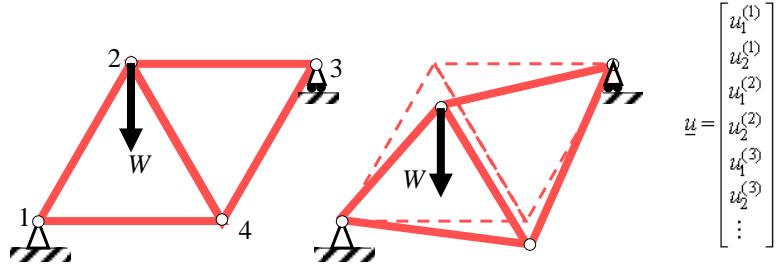
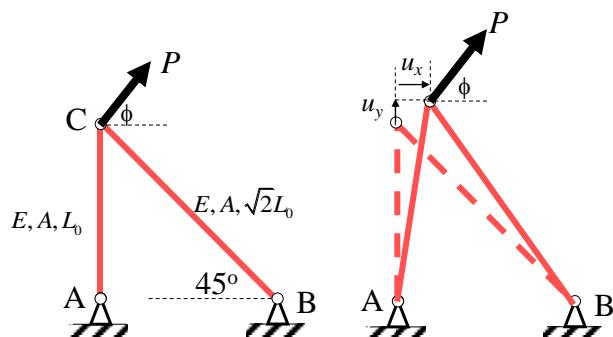


Stiffness Formulation of Truss analysis: forces and deflections



Fundamental Unknowns
are Nodal (joint) Displacements

Example



Method of Joints:

$$\sum F_{Cx} = F_{BC}/\sqrt{2} + P \cos \phi = 0$$

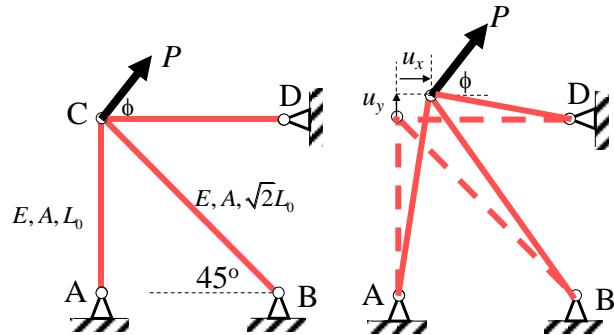
$$\sum F_{Cy} = -F_{AC} - F_{BC}/\sqrt{2} + P \sin \phi = 0$$

$$F_{AC} = P(\sin \phi + \cos \phi), F_{BC} = -P\sqrt{2} \cos \phi$$

Stiffness Matrix

- Deflection in AC $\delta_{AC} = u_y$
 - Force in AC $F_{AC} = \frac{EA}{L_0} u_y$
 - Deflection in BC $\delta_{BC} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(u_y - u_x)$
 - Force in BC: $F_{BC} = \frac{EA}{2L_0}(u_y - u_x)$
 - Matrix Equation: $\frac{EA}{2\sqrt{2}L_0} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1+2\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_x \\ u_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} P \cos \phi \\ P \sin \phi \end{bmatrix}$

Works for Statically indeterminate too.



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> K2:=(EA/L/2/sqrt(2))*matrix([[2*sqrt(2)+1,-1],[-1,2*sqrt(2)+1]]);
K2 :=  $\frac{EA\sqrt{2}}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 2\sqrt{2}+1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2\sqrt{2}+1 \end{bmatrix}$ 
> u2:=linsolve(K2,Pv);
u2 :=  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}PL(\sin(\phi) + \cos(\phi)) + 2\sqrt{2}\cos(\phi) & \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2}PL(4\sin(\phi) + \sqrt{2}\cos(\phi) + \sqrt{2}\sin(\phi)) \\ EA(\sqrt{2}+1) & EA(\sqrt{2}+1) \end{bmatrix}$ 
> M2:=(EA/L)*matrix([[0,1],[-1/2,1/2],[-1,0]]);
M2 :=  $\frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ 
> forces:=multiply(M2,u2);
forces :=  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2}P(4\sin(\phi) + \sqrt{2}\cos(\phi) + \sqrt{2}\sin(\phi)) & \frac{1}{4}P(\sin(\phi) + \cos(\phi) + 2\sqrt{2}\cos(\phi)) + \frac{1}{8}\sqrt{2}P(4\sin(\phi) + \sqrt{2}\cos(\phi) + \sqrt{2}\sin(\phi)) \\ \frac{1}{2}\frac{P(\sin(\phi) + \cos(\phi) + 2\sqrt{2}\cos(\phi))}{\sqrt{2}+1} & \frac{1}{2}\frac{P(\sin(\phi) + \cos(\phi) + 2\sqrt{2}\cos(\phi))}{\sqrt{2}+1} \end{bmatrix}$ 
> simplify(forces);
[ $\frac{1}{4}\frac{\sqrt{2}P(4\sin(\phi) + \sqrt{2}\cos(\phi) + \sqrt{2}\sin(\phi))}{\sqrt{2}+1}, \frac{1}{2}\frac{P\sqrt{2}(-\sin(\phi) + \cos(\phi))}{\sqrt{2}+1}, \frac{1}{2}\frac{P(\sin(\phi) + \cos(\phi) + 2\sqrt{2}\cos(\phi))}{\sqrt{2}+1}]$ 

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