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Theoretical and Experimental Analyses of Members Made of Materials That Creep

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Progress in technology requires more efficient utilization of materials by the engineer. Hence the engineer in designing a load-carrying member must be informed as to the various properties of the materials and also as to the design procedures for making use of these properties. One property which has become increasingly important in design is creep. The design procedures, as well as the experimental data, presented in this bulletin should aid in alleviating some of the difficulties in the problem of design for creep.

As the authors see it, the problem of design for creep is that of predicting the load and resulting deformation of a load-carrying member necessary to produce a specified strain in the most strained fibers of the member in a specified time. An exact analysis requires that the stress-strain-time-temperature relation be known for the material. Usually the problem is simplified by assuming constant temperature; however, even then the stress-strain-time relation is not known for real materials. This means that the design procedure must be based on certain approximations. In general, investigators in this field have made 1 or 2 types of approximations. One is to idealize the material so that the stress-straintime relation is known, and the other is to assume that the stress-strain-time relation for the material is given by the constant stress-creep curves.

In idealizing the material, some investiga $tors^{(1, 2, 3)*}$ have assumed that the material was viscoelastic and could be represented by various models composed of springs and dashpots. In deriving load-deflection relations for beams and eccentrically loaded columns, Kempner in one paper⁽¹⁾ assumed that the material could be represented by linear springs and dashpots, and, in another paper,⁽²⁾ by a linear spring and nonlinear dashpot. In treating the column problem, Hilton⁽³⁾ assumed that the column was made of a generalized viscoelastic material. One of the difficulties in idealizing the material lies in the fact that a model which

* Superscript numbers in parentheses refer to corresponding entries in the bibliography

approximates closely the material behavior is too complex to be easily analyzed.

Based on the assumption that the stress-straintime relation for the material is given by the constant stress-creep curves, two different approaches have been used in deriving theoretical load-deflection relations for beams and eccentrically loaded members for which the action line of the loads is parallel to the axis of the member. In one approach an equation is sought which will represent a family of creep curves such as those shown in Figure 1. The other approach considers design for a specified time t_1 . From the intersection of a vertical line AB (Fig. 1) with the creep curves for time t_1 a plot may be obtained for corresponding values of stress and strain as shown in Figure 2. This plot is called the isochronous stress-strain diagram for time t_1 and is used in the derivation of the theoretical relations for time t_1 .

In attempting to find a relation which would represent a family of creep curves, many investigators^(4, 5, 6, 7) have neglected the nonlinear first

Figure 1. Typical creep curves

Figure 2. Typical isochronous stress-strain diagram

stage of the creep curve and have assumed the time dependence of creep to be a linear function of time. Theories based on this analysis cannot be used to predict behavior of members loaded for only a short time. Other investigators^{$(7, 8, 9, 10)$} have considered the fact that creep is a nonlinear function of time. Pao and Marin⁽⁸⁾ assumed that the stress-straintime relations in tension and compression are identical and are defined by the relation

$$
\epsilon = \frac{\sigma}{E} + K \sigma^{\alpha} (1 - e^{-qt}) + \beta \sigma^{n} t \qquad (1)
$$

where ϵ is total strain, σ is stress, t is time, and E, K , α , q , n , and β are experimental constants. Findley, Poczatek, and Mathur^(9,10) assumed that the stress-strain-time relation in tension and compression could be represented by an equation of the form

$$
\sigma = \sigma_0 \sinh^{-1} \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0' + m' t^n}
$$
 (2)

in which ϵ_0' , m', n, and σ_0 are experimental constants which may be different for tension and compression. This expression was found to give an excellent representation of creep data for several plastics. It should be noted that the stress dependence in Equation 2 is of the same form as that in the activation energy theory advanced by Kauzmann.⁽¹¹⁾ In a recent book by Finnie and Heller,⁽⁷⁾ several of the

relations, which have been proposed to represent the creep curves, are discussed relative to their use in the design of load-carrying members.

If the time variable is assumed constant, Equation 2 becomes

$$
\sigma = \sigma_0 \sinh^{-1} \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0}.
$$
 (3)

Equation 3 represents the isochronous stress-strain diagram in Figure 2 if Equation 2 represents the creep curves in Figure 1. It will be noted that Equation 3 has 2 variables instead of 3 and only 2 experimental constants must be determined instead of 4. Experimental constants σ_0 and ϵ_0 in Equation 3 may be different for different values of time; however, σ_0 will have to remain constant if Equation 2 is used. Hence, Equation 3 will in general give a better approximation of the isochronous stress-strain diagram than either Equation 1 or 2 will approximate the creep curves.

Carlson and Manning^{(12)} used the isochronous stress-strain diagrams of the material to derive theoretical buckling loads for eccentrically loaded columns; however, they did not represent the diagrams by an arc hyperbolic sine curve (Eq. 3). They found the theory to be conservative by 20% to 60% . This great difference between the theoretical and experimental collapse loads is believed to result from the fact that the isochronous stressstrain diagrams obtained from compression creep specimens were probably in error. The authors have undertaken many investigations in recent years^(13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21) and have found that theories based on Equation 3 adequately predicted the experimental results.

B. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this investigation may be summarized as follows:

1. To present a theory for predicting the loaddeflection curves for beams, centrally loaded columns, and eccentrically loaded tension members and columns, based on the arc hyperbolic sine curve representation of the isochronous stress-strain diagram.

2. To bring together the results of several experimental investigations comparing theoretical and experimental load-deflection curves for metal members at elevated temperatures and for plastic members in a controlled atmosphere room.

3. To consider the suitability of using a modi-

fied secant formula for predicting the collapse loads and the maximum deflections of eccentrically loaded columns made of materials that creep.

In the development of the theory referred to as the arc hyperbolic sine theory, simplifying approximations were used. A qualitative analysis of the effect of these approximations is presented to determine whether they will make the theory conservative or nonconservative. A theoretical analysis is presented for a general I-section member made of a material whose isochronous stress-strain diagrams in tension and compression are identical and can be represented by Equation 3. Using the theory, dimensionless moment vs. angle-change curves were constructed for beams to be used in the design of beams for either strength or deflection. Also, 2 families of dimensionless curves were constructed for eccentrically loaded members (tension members) or columns for which the action line of the loads is parallel to the axis of the member). One family of curves is used to locate the neutral axis of the eccentrically loaded member and to determine the deflection. The other family of curves is used to calculate the load once the neutral axis has been located. Except for the rectangular section, these families of curves have to be constructed for each cross-section having different relative dimensions. If the initial eccentricity is less than 5% , a modified secant formula may be used to compute the collapse load and column deflection without the use of these families of curves.

The experimental part of the investigation included tests of members made of two plastics and two metals. High pressure canvas laminate and Zytel 101 nylon members were tested in a controlled-atmosphere room, 17-7PH stainless steel members were tested at 972° F. and Ti 155A titanium alloy members were tested at 772° F. Tension and compression creep specimens were subjected to constant loads in order to obtain the experimental constants for Equation 3. The beams and eccentrically loaded members had either a rectangular section or a T-section in order to check the validity of the theory for various cross-sections.

The duration of each test for test members made

of plastics was 1,000 hours or until collapse in the case of the columns. In the investigations of members made of canvas laminate, constant load tests were made on 4 beams subjected to pure bending, 8 statically indeterminate beams, 4 eccentrically loaded tension members, and 27 eccentrically loaded columns with slenderness ratios of 30, 50, and 70 and initial eccentricities of 2% , 5% , and 25% of their depths. Nylon test members were limited to 4 straight beams and 4 eccentrically loaded tension members. In all cases good agreement was found between the experimental data and the arc hyperbolic sine theory.

Only short-time tests were considered for the metal members. Except for the columns which buckled at various intervals of time, the test duration was 30 minutes for all test members. Constant load tests were made on 11 eccentrically loaded tension members and 29 eccentrically loaded columns made of 17-7 PH stainless steel. The columns had slenderness ratios of 50, 60, 75, and 100 and were subjected to initial eccentricities of 5% and 25% of their depths. Good agreement was found between the arc hyperbolic sine theory and the experimental data.

The test members made of Ti 155A titanium alloy were subjected to 2 different aging temperatures in their heat treatment. Three eccentrically loaded tension members and 20 eccentrically loaded columns were aged at 1085° F.; the columns had slenderness ratios of 50, 60, 75, and 100 and were subjected to initial eccentricities of 5% and 25% of their depths. Four columns were aged at 972° F.; they had a slenderness ratio of 75 and were subjected to initial eccentricities of 5% and 25% of their depths. In the case of the titanium alloy, the inelastic deformation was primarily time independent, and the isochronous stress-strain diagram could best be approximated by 2 straight lines. Consequently, the experimental data were analyzed using the interaction curve - moment-load curve theory presented in a previous bulletin.⁽²²⁾ Good agreement was found between theory and experiment.

