



wood construction: materials & beams

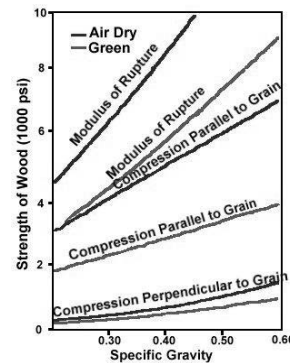
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Timber

- *lightweight : strength ~ like steel*
- *strengths vary*
 - *by wood type*
 - *by direction*
 - *by “flaws”*
- *size varies by tree growth*
- *renewable resource*
- *manufactured wood*
 - *assembles pieces*
 - *adhesives*



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Wood Beam Design

- *National Design Specification*
 - *National Forest Products Association*
 - *ASD & LRFD (combined in 2005)*
 - *adjustment factors x tabulated stress = allowable stress*
 - *adjustment factors terms, C with subscript*
 - *i.e, bending:*



$$f_b \leq F'_b = F_b \times (\text{product of adjustment factors})$$

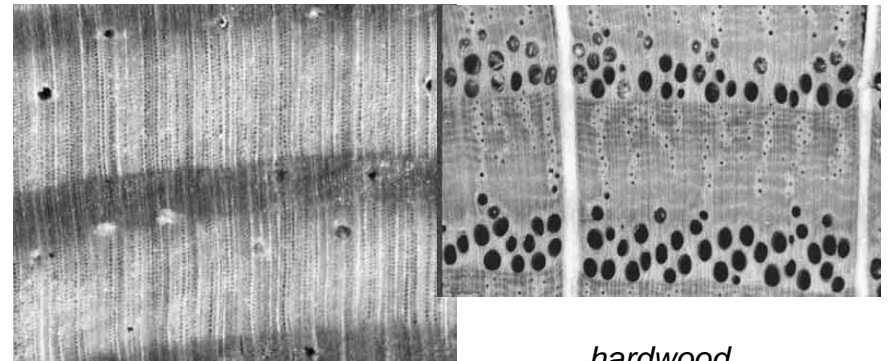
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Wood Properties

- *cell structure and density*



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softwood

hardwood

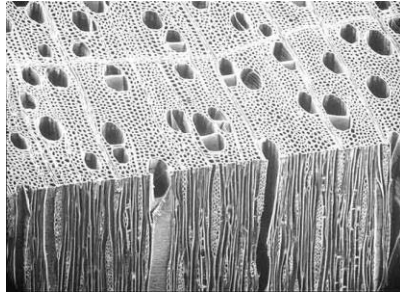
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Wood Properties

- moisture
 - exchanges with air easily
 - excessive drying causes warping and shrinkage
 - strength varies some
- temperature
 - steam
 - volatile products
 - combustion



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Wood Properties

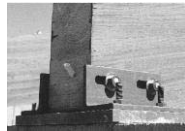
- load duration
 - short duration
 - higher loads
 - normal duration
 - > 10 years
- creep
 - additional deformation with no additional load



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Structural Lumber

- dimension – 2 x's (nominal)
- beams, posts, timber, planks
- grading
 - select structural
 - no. 1, 2, & 3
- tabular values by species
- glu-lam
- plywood



| Species and commercial grade | Size classification | Design values in pounds per square inch | | | | |
|---|---------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|---|-----|
| | | Extreme fiber in bending "F _b " | Tension parallel to grain "F _t " | Horizontal shear "F _v " | Compression perpendicular to grain "F _{c⊥} " | |
| SOUTHERN PINE (Surfaced dry. Used at 19% max. m.c.) | | | | | | |
| Select Structural | | 2000 | 2300 | 1150 | 100 | 565 |
| Dense Select Structural | | 2350 | 2700 | 1350 | 100 | 690 |
| No. 1 | | 1700 | 1950 | 1000 | 100 | 565 |
| No. 1 Dense | 2" to 4" thick | 2000 | 2300 | 1150 | 100 | 660 |
| No. 2 | 2" to 4" wide | 1400 | 1650 | 825 | 90 | 565 |
| No. 2 Dense | | 1650 | 1900 | 975 | 90 | 660 |
| No. 3 | | 775 | 900 | 450 | 90 | 565 |
| No. 3 Dense | | 925 | 1050 | 525 | 90 | 660 |
| Stud | | 775 | 900 | 450 | 90 | 565 |
| Construction Standard | 2" to 4" thick | 1000 | 1150 | 600 | 100 | 565 |
| Utility | 4" wide | 275 | 300 | 150 | 90 | 565 |
| Select Structural | | 1750 | 2000 | 1150 | 90 | 565 |

