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## **CIVIL 369: STRUCTURAL STABILITY**

### **Problem Set 1**

**Question 1 – Plastic Analysis and Geometric Nonlinearities (25 points)**

The single storey frame structure shown in Figure 4 is subjected to gravity load  $N=200\text{kN}$  at each column as well as lateral load  $F$ . The final geometry and cross-sectional profiles are shown in the figure. The steel material is S355J2 ( $G = 200\text{GPa}$ ,  $f_y = 355\text{MPa}$ )

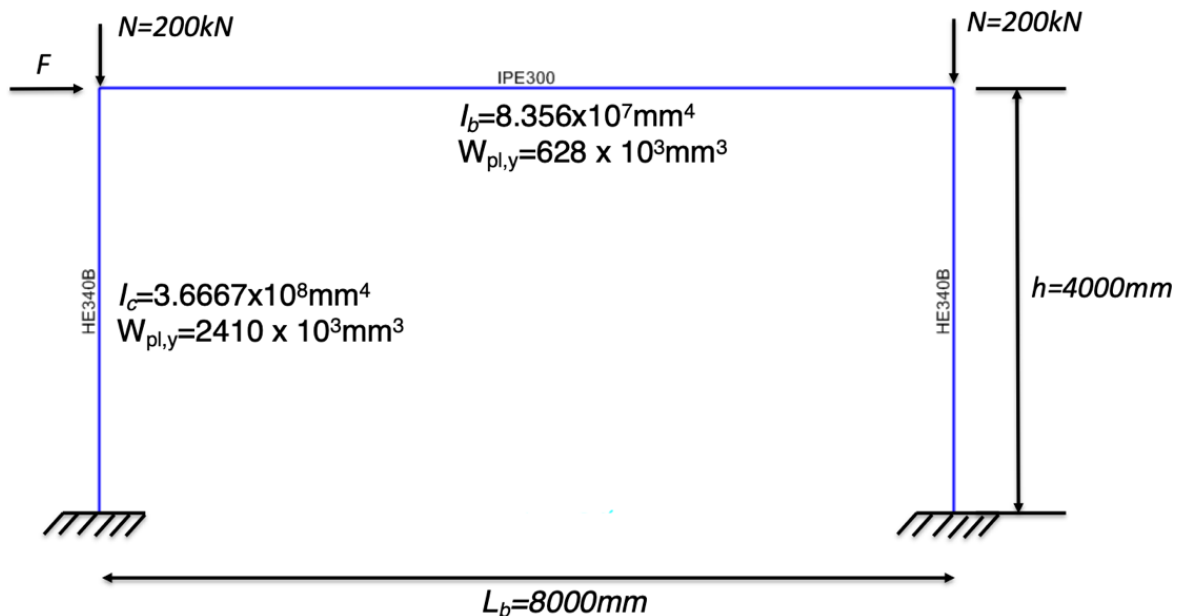


Figure 1 – Stability bracing

- 1.1. Calculate the collapse load of the structure till it becomes a complete collapse mechanism by neglecting P-Delta effects (i.e., ignore  $N$  in this case).
- 1.2. Calculate the collapse load of the structure by considering P-Delta effects in your step-by-step calculations. Calculate the deflection at which the structure loses its lateral load resistance.
- 1.3. Calculate the collapse load when  $N = 2000\text{kN}$  per column.
- 1.4. Compare the three solutions in an equilibrium path. Discuss your findings.

**Note:** there are several ways to solve this problem; please discuss your assumptions in detail.

## IPE, PEA

## IPE- und IPEA-Träger

## Profils IPE et IPEA



$$A_v = A - 2bt_f + (t_w + 2r) t_f$$

$$A_w = (h - t_f) \cdot t_w \quad W_{ely} = \frac{I_y}{h/2}$$

$$S_y = \frac{1}{2} W_{ply} \quad \bar{W}_y = \frac{I_y}{(h - t_f)/2}$$

$$S_z = \frac{1}{2} W_{plz} \quad W_{elz} = \frac{I_z}{b/2}$$

○ Das Verfahren PP nach SIA 263 ist für dieses Profil aus S355 bei reiner Biegung ( $n = 0$ ) nicht anwendbar!

\* Auch in S355J0 oder S355J2 ab Schweizer Lager erhältlich.

Maximale Lagerlängen /  
Longueurs maximales en stock:

$h \leq 180$  18 m

$h \geq 200$  24 m

EURONORM 19 - 57,  
DIN 1025/5, ASTM A 6,  
Werksnorm / Norme d'usine

○ La méthode PP selon SIA 263 n'est pas applicable pour ce profilé en acier S355 en flexion simple ( $n = 0$ )!

\* Livrable en S355J0 ou S355J2 du stock suisse.

