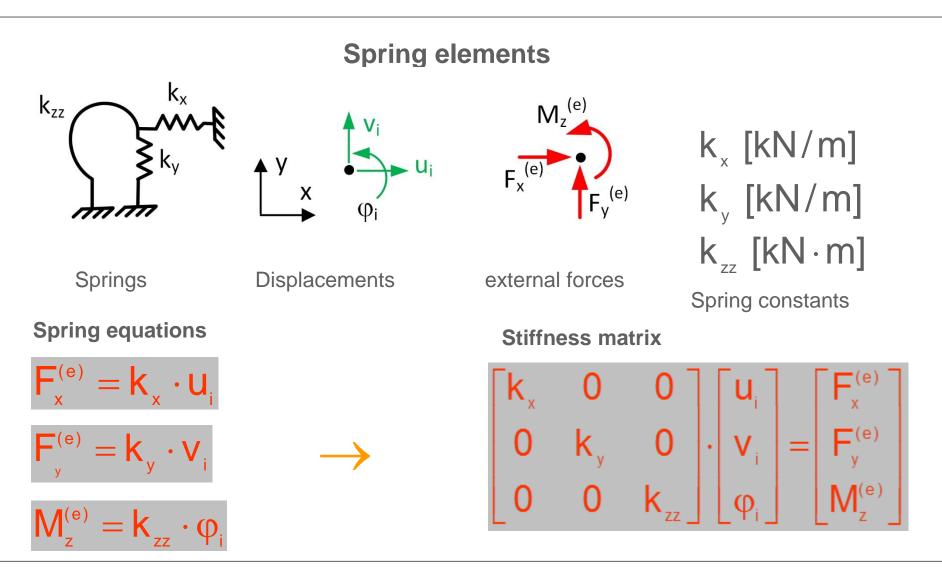
# Finite Elements in Structural Analysis

Introduction

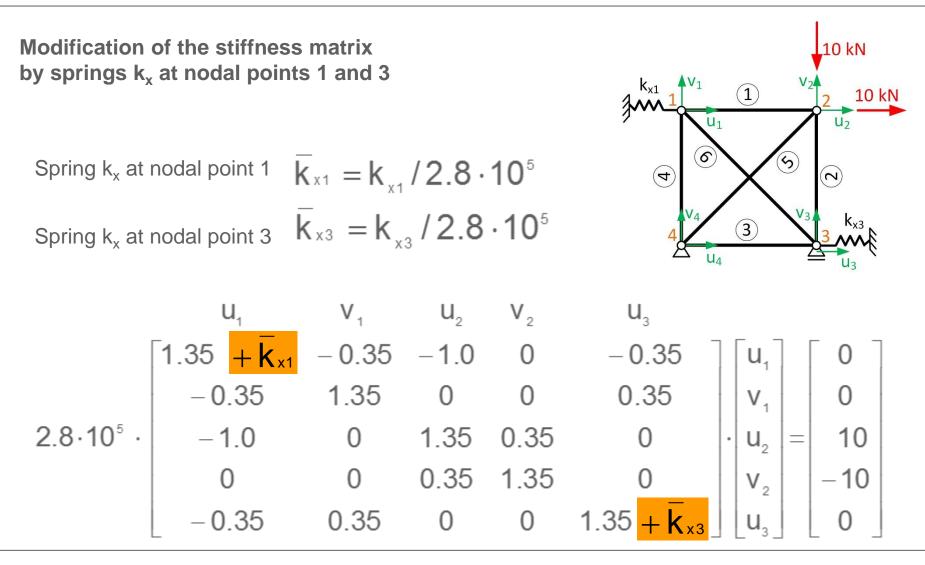
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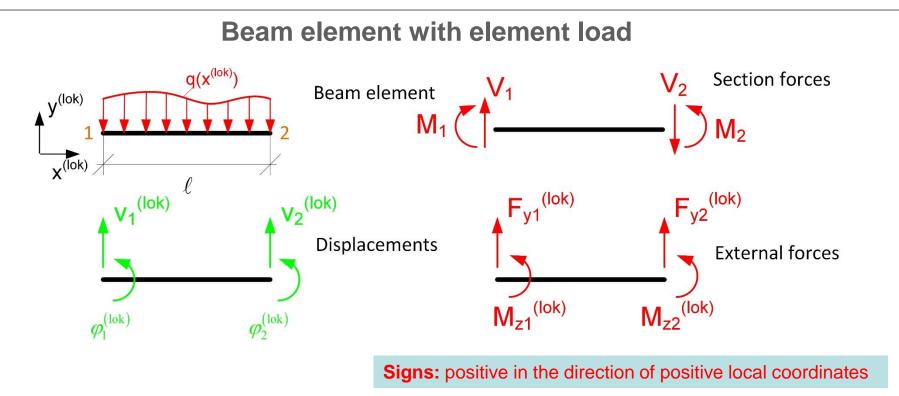
#### **Stiffness matrix**



