

# CIEM5110-2: FEM, lecture 4.2

## Plastic hinges and arc-length

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# Agenda

Another lecture on nonlinear analysis of frames

- Material nonlinearity in the form of plastic hinges
- Arclength solution method
- Comparison with analytical rigid-plastic solution from *Stability* unit

## CIEM5110-2 workshops and lectures

	(Theory)	BarModel (MUDE)	SolidModel (1.2)	TimoshenkoModel (2.1)	FrameModel (4.1)
SolverModule	(1.2)	2.2	2.2	3.2	3.2
NonlinModule	(3.1)		6.1		4.1 + <b>4.2</b> + 5.1
ArclenModule	<b>(4.2)</b>				<b>4.2</b>
LinBuckModule	(4.1)				4.1 + 5.1
ModeShapeModule	(6.2)		7.1		7.1 + 8.1
ExplicitTimeModule	(6.2)				7.2 + 8.1
NewmarkModule	(6.2)				7.2 + 8.1

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Two arc-length parameters:  $\Delta\ell$  and  $\beta$

$$\Delta\ell = \sqrt{\Delta\mathbf{a} \cdot \Delta\mathbf{a} + \beta^2 \Delta\mathbf{f} \cdot \Delta\mathbf{f}}$$

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The code could be made more complete by adding

- Possibility of unloading of plastic hinge
- Influence of normal force on  $M_p$
- Development of plasticity in nonlinear  $M(\kappa)$ -relation



# Plastic hinges in solution algorithm: single time step

**Require:** Solution from previous time step  $\mathbf{a}^n$

**Require:** Nonlinear relation  $\mathbf{f}_{\text{int}}(\mathbf{a})$  with  $\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{a}) = \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_{\text{int}}}{\partial \mathbf{a}}$

1: Get new external force vector:  $\mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}}^{n+1}$

2: Initialize new solution at old one:  $\mathbf{a}^{n+1} = \mathbf{a}^n$

3: Compute internal force and stiffness:  $\mathbf{f}_{\text{int}}^{n+1}(\mathbf{a}^{n+1}), \mathbf{K}^{n+1}(\mathbf{a}^{n+1})$

4: Evaluate residual:  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}}^{n+1} - \mathbf{f}_{\text{int}}^{n+1}$

5: **repeat**

6:     Solve linear system of equations:  $\mathbf{K}^{n+1} \Delta \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{r}$

7:     Update solution:  $\mathbf{a}^{n+1} = \mathbf{a}^{n+1} + \Delta \mathbf{a}$

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10: **until**  $|\mathbf{r}| < \text{tolerance}$

11: **if**  $\max(\text{abs}(M)) > M_p$  **then**

12:     Insert plastic hinge at the position of  $\max(\text{abs}(M))$

13:     Go back to 3.

14: **else**

15:     Go to next time step

16: **end if**

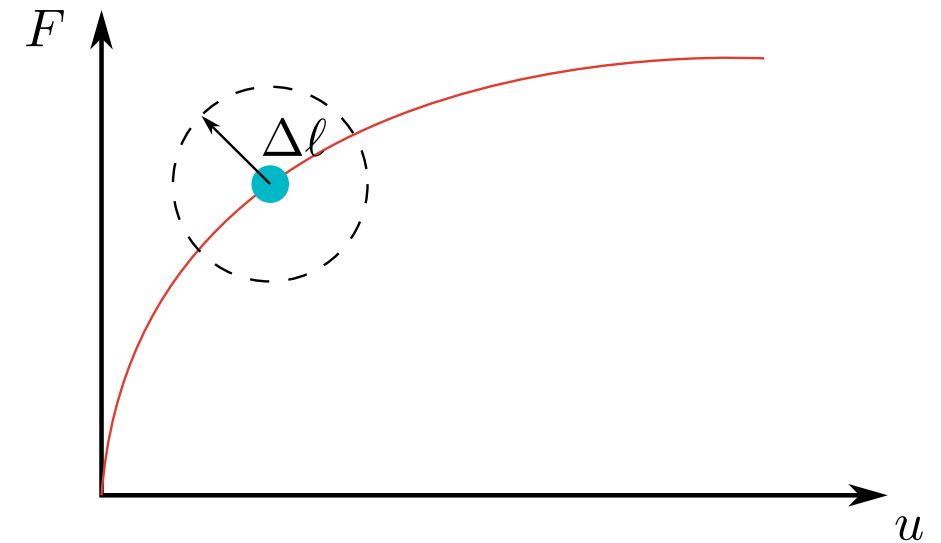
A check is added to the end of the algorithm for a single time step.