IPE	m kg/m	Statische Werte / Valeurs statiques												K = $I_x$ mm <sup>4</sup>
		A mm <sup>2</sup>	$A_v$ mm <sup>2</sup>	$A_w$ mm <sup>2</sup>	$I_y$ mm <sup>4</sup>	$W_{ely}$ mm <sup>3</sup>	$\bar{W}_y$ mm <sup>3</sup>	$W_{ply}$ mm <sup>3</sup>	$i_y$ mm	$I_z$ mm <sup>4</sup>	$W_{elz}$ mm <sup>3</sup>	$W_{plz}$ mm <sup>3</sup>	$i_z$ mm	
					$\times 10^6$	$\times 10^3$	$\times 10^3$	$\times 10^3$		$\times 10^6$	$\times 10^3$	$\times 10^3$		$\times 10^6$
80*	6,0	764	358	284	0,801	20,0	21,4	23,2	32,4	0,085	3,69	5,82	10,5	0,0067
100*	8,1	1030	508	387	1,71	34,2	36,3	39,4	40,7	0,159	5,79	9,15	12,4	0,0115
120*	10,4	1320	631	500	3,18	53,0	55,9	60,7	49,0	0,277	8,65	13,6	14,5	0,0169
140*	12,9	1640	764	626	5,41	77,3	81,3	88,3	57,4	0,449	12,3	19,2	16,5	0,0240
160*	15,8	2010	966	763	8,69	109	114	124	65,8	0,683	16,7	26,1	18,4	0,0353
180*	18,8	2390	1125	912	13,2	146	154	166	74,2	1,01	22,2	34,6	20,5	0,0472
200*	22,4	2850	1400	1070	19,4	194	203	221	82,6	1,42	28,5	44,6	22,4	0,0685
220*	26,2	3340	1588	1240	27,7	252	263	285	91,1	2,05	37,3	58,1	24,8	0,0898
240*	30,7	3910	1914	1430	38,9	324	338	367	99,7	2,84	47,3	73,9	26,9	0,127
270*	36,1	4590	2214	1710	57,9	429	446	484	112	4,20	62,2	97,0	30,2	0,157
300*	42,2	5380	2568	2050	83,6	557	578	628	125	6,04	80,5	125	33,5	0,198
330*	49,1	6260	3081	2390	117,7	713	739	804	137	7,88	98,5	154	35,5	0,276
360*	57,1	7270	3514	2780	162,7	904	937	1020	150	10,4	123	191	37,9	0,371
400*	66,3	8450	4269	3320	231,3	1160	1200	1310	165	13,2	146	229	39,5	0,504
450*	77,6	9880	5085	4090	337,4	1500	1550	1700	185	16,8	176	276	41,2	0,661
500*	90,7	11600	5987	4940	482,0	1930	1990	2190	204	21,4	214	336	43,1	0,886
550	106	13400	7234	5910	671,2	2440	2520	2790	223	26,7	254	401	44,5	1,22
600	122	15600	8378	6970	920,8	3070	3170	3510	243	33,9	308	486	46,6	1,65
750 x 137		17500	9290	8460	1599	4250	4340	4860	303	51,7	393	614	54,4	1,36
750 x 147		18700	10540	9720	1661	4410	4510	5110	298	52,9	399	631	53,1	1,57
750 x 173		22100	11640	10700	2058	5400	5560	6220	305	68,7	515	810	55,7	2,71
750 x 196		25100	12730	11600	2403	6240	6450	7170	310	81,8	610	959	57,1	4,06
<b>PEA</b>														
120	8,7	1100	542	428	2,57	43,8	45,8	49,9	48,3	0,224	7,00	11,0	14,2	0,0101
140	10,5	1340	620	501	4,35	63,3	66,0	71,6	57,0	0,364	9,98	15,5	16,5	0,0133
160	12,7	1620	780	604	6,89	87,8	91,2	99,1	65,3	0,544	13,3	20,7	18,3	0,0191
180	15,4	1960	920	733	10,6	120	124	135	73,7	0,819	18,0	28,0	20,5	0,0265
200	18,4	2350	1147	855	15,9	162	167	182	82,3	1,17	23,4	36,5	22,3	0,0402
220	22,2	2830	1355	1050	23,2	214	222	240	90,5	1,71	31,2	48,5	24,6	0,0559
240	26,2	3330	1631	1190	32,9	278	288	312	99,4	2,40	40,0	62,4	26,8	0,0820
270	30,7	3920	1875	1420	49,2	368	381	412	112	3,58	53,0	82,3	30,2	0,101
300	36,5	4650	2225	1760	71,7	483	498	542	124	5,19	69,2	107	33,4	0,131
330	43,0	5470	2699	2060	102	626	645	702	137	6,85	85,6	133	35,4	0,190
360	50,2	6400	2972	2280	145	812	839	907	151	9,44	111	172	38,4	0,269
400	57,4	7310	3578	2700	203	1020	1050	1140	167	11,7	130	202	40,0	0,350
450	67,2	8560	4226	3300	298	1330	1370	1490	186	15,0	158	246	41,9	0,462
500	79,4	10100	5047	4050	429	1730	1780	1950	206	19,4	194	302	43,8	0,636
550	92,1	11700	6030	4780	600	2190	2260	2480	226	24,3	232	362	45,5	0,879
600	108	13700	7014	5680	829	2780	2860	3140	246	31,2	283	442	47,7	1,21

## IPE- und IPEA-Träger

## Profils IPE et IPEA

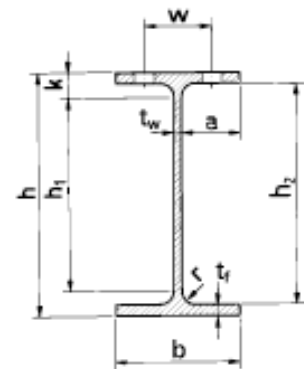
## IPE, PEA

Die Profile PER, IPEo und IPEv sind im Walzprogramm einzelner Werke aufgeführt. PEA 80 und PEA 100 sind ebenfalls normiert, aber kaum wirtschaftlich.

Im allgemeinen nur ab Werk lieferbar.  
Mindestmengen und Termine beachten.

Les profilés PER, IPEo et IPEv figurent dans le programme de laminage de quelques aciéries. Les PEA 80 et PEA 100, également normalisés, sont peu économiques.

En général livrable d'usine uniquement. Tenir compte des quantités minimales et des délais.



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Tolérances de laminage voir p. 116

IPE	m kg/m	Profilmasse Dimensions de la section					Konstruktionsmasse Dimensions de construction						Oberfläche Surface		IPE
		h mm	b mm	t <sub>w</sub> mm	t <sub>f</sub> mm	r mm	h <sub>1</sub> mm	k mm	a mm	h <sub>2</sub> mm	w mm	Ø <sub>max</sub>	U <sub>m</sub> m <sup>2</sup> /m	U <sub>t</sub> m <sup>2</sup> /t	
80	6,0	80	46	3,8	5,2	5	60	10	21	70			0,328	54,8	80
100	8,1	100	55	4,1	5,7	7	74	13	25	89			0,400	49,5	100
120	10,4	120	64	4,4	6,3	7	92	14	29	107	36	M10	0,475	45,6	120
140	12,9	140	73	4,7	6,9	7	112	14	34	126	38	M10	0,551	42,6	140
160	15,8	160	82	5,0	7,4	9	126	17	38	145	44	M12	0,623	39,4	160
180	18,8	180	91	5,3	8,0	9	146	17	42	164	50	M12	0,698	37,1	180
200	22,4	200	100	5,6	8,5	12	158	21	47	183	56	M12	0,768	34,3	200
220	26,2	220	110	5,9	9,2	12	178	21	52	202	60	M16	0,848	32,4	220
240	30,7	240	120	6,2	9,8	15	190	25	56	220	68	M16	0,922	30,0	240
270	36,1	270	135	6,6	10,2	15	220	25	64	250	72	M20	1,04	28,8	270
300	42,2	300	150	7,1	10,7	15	248	26	71	279	80	M20	1,16	27,5	300
330	49,1	330	160	7,5	11,5	18	270	30	76	307	86	M24	1,25	25,5	330
360	57,1	360	170	8,0	12,7	18	298	31	81	335	90	M24	1,35	23,6	360
400	66,3	400	180	8,6	13,5	21	330	35	85	373	96	M27	1,47	22,2	400
450	77,6	450	190	9,4	14,6	21	378	36	90	421	106	M27	1,61	20,7	450
500	90,7	500	200	10,2	16,0	21	426	37	94	468	110	M27	1,74	19,2	500
550	106	550	210	11,1	17,2	24	468	41	99	516	120	M27	1,88	17,7	550
600	122	600	220	12,0	19,0	24	514	43	104	562	120	M27	2,02	16,6	600
750 x 137		753	263	11,5	17,0	17	685	34	126	719	120	M27	2,51	18,3	750x137
750 x 147		753	265	13,2	17,0	17	685	34	126	719	120	M27	2,51	17,1	750x147
750 x 173		762	267	14,4	21,6	17	685	39	126	719	120	M27	2,53	14,6	750x173
750 x 196		770	268	15,6	25,4	17	685	42	126	719	120	M27	2,55	13,0	750x196
PEA															PEA
120	8,7	118	64	3,8	5,1	7	93	12	30	107	36	M10	0,472	54,5	120
140	10,5	137	73	3,8	5,6	7	111	13	34	126	38	M10	0,547	52,1	140
160	12,7	157	82	4,0	5,9	9	127	15	39	145	44	M12	0,619	48,7	160
180	15,4	177	91	4,3	6,5	9	145	16	43	164	50	M12	0,694	45,1	180
200	18,4	197	100	4,5	7,0	12	159	19	47	183	56	M12	0,764	41,5	200
220	22,2	217	110	5,0	7,7	12	177	20	52	202	60	M16	0,843	38,0	220
240	26,2	237	120	5,2	8,3	15	189	24	57	220	68	M16	0,918	35,0	240
270	30,7	267	135	5,5	8,7	15	219	24	64	250	72	M20	1,04	33,9	270
300	36,5	297	150	6,1	9,2	15	247	25	71	279	80	M20	1,16	31,8	300
330	43,0	327	160	6,5	10,0	18	271	28	76	307	86	M24	1,25	29,1	330
360	50,2	357	170	6,6	11,5	18	297	30	81	334	90	M24	1,35	26,9	360
400	57,4	397	180	7,0	12,0	21	331	33	86	373	96	M27	1,46	25,4	400
450	67,2	447	190	7,6	13,1	21	377	35	91	421	106	M27	1,60	23,8	450
500	79,4	497	200	8,4	14,7	21	425	36	95	468	110	M27	1,74	21,9	500
550	92,1	547	210	9,0	15,7	24	467	40	100	516	120	M27	1,88	20,4	550
600	108	597	220	9,8	17,5	24	513	42	105	562	120	M27	2,01	18,6	600

