

# Solved Example 4-13 For inelastic Column

Find stiffness reduction factor  $\tau_b$  Prof. SEGa:  
For a given  $W10 \times S4$  Considered as }  
inelastic Column

Service DL = 100 kips

Service LL = 200 kips

A992 steel  $F_y = 50$  ksi

No given  
Height for  
Column

- (b) An additional factor,  $\tau_b$ , shall be applied to the flexural stiffnesses of all members whose flexural stiffnesses are considered to contribute to the stability of the structure. For noncomposite members,  $\tau_b$  shall be defined as follows (see Section 11.5 for the definition of  $\tau_b$  for composite members).

Sect. C3.]

CALCULATION OF AVAILABLE STRENGTHS

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- (1) When  $\alpha P_r/P_{ns} \leq 0.5$

$$\tau_b = 1.0$$

*check  $\alpha P_r / P_{ns} < 0.5$*   
 $\rightarrow I_b = 1.0$

(C2-2a)

- (2) When  $\alpha P_r/P_{ns} > 0.5$

$$\tau_b = 4(\alpha P_r/P_{ns})[1 - (\alpha P_r/P_{ns})]$$

(C2-2b)

where

$\alpha = 1.0$  (LRFD);  $\alpha = 1.6$  (ASD)

$P_r$  = required axial compressive strength using LRFD or ASD load combinations, kips (N)

$P_{ns}$  = cross-section compressive strength; for nonslender-element sections,  $P_{ns} = F_y A_g$ , and for slender-element sections,  $P_{ns} = F_y A_e$ , where  $A_e$  is as defined in Section E7, kips (N)

**User Note:** Taken together, Sections (a) and (b) require the use of  $0.8\tau_b$  times the nominal elastic flexural stiffness and 0.8 times other nominal elastic stiffnesses for structural steel members in the analysis.

Substituting the required strength,  $\alpha P_r$ , for the available strength,  $P_n$ , we have

$$\tau_b = 4 \left( \frac{\alpha P_r}{P_y} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha P_r}{P_y} \right) \quad (\text{AISC Equation C2-2b})$$

where  $\alpha = 1.0$  for LRFD and 1.6 for ASD. The required strength is computed at the factored load level, and the 1.6 factor is used to adjust the ASD service load level to a factored load level. The stiffness reduction factor,  $\tau_b$ , is also used to adjust member stiffnesses for frame analysis. This is discussed in Chapter 6, “Beam–Columns.”

## EXAMPLE 4.13

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Solution A992 steel  $\Rightarrow F_y = 50$  ksi:

D = 100 kips & L = 200 kips

W10 × 54 =  $A_g = 15.8$  in<sup>2</sup>

inelastic column

$\tau_b$ ?  $P_{ns} = P_y$

$$\frac{\alpha P_r}{P_{ns}} \leq \frac{1}{2} \quad \tau = 1.00$$

$$\frac{\alpha P_r}{P_{ns}} > \frac{1}{2} \quad \tau < 1$$

$P_r$ : required load

$$= \max \text{ of } (440, 140) = 440 \text{ kips}$$

LRFD

$$1.2D = 120$$

$$1.6L = 320$$

$$\underline{440 \text{ kips}}$$

$$1.4D = 1.4(100)$$

$$\text{max} = 140$$

kips

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$$\alpha = 1 \quad P_r = 440 \text{ kips} \quad \text{LRFD}$$

$$P_{ns} = A_g F_y \rightarrow \text{For non slender}$$

(1) When  $\alpha P_r / P_{ns} \leq 0.5$

$$\tau_b = 1.0$$



$$A_g = 15.80 \text{ inch}^2$$

(2) When  $\alpha P_r / P_{ns} > 0.5$

$$\tau_b = 4(\alpha P_r / P_{ns}) [1 - (\alpha P_r / P_{ns})]$$

$$F_y = 50 \text{ ksi}$$

$$P_{ns} = 15.8(50) = 790 \text{ kips}$$

$$\frac{\alpha P_r}{P_{ns}} = \frac{1(440)}{790} = 0.557 > 0.5$$

$$\tau_b = 4 \left( \frac{\alpha P_r}{P_{ns}} \right) \left[ 1 - \frac{\alpha P_r}{P_{ns}} \right]$$

$$= 4(0.557)(1 - 0.557) = 0.987$$

(2) When  $\alpha P_r / P_{ns} > 0.5$

$$P_r = P_{ult} = 440$$

$$P_{ns} = P_y = 50(15.80) = 790 \text{ kips}$$

$$\tau_b = 4(\alpha P_r / P_{ns})[1 - (\alpha P_r / P_{ns})] \quad (\text{C2-2b})$$

