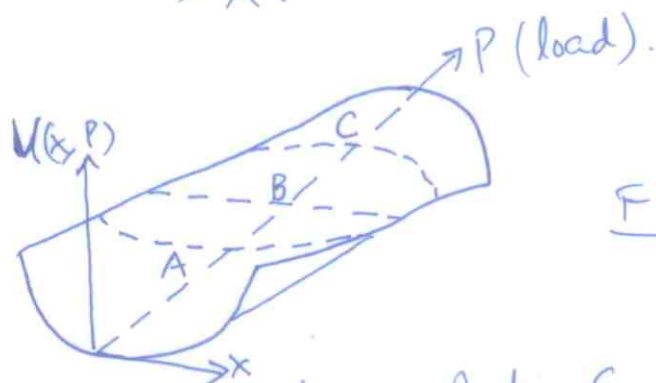
FIG:1FIG:2

In Fig 2, transition from A to C (stable to unstable) occurs as load changes along line AC. The cross-sections denote potential v/s displ for given load, i.e.  $U[x, P]$ . Neutral equilibrium (B) represents critical load,  $P_{cr}$ , when transition occurs.

### Stability - Definition 1:

Study of "character" of response (ie static or dynamic equilibrium). By character we mean:

- (i) whether response remains bounded or whether it goes unbounded
- (ii) whether response increases incrementally for incremental increase in load or whether it increases in a finite (large) manner for incremental change in load.

## Stability - Definition 2.

(2)

Study of whether response grows or stays bounded when small perturbations in displacement and/or velocity are applied. (see Fig. 1) If damping present response either grows or decays, which decides stability or instability.

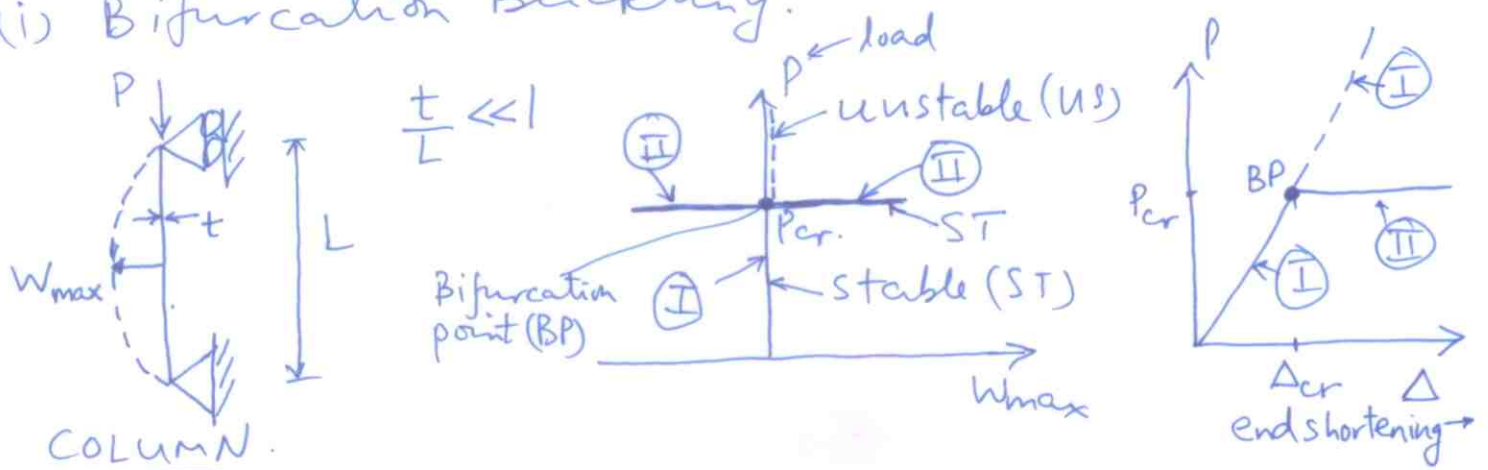
Stability concept applied to structures: (see Defn. 1).

Here we are concerned with stability of equilibrium configuration(s) as the applied load (characterized by  $P$ ) increases. For small  $P$ , structures are stable in most practical situations. As load is increased, the **BUCKLING LOAD** is the first (lowest) value of  $P$  for which equilibrium becomes unstable. This corresponds to the lowest **CRITICAL LOAD** calculated from the mathematical analysis.

In most structural elements, loss of stability is associated with a qualitative change in the deformation characteristics as seen later.

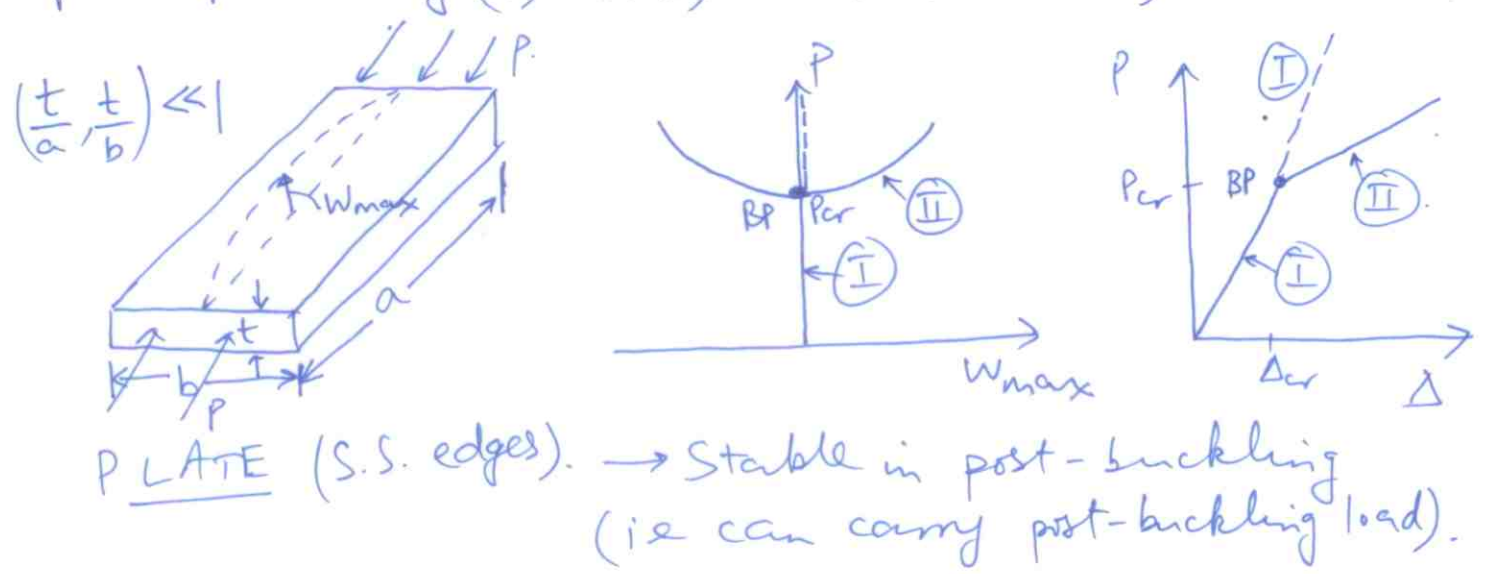
Types of Buckling. (for elastic structures with conservative loading).

(i) Bifurcation Buckling.

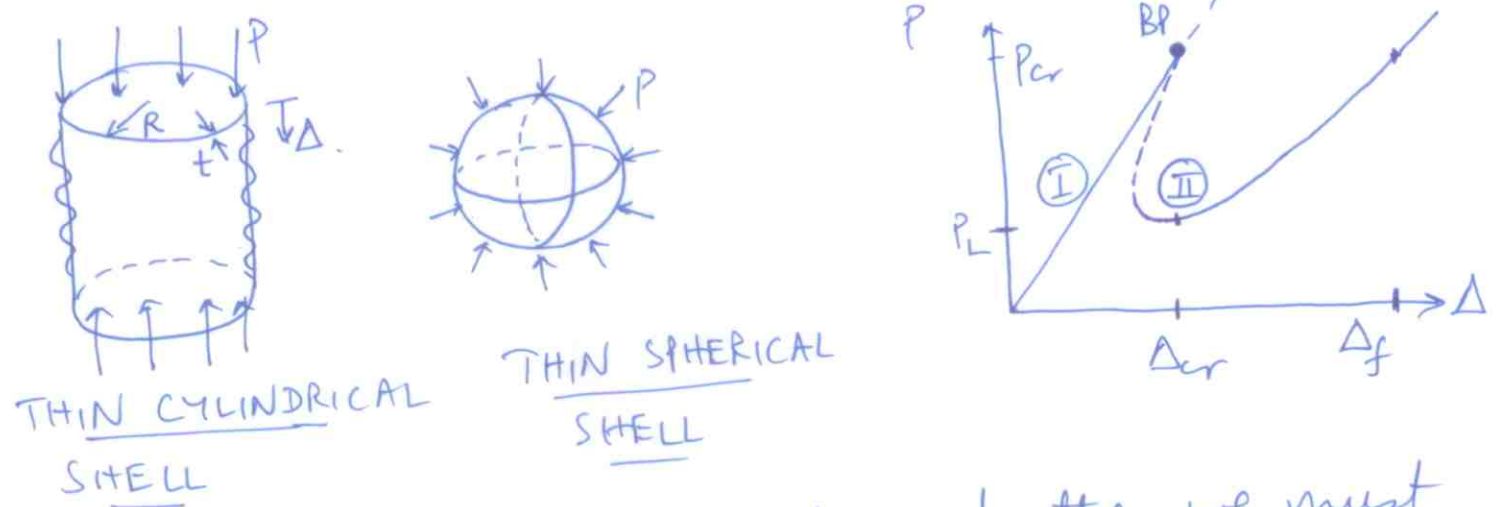


① - Pure compression, ② → Compr + Buckling. ③

Columns are neutral in post-buckling (see flat portion of  $(P, w_{max})$  or  $(P, \Delta)$  curves).

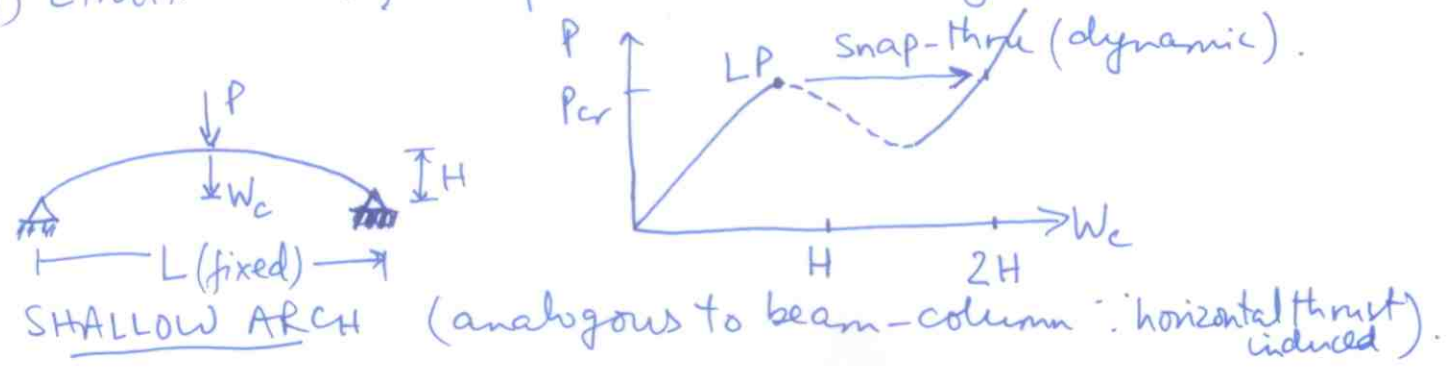


(ii) Finite-Disturbance Buckling.