## Suggested Solution

1.1-

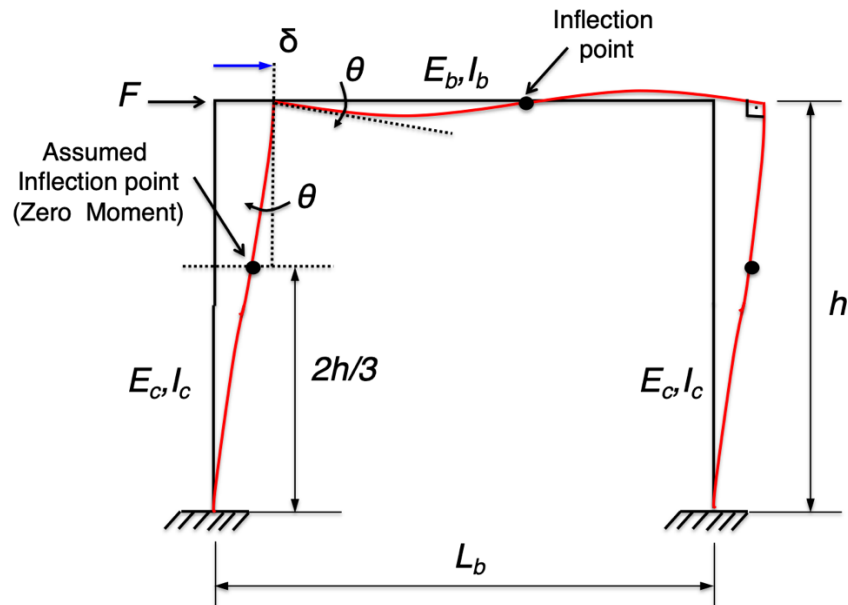


Figure 1.2. Lateral deflection shape and assumed inflection points

NOTE: The inflection point is assumed at  $2h/3$  given that this is the first storey of the steel MRF; however, an alternative solution would be acceptable by assuming the inflection point at  $h/2$ .

The moment diagram prior to the onset of the first plastic hinge is as follows,

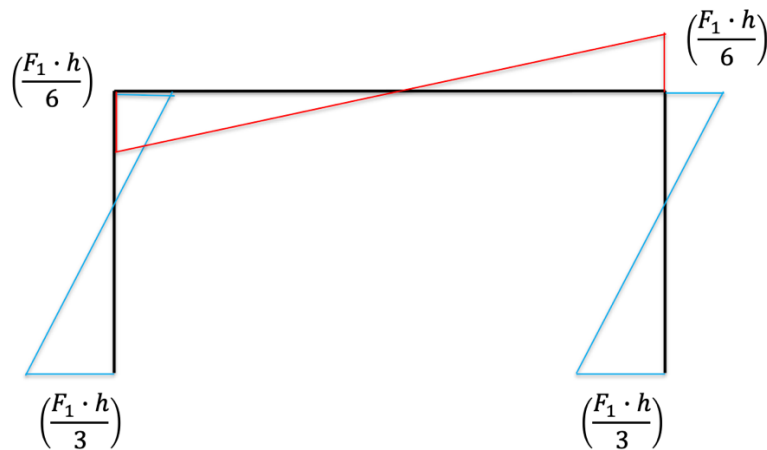


Figure 1.3. Moment diagram at first plastic hinge

$$M_{pl,y}^{(b)} = W_{pl,y}^{(b)} \cdot f_y = 628 \times 10^3 \cdot 0.355 = 222940 \text{ kNm} \quad (1.1)$$

$$M_{pl,y}^{(c)} = W_{pl,y}^{(c)} \cdot f_y = 2410 \times 10^3 \cdot 0.355 = 855550 \text{ kNm} \quad (1.2)$$

Therefore, the plastic resistance of the steel column is larger than that of the steel beam; hence, the first plastic hinge will form at the beam based on the beam-to-column joint equilibrium. Therefore,

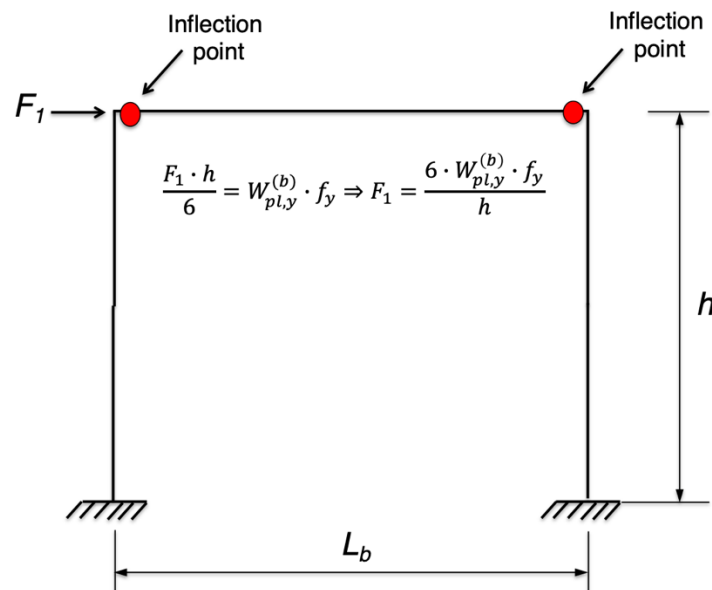


Figure 1.4. Assumed plastic hinge position (beam)

$$F_1 = \frac{6 \cdot M_{pl,y}^{(b)}}{h} = 6 \cdot \frac{222940}{4000} = 334.4 kN \quad (1.3)$$

However, we need to check if the first plastic hinge may form at the base of the column before the beam end. This would imply,

$$F_1 = \frac{3 \cdot M_{pl,y}^{(c)}}{h} = 3 \cdot \frac{855550}{4000} = 641.7 kN \quad (1.4)$$

Therefore, based on the principle of minimum energy, the minimum load that should be applied to the structure to actually develop a plastic hinge is,  $F_1 = 334.4kN$ .

