

## APPLICATION OF THE METHODS OF INITIAL PARAMETERS AND SUBSTITUTE CANTILEVER TO DYNAMIC ANALYSIS OF A MULTI - STOREY STEEL FRAMED BUILDING

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### ABSTRACT

Although Africa is largely within the earthquake-free zone of the World, recent events have shown that dangerous earth tremors were caused by earthquakes with epicenters at different locations in Africa. In this paper, a dynamic analysis of a 10-Storey building is discussed using a combination of:

1. The static method of P-delta analysis 2. Energy method of determining the minimum Eigenfrequency of the substitute cantilever and 3. The method of initial parameters.

It discusses the use of structural steel, through the application of deformations obtained from the static method of P - Delta analysis with a virtual force  $P = 1.0$  kN varied linearly from the top, to zero at the base as input or initial load. This, combined with the use of energy method for determining the minimum Eigenfrequency of the substitute cantilever and the method of initial parameters was used in a dynamic analysis of a ten-Storey building.

The result of the analysis shows that the maximum deformation (top drift) caused by the seismic load at the highest point of the building falls within conventionally acceptable limit recommended as adequate. The minimum total equivalent flexural rigidity, the frequency of oscillation, period and the first normal mode of characteristic shape were also determined before computing the design of a seismic loading corresponding to the seventh Richter scale.

### INTRODUCTION

Earth tremors with epicenters in Algeria, Zaire and a host of many other locations in Africa have caused a lot of damages to lives and property within their active

radii of action. It is however important to note that similar or even stronger earthquakes occurring in many other parts in the world where buildings, bridges and other structures were deliberately designed to cope with earthquakes, cause less devastation to structures there than in Africa. With the increasing trend in development of high-rise buildings in all part of Africa, the challenges to structural designers within this region has intensified

Shear- walls and walls acting in parallel with frames form efficient lateral load- resisting system in tall buildings. These can be constructed of either reinforced concrete or structural steel frames. Many structural steel frames with vertical braces serving as shear- walls common contain atleast one row of opening at every floor level, examples are corridors in administrative buildings and hotels which divide the wall into narrower wall segments interconnected by coupling or connecting beams (fig 1,a ). The effectiveness of coupled shear walls or vertically braced shear walls in resisting horizontal loading depends strongly on the rigidity of the coupling beams and the rational management of materials along the height of the building because of the geometric regularity of reinforced concrete coupled shear- walls and frames, and the large number of storeys, lateral load analysis is often made by means of continuous medium approach. Using this approach, stiffness properties of the discrete beams are replaced by an equivalent connecting continuum. Furthermore, the connecting medium is assumed to be incompressible. For systems with constant properties along the height, the problem is reduced to the solution of a linear differential equation with constant coefficients (Rutenberg et. al.1988).

The stability of a structure can be defined as its ability to recover from displacement induced by an applied force or disturbance. Both theoretical and

empirical studies have shown that any comprehensive and reliable method of considering the effect of frame instability should include; the effect of changes in the geometry of the structure (joint displacements) on the bonding moments and forces commonly called the P-delta effect, and the influence of axial force on member stiffness, which may be accomplished by using the so-called stability function (Iffland, 1978).

The lateral deflection of tall building and other similar structures due to earthquakes or wind is usually amplified by gravity loadings since the latter become eccentric. This second-order or P-delta effect may become significant in slender structures. An "exact" analysis for this effect can be made by means of "general computer programmes" but appropriate analysis can be made by suitable first order procedure (Rutenberg et al. 1981).

The objective of this paper is to present a method that determines the minimum Eigenfrequency of a substitute cantilever through the application of energy method and deformations obtained from the static P-delta analysis accomplished by using computer with a virtual force  $P = 1.0 \text{ kN}$  varied linearly from the top to zero at the base as input or initial load, this, combined with the simultaneous application of the method of initial parameters will be used to effect a dynamic analysis on a ten-storey administrative building.

This method will principally attempt to achieve structural stability by limiting the maximum top drift caused by the design seismic loadings to values recommended as conventionally acceptable. The minimum total equivalent moment of inertia, period, frequency of oscillation, first mode of characterise shape will also be determined before computing the resulting design seismic loading corresponding to the seventh Richter scale.

