

# **Mechanics of Materials-II**

## **COLUMN & STRUT**

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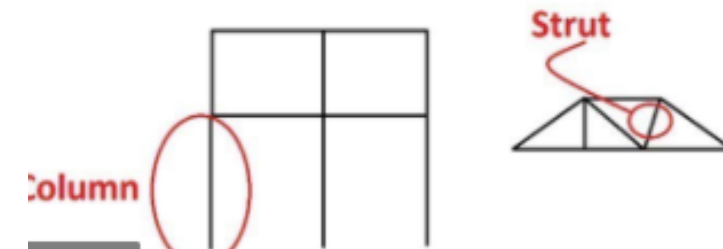
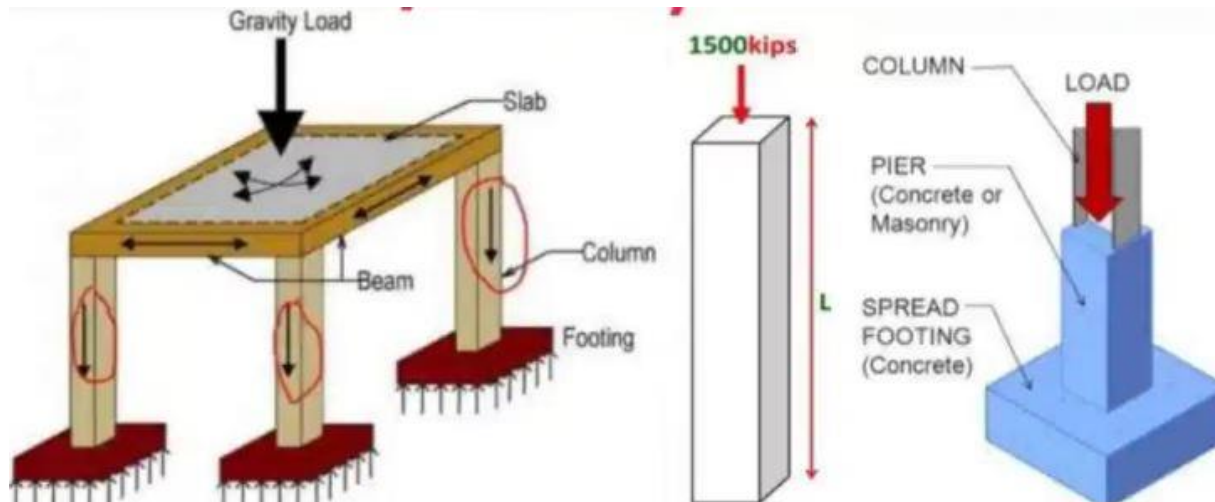
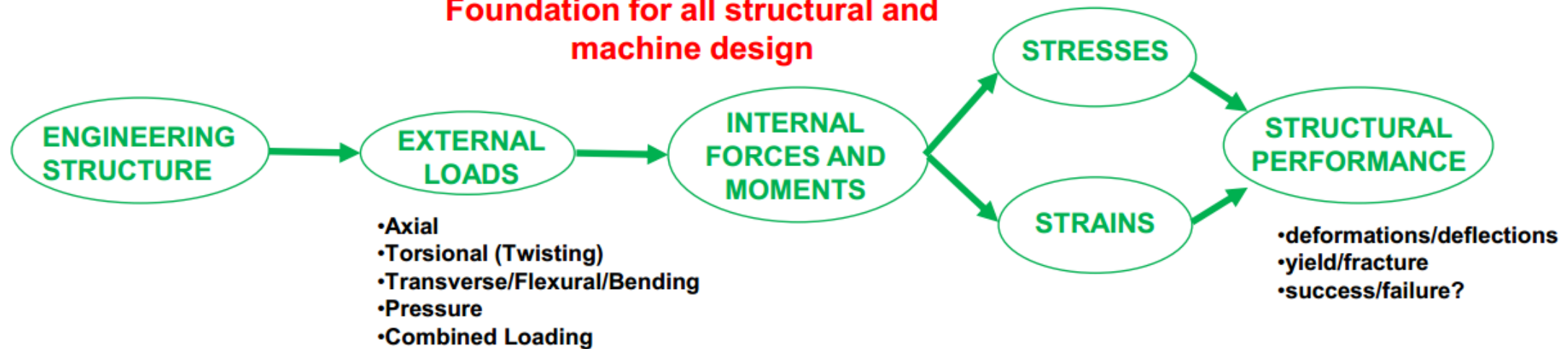
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# MOM (Course Outcomes)

**Foundation for all structural and machine design**



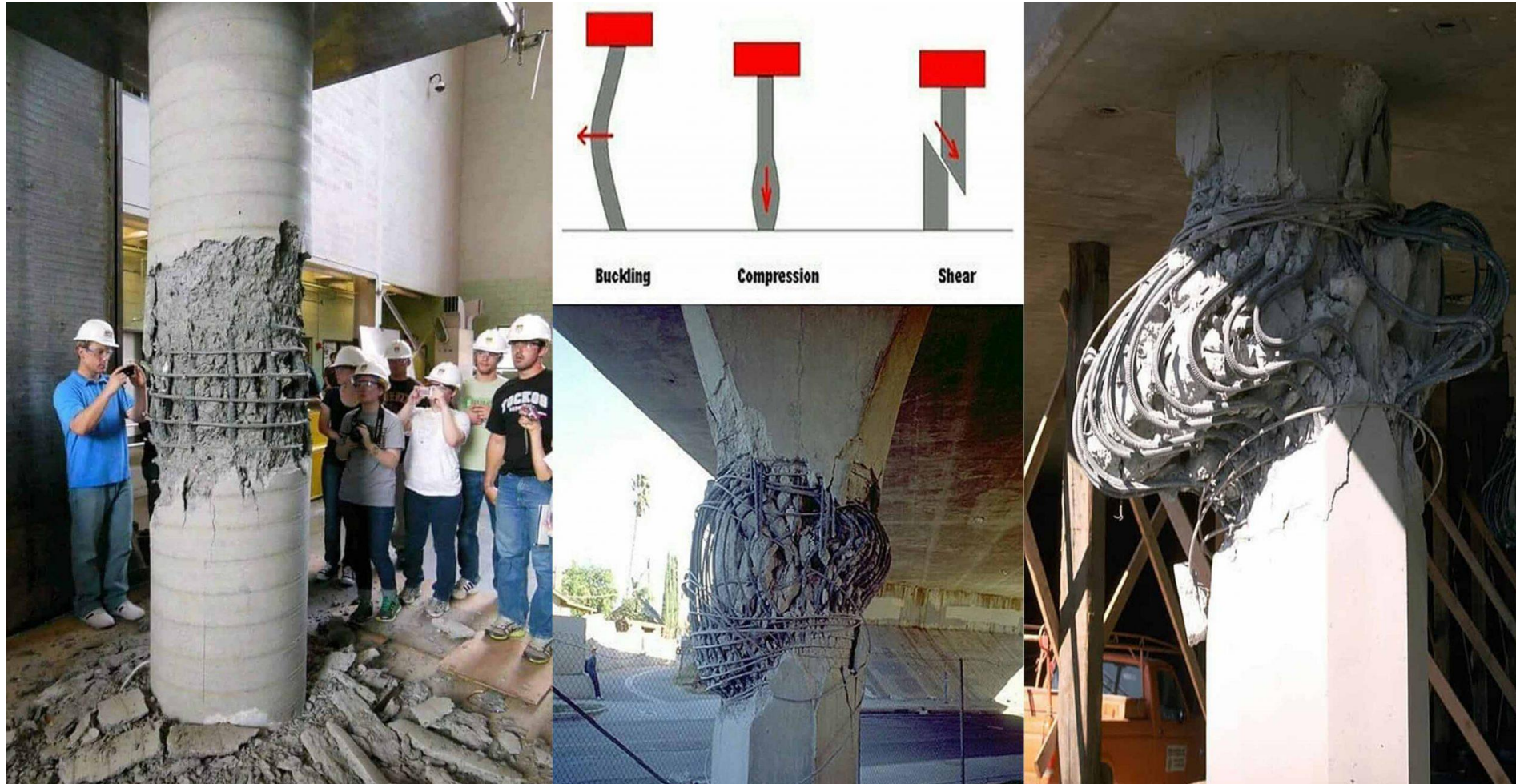
# *MOM (Course Outcomes)*

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- Any member subjected to axial compressive load is called a column or Strut.
- A vertical member subjected to axial compressive load – **COLUMN**  
(Eg: Pillars of a building)
- An inclined member subjected to axial compressive load - **STRUT**
- **A strut may also be a horizontal member**
- Load carrying capacity of a compression member depends not only on its **cross sectional area**, but also **on its length** and the manner in which **the ends of a column** are held.

