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# Finite element method 2 (FEM 2)

Variable conditioning of the system - an example of  
two springs

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$$[K] \cdot \{q\} = \{F\}$$

$$[K + \delta K] \{q + \delta q\} = \{F + \delta F\}$$

relative error of the global vector of nodal parameters:

$$\frac{\|\{\delta q\}\|}{\|\{q\}\|} \leq \underbrace{\|[K]\| \cdot \|[K]^{-1}\|}_{\text{Cond}[K]} \cdot \left( \frac{\|\{\delta F\}\|}{\|\{F\}\|} + \frac{\|[K]\|}{\|[K]\|} \right)$$

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Condition number:

$$\text{Cond}[K] = \frac{\text{change of solution}}{\text{change of input data}}$$

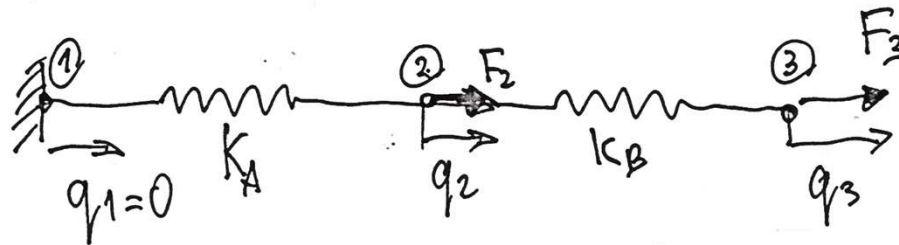
$\text{cond}[K] \approx 1$  - problem well-conditioned

$\text{cond}[K] \gg 1$  - problem ill-conditioned

(great differences between FEs stiffnesses,  
unstable boundary conditions)

	vector	matrix
Euclidean norm $L_2$	$\ \{q\}\ _2 = \sqrt{\sum_i (q_i)^2}$	$\ [K]\ _2 = \sqrt{\sum_j \sum_i (k_{ij})^2}$
Maximum norm $L_\infty$	$\ \{q\}\ _\infty = \max_i  q_i $	$\ [K]\ _\infty = \max_i \left( \sum_j  k_{ij}  \right)$

EXAMPLE:



$$\text{DOF} = 3$$

$$\text{NOF} = 1$$

$$N = 3 - 1 = 2$$

$$[q] = [q_1, q_2, q_3] \quad , \quad [K]_e = \begin{bmatrix} k & -k \\ -k & k \end{bmatrix} \quad , \quad [F] = [R_1, F_2, F_3]$$

$1 \times 3$                        $2 \times 2$                        $1 \times 3$

$$[K] = \begin{bmatrix} K_A & -K_A & 0 \\ -K_A & K_A + K_B & -K_B \\ 0 & -K_B & K_B \end{bmatrix} + \text{Boundary Conditions } (q_1=0)$$

$3 \times 3$

$$\begin{bmatrix} K_A + K_B & -K_B \\ -K_B & K_B \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} q_2 \\ q_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_2 \\ F_3 \end{Bmatrix} \quad , \quad \{q\} = [K]^{-1} \cdot \{F\}$$

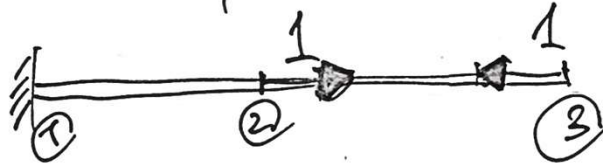
$2 \times 2$                        $2 \times 1$                        $2 \times 2$                        $2 \times 1$

$$[K]^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det[K]} \cdot [K^D]^T = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} K_B & K_B \\ K_B & K_A + K_B \end{bmatrix}^T}{(K_A + K_B)K_B - (-K_B)(-K_B)} = \frac{1}{K_A \cdot K_B} \begin{bmatrix} K_B & K_B \\ K_B & K_A + K_B \end{bmatrix}$$

Lets assume :

$$F_2 = 1N, \quad F_3 = -1N$$

(forces being  
in equilibrium)



$$\delta F_2 = -0.001 N, \quad \delta F_3 = 0$$

$$F_2 + \delta F_2 = 0.999 N, \quad F_3 + \delta F_3 = -1 N$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} q_2 \\ q_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{k_A} & \frac{1}{k_A} \\ \frac{1}{k_A} & \frac{1}{k_A} + \frac{1}{k_B} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} F_2 \\ F_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$q_2 = \frac{F_2}{k_A} + \frac{F_3}{k_A} \quad (1), \quad q_3 = \frac{F_2}{k_A} + F_3 \left( \frac{1}{k_A} + \frac{1}{k_B} \right) \quad (2),$$

$$q_2 + \delta q_2 = \frac{F_2 + \delta F_2}{k_A} + \frac{F_3 + \delta F_3}{k_A} \quad (3), \quad q_3 + \delta q_3 = \frac{F_2 + \delta F_2}{k_A} + (F_3 + \delta F_3) \cdot \left( \frac{1}{k_A} + \frac{1}{k_B} \right) \quad (4),$$

$$\delta q_2 = (q_2 + \delta q_2) - q_2 \quad (5), \quad \delta q_3 = (q_3 + \delta q_3) - q_3 \quad (6)$$

Euclidean norms:

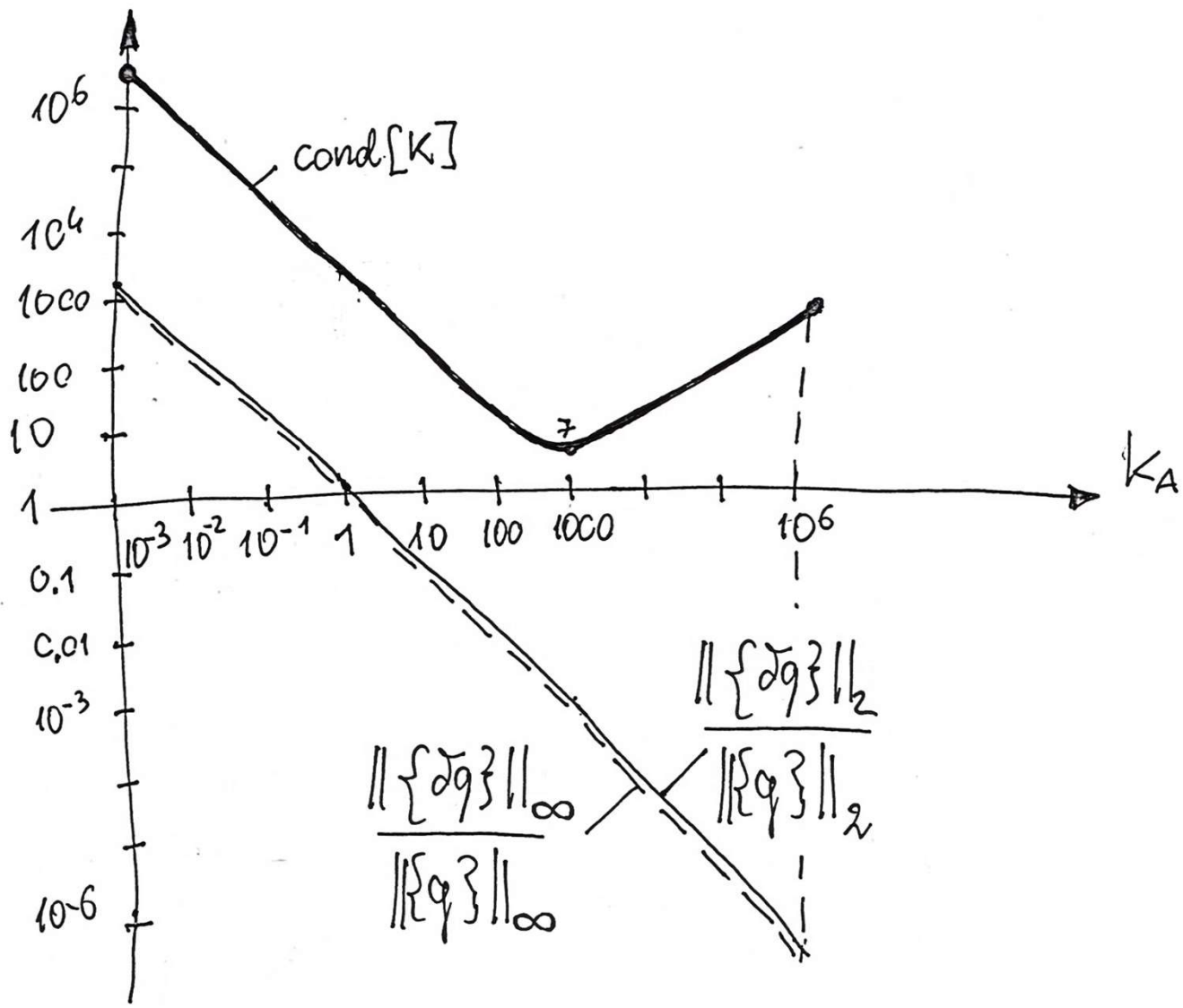
$$\| \{q\} \|_2 = \sqrt{q_2^2 + q_3^2} \quad ; \quad \| \{ \delta q \} \|_2 = \sqrt{\delta q_2^2 + \delta q_3^2}$$

$$\| \{F\} \|_2 = \sqrt{F_2^2 + F_3^2}, \quad \| \{ \delta F \} \|_2 = \sqrt{\delta F_2^2 + \delta F_3^2}$$

$$\frac{\|\{\delta F\}\|_2}{\|\{F\}\|_2} = 0.7071 \cdot 10^{-3}$$

Lets assume:  $K_B = \text{const} = 1000 \frac{N}{mm}$

[N/mm]	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	$\frac{\ \{\delta q\}\ _2}{\ \{q\}\ _2}$	Cond [K]	Cond [K] · $\frac{\ \{\delta F\}\ _2}{\ \{F\}\ _2}$
$K_A$	$q_2$	$q_3$	$q_2 + \delta q_2$	$q_3 + \delta q_3$	$\delta q_2$	$\delta q_3$			
0.001	0	0.001	-1	-1.001	-1	-1	1414.21	$4 \cdot 10^6$	2828.43
1	0	-0.001	-0.001	-0.002	-0.001	-0.001	1.41	$4 \cdot 10^3$	2.83
1000	0	-0.001	$-10^{-6}$	$-1.001 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-10^{-6}$	$-10^{-6}$	$1.41 \cdot 10^{-3}$	7	0.00495
$10^6$	0	-0.001	$-10^{-9}$	$-1.000 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-10^{-9}$	$-10^{-9}$	$1.41 \cdot 10^{-6}$	<u>1000</u>	0.7





$$\begin{bmatrix} k_A + k_B & -k_B \\ -k_B & k_B \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} q_2 \\ q_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_2 \\ F_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} (k_A + k_B) q_2 - k_B q_3 = F_2 & \Rightarrow q_3 \\ -k_B q_2 + k_B q_3 = F_3 & \Rightarrow q_3 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} q_3 = \frac{k_A + k_B}{k_B} q_2 - \frac{F_2}{k_B} \\ q_3 = q_2 + \frac{F_3}{k_B} \end{cases}$$

FOR :  $F_2 = 1\text{N}$  ,  $F_3 = -1\text{N}$  ,  $k_B = 1000 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}}$

