

# **CIVIL 449: Nonlinear Analysis of Structures**

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Truss, frame and zero length elements

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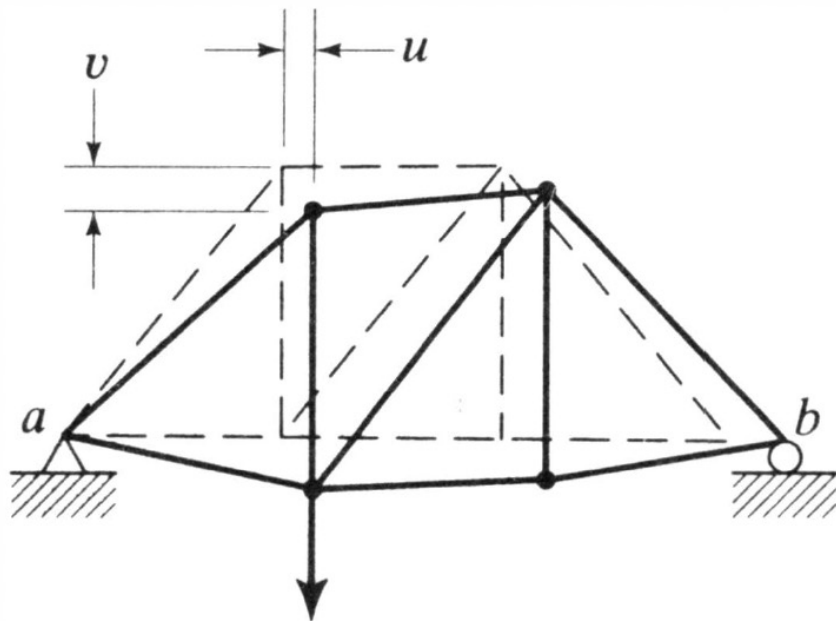
# EPFL Objectives of today's lecture

- To introduce:
  - Terminology & revision
  - Truss elements
  - Frame (beam-column) elements
  - Zero-length elements
  - Element transformations (from local to global coordinate system)

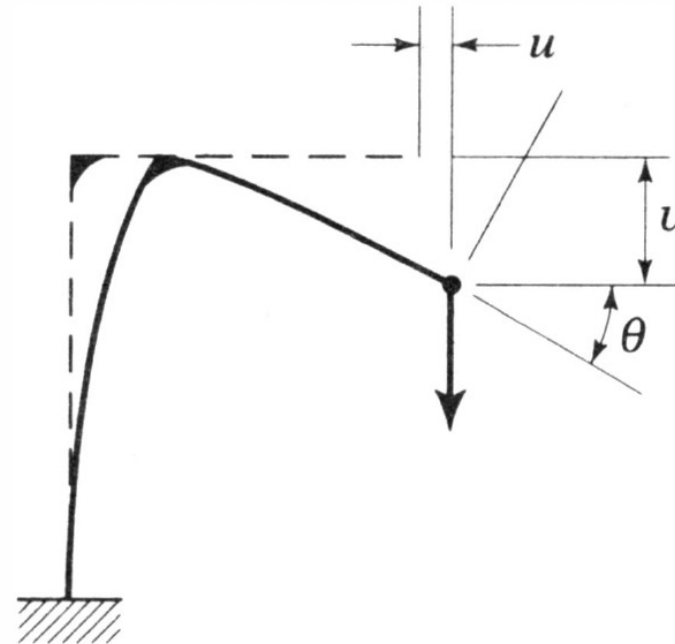
# EPFL Degrees of freedom

## -Displacement field

Pin-jointed plane truss

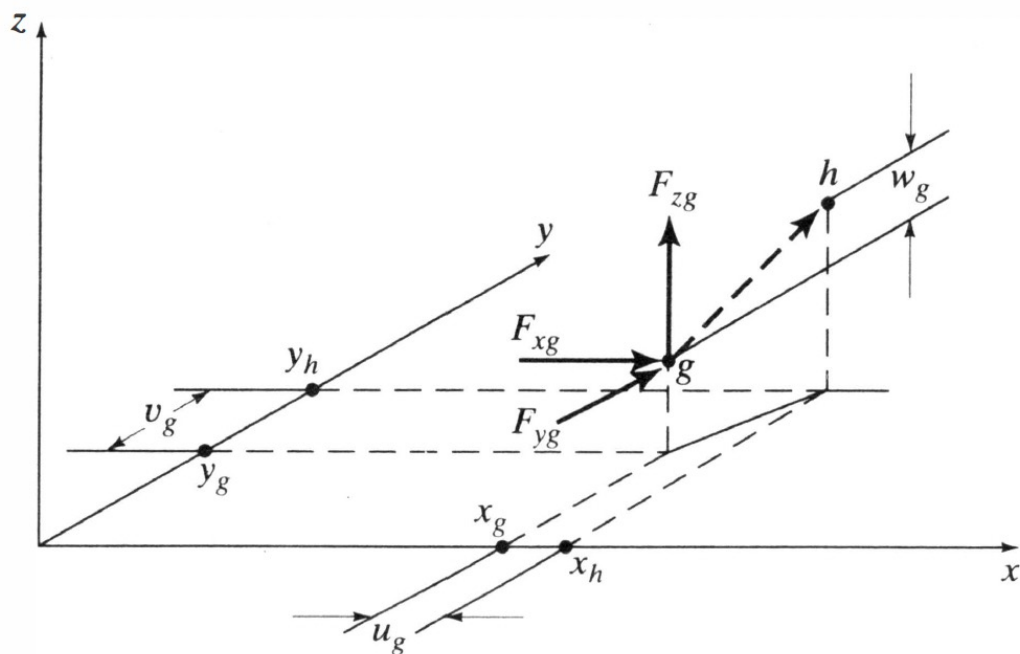


Plane frame

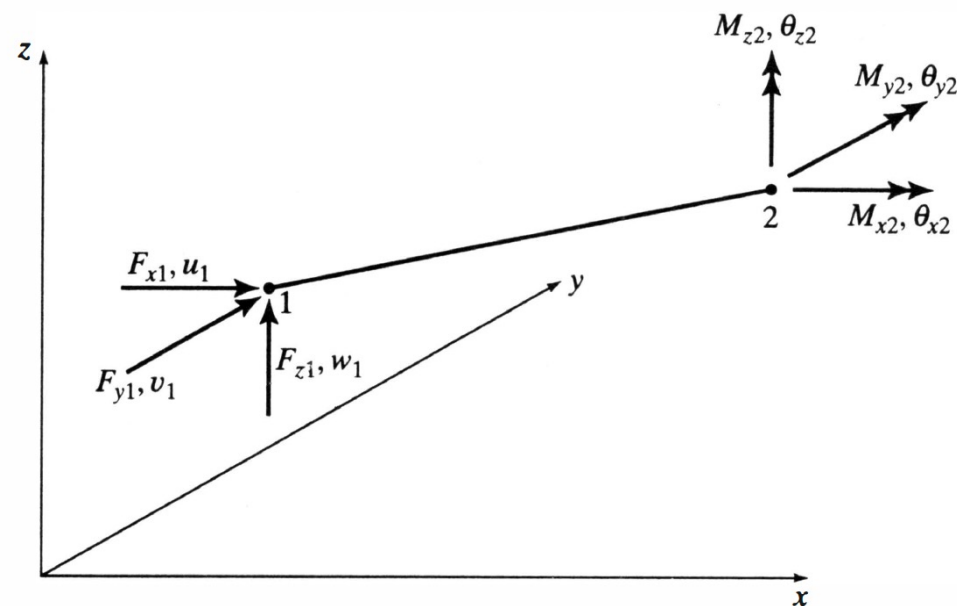


# EPFL Coordinate systems and conditions of analysis

Displacement from point  $g$  to point  $h$

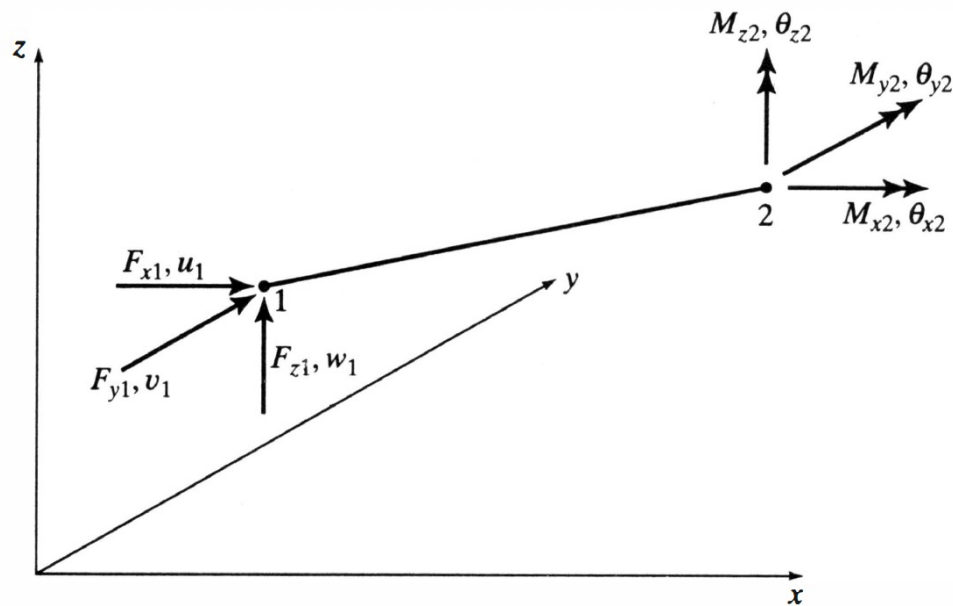


Forces, moments and corresponding displacements



$$\theta_{x2} = \frac{\partial W}{\partial y} \Big|_2 \quad \theta_{y2} = \frac{\partial W}{\partial x} \Big|_2 \quad \theta_{z2} = \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \Big|_2$$

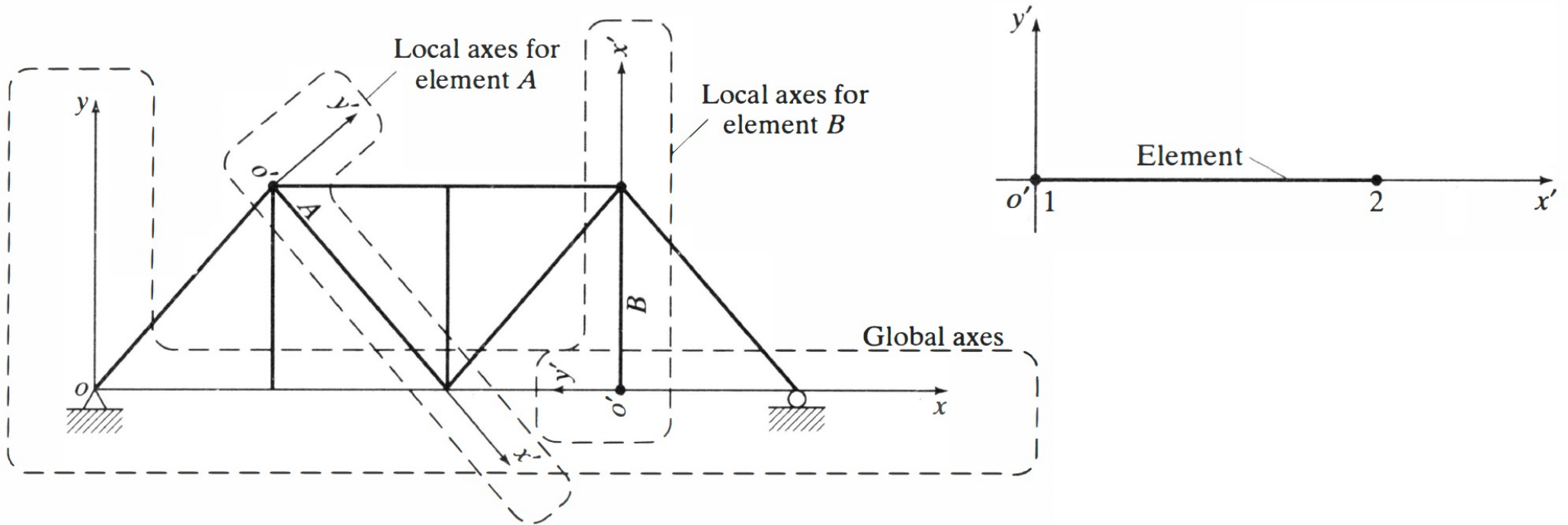
# EPFL Coordinate systems and conditions of analysis (2)



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

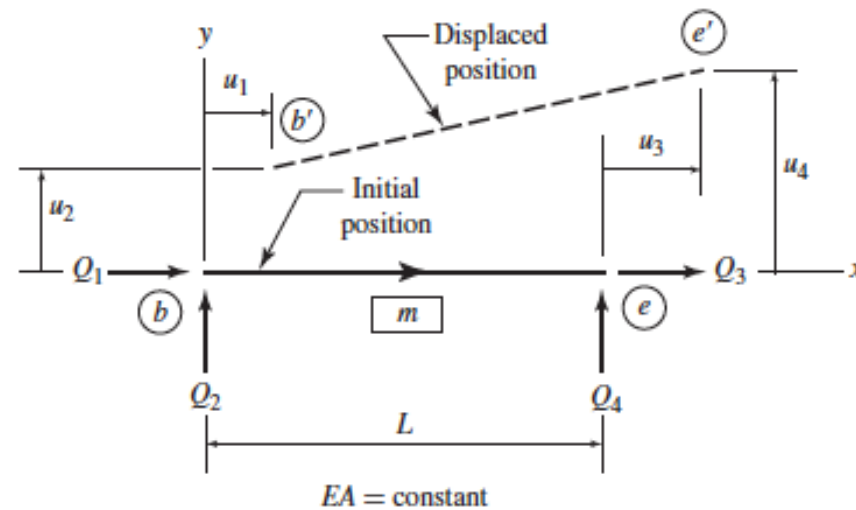
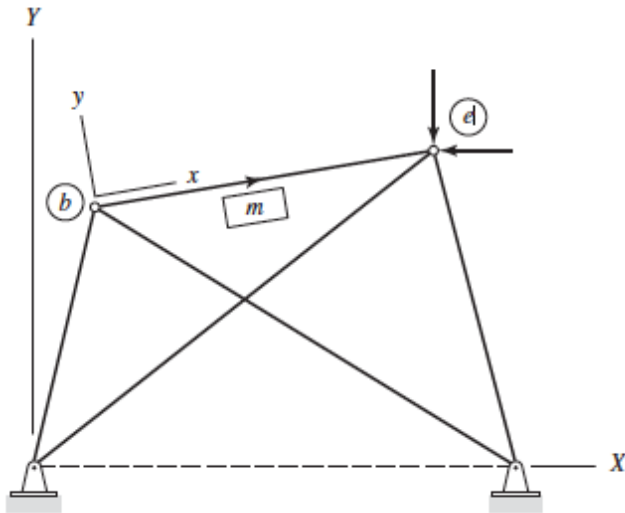
$$\{\Delta\} = [u_1 \quad v_1 \quad w_1 \quad \theta_{x2} \quad \theta_{y2} \quad \theta_{z2}]^T$$

