# Aircraft Structures Instabilities

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Aircraft Structures - Instabilities

#### Elasticity

- Balance of body *B* 
  - Momenta balance
    - Linear
    - Angular
  - Boundary conditions
    - Neumann
    - Dirichlet



• Small deformations with linear elastic, homogeneous & isotropic material

$$- \text{ (Small) Strain tensor } \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \boldsymbol{\nabla} \otimes \boldsymbol{u} + \boldsymbol{u} \otimes \boldsymbol{\nabla} \right), \text{ or } \begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}_i} \boldsymbol{u}_j + \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}_j} \boldsymbol{u}_i \right) \\ \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \boldsymbol{u}_{j,i} + \boldsymbol{u}_{i,j} \right) \end{cases}$$

– Hooke's law 
$$oldsymbol{\sigma}=\mathcal{H}:oldsymbol{arepsilon}$$
 , or  $oldsymbol{\sigma}_{ij}=\mathcal{H}_{ijkl}oldsymbol{arepsilon}_{kl}$ 

with 
$$\mathcal{H}_{ijkl} = \underbrace{\frac{E\nu}{(1+\nu)(1-2\nu)}}_{\lambda=K-2\mu/3} \delta_{ij}\delta_{kl} + \underbrace{\frac{E}{1+\nu}}_{2\mu} \left(\frac{1}{2}\delta_{ik}\delta_{jl} + \frac{1}{2}\delta_{il}\delta_{jk}\right)$$

- Inverse law  $\varepsilon = \mathcal{G} : \sigma$   $\lambda = K - 2\mu/3$ 

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with

 $\mathcal{G}_{ijkl} = \frac{1+\nu}{E} \left(\frac{1}{2}\delta_{ik}\delta_{jl} + \frac{1}{2}\delta_{il}\delta_{jk}\right) - \frac{\nu}{E}\delta_{ij}\delta_{kl}$ 



• General expression for unsymmetrical beams

Stress 
$$\sigma_{xx} = \kappa E z \cos \alpha - \kappa E y \sin \alpha$$
  
With  $\begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha \\ \sin \alpha \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\|M_{xx}\|}{\kappa E} \begin{pmatrix} I_{yy} & -I_{yz} \\ -I_{yz} & I_{zz} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \sin \theta \\ -\cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$ 

- Curvature

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$$\begin{pmatrix} -\boldsymbol{u}_{z,xx} \\ \boldsymbol{u}_{y,xx} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\|\boldsymbol{M}_{xx}\|}{E(I_{yy}I_{zz} - I_{yz}I_{yz})} \begin{pmatrix} I_{zz} & I_{yz} \\ I_{yz} & I_{yy} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sin\theta \\ -\cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$$
  
In the principal axes  $I_{yz} = 0$ 

• Euler-Bernoulli equation in the principal axis

$$- \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \left( EI \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial x^2} \right) = f(x) \quad \text{for } x \text{ in } [0 L]$$

$$- \text{BCs} \begin{cases} -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( EI \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial x^2} \right) \Big|_{0, L} = \bar{T}_z \Big|_{0, L} \\ -EI \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial x^2} \Big|_{0, L} = \bar{M}_{xx} \Big|_{0, L} \end{cases} \qquad u_z = 0$$

- Similar equations for  $u_y$ 



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• General relationships

 $-\begin{cases} f_z(x) = -\partial_x T_z = -\partial_{xx} M_y \\ f_y(x) = -\partial_x T_y = \partial_{xx} M_z \end{cases}$ 

 $u_z = 0$   $du_z/dx = 0$  L  $\frac{du_z}{dx} = 0$ 

- Two problems considered
  - Thick symmetrical section
    - Shear stresses are small compared to bending stresses if  $h/L \ll 1$
  - Thin-walled (unsymmetrical) sections
    - Shear stresses are not small compared to bending stresses
    - Deflection mainly results from bending stresses
    - 2 cases
      - Open thin-walled sections
        - » Shear = shearing through the shear center + torque
      - Closed thin-walled sections
        - » Twist due to shear has the same expression as torsion











- Shearing of symmetrical thick-section beams
  - Stress  $\sigma_{zx} = -\frac{T_z S_n(z)}{I_{yy} b(z)}$ • With  $S_n(z) = \int_{A^*} z dA$ 
    - Accurate only if h > b
  - Energetically consistent averaged shear strain z

• 
$$\bar{\gamma} = \frac{T_z}{A'\mu}$$
 with  $A' = \frac{1}{\int_A \frac{S_n^2}{I_{xy}^2 b^2} dA}$ 

• Shear center on symmetry axes

Timoshenko equations

• 
$$\bar{\gamma} = 2\bar{\varepsilon}_{xz} = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x} = \theta_y + \partial_x u_z \,\& \kappa = \frac{\partial \theta_y}{\partial x}$$
  
• On [0 L]: 
$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial_x} \left( EI \frac{\partial \theta_y}{\partial x} \right) - \mu A' \left( \theta_y + \partial_x u_z \right) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \mu A' \left( \theta_y + \partial_x u_z \right) \right) = -f \end{cases}$$



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• Shearing of open thin-walled section beams

- Shear flow 
$$q = t\tau$$
  
•  $q(s) = -\frac{I_{zz}T_z - I_{yz}T_y}{I_{yy}I_{zz} - I_{yz}^2} \int_0^s tz ds' - \frac{I_{yy}T_y - I_{yz}T_z}{I_{yy}I_{zz} - I_{yz}^2} \int_0^s ty ds'$ 

• In the principal axes

$$q\left(s\right) = -\frac{T_z}{I_{yy}} \int_0^s tz ds' - \frac{T_y}{I_{zz}} \int_0^s ty ds'$$

- Shear center S
  - On symmetry axes
  - At walls intersection
  - Determined by momentum balance
- Shear loads correspond to
  - Shear loads passing through the shear center &
  - Torque

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- Shearing of closed thin-walled section beams
  - Shear flow  $q = t\tau$ 
    - $q(s) = q_o(s) + q(0)$
    - Open part (for anticlockwise of q, s)

$$q_{o}(s) = -\frac{I_{zz}T_{z} - I_{yz}T_{y}}{I_{yy}I_{zz} - I_{yz}^{2}} \int_{0}^{s} t(s') z(s') ds' - \frac{I_{yy}T_{y} - I_{yz}T_{z}}{I_{yy}I_{zz} - I_{yz}^{2}} \int_{0}^{s} t(s') y(s') ds'$$

Constant twist part

$$q\left(s=0\right) = \frac{y_T T_z - z_T T_y - \oint p\left(s\right) q_o\left(s\right) ds}{2A_h}$$

• The q(0) is related to the closed part of the section, but there is a  $q_o(s)$  in the open part which should be considered for the shear torque  $\oint p(s) q_o(s) ds$ 



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- Shearing of closed thin-walled section beams
  - Warping

$$\boldsymbol{\cdot} \boldsymbol{u}_{x}(s) = \boldsymbol{u}_{x}(0) + \int_{0}^{s} \frac{q}{\mu t} ds - \frac{1}{A_{h}} \oint \frac{q}{\mu t} ds \left\{ A_{Cp}(s) + \frac{z_{R} \left[ y(s) - y(0) \right] - y_{R} \left[ z(s) - z(0) \right]}{2} \right\}$$

$$\textbf{With } \boldsymbol{u}_{x}(0) = \frac{\oint t \boldsymbol{u}_{x}(s) ds}{\oint t(s) ds}$$

$$- \boldsymbol{u}_{x}(0) = 0 \text{ for symmetrical section if origin on the symmetry axis}$$

- Shear center S
  - Compute q for shear passing thought S

• Use

$$q\left(s=0\right) = \frac{y_T T_z - z_T T_y - \oint p\left(s\right) q_o\left(s\right) ds}{2A_h}$$



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Beam torsion: linear elasticity summary

- Torsion of symmetrical thick-section beams
  - Circular section

• 
$$\tau = \mu \gamma = r \mu \theta_{,x}$$

• 
$$C = \frac{M_x}{\theta_{,x}} = \int_A \mu r^2 dA$$

- Rectangular section

• 
$$au_{\max} = \frac{M_x}{\alpha h b^2}$$

• 
$$C = \frac{M_x}{\theta_{,x}} = \beta h b^3 \mu$$

• If *h* >> *b* 

$$- \tau_{xy} = 0 \quad \& \tau_{xz} = 2\mu y \theta_{,x}$$

$$- \tau_{\max} = \frac{3M_x}{hb^2}$$

$$- C = \frac{M_x}{\theta_{,x}} = \frac{hb^3\mu}{3}$$



h/b	1	1.5	2	4	∞
α	0.208	0.231	0.246	0.282	1/3
β	0.141	0.196	0.229	0.281	1/3



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Beam torsion: linear elasticity summary

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- Torsion of open thin-walled section beams
  - Approximated solution for twist rate
    - Thin curved section

$$- \tau_{xs} = 2\mu n\theta_{,x}$$
$$- C = \frac{M_x}{\theta_{,x}} = \frac{1}{3}\int \mu t^3 ds$$

• Rectangles



- Warping of *s*-axis

• 
$$\boldsymbol{u}_{x}^{s}(s) = \boldsymbol{u}_{x}^{s}(0) - \theta_{,x} \int_{0}^{s} p_{R} ds' = \boldsymbol{u}_{x}^{s}(0) - 2A_{R_{p}}(s) \theta_{,x}$$

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Beam torsion: linear elasticity summary

- Torsion of closed thin-walled section beams
  - Shear flow due to torsion  $M_x = 2A_h q$
  - Rate of twist

• 
$$\theta_{,x} = \frac{M_x}{4A_h^2} \oint \frac{1}{\mu t} ds$$

• Torsion rigidity for constant  $\mu$ 

$$I_T = \frac{4A_h^2}{\oint \frac{1}{t}ds} \le I_p = \int_A r^2 dA$$

- Warping due to torsion

• 
$$\boldsymbol{u}_{x}\left(s\right) = \boldsymbol{u}_{x}\left(0\right) + \frac{M_{x}}{2A_{h}}\left[\int_{0}^{s}\frac{1}{\mu t}ds - \frac{A_{R_{p}}\left(s\right)}{A_{h}}\oint\frac{1}{\mu t}ds\right]$$

