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V. **COURSE REQUIREMENTS, ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION METHODS:**

- Exam(s) (subject to change): 8%
- Assignments: Homework assignments take up 50% of the grade. Assignments typically involve a computational part that requires writing/modifying small computer codes (Matlab, C++) or using commercial packages such as COMSOL. The assignments include challenge problems that can add up to 5-10% to the final grade. Percentage can be subject to change. 60%
- Term project(s): Computer FEM code (18%) & commercial FEM software (12%) 32%
- Absences and excused grades: Excuses will be given only under the following circumstances:
  - o illness
  - o personal crisis (e.g. automobile accident, death of a close relative)
 otherwise there is a 15% penalty per day for late assignments.

Code Project  
 - near the end of the course  
 - suggestion use an object-oriented language like Python or C++  
 Cup to 10% credit  
 groups of up to 3 students

Brief course outline:

- Mathematical formulation (40%)
  - o Long but more general approach
    - Balance laws
    - Differential equations
    - Weighted Residual Statement (WRS)
    - Weak statement (FEM, Discontinuous Galerkin, spectral method, ...)
  - o Energy methods, more limited but right away we get the weak statement

Handwritten notes and diagrams illustrating the derivation of the weak statement:

$(AEu')' + q = 0$        $\sum f_i = 0$

Diagram of a bar of length  $L$  with force  $A$  at  $x=L$ .

Weighted Residual Statement (WRS):

$$\int_0^L \omega ((AEu')' + q) dx = 0 \quad x \in D$$

Energy = ...  
 minimize the energy  $\rightarrow \int_0^L \omega AEu' dx = \int_0^L \omega q dx$       no BC

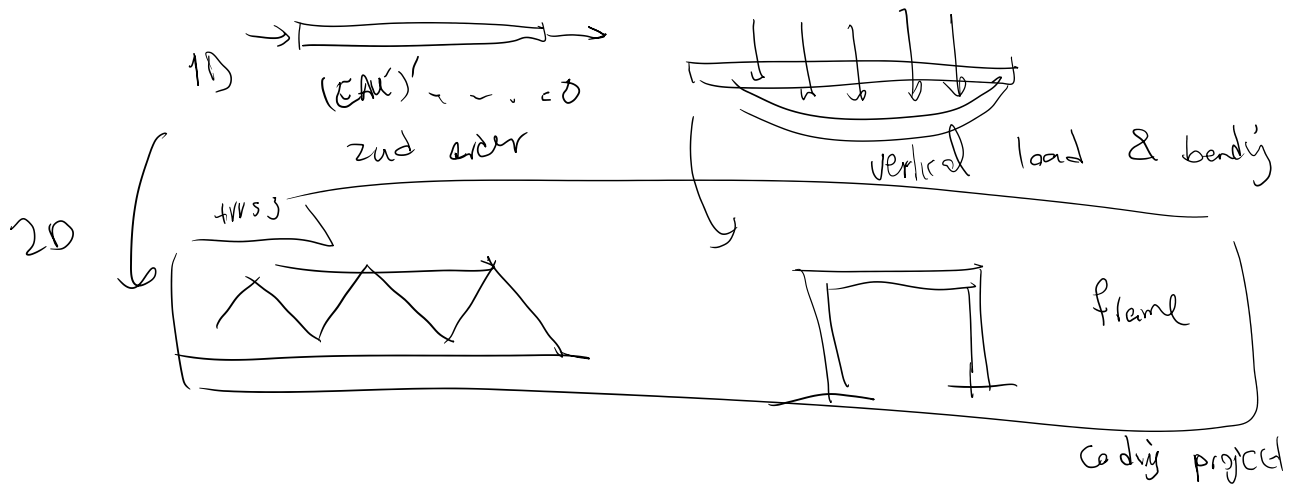
Main objective of the course is to be able to formulate and implement a finite element method