# EPFL Coordinate systems and conditions of analysis (3)



# EPFL The truss element

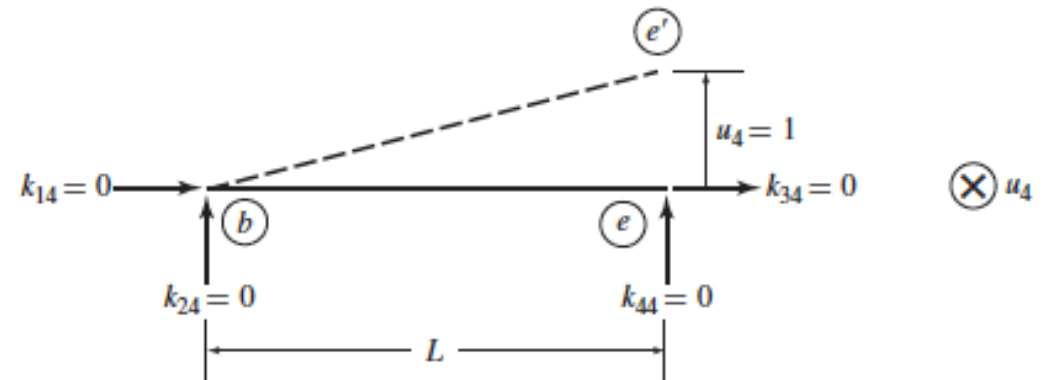
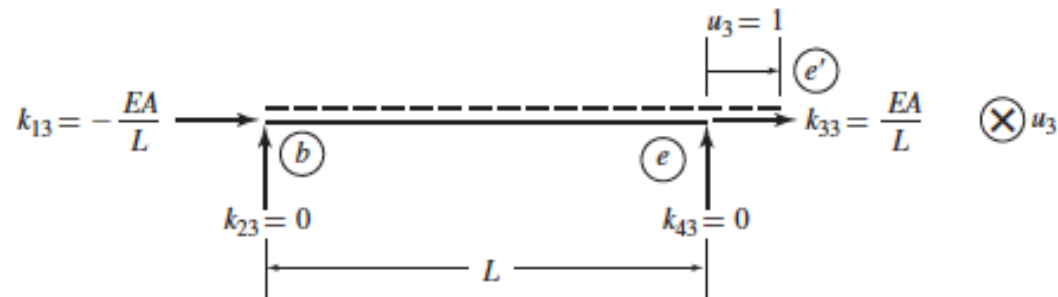
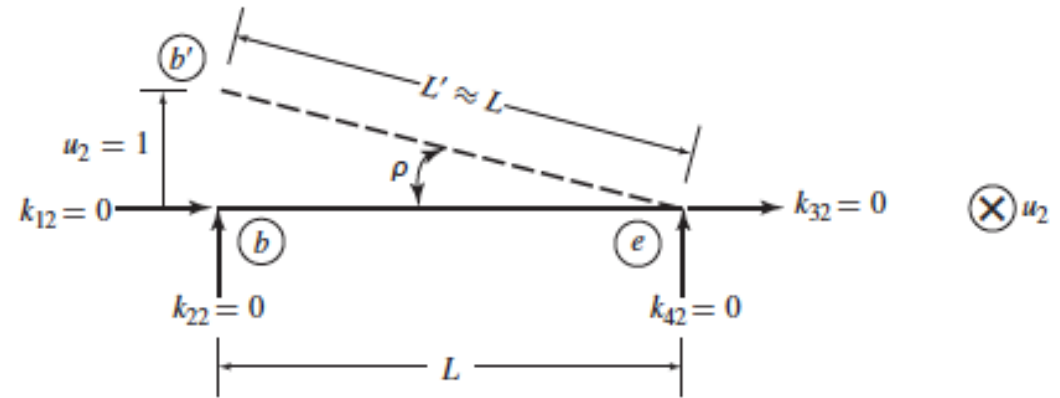
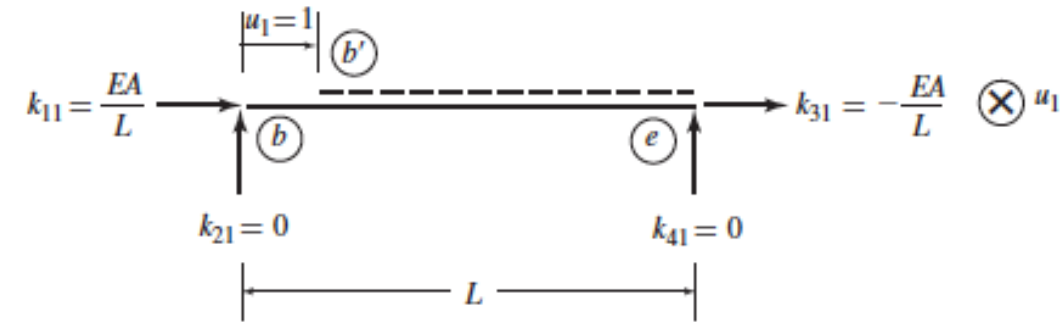
We will deal with prismatic members (constant axial rigidity,  $EA$ )



Member end displacements,  $u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4$

Member end forces,  $Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, Q_4$

# EPFL The truss element



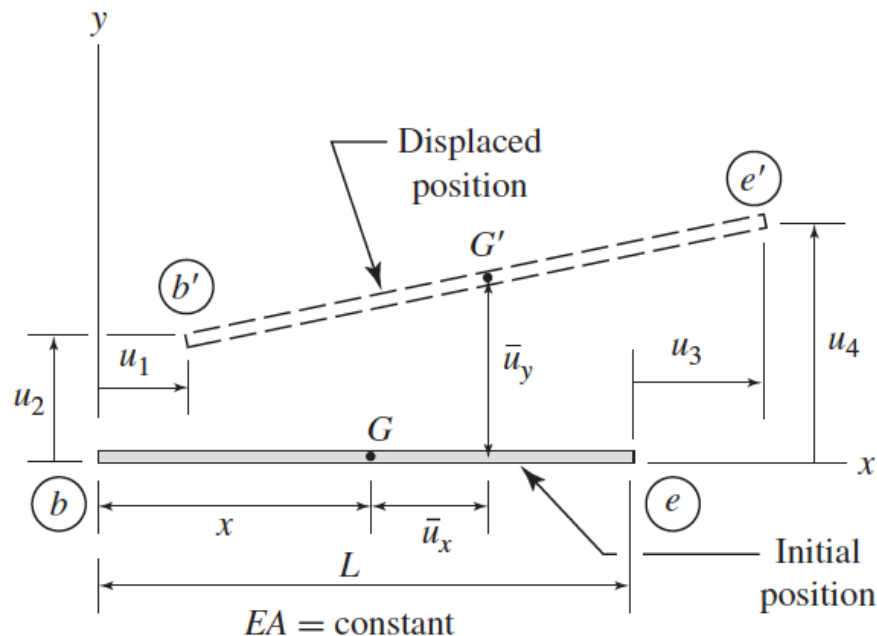
# EPFL Stiffness matrix of a plane truss element

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

$$\begin{Bmatrix} Q_1 \\ Q_2 \\ Q_3 \\ Q_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{EA}{L} & 0 & -\frac{EA}{L} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{EA}{L} & 0 & \frac{EA}{L} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{Bmatrix}$$

# EPFL Finite element formulation for deriving the stiffness matrix

In the finite element method, member stiffness relations are based on assumed variations of displacements within members, such displacement variations are referred to as the displacement interpolation functions,  $N_i$ .



$$\Delta = \sum_{i=1}^N N_i \Delta_i = [\mathbf{N}] \{\Delta\}$$

## EPFL Use of shape functions

- Shape functions are usually complete polynomials in which  $n$  is the degree of freedom of the polynomial.
- The polynomial used for a particular displacement function should be of such a degree that all of its coefficients can be evaluated by applying the available boundary conditions; that is,  $n = n_{bc} - 1$

$$\bar{u}_x = a_0 + a_1x$$

$$\text{At } x = 0, \bar{u}_x = u_1$$

$$a_0 = u_1$$

$$\text{At } x = L, \bar{u}_x = u_3$$

$$u_3 = u_1 + a_1L \rightarrow a_1 = \frac{u_3 - u_1}{L}$$

## EPFL Use of shape functions (2)

The following expression is obtained for a truss element in  $x$  direction,

$$\bar{u}_x = u_1 + \frac{u_3 - u_1}{L} x$$

or

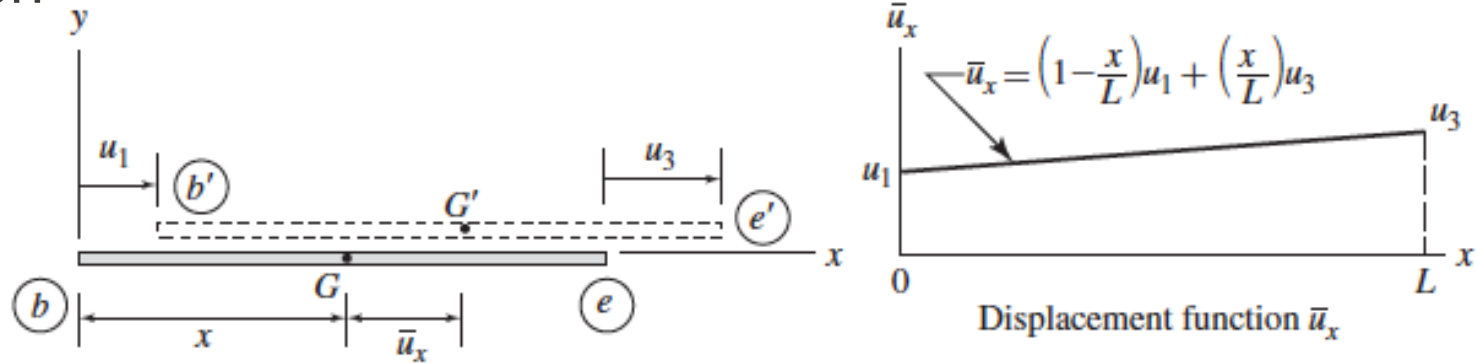
$$\bar{u}_x = \left(1 - \frac{x}{L}\right) u_1 + \left(\frac{x}{L}\right) u_3$$

Similarly, in the  $y$  direction,

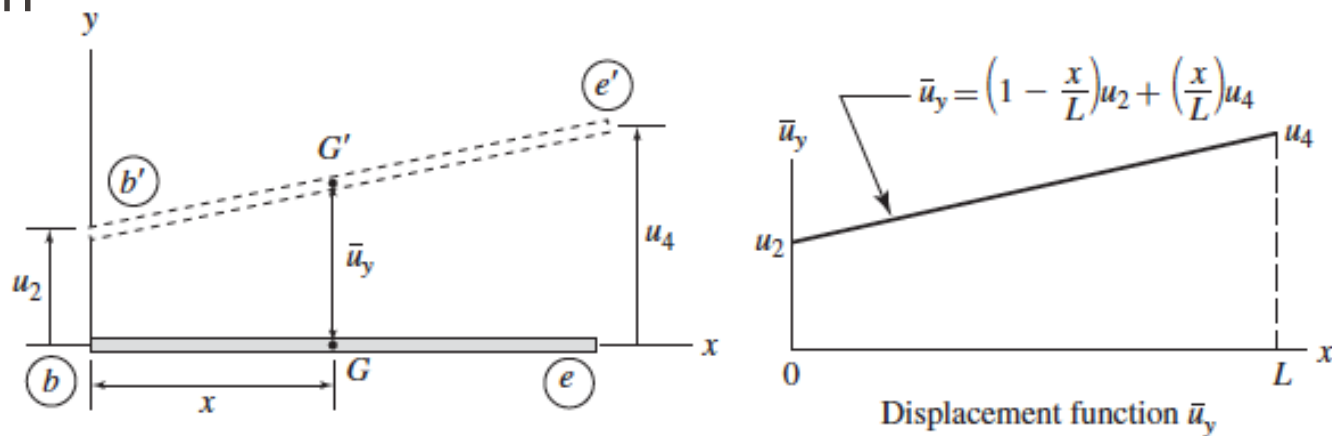
$$\bar{u}_y = \left(1 - \frac{x}{L}\right) u_2 + \left(\frac{x}{L}\right) u_4$$

# EPFL Finite element formulation

x-direction



y-direction



## EPFL Shape functions

The displacement functions can be expressed as follows:

$$\bar{u}_x = N_1 u_1 + N_3 u_3$$

$$\bar{u}_y = N_2 u_2 + N_4 u_4$$

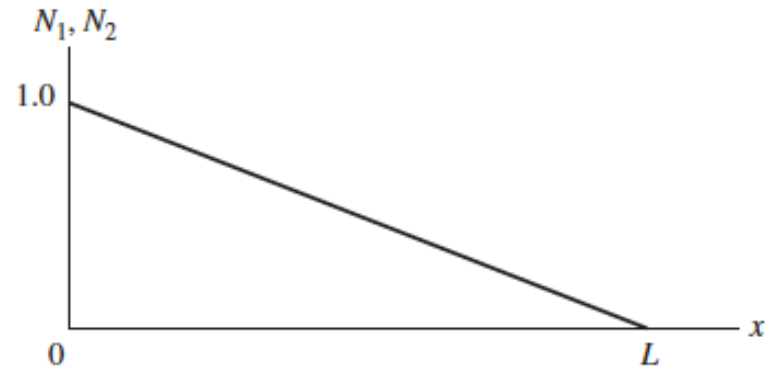
Shape functions

$$N_1 = N_2 = 1 - \frac{x}{L} \quad N_3 = N_4 = \frac{x}{L}$$

The displacement field in matrix form,

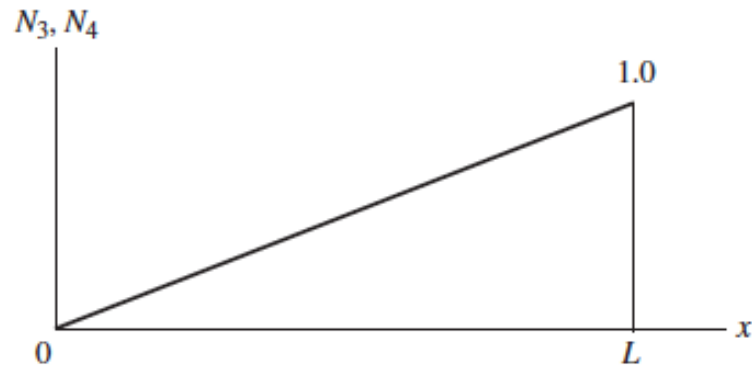
$$\begin{Bmatrix} \bar{u}_x \\ \bar{u}_y \end{Bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} N_1 & 0 & N_3 & 0 \\ 0 & N_2 & 0 & N_4 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{N}} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{Bmatrix}$$

# EPFL Properties of shape functions



(a) Shape Functions  $N_1$  ( $u_1 = 1, u_2 = u_3 = u_4 = 0$ )  
and  $N_2$  ( $u_2 = 1, u_1 = u_3 = u_4 = 0$ )

$$\sum_{i=1}^N N_i = 1$$



(b) Shape Functions  $N_3$  ( $u_3 = 1, u_1 = u_2 = u_4 = 0$ )  
and  $N_4$  ( $u_4 = 1, u_1 = u_2 = u_3 = 0$ )

## EPFL Computing strains from end displacements

Having established expressions for the displacement of any point on an element terms of the element node-point displacements we can employ these expressions in the principle of virtual displacements to produce element stiffness equations.

Plane trusses

$$e = \frac{d\bar{u}_x}{dx} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} d & 0 \\ dx & \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{D}} \begin{Bmatrix} \bar{u}_x \\ \bar{u}_y \end{Bmatrix}$$

**D** Differential operator matrix

## EPFL Computing strains from end displacements (2)

$$e = \mathbf{D} \begin{Bmatrix} \bar{u}_x \\ \bar{u}_y \end{Bmatrix} = \mathbf{D} \begin{bmatrix} N_1 & 0 & N_3 & 0 \\ 0 & N_2 & 0 & N_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \mathbf{DN} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{Bmatrix} = (\mathbf{DN}) \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{Bmatrix}$$

The matrix  $(\mathbf{DN})$  is called the member strain-displacement matrix

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{DN} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{d}{dx} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{d}{dx} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} N_1 & 0 & N_3 & 0 \\ 0 & N_2 & 0 & N_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dN_1}{dx} & 0 & \frac{dN_3}{dx} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{dN_2}{dx} & 0 & \frac{dN_4}{dx} \end{bmatrix}$$

## EPFL Computing strains from end displacements (3)

Recall,

$$N_1 = 1 - \frac{x}{L} \quad N_3 = \frac{x}{L}$$

Therefore,

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dN_1}{dx} & 0 & \frac{dN_3}{dx} & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{d}{dx} \left( 1 - \frac{x}{L} \right) & 0 & \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right) & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Finally,

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{L} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

## EPFL Recapping...

The strain along the element length is expressed in terms of end displacements,

$$e = \mathbf{B}\{\Delta\}$$

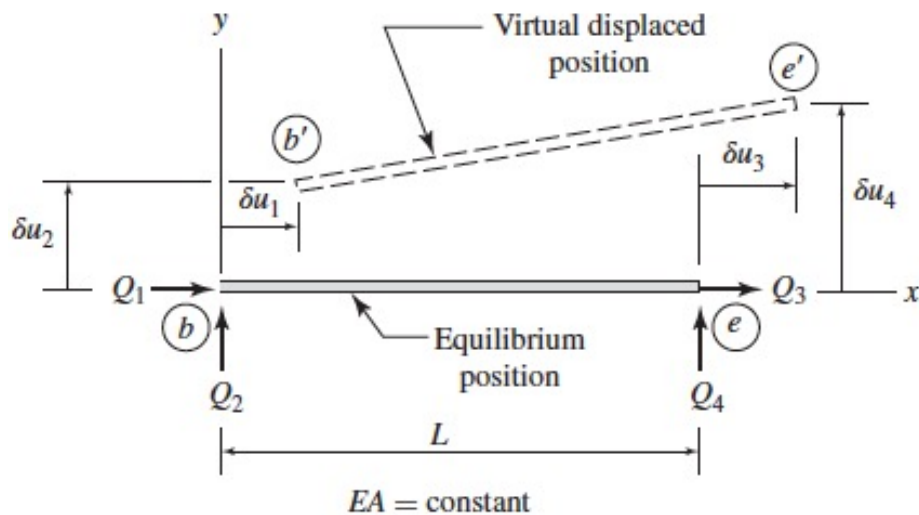
The stress,

$$\sigma = Ee = E\mathbf{B}\{\Delta\}$$

# EPFL Member stiffness matrix

## -Plane truss

We can establish the relationship between member end forces  $\mathbf{F}$  and end displacements, by applying the principle of virtual work for deformable bodies



$$\delta W_e = Q_1 \delta u_1 + Q_2 \delta u_2 + Q_3 \delta u_3 + Q_4 \delta u_4$$