### **Example 1**



### Stiffness and section forces matrix of a beam



#### **Deriviation of the stiffness matrix**

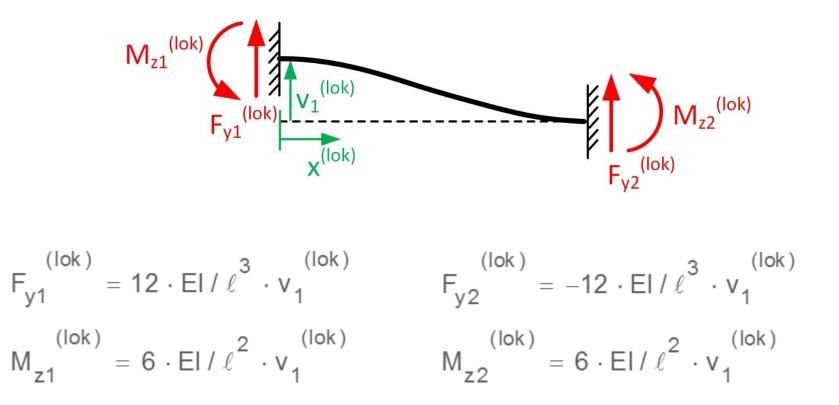
$$\begin{split} F_{y_1}^{(lok)}, F_{y_2}^{(lok)}, M_1^{(lok)}, M_2^{(lok)} & \text{are the restraint forces and moments, resulting from displacements} \\ \text{and rotations} \quad V_1^{(lok)}, \phi_1^{(lok)}, V_2^{(lok)}, \phi_2^{(lok)} & \text{as well as from the element load } q(x^{(lok)}) \;. \end{split}$$

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#### Stiffness and section forces matrix of a beam

### **Derivation of the stiffness matrix**

Element forces and moments due to the displacement of nodal point 1

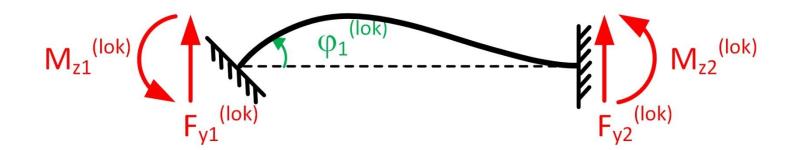


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**Stiffness and section forces matrix of a beam** 

### **Derivation of the stiffness matrix**

Element forces and moments due to the rotation of nodal point 1



$$\begin{split} F_{y1}^{(lok)} &= 6 \cdot EI / \ell^2 \cdot \phi_1^{(lok)} & F_{y2}^{(lok)} &= -6 \cdot EI / \ell^2 \cdot \phi_1^{(lok)} \\ M_{z1}^{(lok)} &= 4 \cdot EI / \ell \cdot \phi_1^{(lok)} & M_{z2}^{(lok)} &= 2 \cdot EI / \ell \cdot \phi_1^{(lok)} \end{split}$$

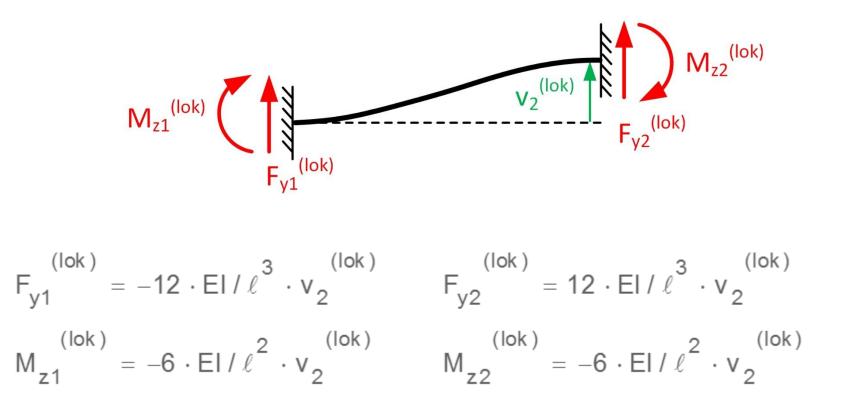
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#### Stiffness and section forces matrix of a beam

