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Foreword

Among all engineering subjects, bridge engineering is probably the most difficult on which to compose a handbook because it encompasses various fields of arts and sciences. It not only requires knowledge and experience in bridge design and construction, but often involves social, economic, and political activities. Hence, I wish to congratulate the editors and authors for having conceived this thick volume and devoted the time and energy to complete it in such short order. Not only is it the first handbook of bridge engineering as far as I know, but it contains a wealth of information not previously available to bridge engineers. It embraces almost all facets of bridge engineering except the rudimentary analyses and actual field construction of bridge structures, members, and foundations. Of course, bridge engineering is such an immense subject that engineers will always have to go beyond a handbook for additional information and guidance.

I may be somewhat biased in commenting on the background of the two editors, who both came from China, a country rich in the pioneering and design of ancient bridges and just beginning to catch up with the modern world in the science and technology of bridge engineering. It is particularly to the editors' credit to have convinced and gathered so many internationally recognized bridge engineers to contribute chapters. At the same time, younger engineers have introduced new design and construction techniques into the treatise.

This Handbook is divided into four volumes, namely:

- Superstructure Design
- Substructure Design
- Seismic Design
- Construction and Maintenance

There are 67 chapters, beginning with bridge concepts and aesthetics, two areas only recently emphasized by bridge engineers. Some unusual features, such as rehabilitation, retrofit, and maintenance of bridges, are presented in great detail. The section devoted to seismic design includes soil-foundation-structure interaction. Another section describes and compares bridge engineering practices around the world. I am sure that these special areas will be brought up to date as the future of bridge engineering develops.

I advise each bridge engineer to have a desk copy of this volume with which to survey and examine both the breadth and depth of bridge engineering.

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Preface

The *Bridge Engineering Handbook* is a unique, comprehensive, and state-of-the-art reference work and resource book covering the major areas of bridge engineering with the theme "Bridge to the Twenty-First Century". It has been written with practicing bridge and structural engineers in mind. The ideal reader will be an M.S.-level structural and bridge engineer with a need for a single reference source to keep abreast of new developments and the state of the practice, as well as review standard practices.

The areas of bridge engineering include planning, analysis and design, construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation. To provide engineers a well-organized and user-friendly, easy-to-follow resource, the *Handbook* is divided into and printed in four volumes, I: Superstructure Design, II: Substructure Design, III: Seismic Design, and IV: Construction and Maintenance.

Volume III: Seismic Design provides the geotechnical earthquake considerations, earthquake damage, dynamic analysis and nonlinear analysis, design philosophies and performance-based design criteria, seismic design of concrete and steel bridges, seismic isolation and energy dissipation, active control, soil-structure-foundation interactions, and seismic retrofit technology and practice.

The *Handbook* stresses professional applications and practical solutions. Emphasis has been placed on ready-to-use materials. It contains many formulas and tables that give immediate answers to questions arising from practical works. It describes the basic concepts and assumptions, omitting the derivations of formulas and theories. It covers traditional and new, innovative practices. An overview of the structure, organization, and content of the book can be seen by examining the table of contents presented at the beginning of the book, while an in-depth view of a particular subject can be seen by examining the individual table of contents preceding each chapter. References at the end of each chapter can be consulted for more detailed studies.

The chapters have been written by many internationally known authors in different countries covering bridge engineering practices, research, and development in North America, Europe, and Pacific Rim countries. This *Handbook* may provide a glimpse of the rapid global economy trend in recent years toward international outsourcing of practice and competition of all dimensions of engineering. In general, the *Handbook* is aimed toward the needs of practicing engineers, but materials may be reorganized to accommodate several bridge courses at the undergradute and graduate levels. The book may also be used as a survey of the practice of bridge engineering around the world.

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1.1   Introduction

Earthquakes are naturally occurring broad-banded vibratory ground motions that are due to a number of causes, including tectonic ground motions, volcanism, landslides, rockbursts, and man-made explosions, the most important of which are caused by the fracture and sliding of rock along tectonic **faults** within the Earth's crust. For most earthquakes, shaking and ground failure are the dominant and most widespread agents of damage. Shaking near the actual earthquake rupture lasts only during the time when the fault ruptures, a process that takes seconds or at most a few minutes. The seismic waves generated by the rupture propagate long after the movement on the fault has stopped, however, spanning the globe in about 20 min. Typically, earthquake ground motions are powerful enough to cause damage only in the near field (i.e., within a few tens of kilometers from the causative fault) — in a few instances, long-period motions have caused

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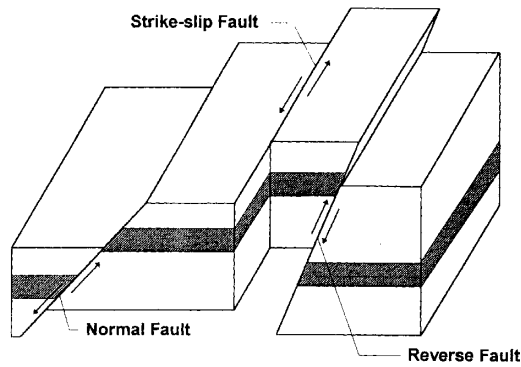
FIGURE 1.1   Fault types.

significant damage at great distances, to selected lightly damped structures, such as in the 1985 Mexico City earthquake, where numerous collapses of mid- and high-rise buildings were due to a magnitude 8.1 earthquake occurring at a distance of approximately 400 km from Mexico City.

1.2   Seismology

Plate Tectonics: In a global sense, tectonic earthquakes result from motion between a number of large plates constituting the Earth's crust or lithosphere (about 15 in total). These plates are driven by the convective motion of the material in the Earth's mantle, which in turn is driven by heat generated at the Earth's core. Relative plate motion at the fault interface is constrained by friction and/or **asperities** (areas of interlocking due to protrusions in the fault surfaces). However, strain energy accumulates in the plates, eventually overcomes any resistance, and causes slip between the two sides of the fault. This sudden slip, termed **elastic rebound** by Reid [49] based on his studies of regional deformation following the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, releases large amounts of energy, which constitute the earthquake. The location of initial radiation of seismic waves (i.e., the first location of dynamic rupture) is termed the **hypocenter**, while the projection on the surface of the Earth directly above the hypocenter is termed the **epicenter**. Other terminology includes **near-field** (within one source dimension of the epicenter, where source dimension refers to the length of faulting), **far-field** (beyond near-field), and **meizoseismal** (the area of strong shaking and damage). Energy is radiated over a broad spectrum of frequencies through the Earth, in **body waves** and **surface waves** [4]. Body waves are of two types: P waves (transmitting energy via push–pull motion) and slower S waves (transmitting energy via shear action at right angles to the direction of motion). Surface waves are also of two types: horizontally oscillating **Love waves** (analogous to S body waves) and vertically oscillating **Rayleigh waves**.

Faults are typically classified according to their sense of motion, Figure 1.1. Basic terms include **transform** or **strike slip** (relative fault motion occurs in the horizontal plane, parallel to the strike of the fault), **dip-slip** (motion at right angles to the strike, up- or down-slip), **normal** (dip-slip motion, two sides in tension, move away from each other), **reverse** (dip-slip, two sides in compression, move toward each other), and **thrust** (low-angle reverse faulting).

Generally, earthquakes will be concentrated in the vicinity of faults; faults that are moving more rapidly than others will tend to have higher rates of seismicity, and larger faults are more likely than others to produce a large event. Many faults are identified on regional geologic maps, and useful information on fault location and displacement history is available from local and national geologic surveys in areas of high seismicity. An important development has been the growing recognition of **blind thrust faults**, which emerged as a result of the several earthquakes in the 1980s, none of which was accompanied by surface faulting [61].

1.3   Measurement of Earthquakes

Magnitude

An individual earthquake is a unique release of strain energy — quantification of this energy has formed the basis for measuring the earthquake event. C.F. Richter [51] was the first to define earthquake **magnitude**, as

$$M_L = \log A - \log A_o \qquad (1.1)$$

where M_L is **local magnitude** (which Richter defined only for Southern California), A is the maximum trace amplitude in microns recorded on a standard Wood–Anderson short-period torsion seismometer at a site 100 km from the epicenter, and $\log A_o$ is a standard value as a function of distance, for instruments located at distances other than 100 km and less than 600 km. A number of other magnitudes have since been defined, the most important of which are **surface wave magnitude** M_S, **body wave magnitude** m_b, and **moment magnitude** M_W. Magnitude can be related to the total energy in the expanding wave front generated by an earthquake, and thus to the total energy release — an empirical relation by Richter is

$$\log_{10} E_s = 11.8 + 1.5\ M_s \qquad (1.2)$$

where E_S is the total energy in ergs. Due to the observation that deep-focus earthquakes commonly do not register measurable surface waves with periods near 20 s, a body wave magnitude m_b was defined [25], which can be related to M_S [16]:

$$m_b = 2.5 + 0.63 M_S \qquad (1.3)$$

Body wave magnitudes are more commonly used in eastern North America, due to the deeper earthquakes there. More recently, **seismic moment** has been employed to define a moment magnitude M_W [26] (also denoted as boldface **M**), which is finding increased and widespread use:

$$\text{Log } M_o = 1.5\ M_W + 16.0 \qquad (1.4)$$

where seismic moment M_o (dyne-cm) is defined as [33]

$$M_o = \mu A \bar{u} \qquad (1.5)$$

where μ is the material shear modulus, A is the area of fault plane rupture, and $\bar{u}$ is the mean relative displacement between the two sides of the fault (the averaged fault slip). Comparatively, M_W and M_S are numerically almost identical up to magnitude 7.5. Figure 1.2 indicates the relationship between moment magnitude and various magnitude scales.

From the foregoing discussion, it can be seen that magnitude and energy are related to fault rupture length and slip. Slemmons [60] and Bonilla et al. [5] have determined statistical relations between these parameters, for worldwide and regional data sets, aggregated and segregated by type of faulting (normal, reverse, strike-slip). Bonilla et al.'s worldwide results for all types of faults are

$$M_s = 6.04 + 0.708\ \log_{10} L \qquad s = 0.306 \qquad (1.6)$$

$$\log_{10} L = -2.77 + 0.619 M_s \qquad s = 0.286 \qquad (1.7)$$
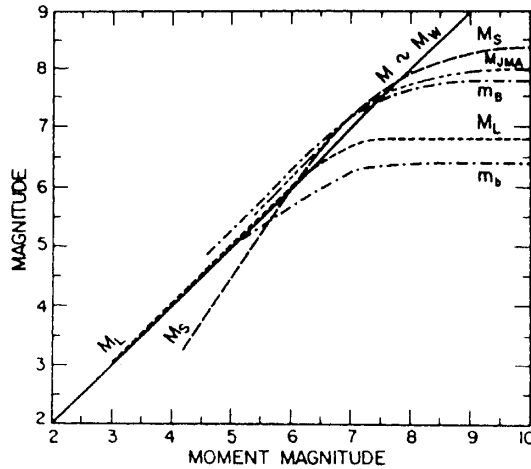
FIGURE 1.2   Relationship between moment magnitude and various magnitude scales. (*Source*: Campbell, K. W., *Earthquake Spectra,* 1(4), 759–804, 1985. With permission.)

$$M_s = 6.95 + 0.723 \log_{10}d \qquad\qquad s = 0.323 \qquad\qquad (1.8)$$

$$\log_{10}d = -3.58 + 0.5550\,M_s \qquad\qquad s = 0.282 \qquad\qquad (1.9)$$

which indicates, for example, that for $M_S = 7$, the average fault rupture length is about 36 km (and the average displacement is about 1.86 m). Conversely, a fault of 100 km length is capable of about an $M_S = 7.5^*$ event (see also Wells and Coppersmith [66] for alternative relations).

Intensity

In general, seismic intensity is a metric of the effect, or the strength, of an earthquake hazard at a specific location. While the term can be generically applied to engineering measures such as peak ground acceleration, it is usually reserved for qualitative measures of location-specific earthquake effects, based on observed human behavior and structural damage. Numerous intensity scales were developed in preinstrumental times — the most common in use today are the Modified Mercalli (MMI) [68] (Table 1.1), the Rossi–Forel (R-F), the Medvedev-Sponheur-Karnik (MSK-64, 1981), and the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) scales.

Time History

Sensitive strong motion seismometers have been available since the 1930s, and they record actual ground motions specific to their location, Figure 1.3. Typically, the ground motion records, termed **seismographs** or **time histories**, have recorded acceleration (these records are termed **accelerograms**), for many years in analog form on photographic film and, more recently, digitally. Analog records required considerable effort for correction, due to instrumental drift, before they could be used.

Time histories theoretically contain complete information about the motion at the instrumental location, recording three *traces* or orthogonal records (two horizontal and one vertical). Time histories (i.e., the earthquake motion at the site) can differ dramatically in duration, frequency, content, and amplitude. The maximum amplitude of recorded acceleration is termed the **peak**

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*Note that $L = g(M_S)$ should not be inverted to solve for $M_S = f(L)$, as a regression for $y = f(x)$ is different from a regression for $x = g(y)$.

TABLE 1.1   Modified Mercalli Intensity Scale of 1931

I	Not felt except by a very few under especially favorable circumstances
II	Felt only by a few persons at rest, especially on upper floors of buildings. Delicately suspended objects may swing.
III	Felt quite noticeably indoors, especially on upper floors of buildings, but many people do not recognize it as an earthquake; standing automobiles may rock slightly; vibration like passing truck; duration estimated
IV	During the day felt indoors by many, outdoors by few; at night some awakened; dishes, windows, and doors disturbed; walls make creaking sound; sensation like heavy truck striking building; standing automobiles rock noticeably
V	Felt by nearly everyone; many awakened; some dishes, windows, etc., broken; a few instances of cracked plaster; unstable objects overturned; disturbance of trees, poles, and other tall objects sometimes noticed; pendulum clocks may stop
VI	Felt by all; many frightened and run outdoors; some heavy furniture moved; a few instances of fallen plaster or damaged chimneys; damage slight
VII	Everybody runs outdoors; damage negligible in buildings of good design and construction, slight to moderate in well-built ordinary structures; considerable in poorly built or badly designed structures; some chimneys broken; noticed by persons driving automobiles
VIII	Damage slight in specially designed structures, considerable in ordinary substantial buildings, with partial collapse, great in poorly built structures; panel walls thrown out of frame structures; fall of chimneys, factory stacks, columns, monuments, walls; heavy furniture overturned; sand and mud ejected in small amounts; changes in well water; persons driving automobiles disturbed
IX	Damage considerable in specially designed structures; well-designed frame structures thrown out of plumb; great in substantial buildings, with partial collapse; buildings shifted off foundations; ground cracked conspicuously; underground pipes broken
X	Some well-built wooden structures destroyed; most masonry and frame structures destroyed with foundations; ground badly cracked; rails bent; landslides considerable from riverbanks and steep slopes; shifted sand and mud; water splashed over banks
XI	Few, if any, masonry structures remain standing; bridges destroyed; broad fissures in ground; underground pipelines completely out of service; earth slumps and land slips in soft ground; rails bent greatly
XII	Damage total; waves seen on ground surfaces; lines of sight and level distorted; objects thrown upward into the air

After Wood and Neumann [68].
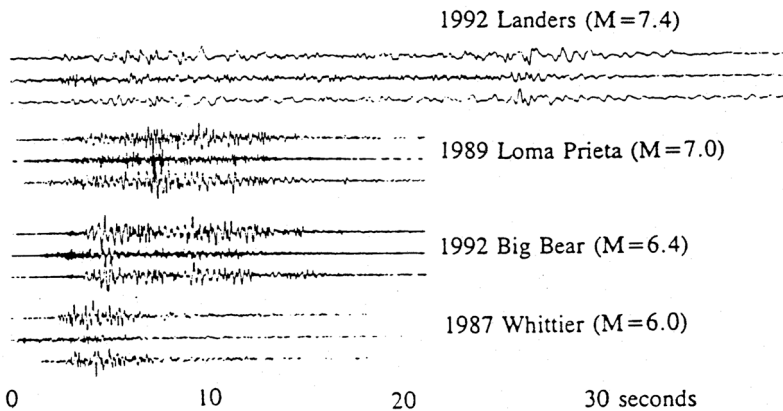
FIGURE 1.3   Typical earthquake accelerograms. (Courtesy of Darragh et al., 1994.)

ground acceleration, PGA (also termed the ZPA, or **zero period acceleration**); peak ground velocity (PGV) and peak ground displacement (PGD) are the maximum respective amplitudes of velocity and displacement. Acceleration is normally recorded, with velocity and displacement being determined by integration; however, velocity and displacement meters are deployed to a lesser extent. Acceleration can be expressed in units of cm/s^2 (termed *gals*), but is often also expressed in terms

of the fraction or percent of the acceleration of gravity (980.66 gals, termed 1 *g*). Velocity is expressed in cm/s (termed *kine*). Recent earthquakes — 1994 Northridge, M_W 6.7 and 1995 Hanshin (Kobe) M_W 6.9 — have recorded PGAs of about 0.8 *g* and PGVs of about 100 kine, while almost 2 g was recorded in the 1992 Cape Mendocino earthquake.

Elastic Response Spectra

If a single-degree-of-freedom (SDOF) mass is subjected to a time history of ground (i.e., base) motion similar to that shown in Figure 1.3, the mass or elastic **structural response** can be readily calculated as a function of time, generating a **structural response time history**, as shown in Figure 1.4 for several oscillators with differing natural periods. The response time history can be calculated by direct integration of Eq. (1.1) in the **time domain**, or by solution of the **Duhamel** integral. However, this is time-consuming, and the elastic response is more typically calculated in the **frequency domain** [12].
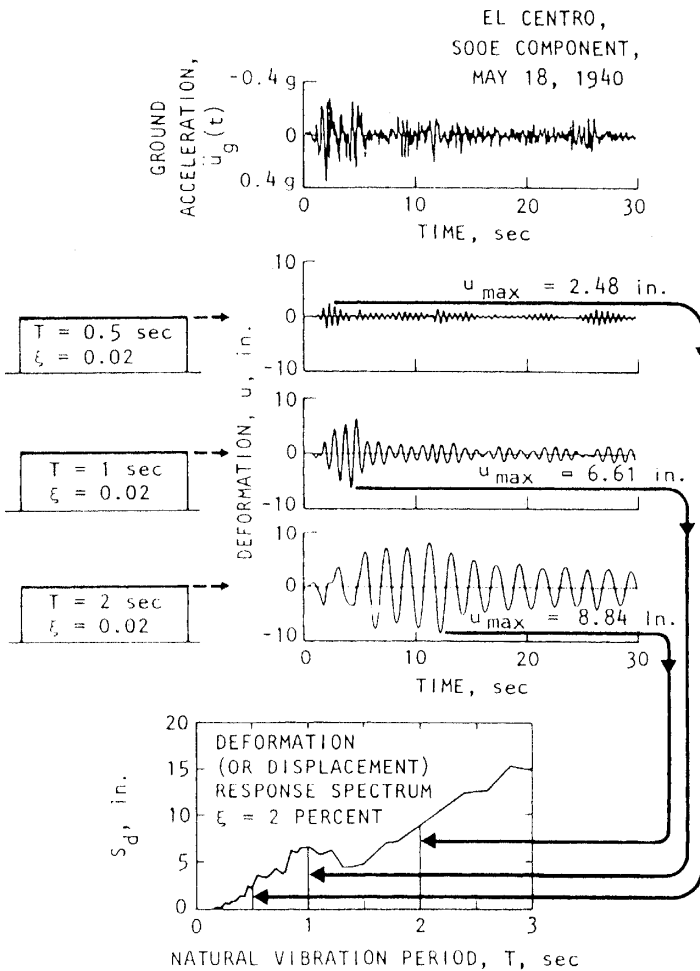
FIGURE 1.4   Computation of deformation (or displacement) response spectrum. (*Source*: Chopra, A. K., *Dynamics of Structures, A Primer,* Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, Oakland, CA, 1981. With permission.)
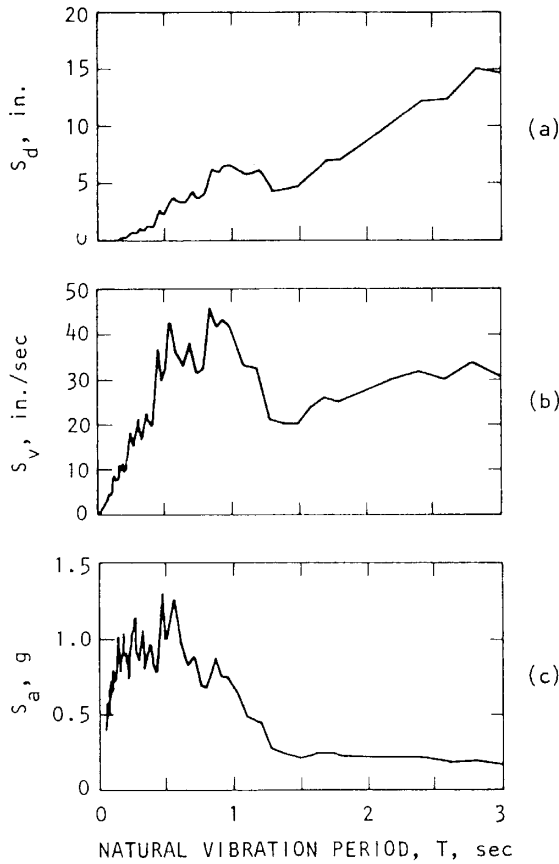
FIGURE 1.5   Response spectra. (*Source*: Chopra, A. K., *Dynamics of Structures, A Primer,* Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, Oakland, CA, 1981. With permission.)

For design purposes, it is often sufficient to know only the maximum amplitude of the response time history. If the natural period of the SDOF is varied across a spectrum of engineering interest (typically, for natural periods from 0.03 to 3 or more seconds, or frequencies of 0.3 to 30+ Hz), then the plot of these maximum amplitudes is termed a **response spectrum**. Figure 1.4 illustrates this process, resulting in S_d, the *displacement response spectrum*, while Figure 1.5 shows (a) the S_d, displacement response spectrum, (b) S_v, the *velocity response spectrum* (also denoted PSV, the pseudo-spectral velocity, "pseudo" to emphasize that this spectrum is not exactly the same as the relative velocity response spectrum), and (c) S_a, the *acceleration response spectrum.* Note that

$$S_v = \frac{2\pi}{T} S_d = \varpi S_d \tag{1.10}$$

and

$$S_a = \frac{2\pi}{T} S_v = \varpi S_v = \left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)^2 S_d = \varpi^2 S_d \tag{1.11}$$

RESPONSE SPECTRUM

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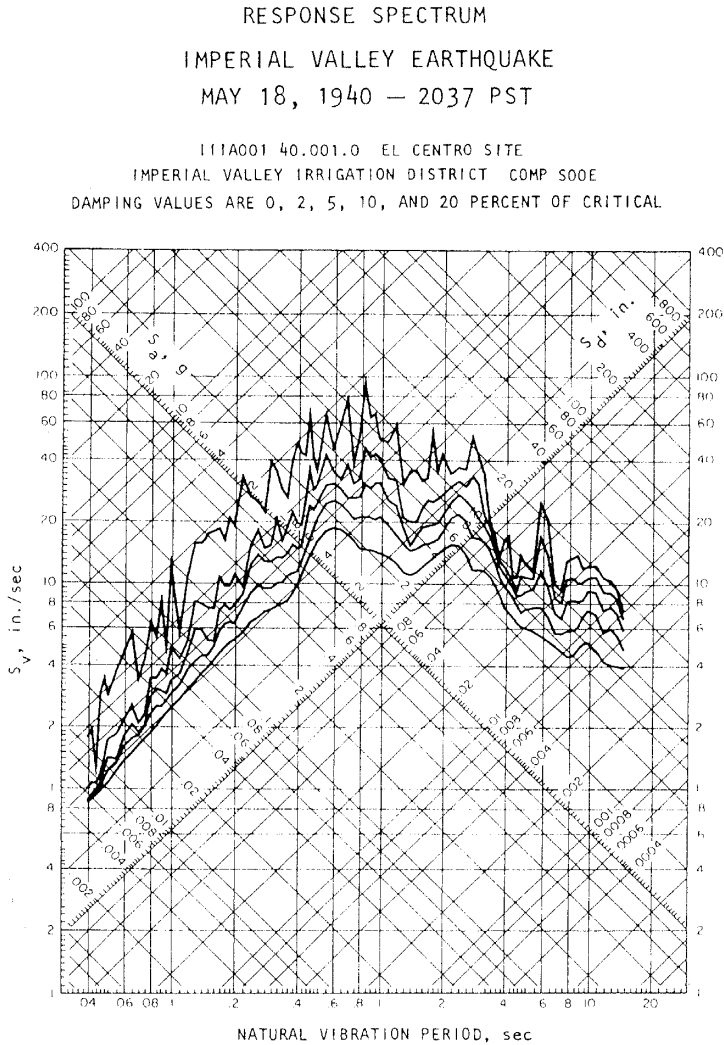
FIGURE 1.6 Response spectra, tripartite plot (El Centro S 0° E component). (*Source*: Chopra, A. K., *Dynamics of Structures, A Primer,* Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, Oakland, CA, 1981. With permission.)

Response spectra form the basis for much modern earthquake engineering structural analysis and design. They are readily calculated *if* the ground motion is known. For design purposes, however, response spectra must be estimated — this process is discussed below. Response spectra may be plotted in any of several ways, as shown in Figure 1.5 with arithmetic axes, and in Figure 1.6, where the velocity response spectrum is plotted on tripartite logarithmic axes, which equally enables reading of displacement and acceleration response. Response spectra are most normally presented for 5% of critical **damping**.

Inelastic Response Spectra

While the foregoing discussion has been for elastic response spectra, most structures are not expected, or even designed, to remain elastic under strong ground motions. Rather, structures are
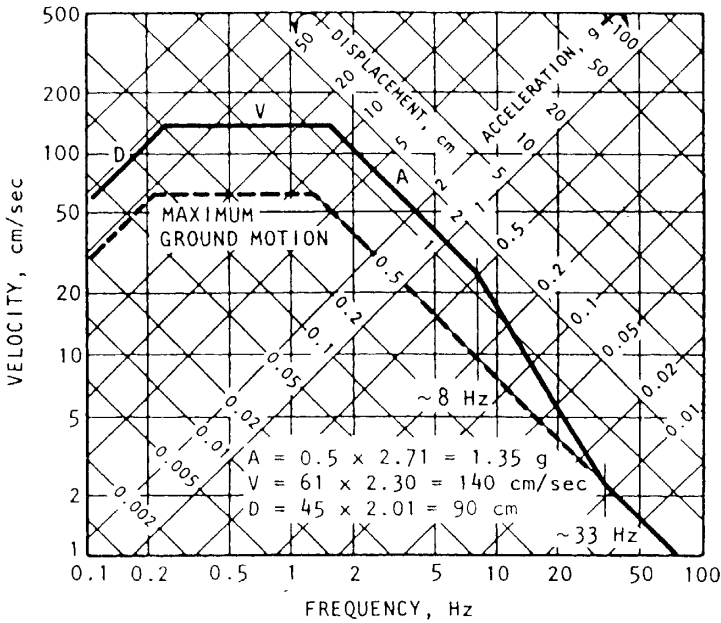
FIGURE 1.7   Idealized elastic design spectrum, horizontal motion (ZPA = 0.5 *g*, 5% damping, one sigma cumulative probability). (*Source*: Newmark, N. M. and Hall, W. J., *Earthquake Spectra and Design,* Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, Oakland, CA, 1982. With permission.)
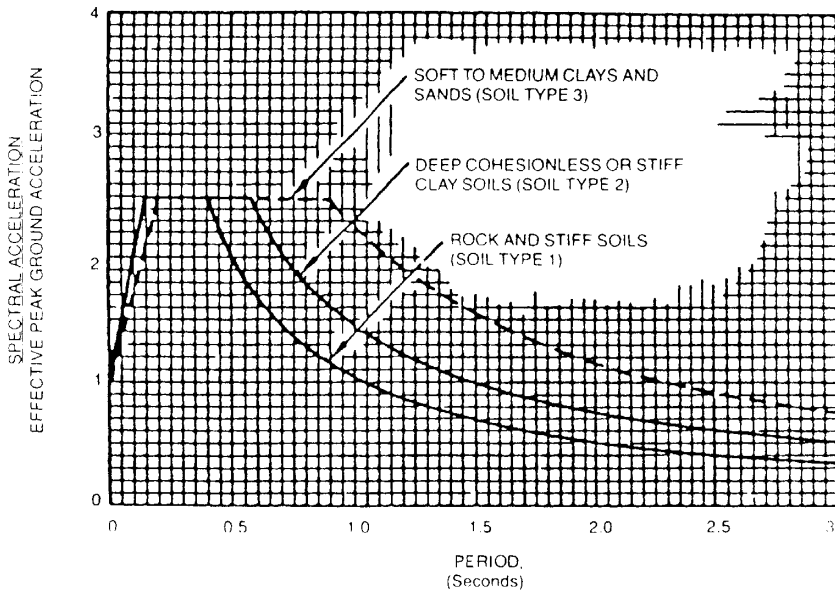
FIGURE 1.8   Normalized response spectra shapes. (*Source*: Uniform Building Code, Structural Engineering Design Provisions, Vol. 2, Intl. Conf. Building Officials, Whittier, 1994. With permission.)
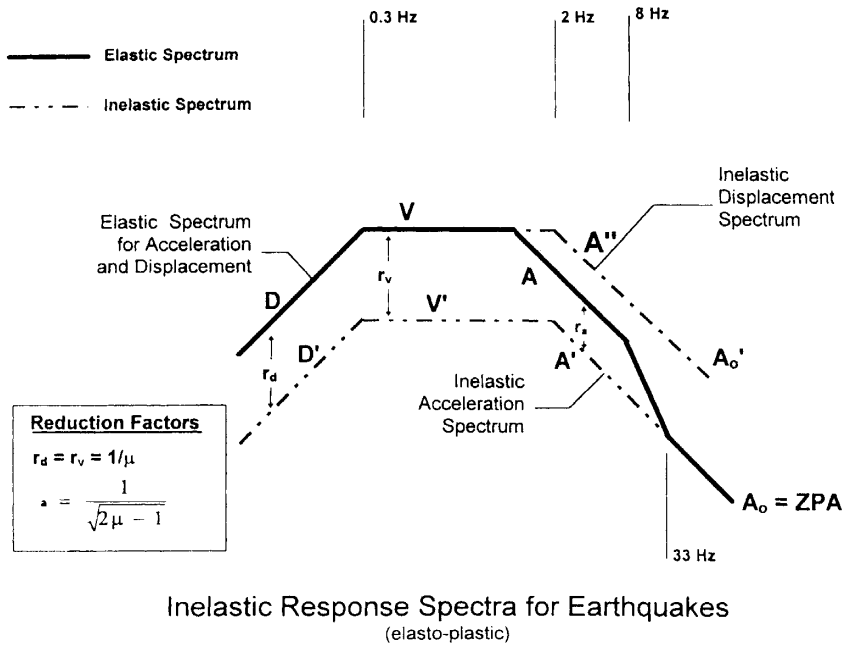
FIGURE 1.9   Inelastic response spectra for earthquakes. (*Source*: Newmark, N. M. and Hall, W. J., *Earthquake Spectra and Design,* Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, Oakland, CA, 1982.)

expected to enter the *inelastic* region — the extent to which they behave inelastically can be defined by the **ductility factor,** μ:

$$\mu = \frac{u_m}{u_y} \tag{1.12}$$

where u_m is the actual displacement of the mass under actual ground motions, and u_y is the displacement at yield (i.e., that displacement that defines the extreme of elastic behavior). Inelastic response spectra can be calculated in the time domain by direct integration, analogous to elastic response spectra but with the structural stiffness as a nonlinear function of displacement, $k = k(u)$. If elastoplastic behavior is assumed, then elastic response spectra can be readily modified to reflect inelastic behavior, on the basis that (1) at low frequencies (<0.3 Hz), displacements are the same, (2) at high frequencies (>33 Hz), accelerations are equal, and (3) at intermediate frequencies, the absorbed energy is preserved. Actual construction of inelastic response spectra on this basis is shown in Figure 1.9, where $DVAA_o$ is the elastic spectrum, which is reduced to D' and V' by the ratio of $1/\mu$ for frequencies less than 2 Hz, and by the ratio of $1/(2\mu - 1)^{1/2}$ between 2 and 8 Hz. Above 33 Hz, there is no reduction. The result is the inelastic acceleration spectrum ($D'V'A'A_o$), while $A''A_o'$ is the inelastic displacement spectrum. A specific example, for ZPA = 0.16 g, damping = 5% of critical, and μ = 3, is shown in Figure 1.10.

1.4   Strong Motion Attenuation and Duration

The rate at which earthquake ground motion decreases with distance, termed **attenuation**, is a function of the regional geology and inherent characteristics of the earthquake and its source. Campbell [10] offers an excellent review of North American relations up to 1985. Initial relationships
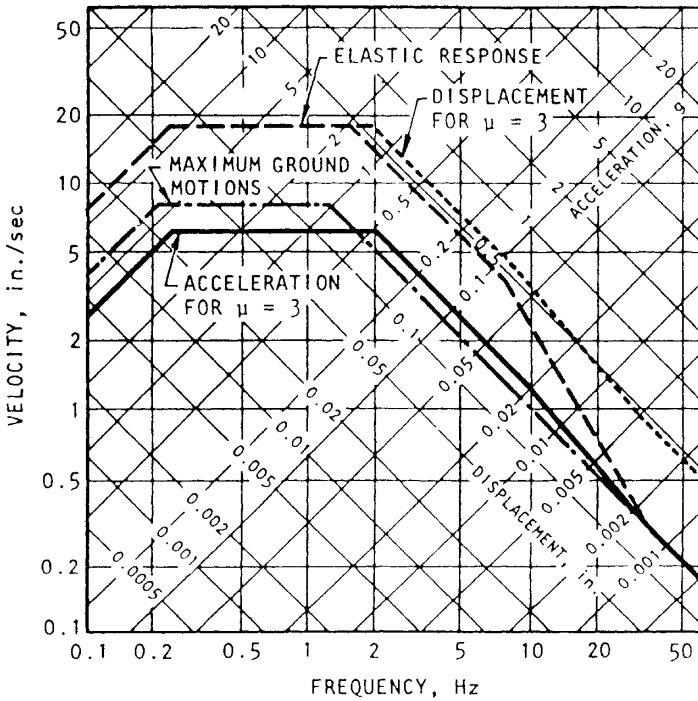
FIGURE 1.10 Example of inelastic response spectra. (*Source*: Newmark, N. M. and Hall, W. J., *Earthquake Spectra and Design*, Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, Oakland, CA, 1982.)

were for PGA, but regression of the amplitudes of response spectra at various periods is now common, including consideration of fault type and effects of soil. A currently favored relationship is

Campbell and Bozorgnia [11] (PGA — Worldwide Data)

$$\ln(\text{PGA}) = -3.512 + 0.904M - 1.328\ln\sqrt{\left\{ R_s^2 + \left[0.149\exp(0.647M)\right]^2 \right\}}$$

$$+ \left[1.125 - 0.112\ln\left(R_s\right) - 0.0957M\right]F \tag{1.13}$$

$$+ \left[0.440 - 0.171\ln\left(R_s\right)\right]S_{sr} + \left[0.405 - 0.222\ln\left(R_s\right)\right]S_{hr} + \varepsilon$$

where
PGA = the geometric mean of the two horizontal components of peak ground acceleration (*g*)
M = moment magnitude (M_w)
R_s = the closest distance to seismogenic rupture on the fault (km)
F = 0 for strike-slip and normal faulting earthquakes, and 1 for reverse, reverse-oblique, and thrust faulting earthquakes
S_{sr} = 1 for soft-rock sites
S_{hr} = 1 for hard-rock sites
$S_{sr} = S_{hr}$= 0 for alluvium sites
ε = a random error term with zero mean and standard deviation equal to $\sigma_{\ln}(\text{PGA})$, the standard error of estimate of $\ln(\text{PGA})$
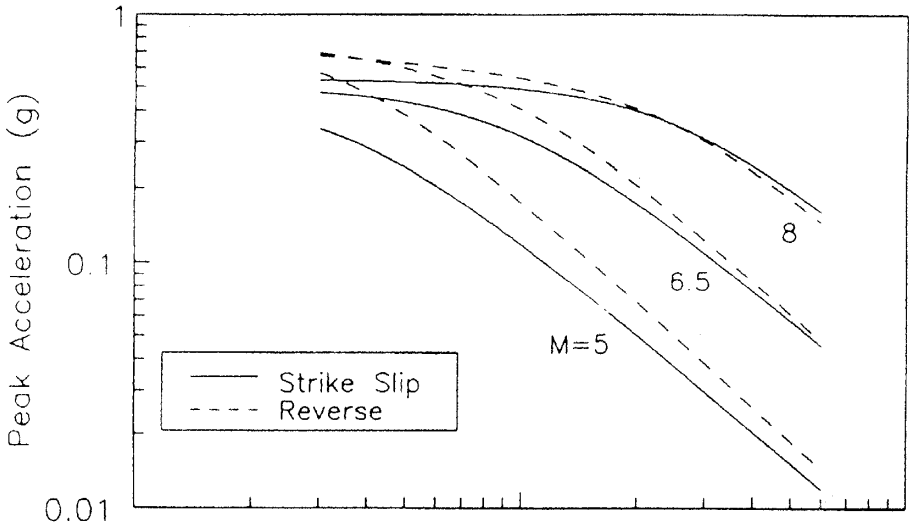
FIGURE 1.11   Campbell and Bozorgnia worldwide attenuation relationship showing (for alluvium) the scaling of peak horizontal acceleration with magnitude and style of faulting. (*Source*: Campbell, K. W. and Bozorgnia, Y., in *Proc. Fifth U.S. National Conference on Earthquake Engineering,* Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, Oakland, CA, 1994. With permission.)

Regarding the uncertainty, ε was estimated as

$$
\sigma_{ln}(\text{PGA}) = \begin{cases} 0.55 & \text{if PGA } < 0.068 \\ 0.173 - 0.140 \ln(\text{PGA}) & \text{if } 0.068 \leq \text{PGA} \leq 0.21 \\ 0.39 & \text{if PGA } > 0.21 \end{cases}
$$

Figure 1.11 indicates, for alluvium, median values of the attenuation of peak horizontal acceleration with magnitude and style of faulting. Many other relationships are also employed (e.g., Boore et al.[6]).

1.5   Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Analysis

The probabilistic seismic hazard analysis (PSHA) approach entered general practice with Cornell's [13] seminal paper, and basically employs the theorem of total probability to formulate:

$$
P(Y) = \sum_F \sum_M \sum_R p(Y|M, R)p(M)p(R) \tag{1.14}
$$

where

Y	= a measure of intensity, such as PGA, response spectral parameters PSV, etc.
$p(Y|M, R)$	= the probability of Y given earthquake magnitude M and distance R (i.e., attenuation)
$p(M)$	= the probability of a given earthquake magnitude M
$p(R)$	= the probability of a given distance R
F	= seismic sources, whether discrete, such as faults, or distributed

This process is illustrated in Figure 1.12, where various seismic sources (faults modeled as line sources and dipping planes, and various distributed or area sources, including a background source
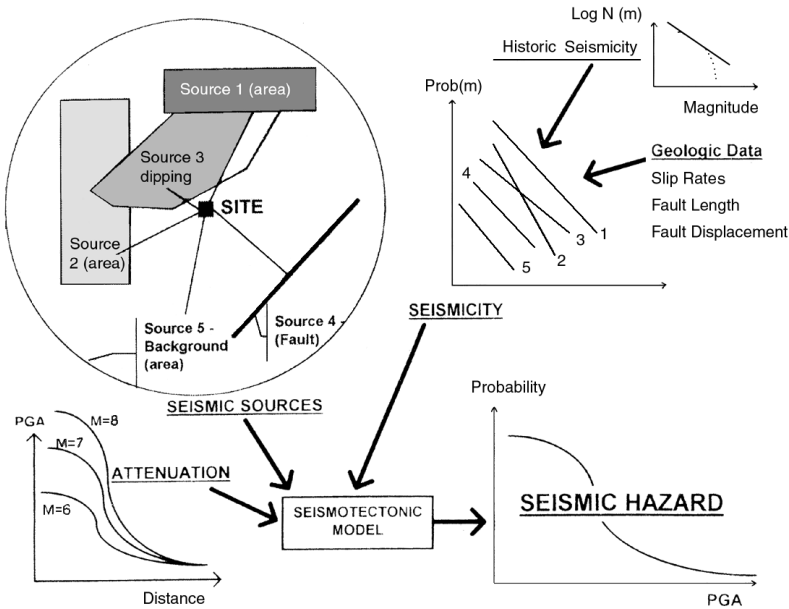
FIGURE 1.12 Elements of seismic hazard analysis — seismotectonic model is composed of seismic sources, whose seismicity is characterized on the basis of historic seismicity and geologic data, and whose effects are quantified at the site via strong motion attenuation models.

to account for miscellaneous seismicity) are identified, and their seismicity characterized on the basis of historic seismicity and/or geologic data. The effects at a specific site are quantified on the basis of strong ground motion modeling, also termed attenuation. These elements collectively are the **seismotectonic model** — their integration results in the **seismic hazard**.

There is an extensive literature on this subject [42,50] so that only key points will be discussed here. Summation is indicated, as integration requires closed-form solutions, which are usually precluded by the empirical form of the attenuation relations. The $p(Y|M, R)$ term represents the full probabilistic distribution of the attenuation relation — summation must occur over the full distribution, due to the significant uncertainty in attenuation. The $p(M)$ term is referred to as the **magnitude–frequency relation**, which was first characterized by Gutenberg and Richter [24] as

$$\log \mathbf{N}(m) = a_N - b_N m \qquad (1.15)$$

where $\mathbf{N}(m)$ = the number of earthquake events equal to or greater than magnitude m occurring on a seismic source per unit time, and a_N and b_N are regional constants (10^{a_N} = the total number of earthquakes with magnitude >0, and b_N is the rate of seismicity; b_N is typically 1 ± 0.3). The Gutenberg–Richter relation can be normalized to

$$\mathbf{F}(m) = 1. - \exp\left[-\mathbf{B}_M\left(m - \mathbf{M}_o\right)\right] \qquad (1.16)$$

where $F(m)$ is the cumulative distribution function (CDF) of magnitude, $\mathbf{B}_M$ is a regional constant, and $\mathbf{M}_o$ is a small enough magnitude such that lesser events can be ignored. Combining this with a Poisson distribution to model large earthquake occurrence [20] leads to the CDF of earthquake magnitude per unit time

$$\mathbf{F}(m) = \exp\left[-\exp\left\{-a_M\left(m - \mu_M\right)\right\}\right] \qquad (1.17)$$

which has the form of a Gumbel [23] extreme value type I (largest values) distribution (denoted $EX_{I,L}$), which is an unbounded distribution (i.e., the variate can assume any value). The parameters

a_M and μ_M can be evaluated by a least-squares regression on historical seismicity data, although the probability of very large earthquakes tends to be overestimated. Several attempts have been made to account for this (e.g., Cornell and Merz [14]). Yegulalp and Kuo [70] have used Gumbel's Type III (largest value, denoted $EX_{III,L}$) to successfully account for this deficiency. This distribution

$$F(m) = \exp\left[-\left(\frac{w-m}{w-u}\right)^k\right] \tag{1.18}$$

has the advantage that w is the largest possible value of the variate (i.e., earthquake magnitude), thus permitting (when w, u, and k are estimated by regression on historical data) an estimate of the source's largest possible magnitude. It can be shown (Yegulalp and Kuo [70]) that estimators of w, u, and k can be obtained by satisfying Kuhn–Tucker conditions, although, if the data is too incomplete, the $EX_{III,L}$ parameters approach those of the $EX_{I,L}$. Determination of these parameters requires careful analysis of historical seismicity data (which is highly complex and something of an art [17]), and the merging of the resulting statistics with estimates of maximum magnitude and seismicity made on the basis of geologic evidence (i.e., as discussed above, maximum magnitude can be estimated from fault length, fault displacement data, time since last event, and other evidence, and seismicity can be estimated from fault slippage rates combined with time since the last event, see Schwartz [55] for an excellent discussion of these aspects). In a full probabilistic seismic hazard analysis, many of these aspects are treated fully or partially probabilistically, including the attenuation, magnitude–frequency relation, upper- and lower-bound magnitudes for each source zone, geographic bounds of source zones, fault rupture length, and many other aspects. The full treatment requires complex specialized computer codes, which incorporate uncertainty via use of multiple alternative source zonations, attenuation relations, and other parameters [3,19], often using a logic tree format. A number of codes have been developed using the public-domain FRISK (Fault RISK) code first developed by McGuire [37].

1.6   Site Response

When seismic waves reach a site, the ground motions they produce are affected by the geometry and properties of the geologic materials at that site. At most bridge sites, rock will be covered by some thickness of soil which can markedly influence the nature of the motions transmitted to the bridge structure as well as the loading on the bridge foundation. The influence of local site conditions on ground response has been observed in many past earthquakes, but specific provisions for site effects were not incorporated in codes until 1976.

The manner in which a site responds during an earthquake depends on the near-surface stiffness gradient and on how the incoming waves are reflected and refracted by the near-surface materials. The interaction between seismic waves and near-surface materials can be complex, particularly when surface topography and/or subsurface stratigraphy is complex. Quantification of site response has generally been accomplished by analytical or empirical methods.

Basic Concepts

The simplest possible case of site response would consist of a uniform layer of viscoelastic soil of density, ρ, shear modulus, G, viscosity, η, and thickness, H, resting on rigid bedrock and subjected to vertically propagating shear waves (Figure 1.13[top]). The response of the layer would be governed by the wave equation

$$\rho\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = G\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} + \eta\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial z^2 \partial t} \tag{1.19}$$
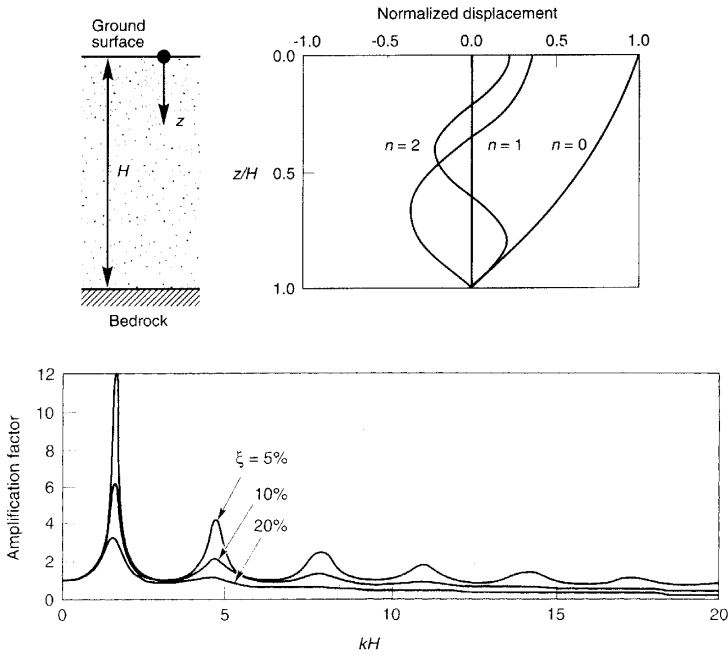
FIGURE 1.13 Illustration of (top) mode shapes and (bottom) amplification function for uniform elastic layer underlain by rigid boundary. (*Source*: Kramer, S.L., *Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering*, Prentice-Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ, 1996.)

which has a solution that can be expressed in the form of upward and downward traveling waves. At certain frequencies, these waves interfere constructively to produce increased amplitudes; at other frequencies, the upward and downward traveling waves tend to cancel each other and produce lower amplitudes. Such a system can easily be shown to have an infinite number of natural frequencies and mode shapes (Figure 1.13 [top]) given by

$$\omega_n = \frac{v_s}{H}\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \phi_n = \cos\left[\frac{z}{H}\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi\right)\right] \tag{1.20}$$

Note that the fundamental, or characteristic site period, is given by $T_s = 2\pi/\omega_o = 4H/v_s$. The ratio of ground surface to bedrock amplitude can be expressed in the form of an **amplification function** as

$$A(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\cos^2\left(\omega H / v_s + \left[\xi\left(\omega H / v_s\right)\right]^2\right)}} \tag{1.21}$$

Figure 1.13(bottom) shows the amplification function which illustrates the frequency-dependent nature of site amplification. The amplification factor reaches its highest value when the period of the input motion is equal to the characteristic site period. More realistic site conditions produce more complicated amplification functions, but all amplification functions are frequency-dependent. In a sense, the surficial soil layers act as a filter that amplifies certain frequencies and deamplifies others. The overall effect on site response depends on how these frequencies match up with the dominant frequencies in the input motion.

The example illustrated above is mathematically convenient, but unrealistically simple for application to actual sites. First, the assumption of rigid bedrock implies that all downward-traveling waves are perfectly reflected back up into the overlying layer. While generally quite stiff, bedrock is

not perfectly rigid, and therefore a portion of the energy in a downward-traveling wave is transmitted into the bedrock to continue traveling downward — as a result, the energy carried by the reflected wave that travels back up is diminished. The relative proportions of the transmitted and reflected waves depend on the ratio of the **specific impedance** of the two materials on either side of the boundary. At any rate, the amount of wave energy that remains within the surficial layer is decreased by waves radiating into the underlying rock. The resulting reduction in wave amplitudes is often referred to as **radiation damping**. Second, subsurface stratigraphy is generally more complicated than that assumed in the example. Most sites have multiple layers of different materials with different specific impedances. The boundaries between the layers may be horizontal or may be inclined, but all will reflect and refract seismic waves to produce wave fields that are much more complicated than described above. This is often particularly true in the vicinity of bridges located in fluvial geologic environments where soil stratigraphy may be the result of an episodic series of erosional and depositional events. Third, site topography is generally not flat, particularly in the vicinity of bridges that may be supported in sloping natural or man-made materials, or on man-made embankments. Topographic conditions can strongly influence the amplitude and frequency content of ground motions. Finally, subsurface conditions can be highly variable, particularly in the geologic environments in which many bridges are constructed. Conditions may be different at each end of a bridge, and even at the locations of intermediate supports — this effect is particularly true for long bridges. These factors, combined with the fact that seismic waves may reach one end of the bridge before the other, can reduce the **coherence** of ground motions. Different motions transmitted to a bridge at different support points can produce loads and displacements that would not occur in the case of perfectly coherent motions.

Evidence for Local Site Effects

Theoretical evidence for the existence of local site effects has been supplemented by instrumental and observational evidence in numerous earthquakes. Nearly 200 years ago [35], variations in damage patterns were correlated to variations in subsurface conditions; such observations have been repeated on a regular basis since that time. With the advent of modern seismographs and strong motion instruments, quantitative evidence for local site effects is now available. In the Loma Prieta earthquake, for example, strong motion instruments at Yerba Buena Island and Treasure Island were at virtually identical distances and azimuths from the hypocenter. However, the Yerba Buena Island instrument was located on a rock outcrop and the Treasure Island instrument on about 14 m of loose hydraulically placed sandy fill underlain by nearly 17 m of soft San Francisco Bay mud. The measured motions, which differed significantly (Figure 1.14), illustrate local site effects. At a small but increasing number of locations, strong motion instruments have been placed in a boring directly below a surface instrument (Figure 1.15a). Because such vertical arrays can measure motions at the surface and at bedrock level, they allow direct computation of measured amplification functions. Such an empirical amplification function is shown in Figure 1.15b. The general similarity of the measured amplification function, particularly the strong frequency dependence, to even the simple theoretical amplification (Figure 1.13) is notable.

Methods of Analysis

Development of suitable design ground motions, and estimation of appropriate foundations loading, generally requires prediction of anticipated site response. This is usually accomplished using empirical or analytical methods. For small bridges, or for projects in which detailed subsurface information is not available, the empirical approach is more common. For larger and more important structures, a subsurface exploration program is generally undertaken to provide information for site-specific analytical prediction of site response.
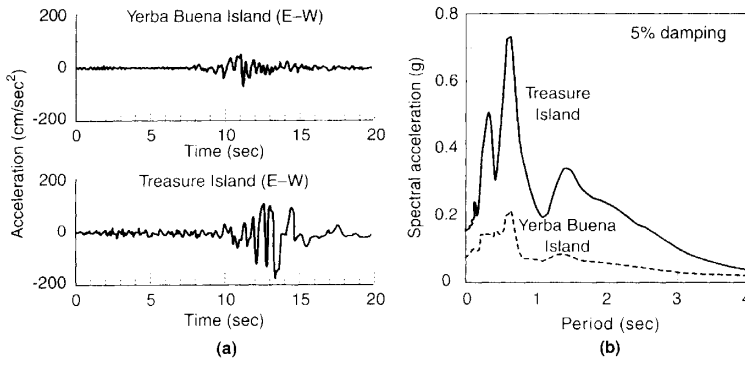
FIGURE 1.14 Ground surface motions at Yerba Buena Island and Treasure Island in the Loma Prieta earthquake. (*Source:* Kramer, S.L., *Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering*, Prentice-Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ, 1996.)
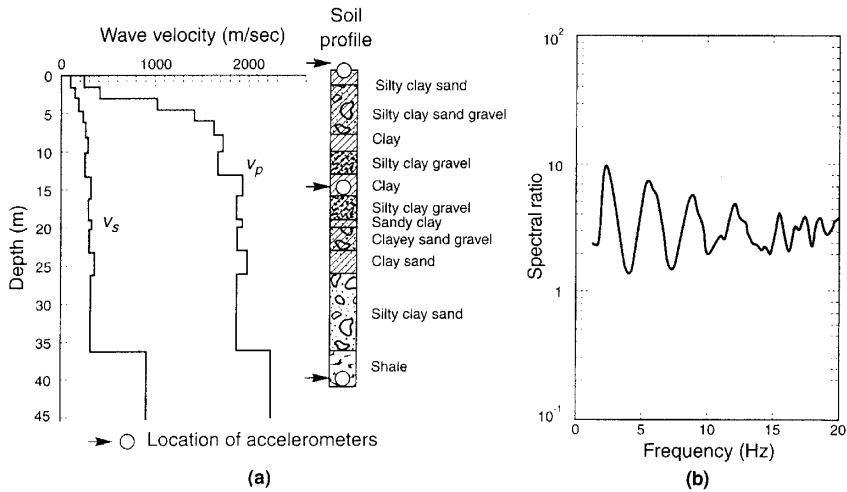
FIGURE 1.15 (a) Subsurface profile at location of Richmond Field Station downhole array, and (b) measured surface/bedrock amplification function in Briones Hills (M_L = 4.3) earthquake. (*Source:* Kramer, S.L., *Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering*, Prentice-Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ, 1996.)

Empirical Methods

In the absence of site-specific information, local site effects can be estimated on the basis of empirical correlation to measured site response from past earthquakes. The database of strong ground motion records has increased tremendously over the past 30 years. Division of records within this database according to general site conditions has allowed the development of empirical correlations for different site conditions.

The earliest empirical approach involved estimation of the effects of local soil conditions on peak ground surface acceleration and spectral shape. Seed et al. [59] divided the subsurface conditions at the sites of 104 strong motion records into four categories — rock, stiff soils (<61 m), deep cohesionless soils (>76 m), and soft to medium clay and sand. Comparing average peak ground surface accelerations measured at the soil sites with those anticipated at equivalent rock sites allowed development of curves such as those shown in Figure 1.16. These curves show that soft profiles amplify peak acceleration over a wide range of rock accelerations, that even stiff soil profiles amplify peak acceleration when peak accelerations are relatively low, and that peak accelerations are deamplified at very high input acceleration levels. Computation of average response spectra, when normal-
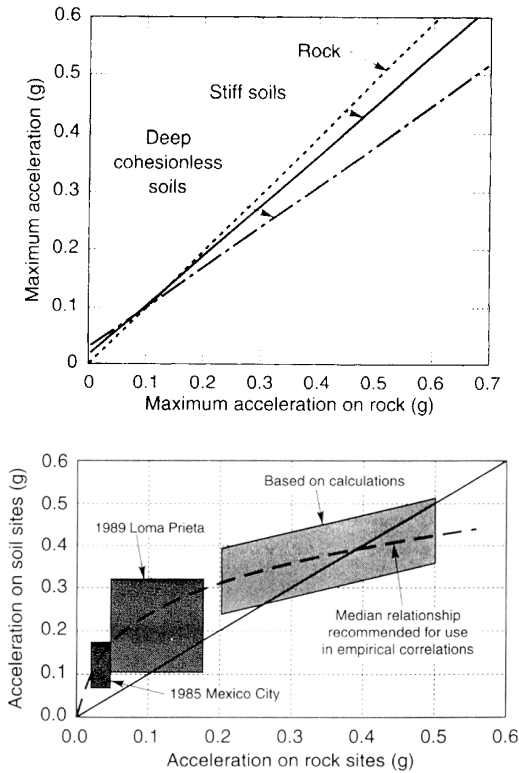
FIGURE 1.16 Approximate relationship between peak accelerations on rock and soil sites (after Seed et al. [59]; Idriss, 1990).
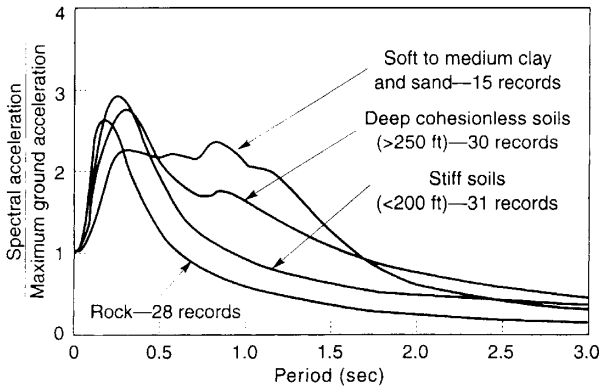
FIGURE 1.17 Average normalized response spectra (5% damping) for different local site conditions (after Seed et al. [59]).

ized by peak acceleration (Figure 1.17), showed the significant effect of local soil conditions on spectral shape, a finding that has strongly influenced the development of seismic codes and standards.

A more recent empirical approach has been to include local site conditions directly in attenuation relationships. By developing a site parameter to characterize the soil conditions at the locations of strong motion instruments and incorporating that parameter into the basic form of an attenuation
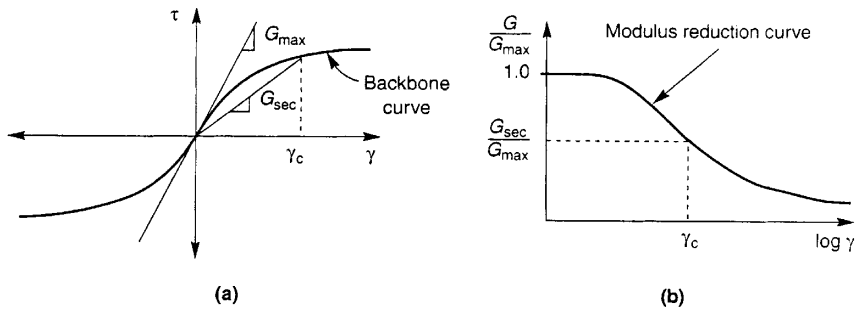
FIGURE 1.18 Relationship between backbone curve and modulus reduction curve.

relationship, regression analyses can produce attenuation relationships that include the effects of local site conditions. In such relationships, site conditions are typically grouped into different site classes on the basis of such characteristics as surficial soil/rock conditions [see the factors S_{sr} and S_{hr} in Eq. (1.13)] or average shear wave velocity within the upper 30 m of the ground surface (e.g., Boore et al. [6]). Such relationships can be used for empirical prediction of peak acceleration and response spectra, and incorporated into probabilistic seismic hazard analyses to produce uniform risk spectra for the desired class of subsurface conditions.

The reasonableness of empirically based methods for estimation of site response effects depends on the extent to which site conditions match the site conditions in the databases from which the empirical relationships were derived. It is important to recognize the empirical nature of such methods and the significant uncertainty inherent in the results they produce.

Analytical Methods

When sufficient information to characterize the geometry and dynamic properties of subsurface soil layers is available, local site effects may be computed by site-specific ground response analyses. Such analyses may be conducted in one, two, or three dimensions; one-dimensional analyses are most common, but the topography of many bridge sites may require two-dimensional analyses.

Unlike most structural materials, soils are highly nonlinear, even at very low strain levels. This nonlinearity causes soil stiffness to decrease and material damping to increase with increasing strain amplitude. The variation of stiffness with strain can be represented in two ways — by nonlinear **backbone** (stress–strain) **curves** or by **modulus reduction curves**, both of which are related as illustrated in Figure 1.18. The modulus reduction curve shows how the secant shear modulus of the soil decreases with increasing strain amplitude. To account for the effects of nonlinear soil behavior, ground response analyses are generally performed using one of two basic approaches: the **equivalent linear approach** or the **nonlinear approach**.

In the equivalent linear approach, a linear analysis is performed using shear moduli and damping ratios that are based on an initial estimate of strain amplitude. The strain level computed using these properties is then compared with the estimated strain amplitude and the properties adjusted until the computed strain levels are very close to those corresponding to the soil properties. Using this iterative approach, the effects of nonlinearity are approximated in a linear analysis by the use of *strain-compatible* soil properties. Modulus reduction and damping behavior has been shown to be influenced by soil plasticity, with highly plastic soils exhibiting higher linearity and lower damping than low-plasticity soils (Figure 1.19). The equivalent linear approach has been incorporated into such computer programs as SHAKE [53] and ProShake [18] for one-dimensional analyses, FLUSH [34] for two-dimensional analyses, and TLUSH [29] for three-dimensional analyses.

In the nonlinear approach, the equations of motion are assumed to be linear over each of a series of small time increments. This allows the response at the end of a time increment to be
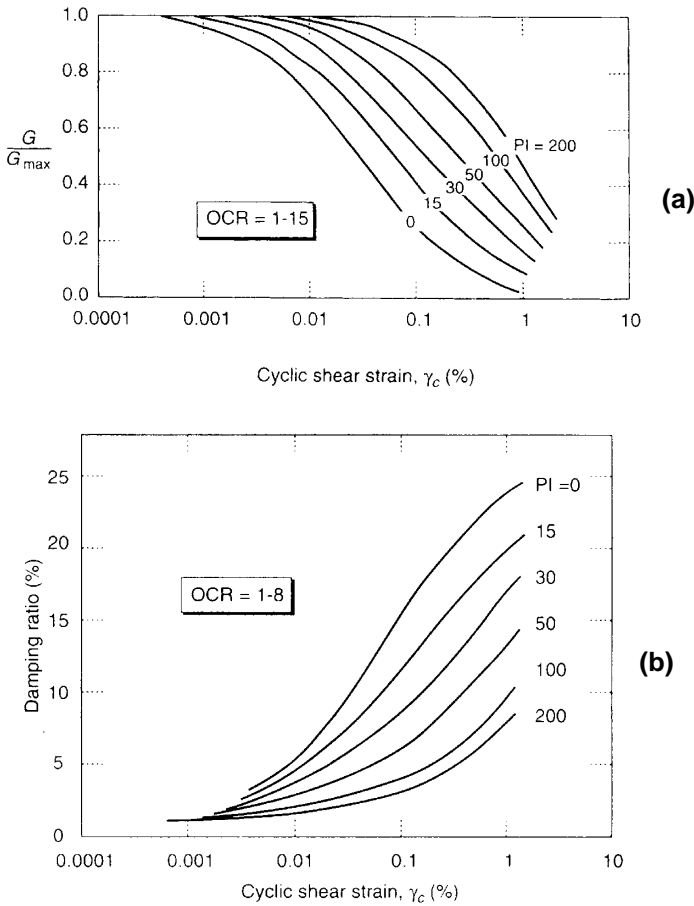
FIGURE 1.19 Equivalent linear soil behavior: (a) modulus reduction curves and (b) damping curves. (*Source*: Vucetic and Dobry, 1991.)

computed from the conditions at the beginning of the time increment and the loading applied during the time increment. At the end of the time increment, the properties are updated for the next time increment. In this way, the stiffness of each element of soil can be changed depending on the current and past stress conditions, and hysteretic damping can be modeled directly. For seismic analysis, the nonlinear approach requires a constitutive (stress–strain) model that is capable of representing soil behavior under dynamic loading conditions. Such models can be complicated and can require calibration of a large number of soil parameters by extensive laboratory testing. With a properly calibrated constitutive model, however, nonlinear analyses can provide reasonable predictions of site response and have two significant advantages over equivalent linear analyses. First, nonlinear analyses are able to predict permanent deformations such as those associated with ground failure (Section 1.8). Second, nonlinear analyses are able to account for the generation, redistribution, and eventual dissipation of porewater pressures, which makes them particularly useful for sites that may be subject to liquefaction and/or lateral spreading. The nonlinear approach has been incorporated into such computer programs as DESRA [31], TESS [48], and SUMDES for one-dimensional analysis, and TARA [21] for two-dimensional analyses. General-purpose programs such as FLAC can also be used for nonlinear two-dimensional analyses. In practice, however, the use of nonlinear analyses has lagged behind the use of equivalent linear analyses, principally because of the difficulty in characterizing nonlinear constitutive model parameters.

TABLE 1.2   Site Coefficient

Soil Type	Description	S
I	Rock of any characteristic, either shalelike or crystalline in nature (such material may be characterized by a shear wave velocity greater than 760 m/s, or by other appropriate means of classification; or Stiff soil conditions where the soil depth is less than 60 m and the soil types overlying rock are stable deposits of sands, gravels, or stiff clays	1.0
II	Stiff clay or deep cohesionless conditions where the soil depth exceeds 60 m and the soil types overlying rock are stable deposits of sands, gravels, or stiff clays	1.2
III	Soft to medium-stiff clays and sands, characterized by 9 m or more of soft to medium-stiff clays with or without intervening layers of sand or other cohesionless soils	1.5
IV	Soft clays or silts greater than 12 m in depth; these materials may be characterized by a shear wave velocity less than 150 m/s and might include loose natural deposits or synthetic nonengineered fill	2.0

Site Effects for Different Soil Conditions

As indicated previously, soil deposits act as filters, amplifying response at some frequencies and deamplifying it at others. The greatest degree of amplification occurs at frequencies corresponding to the characteristic site period, $T_s = 4H/v_s$. Because the characteristic site period is proportional to shear wave velocity and inversely proportional to thickness, it is clear that the response of a given soil deposit will be influenced by the stiffness and thickness of the deposit. Thin and/or stiff soil deposits will amplify the short-period (high-frequency) components, and thick and/or soft soil deposits will amplify the long-period (low-frequency) components of an input motion. As a result, generalizations about site effects for different soil conditions are generally based on the average stiffness and thickness of the soil profile.

These observations of site response are reflected in bridge design codes. For example, the 1997 Interim Revision of the 1996 Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges (AASHTO, 1997) requires the use of an elastic seismic response coefficient for an SDOF structure of natural period, T, taken as

$$C_s = \frac{1.2AS}{T^{2/3}} \tag{1.22}$$

where A is an acceleration coefficient that depends on the location of the bridge and S is a dimensionless site coefficient obtained from Table 1.2. In accordance with the behavior illustrated in Figure 1.17, the site coefficient prescribes increased design requirements at long periods for bridges underlain by thick deposits of soft soil (Figure 1.20).

1.7   Earthquake-Induced Settlement

Settlement is an important consideration in the design of bridge foundations. In most cases, settlement results from *consolidation*, a process that takes place relatively slowly as porewater is squeezed from the soil as it seeks equilibrium under a new set of stresses. Consolidation settlements are most significant in fine-grained soils such as silts and clays. However, the tendency of coarse-grained soils (sands and gravels) to densify due to vibration is well known; in fact, it is frequently relied upon for efficient compaction of sandy soils. Densification due to the cyclic stresses imposed by earthquake shaking can produce significant settlements during earthquakes. Whether settlement is caused by consolidation or earthquakes, bridge designers are concerned with **total settlement** and, because settlements rarely occur uniformly, also with **differential settlement**. Differential settlement can induce very large loads in bridge structures.

While bridge foundations may settle due to shearing failure in the vicinity of abutments, shallow foundations, and deep foundations, this section deals with settlement due to earthquake-induced
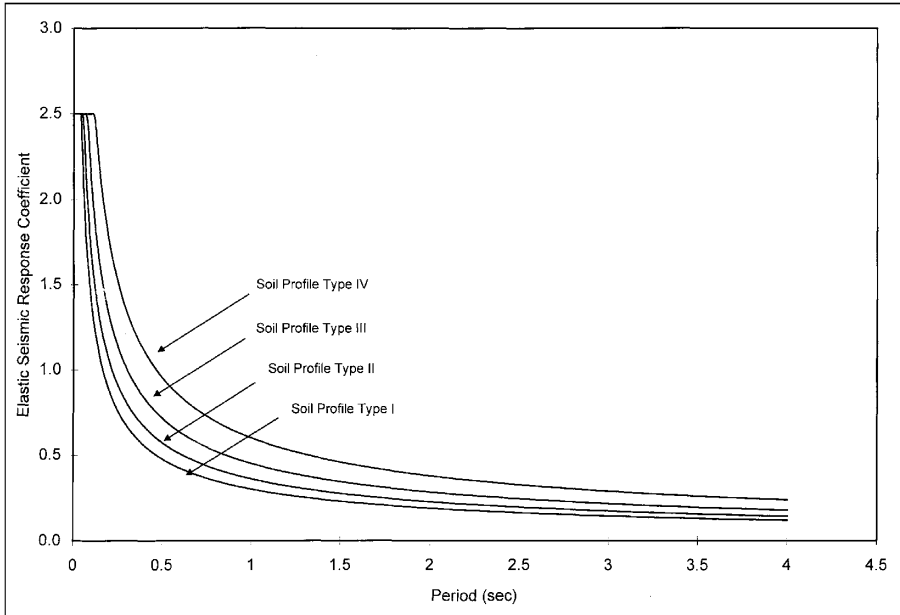
FIGURE 1.20   Variation of elastic seismic response coefficient with period for *A* = 0.25.

soil densification. Densification of soils beneath shallow bridge foundations can cause settlement of the foundations. Densification of soils adjacent to deep foundations can cause downdrag loading on the foundations (and bending loading if the foundations are battered). Densification of soils beneath approach fills can lead to differential settlements at the ends of the bridge that can be so abrupt as to render the bridge useless.

Accurate prediction of earthquake-induced settlements is difficult. Errors of 25 to 50% are common in estimates of consolidation settlement, so even less accuracy should be expected in the more complicated case of earthquake-induced settlement. Nevertheless, procedures have been developed that account for the major factors known to influence earthquake-induced settlement and that have been shown to produce reasonable agreement with many cases of observed field performance. Such procedures are generally divided into cases of dry sands and saturated sands.

Settlement of Dry Sands

Dry sandy soils are often found above the water table in the vicinity of bridges. The amount of densification experienced by dry sands depends on the density of the sand, the amplitude of cyclic shear strain induced in the sand, and the number of cycles of shear strain applied during the earthquake. Settlements can be estimated using cyclic strain amplitudes from site response analyses with corrections for the effects of multidirectional shaking [47,58] or by simplified procedures [63]. Because of the high air permeability of sands, settlement of dry sands occurs almost instantaneously.

In the simplified procedure, the effective cyclic strain amplitude is estimated as

$$\gamma_{cyc} = 0.65 \frac{a_{max}}{g} \frac{\sigma_v r_d}{G} \tag{1.23}$$

Because the shear modulus, *G*, is a function of γ_{cyc}, several iterations may be required to calculate a value of γ_{cyc} that is consistent with the shear modulus. When the low strain stiffness, G_{max} (= ρv_s^2), is known, the effective cyclic strain amplitude can be estimated using Figures 1.21 and 1.22.
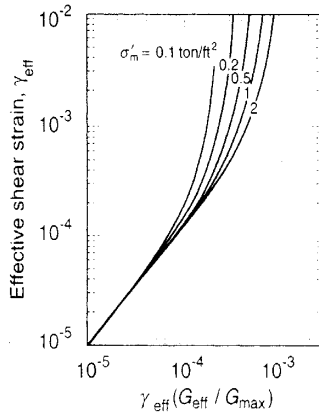
Plot for determination

FIGURE 1.21   Plot for determination of effective cyclic shear strain in sand deposits. (*Source:* Tokimatsu and Seed [63].)

(a)   **(b)**
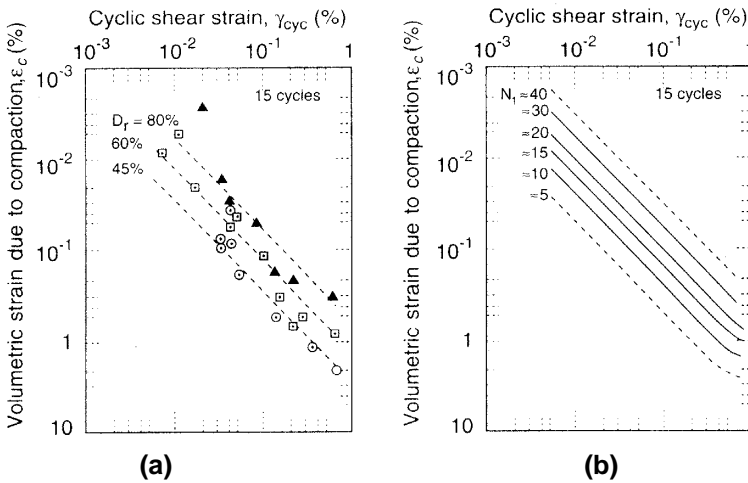
FIGURE 1.22   Relationship between volumetric strain and cyclic shear strain in dry sands as function of (a) relative density and (b) SPT resistance. (*Source:* Tokimatsu and Seed [63].)

Figure 1.22 then allows the effective cyclic strain amplitude, along with the relative density or SPT resistance of the sand, to be used to estimate the volumetric strain due to densification. These volumetric strains are based on durations associated with a M = 7.5 earthquake; corrections for other magnitudes can be made with the aid of Table 1.3. The effects of multidirectional shaking are generally accounted for by doubling the computed volumetric strain. Because the stiffness, density, and cyclic shear strain amplitude generally vary with depth, a given soil deposit is usually divided into sublayers with the volumetric strain for each sublayer computed independently. The resulting settlement of each sublayer can then be computed as the product of the volumetric strain and thickness. The total settlement is obtained by summing the settlements of the individual sublayers.

TABLE 1.3   Correction of Cyclic Stress Ratio for Earthquake Magnitude

Magnitude, M	$5\frac{1}{4}$	6	$6\frac{3}{4}$	$7\frac{1}{2}$	$8\frac{1}{2}$
$\varepsilon_{v,M}/\varepsilon_{v,M=7.5}$	0.4	0.6	0.85	1.0	1.25
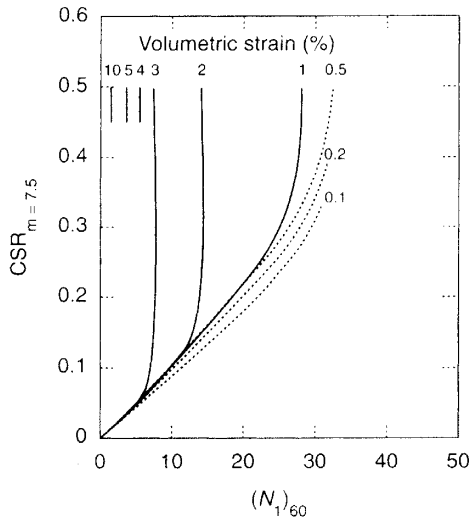
FIGURE 1.23   Plot for estimation of postliquefaction volumetric strain in saturated sands. (*Source:* Tokimatsu and Seed [63].)

Settlement of Saturated Sands

The dissipation of high excess porewater pressures generated in saturated sands (*reconsolidation*) can lead to settlement following earthquakes. Settlements of 50 to 70 cm occurred in a 5-m-thick layer of very loose sand in the Tokachioki earthquake [44] and settlements of 50 to 100 cm were observed on Port Island and Rokko Island in Kobe, Japan following the 1995 Hyogo-ken Nambu earthquake. Because water flows much more slowly through soil than air, settlements of saturated sands occur much more slowly than earthquake-induced settlements of dry sands. Nevertheless, the main factors that influence the magnitude of saturated soil settlements are basically the same as those that influence that of dry sands.

Tokimatsu and Seed [63] developed charts to estimate the volumetric strains that develop in saturated soils. In this approach, the volumetric strain resulting from reconsolidation can be estimated from the corrected standard penetration resistance, $(N_1)_{60}$, and the cyclic stress ratio (Figure 1.23). The value of $(N_1)_{60}$ is obtained by correcting the measured standard penetration resistance, N_m, to a standard overburden pressure of 95.8 kPa (1 ton/ft^2) and to an energy of 60% of the theoretical free-fall energy of an SPT hammer using the equation:

$$\left(N_1\right)_{60} = N_m C_N \frac{E_m}{0.60 \, E_{ff}} \tag{1.24}$$

where C_N is an overburden correction factor that can be estimated as $C_N = (\sigma'_{vo})^{-0.5}$, E_m is the measured hammer energy, and E_{ff} is the theoretical free-fall energy. In Figure 1.23, the cyclic stress ratio, defined as $\mathrm{CSR}_{M = 7.5} = \tau_{cyc}/\sigma'_{vo}$, corresponds to a magnitude 7.5 earthquake. For other magnitudes, the corresponding value of the cyclic stress ratio can be obtained using Table 1.4. As in the case of dry sands, the soil layer is typically divided into sublayers with the total settlement taken as the sum of the products of the thickness and volumetric strain of all sublayers. In some

TABLE 1.4   Correction of Cyclic Stress Ratio for Earthquake Magnitude

Magnitude, M	5¼	6	6¾	7½	8½
$\mathrm{CSR}_M/\mathrm{CSR}_{M = 7.5}$	1.50	1.32	1.13	1.00	0.89
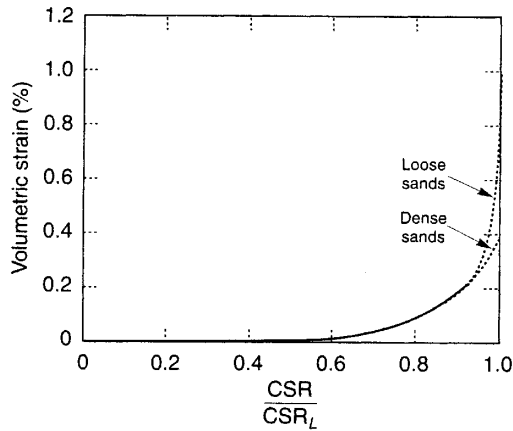
FIGURE 1.24 Plot for estimation of volumetric strain in saturated sands that do not liquefy. (Tokimatsu and Seed [63]).

cases, earthquake-induced porewater pressures may be insufficient to cause liquefaction but still may produce post-earthquake settlement. The volumetric strain produced by reconsolidation in such cases may be estimated from Figure 1.24.

1.8 Ground Failure

Strong earthquake shaking can produce a dynamic response of soils that is so energetic that the stress waves exceed the strength of the soil. In such cases, ground failure characterized by permanent soil deformations may occur. Ground failure may be caused by weakening of the soil or by temporary exceedance of the strength of the soil by transient inertial stresses. The former case results in phenomena such as liquefaction and lateral spreading, the latter in inertial failures of slopes and retaining wall backfills.

Liquefaction

The term *liquefaction* has been widely used to describe a range of phenomena in which the strength and stiffness of a soil deposit are reduced due to the generation of porewater pressure. It occurs most commonly in loose, saturated sands, although it has also been observed in gravels and non-plastic silts. The effects of liquefaction can range from massive landslides with displacements measured in tens of meters to relatively small slumps or spreads with small displacements. Many bridges, particularly those that cross bodies of water, are located in areas with geologic and hydrologic conditions that tend to produce liquefaction.

The mechanisms that produce liquefaction-related phenomena can be divided into two categories. The first, **flow liquefaction**, can occur when the shear stresses required for static equilibrium of a soil mass are greater than the shear strength of the soil in its liquefied state. While not common, flow liquefaction can produce tremendous instabilities known as **flow failures**. In such cases, the earthquake serves to trigger liquefaction, but the large deformations that result are actually driven by the preexisting static stresses. The second phenomenon, **cyclic mobility**, occurs when the initial static stresses are less than the strength of the liquefied soil. The effects of cyclic mobility lead to deformations that develop incrementally during the period of earthquake shaking, and are commonly called **lateral spreading**. Lateral spreading can occur on very gentle slopes, in the vicinity of free surfaces such as riverbanks, and beneath and adjacent to embankments. Lateral spreading occurs much more frequently than flow failure, and can cause significant distress to bridges and their foundations.

Liquefaction Susceptibility

The first step in an evaluation of liquefaction hazards is the determination whether the soil is susceptible to liquefaction. If the soils at a particular site are not susceptible to liquefaction, liquefaction hazards do not exist and the liquefaction hazard evaluation can be terminated. If the soil is susceptible, however, the issues of initiation and effects of liquefaction must be considered.

Liquefaction occurs most readily in loose, clean, uniformly graded, saturated soils. Therefore, geologic processes that sort soils into uniform grain size distributions and deposit them in loose states produce soil deposits with high liquefaction susceptibility. As a result, fluvial deposits, and colluvial and aeolian deposits when saturated, are likely to be susceptible to liquefaction. Liquefaction also occurs in alluvial, beach, and estuarine deposits, but not as frequently as in those previously listed. Because bridges are commonly constructed in such geologic environments, liquefaction is a frequent and important consideration in their design.

Liquefaction susceptibility also depends on the stress and density characteristics of the soil. Very dense soils, even if they have the other characteristics listed in the previous paragraph, will not generate high porewater pressures during earthquake shaking and hence are not susceptible to liquefaction. The minimum density at which soils are not susceptible to liquefaction increases with increasing effective confining pressure. This characteristic indicates that, for a soil deposit of constant density, the deeper soils are more susceptible to liquefaction than the shallower soils. For the general range of soil conditions encountered in the field, cohesionless soils with $(N_1)_{60}$ values greater than 30 or normalized cone penetration test (CPT) tip resistances (q_{c1N}, see next section) greater than about 175 are generally not susceptible to liquefaction.

Initiation of Liquefaction

The fact that a soil deposit is susceptible to liquefaction does not mean that liquefaction will occur in a given earthquake. Liquefaction must be triggered by some disturbance, such as earthquake shaking with sufficient strength to exceed the liquefaction resistance of the soil. Even a liquefaction-susceptible soil will have some liquefaction resistance. Evaluating the potential for the occurrence of liquefaction (liquefaction potential) involves comparison of the loading imposed by the anticipated earthquake with the liquefaction resistance of the soil. Liquefaction potential is most commonly evaluated using the cyclic stress approach in which both earthquake loading and liquefaction resistance are expressed in terms of cyclic stresses, thereby allowing direct and consistent comparison.

Characterization of Earthquake Loading

The level of porewater pressure generated by an earthquake is related to the amplitude and duration of earthquake-induced shear stresses. Such shear stresses can be predicted in a site response analysis using either the equivalent linear method or nonlinear methods. Alternatively, they can be estimated using a simplified approach that does not require site response analyses.

Early methods of liquefaction evaluation were based on the results of cyclic triaxial tests performed with harmonic (constant-amplitude) loading, and it remains customary to characterize loading in terms of an equivalent shear stress amplitude,

$$\tau_{cyc} = 0.65\tau_{max} \tag{1.25}$$

When sufficient information is available to perform site response analyses, it is advisable to compute τ_{max} in a site response analysis and use Eq. (1.6) to compute τ_{cyc}. When such information is not available, τ_{cyc} at a particular depth can be estimated as

$$\tau_{cyc} = 0.65 \frac{a_{max}}{g} \sigma_v r_d \tag{1.26}$$

where a_{max} is the peak ground surface acceleration, g is the acceleration of gravity, σ_v is the total vertical stress at the depth of interest, and r_d is the value of a site response reduction factor, which can be estimated from

$$r_d = \frac{1.0 - 0.4113z^{0.5} + 0.04052z + 0.001753z^{1.5}}{1.0 - 0.4177z^{0.5} + 0.05729z - 0.006205z^{1.5} + 0.001210z^2} \tag{1.27}$$

where z is the depth of interest in meters. For evaluation of liquefaction potential, it is common to normalize τ_{cyc} by the initial (pre-earthquake) vertical effective stress, thereby producing the **cyclic stress ratio** (CSR)

$$CSR = \frac{\tau_{cyc}}{\sigma'_{vo}} \tag{1.28}$$

Characterization of Liquefaction Resistance

While early liquefaction potential evaluations relied on laboratory tests to measure liquefaction resistance, increasing recognition of the deleterious effects of sampling disturbance on laboratory test results has led to the use of field tests for measurement of liquefaction resistance. Although the use of new soil freezing and sampling techniques offers considerable promise for acquisition of undisturbed samples, liquefaction resistance is currently evaluated using *in situ* tests such as the standard penetration test (SPT) and the CPT *and* observations of liquefaction behavior in past earthquakes.

Case histories in which liquefaction was and was not observed can be analyzed to obtain empirical estimates of liquefaction resistance. By characterizing each of a series of case histories in terms of a loading parameter, $\mathcal{L}$, and a resistance parameter, $\mathcal{R}$, all combinations of $\mathcal{L}$ and $\mathcal{R}$ can be plotted with symbols that indicate whether liquefaction was observed or was not observed (Figure 1.25).

In this approach, the cyclic stress ratio induced in the soil for each case history is used as the loading parameter and an *in situ* test measurement is used as the resistance parameter. Two *in situ* tests are commonly used — the SPT, which produces the resistance parameter $(N_1)_{60}$, and the CPT, which produces the resistance parameter q_{c1N}. Because the value of the cyclic stress ratio given by the curve represents the minimum cyclic stress ratio required to produce liquefaction, it is commonly referred to as the **cyclic resistance ratio**, CRR.

Because liquefaction involves the cumulative buildup of porewater pressure, the ultimate porewater pressure level is a function of the duration of ground shaking. In the development of procedures for evaluation of liquefaction potential, duration was implicitly correlated to earthquake magnitude. As a result, the procedures have been keyed to magnitude 7.5 earthquakes with correc-
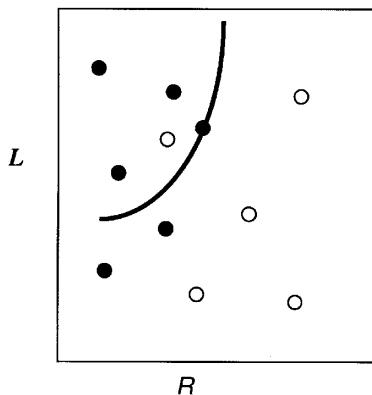
FIGURE 1.25 Discrimination between case histories in which liquefaction was observed (solid circles) and was not observed (open circles). Curve represents conservative estimate of resistance, $\mathcal{R}$, for given level of loading, $\mathcal{L}$.

FIGURE 1.26 Relationship between cyclic stress ratios causing liquefaction and $(N_1)_{60}$ values for clean sand (after Youd and Idriss, 1998).

tions developed that can be applied for other magnitudes. The procedures have also been keyed to clean sands (<5% fines), again with corrections developed for application to silty sands.

Recent review of SPT-based procedures for characterization of CRR resulted in recommendation of the curve shown in Figure 1.26. This CRR curve is for clean sand and magnitude 7.5 earthquakes. For a silty sand with fines content, FC, an equivalent clean-sand SPT resistance can be computed from

$$(N_1)_{60\text{-cs}} = \alpha + \beta \, (N_1)_{60} \tag{1.29}$$

where

$\alpha = 0$	and	$\beta = 1.0$	for FC < 5%
$\alpha = \exp[1.76 - 190/FC^2]$	and	$\beta = 0.99 + FC^{1.5}/1000$	for 5% < FC < 35%
$\alpha = 5.0$	and	$\beta = 1.2$	for FC > 35%

Correction for magnitudes other than 7.5 is accomplished by correcting the CRR according to

$$CRR_M = CRR_{7.5} \times MSF \tag{1.30}$$

where MSF is a magnitude scaling factor obtained from Table 1.5.

TABLE 1.5   Magnitude Scaling Factor

Magnitude, M	MSF
5.5	2.20–2.80
6.0	1.76–2.10
6.5	1.44–1.60
7.0	1.19–1.25
7.5	1.00
8.0	0.84
8.5	0.72

The CPT offers two distinct advantages over the SPT for evaluation of liquefaction resistance. First, the CPT provides a nearly continuous profile of penetration resistance, a characteristic that allows it to identify thin layers that can easily be missed in an SPT-based investigation. Second, the CPT shows greater consistency and repeatability than the SPT. However, the CPT is a more recent development and there is less professional experience with it than with the SPT, particularly in the United States. As more data correlating CPT resistance to liquefaction resistance become available, the CPT is likely to be come the primary *in situ* test for evaluation of liquefaction potential. At present, however, a general consensus on the most appropriate technique for CPT-based evaluation of liquefaction potential has not emerged. One of the most well-developed procedures for CPT-based evaluation of liquefaction potential was described by Robertson and Wride. In this procedure, the measured CPT resistance, q_c, is normalized to a dimensionless resistance

$$q_{c1N} = C_Q \frac{q_c}{p_a} \tag{1.31}$$

where $C_Q = \left(p_a / \sigma'_{vo} \right)^n$, p_a is atmospheric pressure, and n is an exponent that ranges from 0.5 (clean sand) to 1.0 (clay). A maximum C_Q value of 2.0 is generally applied to CPT data at shallow depths. Soil type can be inferred from CPT tip resistance, q_c, and sleeve resistance, f_s, with the aid of a soil behavior type index

$$I_c = \sqrt{\left(3.47 - \log Q \right)^2 + \left(1.22 + \log F \right)^2} \tag{1.32}$$

where

$$Q = C_Q \frac{q_c - \sigma_{vo}}{p_a}$$

$$F = \frac{f_s}{q_c - \sigma_{vo}} \times 100\%$$

If I_c (computed with $n = 1.0$) is greater than 2.6, the soil is considered too clayey to liquefy. If I_c (computed with $n = 0.5$ and $Q = q_{c1N}$) is less than 2.6, the soil is most likely granular and nonplastic and capable of liquefying. If I_c (computed with $n = 0.5$ and $Q = q_{c1N}$) is greater than 2.6, however, the soil is likely to be very silty and possibly plastic; in this case, I_c should be recalculated with $n = 0.7$ and $Q = q_{c1N}$. Once I_c has been determined, the effects of fines and plasticity can be considered by computing the clean-sand normalized tip resistance

$$q_{c1N\text{-cs}} = K_c \, q_{c1N} \tag{1.33}$$

where

$K_c = 1.0$ for $I_c < 1.64$

$K_c = -0.403 I_c^4 + 5.581 I_c^3 - 21.63 I_c^2 + 33.75 I_c - 17.88$ for $I_c > 1.64$

With the clean-sand normalized tip resistance, $CRR_{7.5}$ can be determined using Figure 1.27. For other magnitudes, the appropriate value of CRR can be obtained using the same magnitude scaling factor used for the SPT-based procedure, Eq. (30). Other procedures for CPT-based evaluation of liquefaction potential include those of Seed and De Alba (57), Mitchell and Tseng [39], and Olson [46].

Liquefaction resistance has also been correlated to other *in situ* test measurements such as shear wave velocity [62,64], dilatometer index, and Becker penetration tests. In addition, probabilistic approaches that yield a probability of liquefaction have also been developed [32].

Lateral Spreading

Lateral spreading has often caused damage to bridges and bridge foundations in earthquakes. Lateral spreading generally involves the lateral movement of soil at and below the ground surface, often in the form of relatively intact surficial blocks riding on a mass of softened and weakened soil. The lateral soil movement can impose large lateral loads on abutments and wingwalls, and can induce large bending moments in pile foundations. The damage produced by lateral spreading is closely related to the magnitude of the lateral soil displacements.

Because cyclic mobility, the fundamental phenomenon that produces lateral spreading, is so complex, analytical procedures for prediction of lateral spreading displacements have not yet reached the point at which they can be used for design. As a result, currently accepted procedures for prediction of lateral spreading displacements are empirically based.

Bartlett and Youd [1] used multiple regression on a large database of lateral spreading case histories to develop empirical expressions for lateral spreading ground surface displacements. Two expressions were developed — a ground slope expression for sites with gentle, uniformly sloping
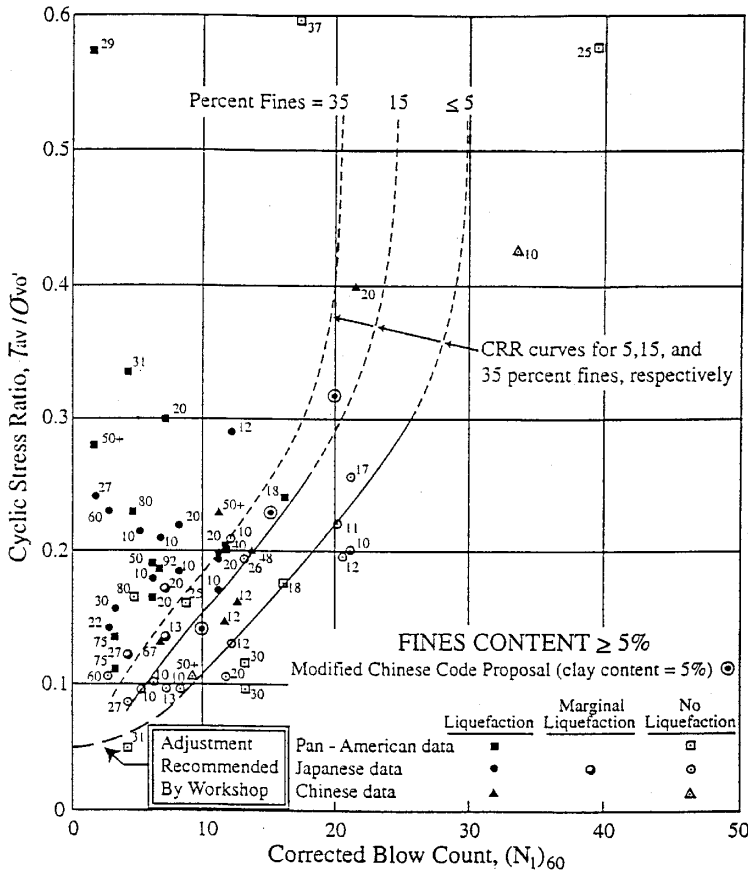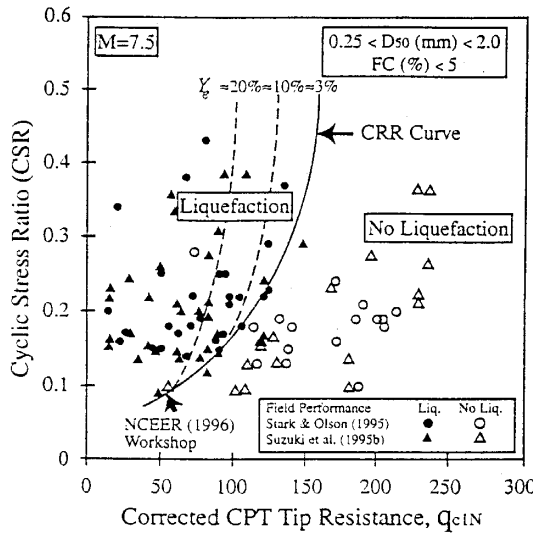

FIGURE 1.27 Relationship between cyclic stress ratios causing liquefaction and $(q_c)_1$ values for clean sand (after Youd and Idriss, 1998).

surfaces, and a free-face expression for sites near steep banks. For the former, displacements can be estimated from

$$\log D_H = -16.3658 + 1.1782 M_w - 0.9275 \log R - 0.0133 R + 0.4293 \log S$$
$$+ 0.3483 \log T_{15} + 4.5720 \log(100 - F_{15}) - 0.9224 (D_{50})_{15} \tag{1.34a}$$

where D_H is the estimated lateral ground displacement in meters, M_w is the moment magnitude, R is the horizontal distance from the seismic energy source in km, S is the ground slope in percent, T_{15} is the cumulative thickness of saturated granular layers with $(N_1)_{60} < 15$ in meters, F_{15} is the average fines content for the granular layers constituting T_{15} in percent, and $(D_{50})_{15}$ is the average mean grain size for the granular layers comprising T_{15} in millimeters. For free-face sites, displacements can be estimated from

$$\log D_H = -16.3658 + 1.1782 M_w - 0.9275 \log R - 0.0133 R + 0.6572 \log W$$
$$+ 0.3483 \log T_{15} + 4.5720 \log(100 - F_{15}) - 0.9224 (D_{50})_{15} \tag{1.34b}$$

where W is the ratio of the height of the bank to the horizontal distance between the toe of the bank and the point of interest. With these equations, 90% of the predicted displacements were within a factor of 2 of those observed in the corresponding case histories. The range of parameters for which the predicted results have been verified by case histories is presented in Table 1.6.

Global Instability

Ground failure may also occur due to the temporary exceedance of the shear strength of the soil by earthquake-induced shear stresses. These failures may take the form of large, deep-seated soil failures that can encompass an entire bridge abutment or foundation, as illustrated in Figure 1.28. The potential for such failures, often referred to as global instabilities, must be evaluated during design.

Historically, inertial failures were evaluated using **pseudo-static methods** in which the transient, dynamic effects of earthquake shaking were represented by constant, pseudo-static accelerations.

TABLE 1.6 Range of Verified Values for Eq. (1.32)

Input Parameter	Range of Values
Magnitude	$6.0 < M_w < 8.0$
Free-face ratio	$1.0\% < W < 20\%$
Thickness of loose layer	$0.3 \text{ m} < T_{15} < 12 \text{ m}$
Fines content	$0\% < F_{15} < 50\%$
Mean grain size	$0.1 \text{ mm} < (D_{50})_{15} < 1.0 \text{ mm}$
Ground slope	$0.1\% < S < 6\%$
Depth to bottom of section	Depth to bottom of liquefied zone <15 m
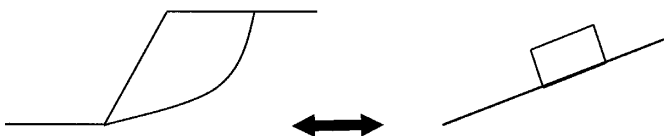
FIGURE 1.28 Illustration of sliding block analogy for evaluation of permanent slope displacements.

The resulting destabilizing pseudo-static forces were included in a limit equilibrium analysis to compute a pseudo-static factor of safety. A pseudo-static factor of safety greater than 1 was considered indicative of stability. However, difficulty in selection of the pseudo-static acceleration, interpretation of the significance of computed factors of safety less than 1, and increasing recognition that serviceability is closely related to permanent deformations led to the development of alternative approaches.

The most common current procedure uses pseudo-static principles to establish the point at which permanent displacements would begin, but then uses a simple slope analogy to estimate the magnitude of the resulting permanent displacements. This procedure is commonly known as the sliding block procedure [43]. By using the common assumptions of rigid, perfectly plastic behavior embedded in limit equilibrium analyses, a potentially unstable slope is considered to be analogous to a block resting on an inclined plane (Figure 1.28) in the sliding block procedure. In both cases, base accelerations above a certain level will result in permanent relative displacements of the potentially unstable mass.

In the sliding block procedure, a pseudo-static analysis is performed to determine the horizontal pseudo-static acceleration that produces a factor of safety of 1.0. This pseudo-static acceleration, referred to as the **yield acceleration**, represents the level of acceleration above which permanent slope displacements are expected to occur. When the input acceleration exceeds the yield acceleration, the shear stress between the sliding block and the plane exceeds the available shear resistance and the block is unable to accelerate as quickly as the underlying plane. As a result, there is a relative acceleration between the block and the plane that lasts until the shear stress drops below the strength long enough to decelerate the block to zero relative acceleration. Integration of the relative acceleration over time yields a relative velocity, and integration of the relative velocity produces the relative displacement between the block and the plane. By this process, illustrated in Figure 1.29, the sliding block procedure allows estimation of the permanent displacement of a slope.

For embankments subjected to ground motions perpendicular to their axes, Makdisi and Seed [36] developed a simplified procedure for estimation of earthquake-induced displacements based on sliding block analyses of dams and embankments subjected to several recorded and synthetic input
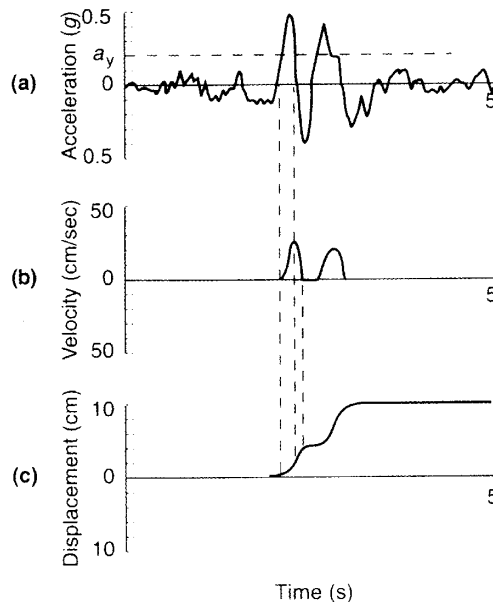
FIGURE 1.29   Illustration of computation of permanent slope displacements using sliding block method.
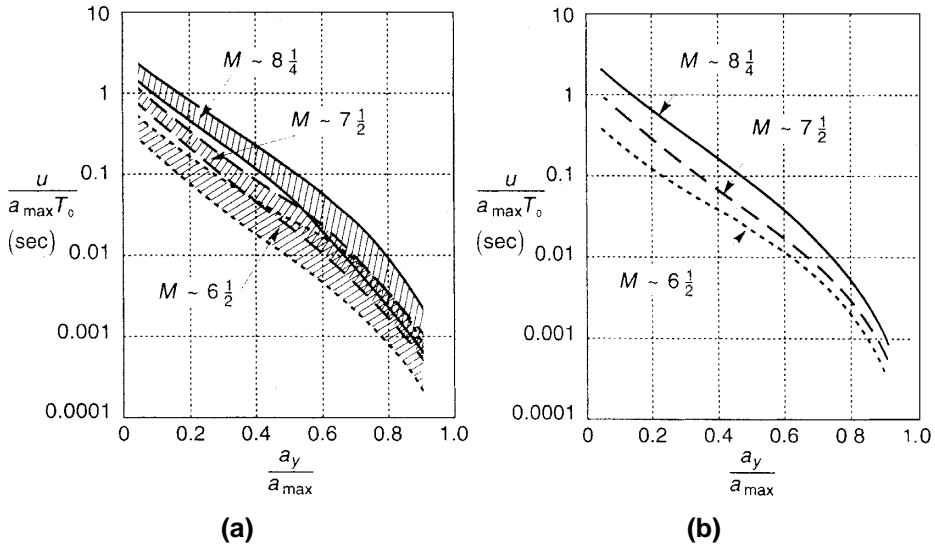
FIGURE 1.30 Variation of normalized permanent slope displacement with yield acceleration for earthquakes of different magnitudes: (a) summary for several different earthquakes and embankments and (b) average values (after Makdisi and Seed [36]).

motions. If the yield acceleration of the slope in addition to the peak acceleration and fundamental period of the embankment is known, Figure 1.30 can be used to estimate permanent slope displacements.

Retaining Structures

Earth-retaining structures are commonly constructed as parts of bridge construction projects and, in the form of abutment walls and wingwalls, as parts of bridge structures themselves. However, there are many different types of retaining structures, several of which have been developed in recent years. Historically, rigid retaining structures have been most commonly used; their static design is based on classical earth pressure theories. However, newer types of retaining structures, such as flexible anchored walls, soil nailed walls, and reinforced walls, have required the development of new approaches, even for static conditions. Under seismic conditions, classical earth pressure theories can be extended in a logical way to account for the effects of earthquake shaking, but seismic design procedures for the newer types of retaining structures remain under development.

Free-standing rigid retaining structures typically maintain equilibrium through the development of active and passive earth pressures that develop as the wall translates and rotates under the action of the imposed stresses. By assuming that static stresses develop through mobilization of the shear strength of the backfill soil on a planar potential failure surface, Coulomb earth pressure theory predicts a static active thrust of

$$P_A = \frac{1}{2} K_A \gamma H^2 \tag{1.35}$$

where

$$K_A = \frac{\cos^2(\phi - \theta)}{\cos^2\theta \cos(\delta + \theta) \left[\dfrac{\sin(\delta + \phi)\sin(\phi - \beta)}{\cos(\delta + \theta)\cos(\beta - \theta)} \right]^2}$$
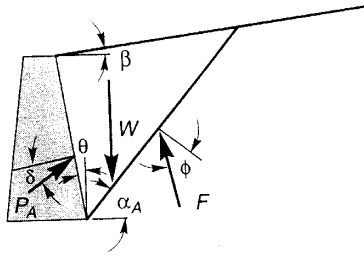
FIGURE 1.31   Illustration of variables for computation of active earth thrust.

δ is the angle of interface friction between the wall and the soil, and β and θ are as shown in Figure 1.31.

Under earthquake shaking, active earth pressures tend to increase above static levels. In one of the first geotechnical earthquake engineering analyses, Okabe [45] and Mononobe and Matsuo [40] developed a pseudo-static extension of Coulomb theory to predict the active earth thrust under seismic conditions. Assuming pseudo-static accelerations of $a_h = k_h g$ and $a_v = k_v g$ in the horizontal and vertical directions, respectively, the Mononobe–Okabe total thrust is given by

$$P_{AE} = \frac{1}{2} K_{AE} \gamma H^2 \left(1 - k_v \right) \tag{1.36}$$

where

$$K_{AE} = \frac{\cos^2(\phi - \theta - \psi)}{\cos \psi \cos^2 \theta \cos(\delta + \theta + \psi) \left[1 + \sqrt{\dfrac{\sin(\delta + \phi)\sin(\phi - \beta - \psi)}{\cos(\delta + \theta + \psi)\cos(\beta - \theta)}} \right]^2}$$

where $\phi - \beta \geq \psi$ and $\Psi = \tan^{-1}[k_h/(1 - k_v)]$. Although the assumptions used in the Mononobe–Okabe analysis imply that the total active thrust should act at a height of $H/3$ above the base of the wall, experimental results indicate that it acts at a higher point. The total active thrust of Eq. (1.36) can be divided into a static component, P_A, given by Eq. (1.35), and a dynamic component,

$$\Delta P_{AE} = P_{AE} - P_A \tag{1.37}$$

which acts at a height of approximately $0.6H$ above the base of the wall. On this basis, the total active thrust can be taken to act at a height

$$h = \frac{P_A H/3 + \Delta P_{AE}(0.6H)}{P_{AE}} \tag{1.38}$$

above the base of the wall.

When retaining walls are braced against lateral movement at top and bottom, as can occur with abutment walls, the shear strength of the soil will not be fully mobilized under static or seismic conditions. As a result, the limiting conditions of minimum active or maximum passive conditions cannot be developed. In such cases, it is common to estimate lateral earth pressures using the elastic solution of Wood [69] for a linear elastic material of height, H, trapped between rigid walls separated by a horizontal distance, L. For motions at less than half the fundamental frequency of the unrestrained backfill ($f_o = v_s/4H$) the dynamic thrust and dynamic overturning moment (about the base of the wall) can be expressed as
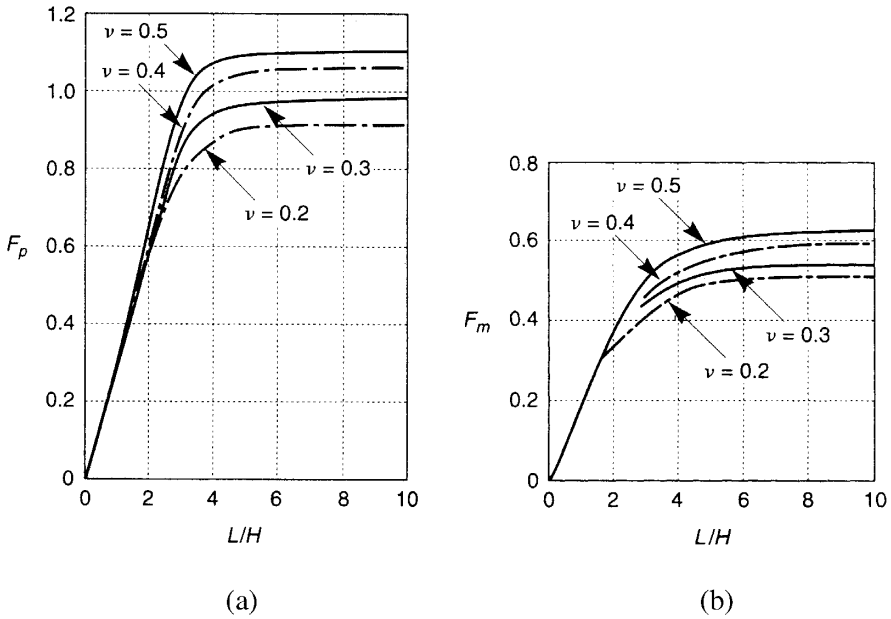
FIGURE 1.32 Charts for determination of (a) dimensionless thrust factor and (b) dimensionless moment factor for various geometries and Poisson ratios (after Wood [69]).

$$\Delta P_{eq} = \gamma \, H^2 \, \frac{a_h}{g} \, F_p \tag{1.39}$$

$$\Delta M_{eq} = \gamma \, H^3 \, \frac{a_h}{g} \, F_m \tag{1.40}$$

where a_h is the amplitude of the harmonic base acceleration and F_p and F_m are dimensionless factors that can be obtained from Figure 1.32. It should be noted that Eqs. (1.39) and (1.40) refer to dynamic thrusts and moments; static thrusts and moments must be added to obtain total thrusts and moments.

1.9   Soil Improvement

When existing subsurface conditions introduce significant seismic hazards that adversely affect safety or impact construction costs, improved performance may be achieved through a program of soil improvement. A variety of techniques are available for soil improvement and may be divided into four main categories: densification, drainage, reinforcement, and grouting/mixing. Each soil improvement technique has advantages and disadvantages that influence the cost and effectiveness under different circumstances. Soil improvement techniques for both seismic and nonseismic areas are described in detail in such references as Welsh [67], Van Impe [65], Hausmann [27], Broms [8], Bell [2], and Mosely [41].

Densification Techniques

Virtually all mechanical properties of soil (e.g., strength and stiffness) improve with increasing soil density. This is particularly true when earthquake problems are considered — the tendency of loose soils to densify under dynamic loading is responsible for such hazards as liquefaction, lateral

spreading, and earthquake-induced settlement. This tendency can be used to advantage, however, as most densification techniques rely on vibrations to densify granular soil efficiently. Because fines inhibit densification for much the same reason as they inhibit liquefaction, densification techniques are most efficient in clean sands and gravels.

Vibratory densification of large volumes of soil can be accomplished most economically by dynamic compaction. In this procedure, a site is densified by repeatedly lifting and dropping a heavy weight in a grid pattern across the surface of the site. By using weights that can range from 53 to 267 kN and drop heights of 10 to 30 m, densification can be achieved to depths of up to 12 m. The process is rather intrusive in terms of ground surface disturbance, noise, dust, and vibration of surrounding areas, so it is used primarily in undeveloped areas. Vibrations from probes that penetrate below the ground surface have also proved to be effective for densification. Vibroflotation, for example, is accomplished by lowering a vibrating probe into the ground (with the aid of water jets, in some cases). By vibrating the probe as it is pulled back toward the surface, a column of densified soil surrounding the vibroflot is produced. Gravel or crushed stone may be introduced into the soil at the surface or, using a bottom-feed vibroflot, at the tip of the probe to form stone columns. Blasting can also be used to densify cohesionless soils. Blast densification is usually accomplished by detonating multiple explosive charges spaced vertically at distances of 3 to 6 m in borings spaced horizontally at distances of 5 to 15 m. The charges at different elevations are often detonated at small time delays to enhance the amplitude, and therefore the densification capacity, of the blast waves. Two or three rounds of blasting, with later rounds detonated at locations between those of the earlier rounds, are often used to achieve the desired degree of densification. Finally, densification may be achieved using static means using compaction grouting. Compaction grouting involves the injection of very low slump (usually less than 25 mm) cementitious grout into the soil under high pressure. The grout forms an intact bulb or column that densifies the surrounding soil by displacement. Compaction grouting may be performed at a series of points in a grid or along a line. Grout points are typically spaced at distances of about 1 to 4 m, and have extended to depths of 30 m.

Drainage Techniques

Excessive soil and foundation movements can often be eliminated by lowering the groundwater table, and construction techniques for dewatering are well developed. The buildup of high porewater pressures in liquefiable soils can also be suppressed using drainage techniques, although drainage alone is rarely relied upon for mitigation of liquefaction hazards. Stone columns provide means for rapid drainage by horizontal flow, but also improve the soil by densification (during installation) and reinforcement.

Reinforcement Techniques

The strength and stiffness of some soil deposits can be improved by installing discrete inclusions that reinforce the soil. Stone columns are columns of dense angular gravel or crushed stone (stone columns) that reinforce the soil in which they are installed. Stone columns also improve the soil due to their drainage capabilities and the densification and lateral stress increase that generally occurs during their installation. Granular soils can also be improved by the installation of compaction piles, usually prestressed concrete or timber, driven in a grid pattern and left in place. Compaction piles can often increase relative densities to 75 to 80% within a distance of 7 to 12 pile diameters. Drilled inclusions such as drilled shafts or drilled piers have been used to stabilize many slopes, although the difficulty in drilling through loose granular soils limits their usefulness for slopes with liquefiable soils. Soil nails, tiebacks, micropiles, and root piles have also been used.

Grouting/Mixing Techniques

The characteristics of many soils can be improved by the addition of cementitious materials. Introduced by injection or mixing, these materials both strengthen the contacts between soil grains and fill the space between the grains. Grouting involves injection of cementitious materials into the voids of the soil or into fractures in the soil; in both cases, the particle structure of the majority of the soil remains intact. In mixing, the cementitious materials are mechanically or hydraulically mixed into the soil, completely destroying the initial particle structure.

Permeation grouting involves the injection of low-viscosity grouts into the voids of the soil without disturbing the particle structure. Both particulate grouts (aqueous suspensions of cement, fly ash, bentonite, microfine cement, etc.) and chemical grouts (silica and lignin gels, or phenolic and acrylic resins) may be used. The more viscous particulate grouts are generally used in coarser-grained soils with large voids such as gravels and coarse sands; chemical grouts can be used in fine sands. The presence of fines can significantly reduce the effectiveness of permeation grouting. Grout pipes are usually arranged in a grid pattern at spacings of 1.2 to 2.4 m and can produce grouted soil strengths of 350 to 2100 kPa. Intrusion grouting involves the injection of more viscous (and hence stronger) cementitious grouts under pressure to cause controlled fracturing of the ground. The first fractures generally follow weak bedding planes or minor principal stress planes; after allowing the initially placed grout to cure, repeated grouting fractures the soil along additional planes, eventually producing a three-dimensional network of intersecting grout lenses.

Using a mechanical system consisting of hollow stem augers and rotating paddles, soil mixing produces an amorphous mixture of soil and cementitious material. The soil-mixing process produces columns of soil–cement that can be arranged in a grid pattern or in a linear series of overlapping columns to produce subsurface walls and/or cellular structures. Soil mixing, which can be used in virtually all inorganic soils, has produced strengths of 1400 kPa and improvement to depths of 60 m. In jet grouting, cement grout is injected horizontally under high pressure through ports in the sides of a hollow rod lowered into a previously drilled borehole. Jet grouting begins at the bottom of the borehole and proceeds to the top. Rotation of the injection nozzle as the process occurs allows the jet to cut through and hydraulically mix columns of soil up to 2.4 m in diameter. Air or air and water may also be injected to aid in the mixing process. Jet grouting can be performed in any type of inorganic soil to depths limited only by the range of the drilling equipment.

Defining Terms

Selected terms used in this section are compiled below:

Amplification function: A function that describes the ratio of ground surface motion to bedrock motion as a function of frequency.

Attenuation: The rate at which earthquake ground motion decreases with distance.

Backbone curve: The nonlinear stress–strain curve of a monotonically loaded soil.

Blind thrust faults: Faults at depth occurring under anticlinal folds — since they have only subtle surface expression, their seismogenic potential can be evaluated only by indirect means [22]. Blind thrust faults are particularly worrisome because they are hidden, are associated with folded topography in general, including areas of lower and infrequent seismicity, and therefore result in a situation where the potential for an earthquake exists in any area of anticlinal geology, even if there are few or no earthquakes in the historic record. Recent major earthquakes of this type have included the 1980 M_w 7.3 El Asnam (Algeria), 1988 M_w 6.8 Spitak (Armenia), and 1994 M_w 6.7 Northridge (California) events.

Body waves: Vibrational waves transmitted through the body of the Earth. They are of two types: p waves (transmitting energy via dilatational or push–pull motion) and slower s waves (transmitting energy via shear action at right angles to the direction of motion).

Characteristic earthquake: A relatively narrow range of magnitudes at or near the maximum that can be produced by the geometry, mechanical properties, and state of stress of a fault. [56].

Coherence: The similarity of ground motions at different locations. The coherence of ground motions at closely spaced locations is higher than at greater spacings. At a given spacing, the coherence of low-frequency (long-wavelength) components is greater than that of high-frequency (short-wavelength) components.

Cyclic mobility: A phenomenon involving accumulation of porewater pressure during cyclic loading in soils for which the residual shear strength is greater than the shear stress required to maintain static equilibrium.

Cyclic resistance ratio (CRR): The ratio of equivalent shear stress amplitude required to trigger liquefaction to the initial vertical effective stress acting on the soil.

Cyclic stress ratio (CSR): The ratio of equivalent shear stress amplitude of an earthquake ground motion to the initial vertical effective stress acting on the soil.

Damping: The force or energy lost in the process of material deformation (damping coefficient c = force per velocity).

Damping curve: A plot of equivalent viscous damping ratio as a function of shear strain amplitude.

Differential settlement: The relative amplitudes of settlement at different locations. Differential settlement may be particularly damaging to bridges and other structures.

Dip: The angle between a plane, such as a fault, and the Earth's surface.

Dip-slip: Motion at right angles to the strike, up- or down-slip.

Ductility factor: The ratio of the total displacement (elastic plus inelastic) to the elastic (i.e., yield) displacement.

Epicenter: The projection on the surface of the Earth directly above the hypocenter.

Equivalent linear analysis: An analysis in which the stress–strain behavior of the soil is characterized by a secant shear modulus and damping ratio that, through a process of iteration, are compatible with the level of shear strain induced in the soil.

Far-field: Beyond near-field, also termed teleseismic.

Fault: A zone of the Earth's crust within which the two sides have moved — faults may be hundreds of miles long, from 1 to over 100 miles deep, and may not be readily apparent on the ground surface.

Flow failure: A soil failure resulting from flow liquefaction. Flow failures can involve very large deformations.

Flow liquefaction: A phenomenon that can occur when liquefaction is triggered in a soil with a residual shear strength lower than the shear stress required to maintain static equilibrium.

Hypocenter: The location of initial radiation of seismic waves (i.e., the first location of dynamic rupture).

Intensity: A metric of the effect, or the strength, of an earthquake hazard at a specific location, commonly measured on qualitative scales such as MMI, MSK, and JMA.

Lateral spreading: A phenomenon resulting from cyclic mobility in soils with some nonzero initial shear stress. Lateral spreading is characterized by the incremental development of permanent lateral soil deformations.

Magnitude: A unique measure of an individual earthquake's release of strain energy, measured on a variety of scales, of which the moment magnitude M_w (derived from seismic moment) is preferred.

Magnitude–frequency relation: The probability of occurrence of a selected magnitude — the commonest is $\log_{10} n(m) = a - bm$ [25].

Meizoseismal: The area of strong shaking and damage.

Modulus reduction curve: The ratio of secant shear modulus at a particular shear strain to maximum shear modulus (corresponding to very low strains) plotted as a function of shear strain amplitude.

Near-field: Within one source dimension of the epicenter, where source dimension refers to the length or width of faulting, whichever is less.

Nonlinear approach: An analysis in which the nonlinear, inelastic stress–strain behavior of the soil is explicitly modeled.

Normal fault: A fault that exhibits dip-slip motion, where the two sides are in tension and move away from each other.

Peak ground acceleration (PGA): The maximum amplitude of recorded acceleration (also termed the ZPA, or zero-period acceleration).

Pseudo-static approach: A method of analysis in which the complex, transient effects of earthquake shaking are represented by constant accelerations. The inertial forces produced by these accelerations are considered, along with the static forces, in limit equilibrium stability analyses.

Radiation damping: A reduction in wave amplitude due to geometric spreading of traveling waves, or radiation into adjacent or underlying materials.

Response spectrum: A plot of maximum amplitudes (acceleration, velocity, or displacement) of an SDOF oscillator, as the natural period of the SDOF is varied across a spectrum of engineering interest (typically, for natural periods from 0.03 to 3 or more seconds or frequencies of 0.3 to 30+ Hz).

Reverse fault: A fault that exhibits dip-slip motion, where the two sides are in compression and move toward each other.

Seismic hazards: The phenomena and/or expectation of an earthquake-related agent of damage, such as fault rupture, vibratory ground motion (i.e., shaking), inundation (e.g., tsunami, seiche, dam failure), various kinds of permanent ground failure (e.g., liquefaction), fire, or hazardous materials release.

Seismic moment: The moment generated by the forces generated on an earthquake fault during slip.

Seismotectonic model: A mathematical model representing the seismicity, attenuation, and related environment.

Specific impedance: Product of density and wave propagation velocity.

Spectrum amplification factor: The ratio of a response spectral parameter to the ground motion parameter (where parameter indicates acceleration, velocity, or displacement).

Strike: The intersection of a fault and the surface of the Earth, usually measured from the north (e.g., the fault strike is N 60° W).

Strike slip fault: See Transform or strike slip fault.

Subduction: The plunging of a tectonic plate (e.g., the Pacific) beneath another (e.g., the North American) down into the mantle, due to convergent motion.

Surface waves: Vibrational waves transmitted within the surficial layer of the Earth, of two types: horizontally oscillating Love waves (analogous to S body waves) and vertically oscillating Rayleigh waves.