Adjustment Factors

- terms
 - C_D = load duration factor
 - C_M = wet service factor
 - 1.0 dry ≤ 16% MC
 - C_F = size factor
 - visually graded sawn lumber and round timber > 12" depth

$$C_F = (12 / d)^{1/9} \leq 1.0$$

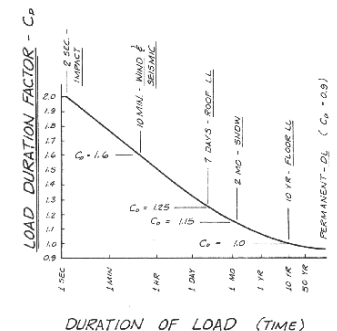


Figure 4.13 Madison curve.

Table 10.3 (pg 376)

Adjustment Factors

- *terms*
 - C_{fu} = flat use factor
 - not decking
 - C_i = incising factor
 - increase depth for pressure treatment
 - C_t = temperature factor
 - lose strength at high temperatures

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Adjustment Factors

- *terms*
 - C_r = repetitive member factor
 - C_H = shear stress factor
 - splitting
 - C_V = volume factor
 - same as C_F for glue laminated timber
 - C_L = beam stability factor
 - beams without full lateral support
 - C_c = curvature factor for laminated arches

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Allowable Stresses

- *design values*
 - F_b : bending stress
 - F_t : tensile stress strong
 - F_v : horizontal shear stress
 - $F_{c\perp}$: compression stress (perpendicular to grain)
 - F_c : compression stress (parallel to grain) strong
 - E : modulus of elasticity
 - F_p : bearing stress (parallel to grain)



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Load Combinations

- *design loads, take the bigger of*
 - (dead loads)/0.9
 - (dead loads + any possible combination of live loads)/ C_D
- *deflection limits*
 - no load factors
 - for stiffer members:
 - Δ_T max from LL + 0.5(DL)

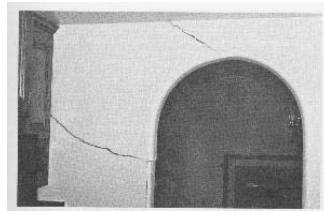
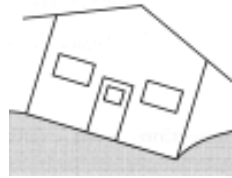
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Beam Design Criteria

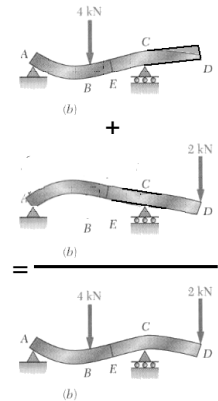
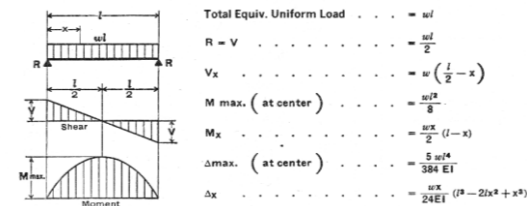
- strength design
 - bending stresses predominate
 - shear stresses occur
- serviceability
 - limit deflection and cracking
 - control noise & vibration
 - no excessive settlement of foundations
 - durability
 - appearance
 - component damage



Beam Design Criteria

- superpositioning
 - use of beam charts
 - elastic range only!
 - “add” moment diagrams
 - “add” deflection CURVES (not maximums)

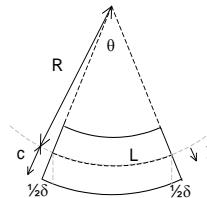
1. SIMPLE BEAM—UNIFORMLY DISTRIBUTED LOAD



Beam Deformations

- curvature relates to
 - bending moment
 - modulus of elasticity
 - moment of inertia

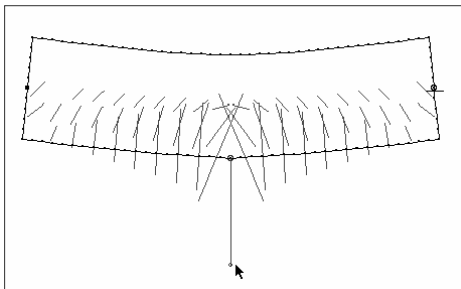
$$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{M}{EI}$$



$$curvature = \frac{M(x)}{EI}$$

$$\theta = slope = \int \frac{M(x)}{EI} dx$$

$$\Delta = deflection = \iint \frac{M(x)}{EI} dx$$



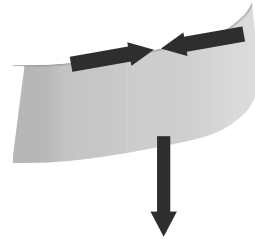
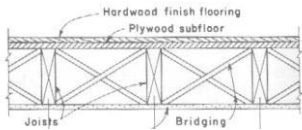
Deflection Limits

