

Finite element formulations for constrained spatial nonlinear beam theories*

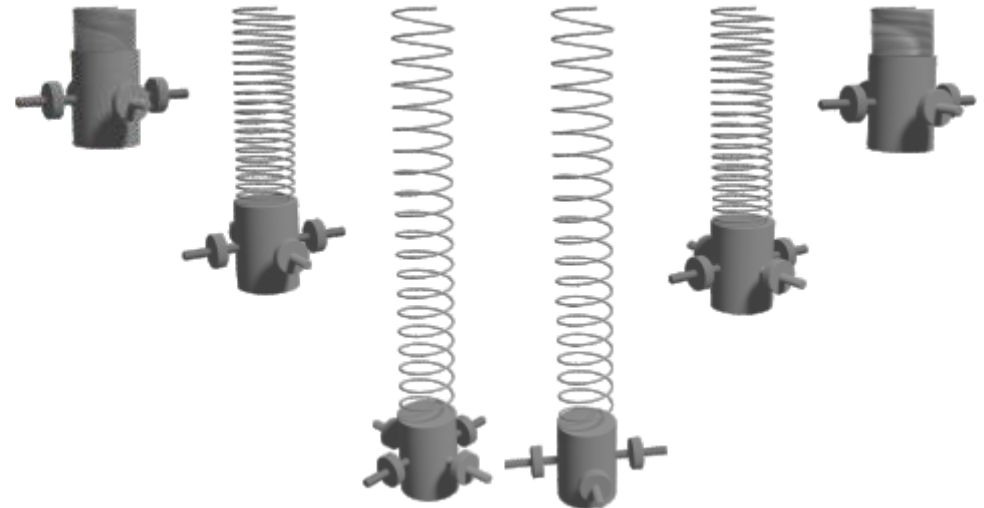
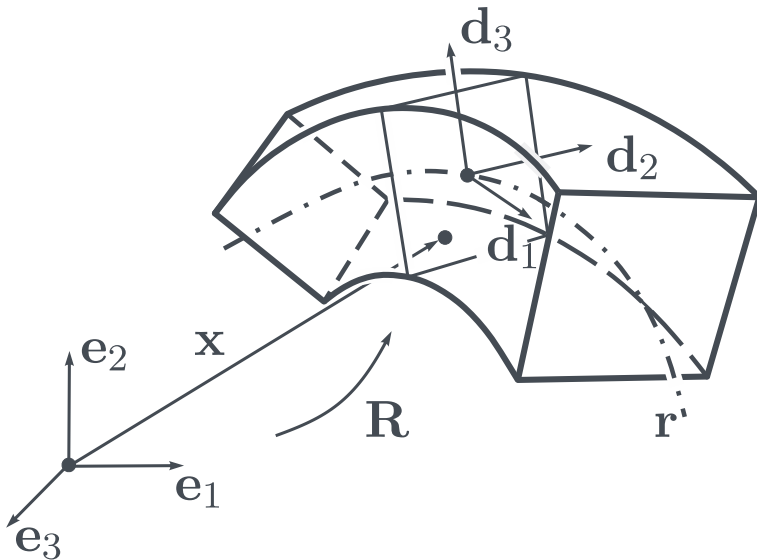
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Goal

single finite element formulation for dynamic simulations of classical nonlinear beams

- shear-deformable, shear-rigid and inextensible shear-rigid beams
- large displacements and finite strains
- hyperelastic constitutive laws
- precurved reference configurations