At B.P., if  $\Delta_{cr}$  to be maintained then we must return to lower value of  $P$  (ie  $P_L$ ), or else there will be finite jump ("disturbance") to  $\Delta_f$ .

(iii) Limit Point / Snap-through Buckling



## Some Basic Approaches to Stability Analysis.

(4)

(i) Equilibrium / Classical / Bifurcation approach:

Here we find level of load at which a transition from only-one equilibrium configuration to multiple (usually two), <sup>infinitesimally close</sup> equilibrium configurations exist. You end up with an eigenvalue problem whose eigenvalues are the critical loads.

(ii) Kinetic / Dynamic approach: <sup>keeping load constant</sup>  
Perturb system about equilibrium, and analyse whether response is bounded (oscillatory) or grows (unbounded). At some load value the transition takes place. The small perturbations should include all kinematically admissible modes / d.o.f.'s. (degrees-of-freedom).

(iii) Energy approach:

Write potential energy in terms of generalized coordinates. Find equilibrium by stationary values of potential. If potential is minimum for these stationary values then equilibrium stable. — eg.  $U(\theta) = -mgl \cos \theta$ ,  $\frac{dU}{d\theta} = mgl \sin \theta = 0$ ,

$\theta_{\text{equil}} = 0, \pi$ ,  $\left. \frac{d^2U}{d\theta^2} \right|_{\theta=0} = +mgl$  for pendulum.



Note: For a conservative system, at an equilibrium configuration,  
Min PE  $\iff$  STABLE

Let PE =  $U(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_N; P)$ ,  $q_1, \dots, q_N$  are the generalized coordinates that completely define the structure's (systems) configuration — eg two angles  $\theta, \phi$  for

double pendulum.



(5)

Taylor series about equilibrium  $(q_1, \dots, q_N)_e = (0, \dots, 0)$

gives,

$$U(q_1, \dots, q_N) = U(q_{1e}, \dots, q_{Ne}) + \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\partial U}{\partial q_i} \Big|_{q_e} \Delta q_i$$

1<sup>st</sup> variation of U  
2<sup>nd</sup> variation of U

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial q_i \partial q_j} \Big|_{q_e} \Delta q_i \Delta q_j + \text{H.o.T.'s}$$

(higher order terms)

$$= U(q_{1e}, \dots, q_{Ne}) + \delta U + \frac{1}{2} \delta^2 U + \text{H.o.T.'s.}$$

NOTE: Without loss of generality, we can write  $\underline{q}_e = (0, \dots, 0)$ , i.e. even if equilibrium position is non-trivial, you can translate the coordinate system, i.e.  $\underline{q}_{\text{new}} = \underline{q}_{\text{old}} - \underline{q}_e$

so that  $(\underline{q}_e)_{\text{new}} = (0, \dots, 0)$ . Then define  $(q_i)_{\text{new}} \leftarrow (\Delta q_i)_{\text{old}}$

and drop the notations 'new', 'old'.

$$\Rightarrow U(q_1, \dots, q_N) = U(0, \dots, 0) + \sum_{i=1}^N \left. \frac{\partial U}{\partial q_i} \right|_{q_e = (0, \dots, 0)} q_i$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \left. \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial q_i \partial q_j} \right|_{q_e} q_i q_j$$

= 0 by definition of equilibrium; i.e.  $\delta U = 0$  is necessary condition for equilibrium

$$\Rightarrow U(q_1, \dots, q_N) - U(0, \dots, 0) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^N c_{ij} q_i q_j$$

where  $c_{ij} = \left. \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial q_i \partial q_j} \right|_{q_e}$

For stable equilibrium at  $\underline{q}_e$  we need  $U(q_1, \dots, q_N) - U(0, \dots, 0)$  i.e.  $U(0, \dots, 0) = U(q_{1e}, \dots, q_{Ne})$  is a relative minimum.  $\left. \begin{matrix} > 0, \text{ i.e.} \\ \delta^2 U > 0 \end{matrix} \right\}$

so from here on,  $q$  denotes perturbation about equilibrium

Hence,  $\sum_{i,j=1}^N c_{ij} q_i q_j = \begin{pmatrix} q \\ \vdots \\ q \end{pmatrix}^T \underline{\underline{C}} \begin{pmatrix} q \\ \vdots \\ q \end{pmatrix} > 0$  for  $q \neq 0$  (5)  
symmetric quadratic form

NOTE:  $\underline{\underline{C}} = \underline{\underline{C}}^T \rightarrow$  symmetric

$\begin{pmatrix} \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times \end{pmatrix}$  (ie non-trivial perturbation)

From linear algebra (e.g. see Simitses + Hodges for proof) we have the result that the symmetric quadratic form  $q^T \underline{\underline{C}} q$  is +ve iff  $\underline{\underline{C}}$  is positive definite; i.e., if every principal-minor of  $\underline{\underline{C}}$  has determinant  $> 0$ .

$$\underline{\underline{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & c_{13} & \dots & c_{1N} \\ c_{12} & c_{22} & c_{23} & \dots & c_{2N} \\ c_{13} & c_{23} & c_{33} & \dots & c_{3N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{1N} & c_{2N} & c_{3N} & \dots & c_{NN} \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{ie } c_{11} > 0 \\ c_{11}c_{22} - c_{12}^2 > 0 \\ \vdots \\ \det |\underline{\underline{C}}| > 0. \end{array}$$

where  $\underline{\underline{C}} = \left[ \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial q_i \partial q_j} \right]_{q_e}$

Thus a bifurcation point satisfies

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial q_i} = 0, \quad i=1, \dots, N, \quad \text{and} \quad \det \left[ \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial q_i \partial q_j} \right]_{q_e} = 0$$

gives  $q_e$  as solution

ie,  $\underline{\underline{C}}$  is no longer positive definite.

Note that  $U = U[q_1, \dots, q_N, P]$  so as you change load  $P$ ,  $q_e$  changes, and at some  $P$ , bifurcation point (BP) occurs, i.e., two or more branches of equilibrium ( $q_e$ ) meet. For the same equilibrium branch, we have stability on one side of the BP and instability on the other side.

Examples of sign definiteness:

$\delta^2 U = q_1^2 + q_2^2 \rightarrow$  Positive Definite ( $\delta^2 U > 0$  for  $\underline{q} \neq \underline{0}$ )

$= (q_1 + q_2)^2 \rightarrow$  Pos-semi-def ( $\delta^2 U \geq 0, \underline{q} \neq \underline{0}$ )

$= -q_1^2 - q_2^2 \rightarrow$  Negative definite ( $\delta^2 U < 0, \underline{q} \neq \underline{0}$ )

$= -(q_1 + q_2)^2 \rightarrow$  Neg-semi def ( $\delta^2 U \leq 0, \underline{q} \neq \underline{0}$ )

$= q_1 q_2 \rightarrow$  Indefinite (cant say anything about sign definite)

Another test for sign definiteness is based on eigenvalues of  $\underline{C}$ , as follows.

$\delta^2 U = \underline{q}^T \underline{C} \underline{q}$

seek transformation  $\underline{q} = \underline{T} \underline{y}$ ,  $\det(\underline{T}) \neq 0$

$\delta^2 U = \underline{y}^T \underline{T}^T \underline{C} \underline{T} \underline{y} = \underline{y}^T \underline{B} \underline{y}$ ,  $\underline{B} = \underline{B}^T \rightarrow$  (\*)

Now EVP of  $\underline{C}$  is  $\underline{C} \underline{z} = \mu \underline{z}$ ,  $\mu = \mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_N$   
Corresponding ectors are  $\underline{z}^{(1)}, \dots, \underline{z}^{(N)}$

Property I: If  $\underline{T} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{z}^{(1)} & \underline{z}^{(2)} & \dots & \underline{z}^{(N)} \end{bmatrix}$  =  $N \times N$  matrix with columns as the  $N$  ectors of  $\underline{C}$

then  $\underline{B} =$  diagonal matrix =  $\begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 & & 0 \\ & \mu_2 & \\ 0 & & \mu_N \end{bmatrix}$

Property II:  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_N$  are real.

Property III: ectors are orthogonal, ie,  
 $\underline{z}^{(i)T} \underline{z}^{(j)} = \delta_{ij} = 1, i=j \rightarrow$  make it orthonormal for uniqueness.  
 $= 0, i \neq j$

Aside: Proofs of Properties I, II, III

Property II: Assume evalues are complex. Since  $\underline{C}$  is real, so the characteristic c

Polynomial equation arising from  $\det(\underline{C} - \mu \underline{I}) = 0$  has real coefficients. So if  $\mu^{(i)}$  is a complex root (ie evalue) with corresponding evector  $\underline{z}^{(i)}$  then  $\overline{\mu^{(i)}}$  and  $\overline{\underline{z}^{(i)}}$  are also evalue & evector solutions, i.e, complex conjugates are also solution. Thus,

$$\underline{C} \underline{z}^{(i)} = \mu^{(i)} \underline{z}^{(i)} \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\underline{C} \overline{\underline{z}^{(i)}} = \overline{\mu^{(i)}} \overline{\underline{z}^{(i)}} \rightarrow (2)$$

Do  $\overline{\underline{z}^{(i)}}^T \times (1) - \underline{z}^{(i)T} \times (2)$ ,

$$\Rightarrow \left( \overline{\underline{z}^{(i)}}^T \underline{C} \underline{z}^{(i)} - \underline{z}^{(i)T} \underline{C} \overline{\underline{z}^{(i)}} \right) = \underbrace{\mu^{(i)} \overline{\underline{z}^{(i)}}^T \underline{z}^{(i)}} - \underbrace{\overline{\mu^{(i)}} \underline{z}^{(i)T} \overline{\underline{z}^{(i)}}}$$

Scalars so respective transpose equals term itself.

$$\Rightarrow \left( \overline{\underline{z}^{(i)}}^T \underline{z}^{(i)} - \underline{z}^{(i)T} \overline{\underline{z}^{(i)}} \right) = (\mu^{(i)} - \overline{\mu^{(i)}}) \overline{\underline{z}^{(i)}}^T \underline{z}^{(i)}$$

= C ∵ C symmetric

$$\Rightarrow 0 = (\mu^{(i)} - \overline{\mu^{(i)}}) \overline{\underline{z}^{(i)}}^T \underline{z}^{(i)} \Rightarrow \underline{\mu^{(i)} = \text{real.}}$$

Property III :

$$\underline{C} \underline{z}^{(i)} = \mu^{(i)} \underline{z}^{(i)} \rightarrow (3)$$

$$\underline{C} \underline{z}^{(k)} = \mu^{(k)} \underline{z}^{(k)} \rightarrow (4)$$

}  $\overline{\underline{z}^{(k)}}^T \times (3) - \underline{z}^{(i)T} \times (4)$  gives, after noting the scalar (triple products) on LHS & the scalar (dot products) on RHS & also  $\underline{C} = \underline{C}^T$ , as above,

$$\overline{\underline{z}^{(k)}}^T \underline{C} \underline{z}^{(i)} - \underline{z}^{(i)T} \underline{C} \underline{z}^{(k)} = \mu^{(i)} \overline{\underline{z}^{(k)}}^T \underline{z}^{(i)} - \mu^{(k)} \underline{z}^{(i)T} \underline{z}^{(k)}$$

$$0 = (\mu^{(i)} - \mu^{(k)}) \overline{\underline{z}^{(k)}}^T \underline{z}^{(i)}$$

∵  $\mu^{(i)} \neq \mu^{(k)}$  (ie distinct evales assumed)

$$\Rightarrow \overline{\underline{z}^{(k)}}^T \underline{z}^{(i)} = 0 \text{ for } i \neq k.$$



