

AE4536: Buckling of structures

Discrete Nonlinear Precritical Equilibrium with
Snap-Through

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Problem definition

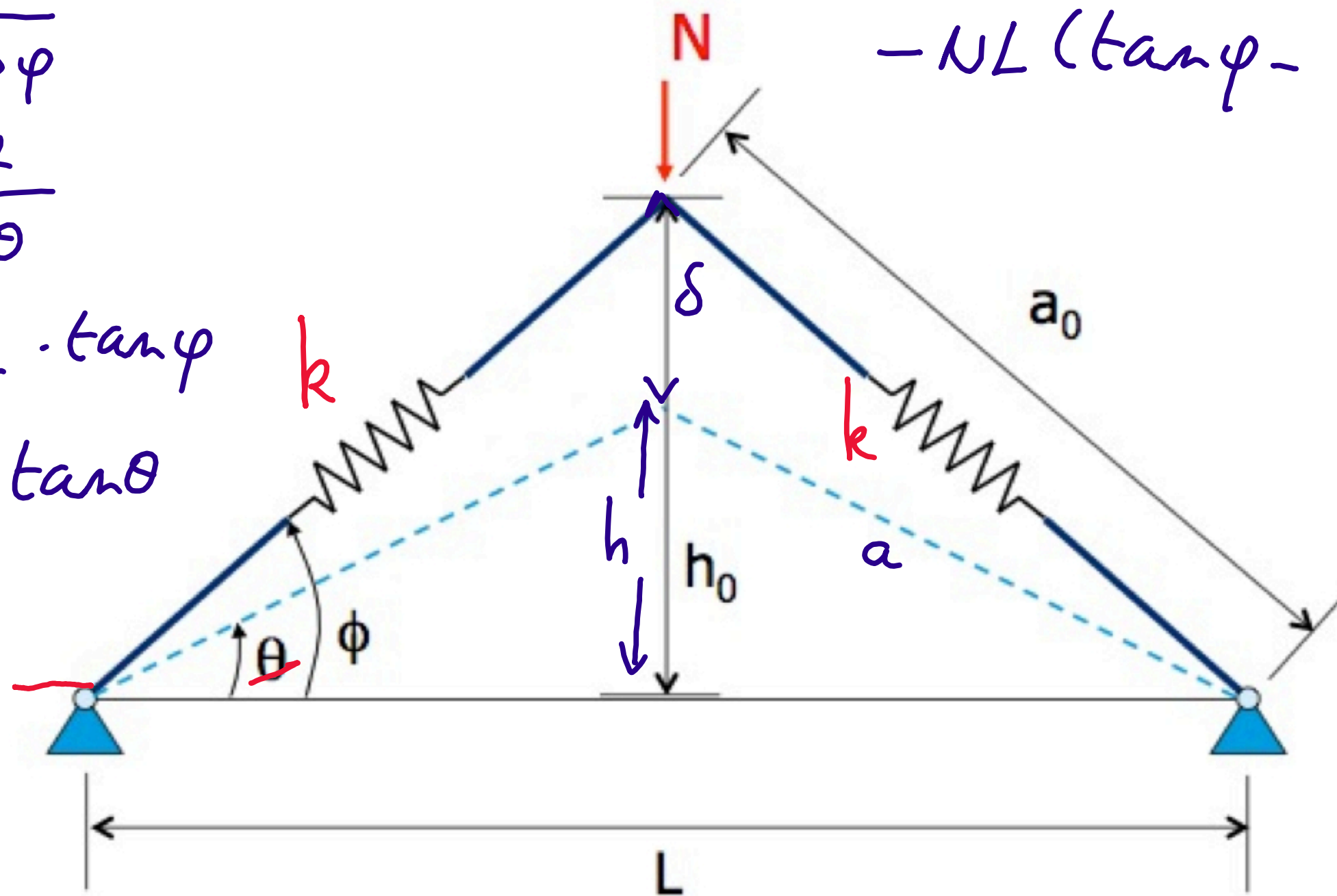
$$a_0 = \frac{L/2}{\cos \varphi}$$

$$a = \frac{L/2}{\cos \theta}$$

$$h_0 = L/2 \cdot \tan \varphi$$

$$h = L/2 \cdot \tan \theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}(\theta) &= \frac{1}{2} k (a_0 - a)^2 - N(h_0 - h) \\ &= k \frac{L^2}{4} \left(\frac{1}{\cos \varphi} - \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \right)^2 \\ &\quad - NL (\tan \varphi - \tan \theta) \end{aligned}$$