- Special 1D elements

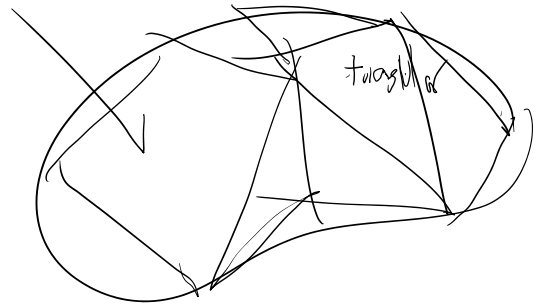
Handwritten diagrams and equations for 1D elements:

1D bar:  $(EAu')' = \dots = 0$

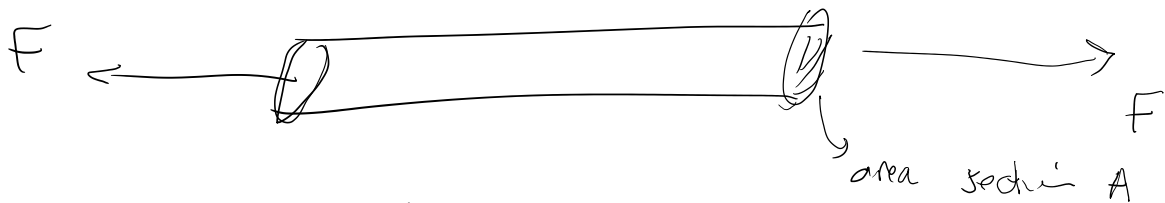
beam:  $(EIy'')'' + q = 0$



- Quadrature and 2D/3D elements:
  - o Quadrature (numerical integration)
    - Newton-Cotes
    - Gauss Quadrature
  - o 2D/3D elements:
    - Heat equation
    - Elastostatics
- Coding of a FEM



Bar problem



stress = intensity of force = force per unit area →

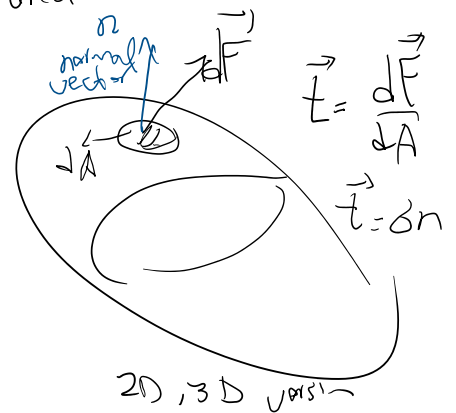
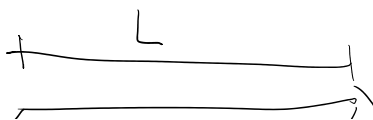
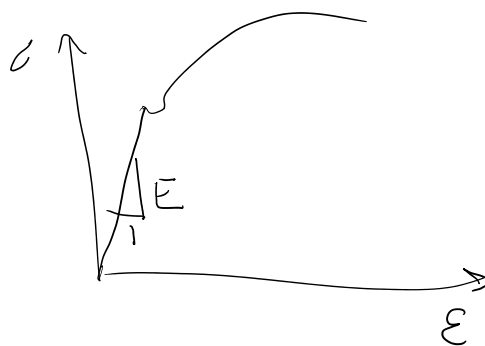
$$\sigma = \frac{F}{A}$$

