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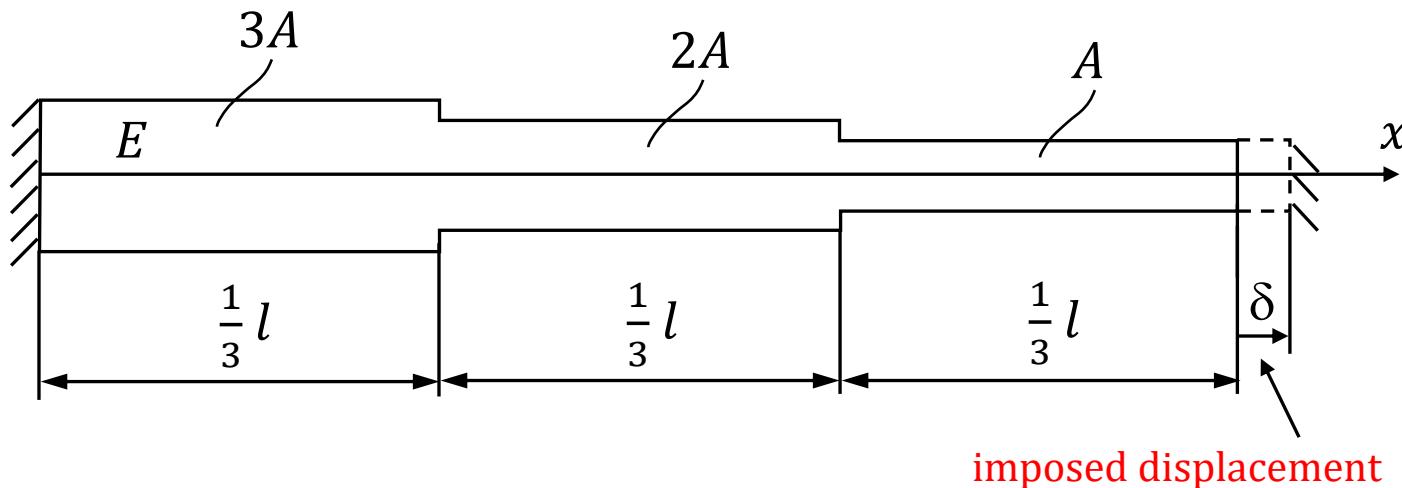


Finite element method (FEM1)

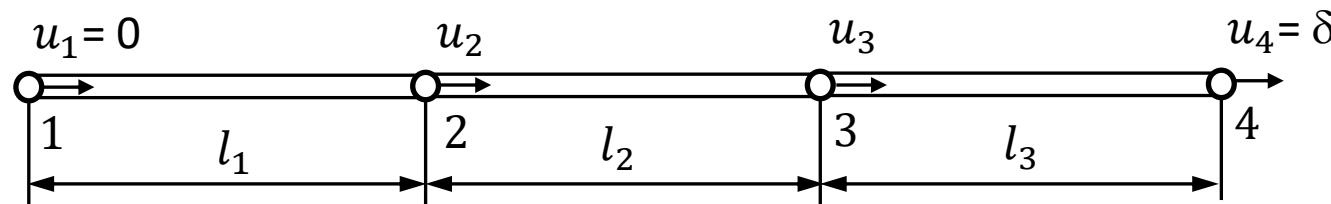
Lecture 7B. Imposed displacement vs applied force

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FE model of a bar with imposed displacement

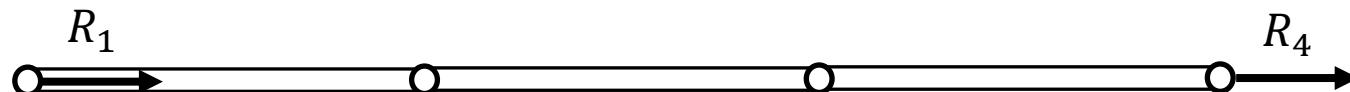


FE model – 3 bar elements :



A model freed from bonds:

$$[q] = \begin{matrix} u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4 \\ 1 \times 4 \end{matrix}$$



$$[F] = \begin{matrix} R_1, 0, 0, R_4 \\ 1 \times 4 \end{matrix} \quad (R_1 + R_4 = 0)$$

