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# Mechanics of Materials

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## Buckling of Columns

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### *Buckling of Columns*

#### □ Introduction

- In discussing the analysis and design of various structures in the previous chapters, we had two primary concerns:
  - the strength of the structure, i.e. its ability to support a specified load without experiencing excessive stresses;
  - the ability of the structure to support a specified load without undergoing unacceptable deformations.

## **Buckling of Columns**

### **□ Introduction**

- Now we shall be concerned with stability of the structure,
  - with its ability to support a given load without experiencing a sudden change in its configuration.
- Our discussion will relate mainly to columns,
  - the analysis and design of vertical prismatic members supporting axial loads.

## **Buckling of Columns**

### **□ Introduction**

- Structures may fail in a variety of ways, depending on the :
  - Type of structure
  - Conditions of support
  - Kinds of loads
  - Material used

## **Buckling of Columns**

### **□ Introduction**

- Failure is prevented by designing structures so that the maximum stresses and maximum displacements remain within tolerable limits.
- Strength and stiffness are important factors in design as we have already discussed
- Another type of failure is buckling

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## **Buckling of Columns**

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## **Buckling**

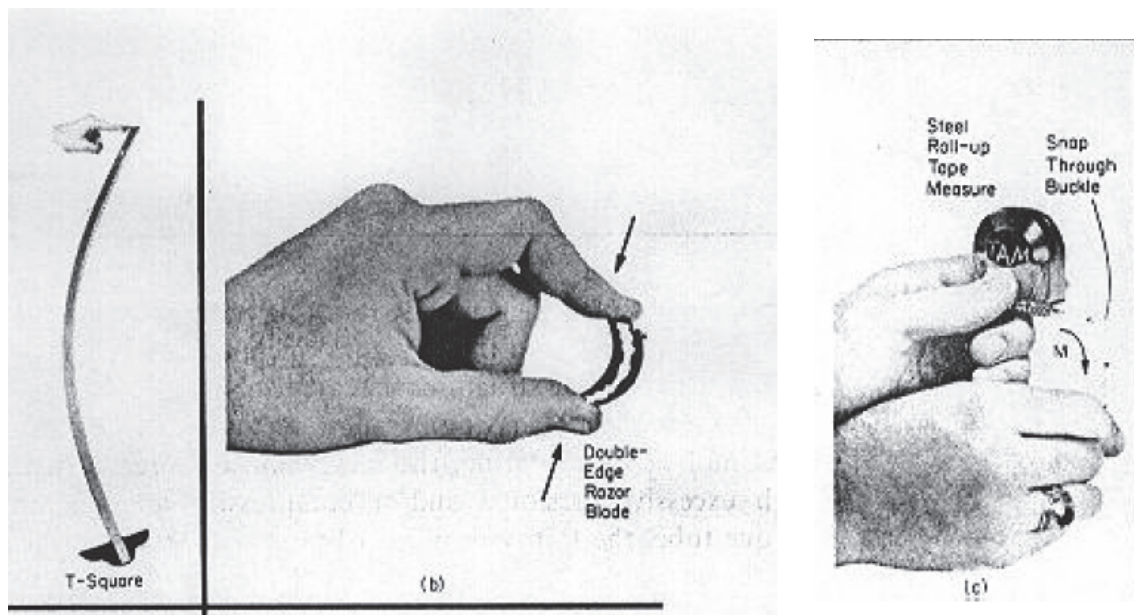
– Buckling is a mode of failure generally resulting from structural instability due to **compressive action** on the structural member or element involved.

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## **Buckling of Columns**

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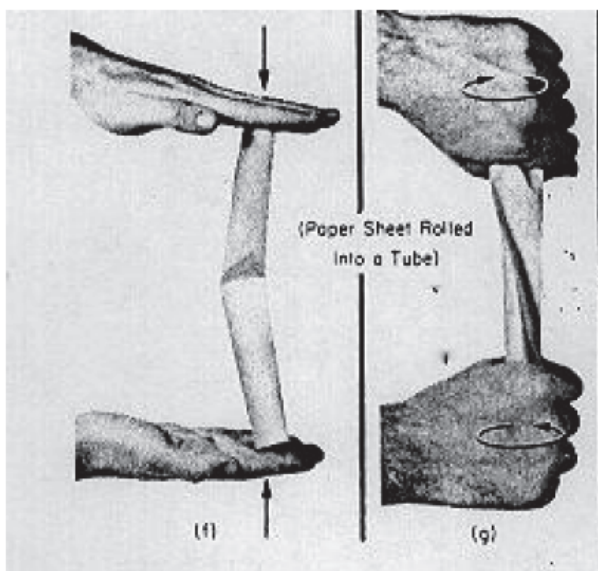
Buckling is not limited to columns.



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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **□ Introduction**



Any thin-walled torque tube

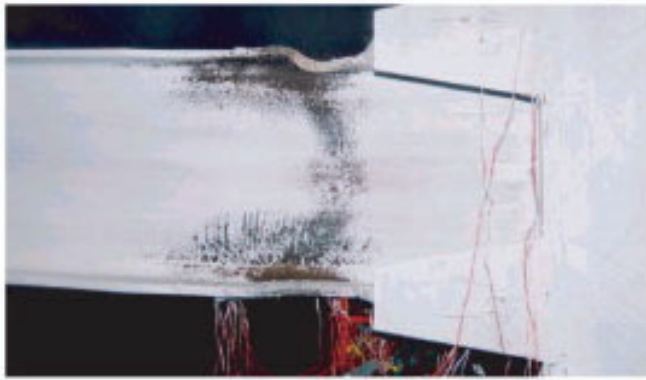
Step on empty aluminum can

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## **Buckling of Columns**

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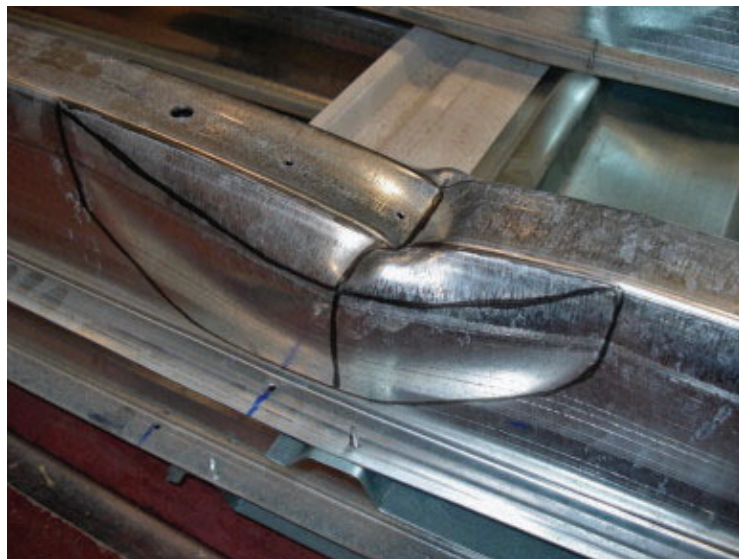
A thin flange of an I-beam subjected to excessive compressive bending effects.



## **Buckling of Columns**

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The thin web of an I-beam with excessive shear load

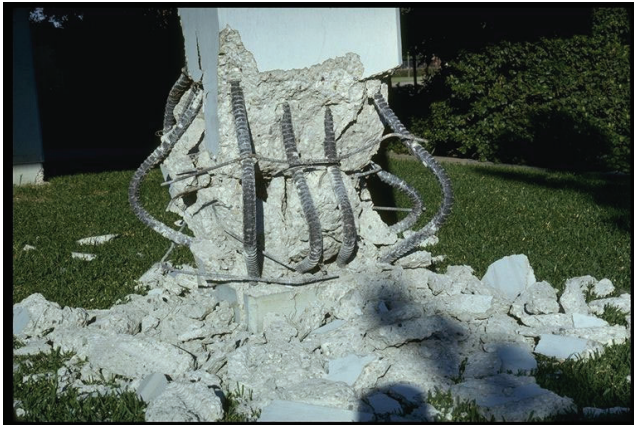




## **Buckling of Columns**

### **□ Introduction**

The distinctive feature of buckling is the **catastrophic** and often spectacular nature of failure.



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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **□ The Nature of Buckling**

- In the previous chapters, we related load to stress and load to deformation.
- For these non-buckling cases of axial, torsional, bending, and combined loading, the stress or deformation was the significant quantity in failure.
- Buckling of a member is uniquely different in that the quantity significant in failure is the buckling load itself.

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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **□ The Nature of Buckling**

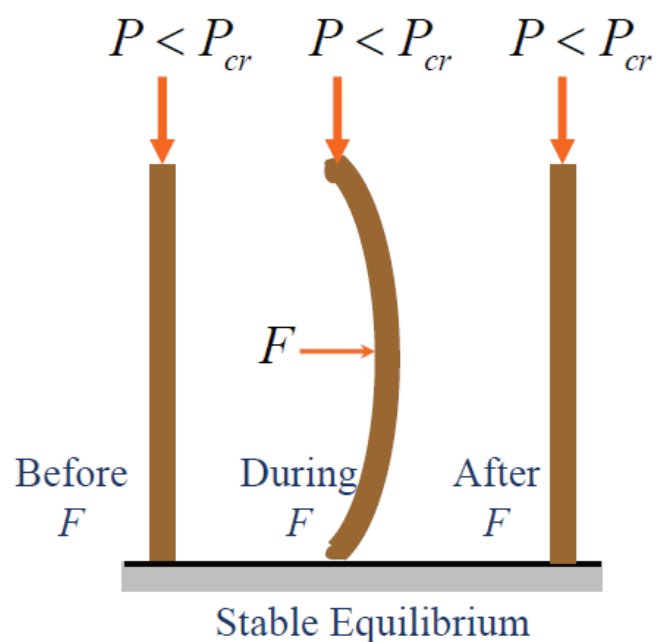
- The failure (buckling) load bears no unique relationship to the stress and deformation at failure.
- Our usual approach of deriving a load stress and load-deformation relations cannot be used here, instead, the approach to find an expression for the buckling load  $P_{cr}$ .

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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **□ Mechanism of Buckling**

- In Figure, some axial load  $P$  is applied to the column.
- The column is then given a small deflection by applying the small lateral force  $F$ .
- If the load  $P$  is sufficiently small, when the force  $F$  is removed, the column will go back to its original straight condition.

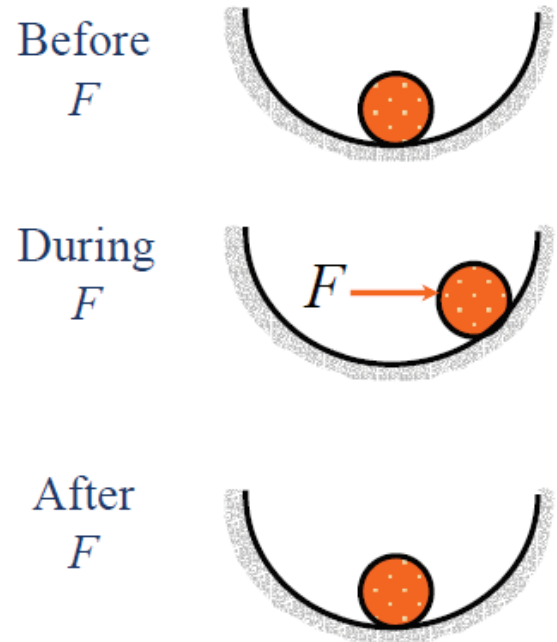


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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **□ Mechanism of Buckling**

- The column will go back to its original straight condition just as the ball returns to the bottom of the curved container.
- In Figure of the ball and the curved container, gravity tends to restore the ball to its original position, while for the column the elasticity of the column itself acts as restoring force.
- This action constitutes stable equilibrium.

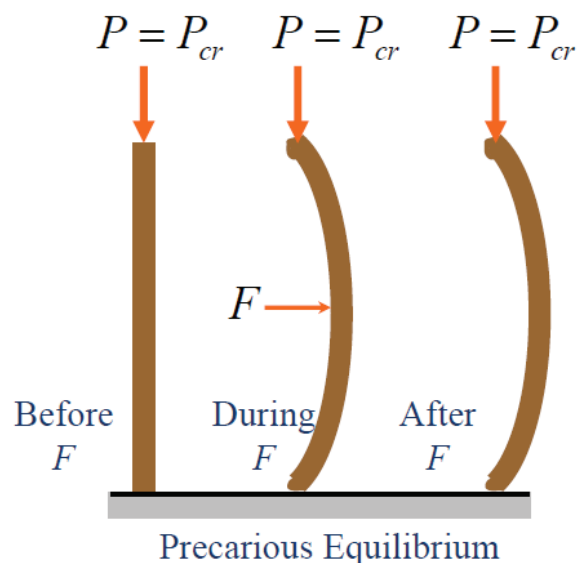


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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **□ Mechanism of Buckling**

- The same procedure can be repeated for increased value of the load  $P$  until some critical value  $P_{cr}$  is reached.
- When the column carries this load, and a lateral force  $F$  is applied and removed, the column will remain in the slightly deflected position. The elastic restoring force of the column is not sufficient to return the column to its original straight position but is sufficient to prevent excessive deflection of the column.



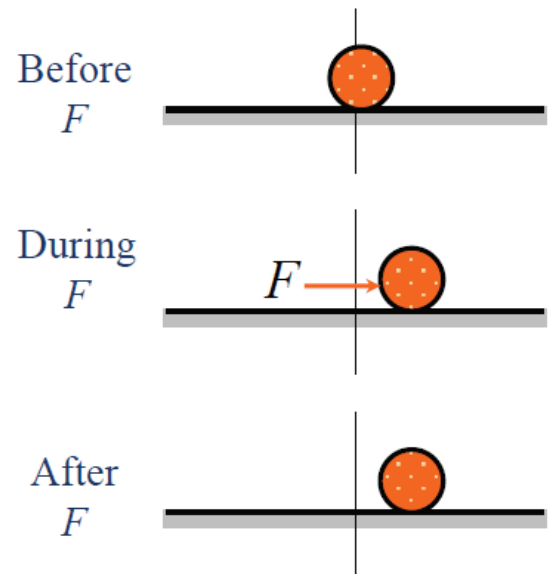
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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **□ Mechanism of Buckling**

- In Figure of the ball and the flat surface, the amount of deflection will depend on the magnitude of the lateral force  $F$ .
- Hence, the column can be in equilibrium in an infinite number of slightly bent positions.
- This action constitutes neutral or precarious equilibrium.