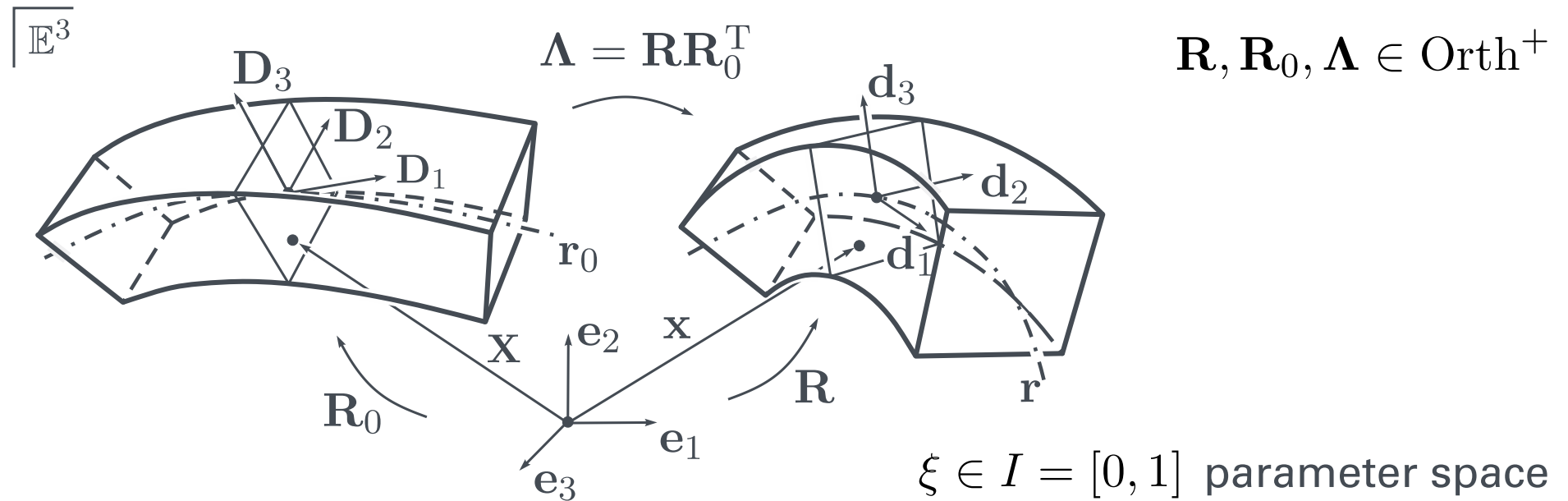
Idea

beam theories as constrained theories

in which

constraints can be switched on and off

Kinematics of shear-deformable beam



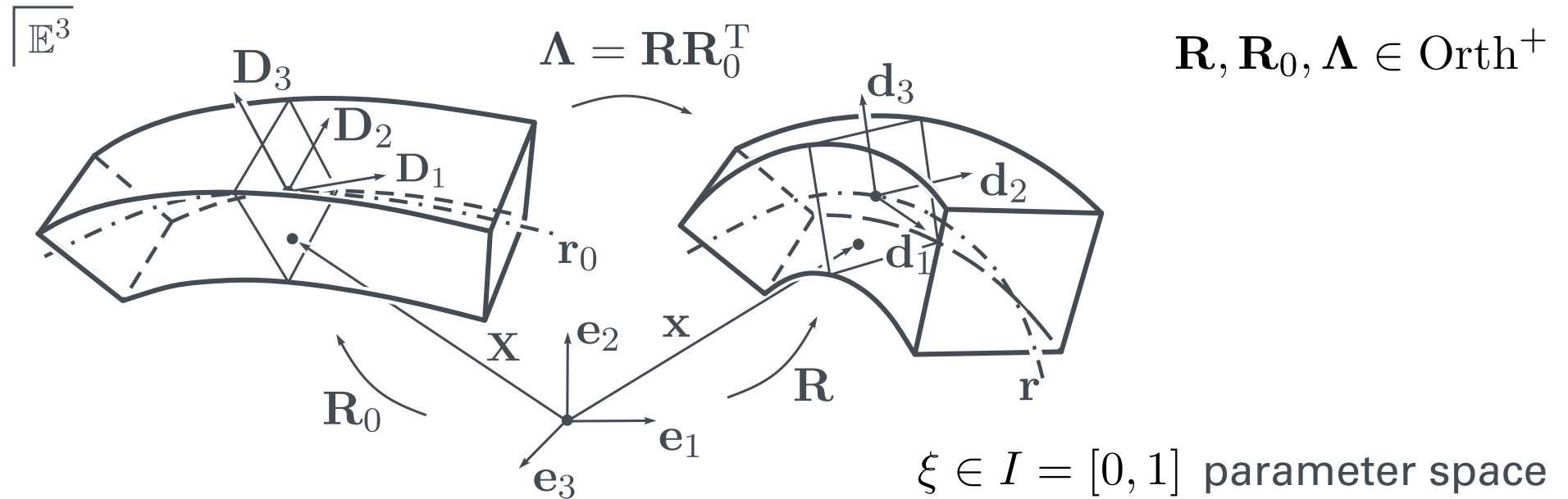
	reference configuration	current configuration
centerline	$\mathbf{r}_0(\xi)$	$\mathbf{r}(\xi, t)$
directors	$\mathbf{D}_i(\xi) = \mathbf{R}_0(\xi)\mathbf{e}_i$	$\mathbf{d}_i(\xi, t) = \mathbf{R}(\xi, t)\mathbf{e}_i$

reference arc-length

$$s = \int_0^\xi \underbrace{\|\mathbf{r}'_0(\bar{\xi})\|}_{=: J(\bar{\xi})} d\bar{\xi}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial s}(\xi, t) := \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi}(\xi, t) \frac{1}{J(\xi)} = \frac{f'(\xi, t)}{J(\xi)}$$

Objective strain measures



$$\Gamma_i = \frac{1}{J} \mathbf{r}' \cdot \mathbf{d}_i$$

$$\mathbf{\Gamma} = \Gamma_i \mathbf{D}_i = \Lambda^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial s}$$

- Γ_1 dilatation
- Γ_2, Γ_3 shear
- $\lambda = \|\mathbf{\Gamma}\|$ stretch

$$K_i = \frac{1}{2J} \varepsilon_{ijk} \mathbf{d}_k \cdot \mathbf{d}'_j, \quad K_i^0 = \frac{1}{2J} \varepsilon_{ijk} \mathbf{D}_k \cdot \mathbf{D}'_j$$

$$\mathbf{K} - \mathbf{K}_0 = (K_i - K_i^0) \mathbf{D}_i = \text{ax} \left(\Lambda^T \frac{\partial \Lambda}{\partial s} \right)$$