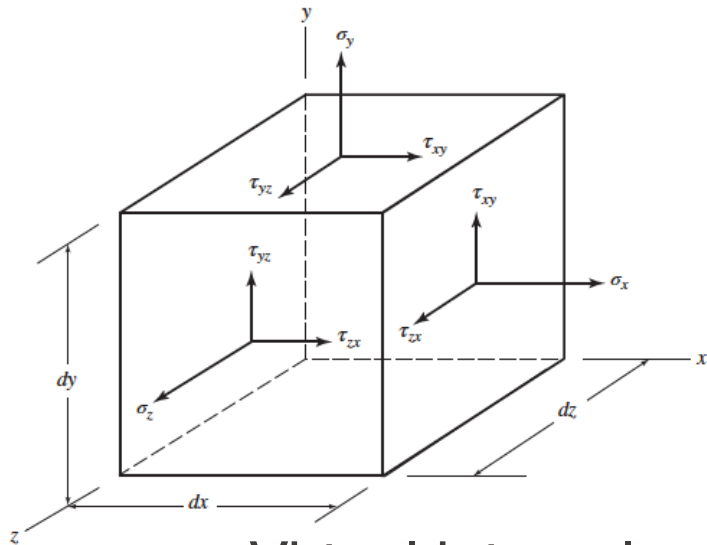
$$\delta W_e = [\delta u_1 \quad \delta u_2 \quad \delta u_3 \quad \delta u_4] \begin{Bmatrix} Q_1 \\ Q_2 \\ Q_3 \\ Q_4 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\delta W_e = \delta \Delta^T \mathbf{F}$$

# EPFL Member stiffness matrix (2)

## -Plane truss

From virtual work of deformable bodies,



From virtual work of deformable bodies,

$$\delta W_e = \delta W_i$$

Real force = stress x area =  $\sigma_x(dydz)$

Virtual displacement = strain x length =  $(\delta \epsilon_x)dx$

Virtual internal work = real force x virtual displacement

$$= \sigma_x(dydz)(\delta \epsilon_x)dx = (\delta \epsilon_x \sigma_x)dV$$

$$\delta W_e = \int_V \delta \epsilon^T \sigma dV$$

## EPFL Member stiffness matrix (3)

-Plane truss

Therefore, for the plane truss

$$\delta W_e = \delta \Delta^T \mathbf{F} = \int_V \delta \varepsilon^T \sigma dV$$

$$\delta W_e = \delta \Delta^T \mathbf{F} = \int_V (\mathbf{B} \delta \Delta)^T E \mathbf{B} dV \Delta \quad (\mathbf{B} \delta \Delta)^T = (\delta \Delta)^T \mathbf{B}^T$$

$$\delta \Delta^T \mathbf{F} = (\delta \Delta)^T \int_V \mathbf{B}^T E \mathbf{B} dV \Delta \quad \rightarrow \quad \delta \Delta^T \mathbf{F} - (\delta \Delta)^T \int_V \mathbf{B}^T E \mathbf{B} dV \Delta = 0$$

## Member stiffness matrix (4)

-Plane truss

$$\delta \Delta^T \left( \mathbf{F} - \int_V \mathbf{B}^T E \mathbf{B} dV \Delta \right) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{F} - \int_V \mathbf{B}^T E \mathbf{B} dV \Delta = \mathbf{0} \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathbf{F} = \left[ \int_V \mathbf{B}^T E \mathbf{B} dV \right] \Delta$$

Therefore, the element stiffness matrix is given as follows,

$$\mathbf{k} = \int_V \mathbf{B}^T E \mathbf{B} dV$$

# EPFL Member stiffness matrix (5)

-Plane truss

$$\mathbf{k} = \int_V \mathbf{B}^T E \mathbf{B} dV$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{L} [-1 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 0]$$

$$\mathbf{k} = \frac{E}{L^2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} [-1 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 0] \int_V dV$$

$$\mathbf{k} = \frac{E}{L^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \int_V dV$$

$$\mathbf{k} = \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

For a truss element,  $\int_V dV = V = AL$

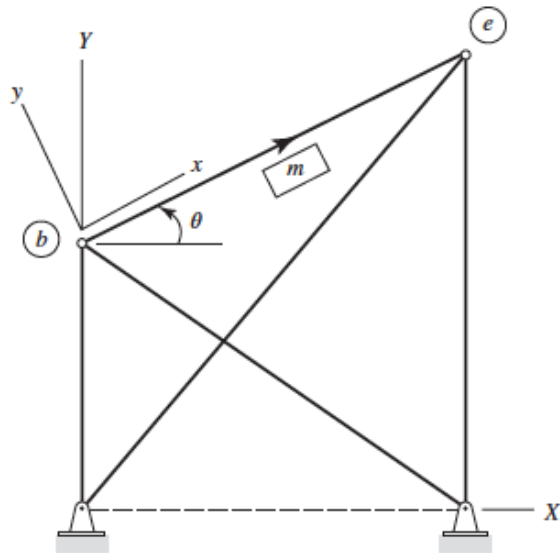
# EPFL Member stiffness matrix (6)

## -Plane truss

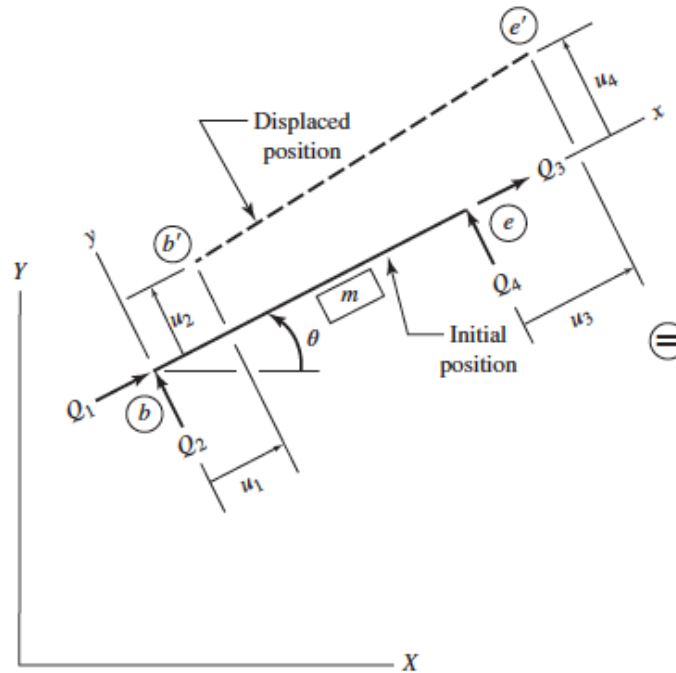
Note that the stiffness matrix is symmetric

$$\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{k}^T$$

# EPFL Coordinate transformations



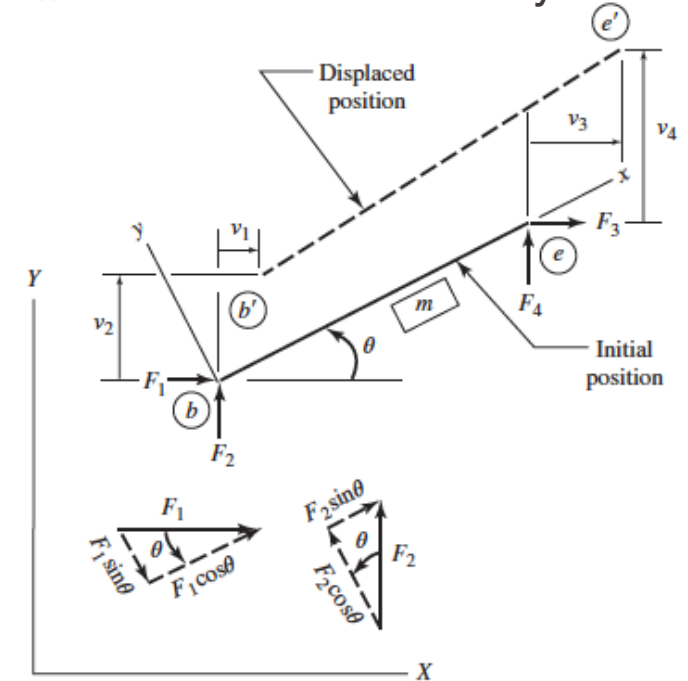
Local coordinate system



$$Q_1 = F_1 \cos\theta + F_2 \sin\theta$$

$$Q_2 = -F_1 \sin\theta + F_2 \cos\theta$$

Global coordinate system



$$Q_3 = F_3 \cos\theta + F_4 \sin\theta$$

$$Q_4 = -F_3 \sin\theta + F_4 \cos\theta$$

## EPFL Coordinate transformations (2)

Force transformation

$$\begin{Bmatrix} Q_1 \\ Q_2 \\ Q_3 \\ Q_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ 0 & 0 & -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ F_3 \\ F_4 \end{Bmatrix}$$

**T** Transformation matrix

$$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{T} \mathbf{F}$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{x_e - x_b}{L} = \frac{x_e - x_b}{\sqrt{(x_e - x_b)^2 + (y_e - y_b)^2}}$$

$$\sin\theta = \frac{y_e - y_b}{L} = \frac{y_e - y_b}{\sqrt{(x_e - x_b)^2 + (y_e - y_b)^2}}$$

## EPFL Coordinate transformations (3)

End displacement transformation

$$\begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ 0 & 0 & -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{Bmatrix}$$

**T** Transformation matrix

$$\Delta = \mathbf{T} \mathbf{v}$$

# EPFL Transformation from local to global coordinate systems

The transformation matrix  $\mathbf{T}$  is an orthogonal matrix; thus,

$$\mathbf{T}^{-1} = \mathbf{T}^T$$

Forces from local to global coordinate system:

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{T}^{-1} \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{Q}$$

Displacements from local to global coordinate system:

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{T}^T \Delta$$

## EPFL Member stiffness relations in the global coordinate system

Forces from local to global coordinate system:

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{k} \Delta$$

 Local stiffness matrix

$$\Delta = (\mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{k})^{-1} \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{k}^{-1} (\mathbf{T}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{k}^{-1} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{F}$$

Displacements from local to global coordinate system:

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{T}^T \Delta = \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{k}^{-1} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{F} = (\mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{k}^{-1} \mathbf{T}) \mathbf{F}$$

Member flexibility matrix in the global coordinate system

$$\mathbf{K}^{-1} = (\mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{k}^{-1} \mathbf{T})$$

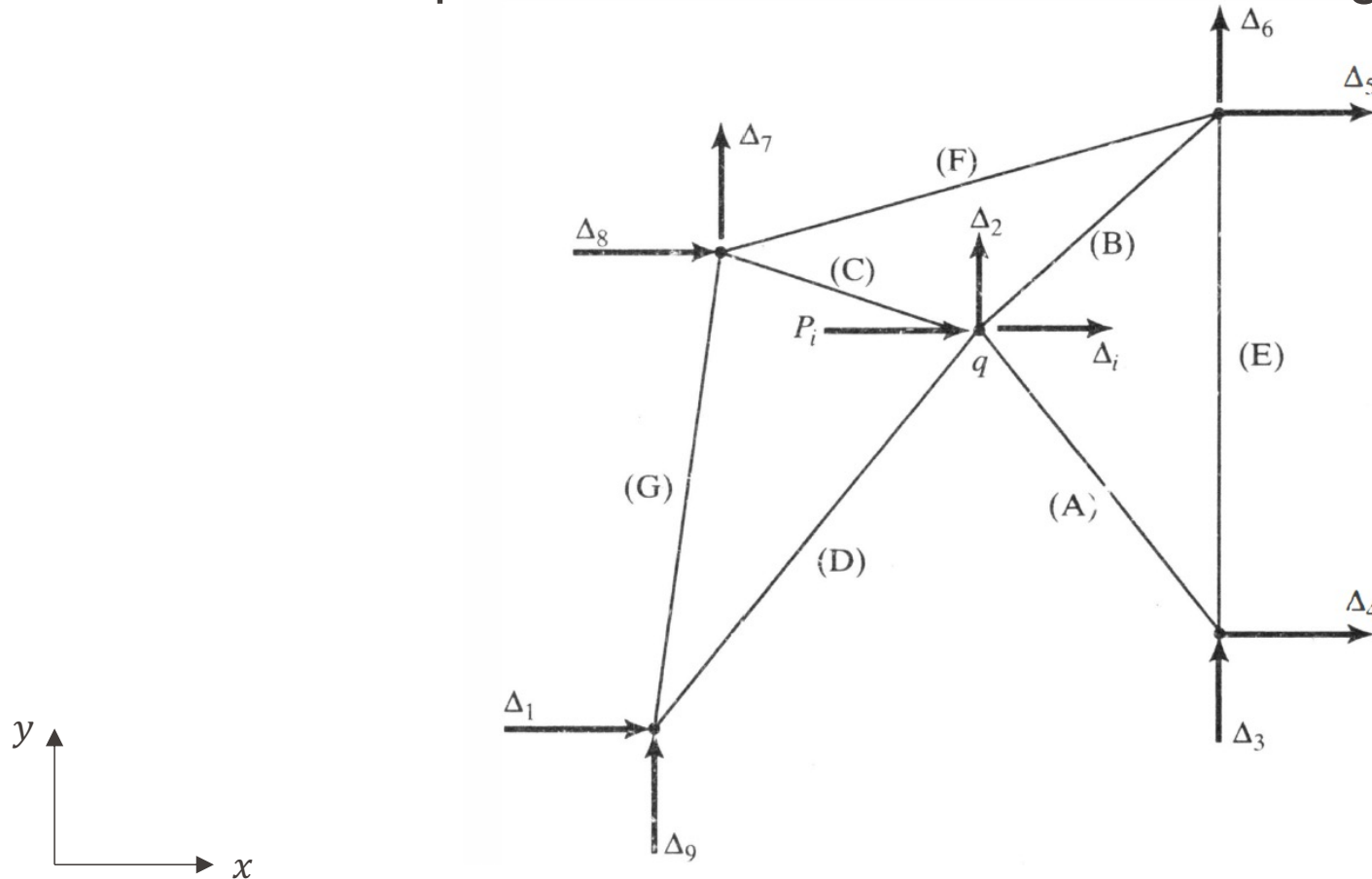
## EPFL Member stiffness relations in the global coordinate system

For a planar truss element

$$\mathbf{K} = (\mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{k} \mathbf{T}) = \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \phi & \sin \phi \cos \phi & -\cos^2 \phi & -\sin \phi \cos \phi \\ \sin \phi \cos \phi & \sin^2 \phi & -\sin \phi \cos \phi & -\sin^2 \phi \\ -\cos^2 \phi & -\sin \phi \cos \phi & \cos^2 \phi & \sin \phi \cos \phi \\ -\sin \phi \cos \phi & -\sin^2 \phi & \sin \phi \cos \phi & \sin^2 \phi \end{bmatrix}$$

