

Beam elements: Concentrated load

Our main goal is to obtain the contribution of concentrated vertical force and moment to global force vector for the beam problem.

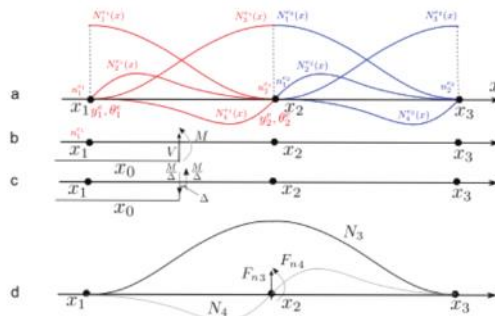
For each node, there are two dofs: vertical displacement and rotation. We expect the corresponding nodal forces to be concentrated vertical load and concentrated moment as they are dual quantities.

In the figure (b) a concentrated vertical force  $V$  and moment  $M$  are exerted at point  $x$ .

The source term force is:

$$F_r = \int_D N^T \cdot r \, dv, \quad D = [0, L], \quad r = q \text{ (vertical distributed load)} \Rightarrow$$

$$F_{r_i} = \int_0^L N_i(x) q(x) \, dx$$



$f_r$  concentrated force

$$f_r = \int_e N^T q \, dx$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} N_1 \\ N_2 \\ N_3 \\ N_4 \end{pmatrix}^T V \delta(x-x_0) \, dx$$

$$= V \begin{pmatrix} N_1(x_0) \\ N_2(x_0) \\ N_3(x_0) \\ N_4(x_0) \end{pmatrix}$$

where

$$x_0 = \int_0^L \xi \, d\xi + \xi_0$$

$V \times$  values of  $N$

Important for the last problem in HW4

for concentrated moment

$$f_r = M \frac{d}{dx} \begin{pmatrix} N_1 \\ N_2 \\ N_3 \\ N_4 \end{pmatrix} (\xi_0)$$

$$= M \begin{pmatrix} \frac{dN_1}{dx} \\ \frac{dN_2}{dx} \\ \frac{dN_3}{dx} \\ \frac{dN_4}{dx} \end{pmatrix} (\xi_0)$$

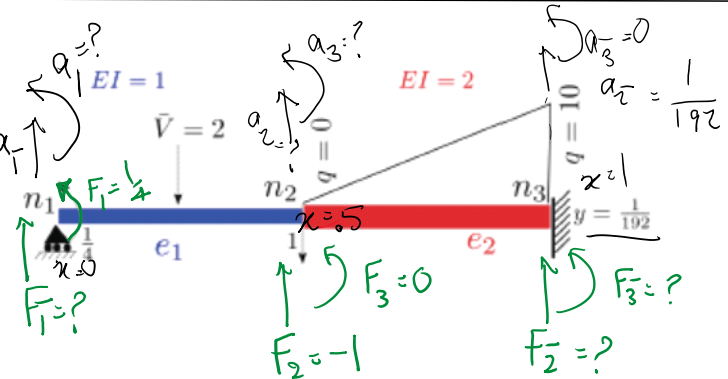
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Sample problem:

3 nodes  $\times$  2 dofs / node = 6 dofs

$$F_n = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

fig 1  
- dofs (dof & rotation)  
- "force" (kent force & moments)



nodal map

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$$LEM(2) = [2, 3]$$

dof map

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calculation of  $e_2$

$K^{e_2} = ?$

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$EI = 2, L = \frac{1}{2}$

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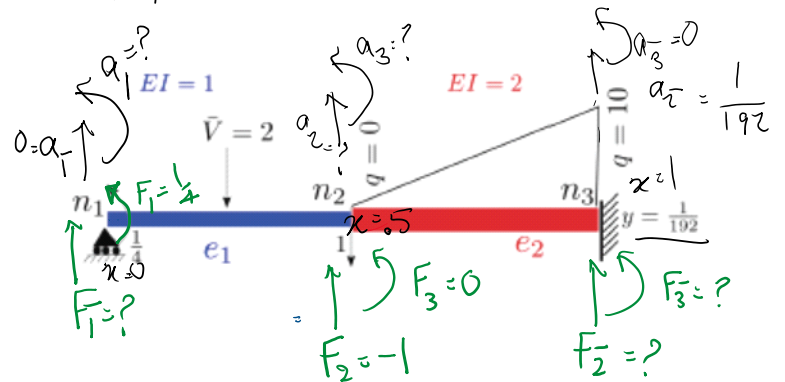
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$$k^e = \frac{EI}{L^3} \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 6L^e & -12 & 6L^e \\ 6L^e & 4L^e & -6L^e & 2L^e \\ -12 & -6L^e & 12 & -6L^e \\ 6L^e & 2L^e & -6L^e & 4L^e \end{bmatrix} \text{ for constant } E \text{ and } I \quad (427)$$