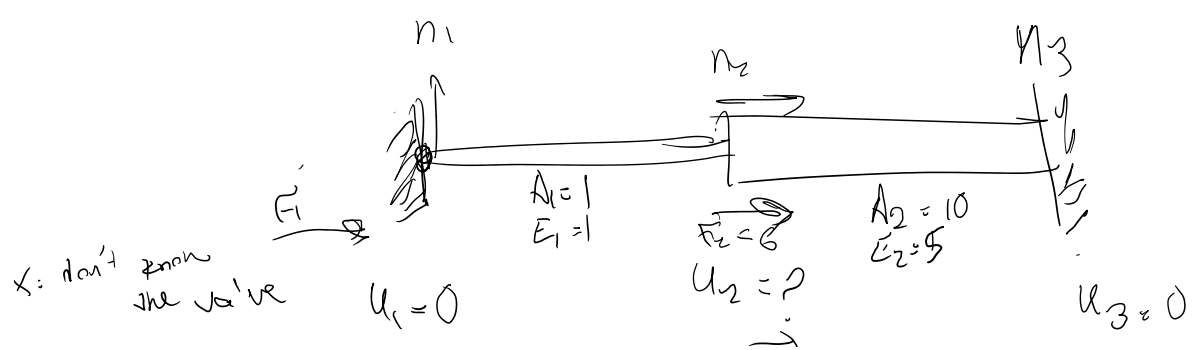
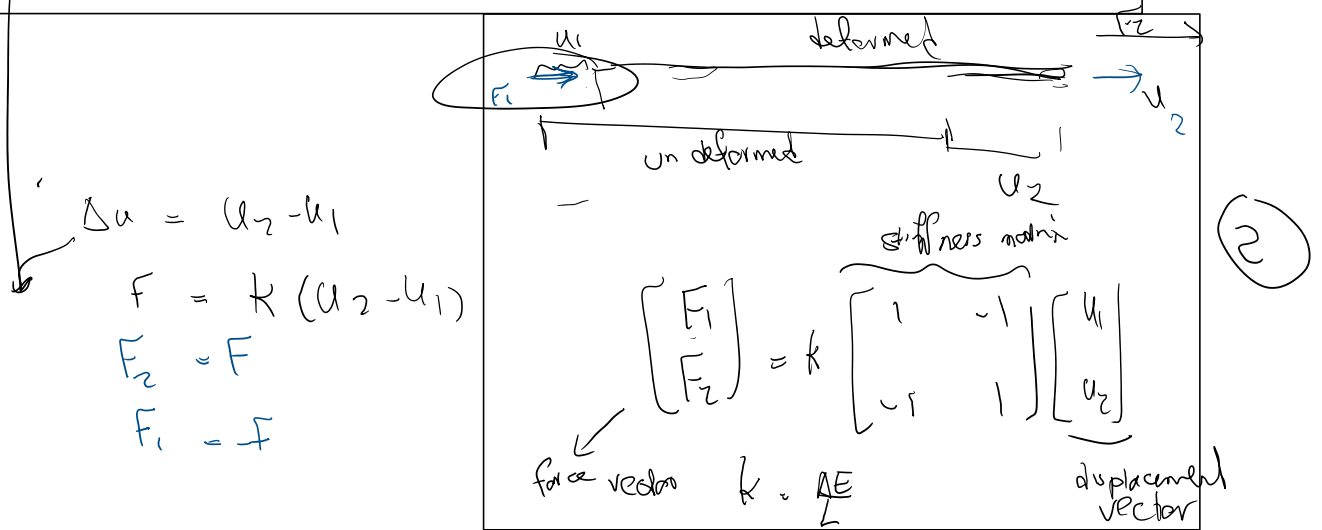
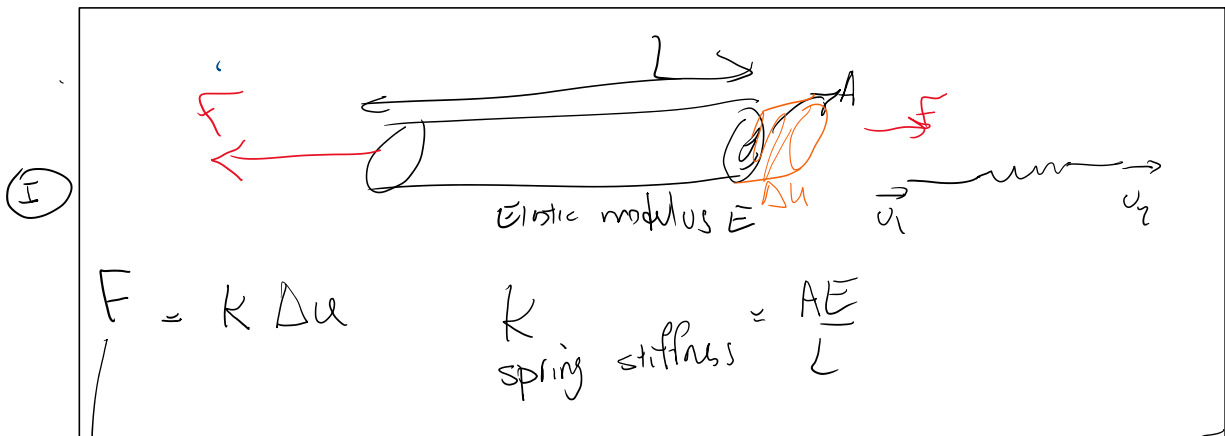
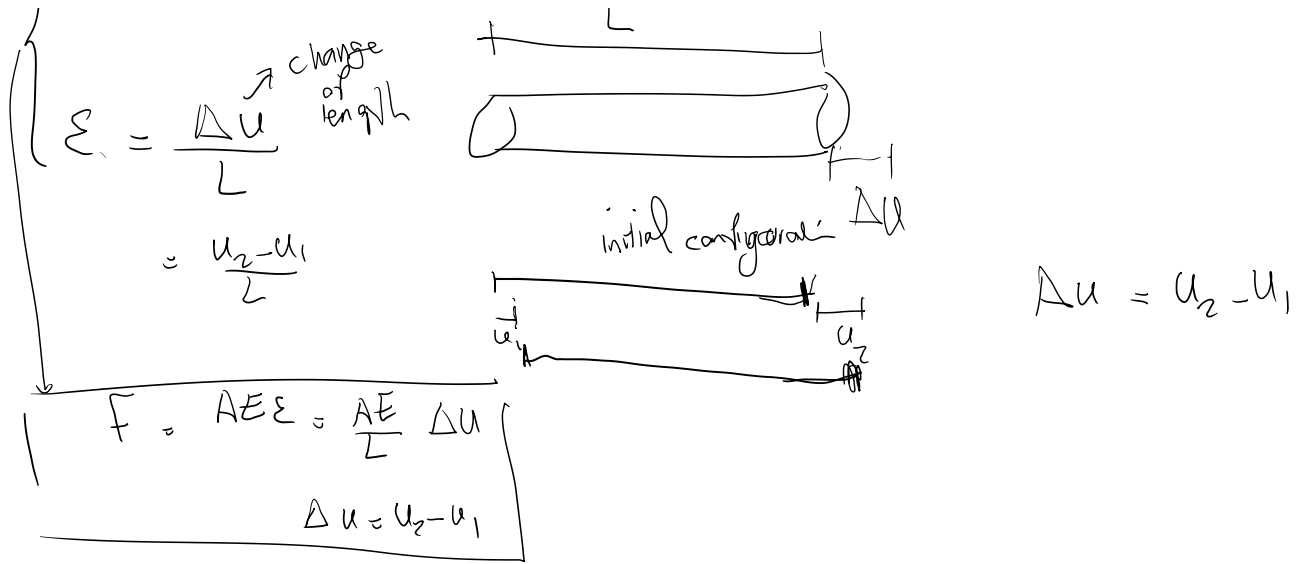
$$\sigma = E \epsilon$$

