

OpenSEES

Model-Building Commands

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Tcl & OpenSEES commands

- Command syntax:

command arg1 arg2 ...; # comment

example Tcl command:

set a 1; # assign value of 1 to a

set b [expr 2*\$a];

example OpenSEES command:

node 1 10. 10. -mass \$Mnode 0 0



Model Command

This command is used to construct the BasicBuilder object.

```
model BasicBuilder -ndm $ndm <-ndf $ndf>
```

\$ndm dimension of problem (1,2 or 3)

\$ndf number of degrees of freedom at
node (optional)
(default value depends on value of
ndm:

ndm=1 -> ndf=1

ndm=2 -> ndf=3

ndm=3 -> ndf=6)

```
model BasicBuilder -ndm 3 -ndf 6
```

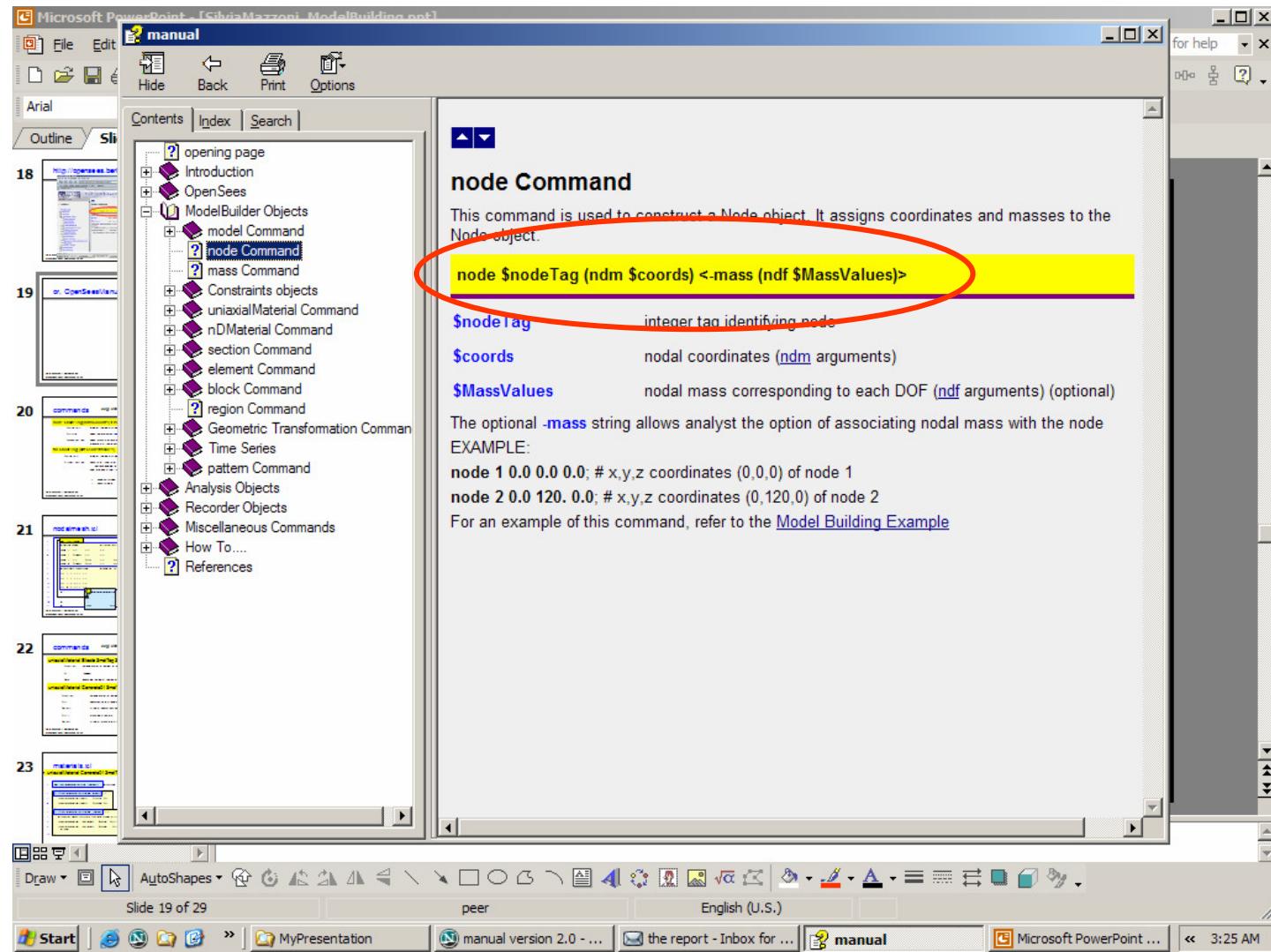


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or, OpenSeesManual.chm



sample command



node Command

This command is used to construct a Node object. It assigns coordinates and masses to the Node object.

```
node $nodeTag (ndm $coords) <-mass (ndf $MassValues)>
```

