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### Session Description

#### 22.3 Compression Members February 11, 2020

The design of columns – compression members, is the focus of this session. The session will review the strength of compression members as defined by the Specification. The session will review steel shapes and their behavior in compression. The session will discuss the limit states of flexural buckling, local buckling, torsional buckling, and flexural-torsional buckling. Members with and without slender elements are reviewed. Design examples will be presented.



### Learning Objectives:

- Describe the limit state of flexural buckling for the design of compression members.
- Describe the limit state of local buckling for the design of compression members.
- Describe the limit state of torsional buckling and flexural-torsional buckling for the design of compression members.
- List the design steps for members with and without slender elements.



## Basic Steel Design: A review of the principles of steel design according to ANSI/AISC 360-16

### Night School 22 Lesson 3 Compression Members



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## Lesson 3 – Compression

- Compression Members
  - Strength
  - Flexural buckling
  - Effective length
  - Local buckling
  - Torsional and flexural-torsional buckling
  - Built-up shapes



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## Compression Members

B3.1. For LRFD, design shall be performed in accordance with:

Required Strength  $\leq$  Available Strength

$$R_u \leq \phi R_n \quad (\text{B3-1})$$

where

$R_u$  = required strength (LRFD) defined in Chapter C

$R_n$  = nominal strength specified in Chapter E

$\phi$  = resistance factor specified in Chapter E

$\phi R_n$  = design strength = resistance factor (nominal strength)



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## Compression Members

B3.2. For ASD, design shall be performed in accordance with:

Required Strength  $\leq$  Available Strength

$$R_a \leq R_n / \Omega \quad (\text{B3-2})$$

where

$R_a$  = required strength (ASD) defined in Chapter C

$R_n$  = nominal strength specified in Chapter E

$\Omega$  = safety factor specified in Chapter E

$R_n / \Omega$  = allowable strength =  $\frac{\text{nominal strength}}{\text{safety factor}}$



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## Compression Members

E1. “The design compressive strength,  $\phi_c P_n$ , and the allowable compressive strength,  $P_n / \Omega_c$ , are determined as follows:

The nominal compressive strength,  $P_n$ , shall be the lowest value obtained based on the applicable limit states of **flexural buckling**, **torsional buckling**, and **flexural-torsional buckling**.”

$$\phi_c = 0.90 \text{ (LRFD)} \quad \Omega_c = 1.67 \text{ (ASD)}$$



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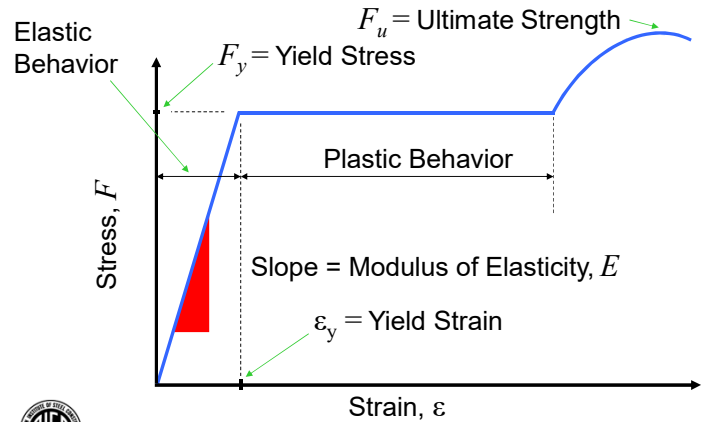
# Compression Members

- Limit States
  - **Yielding**: not mentioned in list of limit states to be checked. But, it is the upper limit for all shapes.
  - **Flexural buckling**: lateral buckling about a geometric axis, Euler Buckling, considered for all shapes.
  - **Torsional buckling**: Twist buckling of double symmetric shapes.
  - **Flexural-Torsional buckling**: Combined twist and lateral buckling for singly- and non-symmetric shapes.



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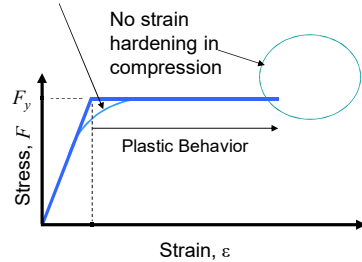
# Steel as a Material



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# Compression Members

Inelastic behavior will be discussed next



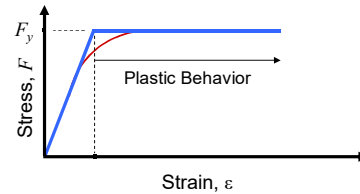
Yielding is the upper limit for all shapes. Only members with a length about twice the depth or less will reach yielding. A buckling limit state will occur first for longer members.



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# Compression Members

Inelastic behavior results from the presence of residual stresses in the rolled shape. This will have an impact on column strength that will be shown later.

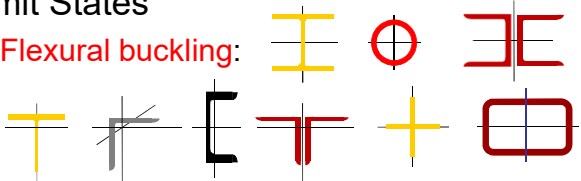




Stub column test where actual residual stresses impact stress-strain curve



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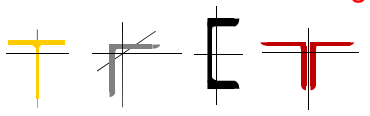
## Compression Members


- Limit States
  - Flexural buckling: 
  - Torsional buckling: 



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## Compression Members


- Limit States
  - Flexural-Torsional buckling: 



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## Flexural Buckling

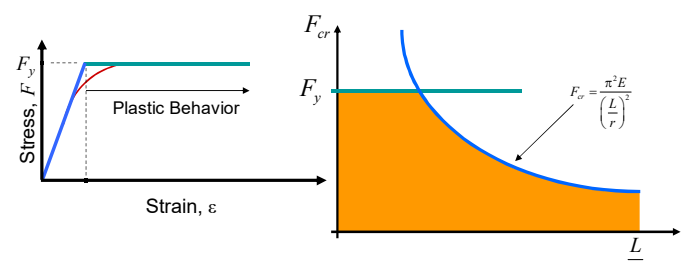
- Flexural buckling was first address by Leonhard Euler, a Swiss mathematician, about 1744. It is what we generally call Euler buckling.
- The theoretical derivation will not be addressed here but there are many references available.
- Remember Euler’s Equation? It is given by

$$P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L^2} \quad \text{or} \quad F_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 E}{\left(\frac{L}{r}\right)^2}$$



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## Flexural Buckling

- Yielding and elastic flexural buckling



Note that although the Euler Buckling solution gives stresses greater than  $F_y$ , the column can not physically carry stresses that high, thus the curve is “cut off” at  $F_y$ .



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## Flexural Buckling

- Inelastic flexural buckling

Now the Euler Buckling solution is again reduced because of the presence of residual stresses in the real compression member.

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## Flexural Buckling

- Have already considered:
  - Yielding
  - Elastic flexural buckling
  - Inelastic flexural buckling
- Additional factors influencing column behavior that must be addressed to produce the *Specification* provisions:
  - End conditions: **the K-factor and effective length are introduced**
  - Out-of-straightness: **the 0.877 multiplier is used**

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## Flexural Buckling

- Specification equations

Elastic buckling stress

$$F_e = \frac{\pi^2 E}{\left(\frac{KL}{r}\right)^2} = \frac{\pi^2 E}{\left(\frac{L_c}{r}\right)^2}$$

Dividing line between inelastic and elastic buckling

$$\frac{KL}{r} = 4.71 \sqrt{\frac{E}{F_y}}$$

Both curves are reduced from theoretical to account for out-of-straightness

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## Compression Members

### E2. Effective Length

“The effective length,  $L_c$ , for calculation of member slenderness,  $L_c/r$ , shall be determined in accordance with Chapter C or Appendix 7,”

where

$L_c = KL$  = effective length of member, in. (mm)

$K$  = effective length factor

$L$  = laterally unbraced length of the member, in. (mm)

$r$  = radius of gyration, in. (mm)

**User Note:** For members designed on the basis of compression, the effective slenderness ratio,  $L_c/r$ , preferably should not exceed 200.

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# Effective Length Factor

**TABLE C-A-7.1**  
**Approximate Values of Effective Length Factor,  $K$**

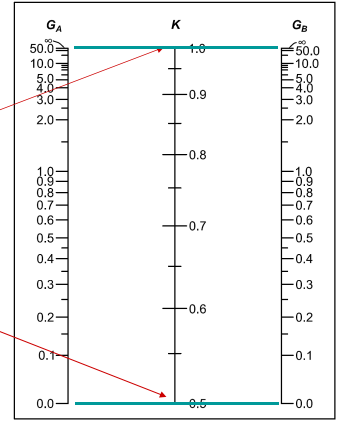
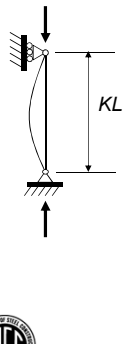
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
Buckled shape of column is shown by dashed line						
Theoretical $K$ value	0.5	0.7	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0
Recommended design value when ideal conditions are approximated	0.65	0.80	1.2	1.0	2.1	2.0
End condition code						
	Rotation fixed and translation fixed	Rotation free and translation fixed	Rotation fixed and translation fixed	Rotation free and translation fixed	Rotation fixed and translation free	Rotation free and translation free



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# Effective Length Factor

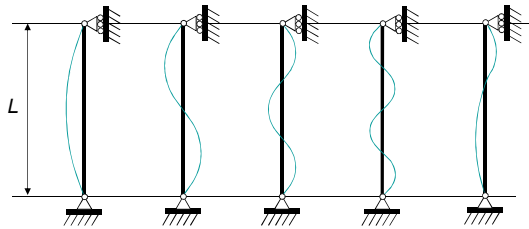
Braced frame members: ends do not sway relative to each other



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# Effective Length Factor

- Compression member bracing



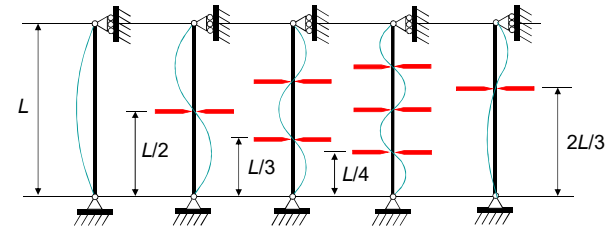
$K = 1.0$     $K = 0.5$     $K = 0.33$     $K = 0.25$     $K = 0.67$   
The definition of  $K$  is dependent on the definition of  $L$



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# Effective Length Factor

- Compression member bracing



$K = 1.0$     $K = 0.5$     $K = 0.33$     $K = 0.25$     $K = 0.67$   
The definition of  $K$  is dependent on the definition of  $L$



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## Flexural Buckling

### E3. Flexural Buckling of Members (Without Slender Elements)

Nominal Compressive Strength

$$P_n = F_{cr} A_g \quad (E3-1)$$



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## Flexural Buckling

- Elastic buckling stress is based on

$$F_e = \frac{\pi^2 E}{\left(\frac{L_c}{r}\right)^2} \quad (E3-4)$$

or Appendix 7.2.3(b) where  $F_e$  shall be determined from a sidesway buckling analysis for moment frames.