#### REASONS FOR THE TRANSITION FROM STRUCTURAL STATICS TO STRUCTURAL DYNAMICS

The fundamental concept on which structural statics is based, assume that external static loads are applied at specific positions. This means that although the acceleration of the natural inertia force which develops as a result of deformation causes additional loads, such loads are usually very small and can be neglected. Nevertheless, most loads acting on

building structures are dynamic in character. Furthermore, steel is elastic and since dynamic forces are time-dependent and cause vibrations and deformations of the structures, it is necessary to take into account the forces produced by the inertia of the accelerating masses.

Sometimes when attempting to analyse the effects of dynamic loads on structures, some engineers simply increase the factor of safety of the structural system, and apply the static approaches rather than applying the methods of structural dynamics (Varvanov, Part 2, chap. 1, 1975). This approach may result in either a very costly design or underdesign which will be very dangerous to the service life span of the structure. Since the actual magnitude of the forces, stresses and infact deformation cannot be ascertained, the application of the method of structural statics becomes inadequate for most practical realities. Hence the method of structural dynamics was developed as a more rational solution to some related engineering problems (Christev, 1974). Although, structural dynamics is based essentially on the same fundamental concept as structural statics, the former differs from the latter in that, the load applied may not be physically seen on the structure and are usually time-dependent causing vibration of the structural system (Varvanov, Part 2, chap. 1, 1975).

#### COORDINATE, LUMPED MASSES AND VIBRATION EQUATIONS

In a vibrating structure, the product of the mass of all the members and their acceleration represents distributed forces. This causes some difficulties. The difficulties involved in dynamic analysis of a specific elastic system depends first of all on the degrees of freedom of the system. This means the number of independent geometric parameters that describes the position of all masses for all possible displacements of the system at any moment in time. In statics, the degrees of freedom are counted for absolutely rigid disks and bars, whose strains are thus neglected. In dynamics however, it is the elastic or elasto-plastic strains that are taken into account when counting the degrees of freedom (Darkov et al. Chap. 15, 1975). For instance, a cantilevered beam with evenly distributed mass, an infinite number of coordinates are required to define the displacement configuration. If we imagine that the beam is lumped into two bodies

with the force-displacement properties of the cantilever unchanged and if we assume that the external forces causing the motion are applied at these two masses, then the deflected shape of the beam at any time can be completely determined by 12 coordinates, 6 at each masses. The idealised model which has 12 degrees of freedom may therefore conveniently be considered in dynamic problems in place of the actual structure (Ghali et al, chapter 23, 1978).

A more accurate representation can be obtained by using a larger number of masses at a closer interval and consequently requiring a greater number of coordinates. To demonstrate the use of lumped mass idealisation on a multi storey frame subjected to free vibration in its plane, the well known differential equation of undamped free vibration becomes

$$\frac{\partial^2(x,t)}{\partial t^2} + \frac{EI}{m} \frac{\partial^4(x,t)}{\partial x^4} = 0 \quad (1)$$

$y(x,t)$  represents the displacement as a function of  $x$  and  $t$ ;  $EI$ , the flexural rigidity and  $m$  an equivalent unit mass of the structural system (e.g.  $m = \text{mass}/\text{unit length}$ )

the solutions of this linear partial differential equation which describes the "standing wave" i.e Time-dependent shape of bending, constitute the basic mode of vibration and can be given in the form of a product of two functions, each depending on a single variable according to (Varvanov, Part 2 chap. iv, No.23, 1975), namely

$$Y(x,t) = X(x)T(t) \quad (2)$$

$$T(t) = A \sin(\omega t + \phi_0) \quad (3)$$

$$X(x) = B_1 \sin kx + B_2 \cos kx + B_3 \sinh kx + B_4 \cosh kx \quad (4)$$

$$K = \frac{m\omega^2}{EI} \quad (5)$$

$T(t)$  is a harmonic function of time and  $\omega$  represents the angular speed or cyclic frequency

$A$  - characterizes the range of oscillations and is described as amplitude of oscillations.

$\phi_0$  - is the initial phase of oscillations.