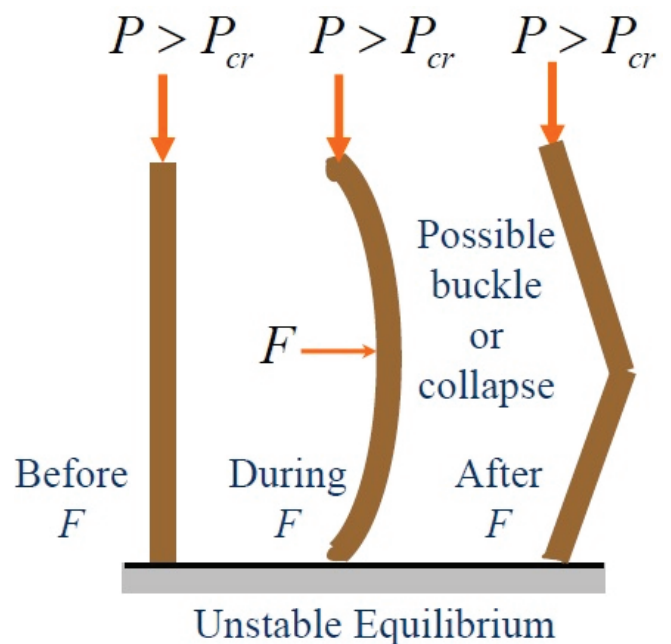


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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **□ Mechanism of Buckling**

- If the column is subjected to an axial compressive load  $P$  that exceeds  $P_{cr}$ , as shown in Figure, and a lateral force  $F$  is applied and removed, the column will bend considerably.
- That is, the elastic restoring force of the column is not sufficient to prevent a small disturbance from growing into an excessively large deflection.

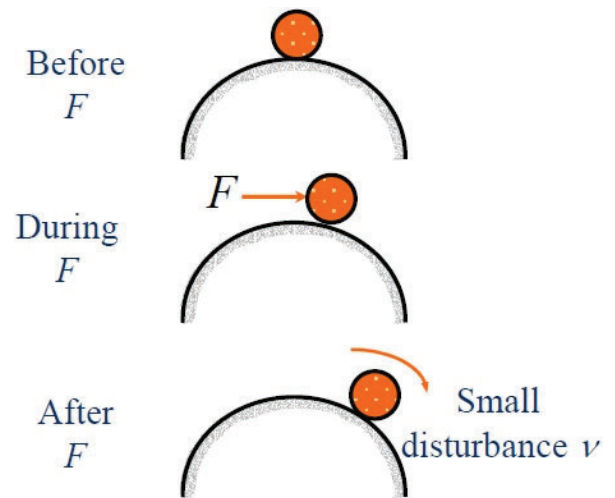


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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **❑ Mechanism of Buckling**

- Depending on the magnitude of  $P$ , the column either will remain in the bent position or will completely collapse and fracture, just as the ball will roll off the curved surface in Figure.
- This type of behavior indicates that for axial loads greater than  $P_{cr}$ , the straight position of a column is one of unstable equilibrium in that a small disturbance will tend to grow into an excessive deformation.



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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **❑ The Nature of Buckling**

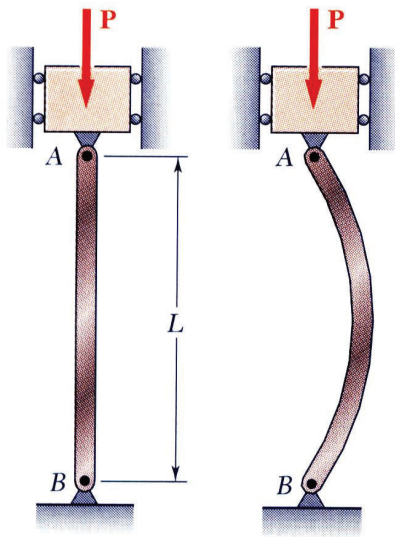
#### **Definition**

***“Buckling can be defined as the sudden large deformation of structure due to a slight increase of an existing load under which the structure had exhibited little, if any, deformation before the load was increased.”***

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## Buckling of Columns

### □ Stability of Structures



- In the design of columns, cross-sectional area is selected such that

- allowable stress is not exceeded

$$\sigma = \frac{P}{A} \leq \sigma_{all}$$

- deformation falls within specifications

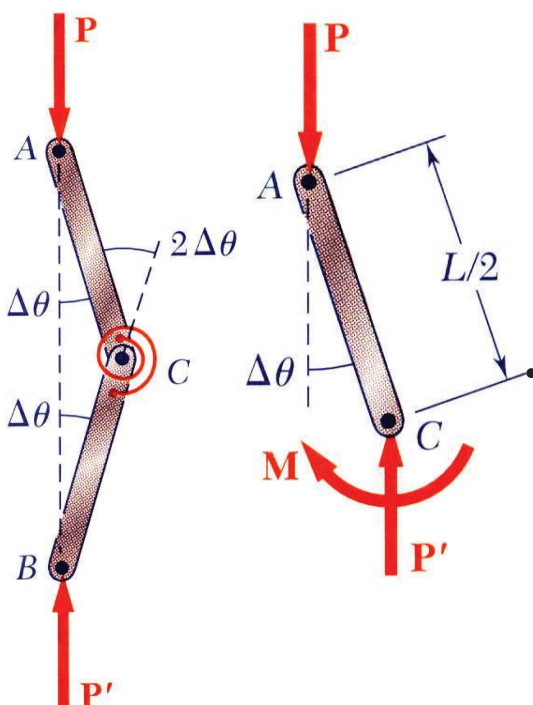
$$\delta = \frac{PL}{AE} \leq \delta_{spec}$$

- After these design calculations, may discover that the column is unstable under loading and that it suddenly becomes sharply curved or buckles.

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## Buckling of Columns

### □ Stability of Structures



- Consider model with two rods and torsional spring. After a small perturbation,

$$K(2\Delta\theta) = \text{restoring moment}$$

$$P \frac{L}{2} \sin \Delta\theta = P \frac{L}{2} \Delta\theta = \text{destabilizing moment}$$

Column is stable (tends to return to aligned orientation) if

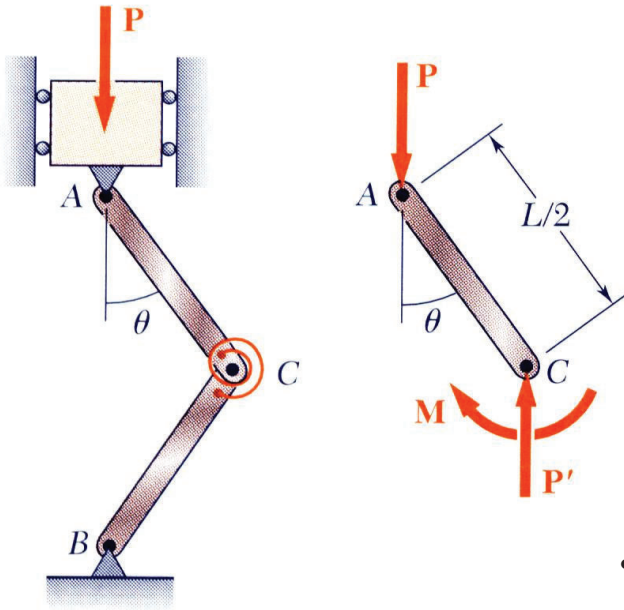
$$P \frac{L}{2} \Delta\theta < K(2\Delta\theta)$$

$$P < P_{cr} = \frac{4K}{L}$$

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## Buckling of Columns

### □ Stability of Structures



- Assume that a load  $P$  is applied. After a perturbation, the system settles to a new equilibrium configuration at a finite deflection angle.

$$P \frac{L}{2} \sin \theta = K(2\theta)$$

$$\frac{PL}{4K} = \frac{P}{P_{cr}} = \frac{\theta}{\sin \theta}$$

- Noting that  $\sin \theta < \theta$ , the assumed configuration is only possible if  $P > P_{cr}$

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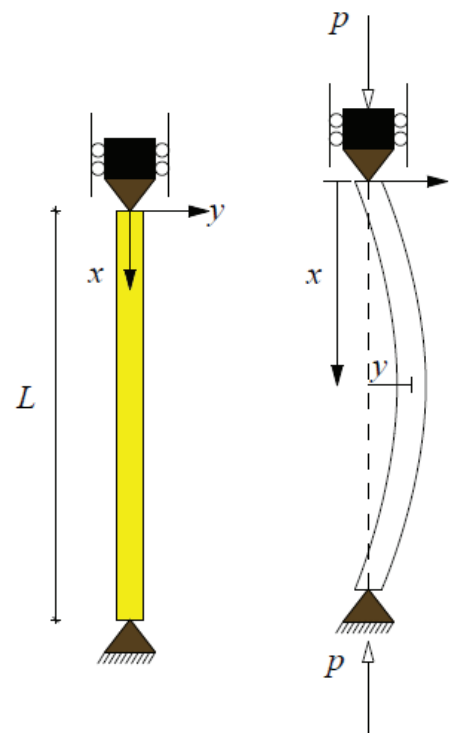
## Buckling of Columns

### □ Critical Buckling Load

- The purpose of this analysis is to determine the minimum axial compressive load for which a column will experience lateral deflection.

#### – Governing Differential Equation:

- Consider a buckled simply-supported column of length  $L$  under an external axial compression force  $P$ . The transverse displacement of the buckled column is represented by  $y$ .



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## **Buckling of Columns**

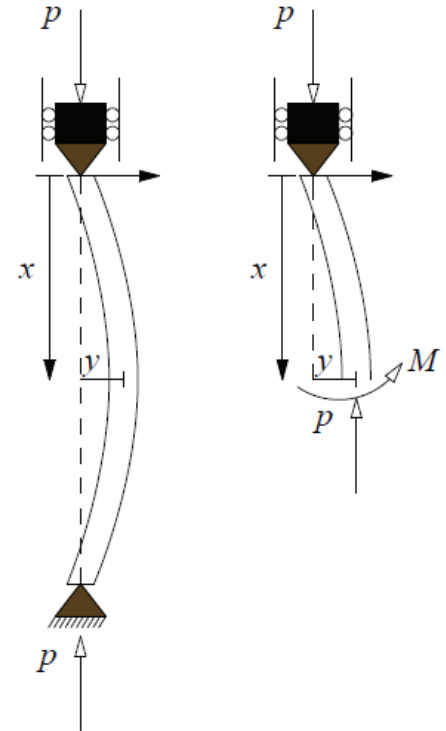
### **❑ Critical Buckling Load**

#### **– Governing Differential Equation:**

The figure shows the forces and moments acting on a cross-section in the buckled column. Moment equilibrium on the lower free body yields a solution for the internal bending moment  $M$ ,

$$\sum M = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$Py + M = 0$$



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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **❑ Critical Buckling Load**

#### **– Governing Differential Equation:**

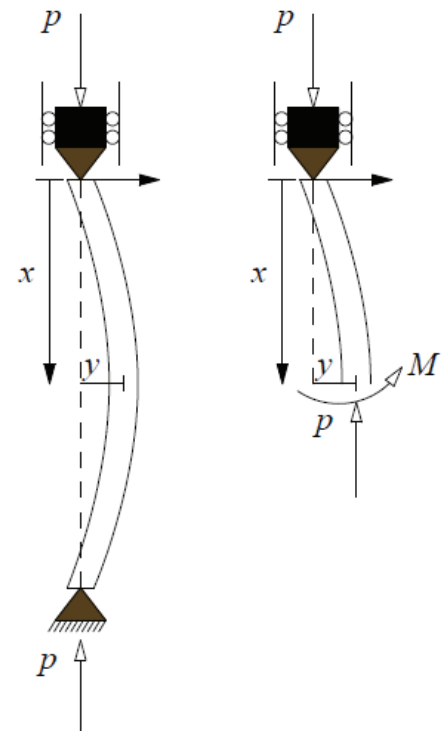
Recall the relationship between the moment  $M$  and the transverse displacement  $y$  for the elastic curve,

$$EI \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = M$$

$\Rightarrow$

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

The governing equation is a second order homogeneous ordinary differential equation with constant coefficients.



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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **□ Critical Buckling Load**

#### **– Governing Differential Equation:**

The solution is found to be,

$$y(x) = A \cos(\alpha x) + B \sin(\alpha x)$$

where

$$\alpha^2 = \frac{P}{EI}$$

The coefficients A and B are constants, which can be determined using the column's kinematic boundary conditions.

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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **□ Critical Buckling Load**

#### **– Governing Differential Equation:**

**Kinematic Boundary Conditions**

$$y(x) = A \cos(\alpha x) + B \sin(\alpha x)$$

$$\text{at } x = 0, y = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = A + 0, \text{ giving that } A = 0$$

$$\text{at } x = L, y = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = B \sin(\alpha L)$$

If  $B = 0$ , No bending moment exists, so the only logical solution is for  $\sin(\alpha L) = 0$  and the only way that this can happen is if :

$$\alpha L = n\pi$$

where  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

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## Buckling of Columns

### ❑ Critical Buckling Load

#### – Governing Differential Equation:

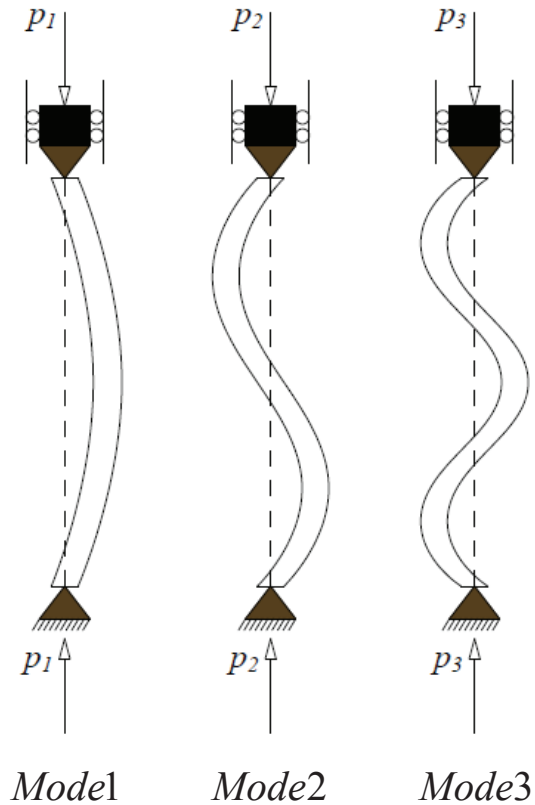
##### Kinematic Boundary Conditions

$$\alpha^2 = \frac{P}{EI} = \left( \frac{n\pi}{L} \right)^2 \Rightarrow P = n^2 \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L^2}$$

$$\text{Model 1 } n=1 \Rightarrow P_1 = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L^2}$$

$$\text{Mode 2 } n=2 \Rightarrow P_2 = \frac{4\pi^2 EI}{L^2}$$

$$\text{Mode 3 } n=3 \Rightarrow P_3 = \frac{9\pi^2 EI}{L^2}$$



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## Buckling of Columns

### ❑ Critical Buckling Load

The lowest load that causes buckling is called critical load ( $n=1$ ). The critical buckling load (**Euler Buckling**) for a long column is given by

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

where

$E$  = modulus of elasticity of the material

$I$  = moment of inertia of the cross section

$L$  = length of column

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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **❑ Critical Buckling Load**

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

- Equation 9 is usually called Euler's formula. Although Leonard Euler did publish the governing equation in 1744.
- J. L. Lagrange is considered the first to show that a non-trivial solution exists only when  $n$  is an integer.
- Thomas Young then suggested the critical load ( $n = 1$ ) and pointed out the solution was valid when the column is slender in his 1807 book.
- The "slender" column idea was not quantitatively developed until A. Considère performed a series of 32 tests in 1889.

