

**SOLUTIONS**  
**Exercise Sheet (FE)-1**  
**(Pin-Jointed Elements)**

**1. 1D pin-jointed problem**

From Lecture Notes:

$$\begin{bmatrix} (K_1 + K_2) & -K_2 \\ -K_2 & K_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ W \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{--- (1)} \\ \text{--- (2)} \end{matrix}$$

$$K = \frac{EAe}{L_e}$$

$$K_1 = \frac{(220 \times 10^9)(200 \times 10^{-6})}{2} = 22.0 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}$$

$$K_2 = \frac{(90 \times 10^9)(350 \times 10^{-6})}{1.5} = 21.0 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}$$

$$\text{(1)} \rightarrow (K_1 + K_2)u_2 - K_2u_3 = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\text{(2)} \rightarrow -K_2u_2 + K_2u_3 = W \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

i.e.  $u_3 = u_2 + \frac{W}{K_2}$

Subs. in (3):  $(K_1 + K_2)u_2 - K_2(u_2 + \frac{W}{K_2}) = 0$

$$K_1u_2 + K_2u_2 - K_2u_2 - W = 0$$

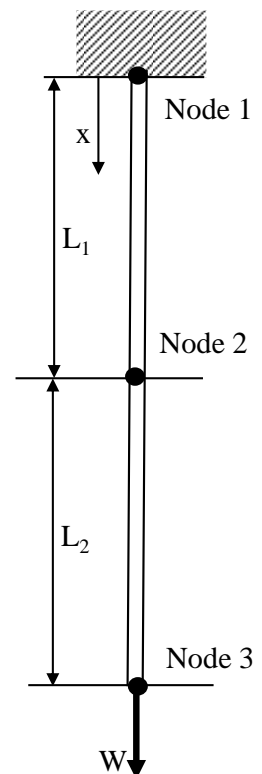
$$u_2 = \frac{W}{K_1}$$

$$\& u_3 = \frac{W}{K_1} + \frac{W}{K_2}$$

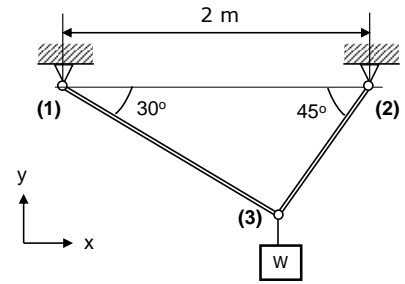
$$u_2 = \frac{50 \times 10^3}{22 \times 10^6} = \underline{\underline{2.272 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}}}$$

$$u_3 = \frac{50 \times 10^3}{22 \times 10^6} + \frac{50 \times 10^3}{21 \times 10^6} = (2.272 + 2.381) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{4.653 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}}}$$



2. 2D Structural analysis problem (2 bars)



Using sine rule:

$$\frac{2}{\sin 105^\circ} = \frac{L_{e1}}{\sin 45^\circ} \Rightarrow L_{e1} = 1.464 \text{ m}$$

$$\frac{2}{\sin 105^\circ} = \frac{L_{e2}}{\sin 30^\circ} \Rightarrow L_{e2} = 1.035 \text{ m}$$

Element ( $e_1$ ) (nodes 1-3)

$$\theta = 330^\circ, L_{e1} = 1.464 \text{ m}$$

$$\sin \theta = -0.5$$

$$\cos \theta = 0.866$$

$$\frac{AE}{L_{e1}} = \frac{(250 \times 10^6)(200 \times 10^9)}{1.464} = 34.153 \times 10^6$$

$$[K_{e1}] = \left( \frac{AE}{L_{e1}} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 0.75 & -0.433 & -0.75 & 0.433 \\ -0.433 & 0.25 & 0.433 & -0.25 \\ -0.75 & 0.433 & 0.75 & -0.433 \\ 0.433 & -0.25 & -0.433 & 0.25 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[K_{e1}] = (10^6) \begin{bmatrix} 25.61 & -14.78 & -25.61 & 14.78 \\ -14.78 & 8.54 & 14.78 & -8.54 \\ -25.61 & 14.78 & 25.61 & -14.78 \\ 14.78 & -8.54 & -14.78 & 8.54 \end{bmatrix}$$