II. THEORY

This section presents the theoretical relations necessary to construct theoretical load-deformation curves for beams and eccentrically loaded members for which the action line of the loads is parallel to the axis of the member. Two different theories are considered.

If the inelastic deformation of the material is time-dependent creep, the isochronous stress-strain diagram of the material is represented by an arc hyperbolic sine curve, Equation 3. The theory based on this stress-strain diagram is called the arc hyperbolic sine theory. A discussion of the assumptions necessary to develop this theory will be presented, followed by the derivations of the necessary theoretical relations.

If the deformation of the material is predominantly time independent, the isochronous stressstrain diagram of the material can be more accurately approximated by 2 straight lines. The theory for this stress-strain representation is called the interaction curve - moment-load curve theory. Since this theory was presented in a previous bulletin,⁽²²⁾ only the derived relations will be presented herein.

A. ASSUMPTIONS

Theoretical relations will be derived to predict the load-deflection curves of beams and eccentrically loaded members made of materials that creep. The assumptions made in this theory for timedependent inelastic deformation will be the same as that made in a previous bulletin⁽²²⁾ for time independent inelastic deformation. In deriving the theoretical relations, 3 assumptions were made:

1. Plane sections remain plane.

2. The stress-strain relation for each fiber of a beam or eccentrically loaded member is the same as that obtained from tension and compression specimens.

3. The deflected configuration of the eccentrically loaded member is either a segment of a circle or a cosine curve.

The first assumption is usually made by all

investigators. The second assumption is also generally accepted by all investigators as long as the inelastic deformation is time independent.

In case the inelastic deformation is time dependent creep, an isochronous stress-strain diagram for a specified time can be obtained from constantstress tension or compression creep curves. For a theory based on this stress-strain diagram it is assumed that the stress in any fiber of a member does not change with time. Since the stress distribution in beams and eccentrically loaded members changes with time as the result of creep, the second assumption, listed above, introduces an error into the theory. In the most strained fibers of beams and eccentrically loaded tension members subjected to constant load, the stress decreases with time from some value σ_1 to the final value σ (corresponding to the specified time) so that the strain in the most strained fibers of the beam corresponding to stress σ is greater than that obtained from tension or compression specimens subjected to constant stress σ for the same duration of time. Thus, the deflection in these members is greater than that predicted by the theory. In contrast to the beams and eccentrically loaded tension member, the assumption results in a conservative estimate of the deflection for eccentrically loaded columns.

The load and moment at various sections of the eccentrically loaded member are related through the configuration of the deformed member, since the moment at a given section is equal to the product of the load and the distance from the action line of the load to the centroid of the section. The exact configuration of the member is difficult if not impossible to obtain; therefore, 2 different approximations of the configuration of the member are considered as indicated by the third assumption. The assumption that the member deforms into a segment of a circle requires that every section of the eccentrically loaded member be subjected to the same moment as the central section. For an eccentrically loaded tension member, the central section has the smallest eccentricity. Since every other section has a greater moment than that assumed

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Figure 3. I-section member showing dimensions of cross-section loading arrangement and strain distribution

by the theory, the theoretical deflection will be nonconservative (i.e. less than actual). In the case of eccentrically loaded columns, the central section has the largest moment; therefore, the theoretical moment at all other sections will be greater than actual, and the theoretical deflection will be conservative (i.e. greater than actual). The segment of circle assumption is exact if the initial eccentricity approaches infinity; conversely, the error becomes large for small initial eccentricities.

In many cases, the initial eccentricity of columns is small and so the error introduced by the segment of circle assumption is too large although conservative. If the column is assumed to deform into a cosine curve, the theoretical moment at the end is assumed to be zero while the actual moment at the end is equal to the product of the load and the initial eccentricity. For this assumption the theoretical moment at every section except the central section is less than actual, and the theoretical deflection will be nonconservative (i.e. less than actual). If the initial eccentricity of the column is small, the cosine curve assumption gives an accurate estimate of the column deflection.

The second assumption introduces an error into the theory for beams, while the second and third assumptions introduce errors into the theory for eccentrically loaded members. The beam test data indicate that the error is not large and that the theory can be made conservative in most cases by reducing the theoretical load by 5%. The test data for the eccentrically loaded members indicate that good agreement will be found between theory and experiment if the theoretical load is decreased by

10% for eccentrically loaded tension members assumed to deflect into a segment of a circle and increased by 10% for eccentrically loaded columns assumed to deflect into a cosine curve.

B. ARC HYPERBOLIC SINE THEORY

If the inelastic deformation of a member is completely time dependent, i.e., due to creep, the isochronous stress-strain diagram of the material can be accurately approximated in most cases by an arc hyperbolic sine curve relation represented by Equation 3. Using this relation between stress and strain, theoretical relations will be derived in this article for constructing load-deflection curves for beams and eccentrically loaded members.

It is assumed that the problem in design for creep is to determine the load and resulting deflection necessary to produce a specified strain in the most strained fibers of a member in a given time. Consider the general I-section member shown in Figure 3. The member is subjected to a load P and moment M necessary to produce a strain ϵ_1 in the most strained fibers and to locate the neutral axis at a distance *qht* from the most strained fibers. With the strain distribution known, the stress distribution is obtained using Equation 3, and the magnitude of P and M can be determined from the equations of equilibrium.

$$
P = \int \sigma \, da \tag{4}
$$

$$
M = \int (y - d) \sigma \, da \tag{5}
$$

In integrating these equations, it is convenient to

Figure 4. Dimensionless curves for obtaining bending moment and angle change in beams

make ϵ the variable instead of y by using geometrical relations. Equations 4 and 5 integrate into the following equations:

$$
P = \frac{\sigma_0 q h t^2}{K} \left[b_1 B_K - (b_1 - 1) B_{\frac{q h \cdot v}{q h}} \right] + (b_2 - 1) B_{\frac{q h \cdot v}{q h}} - b_2 B_{\frac{q \cdot 1}{q} K} \right]
$$
(6)

$$
M = \frac{\sigma_0 q^2 h^2 t^3}{K^2} \left[b_1 C_K - (b_1 - 1) C_{\frac{qh - v}{qh}} \right. \\
\left. + (b_2 - 1) C_{\frac{qh - u}{q}} - b_2 C_{\frac{q - 1}{q}} K \right] \\
- (q - \beta) P h t \tag{7}
$$

in which $K = \epsilon_1/\epsilon_0$. In these equations the functions B_N and C_N are defined as follows:

$$
B_N = N \log_e (N + \sqrt{N^2 + 1}) - \sqrt{N^2 + 1}
$$
 (8)

$$
C_N = \frac{1}{4} \left[(1 + 2N^2) \log_e (N + \sqrt{N^2 + 1}) - N \sqrt{N^2 + 1} \right]
$$
\n(9)

in which N represents the various subscripts for B and C in Equations 6 and 7. Four-place tables of B_N and C_N are given in appendix A. The values in these tables are for positive values of N ; in case N is negative, $B_{(-N)} = B_{(+N)}$ and $C_{(-N)} = -C_{(+N)}$.

Equations 6 and 7 are sufficient to analyze beams made of materials that creep. If the load P is assumed zero for a specified strain ϵ_1 , Equation 6 is used to locate the neutral axis, and the moment is determined by using Equation 7. Additional relations are needed for the eccentrically loaded members, since the load and moment are related through the initial eccentricity and the deflection.

Equations 6 and 7 are based on the assumption that the properties of the material are the same for

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Figure 5. Family of curves for a rectangular-section member used in determining the value of q

tension and compression. More general equations are available in the literature (14) ; however, it is recommended that the average isochronous stressstrain diagram be used in predicting the load and deflection for beams. Calculations have been made which indicate that the load-deflection diagram for a beam, made of a material whose tension and compression isochronous stress-strain diagrams are 10% on either side of the average, lies within 2% of that obtained by using the average isochronous stress-strain diagram. It is recommended that either the tension or the compression isochronous stress-strain diagrams be used to analyze eccentrically loaded tension members and columns, respectively. Except for large initial eccentricities, the stress in most fibers of the eccentrically loaded members is of one sign.