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$$K = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -24 & 4 \\ \text{sym.} & 96+192 & -24+48 \\ \text{sym.} & \text{sym.} & 8+16 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Back to element 2 calculations:

$$f^{e_2} = f_r^{e_2} + f_N^{e_2} - f_D^{e_2}$$

10 element

$$f_r^{e_2} = (r^e)_{4 \times 2} \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{bmatrix} = (r^e)_{4 \times 2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$f_r^e \approx r^e \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{where } r^e = L^e \begin{bmatrix} \frac{7}{20} & \frac{3}{20} \\ \frac{1}{20}L^e & \frac{1}{30}L^e \\ \frac{3}{20} & \frac{2}{7} \\ -\frac{1}{30}L^e & -\frac{1}{20}L^e \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{exact for linear } q \quad (433)$$

$$f_r^{e_1} = \bar{V} \begin{bmatrix} N_1 \\ N_2 \\ N_3 \\ N_4 \end{bmatrix} (\xi_0) = (-2) \begin{bmatrix} N_1 \\ N_2 \\ N_3 \\ N_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

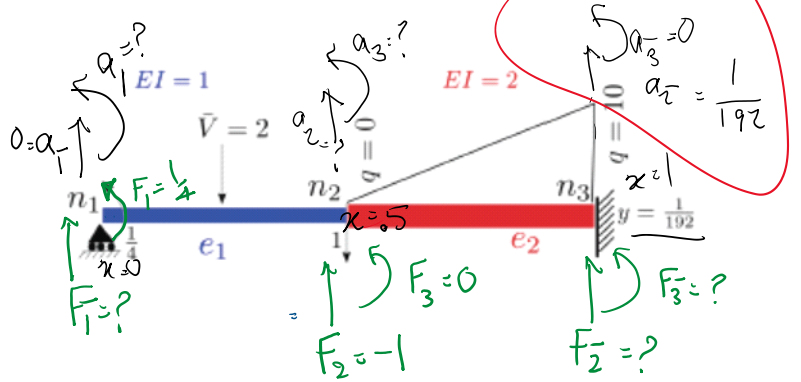
$f_r^e$	(440) (1st eqn) ( $\xi = 0$ )	equation (433); $r^e \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{bmatrix}^T$
$\bar{V}$	$\begin{bmatrix} N_1^{e_1}(\xi_0) \\ N_2^{e_1}(\xi_0) \\ N_3^{e_1}(\xi_0) \\ N_4^{e_1}(\xi_0) \end{bmatrix} = -2 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{8} \\ -\frac{1}{8} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{7}{20} & \frac{3}{20} \\ \frac{1}{20} & \frac{1}{30} \\ \frac{3}{20} & \frac{2}{7} \\ -\frac{1}{30} & -\frac{1}{20} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{1}{12} \\ \frac{4}{1} \\ -\frac{1}{8} \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f_D = k_{4 \times 4} a_{4 \times 1}$$

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$f_D^{e_1}$	$k^{e_1} a_1 =$	$\begin{bmatrix} 96 & 24 & -96 & 24 \\ 24 & 8 & -24 & 4 \\ -96 & -24 & 96 & -24 \\ 24 & 4 & -24 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$
$f_D^{e_2}$	$k^{e_2} a_2 =$	$\begin{bmatrix} 192 & 48 & -192 & 48 \\ 48 & 16 & -48 & 8 \\ -192 & -48 & 192 & -48 \\ 48 & 8 & -48 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

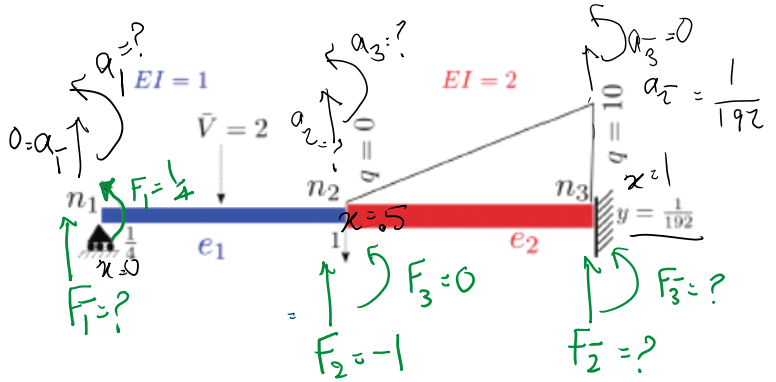
$f_e^e$	$f_e^{e_1} = f_r^{e_1} + f_N^{e_1} - f_D^{e_1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 8 \\ 1/8 \end{bmatrix}$	$f_e^{e_2} = f_r^{e_2} + f_N^{e_2} - f_D^{e_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$
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$$F^e = \begin{bmatrix} -1/8 \\ -1 \\ 1/8 \\ 7/4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F^n = \begin{bmatrix} 1/4 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F = F^e + F^n = \begin{bmatrix} -1/8 \\ -3/4 \\ 1/24 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U = K^{-1} F$$