Element ( $e_2$ ) (nodes 2-3)

$$\theta = 225^\circ, L_{e2} = 1.035 \text{ m}$$

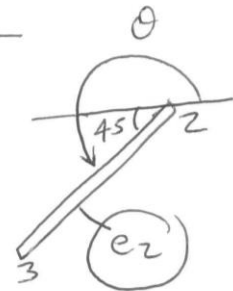
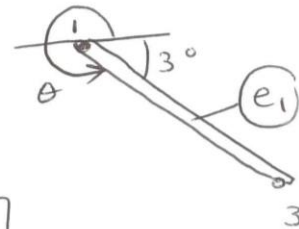
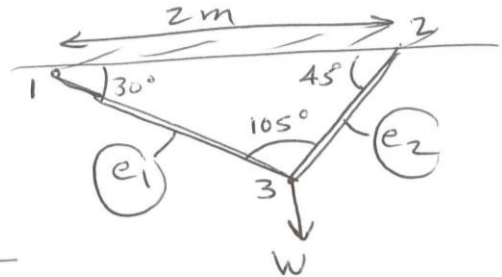
$$\sin \theta = -0.7071$$

$$\cos \theta = -0.7071$$

$$\frac{AE}{L_{e2}} = \frac{(250 \times 10^6)(200 \times 10^9)}{1.035} = 48.31 \times 10^6$$

$$[K_{e2}] = \left( \frac{AE}{L_{e2}} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 & -0.5 & -0.5 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 & -0.5 & -0.5 \\ -0.5 & -0.5 & 0.5 & 0.5 \\ -0.5 & -0.5 & 0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[K_{e2}] = (10^6) \begin{bmatrix} 24.155 & 24.155 & -24.155 & -24.155 \\ 24.155 & 24.155 & -24.155 & -24.155 \\ -24.155 & -24.155 & 24.155 & 24.155 \\ -24.155 & -24.155 & 24.155 & 24.155 \end{bmatrix}$$



Disp. Vector : At nodes 1 and 2:  $u_x = 0, u_y = 0$

$$[U]^T = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ u_{x3} \ u_{y3}]$$

Force vector At node 3,  $F_{x3} = 0, F_{y3} = -W$  (downwards)

$$[F]^T = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ F_{x3} \ F_{y3}]$$

Assembly

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 (K_{e1})_{11} & 0 & (K_{e1})_{12} \\
 0 & (K_{e2})_{11} & (K_{e2})_{12} \\
 (K_{e1})_{21} & (K_{e2})_{21} & (K_{e1})_{22} + (K_{e2})_{22}
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 u_{x1} \\
 u_{y1} \\
 u_{x2} \\
 u_{y2} \\
 u_{x3} \\
 u_{y3}
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 0 \\
 0 \\
 0 \\
 0 \\
 0 \\
 -W
 \end{bmatrix}$$
  

$$\begin{matrix}
 (10^6) \\
 \begin{bmatrix}
 25.61 & -14.78 \\
 -14.78 & 8.54 \\
 0 & 0 \\
 -25.61 & 14.78 \\
 14.78 & -8.54
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 0 \\
 0 \\
 24.155 & 24.155 \\
 24.155 & 24.155 \\
 -24.155 & -24.155 \\
 -24.155 & -24.155
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 -25.61 & 14.78 \\
 14.78 & -8.54 \\
 -24.155 & -24.155 \\
 -24.155 & -24.155 \\
 25.61 & -14.78 \\
 -14.78 & 8.54
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 0 \\
 0 \\
 0 \\
 0 \\
 u_{x3} \\
 u_{y3}
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 0 \\
 0 \\
 0 \\
 0 \\
 0 \\
 -W
 \end{bmatrix}$$

The system of equations reduces to 2 equations only:

$$(10^6) \begin{bmatrix} 49.75 & 9.365 \\ 9.365 & 32.695 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{x3} \\ u_{y3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -20 \end{bmatrix} (x 10^3)$$

$$(49.75)u_{x3} + (9.365)u_{y3} = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