- $K_1 - K_1^0$ torsion
- $K_2 - K_2^0, K_3 - K_3^0$ flexure

Internal virtual work

total strain energy stored in the beam

$$E = \int_I U(\xi, t) J(\xi) d\xi = \int_I W(\Gamma_i(\xi, t), K_i(\xi, t); \xi) J(\xi) d\xi$$

$$W(\Gamma_i, K_i; \xi) = \frac{1}{2}k_t(K_1 - K_1^0)^2 + \frac{1}{2}k_{b_2}(K_2 - K_2^0)^2 + \frac{1}{2}k_{b_3}(K_3 - K_3^0)^2 + \\ + \frac{1}{2}k_e(\lambda(\Gamma_i) - 1)^2 + \frac{1}{2}k_{s_2}\Gamma_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}k_{s_3}\Gamma_3^2$$

internal virtual work

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variation of strain measures

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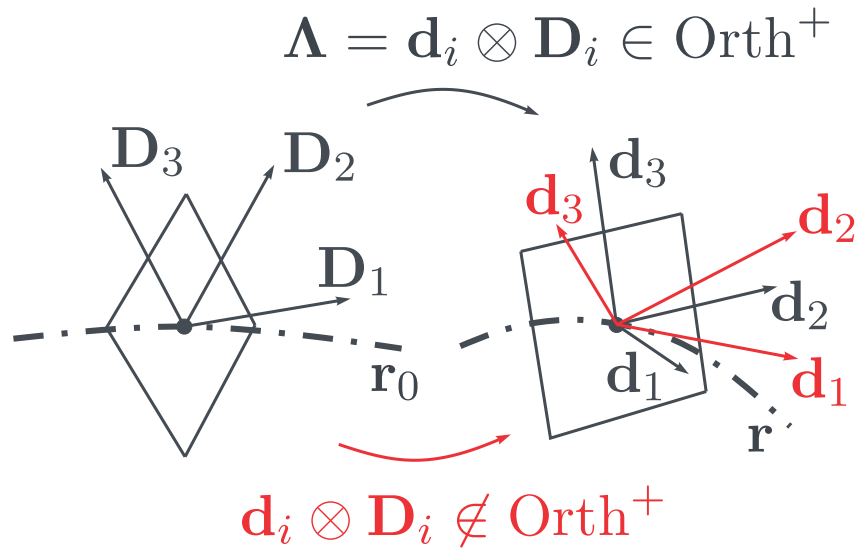
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unconstrained variation of directors

Constraint virtual work



$$g_1 = \mathbf{d}_1 \cdot \mathbf{d}_1 - 1 = 0, \quad g_4 = \mathbf{d}_1 \cdot \mathbf{d}_2 = 0$$

$$g_2 = \mathbf{d}_2 \cdot \mathbf{d}_2 - 1 = 0, \quad g_5 = \mathbf{d}_1 \cdot \mathbf{d}_3 = 0$$

$$g_3 = \mathbf{d}_3 \cdot \mathbf{d}_3 - 1 = 0, \quad g_6 = \mathbf{d}_2 \cdot \mathbf{d}_3 = 0$$

orthonormality of directors

$$\delta W^c = \sum_{k=1}^6 \int_I g_k \delta \lambda_k d\xi + \int_I \delta g_k \lambda_k d\xi$$

$$g_7 = \Gamma_2 = \mathbf{d}_2 \cdot \mathbf{r}' = 0$$

$$g_8 = \Gamma_3 = \mathbf{d}_3 \cdot \mathbf{r}' = 0$$

$$g_9 = \Gamma_1 = \mathbf{d}_1 \cdot \mathbf{r}' - 1 = 0$$

shear-rigidity & inextensibility

$$g_7 = \Gamma_2 = \mathbf{d}_2 \cdot \mathbf{r}' = 0$$

$$g_8 = \Gamma_3 = \mathbf{d}_3 \cdot \mathbf{r}' = 0$$

shear-rigidity

$$\delta W^c = \sum_{k=1}^{n_c} \int_I g_k \delta \lambda_k d\xi + \int_I \delta g_k \lambda_k d\xi$$

$n_c = 6$ shear-deformable

$n_c = 8$ shear-rigid

$n_c = 9$ inextensible & shear-rigid

External virtual work

$$\delta \mathbf{d}_i = \underbrace{\text{ax}(\delta \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}^T)}_{= \delta \boldsymbol{\phi}} \times \mathbf{d}_i \quad \Rightarrow \quad \delta \boldsymbol{\phi} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{d}_i \times \delta \mathbf{d}_i \quad \text{virtual rotation}$$

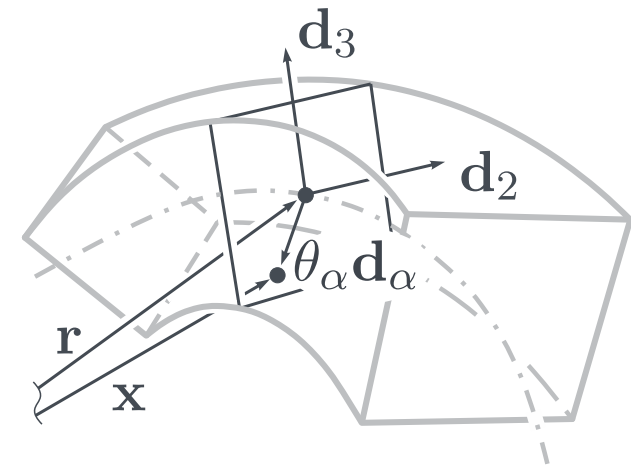
$$\delta W^{\text{ext}} = \int_I \{ \delta \mathbf{r} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{n}} + \delta \boldsymbol{\phi} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{m}} \} J d\xi + \sum_{k=0}^1 \{ \delta \mathbf{r} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{n}}_k + \delta \boldsymbol{\phi} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{m}}_k \} \Big|_{\xi=\xi_k}$$

