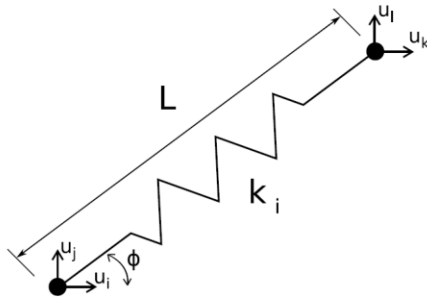


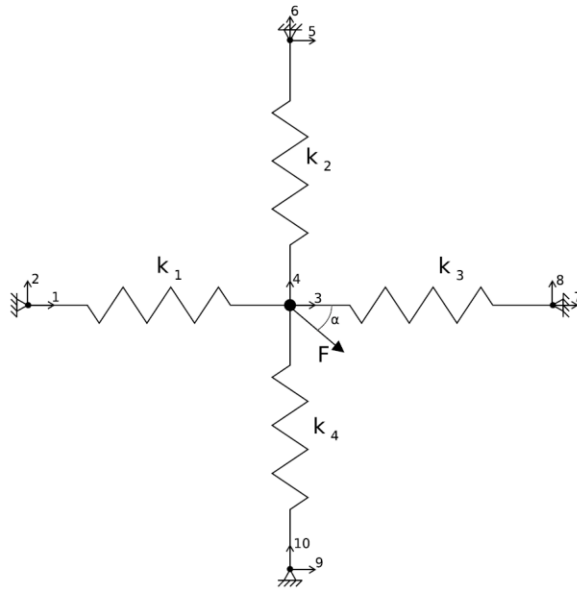
1)

The element stiffness matrix for a 2D spring is given by

$$K_i^e = \frac{k_i}{L_i} \begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \phi & \sin \phi \cos \phi & -\cos^2 \phi & -\sin \phi \cos \phi \\ \sin \phi \cos \phi & \sin^2 \phi & -\sin \phi \cos \phi & -\sin^2 \phi \\ -\cos^2 \phi & -\sin \phi \cos \phi & \cos^2 \phi & \sin \phi \cos \phi \\ -\sin \phi \cos \phi & -\sin^2 \phi & \sin \phi \cos \phi & \sin^2 \phi \end{bmatrix}$$



a) Calculate the stiffness matrix \mathbf{K} for the system. All springs have the length L and the angle α is 45°



b) Calculate the displacement vector \mathbf{a} for the situation shown above if $k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = k_4 = 1$, $L_1 = L_2 = L_3 = L_4 = 1$ and $F = \sqrt{2}$.