

# CHAPTER 2

# STRUTS AND COLUMNS

# Chapter Outline

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# **EULER CRIPPLING LOAD FORMULA**

# Definition of Strut

- ❑ A structural member, subjected to an axial compressive force, is called a strut.
- ❑ A strut may be
  - horizontal,
  - inclined or
  - even vertical.
- ❑ A vertical strut, used in buildings or frames is called a *column*.
- ❑ A strut is subjected to some compressive force, then the compressive stress induced,

$$\sigma = \frac{p}{A}$$

# Euler's Formula

## **Assumptions in the Euler's Column Theory**

The following simplifying assumptions are made in the Euler's column theory:

- ❑ Initially the column is perfectly straight and the load applied is truly axial.
- ❑ The cross-section of the column is uniform throughout its length.
- ❑ The column material is perfectly elastic, homogeneous and isotropic and thus obeys Hooke's law.
- ❑ The length of column is very large as compared to its cross-sectional dimensions.
- ❑ The shortening of column, due to direct compression (being very small) is neglected.
- ❑ The failure of column occurs due to buckling alone.

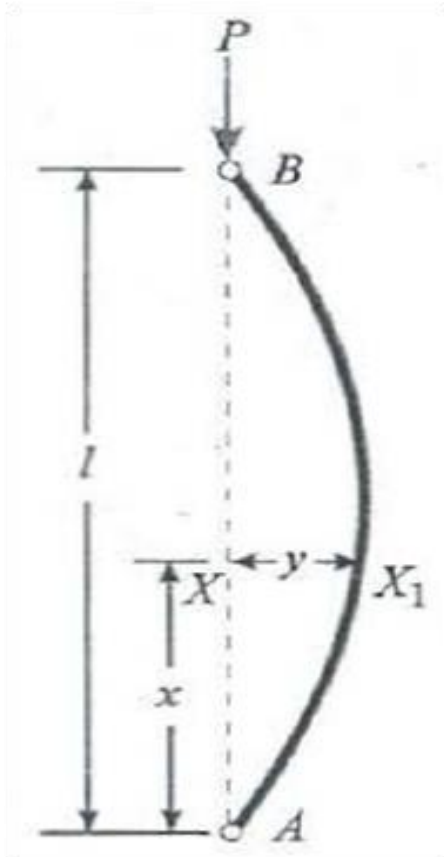
# Euler's Formula

## **Types of End Conditions of Columns**

- ❑ In actual practice, there are a number of end conditions, for columns.
- ❑ But, we shall study the Euler's column theory based on the following four types of end conditions:
  1. Both ends hinged
  2. Both ends fixed
  3. One end is fixed and the other hinged, and
  4. One end is fixed and the other free.
- ❑ Now we shall discuss the value of critical load for all the above mentioned types of end conditions one after the other.

# Euler's Formula

## Case 1: Both Ends Hinged



Now consider any section  $X-X_1$ , at a distance  $x$  from A. Let  $P$  denote the critical load on the column, and  $y$ , the deflection of the column at section  $X-X_1$

Moment due to the critical load  $P$  is given by

$$M = -Py$$

Differential Equation  
where

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \alpha^2 y = 0$$

$$\alpha^2 = P/EI$$



# Euler's Formula

Solution  $y = A \sin \alpha x + B \cos \alpha x$

Boundary Conditions

At  $x = 0$ ;  $y = 0$ ;  $\therefore B = 0$

At  $x = l$ ;  $y = 0$ ;  $\therefore A \sin \alpha l = 0$

Since  $A \neq 0$ , then  $\sin \alpha l = 0$ , therefore  $\alpha l = \pi$

$$\alpha^2 = \pi^2 / l^2 = P / EI$$

Hence, the Euler load  $P_e = \pi^2 EI / l^2$

## Example 2.1

A straight bar of alloy, 1 m long and 12.5 mm by 4.8 mm in section, is mounted in a strut-testing machine and loaded axially until it buckles. Assuming the Euler formula to apply, estimate the maximum central deflection before the material attains its yield point of 280 N/mm<sup>2</sup>.  $E = 72,000 \text{ N/mm}^2$ .