Thrust fault: Low-angle reverse faulting (blind thrust faults are faults at depth occurring under anticlinal folds — they have only subtle surface expression).

Total settlement: The total amplitude of settlement at a particular location.

Transform or strike slip fault: A fault where relative fault motion occurs in the horizontal plane, parallel to the strike of the fault.

Uniform hazard spectra: Response spectra with the attribute that the probability of exceedance is independent of frequency.

Yield acceleration: The horizontal acceleration that produces a pseudo-static factor of safety of 1. Accelerations greater than the yield acceleration are expected to produce permanent deformations.

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Earthquake Damage to Bridges

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2.1   Introduction

Earthquake damage to a bridge can have severe consequences. Clearly, the collapse of a bridge places people on or below the bridge at risk, and it must be replaced after the earthquake unless alternative transportation paths are identified. The consequences of less severe damage are less obvious and dramatic, but they are nonetheless important. A bridge closure, even if it is temporary, can have tremendous consequences, because bridges often provide vital links in a transportation system. In the immediate aftermath of an earthquake, closure of a bridge can impair emergency response operations. Later, the economic impact of a bridge closure increases with the length of time the bridge is closed, the economic importance of the traffic using the route, the traffic delay caused by following alternative routes, and the replacement cost for the bridge.

The purpose of this chapter is to identify and classify types of damage to bridges that earthquakes commonly induce and, where possible, to identify the causes of the damage. This task is not straightforward. Damage usually results from a complex and interacting set of contributing variables. The details of damage are often obscured by the damage itself, so that some speculation is required in reconstructing the event. In many cases, the cause of damage can be understood only after detailed analysis, and even then, the actual causes and effects may be elusive.

Even when the cause of a particular collapse is well understood, it is difficult to generalize about the causes of bridge damage. In past earthquakes, the nature and extent of damage that each bridge suffered have varied with the characteristics of the ground motion at the particular site and the construction details of the particular bridge. No two earthquakes or bridge sites are identical. Design and construction practices vary extensively throughout the world and even within the United States. These practices have evolved with time, and in particular, seismic design practice improved significantly in the western United States during the 1970s as a result of experience gained from the 1971 San Fernando earthquake.

Despite these uncertainties and variations, one can learn from past earthquake damage, because many types of damage occur repeatedly. By being aware of typical vulnerabilities that bridges have experienced, it is possible to gain insight into structural behavior and to identify potential weaknesses in existing and new bridges. Historically, observed damage has provided the impetus for many improvements in earthquake engineering codes and practice.

An effort is made to distinguish damage according to two classes, as follows:

Primary damage — Damage caused by earthquake ground shaking or deformation that was the primary cause of damage to the bridge, and that may have triggered other damage or collapse.

Secondary damage — Damage caused by earthquake ground shaking or deformation that was the result of structural failures elsewhere in the bridge, and was caused by redistribution of internal actions for which the structure was not designed.

The emphasis in this chapter is on primary damage. It must be accepted, however, that in many cases the distinction between primary and secondary damage is obscure because the bridge geometry is complex or, in the case of collapse, because it is difficult to reconstruct the failure sequence.

The following sections are organized according to which element in the overall set of contributing factors appears to be the primary cause of the bridge damage. The first three sections address general issues related to the site conditions, construction era, and current condition of the bridge. The next section focuses on the effects of structural configuration, including curved layout, skew, and redundancy. Unseating of superstructures at expansion joints is discussed in the subsequent section. Then, the chapter describes typical types of damage to the superstructure, followed by discussion of damage related to bearings and restrainers supporting or interconnecting segments of the superstructure. The final section describes damage associated with the substructure, including the foundation.

2.2   Effects of Site Conditions

Performance of a bridge structure during an earthquake is likely to be influenced by proximity of the bridge to the fault and site conditions. Both of these factors affect the intensity of ground shaking and ground deformations, as well as the variability of those effects along the length of the bridge.

The influence of site conditions on bridge response became widely recognized following the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. Figure 2.1 plots the locations of minor and major bridge damage from the Loma Prieta earthquake [16]. With some exceptions, the most significant damage occurred around the perimeter or within San Francisco Bay where relatively deep and soft soil deposits amplified the bedrock ground motion. In the same earthquake, the locations of collapse of the Cypress Street Viaduct nearly coincided with zones of natural and artificial fill where ground shaking was likely to have been the strongest (Figure 2.2) [10]. A major conclusion to be drawn from this and other earthquakes is the significant impact that local site conditions have on amplifying strong ground motion, and the subsequent increased vulnerability of bridges on soft soil sites. This observation is important because many bridges and elevated roadways traverse bodies of water where soft soil deposits are common.
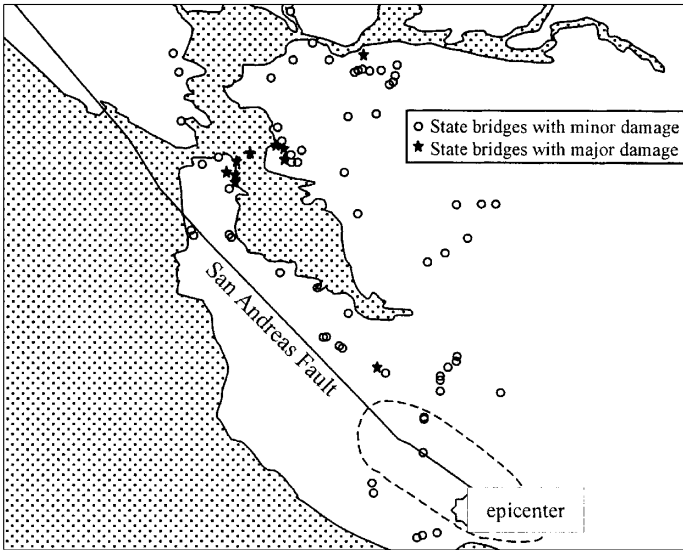
FIGURE 2.1   Incidence of minor and major damage in the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake (modified from Zelinski [16]).
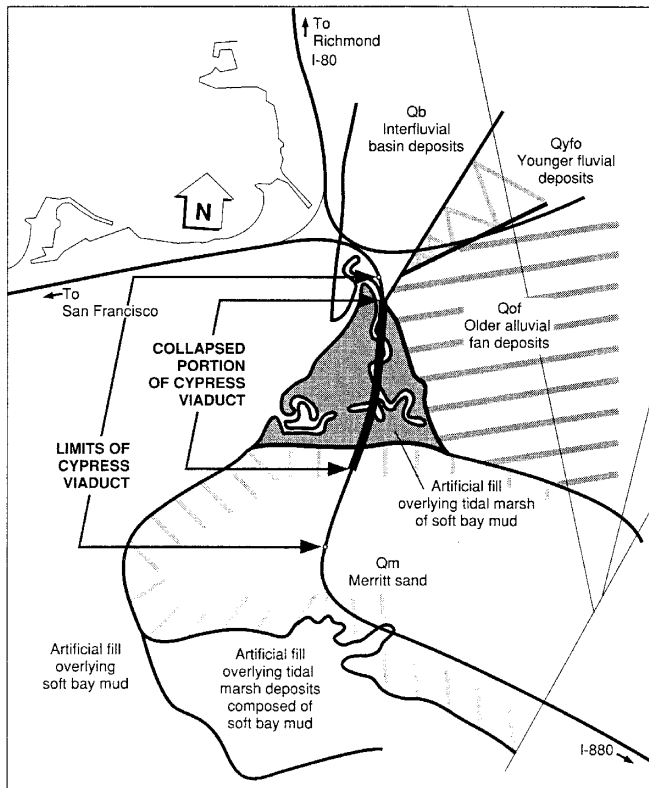
FIGURE 2.2   Geologic map of Cypress Street Viaduct site. (*Source:* Housner, G., Report to the Governor, Office of Planning and Research, State of California, 1990.)

FIGURE 2.3   Nishinomiya-ko Bridge approach span collapse in the 1995 Hyogo-Ken Nanbu earthquake (Kobe Collection, EERC Library, University of California, Berkeley).

During the 1995 Hyogo-Ken Nanbu (Kobe) earthquake, significant damage and collapse likewise occurred in elevated roadways and bridges founded adjacent to or within Osaka Bay [2]. Several types of site conditions contributed to the failures. First, many of the bridges were founded on sand–gravel terraces (alluvial deposits) overlying gravel–sand–mud deposits at depths of less than 33 ft (10 m), a condition believed to have led to site amplification of the bedrock motions. Furthermore, many of the sites were subject to liquefaction and lateral spreading, resulting in permanent substructure deformations and loss of superstructure support (Figure 2.3). Finally, the site was directly above the fault rupture, resulting in ground motions having high horizontal and vertical ground accelerations as well as large velocity pulses. Near-fault ground motions can impose large deformation demands on yielding structures, as was evident in the overturning collapse of all 17 bents of the Higashi-Nada Viaduct of the Hanshin Expressway, Route 3, in Kobe (Figure 2.4). Other factors contributed to the behavior of structures in Kobe; several of these will be discussed in subsequent portions of this chapter.

FIGURE 2.4   Higashi-Nada Viaduct collapse in the 1995 Hyogo-Ken Nanbu earthquake. (Source: EERI, The Hyogo-Ren Nambu Earthquake, January 17, 1995, Preliminary Reconnaissance Report, Feb. 1995.)

2.3   Correlation of Damage with Construction Era

Bridge seismic design practices have changed over the years, largely reflecting lessons learned from performance in past earthquakes. Several examples in the literature demonstrate that the construction era of a bridge is a good indicator of likely performance, with higher damage levels expected in older construction than in newer construction.

An excellent example of the effect of construction era is provided by observing the relative performances of bridges on Routes 3 and 5 of the Hanshin Expressway in Kobe. Route 3 was constructed from 1965 through 1970, while Route 5 was completed in the early to mid-1990s [2]. The two routes are parallel to each other, with Route 3 being farther inland and Route 5 being built largely on reclaimed land. Despite the potentially worse soil conditions for Route 5, it performed far better than Route 3, losing only a single span owing apparently to permanent ground deformation and span unseating (Figure 2.3). In contrast, Route 3 has been estimated to have sustained moderate to large scale damage in 637 piers, with damage in over 1300 spans, and approximately 50 spans requiring replacement (see, for example, Figure 2.4).

The superior performance of newer construction in the Hyogo-Ken Nanbu earthquake and other earthquakes [2,8,10] has led to the use of benchmark years as a crude but effective method for rapidly assessing the likely performance of bridge construction. This method has been an effective tool for bridge assessment in California. The reason for its success there is the rapid change in bridge construction practice following the 1971 San Fernando earthquake [8]. Before that time, California design and construction practice was based on significantly lower design forces and less stringent detailing requirements compared with current requirements. In the period following that earthquake, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) developed new design approaches requiring increased strength and improved detailing for ductile response.

The 1994 Northridge earthquake provides an insightful study on the use of benchmarking. Over 2500 bridges existed in the metropolitan Los Angeles freeway system at that time. Table 2.1 summarizes cases of major damage and collapse [8]. All these cases correspond to bridges designed before or around the time of the major change in the Caltrans specifications. It is interesting to note that some bridges constructed as late as 1976 appear in this table. This reflects the fact that the new design provisions did not take full effect until a few years after the earthquake and that these did not govern construction of some bridges that were at an advanced design stage at that time. Some caution is therefore required in establishing and interpreting the concept of benchmark years.

TABLE 2.1　Summary of Bridges with Major Damage — Northridge Earthquake

Bridge Name	Route	Construction Year	Prominent Damage
Collapse			
La Cienega-Venice Undercrossing	I-10	1964	Column failures
Gavin Canyon Undercrossing	I-5	1967	Unseating at skewed expansion hinges
Route 14/5 Separation and Overhead	I-5/SR14	1971/1974	Column failure
North Connector	I-5/SR14	1975	Column failure
Mission-Gothic Undercrossing	SR118	1976	Column failures
Major Damage			
Fairfax-Washington Undercrossing	I-10	1964	Column failures
South Connector Overcrossing	I-5/SR14	1971/1972	Pounding at expansion hinges
Route 14/5 Separation and Overhead	I-5/SR14	1971/1974	Pounding at expansion hinges
Bull Creek Canyon Channel Bridge	SR118	1976	Column failures

2.4　Effects of Changes in Condition

Changes in the condition of a bridge can greatly affect its seismic performance. In many regions of North America, extensive deterioration of bridge superstructures, bearings, and substructures has accumulated. It is evident that the current conditions will lead to reduced seismic performance in future earthquakes, although hard evidence is lacking because of a paucity of earthquakes in these regions in modern times.

Construction modifications, either during the original construction or during the service life, can also have a major effect on bridge performance. Several graphic examples were provided by the Northridge earthquake [8]. Figure 2.5 shows a bridge column that was unintentionally restrained by a reinforced concrete channel wall. The wall shortened the effective length of the column, increased the column shear force, and shifted nonlinear response from a zone of heavy confinement upward to a zone of light transverse reinforcement, where the ductility capacity was inadequate. Failures of this type illustrate the importance of careful inspection during construction and during the service life of a bridge.

2.5　Effects of Structural Configuration

Ideally, earthquake-resistant construction should be designed to have a regular configuration so that the behavior is simple to conceptualize and analyze, and so that inelastic energy dissipation is promoted in a large number of readily identified yielding components. This ideal often is not achievable in bridge construction because of irregularities imposed by site conditions and traffic-flow requirements. In theory, any member or joint can be configured to resist the induced force and deformation demands. However, in practice, bridges with certain configurations are more vulnerable to earthquakes than others.

Experience indicates that a bridge is most likely to be vulnerable if (1) excessive deformation demands occur in a few brittle elements, (2) the structural configuration is complex, or (3) the bridge lacks redundancy. The bridge designer needs to recognize the potential consequences of these irregularities and to design accordingly either to reduce the irregularity or to toughen the structure to compensate for it.

A common form of irregularity arises when a bridge traverses a basin requiring columns of nonuniform length. Although the response of the superstructure may be relatively uniform, the deformation demands on the individual substructure piers are highly irregular; the largest strains are imposed on the shortest columns. In some cases, the deformation demands on the short columns

FIGURE 2.5   Bull Creek Canyon Channel Bridge damage in the 1994 Northridge earthquake.

can induce their failure before longer, more flexible adjacent columns can fully participate. The Route 14/5 Separation and Overhead structure provides an example of these phenomena. The structure comprised a box-girder monolithic with single-column bents that varied in height depending on the road and grade elevations (Figure 2.6a). Apparently, the short column at Bent 2 failed in shear because of large deformation demands in that column, resulting in the collapse of the adjacent spans (Figure 2.6b).

The effects identified above can be exacerbated in long-span bridges. In addition to changes in subgrade and structural irregularities that may be required to resolve complex foundation and transportation requirements, long bridges can be affected by spatial and temporal variations in the ground motions. Expressed in simple terms, different piers are subjected to different ground motions at any one time, because seismic waves take time to travel from one bridge pier to another. This effect can result in one pier's being pulled in one direction while the other is being pushed in the opposite direction. This complex behavior is not directly accounted for in conventional bridge design. An example where this behavior may have resulted in increased damage and collapse is the eastern portion of the San Francisco–Oakland Bay Bridge (Figure 2.7a). This bridge includes a variety of different superstructure and substructure configurations, traverses variable subsoils, and is long enough for spatial and temporal variations in ground motions to induce large relative displacements between adjacent bridge segments. The bridge lost two spans, one upper and one lower, at a location where the superstructure was required to accommodate differential movements of adjacent bridge segments (Figure 2.7b).
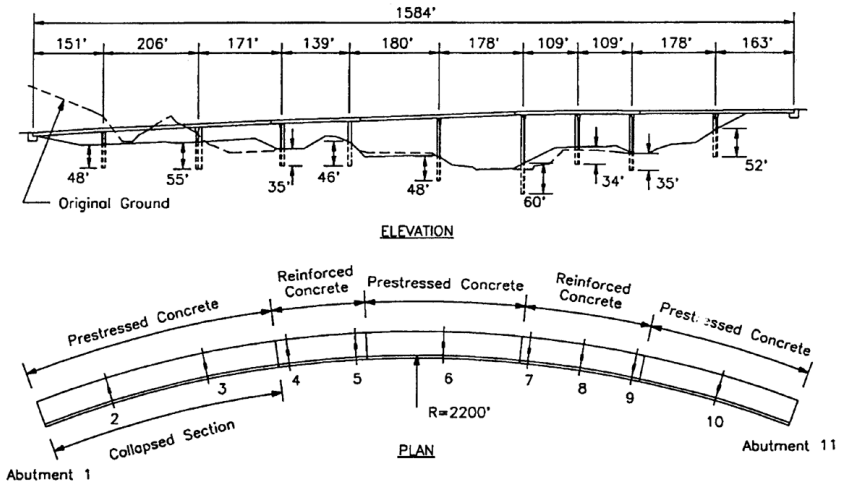
(a)

(b)

FIGURE 2.6   Geometry and collapse of the Route 14/5 Separation and Overhead in the 1994 Northridge earthquake. (a) Configuration [8]; (b) photograph of collapse.

2.6   Unseating at Expansion Joints

Expansion joints introduce a structural irregularity that can have catastrophic consequences. Such joints are commonly provided in bridges to alleviate stresses associated with volume changes that occur as a bridge ages and as the temperature changes. These joints can occur within a span (in-span hinges), or they can occur at the supports, as is the case for simply supported bridges. Earthquake ground shaking, or transient or permanent ground deformations resulting from the earthquake, can induce superstructure movements that cause the supported span to unseat. Unseating is especially a problem with the shorter seats that were common in older construction (e.g., References [2,6–8,12]).
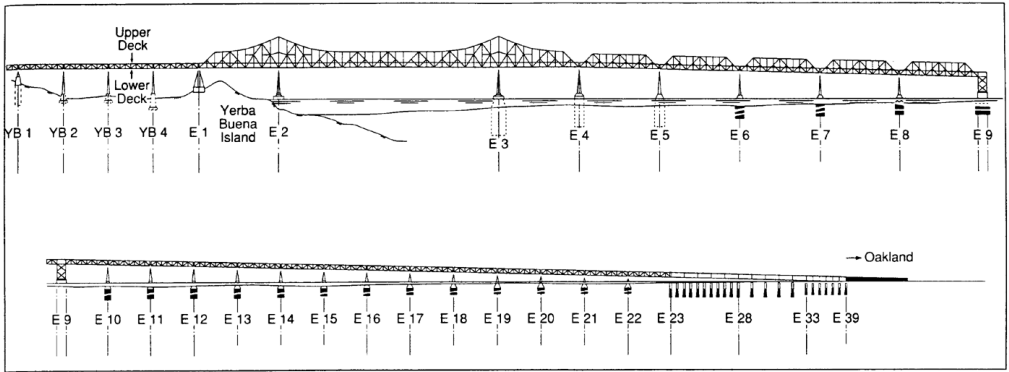
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FIGURE 2.7 San Francisco–Oakland Bay Bridge, east crossing; geometry and collapse in the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. (a) Configuration [10]; (b) photograph of collapse.

Bridges with Short Seats and Simple Spans

In much of the United States and in many other areas of the world, bridges often comprise a series of simple spans supported on bents. These spans are prone to being toppled from their supporting substructures due to either shaking or differential support movement associated with ground deformation. Unseating of simple spans was observed in California in earlier earthquakes, leading in recent decades to development of bridge construction practices based on monolithic box-girder-substructure construction. Problems of unseating still occur with older bridge con-

FIGURE 2.8   Showa Bridge collapse in 1964 Niigata earthquake.

struction and with new bridges in regions where simple spans are still common. For example, during the 1991 Costa Rica earthquake, widespread liquefaction led to abutment and internal bent rotations, resulting in the collapse of no fewer than four bridges with simple supports [7]. The collapse of the Showa Bridge in the 1964 Niigata earthquake demonstrates one result of the unseating of simple spans (Figure 2.8).

FIGURE 2.9 Rio Bananito Bridge collapse in the 1991 Costa Rica earthquake. (*Source*: EERI, *Earthquake Spectra*, Special Suppl. to Vol. 7, 1991.)

Skewed Bridges

Skewed bridges are defined as those having supports that are not perpendicular to the alignment of the bridge. Collisions between a skewed bridge and its abutments (or adjacent frames) can cause a bridge to rotate about a vertical axis. Because the abutments resist compression but not tension, the sense of this rotation is the same (for a given bridge configuration) regardless of whether the bridge collides with one abutment or the other. If the rotations are large and the seat lengths small, a bridge can come unseated at the acute corners of the decks.

Several examples of skewed bridge damage and collapse can be found in the literature [7,8,12]. A typical example is the Rio Bananito Bridge, in which the bridge and central slab pier were skewed at 30°, which lost both spans off the central pier in the direction of the skew during the 1991 Costa Rica earthquake (Figure 2.9) [7]. Another example of skewed bridge failure is the Gavin Canyon Undercrossing, which failed during the 1994 Northridge earthquake [8]. Both skewed hinges became unseated during the earthquake, resulting in collapse of the unseated spans (Figure 2.10).

Curved Bridges

Curved bridges can have asymmetrical response similar to that of skewed bridges. For loading in one direction, an in-span hinge tends to close, while for loading in the other direction, the hinge opens. An example in which the curved alignment may have contributed to bridge collapse is the curved ramps of the I-5/SR14 interchange, which sustained collapses in both the 1971 San Fernando earthquake [13] and the 1994 Northridge earthquake (see Figure 2.6) [8]. Other factors that may have contributed to the failures include inadequate hinge seats and column deformability.

FIGURE 2.10   Gavin Canyon Undercrossing collapse in the 1994 Northridge earthquake.

Hinge Restrainers

Hinge restrainers appear to have been effective in preventing unseating in both the Loma Prieta [10] and Northridge earthquakes [8]. In some other cases, hinge restrainers were not fully effective in preventing unseating. For example, the hinge restrainers in the Gavin Canyon Undercrossing, which were aligned parallel to the bridge alignment, did not prevent unseating (see Figure 2.10).

2.7   Damage to Superstructures

Superstructures are designed to support service gravity loads elastically, and for seismic applications, they are usually designed to be a strong link in the earthquake-resisting system. As a result, superstructures tend to be sufficiently strong to remain essentially elastic during earthquakes. In general, superstructure damage is unlikely to be the primary cause of collapse of a span.

Instead, damage is typically focused in bearings and substructures. The superstructure may rest on elastomeric pads, pin supports, or rocker bearings, or may be monolithic with the substructure. As bearings and substructures are damaged and in some cases collapse, a wide range of damage and failure of superstructures may result, but these failures are often secondary; that is, they result from failures elsewhere in the bridge. There are, however, some cases of primary superstructure damage as well. Some examples are highlighted below.

With the exception of bridge superstructures that come unseated and collapse, the most common form of damage to superstructures is due to pounding of adjacent segments at the expansion hinges. This type of damage occurs in bridges of all construction materials. Figure 2.11a shows pounding damage at an in-span expansion joint of the Santa Clara River Bridge during the 1994 Northridge earthquake, and Figure 2.11b shows pounding damage at an abutment of the same structure.

FIGURE 2.11   Santa Clara River Bridge pounding damage in 1994 Northridge earthquake. (a) Barrier rail pounding damage; (b) abutment pounding damage.

FIGURE 2.12   Buckling of braces near Pier 209 of the Hanshin Expressway in the 1995 Hyogo-Ken Nanbu earthquake.

Following the 1971 San Fernando earthquake, Caltrans initiated the first phase of its retrofit program, which involved installation of hinge and joint restrainers to prevent deck joints from separating. Both cable restrainers and pipe restrainers (the former intended only to restrain longitudinal movement and the latter intended also to restrain transverse motions) were installed in bridge superstructures. The restrainers extended through end diaphragms that had not originally been designed for the forces associated with restraint. Some punching shear damage to end diaphragms retrofitted with cable restrainers was observed in the I-580/I-980/SR24 connectors following the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake [15].

Steel superstructures commonly comprise lighter framing elements, especially for transverse bracing. These have been found to be susceptible to damage due to transverse loading, especially following failure of bearings [1,8]. Several cases of steel superstructure damage occurred in the Hyogo-Ken Nanbu earthquake. Figure 2.12 shows buckling of cross-braces beneath the roadway of a typical steel girder bridge span of the Hanshin Expressway. Figure 2.13 shows girder damage in the same expressway due to excessive lateral movement at the support. Figure 2.14 shows buckled cross-members between the upper chords of the Rokko Island Bridge. That single-span, 710-ft (217-m) tied-arch span bridge slipped from its expansion bearings, allowing the bridge to move laterally about 10 ft (3 m). The movement was sufficient for one end of one arch to drop off the cap beam, twisting the superstructure and apparently resulting in the buckling of the top chord bracing members [2,3].

A spectacular example of steel superstructure failure and collapse is that of the eastern portion of the San Francisco–Oakland Bay Bridge during the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake (see Figure 2.7) [10]. In this bridge, a 50-ft (15-m) span over tower E9 was a transition point between 506-ft (154-m) truss spans to the west and 290-ft (88-m) truss spans to the east, serving to transmit longitudinal

FIGURE 2.13 Girder damage at Bent 351 of the Hanshin Expressway apparently due to transverse movement during the 1995 Hyogo-Ken Nanbu earthquake.

forces among the adjacent spans and the massive steel tower at E9. Failure of a bolted connection between the 290-ft (88-m) span truss and the tower resulted in sliding of the span and unseating of the transition span over tower E9. This collapse resulted in closure for 1 month of this critical link between San Francisco and the East Bay.

2.8 Damage to Bearings

In some regions of the world, the prevalent bridge construction consists of steel superstructures supported on bearings, which, in turn, rest on a substructure. In the United States, this form of construction is common in new bridges east of the Sierra Nevada Mountains as well as throughout the country in older existing bridges. In such bridges, the bearings commonly consist of steel components designed to provide restraint in one or more directions and, in some cases, to permit movement in one or more directions. Failure of these bearings in an earthquake can cause redistribution of internal forces, which may overload either the superstructure or the substructure, or both. Collapse is also possible when bearing support is lost.

The predominant type of bridge construction in Japan involves steel superstructures supported on bearings, which, in turn, are supported on concrete substructures. The Hyogo-Ken Nanbu earthquake

FIGURE 2.14 Buckling of cross-members in the upper chord of the Rokko Island Bridge in the 1995 Hyogo-Ken Nanbu earthquake.

provides several examples of bearing failures in these types of bridges [2,3]. One example is provided by the Hamate Bypass, which was a double-deck elevated roadway comprising steel box girders on either fixed or expansion steel bearings. Bearing failure at several locations led to large superstructure rotations that can be seen in Figure 2.15. Another example is provided by the Nishinomiya-ko Bridge, a 830-ft (252-m) span-arch bridge supported on two fixed bearings at one end and two expansion bearings at the other end. The fixed-end bearings, which were apparently designed to have a capacity of approximately 70% of the bridge weight [2], failed, apparently leading to unseating of the adjacent approach span (see Figure 2.3). The failed bearing is shown in Figure 2.16.

2.9   Damage to Substructures

Columns

Unlike building design, current practice in bridge design is to proportion members of a frame (bent) such that its lateral-load capacity is limited by the flexural strength of its columns. For this strategy to be successful, the connecting elements (e.g., footings, joints, cross-beams) need to be strong enough to force yielding into the columns, and the columns need to be sufficiently ductile (or tough) to sustain the imposed deformations. Even in older bridges, where the "weak column" design approach may not have been adopted explicitly, columns tend to be weaker than the beam–diaphragm–slab assembly to which they connect. Consequently, columns can be subjected to large inelastic demands during strong earthquakes. Failure of a column can result in loss of vertical load-carrying capacity; column failure is often the primary cause of bridge collapse.

FIGURE 2.15   Hamate Bypass superstructure rotations as a result of bearing failures in the 1995 Hyogo-Ken Nanbu earthquake.

FIGURE 2.16   Nishinomiya-ko Bridge bearing failure in the 1995 Hyogo-Ken Nanbu earthquake.

FIGURE 2.17   San Fernando Road Overhead damage in the 1971 San Fernando earthquake.

Most damage to columns can be attributed to inadequate detailing, which limits the ability of the column to deform inelastically. In concrete columns, the detailing inadequacies can produce flexural, shear, splice, or anchorage failures, or, as is often the case, a failure that combines several mechanisms. In steel columns, local buckling has been observed to lead progressively to collapse.

Ideally, a concrete column should be designed such that the lateral load strength is controlled by flexure. However, even if most of the inelastic action is flexural, a column may not be sufficiently tough to sustain the imposed flexural deformations without failure. Such failures are particularly common in older bridges. In the United States, the transverse reinforcement of reinforced concrete columns designed before 1971 commonly consists of #4 hoops ($\phi = 13$ mm) or ties at 12-in. (305-mm) spacing. Moreover, the ends of the transverse reinforcement are rarely anchored into the core of these columns. This amount and type of reinforcement provides negligible confinement to the concrete, particularly in large columns. Figure 2.17 shows bridge columns that had insufficient flexural ductility to withstand the 1971 San Fernando earthquake. Figure 2.18 shows similar damage in a circular cross-section column in the 1995 Hyogo-Ken Nanbu earthquake.

Other detailing practices (in addition to providing little confinement) may lead to flexural failure in reinforced concrete columns. A common practice in Japan has been to terminate some of the longitudinal reinforcement within the column height. The resulting development length of the terminated reinforcement can be inadequate, and may lead to splitting failure along the terminated bars or to flexural and shear distress near the cutoff point. Figure 2.19 illustrates failure of a column with bars terminated near the column midheight. In the case of the Hanshin Expressway Route 3, which collapsed during the 1995 Hyogo-Ken Nanbu earthquake (see Figure 2.4), the curtailment

FIGURE 2.18 Hanshin Expressway, Pier 46, damage in the 1995 Hyogo-Ken Nanbu earthquake.

of one third of the main reinforcement was accompanied by the use of gas-pressure butt welding of the continuing longitudinal reinforcement. In tests following the earthquake, approximately half of the undamaged, butt-welded bars failed at the welds [14].

Shear failures of concrete bridge columns have occurred in many earthquakes (e.g., [5,8]). Such failures can occur at relatively low structural displacements, at which point the longitudinal reinforcement may not yet have yielded. Alternatively, because shear strength degrades with inelastic

FIGURE 2.19   Failure of column with longitudinal reinforcement cutoffs near midheight in the 1995 Hyogo-Ken Nanbu earthquake.

loading cycles, shear failures can occur after flexural yielding. Examples of shear failure can be found in several of the references provided at the end of this chapter. Figure 2.20 illustrates shear failure of a column having relatively light transverse reinforcement typical of bridges constructed in the western United States prior to the mid-1970s. The failure features a steeply inclined diagonal crack and dilation of the core into discrete blocks of concrete. Under the action of several deformation cycles combined with vertical loads, a column can degrade to nearly complete loss of load-carrying capacity, as suggested by the heavily damaged column in Figure 2.21. Provision of closely spaced transverse reinforcement as required in some modern codes is required to prevent this type of failure.

Shear failures in reinforced concrete columns can be induced by interactions with "nonstructural" elements. These elements can decrease the distance between locations of flexural yielding, and therefore increase the shear demand for a column. Figure 2.5, discussed previously, shows a case in which a channel wall restrained the column at the base and forced the location of yielding to occur higher in the column than was anticipated in design [8]. Figure 2.22 shows a case in which an architectural flare strengthened the upper portion of the column, forcing yielding to occur lower than was intended [8]. In both cases, an element that was not considered in designing the column forced failure to occur in a lightly confined portion of the column that was incapable of resisting the force and deformation demands.

FIGURE 2.20   Failure of columns of the Route 5/210 interchange during the 1971 San Fernando earthquake.

Figure 2.23 illustrates the failure of a stout, two-column bent on a spur just to the north of the Hanshin Expressway in the 1995 Hyogo-Ken Nanbu earthquake. The failure involves shattering of the columns, bent cap, and joints, and shatters the notion that strength alone is an adequate provision for bridge seismic design.

Lap splices of longitudinal reinforcement in older reinforced-concrete bridges may be vulnerable because, typically, the splices are short (on the order of 20 to 30 bar diameters), poorly confined, and located in regions of high flexural demand. In particular, for construction convenience, splices are often located directly above a footing. With these details, the splices may be unable to develop the flexural capacity of the column, and they may be more vulnerable to shear failure. Despite these vulnerabilities, there is little field evidence of lap splice failures at the bases of bridge columns. However, failures associated with welded splices and terminated longitudinal reinforcement were identified in the 1995 Hyogo-Ken Nanbu earthquake (Figures 2.4 and 2.19), as discussed previously.

Concrete columns can also fail if the anchorage of the longitudinal reinforcement is inadequate. Such failures can occur both at the top of a column at the connection with the bent cap and at the bottom of a column at the connection with the foundation. Figure 2.24 shows a column that failed at its base during the 1971 San Fernando earthquake (12). The column had been supported on a single 6-ft (1.8-m)-diameter, cast-in-drilled-hole pile. Other columns having hooked longitudinal reinforcement anchored in footings also failed with similar results in that earthquake. The conse-

FIGURE 2.21   Failure of columns of Interstate 10, La Cienega-Venice Undercrossing in the 1994 Northridge earthquake. (Masonry walls of storage units are supporting the collapsed frame.)

quences of foundation anchorage failures perhaps are larger in single-column bents than multicolumn bents, because the lateral-force resistance of single-column bents depends on the column's developing its flexural strength at the base.

The record of steel column failures is sparse, because few bridges with steel columns have been subjected to strong earthquakes elsewhere than Japan. In the 1995 Hyogo-Ken Nanbu earthquake, failures were apparently associated with local buckling and subsequent splitting at welds or tearing of steel near the buckle. In columns with circular cross sections, the local buckling sometimes occurred at locations where section thicknesses changed. Figure 2.25 illustrates the formation of a local buckle in a circular cross-section column accompanied by visible plastic deformation. In rectangular columns, local buckling of web and flange plates was insufficiently restrained by small web stiffeners [14]. Figure 2.26 illustrates the collapse of a rectangular column. A nearby column sustained local buckling at the base and tearing of the vertical welded seam between the two steel plates forming a corner of the column, suggesting the nature of failure that resulted in the collapse shown in Figure 2.26.

Beams

Beams have traditionally received much less attention than columns in seismic design and evaluation. In many bridges, the transverse beams are stronger than the columns because of gravity load requirements and composite action with the superstructure. Also, in many bridges, the consequences of beam failures are less severe than the consequences of column failures. In bridges with outriggers, however, the beams can be critical components of the bent and can be subjected to loadings that may result in failure. An example illustrating possible damage to an outrigger beam is in Figure 2.27.

FIGURE 2.22 Failure of flared column in the Route 118, Mission-Gothic Undercrossing, in the 1994 Northridge earthquake.

This outrigger beam was monolithically framed with the superstructure and supporting column such that, under longitudinal load, significant torsion was required to be resisted by the outrigger portion of the beam. In some modern designs, torsion is reduced by providing nominal "pinned" connections between the beams and columns.

Joints

As with beams, joints have traditionally received little attention in seismic design, and they similarly may be exposed to critically damaging actions when the joints lie outside of the superstructure. Although joint failures occurred in previous earthquakes (e.g., Jennings [13]), significant attention was not paid to joints until several spectacular failures were observed following the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake [6,10]. Figure 2.28 shows joint damage to the Embarcadero Viaduct in San Francisco during the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. The occurrence of damage at the relatively large epicentral distance of approximately 60 miles (100 km) is attributed in part to site amplification and focusing of seismic waves as well as the vulnerability of the framing.

The collapse of the Cypress Street Viaduct during the Loma Prieta earthquake had more severe consequences (Figure 2.29). Failure of a concrete pedestal located just above the first-level joint led to the collapse of the upper deck onto the lower deck, at a cost of 42 lives. Such pedestals are not common, but this collapse demonstrates that each earthquake has the potential to reveal a mode of failure that has not yet been routinely considered.

FIGURE 2.23   Failure of a two-column bent in the 1995 Hyogo-Ken Nanbu earthquake.

FIGURE 2.24   Failure at the base of a column supported on a single cast-in-place pile in the 1971 San Fernando earthquake (Steinbrugge Collection, EERC Library, University of California, Berkeley).

FIGURE 2.25   Local buckling of a circular cross-section column of the Hanshin Expressway in the 1995 Hyogo-Ken Nanbu earthquake.

The Loma Prieta earthquake also identified an apparent weakness of a modern design. For example, damage occurred to the outrigger knee joints of the Route 980/880 connector, which had been constructed just a few years before the earthquake. This damage identified the need for special details in bridge construction, which has been the subject of important studies identified elsewhere in this book.

Abutments

The types of failures that can occur at abutments vary from one bridge to the next. The foundation type varies greatly (e.g., spread footing, pile-supported footing, drilled shafts), and the properties of the soil can be important, particularly if the soil liquefies during an earthquake. The situation is further complicated by the interaction of the backwalls, wingwalls, footings, and piles with the surrounding soil. A common practice has been to treat abutments or abutment components as sacrificial elements, acting as fuses to relieve large seismic forces arriving at the stiff abutment. The occurrence of widespread and extensive damage in the 1994 Northridge earthquake [8] suggests that an alternative approach might be economical.

In most seat-type abutments, longitudinal motion is unrestrained, because there is a joint at the interface of the superstructure and abutment backwall. This configuration is attractive, because it reduces the superstructure forces induced by temperature and shrinkage-induced displacements. The most important vulnerability of such abutments is span unseating, which can occur when there

(a)

(b)

FIGURE 2.26 Collapse of a rectangular cross-section steel column in the 1995 Hyogo-Ken Nanbu earthquake. (a) Collapsed bent and superstructure; (b) close-up of collapsed column.

FIGURE 2.27 Outrigger damage in the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake.

FIGURE 2.28 Embarcadero Viaduct damage during the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake.

FIGURE 2.29   Cypress Street Viaduct collapse in the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake.

are large relative displacements between the superstructure and abutment seat. Abutment unseating failures are often attributable to displacement or rotation of the abutment, usually the result of liquefaction or lateral spreading [7].

Shear keys can be damaged also. Shear keys are components that restrain relative displacements (usually in the transverse direction) between the superstructure and the abutments. External shear keys are located outside of the superstructure cross section, while internal shear keys are located within the superstructure cross section. Since these elements are stocky, it is nearly impossible to make them ductile, and they will fail if their strength is exceeded.

Shear key failures were widespread during the 1994 Northridge earthquake [8]. Figure 2.30 shows a typical failure in which the external shear keys failed. Figure 2.31 shows a failed internal shear key. It appears that these failures can occur with small transverse displacement and little energy dissipation. Damage to internal shear keys is usually accompanied by damage to the interlocking backwall. In seat-type abutments, damage has also occurred in seat abutments due to pounding of backwalls by the superstructure. This type of damage is similar to that shown in Figure 2.11.

In monolithic abutments, the superstructure is cast monolithically with the abutments. This configuration is attractive, because it reduces the likelihood of span unseating. However, the abutment can be damaged as the superstructure displaces in the longitudinal direction away from the abutment. Also, depending on the geometry and details of the abutment, the wingwall may serve as an external shear key. In such cases, the wingwall can fail in the same manner as an external shear key.

Foundations

Reports of foundation failures during earthquakes are relatively rare, with the notable exception of situations in which liquefaction occurred. It is not clear whether failures are indeed that rare or whether many foundation failures are undetected because they remain underground. There are many reasons why older foundations might be vulnerable. Piles might have little confinement

FIGURE 2.30 Damage to external shear key in an abutment in the 1994 Northridge earthquake. (*Source*: EERI, *Earthquake Spectra,* Special Suppl. to Vol. II, 1995.)

FIGURE 2.31 Damage to internal shear key in an abutment in the 1994 Northridge earthquake. (*Source:* EERI, *Earthquake Spectra,* Special Suppl. to Vol. II, 1995.)

FIGURE 2.32   Rotation of abutment due to liquefaction and lateral spreading during the 1991 Costa Rica earthquake. (*Source:* EERI, *Earthquake Spectra,* Special Suppl. to Vol. 7, 1991.)

reinforcement, yet be subjected to large deformation demands. Older spread and pile-supported footings rarely have top flexural reinforcement or any shear reinforcement.

The 1995 Hyogo-Ken Nanbu earthquake resulted in extensive damage to superstructures and substructures above the ground, as reported elsewhere in this chapter. The occurrence of that damage provided impetus to conduct extensive investigations of the conditions of foundation components [11]. Along the older inland Route 3, an investigation of 109 foundations identified only cases of "small" flexural cracks in piles. Along the newer coastal Route 5, more extensive liquefaction occurred, resulting in lateral spreading in several cases. An investigation of 153 foundations for this route found cases of flexural cracks in piles where large residual displacements occurred, but the investigators found no spalling or reinforcement buckling. The absence of extensive damage was attributed to the spread of deformations along a significant length of the piles.

Foundation damage associated with liquefaction-induced lateral spreading has probably been the single greatest cause of extreme distress and collapse of bridges [12]. The problem is especially critical for bridges with simple spans (see Figure 2.8). The 1991 Costa Rica earthquake provides many examples of foundation damage [7]. For example, Figure 2.32 shows an abutment that rotated due to liquefaction and lateral spreading. Figure 2.33 shows a situation in which soil movements have led to extensive damage to the batter piles. Use of batter piles should be considered carefully in design in light of the extensive damage observed in these piles in this and other earthquakes [6].

Approaches

Even if the bridge structure remains intact, a bridge may be placed out of service if the roadway leading to it settles significantly. For example, during the 1971 San Fernando earthquake [12] and the 1985 Chile earthquake [4], settlement of the backfill abutments led to abrupt differential settlements in many locations. Such settlements can be large enough to pose a hazard to the traveling public. Approach or settlement slabs can be effective means of spanning across backfills, as shown in Figure 2.34.

FIGURE 2.33   Abutment piles damaged during the 1991 Costa Rica earthquake. (*Source:* EERI, *Earthquake Spectra,* Special Suppl. to Vol. 7, 1991.)

FIGURE 2.34   Settlement slab spanning across slumped abutment fill material at the Rio Quebrada Calderon bridge in the 1991 Costa Rica earthquake. (*Source:* EERI, *Earthquake Spectra,* Special Suppl. to Vol. 7, 1991.)

2.10   Summary

This chapter has reviewed various types of damage that can occur in bridges during earthquakes. Damage to a bridge can have severe consequences for a local economy, because bridges provide vital links in the transportation system of a region. In general, the likelihood of damage increases if the ground motion is particularly intense, the soils are soft, the bridge was constructed before modern codes were implemented, or the bridge configuration is irregular. Even a well-designed bridge can suffer damage if nonstructural modifications and structural deterioration have increased the vulnerability of the bridge.

Depending on the ground motion, site conditions, overall configuration, and specific details of the bridge, the damage induced in a particular bridge can take many forms. Despite these complexities, the record is clear. Damage within the superstructure is rarely the primary cause of collapse. Though exceptions abound, most of the severe damage to bridges has taken one of the following forms:

- Unseating of superstructure at in-span hinges or simple supports attributable to inadequate seat lengths or restraint. The presence of a skewed or curved configuration further exacerbates the vulnerability. For simply supported bridges, these failures are most likely when ground failure induces relative motion between the spans and their supports.
- Column failure attributable to inadequate ductility (toughness). In reinforced-concrete columns, the inadequate ductility usually stems from inadequate confinement reinforcement. In steel columns, the inadequate ductility usually stems from local buckling, which progresses to collapse.
- Damage to shear keys at abutments. Because of their geometry, it is nearly impossible to make these stiff elements ductile.
- Unique failures in complex structures. In the Cypress Street Viaduct, the unique vulnerability was the inadequately reinforced pedestal above the first level. In outrigger column bents, the vulnerability may be in the cross-beam or the beam–column joint.

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3
Dynamic Analysis

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3.1 Introduction

The primary purpose of this chapter is to present dynamic methods for analyzing bridge structures when subjected to earthquake loads. Basic concepts and assumptions used in typical dynamic analysis are presented first. Various approaches to bridge dynamics are then discussed. A few examples are presented to illustrate their practical applications.

Static vs. Dynamic Analysis

The main objectives of a structural analysis are to evaluate structural behavior under various loads and to provide the information necessary for design, such as forces, moments, and deformations. Structural analysis can be classified as *static* or *dynamic*: while *statics* deals with time-independent loading, *dynamics* considers any load where the magnitude, direction, and position vary with time. Typical dynamic loads for a bridge structure include vehicular motions and wave actions such as winds, stream flow, and earthquakes.
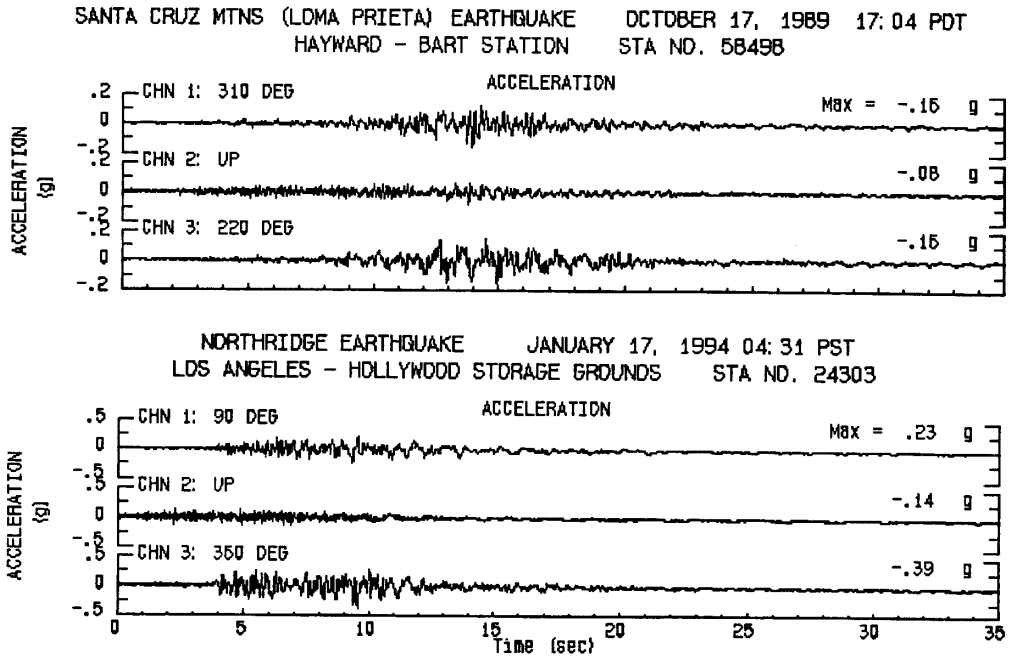
FIGURE 3.1   Ground motions recorded during recent earthquakes.

Characteristics of Earthquake Ground Motions

An earthquake is a natural ground movement caused by various phenomena, including global tectonic processes, volcanism, landslides, rock-bursts, and explosions. The global tectonic processes are continually producing mountain ranges and ocean trenches at the Earth's surface and causing earthquakes. This section briefly discusses the earthquake input for seismic bridge analysis. Detailed discussions of ground motions are presented in Chapter 1.

Ground motion is represented by the time history or seismograph in terms of acceleration, velocity, and displacement for a specific location during an earthquake. Time-history plots contain complete information about the earthquake motions in the three orthogonal directions (two horizontal and one vertical) at the strong-motion instrument location. Acceleration is usually recorded by strong-motion accelerograph, and the velocities and displacements are determined by numerical integration. The accelerations recorded at locations that are approximately the same distance away from the epicenter may differ significantly in duration, frequency content, and amplitude due to different local soil conditions. Figure 3.1 shows several time histories of recent earthquakes.

From a structural engineering view, the most important characteristics of an earthquake are the peak ground acceleration (PGA), duration, and frequency content. The PGA is the maximum acceleration and represents the intensity of a ground motion. Although the ground velocity may be a more significant measure of intensity than the acceleration, it is not often measured directly, but determined using supplementary calculations [1]. The duration is the length of time between the first and the last peak exceeding a specified strong motion level. The longer the duration of a strong motion, the more energy is imparted to a structure. Since the elastic strain energy absorbed by a structure is very limited, a longer strong earthquake has a greater possibility to enforce a structure into the inelastic range. The frequency content can be represented by the number of zero crossings per second in the accelerogram. It is well understood that when the frequency of a regular disturbing force is the same as the natural vibration frequency of a structure (resonance), the oscillation of structure can be greatly magnified and effects of damping become minimal. Although

earthquake motions are never as regular as a sinusoidal waveform, there is usually a period that dominates the response.

Since it is impossible to measure detailed ground motions for all structure sites, the rock motions or ground motions are estimated at a fault and then propagated to the Earth's surface using a computer program considering the local soil conditions. Two guidelines [2,3] recently developed by the California Department of Transportation provide the methods to develop seismic ground motions for bridges.

Dynamic Analysis Methods for Seismic Bridge Design

Depending on the seismic zone, geometry, and importance of the bridge, the following analysis methods may be used for seismic bridge design:

- The single-mode method (single-mode spectral and uniform-load analysis) [4,5] assumes that seismic load can be considered as an equivalent static horizontal force applied to an individual frame in either the longitudinal or transverse direction. The equivalent static force is based on the natural period of a single degree of freedom (SDOF) and code-specified response spectra. Engineers should recognize that the single-mode method (sometimes referred to as equivalent static analysis) is best suited for structures with well-balanced spans with equally distributed stiffness.

- Multimode spectral analysis assumes that member forces, moments, and displacements due to seismic load can be estimated by combining the responses of individual modes using methods such as the complete quadratic combination (CQC) method and the square root of the sum of the squares (SRSS) method. The CQC method is adequate for most bridge systems [6], and the SRSS method is best suited for combining responses of well-separated modes.

- The multiple support response spectrum (MSRS) method provides response spectra and the peak displacements at individual support degrees of freedom by accurately accounting for the spatial variability of ground motions, including the effects of incoherence, wave passage, and spatially varying site response. This method can be used for multiply supported long structures [7].

- The time-history method is a numerical step-by-step integration of equations of motion. It is usually required for critical/important or geometrically complex bridges. Inelastic analysis provides a more realistic measure of structural behavior when compared with an elastic analysis.

Selection of the analysis method for a specific bridge structure should not be purely based on performing structural analysis, but be based on the effective design decisions [8]. Detailed discussions of the above methods are presented in the following sections.

3.2 Single-Degree-of-Freedom System

The familiar spring–mass system represents the simplest dynamic model and is shown in Figure 3.2a. When the *idealized, undamped* structures are excited either by moving the support or by displacing the mass in one direction, the mass oscillates about the equilibrium state forever without coming to rest. But real structures do come to rest after a period of time due to a phenomenon called *damping*. To incorporate the effect of the damping, a massless viscous damper is always included in the dynamic model, as shown in Figure 3.2b.

In a dynamic analysis, the number of displacements required to define the displaced positions of all the masses relative to their original positions is called the number of degrees of freedom (DOF). When a structural system can be idealized with a single mass concentrated at one location and moved in only one direction, this dynamic system is called an SDOF system. Some structures,
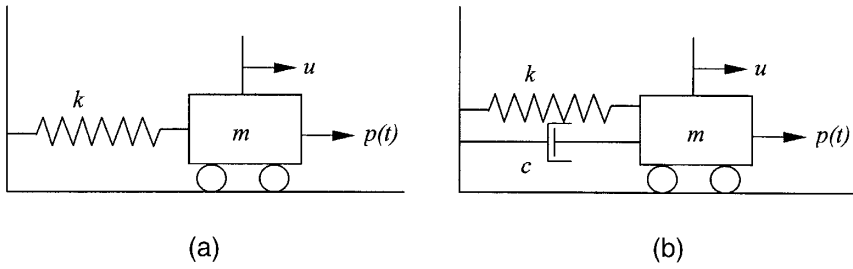
FIGURE 3.2   Idealized dynamic model. (a) Undamped SDOF system; (b) damped SDOF system.
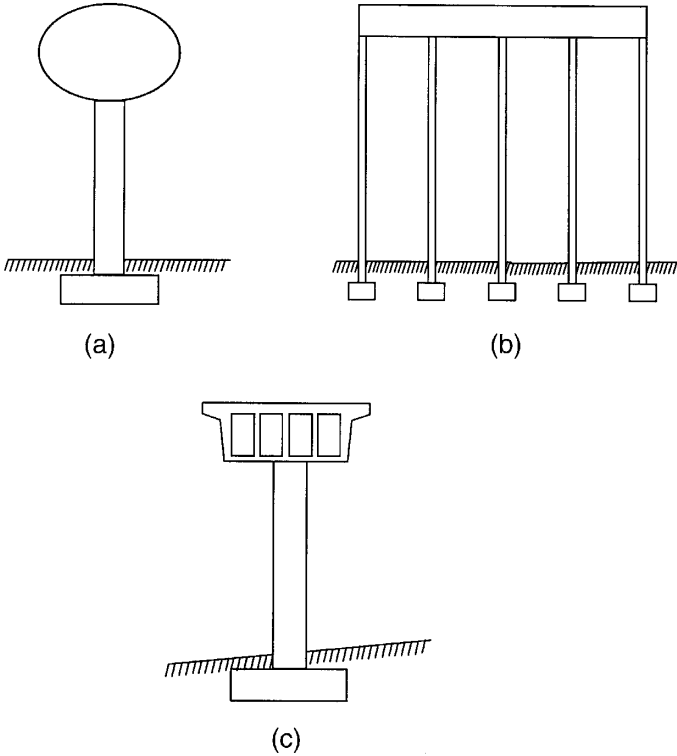
FIGURE 3.3   Examples of SDOF structures. (a) Water tank supported by single column; (b) one-story frame building; (c) two-span bridge supported by single column.

such as a water tank supported by a single-column, one-story frame structure and a two-span bridge supported by a single column, could be idealized as SDOF models (Figure 3.3).

In the SDOF system shown in Figure 3.3c, the mass of the bridge superstructure is the mass of the dynamic system. The stiffness of the dynamic system is the stiffness of the column against side sway, and the viscous damper of the system is the internal energy absorption of the bridge structure.

Equation of Motion

The response of a structure depends on its mass, stiffness, damping, and applied load or displacement. The structure could be excited by applying an external force $p(t)$ on its mass or by a ground motion $u(t)$ at its supports. In this chapter, since the seismic loading is induced by exciting the support, we focus mainly on the equations of motion of an SDOF system subjected to ground excitation.
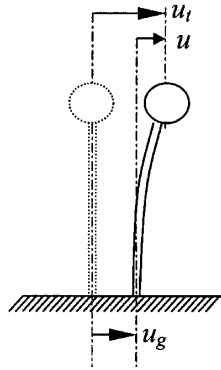
FIGURE 3.4   Earthquake–induced motion of an SDOF system.

The displacement of the ground motion u_g, the total displacement of the single mass u_t, and the relative displacement between the mass and ground u (Figure 3.4) are related by

$$u_t = u + u_g \tag{3.1}$$

By applying Newton's law and D'Alembert's principle of dynamic equilibrium, it can be shown that

$$f_I + f_D + f_S = 0 \tag{3.2}$$

where f_I is the inertial force of the single mass and is related to the acceleration of the mass by $f_I = m\ddot{u}_t$; f_D is the damping force on the mass and related to the velocity across the viscous damper by $f_D = c\dot{u}$; f_S is the elastic force exerted on the mass and related to the relative displacement between the mass and the ground by $f_S = ku$, where k is the spring constant; c is the damping ratio; and m is the mass of the dynamic system.

Substituting these expressions for f_I, f_D, and f_S into Eq. (3.2) gives

$$m\ddot{u}_t + c\dot{u} + ku = 0 \tag{3.3}$$

The equation of motion for an SDOF system subjected to a ground motion can then be obtained by substituting Eq. (3.1) into Eq. (3.3), and is given by

$$m\ddot{u} + c\dot{u} + ku = -m\ddot{u}_g \tag{3.4}$$

Characteristics of Free Vibration

To determine the characteristics of the oscillations such as the time to complete one cycle of oscillation (T_n) and number of oscillation cycles per second (ω_n), we first look at the *free* vibration of a dynamic system. Free vibration is typically initiated by disturbing the structure from its equilibrium state by an external force or displacement. Once the system is disturbed, the system vibrates without any external input. Thus, the equation of motion for free vibration can be obtained by setting $\ddot{u}_g$ to zero in Eq. (3.4) and is given by

$$m\ddot{u} + c\dot{u} + ku = 0 \tag{3.5}$$

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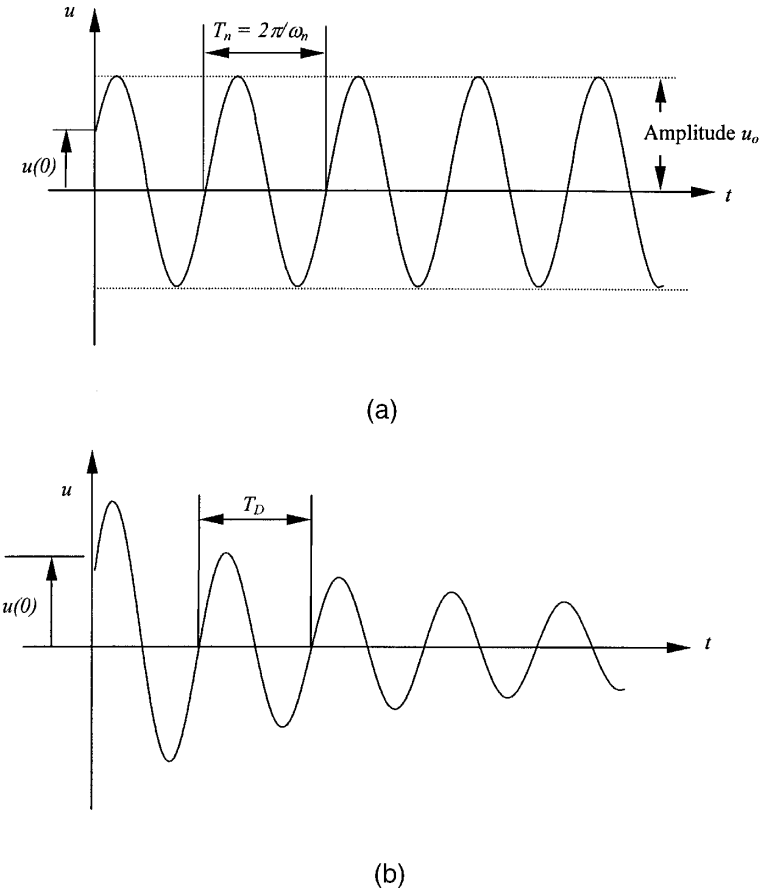
FIGURE 3.5   Typical response of an SDOF system. (a) Undamped; (b) damped.

Dividing Eq. (3.5) by its mass m will result in

$$\ddot{u} + \left(\frac{c}{m}\right)\dot{u} + \left(\frac{k}{m}\right)u = 0 \tag{3.6}$$

$$\ddot{u} + 2\xi\omega_n + \omega_n^2 u = 0 \tag{3.7}$$

where $\omega_n = \sqrt{k/m}$ the natural circular frequency of vibration or the undamped frequency; $\xi = c/c_{cr}$ the damping ratio; $c_{cr} = 2m\omega_n = 2\sqrt{km} = 2k/\omega_n$ the critical damping coefficient.

Figure 3.5a shows the response of a typical idealized, *undamped* SDOF system. The time required for the SDOF system to complete one cycle of vibration is called the natural period of vibration (T_n) of the system and is given by

$$T_n = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_n} = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \tag{3.8}$$

Furthermore, the natural cyclic frequency of vibration f_n is given by
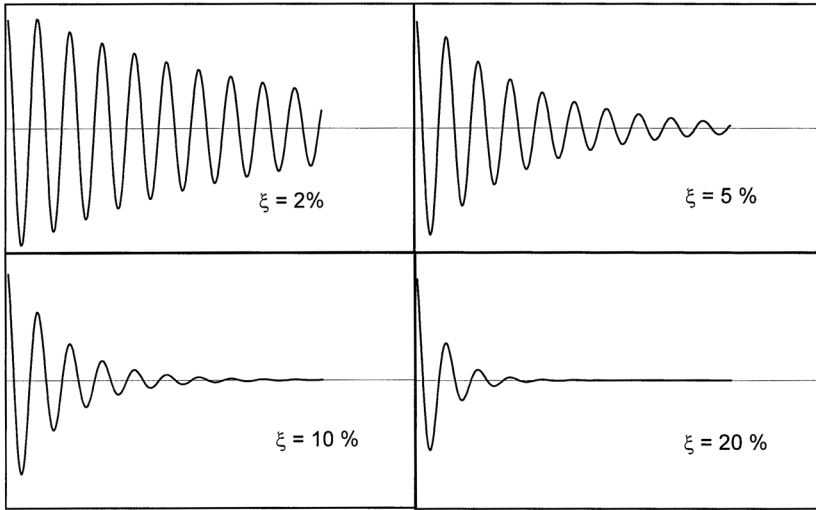
FIGURE 3.6 Response of an SDOF system for various damping ratios.

$$f_n = \frac{\omega_n}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{2\pi}\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \tag{3.9}$$

Figure 3.5b shows the response of a typical *damped* SDOF structure. The circular frequency of the vibration or damped vibration frequency of the SDOF structure, ω_d, is given by $\omega_d = \omega_n\sqrt{1-\xi^2}$.

The damped period of vibration (T_d) of the system is given by

$$T_d = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_d} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{1-\xi^2}}\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \tag{3.10}$$

When $\xi = 1$ or $c = c_{cr}$, the structure returns to its equilibrium position without oscillating and is referred to as a critically damped structure. When $\xi > 1$ or $c > c_{cr}$, the structure is *overdamped* and comes to rest without oscillating, but at a slower rate. When $\xi < 1$ or $c < c_{cr}$, the structure is *underdamped* and oscillates about its equilibrium state with progressively decreasing amplitude. Figure 3.6 shows the response of SDOF structures with different damping ratios.

For structures such as buildings, bridges, dams, and offshore structures, the damping ratio is less than 0.15 and thus can be categorized as *underdamped* structures. The basic dynamic properties estimated using damped or undamped assumptions are approximately the same. For example, when $\xi = 0.10$, $\omega_d = 0.995\omega_n$, and $T_d = 1.01T_n$.

Damping dissipates the energy out of a structure in opening and closing of microcracks in concrete, stressing of nonstructural elements, and friction at the connection of steel members. Thus, the damping coefficient accounts for all energy-dissipating mechanisms of the structure and can be estimated only by experimental methods. Two seemingly identical structures may have slightly different material properties and may dissipate energy at different rates. Since damping does not play an important quantitative role except for resonant responses in structural responses, it is common to use average damping ratios based on the types of construction materials. Relative damping ratios for common types of structures, such as welded metal of 2 to 4%, bolted metal structures of 4 to 7%, prestressed concrete structures of 2 to 5%, reinforced concrete structures of 4 to 7%, and wooden structures of 5 to 10%, are recommended by Chmielewski et al. [9].
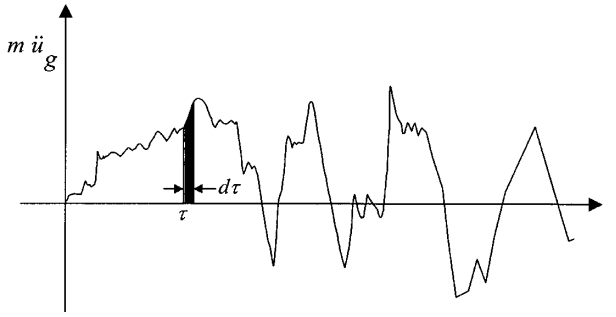
FIGURE 3.7   Induced earthquake force vs. time on an SDOF system.

Response to Earthquake Ground Motion

A typical excitation of an earth movement is shown in Figure 3.7. The basic equation of motion of an SDOF system is expressed in Eq. (3.4). Since the excitation force $m\ddot{u}_g$ cannot be described by simple mathematical expression, closed-form solutions for Eq. (3.4) are not available. Thus, the entire ground excitation needs to be treated as a superposition of short-duration impulses to evaluate the response of the structure to the ground excitation. An impulse is defined as the product of the force times duration. For example, the impulse of the force at time τ during the time interval $d\tau$ equals $-m\ddot{u}_g(\tau)d\tau$ and is represented by the shaded area in Figure 3.7. The total response of the structure for the earthquake motion can then be obtained by integrating all responses of the increment impulses. This approach is sometimes referred to as "time history analysis." Various solution techniques are available in the technical literature on structural dynamics [1,10].

In seismic structural design, designers are interested in the maximum or extreme values of the response of a structure as discussed in the following sections. Once the dynamic characteristics (T_n and ω_n) of the structure are determined, the maximum displacement, moment, and shear on the SDOF system can easily be estimated using basic principles of mechanics.

Response Spectra

The response spectrum is a relationship of the peak values of a response quantity (acceleration, velocity, or displacement) with a structural dynamic characteristic (natural period or frequency). Its core concept in earthquake engineering provides a much more convenient and meaningful measure of earthquake effects than any other quantity. It represents the peak response of all possible SDOF systems to a particular ground motion.

Elastic Response Spectrum

This, the response spectrum of an elastic structural system, can be obtained by the following steps [10]:

1. Define the ground acceleration time history (typically at a 0.02-second interval).
2. Select the natural period T_n and damping ratio ξ of an elastic SDOF system.
3. Compute the deformation response $u(t)$ using any numerical method.
4. Determine u_o, the peak value of $u(t)$.
5. Calculate the spectral ordinates by $D=u_o$, $V=2\pi D/T_n$, and $A=\left(2\pi/T_n\right)^2 D$.
6. Repeat Steps 2 and 5 for a range of T_n and ξ values for all possible cases.
7. Construct results graphically to produce three separate spectra as shown in Figure 3.8 or a combined tripartite plot as shown in Figure 3.9.

It is noted that although three spectra (displacement, velocity, and acceleration) for a specific ground motion contain the same information, each provides a physically meaningful quantity. The displacement spectrum presents the peak displacement. The velocity spectrum is related directly to the peak strain energy stored in the system. The acceleration spectrum is related directly to the peak value of the equivalent static force and base shear.
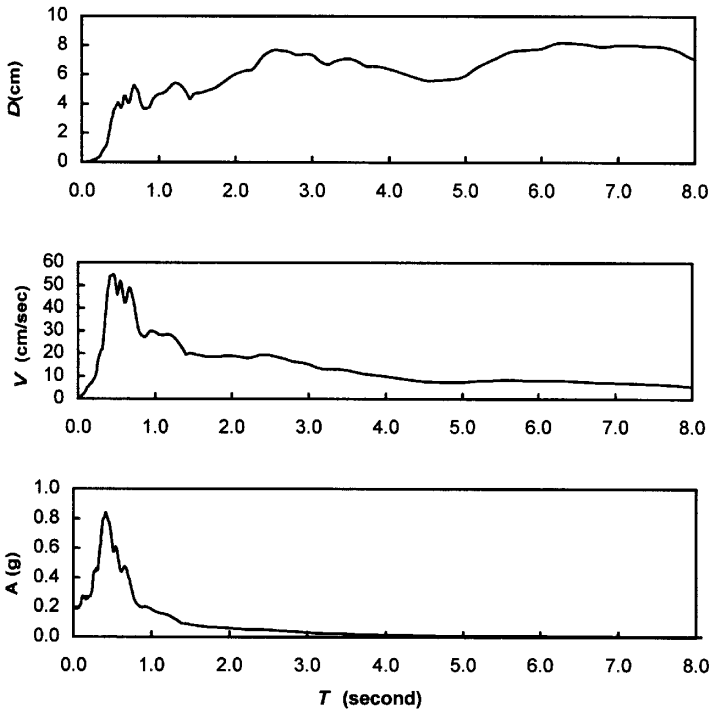
FIGURE 3.8 Example of response spectra (5% critical damping) for Loma Prieta 1989 motion.

A response spectrum (Figure 3.9) can be divided into three ranges of periods [10]:

- Acceleration-sensitive region (very short period region): A structure with a very short period is extremely stiff and expected to deform very little. Its mass moves rigidly with the ground, and its peak acceleration approximately equals the ground acceleration.
- Velocity-sensitive region (intermediate-period region): A structure with an intermediate period responds greatly to the ground velocity than other ground motion parameters.
- Displacement-sensitive region (very long period region): A structure with a very long period is extremely flexible and expected to remain stationary while the ground moves. Its peak deformation is closer to the ground displacement. The structural response is most directly related to ground displacement.

Elastic Design Spectrum

Since seismic bridge design is intended to resist future earthquakes, use of a response spectrum obtained from a particular past earthquake motion is inappropriate. In addition, jagged spectrum values over small ranges would require an unreasonable accuracy in the determination of the structure period [11]. It is also impossible to predict a jagged response spectrum in all its details for a ground motion that may occur in the future. To overcome these shortcomings, the elastic design spectrum, a smoothened idealized response spectrum, is usually developed to represent the envelopes of ground motions recorded at the site during past earthquakes. The development of an elastic design spectrum is based on statistical analysis of the response spectra for the ensemble of ground motions. Figure 3.10 shows a set of elastic design spectra in Caltrans Bridge Design Specifications [12]. Figure 3.11 shows project-specific acceleration response spectra for the California Sonoma Creek Bridge.

Engineers should recognize the conceptual differences between a response spectrum and a design spectrum [10]. A response spectrum is only the peak response of all possible SDOF systems due to a particular ground motion, whereas a design spectrum is a specified level of seismic
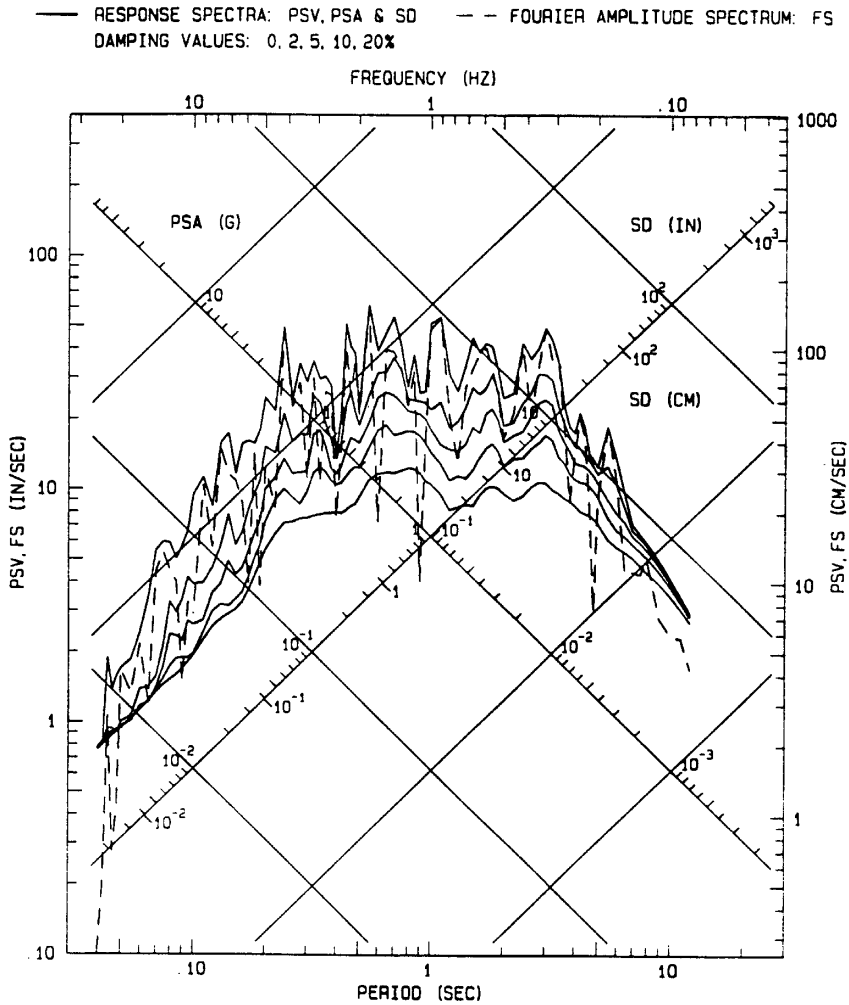
FIGURE 3.9   Tripartite plot–response spectra (1994 Northridge Earthquake, Arleta–Rordhoff Ave. Fire Station).

design forces or deformations and is the envelope of two different elastic design spectra. The elastic design spectrum provides a basis for determining the design force and deformation for elastic SDOF systems.

Inelastic Response Spectrum

A bridge structure may experience inelastic behavior during a major earthquake. The typical elastic and elastic–plastic responses of an idealized SDOF to severe earthquake motions are shown in Figure 3.12. The input seismic energy received by a bridge structure is dissipated by both viscous damping and yielding (localized inelastic deformation converting into heat and other irrecoverable forms of energy). Both viscous damping and yielding reduce the response of inelastic structures compared with elastic structures. Viscous damping represents the internal friction loss of a structure when deformed and is approximately a constant because it depends mainly on structural materials. Yielding, on the other hand, varies depending on structural materials, structural configurations, and loading patterns and histories. Damping has negligible effects on the response of structures for the long-period and short-period systems and is most effective in reducing response of structures for intermediate-period systems.
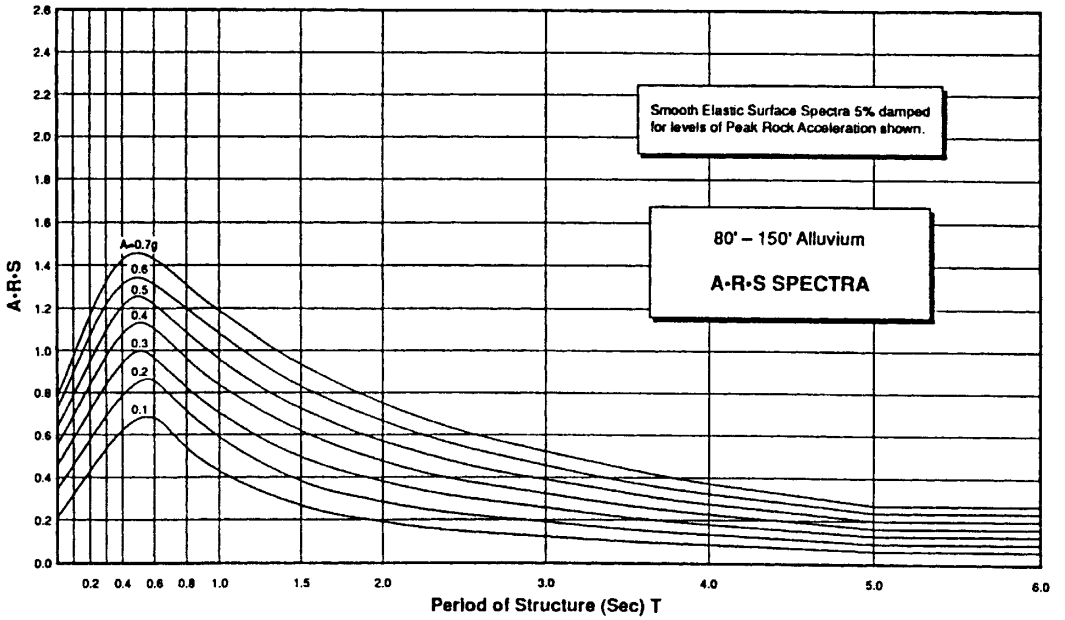
FIGURE 3.10   Typical Caltrans elastic design response spectra.
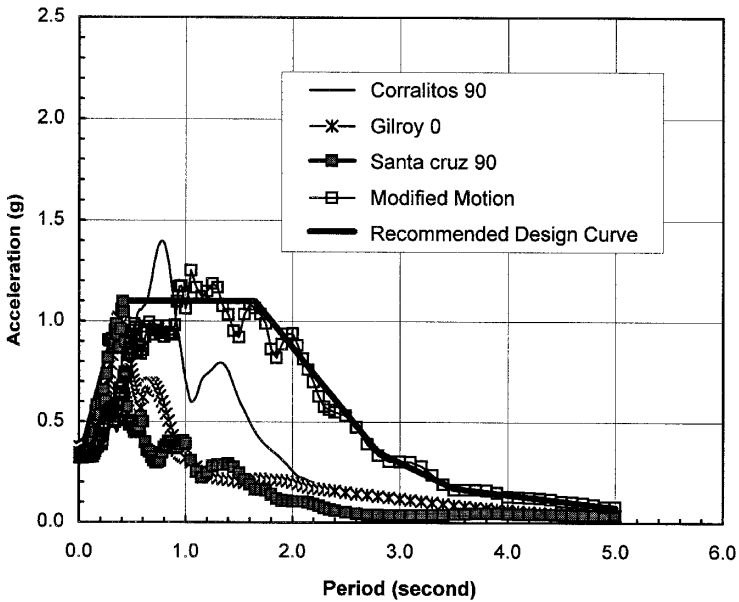
FIGURE 3.11   Acceleration response spectra for Sonoma Creek Bridge.

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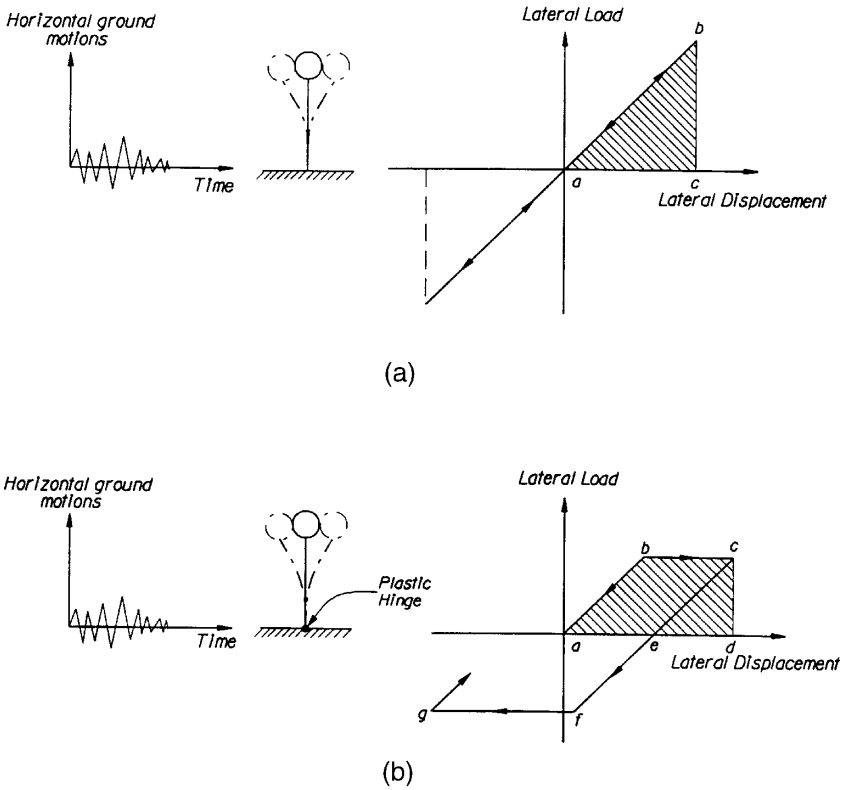
FIGURE 3.12 Response of an SDOF to earthquake ground motions. (a) Elastic system; (b) inelastic system.

In seismic bridge design, a main objective is to ensure that a structure is capable of deforming in a ductile manner when subjected to a larger earthquake loading. It is desirable to consider the inelastic response of a bridge system to a major earthquake. Although a nonlinear inelastic dynamic analysis is not difficult in concept, it requires careful structural modeling and intensive computing effort [8]. To consider inelastic seismic behavior of a structure without performing a true nonlinear inelastic analysis, the ductility-factor method can be used to obtain the inelastic response spectra from the elastic response spectra. The ductility of a structure is usually referred to as the displacement ductility factor μ defined by Figure 3.13:

$$\mu = \frac{\Delta_u}{\Delta_y} \tag{3.11}$$

where Δ_u is ultimate displacement capacity and Δ_y is yield displacement.

The simplest approach to developing the inelastic design spectrum is to scale the elastic design spectrum down by some function of the available ductility of a structural system:

$$ARS_{\text{inelastic}} = \frac{ARS_{\text{elastic}}}{f(\mu)} \tag{3.12}$$

$$f(\mu) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } T_n \leq 0.03 \text{ sec} \\ 2\mu - 1 & \text{for } 0.03 \text{ sec} < T_n \leq 0.5 \text{ sec} \\ \mu & \text{for } T_n \geq 0.5 \text{ sec} \end{cases} \tag{3.13}$$
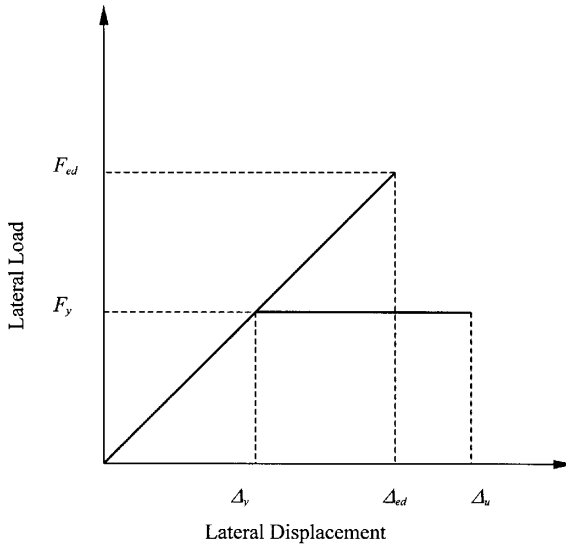
FIGURE 3.13   Lateral load–displacement relations.

For the very short period ($T_n \leq 0.03$ sec) in the acceleration-sensitive region, the elastic displacement demand Δ_{ed} is less than displacement capacity Δ_u (see Figure 3.13). The reduction factor $f(\mu) = 1$ implies that the structure should be designed and remain at elastic to avoid excessive inelastic deformation. For the intermediate period (0.03 sec $< T_n \leq 0.5$ sec) in the velocity-sensitive region, elastic displacement demand Δ_{ed} may be greater or less than displacement capacity Δ_u and the reduction factor is based on the equal-energy concept. For the very long period ($T_n > 0.5$ sec) in the displacement-sensitive region, the reduction factor is based on the equal-displacement concept.

Example of an SDOF System

Given

An SDOF bridge structure is shown in Figure 3.14. To simplify the problem, the bridge is assumed to move only in the longitudinal direction. The total resistance against the longitudinal motion comes in the form of friction at bearings, and this could be considered a damper. Assume the following properties for the structure: damping ratio $\xi = 0.05$, area of superstructure $A = 3.57$ m², moment of column $I_c = 0.1036$ m⁴, E_c of column = 20,700 MPa, material density $\rho = 2400$ kg/m³, length of column $L_c = 9.14$ m, and length of the superstructure $L_s = 36.6$ m. The acceleration response curve of the structure is given in Figure 3.11. Determine (1) natural period of the structure, (2) damped period of the structure, (3) maximum displacement of the superstructure, and (4) maximum moment in the column.

Solution

$$\text{Stiffness:} \quad k = \frac{12 E_c I_c}{L_c^3} = \frac{12(20700 \times 10^6)(0.1036)}{9.14^3} = 33690301 \text{ N/m}$$

$$\text{Mass:} \quad m = A L_s \rho = (3.57)(36.6)(2400) = 313,588.8 \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{Natural circular frequency:} \quad \omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{33,690,301}{313,588.8}} = 10.36 \text{ rad/s}$$
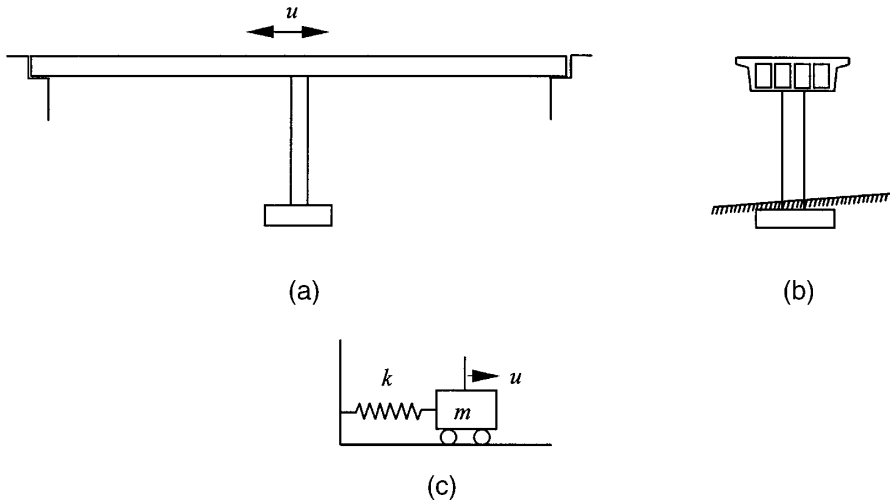
FIGURE 3.14   SDOF bridge example. (a) Two-span bridge schematic diagram; (b) single -column bent; (c) idealized equivalent model for longitudinal response.

Natural cyclic frequency: $f_n = \dfrac{\omega_n}{2\pi} = \dfrac{10.36}{2\pi} = 1.65 \text{ cycles/s}$

Natural period of the structure: $T_n = \dfrac{1}{f_n} = \dfrac{1}{1.65} = 0.606 \text{ s}$

The *damped* circular frequency is given by

$$\omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1-\xi^2} = 10.36\sqrt{1-0.05^2} = 10.33 \text{ rad/s}$$

The *damped* period of the structure is given by

$$T_d = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_d} = \frac{2\pi}{10.33} = 0.608 \text{ s}$$

From the ARS curve, for a period of 0.606 s, the maximum acceleration of the structure will be 0.9 g = 1.13 × 9.82 = 11.10 m/s. Then,

The force acting on the mass = $m \times 11.10 = 313588.8 \times 11.10 = 3.48 \text{ MN}$

The maximum displacement $= \dfrac{FL_c^3}{12EI_c} = \dfrac{3.48 \times 9.14^3}{12 \times 20700 \times 0.1036} = 0.103 \text{ m}$

The maximum moment in the column $= \dfrac{FL_c}{2} = \dfrac{3.48 \times 9.14}{2} = 15.90 \text{ MN-m}$

3.3   Multi-Degree-of-Freedom System

The SDOF approach may not be applicable for complex structures such as multilevel frame structures and bridges with several supports. To predict the response of a complex structure, the structure is discretized with several members of lumped masses. As the number of lumped masses increases, the number of displacements required to define the displaced positions of all masses increases. The response of a multi-degree-of-freedom (MDOF) system is discussed in this section.

Equation of Motion

The equation of motion of an MDOF system is similar to the SDOF system, but the stiffness **k**, mass **m**, and damping **c** are matrices. The equation of motion to an MDOF system under ground motion can be written as

$$[\mathbf{M}]\{\ddot{u}\} + [\mathbf{C}]\{\dot{u}\} + [\mathbf{K}]\{u\} = -[\mathbf{M}]\{\mathbf{B}\}\ddot{u}_g \tag{3.14}$$

The stiffness matrix $[\mathbf{K}]$ can be obtained from standard static displacement-based analysis models and may have off-diagonal terms. The mass matrix $[\mathbf{M}]$ due to the negligible effect of mass coupling can best be expressed in the form of tributary lumped masses to the corresponding displacement degrees of freedom, resulting in a diagonal or uncoupled mass matrix. The damping matrix $[\mathbf{C}]$ accounts for all the energy-dissipating mechanisms in the structure and may have off-diagonal terms. The vector $\{\mathbf{B}\}$ is a displacement transformation vector that has values 0 and 1 to define degrees of freedom to which the earthquake loads are applied.

Free Vibration and Vibration Modes

To understand the response of MDOF systems better, we look at the *undamped, free* vibration of an *N* degrees-of-freedom (*N*-DOF) system first.

Undamped Free Vibration

By setting $[\mathbf{C}]$ and $\ddot{u}_g$ to zero in Eq. (3.14), the equation of motion of undamped, free vibration of an *N*-DOF system can be shown as:

$$[\mathbf{M}]\{\ddot{u}\} + [\mathbf{K}]\{u\} = 0 \tag{3.15}$$

where $[\mathbf{M}]$ and $[\mathbf{K}]$ are $n \times n$ square matrices.

Equation (3.15) could then be rearranged to

$$\left[[\mathbf{K}] - \omega_n^2[\mathbf{M}]\right]\{\phi_n\} = 0 \tag{3.16}$$

where $\{\phi_n\}$ is the deflected-shape matrix. Solution to this equation can be obtained by setting

$$\left|[\mathbf{K}] - \omega_n^2[\mathbf{M}]\right| = 0 \tag{3.17}$$

The roots or eigenvalues of Eq. (3.17) will be the *N* natural frequencies of the dynamic system. Once the natural frequencies (ω_n) are estimated, Eq. (3.16) can be solved for the corresponding *N* independent, deflected-shape matrices (or eigenvectors), $\{\phi_n\}$. In other words, a vibrating system with *N*-DOFs will have *N* natural frequencies (usually arranged in sequence from smallest to largest),

corresponding N natural periods T_n, and N natural mode shapes $\{\phi_n\}$. These eigenvectors are sometimes referred to as natural modes of vibration or natural mode shapes of vibration. It is important to recognize that the eigenvectors or mode shapes represent only the deflected shape corresponding to the natural frequency, not the actual deflection magnitude.

The N eigenvectors can be assembled in a single $n \times n$ square matrix $[\mathbf{\Phi}]$, modal matrix, where each column represents the coefficients associated with the natural mode. One of the important aspects of these mode shapes is that they are orthogonal to each other. Stated mathematically,

If $\quad \omega_n \neq \omega_r$, $\qquad \{\phi_n\}^T[K]\{\phi_r\} = 0 \quad$ and $\quad \{\phi_n\}^T[M]\{\phi_r\} = 0$ $\qquad$ (3.18)

$$\left[K^*\right] = [\mathbf{\Phi}]^T[K][\mathbf{\Phi}] \tag{3.19}$$

$$\left[M^*\right] = [\mathbf{\Phi}]^T[M][\mathbf{\Phi}] \tag{3.20}$$

where $[\mathbf{K}]$ and $[\mathbf{M}]$ have off-diagonal elements, whereas $\left[\mathbf{K}^*\right]$ and $\left[\mathbf{M}^*\right]$ are diagonal matrices.

Damped Free Vibration

When damping of the MDOF system is included, the free-vibration response of the damped system will be given by

$$[\mathbf{M}]\{\ddot{u}\} + [\mathbf{C}]\{\dot{u}\} + [\mathbf{K}]\{u\} = 0 \tag{3.21}$$

The displacements are first expressed in terms of natural mode shapes, and later they are multiplied by the transformed natural mode matrix to obtain the following expression:

$$\left[\mathbf{M}^*\right]\{\ddot{Y}\} + \left[\mathbf{C}^*\right]\{\dot{Y}\} + \left[\mathbf{K}^*\right]\{Y\} = 0 \tag{3.22}$$

where $\left[\mathbf{M}^*\right]$ and $\left[\mathbf{K}^*\right]$ are diagonal matrices given by Eqs. (3.19) and (3.20) and

$$\left[\mathbf{C}^*\right] = [\mathbf{\Phi}]^T[\mathbf{C}][\mathbf{\Phi}] \tag{3.23}$$

While $\left[\mathbf{M}^*\right]$ and $\left[\mathbf{K}^*\right]$ are diagonal matrices, $\left[\mathbf{C}^*\right]$ may have off-diagonal terms. When $\left[\mathbf{C}^*\right]$ has off-diagonal terms, the damping matrix is referred to as a *nonclassical* or *nonproportional* damping matrix. When $\left[\mathbf{C}^*\right]$ is diagonal, it is referred to as a *classical* or *proportional* damping matrix. Classical damping is an appropriate idealization when similar damping mechanisms are distributed throughout the structure. Nonclassical damping idealization is appropriate for the analysis when the damping mechanisms differ considerably within a structural system.

Since most bridge structures have predominantly one type of construction material, bridge structures could be idealized as a classical damping structural system. Thus, the damping matrix of Eq. (3.22) will be a diagonal matrix for most bridge structures. And the equation of nth mode shape or generalized nth modal equation is given by

$$\ddot{Y}_n + 2\xi_n \omega_n \dot{Y}_n + \omega^2 Y_n = 0 \tag{3.24}$$

Equation (3.24) is similar to Eq. (3.7) of an SDOF system. Also, the vibration properties of each mode can be determined by solving Eq. (3.24).
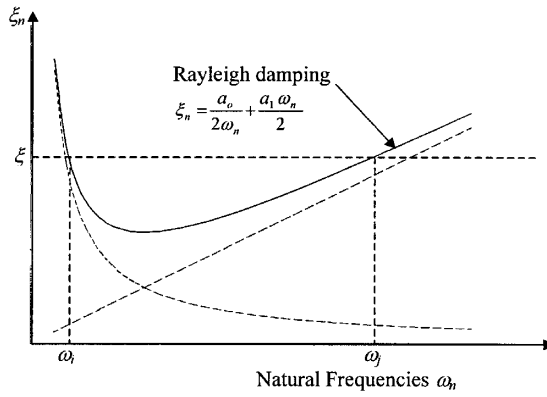
FIGURE 3.15   Rayleigh damping variation with natural frequency.

Rayleigh Damping

The damping of a structure is related to the amount of energy dissipated during its motion. It could be assumed that a portion of the energy is lost due to the deformations, and thus damping could be idealized as proportional to the stiffness of the structure. Another mechanism of energy dissipation could be attributed to the mass of the structure, and thus damping idealized as proportional to the mass of the structure. In Rayleigh damping, it is assumed that the damping is proportional to the mass and stiffness of the structure.

$$[\mathbf{C}] = a_o[\mathbf{M}] + a_1[\mathbf{K}] \tag{3.25}$$

The generalized damping of the nth mode is then given by

$$C_n = a_o M_n + a_1 K_n \tag{3.26}$$

$$C_n = a_o M_n + a_1 \omega_n^2 M_n \tag{3.27}$$

$$\xi_n = \frac{C_n}{2M_n\omega_n} \tag{3.28}$$

$$\xi_n = \frac{a_o}{2}\frac{1}{\omega_n} + \frac{a_1}{2}\omega_n \tag{3.29}$$

Figure 3.15 shows the Rayleigh damping variation with natural frequency. The coefficients a_o and a_1 can be determined from specified damping ratios at two independent dominant modes (say, ith and jth modes). Expressing Eq. (3.29) for these two modes will lead to the following equations:

$$\xi_i = \frac{a_o}{2}\frac{1}{\omega_i} + \frac{a_1}{2}\omega_i \tag{3.30}$$

$$\xi_j = \frac{a_o}{2}\frac{1}{\omega_j} + \frac{a_1}{2}\omega_j \tag{3.31}$$

When the damping ratio at both the ith and j^{th} modes is the same and equals ξ, it can be shown that

$$a_o = \xi \frac{2\omega_i \omega_j}{\omega_i + \omega_j} \qquad a_1 = \xi \frac{2}{\omega_i + \omega_j} \tag{3.32}$$

It is important to note that the damping ratio at a mode between the ith and j^{th} mode is less than ξ. And in practical problems, the specified damping ratios should be chosen to ensure reasonable values in all the mode shapes that lie between the ith and jth mode shapes.

Modal Analysis and Modal Participation Factor

In previous sections, we have discussed the basic vibration properties of an MDOF system. Now, we will look at the response of an MDOF system to earthquake ground motion. The basic equation of motion of the MDOF for an earthquake ground motion given by Eq. (3.14) is repeated here:

$$[\mathbf{M}]\{\ddot{u}\} + [\mathbf{C}]\{\dot{u}\} + [\mathbf{K}]\{u\} = -[\mathbf{M}]\{B\}\ddot{u}_g$$

The displacement is first expressed in terms of natural mode shapes, and later it is multiplied by the transformed natural mode matrix to obtain the following expression:

$$[\mathbf{M}^*]\{\ddot{Y}\} + [\mathbf{C}^*]\{\dot{Y}\} + [\mathbf{K}^*]\{Y\} = -[\mathbf{\Phi}]^T[\mathbf{M}]\{B\}\ddot{u}_g \tag{3.33}$$

And the equation of the nth mode shape is given by

$$M_n^* \ddot{Y}_n + 2\xi_n \omega_n M_n^* \dot{Y}_n + \omega^2 M_n^* Y_n = L_n \ddot{u}_g \tag{3.34}$$

where

$$M_n^* = \{\phi_n\}^T [\mathbf{M}]\{\phi_n\} \tag{3.35}$$

$$L_n = -\{\phi_n\}^T [\mathbf{M}][\mathbf{B}] \tag{3.36}$$

The L_n is referred to as the *modal participation factor* of the nth mode.

By dividing Eq. (3.34) by M_n^*, the generalized modal equation of the nth mode becomes

$$\ddot{Y}_n + 2\xi_n \omega_n \dot{Y}_n + \omega^2 Y_n = \left(\frac{L_n}{M_n^*}\right)\ddot{u}_g \tag{3.37}$$

Equation (3.34) is similar to the equation motion of an SDOF system, and thus Y_n can be determined by using methods similar to those described for SDOF systems. Once Y_n is established, the displacement due to the nth mode will be given by $u_n(t) = \phi_n Y_n(t)$. The total displacement due to combination of all mode shapes can then be determined by summing up all displacements for each mode and is given by

$$u(t) = \sum \phi_n Y_n(t) \tag{3.38}$$
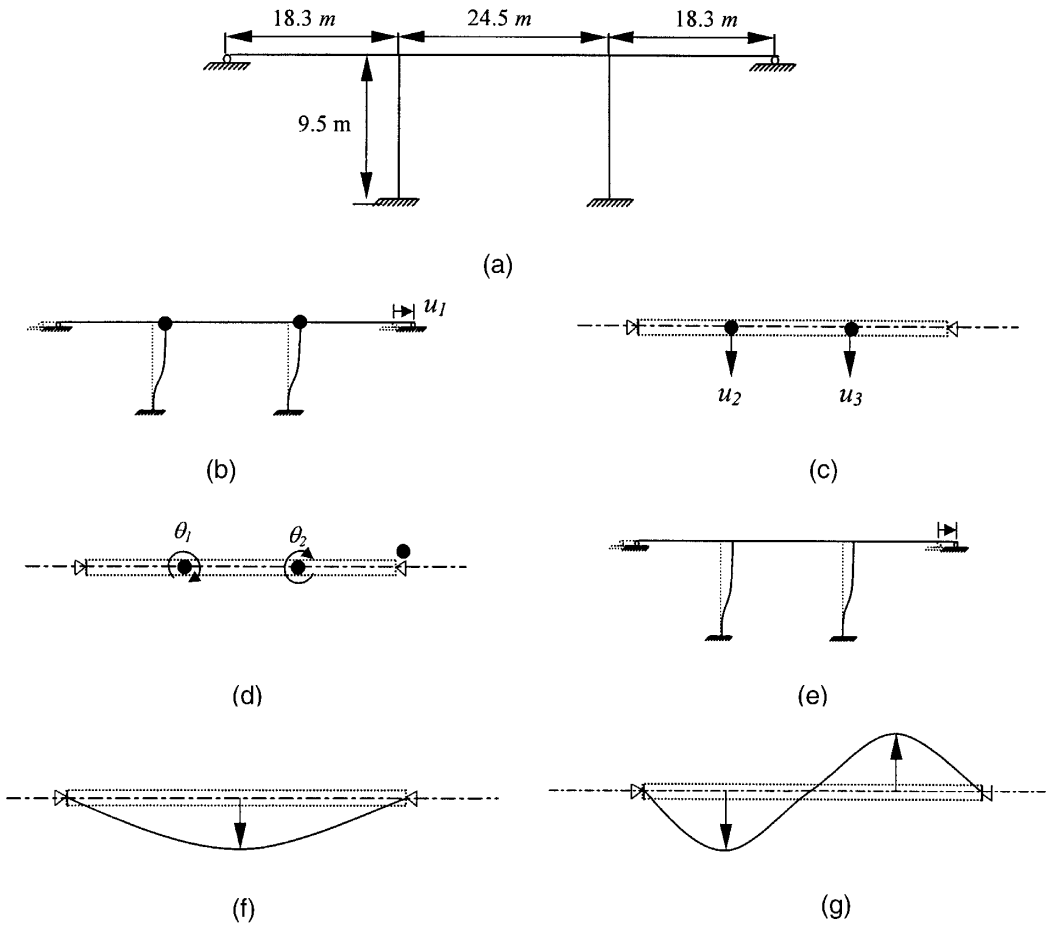
FIGURE 3.16 Three-span continuous-frame bridge structure of MDOF example. (a) Schematic diagram; (b) longitudinal degree of freedom; (c) transverse degree of freedom; (d) rotational degree of freedom; (e) mode shape 1; (f) mode shape 2; (g) mode shape 3.

This approach is sometimes referred to as the classical mode superposition method. Similar to the estimation of the total displacement, the element forces can also be estimated by adding the element forces for each mode shape.

Example of an MDOF System

Given

The bridge shown in Figure 3.16 is a three-span continuous-frame structure. Details of the bridge are as follows: span lengths are 18.3, 24.5, and 18.3 m.; column length is 9.5 m; area of superstructure is 5.58 m^2; moment of inertia of superstructure is 70.77 m^4; moment of inertia of column is 0.218 m^4; modulus of elasticity of concrete is 20,700 MPa. Determine the vibration modes and frequencies of the bridge.

Solution

As shown in Figures 3.16b, c, and d, five degrees of freedom are available for this structure. Stiffness and mass matrices are estimated separately, and the results are given here.

$$[\mathbf{K}] = \begin{bmatrix} 126318588 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1975642681 & -1194370500 & -1520122814 & -14643288630 \\ 0 & -1194370500 & 1975642681 & 14643288630 & 1520122814 \\ 0 & -1520122814 & 14643288630 & 479327648712 & 119586857143 \\ 0 & -14643288630 & 1520122814 & 119586857143 & 479327648712 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[\mathbf{M}] = \begin{bmatrix} 81872 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 286827 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 286827 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The condensation procedure will eliminate the rotational degrees of freedom and will result in three degrees of freedom. (The condensation procedure is performed separately, and the result is given here.) The equation of motion of free vibration of the structure is

$$[M]\{\ddot{u}\} + [K]\{u\} = \{0\}$$

Substituting condensed stiffness and mass matrices into the above equation gives

$$\begin{bmatrix} 81872 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 286827 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 286827 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{u}_1 \\ \ddot{u}_2 \\ \ddot{u}_3 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 126318588 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1975642681 & -1194370500 \\ 0 & -1194370500 & 1975642681 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

The above equation can be rearranged in the following form:

$$\frac{1}{\omega^2}[M]^{-1}[K]\{\phi\} = \{\phi\}$$

Substitution of appropriate values in the above expression gives the following:

$$\frac{1}{\omega_n^2} \begin{bmatrix} \dfrac{1}{818172} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \dfrac{1}{286827} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dfrac{1}{286827} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 126318588 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1518171572 & -1215625977 \\ 0 & -1215625977 & 1518171572 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \phi_{1n} \\ \phi_{2n} \\ \phi_{3n} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \phi_{1n} \\ \phi_{2n} \\ \phi_{3n} \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{\omega_n^2} \begin{bmatrix} 154.39 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5292.9 & -4238.2 \\ 0 & -4238.2 & 5292.9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \phi_{1n} \\ \phi_{2n} \\ \phi_{3n} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \phi_{1n} \\ \phi_{2n} \\ \phi_{3n} \end{Bmatrix}$$

By assuming different vibration modes, natural frequencies of the structure can be estimated.

Substitution of vibration mode $\{1\ 0\ 0\}^T$ will result in the first natural frequency.

$$\frac{1}{\omega_n^2}\begin{bmatrix} 154.39 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5292.9 & -4238.2 \\ 0 & -4238.2 & 5292.9 \end{bmatrix}\begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\omega_n^2}\begin{bmatrix} 154.39 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Thus, $\omega_n^2 = 154.39$ and $\omega_n = 12.43$ rad / s

By substituting the vibration modes of $\{0\ 1\ 1\}^T$ and $\{0\ 1\ -1\}^T$ in the above expression, the other two natural frequencies are estimated as 32.48 and 97.63 rad/s.

Multiple-Support Excitation

So far we have assumed that all supports of a structural system undergo the same ground motion. This assumption is valid for structures with foundation supports close to each other. However, for long-span bridge structures, supports may be widely spaced. As described previously, earth motion at a location depends on the localized soil layer and the distance from the epicenter. Thus, bridge structures with supports that lie far from each other may experience different earth excitation. For example, Figure 3.17c, d, and e shows the predicted earthquake motions at Pier W3 and Pier W6 of the San Francisco–Oakland Bay Bridge (SFOBB) in California. The distance between Pier W3 and Pier W6 of the SFOBB is approximately 1411 m. These excitations are predicted by the California Department of Transportation by considering the soil and rock properties in the vicinity of the SFOBB and expected earth movements at the San Andreas and Hayward faults. Note that the earth motions at Pier W3 and Pier W6 are very different. Furthermore, Figure 3.17c, d, and e indicates that the earth motion not only varies with the location, but also varies with direction. Thus, to evaluate the response of long, multiply supported, and complicated bridge structures, use of the actual earthquake excitation at each support is recommended.

The equation of motion of a multisupport excitation would be similar to Eq. (3.14), but the only difference is now that $\{B\}\ddot{u}_g$ is replaced by a displacement array $\{\ddot{u}_g\}$. And the equation of motion for the multisupport system becomes

$$[\mathbf{M}]\{\ddot{u}\} + [\mathbf{C}]\{\dot{u}\} + [\mathbf{K}]\{u\} = -[\mathbf{M}]\{\ddot{u}_g\} \tag{3.39}$$

where $\{\ddot{u}_g\}$ has the acceleration at each support location and has zero value at nonsupport locations. By using the uncoupling procedure described in the previous sections, the modal equation of the nth mode can be written as

$$\ddot{Y}_n + 2\xi_n\omega_n\dot{Y}_n + \omega^2 Y_n = -\sum_{l=1}^{N_g} \frac{L_n}{M_n^*}\ddot{u}_g \tag{3.40}$$

where N_g is the total number of externally excited supports.

The deformation response of the nth mode can then be determined as described in previous sections. Once the displacement responses of the structure for all the mode shapes are estimated, the total dynamic response can be obtained by combining the displacements.

Time-History Analysis

When the structure enters the nonlinear range, or has nonclassical damping properties, modal analysis cannot be used. A numerical integration method, sometimes referred to as time-history analysis, is required to get more accurate responses of the structure.

(a)

(b)

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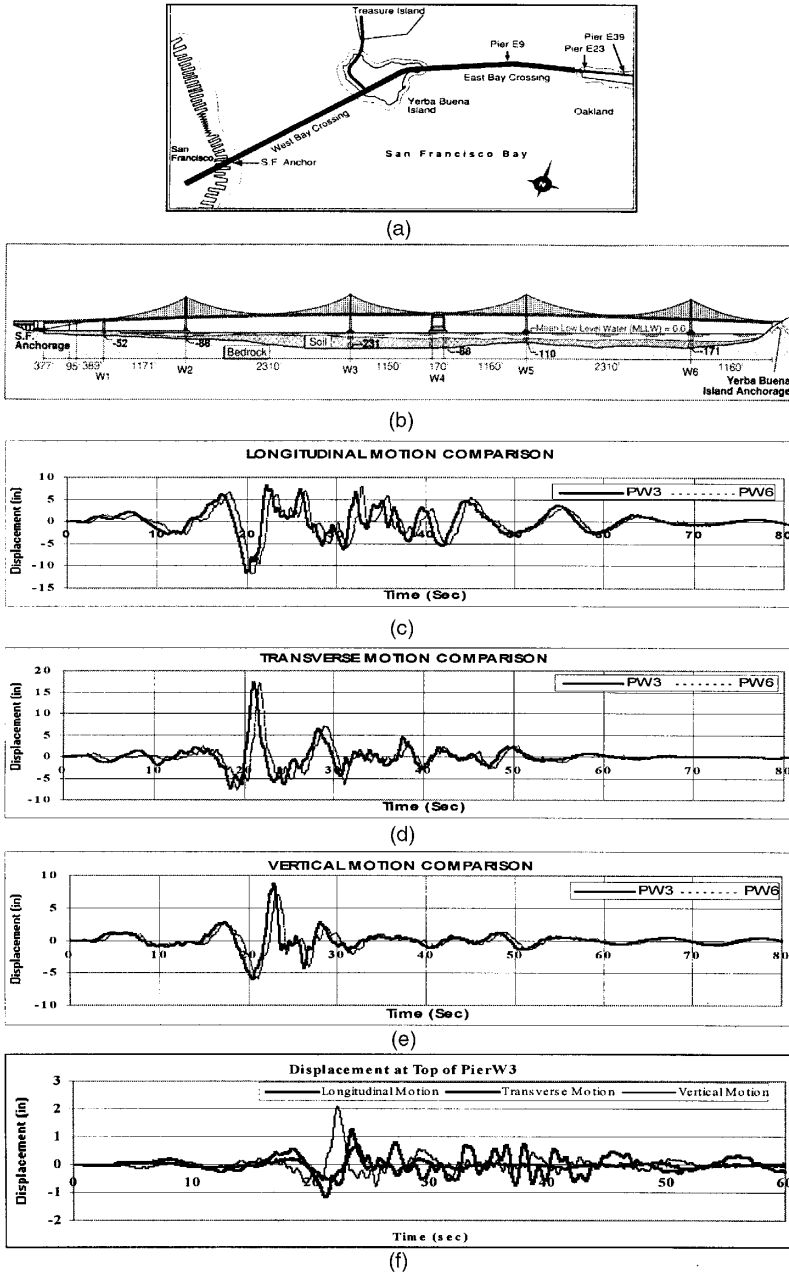
FIGURE 3.17 San Francisco–Oakland Bay Bridge. (a) Vicinity map; (b) general plan elevation; (c) longitudinal motion at rock level; (d) transverse motion at rock level; (e) vertical motion at rock level; (f) displacement response at top of Pier W3.

In a time-history analysis, the timescale is divided into a series of smaller steps, d_τ. Let us say the response at i^{th} time interval has already been determined and is denoted by $u_i, \dot{u}_i, \ddot{u}_i$. Then, the response of the system at i^{th} time interval will satisfy the equation of motion (Eq. [3.39]).

$$[\mathbf{M}]\{\ddot{u}_i\} + [\mathbf{C}]\{\dot{u}_i\} + [\mathbf{K}]\{u_i\} = -[\mathbf{M}]\{\ddot{u}_{gi}\} \tag{3.41}$$

The time-stepping method enables us to step ahead and determine the responses $u_{i+1}, \dot{u}_{i+1}, \ddot{u}_{i+1}$ at the $i + 1^{\text{th}}$ time interval by satisfying Eq. (3.39). Thus, the equation of motion at $i + 1^{\text{th}}$ time interval will be

$$[\mathbf{M}]\left\{ \ddot{u}_{i+1} \right\} + [\mathbf{C}]\left\{ \dot{u}_{i+1} \right\} + [\mathbf{K}]\left\{ u_{i+1} \right\} = -[\mathbf{M}]\left\{ \ddot{u}_{gi+1} \right\} \tag{3.42}$$

Equation (3.42) needs to be solved prior to proceeding to the next time step. By stepping through all the time steps, the actual response of the structure can be determined at all time instants.

Example of Time-History Analysis

Pier W3 of the SFOBB was modeled using the ADINA [13] program, and nonlinear analysis was performed using the displacement time histories. The displacement time histories in three directions are applied at the bottom of Pier W3, and the response of the Pier W3 was studied to estimate the demand on Pier W3. One of the results, the displacement response at the top of Pier W3, is shown in Figure 3.17f.

3.4   Response Spectrum Analysis

Response spectrum analysis is an approximate method of dynamic analysis that gives the maximum response (acceleration, velocity, or displacement) of an SDOF system with the same damping ratio, but with different natural frequencies, respond to a specified seismic excitation. Structural models with n degrees of freedom can be transformed to n single-degree systems, and response spectra principles can be applied to systems with many degrees of freedom. For most ordinary bridges, a complete time history is not required. Because the design is generally based on the maximum earthquake response, response spectrum analysis is probably the most common method used in design offices to determine the maximum structural response due to transient loading. In this section, we will discuss basic procedures of response spectrum analysis for bridge structures.

Single-Mode Spectral Analysis

Single-mode spectral analysis is based on the assumption that earthquake design forces for structures respond predominantly in the first mode of vibration. This method is most suitable to regular linear elastic bridges to compute the forces and deformations, but is not applicable to irregular bridges (unbalanced spans, unequal stiffness in the columns, etc.) because higher modes of vibration significantly affect the distribution of the forces and resulting displacements. This method can be applied to both continuous and noncontinuous bridge superstructures in either the longitudinal or transverse direction. Foundation flexibility at the abutments can be included in the analysis.

Single-mode analysis is based on Rayleigh's energy method — an approximate method that assumes a vibration shape for a structure. The natural period of the structure is then calculated by equating the maximum potential and kinetic energies associated with the assumed shape. The inertial forces $p_e(x)$ are calculated using the natural period, and the design forces and displacements are then computed using static analysis. The detailed procedure can be described in the following steps:

1. Apply uniform loading p_o over the length of the structure and compute the corresponding static displacements $u_s(x)$. The structure deflection under earthquake loading, $u_s(x,t)$, is then approximated by the shape function, $u_s(x)$, multiplied by the generalized amplitude function, $u(t)$, which satisfies the geometric boundary conditions of the structural system. This dynamic deflection is shown as

$$u(x,t) = u_s(x)\ u(t) \tag{3.43}$$

2. Calculate the generalized parameters $\alpha, \beta,$ and γ using the following equations:

$$\alpha = \int u_s(x)\, dx \tag{3.44}$$

$$\beta = \int w(x)\, u_s(x)\ dx \tag{3.45}$$

$$\gamma = \int w(x) \left[u_s(x)\right]^2 dx \tag{3.46}$$

where $w(x)$ is the weight of the dead load of the bridge superstructure and tributary substructure.

3. Calculate the period T_n

$$T_n = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{p_o g \alpha}} \tag{3.47}$$

where g is acceleration of gravity (mm/s^2).

4. Calculate the static loading $p_e(x)$ which approximates the inertial effects associated with the displacement $u_s(x)$ using the ARS curve or the following equation [4]:

$$p_e(x) = \frac{\beta\, C_{sm}}{\gamma}\ w(x)\ u_s(x) \tag{3.48}$$

$$C_{sm} = \frac{1.2 A S}{T_m^{2/3}} \tag{3.49}$$

where C_{sm} is the dimensionless elastic seismic response coefficient; A is the acceleration coefficient from the acceleration coefficient map; S is the dimensionless soil coefficient based on the soil profile type; T_n is the period of the structure as determined above; $p_e(x)$ is the intensity of the equivalent static seismic loading applied to represent the primary mode of vibration (N/mm).

5. Apply the calculated loading $p_e(x)$ to the structure as shown in Figure 3.18 and compute the structure deflections and member forces.

   This method is an iterative procedure, and the previous calculations are used as input parameters for the new iteration leading to a new period and deflected shape. The process is continued until the assumed shape matches the fundamental mode shape.

Uniform-Load Method

The uniform-load method is essentially an equivalent static method that uses the uniform lateral load to compute the effect of seismic loads. For simple bridge structures with relatively straight alignment, small skew, balanced stiffness, relatively light substructure, and no hinges, the uniform-load method may be applied to analyze the structure for seismic loads. This method is not suitable for bridges with stiff substructures such as pier walls. This method assumes continuity of the structure and distributes earthquake force to all elements of the bridge and is based on the fundamental mode of vibration in either a longitudinal or transverse
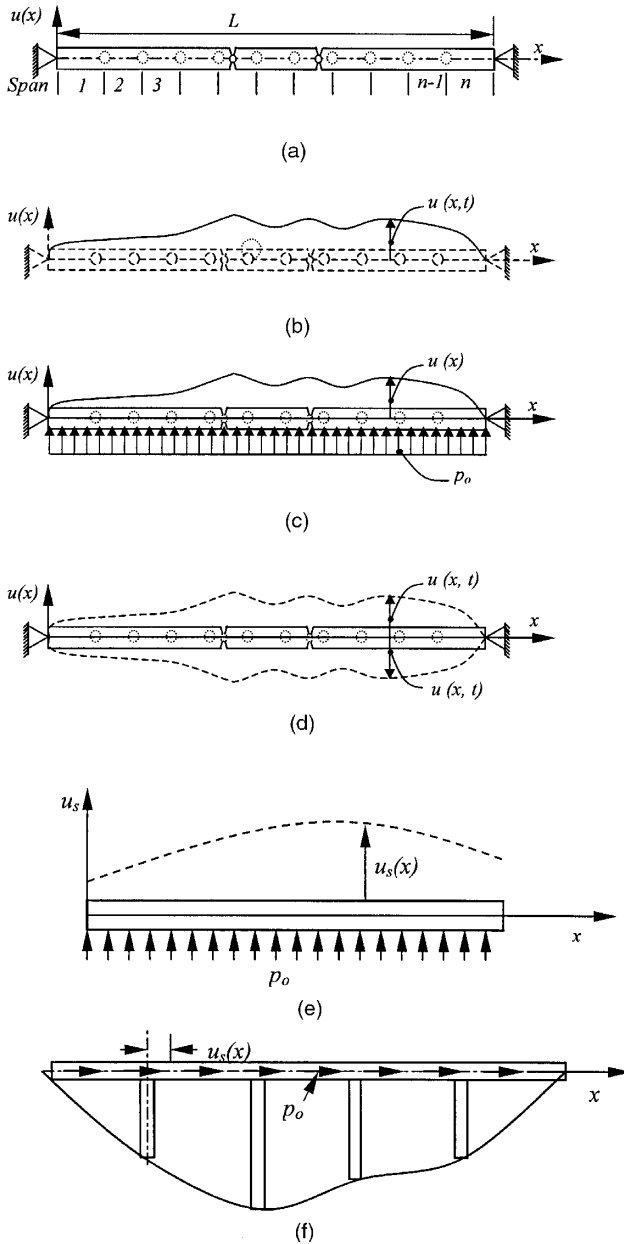
FIGURE 3.18 Single-mode spectral analysis method. (a) Plan view of a bridge subjected to transverse earthquake motion; (b) displacement function describing the transverse position of the bridge deck; (c) deflected shape due to uniform static loading; (d) transverse free vibration of the bridge in assumed mode shape; (e) transverse loading (f) longitudinal loading.

direction [5]. The period of vibration is taken as that of an equivalent single mass–spring oscillator. The maximum displacement that occurs under the arbitrary uniform load is used to calculate the stiffness of the equivalent spring. The seismic elastic response coefficient C_{sm} or the ARS curve is then used to calculate the equivalent uniform seismic load, using which the displacements and forces are calculated. The following steps outline the uniform-load method:

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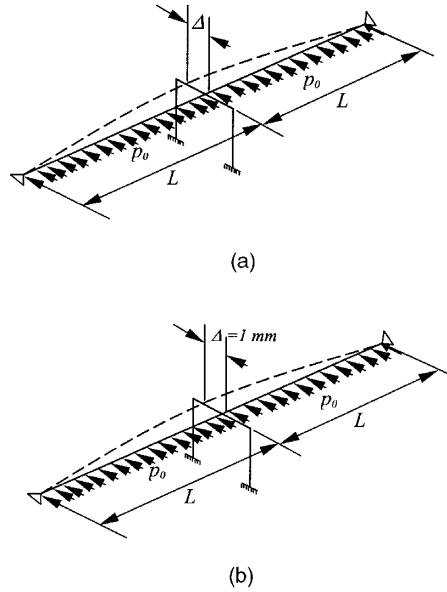
FIGURE 3.19 Structure idealization and deflected shape for uniform load method. (a) Structure idealization; (b) deflected shape with maximum displacement of 1 mm.

1. Idealize the structure into a simplified model and apply a uniform horizontal load (p_o) over the length of the bridge as shown in Figure 3.19. It has units of force/unit length and may be arbitrarily set equal to 1 N/mm.
2. Calculate the static displacements $u_s(x)$ under the uniform load p_o using static analysis.
3. Calculate the maximum displacement $u_{s,max}$ and adjust it to 1 mm by adjusting the uniform load p_o.
4. Calculate bridge lateral stiffness K using the following equation:

$$K = \frac{p_o L}{u_{s,max}} \tag{3.50}$$

where L is total length of the bridge (mm) and $u_{s,max}$ is maximum displacement (mm).

5. Calculate the total weight W of the structure, including structural elements and other relevant loads such as pier walls, abutments, columns, and footings, by

$$W = \int w(x) dx \tag{3.51}$$

where $w(x)$ is the nominal, unfactored dead load of the bridge superstructure and tributary substructure.

6. Calculate the period of the structure T_n using the following equation:

$$T_n = \frac{2\pi}{31.623} \sqrt{\frac{W}{gK}} \tag{3.52}$$

where g is acceleration of gravity (m/s²).

7. Calculate the equivalent static earthquake force p_e using the ARS curve or using the following equation:

$$p_e = \frac{C_{sm}W}{L} \tag{3.53}$$

8. Calculate the structure deflections and member forces by applying p_e to the structure.

Multimode Spectral Analysis

The multimode spectral analysis method is more sophisticated than single-mode spectral analysis and is very effective in analyzing the response of more complex linear elastic structures to an earthquake excitation. This method is appropriate for structures with irregular geometry, mass, or stiffness. These irregularities induce coupling in three orthogonal directions within each mode of vibration. Also, for these bridges, several modes of vibration contribute to the complete response of the structure. A multimode spectral analysis is usually done by modeling the bridge structure consisting of three-dimensional frame elements with structural mass lumped at various locations to represent the vibration modes of the components. Usually, five elements per span are sufficient to represent the first three modes of vibration. To capture the ith mode of vibration, a general rule of thumb is that the span should have at least $(2i - 1)$ elements. For long-span structures, many more elements should be used to capture all the contributing modes of vibration. To obtain a reasonable response, the number of modes should be equal to at least three times the number of spans. This analysis is usually performed with a dynamic analysis computer program such as ADINA [13], GTSTRUDL [14], SAP2000 [15], ANSYS [16], or NASTRAN [17]. For bridges with outrigger bents, C-bents, and single-column bents, rotational moment of inertia of the superstructure should be included. Discontinuities at the hinges and abutments should be included in the model. The columns and piers should have intermediate nodes at quarter points in addition to the nodes at the ends of the columns.

