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$$(x_5 + u_{x5} - x_3 + u_{x3})^2 + (y_5 + u_{y5} - y_3 + u_{y3})^2 = 0 \quad (\text{nonlinear, homogeneous})$$

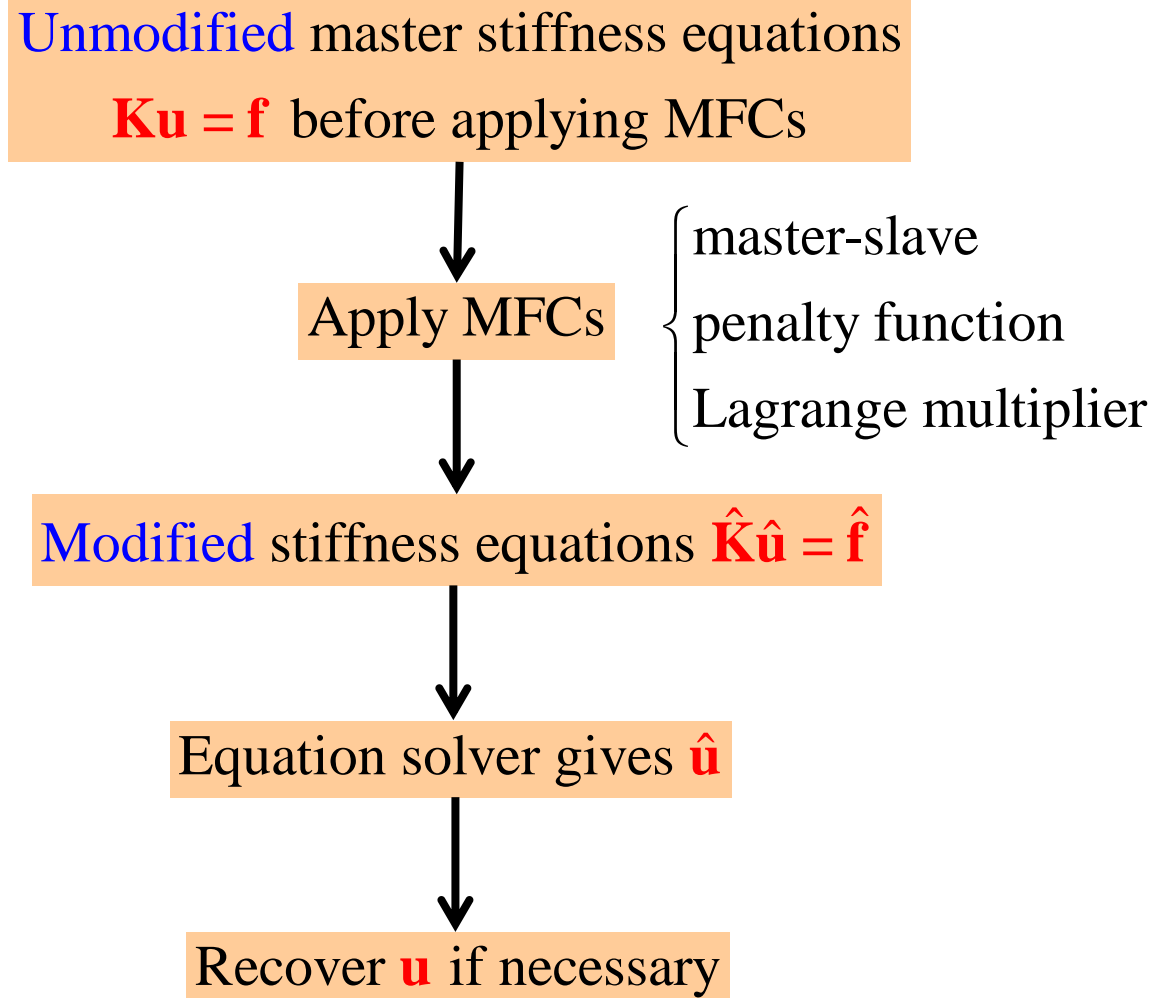
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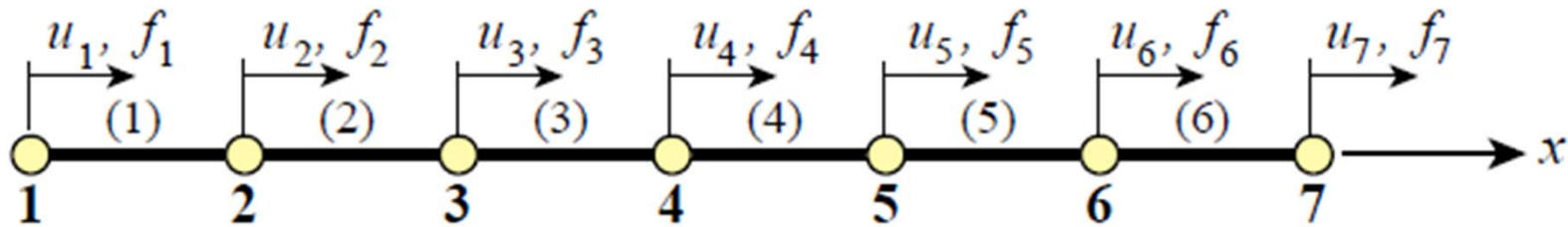
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# Procedure Summary in Static Analysis

