

# *Introduction to Finite Element Methods*

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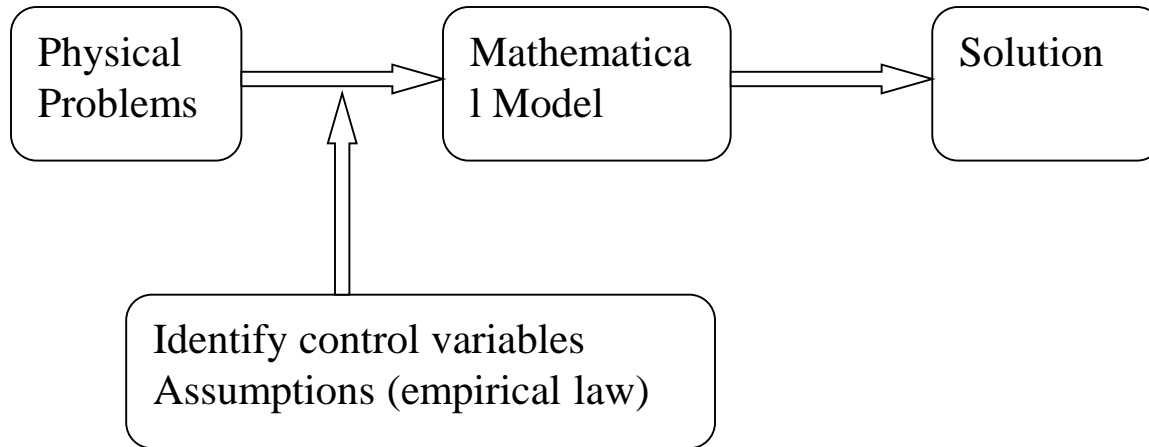
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# 1. Mathematical Model

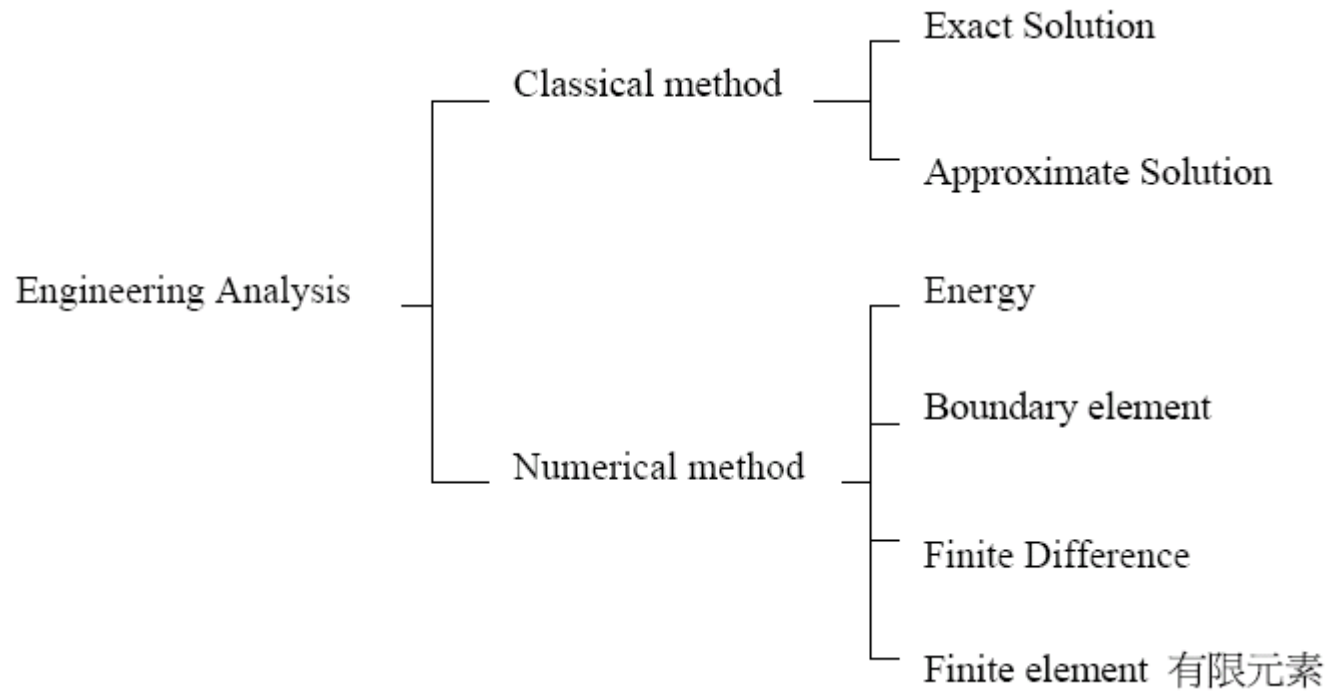
## (1) Modeling



## (2) Types of solution

Sol. \ Eq.	Exact Eq.	Approx. Eq.
Exact Sol.	⊙	⊙
Approx. Sol.	⊙	⊙

### (3) Methods of Solution



### (3) Method of Solution

#### A. Classical methods

They offer a high degree of insight, but the problems are difficult or impossible to solve for anything but simple geometries and loadings.

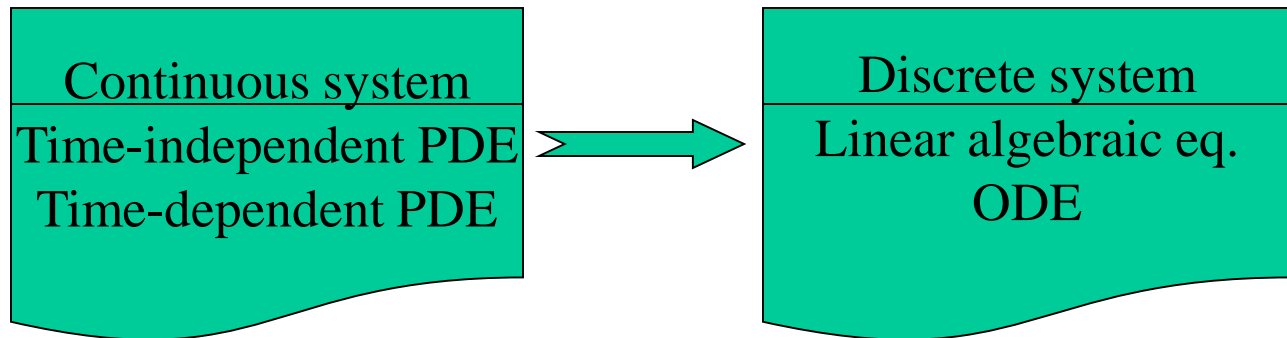
#### B. Numerical methods

- (I) Energy: Minimize an expression for the potential energy of the structure over the whole domain.
- (II) Boundary element: Approximates functions satisfying the governing differential equations not the boundary conditions.
- (III) Finite difference: Replaces governing differential equations and boundary conditions with algebraic finite difference equations.
- (IV) Finite element: Approximates the behavior of an irregular, continuous structure under general loadings and constraints with an assembly of discrete elements.

## 2. Finite Element Method

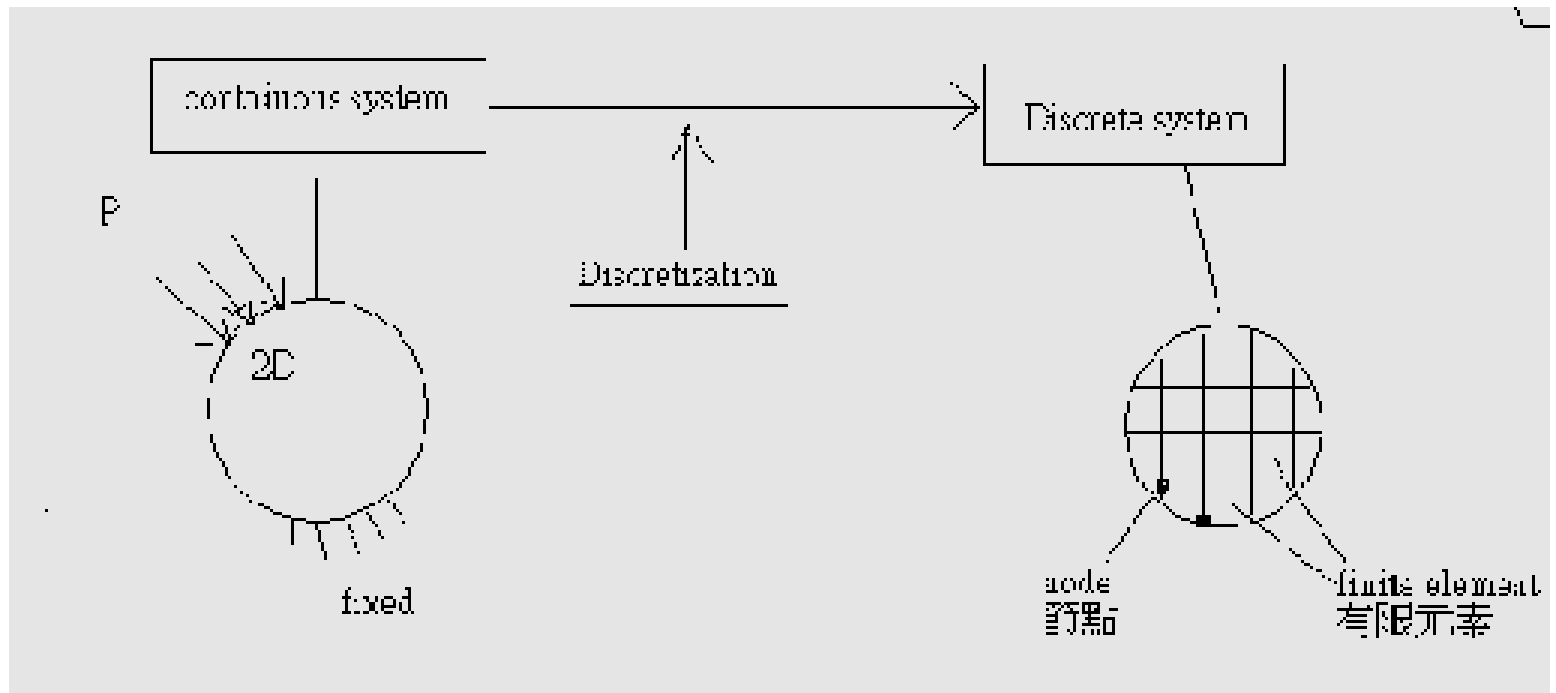
### (1) Definition

FEM is a numerical method for solving a system of governing equations over the domain of a continuous physical system, which is discretized into simple geometric shapes called finite element.

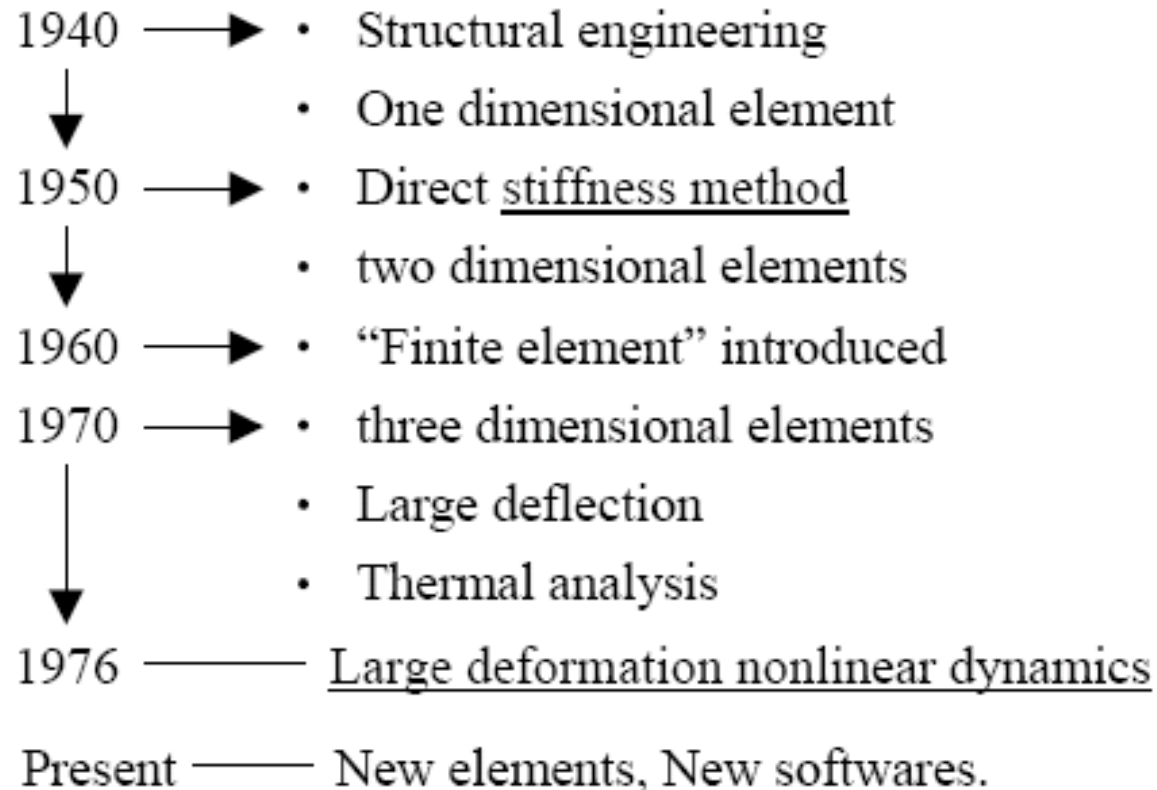


## (2) Discretization

Modeling a body by dividing it into an equivalent system of finite elements interconnected at a finite number of points on each element called nodes.