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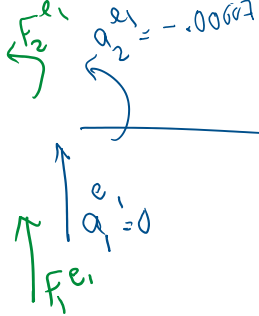
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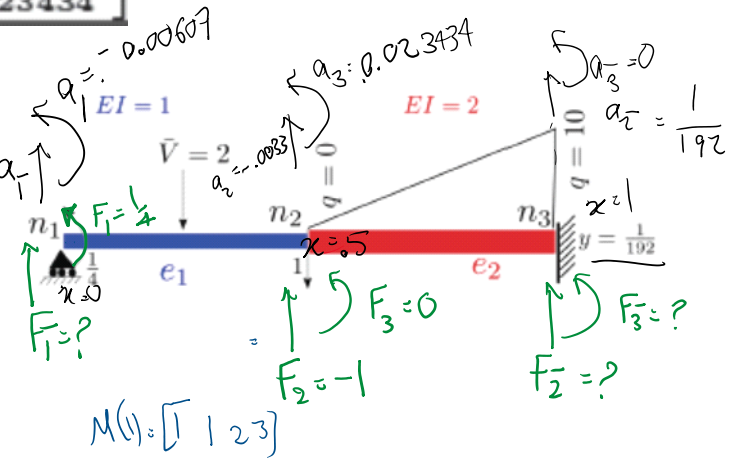
$$= \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{7}{1152} \\ \frac{6912}{3} \\ .023434 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -.00607 \\ .00332 \\ .023434 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, we can calculate the element solutions:

Calculate  $e_1$  forces

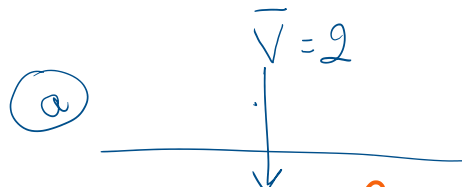


$$a_4 = .0234$$



$$M(x) = [1 \ 2 \ 3]$$

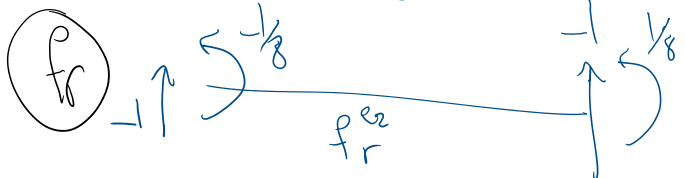
$$f_D^{e1} = k_{4 \times 4}^{e1} a_{4 \times 1}^{e1} = k^{e1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -.00607 \\ -.0033 \\ .0234 \end{bmatrix}$$



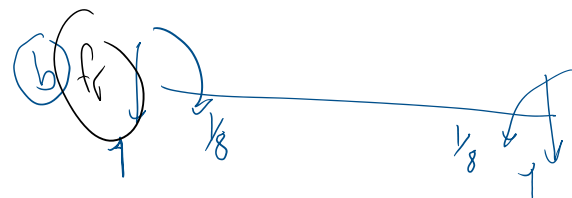
$$f_r^{e1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1/8 \\ -1 \\ 1/8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$f_r$  equivalent to "distributed force"

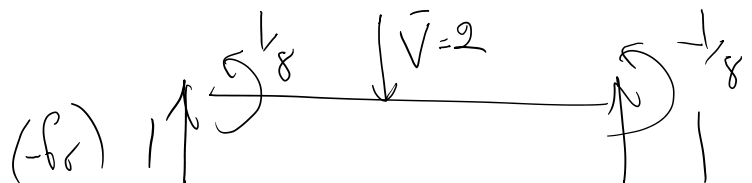
$$F^{e1} = f_D^{e1} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1/8 \\ -1 \\ -1/8 \end{bmatrix}}_{-f_r^{e1}}$$