•  $A_{Rp}$  from twist center



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- Panel idealization
  - Booms' area depending on loading
    - For linear direct stress distribution







- Consequence on bending
  - If Direct stress due to bending is carried by booms only
    - The position of the neutral axis, and thus the second moments of area
      - Refer to the direct stress carrying area only
      - Depend on the loading case only
- Consequence on shearing
  - Open part of the shear flux
    - Shear flux for open sections

$$\begin{aligned} q_o\left(s\right) &= -\frac{I_{zz}T_z - I_{yz}T_y}{I_{yy}I_{zz} - I_{yz}^2} \begin{bmatrix} \int_0^s t_{\text{direct } \sigma} z ds + \sum_{i: \ s_i \leq s} z_i A_i \end{bmatrix} - \underbrace{I_{yy}T_y - I_{yz}T_z}_{I_{yy}I_{zz} - I_{yz}^2} \begin{bmatrix} \int_0^s t_{\text{direct } \sigma} y ds + \sum_{i: \ s_i \leq s} y_i A_i \end{bmatrix} - \underbrace{I_{yy}T_y - I_{yz}T_z}_{\delta x} \end{aligned}$$

- Consequence on torsion
  - If no axial constraint
    - Torsion analysis does not involve axial stress
    - So torsion is unaffected by the structural idealization





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## • Virtual displacement

- In linear elasticity the general formula of virtual displacement reads  $\int_0^L \int_A \sigma^{(1)} : \varepsilon dA dx = P^{(1)} \Delta_P$ 
  - $\sigma^{(1)}$  is the stress distribution corresponding to a (unit) load  $P^{(1)}$
  - $\Delta_P$  is the energetically conjugated displacement to *P* in the direction of *P*<sup>(1)</sup> that corresponds to the strain distribution  $\varepsilon$
- Example bending of semi cantilever beam

• 
$$\int_0^L \int_A \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xx}^{(1)} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{xx} dA dx = \Delta_P u$$

- In the principal axes

$$\Delta_P u = \frac{1}{E I_{yy} I_{zz}} \int_0^L \left\{ I_{zz} M_y^{(1)} M_y + I_{yy} M_z^{(1)} M_z \right\} dx$$

- Example shearing of semi-cantilever beam

• 
$$\int_0^L \int_s q^{(1)} \frac{q}{\mu t} ds dx = \mathbf{T}^{(1)} \bar{\Delta \mathbf{u}} = \Delta_T u$$







#### Structural discontinuities summary

- Torsion of a built-in end closed-section beam
  - If warping is constrained (built-in end)
    - Direct stresses are introduced
    - Different shear stress distribution

- Example: square idealized section
  - Warping

Shear stress

$$u_x^m(x) = \frac{M_x}{8\mu h b} \frac{t_b h - t_h b}{t_h t_b} \left( 1 - \frac{\cosh(wL - wx)}{\cosh wL} \right)$$
$$\begin{cases} \tau_h = \frac{q_h}{t_h} = \frac{M_x}{2hbt_h} \left( 1 + \frac{t_h b - t_b h}{t_h b + t_b h} \frac{\cosh(wL - wx)}{\cosh wL} \right) \\ \tau_b = \frac{q_b}{t_b} = \frac{M_x}{2hbt_b} \left( 1 + \frac{t_b h - t_h b}{t_h b + t_b h} \frac{\cosh(wL - wx)}{\cosh wL} \right) \end{cases}$$

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#### Structural discontinuities summary

- Shear lag of a built-in end closed-section beam
  - Beam shearing
    - Shear strain in cross-section
    - Deformation of cross-section
    - Elementary theory of bending
      - For pure bending
      - Not valid anymore because of the cross section deformation
  - Example
    - 6-boom wing
    - Deformation of top cover

$$\gamma_{xy} = -\frac{q_d}{\mu t}$$
$$= -\frac{T_z}{2h\mu t \left(\frac{2A^1}{A^2} + 1\right)} \left(1 - \frac{\cosh w \left(L - x\right)}{\cosh w L}\right)$$







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#### Structural discontinuities summary

 $M_{x}$ 

- Torsion of a built-end open-section beam
  - If warping is constrained (built-in end)
    - Direct stresses are introduced
    - There is a bending contribution to the torque

$$M_{x} = C\theta_{,x} - C^{\Gamma}\theta_{,xxx}$$

$$C^{\Gamma} = \int_{C} 4A_{R_{p}}^{2} Etds - \frac{\left(\int_{C} Et2A_{R_{p}}(s) ds\right)^{2}}{\int_{C} Etds}$$

Examples

Equation for pure torque

$$heta_{,xxx}-w^2 heta_{,x}=-rac{w^2}{C}M_x$$
 with  $w^2=rac{1}{C}$ 

• Equation for distributed torque

$$\partial_{x}\left(C^{\Gamma}\theta_{,xxx}-C\theta_{,x}\right)=m_{x}\left(x\right)$$





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#### Column instabilities

- 2 kinds of buckling
  - Primary buckling
    - No changes in cross-section
    - Wavelength of buckle ~ length of element •
    - Solid & thick-walled column
  - Secondary (local) buckling
    - Changes in cross-section •
    - Wavelength of buckle ~ cross-sectional dimensions
    - Thin-walled column & stiffened panels
  - Pictures:
    - D.H. Dove wing (max loading test)
    - Automotive beam
    - Local buckling









# Euler buckling

## Assumptions

- Perfectly symmetrical column (no imperfection)
- Axial load perfectly aligned along centroidal axis
- Linear elasticity
- Theoretically
  - Deformed structure should remain symmetrical
  - Solution is then a shortening of the column
  - Buckling load P<sub>CR</sub> is defined as P such that if a small lateral displacement is enforced by a lateral force, once this force is removed
    - If  $P = P_{CR}$ , the lateral deformation is constant (neutral stability)
    - If  $P > P_{CR}$ , this lateral displacement increases & the column is unstable
    - If  $P < P_{CR}$ , this lateral displacement disappears & the column is stable
- Practically
  - The initial lateral displacement is due to imperfections (geometrical or material)



## Euler buckling

- Euler critical axial load
  - Bending theory

• 
$$-EI_{yy}\boldsymbol{u}_{z,xx} = M_{xx} = P_{CR}\boldsymbol{u}_z$$

- Solution
  - General form:  $\boldsymbol{u}_z = C_1 \cos \omega x + C_2 \sin \omega x$  with  $\omega =$
  - BCs at x = 0 & x = L imply  $C_1 = 0 \& C_2 \sin \omega L = 0$



- $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{P_{CR}}{EI_{yy}}}$
- Non trivial solution  $\omega L = k\pi$  with k = 1, 2, 3, ...
- In that case  $C_2$  is undetermined and can  $\rightarrow \infty$
- Euler critical load for pinned-pinned BCs

• 
$$P_{CR} = \frac{k^2 \pi^2 E I_{yy}}{L^2}$$
 with  $k = 1, 2, 3, ...$ 





- Euler critical axial load (2)
  - Euler critical load for pinned-pinned BCs (2)

• 
$$P_{CR} = \frac{k^2 \pi^2 E I_{yy}}{L^2}$$
 with  $k = 1, 2, 3, ...$ 

- Buckling will occur for lowest P<sub>CR</sub>
  - In the plane of lowest I

- For the lowest 
$$k \implies k = 1 \implies P_{CR}^{(1)} = \frac{\pi E I_{\min}}{L^2}$$

- In case modes 1, ... k-1 are prevented, critical load becomes the load k





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## Euler buckling

- Euler critical axial load (3)
  - For pinned-pinned BCs
    - $P_{CR} = \frac{\pi^2 E I_{\min}}{L^2}$  •  $\sigma_{CR} = -\pi^2 E \frac{r^2}{L^2}$  (compression) with gyration radius  $r = \sqrt{\frac{I_{\min}}{A}}$

- General case

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- Euler critical loads  $P_{CR,E} = \frac{\pi^2 E I_{\min}}{l_c^2}$  ,  $\sigma_{CR,E} = -\pi^2 E \frac{r^2}{l^2}$  (compressive)
- With  $l_e$  the effective length







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- Practical case: initial imperfection
  - Let us assume an initial small curvature of the beam •  $\kappa_0 = -\frac{\partial^2 u_{z0}}{\partial x^2}$
  - As this curvature is small the equation of bending for straight beam can still be used, but with the change of curvature being considered for the strain

• 
$$-EI_{yy}\left(\boldsymbol{u}_{z,xx}-\boldsymbol{u}_{z0,xx}\right)=M_{xx}=P\boldsymbol{u}_{z}$$

• The general form of the initial deflection satisfying the BCs is

$$u_{z0} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$
  $\implies$  the deflection equation becomes

$$EI_{yy}u_{z,xx} + Pu_{z} = EI_{yy}u_{z0,xx} = -\frac{EI_{yy}\pi^{2}}{L^{2}}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}A_{n}n^{2}\sin\frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

- Solution 
$$u_z = C_1 \cos \omega x + C_2 \sin \omega x + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_n n^2}{n^2 - \frac{\omega^2 L^2}{\pi^2}} \sin \frac{n \pi x}{L}$$
  
• With  $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{P}{EI_{yy}}}$ 





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- Practical case: initial imperfection (2)
  - Solution for an initial small curvature of the beam

• 
$$u_z = C_1 \cos \omega x + C_2 \sin \omega x + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_n n^2}{n^2 - \frac{\omega^2 L^2}{\pi^2}} \sin \frac{n \pi x}{L}$$
  