### 3. Historical Background





## Chronicle of Finite Element Method

Year	Scholar	Theory
1941	Hrennikoff	Presented a solution of elasticity problem using one-dimensional elements.
1943	McHenry	Same as above.
1943	Courant	Introduced shape functions over triangular subregions to model the whole region.
1947	Levy	Developed the force (flexibility) method for structure problem.
1953	Levy	Developed the displacement (stiffness) method for structure problem.
1954	Argyris & Kelsey	Developed matrix structural analysis methods using energy principles.
1956	Turner, Clough, Martin, Topp	Derived stiffness matrices for truss, beam and 2D plane stress elements. Direct stiffness method.
1960	Clough	Introduced the phrase finite element .
1960	Turner et. al	Large deflection and thermal analysis.
1961	Melosh	Developed plate bending element stiffness matrix.
1961	Martin	Developed the tetrahedral stiffness matrix for 3D problems.
1962	Gallagher et al	Material nonlinearity.

## Chronicle of Finite Element Method

Year	Scholar	Theory
1963	Grafton, Strome	Developed curved-shell bending element stiffness matrix.
1963	Melosh	Applied variational formulation to solve nonstructural problems.
1965	Clough et. al	3D elements of axisymmetric solids.
1967	Zienkiewicz et.	Published the first book on finite element.
1968	Zienkiewicz et.	Visco-elasticity problems.
1969	Szabo & Lee	Adapted weighted residual methods in structural analysis.
1972	Oden	Book on nonlinear continua.
1976	Belytschko	Large-displacement nonlinear dynamic behavior.
~1997		New element development, convergence studies, the developments of supercomputers, the availability of powerful microcomputers, the development of user-friendly general-purpose finite element software packages.

## 4. Analytical Processes of Finite Element Method

### (1) Structural stress analysis problem

A. Conditions that solution must satisfy

- a. Equilibrium
- b. Compatibility
- c. Constitutive law
- d. Boundary conditions

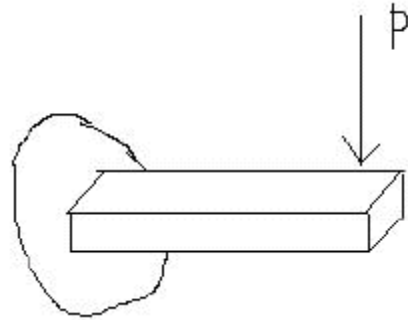
Above conditions are used to generate a system of equations representing system behavior.

B. Approach

- a. Force (flexibility) method: internal forces as unknowns.
- b. Displacement (stiffness) method: nodal disp. As unknowns.

For computational purpose, the displacement method is more desirable because its formulation is simple. A vast majority of general purpose FE softwares have incorporated the displacement method for solving structural problems.


## (2) Analysis procedures of linear static structural analysis



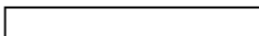
{ 1D problem ?  
2D problem ?  
3D problem ?

### A. Build up geometric model

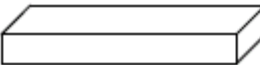
a. 1D problem

line 

b. 2D problem

surface 

c. 3D problem

solid 

## B. Construct the finite element model

### a. Discretize and select the element types

#### (a) element type

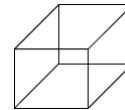
1D line element



2D element



3D brick element

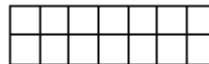


#### (b) total number of element (mesh)

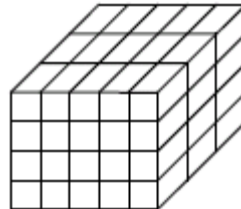
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2D:



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b. Select a shape function

1D line element:  $u=ax+b$

c. Define the compatibility and constitutive law

$$1D : \epsilon = \frac{du}{dx} \quad \sigma = E\epsilon \quad \text{虎克定律}$$

d. Form the element stiffness matrix and equations

(a) Direct equilibrium method

(b) Work or energy method

(c) Method of weight Residuals

$$[K]^e \{d\}^e = \{F\}^e$$

e. Form the system equation

Assemble the element equations to obtain global system equation and introduce boundary conditions

$$[K]\{d\} = \{F\}$$

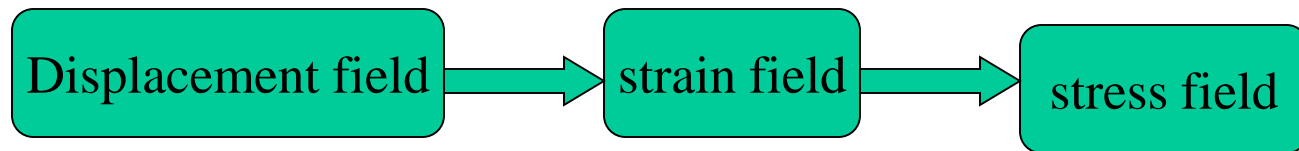
## C. Solve the system equations

### a. elimination method

Gauss's method (Nastran)

### b. iteration method

Gauss Seidel's method

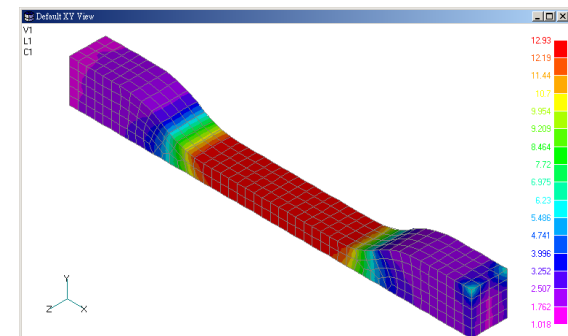


## D. Interpret the results (postprocessing)

### a. deformation plot



### b. stress contour



## 5. Applications of Finite Element Method

Structural Problem	Non-structural Problem
Stress Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- truss &amp; frame analysis</li><li>- stress concentrated problem</li></ul> Buckling problem	Heat Transfer
Vibration Analysis	Fluid Mechanics
Impact Problem	Electric or Magnetic Potential



# 6. Computer Programs for Finite Element Method

ANSYS	⊙	Δ	⊙	⊙		Δ		⊙	⊙		⊙
NASTRAN	⊙	Δ	⊙	⊙		Δ		⊙			⊙
ABAQUS	⊙	⊙			⊙			⊙			⊙
MARC	⊙	⊙			⊙			⊙			⊙
LS-DYNA3D					⊙						
MSC/DYNA					⊙						
ADAMS/ DADS							⊙				
COSMOS	⊙	Δ	⊙	⊙		Δ			⊙		⊙
MOLDFLOW										⊙	
C-FLOW										⊙	
PHOENICS									⊙		⊙

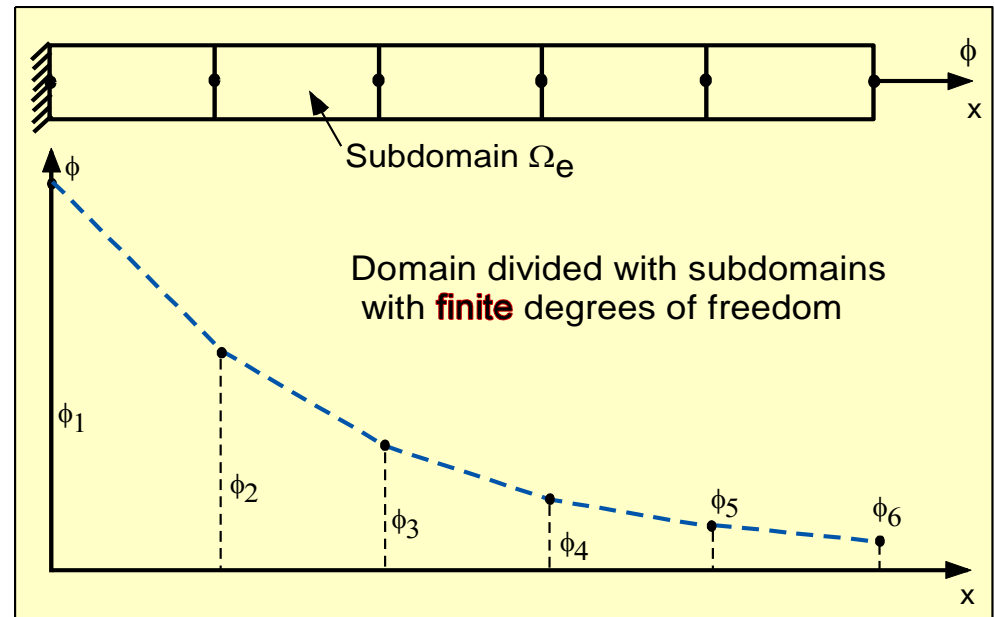


# Finite Element Method (FEM)

- A continuous function of a continuum (given domain  $\Omega$ ) having infinite degrees of freedom is replaced by a discrete model, approximated by a set of piecewise continuous functions having a finite degree of freedom.

# General Example

- A bar subjected to some excitations like applied force at one end. Let the field quantity flow through the body, which has been obtained by solving governing DE/PDE, In FEM the domain  $\Omega$  is subdivided into sub domain and in each sub domain a piecewise continuous function is assumed.



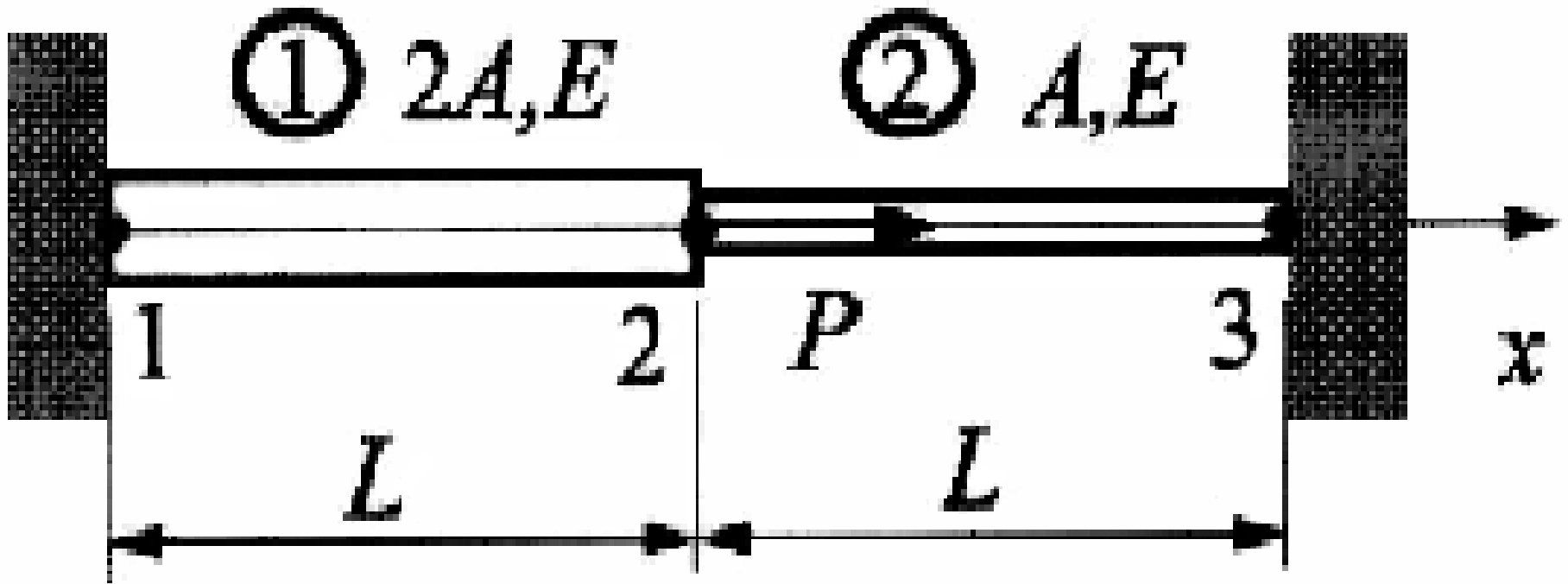
# General Steps of the FEM

- 1. Discretize & Select the Element Types
- 2. Select a Displacement Function
- 3. Define the Strain/Displacement & Stress/Strain Relationships
- 4. Derive the Element Stiffness Matrix & Equations
- 5. Assemble the Element Equations to Obtain the Global & Introduce Boundary Conditions
- 6. Solve for the Unknown Degrees of Freedom
- 7. Solve for the Element Strains & Stresses
- 8. Interpret the Results

# Discretize & Select the Element Types

- Divide the body into equivalent systems of finite elements with nodes and the appropriate element type
- Element Types:
  - One-dimensional (Line) Element
  - Two-dimensional Element
  - Three-dimensional Element
  - Axisymmetric Element