See lines 11-16

# Arc-length control – linearization

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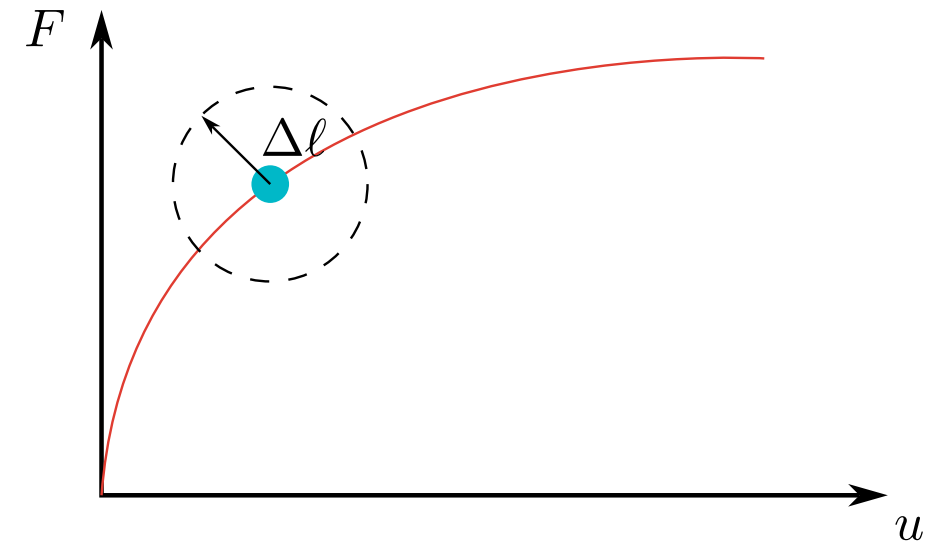
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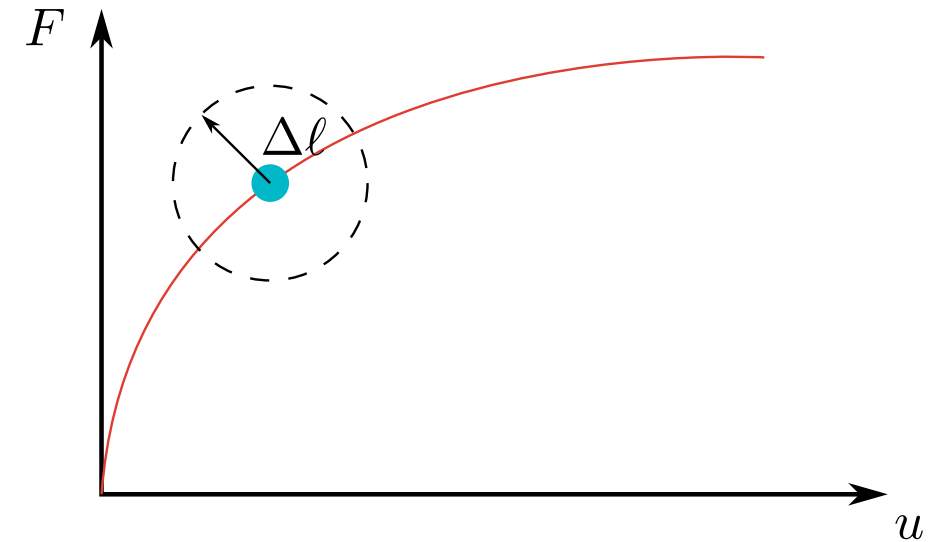
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The linearization then changes:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K} & -\hat{\mathbf{f}} \\ \mathbf{h}^T & s \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{a} \\ \Delta \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r} \\ -g \end{bmatrix}$$

where:

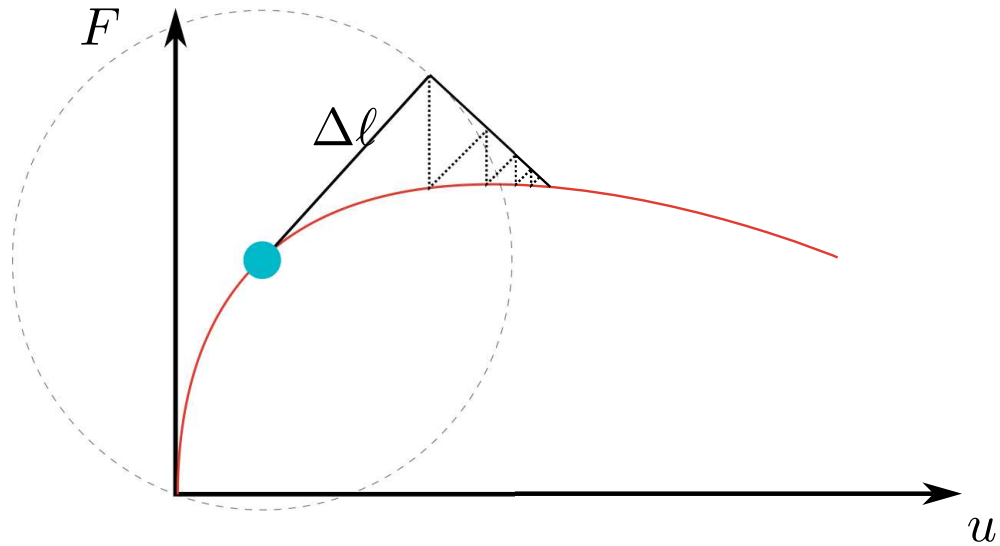
$$\mathbf{h} = \frac{\partial g}{\partial \mathbf{a}} \quad s = \frac{\partial g}{\partial \lambda}$$



