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COLUMN STRENGTH OF TUBES ELASTICALLY RESTRAINED AGAINST ROTATION AT THE ENDS

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SUMMARY

A study was made of the effects of known end restraint *on commercially amiluble round and dreamiim tubing of chromium-molybdenum steel, duralumin, stainless steel, and heat-treated chromium-molybdenum ~teel; and a more accurate method than any prem"ously arailable, but SW* a *practical method, was dmelipedjor designing compression members in riveted or welded structures, particularly aircraft.*

Two hundred 8pecimen8 were tested as short, mediunt $length, and long columns with freely supported ends or$ *elastically restrained ends. The test specimens were centered under load on Lnife edges held in ca.rn"ers,and the jree lengths were computed by a rational method not heretofore used.* Tensile and compressire tests were made α *each piece of original tubing trom which column 8pecimens were cut. Ilhe column data mere reduced with the aid oj these test8, and formulas were constructed to represent the column strengths in terms of specified tensile yield strengths ~"thfour materials used.*

It wjawnd possible to extend work done by Bleich on the &sign of elastically restrained compression members in bridge-s and to pr~eni a method that shoufd be suitable for designing such members in aircraft. The design is facilitated greatly by the we of tables and a nomographic $chart, both included in this paper. A numerical example$ *is also yire n.*

INTRODUCTION

Compression members, particularly in riveted or welded structures like bridges and fuselages of airplanes are columns elastically restrained against rotation at the ends, and the strengths of such members lie between the strengths they would have if perfectly free to rotate at the ends, on the one hand, and if perfectly fixed at the ends, on the other hand. The interest of the Bureau of Aeronautics, Navy Department, and of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics in the strengths of compression members of the kind mentioned led to the transfer of funds to the National Bureau of Standards in July *1928* and thereafter for an investigation of the subject.

The column strengths of round and of streamline tubular specimens of chromium-molybdenum steel, of duralumin, of stainless steel, and of heat-treated chrominm-molybdenum steeI have been studied. The diameters of the round tubes ranged from 1 inch to 2 inches and the basic diametem of the streamline tubes from 1% to 2% inches. The thicknesses of both sets of tubes ranged from *0.035* to 0.033 inch. Tests were made which included comprehensive tensile and compressive tests of the material used, 186 tests of specimens as initially centrally loaded columns with freely supported ends and with various known equal elastic restraintsat both ends, and *14* such tests with one end freely supported and the other end restrained elastically in a known manner. In this paper these tests are described, and the column tests, further, are interpreted in the light of the double-modulus theory of :ohunn action and are reIated to the mechanical prop erties of the materials of the tubes. The question of designing elastically restrained compression members is also considered.

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MATERIAL **AND** MATERIAL TESTS

THE MATERIAL AND ITS PREPARATION **FOR TEST**

The round chromium-molybdenum-steel tubing had been bought under U. S.' Army Specification No, 57–180–2A now covered by U. S. Army Specification No. 57-180-2C, the equivalent of Navy Department Specification 44T18c, Feb. 1, 1937: Tubing, Steel (Chrome-molybdenum) Round, Seamless (Aircraft Use). In the latter specification:

The specified minimum yield strength was raised from 60,000 to 75,000 lb. per sq. in, for the sizes of tubing that were used, and a more precise method of determining the yield strength was specified.

The specified minimum elongation in 2 in. was raised from 10 to 12 percent for sfzes 0.036 to 0.188 in. thick.

The round duralumin tubing, donated by the Aluminum Co. of America, Pittsburgh, Pa., was supplied to conform with Navy Department Specification $44A2$, now covered by Navy Department Specification 44T21b, May 1, 1937: Tubing, Aluminum-alloy (AJuminum-copper-magnesium-manganese), Round, Seamless, Condition 'T", heat treated. In the latter specification:

The specified minimum yield strength was raised from 30,000 to 40,000 lb. per sq. in., and a more preoise method of determining the yield strength was specified.

The specified percentage elongation in 2 in. was lowered by 2 for all sizes covered in the earlier specification $(\frac{1}{4}$ to $3\frac{1}{3}$ in., inoluaive, nominal outside diameter).

The round stainless-steel tubing was bought under Proposed Navy Department Specification M-55b, temper C tubing, now covered by Bureau of Aeronautics Specification 44T27 (INT) 22 April 1937 for Tubing, Steel, Corrosion-resisting (18 percent Chromium and 8 percent Nickel) Seamless, Drawn, Round, Structural % H-CoId-Drawn, Pickled. III the Iatter specification:

The speoified yield strength was lowered from 150,000 lb. per sq. in. to a minimum of 135,000 lb. per sq. in. and at the same time the method of determining the yield strength was changed to conform in effect to the definition given in Navy Department Specification 44T27, "The yield strength is the load per square inch of original cross section at which the material exhibits an extension under load of 0.002 inch per inch in excess of that which would be computed from Young's modulus of elasticity of 25,000,000 pounds per square inch and the usual formula: Unit stress $=$ Young's modulus \times unit deformation."

The specified elongation in 2 in. was lowered from 8 percent for a full-tube specimen to a minimum of 5 percent for material over 0.02 in. thick and not over 0.049 in. thick and to a minimum of 6 percent for material over 0.049 in. thick.

Flattening requirements were added.

All the chromium-molybdenum-steel tubing that was heat treated was donated by the Summerill Tubing Co., Bridgeport, Pa., and was beat treated free of charge by Metallurgical Laboratories, Inc., Philadelphia., Pa., to a requested temile strength of 175,000 lb, per sq, in,, no specification applying.

The streamline chromium-molybdenum-steel tubing donated by the Summerill Tubing Co., Bridgeport, Pa., was supplied to conform with Navy Department Specification 44T17a, now coyered by Navy Department Specification 44T17b, Dec. 1, 1936: Tubing, Steel (Chrome Molybdenum), Structural, Streamline Cross Section, Seamless (Aircraft Use). In the latter specification:

The specified minimum yieId strength was raised 10,000 lb. per sq. in., but the method of determining the yield strength wao changed so that most material passing the old specification would probably also pass the new one.

The streamline duralumin tubing, donated by tho Aluminum Co. of America, Pittsburgh, Pa,, was supplied to conform with Navy Department Specification 44T22, now covered by Navy Department Specification 44T22a, Feb. 1, 1937: Tubing, Aluminum-alloy (Aluminum-copper-magnesium-manganese), Streamline (Aircraft Use). In the latter specification:

Maximum ohemical contents of iron, silicon, chromium, and other elements (including zinc) were specified,

The specified minimum yield strength was *raizcd* from 30,000 to 32,000 lb. per sq. in.

The streamline stainless-steel tubing was supplied by the Navy Department, which bought it under Navy Department Tentative Specification M-55C, either Grade 1 or 2 tubing with physical properties specified for temper "B" and with cross-sectional dimensions to conform to those shown in table 2 of Navy Department Specification 44T22, now covered by Navy Dopartment Specification 49T11, May 1, 1937: Tubing, Steel, Corrosion-Resisting (18 percent Chromium and S percenti Nickel), Seamless-Drawn, Streamline-Cross-Section (Aircraft Use), $\frac{1}{2}$ H-Cold-drawn, Pickled. In the latter specification:

The specified yield strength was lowered from 125,000 to 11O,OOIIlb. per sq. in., and the method of determining the yield strength was changed to conform in effect to the definition noted under the description **of** the round stainless-steel tubing.

This specified percentage elongation in 2 in. was lowered from 15 for a strip specimen to 13 for material over 0.049 in. thick and to 8 for material not over 0.049 in. thick.

Since for the purpose of the present investigation the latest specifications are, with the exceptions noted, essentially the same as those under which the tubing was supplied, reference to specifications hereinafter will be confined to the latest specifications.

The nominal dimensions of the tubes used are given in table I. One tensile specimen and one comprcssivo specimen were taken from each tube, usually from opposite ends, most of the remainder of the tube being available as column specimens. All these specimens were weighed, their lengths and the outside diameters of the round specimens were measured, and representative determinations of density were made by the Division of Weights and Measures of the Bureau. The cross-sectional area of each specimen was computed from the weight, the length, and the density, Tho least radii of gyration of the cross-scctiomd areas of tho round specimens were determined from tho actual dimensions and of the streamline specimens by subjecting representative specimens ta pure bending,

measuring deflections, and computing the radii of gyration from the results so obtained and the values of the moduli of elasticity found for the compressive specimens.

The initiaI deflections of alI the column specimens except a few short ones were measured.