Using Equations 6 and 7, dimensionless moment versus K design curves were constructed for beams having a rectangular section and the I- and Tsections shown in Figure 4. A design curve is also shown for a circular cross section in Figure 4. Since it is assumed that $\epsilon_1 = K \epsilon_0$ (ϵ_0 is an experimental constant, see Equation 3) is specified for a given design, the design of a beam for strength is readily obtained from the appropriate curve in Figure 4. Once the moment diagram is known, the angle change diagram for the beam can be readily constructed using the appropriate curve in Figure 4 and the relation shown directly below the beam cross section. The beam deflection can be obtained from the angle change diagram using the numerical integration procedure given by Newmark.⁽²³⁾

The load-deflection curve for an eccentrically loaded member can be obtained using Equations 6 and 7 and the following relation:

$$
M = P (e \pm \delta) \tag{10}
$$

in which e is the initial eccentricity and δ is the deflection of the center section of the member. The plus and minus signs in Equation 10 are for compression and tension, respectively. Using Equations 6, 7, and 10, an expression relating the variables q , δ , and K can be obtained as follows:

$$
\frac{e \pm \delta}{ht} = \frac{q}{K} \left[b_1 C_K - (b_1 - 1) C_{\frac{qh - v}{qK}} + (b_2 - 1) C_{\frac{qh - u}{qK}} - b_2 C_{\frac{q - 1}{qK}} \right]
$$

\n
$$
b_1 B_K - (b_1 - 1) B_{\frac{qh - v}{qK}} + (b_2 - 1) B_{\frac{qh - u}{qK}} - b_2 B_{\frac{q - 1}{qK}} - q + \beta
$$
 (11)

Equation 11 is difficult to work with, unless available in graphic form. The families of curves shown in Figures 5 and 6 were constructed using Equation 11 for a rectangular section $(b_1 = b_2 = 1)$ and for a T-section ($h = 6$, $b_1 = 4$, $b_2 = 1$, and $v = 1.5$), respectively.

In the design of a given eccentrically loaded member, it is assumed that K is known. However, the appropriate curve in either Figures 5 or 6 cannot be used unless either q or δ is known. Another relation between q , δ , and K can be obtained if the configuration of the deflected member is known. If the deflected axis is assumed to take the shape of a segment of a circle or a cosine curve, the deflections⁽²²⁾ of the members are given by the relations

$$
\delta = \frac{l^2 K \epsilon_0}{8 q ht} \text{ and } \qquad (12)
$$

$$
\delta = \frac{l^2 K \epsilon_0}{\pi^2 q h t}, \text{ respectively.} \tag{13}
$$

By adding and subtracting the initial eccentricity to each side of Equations 12 and 13, the following relations may be obtained:

$$
q = \frac{\frac{l^2 K}{8h^2 l^2}}{\mp \frac{e}{h t} \pm \frac{e}{h t}} \tag{14}
$$

$$
q = \frac{\frac{l^2 K \epsilon_0}{\pi^2 h^2 t^2}}{\mp \frac{e}{ht} \pm \frac{e + \delta}{ht}}
$$
 (15)

For a given value of K , assume a value of q and read off the value of $\frac{e \pm \delta}{h t}$ from the appropriate curve in Figures 5 or 6, and calculate q by Equations 14 or 15. If the calculated value of q does not equal the assumed value, assume a new value of q and repeat the process. The trial and error solution does not require much time. Once q is known, the magnitude of the load P is obtained from Equation 6. As an aid to solving Equation 6, the families of curves in Figures 7 and 8 were constructed for rectangular and T-section members, respectively.

Typical theoretical load-deflection curves for columns having an initial eccentricity of 5% and 25% of their depths are shown in Figure 9 for both the cosine-curve and segment-of-circle assumption of the configuration of the column. It will be noted

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Figure 6. Family of curves for a T-section member used in determining the value of q

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Figure 7. Family of curves for a rectangular-section member used in determining P

that the load-deflection curves based on the cosinecurve assumption lie appreciably above those based on the segment-of-circle assumption.

C. ELASTIC LOAD-DEFLECTION RELATIONS

In designing for creep it may be desirable to know the load-deflection curve for an eccentrically loaded member for zero time. If the material is elastic for zero time, the load-deflection curve cannot be obtained from the theory presented in Article IIA since Equation 3 is nonlinear except for extremely small values of K , and the design curves shown in Figures 5 through 8 were not constructed for small values of K . For elastic conditions, the secant formula.

$$
e + \delta = e \sec \sqrt{\frac{P\left(\frac{l}{r}\right)^2}{1 + AE}}, \quad (16)
$$

gives an exact load-deflection curve for eccentrically loaded columns.

In case of an eccentrically loaded tension member, an approximate load-deflection relation can be derived based on the assumption that the member deflects into a segment of a circle. If the member is elastic, the radius of curvature can be written in terms of the moment.

$$
\frac{1}{R} = \frac{M}{EI} \tag{17}
$$

The radius of curvature can also be written in terms of the strain distribution shown in Figure 3 to give

$$
\frac{1}{R} = \frac{\epsilon_1}{q \; h \; t} \tag{18}
$$

Using Equations 10, 12, 17, and 18, the load P can be written in terms of the deflection δ as follows:

Figure 8. Family of curves for a T-section member used in determining P

$$
P\left(e-\delta\right)=\frac{8\,\delta\,E\,I}{l^2}\tag{19}
$$

D. MODIFIED SECANT FORMULA

If the initial eccentricity and the deflection are small, the resisting moment is small; consequently, the difference in stress between the outside and inside fibers of the column is small. Under these conditions an assumption of linear stress distribution is reasonable. The secant formula is valid for a linear stress distribution so that the column formula for a material whose stress-strain properties are given by Equation 3 is represented by the following equation:

$$
\delta = e \left[\sec \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0 \left(\frac{P}{A} \right) \left(\frac{l}{r} \right)^2 \sqrt{1 + K^2}}{4 \sigma_0}} - 1 \right] (20)
$$

in which the ratio $\frac{\sigma_0}{\epsilon_0\sqrt{1+K^2}}$ is the tangent

modulus obtained from Equation 3 and the average stress P/A is also obtained from Equation 3.

The load-deflection curves represented by Equa-

Figure 9. Comparison of theoretical P/A-deflection curves for rectangular-section columns

Figure 10. Coefficients to be used in connection with collapse loads obtained by modified secant formula

tion 20 are shown in Figure 9 for columns having initial eccentricities of 5% and 25% of their depths. It will be noted that the modified secant formula (Eq. 20) lies between the 2 theoretical loaddeflection curves based on segment-of-circle and cosine-curve approximations of the deflected axis of the column. Since the assumption based on the segment of circle gives a conservative deflection, and the assumption based on a cosine curve gives a nonconservative deflection, Equation 20 might be expected to give a reasonably accurate prediction of the column deflection within its range of applicability. For eccentricities up to 5% of the column depth, Equation 20 was found to give a good estimate of the column deflection for any load up to the collapse load. As the initial eccentricity increases, Equation 20 becomes less reliable, since the stress distribution can no longer be assumed linear. At an eccentricity of 25% of the depth. Equation 20 was found to give a reliable value of the deflection only up to a load of one half the collapse load.

Since Equation 20 gives a reasonably good approximation of the deflection for columns having small eccentricities, a question arises as to its applicability for predicting the collapse load. If the radical in Equation 20 is equal to $\pi/2$, the deflection becomes infinite. The resulting load is equal to the tangent modulus load for the column having an initial eccentricity equal to zero. Since the experimental collapse load is approximately 10% larger than that predicted by the arc hyperbolic sine theory, there will be an eccentricity for which Equation 20 will agree with the experimental results. Based on the 10% difference between theory and experiment, correction coefficients were computed for the tangent moduli loads for columns having a rectangular section and the T- and Isections shown in Figure 10. The T-section shown in Figure 10 is the one used in the experimental investigation. The experimental data for the eccentrically loaded columns will be analyzed in Article VA using both the arc hyperbolic sine theory and the corrections shown in Figure 10.

E. INTERACTION CURVE - MOMENT-LOAD **CURVE THEORY**

For some metals at an elevated temperature, the inelastic deformation may be mostly time independent. In this case, the isochronous stress-strain diagram cannot be represented by Equation 3 but can be approximated by 2 straight lines (Fig. 24). The theoretical load-deflection curves for eccentrically loaded members made of this material can best be constructed using the interaction curve moment-load curve theory which was developed in a previous bulletin.⁽²²⁾ The derivations of the relations required for this theory will not be repeated; however, the desired relations will be listed.

Theoretical moment-load and load-deflection curves for eccentrically loaded members are constructed using constant depth of vielding moment and load interaction curves. Consider a T-section member whose cross-sectional dimensions are depth h, flange width b, flange thickness t_2 and web thickness t. Let a short length of this member be subjected to a load P acting along the centroidal axis and to a moment M of sufficient magnitudes to initiate yielding to a depth a_1 on the flange side and to a depth a_2 on the web side. For conditions that a_1 is less than or equal to t_2 , the magnitude of P and M are given by the following relations:

$$
P = P_e - \frac{2A\sigma_e}{a} (c_1 - a_1)
$$

- $(1 - \alpha) \frac{\sigma_e}{a} (a_1^2 b - a_2^2 t)$ (21)

$$
M = \frac{2\sigma_e I}{a} - (1 - \alpha) \frac{\sigma_e}{a} \left[a_1^2 b \left(c_1 - \frac{a_1}{3} \right) + a_2^2 t \left(c_2 - \frac{a_2}{3} \right) \right]
$$
(22)

in which A is the cross-sectional area, σ_e is the yield stress in compression and αE is the slope of the stress-strain diagram for post-vielding conditions $(Fig. 24a)$.