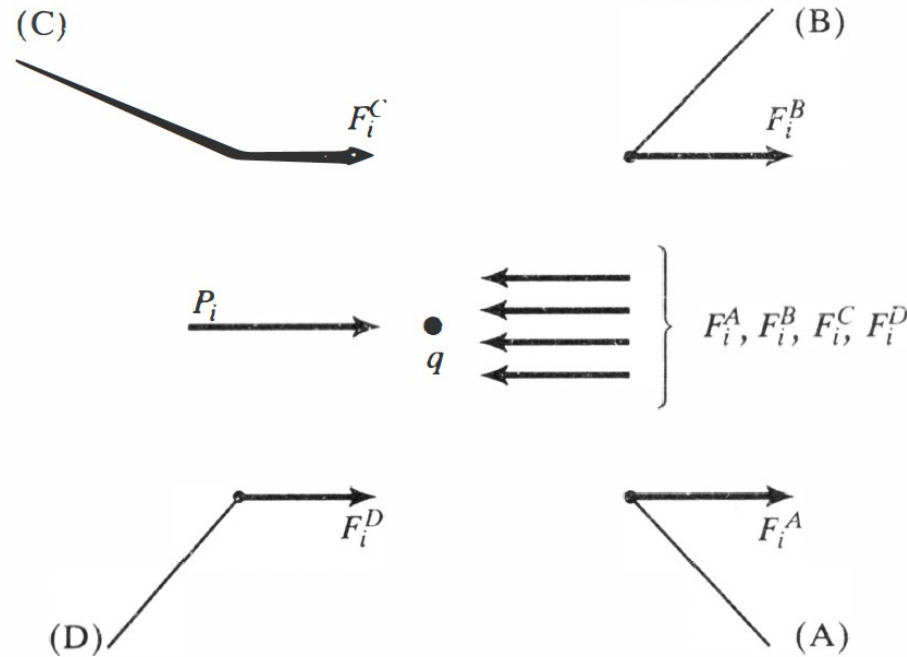
# EPFL The direct stiffness method

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

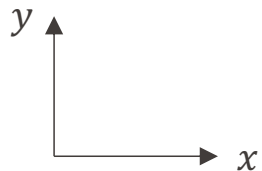


# EPFL The direct stiffness method (2)

At junction  $q$



Global  $x$ -direction  
internal force on bars



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

## 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,

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

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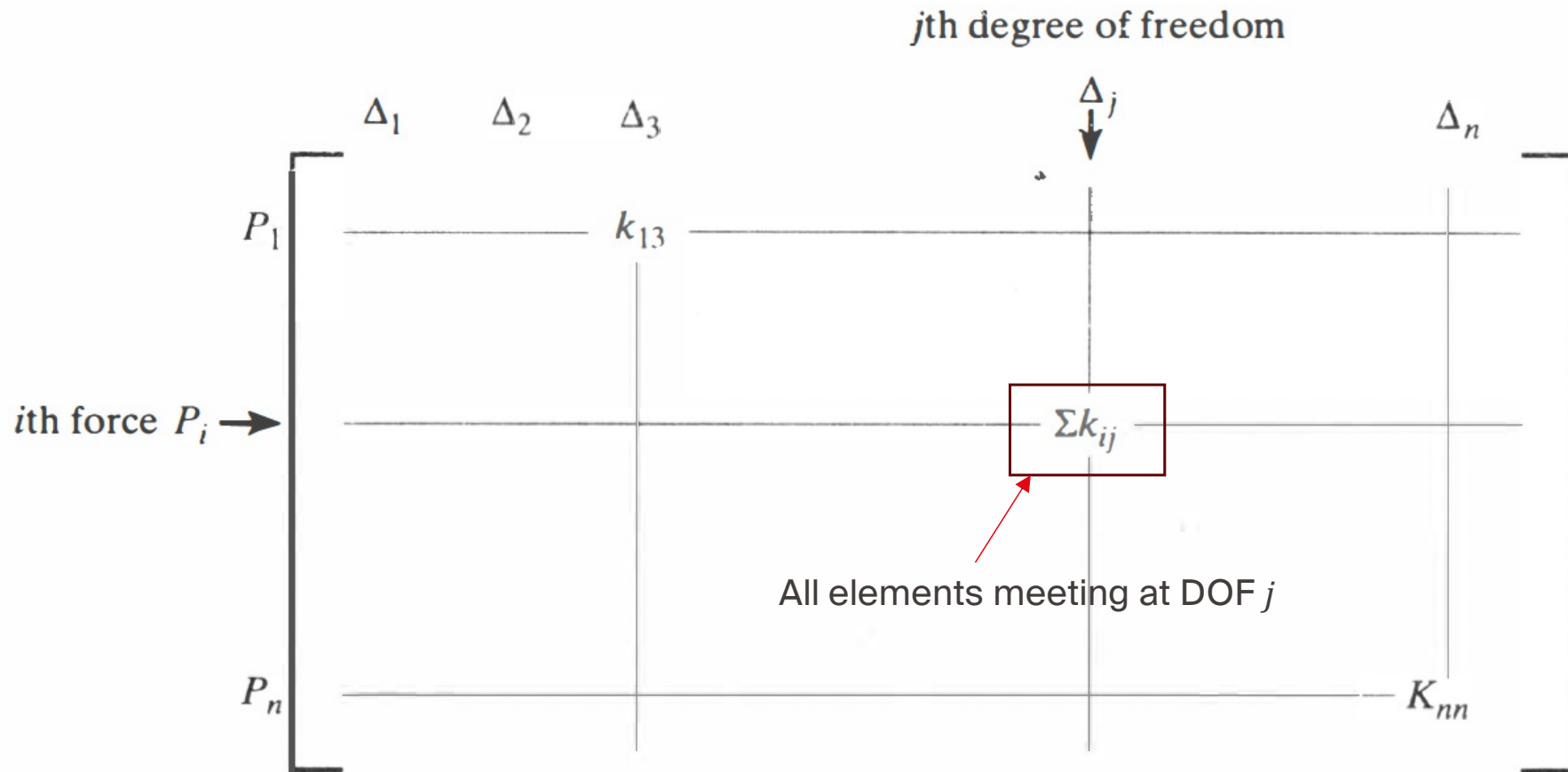
$$P_i = K_{ii}\Delta_i + K_{i1}\Delta_2 + K_{i3}\Delta_3 + \dots + K_{i9}\Delta_9$$

  
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,

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

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:

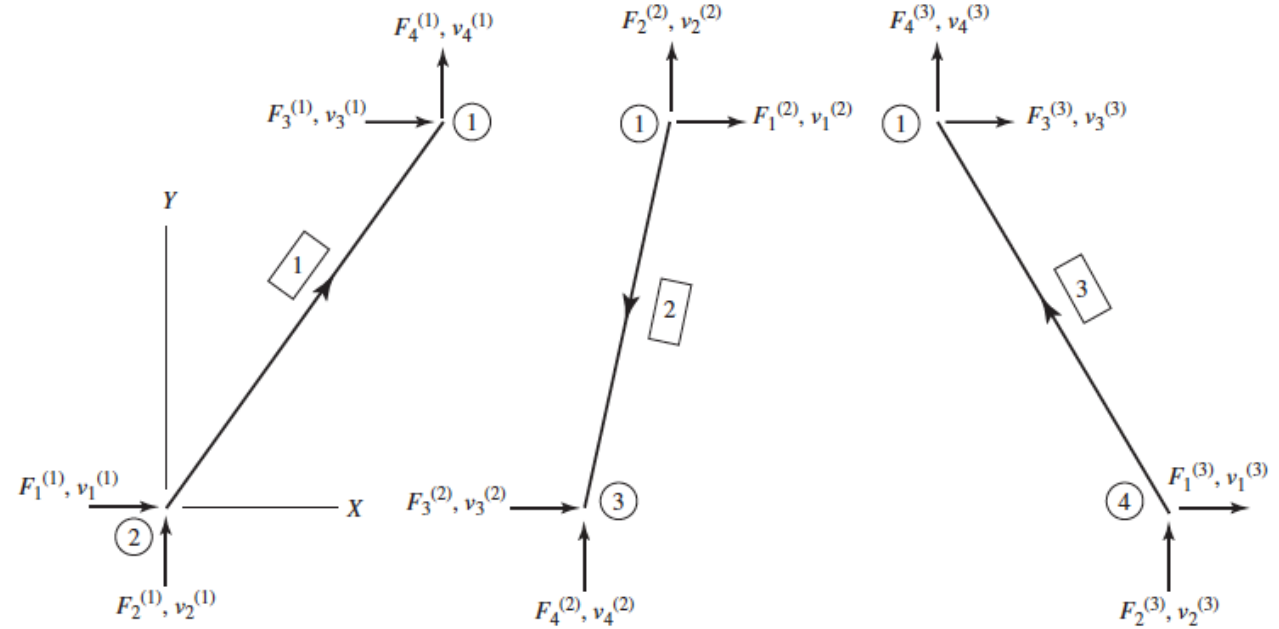
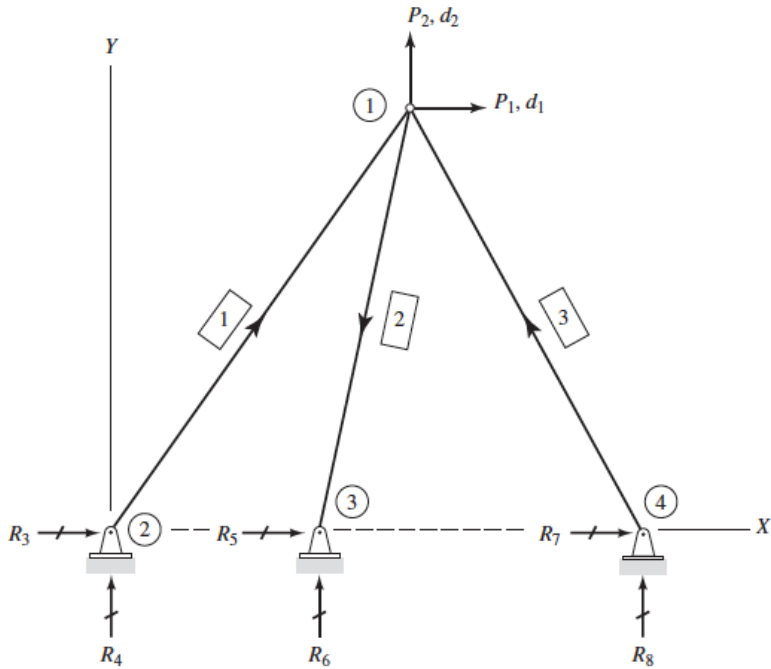
$$\{\Delta_c\} = [\hat{\mathbf{K}}_{cc}]^{-1} \{\hat{\mathbf{P}}_c\}$$

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.

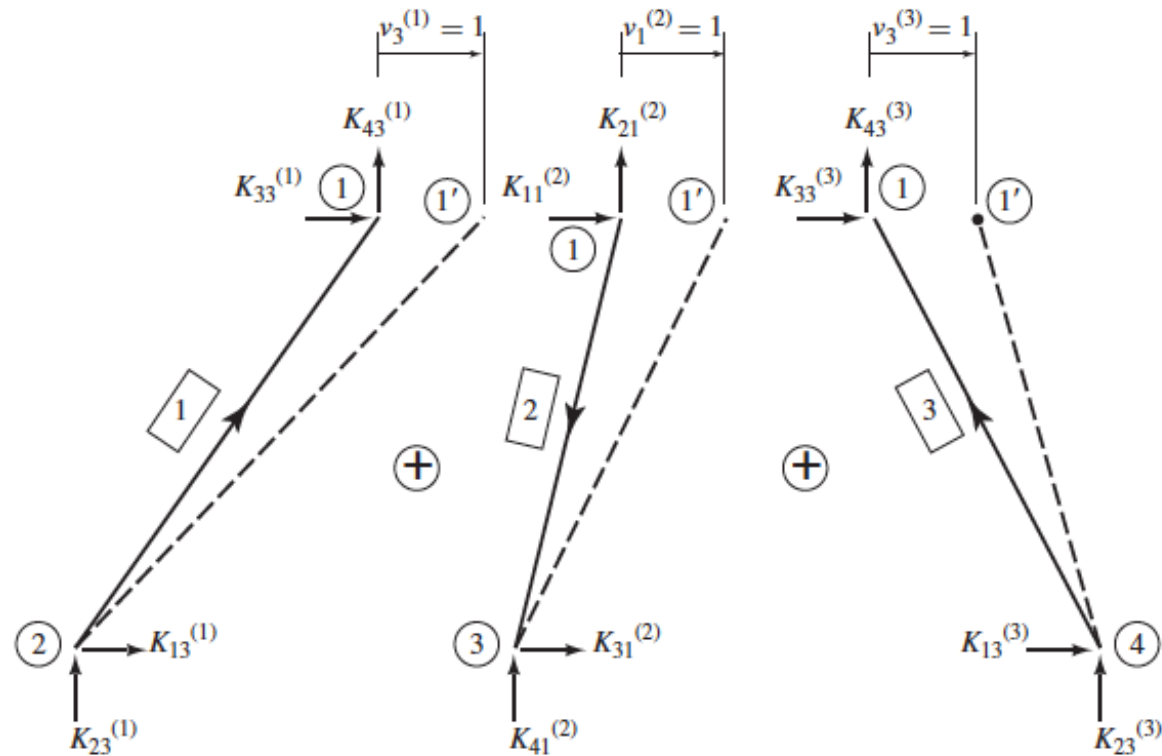
# Physical interpretation of global stiffness matrix



$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{Sd} \quad (\text{After static condensation})$$

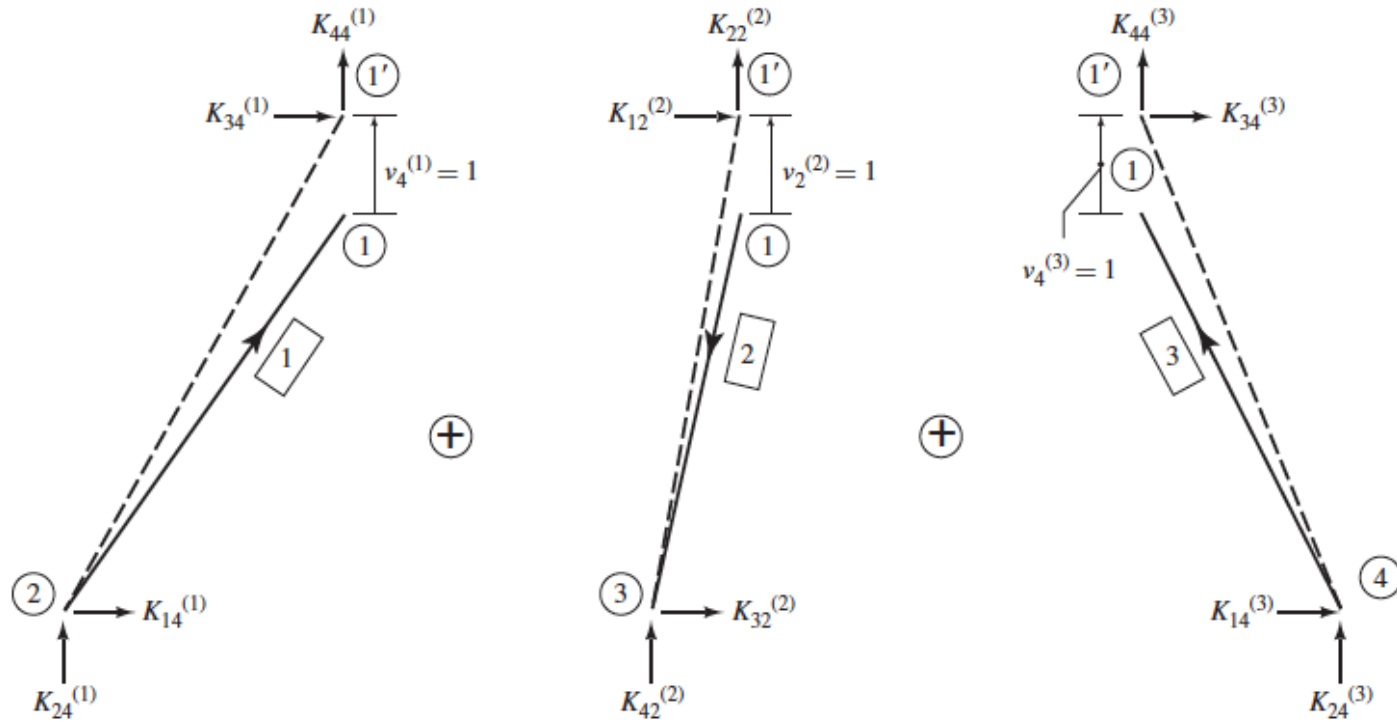
$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Physical interpretation of global stiffness matrix (2)



$$S_{11} = K_{33}^{(1)} + K_{11}^{(2)} + K_{33}^{(3)}$$

# Physical interpretation of global stiffness matrix (3)



$$S_{12} = K_{34}^{(1)} + K_{12}^{(2)} + K_{34}^{(3)}$$

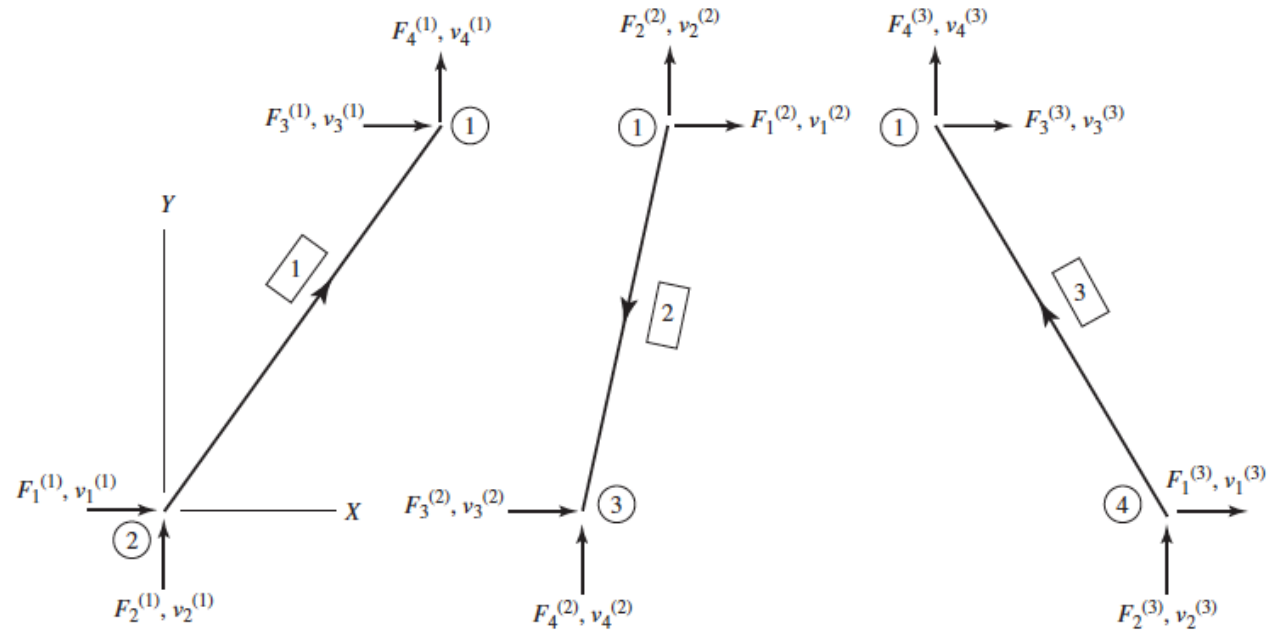
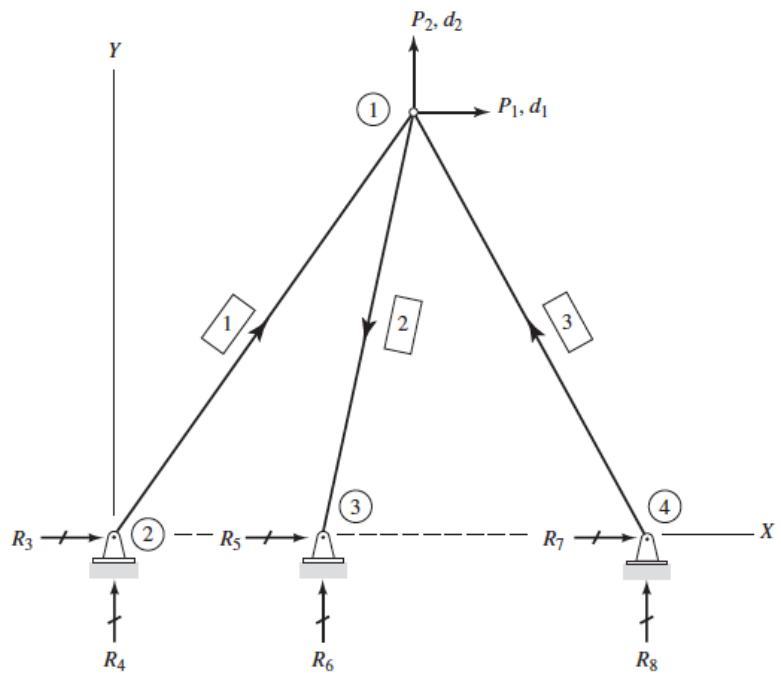
## Assembly of the structure stiffness matrix

-Code number technique

- The structure stiffness coefficient of a joint in a direction equals the algebraic sum of the member stiffness coefficients, in that direction, at all the member ends connected to the joint.
- The structure stiffness matrix can be formulated directly by adding the elements of the member stiffness matrices into their proper positions in the structure matrix.