FE model of a bar with imposed displacement

stiffness matrices:

$$[k]_e = \frac{EA_e}{l_e} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[k]_1 = \frac{E \cdot 3A}{\frac{1}{3}l} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{EA}{l} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -9 \\ -9 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[k]_2 = \frac{E \cdot 2A}{\frac{1}{3}l} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{EA}{l} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -6 \\ -6 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[k]_3 = \frac{EA}{\frac{1}{3}l} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{EA}{l} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[k]_1^* = \frac{EA}{l} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -9 & 0 & 0 \\ -9 & 9 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} ; \quad [k]_2^* = \frac{EA}{l} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & -6 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[k]_3^* = \frac{EA}{l} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow [K] = \sum_{e=1}^3 [k]_e^* = \frac{EA}{l} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -9 & 0 & 0 \\ -9 & 15 & -6 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 & 9 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

FE model of a bar with imposed displacement

set of equations:

$$[K] \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} q \\ 4 \times 1 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F \\ 4 \times 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$[K] \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ 4 \times 4 \end{Bmatrix} = [K] \cdot \left(\begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ 4 \times 4 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \delta \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \right) = [K] \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ 4 \times 4 \end{Bmatrix} + [K] \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \delta \\ 4 \times 1 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F \\ 4 \times 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$[K] \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ 0 \\ 4 \times 4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F \\ 4 \times 1 \end{Bmatrix} - [K] \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \delta \\ 4 \times 1 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F \\ 4 \times 1 \end{Bmatrix} - \frac{EA}{l} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -9 & 0 & 0 \\ -9 & 15 & -6 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 & 9 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \delta \\ 4 \times 1 \end{Bmatrix} =$$

$$= \begin{Bmatrix} R_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ R_4 \\ 4 \times 4 \end{Bmatrix} - \frac{EA}{l} \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -3\delta \\ 3\delta \\ 4 \times 4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} R_1 \\ 0 \\ \frac{3EA}{l}\delta \\ R_4 - \frac{3EA}{l}\delta \\ 4 \times 4 \end{Bmatrix} \rightarrow [K] \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ 0 \\ 4 \times 4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} R_1 \\ 0 \\ \frac{3EA}{l}\delta \\ R_4 - \frac{3EA}{l}\delta \\ 4 \times 4 \end{Bmatrix}$$

FE model of a bar with imposed displacement

boundary conditions: $u_1 = 0$

$$\frac{EA}{l} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -9 & 0 & 0 \\ -9 & 15 & -6 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 & 9 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} R_1 \\ 0 \\ \frac{3EA}{l} \delta \\ R_4 - \frac{3EA}{l} \delta \end{Bmatrix}$$

u_2, u_3 - unknown nodal parameters

$$\frac{EA}{l} \begin{bmatrix} 15 & -6 \\ -6 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{3EA}{l} \delta \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 15 & -6 \\ -6 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 3\delta \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 15 & -6 \\ -6 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = 15 \cdot 9 - (-6)(-6) = 99 \quad ; \quad \begin{bmatrix} 15 & -6 \\ -6 & 9 \end{bmatrix}^{CT} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 6 \\ 6 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

FE model of a bar with imposed displacement

displacements:

$$\begin{Bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{1}{99} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 6 \\ 6 & 15 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 3\delta \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$u_2 = \frac{1}{99} (9 \cdot 0 + 6 \cdot 3\delta) = \frac{18\delta}{99} = \frac{2\delta}{11}$$

$$u_3 = \frac{1}{99} (6 \cdot 0 + 15 \cdot 3\delta) = \frac{45\delta}{99} = \frac{5\delta}{11}$$

$$N_1(\xi) = 1 - \frac{\xi}{l_e} = 1 - \frac{3\xi}{l} ; \quad N_2(\xi) = \frac{\xi}{l_e} = \frac{3\xi}{l}$$

$$u(\xi) = [N_1, N_2] \begin{Bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{Bmatrix}_e \rightarrow \varepsilon_x = \frac{du}{d\xi} = \left[\frac{dN_1}{d\xi}, \frac{dN_2}{d\xi} \right] \begin{Bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{Bmatrix}_e = \left[-\frac{3}{l}, \frac{3}{l} \right] \begin{Bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{Bmatrix}_e$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{Bmatrix}_1 = \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}_1 = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}_1 ; \quad \begin{Bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{Bmatrix}_2 = \begin{Bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix}_2 ; \quad \begin{Bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{Bmatrix}_3 = \begin{Bmatrix} u_3 \\ \delta \end{Bmatrix}_3$$