### Solution

There will be no deflection at all until the Euler load is reached, i.e.

$$load = \left(\frac{\pi}{l}\right)^2 EI = \left(\frac{\pi}{1000}\right)(72000) \left[\frac{(12.5)(4.8^3)}{12}\right] = 82N$$

Maximum bending moment

$$P\delta = 82\delta$$

Maximum bending stress

$$\sigma_m = \frac{My}{I_x}$$

Maximum stress is the sum of direct and bending stresses at the centre

$$280 = \frac{82}{(12.5)(4.8)} + \frac{82\delta(6)}{(12.5)(4.8^2)} = 1.37 + 1.71\delta$$
$$\Rightarrow \delta = 163mm$$

## Example 2.2

A steel rod 5 m long and of 40 mm diameter is used as a column, with one end fixed and the other free. Determine the crippling load by Euler's formula. Take E as 200 GPa

### Solution

Given : Length ( $l$ ) = 5 m =  $5 \times 10^3$  mm; Diameter of column ( $d$ ) = 40 mm and modulus of elasticity ( $E$ ) = 200 GPa =  $200 \times 10^3$  N/mm<sup>2</sup>

Moment of inertia of the column section  $I = \frac{\pi}{64} d^4 = \frac{\pi}{64} (40)^4 = 40,000\pi \text{ mm}^4$

Euler's crippling load  $P_E = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{4l^2} = \frac{\pi^2 (200 \times 10^3) (40000\pi)}{4 \times (5000)^2} = 2480 \text{ N}$

## Example 2.3

A hollow alloy tube 4 m long with external and internal diameters of 40 mm and 25 mm respectively was found to extend 4.8 mm under a tensile load of 60 kN. Find the buckling load for the tube with both ends pinned. Also find the safe load on the tube, taking a factor of safety as 5.

### Solution

Given: Length  $l = 4$  m ; External diameter of column (D) = 40 mm; Internal diameter of column ( $d$ ) = 25 mm ; Extension ( $\delta l$ ) = 4.8 mm ; Tensile load = 60 kN =  $60 \times 10^3$  N and factor of safety = 5.

Area of the tube 
$$A = \frac{\pi}{4} (D^2 - d^2) = \frac{\pi}{4} (40^2 - 25^2) = 765.8 \text{ mm}^2$$

Moment of inertia of the tube 
$$I = \frac{\pi}{64} (D^4 - d^4) = \frac{\pi}{64} (40^4 - 25^4) = 106,500 \text{ mm}^4$$

## Example 2.3 (continued)

Strain in the alloy tube  $\varepsilon = \frac{\delta l}{l} = \frac{4.8}{4000} = 0.0012$

The modulus of elasticity for the alloy  $E = \frac{P}{A\varepsilon} = \frac{60000}{(765.8)(0.0012)} = 65,290 \text{ N/mm}^2$

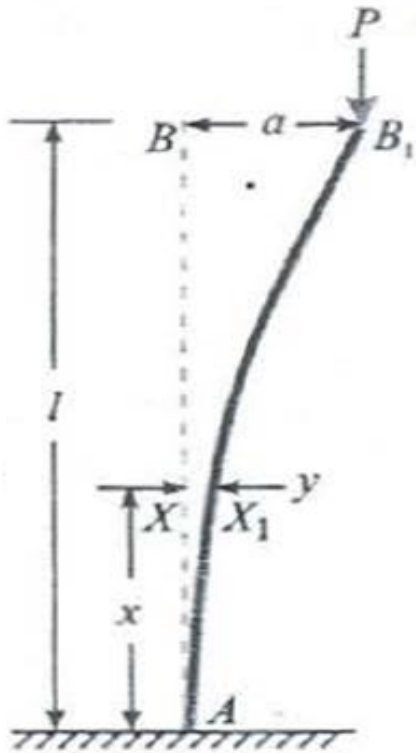
Euler's buckling load  $P_E = \pi^2 EI / L_e^2 = \frac{\pi^2 (65290)(106500)}{(4000)^2} = 4290 \text{ N}$

Safe load for the tube

$$\text{Safe load} = \frac{\text{Buckling load}}{\text{Factor of safety}} = \frac{4290 \text{ N}}{5} = 858 \text{ N}$$

# Euler's Formula

## Case 2: One End Fixed; Other Free



Now consider any section  $X$ , at a distance  $x$  from  $A$ .

Let  $P$  be the critical load on the column, and  $y$  the deflection of the column at  $X-X_1$

Moment due to the critical load  $P$ ,

Differential Equation  $M = P(a - y) = -P(y - a)$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \alpha^2 y = \alpha^2 a$$

# Euler's Formula

Solution  $y = A \sin \alpha x + B \cos \alpha x + a$

Boundary Condition

$$x = 0; \quad y = 0; \quad B + a = 0 \Rightarrow B = -a$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = A\alpha \cos \alpha x - B\alpha \sin \alpha x$$

$$x = 0; \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 0; \quad \therefore A\alpha = 0$$

$$\alpha \neq 0; \quad A = 0$$

Therefore

$$y = -a \cos \alpha x + a$$

Boundary Condition

$$x = l; \quad y = a$$

$$\therefore a = a - a \cos \alpha l$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 1 - \cos \alpha l$$