↓ our case

$$\alpha = 1$$

Use Table 4-13

LRFD

$$\frac{P_u}{A} = \frac{440}{15.80} = 27.848 \text{ ksi}$$

# LRFD Design

Table 4-13  
Stiffness Reduction Factor

$\tau_b$

50 ↓

ASD		LRFD		$F_y, \text{ ksi}$									
$\frac{P_u}{A}$	$\frac{P_u}{A}$	35		36		46		50		65		70	
		ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD
50	→	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.710	-	0.816
49		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0784	-	0.742	-	0.840
48		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.154	-	0.773	-	0.862
47		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.226	-	0.801	-	0.882
46		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.294	-	0.827	-	0.901
45		-	-	-	-	-	0.0851	-	0.360	-	0.852	-	0.918
44		-	-	-	-	-	0.166	-	0.422	-	0.875	-	0.934
43		-	-	-	-	-	0.244	-	0.482	-	0.896	0.0674	0.948
42		-	-	-	-	-	0.318	-	0.538	-	0.915	0.154	0.960
41		-	-	-	-	-	0.388	-	0.590	-	0.932	0.236	0.971
40		-	-	-	-	-	0.454	-	0.640	0.0606	0.947	0.313	0.980
39		-	-	-	-	-	0.516	-	0.686	0.154	0.960	0.387	0.987
38		-	-	-	-	-	0.575	-	0.730	0.242	0.971	0.457	0.993
37		-	-	-	-	-	0.629	-	0.770	0.325	0.981	0.522	0.997
36		-	-	-	-	-	0.681	-	0.806	0.404	0.988	0.583	0.999
35		-	-	-	0.108	-	0.728	-	0.840	0.477	0.994	0.640	1.00
34		-	0.111	-	0.210	-	0.771	-	0.870	0.546	0.998	0.693	
33		-	0.216	-	0.306	-	0.811	-	0.898	0.610	1.00	0.741	
32		-	0.313	-	0.395	-	0.847	-	0.922	0.669		0.786	
31		-	0.405	-	0.478	-	0.879	0.0317	0.942	0.723		0.826	
30		-	0.490	-	0.556	-	0.907	0.154	0.960	0.773		0.862	
29		-	0.568	-	0.627	-	0.932	0.267	0.974	0.817		0.894	
28		-	0.640	-	0.691	0.102	0.953	0.373	0.986	0.857		0.922	
27		-	0.705	-	0.750	0.229	0.970	0.470	0.994	0.892		0.945	
26		-	0.764	-	0.802	0.346	0.983	0.559	0.998	0.922		0.964	
25		-	0.816	-	0.849	0.454	0.992	0.640	1.00	0.947		0.980	
24		-	0.862	-	0.889	0.552	0.998	0.713		0.967		0.991	
23		-	0.901	-	0.923	0.640	1.00	0.777		0.982		0.997	
22		-	0.934	0.087	0.951	0.719		0.834		0.993		1.00	

$\frac{P_u}{A} = 50 \text{ ksi}$

$P_{ult} \rightarrow F_{strong}$

27.85 →

27 ksi → 0.994 } ⇒  
28 ksi → 0.9865 }

$$\tau_b = 0.994 - (0.85) \left( \frac{0.008}{1} \right) = 0.9872$$

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ASD

W10 × 54 =  $A_g = 15.8$  in<sup>2</sup>

D + L = 100 + 200  
= 300 kips

inelastic column

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$\tau_b$ ?  $P_{ns} = P_y$

$$\frac{\alpha P_r}{P_{ns}} > \frac{1}{2} \quad \tau < 1$$

$P_r$ : required load = 300 kips

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$$\alpha = 1.6 \quad P_r = 300 \text{ kips}$$