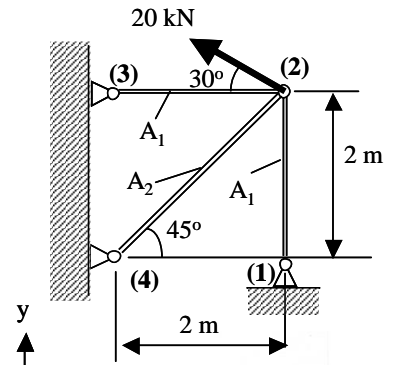
$$(9.365)u_{x3} + (32.695)u_{y3} = -20 \times 10^{-3} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

From the above 2 equations

$$u_{x3} = 0.122 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

$$u_{y3} = -0.65 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

### 3. 2D Structural analysis problem 1 (3 bars)

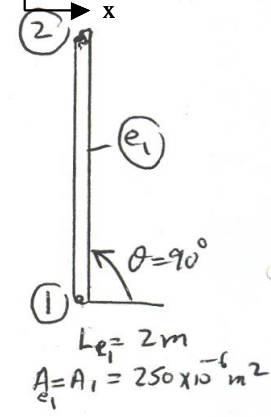


Element  $(e_1)$  (nodes 1-2)

$$\theta = 90^\circ, \sin \theta = 1, \cos \theta = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{AE}{L}\right)_1 = \frac{250 \times 10^{-6} \times 200 \times 10^9}{2} = 25 \times 10^6$$

$$[K_{e1}] = 25 \times 10^6 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (K_{e1})_{11} & (K_{e1})_{12} \\ (K_{e1})_{21} & (K_{e1})_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

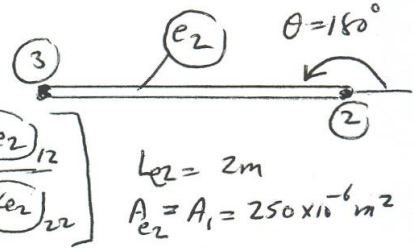


Element  $(e_2)$  (nodes 2-3)

$$\theta = 180^\circ, \sin \theta = 0, \cos \theta = -1$$

$$\left(\frac{AE}{L}\right)_2 = \frac{-250 \times 10^{-6} \times 200 \times 10^9}{2} = 25 \times 10^6$$

$$[K_{e2}] = 25 \times 10^6 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (K_{e2})_{11} & (K_{e2})_{12} \\ (K_{e2})_{21} & (K_{e2})_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

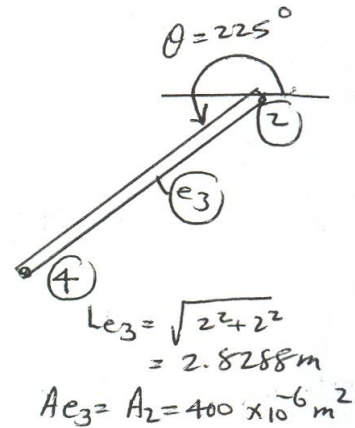


Element  $(e_3)$  (nodes 2-4)

$$\theta = 225^\circ, \sin \theta = -0.7071, \cos \theta = -0.7071$$

$$\left(\frac{AE}{L}\right)_3 = \frac{400 \times 10^{-6} \times 200 \times 10^9}{2.828} = 28.288 \times 10^6$$

$$[K_{e3}] = 28.288 \times 10^6 \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 & -0.5 & -0.5 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 & -0.5 & -0.5 \\ -0.5 & -0.5 & 0.5 & 0.5 \\ -0.5 & -0.5 & 0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (K_{e3})_{11} & (K_{e3})_{12} \\ (K_{e3})_{21} & (K_{e3})_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$