### **Derivation of the stiffness matrix**

Element forces and moments due to the displacement of nodal point 2



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#### Stiffness and section forces matrix of a beam

### **Derivation of the stiffness matrix**

Element forces and moments due to the rotation of nodal point 2



$$\begin{split} F_{y1}^{(lok)} &= 6 \cdot EI / \ell^2 \cdot \phi_2^{(lok)} & F_{y2}^{(lok)} &= -6 \cdot EI / \ell^2 \cdot \phi_2^{(lok)} \\ M_{z1}^{(lok)} &= 2 \cdot EI / \ell \cdot \phi_2^{(lok)} & M_{z2}^{(lok)} &= 4 \cdot EI / \ell \cdot \phi_2^{(lok)} \end{split}$$

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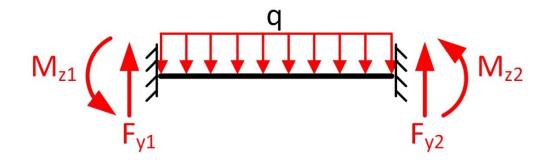
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### Stiffness and section forces matrix of a beam

### **Derivation of the stiffness matrix**

Element forces and moments due to element loads



$$F_{y1}^{\ (lok)} = q \cdot \ell / 2 \qquad F_{y2}^{\ (lok)} = q \cdot \ell / 2$$
$$M_{z1}^{\ (lok)} = q \cdot \ell^2 / 12 \qquad M_{z2}^{\ (lok)} = -q \cdot \ell^2 / 12$$

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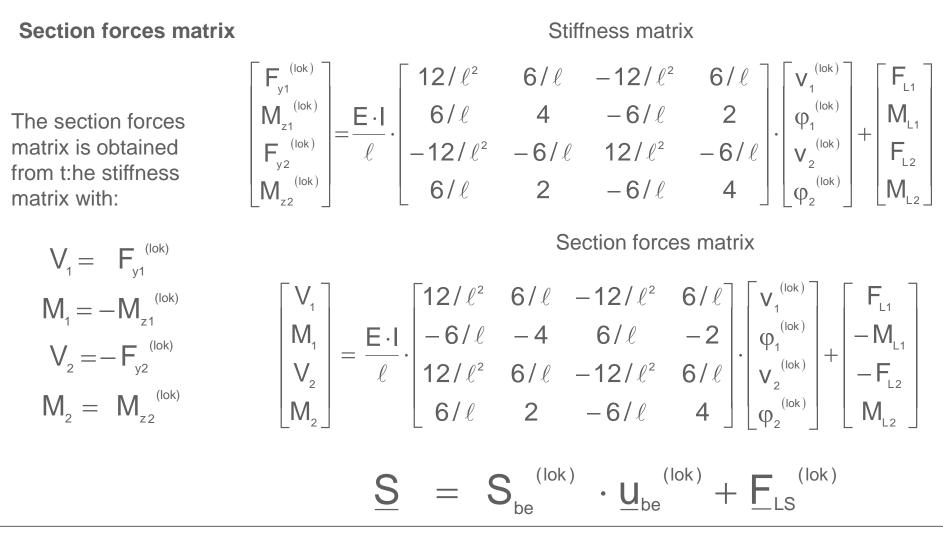
$$e.g. \quad F_{y1}^{(lok)} = \frac{12}{\ell^3} \cdot v_1^{(lok)} + \frac{6}{\ell^2} \cdot \varphi_1^{(lok)} - \frac{12}{\ell^3} \cdot v_2^{(lok)} + \frac{6}{\ell^2} \cdot \varphi_2^{(lok)} + F_L^1$$

The terms for the nodal point displacements and rotations lead to the stiffness matrix

The restraint forces and moments due to **q** lead to the element load vector

$$\underbrace{E \cdot I}_{\ell} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 12/\ell^2 & 6/\ell & -12/\ell^2 & 6/\ell \\ 6/\ell & 4 & -6/\ell & 2 \\ -12/\ell^2 & -6/\ell & 12/\ell^2 & -6/\ell \\ 6/\ell & 2 & -6/\ell & 4 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1^{(lok)} \\ \phi_1^{(lok)} \\ v_2^{(lok)} \\ \phi_2^{(lok)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_{y1}^{(lok)} \\ M_{z1}^{(lok)} \\ F_{y2}^{(lok)} \\ M_{z2}^{(lok)} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} F_{L1} \\ M_{L1} \\ F_{L2} \\ M_{L2} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\underbrace{K_{be}}^{(lok)} \cdot \underbrace{U_{be}}^{(lok)} = \underbrace{E_{be}}^{(lok)} - \underbrace{E_{bL}}^{(lok)} = \underbrace{E_{bL}}^{(lok)}$$