The corresponding deflection at this point is as follows,

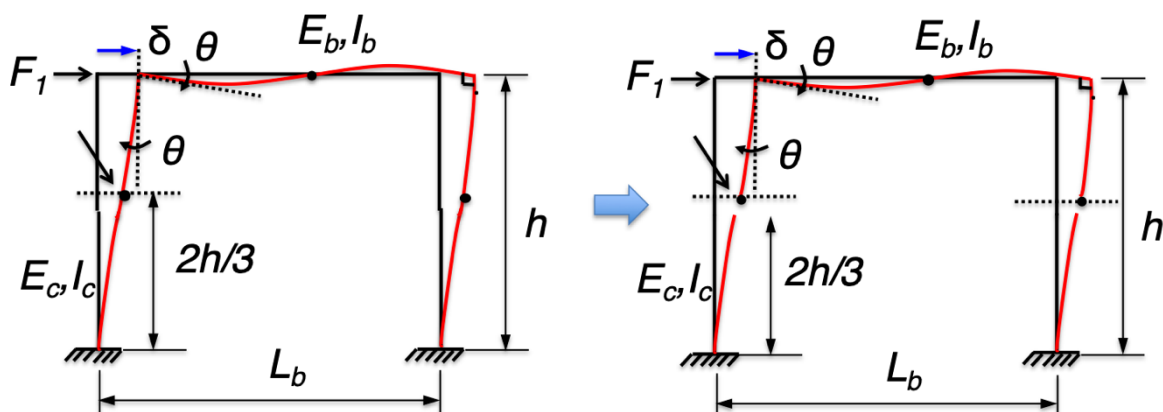


Figure 4.5. decomposition of lateral deflections based on the assumed inflection point



Therefore,

$$\delta_1 = \frac{F_1 \cdot (2 \cdot h/3)^3}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot E \cdot I_c} + \frac{F_1 \cdot (h/3)^2}{6} \cdot \left[ \frac{(h/3)}{E \cdot I_c} + \frac{L_b}{2 \cdot E \cdot I_b} \right] =$$

$$334.4 \cdot \frac{(2 \cdot 4000/3)^3}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 200 \cdot 3.6667 \times 10^8} + 334.4 \cdot \frac{(4000/3)^2}{6} \cdot \left[ \frac{4000/3}{200 \cdot 3.6667 \times 10^8} + \frac{8000}{2 \cdot 200 \cdot 8.356 \times 10^7} \right]$$

$$= 39.9 \text{ mm} \quad (1.5)$$

To calculate the incremental load at which a collapse mechanism forms,

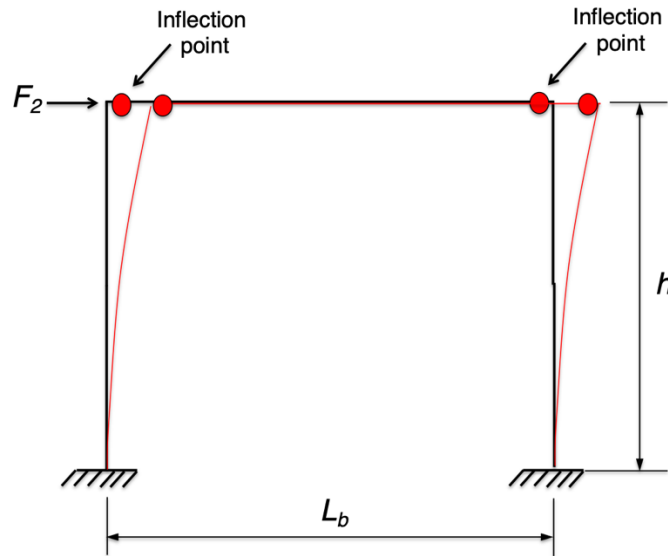


Figure 1.6. Lateral deflection after the formation of the first plastic hinge

The moment diagram in this case is as follows,

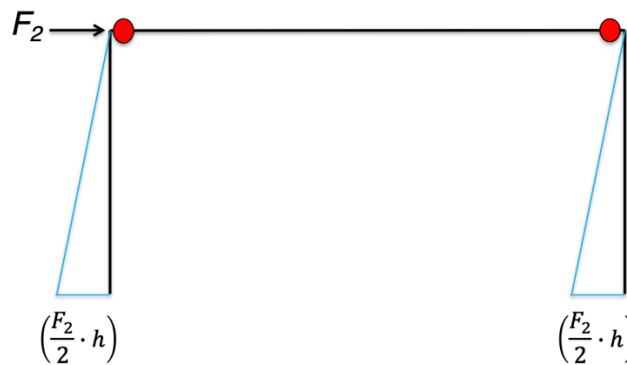


Figure 1.7. Moment diagram after the formation of the first plastic hinge

Therefore,

$$\frac{F_2}{2} \cdot h = M_{pl,y}^{(c)} - F_1 \cdot \frac{h}{3} \Rightarrow F_2 = \frac{2 \cdot (M_{pl,y}^{(c)} - F_1 \cdot \frac{h}{3})}{h} = \frac{2 \cdot (855550 - 334.4 \cdot \frac{4000}{3})}{4000} = 204.8 \text{ kN} \quad (1.6)$$

The corresponding deflection at this point is as follows,

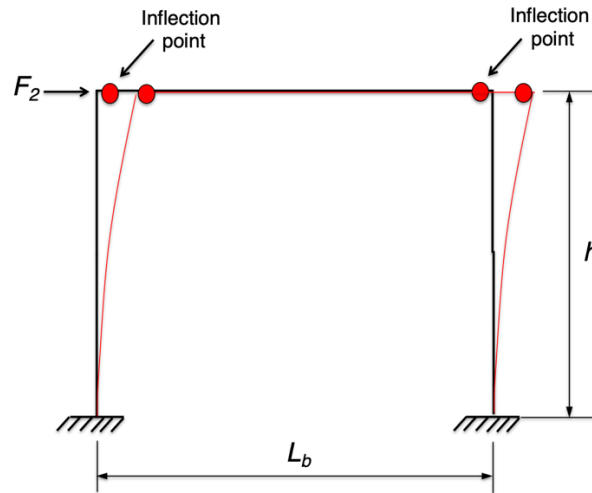


Figure 1.8. Lateral deflection after the formation of the first plastic hinge

$$\delta_2 = \frac{F_2 \cdot h^3}{6 \cdot E \cdot I_c} = \frac{204.8 \cdot 4000^3}{6 \cdot 200 \cdot 3.6667 \times 10^8} = 29.8 \text{ mm} \quad (1.7)$$

### 1.2-

When P-Delta effects are considered in the analysis, the load deformation equilibrium path rotates by  $P \cdot \frac{\delta}{h}$ ; in this case, the load,  $P$  is the total vertical load that is supported by the floor. Therefore,  $P = 400 \text{ kN}$ .

At the corresponding deflections,  $\delta_1$ , and  $\delta_{tot} = \delta_1 + \delta_2$ , the P-Delta forces should be:

$$V_{P-\Delta}^{(1)} = 400 \cdot \frac{39.9}{4000} = 3.99 \text{ kN} \quad (1.8)$$

$$V_{P-\Delta}^{(tot)} = 400 \cdot \frac{39.9 + 29.8}{4000} = 6.97 \text{ kN} \quad (1.9)$$

Therefore, the corresponding collapse load in this case should be:

$$F_c = F_1 + F_2 - V_{P-\Delta}^{tot} = 344.4 + 204.8 - 6.97 = 532.3 \text{ kN} \quad (1.10)$$

Note that the collapse load by including P-Delta effects is close to that without considering P-Delta effects because the stability coefficient is well below 0.10. This may not be the case if the axial load increases.

### 1.3-

Similarly, if we consider  $P = 4000 \text{ kN}$ .

