

CIVE 3205  
Example Set AC10  
Axially Loaded Columns

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- Feb 26/20: new posting

Find capacity of axially loaded W250x73,  $L=8\text{m}$ , pinned end ( $K=1.0$ ). Grade 350W -  $F_y = 350\text{ MPa}$ .

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W250x73:

$$A = 9290\text{ mm}^2$$

$$r_x = 110\text{ mm}$$

$$r_y = 64.6\text{ mm}$$

$$b = 254\text{ mm} \quad t = 14.2\text{ mm}$$

$$d-2t = h = 225\text{ mm} \quad w = 8.6\text{ mm}$$

i) check local buckling

$$\text{flange: } \frac{b_{el}}{t} = \frac{254}{2 \times 14.2} = 8.94$$

$$\text{Table 1 limit} = \frac{200}{\sqrt{350}} = 10.7 > 8.94 \quad \text{O.K.}$$

$$\text{web: } \frac{h}{w} = \frac{225}{8.6} = 26.2$$

$$\text{Table 1 limit} = \frac{670}{\sqrt{350}} = 35.8 > 26.2 \quad \text{O.K.}$$

$\therefore$  local buckling restraints are met.

ii) overall strength

$$\frac{K L_x}{r_x} = \frac{1.0 \times 8000}{110} = 72.7$$

$$\frac{K L_y}{r_y} = \frac{1.0 \times 8000}{64.6} = 123.8 \quad \leftarrow \text{governs}$$

$$F_e = \frac{\pi^2 E}{\left(\frac{K L}{r}\right)^2} = \frac{\pi^2 \times 200000}{123.8^2} = 128.8\text{ MPa}$$

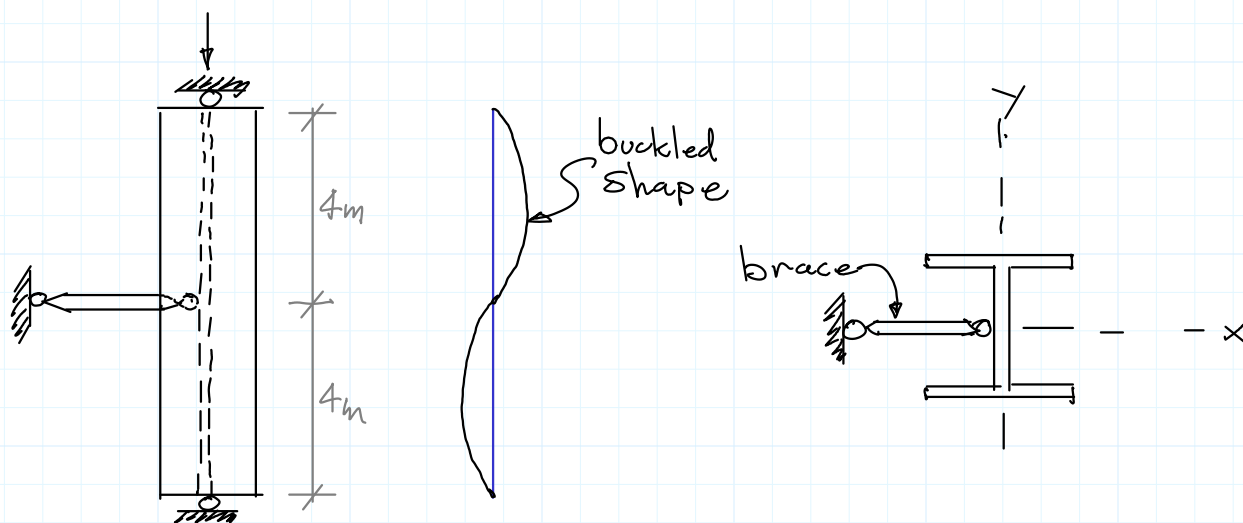
$$\lambda = \sqrt{F_y / F_e} = \sqrt{350 / 128.8} = 1.648$$

$$n = 1.34$$

$$C_r = 0.9 \times 9290\text{ mm}^2 \times 350 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2} \times 10^{-3} \frac{\text{KN}}{\text{N}} \times \left(1 + 1.648^{2.68}\right)^{-1/1.34}$$

$$\underline{C_r = 906\text{ kN}} \quad \leftarrow \text{Ans.}$$

The W250x73 of example C1-1 is to be braced at mid-height against buckling about the weak axis, as shown:



i) local buckling - as before O.K.

ii) overall strength

$$\frac{K_x L_x}{r_x} = \frac{1.0 \times 8000}{110} = 72.7 \leftarrow \text{governs}$$

$$\frac{K_y L_y}{r_y} = \frac{1.0 \times 4000}{64.6} = 61.9$$

$$F_e = \frac{\pi^2 \times 200000}{(72.7)^2} = 373.5 \text{ MPa}$$

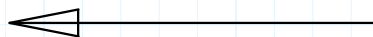
$$\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{350}{373.5}} = 0.9680$$

$$n = 1.34$$

$$C_r = 0.9 \times 9290 \times 0.35 \times \left( 1 + 0.9680^{2.68} \right)^{-1/1.34}$$

$$C_r = 1801 \text{ kN}$$

$$\underline{\underline{C_r = 1800 \text{ kN}}}$$



Select a column to carry  $C_f = 4000 \text{ kN}$   
 as an axially loaded pin ended col.  $L = 4900 \text{ mm}$   
 $K = 1.0$  A992 steel  $F_y = 345 \text{ MPa}$ .

Use a W profile.

For a trial section, calc. smallest area:

$$A_{\text{reqd}} > \frac{C_f}{\phi F_y} = \frac{4000 \times 10^3}{0.9 \times 345} = 12880 \text{ mm}^2$$

Typical W column sections are W310 & W360  
 (sometimes W200 or W250) and roughly  
 square in cross section (b & d roughly equal).