• With  $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{P}{EI_{yy}}}$ 



• BCs at x = 0 & x = L imply  $C_1 = C_2 = 0$ , & as  $P_{CR}^{(1)} = \frac{\pi^2 E I_{\min}}{L^2}$ 

$$\implies u_z = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_n n^2}{n^2 - \frac{\omega^2 L^2}{\pi^2}} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_n n^2}{n^2 - \frac{P}{P_{CR}}} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

• Clearly near buckling, so  $P \rightarrow P_{CR}$ , and the dominant term of the solution is for n = 1

$$\implies u_z \simeq \frac{A_1}{1 - \frac{P}{P_{CR}}} \sin \frac{\pi x}{L}$$





- Practical case: initial imperfection (3)
  - Solution for an initial small curvature of the beam

• 
$$u_z \simeq \frac{A_1}{1 - \frac{P}{P_{CR}}} \sin \frac{\pi x}{L}$$
 near buckling

- If central deflection is measured vs axial load
  - As  $u_{z0}(L/2) \sim A_1$

• 
$$\Delta = u_z \left(\frac{L}{2}\right) - A_1 = \frac{A_1}{1 - \frac{P}{P_{CR}}} - A_1 = \frac{A_1 \frac{P}{P_{CR}}}{1 - \frac{P}{P_{CR}}}$$

- Southwell diagram
  - $\Delta = P_{CR} \frac{\Delta}{P} A_1$
  - Allows measuring buckling loads without

#### breaking the columns

- Remark
  - Critical Euler loading depends on BCs







- Thin-walled column under critical flexural loads
  - Can twist without bending or
  - Can twist and bend simultaneously







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- Kinematics
  - Consider
    - A thin-walled section
    - Centroid C
    - Cyz principal axes
    - Shear center S
  - Section motion (CSRD)
    - Translation
      - Shear center is moved
      - By  $u_y^{S} \& u_z^{S}$
      - To *S*"
    - Rotation around shear (twist) center
      - We assume shear center=twist center
      - Ву *θ*
    - Centroid motion
      - To C' after section translation
      - To C" after rotation
      - Resulting displacements  $u_y^C \& u_z^C$
      - Same decomposition for other points of the section





- Kinematics (2)
  - Relations
    - $\begin{array}{l} \text{Centroid} \begin{cases} \delta \boldsymbol{u}_{y}^{C} = \delta \boldsymbol{u}_{y}^{S} + z_{S} \delta \boldsymbol{\theta} \\ \\ \delta \boldsymbol{u}_{z}^{C} = \delta \boldsymbol{u}_{z}^{S} y_{S} \delta \boldsymbol{\theta} \end{cases} \end{array}$
    - Other points *P* of the section

$$\begin{cases} \delta \boldsymbol{u}_{y}^{P} = \delta \boldsymbol{u}_{y}^{S} + (z_{S} - z_{P}) \,\delta\theta\\ \delta \boldsymbol{u}_{z}^{P} = \delta \boldsymbol{u}_{z}^{S} - (y_{S} - y_{P}) \,\delta\theta \end{cases}$$

- Considering axial loading
  - If  $\theta$  remains small, the induced momentums are

$$egin{aligned} M_y &= P oldsymbol{u}_z^C = P oldsymbol{u}_z^S - P y_S oldsymbol{ heta} \ M_z &= -P oldsymbol{u}_y^C = -P oldsymbol{u}_y^S - P z_S oldsymbol{ heta} \end{aligned}$$

- As we are in the principal axes ( $I_{yz}$ =0), and as motion resulting from bending is  $u^{S}$ 

$$\begin{cases} EI_{zz}\boldsymbol{u}_{y,xx}^{S} = M_{z} = -P\boldsymbol{u}_{y}^{S} - Pz_{S}\theta \\ EI_{yy}\boldsymbol{u}_{z,xx}^{S} = -M_{y} = -P\boldsymbol{u}_{z}^{S} + Py_{S}\theta \end{cases}$$









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## Torsion

Any point P of the section

$$\begin{cases} \delta \boldsymbol{u}_{y}^{P} = \delta \boldsymbol{u}_{y}^{S} + (z_{S} - z_{P}) \,\delta\theta \\ \delta \boldsymbol{u}_{z}^{P} = \delta \boldsymbol{u}_{z}^{S} - (y_{S} - y_{P}) \,\delta\theta \end{cases}$$

- As torsion results from axial loading, this corresponds to a torque with warping constraint
  - See previous lecture
- Analogy between

beam bending/pin-ended column

$$- \operatorname{As} \begin{cases} f_{z}(x) = -\partial_{x}T_{z} = -\partial_{xx}M_{y} \\ f_{y}(x) = -\partial_{x}T_{y} = \partial_{xx}M_{z} \end{cases}$$

- The momentum at point *P* can be substituted by lateral loading
- Contributions on  $\delta s \begin{cases} \delta f_z = -\partial_{xx} \delta M_y = -\delta P \partial_{xx} \left[ \boldsymbol{u}_z^S (y_S y_P) \theta \right] \\ \delta f_y = \partial_{xx} \delta M_z = -\delta P \partial_{xx} \left[ \boldsymbol{u}_y^S + (z_S z_P) \theta \right] \end{cases}$





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- Torsion (2)
  - Lateral loading analogy
    - Contributions on  $\delta s$ •

$$\delta f_y = -\delta P \partial_{xx} \left[ \boldsymbol{u}_y^S + (z_S - z_P) \theta \right]$$
  
$$\delta f_z = -\delta P \partial_{xx} \left[ \boldsymbol{u}_z^S - (y_S - y_P) \theta \right]$$

As axial load leads to uniform • compressive stress on section of area A

$$\begin{cases} df_z = -\frac{P}{A} t ds \partial_{xx} \left[ \boldsymbol{u}_z^S - (y_S - y_P) \boldsymbol{\theta} \right] \\ df_y = -\frac{P}{A} t ds \partial_{xx} \left[ \boldsymbol{u}_y^S + (z_S - z_P) \boldsymbol{\theta} \right] \end{cases}$$

Resulting distributed torque (per unit length) on ds •

$$dm_x = (y_P - y_S) df_z - (z_P - z_S) df_y$$

$$dm_x = \frac{P}{A} t \left\{ -(y_P - y_S) \partial_{xx} \left[ \boldsymbol{u}_z^S - (y_S - y_P) \boldsymbol{\theta} \right] + (z_P - z_S) \partial_{xx} \left[ \boldsymbol{u}_y^S + (z_S - z_P) \boldsymbol{\theta} \right] \right\} ds$$





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• Distributed torque  

$$- \operatorname{As} dm_{x} = \frac{P}{A}t \left\{ -(y_{P} - y_{S}) \partial_{xx} \left[ \boldsymbol{u}_{z}^{S} - (y_{S} - y_{P}) \theta \right] + (z_{P} - z_{S}) \partial_{xx} \left[ \boldsymbol{u}_{y}^{S} + (z_{S} - z_{P}) \theta \right] \right\} ds$$

$$\implies m_{x} = -\frac{P}{A} \int_{s} (y_{P} - y_{S}) \boldsymbol{u}_{z,xx}^{S} t ds - \frac{P}{A} \int_{s} (y_{P} - y_{S})^{2} \theta_{,xx} t ds + \frac{P}{A} \int_{s} (z_{P} - z_{S}) \boldsymbol{u}_{y,xx}^{S} t ds - \frac{P}{A} \int_{s} (z_{P} - z_{S})^{2} \theta_{,xx} t ds$$

$$\implies m_{x} = \frac{P}{A} y_{S} \boldsymbol{u}_{z,xx}^{S} \int_{s} t ds - \frac{P}{A} z_{S} \boldsymbol{u}_{y,xx}^{S} \int_{s} t ds - \frac{P}{A} \boldsymbol{u}_{z,xx}^{S} \int_{s} y_{P} t ds + \frac{P}{A} \boldsymbol{u}_{y,xx}^{S} \int_{s} z_{P} t ds$$

$$-\frac{P}{A} y_{S}^{2} \theta_{,xx} \int_{s} t ds + 2\frac{P}{A} y_{S} \theta_{,xx} \int_{s} z_{P} t ds - \theta_{,xx} \frac{P}{A} \int_{s} z_{P}^{2} t ds$$

- As C is the centroid

$$\implies m_x = Py_S \boldsymbol{u}_{z,xx}^S - Pz_S \boldsymbol{u}_{y,xx}^S - Py_S^2 \boldsymbol{\theta}_{,xx} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_{,xx} \frac{P}{A} I_{yy} - Pz_S^2 \boldsymbol{\theta}_{,xx} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_{,xx} \frac{P}{A} I_{zz}$$

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- Distributed torque (2)
  - The analogous torque by unit length resulting from the bending reads

$$m_x = Py_S \boldsymbol{u}_{z,xx}^S - Pz_S \boldsymbol{u}_{y,xx}^S - Py_S^2 \theta_{,xx} - \theta_{,xx} \frac{P}{A} I_{yy} - Pz_S^2 \theta_{,xx} - \theta_{,xx} \frac{P}{A} I_{zz}$$

– Polar second moment of area around *S*:

$$I_p^S = I_{yy} + I_{zz} + A\left(y_S^2 + z_S^2\right)$$
$$\implies m_x = P\left(y_S \boldsymbol{u}_{z,xx}^S - z_S \boldsymbol{u}_{y,xx}^S\right) - \frac{P}{A} I_p^S \boldsymbol{\theta}_{,xx}$$

- For a built-in end open-section beam
  - Warping is constrained
    - Bending contribution to the torque
  - New equation

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$$\partial_x \left( C^{\Gamma} \theta_{,xxx} - C \theta_{,x} \right) = m_x \left( x \right)$$

• For a constant section

$$C^{\Gamma}\theta_{,xxxx} + \left(\frac{P}{A}I_{p}^{S} - C\right)\theta_{,xx} - Py_{S}\boldsymbol{u}_{z,xx}^{S} + Pz_{S}\boldsymbol{u}_{y,xx}^{S} = 0$$