At the corresponding deflections,  $\delta_1$ , and  $\delta_{tot} = \delta_1 + \delta_2$ , the P-Delta forces should be:



$$V_{P-\Delta}^{(1)} = 4000 \cdot \frac{39.9}{4000} = 39.9 \text{ kN} \quad (1.11)$$

$$V_{P-\Delta}^{(tot)} = 4000 \cdot \frac{39.9 + 29.8}{4000} = 69.7 \text{ kN} \quad (1.12)$$

Therefore, the corresponding collapse load in this case should be:

$$F_c = F_1 + F_2 - V_{P-\Delta}^{tot} = 344.4 + 204.8 - 69.7 = 479.5 \text{ kN} \quad (1.13)$$

#### 1.4-

The solutions from the previous questions are compared in an equilibrium path. Notice that the higher the axial load the lower the collapse load. Moreover, notice that once the collapse load is attained, the equilibrium path has a negative stiffness; therefore, it is unstable.

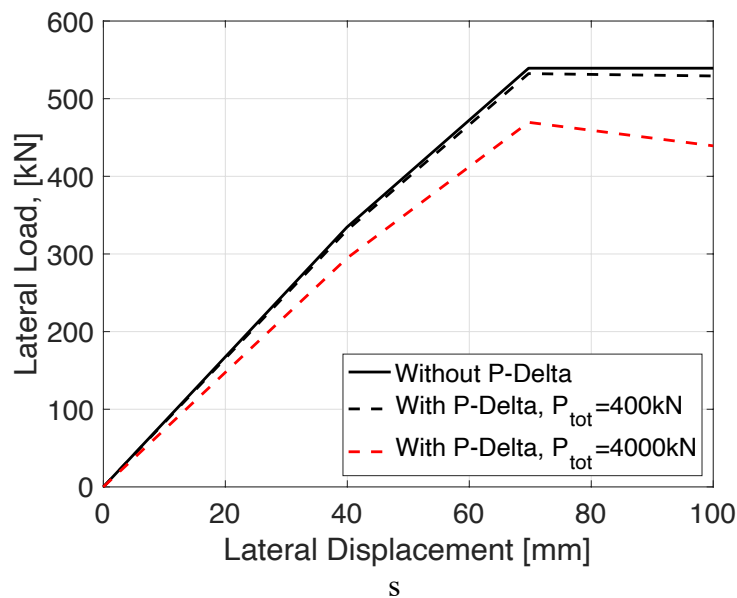


Figure 1.9. Equilibrium path of the structure by excluding and including P-Delta effects

**Question 2 – Buckling analysis (40 points)**

Calculate the critical load of the steel column ( $E = 210 \text{ kN/mm}^2$ ) shown below (see Figure 2) by solving the differential equation that describes the deflection of the column along its length. For your calculations consider the following:  $c = 8,00 \text{ m}$  and  $I_0 = 18260 \text{ cm}^4$ .

**Hint:** The column is comprised of two members with different geometric characteristics. You should derive the deflection equations for each member. The critical load should be calculated based on the system of differential equations and the buckling determinant.

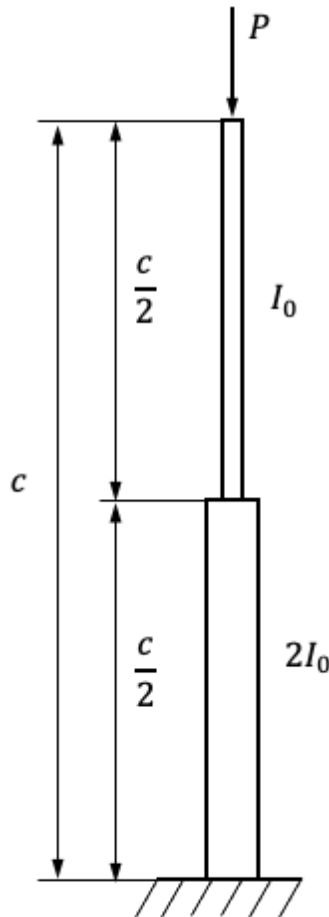


Figure 2 – Steel column stability

**Problem definition:**

Calculate the critical buckling load of the structure in Fig. 2.1

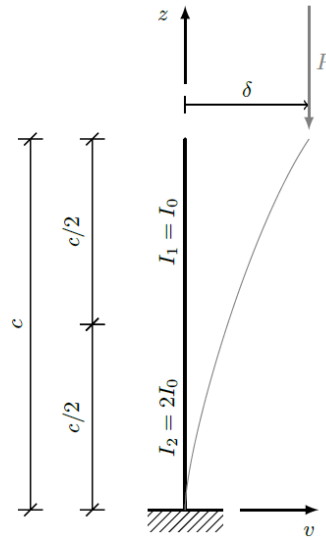


Figure 2.1- Cantilever with change in cross-section inertia at  $c/2$  mark. Region above  $c/2$  mark is designated by region 1 and below by region 2. In grey is the deformed shape according and corresponding load point for demand  $P$ . The lateral displacement at the top of the cantilever is defined as  $\delta$ , that is  $v(c) = \delta$

**Solution**

$$\begin{cases} EI_1 \cdot \frac{\partial^2 v_1}{\partial z^2} = P \cdot (\delta - v_1) \\ EI_2 \cdot \frac{\partial^2 v_2}{\partial z^2} = P \cdot (\delta - v_2) \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 v_1}{\partial z^2} + \frac{P}{EI_1} v_1 = \frac{P}{EI_1} \delta \\ \frac{\partial^2 v_2}{\partial z^2} + \frac{P}{EI_2} v_2 = \frac{P}{EI_2} \delta \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

For convenience, let us define:

$$k_1^2 = \frac{P}{EI_1} \text{ and } k_2^2 = \frac{P}{EI_2} \quad (2.2)$$

Which yields:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 v_1}{\partial z^2} + k_1^2 \cdot v_1 = k_1^2 \delta \\ \frac{\partial^2 v_2}{\partial z^2} + k_2^2 \cdot v_1 = k_2^2 \delta \end{cases} \quad (2.3)$$

The system of differential equations above has homogeneous and particular solutions of the form:

$$\begin{cases} v_1 = A \cos(k_1 z) + B \sin(k_1 z) + \delta \\ v_2 = C \cos(k_2 z) + D \sin(k_2 z) + \delta \end{cases} \quad (2.4)$$

Let us now impose the boundary conditions of our problem. With respect to bar #2:

$$\begin{cases} v_2(0) = 0 \rightarrow D = -\delta \\ \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial z}(0) \rightarrow C \cdot k_2 = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow v_2 = -\delta \cdot \cos(k_2 z) + \delta \rightarrow v_2 = -\delta(1 - \cos(k_2 z)) \quad (2.5)$$

As for bar #1:

$$\begin{cases} v_1(c) = \delta \rightarrow A \cos(k_1 c) + B \sin(k_1 c) + \delta = \delta \\ v_1\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) = v_2\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \rightarrow A \cos\left(\frac{k_1 c}{2}\right) + B \sin\left(\frac{k_1 c}{2}\right) + \delta = \delta \left(1 - \cos\left(\frac{k_2 c}{2}\right)\right) \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} A \cos(k_1 c) + B \sin(k_1 c) = 0 \\ A \cos\left(\frac{k_1 c}{2}\right) + B \sin\left(\frac{k_1 c}{2}\right) = -\delta \cdot \cos\left(\frac{k_2 c}{2}\right) \end{cases} \quad (2.6)$$