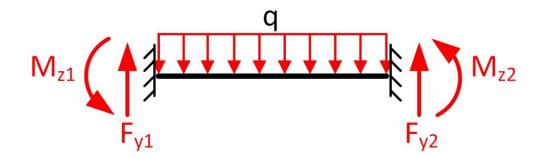
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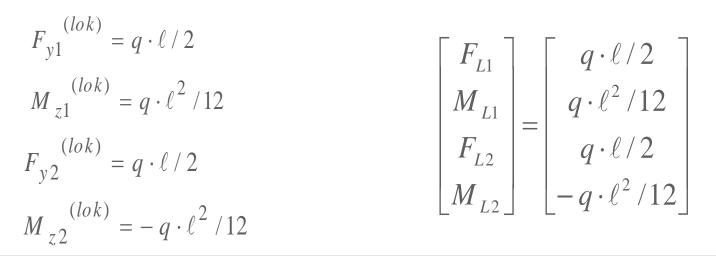


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### Element load vector for uniformly distributed load





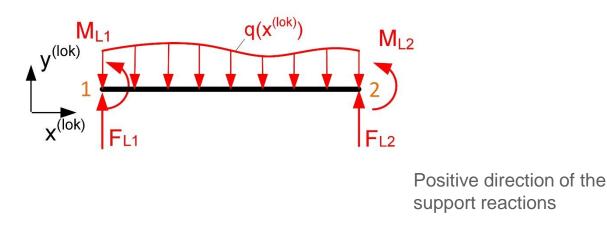
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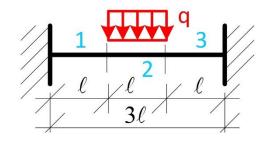
**Consideration of element loads:** 

- For the computation of the global system the element loads will be replaced by nodal forces and moments (equivalent nodal loads)  $F_{11}, M_{11}, F_{12}, M_{12}$ .
- The equivalent loads are the support reactions of the fixed beam, applied with opposite sign on the global system.



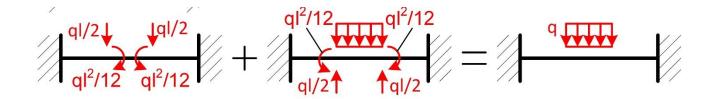
### **Example 2: Element loads on a simple beam system**

System:

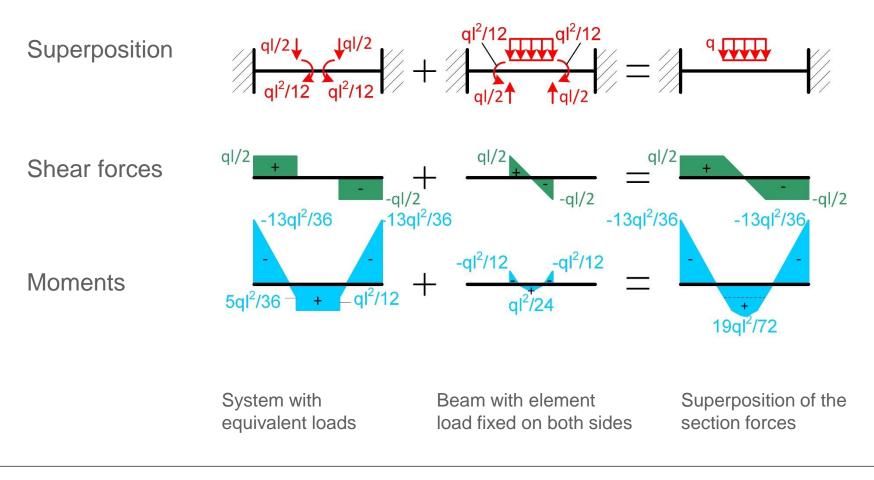


For a global system with three beam elements the section forces are determined by means of equivalent nodel point loads.