By using the programs mentioned above, frequencies, mode shapes, member forces, and joint displacements can be computed. The following steps summarize the equations used in the multimode spectral analysis [5].

1. Calculate the dimensionless mode shapes $\{\phi_i\}$ and corresponding frequencies ω_i by

$$\left[[\mathbf{K}] - \omega^2 [\mathbf{M}] \right] \{u\} = 0 \tag{3.54}$$

where

$$u_i = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \phi_j \, y_j = \Phi \, y_i \tag{3.55}$$

y_j = modal amplitude of jth mode; ϕ_j = shape factor of jth mode; Φ = mode-shape matrix. The periods for i^{th} mode can then be calculated by

$$T_i = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_i} \quad (i = 1, 2, \ldots, n) \tag{3.56}$$

2. Determine the maximum absolute mode amplitude for the entire time history is given by

$$Y_i(t)_{\max} = \frac{T_i^2 S_a(\xi_i, T_i)}{4\pi^2} \; \frac{\{\phi_i\}^T [\mathbf{M}]\{B\}\ddot{u}_g}{\{\phi_i\}^T \quad [\mathbf{M}]\{\phi_i\}} \tag{3.57}$$

where $S_a(\xi_i, T_i) = gC_{sm}$ is the acceleration response spectral value; C_{sm} is the elastic seismic response coefficient for mode $m = 1.2AS/T_n^{2/3}$; A is the acceleration coefficient from the acceleration coefficient map; S is the dimensionless soil coefficient based on the soil profile type; T_n is the period of the nth mode of vibration.

3. Calculate the value of any response quantity $Z(t)$ (shear, moment, displacement) using the following equation:

$$Z(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} A_i Y_i(t) \tag{3.58}$$

where coefficients A_i are functions of mode shape matrix (Φ) and force-displacement relation-ships.

4. Compute the maximum value of $Z(t)$ during an earthquake using the mode-combination methods described in the next section.

Modal Combination Rules

The mode combination method is a very useful tool for analyzing bridges with a large number of degrees of freedom. In a linear structural system, maximum response can be estimated by mode combination after calculating natural frequencies and mode shapes of the structure using free-vibration analysis. The maximum response cannot be computed by adding the maximum response of each mode because different modes attain their maximum values at different times. The absolute sum of the individual modal contributions provides an upper bound that is generally very conservative and not recommended for design. There are several different empirical or statistical methods available to estimate the maximum response of a structure by combining the contributions of different modes of vibrations in a spectral analysis. Two commonly used methods are the square root of sum of squares (SRSS) and the complete quadratic combination (CQC).

For an undamped structure, the results computed using the CQC method are identical to those using the SRSS method. For structures with closely spaced dominant mode shapes, the CQC method is precise whereas SRSS estimates inaccurate results. Closely spaced modes are those within 10% of each other in terms of natural frequency. The SRSS method is suitable for estimating the total maximum response for structures with well-spaced modes. Theoretically, all mode shapes must be included to calculate the response, but fewer mode shapes can be used when the corresponding mass participation is over 85% of the total structure mass. In general, the factors considered to determine the number of modes required for the mode combination are dependent on the structural characteristics of the bridge, the spatial distribution, and the frequency content of the earthquake loading. The following list [14] summarizes several commonly used mode-combination methods to compute the maximum total response. The variable Z represents the maximum value of some response quantity (displacement, shear, etc.), Z_i is the peak value of that quantity in the ith mode, and N is the total number of contributing modes.

1. *Absolute Sum*: The absolute sum is the sum of the modal contributions:

$$Z = \sum_{i=1}^{N} |Z_i| \tag{3.59}$$

2. *SRSS or Root Mean Square* (*RMS*) *Method*: This method computes the maximum by taking the square root of the sum of squares of the modal contributions:

$$Z = \left[\sum_{i=1}^{N} Z_i^2 \right]^{1/2} \tag{3.60}$$

3. *Peak Root Mean Square* (*PRMS*): Absolute value of the largest modal contribution is added to the root mean square of the remaining modal contributions:

$$Z_j = |\max Z_i| \tag{3.61}$$

$$Z = \left[\sum_{i=1}^{N} Z_i^2 \right]^{1/2} + Z_j \quad \text{with} \quad i \neq j \tag{3.62}$$

4. *CQC*: Cross-correlations between all modes are considered:

$$Z = \left[\sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} Z_i \; \rho_{ij} \; Z_j \right]^{1/2} \tag{3.63}$$

$$\rho_{ij} = \frac{8 \sqrt{\xi_i \xi_j} \left(\xi_i + r \xi_j \right) r^{3/2}}{\left(1 - r^2 \right)^2 + 4 \xi_i \xi_j r \left(1 + r^2 \right) + 4 \left(\xi_i^2 + \xi_j^2 \right) r^2} \tag{3.64}$$

where

$$r = \frac{\omega_j}{\omega_i} \tag{3.65}$$

5. *Nuclear Regulatory Commission Grouping Method*: This method is similar to the RMS method with additional accounting for groups of modes whose frequencies are within 10%.

$$Z = \left[\sum_{i=1}^{N} Z_i^2 + \sum_{g=1}^{G} \sum_{n=s}^{e} \sum_{m=s}^{e} \left| Z_n^g \times Z_m^g \right| \right]^{1/2} \qquad n \neq m \tag{3.66}$$

where G is number of groups; s is mode shape number where the gth group starts; e is mode shape number where the gth group ends; and Z_i^g is the ith modal contribution in the gth group.

6. *Nuclear Regulatory Commission Ten Percent Method*: This method is similar to the RMS method with additional accounting for all modes whose frequencies are within 10%.

$$Z = \left[\sum_{i=1}^{N} Z_i^2 + 2 \sum \left| Z_n Z_m \right| \right]^{1/2} \tag{3.67}$$

The additional terms must satisfy

$$\frac{\omega_n - \omega_m}{\omega_m} \leq 0.1 \qquad \text{for} \qquad 0.1 \leq m \leq n \leq N \tag{3.68}$$

7. *Nuclear Regulatory Commission Double-Sum Method*: This method is similar to the CQC method.

$$Z = \left[\sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \left| Z_i Z_j \right| \quad \varepsilon_{ij} \right]^{1/2} \tag{3.69}$$

$$\varepsilon_{ij} = \left[1 + \left\{ \frac{\left(\omega_i' - \omega_j' \right)}{\left(\xi_i' \omega_i + \xi_j' \omega_j \right)} \right\} \right]^{-1} \tag{3.70}$$

$$\omega_i' = \omega \left[1 - \xi_i^2 \right]^{1/2} \tag{3.71}$$

$$\xi_i' = \xi_i + \frac{2}{t_d \omega_i} \tag{3.72}$$

where t_d is the duration of support motion.

Combination Effects

Effects of ground motions in two orthogonal horizontal directions should be combined while designing bridges with simple geometric configurations. For bridges with long spans, outrigger bents, and cantilever spans, or where effects due to vertical input are significant, vertical input should be included in the design along with two orthogonal horizontal inputs. When bridge structures are analyzed independently along each direction using response spectra analysis, then responses are combined either using methods, such as the SRSS combination rule as mentioned in the previous section, or using the alternative method described below. For structures designed using equivalent static analysis or modal analysis, seismic effects should be determined using the following alternative method for the following load cases:

1. *Seismic load case 1*: 100% Transverse + 30% Longitudinal + 30% Vertical
2. *Seismic load case 2*: 30% Transverse + 100% Longitudinal + 30% Vertical
3. *Seismic load case 3*: 30% Transverse + 30% Longitudinal + 100% Vertical

For structures designed using time-history analysis, the structure response is calculated using the input motions applied in orthogonal directions simultaneously. Where this is not feasible, the above alternative procedure can be used to combine the independent responses.

Multiple-Support Response Spectrum Method

Records from recent earthquakes indicate that seismic ground motions can significantly vary at different support locations for multiply supported long structures. When different ground motions are applied at various support points of a bridge structure, the total response can be calculated by superposition of responses due to independent support input. This analysis involves combination of dynamic response from single-input and pseudo-static response resulting from the motion of the supports relative to each other. The combination effects of dynamic and pseudo-static forces

due to multiple support excitation on a bridge depend on the structural configuration of the bridge and the ground motion characteristics. Recently, Kiureghian et al. [7] presented a comprehensive study on the multiple-support response spectrum (MSRS) method based on fundamental principles of stationary random vibration theory for seismic analysis of multiply supported structures that accounts for the effects of variability between the support motions. Using the MSRS combination rule, the response of a linear structural system subjected to multiple-support excitation can be computed directly in terms of conventional response spectra at the support degrees of freedom and a coherency function describing the spatial variability of the ground motion. This method accounts for the three important effects of ground motion spatial variability, namely, the incoherence effects, the wave-passage effect, and the site-response effect. These three components of ground motion spatial variability can strongly influence the response of multiply supported bridges and may amplify or deamplify the response by one order of magnitude. Two important limitations of this method are nonlinearities in the bridge structural components and/or connections and the effects of soil–structure interaction. This method is an efficient, accurate, and versatile solution and requires less computational time than a true time history analysis. Following are the steps that describe the MSRS analysis procedure.

1. *Determine the necessity of variable-support motion analysis*: Three factors that influence the response of the structure under multiple-support excitation are the distance between the supports of the structure, the rate of variability of the local soil conditions, and the stiffness of the structure. The first factor, the distance between the supports, influences the incoherence and wave-passage effects. The second factor, the rate of variability of the local conditions, influences the site response. The third factor, the stiffness of the superstructure, plays an important role in determining the necessity of variable-support motion analysis. Stiff structures such as box-girder bridges may generate large internal forces under variable-support motion, whereas flexible structures such as suspension bridges easily conform to the variable-support motion.

2. *Determine the frequency response function for each support location*: Programs such as SHAKE [18] can be used to develop these functions using borehole data and time-domain site response analysis. Response spectra plots, peak ground displacements in three orthogonal directions for each support location, and a coherency function for each pair of degrees of freedom are required to perform the MSRS analysis. The comprehensive report by Kiureghian [7] provides all the formulas required to account for the effect of nonlinearity in the soil behavior and the site frequency involving the depth of the bedrock.

3. *Calculate the structural properties*: Properties such as effective modal frequencies, damping ratios, influence coefficients, and effective modal participation factors (ω_i, ξ_i, a_k, and b_{ki}) are to be computed externally and provided as input.

4. *Determine the response spectra plots, peak ground displacements in three directions, and a coherency function for each pair of support degrees of freedom required to perform MSRS analysis*: Three components of the coherency function are incoherence, wave-passage effect, and site-response effect. Analysis by an array of recordings is used to determine the incoherence component. The models for this empirical method are widely available [19]. Parameters such as shear wave velocity, the direction of propagation of seismic waves, and the angle of incidence are used to calculate the wave-passage effect. The frequency-response function determined in the previous steps is used to calculate the site-response component.

3.5 Inelastic Dynamic Analysis

Equations of Motion

Inelastic dynamic analysis is usually performed for the safety evaluation of important bridges to determine the inelastic response of bridges when subjected to design earthquake ground motions.

Inelastic dynamic analysis provides a realistic measure of response because the inelastic model accounts for the redistribution of internal actions due to the nonlinear force displacement behavior of the components [20–25]. Inelastic dynamic analysis considers nonlinear damping, stiffness, load deformation behavior of members including soil, and mass properties. A step-by-step integration procedure is the most powerful method used for nonlinear dynamic analysis. One important assumption of this procedure is that acceleration varies linearly while the properties of the system such as damping and stiffness remain constant during the time interval. By using this procedure, a nonlinear system is approximated as a series of linear systems and the response is calculated for a series of small equal intervals of time Δt and equilibrium is established at the beginning and end of each interval.

The accuracy of this procedure depends on the length of the time increment Δt. This time increment should be small enough to consider the rate of change of loading $p(t)$, nonlinear damping and stiffness properties, and the natural period of the vibration. An SDOF system and its characteristics are shown in Figure 3.20. The characteristics include spring and damping forces,
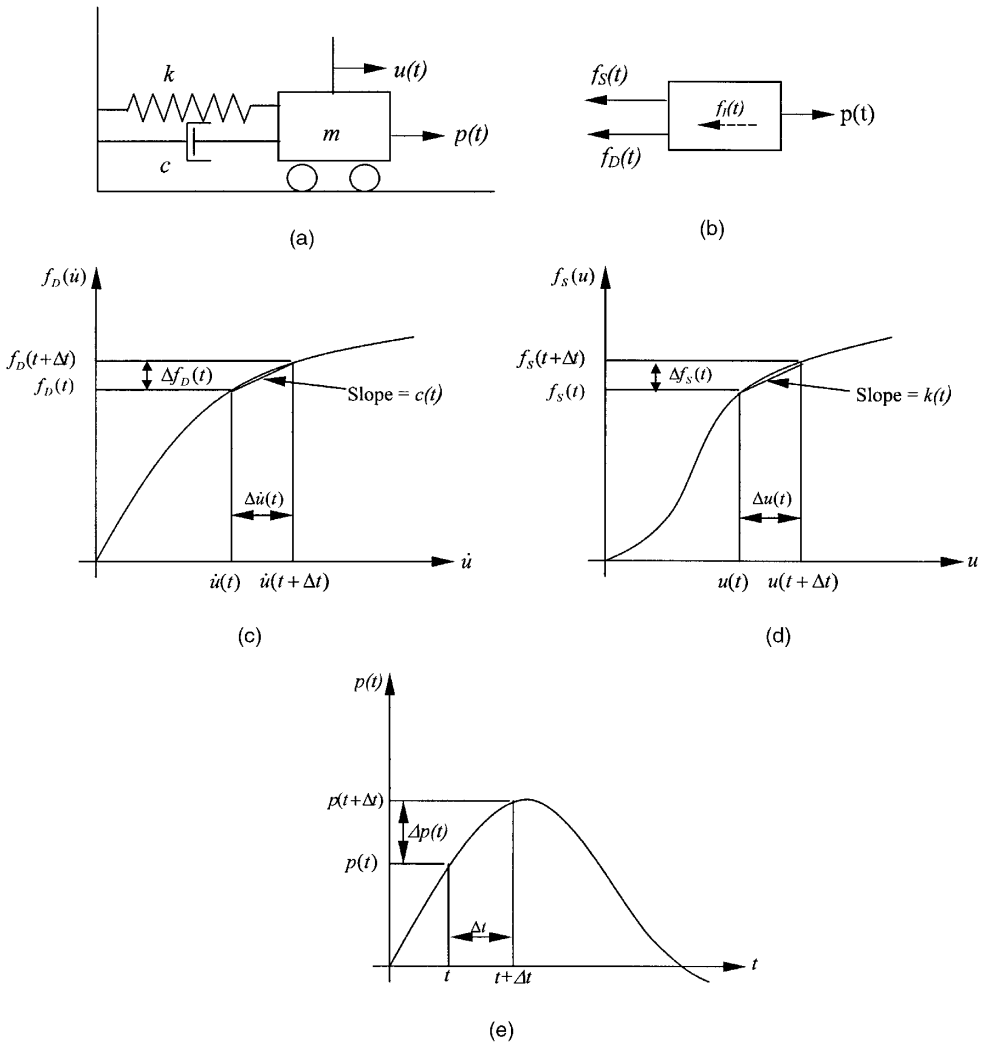
FIGURE 3.20   Definition of a nonlinear dynamic system. (a) Basic SDOF structure; (b) force equilibrium; (c) nonlinear damping; (d) nonlinear stiffness; (e) applied load.

forces acting on mass of the system, and arbitrary applied loading. The force equilibrium can be shown as

$$f_i(t) + f_d(t) + f_s(t) = p(t) \tag{3.73}$$

and the incremental equations of motion for time t can be shown as

$$m\,\Delta\ddot{u}(t) + c(t)\,\Delta\dot{u}(t) + k(t)\,\Delta u(t) = \Delta p(t) \tag{3.74}$$

Current damping $f_d(t)$, elastic forces $f_s(t)$ are then computed using the initial velocity $\dot{u}(t)$, displacement values $u(t)$, nonlinear properties of the system, damping $c(t)$, and stiffness $k(t)$ for that interval. New structural properties are calculated at the beginning of each time increment based on the current deformed state. The complete response is then calculated by using the displacement and velocity values computed at the end of each time step as the initial conditions for the next time interval and repeating until the desired time.

Modeling Considerations

A bridge structural model should have sufficient degrees of freedom and proper selection of linear/nonlinear elements such that a realistic response can be obtained. Nonlinear analysis is usually preceded by a linear analysis as a part of a complete analysis procedure to capture the physical and mechanical interactions of seismic input and structure response. Output from the linear response solution is then used to predict which nonlinearities will significantly affect the response and to model them appropriately. In other words, engineers can justify the effect of each nonlinear element introduced at the appropriate locations and establish the confidence in the nonlinear analysis. While discretizing the model, engineers should be aware of the trade-offs between the accuracy, computational time, and use of the information such as the regions of significant geometric and material nonlinearities. Nonlinear elements should have material behavior to simulate the hysteresis relations under reverse cyclic loading observed in the experiments.

The general issues in modeling of bridge structures include geometry, stiffness, mass distribution, and boundary conditions. In general, abutments, superstructure, bent caps, columns and pier walls, expansion joints, and foundation springs are the elements included in the structural model. The mass distribution in a structural model depends on the number of elements used to represent the bridge components. The model must be able to simulate the vibration modes of all components contributing to the seismic response of the structure.

Superstructure: Superstructure and bent caps are usually modeled using linear elastic three-dimensional beam elements. Detailed models may require nonlinear beam elements.

Columns and pier walls: Columns and pier walls are usually modeled using nonlinear beam elements having response properties with a yield surface described by the axial load and biaxial bending. Some characteristics of the column behavior include initial stiffness degradation due to concrete cracking, flexural yielding at the fixed end of the column, strain hardening, and pinching at the point of load reversal. Shear actions can be modeled using either linear or nonlinear load deformation relationships for columns. For both columns and pier walls, torsion can be modeled with linear elastic properties. For out-of-plane loading, flexural response of a pier wall is similar to that of columns, whereas for in-plane loading the nonlinear behavior is usually shear action.

Expansion joints: Expansion joints can be modeled using gap elements that simulate the nonlinear behavior of the joint. The variables include initial gap, shear capacity of the joint, and nonlinear load deformation characteristics of the gap.

Foundations and abutments: Foundations are typically modeled using nonlinear spring elements to represent the translational and rotational stiffness of the foundations to represent the expected

behavior during a design earthquake. Abutments are modeled using nonlinear spring and gap elements to represent the soil action, stiffness of the pile groups, and gaps at the seat.

3.6   Summary

This chapter has presented the basic principles and methods of dynamic analysis for the seismic design of bridges. Response spectrum analysis — the SDOF or equivalent SDOF-based equivalent static analysis — is efficient, convenient, and most frequently used for ordinary bridges with simple configurations. Elastic dynamic analysis is required for bridges with complex configurations. A multisupport response spectrum analysis recently developed by Kiureghian et al. [7] using a lumped-mass beam element mode may be used in lieu of an elastic time-history analysis.

Inelastic response spectrum analysis is a useful concept, but the current approaches apply only to SDOF structures. An actual nonlinear dynamic time-history analysis may be necessary for some important and complex bridges, but linearized dynamic analysis (dynamic secant stiffness analysis) and inelastic static analysis (static push-over analysis) (Chapter 4) are the best possible alternatives [8] for the most bridges.

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Nonlinear Analysis of Bridge Structures

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4.1   Introduction

In recent years, nonlinear bridge analysis has gained a greater momentum because of the need to assess inelastic structural behavior under seismic loads. Common seismic design philosophies for ordinary bridges allow some degree of damage without collapse. To control and evaluate damage, a postelastic nonlinear analysis is required. A nonlinear analysis is complex and involves many simplifying assumptions. Engineers must be familiar with those complexities and assumptions to design bridges that are safe and economical.

Many factors contribute to the nonlinear behavior of a bridge. These include factors such as material inelasticity, geometric or second-order effects, nonlinear soil–foundation–structure interaction, gap opening and closing at hinges and abutment locations, time-dependent effects due to concrete creep and shrinkage, etc. The subject of nonlinear analysis is extremely broad and cannot be covered in detail in this single chapter. Only material and geometric nonlinearities as well as
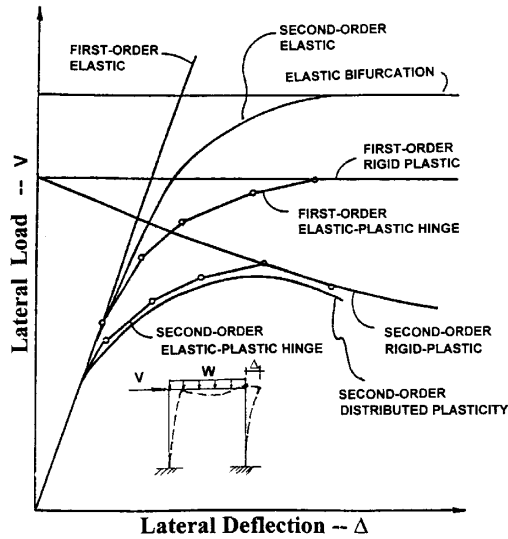
FIGURE 4.1   Lateral load–displacement curves of a frame.

some of the basic formulations of nonlinear static analysis with their practical applications to seismic bridge design will be presented here. The reader is referred to the many excellent papers, reports, and books [1–8] that cover this type of analysis in more detail.

In this chapter, some general guidelines for nonlinear static analysis are presented. These are followed by discussion of the formulations of geometric and material nonlinearities for section and frame analysis. Two examples are given to illustrate the applications of static nonlinear push-over analysis in bridge seismic design.

4.2   Analysis Classification and General Guidelines

Engineers use structural analysis as a fundamental tool to make design decisions. It is important that engineers have access to several different analysis tools and understand their development assumptions and limitations. Such an understanding is essential to select the proper analysis tool to achieve the design objectives.

Figure 4.1 shows lateral load vs. displacement curves of a frame using several structural analysis methods. Table 4.1 summarizes basic assumptions of those methods. It can be seen from Figure 4.1 that the first-order elastic analysis gives a straight line and no failure load. A first-order inelastic analysis predicts the maximum plastic load-carrying capacity on the basis of the undeformed geometry. A second-order elastic analysis follows an elastic buckling process. A second-order inelastic analysis traces load–deflection curves more accurately.

Classifications

Structural analysis methods can be classified on the basis of different formulations of equilibrium, the constitutive and compatibility equations as discussed below.

Classification Based on Equilibrium and Compatibility Formulations

First-order analysis: An analysis in which equilibrium is formulated with respect to the unde-
     formed (or original) geometry of the structure. It is based on small strain and small displace-
     ment theory.

TABLE 4.1 Structural Analysis Methods

Methods		Features		
		Constitutive Relationship	Equilibrium Formulation	Geometric Compatibility
First-order	Elastic Rigid–plastic Elastic–plastic hinge Distributed plasticity	Elastic Rigid plastic Elastic perfectly plastic Inelastic	Original undeformed geometry	Small strain and small displacement
Second-order	Elastic Rigid–plastic Elastic–plastic hinge Distributed plasticity	Elastic Rigid–plastic Elastic perfectly plastic Inelastic	Deformed structural geometry (P-Δ and P-δ)	Small strain and moderate rotation (displacement may be large)
True large displacement	Elastic Inelastic	Elastic Inelastic	Deformed structural geometry	Large strain and large deformation
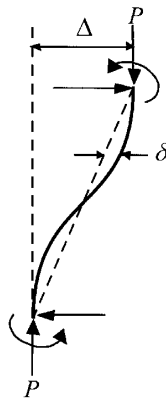
FIGURE 4.2 Second-order effects.

Second-order analysis: An analysis in which equilibrium is formulated with respect to the deformed geometry of the structure. A second-order analysis usually accounts for the P-Δ effect (influence of axial force acting through displacement associated with member chord rotation) and the P-δ effect (influence of axial force acting through displacement associated with member flexural curvature) (see Figure 4.2). It is based on small strain and small member deformation, but moderate rotations and large displacement theory.

True large deformation analysis: An analysis for which large strain and large deformations are taken into account.

Classification Based on Constitutive Formulation

Elastic analysis: An analysis in which elastic constitutive equations are formulated.

Inelastic analysis: An analysis in which inelastic constitutive equations are formulated.

Rigid–plastic analysis: An analysis in which elastic rigid–plastic constitutive equations are formulated.

Elastic–plastic hinge analysis: An analysis in which material inelasticity is taken into account by using concentrated "zero-length" plastic hinges.

Distributed plasticity analysis: An analysis in which the spread of plasticity through the cross sections and along the length of the members are modeled explicitly.

Classification Based on Mathematical Formulation

Linear analysis: An analysis in which equilibrium, compatibility, and constitutive equations are linear.

Nonlinear analysis: An analysis in which some or all of the equilibrium, compatibility, and constitutive equations are nonlinear.

General Guidelines

The following guidelines may be useful in analysis type selection:

- A first-order analysis may be adequate for short- to medium-span bridges. A second-order analysis should always be encouraged for long-span, tall, and slender bridges. A true large displacement analysis is generally unnecessary for bridge structures.
- An elastic analysis is sufficient for strength-based design. Inelastic analyses should be used for displacement-based design.
- The bowing effect (effect of flexural bending on member's axial deformation), the Wagner effect (effect of bending moments and axial forces acting through displacements associated with the member twisting), and shear effects on solid-webbed members can be ignored for most bridge structures.
- For steel nonlinearity, yielding must be taken into account. Strain hardening and fracture may be considered. For concrete nonlinearity, a complete strain–stress relationship (in compression up to the ultimate strain) should be used. Concrete tension strength can be neglected.
- Other nonlinearities, most importantly soil–foundation–structural interaction, seismic response modification devices (dampers and seismic isolations), connection flexibility, AND gap close and opening, should be carefully considered.

4.3   Geometric Nonlinearity Formulation

Geometric nonlinearities can be considered in the formulation of member stiffness matrices. The general force–displacement relationship for the prismatic member as shown in Figure 4.3 can be expressed as follows:

$$\{F\} = [K]\{D\} \tag{4.1}$$

where $\{F\}$ and $\{D\}$ are force and displacement vectors and $[K]$ is stiffness matrix.

For a two-dimensional member as shown in Figure 4.3a:

$$\{F\} = \left\{P_{1a},\ F_{2a},\ M_{3a},\ P_{1b}, F_{2b}, M_{3b}\right\}^{T} \tag{4.2}$$

$$\{D\} = \left\{u_{1a},\ u_{2a},\ \theta_{3a},\ u_{1b}, u_{2b}, \theta_{3b}\right\}^{T} \tag{4.3}$$

For a three-dimensional member as shown in Figure 4.3b:

$$\{F\} = \{P_{1a}, F_{2a}, F_{3a}, M_{1a}, M_{2a}, M_{3a}, P_{1b}, F_{2b}, F_{3b}, M_{1b}, M_{2b}, M_{3b}\}^{T} \tag{4.4}$$

$$\{D\} = \{u_{1a}, u_{2a}, u_{3a}, \theta_{1a}, \theta_{2a}, \theta_{3a}, u_{1b}, u_{2b}, u_{3b}, \theta_{1b}, \theta_{2b}, \theta_{3b}\}^{T} \tag{4.5}$$
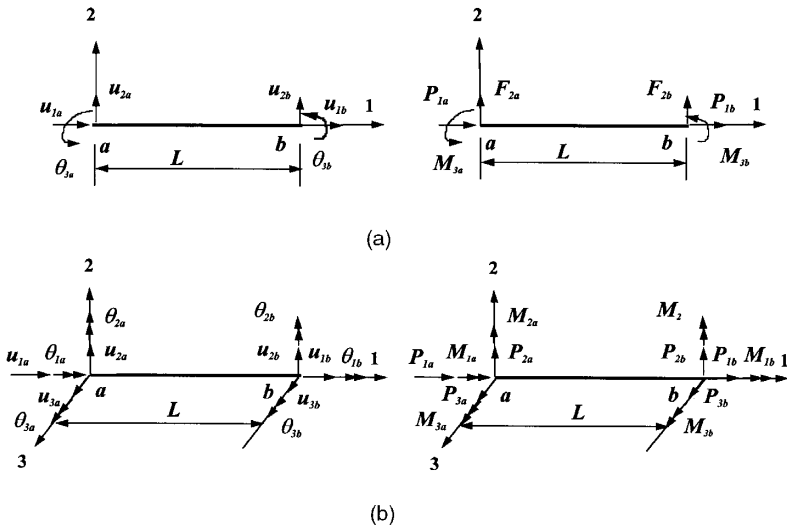
FIGURE 4.3 Degrees of freedom and nodal forces for a framed member. (a) Two-dimensional and (b) three-dimensional members.

Two sets of formulations of stability function-based and finite-element-based stiffness matrices are presented in the following section.

Two-Dimensional Members

For a two-dimensional prismatic member as shown in Figure 4.3a, the stability function-based stiffness matrix [9] is as follows:

$$
[K] = \begin{bmatrix}
\dfrac{AE}{L} & 0 & 0 & -\dfrac{AE}{L} & 0 & 0 \\
 & \dfrac{12EI}{L^3}\phi_1 & \dfrac{-6EI}{L^2}\phi_2 & 0 & \dfrac{-12EI}{L^3}\phi & \dfrac{-6EI}{L^2}\phi_2 \\
 & & 4\phi_3 & 0 & \dfrac{6EI}{L^2}\phi_2 & 2\phi_4 \\
 & & & \dfrac{AE}{L} & 0 & 0 \\
 & & & & \dfrac{12EI}{L^3}\phi & \dfrac{6EI}{L^2}\phi_2 \\
 & & & & & 4\phi_3
\end{bmatrix} \tag{4.6}
$$

where A is the cross-section area; E is the material modulus of elasticity; L is the member length; and $\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3,$ and ϕ_4 can be expressed by stability equations and are listed in Table 4.2. Alternatively, ϕ_i functions can also be expressed in the power series derived from the analytical solutions [10] as listed in Table 4.3.

Assuming polynomial displacement functions, the finite-element-based stiffness matrix [11,12] has the following form:

$$
[K] = [K_e] + [K_g] \tag{4.7}
$$

where $[K_e]$ is the first-order conventional linear elastic stiffness matrix and $[K_g]$ is the geometric stiffness matrix, which considers the effects of axial load on the bending stiffness of a member.

TABLE 4.2   Stability Function-Based ϕ_i Equations for Two-Dimensional Member

	Axial Load P		
ϕ	Compression	Zero	Tension
ϕ_1	$\dfrac{(kL)^3 \sin kL}{12\phi_c}$	1	$\dfrac{(kL)^3 \sinh kL}{12\phi_t}$
ϕ_2	$\dfrac{(kL)^2 (1-\cos kL)}{6\phi_c}$	1	$\dfrac{(kL)^2 (\cosh kL - 1)}{6\phi_t}$
ϕ_3	$\dfrac{(kL)(\sin kL - kL \cos kL)}{4\phi_c}$	1	$\dfrac{(kL)(kL \cosh kL - \sinh kL)}{4\phi_t}$
ϕ_4	$\dfrac{(kL)(kL - \sin kL)}{2\phi_c}$	1	$\dfrac{(kL)(\sin kL - kL)}{2\phi_t}$

Note: $\phi_c = 2 - 2\cos kL - kL \sin kL$; $\phi_t = 2 - 2\cosh kL - kL \sinh kL$; $k = \sqrt{P/EI}$.

TABLE 4.3   Power Series
Expression of ϕ_i Equations

ϕ_1	$\dfrac{1 + \displaystyle\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \dfrac{1}{(2n+1)!} \left[\mp (kL)^2\right]^n}{12\phi}$
ϕ_2	$\dfrac{\dfrac{1}{2} + \displaystyle\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \dfrac{1}{(2n+2)!} \left[\mp (kL)^2\right]^n}{6\phi}$
ϕ_3	$\dfrac{\dfrac{1}{3} + \displaystyle\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \dfrac{2(n+1)}{(2n+3)!} \left[\mp (kL)^2\right]^n}{4\phi}$
ϕ_4	$\dfrac{\dfrac{1}{6} + \displaystyle\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \dfrac{1}{(2n+3)!} \left[\mp (kL)^2\right]^n}{2\phi}$
ϕ	$\dfrac{1}{12} + \displaystyle\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \dfrac{2(n+1)}{(2n+4)!} \left[\mp (kL)^2\right]^n$

Note: minus sign = compression;
plus sign = tension.

$$[\boldsymbol{K}] = \begin{bmatrix} \dfrac{AE}{L} & 0 & 0 & -\dfrac{AE}{L} & 0 & 0 \\[2mm] & \dfrac{12EI}{L^3} & \dfrac{-6EI}{L^2} & 0 & \dfrac{-12EI}{L^3} & \dfrac{-6EI}{L^2} \\[2mm] & & 4 & 0 & \dfrac{6EI}{L^2} & 2 \\[2mm] & & & \dfrac{AE}{L} & 0 & 0 \\[2mm] & \text{sym} & & & \dfrac{12EI}{L^3} & \dfrac{6EI}{L^2} \\[2mm] & & & & & 4 \end{bmatrix} \tag{4.8}$$

$$[K_g] = \mp \frac{P}{L}\begin{vmatrix} \dfrac{6}{5} & \dfrac{-L}{10} & 0 & \dfrac{-6}{5} & \dfrac{-L}{10} \\[2mm] & \dfrac{2L^2}{15} & 0 & \dfrac{L}{10} & -\dfrac{L^2}{30} \\[2mm] & & 0 & 0 & 0 \\[2mm] & \text{sym.} & & \dfrac{6}{5} & \dfrac{L}{10} \\[2mm] & & & & \dfrac{2L^2}{15} \end{vmatrix} \tag{4.9}$$

It is noted [13] that Eqs. (4.8) and (4.9) exactly coincide with the stability function-based stiffness matrix when taken with only the first two terms of the Taylor series expansion in Eq. (4.6).

Three-Dimensional Members

For a three-dimensional frame member as shown in Figure 4.3b, the stability function-based stiffness matrix has the following form [14]:

$$[K] = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_{s1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\phi_{s1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & \phi_{s7} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \phi_{s6} & 0 & -\phi_{s7} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \phi_{s6} \\ & & \phi_{s9} & 0 & -\phi_{s8} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\phi_{s9} & 0 & -\phi_{s8} & 0 \\ & & & \dfrac{GJ}{L} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\dfrac{GJ}{L} & 0 & 0 \\ & & & & \phi_{s4} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \phi_{s8} & 0 & \phi_{s5} & 0 \\ & & & & & \phi_{s2} & 0 & -\phi_{s6} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \phi_{s3} \\ & & & & & & \phi_{s1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & & & & & & & \phi_{s7} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\phi_{s6} \\ & \text{Sym.} & & & & & & & \phi_{s9} & 0 & \phi_{s8} & 0 \\ & & & & & & & & & \dfrac{GJ}{L} & 0 & 0 \\ & & & & & & & & & & \phi_{s4} & 0 \\ & & & & & & & & & & & \phi_{s2} \end{bmatrix} \tag{4.10}$$

where G is shear modulus of elasticity; J is torsional constant; and ϕ_{s1} to ϕ_{s9} are expressed by stability equations and listed in Table 4.4.

Finite-element-based stiffness matrix has the form [15]:

$$[K_e] = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_{e1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\phi_{e1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & \phi_{e7} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \phi_{e6} & 0 & -\phi_{e7} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \phi_{e6} \\ & & \phi_{e9} & 0 & -\phi_{e8} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\phi_{e9} & 0 & -\phi_{e8} & 0 \\ & & & \dfrac{GJ}{L} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\dfrac{GJ}{L} & 0 & 0 \\ & & & & \phi_{e4} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\phi_{e8} & 0 & \phi_{e5} & 0 \\ & & & & & \phi_{e2} & 0 & -\phi_{e6} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \phi_{e3} \\ & & & & & & \phi_{e1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & & & & & & & \phi_{e7} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\phi_{e6} \\ & \text{Sym.} & & & & & & & \phi_{e9} & 0 & \phi_{e8} & 0 \\ & & & & & & & & & \dfrac{GJ}{L} & 0 & 0 \\ & & & & & & & & & & \phi_{e4} & 0 \\ & & & & & & & & & & & \phi_{e2} \end{bmatrix} \tag{4.11}$$

TABLE 4.4   Stability Function-Based ϕ_{si} for Three-Dimensional Member

ϕ_{si}		Stability Functions S_i	
		Compression	Tension
$\phi_{s1} = S_1 \dfrac{EA}{L}$	S_1	$\dfrac{1}{1 - \dfrac{EA}{4P^3L^2}\left[H_y + H_z\right]}$	$\dfrac{1}{1 - \dfrac{EA}{4P^3L^2}\left[H'_y + H'_z\right]}$
$\phi_{s2} = S_2 \dfrac{(4+\phi_y)EI_Z}{(1+\phi_y)L}$	S_2	$\dfrac{(\alpha L)(\sin\alpha L - \alpha L\cos\alpha L)}{4\phi_\alpha}$	$\dfrac{(\alpha L)(\alpha L\cosh\alpha L - \sinh\alpha L)}{4\phi_\alpha}$
$\phi_{s3} = S_2 \dfrac{(2-\phi_y)EI_Z}{(1+\phi_y)L}$	S_3	$\dfrac{(\alpha L)(\alpha L - \sin\alpha L)}{2\phi_\alpha}$	$\dfrac{(\alpha L)(\sinh\alpha L - \alpha L)}{2\phi_\alpha}$
$\phi_{s4} = S_4 \dfrac{(4+\phi_z)EI_y}{(1+\phi_z)L}$	S_4	$\dfrac{(\beta L)(\sin\beta L - \beta L\cos\beta L)}{4\phi_\beta}$	$\dfrac{(\beta L)(\beta L\cosh\beta L - \sinh\beta L)}{4\phi_\beta}$
$\phi_{s5} = S_2 \dfrac{(2-\phi_z)EI_y}{(1+\phi_z)L}$	S_5	$\dfrac{(\beta L)(\beta L - \sin\beta L)}{2\phi_\beta}$	$\dfrac{(\beta L)(\sinh\beta L - \beta L)}{2\phi_\beta}$
$\phi_{s6} = S_6 \dfrac{6EI_Z}{(1+\phi_y)L^2}$	S_6	$\dfrac{(\alpha L)^2(1-\cos\alpha L)}{6\phi_\alpha}$	$\dfrac{(\alpha L)^2(\cosh\alpha L - 1)}{6\phi_\alpha}$
$\phi_{s7} = S_7 \dfrac{12EI_Z}{(1+\phi_y)L^3}$	S_7	$\dfrac{(\alpha L)^3\sin\alpha L}{12\phi_\alpha}$	$\dfrac{(\alpha L)^3\sinh\alpha L}{12\phi_\alpha}$
$\phi_{s8} = S_8 \dfrac{6EI_y}{(1+\phi_z)L^2}$	S_8	$\dfrac{(\beta L)^2(1-\cos\beta L)}{6\phi_\beta}$	$\dfrac{(\beta L)^2(\cosh\beta L - 1)}{6\phi_\beta}$
$\phi_{s9} = S_9 \dfrac{12EI_y}{(1+\phi_z)L^3}$	S_9	$\dfrac{(\beta L)^3\sin\beta L}{12\phi_\beta}$	$\dfrac{(\beta L)^3\sinh\beta L}{12\phi_\beta}$
$\alpha = \sqrt{P/EI_Z}$	ϕ_α	$2-2\cos\alpha L - \alpha L\sin\alpha L$	$2-2\cosh\alpha L + \alpha L\sinh\alpha L$
$\beta = \sqrt{P/EI_y}$	ϕ_β	$2-2\cos\beta L - \beta L\sin\beta L$	$2-2\cosh\beta L + \beta L\sinh\beta L$

$$H_y = \beta L(M_{ya}^2 + M_{yb}^2)(\cot\beta L + \beta L\cos ec^2\beta L) - 2(M_{ya} + M_{yb})^2 + 2\beta LM_{ya}M_{yb}(\cos ec\beta L)(1+\beta L\cot\beta L)$$

$$H_z = \alpha L(M_{za}^2 + M_{zb}^2)(\cot\alpha L + \alpha L\cos ec^2\alpha L) - 2(M_{za} + M_{zb})^2 + 2\alpha LM_{za}M_{zb}(\cos ec\alpha L)(1+\alpha L\cot\alpha L)$$

$$H'_y = \beta L(M_{ya}^2 + M_{yb}^2)(\coth\beta L + \beta L\cos ech^2\beta L) - 2(M_{ya} + M_{yb})^2 + 2\beta LM_{ya}M_{yb}(\cos ech\beta L)(1+\beta L\coth\beta L)$$

$$H'_z = \alpha L(M_{za}^2 + M_{zb}^2)(\coth\alpha L + \alpha L\cos ech^2\alpha L) - 2(M_{za} + M_{zb})^2 + 2\alpha LM_{za}M_{zbb}(\cos ech\alpha L)(1+\alpha L\coth\alpha L)$$

$$[K_g] = \begin{bmatrix}
\phi_{g1} & \phi_{g10} & -\phi_{g11} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\phi_{g10} & \phi_{g11} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 & \phi_{g7} & 0 & \phi_{g12} & \phi_{g13} & \phi_{g6} & -\phi_{g10} & -\phi_{g7} & 0 & \phi_{g14} & -\phi_{g13} & \phi_{g6} \\
 & & \phi_{g9} & \phi_{g15} & -\phi_{g6} & \phi_{g13} & \phi_{g11} & 0 & -\phi_{g9} & \phi_{g16} & -\phi_{g6} & -\phi_{g13} \\
 & & & \phi_{g17} & \phi_{g18} & \phi_{g19} & & -\phi_{g12} & -\phi_{g15} & -\phi_{g17} & -\phi_{g20} & \phi_{g21} \\
 & & & & \phi_{g4} & 0 & 0 & -\phi_{g13} & \phi_{g6} & -\phi_{g20} & -\phi_{g5} & \phi_{g13} \\
 & & & & & \phi_{g2} & 0 & -\phi_{g6} & -\phi_{g13} & \phi_{g21} & -\phi_{g13} & -\phi_{g3} \\
 & & & & & & \phi_{g1} & \phi_{g10} & -\phi_{g11} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 & & & & & & & \phi_{g7} & 0 & -\phi_{g14} & \phi_{g13} & -\phi_{g6} \\
 & \text{Sym.} & & & & & & & \phi_{g9} & -\phi_{g16} & \phi_{g6} & \phi_{g13} \\
 & & & & & & & & & \phi_{g17} & \phi_{g18} & \phi_{g19} \\
 & & & & & & & & & & \phi_{g4} & 0 \\
 & & & & & & & & & & & \phi_{g2}
\end{bmatrix} \qquad (4.12)$$

where ϕ_{ei} and ϕ_{gi} are given in Table 4.5.

TABLE 4.5 Elements of Finite-Element-Based Stiffness Matrix

Linear Elastic Matrix	Geometric Nonlinear Matrix
$\phi_{e1} = \dfrac{AE}{L}$; $\phi_{e2} = \dfrac{4EI_Z}{L}$	$\phi_{g1} = 0$; $\phi_{g2} = \phi_{g4} = \dfrac{2F_{xb}L}{15}$; $\phi_{g3} = \phi_{g5} = \dfrac{F_{xb}L}{30}$
$\phi_{e3} = \dfrac{2EI_z}{L}$; $\phi_{e4} = \dfrac{4EI_y}{L}$	$\phi_{g7} = \phi_{g9} = \dfrac{6F_{xb}}{5L}$; $\phi_{g6} = \phi_{g8} = \dfrac{F_{xb}}{10}$; $\phi_{g10} = \dfrac{M_{za} + M_{zb}}{L^2}$
$\phi_{e5} = \dfrac{2EI_y}{L}$; $\phi_{e6} = \dfrac{6EI_Z}{L^2}$	$\phi_{g11} = \dfrac{M_{ya} + M_{yb}}{L^2}$; $\phi_{g12} = \dfrac{M_{ya}}{L}$; $\phi_{g13} = \dfrac{M_{xb}}{L}$
$\phi_{e7} = \dfrac{12EI_Z}{L^3}$; $\phi_{e8} = \dfrac{6EI_y}{L^2}$	$\phi_{g14} = \dfrac{M_{yb}}{L}$; $\phi_{g15} = \dfrac{M_{za}}{L}$; $\phi_{g16} = \dfrac{M_{zb}}{L}$
$\phi_{e9} = \dfrac{12EI_y}{L^3}$	$\phi_{g17} = \dfrac{F_{xb}I_p}{AL}$; $\phi_{g18} = \dfrac{M_{zb}}{6} - \dfrac{M_{za}}{3}$; $\phi_{g19} = \dfrac{M_{ya}}{3} - \dfrac{M_{yb}}{6}$
	$\phi_{g20} = \dfrac{M_{za} + M_{zyb}}{6}$; $\phi_{g21} = \dfrac{M_{ya} + M_{yb}}{6}$

I_z and I_y are moments of inertia about the z–z and y–y axis, respectively; I_p is the polar moment of inertia.

Stiffness matrices considering warping degree of freedom and finite rotations for a thin-walled member were derived by Yang and McGuire [16,17].

In conclusion, both sets of the stiffness matrices have been used successfully when considering geometric nonlinearities (*P*-Δ and *P*-δ effects). The stability function-based formulation gives an accurate solution using fewer degrees of freedom when compared with the finite-element method. Its power series expansion (Table 4.3) can be implemented easily without truncation to avoid numerical difficulty.

The finite-element-based formulation produces an approximate solution. It has a simpler form and may require dividing the member into a large number of elements in order to keep the (*P/L*) term a small quantity to obtain accurate results.

4.4   Material Nonlinearity Formulations

Structural Concrete

Concrete material nonlinearity is incorporated into analysis using a nonlinear stress–strain relationship. Figure 4.4 shows idealized stress–strain curves for unconfined and confined concrete in uniaxial compression. Tests have shown that the confinement provided by closely spaced transverse reinforcement can substantially increase the ultimate concrete compressive stress and strain. The confining steel prevents premature buckling of the longitudinal compression reinforcement and increases the concrete ductility. Extensive research has been made to develop concrete stress–strain relationships [18–25].

Compression Stress–Strain Relationship

Unconfined Concrete
A general stress–strain relationship proposed by Hognestad [18] is widely used for plain concrete or reinforced concrete with a small amount of transverse reinforcement. The relation has the following simple form:
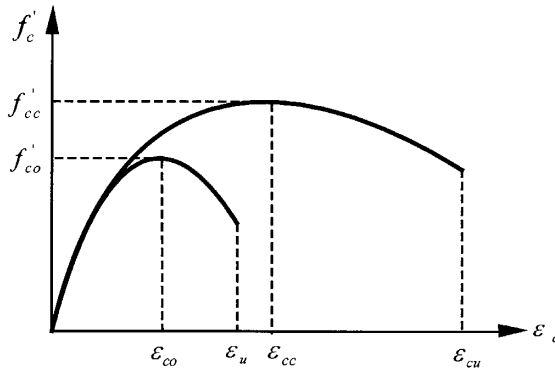
FIGURE 4.4   Idealized stress–strain curves for concrete in uniaxial compression.

$$f_c = \begin{cases} f'_{co}\left[\dfrac{2\varepsilon_c}{\varepsilon_{co}} - \left(\dfrac{\varepsilon_c}{\varepsilon_{co}}\right)^2\right] & \varepsilon_c \leq \varepsilon_{co} \\[3mm] f'_{co}\left[1 - \beta\left(\dfrac{\varepsilon_c - \varepsilon_o}{\varepsilon_u - \varepsilon_{co}}\right)\right] & \varepsilon_{co} < \varepsilon_c \leq \varepsilon_u \end{cases} \tag{4.13}$$

$$\varepsilon_{co} = \frac{2f'_{co}}{E_c} \tag{4.14}$$

where f_c and ε_c are the concrete stress and strain; f'_{co} is the peak stress for unconfined concrete usually taken as the cylindrical compression strength f'_c; ε_{co} is strain at peak stress for unconfined concrete usually taken as 0.002; ε_u is the ultimate compression strain for unconfined concrete taken as 0.003; E_c is the modulus of elasticity of concrete; β is a reduction factor for the descending branch usually taken as 0.15. Note that the format of Eq. (4.13) can be also used for confined concrete if the concrete-confined peak stress f'_{cc} and strain ε_{cu} are known or assumed and substituted for f'_{co} and ε_u, respectively.

Confined Concrete — Mander's Model
Analytical models describing the stress–strain relationship for confined concrete depend on the confining transverse reinforcement type (such as hoops, spiral, or ties) and shape (such as circular, square, or rectangular). Some of those analytical models are more general than others in their applicability to various confinement types and shapes. A general stress–strain model (Figure 4.5) for confined concrete applicable (in theory) to a wide range of cross sections and confinements was proposed by Mander et al. [23,24] and has the following form:

$$f_c = \frac{f'_{cc}(\varepsilon_c / \varepsilon_{cc})r}{r - 1 + (\varepsilon_c / \varepsilon_{cc})^r} \tag{4.15}$$

$$\varepsilon_{cc} = \varepsilon_{co}\left[1 + 5\left(\frac{f'_{cc}}{f'_{co}} - 1\right)\right] \tag{4.16}$$
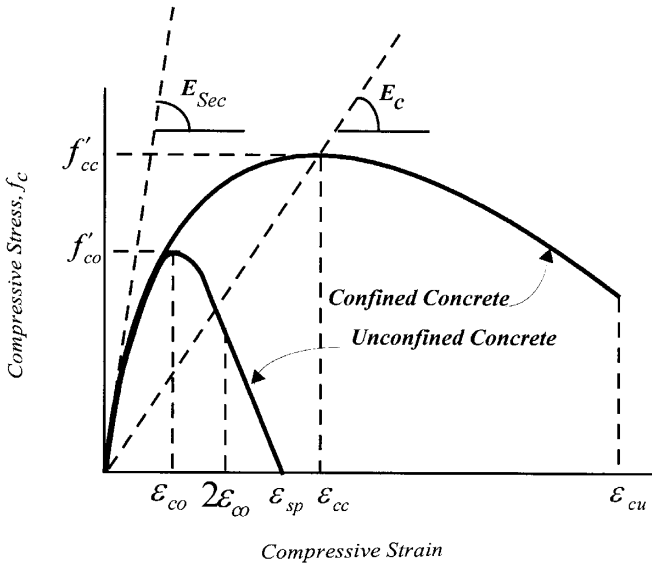
FIGURE 4.5   Stress–strain curves — Mander model.

$$r = \frac{E_c}{E_c - E_{\text{sec}}} \tag{4.17}$$

$$E_{\text{sec}} = \frac{f'_{cc}}{\varepsilon_{cc}} \tag{4.18}$$

where f'_{cc} and ε_{cc} are peak compressive stress and corresponding strain for confined concrete. f'_{cc} and ε_{cu}, which depend on the confinement type and shape, are calculated as follows:

Confined Peak Stress

1. **For concrete circular section confined by circular hoops or spiral** (Figure 4.6a):

$$f'_{cc} = f'_{co}\left(2.254\sqrt{1 + \frac{7.94 f'_l}{f'_{co}}} - \frac{2 f'_l}{f'_{co}} - 1.254\right) \tag{4.19}$$

$$f'_l = \frac{1}{2} K_e \rho_s f_{yh} \tag{4.20}$$

$$K_e = \begin{cases} \left(1 - s'/2d_s\right)^2 / \left(1 - \rho_{cc}\right) & \text{for circular hoops} \\ \left(1 - s'/2d_s\right) / \left(1 - \rho_{cc}\right) & \text{for circular spirals} \end{cases} \tag{4.21}$$

$$\rho_s = \frac{4 A_{sp}}{d_s s} \tag{4.22}$$
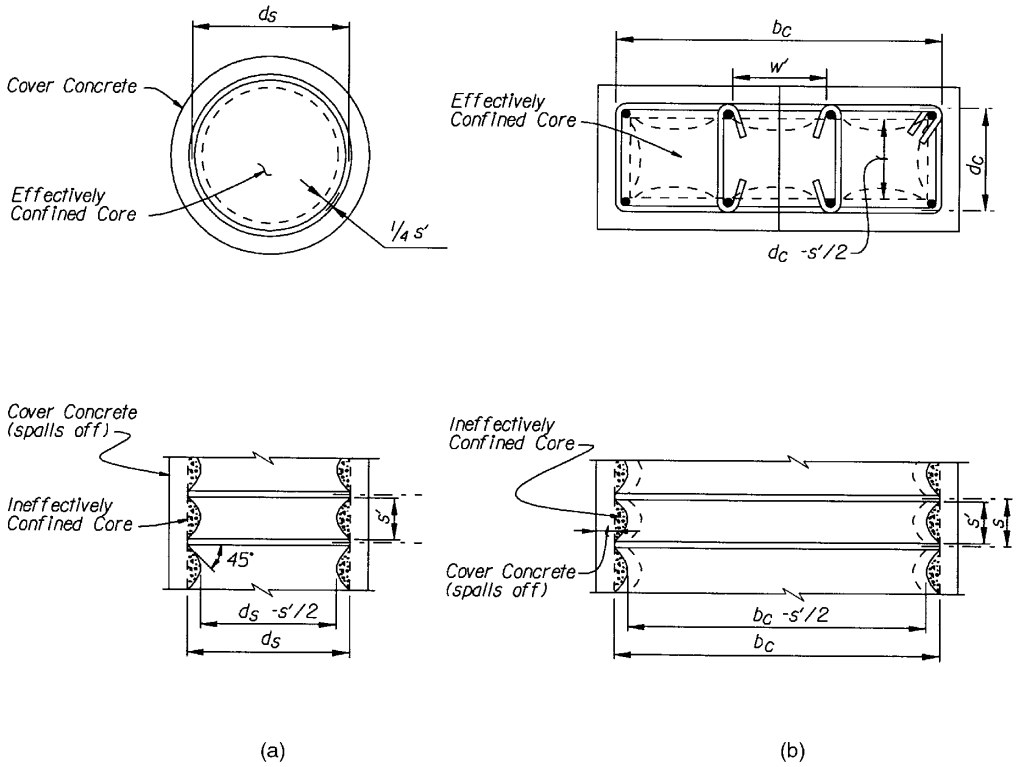
FIGURE 4.6   Confined core for hoop reinforcement. (a) Circular hoop and (b) rectangular hoop reinforcement.

where f_l' is the effective lateral confining pressure; K_e is confinement effectiveness coefficient, f_{yh} is the yield stress of the transverse reinforcement, s' is the clear vertical spacing between hoops or spiral; s is the center-to-center spacing of the spiral or circular hoops; d_s is the centerline diameter of the spiral or hoops circle; ρ_{cc} is the ratio of the longitudinal reinforcement area to section core area; ρ_s is the ratio of the transverse confining steel volume to the confined concrete core volume; and A_{sp} is the bar area of transverse reinforcement.

2. **For rectangular concrete section confined by rectangular hoops** (Figure 4.6b)

The rectangular hoops may produce two unequal effective confining pressures f_{lx}' and f_{ly}' in the principal *x* and *y* direction defined as follows:

$$f_{lx}' = K_e\, \rho_x f_{yh} \tag{4.23}$$

$$f_{ly}' = K_e\, \rho_y f_{yh} \tag{4.24}$$

$$K_e = \frac{\left[1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{(w_i')^2}{6 b_c d_c}\right]\left(1 - \frac{s'}{2 b_c}\right)\left(1 - \frac{s'}{2 d_c}\right)}{(1 - \rho_{cc})} \tag{4.25}$$

$$\rho_x = \frac{A_{sx}}{s\, d_c} \tag{4.26}$$

$$\rho_y = \frac{A_{sy}}{s\, b_c} \tag{4.27}$$
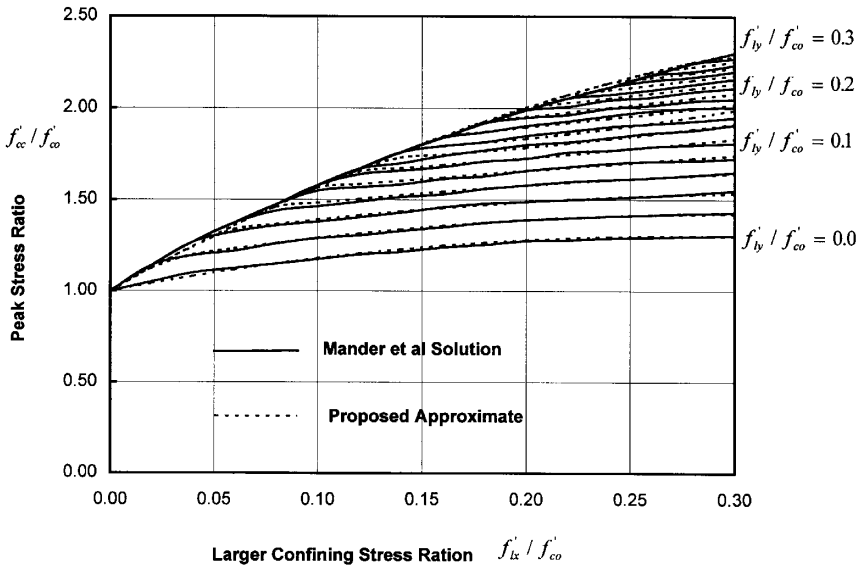
FIGURE 4.7 Peak stress of confined concrete.

where f_{yh} is the yield strength of transverse reinforcement; w_i' is the ith clear distance between adjacent longitudinal bars; b_c and d_c are core dimensions to centerlines of hoop in x and y direction (where $b \geq d$), respectively; and A_{sx} and A_{sy} are the total area of transverse bars in x and y direction, respectively.

Once f_{lx}' and f_{ly}' are determined, the confined concrete strength f_{cc}' can be found using the chart shown in Figure 4.7 with f_{lx}' being greater than or equal to f_{ly}'. The chart depicts the general solution of the "five-parameter" multiaxial failure surface described by William and Warnke [26].

As an alternative to the chart, the authors derived the following equations for estimating f_{cc}':

$$f_{cc} = \begin{cases} A f_{lx}^2 + B f_{lx} + C & f_{ly} < f_{lx} \text{ and } f_{ly} \leq 0.15 \\[2mm] \dfrac{f_{lx} - f_{ly}}{0.3 - f_{ly}} D + C & f_{ly} < f_{lx} \text{ and } f_{ly} > 0.15 \\[2mm] C & f_{ly} = f_{lx} \end{cases} \tag{4.28}$$

$$A = 196.5 f_{ly}^2 + 29.1 f_{ly} - 4 \tag{4.29}$$

$$B = -69.5 f_{ly}^2 + 8.9 f_{ly} + 2.2 \tag{4.30}$$

$$C = -6.83 f_{ly}^2 + 6.38 f_{ly} + 1 \tag{4.31}$$

$$D = -1.5 f_{ly}^2 - 0.55 f_{ly} + 0.3 \tag{4.32}$$

where

$$f_{cc} = \frac{f_{cc}'}{f_{co}'}; \ f_{lx} = \frac{f_{lx}'}{f_{co}'}; \ f_{ly} = \frac{f_{ly}'}{f_{co}'}$$

Note that by setting $f_l' = 0.0$ in Eq. (4.19), Eqs. (4.16) and (4.15) will produce to Mander's expression for unconfined concrete. In this case and for concrete strain $\varepsilon_c > 2\,\varepsilon_{co}$, a straight line that reaches zero stress at the spalling strain ε_{sp} is assumed.

Confined Concrete Ultimate Compressive Strain

Experiments have shown that a sudden drop in the confined concrete stress–strain curve takes place when the confining transverse steel first fractures. Defining the ultimate compressive strain as the longitudinal strain at which the first confining hoop fracture occurs, and using the energy balance approach, Mander et al. [27] produced an expression for predicting the ultimate compressive strain that can be solved numerically.

A conservative and simple equation for estimating the confined concrete ultimate strain is given by Priestley et al. [7]:

$$\varepsilon_{cu} = 0.004 + \frac{1.4\rho_s f_{yh}\varepsilon_{su}}{f_{cc}'} \tag{4.33}$$

where ε_{su} is the steel strain at maximum tensile stress. For rectangular section $\rho_s = \rho_x + \rho_y$ as defined previously. Typical values for ε_{cu} range from 0.012 to 0.05.

Equation (4.33) is formulated for confined sections subjected to axial compression. It is noted that when Eq. (4.33) is used for a section in bending or in combined bending and axial compression, then it tends to be conservative by a least 50%.

Chai et al. [28] used an energy balance approach to derive the following expression for calculating the concrete ultimate confined strain as

$$\varepsilon_{cu} = \varepsilon_{sp} + \begin{cases} \rho_s\varepsilon_{su}\dfrac{\gamma_2 f_{yh}}{\gamma_1 f_{cc}'} & \text{confined by reinforcement} \\[2ex] \rho_{sj}\varepsilon_{suj}\dfrac{\gamma_2 f_{yj}}{\gamma_1 f_{cc}'} & \text{confined by circular steel jackets} \end{cases} \tag{4.34}$$

where ε_{sp} is the spalling strain of the unconfined concrete (usually = 0.003 to 0.005), γ_1 is an integration coefficient of the area between the confined and unconfined stress–strain curves; and γ_2 is an integration coefficient of the area under the transverse steel stress–strain curve. The confining ratio for steel jackets $\rho_{sj} = 4t_j/(D_j - 2t_j)$; D_i and t_j is outside diameter and thickness of the jacket, respectively; f_{yj} is yield stress of the steel jacket. For high- and mild-strength steels and concrete compressive strengths of 4 to 6 ksi (27.58 to 41.37 MPa), Chai et al. [28] proposed the following expressions:

$$\frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_1} = \begin{cases} \dfrac{2000\rho_s}{\left(1+(1428\rho_s)^4\right)^{0.25}} & \text{for Grade 40 Steel} \\[3ex] \dfrac{2000\rho_s}{\left(1+(1480\rho_s)^{0.25}\right)^{0.4}} & \text{for Grade 60 Steel} \end{cases} \tag{4.35}$$

Confined Concrete — Hoshikuma's Model

In additional to Mander's model, Table 4.6 lists a stress–strain relationship for confined concrete proposed by Hoshikuma et al. [25]. The Hoshikuma model was based on the results of a series of experimental tests covering circular, square, and wall-type cross sections with various transverse reinforcement arrangement in bridge piers design practice in Japan.

TABLE 4.6 Hoshikuma et al. [25] Stress–Strain Relationship of Confined Concrete

$$f_c = \begin{cases} E_c \varepsilon_c \left[1 - \dfrac{1}{n} \left(\dfrac{\varepsilon_c}{\varepsilon_{cc}} \right)^{n-1} \right] & \varepsilon_c \leq \varepsilon_{cc} \\[3mm] f'_{cc} - E_{des}(\varepsilon_c - \varepsilon_{cc}) & \varepsilon_{cc} < \varepsilon_c \leq \varepsilon_{cu} \end{cases}$$

$$n = \frac{E_c \varepsilon_{cc}}{E_c \varepsilon_{cc} - f'_{cc}} \; ; \quad \varepsilon_{cu} = \varepsilon_{cc} + \frac{f'_{cc}}{2 E_{des}} \; ; \quad E_{des} = 11.2 \frac{f'^2_{co}}{\rho_s f_{yh}}$$

$$\frac{f'_{cc}}{f'_{co}} = \begin{cases} 1.0 + 3.8 \dfrac{\rho_s f_{yh}}{f'_{co}} & \text{for circular section} \\[3mm] 1.0 + 0.76 \dfrac{\rho_s f_{yh}}{f'_{co}} & \text{for square section} \end{cases}$$

$$\varepsilon_{cc} = \begin{cases} 0.002 + 0.033 \dfrac{\rho_s f_{sh}}{f'_{co}} & \text{for circular section} \\[3mm] 0.002 + 0.013 \dfrac{\rho_s f_{sh}}{f'_{co}} & \text{for square section} \end{cases}$$
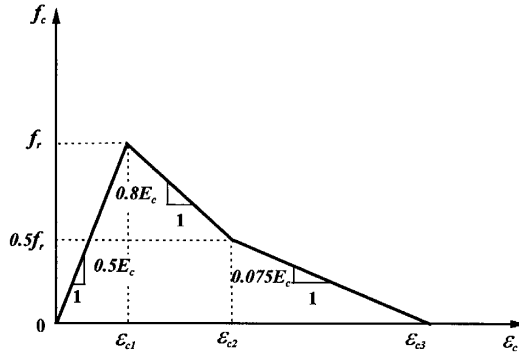
FIGURE 4.8 Idealized stress–strain curve of concrete in uniaxial tension.

Tension Stress–Strain Relationship

Two idealized stress–strain curves for concrete in tension is shown in Figure 4.8. For plain concrete, the curve is linear up to cracking stress f_r. For reinforced concrete, there is a descending branch because of bond characteristics of reinforcement. A trilinear expression proposed by Vebe et al. [29] is as follows:

$$f_c = \begin{cases} 0.5 E_c \varepsilon_c & \varepsilon_c \leq \varepsilon_{c1} = 2 f_r / E_c \\[2mm] f_r [1 - 0.8 E_c (\varepsilon_c - 2 f_r / E_c)] & \varepsilon_{c1} < \varepsilon_c \leq \varepsilon_{c2} = 2.625 f_r / E_c \\[2mm] f_r [0.5 - 0.075 E_c (\varepsilon_c - 2.625 f_r / 4 E_c)] & \varepsilon_c < \varepsilon_{c3} = 9.292 f_r / E_c \end{cases} \qquad (4.36)$$

where f_r is modulus of rupture of concrete.
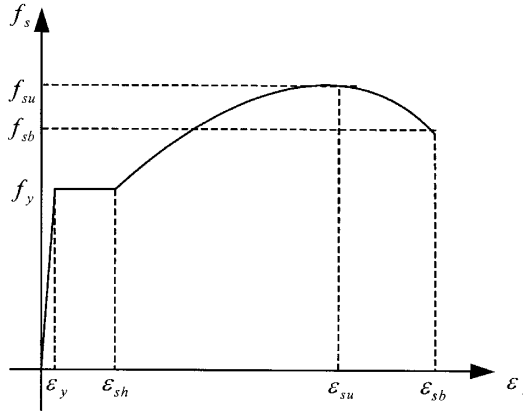
FIGURE 4.9   Idealized stress–strain curve of structural steel and reinforcement.

Structural and Reinforcement Steel

For structural steel and nonprestressed steel reinforcement, its stress–strain relationship can be idealized as four parts: elastic, plastic, strain hardening, and softening, as shown in Figure 4.9. The relationship is, commonly expressed as follows:

$$f_s = \begin{cases} E_s \varepsilon_s & 0 \le \varepsilon_s \le \varepsilon_y \\ f_y & \varepsilon_{sy} < \varepsilon_s \le \varepsilon_{sh} \\ f_y + \dfrac{\varepsilon_s - \varepsilon_{sh}}{\varepsilon_{su} - \varepsilon_{sh}}(f_{su} - f_y) & \varepsilon_{sh} < \varepsilon_s \le \varepsilon_{su} \\ f_u - \dfrac{\varepsilon_s - \varepsilon_{su}}{\varepsilon_{sb} - \varepsilon_{su}}(f_{su} - f_{sb}) & \varepsilon_{cu} < \varepsilon_s \le \varepsilon_{sb} \end{cases} \tag{4.37}$$

where f_s and ε_s are stress of strain in steel; E_s is the modulus of elasticity of steel; f_y and ε_y are yield stress and strain; ε_{sh} is hardening strain; f_{su} and ε_{su} are maximum stress and corresponding strain; and f_{sb} and ε_{sb} are rupture stress and corresponding strain.

$$\varepsilon_{sh} = \begin{cases} 14\,\varepsilon_y & \text{for Grade 40} \\ 5\,\varepsilon_y & \text{for Grade 60} \end{cases} \tag{4.38}$$

$$\varepsilon_{su} = \begin{cases} 0.14 + \varepsilon_{sh} & \text{for Grade 40} \\ 0.12 & \text{for Grade 60} \end{cases} \tag{4.39}$$

For the reinforcing steel, the following nonlinear form can also be used for the strain-hardening portion [28]:

$$f_s = f_y \left[\frac{m(\varepsilon_s - \varepsilon_{sh}) + 2}{60(\varepsilon_s - \varepsilon_{sh}) + 2} + \frac{(\varepsilon_s - \varepsilon_{sh})(60 - m)}{2(30r + 1)^2} \right] \quad \text{for } \varepsilon_{sh} < \varepsilon_s \le \varepsilon_{su} \tag{4.40}$$

$$m = \frac{(f_{su}/f_y)(30r+1)^2 - 60r - 1}{15r^2} \qquad (4.41)$$

$$r = \varepsilon_{su} - \varepsilon_{sh} \qquad (4.42)$$

$$f_{su} = 1.5f_y \qquad (4.43)$$

For both strain-hardening and -softening portions, Holzer et al. [30] proposed the following expression:

$$f_s = f_y\left[1 + \frac{\varepsilon_s - \varepsilon_{sh}}{\varepsilon_{su} - \varepsilon_{sh}}\left(\frac{f_{su}}{f_y} - 1\right)\exp\left(1 - \frac{\varepsilon_s - \varepsilon_{sh}}{\varepsilon_{su} - \varepsilon_{sh}}\right)\right] \qquad \text{for } \varepsilon_{sh} < \varepsilon_s \le \varepsilon_{sb} \qquad (4.44)$$

For prestressing steel, its stress–strain behavior is different from that of nonprestressed steel. There is no obvious yield flow plateau in its response.

4.5 Nonlinear Section Analysis

Basic Assumptions and Formulations

The main purpose of section analysis is to study the moment–thrust–curvature behavior. In a nonlinear section analysis, the following assumptions are usually made:

- Plane sections before bending remain plane after bending;
- Shear and torsional deformation is negligible;
- Stress–strain relationships for concrete and steel are given;
- For reinforced concrete, a prefect bond between concrete and steel rebar exists.

The mathematical formulas used in the section analysis are (Figure 4.10):

Compatibility equations

$$\phi_x = \varepsilon/y \qquad (4.45)$$

$$\phi_y = \varepsilon/x \qquad (4.46)$$

Equilibrium equations

$$P = \int_A \sigma\, dA = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma_i A_i \qquad (4.47)$$

$$M_x = \int_A \sigma\, y\, dA = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma_i y_i A_i \qquad (4.48)$$

$$M_y = \int_A \sigma\, x\, dA = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma_i x_i A_i \qquad (4.49)$$
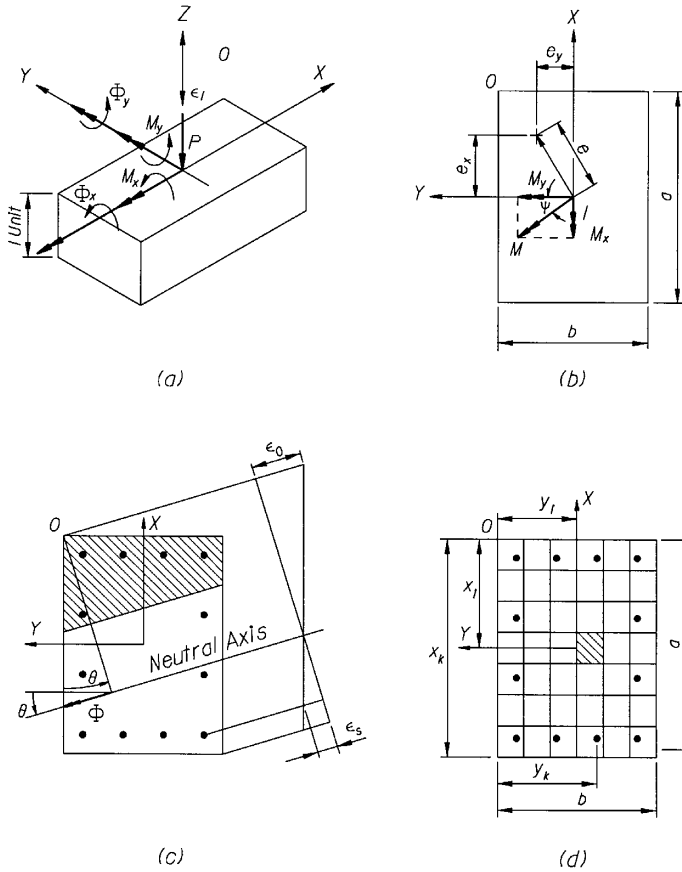
FIGURE 4.10   Moment–curvature–strain of cross section.

Modeling and Solution Procedures

For a reinforced-concrete member, the cross section is divided into a proper number of concrete and steel filaments representing the concrete and reinforcing steel as shown in Figure 4.10d. Each concrete and steel filament is assigned its corresponding stress–strain relationships. Confined and unconfined stress–strain relationships are used for the core concrete and for the cover concrete, respectively.

For a structural steel member, the section is divided into steel filaments and a typical steel stress–strain relationship is used for tension and compact compression elements, and an equivalent stress–strain relationship with reduced yield stress and strain can be used for a noncompact compression element.

The analysis process starts by selecting a strain for the extreme concrete (or steel) fiber. By using this selected strain and assuming a section neutral axis (NA) location, a linear strain profile is constructed and the corresponding section stresses and forces are computed. Section force equilibrium is then checked for the given axial load. By changing the location of the NA, the process is repeated until equilibrium is satisfied. Once equilibrium is satisfied, for the assumed strain and the given axial load, the corresponding section moment and curvature are computed by Eqs. (4.48) and (4.49).

A moment–curvature (M–Φ) diagram for a given axial load is constructed by incrementing the extreme fiber strain and finding the corresponding moment and the associated curvature. An interaction diagram (M–P) relating axial load and the ultimate moment is constructed by incrementing the axial load and finding the corresponding ultimate moment using the above procedure.
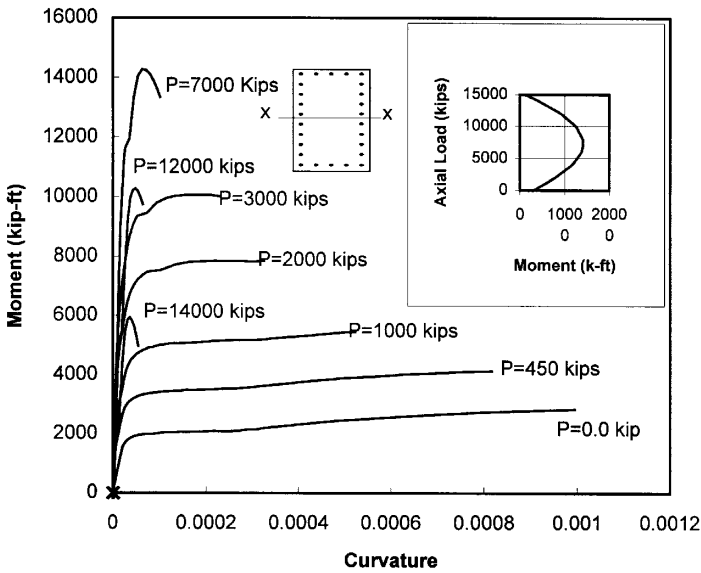
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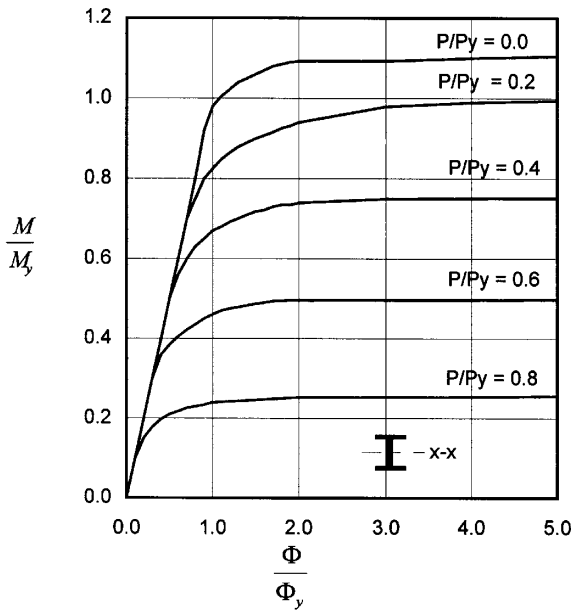
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FIGURE 4.11 Moment–thrust–curvature curve. (a) Reinforced concrete section; (b) steel I-section.

For a reinforced-concrete section, the yield moment is usually defined as the section moment at onset of yielding of the tension reinforcing steel. The ultimate moment is defined as the moment at peak moment capacity. The ultimate curvature is usually defined as the curvature when the extreme concrete fiber strain reaches ultimate strain or when the reinforcing rebar reaches its ultimate (rupture) strain (whichever takes place first). Figure 4.11a shows typical M–P–Φ curves for a reinforced-concrete section.
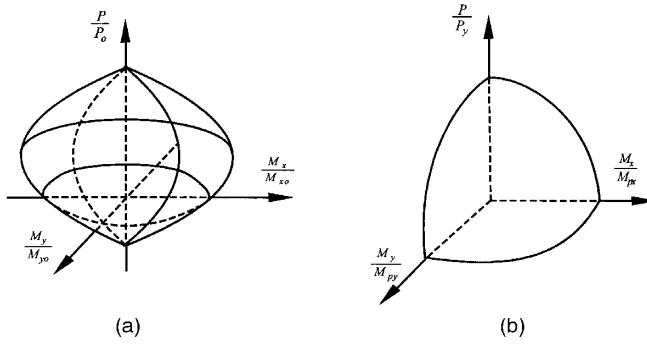
FIGURE 4.12   General yield surfaces. (a) Reinforced concrete section; (b) steel section.

For a simple steel section, such as rectangular, circular-solid, and thin-walled circular section, a closed-form of M–P–Φ can be obtained using the elastic-perfectly plastic stress–strain relations [4, 31]. For all other commonly used steel section, numerical iteration techniques are used to obtain M–P–Φ curves. Figure 4.11b shows typical M–P–Φ curves for a wide-flange section.

Yield Surface Equations

The yield or failure surface concept has been conveniently used in inelastic analysis to describe the full plastification of steel and concrete sections under the action of axial force combined with biaxial bending. This section will present several yield surface expressions for steel and concrete sections suitable for use in a nonlinear analysis.

Yield Surface Equations for Concrete Sections

The general interaction failure surface for a reinforced-concrete section with biaxial bending, as shown in Figure 4.12a, can be approximated by a nondimensional interaction equation [32]:

$$\left(\frac{M_x}{M_{xo}} \right)^m + \left(\frac{M_y}{M_{yo}} \right)^n = 1.0 \qquad (4.50)$$

where M_x and M_y are bending moments about x–x and y–y principal axes, respectively; M_{xo} and M_{yo} are the uniaxial bending capacity about the x–x and y–y axes under axial load P; and the exponents m and n depend on the reinforced-concrete section properties and axial force. They can be determined by a numerical analysis or experiments. In general, the values of m and n usually range from 1.1 to 1.4 for low and moderate axial compression.

Yield Surface Equation for Doubly Symmetrical Steel Sections

The general shape of yield surface for a doubly symmetrical steel section as shown in Figure 4.12b can be described approximately by the following general equation [33]:

$$\left(\frac{M_x}{M_{pcx}} \right)^{\alpha_x} + \left(\frac{M_y}{M_{pcy}} \right)^{\alpha_y} = 1.0 \qquad (4.51)$$

where M_{pcx} and M_{pcy} are the moment capacities about respective axes, reduced for the presence of axial load; they can be obtained by the following formulas:

TABLE 4.7 Parameters for Doubly Symmetrical Steel Sections

Section Types	α_x	α_y	β_x	β_y
Solid rectangular	$1.7 + 1.3\ (P/P_y)$	$1.7 + 1.3\ (P/P_y)$	2.0	2.0
Solid circular	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1
I-shape	2.0	$1.2 + 2\ (P/P_y)$	1.3	$2 + 1.2\ (A_w/A_f)$
Thin-walled box	$1.7 + 1.5\ (P/P_y)$	$1.7 + 1.5\ (P/P_y)$	$2 - 0.5\ \overline{B} \geq 1.3$	$2 - 0.5\ \overline{B} \geq 1.3$
Thin-walled circular	2.0	2.0	1.75	1.75

Where $\overline{B}$ is the ratio of width to depth of the box section with respect to the bending axis.

$$M_{pcx} = M_{px}\left[1 - \left(\frac{P}{P_y}\right)^{\beta_x}\right] \tag{4.52}$$

$$M_{pcy} = M_{py}\left[1 - \left(\frac{P}{P_y}\right)^{\beta_y}\right] \tag{4.53}$$

where P is the axial load; M_{px} and M_{py} are the plastic moments about x–x and y–y principal axes, respectively; and α_x, α_y, β_x, and β_y are parameters that depend on cross-sectional shapes and area distribution and are listed in Table 4.7.

Equation (4.51) represents a smooth and convex surface in the three-dimensional stress-resultant space. It is easy to implement in a computer-based structural analysis.

Orbison [15] developed the following equation for a wide-flange section by trial and error and curve fitting:

$$1.15\left(\frac{P}{P_y}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{M_x}{M_{px}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{M_y}{M_{py}}\right)^4 + 3.67\left(\frac{P}{P_y}\right)\left(\frac{M_x}{M_{px}}\right)^2$$
$$+ 3.0\left(\frac{P}{P_y}\right)^2\left(\frac{M_y}{M_{py}}\right)^2 + 4.65\left(\frac{M_x}{M_{px}}\right)^4\left(\frac{M_y}{M_{py}}\right)^2 = 1.0 \tag{4.54}$$

4.6 Nonlinear Frame Analysis

Both the first-order and second-order inelastic frame analyses can be categorized into three types of analysis: (1) elastic–plastic hinge, (2) refined plastic hinge, and (3) distributed plasticity. This section will discuss the basic assumptions and applications of those analyses.

Elastic–Plastic Hinge Analysis

In an elastic–plastic hinge (lumped plasticity) analysis, material inelasticity is taken into account using concentrated "zero-length" plastic hinges. The traditional plastic hinge is defined as a zero-length point along the structure member that can maintain plastic moment capacity and rotate freely. When the section reaches its plastic capacity (for example, the yield surface as shown in Figure 4.12), a plastic hinge is formed and the element stiffness is adjusted [34,35] to reflect the hinge formation. For regions in a framed member away from the plastic hinge, elastic behavior is assumed.

For a framed member subjected to end forces only, the elastic–plastic hinge method usually requires only one element per member, making the method computationally efficient. It does not, however, accurately represent the distributed plasticity and associated *P-δ* effects. This analysis predicts an upper-bound solution (see Figure 4.1).

Refined Plastic Hinge Analysis

In the refined plastic hinge analysis [36], a two-surface yield model considers the reduction of plastic moment capacity at the plastic hinge (due to the presence of axial force) and an effective tangent modulus accounts for the stiffness degradation (due to distributed plasticity along a frame member). This analysis is similar to the elastic–plastic hinge analysis in efficiency and simplicity and, to some extent, also accounts for distributed plasticity. The approach has been developed for advanced design of steel frames, but detailed considerations for concrete structures still need to be developed.

Distributed Plasticity Analysis

Distributed plasticity analysis models the spread of inelasticity through the cross sections and along the length of the members. This is also referred to as plastic zone analysis, spread-of-plasticity analysis, and elastoplastic analysis by various researchers. In this analysis, a member needs to be subdivided into several elements along its length to model the inelastic behavior more accurately. Two main approaches have been successfully used to model plastification of members in a second-order distributed plasticity analysis:

1. Cross-sectional behavior is described as an input for the analysis by means of moment–thrust–curvature (M–P–Φ) and moment–thrust–axial strain (M–P–ε) relations which may be obtained separately from section analysis as discussed in Section 4.5 or approximated by closed-form expressions [31].
2. Cross sections are subdivided into elemental areas and the state of stresses and strains is explicitly, traced using the proper stress–strain relations for all elements during the analysis.

In summary, the elastic–plastic hinge analysis is the simplest one, but provides an upper-bound solution. Distributed plasticity analysis is considered the most accurate and is generally computationally intensive for larger and complex structures. Refined plastic hinge analysis seems to be an alternative that can reasonably achieve both computational efficiency and accuracy.

4.7   Practical Applications

In this section, the concept and procedures of displacement-based design and the bases of the static push-over analysis are discussed briefly. Two real bridges are analyzed as examples to illustrate practical application of the nonlinear static push-over analysis approach for bridge seismic design. Additional examples and detailed discussions of nonlinear bridge analysis can be found in the literature [7,37].

Displacement-Based Seismic Design

Basic Concept

In recent years, displacement-based design has been used in the bridge seismic design practice as a viable alternative approach to strength-based design. Using displacements rather than forces as a measurement of earthquake damage allows a structure to fulfill the required function (damage-control limit state) under specified earthquake loads.

In a common design procedure, one starts by proportioning the structure for strength and stiffness, performs the appropriate analysis, and then checks the displacement ductility demand
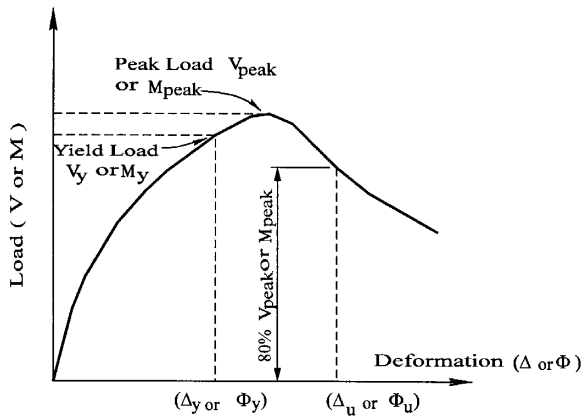
FIGURE 4.13   Load–deformation curves.

against available capacity. This procedure has been widely used in bridge seismic design in California since 1994. Alternatively, one could start with the selection of a target displacement, perform the analysis, and then determine strength and stiffness to achieve the design level displacement. Strength and stiffness do not enter this process as variables; they are the end results [38,39].

In displacement-based design, the designer needs to define a criterion clearly for acceptable structural deformation (damage) based on postearthquake performance requirements and the available deformation capacity. Such criteria are based on many factors, including structural type and importance.

Available Ultimate Deformation Capacity

Because structural survival without collapse is commonly adopted as a seismic design criterion for ordinary bridges, inelastic structural response and some degradation in strength can be expected under seismic loads. Figure 4.13 shows a typical load–deformation curve. A gradual degrading response as shown in Figure 4.13 can be due to factors such as P-Δ effects and/or plastic hinge formulation. The available ultimate deformation capacity should be based on how great a reduction (degradation) in structure load-carrying capacity response can be tolerated [21].

In general, the available ultimate deformation capacity can be referred to as the deformation that a structure can undergo without losing significant load-carrying capacity [40]. It is therefore reasonable to define available ultimate deformation as that deformation when the load-carrying capacity has been reduced by an acceptable amount after the peak load, say, 20%, as shown in Figure 4.13. This acceptable reduction amount may vary depending on required performance criteria of the particular case.

The available deformation capacity based on the design criteria requirements need not correspond to the ultimate member or system deformation capacity. For a particular member cross section, the ultimate deformation in terms of the curvature depends on the shape, material properties, and loading conditions of the section (i.e., axial load, biaxial bending) and corresponds to the condition when the section extreme fiber reaches its ultimate strain (ε_{cu} for concrete and ε_{sp} for steel). The available ultimate curvature capacity ϕ_u can be chosen as the curvature that corresponds to the condition when section moment capacity response reduces by, say, 20% from the peak moment.

For a framed structure system, the ultimate deformation in terms of the lateral displacement depends on structural configurations, section behavior, and loading conditions and corresponds to a failure state of the frame system when a collapse mechanism forms. The available lateral displacement capacity Δ_u can be chosen as the displacement that corresponds to the condition when lateral load-carrying capacity reduces by some amount, say, 20% from its peak load. In current seismic design practice

in California, the available frame lateral displacement capacity commonly corresponds to the first plastic hinge reaching its ultimate rotational capacity.

Analysis Procedures

Seismic analysis procedures used in displacement-based design can be divided into three groups:

Group I: Seismic displacement and force demands are estimated from an elastic dynamic time history or a response spectrum analysis with effective section properties. For concrete structures, cracked section properties are usually used to determine displacement demands, and gross section properties are used to determine force demands. Strength capacity is evaluated from nonlinear section analysis or other code-specified methods, and displacement capacity is obtained from a static nonlinear push-over analysis.

Group II: Seismic displacement demand is obtained from a specified response spectrum and initial effective stiffness or a substitute structural model [38] considering both the effective stiffness and the effective damping. Effective stiffness and displacement capacity are estimated from a nonlinear static push-over analysis.

Group III: A nonlinear inelastic dynamic time-history analysis is performed. Bridge assessment is based on displacement (damage) comparisons between analysis results and the given acceptance criteria. This group of analyses is complex and time-consuming and used only for important structures.

Static Push-Over Analysis

In lieu of a nonlinear time-history dynamic analysis, bridge engineers in recent years have used static push-over analyses as an effective and simple alternative when assessing the performance of existing or new bridge structures under seismic loads. Given the proper conditions, this approximate alternative can be as reliable as the more accurate and complex ones. The primary goal of such an analysis is to determine the displacement or ductility capacity, which is then compared with displacement or ductility demand obtained for most cases from linear dynamic analysis with effective section properties. However, under certain conditions, the analysis can also be used in the assessment of the displacement demand, as will be illustrated in the examples to follow.

In this analysis, a stand-alone portion from a bridge structure (such as bent-frame with single or multiple columns) is isolated and statically analyzed, taking into account whatever nonlinear behavior is deemed necessary (most importantly and commonly, material and geometric nonlinear behavior). The analysis can utilize any of the modeling methods discussed in Section 4.6, but plastic hinges or distributed plasticity models are commonly used. The analytical frame model is first subjected to the applied tributary gravity load and then is pushed laterally in several load (or displacement) increments until a collapse mechanism or a given failure criterion is reached. Figure 4.14 shows a flowchart outlining a procedure using static push-over analysis in seismic design and retrofit evaluation.

When applying static push-over analysis in seismic design, it is assumed that such analysis can predict with reasonable accuracy the dynamic lateral load–displacement behavior envelope, and that an elastic acceleration response spectrum can provide the best means for establishing required structural performance.

Example 4.1 — Reinforced-Concrete Multicolumn Bent Frame with P-Δ Effects

Problem Statement

The as-built details of a reinforced-concrete bridge bent frame consisting of a bent cap beam and two circular columns supported on pile foundations are shown in Figure 4.15. An as-built unconfined concrete strength of 5 ksi (34.5 MPa) and steel strength of 40 ksi (275.8 MPa) are assumed. Due to lack of adequate column transverse reinforcement, the columns are retrofitted with 0.5-in. (12.7-mm)-thick

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FIGURE 4.14   An alternative procedure for bridge seismic evaluation.

steel jacket. The bottom of the column is assumed to be fixed; however, since the footing lacks top mat and shear reinforcement, the bottom with a pinned connection is also to be considered. The frame is supported on a stiff pile–foundation and the soil–foundation–structure interaction is to be ignored.

Use static nonlinear push-over analysis to study the extent of the P-Δ effect on the lateral response of the bent frame when the columns are assumed fixed at the base in one case and pinned in another case. Assume that the columns are retrofitted with steel jacket in both cases and determine whether the footing retrofit is also required. Use 0.7 g ground acceleration and the ARS spectrum with 5% damping shown in Figure 4.16.

Analysis Procedure

The idealized bent frame, consisting of the cap beam and the two retrofitted column members, is discretized into a finite number of beam elements connected at joints, as shown in Figure 4.17. The idealized column and cap beam cross sections are divided into several concrete layers and reinforcing steel layers as shown. Two different concrete material properties are used for the column and cap

FIGURE 4.15   As-built plan — Example 4.1.

FIGURE 4.16   Specific ARS curve — Example 4.1.

FIGURE 4.17 Analytical model — Example 4.1. (a) Local layered cap beam section: 12 concrete and 2 steel layers; (b) layered column section: 8 concrete and 8 steel layers; (c) discretized frame model.

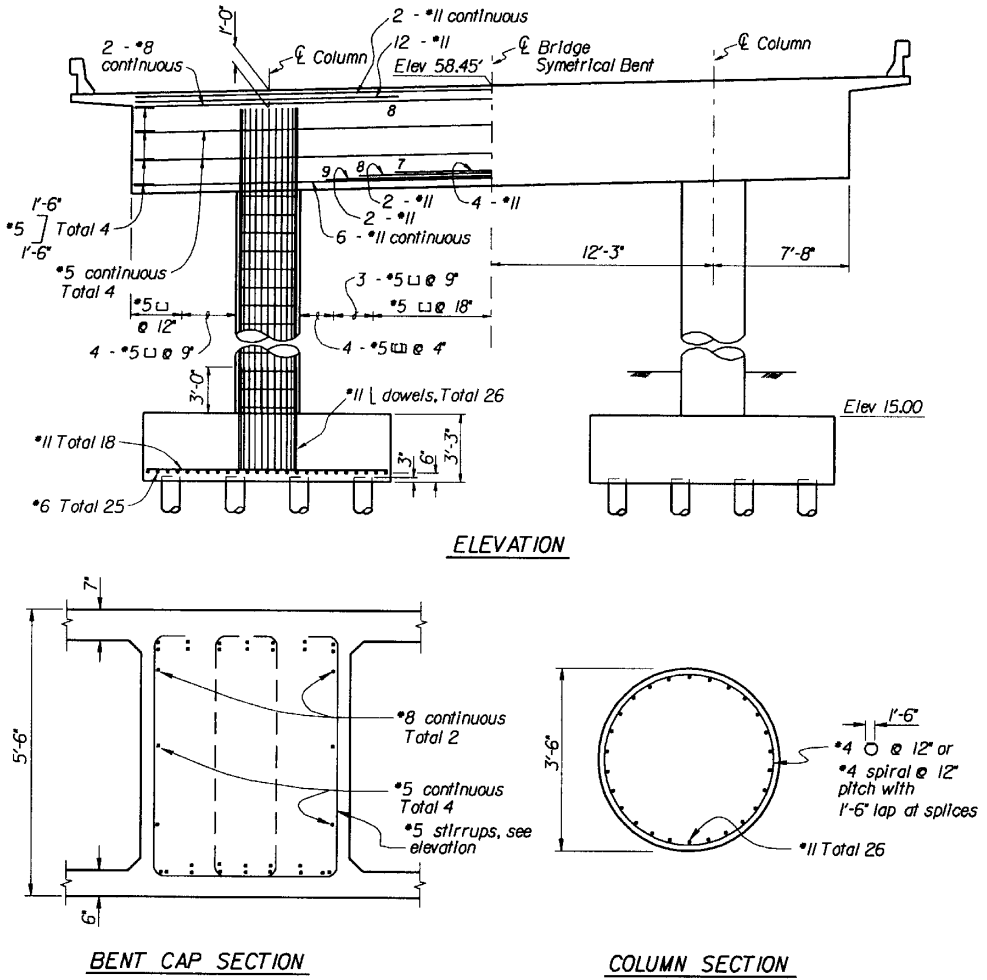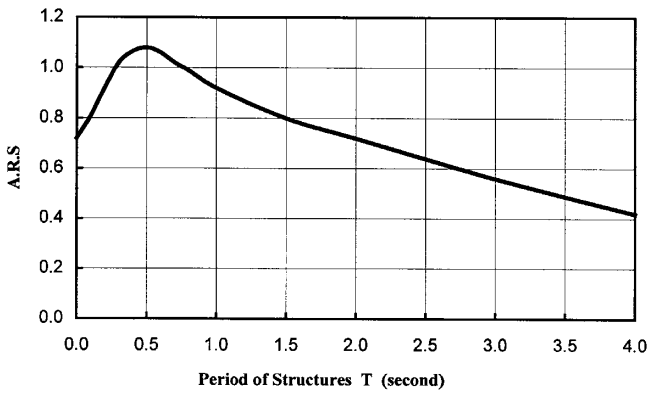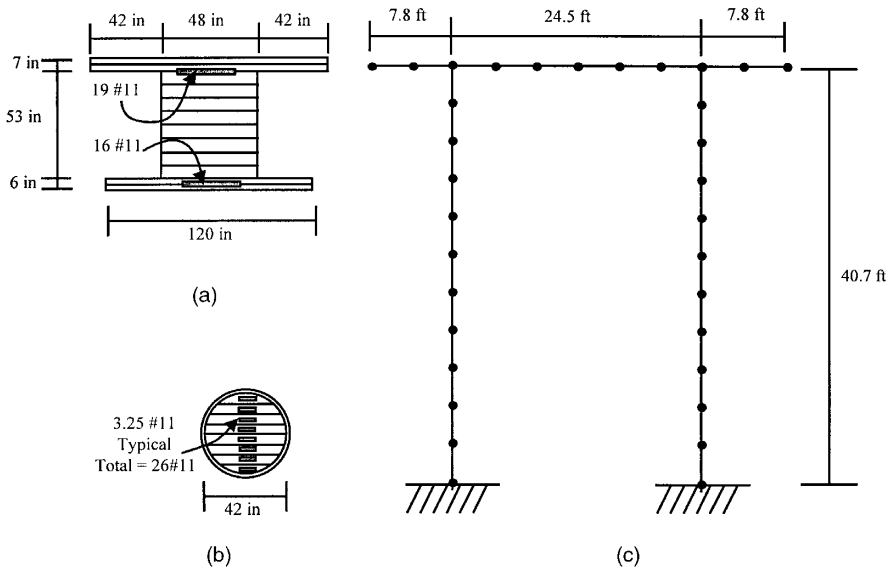beam cross sections. The column concrete properties incorporated the increase in concrete ultimate stress and strain due to the confinement provided by the steel jacket. In this study the column confined ultimate concrete compressive stress and strain of 7.5 ksi (51.7 MPa) and 0.085 are used, respectively. The total tributary superstructure dead load of 1160 kips (5160 kN) is applied uniformly along the length of the cap beam. The frame is pushed laterally in several load increments until failure is reached.

For this study, failure is defined as the limit state when one of the following conditions first takes place:

1. A concrete layer strain reaches the ultimate compressive strain at any member section;
2. A steel layer strain reaches the rupture strain at any member section;
3. A 20% reduction from peak lateral load of the lateral load response curve (this condition is particularly useful when considering P-Δ).

The lateral displacement corresponding to this limit state at the top of the column defines the frame failure (available) displacement capacity.

A nonlinear analysis computer program NTFrame [41,42] is used for the push-over analysis. The program is based on the distributed plasticity model, and the P-Δ effect is incorporated in the model second-order member stiffness formulation.

Discussion of the Results

The resulting frame lateral load vs. displacement responses are shown in Figure 4.18 for the cases when the bottom of the column is fixed and pinned. Both cases will be discussed next, followed by concluding remarks.

Column Fixed at Bottom Case
In this case the column base is modeled with a fixed connection. The lateral response with and without the P-Δ effect is shown in Figure 4.18a. The sharp drop in the response curve is due to several extreme concrete layers reaching their ultimate compressive strain at the top of the column. The effect of P-Δ at failure can be seen to be considerable but not as severe as shown in Figure 4.18b with the pinned connection. Comparing Figures 4.18a and b, one can observe that fixing the bottom of the column resulted in stiffer structural response.
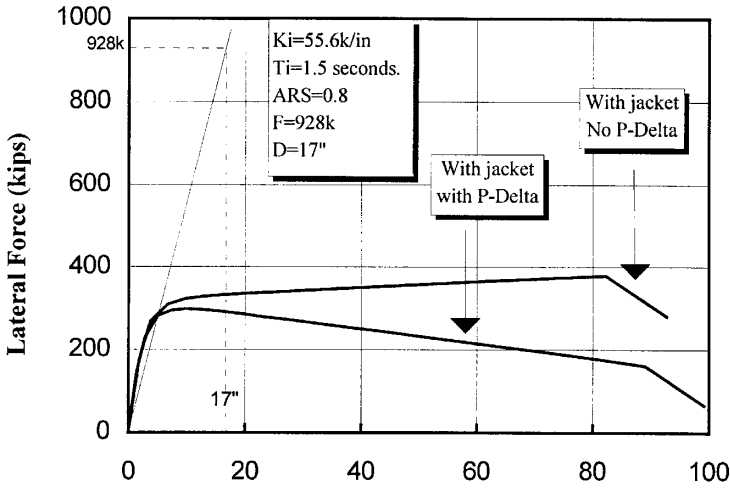
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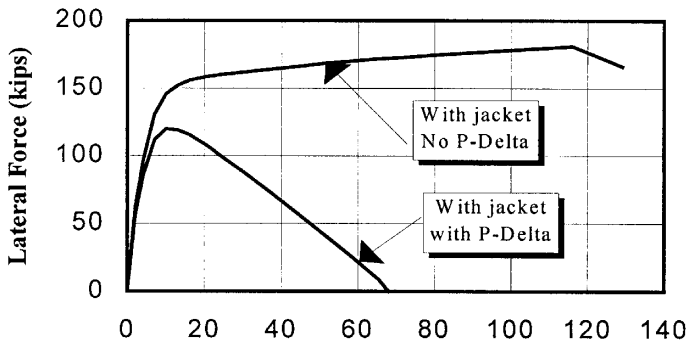
(b)

FIGURE 4.18   Lateral load vs. displacement responses — Example 4.1. Lateral response (a) fixed column (b) with penned column.

Using the curve shown in Figure 4.18a, the displacement demand for the fixed column case with *P*-Δ effect is calculated as follows:

Step 1: Calculate the Initial Effective Stiffness K_{eff}

The computer results showed that the first column extreme longitudinal rebar reached yield at lateral force of 928 kips (4128 kN) at a corresponding lateral yield displacement of 17 in. (431.8 mm); therefore:

$$K_{eff} = 928/17 = 55 \text{ kips/in. (9.63 kN/mm)}$$

Step 2: Calculate an Approximate Fundamental Period T_f

$$T_f = 0.32 \sqrt{\frac{W}{K_{eff}}} = 0.32 \sqrt{\frac{1160}{55}} = 1.5 \text{ s}$$

Step 3: Determine the Damped Elastic Acceleration Response Spectrum (ARS) at the Site in *g*'s

By using the given site spectrum shown in Figure 4.16 and the above calculated period, the corresponding ARS for 5% damping is 0.8.

Step 4: Calculate the Displacement Demand D_d

$$D_d = \frac{ARS(W)}{K_{eff}} = \frac{0.8(1160)}{55} = 16.9 \text{ in. } (429.3 \text{ m})$$

(in this case the yield and demand displacements are found to be practically equal).

In much of the seismic design practice in California, the effect of P-Δ is usually ignored if the P-Δ moment is less than 20% of the design maximum moment capacity. Adopting this practice and assuming that the reduction in the moment is directly proportional to the reduction in the lateral force, one may conclude that at displacement demand of 16.9 in. (429.3 mm), the reduction in strength (lateral force) is less than 20%, and as a result the effects of P-Δ are negligible.

The displacement demand of 16.9 in. (429.3 mm) is less than the failure state displacement capacity of about 40 in. (1016 mm) (based on a 20% lateral load reduction from the peak). Note that for the fixed bottom case with P-Δ, the displacement when the extreme concrete layer at the top of the column reaches its ultimate compressive strain is about 90 in. (2286 mm).

Column Pinned at Bottom Case

In this case the column bottom is modeled with a pinned connection. Note that the pinned condition assumption is based on the belief that in the event of a maximum credible earthquake, the column–footing connection would quickly degenerate (degrade) and behave like a pinned connection. The resulting lateral responses with and without the P-Δ effect are shown in Figure 4.18b. In this case the effects of P-Δ are shown to be quite substantial.

When considering the response without the P-Δ, one obtains a displacement demand of 38 in. (965.2 mm) (based on a calculated initial stiffness of 18.5 kips/in. (3.24 kN/mm) and a corresponding structure period of 2.5 s). This displacement demand is well below the ultimate (at failure) displacement capacity of about 115 in. (2921 mm). As a result, one would conclude that the retrofit measure of placing a steel jacket around the column with no footing retrofit would be adequate.

The actual response, however, is the one that includes the P-Δ effect. In this case the effect of P-Δ resulted in a slight change in initial stiffness and frame period — 15.8 kips/in. (2.77 kN/mm) and 2.7 s, respectively. However, beyond the initial stages, the effects are quite severe on the load–displacement response. The failure mode in this case will most likely be controlled by dynamic instability of the frame. MacRae et al. [43] performed analytical studies of the effect of P-Δ on single-degree-of-freedom bilinear oscillators (i.e., single-column frame) and proposed some procedures to obtain a limiting value at which the structure becomes dynamically unstable. The process requires the generation of the proper hysteresis loops and the determination of what is termed the *effective bilinear stiffness factor*. Setting aside the frame dynamic instability issue, the calculated initial stiffness displacement demand is about 38 in. (965.2 mm) and the displacement capacity at 20% reduction from peak load is 24 in. (609.6 mm).

Referring to the curves with P-Δ in Figure 4.18, it is of interest to mention, as pointed out by Mahin and Boroschek [44], that continued pushing of the frame will eventually lead to a stage when the frame structure becomes statically unstable. At that stage the forces induced by the P-Δ effect overcome the mechanical resistance of the structure. Note that the point when the curve with P-Δ effect intersects the displacement-axis (as shown in Figure 4.18b) will determine the lateral displacement at which the structure becomes statically unstable. Dynamic instability limits can be 20 to 70% less than the static instability, depending on the ground motion and structural characteristics [44]. Note that dynamic instability is assumed not to be a controlling factor in the previous case with fixed column.

In conclusion, if the as-built column–footing connection can support the expected column moment obtained from the fixed condition case (which is unlikely), then retrofitting the column with steel jacket without footing retrofit is adequate. Otherwise, the footing should also be retrofitted to reduce (limit) the effect of P-Δ.

It should be pointed out that in this example the analysis is terminated at the completion of the first plastic hinge (conservative), whereas in other types of push-over analysis, such as event-to-event analysis, the engineer may choose to push the frame farther until it forms a collapse mechanism. Also, unlike the substitute structure procedure described by Priestley et al. [7] in which both the effective system stiffness and damping ratio are adjusted (iterated) several times before final displacement demand is calculated, here only the initial effective stiffness and a constant specified structure damping are used.

As a final remark, the P-Δ effect in bridge analysis is normally assumed small and is usually ignored. This assumption is justified in most cases under normal loading conditions. However, as this example illustrated, under seismic loading, the P-Δ effect should be incorporated in the analysis, when large lateral displacements are expected before the structure reaches its assumed failure state. In the design of a new bridge, the lateral displacement and the effect of P-Δ can be controlled. When assessing an existing bridge for possible seismic retrofit, accurate prediction of the lateral displacement with P-Δ effects can be an essential factor in determining the retrofit measures required.

Example 4.2 — Steel Multicolumn Bent Frame Seismic Evaluation

Problem Statement

The as-built details of a steel bridge bent frame consisting of a bent cap plate girder and two built-up columns supported on a stiff pile–foundation are shown in Figure 4.19. Steel is Grade 36. Site-specific displacement response spectra are given in Figure 4.20. For simplicity and illustration purposes, fixed bases of columns are assumed and the soil–foundation–structure interaction is ignored.
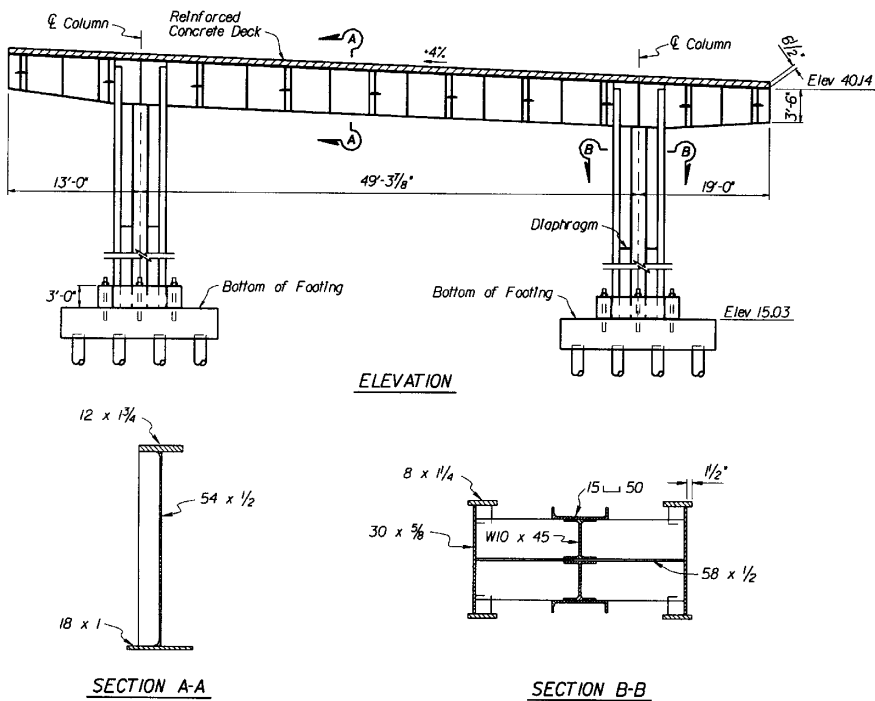
FIGURE 4.19   As-built plane — Example 4.2.
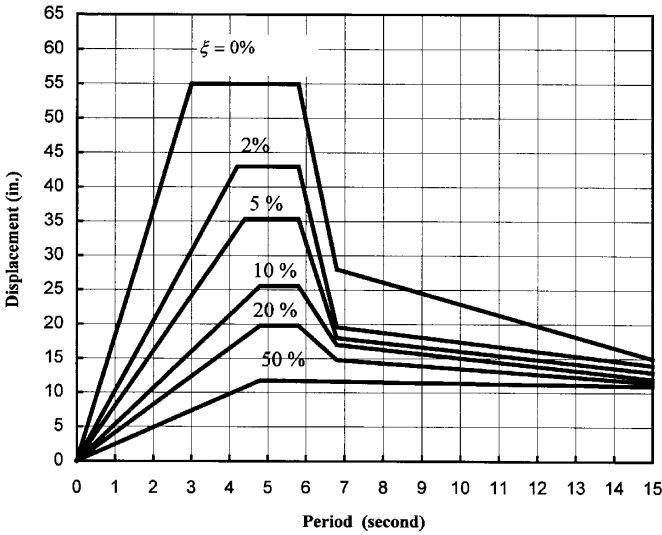
FIGURE 4.20 Displacement response spectra — Example 4.2.

Evaluate lateral displacement capacity by using static nonlinear push-over analysis. Estimate seismic lateral displacement demands by using the substitute structure approach, considering both the effective stiffness and the effective damping. The effective damping ξ can be calculated by Takeda's formula [45]:

$$\xi = 0.05 + \frac{\left(1 - \dfrac{0.95}{\sqrt{\mu_{\Delta d}}} - 0.05\sqrt{\mu_{\Delta d}}\right)}{\pi} \tag{4.55}$$

$$\mu_{\Delta d} = \frac{\Delta_{ud}}{\Delta_y} \tag{4.56}$$

where $\mu_{\Delta d}$ is displacement ductility demand; and Δ_{ud} and Δ_y are displacement demand and yield displacement, respectively.

Analysis Modeling

The bent frame members are divided into several beam elements as shown in Figure 4.21. The properties of beam elements are defined by two sets of relationships for moment–curvature, axial force–strain, and torsion–twist for the cap beam and columns, respectively. The available ultimate curvature is assumed as 20 times yield curvature. The total tributary superstructure dead load of 800 kips (3558 kN) is applied at longitudinal girder locations. A lateral displacement is applied incrementally at the top of the bent column until a collapse mechanism of the bent frame is formed.

Displacement Capacity Evaluation

The displacement capacity evaluation is performed by push-over analysis using the ADINA [46] analysis program. Large displacements are considered in the analysis. The resulting lateral load vs. displacement response at the top of columns is shown in Figure 4.22. The sudden drops in the response curve are due to the several beam elements reaching their available ultimate curvatures. The yield displacement $\Delta_y = 1.25$ in. (31.8 mm) and the available ultimate displacement capacity (corresponding to a 20% reduction from the peak lateral load) $\Delta_u = 2.61$ in. (66.3 mm) are obtained.
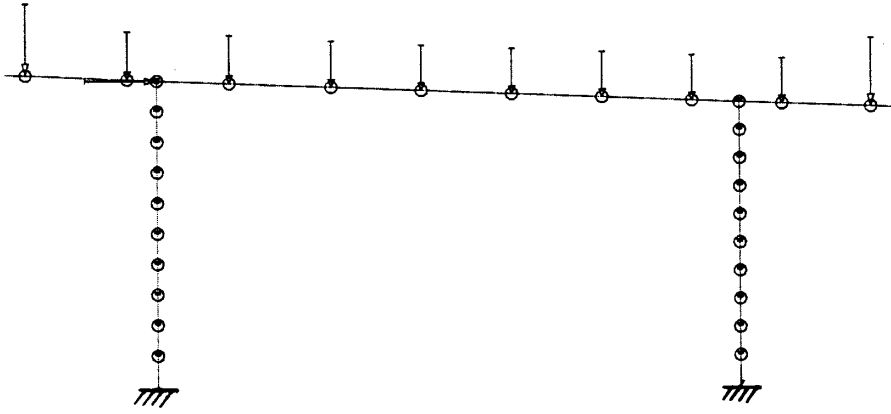
FIGURE 4.21   Analytical model — Example 4.2.
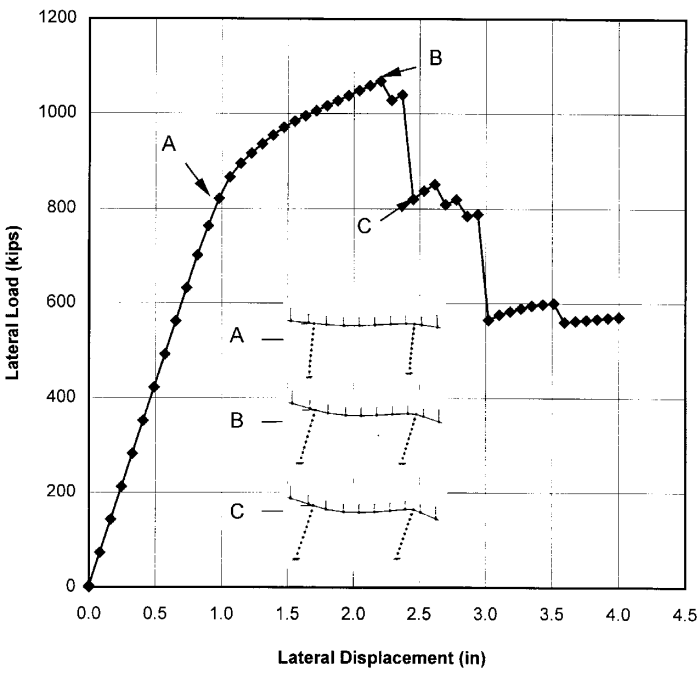
FIGURE 4.22   Lateral load vs. displacement — Example 4.2.

Displacement Demand Estimation

A substitute structure approach with the effective stiffness and effective damping will be used to evaluate displacement demand.

1. Try Δ_{ud} = 3 in. (76.2 mm); from Figure 4.20, Eqs. (4.55) and (4.56), we obtain

$$K_{\text{eff}} = \frac{600}{3} = 200 \text{ kips/in. (35.04 kN/mm)}$$

$$T_{\text{eff}} = 0.32 \sqrt{\frac{W(\text{kips})}{k_{\text{eff}}(\text{kips/in.})}} = 0.32 \sqrt{\frac{800}{200}} = 0.64 \text{ (s)}$$

$$\mu_{\Delta d} = \frac{\Delta_{ud}}{\Delta_y} = \frac{3}{1.25} = 2.4$$

$$\xi = 0.05 + \frac{\left(1 - \dfrac{0.95}{\sqrt{2.4}} - 0.05\sqrt{2.4}\right)}{\pi} = 0.15$$

From Figure 4.20, find Δ_d = 2.5 in. $< \Delta_{ud}$ = 3 in. (76.2 mm).

2. Try Δ_{ud} = 2.5 in. (63.5 mm); from Figures 4.20 and 4.22, Eq. (4.55), and (4.56), we obtain

$$K_{\text{eff}} = \frac{830}{2.5} = 332 \text{ kips/in. (58.14 kN/mm)}$$

$$T_{\text{eff}} = 0.32 \sqrt{\frac{W(\text{kips})}{K_{eff}(\text{kips/in.})}} = 0.32 \sqrt{\frac{800}{332}} = 0.50$$

$$\mu_{\Delta d} = \frac{\Delta_{ud}}{\Delta_y} = \frac{2.5}{1.25} = 2$$

$$\xi = 0.05 + \frac{\left(1 - \dfrac{0.95}{\sqrt{2}} - 0.05\sqrt{2}\right)}{\pi} = 0.13$$

From Figure 4.20, find Δ_d = 2.45 in. (62.2 mm) close to Δ_{ud} = 2.5 in. (63.5 mm).   OK
Displacement demand Δ_d = 2.45 in. (62.2 mm).

Discussion

It can be seen that the displacement demand Δ_d of 2.45 in. (62.2 mm) is less than the available ultimate displacement capacity of Δ_u = 2.61 in. (66.3 mm). It should be pointed out that in the actual seismic evaluation of this frame, the flexibility of the steel column to the footing bolted connection should be considered.

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Seismic Design Philosophies and Performance-Based Design Criteria

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5.1   Introduction

Seismic design criteria for highway bridges have been improving and advancing based on research findings and lessons learned from past earthquakes. In the United States, prior to the 1971 San Fernando earthquake, the seismic design of highway bridges was partially based on lateral force requirements for buildings. Lateral loads were considered as levels of 2 to 6% of dead loads. In 1973, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) developed new seismic design criteria related to site, seismic response of the soils at the site, and the dynamic characteristics of bridges. The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) modified the Caltrans 1973 Provisions slightly, and adopted Interim Specifications. The Applied Technology Council (ATC) developed guidelines ATC-6 [1] for seismic design of bridges in 1981. AASHTO adopted ATC-6 [1] as the Guide Specifications in 1983 and later incorporated it into the Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges in 1991.

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Since the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake in California [2], extensive research [3–15] has been conducted on seismic design and retrofit of bridges in the United States, especially in California. The performance-based project-specific design criteria [16,17] were developed for important bridges. Recently, ATC published improved seismic design criteria recommendations for California bridges [18] in 1996, and for U.S. bridges and highway structures [19] in 1997, respectively. Caltrans published the new seismic Design Methodology in 1999 [20]. The new Caltrans Seismic Design Criteria [43] are under development. Great advances in earthquake engineering have been made during this last decade of the 20th century.

This chapter first presents the bridge seismic design philosophy and the current practice in the United States. It is followed by an introduction to the newly developed performance-based criteria [17] as a reference guide.

5.2   Design Philosophies

No-Collapse-Based Design

For seismic design of ordinary bridges, the basic philosophy is to prevent collapse during severe earthquakes [21–26]. To prevent collapse, two alternative approaches are commonly used in design. The first is a conventional force-based approach where the adjustment factor Z for ductility and risk assessment [26], or the response modification factor R [23], is applied to elastic member forces obtained from a response spectra analysis or an equivalent static analysis. The second approach is a more recent displacement-based approach [20] where displacements are a major consideration in design. For more detailed information, reference can be made to a comprehensive discussion in *Seismic Design and Retrofit of Bridges* by Priestley, Seible, and Calvi [15].

Performance-Based Design

Following the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, bridge engineers [2] have faced three essential challenges:

- To ensure that earthquake risks posed by new construction are acceptable.
- To identify and correct unacceptable seismic safety conditions in existing structures.
- To develop and implement a rapid, effective, and economic response mechanism for recovering structural integrity after damaging earthquakes.

In California, although the Caltrans Bridge Design Specifications [26] have not been formally revised since 1989, project-specific criteria and design memoranda have been developed and implemented for the design of new bridges and the retrofitting of existing bridges. These revised or supplementary criteria included guidelines for development of site-specific ground motion estimates, capacity design to preclude brittle failure modes, rational procedures for joint shear design, and definition of limit states for various performance objectives [14]. As shown in Figure 5.1, the performance requirements for a specific project must be established first. Loads, materials, analysis methods, and detailed acceptance criteria are then developed to achieve the expected performance.

5.3   No-Collapse-Based Design Approaches

AASHTO-LRFD Specifications

Currently, AASHTO has issued two design specifications for highway bridges: the second edition of AASHTO-LRFD [23] and the 16th edition of the Standard Specifications [24]. This section mainly discusses the design provisions of the AASHTO-LRFD Specifications.

The principles used for the development of AASHTO-LRFD [23] seismic design specifications are as follows:
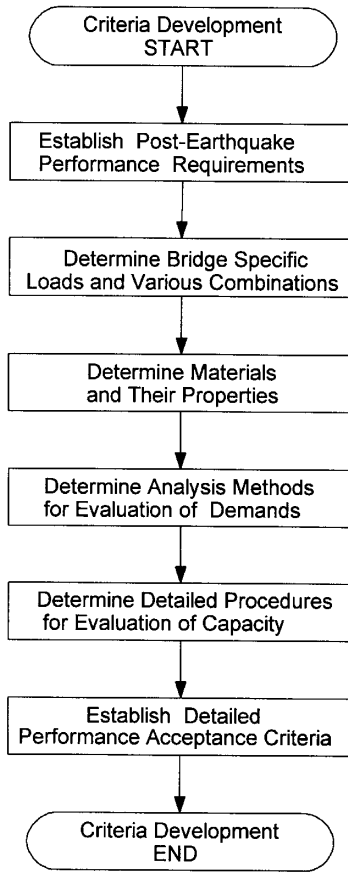
FIGURE 5.1 Development of performance-based seismic design criteria.

- Small to moderate earthquakes should be resisted within the elastic range of the structural components without significant damage.
- Realistic seismic ground motion intensities and forces should be used in the design procedures.
- Exposure to shaking from a large earthquake should not cause collapse of all or part of bridges where possible; damage that does occur should be readily detectable and accessible for inspection and repair.

Seismic force effects on each component are obtained from the elastic seismic response coefficient C_{sm} and divided by the elastic response modification factor R. Specific detailing requirements are provided to maintain structural integrity and to ensure ductile behavior. The AASHTO-LRFD seismic design procedure is shown in Figure 5.2.

