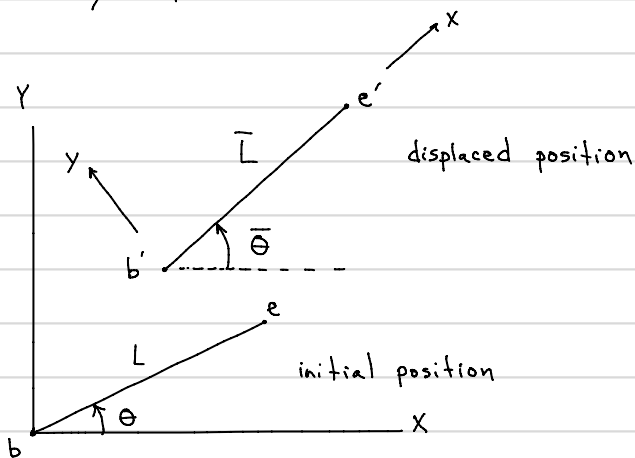
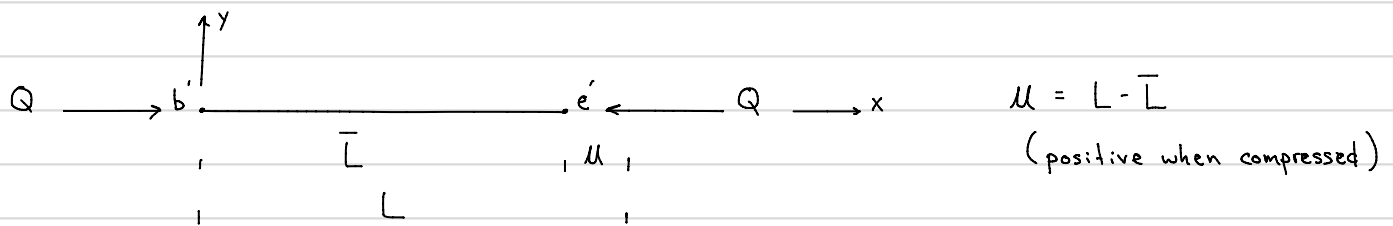


## Geometric nonlinear analysis of plane trusses

Unlike linear analysis where local coordinate system is positioned in the undeformed state, in geometrically nonlinear analysis the local coordinate system is attached to, and translates/rotates, with the member as the structure deforms: corotational (Eulerian) coordinate system



In Eulerian coordinate system, only one DOF (axial deformation -  $u$ ) is needed to completely specify displaced position of member

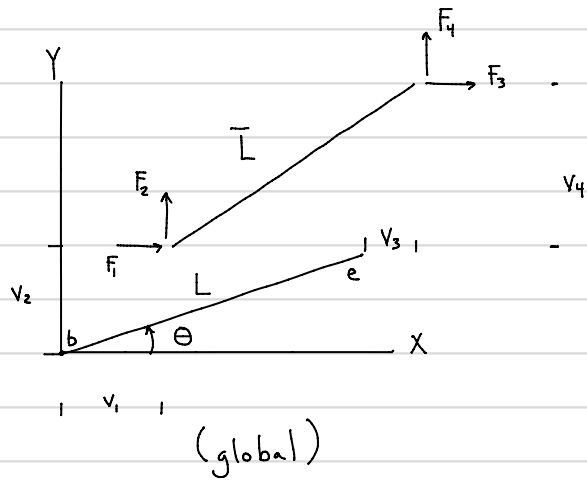
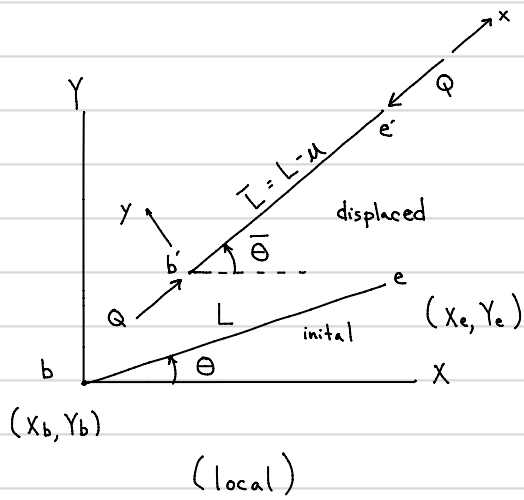


