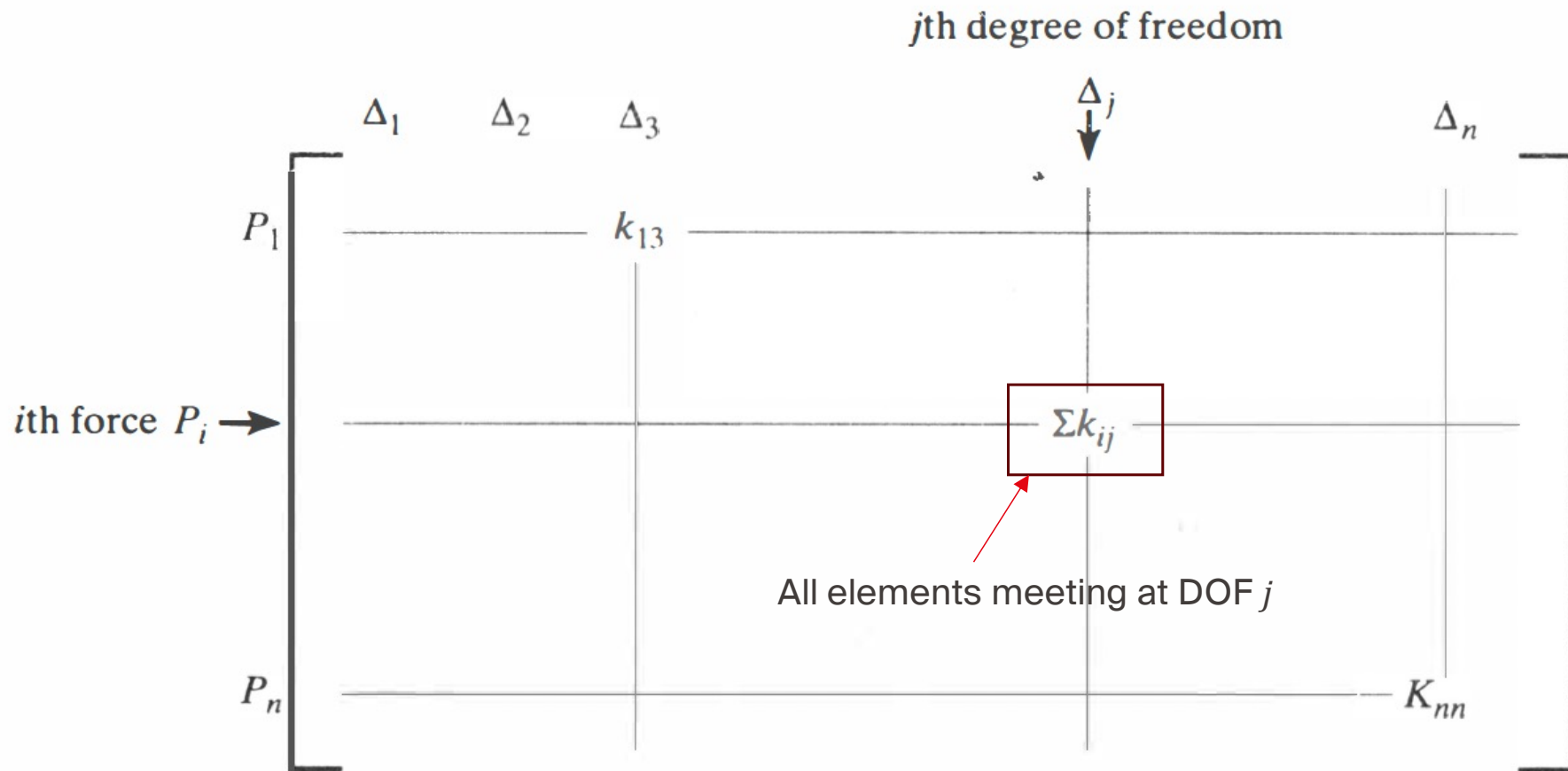
$$P_i = K_{ii}\Delta_i + K_{i1}\Delta_2 + K_{i3}\Delta_3 + \dots + K_{i9}\Delta_9$$