\$nodeTag integer tag identifying node

\$coords nodal coordinates (ndm arguments)

\$MassValues nodal mass corresponding to each DOF (ndf arguments) (optional)

The optional **-mass** string allows analyst the option of associating nodal mass with the node

EXAMPLE:

```
node 1 0.0 0.0 0.0; # x,y,z coordinates (0,0,0) of node 1
```

```
node 2 0.0 120. 0.0; # x,y,z coordinates (0,120,0) of node 2
```

For an example of this command, refer to the [Model Building Example](#)

nodes and boundary conditions

copy and paste from manual:



node \$nodeTag (ndm \$coords) <-mass (ndf \$MassValues)>

\$nodeTag integer tag identifying node
\$coords nodal coordinates ([ndm](#) arguments)
\$MassValues nodal mass corresponding to each DOF ([ndf](#) arguments) (optional)

fix \$nodeTag (ndf \$ConstrValues)

\$nodeTag integer tag identifying the node to be constrained
\$ConstrValues constraint type (0 or 1). [ndf](#) values are specified, corresponding to the ndf degrees-of-freedom.
The two constraint types are:
0 unconstrained
1 constrained

Nodal coordinates and BC

```
1. # Define nodes;          # frame is in X-Y plane
2. node 1 0.0   0.0   0.0
3. node 2 $Lbeam 0.0   0.0
4. node 3 0.0   $Lcol  0.0   -mass $Mnode 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0
5. node 4 $Lbeam $Lcol  0.0   -mass $Mnode 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0
6. # Boundary conditions; # node DX DY DZ RX RY RZ ! 1: fixed, 0: released
7. fix 1 1 1 1 1 1 1;
8. fix 2 1 1 1 1 1 1
9. fix 3 0 0 1 1 1 0
10. fix 4 0 0 1 1 1 0
11. #
12. #
13. #
14. #
```

coordinates & mass

boundary conditions



3-----4
| |
| |
--1-- --2--

materials

copy and paste from manual:

uniaxialMaterial Elastic \$matTag \$E <\$eta>

\$matTag unique material object integer tag

\$E tangent

\$eta damping tangent (optional,
default=0.0)

uniaxialMaterial Concrete01 \$matTag \$fpc \$epsc0 \$fpcu \$epsU

\$matTag unique material object integer tag

\$fpc compressive strength*

\$epsc0 strain at compressive strength*

\$fpcu crushing strength*

\$epsU strain at crushing strength*

*NOTE: Compressive concrete parameters should be input as negative values.



tcl if statement

```
if {logical statement} {  
....series of commands....  
}
```



materials

concrete

```
uniaxialMaterial Concrete01 $matTag $fpc $epsc0 $fpcu $epsU
```

```
1. set ConcreteMaterialType "inelastic" # options: "elastic","inelastic"  
2. if {$ConcreteMaterialType == "elastic"} {  
3.     uniaxialMaterial Elastic $Idcore $Ec  
4.     uniaxialMaterial Elastic $Idcover $Ec  
5. }  
6. if {$ConcreteMaterialType == "inelastic"} {  
7.     # uniaxial Kent-Scott-Park concrete model w/ linear unload/reload, no T strength (-ve comp.)  
8.     uniaxialMaterial Concrete01 $IDcore $fc1C $eps1C $fc2C $eps2C; # Core  
9.     uniaxialMaterial Concrete01 $IDcover $fc1U $eps1U $fc2U $eps2U; # Cover  
10. }
```

**uniaxialMaterial Hysteretic \$matTag \$s1p \$e1p \$s2p \$e2p <\$s3p
\$e3p> \$s1n \$e1n \$s2n \$e2n <\$s3n \$e3n> \$pinchX \$pinchY
\$damage1 \$damage2 <\$beta>**