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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **❑ Critical Buckling Stress**

$$\left. \begin{aligned} P_{cr} &= \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L^2} \\ r &= \sqrt{\frac{I}{A}} \Rightarrow A = \frac{I}{r^2} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \sigma_{cr} = \frac{P_{cr}}{A} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{\frac{L^2}{I} r^2} \Rightarrow \sigma_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 E}{\left(\frac{L}{r}\right)^2}$$

where

$r$  = radius of gyration

$(L/r)$  = slenderness ratio of column

When calculating the critical buckling for columns,  $I$  (or  $r$ ) should be obtained about the weak axis.

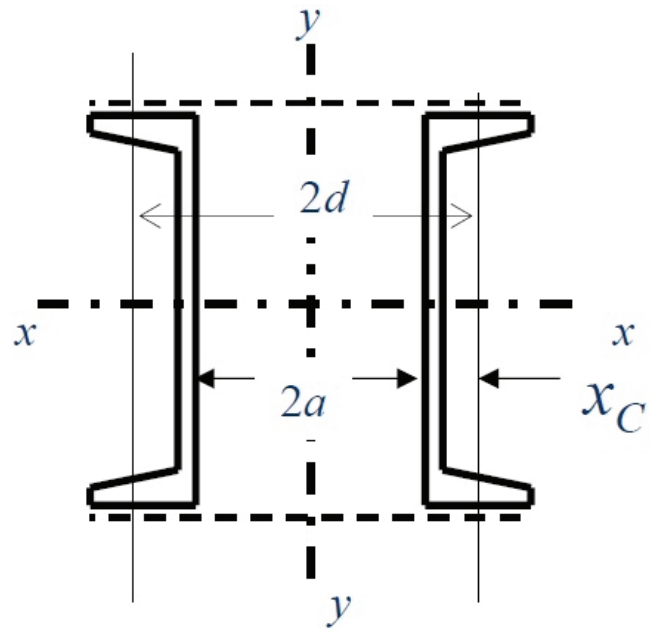
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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **□ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### Example 01

Determine the Gyration Radius of the shown section.

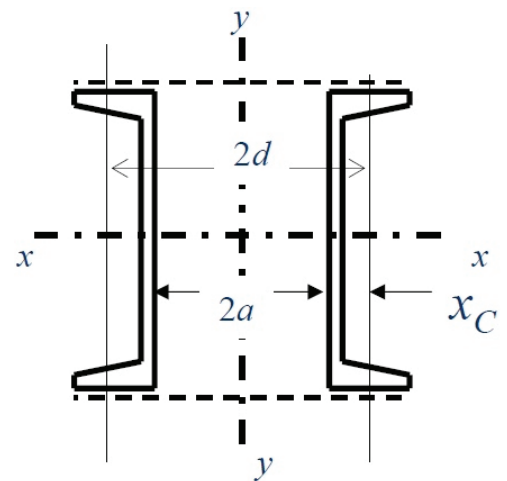


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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **□ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### Example 01



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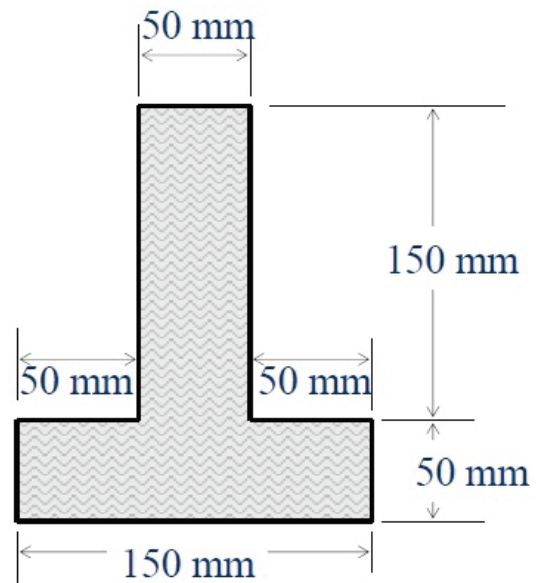
## **Buckling of Columns**

### **❑ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### Example 02

A 3-m column with the cross section shown in Figure is constructed from two pieces of timber. The timbers are nailed together so that they act as a unit.

Determine (a) the slenderness ratio, (b) the Euler buckling load ( $E = 13 \text{ GPa}$  for timber), and (c) the axial stress in the column when Euler load is applied.



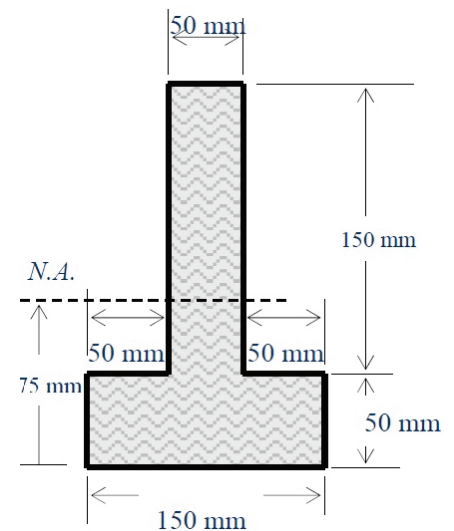
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### **❑ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### Example 02

Properties of the cross section:



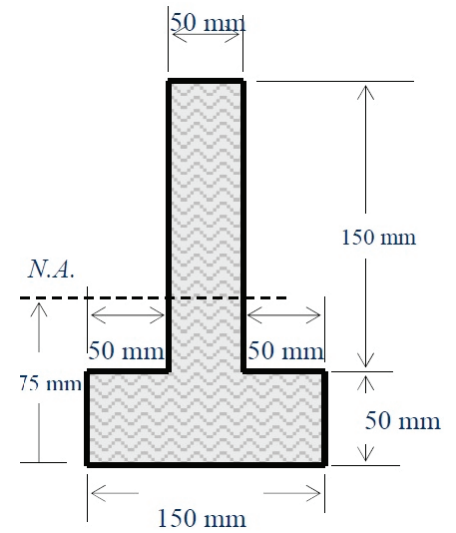
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### **❑ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### Example 02



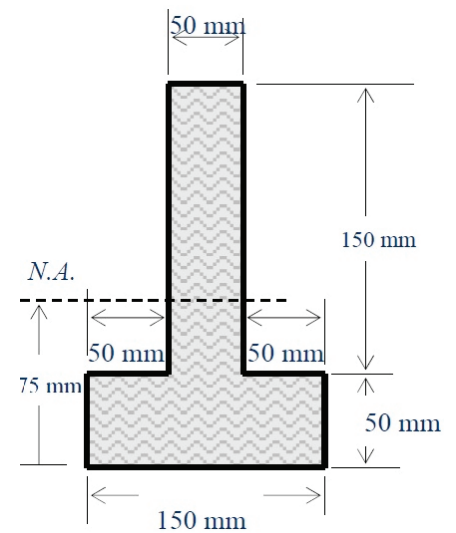
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### **❑ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### Example 02

(c) Axial Stress:



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### **❑ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### Example 03

A WT6 × 36 structural steel section is used for an 18-ft column. Determine

- (a) The slenderness ratio.
- (b) The Euler buckling load. Use  $E = 29 \times 10^3 \text{ ksi}$ .
- (c) The axial stress in the column when Euler load is applied.

$$A = 10.6 \text{ in}^2$$

$$I_x = 23.2 \text{ in}^4$$

$$I_y = 97.5 \text{ in}^4$$

$$r_x = 1.48 \text{ in}$$

$$r_y = 3.04 \text{ in}$$

## **Buckling of Columns**

### **❑ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### Example 03

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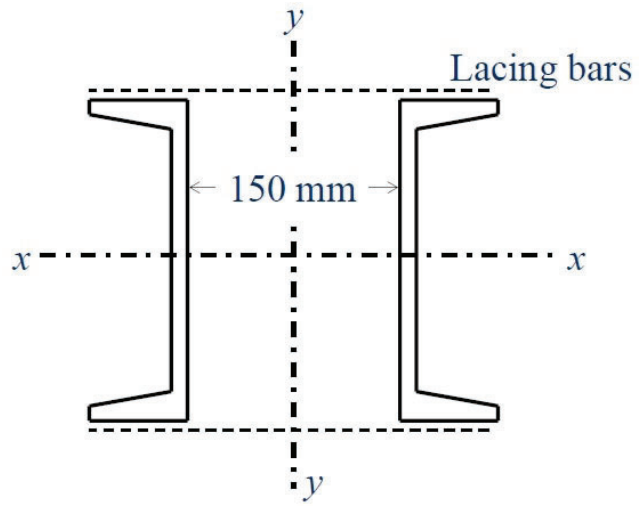
### ❑ Critical Buckling Stress

#### Example 04

Two C229 × 30 structural steel channels are used for a column that is 12 m long. Determine the total compressive load required to buckle the two members if

(a) They act independently of each other. Use  $E = 200$  GPa.

(b) They are laced 150 mm back to back as shown in Figure.



C229 × 30:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= 3795 \text{ mm}^2 \\ I_x &= 25.3 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4 \\ I_y &= 1.01 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4 \\ r_x &= 81.8 \text{ mm} \\ r_y &= 16.3 \text{ mm} \\ x_c &= 14.8 \text{ mm} \end{aligned}$$

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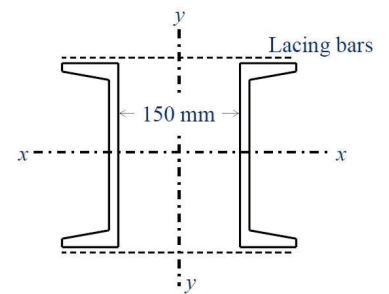
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(a) They act independently of each other

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#### Example 04

C229 × 30:

(b) They are laced 150 mm back to back

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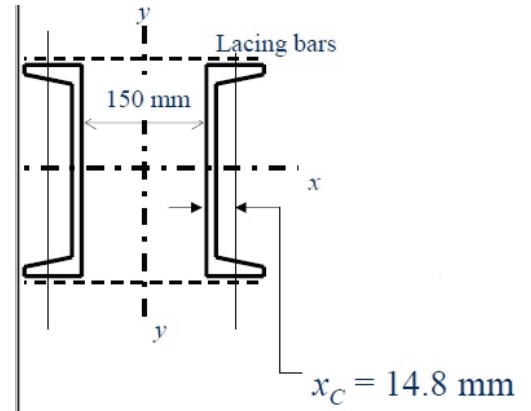
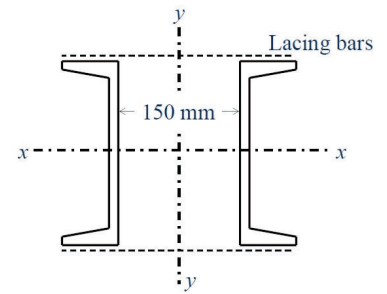
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$$I_y = 1.01 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

$$r_x = 81.8 \text{ mm}$$

$$r_y = 16.3 \text{ mm}$$

$$x_c = 14.8 \text{ mm}$$



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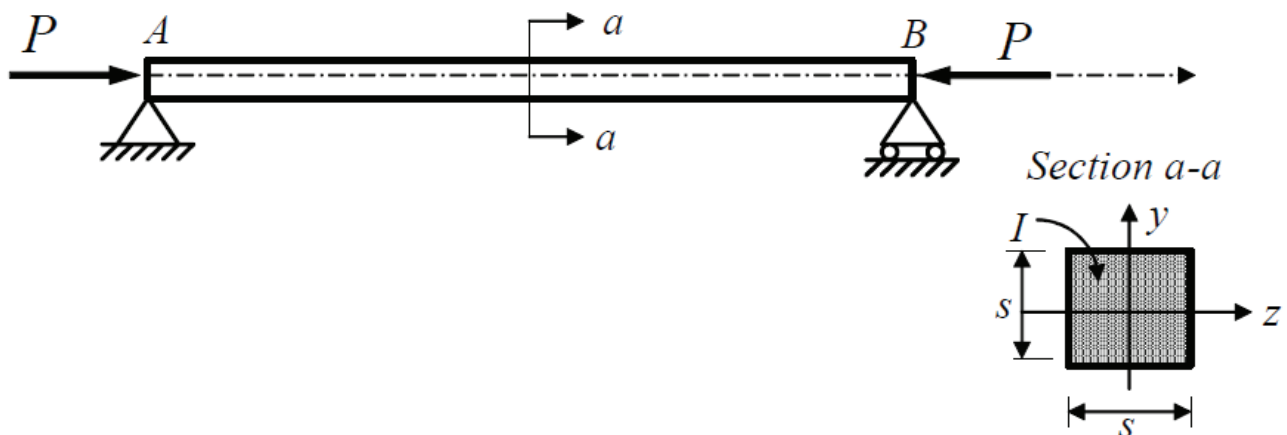
## Buckling of Columns

### ❑ Critical Buckling Stress

#### Example 05

A 2m long pin ended column of square cross section. Assuming  $E=12.5\text{GPa}$ ,

$\sigma_{\text{allow}}=12\text{MPa}$  for compression parallel to the grain, and using a factor of safety of 2.5 in computing Euler's critical load for buckling, determining the size of the cross section if the column is to safely support (a) a  $P = 100\text{kN}$  load and (b) a  $P = 200\text{kN}$  load.



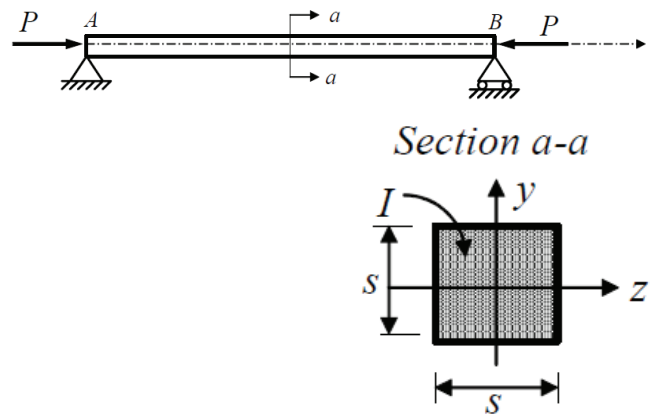
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### **□ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### Example 05

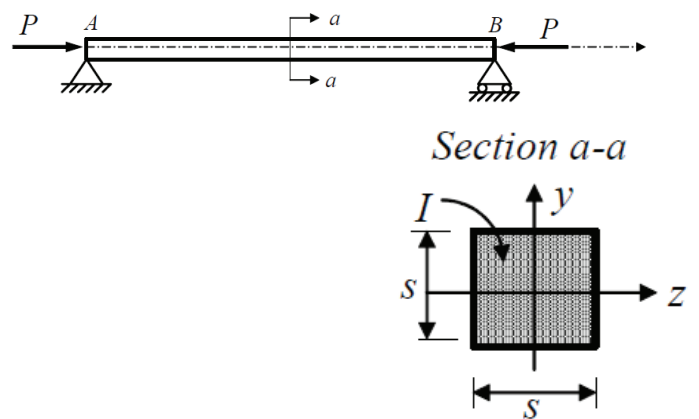
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### **□ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### Example 05



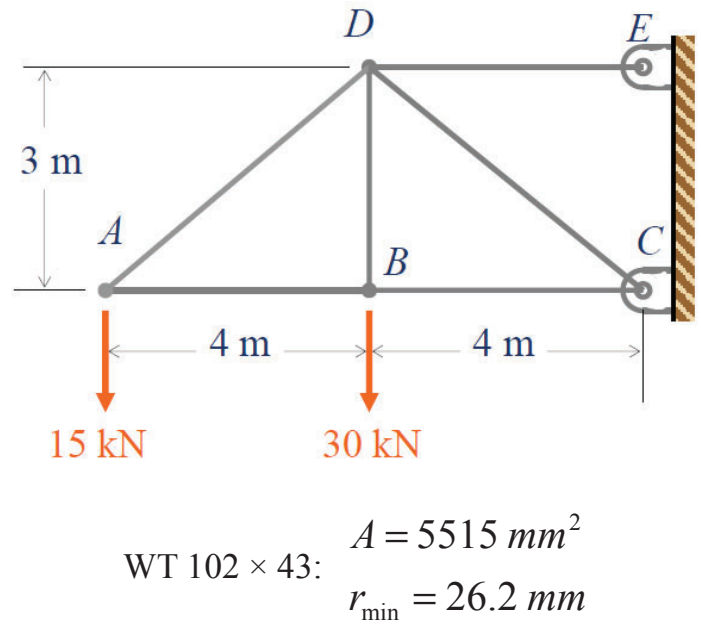


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### ❑ Critical Buckling Stress

#### Example 06

A simple pin-connected truss is loaded and supported as shown in Figure. All members of the truss are WT 102 × 43 sections made of structural steel with a modulus of elasticity of 200 GPa and a yield strength of 250 MPa. Determine (a) the factor of safety with respect to failure by slip, and (b) the factor of safety with respect to failure by buckling.