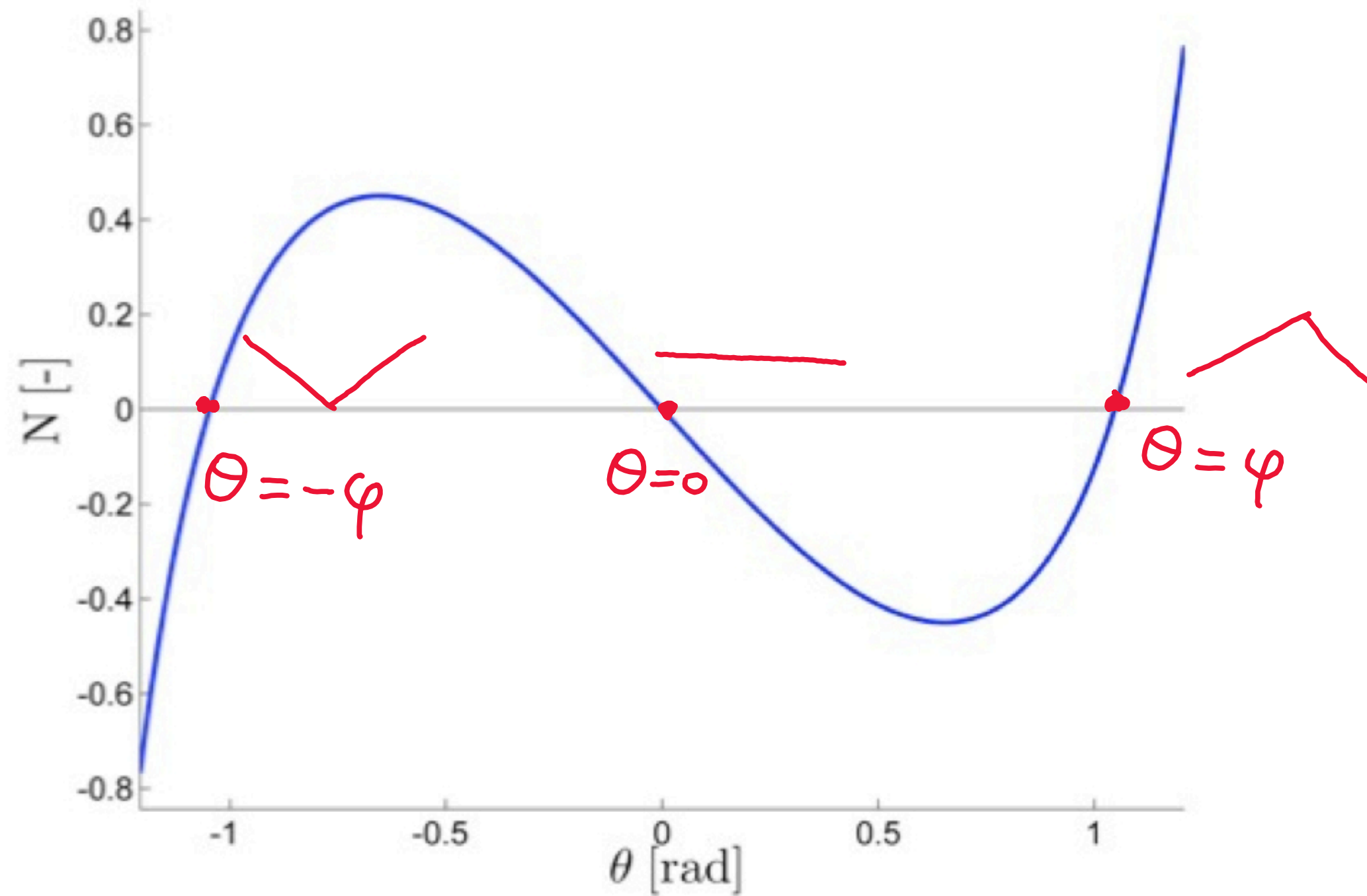
Equilibrium

$$P(\theta_0 + \underbrace{\delta\theta}_{\varepsilon\theta}) = \underbrace{\frac{dP}{d\theta}\bigg|_{\theta_0}}_{=0} \delta\theta + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{d^2P}{d\theta^2}\bigg|_{\theta_0} \delta\theta^2 + \text{h.o.t.} = 0 = \delta P$$

$$\frac{dP}{d\theta}\bigg|_{\theta_0} = \frac{kL^2}{4} \cdot 2 \left(\frac{1}{\cos\varphi} - \frac{1}{\cos\theta_0} \right) \left(-\frac{0 - -\sin\theta_0}{\cos^2\theta_0} \right) + \frac{NL}{2} \frac{1}{\cos^2\theta_0} = 0$$

$$N = kL \sin\theta_0 \left(\frac{1}{\cos\varphi} - \frac{1}{\cos\theta_0} \right)$$

Equilibrium path



Stability of equilibrium

$$P(\theta_0 + \theta_1) = \cancel{\frac{dP}{d\theta}} \Big|_{\theta_0} \theta_1 + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{d^2P}{d\theta^2} \Big|_{\theta_0} \theta_1^2 + \frac{1}{3!