Global stiffness coefficients

EPFL The direct stiffness method (5)

- Each element stiffness coefficient is assigned a double subscript (k_{ij}). The first subscript in the element stiffness coefficient designates the force for which the equation is written, the second subscript designates the degree of freedom.
- Global stiffness matrix is always square whose size is equal to the number of degrees of freedom in the complete system (see next page).
 - First subscript pertains to the force equation
 - Second subscript to the degree of freedom
- Support conditions are accounted for by noting which displacements are zero and then removing from the equations the columns or stiffness coefficients multiplying these degrees of freedom.
- The remaining equations are solved to the global coordinate system.
- Member forces are then computed in the local coordinate system.

EPFL The direct stiffness method (6)



EPFL The direct stiffness method (7)

In a matrix form:

$$\{\mathbf{P}\} = [\mathbf{K}]\{\Delta\}$$

Assume that the support degrees of freedom $\{\Delta_s\}$ are grouped together

After reordering the equations,

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{P}_f \\ \mathbf{P}_s \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}_{ff} & \mathbf{K}_{fs} \\ \mathbf{K}_{sf} & \mathbf{K}_{ss} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \Delta_f \\ \Delta_s \end{Bmatrix}$$

Remaining degrees of freedom

supports

Note that for the supports:

$$\{\Delta_s\} = 0$$

EPFL The direct stiffness method (8)

Therefore,

$$\{\mathbf{P}_f\} = [\mathbf{K}_{ff}]\{\Delta_f\}$$

$$\{\mathbf{P}_s\} = [\mathbf{K}_{sf}]\{\Delta_f\}$$

To compute the displacements at all unsupported nodes:

$$\{\Delta_f\} = [\mathbf{K}_{ff}]^{-1}\{\mathbf{P}_f\} = [\mathbf{D}]\{\mathbf{P}_f\}$$

Global flexibility matrix

To compute the support reactions:

$$\{\mathbf{P}_s\} = [\mathbf{K}_{sf}] [\mathbf{D}]\{\mathbf{P}_f\}$$

To obtain the internal force distribution in the i -th element

$$\{\mathbf{F}^i\} = [\mathbf{k}^i] \{\Delta^i\}$$

EPFL Static condensation

The term condensation refers to the contraction in size of a system of equations by elimination of certain degrees of freedom.

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{P}_c \\ \mathbf{P}_b \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}_{cc} & \mathbf{K}_{cb} \\ \mathbf{K}_{bc} & \mathbf{K}_{bb} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \Delta_c \\ \Delta_b \end{Bmatrix}$$

And condenses them to the form:

$$\{\hat{\mathbf{P}}_c\} = [\hat{\mathbf{K}}_{cc}] \{\Delta_c\}$$

First solve the lower partition and solve for $\{\Delta_b\}$

$$\{\Delta_b\} = [\mathbf{K}_{bb}]^{-1} \{\mathbf{P}_b\} - [\mathbf{K}_{bb}]^{-1} [\mathbf{K}_{bc}] \{\Delta_c\}$$

EPFL Static condensation (2)

Substituting the previous equation into the expanded upper partition of the system:

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{P}_c \\ \mathbf{P}_b \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}_{cc} & \mathbf{K}_{cb} \\ \mathbf{K}_{bc} & \mathbf{K}_{bb} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \Delta_c \\ \Delta_b \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\{\mathbf{P}_c\} = [\mathbf{K}_{cc}]\{\Delta_c\} + [\mathbf{K}_{cb}]\{\Delta_b\}$$

$$\{\mathbf{P}_c\} = [\mathbf{K}_{cc}]\{\Delta_c\} - [\mathbf{K}_{cb}][\mathbf{K}_{bb}]^{-1}[\mathbf{K}_{bc}]\{\Delta_c\} + [\mathbf{K}_{cb}][\mathbf{K}_{bb}]^{-1}\{\mathbf{P}_b\}$$

$$\underbrace{\{\mathbf{P}_c\} - [\mathbf{K}_{cb}][\mathbf{K}_{bb}]^{-1}\{\mathbf{P}_b\}}_{\{\hat{\mathbf{P}}_c\}} = \underbrace{([\mathbf{K}_{cc}] - [\mathbf{K}_{cb}][\mathbf{K}_{bb}]^{-1}[\mathbf{K}_{bc}])}_{[\hat{\mathbf{K}}_{cc}]} \{\Delta_c\}$$