TENSILE AND COMPRESSIVE TESTS

The tensile tests were made in a 100,000-lb. (50,000-Iig) Amsler machine having scale ranges from O to 101000, 20,000, 50,000 and 100,000 lb. Most of the compressive tests were made in a 50,000-lb. compoundlever machine, having scale ranges from O to 5,000 and 50,000 lb., in which the movable head could be maintained very rigid. Most of the compressive specimens were tested with the lower end against a flat block and the upper end against a hemispherical bearing.

Strains were measured with a Ewing extensometer, when possible, on a 2-inch gage length; otherwise Tuckerman strain gages were used for determinations of moddi of elasticity, and Huggenberger extensometers for determinations of yield strengths. The moduli of elasticity were obtained from stress-strain data by means of difference curves (referance 1) drawn for each of the tensile and compressive specimens. The stress-strain data for determining the modulus of elasticity were usually taken after the specimen had been strained to about 0.002 and the strain released. This procedure "ironed out" some of the initiaI stresses in the material and in many cases, particularly that of the stainlees steeI, made the determination of the modulus of elasticity much more definite than it would have been if determined from readings taken during the first loading. In these cases, owing to the immediate curvature of the stress-strain diagram at low stresses, the modulus of elasticity would have had to have been determined as the tangent modulus at zero stress, a very unsatisfactory determination.

In most cases the tensile yield strengths were obtained from stress-strain diagrams, according to the definitions in the latest Navy Department specifications applying to the type of tubing tested.¹ The compressive yield strength was obtained from a stress-strain diagram as the stress corresponding to the intersection with the stress-strain curve of a line drawn through the origin with a slope βE , where $0 < \beta < 1$ and *E* is the modulus of elasticity. This method is discussed later. The values of β used were: for the chromium-molybdenum steel, $5/9$; for duralumin, $2/3$; for stainless steel, 5/8; and for heat-treated chromium-molybdenum steel, $5/7$.

Typical stress-strain diagrams are shown in figures 1, 2, 3, and 4.

COLUMN TESTS

The primary series of column tests were tests with freely supported ends. As can readily be shown theoretically, the buckling strength of an ideal column having known elastic restraints at the ends is the same as the buckling strength of a column with freely supported ends having a Iength equal to the distance between the successive points of inflection of the center line of the column with restrained ends. Local, crinkling failures are not considered here. The length of the equivalent freely supported column is called the "free length" of the column. Although the double-modulus theory of column action (reference 2)² furnishes a method of determining the free length of an ideal column, as will be shown later, the imperfections of real cohmms made an experimental check seem advisable, and at Dr. L. B. Tuckerman's suggestion a considerable number of specimens were tested with known elastic restraints. The restrained ends also simulate more nearly the practical condition under which actual columns are used.

APPARATCS FOR PROCUSINQ RESTRAINTS AT ENDS

The diagrammatic sketch (fig. 5), shows the lower fixture used for procuring an elastic restraint at the lower end of a column. Except for unimportant details, the upper fixture is the same as the lower. Each fixture comists essentially of a carrier with a knife edge which bears on a seat on a stationary support clamped to the weighing table of the testing machine. Means are provided for holding the end of the test specimen in position on the carrier and moving it horizontally under low loads in a direction perpendicular to the knife edge. Rotation of the carrier about the knife edge is restrained by the helical springs shown. The degree of restraint may be varied by changing the active lengths of the springs, provision for which is furnished. By means of a dial gage, not shown in the figure, it is possible to measure the rotation of the carrier about the knife edge. Wing nuts on the ends of the rods through the springs make it possible to compress the latter so that rotation of the carrier mill not cause one spring ta go out of action (the springs cannot be used in tension).

PROCEDURE FOR MAKING A TEST

The same vertical testing machine was used for the column tests as for most of the compressive tests pretioudy mentioned. Before a series of columns with elastically restrained ends was tested, it was necessary to adjust the active Iengths of the springs to procure the degree of restraint against rotation desired and then, after. compressing the springs by means of the wing nuts, to deternine the restraint accurately. This determination was made by hanging a series of known

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¹In the case of the heat-treated chrominm-molybdenum-steel the tensile yield strength was taken as the stress at the intersection with the stress-strain curve of a strength was taken as the stress at the intersection with the stress-strain curve
line with a slope equal to that of the modulus line and at a strain 0.002 from it.

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weights on one of the hangers at the ends of the carrier (fig. 5), thus causing the carrier to rotate about the knife edge, and noting the corresponding readings of the dial gage indicating rotation (not shown in the figure). From data obtained in this way the moment on the carrier could be plotted against the rotation of the carrier, and the moment per unit angular rotation, which will be called the "restraint", m, could be determined as the sIope of the resulting diagram, The restraints used are given in table I.

The procedure proper, for making a column test consisted in placing the specimen between the upper and lower carriers, centering under load³ with the springs out of action, and then bringing the springa

FIGURE 5.-Diagrammatic sketch showing apparatus for procuring elestic restraint **at** endofcalumn.

into action if the test was to .be made with restrained ends, and loading to faihwe.

RESULTS

DETERMINATION OF THE FREE LENGTH

The results of the coInmn tests were plotted in terms of the ratio of slenderness, based on the free length, and the average stress at failure, and also in terms of nondimensional variables that took into account the properties of the material. The first question that presented itself in preparing such a graphical representation was the determination of the free length. The rigid carriera at the ends of the columns complicated the situation somewhat. Engesser (reference 5) had shown in the case of straight elastic columns how such rigid portions of equal lengths at freely supported ends could be treated rationally, The problem of the straight elastic column of uniform crose section elastically restrained against rotation at the ends had been treated by Nater and others (references 6, 7, and 8), and B1eich (reference 9) considered the case of the straight inelastic column so restrained. In the present investigation there were many slightly curved, inelastic columns with rigid portions and both with and without elastic restraints at the ends. AU these columns were centered under load with the expectation that such

centering would idealize the elastically restrained columns as well as the freely supported columns,+ A rational method of determining the lengths, and thus the ratios of slenderness, of equally strong columns freely supported at the ends was then sought. The strength of the different columns could then be studied as a function of the ratio of slenderness based on the free lengths so found.

If the double-modulus theory (referenco 2) of column action is adequate to describe the behavior of columns under load, as is being questioned loss and less today, and if the departures from straightness of the columns are not too great, then it should be possible to determine the free length of any test column on the basis of this theory. J If, when the free lengths of the test columns have been computed, plots of average stress at failure against ratio of slenderness based on tho computed free length, or modifications of these quantities that take into account the variations in tho properties of the material, lie on a reasonably smooth curve, this fact may be regarded as proof that small initial curvatures under conditions of proper centering do not affect the strengths of even inelastic columns freely supported or elastically restrained at the ends.

The equations determining the freo length of an axiaIIy loaded straight column of uniform cross section with rigid portions and elastic restraints at the ends may be obtained as outlined in the following sections. The procedure is to write down the differential equation for the deflection of the center line, to integrate it, to introduce the boundary conditions, and to determine under what conditions the displacement of the center line becomes indeterminate. It will be found that this displacement becomes indeterminate at a definite load, the buckling load.

The notation that will be used is:

- A, the cross-sectional area of the column
- i , the least radius of inertia or radius of gyration of the cross section of the column measured parallel to the plane of bending.

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I{=}Ai^i
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- *l*, the length of the column specimen.
- so, the length of the rigid portion between the upper end of the specimen and the upper knife edge. $s₁$, the length of the rigid portion between the lower
- end of the specimen and the lower knife edge.

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- P , the load on the column at failure by buckling.
- F , the transverse force acting at each knife edge on
- the ends of the column. \overline{E} , the double modulus.
- $m₀$, the elastic restraint resisting rotation at the top end of the column.
- $m₁$, the elastic restraint resisting rotation at the bottom end of the column.
- ψ_0 , the rotation at the top end of the column. positive clockwise.
- ψ_1 , the rotation at the bottom end of the column, positive clockwise.
- $M_0 = m_0 \psi_0$, the restraining moment at the top end of the column.
- $M_1 = -m_1\psi_1$, the restraining moment at the bottom end of the column.