Since e vectors are non-unique upto multiplicative constant, we make every e vector a unit vector (ie orthonormalize), so

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \underline{e}^{(i)T} \underline{e}^{(k)} &= \delta_{ik} = 0, \quad i \neq k \\ &= 1, \quad i = k. \end{aligned} \right\} \text{orthonormality property.}$$

Property I :

$$\begin{aligned} T^T C T &= \begin{bmatrix} \underline{e}^{(1)T} & \underline{e}^{(2)T} & \dots & \underline{e}^{(N)T} \\ \underline{e}^{(1)T} & \underline{e}^{(2)T} & \dots & \underline{e}^{(N)T} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \underline{e}^{(N)T} & \underline{e}^{(N)T} & \dots & \underline{e}^{(N)T} \end{bmatrix} [C] \begin{bmatrix} \underline{e}^{(1)} \\ \underline{e}^{(2)} \\ \vdots \\ \underline{e}^{(N)} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \underline{e}^{(1)T} & \underline{e}^{(2)T} & \dots & \underline{e}^{(N)T} \\ \underline{e}^{(1)T} & \underline{e}^{(2)T} & \dots & \underline{e}^{(N)T} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \underline{e}^{(N)T} & \underline{e}^{(N)T} & \dots & \underline{e}^{(N)T} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mu^{(1)} \underline{e}^{(1)} & & & \\ & \mu^{(2)} \underline{e}^{(2)} & & \\ & & \dots & \\ & & & \mu^{(N)} \underline{e}^{(N)} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \mu^{(1)} \underline{e}^{(1)T} \underline{e}^{(1)} & \mu^{(2)} \underline{e}^{(1)T} \underline{e}^{(2)} & \dots & \mu^{(N)} \underline{e}^{(1)T} \underline{e}^{(N)} \\ \mu^{(2)} \underline{e}^{(2)T} \underline{e}^{(1)} & \mu^{(2)} \underline{e}^{(2)T} \underline{e}^{(2)} & \dots & \mu^{(N)} \underline{e}^{(2)T} \underline{e}^{(N)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mu^{(N)} \underline{e}^{(N)T} \underline{e}^{(1)} & \dots & \dots & \mu^{(N)} \underline{e}^{(N)T} \underline{e}^{(N)} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Here all off-diagonal terms vanish due to orthogonality (Property-II), & diagonals are  $\mu^{(1)}, \mu^{(2)}, \dots, \mu^{(N)}$  due to orthonormality.

$$\Rightarrow T^T C T = \begin{bmatrix} \mu^{(1)} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \mu^{(2)} & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \mu^{(N)} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{diagonal matrix with values along diagonals.}$$

So, from (\*) p (6a),  $\delta^2 U = \mu^{(1)} y_1^2 + \mu^{(2)} y_2^2 + \dots + \mu^{(N)} y_N^2 \rightarrow$  PD if all  $\mu^{(i)} > 0$ .

So, from  $\otimes$  p. (6a),

(6d)

$$\delta^2 U = \overset{(1)}{M} y_1^2 + \overset{(2)}{M} y_2^2 + \dots + \overset{(N)}{M} y_N^2$$

= P.D if  $\overset{(k)}{M} > 0, k=1, \dots, N.$

Also note that

$$\underline{\underline{T}}^T \underline{\underline{T}} = \begin{bmatrix} \overset{(1)}{M} \underline{\underline{e}}_1^T & \rightarrow & \dots & \rightarrow \\ \overset{(2)}{M} \underline{\underline{e}}_2^T & \rightarrow & \dots & \rightarrow \\ \vdots & & & \\ \overset{(N)}{M} \underline{\underline{e}}_N^T & \rightarrow & \dots & \rightarrow \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \downarrow \overset{(1)}{M} \\ \downarrow \overset{(2)}{M} \\ \vdots \\ \downarrow \overset{(N)}{M} \end{bmatrix}$$

$= \underline{\underline{I}}$  from orthonormality property.

ie  $\underline{\underline{T}}^T = \underline{\underline{T}}^{-1}$

Continuous structures: Analysis involves

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- (i) Equilibrium equations (PDE's arising from  $\Sigma \underline{F} = 0$ )
- (ii) Constitutive Law <sup>(CL)</sup>  $\rightarrow \underline{\sigma} = \underline{\sigma}[\underline{\epsilon}]$ .
- (iii) Strain displacement <sup>(SD)</sup> relations  $\rightarrow \epsilon_{xx} = \frac{du_x}{dx}$ , etc.

Linear analysis: Here small displacements ( $u_x, u_y, u_z$ ) and rotations (ie displacement gradients, eg  $\frac{du_x}{dy}$ , etc) assumed. So constitutive and SD relations are linear. Equilibrium condition applied on undeformed structure

Geometrically nonlinear analysis: Used for slender or thin-walled structures. Here small strains and moderate rotations assumed. This yields linear CL but nonlinear SD relations.

Physically non-linear: Here large strains, small/large rotations, so CL must be used as nonlinear. Used for massive structures or nonlinear elastic structures.



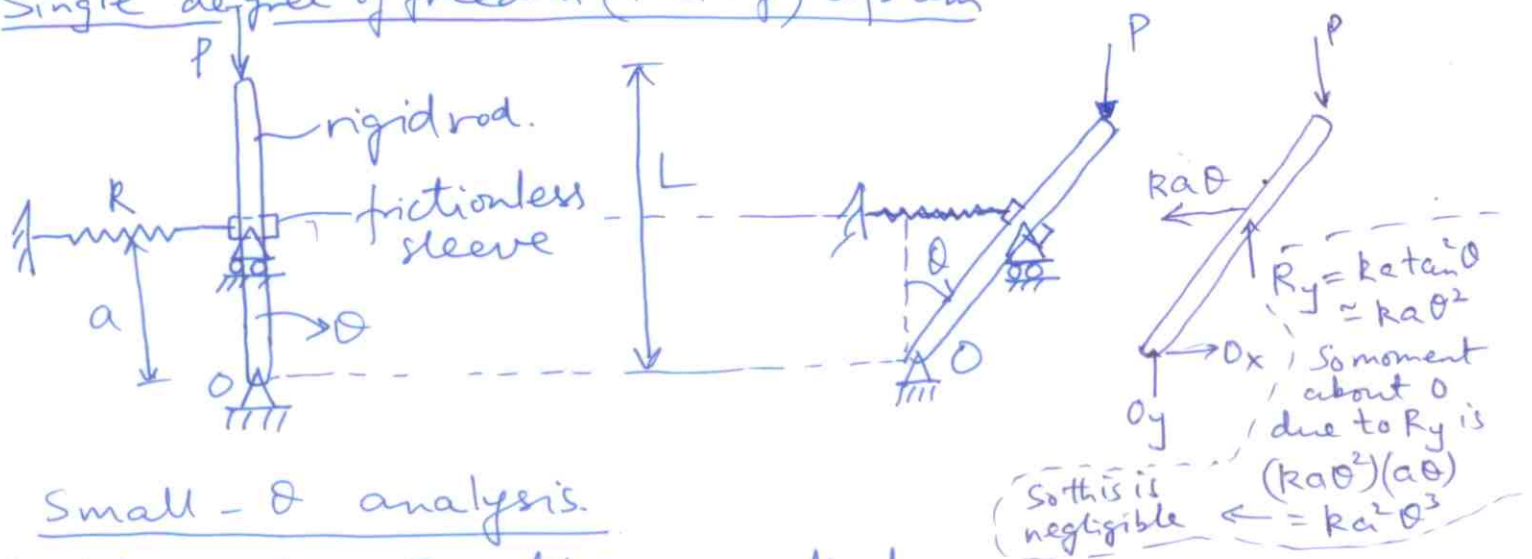
Categorization of structures/structural elements based on dimensions:

- (i) All three dimensions comparable (spheres, moderate length cylinders).  $\rightarrow$  No issue of stability for these.
- (ii) One dimension much larger than other two (eg beams, shafts).
- (iii) One dim  $\ll$  other two (eg plates).
- (iv) All three dimensions of different order (eg thin walled beams).

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## STABILITY OF DISCRETE (LUMPED) MECHANICAL MODELS.

### Single degree of freedom (1-d.o.f) system



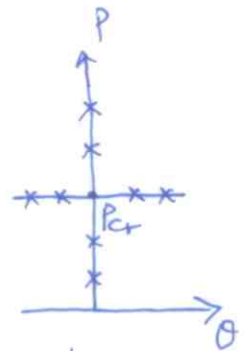
### Small- $\theta$ analysis.

(i) Classical or Equilibrium method:

$$\sum M = 0 \Rightarrow -P l \theta + (k a \theta) a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad P = \frac{k a^2}{l}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{cr} = \frac{k a^2}{l} \rightarrow \text{bifurcation point.}$$



x only equilibrium pts shown, stability information not known by this approach.

(ii) Dynamic method:

$$\frac{m l^2}{3} \ddot{\theta} = P l \theta - k a^2 \theta \Rightarrow \frac{m l^2}{3} \ddot{\theta} + (k a^2 - P l) \theta = 0.$$

Natural freq,  $\omega_n^2 = \frac{k a^2 - P l}{m l^2 / 3}$

$\omega_n$  real  $\Rightarrow$  stable (bounded oscillations)  $\Rightarrow P < \frac{k a^2}{l}$

$\omega_n$  imag  $\Rightarrow$  unstable (exponential growth in  $\theta$  with time)  $\Rightarrow P > \frac{k a^2}{l}$

$\omega_n = 0 \Rightarrow \theta$  increases linearly with time

$\Rightarrow P_{cr} = \frac{k a^2}{l}$ , stable for  $P < P_{cr}$ . else unstable.

(iii) Energy method.

$$PE = U = \frac{1}{2}k(a\theta)^2 - Pl(1 - \cos\theta)$$

$$\text{Equilibrium} \Rightarrow \frac{dU}{d\theta} = 0 = ka^2\theta - Pl \sin\theta = 0$$

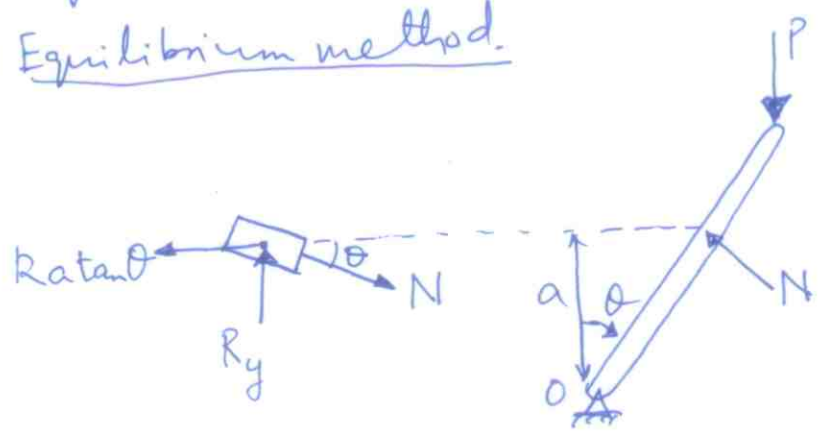
$$\Rightarrow \theta = 0 \text{ or } P = \frac{ka^2}{l}$$

$$\text{Stability} \Rightarrow \frac{d^2U}{d\theta^2} > 0 \Rightarrow ka^2 - Pl > 0 \rightarrow \text{stable}$$
  
$$\text{ie } ka^2 - Pl < 0 \rightarrow \text{U.S.}$$

Note: linear analysis cant give us stability of bifurcation point  $ka^2 - Pl = 0$  since all higher derivatives (more than 2<sup>nd</sup>) are identically zero.

Large  $\theta$  analysis.

(i) Equilibrium method.