# Assembly of the structure stiffness matrix

## -Code number technique



# Assembly of the structure stiffness matrix (2)

-Code number technique

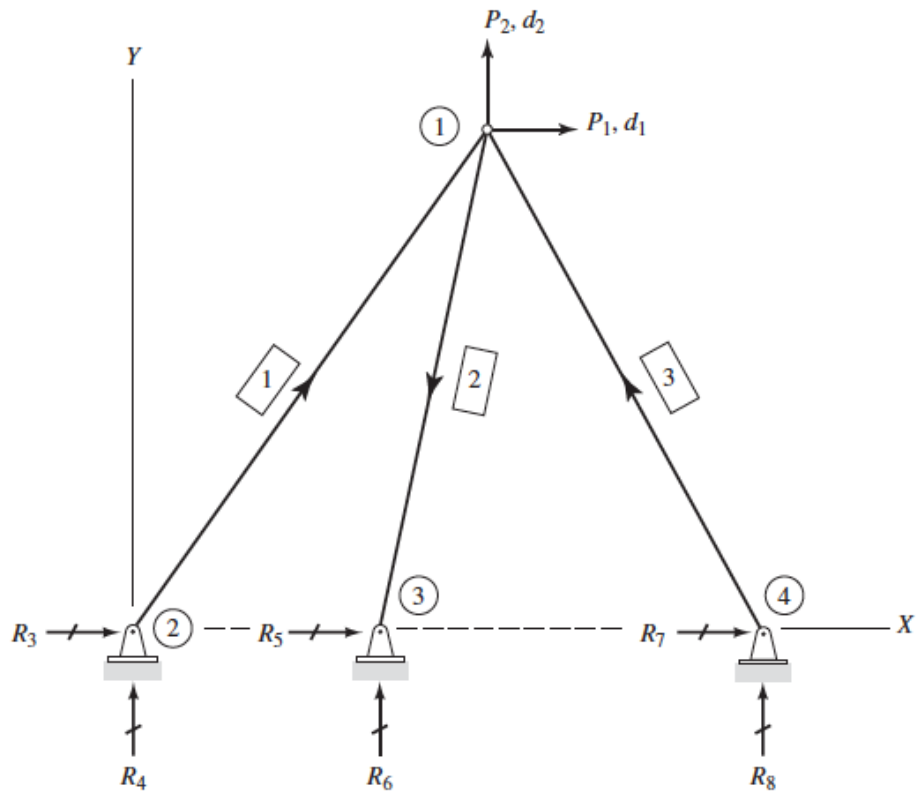
$$\mathbf{K}_1 = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} K_{11}^{(1)} & K_{12}^{(1)} & K_{13}^{(1)} & K_{14}^{(1)} \\ K_{21}^{(1)} & K_{22}^{(1)} & K_{23}^{(1)} & K_{24}^{(1)} \\ K_{31}^{(1)} & K_{32}^{(1)} & K_{33}^{(1)} & K_{34}^{(1)} \\ K_{41}^{(1)} & K_{42}^{(1)} & K_{43}^{(1)} & K_{44}^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\mathbf{K}_2 = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 5 & 6 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} K_{11}^{(2)} & K_{12}^{(2)} & K_{13}^{(2)} & K_{14}^{(2)} \\ K_{21}^{(2)} & K_{22}^{(2)} & K_{23}^{(2)} & K_{24}^{(2)} \\ K_{31}^{(2)} & K_{32}^{(2)} & K_{33}^{(2)} & K_{34}^{(2)} \\ K_{41}^{(2)} & K_{42}^{(2)} & K_{43}^{(2)} & K_{44}^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\mathbf{K}_3 = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 7 & 8 & 1 & 2 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 7 \\ 8 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} K_{11}^{(3)} & K_{12}^{(3)} & K_{13}^{(3)} & K_{14}^{(3)} \\ K_{21}^{(3)} & K_{22}^{(3)} & K_{23}^{(3)} & K_{24}^{(3)} \\ K_{31}^{(3)} & K_{32}^{(3)} & K_{33}^{(3)} & K_{34}^{(3)} \\ K_{41}^{(3)} & K_{42}^{(3)} & K_{43}^{(3)} & K_{44}^{(3)} \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} K_{33}^{(1)} + K_{11}^{(2)} + K_{33}^{(3)} & K_{34}^{(1)} + K_{12}^{(2)} + K_{34}^{(3)} \\ K_{43}^{(1)} + K_{21}^{(2)} + K_{43}^{(3)} & K_{44}^{(1)} + K_{22}^{(2)} + K_{44}^{(3)} \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

# Assembly of support reaction vector -Code number technique



$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} R_3 \\ R_4 \\ R_5 \\ R_6 \\ R_7 \\ R_8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_1^{(1)} \\ F_2^{(1)} \\ F_3^{(2)} \\ F_4^{(2)} \\ F_1^{(3)} \\ F_2^{(3)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \end{matrix}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} F_1^{(1)} \\ F_2^{(1)} \\ F_3^{(1)} \\ F_4^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix}$$

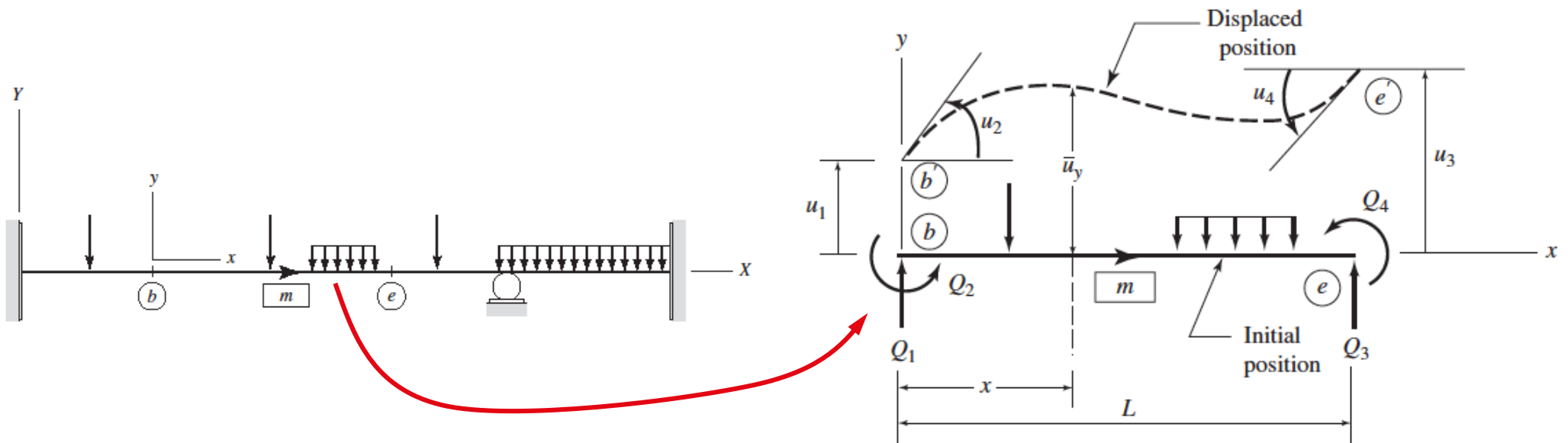
$$\mathbf{F}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} F_1^{(2)} \\ F_2^{(2)} \\ F_3^{(2)} \\ F_4^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{matrix}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} F_1^{(3)} \\ F_2^{(3)} \\ F_3^{(3)} \\ F_4^{(3)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 7 \\ 8 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix}$$

Dashed arrows indicate the mapping of local force vectors  $F_i^{(j)}$  to their corresponding global reaction indices in the global vector  $\mathbf{R}$ .

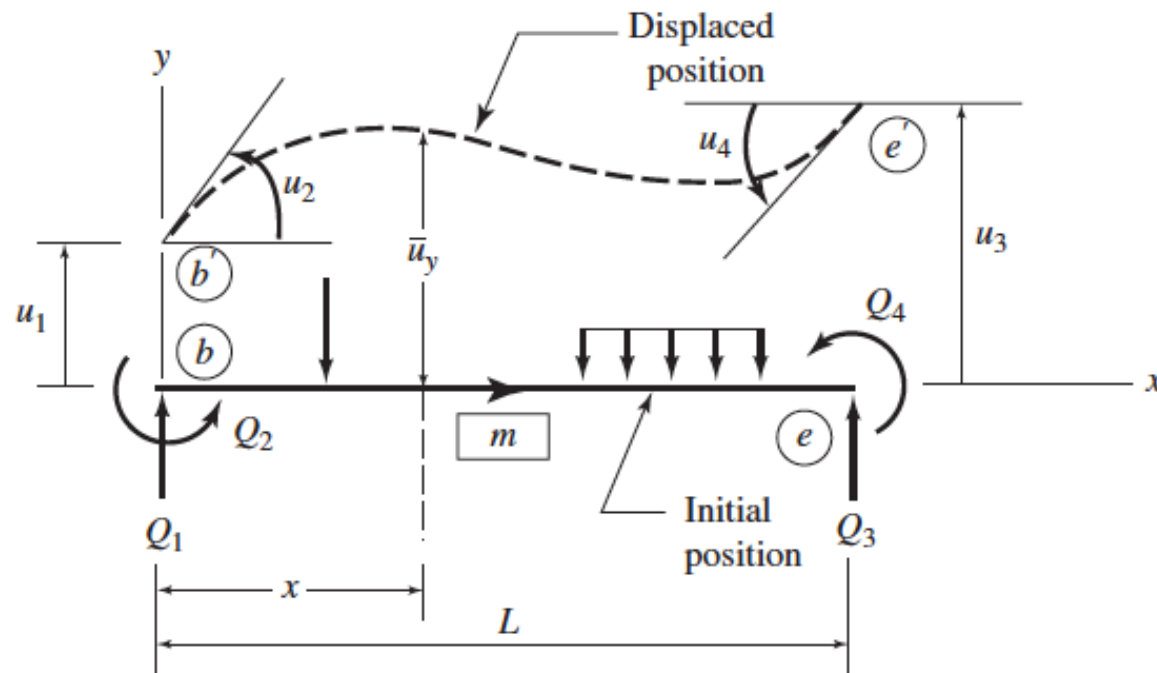
# EPFL Elastic beam-column elements

We will deal with prismatic members (constant axial and flexural rigidities,  $EA$ ,  $EI$ , respectively)



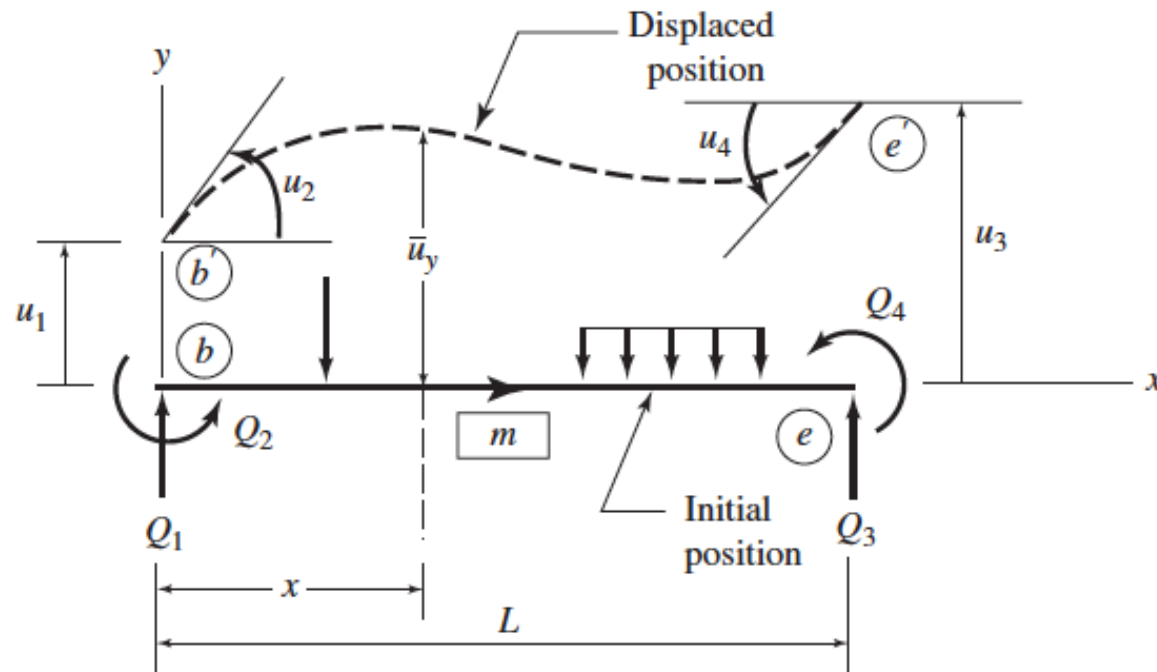
## EPFL Elastic beam-column elements

When a beam is subjected to external loads, internal moments and shears generally develop at the ends of its individual members.



## EPFL Elastic beam-column elements (2)

Two displacements (y-direction) and rotation (about the z-axis) are necessary to specify the displaced position of each end of the member.

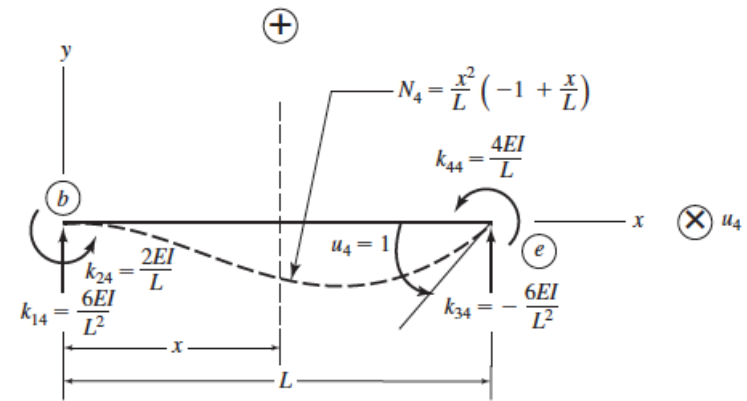
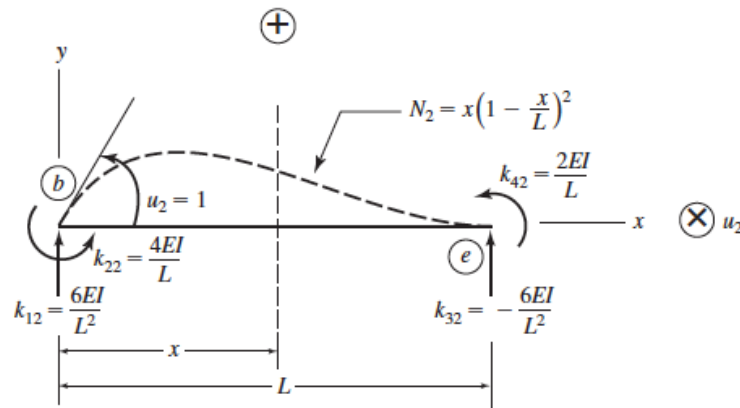
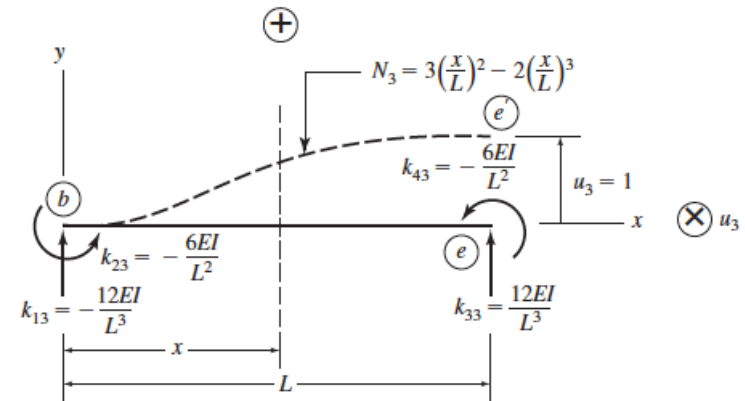
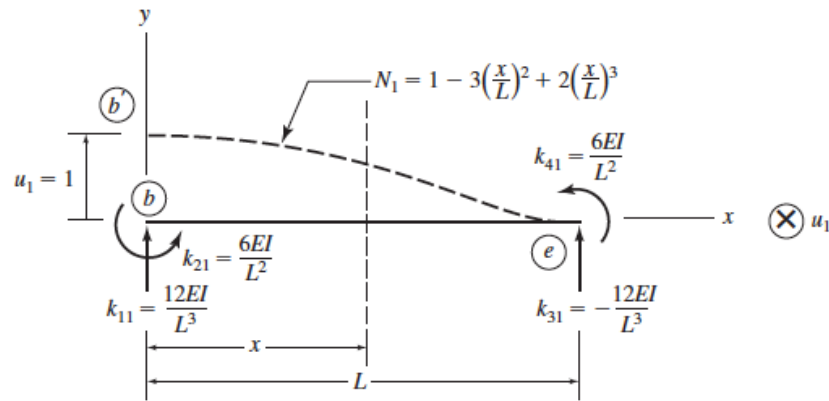


## EPFL Elastic beam-column elements (3)

It is convenient to establish the member end forces and displacements as the algebraic sum of the end forces required to cause the individual end displacements and the forces caused by the external loads acting on the member with no end displacements (fixed-end).