# One Dimensional Element

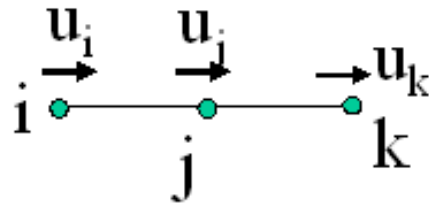


# Select a Displacement Function

- There will be a displacement function for each element



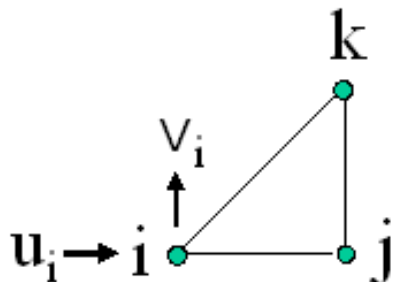
$$u(x) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 x$$



$$u(x) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 x + \alpha_3 x^2$$



$$U(x) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 x + \alpha_3 x^2 + \alpha_4 x^3$$

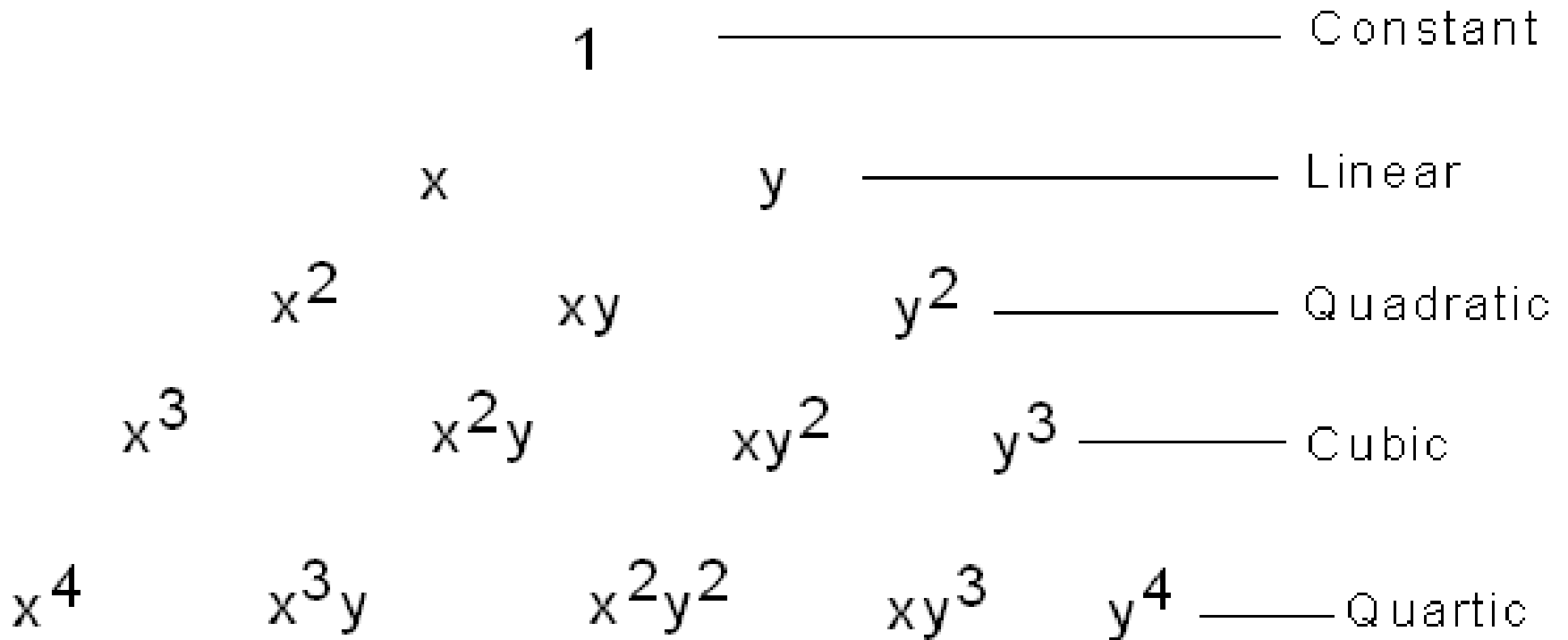


$$U(x, y) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 x + \alpha_3 y$$

$$V(x, y) = \alpha_4 + \alpha_5 x + \alpha_6 y$$



# Pascal's Triangle



# Define Strain Displacement & Stress/Strain Relationships

- For one-dimensional;  
Deformation in the x-direction,  
strain  $\varepsilon$  is related to the  
displacement  $u$

$$\varepsilon_x = \frac{d}{dx} u$$

- [B] – Matrix relating strain to  
nodal displacement

$$\varepsilon = \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{d[N]}{dx} \{d\} = [B] \{d\}$$

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

- Hooke's Law is used for the  
stress/strain relationship

$$\sigma_x = E \cdot \varepsilon_x$$

# $\sigma_x = E \varepsilon_x$ To Stiffness Matrix

$$\sigma_x = E \cdot \varepsilon_x$$

$$\sigma_x = \frac{P}{A}$$

$E =$  Young's Modulus

$$\varepsilon_x = \frac{d}{dx} u$$

$$P = A \cdot E \cdot \frac{d}{dx} u$$

When viewing from  $u_1$  to  $u_2$

$$\frac{d}{dx} u = u_1 - u_2$$



When viewing from  $u_2$  to  $u_1$

$$\frac{d}{dx} u = u_2 - u_1$$



When combining the two together for the one element you obtain the stiffness matrix

$$\mathbf{k}_1 = \frac{EA}{L} \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} u_1 & u_2 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$

# Derive the Element Stiffness Matrix & Equations

- Virtual work principle of a deformable body in equilibrium is subjected to arbitrary virtual displacement satisfying compatibility condition (admissible displacement), then the virtual work done by external loads will be equal to virtual strain energy of internal stresses.
- $\delta U^e$  is the element internal energy
- $\delta W^e$  is the element external energy
- Please view the integration sheet

$$\delta U^e = \delta W^e$$

# Stiffness Matrix

- $f_e$  – Element Force
- $k_e$  – Element Stiffness Matrix
- $d^e$  – Element Displacement

$$\{f_e\} = [K_e] \{d^e\}$$

- $E$  – Young Modulus
- $A$  – Cross Section Area
- $L$  - Length

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# Assemble Equations for Global Matrix & Introduce Boundary Conditions

- Combine each element stiffness matrix into one, which is known as the global matrix
- This is done by combining each  $[k_e]$  into their proper location on the global matrix

$$[K_e] = \int_{v^e} [B]^T [D][B] dv$$

$$\{F\} = [K]\{D\}$$

- Capital letters represent the same as the element stiffness matrix, but for global matrix

# Solve for Unknown DOF's

- Using the global matrix with the boundary conditions, we can now eliminate some variables and solve for the unknowns, i.e. displacements, end forces

$$\begin{pmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ F_3 \\ \dots \\ F_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} k_{11} & k_{12} & k_{13} & \dots & k_{1n} \\ k_{21} & k_{22} & k_{23} & \dots & k_{2n} \\ k_{31} & k_{32} & k_{33} & \dots & k_{3n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ k_{n1} & \dots & \dots & \dots & k_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ d_3 \\ \dots \\ d_n \end{pmatrix}$$

# Solve for Element Strains & Stresses

## Interpret Results

- Solve for the stress using the equation below
- To interpret the results use the FBD with your found values or use the computer program Algor

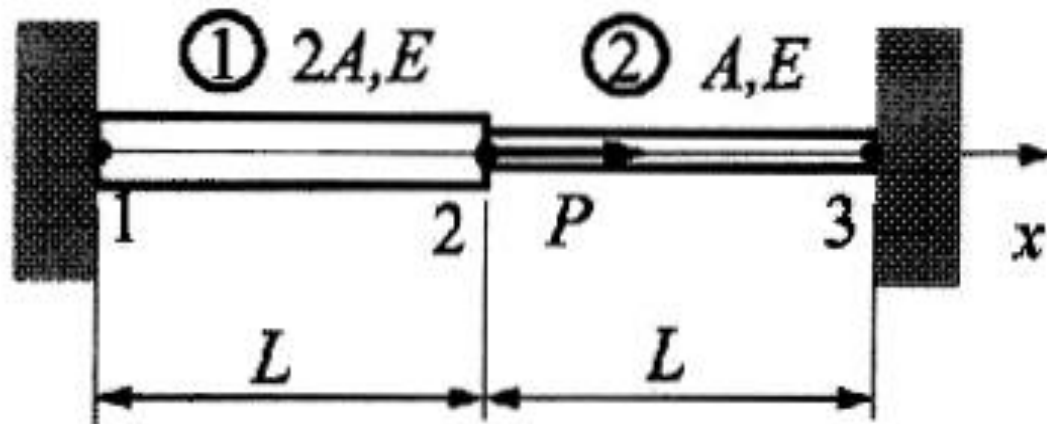
$$\sigma_1 = E\varepsilon_1 = E\mathbf{B}_1\mathbf{u}_1 = E\begin{bmatrix} -1/L & 1/L \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$



# FEM Steps (Displacement Method)

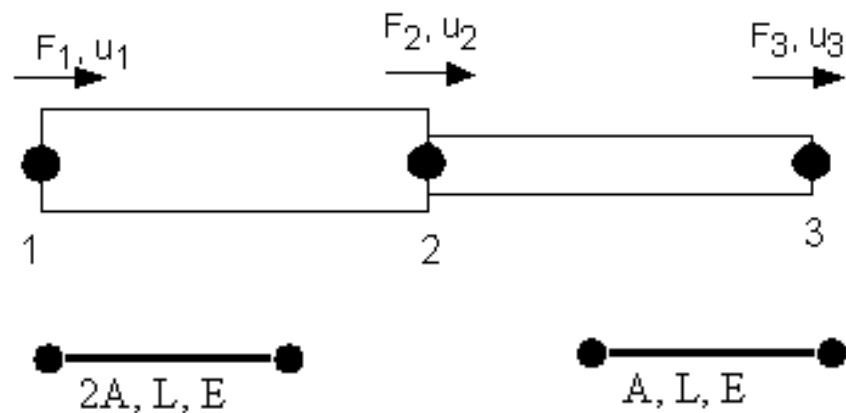
- Discretize into finite elements, Identify nodes & elements
- Develop element stiffness matrices  $[k_e]$  for all elements
- Assemble element stiffness matrices to get the global stiffness matrix
- Apply kinematic boundary conditions
- Solve for displacements
- Finally solve for element forces and stresses by picking proper rows

# Example



**Problem:** Find the stresses in the two bar assembly which is loaded with force  $P$ , and constrained at the two ends, as shown in the figure.

**Solution:** Use two 1-D bar elements.



$$U(x) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \cdot x$$

$$U(x) = \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 \cdot x$$

Element 1,

$$\mathbf{k}_1 = \frac{2EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix}$$

Element 2,

$$\mathbf{k}_2 = \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{matrix}$$

- We combine the two stiffness matrices into the global matrix.

$$[K] = \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ F_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Load and boundary conditions (BC) are,

$$u_1 = u_3 = 0, \quad F_2 = P$$

FE equation becomes,

$$\frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ u_2 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ P \\ F_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Deleting the 1<sup>st</sup> row and column, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> row and column, we obtain,

$$\frac{EA}{L} [3] \{u_2\} = \{P\}$$

Thus,

$$u_2 = \frac{PL}{3EA}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{PL}{3EA} \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

- Now that the displacement at  $u_2$  has been obtained, the end forces and stress values can be obtained by reverting back to the individual element stiffness matrices
- For the stress, you only need to look at the individual node of the stiffness equation

## Reactions

$$\{F_1\} = \frac{AE}{L} [2 \quad -2 \quad 0] \frac{PL}{3AE} \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} = -\frac{2P}{3}$$

$$\{F_3\} = \frac{AE}{L} [0 \quad -1 \quad 1] \frac{PL}{3AE} \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} = -\frac{P}{3}$$

# Element Forces

Element 1

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{f}_1 \\ \mathbf{f}_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{2AE}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1 \\ \mathbf{u}_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$
$$= \frac{2AE}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \frac{PL}{3AE} \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} -2p/3 \\ 2p/3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Element 2

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{f}_1 \\ \mathbf{f}_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{AE}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_2 \\ \mathbf{u}_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$
$$= \frac{AE}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \frac{PL}{3AE} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} p/3 \\ -p/3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

# Element Stresses

Stress in element 1 is

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_1 &= E\varepsilon_1 = \mathbf{EB}_1\mathbf{u}_1 = E[-1/L \quad 1/L] \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix} \\ &= E \frac{u_2 - u_1}{L} = \frac{E}{L} \left( \frac{PL}{3EA} - 0 \right) = \frac{P}{3A} \quad (\text{member is in tension})\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, stress in element 2 is

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_2 &= E\varepsilon_2 = \mathbf{EB}_2\mathbf{u}_2 = E[-1/L \quad 1/L] \begin{Bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix} \\ &= E \frac{u_3 - u_2}{L} = \frac{E}{L} \left( 0 - \frac{PL}{3EA} \right) = -\frac{P}{3A}\end{aligned}$$

which indicates that bar 2 is in compression.