Let us now solve the system of equation using Cramer's Rule:

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} \cos(k_1 c) & \sin(k_1 c) \\ \cos\left(\frac{k_1 c}{2}\right) & \sin\left(\frac{k_1 c}{2}\right) \end{vmatrix} = \cos(k_1 c) \sin\left(\frac{k_1 c}{2}\right) - \sin(k_1 c) \cos\left(\frac{k_1 c}{2}\right)$$

$$= \sin\left(k_1 \left(\frac{c}{2} - c\right)\right) = -\sin\left(k_1 \cdot \frac{c}{2}\right) \quad (2.7)$$

$$D_A = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \sin(k_1 c) \\ -\delta \cdot \cos\left(\frac{k_2 c}{2}\right) & \sin\left(\frac{k_1 c}{2}\right) \end{vmatrix} = \delta \cdot \sin(k_1 c) \cos\left(\frac{k_2 c}{2}\right) \quad (2.8)$$

$$D_B = \begin{vmatrix} \cos(k_1 c) & 0 \\ \cos\left(\frac{k_1 c}{2}\right) & -\delta \cdot \cos\left(\frac{k_2 c}{2}\right) \end{vmatrix} = -\delta \cdot \cos(k_1 c) \cos\left(\frac{k_2 c}{2}\right) \quad (2.9)$$

$$A = \frac{D_A}{D} = -\delta \frac{\sin(k_1 c) \cos\left(\frac{k_2 c}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(k_1 \cdot \frac{c}{2}\right)} = B \cdot \tan(k_1 c) \quad (2.10)$$

$$B = \frac{D_B}{D} = \delta \frac{\cos(k_1 c) \cos\left(\frac{k_2 c}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(k_1 \cdot \frac{c}{2}\right)} \quad (2.11)$$

Imposing now a fifth boundary condition, that the tangent at the beginning of bar 1 and end of bar 2 have to be the same, i.e.:

$$\frac{\partial v_1}{\partial z}\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) = \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial z}\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \quad (2.12)$$

We have:

$$-Ak_1 \sin\left(k_1 \cdot \frac{c}{2}\right) + Bk_1 \cos\left(\frac{k_1 c}{2}\right) = \delta k_2 \sin\left(k_2 \cdot \frac{c}{2}\right) \quad (2.13)$$

Replacing  $A$  and  $B$  by the solutions of the system we solved with Cramer's rule, yields:

$$\delta k_1 \frac{\sin(k_1 c) \cos\left(\frac{k_2 c}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(k_1 \cdot \frac{c}{2}\right)} \sin\left(k_1 \cdot \frac{c}{2}\right) + k_1 \delta \frac{\cos(k_1 c) \cos\left(\frac{k_2 c}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(k_1 \cdot \frac{c}{2}\right)} \cos\left(\frac{k_1 c}{2}\right) = \delta k_2 \sin\left(k_2 \cdot \frac{c}{2}\right) \quad (2.14)$$

From the above, one can see that  $\delta$  can be completely removed from the equation, meaning that no matter the displacement, the stability conditions must hold. Simplifying gives thus:

$$\frac{\sin(k_1 c) \cos\left(\frac{k_2 c}{2}\right) \sin\left(k_1 \cdot \frac{c}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(k_1 \cdot \frac{c}{2}\right) \sin\left(k_2 \cdot \frac{c}{2}\right)} + \frac{\cos(k_1 c) \cos\left(\frac{k_2 c}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{k_1 c}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(k_1 \cdot \frac{c}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{k_1 c}{2}\right)} = \frac{k_2}{k_1} \quad (2.15)$$

$$\cot\left(\frac{k_2 c}{2}\right) \frac{\sin(k_1 c) \sin\left(k_1 \cdot \frac{c}{2}\right) + \cos(k_1 c) \cos\left(\frac{k_2 c}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(k_1 \cdot \frac{c}{2}\right)} = \frac{k_2}{k_1} \quad (2.16)$$

$$\frac{\cot\left(\frac{k_2 c}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{k_1 c}{2}\right)} \cos\left(c - \frac{c}{2}\right) = \frac{k_2}{k_1} \quad (2.17)$$

$$\cot\left(\frac{k_2 c}{2}\right) \cot\left(\frac{k_1 c}{2}\right) = \frac{k_2}{k_1} \rightarrow \tan\left(\frac{k_2 c}{2}\right) \tan\left(\frac{k_1 c}{2}\right) = \frac{k_1}{k_2} \quad (2.18)$$

In our case, we have a fixed ratio for the inertia, which implies that:

$$\frac{k_1}{k_2} = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{P}{EI_0}}}{\sqrt{\frac{P}{2EI_0}}} = \sqrt{2} \quad (2.19)$$

Giving:

$$\tan\left(\frac{k_2 c}{2}\right) \tan\left(\frac{k_1 c}{2}\right) - \sqrt{2} = 0 \quad (2.20)$$

Since a change in variable will make things easier to compute, let's say that  $\frac{k_2 c}{2} = \alpha$ , and then, using  $k_1 = \sqrt{2}k_2$ , we can express the previous equation as:

$$\tan(\alpha) \tan(\sqrt{2} \alpha) - \sqrt{2} = 0 \quad (2.21)$$

With this equation one needs only to find the angle for the root. You can use any number of methods here, like the Newton-Raphson or the Bi-Section methods. The solution to this equation is around  $41.18^\circ$  or  $0.229$  radians.

The critical buckling load is then obtained by using this root back into our change of variable:

$$k_2 = \frac{2\alpha}{c} \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{P}{2EI_0}} = \frac{2\alpha}{c} \rightarrow P_{cr} \approx 4.14 \frac{EI_0}{c^2} \quad (2.22)$$

**Question 3 – Interaction of axial load and bending (25 points)**

Calculate the critical load of the *HEA 300* steel beam ( $E = 210\text{kN/mm}^2$ ) shown below (see Figure 3).

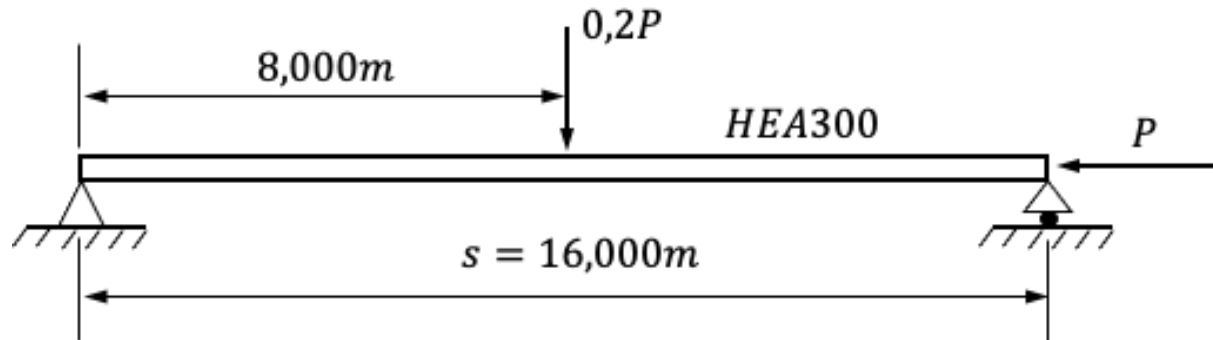


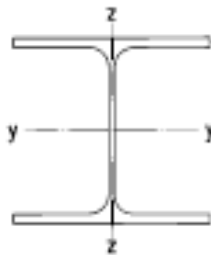
Figure 3 – steel beam under axial load and bending