\$matTag	unique material object integer tag
\$s1p \$e1p	stress and strain (or force & deformation) at <i>first</i> point of the envelope in the <i>positive</i> direction
\$s2p \$e2p	stress and strain (or force & deformation) at <i>second</i> point of the envelope in the <i>positive</i> direction
\$s3p \$e3p	stress and strain (or force & deformation) at <i>third</i> point of the envelope in the <i>positive</i> direction (optional)
\$s1n \$e1n	stress and strain (or force & deformation) at <i>first</i> point of the envelope in the <i>negative</i> direction*
\$s2n \$e2n	stress and strain (or force & deformation) at <i>second</i> point of the envelope in the <i>negative</i> direction*
\$s3n \$e3n	stress and strain (or force & deformation) at <i>third</i> point of the envelope in the <i>negative</i> direction (optional)*
\$pinchX	pinching factor for strain (or deformation) during reloading
\$pinchY	pinching factor for stress (or force) during reloading
\$damage1	damage due to ductility: $D_1(\mu-1)$
\$damage2	damage due to energy: $D_2(E_{ii}/E_{ult})$
\$beta	power used to determine the degraded unloading stiffness based on ductility, $\mu^{-\beta}$ (optional, default=0.0)

materials

reinforcing steel

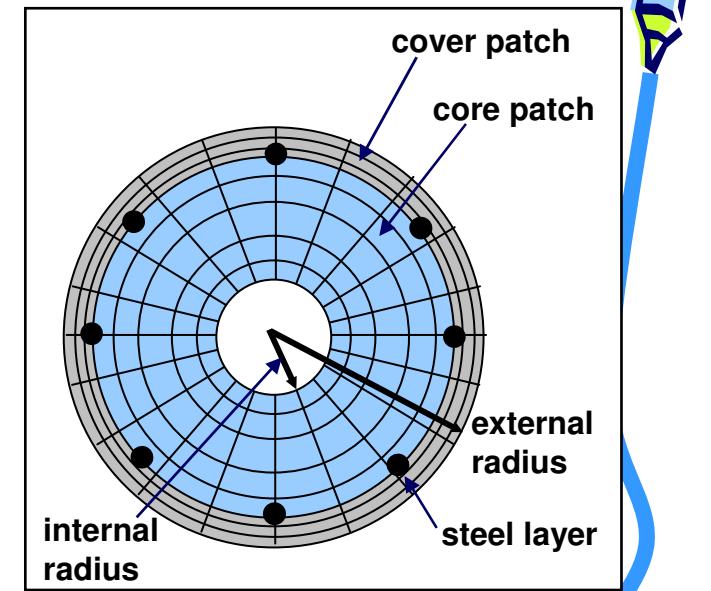
```
1. set SteelMaterialType "hysteretic";  
2. if {$SteelMaterialType == "elastic"} {  
3.   uniaxialMaterial Elastic $IDsteel $Es  
4. }  
5. if {$SteelMaterialType == "bilinear"} {  
6.   uniaxialMaterial Steel01 $Idsteel $Fy $Es $Bs  
7. }  
8. if {$SteelMaterialType == "hysteretic"} {  
9.   uniaxialMaterial Hysteretic $IDsteel $Fy $epsY $Fy1 $epsY1  
    $Fu $epsU -$Fy -$epsY -$Fy1 -$epsY1 -$Fu -$epsU $pinchX  
    $pinchY $damage1 $damage2 $betaMUsteel  
10.}
```



fiber section command

```
section Fiber $secTag {  
    fiber <fiber arguments>  
    patch <patch arguments>  
    layer <layer arguments>  
}
```

```
fiber $yLoc $zLoc $A $matTag
```



\$yLoc

y coordinate of the fiber in the section (local coordinate system)

\$zLoc

z coordinate of the fiber in the section (local coordinate system)

\$A

area of fiber

\$matTag

material tag of the pre-defined [UniaxialMaterial](#) object used to represent the stress-strain for the area of the fiber

section command (cont.)



```
patch circ $matTag $numSubdivCirc $numSubdivRad $yCenter $zCenter  
$intRad $extRad <$startAng $endAng>
```

\$matTag

material integer tag of the previously-defined [UniaxialMaterial](#) object used to represent the stress-strain for the area of the fiber

\$numSubdivCirc

number of subdivisions (fibers) in the circumferential direction.