With the coordinate axes taken as in figure 6 the differential equation of the deflected center line of the column is for small deflections⁶,

$$
\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{M}{EI} \tag{1}
$$

where M is the bending moment at any section.

$$
M = M_0 + F(s_0 + x) - Py
$$

Integration of equation (1) and substitution of the boundary conditions, $x=0: \frac{dy}{dx} = \psi_0$, $y=s_0\psi_0$; $x=l: \frac{dy}{dx}$

 ψ_1 , $y = -s_1\psi_1$, yields four homogeneous linear equations
in ψ_0 , ψ_1 , and two constants of integration. The deflection y becomes indeterminate when the determinant of the coefficients in these equations is equal to zero, and hence the buckling load is defined by the equation

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Upon evaluation of the determinant, there is found in terms of the nondimensional variables

$$
\phi = l \sqrt{\frac{P}{EI}}
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\mu_0 = \frac{m_0}{Pl \left(1 + \frac{s_0}{l} + \frac{s_1}{l}\right)} \text{ and } \mu_1 = \frac{m_1}{Pl \left(1 + \frac{s_0}{l} + \frac{s_1}{l}\right)}:
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\left[1 + \mu_0 + \mu_1 - \phi^2 \left[\frac{s_0 s_1}{l^2} - \frac{s_1}{l} \left(1 + \frac{s_1}{l}\right) \mu_0 - \frac{s_0}{l} \left(1 + \frac{s_0}{l}\right) \mu_1 + \left(1 + \frac{s_0}{l} + \frac{s_1}{l}\right) \mu_0 \mu_1\right]\right] \sin \phi - \phi \left[\mu_0 - \frac{s_0}{l} + \mu_1 - \frac{s_1}{l} + 2 \left(1 + \frac{s_0}{l} + \frac{s_1}{l}\right) \mu_0 \mu_1\right] \cos \phi + 2 \left(1 + \frac{s_0}{l} + \frac{s_1}{l}\right) \mu_0 \mu_1 \phi = 0 \quad (2)
$$

If the length of a freely supported column having the same strength as the given column is denoted by l_0 . then

$$
P = \frac{\pi^2 \overline{E} I}{l_0^2} \tag{3}
$$

(the original double-modulus equation), and this equation makes it possible to write

$$
\phi = \frac{\pi l}{l_0} \tag{4}
$$

Equations (2) and (4) determine ϕ and l_0 when the other quantities are known.

It should be noted that the determination of the free length l_0 does not require a knowledge of the value of

FIGURE 6.-Deflected center line of column.

 \overline{E} , the free length being determined solely by the lengths l_1 , s_0 , and s_1 and the variables μ_0 and μ_1 .

Equation (2) is simplified considerably in certain special cases. Thus, when $s_0 = s_1 = s$ and $u_0 = u_1 = u$. introduce the nondimensional variables

$$
v = \left(1 + \frac{2s}{l}\right)\mu - \frac{s}{l} = \frac{m}{Pl} - \frac{s}{l} \tag{5}
$$

⁴ It may be noted that equation (I) applies to any column that remains straight up to the instant of failure as in the standard loading history. In this case the average stress is constant and hence \overline{E} is independent of \overline{x} .

and

$$
v' = \frac{u - \frac{8}{l}}{1 + \frac{28}{l}} = \frac{\frac{m}{Pl} - \frac{8}{l} \left(1 + \frac{28}{l}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{28}{l}\right)^2}
$$
(6)

and by factoring the left-hand side obtain

$$
\left(\frac{1+\cos\phi}{\sin\phi}+\nu\phi\right)[(1+2\nu')(1-\cos\phi)-\nu'\phi\sin\phi]=0\qquad(7)
$$

It may be noted that if $\phi = 2n\pi$, where n is an integer, the left-hand side of this equation becomes indeterminate. Substitution of this value of ϕ into the original equation, (2), shows that $\phi = 2n\pi$ is not a solution. If the first of the factors on the left-hsmd side of equation (7) is equated to zero, the solution obtained corresponds to the case $\psi_0 = -\psi_1$ (fig. 6) and, if the second factor is equated to zero, the solution obtained corresponds to the case $\psi_0 = \psi_1$. The first solution yields the smallest value of ϕ and is the only one of practical interest. There is obtained then in a convenient form

$$
\cot\frac{\phi}{2} + \nu\phi = 0 \tag{8}
$$

Equation (8) may alsobe written in terms of the trigonometric functions

$$
s = \frac{\phi}{\sin \phi} - 1 \text{ and } t = 1 - \frac{\phi}{\tan \phi} \tag{9}
$$

$$
t+s=-\frac{1}{\nu}\tag{8a}
$$

Where tables of $t+s$ (reference 13) are available, equation (8a) will be the most convenient form for use.

If, when $s_0=s_1=s$ and $\mu_0=0$, there is introduced the nondimensional variable

$$
\nu'' = \frac{\mu_1 - \frac{2s}{l}}{1 + \frac{2s}{l}} = \frac{\frac{m_1}{Pl} - \frac{2s}{l} \left(1 + \frac{2s}{l}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{2s}{l}\right)^2} \tag{10}
$$

equation (2) for the determination of ϕ reduces to

$$
t = -\phi^2 \left(1 + \frac{8}{l} + \frac{1}{\nu''} \cdot \frac{8}{l} \right) - \frac{1}{\nu''}
$$
 (11)

which may be solved by triaI with the aid of table VII.

Finally, if $s_0 = s_1 = 0$, equation (2) may be written in the form

$$
\mu_0\mu_1(t^2-s^2) + (\mu_0+\mu_1)t+1=0 \qquad (12)
$$

Zimmermann (reference 13) gives this equation and Prager (reference 14) gives it in a modified form, but they assume it to apply for elastic buckling only. It has also been presented in a paper by the author (reference 15). The equation may be solved by trial with the aid of table VII, or it may be solved directly

by means of the nomogram (fig, 7) the idea for which is due to L. B. Tuckerman.⁷

In order to use the nomogram, a straight line is run through the points of the circle determined by the values of μ_0 and μ_1 read on the circular scale. This line will intersect the spiral curve in at least onc point, The value of ϕ/π corresponding to this point, or the lower value if there are two intersections,^{a} read on the scale of the spiral curve will be the lowest value for which buckling can occur,

The necessary constants for the column specimens with equal (or no) restraints at opposite ends and for the column specimens freely supported at tho top and restrained at the bottom being computed, equations (8), or (8a), and (11) could be solved for ϕ and the free lengths determined from equation (4) . The ratios of slenderness, l_0/i could now be found; and the corresponding average stresses at failure, P/A , were obtained from the maximum loads and the cross-sectional areas. The values of m and m_1 that were used ranged from 0 to about 450,000 lb.-in. per radian. (See table I.)

COLUMN DATA

The values of ratio of slenderness, l_0/i , and corresponding average stress, P/A , are given in table II and are plotted for the chromium-molybdenum-steel specimens in figure 8, for the duralumin specimens in figure 9. for the round stainless-steel specimens in figuro 10, and for the heat-treated chromium-molybdenum-steel specimens in figure 11. One of the main causes, probably the main cause, of the scatter in the points in these diagrams is the unavoidable variation in the properties of the material from tube to tube and along the length of any one tube from which specimens were cut. This variability can be corrected for to the extent to which the compressive stress-strain relations remain invariable along the length of any one given specimen and are affinely related from specimen to specimen.

Suppose, for example, that there is determined from the compressive stress-strain diagram of the material in each specimen a certain stress, S, as the intersection with the stress-strain curve of a line through the origin having a slope βE , where β is a constant for a given material and $0<\beta<1$, and E is the modulus of clasticity of the material, Let therenow be constructed in each case a reduced compressive stress-strain diagram in which there is plotted, instead of stress against strain, stress divided by S against strain divided by S/E .

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FIGURE 7.—Nomogram for determining ϕ/π when two values of μ are given.

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If the various original stress-strain curves are affinely related,¹⁰ then they all reduce to one and the same curve, in particular, that part of the reduced diagram within the elastic range is identicaI for all materials, Just as there is corresponding to any given stressstrain curve, a definite double-modulus column curve, $P/A = \pi^2 \bar{E}/(\bar{l}_0/i)^2$, so there is corresponding to our reduced stress-strain curve, a defhite reduced double-modulus column curve in which P/A and \bar{E} in the doublemodulus formula are replaced by $P/(AS)$ and \bar{E}/E , respectively, and in which l_0 must be replaced by $l_o\sqrt{S/E}$ ¹¹

If now there are introduced the nondimensional variables¹²

$$
\lambda_{oi} = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{l_0}{i} \sqrt{\frac{S}{E}} - \sigma_i = \frac{P}{AS}
$$
 (13)

the reduced column curve

$$
\sigma_s = \frac{\overline{E}}{\lambda_{os}^2 E} \qquad \qquad \cdots \qquad \cdots \qquad (14)
$$

is identically the same for all columns having geometrically similar cross sections (\bar{E} depends among other things *on* the shape of the cross section) and made of materials having compressive stress-strain diagrams that are affinely related.