ASD

$$P_{ns} = A_g F_y \rightarrow$$

For non slender

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$$A_g = 15.80 \text{ inch}^2$$

(2) When  $\alpha P_r / P_{ns} > 0.5$

$$\tau_b = 4(\alpha P_r / P_{ns}) [1 - (\alpha P_r / P_{ns})]$$

$$F_y = 50 \text{ ksi}$$

$$P_{ns} = 15.8(50) = 790 \text{ kips}$$

$$\frac{\alpha P_r}{P_{ns}} = \frac{1.6(300)}{790} = 0.6076 > 0.50$$

$$\tau_b = 4 \left( \frac{\alpha P_r}{P_{ns}} \right) \left[ 1 - \frac{\alpha P_r}{P_{ns}} \right]$$

$$\tau_b = 4(0.6076)(1 - 0.6076) = 0.9537$$

(2) When  $\alpha P_r/P_{ns} > 0.5$

$$\tau_b = 4(\alpha P_r/P_{ns})[1 - (\alpha P_r/P_{ns})] \quad (C2-2b)$$

↓ our case

$$\alpha = 1.60$$

Use Table 4-13 ASD

ASD

$$\frac{P_n}{A} = \frac{300}{15.80} = 18.987 \text{ ksi}$$

ASD

$$F_y = 50 \text{ ksi}$$

Table 4-13  
Stiffness Reduction Factor

$\tau_b$

		$F_y, \text{ksi}$											
ASD	LRFD	35		36		46		50		65		70	
$\frac{P_u}{A}$	$\frac{P_u}{A}$	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD
20		0.313	0.980	0.393	0.980	0.847		0.922		1.00			
19		0.457	0.993	0.525	0.997	0.896		0.953					
18		0.583	0.999	0.640	1.00	0.936		0.977					
17		0.693	1.00	0.739		0.967		0.992					
16		0.786	1.00	0.822		0.987		0.999					
15		0.862	1.00	0.889		0.998		1.00					
14		0.922	1.00	0.940		0.999							
13		0.964	1.00	0.976		1.00							
12		0.991	1.00	0.996									
11		1.00	1.00	1.00									
10		1.00	1.00	1.00									

— Indicates the stiffness reduction parameter is not applicable because the required strength exceeds the available strength for  $L_c/r = 0$ .  
 $A = A_g$  for members not controlled by slender element buckling, in.<sup>2</sup>  
 $= A_e$  as defined in AISC Specification Section E7 for members controlled by slender element buckling, in.<sup>2</sup>