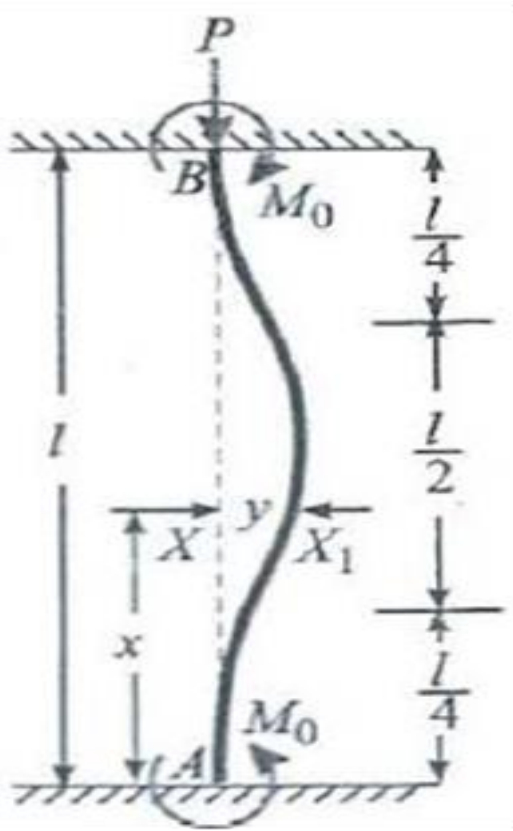
$$\therefore \alpha l = \pi/2$$

Hence, the Euler load

$$P_e = \pi^2 EI / 4l^2$$

# Euler's Formula

## Case 3: Both Ends Fixed



Moment due to the critical load  $P$

$$M = -Py + M_0$$

Differential Equation

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \alpha^2 y = M_0 / (EI)$$



# Euler's Formula

Solution

$$y = A \sin \alpha x + B \cos \alpha x + M_0 / EI \alpha^2$$

Boundary Condition

$$x = 0; \quad y = 0;$$

$$\therefore B = -M_0 / EI \alpha^2 = -M_0 / P$$

$$x = 0; \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 0; \quad \therefore A \alpha = 0$$

$$\alpha \neq 0; \quad A = 0$$

$$\text{Therefore } y = \left( \frac{M_0}{P} \right) (1 - \cos \alpha x)$$

Boundary Condition

$$x = l; \quad y = 0; \quad \therefore \cos \alpha l = 1$$

$$\alpha l = 2\pi$$

Hence, the Euler load

$$P_e = 4\pi^2 EI / l^2$$

# Euler's Formula

## Case 4: One End Fixed; Other Hinged

Now consider any section  $X-X_1$ , at a distance  $x$  from  $A$ .

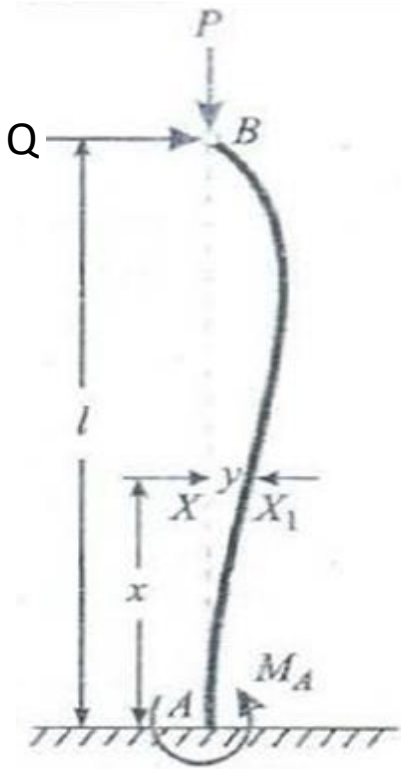
Let  $P$  denote the axial load on the column

$Q$  the lateral force required hold end  $B$  in position, and  
 $y$  the deflection of the column at section  $X-X_1$

Moment due to the critical load  $P$ ,  $M = -Py + Q(l - x)$

Differential Equation  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \alpha^2 y = \frac{Q}{EI}(l - x)$

Solution  $\therefore y = A \sin \alpha x + B \cos \alpha x + \frac{Q}{P}(l - x)$



# Euler's Formula

Boundary Condition  $x = 0; \quad y = 0; \quad \therefore B = -\frac{Ql}{P}$

Therefore  $x = l; \quad y = 0; \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \quad \therefore \tan \alpha l = \alpha l = 4.493$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = 4.493/l$$

$$\alpha^2 = \frac{P}{EI} \Rightarrow P = \alpha^2 EI = \frac{2.047\pi^2 EI}{L^2}$$

Hence, the Euler load  $P_e = \frac{2.07\pi^2 EI}{l^2}$

# Euler's Formula

## Euler's Formula and Equivalent length of a Column

General equation for Euler's formula

$$P_E = \pi^2 EI / L_e^2$$

where  $L_e$  is the equivalent or effective length of column.