# Classification of Columns (Nature of Failure)

According to nature of failure – short, medium and long columns





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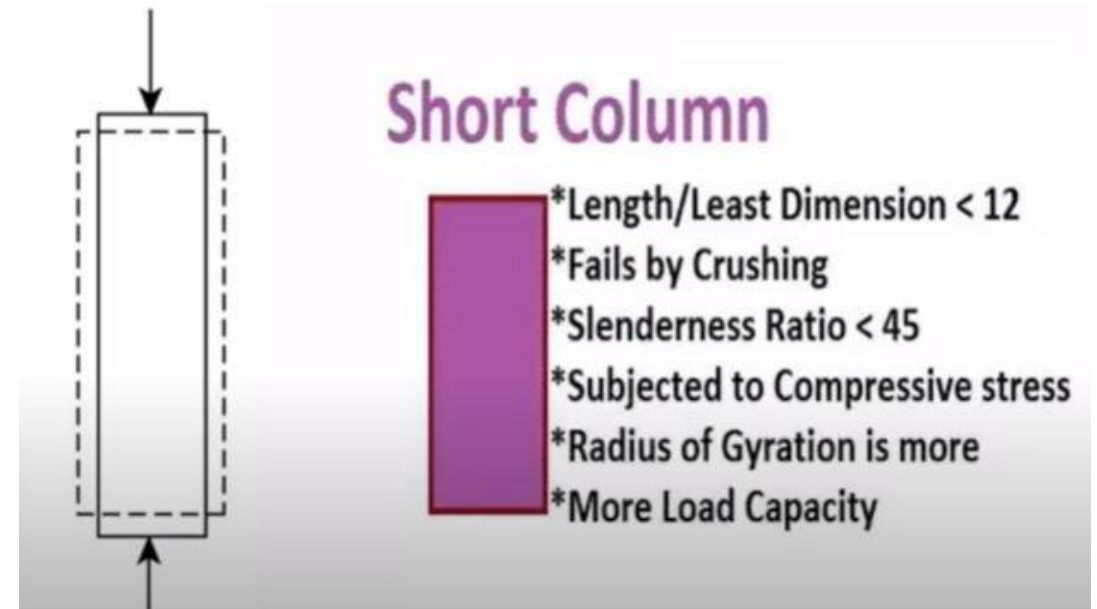
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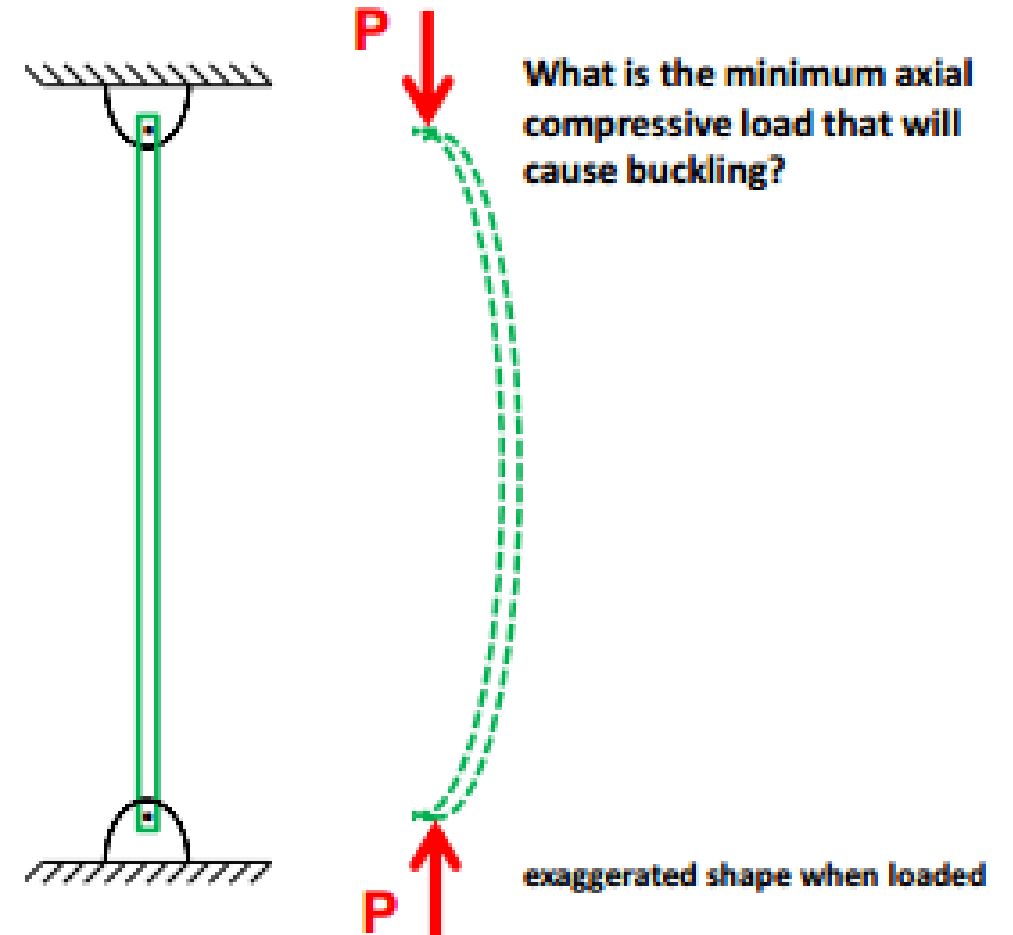
**3. Long Column** - whose length is so related to its c/s area that failure occurs mainly **due to bending (Buckling) stress** and the role of direct compressive stress is negligible



## Long Column

- \*\* Length/Least Dimension  $> 12$
- \*\* Fails by Buckling
- \*\* Slenderness Ratio  $> 45$
- \*\* Subjected to Buckling stress
- \*\* Radius of Gyration is less
- \*\* Less Load Capacity

# Classification of Columns (Long/Slender)





# Classification of Columns (Short column)

## Column Buckling

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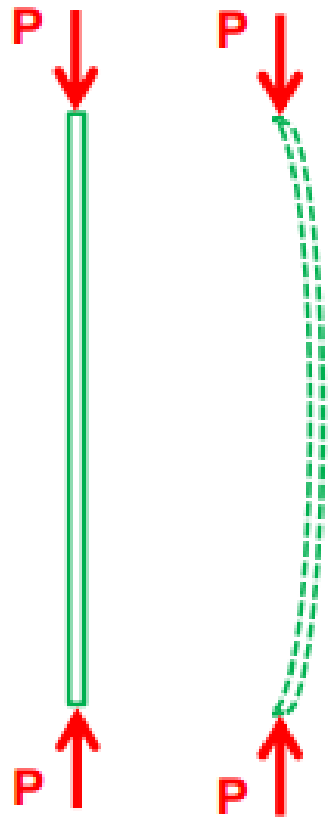
If beam remains straight, analyze using techniques from "Mechanics of Materials: Part I"

Buckling occurs if the column begins to deform laterally. The deflection can become large and lead to catastrophic failure. Buckling is a large sudden deformation of a structure due to a small increase of the existing load.

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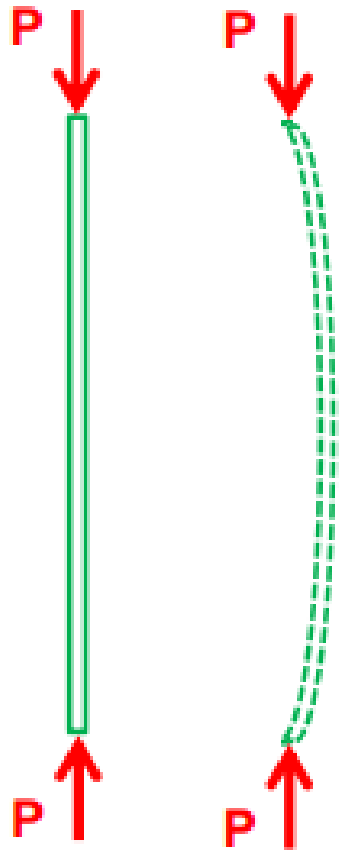
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| Description               | Short Column  | Long Column   |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Length</b>             | ratio of the effective length of a column to its least lateral dimension does not exceed 12 | ratio of the effective length of a column to its least lateral dimension exceeds 12 |
| <b>Slenderness</b>        | slenderness is less than 12   | slenderness is more than 12   |
| <b>Radius of gyration</b> | radius of gyration is less  | higher radius of gyration   |
| <b>Load</b>               | load-carrying capacity of short column is more than long column.                            | load-carrying capacity is less compared to short column with                        |
| <b>Strength</b>           | Stronger than long column and highly preferable.  | Weaker than short column and normally not preferred.                                |
| <b>Stress</b>             | it is subjected to compressive stress.  | it is subjected to buckling stress  |
| <b>Failure</b>            | Mechanical failure primarily occurs due to shearing.  | Long columns failed due to buckling.  |