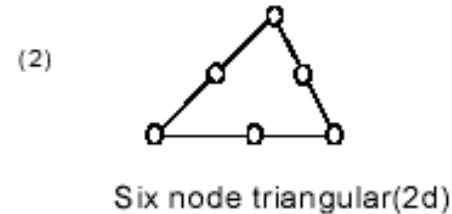
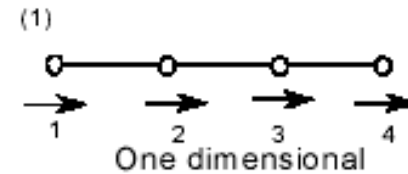


# Final Notes

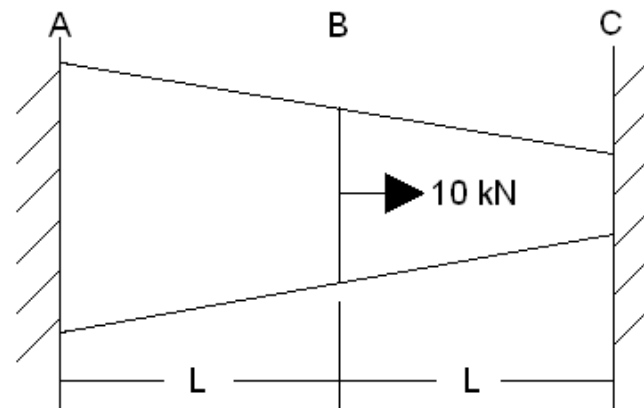
- For this case, the calculated stresses in elements 1 & 2 are exact within the linear theory for 1-D bar structures. Smaller finite elements will not help
- For tapered bars, averaged values of the cross-sectional areas should be used for the elements.
- The displacements must be found first to find the stresses, since we are using the displacement based FEM

# Assignment

- Write the displacement functions for the following elements:



- Analyze the bar shown below for:
  - (a) Displacement at B
  - (b) End Forces
  - (c) Average Stresses in bar AB & BC



Section	Area (mm <sup>2</sup> )
A	30
B	20
C	10

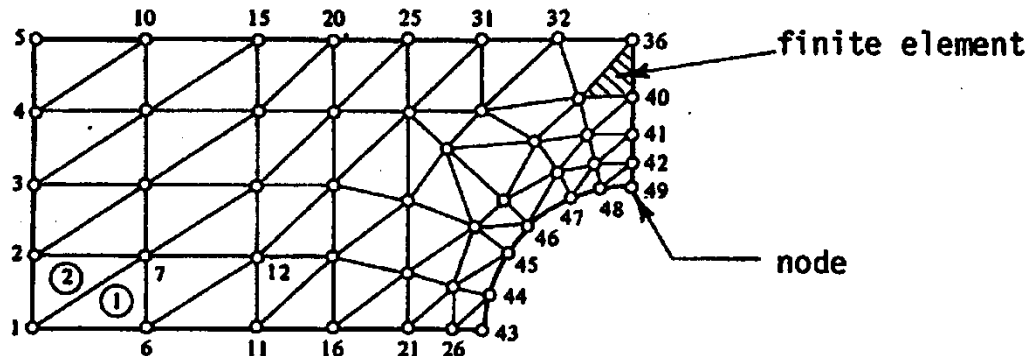
$E = 200 \text{ GPa}$

# *Need for Computational Methods*

- **Solutions Using Either Strength of Materials or Theory of Elasticity Are Normally Accomplished for Regions and Loadings With Relatively Simple Geometry**
- **Many Applications Involve Cases with Complex Shape, Boundary Conditions and Material Behavior**
- **Therefore a Gap Exists Between What Is Needed in Applications and What Can Be Solved by Analytical Closed-form Methods**
- **This Has Led to the Development of Several Numerical/Computational Schemes Including: Finite Difference, **Finite Element** and Boundary Element Methods**

# Introduction to Finite Element Analysis

The finite element method is a computational scheme to solve field problems in engineering and science. The technique has very wide application, and has been used on problems involving *stress analysis, fluid mechanics, heat transfer, diffusion, vibrations, electrical and magnetic fields*, etc. The fundamental concept involves dividing the body under study into a finite number of pieces (subdomains) called *elements* (see Figure). Particular assumptions are then made on the variation of the unknown dependent variable(s) across each element using so-called *interpolation or approximation functions*. This approximated variation is quantified in terms of solution values at special element locations called *nodes*. Through this discretization process, the method sets up an algebraic system of equations for unknown nodal values which approximate the continuous solution. Because element size, shape and approximating scheme can be varied to suit the problem, the method can accurately simulate solutions to problems of complex geometry and loading and thus this technique has become a very useful and practical tool.



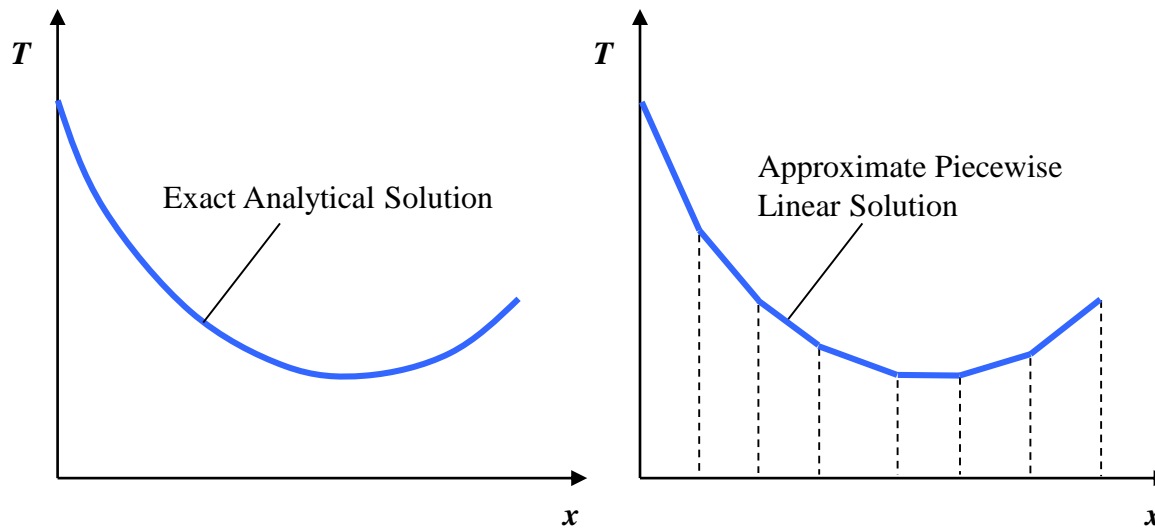
# *Advantages of Finite Element Analysis*

- **Models Bodies of Complex Shape**
- **Can Handle General Loading/Boundary Conditions**
- **Models Bodies Composed of Composite and Multiphase Materials**
- **Model is Easily Refined for Improved Accuracy by Varying Element Size and Type (Approximation Scheme)**
- **Time Dependent and Dynamic Effects Can Be Included**
- **Can Handle a Variety Nonlinear Effects Including Material Behavior, Large Deformations, Boundary Conditions, Etc.**

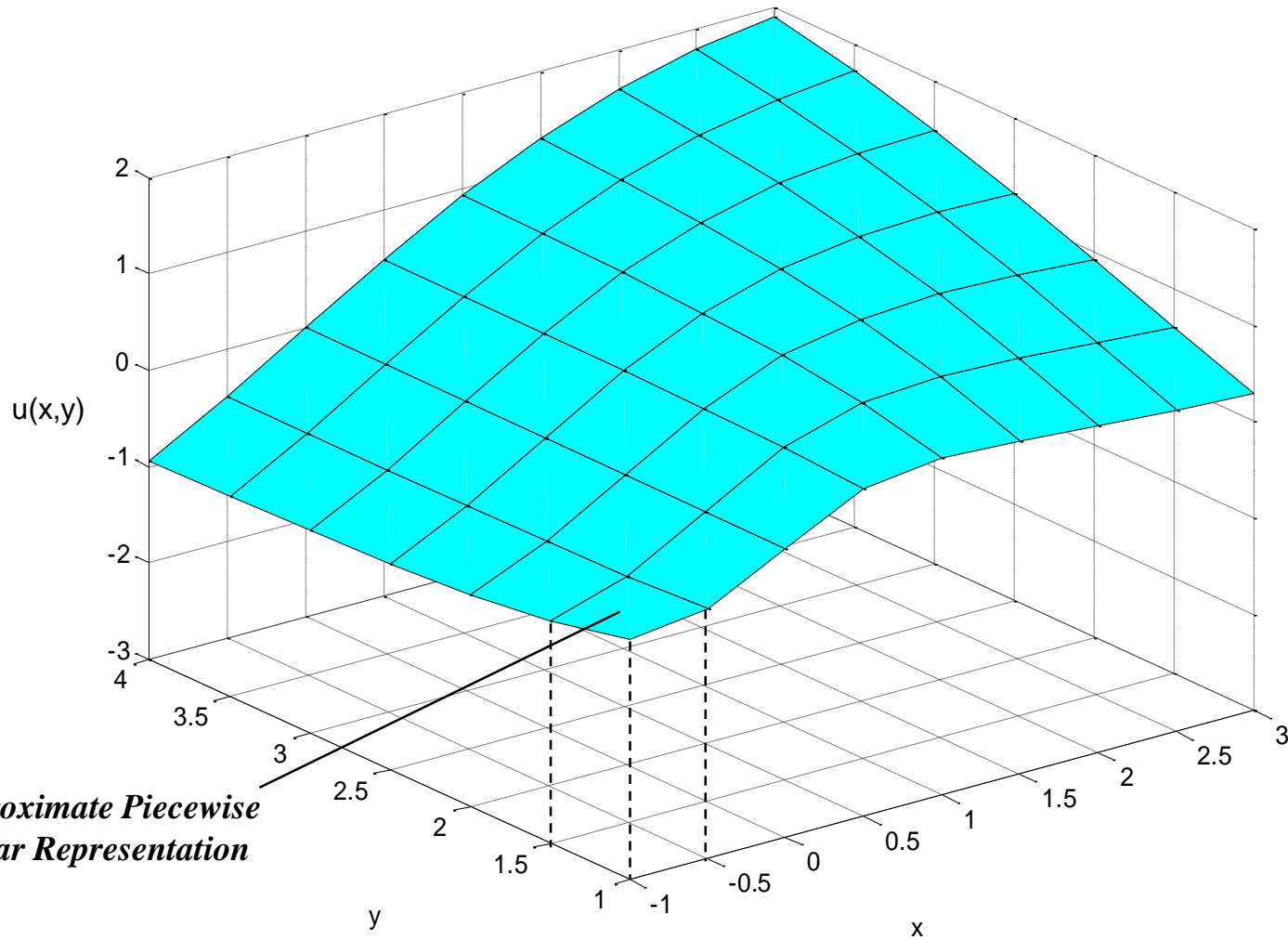
# *Basic Concept of the Finite Element Method*

**Any continuous solution field such as stress, displacement, temperature, pressure, etc. can be approximated by a discrete model composed of a set of piecewise continuous functions defined over a finite number of subdomains.**

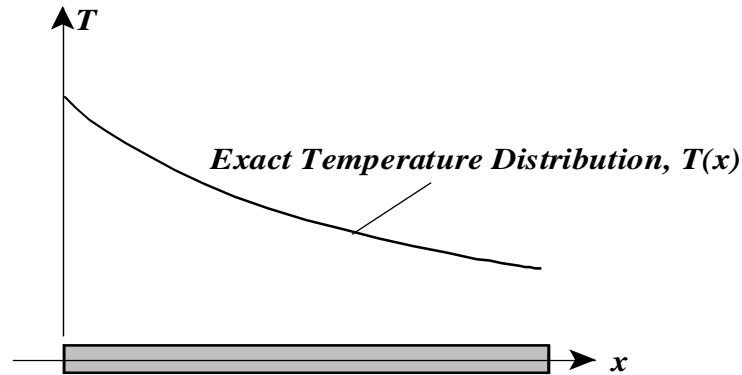
## One-Dimensional Temperature Distribution



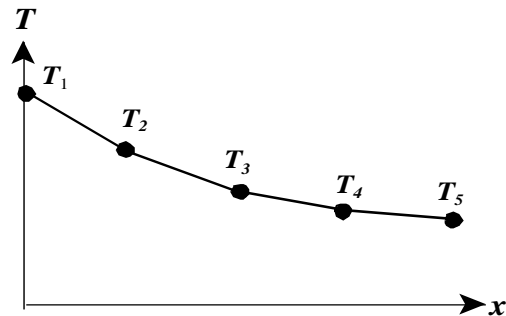
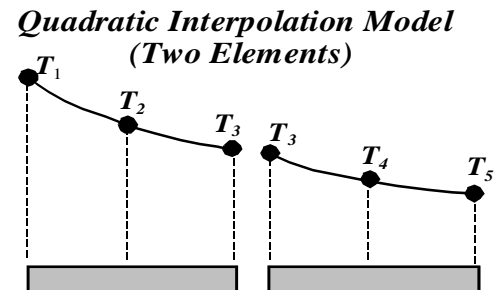
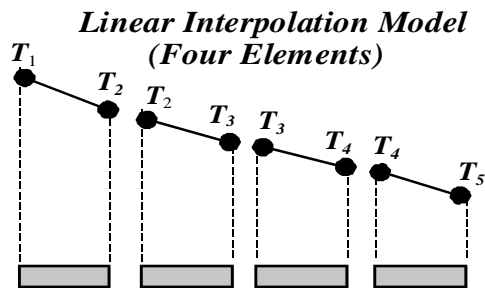
# *Two-Dimensional Discretization*