For conditions in which yielding has progressed through the tension flange into the web, the load and moment expression are

$$
P = P_e - \frac{2A\sigma_e}{a} (c_1 - a_1) - (1 - \alpha) \frac{\sigma_e}{a} [b a_1^2 - (b - t) (a_1 - t_2)^2 - a_2^2 t]
$$
 (23)

$$
M = \frac{2\sigma_e I}{a} - (1 - \alpha) \frac{\sigma_e t}{a} \left[\frac{2 I}{t} - (a + a_2)^2 \left(c_2 - \frac{a + a_2}{3} \right) + a_2^2 \left(c_2 - \frac{a_2}{3} \right) \right]
$$
(24)

Interaction curves for a rectangular-section member can be constructed using Equations 21 and 22 (let $b = t$) while Equations 21 through 24 are used for a T-section member. It should be noted that Equations 21 and 22 are valid if either a_1 or a_2 is zero and Equations 23 and 24 are valid if a_2 is zero. In this report the interaction curves are made dimensionless by dividing the load P by $P_e =$ $\sigma_e A$ and the moment M by $M_e = \sigma_e I/c_2$.

The theoretical moment-load curves for the eccentrically loaded members were constructed by

finding their intersection with each of a family of interaction curves. The slope of a straight line drawn from the origin of the interaction curve to the intersection of the moment-load curve with a given interaction curve is given by the relation

$$
\tan \theta = \frac{c_2 e}{r^2} - \frac{c_2 \left(\frac{l}{r}\right)^2 \epsilon_e}{4 k h} \frac{M_L}{M_U}
$$
 (25)

if the deflected shape of the member is a segment of circle and

$$
\tan \theta = \frac{c_2 e}{r^2} - \frac{2c_2 \left(\frac{l}{r}\right)^2 \epsilon_e}{\pi^2 k h} \frac{M_L}{M_U}
$$
 (26)

if the deflected shape of the member is a cosine curve. In Equations 25 and 26 e is the initial eccentricity, $r^2 = I/A$, $\epsilon_e = \sigma_e/E$, and $k = (h - a_1)$ $(a_2)/h$. If the line intersects the interaction curve in the curved portion (see Figure 37) the ratio M_L / M_U is taken to be unity. If the intersection is in the straight line portion of the interaction curve, the solution is by trial and error since M_L is the moment at the unknown intersection and M_{ν} is the moment for the upper end of the straight line portion of the interaction curve. After the momentload curve has been determined, the deflection δ for assumed configurations of segment of circle and cosine curve are

$$
\delta = \frac{l^2 \epsilon_e}{4 k h} \frac{M_L}{M_U} \text{ and}
$$
 (27)

$$
\delta = \frac{2l^2 \epsilon_e}{\pi^2 k h} \frac{M_L}{M_U} \text{ respectively.} \qquad (28)
$$

III. MATERIALS AND METHOD OF TESTING

A. MATERIALS AND TEST MEMBERS

Four different materials were considered in the experimental investigations. Two of the materials were plastics, high pressure canvas laminate and Zytel 101 nylon, and the others were metals, 17-7PH stainless steel and Ti 155A titanium alloy. The canvas laminate test members were all machined from a 3 ft. by 4 ft. plate having a thickness of $\frac{1}{2}$ in. The nylon test members were all machined from a 10 in. by 20 in. plate having a thickness of $\frac{3}{4}$ in. All of the test members for each metal were machined from one $\frac{1}{2}$ in. by 2 in. bar of that material. The chemical analysis of the 2 metals are as follows:

To obtain the theoretical curves for the beams and eccentrically loaded members, tension and compression creep properties of the materials were required. These properties were obtained from tension and compression specimens having the dimensions shown in Figures 11, 12, and 13. A hollow compression specimen was chosen for the nylon since the minimum thickness for this material had to be less than $\frac{1}{4}$ in. to moisture-condition the plastic. Sketches of the nylon beams and eccentrically loaded tension members are shown in Figure 11. In Figure 12 are shown sketches of the canvas laminate simply supported, and statically indeterminate beams and the eccentrically loaded tension members and columns. In the case of the 17-7PH stainless steel and Ti 155A titanium alloy, only eccentrically loaded tension members and columns were considered in the investigation. Sketches of these members are shown in Figure 13. The test lengths

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of the columns shown in Figures 12 and 13 were 1.20 in. longer than the values shown, since knifeedge fixtures were added to each end of the column.

The 17-7PH stainless steel test members were precipitation hardened after machining. They were heated to 1400 $^{\circ}$ F. for 90 minutes, cooled to 60 $^{\circ}$ F. in 60 minutes, held at 60° F. for 30 minutes, heated to 1050° F. for 90 minutes, and air cooled. Most of the Ti 155A titanium alloy specimens were tested in the "as received" condition; the manufacturer reported that the bars were heated to 1650° F. for 1 hour, water quenched, heated to 1085° F. for 12 hours, and air cooled. This heat treatment resulted in properties lower than those usually reported for

this material. Therefore, some of this material was

given another heat treatment prior to machining. The material was heated to 1625° F. for 1 hour, water quenched, heated to $1,000^{\circ}$ F. for $22\frac{1}{2}$ hours, and air cooled.

The room temperature properties of the 17-7PH stainless steel material were modulus of elasticity of $28,400,000$ psi, yield stress at 0.2% offset of 181,000 psi, and elongation in 2 in. gage length of 9.5%. The modulus of elasticity of the Ti 155A titanium alloy at room temperature was 16,600,000 psi. When the titanium alloy was aged at 1,000° F. following the water quench, the yield stress at 0.2% offset was 165,000 psi and the elongation in 2 in. gage length was 11.7% . When the titanium alloy was aged at 1085° F., the yield stress at 0.2% offset was 130,000 psi and the elongation was 19.0%.

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Since the strength properties of the plastics are known to be affected by the moisture content of the atmosphere, the tests were performed in a controlled-atmosphere room maintained at $77 \pm 1^{\circ}$ F. and $50 \pm 2\%$ relative humidity. In the case of the statically indeterminate beams made of canvas laminate, the temperature was changed to 72 \pm 1° F. The canvas laminate test members were placed in this room at least 3 weeks prior to testing. Since the nylon test members would require several months to become moisture conditioned at room temperature, they were moisture conditioned by boiling in a potassium acetate solution (specific $gravity = 1.305$ at room temperature). Even at the boiling temperature of 119° C., the $\frac{1}{4}$ in. thickness required 70 to 80 hours for conditioning; this time

Figure 13. 17-7PH stainless steel and Ti 155A titanium alloy test members

Figure 15. Compression creep curves for canvas laminate

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Figure 16. Isochronous stress-strain diagrams of canvas laminate

was taken from a chart furnished by the duPont Company.

The 17-7PH stainless steel and the Ti 155A titanium alloy tension specimens and eccentrically loaded members were heated in a furnace which had a length of 17.5 in. and an inside diameter of 2.5 in. The furnace had 3 heating elements with separate controls. It was made in 2 parts with hinges so that it could be opened. The compression specimens were tested in a furnace which had a length of 12.5 in. and an inside diameter of 2 in. It had 2 heating elements with separate controls and could not be opened.

Two thermocouples were used in measuring the temperature of the tension and compression specimens having a 2 in. gage length. In all other cases the temperature was measured in the center and near each end of the test section. A piece of asbestos was placed over each thermocouple as it was

wired to the test member. Another asbestos shield was placed between the test member and the heating coils. After putting the furnace around the test member, baffles were inserted into the furnace to prevent a chimney effect.

Since the duration of the creep test for the metals was 30 min. in most cases, the temperature was manually controlled during the test. The temperature at each thermocouple was maintained at 972 ± 2 ° F, for the 17-7PH stainless steel test members; each test was started $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours after starting the furnace. For the Ti 155A titanium alloy test members, the temperature was maintained at 772 ± 2 ° F., and each test began 1 hour after starting the furnace.

Dead loads were applied to the plastic test members either by having the load applied directly to the test member or by having the load applied through a lever having a 14 to 1 or 20 to 1 ratio.

Figure 17. Tension creep curves for Zytel 101 nylon

These loads were first carried by a hydraulic jack and were applied by slowly reducing the oil pressure in the jack. In this way, the load could be applied in a short time without inertia effects. The time for each test was started when the load pan was free of the jack. Several deformation readings were taken the first day and one each day thereafter.

Constant loads were applied to the metal members either by applying dead loads through a 20 to 1 lever or by a Riehle testing machine which was equipped with a load holder to maintain any desired load. Deformation readings were started as soon as the load was applied and were taken every minute thereafter.

C. PROPERTIES OF MATERIALS

1. Properties of the Plastics

As indicated in Figures 11 and 12, the tension specimens were sufficiently long to accommodate an extensometer with a 10 in. gage length. This gage length was used in all cases in which the strain in the first few minutes was less than 1%. For larger strains, an extensometer with a 4 in. gage length was used. In either case, the extensometer had a multiplying lever with a ratio of 10 to 1. The strains were measured by a traveling microscope using a $1/1,000$ in, dial. For the compression tests, a 1 in. extensometer with a $1/10,000$ in. dial was used in most cases. A 2 in. extensometer was used in a few cases, and the results obtained from the two extensometers were identical.