Try W310 x 158

$$A = 20100 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$r_x = 139 \text{ mm}$$

$$r_y = 78.9 \text{ mm}$$

$$b = 310 \text{ mm} \quad t = 25.1 \text{ mm}$$

$$d - 2t = 277 \text{ mm} \quad w = 15.5 \text{ mm}$$

i) check local buckling

$$\text{flange: } \frac{b_{\text{el}}}{t} = \frac{310}{2 \times 25.1} = 6.18 \leq \frac{200}{\sqrt{345}} = 10.8 \quad \text{O.K.}$$

$$\text{web: } \frac{h}{w} = \frac{277}{15.5} = 17.9 \leq \frac{670}{\sqrt{345}} = 36.1 \quad \text{O.K.}$$

ii) overall capacity

$$\left(\frac{KL}{r}\right)_{\text{max}} = \frac{K_y L_y}{r_y} = \frac{1.0 \times 4900}{78.9} = 62.10$$

$$F_e = \frac{\pi^2 \times 200000}{62.10^2} = 511.9$$

$$\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{345}{511.9}} = 0.8210$$

$$n = 1.34$$

$$C_r = 0.9 \times 20100 \times 345 \times \left(1 + 0.8210^{2.68}\right)^{-1/1.34}$$

$$C_r = 4416 \text{ kN}$$

10% overdesign - try smaller section.

# AC10-3 (continued.)

Use Handbook Factored Axial Compressive Resistance tables (green pages 4-21 to 4-113) to select trial section.  
(Note: values in table are for  $F_y = 345 \text{ MPa}$ )

Using row for  $KL = 5000 \text{ mm}$

Try  $W310 \times 143$  ( $C_r = 3930$  for  $L=5000, F_y=345$ )  
 $A = 18200$   
 $r_x = 138$   $b = 309$   $t = 22.9$   
 $r_y = 78.6$   $d - 2t = 277$   $w = 14.0$

i) local buckling

$$\text{flange: } \frac{b_{el}}{t} = \frac{309}{2 \times 22.9} = 6.75 < 10.8 \quad \text{O.K.}$$

$$\text{web: } \frac{h}{w} = \frac{277}{14.0} = 19.8 < 36.1 \quad \text{O.K.}$$

ii) overall strength

$$\frac{KL}{r} = \frac{1.0 \times 4900}{78.6} = 62.34$$

$$F_e = \frac{\pi^2 \times 200000}{62.34^2} = 507.9 \text{ MPa}$$

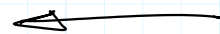
$$\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{345}{507.9}} = 0.8242$$

$$n = 1.34$$

$$C_r = 0.9 \times 18200 \times 0.345 \left( 1 + 0.8242^{2.68} \right)^{-1/1.34}$$

$$= 3987 < 4000 \quad \text{but O.K. (0.3\% under)}$$

Use  $W310 \times 143$



# AC10-3 (continued)

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The following sections would likely work & should be checked

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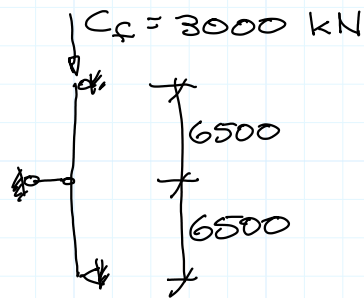
W360 x 134

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HSS 406 x 13 Class C

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### Example AC10-4



Select a W section  
ASTM A992 steel

Pin ends, both  
direction

Mid point brace  
one direction

Note: Factored Axial  
Compressive Resistance  
Tables

1.  $C_n$  values are computed using  $L_y$  - length associated with weak axis buckling.  
i.e using  $\frac{k_y L_y}{r_y}$  as the slenderness ratio

2. Sometimes, as perhaps in this case, buckling about the strong axis will govern

$$\frac{k_x L_x}{r_x} > \frac{k_y L_y}{r_y}$$

3. Find a section of length such that strength wrt weak axis is the same

4. Do that by equating slenderness ratios

$$\frac{k_y L_y}{r_y} = \frac{k_x L_x}{r_x}$$

$$\text{or } L_y = \left( \frac{k_x}{k_y} \right) \frac{L_x}{(r_x/r_y)}$$

if  $k_x = k_y$ , then

$$L_y = \frac{L_x}{(r_x/r_y)}$$

1<sup>st</sup> estimate:

Use  $L_y = 6500 \text{ mm}$  &  $C_c = 3000$  to  
get 1<sup>st</sup> trial.

W310 x 143 has  $C_c = 3070$  for  $L_y = 6500$

for that section  $r_x/r_y = 1.76$

$\therefore$  Find a section with  $L_y = \frac{13000}{1.76} = 7390 \text{ mm}$

Look at row for  $L = 7500$

try:  $W310 \times 179$   $\frac{s_x}{r_y} = 1.76$   $L_y = 7390$

$$3560 > C_f > 3270$$

or  $W360 \times 162$   $\frac{s_x}{r_y} = 1.66$   $L_y = 7831$

$3650 > C_f > 3400$  will work  
(but not readily available)

$W360 \times 134$   $\frac{s_x}{r_y} = 1.66$   $L_y = 7831$

$$2990 > C_f > 2780 \quad \text{N.G.}$$

$W360 \times 122$   $\frac{s_x}{r_y} = 2.44$   $L_y = \frac{13000}{2.44} = 5330 \text{ mm}$

$$2730 > C_f > 2450 \quad \text{N.G.}$$

Use  $W310 \times 179$  