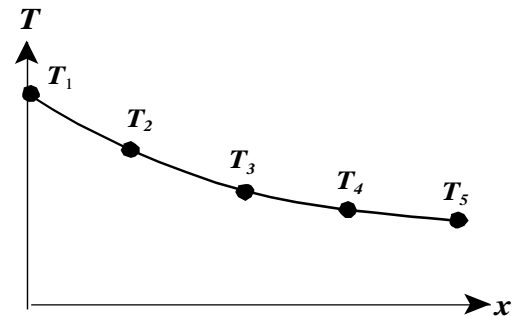
# Discretization Concepts



## Finite Element Discretization



**Piecwise Linear Approximation**  
Temperature Continuous but with  
Discontinuous Temperature Gradients



**Piecwise Quadratic Approximation**  
Temperature and Temperature Gradients  
Continuous



# *Common Types of Elements*

## One-Dimensional Elements

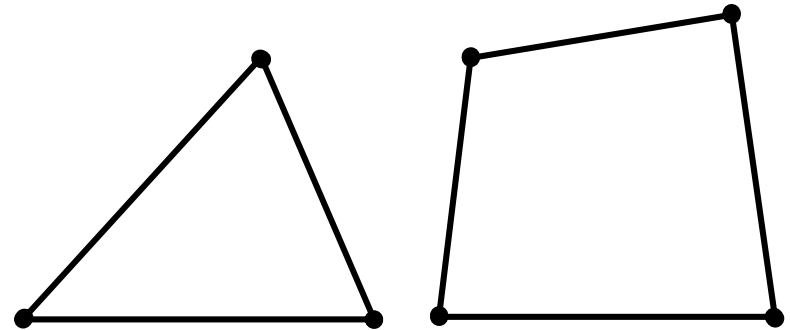
Line

Rods, Beams, Trusses, Frames



## Two-Dimensional Elements

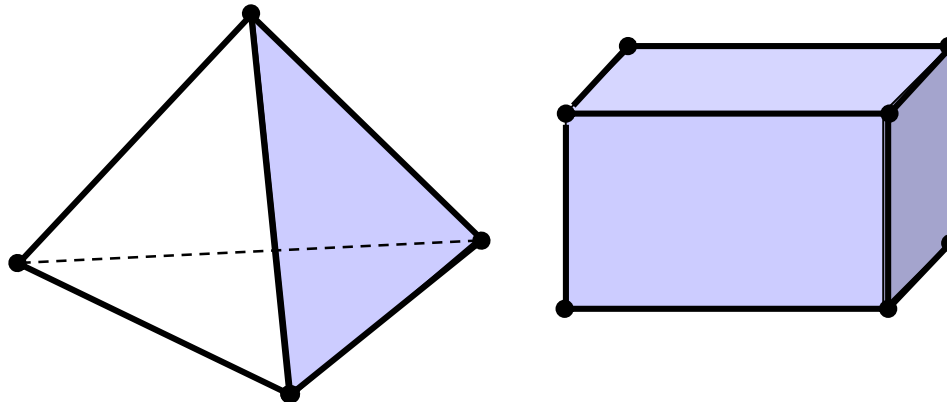
Triangular, Quadrilateral  
Plates, Shells, 2-D Continua



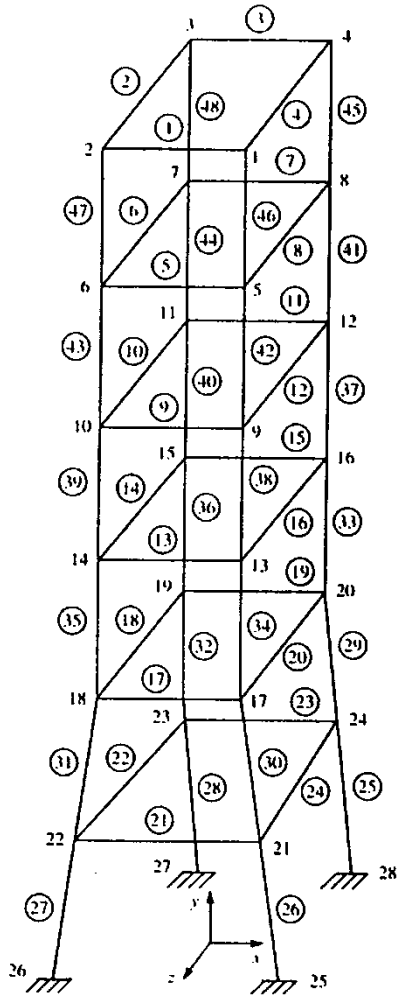
## Three-Dimensional Elements

Tetrahedral, Rectangular Prism (Brick)

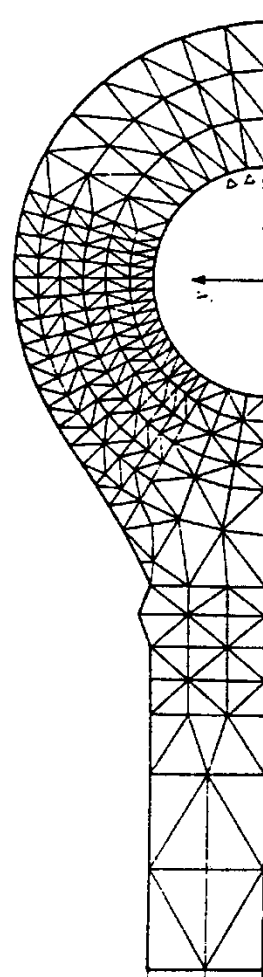
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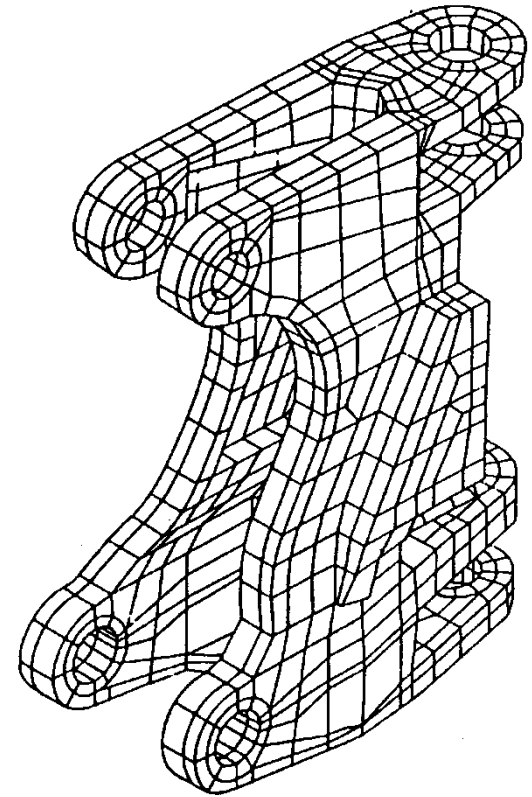
# *Discretization Examples*



**One-Dimensional  
Frame Elements**



**Two-Dimensional  
Triangular Elements**



**Three-Dimensional  
Brick Elements**

# *Basic Steps in the Finite Element Method*

## *Time Independent Problems*

- **Domain Discretization**
- **Select Element Type (Shape and Approximation)**
- **Derive Element Equations (Variational and Energy Methods)**
- **Assemble Element Equations to Form Global System**

$$[\mathbf{K}]\{\mathbf{U}\} = \{\mathbf{F}\}$$

**$[\mathbf{K}]$  = Stiffness or Property Matrix**

**$\{\mathbf{U}\}$  = Nodal Displacement Vector**

**$\{\mathbf{F}\}$  = Nodal Force Vector**

- **Incorporate Boundary and Initial Conditions**
- **Solve Assembled System of Equations for Unknown Nodal Displacements and Secondary Unknowns of Stress and Strain Values**

## *Common Sources of Error in FEA*

- **Domain Approximation**
- **Element Interpolation/Approximation**
- **Numerical Integration Errors**  
**(Including Spatial and Time Integration)**
- **Computer Errors (Round-Off, Etc., )**

# *Measures of Accuracy in FEA*

## Accuracy

$$\text{Error} = |(\text{Exact Solution}) - (\text{FEM Solution})|$$

## Convergence

Limit of Error as:

Number of Elements (*h-convergence*)

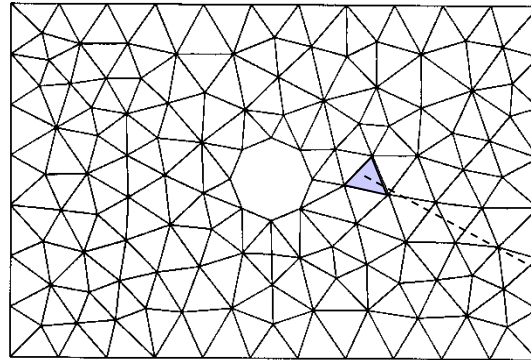
or

Approximation Order (*p-convergence*)

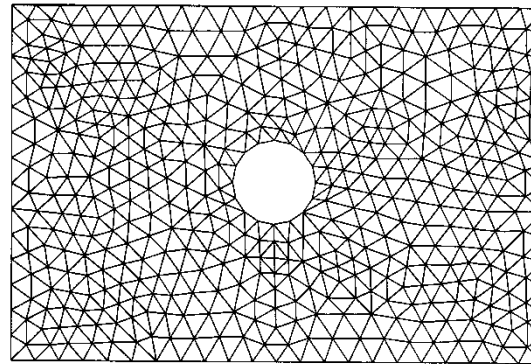
Increases

Ideally, Error  $\rightarrow 0$  as Number of Elements or  
Approximation Order  $\rightarrow \infty$

# *Two-Dimensional Discretization Refinement*

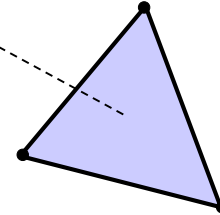


**(Discretization with 228 Elements)**



**(Discretization with 912 Elements)**

**(Node)**



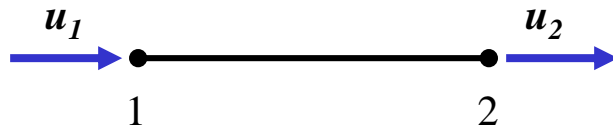
**(Triangular Element)**

# One Dimensional Examples

## Static Case

### Bar Element

Uniaxial Deformation of Bars  
Using Strength of Materials Theory



Differential Equation :

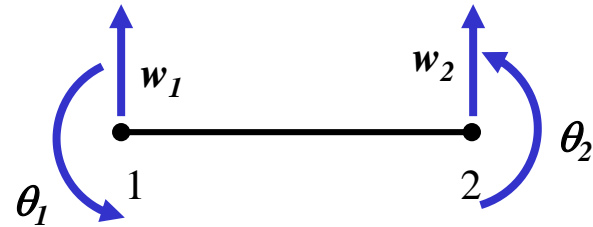
$$-\frac{d}{dx}(au) + cu - q = 0$$

Boundary Conditions Specification :

$$u, a \frac{du}{dx}$$

### Beam Element

Deflection of Elastic Beams  
Using Euler-Bernouli Theory



Differential Equation :

$$-\frac{d^2}{dx^2}(b \frac{d^2w}{dx^2}) = f(x)$$

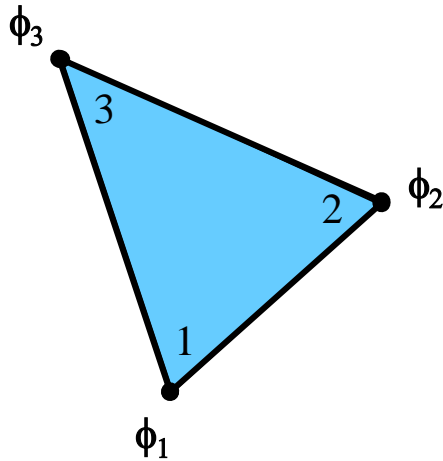
Boundary Conditions Specification :

$$w, \frac{dw}{dx}, b \frac{d^2w}{dx^2}, \frac{d}{dx}(b \frac{d^2w}{dx^2})$$

# Two Dimensional Examples

## Triangular Element

Scalar-Valued, Two-Dimensional  
Field Problems



Example Differential Equation :

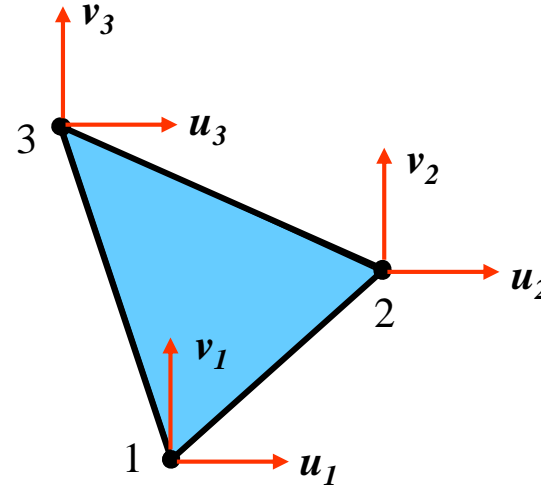
$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = f(x, y)$$