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## Flexural Buckling

- Inelastic Response  $\frac{L_c}{r} \leq 4.71 \sqrt{\frac{E}{F_y}}$  or  $\frac{F_y}{F_e} \leq 2.25$

$$F_{cr} = (0.658)^{\frac{F_y}{F_e}} F_y \quad (E3-2)$$

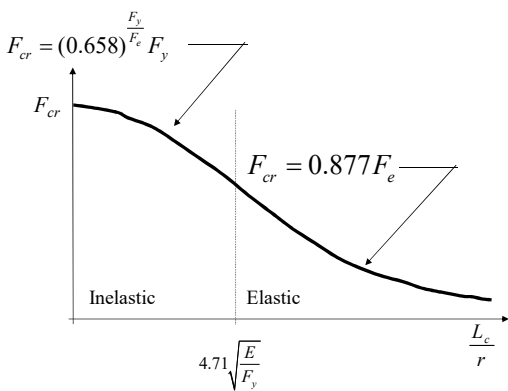
- Elastic Response  $\frac{L_c}{r} > 4.71 \sqrt{\frac{E}{F_y}}$  or  $\frac{F_y}{F_e} > 2.25$

$$F_{cr} = 0.877 F_e \quad (E3-3)$$



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## Flexural Buckling



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## Flexural Buckling

- ASD

$$\frac{P_n}{\Omega_c} = \frac{F_{cr} A_g}{1.67} = 0.6 F_{cr} A_g$$

Allowable Stress

- LRFD

$$\phi_c P_n = 0.90 F_{cr} A_g$$

Design Stress

These are the available stress values tabulated in Table 4-14



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## Flexural Buckling

Table 4-14  
Available Critical Stress for  
Compression Members


$\frac{L_c}{r}$	$F_y = 35$ ksi		$F_y = 36$ ksi		$F_y = 46$ ksi		$F_y = 50$ ksi		$F_y = 65$ ksi		$F_y = 70$ ksi	
	$F_{cr}/\Omega_c$	$\phi_c F_{cr}$	$F_{cr}/\Omega_c$	$\phi_c F_{cr}$	$F_{cr}/\Omega_c$	$\phi_c F_{cr}$	$F_{cr}/\Omega_c$	$\phi_c F_{cr}$	$F_{cr}/\Omega_c$	$\phi_c F_{cr}$	$F_{cr}/\Omega_c$	$\phi_c F_{cr}$
	ksi	ksi	ksi	ksi	ksi	ksi	ksi	ksi	ksi	ksi	ksi	ksi
	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD
1	21.0	31.5	21.6	32.4	27.5	41.4	29.9	45.0	38.9	58.5	41.9	63.0
2	21.0	31.5	21.6	32.4	27.5	41.4	29.9	45.0	38.9	58.5	41.9	63.0
3	20.9	31.5	21.5	32.4	27.5	41.4	29.9	45.0	38.9	58.4	41.9	62.9
4	20.9	31.5	21.5	32.4	27.5	41.4	29.9	44.9	38.9	58.4	41.8	62.9
5	20.9	31.5	21.5	32.4	27.5	41.3	29.9	44.9	38.8	58.4	41.8	62.8
6	20.9	31.4	21.5	32.3	27.5	41.3	29.9	44.9	38.8	58.3	41.8	62.8
7	20.9	31.4	21.5	32.3	27.5	41.3	29.8	44.8	38.7	58.2	41.7	62.7
35	19.7	29.6	20.2	30.4	25.4	38.1	27.4	41.2	34.6	52.1	37.0	55.6
36	19.6	29.5	20.1	30.3	25.2	37.9	27.2	40.9	34.4	51.7	36.7	55.2
37	19.5	29.4	20.1	30.1	25.1	37.8	27.1	40.7	34.2	51.4	36.4	54.8
38	19.5	29.3	20.0	30.0	25.0	37.6	26.9	40.5	33.9	51.0	36.2	54.3
39	19.4	29.1	19.9	29.9	24.9	37.4	26.8	40.3	33.7	50.6	35.9	53.8
40	19.3	29.0	19.8	29.8	24.7	37.2	26.8	40.0	33.4	50.2	35.6	53.3
	ASD	LRFD										
	$\Omega_c = 1.67$	$\phi_c = 0.90$										



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## Flexural Buckling

- A992 Wide flange members,  $F_y = 50$  ksi



$$\frac{L_c}{r} = 4.71 \sqrt{\frac{E}{F_y}} = 113$$

- A36 Angles,  $F_y = 36$  ksi



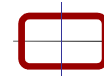
$$\frac{L_c}{r} = 4.71 \sqrt{\frac{E}{F_y}} = 134$$



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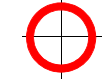
## Flexural Buckling

- A500 Gr C Rectangular HSS,  $F_y = 50$  ksi



$$\frac{L_c}{r} = 4.71 \sqrt{\frac{E}{F_y}} = 113$$

- A500 Gr C Round HSS,  $F_y = 46$  ksi

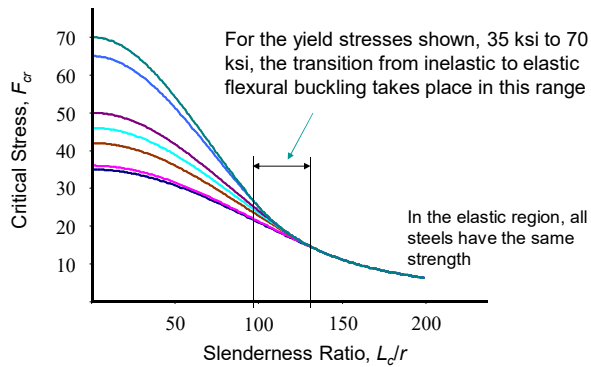


$$\frac{L_c}{r} = 4.71 \sqrt{\frac{E}{F_y}} = 118$$



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## Flexural Buckling



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## Flexural Buckling

Table 4-14 (continued)  
Available Critical Stress for  
Compression Members

F <sub>y</sub> (ksi)	F <sub>y</sub> = 35		F <sub>y</sub> = 40		F <sub>y</sub> = 45		F <sub>y</sub> = 50		F <sub>y</sub> = 55		F <sub>y</sub> = 60		F <sub>y</sub> = 65		F <sub>y</sub> = 70		
	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	
139	7.78	11.7	139	7.78	11.7	139	7.78	11.7	139	7.78	11.7	139	7.78	11.7	139	7.78	11.7
140	7.67	11.5	140	7.67	11.5	140	7.67	11.5	140	7.67	11.5	140	7.67	11.5	140	7.67	11.5
141	7.56	11.4	141	7.56	11.4	141	7.56	11.4	141	7.56	11.4	141	7.56	11.4	141	7.56	11.4
142	7.45	11.2	142	7.45	11.2	142	7.45	11.2	142	7.45	11.2	142	7.45	11.2	142	7.45	11.2
143	7.35	11.0	143	7.35	11.0	143	7.35	11.0	143	7.35	11.0	143	7.35	11.0	143	7.35	11.0
144	7.25	10.9	144	7.25	10.9	144	7.25	10.9	144	7.25	10.9	144	7.25	10.9	144	7.25	10.9
145	7.15	10.7	145	7.15	10.7	145	7.15	10.7	145	7.15	10.7	145	7.15	10.7	145	7.15	10.7
146	7.05	10.6	146	7.05	10.6	146	7.05	10.6	146	7.05	10.6	146	7.05	10.6	146	7.05	10.6

ASD  $\phi_c = 1.67$  LRFD  $\phi_c = 0.90$



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F<sub>y</sub> has no impact on available strength

## Flexural Buckling

Table 4-1a (continued)  
Available Strength in  
Axial Compression, kips  
W-Shapes  
F<sub>y</sub> = 50 ksi

Shape lb/ft	145		132		120		109		99		90	
	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD
0	1280	1920	1160	1750	1060	1590	958	1440	871	1310	793	1190
6	1250	1880	1130	1700	1030	1550	932	1400	848	1270	772	1160
7	1240	1860	1120	1680	1020	1530	923	1390	839	1260	764	1150
8	1230	1840	1110	1660	1010	1510	913	1370	830	1250	755	1140

Effective length, L<sub>c</sub> (ft), with respect to least radius of gyration, r<sub>y</sub>

L <sub>c</sub> (ft)	15		16		17		18		19		20	
	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD
15	1100	1650	982	1480	892	1340	808	1210	733	1100	667	1000
16	1080	1620	960	1440	872	1310	789	1190	716	1080	652	979
17	1060	1590	937	1410	850	1280	770	1160	698	1050	635	955
18	1030	1550	913	1370	828	1240	750	1130	680	1020	618	929
19	1010	1510	888	1330	805	1210	729	1100	661	994	601	903
20	980	1470	863	1300	783	1180	708	1070	643	964	584	877