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## • Equations

- In the principal axes

• 
$$EI_{zz}\boldsymbol{u}_{y,xx}^S = M_z = -P\boldsymbol{u}_y^S - Pz_S\theta$$

• 
$$EI_{yy}\boldsymbol{u}_{z,xx}^S = -M_y = -P\boldsymbol{u}_z^S + Py_S\theta$$

• 
$$C^{\Gamma}\theta_{,xxxx} + \left(\frac{P}{A}I_p^S - C\right)\theta_{,xx} - Py_S \boldsymbol{u}_{z,xx}^S + Pz_S \boldsymbol{u}_{y,xx}^S = 0$$





## • Example

- Column with
  - Deflection and rotation around *x* constrained at both ends

$$- u_{y}(0) = u_{y}(L) = 0 \& u_{z}(0) = u_{z}(L) = 0$$

 $- \theta(0) = 0 \& \theta(L) = 0$ 



- Warping and rotation around y & z allowed at both ends
  - Twist center = shear center

$$- M_{y}(0) = M_{y}(L) = 0 \implies u_{y,xx}(0) = u_{y,xx}(L) = 0$$

$$- M_{z}(0) = M_{z}(L) = 0 \implies u_{z,xx}(0) = u_{z,xx}(L) = 0$$

- As warping is allowed

$$\begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xx}^{\Gamma}\left(s\right) = E\boldsymbol{u}_{x,x}^{s}\left(0\right) - 2EA_{R_{p}}\left(s\right)\theta_{,xx} \\ \boldsymbol{u}_{x,x}^{s}\left(0\right) = \frac{\theta_{,xx}\int_{C}Et2A_{R_{p}}\left(s\right)ds}{\int_{C}Etds} \end{cases} \end{cases} \text{ are equal to zero}$$

$$\implies \theta_{,xx}(0) = 0 \& \theta_{,xx}(L) = 0$$





#### Resolution

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- Assuming the following fields satisfying the BCs

• 
$$\boldsymbol{u}_{y}^{S} = C_{y} \sin \frac{\pi x}{L}$$
  
•  $\boldsymbol{u}_{z}^{S} = C_{z} \sin \frac{\pi x}{L}$   
•  $\theta = C_{\theta} \sin \frac{\pi x}{L}$ 

The system of equations \_

$$\begin{cases} EI_{zz}\boldsymbol{u}_{y,xx}^{S} = M_{z} = -P\boldsymbol{u}_{y}^{S} - Pz_{S}\boldsymbol{\theta} \\ EI_{yy}\boldsymbol{u}_{z,xx}^{S} = -M_{y} = -P\boldsymbol{u}_{z}^{S} + Py_{S}\boldsymbol{\theta} \\ C^{\Gamma}\boldsymbol{\theta}_{,xxxx} + \left(\frac{P}{A}I_{p}^{S} - C\right)\boldsymbol{\theta}_{,xx} - Py_{S}\boldsymbol{u}_{z,xx}^{S} + Pz_{S}\boldsymbol{u}_{y,xx}^{S} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left(P - \frac{\pi^2 E I_{zz}}{L^2}\right) C_y + P z_S C_\theta = 0\\ \left(\frac{\pi^2 E I_{yy}}{L^2} - P\right) C_z + P y_S C_\theta = 0\\ \left(\frac{C^{\Gamma} \pi^2}{L^2} + C - \frac{P}{A} I_p^S\right) C_\theta + P y_S C_z - P z_S C_y = 0 \end{array} \right.$$





## • Resolution (2)

Non trivial solution leads to buckling load P

$$\begin{cases} \left(P - \frac{\pi^2 E I_{zz}}{L^2}\right) C_y + P z_S C_\theta = 0\\ \left(\frac{\pi^2 E I_{yy}}{L^2} - P\right) C_z + P y_S C_\theta = 0\\ \left(\frac{C^{\Gamma} \pi^2}{L^2} + C - \frac{P}{A} I_p^S\right) C_\theta + P y_S C_z - P z_S C_y = 0\end{cases}$$



$$\implies \begin{vmatrix} \left(P_{CR} - \frac{\pi^2 E I_{zz}}{L^2}\right) & 0 & P_{CR} z_S \\ 0 & \left(\frac{\pi^2 E I_{yy}}{L^2} - P_{CR}\right) & P_{CR} y_S \\ -P_{CR} z_S & P_{CR} y_S & \left(\frac{C^{\Gamma} \pi^2}{L^2} + C - \frac{P_{CR}}{A} I_p^S\right) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

• Buckling load is the minimum root



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- If shear center and centroid coincide
  - System becomes

$$\begin{cases} \left(P - \frac{\pi^2 E I_{zz}}{L^2}\right) C_y = 0\\ \left(\frac{\pi^2 E I_{yy}}{L^2} - P\right) C_z = 0\\ \left(\frac{C^{\Gamma} \pi^2}{L^2} + C - \frac{P}{A} I_p^S\right) C_{\theta} = 0 \end{cases}$$



- This system is uncoupled and leads to 3 critical loads

$$\begin{cases}
P_{CR}^{y} = \frac{\pi^{2} E I_{yy}}{L^{2}} \\
P_{CR}^{z} = \frac{\pi^{2} E I_{zz}}{L^{2}} \\
P_{CR}^{\theta} = \frac{A}{I_{p}^{S}} \left(\frac{C^{\Gamma} \pi^{2}}{L^{2}} + C\right)
\end{cases}$$

- Buckling load is the minimum value





# Example

- Column
  - Length: L = 1 m
  - Young: *E* = 70 GPa
  - Shear modulus:  $\mu$  = 30 GPa
- Buckling load?
  - Deflection and rotation around x constrained at both ends

$$- u_{y}(0) = u_{y}(L) = 0 \& u_{z}(0) = u_{z}(L) = 0$$

$$- \theta(0) = 0 \& \theta(L) = 0$$

• Warping and rotation around *y* & *z* allowed at both ends







Centroid position

$$- y'_C = \frac{2bt\frac{b}{2}}{2bt + ht} = \frac{0.1^2 \ 0.002}{0.002 \ 0.3} = 0.033 \text{ m}$$
$$\implies y_{O'} = -y'_C = -0.033 \text{ m}$$

- By symmetry on *Oy*
- Second moment of area

$$-I_{yy} = \frac{th^3}{12} + 2bt\left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{th^3}{12}\left(1 + \frac{6b}{h}\right)$$
  

$$\implies I_{yy} = \frac{0.002\ 0.1^3}{12}\ (1+6) = 1.17\ 10^{-6}\ m^4$$
  

$$-I_{zz} = 2\frac{tb^3}{12} + 2tb\left(\frac{h}{2} + y_{O'}\right)^2 + hty^2_{O'}$$
  

$$\implies I_{zz} = 2\frac{0.002\ 0.1^3}{12} + 2\ 0.002\ 0.1\ (0.05 - 0.033)^2 + 0.1\ 0.002\ 0.033^2$$
  

$$\implies I_{zz} = 0.667\ 10^{-6}\ m^4$$

- By symmetry

$$I_{xy} = 0$$

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 $T_t = 2 \text{ mm}$ 

t = 2 mm

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 $= 100 \, \mathrm{mm}$ 

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# • Shear center

- On  $C_y$  by symmetry
- Consider shear force  $T_z$

• As 
$$I_{yz} = 0 \implies q(s) = -\frac{T_z}{I_{yy}} \int_0^s tz ds'$$

• Lower flange, considering frame O'y'z'

$$q(y') = \frac{T_z}{I_{yy}} \frac{th}{2} (b - y')$$

$$\implies q(y') = \frac{T_z}{1 + \frac{T_z}{1 +$$

$$\begin{array}{c} q (g') & 1.17 \ 10^{-6} & 0.00 \ 0.002 \ (0.1 \ g') \\ = T_z \left( 8.547 \ \mathrm{m}^{-1} - 85.47 \ \mathrm{m}^{-2} \ y' \right) \end{array}$$



- Upper flange by symmetry
- As  $T_z$  passes through the shear center: no torsional flux

$$-y'_{S}T_{Z} = 2 \int_{b}^{0} \frac{h}{2}q(y')(-dy') = 0$$

$$\longrightarrow y'_{S} = -\frac{h}{T_{z}} \int_{0}^{b} q(y')dy' = -0.1 \left(8.547b - \frac{85.47}{2}b^{2}\right) = -0.0427 \text{ m}$$

$$\implies y(S) = y'_{S} - y'_{C} = -0.0427 - 0.033 = -0.076 \text{ m}$$



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- Uncoupled critical loads
  - Using following definitions

$$\begin{pmatrix}
P_{CR}^{y} = \frac{\pi^{2} E I_{yy}}{L^{2}} \\
P_{CR}^{z} = \frac{\pi^{2} E I_{zz}}{L^{2}} \\
P_{CR}^{\theta} = \frac{A}{I_{p}^{S}} \left(\frac{C^{\Gamma} \pi^{2}}{L^{2}} + C\right)
\end{cases}$$

 These values would be the critical loads for an uncoupled system (if C = S)

$$P_{CR}^{y} = \frac{\pi^{2} E I_{yy}}{L^{2}} = \pi^{2} \ 70 \ 10^{9} \ 1.17 \ 10^{-6} = 808 \ \text{kN}$$
$$P_{CR}^{z} = \frac{\pi^{2} E I_{zz}}{L^{2}} = \pi^{2} \ 70 \ 10^{9} \ 0.667 \ 10^{-6} = 461 \ \text{kN}$$
$$P_{CR}^{\theta} \ ?$$

#### Some values are missing



$$S(y_{S}, 0)$$

$$t = 2 \text{ mm}$$



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• Uncoupled critical loads (2)

$$P_{CR}^{\theta} = \frac{A}{I_p^S} \left( \frac{C^{\Gamma} \pi^2}{L^2} + C \right)$$
  

$$\bullet C = \sum_i \frac{l_i t_i^3 \mu}{3} = \frac{\mu t^3}{3} (2b+h)$$
  

$$= \frac{30 \ 10^9 \ 0.002^3 \ 0.3}{3} = 24 \ \text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2$$