} \frac{d^3P}{d\theta^3} \Big|_{\theta_0} \theta_1^3 + \text{h.o.t.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2P}{d\theta^2} \Big|_{\theta_0} &= -\frac{kL^2}{2} \frac{1}{\cos \varphi} \cdot \frac{\cos^3 \theta_0 + 2 \cos \theta_0 \sin^2 \theta_0}{\cos^4 \theta_0} \\ &+ \frac{kL^2}{2} \cdot \frac{\cos^4 \theta_0 + 3 \cos^2 \theta_0 \sin^2 \theta_0}{\cos^6 \theta_0} \\ &+ \frac{NL}{2} \frac{2 \cos \theta_0 \sin \theta_0}{\cos^4 \theta_0} \end{aligned}$$

Stability of equilibrium

$$= kL^2 \left[\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta_0} (1 + 3 \tan^2 \theta_0) - \frac{1}{\cos \theta_0 \cos \varphi} (1 + 2 \tan^2 \theta_0) \right] + NL \frac{\tan \theta_0}{\cos^2 \theta_0}$$

eliminate φ $\rightarrow \frac{d^2 p}{d\theta^2} \Big|_{\theta_0} = kL^2 \frac{1}{\sin 2\theta_0} \left(\tan^3 \theta_0 - \frac{N}{kL} \right)$