\$numSubdivRad

number of subdivisions (fibers) in the radial direction.

\$yCenter \$zCenter

y & z-coordinates of the center of

\$intRad

internal radius

\$extRad

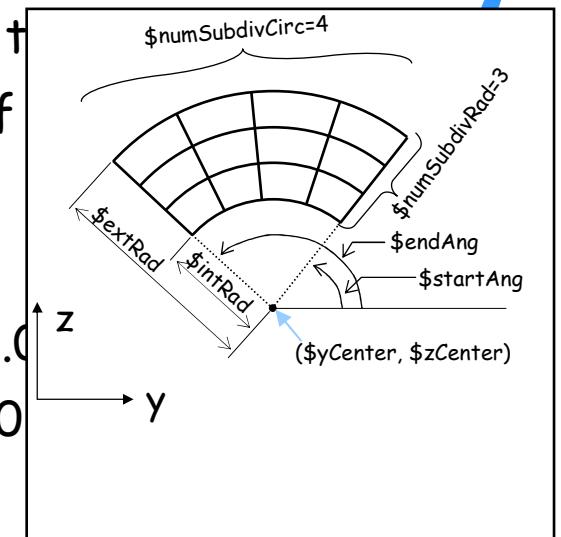
external radius

\$startAng

starting angle (optional. default=0.0)

\$endAng

ending angle (optional. default=360)



section command (cont.)



```
layer circ $matTag $numBar $areaBar $yCenter $zCenter $radius  
<$startAng $endAng>
```

\$matTag

material integer tag of the previously-defined UniaxialMaterial object used to represent the stress-strain for the area of the fiber

\$numBar

number of reinforcing bars along layer

\$areaBar

area of individual reinforcing bar

\$yCenter \$zCenter

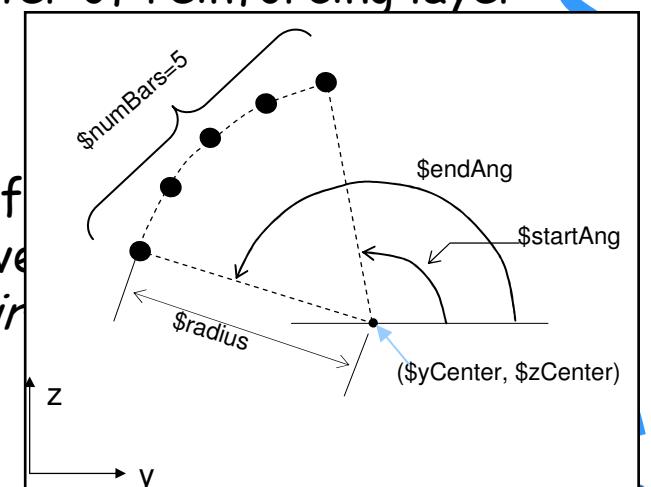
y and z-coordinates of center of reinforcing layer (local coordinate system)

\$radius

radius of reinforcing layer

\$startAng \$endAng

starting and ending angle of reinforcing layer, respectively
(Optional, Default: a full circle is assumed 0-360)



tcl procedure

```
proc procName {input variables} {  
    ... series of commands  
}
```

to execute:

```
procName (input variables)
```



tcl proc: define fiber section



```
proc RCCcircSection {id} {Ri Ro cover coreID coverID steelID Nbars Ab nfCoreR nfCoreT nfCoverR nfCoverT} {  
    section fiberSec $id {
```

```
        set Rc [expr $Ro-$cover];  
        patch circ $coreID $nfCoreT $nfCoreR 0 0 $Ri $Rc 0 360; # Define the core patch  
        patch circ $coverID $nfCoverT $nfCoverR 0 0 $Rc $Ro 0 360; # Define the cover patch
```