recall  $\sigma = \frac{Q}{A}$   $\epsilon = \frac{u}{L}$  constitutive relation  $\sigma = E\epsilon$  (linear elastic material)

combining relations  $Q = \left(\frac{EA}{L}\right)u$

\*  $\epsilon = \frac{L - \bar{L}}{L}$  nonlinear since  $\bar{L}$  is NOT a linear combination of member-end displacements \*

$$\left(\epsilon_{\text{prior}} = \frac{u_2 - u_1}{L}\right)$$



$$L = \sqrt{(X_e - X_b)^2 + (Y_e - Y_b)^2}$$

$$\bar{L} = \sqrt{[(X_e + v_3) - (X_b + v_1)]^2 + [(Y_e + v_4) - (Y_b + v_2)]^2}$$

$$C_x = \cos \bar{\theta} = \frac{(X_e + v_3) - (X_b + v_1)}{\bar{L}} = \frac{L\bar{x}}{\bar{L}}$$

$$C_y = \sin \bar{\theta} = \frac{(Y_e + v_4) - (Y_b + v_2)}{\bar{L}} = \frac{L\bar{y}}{\bar{L}}$$

$$F_1 = C_x Q \quad F_2 = C_y Q \quad F_3 = -C_x Q \quad F_4 = -C_y Q$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ F_3 \\ F_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} C_x \\ C_y \\ -C_x \\ -C_y \end{Bmatrix} Q$$

$$\{F\} = [T]^T \{Q\}$$

$$[T] = [C_x \quad C_y \quad -C_x \quad -C_y]$$

Note:  $\{F\}$  is in terms of  $\{v\}$   $\therefore$  nonlinear (geometrically exact)

If deformed configuration (displacements) known, calculation of joint forces can be determined by direct application of nonlinear force-displacement relations previously derived (displacement-controlled loading)

$$\{F\} = [T]^T \{Q\} \quad [T] = [C_x \ C_y \ -C_x \ -C_y] \quad Q = \left(\frac{EA}{L}\right) (L - \bar{L})$$

However, if external forces are specified and displacements need to be determined, this requires solving system of nonlinear equations via iterative techniques, e.g. Newton Raphson Method (force-controlled loading)

Member Tangent Stiffness Matrix  $[K_t]$

$$[K_t] = \left[ \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial v_j} \right] \text{ for } i, j = 1-4$$

$$[K_t]_{4 \times 4} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial v_1} & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial v_2} & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial v_3} & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial v_4} \\ \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial v_1} & & & \\ \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial v_1} & & \text{etc.} & \\ \frac{\partial F_4}{\partial v_1} & & & \end{bmatrix}$$

calculating components, e.g.  $\frac{\partial F_1}{\partial v_1}$

$F_1 = C_x Q$  both  $C_x$  and  $Q$  are functions of  $v_1$   $\therefore$

$$\frac{\partial F_1}{\partial v_1} = C_x \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial v_1}\right) + Q \left(\frac{\partial C_x}{\partial v_1}\right) \quad (\text{chain rule}) \quad \frac{\partial Q}{\partial v_1} = \left(\frac{EA}{L}\right) C_x \quad \frac{\partial C_x}{\partial v_1} = \frac{-C_y^2}{L}$$

$$\text{thus, } \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial v_1} = \left(\frac{EA}{L}\right) C_x^2 - \left(\frac{Q}{L}\right) C_y^2$$

similarly, partial derivatives of remaining entries can be calculated



# Nonlinear computer code flowchart