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# Example: 1D structure



multifreedom constraint:  $u_2 = u_6$  or  $u_2 - u_6 = 0$  (rigid link)

**unconstrained** master stiffness equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} K_{11} & K_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ K_{12} & K_{22} & K_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & K_{23} & K_{33} & K_{34} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & K_{34} & K_{44} & K_{45} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{45} & K_{55} & K_{56} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{56} & K_{66} & K_{67} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{67} & K_{77} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \\ u_7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \\ f_4 \\ f_5 \\ f_6 \\ f_7 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{Ku} = \mathbf{f}$$

# Example: Master-Slave Method

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taking  $u_2$  as master and  $u_6$  as slave

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \\ u_7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \\ u_7 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{T}\hat{\mathbf{u}}$$

unconstrained master stiffness equations:  $\mathbf{K}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}$

master-slave transformation:  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{T}\hat{\mathbf{u}}$

replace  $\mathbf{u}$  and premultiply both sides by  $\mathbf{T}^T$  :  $\mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{T} \hat{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{f}$

modified stiffness equations:  $\hat{\mathbf{K}} \hat{\mathbf{u}} = \hat{\mathbf{f}}$

# Example: Master-Slave Method

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modified stiffness equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} K_{11} & K_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ K_{12} & K_{22} + K_{66} & K_{23} & 0 & K_{56} & K_{67} \\ 0 & K_{23} & K_{33} & K_{34} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & K_{34} & K_{44} & K_{45} & 0 \\ 0 & K_{56} & 0 & K_{45} & K_{55} & 0 \\ 0 & K_{67} & 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{77} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 + f_6 \\ f_3 \\ f_4 \\ f_5 \\ f_7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \hat{\mathbf{K}}\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \hat{\mathbf{f}} \xrightarrow{\text{solve for } \hat{\mathbf{u}}} \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{T}\hat{\mathbf{u}}$$

# Example: Multiple MFCs (1)

$$\text{Suppose } \left. \begin{array}{l} u_2 - u_6 = 0 \\ u_1 + 4u_4 = 0 \\ 2u_3 + u_4 + u_5 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow[\text{slave: 3,4,6}]{\text{master: 1,2,5,7}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u_6 = u_2 \\ u_4 = -\frac{1}{4}u_1 \\ u_3 = -\frac{1}{2}(u_4 + u_5) = \frac{1}{8}u_1 - \frac{1}{2}u_5 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \\ u_7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/8 & 0 & -1/2 & 0 \\ -1/4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_5 \\ u_7 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{T}\hat{\mathbf{u}}$$