Seismic Loads

Seismic loads are specified as the horizontal force effects and are obtained by production of C_{sm} and the equivalent weight of the superstructures. The seismic response coefficient is given as:

$$C_{sm} = \begin{cases} \dfrac{1.25AS}{T_m^{2/3}} \leq 2.5A & \\ A(0.8 + 4T_m) & \text{for Soil III, IV, and nonfundamental } T_m < 0.3s \\ 3AST_m^{0.75} & \text{for Soil III, IV, and } T_m > 0.4s \end{cases} \qquad (5.1)$$
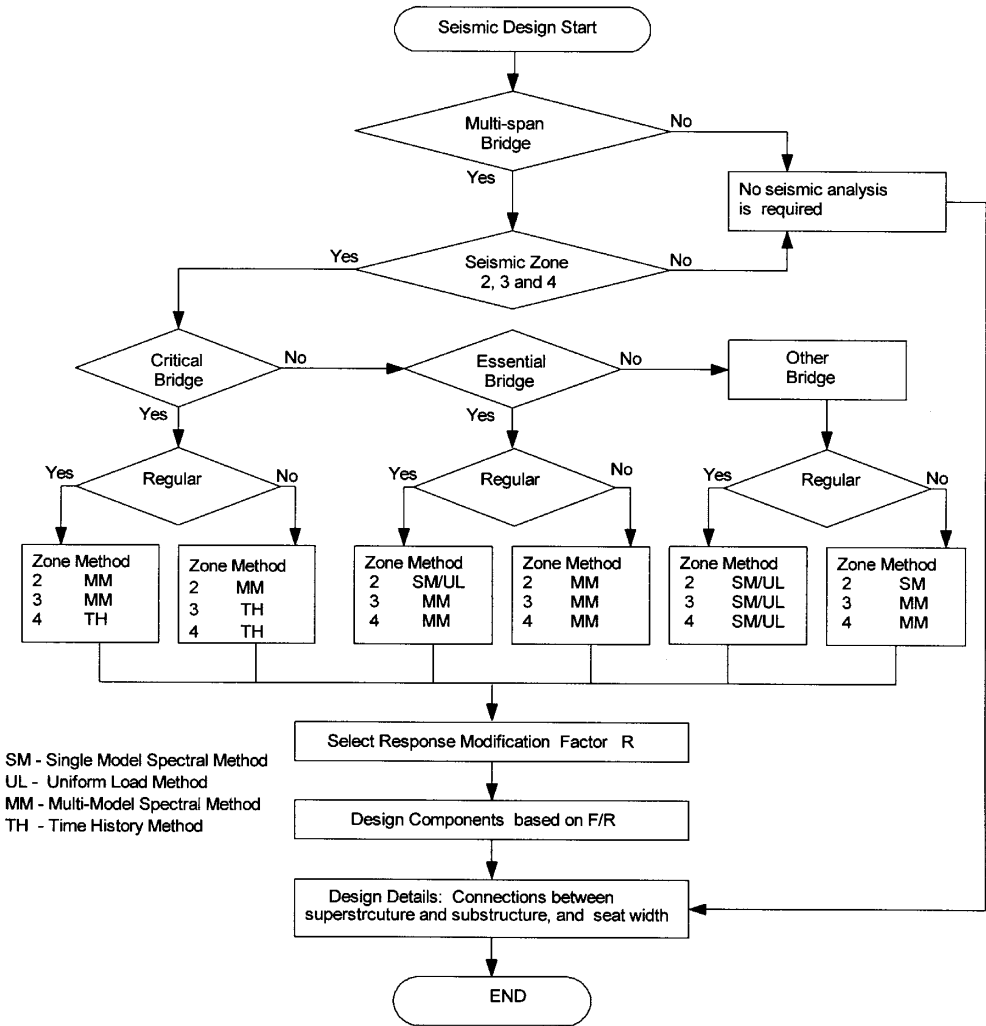
FIGURE 5.2   AASHTO-LRFD seismic design procedure.

where *A* is the acceleration coefficient obtained from a contour map (Figure 5.3) that represents the 10% probability of an earthquake of this size being exceeded within a design life of 50 years; *S* is the site coefficient and is dependent on the soil profile types as shown in Table 5.1; T_m is the structural period of the *m*th mode in second.

Analysis Methods

Four seismic analysis methods specified in AASHTO-LRFD [23] are the uniform-load method, the single-mode spectral method, the multimode spectral method, and the time-history method. Depending on the importance, site, and regularity of a bridge structure, the minimum complexity analysis methods required are shown in Figure 5.2. For single-span bridges and bridges located in seismic Zone 1, no seismic analysis is required.

The importance of bridges is classified as critical, essential, and other in Table 5.2 [23], which also shows the definitions of a regular bridge. All other bridges not satisfying the requirements of Table 5.2 are considered irregular.

FIGURE 1-5

Map of Horizontal Acceleration, A
(expressed as percent of gravity)
in Rock with 90 Percent Probability
of Not Being Exceeded in 50 Years.
Variability in Attenuation of Log$_a$ Ground Motion
(σ_a =.62) and Log$_{10}$ Fault Rupture Length
(σ_L =.52) are included in the Calculation.

✳ Hawaii and Puerto Rico are derived from
Commentary Section 1.4.1, Figure C1-4.

Prepared by the U.S. Geological Survey for the 1988
edition of NEHRP Recommended Provisions for the
Development of Seismic Regulations for New Buildings

FIGURE 5.3   AASHTO-LRFD seismic contour map.

TABLE 5.1   AASHTO-LRFD Site Coefficient — *S*

Soil Profile Type	Descriptions	Site Coefficient, *S*
I	• Rock characterized by a shear wave velocity > 765 m/s	1.0
	• Stiff soil where the soil depth < 60 m and overlying soil is stable deposits of sands, gravel, or stiff clays	
II	Stiff cohesive or deep cohesionless soil where the soil depth > 60 m and the overlying soil is stable deposits of sands, gravel, or stiff clays	1.2
III	Stiff to medium-stiff clays and sands, characterized by 9 m or more soft to medium-stiff clays without intervening layers of sands or other cohesionless soils	1.5
IV	Soft clays of silts > 12 m in depth characterized by a shear wave velocity < 153 m/s	2.0

TABLE 5.2   AASHTO-LRFD Bridge Classifications for Seismic Analysis

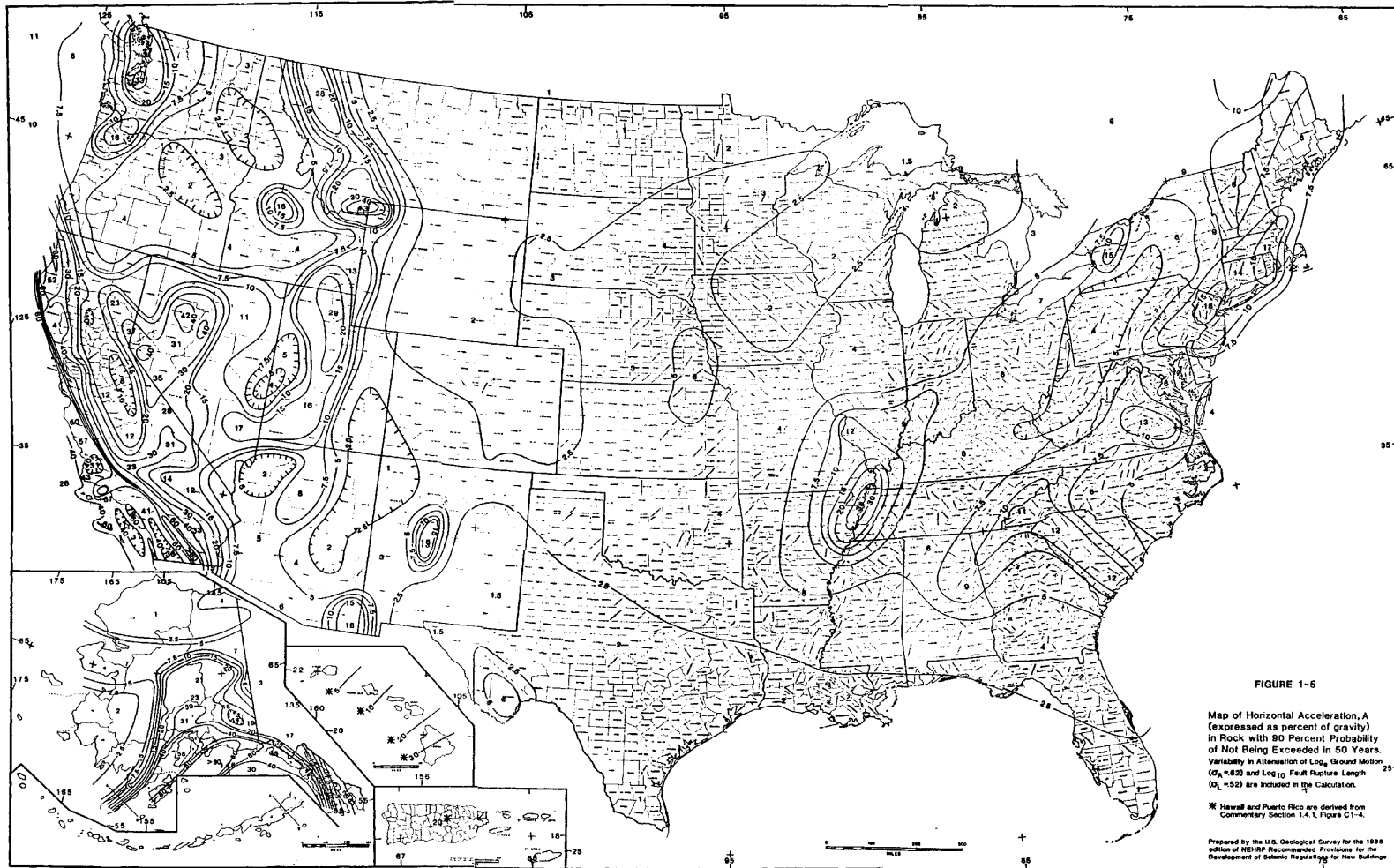| Importance	Critical	• Remain open to all traffic after design earthquake					
		• Usable by emergency vehicles and for security/defense purposes immediately after a large earthquake (2500-year return period event)					
	Essential	Remain open to emergency vehicles and for security/defense purposes immediately after the design earthquake (475-year return period event)					
	Others	Not required as critical and essential bridges					
Regularity	Regular	Structural Features	Number of Spans	2	3	4	5	6
		Maximum subtended angles for a curved bridge				90°		
		Maximum span length ratio from span to span		3	2	2	1.5	1.5
		Maximum bent/pier stiffness ratio from span to span excluding abutments		—	4	4	3	2
	Irregular	Multispan not meeting requirements of regular bridges						

Component Design Force Effects

Design seismic force demands for a structural component are determined by dividing the forces calculated using an elastic dynamic analysis by appropriate response modification factor *R* (Table 5.3) to account for inelastic behavior. As an alternative to the use of *R* factor for connection, the maximum force developed from the inelastic hinging of structures may be used for designing monolithic connections.

To account for uncertainty of earthquake motions, the elastic forces obtained from analysis in each of two perpendicular principal axes shall be combined using the 30% rule, i.e., 100% of the absolute response in one principal direction plus 30% of the absolute response in the other.

The design force demands for a component should be obtained by combining the reduced seismic forces with the other force effects caused by the permanent and live loads, etc. Design resistance (strength) is discussed in Chapter 6 for concrete structures and Chapter 7 for steel structures.

Caltrans Bridge Design Specifications

The current Caltrans Bridge Design Specifications [26] adopt a single-level force-based design approach based on the no-collapse design philosophy and includes:

- Seismic force levels defined as elastic acceleration response spectrum (ARS);
- Multimodal response spectrum analysis considering abutment stiffness effects;
- Ductility and risk *Z* factors used for component design to account for inelastic effects;
- Properly designed details.

TABLE 5.3   Response Modification Factor, *R*

	Structural Component	Important Category		
		Critical	Essential	Others
Substructure	Wall-type pier — large dimension	1.5	1.5	2.0
	Reinforced concrete pile bent			
	• Vertical pile only	1.5	2.0	3.0
	• With batter piles	1.5	1.5	2.0
	Single column	1.5	2.0	3.0
	Steel or composite steel and concrete pile bents			
	• Vertical pile only	1.5	3.5	5.0
	• With batter piles	1.5	2.0	3.0
	Multiple-column bents	1.5	3.5	5.0
	Foundations		1.0	
Connection	Substructure to abutment		0.8	
	Expansion joints with a span of the superstructure		0.8	
	Columns, piers, or pile bents to cap beam or superstructure		1.0	
	Columns or piers to foundations		1.0	

Seismic Loads

A set of elastic design spectra ARS curves is recommended to consider peak rock accelerations (*A*), normalized 5% damped rock spectra (*R*), and soil amplification factor (*S*). Figure 5.4 shows typical ARS curves.

Analysis Methods

For ordinary bridges with well-balanced span and bent–column stiffness, an equivalent static analysis with the ARS times the weight of the structure applied at the center of gravity of total structures can be used. This method is used mostly for hinge restrainer design. For ordinary bridges with significantly irregular geometry configurations, a dynamic multimodal response spectrum analysis is recommended. The following are major considerations in seismic design practice:

- A beam-element model with three or more lumped masses in each span is usually used [25–27].
- A larger cap stiffness is often used to simulate a stiff deck.
- Gross section properties of columns are commonly used to determine force demands, and cracked concrete section properties of columns are used for displacement demands.
- Soil–spring elements are used to simulate the soil–foundation–structure interaction. Adjustments are often made to meet force–displacement compatibility, particularly for abutments. The maximum capacity of the soil behind abutments with heights larger than 8 ft (2.44 m) is 7.7 ksf (369 kPa) and lateral pile capacity of 49 kips (218 kN) per pile.
- Compression and tension models are used to simulate the behavior of expansion joints.

Component Design Force Effects

Seismic design force demands are determined using elastic forces from the elastic response analysis divided by the appropriate component- and period-based (stiffness) adjustment factor *Z*, as shown in Figure 6.4a, to consider ductility and risk. In order to account for directional uncertainty of earthquake motions, elastic forces obtained from analysis of two perpendicular seismic loadings are combined as the 30% rule, the same as the AASHTO-LRFD [23].
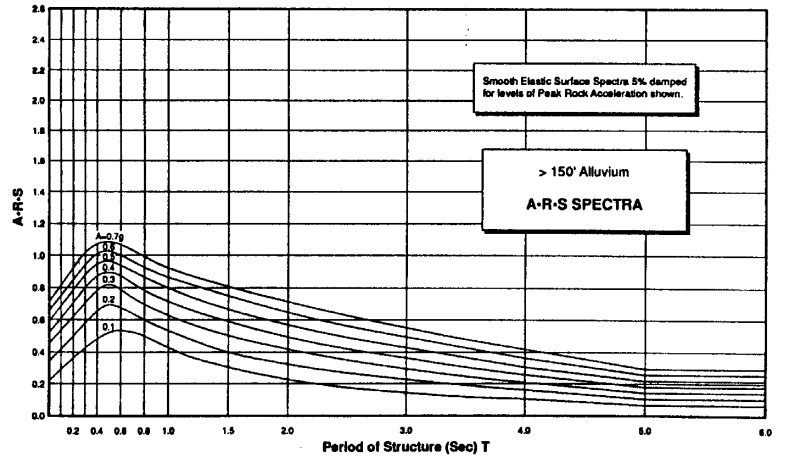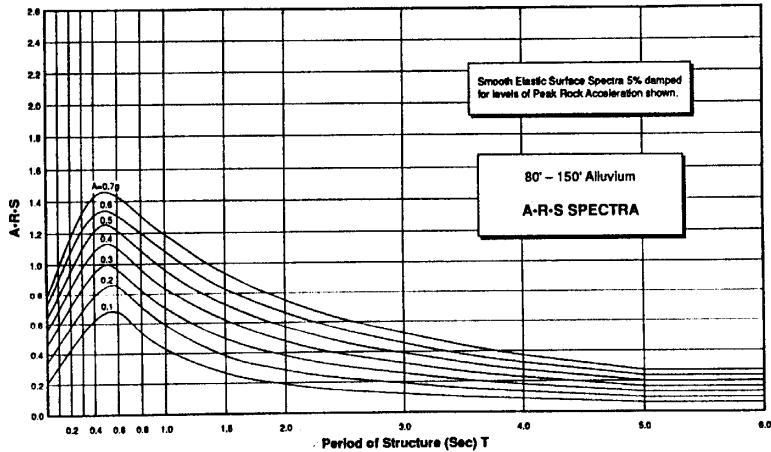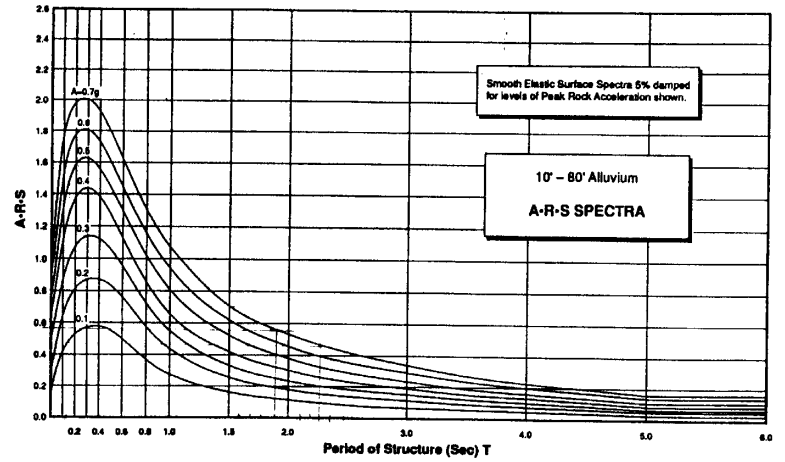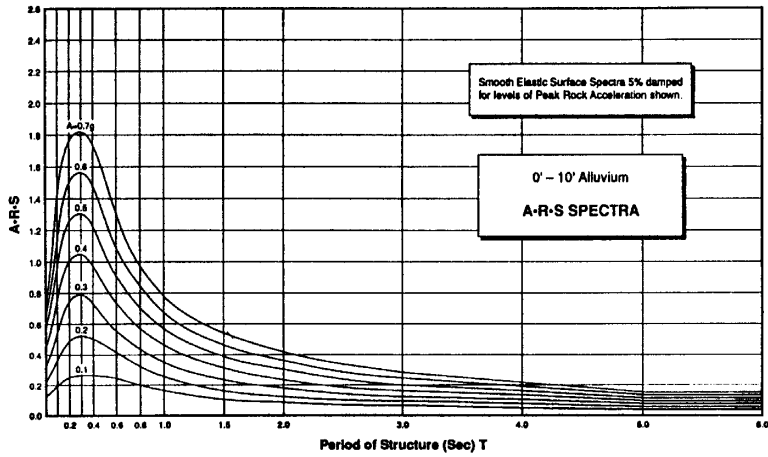
FIGURE 5.4 Caltrans ARS curves.

TABLE 5.4 Caltrans Seismic Performance Criteria

Ground motions at the site	Minimum (ordinary bridge) performance level	Important bridge performance level
Functional evaluation	Immediate service; repairable damage	Immediate service level; minimum damage
Safety evaluation	Limited service level; significant damage	Immediate service level; repairable damage

Definitions:

Important Bridge (one or more of following items present):
• Bridge required to provide secondary life safety
• Time for restoration of functionality after closure creates a major economic impact
• Bridge formally designed as critical by a local emergency plan

(*Ordinary Bridge*: Any bridge not classified as an important bridge.)

Functional Evaluation Ground Motion (*FEGM*): Probabilistic assessed ground motion that has a 40% probability of occurring during the useful lifetime of the bridge. The determination of this event shall be reviewed by a Caltrans-approved consensus group. A separate functionality evaluation is required for important bridges. All other bridges are required to meet only the specified design requirement to ensure minimum functionality performance level compliance.

Safety Evaluation Ground Motion (*SEGM*): Up to two methods of defining ground motion may be used:
• Deterministically assessed ground motions from the maximum earthquake as defined by the Division of Mines and Geology Open-File Report 92-1, 1992.
• Probabilistically assessed ground motions with a long return period (approximately 1000–2000 years).

For important bridges both methods should be given consideration; however, the probabilistic evaluation should be reviewed by a Caltrans-approved consensus group. For all other bridges, the motions should be based only on the deterministic evaluation. In the future, the role of the two methods for other bridges should be reviewed by a Caltrans-approved consensus group.

Immediate Service Level: Full access to normal traffic available almost immediately (following the earthquake).

Repairable Damage: Damage that can be repaired with a minimum risk of losing functionality.

Limited Service Level: Limited access (reduced lanes, light emergency traffic) possible within days. Full service restoration within months.

Significant Damage: A minimum risk of collapse, but damage that would require closure for repairs.

Note: Above performance criteria and definitions have been modified slightly in the proposed provisions for California Bridges (ACT-32, 1996) and the U.S. Bridges (ATC-18, 1997) and Caltrans (MTD 20-1, 1999) [20].

5.4   Performance-Based Design Approaches

Caltrans Practice

Since 1989, the design criteria specified in Caltrans BDS [26] and several internal design manuals [20,25,27] have been continually updated continuously to reflect recent research findings and development in the field of seismic bridge design. Caltrans has been shifting toward a displacement-based design approach emphasizing capacity design. In 1994 Caltrans established the seismic performance criteria listed in Table 5.4. A bridge is categorized as an "important" or "ordinary" bridge. Project-specific two-level seismic design procedures for important bridges, such as the R-14/I-5 Interchange replacement [16], the San Francisco–Oakland Bay Bridge (SFOBB) [17], and the Benicia-Martinez Bridge [28], are required and have been developed. These performance-based seismic design criteria include site-specific ARS curves, ground motions, and specific design procedures to reflect the desired performance of these structures. For ordinary bridges, only one-level safety-evaluation design is required. The following section briefly discusses the newly developed seismic design methodology for ordinary bridges.

New Caltrans Seismic Design Methodology (MTD 20-1, 1999)

To improve Caltrans seismic design practice and consolidate new research findings, ATC-32 recommendations [18], and the state-of-the-art knowledge gained from the recent extensive seismic bridge design, Caltrans engineers have been developing the Seismic Design Methodology [20] and the Seismic Design Criteria (SDC) [43] for ordinary bridges.

Ordinary Bridge Category

An ordinary bridge can be classified as a "standard" or "nonstandard" bridge. A nonstandard bridge may feature irregular geometry and framing (multilevel, variable width, bifurcating, or highly horizontally curved superstructures, different structure types, outriggers, unbalanced mass and/or stiffness, high skew) and unusual geologic conditions (soft soil, moderate to high liquefaction potential, and proximity to an earthquake fault). A standard bridge does not contain nonstandard features. The performance criteria and the service and damage levels are shown in Table 5.4.

Basic Seismic Design Concept

The objective of seismic design is to ensure that all structural components have sufficient strength and/or ductility to prevent collapse — a limit state where additional deformation will potentially render a bridge incapable of resisting its self-weight during a maximum credible earthquake (MCE). Collapse is usually characterized by structural material failure and/or instability in one or more components.

Ductility is defined as the ratio of ultimate deformation to the deformation at first yield and is the predominant measure of structural ability to dissipate energy. Caltrans takes advantage of ductility and postelastic strength and does not design ordinary bridges to remain elastic during design earthquakes because of economic constraints and the uncertainties in predicting future seismic demands. Seismic deformation demands should not exceed structural deformation capacity or energy-dissipating capacity. Ductile behavior can be provided by inelastic actions either through selected structural members or through protective systems — seismic isolations and energy dissipation devices. Inelastic actions should be limited to the predetermined regions that can be easily inspected and repaired following an earthquake. Because the inelastic response of a concrete superstructure is difficult to inspect and repair and the superstructure damage may cause the bridge to be in an unserviceable condition, inelastic behavior on most bridges should preferably be located in columns, pier walls, backwalls, and wingwalls (see Figure 6.1).

To provide an adequate margin of strength between ductile and nonductile failure modes, capacity design is achieved by providing overstrength against seismic load in superstructure and foundations. Components not explicitly designed for ductile performance should be designed to remain essentially elastic; i.e., response in concrete components should be limited to minor cracking or limited to force demands not exceeding the strength capacity determined by current Caltrans SDC, and response in steel components should be limited to force demands not exceeding the strength capacity determined by current Caltrans SDC.

Displacement-Based Design Approach

The objective of this approach is to ensure that the structural system and its individual components have enough capacity to withstand the deformation imposed by the design earthquake. Using displacements rather than forces as a measurement of earthquake damage allows a structure to fulfill the required functions.

In a displacement-based analysis, proportioning of the structure is first made based on strength and stiffness requirements. The appropriate analysis is run and the resulting displacements are compared with the available capacity, which is dependent on the structural configuration and rotational capacity of plastic hinges and can be evaluated by inelastic static pushover analysis (see Chapter 4). This procedure has been widely used in seismic bridge design in California since 1994. Alternatively, a target displacement could be specified, the analysis performed, and then design strength and stiffness determined as end products for a structure [29,30]. In displacement-based design, the designer needs to define criteria clearly for acceptable structural deformation based on postearthquake performance requirements and the available deformation capacity. Such criteria are based on many factors, including structural type and importance.

Seismic Demands on Structural Components

For ordinary bridges, safety-evaluation ground motion shall be based on deterministic assessment corresponding to the MCE, the largest earthquake that is capable of occurring based on current geologic information. The ARS curves (Figure 5.5) developed by ATC-32 are adopted as standard horizontal ARS curves in conjunction with the peak rock acceleration from the Caltrans Seismic Hazard Map 1996 to determine the horizontal earthquake forces. Vertical acceleration should be considered for bridges with nonstandard structural components, unusual site conditions, and/or close proximity to earthquake faults and can be approximated by an equivalent static vertical force applied to the superstructure.

For structures within 15 km of an active fault, the spectral ordinates of the appropriate standard ARS curve should be increased by 20%. For long-period structures ($T \geq 1.5$ s) on deep soil sites (depth of alluvium ≥ 75 m), the spectral ordinates of the appropriate standard ARS curve should be increased by 20%, and the increase applies to the portion of the curves with periods greater than 1.5 s.

Displacement demands should be estimated from a linear elastic response spectra analysis of bridges with effective component stiffness. The effective stiffness of ductile components should represent the actual secant stiffness of the component near yield. The effective stiffness should include the effects of concrete cracking, reinforcement, and axial load for concrete components; residual stresses, out-of-straightness, and axial load for steel components; and the restraints of the surrounding soil for pile shafts. Attempts should be made to design bridges with dynamic characteristics (mass and stiffness) so that the fundamental period falls within the region between 0.7 and 3 s where the equal displacement principle applies. It is also important that displacement demands also include the combined effects of multidirectional components of horizontal acceleration (for example, 30% rules).

For short-period bridges, linear elastic analysis underestimates displacement demands. The inability to predict displacements of a linear analysis accurately can be overcome by designing the bridge to perform elastically, multiplying the elastic displacement by an amplification factor, or using seismic isolation and energy dissipation devices to limit seismic response. For long-period ($T > 3$ s) bridges, a linear elastic analysis generally overestimates displacements, and linear elastic displacement response spectra analysis should be used.

Force demands for essentially elastic components adjacent to ductile components should be determined by the joint–force equilibrium considering plastic hinging capacity of the ductile component multiplied by an overstrength factor. The overstrength factor should account for the variations in material properties between adjacent components and the possibility that the actual strength of the ductile components exceeds its estimated plastic capacity. Force demands calculated from a linear elastic analysis should not be used.

Seismic Capacity of Structural Components

Strength and deformation capacity of a ductile flexural element should be evaluated by moment–curvature analysis (see Chapters 4 and 6). Strength capacity of all components should be based on the most probable or expected material properties, and anticipated damages. The impact of the second-order P-Δ and P-δ effects on the capacity of all members subjected to combined bending and compression should be considered. Components may require redesign if the P-Δ and P-δ effects are significant.

Displacement capacity of a bridge system should be evaluated by a static push-over analysis (see Chapter 4). The rotational capacity of all plastic hinges should be limited to a safe performance level. The plastic hinge regions should be designed and detailed to perform with minimal strength degradation under cyclic loading.

Seismic Design Practice

- Bridge type, component selection, member dimensions, and aesthetics should be investigated to reduce the seismic demands to the greatest extent possible. Aesthetics should not be the primary reason for producing undesirable frame and component geometry.
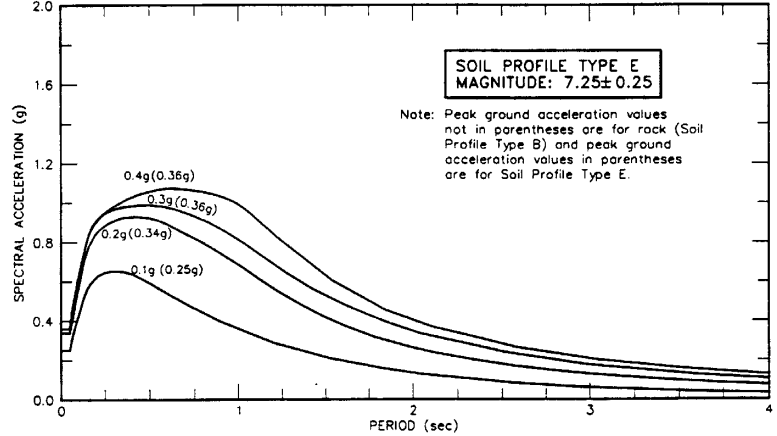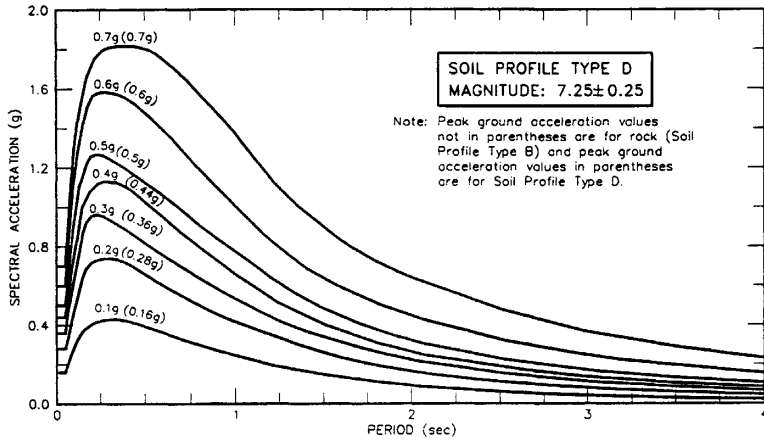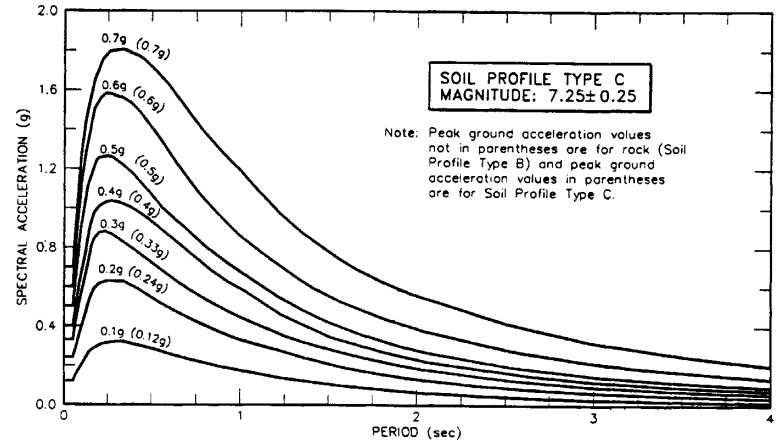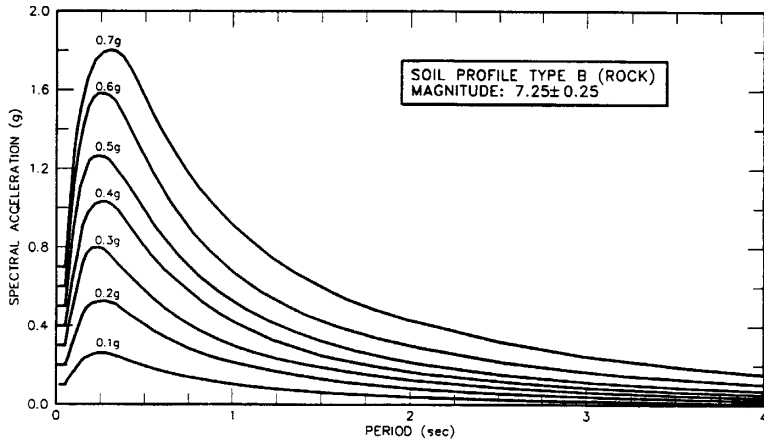
FIGURE 5.5 ATC-32 recommended ARS curves.

- Simplistic analysis models should be used for initial assessment of structural behavior. The results of more sophisticated models should be checked for consistency with the results obtained from the simplistic models. The rotational and translational stiffness of abutments and foundations modeled in the seismic analysis must be compatible with their structural and geotechnical capacity. The energy dissipation capacity of the abutments should be considered for bridges whose response is dominated by the abutments.
- The estimated displacement demands under a design earthquake should not exceed the global displacement capacity of the structure and the local displacement capacity of any of its individual components.
- Adjacent frames should be proportioned to minimize the differences in the fundamental periods and skew angles, and to avoid drastic changes in stiffness. All bridge frames must meet the strength and ductility requirements in a stand-alone condition. Each frame should provide a well-defined load path with predetermined plastic hinge locations and utilize redundancy whenever possible.
- For concrete bridges, structural components should be proportioned to direct inelastic damage into the columns, pier walls, and abutments. The superstructure should have sufficient overstrength to remain essentially elastic if the columns/piers reach their most probable plastic moment capacity. The superstructure-to-substructure connection for nonintegral caps may be designed to fuse prior to generating inelastic response in the superstructure. The girders, bent caps, and columns should be proportioned to minimize joint stresses. Moment-resisting connections should have sufficient joint shear capacity to transfer the maximum plastic moments and shears without joint distress.
- For steel bridges, structural components should be generally designed to ensure that inelastic deformation occur only in the specially detailed ductile substructure elements. Inelastic behavior in the form of controlled damage may be permitted in some of the superstructure components, such as the cross frames, end diaphragms, shear keys, and bearings. The inertial forces generated by the deck must be transferred to the substructure through girders, trusses, cross frames, lateral bracings, end diaphragms, shear keys, and bearings. As an alternative, specially designed ductile end-diaphragms may be used as structural mechanism fuses to prevent damage in other parts of structures.
- Initial sizing of columns should be based on slenderness ratios, bent cap depth, compressive stress ratio, and service loads. Columns should demonstrate dependable post-yield-displacement capacity without an appreciable loss of strength. Thrust–moment–curvature (P–M–Φ) relationships should be used to optimize the performance of a column under service and seismic loads. Concrete columns should be well proportioned, moderately reinforced, and easily constructed. Abrupt changes in the cross section and the capacity of columns should be avoided. Columns must have sufficient rotation capacity to achieve the target displacement ductility requirements.
- Steel multicolumn bents or towers should be designed as ductile moments-resisting frames (MRF) or ductile braced frames such as concentrically braced frames (CBF) and eccentrically braced frames (EBF). For components expected to behave inelastically, elastic buckling (local compression and shear, global flexural, and lateral torsion) and fracture failure modes should be avoided. All connections and joints should preferably be designed to remain essentially elastic. For MRFs, the primary inelastic deformation should preferably be columns. For CBFs, diagonal members should be designed to yield when members are in tension and to buckle inelastically when they are in compression. For EBFs, a short beam segment designated as a *link* should be well designed and detailed.
- Force demands on the foundation should be based on the most probable plastic capacity of the columns/piers with an appropriate amount of overstrength. Foundation elements should be designed to remain essentially elastic. Pile shaft foundations may experience limited inelastic deformation when they are designed and detailed in a ductile manner.

- The ability of an abutment to resist bridge seismic forces should be based on its structural capacity and the soil resistance that can be reliably mobilized. Skewed abutments are highly vulnerable to damage. Skew angles at abutments should be reduced, even at the expense of increasing the bridge length.
- Necessary restrainers and sufficient seat width should be provided between adjacent frames at all intermediate expansion joints, and at the seat-type abutments to eliminate the possibility of unseating during a seismic event.

ATC Recommendations

ATC-32 Recommendations to Caltrans

The Caltrans seismic performance criteria shown in Table 5.4 provide the basis for development of the ATC-32 recommendations [18]. The major changes recommended for the Caltrans BDS are as follows:

- The importance of relative (rather than absolute) displacement in the seismic performance of bridges is emphasized.
- Bridges are classified as either "important" or "ordinary." Structural configurations are divided into Type I, simple (similar to regular bridges), and Type II, complex (similar to irregular bridges). For important bridges, two-level design (safety evaluation and function evaluation) approaches are recommended. For ordinary bridges, a single-level design (safety evaluation) is recommended. Minimum analyses required are shown in Table 5.5.
- The proposed family of site-dependent design spectra (which vary from the current Caltrans curves) is based on four of six standard sites defined in a ground motion workshop [31].
- Vertical earthquake design loads may be taken as two thirds of the horizontal load spectra for typical sites not adjacent to active faults.
- A force-based design approach is retained, but some of the inherent shortcomings have been overcome by using new response modification factors and modeling techniques that more accurately estimate displacements. Two new sets of response modification factors Z (Figure 6.4b) are recommended to represent the response of limited and full ductile structural components. Two major factors are considered in the development of the new Z factors: the relationship between elastic and inelastic response is modeled as a function of the natural period of the structure and the predominant period of the ground motion; the distribution of elastic and inelastic deformation within a structural component is a function of its component geometry and framing configuration.
- $P\text{-}\Delta$ effects should be included using inelastic dynamic analysis unless the following relation is satisfied:

$$\frac{V_o}{W} \geq 4\frac{\delta_u}{H} \tag{5.2}$$

where V_o is base shear strength of the frame obtained from plastic analysis; W is the dead load; δ_u is maximum design displacement; and H is the height of the frame. The inequality

TABLE 5.5 ATC-32 Minimum Required Analysis

Bridge Type		Functional Evaluation	Safety Evaluation
Ordinary Bridge	Type I	None required	Equivalent static analysis or elastic dynamic analysis
	Type II	None required	Elastic dynamic analysis
Important Bridge	Type I	Equivalent static analysis or elastic dynamic analysis	
	Type II	Elastic dynamic analysis	Elastic dynamic analysis or inelastic static analysis or inelastic dynamic analysis

in Eq. (5.2) is recommended to keep bridge columns from being significantly affected by *P-Δ* moments.

- A adjustment factor, R_d, is recommended to adjust the displacement results from an elastic dynamic analysis to reflect the more realistic inelastic displacements that occur during an earthquake.

$$R_d = \left(1 - \frac{1}{Z}\right)\frac{T}{T^*} + \frac{1}{Z} \geq 1 \tag{5.3}$$

where *T* is the natural period of the structure, T^* is the predominant period of ground motion, and *Z* is force-reduction coefficient defined in Figure 6.4b.

- Modification was made to the design of ductile elements, the design of nonductile elements using capacity design approach, and the detailing of reinforced concrete for seismic resistance based on recent research findings.
- Steel seismic design guidelines and detailing requirements are very similar to building code requirements.
- Foundation design guidelines include provisions for site investigation, determination of site stability, modeling and design of abutments and wingwalls, pile and spread footing foundations, drilled shafts, and earth-retaining structures.

ATC-18 Recommendation to FHWA

The ATC recently reviewed current seismic design codes and specifications for highway structures worldwide and provided recommendations for future codes for bridge structures in the United States [19]. The recommendations have implemented significant changes to current specifications, most importantly the two-level design approach, but a single-level design approach is included. The major recommendations are summarized in Tables 5.6 and 5.7.

5.5   Sample Performance-Based Criteria

This section introduces performance-based criteria as a reference guide. A complete set of criteria will include consideration of postearthquake performance criteria, determination of seismic loads and load combinations, material properties, analysis methods, and detailed qualitative acceptance criteria. The materials presented in this section are based on successful past experience, various codes and specifications, and state-of-the-art knowledge. Much of this section is based on the Seismic Retrofit Design Criteria developed for the SFOBB west span [17]. It should be emphasized that the sample criteria provided here should serve as a guide and are not meant to encompass all situations.

The postearthquake performance criteria depending on the importance of bridges specified in Table 5.4 are used. Two levels of earthquake loads, FEGM and SEGM, defined in Table 5.4, are required. The extreme event load combination specified by AASHTO-LRFD [23] should be considered.

Determination of Demands

Analysis Methods

For ordinary bridges, seismic force and deformation demands may be obtained by equivalent static analysis or elastic dynamic response spectrum analysis. For important bridges, the following guidelines may apply:

1. Static linear analysis should be used to determine member forces due to self-weight, wind, water currents, temperature, and live load.
2. Dynamic response spectrum analysis [32] should be used for local and regional stand-alone models and the simplified global model to determine mode shapes, periods, and initial

TABLE 5.6   ATC-18 Recommendations for Future Bridge Seismic Code Development (Two-Level Design Approach)

Level		Lower Level Functional Evaluation	Upper Level Safety Evaluation
Performance criteria	Ordinary bridges	Service level — immediate Damage level — repairable	Service level — limited Damage level — significant
	Important bridges	Service level — immediate Damage level — minimum	Service level — immediate Damage level — repairable
Design load		Functional evaluation ground motion	Safety evaluation ground motion
Design approach		• Continue current AASHTO seismic performance category • Adopt the two-level design approach at least for important bridges in higher seismic zones • Use elastic design principles for the lower-level design requirement • Use nonlinear analysis — deformation-based procedures for the upper-level design	
Analysis		Current elastic analysis procedures (equivalent static and multimodel)	Nonlinear static analysis
Design force	Ductile component	Remain undamaged	Have adequate ductility to meet the performance criteria
	Nonductile component	Remain undamaged	For sacrificial element — ultimate strength should be close to but larger than that required for the lower-level event For nonsacrificial element — based on elastic demands or capacity design procedure
	Foundation	Capacity design procedure — to ensure that there is no damage	
Design displacement		Use the upper-level event Retain current seat width requirements Consider overall draft limits to avoid $P\text{-}\Delta$ effects on long-period structures	
Concrete and steel design		Use the capacity design procedure for all critical members	
Foundation design		• Complete geotechnical analysis for both level events • Prevent structural capacity of the foundations at the lower level event • Allow damage in the upper-level event as long as it does not lead to catastrophic failure	

Functional Evaluation Ground Motion (*FEGM*): Probabilistic assessed ground motions that have a 72 ~ 250-year return period (i.e., 30 to 50% probability of exceedance during the useful life of a bridge).

Safety Evaluation Ground Motion (*SEGM*): Probabilistic assessed ground motions that have a 950 ~ 2475-year return period (10% probability of exceedance for a design life of 100 ~ 250 years).

Immediate Service Level: Full access to normal traffic is available almost immediately (i.e., within hours) following the earthquake (it may be necessary to allow 24 h or so for inspection of the bridge).

Limited Service Level: Limited access (reduced lanes, light emergency traffic) is possible within 3 days of the earthquake. Full service restoration within months.

Minimum Damage: Minor inelastic deformation such as narrow flexural cracking in concrete and no apparent deformations.

Repairable Damage: Damage such as concrete cracking, minor spalling of cover concrete, and steel yield that can be repaired without requiring closure and replacing structural members. Permanent offsets are small.

Significant Damage: Damage such as concrete cracking, major spalling of concrete, steel yield that can be repaired only with closure, and partial or complete replacement. Permanent offset may occur without collapse.

estimates of seismic force and displacement demands. The analysis may be used on global models prior to a time-history analysis to verify global behavior, eliminate modeling errors, and identify initial regions or members where inelastic behavior needs further refinement and inelastic nonlinear elements. In the analysis:

- Site-specific ARS curves should be used with 5% damping.
- Modal response should be combined using the complete quadratic combination (CQC) method and the resulting orthogonal responses should be combined using either the square root of the sum of the squares (SRSS) method or the "30%" rule as defined by AASHTO-LRFD [23].

TABLE 5.7 ATC-18 Recommendations for Future Bridge Seismic Code Development (One-Level Approach)

Design philosophy		For lower-level earthquake, there should be only minimum damage
		For a significant earthquake, collapse should be prevented but significant damage may occur; damage should occur at visible locations
		The following addition to Item 2 is required if different response modification (R and Z) factors are used for important or ordinary bridges
		Item 2 as it stands would apply to ordinary bridges
		For important bridges, only repairable would be expected during a significant earthquake
Design load		Single-level — safety evaluation ground motion — 950 ~ 2475-year return period for the eastern and western portions of the U.S.
Design approach		• Continue current AASHTO seismic performance category
		• Use nonlinear analysis deformation-based procedures with strength and stiffness requirements being derived from appropriate nonlinear response spectra
Analysis		Nonlinear static analysis should be part of any analysis requirement
		At a minimum, nonlinear static analysis is required for important bridges
		Current elastic analysis and design procedure may be sufficient for small ordinary bridges
		Incorporate both current R-factor elastic procedure and nonlinear static analysis
Design force	Ductile component	R-factor elastic design procedure or nonlinear static analysis
	Nonductile component	For sacrificial element, should be designed using a guideline that somewhat correspond to the design level of an unspecified lower-level event, for example, one half or one third of the force required for the upper-level event
		For nonsacrificial element, should be designed for elastic demands or capacity design procedure
	Foundation	Capacity design procedure — to ensure that there is no damage
Design displacement		Maintain current seat width requirements
		Consider overall draft limits to avoid P-Δ effects on long-period structures
Concrete and steel design		Use the capacity design procedure for all critical members
Foundation design		• Complete geotechnical analysis for the upper-level event
		• For nonessential bridges, a lower level (50% of the design acceleration) might be appropriate

3. Site-specific multisupport dynamic time histories should be used in a dynamic time-history analysis [33].

- Linear elastic dynamic time-history analysis is defined as a dynamic time-history analysis with consideration of geometric linearity (small displacement), linear boundary conditions, and elastic members. It should be used only to check regional and global models.

- Nonlinear elastic dynamic time-history analysis is defined as a dynamic time-history analysis with consideration of geometric nonlinearity, linear boundary conditions, and elastic members. It should be used to determine areas of inelastic behavior prior to incorporating inelasticity into regional and global models.

- Nonlinear inelastic dynamic time-history analysis, level I, is defined as a dynamic time-history analysis with consideration of geometric nonlinearity, nonlinear boundary conditions, inelastic elements (for example, seismic isolators and dampers), and elastic members. It should be used for final determination of force and displacement demands for existing structures in combination with static gravity, wind, thermal, water current, and live loads as specified in AASHTO-LRFD [23].

- Nonlinear inelastic dynamic time-history analysis, level II, is defined as a dynamic time-history analysis with consideration of geometric nonlinearity, nonlinear boundary conditions, inelastic elements (for example, dampers), and inelastic members. It should be used for the final evaluation of response of the structures.

Modeling Considerations

1. *Global, Regional, and Local Models*

   The global models consider overall behavior and may include simplifications of complex structural elements (Figure 5.6a). Regional models concentrate on regional behavior (Figure 5.6b). Local models (Figure 5.6c) emphasize the localized behavior, especially complex inelastic and nonlinear behavior. In regional and global models where more than one foundation location is included in the model, multisupport time-history analysis should be used.

2. *Boundary Conditions*

   Appropriate boundary conditions should be included in regional models to represent the interaction between the region and the adjacent structure. The adjacent portion is not explicitly modeled but may be simplified using a combination of springs, dashpots, and lumped masses. Appropriate nonlinear elements such as gap elements, nonlinear springs, seismic response modification devices (SRMDs), or specialized nonlinear finite elements should be included where the behavior and response of the structure is sensitive to such elements.

3. *Soil–Foundation–Structure Interaction*

   This interaction may be considered using nonlinear or hysteretic springs in global and regional models. Foundation springs to represent the properties of the soil at the base of the structure should be included in both regional and global models (see Chapter 10).

4. *Damping*

   When nonlinear material properties are incorporated in the model, Rayleigh damping should be reduced (perhaps 20%) from the elastic properties.

5. *Seismic Response Modification Devices*

   The SRMDs should be modeled explicitly with hysteretic characteristics determined by experimental data. See Chapter 9 for a detailed discussion of this behavior.

Determination of Capacities

Limit States and Resistance Factors

The *limit state* is defined as that condition of a structure at which it ceases to satisfy the provisions for which it was designed. Two kinds of limit states corresponding to SEGM and FEGM specified in Table 5.4 apply for seismic design and retrofit. To account for unavoidable inaccuracies in the theory, variation in the material properties, workmanship, and dimensions, nominal strength of structural components should be modified by a resistance factor ϕ specified by AASHTO-LRFD [23] or project-specific criteria to obtain the design capacity or strength (resistance).

Nominal Strength of Structural Components

The strength capacity of structural members should be determined in accordance with specified code formula [23,26, Chapters 6 and 7], or verified with experimental and analytical computer models, or project-specific criteria [19].

Structural Deformation Capacity

Structural deformation capacity should be determined by nonlinear inelastic analysis and based on acceptable damage levels as shown in Table 5.4. The quantitative definition of the damage corresponding to different performance requirements has not been specified by the current Caltrans BDS [26], AASHTO-LRFD [23], and ATC recommendations [18,19] because of the lack of consensus. As a starting point, Table 5.8 provides a quantitative strain and ductility limit corresponding to the three damage levels.

The displacement capacity should be evaluated considering both material and geometric non-linearities. Proper boundary conditions for various structures should be carefully considered. A static push-over analysis (see Chapter 4) may be suitable for most bridges. A nonlinear inelastic
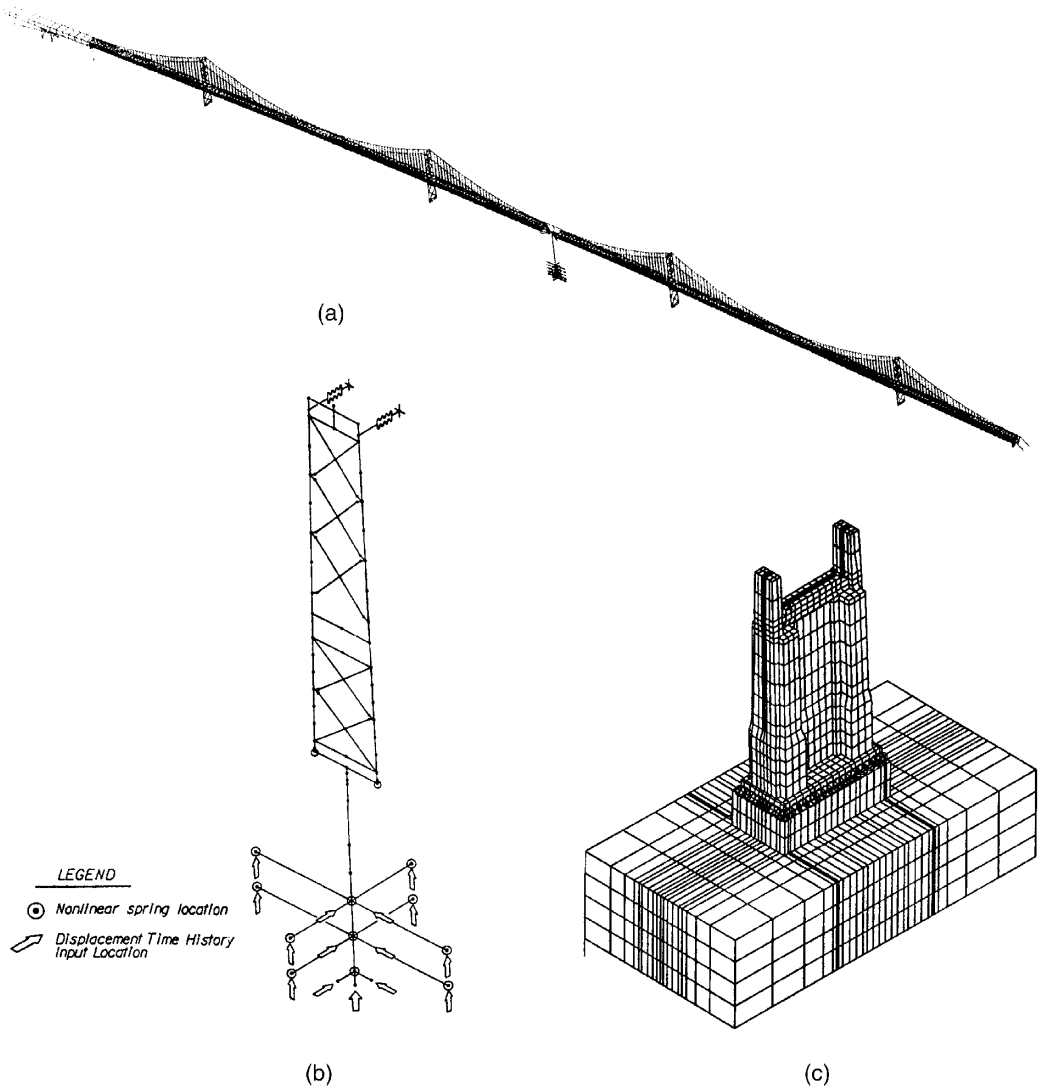
FIGURE 5.6 (a) Global model, (b) Regional models for towers, and (c) local model for PW-1 for San Francisco–Oakland Bay Bridge west spans.

dynamic time-history analysis, Level II, may be required for important bridges. The available displacement capacity is defined as the displacement corresponding to the most critical of (1) 20% load reduction from the peak load or (2) the strain limit specified in Table 5.8.

Seismic Response Modification Devices

SRMDs include energy dissipation and seismic isolation devices. Energy dissipation devices increase the effective damping of the structure, thereby reducing reaction forces and deflections. Isolation devices change the fundamental mode of vibration so that the response of the structure is lowered; however, the reduced force may be accompanied by an increased displacement.

The properties of SRMDs should be determined by the specified testing program. References are made to AASHTO [34], Caltrans [35], and Japan Ministry of Construction (JMC) [36]. Consideration of the following items should be made in the test specifications:

TABLE 5.8   Damage Levels, Strain, and Ductility

Damage level	Strain		Ductility	
	Concrete	Steel	Curvature μ_ϕ	Displacement μ_Δ
Significant	ε_{cu}	ε_{sh}	8 ~ 10	4 ~ 6
Repairable	Larger $\begin{cases} 0.005 \\ \dfrac{2\varepsilon_{cu}}{3} \end{cases}$	Larger $\begin{cases} 0.008 \\ \dfrac{2\varepsilon_y}{3} \end{cases}$	4 ~ 6	2 ~ 4
Minimum	Larger $\begin{cases} 0.004 \\ \dfrac{\varepsilon_{cu}}{3} \end{cases}$	Larger $\begin{cases} 0.003 \\ 1.5\varepsilon_y \end{cases}$	2 ~ 4	1 ~ 2

ε_{cu} = ultimate concrete compression strain depending on confinement (see Chapter 4)
ε_y = yield strain of steel
ε_{sh} = hardening strain of steel
μ_ϕ = curvature ductility (ϕ_u/ϕ_y)
μ_Δ = displacement ductility (Δ_u/Δ_y) (see Chapter 4)

- Scales — at least two full-scale test specimens are required;
- Loading (including lateral and vertical) history and rate;
- Durability — design life;
- Deterioration — expected levels of strength and stiffness.

Performance Acceptance Criteria

To achieve the performance objectives in Table 5.4, various structural components should satisfy the acceptable demand/capacity ratios (DC_{accept}) specified in this section. The form of the equation is:

$$\frac{\text{Demand}}{\text{Capacity}} \le DC_{\text{accept}} \tag{5.4}$$

where *demand,* in terms of factored moments, shears, and axial forces, and displacement and rotation deformations, should be determined by a nonlinear inelastic dynamic time-history analysis, level I, for important bridges, and dynamic response spectrum analysis for ordinary bridges defined previously, and *capacity,* in terms of factored strength and deformation capacities, should be obtained according to the previous section.

Structural Component Classifications

Structural components are classified into two categories: *critical* and *other*. It is the aim that other components may be permitted to function as *fuses* so that the critical components of the bridge system can be protected during the functionality evaluation earthquake (FEE) and the safety evaluation earthquake (SEE). As an example, Table 5.9 shows structural component classifications and their definitions for a suspension bridge.

Steel Structures

1. *General Design Procedure*
   Seismic design of steel members should be in accordance with the procedure shown in Figure 5.7. Seismic retrofit design of steel members should be in accordance with the procedure shown in Figure 5.8.

TABLE 5.9   Structural Component Classification

Component Classification	Definition	Example (SFOBB West Spans)
Critical	Components on a critical path that carry bridge gravity load directly The loss of capacity of these components would have serious consequences on the structural integrity of the bridge	Suspension cables Continuous trusses Floor beams and stringers Tower legs Central anchorage A-frame Piers W-1 and W-2 Bents A and B Caisson foundations Anchorage housings Cable bents
Other	All components other than Critical	All other components

Note: Structural components include members and connections.
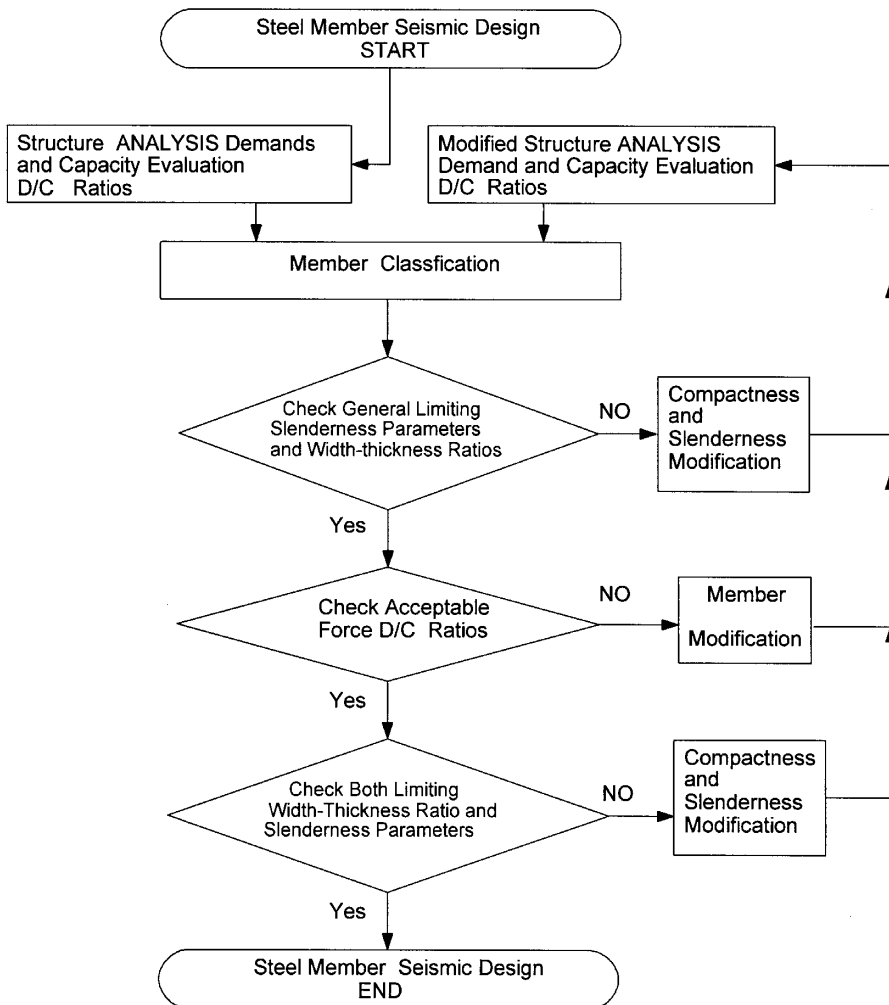
FIGURE 5.7   Steel member seismic design procedure.
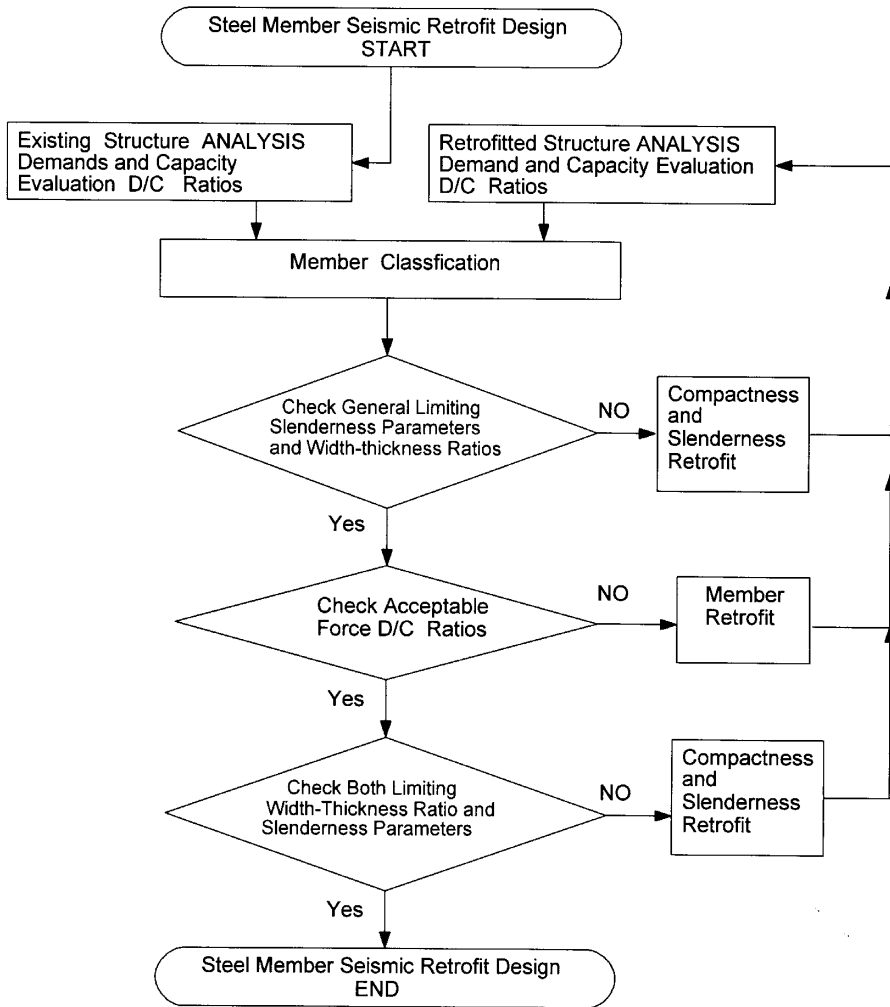
FIGURE 5.8 Steel member seismic retrofit design procedure.

2. _Connections_

Connections should be evaluated over the length of the seismic event. For connecting members with force _D/C_ ratios larger than 1.0, 25% greater than the nominal capacity of the connecting members should be used in connection design.

3. _General Limiting Slenderness Parameters and Width–Thickness Ratios_

For all steel members (regardless of their force _D/C_ ratios), the slenderness parameter for axial load dominant members (λ_c) and for flexural dominant members (λ_b) should not exceed the limiting values ($0.9\lambda_{cr}$ or $0.9\lambda_{br}$ for _critical_, λ_{cr} or λ_{br} for _Others_) shown in Table 5.10.

4. _Acceptable Force _D/C_ Ratios and Limiting Values_

Acceptable force _D/C_ ratios, DC_{accept} and associated limiting slenderness parameters, and width–thickness ratios for various members are specified in Table 5.10. For all members with _D/C_ ratios larger than 1.0, slenderness parameters and width–thickness ratios should not exceed the limiting values specified in Table 5.10. For existing steel members with _D/C_ ratios less than 1.0, width–thickness ratios may exceed λ_r specified in Table 5.11 and AISC-LRFD [37].

TABLE 5.10 Acceptable Force Demand/Capacity Ratios and Limiting Slenderness Parameters and Width–Thickness Ratios

		Limiting Ratios		Acceptable Force D/C Ratio
Member Classification		Slenderness Parameter (λ_c and λ_b)	Width–Thickness λ (b/t or h/t_w)	DC_{accept}
Critical	Axial load dominant	$0.9\lambda_{cr}$	λ_r	$DC_r = 1.0$
	$P_u/P_n \geq M_u/M_n$	λ_{cpr}	λ_{pr}	$1.0 \sim 1.2$
		λ_{cp}	λ_p	$DC_p = 1.2$
	Flexural moment dominant	$0.9\lambda_{br}$	λ_r	$DC_r = 1.0$
	$M_u/M_n > P_u/P_n$	λ_{bpr}	λ_{pr}	$1.2 \sim 1.5$
		λ_{bp}	λ_p	$DC_p = 1.5$
Other	Axial load dominant	λ_{cr}	λ_r	$DC_r = 1.0$
	$P_u/P_n \geq M_u/M_n$	λ_{cpr}	λ_{pr}	$1.0 \sim 2.0$
		λ_{cp}	$\lambda_{p\text{-Seismic}}$	$DC_p = 2$
	Flexural moment dominant	λ_{br}	λ_r	$DC_r = 1.0$
	$M_u/M_n > P_u/P_n$	λ_{bpr}	λ_{pr}	$1.0 \sim 2.5$
		λ_{bp}	$\lambda_{p\text{-Seismic}}$	$DC_p = 2.5$

The following symbols are used in Table 5.10. M_u is the factored moment demand; P_u is the factored axial force demand; M_n is the nominal moment strength of a member; P_n is the nominal axial strength of a member; λ is the width–thickness (b/t or h/t_w) ratio of a compressive element; $\lambda_c = (KL/r\pi)\sqrt{F_y/E}$, the slenderness parameter of axial load dominant members; $\lambda_b = L/r_y$, the slenderness parameter of flexural moment dominant members; $\lambda_{cp} = 0.5$, the limiting column slenderness parameter for 90% of the axial yield load based on AISC-LRFD [37] column curve; λ_{bp} is the limiting beam slenderness parameter for plastic moment for seismic design; $\lambda_{cr} = 1.5$, the limiting column slenderness parameter for elastic buckling based on AISC-LRFD [37] column curve; λ_{br} is the limiting beam slenderness parameter for elastic lateral torsional buckling;

$$\lambda_{br} = \begin{cases} \dfrac{57{,}000\sqrt{JA}}{M_r} & \text{for solid rectangular bars and box sections} \\[4mm] \dfrac{X_1}{F_L}\sqrt{1 + \sqrt{1 + X_2 F_L^2}} & \text{for doubly symmetric I-shaped members and channels} \end{cases}$$

$$M_r = \begin{cases} F_L\, S_x & \text{for I-shaped member} \\ F_{yf}\, S_x & \text{for solid rectangular and box section} \end{cases}$$

$$X_1 = \frac{\pi}{S_x}\sqrt{\frac{EGJA}{2}} \qquad X_s = \frac{4C_w}{I_y}\left(\frac{S_x}{GJ}\right) \qquad F_L = \text{smaller} \begin{cases} F_{yw} \\ F_{yf} - F_r \end{cases}$$

where A is the cross-sectional area, in.^{2}; L is the unsupported length of a member; J is the torsional constant, in.^{4}; r is the radius of gyration, in.; r_y is the radius of gyration about minor axis, in.; F_y is the yield stress of steel; F_{yw} is the yield stress of web, ksi; F_{yf} is the yield stress of flange, ksi; E is the modulus of elasticity of steel (29,000 ksi); G is the shear modulus of elasticity of steel (11,200 ksi); S_x is the section modulus about major axis, in.^{3}; I_y is the moment of inertia about minor axis, in.^{4};

TABLE 5.11   Limiting Width–Thickness Ratios

No.	Description of Elements	Examples	Width–Thickness Ratios	λ_r	λ_p	$\lambda_{p\text{-}Seismic}$
			Unstiffened Elements			
1	Flanges of I-shaped rolled beams and channels in flexure	Figure 5.9a Figure 5.9c	b/t	$\dfrac{141}{\sqrt{F_y-10}}$	$\dfrac{65}{\sqrt{F_y}}$	$\dfrac{52}{\sqrt{F_y}}$
2	Outstanding legs of pairs of angles in continuous contact; flanges of channels in axial compression; angles and plates projecting from beams or compression members	Figure 5.9d Figure 5.9e Figure 5.9f	b/t	$\dfrac{95}{\sqrt{F_y}}$	$\dfrac{65}{\sqrt{F_y}}$	$\dfrac{52}{\sqrt{F_y}}$
			Stiffened Elements			
3	Flanges of square and rectangular box and hollow structural section of uniform thickness subject to bending or compression; flange cover plates and diaphragm plates between lines of fasteners or welds	Figure 5.9b	b/t	$\dfrac{238}{\sqrt{F_y}}$	$\dfrac{190}{\sqrt{F_y}}$	$110/F_y$ (tubes) $150/F_y$ (others)
4	Unsupported width of cover plates perforated with a succession of access holes	Figure 5.9d	b/t	$\dfrac{317}{\sqrt{F_y}}$	$\dfrac{253}{\sqrt{F_y}}$	$\dfrac{152}{\sqrt{F_y}}$
5	All other uniformly compressed stiffened elements, i.e., supported along two edges	Figures 5.9a, c,d,f	b/t h/t_w	$\dfrac{253}{\sqrt{F_y}}$	$\dfrac{190}{\sqrt{F_y}}$	$110/\sqrt{F_y}$ (w/lacing) $150/\sqrt{F_y}$ (others)
6	Webs in flexural compression	Figures 5.9a, c,d,f	h/t_w	$\dfrac{970}{\sqrt{F_y}}$	$\dfrac{640}{\sqrt{F_y}}$	$\dfrac{520}{\sqrt{F_y}}$
7	Webs in combined flexural and axial compression	Figures 5.9a, c,d,f	h/t_w	$\dfrac{970}{\sqrt{F_y}}\times\left(1-\dfrac{0.74P}{\phi_b P_y}\right)$	For $P_u \le 0.125\,\phi_b P_y$ $\dfrac{640}{\sqrt{F_y}}\left(1-\dfrac{2.75P}{\phi_b P_y}\right)$ For $P_u > 0.125\,\phi_b P_y$ $\dfrac{191}{\sqrt{F_y}}\left(2.33-\dfrac{P}{\phi_b P_y}\right)$ $\ge \dfrac{253}{\sqrt{F_y}}$	For $P_u \le 0.125\,\phi_b P_y$ $\dfrac{520}{\sqrt{F_y}}\left(1-\dfrac{1.54P}{\phi_b P_y}\right)$ For $P_u > 0.125\,\phi_b P_y$ $\dfrac{191}{\sqrt{F_y}}\left(2.33-\dfrac{P}{\phi_b P_y}\right)$ $\ge \dfrac{253}{\sqrt{F_y}}$
8	Longitudinally stiffened plates in compression	Figure 5.9e	b/t	$\dfrac{113\sqrt{k}}{\sqrt{F_y}}$	$\dfrac{95\sqrt{k}}{\sqrt{F_y}}$	$\dfrac{75\sqrt{k}}{\sqrt{F_y}}$

Notes:
1. Width–thickness ratios shown in **bold** are from AISC-LRFD [37] and AISC-Seismic Provisions [42].
2. k = buckling coefficient specified by Article 6.11.2.1.3a of AASHTO-LRFD [23]
   for $n = 1$, $k = (8I_s/bt^3)^{1/3} \le 4.0$; for $n = 2, 3, 4$, and 5, $k = (14.3I_s/bt^3n^4)^{1/3} \le 4.0$
   n = number of equally spaced longitudinal compression flange stiffeners
   I_s = moment of inertia of a longitudinal stiffener about an axis parallel to the bottom flange and taken at the base of the stiffener
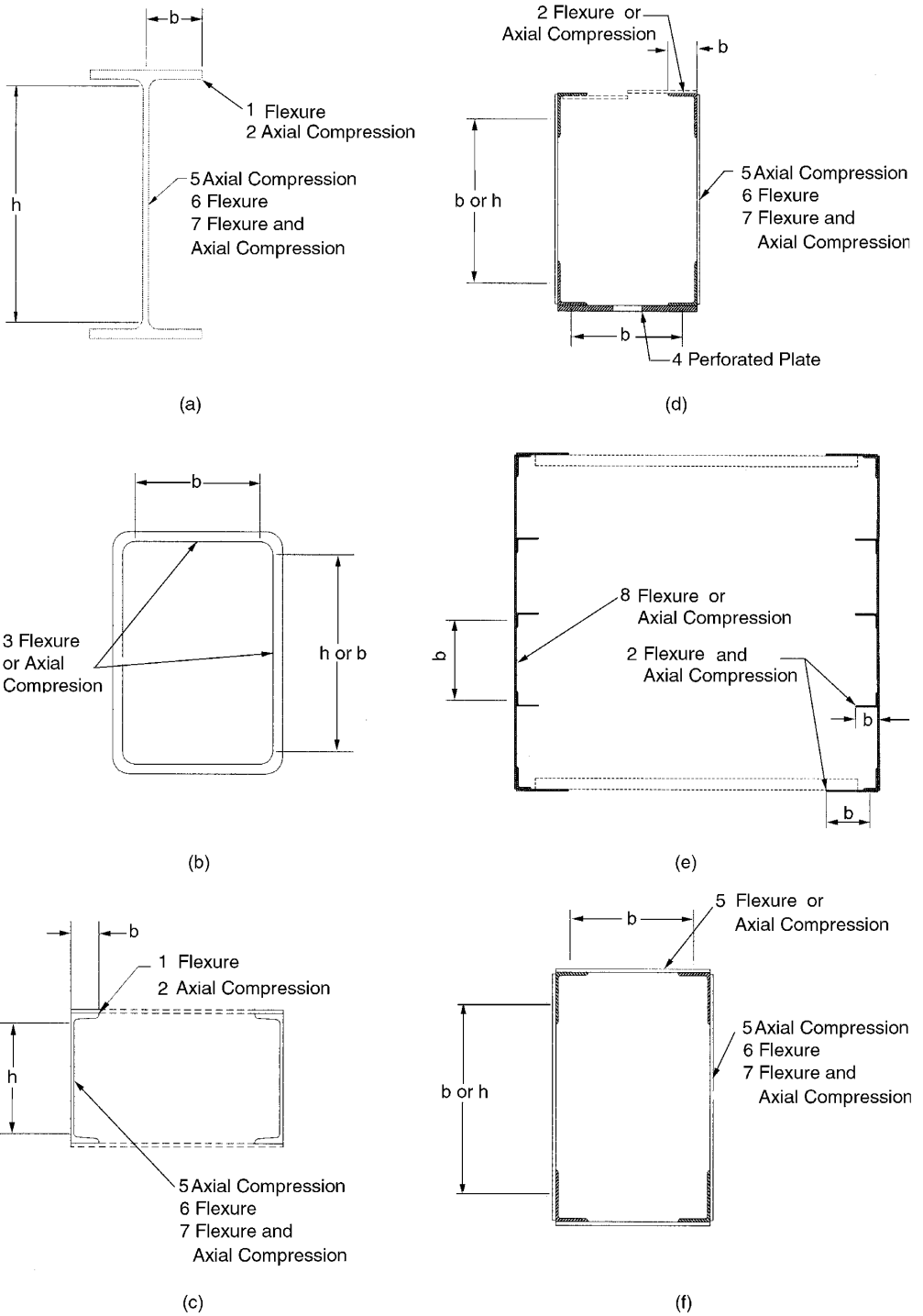
FIGURE 5.9   Typical cross sections for steel members: (a) rolled I section; (b) hollow structured tube; (c) built-up channels; (d) built-up box section; (e) longitudinally stiffened built-up box section; (f) built-up box section.

and C_w is the warping constant, in.[6] For doubly symmetric and singly symmetric I-shaped members with compression flange equal to or larger than the tension flange, including hybrid members (strong axis bending):

$$\lambda_{bp} = \begin{cases} \dfrac{\left[3600 + 2200\, M_1/M_2\right]}{F_y} & \text{for } \textit{other} \text{ members} \\[12pt] \dfrac{300}{\sqrt{F_{yf}}} & \text{for } \textit{critical} \text{ members} \end{cases} \tag{5.5}$$

in which M_1 is larger moment at end of unbraced length of beam; M_2 is smaller moment at end of unbraced length of beam; (M_1/M_2) is positive when moments cause reverse curvature and negative for single curvature.

For solid rectangular bars and symmetric box beam (strong axis bending):

$$\lambda_{bp} = \begin{cases} \dfrac{5000 + 3000\,(M_1/M_2)}{F_y} \geq \dfrac{3000}{F_y} & \text{for } \textit{other} \text{ members} \\[12pt] \dfrac{3750}{M_p}\sqrt{JA} & \text{for } \textit{critical} \text{ members} \end{cases} \tag{5.6}$$

in which M_p is plastic moment $(Z_x F_y)$; Z_x is plastic section modulus about major axis; and λ_r, λ_p, $\lambda_{p-\text{Seismic}}$ are limiting width thickness ratios specified by Table 5.11.

$$\lambda_{pr} = \begin{cases} \left[\lambda_p + \left(\lambda_r - \lambda_p\right)\left(\dfrac{DC_p - DC_{\text{accept}}}{DC_p - DC_r}\right)\right] & \text{for } \textit{critical} \text{ members} \\[12pt] \left[\lambda_{p\text{-Seismic}} + \left(\lambda_r - \lambda_{p\text{-Seismic}}\right)\left(\dfrac{DC_p - DC_{\text{accept}}}{DC_p - DC_r}\right)\right] & \text{for } \textit{other} \text{ members} \end{cases} \tag{5.7}$$

For axial load dominant members $(P_u/P_n \geq M_u/M_n)$:

$$\lambda_{cpr} = \begin{cases} \lambda_{cp} + \left(0.9\lambda_{cr} - \lambda_{cp}\right)\left(\dfrac{DC_p - DC_{\text{accept}}}{DC_p - DC_r}\right) & \text{for } \textit{critical} \text{ members} \\[12pt] \lambda_{cp} + \left(\lambda_{cr} - \lambda_{cp}\right)\left(\dfrac{DC_p - DC_{\text{accept}}}{DC_p - DC_r}\right) & \text{for } \textit{other} \text{ members} \end{cases} \tag{5.8}$$

For flexural moment dominant members $(M_u/M_n > P_u/P_n)$:

$$\lambda_{bpr} \begin{cases} \lambda_{bp} + \left(0.9\lambda_{br} - \lambda_{bp}\right)\left(\dfrac{DC_p - DC_{\text{accept}}}{DC_p - DC_r}\right) & \text{for } \textit{critical} \text{ members} \\[12pt] \lambda_{bp} + \left(\lambda_{br} - \lambda_{bp}\right)\left(\dfrac{DC_p - DC_{\text{accept}}}{DC_p - DC_r}\right) & \text{for } \textit{other} \text{ members} \end{cases} \tag{5.9}$$

Concrete Structures

1. *General*

   For all concrete compression members (regardless of *D/C* ratios), the slenderness parameter (*KL/r*) should not exceed 60.

   For *critical* components, force $DC_{accept} = 1.2$ and deformation $DC_{accept} = 0.4$.

   For *other* components, force $DC_{accept} = 2.0$ and deformation $DC_{accept} = 0.67$.

2. *Beam–Column* (*Bent Cap*) *Joints*

   For concrete box-girder bridges, the beam–column (bent cap) joints should be evaluated and designed in accordance with the following guidelines [38,39]:

   a. Effective Superstructure Width: The effective width of superstructure (box girder) on either side of a column to resist longitudinal seismic moment at bent (support) should not be taken as larger than the superstructure depth.
      - The immediately adjacent girder on either side of a column within the effective super-structure width is considered effective.
      - Additional girders may be considered effective if refined bent-cap torsional analysis indicates that the additional girders can be mobilized.

   b. Minimum Bent-Cap Width: Minimum cap width outside column should not be less than *D*/4 (*D* is column diameter or width in that direction) or 2 ft (0.61 m).

   c. Acceptable Joint Shear Stress:
      - For existing unconfined joints, acceptable principal tensile stress should be taken as $3.5\sqrt{f_c'}$ psi $\left(0.29\sqrt{f_c'} \text{ MPa}\right)$. If the principal tensile stress demand exceeds this limiting value, the joint shear reinforcement specified in Item d should be provided.
      - For new joints, acceptable principal tensile stress should be taken as $12\sqrt{f_c'}$ psi ($1.0\sqrt{f_c'}$ MPa).
      - For existing and new joints, acceptable principal compressive stress shall be taken as f_c'.

   d. Joint Shear Reinforcement:
      - Typical flexure and shear reinforcement (see Figures 5.10 and 5.11) in bent caps should be supplemented in the vicinity of columns to resist joint shear. All joint shear rein-forcement should be well distributed and provided within *D*/2 from the face of column.
      - Vertical reinforcement including cap stirrups and added bars should be 20% of the column reinforcement anchored into the joint. Added bars shall be hooked around main longitudinal cap bars. Transverse reinforcement in the joint region should consist of hoops with a minimum reinforcement ratio of 0.4 (column steel area)/(embedment length of column bar into the bent cap)[2].
      - Horizontal reinforcement should be stitched across the cap in two or more intermediate layers. The reinforcement should be shaped as hairpins, spaced vertically at not more than 18 in. (457 mm). The hairpins should be 10% of column reinforcement. Spacing should be denser outside the column than that used within the column.
      - Horizontal side face reinforcement should be 10% of the main cap reinforcement including top and bottom steel.
      - For bent caps skewed greater than 20°, the vertical J-bars hooked around longitudinal deck and bent-cap steel should be 8% of column steel (see Figure 5.11). The J-bars should be alternately 24 in. (600 mm) and 30 in. (750 mm) long and placed within a width of column dimension on either side of the column centerline.
      - All vertical column bars should be extended as high as practically possible without interfering with the main cap bars.

Seismic Response Modification Devices

Analysis methods specified previously apply for determining seismic design forces and displacements on SRMDs. Properties or capacities of SRMDs should be determined by specified tests. SRMDs
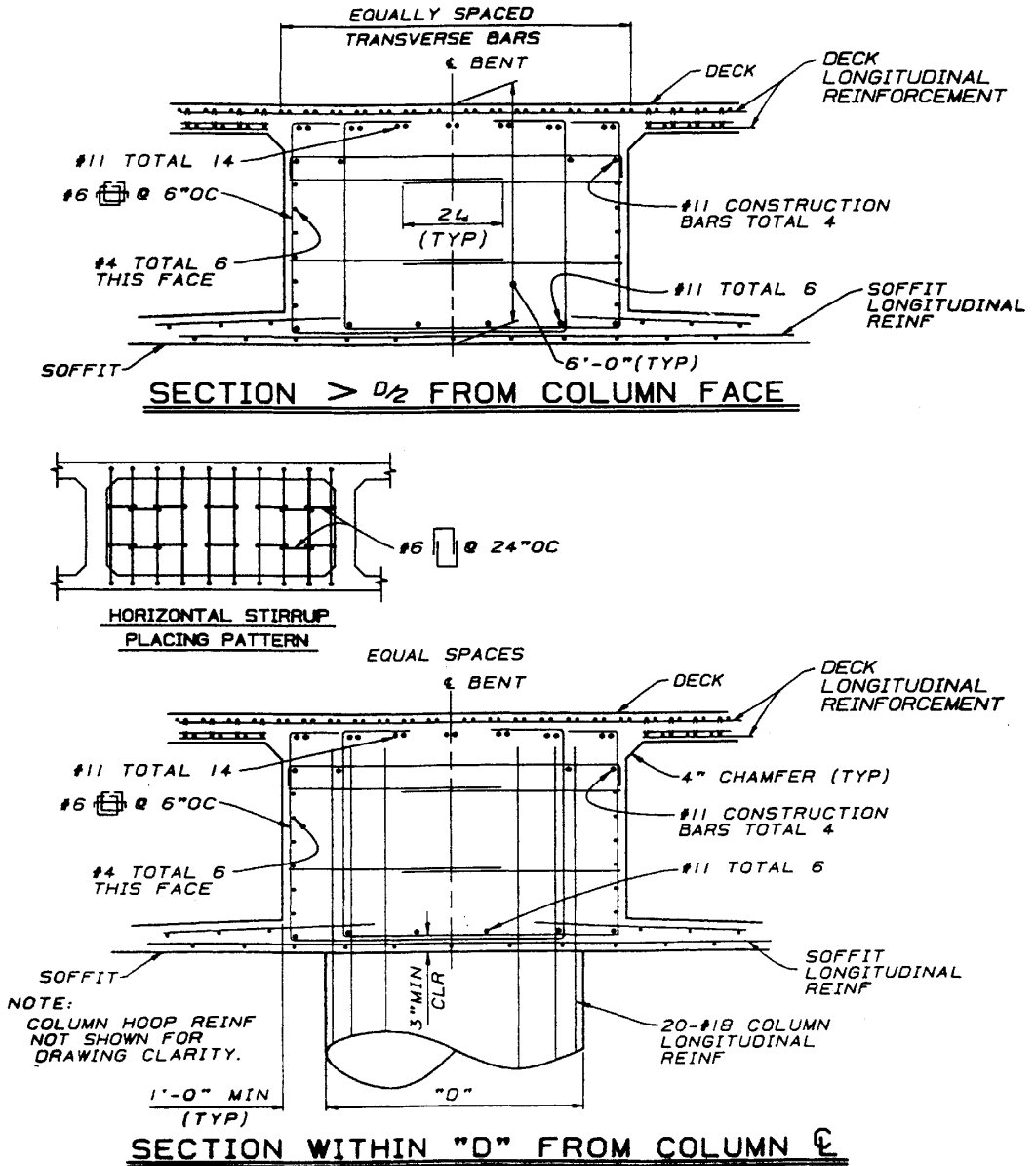
FIGURE 5.10   Example of cap joint shear reinforcement — skews 0° to 20°.

should be able to perform their intended function and maintain their design parameters for the design life (for example, 40 years) and for an ambient temperature range (for example, from 30 to 125°F). The devices should be accessible for inspection, maintenance, and replacement. In general, SRMDs should satisfy at least the following requirements:

- Strength and stability must be maintained under increasingly large displacement. Stiffness degradation under repeated cyclic load is unacceptable.
- Energy must be dissipated within acceptable design displacement limits, for example, a limit on the maximum total displacement of the device to prevent failure, or the device can be given a displacement capacity 50% greater than the design displacement.
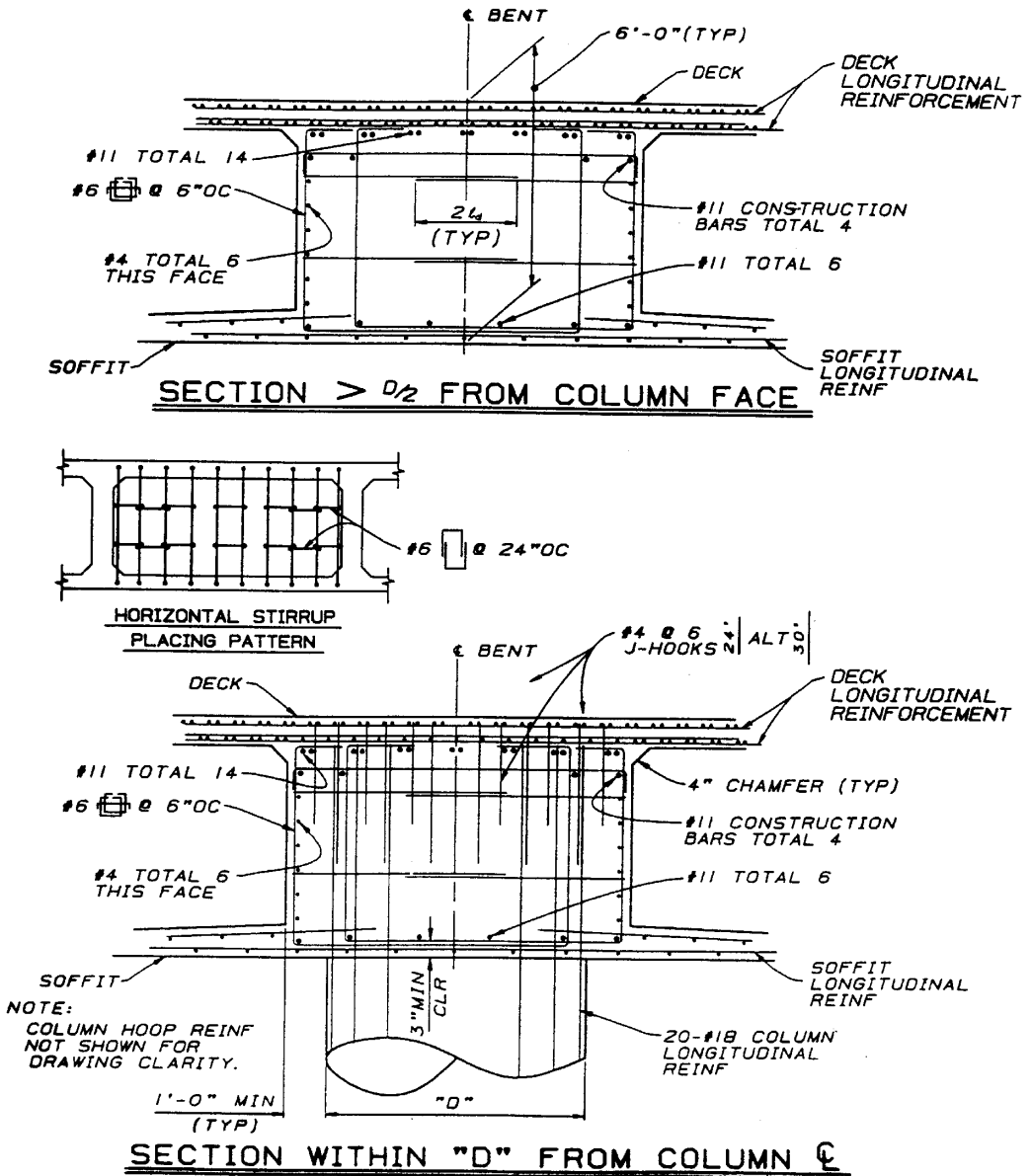
FIGURE 5.11 Example of cap joint shear reinforcement — skews > 20°.

- Heat buildup must be withstood and dissipated during "reasonable" seismic displacement time history.
- The device must survive being subjected to the number of cycles of displacement expected under wind excitation during the life of the device and continue to function at maximum wind force and displacement levels for at least a given duration.

Acceptable Force *D/C* Ratios and Limiting Values for Structural Members

It is impossible to design bridges to withstand seismic forces elastically, and the nonlinear inelastic response is expected. Performance-based criteria accept certain seismic damage in *other* components

FIGURE 5.12   Definition of force D/C ratios for combined loadings.

so that the *critical* components will remain essentially elastic and functional after the SEE and FEE. This section presents the concept of acceptable force *D/C* ratios, limiting member slenderness parameters, and limiting width–thickness ratios, as well as expected ductility.
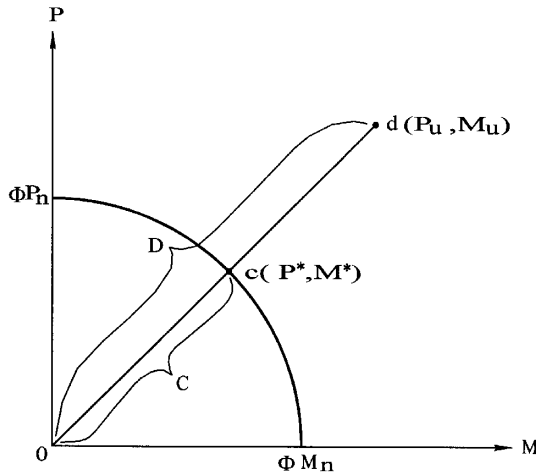
Definition of Force Demand/Capacity (D/C) Ratios

For members subjected to a single load, force demand is defined as a factored single force, such as factored moment, shear, or axial force. This may be obtained by a nonlinear dynamic time-history analysis, level I, and capacity.

For members subjected to combined loads, the force *D/C* ratio is based on the interaction. For example, for a member subjected to combined axial load and bending moment (Figure 5.12), the force demand *D* is defined as the distance from the origin point O(0, 0) to the factored force point $d(P_u, M_u)$, and capacity *C* is defined as the distance from the origin point O(0, 0) to the point $c(P^*, M^*)$ on the specified interaction surface or curve.

Ductility and Load–Deformation Curves

Ductility is usually defined as a nondimensional factor, i.e., the ratio of ultimate deformation to yield deformation [40,41]. It is normally expressed by two forms: (1) curvature ductility ($\mu_\phi = \phi_u/\phi_y$) and (2) displacement ductility ($\mu_\Delta = \Delta_u/\Delta_y$). Representing section flexural behavior, *curvature ductility* is dependent on the section shape and material properties and is based on the moment–curvature diagram. Indicating structural system or member behavior, *displacement ductility* is related to both the structural configuration and section behavior and is based on the load–displacement curve.

A typical load–deformation curve, including both ascending and descending branches, is shown in Figure 5.13. The yield deformation (Δ_y or ϕ_y) corresponds to a loading state beyond which the structure responds inelastically. The ultimate deformation (Δ_u or ϕ_u) refers to the loading state that a structural system or member can sustain without losing significant load-carrying capacity. Depending on performance requirements, it is proposed that the ultimate deformation (curvature or displacement) be defined as the most critical of (1) that deformation corresponding to a load dropping a maximum of 20% from the peak load or (2) that specified strain limit shown in Table 5.8.

Force D/C Ratios and Ductility

The following discussion will give engineers a direct measure of the seismic damage incurred by structural components during an earthquake. Figure 5.14 shows a typical load–response curve for a single-degree-of-freedom system. Displacement ductility is defined as
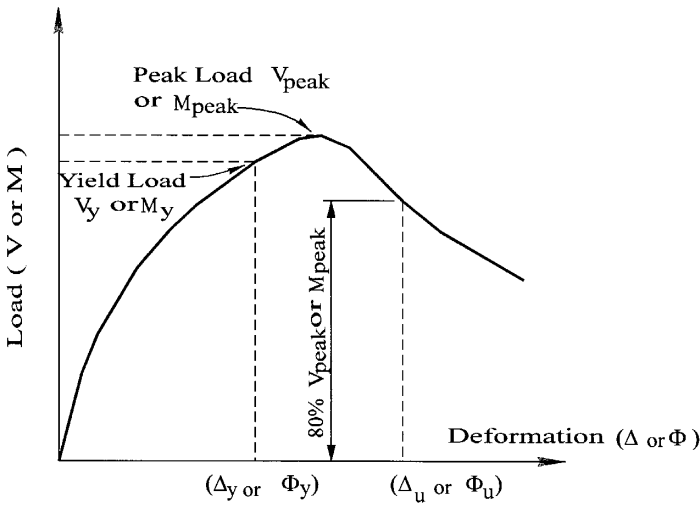
FIGURE 5.13 Load–deformation curves.
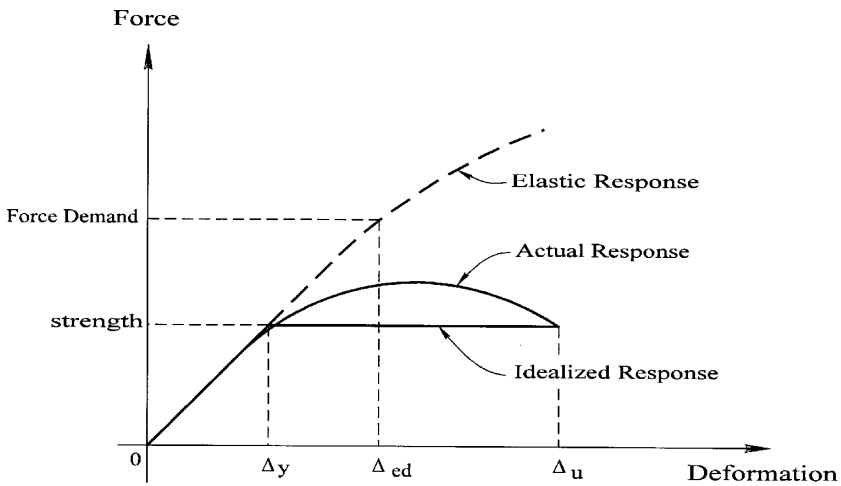
FIGURE 5.14 Response of a single-degree-of-freedom system.

$$\mu_\Delta = \frac{\Delta_u}{\Delta_y} \tag{5.10}$$

A new term, *damage index*, is hereby defined as the ratio of elastic displacement demand to ultimate displacement capacity:

$$D_\Delta = \frac{\Delta_{ed}}{\Delta_u} \tag{5.11}$$

When the damage index $D_\Delta < 1/\mu_\Delta$ ($\Delta_{ed} < \Delta_y$), no damage occurs and the structure responds elastically; when $1/\mu_\Delta < D_\Delta < 1.0$, some damage occurs and the structure responds inelastically; when $D_\Delta > 1.0$, the structure collapses completely.

TABLE 5.12   Force D/C Ratio and Damage Index

Force D/C Ratio	Damage Index D_Δ	Expected System Displacement Ductility μ_Δ
1.0	No damage	No requirement
1.2	0.4	3.0
1.5	0.5	3.0
2.0	0.67	3.0
2.5	0.83	3.0

Based on the "equal displacement principle," the following relationship is obtained:

$$\frac{\text{Force Demand}}{\text{Force Capacity}} = \frac{\Delta_{ed}}{\Delta_y} = \mu_\Delta D_\Delta \tag{5.12}$$

It is seen from Eq. (5.12) that the force *D/C* ratio is related to both the structural characters in terms of ductility μ_Δ and the degree of damage in terms of damage index D_Δ. Table 5.12 shows this relationship.

General Limiting Values

To ensure that important bridges have ductile load paths, general limiting slenderness parameters and width–thickness ratios are specified in the previous section.

For steel members, λ_{cr} is the limiting parameter for column elastic buckling and is taken as 1.5 from AISC-LRFD [37]; λ_{br} corresponds to beam elastic torsional buckling and is calculated by AISC-LRFD. For a *critical* member, a more strict requirement, 90% of those elastic buckling limits is proposed. Regardless of the force demand-to-capacity ratios, no members may exceed these limits. For existing steel members with *D/C* ratios less than 1, this limit may be relaxed. For concrete members, the general limiting parameter $KL/r = 60$ is proposed.

Acceptable Force *D/C* Ratios DC_{accept} for Steel Members

The acceptable force demand–capacity ratios (DC_{accept}) depend on both the structural characteristics in terms of ductility and the degree of damage acceptable to the engineer in terms of damage index D_Δ.

To ensure that a member has enough inelastic deformation capacity during an earthquake and to achieve acceptable *D/C* ratios and energy dissipation, it is necessary, for steel members, to limit both the slenderness parameter and the width–thickness ratio within the ranges specified below.

Upper-Bound Acceptable D/C Ratio DC_p

1. For *other* members, the large acceptable force *D/C* ratios (DC_p = 2 to 2.5) are listed in Table 5.10. The damage index is between 0.67 ~ 0.83, more damage occurs in *other* members, and great ductility is be expected. To achieve this:
   - The limiting width–thickness ratio was taken as $\lambda_{p\text{-Seismic}}$ from AISC-Seismic Provisions [42], which provides flexural ductility of 8 to 10.
   - The limiting slenderness parameters were taken as λ_{bp} for flexure-dominant members from AISC-LRFD [37], which provides flexural ductility of 8 to 10.

2. For *critical* members, small acceptable force *D/C* ratios (DC_p = 1.2 to 1.5) are proposed in Table 5.10, as the design purpose is to keep *critical* members essentially elastic and allow little damage (damage index values ranging from 0.4 to 0.5). Thus, little member ductility is expected. To achieve this:
   - The limiting width–thickness ratio was taken as λ_p from AISC-LRFD [36], which provides a flexural ductility of at least 4.
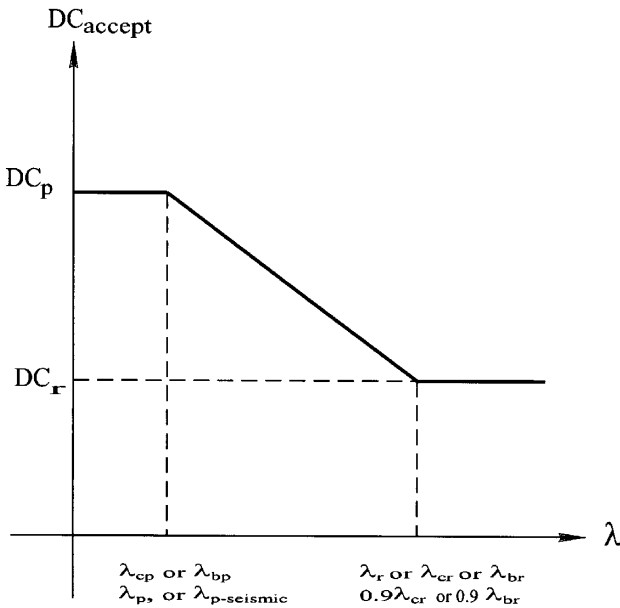
FIGURE 5.15 Acceptable D/C ratios and limiting slenderness parameters and width–thickness ratios.

- The limiting slenderness parameters were taken as λ_{bp} for flexure dominant members from AISC [37], providing flexure ductility of at least 4.

3 For axial load dominant members, the limiting slenderness parameter is taken as $\lambda_{cp} = 0.5$, corresponding to 90% of the axial yield load by the AISC-LRFD [37] column curve. This limit provides the potential for axial load dominant members to develop inelastic deformation.

Lower Bound Acceptable D/C Ratio DC$_r$

The lower-bound acceptable force D/C ratio $DC_{rc} = 1$ is proposed in Table 5.10. For $DC_{accept} = 1$, it is not necessary to enforce more strict limiting values for members and sections. Therefore, the limiting slenderness parameters for elastic global buckling specified in Table 5.10 and the limiting width–thickness ratios specified in Table 5.11 for elastic local buckling are proposed.

Acceptable D/C Ratios between Upper and Lower Bounds DC$_r$ < DC$_{accept}$ < DC$_p$

When acceptable force *D/C* are between the upper and the lower bounds, $DC_r < DC_{accept} < DC_p$, a linear interpolation (Eqs. [5.7] to [5.9]) as shown in Figure 5.15 is proposed to determine the limiting slenderness parameters and width–thickness ratios.

5.6 Summary

Seismic bridge design philosophies and current practice in the United States have been discussed. No-collapse based design is usually applied to ordinary bridges, and performance-based design is used for important bridges. Sample performance-based seismic design criteria are presented to bridge engineers as a reference guide. This chapter attempted to address only some of the many issues incumbent upon designers of bridges for adequate performance under seismic load. Engineers are always encouraged to incorporate to the best of their ability the most recent research findings and the most recent experimental evidence learned from past performance under real earthquakes.

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Seismic Design of Reinforced Concrete Bridges

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6.1 Introduction

This chapter provides an overview of the concepts and methods used in modern seismic design of reinforced concrete bridges. Most of the design concepts and equations described in this chapter are based on new research findings developed in the United States. Some background related to current design standards is also provided.

Two-Level Performance-Based Design

Most modern design codes for the seismic design of bridges essentially follow a two-level performance-based design philosophy, although it is not so clearly stated in many cases. The recent document ATC-32 [2] may be the first seismic design guideline based on the two-level performance design. The two

level performance criteria adopted in ATC-32 were originally developed by the California Department of Transportation [5].

The first level of design concerns control of the performance of a bridge in earthquake events that have relatively small magnitude but may occur several times during the life of the bridge. The second level of design consideration is to control the performance of a bridge under severe earthquakes that have only a small probability of occurring during the useful life of the bridge. In the recent ATC-32, the first level is defined for functional evaluation, whereas the second level is for safety evaluation of the bridges. In other words, for relatively frequent smaller earthquakes, the bridge should be ensured to maintain its function, whereas the bridge should be designed safe enough to survive the possible severe events.

Performance is defined in terms of the serviceability and the physical damage of the bridge. The following are the recommended service and damage criteria by ATC-32.

1. Service levels:
   - *Immediate service*: Full access to normal traffic is available almost immediately following the earthquake.
   - *Limited service*: Limited access (e.g., reduced lanes, light emergency traffic) is possible within days of the earthquake. Full service is restorable within months.
2. Damage levels:
   - *Minimal damage*: Essentially elastic performance.
   - *Repairable damage*: Damage that can be repaired with a minimum risk of losing functionality.
   - *Significant damage*: A minimum risk of collapse, but damage that would require closure to repair.

The required performance levels for different levels of design considerations should be set by the owners and the designers based on the importance rank of the bridge. The fundamental task for seismic design of a bridge structure is to ensure a bridge's capability of functioning at the anticipated service levels without exceeding the allowable damage levels. Such a task is realized by providing proper strength and deformation capacities to the structure and its components.

It should also be pointed out that the recent research trend has been directed to the development of more generalized performance-based design [3,6,8,13].

Elastic vs. Ductile Design

Bridges can certainly be designed to rely primarily on their strength to resist earthquakes, in other words, to perform elastically, in particular for smaller earthquake events where the main concern is to maintain function. However, elastic design for reinforced concrete bridges is uneconomical, sometimes even impossible, when considering safety during large earthquakes. Moreover, due to the uncertain nature of earthquakes, a bridge may be subject to seismic loading that well exceeds its elastic limit or strength and results in significant damage. Modern design philosophy is to allow a structure to perform inelastically to dissipate the energy and maintain appropriate strength during severe earthquake attack. Such an approach can be called ductile design, and the inelastic deformation capacity while maintaining the acceptable strength is called ductility.

The inelastic deformation of a bridge is preferably restricted to well-chosen locations (the plastic hinges) in columns, pier walls, soil behind abutment walls, and wingwalls. Inelastic action of superstructure elements is unexpected and undesirable because that damage to superstructure is difficult and costly to repair and unserviceable.

Capacity Design Approach

The so-called capacity design has become a widely accepted approach in modern structural design. The main objective of the capacity design approach is to ensure the safety of the bridge during large
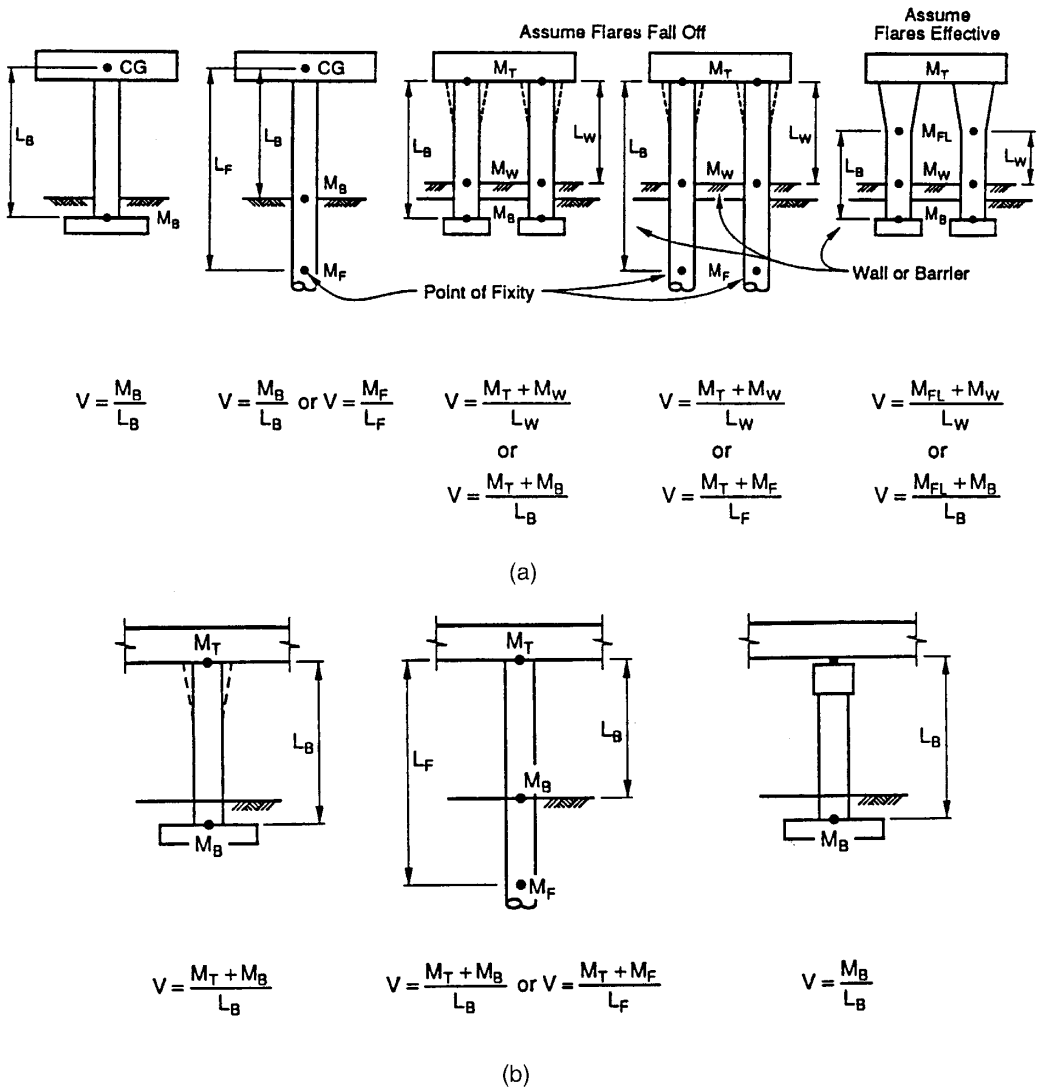
FIGURE 6.1 Potential plastic hinge locations for typical bridge bents: (a) transverse response; (b) longitudinal response. (*Source*: Caltrans, *Bridge Design Specification,* California Department of Transportation, Sacramento, June 1990.)

earthquake attack. For ordinary bridges, it is typically assumed that the performance for lower-level earthquakes is automatically satisfied.

The procedure of capacity design involves the following steps to control the locations of inelastic action in a structure:

1. Choose the desirable mechanisms that can dissipate the most energy and identify plastic hinge locations. For bridge structures, the plastic hinges are commonly considered in columns. Figure 6.1 shows potential plastic hinge locations for typical bridge bents.
2. Proportion structures for design loads and detail plastic hinge for ductility.
3. Design and detail to prevent undesirable failure patterns, such as shear failure or joint failure. The design demand should be based on plastic moment capacity calculated considering actual proportions and expected material overstrengths.
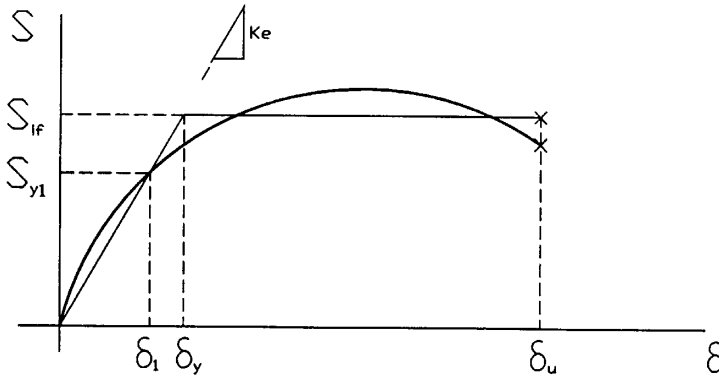
FIGURE 6.2   Idealization of column behavior.

6.2   Typical Column Performance

Characteristics of Column Performance

Strictly speaking, elastic or plastic behaviors are defined for ideal elastoplastic materials. In design, the actual behavior of reinforced concrete structural components is approximated by an idealized bilinear relationship, as shown in Figure 6.2. In such a bilinear characterization, the following mechanical quantities have to be defined.

Stiffness

For seismic design, the initial stiffness of concrete members calculated on the basis of full section geometry and material elasticity has little meaning, since cracking of concrete can be easily induced even under minor seismic excitation. Unless for bridges or bridge members that are expected to respond essentially elastically to design earthquakes, the effective stiffness based on the cracked section is more useful instead. For example, the effective stiffness, K_e, is usually based on the cracked section corresponding to the first yield of longitudinal reinforcement,

$$K_e = S_{y1}/\delta_1 \tag{6.1}$$

where, S_{y1} and δ_1 are the force and the deformation of the member corresponding to the first yield of longitudinal reinforcement, respectively.

Strength

Ideal strength S_i represents the most feasible approximation of the "yield" strength of a member predicted using measured material properties. However, for design, such "yield" strength is conservatively assessed using *nominal strength S_n* predicted based on nominal material properties. The *ultimate* or *overstrength* represents the maximum feasible capacities of a member or a section and is predicted by taking account of all possible factors that may contribute to strength exceeding S_i or S_n. The factors include realistic values of steel yield strength, strength enhancement due to strain hardening, concrete strength increase due to confinement, strain rate, and well as actual aging.

Deformation

In modern seismic design, deformation has the same importance as strength since deformation is directly related to physical damage of a structure or a structural member. Significant deformation limits are onset of cracking, onset of yielding of extreme tension reinforcement, cover concrete spalling, concrete compression crushing, or rupture of reinforcement. For structures that are expected to perform inelastically in a severe earthquake, cracking is unimportant for safety design;

however, it can be used as a limit for elastic performance. The first yield of tension reinforcement marks a significant change in stiffness and can be used to define the elastic stiffness for simple bilinear approximation of structural behavior, as expressed in Eq. (6.1). If the stiffness is defined by Eq. (6.1), then the yield deformation for the approximate elastoplastic or bilinear behavior can be defined as

$$\delta_y = S_{if}/S_{y1}\delta_1 \tag{6.2}$$

where, S_{y1} and δ_1 are the force and the deformation of the member corresponding to the first yield of longitudinal reinforcement, respectively; and S_{if} is the idealized flexural strength for the elastoplastic behavior.

Meanwhile, the ductility factor, μ, is defined as the index of inelastic deformation beyond the yield deformation, given by

$$\mu = \delta/\delta_y \tag{6.3}$$

where δ is the deformation under consideration and δ_y is the yield deformation.

The limit of the bilinear behavior is set by an ultimate ductility factor or deformation, corresponding to certain physical events that are typically corresponded by a significant degradation of load-carrying capacity. For unconfined member sections, the onset of cover concrete spalling is typically considered the failure. Rupture of either transverse reinforcement or longitudinal reinforcement and the crushing of confined concrete typically initiate a total failure of the member.

Experimentally Observed Performance

Figure 6.3a shows the lateral force–displacement hysteretic relationship obtained from cyclic testing of a well-confined column [10,11]. The envelope of the hysteresis loops can be conservatively approximated with an elastoplastic bilinear behavior with V_{if} as the yield strength and the stiffness defined corresponding to the first yield of longitudinal steel. The envelope of the hysteresis loops can also be well simulated using a bilinear behavior with the second linear portion account for the overstrength due to strain hardening. Final failure of this column was caused by the rupture of longitudinal reinforcement at the critical sections near the column ends.

The ductile behavior shown in Figure 6.3a can be achieved by following the capacity design approach with ensuring that a flexural deformation mode to dominate the behavior and other nonductile deformation mode be prevented. As a contrary example to ductile behavior, Figure 6.3b shows a typical poor behavior that is undesirable for seismic design, where the column failed in a brittle manner due to the sudden loss of its shear strength before developing yielding, V_{if}. Bond failure of reinforcement lap splices can also result in rapid degradation of load-carrying capacity of a column.

An intermediate case between the above two extreme behaviors is shown in Figure 6.3c, where the behavior is somewhat premature for full ductility due to the fact that the tested column failed in shear upon cyclic loading after developing its yield strength but at a smaller ductility level than that shown in Figure 6.3a. Such premature behavior is also not desirable.

6.3   Flexural Design of Columns

Earthquake Load

For ordinary, regular bridges, the simple force design based on equivalent static analysis can be used to determine the moment demands on columns. Seismic load is assumed as an equivalent static horizontal force applied to an individual bridge or frames, i.e.,
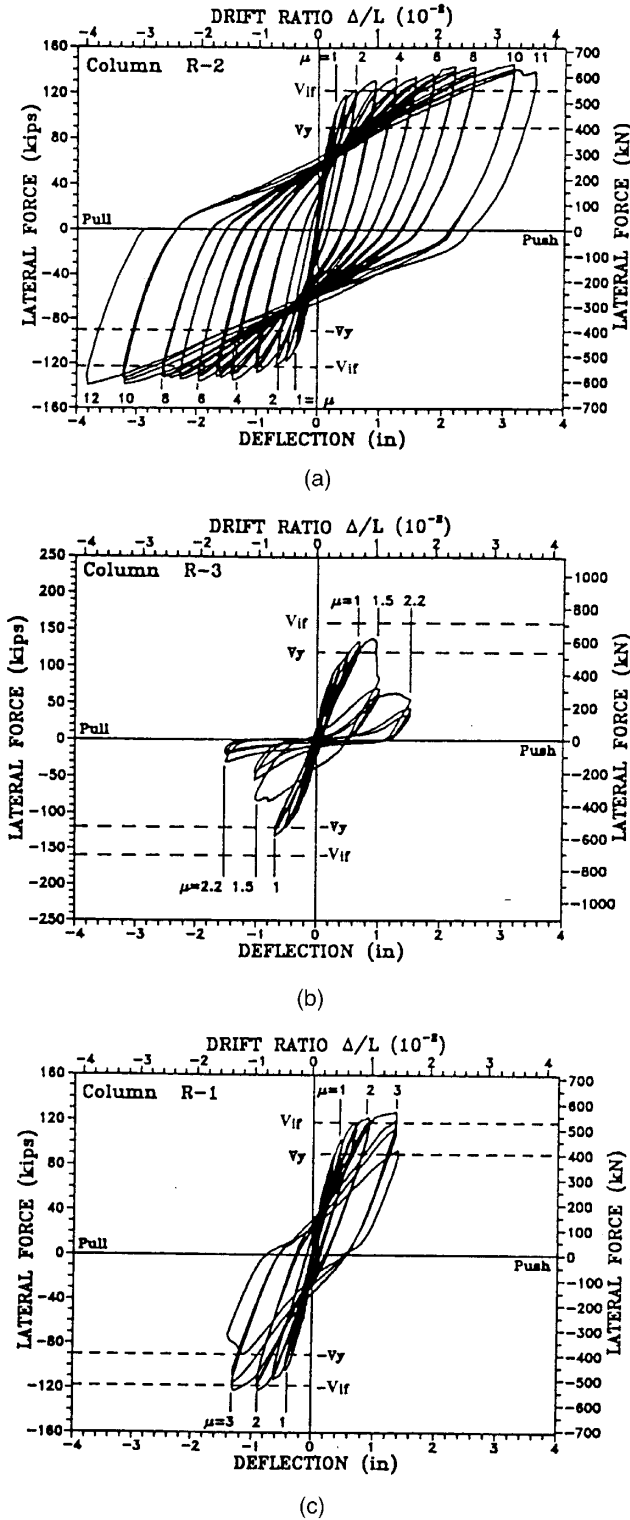
FIGURE 6.3   Typical experimental behaviors for (a) well-confined column; (b) column failed in brittle shear; (c) column with limited ductility. (*Source*: Priestley, M. J. N. et al., *ACI Struct. J.,* 91C52, 537–551, 1994. With permission.)

$$F_{eq} = ma_g \tag{6.4}$$

where m is the mass; and a_g is the design peak acceleration dependent on the period of the structure. In the Caltrans BDS [4] and the ATC-32 [2], the peak ground acceleration a_g is calculated as 5% damped elastic acceleration response spectrum at the site, expressed as ARS, which is the ratio of peak ground acceleration and the gravity acceleration g. Thus, the equivalent elastic force is

$$F_{eq} = mg(\text{ARS}) = W(\text{ARS}) \tag{6.5}$$

where W is the dead load of the bridge or frame.

Recognizing the reduction of earthquake force effects on inelastically responding structures, the elastic load is typically reduced by a period-dependent factor. Using the Caltrans BDS expression, the design force is found:

$$F_d = W(\text{ARS})/Z \tag{6.6}$$

This is the seismic demand for calculating the required moment capacity, whereas the capability of inelastic response (ductility) is ensured by following a capacity design approach and proper detailing of plastic hinges. Figure 6.4a and b shows the Z factor required by current Caltrans BDS and modified Z factor by ATC-32, respectively. The design seismic forces are applied to the structure with other loads to compute the member forces. A similar approach is recommended by the AASHTO-LRFD specifications.

The equivalent static analysis method is best suited for structures with well-balanced spans and supporting elements of approximately equal stiffness. For these structures, response is primarily in a single mode and the lateral force distribution is simply defined. For unbalanced systems, or systems in which vertical accelerations may be significant, more advanced methods of analysis such as elastic or inelastic dynamic analysis should be used.

Fundamental Design Equation

The fundamental design equation is based on the following:

$$\phi R_n \geq R_u \tag{6.7}$$

where R_u is the strength demand; R_n is the nominal strength; and ϕ is the strength reduction factor.