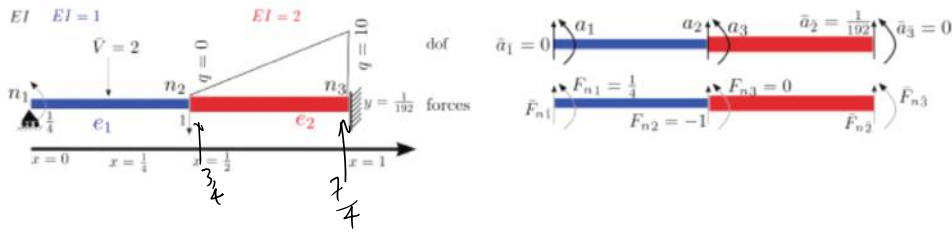
$$F^{e1} = - \left( \underbrace{f_r^{e1} + f_N^{e1}}_{-f_D^{e1}} \right)$$



to balance the forces



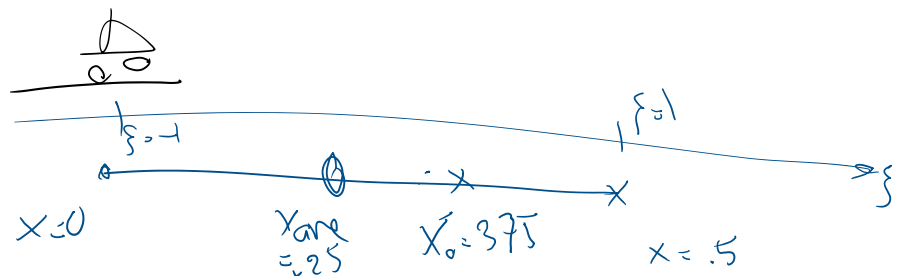
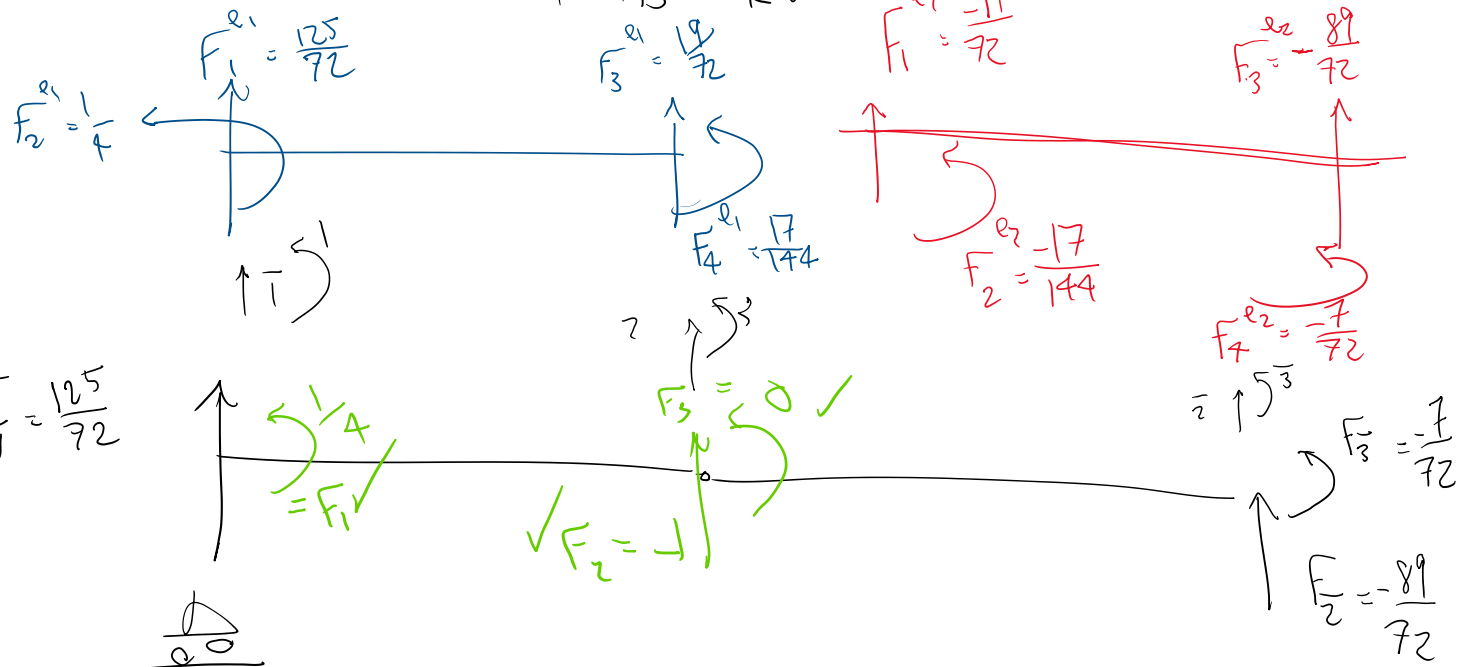
# Beam Example: Resultant nodal forces