Equation (3) yields the same values of  $T(t)$  for  $t=t_1$ ,  $t=t_1+2\pi/\omega$ ,  $t=t_1+4\pi/\omega$ ,  $t=t_1+6\pi/\omega$  and therefore called the period( $T$ ), which is the duration of one full cycle of oscillations(in seconds.), this is expressed as;

$$T = 2\pi/\omega \quad (6)$$

$$\text{whereas, } \lambda = 1/T = \omega/2\pi \quad (7)$$

is the frequency of oscillations per unit time usually measured in Hertz (Hz),  $k$  is the dynamic characteristic of an elastic structural system and  $X(x)$  is a function of  $x$  which describes the elastic line of the deformed structure. This is usually assumed to be the functions that describes the standing wave. Since it is not dependent on time,  $B_1, B_2, B_3$  and  $B_4$  are all constants of integration which can only be determined through the end conditions of the structural systems under consideration through the end conditions of the structural systems under consideration through the method of initial parameters.

### THE METHOD OF INITIAL PARAMETERS FOR INVESTIGATING FREE VIBRATIONS ON AN ELASTIC STRUCTURAL SYSTEM.

The standing wave  $X(x)$  is the differential equations(1). A similar equation can be written as  $y(x)$  for a structure having its deformation perpendicular to system with the wave  $X(x)$  considering the following equation (Varvanov, part 2, chap. iv, NO.26, 1975

$$y'' - K^2 y = 0 \quad (8)$$

Its integral will be

$$y(x) = B_1 \sin Kx + B_2 \cos Kx + B_3 \sinh Kx + B_4 \cosh Kx \quad (9)$$

To be determined are four linearly independent functions at each row of the differential equation with each an integral of equation (8). They must all form fundamental system of integrals which are multiplied by logical constants which should sum up to be the general integral of equation (8), hence, it becomes logical to ask if  $\sin Kx$ ,  $\cos Kx$ ,  $\sinh Kx$  and  $\cosh Kx$  are the only functions required to form the fundamental system of integrals of the differential equation(8).

Is it not possible to create additional four linear independent functions which will give the same result of this differential equation (8). Krilov(1933) and Bezuhov(1939) gave the following positive answers

Because of the linearity of differential equation(8), and their system of fundamental integral which consists of four linear independent functions  $Ax$ ,  $Bx$ ,  $Cx$ , and  $Dx$  can be created and the equation becomes:

$$y(x) = C_1 A_x + C_2 B_x + C_3 C_x + C_4 D_x \quad (10)$$

Where,  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$ ,  $C_3$  and  $C_4$  are arbitrary integral constants. The meaning of this transformation is that, we

are creating  $A_x, B_x, C_x$  and  $D_x$  additional constants that give the solution of equation.....(10) with a more convenient practical benefit when compared to that provided by equation.....(9) will be determined in the form of the first fundamental system Krilov (1933), to ensure the linear independence of the functions:

$$A_x = \frac{1}{2} (\cosh kx + \cos kx) \quad \dots\dots\dots(11a)$$

$$B_x = \frac{1}{2} (\sinh kx + \sin kx) \quad \dots\dots\dots(11b)$$

$$C_x = \frac{1}{2} (\cosh kx - \cos kx) \quad \dots\dots\dots(11c)$$

$$D_x = \frac{1}{2} (\sinh kx - \sin kx) \quad \dots\dots\dots(11d)$$

Substituted...(11) into ..(10) and obtained the generalised amplitude displacement ( $y(x)$ ), rotation ( $\alpha(x)$ ), bending moment ( $M(x)$ ), and shear force ( $Q(x)$ ), from

$$\begin{aligned} EI y(x) &= \alpha(x) \\ EI y(x)' &= M(x) \\ EI y(x)'' &= Q(x) \quad \dots\dots\dots(12) \end{aligned}$$

as follows

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= C_1 A_x + C_2 B_x + C_3 C_x + C_4 D_x \\ \alpha(x) &= K (C_1 D_x + C_2 A_x + C_3 B_x + C_4 C_x) \\ M(x) &= EIK^2 (C_1 C_x + C_2 D_x + C_3 A_x + C_4 B_x) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$Q(x) = EIK^3 (C_1 B_x + C_2 C_x + C_3 D_x + C_4 A_x) \quad \dots\dots\dots(13)$$