For W-shapes, r<sub>y</sub> is the least radius of gyration

Shape	26		28		30		32	
	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD
26	810	1230	704	1060	630	935	574	863
28	750	1140	648	974	586	880	529	796
30	703	1060	594	893	537	807	485	729
32	647	973	542	814	489	735	441	663

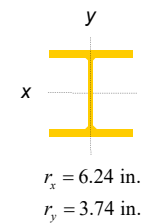
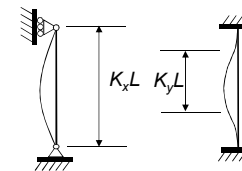


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## Example 1

- Consider a W14 x 120 column (A992)
  - Shape without slender elements
- Determine the available compressive strength by ASD and LRFD

L = 30 ft  
F<sub>y</sub> = 50 ksi  
K<sub>x</sub> = 1.0  
K<sub>y</sub> = 0.5



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### Example 1

#### Critical Slenderness

$$\frac{L_c}{r_y} = \frac{0.5(30)(12)}{3.74} = 48.1 \quad \frac{L_c}{r_x} = \frac{1.0(30)(12)}{6.24} = 57.7 \quad \star$$

$$F_e = \frac{\pi^2 E}{\left(\frac{L_c}{r}\right)^2} = \frac{\pi^2 (29,000)}{(57.7)^2} = 86.0 \text{ ksi}$$



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### Example 1

$$\frac{L_c}{r} = 57.7 < 113 \quad \text{therefore use Eq. E3-2}$$

$$F_{cr} = (0.658)^{\frac{50}{86.0}} (50) = 39.2 \text{ ksi}$$

$$P_n = (39.2)(35.3) = 1380 \text{ kips}$$



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### Example 1

- ASD  $\frac{P_n}{\Omega_c} = \frac{1380}{1.67} = 826 \text{ kips}$

To use Table 4-1a, when x-axis is critical we must determine an equivalent  $L_{cy}$

$$\left(\frac{L_{cy}}{r_y}\right)_{\text{equivalent}} = \frac{L_{cx}}{r_x}$$

$$\left(\frac{L_{cy}}{r_y}\right)_{\text{equivalent}} = \frac{L_{cx}}{r_x/r_y}$$

$$= \frac{30}{1.67} = 18.0 \text{ ft}$$

Table 4-1a (continued) Available Strength in Axial Compression, kips W-Shapes $F_y = 50 \text{ ksi}$												
Shape	W14											
lb/ft	145	132	120	109	99	90						
Design	A50	A50	A50	A50	A50	A50	A50	A50	A50	A50	A50	A50
0	1280	1520	1160	1750	1050	958	1440	871	1310	793	1130	
6	1250	1480	1130	1700	1000	902	1400	848	1270	772	1100	
7	1240	1460	1120	1680	990	892	1390	828	1250	754	1080	
8	1230	1440	1110	1660	980	884	1370	809	1230	735	1060	
9	1210	1420	1090	1640	964	876	1350	790	1210	716	1040	
10	1200	1400	1080	1620	940	868	1340	771	1190	697	1020	
11	1180	1370	1060	1600	920	860	1320	752	1170	678	1000	
12	1160	1350	1040	1580	900	852	1300	733	1150	659	980	
13	1140	1320	1020	1560	880	844	1270	714	1130	640	960	
14	1120	1300	1000	1540	860	836	1250	695	1110	621	940	
15	1100	1280	982	1480	842	828	1210	676	1090	602	920	
16	1080	1260	964	1440	822	820	1170	657	1070	583	900	
18	1030	1200	913	1370	782	802	1100	618	1000	544	860	
20	980	1140	862	1300	742	782	1030	579	930	505	820	
	980	1140	862	1300	742	782	1030	579	930	505	820	
$r_x$ , in.	3.98	3.76	3.74	3.73	3.71	3.70						
$r_x/r_y$	1.59	1.67	1.67	1.67	1.66	1.66						
$P_n/\Omega_c$ , kips	4800	4300	3500	3500	3180	2800						
$P_n/\Omega_c$ , kN	19400	15700	14200	12800	11500	10400						
ASD												
LFRD												
$\Omega_c = 1.67$												
$\phi_c = 0.90$												



### Example 1

- LRFD  $\phi_c P_n = 0.9(1380) = 1240 \text{ kips}$

To use Table 4-1a, when x-axis is critical we must determine an equivalent  $L_{cy}$

$$\left(\frac{L_{cy}}{r_y}\right)_{\text{equivalent}} = \frac{L_{cx}}{r_x}$$

$$\left(\frac{L_{cy}}{r_y}\right)_{\text{equivalent}} = \frac{L_{cx}}{r_x/r_y}$$

$$= \frac{30}{1.67} = 18.0 \text{ ft}$$

Table 4-1a (continued) Available Strength in Axial Compression, kips W-Shapes $F_y = 50 \text{ ksi}$												
Shape	W14											
lb/ft	145	132	120	109	99	90						
Design	A50	A50	A50	A50	A50	A50	A50	A50	A50	A50	A50	A50
0	1280	1520	1160	1750	1050	958	1440	871	1310	793	1130	
6	1250	1480	1130	1700	1000	902	1400	848	1270	772	1100	
7	1240	1460	1120	1680	990	892	1390	828	1250	754	1080	
8	1230	1440	1110	1660	980	884	1370	809	1230	735	1060	
9	1210	1420	1090	1640	964	876	1350	790	1210	716	1040	
10	1200	1400	1080	1620	940	868	1340	771	1190	697	1020	
11	1180	1370	1060	1600	920	860	1320	752	1170	678	1000	
12	1160	1350	1040	1580	900	852	1300	733	1150	659	980	
13	1140	1320	1020	1560	880	844	1270	714	1130	640	960	
14	1120	1300	1000	1540	860	836	1250	695	1110	621	940	
15	1100	1280	982	1480	842	828	1210	676	1090	602	920	
16	1080	1260	964	1440	822	820	1170	657	1070	583	900	
18	1030	1200	913	1370	782	802	1100	618	1000	544	860	
20	980	1140	862	1300	742	782	1030	579	930	505	820	
	980	1140	862	1300	742	782	1030	579	930	505	820	
$r_x$ , in.	3.98	3.76	3.74	3.73	3.71	3.70						
$r_x/r_y$	1.59	1.67	1.67	1.67	1.66	1.66						
$P_n/\phi_c$ , kips	4800	4300	3500	3500	3180	2800						
$P_n/\phi_c$ , kN	19400	15700	14200	12800	11500	10400						
ASD												
LFRD												
$\Omega_c = 1.67$												
$\phi_c = 0.90$												



## Compression Member Design

- For a compression member design
  - We likely know
    - Required strength
    - Member length
    - Some idea of effective length factor
  - Unlike for tension members we don't know
    - The critical stress
  - However, we could estimate
    - Radius of gyration which leads to a slenderness ratio which leads to critical stress
  - Or rely on the design tables from the Manual



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## Example 2 (ASD)

Select a column section by ASD

$$P_D = 275 \text{ kips} \quad L_{cx} = L_{cy} = 18 \text{ ft}$$

$$P_L = 600 \text{ kips}$$

ASD load combination (D+L)

$$P_a = 275 + 600 = 875 \text{ kips}$$



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## Example 2 (ASD)

- Select W14x132
- Required Strength
- Available strength

$$P_a = 875 \text{ kips}$$

$$\frac{P_n}{\Omega} = 913 \text{ kips}$$

- Therefore the column is adequate

Table 4-1a (continued)  
Available Strength in Axial Compression, kips  $F_y = 50 \text{ ksi}$

Shape	145		132		120		109		99		90	
	$P_n/\Omega$	$\phi P_n$	$P_n/\Omega$	$\phi P_n$	$P_n/\Omega$	$\phi P_n$	$P_n/\Omega$	$\phi P_n$	$P_n/\Omega$	$\phi P_n$	$P_n/\Omega$	$\phi P_n$
Design	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD
0	1280	1620	1160	1500	1050	1380	950	1240	870	1130	790	1030
6	1250	1600	1130	1480	1020	1360	920	1220	840	1100	770	1010
7	1240	1600	1120	1480	1020	1360	920	1220	830	1090	760	1000
8	1230	1600	1110	1480	1010	1350	910	1210	820	1080	750	990
9	1210	1620	1090	1460	990	1330	890	1190	810	1070	740	980
10	1200	1600	1080	1460	980	1320	880	1180	800	1060	730	970
11	1180	1570	1060	1440	960	1300	870	1170	790	1050	720	960
12	1160	1550	1040	1430	940	1290	850	1160	780	1040	710	950
13	1140	1530	1020	1420	920	1280	840	1150	770	1030	700	940
14	1120	1510	1000	1410	910	1270	830	1140	760	1020	690	930
15	1100	1500	980	1400	890	1260	820	1130	750	1010	680	920
16	1080	1480	960	1390	880	1250	810	1120	740	1000	670	910
17	1060	1470	940	1380	860	1240	800	1110	730	990	660	900
18	1040	1460	920	1370	850	1230	790	1100	720	980	650	890
19	1020	1450	900	1360	840	1220	780	1090	710	970	640	880
20	1000	1440	880	1350	830	1210	770	1080	700	960	630	870
22	970	1420	860	1340	820	1200	760	1070	690	950	620	860
24	950	1410	840	1330	810	1190	750	1060	680	940	610	850
26	930	1400	820	1320	800	1180	740	1050	670	930	600	840
28	910	1390	800	1310	790	1170	730	1040	660	920	590	830
30	890	1380	780	1300	780	1160	720	1030	650	910	580	820
32	870	1370	760	1290	770	1150	710	1020	640	900	570	810



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## Example 2 (LRFD)