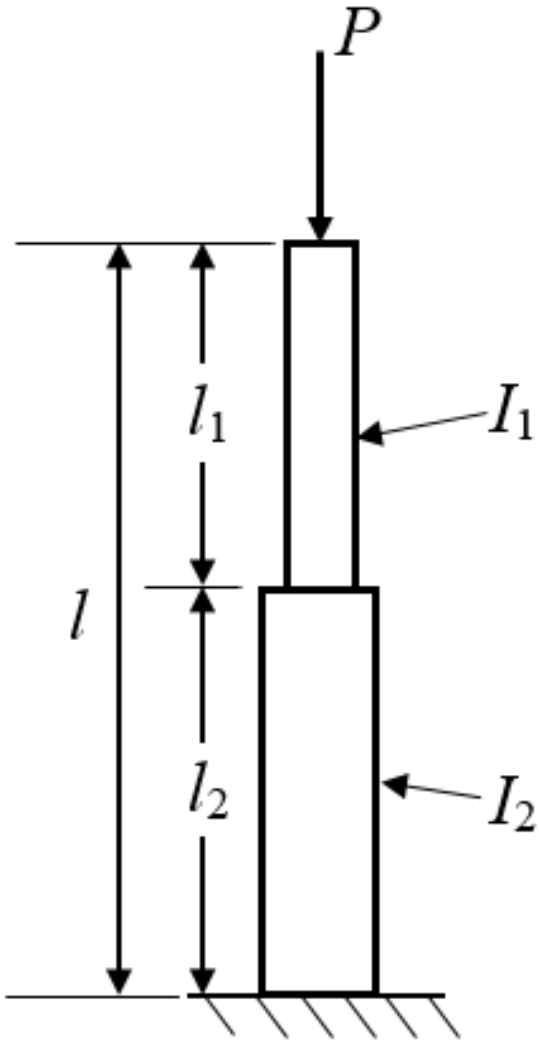
Table 1: The equivalent lengths ( $L_e$ ) for the given end conditions

S.No.	End conditions	Relation between equivalent length ( $L_e$ ) and actual length ( $l$ )	Crippling load ( $P$ )
1.	Both ends hinged	$L_e = l$	$P = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{(l)^2} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{l^2}$
2.	One end fixed and the other free	$L_e = 2l$	$P = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{(2l)^2} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{4l^2}$
3.	Both ends fixed	$L_e = \frac{l}{2}$	$P = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{\left(\frac{l}{2}\right)^2} = \frac{4\pi^2 EI}{l^2}$
4.	One end fixed and the other hinged	$L_e = \frac{l}{\sqrt{2}}$	$P = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{\left(\frac{l}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2} = \frac{2\pi^2 EI}{l^2}$

# Sample Problems on Euler's Formula

1. A solid rectangular bar 60 mm by 45 mm is used as a strut. Determine the Euler crippling load for the following end conditions. Take  $E = 200$  GPa.
  - (a) Both ends of the strut are hinged
  - (b) One end fixed and the other end is free
  - (c) One end is fixed and the end is hinged
  - (d) Both ends of the strut are fixed
2. A simply supported beam of length 5 m is subjected to a central point load of magnitude 200 kN. Under the action of the load, the beam experiences a deflection of 20 mm at the center. Determine the Euler crippling load when the beam is used as a column with one end fixed and the other end hinged.
3. A steel bar of rectangular cross section 25 mm by 50 mm with hinged ends is axially compressed. Determine the minimum length at which the Euler crippling formula applies if  $E = 200$  GPa. Also, determine the magnitude of the critical stress if the length of the bar is 6m.

# Further Examples on Euler's Formula



4. The compound column fixed at one end and free at the other consists of two prismatic bars with moments of inertia  $I_1$  and  $I_2$ . Show that

$$\alpha_2 \tan \alpha_1 l_1 = \alpha_1 \cot \alpha_2 l_2$$

where  $\alpha_1^2 = P/(EI_1)$  and  $\alpha_2^2 = P/(EI_2)$

# Euler's Formula

## Slenderness Ratio

Euler's formula for the crippling load

$$P_E = \pi^2 EI / L_e^2 \dots (i)$$

Let  $I = Ak^2$

$$P_E = \pi^2 E(Ak^2) / L_e^2 = \pi^2 EA / (L_e / k)^2$$

Slenderness Ratio

$$L_e / k$$

# Euler's Formula

## Limitation of Euler's Formula

➤ Euler's formula for the crippling load  $P_E = \pi^2 EA / (L_e/k)^2$

➤ Euler's crippling stress

$$\sigma_E = \frac{P}{A} = \pi^2 E / (L_e/k)^2$$

➤ Now let us consider a mild steel column having a crushing stress of 320 MPa or 320 N/mm<sup>2</sup> and Young's modulus of 200 GPa or 200 x 10<sup>3</sup> N/mm<sup>2</sup>.