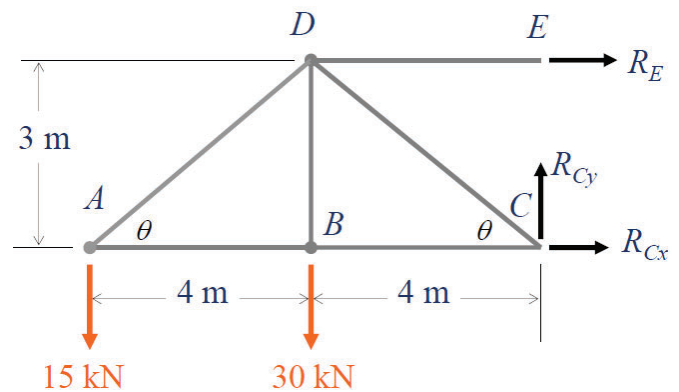
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### ❑ Critical Buckling Stress

#### Example 06

Free-body diagram:



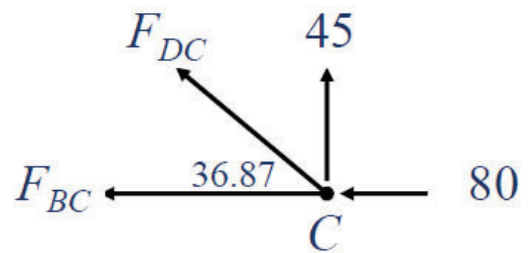
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#### Example 06

At pin  $C$ :



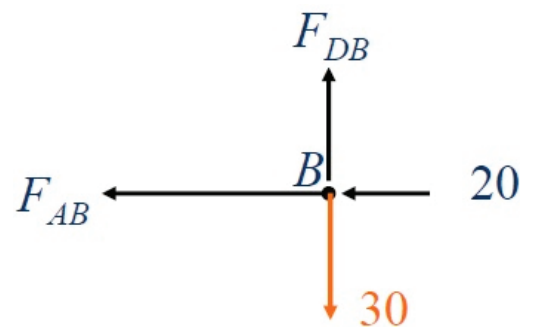
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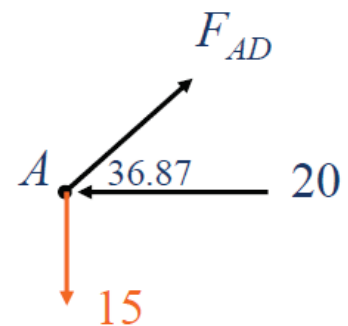
### ❑ Critical Buckling Stress

#### Example 06

At pin  $B$ :



At pin  $A$ :



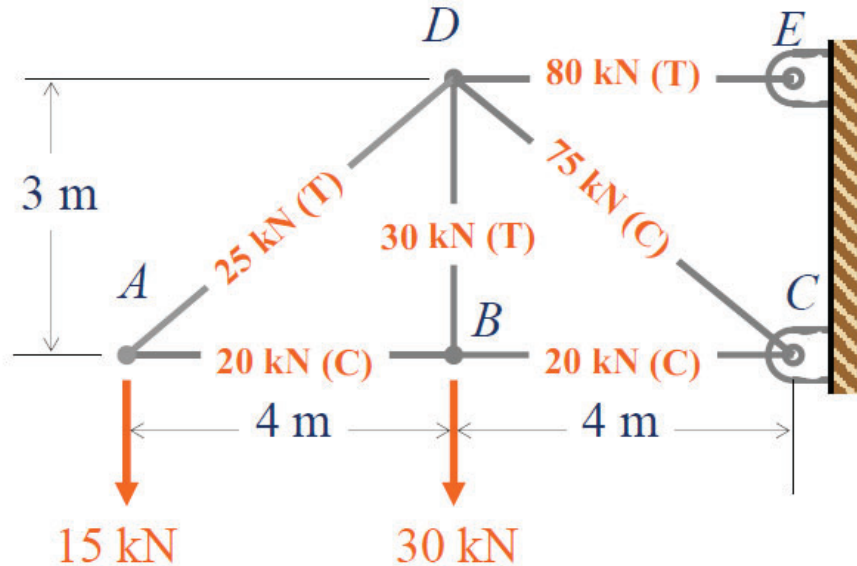
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### **❑ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### Example 06

Thus, the forces in the truss are as follows:



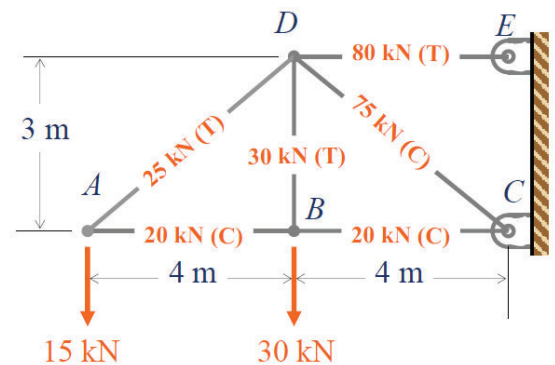
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### **❑ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### Example 06

(a) Factor of safety with respect to slip:

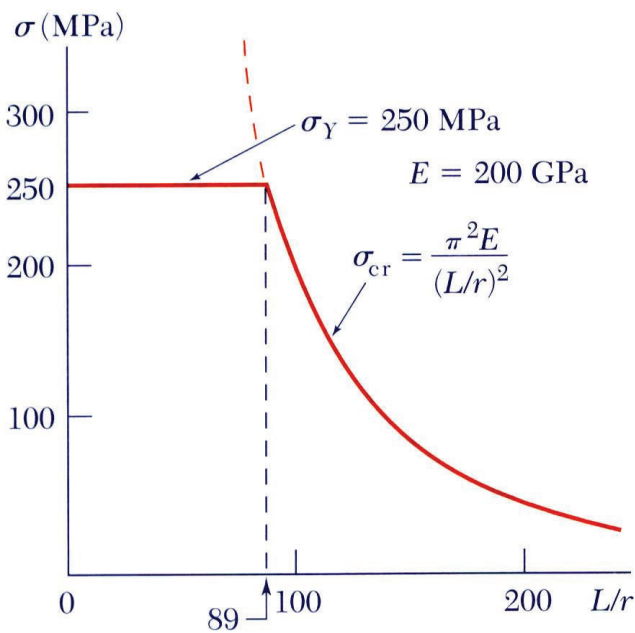


(b) Factor of safety with respect to failure by buckling:

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## Buckling of Columns

### □ Euler's Formula for Pin-Ended Beams



- The value of stress corresponding to the critical load,

$$\sigma < \sigma_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 E}{(L/r)^2}$$

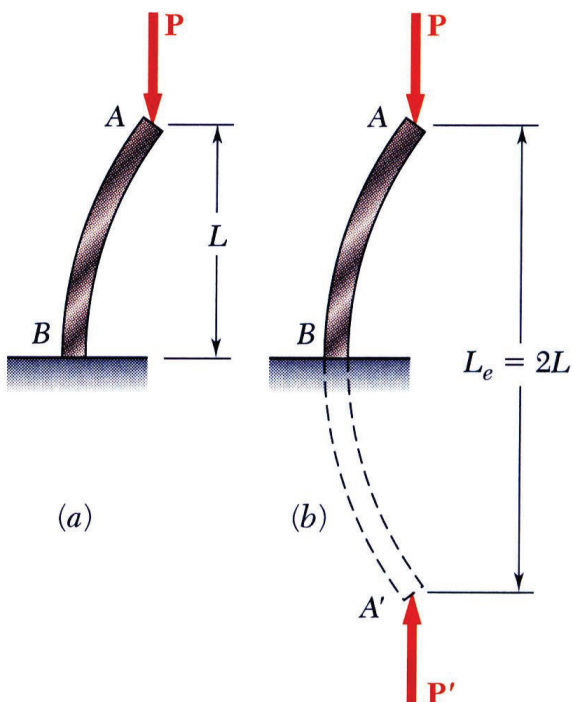
$$\frac{L}{r} = \text{slenderness ratio}$$

If this equation is plotted for steel it gives For a column not to fail by either yielding or buckling, its stress must remain underneath this diagram

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## Buckling of Columns

### □ Extension of Euler's Formula



- A column with one fixed and one free end, will behave as the upper-half of a pin-connected column.
- The critical loading is calculated from Euler's formula,

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

$$\sigma_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 E}{(2L/r)^2}$$

$2L = \text{equivalent length}$

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## Buckling of Columns

### ❑ Extension of Euler's Formula

## The Effective Length Concept

Definition:

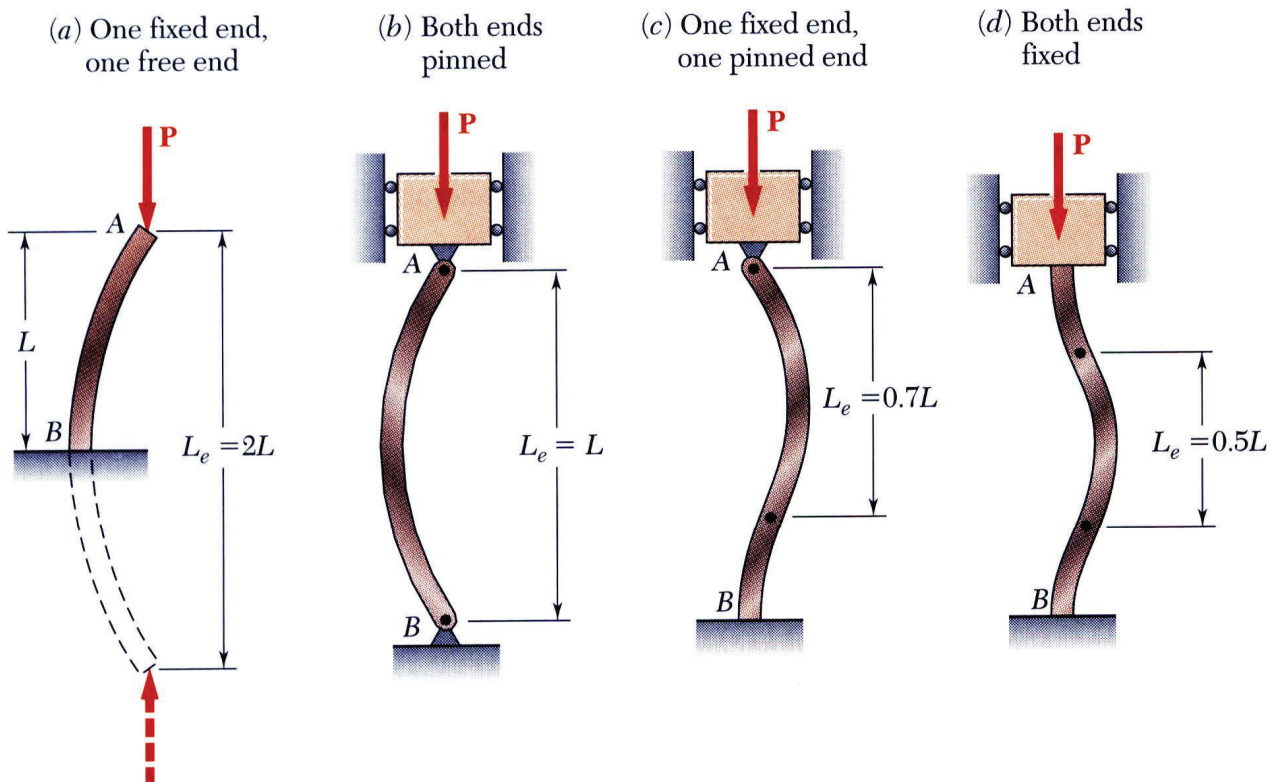
The effective length ( $L_e$ ) of a column is defined as the distance between successive inflection points or points of zero moment.

$$\sigma_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 E}{(L_e/r)^2} = \frac{\pi^2 E}{(KL/r)^2}$$

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## Buckling of Columns

### ❑ Extension of Euler's Formula



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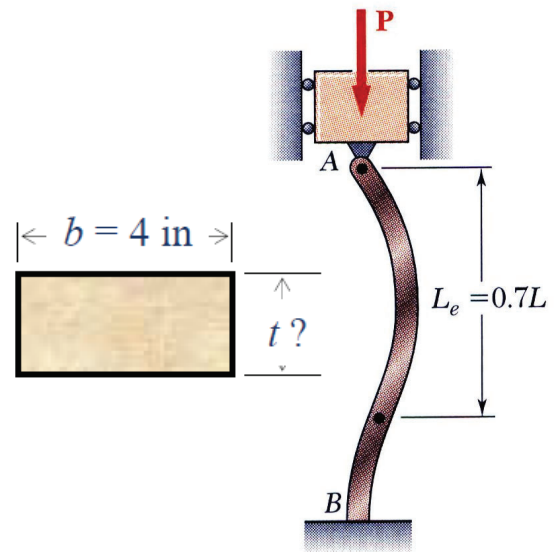
## **Buckling of Columns**

### **❑ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### Example 07

What is the least thickness a rectangular wood plank 4 in. wide can have, if it is used for a 20-ft column with one end fixed and one end pivoted, and must support an axial load of 1000 lb? Use a factor of safety (FS) of 5.