# Arc-length control – constraints

Linearized constraint, modified linearization

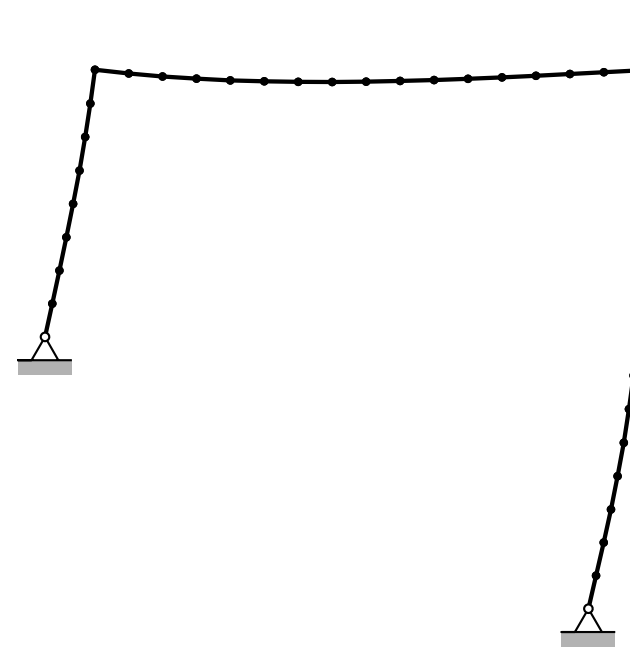
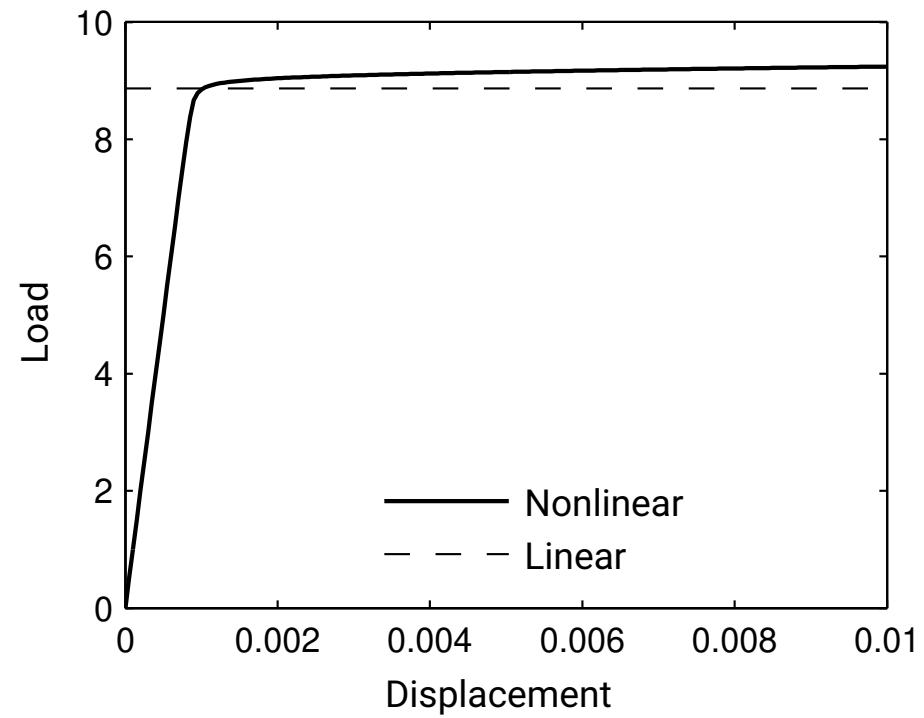
- Implemented in pyJive



$$g = \Delta \mathbf{a}_0^T \Delta \mathbf{a}_{j+1} + \beta^2 \Delta \lambda_0 \Delta \lambda_{j+1} \hat{\mathbf{f}}^T \hat{\mathbf{f}} - \Delta l^2$$