Boundary Conditions Specification :

$$\phi, \frac{d\phi}{dn} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} n_x + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} n_y$$

## Triangular Element

Vector/Tensor-Valued, Two-Dimensional  
Field Problems



Elasticity Field Equations in Terms of Displacements

$$\mu \nabla^2 u + \frac{E}{2(1-\nu)} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) + F_x = 0$$

$$\mu \nabla^2 v + \frac{E}{2(1-\nu)} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) + F_y = 0$$

Boundary Conditions

$$T_x = \left( C_{11} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + C_{12} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) n_x + C_{66} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) n_y$$

$$T_y = C_{66} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) n_x + \left( C_{12} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + C_{22} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) n_y$$



# *Development of Finite Element Equation*

- **The Finite Element Equation Must Incorporate the Appropriate Physics of the Problem**
- **For Problems in Structural Solid Mechanics, the Appropriate Physics Comes from Either Strength of Materials or Theory of Elasticity**
- **FEM Equations are Commonly Developed Using *Direct, Variational-Virtual Work* or *Weighted Residual* Methods**

## **Direct Method**

**Based on physical reasoning and limited to simple cases, this method is worth studying because it enhances physical understanding of the process**

## **Variational-Virtual Work Method**

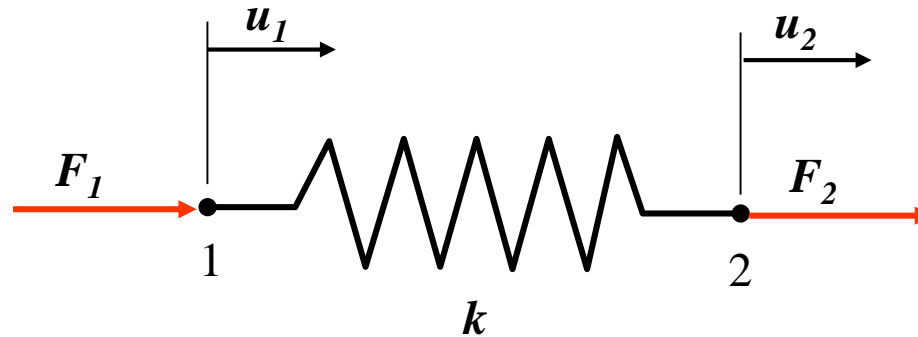
**Based on the concept of virtual displacements, leads to relations between internal and external virtual work and to minimization of system potential energy for equilibrium**

## **Weighted Residual Method**

**Starting with the governing differential equation, special mathematical operations develop the “weak form” that can be incorporated into a FEM equation. This method is particularly suited for problems that have no variational statement. For stress analysis problems, a Ritz-Galerkin WRM will yield a result identical to that found by variational methods.**

# Simple Element Equation Example

## Direct Stiffness Derivation



$$\text{Equilibrium at Node 1} \Rightarrow F_1 = ku_1 - ku_2$$

$$\text{Equilibrium at Node 2} \Rightarrow F_2 = -ku_1 + ku_2$$

or in Matrix Form

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

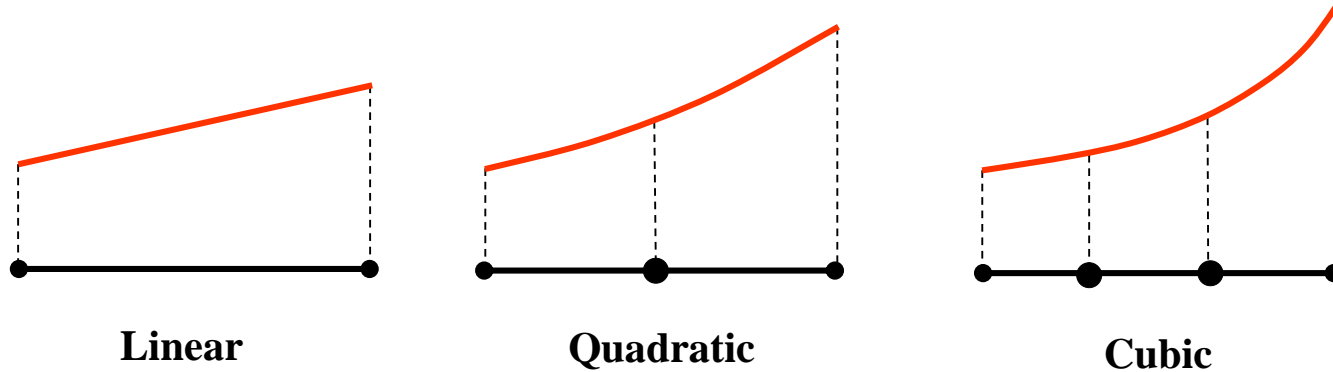
Stiffness Matrix  $[K]$   $\{u\} = \{F\}$  Nodal Force Vector

# *Common Approximation Schemes*

## *One-Dimensional Examples*

### Polynomial Approximation

Most often polynomials are used to construct approximation functions for each element. Depending on the order of approximation, different numbers of element parameters are needed to construct the appropriate function.



### Special Approximation

For some cases (e.g. infinite elements, crack or other singular elements) the approximation function is chosen to have special properties as determined from theoretical considerations

# *One-Dimensional Bar Element*

$$\text{Approximation : } u = \sum_k \psi_k(x) u_k = [N]\{d\}$$

$$\text{Strain : } e = \frac{du}{dx} = \sum_k \frac{d}{dx} \psi_k(x) u_k = \frac{d[N]}{dx} \{d\} = [B]\{d\}$$

$$\text{Stress - Strain Law : } \sigma = Ee = E[B]\{d\}$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \sigma \delta e dV = P_i u_i + P_j u_j + \int_{\Omega} f \delta u dV \Rightarrow$$

$$\{\delta d\}^T \int_0^L A[B]^T E[B] dx \{d\} = \{\delta d\}^T \begin{Bmatrix} P_i \\ P_j \end{Bmatrix} + \{\delta d\}^T \int_0^L A[N]^T f dx \Rightarrow$$

$$\int_0^L A[B]^T E[B] dx \{d\} = \{P\} + \int_0^L A[N]^T f dx$$



$$\boxed{[K]\{d\} = \{F\}}$$

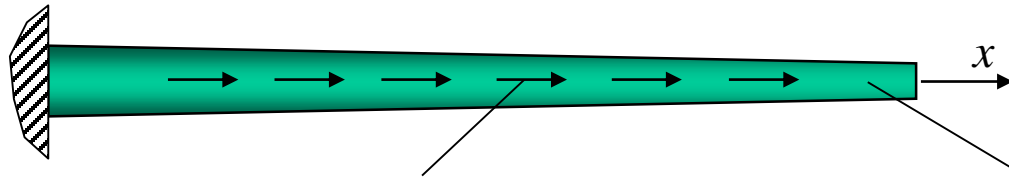
$$[K] = \int_0^L A[B]^T E[B] dx = \text{Stiffness Matrix}$$

$$\{F\} = \begin{Bmatrix} P_i \\ P_j \end{Bmatrix} + \int_0^L A[N]^T f dx = \text{Loading Vector}$$

$$\{d\} = \begin{Bmatrix} u_i \\ u_j \end{Bmatrix} = \text{Nodal Displacement Vector}$$

# One-Dimensional Bar Element

## Axial Deformation of an Elastic Bar

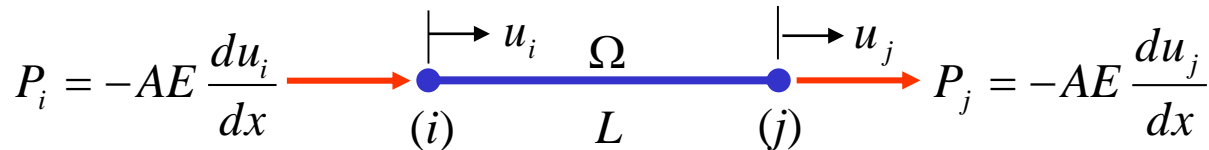


$f(x) = \text{Distributed Loading}$

$A = \text{Cross-sectional Area}$

$E = \text{Elastic Modulus}$

## Typical Bar Element



(Two Degrees of Freedom)

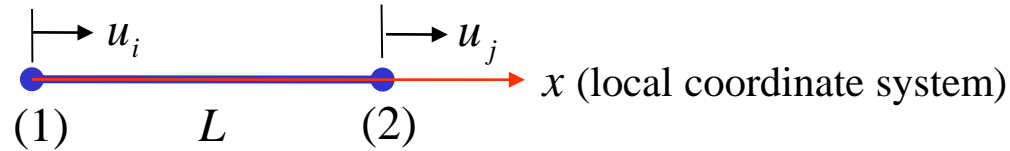
**Virtual Strain Energy = Virtual Work Done by Surface and Body Forces**

$$\int_V \sigma_{ij} \delta e_{ij} dV = \int_{S_i} T_i^n \delta u_i dS + \int_V F_i \delta u_i dV$$

**For One-Dimensional Case**

$$\int_{\Omega} \sigma \delta e dV = P_i u_i + P_j u_j + \int_{\Omega} f \delta u dV$$

# Linear Approximation Scheme



## Approximate Elastic Displacement

$$u = a_1 + a_2 x \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} u_1 &= a_1 \\ u_2 &= a_1 + a_2 L \end{aligned}$$

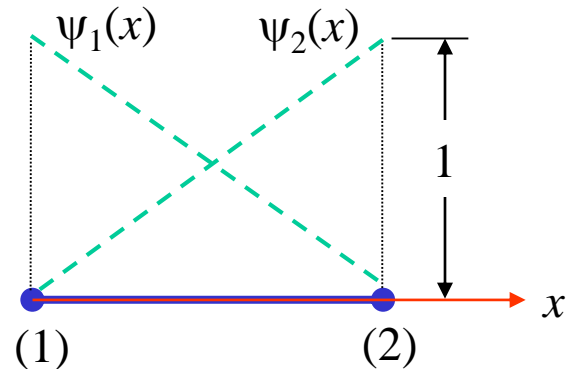
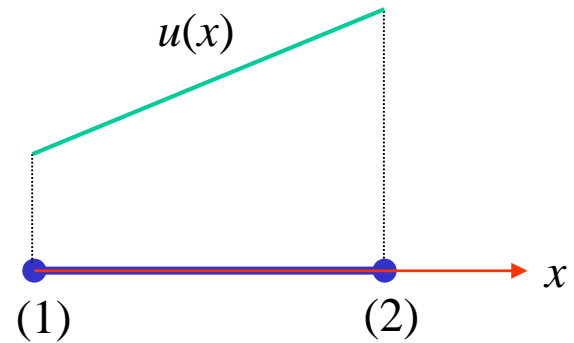
$$\Rightarrow u = u_1 + \frac{u_2 - u_1}{L} x = \left(1 - \frac{x}{L}\right) u_1 + \left(\frac{x}{L}\right) u_2$$

$$= \psi_1(x) u_1 + \psi_2(x) u_2$$

$$u = \begin{bmatrix} \psi_1 & \psi_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \frac{x}{L} & \frac{x}{L} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix} = [N] \{d\}$$

$[N]$  = Approximation Function Matrix

$\{d\}$  = Nodal Displacement Vector



$\psi_k(x)$  – Lagrange Interpolation Functions

# *Element Equation*

## *Linear Approximation Scheme, Constant Properties*

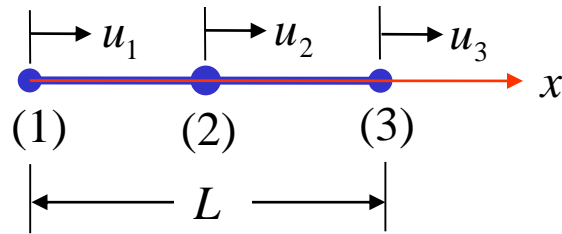
$$[K] = \int_0^L A[\mathbf{B}]^T E[\mathbf{B}] dx = AE[\mathbf{B}]^T [\mathbf{B}] \int_0^L dx = AE \begin{Bmatrix} -\frac{1}{L} \\ \frac{1}{L} \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} -\frac{1}{L} & \frac{1}{L} \end{Bmatrix} L = \frac{AE}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\{\mathbf{F}\} = \begin{Bmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \int_0^L A[\mathbf{N}]^T f dx = \begin{Bmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \end{Bmatrix} + Af_o \int_0^L \begin{Bmatrix} -\frac{x}{L} \\ \frac{x}{L} \end{Bmatrix} dx = \begin{Bmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \frac{Af_o L}{2} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\{\mathbf{d}\} = \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \text{Nodal Displacement Vector}$$

$$[\mathbf{K}]\{\mathbf{d}\} = \{\mathbf{F}\} \Rightarrow \frac{AE}{L} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \frac{Af_o L}{2} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