## Example: Multiple MFCs (2)

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$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u_2 - u_6 = 0 \\ u_1 + 4u_4 = 0 \\ 2u_3 + u_4 + u_5 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow[\text{slave: 3,4,6}]{\text{master: 1,2,5,7}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u_6 = u_2 \\ 4u_4 = -u_1 \\ 2u_3 + u_4 = -u_5 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}_s \mathbf{u}_s + \mathbf{A}_m \mathbf{u}_m = 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{u}_s = -\mathbf{A}_s^{-1} \mathbf{A}_m \mathbf{u}_m$$

# Example: Non-homogeneous MFCs

$$u_2 - u_6 = 0.2$$

Pick again  $u_6$  as slave, put into matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \\ u_7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \\ u_7 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -0.2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{T}\hat{\mathbf{u}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{g}}_{\text{gap vector}}$$

premultiply both sides by  $\mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{K}$ , replace  $\mathbf{K}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}$  and pass data to RHS

$$\mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{K}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{T}\hat{\mathbf{u}} + \mathbf{g}) \rightarrow \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{K}\mathbf{T}\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{T}^T (\mathbf{K}\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{K}\mathbf{g})$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{K}\mathbf{T}\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \underbrace{\mathbf{T}^T (\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{K}\mathbf{g})}_{\text{modified force vector}} \xrightarrow[\hat{\mathbf{f}} = \mathbf{T}^T (\mathbf{K}\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{K}\mathbf{g})]{\hat{\mathbf{K}} = \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{K}\mathbf{T}} \hat{\mathbf{K}}\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \hat{\mathbf{f}}$$

# Example: Non-homogeneous MFCs

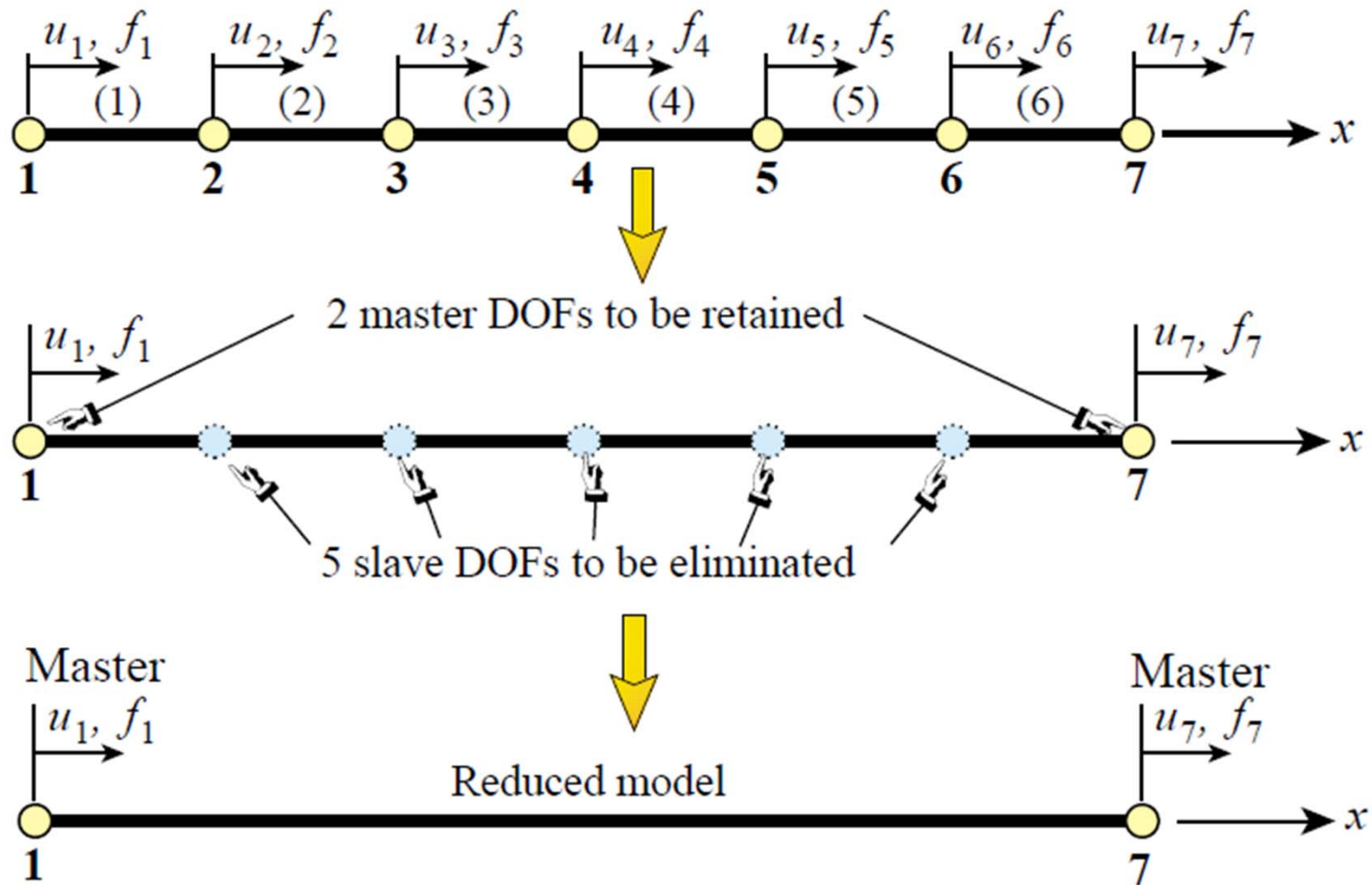
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modified stiffness equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} K_{11} & K_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ K_{12} & K_{22} + K_{66} & K_{23} & 0 & K_{56} & K_{67} \\ 0 & K_{23} & K_{33} & K_{34} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & K_{34} & K_{44} & K_{45} & 0 \\ 0 & K_{56} & 0 & K_{45} & K_{55} & 0 \\ 0 & K_{67} & 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{77} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 + f_6 - 0.2K_{66} \\ f_3 \\ f_4 \\ f_5 - 0.2K_{56} \\ f_7 - 0.2K_{67} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \hat{\mathbf{K}}\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \hat{\mathbf{f}} \xrightarrow{\text{solve for } \hat{\mathbf{u}}} \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{T}\hat{\mathbf{u}} + \mathbf{g}$$