• 
$$I_p^S = I_{yy} + I_{zz} + A(y_S^2 + z_S^2)$$
  
 $\implies I_p^S = 1.17 \ 10^{-6} + 0.667 \ 10^{-6} + 0.6 \ 10^{-3} 0.076^2 = 5.3 \ 10^{-6} \ \text{m}^4$ 

• 
$$C^{\Gamma} = \int_{C} 4A_{R_{p}}^{2} Etds - \frac{\left(\int_{C} Et2A_{R_{p}}\left(s\right)ds\right)^{2}}{\int_{C} Etds}$$

•  $A = 2bt + ht = 0.002 \ 0.3 = 0.6 \ 10^{-3} \ m^2$ 

- Requires  $A_{Rp}(s)$ 



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- Uncoupled critical loads (3)
  - Evaluation of the  $A_{Rp}(s)$ 
    - Lower flange  $A_{R_p}(y') = -\frac{(b-y')h}{4}$

• Web 
$$A_{R_p}(z') = -\frac{bh}{4} + \frac{\left(z' + \frac{h}{2}\right)(-y'_S)}{2}$$

• Upper flange 
$$A_{R_p}(y') = -\frac{bh}{4} - \frac{hy'_S}{2} - \frac{y'h}{4}$$













• Uncoupled critical loads (8)

$$- C^{\Gamma} = \int_{C} 4A_{R_{p}}^{2} Etds - \frac{\left(\int_{C} Et2A_{R_{p}}\left(s\right)ds\right)^{2}}{\int_{C} Etds}$$

• All contributions

$$-\int_{C} 4A_{R_{p}}^{2} Etds = 116.7 + 136.2 + 175.2 = 428 \text{ N} \cdot m^{4}$$
$$-\int_{C} 2A_{R_{p}} Etds = -35000 - 40100 - 45200 = -120.3 \text{ kN} \cdot m^{2}$$

$$-\int_C Etds = 3\ 14\ 10^6 = 42\ 10^6\ \mathrm{N}$$

$$\implies C^{\Gamma} = 428 - \frac{120300^2}{4210^6} = 83.4 \text{ N} \cdot m^4$$





• Uncoupled critical loads (9)

- 
$$P_{CR}^{\theta} = \frac{A}{I_p^S} \left( \frac{C^{\Gamma} \pi^2}{L^2} + C \right)$$
  
•  $C = \sum_{i} \frac{l_i t_i^3 \mu}{3} = \frac{\mu t^3}{3} (2b + h)$   
 $= \frac{30 \ 10^9 \ 0.002^3 \ 0.3}{3} = 24 \ \text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2$ 

• 
$$A = 2bt + ht = 0.002 \ 0.3 = 0.6 \ 10^{-3} \ m^2$$

• 
$$I_p^S = I_{yy} + I_{zz} + A(y_S^2 + z_S^2)$$
  
 $\implies I_p^S = 1.17 \ 10^{-6} + 0.667 \ 10^{-6} + 0.6 \ 10^{-3} 0.076^2 = 5.3 \ 10^{-6} \ \text{m}^4$ 

• 
$$C^{\Gamma} = 428 - \frac{120300^2}{4210^6} = 83.4 \text{ N} \cdot m^4$$

$$\implies P_{CR}^{\theta} = \frac{0.6 \, 10^{-3}}{5.3 \, 10^{-6}} \left( 83.4 \pi^2 + 24 \right) = 95.9 \text{ kN}$$







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# Critical load

As the uncoupled critical loads read

$$\begin{split} P_{CR}^y &= \frac{\pi^2 E I_{yy}}{L^2} \quad , \quad P_{CR}^z = \frac{\pi^2 E I_{zz}}{L^2} \ \& \\ P_{CR}^\theta &= \frac{A}{I_p^S} \left( \frac{C^\Gamma \pi^2}{L^2} + C \right) \end{split}$$

& as  $z_s = 0$ , the coupled system is rewritten



$$\begin{pmatrix} P_{CR} - \frac{\pi^2 E I_{zz}}{L^2} \end{pmatrix} \qquad 0 \qquad P_{CR} z_S \\ 0 \qquad \left( \frac{\pi^2 E I_{yy}}{L^2} - P_{CR} \right) \qquad P_{CR} y_S \\ -P_{CR} z_S \qquad P_{CR} y_S \qquad \left( \frac{C^{\Gamma} \pi^2}{L^2} + C - \frac{P_{CR}}{A} I_p^S \right) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} P_{CR} - P_{CR}^{z} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ P_{CR}y_{S} \\ P$$





• Critical load (2)

Resolution

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (P_{CR} - P_{CR}^z) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (P_{CR}^y - P_{CR}) & P_{CR} y_S \\ 0 & P_{CR} y_S & (P_{CR}^\theta - P_{CR}) \frac{I_p^S}{A} \end{array} = 0$$

$$\bigvee \frac{I_p^S}{A} \left( P_{CR} - P_{CR}^z \right) \left[ P_{CR}^2 \left( \frac{A}{I_p^S} y_S^2 - 1 \right) + P_{CR} \left( P_{CR}^\theta + P_{CR}^y \right) - P_{CR}^\theta P_{CR}^y \right] = 0$$

$$\begin{cases}
P_{CR}^{z} = 461 \text{ kN} \\
P_{CR}^{z} = 808 \text{ kN} \\
P_{CR}^{\theta} = 95.9 \text{ kN} \\
I_{p}^{S} = 5.3 \ 10^{-6} \text{ m}^{4} \\
A = 0.6 \ 10^{-3} \text{ m}^{2} \\
y(S) = -0.076 \text{ m}
\end{cases} \begin{bmatrix}
P_{CR}^{(1)} = P_{CR}^{z} = 461 \text{ kN} \\
P_{CR}^{(1)} = P_{CR}^{z} = 461 \text{ kN} \\
P_{CR}^{2} = 2.62 \ 10^{6} P_{CR} + 224.5 \ 10^{9} = 0 \\
P_{CR}^{(1)} = P_{CR}^{z} = 461 \text{ kN} \\
P_{CR}^{(2)} = 88.7 \text{ kN} \\
P_{CR}^{(3)} = 2530 \text{ kN}
\end{cases}$$

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# • Thin plates

- Are subject to primary buckling
  - Wavelength of buckle ~ length of element
- So they are stiffened







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- Primary buckling of thin plates
  - Plates without support
    - Similar to column buckling
      - Same shape
      - Use D instead of  $EI_{zz}$
  - Supported plates

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- Other displacement buckling shapes
- Depend on BCs



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- Kirchhoff-Love membrane mode  $E_{3}$  $- \text{ On } \mathcal{A}: \ \mathcal{H}_{n}^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \frac{\boldsymbol{u}_{\gamma,\delta\alpha} + \boldsymbol{u}_{\delta,\gamma\alpha}}{2} + \bar{\boldsymbol{n}}_{\beta} = \bar{\rho}\ddot{\boldsymbol{u}}_{\beta}$  $\cdot \text{ With } \ \mathcal{H}_{n}^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = \frac{h_{0}E}{1 - \nu^{2}} \left[ \nu\delta^{\alpha\beta}\delta^{\gamma\delta} + \right]$ А  $\partial_D \mathcal{A}$  $E_2$  $\frac{1-\nu}{2} \left( \delta^{\alpha\gamma} \delta^{\beta\delta} + \delta^{\alpha\delta} \delta^{\beta\gamma} \right)$  $E_1$  $\widehat{\boldsymbol{n}}_{0} = \boldsymbol{v}_{\alpha} \boldsymbol{E}^{\alpha}$ 
  - Completed by appropriate BCs
    - Dirichlet  $oldsymbol{u}_lpha=oldsymbol{ar{u}}_lpha$ •
    - Neumann  $n^{\alpha}_{\beta}\nu_{\alpha} = \mathcal{H}^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}_{n} \frac{u_{\gamma,\delta\alpha} + u_{\delta,\gamma\alpha}}{2} \nu_{\alpha} = \bar{\bar{n}}_{\beta}$





 $\partial_N \mathcal{A}$ 

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• Kirchhoff-Love bending mode

- On 
$$\mathcal{A}$$
:  $\left(\mathcal{H}_{m}^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}\boldsymbol{u}_{3,\gamma\delta}\right)_{,\alpha\beta} = p$   
• With  $\mathcal{H}_{m}^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = \underbrace{\frac{h_{0}^{3}E}{12\left(1-\nu^{2}\right)}}_{2} \left[\nu\delta^{\alpha\beta}\delta^{\gamma\delta} + \frac{1-\nu}{2}\left(\delta^{\alpha\gamma}\delta^{\beta\delta} + \delta^{\alpha\delta}\delta^{\beta\gamma}\right)\right]$ 

- Completed by appropriate BCs
  - Low order

- On 
$$\partial_{N} \mathcal{A}$$
:  $- \left( \mathcal{H}_{m}^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \boldsymbol{u}_{3,\gamma\delta} \right)_{,\beta} \nu_{\alpha} = \bar{T}$ 

- On 
$$\partial_{\scriptscriptstyle D} {\mathcal A}$$
:  $u_3 = ar u_3$ 

• High order

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- On 
$$\partial_T \mathcal{A}$$
:  $\Delta t = \bar{\Delta t}$ 

with 
$$\Delta t = -u_{3,lpha} E_{lpha}$$

- On 
$$\partial_{M}$$
A:  $-\left(\mathcal{H}_{m}^{lphaeta\gamma\delta}oldsymbol{u}_{3,\gamma\delta}
ight)
u_{eta}=ar{M}
u_{lpha}$ 







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- Membrane-bending coupling
  - The first order theory is uncoupled
  - For second order theory

• On 
$$\mathcal{A}$$
:  $\left(\mathcal{H}_{m}^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}\boldsymbol{u}_{3,\gamma\delta}-\tilde{n}^{\alpha\beta}\boldsymbol{u}_{3}\right)_{,\alpha\beta}=p$ 

