

- ① Alignment chart or Nomograph detailing (effective length Method)
- ② Adjustment of Column due to ELM  
different End Conditions  
m-value For end Condition For girders of braced Frames
- ③ Solved problem - 7-2 Prof. McCormac. ↓ Later
- ④ French equation For braced Frame.

# Assumption For Alignment Chart

As discussed previously in this chapter, the alignment charts, or nomographs, are an alternate method for determining the effective length factor,  $K$ . These nomographs take into account the restraints provided at the ends of the column by the beams or girders framing into the columns. They provide more accurate  $K$ -values, but require knowledge of the sizes of the beams, girders, and columns, and are more cumbersome to use. Two charts are presented in the *AISC*: sidesway inhibited (i.e., buildings with braced frames or shearwalls), reproduced in Figure 5-9, and sidesway uninhibited (i.e., buildings with moment frames), reproduced in Figure 5-10. The following assumptions have been used in deriving these alignment charts, or nomographs [1]:

1. Behavior is purely elastic.
2. All members have a constant cross section.
3. All joints are rigid.
4. For columns in sidesway-inhibited frames (i.e., braced frames), rotations at opposite ends of the restraint beams or girders are equal in magnitude and opposite in direction, producing single-curvature bending.

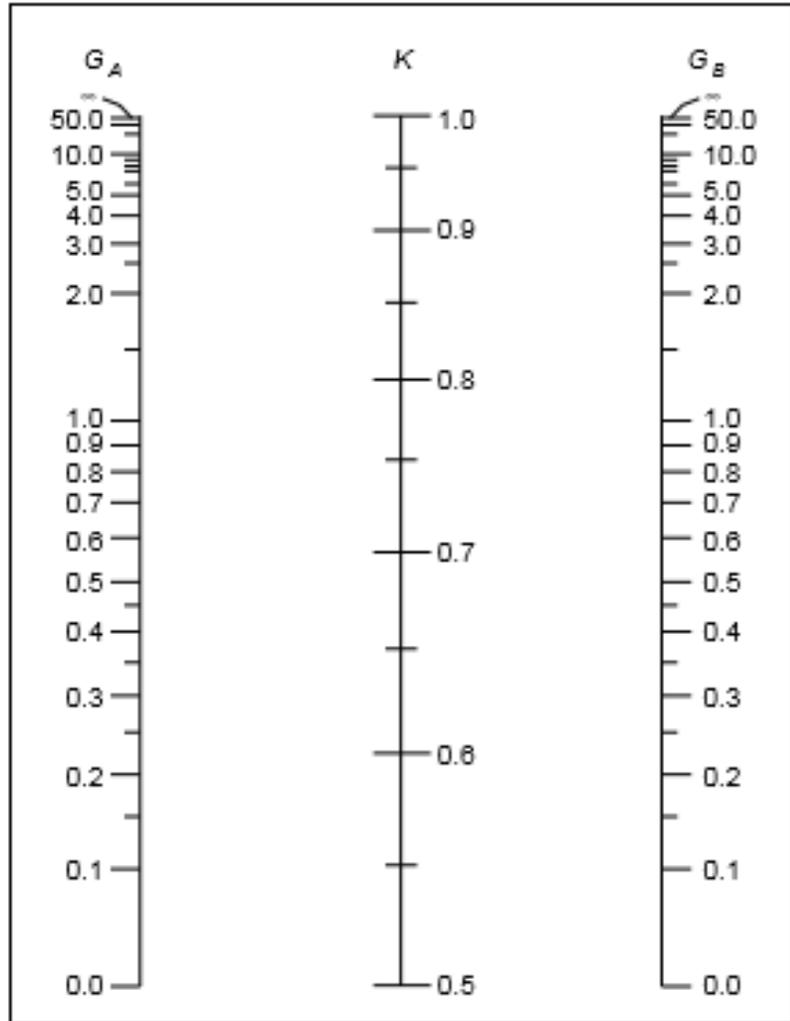
} Conditions For the Graph

5. For columns in sidesway-uninhibited frames, rotations at opposite ends of the restraining beams or girders are equal in magnitude and direction, producing double- or reverse-curvature bending.
6. The stiffness parameters,  $L\sqrt{P/EI}$ , of all columns are equal.
7. Joint restraint is distributed to the column above and below the joint in proportion to  $EI/L$  for the two columns.
8. All columns buckle simultaneously.
9. No significant axial compression force exists in the beams or girders.