> 0 < 0

$$N < kL \tan^3 \theta_0$$

stable

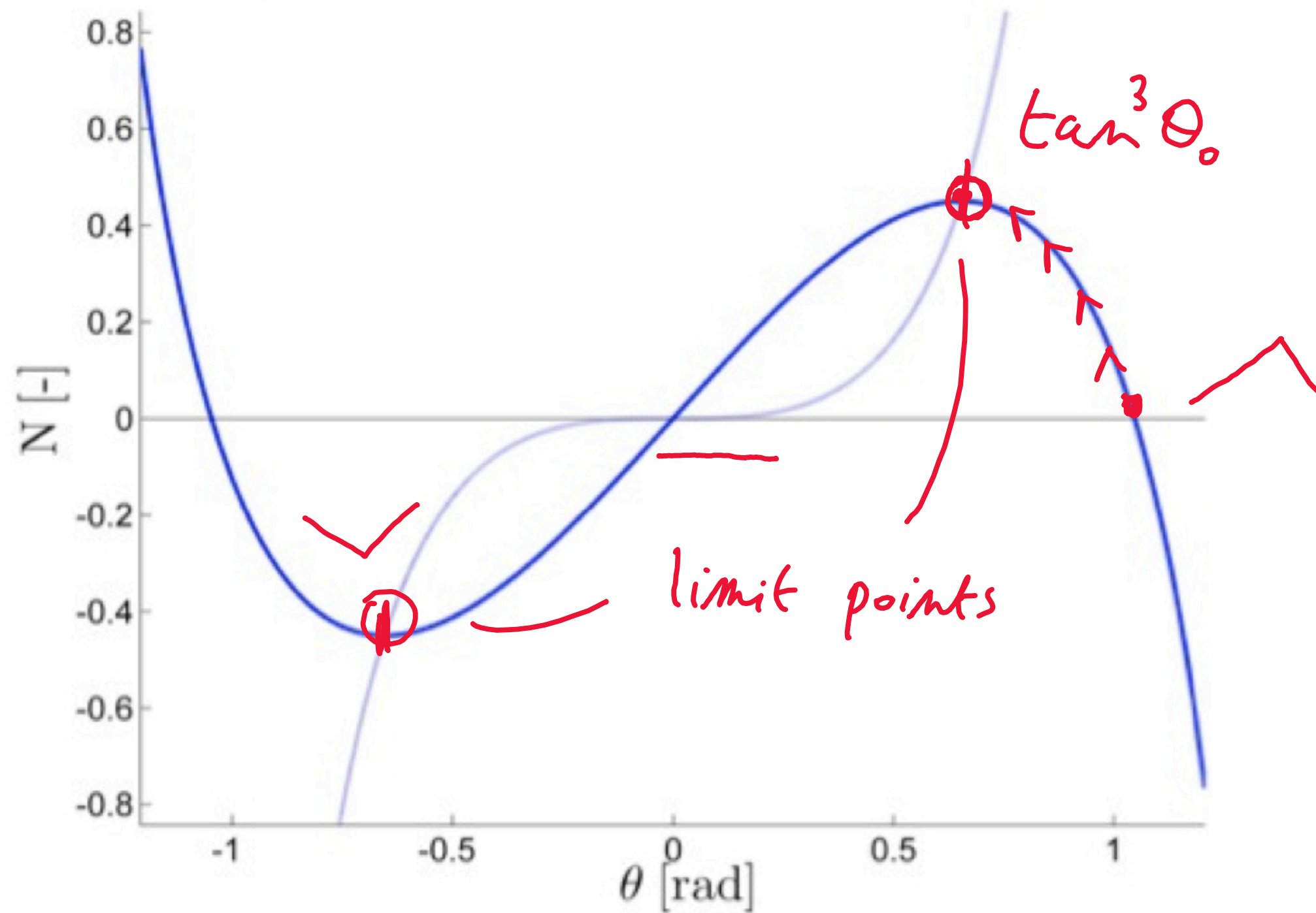
$$N > kL \tan^3 \theta_0$$

unstable

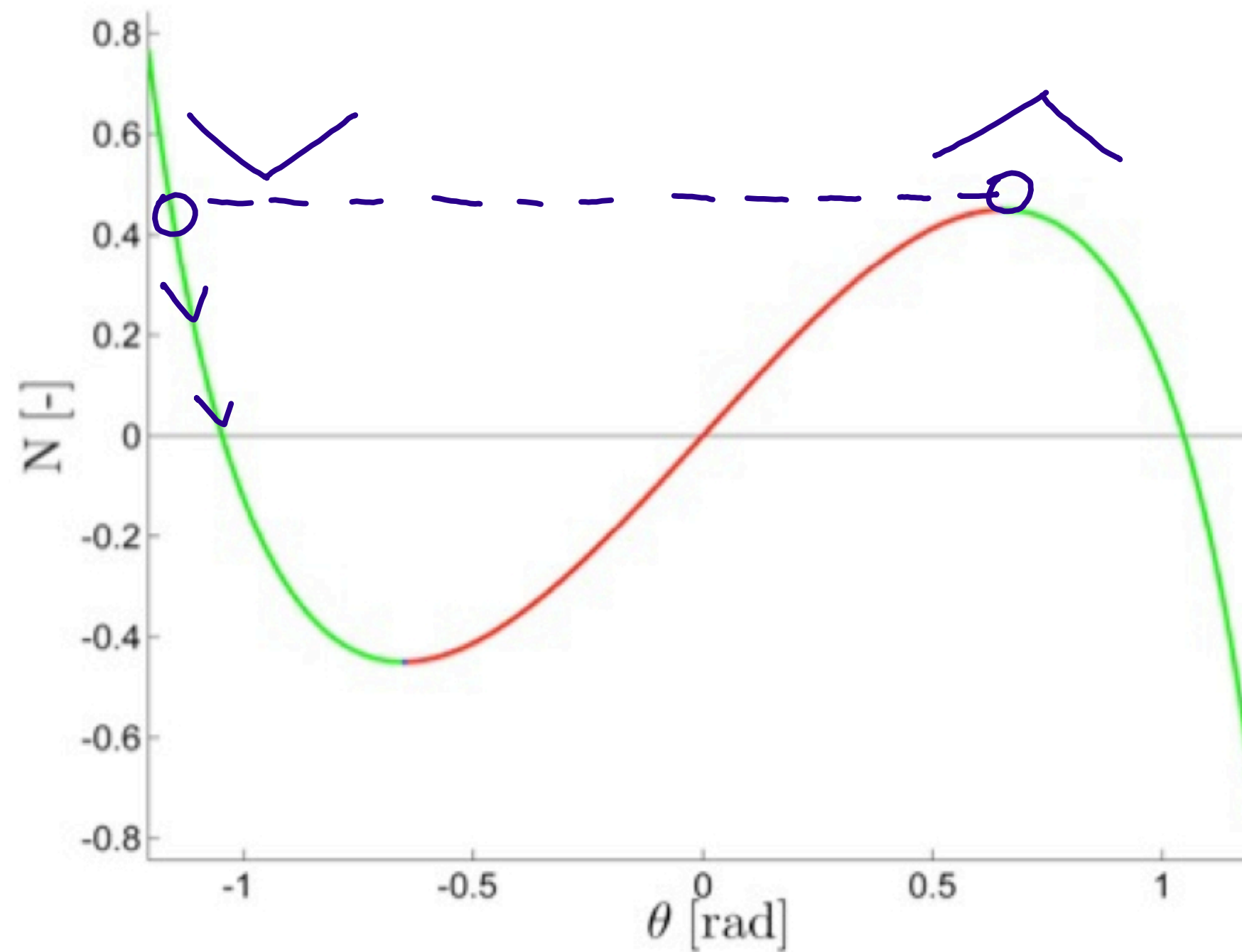
$$N = kL \tan^3 \theta_0$$

critical

Stability of equilibrium




Stability of equilibrium



Stability of critical points

$$\left. \frac{d^3 P}{d\theta^3} \right|_{\theta_0} = 3 \frac{\tan \theta_0}{\cos^4 \theta_0} \neq 0 \quad \text{unstable}$$



Summary

- Equilibrium and stability analysis of a single degree-of-freedom structure with nonlinear precritical equilibrium path
- The snap-through phenomenon was introduced
- It was shown that in case of snap-through, the limit point is unstable