Select a column section by LRFD

$$P_D = 275 \text{ kips} \quad L_{cx} = L_{cy} = 18 \text{ ft}$$

$$P_L = 600 \text{ kips}$$

LRFD load combination (1.2D+1.6L)

$$P_u = 1.2(275) + 1.6(600) = 1290 \text{ kips}$$



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## Example 2 (LRFD)

- Select W14x132
- Required Strength  
 $P_u = 1290$  kips
- Available strength  
 $\phi P_n = 1370$  kips

- Therefore the column is adequate

Table 4-1a (continued)  
Available Strength in Axial Compression, kips  $F_y = 50$  ksi  
W-Shapes

Shape lb/ft	145		132		120		109		99		90	
	A, A <sub>1</sub> , A <sub>2</sub> , A <sub>3</sub>	A <sub>4</sub> , A <sub>5</sub>	A, A <sub>1</sub> , A <sub>2</sub> , A <sub>3</sub>	A <sub>4</sub> , A <sub>5</sub>	A, A <sub>1</sub> , A <sub>2</sub> , A <sub>3</sub>	A <sub>4</sub> , A <sub>5</sub>	A, A <sub>1</sub> , A <sub>2</sub> , A <sub>3</sub>	A <sub>4</sub> , A <sub>5</sub>	A, A <sub>1</sub> , A <sub>2</sub> , A <sub>3</sub>	A <sub>4</sub> , A <sub>5</sub>	A, A <sub>1</sub> , A <sub>2</sub> , A <sub>3</sub>	A <sub>4</sub> , A <sub>5</sub>
Design	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD
0	1290	1820	1160	1750	1060	1590	958	1440	871	1310	793	1190
6	1290	1880	1130	1700	1030	1550	922	1400	848	1270	772	1160
7	1260	1800	1120	1680	1020	1520	920	1380	836	1260	764	1150
8	1230	1840	1110	1660	1010	1510	913	1370	830	1250	755	1140
9	1210	1820	1090	1640	990	1490	901	1350	819	1230	745	1120
10	1200	1800	1080	1620	980	1470	888	1340	807	1210	735	1100
11	1180	1770	1060	1600	960	1450	874	1310	794	1190	725	1090
12	1160	1750	1040	1570	940	1430	859	1290	780	1170	716	1070
13	1140	1720	1020	1540	920	1400	843	1270	766	1150	697	1050
14	1120	1690	1000	1510	910	1370	828	1240	752	1130	682	1030
15	1100	1650	982	1480	892	1340	808	1210	733	1100	667	1000
16	1080	1620	960	1440	872	1310	789	1190	716	1080	652	979
17	1060	1590	932	1400	850	1280	773	1160	696	1050	636	955
18	1040	1560	910	1360	828	1240	756	1130	680	1020	620	929
19	1010	1510	882	1320	805	1210	729	1100	661	994	604	903
20	980	1470	862	1300	783	1180	708	1080	642	964	583	877
22	927	1380	810	1220	734	1100	664	998	602	904	547	822
24	872	1310	758	1140	685	1030	620	931	561	841	509	766
26	816	1230	702	1060	635	955	574	863	519	771	472	709
28	759	1140	648	974	585	880	528	796	472	711	434	653
30	703	1060	594	913	537	807	485	733	430	646	397	597
32	647	974	542	814	488	735	441	663	388	580	361	543



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## Slender Elements

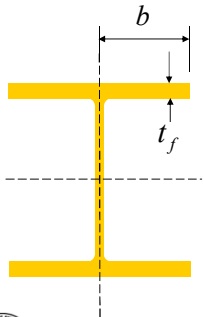
- An element is slender if it would buckle locally before it is able to reach yield.
- Two types of elements
  - Unstiffened* elements: those supported along only one edge parallel to the direction of the compression force; such as flanges
  - Stiffened* elements: those supported along two edges parallel to the direction of the compression force; such as webs



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### Unstiffened Elements

$$\frac{b}{t} = \frac{b_f}{2} \left( \frac{1}{t_f} \right) = \frac{b_f}{2t_f}$$



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TABLE B4.1a  
Width-to-Thickness Ratios: Compression Elements  
Members Subject to Axial Compression

Case	Description of Element	Width-to-Thickness Ratio	Limiting Width-to-Thickness Ratio $\lambda_c$ (nonslender/slender)	Examples
Unstiffened Elements	1 Flanges of rolled I-shaped sections, plate projecting from rolled I-shaped sections, outstanding legs of pairs of angles connected with continuous contact, flanges of channels, and flanges of tees	$b/t$	$0.56 \sqrt{\frac{E}{F_y}}$	
	2 Flanges of built-up I-shaped sections and plates or angle legs projecting from built-up I-shaped sections	$b/t$	$0.64 \sqrt{\frac{E}{F_y}}$ [a]	
	3 Legs of single angles, legs of double angles with separators, and all other unstiffened elements	$b/t$	$0.45 \sqrt{\frac{E}{F_y}}$	
	4 Stems of tees	$d/t$	$0.75 \sqrt{\frac{E}{F_y}}$	

### Stiffened Elements

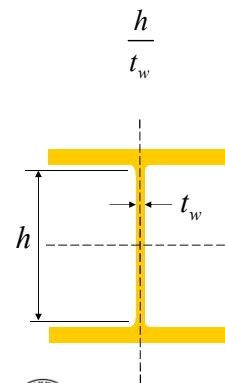


TABLE B4.1a  
Width-to-Thickness Ratios: Compression Elements  
Members Subject to Axial Compression

Case	Description of Element	Width-to-Thickness Ratio	Limiting Width-to-Thickness Ratio $\lambda_c$ (nonslender/slender)	Examples	
Stiffened Elements			$\sqrt{F_y}$		
	5 Webs of doubly symmetric rolled and built-up I-shaped sections and channels	$h/t_w$	$1.49 \sqrt{\frac{E}{F_y}}$		
	6 Walls of rectangular HSS	$b/t$	$1.49 \sqrt{\frac{E}{F_y}}$		
	7 Flange cover plates and diaphragm plates between lines of fasteners or welds	$b/t$	$1.49 \sqrt{\frac{E}{F_y}}$		
	8 All other stiffened elements	$b/t$	$1.49 \sqrt{\frac{E}{F_y}}$		
	9 Round HSS	$D/t$	$0.11 \sqrt{\frac{E}{F_y}}$		
	[a] $\lambda_c = 4.71 \sqrt{t_w}$ , but shall not be taken less than 0.35 nor greater than 0.76 for calculation purposes.				

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## Slender Elements

Unstiffened Elements  
W-shape Flange - Case 1

$$\frac{b_f}{2t_f} = \frac{b}{t} \leq \lambda_{rf} = 0.56 \sqrt{\frac{E}{F_y}}$$

$$\lambda_{rf} = 13.5$$



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## Slender Elements

Stiffened Element  
W-shape Web - Case 5

$$\frac{h}{t_w} \leq \lambda_{rw} = 1.49 \sqrt{\frac{E}{F_y}}$$

$$\lambda_{rw} = 35.9$$



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## Slender Elements

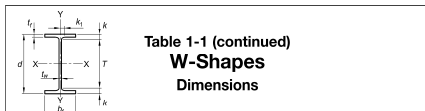


Table 1-1 (continued)  
W-Shapes  
Dimensions

Shape	Area, A	Depth, d	Web		Flange		Distance				Workable Gauge			
			Thickness, t <sub>w</sub>	L <sub>z</sub>	Width, b <sub>f</sub>	Thickness, t <sub>f</sub>	k <sub>1</sub>	k <sub>2</sub>	k <sub>1</sub>	T				
	in. <sup>2</sup>	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.			
W27x129 <sup>a</sup>	37.8	27.6	27 <sup>5/8</sup>	0.610	5/8	10.0	10	1.10	11 <sup>1/2</sup>	1.70	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	23	5 1/2	
>x114 <sup>a</sup>	33.6	27.3	27 <sup>1/4</sup>	0.570	5/8	10.1	10 <sup>10</sup>	0.930	15 <sup>5/8</sup>	1.53	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	17 <sup>1/2</sup>		
>x102 <sup>a</sup>	30.0	27.1	27 <sup>1/4</sup>	0.515	1/2	10.0	10	0.830	15 <sup>5/8</sup>	1.43	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	17 <sup>1/2</sup>		
>x94 <sup>a</sup>	27.6	26.9	26 <sup>5/8</sup>	0.490	1/2	10.0	10	0.745	14	1.34	1 <sup>15/8</sup>	15 <sup>1/2</sup>		
>x84 <sup>a</sup>	24.7	26.7	26 <sup>1/4</sup>	0.460	7/8	10.0	10	0.640	5/8	1.24	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	17 <sup>1/2</sup>		
W24x370 <sup>b</sup>	109	28.0	28	1.52	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	13.7	13 <sup>3/4</sup>	2.72	2 <sup>1/4</sup>	3.22	4	2	20	5 1/2
>x335 <sup>b</sup>	98.3	27.5	27 <sup>1/4</sup>	1.38	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	13.5	13 <sup>1/2</sup>	2.48	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2.98	3 <sup>1/4</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>		
>x306 <sup>b</sup>	89.7	27.1	27 <sup>1/4</sup>	1.26	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	13.4	13 <sup>1/2</sup>	2.28	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2.78	3 <sup>1/4</sup>	1 <sup>13/16</sup>		
>x279 <sup>b</sup>	81.9	26.7	26 <sup>1/4</sup>	1.16	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	13.3	13 <sup>1/4</sup>	2.09	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2.59	3 <sup>1/4</sup>	1 <sup>13/16</sup>		
>x250	73.5													
>x229	67.2													
>x207	60.7													
>x192	56.5	25.5	25 <sup>1/2</sup>	0.610	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	13.0	13	1.46	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1.96	2 <sup>1/4</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>		
>x176	51.7	25.2	25 <sup>1/4</sup>	0.750	3/4	12.9	12 <sup>1/2</sup>	1.34	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1.84	2 <sup>1/4</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>		
>x162	47.9	25.0	25	0.705	5/8	13.0	13	1.22	1 <sup>1/4</sup>	1.72	2 <sup>1/4</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>		
>x146	43.0	24.7	24 <sup>3/4</sup>	0.650	5/8	12.9	12 <sup>1/2</sup>	1.09	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1.59	2 <sup>1/4</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>		
>x131	38.6	24.5	24 <sup>1/2</sup>	0.605	5/8	12.9	12 <sup>1/2</sup>	0.960	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1.46	2 <sup>1/4</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>		
>x117	34.9	24.3	24 <sup>1/4</sup>	0.550	5/8	12.8	12 <sup>1/2</sup>	0.850	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1.35	2 <sup>1/4</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>		
>x104 <sup>a</sup>	31.7	24.1	24	0.500	1/2	12.8	12 <sup>1/4</sup>	0.750	3/4	1.25	2 <sup>1/4</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>		
W24x103 <sup>b</sup>	30.3	24.5	24 <sup>1/2</sup>	0.550	5/8	9.00	9	0.980	1	1.48	2 <sup>1/4</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	20	5 1/2