# Side Sway - inhibited → Braced

AISC Figure C-A-7.1

Alignment chart, sidesway inhibited (braced frame)



The alignment chart for sidesway inhibited frames shown in Figure C-A-7.1 is based on the following equation:

$$\frac{G_A G_B}{4} (\pi / K)^2 + \left( \frac{G_A + G_B}{2} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{\pi / K}{\tan(\pi / K)} \right) + \frac{2 \tan(\pi / 2K)}{(\pi / K)} - 1 = 0 \quad (C-A-7-1)$$

## Determining K factors by Alignment Charts

Sidesway Inhibited:  
Braced frame  
 $1.0 > K > 0.5$

Sidesway Uninhibited:  
Un-braced frame  
unstable  $> K > 1.0$

More Pinned:  
If  $I_c/L_c$  is large  
and  $I_g/L_g$  is small  
The connection is more pinned

More Fixed:  
If  $I_c/L_c$  is small  
and  $I_g/L_g$  is large  
The connection is more fixed

Sidesway inhibited

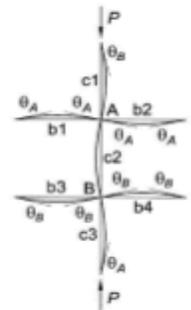
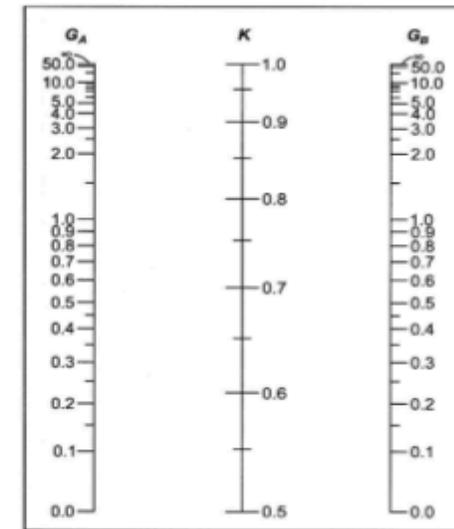


Fig. C-A-7.1. Alignment chart—sidesway inhibited (braced frame).

$$G = \frac{\sum \left( \frac{EI}{L} \right)_{column}}{\sum \left( \frac{EI}{L} \right)_{beam}}$$

$G=10$  Pinned support.

$G=1$  Fixed support

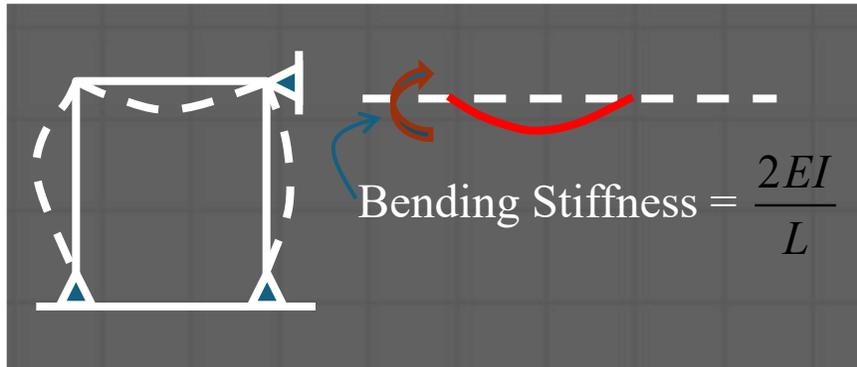
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theoretically 0

