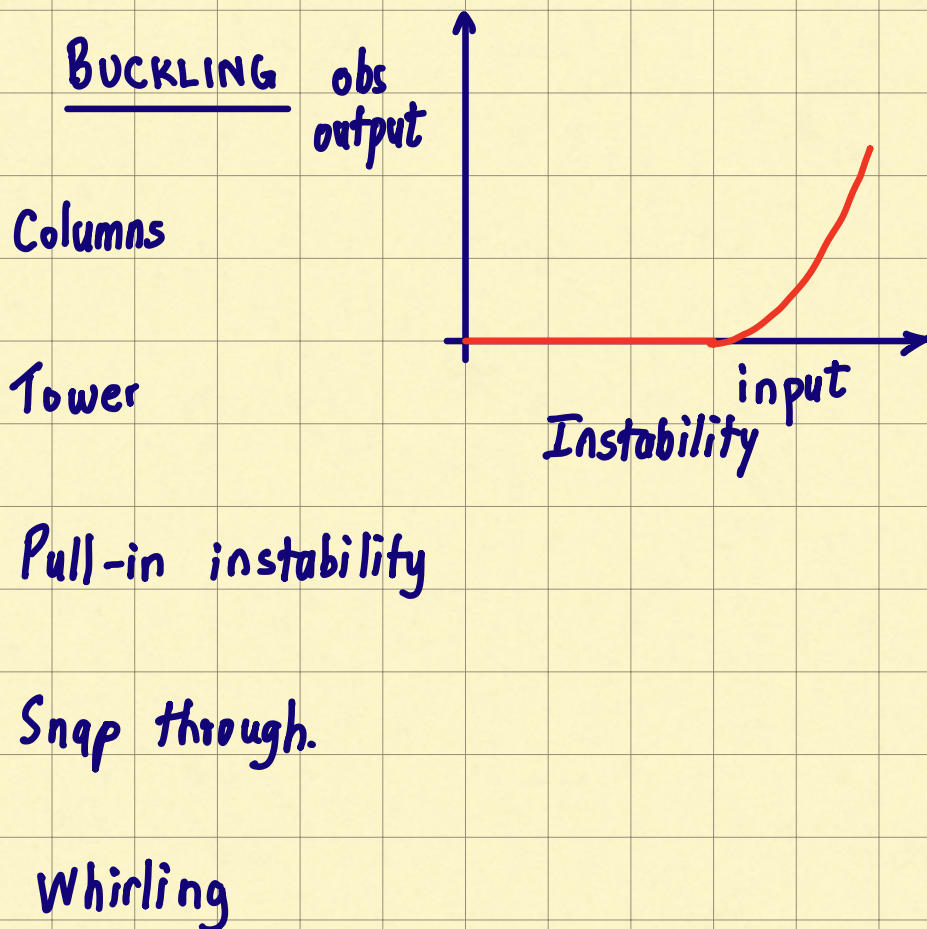
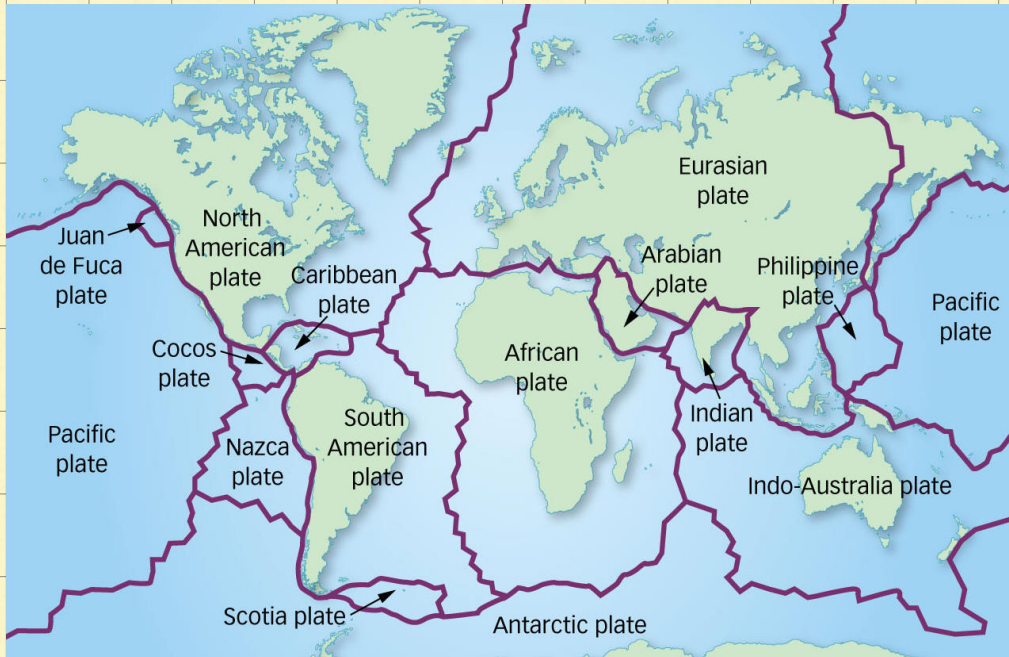