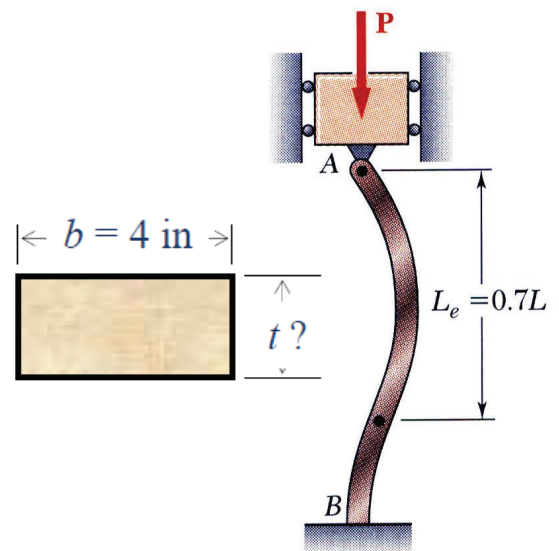
$$E = 1.5 \times 10^6 \text{ psi}$$



## **Buckling of Columns**

### **❑ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### Example 07



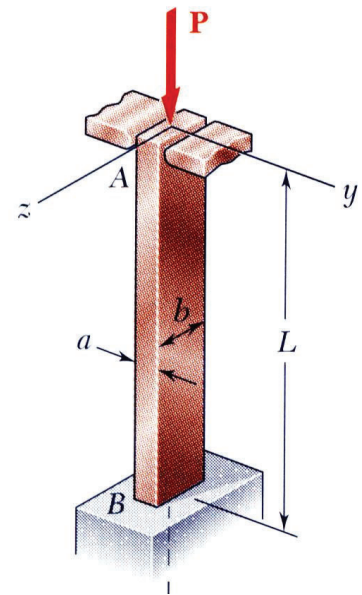
## **Buckling of Columns**

### **□ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### **Example 08**

An aluminum column of length  $L$  and rectangular cross-section has a fixed end at  $B$  and supports a centric load at  $A$ . Two smooth and rounded fixed plates restrain end  $A$  from moving in one of the vertical planes of symmetry but allow it to move in the other plane.

- Determine the ratio  $a/b$  of the two sides of the cross-section corresponding to the most efficient design against buckling.
- Design the most efficient cross-section for the column.



$$L = 20 \text{ in.}$$

$$E = 10.1 \times 10^6 \text{ psi}$$

$$P = 5 \text{ kips}$$

$$FS = 2.5$$

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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **□ Critical Buckling Stress**

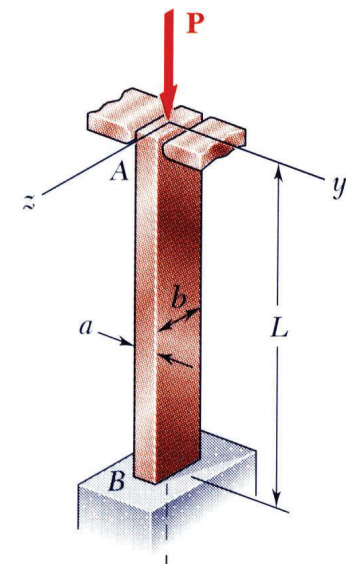
#### **Example 08**

**SOLUTION:**

The most efficient design occurs when the resistance to buckling is equal in both planes of symmetry. This occurs when the slenderness ratios are equal.

- Buckling in  $xy$  Plane:

- Buckling in  $xz$  Plane:



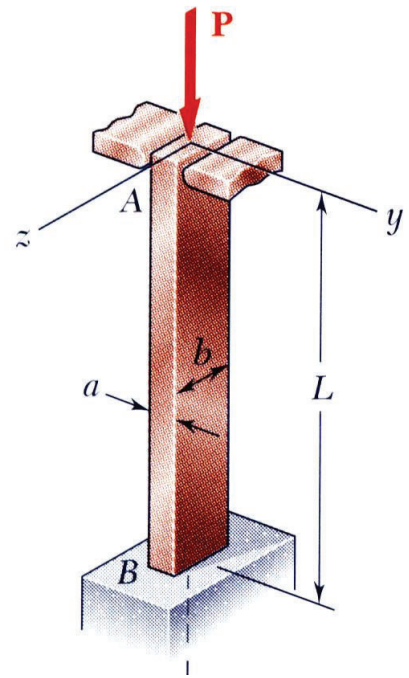
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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **□ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### Example 08

- Most efficient design:



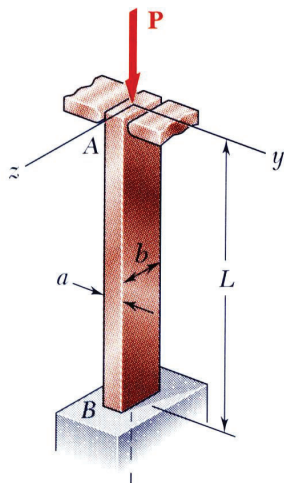
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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **□ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### Example 08

- Design:



$$L = 20 \text{ in.} \quad E = 10.1 \times 10^6 \text{ psi}$$

$$P = 5 \text{ kips} \quad FS = 2.5 \quad \& \quad a/b = 0.35$$

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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **❑ Critical Buckling Stress**

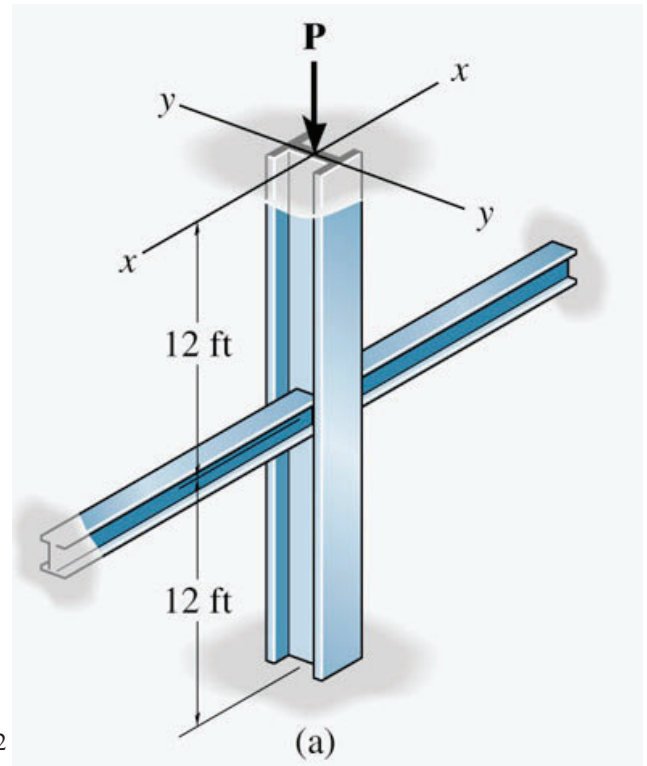
#### **Example 09**

A W 6x15 steel column is 24 ft long and is fixed at its ends as shown in Figure. Its load-carrying capacity is increased by bracing it about the y - y (weak) axis using struts that are assumed to be pin-connected to its midheight. Determine the load it can support so that the column does not buckle nor the material exceed the yield stress.

$$E_{st} = 29 \times 10^3 \text{ ksi} \quad \sigma_Y = 70 \text{ ksi}$$

$$I_y = 29.1 \text{ in}^4 \quad I_x = 9.32 \text{ in}^4$$

$$r_y = 2.56 \text{ in} \quad r_x = 1.46 \text{ in} \quad A = 4.43 \text{ in}^2$$

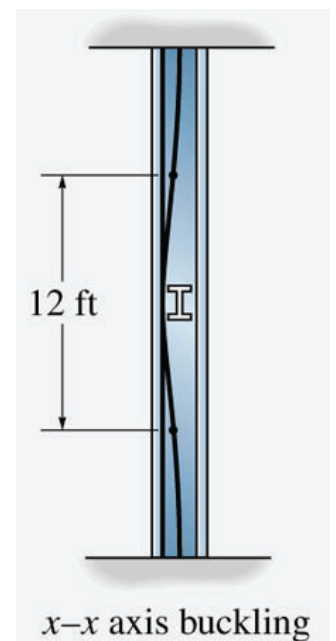
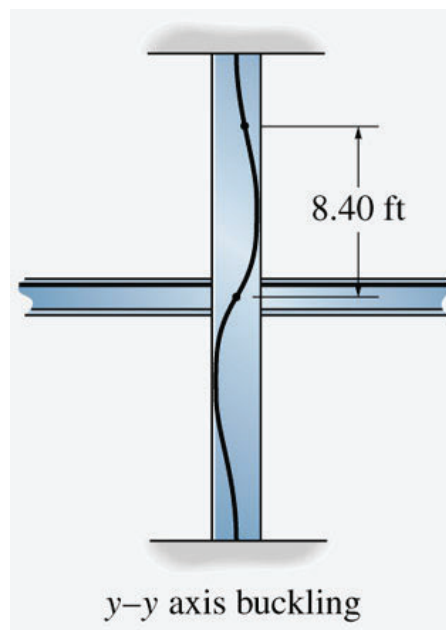


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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **❑ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### **Example 09**

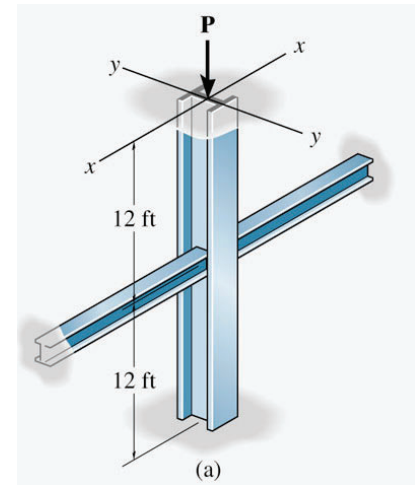


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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **❑ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### Example 09



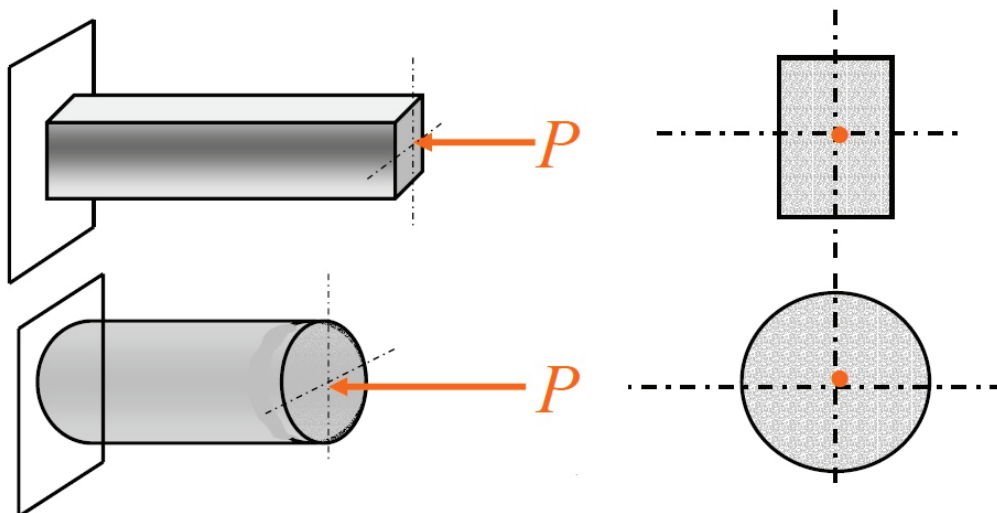
Since this stress is less than the yield stress, buckling will occur before the material yields

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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **❑ Buckling: Eccentric Loading**

The Euler formula that was developed earlier was based on the assumption that the concentrated compressive load  $P$  on the column acts through the centroid of the cross section of the column

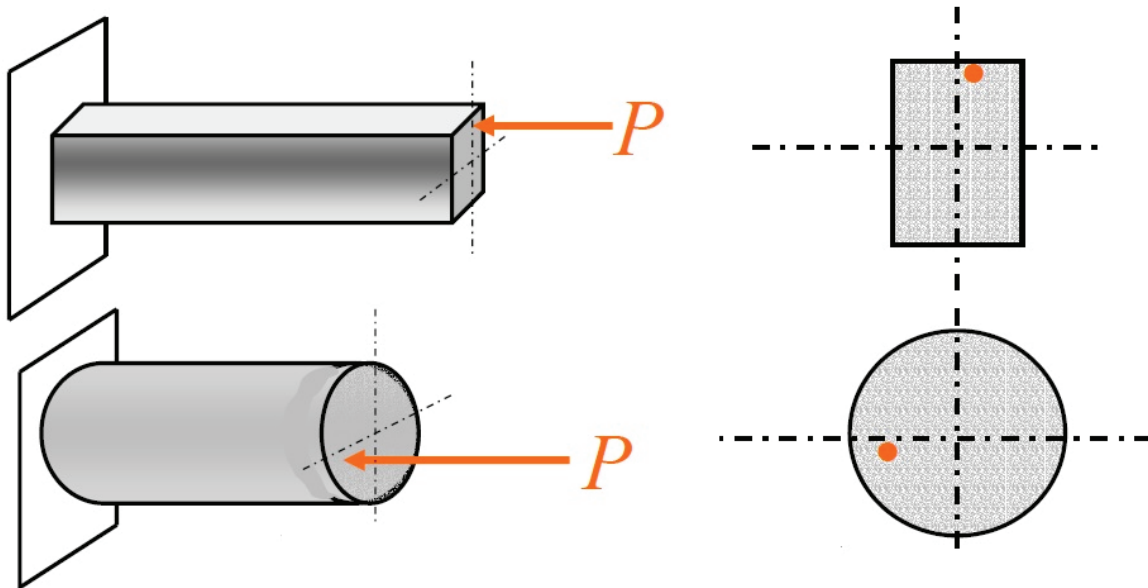


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## Buckling of Columns

### ❑ Buckling: Eccentric Loading

In many realistic situations, however, this is not the case. The load  $P$  applied to a column is never perfectly centric.

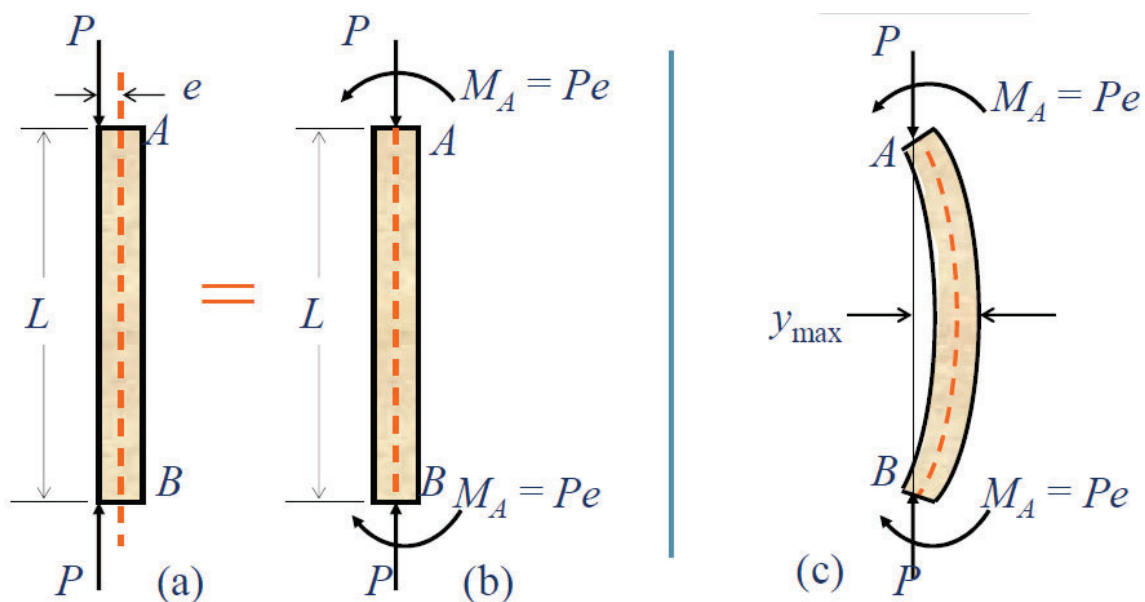


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## Buckling of Columns

### ❑ Eccentric Loading; The Secant Formula

As the eccentric load is increased, both the couple  $M_A$  and the axial force  $P$  increase, and both cause the column to bend further.