e	e <sub>1</sub>	e <sub>2</sub>
u <sup>e</sup>	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 7 \\ 125 \\ 9912 \\ 128 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} -23 \\ 9912 \\ 128 \\ 192 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$
-f <sup>e</sup>	$k^{e_1} a_1^e - r_1^{e_1} - r_1^{e_1} - r_1^{e_1} =$ $\begin{bmatrix} 06 & 24 & -06 & 24 \\ 24 & 8 & -24 & 4 \\ -06 & -24 & 06 & -24 \\ 24 & 4 & -24 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 7 \\ 125 \\ 9912 \\ 128 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 8 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 125 \\ 7 \\ 16 \\ 17 \\ 144 \end{bmatrix}$	$k^{e_2} a_2^e - r_1^{e_2} - r_1^{e_2} - r_1^{e_2} =$ $\begin{bmatrix} 102 & 48 & -102 & 48 \\ 48 & 16 & -48 & 8 \\ -102 & -48 & 102 & -48 \\ 48 & 8 & -48 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -23 \\ 9912 \\ 128 \\ 192 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 12 \\ 4 \\ -1 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -91 \\ 17 \\ 144 \\ 7 \\ 72 \end{bmatrix}$

To calculate element forces we need to calculate -f<sup>e</sup> = -(f<sub>r</sub><sup>e</sup> + f<sub>N</sub><sup>e</sup> - f<sub>D</sub><sup>e</sup>) in the absence

of f<sub>r</sub><sup>e</sup> & f<sub>N</sub><sup>e</sup> this is simply f<sub>D</sub><sup>e</sup> = K<sup>e</sup> a<sup>e</sup>



find  $y(x_0)$   $\theta(x_0) = y'(x_0)$ ,  $M(x_0) = EI y''(x_0)$ ,  $V(x_0) = \frac{d}{dx} (EI y')|_{x_0}$

$x_{ave} = .75$      $L = .5$      $x_0 = \int_0^L \frac{L}{2} + x_{ave} \rightarrow \int_0^L \frac{L}{2} = .5$   
 for  $\xi = \xi_0$

## Beam Example: Calculation of $y, \theta, M, V$ within element

- After the solution of global free dofs, they are transferred to elements.
- Once element dofs are known, we have the **Displacement** in the entire elements:

$$y(\xi) = N_1^e(\xi)a_1^e + N_2^e(\xi)a_2^e + N_3^e(\xi)a_3^e + N_4^e(\xi)a_4^e.$$

element shape functions are given in (421).

- **Rotation:** Obtained by differentiating previous equation w.r.t.  $x$  & noting that  $\frac{dx}{d\xi} = \frac{L^e}{2}$ :

$$\theta(\xi) = \frac{dy}{dx}(\xi) = \frac{\frac{dy}{d\xi}(\xi)}{\frac{dx}{d\xi}(\xi)} = \frac{2}{L^e} \left\{ \frac{dN_1^e}{d\xi}(\xi)a_1^e + \frac{dN_2^e}{d\xi}(\xi)a_2^e + \frac{dN_3^e}{d\xi}(\xi)a_3^e + \frac{dN_4^e}{d\xi}(\xi)a_4^e \right\}$$

- **Moment** is directly obtained by differentiating the above equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 M(\xi) &= E(\xi)I(\xi) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}(\xi) = E(\xi)I(\xi) \mathbf{B}^e(\xi) \\
 &= E(\xi)I(\xi) \{ B_1^e(\xi)a_1^e + B_2^e(\xi)a_2^e + B_3^e(\xi)a_3^e + B_4^e(\xi)a_4^e \} \quad \text{cf. (424) for } \mathbf{B}^e
 \end{aligned}$$

- **Shear force** is obtained by differentiating  $M$  w.r.t.  $x$ . It's a similar process to deriving  $\theta$  from  $y$  with the difference that if  $EI$  are not constant we need to take it into account. For **constant  $EI$**  we have:

$$V(\xi) = \frac{dM}{dx}(\xi) = \frac{\frac{dM}{d\xi}(\xi)}{\frac{dx}{d\xi}(\xi)} = \frac{2EI}{L^e} \left\{ \frac{dB_1^e}{d\xi}(\xi)a_1^e + \frac{dB_2^e}{d\xi}(\xi)a_2^e + \frac{dB_3^e}{d\xi}(\xi)a_3^e + \frac{dB_4^e}{d\xi}(\xi)a_4^e \right\}$$

- To obtain these fields for the entire beam we evaluate these equations for all elements.

