

## 1. Master Stiffness Equations.

Element stiffness matrix can be calculated as -  $\rightarrow$  158 -

$$k_x^2 = \frac{\bar{e}^2 A e}{L^2} \begin{bmatrix} C^2 & SC & -C^2 & -SC \\ SC & S^2 & -SC & -S^2 \\ -C^2 & -SC & C^2 & SC \\ -SC & -S^2 & SC & S^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{in which } C = \cos\varphi, S = \sin\varphi$$

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$$\text{Element (1)} \quad \varphi = \alpha + \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad L^e = L / \cos \alpha.$$

$$k_{\text{xx}}^{(1)} = \frac{EA}{4C} \begin{bmatrix} s^2 & -sc & -s^2 & sc \\ -sc & c^2 & sc & -c^2 \\ -s^2 & sc & s^2 & -sc \\ sc & -c^2 & -sc & c^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{1x_1} \\ u_{1y_1} \\ u_{2x_2} \\ u_{2y_2} \end{bmatrix}, \text{ in which } C = \cos \alpha, S = \sin \alpha.$$

Similarly

$$k^{(2)} = \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{x_1} \\ u_{y_1} \\ u_{x_2} \\ u_{y_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\underline{K}}^{(3)} = \frac{EA}{L/C} \begin{bmatrix} c^2 & SC & -S^2 & -SC \\ SC & C^2 & -SC & -C^2 \\ -S^2 & -SC & S^2 & SC \\ -SC & -C^2 & SC & C^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} u_{ba} \\ u_{y1} \\ u_{xz} \\ u_{ya} \end{matrix}$$

Then we assemble the element matrix to obtain the global one, which gives us  $\vec{k}\vec{u} = \vec{f}$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -2cs^2 & 0 & -cs^2 & cs & 0 & 0 & -cs^2 & -cs \\ 0 & 4+2cs & cs & -c^3 & 0 & 1 & -cs & -c^3 \\ 0 & cs & -c^3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & cs & c^3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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The known applied forces are  $f_{x1} = H$ ,  $f_{y1} = -P$ ,  $T_1 = 0$ .  
 Long thin bar minimizes the stiffness form of the finite system.  
 Therefore we have  $\mathbf{K} \begin{bmatrix} u_{x1} \\ u_{y1} \\ u_{x2} \\ u_{y2} \\ u_{x3} \\ u_{y3} \\ u_{x4} \\ u_{y4} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} H \\ -P \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

The 5th row contains only zeros because the internal forces of bar (2) is always along the bar.  
 Hence  $f_{x3} = 0$  no matter the external forces are, which requires all the stiffness terms at the 5th row to be zero.

The 5th column contains only zeros because the displacement of node 3 in  $x$  direction won't generate force in any of the bars.

2. Apply displacement BCs  $u_{x2} = u_{y2} = u_{x3} = u_{y3} = u_{x4} = u_{y4} = 0$

The system is reduced to

$$\frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 2Cs^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1+2C^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{x1} \\ u_{y1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} H \\ -P \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Solve for  $u_{x1}$  and  $u_{y1}$

$$\begin{cases} u_{x1} = \frac{L}{EA} \frac{H}{2Cs^2} \\ u_{y1} = -\frac{L}{EA} \frac{P}{1+2C^3} \end{cases}$$

When  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ , the three bars are almost of the same configuration  
 so they equally share the force in  $y$  direction,  $u_{y1} = -\frac{L}{EA} \frac{P}{3}$

It can hardly resist force in  $x$  direction, so  $u_{x1}$  "blow up" if  $H \neq 0$ .

When  $\alpha \rightarrow \pi/2$ , bar (1) and (2) are almost horizontal and infinitely long. They can not resist vertical forces, so  $u_{y1} = -\frac{L}{EA} P$

4. Recover all the axial forces.

Element (1)

Convert to local displacements using  $\vec{u}^{(1)} = \mathbf{T}^{(1)} \vec{w}^{(1)}$

$$\vec{u}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} -s & c \\ -c & -s \\ -s & c \\ c & -s \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{L}{EA} \frac{H}{2Cs^2} \\ -\frac{L}{EA} \frac{P}{1+2C^3} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{L}{EA} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{H}{2Sc} - \frac{Pc}{1+2C^3} \\ -\frac{L}{2S^2} + \frac{Ps}{1+2C^3} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F^{(1)} = \frac{EA}{L/C} (\vec{u}_{x2} - \vec{u}_{x1}) = \frac{H}{2s} + \frac{Pc^2}{1+2C^3}$$

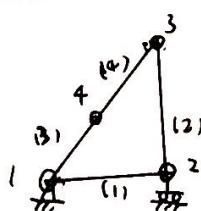
Similarly

$$\vec{u}^{(2)} = \frac{L}{EA} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{P}{1+2C^3} \\ -\frac{H}{2Cs^2} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad F^{(2)} = \frac{P}{1+2C^3}$$

$$\vec{u}^{(3)} = \frac{L}{EA} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{H}{2S} - \frac{PC}{1+2C^3} \\ \frac{H}{2S^2} + \frac{PS}{1+2C^3} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad F^{(3)} = -\frac{H}{2S} + \frac{PC^2}{1+2C^3}$$

If  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ ,  $H \neq 0$ ,  $F^{(3)} \rightarrow \infty$ . This can be explained by the same reason for  $u_x$  "blow up" in 3.

### Assignment 1.2



Element (1) and (2) have the same stiffness matrix as shown in the slides.

$$\vec{f}^{(1)} = 10 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{x1} \\ u_{y1} \\ u_{x2} \\ u_{y2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{f}^{(2)} = 5 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{x2} \\ u_{y2} \\ u_{x3} \\ u_{y3} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Element (3)

$$\vec{f}^{(3)} = 20 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{x1} \\ u_{y1} \\ u_{x4} \\ u_{y4} \end{bmatrix}$$

Element (4)

$$\vec{f}^{(4)} = 20 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{x4} \\ u_{y4} \\ u_{x3} \\ u_{y3} \end{bmatrix}$$

Assemble the matrices.

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 20 & -10 & 0 & -20 & -20 \\ 20 & 20 & 0 & 0 & -20 & -20 \\ -10 & 0 & 10 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 20 & 20 & -20 & -20 \\ 0 & -5 & 20 & 5+20 & -20 & -20 \\ -10 & -20 & -20 & -20 & 20+20 & 20+20 \\ -20 & -20 & -20 & -20 & 20+20 & 20+20 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 30 & 20 & -10 & 0 & 0 & -20 & -20 \\ 20 & C & 0 & C & 0 & -20 & -20 \\ -10 & 0 & 10 & 0 & 0 & C & C \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 20 & 20 & -20 & -20 & -20 \\ 20 & 20 & -20 & -20 & 20 & 20 & -20 \\ 25 & -20 & -20 & -20 & 40 & 40 & 40 \end{bmatrix}_{sym}$$

Apply Dirichlet boundary conditions. the reduced system is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 20 & 20 & -20 & -20 & 0 \\ 0 & 25 & -20 & -20 & 0 \\ 0 & 40 & 40 & 40 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{x2} \\ u_{x3} \\ u_{y3} \\ u_{x4} \\ u_{y4} \end{bmatrix} = \vec{f}$$

The stiffness matrix is singular as Row 4 and Row 5 are the same.

Physically it makes sense because the structure becomes a mechanism. Node 4 can move freely as long as  $u_{x4} = -u_{y4}$ .