➤ Thus, if the slenderness ratio is less than 80 the Euler's formula is not valid for a mild steel column

$$320 = \pi^2 E / (L_e/k)^2 = \pi^2 (200 \times 10^3) / (L_e/k)^2 \Rightarrow \frac{L_e}{k} = 78.5 \approx 80$$



# **EMPIRICAL METHODS**

# Empirical Formulae for Columns

In this session, we shall study the other methods used to derive the critical load of a strut:

- ❑ Case 1: Rankine formula
- ❑ Case 2: Perry-Robertson formula
- ❑ Case 3: Johnson's formula

# Case 1: Rankine Formula

For very long struts the failure will occur through buckling as in Euler load

$$P_e = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L_e^2}$$

For a very short columns failure is by crushing (or yielding)

$$P_c = A.\sigma_c = \text{area} \times \text{crushing stress}$$

Rankine load for the failure of any length of strut

$$\frac{1}{P_R} = \frac{1}{P_c} + \frac{1}{P_e}$$

For a very short column,  $P_e$  is large

$$\frac{1}{P_e} \approx \text{small}$$

$$\frac{1}{P_R} \cong \frac{1}{P_c} \quad \therefore P_R \cong P_c$$

For a very long column  $P_e$  is small

$$\frac{1}{P_e} \approx \text{large}$$

$$\frac{1}{P_R} \cong \frac{1}{P_e} \quad \therefore P_R \cong P_e$$

# Case 1: Rankine Formula

Rewriting 
$$\frac{1}{P_R} = \frac{1}{P_c} + \frac{1}{P_e} = \frac{P_e + P_c}{P_c P_e}$$

Thus 
$$P_R = \frac{P_c P_e}{P_e + P_c} = \frac{P_c}{1 + P_c / P_e} = \frac{A \sigma_c}{1 + a(L_e / k)^2}$$

Where

- $P_c$       Crushing load of the column material
- $\sigma_c$       Crushing stress of the column material
- $A$           Cross-sectional area of the column
- $a$           Rankine's constant
- $L_e$         Equivalent length of the column, and
- $K$           Least radius of gyration

## Case 2: Rankine Formula

The following table gives the values of crushing stress ( $\sigma_c$ ) and Rankine's constant ( $a$ ) for various materials:

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>Material</i>	$\sigma_c$ in MPa	$a = \frac{\sigma_c}{\pi^2 E}$
1.	Mild Steel	320	$\frac{1}{7500}$
2.	Cast Iron	550	$\frac{1}{1600}$
3.	Wrought Iron	250	$\frac{1}{9000}$
4.	Timber	40	$\frac{1}{750}$

**Note :** The above values are only for a column with both ends hinged. For other end conditions, the equivalent length should be used.

## Example 2.4

Find the Euler's crippling load for a hollow cylindrical steel column of 38 mm external diameter and 2.5 mm thick. Take length of the column as 2.3 m and hinged at its both ends. Take  $E = 205$  GPa. Also determine crippling load by Rankine's formula using constants as 335 MPa and  $1/7500$

### Solution

Give: External diameter ( $D$ ) = 38 mm; Thickness = 2.5 mm or inner diameter ( $d$ ) =  $38 - (2 \times 2.5) = 33$  mm ; Length of the column ( $l$ ) = 2.3 m =  $2.3 \times 10^3$  mm; Yield stress ( $\sigma_c$ ) = 335 MPa = 335 N/mm<sup>2</sup> and Rankine's constant ( $a$ ) =  $1/7500$

For both ends hinged, effective length of the column,  $Le = l = 2.3 \times 10^3$  mm

Moment of inertia of the column section

$$I_{xx} = \frac{\pi}{64} (D^4 - d^4) = \frac{\pi}{64} [(38)^4 - (33)^4] = 14.05 \times 10^3 \pi \text{ mm}^4$$

## Example 2.4 (continued)

Area of the column section

$$A = \frac{\pi}{4} (D^2 - d^2) = \frac{\pi}{4} [(38)^2 - (33)^2] = 88.75\pi \text{ mm}^2$$

The least radius of gyration

$$k = \sqrt{\frac{I}{A}} = \sqrt{\frac{14.05 \times 10^3 \pi}{88.75\pi}} = 12.6 \text{ mm}$$

Euler's crippling load

$$P_E = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L_e^2} = \frac{\pi^2 (205 \times 10^3) (14.05 \times 10^3 \pi)}{(2300)^2} = 16,880 \text{ N}$$