$\bar{\mathbf{n}}, \bar{\mathbf{m}}$ line distributed forces and moments

$\bar{\mathbf{n}}_k, \bar{\mathbf{m}}_k$ boundary forces and moments

Virtual work of inertia effects

$$\delta W^{\text{dyn}} = - \int_I \left\{ \delta \mathbf{r} \cdot (A_{\rho_0} \dot{\mathbf{r}} + B_{\rho_0}^{\alpha} \ddot{\mathbf{d}}_{\alpha}) + \delta \mathbf{d}_{\alpha} \cdot (B_{\rho_0}^{\alpha} \dot{\mathbf{r}} + C_{\rho_0}^{\alpha\beta} \ddot{\mathbf{d}}_{\beta}) \right\} J d\xi$$



no $\dot{\mathbf{d}}_1$ or $\delta \mathbf{d}_1$ contribution!

reference density

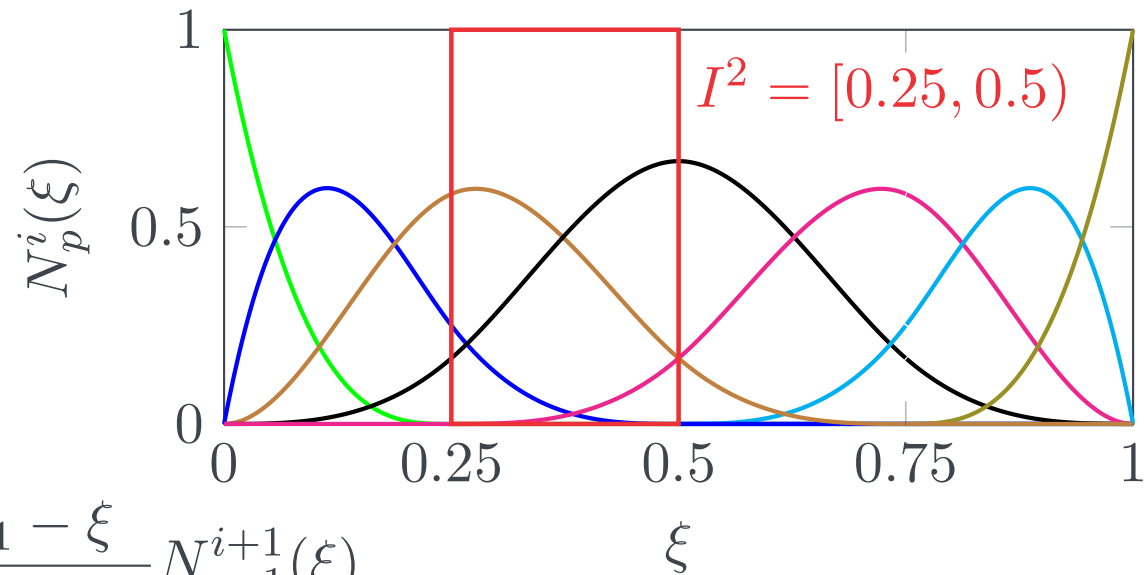
$$A_{\rho_0}(\xi) = \int_{A(\xi)} \rho_0(\xi) dA, \quad B_{\rho_0}^{\alpha}(\xi) = \int_{A(\xi)} \rho_0(\xi) \theta_{\alpha} dA, \quad C_{\rho_0}^{\alpha\beta}(\xi) = \int_{A(\xi)} \rho_0(\xi) \theta_{\alpha} \theta_{\beta} dA$$

B-spline curves

B-spline shape functions

$$N_0^i(\xi) = \begin{cases} 1, & \xi \in [\xi_i, \xi_{i+1}) \\ 0, & \xi \notin [\xi_i, \xi_{i+1}) \end{cases}$$

$$N_p^i(\xi) = \frac{\xi - \xi_i}{\xi_{i+p} - \xi_i} N_{p-1}^i(\xi) + \frac{\xi_{i+p+1} - \xi}{\xi_{i+p+1} - \xi_{i+1}} N_{p-1}^{i+1}(\xi)$$



B-spline curves

$$I^{\square}(\xi, t) = \sum_{e=1}^n \chi_{I^e}(\xi) \mathbf{N}_p^e(\xi) \mathbf{C}_{\square}^e \mathbf{q}(t) \quad \lambda_k^h(\xi, t) = \sum_{e=1}^n \chi_{I^e}(\xi) \mathbf{n}_p^e(\xi) \mathbf{C}_{\lambda_k}^e \boldsymbol{\lambda}_k(t)$$