Equivalent nodal loads:



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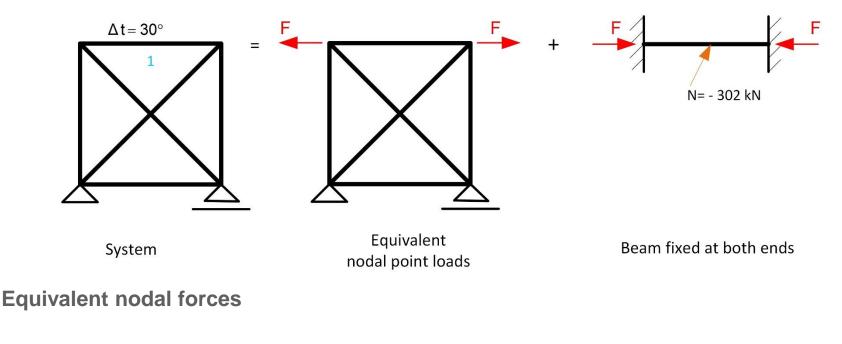
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#### **Consideration of element loads with equivalent nodal loads**

- 1. Determination of restraining forces and moments of the loaded element fixed at both ends.
- 2. Application of the restraining forces and moments with opposite sign on the global structural system as nodal loads (equivalent nodal loads).
- 3. Computation of the global system with the equivalent nodal loads.
- 4. Superposition of the section forces due to the element load on the restrained element with the section forces of the global structural system.

### **Example 3: Temperature loading**

Element 1 is heated up to 30°C. The normal forces in the elements have to be determined.



 $F = E \cdot A \cdot \alpha_{T} \cdot \Delta_{t}$   $F = 2.1 \cdot 10^{8} \cdot 0.004 \cdot 1.2 \cdot 10^{-5} \cdot 30 = 302 \text{ kN}$  N = -302 kN

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### **Example 3: Temperature loading**

System of equations:

$$2.80 \cdot 10^{5} \begin{bmatrix} 1.35 & -0.35 & -1. & 0 & -0.35 \\ -0.35 & 1.35 & 0 & 0 & 0.35 \\ -1. & 0 & 1.35 & 0.35 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.35 & 1.35 & 0 \\ -0.35 & 0.35 & 0 & 0 & 1.35 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} u_{1} \\ v_{1} \\ u_{2} \\ v_{2} \\ u_{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -302 \\ 0 \\ 302 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} u_{1} \\ v_{1} \\ u_{2} \\ v_{2} \\ u_{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.540 \\ -0.112 \\ 0.428 \\ -0.112 \\ 0.112 \end{bmatrix} \cdot 10^{-3} m$$
Normal forces:  $N_{1} = 271.1 \, kN \qquad N_{2} = -31.3 \, kN \qquad N_{3} = -31.3 \, kN$ 
Normal forces:  $N_{1} = 271.1 - 302.4 = -31.3 \, kN \qquad N_{6} = -44.3 \, kN$ 
Superposition:  $N_{1} = 271.1 - 302.4 = -31.3 \, kN$ 

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### Beams in bending with longitudinal and shear stiffness

### **Extension for normal forces and shear stiffness**

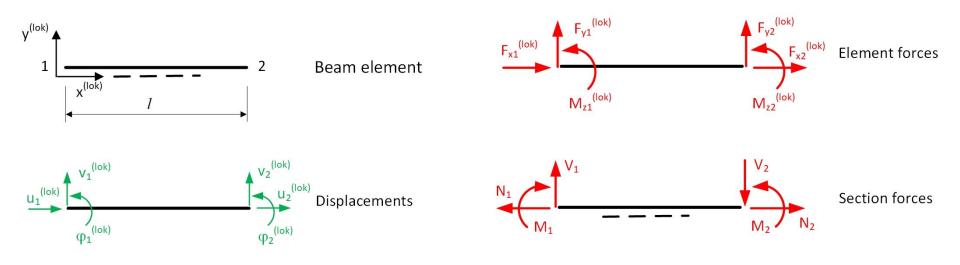
- Extension by normal forces is required for the analysis of frames etc.
- Shear stiffness is required if shear deformations are significant; they are normally included in beam elements implemented in FE programs.

### **Extension of the stiffness matrix**

- Longitudinal stiffness: The stiffness matrix of the bending terms of the beam will be extended by the entries of the truss element.
- Shear stiffness: Solution of the differential equation for the beam with shear deformation.