The strength properties of the canvas laminate were influenced by its environment prior to being placed in the controlled-atmosphere room. It was necessary to put all of the test members for a given investigation into the controlled-atmosphere room at the same time. Compression specimens put in the controlled-atmosphere room at different times were found to have strengths which varied by as much as 8%. After attaining equilibrium condi-

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tions in the controlled-atmosphere room, the prop-

erties were found to remain constant, since identical results were obtained from specimens subjected to identical loading conditions but tested several months apart.

Canvas laminate was used in 3 different investigations. The most extensive tension and compression creep data from these investigations are shown in Figures 14 and 15^{*}; however, those specimens

Figure 19. Creep furnace showing 6-in. creep specimen and extensometer

were not put in the controlled-atmosphere room at the same time and do not represent the material under identical conditions. Test data obtained from tension and compression specimens tested under identical conditions indicated that the stress in compression had to be 10% greater than that in tension in order to produce the same strain at 1,000 hr.

 $*$ Only one compression creep machine was available; therefore, most of the compression creep tests were stopped before 1,000 hours. Since the creep data plotted as a straight line on log-log graph paper, the data for 1,

Figure 20. Fixture for testing creep compression specimens at elevated temperatures

Figure 21. Tension creep curves for 17-7PH stainless steel at 972° F.

Experimental data for isochronous stress-strain diagrams were taken from Figures 14 and 15 for zero time (approximately 30 seconds), 100 hours, and 1,000 hours and are shown in Figure 16. It will be noted that these isochronous stress-strain diagrams have been represented by arc hyperbolic sine curves as given by Equation 3. The correlation between the theoretical curves and the test data is shown to be excellent. The magnitudes of the experimental constants σ_0 and ϵ_0 are shown in Table 1. Only the compression isochronous stressstrain diagrams were used in the column investigation, since the stresses in the columns were predominately compression.

The creep data for the Zytel 101 nylon are shown in Figure 17. From these curves the isochronous stress-strain diagrams for zero time, 100 hours, and 1,000 hours were obtained and are shown in Figure 18. These data were approximated by Equation 3, and the magnitudes of the experimental

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constants are shown in Table 1. The constants were assumed to be the same in tension and compression since the creep data from 3 compression specimens were nearly identical with the tension data.

2. Elevated Temperature Properties of Metals

The deformations of tension and compression specimens of 17-7PH stainless steel and Ti 155A titanium alloy were measured with a Riehle dialtype high-temperature creep extensometer with a 2 in. gage length. The extensometer was made to accommodate a flat specimen. The extensometer is shown on a tension specimen in Figure 19 and on a compression specimen in Figure 20. The strains were measured by a $1/10,000$ in. dial.

A gage length of 2 in. is not long enough to determine a reliable value of the modulus of elasticity, E. Since this property has a decided influence on the theory, a more accurate value of the modulus of elasticity was needed. The accuracy was obtained in tension by using a 6 in. gage length speci-

men. In Figure 19 the extensometer is shown adapted to this gage length. The compressive modulus of elasticity was obtained from the eccentrically loaded column tests. All of the 17-7PH stainless steel test members were elastic at zero time and the Ti 155A titanium alloy was elastic at sufficiently high stress levels to obtain reproducible values of the modulus of elasticity.

The tension and compression creep curves for the 17-7PH stainless steel at 972° F, are shown in Figures 21 and 22, respectively. Using data from those curves, the tension and compression isochronous stress-strain diagrams shown in Figure 23 were constructed for zero time, 30 minutes, and for compression, 60 minutes. Since the material was elastic at zero time, all of the data in each case were adjusted to fall on the straight line of slope E . The data for 30 minutes and 60 minutes were closely approximated by an arc hyperbolic sine curve (Eq. 3). The properties which were used in the theory are listed on Figure 23.

Creep curves for the Ti 155A titanium alloy are not shown since the inelastic deformation at 772° F. was mostly time independent, at least for a test duration of 1 hour or less. The tension and compression isochronous stress-strain diagrams for zero time and for 30 minutes are shown in Figure 24. Since most of the inelastic deformation was time independent, the stress-strain diagrams were more accurately approximated by 2 straight lines than by Equation 3. The yield stress was taken as the intersection of the straight lines. Both the modulus of elasticity and the yield stress were lowered a few percent as the result of creep. The pertinent properties are listed in Figure 24. The comparison between the stress-strain data for the material aged at $1,000^{\circ}$ F. and $1,085^{\circ}$ F. indicates that the lower aging temperature greatly increases the strength.

D. LOADING FIXTURES FOR BEAMS AND ECCENTRICALLY LOADED MEMBERS

Schematic diagrams of the fixtures used in testing the beams subjected to pure bending and the statically indeterminate beams are shown in Figure 25. As indicated in Figure 25a, the load arms were extended so that counterweights could be added to balance the weight of the fixtures and the load pan. The deflection measuring fixture was supported by a spring so that it would not apply a load to the test beam. The deflection was measured over a

 ϵ , Strain in inches per inch

Figure 24. Tension and compression isochronous stress-strain diagrams of Ti 155A titanium alloy at 772° F.

Figure 25. Fixtures for testing beams

6 in. length of the constant moment section of the beam by a $1/1,000$ in. dial. The fixed-ended beams were loaded in the fixture shown in Figure 25b; the deflection was measured in the center of the beam by a $1/1,000$ in. dial. In Figure 25c is shown the fixture for loading the beams which were fixed at one end and simply supported at the other. The deflection was measured at a distance $l/16$ from the center of the beam by a $1/1,000$ in. dial.

The same type of loading fixture was used in loading the plastic and metal eccentrically loaded tension members. The only difference was in the materials used in making the fixtures. A schematic diagram of the fixtures used in the elevated temperature tests is shown in Figure 26. The load, obtained from dead weights, was transmitted to the test member through the yoke, knife edges, and pin arrangement shown. The pin had a 90° groove machined to its center to receive 60° knife edges. The yokes were made of 18 chromium - 8 nickel stainless steel. The knife edges were made of Stellite. A typical setup of the test member in the elevated temperature creep machine is shown in Figure 27.

The method of measuring the central deflection of the eccentrically loaded member is illustrated in Figure 26 and shown in Figure 27. Three $\frac{1}{8}$ in. diameter ceramic rods extended through the side of the furnace and contacted each of the vokes and the center of the specimen. After closing the furnace, rubber bands were used to hold the vertical bar against the top and bottom rods, and a $1/1,000$ in. dial measured the relative movement of the center rod.

The same type of loading fixture was used in

Figure 26. Fixture used in applying eccentric tension load

Figure 27. Eccentrically loaded tension member in the elevated temperature creep machine

loading the plastic and metal eccentrically loaded columns. A schematic diagram of the fixtures used in the elevated temperature tests is shown in Figure

Figure 28. Fixture used in testing eccentrically loaded columns

28. The length of the knife edge was 2 in. The initial eccentricity could be easily adjusted, and the error in setting the initial eccentricity was believed to be less than ± 0.002 in. In order to offset the effect of initial crookedness of the column, the initial eccentricity was adjusted with respect to the center of the column. As indicated in Figure 28, the deflections of the columns were obtained by measuring the movement of the midpoint of the column with respect to the knife edge seats. A $1/1,000$ in. dial was used in measuring the deflection.

IV. DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

A. BEAMS

1. Beams Subjected to Pure Bending

A total of 8 beams was subjected to pure bending in the fixture shown in Figure 25a. Four of the beams were made of high-pressure canvas laminate, and 4 were made of Zytel 101 nylon. The crosssectional dimensions of the rectangular- and Tsection beams are shown in Table 2.

The deflection of each beam was measured in the center of a 6 in. gage length (Fig. 25a). The creep curves for the 8 beams are shown in Figure 29. From these curves, moment-deflection data were obtained for zero time, 100 hours, and 1,000 hours; representative data for 4 of the beams are shown in Figures 30 and 31. The theoretical moment-deflection curves were constructed using the stress-strain properties listed in Table 1, the appropriate curve in Figure 4, and Equation 12. As indicated in Article IIA, the theoretical moment was decreased 5% to compensate for the fact that the stress distribution in the beams changes with time. The data, presented in Figures 30 and 31, indicate good agreement between theory and experiment. The ratios of the theoretical to experimental deflections for the beams are shown in Table 2. Since a given error in predicting the deflection results in a smaller percentage error for

Figure 29. Creep curves for nylon and canvas laminate beams subjected to pure bending

Table 2 Data for Beams Made of Plastics

^a R designates rectangular-section and T designates T-section.
^b In case of beams subjected to pure bending, the deflection was measured in the center of a 6 inch gage length.

larger strains, the best agreement between theory and experiment was found at 1,000 hours. The theory was conservative by an average of 4% in predicting the deflection of the rectangular-section beams at 1,000 hours and nonconservative by an average of 4% in predicting the deflection of the T-section beams at 1,000 hours.