\mathbf{r}^h or \mathbf{d}_i^h

shape function matrix

$$\mathbf{N}_p^e = \begin{pmatrix} N_p^e & \dots & N_p^{e+p} & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & N_p^e & \dots & N_p^{e+p} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & N_p^e & \dots & N_p^{e+p} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{q}_{\square}^e = \mathbf{C}_{\square}^e \mathbf{q} = \left(q_{\square 1}^e \quad \dots \quad q_{\square 1}^{e+p} \quad q_{\square 2}^e \quad \dots \quad q_{\square 2}^{e+p} \quad q_{\square 3}^e \quad \dots \quad q_{\square 3}^{e+p} \right)^T$$

Principle of virtual work

$$\delta W = \delta W^{\text{int}} + \delta W^{\text{ext}} + \delta W^{\text{dyn}} + \delta W^{\text{c}} \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \quad \forall \delta \mathbf{r}, \delta \mathbf{d}_i, \delta \boldsymbol{\lambda}, t$$

discrete virtual work contributions

$\delta W^{\text{int,h}}$	$= \delta \mathbf{q}^{\text{T}} \underline{\mathbf{f}^{\text{int}}}(\mathbf{q})$	internal generalized forces
$\delta W^{\text{ext,h}}$	$= \delta \mathbf{q}^{\text{T}} \underline{\mathbf{f}^{\text{ext}}}(t, \mathbf{q})$	external generalized forces
$\delta W^{\text{dyn,h}}$	$= -\delta \mathbf{q}^{\text{T}} \underline{\mathbf{M}} \ddot{\mathbf{q}}$	(singular) mass matrix
$\delta W^{\text{c,h}}$	$= \delta \boldsymbol{\lambda}^{\text{T}} \underline{\mathbf{g}}(\mathbf{q}) + \delta \mathbf{q}^{\text{T}} \underline{\mathbf{W}}(\mathbf{q}) \boldsymbol{\lambda}$	integrated constraints, constraint forces

equations of motion

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{M} \ddot{\mathbf{q}} - \mathbf{f}^{\text{int}}(\mathbf{q}) - \mathbf{f}^{\text{ext}}(t, \mathbf{q}) - \mathbf{W}(\mathbf{q}) \boldsymbol{\lambda} &= 0 \\ \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{q}) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

differential algebraic equation
of index 3, [1]

statics \rightarrow

$$\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{q}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{f}^{\text{int}}(\mathbf{q}) + \mathbf{f}^{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{q}) + \mathbf{W}(\mathbf{q}) \boldsymbol{\lambda} \\ \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{q}) \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

Numerical validation - cantilever beam

first and second elliptic integral

$$F(\theta, p) = \int_0^\theta (1 - p^2 \sin^2 \tilde{\theta})^{-\frac{1}{2}} d\tilde{\theta}, \quad E(\theta, p) = \int_0^\theta (1 - p^2 \sin^2 \tilde{\theta})^{\frac{1}{2}} d\tilde{\theta}$$

replace external moment M by force P
with rigid lever $e = M/P$

$$ks = F(\phi(s), p) - F(\phi_C, p), \quad \cos \phi_C = ek/2p$$

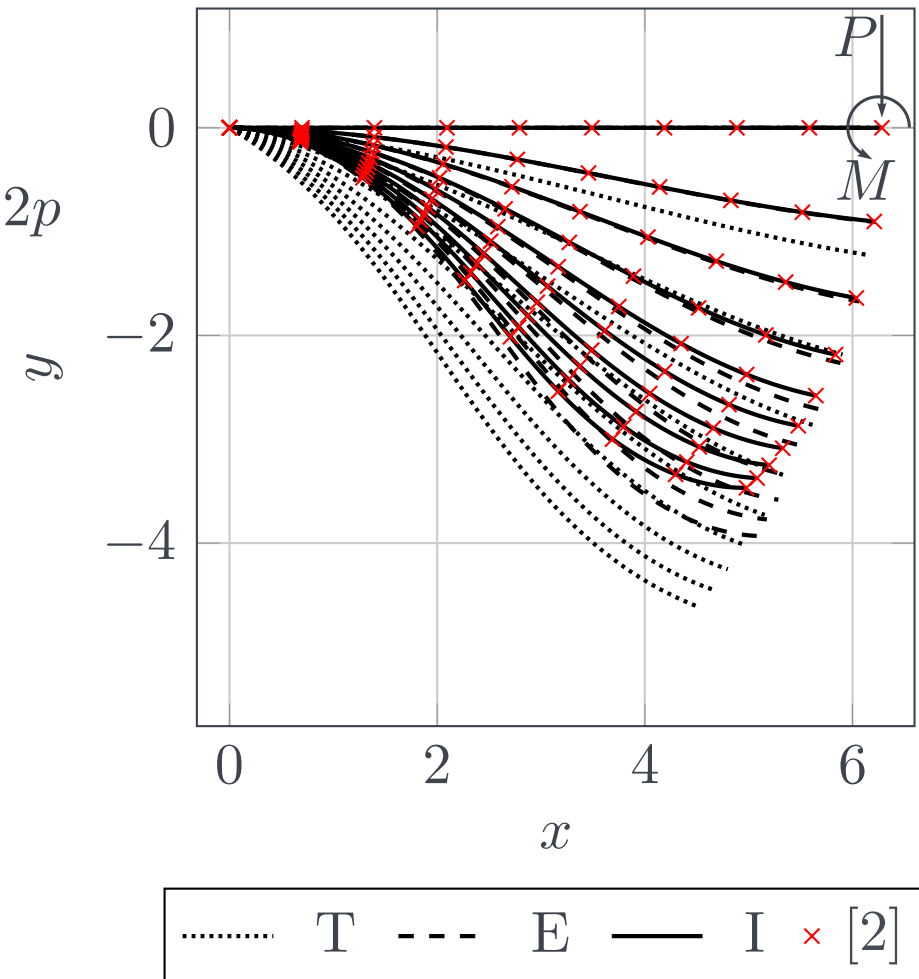
$$k = \sqrt{P/k_{b2}} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{solve for } p$$