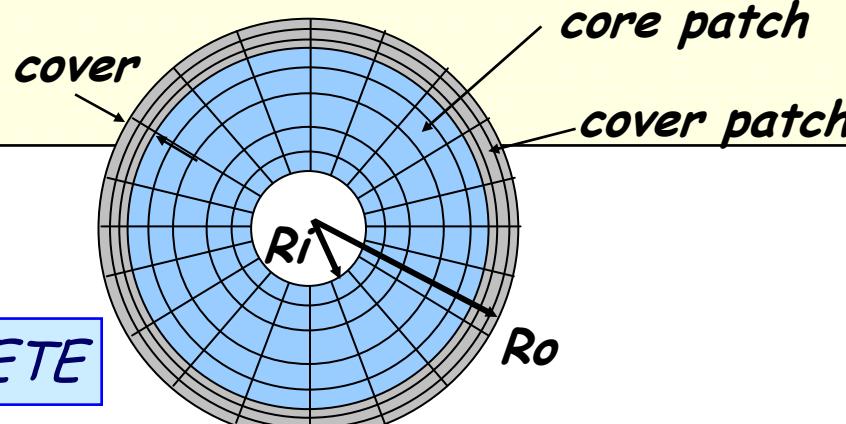
CONCRETE

```
    if {$Nbars <= 0} { return }  
    set theta [expr 360.0/$Nbars];  
    layer circ $steelID $Nbars $Ab 0 0 $Rc $theta 360;
```

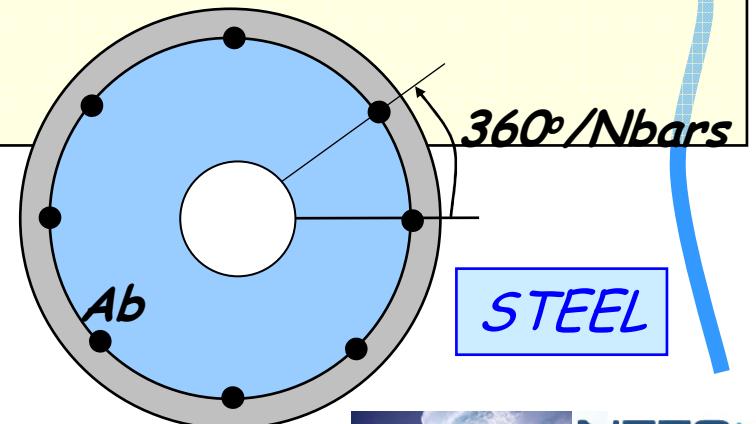
STEEL

```
# angle increment between bars  
# Define the reinforcing layer
```

```
}
```



CONCRETE



STEEL

section aggregator

- groups previously-defined UniaxialMaterial objects into a single section force-deformation model

```
section Aggregator $secTag $matTag1 $string1 $matTag2 $string2 ..... <-section  
$sectionTag>
```



\$secTag	unique section object integer tag
\$matTag1, \$matTag2 ...	previously-defined UniaxialMaterial objects
\$string1, \$string2	the force-deformation quantities corresponding to each section object. One of the following strings is used: P Axial force-deformation Mz Moment-curvature about section local z-axis Vy Shear force-deformation along section local y-axis My Moment-curvature about section local y-axis Vz Shear force-deformation along section local z-axis T Torsion Force-Deformation
<-section \$sectionTag>	specifies a previously-defined Section object (identified by the argument \$sectionTag) to which these UniaxialMaterial objects may be added to recursively define a new Section object