The deflections were measured at the center of the beam in Figure 25b and at a distance of $l/16$ from the center in Figure 25c. The creep curves for the 8 beams are shown in Figure 32. Momentdeflection data for zero time, 100 hours, and 1,000

2. Statically Indeterminate Beams

The statically indeterminate beams were all made of high-pressure canvas laminate. Four beams had fixed ends and were tested in the fixtures shown in Figure 25b. Four beams were fixed at one end and simply supported on the other end by the fixtures shown in Figure 25c. The cross-sectional dimensions of the rectangular- and T-section beams are given in Table 2.

Figure 30. Moment-deflection curves for T-section Zytel 101 nylon beams subjected to pure bending

Figure 31. Moment-deflection curves for rectangular-section canvas laminate beams subjected to pure bending

Figure 33. Load-deflection curves for statically indeterminate canvas laminate beams

									Data for Eccentrically Loaded Tension Members Made of Plastics				
Member Number	Width b. inch	Depth inch	Flange Thick- ness t_2 inch	Web Thick- ness inch	Length inches	Eccen- tricity e/h $\%$	Load \boldsymbol{P} pound	δ experimental inch	Zero Time δ theoretical δ e xperimental	δ experimental inch	100 Hours δ theoretical δ experimental	δ experimental inch	$1,000$ Hours δ theoretical δ experimental
							Zytel 101 Nylon						
R17a R18 T19 T20	0.251 0.254 0.496 0.500	0.754 0.750 0.745 0.750	1.1.1 1.1.1.1 0.186 0.188	$+ + + +$ 101011-012 0.124 0.125	6 6 6	$\begin{array}{c} 38 \\ 35 \\ 32 \end{array}$ 32	80 140 100 180	0.051 0.079 0.044 0.068	0.95 0.94 1.04 1.06	0.084 0.128 0.071 0.102	1.04 1.01 1.04 1.08	0.098 0.149 0.082 0.115	0.95 0.91 0.97 0.99
							Canvas Laminate						
R21 R22 T23 T24	0.394 0.394 0.496 0.496	0.746 0.745 0.745 0.745	. 1.1.1.1 0.186 0.186	. $+ + + +$ 0.124 0.124	6 6 6 6	$^{50}_{50}$ 34 34	506 675 400 575	0.047 0.061 0.045 0.061	0.92 0.98 0.89 0.94	0.062 0.081 0.059 0.084	0.96 1.02 0.88 0.90	0.069 0.094 0.068 0.095	1.00 1.03 0.90 0.95

Table 3

^a R designates rectangular-section and T designates T-section.

hours were taken from these curves and plotted in Figure 33. The theoretical moment-deflection curves were constructed using the stress-strain properties listed in Table 1, the appropriate curve in Figure 4, and the numerical integration procedure outlined by Newmark.⁽²³⁾ In the case of the beams fixed at one end and simply supported at the other, a trial and error solution was required since the magnitude of the reaction at the simple support necessary to give zero deflection at the support was not known. It was found that the reaction was only slightly different from that for elastic conditions since the reaction is 0.3125 P for elastic conditions and 0.3127 P for K equal to 2.5.

The theoretical loads in Figure 33 were decreased 5% to compensate for the fact that the stress distribution in the beams changes with time (see Art. IIA). As indicated in Figure 33 and Table 2, the agreement between theory and experiment is good in all cases except for the T-section beams fixed at both ends. In this case the theory was nonconservative by as much as 18%; however, most of this difference was due to the fact that the deflection for zero time was larger than predicted.

B. ECCENTRICALLY LOADED TENSION MEMBERS

1. Nylon and Canvas Laminate

A total of 8 eccentrically loaded tension members were subjected to dead loads in fixtures similar to that shown in Figure 26. The cross-sectional dimensions of the rectangular- and T-section members are given in Table 3. The initial eccentricity, e, of each member is also given in Table 3.

The deflection of each eccentrically loaded member was measured in the center of the 6 in. test length. Load-deflection data for zero time, 100 hours, and 1,000 hours are given in Table 3 for each member, and representative curves are shown in Figures 34 and 35.

Figure 34. Load-deflection curves for eccentrically loaded tension members of Zytel 101 nylon

The theoretical load-deflection curves in Figures 34 and 35 were constructed using the stress-strain properties listed in Table 1, Equation 14, and Figures 5 through 8. Two different corrections were used in adjusting the theory which resulted in the theoretical curves in Figures 34 and 35 being lowered 5%. First, each theoretical load was decreased 10% to compensate for the fact that the stress distribution in the eccentrically loaded members changes with time (see Art. IIA). Second, each theoretical load was increased 5% to compensate for the fact that 0.75 in. at each end of the 6 in. test length was stiffened* (Figs. 11 and 12). A comparison between the theoretical and experimental deflections in Figures 34 and 35 and Table 3, indicates good agreement between theory and experiment.

 $\,^*$ If the member is assumed to deflect into a segment of a circle, the deflection is reduced 6% if 0.75 in. at each end of a 6 in. length has infinite stiffness. The deflection is reduced 11% if 1 in. at each e the load rather than on the deflection.

2. 17-7PH Stainless Steel at 972° F.

A total of 10 eccentrically loaded tension members were subjected to dead loads in the fixture shown in Figure 26. The cross-sectional dimensions of the rectangular- and T-section members are given in Table 4 along with the test length and initial eccentricity. Also given in Table 4 are the load and deflection data for zero time and for 30 minutes. The data for the T-section members are shown in Figure 36. The theoretical load-deflection curves in Figure 36 for zero time were obtained using the stress-strain properties listed in Figure 23 and Equation 19. The curves for 30 minutes were constructed using Equation 14 and Figures 6 and 8. Since the members were elastic at zero time, the theoretical load for zero time was increased 10% to account for the fact that 1 in. at each end of the 6 in, test length was enlarged. The theory was not corrected for 30 minutes since the 2 corrections balanced each other. A comparison between the theoretical and experimental deflections in Figure 26 and Table 4 indicates good agreement between theory and experiment.

Figure 36. Load-deflection curves for eccentrically loaded tension members of 17-7PH stainless steel

3. Ti 155 Titanium Alloy at 772° F.

Tests were run on 3 eccentrically loaded tension members. The cross-sectional dimensions of the rectangular-section members are shown in Table 4. The members had a length of 6 in. and an initial eccentricity of 50% of their depths. The loaddeflection data for these members are given in Table 4 for zero time and for 30 minutes. Since the stress-strain diagrams of this material were represented by 2 straight lines (Fig. 24a), the interaction curve — moment-load curve theory was used in the analysis of the test data as indicated in Figure 37.

The interaction curves shown in Figure 37 were constructed using the stress-strain properties listed in Figure 24a and Equations 21 and 22. The theoretical moment-load curves were constructed using Equation 25. The theoretical deflections used in

Table 4

^a R designates rectangular-section and T designates T-section.

the calculations of Table 4 were obtained using Equation 27. The theory was nonconservative by about 9% in predicting the deflection.

C. ECCENTRICALLY LOADED COLUMNS

1. Columns Made of Canvas Laminate

A total of 27 eccentrically loaded columns were subjected to dead loads in fixtures similar to that shown in Figure 28. These columns are listed in

Figure 37. Moment-load curves for Ti 155A titanium alloy tension members having an initial eccentricity of 50% of the depth

Table 5. All but 4 of the columns had rectangular sections with a depth of 0.700 in. and a width of approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ in. The T-section columns had a depth of 0.730 in., a width of 0.487 in., a flange thickness of 0.183 in. and a web thickness of 0.122 in. These columns had slenderness ratios of 30, 50, and 70 and had initial eccentricities of $2\%, 5\%,$ and 25% of their depths.

The deflection-time creep curves are shown in Figures 38 and 39 for rectangular- and T-section columns, respectively. From these curves experimental P/A -deflection data were obtained for zero time, 100 hours, and 1,000 hours. Representative data are shown in Figure 40 for the rectangularsection columns having a slenderness ratio of 30 and initial eccentricities of 5% and 25% of their depths and in Figure 41 for the T-section columns. Three different theoretical P/A -deflection curves are shown in these figures. The curves based on the arc hyperbolic sine theory for column configurations of segment of circle and cosine curve were constructed using the properties listed in Table 1, Equations 14 and 15, and Figures 5 through 8. The curves based on the modified secant formula were constructed using Equation 20.