# *Euler's Buckling Theory*

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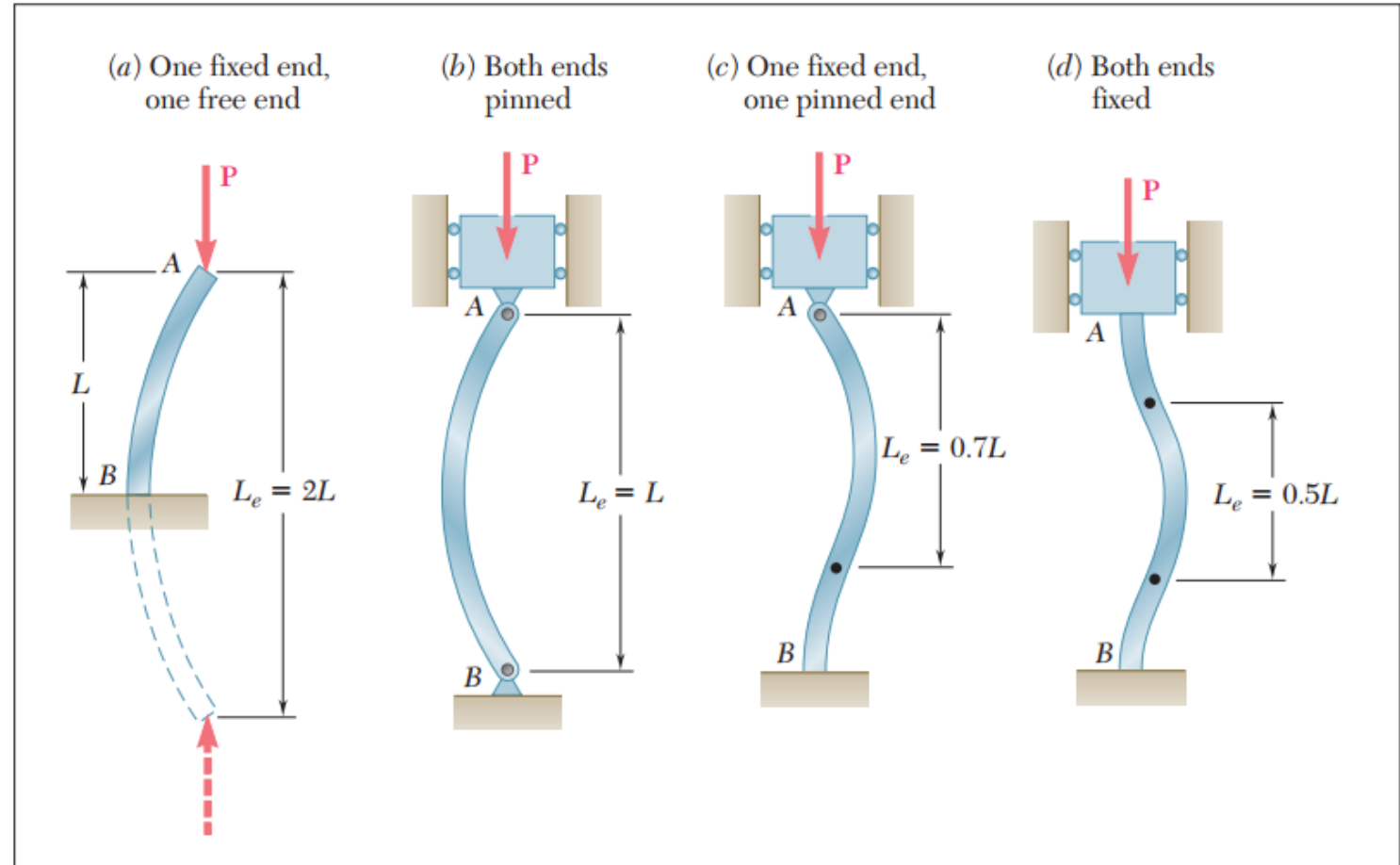
- Columns and struts which fail by buckling may be analyzed by Euler's Theory

## **Assumptions:**

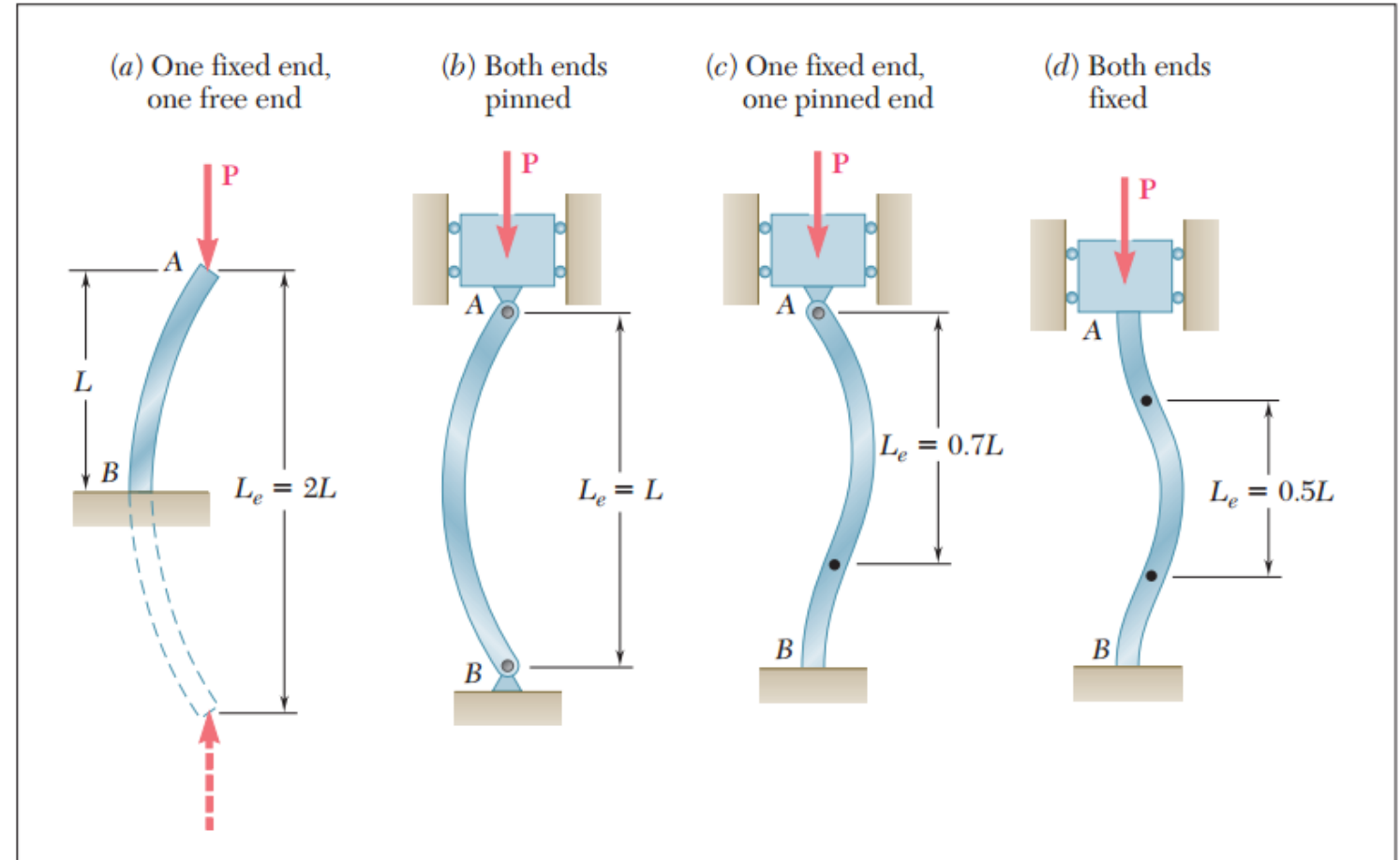
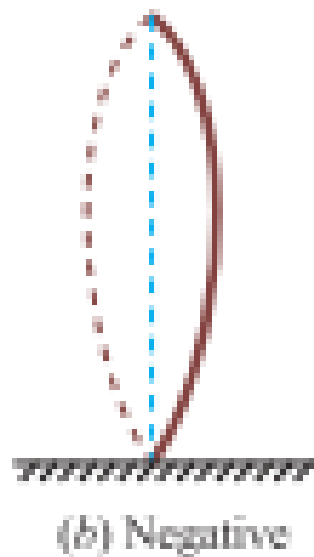
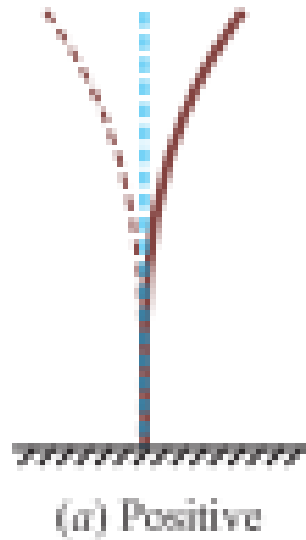
- The column is initially straight
- The cross section is uniform throughout
- The line of thrust coincides exactly with the axis of the column
- The material is homogeneous and isotropic
- The shortening of column due to axial compression is negligible