Design Flexural Strength

Flexural strength of a member or a section depends on the section shape and dimension, amount and configuration of longitudinal reinforcement, strengths of steel and concrete, axial load magnitude, lateral confinement, etc. In most North American codes, the design flexural strength is conservatively calculated based on nominal moment capacity M_n following the ACI code recommendations [1]. The ACI approach is based on the following assumptions:

1. A plane section remains plane even after deformation. This implies that strains in longitudinal reinforcement and concrete are directly proportional to the distance from the neutral axis.
2. The section reaches the capacity when compression strain of the extreme concrete fiber reaches its maximum usable strain, which is assumed to be 0.003.
3. The stress in reinforcement is calculated as the following function of the steel strain:

$$f_s = -f_y \quad \text{for} \quad \varepsilon < -\varepsilon_y \tag{6.8a}$$
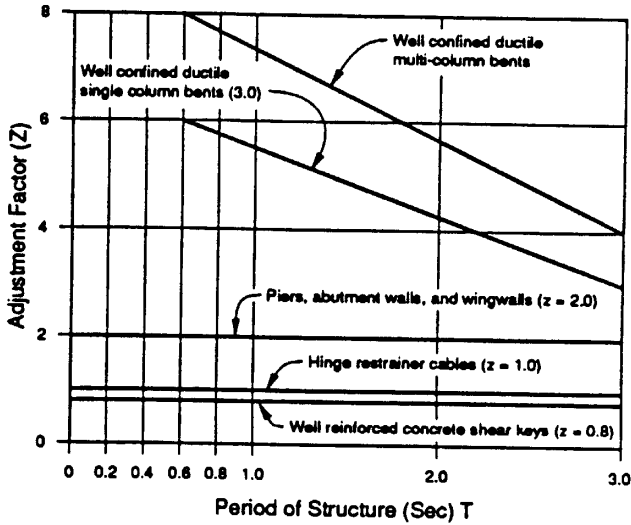
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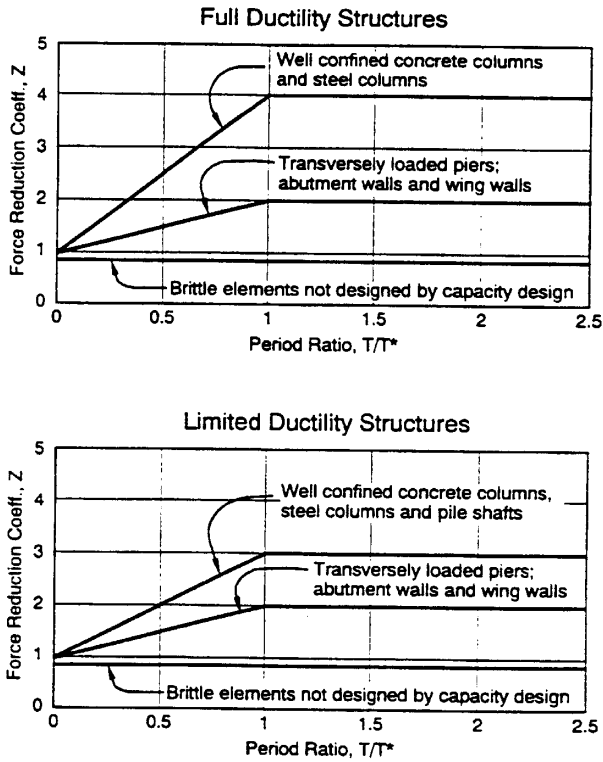
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FIGURE 6.4   Force reduction coefficient Z. (a) Caltrans BDS 1990; (b) ATC-32.

$$f_s = E_s \varepsilon \quad \text{for} \quad -\varepsilon_y \leq \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_y \tag{6.8b}$$

$$f_s = f_y \quad \text{for} \quad \varepsilon > \varepsilon_y \tag{6.8c}$$

where ε_y and f_y are the yield strain and specified strength of steel, respectively; and E_s is the elastic modulus of steel.

4. Tensile stress in concrete is ignored.
5. Concrete compressive stress and strain relationship can be assumed to be rectangular, trapezoidal, parabolic, or any other shape that results in prediction of strength in substantial agreement with test results. This is satisfied by an equivalent rectangular concrete stress block with an average stress of $0.85\, f_c'$, and a depth of $\beta_1 c$, where c is the distance from the extreme compression fiber to the neutral axis, and

$$0.65 \leq \beta_1 = 0.85 - 0.05\frac{f_c' - 28}{7} \leq 0.85 \quad [\, f_c' \text{ in } MPa] \tag{6.9}$$

In calculating the moment capacity, the equilibrium conditions in axial direction and bending must be used. By using the equilibrium condition that the applied axial load is balanced by the resultant axial forces of concrete and reinforcement, the depth of the concrete compression zone can be calculated. Then the moment capacity can be calculated by integrating the moment contributions of concrete and steel.

The nominal moment capacity, M_n, reduced by a strength reduction factor ϕ (typically 0.9 for flexural) is compared with the required strength, M_u, to determine the feasibility of longitudinal reinforcement, section dimension, and adequacy of material strength.

Overstrength

The calculation of the nominal strength, M_n, is based on specified minimum material strength. The actual values of steel yield strength and concrete strength may be substantially higher than the specified strengths. These and other factors such as strain hardening in longitudinal reinforcement and lateral confinement result in the actual strength of a member perhaps being considerably higher than the nominal strength. Such overstrength must be considered in calculating ultimate seismic demands for shear and joint designs.

Moment–Curvature Analysis

Flexural design of columns can also be carried out more realistically based on moment–curvature analysis, where the effects of lateral confinement on the concrete compression stress–strain relationship and the strain hardening of longitudinal reinforcement are considered. The typical assumptions used in the moment–curvature analysis are as follows:

1. A plane section remains plane even after deformation. This implies that strains in longitudinal reinforcement and concrete are directly proportional to the distance from the neutral axis.
2. The stress–strain relationship of reinforcement is known and can be expressed as a general function, $f_s = F_s(\varepsilon_s)$.
3. The stress–strain relationship of concrete is known and can be expressed as a general function, $f_c = F_c(\varepsilon_c)$. The tensile stress of concrete is typically ignored for seismic analysis but can be considered if the uncracked section response needs to be analyzed. The compression stress–strain relationship of concrete should be able to consider the effects of confined concrete (for example, Mander et al. [7]).
4. The resulting axial force and moment of concrete and reinforcement are in equilibrium with the applied external axial load and moment.
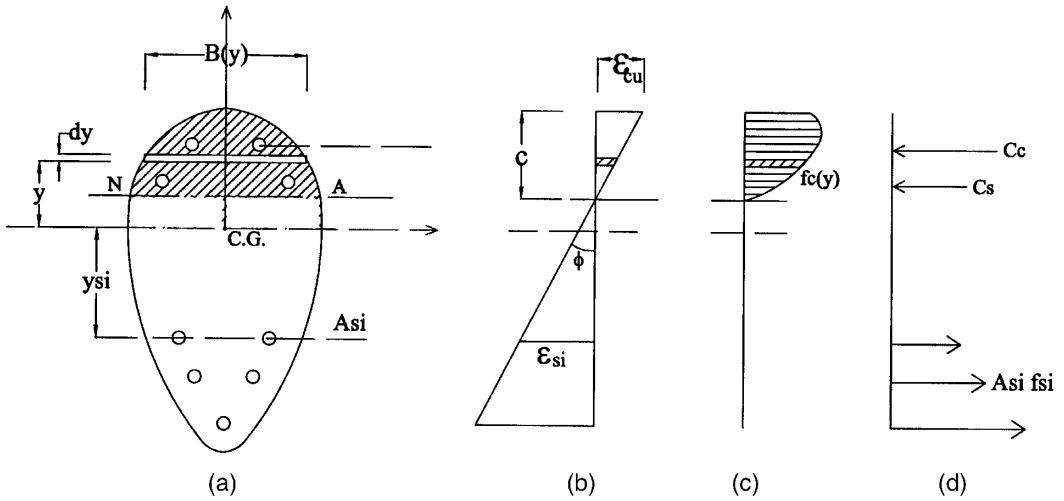
FIGURE 6.5 Moment–curvature analysis: (a) generalized section; (b) strain distribution; (c) concrete stress distribution; (d) rebar forces.

The procedure for moment–curvature analysis is demonstrated using a general section shown in Figure 6.5a. The distributions of strains and stresses in the cracked section corresponding to an arbitrary curvature, ϕ, are shown in Figure 6.5b, c, and d, respectively.

Corresponding to the arbitrary curvature, ϕ, the strains of concrete and steel at an arbitrary position with a distance of y to the centroid of the section can be calculated as

$$\varepsilon = \phi(y - y_c + c) \tag{6.10}$$

where y_c is the distance of the centroid to the extreme compression fiber and c is the depth of compression zone. Then the corresponding stresses can be determined using the known stress–strain relationships for concrete and steel.

Based on the equilibrium conditions, the following two equations can be established:

$$P = \sum A_{si} f_{si} + \int_A B(y) f_c(y) dy \tag{6.11}$$

$$M = \sum A_{si} f_{si} y_{si} + \int_A B(y) f_c(y) y dy \tag{6.12}$$

Using the axial equilibrium condition, the depth of the compression zone, c, corresponding to curvature, ϕ, can be determined, and then the corresponding moment, M, can be calculated. The actual computation of moment–curvature relationships is typically done by computer programs (for example, "SC-Push" [15]).

Transverse Reinforcement Design

In most codes, the ductility of the columns is ensured by proper detailing of transverse confinement steel. Transverse reinforcement can also be determined by a trial-and-error procedure to satisfy the required displacement member ductility levels. The lateral displacement of a member can be calculated by an integration of curvature and rotational angle along the member. This typically requires the
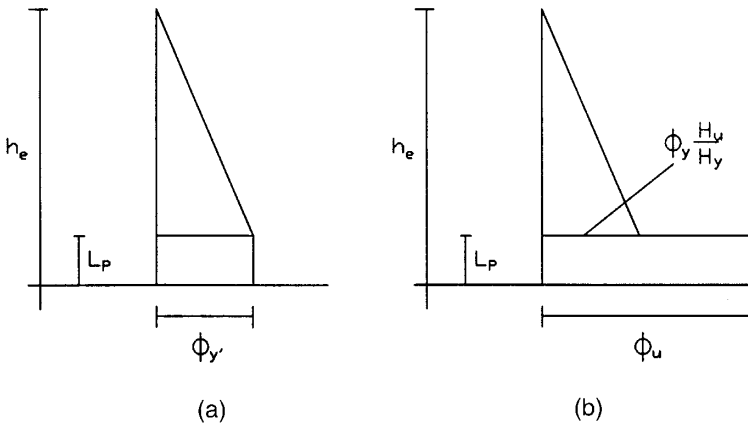
FIGURE 6.6 Idealized curvature distributions: (a) corresponding to first yield of reinforcement; (b) at ultimate flexural failure.

assumption of curvature distributions along the member. Figure 6.6 shows the idealized curvature distributions at the first yield of longitudinal reinforcement and the ultimate condition for a column.

Yield Conditions: The horizontal force at the yield condition of the bilinear approximation is taken as the ideal capacity, H_{if}. Assuming linear elastic behavior up to conditions at first yield of the longitudinal reinforcement, the displacement of the column top at first yield due to flexure alone is

$$\Delta'_{yf} = \int_0^{h_e} \frac{\phi'_y}{h_e} (h_e - y)^2 dy \tag{6.13}$$

where, ϕ'_y is the curvature at first yield and h_e is the effective height of the column. Allowing for strain penetration of the longitudinal reinforcement into the footing, the effective column height can be taken as

$$h_e = h + 0.022 f_y d_{bl} \quad [f_y \text{ in } MPa] \tag{6.14}$$

where h is the column height measured from one end of a column to the point of inflexion, d_{bl} is the longitudinal reinforcement nominal diameter, and f_y is the nominal yield strength of rebar. The flexural component of yield displacement corresponding to the yield force, H_{if}, for the bilinear approximation can be found by extrapolating the first yield displacement to the ideal flexural strength, giving

$$\Delta_{yf} = \Delta'_{yf} H_{if} / H_y \tag{6.15}$$

where H_y is the horizontal force corresponding to first yield.

Ultimate Conditions: Ultimate conditions for the bilinear approximation can be taken to be the horizontal force, H_u, and displacement, Δ_{uf}, corresponding to development of an ultimate curvature, ϕ_u, based on moment–curvature analysis of the critical sections considering reinforcement strain-hardening and concrete confinement as appropriate. Ultimate curvature corresponds to the more critical ultimate concrete compression strain [7] based on an energy-balance approach, and maximum longitudinal reinforcement tensile strain, taken as $0.7\varepsilon_{su}$, where ε_{su} is the steel strain corresponding to maximum steel stress. The "ultimate" displacement is thus

$$\Delta_{uf} = \theta_p(h - 0.5L_p) + \Delta_y \frac{H_u}{H_{if}} \tag{6.16}$$

where the plastic rotation, θ_p, can be estimated as

$$\theta_p = \left(\phi_u - \phi_y' \frac{H_u}{H_y} \right) L_p \tag{6.17}$$

In Eqs. (6.16) and (6.17), L_p is the equivalent plastic hinge length appropriate to a bilinear approximation of response, given by

$$L_p = 0.08h + 0.022 f_y d_{bl} \quad [f_y \text{ in } MPa] \tag{6.18}$$

Based on the displacement check, the required transverse reinforcement within the plastic hinge region of a column to satisfy the required displacement ductility demand can be determined using a trial-and-error procedure.

Similarly, transverse reinforcement in the potential plastic hinge region of a column can be determined based on curvature ductility requirements. The ATC-32 document [2] suggests the following minimum requirement for the volumetric ratio, ρ_s, of spiral or circular hoop reinforcement within plastic hinge regions of columns based on a curvature ductility factor of 13.0 or larger:

$$\rho_s = 0.16 \frac{f_{ce}'}{f_{ye}} \left[0.5 + \frac{1.25 P_e}{f_{ce}' A_g} \right] + 0.13(\rho_l - 0.01) \tag{6.19}$$

where f_{ce}' is the expected concrete compression strength taken as 1.3 f_c'; f_{ye} is the expected steel yield strength taken as 1.1f_y; P_e is axial load; A_g is cross-sectional area of column; and ρ_l is longitudinal reinforcement ratio. For transverse reinforcement outside the potential plastic hinge region, the volumetric ratio can be reduced to 50% of the amount given by Eq. (6.19). The length of the plastic hinge region should be the greater of (1) the section dimension in the direction considered or (2) the length of the column portion over which the moment exceeds 80% of the moment at the critical section. However, for columns with axial load ratio $P_e / f_{ce}' A_g > 0.3$, this length should be increased by 50%. Requirements for cross-ties and hoops in rectilinear sections can also be found in ATC-32 [2].

6.4   Shear Design of Columns

Fundamental Design Equation

As discussed previously, shear failure of columns is the most dangerous failure pattern that typically can result in the collapse of a bridge. Thus, design to prevent shear failure is of particular importance. The general design equation for shear strength can be described as

$$\phi V_n > V_u \tag{6.20}$$

where V_u is the ultimate shear demands; V_n is the nominal shear resistance; and ϕ is the strength reduction factor for shear strength.

The calculation of the ultimate shear demand, V_u, has to be based on the equilibrium of the internal forces corresponding to the maximum flexural capacity, which is calculated taking into consideration all factors for overstrength. Figure 6.1 also includes equations for determining V_u for typical bridge bents.

Current Code Shear Strength Equation

Following the ACI code approach [1], the shear strength of axially loaded members is empirically expressed as

$$V_n = V_c + V_s \qquad (6.21)$$

In the two-term additive equations, V_c is the shear strength contribution by concrete shear resisting mechanism and V_s is the shear strength contribution by the truss mechanism provided by shear reinforcement. Concrete shear contribution, V_c, is calculated as

$$V_c = 0.166\sqrt{f_c'}\left(1 + \frac{P}{13.8A_g}\right)A_e \qquad (6.22)$$

where for columns the effective shear area, A_e, can be taken as 80% of the cross-sectional area, A_g; and P is the applied axial compression force. Note that $\sqrt{f_c'} \leq 0.69$ MPa.

The contribution of truss mechanism is taken as

$$V_s = \frac{A_v f_y d}{s} \qquad (6.23)$$

where A_v is the total transverse steel area within spacing s; f_y is yield strength of transverse steel; and d is the effective depth of the section.

Comparisons with existing test data indicate that actual shear strength of columns often exceeds the design shear strength based on the ACI approach, in many cases by more than 100%.

Refined Shear Strength Equation

A refined shear strength equation that agrees significantly well with tests was proposed by Priestley et al. [12] in the following three-term additive expression:

$$V_n = V_c + V_s + V_a \qquad (6.24)$$

where V_c and V_s are shear strength contributions by concrete shear resisting mechanism and the truss mechanism, respectively; the additional term, V_a, represents the shear resistance by the arch mechanism, provided mainly by axial compression.

$$V_c = k\sqrt{f_c'}A_e \qquad (6.25)$$

and k depends on the displacement ductility factor μ_Δ, which reduces from 0.29 in MPa units (3.5 in psi) for $\mu_\Delta \leq 2.0$ to 0.1 in MPa units (1.2 in psi) for $\mu_\Delta \geq 4.0$; A_e is taken as $0.8A_g$. The shear strength contribution by truss mechanism for circular columns is given by

$$V_s = \frac{\pi}{2}\frac{A_{sp}f_y(d-c)}{s}\cot\theta \qquad (6.26)$$

where A_{sp} is the cross-sectional area of spiral or hoop reinforcement; d is the effective depth of the section; c is the depth of compression zone at the critical section; s is spacing of spiral or hoop; and
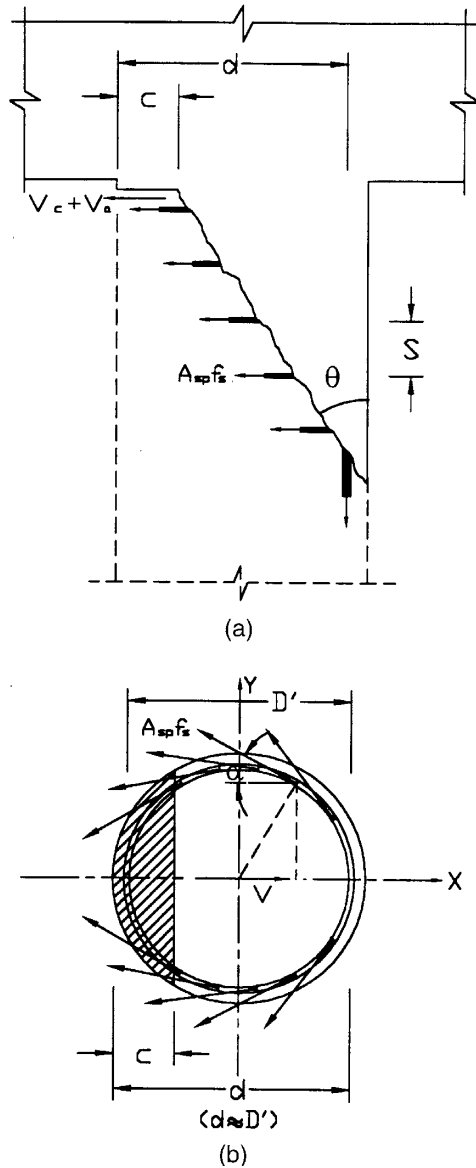
FIGURE 6.7   Shear resisting mechanism of circular hoops or spirals: (a) critical shear section; (b) stresses in hoops or spirals intersected with shear crack. (*Source*: Xiao et al., 1998. With permission.)

θ is the angle of truss mechanism, taken as 30°. In general, the truss mechanism angle θ should be considered a variable for different column conditions. Note that $(d - x)\cot\theta$ in Eq. (6.26) essentially represents the length of the critical shear crack that intersects with the critical section at the position of neutral axis, as shown in Figure 6.7a [17]. Equation (6.26) is approximate for circular columns with circular hoops or spirals as shear reinforcement. As shown in Figure 6.7b, the shear contribution of circular hoops intersected by a shear crack can be calculated by integrating the components of their hoop tension forces, $A_{sp}f_s$, in the direction of the applied shear, given by [18]:

$$V_s = 2\int_{c-d/2}^{d/2} \frac{2A_{sp}f_s}{sd}\cot\theta\sqrt{(d/2)^2 - x^2}\,dx \qquad (6.27)$$

By further assuming that all the hoops intersected by the shear crack develop yield strength, f_y, the integration results in

$$V_s = \frac{A_{sp}f_y d}{s} \cot \theta \left[\left(1 - \frac{2c}{d}\right) \sqrt{\frac{c}{d}\left(1 - \frac{c}{d}\right)} + \frac{1}{2}\left(1 - \frac{2c}{d}\right)^2 \arcsin\left(1 - \frac{2c}{d}\right) + \frac{\pi}{4} \right] \quad (6.28)$$

The shear strength enhancement by axial load is considered to result from an inclined compression strut, given by

$$V_a = P \tan \alpha = \frac{D - x}{2D(M/VD)} P \quad (6.29)$$

where D is section depth or diameter; x is the compression zone depth, which can be determined from flexural analysis; and (M/VD) is the shear aspect ratio.

6.5   Moment-Resisting Connection Between Column and Beam

Connections are key elements that maintain the integrity of overall structures; thus, they should be carefully designed to ensure the full transfer of seismic forces and moments. Because of their importance, complexity, and difficulty of repair if damaged, connections are typically provided with a higher degree of safety and conservativeness than column or beam members. Current Caltrans BDS and AASHTO-LRFD do not provide specific design requirements for joints, except requiring the lateral reinforcement for columns to be extended into column–footing or column–cap beam joints. A new design approach recently developed by Priestley and adopted in the ATC-32 design guidelines is summarized below.

Design Forces

In moment-resisting frame structures, the force transfer typically results in sudden changes (magnitude and direction) of moments at connections. Because of the relatively small dimensions of joints, such sudden moment changes cause significant shear forces. Thus, joint shear design is the major concern of the column and beam connection, as well as that the longitudinal reinforcements of beams and columns are to be properly anchored or continued through the joint to transmit the moment. For seismic design, joint shear forces can be calculated based on the equilibrium condition using forces generated by the maximum plastic moment acting on the boundary of connections. In the following section, calculations for joint shear forces in the most common connections in bridge structures are discussed [13].

Design of Uncracked Joints

Joints can be conservatively designed based on elastic theory for not permitting cracks. In this approach, the principal tensile stress within a connection is calculated and compared with allowable tensile strength. The principal tensile stress, p_t, can be calculated as

$$p_t = \frac{f_h + f_v}{2} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{f_h - f_v}{2}\right)^2 + v_{hv}^2} \quad (6.30)$$

where f_h and f_v are the average axial stresses in the horizontal and vertical directions within the connection and v_{hv} is the average shear stress. In a typical joint, f_v is provided by the column axial force P_e. An average stress at the midheight of the joint should be used, assuming a 45° spread away from the boundaries of the column in all directions. The horizontal axial stress f_h is based on the mean axial force at the center of the joint, including effects of prestress, if present.

The joint shear stress, v_{hv}, can be estimated as

$$v_{hv} = \frac{M_p}{h_b h_c b_{je}} \tag{6.31}$$

where M_p is the maximum plastic moment, h_b is the beam depth, h_c is the column lateral dimension in the direction considered, and b_{je} is the effective joint width, found using a 45° spread from the column boundaries, as shown in Figure 6.8.

Based on theoretical consideration [13] and experimental observation, it is assumed that onset of diagonal cracking can be induced if the principal tensile stress exceeds $0.29 \sqrt{f_c'}$ MPa ($3.5 \sqrt{f_c'}$ in psi units). When the principal tensile stress is less than $p_t = 0.29 \sqrt{f_c'}$ MPa, the minimum amount of horizontal joint shear reinforcement capable of transferring 50% of the cracking stress resolved to the horizontal direction should be provided.

On the other hand, the principal compression stress, p_c, calculated based on the following equation should not exceed $p_c = 0.25 \sqrt{f_c'}$, to prevent possible joint crushing.

$$p_c = \frac{f_h + f_v}{2} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{f_h - f_v}{2}\right)^2 + v_{hv}^2} \tag{6.32}$$

Reinforcement for Joint Force Transfer

Diagonal cracks are likely to be induced if the principal tensile stress exceeds $0.29 \sqrt{f_c'}$ MPa; thus, additional vertical and horizontal joint reinforcement is needed to ensure the force transfer within the joint. Unlike the joints in building structures where more rigorous dimension restraints exist, the joints in bridges can be reinforced with vertical and horizontal bars outside the zone where the column and beam longitudinal bars are anchored to reduce the joint congestion. Figure 6.9 shows the force-resisting mechanism in a typical knee joint.

Vertical Reinforcement

On each side of the column or pier wall, the beam that is subjected to moments and shear will have vertical stirrups, with a total area $A_{jv} = 0.16 A_{st}$, where A_{st} is the total area of column reinforcement anchored in the joint. The vertical stirrups shall be located within a distance $0.5D$ or $0.5h$ from the column or pier wall face, and distributed over a width not exceeding $2D$. As shown in Figure 6.9, reinforcement A_{jv} is required to provide the tie force T_s resisting the vertical component of strut $D2$. It is also clear from Figure 6.9 that all the longitudinal bars contributing to the beam flexural strength should be clamped by the vertical stirrups.

Horizontal Reinforcement

Additional cap-beam bottom reinforcement is required to provide the horizontal resistance of the strut D2, shown in Figure 6.9. The suggested details are shown in Figure 6.9. This reinforcement may be omitted in prestressed or partially prestressed cap beams if the prestressed design force is increased by the amount needed to provide an equivalent increase in cap-beam moment capacity to that provided by this reinforcement.
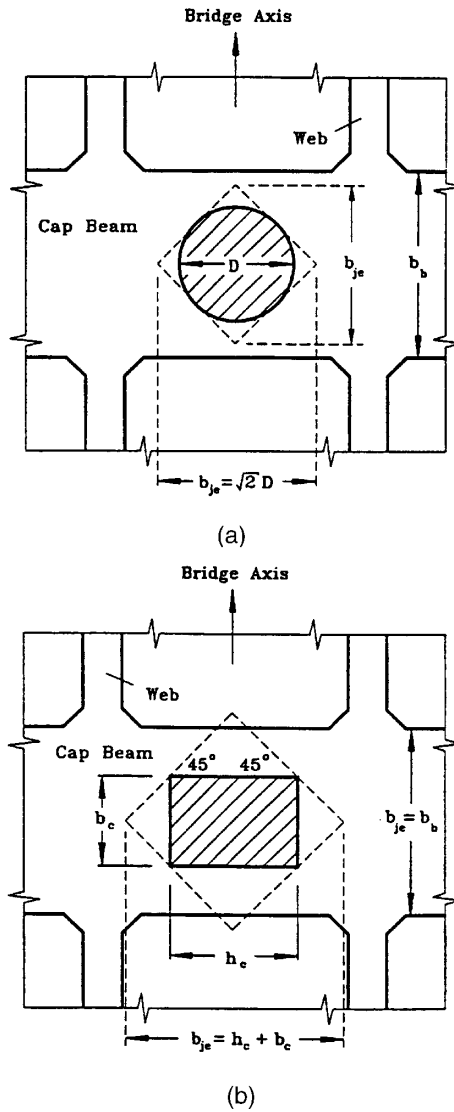
FIGURE 6.8 Effective joint width for joint shear stress calculations: (a) circular column; (b) rectangular column (Priestley et al., 1996; ATC-32, 1996).

Hoop or Spiral Reinforcement

The hoop or spiral reinforcement is required to provide adequate confinement of the joint, and to resist the net outward thrust of struts $D1$ and $D2$ shown in Figure 6.9. The suggested volumetric ratio of column joint hoop or spiral reinforcement to be carried into the joint is

$$\rho_s \geq \frac{0.4 A_{st}}{l_{ac}^2} \qquad (6.33)$$

where l_{ac} is the anchorage length of the column longitudinal reinforcement in the joint.
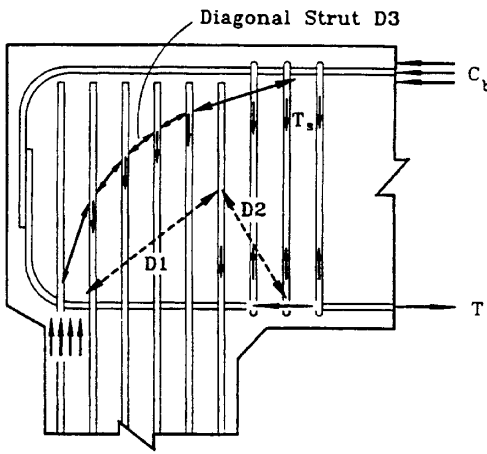
FIGURE 6.9   Joint force transfer. (*Source*: ATC-32 [2].)

6.6   Column Footing Design

Bridge footing designs in the 1950s to early 1970s were typically based on elastic analysis under relatively low lateral seismic input compared with current design provisions. As a consequence, footings in many older bridges are inadequate for resisting the actual earthquake force input corresponding to column plastic moment capacity. Seismic design for bridge structures has been significantly improved since the 1971 San Fernando earthquake. For bridge footings, a capacity design approach has been adopted by using the column ultimate flexural moment, shear, and axial force as the input to determine the required flexural and shear strength as well as the pile capacity of the footings. However, the designs for flexure and shear of footings are essentially based on a one-way beam model, which lacks experimental verification. The use of a full footing width for the design is nonconservative. In addition, despite the requirement of extending the column transverse reinforcement into the footing, there is a lack of rational consideration of column–footing joint shear in current design [16]. Based on large-scale model tests, Xiao et al. have recommended the following improved design for bridge column footings [16,18].

Seismic Demand

The footings are considered as under the action of column forces, due to the superimposed loads, resisted by an upward pressure exerted by the foundation materials and distributed over the area of the footings. When piles are used under footings, the upward reaction of the foundation is considered as a series of concentrated loads applied at the pile centers. For seismic design, the maximum probable moment, M_p, calculated based on actual strength with consideration of strain hardening of steel and enhancement due to confinement, with the associated axial and lateral loads are applied at the column base as the seismic inputs to the footing. Note that per current Caltrans BDS, the maximum probable moment can be taken as 1.3 times the nominal moment capacity of the column, M_n, if the axial load of the column is below its balanced load, P_b. The numbers of piles and the internal forces in the footing are then determined from the seismic input. The internal moment and shear force of the footing can be determined based on the equilibrium conditions of the applied forces at the column base corresponding to the maximum moment capacity and the pile reaction forces.

Flexural Design

For flexural reinforcement design, the footing critical section is taken at the face of the column, pier wall, or the edge of the hinge. In case of columns that are not square or rectangular, the critical

sections are taken at the side of the concentric square of an equivalent area. The flexural reinforcements near top or the bottom of the footing to resist positive and negative critical moments should be calculated and placed based on the following effective footing width [16]:

$$B_{f\text{eff}} = B_c + 2d_f \quad \text{for rectangular columns} \tag{6.34a}$$

$$B_{f\text{eff}} = D_c + 2d_f \quad \text{for circular columns} \tag{6.34b}$$

where $B_{f\text{eff}}$ is the footing effective width; B_c is the rectangular column width; d_f is the effective footing depth; and D_c is the circular column diameter. The minimum reinforcement must satisfy minimum flexural reinforcement requirements. The top reinforcement must also satisfy the requirement for shrinkage and temperature.

Shear Design

For shear, reinforcement of the footing should be designed against the critical shear force at the column face. As with flexure, the effective width of the footing should be used. The minimum shear reinforcement for column footings is vertical No. 5 (nominal diameter = ⅝ in. or 15.9 mm) at 12 in. (305 mm) spacing in each direction in a band between d_f of the footing from the column surface and 6 in. (152 mm) maximum from the column reinforcement. Shear reinforcement must be hooked around the top and bottom flexure reinforcement in the footing. Inverted J stirrups with a 180° hook at the top and a 90° hook at the bottom are commonly used in California.

Joint Shear Cracking Check

If the footing is sufficiently large, then an uncracked joint may be designed by keeping the principal tensile stress in the joint region below the allowable cracking strength. Average principal tensile stress in the joint region can be calculated from the equivalent joint shear stress, v_{jv}, and the average vertical stress, f_a, by use of Mohr's circle for stress as

$$f_t = -f_a/2 + \sqrt{(f_a/2)^2 + v_{jv}^2} \tag{6.35}$$

It is suggested that f_a be based on the average effective axial compressive stress at middepth of the footing:

$$f_a = \frac{W_t}{A_{\text{eff}}} \tag{6.36}$$

where the effective area, A_{eff}, over which the total axial load W_t at the column base is distributed, is found from a 45-degree spread of the zone of influence as

$$A_{\text{eff}} = (B_c + d_f)(D_c + d_f) \quad \text{for rectangular column} \tag{6.37a}$$

$$A_{\text{eff}} = \pi(D_c + d_f)^2/4 \quad \text{for circular column} \tag{6.37b}$$

where D_c is the overall section depth of rectangular column or the diameter of circular column; B_c is the section width of rectangular column; and d_f is the effective depth of the footing. As illustrated in Figure 6.10, the vertical joint shear V_{jv} can be assessed by subtracting the footing shear force due
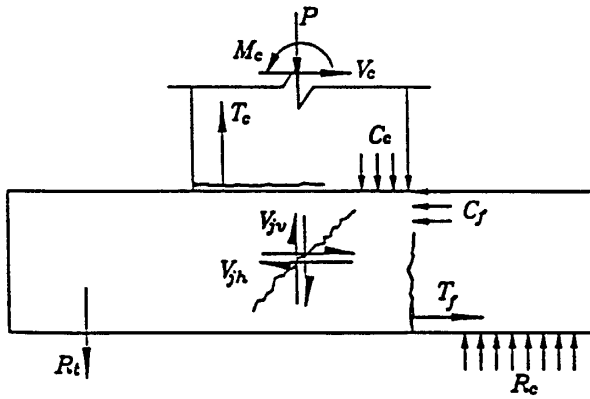
FIGURE 6.10 Shear Force in Column/Footing Joint. (*Source*: Xiao, Y. et al., *ACI Struct. J.*, 93(1), 79–94, 1996. With permission.)

to the hold-down force, R_t, in the tensile piles and the footing self-weight, W_{fl}, outside the column tension stress resultant, from the total tensile force in the critical section of the column:

$$V_{jv} = T_c - (R_t + W_{fl}) \tag{6.38}$$

Considering an effective joint width, b_{jeff}, the average joint shear stress, v_{jv}, can be calculated as follows:

$$v_{jv} = \frac{V_{jv}}{b_{jeff} d_f} \tag{6.39}$$

where the effective joint width, b_{jeff}, can be assumed as the values given by Eq. (6.39), which are obtained based on the St. Venant 45-degree spread of influence between the tension and compression resultants in the column critical section.

$$b_{jeff} = B_c + D_c \quad \text{for rectangular column} \tag{6.40a}$$

$$b_{jeff} = \sqrt{2} D_c \quad \text{for circular column} \tag{6.40b}$$

Joint shear distress is expected when the principal tensile stress given by Eq. (6.35) induced in the footing exceeds the direct tension strength of the concrete, which may conservatively be taken as $0.29 \sqrt{f_c'}$ MPa (or $3.5 \sqrt{f_c'}$ psi) [9], where f_c' is the concrete cylinder compressive strength. The minimum joint shear reinforcement should be provided even when the principal tensile stress is less than the tensile strength. This should be satisfied by simply extending the column transverse confinement into the footing.

Design of Joint Shear Reinforcement

When a footing cannot be prevented from joint shear cracking, additional vertical stirrups should be added around the column. For a typical column–footing designed to current standards, the assumed strut-and-tie model is shown in Figure 6.11a. The force inputs to the footing corresponding to the ultimate moment of the column critical section are the resultant tensile force, T_c, resultant compressive force, C_c, and shear force, V_c, as shown in Figure 6.11a. The resultant tensile force, T_c,
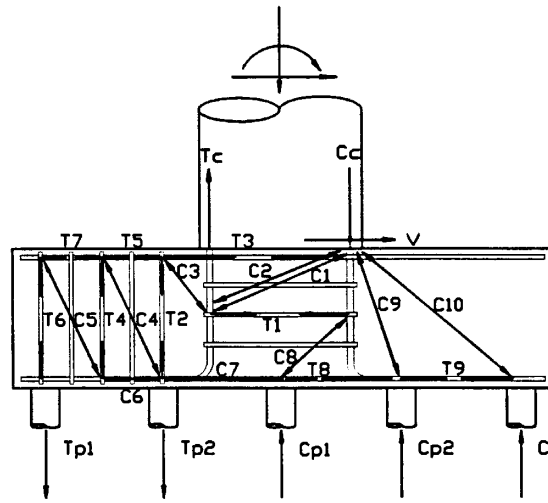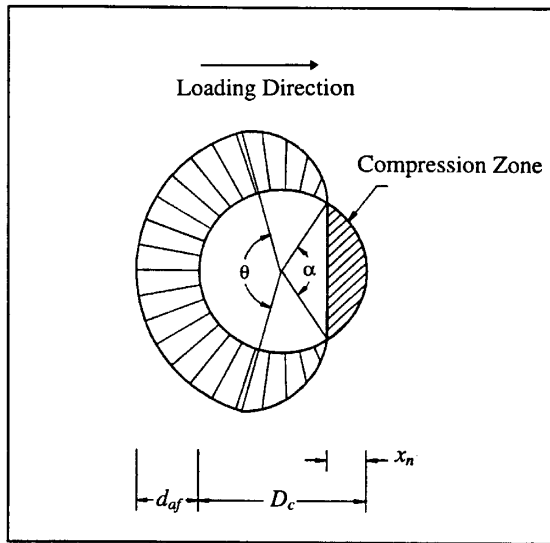
FIGURE 6.11 Column–footing joint shear design: (a) force resisting mechanisms in footing; (b) effective distribution of external stirrups for joint shear resistance. (*Source*: Xiao, Y. et al., 1998. With permission.)

is resisted by two struts, $C1$ and $C2$, inside the column–footing joint region and a strut $C3$ outside the joint. Strut $C1$, is balanced by a horizontal tie, $T1$, provided by the transverse reinforcement of the column inside the footing and the compression zone of the critical section. Struts $C2$ and $C3$ are balanced horizontally at the intersection with the resultant tensile force, T_c. The internal strut $C2$ is supported at the compression zone of the column critical section. The external strut $C3$ transfers the forces to the ties, $T2$, $T3$, provided by the stirrups outside the joint and the top reinforcement, respectively. The forces are further transferred to the tensile piles through struts and ties, $C4$, $C5$, $C6$, and $T4$, $T5$, $T6$, $T7$. In the compression side of the footing, the resultant compressive force, C_c, and the shear force, V_c, are resisted mainly by compression struts, $C9$, $C10$, which are supported on the compression piles. It should be pointed out that the numbers and shapes of the struts and ties may vary for different column–footings.

As shown in Figure 6.11a, the column resultant tensile force, T_c, in the column–footing joint is essentially resisted by a redundant system. The joint shear design is to ensure that the tensile force, T_c, is sufficiently resisted by the internal strut and ties. The resisting system reaches its capacity, R_{ju}, when the ties, $T1$, $T2$, develop yielding. Although tie $T3$ may also yield, it is not likely to dominate the capacity of the resisting system, since it may be assisted by a membrane mechanism near the footing face.

Assuming that the inclination angles of $C1$, $C2$, and $C3$ are 45°, then the resistance can be expressed as

$$R_{ju} = (C1 + C2 + C3)\sin 45° = T1 + 2T2 \tag{6.41}$$

and at steel yielding,

$$R_{ju} = \frac{\pi}{2} n A_{sp} f_y + 2 A_{\text{jeff}} \rho_{vs} f_y \tag{6.42}$$

where n is the number of layers of the column transverse reinforcement inside the footing; A_{sp} is the cross-sectional area of a hoop or spiral bar; A_{jeff} is the effective area in which the vertical stirrups are effective to resist the resultant tensile force, T_c; and ρ_{vs} is the area ratio of the footing vertical stirrups.

The effective area, A_{jeff}, can be defined based on a three-dimensional crack with 45° slope around the column longitudinal bars in tension. The projection of the crack to the footing surface is shown by the shaded area in Figure 6.11b. The depth of the crack or the distance of the boundary of the shaded area in Figure 6.11b to the nearest longitudinal bar yielded in tension is assumed to be equal to the anchorage depth, d_{af}. The depth of the crack reduces from d_{af} to zero linearly if the strain of the rebar reduces from the yield strain, ε_y, to zero. Thus, A_{jeff} can be calculated as follows:

$$A_{\text{jeff}} = d_{af}(d_{af} + r_c)\arccos\left[\left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon_y}{\varepsilon_c}\right)\frac{x_n}{r_c} - 1\right] + d_{af} r_c \arccos\left(\frac{x_n}{r_c} - 1\right) \tag{6.43}$$

where d_{af} is the depth of the column longitudinal reinforcement inside the footing; r_c is the radius of the centroidal circle of the longitudinal reinforcement and can be simply taken as the radius of the column section if the cover concrete is ignored; ε_y is the yield strain of the longitudinal bars; ε_c is strain of the extreme compressive reinforcement or simply taken as the extreme concrete ultimate strain if the cover is ignored; x_n is the distance from the extreme compressive reinforcement to the neutral axis or taken as the compression zone depth, ignoring the cover.

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Seismic Design of Steel Bridges

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7.1   Introduction

In the aftermath of the 1995 Hyogo-ken Nanbu earthquake and the extensive damage it imparted to steel bridges in the Kobe area, it is now generally recognized that steel bridges can be seismically vulnerable, particularly when they are supported on nonductile substructures of reinforced concrete, masonry, or even steel. In the last case, unfortunately, code requirements and guidelines on seismic design of ductile bridge steel substructures are few [12,21], and none have yet been implemented in the United States. This chapter focuses on a presentation of concepts and detailing requirements that can help ensure a desirable ductile behavior for steel substructures. Other bridge vulnerabilities common to all types of bridges, such as bearing failure, span collapses due to insufficient seat width or absence of seismic restrainers, soil liquefactions, etc., are not addressed in this chapter.

Seismic Performance Criteria

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) published both the *Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges* [2] and the *LRFD Bridge Design Specifications* [1], the latter being a load and resistance factor design version of the former, and being the preferred edition when referenced in this chapter. Although notable differences exist between the seismic

design requirements of these documents, both state that the same fundamental principles have been used for the development of their specifications, namely:

1. Small to moderate earthquakes should be resisted within the elastic range of the structural components without significant damage.
2. Realistic seismic ground motion intensities and forces are used in the design procedures.
3. Exposure to shaking from large earthquakes should not cause collapse of all or part of the bridge. Where possible, damage that does occur should be readily detectable and accessible for inspection and repair.

Conceptually, the above performance criteria call for two levels of design earthquake ground motion to be considered. For a low-level earthquake, there should be only minimal damage. For a significant earthquake, which is defined by AASHTO as having a 10% probability of exceedance in 50 years (i.e., a 475-year return period), collapse should be prevented but significant damage may occur. Currently, the AASHTO adopts a simplified approach by specifying only the second-level design earthquake; that is, the seismic performance in the lower-level events can only be implied from the design requirements of the upper-level event. Within the content of performance-based engineering, such a one-level design procedure has been challenged [11,12].

The AASHTO also defines bridge importance categories, whereby essential bridges and critical bridges are, respectively, defined as those that must, at a minimum, remain open to emergency vehicles (and for security/defense purposes), and be open to all traffic, after the 475-year return-period earthquake. In the latter case, the AASHTO suggests that critical bridges should also remain open to emergency traffic after the 2500-year return-period event. Various clauses in the specifications contribute to ensure that these performance criteria are implicitly met, although these may require the engineer to exercise considerable judgment. The special requirements imposed on essential and critical bridges are beyond the scope of this chapter.

The *R* Factor Design Procedure

AASHTO seismic specification uses a response modification factor, *R*, to compute the design seismic forces in different parts of the bridge structure. The origin of the *R* factor design procedure can be traced back to the ATC 3-06 document [9] for building design. Since requirements in seismic provisions for member design are directly related to the *R* factor, it is worthwhile to examine the physical meaning of the *R* factor.

Consider a structural response envelope shown in Figure 7.1. If the structure is designed to respond elastically during a major earthquake, the required elastic force, Q_e, would be high. For economic reasons, modern seismic design codes usually take advantage of the inherent energy dissipation capacity of the structure by specifying a design seismic force level, Q_s, which can be significantly lower than Q_e:

$$Q_s = \frac{Q_e}{R} \qquad (7.1)$$

The energy dissipation (or ductility) capacity is achieved by specifying stringent detailing requirements for structural components that are expected to yield during a major earthquake. The design seismic force level Q_s is the first significant yield level of the structure, which corresponds to the level beyond which the structural response starts to deviate significantly from the elastic response. Idealizing the actual response envelope by a linearly elastic–perfectly plastic response shown in Figure 7.1, it can be shown that the *R* factor is composed of two contributing factors [64]:

$$R = R_\mu \Omega \qquad (7.2)$$
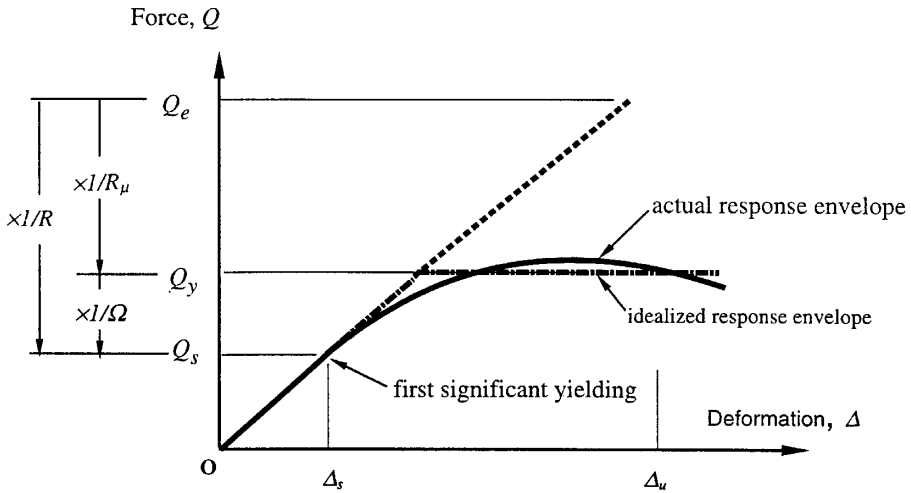
FIGURE 7.1   Concept of response modification factor, R.

TABLE 7.1   Response Modification Factor, R

Substructure	R	Connections	R
Single columns	3	Superstructure to abutment	0.8
Steel or composite steel and concrete pile bents		Columns, piers, or pile bents to cap beam or	1.0
a. Vertical piles only	5	superstructure	
b. One or more batter piles	3		1.0
Multiple column bent	5	Columns or piers to foundations	

Source: AASHTO, *Standard Specifications for Seismic Design of Highway Bridges,* AASHTO, Washington, D.C., 1992.

The ductility reduction factor, R_μ, accounts for the reduction of the seismic force level from Q_e to Q_y. Such a force reduction is possible because ductility, which is measured by the ductility factor $\mu(\Delta_u / \Delta_y)$, is built into the structural system. For single-degree-of-freedom systems, relationships between μ and R_μ have been proposed (e.g., Newmark and Hall [43]).

The structural overstrength factor, Ω, in Eq. (7.2) accounts for the reserve strength between the seismic resistance levels Q_y and Q_s. This reserve strength is contributed mainly by the redundancy of the structure. That is, once the first plastic hinge is formed at the force level Q_s, the redundancy of the structure would allow more plastic hinges to form in other designated locations before the ultimate strength, Q_y, is reached. Table 7.1 shows the values of R assigned to different substructure and connection types. The AASHTO assumes that cyclic inelastic action would occur only in the substructure; therefore, no R value is assigned to the superstructure and its components. The table shows that the R value ranges from 3 to 5 for steel substructures. A multiple-column bent with well-detailed columns has the highest value (= 5) of R due to its ductility capacity and redundancy. The ductility capacity of single columns is similar to that of columns in a multiple-column bent; however, there is no redundancy, and therefore a low R value of 3 is assigned to single columns.

Although modern seismic codes for building and bridge designs both use the R factor design procedure, there is one major difference. For building design [42], the R factor is applied at the system level. That is, components designated to yield during a major earthquake share the same R value, and other components are proportioned by the capacity design procedure to ensure that these components remain in the elastic range. For bridge design, however, the R factor is applied at the component level. Therefore, different R values are used in different parts of the same structure.
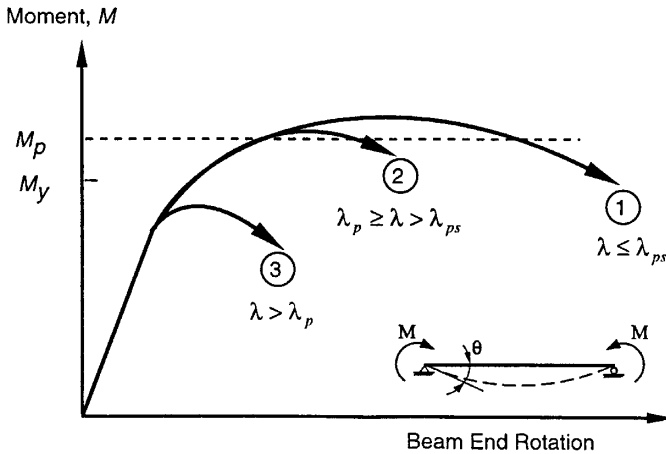
FIGURE 7.2   Effect of beam slenderness ratio on strength and deformation capacity. (Adapted from Yura et al., 1978.)

Need for Ductility

Using an R factor larger than 1 implies that the ductility demand must be met by designing the structural component with stringent requirements. The ductility capacity of a steel member is generally governed by instability. Considering a flexural member, for example, instability can be caused by one or more of the following three limit states: flange local buckling, web local buckling, and lateral-torsional buckling. In all cases, ductility capacity is a function of a slenderness ratio, λ. For local buckling, λ is the width–thickness ratio; for lateral-torsional buckling, λ is computed as L_b/r_y, where L_b is the unbraced length and r_y is the radius of gyration of the section about the buckling axis. Figure 7.2 shows the effect of λ on strength and deformation capacity of a wide-flanged flexural member. Curve 3 represents the response of a flexural member with a noncompact or slender section; both its strength and deformation capacity are inadequate for seismic design. Curve 2 corresponds to a flexural member with "compact" section; its slenderness ratio, λ, is less than the maximum ratio λ_p for which a section can reach its plastic moment, M_p, and sustain moderate plastic rotations. For seismic design, a response represented by Curve 1 is needed, and a "plastic" section with λ less than λ_{ps} is required to deliver the needed ductility.

Table 7.2 shows the limiting width–thickness ratios λ_p and λ_{ps} for compact and plastic sections, respectively. A flexural member with λ not exceeding λ_p can provide a rotational ductility factor of at least 4 [74], and a flexural member with λ less than λ_{ps} is expected to deliver a rotation ductility factor of 8 to 10 under monotonic loading [5]. Limiting slenderness ratios for lateral-torsional buckling are presented in Section 7.2.

Structural Steel Materials

AASHTO M270 (equivalent to ASTM A709) includes grades with a minimum yield strength ranging from 36 to 100 ksi (see Table 7.3). These steels meet the AASHTO Standards for the mandatory notch toughness and weldability requirements and hence are prequalified for use in welded bridges.

For ductile substructure elements, steels must be capable of dissipating hysteretic energy during earthquakes, even at low temperatures if such service conditions are expected. Typically, steels that have $F_y < 0.8F_u$ and can develop a longitudinal elongation of 0.2 mm/mm in a 50-mm gauge length prior to failure at the expected service temperature are satisfactory.

TABLE 7.2 Limiting Width–Thickness Ratios

Description of Element	Width–Thickness Ratio	λ_p	λ_{ps}
Flanges of I-shaped rolled beams, hybrid or welded beams, and channels in flexure	b/t	$65/(\sqrt{F_y})$	$52/(\sqrt{F_y})$
Webs in combined flexural and axial compression	h/t_w	for $P_u/\phi_b P_y \leq 0.125$:	for $P_u/\phi_b P_y > 0.125$:
		$\dfrac{640}{\sqrt{F_y}}\left(1 - \dfrac{2.75 P_u}{\phi_b P_y}\right)$	$\dfrac{520}{\sqrt{F_y}}\left(1 - \dfrac{1.54 P_u}{\phi_b P_y}\right)$
		for $P_u/\phi_b P_y > 0.125$:	for $P_u/\phi_b P_y > 0.125$:
		$\dfrac{191}{\sqrt{F_y}}\left(2.33 - \dfrac{P_u}{\phi_b P_y}\right) \geq \dfrac{253}{\sqrt{F_y}}$	$\dfrac{191}{\sqrt{F_y}}\left(2.33 - \dfrac{P_u}{\phi_b P_y}\right) \geq \dfrac{253}{\sqrt{F_y}}$
Round HSS in axial compression or flexure	D/t	$\dfrac{2070}{F_y}$	$\dfrac{1300}{F_y}$
Rectangular HSS in axial compression or flexure	b/t	$\dfrac{190}{\sqrt{F_y}}$	$\dfrac{110}{\sqrt{F_y}}$

Note: F_y in ksi, $\phi_b = 0.9$.

Source: AISC, *Seismic Provisions for Structural Steel Buildings*, AISC, Chicago, IL, 1997.

TABLE 7.3 Minimum Mechanical Properties of Structural Steel

AASHTO Designation	M270 Grade 36	M270 Grade 50	M270 Grade 50W	M270 Grade 70W	M270 Grades 100/100W	
Equivalent ASTM designation	A709 Grade 36	A709 Grade 50	A709 Grade 50W	A709 Grade 70W	A709 Grade 100/100W	
Minimum yield stress (ksi)	36	50	50	70	100	90
Minimum tensile stress (ksi)	58	65	70	90	110	100

Source: AASHTO, *Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges*, AASHTO, Washington, D.C., 1996.

Capacity Design and Expected Yield Strength

For design purposes, the designer is usually required to use the minimum specified yield and tensile strengths to size structural components. This approach is generally conservative for gravity load design. However, this is not adequate for seismic design because the AASHTO design procedure sometimes limits the maximum force acting in a component to the value obtained from the adjacent yielding element, per a capacity design philosophy. For example, steel columns in a multiple-column bent can be designed for an R value of 5, with plastic hinges developing at the column ends. Based on the weak column–strong beam design concept (to be presented in Section 7.2), the cap beam and its connection to columns need to be designed elastically (i.e., $R = 1$, see Table 7.1). Alternatively, for bridges classified as seismic performance categories (SPC) C and D, the AASHTO recommends that, for economic reasons, the connections and cap beam be designed for the maximum forces capable of being developed by plastic hinging of the column or column bent; these forces will often be significantly less than those obtained using an R factor of 1. For that purpose, recognizing the possible overstrength from higher yield strength and strain hardening, the AASHTO [1] requires that the column plastic moment be calculated using 1.25 times the nominal yield strength.

Unfortunately, the widespread brittle fracture of welded moment connections in steel buildings observed after the 1994 Northridge earthquake revealed that the capacity design procedure

TABLE 7.4   Expected Steel Material Strengths (SSPC 1994)

Steel Grade	A36	A572 Grade 50
No. of Sample	36,570	13,536
Yield Strength (COV)	49.2 ksi (0.10)	57.6 ksi (0.09)
Tensile Strength (COV)	68.5 ksi (0.07)	75.6 ksi (0.08)

COV: coefficient of variance.
Source: SSPC, *Statistical Analysis of Tensile Data for Wide Flange Structural Shapes,* Structural Shapes Producers Council, Washington, D.C., 1994.

mentioned above is flawed. Investigations that were conducted after the 1994 Northridge earthquake indicate that, among other factors, material overstrength (i.e., the actual yield strength of steel is significantly higher than the nominal yield strength) is one of the major contributing factors for the observed fractures [52].

Statistical data on material strength of AASHTO M270 steels are not available, but since the mechanical characteristics of M270 Grades 36 and 50 steels are similar to those of ASTM A36 and A572 Grade 50 steels, respectively, it is worthwhile to examine the expected yield strength of the latter. Results from a recent survey [59] of certified mill test reports provided by six major steel mills for 12 consecutive months around 1992 are briefly summarized in Table 7.4. Average yield strengths are shown to greatly exceed the specified values. As a result, relevant seismic provisions for building design have been revised. The AISC Seismic Provisions [6] use the following formula to compute the expected yield strength, F_{ye}, of a member that is expected to yield during a major earthquake:

$$F_{ye} = R_y F_y \tag{7.3}$$

where F_y is the specified minimum yield strength of the steel. For rolled shapes and bars, R_y shall be taken as 1.5 for A36 steel and 1.1 for A572 Grade 50 steel. When capacity design is used to calculate the maximum force to be resisted by members connected to yielding members, it is suggested that the above procedure also be used for bridge design.

Member Cyclic Response

A typical cyclic stress–strain relationship of structural steel material is shown in Figure 7.3. When brittle fracture and instability are excluded, the figure shows that steel is very ductile and is well
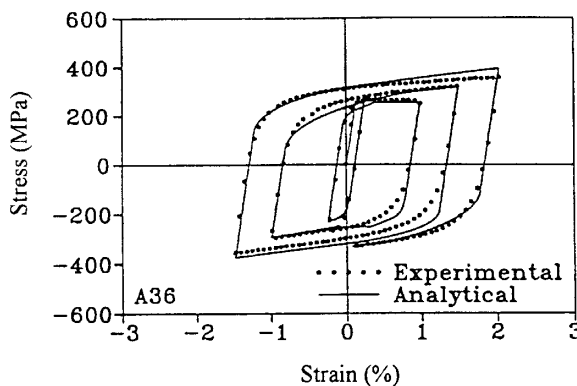
FIGURE 7.3   Typical cyclic stress–strain relationship of structural steel.
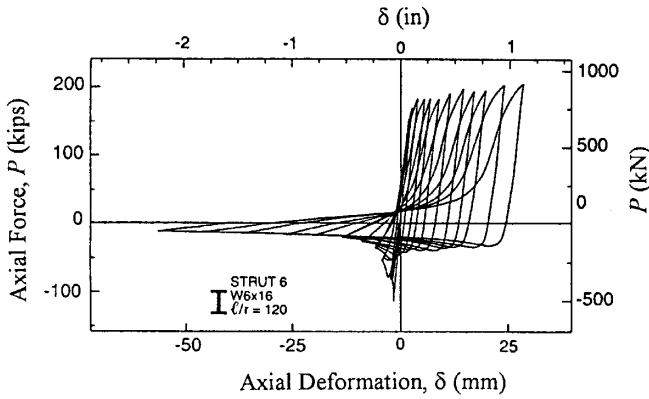
FIGURE 7.4 Cyclic response of an axially loaded member. (*Source:* Popov, E. P. and Black, W., *J. Struct. Div. ASCE*, 90(ST2), 223–256, 1981. With permission.)

suited for seismic applications. Once the steel is yielded in one loading direction, the Bauschinger effect causes the steel to yield earlier in the reverse direction, and the clearly defined yield plateau disappears in subsequent cycles. Where instability needs to be considered, the Bauschinger effect may affect the cyclic strength of a steel member.

Consider an axially loaded steel member first. Figure 7.4 shows the typical cyclic response of an axially loaded tubular brace. The initial buckling capacity can be predicted reliably using the tangent modulus concept [47]. The buckling capacity in subsequent cycles, however, is reduced due to two factors: (1) the Bauschinger effect, which reduces the tangent modulus, and (2) the increased out-of-straightness as a result of buckling in previous cycles. Such a reduction in cyclic buckling strength needs to be considered in design (see Section 7.3).

For flexural members, repeated cyclic loading will also trigger buckling even though the width–thickness ratios are less than the λ_{ps} limits specified in Table 7.2. Figure 7.5 compares the cyclic response of two flexural members with different flange b/t ratios [62]. The strength of the beam having a larger flange width–thickness ratio degrades faster under cyclic loading as local buckling develops. This justifies the need for more stringent slenderness requirements in seismic design than those permitted for plastic design.

7.2 Ductile Moment-Resisting Frame (MRF) Design

Introduction

The prevailing philosophy in the seismic-resistant design of ductile frames in buildings is to force plastic hinging to occur in beams rather than in columns in order to better distribute hysteretic energy throughout all stories and to avoid soft-story-type failure mechanisms. However, for steel bridges such a constraint is not realistic, nor is it generally desirable. Steel bridges frequently have deep beams that are not typically compact sections, and that are much stiffer flexurally than their supporting steel columns. Moreover, bridge structures in North America are generally "single-story" (single-tier) structures, and all the hysteretic energy dissipation is concentrated in this single story. The AASHTO [3] and CHBDC [21] seismic provisions are therefore written assuming that columns will be the ductile substructure elements in moment frames and bents. Only the CHBDC, to date, recognizes the need for ductile detailing of steel substructures to ensure that the performance objectives are met when an R value of 5 is used in design [21]. It is understood that extra care would be needed to ensure the satisfactory ductile response of multilevel steel frame bents since these are implicitly not addressed by these specifications. Note that other recent design recommendations [12] suggest that the designer can choose to have the primary energy

(a) $\dfrac{b_f}{2t_f} = 7.2$

(b) $\dfrac{b_f}{2t_f} = 5.0$
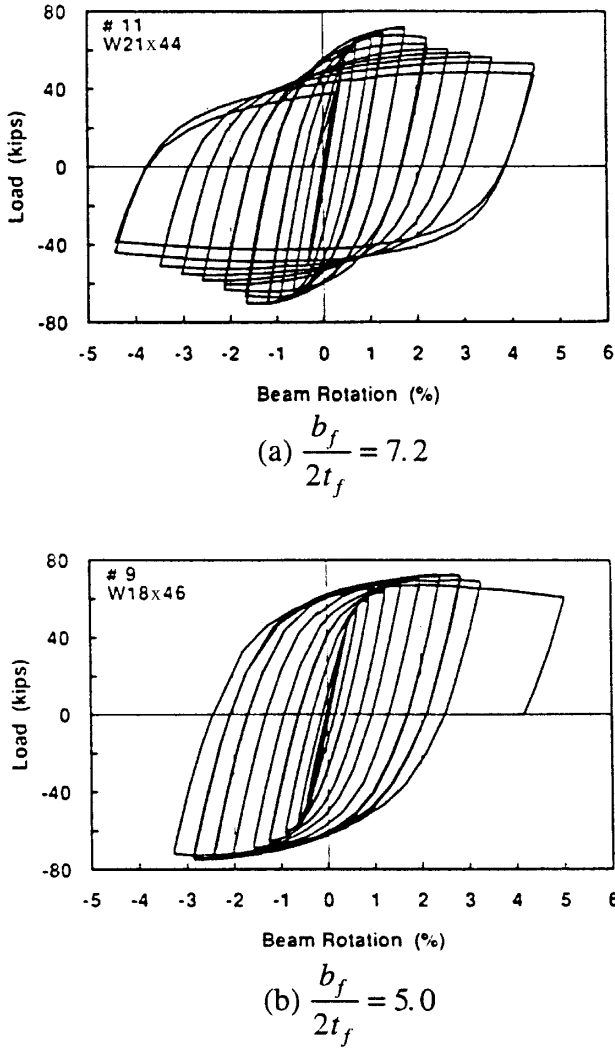
FIGURE 7.5   Effect of beam flange width–thickness ratio on strength degradation.

dissipation mechanism occur in either the beam–column panel zone or the column, but this approach has not been implemented in codes.

Some detailing requirements have been developed for elements where inelastic deformations are expected to occur during an earthquake. Nevertheless, lessons learned from the recent Northridge and Hyogo-ken Nanbu earthquakes have indicated that steel properties, welding electrodes, and connection details, among other factors, all have significant effects on the ductility capacity of welded steel beam–column moment connections [52]. In the case where the bridge column is continuous and the beam is welded to the column flange, the problem is believed to be less severe as the beam is stronger and the plastic hinge will form in the column [21]. However, if the bridge girder is continuously framed over the column in a single-story frame bent, special care is needed for the welded column-to-beam connections.

Continuous research and professional developments on many aspects of the welded moment connection problems are well in progress and have already led to many conclusions that have been implemented on an interim basis for building constructions [52,54]. Many of these findings should be applicable to bridge column-to-beam connections where large inelastic demands are likely to
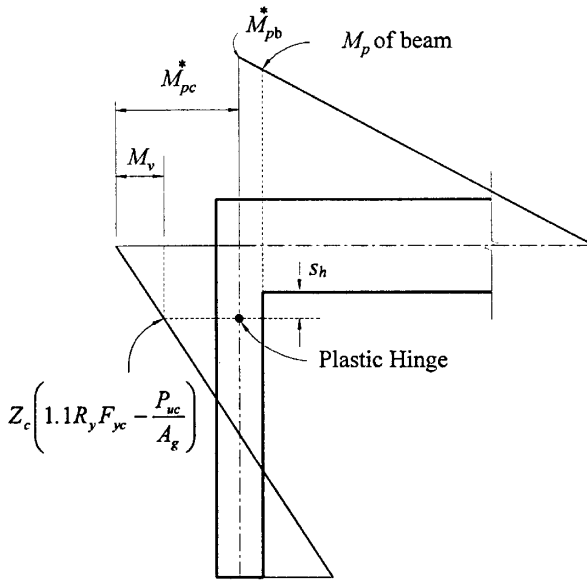
FIGURE 7.6 Location of plastic hinge.

develop in a major earthquake. The following sections provide guidelines for the seismic design of steel moment-resisting beam–column bents.

Design Strengths

Columns, beams, and panel zones are first designed to resist the forces resulting from the prescribed load combinations; then capacity design is exercised to ensure that inelastic deformations occur only in the specially detailed ductile substructure elements. To ensure a weak-column and strong-girder design, the beam-to-column strength ratio must satisfy the following requirement:

$$\frac{\sum M_{pb}^*}{\sum M_{pc}^*} \geq 1.0 \tag{7.4}$$

where $\sum M_{pb}^*$ is the sum of the beam moments at the intersection of the beam and column centerline. It can be determined by summing the projections of the nominal flexural strengths, M_p ($= Z_b F_y$, where Z_b is the plastic section modulus of the beam), of the beams framing into the connection to the column centerline. The term $\sum M_{pc}^*$ is the sum of the expected column flexural strengths, reduced to account for the presence of axial force, above and below the connection to the beam centerlines. The term $\sum M_{pc}^*$ can be approximated as $\sum [Z_c(1.1R_y F_{yc} - P_{uc}/A_g) + M_v]$, where A_g is the gross area of the column, P_{uc} is the required column compressive strength, Z_c is the plastic section modulus of the column, F_{yc} is the minimum specified yield strength of the column, and the constant 1.1 is to account for strain hardening. The term M_v is to account for the additional moment due to shear amplification from the actual location of the column plastic hinge to the beam centerline (Figure 7.6). The location of the plastic hinge is at a distance s_h from the edge of the reinforced connection. The value of s_h ranges from one quarter to one third of the column depth as suggested by SAC [54].

To achieve the desired energy dissipation mechanism, it is rational to incorporate the expected yield strength into recent design recommendations [12,21]. Furthermore, it is recommended that the beam–column connection and the panel zone be designed for 125% of the expected plastic

bending moment capacity, $Z_c(1.1R_yF_{yc} - P_{uc}/A_g)$, of the column. The shear strength of the panel zone, V_n, is given by

$$V_n = 0.6F_y d_c t_p \qquad (7.5)$$

where d_c is the overall column depth and t_p is the total thickness of the panel zone, including doubler plates. In order to prevent premature local buckling due to shear deformations, the panel zone thickness, t_p, should conform to the following:

$$t_p \geq \frac{d_z + w_z}{90} \qquad (7.6)$$

where d_z and w_z are the panel zone depth and width, respectively.

Although weak panel zone is permitted by the AISC [6] for building design, the authors prefer a conservative approach in which the primary energy dissipation mechanism is column hinging.

Member Stability Considerations

The width–thickness ratios of the stiffened and unstiffened elements of the column section must not be greater than the λ_{ps} limits given in Table 7.2 in order to ensure ductile response for the plastic hinge formation. Canadian practice [21] requires that the factored axial compression force due to the seismic load and gravity loads be less than $0.30A_gF_y$ (or twice that value in lower seismic zones). In addition, the plastic hinge locations, near the top and base of each column, also need to be laterally supported. To avoid lateral-torsional buckling, the unbraced length should not exceed $2500r_y/F_y$ [6].

Column-to-Beam Connections

Widespread brittle fractures of welded moment connections in building moment frames that were observed following the 1994 Northridge earthquake have raised great concerns. Many experimental and analytical studies conducted after the Northridge earthquake have revealed that the problem is not a simple one, and no single factor can be made fully responsible for the connection failures. Several design advisories and interim guidelines have already been published to assist engineers in addressing this problem [52,54]. Possible causes for the connection failures are presented below.

1. As noted previously, the mean yield strength of A36 steel in the United States is substantially higher than the nominal yield value. This increase in yield strength combined with the cyclic strain-hardening effect can result in a beam moment significantly higher than its nominal strength. Considering the large variations in material strength, it is questionable whether the bolted web-welded flange pre-Northridge connection details can reliably sustain the beam flexural demand imposed by a severe earthquake.

2. Recent investigations conducted on the properties of weld metal have indicated that the E70T-4 weld metal that was typically used in many of the damaged buildings possesses low notch toughness [60]. Experimental testing of welded steel moment connections that was conducted after the Northridge earthquake clearly demonstrated that notch-tough electrodes are needed for seismic applications. Note that the bridge specifications effectively prohibit the use of E70T-4 electrode.

3. In a large number of connections, steel backing below the beam bottom flange groove weld has not been removed. Many of the defects found in such connections were slag inclusions of a size that should have been rejected per AWS D1.1 if they could have been detected during the construction. The inclusions were particularly large in the middle of the flange width

where the weld had to be interrupted due to the presence of the beam web. Ultrasonic testing for welds behind the steel backing and particularly near the beam web region is also not very reliable. Slag inclusions are equivalent to initial cracks, which are prone to crack initiation at a low stress level. For this reason, the current steel building welding code [13] requires that steel backing of groove welds in cyclically loaded joints be removed. Note that the bridge welding code [14] has required the removal of steel backing on welds subjected to transverse tensile stresses.

4. Steel that is prevented from expanding or contracting under stress can fail in a brittle manner. For the most common type of groove-welded flange connections used prior to the Northridge earthquake, particularly when they were executed on large structural shapes, the welds were highly restrained along the length and in the transverse directions. This precludes the welded joint from yielding, and thus promotes brittle fractures [16].

5. Rolled structural shapes or plates are not isotropic. Steel is most ductile in the direction of rolling and least ductile in the direction orthogonal to the surface of the plate elements (i.e., through-thickness direction). Thicker steel shapes and plates are also susceptible to lamellar tearing [4].

After the Northridge earthquake, many alternatives have been proposed for building construction, and several have been tested and found effective to sustain cyclic plastic rotational demand in excess of 0.03 rad. The general concept of these alternatives is to move the plastic hinge region into the beam and away from the connection. This can be achieved by either strengthening the beam near the connection or reducing the strength of the yielding member near the connection. The objective of both schemes is to reduce the stresses in the flange welds in order to allow the yielding member to develop large plastic rotations. The minimum strength requirement for the connection can be computed by considering the expected maximum bending moment at the plastic hinge using statics similar to that outlined previously. Capacity-enhancement schemes that have been widely advocated include cover plate connections [26] and bottom haunch connections. The demand-reduction scheme can be achieved by shaving the beam flanges [22,27,46,74]. Note that this research and development was conducted on deep beam sections without the presence of an axial load. Their application to bridge columns should proceed with caution.

7.3   Ductile Braced Frame Design

Seismic codes for bridge design generally require that the primary energy dissipation mechanism be in the substructure. Braced frame systems, having considerable strength and stiffness, can be used for this purpose [67]. Depending on the geometry, a braced frame can be classified as either a concentrically braced frame (CBF) or an eccentrically braced frame (EBF). CBFs can be found in the cross-frames and lateral-bracing systems of many existing steel girder bridges. In a CBF system, the working lines of members essentially meet at a common point (Figure 7.7). Bracing members are prone to buckle inelastically under the cyclic compressive overloads. The consequence of cyclic buckling of brace members in the superstructure is not entirely known at this time, but some work has shown the importance of preserving the integrity of end-diaphragms [72]. Some seismic design recommendations [12] suggest that cross-frames and lateral bracing, which are part of the seismic force-resisting system in common slab-on-steel girder bridges, be designed to remain elastic under the imposed load effects. This issue is revisited in Section 7.5.

In a manner consistent with the earthquake-resistant design philosophy presented elsewhere in this chapter, modern CBFs are expected to undergo large inelastic deformation during a severe earthquake. Properly proportioned and detailed brace members can sustain these inelastic deformations and dissipate hysteretic energy in a stable manner through successive cycles of compression buckling and tension yielding. The preferred strategy is therefore to ensure that plastic deformation occur only in the braces, allowing the columns and beams to remain essentially elastic, thus main-
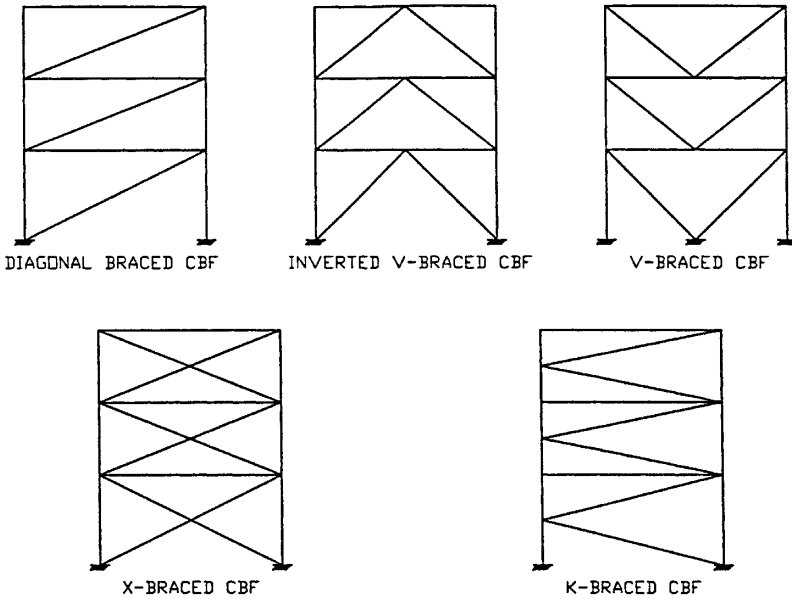
FIGURE 7.7 Typical concentric bracing configurations.

taining the gravity load-carrying capacity during a major earthquake. According to the AISC Seismic Provisions [6], a CBF can be designed as either a special CBF (SCBF) or an ordinary CBF (OCBF). A large value of R is assigned to the SCBF system, but more stringent ductility detailing requirements need to be satisfied.

An EBF is a system of columns, beams, and braces in which at least one end of each bracing member connects to a beam at a short distance from its beam-to-column connection or from its adjacent beam-to-brace connection (Figure 7.8). The short segment of the beam between the brace connection and the column or between brace connections is called the link. Links in a properly designed EBF system will yield primarily in shear in a ductile manner. With minor modifications, the design provisions prescribed in the AISC Seismic Provisions for EBF, SCBF, and OCBF can be implemented for the seismic design of bridge substructures.

Current AASHTO seismic design provisions [3] do not prescribe the design seismic forces for the braced frame systems. For OCBFs, a response modification factor, R, of 2.0 is judged appropriate. For EBFs and SCBFs, an R value of 4 appears to be conservative and justifiable by examining the ductility reduction factor values prescribed in the building seismic design recommendations [57]. For CBFs, the emphasis in this chapter is placed on SCBFs, which are designed for better inelastic performance and energy dissipation capacity.
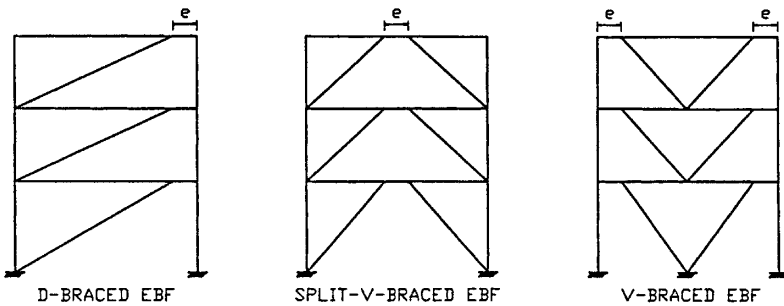
FIGURE 7.8 Typical eccentric bracing configurations.

Concentrically Braced Frames

Tests have shown that, after buckling, an axially loaded member rapidly loses compressive strength under repeated inelastic load reversals and does not return to its original straight position (see Figure 7.4). CBFs exhibit the best seismic performance when both yielding in tension and inelastic buckling in compression of their diagonal members contribute significantly to the total hysteretic energy dissipation. The energy absorption capability of a brace in compression depends on its slenderness ratio (*KL/r*) and its resistance to local buckling. Since they are subjected to more stringent detailing requirements, SCBFs are expected to withstand significant inelastic deformations during a major earthquake. OCBFs are designed to withstand higher levels of seismic forces to minimize the extent of inelastic deformations. However, if an earthquake greater than that considered for design occurs, structures with SCBF could be greatly advantaged over the OCBF, in spite of the higher design force level considered in the latter case.

Bracing Members

Postbuckling strength and energy dissipation capacity of bracing members with a large slenderness ratio will degrade rapidly after buckling occurs [47]. Therefore, many seismic codes require that the slenderness ratio (*KL/r*) for the bracing member be limited to $720/\sqrt{F_y}$, where F_y is in ksi. Recently, the AISC Seismic Provisions (1997) [6] have relaxed this limit to $1000/\sqrt{F_y}$ for bracing members in SCBFs. This change is somewhat controversial. The authors prefer to follow the more stringent past practice for SCBFs. The design strength of a bracing member in axial compression should be taken as $0.8\,\phi_c P_n$, where ϕ_c is taken as 0.85 and P_n is the nominal axial strength of the brace. The reduction factor of 0.8 has been prescribed for CBF systems in the previous seismic building provisions [6] to account for the degradation of compressive strength in the postbuckling region. The 1997 AISC Seismic Provisions have removed this reduction factor for SCBFs. But the authors still prefer to apply this strength reduction factor for the design of both SCBFs and OCBFs. Whenever the application of this reduction factor will lead to a less conservative design, however, such as to determine the maximum compressive force that a bracing member imposes on adjacent structural elements, this reduction factor should not be used.

The plastic hinge that forms at midspan of a buckled brace may lead to severe local buckling. Large cyclic plastic strains that develop in the plastic hinge are likely to initiate fracture due to low-cycle fatigue. Therefore, the width–thickness ratio of stiffened or unstiffened elements of the brace section for SCBFs must be limited to the values specified in Table 7.2. The brace sections for OCBFs can be either compact or noncompact, but not slender. For brace members of angle, unstiffened rectangular, or hollow sections, the width–thickness ratios cannot exceed λ_{ps}.

To provide redundancy and to balance the tensile and compressive strengths in a CBF system, it is recommended that at least 30% but not more than 70% of the total seismic force be resisted by tension braces. This requirement can be waived if the bracing members are substantially oversized to provide essentially elastic seismic response.

Bracing Connections

The required strength of brace connections (including beam-to-column connections if part of the bracing system) should be able to resist the lesser of:

1. The expected axial tension strength ($= R_y F_y A_g$) of the brace.
2. The maximum force that can be transferred to the brace by the system.

In addition, the tensile strength of bracing members and their connections, based on the limit states of tensile rupture on the effective net section and block shear rupture, should be at least equal to the required strength of the brace as determined above.

End connections of the brace can be designed as either rigid or pin connection. For either of the end connection types, test results showed that the hysteresis responses are similar for a given *KL/r* [47]. When the brace is pin-connected and the brace is designed to buckle out of plane, it is suggested
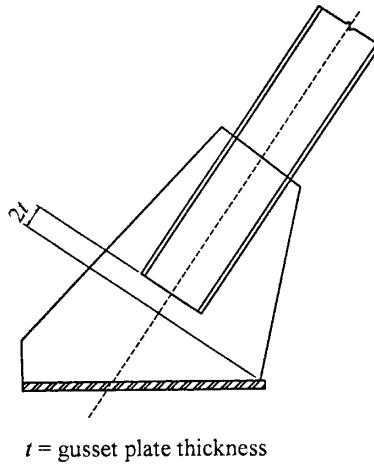
t = gusset plate thickness

FIGURE 7.9   Plastic hinge and free length of gusset plate.

that the brace be terminated on the gusset a minimum of two times the gusset thickness from a line about which the gusset plate can bend unrestrained by the column or beam joints [6]. This condition is illustrated in Figure 7.9. The gusset plate should also be designed to carry the design compressive strength of the brace member without local buckling.

The effect of end fixity should be considered in determining the critical buckling axis if rigid end conditions are used for in-plane buckling and pinned connections are used for out-of-plane buckling. When analysis indicates that the brace will buckle in the plane of the braced frame, the design flexural strength of the connection should be equal to or greater than the expected flexural strength ($= 1.1R_yM_p$) of the brace. An exception to this requirement is permitted when the brace connections (1) meet the requirement of tensile rupture strength described above, (2) can accommodate the inelastic rotations associated with brace postbuckling deformations, and (3) have a design strength at least equal to the nominal compressive strength ($= A_gF_y$) of the brace.

Special Requirements for Brace Configuration

Because braces meet at the midspan of beams in V-type and inverted-V-type braced frames, the vertical force resulting from the unequal compression and tension strengths of the braces can have a considerable impact on cyclic behavior. Therefore, when this type of brace configuration is considered for SCBFs, the AISC Seismic Provisions require that:

1. A beam that is intersected by braces be continuous between columns.
2. A beam that is intersected by braces be designed to support the effects of all the prescribed tributary gravity loads assuming that the bracing is not present.
3. A beam that is intersected by braces be designed to resist the prescribed force effects incorporating an unbalanced vertical seismic force. This unbalanced seismic load must be substituted for the seismic force effect in the load combinations, and is the maximum unbalanced vertical force applied to the beam by the braces. It should be calculated using a minimum of P_y for the brace in tension and a maximum of $0.3 \, \phi_c P_n$ for the brace in compression. This requirement ensures that the beam will not fail due to the large unbalanced force after brace buckling.
4. The top and bottom flanges of the beam at the point of intersection of braces be adequately braced; the lateral bracing should be designed for 2% of the nominal beam flange strength ($= F_y b_f t_{bf}$).

For OCBFs, the AISC Seismic Provisions waive the third requirement. But the brace members need to be designed for 1.5 times the required strength computed from the prescribed load combinations.

Columns

Based on the capacity design principle, columns in a CBF must be designed to remain elastic when all braces have reached their maximum tension or compression capacity considering an overstrength factor of $1.1R_y$. The AISC Seismic Provisions also require that columns satisfy the λ_{ps} requirements (see Table 7.2). The strength of column splices must be designed to resist the imposed load effects. Partial penetration groove welds in the column splice have been experimentally observed to fail in a brittle manner [17]. Therefore, the AISC Seismic Provisions require that such splices in SCBFs be designed for at least 200% of the required strength, and be constructed with a minimum strength of 50% of the expected column strength, $R_y F_y A$, where A is the cross-sectional area of the smaller column connected. The column splice should be designed to develop both the nominal shear strength and 50% of the nominal flexural strength of the smaller section connected. Splices should be located in the middle one-third of the clear height of the column.

Eccentrically Braced Frames

Research results have shown that a well-designed EBF system possesses high stiffness in the elastic range and excellent ductility capacity in the inelastic range [25]. The high elastic stiffness is provided by the braces, and the high ductility capacity is achieved by transmitting one brace force to another brace or to a column through shear and bending in a short beam segment designated as a "link." Figure 7.8 shows some typical arrangements of EBFs. In the figure, the link lengths are identified by the letter *e*. When properly detailed, these links provide a reliable source of energy dissipation. Following the capacity design concept, buckling of braces and beams outside of the link can be prevented by designing these members to remain elastic while resisting forces associated with the fully yielded and strain-hardened links. The AISC Seismic Provisions (1997) [6] for the EBF design are intended to achieve this objective.

Links

Figure 7.10 shows the free-body diagram of a link. If a link is short, the entire link yields primarily in shear. For a long link, flexural (or moment) hinge would form at both ends of the link before the "shear" hinge can be developed. A short link is desired for an efficient EBF design. In order to ensure stable yielding, links should be plastic sections satisfying the width–thickness ratios λps given in Table 7.2. Doubler plates welded to the link web should not be used as they do not perform as intended when subjected to large inelastic deformations. Openings should also be avoided as they adversely affect the yielding of the link web. The required shear strength, V_u, resulting from the prescribed load effects should not exceed the design shear strength of the link, ϕV_n, where $\phi = 0.9$. The nominal shear strength of the link is

$$Ve = M_A + M_B$$
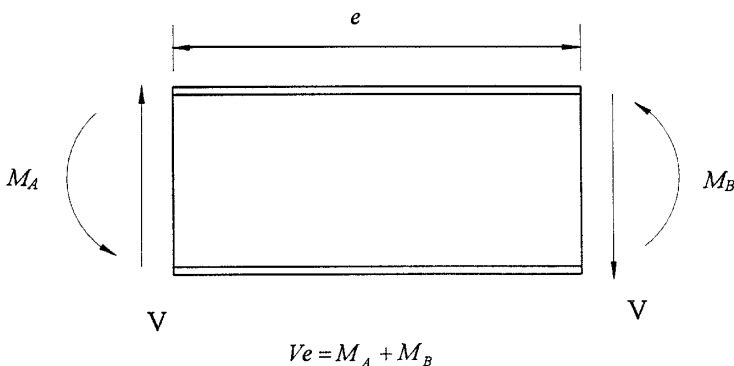
FIGURE 7.10   Static equilibrium of link.

$$V_n = \min \{V_p, 2M_p/e\} \tag{7.7}$$

$$V_p = 0.60F_y A_w \tag{7.8}$$

where $A_w = (d - 2t_f)t_w$.

A large axial force in the link will reduce the energy dissipation capacity. Therefore, its effect shall be considered by reducing the design shear strength and the link length. If the required link axial strength, P_u, resulting from the prescribed seismic effect exceeds $0.15P_y$, where $P_y = A_gF_y$, the following additional requirements should be met:

1. The link design shear strength, ϕV_n, should be the lesser of ϕV_{pa} or $2\phi M_{Pa}/e$, where V_{pa} and M_{Pa} are the reduced shear and flexural strengths, respectively:

$$V_{pa} = V_p \sqrt{1-(P_u/P_y)^2} \tag{7.9}$$

$$M_{Pa} = 1.18M_p[1-P_u/P_y)] \tag{7.10}$$

2. The length of the link should not exceed:

$$[1.15 - 0.5\,\rho'\,(A_w/A_g)]1.6M_p/V_p \qquad \text{for}\;\; \rho'\,(A_w/A_g) \geq 0.3 \tag{7.11}$$

$$1.6M_p/V_p \qquad\qquad\qquad \text{for}\;\; \rho'\,(A_w/A_g) < 0.3 \tag{7.12}$$

where $\rho' = P_u/V_u$.

The link rotation angle, γ, is the inelastic angle between the link and the beam outside of the link. The link rotation angle can be conservatively determined assuming that the braced bay will deform in a rigid–plastic mechanism. The plastic mechanism for one EBF configuration is illustrated in Figure 7.11. The plastic rotation is determined using a frame drift angle, θ_p, computed from the maximum frame displacement. Conservatively ignoring the elastic frame displacement, the plastic frame drift angle is $\theta_p = \delta/h$, where δ is the maximum displacement and h is the frame height.

Links yielding in shear possess a greater rotational capacity than links yielding in bending. For a link with a length of $1.6M_p/V_p$ or shorter (i.e., shear links), the link rotational demand should not exceed 0.08 rad. For a link with a length of $2.6M_p/V_p$ or longer (i.e., flexural links), the link rotational angle should not exceed 0.02 rad. A straight-line interpolation can be used to determine the link rotation capacity for the intermediate link length.

FIGURE 7.11   Energy dissipation mechanism of an eccentric braced frame.

Link Stiffeners

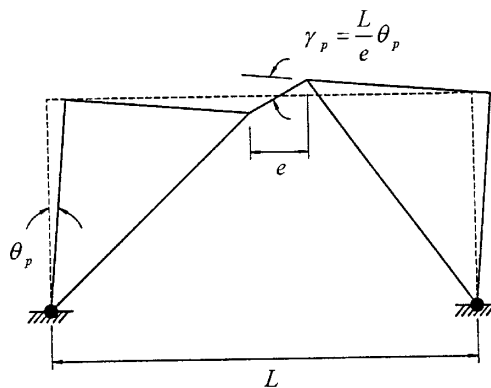In order to provide ductile behavior under severe cyclic loading, close attention to the detailing of link web stiffeners is required. At the brace end of the link, full-depth web stiffeners should be provided on both sides of the link web. These stiffeners should have a combined width not less than $(b_f - 2t_w)$, and a thickness not less than $0.75t_w$ or ⅜ in. (10 mm), whichever is larger, where b_f and t_w are the link flange width and web thickness, respectively. In order to delay the link web or flange buckling, intermediate link web stiffeners should be provided as follows:

1. In shear links, the spacing of intermediate web stiffeners depends on the magnitude of the link rotational demand. For links of lengths $1.6M_p/V_p$ or less, the intermediate web stiffener spacing should not exceed $(30t_w - d/5)$ for a link rotation angle of 0.08 rad, or $(52t_w - d/5)$ for link rotation angles of 0.02 rad or less. Linear interpolation should be used for values between 0.08 and 0.02 rad.
2. Flexural links having lengths greater than $2.6M_p/V_p$ but less than $5M_p/V_p$ should have intermediate stiffeners at a distance from each link end equal to 1.5 times the beam flange width. Links between shear and flexural limits should have intermediate stiffeners meeting the requirements of both shear and flexural links. If link lengths are greater than $5M_p/V_p$, no intermediate stiffeners are required.
3. Intermediate stiffeners shall be full depth in order to react effectively against shear buckling. For links less than 25 in. deep, the stiffeners can be on one side only. The thickness of one-sided stiffeners should not be less than t_w or ⅜ in., whichever is larger, and the width should not be less than $(b_f/2) - t_w$.
4. Fillet welds connecting a link stiffener to the link web should have a design strength adequate to resist a force of $A_{st}F_y$, where A_{st} is the area of the stiffener. The design strength of fillet welds connecting the stiffener to the flange should be adequate to resist a force of $A_{st}F_y/4$.

Link-to-Column Connections

Unless a very short shear link is used, large flexural demand in conjunction with high shear can develop at the link-to-column connections [25,63]. In light of the moment connection fractures observed after the Northridge earthquake, concerns have been raised on the seismic performance of link-to-column connections during a major earthquake. As a result, the 1997 AISC Seismic Provisions [6] require that the link-to-column design be based upon cyclic test results. Tests should follow specific loading procedures, and results demonstrate an inelastic rotation capacity that is 20% greater than that computed in design. To avoid link-to-column connections, it is recommended that configuring the link between two braces be considered for EBF systems.

Lateral Support of Link

In order to ensure stable behavior of the EBF system, it is essential to provide lateral support at both the top and bottom link flanges at the ends of the link. Each lateral support should have a design strength of 6% of the expected link flange strength ($= R_yF_yb_ft_f$).

Diagonal Brace and Beam outside of Link

Following the capacity design concept, diagonal braces and beam segments outside of the link should be designed to resist the maximum forces that can be generated by the link. Considering the strain-hardening effects, the required strength of the diagonal brace should be greater than the axial force and moment generated by 1.25 times the expected nominal shear strength of the link, R_yV_n.

The required strength of the beam outside of the link should be greater than the forces generated by 1.1 times the expected nominal shear strength of the link. To determine the beam design strength, it is permitted to multiply the beam design strength by the factor R_y. The link shear force will generate axial force in the diagonal brace. For most EBF configurations, the horizontal component
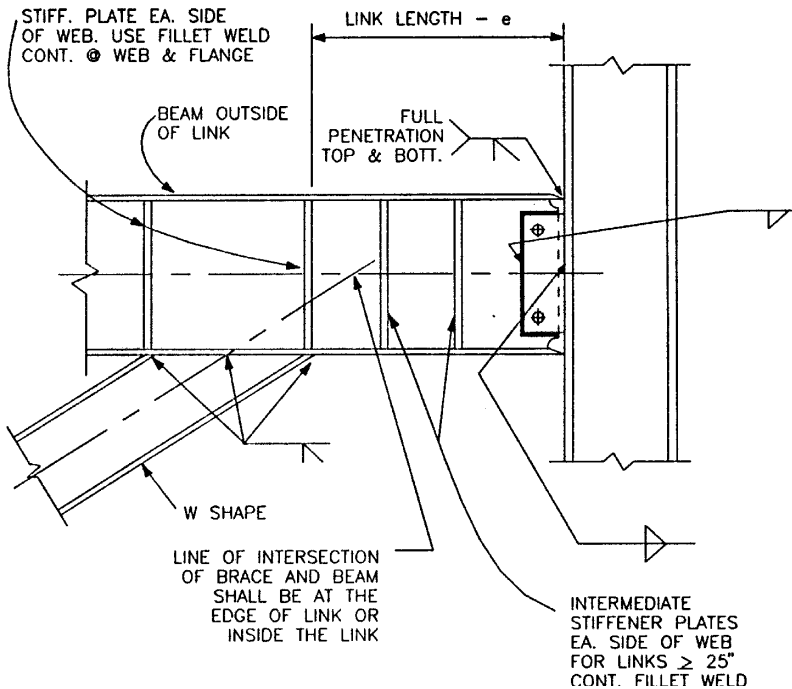
FIGURE 7.12   Diagonal brace fully connected to link. (*Source*: AISC, *Seismic Provisions for Structural Steel Buildings*; AISC, Chicago, IL, 1992. With permission.)

of the brace force also generates a substantial axial force in the beam segment outside of the link. Since the brace and the beam outside of the link are designed to remain essentially elastic, the ratio of beam or brace axial force to link shear force is controlled primarily by the geometry of the EBF. This ratio is not much affected by the inelastic activity within the link; therefore, the ratio obtained from an elastic analysis can be used to scale up the beam and brace axial forces to a level corresponding to the link shear force specified above.

The link end moment is balanced by the brace and the beam outside of the link. If the brace connection at the link is designed as a pin, the beam by itself should be adequate to resist the entire link end moment. If the brace is considered to resist a portion of the link end moment, then the brace connection at the link should be designed as fully restrained. If used, lateral bracing of the beam should be provided at the beam top and bottom flanges. Each lateral bracing should have a required strength of 2% of the beam flange nominal strength, $F_y b_f t_f$. The required strength of the diagonal brace-to-beam connection at the link end of the brace should be at least the expected nominal strength of the brace. At the connection between the diagonal brace and the beam at the link end, the intersection of the brace and the beam centerlines should be at the end of the link or in the link (Figures 7.12 and 7.13). If the intersection of the brace and beam centerlines is located outside of the link, it will increase the bending moment generated in the beam and brace. The width–thickness ratio of the brace should satisfy λ_p specified in Table 7.2.

Beam-to-Column Connections

Beam-to-column connections away from the links can be designed as simple shear connections. However, each connection must have a strength adequate to resist a rotation about the longitudinal axis of the beam resulting from two equal and opposite forces of at least 2% of the beam flange nominal strength, computed as $F_y b_f t_f$, and acting laterally on the beam flanges.

FIGURE 7.13 Diagonal brace pin-connected to link. (*Source:* AISC, *Seismic Provisions for Structural Steel Buildings*, AISC, Chicago, IL, 1992. With permission.)
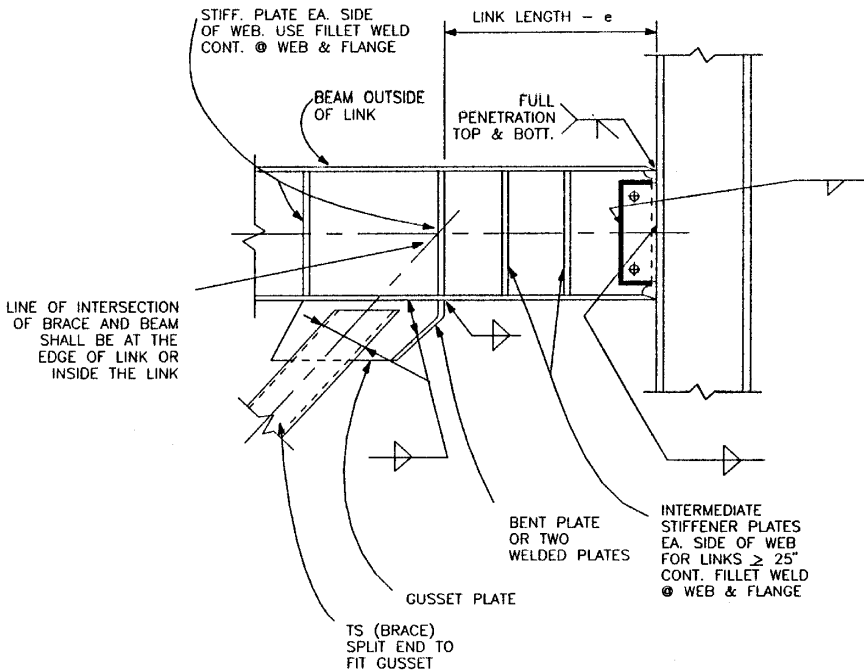
Required Column Strength

The required column strength should be determined from the prescribed load combinations, except that the moments and the axial loads introduced into the column at the connection of a link or brace should not be less than those generated by the expected nominal strength of the link, $R_y V_n$, multiplied by 1.1 to account for strain hardening. In addition to resisting the prescribed load effects, the design strength and the details of column splices must follow the recommendations given for the SCBFs.

7.4 Stiffened Steel Box Pier Design

Introduction

When space limitations dictate the use of smaller-size bridge piers, steel box or circular sections gain an advantage over the reinforced concrete alternative. For circular or unstiffened box sections, the ductile detailing provisions of the AISC Seismic Provisions (1997) [6] or CHBDC [21] shall apply, including the diameter-to-thickness or width-to-thickness limits. For a box column of large dimensions, however, it is also possible to stiffen the wall plates by adding longitudinal and transverse stiffeners inside the section.

Design provisions for a stiffened box column are not covered in either the AASHTO or AISC design specifications. But the design and construction of this type of bridge pier have been common in Japan for more than 30 years. In the sections that follow, the basic behavior of stiffened plates is briefly reviewed. Next, design provisions contained in the Japanese Specifications for Highway Bridges [31] are presented. Results from an experimental investigation, conducted prior to the 1995 Hyogo-ken Nanbu earthquake in Japan, on cyclic performance of stiffened box piers are then used to evaluate the deformation capacity. Finally, lessons learned from the observed performance of this type of pier from the Hyogo-ken Nanbu earthquake are presented.
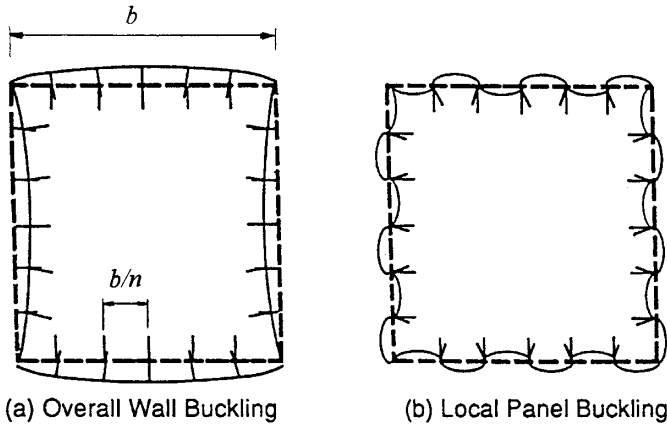
FIGURE 7.14 Buckling modes of box column with multiple stiffeners. (*Source:* Kawashima, K. et al., in *Stability and Ductility on Steel Structures under Cyclic Loading*; Fukumoto, Y. and G. Lee, Eds., CRC, Boca Raton, FL, 1992. With permission.)

Stability of Rectangular Stiffened Box Piers

Three types of buckling modes can occur in a stiffened box pier. First, the plate segments between the longitudinal stiffeners may buckle, the stiffeners acting as nodal points (Figure 7.14b). In this type of "panel buckling," buckled waves appear on the surface of the piers, but the stiffeners do not appreciably move perpendicularly to the plate. Second, the entire stiffened box wall can globally buckle (Figure 7.14a). In this type of "wall buckling," the plate and stiffeners move together perpendicularly to the original plate plane. Third, the stiffeners themselves may buckle first, triggering in turn other buckling modes.

In Japan, a design criterion was developed following an extensive program of testing of stiffened steel plates in the 1960s and 1970s [70]; the results of this testing effort are shown in Figure 7.15, along with a best-fit curve. The slenderness parameter that defines the abscissa in the figure deserves some explanation. Realizing that the critical buckling stress of plate panels between longitudinal stiffeners can be obtained by the well-known result from the theory of elastic plate buckling:
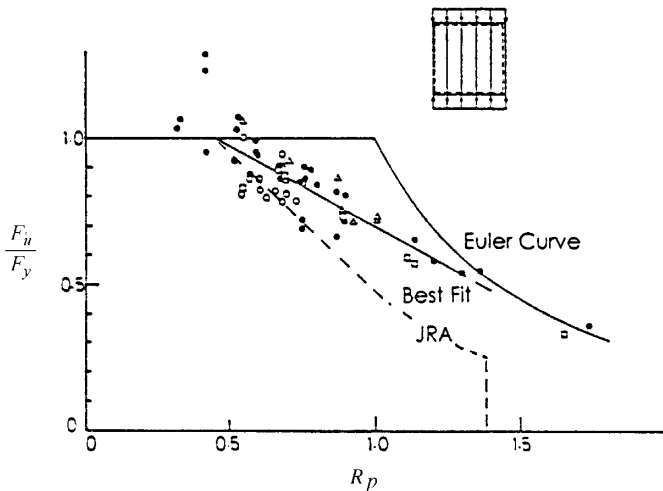
FIGURE 7.15 Relationship between buckling stress and R_p of stiffened plate.

$$F_{cr} = \frac{k_o \pi^2 E}{12(1 - \nu^2)(b/nt)^2} \tag{7.13}$$

a normalized panel slenderness factor can be defined as

$$R_P = \sqrt{\frac{F_y}{F_{cr}}} = \left(\frac{b}{nt}\right)\sqrt{\frac{12\ (1 - \nu^2)\ F_y}{k_o\ \pi^2 E}} \tag{7.14}$$

where b and t are the stiffened plate width and thickness, respectively, n is the number of panel spaces in the plate (i.e., one more than the number of internal longitudinal stiffeners across the plate), E is Young's modulus, ν is Poisson's ratio (0.3 for steel), and k_o (= 4 in. in this case) is a factor taking into account the boundary conditions. The Japanese design requirement for stiffened plates in compression was based on a simplified and conservative curve obtained from the experimental data (see Figure 7.15):

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\begin{aligned}
\frac{F_u}{F_y} &= 1.0 & &\text{for } R_p \le 0.5 \\[6pt]
\frac{F_u}{F_y} &= 1.5 - R_P & &\text{for } 0.5 < R_P \le 1.0 \\[6pt]
\frac{F_u}{F_y} &= \frac{0.5}{R_P^2} & &\text{for } R_P > 1.0
\end{aligned}
\tag{7.15}
$$

where F_u is the buckling strength.

Note that values of F_u/F_y less than 0.25 are not permitted. This expression is then converted into the allowable stress format of the Japanese bridge code, using a safety factor of 1.7. However, as allowable stresses are magnified by a factor of 1.7 for load combinations that include earthquake effects, the above ultimate strength expressions are effectively used.

The point $R_P = 0.5$ defines the theoretical boundary between the region where the yield stress can be reached prior to local buckling ($R_P < 0.5$), and vice versa ($R_P \ge 0.5$). For a given steel grade, Eq. (7.14) for $R_P = 0.5$ corresponds to a limiting b/nt ratio:

$$\left(\frac{b}{nt}\right)_o = \frac{162}{\sqrt{F_y}} \tag{7.16}$$

and for a given plate width, b, the "critical thickness," t_o, is

$$t_o = \frac{b\sqrt{F_y}}{162n} \tag{7.17}$$

where F_y is in ksi. That is, for a stiffened box column of a given width, using a plate thicker than t_o will ensure yielding prior to panel buckling.

To be able to design the longitudinal stiffeners, it is necessary to define two additional parameters: the stiffness ratio of a longitudinal stiffener to a plate, γ_l, and the corresponding area ratio, δ_l. As the name implies:

$$\gamma_l = \frac{\text{stiffener flexural rigidity}}{\text{plate flexural rigidity}} = \frac{EI_l}{bD} = \frac{12\ (1 - \nu^2)\ I_l}{bt^3} = \frac{10.92\ I_l}{b\ t^3} \approx \frac{11\ I_l}{b\ t^3} \tag{7.18}$$

where I_l is the moment of inertia of the T-section made up of a longitudinal stiffener and the effective width of the plate to which it connects (or, more conservatively and expediently, the moment of inertia of a longitudinal stiffener taken about the axis located at the inside face of the stiffened plate). Similarly, the area ratio is expressed as

$$\delta_l = \frac{\text{stiffener axial rigidity}}{\text{plate axial rigidity}} = \frac{A_l}{bt} \tag{7.19}$$

where A_l is the area of a longitudinal stiffener.

Since the purpose of adding stiffeners to a box section is partly to eliminate the severity of wall buckling, there exists an "optimum rigidity," γ_l^*, of the stiffeners beyond which panel buckling between the stiffeners will develop before wall buckling. In principle, according to elastic buckling theory for ideal plates (i.e., plates without geometric imperfections and residual stresses), further increases in rigidity beyond that optimum would not further enhance the buckling capacity of the box pier. Although more complex definitions of this parameter exist in the literature [35], the above description is generally sufficient for the box piers of interest here. This optimum rigidity is:

$$\gamma_l^* = 4\alpha^2 n (1 + n\delta_l) - \frac{(\alpha^2 + 1)^2}{n} \qquad \text{for } \alpha \le \alpha_o \tag{7.20}$$

and

$$\gamma_l^* = \frac{1}{n}\left\{ \left[2 n^2 (1 + n\delta_l) - 1 \right]^2 - 1 \right\} \qquad \text{for } \alpha > \alpha_o \tag{7.21}$$

where α is the aspect ratio, a/b, a being the spacing between the transverse stiffeners (or diaphragms), and the critical aspect ratio α_o is defined as

$$\alpha_o = \sqrt[4]{1 + n \gamma_l} \tag{7.22}$$

These expressions can be obtained by recognizing that, for plates of thickness less than t_o, it is logical to design the longitudinal stiffeners such that wall buckling does not occur prior to panel buckling and consequently, as a minimum, be able to reach the same ultimate stress as the latter. Defining a normalized slenderness factor, R_H, for the stiffened plate:

$$R_H = \sqrt{\frac{F_y}{F_{cr}}} = \left(\frac{b}{t}\right)\sqrt{\frac{12 (1 - \nu^2) F_y}{k_s \pi^2 E}} \tag{7.23}$$

Based on elastic plate buckling theory, k_s for a stiffened plate is equal to [15]:

$$k_s = \frac{(1 + \alpha^2)^2 + n \gamma_l}{\alpha^2 (1 + n \delta_l)} \qquad \text{for } \alpha \le \alpha_o$$

$$\tag{7.24}$$

$$k_s = \frac{2\left(1 + \sqrt{1 + n \gamma_l}\right)}{(1 + n \delta_l)} \qquad \text{for } \alpha > \alpha_o$$

Letting $R_H = R_P$ (i.e., both wall buckling and panel buckling can develop the same ultimate stress), the expressions for γ_l^* in Eqs. (7.20) and (7.21) can be derived. Thus, when the stiffened plate

thickness, t, is less than t_o, the JRA Specifications specify that either Eq. (7.20) or (7.21) be used to determine the required stiffness of the longitudinal stiffeners.

When a plate thicker than t_o is chosen, however, larger stiffeners are unnecessary since yielding will occur prior to buckling. This means that the critical buckling stress for wall buckling does not need to exceed the yield stress, which is reached by the panel buckling when $t = t_o$. The panel slenderness ratio for $t = t_o$ is

$$R_{P(t=t_o)} = \frac{b}{nt_o} \sqrt{\frac{12(1-\nu^2)F_y}{k_o \pi^2 E}} \tag{7.25}$$

Equating R_P to R_H in Eq. (7.23), the required γ_l^* can be obtained as follows:

$$\gamma_l^* = 4\alpha^2 n \left(\frac{t_o}{t}\right)^2 (1 + n\delta_l) - \frac{(\alpha^2 + 1)^2}{n} \qquad \text{for } \alpha \le \alpha_o \tag{7.26}$$

and

$$\gamma_l^* = \frac{1}{n} \left\{ \left[2n^2 \left(\frac{t_o}{t}\right)^2 (1 + n\delta_l) - 1 \right]^2 - 1 \right\} \qquad \text{for } \alpha > \alpha_o \tag{7.27}$$

It is noteworthy that the above requirements do not ensure ductile behavior of steel piers. To achieve higher ductility for seismic application in moderate to high seismic regions, it is prudent to limit t to t_o. In addition to the above requirements, conventional slenderness limits are imposed to prevent local buckling of the stiffeners prior to that of the main member. For example, when a flat bar is used, the limiting width–thickness ratio (λ_r) for the stiffeners is $95/\sqrt{F_y}$.

The JRA requirements for the design of stiffened box columns are summarized as follows:

1. At least two stiffeners of the steel grade no less than that of the plate are required. Stiffeners are to be equally spaced so that the stiffened plate is divided into n equal intervals. To consider the beneficial effect of the stress gradient, b/nt in Eq. (7.14) can be replaced by $b/nt\varphi$, where φ is computed as

$$\varphi = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2}{\sigma_1} \tag{7.28}$$

In the above equation, σ_1 and σ_2 are the stresses at both edges of the plate; compressive stress is defined as positive, and $\sigma_1 > \sigma_2$. The value of φ is equal to 1 for uniform compression and 2 for equal and opposite stresses at both edges of the plate. Where the plastic hinge is expected to form, it is conservative to assume a φ value of 1.

2. Each longitudinal stiffener needs to have sufficient area and stiffness to prevent wall buckling. The minimum required area, in the form of an area ratio in Eq. (7.19), is

$$\left(\delta_l\right)_{min} = \frac{1}{10n} \tag{7.29}$$

The minimum required moment of inertia, expressed in the form of stiffness ratio in Eq. (7.18), is determined as follows. When the following two requirements are satisfied, use either Eq. (7.26) for $t \ge t_o$ or Eq. (7.20) for $t < t_o$:

$$\alpha \leq \alpha_o \tag{7.30}$$

$$I_t \geq \frac{bt^3}{11}\left(\frac{1+n\gamma_l^*}{4\alpha^3}\right) \tag{7.31}$$

where I_t is the moment of inertia of the transverse stiffener, taken at the base of the stiffener. Otherwise, use either Eq. (7.27) for $t \geq t_o$ or Eq. (7.21) for $t < t_o$.

## Japanese Research Prior to the 1995 Hyogo-ken Nanbu Earthquake

While large steel box bridge piers have been used in the construction of Japanese expressways for at least 30 years, research on their seismic resistance started in only the early 1980s. The first inelastic cyclic tests of thin-walled box piers were conducted by Usami and Fukumoto [65] as well as Fukumoto and Kusama [29]. Other tests were conducted by the Public Works Research Institute of the Ministry of Construction (e.g., Kawashima et al. [32]; MacRae and Kawashima [36]) and research groups at various universities (e.g., Watanabe et al. [69], Usami et al. [66], Nishimura et al. [45]).

The Public Works Research Institute tests considered 22 stiffened box piers of configuration representative of those used in some major Japanese expressways. The parameters considered in the investigation included the yield strength, weld size, loading type and sequence, stiffener type (flat bar vs. structural tree), and partial-height concrete infill. An axial load ranging from 7.8 to 11% of the axial yield load was applied to the cantilever specimens for cyclic testing. Typical hysteresis responses of one steel pier and one with concrete infill at the lower one-third of the pier height are shown in Figure 7.16. For bare steel specimens, test results showed that stiffened plates were able to yield and strain-harden. The average ratio between the maximum lateral strength and the predicted yield strength was about 1.4; the corresponding ratio between the maximum strength and plastic strength was about 1.2. The displacement ductility ranged from 3 to 5. Based on Eq. (7.2), the observed levels of ductility and structural overstrength imply that the response modification factor, R, for this type of pier can be conservatively taken as 3.5 ($\approx 1.2 \times 3$). Specimens with a γ_l / γ_l^* ratio less than 2.0 behaved in a wall-buckling mode with severe strength degradation. Otherwise, specimens exhibited local panel buckling.

Four of the 22 specimens were filled with concrete over the bottom one-third of their height. Prior to the Hyogo-ken Nanbu earthquake, it was not uncommon in Japan to fill bridge piers with concrete to reduce the damage that may occur as a result of a vehicle collision with the pier; generally the effect of the concrete infill was neglected in design calculations. It was thought prior to the testing that concrete infill would increase the deformation capacity because inward buckling of stiffened plates was inhibited.

Figure 7.17 compares the response envelopes of two identical specimens, except that one is with and the other one without concrete infill. For the concrete-filled specimen, little plate buckling was observed, and the lateral strength was about 30% higher than the bare steel specimen. Other than exhibiting ductile buckling mode, all the concrete-filled specimens suffered brittle fracture in or around the weld at the pier base. See Figure 7.16b for a typical cyclic response. It appears that the composite effect, which not only increased the overall flexural strength but also caused a shift of the neutral axis, produced an overload to the welded joint. As a result, the ductility capacity was reduced by up to 23%. It appears from the test results that the welded connection at the pier base needs to be designed for the overstrength including the composite effect.

A large portion of the research effort in years shortly prior to the Hyogo-ken Nanbu earthquake investigated the effectiveness of many different strategies to improve the seismic performance, ductility, and energy dissipation of those steel piers [34,66,68]. Among the factors observed to have a beneficial influence were the use of (1) a γ_l / γ_l^* ratio above 3 as a minimum, or preferably 5; (2) longitudinal stiffeners having a higher grade of steel than the box plates; (3) minimal amount of

(Specimen S1)

(a)

(b)
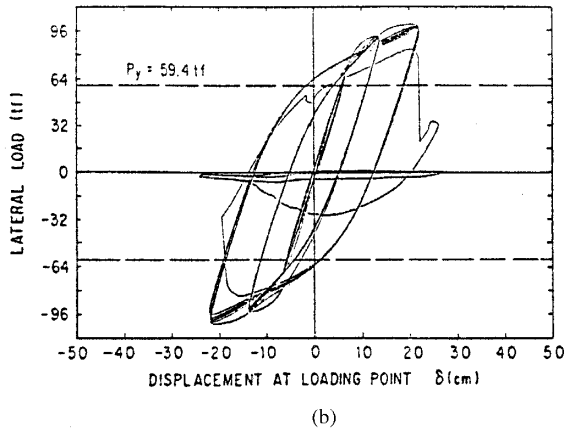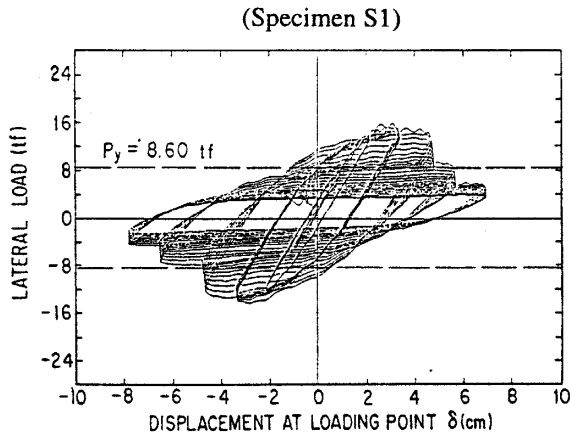
FIGURE 7.16 Hysteresis responses of two stiffened box piers (a) without concrete fill; (b) with concrete fill. (*Source:* Kawashima, K. et al., in *Stability and Ductility on Steel Structures under Cyclic Loading*; Fukumoto, Y. and G. Lee, Eds., CRC, Boca Raton, FL, 1992. With permission.)
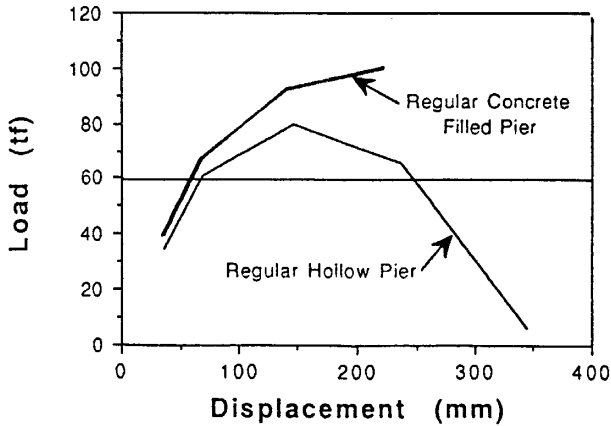
FIGURE 7.17 Effect of infill on cyclic response envelopes. (Source: Kawashima, K. et al., 1992.)
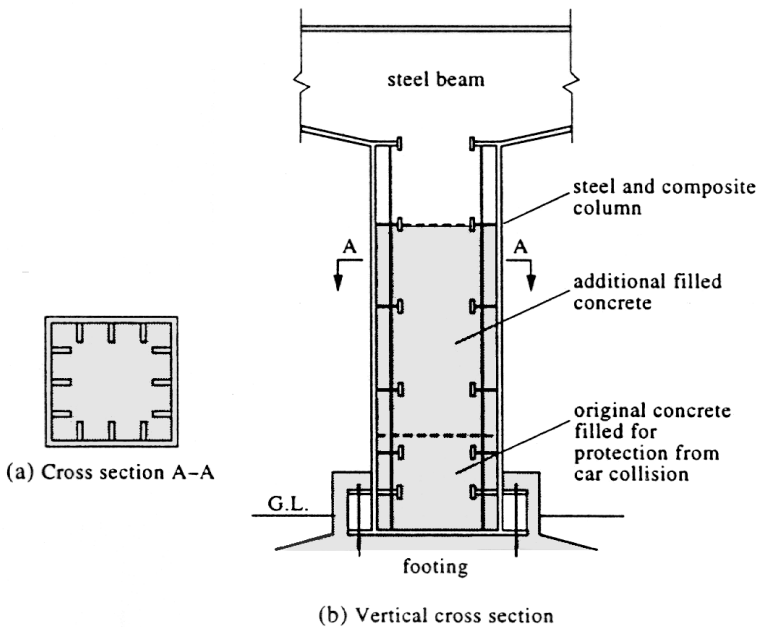
FIGURE 7.18   Retrofitted stiffened box pier with concrete infill. (*Source:* Fukumoto, Y. et al., in *Bridge Management*, Vol. 3, Thomas Telford, 1996. With permission.)

stiffeners; (4) concrete filling of steel piers; and (5) box columns having round corners, built from bend plates, and having weld seams away from the corners, thus avoiding the typically problem-prone sharp welded corners [69].

Japanese Research after the 1995 Hyogo-ken Nanbu Earthquake

Steel bridge piers were severely tested during the 1995 Hyogo-ken Nanbu earthquake in Japan. Recorded ground motions in the area indicated that the earthquake of a magnitude 7.2 produced a peak ground velocity of about 90 cm/s (the peak ground acceleration was about 0.8 *g*). Of all the steel bridge piers, about 1% experienced severe damage or even collapse. But about half the steel bridge piers were damaged to some degree.

In addition to wall buckling and panel buckling, damage at the pier base, in the form of weld fracture or plastic elongation of anchor bolts, was also observed. Based on the observed buckling patterns, Watanabe et al. [69] suggested that the width–thickness of the wall plate needs to be further reduced, and the required stiffness of stiffeners, γ_l^*, needs to be increased by three times.

After the Hyogo-ken Nanbu earthquake, filling concrete to existing steel piers, either damaged or nondamaged ones, was suggested to be one of the most effective means to strengthen stiffened box piers [23,41]. Figure 7.18 shows a typical example of the retrofit. As was demonstrated in Figure 7.17, concrete infill will increase the flexural strength of the pier, imposing a higher force demand to the foundation and connections (welds and anchor bolts) at the base of the pier. Therefore, the composite effect needs to be considered in retrofit design. The capacities of the foundation and base connections also need to be checked to ensure that the weakest part of the retrofitted structure is not in these regions. Since concrete infill would force the stiffened wall plates to buckle outward, the welded joint between wall plates is likely to experience higher stresses (see Figure 7.19).

Because concrete infill for seismic retrofit may introduce several undesirable effects, alternative solutions have been sought that would enhance the deformation capacity while keeping the strength increase to a minimum. Based on the observed buckling of stiffened plates that accounted for the
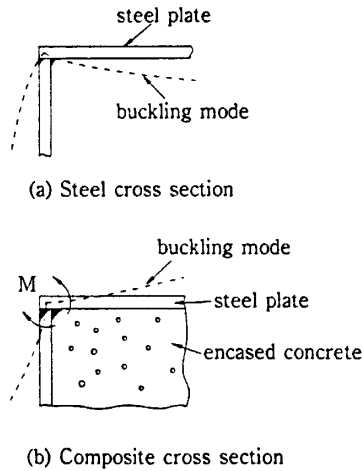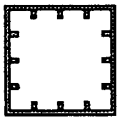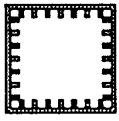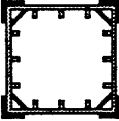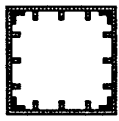
FIGURE 7.19   Effect of concrete infill on welded joint of stiffened box pier. (*Source:* Kitada, *Eng. Struct.*, 20(4–6), 347-354, 1998. With permission.)

majority of damage to rectangular piers, Nishikawa et al. [44] postulated that local buckling is not always the ultimate limit state. They observed that bridge piers experienced limited damage when the corners of the box section remained straight, but piers were badly deformed when corner welds that fractured could not maintain the corners straight. To demonstrate their concept, three retrofit schemes shown in Figure 7.20a were verified by cyclic testing. Specimen No. 3 was retrofitted by adding stiffeners. Box corners of Specimen No. 4 were strengthened by welding angles and corner plates, while the stiffening angles of Specimen No. 5 were bolted to stiffened wall plates. Response envelopes in Figure 7.20b indicate that Specimen No. 5 had the least increase in lateral strength above the nonretrofitted Specimen No. 2, yet the deformation capacity was comparable to other retrofitted specimens.

7.5   Alternative Schemes

As described above, damage to substructure components such as abutments, piers, bearings, and others have proved to be of great consequence, often leading to span collapses [8,19,50]. Hence, when existing bridges are targeted for seismic rehabilitation, much attention needs to be paid to these substructure elements. Typically, the current retrofitting practice is to either strengthen or replace the existing nonductile members (e.g., ATC [10], Buckle et al. [20], Shirolé and Malik [58]), enhance the ductility capacity (e.g., Degenkolb [24], Priestley et al. [49]), or reduce the force demands on the vulnerable substructure elements using base isolation techniques or other structural modifications (e.g., Mayes et al. [38], Astaneh-Asl [7]). While all these approaches are proven effective, only the base isolation concept currently recognizes that seismic deficiency attributable to substructure weaknesses may be resolved by operating elsewhere than on the substructure itself. Moreover, all approaches can be costly, even base isolation in those instances when significant abutment modifications and other structural changes are needed to permit large displacements at the isolation bearings and lateral load redistribution among piers [39]. Thus, a seismic retrofit strategy that relies instead on ductile end diaphragms inserted in the steel superstructure, if effective, could provide an alternative.