# Example: Model Reduction



# Example: Model Reduction

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Lots of slaves, few masters. Only masters are left.

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \\ u_7 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{5 slaves}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 5/6 & 1/6 \\ 4/6 & 2/6 \\ 3/6 & 3/6 \\ 2/6 & 4/6 \\ 1/6 & 5/6 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_7 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{2 masters}}$$

apply the congruential transformation we get the reduced stiffness equations

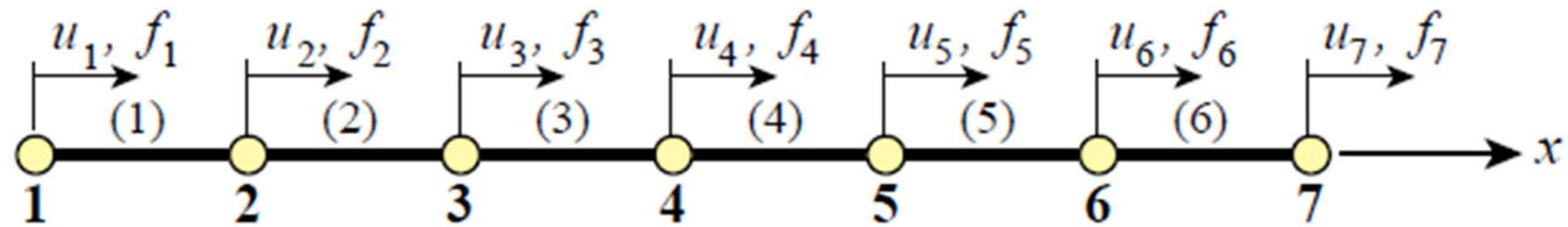
$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{K}_{11} & \hat{K}_{17} \\ \hat{K}_{17} & \hat{K}_{77} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{f}_1 \\ \hat{f}_7 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Master-Slave Method