Note the footnote on the weight, 117<sup>c</sup>



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## Slender Elements

Table 1-1 (continued)  
W-Shapes  
Properties

Nominal W	Compact Section Criteria		Axis X-X				Axis Y-Y				r <sub>ts</sub>	h <sub>o</sub>	Irrorsional Properties	
	b <sub>x</sub>	h	I	S	r	Z	I	S	r	Z			J	C <sub>w</sub>
in./ft.	in.	in.	in. <sup>4</sup>	in. <sup>3</sup>	in.	in. <sup>3</sup>	in. <sup>4</sup>	in. <sup>3</sup>	in.	in. <sup>3</sup>	in. <sup>4</sup>	in. <sup>6</sup>	in. <sup>4</sup>	in. <sup>6</sup>
129	4.55	39.7	4760	345	11.2	395	184	36.8	2.21	57.6	2.66	26.5	11.1	32500
114	4.01	42.5	4080	299	11.0	343	159	31.5	2.18	49.3	2.65	26.4	7.33	27600
102	6.03	47.1	3620	267	11.0	305	139	27.8	2.15	43.4	2.62	26.3	5.28	24000
94	6.70	49.5	3270	245	10.9	276	124	24.8	2.12	38.6	2.59	26.2	4.65	21300
84	7.78	52.7	2850	213	10.7	244	106	21.2	2.07	33.2	2.54	26.1	2.81	17900
370	2.51	14.2	13400	957	11.1	1130	1160	170	3.27	267	3.92	25.3	201	186000
335	2.73	15.6	11900	864	11.0	1020	1030	152	3.23	238	3.86	25.0	152	161000
306	2.94	17.1	10700	789	10.9	922	919	137	3.20	214	3.81	24.8	117	142000
279	3.18	18.6	9600	718	10.8	835	823	124	3.17	193	3.76	24.6	90.5	125000
250	3.46	20.7	8500	647	10.7	748	736	111	3.13	171	3.70	24.4	66.6	109000
229	3.79	22.5	7500	576	10.6	663	651	98	3.08	150	3.63	24.2	51.3	96100
207	4.14	24.8	6500	505	10.5	578	566	85	3.03	129	3.57	24.0	38.3	84100
192	4.43	26.8	5600	434	10.5	500	488	72	2.97	108	3.50	23.8	30.8	76300
176	4.81	28.7	4800	363	10.4	425	413	60	2.91	90	3.43	23.6	23.9	68400
162	5.31	30.6	4120	292	10.4	353	341	49	2.84	74	3.36	23.4	18.5	62600
146	5.90	32.7	3500	221	10.3	287	275	39	2.77	60	3.29	23.2	13.4	54600
131	6.70	35.6	3020	150	10.2	227	215	30	2.70	47	3.22	23.0	9.50	47100
117	7.53	38.2	2600	80	10.1	172	160	21	2.62	34	3.15	22.8	6.72	40800
104	8.50	41.5	2200	29	10.1	124	112	13	2.54	22	3.08	22.6	4.72	35200
103	4.50	39.2	3000	245	10.0	280	268	119	2.65	199	3.17	22.5	7.07	16600

Note that h/t<sub>w</sub> exceeds 35.9



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## Slender Elements

- All W-shapes have nonslender flanges for compression with  $F_y < 68$  ksi.
- Only one “column” section has a slender web for compression with A992 steel;  
W14x43
- Many W-shapes, meant to be used as beams, have slender webs for uniform compression. For example those just shown.



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## Chapter E

- E7. Members with Slender Elements
  - Stiffened and unstiffened elements treated similarly (same effective width equation)
  - The critical stress is the same, regardless of element slenderness (E3-2, E3-3)
  - Slender element comes into play through the effective area

$$P_n = F_{cr} A_e \quad (E7-1)$$



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## Chapter E

- E7. Members with Slender Elements

– when  $\frac{h}{t_w} = \lambda \leq \lambda_r \sqrt{\frac{F_y}{F_{cr}}}$

Web of an I-shape

$$\lambda_r = 0.56 \sqrt{\frac{E}{F_y}}$$

$$b_e = b \quad (E7-2)$$



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## Chapter E

- E7. Members with Slender Elements

– when  $\frac{h}{t_w} = \lambda > \lambda_r \sqrt{\frac{F_y}{F_{cr}}}$

Web of an I-shape

$$\lambda_r = 0.56 \sqrt{\frac{E}{F_y}}$$

$$b_e = b \left( 1 - c_1 \sqrt{\frac{F_{el}}{F_{cr}}} \right) \sqrt{\frac{F_{el}}{F_{cr}}} \quad (E7-3)$$

Elastic local buckling stress  $F_{el} = \left( c_2 \frac{\lambda_r}{\lambda} \right)^2 F_y \quad (E7-5)$



3.60

## Chapter E

Table E7.1  
Effective Width Imperfection Adjustment Factor,  $c_1$   
and  $c_2$  Factor.

Case	Slender Element	$c_1$	$c_2$
(a)	Stiffened elements except walls of square and rectangular HSS	0.18	1.31
(b)	Walls of square and rectangular HSS	0.20	1.38
(c)	All other elements	0.22	1.49

$$c_2 = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 4c_1}}{2c_1}$$

Round HSS are treated differently



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## Example 3

- Determine the compressive strength of a built-up slender flange I-shape.  $L_c = KL = 20$  ft



Flange slenderness, Case 2

$$k_c = \frac{4}{\sqrt{h/t_w}} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{24.0/0.75}} = 0.707$$

$$\lambda_{r,f} = 0.64\sqrt{k_c E / F_y} = 0.64\sqrt{0.707(29,000)/50} = 13.0 < b_f / 2t_f = 24$$

Web slenderness, Case 5

$$h/t_w = 24.0/0.75 = 32$$

$$\lambda_r = 1.49\sqrt{E/F_y} = 35.9$$

Thus, the web is not slender

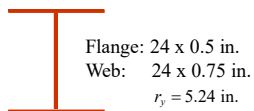
Thus, the flange is slender



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## Example 3

- Determine the compressive strength of a built-up slender flange I-shape.  $L_c = KL = 20$  ft



$$\frac{L_c}{r_y} = \frac{20(12)}{5.24} = 45.8$$

$$F_e = \frac{\pi^2 E}{(L_c/r)^2} = 136 \text{ ksi}$$

$$\frac{F_y}{F_e} = \frac{50}{136} = 0.368 < 2.25$$

$$F_{cr} = 0.658^{(0.368)} (50) = 42.9 \text{ ksi}$$



3.63

## Example 3

Table E7.1 Effective Width Imperfection Adjustment Factor,  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  Factor.

Case	Slender Element	$c_1$	$c_2$
(a)	Stiffened elements except walls of square and rectangular HSS	0.18	1.31
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(c)	All other elements	0.22	1.49

We know that the flange will act as a slender element if  $F_{cr} = F_y$ .

But, at the actual compression stress will it act as a slender element?



3.64

### Example 3

- Determine if the flange will actually act slender.

$$\lambda_{rf} = 13.0 \quad \text{and} \quad F_{cr} = 42.9 \text{ ksi}$$

$$b_f / 2t_f = 24.0 > \lambda_{rf} \sqrt{F_y / F_{cr}} = 13.0 \sqrt{50 / 42.9} = 14.0$$

Thus, the flange will behave as a slender element for a column with a stress of 42.9 ksi

- Determine the effective width

$$F_{el} = \left( c_2 \frac{\lambda}{\lambda} \right)^2 F_y \quad (E7-5) \quad b_e = b \left( 1 - c_1 \sqrt{\frac{F_{el}}{F_{cr}}} \right) \sqrt{\frac{F_{el}}{F_{cr}}} \quad (E7-3)$$

$$= \left( 1.49 \left( \frac{13.0}{24.0} \right) \right)^2 (50) = 12 \left( 1 - 0.22 \sqrt{\frac{32.6}{42.9}} \right) \sqrt{\frac{32.6}{42.9}} = 8.45$$

$$= 32.6$$

Note there is no upper limit on  $b_e$  since it will always be less than  $b$

3.65



### Example 3

- Then determine the effective area

$$A_g = 24(0.75) + 2(12.0)(0.5) + 2(12.0)(0.5) = 42.0 \text{ in.}^2$$

web                      flange                      flange

$$A_e = 24(0.75) + 2(8.45)(0.5) + 2(8.45)(0.5) = 34.9 \text{ in.}^2$$

- Using the effective area, determine the nominal strength

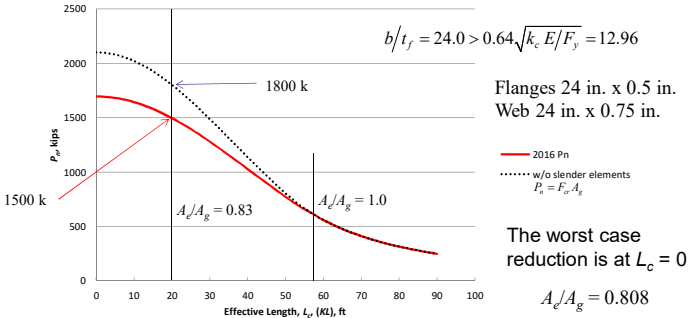
$$P_n = 42.9(34.9) = 1500 \text{ kips}$$



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### Example 3

Built-up I-shape with Slender Flange,  
 $F_y = 50 \text{ ksi}$



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### Example 3

- At what effective length,  $L_c$ , will there be no reduction in effective area?