- based on service condition, severity

| Use | LL only | DL+LL |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-------|
| Roof beams: | | |
| Industrial | L/180 | L/120 |
| Commercial | | |
| plaster ceiling | L/240 | L/180 |
| no plaster | L/360 | L/240 |
| Floor beams: | | |
| Ordinary Usage | L/360 | L/240 |
| Roof or floor (damageable elements) | | L/480 |

Lateral Buckling

- lateral buckling caused by compressive forces at top coupled with insufficient rigidity
- can occur at low stress levels
- stiffen, brace or bigger I_y



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Design Procedure

- Know F_{all} for the material or F_u for LRFD

- Draw V & M, finding M_{max}

- Calculate $S_{req'd}$ ($f_b \leq F_b$)

- Determine section size



$$S = \frac{bh^2}{6}$$

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Timber Beam Bracing

Table 9.3 Lateral bracing requirements for timber beams.

| Beam Depth/Width Ratio | Type of Lateral Bracing Required | Example |
|------------------------|--|---------|
| 2 to 1 | None | |
| 3 to 1 | The ends of the beam should be held in position | |
| 5 to 1 | Hold the compression edge in line (continuously) | |
| 6 to 1 | Diagonal bracing should be used | |
| 7 to 1 | Both edges of the beam should be held in line | |

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- 4*. Include self weight for M_{max}
 - and repeat 3 & 4 if necessary

5. Consider lateral stability

Unbraced roof trusses were blown down in 1999 at this project in Moscow, Idaho.

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6. Evaluate shear stresses - horizontal

- $(f_v \leq F_v)$

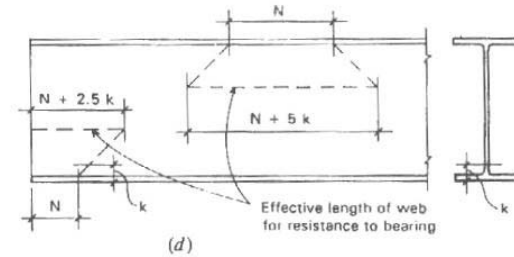
- rectangles and W's $f_{v-max} = \frac{3V}{2A} \approx \frac{V}{A_{web}}$

- general $f_{v-max} = \frac{VQ}{Ib}$

Beam Design

7. Provide adequate bearing area at supports

$$f_p = \frac{P}{A} \leq F_p$$



Beam Design

8. Evaluate torsion

$$(f_v \leq F_v)$$

- circular cross section

$$f_v = \frac{T\rho}{J}$$

- rectangular

$$f_v = \frac{T}{c_1 ab^2}$$

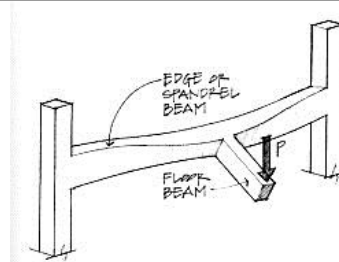
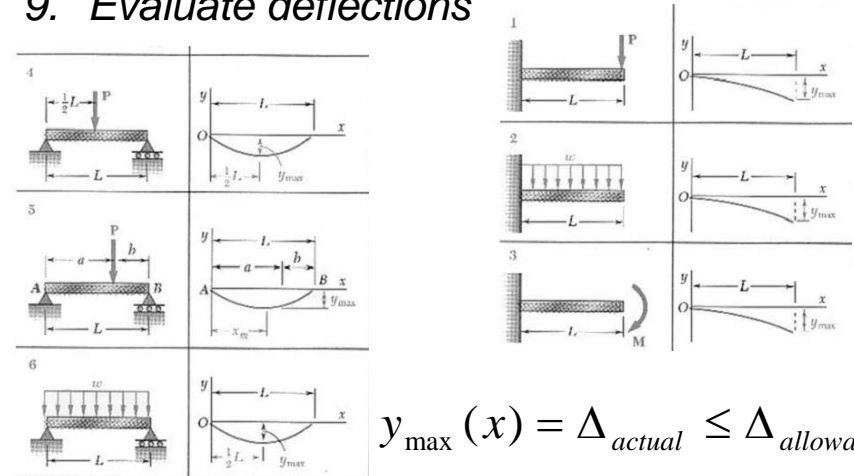