EPFL Static condensation (3)

Therefore, the unknown displacements can be calculated as follows:

$$\{\Delta_c\} = [\hat{\mathbf{K}}_{cc}]^{-1} \{\hat{\mathbf{P}}_c\}$$

And finally,

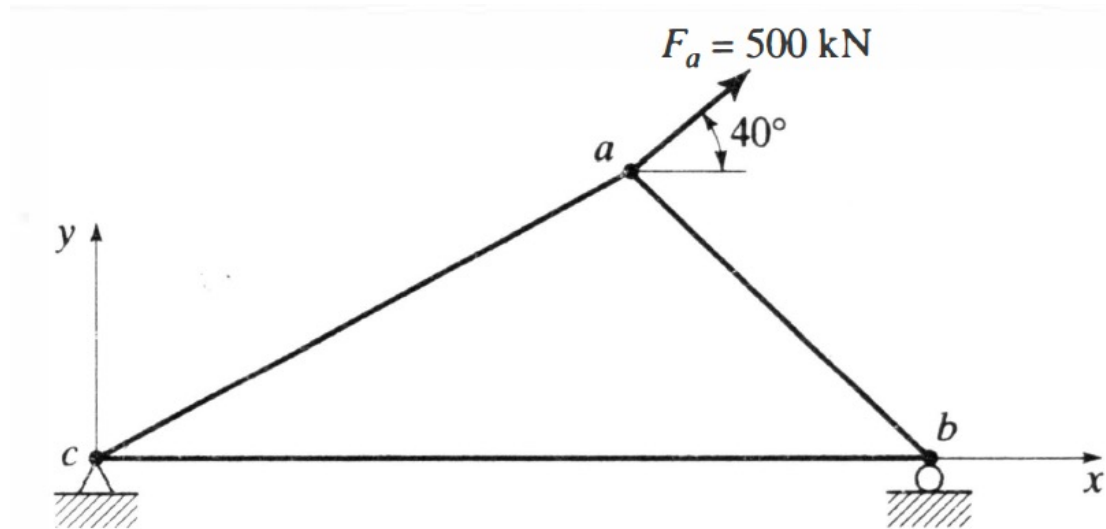
$$\{\Delta_b\} = [\mathbf{K}_{bb}]^{-1} \{\mathbf{P}_b\} - [\mathbf{K}_{bb}]^{-1} [\mathbf{K}_{bc}] \{\Delta_c\}$$

The inversion of matrices $[\mathbf{K}_{bb}]$ and $[\hat{\mathbf{K}}_{cc}]^{-1}$ are easier to handle than the original global stiffness matrix $[\mathbf{K}]$, which is usually ill-conditioned.