- when  $\frac{b_f}{2t_f} = \lambda \leq \lambda_{rf} \sqrt{\frac{F_y}{F_{cr}}}$ ,  $b_e = b$

- therefore

$$\frac{b_f}{2t_f} = 24 = 13 \sqrt{\frac{50}{F_{cr}}} \quad \text{thus,} \quad F_{cr} = 14.7 \text{ ksi}$$

We could solve for  $L_c$  but we will use Manual Table 4-14.



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### Example 3

$$\phi F_{cr} = 0.9(14.7) = 13.2 \text{ ksi}$$

$$\frac{L_c}{r} = 131$$

thus,

$$L_c = 131r_y = 131(5.24) = 686 \text{ in.} = 57.2 \text{ ft}$$

Table 4-14 (continued)  
Available Critical Stress for  
Compression Members

$L_c/r$	$F_y = 35 \text{ ksi}$		$F_y = 36 \text{ ksi}$		$F_y = 46 \text{ ksi}$		$F_y = 50 \text{ ksi}$		$F_y = 65 \text{ ksi}$		$F_y = 70 \text{ ksi}$	
	$F_{cr}/\phi_c$	$\phi_c F_{cr}$	$F_{cr}/\phi_c$	$\phi_c F_{cr}$	$F_{cr}/\phi_c$	$\phi_c F_{cr}$	$F_{cr}/\phi_c$	$\phi_c F_{cr}$	$F_{cr}/\phi_c$	$\phi_c F_{cr}$	$F_{cr}/\phi_c$	$\phi_c F_{cr}$
	ksi	ksi	ksi	ksi	ksi	ksi	ksi	ksi	ksi	ksi	ksi	ksi
	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD
121	9.91	14.9	10.0	15.0	10.3	15.4	10.3	15.4	10.3	15.4	10.3	15.4
122	9.79	14.7	9.85	14.8	10.1	15.2	10.1	15.2	10.1	15.2	10.1	15.2
123	9.67	14.5	9.72	14.6	9.94	14.9	9.94	14.9	9.94	14.9	9.94	14.9
124	9.55	14.3	9.59	14.4	9.78	14.7	9.78	14.7	9.78	14.7	9.78	14.7
125	9.43	14.2	9.47	14.2	9.62	14.5	9.62	14.5	9.62	14.5	9.62	14.5
126	9.31	14.0	9.35	14.0	9.47	14.2	9.47	14.2	9.47	14.2	9.47	14.2
127	9.19	13.8	9.22	13.9	9.32	14.0	9.32	14.0	9.32	14.0	9.32	14.0
128	9.07	13.6	9.10	13.7	9.17	13.8	9.17	13.8	9.17	13.8	9.17	13.8
129	8.95	13.4	8.98	13.5	9.03	13.6	9.03	13.6	9.03	13.6	9.03	13.6
130	8.83	13.3	8.86	13.3	8.89	13.4	8.89	13.4	8.89	13.4	8.89	13.4
131	8.71	13.1	8.73	13.1	8.76	13.2	8.76	13.2	8.76	13.2	8.76	13.2
132	8.60	12.9	8.61	12.9	8.63	13.0	8.63	13.0	8.63	13.0	8.63	13.0
133	8.48	12.7	8.49	12.8	8.50	12.8	8.50	12.8	8.50	12.8	8.50	12.8
134	8.37	12.6	8.37	12.6	8.37	12.6	8.37	12.6	8.37	12.6	8.37	12.6
135	8.25	12.4	8.25	12.4	8.25	12.4	8.25	12.4	8.25	12.4	8.25	12.4
136	8.13	12.2	8.13	12.2	8.13	12.2	8.13	12.2	8.13	12.2	8.13	12.2

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### Torsional Buckling

- Doubly symmetric members may exhibit buckling in a torsional mode.



These shapes are arranged in order of increasing torsional strength

Strength of the cruciform is very likely to be controlled by the limit state of torsional buckling while strength of the closed shapes will not.



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### Torsional Buckling

- The elastic torsional buckling stress for doubly symmetric members is a function of two types of torsion, pure torsion and warping torsion. The Specification gives:

$$F_e = \left[ \frac{\pi^2 E C_w}{L_c^2} + GJ \right] \frac{1}{I_x + I_y} \quad (E4-2)$$

Warping Torsion      Pure Torsion

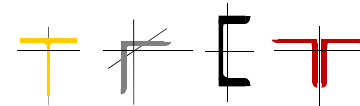
- This elastic torsional buckling stress is then used, like the elastic flexural buckling stress, to obtain the critical stress for this limit state.



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### Flexural-Torsional Buckling

- Singly symmetric members can buckle in a mode that combines torsional and flexural buckling which we call flexural-torsional buckling.



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## Flexural-Torsional Buckling

- For singly symmetric members the elastic flexural-torsional buckling stress.

$$F_e = \left( \frac{F_{ey} + F_{ez}}{2H} \right) \left[ 1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{4F_{ey}F_{ez}H}{(F_{ey} + F_{ez})^2}} \right] \quad (E4-3)$$

The y-axis is the axis of symmetry and the z-axis represents the torsional axis



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## Flexural-Torsional Buckling

- The elastic torsional buckling stress for a singly symmetric member is given by

$$F_{ez} = \left[ \frac{\pi^2 EC_w}{L_{cz}^2} + GJ \right] \frac{1}{A_g \bar{r}_o^2} \quad (E4-7)$$

- The elastic flexural buckling stress is given by

$$F_{ey} = \frac{\pi^2 E}{\left( \frac{L_{cy}}{r_y} \right)^2} \quad (E4-6)$$

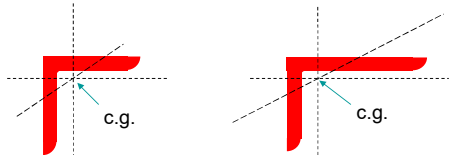


We will look at an example when we address built-up members

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## Single Angle Compression Members

- These members may be singly symmetric (equal legs) or non-symmetric (unequal legs)
- To be axially loaded, they must be loaded at the centroid (unlikely)



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## Single Angle Compression Members

- E5. Single-Angle Compression Members

- May consider only flexural buckling, if

$$b/t \leq 0.71 \sqrt{E/F_y}$$

This is  $b/t = 20$  for  $F_y = 36$  ksi

This limit is met by all currently produced angles.

- Otherwise must consider flexural-torsional buckling
- There is also a special case described in Section E5 for when the single angle is not loaded at the centroid but eccentricity may be neglected.



3.76

## Single Angle Compression Members

- If the member is
  - loaded at its ends through same leg
  - attached by welding or a minimum of two bolts
  - has no intermediate transverse loads
  - $L_c/r$  determined here does not exceed 200
  - long leg/short leg  $\leq 1.7$
- Then  
Use the modified slenderness ratio and ignore eccentricity



3.77

## Single Angle Compression Members

- As an example, for equal leg angles that are individual members or webs of planer trusses

$$\text{when } \frac{L}{r_a} \leq 80: \quad \frac{L_c}{r} = 72 + 0.75 \frac{L}{r_a} \quad (\text{E5-1})$$

$$\text{when } \frac{L}{r_a} > 80: \quad \frac{L_c}{r} = 32 + 1.25 \frac{L}{r_a} \quad (\text{E5-2})$$



3.78

## Single Angle Compression Members

- For the same equal leg angle that is part of a box or space truss

$$\text{when } \frac{L}{r_a} \leq 75: \quad \frac{L_c}{r} = 60 + 0.8 \frac{L}{r_a} \quad (\text{E5-3})$$

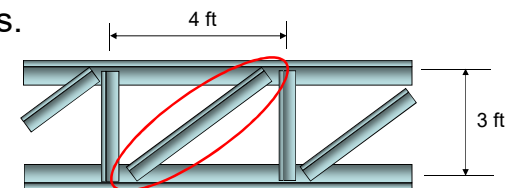
$$\text{when } \frac{L}{r_a} > 75: \quad \frac{L_c}{r} = 45 + \frac{L}{r_a} \quad (\text{E5-4})$$



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## Example 4

- Determine the available compressive strength of a 5 x 3 x 1/2 A36 angle used as a web member of a truss. The web member is 5 ft long and welded to the chords.