*Rankine's crippling load*

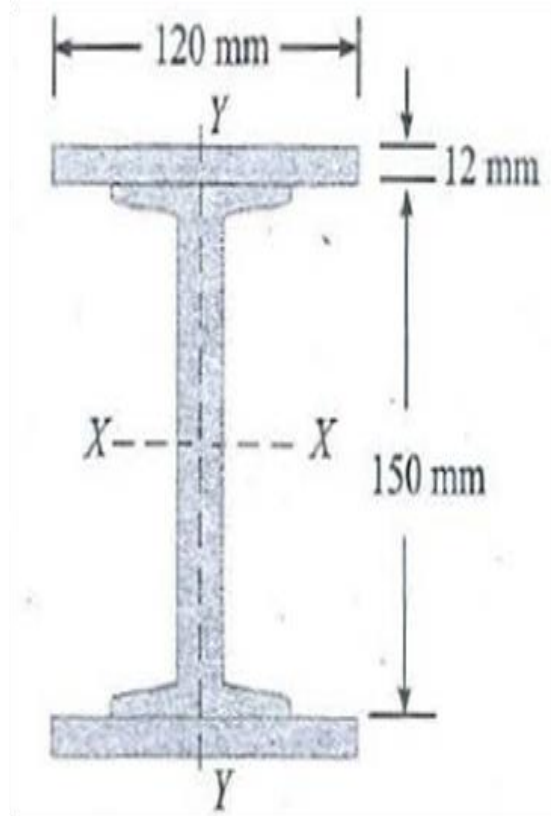
$$P_R = \frac{A \sigma_c}{1 + a(L_e/k)^2} = \frac{(88.75\pi)(335)}{1 + \left(\frac{1}{7500}\right)\left(\frac{2300}{12.6}\right)^2} = 17,160 \text{ N}$$

## Example 2.5

Fig. 27 shows a built-up column consisting of 150 mm x 100 mm R. S. J. with 120 mm x 12 mm plate riveted to each flange. Calculate the safe load, the column can carry, if it is 4 m long having one end fixed and the other hinged with a factor of safety 3.5. Take the properties of the joist as Area = 2167 mm<sup>2</sup>,  $I_{XX} = 8.391 \times 10^6$  mm<sup>4</sup>,  $I_{YY} = 0.948 \times 10^6$  mm<sup>4</sup>. Assume the yield stress as 315 MPa and Rankine's constant ( $a$ ) = 1/7500

### Solution

Given: Length of the column ( $l$ ) = 4 m =  $4 \times 10^3$  mm; Factor of safety = 3.5; Yield stress ( $\sigma_c$ ) = 315 MPa = 315 N/mm<sup>2</sup>; Area of joist = 2167 mm<sup>2</sup>; Moment of inertia, about X-X axis ( $I_{XX}$ ) =  $8.391 \times 10^6$  mm<sup>4</sup>; Moment of inertia about Y-Y axis ( $I_{YY}$ ) =  $0.948 \times 10^6$  mm<sup>4</sup> and Rankine's constant ( $a$ ) = 1/7500





## Example 2.5 (continued)

Area of the column section,  $A = 2167 + (2 \times 120 \times 12) = 5047 \text{ mm}^2$

Moment of inertia of the column section

$$I_{xx} = (83.91 \times 10^6) + 2 \left[ \frac{(120)(12)^3}{12} - (120)(12)(81)^2 \right] = 27.32 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

$$I_{yy} = (0.948 \times 10^6) + 2 \left[ \frac{(12)(120)^3}{12} \right] = 4.404 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

The least radius of gyration

$$k = \sqrt{\frac{I}{A}} = \sqrt{\frac{4.404 \times 10^6}{5047}} = 29.5 \text{ mm}$$

The least of two,  $I_{yy} = 4.404 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$

Rankine's crippling load

For fixed at one end and hinged at the other,

$$L_e = \frac{l}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{4000}{\sqrt{2}} = 2.83 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}$$

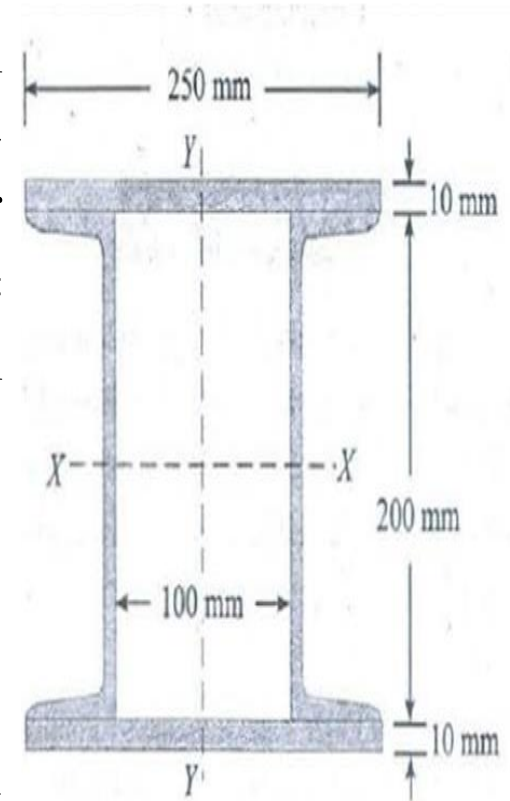
$$P_R = \frac{A \sigma_c}{1 + a(L_e/k)^2} = \frac{(5047)(315)}{1 + \left( \frac{1}{7500} \right) \left( \frac{2830}{29.5} \right)^2} = 714 \text{ kN}$$