For the initial conditions:

$$y(0) = y_0; \alpha(0) = \alpha_0; M(0) = M_0; Q(0) = Q_0 \quad \dots\dots\dots(14)$$

and from equation ..(13), the following constants are obtained,

$$C_1 = y_0; C_2 = \frac{\alpha_0}{K}; C_3 = \frac{M_0}{EIK^2}; C_4 = \frac{Q_0}{EIK^3} \quad \dots\dots\dots(15)$$

If equation (15) is substituted in ...(13),

$$y(x) = y_0 A_x + \frac{\alpha_0}{K} B_x + \frac{M_0}{EIK^2} C_x + \frac{Q_0}{EIK^3} D_x \quad \dots\dots\dots(16a)$$

$$\alpha(x) = Ky_0 D_x + \alpha_0 A_x + \frac{M_0}{EIK} B_x + \frac{Q_0}{EIK^2} C_x \quad \dots\dots\dots(16b)$$

$$M(x) = EIK^2 y_0 C_x + EIK \alpha_0 D_x + M_0 A_x + \frac{Q_0}{K} B_x \quad \dots\dots\dots(16c)$$

and

$$Q(x) = EIK^3 y_0 B_x + EIK^2 \alpha_0 C_x + KM_0 D_x + Q_0 A_x \quad \dots\dots\dots(16d)$$

Equations (16a,b,c,d) constitutes the set of equations used in the method of initial parameters.

## DETERMINATION OF THE GEOMETRIC AND DYNAMIC PARAMETERS FOR THE SUBSTITUTE CANTILEVER

Fig 1a,b shows the cross - section and substitute cantilever of the 10- storey building under consideration. By assuming a substitute cantilever as the main structural model, from equation ... (5),

$$\omega = K \sqrt{\frac{EI}{m}} \quad \dots\dots\dots(17a)$$

and

$$\omega_1 = \frac{U_1}{r^2} \sqrt{\frac{EI}{m}} \quad \dots\dots\dots(17b)$$

where  $U_1 = K_1 I$  known as dynamic parameter and  $K$  is the spring constant.

This frequency spectrum indeed contains an infinite number of frequencies related to one another as squares of integers of the natural numbers. Each frequency represents the corresponding mode of vibrations i.e. the shape of a standing wave. Whereas, the total number of possible modes of free oscillation in an elastic system is equal to the degree of freedom in the system. In practical situations, it is often sufficient to determine the minimum frequency of the spectrum, as constituting maximum danger in the sense of coming into resonance with the oscillating load. The fact is, first of all the resonance at the lowest frequency results in maximum dynamic effect. Therefore the lowest frequency is often referred to as the fundamental tone of vibrations, (Darkov et al. 1979, pp. 569).

$$\omega_1 = \omega_{min} = \frac{U^2}{L^2} \sqrt{\frac{EI}{m}} \quad \dots\dots\dots(17c)$$

Where  $m$  is the intensity applied load i.e. mass/unit length. This dynamic parameter ( $U$ ) is determined by considering the initial parameters of the substitute cantilever from the following conditions.

$x=0$ , displacement and rotation are both equal to zero, hence  $y_0 = 0; \alpha_0 = 0$ ,

similarly at  $x = l$

shear force and bending moment are also equal to zero, and from equation.....(16)

$$M(l) = M_0 A_{0,kl} + \frac{Q_0}{K} B_{0,kl} = 0$$

$$Q(l) = KM_0 D_{0,kl} + Q_0 A_{0,kl} = 0 \quad \dots\dots\dots(18)$$

These equations will only produce a non - zero amplitudes if the determinant constituting the

coefficients of the amplitudes are equal to zero, that is if

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{KX} & B_{KX} \\ KD_{KX} & A_{KX} \end{bmatrix} \dots\dots\dots(19a)$$

$$A_{KX}^2 - B_{KX}D_{KX} - KX = 0 \dots\dots\dots(19b)$$

Since  $X = i$ , and  $Ki = U$

$$A_{Ki}^2 - B_{Ki}D_{Ki} = 0 \dots\dots\dots(19c)$$

$$\text{Cosh}U \text{Cos} U = -1 \dots\dots\dots(19d)$$

$U_{\min} = U_1 = 1.875$ ,  $U_2 = 4.69$  and  $U_3 = 7.863$  are the dynamic parameters corresponding only to a cantilever. Their present values are in radians and or in degrees are equal to 107.43, 284.187 and 450.8(90.8)