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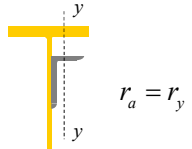
### Example 4

- The angle is attached through its 5 in. leg at each end. There are no intermediate transverse loads. It satisfies the requirements of Section E5

$$A_g = 3.75 \text{ in.}^2$$

$$r_x = 1.58 \text{ in.}$$

$$r_y = 0.824 \text{ in.}$$

$$r_z = 0.642 \text{ in.}$$


$r_a = r_y$



3.81

### Example 4

- Determine the effective slenderness

$$\frac{L}{r_a} = \frac{L}{r_y} = \frac{5.0(12)}{0.824} = 72.8 < 80$$

- Therefore use Eq. E5-1

$$\frac{L_c}{r} = 72 + 0.75 \left( \frac{L}{r_a} \right)$$

$$\frac{L_c}{r} = 72 + 0.75(72.8) = 127 < 4.71 \sqrt{\frac{E}{F_y}} = 134 \quad \text{Use Eq. E3-2}$$

The limit for determining use of Eq. E3-2 or E3-3



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### Example 4

- Determine the elastic buckling stress from Eq. E3-4

$$F_e = \frac{\pi^2 E}{\left( \frac{L_c}{r} \right)^2} = \frac{\pi^2 (29000)}{(127)^2} = 17.7$$

and the critical stress from Eq. E3-2

$$F_{cr} = (0.658)^{\frac{36}{17.7}} (36) = 15.4 \text{ ksi}$$



3.83

### Example 4

- Nominal strength

$$P_n = F_{cr} A_g = 15.4(3.75) = 57.8 \text{ kips}$$

- ASD  $\frac{P_n}{\Omega_c} = \frac{57.8}{1.67} = 34.6 \text{ kips}$

- LRFD  $\phi_c P_n = 0.9(57.8) = 52.0 \text{ kips}$



3.84

### Example 4

- To use the concentrically loaded single angle tables, determine the effective  $L_c$  with respect to the z-axis based on the slenderness ratio already determined

$$L_{c\ eff} = \left( L_c / r \right) r_z = \frac{127(0.642)}{12} = 6.79\ \text{ft}$$



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### Example 4

Table 4-11 (continued)  
Available Strength in Axial Compression, kips  
Concentrically Loaded Single Angles  $F_y = 36\ \text{ksi}$

Shape	L5 x 3 1/2 x				L5 x 3 x							
	7.00		12.8		11.3		9.80		8.20		6.60	
lb/ft												
Design	$P_u/\phi_c P_n$	$\phi_c P_n$	$P_u/\phi_c P_n$	$\phi_c P_n$	$P_u/\phi_c P_n$	$\phi_c P_n$	$P_u/\phi_c P_n$	$\phi_c P_n$	$P_u/\phi_c P_n$	$\phi_c P_n$	$P_u/\phi_c P_n$	$\phi_c P_n$
	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD
0	37.0	55.6	80.8	122	71.4	107	60.8	91.4	47.8	71.8	35.1	52.8
1	30.7	55.1	79.4	119	70.1	105	59.9	90.0	47.1	70.8	34.0	52.0
2	35.7	53.7	75.1	113	66.3	99.7	57.3	86.0	45.1	67.8	33.2	49.9
3	34.2	51.4	68.5	103	60.5	91.0	52.4	79.7	41.9	63.9	30.9	45.5
4	32.0	48.1	60.2	90.5	53.3	80.0	46.1	69.3	37.9	56.9	28.0	42.1
5	29.1	43.8	51.0	79.7	45.2	67.9	39.1	58.8	33.1	49.8	24.6	37.0
6	25.9	38.9	41.7	62.7	37.0	55.5	32.1	48.2	27.2	40.8	21.0	31.6
7	22.5	33.8	32.8	49.3	29.1	43.8	25.3	38.0	21.5	32.3	17.4	26.1
8	19.1	28.7	25.2	37.9	22.4	33.7	19.5	29.3	16.6	24.9	13.5	20.2
9	15.4	23.2	19.9	29.9	17.7	26.6	15.4	23.1	13.1	19.7	10.6	16.0
10	12.5	18.8	16.1	24.2	14.3	21.5	12.5	18.7	10.6	15.9	8.61	12.9
11	10.3	15.5										
12	8.69	13.1										



Interpolating  
 $P_u = 34.7\ \text{kips}$   
 $P_u = 52.1\ \text{kips}$

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### Single Angle

- If the requirements of Section E5 are not met, eccentricity must be considered

Eccentricity will induce bending moments. Combined axial force and bending will be addressed in Lesson 5.

Table 4-12 (continued)  
Available Strength in Axial Compression, kips  
Eccentrically Loaded Single Angles  $F_y = 36\ \text{ksi}$

Shape	L5 x 3 1/2 x				L5 x 3 x							
	7.00		12.8		11.3		9.80		8.20		6.60	
lb/ft												
Design	$P_u/\phi_c P_n$	$\phi_c P_n$	$P_u/\phi_c P_n$	$\phi_c P_n$	$P_u/\phi_c P_n$	$\phi_c P_n$	$P_u/\phi_c P_n$	$\phi_c P_n$	$P_u/\phi_c P_n$	$\phi_c P_n$	$P_u/\phi_c P_n$	$\phi_c P_n$
	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD
0	32.1	48.3	36.2	54.4	34.7	52.7	34.2	51.4	31.9	47.9	30.0	45.1
1	26.5	46.5	35.3	53.2	34.6	51.1	33.4	50.3	31.1	46.8	29.1	43.9
2	22.4	45.6	33.0	49.8	31.8	48.0	31.2	47.1	29.0	43.7	26.9	40.6
3	33.1	40.1	29.0	45.3	28.6	43.4	27.8	42.2	25.7	39.0	23.5	35.0
4	30.0	40.0	28.3	40.1	25.0	38.1	24.0	36.5	22.1	33.8	20.0	30.5
5	25.0	38.5	23.7	34.7	21.4	32.7	20.3	31.0	18.7	29.6	16.6	25.6
6	20.6	31.9	19.3	29.6	18.1	27.7	16.9	26.0	15.4	23.7	13.7	21.2
7	17.0	26.5	16.3	24.0	15.1	23.2	14.0	21.6	12.7	19.6	11.3	17.5
8	14.1	22.0	13.6	20.9	12.6	18.4	11.6	17.8	10.4	16.1	9.23	14.2
9	11.7	18.2	11.5	17.8	10.6	16.4	9.79	15.0	8.72	13.4	7.84	11.8
10	9.79	15.2	9.95	15.2	9.12	14.0	8.33	12.8	7.38	11.3	6.43	9.84
11	8.31	12.9										
12	7.14	11.0										



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### Built-Up Members

- Built-up members are composed of two shapes interconnected with bolts or welds or with at least one open side interconnected by plates or lacing.
- The key to determining the strength of built-up members is determining the correct slenderness ratio.



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### Built-Up Members

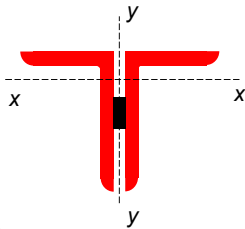
- Section E6 requires
  - “The end connection shall be welded or connected by means of pretensioned bolts with Class A or B faying surfaces.”
- Slip in the end connection could cause the built-up member to lose strength and behave as individual members.



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### Built-Up Members

- Nominal strength is determined using a modified slenderness ratio if connectors are in shear in the buckling mode.



Buckling about the x-axis treat as two single angles

Buckling about y-axis treat as a built-up member



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### Built-Up Members

- When intermediate connectors are snug-tight bolts,

$$\left(\frac{L_c}{r}\right)_m = \sqrt{\left(\frac{L_c}{r}\right)_o^2 + \left(\frac{a}{r_i}\right)^2} \quad (E6-1)$$

$\left(\frac{L_c}{r}\right)_m$  = modified slenderness ratio  
 $\left(\frac{L_c}{r}\right)_o$  = built-up member acting as a unit  
 $a$  = distance between connectors  
 $r_i$  = minimum radius of gyration of component



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### Built-Up Members

- When intermediate connectors are welds or pretensioned bolts

for  $\frac{a}{r_i} \leq 40$   $\left(\frac{L_c}{r}\right)_m = \left(\frac{L_c}{r}\right)_o$  (E6-2a)

for  $\frac{a}{r_i} > 40$   $\left(\frac{L_c}{r}\right)_m = \sqrt{\left(\frac{L_c}{r}\right)_o^2 + \left(\frac{K_1 a}{r_i}\right)^2}$  (E6-2b)



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## Built-Up Members

- Definitions:

$\left(\frac{L_c}{r}\right)_m$  = modified slenderness ratio

$\left(\frac{L_c}{r}\right)_o$  = slenderness ratio of built-up member acting as a unit

- $K_i = 0.50$  for angles back-to-back
- $= 0.75$  for channels back-to-back
- $= 0.86$  for all other cases

$a$  = distance between connectors

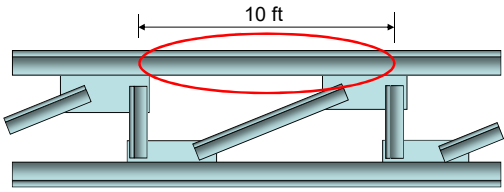
$r_i$  = minimum radius of gyration of component



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## Example 5

- Determine the available compressive strength of 2-L5 x 3 x 1/2 LLBB A36 angles used as the top chord of a truss. The angles are attached with welds at two intermediate points and at the ends.



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## Example 5

- Determine the available compressive strength of 2-L5 x 3 x 1/2 LLBB A36 angles used as the top chord of a truss.

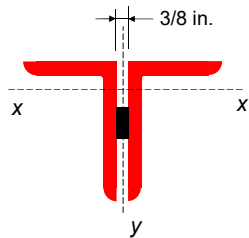
Single Angle Table 1-7

$A_g = 3.75 \text{ in.}^2$     $I_x = 9.43 \text{ in.}^4$

$r_x = 1.58 \text{ in.}$     $I_y = 2.55 \text{ in.}^4$

$r_y = 0.824 \text{ in.}$     $J = 0.322 \text{ in.}^4$

$r_z = 0.642 \text{ in.}$     $C_w = 0.444 \text{ in.}^6$



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## Example 5

- Combined properties, Table 1-15 in red here

$A_g = 2(3.75) = 7.50 \text{ in.}^2$     $H = 0.646$

$I_x = 2(9.43) = 18.9 \text{ in.}^4$     $\bar{r}_o = 2.51 \text{ in.}$

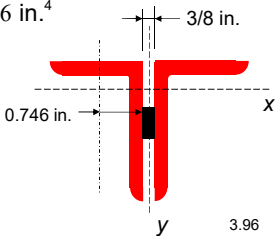
$r_x = 1.58 \text{ in.}$

$I_y = 2\left(2.55 + 3.75\left(0.746 + \frac{3}{16}\right)^2\right) = 11.6 \text{ in.}^4$

$r_y = \sqrt{\frac{11.6}{7.50}} = 1.24 \text{ in.}$

$J = 2(0.322) = 0.644 \text{ in.}^4$

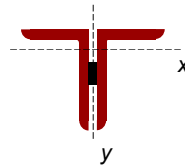
$C_w = 2(0.444) = 0.888 \text{ in.}^6$



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## Example 5

- For a singly symmetric compression member we will see that the applicable limit states are flexural-torsional buckling about the axis of symmetry, y-axis, and flexural buckling about the other axis, x-axis.