Although it is too much to expect nll the compressive stress-strain curves of a material to be aflinely related, nevertldess they are to some degree of approximation so related; and experience has shown that, where the properties of the material differ widely, the correction proposed is a real correction (reference 18). Accordingly, the values of λ_{of} and σ_{c} , equations (13), were computed for each column specimen. For E in each case was used the modulus of elasticity of the compressive specimen for the tube from which the cohunn specimen was cut. For the determination of S, which may be called the "compressive YieId strength", in the case of the chromium-molybdenum steel and the duralumin tubes, β was so chosen that were the tensile yield strength to be determined for a material just passing specifications, then by the βE method exactly the same yield strength would be obtained as by the method specified for round tubing. This consideration gave $\beta = \frac{1}{9}$ for the chromium-molybdenum steel and $\beta = \frac{2}{3}$ for the duralumin. The value of β determined in the same way for the %-H stainless steel gave $\beta = \frac{27}{37}$; this value was arbitrarily reduced to $\frac{5}{8}$, which was the value used for all the stainless-steel specimens. For the heattreated chromium-molybdenum steel $\beta = \frac{5}{7}$ was used. This value would correspond to a specified yield strength of 150,000 lb. per sq. in., determined as indi-

cated in footnote 1. For curves that are strictly affinely related the value of β is immaterial, within the limits $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$ within which it has any meaning. For curves that are approximately affinely related the best value of β is that value which most nearly brings them all to the same reduced stress-strain curve, but practically the best value may be regarded as the value which is most effective in reducing the scatter in the l_0/i , P/A-diagrams. In order to make sure that the values of β adopted were reasonably good, other values were tried: $\frac{1}{2}$ for chromium-molybdenum steel and duralumin, and $\frac{2\pi}{37}$ and $\frac{2}{3}$ for stainless steel. There was little difference in the results, which were not made significantly better nor worse. This result was to be expected, for in order that the method have any value at all, the stress-strain curves must show some semblance of affine relationship, and if they do, the value of β most convenient to use will be practically as good as any other.

The λ_{os} , σ_s -diagrams that result from the procedure just outlined are shown in figures 12, 13, 14, and 15. Comparisons of the chromium-molybdenum-steel diagrams (figs, 8 and 12) and the duralumin diagrams (figs, 9 and 13) show some improvement; but the improwment is most marked in the stainless steel and the heattreated chromium-molybdenum-sted diagrams (figs. 10 and 14 and figs, 11 and 15). That tho improvement is not greater in the chromium-molybdenum-steel results may be explained by the fact that the mechanical properties of the materinl vary considerably along the length of a given tube. The value of the compressive yield strength for a column specimen may differ appreciably from the value of the compressive yield strength as actualIy determined on the compressive specimen, Moreover, the compressive stress-strain curves of the chromium-molybdenum-steel showed comparatively poor affine relationship. No great improvement in the duralumin results would be expected because of the general uniformity of all the material used.

The next most probable cause of scatter in the l_0/ i , P/A - and λ_{0i} , σ_i -diagrams after variations in the properties of the materials, is the uncertainty of the conditions at the ends of the test cohunns. The best measure of the success with which a column has been centered is the subsequent load-deflection curve obtained on testing the column; or better, for compnrativo purposes, a plot of load, *P*, divided by maximum load, P_{max} , against deflection within the free length divided by the free length (reference 19). Tho shnrpcr the "knee" of such a diagram, that is, the smaller the smallest-radius of curvature of the reduced load deflection curve, the better centered or the better adjusted tho ends of the column may be assumed to have been. Representative diagrams of this kind are shown in figures 16 and 17. The deflection, δ_{0} , in the free length was obtained from the observed deflections on the assumption that equation (1) represented the deflected center line.

¹⁶ By affine relation is meant the relation that exists between the curves $F(e, f) = 0$ \mathbf{B} and $\mathbf{F}(pe, qf) = 0$, where p and q are constants.

II The quantity $\mu \sqrt{S/E}$ is the length of an elastic column which would buckle at the average stress S .

l! sim!lw variablm *were used* **by Tuckwrnan, Petrenko, and Johnson (reference 1S).**

FIGURE 17.--Representative reduced lead-deflection curves for stainless-steel and
heat-treated chromium-molybdenum-steel tubes.

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Comparison of the low points on the $\lambda_{\alpha s}, \sigma_s$ -diagrams with the reduced load-deflection diagrams for the corresponding specimens indicated that one chromiummolybdenum-steel, three duralumin, four stainless-steel, and two heut-treated chromium-molybdenum-steel columns were probably tested with unsatisfactory end conditions, since the reduced load-deflection curves showed large radii of curvature at the knees.

The error in the free length, l_0 , due to an error in the restraint, m , was estimated to be not greater than 1 percent in any case.

The tests on freely supported round columns are regarded as the primary data, the tests with restrained ends and the tests of the streamline sections being regarded as check data. The degree to which the check data agree with the primary data is an indication of the accuracy of the method of computing free length by means of equations (4) and (8) or (11). It will be noted that, in general, in figures 12 , 13 , 14 , and 15 the points representing the check data fall in approximately equal numbers above and below the point representing the primary data.

FORMULAS AND CURVES FOR DESIGNING

The data were adapted for use in designing by the following procedure. Empirical formulas were developed to give a good approximation to the $\lambda_{o,s}$, σ_{s^-} values for each of the materials, curves representing these formulas being shown in figures 12, 13, 14, and 15. Use of these formulas or curves requires a knowledge of the compressive yield strength of the material, and this information is not usualIy available to the designer, The specified property most nearly related to it is the tensile yield strength. Therefore, the average ratios of compressive yield strength to tensileyield strength were determined for the several materials, and the values of the specified tensile yield strength in the several current specifications were introduced into the empirical equations to give the column strength as a function of ratio of slenderness for material just passing the specification. Curves representing these results are shown in figures 8, 9, 10, and 11. The details of this procedure will now be taken up.

The results of the tests on the freely supported round chromium-molybdenum-steel, columns can be represented in the $\lambda_{\alpha s}$, σ_{s} -diagram by a curve of the form $12*$

$$
\sigma_s = \frac{K_0 - \lambda_{os}^2}{\frac{1}{4}(K_0 - K_1)^2 + K_1 \lambda_{os}^2} \text{ for } \frac{4K_0}{(K_0 - K_1)^2} \ge \sigma_s \ge \frac{2}{K_0 - K_1} (15a)
$$

and the reduced Euler curve

$$
\sigma_{\bullet} = \frac{1}{\lambda_{\sigma \bullet}^2} \text{ for } \frac{2}{K_0 - K_1} \ge \sigma_{\bullet} > 0 \qquad (15b)
$$

where K_0 and K_1 are empirical constants. These curves are shown in figure 12 for $K_0=5.6$ and $K_1=1$:

$$
\sigma_{\epsilon} = \frac{5.6 - \lambda_{\sigma \epsilon}^2}{5.29 + \lambda_{\sigma \epsilon}^2} \text{ for } \frac{560}{529} \ge \sigma_{\epsilon} \ge \frac{10}{23} \tag{16a}
$$

$$
\sigma_{s} = \frac{1}{\lambda_{os}^{2}} \text{ for } \frac{10}{23} \ge \sigma_{s} > 0. \tag{16b}
$$

It may be noted that for $K_i=0$, equation (15a) reduces to the Johnson parabolic formuln.

The results of the tests on the freely supported round duralumin columns can be represented in the λ_{gs} , σ_{s} -diagram by the straight line and the reduced Euler curve

$$
\sigma_{s} = 1.175 - 0.575\sqrt{0.6}\lambda_{ot} \text{ for } 1.175 \ge \sigma_{s} \ge 0.6
$$
\n
$$
\text{or} \qquad \sigma_{s} = 1.175 - 0.445\lambda_{ot} \quad \text{for} \qquad 1.175 \ge \sigma_{s} \ge 0.6 \text{ (17a)}
$$
\n
$$
\text{and} \qquad \sigma_{s} = \frac{1}{\lambda_{ot}^{2}} \qquad \qquad \text{for} \qquad \qquad 0.6 \qquad \ge \sigma_{s} > 0 \qquad (17b)
$$

which are shown in figure 13.

