COE–3001: Mechanics of deformable bodies

Chapter 6: buckling

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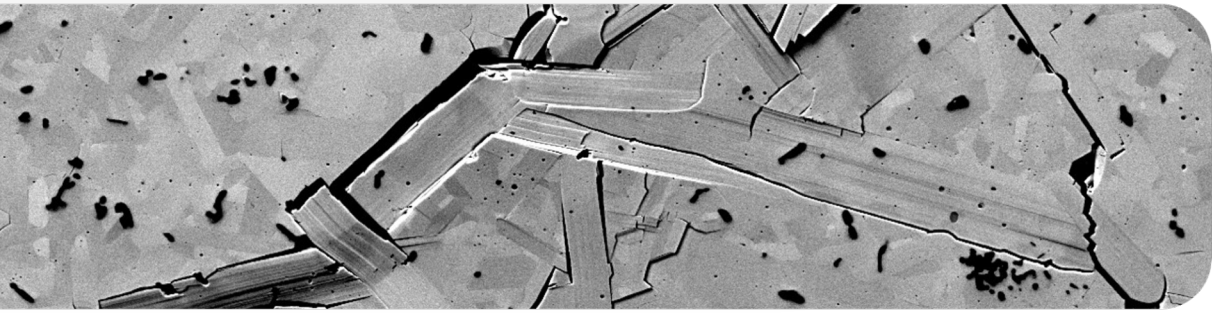

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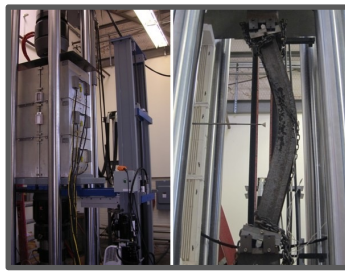

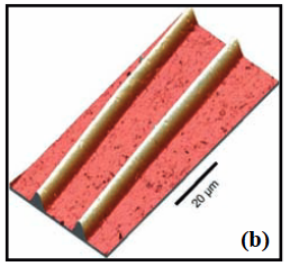

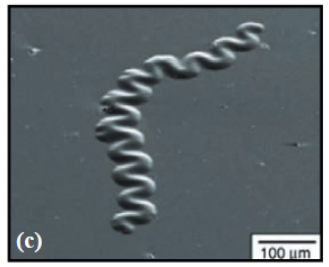

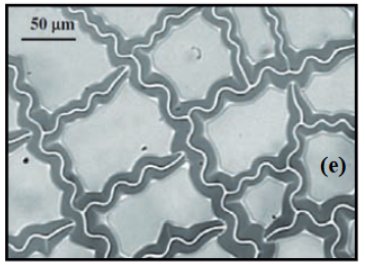

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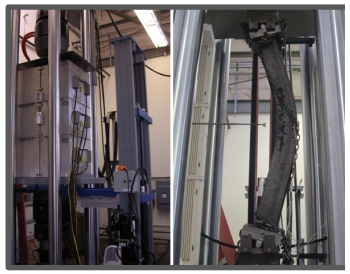

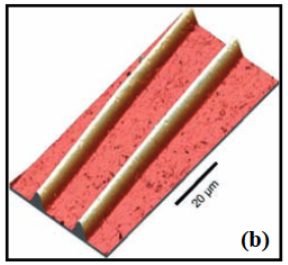

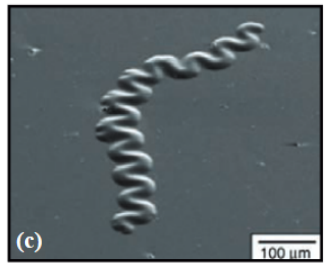

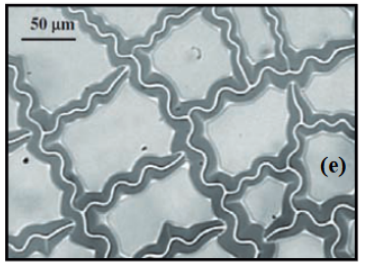

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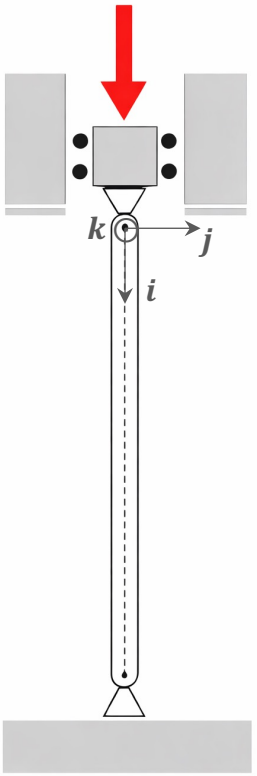