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## Example 5

- Since the double angle compression member is a built-up member,
  - if the buckling mode involves relative deformation that produces shear forces in the connectors between individual shapes, the modified slenderness ratio as a function of connector spacing must be determined according to Section E6.
  - If the buckling mode does not involve relative deformation, the slenderness ratio using the actual effective length and radius of gyration is used.



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## Example 5

- For the x-axis (no connector shear)
  - The slenderness ratio is

$$\frac{L_c}{r_x} = \frac{10(12)}{1.58} = 75.9$$

- and the elastic buckling stress is

$$F_{ex} = \frac{\pi^2 E}{\left(\frac{L_c}{r_x}\right)^2} = \frac{\pi^2 (29,000)}{(75.9)^2} = 49.7 \text{ ksi} \quad (\text{E3-4})$$



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## Example 5

- For the y-axis (connectors in shear)
  - Buckling produces shear forces in the connectors between individual shapes.
  - For our example, place pretensioned connectors at the 1/3 points of the column

$$a = 40.0 \text{ in.}$$



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## Example 5

- For the y-axis (connectors in shear)

– As a single unit  $\left(\frac{L_c}{r_y}\right)_o = \frac{10(12)}{1.24} = 96.8$

- Between connectors

$$\frac{a}{r_i} = \frac{a}{r_c} = \frac{40}{0.642} = 62.3 > 40$$

- Thus,

$$\left(\frac{L_c}{r}\right)_m = \sqrt{\left(\frac{L_c}{r}\right)_o^2 + \left(\frac{K_1 a}{r_i}\right)^2} = \sqrt{(96.8)_o^2 + \left(\frac{0.5(40)}{0.642}\right)^2} = 102 \quad \text{E6-2b}$$



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## Example 5

- For the y-axis (connectors in shear)

- With the slenderness ratio

$$\frac{L_c}{r_y} = \left(\frac{L_c}{r}\right)_m = 102$$

- the elastic buckling stress is

$$F_{ey} = \frac{\pi^2 E}{\left(\frac{L_c}{r_y}\right)^2} = \frac{\pi^2 (29,000)}{(102)^2} = 27.5 \text{ ksi} \quad \text{(E3-4)}$$



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## Example 5

- E4. Torsional and Flexural-torsional Buckling

- E4.(b) for singly symmetric members twisting about the shear center where y is the axis of symmetry

$$F_e = \left(\frac{F_{ey} + F_{ez}}{2H}\right) \left[1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{4F_{ey}F_{ez}H}{(F_{ey} + F_{ez})^2}}\right] \quad \text{(E4-3)}$$

If x is the axis of symmetry replace  $F_{ey}$  by  $F_{ex}$



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## Example 5

- For torsional buckling

$$F_{ez} = \left[ \frac{\pi^2 EC_w}{L_{cz}^2} + GJ \right] \frac{1}{A_g \bar{r}_o^2} \quad \text{(E4-7)}$$

$$F_{ez} = \left[ \frac{\pi^2 E (0.888)}{(12(10))^2} + 11,200(0.644) \right] \frac{1}{7.50(2.51)^2}$$

$$= [17.5 + 7213] \frac{1}{47.3} = 153 \text{ ksi}$$



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### Example 5

- For flexural-torsional buckling

$$F_e = \left( \frac{F_{ey} + F_{ez}}{2H} \right) \left[ 1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{4F_{ey}F_{ez}H}{(F_{ey} + F_{ez})^2}} \right] \quad (E4-3)$$

$$F_e = \left( \frac{27.5 + 153}{2(0.646)} \right) \left[ 1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{4(27.5)(153)(0.646)}{(27.5 + 153)^2}} \right]$$

$$= 25.7 \text{ ksi}$$

This is less than  $F_{ey}$ , thus flexural-torsional buckling will control.



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### Example 5

- Determine the critical stress

$$\frac{F_y}{F_e} = \frac{36.0}{25.7} = 1.40 < 2.25$$

This is the "other way" to determine which equation to use in determining  $F_{cr}$ .

- Therefore use Eq. E3-2

$$F_{cr} = (0.658)^{\frac{36}{25.7}} (36) = 20.0 \text{ ksi}$$



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### Example 5

- The nominal strength is then,

$$P_n = F_{cr} A_g = 20.0(7.50) = 150 \text{ kips}$$

- The available strength is

For **LRFD**

$$\phi P_n = 0.9(150) = 135 \text{ kips}$$

For **ASD**

$$\frac{P_n}{\Omega} = \frac{150}{1.67} = 89.8 \text{ kips}$$



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### Example 5

If back-to-back spacing is greater than 3/8 in., the table values are conservative.

$$\phi P_n = 136 \text{ kips}$$

$$\frac{P_n}{\Omega} = 90.2 \text{ kips}$$

Note 2 intermediate connectors required.

Table 4-9 (continued)  
Available Strength in Axial Compression, kips  
Double Angles—LLBB

$F_y = 36 \text{ ksi}$

Shape	2L5-3x							
	$\frac{1}{2}$		$\frac{3}{8}$		$\frac{1}{2}$		$\frac{3}{8}$	
lb/ft	25.6	22.6	19.6	16.4	13.2	10.0	6.8	3.6
Design	$P_n/A_g$	$\phi P_n$	$P_n/A_g$	$\phi P_n$	$P_n/A_g$	$\phi P_n$	$P_n/A_g$	$\phi P_n$
0	162	243	143	214	122	183	95.6	144
4	140	211	121	181	99.9	150	76.0	114
6	129	194	111	167	92.8	140	72.0	108
8	109	165	94.7	142	79.4	119	63.4	95.2
10	90.2	135	79.0	117	66.4	98.9	52.4	78.8
12	71.1	107	61.3	92.1	51.3	77.1	41.2	61.9
14	53.8	80.8	46.3	69.6	38.8	58.4	31.4	47.3
16	41.5	62.4	35.9	53.9	30.2	45.2	24.9	36.9
18	33.0	49.6	28.5	42.8	24.4	36.2	19.7	29.6
20	26.8	40.3	23.3	35.1	19.6	29.1	16.1	24.2

Properties of 2 angles— $\frac{1}{2}$  in. back to back

$A_g$ , in. <sup>2</sup>	7.50	6.82	5.72	4.82	3.88
$r_x$ , in.	1.68	1.58	1.40	1.41	1.49
$r_y$ , in.	1.24	1.23	1.22	1.21	1.19

Properties of single angle

$r_x$ , in.	0.642	0.644	0.646	0.649	0.652
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ASD LRFD For  $r_y$  axis, welded or prestressed bolted intermediate connectors with Class A or B flaying surfaces must be used.  
For required number of intermediate connectors, see the discussion of Table 4-6.  
Shape is denoted for compression with  $F_y = 36$  ksi. Tabulated values have been adjusted accordingly.  
Note: Heavy line indicates  $L_{c1}/r$  equal to or greater than 200.



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### Example 5

x-axis strength is independent of intermediate connectors

$$\phi P_n = 179 \text{ kips}$$

$$\frac{P}{\Omega} = 119 \text{ kips}$$

y-axis strength includes flexural-torsional buckling strength

$$\phi P_n = 136 \text{ kips}$$

$$\frac{P}{\Omega} = 90.2 \text{ kips}$$

Table 4-9 (continued)  
Available Strength in Axial Compression, kips  
Double Angles—LLBB

Shape	2LS-3x				2L3			
	$\lambda_{c1}$	$\lambda_{c2}$	$\lambda_{c3}$	$\lambda_{c4}$	$\lambda_{c1}$	$\lambda_{c2}$	$\lambda_{c3}$	$\lambda_{c4}$
Design	$\phi P_n$	$\phi P_n$	$\phi P_n$	$\phi P_n$	$\phi P_n$	$\phi P_n$	$\phi P_n$	$\phi P_n$
	$P_n/\Omega$	$P_n/\Omega$	$P_n/\Omega$	$P_n/\Omega$	$P_n/\Omega$	$P_n/\Omega$	$P_n/\Omega$	$P_n/\Omega$
0	162	243	143	214	122	183	95.6	144
2	160	240	141	212	120	181	94.7	142
4	154	229	136	204	117	176	92.1	138
6	145	216	128	193	111	167	87.8	132
8	134	200	118	179	102	155	82.2	124
10	119	179	106	159	91.7	136	75.4	113
12	104	157	92.7	139	80.5	121	67.9	102
14	89.2	134	79.3	119	69.0	106	60.0	89.2
16	74.3	112	66.2	99.5	57.8	88.8	49.1	73.9
18	60.3	93.7	53.8	81.0	47.2	73.9	40.3	60.5
20	48.3	73.4	43.7	65.6	38.2	57.4	32.6	49.0
22	40.4	60.7	36.1	54.2	31.6	47.5	26.9	40.5
24	33.9	51.8	30.3	45.6	26.5	39.9	22.6	34.0

Properties of 2 angles— $\lambda$  in, back to back

$A_g$ , in <sup>2</sup>	7.50	6.82	5.72	4.82	3.88
$r_x$ , in	1.98	1.98	1.60	1.41	1.22
$r_y$ , in	1.24	1.23	1.22	1.21	1.19

Properties of single angle

$\lambda$ , in	0.642	0.645	0.649	0.652
ASD				
LFRD				

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### Summary

- Looked at the limit states for compression members
- Addressed flexural buckling
- Considered design of compression members
- Treated members with slender elements
- Discussed torsional and flexural-torsional buckling
- Treated the special case of single angles
- Addressed built-up members

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### Lesson 4

- The next lesson will look at the principles of design for flexural members, including shear
- We will look at the material in Chapters F and G of the *Specification* and Part 3 of the Manual

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