Lateral load analyses have revealed the important role played by the end diaphragms in slab-on-girder steel bridges [72]. In the absence of end diaphragms, girders severely distort at their supports, whether or not stiff intermediate diaphragms are present along the span. Because end diaphragms are key links along the load path for the inertia forces seismically induced at deck level, it might be

No.	Section	Outline of retrofitting
2		No retrofitting (Basic section)
3		Addition of stiffeners (80x6mm)
4		Outer angle plates & (130x130x6mm) inner flat corner plates (170x6mm)
5		Inner angle plates (90x90x9mm)

(a)
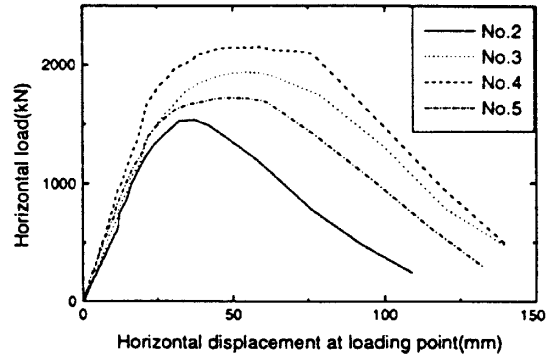
(b)

FIGURE 7.20 Seismic retrofit without concrete infill. (a) Retrofit schemes; (b) response envelopes. (*Source:* Nishikawa, K. et al., *Eng. Struct.*, 20(4-6), 540-551, 1998. With permission.)

possible, in some cases, to prevent damage from developing in the nonductile substructure (i.e., piers, foundation, and bearings) by replacing the steel diaphragms over abutments and piers with specially designed ductile diaphragms calibrated to yield before the strength of the substructure is reached. This objective is schematically illustrated in Figure 7.21 for slab-on-girder bridges and in Figure 7.22 for deck-truss bridges. In the latter case, however, ductile diaphragms must be inserted in the last lower lateral panels before the supports, in addition to the end diaphragms; in deck-truss bridges, seismically induced inertia forces in the transverse direction at deck level act with a sizable eccentricity with respect to the truss reaction supports, and the entire superstructure (top and lower lateral bracings, end and interior cross-frame bracings, and other lateral-load-resisting components) is mobilized to transfer these forces from deck to supports.
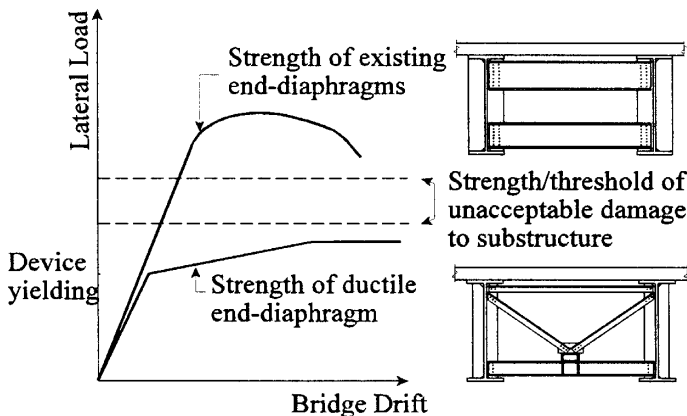
FIGURE 7.21 Schematic illustration of the ductile end-diaphragm concept.
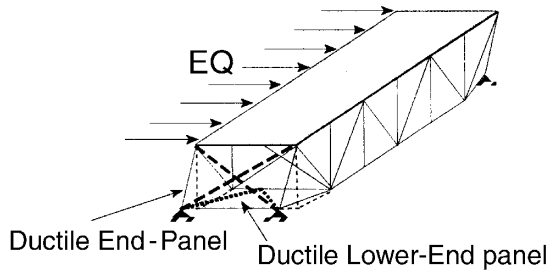
FIGURE 7.22   Ductile diaphragm retrofit concept in a deck-truss.

While conceptually simple, the implementation of ductile diaphragms in existing bridges requires consideration of many strength, stiffness, and drift constraints germane to the type of steel bridge investigated. For example, for slab-on-girder bridges, because girders with large bearing stiffeners at the supports can contribute non-negligibly to the lateral strength of the bridges, stiff ductile diaphragms are preferred. Tests [73] confirmed that stiff welded ductile diaphragms are indeed more effective than bolted alternatives. As for deck-trusses, both upper and lower limits are imposed on the ductile diaphragm stiffnesses to satisfy maximum drifts and ductility requirements, and a systematic solution strategy is often necessary to achieve an acceptable retrofit [55,56].

Many types of systems capable of stable passive seismic energy dissipation could serve as ductile diaphragms. Among those, EBF, shear panel systems (SPS) [28,40], and steel triangular-plate added damping and stiffness devices (TADAS) [61] have received particular attention in building applications. Still, to the authors' knowledge, none of these applications has been considered to date for bridge structures. This may be partly attributable to the absence of seismic design provisions in North American bridge codes. Examples of how these systems would be implemented in the end diaphragms of a typical 40-m-span slab-on-girder bridge are shown in Figure 7.23. Similar implementations in deck-trusses are shown in Figure 7.24.
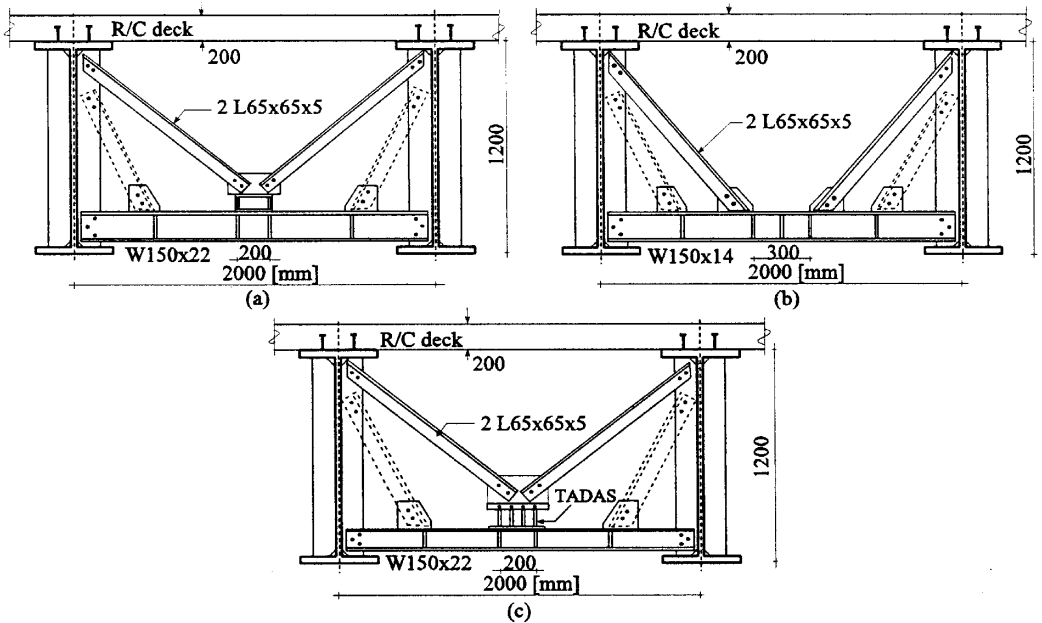
FIGURE 7.23   Ductile end diaphragm in a typical 40-m-span bridge. (a) SPS; (b) EBF; (c) TADAS. (Other unbraced girders not shown; dotted members only if required for jacking purposes for nonseismic reasons.)
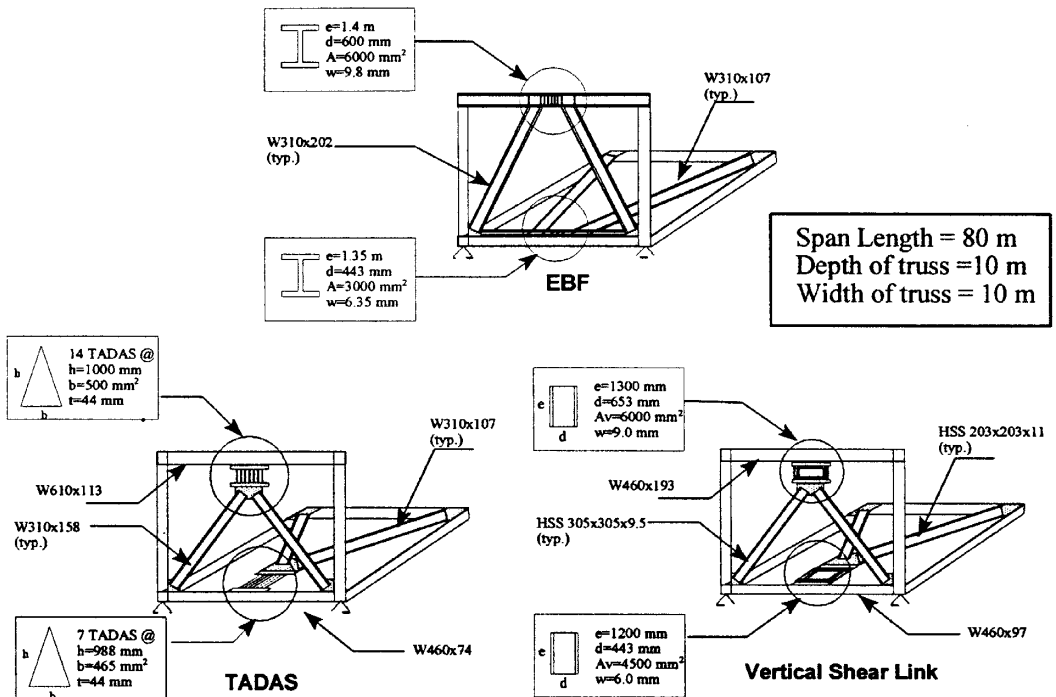
FIGURE 7.24   Examples of ductile retrofit systems at span end of deck-trusses.

While the ductile diaphragm concept is promising and appears satisfactory for spans supported on stiff substructures based on the results available at the time of this writing, and could in fact be equally effective in new structures, more research is needed before common implementation is possible. In particular, large-scale experimental verification of the concept and expected behavior is desirable; parametric studies to investigate the range of substructure stiffnesses for which this retrofit strategy can be effective are also needed. It should also be noted that this concept provides enhanced seismic resistance and substructure protection only for the component of seismic excitation transverse to the bridge, and must be coupled with other devices that constrain longitudinal seismic displacements, such as simple bearings strengthening [37], rubber bumpers, and the like. Transportation agencies experienced in seismic bridge retrofit have indicated that deficiencies in the longitudinal direction of these bridges are typically easier to address than those in the lateral direction.

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Seismic Retrofit Practice

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8.1   Introduction

Until the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, most of the United States had not been concerned with seismic design for bridges, although some 37 states have some level of seismic hazard and there are hundreds of bridges in these other states that have been designed to seismic criteria that are not adequate for the seismic forces and displacements that we know today. Recent earthquakes, such as the 1971 San Fernando, California; the 1976 Tangshan, China [3]; the 1989 Loma Prieta, California; the 1994 Northridge, California; and the 1995 Hyogo-ken Nanbu (Kobe), Japan, have repeatedly demonstrated the seismic vulnerability of existing bridges and the urgent need for seismic retrofit.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) owns and maintains more than12,000 bridges (spans over 6 m) and some 6000 other highway structures such as culverts (spans under 6 m), pumping plants, tunnels, tubes, highway patrol inspection facilities, maintenance stations, toll plazas, and other transportation-related structures. There are about an equal number on the City and County systems. Immediately after the February 9, 1971 San Fernando earthquake, Caltrans began a comprehensive upgrading of its *Bridge Seismic Design Specifications,* construction details, and a statewide bridge seismic retrofit program to reinforce the older nonductile bridges systematically.

The success of the bridge seismic design and retrofit program and the success of future seismic design for California bridges is based, to a large degree, on the accelerated and "problem-focused" seismic research program that has provided the bridge design community with the assurance that the new specifications and design details perform reliably and meet the performance criteria. Caltrans staff engineers, consulting firms, independent peer-review teams, and university researchers have cooperated in this program of bridge seismic design and retrofit strengthening to meet the challenge presented in the June 1990 Board of Inquiry report [4].

This chapter discusses the bridge seismic retrofit philosophy and procedures practiced by the California bridge engineers. Issues addressed in this chapter can be of great benefit to those states and countries that are faced with seismic threats of lesser magnitude, yet have little financial support for seismic retrofitting, and much less for research and seismic detail development.

8.2   Identification and Prioritization

As part of any seismic retrofit program, the first phase should be to identify a list of specific bridges in need of retrofitting. That list of bridges also needs to be prioritized respecting which bridges pose the greatest risk to the community and therefore should be first to enter into a design phase in which a detailed analysis is completed and retrofit construction plans are completed for bidding.

In order to identify and prioritize a group of bridge projects, a type of coarse analysis must be completed. This analysis is carried out to expedite the process of achieving safety at the sites of the greatest risk. This analysis should not be confused with a detailed bridge system analysis conducted as part of the design phase. The process essentially identifies the projects that need to be addressed first. It should be recognized that it is not realistic to evaluate bridge systems to a refined degree in massive numbers simultaneously; however, it is quite possible to identify those bridges that possess the characteristics that have made bridges vulnerable, or at least more vulnerable, during past earthquakes. This coarse analysis is likely to be a collective review of databases of (1) bridge structural parameters that offer insight into the capacity of the systems to withstand earthquake loading and (2) bridge site parameters that offer insight into the potential for a site to experience threatening seismic motions. In the case of many parameters to be evaluated, relative measures are possible. For example, if mass is recognized to be a characteristic that leads to poor behavior, then bridge systems can be compared quantitatively to their effective masses.

As the identification and prioritization process is well suited for high-speed computers, the process is vulnerable itself to being refined beyond its effective capacities. It is also vulnerable to errors of obvious omission because of the temptation to finalize the effort without appropriate review of the computer-generated results (i.e., never let a computer make a decision that an engineer should make). The results should be reviewed carefully to check whether they make engineering sense and are repeatable. In the Caltrans procedure, three separate experienced engineers reviewed each set of bridge plans and there had to be a consensus to retrofit or not. Common sense and experience are essential in this screening process.

Hazard

The seismic threat to a bridge structure is the potential for motions that are large enough to cause failure to occur at the bridge site. These measures of seismic threat eventually develop into the source of the demand side of the fundamental design equation. Such threats are characterized in numerous ways and presented in a variety of formats. One recognized method is to assume a deterministic approach and to recognize a single upper-bound measure of potential event magnitude for all nearby faults, assume motion characterizations for the fault sources, account for motion decay with distance from each fault, and characterize the motions at a site using a selected parameter such as spectral rock acceleration at 1 hertz. Alternatively, a probabilistic approach can be adopted that in a systematic manner incorporates the probabilities of numerous fault rupture scenarios and the attenuation of the motions generating the scenarios to the site. These motions then can be characterized in a variety of ways, including the additional information of a measure of the probability of occurrence. It is not economical to conduct a probabilistic ground motion study for each bridge. Size, longevity, and unusual foundations will generally determine the need.

Influences of the local geology at various sites are commonly accounted for, employing various techniques. The motions can be teamed with the site response, which is often incorporated into the demand side, then called hazard. A hazard map is usually available in the bridge design specifications [1,2].

Structural Vulnerability

The vulnerability of a bridge system is a measure of the potential failure mechanisms of the system. To some degree, all bridge structures are ultimately vulnerable. However, judgment and reason can be applied to identify the practical vulnerabilities. Since the judgment is ideally based upon experience in observing field performances that are typically few in number, observing laboratory tests and considering/analyzing mechanisms, the judgment applied is very important and must be of high quality. Of these foundations upon which to base judgments, field observations are the most influential. The other two are more commonly used to develop or enhance understanding of the potential failure mechanisms.

Much has been learned about bridge performance in previous earthquakes. Bridge site, construction details, and structural configuration have major effects on bridge performance during an earthquake. Local site conditions amplify strong ground motions and subsequently increase the vulnerability of bridges on soft soil sites. The single-column-supported bridges were deemed more vulnerable because of lack of redundancy, based on experience in the 1971 San Fernando earthquake. Structural irregularity (such as expansion joints and C-bents) can cause stress concentration and have catastrophic consequences. Brittle elements with inadequate details always limit their ability to deform inelastically. A comprehensive discussion of earthquake damage to bridges and causes of the damage is presented in Chapter 2.

A designer's ability to recognize potential bridge system vulnerabilities is absolutely essential. A designer must have a conceptual understanding of the behavior of the system in order to identify an appropriate set of assumptions to evaluate or analyze the design elements.

Risk Analysis

A conventional risk analysis produces a probability of failure or survival. This probability is derived from a relationship between the load and resistance sides of a design equation. Not only is an approximate value for the absolute risk determined, but relative risks can be obtained by comparing determined risks of a number of structures. Such analyses generally require vast collections of data to define statistical distributions for all or at least the most important elements of some form of analysis, design, and/or decision equations. The acquisition of this information can be costly if obtainable at all. Basically, this procedure is to execute an analysis, evaluate both sides of the relevant design equation, and define and evaluate a failure or survival function. All the calculations are carried out taking into account the statistical distribution of every equation component designated as a variable throughout the entire procedure.

To avoid such a large, time-consuming investment in resources and to obtain results that could be applied quickly to the retrofit program, an alternative, level-one risk analysis can be used. The difference between a conventional and level-one risk analysis is that in a level-one analysis judgments take the place of massive data-supported statistical distributions.

The level-one risk analysis procedure can be summarized in the following steps:

1. Identify major faults with high event probabilities (priority-one faults)

Faults believed to be the sources of future significant seismic events should be identified by a team of seismologists and engineers. Selection criteria include location, geologic age, time of last displacement (late quarternary and younger), and length of fault (10 km min.). Each fault recognized in this step is evaluated for style, length, dip, and area of faulting in order to estimate potential earthquake magnitude. Faults are then placed in one of three categories: minor (ignored for the purposes of this project), priority two (mapped and evaluated but unused for this project), or priority one (mapped, evaluated, and recognized as immediately threatening). In California, this step was carried out by consulting the California Division of Mines and Geology and the recent U.S. Geological Survey studies.

2. Develop average attenuation relationships at faults identified in Step 1

3. Define the minimum ground acceleration capable of causing severe damage to bridge structures

The critical (i.e., damage-causing) level of ground acceleration is determined by performing non-linear analyses on a typical highly susceptible structure (single-column connector ramp) under varying maximum ground acceleration loads. The lowest maximum ground acceleration that requires the columns providing a ductility ratio of 1.3 may be defined as the critical level of ground acceleration. The critical ground acceleration determined in the Caltrans study was 0.5 *g*.

4. Identify all the bridges within high-risk zones defined by the attenuation model of Step 2 and the critical acceleration boundary of Step 3

The shortest distance from every bridge to every priority-one fault is calculated. Each distance is compared to the distance from each respective level of magnitude fault to the critical ground acceleration decremented acceleration boundary. If the distance from the fault to the bridge is less than the distance from the fault to the critical acceleration boundary, the bridge shall be determined to lie in the high-risk zone and is added to the screening list for prioritization.

5. Prioritize the threatened bridges by summing weighted bridge structural and transportation characteristic scores

This step constitutes the process used to prioritize the bridges within the high-risk zones to establish the order of bridges to be investigated for retrofitting. It is in this step that a risk value is assigned to each bridge. A specifically selected subset of bridge structural and transportation characteristics of seismically threatened bridges should be prepared in a database. Those characteristics were ground acceleration; route type — major or minor; average daily traffic (ADT); column design of single- or multiple-column bents; confinement details of column (relates to age); length of bridge; skew of bridge; and availability of detour.

Normalized preweight characteristic scores from 0.0 to 1.0 are assigned based on the information stored in the database for each bridge. Scores close to 1.0 represent high-risk structural characteristics or high cost of loss transportation characteristics. The preweight scores are multiplied by prioritization weights. Postweight scores are summed to produce the assigned prioritization risk value.

Determined risk values are not to be considered exact. Due to the approximations inherent in the judgments adopted, the risks are no more accurate than the judgments themselves. The exact risk is not important. Prioritization list qualification is determined by fault proximity and empirical attenuation data, not so much by judgment. Therefore, a relatively high level of confidence is associated with the completeness of the list of threatened bridges. Relative risk is important because it establishes the order of bridges to be investigated in detail for possible need of retrofit by designers.

A number of assumptions are made in the process of developing the prioritized list of seismically threatened bridges. These assumptions are based on what is believed to be the best engineering judgment available. It seems reasonable to pursue verification of these assumptions sometime in the future. Two steps seem obvious: (1) monitoring the results of the design department's retrofit analyses and (2) executing a higher-level risk analysis.

Important features of this first step are the ease and cost with which it could be carried out and the database that could be developed, highlighting bridge characteristics that are associated with structures in need of retrofit. This database will be utilized to confirm the assumptions made in the retrofit program. The same database will serve as part of the statistical support of a future conventional risk analysis as suggested in the second step. The additional accuracy inherent in a higher-order risk analysis will serve to verify previous assumptions, provide very good approximations of actual structural risk, and develop or evaluate postulated scenarios for emergency responses. It is reasonable to analyze only selected structures at this level. A manual screening process may be used that includes review of "as-built" plans by at least three engineers to identify bridges with common details that appear to need upgrading.

After evaluating the results of the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, Caltrans modified the risk analysis algorithm by adjusting the weights of the original characteristics and adding to the list. The additional characteristics are soil type; hinges, type and number; exposure (combination of length and ADT); height; abutment type; and type of facility crossed.

Even though additional characteristics were added and weights were adjusted, the postweight scores were still summed to arrive at the prioritization risk factor. The initial vulnerability priority lists for state and locally owned bridges were produced by this technique, and retrofit projects were designed and built.

In 1992, advances were made in the Caltrans procedures to prioritize bridges for seismic retrofit, and a new, more accurate algorithm was developed. The most significant improvement to the prioritization procedure is the employment of the multiattribute decision theory. This prioritization scheme incorporates the information previously developed and utilizes the important extension to a multiplicative formulation.

This multiattribute decision procedure assigns a priority rating to each bridge, enabling Caltrans to decide more accurately which structures are most vulnerable to seismic activity in their current state. The prioritization rating is based on a two-level approach that separates out seismic hazard from impact and structural vulnerability characteristics. Each of these three criteria (hazard, impact, and structural vulnerability) depends on a set of attributes that have direct impact on the performance and potential losses of a bridge. Each of the criteria and attributes should be assigned a weight to show their relative importance. Consistent with previous work, a global utility function is developed for each attribute.

This new procedure provides a systematic framework for treating preferences and values in the prioritization decision process. The hierarchical nature of this procedure has the distinct advantage of being able to consider seismicity prior to assessing impact and structural vulnerability. If seismic hazard is low or nonexistent, then the values of impact and structural vulnerability are not important and the overall postweight score will be low because the latter two are added but the sum of those two are multiplied by the hazard rating. This newly developed prioritization procedure is defensible and theoretically sound. It has been approved by Caltrans Seismic Advisory Board.

Other research efforts [5–7] in conjunction with the prioritization procedure involve a sensitivity study that was performed on bridge prioritization algorithms from several states. Each procedure was reviewed in order to investigate whether or not California was neglecting any important principles. In all, 100 California bridges were selected as a sample population and each bridge was independently evaluated by each of the algorithms. The 100 bridges were selected to represent California bridges with respect to the variables of the various algorithms. California, Missouri, Nevada, Washington, and Illinois have thus far participated in the sensitivity study.

The final significant improvement to the prioritization procedure is the formal introduction of varying levels of seismicity. A preliminary seismic activity map for the state of California has been developed in order to incorporate seismic activity into the new prioritization procedure. In late 1992 the remaining bridges on the first vulnerability priority list were reevaluated using the new algorithm and a significant number of bridges changed places on the priority list, but there were no obvious trends. Figure 8.1 and Table 8.1 show the new algorithm and the weighting percentages for the various factors.

8.3   Performance Criteria

Performance criteria are the design goals that the designer is striving to achieve. How do you want the structure to perform in an earthquake? How much damage can you accept? What are the reasonable alternative routes? How do you define various levels of damage? How much time do you expect for repair of various levels of damage? The form of the performance criteria can take many forms usually depending on the perspective and background of the organization presenting it. The two most common forms are functional and structural [Caltrans 1993]. The functional is the most appropriate form for

Prioritization Rating = (Activity)(Hazard)[(0.6)(Impact) + 0.4(Vulnerability)]
Activity = (Global Utility Function Value)
Hazard = $\sum$ (Hazard Attribute Weight) (Global Utility Function Value)
Impact = $\sum$ (Impact Attribute Weight) (Global Utility Function Value)
Vulnerability = $\sum$ (Vulnerability Attribute Weight) (Global Utility Function Value)
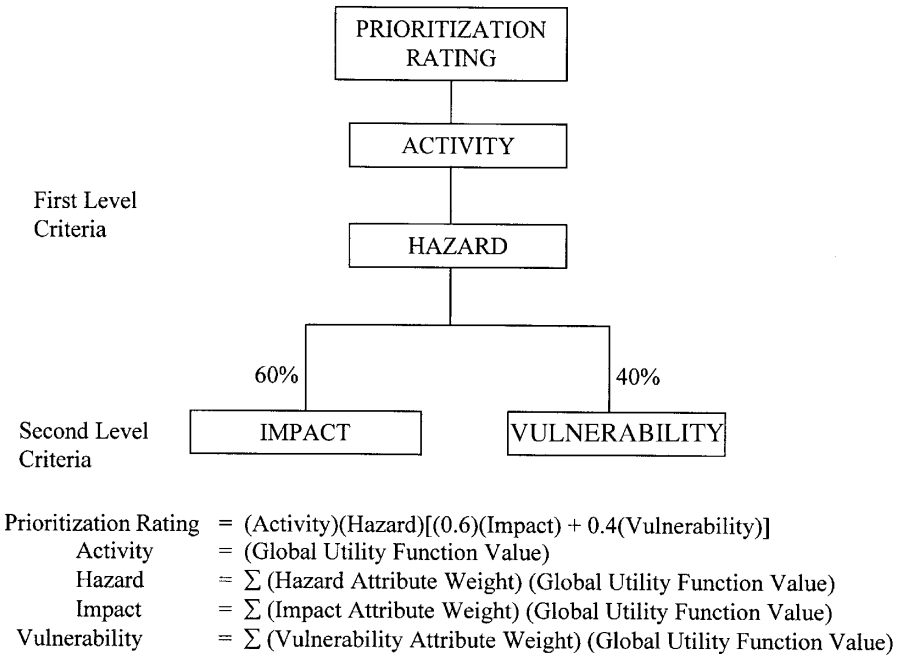
FIGURE 8.1   Risk analysis — multiattribute decision procedure.

TABLE 8.1   Multi-attribute Weights

	Attributes	Weights (%)
Hazard	Soil conditions	33
	Peak rock acceleration	28
	Seismic duration	29
Impact	ADT on structure	28
	ADT under/over structure	12
	Detour length	14
	Leased air space (residential, office)	15
	Leased air space (parking, storage)	7
	RTE type on bridge	7
	Critical utility	10
	Facility crosses	7
Vulnerability	Year designed (constructed)	25
	Hinges (drop-type failure)	16.5
	Outriggers, shared column	22
	Bent redundancy	16.5
	Skew	12
	Abutment type	8

the performance criteria because it refers to the justification of the existence of the structure. For example, the functional performance criteria of a bridge structure would include measures of post-earthquake capacity for traffic to flow across the bridge. Performance of the structure itself is more appropriately addressed with the structural design criteria. This would be codes, design memorandums, etc. An example of what would be addressed in design criteria would be acceptable levels of strains in different structural elements and materials. These levels of strains would be defined to confidently avoid a defined state of failure, a deformation state associated with loss of capacity to accommodate functional performance criteria, or accommodation of relatively easy repair.

Ground Motion at Site	Minimum Performance Level	Important Bridge Performance Level
Functional Evaluation	Immediate Service Level Repairable Damage	Immediate Service Level Minimal Damage
Safety Evaluation	Limited Service Level Significant Damage	Immediate Service Level Repairable Damage

DEFINITIONS

Immediate Service Level: Full access to normal traffic available almost immediately.
Limited Service Level: Limited access, (reduced lanes, light emergency traffic) possible within days. Full service restorable within months.

Minimal Damage: Essentially elastic performance.
Repairable Damage: Damage that can be repaired with a minimum risk of losing functionality.
Significant Damage: A minimum risk of collapse, but damage that would require closure for repair.

Important Bridge (one or more of the following items present):
- Bridge required to provide secondary life safety.
  (example: access to an emergency facility).
- Time for restoration of functionality after closure creates a major economic impact.
- Bridge formally designated as critical by a local emergency plan.

Safety Evaluation Ground Motion (Up to two methods of defining ground motions may be used):
- *Deterministically assessed ground motions from the maximum earthquake as defined by the Division of Mines and Geology Open-File Report 92-1 (1992).*
- *Probabilistically assessed ground motions with a long return period (approx. 1000-2000 years).*

   For Important bridges both methods shall be given consideration, however the probabilistic evaluation shall be reviewed by a CALTRANS approved consensus group. For all other bridges the motions shall be based only on the deterministic evaluation. In the future, the role of the two methods for other bridges shall be reviewed by a CALTRANS approved consensus group.

Functional Evaluation Ground Motion:
   Probabilistically assessed ground motions which have a 40% probability of occurring during the useful life of the bridge. The determination of this event shall be reviewed by a CALTRANS approved consensus group. **A separate Functional Evaluation is required only for Important Bridges.** All other bridges are only required to meet specified design requirements to assure Minimum Functional Performance Level compliance.

FIGURE 8.2   Seismic performance criteria for the design and evaluation of bridges.

Performance criteria must have a clear set of achievable goals, must recognize that they are not independent of cost, and should be consistent with community planning. Figure 8.2 shows the seismic performance criteria for the design and evaluation of bridges in the California State Highway System [Caltrans 1993].

Once seismic performance criteria are adopted, the important issue then is to guarantee that the design criteria and construction details will provide a structure that meets the adopted performance criteria. In California a major seismic research program has been financed to physically test large-scale and full-sized models of bridge components to provide reasonable assurance to the engineering community that those details will perform as expected in a major seismic event. The current phase of that testing program involves real-time dynamic shaking on large shake tables. In addition, the Caltrans bridge seismic design specifications have been thoroughly reviewed in the ATC-32 project

to ensure that they are the most up-to-date with state-of-the-art technology. On important bridges, project-based design criteria have been produced to provide guidance to the various design team members on what must be done to members to ensure the expected performance.

8.4   Retrofit Design

Conceptual Design

Design is the most impacting part of the entire project. The conceptual design lays out the entire engineering challenge and sets the course for the analysis and the final detailed design. The conceptual design is sometimes referred to as type-selection or, in the case of seismic retrofit, the strategy. A seismic retrofit strategy is essentially the project engineer's plan that lays out the structural behavior to lead to the specified performance. The most important influential earthquake engineering is completed in this early phase of design. It is within this phase that "smart" engineering can be achieved (i.e., work smarter, not harder). That is, type-selections or strategies can be chosen such that unreliable or unnecessary analyses or construction methods are not forced or required to be employed. When this stage of the project is completed well, a plan is implemented such that difficulties are wisely avoided when possible throughout not only the analysis, design, specification development, and construction phases, but also the remaining life of the bridge from a maintenance perspective. With such understanding, an informed decision can be made about which structural system and mechanisms should be selected and advanced in the project.

Highway multiple connector ramps on an interchange are typically supported by at least one column in the median of a busy functioning freeway. Retrofit strategies that avoid column retrofitting of the median columns have safety advantages over alternatives. Typically, columns outside the freeway-traveled way can be strengthened and toughened to avoid median work and the problems of traffic handing.

On most two- and three-span shorter bridges, the majority of seismic forces can be transferred into the abutments and embankments and thus reduce or entirely eliminate the amount of column retrofitting necessary. Large-diameter CIDH piles drilled adjacent to the wingwalls at abutments have been effective in resisting both longitudinal and transverse forces.

For most multiple-column bents the footing retrofits can be substantially reduced by allowing the columns to hinge at the bottom. This reduces the moments transferred into the foundations and lowers total costs. Sufficient testing on footing/pile caps and abutments has been conducted. It is found that a considerable amount of passive lateral resistance is available. Utilizing this knowledge can reduce the lateral force requirement of the structural foundations.

Continuity is extremely important and is the easiest and cheapest insurance to obtain. Well-designed monolithic structures also have the added advantage of low maintenance. Joints and bearings are some of the major maintenance problems on bridges today. If structures are not continuous and monolithic, they must be tied together at deck joints, supports, and abutments. This will prevent them from pulling apart and collapsing during an earthquake.

Ductility in the substructure elements is the second key design consideration. It is important that when you design for ductility, you must be willing to accept some damage during an earthquake. The secret to good seismic design is to balance acceptable damage levels with the economics of preventing or limiting the damage. Properly designed ductile structures will perform well during an earthquake as long as the design has accounted for the displacements and controlled or provided for them at abutments and hinges. For a large majority of bridges, displacement criteria control over strength criteria in the design for seismic resistance.

Retrofit Strategies

Designers of bridge seismic retrofit projects acquire knowledge of the bridge system, develop an understanding of the system response to potential earthquake ground motions, and identify and

FIGURE 8.3   Hinge joint restrainer.

design modifications to the existing system that will change the expected response to one that satisfies the project performance criteria. This is accomplished by modifying any or all of the system stiffness, energy absorption, or mass characteristics. These characteristics or behavior can commonly be grouped into all structural system types, such as trusses, frames, single-column bent, shear walls, and CIDH systems. This section briefly discusses various seismic retrofit strategies used in California. Chapter 11 presents more detailed information.

Hinge Joint Restrainers

Spans dropped off from too narrow support seats and separation of expansion joints were two major causes of bridge collapse during the 1971 San Fernando earthquake. The initial phase of the Caltrans Bridge Seismic Retrofit Program involved installation of hinge and joint restrainers to prevent deck joints from separating (Figure 8.3). Included in this phase was the installation of devices to fasten the superstructure elements to the substructure in order to prevent those super-structure elements from falling off their supports (Figure 8.4). This phase was essentially completed in 1989 after approximately 1260 bridges on the California State Highway System had been retro-fitted at a cost of over $55 million.

Figure 8.5 shows the installation of an external hinge extender detail that is designed to prevent the supported section of the superstructure from dropping off its support. Note the very narrow hinge details at the top of this picture, which are common on the 1960s-era bridges throughout California.

The Loma Prieta earthquake of October 17, 1989 again proved the reliability of hinge and joint restrainers, but the tragic loss of life at the Cypress Street Viaduct on I-880 in Oakland emphasized the necessity to accelerate the column retrofit phase of the bridge seismic retrofit program imme-diately with a higher funding level for both research and implementation [8].

Confinement Jackets

The largest number of large-scale tests have been conducted to confirm the calculated ductile performance of older, nonductile bridge columns that have been strengthened by application of structural concrete, steel plate, prestressed strand, and fiberglass-composite jackets to provide the confinement necessary to ensure ductile performance. Since the spring of 1987, the researchers at University of California, San Diego have completed over 80 sets of tests on bridge column models
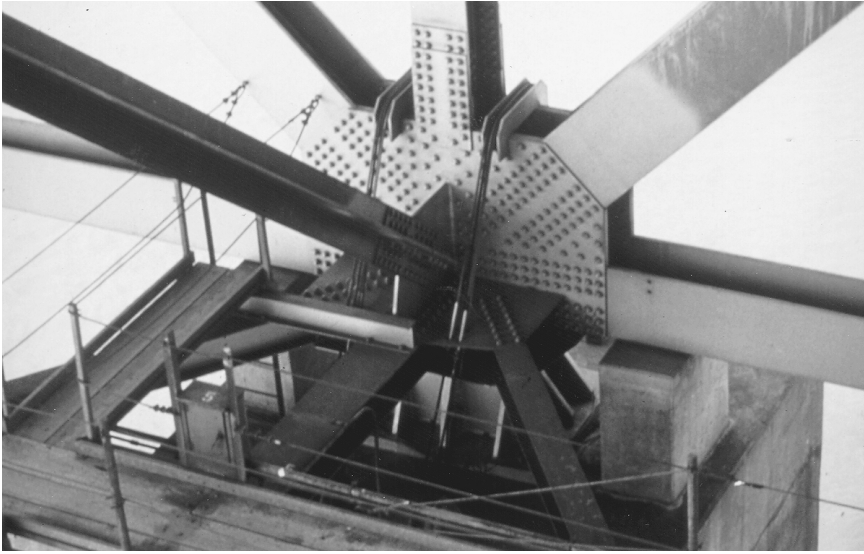
FIGURE 8.4   Hold-down devices for vertical acceleration.

FIGURE 8.5   External hinge extenders on Santa Monica Freeway structures.

[9–14]. Figure 8.6 shows reinforcement confinement for a column retrofit. Figure 8.7 shows a completed column concrete jacket retrofit. Figure 8.8 is a completed steel jacket retrofit.

Approximately 2200 of California's 12,000 bridges are located in the Los Angeles area, so it is significant to examine the damage and performance of bridges in the Northridge earthquake of January 17, 1994. About 1200 of these bridges were in an area that experienced ground accelerations greater than 0.25 *g*, and several hundred were in an area that experienced ground accelerations of 0.50 *g*. There were 132 bridges in this area with post-San Fernando retrofit details completed and 63 with post-Loma Prieta retrofit details completed (Figure 8.9). All of these retrofitted bridges performed extremely well, and most of the other bridges performed well during the earthquake; bridges

FIGURE 8.6   Reinforcement confinement retrofit.

constructed to the current Caltrans seismic specifications survived the earthquake with very little damage. Seven older bridges, designed for a smaller earthquake force or without the ductility of the current Caltrans design, sustained severe damage during the earthquake. Another 230 bridges suffered some damage, ranging from serious problems of column and hinge damage to cracks, bearing damage, and approach settlements, but these bridges were not closed to traffic during repairs.

Link Beams

Link beams may be added to multicolumn bents to provide stiffener frame and reduce the unsupported column length. By using this development combined with other techniques, it may be possible to retrofit older, nonductile concrete columns without extensive replacement. Figure 8.10 shows link beams and installation of column casings at the points of maximum bending and locations of anticipated plastic hinges on Santa Monica Freeway structures. Half-scale models of these columns were constructed and tested under simulated seismic loading conditions to proof-test this conceptual retrofit design.

Ductile Concrete Column Details

Most concrete bridge columns designed since 1971 contain a slight increase in the main column vertical reinforcing steel and a major increase in confinement and shear reinforcing steel over the pre-1971 designs. All new columns, regardless of geometric shape, are reinforced with one or a series of spiral-wound interlocking circular cages. The typical transverse reinforcement detail now consists of #6 (¾-in. diameter) hoops or continuous spiral at approximately 3-in. pitch over the
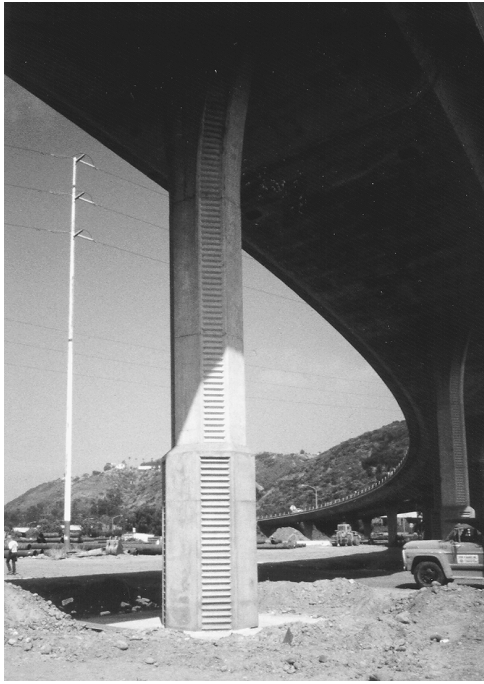
FIGURE 8.7   Concrete jacket column retrofit.

FIGURE 8.8   Steel jacket column retrofit.
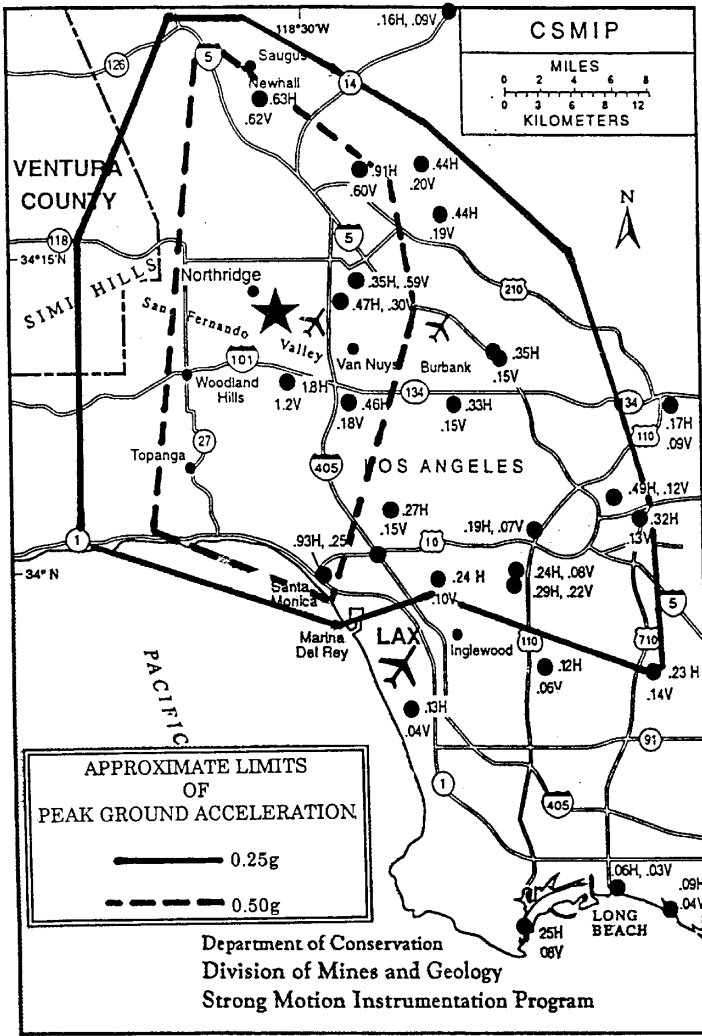
FIGURE 8.9   Peak ground acceleration zones — Northridge earthquake.

full column height (Figure 8.11). This provides approximately eight times the confinement and shear reinforcing steel in columns than what was used in the pre-1971 nonductile designs. All main column reinforcing is continuous into the footings and superstructure. Splices are mostly welded or mechanical, in both the main and transverse reinforcing. Splices are not permitted in the plastic hinge zones. Transverse reinforcing steel is designed to produce a ductile column by confining the plastic hinge areas at the top and bottom of columns. The use of grade 60, A 706 reinforcing steel in bridges has recently been specified on all new projects.

Concrete Beam–Column–Bent Cap Details

Major advances have been made in the area of beam–column joint confinement, based on the results of research at both University of California, Berkeley, and San Diego. The performance and design criteria and structural details developed for the I-480 Terminal Separation Interchange and the I-880 replacement structures reflect the results of this research and were reported by Cooper [15]. Research is continuing at both institutions to refine the design details further to ensure ductile performance of these joints.

FIGURE 8.10   Steel jackets and bond beam — Santa Monica Freeway.

FIGURE 8.11   Column-reinforcing steel cage.
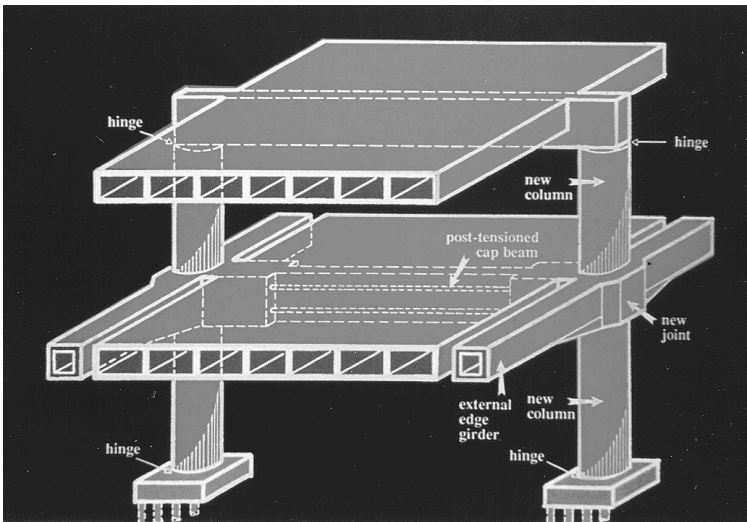
FIGURE 8.12 Graphic of edge beam retrofit scheme.
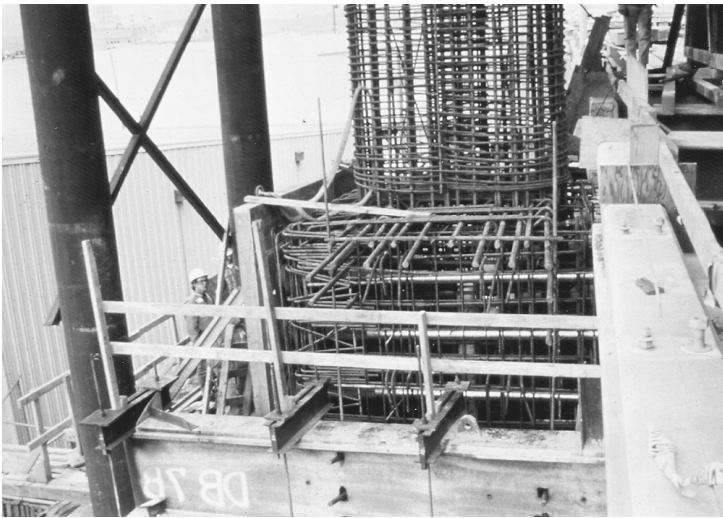
FIGURE 8.13 Field installation of joint-reinforcing steel.

The concept using an integral edge beam can be used on retrofitting curved alignments, such as the Central Viaduct (U.S. 101) in downtown San Francisco and the Alemany Interchange on U.S. 101 in south San Francisco. The proofing-testing program was reported by Mahin [1991]. The concept using an independent edge beam can be used on retrofitting straight alignments. Figure 8.12 shows a graphic schematic of the proposed retrofit technique, and Figure 8.13 shows the field installation of the joint reinforcement steel. Figure 8.14 shows the completed structure after retrofitting for seismic spectra that reach more than 2.0 *g* at the deck level.

For outrigger bent cap under combined bending, shear, and torsion, an improved detail of column transverse reinforcement is typically continued up through the joint regions and the joints are further confined for shear and torsion resistance. The details for these joints usually require 1 to 3% confinement reinforcing steel. Thewalt and Stojadinovic [16] of University of California, Berkeley reported on this research. Figure 8.15 shows the complex joint-reinforcing steel needed to confine

FIGURE 8.14 Completed retrofitted structures.
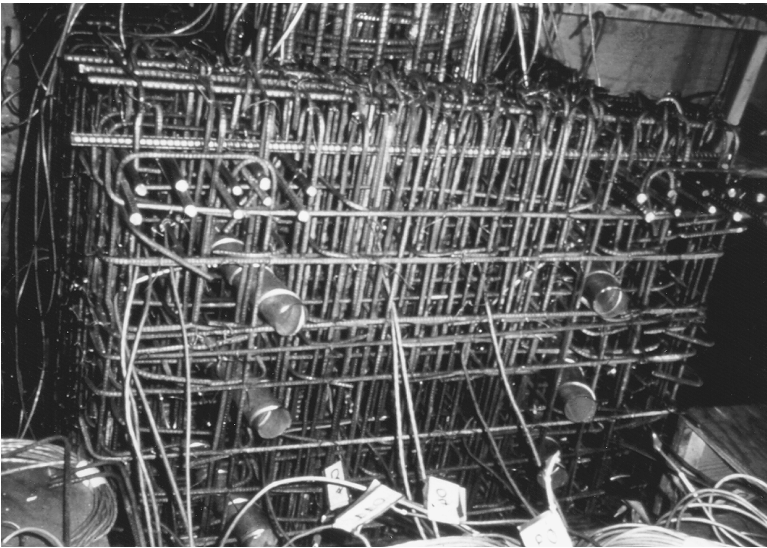
FIGURE 8.15 Reinforcing steel pattern in complex outrigger joint.

these joints for combined shear, bending, and torsion stresses. Design of these large joints requires use of the strut-and-tie technology to account properly for the load paths through the joint.

Steel Bridge Retrofit

Despite the fact that structural steel is ductile, members that have been designed by the pre-1972 seismic specifications must be evaluated for the seismic forces expected at the site based on earthquake magnitudes as we know them today. Typically, structural steel superstructures that had been tied to their substructures with joint and hinge restrainer systems performed well. However, we have identified many elevated viaducts and some smaller structures supported on structural steel columns that were designed prior to 1972 and that will require major retrofit strengthening for them to resist modern earthquake forces over a long period of shaking. One weak link is the older rocker bearings that will probably roll over during an earthquake. These can be replaced with modern neoprene, Teflon, pot, and base isolation bearings to ensure better performance in an

FIGURE 8.16 Typical footing and pile cap modification.

earthquake. Structural steel columns can be easily strengthened to increase their toughness and ability to withstand a long period of dynamic input.

Footing and Pile Cap Modifications

Bridge column footing details established in 1980 consist of top and bottom mats of reinforcement tied together vertically by closely spaced hooked stirrups (Chapter 11). The column longitudinal rebars rest on the bottom mat, are hooked into the footing with hooks splayed outward, and are confined by spiral or hoop reinforcement between the mats. For pile foundations, the piles are reinforced and securely connected to the pile caps to resist the seismic tensile loads (Figure 8.16). The justifications for these details were widely debated, and strut-and-tie procedure seems to substantiate the need (Chapter 6). However, a proof-test of a footing with typical details performed adequately.

Seismic Isolation and Energy Dissipation Systems

Seismic isolation and supplemental energy dissipation devices have been successfully used in many bridge seismic design and retrofit projects. A detailed discussion is presented in Chapter 9. Extreme caution should be exercised when considering isolation devices. As discussed earlier, good, well-detailed, monolithic moment-resisting frames provide adequate seismic resistance without the inherent maintenance problems and higher initial costs. These devices, however, are excellent for replacing older rocker bearings.

Analysis

Analysis is the simulation of the structure project engineer's strategy of the bridge response to the seismic motions. A good seismic design is robust and as relatively insensitive to fluctuations in ground motions as possible. Quantitative analysis is the appropriate verification of the capacity of the system, its individual subsystems being greater than the recognized demand.

The more complicated the seismic strategy, the more complicated the analysis. If the behavior of the system is to be nearly elastic with minor damage developed, then the analysis is likely to be simply linear-elastic analysis. However, if the behavior is likely to be complex, changing in time, with significant damage developed and loss of life or important facility loss, then the analysis is likely to be similarly complex.

FIGURE 8.17   Completed seismic retrofit of I-5/710 interchange in Los Angeles.

As a rule of thumb, the complexity of the analysis shadows the complexity of the strategy and the importance of the bridges. However, it should be noted that a very important bridge that is being designed to behave essentially elastically will not require complex analysis. It should always be recognized that analysis serves design and is part of design. Analysis cannot be a separated form. Too many engineers confuse analysis with design. Good design combines the analysis with judgment, common sense, and use of tested details.

Aesthetics

The design approach to bridge architecture, whether it is a proposed new structure or seismic retrofitting of an existing structure, poses a great challenge to the design team. Successful bridge designs are created by the productive and imaginative creations of the bridge architect and bridge engineer working together. The partnership of these talents, although not recognized in many professional societies, is an essential union that has produced structures of notable fame, with immediate recognition worldwide.

Why is this partnership considered so essential? There are a number of reasons. Initially, the bridge architect will research the existing structures in the geographic area with respect to the surrounding community's existing visual qualities of the structural elements and recommended materials, forms, and texture that will harmonize with rather than contrast with the built environment. Figure 8.17 shows the architectural success of seismic retrofit of the I-5/710 interchange in Los Angeles.

The residents of most communities that possess noted historical structures are extremely proud and possessive of their inheritance. So it is incumbent upon the bridge architect to demonstrate the sensitivity that is necessary when working on modifying historically significant bridges. This process

often requires presentations at community gatherings or even workshops, where the bridge architect will use a variety of presentation techniques to show how carefully the designer has seismically retrofitted that specific structure and yet preserved the original historic design. This task is by no means easy, because of the emotional attachment a community may have toward its historic fabric.

In addition to the above-noted considerations for aesthetics, the architect and engineer must also take into consideration public safety, maintenance, and constructability issues when they consider seismic retrofit ideas. In addition to aesthetics, any modifications to an existing structure must carefully take into account the other three areas that are paramount in bridge design.

Within the governmental transportation agencies and private consulting firms lies a great deal of talent in both architecture and engineering. One key to utilizing this talent is to involve the bridge architect as early as possible so that the engineer can be made aware of the important community and historical issues.

8.5 Construction

Construction is a phase of any retrofit project that is often not respected to an appropriate degree by designers. This is always somewhat of a surprise as construction regularly represents 80 to 90% of the cost of a project. In the authors' opinion, a good design is driven by reliable construction methods and techniques. In order to deliver a design package that will minimize construction problems, the design project engineer strives to interact with construction engineers regularly and particularly on issues involving time, limited space, heavy lifts, and unusual specifications.

As mentioned in the section covering design, legal right-of-way access and utilities are very important issues that can stop, delay, or cause tremendous problems in construction. One of the first orders of work in the construction phase is to locate and appropriately protect or relocate utilities. This usually requires a legal agreement, which requires time. A considerable cost is not uncommon. The process required varies as a function of the utility and the owner, but it always takes time and money. Access right-of-way is usually available due to existing right-of-way for maintenance. If foundation extensions or additional columns are required, then additional land may need to be acquired or even greater temporary access may be necessary. This issue should be recognized in the design phase, but regularly develops into construction challenges that require significant problem-solving by the construction staff. These problems can delay a project many months or even require redesign.

Safety to the traveling public and the construction personnel is always the first priority on a construction site. But most of the time of a structure resident engineer (SRE) is invested in ensuring the contractors' understanding and adherence to the contract documents. In order to do this well, the SRE must first understand well the contract documents, including the plans, construction standard, and project special specifications. Then the SRE must understand well the plan the contractor has to construct the project in such a way as to satisfy the requirements of the contract. It is in understanding the construction plan and observing the implementation of that plan that the SRE ensures that the construction project results in a quality product that will deliver acceptable performance for the life of the structure.

As most transportation structures are in urban areas, traffic handling and safety are important elements of any retrofit project. A transportation management plan (TMP) is a necessary item to develop and maintain. Traffic safety engineers, including local highway patrol or police representatives, are typically involved in developing such a plan. The TMP clearly defines how and when traffic will be routed to allow the contractor working space and time to complete the required work.

Shop plans are an item that is typically addressed early in the construction phase. Shop plans are structural plans developed by the contractor for structural elements and construction procedures that are appropriately delegated to the contractor by the owner in order to allow for as competitive bids as possible. Examples of typical shop plans include prestress anchorages and steel plate strengthening details and erection procedures.

Foundation modifications have been a major component in the bridge seismic retrofit program that the California Department of Transportation has undertaken since the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. Considerable problems have been experienced in the reconstruction of many bridge foundations. Most of the construction claim dollars leveled against the state have been associated with foundation-related issues. These problems have included as-built plans not matching actual field conditions, materials, or dimensions; a lack of adequate space to complete necessary work (e.g., insufficient overhead clearance to allow for driving or placing piles); damage to existing structural components (e.g., cutting reinforcing steel while coring); splicing of reinforcing steel with couplers or welds; paint specifications and time; and unexpected changes in geologic conditions. Although these items at first appear to have little in common, each of them is founded in uncertainty. That is, the construction problem is based on a lack of information. Recognizing this, the best way to avoid such problems is as follows:

- To invest in collecting factual and specific data, such as actual field dimensions that can be made available to the designer and the contractor;
- To consider as carefully as possible likely contractor space requirements given what activities the contractor will be required to conduct;
- To know and understand well the important properties of materials and structural elements that are to be placed into the structure by the contractor; and
- To conduct appropriately thorough foundation investigation, which may include field testing of potential foundation systems.

The most common structural modifications to bridge structures in California have been the placement of steel shells around portions of reinforced concrete columns in order to provide or increase confinement to the concrete within the column and increase the shear strength of the column within the dimensions of the steel shell. As part of a construction project, important items to verify in a steel shell column jacket installation are the steel material properties, the placement of the steel shell, the weld material and process, the grouting of the void between the oversized steel shell and the column, and the grinding and painting of the steel shell.

Existing reinforcing steel layouts are designed for a purpose and should not be modified. In some cases, however, they can be modified for convenience in construction. It is important that field engineers be knowledgeable in order to reject modifications to reinforcing steel layouts that could render the existing structural section inadequate.

8.6   Costs

Estimating costs for bridge seismic retrofit projects is an essential element of any retrofit program. For a program to initiate, legislation must typically be passed. As part of the legislation package, funding sources are identified, and budgets are set. The budgets are usually established from estimates. It is ironic that, typically, the word *estimate* is usually dropped in this process. Regardless of any newly assigned title of the estimate, it remains what it is — an estimate. This typical set of circumstances creates an environment in which it is essential that great care be exercised before estimates are forwarded.

The above being stated, methods have been developed to forecast retrofit costs. The most common technique is to calculate and document into a database project costs per unit deck area. When such data are nearly interpolated to similar projects with consistent parameters, this technique can realize success. This technique is better suited to program estimates than to a specific project estimate. When applied to a specific project, additional contingencies are appropriate. When an estimate for a specific project is desired, it is appropriate to evaluate the specific project parameters.

Many of the components or pay items of a seismic retrofit project when broken down to pay items are similar to new construction or widening project pay items. As a first estimate, this can be

TABLE 8.2 Approximate Costs of Various Pay Items of Bridge Seismic Retrofit (California, 1998)

Pay times	Approximate Cost	Notes
Access opening (deck)	$350 to $1500 per sq. ft.	
Access opening (soffit)	$400 to $750 per sq. ft.	
Restrainer cables	$3.5 to $6.6 per number	
Restrainer rods	$2.5 to $4.5 per number	
Seat extenders	$1.5 to $3.3 per number	
Steel shells for columns	$1.5 to $2.25 per lb.	
Concrete removal		
Steel removal		
Soil removal	$40 to $150 per cy	
Core concrete (6 in.)	$65 to $100 per ft.	
Concrete (bridge footing)	$175 to $420 per cy	
Concrete (bridge)	$400 to $800 per cy	
Minor concrete	$350 to $900 per cy	
Structural steel	$2.50 to $5 per lb.	
Prestressing steel	$0.80 to $1.15 per lb.	
Bar reinforcing steel	$0.50 to $1.00 per number	
Precast concrete pile (45T)	$610 to $1515 per linear ft.	
CISS piles (24 in.)	$788 to $4764 per linear ft.	
Pile shaft (48 in.)	$170 to $330 per linear ft.	
Structural backfill	$38 to $100 per cy	
Traffic lane closure (day)		
Traffic lane closure (night)		

used to approximate the cost of the work crudely. Table 8.2 lists the approximate costs for various pay items in California in 1998. There certainly are exceptions to these general conditions, such as steel shells, very long coring and drilling, and pile installation in low clearance conditions.

8.7   Summary

The two most significant earthquakes in recent history that produced the best information for bridge designers were the 1989 Loma Prieta and the 1994 Northridge events. Although experts consider these to be only moderate earthquakes, it is important to note the good performance of the many bridges that had been designed for the improved seismic criteria or retrofitted with the early-era seismic retrofit details. This reasonable performance of properly designed newer and retrofitted older bridges in a moderate earthquake is significant for the rest of the United States and other countries because that knowledge can assist engineers in designing new bridges and in designing an appropriate seismic retrofit program for their older structures. Although there is a necessary concern for the "Big One" in California, especially for the performance of important structures, it must be noted that many structures that vehicle traffic can bypass need not be designed or retrofitted to the highest standards. It is also important to note that there will be many moderate earthquakes that will not produce the damage associated with a maximum event. These are the earthquake levels that should be addressed first in a multiphased retrofit strengthening program, given the limited resources that are available.

Cost–benefit analysis of retrofit details is essential to measure and ensure the effectiveness of a program. It has been the California experience that a great deal of insurance against collapse can be achieved for a reasonable cost, typically 10% of replacement cost for normal highway bridges. It is also obvious that designing for the performance criteria that provides full service immediately after a major earthquake may not be economically feasible. The expected condition of the bridge approach roadways after a major seismic event must be evaluated before large investments are made in seismic retrofitting of the bridges to the full-service criteria. There is little value to the infrastruc-

ture in investing large sums to retrofit a bridge if the approaches are not functioning after a seismic event. Roadways in the soft muds around most harbors and rivers are potentially liquefiable and will require repair before the bridges can be used.

Emerging practices on bridge seismic retrofit in the state of California were briefly presented. The excellent performance of bridges utilizing Caltrans' newer design criteria and ductile details gives bridge designers an indication that these structures can withstand a larger earthquake without collapse. Damage should be expected, but it can be repaired in many cases while traffic continues to use the bridges.

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9
Seismic Isolation and Supplemental Energy Dissipation

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9.1 Introduction

Strong earthquakes impart substantial amounts of energy into structures and may cause the structures to deform excessively or even collapse. In order for structures to survive, they must have the capability to dissipate this input energy through either their inherent damping mechanism or inelastic deformation. This issue of energy dissipation becomes even more acute for bridge structures because most bridges, especially long-span bridges, possess very low inherent damping, usually less than 5% of critical. When these structures are subjected to strong earthquake motions, excessive deformations can occur by relying on only inherent damping and inelastic deformation. For bridges designed mainly for gravity and service loads, excessive deformation leads to severe damage or even collapse. In the instances of major bridge crossings, as was the case of the San Francisco–Oakland

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Bay Bridge during the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, even noncollapsing structural damage may cause very costly disruption to traffic on major transportation arteries and is simply unacceptable.

Existing bridge seismic design standards and specifications are based on the philosophy of accepting minor or even major damage but no structural collapse. Lessons learned from recent earthquake damage to bridge structures have resulted in the revision of these design standards and a change of design philosophy. For example, the latest bridge design criteria for California [1] recommend the use of a two-level performance criterion that requires that a bridge be designed for both safety evaluation and functional evaluation design earthquakes. A safety evaluation earthquake event is defined as an event having a very low probability of occurring during the design life of the bridge. For this design earthquake, a bridge is expected to suffer limited significant damage, or immediately repairable damage. A functional evaluation earthquake event is defined as an event having a reasonable probability of occurring once or more during the design life of the bridge. Damages suffered under this event should be immediately repairable or immediate minimum for important bridges. These new criteria have been used in retrofit designs of major toll bridges in the San Francisco Bay area and in designs of some new bridges. These design criteria have placed heavier emphasis on controlling the behavior of bridge structural response to earthquake ground motions.

For many years, efforts have been made by the structural engineering community to search for innovative ways to control how earthquake input energy is absorbed by a structure and hence controlling its response to earthquake ground motions. These efforts have resulted in the development of seismic isolation techniques, various supplemental energy dissipation devices, and active structural control techniques. Some applications of these innovative structural control techniques have proved to be cost-effective. In some cases, they may be the only ways to achieve a satisfactory solution. Furthermore, with the adoption of new performance-based design criteria, there will soon come a time when these innovative structural control technologies will be the choice of more structural engineers because they offer economical alternatives to traditional earthquake protection measures.

Topics of structural response control by passive and active measures have been covered by several authors for general structural applications [2–4]. This chapter is devoted to the developments and applications of these innovative technologies to bridge structures. Following a presentation of the basic concepts, modeling, and analysis methods, brief descriptions of major types of isolation and energy dissipation devices are given. Performance and testing requirements will be discussed, followed by a review of code developments and design procedures. A design example will also be given for illustrative purposes.

9.2   Basic Concepts, Modeling, and Analysis

The process of a structure responding to earthquake ground motions is actually a process involving resonance buildup to some extent. The severity of resonance is closely related to the amount of energy and its frequency content in the earthquake loading. Therefore, controlling the response of a structure can be accomplished by either finding ways to prevent resonance from building up or providing a supplemental energy dissipation mechanism, or both. Ideally, if a structure can be separated from the most damaging energy content of the earthquake input, then the structure is safe. This is the idea behind seismic isolation. An isolator placed between the bridge superstructure and its supporting substructure, in the place of a traditional bearing device, substantially lengthens the fundamental period of the bridge structure such that the bridge does not respond to the most damaging energy content of the earthquake input. Most of the deformation occurs across the isolator instead of in the substructure members, resulting in lower seismic demand for substructure members. If it is impossible to separate the structure from the most damaging energy content, then the idea of using supplemental damping devices to dissipate earthquake input energy and to reduce structural damage becomes very attractive.
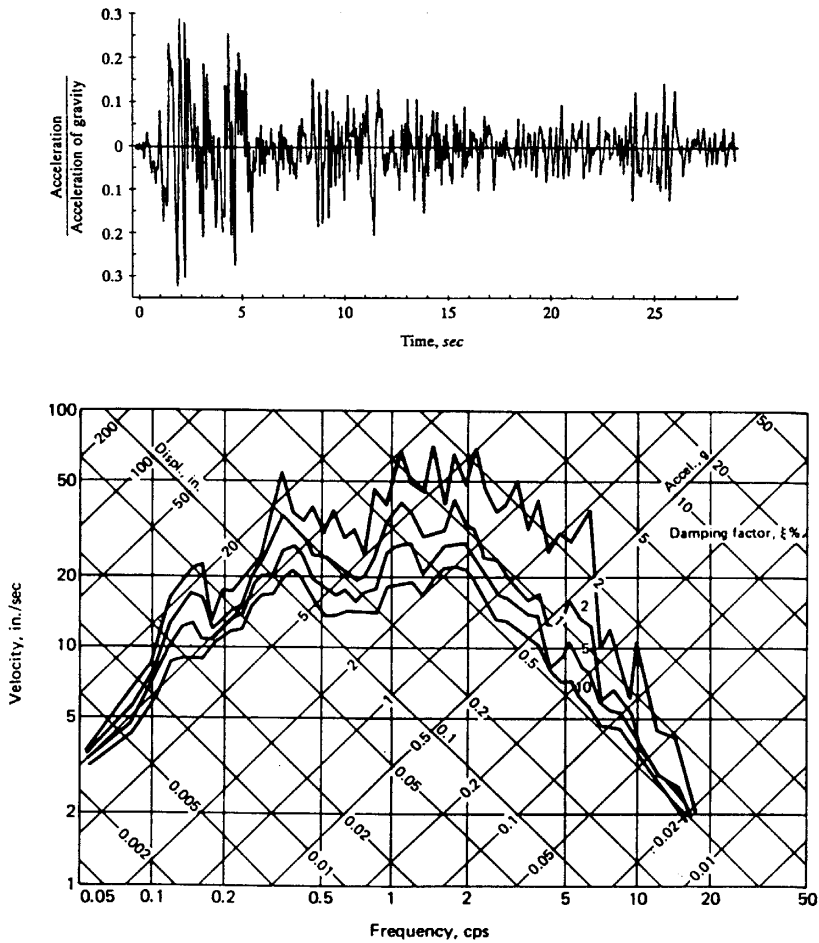
FIGURE 9.1 Acceleration time history and response spectra from El Centro earthquake, May 1940.

In what follows, theoretical basis and modeling and analysis methods will be presented mainly based on the concept of earthquake response spectrum analysis.

Earthquake Response Spectrum Analysis

Earthquake response spectrum analysis is perhaps the most widely used method in structural earthquake engineering design. In its original definition, an earthquake response spectrum is a plot of the maximum response (maximum displacement, velocity, acceleration) to a specific earthquake ground motion for all possible single-degree-of-freedom (SDOF) systems. One of such response spectra is shown in Figure 9.1 for the 1940 El Centro earthquake. A response spectrum not only reveals how systems with different fundamental vibration periods respond to an earthquake ground motion, when plotted for different damping values, site soil conditions, and other factors, but also shows how these factors are affecting the response of a structure. From an energy point of view, response spectrum can also be interpreted as a spectrum of the energy frequency contents of an earthquake.

Since earthquakes are essentially random phenomena, one response spectrum for a particular earthquake may not be enough to represent the earthquake ground motions that a structure may experience during its service life. Therefore, the design spectrum, which incorporates response
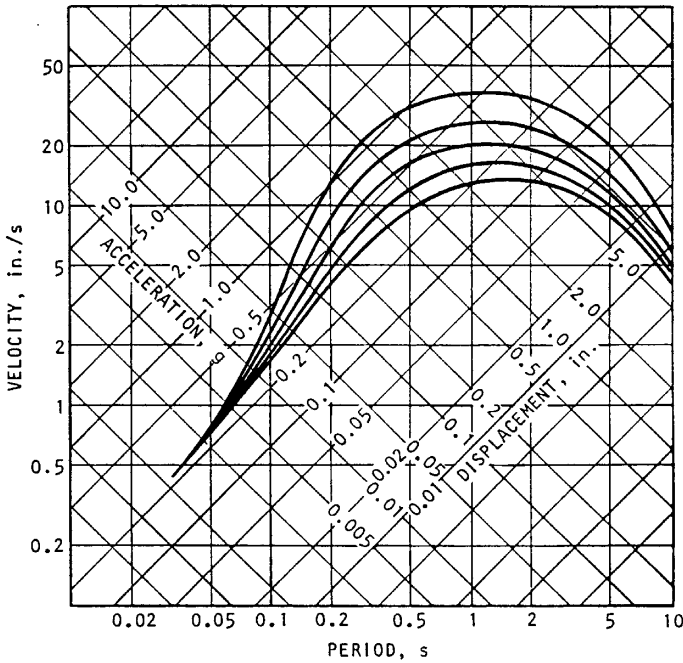
FIGURE 9.2   Example of smoothed design spectrum.

spectra for several earthquakes and hence represents a kind of "average" response, is generally used in seismic design. These design spectra generally appear to be smooth or to consist of a series of straight lines. Detailed discussion of the construction and use of design spectra is beyond the scope of this chapter; further information can be found in References [5,6]. It suffices to note for the purpose of this chapter that design spectra may be used in seismic design to determine the response of a structure to a design earthquake with given intensity (maximum effective ground acceleration) from the natural period of the structure, its damping level, and other factors. Figure 9.2 shows a smoothed design spectrum curve based on the average shapes of response spectra of several strong earthquakes.

Structural Dynamic Response Modifications

By observing the response/design spectra in Figure 9.1a, it is seen that manipulating the natural period and/or the damping level of a structure can effectively modify its dynamic response. By inserting a relatively flexible isolation bearing in place of a conventional bridge bearing between a bridge superstructure and its supporting substructure, seismic isolation bearings are able to lengthen the natural period of the bridge from a typical value of less than 1 second to 3 to 5 s. This will usually result in a reduction of earthquake-induced response and force by factors of 3 to 8 from those of fixed-support bridges [7].

As for the effect of damping, most bridge structures have very little inherent material damping, usually in the range of 1 to 5% of critical. The introduction of nonstructural damping becomes necessary to reduce the response of a structure.

Some kind of damping device or mechanism is also a necessary component of any successful seismic isolation system. As mentioned earlier, in an isolated structural system deformation mainly occurs across the isolator. Many factors limit the allowable deformation taking place across an isolator, e.g., space limitation, stability requirement, etc. To control deformation of the isolators, supplemental damping is often introduced in one form or another into isolation systems.
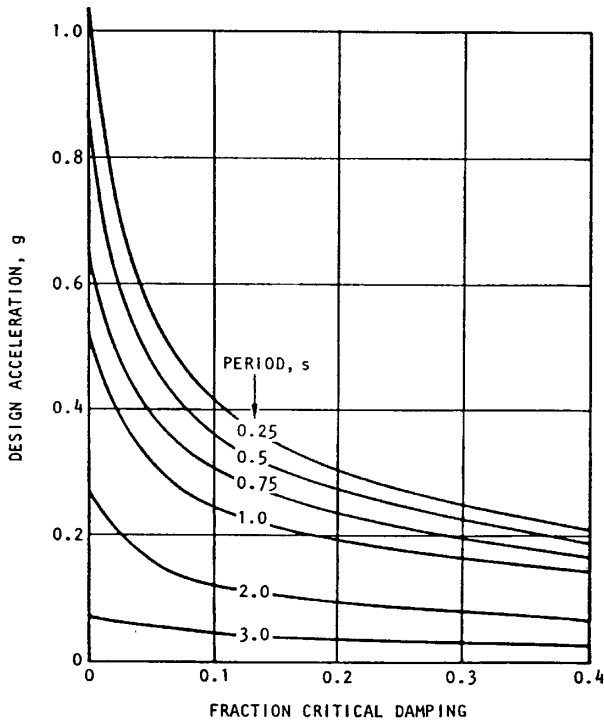
FIGURE 9.3 Effect of damping on response spectrum.

It should be pointed out that the effectiveness of increased damping in reducing the response of a structure decreases beyond a certain damping level. Figure 9.3 illustrates this point graphically. It can be seen that, although acceleration always decreases with increased damping, its rate of reduction becomes lower as the damping ratio increases. Therefore, in designing supplemental damping for a structure, it needs to be kept in mind that there is a most-cost-effective range of added damping for a structure. Beyond this range, further response reduction will come at a higher cost.

Modeling of Seismically Isolated Structures

A simplified SDOF model of a bridge structure is shown in Figure 9.4. The mass of the superstructure is represented by m, pier stiffness by spring constant k_0, and structural damping by a viscous damping coefficient c_0. The equation of motion for this SDOF system, when subjected to an earthquake ground acceleration excitation, is expressed as

$$m_0\ddot{x} + c_0\dot{x} + k_0 x = -m_0\ddot{x}_g$$

(9.1)

The natural period of motion T_0, time required to complete one cycle of vibration, is expressed as

$$T_0 = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m_0}{k_0}}$$

(9.2)

Addition of a seismic isolator to this system can be idealized as adding a spring with spring constant k_i and a viscous damper with damping coefficient c_i, as shown in Figure 9.5. The combined stiffness of the isolated system now becomes
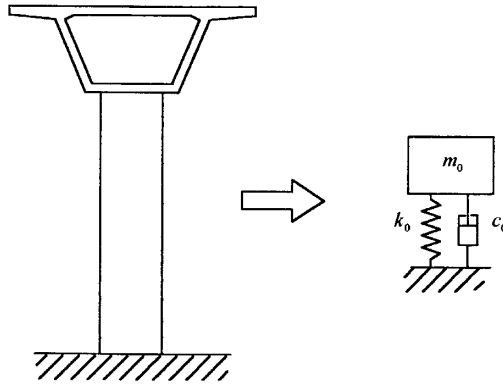
FIGURE 9.4   SDOF dynamic model.
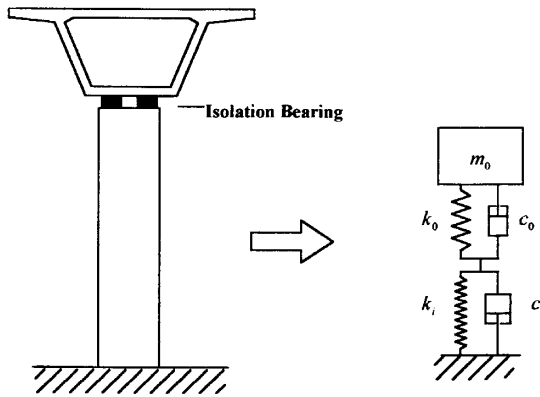
FIGURE 9.5   SDOF system with seismic isolator.

$$K = \frac{k_0 k_i}{k_0 + k_i}$$

(9.3)

Equation (9.1) is modified to

$$m_0 \ddot{x} + \left(c_0 + c_i\right)\dot{x} + Kx = -m_0 \ddot{x}_g$$

(9.4)

and the natural period of vibration of the isolated system becomes

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m_0}{K}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m_0\left(k_0 + k_i\right)}{k_0 k_i}}$$

(9.5)

When the isolator stiffness is smaller than the structural stiffness, K is smaller than k_0; therefore, the natural period of the isolated system T is longer than that of the original system. It is of interest to note that, in order for the isolator to be effective in modifying the the natural period of the structure, k_i should be smaller than k_0 to a certain degree. For example, if k_i is 50% of k_0, then T will be about 70% larger than T_0. If k_i is only 10% of k_0, then T will be more than three times T_0.
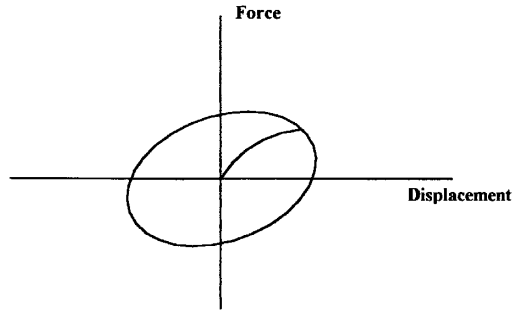
FIGURE 9.6   Generic damper hysteresis loops.

More complex structural systems will have to be treated as multiple-degree-of-freedom (MDOF) systems; however, the principle is the same. In these cases, spring elements will be added to appropriate locations to model the stiffness of the isolators.

Effect of Energy Dissipation on Structural Dynamic Response

In discussing energy dissipation, the terms *damping* and *energy dissipation* will be used interchangeably. Consider again the simple SDOF system used in the previous discussion. In the theory of structural dynamics [8], critical value of damping coefficient c_c is defined as the amount of damping that will prevent a dynamic system from free oscillation response. This critical damping value can be expressed in terms of the system mass and stiffness:

$$c_c = 2\sqrt{m_0 k_o} \tag{9.6}$$

With respect to this critical damping coefficient, any amount of damping can now be expressed in a relative term called damping ratio ξ, which is the ratio of actual system damping coefficient over the critical damping coefficient. Thus:

$$\xi = \frac{c_0}{c_c} = \frac{c_0}{2\sqrt{m_0 k_0}} \tag{9.7}$$

Damping ratio is usually expressed as a percentage of the critical. With the use of damping ratio, one can compare the amount of damping of different dynamic systems.

Now consider the addition of an energy dissipation device. This device generates a force $f(x, \dot{x})$ that may be a function of displacement or velocity of the system, depending on the energy dissipation mechanism. Figure 9.6 shows a hysteresis curve for a generic energy dissipation device. Equation (9.1) is rewritten as

$$x + \frac{c_0}{m_0} x + \frac{k_0}{m_0} x + \frac{f(x,x)}{m_0} = -x_g \tag{9.8}$$

There are different approaches to modeling the effects that damping devices have on the dynamic response of a structure. The most accurate approach is linear or nonlinear time-history analysis by modeling the true behavior of the damping device. For practical applications, however, it will often be accurate enough to represent the effectiveness of a damping mechanism by an equivalent viscous damping ratio. One way to define the equivalent damping ratio is in terms of energy E_d dissipated

by the device in one cycle of cyclic motion over the maximum strain energy E_{ms} stored in the structure [8]:

$$\xi_{eq} = \frac{E_d}{4_\pi E_{ms}}$$

(9.9)

For a given device, E_d can be found by measuring the area of the hysteresis loop. Equation (9.9) can now be rewritten by introducing damping ratio ξ_0 and ξ_{eq}, in the form

$$\ddot{x} + 2\sqrt{\frac{k_0}{m}}\left(\xi + \xi_{eq}\right)\dot{x} + \frac{k_0}{m_0}x = -\ddot{x}_g$$

(9.10)

This concept of equivalent viscous damping ratio can also be generalized to use for MDOF systems by considering ξ_{eq} as modal damping ratio and E_d and E_{ms} as dissipated energy and maximum strain energy in each vibration mode [9]. Thus, for the *i*th vibration mode of a structure, we have

$$\xi_{eq}^i = \frac{E_d^i}{4\pi E_{ms}^i}$$

(9.11)

Now the dynamic response of a structure with supplemental damping can be solved using available linear analysis techniques, such as linear time-history analysis or response spectrum analysis.

9.3 Seismic Isolation and Energy Dissipation Devices

Many different types of seismic isolation and supplemental energy dissipation devices have been developed and tested for seismic applications over the last three decades, and more are still being investigated. Their basic behaviors and applications for some of the more widely recognized and used devices will be presented in this section.

Elastomeric Isolators

Elastomeric isolators, in their simplest form, are elastomeric bearings made from rubber, typically in cylindrical or rectangular shapes. When installed on bridge piers or abutments, the elastomeric bearings serve both as vertical bearing devices for service loads and as lateral isolation devices for seismic load. This requires that the bearings be stiff with respect to vertical loads but relatively flexible with respect to lateral seismic loads. In order to be flexible, the isolation bearings have to be made much thicker than the elastomeric bearing pads used in conventional bridge design. Insertion of horizontal steel plates, as in the case of steel reinforced elastomeric bearing pads, significantly increases vertical stiffness of the bearing and improves stability under horizontal loads. The total rubber thickness influences essentially the maximum allowable lateral displacement and the period of vibration.

For a rubber bearing with given bearing area A, shear modulus G, height h, allowable shear strain γ, shape factor S, and bulk modulus K, its horizontal stiffness and period of vibration can be expressed as

$$K = \frac{GA}{h}$$

(9.12)
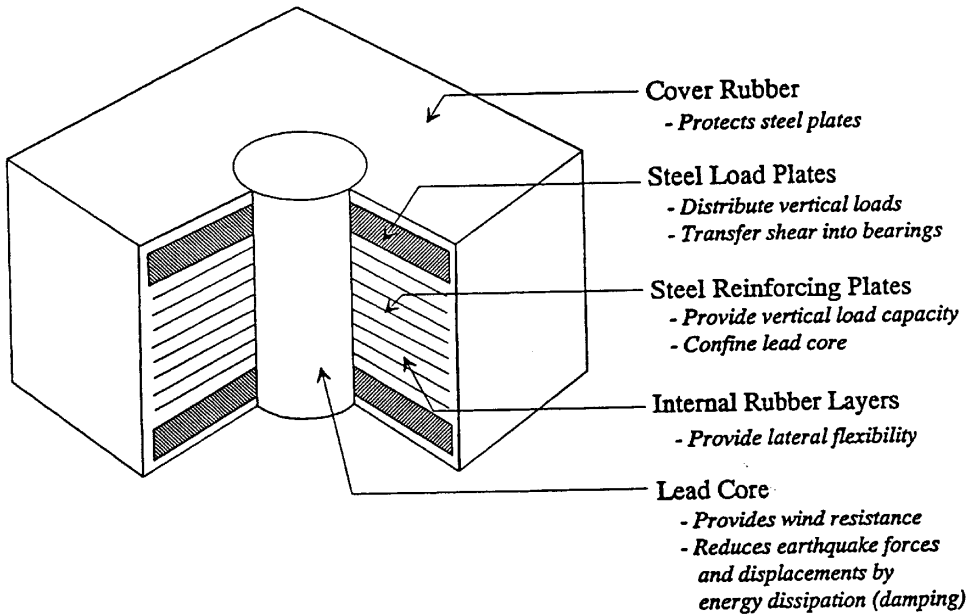
FIGURE 9.7   Typical construction of a lead core rubber bearing.

$$T_b = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{M}{K}} = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{Sh\gamma A'}{Ag}}$$

(9.13)

where A' is the overlap of top and bottom areas of a bearing at maximum displacement. Typical values for bridge elastomeric bearing properties are $G = 1$ MPa (145 psi), $K = 200$ MPa (290 psi), $\gamma = 0.9$ to 1.4, $S = 3$ to 40. The major variability lies in S, which is a function of plan dimension and rubber layer thickness.

One problem associated with using pure rubber bearings for seismic isolation is that a bearing could easily experience excessive deformation during a seismic event. This will, in many cases, jeopardize the stability of the bearing and the superstructure it supports. One solution is to add an energy dissipation device or mechanism to the isolation bearing. The most widely used energy dissipation mechanism in elastomeric isolation bearing is the insertion of a lead core at the center of the bearing. Lead has a high initial shear stiffness and relatively low shear yielding strength. It essentially has elastic–plastic behavior with good fatigue properties for plastic cycles. It provides a high horizontal stiffness for service load resistance and a high energy dissipation for strong seismic load, making it ideal for use with elastomeric bearings.

This type of lead core elastomeric isolation, also known as lead core rubber bearing (LRB), was developed and patented by the Dynamic Isolation System (DIS). The construction of a typical lead core elastomeric bearing is shown in Figure 9.7. An associated hysteresis curve is shown in Figure 9.8. Typical bearing sizes and their load-bearing capacities are given in Table 9.1 [7].

Lead core elastomeric isolation bearings are the most widely used isolation devices in bridge seismic design applications. They have been used in the seismic retrofit and new design in hundreds of bridges worldwide.
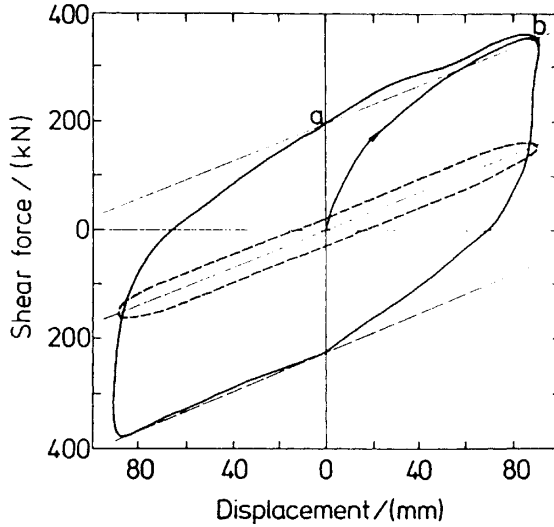
FIGURE 9.8   Hysteresis loops of lead core rubber bearing.

TABLE 9.1   Total Dead Plus Live-Load Capacity of Square DIS Bearings (kN)

Plan Size		Bonded Area	Rubber Layer Thickness, mm			
W(mm)	B(mm)	(mm²)	6.5	9.5	12.5	19
229	229	52,258	236	160	125	85
254	254	64,516	338	227	173	120
279	279	78,064	463	311	236	165
305	305	92,903	614	414	311	214
330	330	109,032	796	534	405	276
356	356	126,451	1,010	676	512	351
381	381	145,161	1,263	845	641	436
406	406	165,161	1,552	1,041	783	529
432	432	186,451	1,882	1,259	952	641
457	457	209,032	2,255	1,508	1,139	770
483	483	232,903	2,678	1,793	1,348	912
508	508	258,064	3,149	2,104	1,583	1,068
533	533	284,516	3,674	2,455	1,846	1,241
559	559	312,257	4,252	2,842	2,135	1,437
584	584	341,290	4,888	3,265	2,455	1,650
610	610	371,612	5,582	3,727	2,802	1,882
635	635	403,225	6,343	4,234	3,185	2,135
660	660	436,128	7,170	4,786	3,598	2,411
686	686	470,322	8,064	5,382	4,043	2,713
711	711	505,805	9,029	6,027	4,528	3,034
737	737	542,580	10,070	6,721	5,048	3,380
762	762	580,644	11,187	7,464	5,609	3,754
787	787	619,999	12,383	8,264	6,205	4,154
813	813	660,644	13,660	9,118	6,845	4,581
838	838	702,579	15,025	10,026	7,530	5,040
864	864	745,805	16,480	10,995	8,255	5,524
889	889	790,321	18,023	12,023	9,029	6,040
914	914	836,127	19,660	13,117	9,848	6,587

FIGURE 9.9   Typical construction of an FPI bearing.

Sliding Isolators

Sliding-type isolation bearings reduce the force transferred from the superstructure to the supporting substructure when subject to earthquake excitations by allowing the superstructure to slide on a low friction surface usually made from 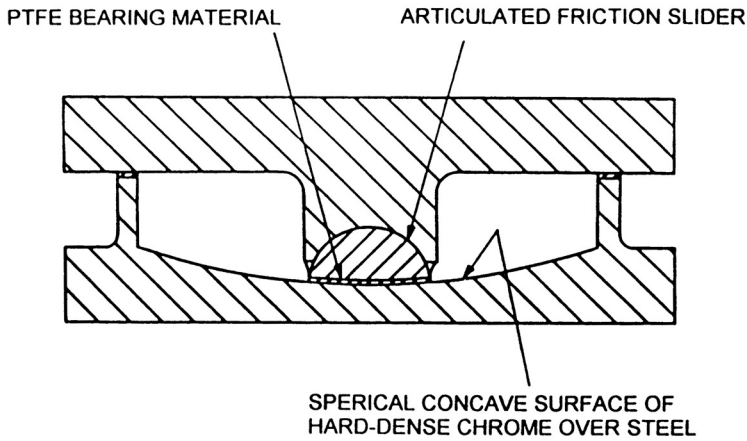stainless steel-PTFE. The maximum friction between the sliding surfaces limits the maximum force that can be transferred by the bearing. The friction between the surfaces will also dissipate energy. A major concern with relying only on simple sliding bearings for seismic application is the lack of centering force to restore the structure to its undisplaced position together with poor predictability and reliability of the response. This can be addressed by combining the slider with spring elements or, as in the case of friction pendulum isolation (FPI) bearings, by making the sliding surface curved such that the self-weight of the structure will help recenter the superstructure. In the following, the FPI bearings by Earthquake Protection Systems (EPS) will be presented as a representative of sliding-type isolation bearings.

The FPI bearing utilizes the characteristics of a simple pendulum to lengthen the natural period of an isolated structure. Typical construction of an FPI bearing is shown in Figure 9.9. It basically consists of a slider with strength-bearing spherical surface and a treated spherical concave sliding surface housed in a cast steel bearing housing. The concave surface and the surface of the slider have the same radius to allow a good fit and a relatively uniform pressure under vertical loads. The operation of the isolator is the same regardless of the direction of the concave surface. The size of the bearing is mainly controlled by the maximum design displacement.

The concept is really a simple one, as illustrated in Figure 9.10. When the superstructure moves relative to the supporting pier, it behaves like a simple pendulum. The radius, R, of the concave surface controls the isolator period:

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{R}{g}}$$

(9.14)

where g is the acceleration of gravity. The fact that the isolator period is independent of the mass of the supported structure is an advantage over the elastomeric isolators because fewer factors are involved in selecting an isolation bearing. For elastomeric bearings, in order to lengthen the period of an isolator without varying the plan dimensions, one has to increase the height of the bearing, which is limited by the stability requirement. For FPI bearings, one can vary the period simply by
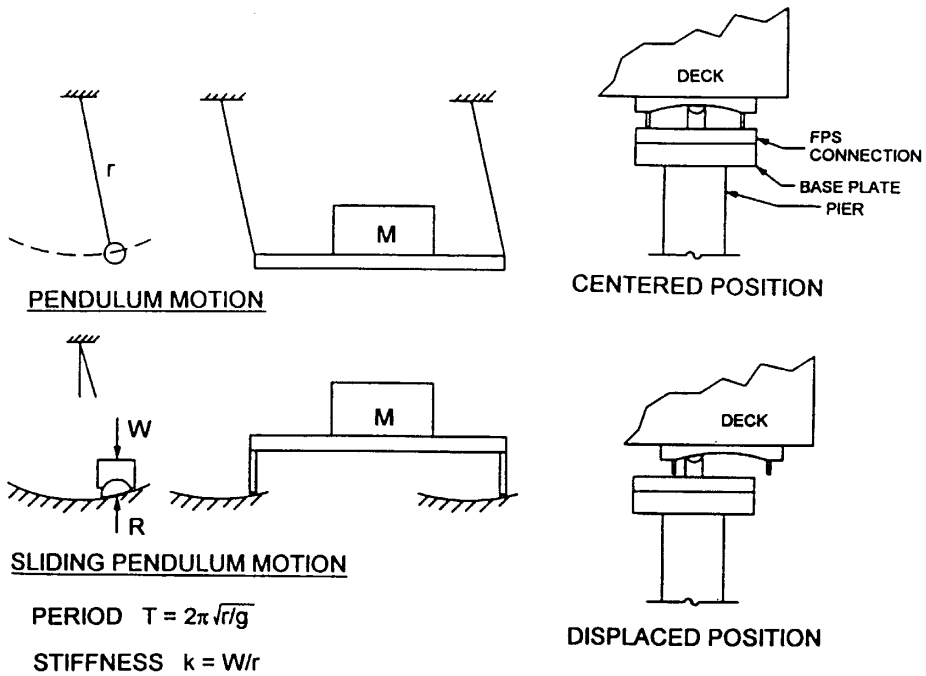
FIGURE 9.10   Basic operating principle of FPI bearing.

changing the radius of the concave surface. Another advantage of the FPI bearing is high vertical load-bearing capacity, up to 30 million lb (130,000 kN) [10].

The FPI system behaves rigidly when the lateral load on the structure is less than the friction force, which can be designed to be less than nonseismic lateral loads. Once the lateral force exceeds this friction force, as is the case under earthquake excitation, it will respond at its isolated period. The dynamic friction coefficient can be varied in the range of 0.04 to 0.20 to allow for different levels of lateral resistance and energy dissipation.

The FPI bearings have been used in several building seismic retrofit projects, including the U.S. Court of Appeals Building in San Francisco and the San Francisco Airport International Terminal. The first bridge structure to be isolated by FPI bearings is the American River Bridge in Folsom, California. Figure 9.11 shows one of the installed bearings on top of the bridge pier. The maximum designed bearing displacement is 250 mm, and maximum vertical load is about 16,900 kN. The largest bearings have a plan dimension of 1150 × 1150 mm. The FPI bearings will also be used in the Benicia–Martinez Bridge in California when construction starts on the retrofit of this mile-long bridge. The bearings designed for this project will have a maximum plan dimension of 4500 × 4500 mm to accommodate a maximum designed displacement of 1200 mm [11].

Viscous Fluid Dampers

Viscous fluid dampers, also called hydraulic dampers in some of the literature, typically consist of a piston moving inside the damper housing cylinder filled with a compound of silicone or oil. Figure 9.12 shows typical construction of a Taylor Device's viscous fluid damper and its corresponding hysteresis curve. As the piston moves inside the damper housing, it displaces the fluid, which in turn generates a resisting force that is proportional to the exponent of the velocity of the moving piston, i.e.,
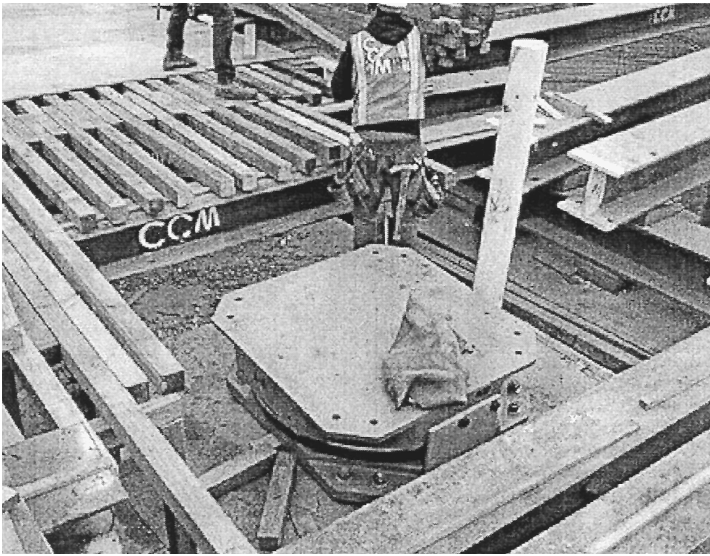
FIGURE 9.11   An FPI bearing installed on a bridge pier.
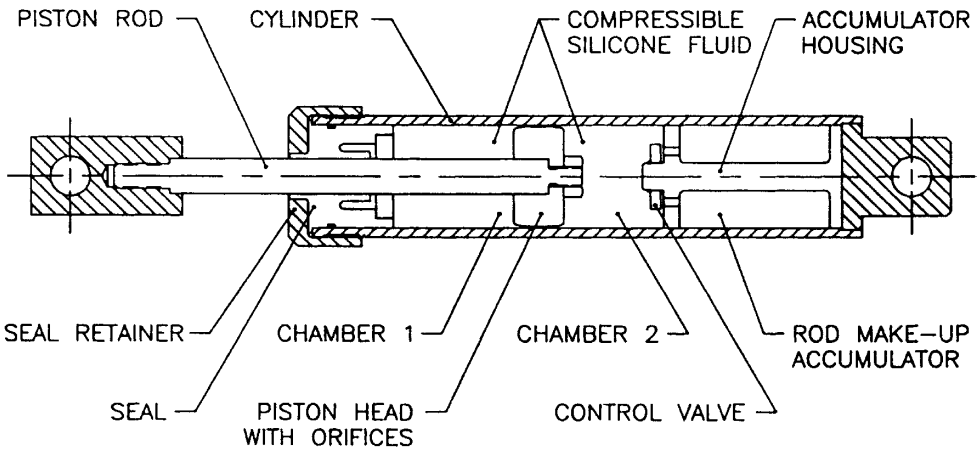
FIGURE 9.12   Typical construction of a Taylor Device's fluid viscous damper.

$$F = cV^k$$

<div align="right">(9.15)</div>

where c is the damping constant, V is the velocity of the piston, and k is a parameter that may be varied in the range of 0.1 to 1.2, as specified for a given application. If k equals 1, we have a familiar linear viscous damping force. Again, the effectiveness of the damper can be represented by the amount of energy dissipated in one complete cycle of deformation:

$$E_d = \int F dx$$

<div align="right">(9.16)</div>

TABLE 9.2   Fluid Viscous Damper Dimension Data (mm)

Model	A	B	C	D	E	F
100 kips (445 kN)	3327	191	64	81	121	56
200 kips (990 kN)	3353	229	70	99	127	61
300 kips (1335 kN)	3505	292	76	108	133	69
600 kips (2670 kN)	3937	406	152	191	254	122
1000 kips (4450 kN)	4216	584	152	229	362	122
2000 kips (9900 kN)	4572	660	203	279	432	152
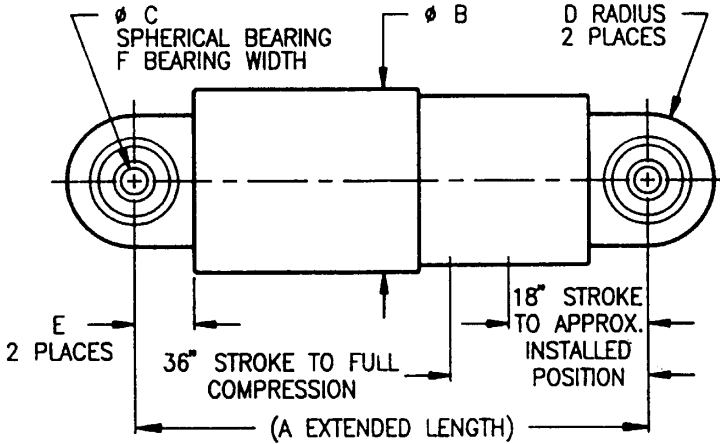
FIGURE 9.13   Viscous damper dimension.

The earlier applications of viscous fluid dampers were in the vibration isolation of aerospace and defense systems. In recent years, theoretical and experimental studies have been performed in an effort to apply the viscous dampers to structure seismic resistant design [4,12]. As a result, viscous dampers have found applications in several seismic retrofit design projects. For example, they have been considered for the seismic upgrade of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco [13], where viscous fluid dampers may be installed between the stiffening truss and the tower to reduce the displacement demands on wind-locks and expansion joints. The dampers are expected to reduce the impact between the stiffening truss and the tower. These dampers will be required to have a maximum stroke of about 1250 mm, and be able to sustain a peak velocity of 1880 mm/s. This requires a maximum force output of 2890 kN.

Fluid viscous dampers are specified by the amount of maximum damping force output as shown in Table 9.2 [14]. Also shown in Table 9.2 are dimension data for various size dampers that are typical for bridge applications. The reader is referred to Figure 9.13 for dimension designations.

Viscoelastic Dampers

A typical viscoelastic damper, as shown in Figure 9.14, consists of viscoelastic material layers bonded with steel plates. Viscoelastic material is the general name for those rubberlike polymer materials having a combined feature of elastic solid and viscous liquid when undergoing deformation. Figure 9.14 also shows a typical hysteresis curve of viscoelastic dampers. When the center plate moves relative to the two outer plates, the viscoelastic material layers undergo shear deformation. Under a sinusoidal cyclic loading, the stress in the viscoelastic material can be expressed as
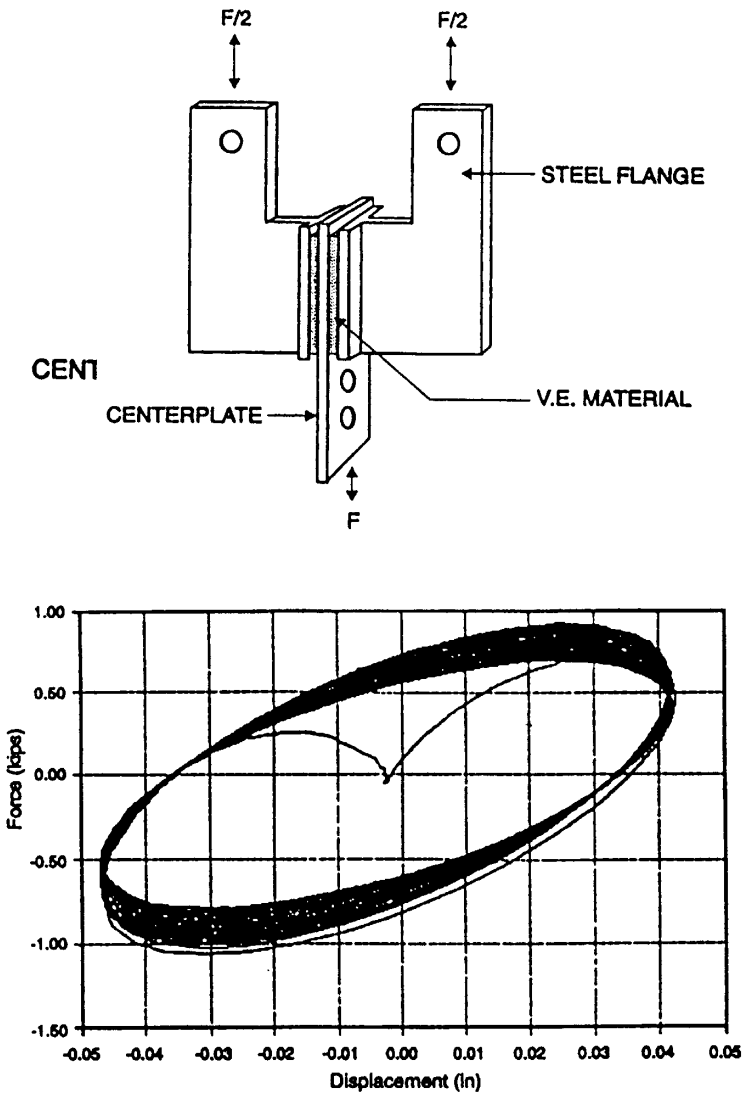
FIGURE 9.14   Typical viscoelastic damper and its hysteresis loops.

$$\sigma = \gamma_0 \left(G' \sin \omega t + G'' \cos \omega t \right) \tag{9.17}$$

where γ_0 represents the maximum strain, G' is shear storage modulus, and G'' is the shear loss modulus, which is the primary factor determining the energy dissipation capability of the viscoelastic material. After one complete cycle of cyclic deformation, the plot of strain vs. stress will look like the hysteresis shown in Figure 9.14. The area enclosed by the hysteresis loop represents the amount of energy dissipated in one cycle per unit volume of viscoelastic material:

$$e_d = \pi \gamma_0^2 G' \tag{9.18}$$

The total energy dissipated by viscoelastic material of volume V can be expressed as

$$E_d = \pi \gamma_0^2 G'' V$$

<div align="right">(9.19)</div>

The application of viscoelastic dampers to civil engineering structures started more than 20 years ago, in 1968, when more than 20,000 viscoelastic dampers made by the 3M Company were installed in the twin-frame structure of the World Trade Center in New York City to help resist wind load. In the late 1980s, theoretical and experimental studies were first conducted for the possibility of applying viscoelastic dampers for seismic applications [9,15]. Viscoelastic dampers have since received increased attention from researchers and practicing engineers. Many experimental studies have been conducted on scaled and full-scale structural models. Recently, viscoelastic dampers were used in the seismic retrofit of several buildings, including the Santa Clara County Building in San Jose, California. In this case, viscoelastic dampers raised the equivalent damping ratio of the structure to 17% of critical [16].

Other Types of Damping Devices

There are several other types of damping devices that have been studied and applied to seismic resistant design with varying degrees of success. These include metallic yield dampers, friction dampers, and tuned mass dampers. Some of them are more suited for building applications and may be of limited effectiveness in bridge structures.

Metallic Yield Damper. Controlled use of sacrificial metallic energy dissipating devices is a relatively new concept [17]. A typical device consists of one or several metallic members, usually made of mild steel, which are subjected to axial, bending, or torsional deformation, depending on the type of application. The choice between different types of metallic yield dampers usually depends on location, available space, connection with the structure, and force and displacement levels. One possible application of steel yield damper to bridge structures is to employ steel dampers in conjunction with isolation bearings. Tests have been conducted to combine a series of cantilever steel dampers with PTFE sliding isolation bearing.

Friction Damper. This type of damper utilizes the mechanism of solid friction that develops between sliding surfaces to dissipate energy. Several types of friction dampers have been developed for the purpose of improving seismic response of structures. For example, studies have shown that slip joints with friction pads placed in the braces of a building structure frame significantly reduced its seismic response. This type of braced friction damper has been used in several buildings in Canada for improving seismic response [4,18].

Tuned Mass Damper. The basic principle behind tuned mass dampers (TMD) is the classic dynamic vibration absorber, which uses a relatively small mass attached to the main mass via a relatively small stiffness to reduce the vibration of the main mass. It can be shown that, if the period of vibration of the small mass is tuned to be the same as that of the disturbing harmonic force, the main mass can be kept stationary. In structural applications, a tuned mass damper may be installed on the top floor to reduce the response of a tall building to wind loads [4]. Seismic application of TMD is limited by the fact that it can be effective in reducing vibration in only one mode, usually the first mode.

9.4   Performance and Testing Requirements

Since seismic isolation and energy dissipation technologies are still relatively new and often the properties used in design can be obtained only from tests, the performance and test requirements are critical in effective applications of these devices. Testing and performance requirements, for the most part, are prescribed in project design criteria or construction specifications. Some nationally recognized design specifications, such as AASHO *Guide Specifications for Seismic Isolation Design* [19], also provide generic testing requirements.

Almost all the testing specified for seismic isolators or energy dissipation devices requires tests under static or simple cyclic loadings only. There are, however, concerns about how well properties obtained from these simple loading tests will correlate to behaviors under real earthquake loadings. Therefore, a major earthquake simulation testing program is under way. Sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration and the California Department of Transportation, manufacturers of isolation and energy dissipation devices were invited to provide their prototype products for testing under earthquake loadings. It is hoped that this testing program will lead to uniform guidelines for prototype and verification testing as well as design guidelines and contract specifications for each of the different systems. The following is a brief discussion of some of the important testing and performance requirements for various systems.

Seismic Isolation Devices

For seismic isolation bearings, performance requirements typically specify the maximum allowable lateral displacements under seismic and nonseismic loadings, such as thermal and wind loads; horizontal deflection characteristics, such as effective and maximum stiffnesses; energy dissipation capacity, or equivalent damping ratio; vertical deflections; stability under vertical loads; etc. For example, the AASHTO *Guide Specifications for Seismic Isolation Design* requires that the design and analysis of the isolation system prescribed be based on prototype tests and a series of verification tests as briefly described in the following:

Prototype Tests:

 I. Prototype tests need to be performed on two full-size specimens. These tests are required for each type and size similar to that used in the design.
 II. For each cycle of tests, the force–deflection and hysteresis behavior of the specimen needs to be recorded.
 III. Under a vertical load similar to the typical average design dead load, the specimen needs to be tested for:
    A. Twenty cycles of lateral loads corresponding to the maximum nonseismic loads;
    B. Three cycles of lateral loading at displacements equaling 25, 50, 75, 100, and 125% of the total design displacement;
    C. Not less than 10 full cycles of loading at the total design displacement and a vertical load similar to dead load.
 IV. The stability of the vertical load-carrying element needs to be demonstrated by one full cycle of displacement equaling 1.5 times the total design displacement under dead load plus or minus vertical load due to seismic effect.

System Characteristics Tests:

 I. The force–deflection characteristics need to be based on cyclic test results.
 II. The effective stiffness of an isolator needs to be calculated for each cycle of loading as

$$k_{\text{eff}} = \frac{F_p - F_n}{\Delta_p - \Delta_n}$$

(9.20)

where F_p and F_n are the maximum positive and negative forces, respectively, and Δ_p and Δ_n are the maximum positive and negative displacements, respectively.
 III. The equivalent viscous damping ratio ξ of the isolation system needs to be calculated as

$$\xi = \frac{\text{Total Area}}{4\pi \sum \dfrac{kd^2}{2}}$$

(9.21)

where Total Area shall be taken as the sum of areas of the hysteresis loops of all isolators; the summation in the denominator represents the total strain energy in the isolation system.

In order for a specimen to be considered acceptable, the results of the tests should show positive incremental force-carrying capability, less than a specified amount of variation in effective stiffness between specimens and between testing cycles for any given specimen. The effective damping ratio also needs to be within a certain range [19].

Testing of Energy Dissipation Devices

As for energy dissipation devices, no codified testing requirements have been published. The Federal Emergency Management Agency 1994 NEHRP Recommended Provisions for Seismic Regulation for New Buildings contains an appendix that addresses the use of energy dissipation systems and testing requirements [20]. There are also project-specific testing requirements and proposed testing standards by various damper manufacturers.

Generally speaking, testing is needed to obtain appropriate device parameters for design use. These parameters include the maximum force output, stroke distance, stiffness, and energy dissipation capability. In the case of viscous dampers, these are tested in terms of damping constant *C*, exponential constant, maximum damping force, etc. Most of the existing testing requirements are project-specific. For example, the technical requirements for viscous dampers to be used in the retrofit of the Golden Gate Bridge specify a series of tests to be carried out on model dampers [13,21]. Prototype tests were considered to be impractical because of the limitation of available testing facilities. These tests include cyclic testing of model dampers to verify their constitutive law and longevity of seals and a drop test of model and prototype dampers to help relate cyclic testing to the behavior of the actual dampers. Because the tests will be on model dampers, some calculations will be required to extrapolate the behavior of the prototype dampers.

9.5   Design Guidelines and Design Examples

In the United States, design of seismic isolation for bridges is governed by the *Guide Specifications for Seismic Isolation Design* (hereafter known as "Guide Specifications") published by AASHTO in 1992. Specifications for the design of energy dissipation devices have not been systematically developed, while recommended guidelines do exist for building-type applications.

In this section, design procedure for seismic isolation design and a design example will be presented mainly based on the AASHTO Guide Specifications. As for the design of supplemental energy dissipation, an attempt will be made to summarize some of the guidelines for building-type structures and their applicability to bridge applications.

Seismic Isolation Design Specifications and Examples

The AASHTO Guide Specifications were written as a supplement to the AASHTO *Standard Specifications for the Seismic Design of Highway Bridges* [22] (hereafter known as "Standard Specifications"). Therefore, the seismic performance categories and site coefficients are identical to those specified in the Standard Specifications. The response modification factors are the same as in the Standard Specifications except that a reduced *R* factor of 1.5 is permitted for essentially elastic design when the design intent of seismic isolation is to eliminate or significantly reduce damage to the substructure.

TABLE 9.3 Damping Coefficient B

Damping Ratio (ξ)	≤ 2%	5%	10%	20%	30%
B	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.7

Source: AASHTO, *Guide Specifications for Seismic Isolation Design,* Washington, D.C., 1991. With permission.

General Requirements

There are two interrelated parts in designing seismic isolation devices for bridge applications. First of all, isolation bearings must be designed for all nonseismic loads just like any other bearing devices. For example, for lead core rubber isolation bearings, both the minimum plan size and the thickness of individual rubber layers are determined by the vertical load requirement. The minimum isolator height is controlled by twice the displacement due to combined nonseismic loads. The minimum diameter of the lead core is determined by the requirement to maintain elastic response under combined wind, brake, and centrifugal forces. Similar requirements can also be applied to other types of isolators. In addition to the above requirements, the second part of seismic isolation design is to satisfy seismic safety requirements. The bearing must be able to safely support the vertical loads at seismic displacement. This second part is accomplished through the analysis and design procedures described below.

Methods of Analysis

The Guide Specifications allow treatment of energy dissipation in isolators as equivalent viscous damping and stiffness of isolated systems as effective linear stiffness. This permits both the single and multimodal methods of analysis to be used for seismic isolation design. Exceptions to this are isolated systems with damping ratios greater than 30% and sliding types of isolators without a self-centering mechanism. Nonlinear time-history analysis is required for these cases.

Single-Mode Spectral Analysis
In this procedure, equivalent static force is given by the product of the elastic seismic force coefficient C_s and dead load W of the superstructure supported by isolation bearings, i.e.:

$$F = C_s W \tag{9.22}$$

$$C_s = \frac{\sum k_{\text{eff}} \times d_i}{W} \tag{9.23}$$

$$C_s = \frac{AS_i}{T_e B} \tag{9.24}$$

where

$\sum k_{\text{eff}}$ = the sum of the effective linear stiffness of all bearings supporting the superstructure

$d_i = \dfrac{10 AS_i T_e}{B}$ = displacement across the isolation bearings

A = the acceleration coefficient
B = the damping coefficient given in Table 9.3

$$T_e = \sqrt{\dfrac{W}{g \sum k_{\text{eff}}}} \;=\; \text{the period of vibration}$$

The equivalent static force must be applied independently to the two orthogonal axes and combined per the procedure of the Standard Specifications. The effective linear stiffness should be calculated at the design displacement.

Response Spectrum Analysis

This procedure is the same as specified in the Standard Specifications using the 5% damping ground motion response spectra with the following modifications:

1. The isolation bearings are represented by their effective stiffness values.
2. The response spectrum is modified to include the effect of higher damping of the isolated system. This results in a reduction of the response spectra values for the isolated modes. For all the other modes, the 5% damping response spectra should be used.

A typical modified response spectrum is shown in Figure 9.15.

Time-History Analysis

As mentioned earlier, time-history analysis is required for isolation systems with high damping ratio (>30%) or non-self-centering isolation systems. The isolation systems need to be modeled using nonlinear force–deflection characteristics of the isolator obtained from tests. Pairs of ground acceleration time history recorded from different events should be selected. These acceleration time histories should be frequency-scaled to closely match the appropriate response spectra for the site. Recommended methods for scaling are also given in the Guide Specifications. At least three pairs of time histories are required by the code. Each pair should be simultaneously applied to the model. The maximum response should be used for the design.

Design Displacement and Design Force

It is necessary to know and limit the maximum displacement of an isolation system resulting from seismic loads and nonseismic service loads for providing adequate clearance and designing structural elements. The Guide Specifications require that the total design displacement be the greater of 50% of the elastomer shear strain in an elastomeric bearing system and the maximum displacement resulting from the combination of loads specified in the Standard Specifications.

Design forces for a seismically isolated bridge are obtained using the same load combinations as given for a conventionally designed bridge. Connection between superstructure and substructure shall be designed using force $F = k_{\text{eff}} d_i$. Columns and piers should be designed for the maximum force that may be developed in the isolators. The foundation design force must not exceed the elastic force or the force resulting from plastic hinging of the column.

Other Requirements

It is important for an isolation system to provide adequate rigidity to resist frequently occurring wind, thermal, and braking loads. The appropriate allowed lateral displacement under nonseismic loads is left for the design engineer to decide. On the lateral restoring force, the Guide Specifications require a restoring force that is $0.25W$ greater than the lateral force at 50% of the design displacement. For systems not configured to provide a restoring force, more stringent vertical stability requirements have to be met.

The Guide Specifications recognize the importance of vertical stability of an isolated system by requiring a factor of safety not less than 3 for vertical loads in its undeformed state. A system should also be stable under the dead load plus or minus the vertical load due to seismic load at a horizontal displacement of 1.5 times the total design displacement. For systems without a lateral restoring force, this requirement is increased to three times the total design displacement.
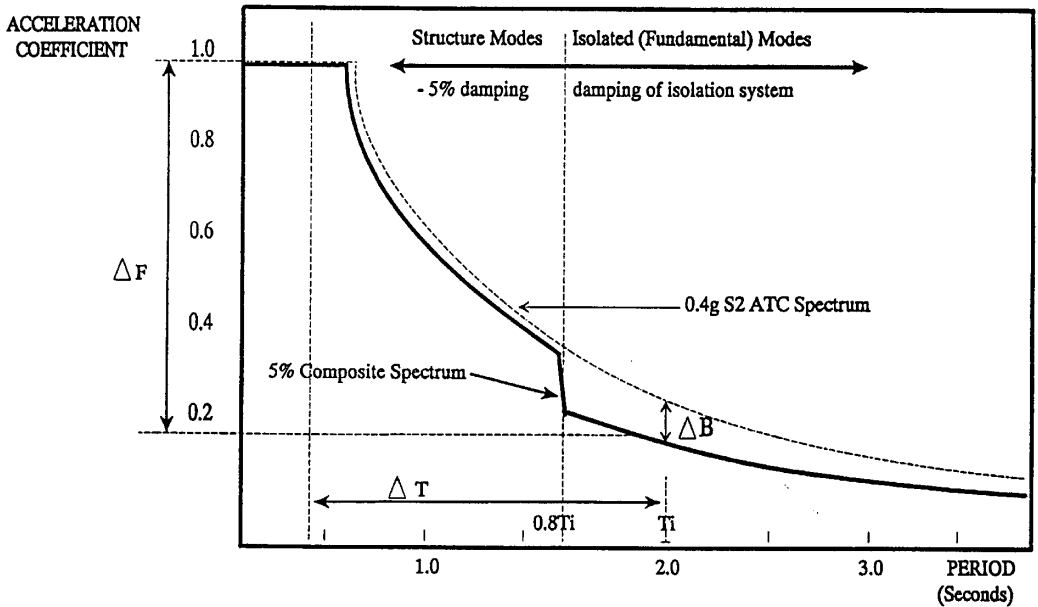
FIGURE 9.15 Modified input response spectrum.

Guidelines for Choosing Seismic Isolation

What the Guide Specifications do not cover are the conditions under which the application of seismic isolation becomes necessary or most effective. Still, some general guidelines can be drawn from various literatures and experiences as summarized below.

One factor that favors the use of seismic isolation is the level of acceptable damage to the bridge. Bridges at critical strategic locations need to stay open to traffic following a seismic event with no damage or with minor damage that can be quickly repaired. This means that the bridges are to be essentially designed elastically. The substructure pier and foundation cost could become prohibitive if using conventional design. The use of seismic isolation may be an economic solution for these bridges, if not the only solution. This may apply to both new bridge design and seismic upgrade of existing bridges.

Sometimes it is desirable to reduce the force transferred to the superstructure, as in the case of seismic retrofit design of the Benicia–Martinez Bridge, in the San Francisco Bay area, where isolation bearings were used to limit the forces in the superstructure truss members [11].

Another factor to consider is the site topography of the bridge. Irregular terrain may result in highly irregular structure configurations with significant pier height differences. This will result in uneven seismic force distributions among the piers and hence concentrated ductility demands. Use of seismic isolation bearings will make the effective stiffness and expected displacement of piers closer to each other, resulting in a more even force distribution [23].

For seismic upgrading of existing bridges, isolation bearings can be an effective solution for understrength piers, insufficient girder support length, and inadequate bearings.

In some cases, there may not be an immediate saving from the use of seismic isolation over a conventional design. Consideration needs to be given to a life-cycle cost comparison because the use of isolation bearings generally means much less damage, and hence lower repair costs, in the long run.

Seismic Isolation Design Example

As an example, a three-span continuous concrete box-girder bridge structure, shown in Figure 9.16, will be used here to demonstrate the seismic isolation design procedure. Material and structure
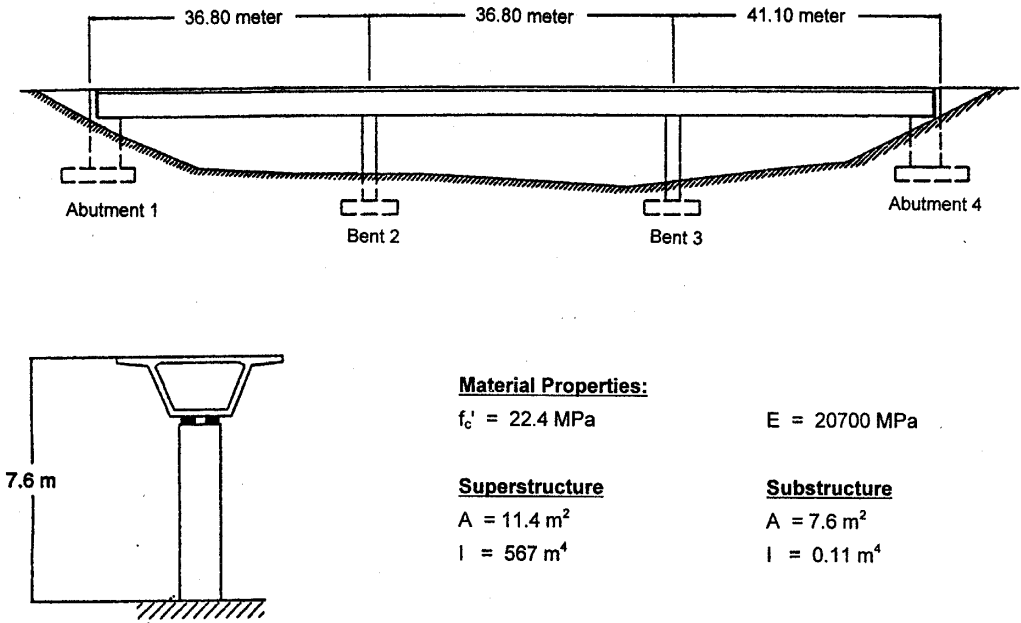
FIGURE 9.16   Example of three-span bridge structure.

properties are also given in Figure 9.16. The bridge is assumed to be in a high seismic area with an acceleration coefficient *A* of 0.40, soil profile Type II, S = 1.2. For simplicity, let us use the single-mode spectral analysis method for the analysis of this bridge. Assume that the isolation bearings will be designed to provide an equivalent viscous damping of 20%, with a damping coefficient, *B*, of 1.5. The geometry and section properties of the bridge are taken from the worked example in the Standard Specifications with some modifications.