Displacement vector

At nodes 1, 3 and 4,  $u_x = u_y = 0$

$$[U]^T = [0 \ 0 \ | \ u_{x2} \ u_{y2} \ | \ 0 \ 0 \ | \ 0 \ 0]$$

Force Vector

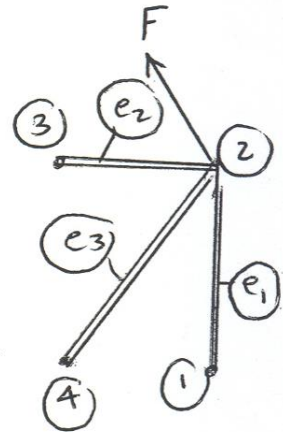
At node 2 :  $F_{x2} = -20 \cos 30 = -17.32 \text{ kN}$   
 $F_{y2} = +20 \sin 30 = +10 \text{ kN}$

$$[F]^T = [0 \ 0 \ | \ F_{x2} \ F_{y2} \ | \ 0 \ 0 \ | \ 0 \ 0]$$

continued

## Matrix Assembly

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 (k_{e1})_{11} & (k_{e1})_{12} & 0 & 0 \\
 (k_{e1})_{21} & (k_{e1})_{22} + (k_{e2})_{11} + (k_{e3})_{11} & (k_{e2})_{12} & (k_{e3})_{12} \\
 0 & (k_{e2})_{21} & (k_{e2})_{22} & 0 \\
 0 & (k_{e3})_{21} & 0 & (k_{e3})_{22}
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 0 \\
 0 \\
 u_{x2} \\
 u_{y2}
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 0 \\
 0 \\
 F_{x2} \\
 F_{y2}
 \end{bmatrix}$$



Taking only equations (3) and (4) which correspond to node 2:

$$\left[ (k_{e1})_{22} + (k_{e2})_{11} + (k_{e3})_{11} \right] \begin{bmatrix} u_{x2} \\ u_{y2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_{x2} \\ F_{y2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$25 \times 10^6 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + 25 \times 10^6 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + 28.288 \times 10^6 \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -17.32 \\ +10 \end{bmatrix} \times 10^3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 39.144 & 14.144 \\ 14.144 & 39.144 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{x2} \\ u_{y2} \end{bmatrix} = (10^{-3}) \begin{bmatrix} -17.32 \\ +10 \end{bmatrix}$$

2 equations & 2 unknowns

$$\text{Eq. (1): } u_{y2} = (-2.7675)u_{x2} - 1.225 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\text{Subs. in Eq. (2): } (14.144)u_{x2} + (39.144)(-2.7675u_{x2} - 1.225 \times 10^{-3}) = 10 \times 10^{-3}$$

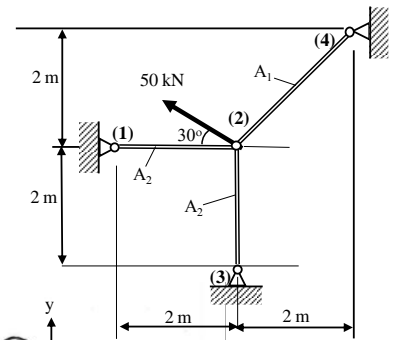
$$(-94.187)u_{x2} = 57.951 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$u_{x2} = -0.615 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m (to the left)}$$

$$\therefore u_{y2} = (-2.7675)(-0.615 \times 10^{-3}) - 1.225 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$u_{y2} = +0.478 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m (upwards)}$$

4. 2D Structural analysis problem 2 (3 bars)



Element  $(e_1)$ : Nodes 1-2

$\theta = 0^\circ, \cos \theta = 1, \sin \theta = 0$

$$k_{e1} = \frac{AE}{L_{e1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



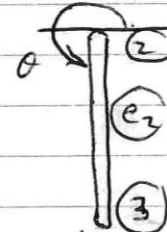
$$\frac{AE}{L_{e1}} = \frac{200 \times 10^{-6} \times 200 \times 10^9}{2} = 20 \times 10^6$$

$$k_{e1} = (10^6) \begin{bmatrix} 20 & 0 & -20 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -20 & 0 & 20 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_{e1} & & & \\ & k_{e1} & & \\ & & k_{e1} & \\ & & & k_{e1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Element  $(e_2)$ : Nodes 2-3