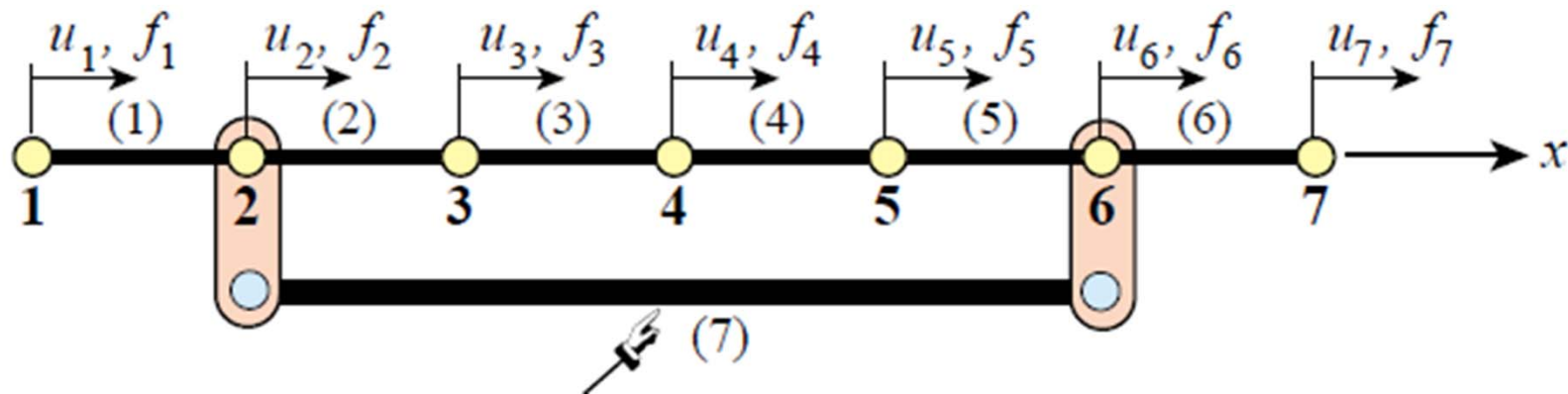
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- Advantages
  - Exact of precaution taken
  - Easy to understand
  - Retains positive definiteness
  - Important applications to model reduction
- Disadvantages
  - Requires user decisions
  - Messy implementation for general MFCs
  - Hinders sparsity of master stiffness equations
  - Sensitive to constraint dependence
  - Restricted to linear constraints

# Penalty Function Method: Physical Interpretation



$$u_2 = u_6$$



add "penalty element" of axial rigidity  $w$

$$w \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_6 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} \text{premultiply} \\ [1 \ -1]^T \end{matrix}} w \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \mathbf{K}^{(7)} \mathbf{u}^{(7)} = \mathbf{f}^{(7)}$$

$w$ : "penalty weight" assigned to the constraint

# Penalty Function Method

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upon merging the penalty element, the modified stiffness equations are