inextensibility: $\sin \phi(L) = \sin \phi_B = 1/(p\sqrt{2})$

vertical and horizontal deflection

$$x(s) = 2p[\cos(\phi_B) - \cos(\phi)]/k$$

$$y(s) = -[2E(\phi_B, p) - 2E(\phi, p) + F(\phi, p) - F(\phi_B, p)]/k$$



Numerical validation - helix

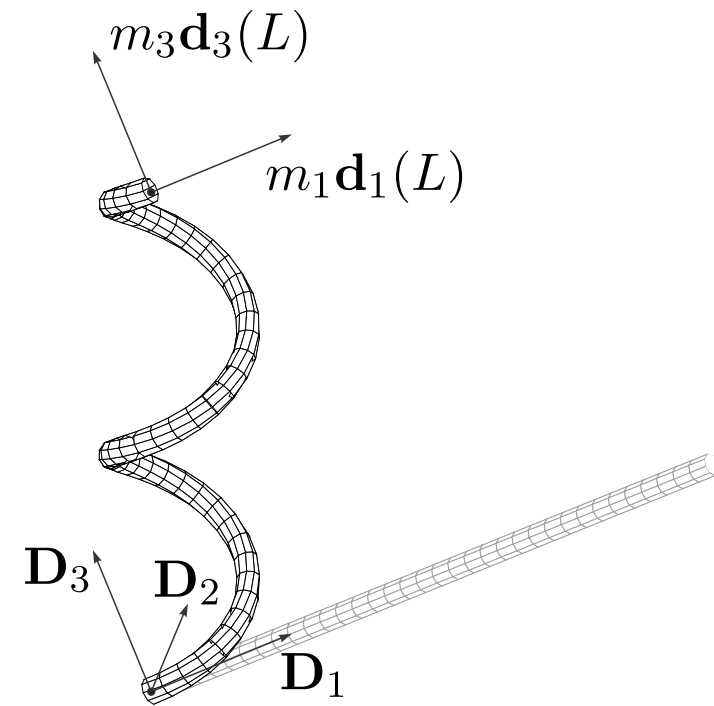
analytic solution (semi-inverse method)

$$\mathbf{r}^*(s) = R_0 \sin \alpha(s) \mathbf{e}_1 - R_0 \cos \alpha(s) \mathbf{e}_2 + cR_0 \alpha(s) \mathbf{e}_3$$

$$\alpha(s) = 2\pi n s / L$$

$$c = h / (R_0 2\pi n)$$

height \swarrow \nwarrow radius \swarrow #coils \nwarrow



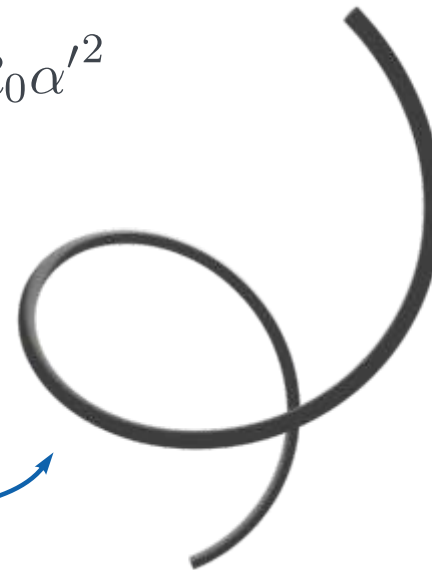
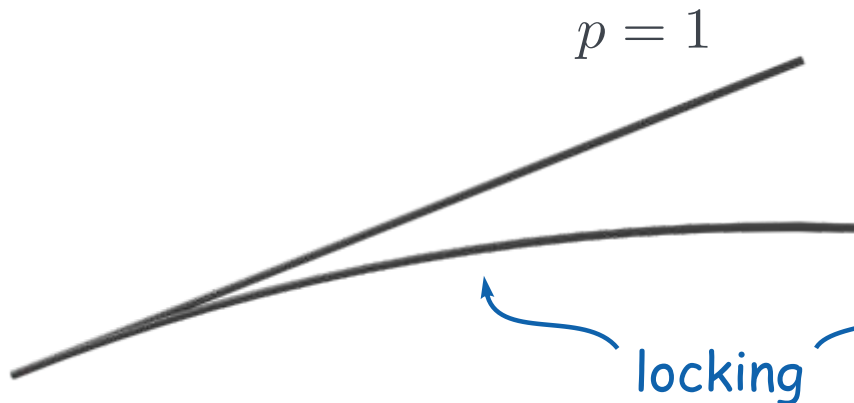
strain measures