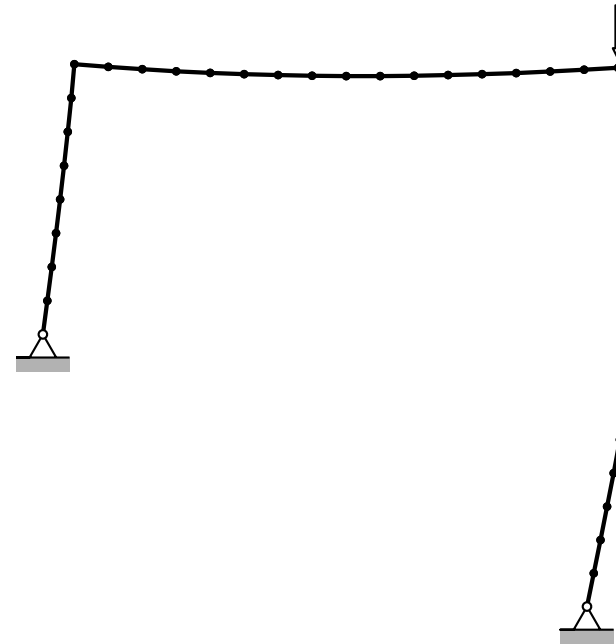
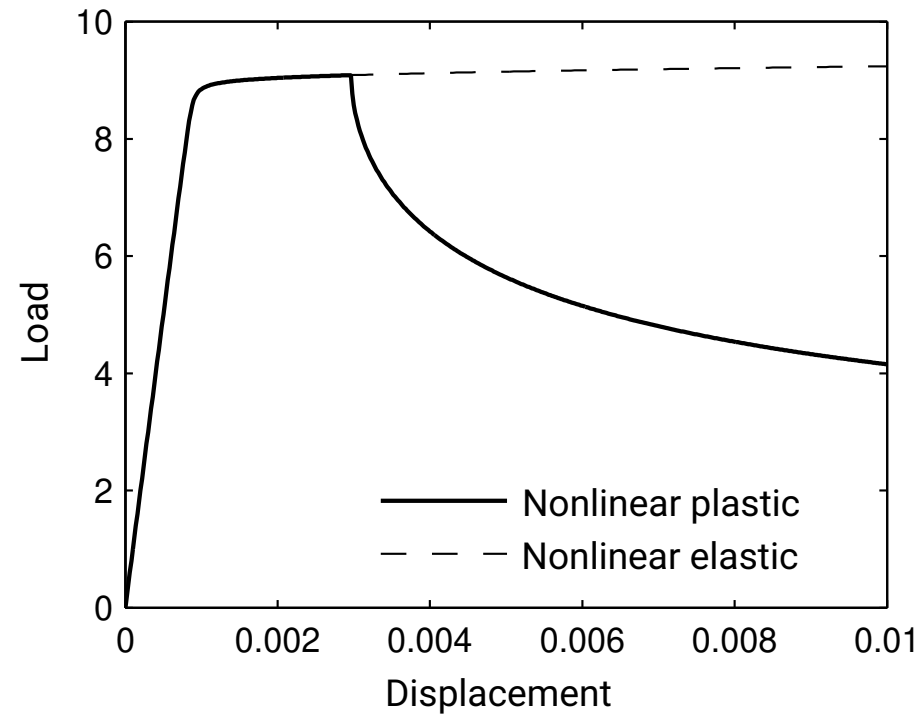
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First load case (treated in elastic FEM lecture)



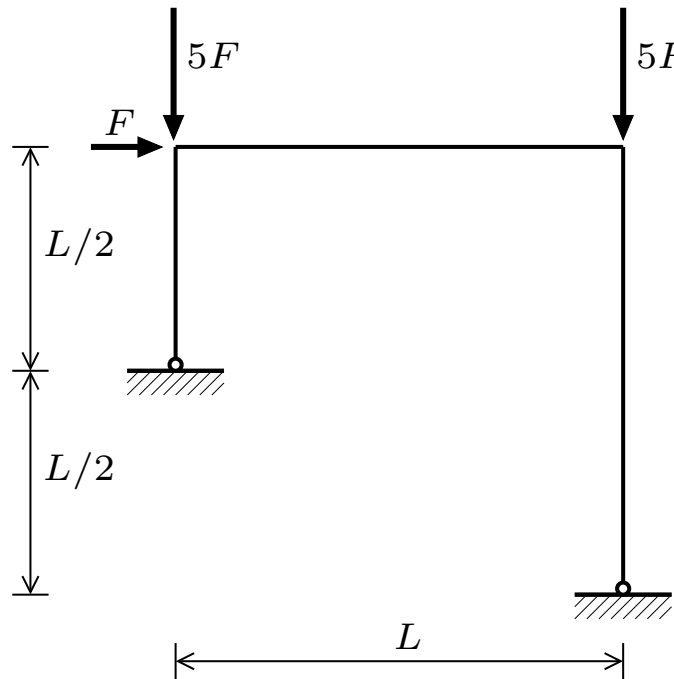
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Results after adding plasticity