# End Connections of column

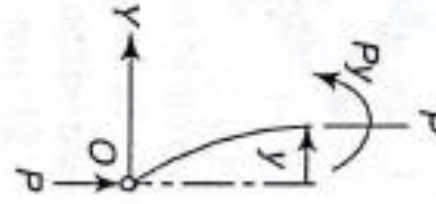
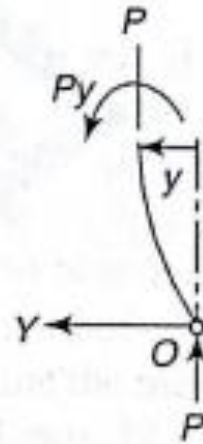
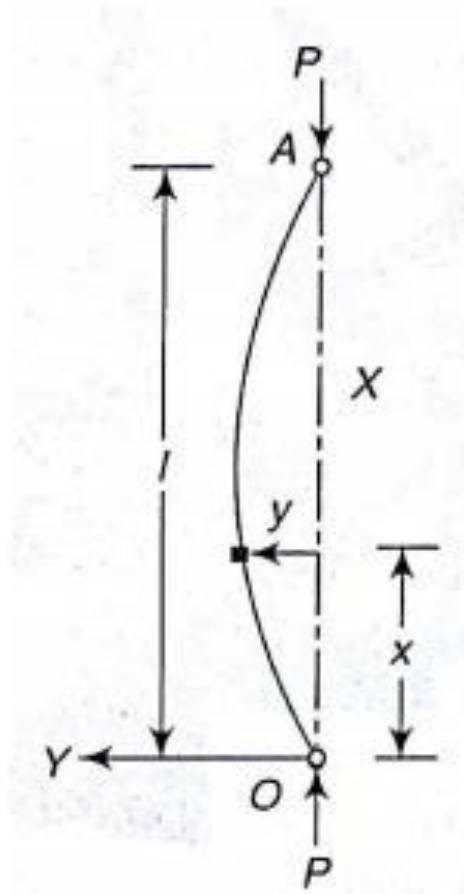
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The solution is  $y = A \sin \alpha x + B \cos \alpha x$

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

at  $x = l, y = 0$  and thus  $A \sin \alpha l = 0$

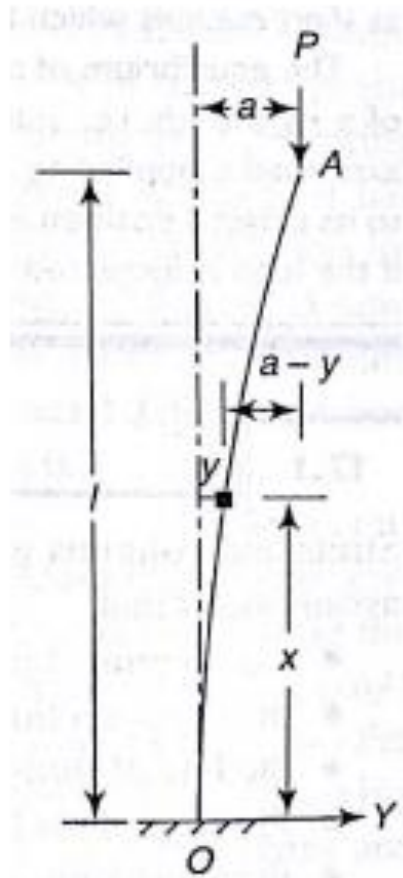
If  $A = 0, y$  is zero for all values of load and there is no bending.

$\therefore \sin \alpha l = 0$  or  $\alpha l = \pi$  (considering the least value)

or  $\alpha = \pi / l$

$\therefore$  Euler crippling load,  $P_e = \alpha^2 EI = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{l^2}$

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$$x = 0, y = 0, \therefore B = -a;$$

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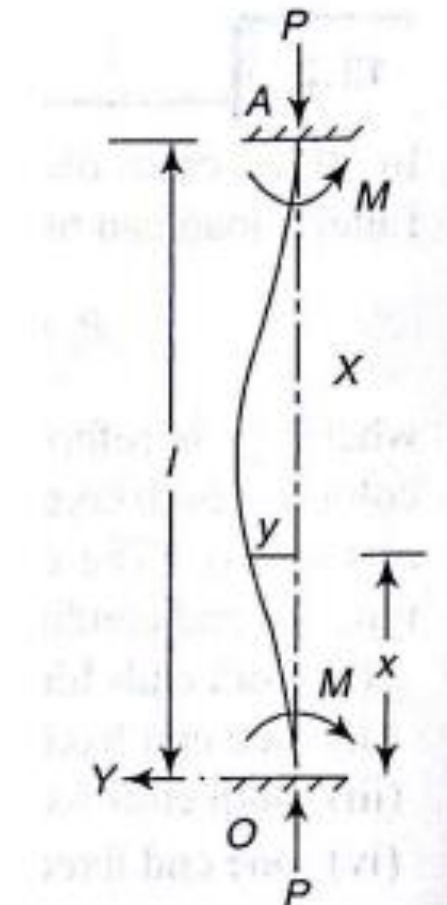
$$\text{or } \cos \alpha l = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \alpha l = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (\text{considering the least value})$$

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

$$\therefore \text{Euler crippling load, } P_e = \alpha^2 EI = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{4l^2}$$

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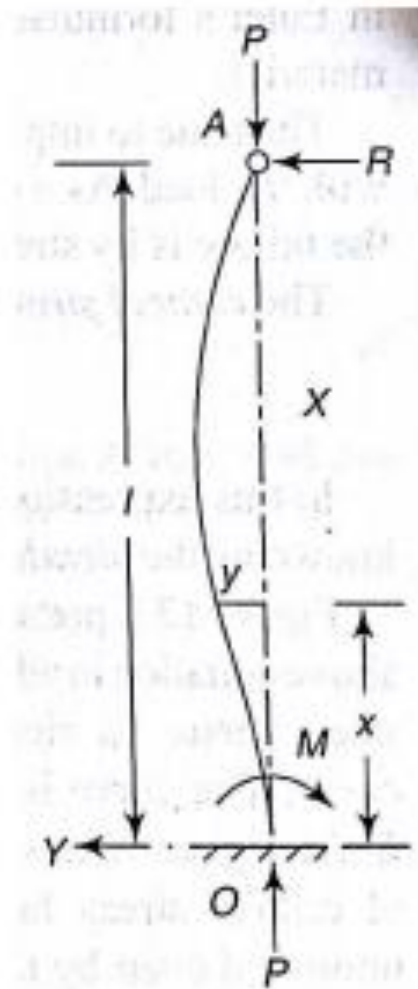
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$$\text{or } \alpha = 2\pi/l$$

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$$\text{or } \tan \alpha l = \alpha l$$

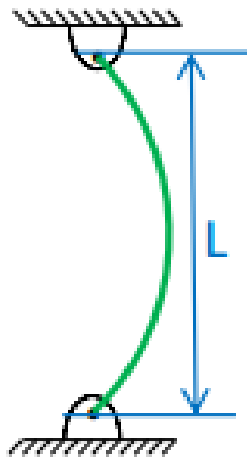
$$\alpha l = 4.49 \text{ rad (considering the least value)}$$

$$\alpha = 4.49 / l$$

$$\text{Euler crippling load, } P_e = \alpha^2 EI = \frac{4.49^2 EI}{l^2} = \frac{20.2 EI}{l^2} \approx \frac{2\pi^2 EI}{l^2}$$