The theoretical collapse loads for the columns were obtained from the arc hyperbolic sine theory for cosine curve configuration of the deflected column. As indicated in Article IIA, the load for each point on these curves was increased 10% to compensate for the fact that the stress distribution in the columns changes with time. Comparison between the theoretical and experimental collapse loads can best be accomplished by means of the tabular form as indicated in Table 5. The experimental values of the average stress, P/A , in the

Figure 38. Deflection-time curves for rectangular-section columns of canvas laminate

Table 5

^a Test was terminated at 1,000 hr. since the load was appreciably below the collapse load.
^b R designates rectangular-section and T designates T-section.

columns resulted in 19 of the 27 columns buckling in time intervals ranging from 6 to 1,335 hours. The theoretical values of P/A necessary to produce buckling in 1,000 hours are listed in Table 5. Theoretical values of P/A necessary to produce buckling for other time intervals were also calculated in order to determine the effect of time to collapse on the collapse load. It was assumed that the effect of time to collapse was the same for the experimental as for the theoretical collapse load; in this way the experimental value of P/A necessary to cause each column to collapse in 1,000 hours was computed and is listed in Table 5.

Figure 39. Deflection-time curves for T-section columns of canvas laminate

The ratios of the experimental to theoretical collapse load for 1,000 hours are listed in Table 5. The theory was nonconservative by an average of 4%. It should be noted that these data indicate little influence of either slenderness ratio, initial eccentricity, cross-sectional shape, or time to collapse. The agreement between theory and experiment is considered to be excellent; however, considerable work is required in making the theoretical analysis. To greatly reduce the number of computations, it was suggested in Article IIC that the modified secant formula (Eq. 20) be used in predicting the collapse load. Using Equation 20 and the correction coefficients in Figure 10, the theoretical collapse loads for 1,000 hours were computed, and the ratios of the experimental collapse loads to these loads are listed in Table 5. The theory based on the modified secant formula was nonconservative by an average of 2% . In case the tangent modulus load is obtained for ϵ_1/ϵ_0 less than 0.5, the column approaches an Euler column, and the collapse load is less influenced by the initial eccentricity of the column. This explains why the theory was conservative by 9% for column R63.

In addition to being able to calculate the collapse load for an eccentrically loaded column. it may also be desirable to calculate the deflection of the column for the design load. The creep deflection curves shown in Figures 38 and 39 indicate that small differences in load result in a large difference

Figure 40. P/A-deflection curves for rectangular-section columns of canvas laminate

Figure 41. P/A-deflection curves for T-section columns of canvas laminate, $1/r = 50.2$

in deflection, particularly for loads in the neighborhood of the collapse load.

Although the arc hyperbolic sine theory for a cosine curve assumption of the deflected axis of the column was used in predicting the collapse load, this theory is not recommended for calculating the deflection, since the resulting deflection is nonconservative in most cases. The arc hyperbolic sine theory based on the assumption that the deflected axis of the column is a segment of a circle should give a conservative estimate of the deflection in all cases. P/A -deflection curves based on the latter theory are shown in Figures 40 and 41. This theory was used in predicting the deflection of columns subjected to initial eccentricities of 25% of their depths; however, the theory was too conservative for predicting the deflection of columns having initial eccentricities of 2% and 5% of their depths. The modified secant formula (Eq. 20) was used in predicting the deflection of columns subjected to the smaller eccentricities.

^a For e/h of 2 and 5%, the theoretical deflections were based on the modified secant formula. For e/h of 25%, the theoretical deflections were based on the arc hyperbolic sine theory for segment of circle configuratio

For comparative purposes, the actual deflection and the ratio of the actual to the theoretical deflection are presented in Table 6 for the columns whose loads were sufficiently low that they did not collapse. The agreement between the theoretical and experimental deflection was poor. It is believed that the large difference between theory and experiment was due to the fact that the test loads were approximately 0.8 of the collapse load. Better agreement would have been expected at lower loads.

2. Columns Made of 17-7PH Stainless Steel

A total of 29 eccentrically loaded columns was subjected to constant loads at 972° F. in the fixture shown in Figure 28. These columns are listed in Table 7. All but 4 of these columns had rectangular sections and slenderness ratios of 50, 75, and 100. The T-section columns had a slenderness ratio of 60, a depth of 0.604 in., a width of 0.403 in., a flange thickness of 0.152 in., and a web thickness of 0.101

Figure 42. Deflection-time curves for rectangular-section columns of 17-7PH stainless steel

in. The initial eccentricities of these columns were either 5% or 25% of their depths.

The deflection-time creep curves are shown in Figure 42 for the rectangular-section columns and in Figure 43 for the T-section columns. From these curves experimental P/A -deflection data were obtained for zero time and 30 minutes. Representative

Figure 43. Deflection-time curves for T-section columns of 17-7PH stainless steel

data are shown in Figure 44 for the rectangularsection columns with a slenderness ratio of 75 and initial eccentricities of 5% and 25% of their depths and in Figure 45 for the T-section columns.

As indicated in Table 7, the experimental values of the average stress in the columns resulted in 20 of the 29 columns buckling in time intervals ranging from 17 to 70 minutes. The magnitude of P/A necessary to cause each column to collapse in 30 minutes was computed and is listed in Table 7. The theoretical collapse load for 30 minutes was computed based on both the arc hyperbolic sine theory (corrected by 10% as indicated in Article IIA) for consine curve configuration of the deflected column and on the modified secant formula using the correction coefficients shown in Figure 10. As indicated in Table 7, the arc hyperbolic sine theory was conservative by an average of 2% in predicting the collapse loads, and the modified secant formula was conservative by an average of 5% in predicting the collapse loads. As in the case of the canvas laminate columns, the data indicate little influence of either slenderness ratio, initial eccentricity, cross-sectional shape, or time to collapse.

Nine of the columns listed in Table 7 did not buckle. The loads were kept low to compare the theoretical and experimental deflections. The experimental deflections for zero time and for 30 minutes are listed in Table 8 for each of the 9 columns. At zero time the material in each column was elastic so that the P/A -deflection curves for zero time were

Figure 44. P/A-deflection curves for rectangular-section columns of 17-7PH stainless steel

				Collapse Load Data for Eccentrically Loaded Columns Made of 17-7PH Stainless Steel and Tested at 972° F.						
Column Number	$\boldsymbol{2}$ Depth inch	3 l/r	4 e/h $\%$	5 Time minutes	6 Actual psi	Experimental P/A Adjusted to 30 minutes psi	8 Theoretical P/A at 30 Minutes Arc hyper- Adjusted bolic sine psi	9 tangent modulus psi	7 $\overline{8}$	7 $\frac{1}{9}$
R65 ^b R66 R67 R68 R69	0.503 0.503 0.503 0.423 0.422	50 50 50 75 75	$\frac{5}{5}$ 5 5	30 ^a 34 32 30 ^a 30 ^a	26,900 33,900 34,800 14,000 17,900	 34,240 34,970 CONTRACTOR	34,210 34,210 34,210 23,100 23,100	33,050 33,050 33,050 22,400 22,400	 1.00 1.02 .	$\begin{array}{c} 1.04 \\ 1.06 \end{array}$
R70 R71 R72 R73	0.423 0.422 0.422 0.422	75 75 75 75	5 5 5	54 42 17 23	23,000 23,100 23,700 23,700	. 24,610 23,920 22,800 23,100	23,100 23,100 23,100 23,100	22,400 22,400 22,400 22,400	$x + x +$ 1.07 1.04 0.99 1.00	1.1.1.1 1.10 1.07 1.02 1.03
R74 R75 R76 R77 T78	0.422 0.424 0.424 0.425 0.604	75 100 100 100 60		18 30 ^s 70 33 30 _a	24,200 12,200 15,000 15,700 24,400	23,380 409-408-404 16,300 15,800 .	23,100 15,840 15,840 15,840 30,690	22,400 15,700 15,700 15,700 29,470	1.01 9.4.9.9 1.03 1.00 40904-40	1.04 1:04 1.01 2010/07/18
T79 T80 T81 R82 R83	0.604 0.604 0.604 0.503 0.503	60 60 60 50 50	5 5 25 25	$30*$ 34 21 30 ^a 40	29,600 30,900 32,300 16,900 21,900	 31,220 31,580 $1 + 1 + 1 + 1$ 22,500	30,690 30,690 30,690 23,100	29,470 29,470 29,470 22,320	8.4.4.4 1.02 1.03 $+ + + +$	i : $o2$ 1.07 i öi
R84 R85 R86 R87	0.503 0.503 0.503 0.421	50 50 50 75	25 25 25 25	49 31 25 30 _a	22,100 23,100 24,100 11,800	23,240 23,160 23,800 478.4.858.8	23,100 23,100 23,100 23,100 15,620	22,320 22,320 22,320 22,320 15,130	0.97 1.01 1.00 1.03 $-1.1.1$	1.04 $\!\!\!\begin{array}{c} 1.04 \\ 1.07 \end{array}\!\!\!$
R88 R89 R90 R91 R92	0.422 0.422 0.423 0.425 0.425	75 75 75 100 100	25 $\frac{25}{25}$ 25 25	70 68 31 30 ^a 45	14,500 15,200 15,800 8,300 10,900	16,290 16,990 15,850 1.1.1.1.1 11,250	15,620 15,620 15,620 11,000 11,000	15,130 15,130 15,130 10,600 10,600	1.04 1.09 1.01 $+ + + +$ 1.02	$\begin{array}{c} 1.08 \\ 1.12 \end{array}$ 1.05 i .06
R93	0.424	100	25	21	11,100	10,800	11,000	10,600	0.98	1.02

Table 7

 $\frac{1}{2}$ Test was terminated at 30 minutes since the load was appreciably below the collapse load.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ R designates rectangular-section and T designates T-section.

constructed using the secant formula (Eq. 16). Figures 44 and 45 show that some of the points did not fall on the curve for zero time.