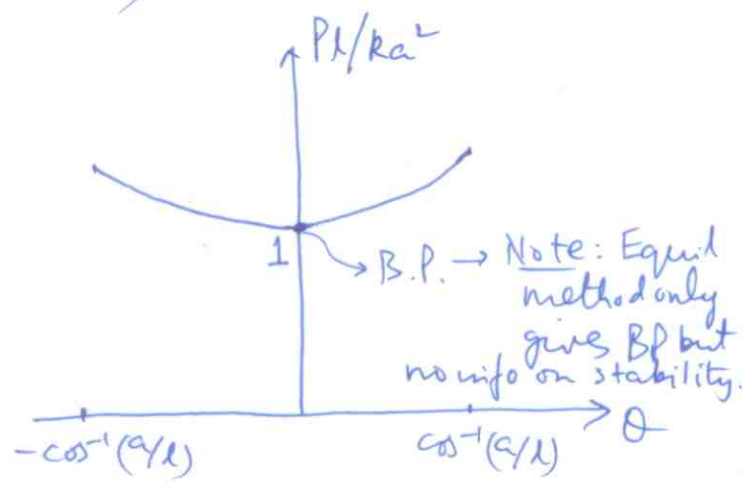
For sleeve:  
 $\Sigma F_y = 0 \Rightarrow R_y = N \sin\theta = ka^2 \tan^2\theta$   
not reqd here, but see small  $\theta$  analysis p.8.

$$\Sigma F_x: N \cos\theta = ka \tan\theta ; \quad \Sigma M_0: \frac{Na}{\cos\theta} - Pl \sin\theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{ka^2}{\cos^3\theta} - Pl \right) \sin\theta = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 0, \quad \frac{Pl}{ka^2} = \frac{1}{\cos^3\theta}$$

Note:  $\cos\theta > \frac{a}{l}$  else ring/sleeve flies off rigid rod.



(ii) Dynamic method

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$$\frac{ml^2}{3} \ddot{\theta} + \left( \frac{ka^2}{\cos^3 \theta} - Pl \right) \sin \theta = 0 \rightarrow (1)$$

To find  $\theta_e$ , set all dynamic terms ( $\dot{\theta}, \ddot{\theta}$ ) to zero. So as in method (i),  $\theta_e = 0$ ,  $\sec^3 \theta_e = \frac{Pl}{ka^2}$ .

Stability analysis

Put  $\theta = \theta_e + \phi$  (small perturbation about  $\theta_e$ ) in (1) & expand Taylor series upto first order terms.

$$\frac{ml^2}{3} \ddot{\phi} + \left( \frac{ka^2}{\cos^3 \theta_e} - Pl \right) \sin \theta_e + \left( \frac{ka^2}{\cos^2 \theta_e} + \frac{3ka^2 \sin^2 \theta_e}{\cos^4 \theta_e} \right) \phi = 0$$

For  $\theta_e = 0$ , from (2),

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ml^2}{3} \ddot{\phi} + (ka^2 - Pl) \phi = 0$$

$$-Pl \cos \theta_e \phi = 0 \rightarrow (2)$$

(+ H.O.T's)

$\Rightarrow$  Stable for  $ka^2 > Pl$ , unstable for  $ka^2 < Pl$ .

For  $\theta_e = \sec^{-1} (Pl/ka^2)^{1/3}$ , from (2),

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ml^2}{3} \ddot{\phi} + \frac{3ka^2 \sin^2 \theta_e}{\cos^4 \theta_e} \phi = 0$$

$\therefore 3ka^2 \sin^2 \theta_e / \cos^4 \theta_e > 0$  for  $\theta_e \neq 0$ , it is stable for the non-trivial  $\theta_e$  branch.

What remains is stability of  $\theta_e = 0$  for  $Pl = ka^2$ . Go to H.O.T's in Taylor series.

2<sup>nd</sup> order term: 
$$\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{2ka^2 \sin \theta_e}{\cos^3 \theta_e} + \frac{12ka^2 \sin^3 \theta_e}{\cos^5 \theta_e} + \frac{6ka^4 \sin \theta_e}{\cos^3 \theta_e} + Pl \sin \theta_e \right]_{\substack{\theta_e=0 \\ Pl=ka^2}} \times \phi^2 = 0$$

3<sup>rd</sup> order term: Can see directly from 2<sup>nd</sup> order (11) term that only <sup>parts of</sup> derivative of 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> term survive for  $\sin \theta = 0$ . Thus we have, for 3<sup>rd</sup> order term,

$$\frac{1}{6} \left[ 2ka^2 + 6ka^2 + Pl \right] \phi^3 = \frac{3}{2} ka^2 \phi^3$$

$\downarrow$   $Pl = ka^2$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ml^2}{3} \ddot{\phi} + \frac{3}{2} ka^2 \phi^3 = 0 \rightarrow \text{nonlinear stiffness term for } \theta_e = 0, Pl = ka^2$$

Aside: Consider  $\ddot{x} + f(x) = 0 \rightarrow$  indicates conservative system.

First integral of eqn. of motion  $\rightarrow \int [\ddot{x} + f(x)] dx = \text{const} \rightarrow$  1<sup>st</sup> integral of motion

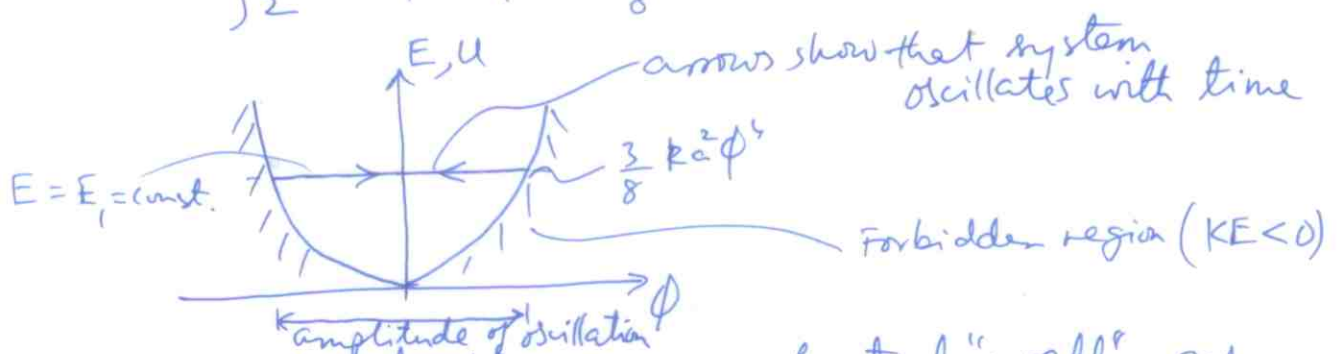
$$\int \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{dx}{dt} \right) \frac{dx}{dt} dt + \int f(x) dx = \text{const}$$

$$\int \dot{x} d(x) + \int f(x) dx = \frac{\dot{x}^2}{2} + \int f(x) dx = \text{const} = E$$

$\downarrow$  KE form = 1       $\downarrow$  PE       $\downarrow$  Total energy

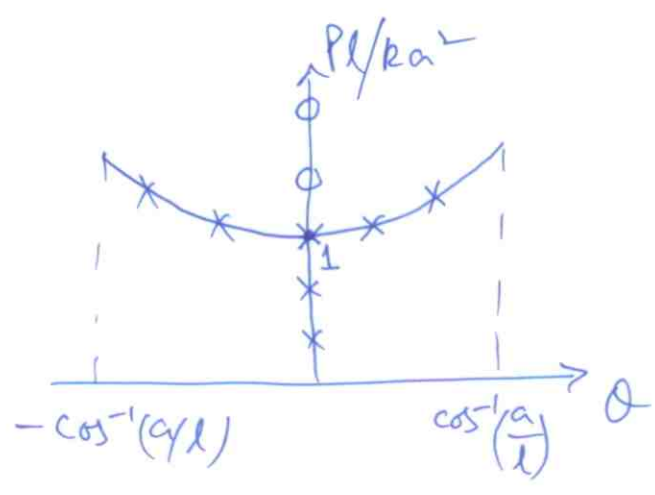
Apply to above nonlinear equation. So,

$$PE = U = \int \frac{3}{2} ka^2 \phi^3 d\phi = \frac{3}{8} ka^2 \phi^4$$



Whenever you get  $U(x)$  as a potential "well", as above, system oscillates about  $\phi = 0$ . The amplitude of oscillation depends on the initial condition, i.e., initial energy level ( $E_1$  in this case) as shown.

Conclusion:  $\theta_e = 0, ka^2 = Pl$  is STABLE.



o → US (unstable)  
 x → ST (stable)

(iii) Energy method.

$$U = \frac{1}{2} K(a \tan \theta)^2 - Pl(1 - \cos \theta)$$

Equilibrium  $\Rightarrow \frac{dU}{d\theta} = 0$

$$K a \tan \theta \sec^2 \theta - Pl \sin \theta = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

Eq(1) here is same as eq(1) on p.9 & eq(1) on p.10.

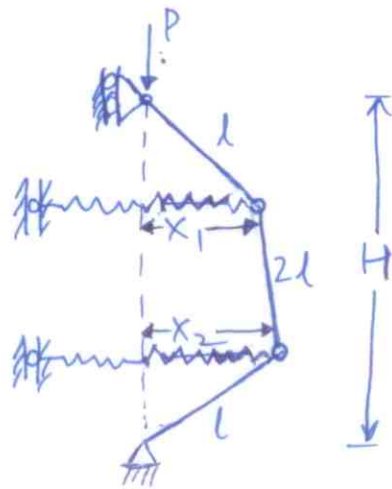
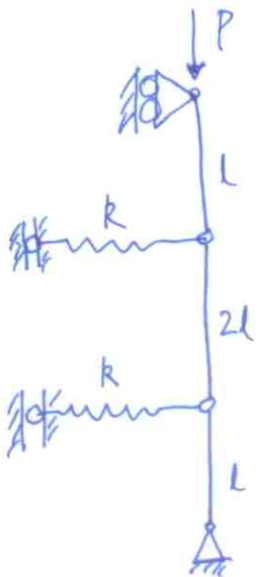
This will always be the case since on p.11 we saw that first  $\int$  of EOM is energy for conservative system.

The stability analysis amounts to a repeat of the dynamic method (see last term of eq.(2) p.11, i.e.  $\frac{d^2U}{d\theta^2}$ , and onwards, i.e.  $\frac{d^3U}{d\theta^3}$  and  $\frac{d^4U}{d\theta^4}$ ). So we note that  $\Sigma M_o \equiv \frac{dU}{d\theta}$  and so on for higher derivatives.



# 2-Degree of Freedom (2-d.o.f.) system

(13)



$$N = 2$$

$$\underline{x} = \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} \equiv \begin{Bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

## (I) ENERGY METHOD.

$$U[x_1, x_2; P] = \frac{1}{2} k x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} k x_2^2 - P \left( 4l - \sqrt{l^2 - x_1^2} - \sqrt{l^2 - x_2^2} - \sqrt{4l^2 - (x_2 - x_1)^2} \right)$$

Divide by  $kl^2$ , non-dimensionalize, i.e.,  $\bar{U} = \frac{U}{kl^2}$ ,  $\bar{x}_1 = \frac{x_1}{l}$ ,  $\bar{x}_2 = \frac{x_2}{l}$ ,  $\lambda = \frac{P}{kl}$ , then drop overbars for convenience,

$$U[x_1, x_2; \lambda] = \frac{x_1^2}{2} + \frac{x_2^2}{2} - \lambda \left( 4 - \sqrt{1 - x_1^2} - \sqrt{1 - x_2^2} - \sqrt{4 - (x_2 - x_1)^2} \right)$$

Equilibrium:

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial x_1} = 0 = x_1 + \lambda \left( \frac{-x_1}{\sqrt{1 - x_1^2}} + \frac{x_2 - x_1}{\sqrt{4 - (x_2 - x_1)^2}} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial x_2} = 0 = x_2 + \lambda \left( \frac{-x_2}{\sqrt{1 - x_2^2}} + \frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{4 - (x_2 - x_1)^2}} \right)$$

Nonlinear equations - possess multiple solutions. One of these is trivial solution. We examine its stability. (NOTE: other solutions may also be important, in general, and some of them may not be real).