- Tension increases the bending stiffness of the plate
- Internal energy

$$E_{\text{int}} = \int_{\mathcal{A}} \frac{D}{2} \left[ \boldsymbol{u}_{3,11}^2 + \boldsymbol{u}_{3,22}^2 + 2(1-\nu) \, \boldsymbol{u}_{3,12}^2 + 2\nu \boldsymbol{u}_{3,11} \boldsymbol{u}_{3,22} \right] d\mathcal{A} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathcal{A}} \left[ \tilde{n}^{11} \boldsymbol{u}_{3,1}^2 + \tilde{n}^{22} \boldsymbol{u}_{3,2}^2 + 2\tilde{n}^{12} \boldsymbol{u}_{3,1} \boldsymbol{u}_{3,2} \right] d\mathcal{A}$$

- In case of small initial curvature ( $\kappa >>$ )
  - On  $\mathcal{A}$ :  $\left(\mathcal{H}_{m}^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}\boldsymbol{u}_{3,\gamma\delta}-\tilde{n}^{\alpha\beta}\boldsymbol{u}_{3}-\tilde{n}^{\alpha\beta}\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{03}\right)_{,\alpha\beta}=p$
  - Tension induces bending effect



 $E_3$ 

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- Primary buckling theory of thin plates
  - Second order theory
    - On  $\mathcal{A}$ :  $\left(\mathcal{H}_{m}^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}\boldsymbol{u}_{3,\gamma\delta}-\tilde{n}^{\alpha\beta}\boldsymbol{u}_{3}\right)_{,\alpha\beta}=p$
  - Simply supported plate
    - with arbitrary pressure
      - Pressure is written in a Fourier series

$$p(x, y) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{mn} \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b}$$

• Displacements with these BCs can also be written

$$u_{3} = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{mn} \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b}$$
  
with  $A_{mn} = \frac{a_{mn}}{\pi^{4} D \left[ \left( \frac{m^{2}}{a^{2}} + \frac{n^{2}}{b^{2}} \right)^{2} + \frac{\tilde{n}^{11}m^{2}}{\pi^{2} D a^{2}} \right]}$ 

• There is a buckling load  $\tilde{n}^{11}$  leading to

infinite displacements for every couple (*m*, *n*)

– Lowest one?







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- Primary buckling theory of thin plates (2)
  - Simply supported plate
    - Displacements in terms of •

$$A_{mn} = \frac{a_{mn}}{\pi^4 D \left[ \left( \frac{m^2}{a^2} + \frac{n^2}{b^2} \right)^2 + \frac{\tilde{n}^{11}m^2}{\pi^2 D a^2} \right]}$$

- Buckling load  $\tilde{n}^{11}$ •
  - Minimal (in absolute value) for n=1

$$\implies \tilde{n}_{CR}^{11} = -\frac{\pi^2 a^2 D}{m^2} \left(\frac{m^2}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2}\right)^2$$
  
- Or again  $\tilde{n}_{CR}^{11} = -k \frac{\pi^2 D}{b^2}$ 

#### with the buckling coefficient *k*

$$k = \left(\frac{mb}{a} + \frac{a}{mb}\right)^2$$

Depends on ration *a/b* 









- Primary buckling theory of thin plates (3)
  - Simply supported plate (2)
    - Buckling coefficient k

$$k = \left(\frac{mb}{a} + \frac{a}{mb}\right)^2$$

- Mode of buckling depends on a/b
- *k* is minimal (=4) for *a/b* = 1, 2, 3, ...
- Mode transition for

$$\frac{a}{b} = \sqrt{m\left(m+1\right)}$$

- For *a*/*b* > 3: *k* ~ 4
- This analysis depends on the BCs, but same behaviors for
  - Other BCs
  - Other loadings (bending, shearing) instead of compression
  - Only the value of *k* is changing (tables)









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- Primary buckling theory of thin plates (4)
  - Shape of the modes for
    - Simply supported plate
    - In compression
    - *n*=1



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- Primary buckling theory of thin plates (5)
  - Critical stress
    - We found  $\tilde{n}_{CR}^{11} = -k \frac{\pi^2 D}{b^2}$

$$\implies \sigma_{CR} = \tilde{n}_{CR}^{11} / h_0$$

• Or again

$$\sigma_{CR} = -k \frac{\pi^2 E h_0^2}{12 \left(1 - \nu^2\right) b^2}$$

- This can be generalized to other loading cases with *k* depending on the problem
  - Picture for simply supported plate in compression

- As  
• 
$$\sigma_{CR} = -k \frac{\pi^2 E h_0^2}{12 \left(1 - \nu^2\right) b^2}$$

• *k* ~ cst for *a/b* >3

We use stiffeners to reduce bto increase  $\sigma_{CR}$  of the skin

• As long as  $\sigma_{CR} < \sigma_p^{0}$ 







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- Primary buckling theory of thin plates (6)
  - What happens for other BCs?
    - We cannot say  $u_3 = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{mn} \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b}$  anymore
    - But buckling corresponds to a stationary point of the internal energy (neutral equilibrium)
    - So we can plug any Fourier series or displacement approximations in the form

$$E_{\text{int}} = \int_{\mathcal{A}} \frac{D}{2} \left[ \boldsymbol{u}_{3,11}^2 + \boldsymbol{u}_{3,22}^2 + 2(1-\nu) \, \boldsymbol{u}_{3,12}^2 + 2\nu \boldsymbol{u}_{3,11} \boldsymbol{u}_{3,22} \right] d\mathcal{A} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathcal{A}} \left[ \tilde{n}^{11} \boldsymbol{u}_{3,1}^2 + \tilde{n}^{22} \boldsymbol{u}_{3,2}^2 + 2\tilde{n}^{12} \boldsymbol{u}_{3,1} \boldsymbol{u}_{3,2} \right] d\mathcal{A}$$

and find the stationary point





- Primary buckling theory of thin plates (7)
  - Energy method
    - Let us analyze the simply supported plate

$$\implies u_3 = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{mn} \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b}$$

• Internal energy

$$E_{\text{int}} = \int_{\mathcal{A}} \frac{D}{2} \left[ \boldsymbol{u}_{3,11}^2 + \boldsymbol{u}_{3,22}^2 + 2(1-\nu) \, \boldsymbol{u}_{3,12}^2 + 2\nu \boldsymbol{u}_{3,11} \boldsymbol{u}_{3,22} \right] d\mathcal{A} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathcal{A}} \left[ \tilde{n}^{11} \boldsymbol{u}_{3,1}^2 + \tilde{n}^{22} \boldsymbol{u}_{3,2}^2 + 2\tilde{n}^{12} \boldsymbol{u}_{3,1} \boldsymbol{u}_{3,2} \right] d\mathcal{A}$$

• First term

$$\int_{0}^{a} \int_{0}^{b} u_{3,11}^{2} dy dx = \int_{0}^{a} \int_{0}^{b} \left( \sum_{m} \sum_{n} -A_{mn} \frac{m^{2} \pi^{2}}{a^{2}} \sin \frac{m \pi x}{a} \sin \frac{n \pi y}{b} \right)^{2} dy dx$$
  
- As  $\int_{0}^{a} \sin \frac{m \pi x}{a} \sin \frac{m' \pi x}{a} dx = \frac{a}{2} \delta_{mm'}$  the cross-terms vanish  
 $\implies \int_{0}^{a} \int_{0}^{b} u_{3,11}^{2} dy dx = \sum_{m} \sum_{n} \int_{0}^{a} \int_{0}^{b} \left( A_{mn} \frac{m^{2} \pi^{2}}{a^{2}} \sin \frac{m \pi x}{a} \sin \frac{n \pi y}{b} \right)^{2} dy dx$ 

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- Primary buckling theory of thin plates (8)
  - Energy method (2)
    - Internal energy

$$E_{\text{int}} = \int_{\mathcal{A}} \frac{D}{2} \left[ \boldsymbol{u}_{3,11}^2 + \boldsymbol{u}_{3,22}^2 + 2(1-\nu) \, \boldsymbol{u}_{3,12}^2 + 2\nu \boldsymbol{u}_{3,11} \boldsymbol{u}_{3,22} \right] d\mathcal{A} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathcal{A}} \left[ \tilde{n}^{11} \boldsymbol{u}_{3,1}^2 + \tilde{n}^{22} \boldsymbol{u}_{3,2}^2 + 2\tilde{n}^{12} \boldsymbol{u}_{3,1} \boldsymbol{u}_{3,2} \right] d\mathcal{A}$$

- As 
$$u_3 = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{mn} \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b}$$

And as cross-terms vanish

$$E_{\text{int}} = \frac{D}{2} \sum_{m} \sum_{n} \int_{0}^{a} \int_{0}^{b} A_{mn}^{2} \left[ \frac{m^{4}\pi^{4}}{a^{4}} \sin^{2} \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sin^{2} \frac{n\pi y}{b} + \frac{n^{4}\pi^{4}}{b^{4}} \sin^{2} \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sin^{2} \frac{n\pi y}{b} + 2\left(1 - \nu\right) \frac{m^{2}n^{2}\pi^{4}}{a^{2}b^{2}} \cos^{2} \frac{m\pi x}{a} \cos^{2} \frac{n\pi y}{b} + 2\nu \frac{m^{2}n^{2}\pi^{4}}{a^{2}b^{2}} \sin^{2} \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sin^{2} \frac{n\pi y}{b} + \frac{\tilde{n}^{11}}{D} \frac{m^{2}\pi^{2}}{a^{2}} \cos^{2} \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sin^{2} \frac{n\pi y}{b} \right] dxdy$$





- Primary buckling theory of thin plates (9)
  - Energy method (3)