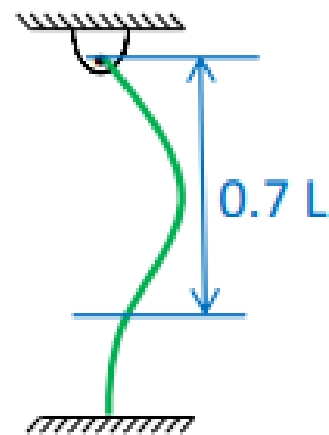
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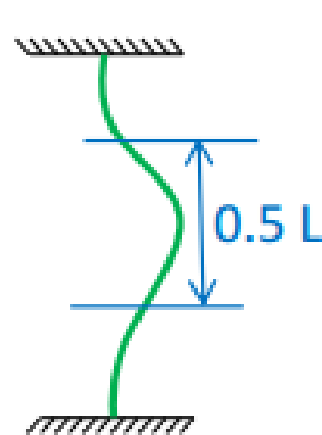
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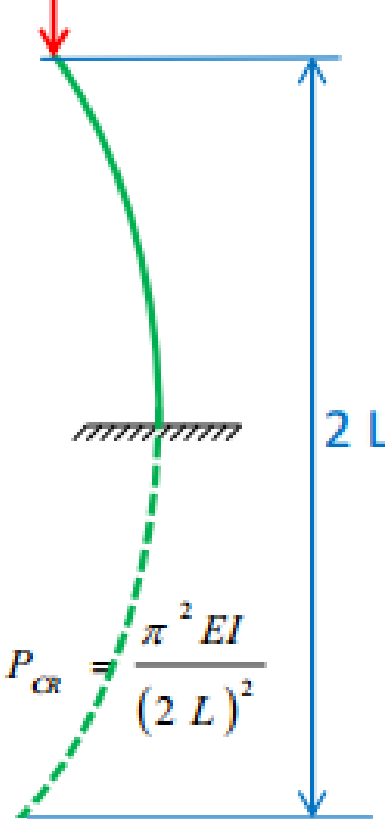
$$P_{CR} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{(0.7 L)^2}$$

fixed-fixed



$$P_{CR} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{(0.5 L)^2}$$

fixed-free



$$P_{CR} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{(2 L)^2}$$

$$P_{CR} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{(L_{EFFECTIVE})^2}$$

where  $L_{EFFECTIVE}$

is the distance between two successive inflection points or points of zero moment (must be modified for actual end conditions)



Tables are using DRCS & DSS

Table.Effective length of compression member


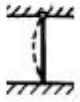











| Sl. No. | Degree of End Restraint of Compression Members   | Figure  | Theo. Value of Effective Length | Reco. Value of Effective Length |
|---------|--|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1       | Effectively held in position and restrained against rotation in both ends  |    | 0.50 l                          | 0.65l                           |
| 2       | Effectively held in position at both ends, restrained against rotation at one end  |    | 0.70 l                          | 0.80l                           |
| 3       | Effectively held in position at both ends, but not restrained against rotation   |    | 1.0 l                           | 1.0l                            |
| 4       | Effectively held in position and restrained against rotation at one end, and at the other restrained against rotation but not held in position           |    | 1.0 l                           | 1.20l                           |
| 5       | Effectively held in position and restrained against rotation in one end, and at the other partially restrained against rotation but not held in position |   | -                               | 1.5l                            |
| 6       | Effectively held in position at one end but not restrained against rotation, and at the other end restrained against rotation but not held in position   |  | 2.0 l                           | 2.0l                            |
| 7       | Effectively held in position and restrained against rotation at one end but not held in position nor restrained against rotation at the other end        |  | 2.0 l                           | 2.0l                            |

TABLE 4: EFFECTIVE LENGTH OF PRISMATIC COMPRESSION MEMBERS

| Boundary Conditions |            |                  |            | Schematic representation  | Effective Length |
|---------------------|------------|------------------|------------|---|------------------|
| At one end          |            | At the other end |            |   |                  |
| Translation         | Rotation   | Translation      | Rotation   |   |                  |
| Restrained          | Restrained | Free             | Free       |    | 2.0L             |
| Free                | Restrained | Restrained       | Free       |    |                  |
| Restrained          | Free       | Restrained       | Free       |    | 1.0L             |
| Restrained          | Restrained | Free             | Restrained |    | 1.2L             |
| Restrained          | Restrained | Restrained       | Free       |   | 0.8L             |
| Restrained          | Restrained | Restrained       | Restrained |  | 0.65 L           |

Note – L is the unsupported length of the compression member (7.2.1).

# Euler's Critical Stress

- Critical stress ( $\sigma_c$ ) – average stress over the cross section

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_c &= \frac{P_e}{A} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{Al_e^2} \\ &= \frac{\pi^2 E A k^2}{Al_e^2} \\ \sigma_c &= \frac{\pi^2 E}{(l_e/k)^2}\end{aligned}$$

- $l/k$  is known as **Slenderness Ratio**

## Limitations of Euler's Formula

- Assumption- Struts are initially perfectly straight and the load is exactly axial
- There is always some eccentricity and initial curvature present
- In practice a strut suffers a deflection before the crippling load

|                                    |                          |                                 |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Both ends hinged                   | $L = l$                  | Constant = 1                    |
| Both ends fixed                    | $L = \frac{l}{2}$        | Constant = $\frac{1}{2}$        |
| One end fixed and other end hinged | $L = \frac{l}{\sqrt{2}}$ | Constant = $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ |
| One end fixed and other end free   | $L = 2l$                 | Constant = 2                    |

## Rankine's Formula (or) Rankine - Gordon Formula

- Euler's formula is applicable to long columns only for which  $l/k$  ratio is larger than a particular value.
- Also doesn't take in to account the direct compressive stress.
- Thus for columns of medium length it doesn't provide accurate results.
- Rankine's forwarded an empirical relation

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

where  $P$  = Rankine's crippling load

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- For short columns,  $P_e$  is very large and therefore  $1/P_e$  is small in comparison to  $1/P_c$ . Thus the crippling load  $P$  is practically equal to  $P_c$
- For long columns,  $P_e$  is very small and therefore  $1/P_e$  is quite large in comparison to  $1/P_c$ . Thus the crippling load  $P$  is practically equal to  $P_e$

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

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

$$P = \frac{P_c P_e}{P_e + P_c} = \frac{P_c}{1 + P_c / P_e} = \frac{\sigma_c \cdot A}{1 + \frac{\sigma_c \cdot A \cdot l^2}{\pi^2 EI}}$$

$$= \frac{\sigma_c \cdot A}{1 + \frac{\sigma_c \cdot A \cdot l^2}{\pi^2 E A k^2}}$$

$$P = \frac{\sigma_c \cdot A}{1 + a \left( \frac{l}{k} \right)^2}$$

where  $\sigma_c$  is the crushing stress

$a$  is the Rankine's constant ( $\sigma_c / \pi^2 E$ )

Rankine's formula for columns with other end conditions

$$P = \frac{\sigma_c \cdot A}{1 + a \left( \frac{l_e}{k} \right)^2}$$

A Factor of Safety may be considered for the value of  $\sigma_c$  in the above formula



## *Problems on Euler Formula*

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1. A mild steel tube 4m long, 3 cm internal diameter and 4 mm thick is used as a strut with both ends hinged. Find the collapsing load, what will be the crippling load if
  - i. Both ends are built in
  - ii. One end is built-in and one end is free?

# Problems on Euler Formula

$$L = l = 400 \text{ cm}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{ External diameter of the tube, } D &= d + 2t \\ &= 3 + 2(0.4) \\ &= 3.8 \text{ cm.}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Assuming } E \text{ for steel} = 2 \times 10^6 \text{ Kg/cm}^2$$

M.O.I of the column section,

$$\begin{aligned}I &= \frac{\pi}{64} [D^4 - d^4] \\ &= \frac{\pi}{64} [(3.8)^4 - (3)^4] \\ I &= 6.26 \text{ cm}^4\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{ Euler's crippling load } \Rightarrow P_{cr} &= \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L^2} \\ &= \frac{\pi^2 \times 2 \times 10^6 \times 6.26}{(400)^2} \\ P_{cr} &= 772.30 \text{ Kg.}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}P_{cr} &= \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L^2} \\ &= \frac{\pi^2 \times 2 \times 10^6 \times 6.26}{(200)^2} \\ P_{cr} &= 3089.19 \text{ Kg.}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}P_{cr} &= \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L^2} \\ &= \frac{\pi^2 \times 2 \times 10^6 \times 6.26}{(800)^2} \\ P_{cr} &= 193.07 \text{ Kg.}\end{aligned}$$

## *Problems on Euler Formula*

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1. A column having a T section with a flange 120mm X 16 mm and web 150 mm X 16 mm is 3 m long. Assuming the column to be hinged at both ends, Find the crippling load by using Euler's theory formula.  $E=2 \times 10^6 \text{ kg/cm}^2$

# Problems on Euler Formula

$$\therefore \bar{Y} = \frac{12 \times 1.6 \times \frac{1.6}{2} + 15 \times 1.6 \left( 1.6 + \frac{15}{2} \right)}{12 \times 1.6 + 15 \times 1.6}$$

$$\bar{Y} = 5.41 \text{ cm}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Distance of C.G from bottom fibre} &= (15 + 1.6) - 5.41 \\ &= 11.19 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

Now M.O.I of the whole section about X-X axis.

$$I_{XX} = \left[ \frac{12 \times (1.6)^3}{12} + (12 \times 1.6) \left( 5.41 - \frac{1.6}{2} \right)^2 \right] + \left[ \frac{1.6 \times (15)^3}{12} + (1.6 \times 15) \left( \frac{15}{2} - 5.41 \right)^2 \right]$$

$$I_{XX} = 1188.92 \text{ cm}^4$$

M.I of the whole section about Y-Y axis

$$I_{YY} = \frac{1.6 \times (12)^3}{12} + \frac{15 \times (106)^3}{12} = 235.52 \text{ cm}^4$$

$$\therefore I_{min} = 235.52 \text{ cm}^4$$

$\therefore$  Euler's Crippling load,

$$\begin{aligned} P_{cr} &= \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L^2} \\ &= \frac{\pi^2 \times 2 \times 10^6 \times 235.52}{(300)^2} ; \quad P_{cr} = 51655.32 \text{ Kg.} \end{aligned}$$

# Problems on Euler Formula

A steel bar of solid circular cross-section is 50 mm in diameter. The bar is pinned at both ends and subjected to axial compression. If the limit of proportionality of the material is 210 MPa and  $E = 200$  GPa, determine the minimum length to which Euler's formula is valid. Also determine the value of Euler's buckling load if the column has this minimum length.