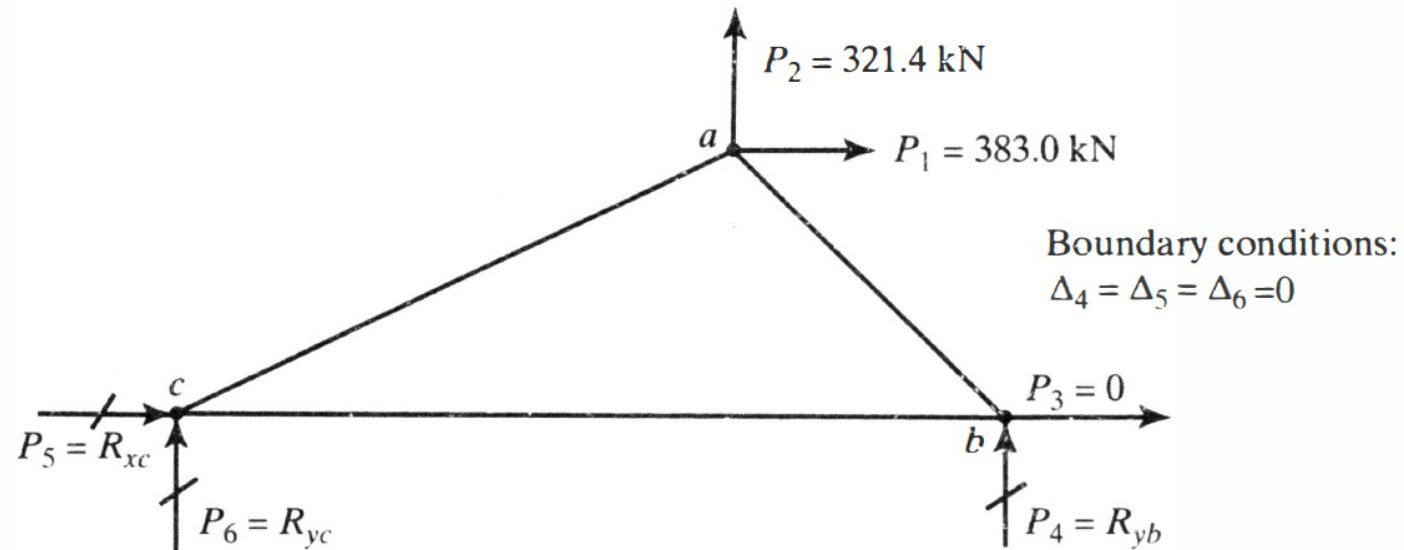
EPFL Example

The truss is supported and loaded as shown in the figure.

- Calculate the displacements at a and b .
- Calculate the reactions.
- Calculate the bar forces.



Example (2)



1. Displacements. The upper three global stiffness equations can be written as follows:

$$\begin{Bmatrix} 383.0 \\ 321.4 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} = 10^2 \begin{bmatrix} 6.348 & -1.912 & -3.536 \\ & 4.473 & 3.536 \\ \text{Sym.} & & 6.830 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \Delta_1 \\ \Delta_2 \\ \Delta_3 \end{Bmatrix} + 10^2 \begin{bmatrix} 3.536 & -2.812 & -1.624 \\ -3.536 & -1.624 & -0.938 \\ -3.536 & -3.294 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

EPFL Example (3)

Inverting the first matrix and solving for the displacements yields

$$[\Delta_1 \quad \Delta_2 \quad \Delta_3] = [0.871 \quad 1.244 \quad -0.193] \text{ mm}$$

EPFL Example (4)

3. Bar forces. The bar forces may now be obtained from the member stiffness equations:
Member *ab*

$$\begin{Bmatrix} F_1^{ab} \\ F_2^{ab} \end{Bmatrix} = 707.11 \begin{bmatrix} \Delta_1 & \Delta_2 & \Delta_3 \\ 0.500 & -0.500 & -0.500 \\ -0.500 & 0.500 & 0.500 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 0.871 \\ 1.244 \\ -0.193 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} -63.6 \\ 63.6 \end{Bmatrix} \text{ kN}$$

$$F_{ab} = F_2^{ab} \cdot \sqrt{2} = +90.0 \text{ kN (tension)}$$

Example (5)

Member *ac*

$$\begin{Bmatrix} F_1^{ac} \\ F_2^{ac} \end{Bmatrix} = 375.00 \begin{bmatrix} \Delta_1 & \Delta_2 \\ 0.750 & 0.433 \\ 0.433 & 0.250 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 0.871 \\ 1.244 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 447.0 \\ 258.0 \end{Bmatrix} \text{ kN}$$
$$F_{ac} = F_1^{ac} \cdot \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} = +516.2 \text{ kN (tension)}$$