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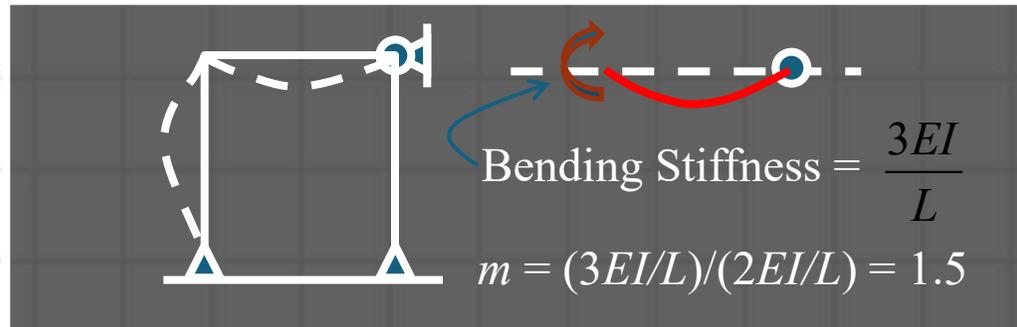
# Alignment Charts

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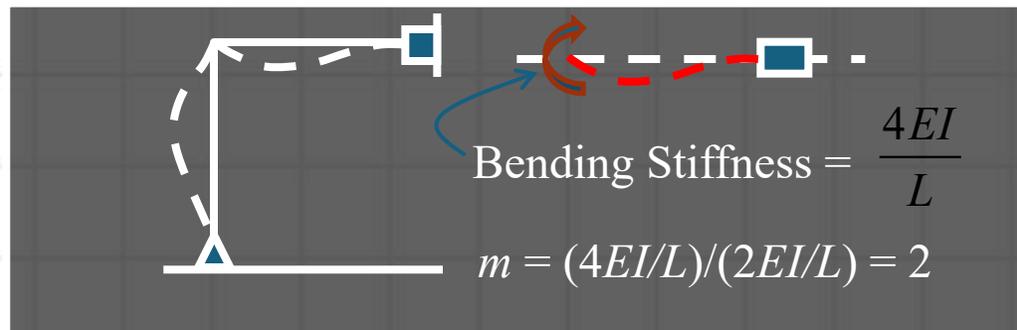


Side-sway Inhibited (Braced)  
Assumption: single curvature  
bending of girder.

$$G = \frac{\sum \left( \frac{EI}{L} \right)_{\text{columns}}}{\sum \left( m \frac{EI}{L} \right)_{\text{girders}}}$$