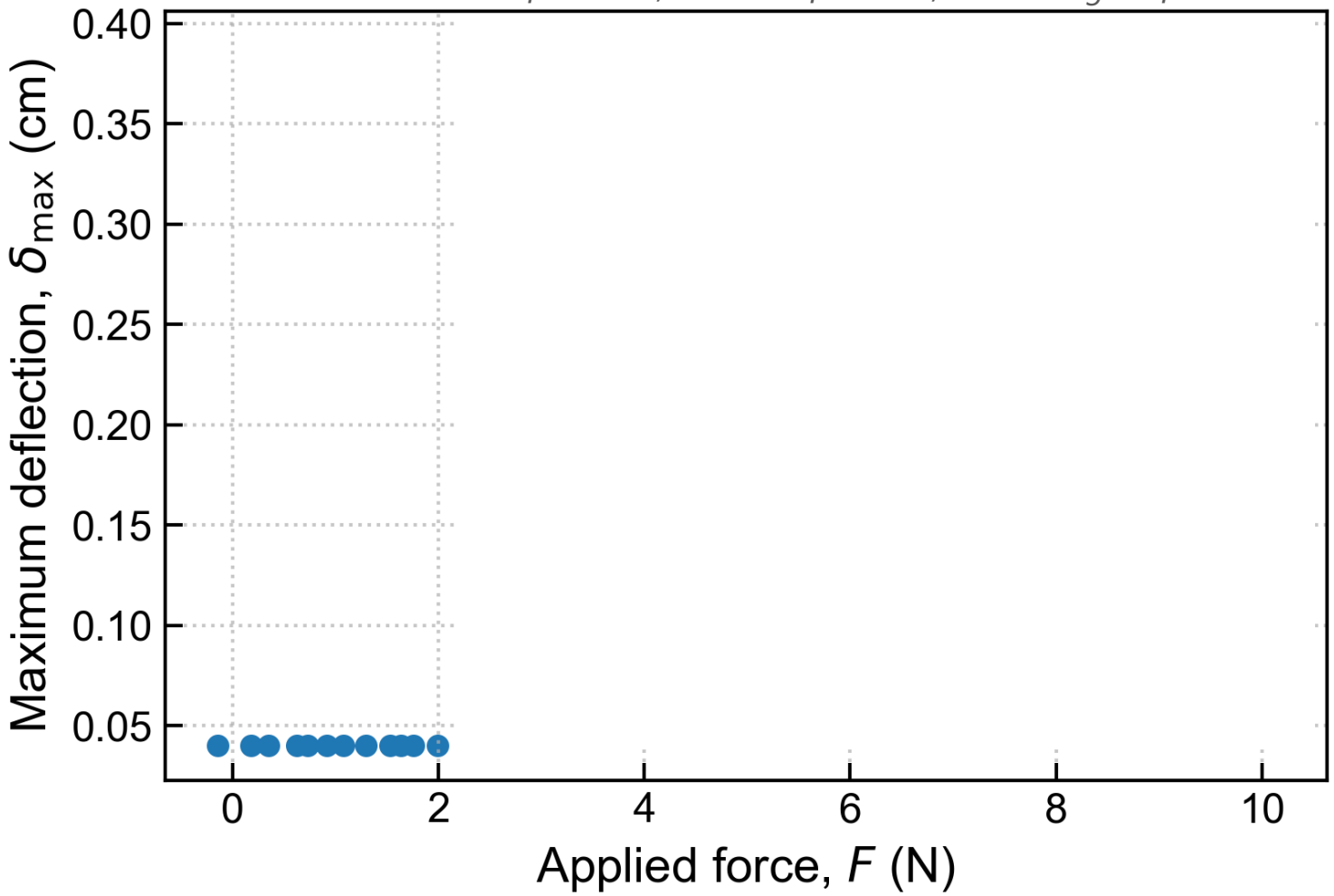

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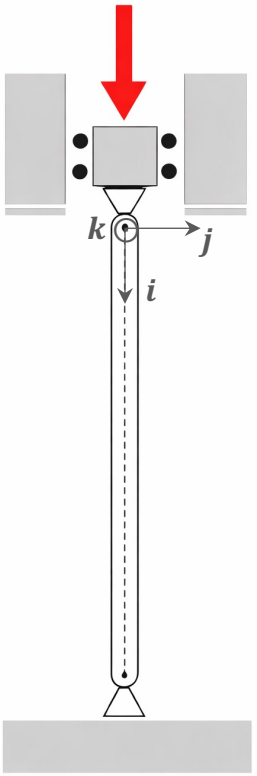