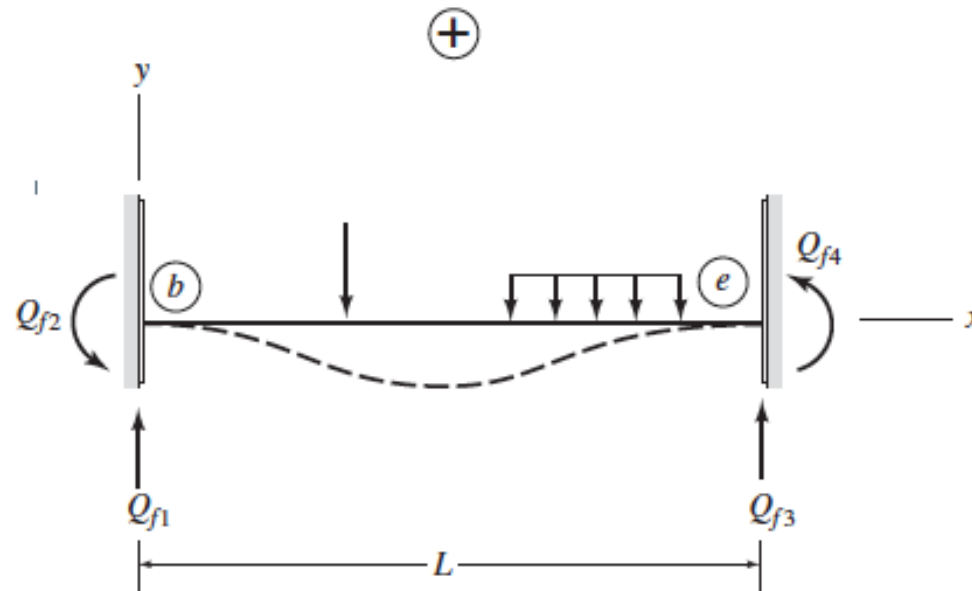
$$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{k}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{Q}_f$$

# Elastic beam-column elements (4)

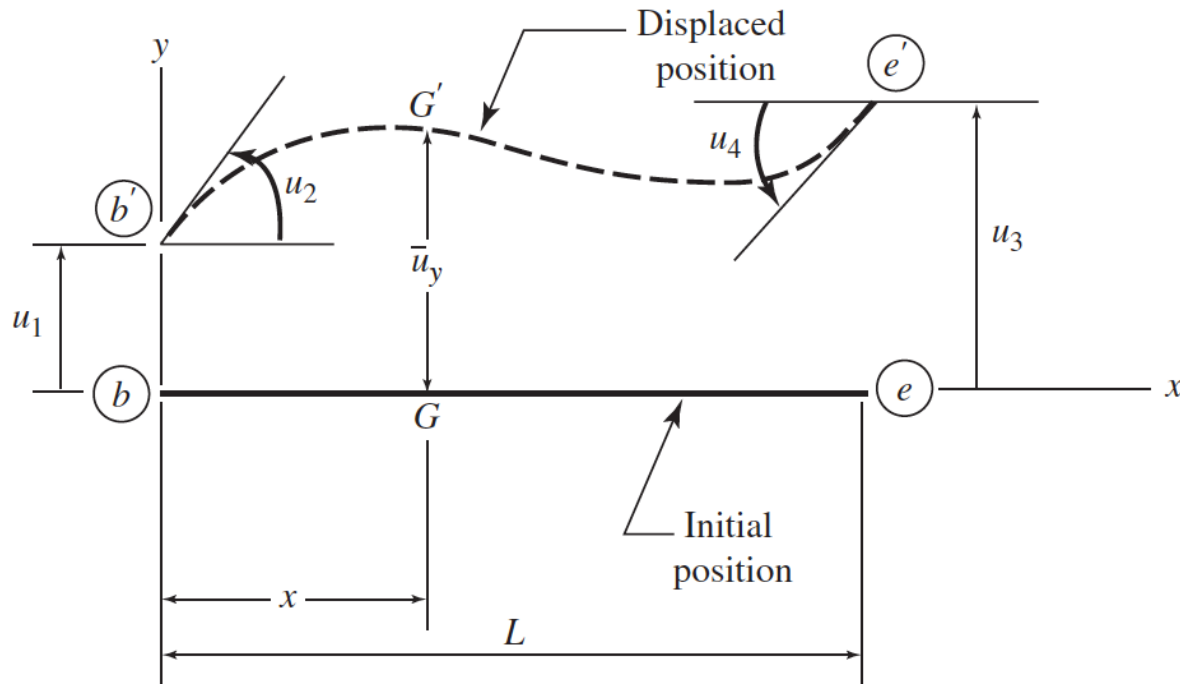


# EPFL Elastic beam-column elements (5)

-Fixed end forces due to loads



**EPFL** Member forces and displacements  
 -Local coordinate system



End *b*

$$x = 0, \quad \bar{u}_y = u_1$$

$$x = 0, \quad \theta = u_2$$

End *e*

$$x = L, \quad \bar{u}_y = u_3$$

$$x = L, \quad \theta = u_4$$

Recall that, the slope at any point,  $\theta = \frac{d\bar{u}_y(x)}{dx}$

## EPFL Member forces and displacements

-Local coordinate system

With four boundary conditions we can use a cubic interpolation function for the displacement function  $\bar{u}_y$  to approximate the displacements within the member as a function of the end displacements,

$$\bar{u}_y = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$$

The slope of the member at any position,  $x$  within the member,

$$\theta(x) = \frac{d\bar{u}_y(x)}{dx} = a_1 + 2a_2x + 3a_3x^2$$

## EPFL Member forces and displacements

-Local coordinate system

At  $x = 0$ ,

$$\bar{u}_y(0) = a_0 = u_1$$

$$\theta(0) = a_1 = u_2$$

At  $x = L$ ,

$$\bar{u}_y(L) = a_0 + a_1L + a_2L^2 + a_3L^3 = u_3$$

$$\theta(L) = a_1 + 2a_2L + 3a_3L^2 = u_4$$

$$a_0 = u_1$$

$$a_1 = u_2$$

$$a_2 = \frac{1}{L^2} (-3u_1 - 2u_2L + 3u_3 - u_4L)$$

$$a_3 = \frac{1}{L^3} (2u_1 + u_2L - 2u_3 + u_4L)$$

## EPFL Member forces and displacements

-Local coordinate system

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{u}_y(x) = & \left[ 1 - 3 \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^2 + 2 \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^3 \right] u_1 + \left[ x \left( 1 - \frac{x}{L} \right)^2 \right] u_2 \\ & + \left[ 3 \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^2 - 2 \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^3 \right] u_3 + \left[ \frac{x^2}{L} \left( -1 + \frac{x}{L} \right) \right] u_4\end{aligned}$$

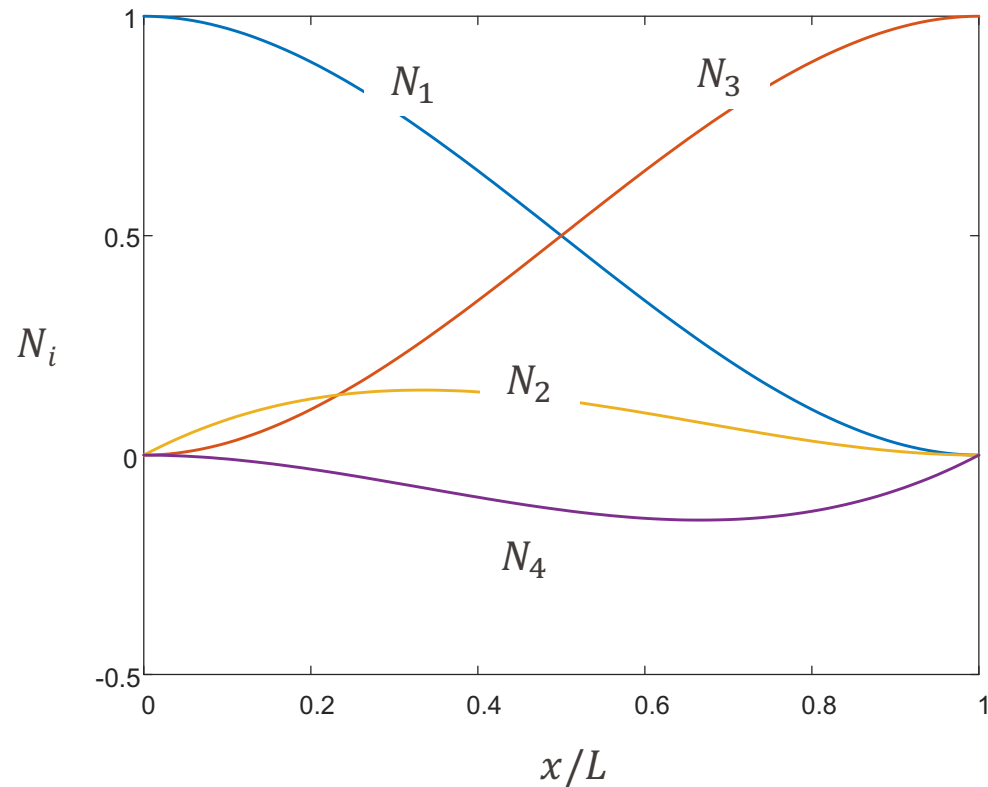
# EPFL Shape functions

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

$$N_2 = \left[ x \left(1 - \frac{x}{L}\right)^2 \right]$$

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

$$N_4 = \left[ \frac{x^2}{L} \left(-1 + \frac{x}{L}\right) \right]$$



## EPFL Displacement field in a matrix form

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{u}_y(x) = & \left[ 1 - 3 \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^2 + 2 \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^3 \right] u_1 + \left[ x \left( 1 - \frac{x}{L} \right)^2 \right] u_2 \\ & + \left[ 3 \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^2 - 2 \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^3 \right] u_3 + \left[ \frac{x^2}{L} \left( -1 + \frac{x}{L} \right) \right] u_4\end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{u}_y(x) = \underbrace{[N_1 \quad N_2 \quad N_3 \quad N_4]}_{\mathbf{N}} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{u}_y(x) = \mathbf{N}\Delta$$

## EPFL Strain-displacement relationship

Recall from structural mechanics,

The normal (longitudinal) strain in a fiber of a member located at a distance  $y$  above the neutral axis can be expressed as follows,

$$\varepsilon(x) = -y \frac{d^2 \bar{u}_y}{dx^2} = -y \frac{d^2}{dx^2} (\mathbf{N}\Delta) = \left( -y \frac{d^2 \mathbf{N}}{dx^2} \right) \Delta = \mathbf{B}\Delta$$

Member strain-displacement matrix,  $\mathbf{B}$

$$\mathbf{B} = -y \begin{bmatrix} \frac{d^2 N_1}{dx^2} & \frac{d^2 N_2}{dx^2} & \frac{d^2 N_3}{dx^2} & \frac{d^2 N_4}{dx^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

## EPFL Strain-displacement relationship (2)

For a typical beam-column element

$$\mathbf{B} = -\frac{y}{L^2} \left[ 6 \left( -1 + 2 \frac{x}{L} \right) \quad 2L \left( -2 + 3 \frac{x}{L} \right) \quad 6 \left( 1 - 2 \frac{x}{L} \right) \quad 2L \left( -1 + 3 \frac{x}{L} \right) \right]$$

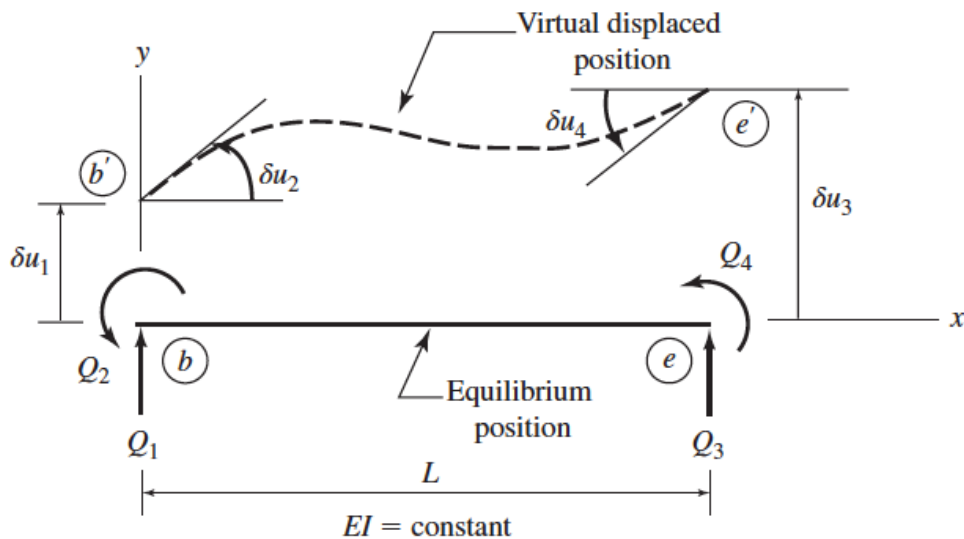
## EPFL Stress-displacement relationship

The stress-strain relation is as follows,

$$\sigma = E\varepsilon = E\mathbf{B}\Delta$$

# EPFL Member stiffness matrix

We can establish the relationship between member end forces  $\mathbf{F}$  and end displacements, by applying the principle of virtual work for deformable bodies



$$\delta W_e = Q_1 \delta u_1 + Q_2 \delta u_2 + Q_3 \delta u_3 + Q_4 \delta u_4$$

$$\delta W_e = [\delta u_1 \quad \delta u_2 \quad \delta u_3 \quad \delta u_4] \begin{Bmatrix} Q_1 \\ Q_2 \\ Q_3 \\ Q_4 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\delta W_e = \delta \Delta^T \mathbf{F}$$

## EPFL Member stiffness matrix (2)

for the planar beam-column element

$$\delta W_e = \delta \Delta^T \mathbf{F} = \int_V \delta \varepsilon^T \sigma dV$$

$$\delta W_e = \delta \Delta^T \mathbf{F} = \int_V (\mathbf{B} \delta \Delta)^T E \mathbf{B} dV \Delta \quad (\mathbf{B} \delta \Delta)^T = (\delta \Delta)^T \mathbf{B}^T$$

$$\delta \Delta^T \mathbf{F} = (\delta \Delta)^T \int_V \mathbf{B}^T E \mathbf{B} dV \Delta \quad \rightarrow \delta \Delta^T \mathbf{F} - (\delta \Delta)^T \int_V \mathbf{B}^T E \mathbf{B} dV \Delta = 0$$

## EPFL Member stiffness matrix (3)

$$\delta \Delta^T \left( \mathbf{F} - \int_V \mathbf{B}^T E \mathbf{B} dV \Delta \right) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{F} - \int_V \mathbf{B}^T E \mathbf{B} dV \Delta = \mathbf{0} \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathbf{F} = \left[ \int_V \mathbf{B}^T E \mathbf{B} dV \right] \Delta$$