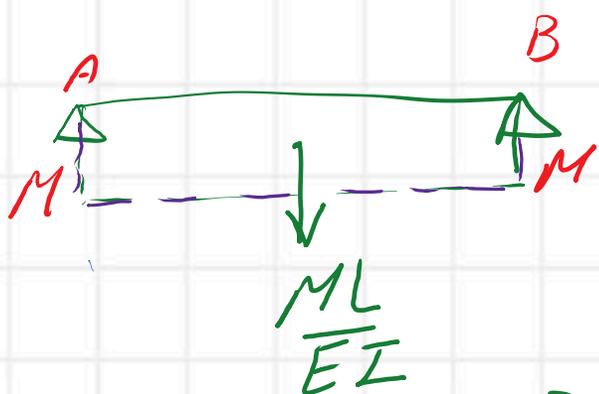
Far end pinned



Far end  
fixed

# Girder Single Curvature Bending

The Condition for which the Formula was derived

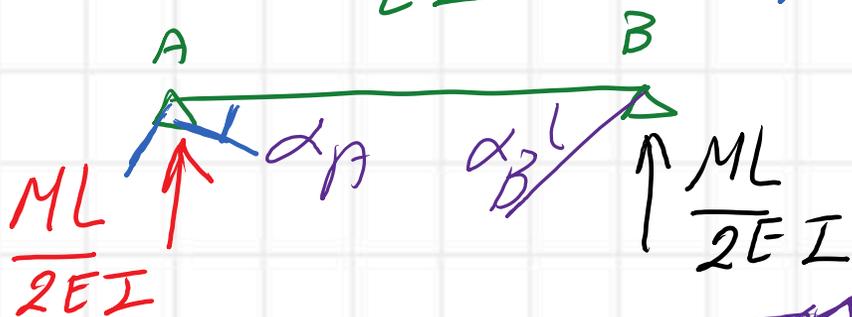
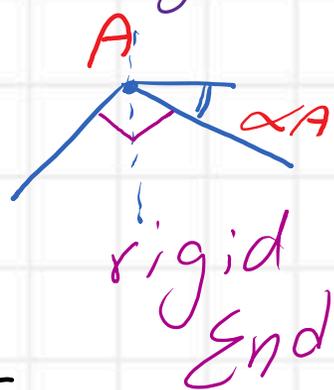


B.M Diagram

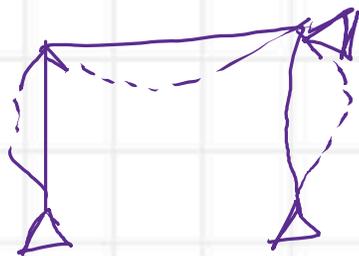
$$\alpha_A = \frac{ML}{2EI} \rightarrow \text{slope at A Due to } M$$

