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wood construction:  
column design

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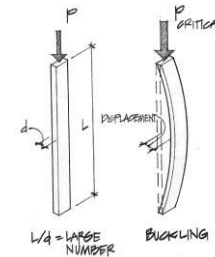
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Compression Members (revisited)

- designed for strength & stresses
- designed for serviceability & deflection
- need to design for stability
  - ability to support a specified load without sudden or unacceptable deformations



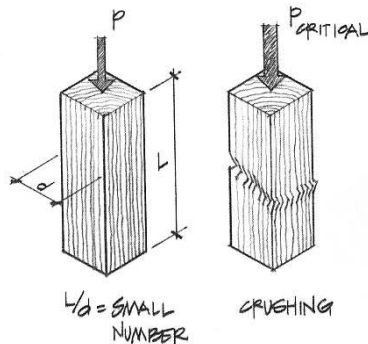
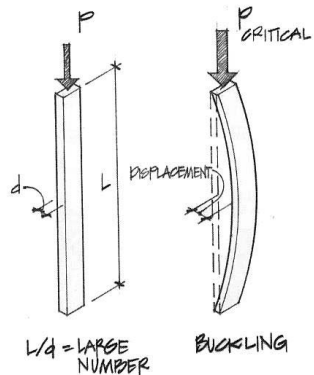
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Effect of Length (revisited)

- long & slender
- short & stubby



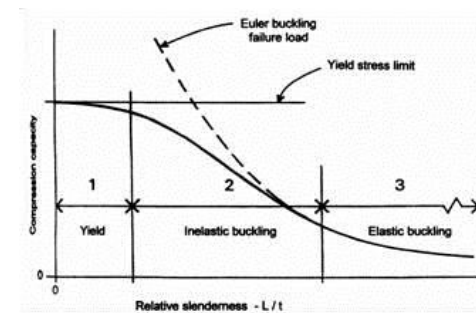
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Critical Stresses (revisited)

- when a column gets stubby, crushing will limit the load
- real world has loads with eccentricity



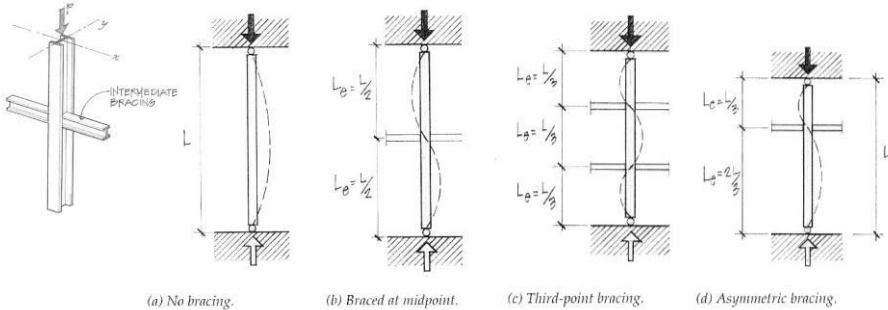
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## Bracing (revisited)

- bracing affects shape of buckle in one direction
- both should be checked!



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## Allowable Wood Stress

$$F'_c = F_c (C_D)(C_M)(C_t)(C_F)(C_p)$$

• where:

$F_c$  = compressive strength parallel to grain

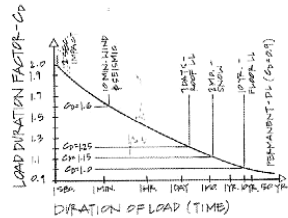
$C_D$  = load duration factor

$C_M$  = wet service factor (1.0 dry)

$C_t$  = temperature factor

$C_F$  = size factor

$C_p$  = column stability factor =  $f\left(\frac{F_{cE}}{F_c^*}\right)$



(Table 5.2)

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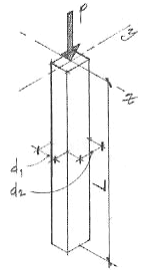
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## Wood Columns

- slenderness ratio =  $L/d_{min} = L/d_1$ 
  - $d_1$  = smaller dimension
  - $l_e/d \leq 50$  (max)

$$f_c = \frac{P}{A} \leq F'_c$$

- where  $F'_c$  is the allowable compressive strength parallel to the grain
- bracing common



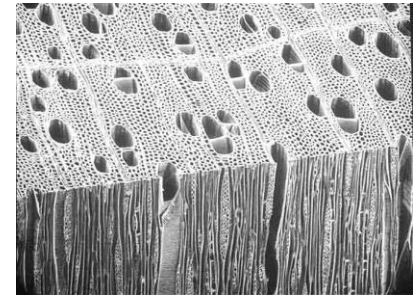
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## Strength Factors