# Quadratic Approximation Scheme

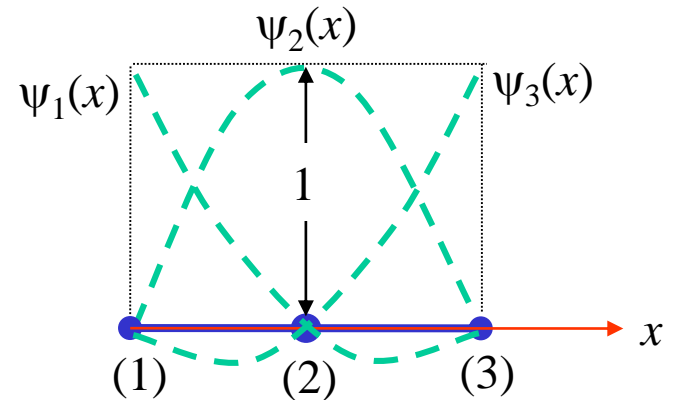
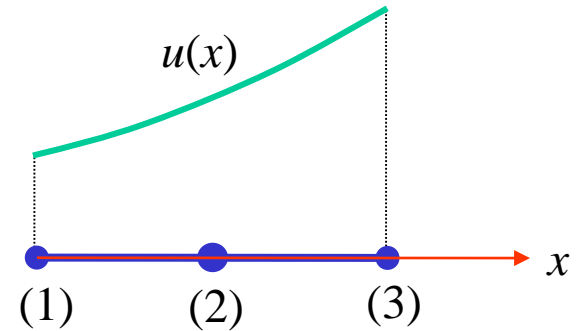


## Approximate Elastic Displacement

$$u = a_1 + a_2x + a_3x^2 \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} u_1 &= a_1 \\ u_2 &= a_1 + a_2 \frac{L}{2} + a_3 \frac{L^2}{4} \\ u_3 &= a_1 + a_2L + a_3L^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$u = \psi_1(x)u_1 + \psi_2(x)u_2 + \psi_3(x)u_3$$

$$u = [\psi_1 \quad \psi_2 \quad \psi_3] \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix} = [N] \{d\}$$



## Element Equation

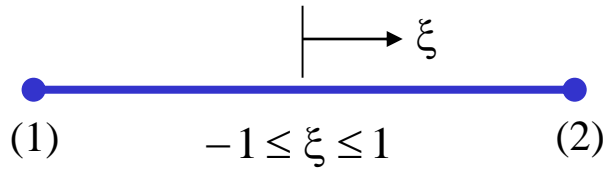
$$\frac{AE}{3L} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -8 & 1 \\ -8 & 16 & -8 \\ 1 & -8 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ F_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$



# Lagrange Interpolation Functions

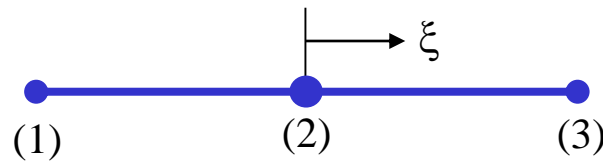
## Using Natural or Normalized Coordinates

$$\psi_i(\xi_j) = \begin{cases} 1, & i = j \\ 0, & i \neq j \end{cases}$$



$$\psi_1 = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \xi)$$

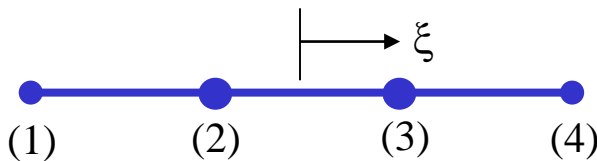
$$\psi_2 = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \xi)$$



$$\psi_1 = -\frac{1}{2}\xi(1 - \xi)$$

$$\psi_2 = (1 - \xi)(1 + \xi)$$

$$\psi_3 = \frac{1}{2}\xi(1 + \xi)$$



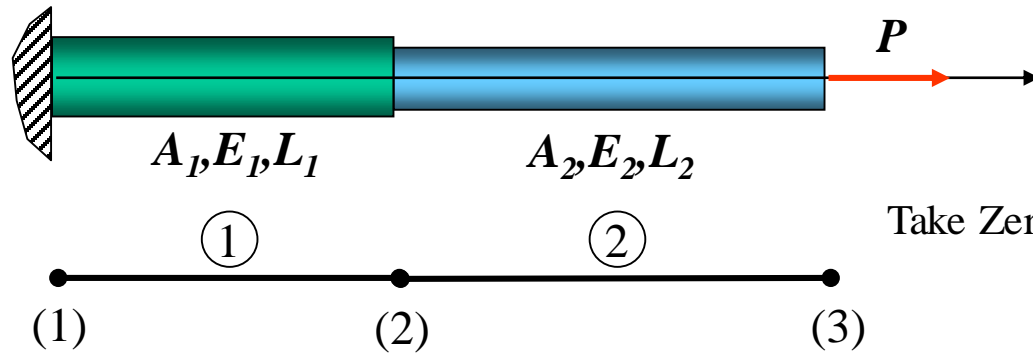
$$\psi_1 = -\frac{9}{16}(1 - \xi)\left(\frac{1}{3} + \xi\right)\left(\frac{1}{3} - \xi\right)$$

$$\psi_2 = \frac{27}{16}(1 - \xi)(1 + \xi)\left(\frac{1}{3} - \xi\right)$$

$$\psi_3 = \frac{27}{16}(1 - \xi)(1 + \xi)\left(\frac{1}{3} + \xi\right)$$

$$\psi_4 = -\frac{9}{16}\left(\frac{1}{3} + \xi\right)\left(\frac{1}{3} - \xi\right)(1 + \xi)$$

# Simple Example



Global Equation Element 1

$$\frac{A_1 E_1}{L_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} P_1^{(1)} \\ P_2^{(1)} \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

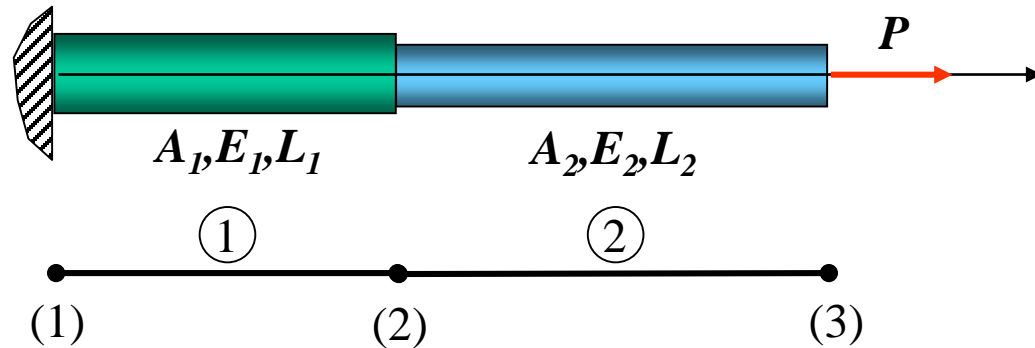
Global Equation Element 2

$$\frac{A_2 E_2}{L_2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ P_1^{(2)} \\ P_2^{(2)} \end{Bmatrix}$$

Assembled Global System Equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{A_1 E_1}{L_1} & -\frac{A_1 E_1}{L_1} & 0 \\ -\frac{A_1 E_1}{L_1} & \frac{A_1 E_1}{L_1} + \frac{A_2 E_2}{L_2} & -\frac{A_2 E_2}{L_2} \\ 0 & -\frac{A_2 E_2}{L_2} & \frac{A_2 E_2}{L_2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} P_1^{(1)} \\ P_2^{(1)} + P_1^{(2)} \\ P_2^{(2)} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \\ P_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

# Simple Example Continued



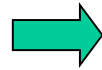
Reduced Global System Equation

Boundary Conditions

$$U_1 = 0$$

$$P_2^{(2)} = P$$

$$P_2^{(1)} + P_1^{(2)} = 0$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{A_1 E_1}{L_1} & -\frac{A_1 E_1}{L_1} & 0 \\ -\frac{A_1 E_1}{L_1} & \frac{A_1 E_1}{L_1} + \frac{A_2 E_2}{L_2} & -\frac{A_2 E_2}{L_2} \\ 0 & -\frac{A_2 E_2}{L_2} & \frac{A_2 E_2}{L_2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} P_1^{(1)} \\ 0 \\ P \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{A_1 E_1}{L_1} + \frac{A_2 E_2}{L_2} & -\frac{A_2 E_2}{L_2} \\ -\frac{A_2 E_2}{L_2} & \frac{A_2 E_2}{L_2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} U_2 \\ U_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ P \end{Bmatrix}$$

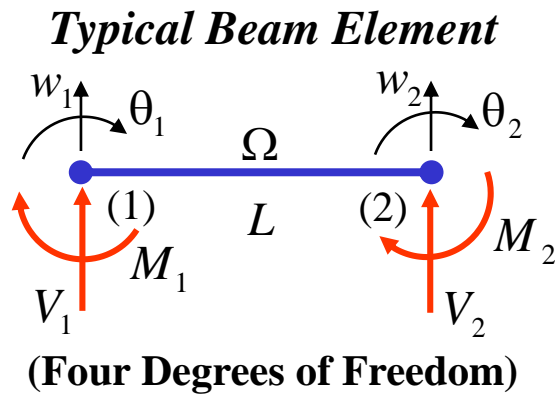
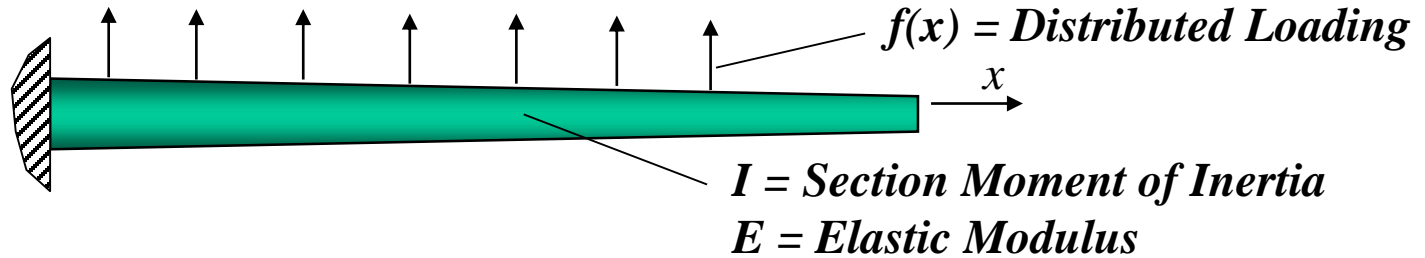
For Uniform  
Properties  $A, E, L$

$$\frac{AE}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} U_2 \\ U_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ P \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Solving } \Rightarrow U_2 = \frac{PL}{AE}, U_3 = \frac{2PL}{AE}, P_1^{(1)} = -P$$

# One-Dimensional Beam Element

## Deflection of an Elastic Beam



$$Q_1 = \frac{d}{dx} \left( EI \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2} \right)_1, \quad Q_2 = \left( EI \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2} \right)_1$$

$$Q_3 = -\frac{d}{dx} \left( EI \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2} \right)_2, \quad Q_4 = -\left( EI \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2} \right)_2$$

$$u_1 = w_1, \quad u_2 = \theta_1 = -\frac{dw}{dx} \Big|_1, \quad u_3 = w_2, \quad u_4 = \theta_2 = -\frac{dw}{dx} \Big|_2$$

**Virtual Strain Energy = Virtual Work Done by Surface and Body Forces**

$$\int_{\Omega} \sigma \delta \epsilon dV = Q_1 u_1 + Q_2 u_2 + Q_3 u_3 + Q_4 u_4 + \int_{\Omega} f \delta w dV \Rightarrow$$

$$EI \int_0^L [\mathbf{B}]^T [\mathbf{B}] dx \{ \mathbf{d} \} = Q_1 u_1 + Q_2 u_2 + Q_3 u_3 + Q_4 u_4 + \int_0^L f [\mathbf{N}]^T dV$$

# Beam Approximation Functions

To approximate deflection and slope at each node requires approximation of the form

$$w(x) = c_1 + c_2x + c_3x^2 + c_4x^3$$

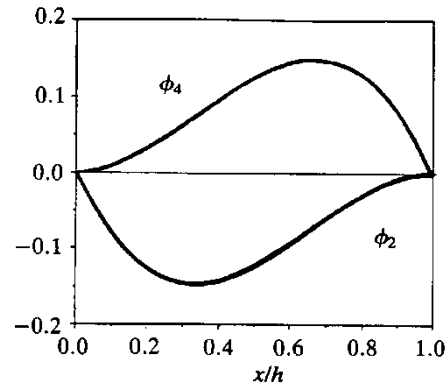
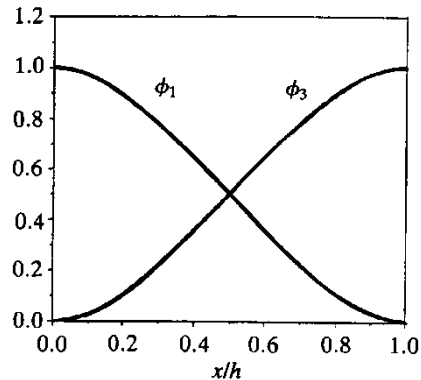
Evaluating deflection and slope at each node allows the determination of  $c_i$  thus leading to

$$w(x) = \phi_1(x)u_1 + \phi_2(x)u_2 + \phi_3(x)u_3 + \phi_4(x)u_4 ,$$

where  $\phi_i$  are the Hermite Cubic Approximation Functions

$$\phi_1^e = 1 - 3\left(\frac{\bar{x}}{h_e}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{\bar{x}}{h_e}\right)^3, \quad \phi_2^e = -\bar{x}\left(1 - \frac{\bar{x}}{h_e}\right)^2$$

$$\phi_3^e = 3\left(\frac{\bar{x}}{h_e}\right)^2 - 2\left(\frac{\bar{x}}{h_e}\right)^3, \quad \phi_4^e = -\bar{x}\left[\left(\frac{\bar{x}}{h_e}\right)^2 - \frac{\bar{x}}{h_e}\right]$$