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- **Free forces  $F_f$ :**

$$F_{n1} = f_2^{e1} = \frac{1}{4} = \text{moment exerted on the left support} \quad (443a)$$

$$F_{n2} = f_3^{e1} + f_1^{e2} = \frac{19}{72} - \frac{91}{72} = -1 = \text{vertical load exerted at the center of the beam} \quad (443b)$$

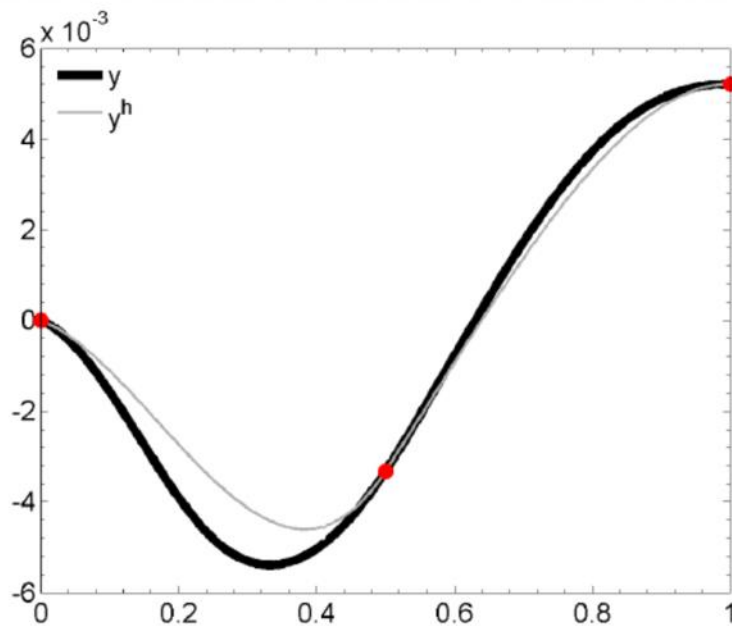
$$F_{n3} = f_4^{e1} + f_2^{e2} = \frac{17}{144} - \frac{17}{144} = 0 = \text{zero moment exerted at the center of the beam} \quad (443c)$$

- As mentioned before, this step is not necessary and may just be used as a necessary (not sufficient) condition for the correctness of hand calculations.

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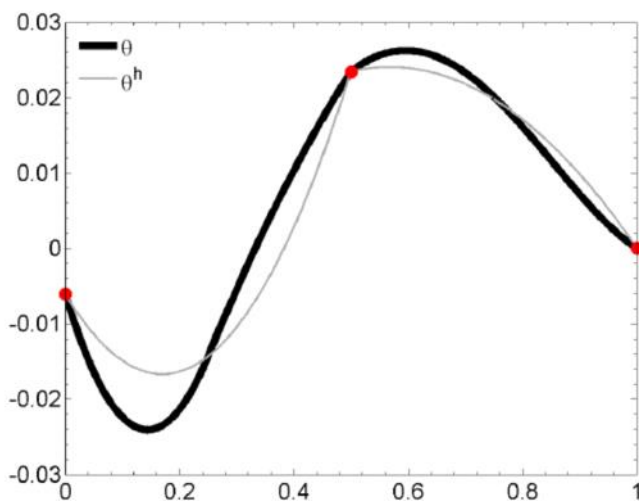
## Beam Example: FEM vs. Exact solution: $y$



- Similar to bar element *FEM* and exact solutions match at nodes.
- This behavior is restricted to certain problems in 1D with constant material properties along the element and does not extend to more general cases.

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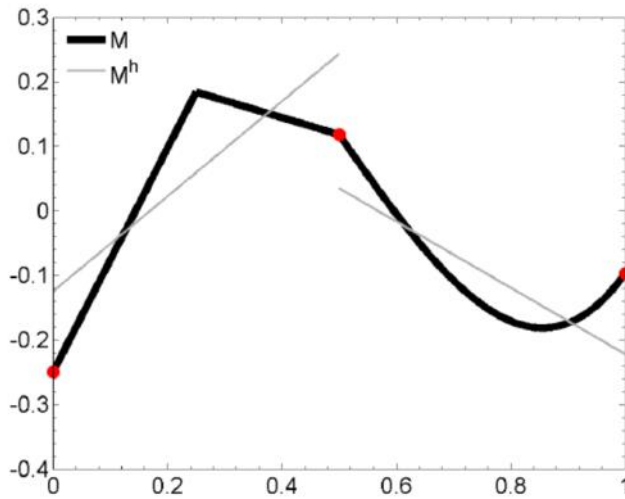
## Beam Example: FEM vs. Exact solution: $\theta$



- Rotations at nodes (rotational dofs) match those from exact solution.
- Again we emphasize that while this behavior is shared for certain types of 1D problems, it does not extend to more general cases.