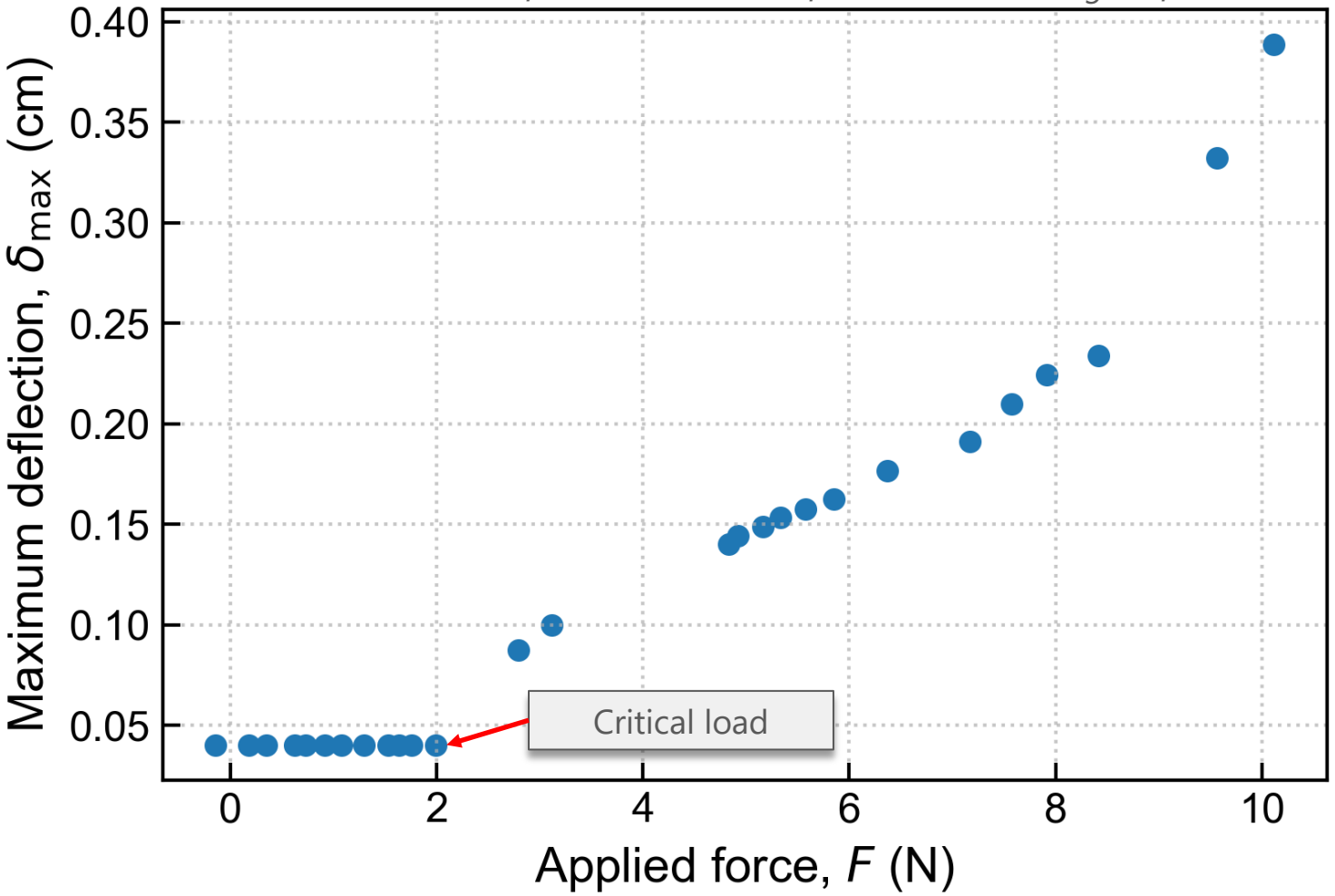

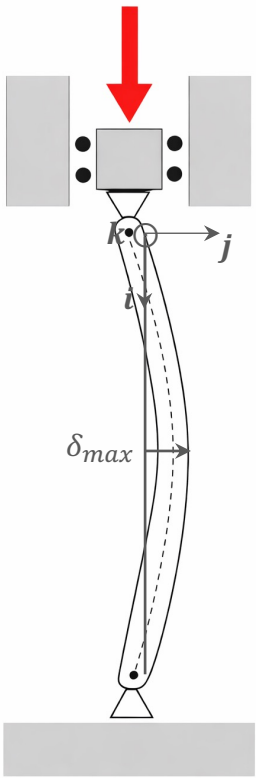

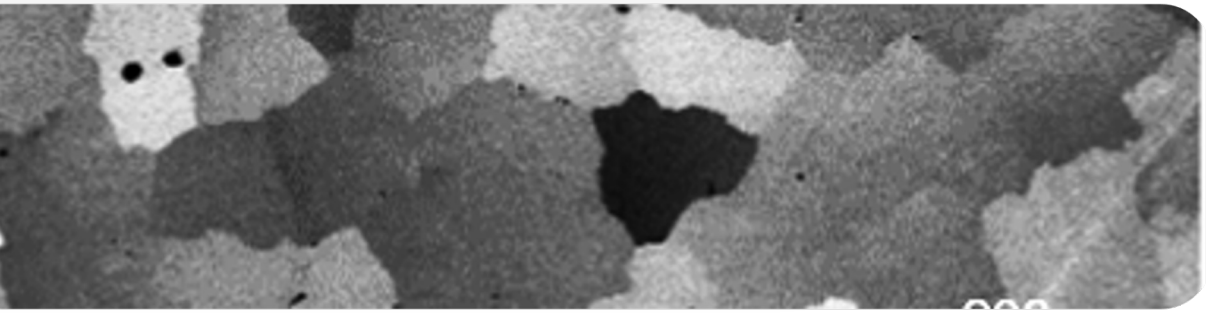

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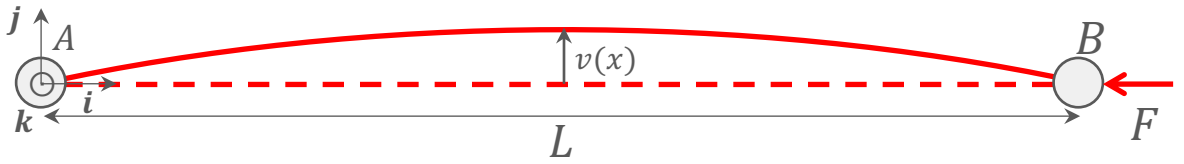

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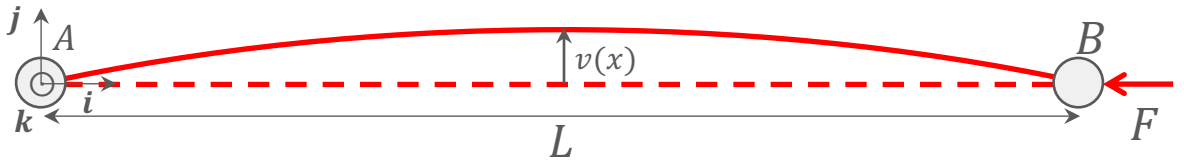