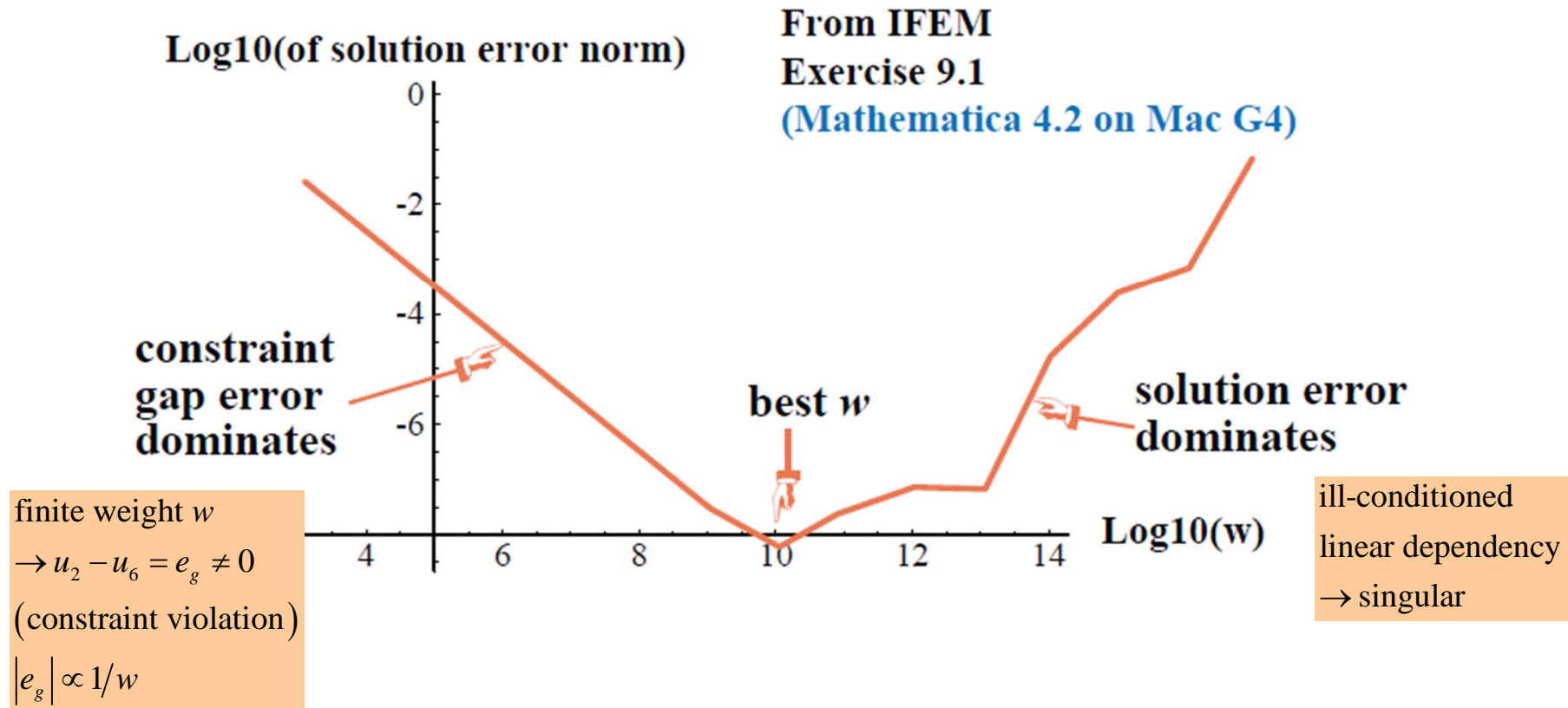
$$\begin{bmatrix} K_{11} & K_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ K_{12} & K_{22} + w & K_{23} & 0 & 0 & -w & 0 \\ 0 & K_{23} & K_{33} & K_{34} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & K_{34} & K_{44} & K_{45} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{45} & K_{55} & K_{56} & 0 \\ 0 & -w & 0 & 0 & K_{56} & K_{66} + w & K_{67} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{67} & K_{77} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \\ u_7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \\ f_4 \\ f_5 \\ f_6 \\ f_7 \end{bmatrix}$$

This modified system is submitted to the equation solver.

Note that **u** remains the same arrangement of DOFs



# But which penalty weight to use?



$$\left[ \text{Square Root Rule: } w = 10^k \sqrt{10^p} = 10^{k+p/2} \right]$$

$k$  : order of the largest stiffness coefficient before adding penalty elements

$p$  : digits of the working machine precision

# Penalty Function Method: General MFCs

$$3u_3 + u_5 - 4u_6 = 1 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_3 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \end{bmatrix} = 1$$

premultiply both sides by  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}^T$  :

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 9 & 3 & -12 \\ 3 & 1 & -4 \\ -12 & -4 & 16 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{"penalty element" stiffness equations}} \begin{bmatrix} u_3 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

scale by  $w$  and merge:

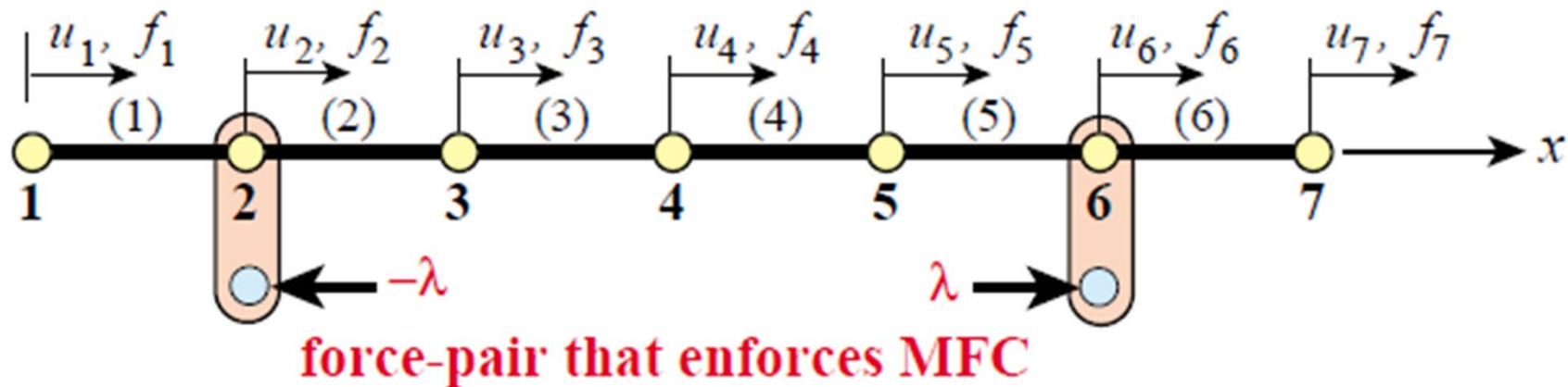
$$\begin{bmatrix} K_{11} & K_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ K_{12} & K_{22} & K_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & K_{23} & K_{33} + 9w & K_{34} & 3w & -12w & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & K_{34} & K_{44} & K_{45} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3w & K_{45} & K_{55} + w & K_{56} - 4w & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -12w & 0 & K_{56} - 4w & K_{66} + 16w & K_{67} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{67} & K_{77} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \\ u_7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 + 3w \\ f_4 \\ f_5 + w \\ f_6 - 4w \\ f_7 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Penalty Function Method

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- Advantages
  - General application including nonlinear MFCs
  - Easy to implement using FE library and standard assembler
  - No change in vector of unknowns
  - Retains positive definiteness
  - Insensitive to constraint dependence
- Disadvantages
  - Selection of weights left to users: big burden
  - Accuracy limited by ill-conditioning

# Lagrange Multiplier Method: Physical Interpretation



$$\begin{bmatrix}
 K_{11} & K_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 K_{12} & K_{22} & K_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & K_{23} & K_{33} & K_{34} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & K_{34} & K_{44} & K_{45} & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{45} & K_{55} & K_{56} & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{56} & K_{66} & K_{67} \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{67} & K_{77}
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 u_1 \\
 u_2 \\
 u_3 \\
 u_4 \\
 u_5 \\
 u_6 \\
 u_7
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 f_1 \\
 f_2 - \lambda \\
 f_3 \\
 f_4 \\
 f_5 \\
 f_6 + \lambda \\
 f_7
 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Lagrange Multiplier Method

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Because  $\lambda$  is unknown, it is passed to the LHS  
and appended to the node-displacement vector:

$$\begin{bmatrix} K_{11} & K_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ K_{12} & K_{22} & K_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & K_{23} & K_{33} & K_{34} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & K_{34} & K_{44} & K_{45} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{45} & K_{55} & K_{56} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{56} & K_{66} & K_{67} & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{67} & K_{77} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \\ u_7 \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \\ f_4 \\ f_5 \\ f_6 \\ f_7 \end{bmatrix}$$

This is now a system of 7 equations and 8 unknowns.