## Example 2.6

A column is made up of two channels. ISJC 200 and two 250 mm x 10 mm flange plates as shown in Fig.28. Determine by Rankine's formula the safe load, the column of 6 m length, with both ends fixed, can carry with a factor of safety 4. The properties of one channel are Area = 1777 mm<sup>2</sup>,  $I_{XX} = 11.612 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$  and  $I_{YY} = 0.842 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ . Distance of centroid from back to web = 19.7 mm. Take  $(\sigma_c) = 320 \text{ MPa}$  and  $(a) = 1/7500$

### Solution

Given : Length of the column ( $l$ ) = 6 m =  $6 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}$  ; Factor of safety = 4 ; Area of channel = 1777 mm<sup>2</sup>; Moment of inertia about X-X axis ( $I_{XX}$ ) =  $11.612 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ ; Moment of inertia about Y-Y axis ( $I_{YY}$ ) =  $0.842 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ ; Distance of centroid from the back of web = 19.7 mm; Crushing stress  $(\sigma_c) = 320 \text{ MPa} = 320 \text{ N/mm}^2$  and Rankine's constant  $(a) = 1/7500$



## Example 2-7 (continued)

Area of the column section,  $A = 2 [1777 + (250 \times 10)] = 8554 \text{ mm}^2$

Moment of inertia of the column section,

$$I_{xx} = (2 \times 11.612 \times 10^6) + 2 \left[ \frac{(250)(10)^3}{12} - (250)(10)(105)^2 \right] = 78.391 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

$$I_{yy} = 2 \left[ \frac{(10)(250)^3}{12} + (0.846 \times 10^6) + 1777 \times (50 + 19.7)^2 \right] = 44.992 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

The least of two,  $I_{yy} = 44.992 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$

For fixed at both ends,  $L_e = \frac{l}{2} = \frac{6000}{2} = 3 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}$

The least radius of gyration  $k = \sqrt{\frac{I}{A}} = \sqrt{\frac{44.992 \times 10^6}{8554}} = 72.5 \text{ mm}$

## Example 2.6 (continued)

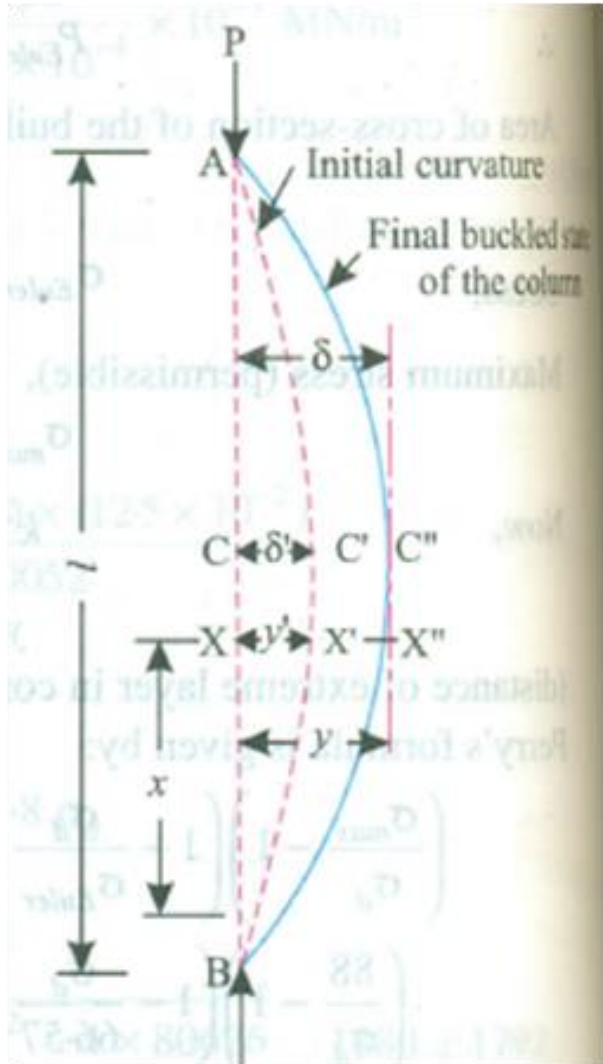
Rankine's crippling load

$$P_R = \frac{A\sigma_c}{1 + a(L_e/k)^2} = \frac{(8554)(320)}{1 + \left(\frac{1}{7500}\right)\left(\frac{3000}{72.5}\right)^2} = 2228.5 \text{ kN}$$

Safe load on the column

$$\text{Safe load} = \frac{\text{Crippling load}}{\text{Factor of safety}} = \frac{2228.5}{4} = 557.1 \text{ kN}$$