• As 
$$\int_0^a \sin^2 \frac{m\pi x}{a} dx = \int_0^a \cos^2 \frac{m\pi x}{a} dx = \frac{a}{2}$$

$$E_{\text{int}} = \frac{D}{2} \sum_{m} \sum_{n} \int_{0}^{a} \int_{0}^{b} A_{mn}^{2} \left[ \frac{m^{4} \pi^{4}}{a^{4}} \sin^{2} \frac{m \pi x}{a} \sin^{2} \frac{n \pi y}{b} + \frac{n^{4} \pi^{4}}{b^{4}} \sin^{2} \frac{m \pi x}{a} \sin^{2} \frac{n \pi y}{b} + 2(1-\nu) \frac{m^{2} n^{2} \pi^{4}}{a^{2} b^{2}} \cos^{2} \frac{m \pi x}{a} \cos^{2} \frac{n \pi y}{b} + 2\nu \frac{m^{2} n^{2} \pi^{4}}{a^{2} b^{2}} \sin^{2} \frac{m \pi x}{a} \sin^{2} \frac{n \pi y}{b} + 2\nu \frac{m^{2} n^{2} \pi^{4}}{a^{2} b^{2}} \sin^{2} \frac{m \pi x}{a} \sin^{2} \frac{n \pi y}{b} + 2\nu \frac{m^{2} n^{2} \pi^{4}}{a^{2} b^{2}} \sin^{2} \frac{m \pi x}{a} \sin^{2} \frac{n \pi y}{b} + 2\nu \frac{m^{2} n^{2} \pi^{4}}{a^{2} b^{2}} \sin^{2} \frac{m \pi x}{a} \sin^{2} \frac{n \pi y}{b} + 2\nu \frac{m^{2} n^{2} \pi^{4}}{a^{2} b^{2}} \sin^{2} \frac{m \pi x}{a} \sin^{2} \frac{n \pi y}{b} + 2\nu \frac{m^{2} n^{2} \pi^{4}}{a^{2} b^{2}} \sin^{2} \frac{m \pi x}{a} \sin^{2} \frac{n \pi y}{b} + 2\nu \frac{m^{2} n^{2} \pi^{4}}{a^{2} b^{2}} \sin^{2} \frac{m \pi x}{a} \sin^{2} \frac{m \pi x}{b} + 2\nu \frac{m^{2} n^{2} \pi^{4}}{a^{2} b^{2}} \sin^{2} \frac{m \pi x}{a} \sin^{2} \frac{m \pi x}{b} + 2\nu \frac{m \pi x}{a^{2} b^{2}} \sin^{2} \frac{m \pi x}{a} \sin^{2} \frac{m \pi x}{b} + 2\nu \frac{m \pi x}{a} \sin^{2} \frac{m \pi x}{b} + 2\nu \frac{m \pi x}{a} \sin^{2} \frac{m \pi x}{b} + 2\nu \frac{m \pi x}{a} \sin^{2} \frac{m \pi x}{b} + 2\nu \frac{m \pi x}{a} \sin^{2} \frac{m \pi x}{b} + 2\nu \frac{m \pi x}{a} \sin^{2} \frac{m \pi x}{b} + 2\nu \frac{m \pi x}{a} \sin^{2} \frac{m \pi x}{b} + 2\nu \frac{m \pi x}{a} \sin^{2} \frac{m \pi x}{b} + 2\nu \frac{m \pi x}{a} \sin^{2} \frac{m \pi x}{b} + 2\nu \frac{m \pi x}{b} + 2\nu \frac{m \pi x}{a} \sin^{2} \frac{m \pi x}{b} + 2\nu \frac{m \pi x}{a} \sin^{2} \frac{m \pi x}{b} + 2\nu \frac{m \pi x}{b} +$$

$$\frac{\tilde{n}^{11}}{D} \frac{m^2 \pi^2}{a^2} \cos^2 \frac{m \pi x}{a} \sin^2 \frac{n \pi y}{b} \bigg] dxdy$$

$$E_{\text{int}} = \frac{D}{2} \sum_{m} \sum_{n} A_{mn}^{2} \left[ \frac{m^{4} \pi^{4} b}{4a^{3}} + \frac{n^{4} \pi^{4} a}{4b^{3}} + \frac{n^{4} \pi^{4} a}{4b^{3}} + 2(1-\nu) \frac{m^{2} n^{2} \pi^{4}}{4ab} + 2\nu \frac{m^{2} n^{2} \pi^{4}}{4ab} + \frac{\tilde{n}^{11}}{D} \frac{m^{2} \pi^{2} b}{4a} \right]$$
$$\implies E_{\text{int}} = \frac{D}{2ab} \sum_{m} \sum_{n} A_{mn}^{2} \left[ \left( \frac{m^{2} \pi^{2} b}{2a} + \frac{n^{2} \pi^{2} a}{2b} \right)^{2} + \frac{\tilde{n}^{11}}{D} \frac{m^{2} \pi^{2} b^{2}}{4} \right]$$



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- Primary buckling theory of thin plates (10)
  - Energy method (4)

• As 
$$E_{\text{int}} = \frac{D}{2ab} \sum_{m} \sum_{n} A_{mn}^2 \left[ \left( \frac{m^2 \pi^2 b}{2a} + \frac{n^2 \pi^2 a}{2b} \right)^2 + \frac{\tilde{n}^{11}}{D} \frac{m^2 \pi^2 b^2}{4} \right]$$

• At buckling we have at least for one couple (m, n)



- Experimental determination of critical load
  - Avoid buckling Southwell diagram
  - Plate with small initial curvature

• 
$$\left(\mathcal{H}_{m}^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}\boldsymbol{u}_{3,\gamma\delta}-\tilde{n}^{\alpha\beta}\boldsymbol{u}_{3}-\tilde{n}^{\alpha\beta}\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{03}\right)_{,\alpha\beta}=p$$

- Particular case of p = 0, tension  $\tilde{n}^{11}$ , simply supported edges

• For 
$$\varphi_{03}(x, y) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{mn} \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b}$$

$$\implies u_3 = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{mn} \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b}$$

with 
$$A_{mn} = -\frac{b_{mn}m^2 \tilde{n}^{11}}{a^2 \pi^2 D \left[ \left( \frac{m^2}{a^2} + \frac{n^2}{b^2} \right)^2 + \frac{\tilde{n}^{11}m^2}{\pi^2 D a^2} \right]}$$
  
When  $\tilde{n}^{11} \rightarrow \tilde{n}^{11}_{CR} = -\frac{\pi^2 a^2 D}{m^2} \left( \frac{m^2}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} \right)^2$ 

- Term  $b_{mI}$  is the dominant one in the solution
- Displacement takes the shape of buckling mode m (n=1)

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 $E_3$   $E_3$   $e_{03}$   $E_2$   $E_1$ 

- Experimental determination of critical load (2)
  - Particular case of p=0, tension  $\tilde{n}^{11}$ , simply supported edges (2)

• When 
$$\tilde{n}^{II} \rightarrow \tilde{n}^{11}_{CR} = -\frac{\pi^2 a^2 D}{m^2} \left(\frac{m^2}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2}\right)^2$$

- Term  $b_{ml}$  is the dominant one in the solution

• As 
$$u_3 = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{mn} \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b}$$

with 
$$A_{mn} = -\frac{b_{mn}m^2\tilde{n}^{11}}{a^2\pi^2 D\left[\left(\frac{m^2}{a^2} + \frac{n^2}{b^2}\right)^2 + \frac{\tilde{n}^{11}m^2}{\pi^2 Da^2}\right]}$$

$$\implies \boldsymbol{u}_3 \rightarrow \frac{b_{m1}\tilde{n}^{11}}{\tilde{n}_{CR}^{11} - \tilde{n}^{11}}$$

• Rearranging: 
$$\boldsymbol{u}_3 \rightarrow \tilde{n}_{CR}^{11} \frac{\boldsymbol{u}_3}{\tilde{n}^{11}} - b_{m1}$$

-m depends on ratio a/b

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2\\ 2\\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
  $-u_3/\tilde{n}^{11}$   $b_{m1}$   $-1/\tilde{n}^{11}_{CR}$   $u_3$ 

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# Secondary buckling of columns

- Primary to secondary buckling of columns
  - Slenderness ratio  $l_e/r$  with
    - $l_e$ : effective length of the column
      - Depends on BCs and mode



- r: radius of gyration
- High slenderness ( $l_e/r > 80$ )
  - Primary buckling
- Low slenderness ( $l_e/r < 20$ )
  - Secondary (local) buckling
  - Usually in flanges
- In between slenderness
  - Combination







# Secondary buckling of columns

- Example of secondary buckling
  - Composite beam
  - Design such that
    - Load of primary buckling > limit load > web local buckling load
  - Final year project
    - Alice Salmon





# How to determine secondary buckling?

Easy cases: particular sections





# Secondary buckling of columns



# Buckling of stiffened panels

- Primary buckling of thin plates
  - We found

• 
$$\sigma_{CR} = -k \frac{\pi^2 E h_0^2}{12 \left(1 - \nu^2\right) b^2}$$

- With  $k \sim \text{constant for } a/b > 3$
- In order to increase the buckling stress
  - Increase  $h_0/b$  ratio, or
  - Use stiffeners to reduce effective *b* of skin

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$$b_{st}$$






• Buckling modes of stiffened panels



- Different buckling possibilities
  - High slenderness
    - Euler column (primary) buckling with cross-section depicted
  - Low slenderness and stiffeners with high degree of strength compared to skin
    - Structure can be assumed to be flat plates
      - » Of width  $b_{sk}$
      - » Simply supported by the (rigid) stringers
    - Structure too heavy
  - More efficient structure if buckling occurs in stiffeners and skin at the same time
    - Closely spaced stiffeners of comparable thickness to the skin
    - Warning: both buckling modes could interact and reduces critical load
    - Section should be considered as a whole unit
    - Prediction of critical load relies on assumptions and semi-empirical methods
- Skin can also buckled between the rivets





• A simple method to determine buckling



- First check Euler primary buckling:  $\sigma_{CR,E} = -\pi^2 E \frac{r^2}{l^2}$ 

- Buckling of a skin panel
  - Simply supported on 4 edges
  - Assumed to remain elastic

$$\sigma_{CR,sk} = -4 \frac{\pi^2 E t_{sk}^2}{12 \left(1 - \nu^2\right) b_{sk}^2}$$

- Buckling of a stiffener
  - Simply supported on 3 edges & 1 edge free
  - Assumed to remain elastic

$$\sigma_{CR,st} = -0.43 \frac{\pi^2 E t_{st}^2}{12 \left(1 - \nu^2\right) b_{st}^2}$$

- Take lowest one (in absolute value)







## Buckling of stiffener/web constructions

# • Shearing instability

- Shearing
  - Produces compression in the skin
  - Leads to wrinkles
- The structure keeps some stiffness
- Picture: Wing of a Boeing stratocruiser







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# • Example

- Uniform transverse load  $f_z$
- Pinned-pinned BCs
- Maximum deflection?
- Maximum momentum?