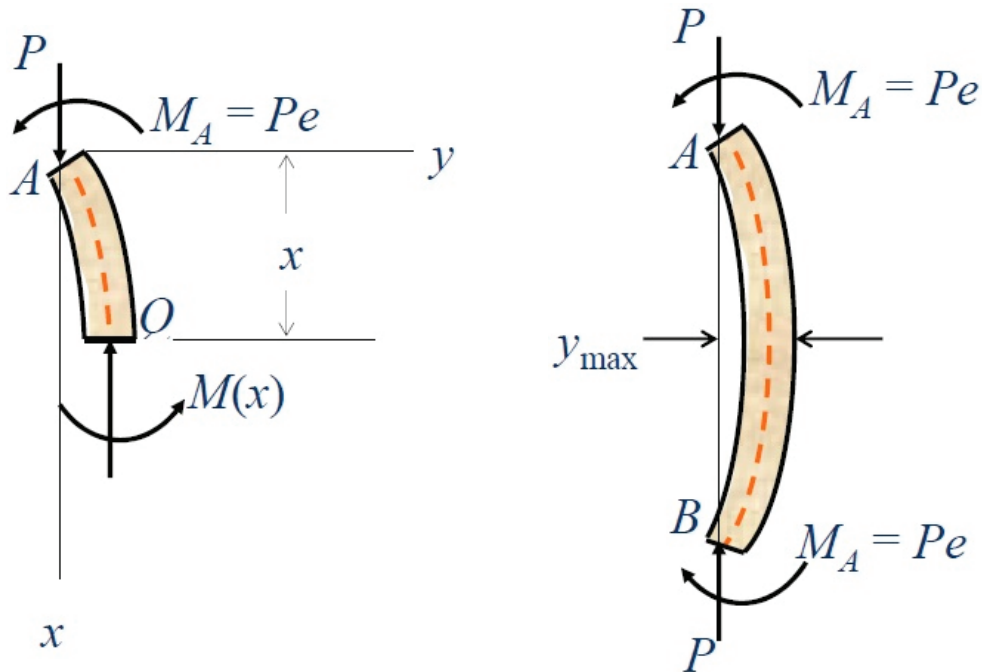


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## **Buckling of Columns**

### ❑ Eccentric Loading; The Secant Formula

Derivation of the formula



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## **Buckling of Columns**

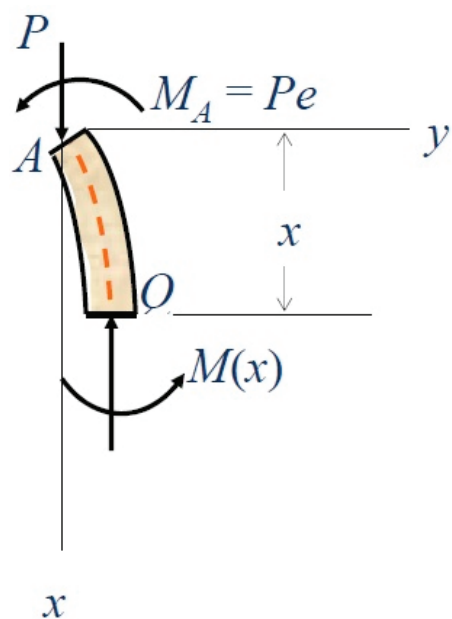
### ❑ Eccentric Loading; The Secant Formula

Derivation of the formula

$$M(x) = -Py - M_A = -Py - Pe$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{M(x)}{EI} \Rightarrow \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -\frac{P}{EI} y - \frac{Pe}{EI}$$

$$\text{If } p^2 = \frac{P}{EI} \Rightarrow \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + p^2 y = -p^2 e$$



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## **Buckling of Columns**

### ❑ Eccentric Loading; The Secant Formula

Derivation of the formula

The general solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + p^2 y = -p^2 e$$

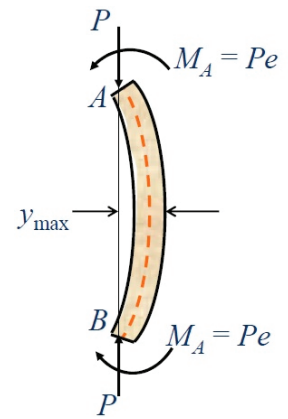
$$y = A \sin(px) + B \cos(px) - e$$

Using the boundary condition  $y = 0$ , at  $x = 0$ , gives

$$B = e$$

Using the other boundary condition at the other end:  $y = 0$ , at  $x = L$ , gives

$$A \sin(pL) = e[1 - \cos(pL)]$$



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## **Buckling of Columns**

### ❑ Eccentric Loading; The Secant Formula

Recalling that

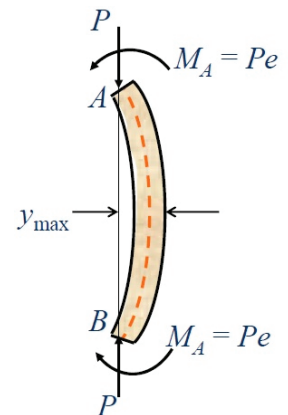
$$\begin{aligned} \sin(pL) &= 2 \sin\left(\frac{pL}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{pL}{2}\right) \\ 1 - \cos(pL) &= 2 \sin^2\left(\frac{pL}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$A \sin(pL) = e[1 - \cos(pL)] \Rightarrow A \left[ 2 \sin\left(\frac{pL}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{pL}{2}\right) \right] = e \left[ 2 \sin^2\left(\frac{pL}{2}\right) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow A = e \tan\left(\frac{pL}{2}\right)$$

$$B = e$$

$$\Rightarrow y = e \left[ \tan\left(\frac{pL}{2}\right) \sin(px) + \cos(px) - 1 \right]$$



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## **Buckling of Columns**

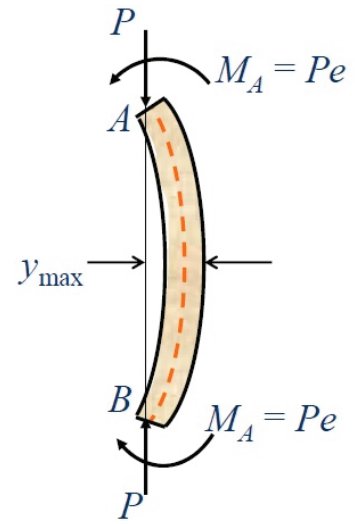
### ❑ Eccentric Loading; The Secant Formula

The maximum deflection is obtained by setting  $x = L/2$

$$y_{\max} = e \left[ \sec \left( \sqrt{\frac{P}{EI}} \frac{L}{2} \right) - 1 \right]$$

If  $\sqrt{\frac{P}{EI}} \frac{L}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \sec \left( \sqrt{\frac{P}{EI}} \frac{L}{2} \right) \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow y_{\max} \rightarrow \infty$

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



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## **Buckling of Columns**

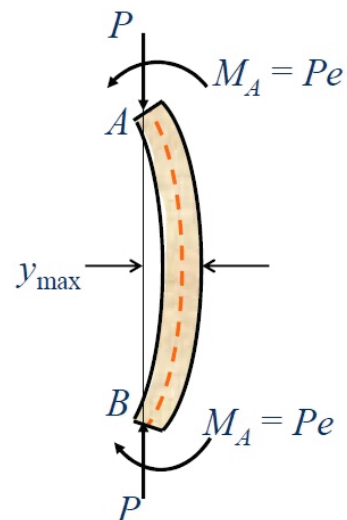
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$$EI = \frac{P_{cr} L^2}{\pi^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{\max} = e \left[ \sec \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \sqrt{\frac{P}{P_{cr}}} \right) - 1 \right]$$



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## Buckling of Columns

### ❑ Eccentric Loading; The Secant Formula

The maximum stress occur at midspan of the column (at  $x = L/2$ ), and can computed from

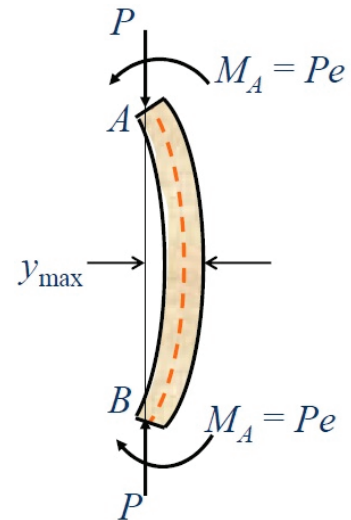
$$\sigma_{\max} = \frac{P}{A} + \frac{M_{\max} c}{I}$$

$$M_{\max} = Py_{\max} + Pe = P(y_{\max} + e)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_{\max} = \frac{P}{A} \left[ 1 + \frac{ec}{r^2} \sec \left( \sqrt{\frac{P}{EI}} \frac{KL}{2} \right) \right]$$

or

$$\sigma_{\max} = \frac{P}{A} \left[ 1 + \frac{ec}{r^2} \sec \left( \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{P}{EA}} \frac{KL}{r} \right) \right]$$



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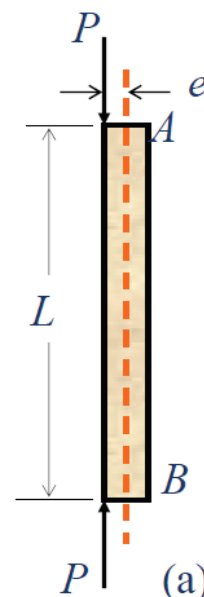
## Buckling of Columns

### ❑ Eccentric Loading; The Secant Formula

The **secant formula** for a column subjected to eccentric compressive load  $P$  is given by

$$\frac{P}{A} = \frac{\sigma_{\max}}{\left[ 1 + \frac{ec}{r^2} \sec \left( \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{P}{EA}} \frac{KL}{r} \right) \right]}$$

$$P = \frac{\sigma_{\max} A}{\left[ 1 + \frac{ec}{r^2} \sec \left( \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{P}{EA}} \frac{KL}{r} \right) \right]}$$

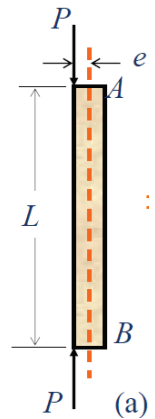


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## Buckling of Columns

### ❑ Eccentric Loading; The Secant Formula

The formula is referred to as the secant formula; it defines the force per unit area,  $P/A$ , which causes a specified maximum stress  $\sigma_{\max}$  in a column of given effective slenderness ratio,  $KL/r$ , for a given value of the ratio  $ec/r^2$ , where  $e$  is the eccentricity of the applied load.

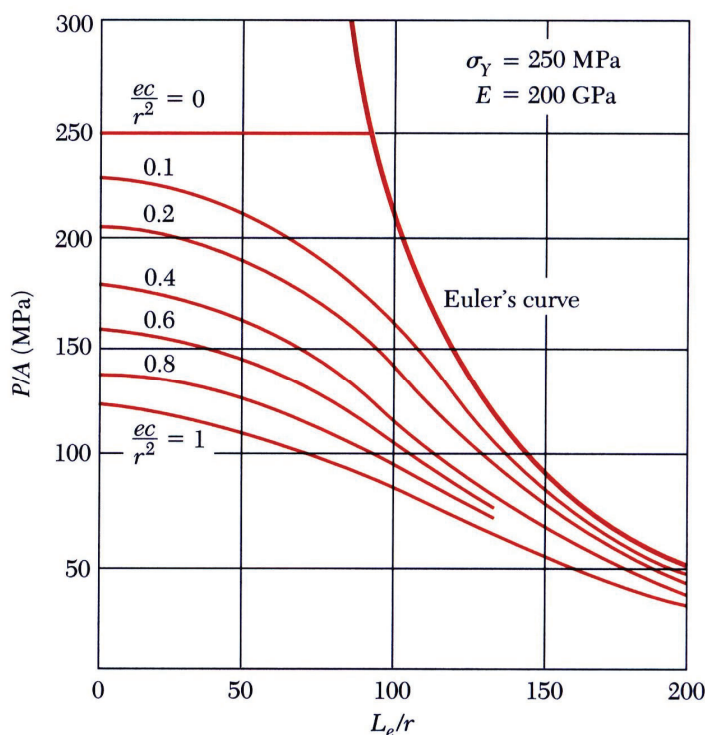


$$\frac{P}{A} = \frac{\sigma_{\max}}{\left[ 1 + \frac{ec}{r^2} \sec \left( \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{P}{EA}} \frac{KL}{r} \right) \right]}$$

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## Buckling of Columns

### ❑ Eccentric Loading; The Secant Formula



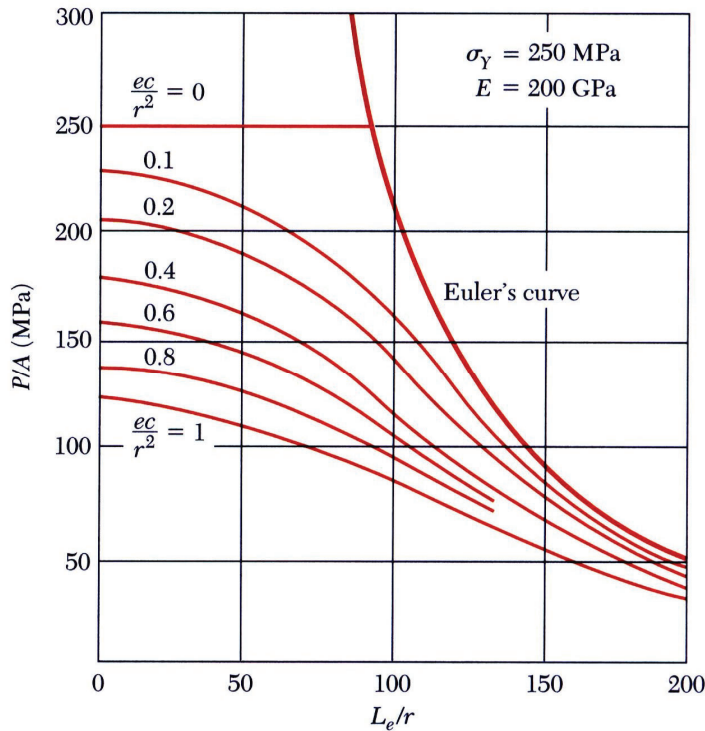
Load per unit area,  $P/A$ , causing yield in column

$$\frac{P}{A} = \frac{\sigma_Y}{\left[ 1 + \frac{ec}{r^2} \sec \left( \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{P}{EA}} \frac{KL}{r} \right) \right]}$$