The results of the tests on the freely supported round stainless-steel columns can be represented in the $\lambda_{\alpha\alpha}$, σ_{α} diagram by a modification of a curvo proposed by Aarflot¹⁸

$$
\sigma_4 = \frac{1}{K_2 \lambda_{02}^2 + (1 - K_2) \sqrt{\lambda_{02}^4 + K_3}}, K_2 \le 1, K_3 \ge 0 \quad (18)
$$

for all values of λ_{o_4} , K_2 and K_3 being empirical constants. The curve is shown in figure 14 for $K_2=0.08$, $K_3=8$:

$$
\sigma_s = \frac{1}{0.68\lambda_{os}^2 + 0.32\sqrt{\lambda_{os}^2 + 8}}\tag{19}
$$

It may be noted that for $K_2=1$ or $K_3=0$ equation (18) reduces to the Euler formula.

The results of the tests on the freely supported round heat-treated chromium-molybdenurn-steel columns can be represented in the λ_{α} , σ_{α} -diagram by the seventhdegree parabola and the Euler curve,

$$
\sigma_{\bullet} = 0.943(1 - 0.0751\lambda_{\text{or}}^{\text{T}}) \text{ for } 0.943 \ge \sigma_{\bullet} \ge 0.733 \text{ (20a)}
$$

$$
\sigma_{\epsilon} = \frac{1}{\lambda_{\sigma \epsilon}^2} \qquad \qquad \text{for } 0.733 \ge \sigma_{\epsilon} > 0 \qquad (20b)
$$

which are shown in figure 15.

The relations between l_0/i and P/A , usually desired, may be obtained by substituting the values of λ_{σ} , and σ_s from (13) in (16a) to (20b), solving for P/A , and introducing the numerical values of tho quantitics *S* and E ; but this procedure would result in equations applicable only to the particular material tested. What is wanted are equations in l_0/i and P/A which give safe results when applied to any material passing specifications. The specified property most cIoscIy related to the compressive yield strength of a material is the tensile yield strength, and if the ratio of these two strengths is known for a particular material, a

¹⁸ Aarflot (reference 21) proposes

$$
\sigma = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}\lambda_0! + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\lambda_0! + 4}}
$$

^{12&}lt;sup>a</sup> This type of curve, in terms of the ratio of slenderness and the average stress, **was proposed by Krefiger (reference 20).**

column formula written in terms of the compressive yield strength may be given in terms of the specified \vec{v} ield strength. The average ratios of the compressive yield strength to the tensile yield strength for the round tubes of the four materials used in this investigation were found to be 1.000, 0.908, 0.827, and 1.120 for chromium-molybdenum steel, duralumin, stainless steel, and heat-treated Chromium-molybdenum steel, respectively.

Navy Department Specification 44T18c for chromium-molybdenum-steel tubing requires a tensile yield strength not less than 75,000 lb. per sq. in. for tubing up to 0.188 inch thick. The compressive yield strength of tubing just passing this specification may be expected to be $S=1.000 \times 75000 = 75{,}000$ lb. per sq. in. The average value found for E for the round tubes was 29,800,000 lb. per sq. in. Consequently, the column strength in pounds per square inch of tubing up to 0.188 inch thick which passes the specification just mentioned and for which the ratio of diameter d to thickness *f* does not exceed about 50 (value obtained from unpublished tests on short specimems) may be represented by the formulas

$$
\frac{P}{A} = 75000 \frac{22000 - \left(\frac{l_0}{i}\right)^2}{20700 + \left(\frac{l_0}{i}\right)^2}
$$
 for $79400 \ge \frac{P}{A} \ge 32600$, (21a)
\n
$$
\frac{P}{A} = \frac{294000000}{\left(\frac{l_0}{i}\right)^2}
$$
 for $32600 \ge \frac{P}{A} > 0$. (21b)

Curves corresponding to these formulas are shown in figure 8. They represent the strength that may be expected from tubes which just pass the specification.

Navy Department Specification 44T21b for heattreated duralumin tubing requires a tensile yield strength not less than 40,000 lb. per sq. in. The compressive yield strength of tubing just passing this specification may be expected to be $S=0.908\times40000$ $=$ 36,320 lb. per sq. in. The average value found for *E* for the round tubes was *10,590,000* lb. per sq. in. Consequently, the column strength in pounds per square inch of tubing which passes the specification just mentioned and for which the ratio of diameter d to thickness t does not exceed 55 (value obtained from unpublished tests on short specimens) maybe represented by the formulas.

$$
\frac{P}{A} = 42700 \left(1 - 0.00707 \frac{l_0}{i} \right) \text{ for } 42700 \ge \frac{P}{A} \ge 21800 \quad (22a)
$$
\n
$$
\frac{P}{A} = \frac{104600000}{\left(\frac{l_0}{i}\right)^2} \qquad \text{for } 21800 \ge \frac{P}{A} \ge 0. \qquad (22b)
$$

Curves corresponding to these formulas are shown in figure 9. They represent the strength that may be expected from tubes which just pass the specification.

Navy Department Specification 44T27 (INT) for stainless-steel tubing, 3/4 H-Cold drawn, requires a tensile yield strength not less than 135,000 lb. per sq. in. The compressive yield strength of tubing just passing this specification may be expected to be $S=0.827$ \times 135000=111,600 lb. per sq. in. The average value found for E for the round tubes was 26,300,000 lb. per sq. in. Consequently, the column strength in pounds per square inch of tubing which passes the specification just mentioned and for which the ratio of diameter *d* to thickness **f** does not exceed about 35 (see table I) may be represented by the formula

$$
\frac{P}{A} = \frac{123400}{\left(0.01798\frac{l_0}{i}\right)^2 + \sqrt{1 + \left(0.01233\frac{l_0}{i}\right)^4}}\tag{23}
$$

The curve represented by this formula is shown in figure 10 . It represents the strength that may be expected from tubes which just pass the specification.

As stated prewioudy, no specifications apply to the heat-treated chromium-molybdenum-steel tubing, but alI the tensile specimens showed a yield strength above 150,000 lb. per sq. in. determined as indicated in footnote 1. The variation in the ratios of compressive yield strength to tensile yield strength was so great, more than 20 percent, and the number of tubes, five, from which specimens were cut was so small that instead of using the average ratio for this material, it seems desirable from considerations of safety to use the least ratio found of compressive yield strength to tensfie yield strength, namely, 0.99, in obtaining a relation between P/A and l_0/i based on a specified tensile yield strength. If a specified minimum tensile yield strength of $150,000$ lb. per sq. in. is assumed, the compressive yield strength of tubing just passing the specification may be expected to be $S=0.99\times150000=148,500$ lb. per Sq. in. The average value found for *E* for the round tubes was 30,000,000 lb. per sq. in. Consequently, the column strength in pounds per square inch of hea&treated chromium-molybdenum-steed tubing similar to that tested, having a specified minimum tensiIe yield strength of 150,000lb. per sq. in., for which the ratio of diameter d to thickness t does not exceed about $35¹⁴$ (see table I) may be represented by the formulas

$$
\frac{P}{A} = 140000[1 - (0.01547l_0/i)^7] \text{ for } 140000 \le \frac{P}{A} \ge 108900
$$
\n(24a)\n
$$
\frac{P}{A} = \frac{296100000}{(l_0/i)^2} \text{ for } 108900 \ge \frac{P}{A} > 0
$$
\n(24b)

Curves represented by these formulas are shown in figure 11. They represent the strength that may be expected from tubes which just pass a specification requiring a minimum tensile yield strength of 150,000 lb. per sq. in. .—. . -.—

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Figures 18,19,20, and 21 represent curves of buckling load P , plotted against free length, l_0 , for Navy Department standard sizes of tubing up to and including 3 inches in diameter. These curves were obtained from equations (21a) and (24b) by inserting the appropriate values of A and i and solving for P in terms of l_0 .