FE model of a bar with imposed displacement

strain in elements:

$$\varepsilon_{x1} = \left[-\frac{3}{l}, \frac{3}{l} \right] \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}_1 = -\frac{3}{l} \cdot 0 + \frac{3}{l} \cdot u_2 = \frac{6\delta}{11l}$$

$$\varepsilon_{x2} = \left[-\frac{3}{l}, \frac{3}{l} \right] \begin{Bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix}_2 = -\frac{3}{l} \cdot u_2 + \frac{3}{l} \cdot u_3 = \frac{9\delta}{11l}$$

$$\varepsilon_{x3} = \left[-\frac{3}{l}, \frac{3}{l} \right] \begin{Bmatrix} u_3 \\ \delta \end{Bmatrix}_3 = -\frac{3}{l} \cdot u_3 + \frac{3}{l} \cdot \delta = \frac{18\delta}{11l}$$

stress in elements:

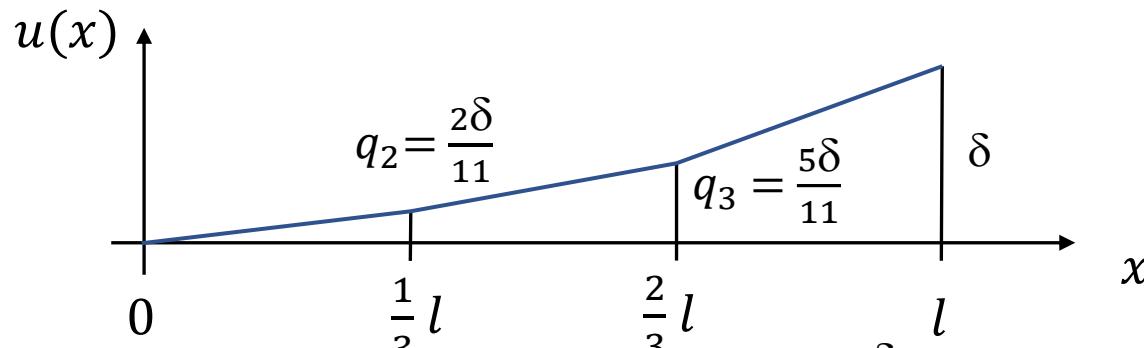
$$\sigma_{x1} = E \cdot \varepsilon_{x1} = \frac{6E\delta}{11l}$$

$$\sigma_{x2} = E \cdot \varepsilon_{x2} = \frac{9E\delta}{11l}$$

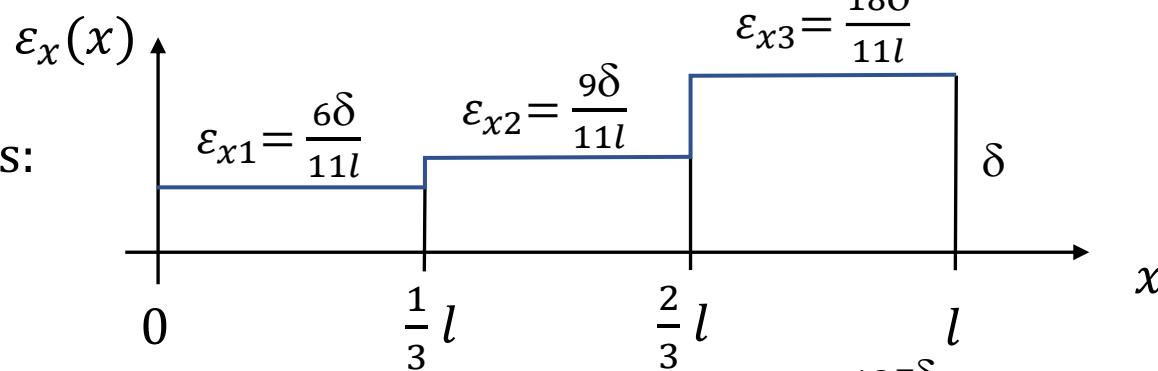
$$\sigma_{x3} = E \cdot \varepsilon_{x3} = \frac{18E\delta}{11l}$$

