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Buckling of Long Column

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Abstract

In this chapter a procedure for experimental determination of critical load of a long column is presented. Numerical results for six specimens have been presented and compared with the theoretical value.

Keywords: Buckling, column, experimental, Southwell plot, critical load.

1. Introduction

When a compressive load is applied to a structure towards one end to another, the displacement in transverse axis will occur. The structure is said to buckle.

The maximum compression or axial load that the structure can resist when it is on the verge of buckling is called the *critical load*. It is represented as P_{cr}. Critical load may also be defined as the intermediate value of load between the load for stable equilibrium and unstable equilibrium. So it is called neutral equilibrium. Stable equilibrium is the situation where the deflection caused of buckling will restore to its equilibrium condition when no load being applied to it. Unstable equilibrium is a condition when the load is applied, the deflection will occur and it will not be restored to its original position. Any additional loading will cause