geometric transformation

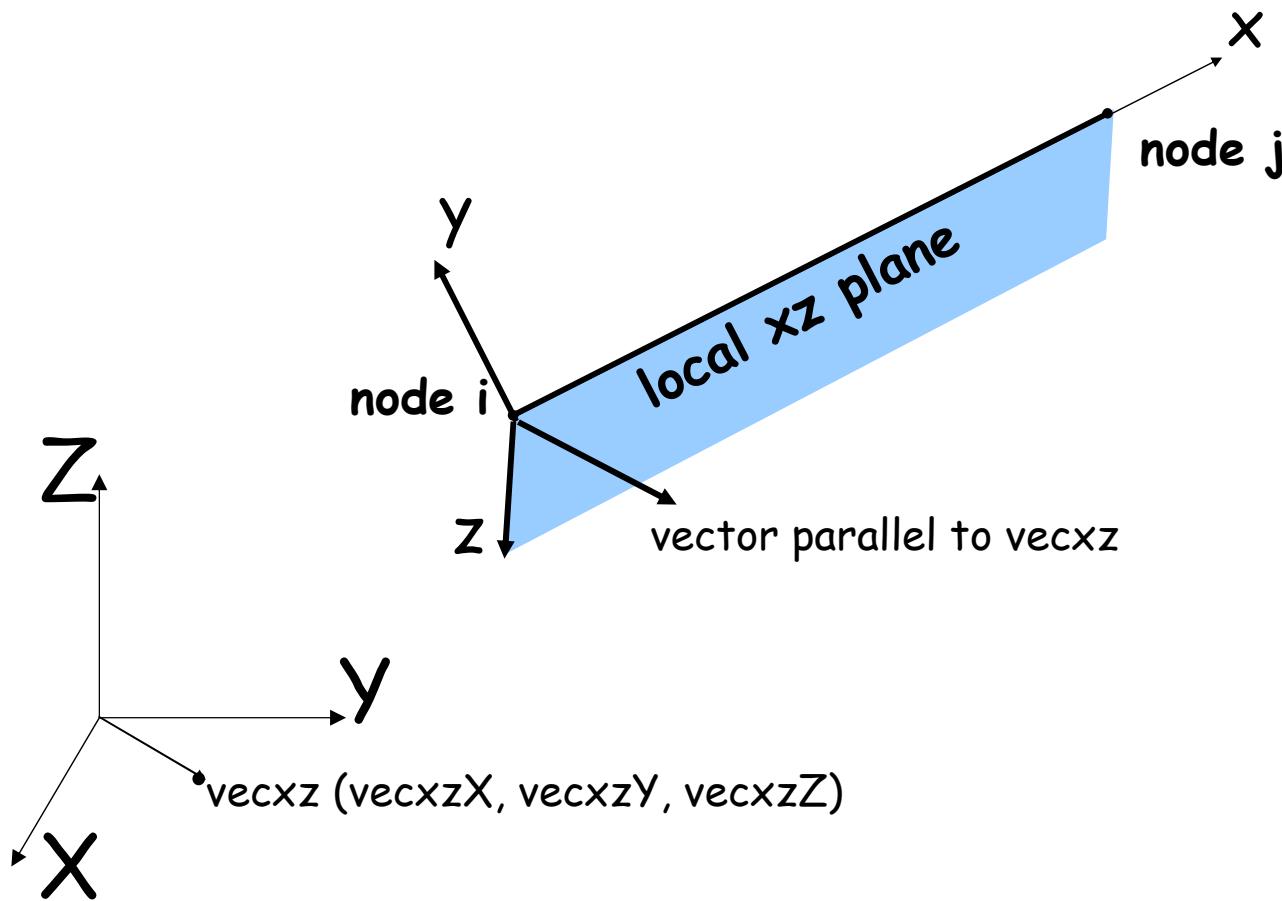


- performs a linear geometric transformation of beam stiffness and resisting force from the basic system to the global-coordinate system

```
geomTransf Linear $transfTag $vecxzX $vecxzY $vecxzZ <-jntOffset  
$dXi $dYi $dZi $dXj $dYj $dZj>
```

\$transfTag	unique identifier for CrdTransf object
\$vecxzX	X, Y, and Z components of vecxz, the vector used to define the local x-z plane of the local-coordinate system. The local y-axis is defined by taking the cross product of the x-axis and the vecxz vector.
\$vecxzY	
\$vecxzZ	These components are specified in the global-coordinate system X,Y,Z and define a vector that is in a plane parallel to the x-z plane of the local-coordinate system.
	These items need to be specified for the three-dimensional problem.
\$dXi \$dYi	joint offset values -- absolute offsets specified with respect to the global coordinate system for element-end node i (the number of arguments depends on the dimensions of the current model) (optional)
\$dZi	
\$dXj \$dYj	joint offset values -- absolute offsets specified with respect to the global coordinate system for element-end node j (the number of arguments depends on the dimensions of the current model) (optional)
\$dZj	

local coordinate system



elements

- Truss Element
- Corotational Truss Element
- Elastic Beam Column Element
- NonLinear Beam-Column Elements
 - Nonlinear Beam Column Element
 - Beam With Hinges Element
 - Displacement-Based Beam-Column Element
- Zero-Length Elements
- Quadrilateral Elements
- Brick Elements
- FourNodeQuadUP Element
- BeamColumnJoint Element



Elastic Beam Column Element

- 2D:

```
element elasticBeamColumn $eleTag $iNode  
$jNode $A $E $Iz $transfTag
```