Therefore, the element stiffness matrix is given as follows,

$$\mathbf{k} = \int_V \mathbf{B}^T E \mathbf{B} dV$$

## EPFL Member stiffness matrix (4)

$$\mathbf{k} = \int_V \mathbf{B}^T E \mathbf{B} dV$$

$$[\mathbf{k}] = \frac{E}{L^4} \int_V y^2 \begin{Bmatrix} 6 \left( -1 + \frac{2x}{L} \right) \\ 2L \left( -2 + \frac{3x}{L} \right) \\ 6 \left( 1 - \frac{2x}{L} \right) \\ 2L \left( -1 + \frac{3x}{L} \right) \end{Bmatrix} \left[ 6 \left( -1 + \frac{2x}{L} \right) \quad 2L \left( -2 + \frac{3x}{L} \right) \quad 6 \left( 1 - \frac{2x}{L} \right) \quad 2L \left( -1 + \frac{3x}{L} \right) \right] dV$$

$$dV = (dA)dx \quad \int_A y^2 dA = I$$

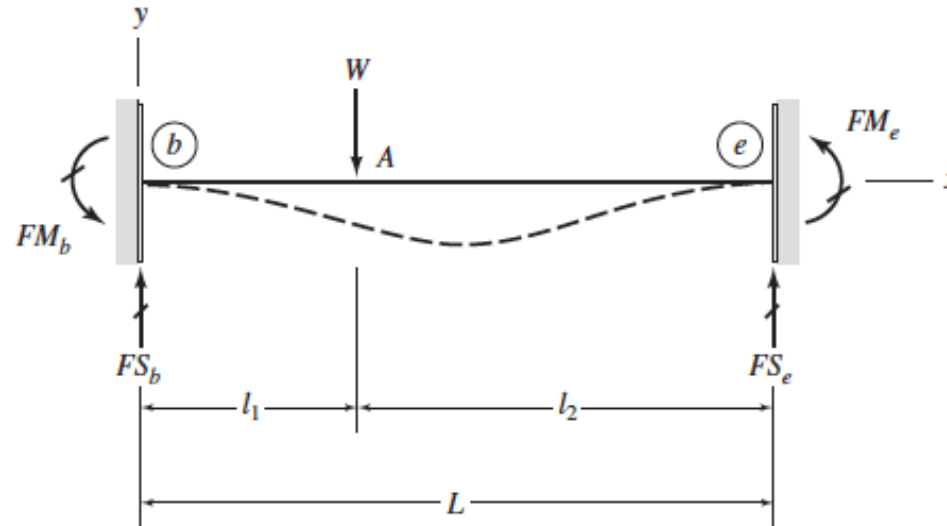
## EPFL Member stiffness matrix (5)

$$\mathbf{k} = \frac{EI}{L^4} \int_0^L \begin{bmatrix} 36\left(-1 + 2\frac{x}{L}\right)^2 & 12L\left(-2 + 3\frac{x}{L}\right)\left(-1 + 2\frac{x}{L}\right) & -36\left(-1 + 2\frac{x}{L}\right)^2 & 12L\left(-1 + 3\frac{x}{L}\right)\left(-1 + 2\frac{x}{L}\right) \\ 12L\left(-2 + 3\frac{x}{L}\right)\left(-1 + 2\frac{x}{L}\right) & 4L^2\left(-2 + 3\frac{x}{L}\right)^2 & 12L\left(-2 + 3\frac{x}{L}\right)\left(1 - 2\frac{x}{L}\right) & 4L^2\left(-2 + 3\frac{x}{L}\right)\left(-1 + 3\frac{x}{L}\right) \\ -36\left(-1 + 2\frac{x}{L}\right)^2 & 12L\left(-2 + 3\frac{x}{L}\right)\left(1 - 2\frac{x}{L}\right) & 36\left(-1 + 2\frac{x}{L}\right)^2 & 12L\left(-1 + 3\frac{x}{L}\right)\left(1 - 2\frac{x}{L}\right) \\ 12L\left(-1 + 3\frac{x}{L}\right)\left(-1 + 2\frac{x}{L}\right) & 4L^2\left(-2 + 3\frac{x}{L}\right)\left(-1 + 3\frac{x}{L}\right) & 12L\left(-1 + 3\frac{x}{L}\right)\left(1 - 2\frac{x}{L}\right) & 4L^2\left(-1 + 3\frac{x}{L}\right)^2 \end{bmatrix} dx$$

## Member stiffness matrix (6)

$$[\mathbf{k}] = \frac{EI}{L^3} \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 6L & -12 & 6L \\ 6L & 4L^2 & -6L & 2L^2 \\ -12 & -6L & 12 & -6L \\ 6L & 2L^2 & -6L & 4L^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# EPFL Member fixed-end forces due to loads



$$0 \leq x \leq l_1 \quad M = -FM_b + FS_b x \quad \frac{d^2 \bar{u}_y}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{EI} (-FM_b + FS_b x)$$

$$l_1 \leq x \leq L \quad M = -FM_b + FS_b x - W(x - l_1) \quad \frac{d^2 \bar{u}_y}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{EI} (-FM_b + FS_b x - W(x - l_1))$$

## EPFL Member fixed-end forces due to loads (2)

$$0 \leq x \leq l_1 \quad \theta = \frac{d\bar{u}_y}{dx} = \frac{1}{EI} \left( -FM_b x + \frac{FS_b x^2}{2} \right) + C_1$$

$$\bar{u}_y = \frac{1}{EI} \left( -\frac{FM_b x^2}{2} + \frac{FS_b x^3}{6} \right) + C_1 x + C_2$$

$$l_1 \leq x \leq L \quad \theta = \frac{d\bar{u}_y}{dx} = \frac{1}{EI} \left( -FM_b x + \frac{FS_b x^2}{2} - \frac{Wx}{2} (x - 2l_1) \right) + C_3$$

$$\bar{u}_y = \frac{1}{EI} \left( -\frac{FM_b x^2}{2} + \frac{FS_b x^3}{6} - \frac{Wx^2}{6} (x - 3l_1) \right) + C_3 x + C_4$$

## EPFL Member fixed-end forces due to loads (3)

$$x = 0, \quad \theta = \bar{u}_y = 0, \quad C_1 = C_2 = 0$$

$$x = l_1, \quad \theta_A = \theta_B$$

$$\frac{1}{EI} \left( -FM_b l_1 + \frac{FS_b l_1^2}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{EI} \left( -FM_b l_1 + \frac{FS_b l_1^2}{2} + \frac{W l_1^2}{2} \right) + C_3$$

$$C_3 = \frac{W l_1^2}{2EI}$$

## EPFL Member fixed-end forces due to loads (4)

$$x = l_1, \quad \bar{u}_{y,A} = \bar{u}_{y,B}$$

$$\frac{1}{EI} \left( -\frac{FM_b l_1^2}{2} + \frac{FS_b l_1^3}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{EI} \left( -\frac{FM_b l_1^2}{2} + \frac{FS_b l_1^3}{6} + \frac{W l_1^3}{2EI} \right) + C_4$$

$$C_4 = \frac{W l_1^3}{6EI}$$

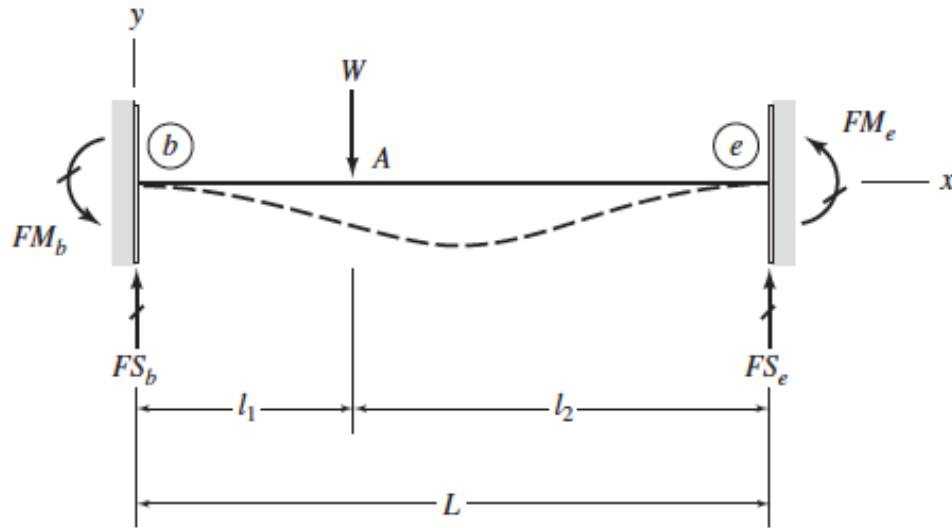
## EPFL Member fixed-end forces due to loads (5)

$$x = L, \quad \theta = \bar{u}_y = 0,$$

$$\frac{1}{EI} \left[ -FM_b L + \frac{FS_b L^2}{2} - \frac{WL}{2} (L - 2l_1) \right] - \frac{Wl_1^2}{2EI} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{EI} \left[ -\frac{FM_b L^2}{2} + \frac{FS_b L^3}{6} - \frac{WL^2}{6} (L - 3l_1) \right] - \frac{Wl_1^2 L}{2EI} + \frac{Wl_1^3}{6EI} = 0$$

## EPFL Member fixed-end forces due to loads (6)



$$Q_f = \begin{Bmatrix} FS_b \\ FM_b \\ FS_e \\ FM_e \end{Bmatrix}$$

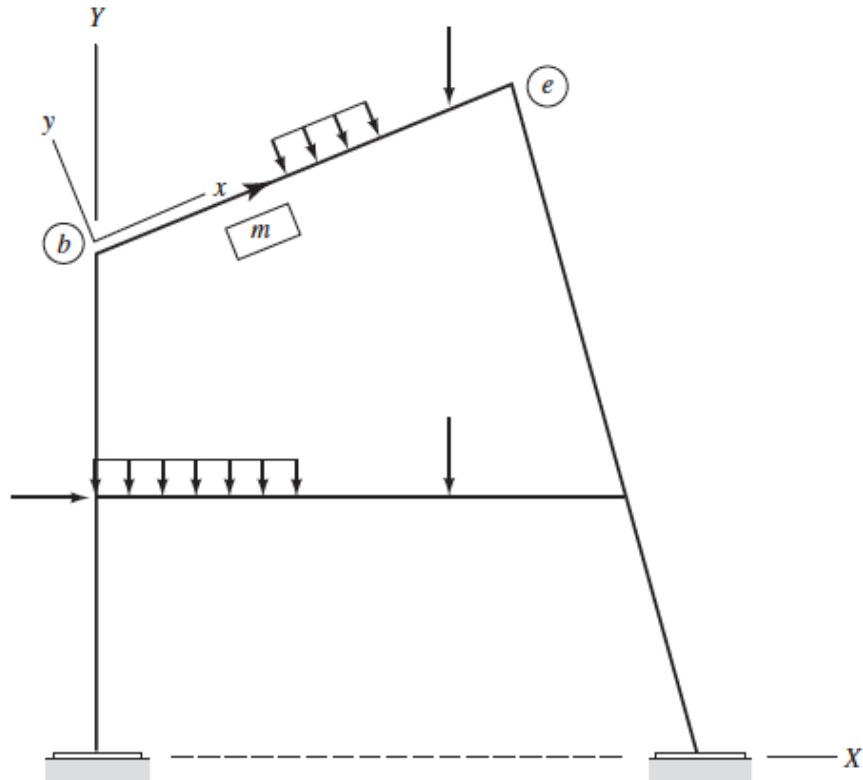
$$FS_b = \frac{Wl_2^2}{L^3} (3l_1 + l_2)$$

$$FM_b = \frac{Wl_1l_2^2}{L^2}$$

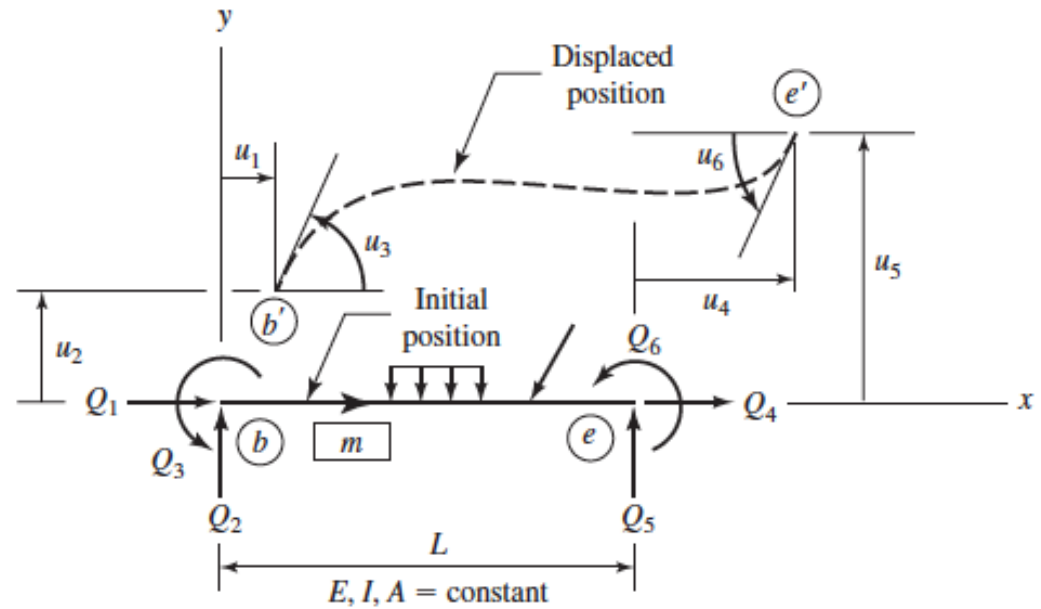
$$FS_e = \frac{Wl_1^2}{L^3} (l_1 + 3l_2)$$

$$FM_e = -\frac{Wl_1^2l_2}{L^2}$$

# EPFL Coordinate transformations



Local coordinate system



$$Q_i = \sum_{j=1}^6 (k_{ij}u_j) + Q_{fi}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, 6$$

## EPFL Coordinate transformations (2)

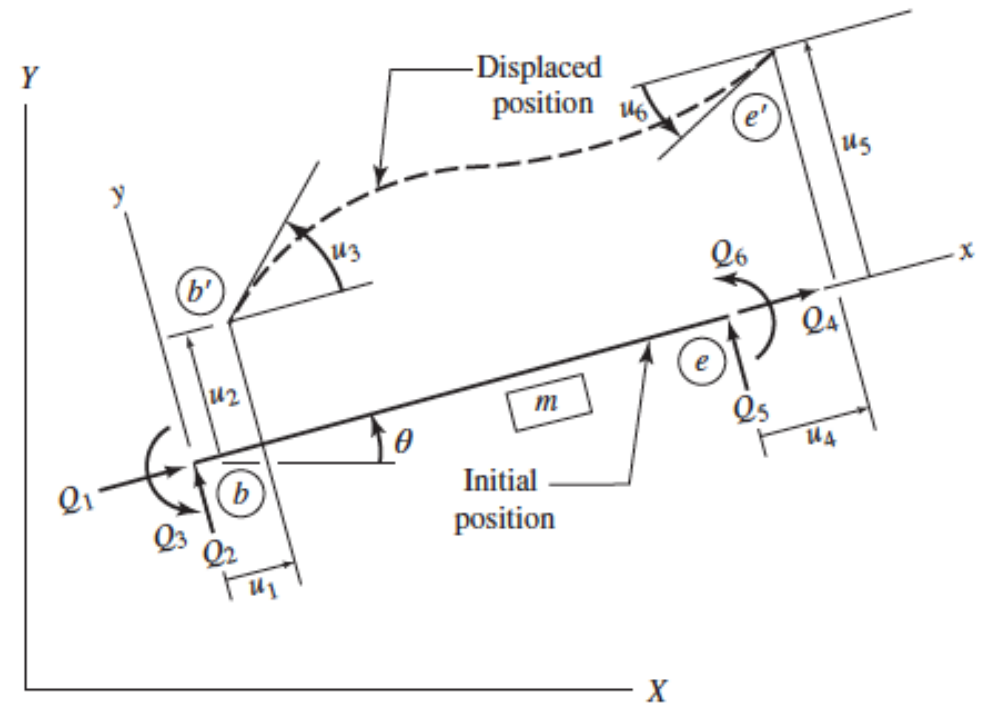
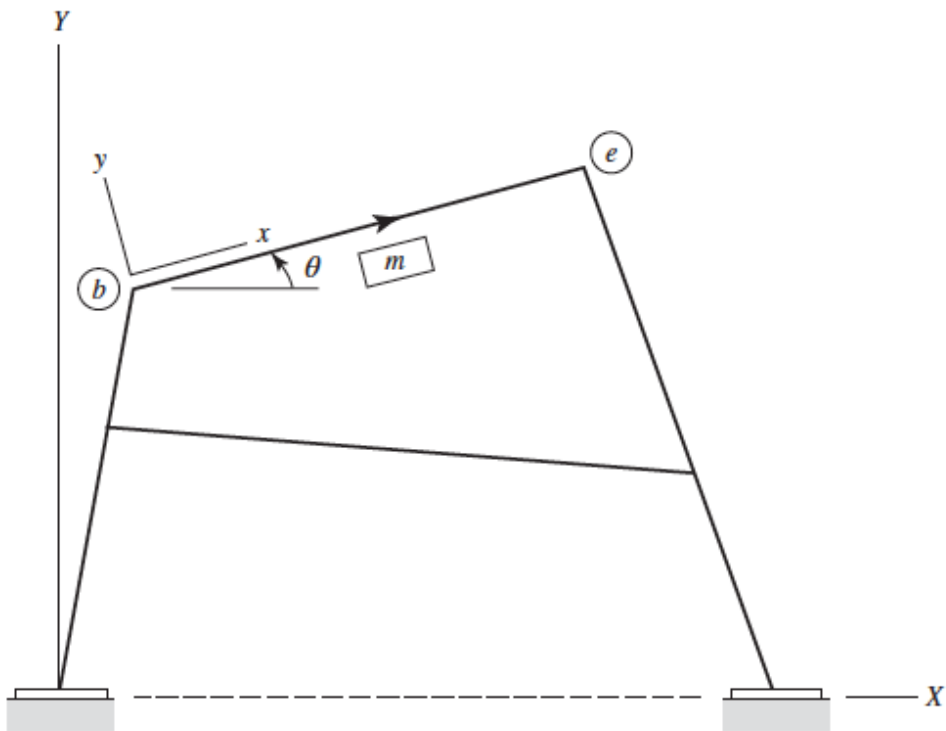
As such,

$$\begin{Bmatrix} Q_1 \\ Q_2 \\ Q_3 \\ Q_4 \\ Q_5 \\ Q_6 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_{11} & k_{21} & k_{13} & k_{14} & k_{15} & k_{16} \\ k_{21} & k_{22} & k_{23} & k_{24} & k_{25} & k_{26} \\ k_{31} & k_{32} & k_{33} & k_{34} & k_{35} & k_{36} \\ k_{41} & k_{42} & k_{43} & k_{44} & k_{45} & k_{46} \\ k_{51} & k_{52} & k_{53} & k_{54} & k_{55} & k_{56} \\ k_{61} & k_{62} & k_{63} & k_{64} & k_{65} & k_{66} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{Bmatrix} Q_{f1} \\ Q_{f2} \\ Q_{f3} \\ Q_{f4} \\ Q_{f5} \\ Q_{f6} \end{Bmatrix}$$