# *Beam Element Equation*

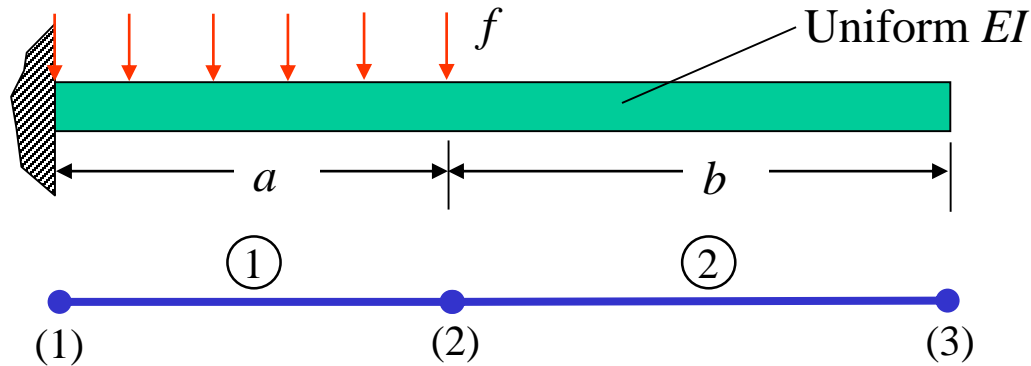
$$EI \int_0^L [\mathbf{B}]^T [\mathbf{B}] dx \{ \mathbf{d} \} = Q_1 u_1 + Q_2 u_2 + Q_3 u_3 + Q_4 u_4 + \int_0^L f [\mathbf{N}]^T dV$$

$$\{ \mathbf{d} \} = \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{Bmatrix} \quad [\mathbf{B}] = \frac{d[\mathbf{N}]}{dx} = \left[ \frac{d\phi_1}{dx} \quad \frac{d\phi_2}{dx} \quad \frac{d\phi_3}{dx} \quad \frac{d\phi_4}{dx} \right]$$

$$[\mathbf{K}] = EI \int_0^L [\mathbf{B}]^T [\mathbf{B}] dx = \frac{2EI}{L^3} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3L & -6 & -3L \\ -3L & 2L^2 & 3L & L^2 \\ -6 & 3L & 6 & 3L \\ -3L & L^2 & 3L & 2L^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \int_0^L f [\mathbf{N}]^T dx = f \int_0^L \begin{Bmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \phi_3 \\ \phi_4 \end{Bmatrix} dx = \frac{fL}{12} \begin{Bmatrix} 6 \\ -L \\ 6 \\ L \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{2EI}{L^3} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3L & -6 & -3L \\ -3L & 2L^2 & 3L & L^2 \\ -6 & 3L & 6 & 3L \\ -3L & L^2 & 3L & 2L^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} Q_1 \\ Q_2 \\ Q_3 \\ Q_4 \end{Bmatrix} + \frac{fL}{12} \begin{Bmatrix} 6 \\ -L \\ 6 \\ L \end{Bmatrix}$$

# ***FEA Beam Problem***



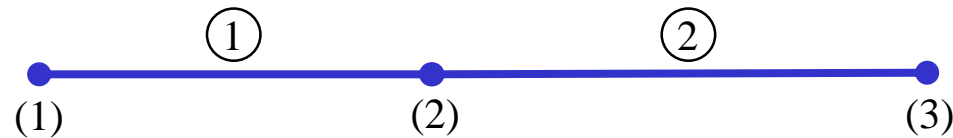
### Element 1

$$2EI \begin{bmatrix} 6/a^3 & -3/a^2 & -6/a^3 & -3/a^2 & 0 & 0 \\ -3/a^2 & 2/a & 3/a^2 & 1/a & 0 & 0 \\ -6/a^3 & 3/a^2 & 6/a^3 & 3/a^2 & 0 & 0 \\ -3/a^2 & 1/a & 3/a^2 & 2/a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \\ U_4 \\ U_5 \\ U_6 \end{Bmatrix} = -\frac{fa}{12} \begin{Bmatrix} 6 \\ -a \\ 6 \\ a \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{Bmatrix} Q_1^{(1)} \\ Q_2^{(1)} \\ Q_3^{(1)} \\ Q_4^{(1)} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

### Element 2

$$2EI \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6/b^3 & -3/b^2 & -6/b^3 & -3/b^2 \\ 0 & 0 & -3/b^2 & 2/b & 3/b^2 & 1/b \\ 0 & 0 & -6/b^3 & 3/b^2 & 6/b^3 & 3/b^2 \\ 0 & 0 & -3/b^2 & 1/b & 3/b^2 & 2/b \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \\ U_4 \\ U_5 \\ U_6 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ Q_1^{(2)} \\ Q_2^{(2)} \\ Q_3^{(2)} \\ Q_4^{(2)} \end{Bmatrix}$$

# *FEA Beam Problem*



### Global Assembled System

$$2EI \begin{bmatrix} 6/a^3 & -3/a^2 & -6/a^3 & -3/a^2 & 0 & 0 \\ \cdot & 2/a & 3/a^2 & 1/a & 0 & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & 6/a^3 + 6/b^3 & 3/a^2 - 3/b^2 & -6/a^3 & -3/a^2 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 2/a + 2/b & 3/a^2 & 1/a \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 6/a^3 & 3/a^2 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 2/a \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \\ U_4 \\ U_5 \\ U_6 \end{Bmatrix} = -\frac{fa}{12} \begin{Bmatrix} 6 \\ -a \\ 6 \\ a \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{Bmatrix} Q_1^{(1)} \\ Q_2^{(1)} \\ Q_3^{(1)} + Q_1^{(2)} \\ Q_4^{(1)} + Q_2^{(2)} \\ Q_3^{(2)} \\ Q_4^{(2)} \end{Bmatrix}$$

### Boundary Conditions

$$U_1 = w_1^{(1)} = 0, U_2 = \theta_1^{(1)} = 0, Q_3^{(2)} = Q_4^{(2)} = 0$$

### Matching Conditions

$$Q_3^{(1)} + Q_1^{(2)} = 0, Q_4^{(1)} + Q_2^{(2)} = 0$$

### Reduced System

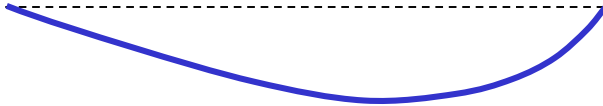
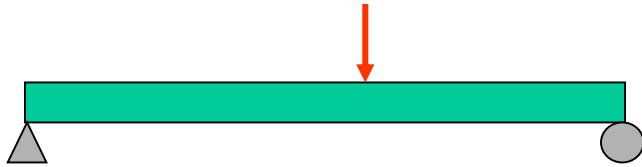
$$2EI \begin{bmatrix} 6/a^3 + 6/b^3 & 3/a^2 - 3/b^2 & -6/a^3 & -3/a^3 \\ \cdot & 2/a + 2/b & 3/a^2 & 1/a \\ \cdot & \cdot & 6/a^3 & 3/a^2 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 2/a \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \\ U_4 \end{Bmatrix} = -\frac{fa}{12} \begin{Bmatrix} 6 \\ a \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Solve System for Primary Unknowns  $U_1, U_2, U_3, U_4$

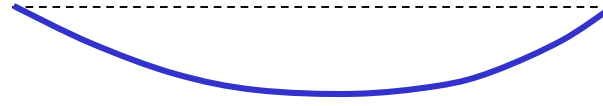
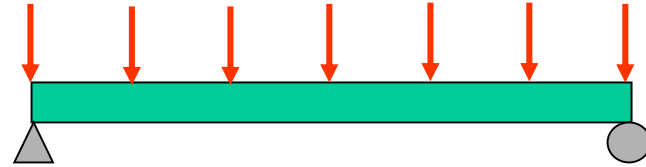
Nodal Forces  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  Can Then Be Determined



# *Special Features of Beam FEA*



Analytical Solution Gives  
Cubic Deflection Curve

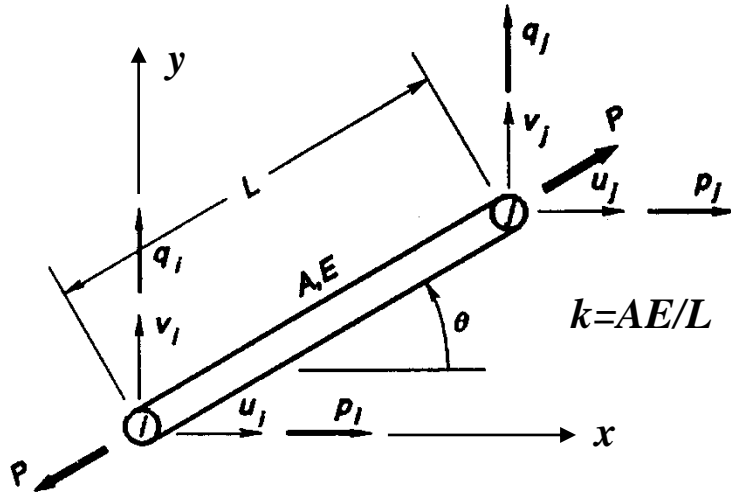


Analytical Solution Gives  
Quartic Deflection Curve

FEA Using Hermit Cubic Interpolation  
Will Yield Results That Match Exactly  
With Cubic Analytical Solutions

# Truss Element

## Generalization of Bar Element With Arbitrary Orientation



### Basic Element Equation ( $\theta = 0$ case)

$$\begin{bmatrix} k & 0 & -k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -k & 0 & k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_i \\ v_i \\ u_j \\ v_j \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} -p_i \\ -q_i \\ -p_j \\ -q_j \end{Bmatrix}$$

### Transformation for General Orientation

$$[T] = \begin{bmatrix} c & s & 0 & 0 \\ -s & c & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c & s \\ 0 & 0 & -s & c \end{bmatrix}$$

$$s = \sin \theta, \quad c = \cos \theta$$

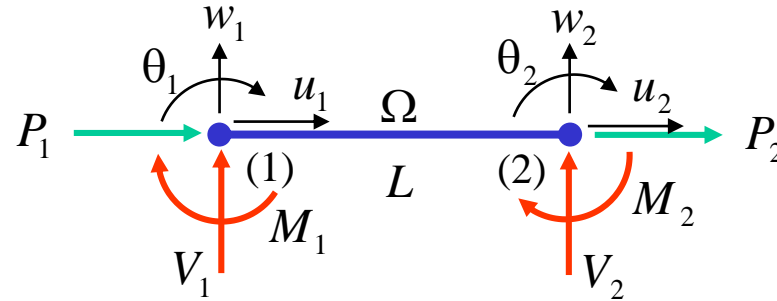
$$\{d\} = [T]\{d'\} \quad \{f\} = [T]\{f'\}$$

$$[k]\{d\} = \{f\} \Rightarrow [T]^T [k][T]\{d'\} = \{f'\}$$

$$[k'] = [T]^T [k][T] = k \begin{bmatrix} c^2 & cs & -c^2 & -cs \\ cs & s^2 & -cs & -s^2 \\ -c^2 & -cs & c^2 & cs \\ -cs & -s^2 & cs & s^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Frame Element

## Generalization of Bar and Beam Element with Arbitrary Orientation



$$\begin{bmatrix}
 \frac{AE}{L} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{AE}{L} & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & \frac{12EI}{L^3} & \frac{6EI}{L^2} & 0 & -\frac{12EI}{L^3} & \frac{6EI}{L^2} \\
 0 & \frac{6EI}{L^2} & \frac{4EI}{L} & 0 & -\frac{6EI}{L^2} & \frac{2EI}{L} \\
 -\frac{AE}{L} & 0 & 0 & \frac{AE}{L} & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & -\frac{12EI}{L^3} & -\frac{6EI}{L^2} & 0 & \frac{12EI}{L^3} & -\frac{6EI}{L^2} \\
 0 & \frac{6EI}{L^2} & \frac{2EI}{L} & 0 & -\frac{6EI}{L^2} & \frac{4EI}{L}
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{Bmatrix}
 u_1 \\
 w_1 \\
 \theta_1 \\
 u_2 \\
 w_2 \\
 \theta_2
 \end{Bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{Bmatrix}
 P_1 \\
 Q_1 \\
 Q_2 \\
 P_2 \\
 Q_3 \\
 Q_4
 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Element Equation Can Then Be Rotated to Accommodate Arbitrary Orientation

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