Force Analysis

Maximum tributary mass occurs at Bent 3, with a mass of 123 ft^2 × 150 lb/ft^3 × 127.7 ft = 2356 kips (1,065,672 kg). Consider earthquake loading in the longitudinal direction. For fixed top of column support, the stiffness k_0 = (12 EI)/H^3 = 12 × 432,000 × 39/25^3 = 12,940 kips/ft (189 kN/mm). This results in a fixed support period of

$$T_0 = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{W}{k_0 g}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{2356}{12940 \times 32.3}} = 0.47\text{s}$$

The corresponding elastic seismic force is

$$F_0 = C_s W = \frac{1.2 AS}{T^{2/3}} = \frac{1.2 \times 0.4 \times 1.2}{0.47^{2/3}} W = 0.95W = 2338 \text{ kips} \quad (9955 \text{ kN})$$

Now, let us assume that, with the introduction of seismic isolation bearings at the top of the columns, the natural period of the structure becomes 2.0 s, and damping *B* = 1.5. From Eqs. (9.17) and (9.19), the elastic seismic force for the isolated system is

$$F_i = C_s W = \frac{AS_i}{T_e B} W = \frac{0.4 \times 1.2}{2.0 \times 1.5} W = 0.16W = 377 \text{ kips} \quad (1677 \text{ kN})$$

TABLE 9.4   Seismic Isolation Design Example Results

T_e (s)	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0
k_{eff} (kips/in)	306.48	76.62	34.05	19.16	12.26	8.51
(kN/mm)	(53.67)	(13.42)	(5.96)	(3.35)	(2.15)	(1.49)
d (in.)	1.60	3.20	4.80	6.40	8.00	9.60
(mm)	(40.64)	(81.28)	(121.92)	(162.56)	(203.20)	(243.84)
C_s	0.64	0.32	0.21	0.16	0.13	0.11
F_i (kip)	1507.84	753.92	502.61	376.96	301.57	251.31
(kN)	(6706.87)	(3353.44)	(2235.62)	(1676.72)	(1341.37)	(1117.81)

Displacement across the isolation bearing is

$$d = \frac{10 A S_i T_e}{B} = \frac{10 \times 0.4 \times 1.2 \times 2.0}{1.5} = 6.4 \text{ in. (163 mm)}$$

Table 9.4 examines the effect of isolation period on the elastic seismic force. For an isolated period of 0.5 s, which is approximately the same as the fixed support structure, the 30% reduction in elastic seismic force represents basically the effect of the added damping of the isolation system.

Isolation Bearing Design
Assume that four elastomeric (lead core rubber) bearings are used at each bent for this structure. Vertical local due to gravity load is $P = 2356/4 = 589$ kips (2620 kN). We will design the bearings such that the isolated system will have a period of 2.5 s.

$$T_e = \sqrt{\frac{W}{g \sum k_{\text{eff}}}}$$

and

$$k_{\text{eff}} = 4 \left(\frac{GA}{T} \right)$$

where T is the total thickness of the elastomer. We have

$$\frac{GA}{T} = 3.06 \text{ kip/in. (0.54 kN/mm)}$$

Assume a shear modulus $G = 145$ psi (1.0 MPa) and bearing thickness of $T = 18$ in. (457 mm) with thickness of each layer t_i equaling 0.5 in. This gives a bearing area $A = 380$ in.^{2} (245,070 mm^2). Hence, the plan dimension is 19.5×19.5 in. (495×495 mm).
   Check shape factor:

$$S = \frac{ab}{2t_i(a+b)} = \frac{19.5 \times 19.5}{2 \times 0.5(19.5 + 19.5)} \qquad \text{OK}$$

Shear strain in the elastomer is the critical characteristic for the design of elastomeric bearings.
   Three shear strain components make up the total shear strain; these are shear strains due to vertical compression, rotation, and horizontal shear deformation. In the Guide Specifications, the shear strain due to compression by vertical load is given by

$$\gamma_c = \frac{3SW}{2A_r G(1+2kS^2)}$$

where $A_r = 19.5 \times (19.5 \text{ in.} -8.0 \text{ in.}) = 224.3 \text{ in.}^2$ is the reduced bearing area representing the effective bearing area when undergoing horizontal displacement. In this case, horizontal displacement is 8.0 in. For the purpose of presenting a simple example, an approximation of the previous expression can be used:

$$\gamma_c = \frac{\sigma}{GS} = \frac{589 \times 1000}{224.3 \times 145 \times 9.75} = 1.85$$

Shear strain due to horizontal shear deformation is

$$\gamma_s = \frac{d}{T} = \frac{8 \text{ in.}}{18 \text{ in.}} = 0.44$$

and shear strain due to rotation

$$\gamma_r = \frac{B^2 \theta}{2t_i T} = \frac{19.5^2 \times 0.01}{2 \times 0.5 \times 18} = 0.21$$

The Guide Specifications require that the sum of all three shear strain components be less than 50% of the ultimate shear strain of the elastomer, or 5.0, whichever is smaller. In this example, the sum of all three shear strain components equals 2.50 < 5.0.

In summary, we have designed four elastomeric bearings at each bent with a plan dimension of 19.5 × 19.5 in. (495 × 495 mm) and 36 layers of 0.5 in. elastomer with $G = 145$ psi (1 MPa).

Guidelines for Design of Energy Dissipation Devices

There are no published design guidelines or specifications for application of damping devices to bridge structures. Several recommended guidelines for application of dampers to building structures have been in development over the last few years [20,24,25]. It is hoped that a brief summary of these developments will be beneficial to bridge engineers.

General Requirements

The primary function of an energy dissipation device in a structure is to dissipate earthquake-induced energy. No special protection against structural or nonstructural damage is sought or implied by the use of energy dissipation systems.

Passive energy dissipation systems are classified as displacement-dependent, velocity-dependent, or other. The fluid damper and viscoelastic damper as discussed in Section 9.3 are examples of the velocity-dependent energy dissipation system. Friction dampers are displacement-dependent. Different models need to be used for different classes of energy dissipation systems. In addition to increasing the energy dissipation capacity of a structure, energy dissipation systems may also alter the structure stiffness. Both damping and stiffness effects need to be considered in designing energy dissipation systems.

Analysis Procedures

The use of linear analysis procedures is limited to viscous and viscoelastic energy dissipation systems. If nonlinear response is likely or hysteretic or other energy dissipaters are to be analyzed and

designed, nonlinear analysis procedures must be followed. We will limit our discussion to linear analysis procedures.

Similar to the analysis of seismic isolation systems, linear analysis procedures include three methods: linear static, linear response spectrum, and linear time-history analysis.

When using the linear static analysis method, one needs to make sure that the structure, exclusive of the dampers, remains elastic, that the combined structure damper system is regular, and that effective damping does not exceed 30%. The earthquake-induced displacements are reduced due to equivalent viscous damping provided by energy dissipation devices. This results in reduced base shears in the building structure.

The acceptability of the damped structure system should be demonstrated by calculations such that the sum of gravity and seismic loads at each section in each member is less than the member or component capacity.

The linear dynamic response spectrum procedure is used for more complex structure systems, where structures are modeled as MDOF systems. Modal response quantities are reduced based on the amount of equivalent modal damping provided by supplemental damping devices.

Detailed System Requirements

Other factors that need to be considered in designing supplemental damping devices for seismic applications are environmental conditions, nonseismic lateral loads, maintenance and inspection, and manufacturing quality control.

Energy dissipation devices need to be designed with consideration given to environmental conditions including aging effect, creep, and ambient temperature. Structures incorporated with energy-dissipating devices that are susceptible to failure due to low-cycle fatigue should resist the prescribed design wind forces in the elastic range to avoid premature failure. Unlike conventional construction materials that are inspected on an infrequent basis, some energy dissipation hardware will require regular inspections. It is therefore important to make these devices easily accessible for routine inspection and testing or even replacement.

9.6 Recent Developments and Applications

The last few years have seen significantly increased interest in the application of seismic isolation and supplemental damping devices. Many design and application experiences have been published. A shift from safety-only-based seismic design philosophy to a safety-and-performance-based philosophy has put more emphasis on limiting structural damage by controlling structural seismic response. Therefore, seismic isolation and energy dissipation have become more and more attractive alternatives to traditional design methods. Design standards are getting updated with the new development in both theory and technology. While the Guide Specifications referenced in this chapter address mainly elastomeric isolation bearing, new design specifications under development and review will include provisions for more types of isolation devices [26].

Practical Applications of Seismic Isolation

Table 9.5 lists bridges in North America that have isolation bearings installed. This list, as long as it looks, is still not complete. By some estimates, there have been several hundred isolated bridges worldwide, and the number is growing. The Earthquake Engineering Research Center (EERC) at the University of California, Berkeley keeps a complete listing of the bridges with isolation and energy dissipation devices. Table 9.5 is based on information available from the EERC Internet Web site.

Applications of Energy Dissipation Devices to Bridges

Compared with seismic isolation devices, the application of energy dissipation devices as an independent performance improvement measure is lagging behind. This is due, in part, to the lack of code devel-

TABLE 9.5 Seismically Isolated Bridges in North America

Bridge	Location	Owner	Engineer	Bridge Description	Bearing Type	Design Criteria
Dog River Bridge, New, 1992	AL	Mobile Co.	Alabama Hwy = 2E Dept.	Alabama Hwy. Dept.	Three-span cont. steel plate girders	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO Category A
Deas Slough Bridge, Retrofit, 1990	BC	Richmond (Hwy. 99 over Deas Slough)	British Columbia Ministry of Trans. & Hwys.	PBK Eng. Ltd.	Three-span cont. riveted haunched steel plate girders	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO A = 0.2g, Soil profile, Type III
Burrard Bridge Main Spans, Retrofit, 1993	BC	Vancouver (Burrard St. over False Cr.),	City of Vancouver	Buckland & Taylor Ltd.	Side spans are simple span deck trusses; center span is a Pratt through truss	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO A = 0.21g, Soil profile, Type I
Queensborough Bridge, Retrofit, 1994	BC	New Westminster (over N. arm of Fraser River)	British Columbia Ministry of Trans. & Hwys.	Sandwell Eng.	High-level bridge, three-span cont. haunched steel plate girders; two-girder system with floor beams	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO A = 0.2g, Soil profile, Type I
Roberts Park Overhead, New, 1996	BC	Vancouver (Deltaport Extension over BC Rail tracks)	Vancouver Port Corp.	Buckland & Taylor Ltd.	Five-span continuous curved steel plate girders, three girder lines	LRB	AASHTO A = 0.26g, Soil profile, Type II
Granville Bridge, Retrofit, 1996	BC	Vancouver, Canada	—	—	—	FIP	—
White River Bridge, 1997 (est.)	YU	Yukon, Canada	Yukon Trans. Services	—	—	FPS	—
Sierra Pt. Overhead, Retrofit, 1985	CA	S. San Francisco (U.S. 101 over S.P. Railroad)	Caltrans	Caltrans	Longitudinal steel plate girders, trans. steel plate bent cap girders	LRB (DIS/Furon)	Caltrans A = 0.6g, 0 to 10 ft alluvium
Santa Ana River Bridge, Retrofit, 1986	CA	Riverside	MWDSC	Lindvall, Richter & Assoc.	Three 180 ft simple span through trusses, 10 steel girder approach spans	LRB (DIS/Furon)	ATC A = 0.4g, Soil profile, Type II
Eel River Bridge, Retrofit, 1987	CA	Rio Dell (U.S. 101 over Eel River)	Caltrans	Caltrans	Two 300 ft steel through truss simple spans	LRB (DIS/Furon)	Caltrans A = 0.5g, < 150 ft alluvium
Main Yard Vehicle Access Bridge, Retrofit, 1987	CA	Long Beach (former RR bridge over Long Beach Freeway)	LACMTA	W. Koo & Assoc., Inc.	Two 128 ft simple span steel through plate girders, steel floor beams, conc. deck	LRB (DIS/Furon)	Caltrans A = 0.5g, 10 to 80 ft alluvium
All-American Canal Bridge, Retrofit, 1988	CA	Winterhaven, Imperial Co. (I-8 over All-American Canal)	Caltrans	Caltrans	Cont. steel plate girders (replacing former steel deck trusses)	LRB (DIS/Furon)	Caltrans A = 0.6g, >150 ft alluvium
Carlson Boulevard Bridge, New, 1992	CA	Richmond (part of 23rd St. Grade Separation Project)	City of Richmond	A-N West, Inc.	Simple span multicell conc. box girder	LRB (DIS/Furon)	Caltrans A = 0.7g, 80 to 150 ft alluvium
Olympic Boulevard Separation, New, 1993	CA	Walnut Creek (part of the 24/680 Reconstruction Project)	Caltrans	Caltrans	Four-span cont. steel plate girders	LRB (DIS/Furon)	Caltrans A = 0.6g, 10 to 80 ft alluvium

Alemany Interchange, Retrofit, 1994	CA	I-280/U.S. 101 Interchange, San Francisco	Caltrans	PBQD	Single and double deck viaduct, R.C. box girders and cols., 7 cont. units	LRB (DIS/Furon)	Caltrans $A = 0.5g$, 10 to 80 ft alluvium
Route 242/I-680 Separation, Retrofit, 1994	CA	Concord (Rte. 242 SB over I-680)	Caltrans	HDR Eng., Inc.	8 ft-deep cont. prestressed conc. box girder	LRB (DIS/Furon)	Caltrans $A = 0.53g$, 80 to 150 ft alluvium
Bayshore Boulevard Overcrossing, Retrofit, 1994	CA	San Francisco (Bayshore Blvd. over U.S. 101)	Caltrans	Winzler and Kelly	Continuous welded steel plate girders	LRB (DIS/Furon)	Caltrans $A = 0.53g$, 0 to 10 ft alluvium
1st Street over Figuero, Retrofit, 1995	CA	Los Angeles	City of Los Angeles	Kercheval Engineers	Continuous steel plate girders with tapered end spans	LRB	Caltrans $A = 0.6g$, 0 to 10 ft alluvium
Colfax Avenue over L.A. River, Retrofit, 1995	CA	Los Angeles	City of Los Angeles	Kercheval Engineers	Deck truss center span flanked by short steel beam spans	LRB (DIS)	Caltrans $A = 0.5g$, 10 to 80 ft alluvium
Colfax Avenue over L.A. River, Retrofit, 1995	CA	Los Angeles	City of Los Angeles	—	—	EradiQuake (RJ Watson)	—
3-Mile Slough, Retrofit, 1997 (est.)	CA	—	Caltrans	—	—	LRB (Skellerup)	—
Rio Vista, Retrofit, 1997 (est.)	CA	—	Caltrans	—	—	LRB (Skellerup)	—
Rio Mondo Bridge, Retrofit, 1997 (est.)	CA	—	Caltrans	—	—	FPS (EPS)	—
American River Bridge City of Folsom, New, 1997 (est.)	CA	Folsom	City of Folsom	-HDR	Ten-span, 2-frame continuous concrete box girder bridge	FPS (EPS)	Caltrans $A = 0.5g$, 10 to 80 ft alluvium
GGB North Viaduct, Retrofit, 1998 (est.)	CA		GGBHTD	—	—	LRB	—
Benicia–Martinez Bridge Retrofit, 1998 (est.)	CA		Caltrans	—	—	FPS (EPS)	
Coronado Bridge, Retrofit, 1998 (est.)	CA	—	Caltrans	—	—	HDR (not selected)	—
Saugatuck River Bridge, Retrofit, 1994	CT	Westport (I-95 over Saugatuck R.)	ConnDOT	H.W. Lochner, Inc.	Three cont. steel plate girder units of 3, 4, and 3 spans	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.16g$, Soil profile, Type II
Lake Saltonstall Bridge, New, 1995	CT	E. Haven & Branford (I-95 over Lake Saltonstall)	ConnDOT	Steinman Boynton Gronquist & Birdsall	Seven-span cont. steel plate girders	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.15g$, Soil profile, Type III
RT 15 Viaduct, 1996	CT	Hamden	ConnDOT	Boswell Engineers	—	EradiQuake (RJ Watson)	—
Sexton Creek Bridge, New, 1990	IL	Alexander Co. (IL Rte. 3 over Sexton Creek)	ILDOT	ILDOT	Three-span cont. steel plate girders	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.2g$, Soil profile, Type III

TABLE 9.5 (continued)   Seismically Isolated Bridges in North America

Bridge	Location		Owner	Engineer	Bridge Description	Bearing Type	Design Criteria
Cache River Bridge, Retrofit, 1991	IL	Alexander Co. (IL Rte. 3 over Cache R. Diversion Channel)	ILDOT	ILDOT	Three-span cont. steel plate girders	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.2g$, Soil profile, Type III
Route 161 Bridge, New, 1991	IL	St. Clair Co.	ILDOT	Hurst-Rosche Engrs., Inc.	Four-span cont. steel plate girders	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.14g$, Soil profile, Type III
Poplar Street East Approach, Bridge #082-0005, Retrofit, 1992	IL	E. St. Louis (carrying I-55/70/64 across Mississippi R.)	ILDOT	Sverdrup Corp. & Hsiong Assoc.	Two dual steel plate girder units supported on multicol. or wall piers; piled foundations	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.12g$, Soil profile, Type III
Chain-of-Rocks Road over FAP 310, New, 1994	IL	Madison Co.	ILDOT	Oates Assoc.	Four-span cont. curved steel plate girders	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.13g$, Soil profile, Type III
Poplar Street East Approach, Roadway B, New, 1994	IL	E. St. Louis	ILDOT	Sverdrup Corp.	Three-, four- and five-span cont. curved steel plate girder units	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.12g$, Soil profile, Type III
Poplar Street East Approach, Roadway C, New, 1995	IL	E. St. Louis	ILDOT	Sverdrup Corp.	Three-, four- and five-span cont. curved steel plate girder units	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.12g$, Soil profile, Type III
Poplar Street Bridge, Retrofit, 1995	IL	—	ILDOT	—	—	—	—
RT 13 Bridge, 1996	IL	Near Freeburg	ILDOT	Casler, Houser & Hutchison	—	EradiQuake (RJ Watson)	—
Wabash River Bridge, New, 1991	IN	Terra Haute, Vigo Co. (U.S.-40 over Wabash R = 2E)	INDOT	Gannett Flemming	Seven-span cont. steel girders	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.1g$, Soil profile, Type II
US-51 over Minor Slough, New, 1992	KY	Ballard Co.	KTC	KTC	Three 121 ft simple span prestressed conc. I girders with cont. deck	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.25g$, Soil profile, Type II
Clays Ferry Bridge, Retrofit, 1995	KY	I-75 over Kentucky R.	KTC	KTC	Five-span cont. deck truss, haunched at center two piers	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0 = 2E1g$, Soil profile, Type I
Main Street Bridge, Retrofit, 1993	MA	Saugus (Main St. over U.S. Rte. 1)	MHD	Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.	Two-span cont. steel beams with conc. deck	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.17g$, Soil profile, Type I
Neponset River Bridge, New, 1994	MA	New Old Colony RR over Neponset R. between Boston and Quincy	MBTA	Sverdrup Corp.	Simple span steel through girders; double-track ballasted deck	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.15g$, Soil profile, Type III

South Boston Bypass Viaduct, New, 1994	MA	S. Boston	MHDCATP	DRC Consult., Inc.	Conc. deck supported with three trapez. steel box girders; 10-span cont. unit with two curved trapez. steel box girders	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.17g$, Soil profile, Type III
South Station Connector, New, 1994	MA	Boston	MBTA	HNTB	Curved, trapezoidal steel box girders	LRB (DIS)	AASHTO $A = 0.18g$, Soil profile, Type III
North Street Bridge No. K-26, Retrofit, 1995	MA	Grafton (North Street over Turnpike)	MTA	The Maguire Group Inc.	Steel beams, two-span continuous center unit flanked by simple spans	LRB (DIS)	AASHTO $A = 0.17g$, Soil profile, Type II
Old Westborough Road Bridge, Retrofit, 1995	MA	Grafton	MTA	The Maguire Group Inc.	Steel beams, two-span continuous center unit flanked by simple spans	LRB (DIS)	AASHTO $A = 0.17g$, Soil profile, Type I
Summer Street Bridge, Retrofit, 1995	MA	Boston (over Fort Point Channel)	MHD	STV Group	Six-span continuous steel beams	LRB (DIS)	AASHTO $A = 0.17g$, Soil profile, Type III
West Street over I-93, Retrofit, 1995	MA	Wilmington	MHD	Vanesse Hangen Brustlin	Four-span continuous steel beams with concrete deck	LRB (DIS)	AASHTO $A = 0.17g$, Soil profile, Type I
Park Hill over Mass. Pike (I-90), 1995	MA	Millbury	Mass Turnpike	Purcell Assoc./HNTB	—	EradiQuake (RJ Watson)	—
RT 6 Swing Bridge, 1995	MA	New Bedford	MHD	Lichtenstein	—	EradiQuake (RJ Watson)	—
Mass Pike (I-90) over Fuller & North Sts., 1996	MA	Ludlow	Mass Turnpike	Maguire/HNTB	—	EradiQuake (RJ Watson)	—
Endicott Street over RT 128 (I-95), 1996	MA	Danvers	MHD	Anderson Nichols	—	EradiQuake (RJ Watson)	—
I-93 Mass Ave. Interchange, 1996	MA	S. Boston (Central Artery (I-93)/Tunnel (I-90))	MHD	Ammann & Whitney	—	HDR (SEP, formerly Furon)	—
Holyoke/South Hadley Bridge, 1996	MA	South Hadley (Reconstruct over Conn. River & Canal St.)	MHD	Bayside Eng. Assoc., Inc.	—	LRB, NRB (SEP, formerly Furon)	—
NB I-170 Bridge, New, 1991	MO	St. Louis (Metrolink Light Rail over NB I-170)	BSDA	Booker Assoc., Inc. and Horner & Shifrin	Two-span cont. steel box girder flanked by short span steel box girders	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.1g$, Soil profile, Type I
Ramp 26 Bridge, New, 1991	MO	St. Louis (Metrolink Light Rail over Ramp 26)	BSDA	Booker Assoc., Inc. and Horner & Shifrin	Four-span cont. haunched conc. box girder	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.1g$, Soil profile, Type I
Springdale Bridge, New, 1991	MO	St. Louis (Metrolink Light Rail over Springdale Rd.)	BSDA	Booker Assoc., Inc. and Horner & Shifrin	Three-span cont. haunched conc. box girder	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.1g$, Soil profile, Type I
SB I-170/EB I-70 Bridge, New, 1991	MO	St. Louis (Metrolink Light Rail over SB I-170/EB I-70)	BSDA	Booker Assoc., Inc. and Horner & Shifrin	Simple span steel box girder, cont. haunched conc. box girder; cont. curved steel box girder	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.1g$, Soil profile, Type I

TABLE 9.5 (continued)   Seismically Isolated Bridges in North America

Bridge	Location		Owner	Engineer	Bridge Description	Bearing Type	Design Criteria
UMSL Garage Bridge, New, 1991	MO	St. Louis (Metrolink Light Rail over access to UMSL garage)	BSDA	Booker Assoc., Inc. and Horner & Shifrin	Three-span cont. haunched conc. box girder	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO A = 0.1g, Soil profile, Type I
East Campus Drive Bridge, New, 1991	MO	St. Louis (Metrolink Light Rail over E. Campus Dr.)	BSDA	Booker Assoc., Inc. and Horner & Shifrin	Four-span cont. haunched conc. box girder	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO A = 0.1g, Soil profile, Type I
Geiger Road Bridge, New, 1991	MO	St. Louis (Metrolink Light Rail over Geiger Rd.)	BSDA	Booker Assoc., Inc. and Horner & Shifrin	Equal cont. units: one tangent, one curved, four-span haunched conc. box girder	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO A = 0.1g, Soil profile, Type I
Hidalgo–San Rafael Distributor, New, 1995	MX	Mexico (north of Mexico City)	MTB	Dr. Melchor Rodriguez Caballero	Multispan continuous curved steel box girder	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO A = 0.48g, Soil profile, Type II
Relocated NH Route 85 over NH Route 101, New, 1992	NH	Exeter-Stratham, Rockingham Co.	NHDOT	Webster-Martin, Inc.	Two-span cont. steel plate girders	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO A = 0.15g, Soil profile, Type I
Everett Turnpike over Nashua River & Canal, 1994	NH	Nashua	NHDOT	Fay Spofford & Thorndike	—	EradiQuake (RJ Watson)	—
Squamscott River Bridge, New, 1992	NH	Exeter (Relocated NH Rte. 101 over Squamscott R.)	NHDOT	Webster-Martin, Inc.	Six-span cont. steel plate girders	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO A = 0.15g, Soil profile, Type III
Pine Hill Road over Everett Turnpike, New, 1994	NH	Nashua	NHDOT	Costello Lomasney & de Napoli, Inc.	Two-span cont. steel plate girders	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO A = 0. 15g, Soil profile, Type I
I-93 over Fordway Ext., 1997	NH	Derry	NHDOT	Clough Habour	—	EradiQuake (RJ Watson)	—
Pequannock River Bridge, New, 1991	NJ	Morris & Passaic Co. (I-287 over Pequannock R.)	NJDOT	Goodkind & O'Dea, Inc.	Three cont. steel plate girder units of 2, 3, and 3 spans	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO A = 0.12g, Soil profile, Type II
Foundry Street Overpass 106.68, Retrofit, 1993	NJ	Newark (NJ Tpk. over Foundry St.)	NJTPA	Frederick R. Harris, Inc.	Simple span steel beams and conc. deck	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO A = 0.18g, Soil profile, Type II
Wilson Avenue Overpass W105.79SO, Retrofit, 1994	NJ	Newark (NJ Tpk. NSO-E over Wilson Ave.)	NJTPA	Frederick R. Harris, Inc.	Steel beams, three simple spans	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO A = 0.18g, Soil profile, Type I

Conrail Newark Branch Overpass E106.57, Retrofit, 1994	NJ	Newark (NJ Tpk. NB over Conrail-Newark Branch)	NJTPA	Gannett-Fleming, Inc.	Steel plate girders, four simple spans	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.18g$, Soil profile, Type II
Wilson Avenue Overpass E105.79SO, Retrofit, 1994	NJ	Newark (NJ Tpk. Relocated E-NSO & W-NSO over Wilson Ave.)	NJTPA	Frederick R. Harris, Inc.	Steel beams, three simple spans	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.18g$, Soil profile, Type I
Relocated E-NSO Overpass W106.26A, New, 1994	NJ	Newark (NJ Tpk. E-NSO ramp)	NJTPA	Frederick $R = 2E$ Harris, Inc.	Steel plate girders, cont. units of five and four spans	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.18g$, Soil profile, Type II
Berry's Creek Bridge, Retrofit, 1995	NJ	E. Rutherford (Rte. 3 over Berry's Cr. and NJ Transit)	NJDOT	Goodkind and O'Dea, Inc.	Cont. steel plate girders; units of three, four, three, and three spans	LRB (Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.18g$, Soil profile, Type II
Conrail Newark Branch Overpass W106.57, Retrofit, 1995	NJ	Newark (NJ Tpk. Rd. NSW over Conrail-Newark Branch & access rd.)	NJTPA	Frederick R. Harris, Inc.	Steel beams, six simple spans	LRB (DIS)	AASHTO $A = 0.18g$, Soil profile, Type I
Norton House Bridge, Retrofit, 1996	NJ	Pompton Lakes Borough and Wayne Township, Passaic County	NJDOT	A.G. Lichtenstein & Assoc.	Three-span continuous steel beams	LRB (DIS)	AASHTO $A = 0.18g$, Soil profile, Type II
Tacony-Palmyra Approaches, 1996	NJ	Palmyra, NJ	Burlington County Bridge Comm.	Steinman/Parsons Engineers	—	LRB (SEP, formerly Furon)	—
Rte. 4 over Kinderkamack Rd., 1996	NJ	Hackensack, NJ (Widening & Bridge Rehabilitation)	NJDOT	A.G. Lichtenstein & Assoc.	—	LRB, NRB (SEP)	—
Baldwin Street/Highland Avenue, 1996	NJ	Glen Ridge, NJ Bridge over Conrail	NJDOT	A.G. Lichtenstein & Assoc.	—	LRB NRB (SEP, formerly Furon)	—
I-80 Bridges B764E & W, Retrofit, 1992	NV	Verdi, Washoe Co. (I-80 over Truckee R. and a local roadway)	NDOT	NDOT	Simple span composite steel plate girders or rolled beams	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0 = 2E37g$, Soil profile, Type I
West Street Overpass, Retrofit, 1991	NY	Harrison, Westchester Co. (West St. over I-95 New England Thwy.)	NYSTA	N.H. Bettigole, P.C.	Four simple span steel beam structures	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.19g$, Soil profile, Type III
Aurora Expressway Bridge, Retrofit, 1993	NY	Erie Co. (SB lanes of Rte. 400 Aurora Expy. over Cazenovia Cr.)	NYSDOT	NYSDOT	Cont. steel beams with conc. deck	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.19g$, Soil profile, Type III
Mohawk River Bridge, New, 1994	NY	Herkimer	NYSTA	Steinman Boynton Gronquist & Birdsall	Three-span haunched riveted steel plate girders; simple span riveted steel plate girders or rolled beams	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.19g$, Soil profile, Type II

TABLE 9.5 (continued)   Seismically Isolated Bridges in North America

Bridge	Location		Owner	Engineer	Bridge Description	Bearing Type	Design Criteria
Moodna Creek Bridge, Retrofit, 1994	NY	Orange County (NYST over Moodna Cr. at MP52.83)	NYSTA	Ryan Biggs Assoc., Inc.	Three simple spans; steel plate girder center span; rolled beam side spans	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.15g$, Soil profile, Type II
Conrail Bridge, New, 1994	NY	Herkimer (EB and WB rdwys. of NYST over Conrail, Rte. 5, etc.)	NYSTA	Steinman Boynton Gronquist & Birdsall	Four-span cont. curved haunched welded steel plate girders	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.19g$, Soil profile, Type II
Maxwell Ave. over I-95, 1995	NY	Rye	NYS Thruway Authority	Casler Houser & Hutchison	—	EradiQuake (RJ Watson)	—
JFK Terminal One Elevated Roadway, New, 1996	NY	JFK International Airport, New York City	Port Authority of New York & New Jersey	STV Group	Continuous and simple span steel plate girders	LRB	AASHTO $A = 0.19g$, Soil profile, Type III
Buffalo Airport Viaduct, 1996	NY	Buffalo	NFTA	Lu Engineers	—	EradiQuake (RJ Watson)	—
Yonkers Avenue Bridge, 1997	NY	Yonkers	NY DOT	Voilmer & Assoc.	—	EradiQuake (RJ Watson)	—
Clackamas Connector, New, 1992	OR	Milwaukie (part of Tacoma St. Interchange)	ODOT	ODOT	Eight-span cont=2E post-tensioned conc. trapez. box girder	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.29g$, Soil profile, Type III
Hood River Bridges, 1995	OR	Hood River	ODOT	ODOT	—	NRB (Furon)	—
Marquam Bridge, Retrofit, 1995	OR	Portland (I-5 over Willamette River)	ODOT	—	—	FIP	—
Hood River Bridge, Retrofit, 1996	OR	Hood River, OR	ODOT	ODOT	—	FIP	—
Toll Plaza Road Bridge, New, 1990	PA	Montgomery Co. (Approach to toll plaza over Hwy. LR145)	PTC	CECO Assoc., Inc.	176 ft simple span composite steel plate girder	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.1g$, Soil profile, Type II
Montebella Bridge Relocation, 1996	PR	Puerto Rico	P.R. Highway Authority	Walter Ruiz & Assoc.	—	LRB, NRB (SEP, formerly Furon)	—
Blackstone River Bridge, New, 1992	RI	Woonsocket	RIDOT	R.A. Cataldo & Assoc.	Four-span cont. composite steel plate girders	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.1g$, Soil profile, Type II
Providence Viaduct, Retrofit, 1992	RI	Rte. I-95, Providence	RIDOT	Maguire Group	Five-span steel plate girders/haunched steel plate girder units	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.32g$, Soil profile, Type III
Seekonk River Bridge, Retrofit, 1995	RI	Pawtuckett (I-95 over Seekonk River)	RIDOT	A.G Lichenstein & Assoc.	Haunched steel, two-girder floor beam construction	LRB (DIS)	AASHTO $A = 0.32g$, Soil profile, Type I

I-295 to Rte. 10, 1996	RI	Warwick/Cranston (Bridges 662 & 663)	RIDOT	Commowealth Engineers & Consultants	—	LRB (SEP, formerly Furon)	—
Chickahominy River Bridge, New, 1996	VA	Hanover-Hennico County Line (US1 over Chickahominy River)	VDOT	Alpha Corp.	Simple span prestress concrete I-girders with continuous deck	LRB (DIS)	AASHTO $A = 0.13g$, Soil profile, Type I
Ompompanoosuc River Bridge, Retrofit, 1992	VT	Rte. 5, Norwich	VAT	VAT	Three-span cont. steel plate girders	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.25g$, Soil profile, Type III
Cedar River Bridge, New, 1992	WA	Renton (I-405 over Cedar R. and BN RR)	WSDOT	WSDOT	Four-span cont. steel plate girders	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.25g$, Soil profile, Type II
Lacey V. Murrow Bridge, West Approach, Retrofit, 1992	WA	Seattle (Approach to orig. Lake Washington Floating Br.)	WSDOT	Arvid Grant & Assoc., Inc.	Cont. conc. box girders; cont. deck trusses; simple span tied arch	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.25g$, Soil profile, Type II
Coldwater Creek Bridge No. 11, New, 1994	WA	SR504 (Mt. St. Helens Hwy.) over Coldwater Lake Outlet	WSDOT	WSDOT	Three-span cont. steel plate girders	LRB (DIS/Furon)	AASHTO $A = 0.55g$, Soil profile, Type I
East Creek Bridge No. 14, New, 1994	WA	SR504 (Mt. St. Helens Hwy.) over East Cr.	WSDOT	WSDOT	Three-span cont. steel plate girders	LRB (DIS)	AASHTO $A = 0.55g$, Soil profile, Type I
Home Bridge, New, 1994	WA	Home (Key Peninsula Highway over Von Geldem Cove)	Pierce Co. Public Works/Road Dept.	Pierce Co. Public Works Dept.	Prestressed concrete girders; simple spans; continuous for live load.	LRB (DIS)	AASHTO $A = 0.25g$, Soil profile, Type II
Duwamish River Bridge, Retrofit, 1995	WA	Seattle (I-5 over Duwamish River)	WSDOT	Exceltech	Cont. curved steel plate girder unit flanked by curved concrete box girder end spans	LRB (DIS)	AASHTO $A = 0.27g$, Soil profile, Type II

TABLE 9.6 Bridges in North America with Supplemental Damping Devices

Bridge	Location	Type and Number of Dampers	Year	Notes
San Francisco–Oakland Bay Bridge	San Francisco, CA	Viscous dampers Total: 96	1998 (design)	Retrofit of West Suspension spans; 450~650 kips force output, 6~22 in. strokes
Gerald Desmond Bridge	Long Beach, CA	Viscous dampers (Enidine) Total: 258	1996	Retrofit, 258 × 50 kip shock absorbers, 6 in. stroke
Cape Girardeau Bridge	Cape Girardeau, MO	Viscous dampers (Taylor)	1997	New construction of a cable-stayed bridge; dampers used to control longitudinal earthquake movement while allowing free thermal movement
The Golden Gate Bridge	San Francisco, CA	Viscous dampers (to be det.) Total: 40	1999 (est.)	Retrofit, 40 × 650 kip nonlinear dampers, ± 24 in.
Santiago Creek Bridge	California	Viscous dampers (Enidine)	1997 (est.)	New construction; dampers at abutments for energy dissipation in longitudinal direction
Sacramento River Bridge at Rio Vista	Rio Vista, CA	Viscous dampers (Taylor)	1997 (est.)	Retrofit; eight dampers used to control uplift of lift-span towers
Vincent Thomas Bridge	Long Beach, CA	Viscous dampers (to be det.) Total: 16	—	Retrofit, 8 × 200 kip and 8 × 100 kip linear dampers, ± 12 in.
Montlake Bridge	Seattle, WA	Viscous dampers (Taylor)	1996	Protection of new bascule leafs from runaway
West Seattle Bridge	Seattle, WA	Viscous dampers (Taylor)	1990	Deck isolation for swing bridge.

opment and limited applicability of the energy dissipation devices to bridge-type structures as discussed earlier. Table 9.6 gives a list of bridge structures with supplemental damping devices against seismic and wind loads. This table is, again, based on information available from the EERC Internet Web site.

9.7   Summary

An attempt has been made to introduce the basic concepts of seismic isolation and supplemental energy dissipation and their history, current developments, applications, and design-related issues. Although significant strides have been made in terms of implementing these concepts to structural design and performance upgrade, it should be mentioned that these are emerging technologies and that advances are being made constantly. With more realistic prototype testing results being made available to the design community of seismic isolation and supplemental energy dissipation devices from the FHWA/Caltrans testing program, significant improvement in code development will continual make design easier and more standardized.

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Soil–Foundation–Structure Interaction

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10.1 Introduction

Prior to the 1971 San Fernando, California earthquake, nearly all damages to bridges during earthquakes were caused by ground failures, such as liquefaction, differential settlement, slides, and/or spreading; little damage was caused by seismically induced vibrations. Vibratory response considerations had been limited primarily to wind excitations of large bridges, the great importance of which was made apparent by failure of the Tacoma Narrows suspension bridge in the early 1940s, and to moving loads and impact excitations of smaller bridges.

The importance of designing bridges to withstand the vibratory response produced during earthquakes was revealed by the 1971 San Fernando earthquake during which many bridge structures collapsed. Similar bridge failures occurred during the 1989 Loma Prieta and 1994 Northridge, California earthquakes, and the 1995 Kobe, Japan earthquake. As a result of these experiences, much has been done recently to improve provisions in seismic design codes, advance modeling and analysis

procedures, and develop more effective detail designs, all aimed at ensuring that newly designed and retrofitted bridges will perform satisfactorily during future earthquakes.

Unfortunately, many of the existing older bridges in the United States and other countries that are located in regions of moderate to high seismic intensity have serious deficiencies that threaten life safety during future earthquakes. Because of this threat, aggressive actions have been taken in California, and elsewhere, to retrofit such unsafe bridges, bringing their expected performances during future earthquakes to an acceptable level. To meet this goal, retrofit measures have been applied to the superstructures, piers, abutments, and foundations.

It is because of this most recent experience that the importance of coupled soil–foundation–structure interaction (SFSI) on the dynamic response of bridge structures during earthquakes has been fully realized. In treating this problem, two different methods have been used: (1) the "elastodynamic" method developed and practiced in the nuclear power industry for large foundations and (2) the so-called empirical p–y method developed and practiced in the offshore oil industry for pile foundations. Each method has its own strong and weak characteristics, which generally are opposite to those of the other, thus restricting their proper use to different types of bridge foundations. By combining the models of these two methods in series form, a hybrid method is reported herein that makes use of the strong features of both methods, while minimizing their weak features. While this hybrid method may need some further development and validation at this time, it is fundamentally sound; thus, it is expected to become a standard procedure in treating seismic SFSI of large bridges supported on different types of foundations.

The subsequent sections of this chapter discuss all aspects of treating seismic SFSI by the elastodynamic, empirical p–y, and hybrid methods, including generating seismic inputs, characterizing soil–foundation systems, conducting force–deformation demand analyses using the substructuring approach, performing force–deformation capacity evaluations, and judging overall bridge performance.

10.2   Description of SFSI Problems

The broad problem of assessing the response of an engineered structure interacting with its supporting soil or rock medium (hereafter called "soil medium" for simplicity) under static and/or dynamic loadings will be referred to here as the soil–structure interaction (SSI) problem. For a building that generally has its superstructure above ground fully integrated with its substructure below, reference to the SSI problem is appropriate when describing the problem of interaction between the complete system and its supporting soil medium. However, for a long bridge structure, consisting of a superstructure supported on multiple piers and abutments having independent and often distinct foundation systems that in turn are supported on the soil medium, the broader problem of assessing interaction in this case is more appropriately and descriptively referred to as the soil–foundation–structure interaction (SFSI) problem. For convenience, the SFSI problem can be separated into two subproblems, namely, a soil–foundation interaction (SFI) problem and a foundation–structure interaction (FSI) problem. Within the context of SFSI, the SFI part of the total problem is the one to be emphasized, since, once it is solved, the FSI part of the total problem can be solved following conventional structural response analysis procedures. Because the interaction between soil and the foundations of a bridge makes up the core of an SFSI problem, it is useful to review the different types of bridge foundations that may be encountered in dealing with this problem.

Bridge Foundation Types

From the perspective of SFSI, the foundation types commonly used for supporting bridge piers can be classified in accordance with their soil-support configurations into four general types: (1) spread footings, (2) caissons, (3) large-diameter shafts, and (4) slender-pile groups. These types as described separately below are shown in Figure 10.1.

(a) Spread Footing

(b) Caisson

(c) Large-Diameter Shafts

(d) Slender-pile Group
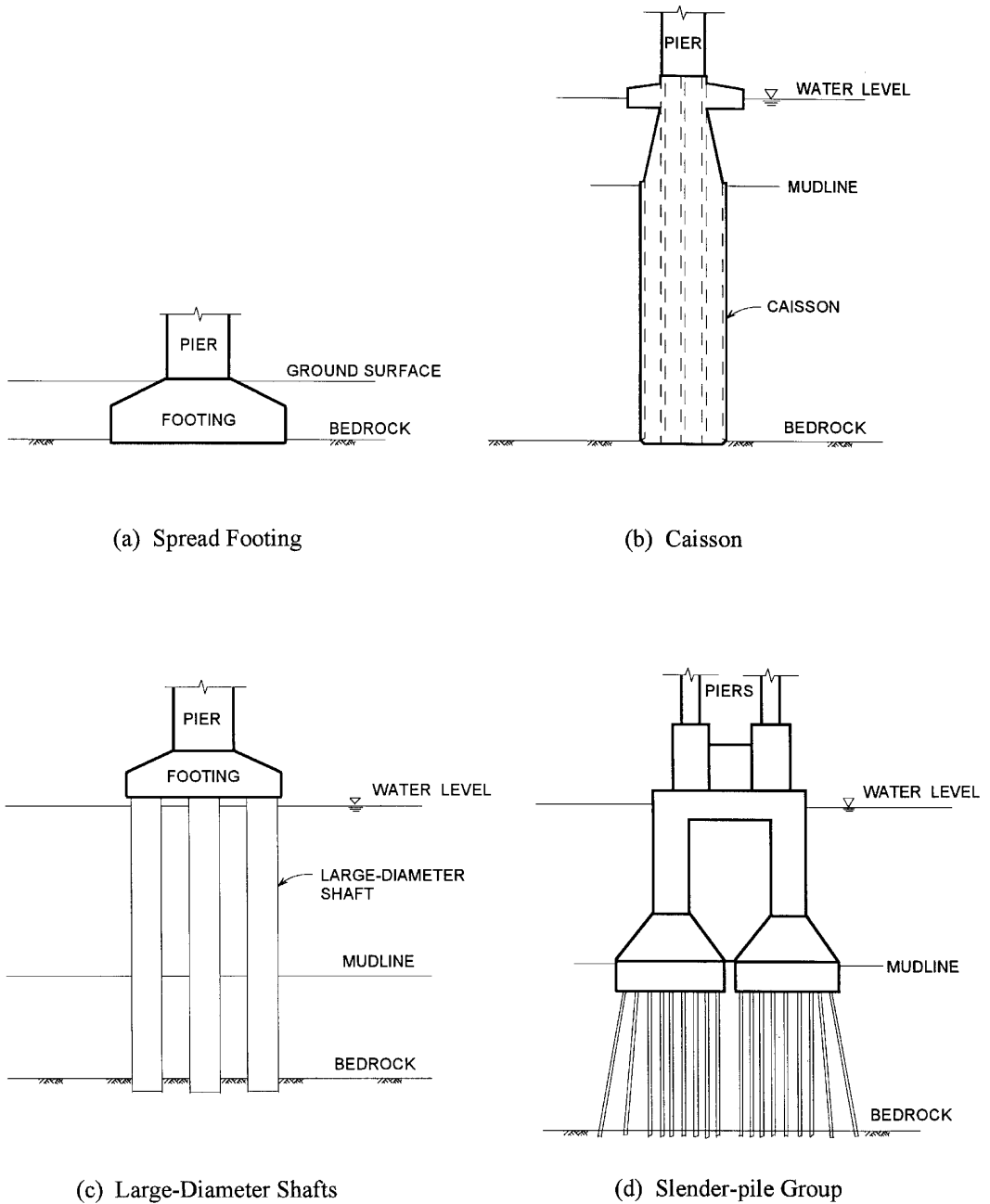
FIGURE 10.1 Bridge foundation types: (a) spread footing; (b) caisson; (c) large-diameter shafts; and (d) slender-pile group.

Spread Footings

Spread footings bearing directly on soil or rock are used to distribute the concentrated forces and moments in bridge piers and/or abutments over sufficient areas to allow the underlying soil strata to support such loads within allowable soil-bearing pressure limits. Of these loads, lateral forces are resisted by a combination of friction on the foundation bottom surface and passive soil pressure on its embedded vertical face. Spread footings are usually used on competent soils or rock that has

high allowable bearing pressures. These foundations may be of several forms, such as (1) isolated footings, each supporting a single column or wall pier; (2) combined footings, each supporting two or more closely spaced bridge columns; and (3) pedestals, which are commonly used for supporting steel bridge columns where it is desirable to terminate the structural steel above grade for corrosion protection. Spread footings are generally designed to support the superimposed forces and moments without uplifting or sliding. Thus, inelastic action of the soils supporting the footings is usually not significant.

Caissons

Caissons are large structural foundations, usually in water, that will permit dewatering to provide a dry condition for excavation and construction of the bridge foundations. They can take many forms to suit specific site conditions and can be constructed of reinforced concrete, steel, or composite steel and concrete. Most caissons are in the form of a large cellular rectangular box or cylindrical shell structure with a sealed base. They extend up from deep firm soil or rock-bearing strata to above mudline where they support the bridge piers. The cellular spaces within the caissons are usually flooded and filled with sand to some depth for greater stability. Caisson foundations are commonly used at deep-water sites having deep soft soils. Transfer of the imposed forces and moments from a single pier takes place by direct bearing of the caisson base on its supporting soil or rock stratum and by passive resistance of the side soils over the embedded vertical face of the caisson. Since the soil-bearing area and the structural rigidity of a caisson is very large, the transfer of forces from the caisson to the surrounding soil usually involves negligible inelastic action at the soil–caisson interface.

Large-Diameter Shafts

These foundations consist of one or more large-diameter, usually in the range of 4 to 12 ft (1.2 to 3.6 m), reinforced concrete cast-in-drilled-hole (CIDH) or concrete cast-in-steel-shell (CISS) piles. Such shafts are embedded in the soils to sufficient depths to reach firm soil strata or rock where a high degree of fixity can be achieved, thus allowing the forces and moments imposed on the shafts to be safely transferred to the embedment soils within allowable soil-bearing pressure limits and/or allowable foundation displacement limits. The development of large-diameter drilling equipment has made this type of foundation economically feasible; thus, its use has become increasingly popular. In actual applications, the shafts often extend above ground surface or mudline to form a single pier or a multiple-shaft pier foundation. Because of their larger expected lateral displacements as compared with those of a large caisson, a moderate level of local soil nonlinearities is expected to occur at the soil–shaft interfaces, especially near the ground surface or mudline. Such nonlinearities may have to be considered in design.

Slender-Pile Groups

Slender piles refer to those piles having a diameter or cross-sectional dimensions less than 2 ft (0.6 m). These piles are usually installed in a group and provided with a rigid cap to form the foundation of a bridge pier. Piles are used to extend the supporting foundations (pile caps) of a bridge down through poor soils to more competent soil or rock. The resistance of a pile to a vertical load may be essentially by point bearing when it is placed through very poor soils to a firm soil stratum or rock, or by friction in case of piles that do not achieve point bearing. In real situations, the vertical resistance is usually achieved by a combination of point bearing and side friction. Resistance to lateral loads is achieved by a combination of soil passive pressure on the pile cap, soil resistance around the piles, and flexural resistance of the piles. The uplift capacity of a pile is generally governed by the soil friction or cohesion acting on the perimeter of the pile. Piles may be installed by driving or by casting in drilled holes. Driven piles may be timber piles, concrete piles with or without prestress, steel piles in the form of pipe sections, or steel piles in the form of structural shapes (e.g., H shape). CIDH piles are reinforced concrete piles installed with or without steel casings. Because of their relatively small cross-sectional dimensions, soil resistance to large pile loads usually develops large local soil nonlinearities that must be considered in

design. Furthermore, since slender piles are normally installed in a group, mutual interactions among piles will reduce overall group stiffness and capacity. The amounts of these reductions depend on the pile-to-pile spacing and the degree of soil nonlinearity developed in resisting the loads.

Definition of SFSI Problems

For a bridge subjected to externally applied static and/or dynamic loadings on the aboveground portion of the structure, the SFSI problem involves evaluation of the structural performance (demand/capacity ratio) of the bridge under the applied loadings taking into account the effect of SFI. Since in this case the ground has no initial motion prior to loading, the effect of SFI is to provide the foundation–structure system with a flexible boundary condition at the soil–foundation interface location when static loading is applied and a compliant boundary condition when dynamic loading is applied. The SFI problem in this case therefore involves (1) evaluation of the soil–foundation interface boundary flexibility or compliance conditions for each bridge foundation, (2) determination of the effects of these boundary conditions on the overall structural response of the bridge (e.g., force, moment, or deformation demands), and (3) evaluation of the resistance capacity of each soil–foundation system that can be compared with the corresponding response demand in assessing performance. That part of determining the soil–foundation interface boundary flexibilities or compliances will be referred to subsequently in a gross term as the "foundation stiffness or impedance problem"; that part of determining the structural response of the bridge as affected by the soil–foundation boundary flexibilities or compliances will be referred to as the "foundation–structure interaction problem"; and that part of determining the resistance capacity of the soil–foundation system will be referred to as the "foundation capacity problem."

For a bridge structure subjected to seismic conditions, dynamic loadings are imposed on the structure. These loadings, which originate with motions of the soil medium, are transmitted to the structure through its foundations; therefore, the overall SFSI problem in this case involves, in addition to the foundation impedance, FSI, and foundation capacity problems described above, the evaluation of (1) the soil forces acting on the foundations as induced by the seismic ground motions, referred to subsequently as the "seismic driving forces," and (2) the effects of the free-field ground-motion-induced soil deformations on the soil–foundation boundary compliances and on the capacity of the soil–foundation systems. In order to evaluate the seismic driving forces on the foundations and the effects of the free-field ground deformations on compliances and capacities of the soil–foundation systems, it is necessary to determine the variations of free-field motion within the ground regions that interact with the foundations. This problem of determining the free-field ground motion variations will be referred to herein as the "free-field site response problem." As will be shown later, the problem of evaluating the seismic driving forces on the foundations is equivalent to determining the "effective or scattered foundation input motions" induced by the free-field soil motions. This problem will be referred to here as the "foundation scattering problem."

Thus, the overall SFSI problem for a bridge subjected to externally applied static and/or dynamic loadings can be separated into the evaluation of (1) foundation stiffnesses or impedances, (2) foundation–structure interactions, and (3) foundation capacities. For a bridge subjected to seismic ground motion excitations, the SFSI problem involves two additional steps, namely, the evaluation of free-field site response and foundation scattering. When solving the total SFSI problem, the effects of the nonzero soil deformation state induced by the free-field seismic ground motions should be evaluated in all five steps mentioned above.

Demand vs. Capacity Evaluations

As described previously, assessing the seismic performance of a bridge system requires evaluation of SFSI involving two parts. One part is the evaluation of the effects of SFSI on the seismic-response demands within the system; the other part is the evaluation of the seismic force and/or deformation

capacities within the system. Ideally, a well-developed methodology should be one that is capable of solving these two parts of the problem concurrently in one step using a unified suitable model for the system. Unfortunately, to date, such a unified method has not yet been developed. Because of the complexities of a real problem and the different emphases usually demanded of the solutions for the two parts, different solution strategies and methods of analysis are warranted for solving these two parts of the overall SFSI problem. To be more specific, evaluation on the demand side of the problem is concerned with the overall SFSI system behavior, which is controlled by the mass, damping (energy dissipation), and stiffness properties, or, collectively, the impedance properties, of the entire system; and the solution must satisfy the dynamic equilibrium and compatibility conditions of the global system. This system behavior is not sensitive, however, to approximations made on local element behavior; thus, its evaluation does not require sophisticated characterizations of the detailed constitutive relations of its local elements. For this reason, evaluation of demand has often been carried out using a linear or equivalent linear analysis procedure. On the contrary, evaluation of capacity must be concerned with the extreme behavior of local elements or subsystems; therefore, it must place emphasis on the detailed constitutive behaviors of the local elements or subsystems when deformed up to near-failure levels. Since only local behaviors are of concern, the evaluation does not have to fully satisfy the global equilibrium and compatibility conditions of the system. For this reason, evaluation of capacity is often obtained by conducting nonlinear analyses of detailed local models of elements or subsystems or by testing of local members, connections, or subassemblages, subjected to simple pseudo-static loading conditions.

Because of the distinct differences between effective demand and capacity analyses as described above, the analysis procedures presented subsequently differentiate between these two parts of the overall SFSI problem.

10.3   Current State of the Practice

The evaluation of SFSI effects on bridges located in regions of high seismicity has not received as much attention as for other critical engineered structures, such as dams, nuclear facilities, and offshore structures. In the past, the evaluation of SFSI effects for bridges has, in most cases, been regarded as a part of the bridge foundation design problem. Thus, emphasis has been placed on the evaluation of load-resisting capacities of various foundation systems with relatively little attention having been given to the evaluation of SFSI effects on seismic-response demands within the complete bridge system. Only recently have formal SSI analysis methodologies and procedures, developed and applied in other industries, been adopted and applied to seismic performance evaluations of bridges [1], especially large important bridges [2,3].

Even though the SFSI features of bridges pose their own distinct problems (e.g., multiple independent foundations of different types supported in highly variable soil conditions ranging from hard to very soft), the current practice is to adopt, with minor modifications, the same methodologies and procedures developed and practiced in other industries, most notably, the nuclear power and offshore oil industries. Depending upon the foundation type and its soil-support condition, the procedures currently being used in evaluating SFSI effects on bridges can broadly be classified into two main methods, namely, the so-called elastodynamic method that has been developed and practiced in the nuclear power industry for large foundations, and the so-called empirical *p–y* method that has been developed and practiced in the offshore oil industry for pile foundations. The bases and applicabilities of these two methods are described separately below.

Elastodynamic Method

This method is based on the well-established elastodynamic theory of wave propagation in a linear elastic, viscoelastic, or constant-hysteresis-damped elastic half-space soil medium. The fundamental element of this method is the constitutive relation between an applied harmonic point load and

the corresponding dynamic response displacements within the medium called the dynamic Green's functions. Since these functions apply only to a linear elastic, viscoelastic, or constant-hysteresis-damped elastic medium, they are valid only for linear SFSI problems. Since application of the elastodynamic method of analysis uses only mass, stiffness, and damping properties of an SFSI system, this method is suitable only for global system response analysis applications. However, by adopting the same equivalent linearization procedure as that used in the seismic analysis of free-field soil response, e.g., that used in the computer program SHAKE [4], the method has been extended to one that can accommodate global soil nonlinearities, i.e., those nonlinearities induced in the free-field soil medium by the free-field seismic waves [5].

Application of the elastodynamic theory to dynamic SFSI started with the need for solving machine–foundation vibration problems [6]. Along with other rapid advances in earthquake engineering in the 1970s, application of this theory was extended to solving seismic SSI problems for building structures, especially those of nuclear power plants [7–9]. Such applications were enhanced by concurrent advances in analysis techniques for treating soil dynamics, including development of the complex modulus representation of dynamic soil properties and use of the equivalent linearization technique for treating ground-motion-induced soil nonlinearities [10–12]. These developments were further enhanced by the extensive model calibration and methodology validation and refinement efforts carried out in a comprehensive large-scale SSI field experimental program undertaken by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) in the 1980s [13]. All of these efforts contributed to advancing the elastodynamic method of SSI analysis currently being practiced in the nuclear power industry [5].

Because the elastodynamic method of analysis is capable of incorporating mass, stiffness, and damping characteristics of each soil, foundation, and structure subsystem of the overall SFSI system, it is capable of capturing the dynamic interactions between the soil and foundation subsystems and between the foundations and structure subsystem; thus, it is suitable for seismic demand analyses. However, since the method does not explicitly incorporate strength characteristics of the SFSI system, it is not suitable for capacity evaluations.

As previously mentioned, four types of foundations are commonly used for bridges: (1) spread footings, (2) caissons, (3) large-diameter shafts, and (4) slender-pile groups. Since only small local soil nonlinearities are induced at the soil–foundation interfaces of spread footings and caissons, application of the elastodynamic method of seismic demand analysis of the complete SFSI system is valid. However, the validity of applying this method to large-diameter shaft foundations depends on the diameter of the shafts and on the amplitude of the imposed loadings. When the shaft diameter is large so that the load amplitudes produce only small local soil nonlinearities, the method is reasonably valid. However, when the shaft diameter is relatively small, the larger-amplitude loadings will produce local soil nonlinearities sufficiently large to require that the method be modified as discussed subsequently. Application of the elastodynamic method to slender-pile groups is usually invalid because of the large local soil nonlinearities that develop near the pile boundaries. Only for very low amplitude loadings can the method be used for such foundations.

Empirical *p–y* Method

This method was originally developed for the evaluation of pile–foundation response due to lateral loads [14–16] applied externally to offshore structures. As used, it characterizes the lateral soil resistance per unit length of pile, *p*, as a function of the lateral displacement, *y*. The *p–y* relation is generally developed on the basis of an empirical curve that reflects the nonlinear resistance of the local soil surrounding the pile at a specified depth (Figure 10.2). Construction of the curve depends mainly on soil material strength parameters, e.g., the friction angle, ϕ, for sands and cohesion, *c*, for clays at the specified depth. For shallow soil depths where soil surface effects become important, construction of these curves also depends on the local soil failure mechanisms, such as failure by a passive soil resistance wedge. Typical *p–y* curves developed for a pile at different soil depths are shown in Figure 10.3. Once the set of *p–y* curves representing the soil resistances at discrete values
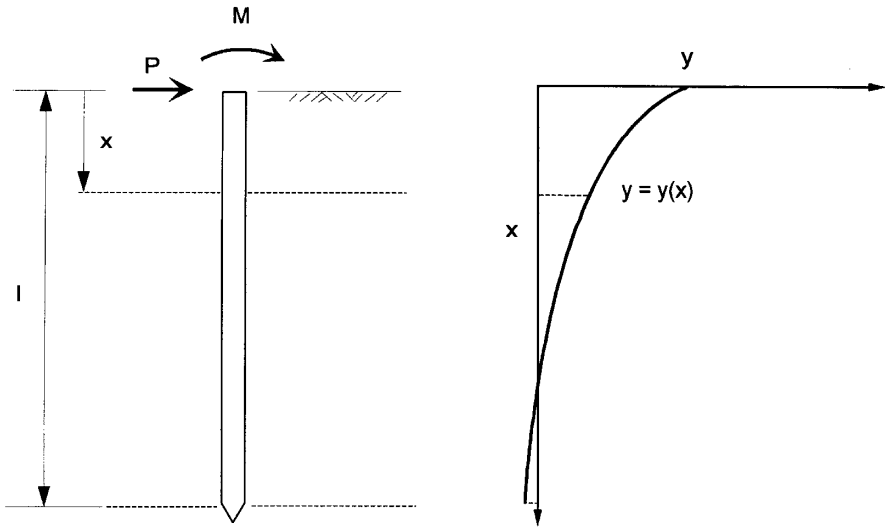
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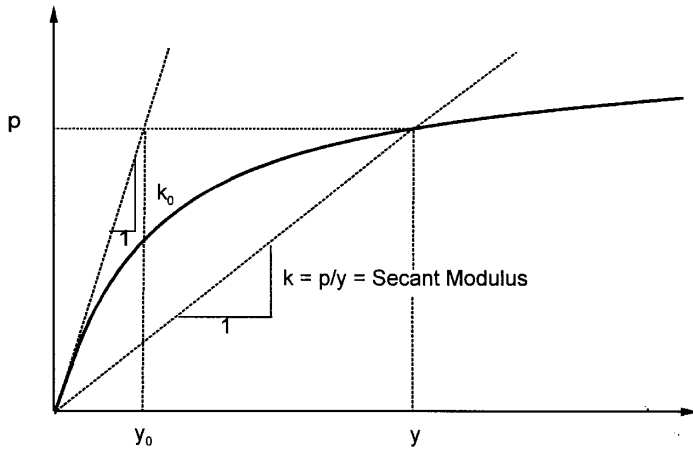
Lateral Soil Resistance "p-y" Curve at Depth x

FIGURE 10.2   Empirical *p–y* curves and secant modulus.

of depth along the length of the pile has been constructed, evaluation of pile response under a specified set of lateral loads is accomplished by solving the problem of a beam supported laterally on discrete nonlinear springs. The validity and applicability of this method are based on model calibrations and correlations with field experimental results [15,16].

Based on the same model considerations used in developing the *p–y* curves for lateral response analysis of piles, the method has been extended to treating the axial resistance of soils to piles per unit length of pile, *t,* as a nonlinear function of the corresponding axial displacement, *z,* resulting in the so-called axial *t–z* curve, and treating the axial resistance of the soils at the pile tip, *Q,* as a
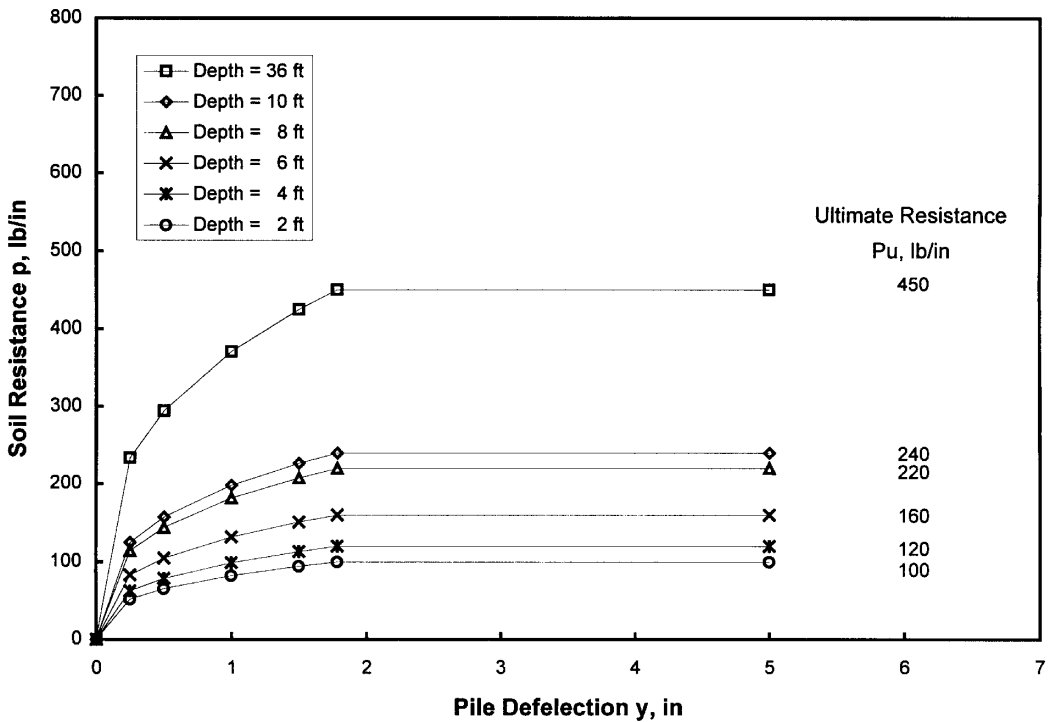
FIGURE 10.3 Typical *p–y* curves for a pile at different depths.

nonlinear function of the pile tip axial displacement, *d,* resulting in the so-called *Q–d* curve. Again, the construction of the *t–z* and *Q–d* curves for a soil-supported pile is based on empirical curvilinear forms and the soil strength parameters as functions of depth. By utilizing the set of *p–y*, *t–z*, and *Q–d* curves developed for a pile foundation, the response of the pile subjected to general three-dimensional (3-D) loadings applied at the pile head can be solved using the model of a 3-D beam supported on discrete sets of nonlinear lateral *p–y*, axial *t–z*, and axial *Q–d* springs. The method as described above for solving a soil-supported pile foundation subjected to applied loadings at the pile head is referred to here as the empirical *p–y* method, even though it involves not just the lateral *p–y* curves but also the axial *t–z* and *Q–d* curves for characterizing the soil resistances.

Since this method depends primarily on soil-resistance strength parameters and does not incorporate soil mass, stiffness, and damping characteristics, it is, strictly speaking, applicable only for capacity evaluations of slender-pile foundations and is not suitable for seismic-demand evaluations because, as mentioned previously, a demand evaluation for an SFSI system requires the incorporation of the mass, stiffness, and damping properties of each of the constituent parts, namely, the soil, foundation, and structure subsystems.

Even though the *p–y* method is not strictly suited to demand analyses, it is current practice in performing seismic-demand evaluations for bridges supported on slender-pile group foundations to make use of the empirical nonlinear *p–y*, *t–z*, and *Q–d* curves in developing a set of equivalent linear lateral and axial soil springs attached to each pile at discrete elevations in the foundation. The soil–pile systems developed in this manner are then coupled with the remaining bridge structure to form the complete SFSI system for use in a seismic-demand analysis. The initial stiffnesses of the equivalent linear *p–y*, *t–z*, and *Q–d* soil springs are based on secant moduli of the nonlinear *p–y*, *t–y*, and *Q–d* curves, respectively, at preselected levels of lateral and axial pile displacements, as shown schematically in Figure 10.2. After completing the initial demand analysis, the amplitudes of pile displacement are compared with the corresponding preselected amplitudes to check on their

mutual compatibilities. If incompatibilities exist, the initial set of equivalent linear stiffnesses is adjusted and a second demand analysis is performed. Such iterations continue until reasonable compatibility is achieved. Since soil inertia and damping properties are not included in the above-described demand analysis procedure, it must be considered approximate; however, it is reasonably valid when the nonlinearities in the soil resistances become so large that the inelastic components of soil deformations adjacent to piles are much larger than the corresponding elastic components. This condition is true for a slender-pile group foundation subjected to relatively large amplitude pile-head displacements. However, for a large-diameter shaft foundation, having larger soil-bearing areas and higher shaft stiffnesses, the inelastic components of soil deformations may be of the same order or even smaller than the elastic components, in which case application of the empirical *p–y* method for a demand analysis as described previously can result in substantial errors.

10.4 Seismic Inputs to SFSI System

The first step in conducting a seismic performance evaluation of a bridge structure is to define the seismic input to the coupled soil–foundation–structure system. In a design situation, this input is defined in terms of the expected free-field motions in the soil region surrounding each bridge foundation. It is evident that to characterize such motions precisely is practically unachievable within the present state of knowledge of seismic ground motions. Therefore, it is necessary to use a rather simplistic approach in generating such motions for design purposes. The procedure most commonly used for designing a large bridge is to (1) generate a three-component (two horizontal and vertical) set of accelerograms representing the free-field ground motion at a "control point" selected for the bridge site and (2) characterize the spatial variations of the free-field motions within each soil region of interest relative to the control motions.

The control point is usually selected at the surface of bedrock (or surface of a firm soil stratum in case of a deep soil site), referred to here as "rock outcrop," at the location of a selected reference pier; and the free-field seismic wave environment within the local soil region of each foundation is assumed to be composed of vertically propagating plane shear (*S*) waves for the horizontal motions and vertically propagating plane compression (*P*) waves for the vertical motions. For a bridge site consisting of relatively soft topsoil deposits overlying competent soil strata or rock, the assumption of vertically propagating plane waves over the depth of the foundations is reasonably valid as confirmed by actual field downhole array recordings [17].

The design ground motion for a bridge is normally specified in terms of a set of parameter values developed for the selected control point that include a set of target acceleration response spectra (ARS) and a set of associated ground motion parameters for the design earthquake, namely, (1) magnitude, (2) source-to-site distance, (3) peak ground (rock-outcrop) acceleration (PGA), velocity (PGV), and displacement (PGD), and (4) duration of strong shaking. For large important bridges, these parameter values are usually established through regional seismic investigations coupled with site-specific seismic hazard and ground motion studies, whereas, for small bridges, it is customary to establish these values based on generic seismic study results such as contours of regional PGA values and standard ARS curves for different general classes of site soil conditions.

For a long bridge supported on multiple piers that are in turn supported on multiple foundations spaced relatively far apart, the spatial variations of ground motions among the local soil regions of the foundations need to also be defined in the seismic input. Based on the results of analyses using actual earthquake ground motion recordings obtained from strong motion instrument arrays, such as the El Centro differential array in California and the SMART-1 array in Taiwan, the spatial variations of free-field seismic motions have been characterized using two parameters: (1) apparent horizontal wave propagation velocity (speed and direction), which controls the first-order spatial variations of ground motion due to the seismic wave passage effect, and (2) a set of horizontal and vertical ground motion "coherency functions," which quantifies the second-order ground motion variations due to scattering and complex 3-D wave propagation [18]. Thus, in addition to the design

ground motion parameter values specified for the control motion, characterizing the design seismic inputs to long bridges needs to include the two additional parameters mentioned above, namely, (1) apparent horizontal wave velocity and (2) ground motion coherency functions; therefore, the seismic input motions developed for the various pier foundation locations need to be compatible with the values specified for these two additional parameters.

Having specified the design seismic ground motion parameters, the steps required in establishing the pier foundation location-specific seismic input motions for a particular bridge are as follows:

1. Develop a three-component (two horizontal and vertical) set of free-field rock-outcrop motion time histories that are compatible with the design target ARS and associated design ground motion parameters applicable at a selected single control point location at the bridge site (these motions are referred to here simply as the "response spectrum compatible time histories" of control motion).

2. Generate response-spectrum-compatible time histories of free-field rock-outcrop motions at each bridge pier support location such that their coherencies relative to the corresponding components of the response spectrum compatible motions at the control point and at other pier support locations are compatible with the wave passage parameters and the coherency functions specified for the site (these motions are referred to here as response spectrum and coherency compatible motions).

3. Carry out free-field site response analyses for each pier support location to obtain the time histories of free-field soil motions at specified discrete elevations over the full depth of each foundation using the corresponding response spectrum and coherency compatible free-field rock-outcrop motions as inputs.

In the following sections, procedures will be presented for generating the set of response spectrum compatible rock-outcrop time histories of motion at the control point location and for generating the sets of response spectrum and coherency compatible rock-outcrop time histories of motion at all pier support locations, and guidelines will be given for performing free-field site response analyses.

Free-Field Rock-Outcrop Motions at Control-Point Location

Given a prescribed set of target ARS and a set of associated design ground motion parameters for a bridge site as described previously, the objective here is to develop a three-component set of time histories of control motion that (1) provides a reasonable match to the corresponding target ARS and (2) has time-history characteristics reasonably compatible with the other specified associated ground motion parameter values. In the past, several different procedures have been used for developing rock-outcrop time histories of motion compatible with a prescribed set of target ARS. These procedures are summarized as follows:

1. *Response Spectrum Compatibility Time History Adjustment Method* [19–22] — This method as generally practiced starts by selecting a suitable three-component set of initial or "starting" accelerograms and proceeds to adjust each of them iteratively, using either a time-domain [21,23] or a frequency-domain [19,20,22] procedure, to achieve compatibility with the specified target ARS and other associated parameter values. The time-domain adjustment procedure usually produces only small local adjustments to the selected starting time histories, thereby producing response spectrum compatible time histories closely resembling the initial motions. The general "phasing" of the seismic waves in the starting time history is largely maintained while achieving close compatibility with the target ARS: minor changes do occur, however, in the phase relationships. The frequency-domain procedure as commonly used retains the phase relationships of an initial motion, but does not always provide as close a fit to the target spectrum as does the time-domain procedure. Also, the motion produced by the frequency-domain procedure shows greater visual differences from the initial motion.

2. *Source-to-Site Numerical Model Time-History Simulation Method* [24–27] — This method generally starts by constructing a numerical model to represent the controlling earthquake source and source-to-site transmission and scattering functions, and then accelerograms are synthesized for the site using numerical simulations based on various plausible fault-rupture scenarios. Because of the large number of time-history simulations required in order to achieve a "stable" average ARS for the ensemble, this method is generally not practical for developing a complete set of time histories to be used directly; rather, it is generally used to supplement a set of actual recorded accelerograms, in developing site-specific target response spectra and associated ground motion parameter values.

3. *Multiple Actual Recorded Time History Scaling Method* [28,29] — This method starts by selecting multiple 3-component sets (generally ≥7) of actual recorded accelerograms that are subsequently scaled in such a way that the average of their response spectral ordinates over the specified frequency (or period) range of interest matches the target ARS. Experience in applying this method shows that its success depends very much on the selection of time histories. Because of the lack of suitable recorded time histories, individual accelerograms often have to be scaled up or down by large multiplication factors, thus raising questions about the appropriateness of such scaling. Experience also indicates that unless a large ensemble of time histories (typically >20) is selected, it is generally difficult to achieve matching of the target ARS over the entire spectral frequency (or period) range of interest.

4. *Connecting Accelerogram Segments Method* [55] — This method produces a synthetic time history by connecting together segments of a number of actual recorded accelerograms in such a way that the ARS of the resulting time history fits the target ARS reasonably well. It generally requires producing a number of synthetic time histories to achieve acceptable matching of the target spectrum over the entire frequency (or period) range of interest.

At the present time, Method 1 is considered most suitable and practical for bridge engineering applications. In particular, the time-domain time-history adjustment procedure that produces only local time-history disturbances has been applied widely in recent applications. This method as developed by Lilhanand and Tseng [21] in 1988, which is based on earlier work by Kaul [30] in 1978, is described below.

The time-domain procedure for time-history adjustment is based on the inherent definition of a response spectrum and the recognition that the times of occurrence of the response spectral values for the specified discrete frequencies and damping values are not significantly altered by adjustments of the time history in the neighborhoods of these times. Thus, each adjustment, which is made by adding a small perturbation, $\delta a(t)$, to the selected initial or starting acceleration time history, $a(t)$, is carried out in an iterative manner such that, for each iteration, i, an adjusted acceleration time history, $a_i(t)$, is obtained from the previous acceleration time history, $a_{(i-1)}(t)$, using the relation

$$a_i(t) = a_{(i-1)}(t) + \delta a_i(t) \tag{10.1}$$

The small local adjustment, $\delta a_i(t)$, is determined by solving the integral equation

$$\delta R_i(\omega_j, \beta_k) = \int_0^{t_{jk}} \delta a_i(\tau) h_{jk}(t_{jk} - \tau) d\tau \tag{10.2}$$

which expresses the small change in the acceleration response value $\delta R_i(\omega_j, \beta_k)$ for frequency ω_j and damping β_k resulting from the local time-history adjustment $\delta a_i(t)$. This equation makes use of the acceleration unit–impulse response function $h_{jk}(t)$ for a single-degree-of-freedom oscillator having a natural frequency ω_j and a damping ratio β_k. Quantity t_{jk} in the integral represents the time at which its corresponding spectral value occurs, and τ is a time lag.

By expressing $\delta a_i(t)$ as a linear combination of impulse response functions with unknown coefficients, the above integral equation can be transformed into a system of linear algebraic equations that can easily be solved for the unknown coefficients. Since the unit–impulse response functions decay rapidly due to damping, they produce only localized perturbations on the acceleration time history. By repeatedly applying the above adjustment, the desired degree of matching between the response spectra of the modified motions and the corresponding target spectra is achieved, while, in doing so, the general characteristics of the starting time history selected for adjustment are preserved.

Since this method of time-history modification produces only local disturbances to the starting time history, the time-history phasing characteristics (wave sequence or pattern) in the starting time history are largely maintained. It is therefore important that the starting time history be selected carefully. Each three-component set of starting accelerograms for a given bridge site should preferably be a set recorded during a past seismic event that has (1) a source mechanism similar to that of the controlling design earthquake, (2) a magnitude within about ±0.5 of the target controlling earthquake magnitude, and (3) a closest source-to-site distance within 10 km of the target source-to-site distance. The selected recorded accelerograms should have their PGA, PGV, and PGD values and their strong shaking durations within a range of ±25% of the target values specified for the bridge site and they should represent free-field surface recordings on a rock, rocklike, or stiff soil site; no recordings on a soft site should be used. For a close-in controlling seismic event, e.g., within about 10 km of the site, the selected accelerograms should contain a definite velocity pulse or the so-called fling. When such recordings are not available, Method 2 described previously can be used to generate a starting set of time histories having an appropriate fling or to modify the starting set of recorded motions to include the desired directional velocity pulse.

Having selected a three-component set of starting time histories, the horizontal components should be transformed into their principal components and the corresponding principal directions should be evaluated [31]. These principal components should then be made response spectrum compatible using the time-domain adjustment procedure described above or the standard frequency-domain adjustment procedure [20,22,32]. Using the latter procedure, only the Fourier amplitude spectrum, not the phase spectrum, is adjusted iteratively.

The target acceleration response spectra are in general identical for the two horizontal principal components of motion; however, a distinct target spectrum is specified for the vertical component. In such cases, the adjusted response spectrum compatible horizontal components can be oriented horizontally along any two orthogonal coordinate axes in the horizontal plane considered suitable for structural analysis applications. However, for bridge projects that have controlling seismic events with close-in seismic sources, the two horizontal target response spectra representing motions along a specified set of orthogonal axes are somewhat different, especially in the low-frequency (long-period) range; thus, the response spectrum compatible time histories must have the same definitive orientation. In this case, the generated three-component set of response spectrum compatible time histories should be used in conjunction with their orientation. The application of this three-component set of motions in a different coordinate orientation requires transforming the motions to the new coordinate system. It should be noted that such a transformation of the components will generally result in time histories that are not fully compatible with the original target response spectra. Thus, if response spectrum compatibility is desired in a specific coordinate orientation (such as in the longitudinal and transverse directions of the bridge), target response spectra in the specific orientation should be generated first and then a three-component set of fully response spectrum compatible time histories should be generated for this specific coordinate system.

As an example, a three-component set of response spectrum compatible time histories of control motion, generated using the time-domain time history adjustment procedure, is shown in Figure 10.4.
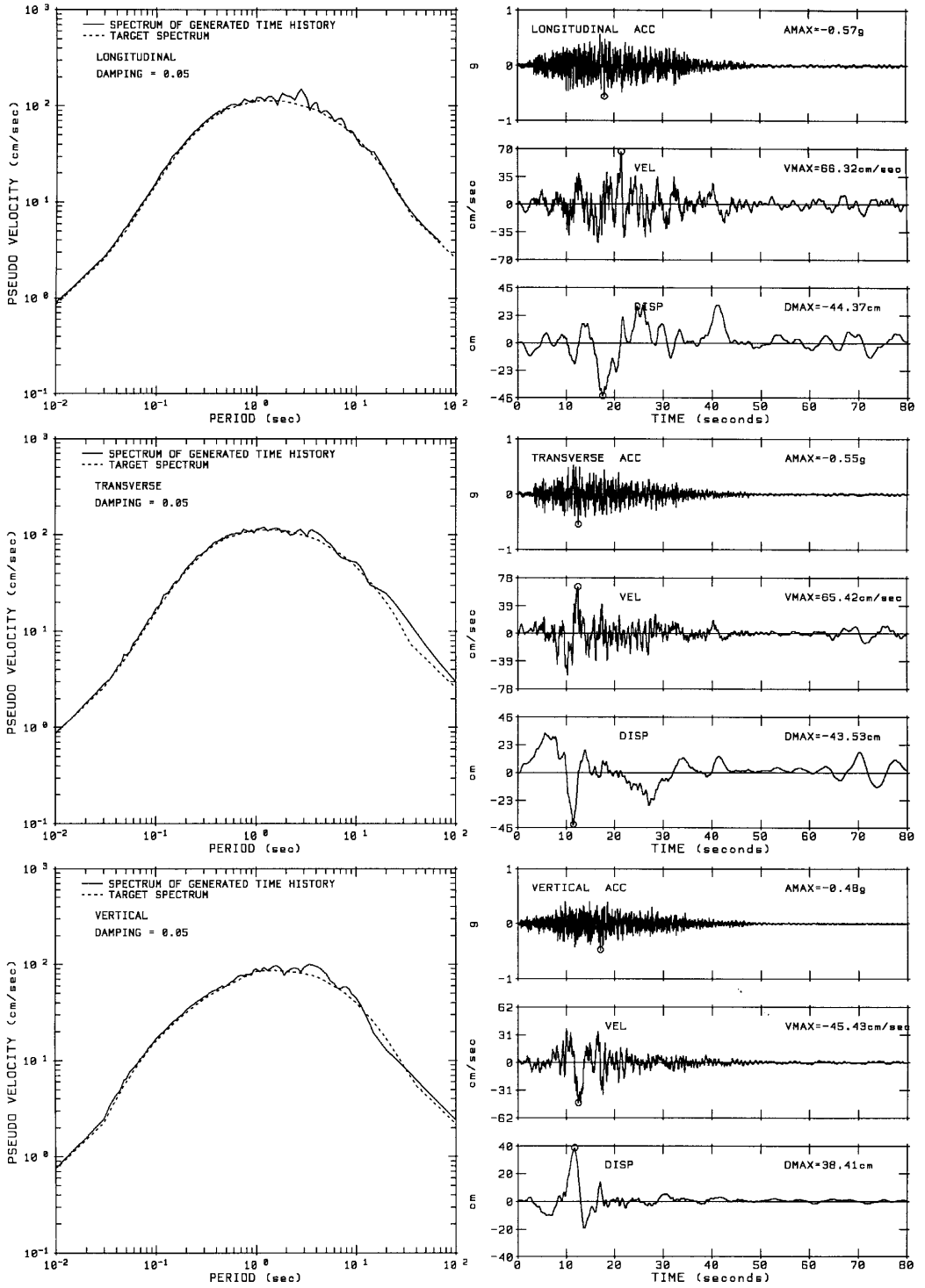
FIGURE 10.4   Examples of a three-component set of response spectrum compatible time histories of control motion.

Free-Field Rock-Outcrop Motions at Bridge Pier Support Locations

As mentioned previously, characterization of the spatial variations of ground motions for engineering purposes is based on a set of wave passage parameters and ground motion coherency functions. The wave passage parameters currently used are the apparent horizontal seismic wave speed, V, and its direction angle θ relative to an axis normal to the longitudinal axis of the bridge. Studies of strong- and weak-motion array data including those in California, Taiwan, and Japan show that the apparent horizontal speed of S-waves in the direction of propagation is typically in the 2 to 3 km/s range [18,33]. In applications, the apparent wave-velocity vector showing speed and direction must be projected along the bridge axis giving the apparent wave speed in that direction as expressed by

$$V_{\text{bridge}} = \frac{V}{\sin \theta} \tag{10.3}$$

To be realistic, when θ becomes small, a minimum angle for θ, say, 30°, should be used in order to account for waves arriving in directions different from the specified direction.

The spatial coherency of the free-field components of motion in a single direction at various locations on the ground surface has been parameterized by a complex coherency function defined by the relation

$$\Gamma_{ij}(i\omega) = \frac{S_{ij}(i\omega)}{\sqrt{S_{ii}(\omega)}\sqrt{S_{jj}(\omega)}} \quad i, j = 1, 2, \ldots, n \text{ locations} \tag{10.4}$$

in which $S_{ij}(i\omega)$ is the smoothed complex cross-power spectral density function and $S_{ii}(\omega)$ and $S_{jj}(\omega)$ are the smoothed real power spectral density (PSD) functions of the components of motion at locations i and j. The notation $i\omega$ in the above equation is used to indicate that the coefficients $S_{ij}(i\omega)$ are complex valued (contain both real and imaginary parts) and are dependent upon excitation frequency ω. Based on analyses of strong-motion array data, a set of generic coherency functions for the horizontal and vertical ground motions has been developed [34]. These functions for discrete separation distances between locations i and j are plotted against frequency in Figure 10.5.

Given a three-component set of response spectrum compatible time histories of rock-outcrop motions developed for the selected control point location and a specified set of wave passage parameters and "target" coherency functions as described above, response spectrum compatible and coherency compatible multiple-support rock-outcrop motions applicable to each pier support location of the bridge can be generated using the procedure presented below. This procedure is based on the "marching method" developed by Hao et al. [32] in 1989 and extended by Tseng et al. [35] in 1993.

Neglecting, for the time being, ground motion attenuation along the bridge axis, the components of rock-outcrop motions at all pier support locations in a specific direction have PSD functions that are common with the PSD function $S_o(\omega)$ specified for the control motion, i.e.,

$$S_{ii}(\omega) = S_{jj}(\omega) = S_o(\omega) = \left| u_o(i\omega) \right|^2 \tag{10.5}$$

where $u_o(i\omega)$ is the Fourier transform of the corresponding component of control motion, $u_o(t)$. By substituting Eq. (10.5) into Eq. (10.4), one obtains

$$S_{ij}(i\omega) = \Gamma_{ij}(i\omega) \, S_o(\omega) \tag{10.6}$$

COHERENCY FUNCTIONS FOR HORIZONTAL MOTIONS

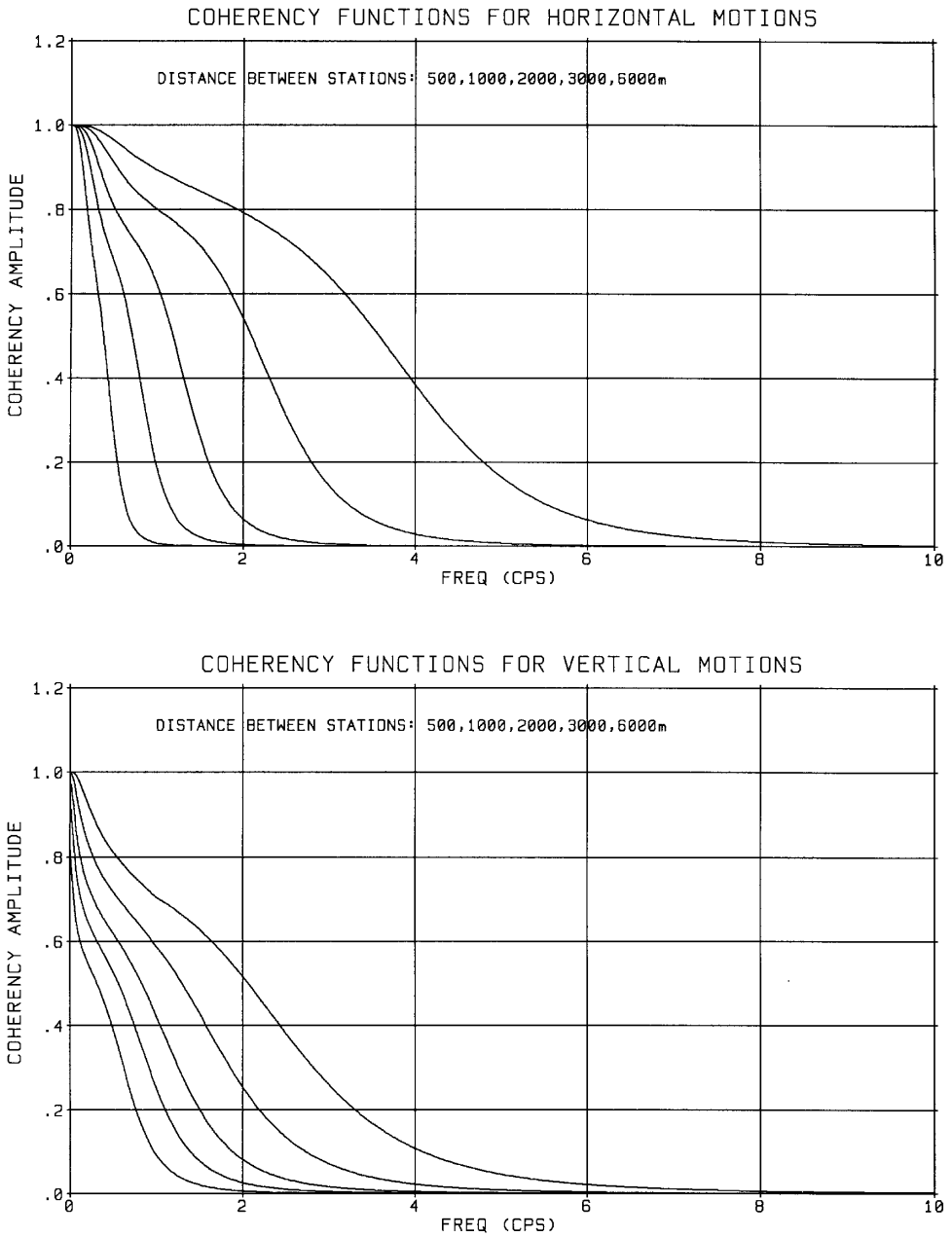COHERENCY FUNCTIONS FOR VERTICAL MOTIONS

FIGURE 10.5   Example of coherency functions of frequency at discrete separation distances.

which can be rewritten in a matrix form for all pier support locations as follows:

$$S(i\omega) = \; \boldsymbol{\Gamma}(i\omega) \; S_o(\omega) \tag{10.7}$$

Since, by definition, the coherency matrix $\boldsymbol{\Gamma}(i\omega)$ is an Hermitian matrix, it can be decomposed into a complex conjugate pair of lower and upper triangular matrices $\boldsymbol{L}(i\omega)$ and $\boldsymbol{L}^*(i\omega)^T$ as expressed by

$$\boldsymbol{\Gamma}(i\omega) = \boldsymbol{L}(i\omega) \;\; \boldsymbol{L}^*(i\omega)^T \tag{10.8}$$

in which the symbol ∗ denotes complex conjugate. In proceeding, let

$$\boldsymbol{u}(i\omega) = \boldsymbol{L}(i\omega)\,\boldsymbol{\eta}_{\phi_i}(i\omega)u_o(i\omega) \tag{10.9}$$

in which $\boldsymbol{u}(\omega)$ is a vector containing components of motion $u_i(\omega)$ for locations, $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$; and $\boldsymbol{\eta}_{\phi_j}(i\omega) = \{e^{i\phi_i(\omega)}\}$ is a vector containing unit amplitude components having random-phase angles $\phi_i(\omega)$. If $\phi_i(\omega)$ and $\phi_j(\omega)$ are uniformly distributed random-phase angles, the relations

$$E[\eta_{\phi_i}(i\omega)\eta_{\phi_j}^*(i\omega)] = 0 \quad \text{if } i \neq j$$

$$E[\eta_{\phi_i}(i\omega)\eta_{\phi_j}^*(i\omega)] = 1 \quad \text{if } i = j \tag{10.10}$$

will be satisfied, where the symbol $E[\ ]$ represents ensemble average. It can easily be shown that the ensemble of motions generated using Eq. (10.9) will satisfy Eq. (10.7). Thus, if the rock-outcrop motions at all pier support locations are generated from the corresponding motions at the control point location using Eq. (10.9), the resulting motions at all locations will satisfy, on an ensemble basis, the coherency functions specified for the site. Since the matrix $\boldsymbol{L}(i\omega)$ in Eq. (10.9) is a lower triangular matrix having its diagonal elements equal to unity, the generation of coherency compatible motions at all pier locations can be achieved by marching from one pier location to the next in a sequential manner starting with the control pier location.

In generating the coherency compatible motions using Eq. (10.9), the phase angle shifts at various pier locations due to the single plane-wave passage at the constant speed V_{bridge} defined by Eq. (10.3) can be incorporated into the term $\boldsymbol{\eta}_{\phi_i}(i\omega)$. Since the motions at the control point location are response spectrum compatible, the coherency compatible motions generated at all other pier locations using the above-described procedure will be approximately response spectrum compatible. However, an improvement on their response spectrum compatibility is generally required, which can be done by adjusting their Fourier amplitudes but keeping their Fourier phase angles unchanged. By keeping these angles unchanged, the coherencies among the adjusted motions are not affected. Consequently, the adjusted motions not only will be response spectrum compatible, but will also be coherency compatible.

In generating the response spectrum and coherency compatible motions at all pier locations by the procedure described above, the ground motion attenuation effect has been ignored. For a long bridge located close to the controlling seismic source, attenuation of motion with distance away from the control pier location should be considered. This can be achieved by scaling the generated motions at various pier locations by appropriate scaling factors determined from an appropriate ground motion attenuation relation. The acceleration time histories generated for all pier locations should be integrated to obtain their corresponding velocity and displacement time histories, which should be checked to ensure against having numerically generated baseline drifts. Relative displacement time histories between the control pier location and successive pier locations should also be checked to ensure that they are reasonable. The rock-outcrop motions finally obtained should then be used in appropriate site-response analyses to develop the corresponding free-field soil motions required in conducting the SFSI analyses for each pier location.

Free-Field Soil Motions

As previously mentioned, the seismic inputs to large bridges are defined in terms of the expected free-field soil motions at discrete elevations over the entire depth of each foundation. Such motions must be evaluated through location-specific site-response analyses using the corresponding previously described rock-outcrop free-field motions as inputs to appropriately defined soil–bedrock

models. Usually, as mentioned previously, these models are based on the assumption that the horizontal and vertical free-field soil motions are produced by upward/downward propagation of one-dimensional shear and compression waves, respectively, as caused by the upward propagation of incident waves in the underlying rock or firm soil formation. Consistent with these types of motion, it is assumed that the local soil medium surrounding each foundation consists of uniform horizontal layers of infinite lateral extent. Wave reflections and refractions will occur at all interfaces of adjacent layers, including the soil–bedrock interface, and reflections of the waves will occur at the soil surface. Computer program SHAKE [4,44] is most commonly used to carry out the above-described one-dimensional type of site-response analysis. For a long bridge having a widely varying soil profile from end to end, such site-response analyses must be repeated for different soil columns representative of the changing profile.

The cyclic free-field soil deformations produced at a particular bridge site by a maximum expected earthquake are usually of the nonlinear hysteretic form. Since the SHAKE computer program treats a linear system, the soil column being analyzed must be modeled in an equivalent linearized manner. To obtain the equivalent linearized form, the soil parameters in the model are modified after each consecutive linear time-history response analysis is complete, which continues until convergence to strain-compatible parameters is reached.

For generating horizontal free-field motions produced by vertically propagating shear waves, the needed equivalent linear soil parameters are the shear modulus G and the hysteretic damping ratio β. These parameters, as prepared by Vucetic and Dobry [36] in 1991 for clay and by Sun et al. [37] in 1988 and by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) for sand, are plotted in Figures 10.6 and 10.7, respectively, as functions of shear strain γ. The shear modulus is plotted in its nondimensional form G/G_{max} where G_{max} is the *in situ* shear modulus at very low strains ($\gamma \leq 10^{-4}\%$). The shear modulus G must be obtained from cyclic shear tests, while G_{max} can be obtained using $G_{max} = \rho V_s^2$, in which ρ is mass density of the soil and V_s is the *in situ* shear wave velocity obtained by field measurement. If shear wave velocities are not available, G_{max} can be estimated using published empirical formulas that correlate shear wave velocity or shear modulus with blow counts and/or other soil parameters [38–43]. To obtain the equivalent linearized values of G/G_{max} and β following each consecutive time-history response analysis, values are taken from the G/G_{max} vs. γ and β vs. γ relations at the effective shear strain level defined as $\gamma_{eff} = \alpha\gamma_{max}$ in which γ_{max} is the maximum shear strain reached in the last analysis and α is the effective strain factor. In the past, α has usually been assigned the value 0.65; however, other values have been proposed (e.g., Idriss and Sun [44]). The equivalent linear time-history response analyses are performed in an iterative manner, with soil parameter adjustments being made after each analysis, until the effective shear strain converges to essentially the same value used in the previous iteration [45]. This normally takes four to eight iterations to reach 90 to 95% of full convergence when the effective shear strains do not exceed 1 to 2%. When the maximum strain exceeds 2%, a nonlinear site-response analysis is more appropriate. Computer programs available for this purpose are DESRA [46], DYNAFLOW [47], DYNAID [48], and SUMDES [49].

For generating vertical free-field motions produced by vertically propagating compression waves, the needed soil parameters are the low-strain constrained elastic modulus $E_p = \rho V_p^2$, where V_p is the compression wave velocity, and the corresponding damping ratio. The variations of these soil parameters with compressive strain have not as yet been well established. At the present time, vertical site-response analyses are generally carried out using the low-strain constrained elastic moduli, E_p, directly and the strain-compatible damping ratios obtained from the horizontal response analyses, but limited to a maximum value of 10%, without any further strain-compatibility iterations. For soils submerged in water, the value of E_p should not be less than the compression wave velocity of water.

Having generated acceleration free-field time histories of motion using the SHAKE computer program, the corresponding velocity and displacement time histories should be obtained through

Shear Modulus Reduction Curves for Clay

Damping Ratio Curves for Clay
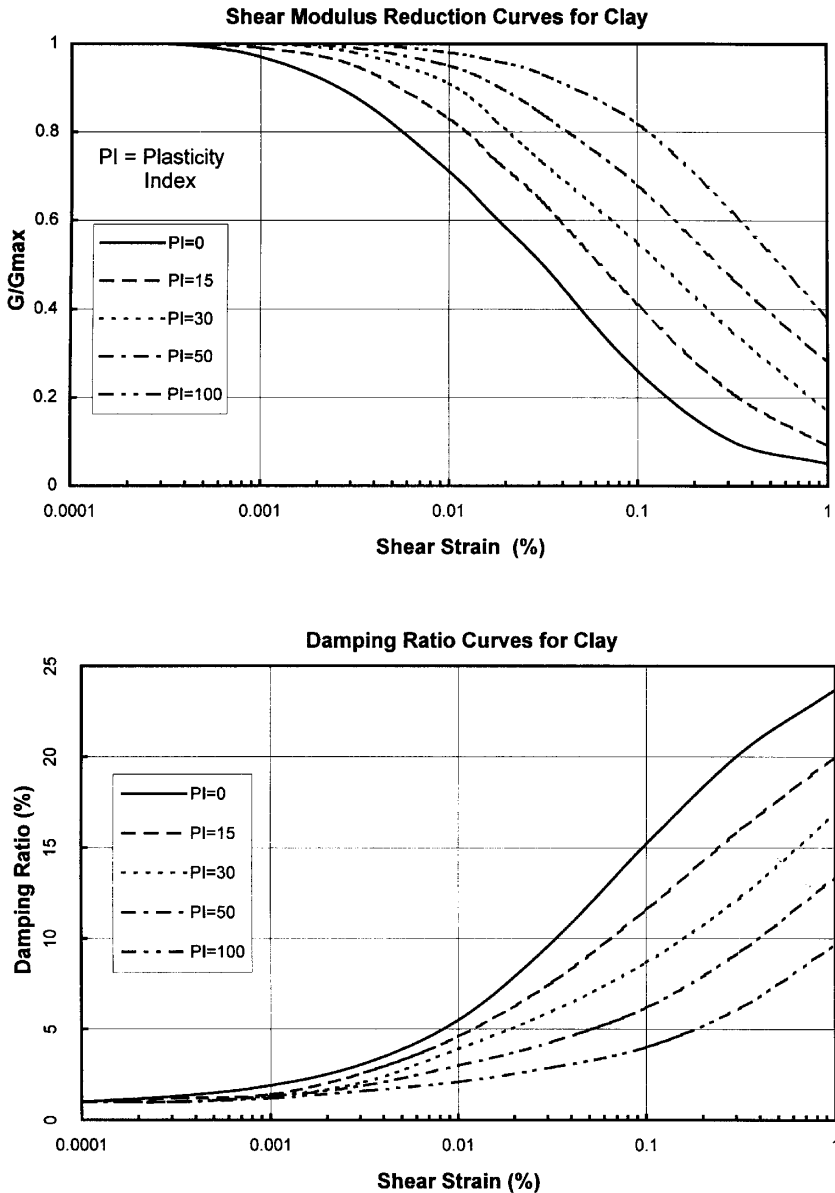
FIGURE 10.6 Equivalent linear shear modulus and hysteretic damping ratio as functions of shear strain for clay. (*Source:* Vucetic, M. and Dobry, R., *J. Geotech. Eng. ASCE*, 117(1), 89-107, 1991. With permission.)

single and double integrations of the acceleration time histories. Should unrealistic drifts appear in the displacement time histories, appropriate corrections should be applied. Should such drifts appear in a straight-line fashion, the durations specified for Fourier transforming the recorded accelerograms are usually too short; thus, increasing these durations will usually correct the problem. If the baseline drifts depart significantly from a simple straight line, this tends to indicate that the analysis results may be unreliable, in which case they should be carefully checked before being used. Time histories of free-field relative displacement between pairs of pier locations should also be generated and then be checked to judge the reasonableness of the results obtained.

Shear Modulus Reduction Curves for Sand

Damping Ratio Curve for Sand
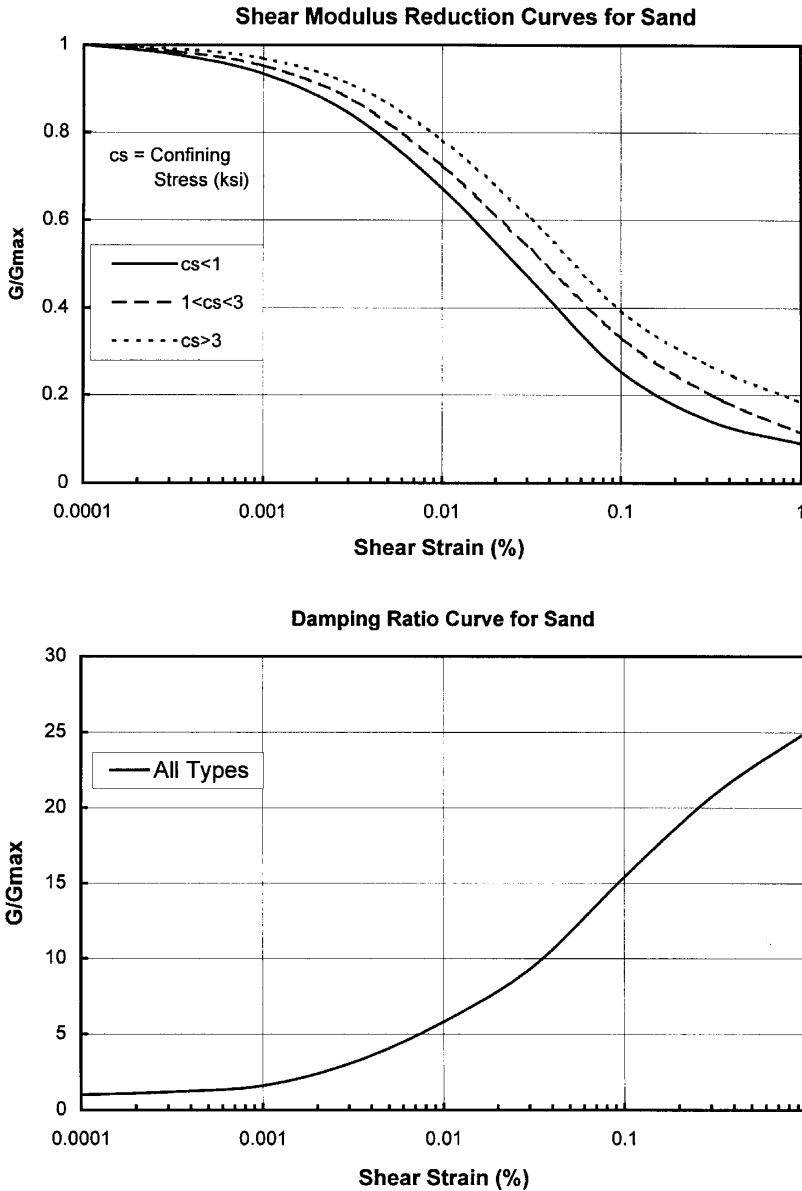
FIGURE 10.7   Equivalent linear shear modulus and hysteretic damping ratio as functions of shear strain for sand. (*Source:* Sun, J. I. et al., Report No. UBC/EERC-88/15, Earthquake Engineer Research Center, University of California, Berkeley, 1988.)

10.5   Characterization of Soil–Foundation System

The core of the dynamic SFSI problem for a bridge is the interaction between its structure–foundation system and the supporting soil medium, which, for analysis purposes, can be considered to be a full half-space. The fundamental step in solving this problem is to characterize the constitutive relations between the dynamic forces acting on each foundation of the bridge at its interface boundary with the soil and the corresponding foundation motions, expressed in terms of the displacements, velocities, and accelerations. Such forces are here called the soil–foundation interaction forces. For a bridge subjected to externally applied loadings, such as dead, live, wind, and

wave loadings, these SFI forces are functions of the foundation motions only; however, for a bridge subjected to seismic loadings, they are functions of the free-field soil motions as well.

Let h be the total number of degrees of freedom (DOF) of the bridge foundations as defined at their soil–foundation interface boundaries; let $u_h(t)$, $\dot{u}_h(t)$, and $\ddot{u}_h(t)$ be the corresponding foundation displacement, velocity, and acceleration vectors, respectively; let $\bar{u}_h(t)$, $\dot{\bar{u}}_h(t)$, and $\ddot{\bar{u}}_h(t)$ be the free-field soil displacement, velocity, and acceleration vectors in the h DOF, respectively; and let $f_h(t)$ be the corresponding SFI force vector. By using these notations, characterization of the SFI forces under seismic conditions can be expressed in the general vectorial functional form:

$$f_h(t) = \Im_h \, (u_h(t), \ \dot{u}_h(t), \ \ddot{u}_h(t), \ \bar{u}_h(t), \ \dot{\bar{u}}_h(t), \ \ddot{\bar{u}}_h(t)) \tag{10.11}$$

Since the soils in the local region immediately surrounding each foundation may behave nonlinearly under imposed foundation loadings, the form of $\Im_h$ is, in general, a nonlinear function of displacements $u_h(t)$ and $\bar{u}_h(t)$ and their corresponding velocities and accelerations.

For a capacity evaluation, the nonlinear form of $\Im_h$ should be retained and used directly for determining the SFI forces as functions of the foundation and soil displacements. Evaluation of this form should be based on a suitable nonlinear model for the soil medium coupled with appropriate boundary conditions, subjected to imposed loadings, which are usually much simplified compared with the actual induced loadings. This part of the evaluation will be discussed further in Section 10.8.

For a demand evaluation, the nonlinear form of $\Im_h$ is often linearized and then transformed to the frequency domain. Letting $u_h(i\omega)$, $\dot{u}_h(i\omega)$, $\ddot{u}_h(i\omega)$, $\bar{u}_h(i\omega)$, $\dot{\bar{u}}_h(i\omega)$, $\ddot{\bar{u}}_h(i\omega)$, and $f_h(i\omega)$ be the Fourier transforms of $u_h(t)$, $\dot{u}_h(t)$, $\ddot{u}_h(t)$, $\bar{u}_h(t)$, $\dot{\bar{u}}_h(t)$, $\ddot{\bar{u}}_h(t)$, and $f_h(t)$, respectively, and making use of the relations

$$\dot{u}_h(i\omega) = i\omega \, u_h(i\omega) ; \qquad \ddot{u}_h(i\omega) = -\omega^2 \, u_h(i\omega)$$

and

$$\dot{\bar{u}}_h(i\omega) = i\omega \, \bar{u}_h(i\omega) ; \qquad \ddot{\bar{u}}_h(i\omega) = -\omega^2 \, \bar{u}_h(i\omega) , \tag{10.12}$$

Equation (10.11) can be cast into the more convenient form:

$$f_h(i\omega) = \Im_h \, (\, u_h(i\omega), \bar{u}_h(i\omega) \,) \tag{10.13}$$

To characterize the linear functional form of $\Im_h$, it is necessary to solve the dynamic boundary-value problem for a half-space soil medium subjected to force boundary conditions prescribed at the soil–foundation interfaces. This problem is referred to here as the "soil impedance" problem, which is a part of the foundation impedance problem referred to earlier.

In linearized form, Eq. (10.13) can be expressed as

$$f_h(i\omega) = G_{hh}(i\omega) \ \{u_h(i\omega) - \bar{u}_h(i\omega)\} \tag{10.14}$$

in which $f_h(i\omega)$ represents the force vector acting on the soil medium by the foundation and the matrix $G_{hh}(i\omega)$ is a complex, frequency-dependent coefficient matrix called here the "soil impedance matrix."

Define a force vector $\bar{f}_h(i\omega)$ by the relation

$$\bar{f}_h(i\omega) = G_{hh}(i\omega) \ \bar{u}_h(i\omega) \tag{10.15}$$

This force vector represents the internal dynamic forces acting on the bridge foundations at their soil–foundation interface boundaries resulting from the free-field soil motions when the foundations are held fixed, i.e., $u_h(i\omega) = 0$. The force vector $\bar{f}_h(i\omega)$ as defined in Eq. (10.15) is the "seismic driving force" vector mentioned previously. Depending upon the type of bridge foundation, the characterization of the soil impedance matrix $G_{hh}(i\omega)$ and associated free-field soil input motion vector $\bar{u}_h(i\omega)$ for demand analysis purposes may be established utilizing different soil models as described below.

Elastodynamic Model

As mentioned previously, for a large bridge foundation such as a large spread footing, a caisson, or single or multiple shafts having very large diameters, for which the nonlinearities occurring in the local soil region immediately adjacent to the foundation are small, the soil impedance matrix $G_{hh}(i\omega)$ can be evaluated utilizing the dynamic Green's functions (dynamic displacements of the soil medium due to harmonic point-load excitations) obtained from the solution of a dynamic boundary-value problem of a linear damped-elastic half-space soil medium subjected to harmonic point loads applied at each of the h DOF on the soil–foundation interface boundaries. Such solutions have been obtained in analytical form for a linear damped-elastic continuum half-space soil medium by Apsel [50] in 1979. Because of complexities in the analytical solution, dynamic Green's functions have been obtained only for foundations having relatively simple soil–foundation interface geometries, e.g., rectangular, cylindrical, or spherical soil–foundation interface geometries, supported in simple soil media. In practical applications, the dynamic Green's functions are often obtained in numerical forms based on a finite-element discretization of the half-space soil medium and a corresponding discretization of the soil–foundation interface boundaries using a computer program such as SASSI [51], which has the capability of properly simulating the wave radiation boundary conditions at the far field of the half-space soil medium. The use of finite-element soil models to evaluate the dynamic Green's functions in numerical form has the advantage that foundations having arbitrary soil–foundation interface geometries can be easily handled; it, however, suffers from the disadvantage that the highest frequency, i.e., cutoff frequency, of motion for which a reliable solution can be obtained is limited by size of the finite element used for modeling the soil medium.

Having evaluated the dynamic Green's functions using the procedure described above, the desired soil impedance matrix can then be obtained by inverting, frequency-by-frequency, the "soil compliance matrix," which is the matrix of Green's function values evaluated for each specified frequency ω. Because the dynamic Green's functions are complex-valued and frequency dependent, the coefficients of the resulting soil impedance matrix are also complex-valued and frequency dependent. The real parts of the soil impedance coefficients represent the dynamic stiffnesses of the soil medium, which also incorporate the soil inertia effects; the imaginary parts of the coefficients represent the energy losses resulting from both soil material damping and radiation of stress waves into the far-field soil medium. Thus, the soil impedance matrix as developed reflects the overall dynamic characteristics of the soil medium as related to the motion of the foundation at the soil–foundation interfaces.

Because of the presence of the foundation excavation cavities in the soil medium, the vector of free-field soil motions $\bar{u}_h(i\omega)$ prescribed at the soil–foundation interface boundaries has to be derived from the seismic input motions of the free-field soil medium without the foundation excavation cavities as described in Section 10.4. The derivation of the motion vector $\bar{u}_h(i\omega)$ requires the solution of a dynamic boundary-value problem for the free-field half-space soil medium having foundation excavation cavities subjected to a specified seismic wave input such that the resulting solution satisfies the traction-free conditions at the surfaces of the foundation excavation cavities. Thus, the resulting seismic response motions, $\bar{u}_h(i\omega)$, reflect the effects of seismic wave scattering due to the presence of the cavities. These motions are therefore referred to here as the "scattered free-field soil input motions."

The effects of seismic wave scattering depend on the relative relation between the characteristic dimension, ℓ_f, of the foundation and the specific seismic input wave length, λ, of interest, where

$\lambda = 2\pi V_s/\omega$ or $2\pi V_p/\omega$ for vertically propagating plane shear or compression waves, respectively; V_s and V_p are, as defined previously, the shear and compression wave velocities of the soil medium, respectively. If the input seismic wave length λ is much longer than the characteristic length ℓ_f, the effect of wave scattering will be negligible; on the other hand, when $\lambda \leq \ell_f$, the effect of wave scattering will be significant. Since the wave length λ is a function of the frequency of input motion, the effect of wave scattering is also frequency dependent. Thus, it is evident that the effect of wave scattering is much more important for a large bridge foundation, such as a large caisson or a group of very large diameter shafts, than for a small foundation having a small characteristic dimension, such as a slender-pile group; it can also be readily deduced that the scattering effect is more significant for foundations supported in soft soil sites than for those in stiff soil sites.

The characterization of the soil impedance matrix utilizing an elastodynamic model of the soil medium as described above requires soil material characterization constants that include (1) mass density, ρ; (2) shear and constrained elastic moduli, G and E_p (or shear and compression wave velocities, V_s and V_p); and (3) constant-hysteresis damping ratio, β. As discussed previously, the soil shear modulus decreases while the soil hysteresis damping ratio increases as functions of soil shear strains induced in the free-field soil medium due to the seismic input motions. The effects of these so-called global soil nonlinearities can be easily incorporated into the soil impedance matrix based on an elastodynamic model by using the free-field-motion-induced strain-compatible soil shear moduli and damping ratios as the soil material constants in the evaluation of the dynamic Green's functions. For convenience of later discussions, the soil impedance matrix, $G_{hh}(i\omega)$, characterized using an elastodynamic model will be denoted by the symbol $G_{hh}^e(i\omega)$.

Empirical *p–y* Model

As discussed previously, for a slender-pile group foundation for which soil nonlinearities occurring in the local soil regions immediately adjacent to the piles dominate the behavior of the foundation under loadings, the characterization of the soil resistances to pile deflections has often relied on empirically derived *p–y* curves for lateral resistance and *t–z* and *Q–d* curves for axial resistance. For such a foundation, the characterization of the soil impedance matrix needed for demand analysis purposes can be made by using the secant moduli derived from the nonlinear *p–y, t–z,* and *Q–d* curves, as indicated schematically in Figure 10.2. Since the development of these empirical curves has been based upon static or pseudo-static test results, it does not incorporate the soil inertia and material damping effects. Thus, the resulting soil impedance matrix developed from the secant moduli of the *p–y, t–z,* and *Q–d* curves reflects only the static soil stiffnesses but not the soil inertia and soil material damping characteristics. Hence, the soil impedance matrix so obtained is a real-valued constant coefficient matrix applicable at the zero frequency ($\omega = 0$); it, however, is a function of the foundation displacement amplitude. This matrix is designated here as $G_{hh}^s(0)$ to differentiate it from the soil impedance matrix $G_{hh}^e(i\omega)$ defined previously. Thus, Eq. (10.14) in this case is given by

$$f_h(i\omega) = G_{hh}^s(0)\{u_h(i\omega) - \overline{u}_h(i\omega)\} \tag{10.16}$$

where $G_{hh}^s(0)$ depends on the amplitudes of the relative displacement vector $\Delta u_h(i\omega)$ defined by

$$\Delta u_h(i\omega) = u_h(i\omega) - \overline{u}_h(i\omega) \tag{10.17}$$

As mentioned previously, the construction of the *p–y, t–z,* and *Q–d* curves depends only on the strength parameters but not on the stiffness parameters of the soil medium; thus, the effects of global soil nonlinearities on the dynamic stiffnesses of the soil medium, as caused by soil shear modulus decrease and soil-damping increase as functions of free-field-motion-induced soil shear

strains, cannot be incorporated into the soil impedance matrix developed from these curves. Furthermore, since these curves are developed on the basis of results from field tests in which there are no free-field ground-motion-induced soil deformations, the effects of such global soil nonlinearities on the soil strength characterization parameters and hence the *p–y, t–z,* and *Q–d* curves cannot be incorporated.

Because of the small cross-sectional dimensions of slender piles, the seismic wave-scattering effect due to the presence of pile cavities is usually negligible; thus, the scattered free-field soil input motions $\bar{u}_h(i\omega)$ in this case are often taken to be the same as the free-field soil motions when the cavities are not present.

Hybrid Model

From the discussions in the above two sections, it is clear that characterization of the SFI forces for demand analysis purposes can be achieved using either an elastodynamic model or an empirical *p–y* model for the soil medium, each of which has its own merits and deficiencies. The elastodynamic model is capable of incorporating soil inertia, damping (material and radiation), and stiffness characteristics, and it can incorporate the effects of global soil nonlinearities induced by the free-field soil motions in an equivalent linearized manner. However, it suffers from the deficiency that it does not allow for easy incorporation of the effects of local soil nonlinearities. On the contrary, the empirical *p–y* model can properly capture the effects of local soil nonlinearities in an equivalent linearized form; however, it suffers from the deficiencies of not being able to simulate soil inertia and damping effects properly, and it cannot treat the effects of global soil nonlinearities. Since the capabilities of the two models are mutually complementary, it is logical to combine the elastodynamic model with the empirical *p–y* model in a series form such that the combined model has the desired capabilities of both models. This combined model is referred to here as the "hybrid model."

To develop the hybrid model, let the relative displacement vector, $\Delta u_h(i\omega)$, between the foundation displacement vector $u_h(i\omega)$ and the scattered free-field soil input displacement vector $\bar{u}_h(i\omega)$, as defined by Eq. (10.17), be decomposed into a component representing the relative displacements at the soil–foundation interface boundary resulting from the elastic deformation of the global soil medium outside of the soil–foundation interface, designated as $\Delta u_h^e(i\omega)$, and a component representing the relative displacements at the same boundary resulting from the inelastic deformations of the local soil regions adjacent to the foundation, designated as $\Delta u_h^i(i\omega)$; thus,

$$\Delta u_h(i\omega) = \Delta u_h^i(i\omega) + \Delta u_h^e(i\omega) \tag{10.18}$$

Let $f_h^e(i\omega)$ represent the elastic force vector, which can be characterized in terms of the elastic relative displacement vector $u_h^e(i\omega)$ using the elastodynamic model, in which case

$$f_h^e(i\omega) = G_{hh}^e(i\omega)\Delta u_h^e(i\omega) \tag{10.19}$$

where $G_{hh}^e(i\omega)$ is the soil impedance matrix as defined previously, which can be evaluated using an elastodynamic model. Let $f_h^i(i\omega)$ represent the inelastic force vector, which is assumed to be related to $\Delta u_h^i(i\omega)$ by the relation

$$f_h^i(i\omega) = G_{hh}^i(i\omega)\Delta u_h^i(i\omega) \tag{10.20}$$

The characterization of the matrix $G_{hh}^i(i\omega)$ can be accomplished by utilizing the soil secant stiffness matrix $G_{hh}^s(0)$ developed from the empirical *p–y* model by the procedure discussed below.

Solving Eqs. (10.19) and (10.20) for $\Delta u_h^e(i\omega)$ and $\Delta u_h^i(i\omega)$, respectively, substituting these relative displacement vectors into Eq. (10.18), and making use of the force continuity condition

that $f_h^e(i\omega) = f_h^i(i\omega)$, since the elastodynamic model and the inelastic local model are in series, one obtains

$$f_h(i\omega) = \left\{[G_{hh}^i(i\omega)]^{-1} + [G_{hh}^e(i\omega)]^{-1}\right\}^{-1} \Delta u_h(i\omega) \tag{10.21}$$

Comparing Eq. (10.14) with Eq. (10.21), one finds that by using the hybrid model, the soil impedance matrix is given by

$$G_{hh}(i\omega) = \left\{[G_{hh}^i(i\omega)]^{-1} + [G_{hh}^e(i\omega)]^{-1}\right\}^{-1} \tag{10.22}$$

Since the soil impedance matrix $G_{hh}^s(i\omega)$ is formed by the static secant moduli of the nonlinear *p–y, t–z,* and *Q–d* curves when $\omega = 0$, Eq. (10.22) becomes

$$G_{hh}^s(0) = \left\{[G_{hh}^i(0)]^{-1} + [G_{hh}^e(0)]^{-1}\right\}^{-1} \tag{10.23}$$

where $G_{hh}^s(0)$ is the soil stiffness matrix derived from the secant moduli of the nonlinear *p–y, t–z,* and *Q–d* curves. Solving Eq. (10.23) for $G_{hh}^i(0)$ gives

$$G_{hh}^i(0) = \left\{[G_{hh}^s(0)]^{-1} - [G_{hh}^e(0)]^{-1}\right\}^{-1} \tag{10.24}$$

Thus, Eq. (10.22) can be expressed in the form

$$G_{hh}(i\omega) = \left\{[G_{hh}^i(0)]^{-1} + [G_{hh}^e(i\omega)]^{-1}\right\}^{-1} \tag{10.25}$$

From Eq. (10.25), it is evident that when $\Delta u_h^i(i\omega) << \Delta u_h^e(i\omega)$, $G_{hh}(i\omega) \rightarrow G_{hh}^e(i\omega)$; however, when $\Delta u_h^i(i\omega) >> \Delta u_h^e(i\omega)$, $G_{hh}(i\omega) \rightarrow G_{hh}^i(0) \rightarrow G_{hh}^s(0)$. Thus, the hybrid model represented by this equation converges to the elastodynamic model when the local inelastic soil deformations are relatively small, as for the case of a large footing, caisson, or very large diameter shaft foundation, whereas it converges to the empirical *p–y* model when the local inelastic soil deformations are relatively much larger, as for the case of a slender-pile group foundation. For a moderately large diameter shaft foundation, the local inelastic and global elastic soil deformations may approach a comparable magnitude, in which case the use of a hybrid model to develop the soil impedance matrix as described above can properly represent both the global elastodynamic and local inelastic soil behaviors.