FE model of a bar with imposed displacement

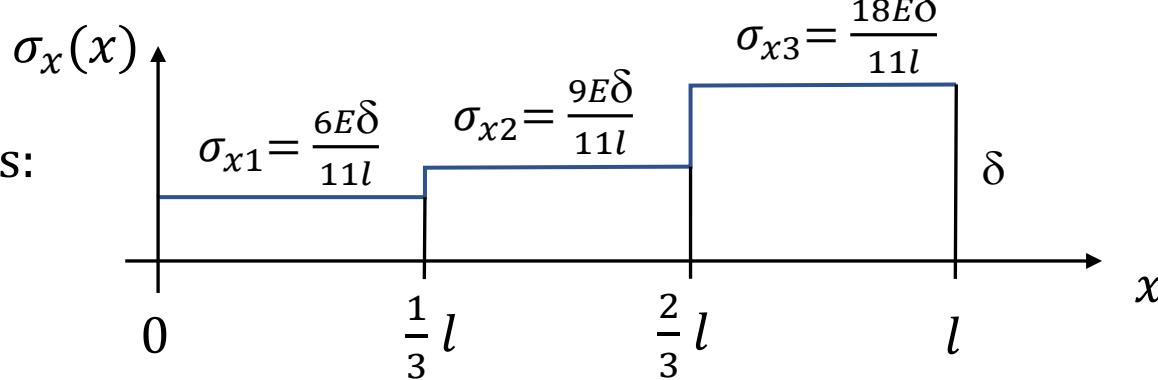
DOF solution:



Strain in elements:

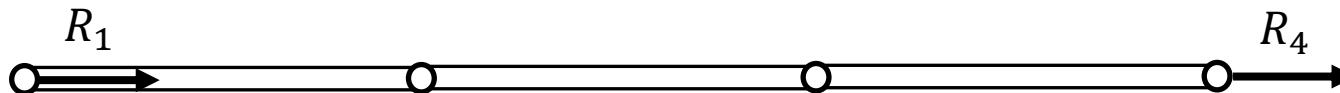


Stress in elements:



FE model of a bar with imposed displacement

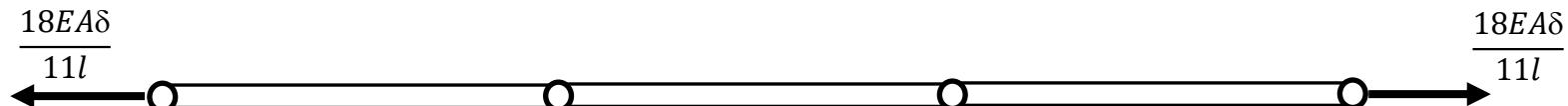
reactions:



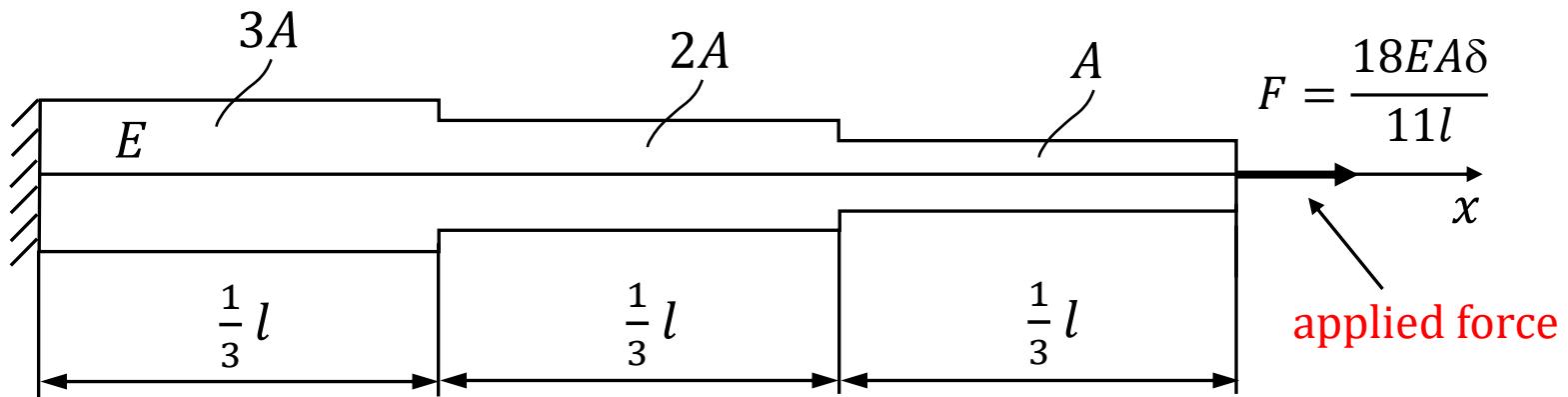
$$\frac{EA}{l} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -9 & 0 & 0 \\ -9 & 15 & -6 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 & 9 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{2\delta}{11} \\ \frac{5\delta}{11} \\ \delta \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} R_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ R_4 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{EA}{l} \left(9 \cdot 0 - 9 \cdot \frac{2\delta}{11} + 0 \cdot \frac{5\delta}{11} + 0 \cdot \delta \right) = R_1 \quad \rightarrow \quad R_1 = -\frac{18EA\delta}{11l}$$