TABLE 3.1. Coefficients for Rectangular Bars in Torsion

| a/b | c ₁ | c ₂ |
|------|----------------|----------------|
| 1.0 | 0.208 | 0.1406 |
| 1.2 | 0.219 | 0.1661 |
| 1.5 | 0.231 | 0.1958 |
| 2.0 | 0.246 | 0.229 |
| 2.5 | 0.258 | 0.249 |
| 3.0 | 0.267 | 0.263 |
| 4.0 | 0.282 | 0.281 |
| 5.0 | 0.291 | 0.291 |
| 10.0 | 0.312 | 0.312 |
| ∞ | 0.333 | 0.333 |

Beam Design

9. Evaluate deflections



$$y_{max}(x) = \Delta_{actual} \leq \Delta_{allowable}$$

Decking

- across beams or joists
- floors: 16 in. span common
 - ¾ in. tongue-in-groove plywood
 - 5/8 in. particle board over ½ in. plywood
 - hardwood surfacing
- roofs: 24 in. span common
 - ½ in. plywood



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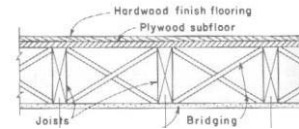
Joists & Rafters

- allowable load tables (w)
- allowable length tables for common live & dead loads
- lateral bracing needed
- common spacings

TABLE 5.5 Allowable Spans in Feet and Inches for Floor Joists

DESIGN CRITERIA:
 Deflection — For 40 psf (1.92 kN/m²) live load.
 Limited to span in inches (mm) divided by 360.
 Strength — Live load of 40 psf (1.92 kN/m²) plus dead load of 10 psf (0.48 kN/m²) determines the Modulus of Elasticity, E, in 1,000,000 psi (> 6,800 N/mm²)

| Joist Size (in) | Spacing (in) | Modulus of Elasticity, E, in 1,000,000 psi (> 6,800 N/mm ²) | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|---|-------|-------|-----|
| | | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.8 |
| 2 x 6 | 12.0 | 10.0 | 10.3 | 10.6 | |
| | 16.0 | 9.1 | 9.4 | 9.6 | |
| | 19.2 | 8.7 | 8.9 | 9.0 | |
| | 24.0 | 7.11 | 8.2 | 8.4 | |
| 2 x 8 | 12.0 | 13.2 | 13.6 | 13.10 | |
| | 16.0 | 12.0 | 12.3 | 12.7 | |
| | 19.2 | 11.3 | 11.7 | 11.10 | |
| | 24.0 | 10.6 | 10.9 | 11.0 | |
| 2 x 10 | 12.0 | 16.10 | 17.3 | 17.8 | |
| | 16.0 | 15.3 | 15.8 | 16.0 | |
| | 19.2 | 14.5 | 14.9 | 15.1 | |
| | 24.0 | 13.4 | 13.8 | 14.0 | |
| 2 x 12 | 12.0 | 20.6 | 21.0 | 21.6 | |
| | 16.0 | 18.7 | 19.1 | 19.6 | |
| | 19.2 | 17.6 | 17.11 | 18.4 | |
| | 24.0 | 16.3 | 16.8 | 17.0 | |
| F _b | 12.0 | 993 | 1,043 | 1,092 | |
| | 16.0 | 1,093 | 1,148 | 1,202 | |
| | 19.2 | 1,161 | 1,220 | 1,277 | |
| | 24.0 | 1,251 | 1,314 | 1,376 | |



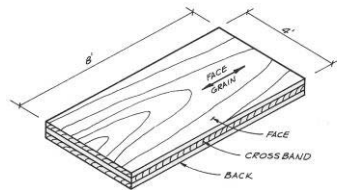
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Engineered Wood

- plywood
 - veneers at different orientations
 - glued together
 - split resistant
 - higher and uniform strength
 - limited shrinkage and swelling
 - used for sheathing, decking, shear walls, diaphragms



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Engineered Wood

- glued-laminated timber
 - glulam
 - short pieces glued together
 - straight or curved
 - grain direction parallel
 - higher strength
 - more expensive than sawn timber
 - large members (up to 100 feet!)
 - flexible forms