- wood properties and load duration,  $C_D$ 
  - short duration
    - higher loads
  - normal duration
    - > 10 years



<http://www.swst.org/teach/set2/struct1.html>

- stability,  $C_p$ 
  - combination curve - tables

$$F'_c = F_c^* C_p = (F_c C_D) C_p$$

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# C<sub>p</sub> Charts

Column Stability Factor C<sub>p</sub>

C <sub>p</sub>			F <sub>c</sub> = C <sub>p</sub> · F <sub>c</sub> *			F <sub>CE</sub> = $\frac{30 E}{(L_e)^2}$ for sawn posts			F <sub>CE</sub> = $\frac{418 E}{(L_e)^2}$ for Glu-Lam posts		
F <sub>CE</sub> /F <sub>c</sub> *	Sawn C <sub>p</sub>	Glu-Lam C <sub>p</sub>	F <sub>CE</sub> /F <sub>c</sub> *	Sawn C <sub>p</sub>	Glu-Lam C <sub>p</sub>	F <sub>CE</sub> /F <sub>c</sub> *	Sawn C <sub>p</sub>	Glu-Lam C <sub>p</sub>	F <sub>CE</sub> /F <sub>c</sub> *	Sawn C <sub>p</sub>	Glu-Lam C <sub>p</sub>
0.00	0.000	0.000	0.60	0.500	0.578	1.20	0.750	0.822	2.40	0.994	0.940
0.01	0.010	0.010	0.61	0.506	0.545	1.22	0.755	0.826	2.45	0.897	0.941
0.02	0.020	0.020	0.62	0.512	0.552	1.24	0.760	0.831	2.50	0.899	0.943
0.03	0.030	0.030	0.63	0.518	0.559	1.26	0.764	0.836	2.55	0.901	0.944
0.04	0.040	0.040	0.64	0.524	0.566	1.28	0.769	0.840	2.60	0.904	0.945
0.05	0.049	0.050	0.65	0.530	0.573	1.30	0.773	0.844	2.65	0.906	0.947
0.06	0.059	0.060	0.66	0.536	0.580	1.32	0.777	0.848	2.70	0.908	0.949
0.07	0.069	0.069	0.67	0.542	0.587	1.34	0.781	0.852	2.75	0.910	0.950
0.08	0.079	0.079	0.68	0.548	0.593	1.36	0.785	0.855	2.80	0.912	0.951
0.09	0.088	0.089	0.69	0.553	0.600	1.38	0.789	0.859	2.85	0.914	0.952
0.10	0.098	0.099	0.70	0.559	0.607	1.40	0.793	0.862	2.90	0.916	0.953
0.11	0.107	0.109	0.71	0.564	0.613	1.42	0.796	0.865	2.95	0.917	0.954
0.12	0.117	0.118	0.72	0.569	0.619	1.44	0.800	0.868	3.00	0.919	0.955
0.13	0.126	0.128	0.73	0.575	0.626	1.46	0.803	0.871	3.05	0.920	0.956
0.14	0.136	0.138	0.74	0.580	0.632	1.48	0.807	0.874	3.10	0.922	0.957
0.15	0.145	0.147	0.75	0.585	0.638	1.50	0.810	0.877	3.15	0.923	0.958
0.16	0.154	0.157	0.76	0.590	0.644	1.52	0.813	0.879	3.20	0.925	0.959
0.17	0.164	0.167	0.77	0.595	0.650	1.54	0.816	0.882	3.25	0.926	0.960
0.18	0.173	0.176	0.78	0.600	0.655	1.56	0.819	0.884	3.30	0.927	0.961
0.19	0.182	0.186	0.79	0.605	0.661	1.58	0.822	0.887	3.35	0.929	0.961

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# Procedure for Analysis

- calculate  $L_e/d_{min}$ 
  - KL/d each axis, choose largest
- obtain  $F'_c$ 
  - compute  $F_{cE} = \frac{K_{cE} E}{(L_e/d)^2}$ 
    - $K_{cE}=0.3$  sawn
    - $K_{cE}=0.418$  glu-lam
- compute  $F_c^* \approx F_c C_D$
- calculate  $F_{cE}/F_c^*$  and get  $C_p$  (chart)
- calculate  $F'_c = F_c^* C_p$

# Procedure for Analysis (cont'd)

- compute  $P_{allowable} = F'_c \cdot A$ 
  - or find  $f_{actual} = P/A$
- is  $P \leq P_{allowable}$ ? (or  $f_{actual} \leq F'_c$ ?)
  - yes: OK
  - no: overstressed & no good