## Case 2: Perry-Robertson's Formula



Initial deflection at a distance  $x$  from the end B  $y' = \delta' \cdot \sin \frac{\pi x}{l}$

$$\frac{dy'}{dx} = \frac{\pi \delta'}{l} \cdot \cos \frac{\pi x}{l}$$

$$\frac{d^2 y'}{dx^2} = -\frac{\pi^2 \delta'}{l^2} \cdot \sin \frac{\pi x}{l}$$

The deflection at  $x$  changes from  $y'$  to  $y$   $\therefore EI \frac{d^2(y - y')}{dx^2} = -Py$

$$\frac{d^2(y - y')}{dx^2} = -\frac{Py}{EI}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \frac{Py}{EI} = \frac{d^2 y'}{dx^2} = -\frac{\pi^2}{l^2} \delta' \cdot \sin \frac{\pi x}{l}$$

## Case 2: Perry-Robertson's Formula

Solution  $y = C\delta' \sin \frac{\pi x}{l}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\pi}{l} C\delta' \cos \frac{\pi x}{l}$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -\left(\frac{\pi}{l}\right)^2 C\delta' \sin \frac{\pi x}{l}$$

Inserting the values of y and dy/dx

$$C = \frac{P_E}{P_E - P}$$

Hence the equation to the deflected form of the column

$$y = \frac{P_E}{P_E - P} \delta' \sin \frac{\pi x}{l}$$

The deflection will be maximum at the mid-point

$$y = \delta \Rightarrow \delta = \frac{P_E}{P_E - P} \delta'$$

Maximum bending moment

$$M = P\delta = \frac{P.P_E}{P_E - P} \delta'$$

Maximum compressive stress

$$\left[ \frac{\sigma_{\max}}{\sigma_d} - 1 \right] \left[ 1 - \frac{\sigma_d}{\sigma_E} \right] = \frac{\delta' y_c}{k^2}$$

## Example 2.7

A steel strut has an outside diameter of 180mm and inside diameter of 120mm and is 6m long. It is hinged at both ends and is initially bent. Assuming the centre line of the strut as sinusoidal with maximum deviation of 9mm, determine the maximum stress developed due to an axial load of 150kN. take  $E=208 \text{ GPa}$

### Solution

Given: Outside diameter of the strut,  $(D) = 180 \text{ mm}$ ; Inside diameter of the strut,  $(d) = 120 \text{ mm}$ ; Length of the strut,  $(l) = 6 \text{ m} = 6 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}$ ; Maximum deviation at the centre,  $(\delta') = 9 \text{ mm}$ ; Young's modulus,  $(E) = 208 \text{ GPa} = 208 \times 10^3 \text{ N/mm}^2$ ; Axial load,  $(P) = 150 \text{ kN} = 150 \times 10^3 \text{ N}$

Area of cross-section  $A = \frac{\pi}{4} (D^2 - d^2) = \frac{\pi}{4} (180^2 - 120^2) = 14.14 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^2$

Moment of inertia  $I = \frac{\pi}{64} (D^4 - d^4) = \frac{\pi}{64} (180^4 - 120^4) = 41.35 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$

## Example 2.7 (continued)

Radius of gyration

$$k^2 = \frac{I}{A} = \frac{41.35 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4}{14.14 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^2} = 2.924 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^2$$

Euler load, for pinned at both ends,  $L_e = l = 6 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}$

$$P_E = \left( \frac{\pi}{L_e} \right)^2 EI = \left( \frac{\pi}{6 \times 10^3} \right)^2 (208 \times 10^3) (41.35 \times 10^6) = 2.36 \times 10^6 \text{ N}$$

Euler Stress

$$\sigma_E = \frac{P_E}{A} = \frac{2.36 \times 10^6}{14.14 \times 10^3} = 166.75 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Direct stress

$$\sigma_d = \frac{P}{A} = \frac{150 \times 10^3}{14.14 \times 10^3} = 10.6 \text{ N/mm}^2$$



## Example 2.7 (continued)

Distance of the extreme layer in compression from the neutral axis

$$y_c = \frac{D}{2} = \frac{180}{2} = 90 \text{ mm}$$

We know that

$$\left[ \frac{\sigma_{\max}}{\sigma_d} - 1 \right] \left[ 1 - \frac{\sigma_d}{\sigma_E} \right] = \frac{\delta' y_c}{k^2} \Rightarrow \left[ \frac{\sigma_{\max}}{10.6} - 1 \right] \left[ 1 - \frac{10.6}{166.75} \right] = \frac{9 \times 90}{2.924 \times 10^3}$$

Therefore

$$\left[ \frac{\sigma_{\max}}{10.6} - 1 \right] = \frac{0.277}{0.936} = 0.296$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_{\max} = 10.6 \times (1 + 0.296) = 13.74 \text{ N/mm}^2$$