# • Equation

– Euler-Bernouilli

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \left( EI \frac{\partial^2 \boldsymbol{u}_z}{\partial x^2} \right) = f(x)$$

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- This assumes deformed configuration ~ initial configuration
- But near buckling, due to the deflection, *P* is exerting a moment
- So we cannot apply superposition principle as the axial loading also produces a deflection
- Going back to bending equation

• 
$$-EI_{yy}\boldsymbol{u}_{z,xx} = M_{xx} = P\boldsymbol{u}_z - \int_0^x x' f_z dx' + x \frac{f_z L}{2}$$
  
=  $P\boldsymbol{u}_z - f_z \frac{x^2 - Lx}{2}$ 

$$\implies \boldsymbol{u}_{z,xx} + \frac{P}{EI_{yy}}\boldsymbol{u}_z = \frac{f_z}{2EI_{yy}} \left( x^2 - Lx \right)$$





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# • Solution

- Going back to bending equation

• 
$$\boldsymbol{u}_{z,xx} + \frac{P}{EI_{yy}}\boldsymbol{u}_z = \frac{f_z}{2EI_{yy}} \left(x^2 - Lx\right)$$

- General solution

• 
$$u_z = C_1 \cos \omega x + C_2 \sin \omega x + \frac{f_z}{2P} \left( x^2 - Lx - \frac{2}{\omega^2} \right)$$
 with  $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{P}{EI_{yy}}}$   
• BC at  $x = 0$ :  $C_1 = \frac{f_z}{\omega^2 P}$   
• BC at  $x = L$ :  $0 = \frac{f_z}{\omega^2 P} \cos \omega L + C_2 \sin \omega L - \frac{f_z}{P\omega^2}$   
 $\implies C_2 = \frac{f_z}{\omega^2 P \sin \omega L} (1 - \cos \omega L)$   
Deflection  $u_z = \frac{f_z}{\omega^2 P} \left[ \cos \omega x + \frac{1 - \cos \omega L}{\sin \omega L} \sin \omega x \right] + \frac{f_z}{2P} \left( x^2 - Lx - \frac{2}{\omega^2} \right)$ 

• Deflection and momentum are maximum at x = L/2



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- Maximum deflection (2)
  - Deflection is maximum at x = L/2 (2)

$$\max_{x} \boldsymbol{u}_{z} = \frac{f_{z} L^{4} P_{CR}^{2}}{\pi^{4} E I_{yy} P^{2}} \left[ \frac{1}{\cos \frac{\sqrt{\frac{P}{P_{CR}} \pi}}{2}} - 1 \right] - \frac{f_{z} L^{4} P_{CR}}{8 \pi^{2} E I_{yy} P} \frac{1}{5 f_{z} L^{4}}$$

• From Euler-Bernoulli theory  $\max_{x} u_{z} (P = 0) = \frac{\delta J_{z} L}{384 E I_{uu}}$ 



 $10^{-2}$ 

• As for plates, compression induces bending due to the deflection (second order theory)



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 $10^{0}$ 

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 $P/P_{CR}$ 



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- Maximum moment (3) - Maximum moment at x = L/2 (2)  $\frac{\max_{x} M_{xx}}{\max_{x} M_{xx} (P=0)} = \frac{8P_{CR}}{\pi^2 P} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{\cos \frac{\sqrt{\frac{P}{P_{CR}}\pi}}{2}} - 1 \end{vmatrix} \qquad M_{xx}/M_{xx}(P=0) \\ \frac{10^2}{10^2} \end{vmatrix}$ 10<sup>1</sup>  $10^{0}$  $10^{-2}$  $10^{-1}$  $10^{0}$  $P/P_{CR}$ 
  - Remark: for large deflections the bending equation which assumes linearity is no longer correct as curvature becomes  $\kappa = \frac{u_{z,xx}}{\sqrt{1+u_{z,x}^2}^3}$





# Spar of wings

- Usually not a simple beam
- Assumptions before buckling:
  - Flanges resist direct stress only ٠
  - Uniform shear stress in each web

$$\tau = \frac{T}{td}$$

- The shearing produces compression \_ in the web leading to  $\alpha$ -inclined wrinkles
- Assumptions during buckling
  - Due to the buckles the web can only • carry a tensile stress  $\sigma_t$  in the wrinkle direction
  - This leads to a new distribution of • stress in the web

$$- \sigma_{xx} \& \sigma_{zz}$$

Shearing  $\tau$ 









#### • New stress distribution

- Use rotation tensor to compute in terms of  $\sigma_t$ 

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xx} & \boldsymbol{\tau} \\ \boldsymbol{\tau} & \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{zz} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\implies \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xx} & \boldsymbol{\tau} \\ \boldsymbol{\tau} & \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{zz} \end{pmatrix} = \sigma_t \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\implies \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xx} & \boldsymbol{\tau} \\ \boldsymbol{\tau} & \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{zz} \end{pmatrix} = \sigma_t \begin{pmatrix} \cos^2 \alpha & \frac{\sin 2\alpha}{2} \\ \frac{\sin 2\alpha}{2} & \sin^2 \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$







- New stress distribution (2)
  - From  $\begin{cases} \sigma_t = \frac{2\tau}{\sin 2\alpha} \\ \sigma_{xx} = \frac{\tau}{\tan \alpha} \\ \sigma_{zz} = \tau \tan \alpha \end{cases}$
  - Shearing by vertical equilibrium

$$\implies \tau = \frac{T}{td}$$

- Loading in flanges
  - Moment balance around bottom flange

$$T(L-x) + P_T d + \frac{td^2}{2}\sigma_{xx} = 0$$
$$\implies P_T = -T\frac{(L-x)}{d} - \frac{T}{2\tan\alpha}$$

• Horizontal equilibrium

$$P_T + P_B + td\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xx} = 0$$

$$\implies P_B = T \frac{(L-x)}{d} - \frac{T}{2\tan\alpha}$$







- New stress distribution (3)
  - From

$$\sigma_t = \frac{2\tau}{\sin 2\alpha}$$
$$\sigma_{xx} = \frac{\tau}{\tan \alpha}$$
$$\sigma_{zz} = \tau \tan \alpha$$
$$\tau = \frac{T}{td}$$

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- Loading in stiffeners
  - Assumption: each stiffener carries the loading of half of the adjacent panels

$$P = -\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{zz}bt \implies P = -T\frac{b}{d}\tan\alpha$$

- Stiffeners can be subject to Euler buckling if this load is too high
  - Tests show that for these particular BCs, the equivalent length reads

$$l_e = \begin{cases} \frac{d}{\sqrt{4-2\frac{b}{d}}} & \text{if } b < \frac{3}{2}d \\ d & \text{if } b > \frac{3}{2}d \end{cases}$$





• New stress distribution (4)

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- From  $\sigma_{zz} = \frac{T}{td} \tan \alpha$
- Bending in flanges
  - In addition to the flanges loading  $P_B \& P_T$
  - Stress  $\sigma_{zz}$  produces bending
    - Stiffeners constraint rotation
    - Maximum moment at stiffeners
  - Using table for double cantilever beams

$$M_{\max} = \frac{\sigma_{zz} t b^2}{12}$$
$$\implies M_{\max} = \frac{T b^2}{12d} \tan \alpha$$





- Wrinkles angle
  - The angle is the one which minimizes the deformation energy of
    - Webs
    - Flanges
    - Stiffeners
  - If flanges and stiffeners are rigid
    - We should get back to  $\alpha = 45^{\circ}$
  - Because of the deformation of flanges and stiffeners  $\alpha < 45^{\circ}$ 
    - Empirical formula for uniform material

$$\tan^2 \alpha = \frac{\sigma_t - \frac{P_F}{A_F}}{\sigma_t - \frac{P_S}{A_S}} \longrightarrow$$
 Load in flange / Flange section  
Load in stiffener / Stiffener section  
- As  $P_T = -T \frac{(L-x)}{d} - \frac{T}{2 \tan \alpha}$  non constant,  $\alpha$  non constant

Another empirical formula

$$\tan^4 \alpha = \frac{1 + \frac{td}{2A_F}}{1 + \frac{tb}{A_S}}$$



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## • Example

- Web/stiffener construction
  - 2 similar flanges
  - 5 similar stiffeners
  - 4 similar webs
  - Same material
    - E = 70 GPa
- Stress state?







Wrinkles orientation  $- \tan^4 \alpha = \frac{1 + \frac{td}{2A_F}}{1 + \frac{tb}{A_S}}$   $\implies \tan^4 \alpha = \frac{1 + \frac{0.002\ 0.4}{2\ 0.00035}}{1 + \frac{0.002\ 0.3}{0.0003}} = 0.714$   $\implies \alpha = 42.6^o$ 





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Thickness t

 $P_{\tau}$ 

 $\sigma_{xx}$ 

 $P_{R}$ 

 $E_r$ 

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- Assuming centroid of stiffener lies in web's plane
  - We can use Euler critical load

$$P_{CR} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{l_e^2}$$

$$\implies l_e = \frac{0.4}{\sqrt{4 - 2\frac{0.3}{0.4}}} = 0.253 \text{ m}$$

No buckling

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