↓ strain

$$F = A E \epsilon$$

change of  $l$





X: don't know the value

$$u_1 = 0$$

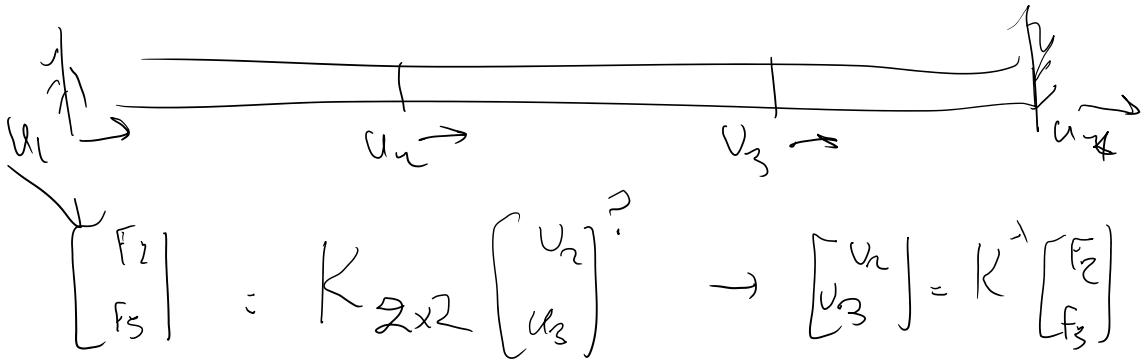
$$u_2 = P$$

$$u_3 = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ X \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ F_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} K_{11} & K_{12} & K_{13} \\ K_{21} & K_{22} & K_{23} \\ K_{31} & K_{32} & K_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