$$\Gamma_1 = 1, \quad \Gamma_2 = \Gamma_3 = 0$$

$$K_1 = cR_0 \alpha'^2, \quad K_2 = 0, \quad K_3 = R_0 \alpha'^2$$

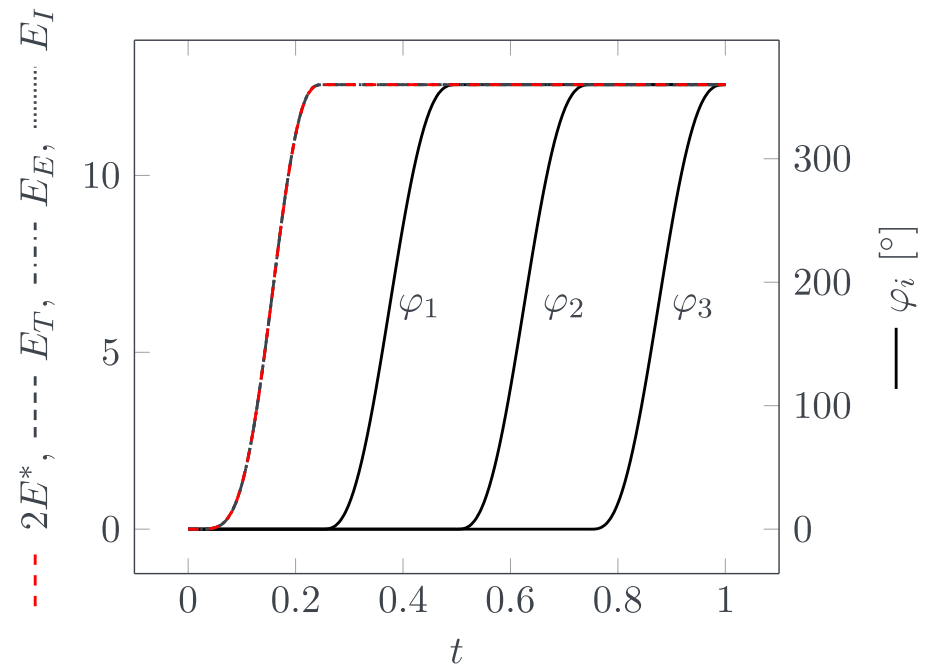
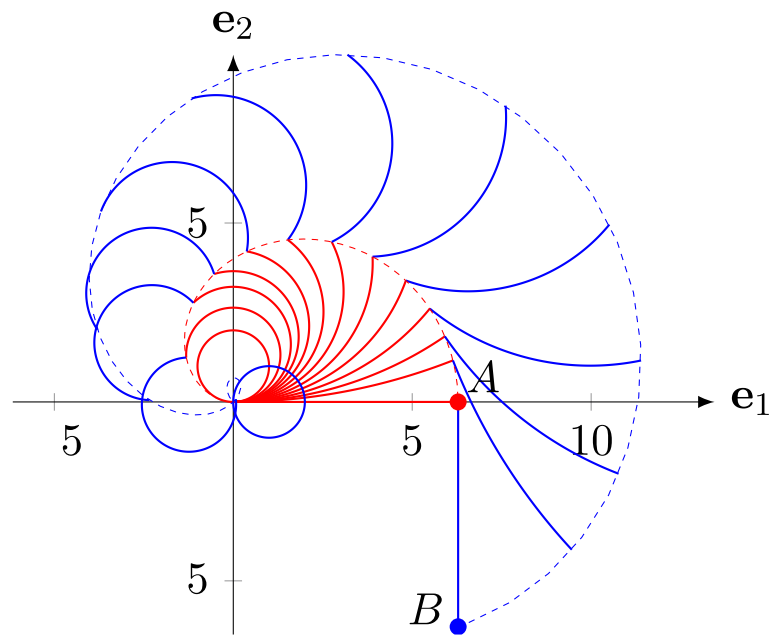
$p = 2$