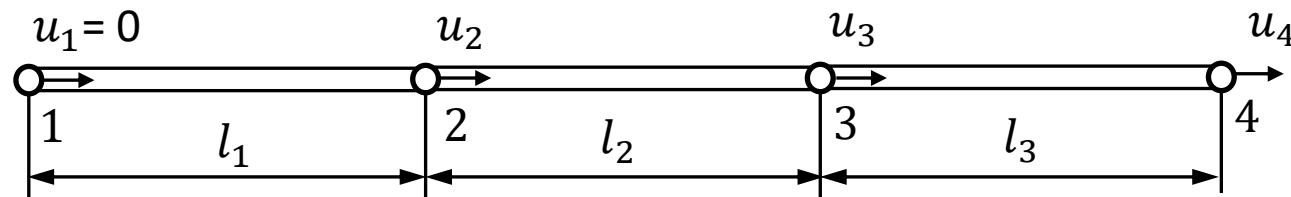
$$\frac{EA}{l} \left(0 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot \frac{2\delta}{11} - 3 \cdot \frac{5\delta}{11} + 3 \cdot \delta \right) = R_4 \quad \rightarrow \quad R_4 = \frac{18EA\delta}{11l}$$



FE model of a bar with applied force

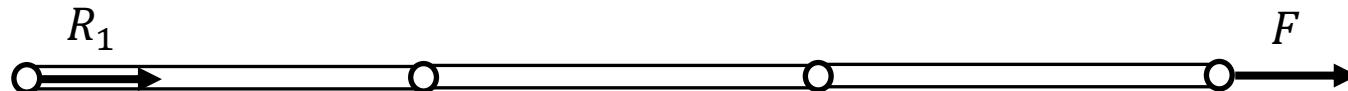


FE model – 3 bar elements:



$$[q] = [u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4]^T$$

A model freed from bonds:



$$[F] = [R_1, 0, 0, F]^T$$

$$(R_1 + F = 0)$$

FE model of a bar with applied force

boundary conditions: $u_1 = 0$

$$\frac{EA}{l} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -9 & 0 & 0 \\ -9 & 15 & -6 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 & 9 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} R_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ F \end{Bmatrix}$$

u_2, u_3, u_4 - unknown nodal parameters

$$\frac{EA}{l} \begin{bmatrix} 15 & -6 & 0 \\ -6 & 9 & -3 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{18EA\delta}{11l} \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 15 & -6 & 0 \\ -6 & 9 & -3 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{18\delta}{11} \end{Bmatrix}$$

FE model of a bar with applied force

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 15 & -6 & 0 \\ -6 & 9 & -3 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$= 15 \cdot (9 \cdot 3 - (-3)(-3)) - (-6) \cdot ((-6) \cdot 3 - (-3) \cdot 0) = 162$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 15 & -6 & 0 \\ -6 & 9 & -3 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^{CT} = \begin{bmatrix} 18 & 18 & 18 \\ 18 & 45 & 45 \\ 18 & 45 & 99 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{1}{162} \begin{bmatrix} 18 & 18 & 18 \\ 18 & 45 & 45 \\ 18 & 45 & 99 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{18\delta}{11} \end{Bmatrix}$$