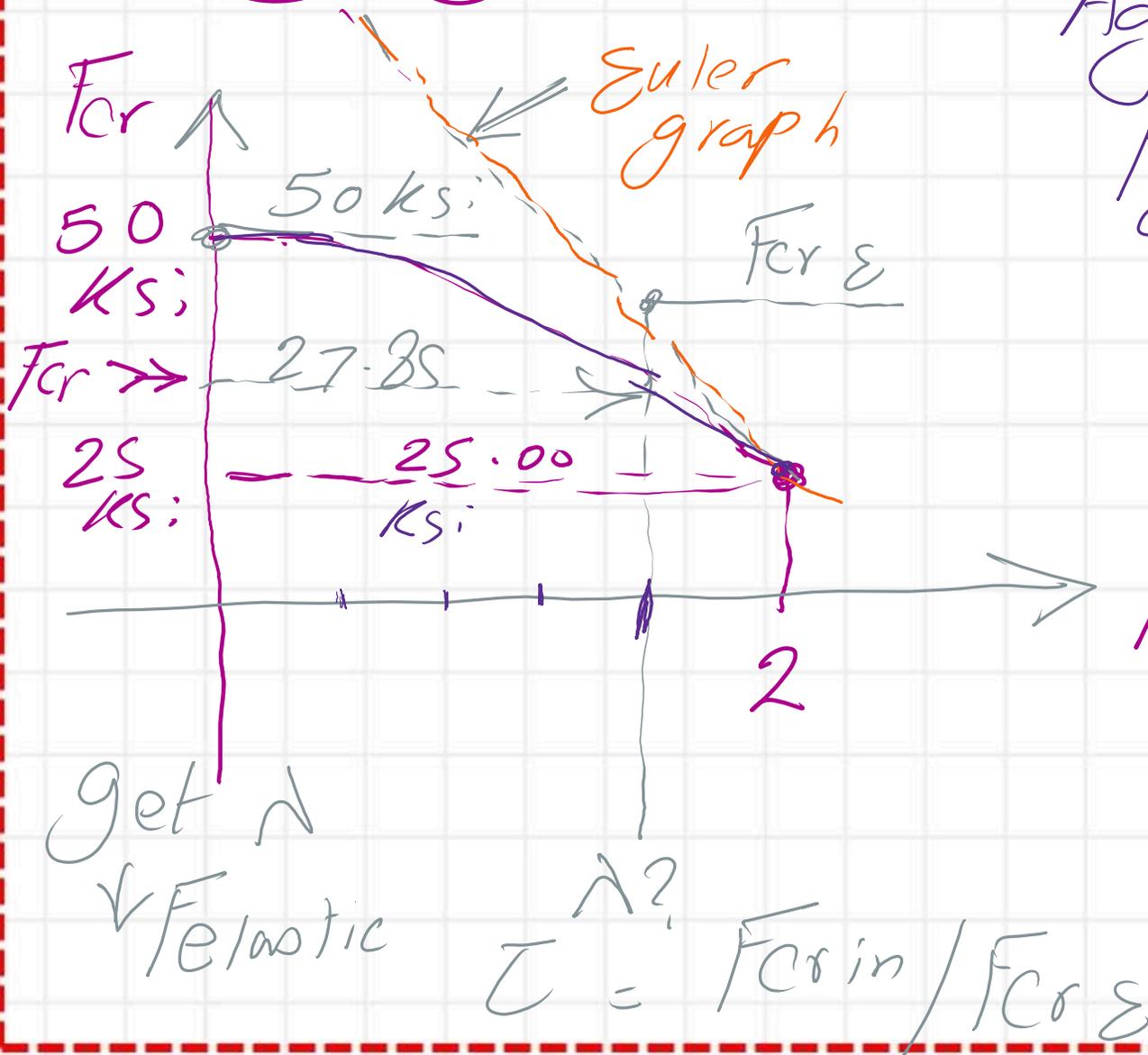
$\frac{P_u}{A}$   
 $\downarrow$  ksi  
 18.987  
 →  
 Close to 19 ksi

18.00 ksi:  $\Rightarrow 0.977$   
 19 ksi:  $\rightarrow 0.953$

$\tau_b \approx 0.953$

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For LRFD



$P_{ult} = 440 \text{ kips}$   
 $A_g = 15.80 \text{ inch}^2$

$F_{cr} = 27.848 \text{ kips}$

$F_y = 50 \text{ ksi}$

$F_{cr} = F_y \left(1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{4}\right)$

$\frac{27.85}{50} = 1 \left(1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{4}\right)$