In the analysis of trusses continuous at the joints it is necessary to use the ratio $r=\overline{E}/E$, which is a function of the average stress on the cross. section of a column at the instant of buckling, since \overline{E} is a function of this stress. The relation between τ and the average stress may be obtained by eliminating λ_{08} from equation (14) and the empirical equation applying for the particular material being used, and then substituting for σ_{\bullet} its value in terms of P/A . Thus, for chromium-molybdenum steel, by eliminating λ_{0} , from equations (16a) and (14) and substituting

$$
\sigma_s = \frac{P}{1.000 \cdot 75000 \text{A}} \left(\frac{P}{A} \text{ in lb. per sq. in.} \right)
$$

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$$
\tau = 0.00007467 \frac{P}{A} \frac{1 - 0.00001260 \frac{P}{A}}{1 + 0.00001333 \frac{P}{A}} \text{ for } 79400 \ge \frac{P}{A} \ge 32600
$$

\n(25a)

and from (16b) $r=1$, for $32600 \ge \frac{P}{4} > 0$. (25b)

Similarly for duraIumin, equations (17a) and (14) give *P (* on substituting $\sigma_i = \frac{P}{0.908 \cdot 40000 A} \left(\frac{P}{A} \text{ in lb. per sq. in.} \right)$ $\tau = 0.0001920 \frac{P}{A} \left(1 - 0.00002343 \frac{P}{A} \right)^2$ for $42700 \ge \frac{P}{A} \ge 21800$ **(26a)**

and from (17b)
$$
\tau = 1
$$
, for $21800 \ge \frac{P}{A} > 0$ (26b)

And for stainless steel, equations (19) and (14) give on *P.* $\text{substituting } \sigma_{s} = \frac{P}{0.827 \cdot 135000 \text{A}} \left(\frac{P}{A} \text{ in lb. per sq. in.} \right)$

$$
\tau = \frac{17}{9} - \frac{8}{9} \sqrt{1 + \left(0.00001520 \frac{P}{A}\right)^2} \tag{27}
$$

Finally, for heat-treated chromium-molybdenum steel, equations $(20a)$ and (14) give, on substituting *P P.* $\mathcal{C}(-0.99.150000A\backslash A^{m}$ is possible. *P (P* τ =0.00001411 $\frac{1}{\tilde{A}}$ $\left(1 - \frac{1}{140000\tilde{A}}\right)$ for 140000 $\geq \frac{1}{\tilde{A}} \geq 108900$ **(28a)**

and from (20b)

$$
\tau = 1 \text{ for } 108900 \ge \frac{P}{A} > 0. \tag{28b}
$$

Tables III, IV, V, and VI give values of τ for different values of P/A in equations (25a) to (28b). The quantity $\frac{1}{\pi}$ $\frac{1}{F_-}$ is alsolisted in these tables as it will be found convenient to have it.

DISCUSSION

Some of the material used for test did not pass specifications in all particulars, and in the evaluation of the results of the tests, this matter should be considered. One failure to meet specifications which might be considered significant in the present investigation is the failure to reach the specified tensile yield strength, but this failure can be adequately corrected for by using the $\lambda_{\alpha\beta}$, σ_{β} -method of plotting, provided that enough specimens which do pass the specification for vield strength are also tested as checks. Two round column specimens did not pass the specification for straightness (maximum allowable departure from straightness: ratio of initial deflection to length 1 to 600), but these specimens showed no lower strength than other comparable specimens; nor was the effect of initial deflection on tho strength apparent in any other case.

Occasional high points in the l_q/i , P/A - and λ_{qq} , σ -diagrams, as in figures 8 and 9, and figures 12 and 13, were due to friction at the knife edges and have no practical significance. This friction was minimized in the later tests by vibrating the specimen slightly by means of a light buzzer attached to the middle of the specimen during test. Three conspicuously low points in figures 11 and 15 were due to failure by local buckling at the ends of the specimens where they bore on the plates of the carriers. Two of these specimens were from round tubes with ratios of diameter to thickness **of 35.7** and 50.0, respectively, and tho third was from a streamline tube with ratio of basic round diameter to thickness of 32.1.

It seems safe now to conclude that round tubes having ratios of diameter to thickness not greater than was mentioned previously and conforming to Navy Department Specifications 44T18c, 44T21b for hcd-treated tubing or $44T27$ (INT) for $\frac{1}{2}$ H-cold drawn tubing, in particular tubes having departures from straightness not much greater than allowed by tho specifications, may be designed as columns with elastically restrained ends on the basis of the double modulus and equations (21a), (21b) for chromium-molybdenum steel; (22a), $(22b)$ for duralumin; and (23) for stainless steel. Similarly, round heat-treated chromium-molybdcnum-steel tubes with ratios of diameter to thickness not much greater than 35 and with tensile yield strengths not less than **150,000** lb. per sq. in. may be designed with the aid of equations $(24a)$ and $(24b)$.

As far as the shape of the cross section is concerned, theoretically the streamline tubes should be slightly weaker than the round tubes; but this difference would be so small as to be masked by other considerations in a series of tests made under necessarily practical conditions. If the difference did show itself, it should do so independently of the material; but no such consistent difference appears in the test results.

The points representing the chromium-molybdenumsteel streamline tubing in the $\lambda_{\alpha s}$, -diagram (fig. 12) are all low except one, but these low values are believed to be due to the appreciably flatter knee of the compressive stress-strain diagram (reference 22) of the material of the streamline tubes. (See 1CB-C in fig. 1.) If this particularly flat knee may also be expected in round chromium-molybdenum-steel tubing, further tests with round tubing having this characteristic would be desirable. The results available indicate that for streamline chromium-molybdenum-steel tubing not over 0.186 inch thick, passing Navy Department Specification 44T17b, for which the ratio of basic round diameter d to thickness f does not appreciably exceed 35 (see table I), formula (21a) may be replaced by

$$
\frac{P}{A} = 82400 - \frac{\left(\frac{l_o}{i}\right)^2}{18900 + \left(\frac{l_o}{i}\right)^2}
$$
 for $87200 \ge \frac{P}{A} \ge 35800$

For values of P/A less than 35,800 lb. per sq. in., equation (21b) applies.

The points representing the duraIumin streamline tubing in the $\lambda_{\alpha i}$, σ_{ϵ} -diagram (fig. 13) all except one high one closely folIow the points for the round tubing.

The points representing the stainless-steel streamline tubing in the λ_{os} , diagram (fig. 14) are the most erratic of any for the four materials tested, but this fact is not altogether surprising since the matmial *was* not the same as that of the round stainless-steel tubes. The trend of the points for the streamline tubing relative to those for the round tubing is consistent with the differences shown by the compressive stress-strain diagrams. The stress-strain curves of the material of the streamline tubing had sharper knees than those of the material of the round tubes (see 2SC-C in fig. 3) and the streamline-column specimens show high values of σ_{\bullet} for high values of $\lambda_{\circ\bullet}$ and low values of σ_{\bullet} for low values of λ_{off} , which would be expected (reference 22).

The points representing the heat-treated chromiummolybdenum-steel tubing (fig. 15) closely follow the points for the round tubing, except two which are the results of tests on specimens with restrained ends. The restmint was heavy, **440,000** lb.-in. per radian and the reduced load-deflection curves for these specimens were not smooth at low loads and showed very blunt "knees." It is probable that, as load was applied, the movable head of the testing machine did not move paraIIel to itseIf, thus producing a rotation of the top end of the specimen and bending, which resulted in a very nonuniform distribution of stress. Since the knee of the stress-strain curve of this material is so sharp, premature bending of the specimen would lomr the column strength more pronouncedly than would be the case with a material with a blunt knee.

NOTE ON 'THE DESIGN OF COMPEESS1ON MEMBERS ELASTICALLY RESTRAINED AT' THE ENDS

In a truss or a framework (Stabnetz) continuous at the joints the members are interdependent, and in particular the buckling strength of a member depends on the restraining moments (positive or negative) produced at its ends by the other members meeting there. These moments, moreover, depend on the geometrical and material properties of all the members of the truss or framework. It is not possible, therefore, to consider the buckling of a compression member by itself but only as part of the structure as a whole. Theoretically, it is possible to determine with given conditions of loading the maximum load to produce failure of any truss, but practically, the solution of the transcendental equations involved is out of the question except for the simplest cases. Approximate solutions based on simplifying assumptions at present seem to offer the onIy way out.

Only planar trusses with the joints assumed to be immovable will be considered here. The case of movable joints has been treated by B1eich (reference 9), Prager (reference 23), and othera; the case of space structures has been treated notably by Friedrich and HamsBleich (reference 24).