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# Procedure for Design

- guess a size (pick a section)
- calculate  $L_e/d_{min}$ 
  - KL/d each axis, choose largest
- obtain  $F'_c$ 
  - compute  $F_{cE} = \frac{K_{cE} E}{(L_e/d)^2}$ 
    - $K_{cE}=0.3$  sawn
    - $K_{cE}=0.418$  glu-lam
- compute  $F_c^* \approx F_c C_D$
- calculate  $F_{cE}/F_c^*$  and get  $C_p$  (chart)

## Procedure for Design (cont'd)

6. calculate  $F'_c = F_c \cdot C_p$
7. compute  $P_{allowable} = F'_c \cdot A$ 
  - or find  $f_{actual} = P/A$
8. is  $P \leq P_{allowable}$ ? (or  $f_{actual} \leq F'_c$ ?)
  - yes: OK
  - no: pick a bigger section and **go back to step 2**.

## Specific Column Charts

TABLE 6.1 Safe Loads for Wood Columns\*

Column Section	Area (in. <sup>2</sup> )	Unbraced Length (ft)																				
		6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26										
4 × 4	12.25	11.1	7.28	4.94	3.50	2.63																
4 × 6	19.25	17.4	11.4	7.76	5.51	4.14																
4 × 8	25.375	22.9	15.1	10.2	7.26	6.46																
6 × 6	30.25	27.6	24.8	20.9	16.9	13.4	10.7	8.71	7.17	6.53												
6 × 8	41.25	37.6	33.9	28.5	23.1	18.3	14.6	11.9	9.78	8.91												
6 × 10	52.25	47.6	43.0	36.1	29.2	23.1	18.5	15.0	13.4	11.3												
8 × 8	56.25	54.0	51.5	48.1	43.5	38.0	32.3	27.4	23.1	19.7	16.9	14.6										
8 × 10	71.25	68.4	65.3	61.0	55.1	48.1	41.0	34.7	29.3	24.9	21.4	18.4										
8 × 12	86.25	82.8	79.0	73.8	66.7	58.2	49.6	42.0	35.4	30.2	26.0	22.3										
10 × 10	90.25	88.4	85.9	83.0	79.0	73.6	67.0	60.0	52.9	46.4	40.4	35.5										
10 × 12	109.25	107	104	100	95.6	89.1	81.2	72.6	64.0	56.1	48.9	42.9										
10 × 14	128.25	126	122	118	112	105	95.3	85.3	75.1	65.9	57.5	50.4										
12 × 12	132.25	130	128	125	122	117	111	104	95.6	86.9	78.3	70.2										
14 × 14	182.25	180	178	176	172	168	163	156	148	139	129	119										
16 × 16	240.25	238	236	234	230	226	222	216	208	200	190	179										

\*Load capacity in kips for solid-sawn sections of No. 1 grade Douglas fir-larch with no adjustment for moisture or load duration conditions.

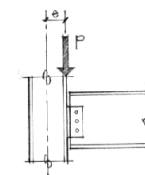
## Timber Construction by Code

- light-frame
  - light loads
  - 2x's
  - floor joists – 2x6, 2x8, 2x10, 2x12 typical at spacings of 12", 16", 24"
  - normal spans of 20-25 ft or 6-7.5 m
  - plywood spans between joists
  - stud or load-bearing masonry walls
  - limited to around 3 stories – fire safety

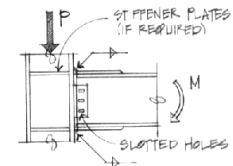


## Design of Columns with Bending

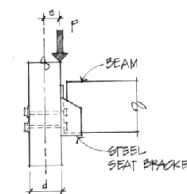
- satisfy
  - strength
  - stability
- pick
  - section



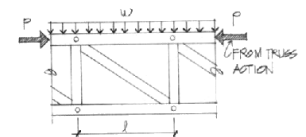
(a) Framed beam (shear) connection.  
 $e$  = Eccentricity;  $M = P \times e$



(b) Moment connection (rigid frame).  
 $M$  = Moment due to beam bending



(c) Timber beam-column connection.  
 $e = d/2$  = eccentricity;  $M = P \times e$



(d) Upper chord of a truss—compression plus bending.  
 $M = \frac{wL^2}{8}$

## Design

- Wood

$$\left[ \frac{f_c}{F'_c} \right]^2 + \frac{f_{bx}}{F'_{bx} \left[ 1 - \frac{f_c}{F_{cEx}} \right]} \leq 1.0$$

$( )$  term – magnification factor for P-Δ

$F'_{bx}$  – allowable bending strength

## Design Steps Knowing Loads

1. assume limiting stress
  - buckling, axial stress, combined stress
2. solve for  $r$ ,  $A$  or  $S$
3. pick trial section
4. analyze stresses
5. section ok?
6. stop when section is ok