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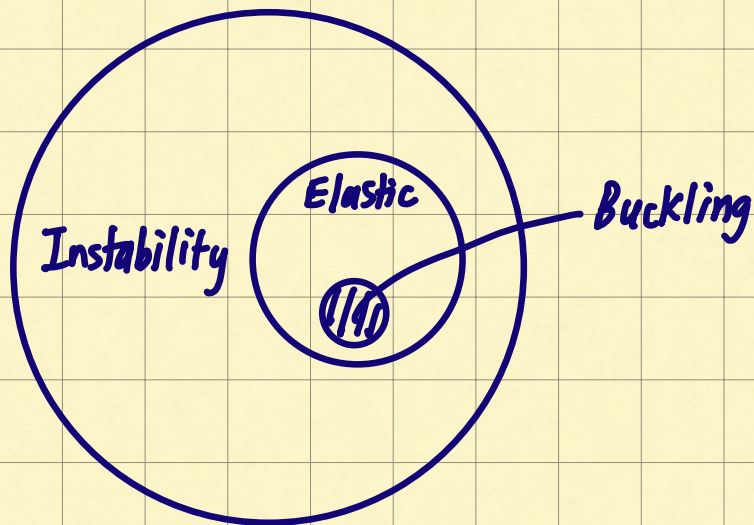


## Continental Plates



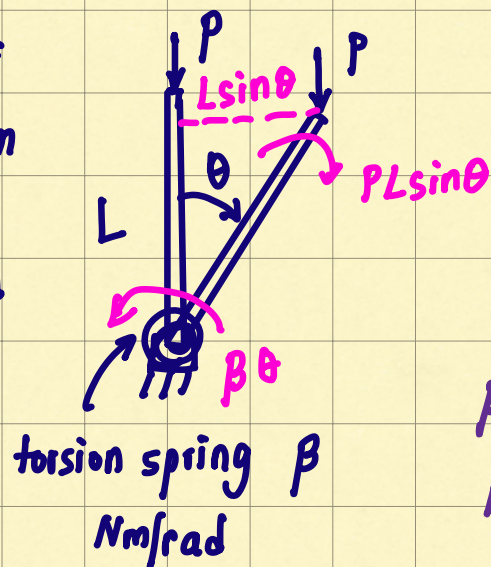
## Geological Instability

## Earthquakes



1 DOF  
problem

rigid  
rod



$\theta = 0$  is an eqm  
configuration.

$$\Sigma M = 0$$

$$\beta \theta = PL \sin \theta$$

$$p = \frac{PL}{\beta}$$

$$\theta = p \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{\theta}{p}, \sin \theta$$