∴ Euler's buckling load,

$$P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L^2}$$

$$\frac{P_{cr}}{A} = \frac{\pi^2 E}{(L/K)^2}$$

For Euler's formula to be valid, value of its minimum effective length  $L$  is obtained by equating the buckling stress to  $f$

$$\frac{\pi^2 E}{\left(\frac{L}{K}\right)^2} = 210$$

$$L^2 = \frac{\pi^2 E \times K^2}{210} \quad L^2 = \frac{\pi^2 \times 2 \times 10^5 \times 156.25}{210}$$

$$L = 1211.89 \text{ mm} = 1212 \text{ mm} = 1.212 \text{ m}$$

∴ The required minimum actual length  $l = L = 1.212 \text{ m}$

For this value of minimum length,

$$\text{Euler's buckling load} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L^2}$$

$$= \frac{\pi^2 \times 2 \times 10^5 \times 306.75 \times 10^3}{(1212)^2}$$

$$= 412254 \text{ N} = 412.254 \text{ kN}$$

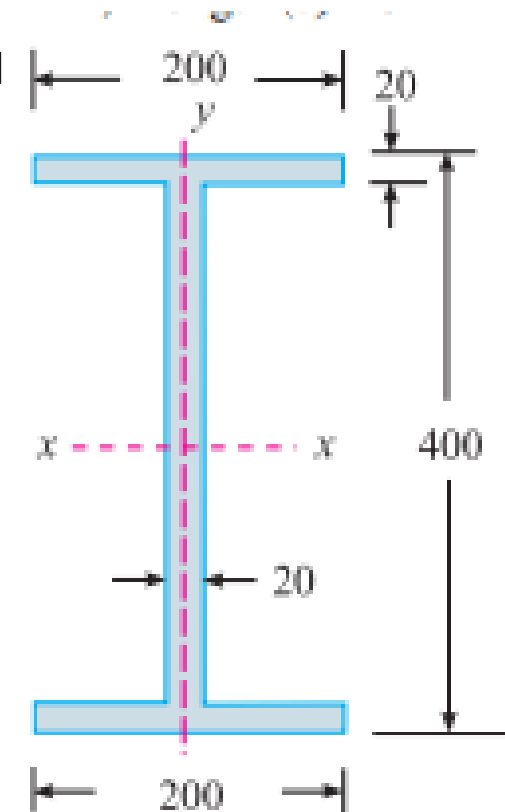
**Result:**

Minimum actual length  $l = L = 1.212 \text{ m}$

Euler's buckling Load = 412.254 kN

# Problems on Euler Formula

An I Section joist 400 mmx200 mmx 20 mm and 6 m long is used as strut with both ends fixed  
Crippling load for the column?  $E=200$  GPa



From the geometry of the figure, we find that inner depth,

$$d = 400 - (2 \times 20) = 360 \text{ mm}$$

and inner width,

$$b = 200 - 20 = 180 \text{ mm}$$

We know that moment of inertia of the joist section about X-X axis,

$$\begin{aligned} I_{XX} &= \frac{1}{12}[BD^3 - bd^3] \\ &= \frac{1}{12}[200 \times (400)^3 - 180 \times (360)^3] \text{ mm}^4 \\ &= 366.8 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4 \quad \dots(i) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} I_{YY} &= \left[ 2 \times \frac{2 \times (200)^3}{12} \right] + \frac{360 \times (20)^3}{12} \\ &= 2.91 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4 \end{aligned}$$

$$L_e = \frac{l}{2} = \frac{(6 \times 10^3)}{2} = 3 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}$$

and for the column,

$$\begin{aligned} P_E &= \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L_e^2} = \frac{\pi^2 \times (200 \times 10^3) \times (2.91 \times 10^6)}{(3 \times 10^3)^2} = \\ &= 638.2 \text{ kN} \quad \text{Ans.} \end{aligned}$$



# Rankine's Formula (or) Rankine's - Gordon Formula

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

where  $P$  = Rankine's crippling load  
 $P_c$  = ultimate load for a strut =  $\sigma_u \cdot A$ , con  
 $P_e$  = Eulerial load for a strut =  $\pi^2 EI/l^2$

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

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

$$P = \frac{P_c P_e}{P_e + P_c} = \frac{P_c}{1 + P_c / P_e} = \frac{\sigma_c \cdot A}{1 + \frac{\sigma_c \cdot A \cdot l^2}{\pi^2 EI}}$$

$$= \frac{\sigma_c \cdot A}{1 + \frac{\sigma_c \cdot A \cdot l^2}{\pi^2 E A k^2}}$$

$$P = \frac{\sigma_c \cdot A}{1 + a \left( \frac{l}{k} \right)^2}$$

where  $\sigma_c$  is the crushing stress  
 $a$  is the Rankine's constant ( $\sigma_c / \pi^2 E$ )

- For short columns,  $P_e$  is very large and therefore  $1/P_e$  is small in load  $P$  is practically equal to  $P_c$
- For long columns,  $P_e$  is very small and therefore  $1/P_e$  is quite crippling load  $P$  is practically equal to  $P_e$

# Rankine's Formula (or) Rankine - Gordon Formula

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| Material     | $f_c \text{ N/mm}^2$ | $\alpha = \frac{f_c}{\pi^2 E}$ |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Wrought iron | 250                  | $\frac{1}{9000}$               |
| Cast iron    | 550                  | $\frac{1}{1600}$               |
| Mild steel   | 320                  | $\frac{1}{7500}$               |
| Timber       | 50                   | $\frac{1}{750}$                |

## Rankine's Formula -Problems

A rolled steel joist ISMB 300 is to be used a column of 3 meters length with both ends fixed.

Find the safe axial load on the column. Take factor of safety 3,  $f_c = 320 \text{ N/mm}^2$

and  $\alpha = \frac{1}{7500}$ . Properties of the column section.

Area =  $5626 \text{ mm}^2$ ,  $I_{xx} = 8.603 \times 10^7 \text{ mm}^4$

$I_{yy} = 4.539 \times 10^7 \text{ mm}^4$

# Rankine's Formula -Problems

$$\therefore \text{Effective length, } L = \frac{l}{2} = \frac{3000}{2} = 1500 \text{ mm}$$

Since  $I_{yy}$  is less than  $I_{xx}$ ,  $\therefore$  The column section,

$$I = I_{\min} = I_{yy} = 4.539 \times 10^7 \text{ mm}^4$$

$\therefore$  Least radius of gyration of the column section,

$$K = \sqrt{\frac{I}{A}} = \sqrt{\frac{4.539 \times 10^7}{5626}} = 89.82 \text{ mm}$$

Crippling load as given by Rankine's formula,

$$P_{cr} = \frac{f_c \times A}{1 + \alpha \left( \frac{L}{K} \right)^2} = \frac{320 \times 5626}{1 + \frac{1}{7500} \left( \frac{1500}{89.82} \right)^2}$$

$$P_{cr} = 1343522.38 \text{ N}$$

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Allowing factor of safety 3,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Safe load} &= \frac{\text{Crippling Load}}{\text{Factor of safety}} \\ &= \frac{1343522.38}{3} = 447840.79 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

Result:

- Crippling Load ( $P_{cr}$ ) = 1343522.38 N
- Safe load = 447840.79 N

## Rankine's Formula -Problems

**A built up column consisting of rolled steel beam ISWB 300 with two plates 200 mm x 10 mm connected at the top and bottom flanges. Calculate the safe load the column carry, if the length is 3m and both ends are fixed. Take factor of safety 3  $f_c = 320$**

$$\text{N/mm}^2 \text{ and } \alpha = \frac{1}{7500}$$

**Take properties of joist:  $A = 6133 \text{ mm}^2$**

$$I_{xx} = 9821.6 \times 10^4 \text{ mm}^4 ; I_{yy} = 990.1 \times 10^4 \text{ mm}^4$$

# Rankine's Formula -Problems

Sectional area of the built up column, 1500

$$A = 6133 + 2(200 \times 10) = 10133 \text{ mm}^2$$

Moment of inertia of the built up column section about xx axis,

$$I_{xx} = 9821.6 \times 10^4 + 2 \left[ \frac{200 \times 10^3}{12} + (200 \times 10)(155)^2 \right]$$

$$= 1.94 \times 10^8 \text{ mm}^4$$

Moment of inertia of the built up column section about YY axis,

$$I_{yy} = 990.1 \times 10^4 + 2 \left( \frac{10 \times 200^3}{12} \right)$$

$$= 0.23 \times 10^8 \text{ mm}^4$$

Since  $I_{yy}$  is less than  $I_{xx}$ , The column will tend to buckle about Y-Y axis.