Darkov et al., 1979, pp. 578, As it is shown under the law of energy conservation, the sum of potential (P) and Kinetic (V) energies of and oscillating system is constant.

$$P + V = \text{Const.} \dots\dots\dots(20)$$

Within each cycle of oscillation, energy of one kind is transferred into the other. The potential energy reaches its maximum and velocity and kinetic energy diminishes to zero, at the time of maximum deflection of the mass.

When the mass passes through the point of equilibrium, the potential energy of strain (more precisely, the increment of potential energy as compared to its value at static equilibrium position) is zero, while the kinetic energy reaches its maximum level,  $V_{\max}$ . Since minimum values of both potential and kinetic energies equal zero, equation (20) signifies that

$$P_{\max} = V_{\max} \dots\dots\dots(21)$$

Substituting the expressions for energy into this equation leads to the determination of frequencies of vibrations. If we know the mode of vibrations, i.e. the shape of the elastic string (line) in advance, equation (21) would yield the strict solution of the problem. An appropriate solution of a problem can be obtained by choosing a dynamic elastic string, i.e. a standing wave curve, with an arbitrary equation  $y = f(x)$  satisfying boundary conditions. For example, this could be the equation of the bent axis of the substitute cantilever subjected to static load corresponding to the included concentrated masses. This technique is hereby applied to determine the lowest frequency. The

closer the shape of the elastic string to that realised in vibrations with the frequency of interest, the higher the accuracy of the sought frequency. Potential energy of bending strain of the substitute cantilever with concentrated masses can be expressed in terms of the work done by external forces  $Q_i = m_i g$  on displacement  $y_i$  (Darkov et., 1979 pp. 577-8)

$$P_{\max} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n Q_i y_i = \frac{g}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n m_i y_i \dots\dots\dots(22)$$

Where  $n$  is the number of masses. In order to find the maximum value of kinetic energy, it is necessary to determine the maximum velocity. Assuming that, a mass at an arbitrary moment of time  $t$  has the velocity

$$v_i = y_i \omega \cos(\omega t + \phi_i) \dots\dots\dots(23a)$$

the maximum velocity corresponding to  $\cos(\omega t + \phi_i) = 1$  is

$$V_{\max} = y_i \omega \dots\dots\dots(23b)$$

The sought kinetic energy is then

$$V_{\max} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n m_i V_{\max}^2 = \omega^2 \sum_{i=1}^n m_i y_i^2 \dots\dots\dots(24)$$

By equating  $P_{\max}$  and  $V_{\max}$  we derive the formula for calculating the frequency ( $\omega$ ) of interest

From

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{g \sum_{i=1}^n m_i y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i y_i^2}} \dots\dots\dots(25)$$

For the lumped or concentrated masses along the height of the building. These values have been provided by the static analysis (using the computer obtained P - delta effect) of virtual forces  $P = 1.0$  kN at the highest point of the building and varied linearly to zero at the base as shown in fig 1a.

Malook et al. (1983), the dynamic factor ( $\beta$ ) is given by

$$\beta = 0.7/T \dots\dots\dots(26)$$

Period (T) is to be taken as the mean of the the theoretical and empirical (or 0.1n) values (Bowles, 1981).