$\theta = 270^\circ, \cos \theta = 0, \sin \theta = -1$

$$k_{e2} = \frac{AE}{L_{e2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



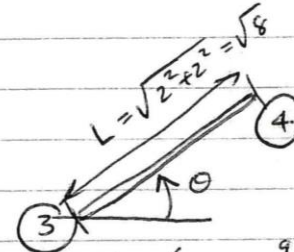
$$\frac{AE}{L_{e2}} = \frac{200 \times 10^{-6} \times 200 \times 10^9}{2} = 20 \times 10^6$$

$$k_{e2} = (10^6) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 20 & 0 & -20 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -20 & 0 & 20 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_{e2} & & & \\ & k_{e2} & & \\ & & k_{e2} & \\ & & & k_{e2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Element  $(e_3)$ : Nodes 2-4

$\theta = 45^\circ, \cos \theta = 0.707, \sin \theta = 0.707 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$$k_{e3} = \frac{AE}{L_{e3}} \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 & -0.5 & -0.5 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 & -0.5 & -0.5 \\ -0.5 & -0.5 & 0.5 & 0.5 \\ -0.5 & -0.5 & 0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\frac{AE}{L_{e3}} = \frac{150 \times 10^6 \times 200 \times 10^9}{\sqrt{8}} = 10.607 \times 10^6$$

$$k_{e3} = (10^6) \begin{bmatrix} 5.303 & 5.303 & -5.303 & -5.303 \\ 5.303 & 5.303 & -5.303 & -5.303 \\ -5.303 & -5.303 & 5.303 & 5.303 \\ -5.303 & -5.303 & 5.303 & 5.303 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_{e3} & & & \\ & k_{e3} & & \\ & & k_{e3} & \\ & & & k_{e3} \end{bmatrix}$$

Displacement vector

At nodes 1, 3, 4 :  $u_x = u_y = 0$

$$\{u\}^T = [0 \ 0 \ | \ u_{x2} \ u_{y2} \ | \ 0 \ 0 \ | \ 0 \ 0]$$

Force vector

At Node 2:  $F_{x2} = -50 \cos 30 = -43.30 \text{ kN}$

$F_{y2} = +50 \sin 30 = +25.0 \text{ kN}$

$$\{F\}^T = [0 \ 0 \ | \ F_{x2} \ F_{y2} \ | \ 0 \ 0 \ | \ 0 \ 0]$$

Matrix Assembly

(b)

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 (K_{e1})_{11} & (K_{e1})_{12} & 0 & 0 \\
 (K_{e1})_{21} & (K_{e1})_{22} & (K_{e2})_{11} & (K_{e3})_{12} \\
 0 & (K_{e2})_{21} & (K_{e2})_{22} & 0 \\
 0 & (K_{e3})_{21} & 0 & (K_{e3})_{21}
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 u_{x2} \\
 u_{y2} \\
 0 \\
 0
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 0 \\
 F_{y2} \\
 0 \\
 0
 \end{bmatrix}$$

(6)

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 20 & 0 & -20 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 -20 & 0 & (20+0+5.303) & (0+0+5.303) & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & (0+0+5.303) & (0+20+5.303) & 0 & -20 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -20 & 0 \\
 0 & -5.303 & -5.303 & 0 & 5.3 & 5.3
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 u_{x2} \\
 u_{y2} \\
 0 \\
 0 \\
 0 \\
 0
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 0 \\
 0 \\
 -43.3 \\
 +25.0 \\
 0 \\
 0
 \end{bmatrix}
 \quad (10)$$

(c) The system of equations can be reduced to two equations only

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 25.303 & 5.303 \\
 5.303 & 25.303
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 u_{x2} \\
 u_{y2}
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 -43.3 \\
 25.0
 \end{bmatrix}
 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$(25.303)u_{x2} + (5.303)u_{y2} = -43.3 \times 10^{-3} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$(5.303)u_{x2} + (25.303)u_{y2} = +25.0 \times 10^{-3} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{From (1): } u_{x2} = -1.711 \times 10^{-3} - (0.2095)u_{y2}$$