NOTE: These equations don't have direct physical meaning, since they <sup>(represent)</sup> are a combination of the physical equilibrium equations (i.e.  $\sum F_x = \sum F_y = \sum M = 0$ ). This is usually the case when using energy method.

(14)

Stability of  $\underline{x}_e = [0 \ 0]^T = [x_{1e} \ x_{2e}]^T$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} & \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x_2^2} \end{bmatrix}_{\underline{x}_e = [0, 0]^T}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x_1^2} \right|_{\underline{x}_e = 0} = 1 + \lambda \left[ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x_1^2}} - \frac{x_1^2}{(1-x_1^2)^{3/2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-(x_2-x_1)^2}} - \frac{-(x_2-x_1)^2}{(\sqrt{4-(x_2-x_1)^2})^3} \right] = 1 - \frac{3}{2}\lambda$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x_2^2} \right|_{\underline{x}_e = 0} = 1 + \lambda \left[ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x_2^2}} - \frac{x_2^2}{(1-x_2^2)^{3/2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-(x_2-x_1)^2}} - \frac{-(x_1-x_2)^2}{(\sqrt{4-(x_2-x_1)^2})^3} \right] = 1 - \frac{3}{2}\lambda$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} \right|_{\underline{x}_e = 0} = \lambda \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-(x_2-x_1)^2}} + \frac{(x_2-x_1)^2}{(\sqrt{4-(x_2-x_1)^2})^3} \right) = \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \frac{3}{2}\lambda & \frac{\lambda}{2} \\ \frac{\lambda}{2} & 1 - \frac{3}{2}\lambda \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \det(C - \mu I) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \frac{3}{2}\lambda - \mu & \frac{\lambda}{2} \\ \frac{\lambda}{2} & 1 - \frac{3}{2}\lambda - \mu \end{bmatrix} = 0 \rightarrow \text{EVP.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(1 - \frac{3}{2}\lambda - \mu\right)^2 - \frac{\lambda^2}{4} = 0$$

$$1 - \frac{3}{2}\lambda - \mu = \pm \frac{\lambda}{2} \Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} \mu^{(1)} = 1 - 2\lambda \\ \mu^{(2)} = 1 - \lambda \end{array} \right\} \text{eigenvalues}$$

$\mu^{(1)} > 0, \mu^{(2)} > 0$  for stability.

So  $\lambda < \frac{1}{2}$  for stability.

$\delta^2 U = \text{P.D}$  for  $\lambda < \frac{1}{2}$  ( $\delta^2 U > 0$ )  $\rightarrow$  stable equil. (15)

correspond to unstable equilibrium

- PSD for  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$  ( $\delta^2 U \geq 0$ )
- IND for  $\frac{1}{2} < \lambda < 1$  ( $\delta^2 U$  can be any sign).
- NSD for  $\lambda = 1$  ( $\delta^2 U \leq 0$ )
- ND for  $\lambda > 1$  ( $\delta^2 U < 0$ )

Eigenvectors of  $\underline{\underline{C}}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - \frac{3}{2}\lambda - \mu^{(k)} & \lambda/2 \\ \lambda/2 & 1 - 3/2\lambda - \mu^{(k)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} z_1^{(k)} \\ z_2^{(k)} \end{Bmatrix} = 0 \rightarrow \text{E.V.}$$

Note:  $\rightarrow$  determinant of this = 0 for  $\mu = \mu^{(1)}$  or  $\mu^{(2)}$ . In fact that is how we solved for values  $\mu^{(1)}, \mu^{(2)}$ .

$$\Rightarrow \left(1 - \frac{3}{2}\lambda - \mu^{(k)}\right) z_1^{(k)} + \frac{\lambda}{2} z_2^{(k)} = 0$$

$$\frac{\lambda}{2} z_1^{(k)} + \left(1 - \frac{3}{2}\lambda - \mu^{(k)}\right) z_2^{(k)} = 0$$

only one of these can be used since they are not independent equations, since  $\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \mu^{(k)} & \lambda \\ \lambda & 1 - \mu^{(k)} \end{bmatrix} = 0$ .

So use first equation

$$\text{For } \mu^{(1)} = 1 - 2\lambda, \quad \underline{z}^{(1)} = -\underline{z}^{(2)}$$

$$\text{For } \mu^{(2)} = 1 - \lambda, \quad \underline{z}^{(1)} = \underline{z}^{(2)}$$

$$\text{So } \underline{z}^{(1)} = [c \ -c]^T, \quad \underline{z}^{(2)} = [c \ c]^T, \quad c = \text{arbitrary const.}$$

check:  $\underline{z}^{(1)T} \underline{z}^{(2)} = 0 \rightarrow$  ie orthogonality.

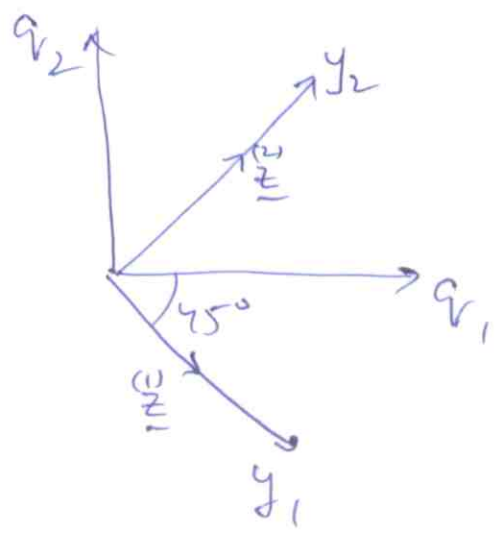
Make  $\underline{z}^{(1)}, \underline{z}^{(2)}$  unit vectors (orthonormalize), so  $c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ ,

$$\underline{z}^{(1)} = \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \underline{z}^{(2)} = \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{Bmatrix}$$

Now see p. 6a-6d.

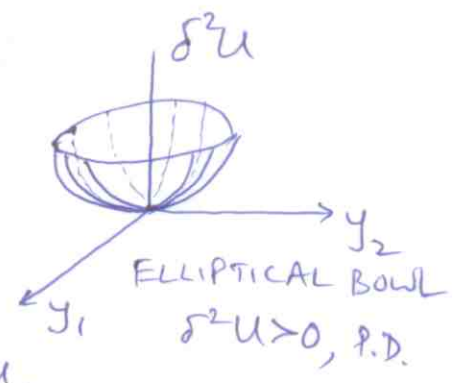
$$\underline{y} = \underline{T}^T \underline{q} \Rightarrow y_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} q_1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} q_2$$

$$y_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} q_1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} q_2$$

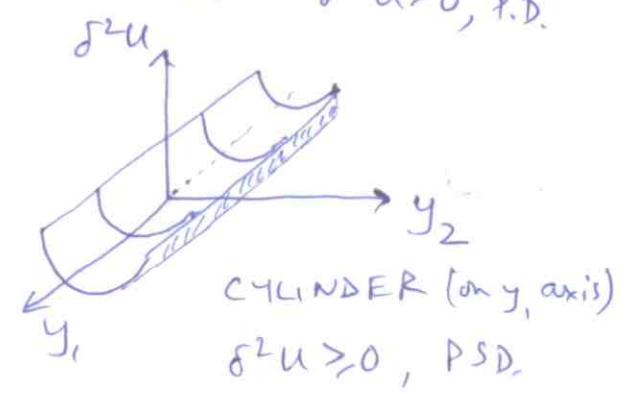


Examine  $\delta^2 U = \overset{(1)}{\mu} y_1^2 + \overset{(2)}{\mu} y_2^2$

(i)  $0 < \lambda < \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \overset{(1)}{\mu} > 0, \overset{(2)}{\mu} > 0 \longrightarrow$

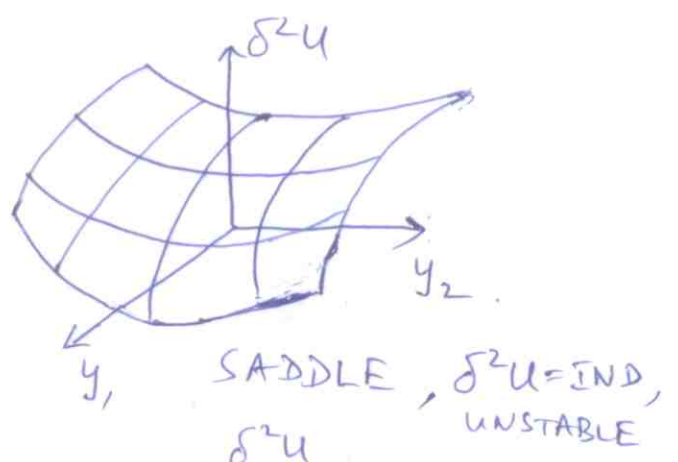


(ii)  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}, \Rightarrow \overset{(1)}{\mu} = 0, \overset{(2)}{\mu} > 0$   
 $\delta^2 U = 0 \cdot y_1^2 + \overset{(2)}{\mu} y_2^2$



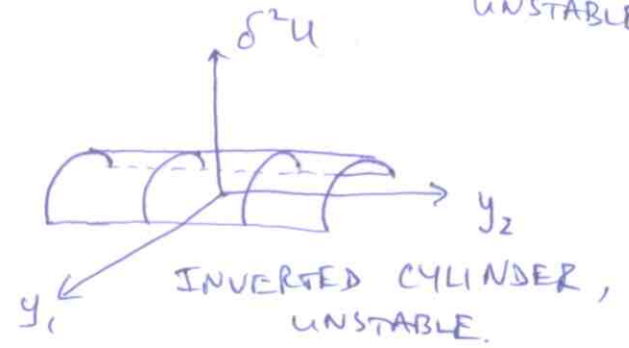
(iii)  $\frac{1}{2} < \lambda < 1 \Rightarrow \overset{(1)}{\mu} < 0, \overset{(2)}{\mu} > 0$

cross-sections parallel to  $y_1$  axis are inverted parabolas, & sections parallel to  $y_2$  axis are parabolas. So disturbance in  $y_1$  direction leads to instability.

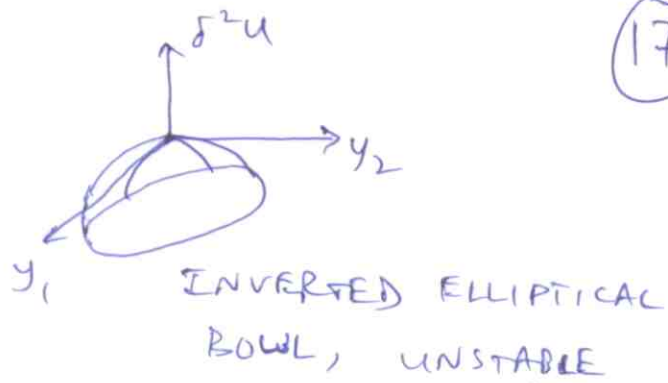


(iv)  $\lambda = 1, \Rightarrow \overset{(1)}{\mu} < 0, \overset{(2)}{\mu} = 0$

$\delta^2 U = \overset{(1)}{\mu} y_1^2 + 0 \cdot y_2^2$   
 $\delta^2 U \leq 0$



(v)  $\lambda > 1 \Rightarrow \lambda^{(1)} < 0, \lambda^{(2)} < 0$   
 $\delta^2 U < 0$

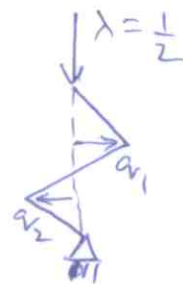


Critical points are at  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}, \lambda = 1$ , i.e. when  $\delta^2 U$  can equal zero.