In order to get anywhere it is necessary to assume that the truss can be broken up into sufficiently simple groups of membem to enable the stability of each group to be investigated separately. Two such groups are (a) an individual compression member and the members meeting it at its ends, the far ends of the latter members being considered as freely supported (fig. 22); and (b) three members forming a triangle (fig. 23). As will be shown presently by examples, the first group can be treated by means of equation (12), and the stability of the second group can be investigated by means of the condition of buckling of a triangle.

$$
\begin{vmatrix}\n t'_{11} + t'_{1k} & s'_{1k} & s'_{1l} \\
s'_{1k} & t'_{1k} + t'_{k1} & s'_{k1} \\
s'_{11} & s'_{k1} & t'_{k1} + t'_{1l}\n\end{vmatrix} = 0 (25)
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\nhere\n
$$
E_{11} + E_{12} + E_{13}
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$$
\mathbf{s'}{=}\frac{E}{Pl}\mathbf{s} \text{ and } \mathbf{t'}{=}\frac{E}{Pl}\mathbf{t}
$$

and the subscripts refer to the members as shown in figure 23. This equation is given as applying to the elastic case by Borkmann (reference 25) and may be derived by applying the equation of four moments, Bleich (reference 9), successively to the members ij, jk; jk, ki; and ki, ij.

In the groups of members the stability of which is to be considered, *P* for each member represents the load in the member, positive for compression and negative for tension. The quantity ϕ , which occurs in the expressions fors and t, is always given by

$$
\phi = l \sqrt{\frac{|P|}{EI\tau}} \tag{26}
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Now since

but when *P* is negative (tension), s and t become [Similarly for any member meeting ij at j

$$
s = \frac{\phi}{\sinh \phi} - 1 \text{ and } t = 1 - \frac{\phi}{\tanh \phi} \qquad (9a)
$$

If a member carries no load, or is assumed *to* carry no load, an assumption which may be made for sim-

FIGURE $22-4$ member of a truss, together with the members meeting it at its ends. Frought Text $23-$ Three members of a truss forming a triangle.

plicity and with safety for most practical tension | and members (see the appendix) then s' and t' or $s/(Pl)$ and *t/(Pi)* become indeterminate. These quantities may be $\frac{d}{dx}$ by the usual methods, and one finds $\frac{d}{dx}$ there can be obtained by simple substitution $\frac{d}{dx}$

$$
\frac{\mathbf{s}}{Pl} = \frac{l}{6EI} \text{ and } \frac{\mathbf{t}}{Pl} = \frac{l}{3EI} \tag{9b}
$$

 E quation (12) applied to the group of members shown in figure 22 may be written The method of treating such groups of members as

$$
\mu_1\mu_1(t_{11}^2 - s_{11}^2) + (\mu_1 + \mu_1)t_{11} + 1 = 0 \tag{27}
$$

$$
m_1 + m_{11} + m_{12} + \ldots + m_{1k} + \ldots + m_{1n} = 0,
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 $m_1+m_1+m_2+...+m_m+...+m_m=0$

$$
\mu_{1} = \frac{1}{P_{11}l_{11}} \left(\frac{P_{11}l_{11}}{t_{11}} + \frac{P_{12}l_{12}}{t_{12}} + \dots + \frac{P_{1m}l_{1m}}{t_{1m}} \right) \n\mu_{1} = \frac{1}{P_{11}l_{11}} \left(\frac{P_{11}l_{11}}{t_{11}} + \frac{P_{12}l_{12}}{t_{12}} + \dots + \frac{P_{1n}l_{1n}}{t_{1n}} \right)
$$
\n(28)

 7) those designated (a) and (b) depends on whether it is

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where μ_i and μ_i are the values of μ at i and j, respectively, and it is necessary to determine μ_1 and μ_2 in terms of the loads and the dimensions of the members of the group. The quantities μ_1 and μ_1 depend on the restraints offered by the members meeting ij at i and at j and may be found easily by applying equation (12) to.these members. Thus if the member hi is considered and the value of μ at h is put equal to $\mu_{\text{hi}}=0$, since the member is. supposed freely supported at h, there is obtained on solving for the value of μ at i for this member

$$
\mu_{\rm in}{=}\frac{m_{\rm in}}{P_{\rm in}l_{\rm in}}{=}\frac{1}{\rm t_{\rm in}}
$$

desired merely to check the stability of existing groups under given loads or whether the groups are to be designed to carry specific loads. Tho actual procedure may be much the same in the two cases. In the first case the left-hand side of equation (27) or (25) is computed, whichever one applies, and is compared with the right-hand side, $0.$ No simple criteria can be given for assuring stability by menns of such a comparison, however, and it is recommended that for a group like that shown in figure 22 the nomogram, figure 7, be used in conjunction with equation (27) to

u The expression for M and YI were dfflerently determined In reference **18** and were there called T_i and T_j .

determine whether a member is stable. It should be \parallel Example: Figure 24 shows in outline a portion of a noted that no value of ϕ/π >1.4303 must be allowed i loaded chromium-molybdenum-steel truss. Posted on to occur in any member ih or jk, because ϕ/π =1.4303 each member is its length *l*, cross-sectional area *A*, represents the condition of one end freely supported cross-sectional moment of inertia I , and load P . By a and the other end fixed. For a triangular group (fig. \vert consideration of the group of members FE, FC, FD, 23), care must be exercised in using equation (25) FH, HJ, HG, and HE, it has been found that this that no values of ϕ/τ occur larger than those which group just reaches a neutral state of equilibrium correspond to the lowest critical loading. In the sec- when $W=1,450$ pounds. It is desired to check the correspond to the lowest critical loading. In the sec- ond case, that of designing members for specific loads, equation (27) or (25) must be solved for one unknown, whether they are in stable equilibrium and possibly to ϕ , if the other members are assumed to be known, or redesign some of them. Only two groups will be conif more than one member is unknown, the equation sidered here, the group (a) JI, JG, JL, LK, LI and the that applies must be solved by trial for such a combi- group (b) BC, CD, and DB. It is convenient to nation of ϕ 's as will satisfy it. A numerical example arrange at least part of the computation in some such will help to clarify the procedure. \vert tabular form as the following:

each member is its length l , cross-sectional area A , other compression members in order to determine redesign some of them. Only two groups will be conarrange at least part of the computation in some such

The values of P in the table are obtained from figure 24 with $W=1,450$ pounds; the values in column 7 are obtained from table III; those in column 9 are 1 onethousandth of the product of those in Columns 2, 7, and 8; those in columns 10, 11, and 12 are obtained from table WI except for member CD; and the source of the other entries is obvious. It was assumed for simplicity, and to be on the safe side, that members JG and LI carried no stress.

If equation (27) is now applied to the group (a) , there is first obtained from equation (2)

> μ _J=0.01900 (6.510+13.24)=0.3752 μ_L =0.01900 (23.67+15.69)=0.7478

Now substitute into equation *(27)* and find

 $0.3752\times0.7477\times3.829+(0.3752+0.7478)\times2.611+1>0$ The group is safe. The design, however, may be uneconomical and the possibility of redesigning the member JL is investigated. Any of the other members or any two or more members might have been considered. Substitute μ_{J} and μ_{L} as just found into equation (27) and solve it for ϕ_{JL} by trial with the aid of table VII or, more simply, determine ϕ_{m} directly from the nomogram of figure 7:

$$
\frac{\phi_{\text{JL}}}{\pi} = 1.784
$$

This is the value of ϕ/π required for the member JL in order to bring the group (a) into neutral equilibrium. The value of ϕ/τ in the original design is only 0.701, **so** that a considerably smaller member JL would be adequate. Assuming tubular construction, such a

member may be picked from the chart of figure 18 by entering it at the load $P_{\text{m}}=2,349$ lb. and the free length, computed from equation (4)

$$
l_0 = \frac{l_{\text{m}}}{\frac{\phi_{\text{m}}}{\pi}} = \frac{22.4}{1.784} = 12.56 \text{ in.}
$$

It is found that a $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. by 0.035-in. tube would be satisfactory. Whether this tube would represent a practical possibility is, of course, another matter.

Lf some member of the group other than the member JL were to be redesigned, equation (27) with the expressions for μ from equation (28) could be solved directly for the value of t required for the member. The required value of ϕ/τ could then be looked up in table WI in the case of a compression member, or computed from equation (9a) in the case of a tension member. A new compression member could then be picked from figure 18 as just explained. A new tension member would have to be chosen by satisfying equation (26) by trial. If more than one member of the group were to be redesigned, a relation connecting the various ϕ/π 's could be obtained from equations (27) and (28) and this relation satisfied by trial. It would probably be at least as expeditious, however, to modify one member at a time rather than two or more simultaneously.