#### Stiffness and section forces matrix of a beam

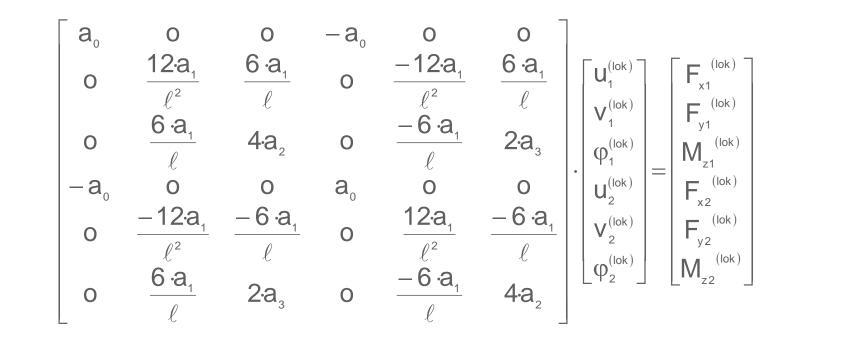
#### **Beam element**



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#### Beams in bending with longitudinal and shear stiffness

#### **Stiffness matrix**



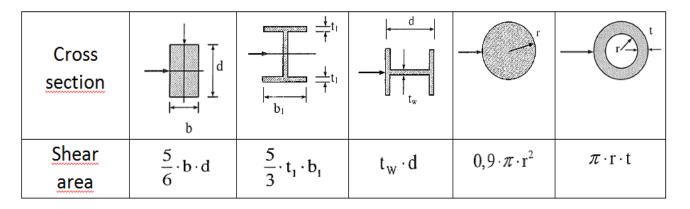
with 
$$a_0 = \frac{E \cdot A}{\ell}$$
  $a_1 = \frac{E \cdot I}{\ell \cdot (1+m)}$   $a_2 = \frac{E \cdot I \cdot (4+m)}{4 \cdot \ell \cdot (1+m)}$   $a_3 = \frac{E \cdot I \cdot (2-m)}{2 \cdot \ell \cdot (1+m)}$   $m = \frac{12 \cdot E \cdot I}{G \cdot A_s \cdot \ell^2}$ 

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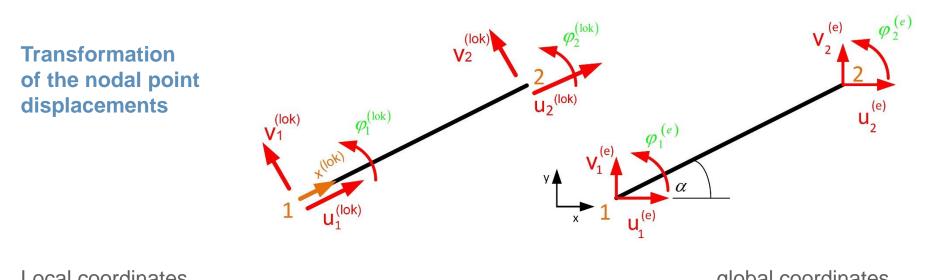
### Beams in bending with longitudinal and shear stiffness

### **Practical hints**

• Shear areas for some cross sections:



- Shear deformations can be excluded by defining a huge value for the shear area  $A_s$ , e.g.  $A_s = 1000$ ·A.
- If shear area is set to zero with  $A_s = 0$  kinematic mechanisms may occur.
- Some programs define the input  $A_s = 0$  in order to neglect the shear area. In the program the mechanically correct shear area is set as "infinite".

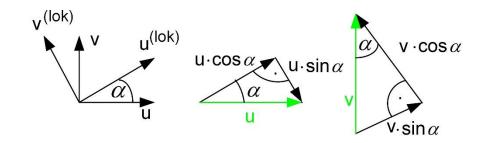


#### Local coordinates

global coordinates

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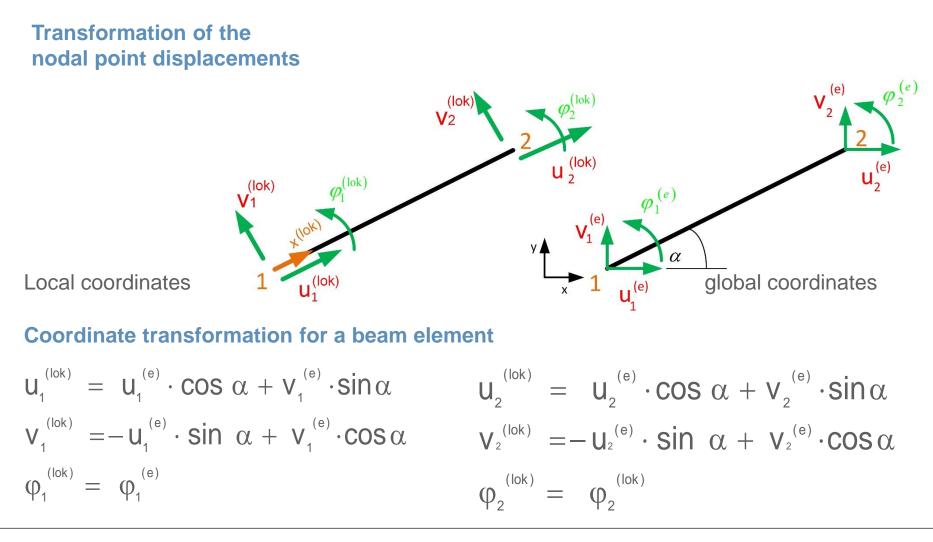
#### **Coordinate transformation**