$\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$ : Critical direction is  $y_1$ , since perturbation along that direction remains as such (i.e. persists).

Also  $\delta^2 U = 0$  if  $y_2 = 0$ . Use  $\underline{q} = \underline{T} \underline{y}$

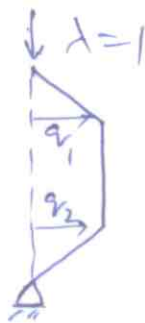
$$\left. \begin{aligned} q_1 &= \frac{y_1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{y_2}{\sqrt{2}} = y_1/\sqrt{2} \\ q_2 &= -\frac{y_1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{y_2}{\sqrt{2}} = -y_1/\sqrt{2} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow q_1 = -q_2$$



ANTISYMMETRIC MODE OF BUCKLING

$\lambda = 1$ : Critical direction is  $y_2$ , and  $\delta^2 U = 0$  for  $y_1 = 0$ .

$$q_1 = q_2 = y_2/\sqrt{2}$$

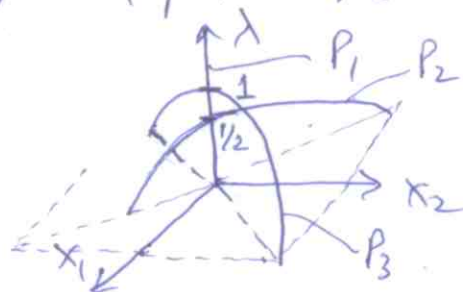


SYMMETRIC MODE OF BUCKLING

Critical loads  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}, \lambda = 1$  correspond to bifurcation pts in  $(\lambda, x_1, x_2)$  space.

NOTE: Other solutions of the equl eqns on p-13 are:

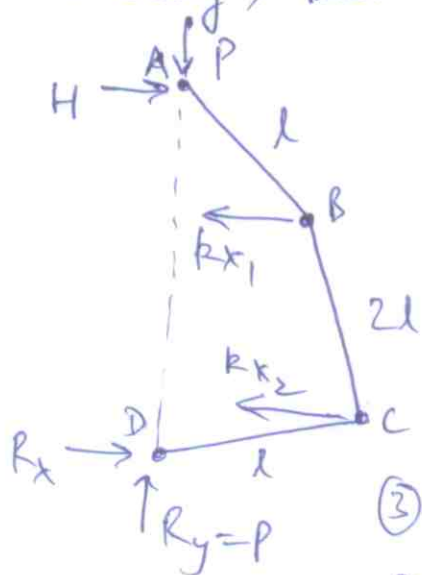
- (already analyzed for stability)  $P_1: x_1 = x_2 = 0$  for all  $\lambda$
- (can do stability analysis of these also)  $P_2: x_2 = -x_1, \lambda = \sqrt{1-x_1^2}/2$
- $P_3: x_2 = x_1, \lambda = \sqrt{1-x_1^2}$



(II) (CLASSICAL) EQUILIBRIUM METHOD (BIFURCATION METHOD):

Seek load when two or more solutions of equilibrium, that are infinitesimally close (ie bifurcation point) exist. We seek bifurcation pt on trivial solution branch  $(x_1, x_2 = 0, 0)$ . Thus we can linearize the resulting equilibrium equations for small  $(x_1, x_2)$  which represent the bifurcated, infinitesimally close equilibrium branch.

NOTE: Using this method to seek bifurcation points on non-trivial equilibrium branches will get very messy, but possible.



For infinitesimally small  $(x_1, x_2)$ ,

$$\sum M_D = 0 = H(4l) - kx_1(3l) - kx_2(l) = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$\sum M_A = 0 = R_x(4l) - kx_2(3l) - kx_1(l) = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

Since B, C are smooth pins,

$$\textcircled{3} \leftarrow \sum M_B = 0 = P x_1 - H l \quad (\text{FBD on top side of pin B})$$

$$\textcircled{4} \leftarrow \sum M_C = 0 = \frac{P}{l} x_2 - R_x l \quad (\text{FBD on bot. side of pin C}).$$

$= P \quad (\text{from } \sum F_y = 0).$

Subst  $\textcircled{3}, \textcircled{4}$  in  $\textcircled{1}, \textcircled{2}$ ,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{4P x_1}{l} - 3k x_1 - k x_2 = 0 \\ \frac{4P x_2}{l} - 3k x_2 - k x_1 = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} (4\lambda - 3) & -1 \\ -1 & (4\lambda - 3) \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} = 0$$

where  $\lambda \triangleq P/k l$ . [A]

For non-trivial  $(x_1, x_2)$ ,  $\det [A] = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (4\lambda - 3)^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1, \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \text{same as from energy method.}$$

The solutions of  $(x_1, x_2)$  are,

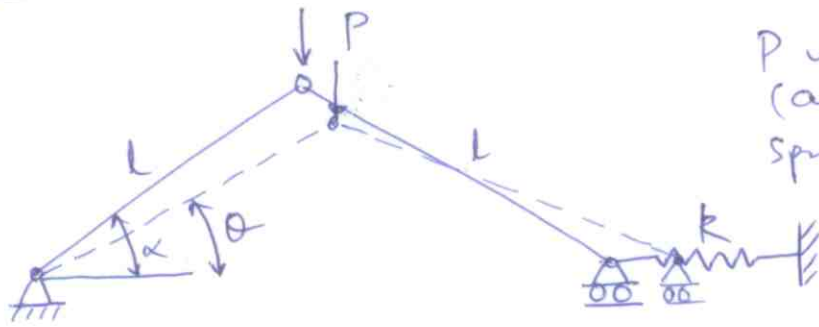
$$\lambda = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow -x_1 - x_2 = 0, \quad x_1 = -x_2 \rightarrow \text{antisymmetric}$$

$$\lambda = -1 \Rightarrow x_1 - x_2 = 0, \quad x_1 = x_2 \rightarrow \text{symmetric}$$

Buckling modes (19)  
↓

————— x —————

Snap-through buckling model.



P increased quasistatically  
(as in previous case).  
Spring unstretched when  
 $\theta = \alpha$ .

By nature of this problem, only nonlinear analysis is possible since  $\theta$  changes continuously with P.

(i) Energy approach.

$$U = \frac{1}{2} k (2l \cos \theta - 2l \cos \alpha)^2 - Pl(\sin \alpha - \sin \theta)$$

$$\frac{dU}{d\theta} = 0 = -2kl^2 \cdot 2(\cos \theta - \cos \alpha) \sin \theta + Pl \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P}{4kl} = \sin \theta - \cos \alpha \tan \theta \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

① is a nonlinear equation, to be solved numerically.

$$\frac{d^2U}{d\theta^2} = -4kl^2 [-\sin^2 \theta + (\cos \theta - \cos \alpha) \cos \theta] - Pl \sin \theta \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

\* Subst ① in ②, Common practice when evaluating  $\left. \frac{d^2U}{d\theta^2} \right|_{\theta_e}$

$$\frac{d^2U}{d\theta^2} \Big|_{\theta_e} = -4kl^2 \left[ -\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta - \cos \theta \cos \alpha + \sin^2 \theta - \cos \alpha \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos \theta} \right]$$

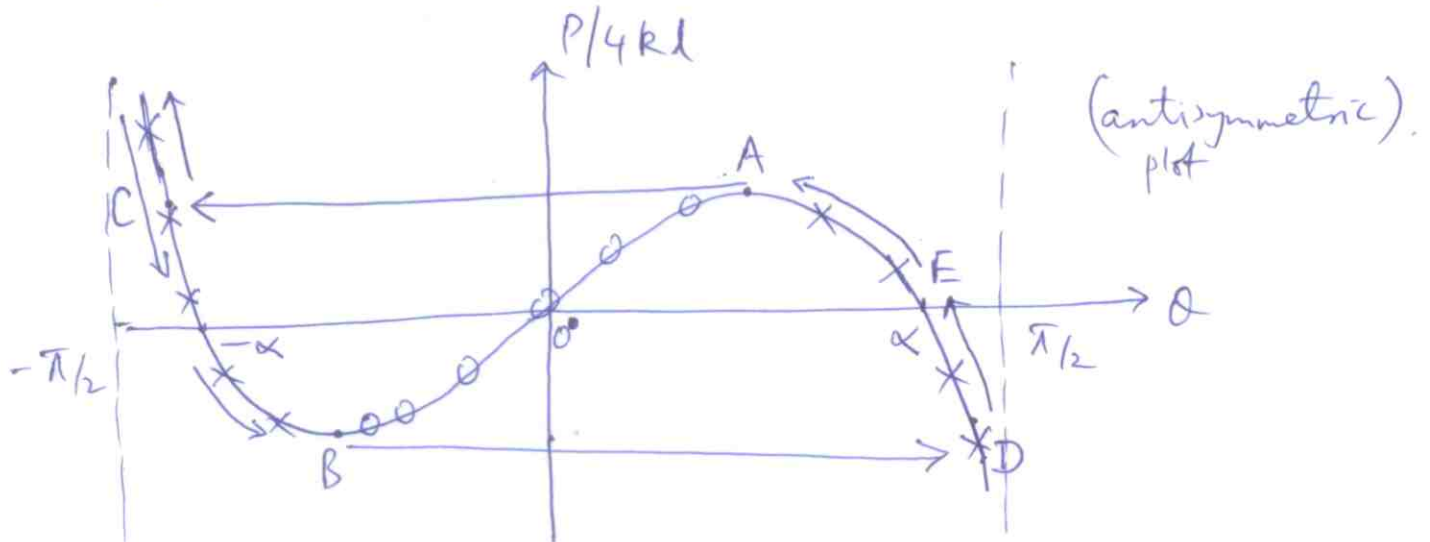
$$= -4kl^2 \left[ -\frac{\cos \alpha}{\cos \theta} + \cos^2 \theta \right]$$

$$\frac{d^2u}{d\theta^2} > 0 \text{ when } \cos^3 \theta < \cos \alpha, \text{ i.e., } \theta > \cos^{-1}[(\cos \alpha)^{1/3}] \quad (20)$$

$$\text{or } \theta < -\cos^{-1}[(\cos \alpha)^{1/3}]$$

$$\frac{d^2u}{d\theta^2} < 0 \text{ when } -\cos^{-1}[(\cos \alpha)^{1/3}] < \theta < \cos^{-1}[(\cos \alpha)^{1/3}]$$

Plot of solution of (1) is



$$\text{At A, B, } \frac{dP}{d\theta} = 0 = 4kl(\cos \theta - \cos \alpha \sec^2 \theta) = 0 \quad (\text{using (1)})$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^3 \theta = \cos \alpha, \text{ i.e. } \theta_A = \cos^{-1}[(\cos \alpha)^{1/3}]$$

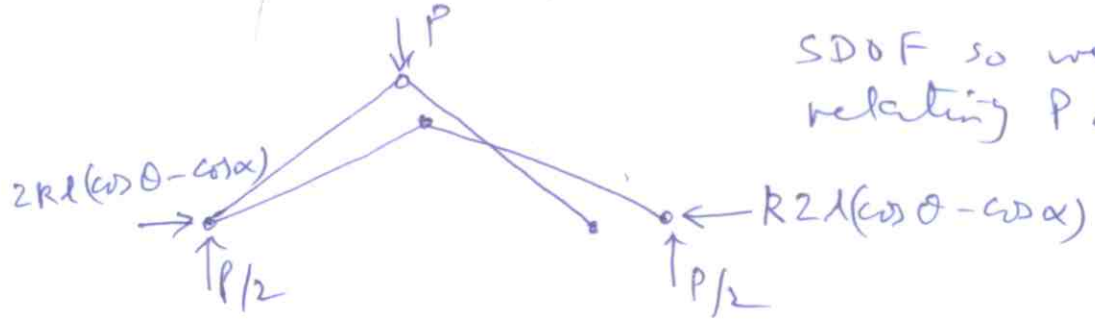
$$\theta_B = -\theta_A$$

So from above stability analysis, equilibrium path between A & B is UNSTABLE, rest is STABLE

Starting at E ( $P=0, \theta=\alpha$ ) and increasing  $P$ , you reach A where stable & unstable segments meet. Increasing  $P$  further, the system snaps-thru to C, and increasing  $P$  further,  $\theta \rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2}$ . From C onwards, decreasing  $P$  you reach point where  $P=0, \theta=-\alpha$ . Decreasing  $P$  further (i.e.  $P$  now upward) you reach B and then snap-back to upright configuration with  $\theta > \alpha$ , i.e. spring is in extension.