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## Buckling of Columns

### ❑ Eccentric Loading; The Secant Formula



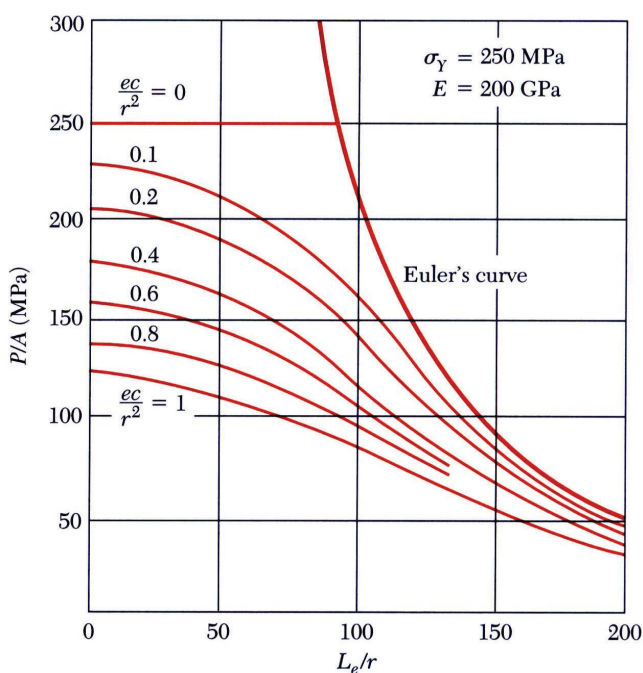
It should be noted that **for small values of  $KL/r$** , the secant is almost equal to unity and  $P/A$  (or  $P$ ) may be assumed equal to

$$\frac{P}{A} = \frac{\sigma_{\max}}{1 + \frac{ec}{r^2}}$$

$$P = \frac{\sigma_{\max} A}{1 + \frac{ec}{r^2}}$$

## Buckling of Columns

### ❑ Eccentric Loading; The Secant Formula



- For large value of  $KL/r$ , the curves corresponding to the various values of the ratio  $ec/r^2$  get very close to Euler's curve, and thus that the effect of the eccentricity of the loading on the value of  $P/A$  becomes negligible.
- The secant formula is mainly useful for intermediate values of  $KL/r$ .

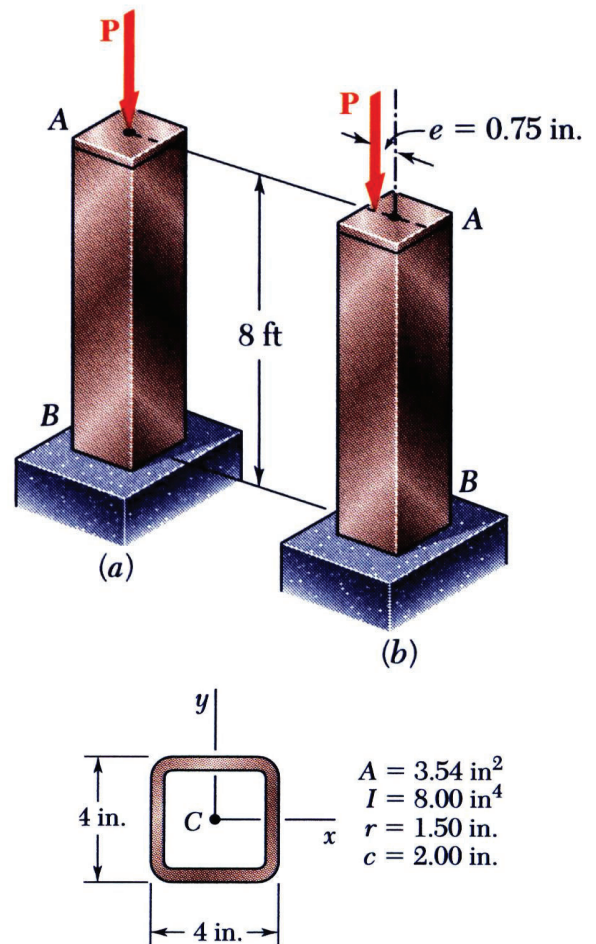
## Buckling of Columns

### ❑ Critical Buckling Stress

#### Example 10

The uniform column consists of an 8-ft section of structural tubing having the cross-section shown.

- Using Euler's formula and a factor of safety of two, determine the allowable centric load for the column and the corresponding normal stress.
- Assuming that the allowable load, found in part *a*, is applied at a point 0.75 in. from the geometric axis of the column, determine the horizontal deflection of the top of the column and the maximum normal stress in the column.



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## Buckling of Columns

### ❑ Critical Buckling Stress

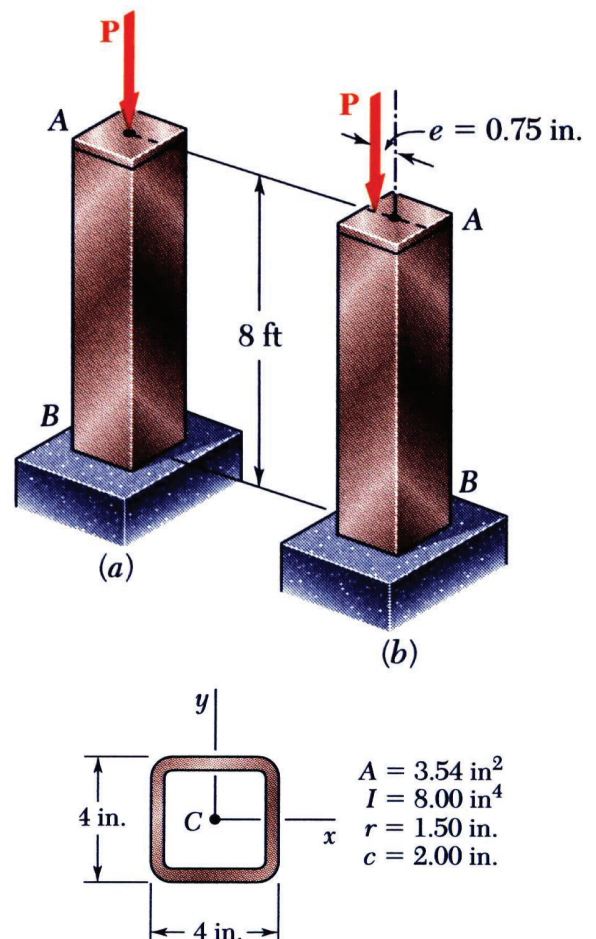
#### Example 10

SOLUTION:

- **Maximum allowable centric load:**

- Effective length,

- Critical load,



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## Buckling of Columns

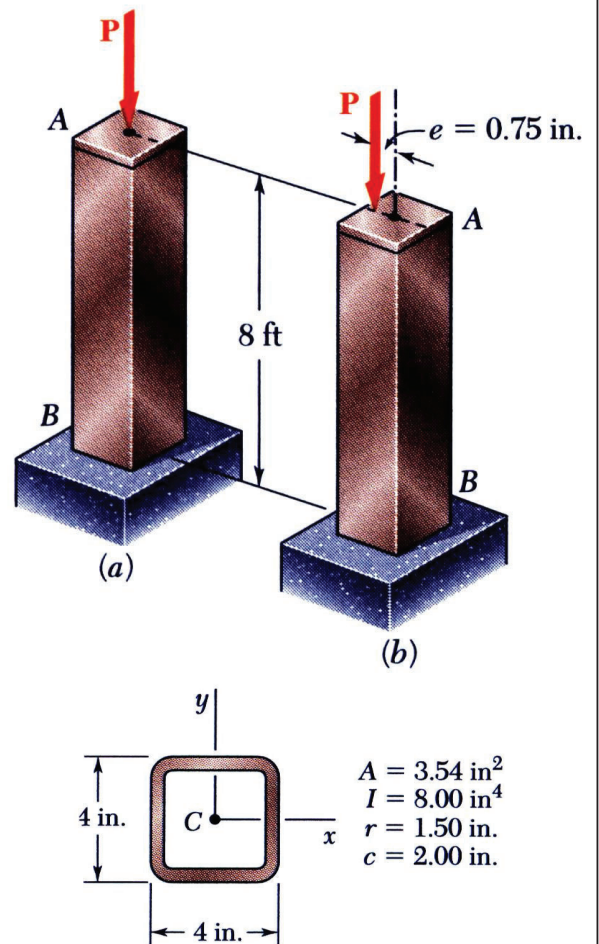
### ❑ Critical Buckling Stress

#### Example 10

SOLUTION:

- Maximum allowable centric load:

- Allowable load,



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## Buckling of Columns

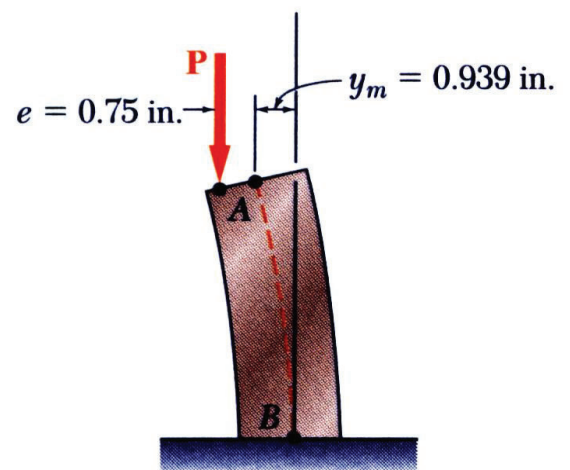
### ❑ Critical Buckling Stress

#### Example 10

- Eccentric load:

- End deflection,

- Maximum normal stress,



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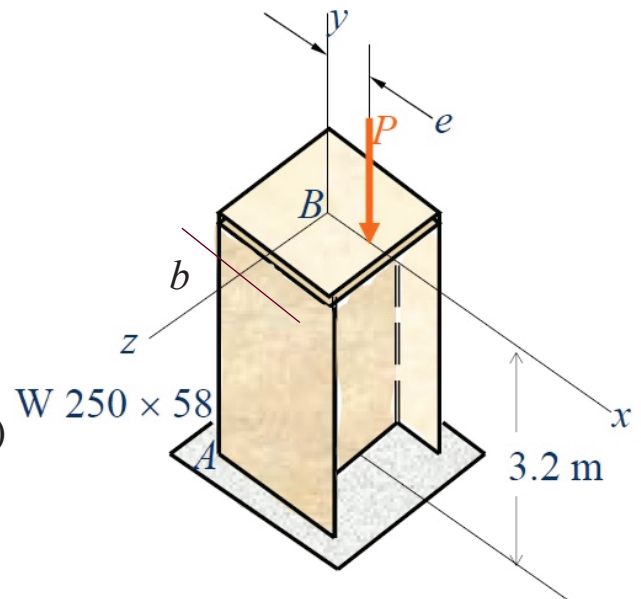


## **Buckling of Columns**

### **□ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### Example 11

The axial load  $P$  is applied at a point located on the  $x$  axis at a distance  $e$  from the geometric axis of the W 250 × 58 rolled-steel column  $AB$ . When  $P = 350$  kN, it is observed that the horizontal deflection of the top of the column is 5 mm. Using  $E = 200$  GPa, determine (a) the eccentricity  $e$  of the load, (b) the maximum stress in the column.



$$I_x = 87 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^4 \quad r_x = 0.1085 \text{ m}$$

$$I_y = 18.73 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^4 \quad r_y = 0.0502 \text{ m}$$

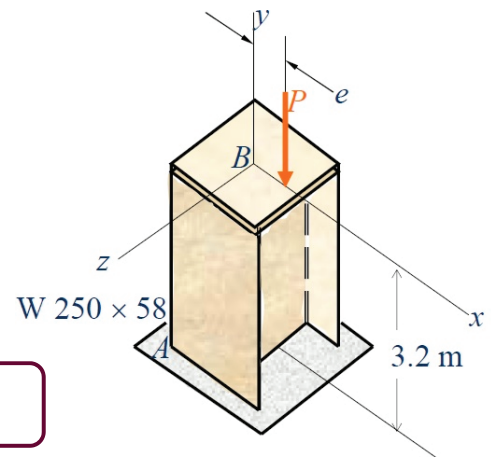
$$S_y = 184.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3 \quad A = 7.42 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2 \quad b = 203 \text{ mm}$$

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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **□ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### Example 11

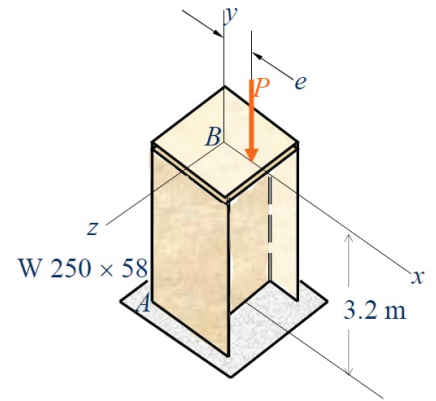


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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **❑ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### Example 11



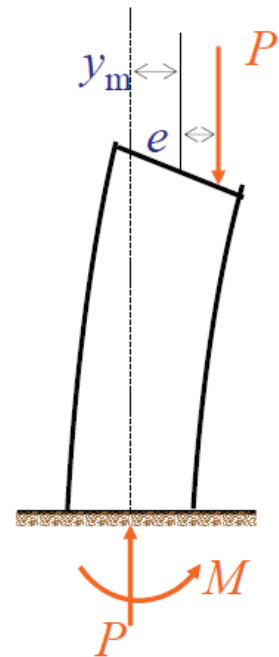
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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **❑ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### Example 11

An alternate solution for Part (b):



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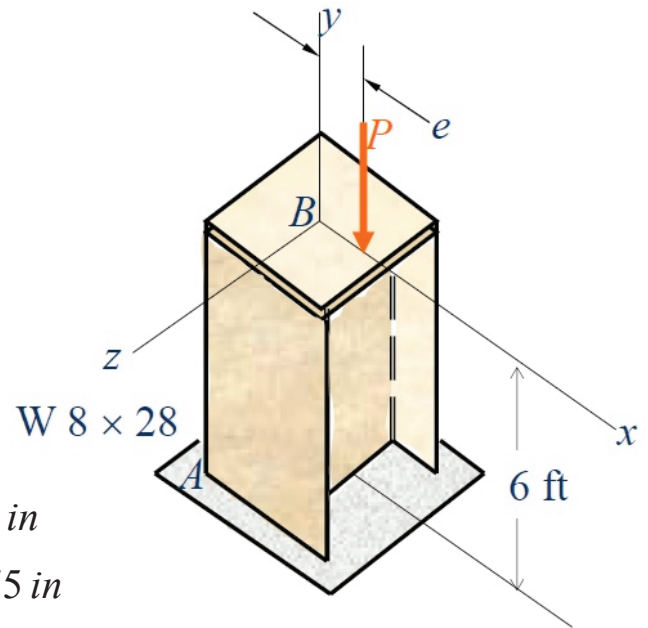
## **Buckling of Columns**