 $\mathbf{U}^{(lok)} = \mathbf{U} \cdot \cos \alpha + \mathbf{V} \cdot \sin \alpha$  $v^{(lok)} = -u \cdot \sin \alpha + v \cdot \cos \alpha$ 

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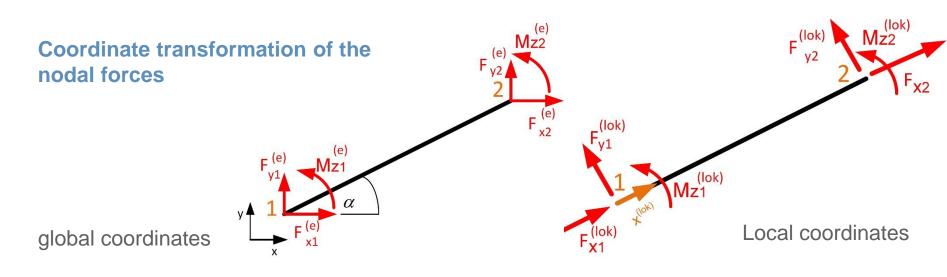


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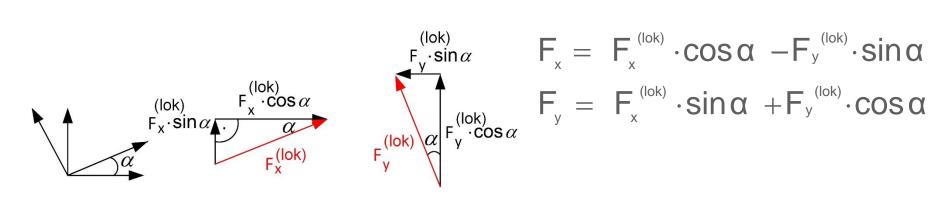
#### Transformation of nodal point displacements in matrix notation

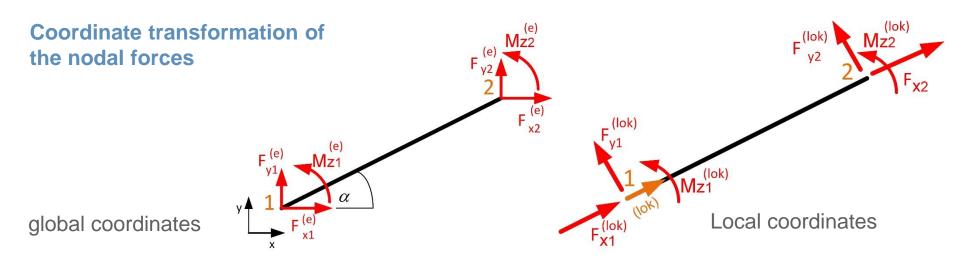
$$\begin{split} u_{1}^{(lok)} &= u_{1}^{(e)} \cdot \cos \alpha + V_{1}^{(e)} \cdot \sin \alpha \qquad u_{2}^{(lok)} = u_{2}^{(e)} \cdot \cos \alpha + V_{2}^{(e)} \cdot \sin \alpha \\ V_{1}^{(lok)} &= -u_{1}^{(e)} \cdot \sin \alpha + V_{1}^{(e)} \cdot \cos \alpha \qquad V_{2}^{(lok)} = -u_{2}^{(e)} \cdot \sin \alpha + V_{2}^{(e)} \cdot \cos \alpha \\ \phi_{1}^{(lok)} &= \phi_{1}^{(e)} \qquad \qquad \phi_{2}^{(lok)} = \phi_{2}^{(e)} \\ \begin{bmatrix} u_{1}^{(lok)} \\ v_{1}^{(lok)} \\ u_{2}^{(lok)} \\ v_{2}^{(lok)} \\ v_{2}^{(lok)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha \sin \alpha & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \alpha \cos \alpha & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cos \alpha \sin \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\sin \alpha \cos \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} u_{1}^{(e)} \\ v_{1}^{(e)} \\ v_{1}^{(e)} \\ u_{2}^{(e)} \\ v_{2}^{(e)} \\ \phi_{2}^{(e)} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \underbrace{I \quad (lok)}_{u_{2}} = \underbrace{I \quad V u_{2}}_{u_{2}} \end{split}$$