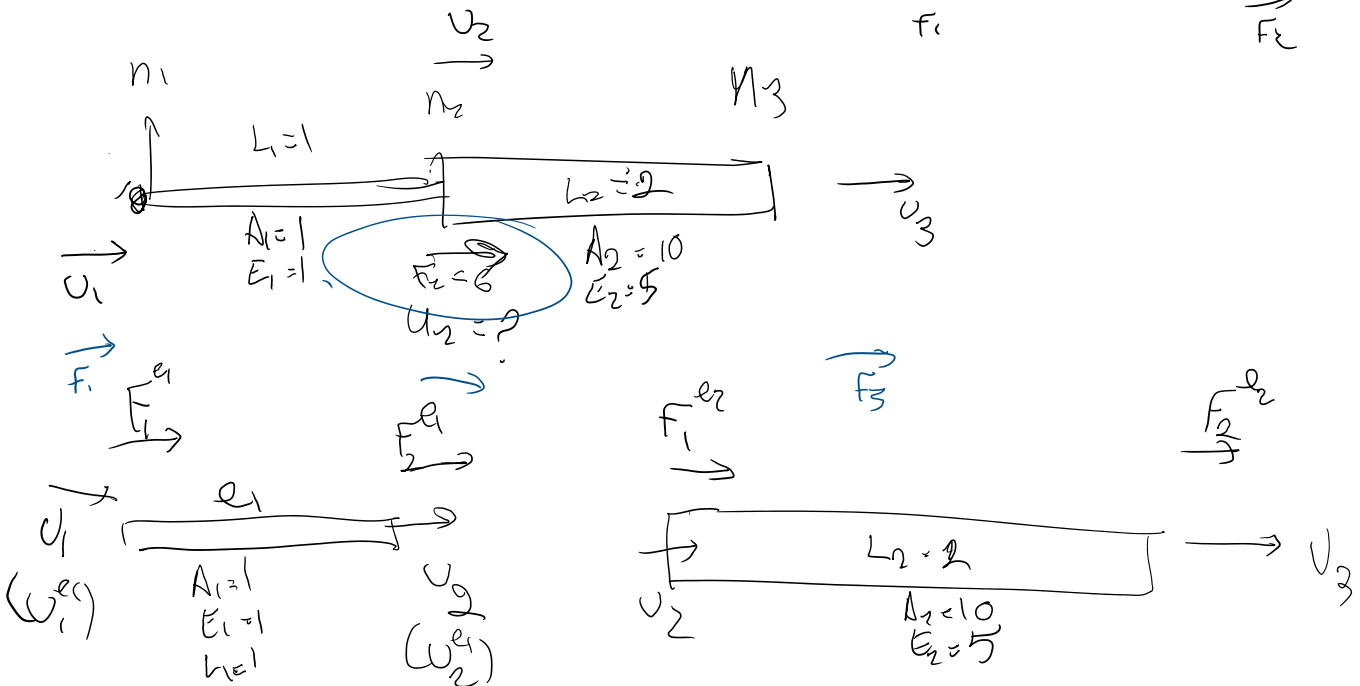
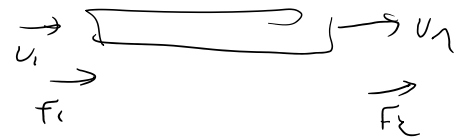
stiffness for this structure

$$F_2 = K u_2^P \quad u_2 = K^{-1} F_2$$



why  $\begin{bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{bmatrix} = K \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$  is much better than