Let the second group of members now be considered the triangle composed of the members BC, CD, DB. Proceed in the same general way as with the first group, that is, compare the Ieft-hand side of equation (25) with zero. If the determinant is expanded, the values of s' and t' in terms of E , P , I , s , and t are substituted,

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and the result is divided through by *E8,* there may be written

$$
\left(\frac{t_{BC}}{P_{BC}l_{BC}} + \frac{t_{CD}}{P_{CD}l_{CD}}\right)\left(\frac{t_{CD}}{P_{CD}l_{CD}} + \frac{t_{DB}}{P_{DB}l_{DB}}\right)\left(\frac{t_{DB}}{P_{DB}l_{DB}} + \frac{t_{BC}}{P_{BC}l_{BC}}\right) \n+ 2\frac{s_{BC}s_{CD}s_{DB}}{P_{BC}l_{BC}P_{CD}l_{CD}P_{DB}l_{DB}} - \frac{s_{BC}^2}{P_{BC}l_{BC}^2}\left(\frac{t_{CD}}{P_{CD}l_{CD}} + \frac{t_{DB}}{P_{DB}l_{DB}}\right) \n- \frac{s_{CD}^2}{P_{CD}l_{CD}^2}\left(\frac{t_{DB}}{P_{DB}l_{DB}} + \frac{t_{BC}}{P_{BC}l_{BC}}\right) \n- \frac{s_{DB}^2}{P_{DB}l_{DB}^2}\left(\frac{t_{BD}}{P_{BC}l_{BC}} + \frac{t_{CD}}{P_{CD}l_{CD}}\right) = 0
$$
\n(29)

Substitution from the table gives

 $0.004375 - 0.0007816 - 0.01239 + 0.00001433 + 0.003766$ $=-0.005017<0.$

The group is safe. The design may be uneconomical, however, and the possibility of redesigning the member BC is investigated. Any of the other members or any two of them might have been considered. For the present purpose it is more convenient to write equation (29) in the form

$$
\begin{aligned}[t] \frac{1}{P_{\text{BO}}^2 l_{\text{BO}}^2} \Big(&\frac{t_{\text{CD}}}{P_{\text{CD}} l_{\text{CD}}} + \frac{t_{\text{DB}}}{P_{\text{DB}} l_{\text{DB}}}\Big) \left(t_{\text{BO}}^2 - s_{\text{BC}}^2\right) \\ + &\frac{1}{P_{\text{BC}} l_{\text{BO}}}\Bigg[\Big(\frac{t_{\text{CD}}}{P_{\text{CD}} l_{\text{CD}}} + \frac{t_{\text{DB}}}{P_{\text{DB}} l_{\text{DB}}}\Big)^2 - \Big(\frac{s_{\text{CD}}^2}{P_{\text{CD}}^2 l_{\text{CD}}^2} + \frac{s_{\text{DB}}^2}{P_{\text{DB}}^2 l_{\text{DB}}^2}\Big) \Bigg] t_{\text{BO}} \\ + & 2 \frac{s_{\text{CD}} s_{\text{DD}} s_{\text{BC}}}{P_{\text{CD}} l_{\text{CD}} P_{\text{DB}} l_{\text{DB}} P_{\text{BC}} l_{\text{BC}}} + \frac{\left(t_{\text{DB}}^2 - s_{\text{DB}}^2\right) t_{\text{CD}}}{P_{\text{DB}}^2 l_{\text{DB}}^2 P_{\text{CD}} l_{\text{CD}}} \\ + &\frac{\left(t_{\text{CD}}^2 - s_{\text{CD}}^2\right) t_{\text{DB}}}{P_{\text{CD}}^2 l_{\text{CD}}^2 P_{\text{DB}} l_{\text{DB}}} = 0 \end{aligned}
$$

Substitution from the table of all values except s_{BC} and t_{BG} gives after simplification

 $t_{BG}^2 - s_{BG}^2 + 5.366t_{BG} + 1.645s_{BG} + 6.194 = 0$

Solution of this equation by trial with the aid of table VII gives for the value of ϕ/π required to cause buckling,

$$
\frac{\varphi_{\text{BO}}}{\pi}=1.799
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The simplifying assumption that tension members in \vert they will be. In case of doubt, for example, extremely $\frac{Pl}{\frac{3}{8}}$ and $\frac{Pl}{t}$ which occur for these members satisfy the not be made.

conditions

$$
\frac{Pl}{s} = \frac{-|P|l}{\frac{\phi}{\sinh \phi} - 1} \ge \frac{6EI}{l} \tag{a}
$$

and

$$
\frac{Pl}{t} = \frac{-|P|l}{1 - \frac{\phi}{\tanh \phi}} \ge \frac{3EI}{l}
$$
 (b)

respectively. In order to investigate whether these conditions are satisfied in any given case, it is necessary to know the value of τ for computing ϕ . Since no information concerning τ will usually be available for tension members, it is suggested that the values given for the same stress in compression be used. It is not to be expected that the discrepancy will be large. For $\tau=1$ conditions (a) and (b) will always be satisfied, and for any practical member it is almost certain that Since this value is greater than the actual value, 1.043, a smaller member may be picked from figure 18. If, as before, the free length is determined

$$
l_0 = \frac{l_{\rm BC}}{\frac{\phi_{\rm BC}}{\pi}} = 23.46 \text{ in.}
$$

and the chart (fig. 18) entered with this length and the load $P_{\text{BC}}=2,218$ lb., a $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. by 0.035-in. tube is found to be adequate.

It may be noted that when for any member ϕ/π is less than unity, the member has reserve strength considered as a freely supported column and can act to restrain the members meeting at its ends. In the previous example, the values of ϕ/π for all the members were less than unity except for the member BC. No value of ϕ/π greater than 2 is possible if the structure is to remain stable.

It may happen that the most severe condition of loading for **a** given member is not the ono that produces the greatest average compressive stress in the member. Strictly, then, every member should be investigated for each condition of loading which produces compression in it. Practically, however, this procedure will not bo necessary, and if a member in compression is satisfactory for the condition of loading producing tho greatcst average compressive stress in it, it will usually bo possible to tell by inspection whether other conditions of loading should also be considered.

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APPENDIX

high values of $|P|/A$, the simplifying assumption should

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TABLE I.-NOMINAL DIMENSIONS OF TUBES AND RESTRAINTS USED

^t Restraints are designated in lb.-in. per radian as follows: equal restraints at both ends, $A = 0$: $B = 132,000$; $C = 233,000$; $D = 250,000$; $E = 330,000$; $F = 440,000$; $G = 451,000$; $H = 452,000$; restraint at lower e

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TABLE II.--RESULTS OF TESTS ON COLUMNS

ROUND TUBING

BOTH ENDS FREELY SUPPORTED OR RESTRAINED

COLUMN STRENGTH OF TUBES

TABLE II.-RESULTS OF TESTS ON COLUMNS-Continued

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TABLE II.-RESULTS OF TESTS ON COLUMNS-Continued

STAINLESS STEEL

 $\hspace{0.1em}\bullet$ Local failure.

> Sizes are given by major diameter, minor diameter, and thickness. Nominal d/t is given for basic round diameter.

COLUMN STRENGTH OF TUBES

TABLE III.—VALUES OF τ and $\frac{1}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{1}{E\tau}}$ for CHROMIUM-MOLYBDENUM STEEL

 $E = 29,800,000$ lb. per sq. in.

TABLE IV.—VALUES OF τ AND $\frac{1}{\tau}\sqrt{\frac{1}{E\tau}}$ FOR DURALUMIN

$E = 10,590,000$ lb. per sq. in.

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TABLE V.-VALUES OF τ AND $\frac{1}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{1}{Er}}$ FOR STAINLESS STEEL

 $E = 26,300,000$ lb. per sq. in.

TABLE VI.—VALUES OF τ AND $\frac{1}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{1}{E \tau}}$ FOR HEAT-TREATED CHROMIUM-MOLYBDENUM STEEI.

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TABLE VII.--VALUES OF s, t, AND t^2-s^2

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s = \frac{\phi}{\sin \phi} - 1 \qquad t = 1 - \frac{\phi}{\tan \phi}
$$

Interpolation for s, t, and t¹-s² when 0.99 < 1.01 is not possible, and it will be sufficiently accurate to take $s = \frac{2\frac{\phi}{x} - 1}{1-\frac{\phi}{x}}$, and $t^2 - s^2 = \frac{4\frac{\phi}{x}}{1-\frac{\phi}{x}}$. Similarly, interpolation

for s and t when $1.99<\frac{\phi}{r}<2.00$ is not possible, and then with sufficient accuracy s- $\frac{2}{\phi}-2$ and $t=\frac{2}{2-\frac{\phi}{r}}$.

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TABLE VII.--VALUES OF s, t, AND $t^3 - s^2$ --Continued

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