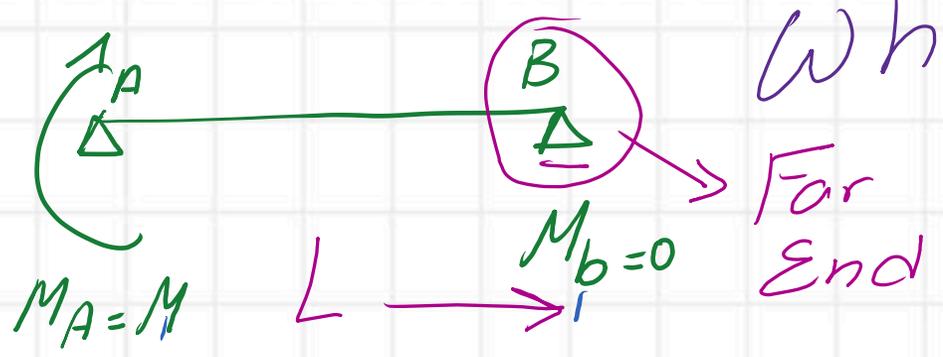
$$K(\alpha) = M$$

$$K = \frac{M}{\alpha} = \frac{M}{\frac{ML}{2EI}} = \frac{2EI}{L}$$



$$m = \frac{New}{main} = \frac{2}{2} = 1 \Rightarrow \text{NO Change}$$

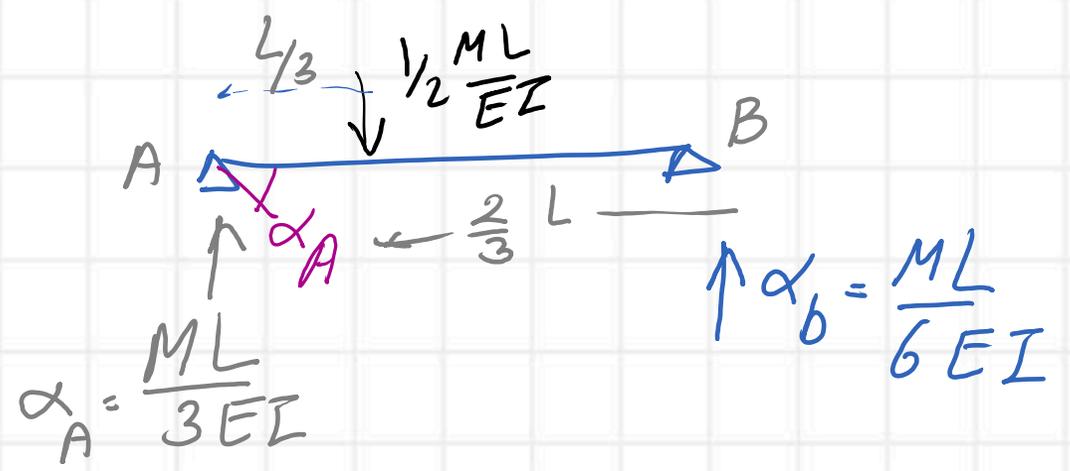
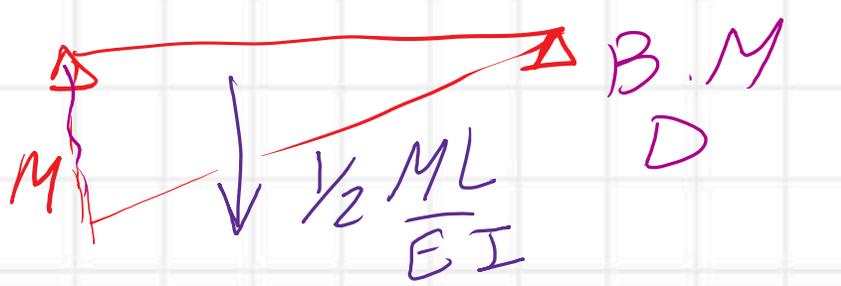




When Far end is pinned

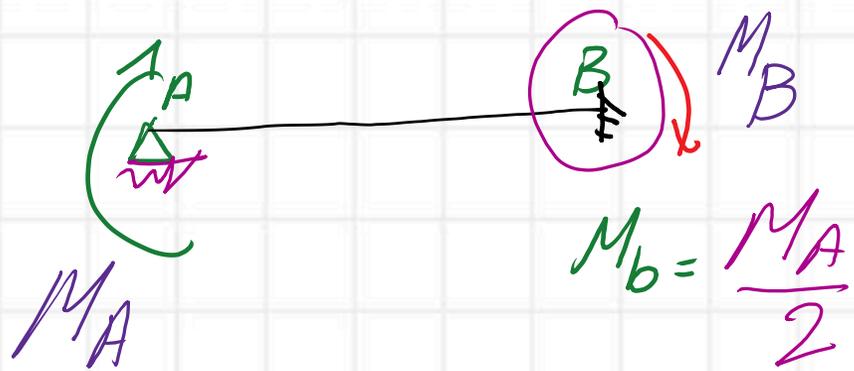
$K$ : bending stiffness

$$K_2 = \frac{M}{\alpha} = \frac{M}{\left(\frac{ML}{3EI}\right)} = \frac{3EI}{L} \quad \text{new } K \text{ value}$$