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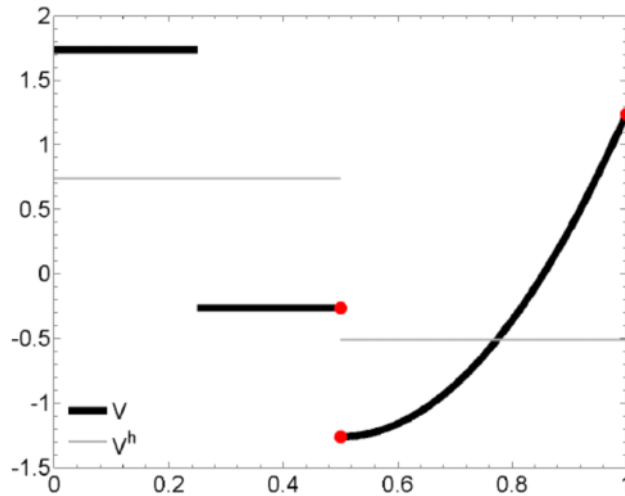
## Beam Example: FEM vs. Exact solution: $M$



- It is clear that FEM solutions for  $M$  are much less accurate than those for  $y$  and  $\theta$  when compared to exact solution.
- This is a **general behavior** where FEM accuracy decreases for solution derivatives.

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## Beam Example: FEM vs. Exact solution: $V$



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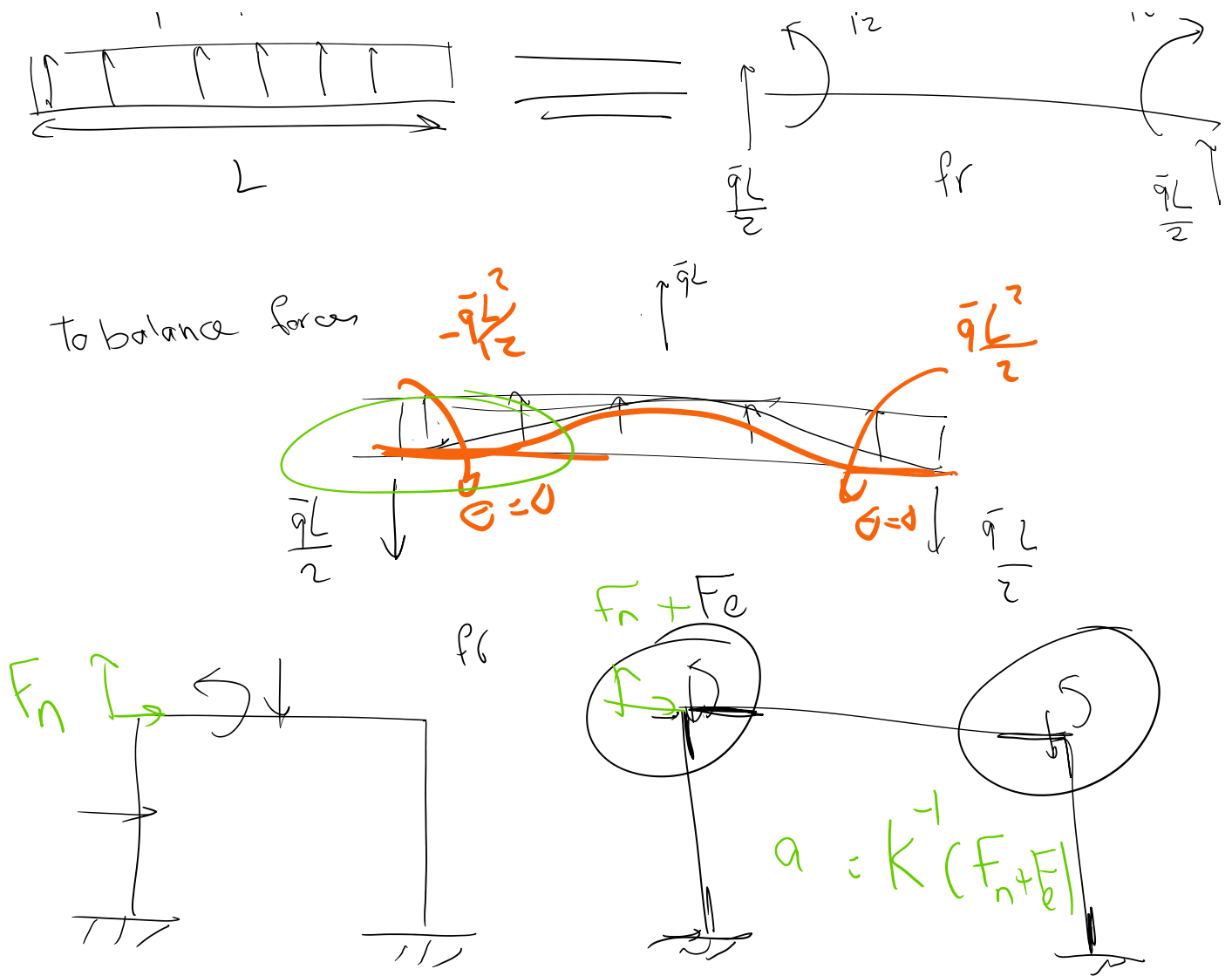
## Beam elements: Forces: A. Source term forces