(ii) Equilibrium approach.



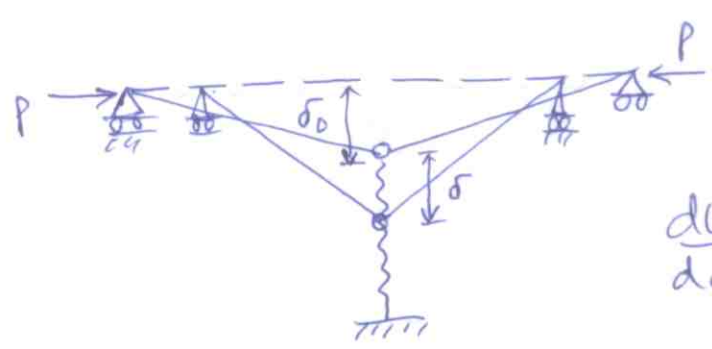
SDOF so we seek one equation relating P & Q.

so  $\sum M_{Top} = 0$  for FBD of right or left link since top hinge is smooth.

$$\frac{P}{2} l \cos \theta - 2kl (\cos \theta - \cos \alpha) l \sin \theta = 0$$

↳ same as eqn ① p.19, so we stop here.

Model with Imperfection in geometry



Energy method:

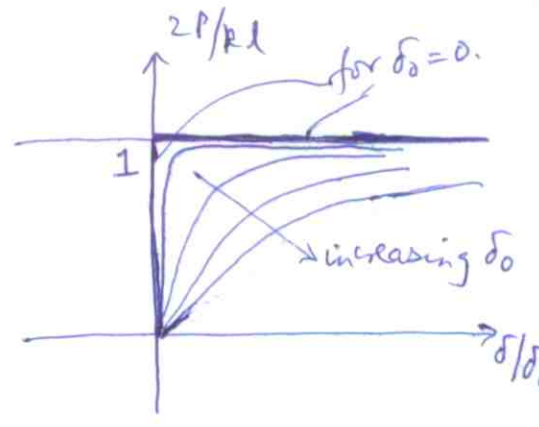
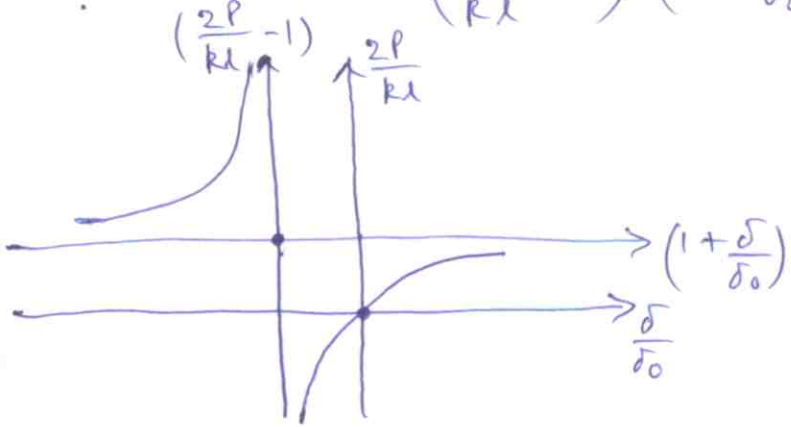
$$U = -2P(\sqrt{l^2 - \delta_0^2} - \sqrt{l^2 - (\delta + \delta_0)^2}) + \frac{k\delta^2}{2}$$

$$\frac{dU}{d\delta} = 2P \frac{-[\delta + \delta_0]}{\sqrt{l^2 - (\delta_0 + \delta)^2}} + k\delta = 0$$

⇒ Our aim<sup>here</sup> is to predict behavior of perfect system by studying the imperfect system's response. Thus we will eventually let  $\delta_0 \rightarrow 0$ , and hence we consider small  $\delta$  and  $\delta_0$  ( $\frac{\delta}{l}, \frac{\delta_0}{l} \ll 1$ ), i.e. linearized analysis.

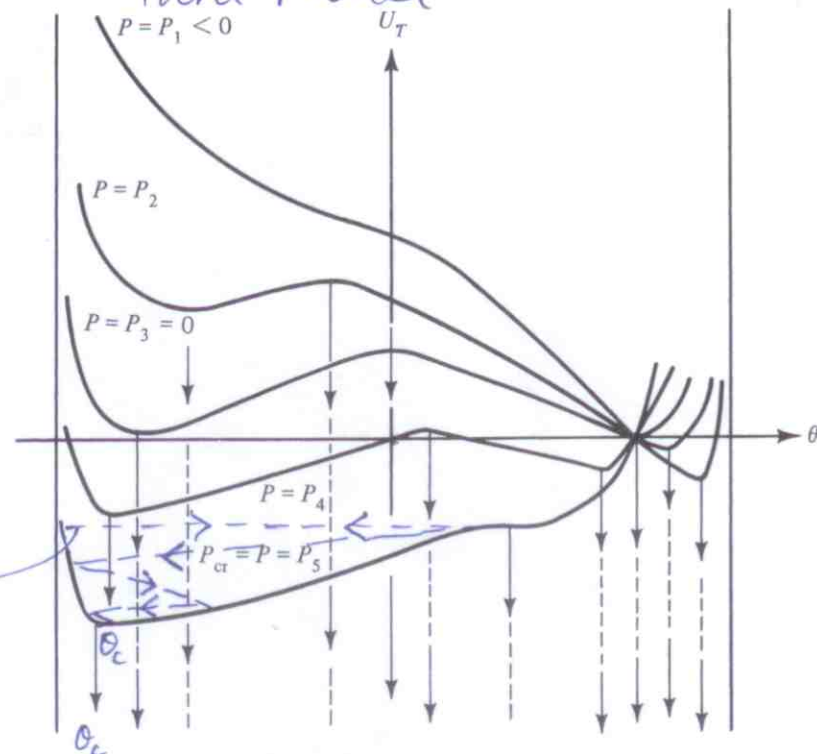
So,  $\frac{dU}{d\delta} = 0 \Rightarrow P(\delta + \delta_0) - \frac{k\delta l}{2} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{2P}{kl} - 1\right) \left(1 + \frac{\delta}{\delta_0}\right) = -1. \text{ (see plots below)}$$



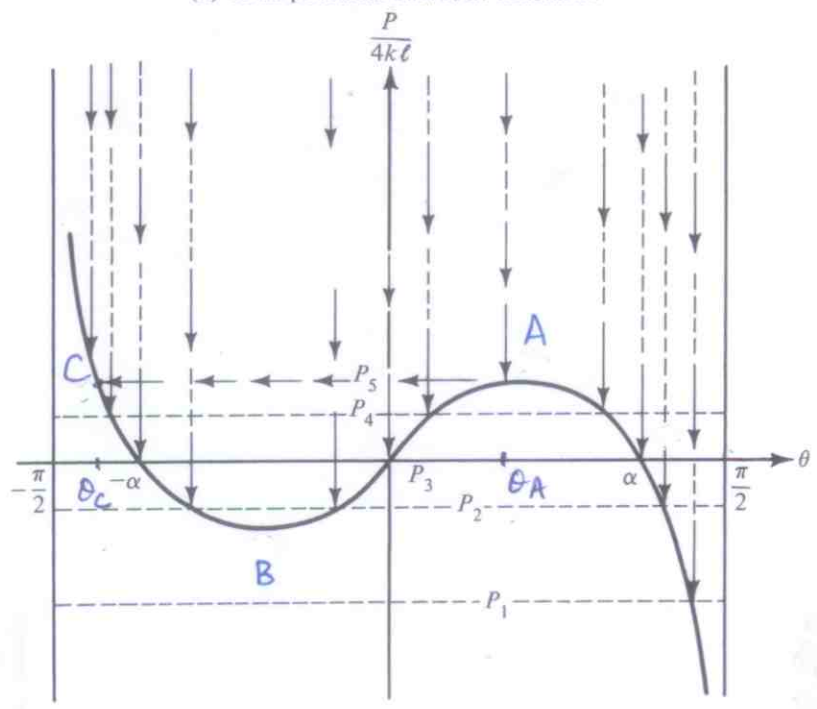
# Further explanation of Snap

## Thin Model



(a) Total potential curves at constant  $P$

Energy level at which nonlinear oscillations between  $\theta_A$  & angle beyond  $\theta_c$  occur if no damping. If damping present then energy reduces & we move along downward spiral to settle at  $\theta_c$



(b) Load-deflection curve

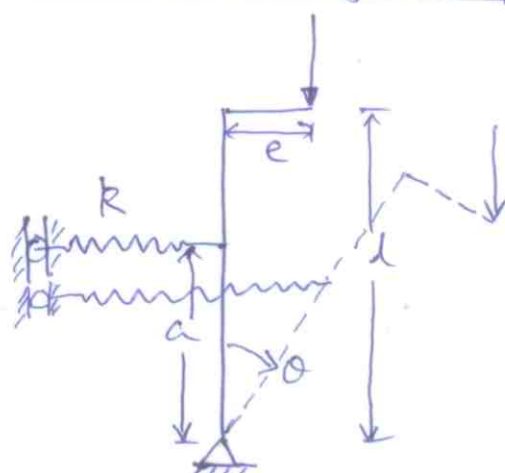
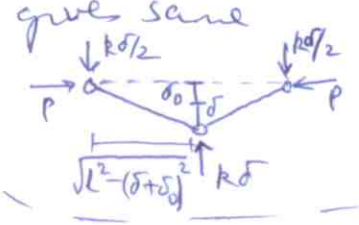
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- NOTE: (1) The valley's and peaks and corresponding equilibrium points from fig (a) and (b), respectively.
- (2) Assuming no damping, if  $P_{cr} = P_5$  maintained at point A (ie  $\theta_A$ ) then system oscillates nonlinearly between  $\theta_A$  and some angle beyond  $\theta_c$ , assuming spring stays elastic. If damping present then it will fall in potential well and converge to  $\theta_c$  (equilibrium position after snap thru).

Plot in  $(\frac{2P}{kl} - 1) \sqrt{\delta} (1 + \frac{\delta}{\delta_0})$  plane is hyperbola. In the  $\frac{2P}{kl} \sqrt{\delta}$  plane the curves asymptote  $\frac{\delta}{\delta_0} = 1$  and  $\frac{2P}{kl} = 1$ . As  $\frac{2P}{kl} \rightarrow 1^-$ ,  $\frac{\delta}{\delta_0} \rightarrow +\infty$  and as  $\frac{2P}{kl} \rightarrow 1^+$ ,  $\frac{\delta}{\delta_0} \rightarrow -\infty$ . However, these are out of the range of the linearized theory so they have no meaning. As  $\delta_0 \rightarrow 0$  we get  $(\frac{2P}{kl})_cr = 1$  where trivial branch bifurcates to non-trivial one. Equilibrium method gives same result

(22)

Model with Loading Imperfection.