$$\text{Subs. in (2): } (5.303)[-1.711 \times 10^{-3} - (0.2095)u_{y2}] + 25.303u_{y2} = 25 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$(24.192)u_{y2} = +34.073 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$u_{y2} = +1.408 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

$$u_{x2} = -2.006 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

(d) Stress in element 2-4

$$(\sigma_e) = \frac{E}{L_e} \begin{bmatrix} -\cos\theta & -\sin\theta & \cos\theta & \sin\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{x2} \\ u_{y2} \\ u_{x4} \\ u_{y4} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{200 \times 10^9}{\sqrt{8}} \left( (0.707)u_{x2} - \sin\theta(u_{y2}) + 0 + 0 \right)$$

$$= 70.7 \times 10^9 \left( (-0.707)(-2.006 \times 10^{-3}) - (0.707)(1.408 \times 10^{-3}) \right)$$

$$= 29.89 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa (tensile)}$$

## 5. Torsional Element

This question demonstrates that the principle of minimum TPE can be applied to other physical problems. Here the variables on the torsional element are the angle ( $\theta$ ) and the torque ( $T$ ), whereas in the lecture notes we used "displacement" and "force" as the variables. The same derivation steps based on the principle of minimum TPE can also be used in the torsional element.

### (a) Mini. Total Potential Energy :

$$\text{Given: T.P.E.} = \int_0^L \frac{GJ}{2} \left( \frac{d\theta}{dx} \right)^2 dx - T_1 \theta_1 - T_2 \theta_2$$

Assuming a linear variation of  $\theta$  along the length  $L$  :

$$\theta = c_1 x + c_2$$

$$\text{at } x=0, \theta = \theta_1 \Rightarrow \theta_1 = c_1(0) + c_2 \Rightarrow c_2 = \theta_1$$

$$\text{at } x=L, \theta = \theta_2 \Rightarrow \theta_2 = c_1(L) + \theta_1 \Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{\theta_2 - \theta_1}{L}$$

$$\frac{d\theta}{dx} = c_1 = \frac{\theta_2 - \theta_1}{L}$$

$$\text{Subs. in T.P.E.} \Rightarrow \text{TPE} = \int_0^L \frac{GJ}{2} \left( \frac{\theta_2 - \theta_1}{L} \right)^2 dx - T_1 \theta_1 - T_2 \theta_2$$

$$\text{TPE} = \frac{GJ}{2} \frac{(\theta_2 - \theta_1)^2}{L^2} \times L - T_1 \theta_1 - T_2 \theta_2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{GJ}{L} (\theta_2^2 - 2\theta_1 \theta_2 + \theta_1^2) - T_1 \theta_1 - T_2 \theta_2$$

$$\text{or, in matrix form: } \text{TPE} = \left( \frac{1}{2} \frac{GJ}{L} \right) [\theta_1 \ \theta_2] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \end{bmatrix} - [\theta_1 \ \theta_2] \begin{bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Apply principle of Min. T.P.E., i.e.  $\frac{\partial \text{TPE}}{\partial [\theta]} = 0$

$$\frac{\partial \text{TPE}}{\partial \theta_1} = 0 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{GJ}{L} (-2\theta_2 + 2\theta_1) - T_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{T_1 = \frac{GJ}{L} (\theta_1 - \theta_2)}$$

$$\frac{\partial \text{TPE}}{\partial \theta_2} = 0 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{GJ}{L} (2\theta_2 - 2\theta_1) - 0 - T_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{T_2 = \frac{GJ}{L} (\theta_2 - \theta_1)}$$

$$\text{In matrix form: } \begin{bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \end{bmatrix} = \left( \frac{GJ}{L} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

### (b) Torsion Equation

$$\frac{T}{J} = \frac{G\theta}{L} \Rightarrow T = GJ \left( \frac{\theta}{L} \right)$$

$$\text{Hence } T_1 = \frac{GJ}{L} (\theta_1 - \theta_2)$$

$$T_2 = \frac{GJ}{L} (\theta_2 - \theta_1)$$

$$\text{or } \begin{bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \end{bmatrix} = \left( \frac{GJ}{L} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \end{bmatrix} \dots \text{as (a)}$$