Least moment of inertia of the column section,

$$I = I_{\min} = I_{yy} = 0.23 \times 10^8 \text{ mm}^4$$

The column is fixed at both ends.

∴ Effective length,

$$L = \frac{l}{2} = \frac{3000}{2} = 1500 \text{ mm}$$

∴ Least radius of gyration of the column section,

$$K = \sqrt{\frac{I}{A}} = \sqrt{\frac{0.23 \times 10^8}{10133}} = 47.64 \text{ mm}$$

Crippling load as given by Rankine's formula,

$$P_{cr} = \frac{f_c \times A}{1 + \alpha \left( \frac{L}{K} \right)^2} = \frac{320 \times 10133}{1 + \frac{1}{7500} \left( \frac{1500}{47.64} \right)^2}$$

$$= 2864023.3 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{Safe load} = \frac{\text{Crippling load}}{\text{Factor of safety}} = \frac{2864023.3}{3} = 954674.43 \text{ N}$$

**Result:**

- i. Crippling load = 2864023.3 N
- ii. Safe load = 954674.43 N



# Long & Short Columns Subjected Eccentric Loading

## i. Rankine's formula:

Consider a short column subjected to an eccentric load  $P$  with an eccentricity  $e$  from axis.

Maximum stress = Direct Stress + Bending stress

$$f_c = \frac{P}{A} + \frac{M}{Z}$$

$$Z = \frac{I}{y}$$

$$= \frac{P}{A} + \frac{P \cdot e \cdot y_c}{A k^2}$$

$$I = A k^2$$

$$k = \sqrt{\frac{I}{A}}$$



# Long & Short Columns Subjected Eccentric Loading

$$f_c = \frac{P}{A} \left( 1 + \frac{ey_c}{k^2} \right)$$

∴

$$\text{Eccentric load, } P = \frac{f_c \times A}{1 + \frac{ey_c}{k^2}}$$

Where  $\left( 1 + \frac{ey_c}{k^2} \right)$  is the reduction factor for eccentricity of loading.

For long column, loaded with axial loading, the crippling load,

$$P = \frac{f_c \times A}{1 + \alpha \left( \frac{L}{K} \right)^2}$$

Where  $\left( 1 + \alpha \left( \frac{L}{K} \right)^2 \right)$  is the reduction factor for buckling of long column.

Hence for a long column loaded with eccentric loading, the safe load,

$$P = \frac{f_c \times A}{\left( 1 + \frac{ey_c}{K^2} \right) \left[ 1 + \alpha \left( \frac{L}{K} \right)^2 \right]}$$



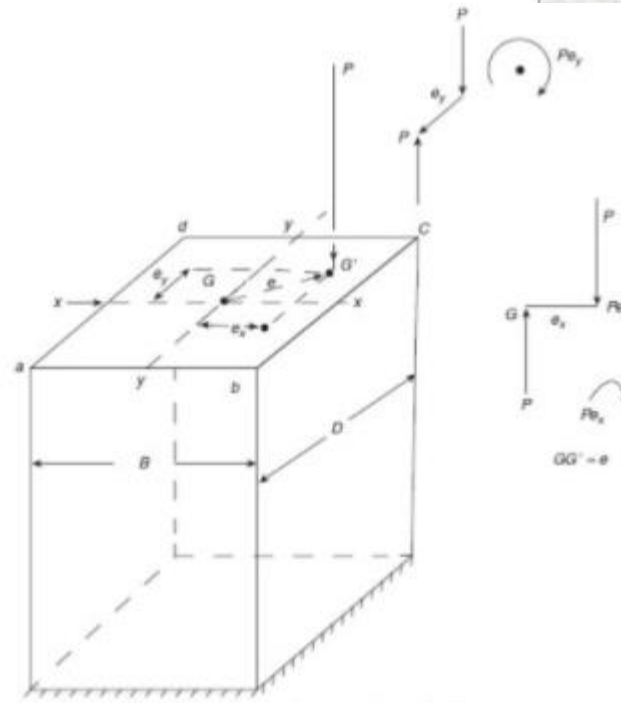
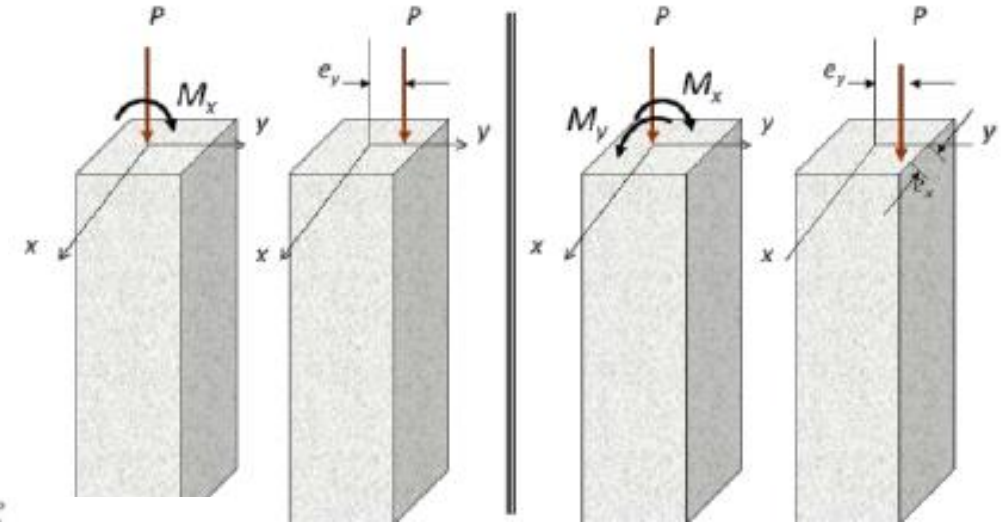
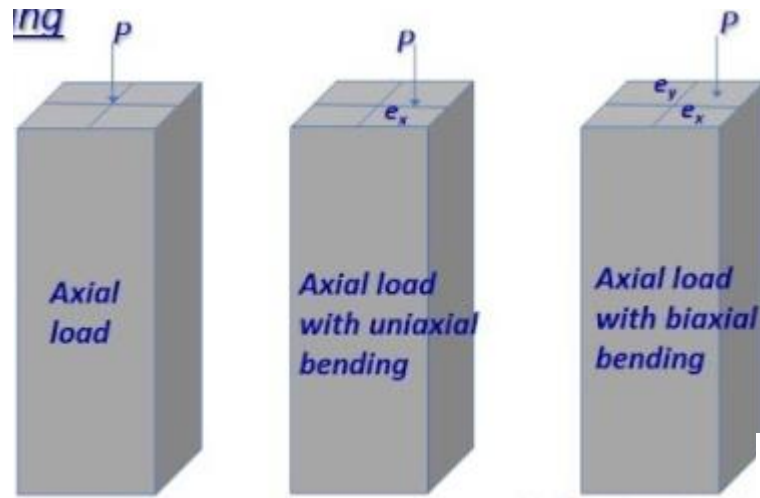
ii. Euler's formula