FE model of a bar with applied force

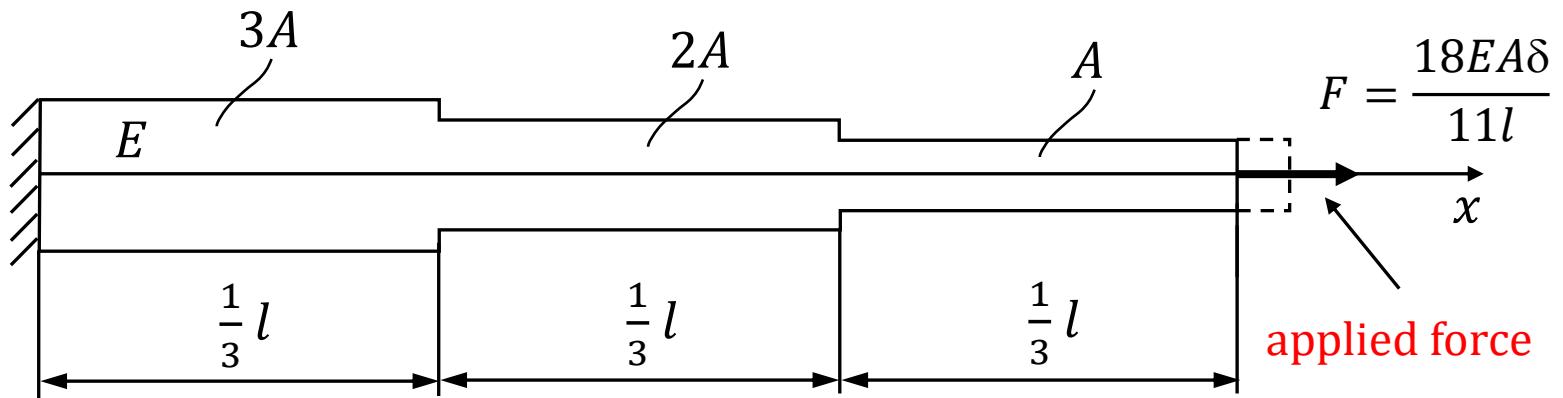
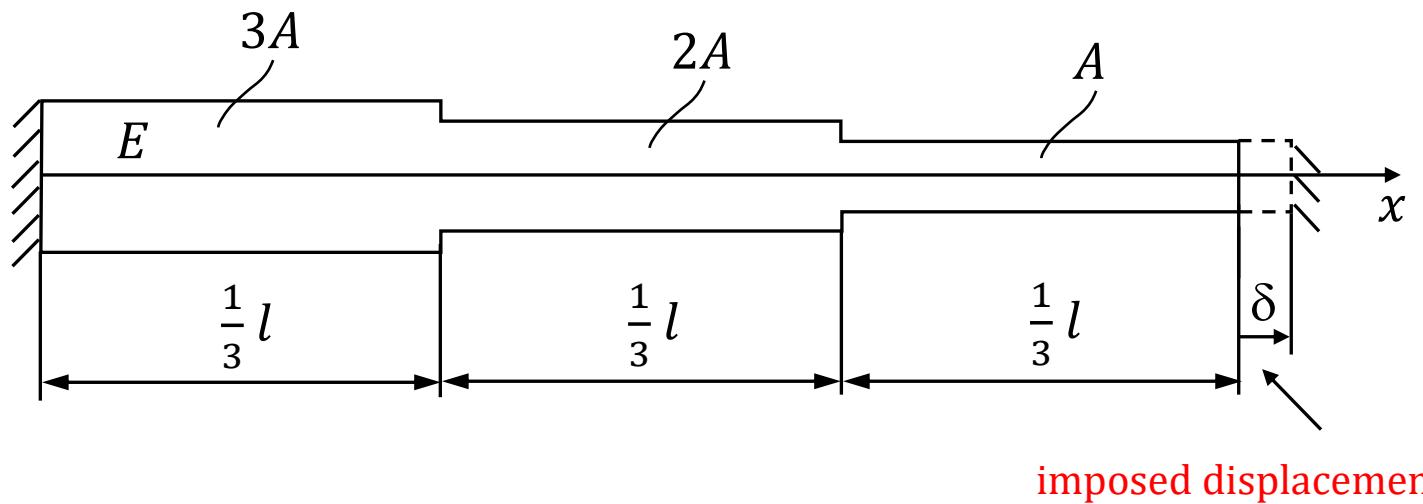
$$\begin{Bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{1}{162} \begin{bmatrix} 18 & 18 & 18 \\ 18 & 45 & 45 \\ 18 & 45 & 99 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{18\delta}{11} \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$u_2 = \frac{1}{162} (18 \cdot 0 + 18 \cdot 0 + 18 \cdot \frac{18\delta}{11}) = \frac{18 \cdot 18 \delta}{162 \cdot 11} = \frac{18 \cdot 9 \cdot 2 \delta}{18 \cdot 9 \cdot 11} = \frac{2\delta}{11}$$