### **❑ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### **Example 12**

An axial load  $P$  is applied at a point located on the  $x$  axis at a distance  $e = 0.60$  in. from the geometric axis of the  $W8 \times 28$  rolledsteel column  $AC$ . Knowing that the column is free at its top  $B$  and fixed at its base  $A$ . Determine the allowable load  $P$  if a factor of safety of 2.5 with respect to yield is required.

$$\begin{aligned} E &= 29 \times 10^6 \text{ psi} & I_z &= 21.7 \text{ in}^4 & r_z &= 1.62 \text{ in} \\ \sigma_y &= 36 \text{ ksi} & A &= 8.25 \text{ in}^2 & c &= 3.2675 \text{ in} \end{aligned}$$



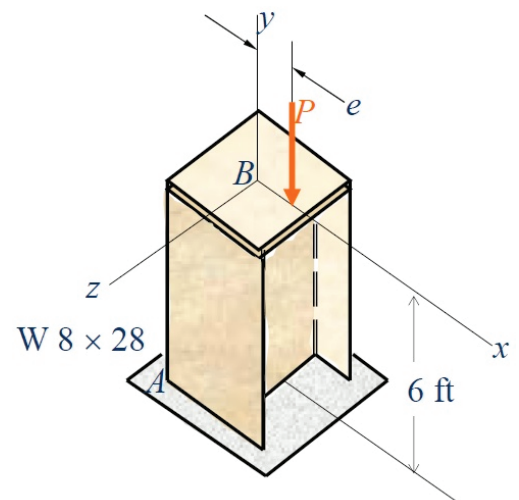
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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **❑ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### **Example 12**

One-end fixed, one-end free column



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## Buckling of Columns

### ❑ Critical Buckling Stress

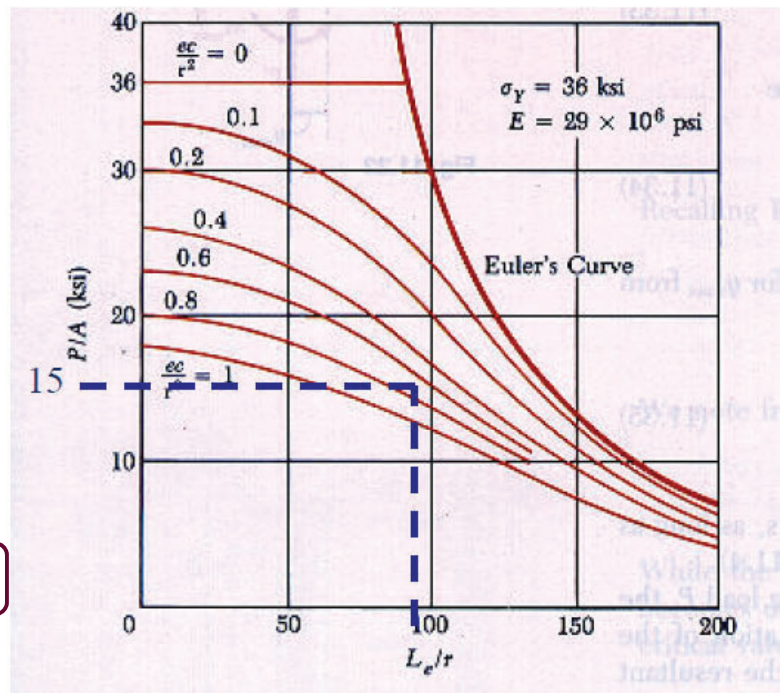
#### Example 12

Since  $E = 29 \times 10^6 \text{ psi}$

$$\sigma_y = 36 \text{ ksi}$$

can be used:

We read



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## Buckling of Columns

### ❑ Critical Buckling Stress

#### Example 12

*Suppose that we do not have the curves provided in design curves, or we do have the curves but our problem consists of a column that has different material (e.g.,  $\sigma_y = 50 \text{ ksi}$ ), how can we evaluate the eccentric load  $P$  for Example 12?*

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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **❑ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### Example 12

A general trial and error (iterative) procedure can be used as follows:

we assume an initial (guess) value for  $P$  in the right-hand side of the equation; **let it be 20 kips**, hence



## **Buckling of Columns**

### **❑ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### Example 12

The revised value  $P = 163.80$  kips can now be substituted in the right-hand side of the same equation to produce yet another revised value as follows:



## **Buckling of Columns**

### **❑ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### Example 12

A third iteration using a revised value for  $P = 103.01$  kips, gives



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## **Buckling of Columns**

### **❑ Critical Buckling Stress**

#### Example 12

Initial Value of  $P$  →

The iterative procedure is continued until the value of the eccentric load  $P$  converges to the exact solution of 123.53 kips, as shown in the spreadsheet result of Table

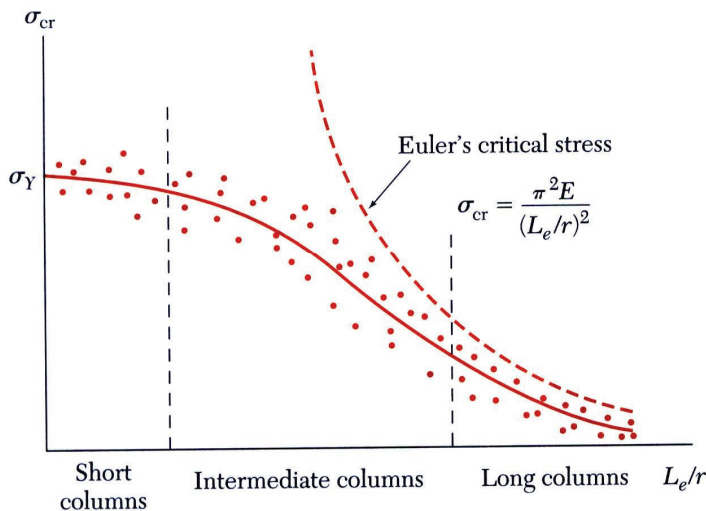
$P$ (kip)	
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163.79	123.48
103.01	123.55
132.79	123.52
119.10	123.53
125.59	123.53
122.56	123.53
123.98	123.53
123.31	123.53



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## Buckling of Columns

### □ Design of Columns Under Centric Load



- Previous analyses assumed stresses below the proportional limit and initially straight, homogeneous columns

- Experimental data demonstrate
  - for large  $L_e/r$ ,  $\sigma_{cr}$  follows Euler's formula and depends upon  $E$  but not  $\sigma_Y$ .
  - for small  $L_e/r$ ,  $\sigma_{cr}$  is determined by the yield strength  $\sigma_Y$  and not  $E$ .
  - for intermediate  $L_e/r$ ,  $\sigma_{cr}$  depends on both  $\sigma_Y$  and  $E$ .

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## Buckling of Columns

### □ Design of Columns Under Centric Load

#### Structural Steel

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- For  $L_e/r > C_c$

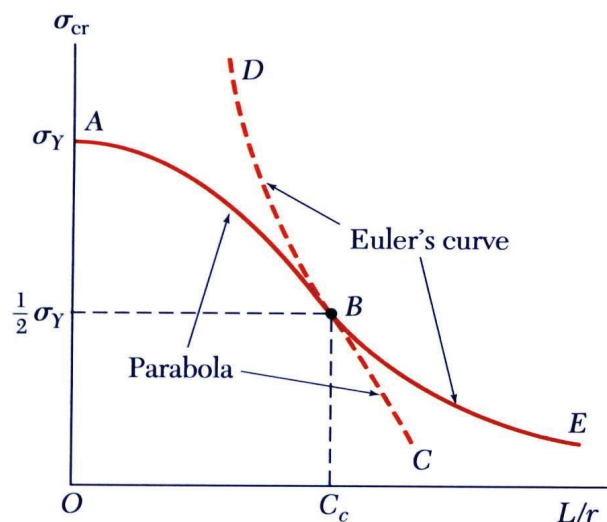
$$\sigma_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 E}{(L_e/r)^2} \quad \sigma_{all} = \frac{\sigma_{cr}}{FS}$$

$FS = 1.92$

- For  $L_e/r < C_c$

$$\sigma_{cr} = \sigma_Y \left[ 1 - \frac{(L_e/r)^2}{2C_c^2} \right] \quad \sigma_{all} = \frac{\sigma_{cr}}{FS}$$

$$FS = \frac{5}{3} + \frac{3}{8} \frac{L_e/r}{C_c} - \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{L_e/r}{C_c} \right)^3$$



- At  $L_e/r = C_c$

$$\sigma_{cr} = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_Y \quad C_c^2 = \frac{2\pi^2 E}{\sigma_Y}$$

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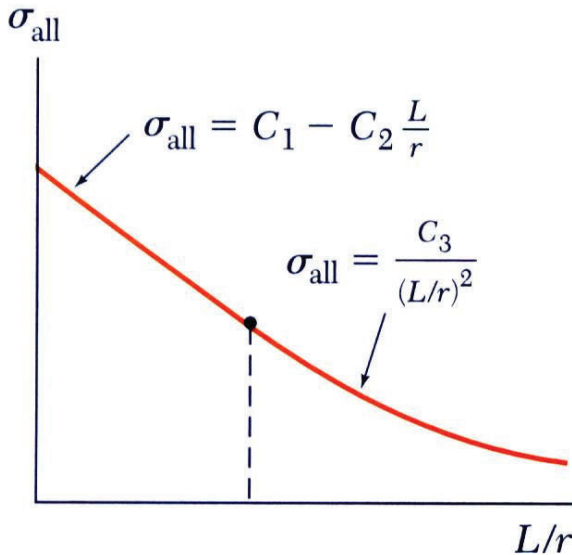
## Buckling of Columns

### □ Design of Columns Under Centric Load

- Alloy 6061-T6

#### Aluminum

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$$L_e/r < 66:$$

$$\sigma_{all} = [20.2 - 0.126(KL/r)] \text{ ksi}$$

$$\sigma_{all} = [139 - 0.868(KL/r)] \text{ MPa}$$

$$L_e/r \geq 66:$$

$$\sigma_{all} = \frac{51000 \text{ ksi}}{(KL/r)^2} = \frac{351 \times 10^3 \text{ MPa}}{(KL/r)^2}$$

- Alloy 2014-T6

$$L_e/r < 55:$$

$$\sigma_{all} = [30.7 - 0.23(KL/r)] \text{ ksi}$$

$$\sigma_{all} = [212 - 1.585(KL/r)] \text{ MPa}$$

$$L_e/r \geq 55:$$

$$\sigma_{all} = \frac{54000 \text{ ksi}}{(KL/r)^2} = \frac{372 \times 10^3 \text{ MPa}}{(KL/r)^2}$$

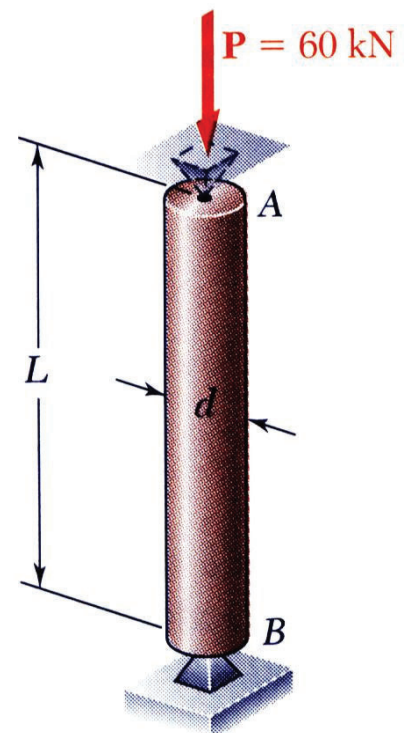
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### □ Design of Columns Under Centric Load

#### Example 13

Using the aluminum alloy 2014-T6, determine the smallest diameter rod which can be used to support the centric load  $P = 60 \text{ kN}$  if a)  $L = 750 \text{ mm}$ , b)  $L = 300 \text{ mm}$



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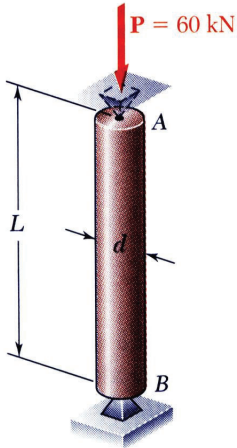
## Buckling of Columns

### □ Design of Columns Under Centric Load

#### Example 13

- For  $L = 750$  mm, assume  $L/r > 55$
- Determine cylinder radius:

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{I}{A}} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi c^4/4}{\pi c^2}} = \frac{c}{2}$$



- Check slenderness ratio assumption:

assumption was correct

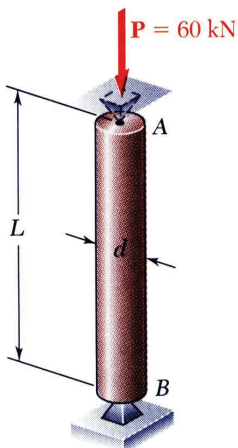
## Buckling of Columns

### □ Design of Columns Under Centric Load

#### Example 13

- For  $L = 300$  mm, assume  $L/r < 55$
- Determine cylinder radius:

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{I}{A}} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi c^4/4}{\pi c^2}} = \frac{c}{2}$$



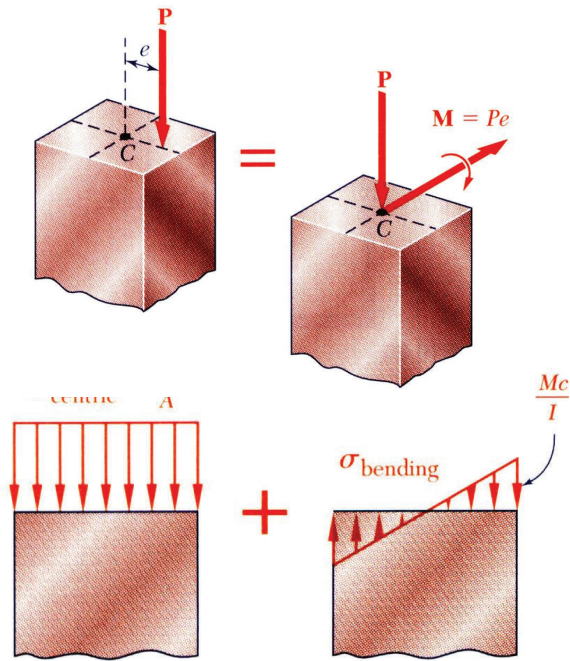
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### □ Design of Columns Under Centric Load



- An eccentric load  $P$  can be replaced by a centric load  $P$  and a couple  $M = Pe$ .
- Normal stresses can be found from superposing the stresses due to the centric load and couple,

$$\sigma = \sigma_{centric} + \sigma_{bending}$$

$$\sigma_{\max} = \frac{P}{A} + \frac{Mc}{I}$$

- **Allowable stress method:**

$$\frac{P}{A} + \frac{Mc}{I} \leq \sigma_{all}$$

- **Interaction method:**

$$\frac{P/A}{(\sigma_{all})_{centric}} + \frac{Mc/I}{(\sigma_{all})_{bending}} \leq 1$$