Need an extra equation: MFC

# Lagrange Multiplier Method

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Appended MFC as an additional equation (adjunction):

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 K_{11} & K_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 K_{12} & K_{22} & K_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
 0 & K_{23} & K_{33} & K_{34} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & K_{34} & K_{44} & K_{45} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{45} & K_{55} & K_{56} & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{56} & K_{66} & K_{67} & -1 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{67} & K_{77} & 0 \\
 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 u_1 \\
 u_2 \\
 u_3 \\
 u_4 \\
 u_5 \\
 u_6 \\
 u_7 \\
 \lambda
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 f_1 \\
 f_2 \\
 f_3 \\
 f_4 \\
 f_5 \\
 f_6 \\
 f_7 \\
 0
 \end{bmatrix}$$

This is the *multiplier - augmented system*.

The new coefficient matrix is called the *bordered stiffness*.

# Lagrange Multiplier Method: Multiple MFCs

Three MFCs:  $u_2 - u_6 = 0$ ,  $5u_2 - 8u_7 = 3$ ,  $3u_3 + u_5 - 4u_6 = 1$

Step#1: append the 3 constraints

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 K_{11} & K_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 K_{12} & K_{22} & K_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & K_{23} & K_{33} & K_{34} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & K_{34} & K_{44} & K_{45} & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{45} & K_{55} & K_{56} & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{56} & K_{66} & K_{67} \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{67} & K_{77} \\
 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\
 0 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -8 \\
 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & -4 & 0
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 u_1 \\
 u_2 \\
 u_3 \\
 u_4 \\
 u_5 \\
 u_6 \\
 u_7
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 f_1 \\
 f_2 \\
 f_3 \\
 f_4 \\
 f_5 \\
 f_6 \\
 f_7 \\
 0 \\
 3 \\
 1
 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Lagrange Multiplier Method: Multiple MFCs

Three MFCs:  $\underbrace{u_2 - u_6}_{\lambda_1} = 0, \underbrace{5u_2 - 8u_7}_{\lambda_2} = 3, \underbrace{3u_3 + u_5 - 4u_6}_{\lambda_3} = 0$

Step#2: append multipliers, symmetrize and fill

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 K_{11} & K_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 K_{12} & K_{22} & K_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & 0 \\
 0 & K_{23} & K_{33} & K_{34} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\
 0 & 0 & K_{34} & K_{44} & K_{45} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{45} & K_{55} & K_{56} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{56} & K_{66} & K_{67} & -1 & 0 & -4 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{67} & K_{77} & 0 & -8 & 0 \\
 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -8 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & -4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 u_1 \\
 u_2 \\
 u_3 \\
 u_4 \\
 u_5 \\
 u_6 \\
 u_7 \\
 \lambda_1 \\
 \lambda_2 \\
 \lambda_3
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 f_1 \\
 f_2 \\
 f_3 \\
 f_4 \\
 f_5 \\
 f_6 \\
 f_7 \\
 0 \\
 3 \\
 1
 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Lagrange Multiplier Method

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- Advantages
  - General application
  - Exact
  - No user decisions: black-box
- Disadvantages
  - Difficult implementation
  - Additional unknowns
  - Loses positive definiteness
  - Sensitive to constraint dependence

# MFC Application Methods: Summary

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	Master-slave Elimination	Penalty function	Lagrange multiplier
Physical interpretation	Model reduction	Penalty element (flexible link)	Rigid link (reaction force)
Generality	fair	Excellent	Excellent
Ease of implementation	Poor to fair	Good	Fair
Sensitivity to user decisions	High	High	Small to none
Accuracy	Variable	Mediocre	Excellent
Sensitivity as regards constraint dependence	High	None	High
Retains positive definiteness	Yes	Yes	No
Modifies unknown vector	Yes	No	Yes