$$u_3 = \frac{1}{162} (18 \cdot 0 + 45 \cdot 0 + 45 \cdot \frac{18\delta}{11}) = \frac{45 \cdot 18 \delta}{162 \cdot 11} = \frac{5 \cdot 9 \cdot 18 \delta}{18 \cdot 9 \cdot 11} = \frac{5\delta}{11}$$

$$u_4 = \frac{1}{162} (18 \cdot 0 + 45 \cdot 0 + 99 \cdot \frac{18\delta}{11}) = \frac{99 \cdot 18 \delta}{162 \cdot 11} = \frac{11 \cdot 9 \cdot 18 \delta}{18 \cdot 9 \cdot 11} = \frac{11\delta}{11} = \delta$$

Two types of load giving the same result



Example of calculating the stiffness matrix conditioning coefficient for both tasks:

$$[K] = \begin{bmatrix} 15 & -6 \\ -6 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow [K]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0,090909 & 0,060606 \\ 0,060606 & 0,151515 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{cond}([K]) = \| [K] \|_2 \cdot \| [K]^{-1} \|_2 =$$

$$\text{cond}([K]) = \sqrt{(15^2 + 6^2 + 6^2 + 9^2)} \cdot \sqrt{(0,090909^2 + 0,060606^2 + 0,060606^2 + 0,151515^2)}$$

$$\text{cond}([K]) = 19,442222 * 0,196386 = 3,81818$$

$$[K] = \begin{bmatrix} 15 & -6 & 0 \\ -6 & 9 & -3 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow [K]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0,111111 & 0,111111 & 0,111111 \\ 0,111111 & 0,277778 & 0,277778 \\ 0,111111 & 0,277778 & 0,611111 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{cond}([K]) = \| [K] \|_2 \cdot \| [K]^{-1} \|_2 =$$

$$\text{cond}([K]) = \sqrt{(15^2 + 6^2 + 0^2 + 6^2 + 9^2 + 3^2 + 0^2 + 3^2 + 3^2)}$$

$$\cdot \sqrt{(0,111111^2 + 0,111111^2 + 0,111111^2 + 0,111111^2 + 0,277778^2 + 0,277778^2 + 0,111111^2 + 0,277778^2 + 0,611111^2)}$$

$$\text{cond}([K]) = 20,1246117 * 0,8164965 = 16,43167564$$

Comparison between imposed displacement and force

Load type	Set of FE equations	N
Imposed displacement δ	$\frac{EA}{l} \begin{bmatrix} 15 & -6 \\ -6 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{3EA}{l} \delta \end{Bmatrix}$ $cond \left(\begin{bmatrix} 15 & -6 \\ -6 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 3,81818$	2
Force $F = \frac{18EA\delta}{11l}$	$\frac{EA}{l} \begin{bmatrix} 15 & -6 & 0 \\ -6 & 9 & -3 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{18EA\delta}{11l} \end{Bmatrix}$ $cond \left(\begin{bmatrix} 15 & -6 & 0 \\ -6 & 9 & -3 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 16,43167564$	3

Condition number: $cond([K]) \approx 1$ – problem well conditioned, $(cond) \gg 1$ – ill conditioned
(Matrix conditioning index)

$$cond([K]) = \|K\|_\infty \cdot \|K^{-1}\|_\infty$$