- 3D:

```
element elasticBeamColumn $eleTag $iNode  
$jNode $A $E $G $J $Iy $Iz $transfTag
```



Nonlinear Beam Column Element

```
element nonlinearBeamColumn $eleTag $iNode $jNode  
$numIntgrPts $secTag $transfTag <-mass  
$massDens> <-iter $maxIters $tol>
```



\$eleTag	unique element object tag
\$iNode \$jNode	end nodes
\$numIntgrPts	number of integration points along the element.
\$secTag	identifier for previously-defined <u>section</u> object
\$transfTag	identifier for previously-defined <u>coordinate-transformation</u> (CrdTransf) object
\$massDens	element mass density (per unit length), from which a lumped-mass matrix is formed (<i>optional, default=0.0</i>)
\$maxIters	maximum number of iterations to undertake to satisfy element compatibility (<i>optional, default=1</i>)
\$tol	tolerance for satisfaction of element compatibility (<i>optional, default=10⁻¹⁶</i>)

elements



```
set ColumnType "inelastic";  
source RCCcircSection.tcl; # proc to define circular fiber section- flexure  
  
RCCcircSection $IDcolFlex $riCol $roCol $cover $IDcore $IDcover $IDsteel $NbCol $AbCol $nfCoreR $nfCoreT $nfCoverR $nfCoverT  
uniaxialMaterial Elastic $IDcolTors $GJ; # Define torsion  
section Aggregator $IDcolSec $IDcolTors T -section $IDcolFlex; # attach torsion & flex  
geomTransf Linear $IDcolTrans 0 0 1; # no 2nd-order effects, define element normal  
  
if {$ColumnType == "elastic"} {  
    element elasticBeamColumn 1 1 3 $Acol $Ec $G $J $IyCol $IzCol $IDcolTrans  
    element elasticBeamColumn 2 2 4 $Acol $Ec $G $J $IyCol $IzCol $IDcolTrans  
}  
if {$ColumnType == "inelastic"} {  
    # element element type ID, node I, node J, no. int pts, section ID, transf. ID  
    element nonlinearBeamColumn 1 1 3 $np $IDcolSec $IDcolTrans  
    element nonlinearBeamColumn 2 2 4 $np $IDcolSec $IDcolTrans  
}  
  
geomTransf Linear $IDbeamTrans 0 0 1; # BEAM transformation, element normal  
element elasticBeamColumn 3 3 4 $Abeam $Ec $G $J $IyBeam $IzBeam $IDbeamTrans
```

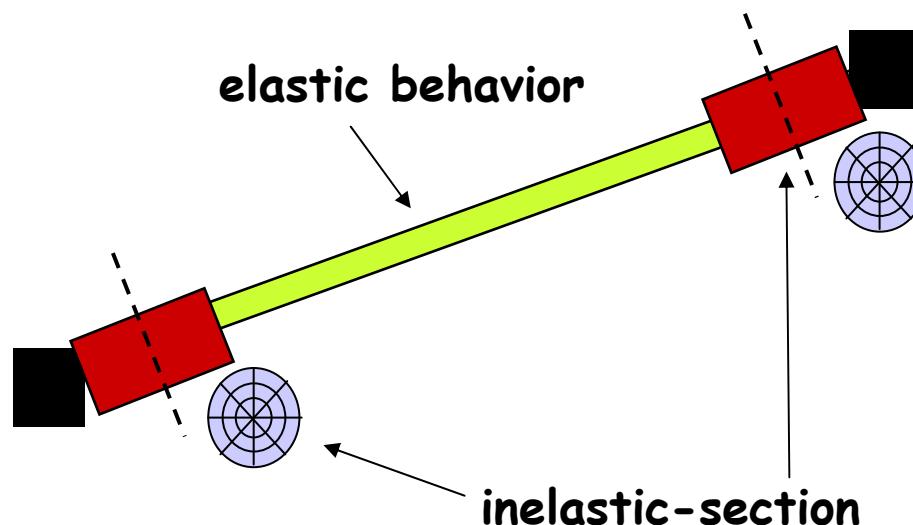


beamWithHinges Element



2D:
`element beamWithHinges $eleTag $iNode $jNode
$secTagI $HingeLengthI $secTagJ $HingeLengthJ $E $A
$Iz $transfTag <-mass $massDens> <-iter $maxIters
$tol>`