$$\mathbf{f}_r^e = \mathbf{r}^e \begin{bmatrix} \bar{q} \\ \bar{q}L \\ \frac{\bar{q}L^2}{12} \\ \frac{\bar{q}L^2}{12} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{constant } q(x) = \bar{q} \quad (434)$$

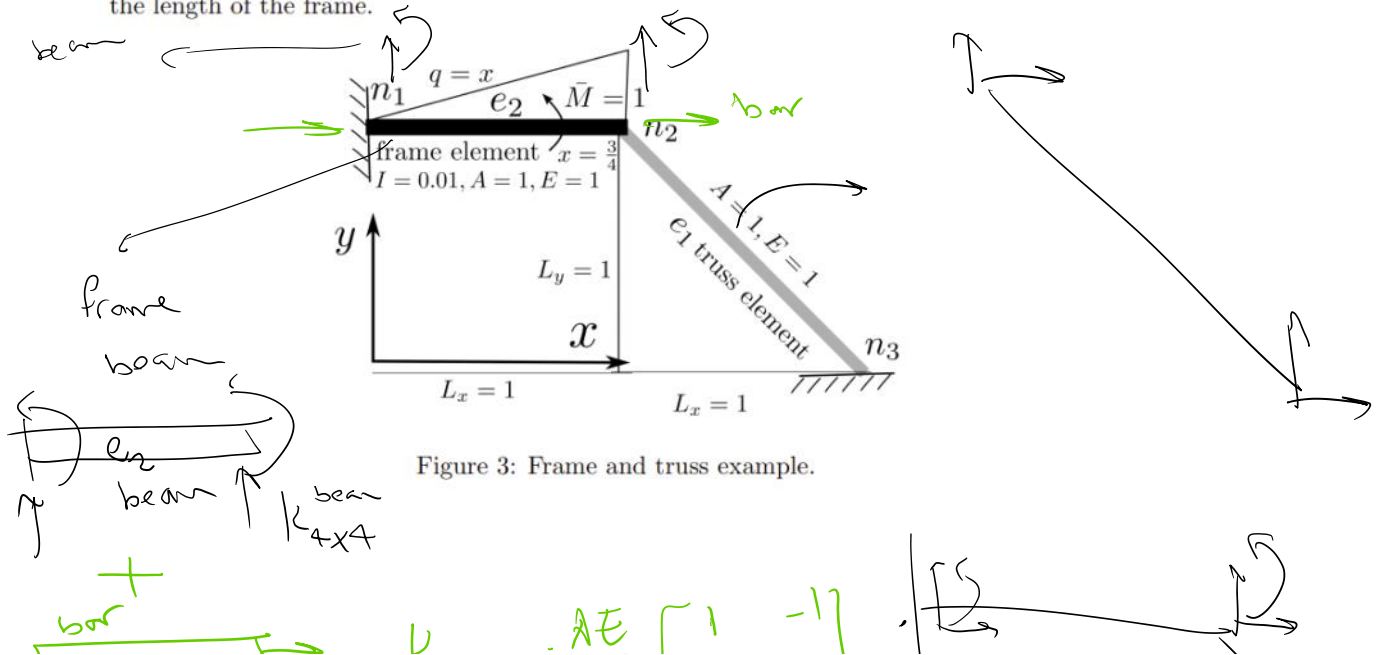
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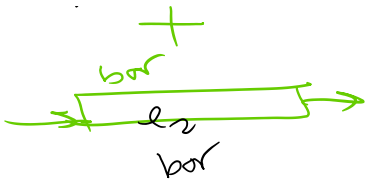






5. **80 Points** In figure 5 **Frame element**  $e_2$  is hinged to **truss element**  $e_1$ . For the frame element, a concentrated moment  $\bar{M} = 1$  is applied at  $x = 0.75$  and a distributed load  $q = x$  is applied over the length of the frame.





$$K_{bar} = \frac{AE}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