$\lambda^2 = 4 \left(1 - \frac{27.85}{50}\right)$

$\lambda^2 = 1.772$

$$F_{cr_g} = F_y / N^2$$

$$= \frac{50}{1.772} = 28.22 \text{ ksi}$$

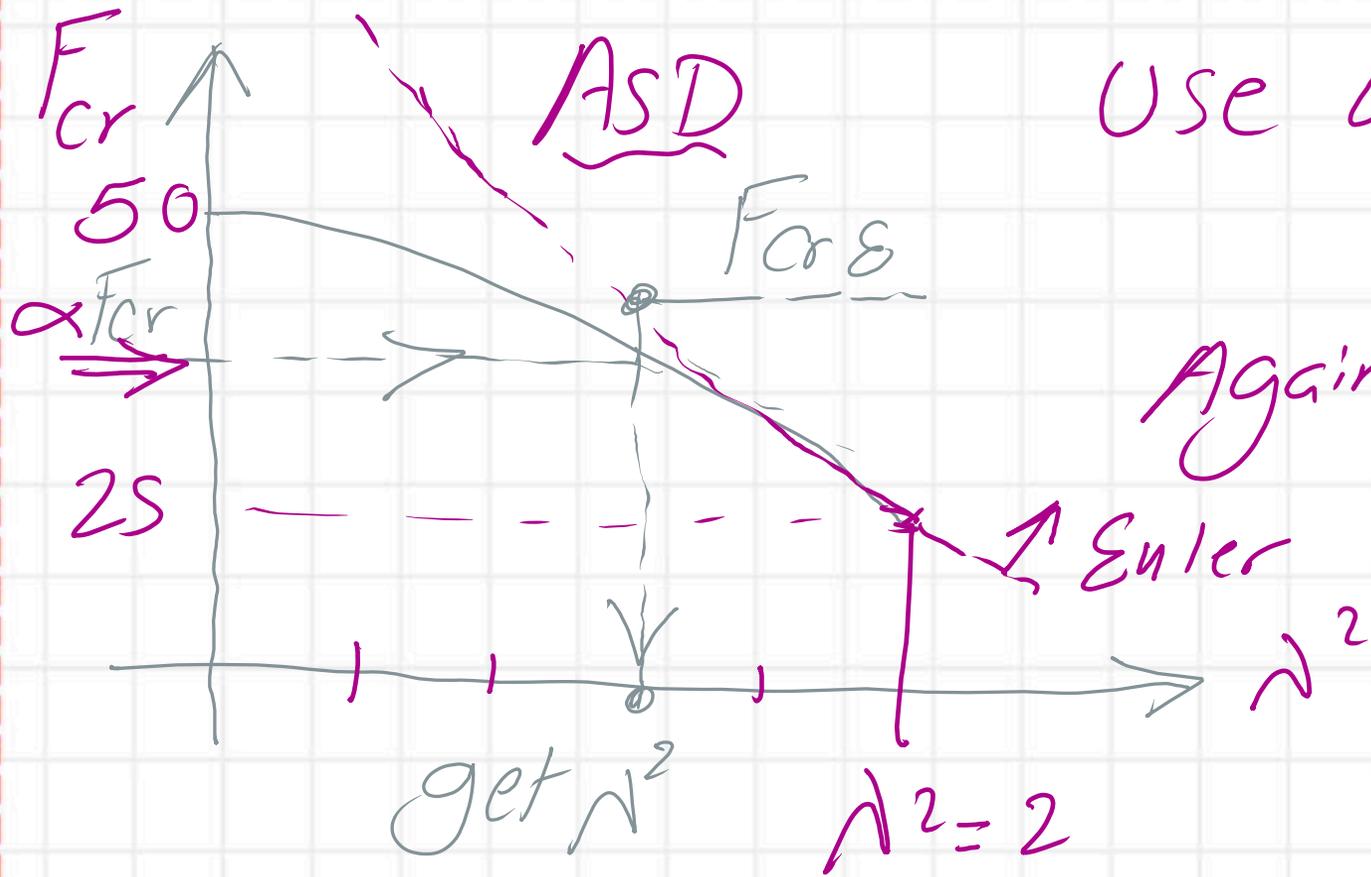
$$\tau = \frac{F_{cr_{in}}}{F_{cr_g}} = \frac{27.85}{28.22} = 0.987 \Rightarrow \text{matches}$$

While For ASD

$$P_T = 300 \text{ kips}$$

$$A_g = 15.80 \text{ kips}$$

$$F_{cr} = \frac{300}{15.80} = 18.99 \approx 19 \text{ ksi}$$



Use  $\alpha \frac{P_n}{A} = 1.6(19)$   
 $= 30.40 \text{ ksi}$

Again  $(\alpha F_{cr}) = F_y \left(1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{4}\right)$

$$\frac{30.40}{50} = 1 \left(1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{4}\right)$$

$$\lambda^2 = 4 \left(1 - \frac{30.40}{50}\right)$$

$$\lambda^2 = 1.568$$

$$F_{cr \text{ elastic}} = \frac{F_y}{\lambda^2} = \frac{50}{1.568} = 31.89 \text{ ksi}$$

$$U = \frac{F_{cr in}}{F_{cr E}} = \frac{30.40}{31.89} = 0.953 \Rightarrow \text{matches}$$

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