Maximum stress in the column = Direct stress + Bending stress

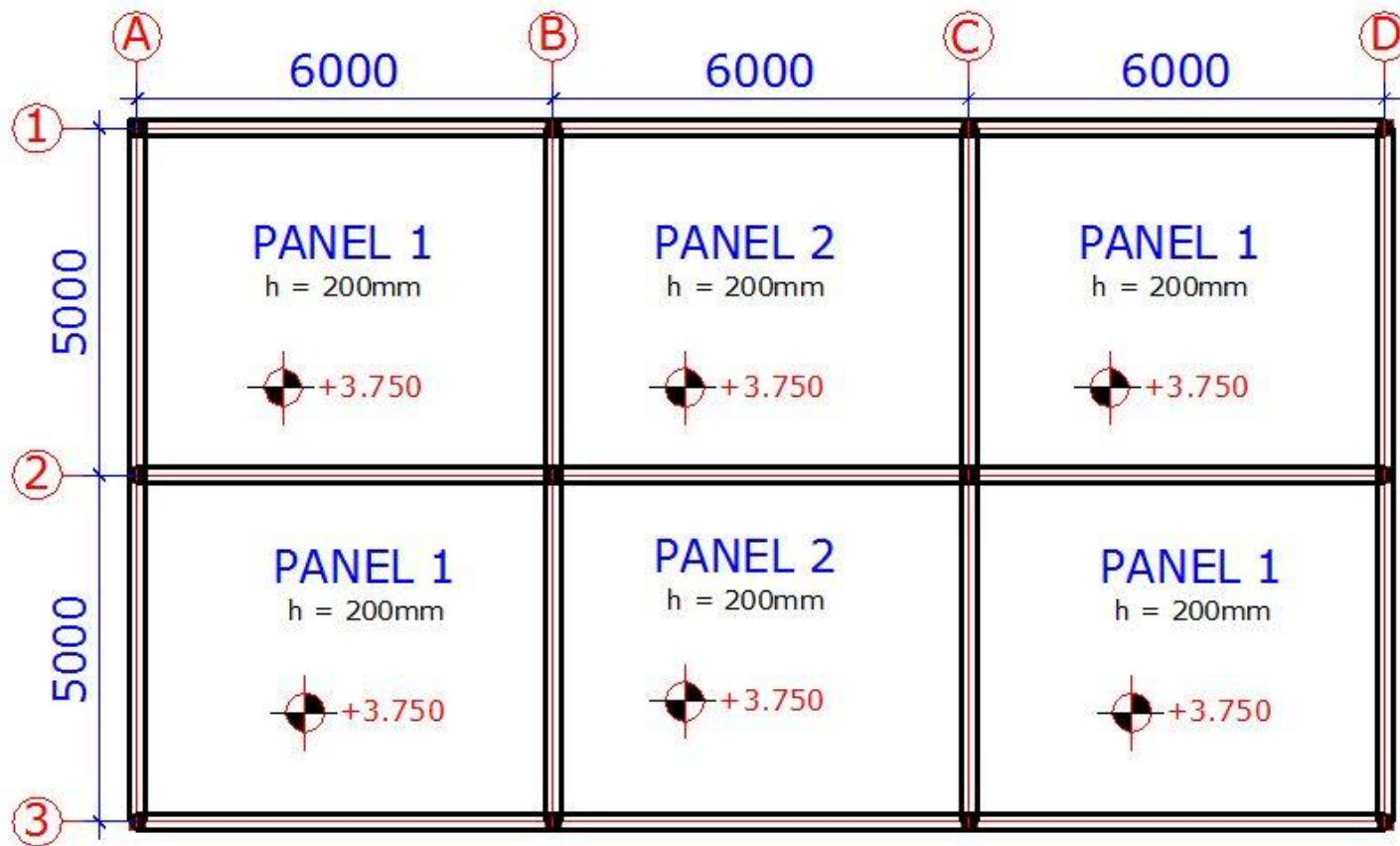
$$= \frac{P}{A} + \frac{P \times e \sec \sqrt{\frac{P}{EI} \frac{L}{2}}}{Z}$$

Hence, the maximum stress induced in the column having both ends hinged and an eccentricity of  $e$  is  $\frac{P}{A} + \frac{Pe}{Z} \sec \left( \sqrt{\frac{P}{EI} \frac{L}{2}} \right)$

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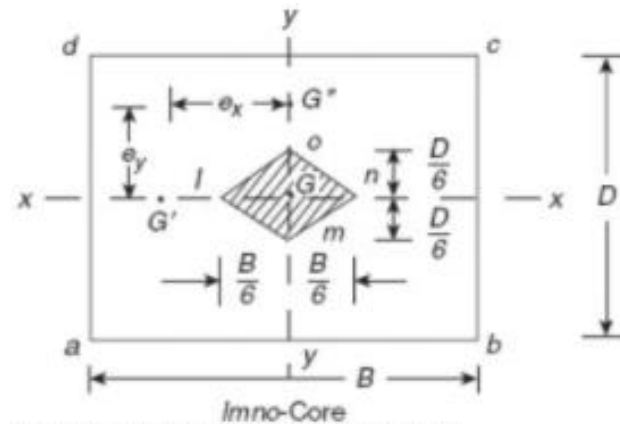


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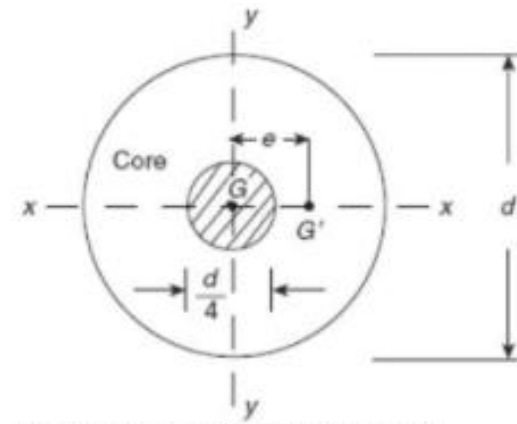


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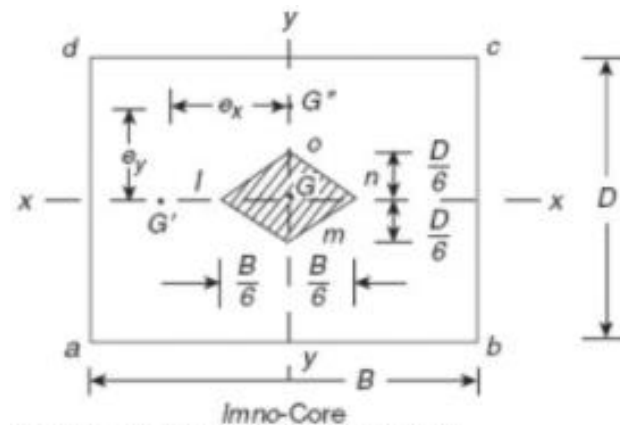


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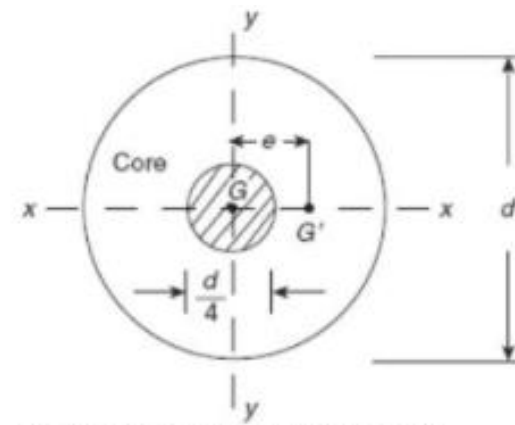


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## *Eccentric loaded column Problems*

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$$\begin{aligned}\text{Area of the column section } A &= \frac{\pi \times D^2}{4} \\ &= \frac{\pi (150)^2}{4} \\ &= 17671 \text{ mm}^2\end{aligned}$$

Moment of inertia of the column section N.A.,

$$\begin{aligned}I &= \frac{\pi}{64} \times D^4 = \frac{\pi}{64} \times (150)^4 \\ &= 24.85 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4\end{aligned}$$

Section modulus,

$$\begin{aligned}Z &= \frac{I}{y} = \frac{I}{D/2} \\ &= \frac{24.85 \times 10^6}{\frac{150}{2}} = 331339 \text{ mm}^3\end{aligned}$$

Both the ends of the column are fixed.

$$\text{Effective length of the column, } L = \frac{l}{2} = \frac{3000}{2} = 1500 \text{ mm}$$

Now, the angle

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{P/EI} \times \frac{L}{2} &= \sqrt{\frac{100 \times 10^3}{1 \times 10^5 \times 24.85 \times 10^6}} \times \frac{1500}{2} \\ &= 0.1504 \text{ rad} = 8.61^\circ\end{aligned}$$

Maximum compressive stress,

$$\begin{aligned}&= \frac{P}{A} + \frac{P \times e}{Z} \left( \sec \sqrt{P/EI} \frac{L}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{100 \times 10^3}{17671} + \frac{100 \times 10^3 \times 15 \times \sec 8.61^\circ}{331339} \\ &= 10.22 \text{ N/mm}^2\end{aligned}$$

To avoid tension we know,

$$\frac{P}{A} = \frac{M}{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P}{A} = \frac{P \times e \times \sec 8.61^\circ}{Z}$$

$$\frac{100 \times 10^3}{17671} = \frac{100 \times 10^3 \times e \times \sec 8.61^\circ}{331339}$$

$$e = 18.50 \text{ mm}$$

Result:

- Maximum compressive stress = 10.22 N/mm<sup>2</sup>
- Maximum eccentricity = 18.50 mm

## *Column & Strut*

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# *Queries?*