$p = 3$



Numerical validation - objectivity

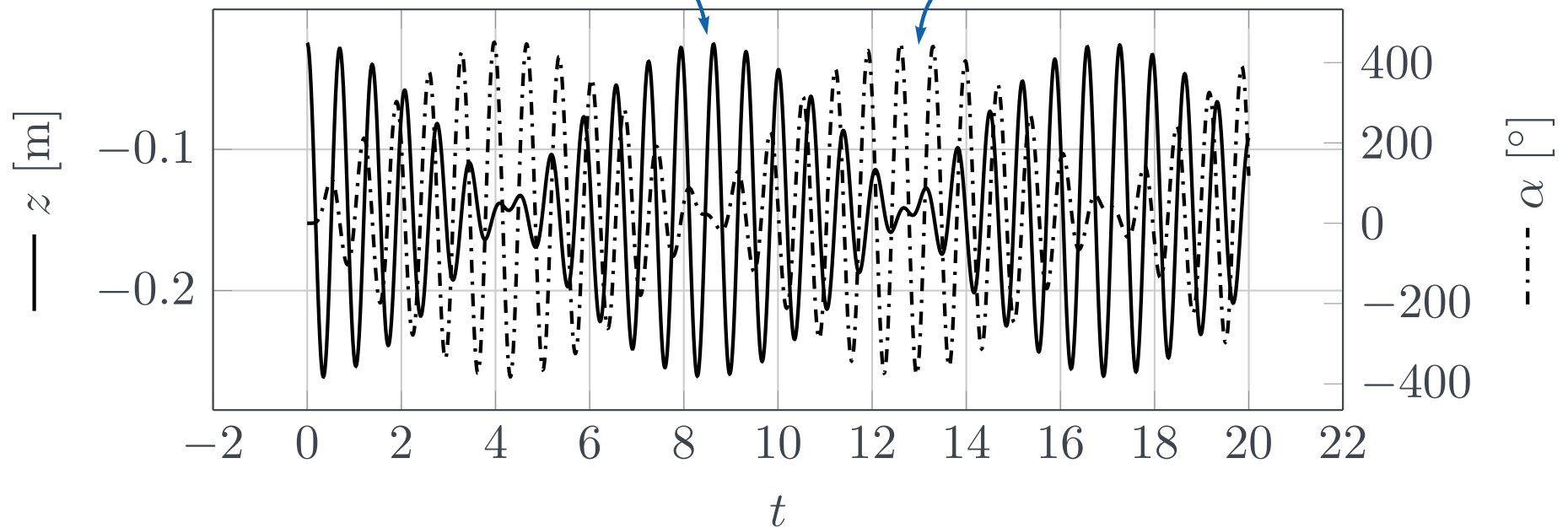
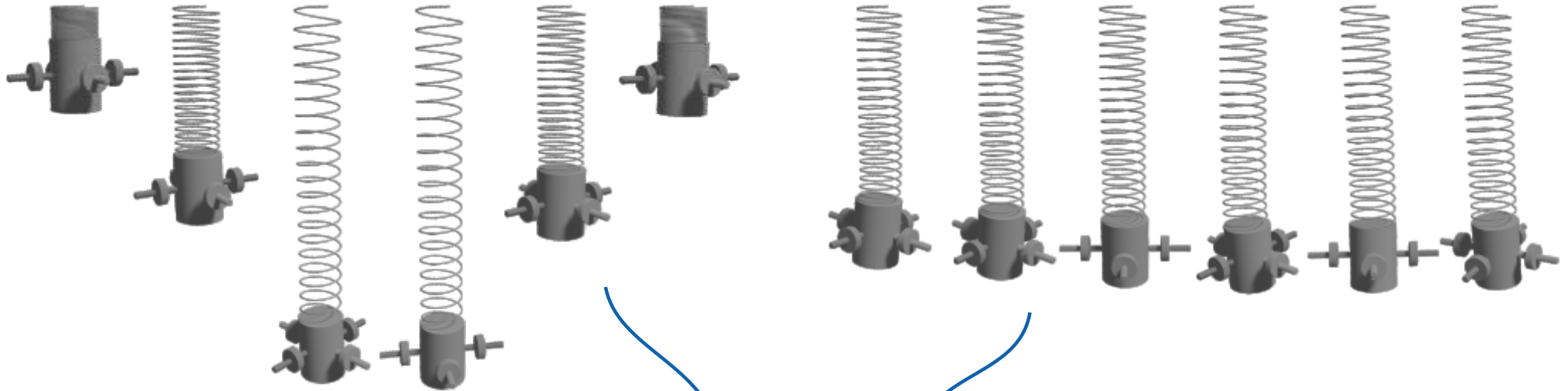
$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \Gamma_i^h = \frac{1}{J} \mathbf{r}^{h'} \cdot \mathbf{d}_i^h & \mathbf{r}^{h,+} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{r}^h + \mathbf{c} & \Gamma_i^{h,+} = \frac{1}{J} (\mathbf{r}^{h,+})' \cdot \mathbf{d}_i^{h,+} = \Gamma_i^h \\
 K_i^h = \frac{1}{2J} \varepsilon_{ijk} \mathbf{d}_k^h \cdot \mathbf{d}_j^{h'} & \mathbf{d}_i^{h,+} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{d}_i^h & K_i^{h,+} = \frac{1}{2J} \varepsilon_{ijk} \mathbf{d}_k^{h,+} \cdot (\mathbf{d}_j^{h,+})' = K_i^h \\
 & \mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{E}^3, \mathbf{Q} \in \text{Orth} &
 \end{array}$$



Numerical validation - Wilberforce pendulum

pure vertical oscillation

pure torsional oscillation



Conclusion

- rather straight forward finite element formulation
- shear-deformable, shear-rigid and inextensible shear-rigid beams



- large displacements and finite strains
 - hyperelastic constitutive laws
 - precurved reference configurations
 - discretization preserves objectivity of strain measures
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- DAE solver is required
- locking for very slender beams
- orthonormality of directors only weakly satisfied
- computationally expensive