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$$A_v = A - 2bt_f + (t_w + 2r) t_f$$

$$A_w = (h - t_f) \cdot t_w \quad W_{aly} = \frac{I_y}{h/2}$$

$$S_y = \frac{1}{2} W_{ply}$$

$$S_z = \frac{1}{2} W_{plz} \quad W_y = \frac{I_y}{(h - t_f)/2}$$

$$W_{olz} = \frac{I_z}{b/2}$$

Maximale Lagerlängen /

Longueurs maximales en stock:

 $h \leq 180$  18 m $h \geq 200$  24 m

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Andere Bezeichnungen

Autres désignations } DIE, IPBI

Schlankheitskriterien nach SIA 263  
für dieses Profil aus S355 bei reiner  
Biegung ( $n = 0$ ) nicht erfüllt für

○ Verfahren PP

● Verfahren EP

\* Auch in S355J0 oder S355J2 ab  
Schweizer Lager erhältlich.

Critères d'élanement selon SIA 263

pour ce profilé en acier S355 en

flexion simple ( $n = 0$ ) non remplis

pour

○ méthode PP

● méthode EP

\* Livrable en S355J0 ou S355J2  
du stock suisse.

HEA	m kg/m	Statische Werte / Valeurs statiques												
		A mm <sup>2</sup>	A <sub>v</sub> mm <sup>2</sup>	A <sub>w</sub> mm <sup>2</sup>	I <sub>y</sub> mm <sup>4</sup>	W <sub>aly</sub> mm <sup>3</sup>	W <sub>y</sub> mm <sup>3</sup>	W <sub>ply</sub> mm <sup>3</sup>	i <sub>y</sub> mm	I <sub>z</sub> mm <sup>4</sup>	W <sub>alz</sub> mm <sup>3</sup>	W <sub>plz</sub> mm <sup>3</sup>	i <sub>z</sub> mm	K = I <sub>x</sub> mm <sup>4</sup>
					x 10 <sup>6</sup>	x 10 <sup>3</sup>	x 10 <sup>3</sup>	x 10 <sup>3</sup>		x 10 <sup>6</sup>	x 10 <sup>3</sup>	x 10 <sup>3</sup>		x 10 <sup>6</sup>
100*	16,7	2120	756	440	3,49	72,8	79	83,0	40,6	1,34	26,8	41,2	25,1	0,0520
120*	19,9	2530	846	530	6,06	106	114	119	48,9	2,31	38,5	58,9	30,2	0,0696
140*	24,7	3140	1012	685	10,3	155	166	173	57,3	3,89	55,6	84,8	35,2	0,0803
160*	30,4	3880	1321	858	16,7	220	234	245	65,7	6,16	76,9	118	39,8	0,118
180*	35,5	4530	1447	969	25,1	294	311	325	74,5	9,25	103	157	45,2	0,147
200*	42,3	5380	1808	1170	36,9	389	410	429	82,8	13,4	134	204	49,8	0,204
220*	50,5	6430	2067	1390	54,1	515	544	568	91,7	19,5	178	271	55,1	0,281
240*	60,3	7680	2518	1640	77,6	675	712	745	101	27,7	231	352	60,0	0,410
260*	68,2	8680	2876	1780	104,5	836	881	920	110	36,7	282	430	65,0	0,520
280*	76,4	9730	3174	2060	136,7	1010	1060	1110	119	47,6	340	518	70,0	0,614
300*	88,3	11300	3728	2350	182,6	1260	1320	1380	127	63,1	421	641	74,9	0,842
320*	97,6	12400	4113	2650	229,3	1480	1560	1630	136	69,9	466	710	74,9	1,09
340*	105	13300	4495	2980	276,9	1680	1770	1850	144	74,4	496	756	74,6	1,29
360*	112	14300	4896	3320	330,9	1890	1990	2090	152	78,9	526	802	74,3	1,51
400*	125	15900	5733	4080	450,7	2310	2430	2560	168	85,6	571	873	73,4	1,91
450	140	17800	6578	4820	637,2	2900	3040	3220	189	94,7	631	966	72,9	2,49
500	155	19800	7472	5600	869,7	3550	3730	3950	210	103,7	691	1060	72,4	3,18
550	166	21200	8372	6450	1119	4150	4340	4620	230	108,2	721	1110	71,5	3,61
600	178	22600	9321	7340	1412	4790	5000	5350	250	112,7	751	1160	70,5	4,08
650	190	24200	10320	8290	1752	5470	5710	6140	269	117,2	782	1200	69,7	4,59
700	204	26000	11700	9610	2153	6240	6490	7030	288	121,8	812	1260	68,4	5,23
800	224	28600	13880	11400	3034	7680	7960	8700	326	126,4	843	1310	66,5	6,10
900	252	32100	16330	13800	4221	9480	9820	10800	363	135,5	903	1410	65,0	7,51
1000	272	34700	18460	15800	5538	11190	11550	12800	400	140,0	934	1470	63,5	8,37

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Die Profile HEAA sind im Walzprogramm einzelner Werke aufgeführt.

Anstelle des nicht mehr gewalzten Profils HEA 1100 können HL-Profile verwendet werden, siehe Seiten 40/41.

$w_1$  mit  $\phi_{max}$  nur für versetzte Schrauben.

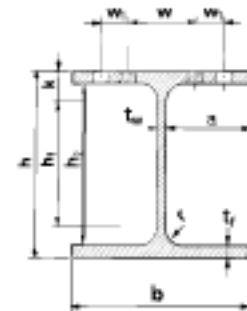
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Les profils HEAA figurent dans le programme de laminage de quelques aciéries.

Au lieu du profilé HEA 1100 qui n'est plus laminé, on utilisera des profilés HL (voir pages 40/41).

$w_1$  avec  $\phi_{max}$  seulement pour boulons décalés.