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#### **Coordinate transformation**





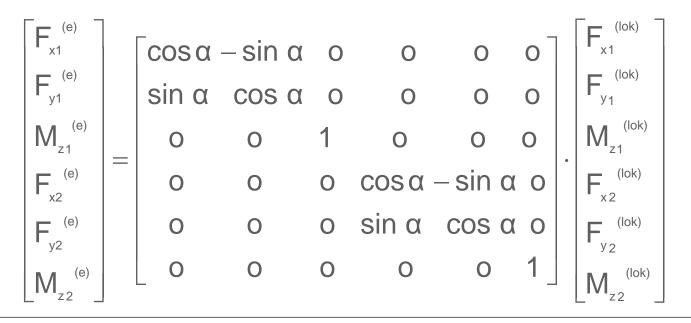
**Coordinate transformation for a beam element** 

$$\begin{array}{ll} F_{x1}^{\ (e)} &= \cos \alpha \cdot F_{x1}^{\ (lok)} - \sin \alpha \cdot F_{y1}^{\ (lok)} & F_{x2}^{\ (e)} &= \cos \alpha \cdot F_{x2}^{\ (lok)} - \sin \alpha \cdot F_{y2}^{\ (lok)} \\ F_{y1}^{\ (e)} &= \sin \alpha \cdot F_{x1}^{\ (lok)} + \cos \alpha \cdot F_{y1}^{\ (lok)} & F_{y2}^{\ (e)} &= \sin \alpha \cdot F_{y2}^{\ (lok)} + \cos \alpha \cdot F_{y2}^{\ (lok)} \\ M_{z1}^{\ (e)} &= M_{z1}^{\ (lok)} & M_{z2}^{\ (e)} &= M_{z2}^{\ (lok)} \end{array}$$

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#### Coordinate transformation of the nodal forces in matrix notation

$$\begin{array}{ll} F_{x1}^{(e)} &= \cos \alpha \cdot F_{x1}^{(lok)} - \sin \alpha \cdot F_{y1}^{(lok)} & F_{x2}^{(e)} &= \cos \alpha \cdot F_{x2}^{(lok)} - \sin \alpha \cdot F_{y2}^{(lok)} \\ F_{y1}^{(e)} &= \sin \alpha \cdot F_{x1}^{(lok)} + \cos \alpha \cdot F_{y1}^{(lok)} & F_{y2}^{(e)} &= \sin \alpha \cdot F_{y2}^{(lok)} + \cos \alpha \cdot F_{y2}^{(lok)} \\ M_{z1}^{(e)} &= M_{z1}^{(lok)} & M_{z2}^{(e)} &= M_{z2}^{(lok)} \end{array}$$



Displacements: 
$$\underline{\mathbf{u}}^{(\text{lok})} = \underline{\mathbf{T}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{u}}^{(\text{e})}$$
  
Stiffness matrix:  $\underline{\mathbf{F}}^{(\text{lok})} = \underline{\mathbf{K}}^{(\text{lok})} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{u}}^{(\text{lok})}$   
Forces:  $\underline{\mathbf{F}}^{(e)} = \underline{\mathbf{T}}^{\mathsf{T}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{F}}^{(\text{lok})}$   
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**Element stiffness matrix** 

$$\underline{F}^{(e)} = \underline{K}^{(e)} \cdot \underline{u}^{(e)} \text{ with } \underline{K}^{(e)} = \underline{T}^{\mathsf{T}} \cdot \underline{K}^{(\mathsf{lok})} \cdot \underline{T}$$

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Element stiffness matrix in global coordinates
Element stiffness matrix in local coordinates

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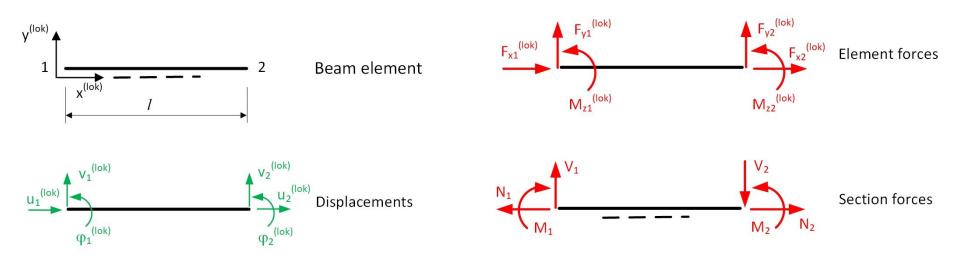


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