Energy method

$$U = \frac{1}{2} k a^2 \sin^2 \theta - P l (1 - \cos \theta + \frac{e}{l} \sin \theta)$$

$$\frac{dU}{d\theta} = k a^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta - P l (\sin \theta + \frac{e}{l} \cos \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow P l / k a^2 = \frac{\sin \theta}{\tan \theta + e/l}$$

⇒ Here the aim is to find the effect of eccentricity on  $P_{cr}$ .

$$\frac{d^2 U}{d\theta^2} = k a^2 \cos 2\theta - P l (\cos \theta - \frac{e}{l} \sin \theta) \rightarrow (2)$$

Subst (1) in (2),

$$\frac{d^2 U}{d\theta^2} \Big|_{\theta_e} = k a^2 \left[ \cos 2\theta - \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{\tan \theta + \frac{e}{l}} \right) \left( \cos \theta - \frac{e}{l} \sin \theta \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{k a^2}{\left( \tan \theta + \frac{e}{l} \right)} \left[ \cancel{\sin \theta \cos \theta} - \frac{\sin^3 \theta}{\cos \theta} + \frac{e}{l} \cos 2\theta - \cancel{\sin \theta \cos \theta} + \frac{e}{l} \sin^2 \theta \right]$$

$$= \frac{k a^2}{\left( \tan \theta + \frac{e}{l} \right)} \cos^2 \theta \left[ \frac{e}{l} - \tan^3 \theta \right]$$

For  $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $\frac{d^2 U}{d\theta^2} \Big|_{\theta_e} > 0$  for  $\tan^3 \theta < \frac{e}{l} \rightarrow$  stable.  
 (assume this range of operation)  $\frac{d^2 U}{d\theta^2} \Big|_{\theta_e} < 0$  "  $\frac{e}{l} < \tan^3 \theta \rightarrow$  unstable

$$P_{cr} = \frac{ka^2}{l} \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{\tan \theta + \frac{e}{l}} \right)_{\theta_{cr}} = \frac{ka^2 (\sqrt{1 + \cos^2 \theta})^{-1}}{l \left( \left( \frac{e}{l} \right)^{1/3} + \frac{e}{l} \right)}$$

$$\frac{P_{cr}}{(ka^2/l)} = \frac{[1 + (l/e)^{2/3}]^{-1/2}}{\left( \frac{e}{l} \right)^{1/3} + \left( \frac{e}{l} \right)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left[ \left( \frac{e}{l} \right)^{1/3} + \frac{e}{l} \right]^2 [1 + (l/e)^{2/3}]}}$$

$$= \left\{ \left[ \left( \frac{e}{l} \right)^{2/3} + \left( \frac{e}{l} \right)^2 + 2 \left( \frac{e}{l} \right)^{4/3} \right] \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{l}{e} \right)^{2/3} \right] \right\}^{-1/2}$$

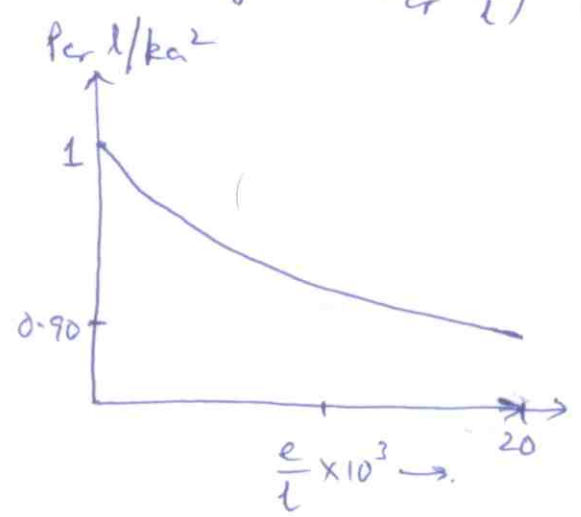
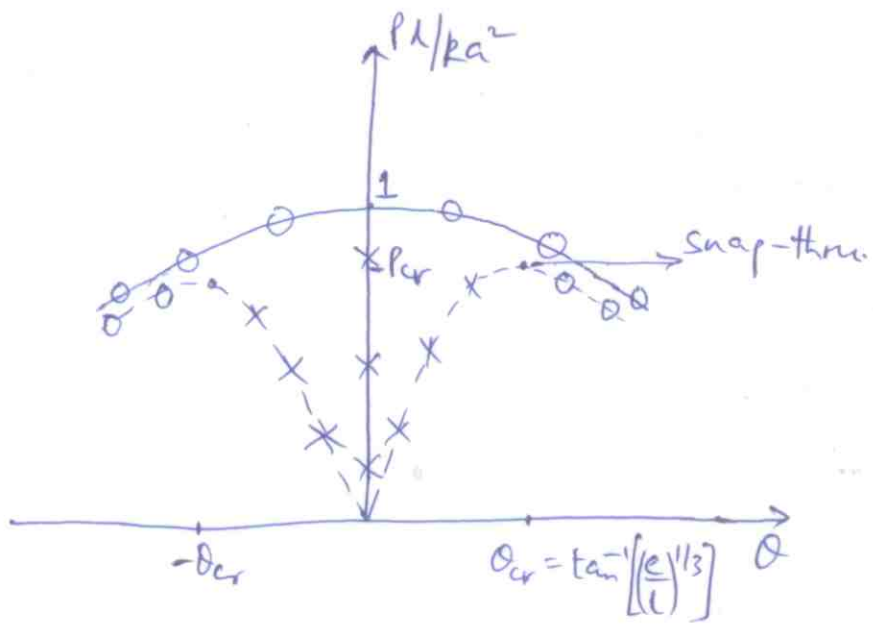
$$= \left\{ \left( \frac{e}{l} \right)^{2/3} + 1 + \left( \frac{e}{l} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{e}{l} \right)^{4/3} + 2 \left( \frac{e}{l} \right)^{4/3} + 2 \left( \frac{e}{l} \right)^{2/3} \right\}^{-1/2}$$

$$P_{cr} = \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{e}{l} \right)^{2/3} \right]^{-3/2} (ka^2/l)$$

For  $e \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\frac{Pl}{ka^2} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\tan \theta}$ , i.e.  $\theta = 0$  or  $\frac{Pl}{ka^2} = \cos^2 \theta$

and  $P_{cr} = 1$ .

unstable  
 $\therefore \theta_{cr} = 0^\circ$   
 (from  $\tan^3 \theta_{cr} < \frac{e}{l}$ )



Dotted  $\rightarrow$  eccentric loading (imperfect)  
 Solid  $\rightarrow$  central loading (perfect)

- Result: (1) Snap-through buckling for column with eccentric loading.  
 (2)  $P_{cr}$  for imperfect system is reduced (i.e.  $< \frac{ka^2}{l}$ ).

# STABILITY EQUATIONS — DISCRETE SYSTEMS.

Recall,  $\delta^2 U = \underline{q}^T \underline{C} \underline{q} = \sum_{i,j=1}^N C_{ij} q_i q_j$ ,

$\underline{q} \rightarrow$  perturbation of equilibrium  $\underline{q}_e$ .

If load  $\lambda$  is small enough,  $\delta^2 U$  is P.D. Increase  $\lambda$ , and the first value (ie,  $\lambda_c$ ) when  $\delta^2 U$  ceases to be PD is called critical load.

We seek to develop equations that directly give the critical load & buckling mode shapes.

Consider  $\alpha = \frac{\delta^2 U}{\Delta}$ ,  $\Delta = \sum_{i=1}^N q_i^2 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$

Seek stationary values of  $\alpha$ , ie

$$\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial q_k} = 0 = \frac{1}{\Delta} \left[ \frac{\partial (\delta^2 U)}{\partial q_k} - \alpha \frac{\partial \Delta}{\partial q_k} \right], \Delta \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \left( \sum_{i,j=1}^N C_{ij} q_i q_j \right)}{\partial q_k} - \alpha (2q_k) = 0$$

$$2 \sum_{i=1}^N C_{ik} q_i - 2\alpha q_k = 0 \quad (C_{ik} = C_{ki})$$

$\leftarrow k=1, \dots, N.$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{C} \underline{q} = \alpha \underline{q} \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

So stationary (min/max) values of  $\alpha$  are same as eigenvalues of  $\underline{C}$ .

Now we know that  $\delta^2 U$  is PD if all its eigenvalues are positive ( $\mu_i > 0$ ,  $\mu_1 < \mu_2 < \dots < \mu_N$  ordering) and PSD when  $\mu_1 = 0$ , ie  $\alpha = 0$ .

Also by definition,  $\alpha$  and  $\delta^2 U$  have same sign-definiteness property. (see  $\textcircled{1}$ ).

Hence, when  $\delta^2 U$  is PSD, i.e.  $\alpha = \mu_1 = 0$ , (2) gives

$$\underline{C} \underline{q} = \frac{\partial (\delta^2 U)}{\partial q_k} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \text{STABILITY EQNS (SE'S)} \\ \text{(TREFFTZ'S CRITERIA)}$$

Conclusion: stability eqns are conditions for  $\delta^2 U$  to be PSD, and  $\delta^2 U$  is PSD when it is stationary.

Equilibrium  $\Rightarrow \delta(U) = 0$  (first variation), Stability  $\Rightarrow \delta(\delta^2 U) = 0$  (first var of second var.)

NOTE:  $\delta(\delta^2 U) \neq \delta^3 U$   
 $\uparrow$  mid var, i.e. 3<sup>rd</sup> order terms in Taylor series.

# Application of SE's to 2-DOF problem of p.13:

Recall,  $\underline{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 3/2 \lambda & \lambda/2 \\ \lambda/2 & 1 - 3/2 \lambda \end{bmatrix}$  for  $\underline{q}_e = \underline{0}$

SE  $\rightarrow \underline{C} \underline{q} = 0 \Rightarrow \det \underline{C} = 0 \Rightarrow (1 - \frac{3}{2} \lambda)^2 - \frac{\lambda^2}{4} = 0$   
 $\lambda = 1/2, 1, \lambda_{cr} = 1/2$

For  $\lambda = 1/2$ ,  $q_1 = -q_2$  (from SE.)

$\lambda = 1$ ,  $q_1 = q_2$  (")

So buckling modes are



NOTE: (1) STABILITY EAS are always linear.

- (2) Above example shows advantage for direct evaluation of buckling loads & modes by Energy method as opposed to the working of p.15-17, also by Energy method.
- (3) Equilibrium approach (p.18) gives  $\underline{A}$  which is same as  $\underline{C}$  here.

Summary.

- (1) When bifurcation buckling occurs the Classical Equilibrium method can predict critical load, i.e. where trivial & non-trivial solutions co-exist nearby. However it cannot predict stability of the solution branches. For that we need to use energy method.
- (2) When snap-through buckling occurs, Classical Equilibrium method can only predict the equilibrium path and strictly speaking it does not predict Pcr (although by visual inspection of equilibrium path we can guess snap-through & hence Pcr). For example in fig on p.20, using only Classical method, we cannot say whether it would follow path between A & B if we reduce load at A. From energy method we know that this is not possible since path between A & B is unstable. So you need to use the energy method.

(3) Linear (small-deflection) analysis is useful only as far as finding bifurcation buckling loads & mode shapes of perfect systems. Introduction of small imperfections can greatly reduce Pcr of imperfect systems in certain cases (see p-23 bottom), while in other cases it does not have much effect (e.g. add small imperfection  $\delta_0$  to SDOF system on p-9 and do non-linear analysis - see fig).

So for imperfect systems, nonlinear analysis is recommended. For systems with snap-through, it is essential. Also to find stability of bifurcation point, it is essential.