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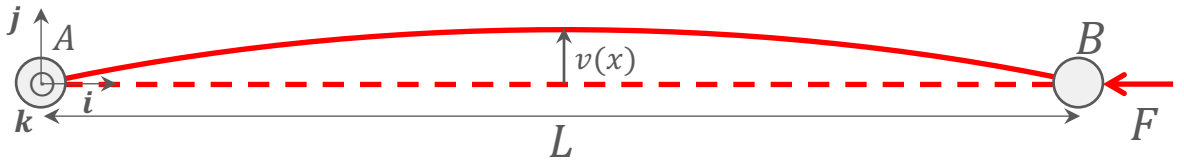

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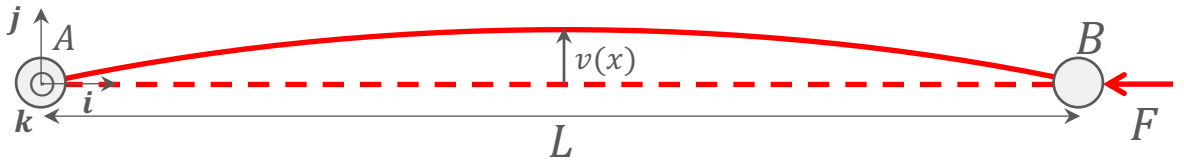

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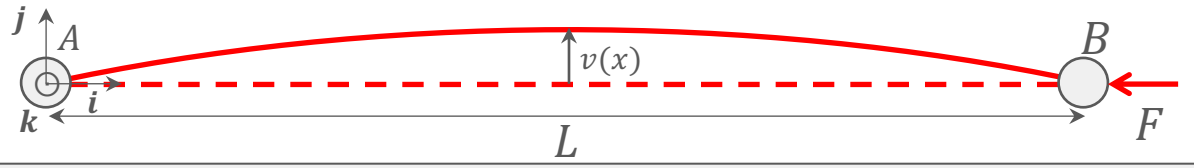