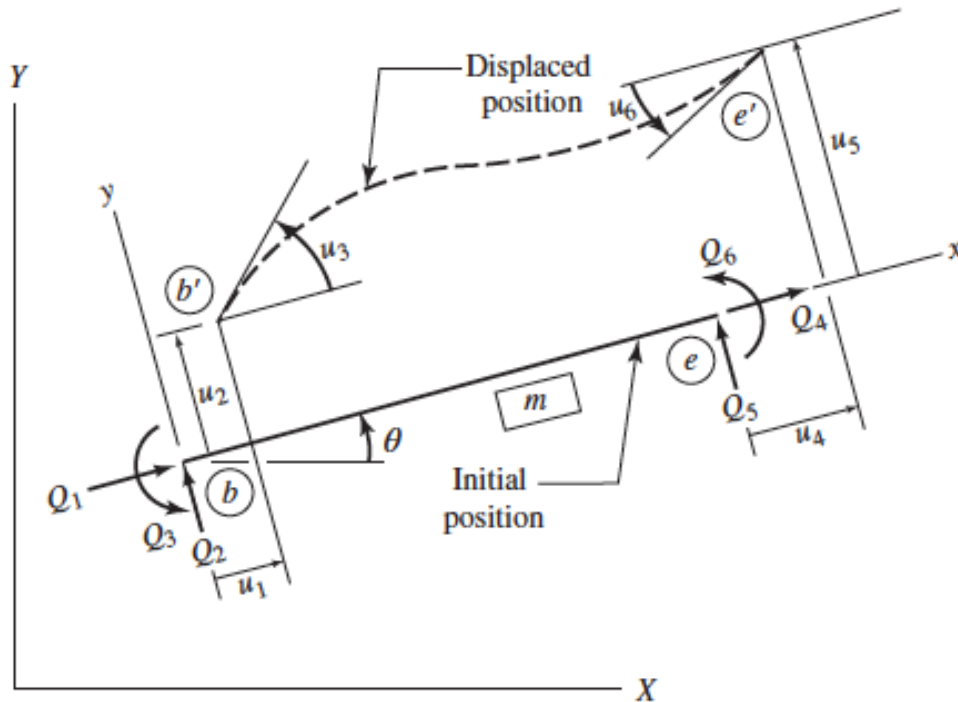
## Coordinate transformations (3)

$$\mathbf{k} = \frac{EI}{L^3} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{AL^2}{I} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{AL^2}{I} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 12 & 6L & 0 & -12 & 6L \\ 0 & 6L & 4L^2 & 0 & -6L & 2L^2 \\ -\frac{AL^2}{I} & 0 & 0 & \frac{AL^2}{I} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -12 & -6L & 0 & 12 & -6L \\ 0 & 6L & 2L^2 & 0 & -6L & 4L^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# EPFL Coordinate transformations (4)



## Coordinate transformations (5)



$$Q_1 = F_1 \cos\theta + F_2 \sin\theta$$

$$Q_2 = -F_1 \sin\theta + F_2 \cos\theta$$

$$Q_3 = F_3$$

$$Q_4 = F_4 \cos\theta + F_5 \sin\theta$$

$$Q_5 = -F_4 \sin\theta + F_5 \cos\theta$$

$$Q_6 = F_6$$

## EPFL Coordinate transformations (6)

Force transformation

$$\begin{Bmatrix} Q_1 \\ Q_2 \\ Q_3 \\ Q_4 \\ Q_5 \\ Q_6 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cos\theta & \sin\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ F_3 \\ F_4 \\ F_5 \\ F_6 \end{Bmatrix}$$

**T** Transformation matrix

$$Q = T F$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{x_e - x_b}{L} = \frac{x_e - x_b}{\sqrt{(x_e - x_b)^2 + (y_e - y_b)^2}}$$

$$\sin\theta = \frac{y_e - y_b}{L} = \frac{y_e - y_b}{\sqrt{(x_e - x_b)^2 + (y_e - y_b)^2}}$$

## EPFL Coordinate transformations (3)

End displacement transformation

$$\begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cos\theta & \sin\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \\ v_5 \\ v_6 \end{Bmatrix}$$

**T** Transformation matrix

$$\Delta = \mathbf{T} \mathbf{v}$$

# EPFL Transformation from local to global coordinate systems

The transformation matrix  $\mathbf{T}$  is an orthogonal matrix; thus,

$$\mathbf{T}^{-1} = \mathbf{T}^T$$

Forces from local to global coordinate system:

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{T}^{-1} \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{Q}$$

Displacements from local to global coordinate system:

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{T}^T \Delta$$

## EPFL Member stiffness relations in the global coordinate system

Forces from local to global coordinate system:

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{k} \Delta + \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{Q}_f$$

Local stiffness matrix

$$\Delta = (\mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{k})^{-1} (\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{Q}_f) = \mathbf{k}^{-1} (\mathbf{T}^T)^{-1} (\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{Q}_f) = \mathbf{k}^{-1} \mathbf{T} (\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{Q}_f)$$

Displacements from local to global coordinate system:

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{T}^T \Delta = \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{k}^{-1} \mathbf{T} (\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{Q}_f) = (\mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{k}^{-1} \mathbf{T}) (\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{Q}_f)$$

Member flexibility matrix in the global coordinate system

$$\mathbf{K}^{-1} = (\mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{k}^{-1} \mathbf{T})$$

Member stiffness matrix

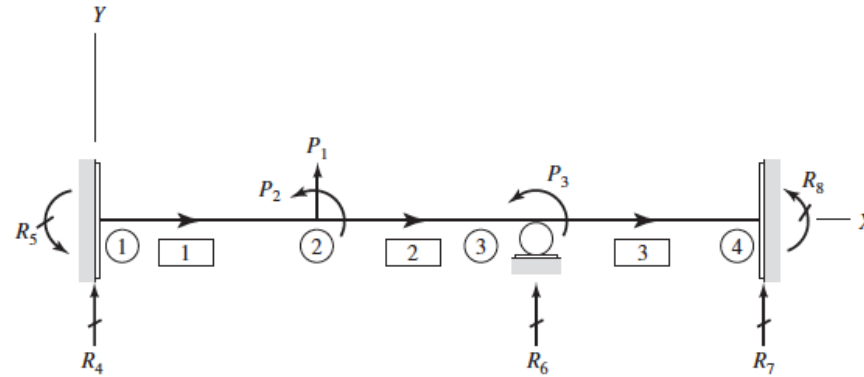
$$\mathbf{K} = (\mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{k} \mathbf{T})$$

# EPFL Member stiffness relations in the global coordinate system

$$\mathbf{K} = \frac{EI}{L^3} \begin{bmatrix}
 \frac{AL^2}{I} \cos^2 \theta + 12 \sin^2 \theta & \left(\frac{AL^2}{I} - 12\right) \cos \theta \sin \theta & -6L \sin \theta & -\left(\frac{AL^2}{I} \cos^2 \theta + 12 \sin^2 \theta\right) & -\left(\frac{AL^2}{I} - 12\right) \cos \theta \sin \theta & -6L \sin \theta \\
 \left(\frac{AL^2}{I} - 12\right) \cos \theta \sin \theta & \frac{AL^2}{I} \sin^2 \theta + 12 \cos^2 \theta & 6L \cos \theta & -\left(\frac{AL^2}{I} - 12\right) \cos \theta \sin \theta & -\left(\frac{AL^2}{I} \sin^2 \theta + 12 \cos^2 \theta\right) & 6L \cos \theta \\
 -6L \sin \theta & 6L \cos \theta & 4L^2 & 6L \sin \theta & -6L \cos \theta & 2L^2 \\
 -\left(\frac{AL^2}{I} \cos^2 \theta + 12 \sin^2 \theta\right) & -\left(\frac{AL^2}{I} - 12\right) \cos \theta \sin \theta & 6L \sin \theta & \frac{AL^2}{I} \cos^2 \theta + 12 \sin^2 \theta & \left(\frac{AL^2}{I} - 12\right) \cos \theta \sin \theta & 6L \sin \theta \\
 -\left(\frac{AL^2}{I} - 12\right) \cos \theta \sin \theta & -\left(\frac{AL^2}{I} \sin^2 \theta + 12 \cos^2 \theta\right) & -6L \cos \theta & \left(\frac{AL^2}{I} - 12\right) \cos \theta \sin \theta & \frac{AL^2}{I} \sin^2 \theta + 12 \cos^2 \theta & -6L \cos \theta \\
 -6L \sin \theta & 6L \cos \theta & 2L^2 & 6L \sin \theta & -6L \cos \theta & 4L^2
 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Assembly of the structure stiffness matrix

-Code number technique applies



Three degrees of freedom (1 through 3);  
five restrained coordinates (4 through 8)

(a) Analytical Model

$$\mathbf{k}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 & 1 & 2 \\ k_{11}^{(1)} & k_{12}^{(1)} & k_{13}^{(1)} & k_{14}^{(1)} & 4 \\ k_{21}^{(1)} & k_{22}^{(1)} & k_{23}^{(1)} & k_{24}^{(1)} & 5 \\ k_{31}^{(1)} & k_{32}^{(1)} & k_{33}^{(1)} & k_{34}^{(1)} & 1 \\ k_{41}^{(1)} & k_{42}^{(1)} & k_{43}^{(1)} & k_{44}^{(1)} & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

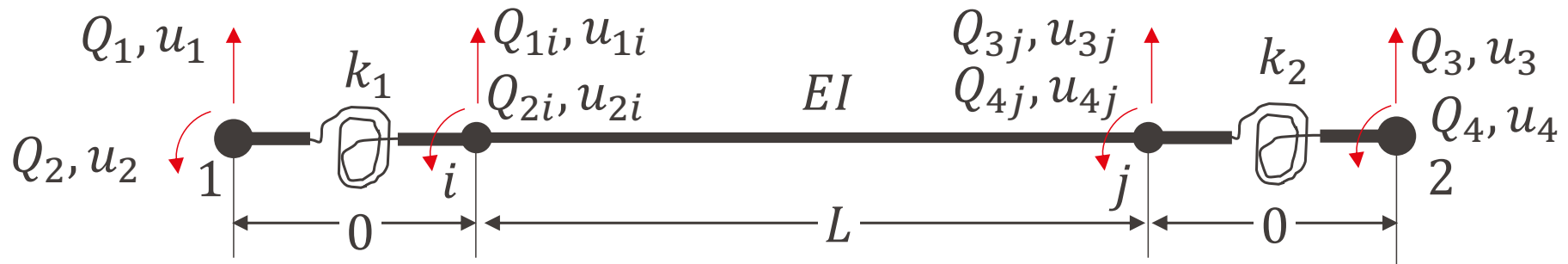
$$\mathbf{k}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 & 3 \\ k_{11}^{(2)} & k_{12}^{(2)} & k_{13}^{(2)} & k_{14}^{(2)} & 1 \\ k_{21}^{(2)} & k_{22}^{(2)} & k_{23}^{(2)} & k_{24}^{(2)} & 2 \\ k_{31}^{(2)} & k_{32}^{(2)} & k_{33}^{(2)} & k_{34}^{(2)} & 6 \\ k_{41}^{(2)} & k_{42}^{(2)} & k_{43}^{(2)} & k_{44}^{(2)} & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{k}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 & 7 & 8 \\ k_{11}^{(3)} & k_{12}^{(3)} & k_{13}^{(3)} & k_{14}^{(3)} & 6 \\ k_{21}^{(3)} & k_{22}^{(3)} & k_{23}^{(3)} & k_{24}^{(3)} & 3 \\ k_{31}^{(3)} & k_{32}^{(3)} & k_{33}^{(3)} & k_{34}^{(3)} & 7 \\ k_{41}^{(3)} & k_{42}^{(3)} & k_{43}^{(3)} & k_{44}^{(3)} & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ k_{33}^{(1)} + k_{11}^{(2)} & k_{34}^{(1)} + k_{12}^{(2)} & k_{14}^{(2)} \\ k_{43}^{(1)} + k_{21}^{(2)} & k_{44}^{(1)} + k_{22}^{(2)} & k_{24}^{(2)} \\ k_{41}^{(2)} & k_{42}^{(2)} & k_{44}^{(2)} + k_{22}^{(3)} \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Assembling of Structure Stiffness Matrix S

## EPFL Elastic beam element with rotational springs



Linear rotational spring to consider the connection flexibility within a numerical model

$$M = k\theta_r$$

Left end

$$Q_2 = k_1(u_2 - u_{2i})$$

Right end

$$Q_4 = k_2(u_4 - u_{4j})$$

The length of the connection is ignored, and the spring stiffness  $k$  is generally taken as an empirically (or semi-empirically) determined initial stiffness of the connection (usually based on experimental evidence).

## EPFL Elastic beam-column element with rotational springs

Let's assume the following:

$$k_1 = a_1 EI/L \quad k_2 = a_2 EI/L \quad a = \frac{a_1 a_2}{a_1 a_2 + 4a_1 + 4a_2 + 12}$$

The “spring and beam” element stiffness matrix becomes:

$$\begin{Bmatrix} Q_1 \\ Q_2 \\ Q_3 \\ Q_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{aEI}{L} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{12}{L^2} \left(1 + \frac{a_1+a_2}{a_1 a_2}\right) & \frac{6}{L} \left(1 + \frac{2}{a_2}\right) & -\frac{12}{L^2} \left(1 + \frac{a_1+a_2}{a_1 a_2}\right) & \frac{6}{L} \left(1 + \frac{2}{a_1}\right) \\ \frac{6}{L} \left(1 + \frac{2}{a_2}\right) & 4 \left(1 + \frac{3}{a_2}\right) & -\frac{6}{L} \left(1 + \frac{2}{a_2}\right) & 2 \\ -\frac{12}{L^2} \left(1 + \frac{a_1+a_2}{a_1 a_2}\right) & -\frac{6}{L} \left(1 + \frac{2}{a_2}\right) & \frac{12}{L^2} \left(1 + \frac{a_1+a_2}{a_1 a_2}\right) & -\frac{6}{L} \left(1 + \frac{2}{a_1}\right) \\ \frac{6}{L} \left(1 + \frac{2}{a_1}\right) & 2 & -\frac{6}{L} \left(1 + \frac{2}{a_1}\right) & 4 \left(1 + \frac{3}{a_1}\right) \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{Bmatrix}$$

## EPFL Two typical cases

Fixed-end beam  $a_1 \sim \infty$  and  $a_2 \sim \infty$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} Q_1 \\ Q_2 \\ Q_3 \\ Q_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{EI}{L} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{12}{L^2} & 6 & -\frac{12}{L^2} & 6 \\ \frac{6}{L} & 4 & -\frac{6}{L} & 2 \\ -\frac{12}{L^2} & -\frac{6}{L} & \frac{12}{L^2} & -\frac{6}{L} \\ \frac{6}{L} & 2 & -\frac{6}{L} & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Fix-pinned beam  $a_1 \sim \infty$  and  $a_2 \sim 0$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} Q_1 \\ Q_2 \\ Q_3 \\ Q_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{EI}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 3/L^2 & 3/L^2 & -3/L^2 & 0 \\ 3/L & 3 & -3/L & 0 \\ -3/L^2 & -3/L & 3/L^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{Bmatrix}$$

## EPFL Some remarks about “infinity”

- Usually, you can assume something is “infinitely stiff” if it is 1 to 2 orders of magnitude larger than the elastic beam element flexural stiffness; therefore,

$$k_1 \sim (10 \text{ to } 100) \cdot EI/L$$

- If you plan to use a zero-length element, software does not like “infinitely” stiff elements due to numerical convergence.
- Commercial software assume the above value but inherently imply that the zero-length elastic stiffness is theoretically infinite (Not true).