$$F = K \Delta u$$



$W_1$

$E_1 = 1$   
 $L_1 = 1$

$W_2$

$U_2$

$A_2 = 10$   
 $E_2 = 5$

$$k_1 = \frac{A_1 E_1}{L_1} = 1$$

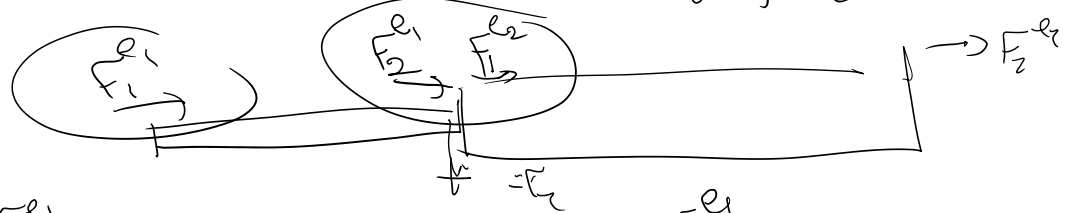
$$k_2 = \frac{A_2 E_2}{L_2} = 25$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_1^{e1} \\ F_2^{e1} \end{bmatrix} = k_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_1^{e2} \\ F_2^{e2} \end{bmatrix} = k_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_1^{e1} \\ F_2^{e1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_1^{e2} \\ F_2^{e2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & -25 \\ -25 & 25 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$F_1^{e1} = u_1 - u_2$$

$$F_1 = F_1^{e1} = u_1 - u_2$$

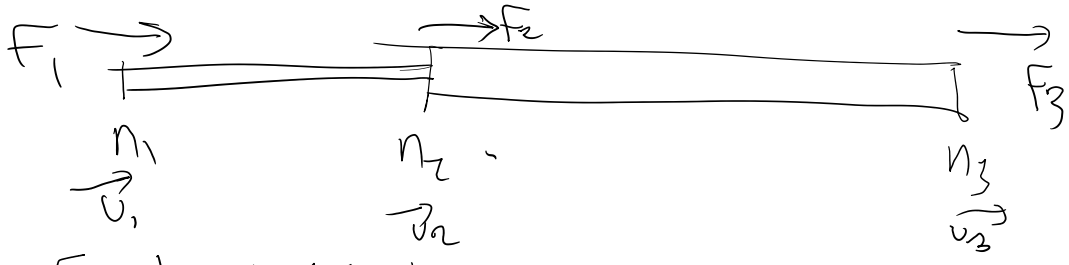
$$F_2^{e1} = -u_1 + u_2$$

$$F_2 = F_2^{e1} + F_1^{e2} = -u_1 + u_2 + 25u_2 - 25u_3$$

$$F_1^{e2} = 25u_2 - 25u_3$$

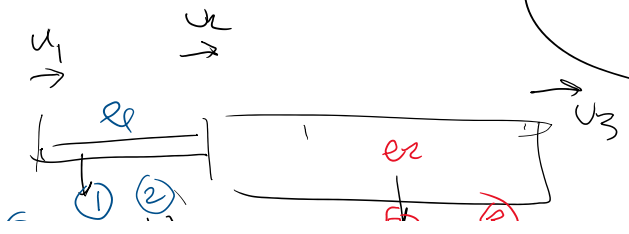
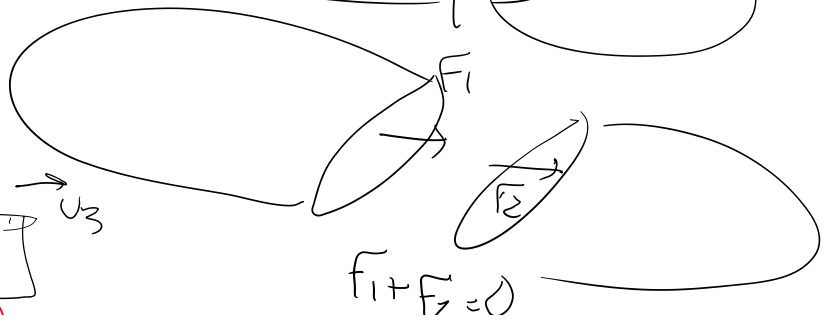
$$F_3 = F_2^{e2} = -25u_2 + 25u_3$$