For most practical cases,  $0.8 \leq \beta \leq 2.4$  is recommended (Malook et al. 1983). The seismic loading or forces ( $F_k$ ) corresponding to this frequency at any floor or normal mode of characteristic shape is given by

$$F_k = Q_k K_c i_o \beta i_{n_k} \dots\dots\dots(27)$$

$$M_o = \frac{y(i) E I K^2}{C_{ki} \frac{A D}{B_{ki}}} = 392270 \text{ kNm}$$

$$Q_o = \frac{K A M_{ks}}{B_{ks}} = -14984.72 \text{ kN}$$

$$y(x) = 0.01006 C_{sk} = 0.00737 D_{ks}$$

$$\eta_{ik} = A X_{ik} = 149.7 X_{ik}$$

Since the period  $T = 0.1692$  sec or  $0.1n = 0.1 \times 10 = 1.0$

$$T_m = \frac{0.169.1}{2} = 0.58 \text{ Sec}$$

$$\beta_1 = \frac{0.7}{0.585} = 1.20, K_o = 0.033, i_o = 1.37$$

Therefore,  $F_{ik} = 149.742 \eta_{ik}$

$$m = 76.67 \text{ kN} \frac{S^2}{m^2}, Q_x = 2760.12 \text{ kN} \frac{S^2}{m}$$

Table 1 also shows the computed values of  $\eta_{ik}$  and consequently the value of  $F_{ik}$  and their corresponding displacements. The maximum allowable displacement  $5.792 \times 10^{-2}$  meters which is less than  $6.0 \times 10^{-2}$  meters the maximum allowable displacement

TABLE 1

| Node Nos. | Nodal Displacements caused by virtual force | Standing wave          | First mode of characteristic shape | Seismic force at floor level | Nodal displacements caused by seismic load | Limiting values of displacement as recommended by the code |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| i         | yi(m)                                       | $X_{ik} = y(x)$        | $\eta_{ik}$                        | Fik (kN)                     | $\delta i$ (m)                             | $\delta i$ (m)                                             |
| 1         | 0                                           | 0                      | 0                                  | 0                            | 0                                          | 0                                                          |
| 5         | $6.074 \times 10^{-4}$                      | $1.59 \times 10^{-4}$  | $2.38 \times 10^{-2}$              | 3.56                         | $2.34 \times 10^{-3}$                      |                                                            |
| 9         | $1.4284 \times 10^{-3}$                     | $6.506 \times 10^{-4}$ | $9.74 \times 10^{-2}$              | 14.60                        | $15.86 \times 10^{-3}$                     |                                                            |
| 13        | $2.3708 \times 10^{-3}$                     | $1.39 \times 10^{-3}$  | $2.08 \times 10^{-1}$              | 31.16                        | $1.03 \times 10^{-2}$                      |                                                            |
| 17        | $3.4019 \times 10^{-3}$                     | $2.31 \times 10^{-3}$  | $3.46 \times 10^{-1}$              | 51.81                        | $1.561 \times 10^{-2}$                     |                                                            |
| 21        | $4.5034 \times 10^{-3}$                     | $3.44 \times 10^{-3}$  | $5.15 \times 10^{-2}$              | 77.12                        | $2.17 \times 10^{-2}$                      |                                                            |
| 25        | $5.6544 \times 10^{-3}$                     | $4.65 \times 10^{-3}$  | $6.96 \times 10^{-2}$              | 104.24                       | $2.84 \times 10^{-2}$                      |                                                            |
| 29        | $6.8122 \times 10^{-3}$                     | $5.96 \times 10^{-3}$  | $8.922 \times 10^{-1}$             | 133.6                        | $3.56 \times 10^{-2}$                      |                                                            |
| 33        | $7.9956 \times 10^{-3}$                     | $7.22 \times 10^{-3}$  | 1.081                              | 161.87                       | $4.33 \times 10^{-2}$                      |                                                            |
| 37        | $9.1214 \times 10^{-3}$                     | $7.823 \times 10^{-3}$ | 1.171                              | 175.25                       | $5.07 \times 10^{-2}$                      |                                                            |
| 41        | $1.01852 \times 10^{-2}$                    | $1.01 \times 10^{-2}$  | 1.512                              | 226.00                       | $5.792 \times 10^{-2}$                     | $6.0 \times 10^{-2}$                                       |