Each of these columns was also loaded at room temperature. If the room temperature deflection was found to agree with the secant formula, the deflection for zero time at 972° F. agreed with the theory. The 30 minute theoretical deflection for the columns subjected to an initial eccentricity of 5% of their depths was obtained from the modified secant formula. For an initial eccentricity of 25% of their depths, the theoretical deflection was obtained from the arc hyperbolic sine theory based on the segment of circle configuration of the deflected column. As indicated in Table 8, the theoretical deflection for 30 minutes was conservative in all

cases ranging from 4% to 27% . Even better agreement between theory and experiment would be expected at lower loads.

3. Columns Made of Ti 155A Titanium Alloy

A total of 24 eccentrically loaded columns was subjected to constant loads at 772° F. in the fixture shown in Figure 28. These columns are listed in Table 9. All but 4 of the columns were tested in the as-received condition. These columns were aged at 1085° F. following a water quench. The remaining 4 were aged at $1,000^{\circ}$ F. following a water quench.

Since the inelastic deformation of this material at 772° F. was predominantly time independent, the interaction curve - moment-load curve theory was used in the analysis of the test data. The inter-

Table 8

^a R designates rectangular-section, T designates T-section.

action curves shown in Figure 46 were constructed using the stress-strain properties listed in Figure 24b and Equations 21 through 24. The theoretical moment-load curves were constructed using Equation 26. The solid points shown in Figure 46 are experimental points taken on the run as the columns were loaded; the open test points were obtained just preceding the collapse of the columns. As indicated

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Collapse Load Data for Eccentrically Loaded Columns Made
of Ti 155A Titanium Alloy and Tested at 772° F.

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in Figure 46 and Table 9, good agreement was found between the theoretical and experimental collapse loads.

Figure 45. P/A-deflection curves for T-section columns of 17-7PH stainless steel, $1/r = 60$

Figure 46. Moment-load curves for Ti 155A titanium alloy columns

V. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

A. SUMMARY

This investigation was undertaken to make a theoretical and experimental study of creep in beams and eccentrically loaded tension members and columns for which the action line of the loads was parallel to the axis of the members. A theory was developed to predict the load-deflection curves of members which had been subjected to a constant load for a specified time. The stress-strain-time relation for the material was obtained from constant-stress creep curves of the material by letting time be a constant to give an isochronous stressstrain diagram. It was found that this stress-strain diagram could be closely approximated by an arc hyperbolic sine curve as given by Equation 3.

Dimensionless design curves were developed to be used in constructing the load-deflection curves for beams and eccentrically loaded members. Except for the rectangular cross section, these design curves have to be developed for each cross section which has different relative dimensions. In the case of eccentrically loaded columns subjected to an initial eccentricity less than 5% of their depths, the load-deflection curves were closely approximated by a modified secant formula (Eq. 20) which is valid for any cross section and is independent of the properties of the material.

In the experimental part of the investigation, tests were run on 117 beams and eccentrically loaded members in addition to the tension and compression creep specimens. These members were made of high pressure canvas laminate and of Zytel 101 nylon tested in a controlled atmosphere room, of 17-7PH stainless steel tested at 972° F. and of Ti 155A titanium alloy tested at 772° F. The test duration was 1,000 hours for plastic test members and 30 minutes for metal test members.

B. CONCLUSIONS

1. The inelastic deformation was predominantly time-dependent creep for members made of high pressure canvas laminate and Zytel 101 nylon at

room temperature and of 17-7PH stainless steel at 972° F. The isochronous stress-strain diagrams of these materials for any specified time could be approximated accurately by an arc hyperbolic sine curve (Eq. 3). In the case of the Ti 155A titanium alloy at 772° F., the inelastic deformation was predominantly time independent; the isochronous stress-strain diagrams were closely approximated by 2 straight lines.

2. Based on the arc hyperbolic sine theory, design curves (Fig. 4) were constructed for beams having various cross sections. Since the isochronous stress-strain relation for the material was obtained from constant stress-creep curves, the theoretical load for the beams was decreased 5% to compensate for the fact that the stress distribution changes with time.

3. Two rectangular-section and 2 T-section beams each of Zytel 101 nylon and high pressure canvas laminate were subjected to pure bending. At 1,000 hours the theory was conservative by an average of 4% in predicting the deflection of the rectangular-section beams and was nonconservative by an average of 4% in predicting the deflection of the T-section beams.

4. Two rectangular-section and 2 T-section beams of canvas laminate were fixed at each end and loaded in the center. The theory was nonconservative in predicting the deflection at 1,000 hours by an average of 4% for the rectangular-section beams and 17% for the T-section beams.

5. Two rectangular-section and 2 T-section beams of canvas laminate were fixed at one end. simply supported at the other end, and loaded in the center. The theory was conservative in predicting the deflection at 1,000 hours by an average of 2% for the rectangular-section beams and nonconservative by an average of 7% for the T-section beams.

6. Based on the arc hyperbolic sine theory, 2 families of curves were derived for rectangularsection and for the T-section eccentrically loaded members (Figs. 5 through 8) to be used along with Equations 14 and 15 for constructing theoretical load-deflection curves for these members. Since the isochronous stress-strain relation for the material was obtained from constant-stress creep curves, the theoretical load for the eccentrically loaded tension members and columns was decreased and increased 10% , respectively, to compensate for the fact that the stress distribution in these members changes with time.

7. Two rectangular-section and 2 T-section eccentrically loaded tension members each of Zytel 101 nylon and high pressure canvas laminate were subjected to dead loads for 1,000 hours. The theory, based on the assumption that the member deflected into a segment of a circle, was nonconservative by an average of 4% in predicting the deflection at 1,000 hours.

8. Four rectangular-section and 6 T-section eccentrically loaded tension members made of 17-7PH stainless steel were subjected to constant load for 30 minutes at 972° F. The theory was nonconservative by an average of 4% in predicting the deflection of the rectangular-section members and conservative by an average of 7% in predicting the deflection of the T-section members.

9. Nineteen rectangular- and T-section canvas laminate columns were subjected to dead loads which resulted in the collapse of the columns in time intervals ranging from 6 hours to 1,335 hours. These columns had slenderness ratios of 30, 50, and 70 and initial eccentricities of 2% , 5% , and 25% of their depths. Twenty rectangular- and T-section 17-7PH stainless steel columns were subjected to constant loads which resulted in collapse of the columns in time intervals ranging from 13 minutes to 70 minutes. These columns had slenderness ratios of 50, 60, 75, and 100 and initial eccentricities of 5% and 25% of their depths. The arc hyperbolic sine theory based on cosine configuration of the deflected column was nonconservative by an aver-

age of 4% in predicting the collapse loads for the canvas laminate columns and conservative by 2% in predicting the collapse loads on the 17-7PH stainless steel columns. The theoretical collapse load based on modified secant formula (Eq. 20) using the correction coefficients given in Figure 10 was nonconservative by an average of 2% in predicting the collapse loads for the canvas laminate columns and conservative by 4% in predicting the collapse loads for the 17-7PH stainless steel columns. The difference between the theoretical and experimental collapse loads appeared to be independent of the column cross-sectional shape, slenderness ratio, initial eccentricity, or time to collapse.

10. The modified secant formula $(Eq. 20)$ is independent of the column cross section and of the properties of the material as long as the isochronous stress-strain diagram can be represented by Equation 3. The formula can be used without correction for predicting the collapse load within \pm 10% if the initial eccentricity is less than 5% of the column depth. The formula can also be used without correction for predicting the deflection of the same columns. For an initial eccentricity of 25% of the column depth, the formula can be used for predicting the column deflection for loads up to $\frac{1}{2}$ the collapse load.

11. Three rectangular-section eccentrically loaded tension members and 24 rectangular- and T-section eccentrically loaded columns of Ti 155A titanium alloy were subjected to constant load at 772° F. The theoretical analysis of these members was based on the interaction curve-moment-load curve theory. The theory was nonconservative by an average of 9% in predicting the deflection of the eccentrically loaded tension members and conservative by an average of 3% in predicting the collapse load of columns.

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VII. APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

Four-Place Tables of B_N

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Four-Place Tables of B_N (Concluded)

APPENDIX B

Four-Place Tables of C_N
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