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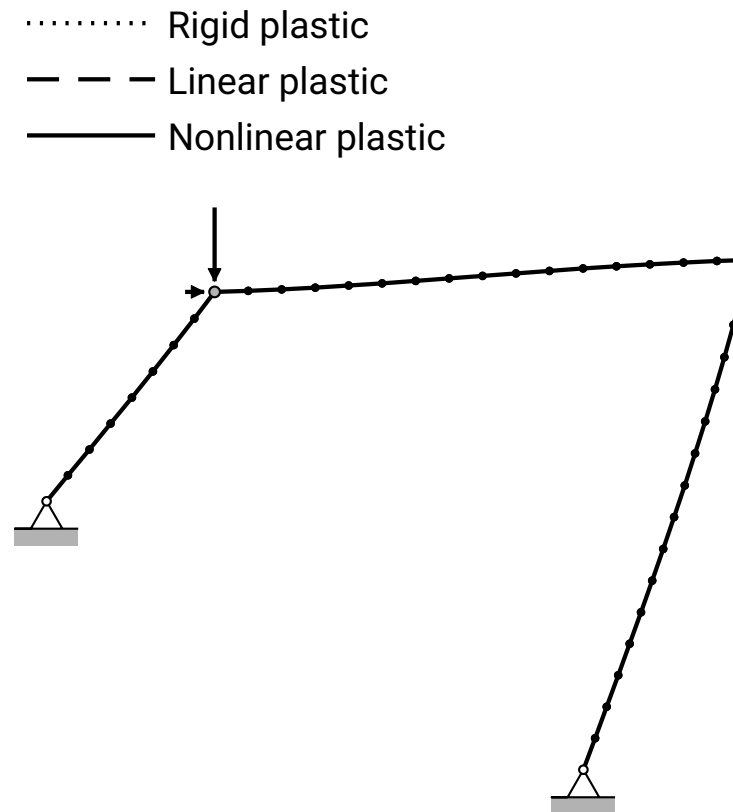
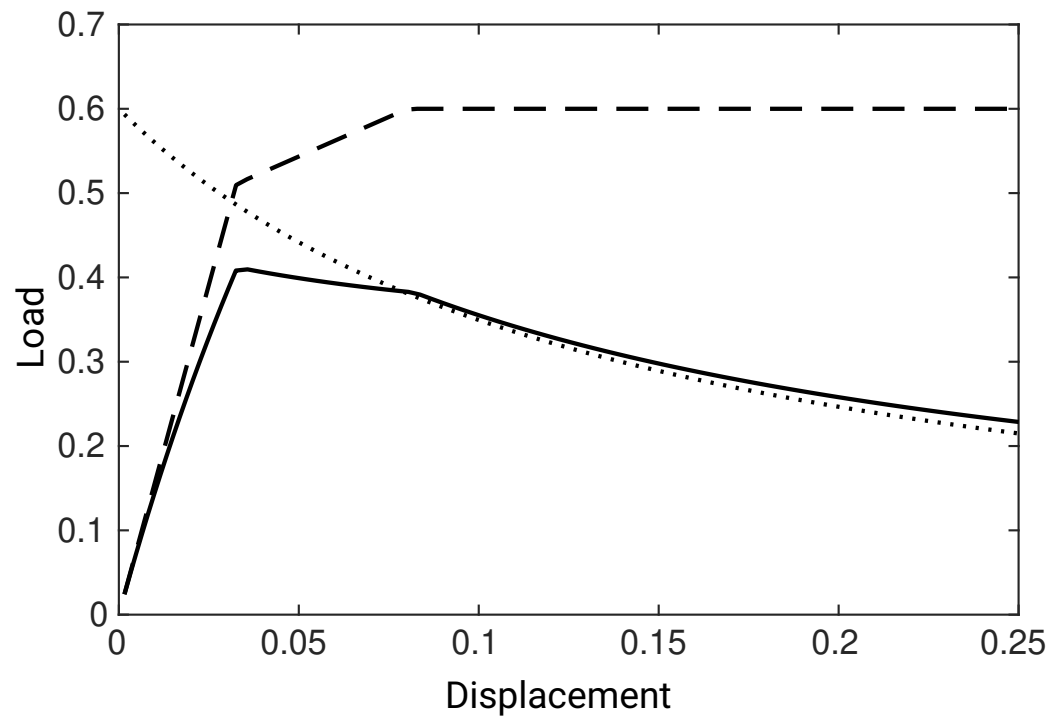