## CONCLUSION

In this paper, data obtained from a static analysis provided by a software capable of solving P - delta or finite element related problems were used as initial parameters for dynamic analysis of a high rise (10 - storey) building. The initial load that was applied on the structural system was  $p = 1.0 \text{ kN}$  at the top, varied linearly to zero at the base. This load model actually served as virtual load used to simulate the effect of earthquakes on the chosen structural sections at various levels and locations along the structural system. From this mode of loading, it was discovered that using more materials may not necessarily mean a more stable structure and vice - versa. Rational management and arrangement of structural elements actually influence greater stability, hence, the choice of assuming varied structural sections along the height of the building. The determination of the cyclic or fundamental tone frequency of vibration was realised through the energy method for determining the eigenfrequency for the substitute cantilever. From this result, the equivalent minimum total moment of inertia that ensures stability of the model was determined. Similarly, the frequency of oscillation and the corresponding seismic loading were computed and used to test whether or not structural sections provided for the frame and diagonal braces ensured the code requirements for drift limit, interstorey drift and relative lateral displacements at storey levels are not exceeded.

The illustrative example solved with this method on the shear-wall vertically braced frame fig. 1a, shows that the beam connecting the two rows serves as the core of the structural frame for both vertical and lateral loads, hence, it is recommended to be adequately rigid to reduce excessive deflection and to enable the structure satisfy the fundamental stability requirements of the codes. In addition, because of the difficulties associated with correct predication of the epicenter and its proximity to the building, a coefficient  $\alpha = 1.37$  has been proposed for high rise buildings. The comparison of the results obtained by this method for the determination of the period etc. with those from RISA-2D developed by SUNOMA Engineers shows a very good compliance.

With a satisfactory testing of this procedure, a programme algorithm can now be developed to make it a complete software for solving a number of engineering problems.

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| SYMBOL | STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS | SYMBOL | NODES DESCRIBING THE ELEMENTS                        | SECTION TYPE  |
|--------|---------------------|--------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1      | COLUMN              | C-1    | 1-17, 2-18, 3-19, 4-20                               | W:4 x 131     |
| 2      | COLUMN              | C-2    | 17-29, 18-30, 19-31, 20-32                           | W:4 x 62      |
| 3      | COLUMN              | C-3    | 29-41, 30-42, 31-43, 32-44                           | W:4 x 50      |
| 4      | B.EAM               | B-1    | 5, 6, 41, 42, 7, 8, 43, 44                           | W14 x 30      |
| 5      | BEAM (P.C.)         | B-2    | 6, 7, 42, 43                                         | W:4 x 117     |
| 6      | PAV. ORN. BRIDGE    | DB1    | 1, 2, 3, 21, 26, 22, 25 & 3, 8, 4, 7, 23, 28, 24, 27 | 11.5 x 5 x 14 |
| 7      | PAV. ORN. BRIDGE    | DB2    | 25, 30, 26, 29, 37, 42, 38, 41 & 20, 44, 40, 43      | 11.5 x 5 x 8  |

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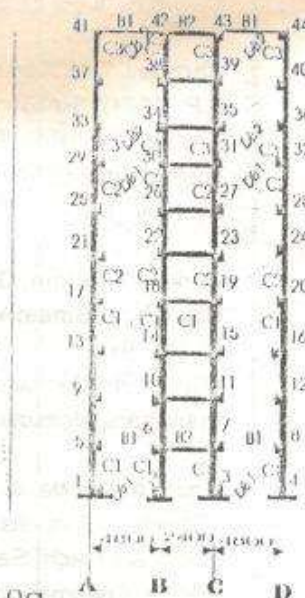


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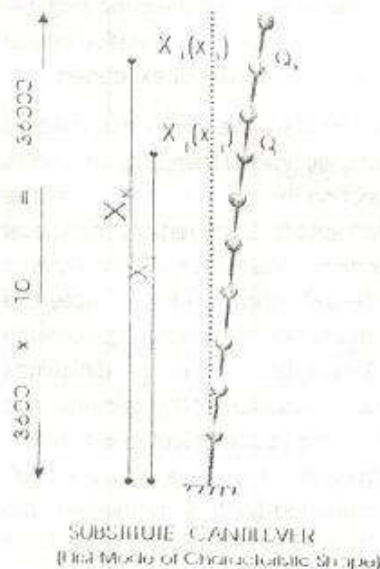


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