For small angles,  $\sin \theta \approx \theta$  linearization



$$\theta = p \theta \quad \theta = 0$$

$\theta$  indeterminate  $\Leftarrow p=1 \Rightarrow$  another

eqm position exists

$$p=1 \Rightarrow P = \frac{\beta}{L} \quad \text{critical/buckling load.}$$

Indeterminate angular disp is an artefact of the linearization.

$$\theta = p \theta, \quad \frac{\beta}{L} \theta = p \theta$$

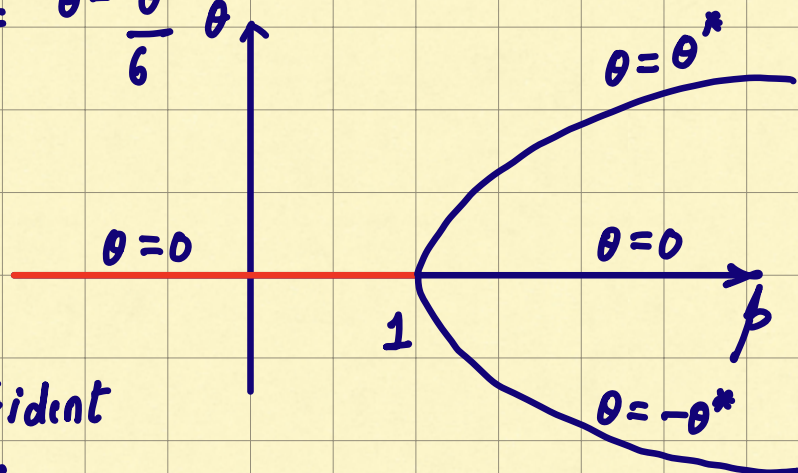
1D eigenvalue problem.  $\underline{A} \underline{v} = \lambda \underline{v}$

Buckling load is the critical load at which a system in stat. eqm has non-trivial solutions (in addition to the trivial/zero solution).

$$\sin \theta \approx \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{6}$$

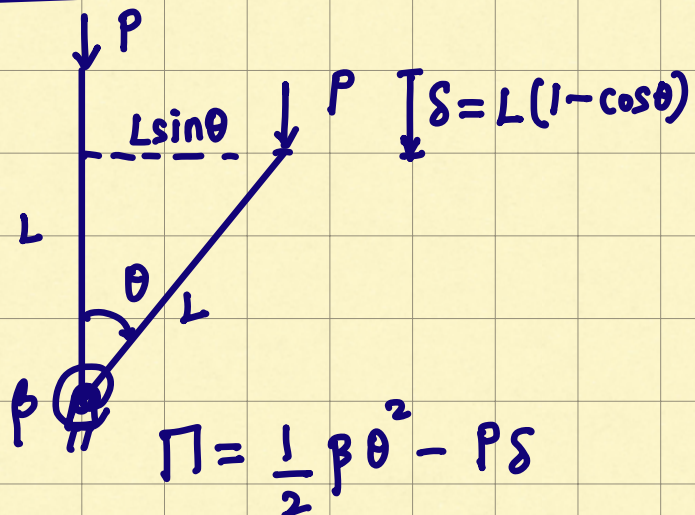
$$\frac{\theta}{P} = \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{6}$$

Bifurcation  
Diagram



Pitchfork/Trident  
Bifurcation.

Potential Energy Approach



$$\Pi(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \beta \theta^2 - PL(1 - \cos \theta)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \beta \theta^2 - \frac{p\beta}{k} L(1 - \cos \theta)$$

$$= \beta \left[ \frac{1}{2} \theta^2 - p(1 - \cos \theta) \right]$$

$p < 1$       stable eqm at  $\theta = 0$

$p = 1$       critical transition

$p > 1$       unstable eqm at  $\theta = 0$

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2 stable equilibria

$$\frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial \theta} = \theta - p \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Pi}{\partial \theta^2} = 1 - p \cos \theta$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 \Pi}{\partial \theta^2} \right|_{\theta=0} = 1 - p$$



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Buckling load is the critical load  
at which equilibrium changes from  
stable to unstable.