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Results from rigid-plastic hand calculation:

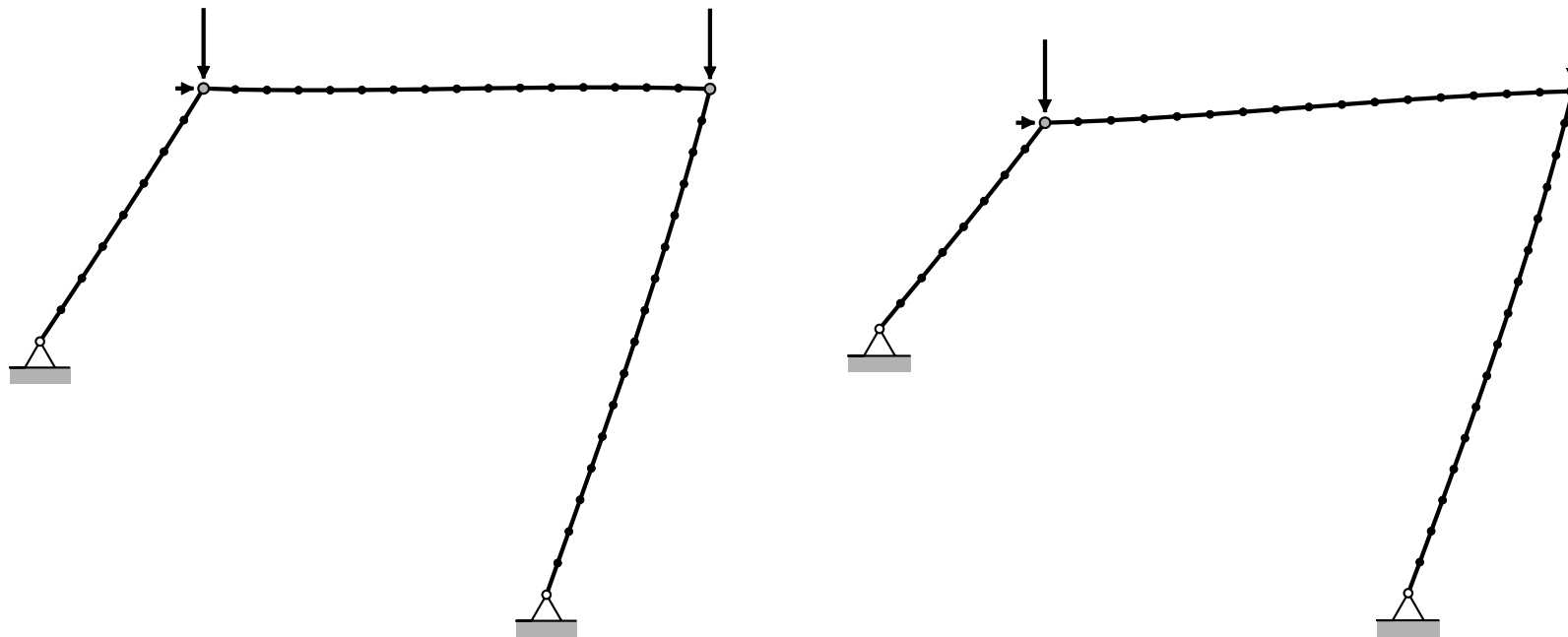
$$F = \frac{3M_p}{L} \frac{1}{1 + 14\frac{1}{3}\theta}$$



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Comparing geometrically linear/nonlinear collapse mechanism



# Final considerations

Different approaches to the problem of structural collapse

- Linear buckling analysis
- Geometrically nonlinear elastic FEA
- Linear plastic hand calculation
- Nonlinear (2nd order) plastic hand calculation
- Full nonlinear FEA

Essential choices for running nonlinear FEA

- Watch out for bifurcations
- Choose appropriate increments (force/displacement/arclength)
- Consistent linearization