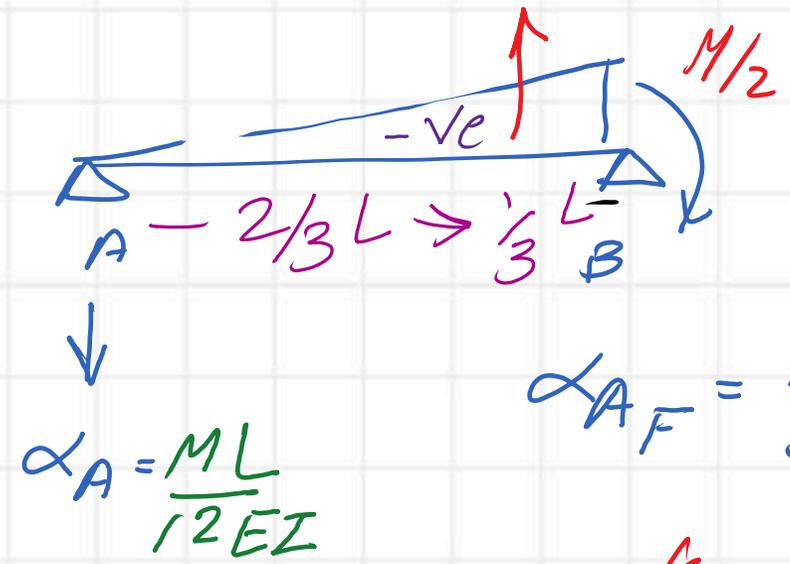
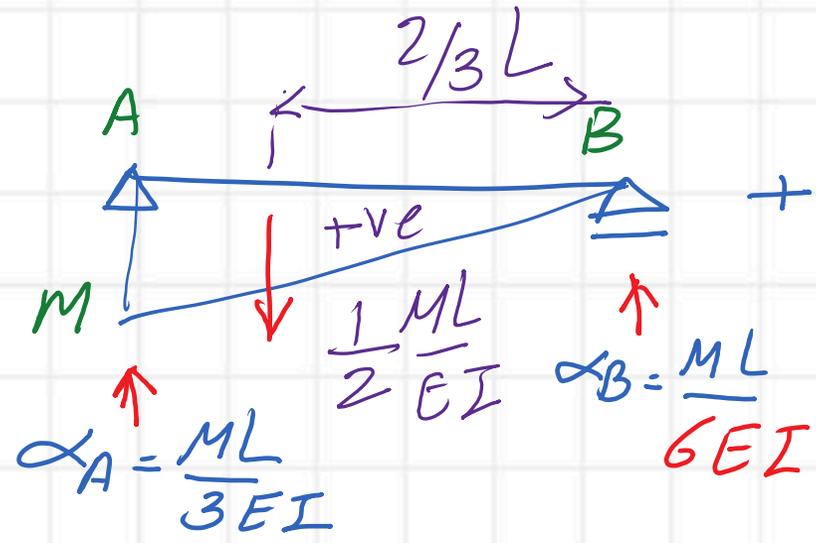


$$M = \frac{\text{New}}{\text{main}} = \frac{3EI/L}{\frac{2EI}{L}} = 1.50$$

Far end is Fixed



$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{M L}{2 E I}$$



$$\alpha_{AF} = \frac{ML}{3EI} - \frac{ML}{12EI} = \frac{3ML}{12EI}$$

$$K = \frac{M_3}{\alpha} = \frac{4EI \cdot \alpha}{L \alpha} = \frac{4EI}{L}$$

$$m_3 = \frac{New}{main} = \frac{4EI/L}{2EI/L} = 2$$

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# AISC Commentary - For m Factor

**Adjustments for Columns With Differing End Conditions.** For column ends supported by, but not rigidly connected to, a footing or foundation,  $G$  is theoretically infinity but unless designed as a true friction-free pin, may be taken as 10 for practical designs. If the column end is rigidly attached to a properly designed footing,  $G$  may be taken as 1.0. Smaller values may be used if justified by analysis.

**Adjustments for Girders With Differing End Conditions.** For sidesway inhibited frames, these adjustments for different girder end conditions may be made:

- (a) If rotation at the far end of a girder is prevented, multiply  $(EI/L)_g$  of the member by 2.
- (b) If the far end of the girder is pinned, multiply  $(EI/L)_g$  of the member by 1.5.

} braced  
Frame

For sidesway uninhibited frames and girders with different boundary conditions, the modified girder length,  $L'_g$ , should be used in place of the actual girder length, where

$$L'_g = L_g (2 - M_F / M_N) \quad (C-A-7-4)$$

$M_F$  is the far end girder moment and  $M_N$  is the near end girder moment from a first-order lateral analysis of the frame. The ratio of the two moments is positive if the girder is in reverse curvature. If  $M_F / M_N$  is more than 2.0, then  $L'_g$  becomes negative, in which case  $G$  is negative and the alignment chart equation must be used. For sidesway uninhibited frames, the following adjustments for different girder end conditions may be made:

- (a) If rotation at the far end of a girder is prevented, multiply  $(EI/L)_g$  of the member by  $2/3$ .
- (b) If the far end of the girder is pinned, multiply  $(EI/L)_g$  of the member by  $1/2$ .

} unbraced  
Frame

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