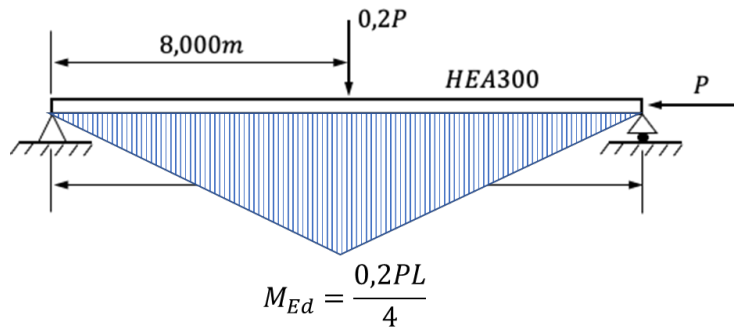
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HEA	m kg/m	Profilmasse Dimensions de la section					Konstruktionsmasse Dimensions de construction								Oberfläche Surface		HEA
		h mm	b mm	t <sub>w</sub> mm	t <sub>f</sub> mm	r mm	h <sub>1</sub> mm	k mm	a mm	h <sub>2</sub> mm	w mm	w <sub>1</sub> mm	Ø <sub>max</sub>	U <sub>fl</sub> m <sup>2</sup> /m	U <sub>t</sub> m <sup>2</sup> /t		
100	16,7	96	100	5	8	12	56	20	47	80	56		M12	0,561	33,6	100	
120	19,9	114	120	5	8	12	74	20	57	98	66		M16	0,677	34,0	120	
140	24,7	133	140	5,5	8,5	12	91	21	67	116	76		M20	0,794	32,1	140	
160	30,4	152	160	6	9	15	104	24	77	134	86		M20	0,906	29,8	160	
180	35,5	171	180	6	9,5	15	121	25	87	152	100		M24	1,02	28,7	180	
200	42,3	190	200	6,5	10	18	134	28	96	170	110		M24	1,14	26,9	200	
220	50,5	210	220	7	11	18	152	29	106	188	120		M24	1,26	24,9	220	
240	60,3	230	240	7,5	12	21	164	33	116	206	94	35	M24	1,37	22,7	240	
260	68,2	250	260	7,5	12,5	24	176	37	126	225	100	40	M24	1,48	21,7	260	
280	76,4	270	280	8	13	24	196	37	136	244	110	45	M24	1,60	21,0	280	
300	88,3	290	300	8,5	14	27	208	41	145	262	120	45	M27	1,72	19,5	300	
320	97,6	310	300	9	15,5	27	224	43	145	279	120	45	M27	1,76	18,0	320	
340	105	330	300	9,5	16,5	27	242	44	145	297	120	45	M27	1,79	17,1	340	
360	112	350	300	10	17,5	27	260	45	145	315	120	45	M27	1,83	16,4	360	
400	125	390	300	11	19	27	298	46	144	352	120	45	M27	1,91	15,3	400	
450	140	440	300	11,5	21	27	344	48	144	398	120	45	M27	2,01	14,4	450	
500	155	490	300	12	23	27	390	50	144	444	120	45	M27	2,11	13,6	500	
550	166	540	300	12,5	24	27	438	51	143	492	120	45	M27	2,21	13,3	550	
600	178	590	300	13	25	27	486	52	143	540	120	45	M27	2,31	13,0	600	
650	190	640	300	13,5	26	27	534	53	143	588	120	45	M27	2,41	12,7	650	
700	204	690	300	14,5	27	27	582	54	142	636	120	45	M27	2,50	12,3	700	
800	224	790	300	15	28	30	674	58	142	734	130	40	M27	2,70	12,0	800	
900	252	890	300	16	30	30	770	60	142	830	130	40	M27	2,90	11,5	900	
1000	272	990	300	16,5	31	30	868	61	141	928	130	40	M27	3,10	11,4	1000	

**Solution:**

Figure 3.1 shows the bending moment diagram of the beam:



We assume that the beam bending occurs in the strong axis direction. For notation, we denote Y the strong axis and Z the weak axis.

Section classification:

In order to classify our HEA 300 cross section, we assume that it made of S355 ( $f_y = 355$  MPa) steel.

Moreover, since in this case we have combined compressive axial load and a linear bending moment diagram, we will use Tables 5a and 5b of SIA 263 in the case of only compressive load.

-Web slenderness:  $\frac{h_1}{t_w} = \frac{208}{8.5} = 24.47 \leq 33 \cdot \varepsilon = 33 \cdot 0.814 = 26.86 \rightarrow \text{Class 1}$

-Flange slenderness:  $\frac{a-r}{t_f} = \frac{145-27}{14} = 8.43 \leq 14 \cdot \varepsilon = 11.4 \rightarrow \text{Class 3}$

Therefore, the HEA 300 is class 3 and therefore, we should use  $M_{Rd} = M_{el}$  for our computations.

Since we assumed that the bending was with respect to the strong axis, we have:

$$M_{Rd,y} = \frac{W_{el,y} \cdot f_y}{\gamma_{M1}} = \frac{1260 \cdot 10^3 \cdot 355}{1.05} = 426 \text{ kNm} \quad (3.1)$$

$$N_{cr,y} = \frac{\pi^2 EI_y}{L_{cr,y}^2} = \frac{\pi^2 \cdot 210000 \cdot 182.6 \cdot 10^6}{16000^2} = 1478 \text{ kN} \quad (3.2)$$

Since the critical lengths for both the weak and strong axis are equal, the weak axis will be the determinant case for the computation of the buckling resistance  $N_{k,Rd,z}$

According to the SIA 263, § 4.5.2.2, we have:

$$N_{k,Rd,z} = \frac{\chi_k f_y A}{\gamma_{M1}} \quad (3.3)$$

With:

$$\chi_k = \frac{1}{\phi_k + \sqrt{\phi_k^2 - \bar{\lambda}_k^2}} \leq 1 \quad (3.4)$$

$$\phi_k = 0.5(1 + \alpha_k(\bar{\lambda}_k - 0.2) + \bar{\lambda}_k^2) \quad (3.5)$$

$$\bar{\lambda}_k = \sqrt{\frac{f_y}{\sigma_{cr,k,z}}} \quad (3.6)$$

With:

$$\sigma_{cr,k,z} = \frac{\pi^2 EI_z}{L_{cr,z}^2 \cdot A} = \frac{\pi^2 \cdot 210000 \cdot 63.1 \cdot 10^6}{16000^2 \cdot 11300} = 45.2 MPa \quad (3.7)$$

Therefore:

$$\bar{\lambda}_k = \sqrt{\frac{355}{45.2}} = 2.80 \quad (3.8)$$

For the imperfection factor  $\alpha_k$ , based on Figure 7 of the SIA 263, we have:

$$\frac{h - t_f}{b} = \frac{290 - 14}{300} = 0.92 > 1.2 \quad (3.9)$$

And

$$t_f \leq 100mm \quad (3.10)$$

Therefore, we use the buckling curve c, and we have  $\alpha_k = 0.49$ , and therefore:

$$\phi_k = 0.5(1 + 0.49(2.8 - 0.2) + 2.8^2) = 5.06 \quad (3.11)$$

$$\chi_k = \frac{1}{5.06 + \sqrt{5.06^2 - 2.8^2}} = 0.108 \leq 1 \quad (3.12)$$

Which finally gives:

$$N_{k,Rd,z} = \frac{0.108 \cdot 355 \cdot 11300}{1.05} = 412 \text{ kN} \quad (3.13)$$

The verification of the stability of the beam is performed using the SIA 263 §5.1.10.1:

$$\frac{N_{Ed}}{N_{k,Rd,z}} + \frac{w_y}{1 - \frac{N_{Ed}}{N_{cr,y}}} \cdot \frac{M_{Ed}}{M_{D,Rd}} \leq 1 \quad (3.14)$$

With:

$$w_y = 0.6 + 0.4 \left( \frac{M_{Ed,min}}{M_{Ed,max}} \right) = 0.6 + 0.4 \left( \frac{0}{M_{Ed,max}} \right) = 0.6 > 0.4 \quad (3.15)$$

Since we do not consider lateral torsional buckling, we have:

$$M_{D,Rd} = M_{Rd,y} \quad (3.16)$$

And finally, the load  $P$  should satisfy:

$$\frac{P}{412} + \frac{0.6}{1 - \frac{P}{1478}} \cdot \frac{0.8P}{426} \leq 1 \quad (3.17)$$

We can solve this equation, and we obtain  $P_{max} = 263 \text{ kN}$