3D:
`element beamWithHinges $eleTag $iNode $jNode
$secTagI $HingeLengthI $secTagJ $HingeLengthJ $E $A
$Iz $Iy $G $J $transfTag <-mass $massDens> <-iter
$maxIters $tol>`



beamWithHinges Element



\$eleTag	unique element object tag
\$iNode \$jNode	end nodes
\$secTagI	identifier for previously-defined section object corresponding to node I
\$HingeLengthI	hinge length at node I
\$secTagJ	identifier for previously-defined section object corresponding to node J
\$HingeLengthJ	hinge length at node J
\$E	Young's Modulus
\$A	area of element cross-section
\$Iz	section moment of inertia about the section local z-axis
\$Iy	section moment of inertia about the section local y-axis
\$G	Shear Modulus
\$J	torsional moment of inertia of cross section
\$transfTag	identifier for previously-defined coordinate-transformation (CrdTransf) object
\$massDens	element mass density (per unit length), from which a lumped-mass matrix is formed (<i>optional, default=0.0</i>)
\$maxIters	maximum number of iterations to undertake to satisfy element compatibility (<i>optional, default=1</i>)
\$tol	tolerance for satisfaction of element compatibility (<i>optional, default=10⁻¹⁶</i>)

region command

- label a group of nodes and elements.
- This command is also used to assign rayleigh damping parameters to the nodes and elements in this region.
- The region is specified by either elements or nodes, not both. If elements are defined, the region includes these elements and the all connected nodes. If nodes are specified, the region includes these nodes and all elements whose external nodes are prescribed

```
region $regTag <-ele ($ele1 $ele2 ...) > <-eleRange $startEle $endEle>
<-ele all> <-node ($node1 $node2 ...) > <-nodeRange $startNode
$startNode> <-node all> <-rayleigh $alphaM $betaK $betaKinit
$betaKcomm>
```

region command (element region)



```
region $regTag <-ele ($ele1 $ele2 ...)> <-eleRange $startEle $endEle>
<-ele all> <-node ($node1 $node2 ...)> <-nodeRange $startNode
$startNode $endNode> <-node all> <-rayleigh $alphaM $betaK $betaKinit
$betaKcomm>
```

\$regTag

unique integer tag

\$ele1 \$ele2 ...

tags of elements -- selected elements in domain (*optional, default: omitted*)

\$startEle \$endEle

tag for start and end elements -- range of selected elements in domain (*optional, default: all*)

all

all elements in domain (*optional & default*)

\$alphaM \$betaK
\$betaKinit
\$betaKcomm

Arguments to define Rayleigh damping matrix
(*optional, default: zero*)

region command (node region)



```
region $regTag <-ele ($ele1 $ele2 ...) > <-eleRange $startEle $endEle>
<-ele all> <-node ($node1 $node2 ...) > <-nodeRange $startNode
$endNode> <-node all> <-rayleigh $alphaM $betaK $betaKinit
$betaKcomm>
```

\$regTag

unique integer tag

\$node1 \$node2

...

node tags -- select nodes in domain

(*optional, default: all*)

**\$startNode
\$endNode**

tag for start and end nodes -- range of
nodes in domain (*optional, default: all*)

all

all nodes in domain (*optional & default*)

**\$alphaM \$betaK
\$betaKinit
\$betaKcomm**

Arguments to define Rayleigh damping
matrix (*optional, default: zero*)

region command (damping)



```
region $regTag <-ele ($ele1 $ele2 ...) > <-eleRange $startEle $endEle>
<-ele all> <-node ($node1 $node2 ...) > <-nodeRange $startNode
$endNode> <-node all> <-rayleigh $alphaM $betaK $betaKinit
$betaKcomm>
```

$$\mathbf{C} = \$alphaM^* \mathbf{M} + \$betaK^* \mathbf{K} + \$betaKinit^* \mathbf{K}_{initial} + \$betaKcomm^* \mathbf{K}_{committed}$$

M

mass matrix used to calculate Rayleigh
Damping

$K_{current}$

stiffness matrix at current state
determination used to calculate Rayleigh
Damping

K_{init}

stiffness matrix at initial state determination
used to calculate Rayleigh Damping

$K_{lastCommit}$

stiffness matrix at last-committed state
determination used to calculate Rayleigh
Damping