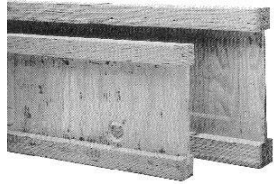
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Engineered Wood

- I sections
 - beams
- other products
 - pressed veneer strip panels (Parallam)
 - laminated veneer lumber (LVL)
- wood fibers
 - Hardieboard: cement & wood



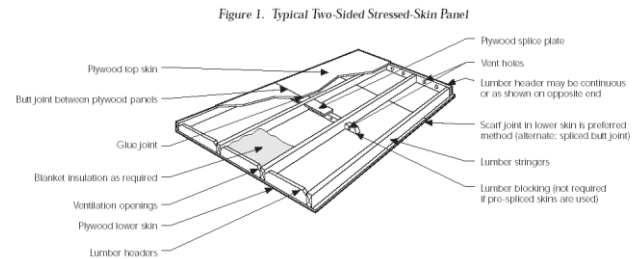
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Timber Elements

- stressed-skin elements
 - modular built-up “plates”
 - typically used for floors or roofs



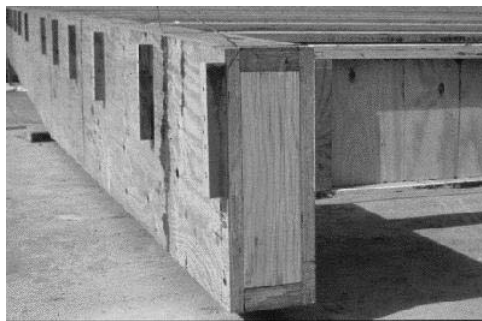
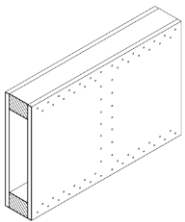
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Timber Elements

- built-up box sections
 - built-up beams
 - usually site-fabricated
 - bigger spans



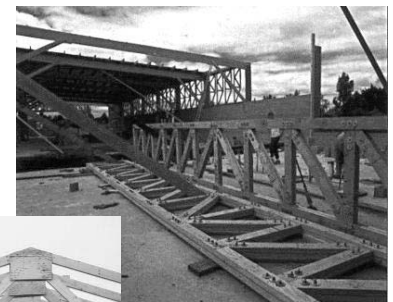
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Timber Elements

- trusses
 - long spans
 - versatile
 - common in roofs

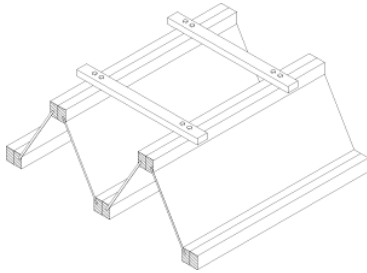


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Timber Elements

- *folded plates and arch panels*
 - usually of plywood



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Timber Elements

- *arches and lamellas*
 - arches commonly laminated timber
 - long spans
 - usually only for roofs



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Approximate Depths

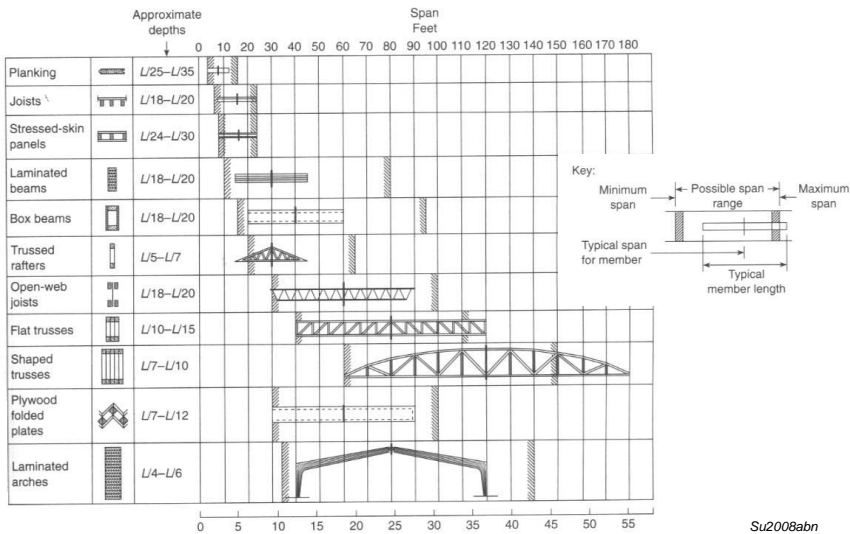


FIGURE 15-3 Approximate span ranges for timber systems.

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