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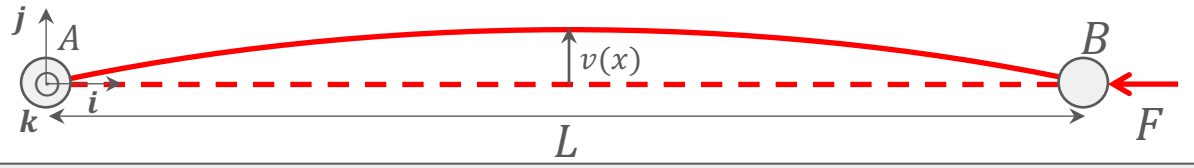

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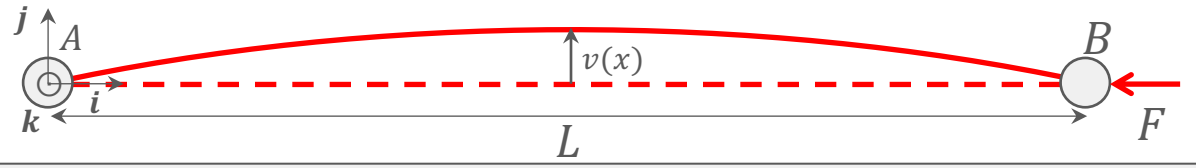

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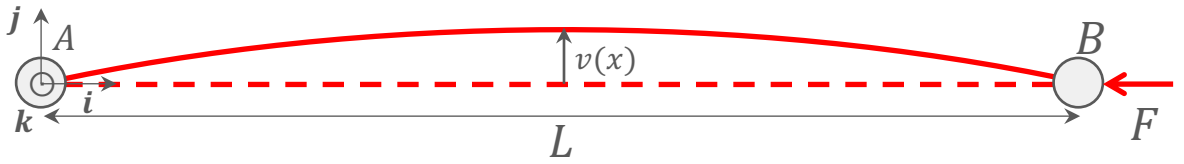

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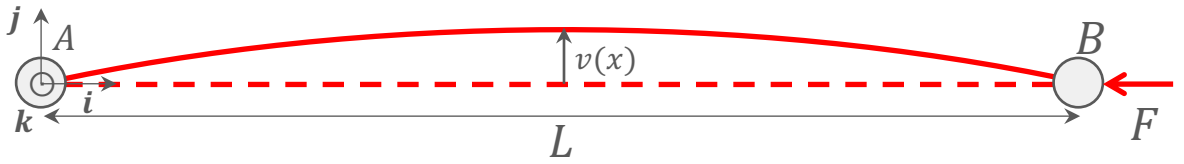

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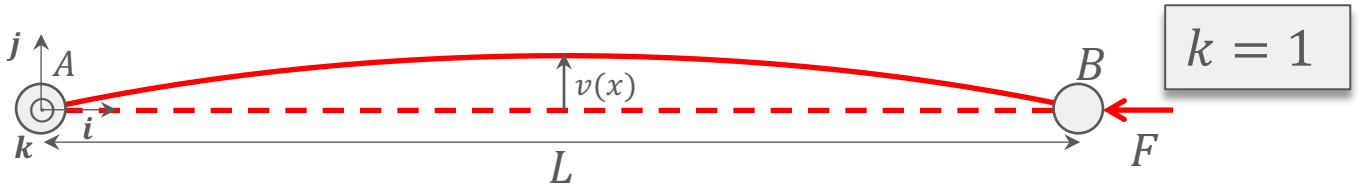

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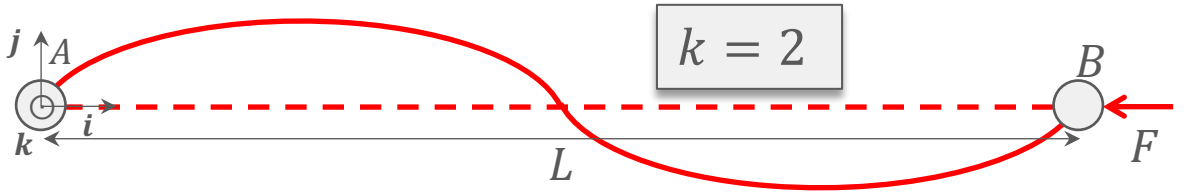

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