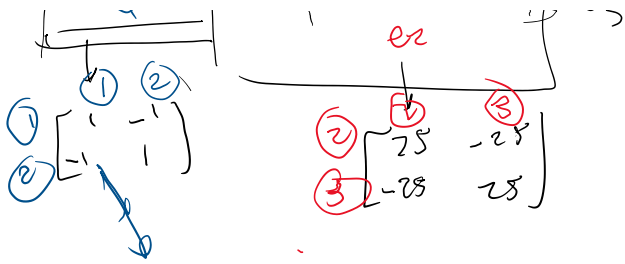
$$F_2^{e2} = -25u_2 + 25u_3$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ F_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 26 & -25 \\ 0 & -25 & 25 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

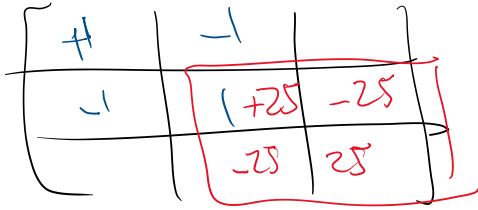
stiffness of the structure



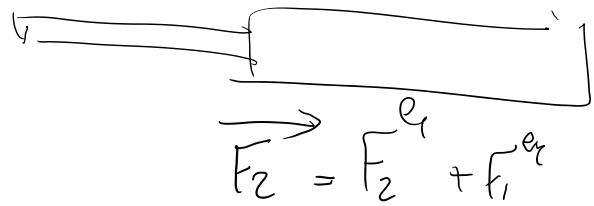
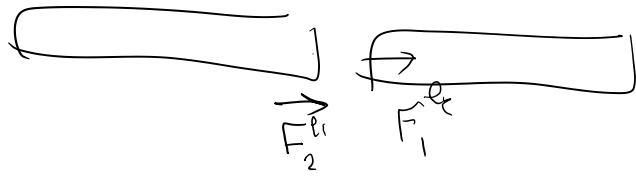


$$F_1 + F_2 = 0$$

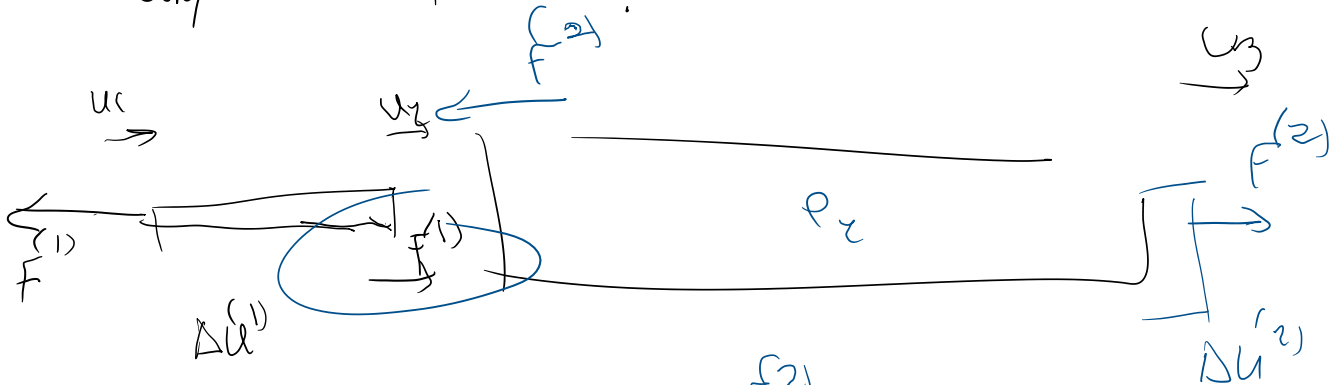
equi-stress



$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 26 & 25 \\ 0 & -25 & 25 \end{bmatrix}$$



Why this is powerful?



$$F^{(1)} = k^{(1)} \Delta u^{(1)}$$

$$\Delta u^{(1)} = u_2 - u_1$$

$$F^{(2)} = k^{(2)} \Delta u^{(2)}$$

$$\Delta u^{(2)} = u_3 - u_2$$