As local soil nonlinearities are induced by the relative displacements between the foundation and the scattered free-field soil input motions, they do not affect the scattering of free-field soil motions due to the traction-free conditions present at the surface of the foundation cavities. Therefore, in applying the hybrid model described above, the scattered free-field soil input motion vector $\bar{u}_h(i\omega)$ should still be derived using the elastodynamic model described previously.

10.6 Demand Analysis Procedures

Equations of Motion

The seismic response of a complete bridge system involves interactions between the structure and its supporting foundations and between the foundations and their surrounding soil media. To develop the equations of motion governing the response of this system in discrete (finite-element)

form, let s denote the number of DOF in the structure, excluding its f DOF at the structure–foundation interface locations, and let g denote the number of DOF in the foundations, also excluding the f DOF but including the h DOF at all soil–foundation interfaces as defined in Section 10.5. Corresponding with those DOF, let vectors $u_s(t)$, $u_f(t)$, and $u_g(t)$ contain the total displacement time histories of motion at the DOF s, f, and g, respectively.

Linear Modeling

Since the soil medium surrounding all foundations is continuous and of infinite extent, a rigorous model of a complete bridge system must contain stiffness and damping coefficients that are dependent upon the excitation (or response) frequencies. Such being the case, the corresponding equations of motion of the complete system having n DOF ($n = s + f + g$) must rigorously be represented in the frequency domain.

Considering the coupled structure–foundation system as a free-free (no boundary constraints) system having externally applied forces $-f_h(t)$ acting in the h DOF, its equations of motion can be expressed in the frequency-domain form:

$$
\begin{bmatrix}
\boldsymbol{D}_{ss}(i\omega) & \boldsymbol{D}_{sf}(i\omega) & \boldsymbol{0} \\
\boldsymbol{D}_{sf}^{T}(i\omega) & \boldsymbol{D}_{ff}(i\omega) & \boldsymbol{D}_{fg}(i\omega) \\
\boldsymbol{0} & \boldsymbol{D}_{sf}^{T}(i\omega) & \boldsymbol{D}_{gg}(i\omega)
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{Bmatrix}
\boldsymbol{u}_{s}(i\omega) \\
\boldsymbol{u}_{f}(i\omega) \\
\boldsymbol{u}_{g}(i\omega)
\end{Bmatrix}
=
\begin{Bmatrix}
\boldsymbol{0} \\
\boldsymbol{0} \\
\boldsymbol{f}_{g}(i\omega)
\end{Bmatrix}
\tag{10.26}
$$

in which $u_s(i\omega)$, $u_f(i\omega)$, $u_g(i\omega)$, and $f_g(i\omega)$ are the Fourier transforms of vectors $u_s(t)$, $u_f(t)$, $u_g(t)$, and $f_g(t)$, respectively; and matrices $\boldsymbol{D}_{ij}(i\omega)$, $i, j = s, f, g$ are the corresponding impedance (dynamic stiffness) matrices. The g components in vectors $u_g(i\omega)$ and $f_g(i\omega)$ are ordered such that their last h components make up vectors $u_h(i\omega)$ and $-f_h(i\omega)$, respectively, with all other components being equal to zero.

For a viscously damped linear structure–foundation system, the impedance matrices $\boldsymbol{D}_{ij}(i\omega)$ are of the form:

$$
\boldsymbol{D}_{ij}(i\omega) = \boldsymbol{K}_{ij} + i\omega\boldsymbol{C}_{ij} - \omega^2\boldsymbol{M}_{ij} \quad i, j = s, f, g
\tag{10.27}
$$

in which K_{ij}, C_{ij}, and M_{ij} are the standard stiffness, damping, and mass matrices, respectively, which would appear in the equations of motion of the system if expressed in the time domain. For a constant-hysteresis-damped linear system, the impedance matrices are given by

$$
\boldsymbol{D}_{ij}(i\omega) = \boldsymbol{K}_{ij}^{*} - \omega^2\boldsymbol{M}_{ij} \quad i, j = s, f, g
\tag{10.28}
$$

in which $\boldsymbol{K}_{ij}^{*}$ is a complex stiffness matrix obtained by assembling individual finite-element matrices $\boldsymbol{K}^{*(m)}$ of the form

$$
\boldsymbol{K}^{*(m)} \equiv \left\{ 1 - 2(\beta^{(m)})^2 + 2i\beta^{(m)}\sqrt{1 - (\beta^{(m)})^2} \right\} \boldsymbol{K}^{(m)} \doteq (1 + 2i\beta^{(m)})\boldsymbol{K}^{(m)}
\tag{10.29}
$$

where $K^{(m)}$ denotes the standard elastic stiffness matrix for finite element m as used in the assembly process to obtain matrix K_{ij} and $\beta^{(m)}$ is a damping ratio specified appropriately for the material used in finite element m [56].

The hysteretic form of damping represented in Eq. (10.28) is the more appropriate form to use for two reasons: (1) it is easy to accommodate different damping ratios for the different materials used in the system and (2) the resulting modal damping is independent of excitation (or response)

frequency ω, consistent with test evidence showing that real damping is indeed essentially independent of this frequency. As noted by the form of Eq. (10.27), viscous damping is dependent upon frequency ω, contrary to test results; thus, preference should definitely be given to the use of hysteretic damping for linear systems that can be solved in the frequency domain. Hysteretic damping is unfortunately incompatible with solutions in the time domain.

Vector $-f_h(i\omega)$, which makes up the last h components in force vector $f_g(i\omega)$ appearing in Eq. (10.26), represents, as defined in Section 10.5, the internal SFI forces at the soil–foundation interfaces when the entire coupled soil–foundation–structure system is responding to the free-field soil input motions. Therefore, to solve the SFSI problem, this vector must be characterized in terms of the foundation displacement vector $u_h(i\omega)$ and the scattered free-field soil displacement vector $\bar{u}_h(i\omega)$. As discussed previously in Section 10.5, for demand analysis purposes, this vector can be linearized to the form

$$-f_h(i\omega) = G_{hh}(i\omega)\{\bar{u}_h(i\omega) - u_h(i\omega)\} \qquad (10.30)$$

in which $-f_h(i\omega)$ represents the force vector acting on the foundations from the soil medium and $G_{hh}(i\omega)$ is the soil impedance matrix, which is complex-valued and frequency dependent.

Substituting Eq. (10.30) into Eq. (10.26), the equations of motion of the complete bridge system become

$$\begin{bmatrix} D_{ss}(i\omega) & D_{sf}(i\omega) & 0 \\ D_{sf}^T(i\omega) & D_{ff}(i\omega) & D_{fg}(i\omega) \\ 0 & D_{fg}^T(i\omega) & [D_{gg}(i\omega) + G_{gg}(i\omega)] \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_s(i\omega) \\ u_f(i\omega) \\ u_g(i\omega) \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \bar{f}_g(i\omega) \end{Bmatrix} \qquad (10.31)$$

in which

$$G_{gg}(i\omega) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & G_{hh}(i\omega) \end{bmatrix}; \quad \bar{f}_g(i\omega) = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ \bar{f}_h(i\omega) \end{Bmatrix} \qquad (10.32)$$

Vector $\bar{f}_h(i\omega)$ is the free-field soil "seismic driving force" vector defined by Eq. (10.15), in which the free-field soil displacements in vector $\bar{u}_h(i\omega)$ result from scattering of incident seismic waves propagating to the bridge site as explained previously in Section 10.5.

Nonlinear Modeling

When large nonlinearities develop in the structure–foundation subsystem during a seismic event, evaluation of its performance requires nonlinear modeling and analysis in the time domain. In this case, the standard linear equations of motion of the complete system as expressed by

$$\begin{bmatrix} M_{ss} & M_{sf} & 0 \\ M_{sf}^T & M_{ff} & M_{fg} \\ 0 & M_{fg}^T & M_{gg} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{u}_s(t) \\ \ddot{u}_f(t) \\ \ddot{u}_g(t) \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} C_{ss} & C_{sf} & 0 \\ C_{sf}^T & C_{ff} & C_{fg} \\ 0 & C_{fg}^T & C_{gg} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{u}_s(t) \\ \dot{u}_f(t) \\ \dot{u}_g(t) \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} K_{ss} & K_{sf} & 0 \\ K_{sf}^T & K_{ff} & K_{fg} \\ 0 & K_{fg}^T & K_{gg} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_s(t) \\ u_f(t) \\ u_g(t) \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ f_g(t) \end{Bmatrix} \qquad (10.33)$$

must be modified appropriately to characterize the nonlinearities for use in a step-by-step numerical solution. Usually, it is the third term on the left-hand side of this equation that must be modified to represent the nonlinear hysteretic force–deformation behavior taking place in the individual finite

elements of the system. The second term in this equation, representing viscous damping forces, is usually retained in its linear form with the full viscous damping matrix C being expressed in the Rayleigh form

$$C = \alpha_R M + \beta_R K \tag{10.34}$$

in which M and K are the full mass and elastic-stiffness matrices shown in Eq. (10.33) and α_R and β_R are constants assigned numerical values that will limit the modal damping ratios to levels within acceptable bounds over a range of modal frequencies dominating the seismic response.

For a time-domain solution of Eq. (10.33) in its modified nonlinear form, all parameters in the equation must be real (no imaginary parts) and frequency independent. It remains therefore to modify the soil impedance matrix $G_{hh}(i\omega)$ so that when introduced into Eq. (10.30), the inverse Fourier transform of $-f_h(i\omega)$ to the time domain will yield a vector $-f_h(t)$ having no frequency-dependent parameters. To accomplish this objective, separate $G_{hh}(i\omega)$ into its real and imaginary parts in accordance with

$$G_{hh}(i\omega) = G_{hh}^R(\omega) + iG_{hh}^I(\omega) \tag{10.35}$$

in which $G_{hh}^R(\omega)$ and $G_{hh}^I(\omega)$ are real functions of ω. Then approximate these functions using the relations

$$G_{hh}^R(\omega) \doteq \overline{K}_{hh} - \omega^2 \overline{M}_{hh} \ ; \ \ G_{hh}^I(\omega) \doteq \omega \overline{C}_{hh} \tag{10.36}$$

where the real constants in matrices $\overline{K}_{hh}$, $\overline{M}_{hh}$, and $\overline{C}_{hh}$ are assigned numerical values to provide best fits to the individual frequency-dependent functions in matrices $G_{hh}^R(\omega)$ and $G_{hh}^I(\omega)$ over the frequency range of major influence on seismic response. Typically, applying these best fits to the range $0 < \omega < 4\pi$ radians/second, corresponding to the range $0 < f < 2$ Hz, where $f = \omega/2\pi$, is adequate for most large bridges. In this fitting process, it is sufficient to treat $\overline{M}_{hh}$ as a diagonal matrix, thus affecting only the diagonal functions in matrix $G_{hh}^R(\omega)$. The reason for selecting the particular frequency-dependent forms of Eq. (10.36) is that when they are substituted into Eq. (10.35), which in turn is substituted into Eq. (10.30), the resulting expression for $f_h(i\omega)$ can be Fourier transformed to the time domain, yielding

$$-f_h(t) = \overline{K}_{hh}\{\overline{u}_h(t) - u_h(t)\} + \overline{C}_{hh}\{\dot{\overline{u}}_h(t) - \dot{u}_h(t)\} + \overline{M}_{hh}\{\ddot{\overline{u}}_h(t) - \ddot{u}_h(t)\} \tag{10.37}$$

Substituting $-f_h(t)$ given by this equation for the last h components in vector $f_g(t)$, with all other components in $f_g(t)$ being equal to zero, and then substituting the resulting vector $f_g(t)$ into Eq. (10.33) gives

$$\begin{bmatrix} M_{ss} & M_{sf} & 0 \\ M_{sf}^T & M_{ff} & M_{fg} \\ 0 & M_{fg}^T & [M_{gg} + \overline{M}_{gg}] \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{u}_s(t) \\ \ddot{u}_f(t) \\ \ddot{u}_g(t) \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} C_{ss} & C_{sf} & 0 \\ C_{sf}^T & C_{ff} & C_{fg} \\ 0 & C_{fg}^T & [C_{gg} + \overline{C}_{gg}] \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{u}_s(t) \\ \dot{u}_f(t) \\ \dot{u}_g(t) \end{Bmatrix} + \tag{10.38}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} K_{ss} & K_{sf} & 0 \\ K_{sf}^T & K_{ff} & K_{fg} \\ 0 & K_{fg}^T & [K_{gg} + \overline{K}_{gg}] \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_s(t) \\ u_f(t) \\ u_g(t) \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \overline{K}_{gg}\overline{u}_g(t) + \overline{C}_{gg}\dot{\overline{u}}_g(t) + \overline{M}_{gg}\ddot{\overline{u}}_g(t) \end{Bmatrix}$$

in which

$$\overline{\boldsymbol{M}}_{gg} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \overline{\boldsymbol{M}}_{hh} \end{bmatrix}; \quad \overline{\boldsymbol{K}}_{gg} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \overline{\boldsymbol{K}}_{hh} \end{bmatrix}; \quad \overline{\boldsymbol{C}}_{gg} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \overline{\boldsymbol{C}}_{hh} \end{bmatrix} \tag{10.39}$$

showing that no frequency-dependent parameters remain in the equations of motion, thus allowing the standard time-domain solution procedure to be used for solving them. Usually, the terms $\overline{\boldsymbol{C}}_{gg}\,\dot{\overline{\boldsymbol{u}}}_g(t)$ and $\overline{\boldsymbol{M}}_{gg}\,\ddot{\overline{\boldsymbol{u}}}_g(t)$ on the right-hand side of Eq. (10.38) have small effects on the solution of this equation; however, the importance of their contributions should be checked. Having modified the third term on the left-hand side of Eq. (10.38) to its nonlinear hysteretic form, the complete set of coupled equations can be solved for displacements $\boldsymbol{u}_s(t)$, $\boldsymbol{u}_f(t)$, $\boldsymbol{u}_g(t)$ using standard step-by-step numerical integration procedures.

Solution Procedures

One-Step Direct Approach

In this approach, the equations of motion are solved directly in their coupled form. If the system is treated as being fully linear (or equivalent linear), the solution can be carried out in the frequency domain using Eq. (10.31). In doing so, the complete set of complex algebraic equations is solved separately for discrete values of ω over the frequency range of interest yielding the corresponding sets of displacement vectors $\boldsymbol{u}_s(i\omega)$, $\boldsymbol{u}_f(i\omega)$, and $\boldsymbol{u}_g(i\omega)$. Having obtained these vectors for the discrete values of ω, they are inverse Fourier transformed to the time domain, giving vectors $\boldsymbol{u}_s(t)$, $\boldsymbol{u}_f(t)$, $\boldsymbol{u}_g(t)$. The corresponding time histories of internal forces and/or deformations in the system can then be obtained directly using standard finite-element procedures.

If the structure–foundation subsystem is modeled as a nonlinear system, the solution can be carried out in the time domain using Eq. (10.38). In this case, the coupled nonlinear equations of motion are solved using standard step-by-step numerical integration procedures.

This one-step direct approach is simple and straightforward to implement for a structural system supported on a single foundation, such as a building. However, for a long, multiple-span bridge supported on many independent foundations, a very large system of equations and an associated very large number of seismic free-field inputs in vector $\overline{\boldsymbol{u}}_g(i\omega)$ result, making the solution computationally impractical, especially when large nonlinearities are present in the equations of motion. In this case, it is desirable to simplify the problem by finding separate solutions to a set of smaller problems and then combine the solutions in steps so as to achieve the desired end result. The multiple-step substructuring approach described subsequently is ideally suited for this purpose.

Multiple-Step Substructuring Approach

For long bridges supported on multiple foundations, the support separation distances are sufficiently large so that each foundation subsystem can be treated as being independent of the others; therefore, the soil impedance matrix for each foundation will be uncoupled from those of the other foundations. In this case, to simplify the overall problem, each foundation subsystem can be analyzed separately to obtain a boundary impedance matrix called the foundation impedance matrix and a consistent boundary force vector called the foundation driving-force vector, both of which are associated with the DOF at its structure–foundation interface. Having obtained the foundation impedance matrix and associated driving force vector for each foundation subsystem, all such matrices and vectors can be combined into the equations of motion for the total structure as a free-free system, resulting in $(s + f)$ DOF present in the structure–foundation subsystem rather than the $(s + f + g)$ DOF present in the complete soil–structure–foundation system. This reduced set of equations having $(s + f)$ DOF can be solved much more efficiently than solving the equations for the complete system having $(s + f + g)$ DOF as required by the one-step direct approach.

Referring to Eq. (10.31), it is seen that the linear equations of motion for each independent foundation system *j* can be expressed in the frequency-domain form:

$$
\begin{bmatrix}
\boldsymbol{D}_{ff}^{j}(i\omega) & \boldsymbol{D}_{fg}^{j}(i\omega) \\
\boldsymbol{D}_{fg}^{j}(i\omega)^{T} & [\boldsymbol{D}_{gg}^{j}(i\omega) + \boldsymbol{G}_{gg}^{j}(i\omega)]
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{Bmatrix}
\boldsymbol{u}_{f}^{j}(i\omega) \\
\boldsymbol{u}_{g}^{j}(i\omega)
\end{Bmatrix}
=
\begin{Bmatrix}
\boldsymbol{0} \\
\overline{\boldsymbol{f}}_{g}^{j}(i\omega)
\end{Bmatrix}
\tag{10.40}
$$

in which

$$
\overline{\boldsymbol{f}}_{g}^{j}(i\omega) = \boldsymbol{G}_{gg}^{j}(i\omega)\overline{\boldsymbol{u}}_{g}^{j}(i\omega)
\tag{10.41}
$$

Solving the second of Eq. (10.40) for $\boldsymbol{u}_{g}^{j}(i\omega)$ gives

$$
\boldsymbol{u}_{g}^{j}(i\omega) = \left[\boldsymbol{D}_{gg}^{j}(i\omega) + \boldsymbol{G}_{gg}^{j}(i\omega)\right]^{-1}\left[-\boldsymbol{D}_{fg}^{j}(i\omega)^{T}\boldsymbol{u}_{f}^{j}(i\omega) + \overline{\boldsymbol{f}}_{g}^{j}(i\omega)\right]
\tag{10.42}
$$

Substituting this equation into the first of Eq. (10.40) yields

$$
\left[\boldsymbol{D}_{ff}^{j}(i\omega) + \boldsymbol{F}_{ff}^{j}(i\omega)\right]\boldsymbol{u}_{f}^{j}(i\omega) = \overline{\boldsymbol{f}}_{f}^{j}(i\omega)
\tag{10.43}
$$

where

$$
\boldsymbol{F}_{ff}^{j}(i\omega) \equiv -\boldsymbol{D}_{fg}^{j}(i\omega)[\boldsymbol{D}_{gg}^{j}(i\omega) + \boldsymbol{G}_{gg}^{j}(i\omega)]^{-1}\boldsymbol{D}_{fg}^{j}(i\omega)^{T}
\tag{10.44}
$$

$$
\overline{\boldsymbol{f}}_{f}^{j}(i\omega) \equiv -\boldsymbol{D}_{fg}^{j}(i\omega)[\boldsymbol{D}_{gg}^{j}(i\omega) + \boldsymbol{G}_{gg}^{j}(i\omega)]^{-1}\overline{\boldsymbol{f}}_{g}^{j}(i\omega)
\tag{10.45}
$$

Matrix $\boldsymbol{F}_{ff}^{j}(i\omega)$ and vector $\overline{\boldsymbol{f}}_{f}^{j}(i\omega)$ will be referred to here as the foundation impedance matrix and its associated foundation driving-force vector, respectively, for the *j*th foundation. For convenience, a foundation motion vector $\overline{\boldsymbol{u}}_{f}^{j}(i\omega)$ will now be defined as given by

$$
\overline{\boldsymbol{u}}_{f}^{j}(i\omega) \equiv \boldsymbol{F}_{ff}^{j}(i\omega)^{-1}\overline{\boldsymbol{f}}_{f}^{j}(i\omega)
\tag{10.46}
$$

so that the driving-force vector $\overline{\boldsymbol{f}}_{f}^{j}(i\omega)$ can be expressed in the form

$$
\overline{\boldsymbol{f}}_{f}^{j}(i\omega) = \boldsymbol{F}_{ff}^{j}(i\omega)\overline{\boldsymbol{u}}_{f}^{j}(i\omega)
\tag{10.47}
$$

The motion vector $\overline{\boldsymbol{u}}_{f}^{j}(i\omega)$ given by Eq. (10.46) will be referred to subsequently as the "effective (scattered) foundation input motion" vector. Conceptually, this is the vector of foundation motions that, when multiplied by the foundation impedance matrix $\boldsymbol{F}_{ff}^{j}(i\omega)$, yields the foundation driving-force vector $\overline{\boldsymbol{f}}_{f}^{j}(i\omega)$ resulting from the prescribed scattered free-field soil input motions contained in vector $\overline{\boldsymbol{u}}_{g}^{j}(i\omega)$.

Combining Eq. (10.43) for all foundation subsystems with the equations of motion for the complete free-free structure subsystem yields the desired reduced matrix equation of motion for the entire structure–foundation system in the linear form

$$
\begin{bmatrix}
\boldsymbol{D}_{ss}(i\omega) & \boldsymbol{D}_{sf}(i\omega) \\
\boldsymbol{D}_{sf}(i\omega)^{T} & [\boldsymbol{D}_{ff}^{s}(i\omega) + \boldsymbol{F}_{ff}(i\omega)]
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{Bmatrix}
\boldsymbol{u}_{s}(i\omega) \\
\boldsymbol{u}_{f}(i\omega)
\end{Bmatrix}
=
\begin{Bmatrix}
\boldsymbol{0} \\
\overline{\boldsymbol{f}}_{f}(i\omega)
\end{Bmatrix}
\tag{10.48}
$$

in which $D_{ss}(i\omega)$ and $D_{sf}(i\omega)$ are given by Eqs. (10.27) and (10.28) directly, $D^s_{ff}(i\omega)$ is that part of $D_{ff}(i\omega)$ given by these same equations as contributed by the structure only, and

$$\overline{f}_f(i\omega) = F_{ff}(i\omega)\overline{u}_f(i\omega) \tag{10.49}$$

The solution of Eq. (10.48) for discrete values of ω over the frequency range of interest gives the desired solutions for $u_s(i\omega)$ and $u_f(i\omega)$. To obtain the corresponding solution $u^j_g(i\omega)$ for each foundation subsystem j, a backsubstitution is required. This is done by substituting the solution $u^j_f(i\omega)$ for each foundation subsystem j into Eq. (10.42) and computing the corresponding response motions in vector $u^j_g(i\omega)$. This step will be called the "foundation feedback" analysis.

When large nonlinearities develop in the structure during a seismic event, the reduced equations of motion representing the coupled structure–foundation system must be expressed in the time domain. To do so, consider the structure alone as a free-free linear system having externally applied forces $f_f(t)$ acting in the f DOF. The equations of motion for this system can be expressed in the frequency domain form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} D_{ss}(i\omega) & D_{sf}(i\omega) \\ D_{sf}(i\omega)^T & D^s_{ff}(i\omega) \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_s(i\omega) \\ u_f(i\omega) \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ f_f(i\omega) \end{Bmatrix} \tag{10.50}$$

in which $f_f(i\omega)$ is the Fourier transform of vector $f_f(t)$. If Eq. (10.50) is to represent the coupled structure–foundation system, then $f_f(i\omega)$ must satisfy the relation

$$f_f(i\omega) = F_{ff}(i\omega)\left\{\overline{u}_f(i\omega) - u_f(i\omega)\right\} \tag{10.51}$$

in which matrix $F_{ff}(i\omega)$ is an assembly of the individual foundation impedance matrices $F^j_{ff}(i\omega)$ given by Eq. (10.44) for all values of j and vector $\overline{u}_f(i\omega)$ is the corresponding complete foundation-motion vector containing all individual vectors $\overline{u}^j_f(i\omega)$ given by Eq. (10.46).

Equation (10.50) can be converted to the time-domain form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} M_{ss} & M_{sf} \\ M^T_{sf} & M^s_{ff} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{u}_s(t) \\ \ddot{u}_f(t) \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} C_{ss} & C_{sf} \\ C^T_{sf} & C^s_{ff} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{u}_s(t) \\ \dot{u}_f(t) \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} K_{ss} & K_{sf} \\ K^T_{sf} & K^s_{ff} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_s(t) \\ u_f(t) \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ f_f(t) \end{Bmatrix} \tag{10.52}$$

in which K^s_{ff}, C^s_{ff}, and M^s_{ff} are the standard stiffness, damping, and mass matrices contributed by the structure only (no contributions from the foundation) and $f_f(t)$ is the inverse Fourier transform of $f_f(i\omega)$ given by Eq. (10.51). In order for $f_f(t)$ to have no frequency-dependent parameters, as required by a time-domain solution, matrix $F_{ff}(i\omega)$ should be separated into its real and imaginary parts in accordance with

$$F_{ff}(i\omega) = F^R_{ff}(\omega) + iF^I_{ff}(\omega) \tag{10.53}$$

in which $F^R_{ff}(\omega)$ and $F^I_{ff}(\omega)$ can be approximated using the relations

$$F^R_{ff}(\omega) \doteq (\overline{K}_{ff} - \omega^2\overline{M}_{ff}); \quad F^I_{ff}(\omega) \doteq \omega\overline{C}_{ff} \tag{10.54}$$

where the real constants in matrices $\overline{K}_{ff}$, $\overline{M}_{ff}$, and $\overline{C}_{ff}$ are assigned numerical values to provide best fits to the individual frequency-dependent functions in matrices $F^R_{ff}(\omega)$ and $F^I_{ff}(\omega)$ over the frequency range of major influence on seismic response; usually the range $0 < \omega < 4\pi$ rad/s. is adequate for large bridges. In this fitting process, it is sufficient to treat $\overline{M}_{ff}$ as a diagonal matrix, thus affecting only the diagonal functions in matrix $F^R_{ff}(\omega)$.

Substituting Eq. (10.54) into Eq. (10.53) and the resulting Eq. (10.53) into Eq. (10.51), this latter equation can be inverse Fourier transformed, giving

$$f_t(t) = \overline{K}_{ff}\left\{\overline{u}_f(t) - u_f(t)\right\} + \overline{C}_{ff}\left\{\dot{\overline{u}}_f(t) - \dot{u}_f(t)\right\} + \overline{M}_{ff}\left\{\ddot{\overline{u}}_f(t) - \ddot{u}_f(t)\right\} \tag{10.55}$$

which when introduced into Eq. (10.50) yields the desired reduced linear equations of motion in the time-domain form

$$\begin{bmatrix} M_{ss} & M_{ff} \\ M_{sf}^T & [M_{ff}^s + \overline{M}_{ff}] \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{u}_s(t) \\ \ddot{u}_f(t) \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} C_{ss} & C_{sf} \\ C_{sf}^T & [C_{ff}^s + \overline{C}_{ff}] \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{u}_s(t) \\ \dot{u}_f(t) \end{Bmatrix} +$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} K_{ss} & K_{sf} \\ K_{sf}^T & [K_{ff}^s + \overline{K}_{ff}] \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_s(t) \\ u_f(t) \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \overline{K}_{ff}\overline{u}_f(t) + \overline{C}_{ff}\dot{\overline{u}}_f(t) + \overline{M}_{ff}\ddot{\overline{u}}_f(t) \end{bmatrix} \tag{10.56}$$

showing that no frequency-dependent parameters remain in the equations of motion, thus satisfying the time-domain solution requirement. Again, as explained previously, the full viscous damping matrix in this equation is usually expressed in the Rayleigh form given by Eq. (10.34) in which constants α_R and β_R are assigned numerical values to limit the modal damping ratios to levels within acceptable bounds over the range of frequencies dominating seismic response. As explained previously for Eq. (10.38), the damping and mass terms on the right-hand side of Eq. (10.56) usually have small effects on the solution; however, their importance should be checked.

Having modified the third term on the left-hand side of Eq. (10.56) to its nonlinear hysteretic form, the complete set of coupled equations can be solved for displacements $u_s(t)$ and $u_f(t)$ using standard step-by-step numerical integration procedures.

To obtain the corresponding $u_g^j(i\omega)$ for each foundation subsystem j, the previously defined foundation feedback analyses must be performed. To do so, each subvector $u_f^j(t)$ contained in vector $u_f(t)$ must be Fourier transformed to obtain $u_f^j(i\omega)$. Having these subvectors for all values of j, each one can be substituted separately into Eq. (10.42) giving the corresponding subvector $u_g^j(i\omega)$. Inverse Fourier transforming each of these subvectors yields the corresponding vectors $u_f^j(t)$ for all values of j.

10.7 Demand Analysis Examples

This section presents the results of three example solutions to illustrate applications of the demand analysis procedures described in the previous section, in particular, the multiple-step substructuring approach. These examples have been chosen from actual situations to illustrate application of the three methods of soil–foundation modeling: (1) the elastodynamic method, (2) the empirical *p–y* method, and (3) the hybrid method.

Caisson Foundation

The first example is chosen to illustrate application of the elastodynamic method of modeling and analysis to a deeply embedded caisson foundation of a large San Francisco Bay crossing bridge. The foundation considered is a large reinforced concrete cellular caisson, 80 ft (24.4 m) long, 176 ft (53.6 m) wide, and 282 ft (86.0 m) tall, located at a deep soil site and filled with water. The configuration of the caisson and its supporting soil profile and properties are shown in Figure 10.8. The soil properties are the shear-strain-compatible equivalent linear properties obtained from free-field site-response analyses using SHAKE with the seismic input motions prescribed at the bedrock surface
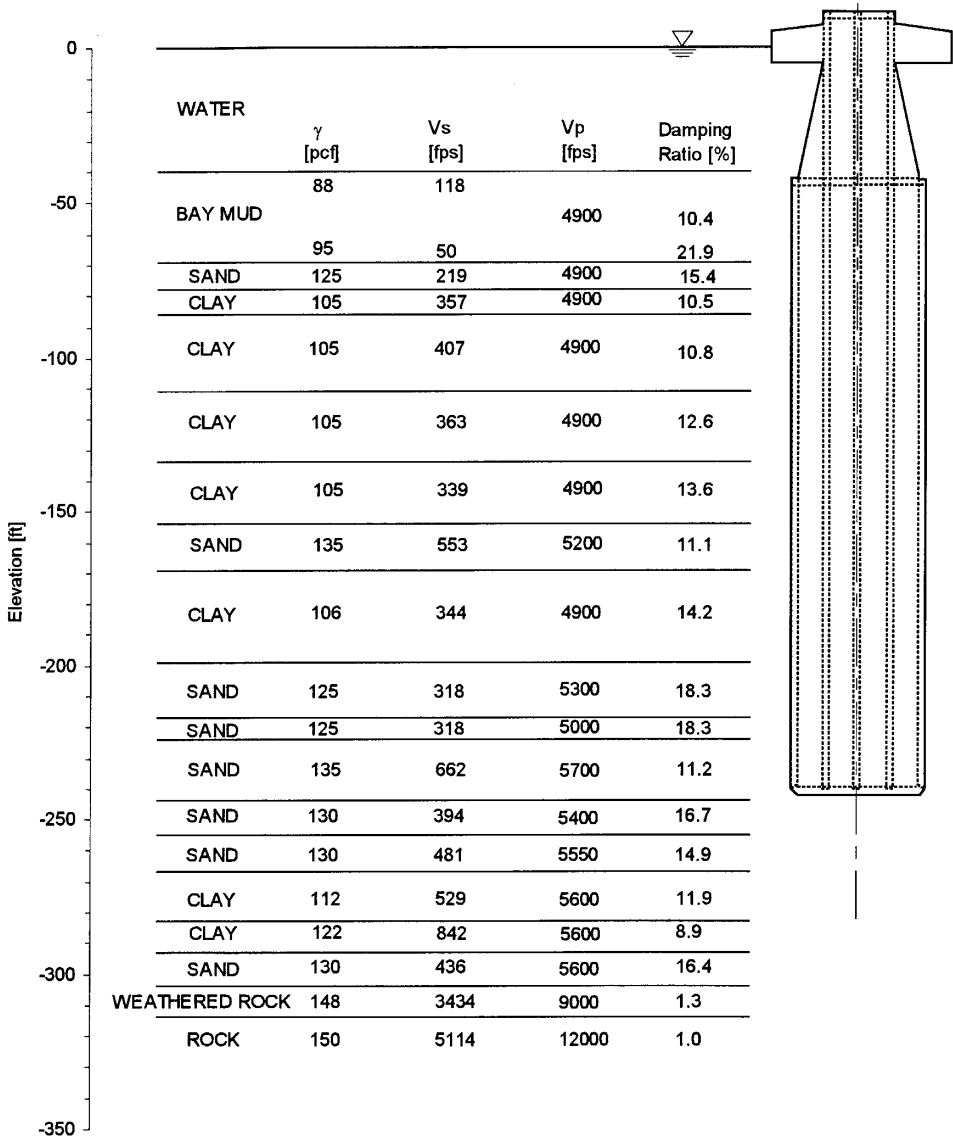
Elevation [ft]

Material	γ [pcf]	Vs [fps]	Vp [fps]	Damping Ratio [%]
WATER				
BAY MUD	88	118		
			4900	10.4
	95	50		21.9
SAND	125	219	4900	15.4
CLAY	105	357	4900	10.5
CLAY	105	407	4900	10.8
CLAY	105	363	4900	12.6
CLAY	105	339	4900	13.6
SAND	135	553	5200	11.1
CLAY	106	344	4900	14.2
SAND	125	318	5300	18.3
SAND	125	318	5000	18.3
SAND	135	662	5700	11.2
SAND	130	394	5400	16.7
SAND	130	481	5550	14.9
CLAY	112	529	5600	11.9
CLAY	122	842	5600	8.9
SAND	130	436	5600	16.4
WEATHERED ROCK	148	3434	9000	1.3
ROCK	150	5114	12000	1.0

FIGURE 10.8 Configuration and soil profile and properties of the caisson foundation at its SASSI half-model.

in the form of rock-outcrop motion. Thus, these properties have incorporated stiffness degradation effects due to global soil nonlinearities induced in the free-field by the selected seismic input.

Since the caisson is deeply embedded and has large horizontal dimensions, the local soil nonlinearities that develop near the soil–caisson interface are relatively small; therefore, they were neglected in the demand analysis. The soil–caisson system was modeled using the elastodynamic method; i.e., the system was modeled by an elastic foundation structure embedded in a damped-elastic soil medium having the properties shown in Figure 10.8. This model, developed using the finite-element SASSI computer program for one quarter of the soil–caisson system, is shown in Figure 10.8. Using this model, the foundation impedance matrix, i.e., $\boldsymbol{F}_{ff}^{j}(i\omega)$ defined by Eq. (10.44), and its associated effective (scattered) foundation input motion vector, i.e., $\overline{\boldsymbol{u}}_{f}^{j}(i\omega)$ defined by Eq. (10.46), were evaluated consistent with the free-field seismic input using SASSI. The foundation impedance matrix associated with the six DOF of the node located at the top of the caisson El. 40 ft (12.2 m) was
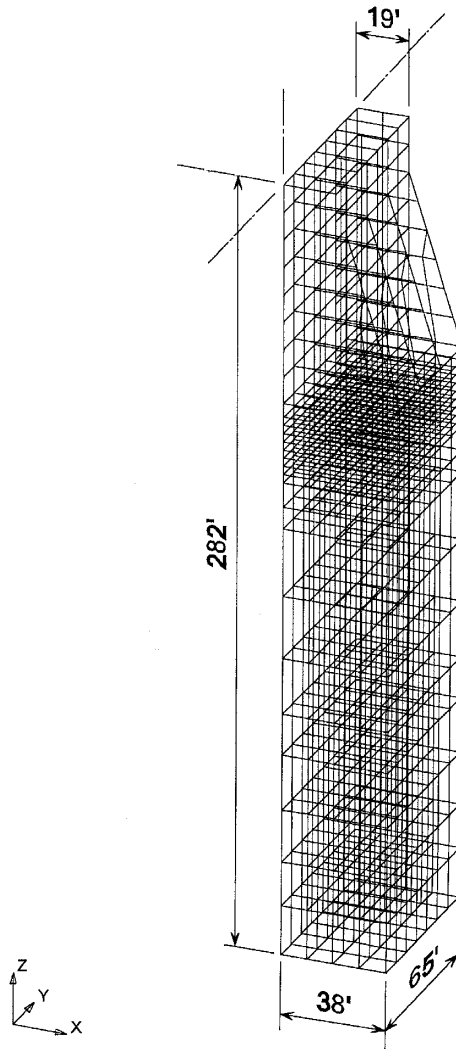
FIGURE 10.8   (continued)

computed following the procedure described in Section 10.6. The individual impedance functions in this matrix are shown in Figure 10.9. The amplitudes of the transfer functions for longitudinal response motions of the caisson relative to the corresponding seismic input motion, as computed for several elevations, are shown in Figure 10.10. The 5% damped acceleration response spectra computed for these motions are also shown in Figure 10.10 where they can be compared with the 5% damped response spectra for the corresponding seismic input motion prescribed at the bedrock level and the corresponding free-field soil motion at the mudline elevation.

As indicated in Figure 10.10, the soil–caisson interaction system alone, without pier tower and superstructure of the bridge being present, has characteristic translational and rocking mode frequencies of 0.7 and 1.4 Hz (periods 1.4 and 0.7 s), respectively. The longitudinal scattered foundation motion associated with the foundation impedance matrix mentioned above is the motion represented by the response spectrum for El. 40 ft (12.2 m) as shown in Figure 10.10.

The response spectra shown in Figure 10.10 indicate that, because of the 0.7-s translational period of the soil–caisson system, the scattered foundation motion at the top of the caisson where the bridge pier tower would be supported exhibits substantial amplifications in the neighborhood of
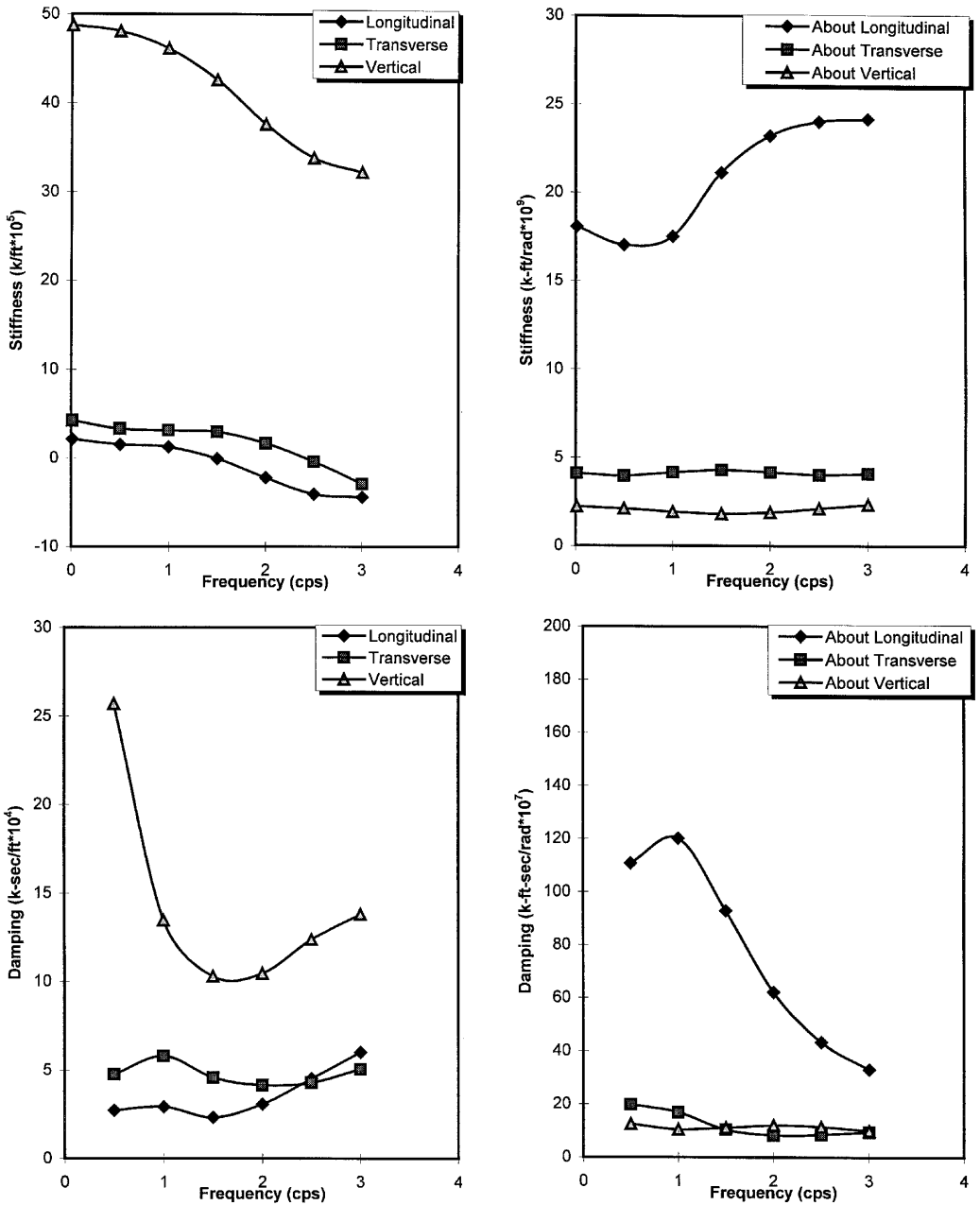
FIGURE 10.9 Foundation impedance functions at the top of the caisson considered.

this period. In the period range longer than 2.0 s, in which the major natural vibration frequencies of the bridge system are located, the spectral values for the scattered foundation input motion are seen to be smaller than the corresponding values for the free-field mudline motion. The above results point out the importance of properly modeling both the stiffness and the inertial properties of the soil–caisson system so that the resulting scattered foundation motions to be used as input to the foundation–structure system will appropriately represent the actual dynamic characteristics of the soil–caisson interaction system.
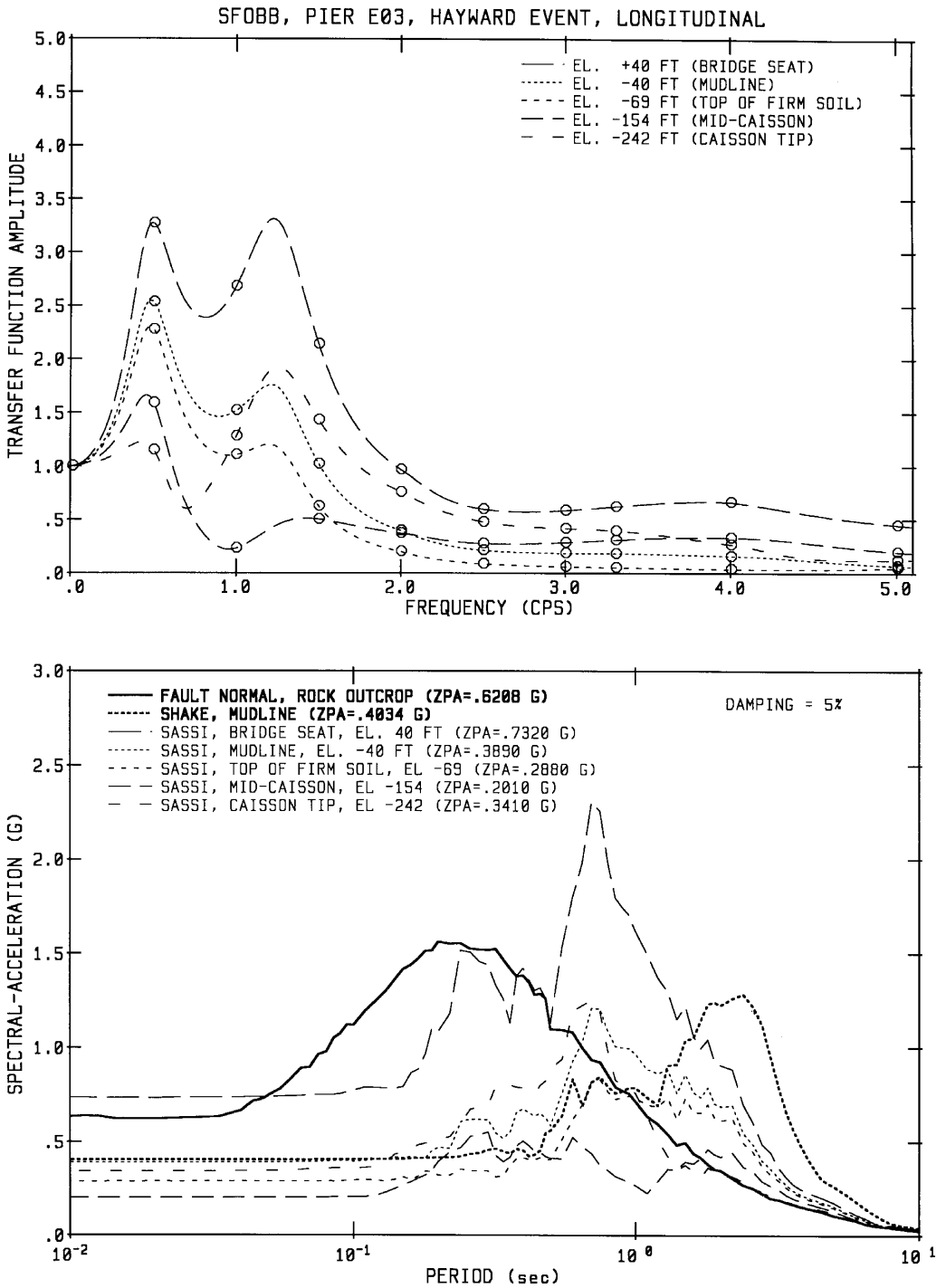
FIGURE 10.10 Transfer function amplitudes and 5% damped response spectra for scattered foundation motions of the caisson at several elevations.
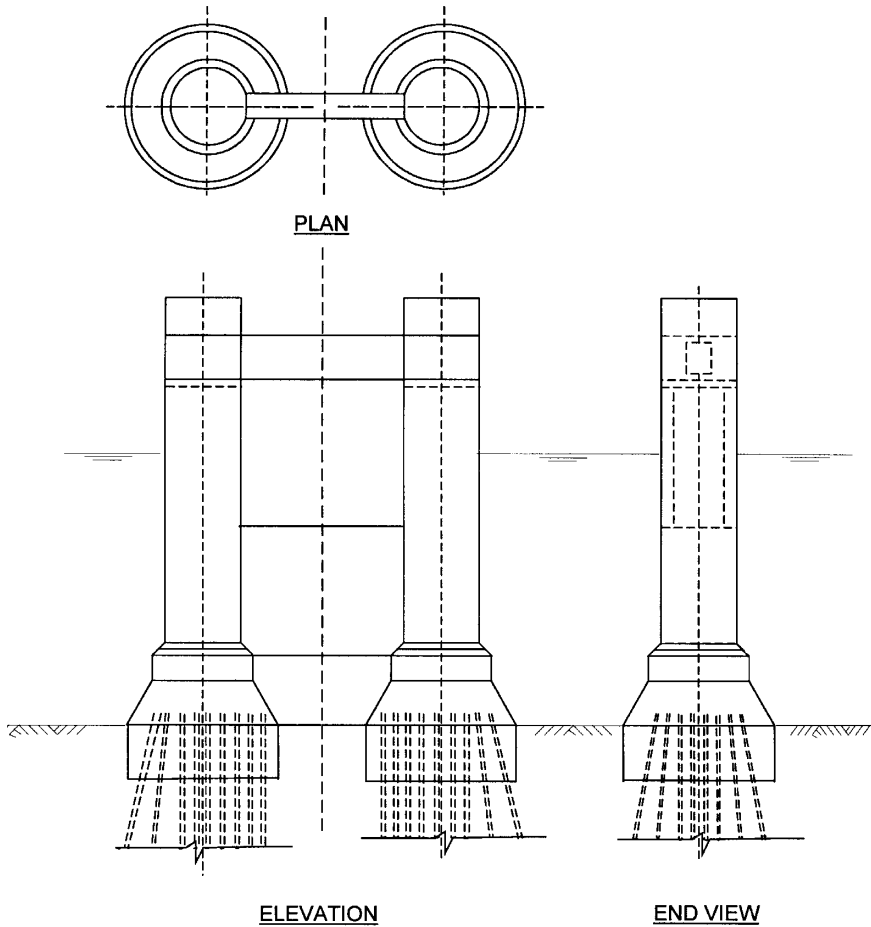
FIGURE 10.11 Configuration of the slender-pile group foundation considered.

Slender-Pile Group Foundation

The second example is to illustrate application of the empirical *p–y* method in a demand analysis of a slender-pile group foundation constructed at a deep soil site. The pile group foundation selected is one of 78 pier foundations of a long, water-crossing steel truss bridge. The foundation is constructed of two 24-ft (7.32-m)-diameter bell-shaped precast reinforced concrete pile caps, which are linked together by a deep cross-beam, as shown in Figure 10.11. Each bell-shaped pile cap is supported on a group of 28 steel 14BP89 H-pipes, giving a total of 56 piles supporting the combined two-bell pile cap. The piles in the outer ring and in the adjacent inner ring are battered at an angle of 4 to 1 and 6 to 1, respectively, leaving the remaining piles as vertical piles. The top ends of all piles are embedded with sufficient lengths into the concrete that fills the interior space of the bell-shaped pile caps such that these piles can be considered as fixed-head piles. The piles penetrate deep into the supporting soil medium to an average depth of 147 ft (44.8 m) below the mudline, where they encounter a thick dense sand layer. The soil profile and properties at this foundation location are shown in Figure 10.12. As indicated in this figure, the top 55 ft (16.8 m) of the site soil is composed of a 35-ft (10.7-m) layer of soft bay mud overlying a 20-ft (6.1-m) layer of loose silty sand.
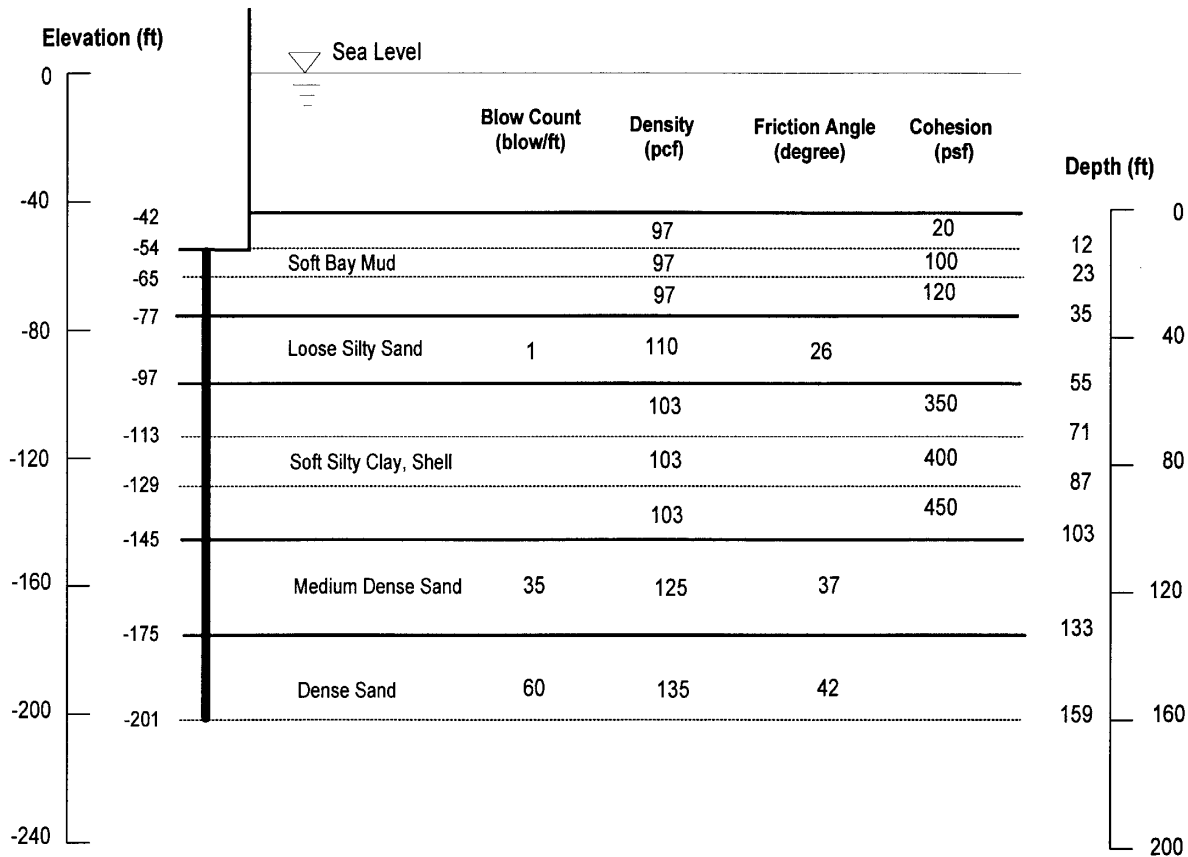
FIGURE 10.12 Soil profile and properties at the slender-pile group foundation considered.

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Because of the soft topsoil layers and the slender piles used, the foundation under seismic excitations is expected to undergo relatively large foundation lateral displacements relative to the free-field soil. Thus, large local soil nonlinearities are expected to occur at the soil–pile interfaces. To model the nonlinear soil resistances to the lateral and axial deflections of the piles, the empirically derived lateral *p–y* and axial *t–z*, and the pile-tip *Q–d* curves for each pile were used. Typical *p–y* and *t–z* curves developed for the piles are shown in Figure 10.13. Using the nonlinear *p–y*, *t–z*, and *Q–d* curves developed, evaluation of the foundation impedance matrix, $\boldsymbol{F}_{ff}^{f}(i\omega)$, and the associated scattered foundation input motion vector, $\bar{\boldsymbol{u}}_{f}(i\omega)$, were obtained following the procedures described below:

1. Determine the pile group deflected shape using a nonlinear analysis program such as GROUP [52], LPIPE [53], or APILE2 [54], as appropriate, under an applied set of monotonically increasing axial and lateral forces and an overturning moment.
2. Select target levels of axial and lateral deflections at each selected soil depth corresponding to a selected target level of pile cap displacement and determine the corresponding secant moduli from the applicable nonlinear *p–y*, *t–z*, and *Q–d* curves.
3. Develop a model of a group of elastic beams supported on elastic axial and lateral soil springs for the pile group using the elastic properties of the piles and the secant moduli of the soil resistances obtained in Step 2 above.
4. Compute the foundation impedance matrix and associated scattered foundation input motion vector for the model developed in Step 3 using Eqs. (10.44) and (10.46).

Since the *p–y*, *t–z*, and *Q–d* curves represent pseudo-static force–deflection relations, the resulting foundation impedance matrix computed by the above procedure is a real (not complex) frequency-independent pseudo-static stiffness matrix, i.e., $\boldsymbol{F}_{ff}^{j}(i\omega) = \boldsymbol{F}_{ff}^{j}(0)$. For the pile group foundation considered in this example, the beam-on-elastic-spring model shown schematically in Figure 10.14 was used. The foundation stiffness matrix associated with the six DOF of the nodal point located at the bottom center of the pile cap is shown in Figure 10.14. The scattered foundation motions in the longitudinal, transverse, and vertical directions associated with this foundation stiffness matrix are represented by their 5% damped acceleration response spectra shown in Figure 10.15. These spectra can be compared with the corresponding spectra for the seismic input motion prescribed at the pile tip elevation and the free-field mudline motions computed from free-field site-response analyses using SHAKE. As shown in Figure 10.15, the spectral values for the scattered pile cap motions, which would be used as input to the foundation–structure system, are lower than the spectral values for the free-field mudline motions. This result is to be expected for two reasons: (1) the soft topsoil layers present at the site are not capable of driving the pile group foundation and (2) the battered piles, acting with the vertical piles, resist lateral loads primarily through stiff axial truss action, in which case the effective input motions at the pile cap are controlled more by the free-field soil motions at depth, where more competent soil resistances are present, than by the soil motions near the surface.

Large-Diameter Shaft Foundation

The third example illustrates the application of the demand analysis procedure using the hybrid method of modeling. This method is preferred for a foundation constructed of a group of large-diameter CISS or CIDH shafts. Because of the large horizontal dimensions and substantial masses associated with the shafts in this type of foundation, the dynamic interaction of the shafts with the surrounding soil medium is more appropriately modeled and analyzed using the elastodynamic method; however, because the shafts resist loadings in a manner like piles, the local soil nonlinearities present in the soil–shaft interface regions near the ground surface where soft soils are usually present may be sufficiently large that they should be explicitly considered using a method such as the empirical *p–y* method.
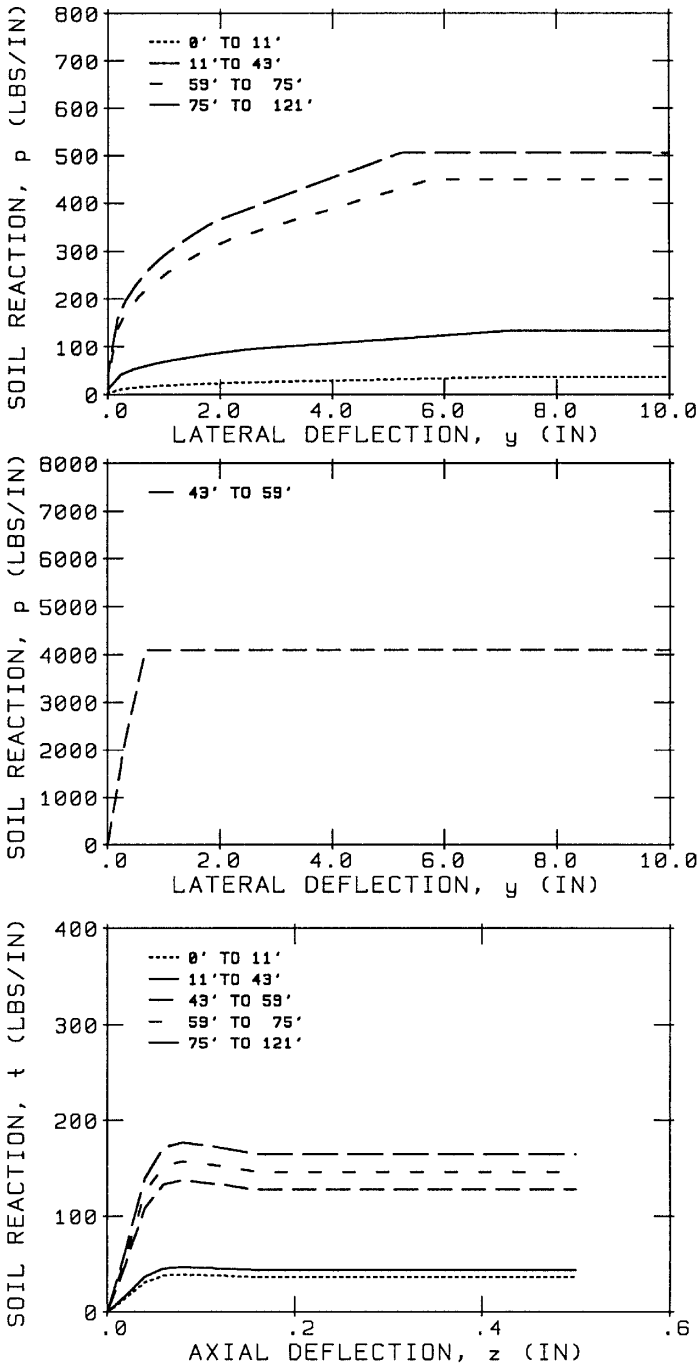
FIGURE 10.13 Typical *p–y* and *t–z* curves for the piles of the slender-pile group foundation considered.

The foundation selected for this example is composed of two 10.5-ft (3.2-m)-diameter shafts 150 ft (45.7 m) long, each consisting of a steel shell of wall thickness 1.375 in. (34.9 mm) filled with concrete. These two shafts are designed to be used as seismic retrofit shear piles for adding lateral stiffnesses and lateral load-resistance capacities to the H-pile group foundation considered in the second example discussed previously. The two shafts are to be linked to the existing pile group at
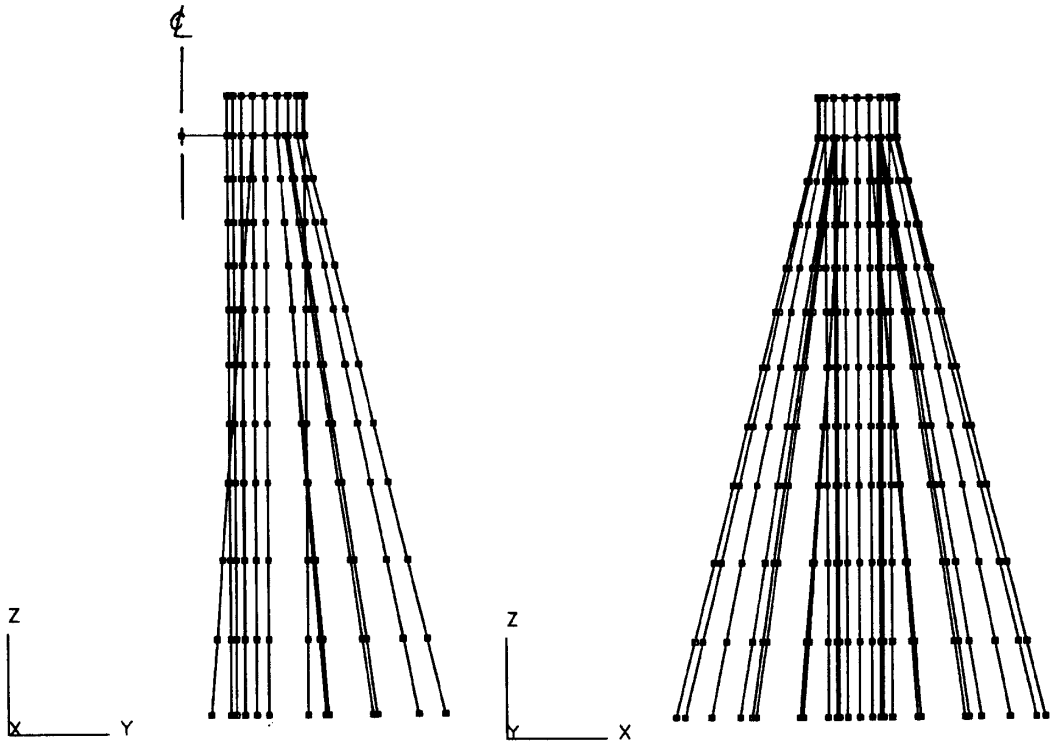
FIGURE 10.14 Beam-on-elastic-foundation half-model for the slender-pile group foundation considered.

the pile cap through a pile cap extension, which permits the shafts to resist only horizontal shear loads acting on the pile cap, not axial loads and overturning moments. These shear piles have been designed to resist seismic horizontal shear loads acting on the pile head up to 3000 kips (13,344 kN) each.

To determine the foundation impedance matrix and the scattered pile cap motion vector associated with the horizontal displacements of the shafts at the pile cap, an SASSI model of one half of the soil–shaft system is developed, as shown in Figure 10.16. The soil properties used in this model are the strain-compatible properties shown in Table 10.1, which were obtained from the free-field site-response analyses using SHAKE; thus, the effects of global soil nonlinearities induced in the free-field soil by the design seismic input have been incorporated. To model the local soil nonlinearities occurring near the soil–shaft interface, three-directional (two lateral and one axial) soil springs are used to connect the beam elements representing the shafts to the soil nodes located at the boundary of the soil–shaft interfaces. The stiffnesses of these springs are derived in such a manner that they match the secant moduli of the empirical p–y, t–z, and Q–d curves developed for the shafts, as described previously. Using the complete hybrid model shown in Figure 10.16, foundation compliances as functions of frequency were developed for harmonic pile-head shear loads varying from 500 (2224) to 3000 kips (13,334 kN). The results obtained are shown in Figure 10.17. It is seen that by incorporating local soil nonlinearities using the hybrid method, the resulting foundation compliance coefficients are not only frequency dependent due to the soil and shaft inertias and soil-layering effects as captured by the elastodynamic method, but also are load–deflection amplitude dependent due to the local soil nonlinearities, as captured by the empirical p–y method. The shear load–deflection curves obtained at the pile head in the low-frequency range ($\leq$1.0 Hz) are shown in Figure 10.18. The deflection curve for zero frequency, i.e., the static loading case, compares well with that obtained from a nonlinear analysis using LPILE [53], as indicated in Figure 10.18.
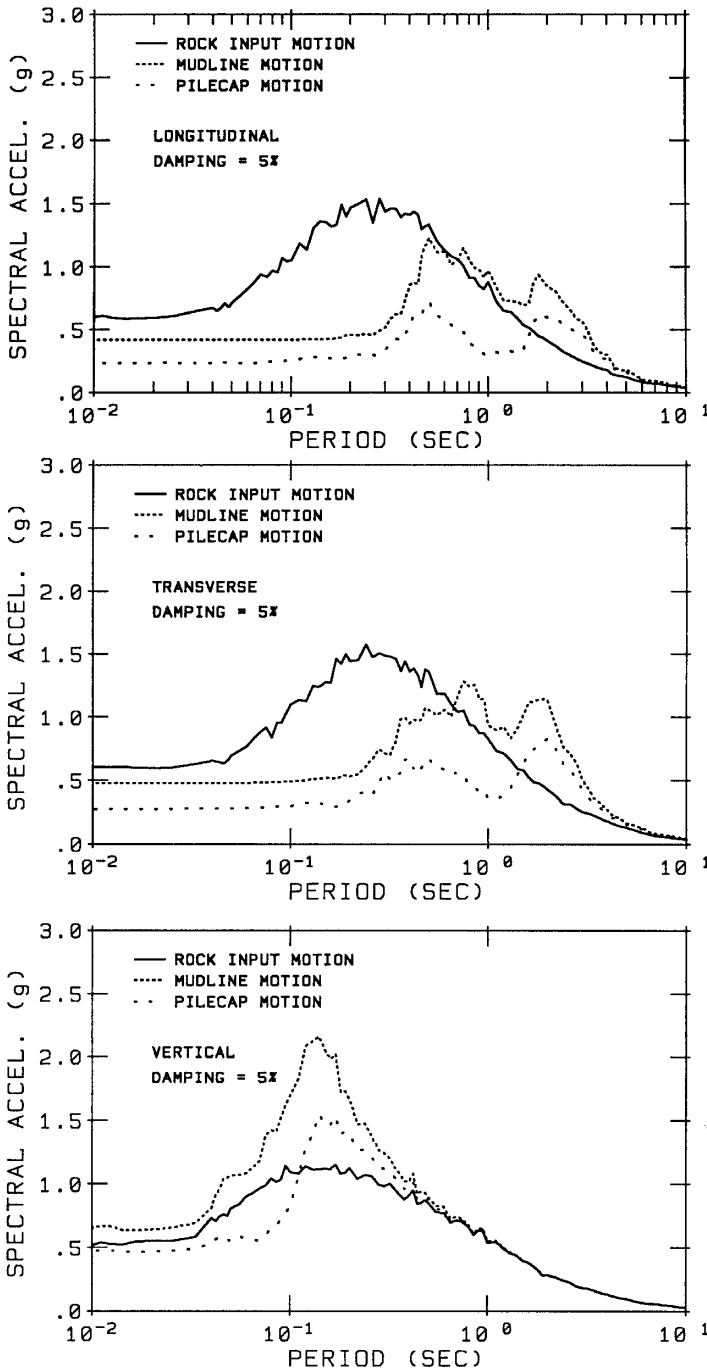
FIGURE 10.15   Comparisons of 5% damped response spectra for the rock input, mudline, and scattered pile cap motions in longitudinal, transverse, and vertical directions.

Subjecting the foundation to the design seismic input motions prescribed at the pile tip elevation and the corresponding free-field soil motions over its full depth, scattered foundation motions in the longitudinal and transverse directions of the bridge at the bottom center of the pile cap were
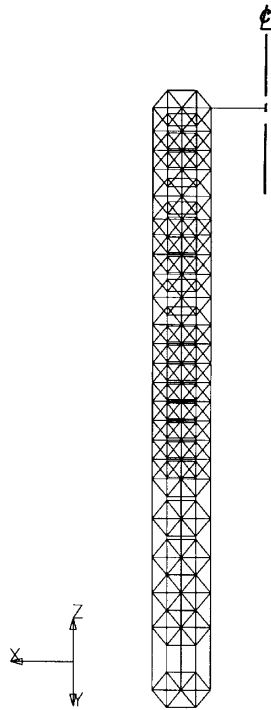
FIGURE 10.16   SASSI half-model of the large-diameter shaft foundation considered.

TABLE 10.1   Strain-Compatible Soil Properties for the Large-Diameter Shaft Foundation

El. ft (m)	Depth; ft (m)	Thickness; ft (m)	$\dfrac{k}{ft^3}\left(\dfrac{kN}{m^3}\right)$	Shear Wave Velocity, $\dfrac{ft}{s}\left(\dfrac{m}{s}\right)$	Shear Wave Damping Ratio	Compression Wave Velocity, $\dfrac{ft}{s}\left(\dfrac{m}{s}\right)$	Compression Wave Damping Ratio
−50 (−15.2)	0 (0.0)	10 (3.05)	0.096 (15.1)	202.1 (61.6)	0.10	4,800 (1,463)	0.09
−60 (−18.3)	10 (3.05)	10 (3.05)	0.096 (15.1)	207.5 (63.3)	0.15	5,000 (1,524)	0.10
−70 (−21.3)	20 (6.10)	10 (3.05)	0.096 (15.1)	217.7 (66.4)	0.17	5,000 (1,524)	0.10
−80 (−24.4)	30 (9.15)	20 (6.10)	0.110 (17.3)	137.5 (41.9)	0.25	4,300 (1,311)	0.10
−100 (−30.5)	50 (15.2)	10 (3.05)	0.096 (15.1)	215.7 (65.8)	0.20	4,800 (1,463)	0.10
−110 (−33.5)	60 (18.3)	20 (6.10)	0.096 (15.1)	218.4 (66.6)	0.20	4,300 (1,311)	0.10
−130 (−39.6)	80 (24.4)	20 (6.10)	0.096 (15.1)	233.0 (71.0)	0.20	4,900 (1,494)	0.10
−150 (−45.7)	100 (30.5)	20 (6.10)	0.120 (18.8)	420.4 (128.2)	0.20	5,500 (1,677)	0.10
−170 (−51.8)	120 (36.6)	10 (3.05)	0.120 (18.8)	501.0 (152.7)	0.19	6,000 (1,829)	0.10
−180 (−54.9)	130 (39.6)	10 (3.05)	0.120 (18.8)	532.7 (162.4)	0.19	5,800 (1,768)	0.10
−190 (−57.9)	140 (42.7)	20 (6.10)	0.125 (19.6)	607.2 (185.1)	0.18	5,800 (1,768)	0.10
−210 (−64.0)	160 (48.8)	20 (6.10)	0.128 (20.1)	806.9 (246.0)	0.16	5,800 (1,768)	0.10
−230 (−70.1)	180 (54.9)	10 (3.05)	0.133 (20.9)	1,374.4 (419.0)	0.11	6,400 (1,951)	0.10
−240 (−78.2)	190 (57.9)	5 (1.52)	0.140 (21.9)	2,844.9 (867.3)	0.02	12,000 (3,658)	0.02
−245 (−74.7)	195 (59.5)	halfspace	0.145 (22.8)	6,387.2 (1,947.3)	0.01	12,000 (3,658)	0.01

obtained as shown in terms of their 5% damped acceleration response spectra in Figure 10.19, where they can be compared with the corresponding response spectra for the seismic input motions and the free-field mudline motions. It is seen that, because of the substantial masses of the shafts, the spectral amplitudes of the scattered motions are higher than those of the free-field mudline motions
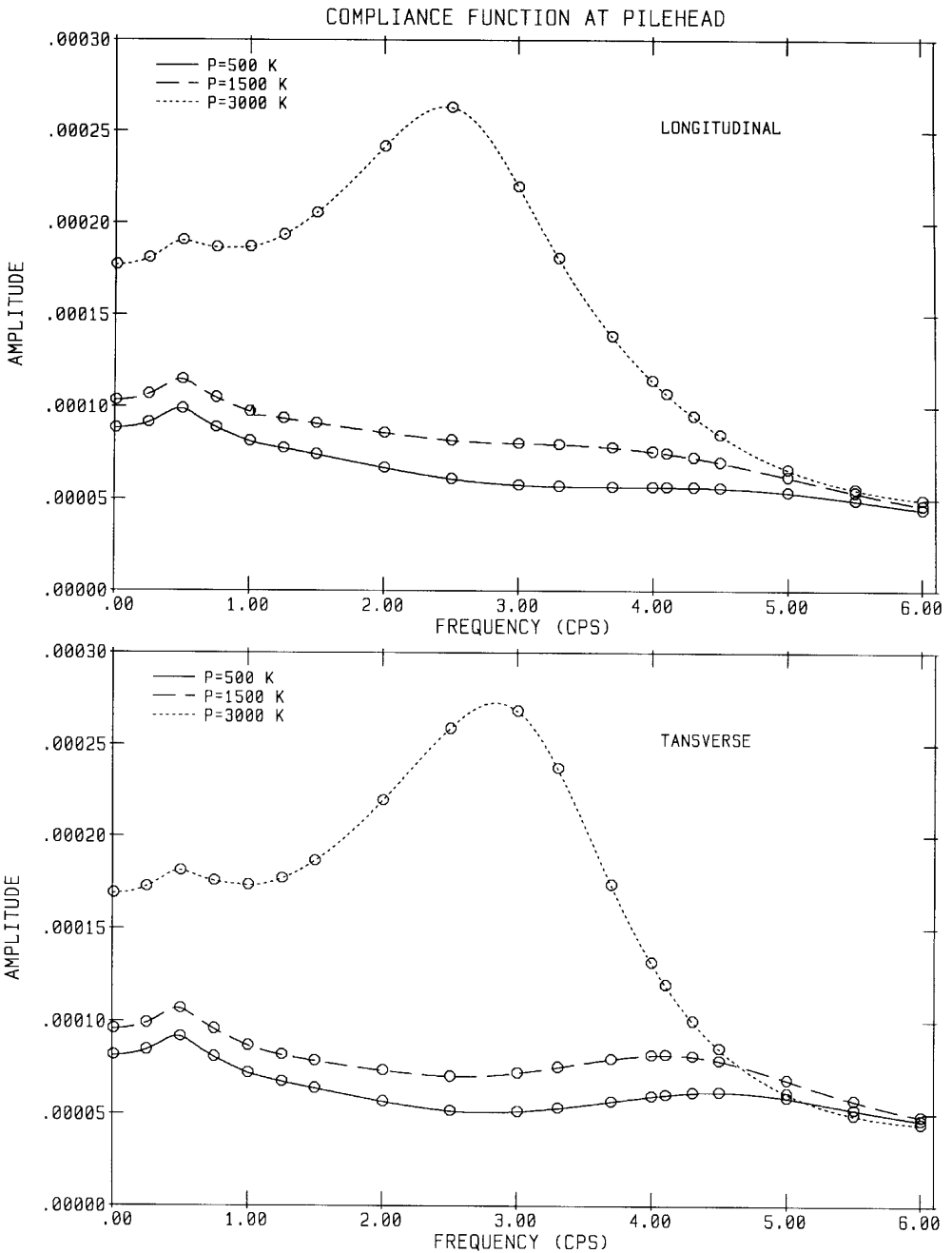
FIGURE 10.17   Foundation compliance functions at discrete values of shear load applied at the top of the shaft foundation.

for frequencies in the neighborhood of the soil–shaft system frequencies. Thus, for large-diameter shaft foundations constructed in deep, soft soil sites, it is important that the soil and shaft inertias be properly included in the SFI. Neglecting the shaft masses will result in underestimating the scattered pile cap motions in the longitudinal and transverse directions of the bridge, as represented in Figure 10.20.
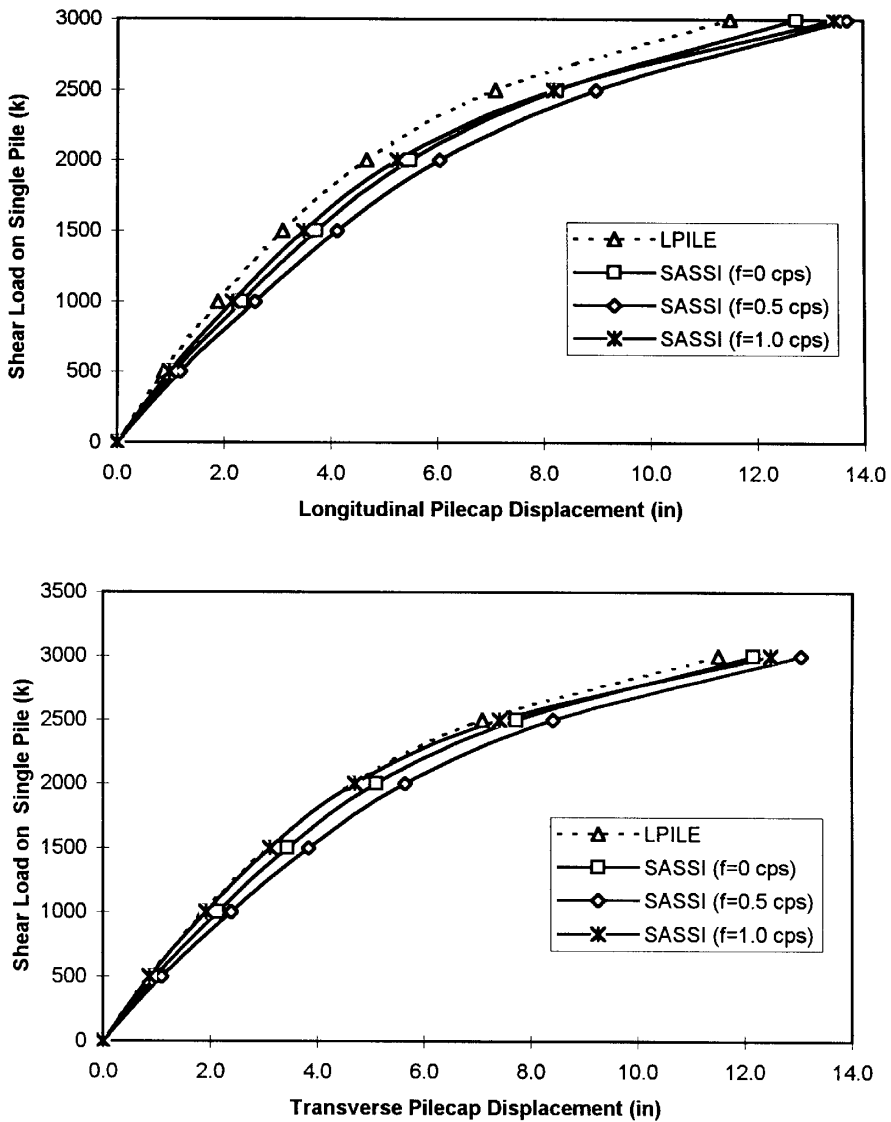
FIGURE 10.18 Typical shear load–deflection curves at several forcing frequencies.

10.8 Capacity Evaluations

The objective of the capacity evaluation is to determine the most probable levels of seismic resistance of the various elements, components, and subsystems of the bridge. The resistance capacities provided by this evaluation, along with the corresponding demands, provide the basis for judging seismic performance of the complete bridge system during future earthquakes. In the domain of SFSI as discussed here, the capacity evaluation focuses on soil–foundation systems.

For a bridge subjected to static loadings, the soil–foundation capacities of interest are the load resistances and the associated foundation deflections and settlements. Their evaluation constitutes the bulk of the traditional foundation design problem. When the bridge is subjected to oscillatory dynamic loadings, including seismic, the static capacities mentioned above are, alone, insufficient in the process of judging soil–foundation performance. In this case, it is necessary to assess the
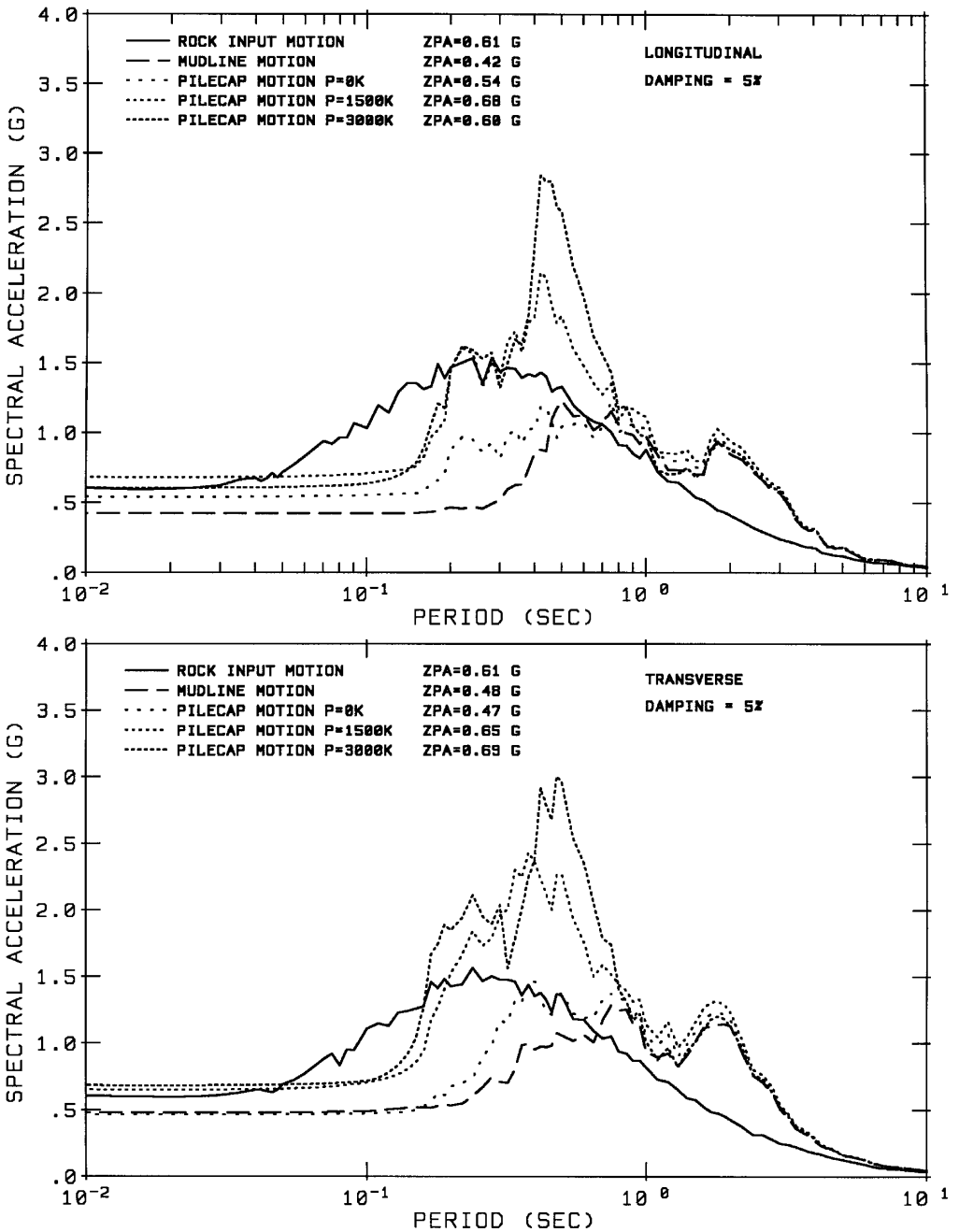
FIGURE 10.19 Comparisons of 5% damped response spectra for the longitudinal and transverse rock input, mudline, and scattered pile cap motions for the shaft foundations at several shear load levels.

entire load–deflection relationships, including their cyclic energy dissipation characteristics, up to load and/or deformation limits approaching failure conditions in the soil–foundation system. Because of the complexity of this assessment, the capacity evaluation must be simplified in order to make it practical. This is usually done by treating each soil–foundation system independently and by subjecting it to simplified pseudo-static monotonic and/or cyclic deformation-controlled step-by-step patterns of loading, referred to here as "push-over" analysis.
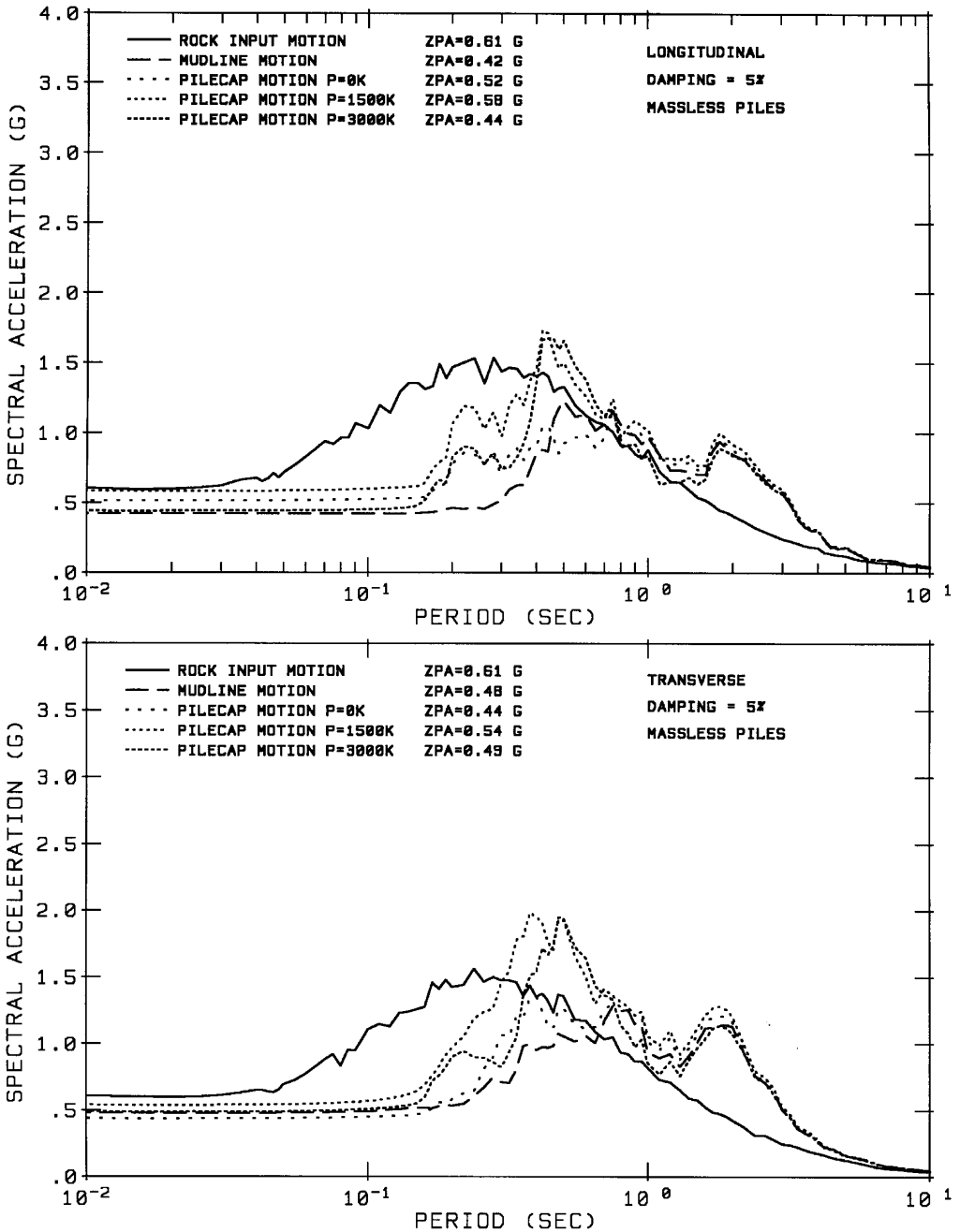
FIGURE 10.20 Comparisons of 5% damped response spectra for the longitudinal and transverse rock input, mudline, and scattered pile cap motions for the shaft foundation without masses in the shafts.

Because near-failure behavior of a soil–foundation system is involved in the capacity evaluation, it necessarily involves postelastic nonlinear behavior in the constituent components of the system, including the structural elements and connections of the foundation and its surrounding soil medium. Thus, ideally, a realistic evaluation of the capacities should be based on *in situ* tests conducted on prototypical foundation systems. Practical limitations, however, generally do not allow the conduct of such comprehensive tests. It is usually necessary, therefore, to rely solely on a

combination of analysis and limited-scope *in situ* or laboratory tests of selected critical components. These tests are performed either to provide the critical data needed for a capacity analysis or to confirm the adequacy and reliability of the results obtained from such an analysis. Indicator-pile tests that have often been performed for a bridge project are an example of limited-scope testing.

In a typical push-over analysis, the structural components of the foundation are represented by appropriate nonlinear finite elements capable of representing the near-failure nonlinear features, such as plastic hinging, ductile or brittle shearing, tensile or compressive yielding and fracturing, local and global buckling, and stiffness and capacity degradations due to P-Δ effects; further, the surrounding soil medium is usually represented either by nonlinear finite elements capable of modeling the postelastic constitutive behavior of the material or by empirically derived generalized nonlinear soil springs such as those developed from the *p–y, t–z,* and *Q–d* curves used for pile foundations. Ideally, the soil–foundation model used should also be able to represent properly the important nonlinear behaviors that could develop at the soil–foundation interfaces, such as slippage, debonding, and gapping. After the model has been developed, it is then subjected to a set of suitable push-over loading programs that simulate the loading conditions imposed on the soil–foundation system by the bridge pier at its interface with the foundation.

Conducting a step-by-step push-over analysis of the model described above, one can identify load and deformation levels associated with the various failure modes in the soil–foundation system. Then, load and deformation limits can be set beyond which the performance goals set for the bridge will no longer be met. These limits can be considered the capacity limits of the foundation system.

Because large uncertainties usually exist in a capacity evaluation, the capacity limits obtained therefrom should be reduced using appropriate capacity reduction ϕ factors. Each reduction factor adopted should adequately cover the lower limit of capacity resulting from the uncertainties. The reduced capacity limits established in this manner become the allowable capacity limits for use in comparing with the corresponding demands obtained through the demand analysis.

10.9   Concluding Statements

The previous sections of this chapter discuss the various elements of a modern state-of-the-art SFSI seismic analysis for large important bridges. These elements include (1) generating the site-specific rock-outcrop motions and corresponding free-field soil motions, (2) modeling and analysis of individual soil–foundation systems to establish foundation impedances and scattered motions, (3) determining SFSI using the substructuring method of analyses, and (4) assessing overall bridge performance by comparing force–deformation demands with corresponding capacities. Without retracing the details of these elements, certain points are worthy of special emphasis, as follows:

- Best-estimate rock and soil properties should be used in the generation of free-field seismic motions, with full recognition of the variations (randomness) and uncertainties (lack of knowledge) involved.

- Likewise, best-estimate material properties should be used in modeling the foundations, piers, abutments, and superstructure, also recognizing the variations and uncertainties involved.

- In view of the above-mentioned variations and uncertainties, sensitivity analyses should be conducted to provide a sound basis for judging overall seismic performance.

- Considering the current state of development, one should clearly differentiate between the requirements of a seismic force–deformation demand analysis and the corresponding capacity evaluation. The former is concerned with global system behavior; thus, it must satisfy only global dynamic equilibrium and compatibility. The latter, however, places emphasis on the behavior of local elements, components, and subsystems, requiring that equilibrium and compatibility be satisfied only at the local level within both the elastic and postelastic ranges of deformation.

- In conducting a demand analysis, equivalent linear modeling, coupled with the substructuring method of analysis, has the advantages that (1) the results are more controllable and predictable, (2) the uncertainties in system parameters can easily be evaluated separately, and (3) the SFSI responses can be assessed at stages. These advantages lead to a high level of confidence in the results when the nonlinearities are relatively weak. However, when strong nonlinearities are present, nonlinear time history analyses should be carried out in an iterative manner so that system response is consistent with the nonlinearities.

- When strong nonlinearities are present in the overall structural system, usually in the piers and superstructure, multiple sets of seismic inputs should be used separately in conducting the demand analyses; since, such nonlinearities cause relatively large dispersions of the maximum values of critical response.

- The elastodynamic method of treating SFSI is valid for foundations having large horizontal dimensions, such as large spread footings and caissons; while the empirical *p–y* method is valid only for slender-pile foundations subjected to large-amplitude deflections. For foundations intermediate between these two classes, e.g., those using large-diameter shafts, both of these methods are deficient in predicting SFSI behavior. In this case, the hybrid method of modeling has definitive advantages, including its ability to treat all classes of foundations with reasonable validity.

- The *p–y* method of treating SFSI in both demand analyses and capacity evaluations needs further development, refinement, and validation through test results, particularly with regard to establishing realistic *p–y*, *t–z*, and *Q–d* curves. For seismic applications, changes in the characteristics of these curves, due to global soil nonlinearities induced by the free-field ground motions, should be assessed.

- The hybrid method of treating SFSI, while being fundamentally sound, also needs further development, refinement, and test validation to make it fully acceptable for bridge applications.

- Systematic research and development efforts, involving laboratory and field tests and analytical correlation studies, are required to advance the SFSI analysis methodologies for treating bridge foundations.

The state of the art of SFSI analysis of large bridge structures has been rapidly changing in recent years, a trend that undoubtedly will continue on into the future. The reader is therefore encouraged to take note of new developments as they appear in future publications.

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Seismic Retrofit Technology

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11.1 Introduction

Upon completion of the seismic analysis and the vulnerability study for existing bridges, the engineer must develop a retrofit strategy to achieve the required design criteria. Depending on the importance of structures, there are two levels of retrofit. For ordinary structures, a lower level of retrofit may be implemented. The purpose of this level of retrofit is to prevent collapse. With this level of retrofit, repairable damage is generally expected after a moderate earthquake. Following a major earthquake, extensive damage is expected and replacement of structures may be necessary. For important structures, a higher level of retrofit could be required at a considerably higher cost. The purpose of this level of retrofit is not only to prevent collapse, but also to provide serviceability after a major earthquake.

There are two basic retrofit philosophies for a concrete bridge. The first is to force plastic hinging into the columns and keep the superstructure elastic. This is desirable because columns can be more easily inspected, retrofitted, and repaired than superstructures. The second is to allow plastic hinging in the superstructure provided that ductility levels are relatively low and the vertical shear load-carrying capacity is maintained across the hinge. This is desirable when preventing hinging in the superstructure is either prohibitively expensive or not possible. In other words, this strategy is permissible provided that the hinge in the superstructure does not lead to collapse. To be conservative, the contribution of concrete should be ignored and the steel stirrups need to be sufficient to carry 1.5 times the dead-load shear reaction if hinging is allowed in the superstructure.

There are two basic retrofit philosophies for steel girder bridges. The first is to let the bearings fail and take retrofit measures to ensure that the spans do not drop off their seats and collapse. In this scenario, the bearings act as a "fuse" by failing at a relatively small seismic force and thus protecting the substructure from being subjected to any potential larger seismic force. This may be

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TABLE 11.1   Seismic Performance Criteria

Ground Motion at Site	Minimum Performance Level	Important Bridge Performance Level
Functional Evaluation	Immediate service level repairable damage	Immediate service level minimal damage
Safety Evaluation	Limited service level significant damage	Limited service level repairable damage

the preferred strategy if the fusing force is low enough such that the substructure can survive with little or no retrofit. The second philosophy is to make sure that the bearings do not fail. It implies that the bearings transfer the full seismic force to the substructure and that retrofitting the substructure may be required. The substructure retrofit includes the bent caps, columns or pier walls, and foundations. In both philosophies, a superstructure retrofit is generally required, although the extent is typically greater with the fixed bearing scheme.

The purpose of this chapter is to identify potential vulnerabilities to bridge components and suggest practical retrofit solutions. For each bridge component, the potential vulnerabilities will be introduced and retrofit concepts will be presented along with specific design considerations.

11.2   Analysis Techniques for Bridge Retrofit

For ordinary bridges, a dynamic modal response spectrum analysis is usually performed under the input earthquake loading. The modal responses are combined using the complete quadratic combination (CQC) method. The resulting orthogonal responses are then combined using the 30% rule. Two cases are considered when combining orthogonal seismic forces. Case 1 is the sum of forces due to transverse loading plus 30% of forces due to longitudinal loading. Case 2 is the sum of forces due to longitudinal loading plus 30% of forces due to transverse loading.

A proper analysis should consider abutment springs and trusslike restrainer elements. The soil foundation structure interaction should be considered when deemed important. Effective properties of all members should be used. Typically, two dynamic models are utilized to bound the assumed nonlinear response of the bridge: a "tension model" and a "compression model." As the bridge opens up at its joints, it pulls on the restrainers. In contrast, as the bridge closes up at its joints, its superstructure elements go into compression.

For more important bridges, a nonlinear time-history analysis is often required. This analysis can be of uniform support excitation or of multiple support excitation, depending on the length of the bridge and the variability of the subsurface condition.

The input earthquake loading depends on the type of evaluation that is considered for the subject bridge. Table 11.1 shows the seismic performance criteria for the design and evaluation of bridges developed by the California Department of Transportation [1]. The safety evaluation response spectrum is obtained using:

1. Deterministic ground motion assessment using maximum credible earthquake; or
2. Probabilistically assessed ground motion with a long return period.

The functional evaluation response spectrum is derived using probabilistically assessed ground motions that have a 60% probability of not being exceeded during the useful life of the bridge. A separate functional evaluation is usually required only for important bridges.

With the above-prescribed input earthquake loading and using an elastic dynamic multimodal response spectrum analysis, the displacement demand can be computed. The displacement capacity of various bents may be then calculated using two-dimensional or three-dimensional nonlinear static push-over analysis with strain limits associated with expected damage at plastic hinge locations. When performing a push-over analysis, a concrete stress–strain model that considers effects of transverse confinement, such as Mander's model, and a steel stress–strain curve are used for considering material nonlinearity [2]. Limiting the concrete compressive strain to a magnitude smaller than the confined concrete ultimate compressive strain and the steel strain to a magnitude

TABLE 11.2   Strain Limits

	Significant Damage	Repairable Damage	Minimal Damage
Concrete strain limit ε_c	ε_{cu}	$2/3 * \varepsilon_{cu}$	The greater of $1/3 *$ ε_{cu} or 0.004
Grade 430 bar #29 to #57 steel strain limit ε_s	0.09	0.06	0.03
Grade 280 bar #29 to #57 steel strain limit ε_s	0.12	0.08	0.03
Grade 430 bar #10 to #25 steel strain limit ε_s	0.12	0.08	0.03
Grade 280 bar #10 to #25 steel strain limit ε_s	0.16	0.10	0.03
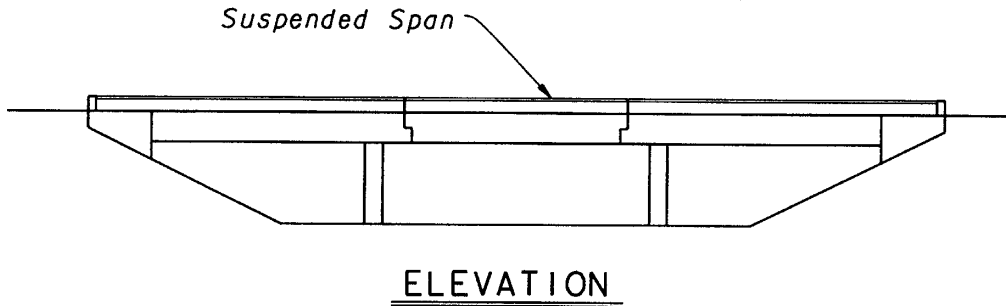
FIGURE 11.1   Suspended span.

smaller than steel rupture strain results in lesser curvature of the cross section under consideration. Smaller curvatures are usually associated with smaller cracks in the plastic hinge region.

Table 11.2 shows the general guidelines on strain limits that can be considered for a target level of damage in a plastic hinge zone. These limits are applied for the ultimate concrete strain ε_{cu} and the ultimate strain in the reinforcing steel ε_{su}. The ultimate concrete strain can be computed using a concrete confinement model such as Mander's model. It can be seen that for a poorly confined section, the difference between minimal damage and significant damage becomes insignificant. With displacement demands and displacement capacities established, the demand-to-capacity ratios can be computed showing adequacy or inadequacy of the subject bridge.

11.3 Superstructure Retrofits

Superstructures can be categorized into two different categories: concrete and steel. After the 1971 San Fernando, California earthquake, the primary failure leading to collapse was identified as unseating of superstructures at the expansion joints and abutments, a problem shared by both types of superstructures. Other potential problems that may exist with steel superstructures are weak cross-bracing and/or diaphragms. Concrete bridge superstructures have the potential to form plastic hinges during a longitudinal seismic response, which is largely dependent upon the amount of reinforcement used and the way it is detailed.

Expansion Joints and Hinges

During an earthquake, adjacent bridge frames will often vibrate out of phase, causing two types of displacement problems. The first type is a localized damage caused by the frames pounding together at the hinges. Generally, this localized damage will not cause bridge collapse and is therefore not a major concern. The second type occurs when the hinge joint separates, possibly allowing the adjacent spans to become unseated if the movement is too large. Suspended spans (i.e., two hinges within one span) are especially vulnerable to becoming unseated (Figure 11.1).
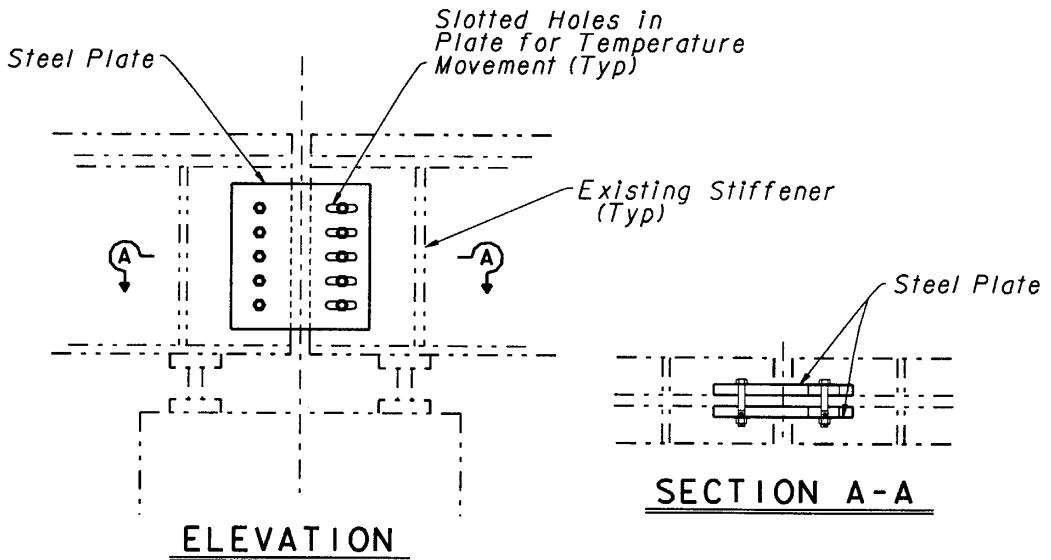
FIGURE 11.2   Steel girder hinge plate retrofit.

Simply Supported Girders

The most common problem for simply supported structures is girders falling off their seats due to a longitudinal response. If the seismic force on the structure is large enough to fail the bearings, then the superstructure becomes vulnerable to unseating at the supports.

There are several ways of retrofitting simply supported steel girders and/or precast concrete girders. The most common and traditional way is to use cable restrainers, since the theory is fundamentally the same for both types of girders. Care should be taken when designing the cables to intrude as little as possible on the vertical clearance between the girders and the roadway. Note that the cable retrofit solution for simply supported girders can be combined with a cap seat extension if expected longitudinal displacements are larger than the available seat width.

Another possible solution for steel girders is to make the girders continuous over the bents by tying the webs together with splice plates (Figure 11.2). The splice plate should be designed to support factored dead-load shears if the girder becomes unseated. The splice plate is bolted to the girder webs and has slotted or oversized holes to allow for temperature movement. This retrofit solution will usually work for most regular and straight structures, but not for most irregular structures. Any situation where the opposing girders do not line up will not work. For example, bridges that vary in width or are bifurcated may have different numbers of girders on opposite sides of the hinge. Bridges that are curved may have the girders at the same location but are kinked with respect to each other. In addition, many structures may have physical restrictions such as utilities, bracing, diaphragms, stiffeners, etc., which need to be relocated in order for this strategy to work.

Continuous Girders with In-Span Hinges

For continuous steel girders, the hinges are typically placed near the point of zero moment, which is roughly at 20% of the span length. These hinges can be either seat type as shown in Figure 11.3 or hanger type as shown in Figure 11.4. The hanger-type hinges are designed for vertical dead and live loads. These loads are typically larger than forces that can be imparted onto the hanger bar from a longitudinal earthquake event, and thus retrofitting the hanger bar is generally unnecessary. Hanger-type hinges typically have more seismic resistance than seat-type hinges but may still be subjected to seismic damage. Hanger bars are tension members that are vulnerable to differential transverse displacement on either side of the hinge. The differential displacement between the girders
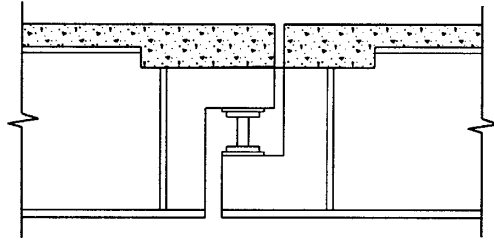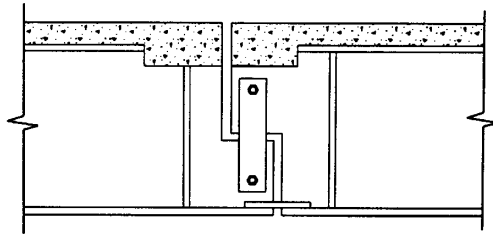
FIGURE 11.3 Seat-type hinge.

FIGURE 11.4 Hanger-type hinge.

causes the hanger bars to go into bending plus tension. These hinges often have steel bars or angles that bear against the opposite web, or lugs attached to the flanges, which were designed to keep the girders aligned transversely for wind forces. These devices are usually structurally inadequate and are too short to be effective with even moderate seismic shaking. Consideration should be given to replacing them or adding supplemental transverse restrainers [3]. Cross-bracing or diaphragms on both sides of the hinge may have to be improved in conjunction with the transverse restrainer.

It can generally be assumed that any seat-type hinge used with steel girders will need additional transverse, longitudinal, and vertical restraint in even moderately severe seismic areas [3].

Continuous concrete box girders typically have in-span-type hinges. These hinge seats were typically 150 to 200 mm, while some were even less on many of the older bridges. Because of the localized damage that occurs at hinges (i.e., spalling of the concrete, etc.), the actual length of hinge seat available is much less than the original design. Therefore, a means of providing a larger hinge seat and/or tying the frames together is necessary.

Restrainers

Restrainers are used to tie the frames together, limiting the relative displacements from frame to frame and providing a load path across the joint. The main purpose is to prevent the frames from falling off their supports. There are two basic types of restrainers, cables and rods. The choice between cables and rods is rather arbitrary, but some factors to consider may be structure period, flexibility, strength of hinge/bent diaphragm, tensile capacity of the superstructure, and, to some degree, the geometry of the superstructure.

There are various types of longitudinal cable restraining devices as shown in Figures 11.5 to 11.7. Cable restraining units, such as the ones shown in Figures 11.5 and 11.6, generally have an advantage over high-strength rods because of the flexibility of usage for varying types of superstructures. For simply supported girders, cables may be anchored to a bracket mounted to the underside of the girder flange and wrapped around the bent cap and again anchored as shown in Figure 11.8. This is the preferred method. Another possibility is to have the cables anchored to a bracket mounted to the bottom flange and simply attached to an opposing bracket on the other side of the hinge, as shown in Figure 11.9. The latter example is generally used for shorter bridges with a larger seat area
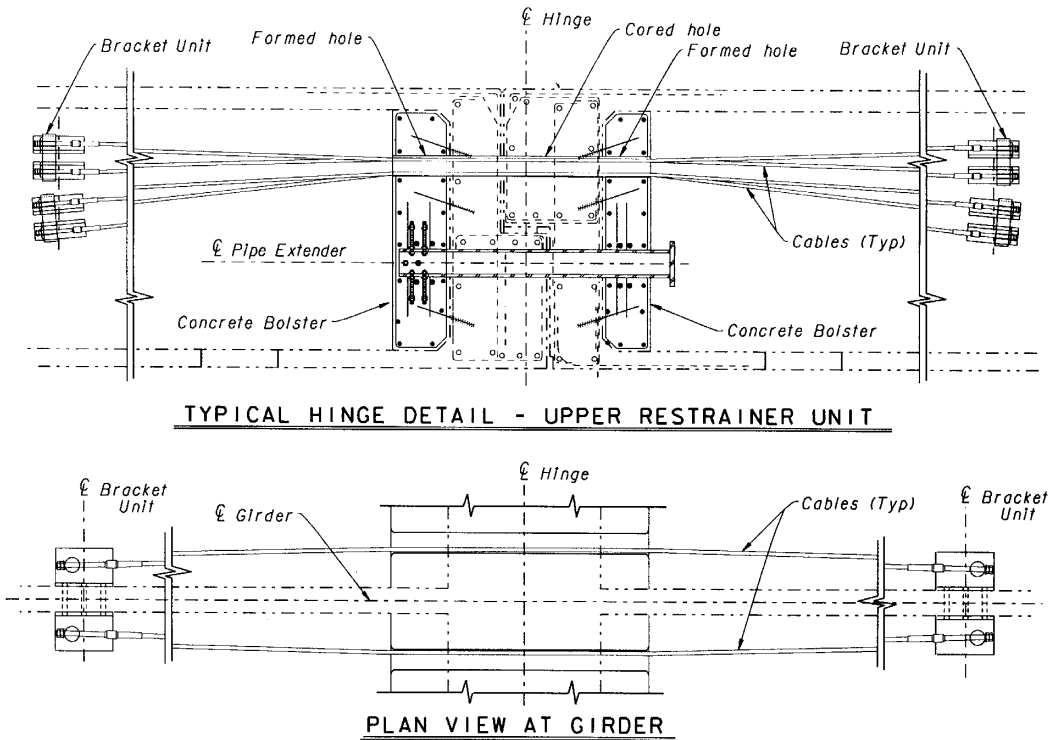
FIGURE 11.5   Type 1 hinge restrainer.

at the bent cap or in situations where vertical clearances may be limited. Moreover, cables have the advantage of using a variety of lengths, since the anchorage devices can be mounted anywhere along the girders, whether it be steel or concrete, in addition to being anchored to the nearest bent cap or opposite side of the hinge diaphragm. For example, if the restrainer is relatively short, this may shorten the period, possibly increasing the demand to the adjacent bridge frames. Therefore, for this example, it may be desirable to lengthen the restrainer keeping the force levels to within the capacities of the adjacent segments [4]. On the other hand, if the restrainer is too long, unseating can thus occur, and an additional means of extending the seat length becomes necessary.

High-strength rods are another option for restricting the longitudinal displacements and can be used with short seats without the need for seat extenders. Unlike cables, when high-strength rods are used, shear keys or pipes are generally used in conjunction since rods can be sheared with transverse movements at hinge joints. Geometry may be a limiting factor when using high-strength rods. For example, if a box-girder bridge is shallow, it may not be possible to install a long rod through a narrow access opening. For both cables and rods, the designer needs to consider symmetry when locating restraining devices.

Pipe Seat Extenders

When a longer restraining device is preferred, increased longitudinal displacements will result and may cause unseating. It is therefore necessary to incorporate pipe seat extenders to be used in conjunction with longer restrainers when unseating will result. A 200-mm (8-in.), XX strong pipe is used for the pipe seat extender, which is placed into a 250-mm (10-in.) cored (and formed) hole (Figure 11.10). A 250-mm cored hole allows vertical jacking if elastomeric pads are present, and replacement is required after the pad fails. Longitudinal restraining devices (namely, cables and rods) must be strain compatible with the seismic deflections imposed upon the hinge joint. In other words, if the longitudinal restrainers were too short, the device would have yielded long before the
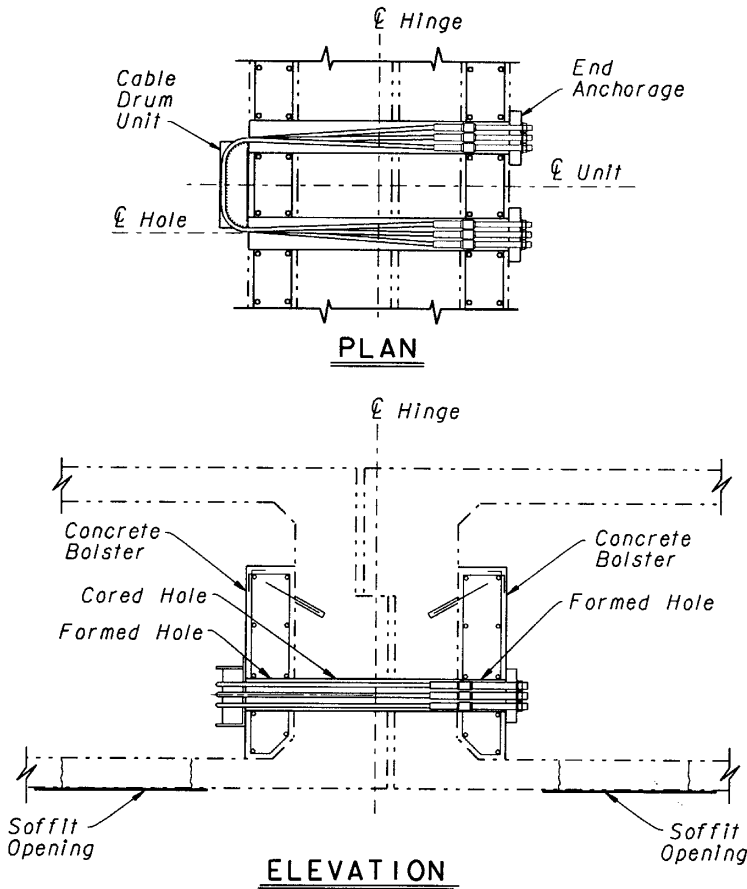
FIGURE 11.6   C-1 hinge restrainer.

pipe seat extender was mobilized, deeming the longitudinal restrainers useless. To limit the number of cored holes in the diaphragm, a detail has been developed to place the restrainer cables through the pipes as shown in Figure 11.11. The pipes not only are used for vertical load-carrying capacity, but can also be used successfully as transverse shear keys.

Steel Bracing and Diaphragms

Lateral stiffening between steel girders typically consists of some type of cross-bracing system or channel diaphragm. These lateral bracing systems are usually designed to resist wind loads, construction loads, centrifugal force from live loads, and seismic loads. The seismic loads prescribed by older codes were a fraction of current code seismic loads and, in some cases, may not have controlled bracing design. In fact, in many cases, the lateral bracing system is not able to withstand the "fusing" forces of the bearing capacity and/or shear key capacity. As a result, bracing systems may tend to buckle, and if channel diaphragms are not full depth of the girder, the webs could cripple. In general, the ideal solution is to add additional sets of bracing, stiffeners, and/or full-depth channel diaphragms as close to the bearings as physically possible.

Retrofit solutions chosen will depend on space restrictions. New bracing or diaphragms must be placed to not interfere with existing bracing, utilities, stiffeners, and cable restrainers and to leave enough access for maintenance engineers to inspect the bearings. Skewed bents further complicate space restrictions. When choosing a retrofit solution, the engineer must keep in mind that the
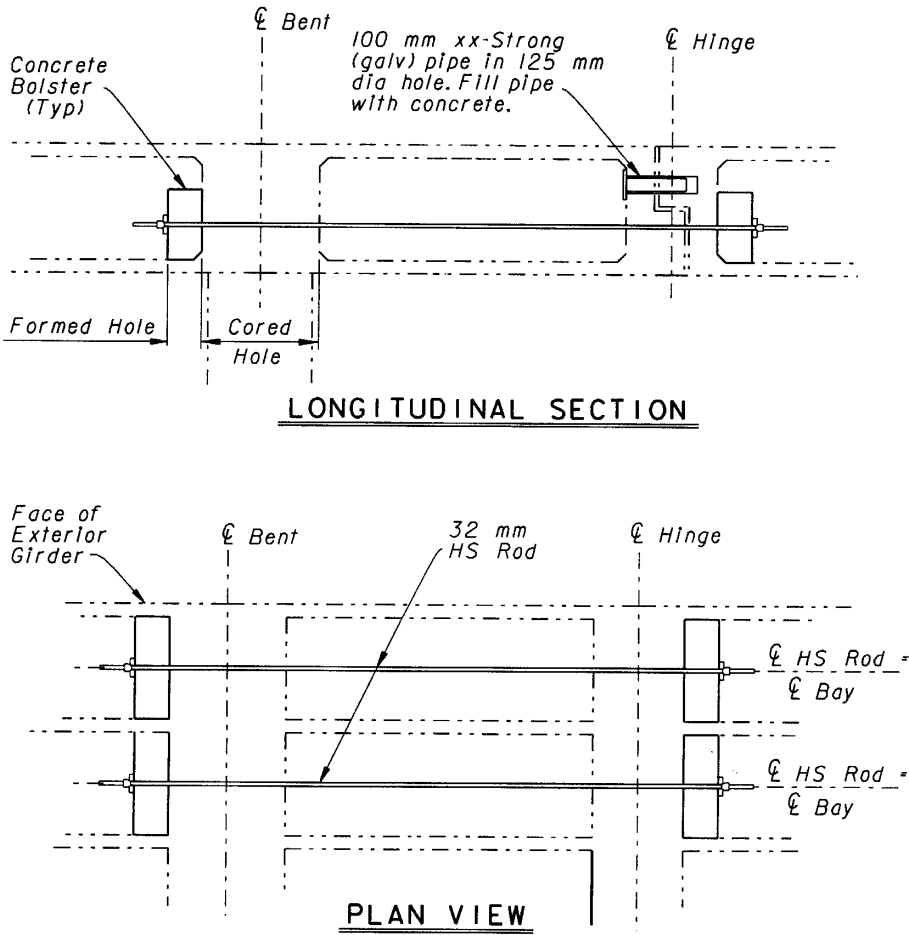
FIGURE 11.7   HS rod restrainer.
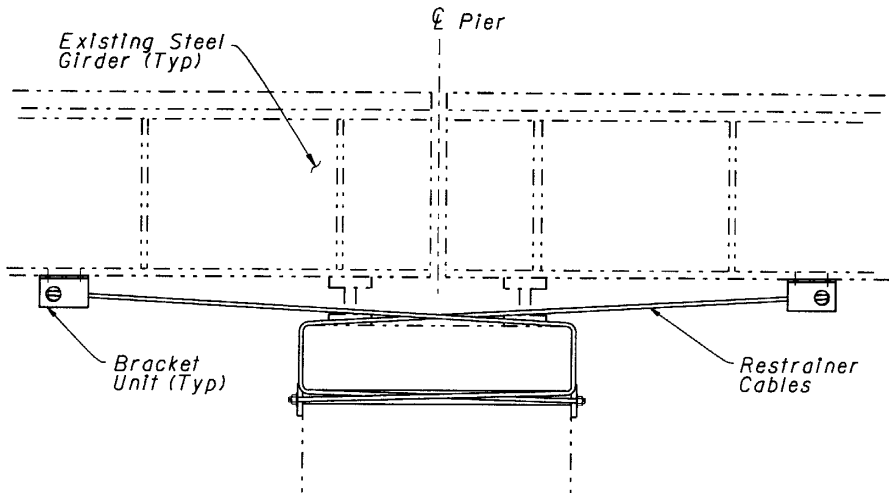
FIGURE 11.8   Cable restrainer through bent cap.
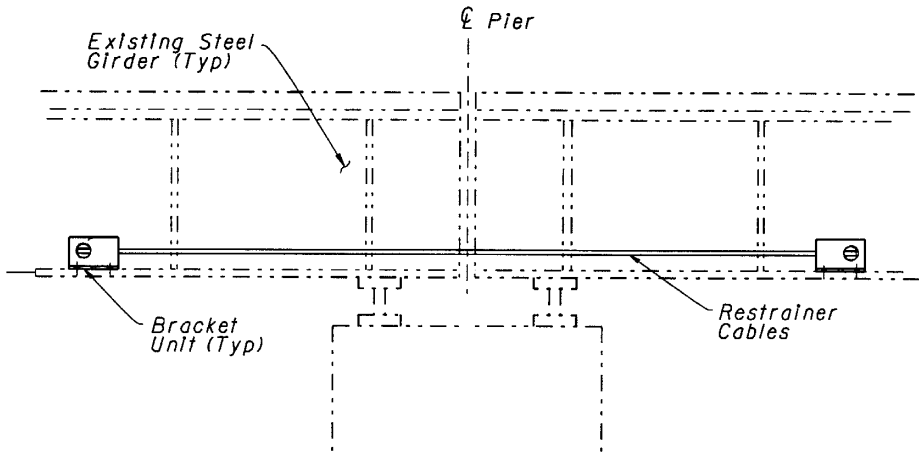
FIGURE 11.9 Girder-to-girder cable restrainer.
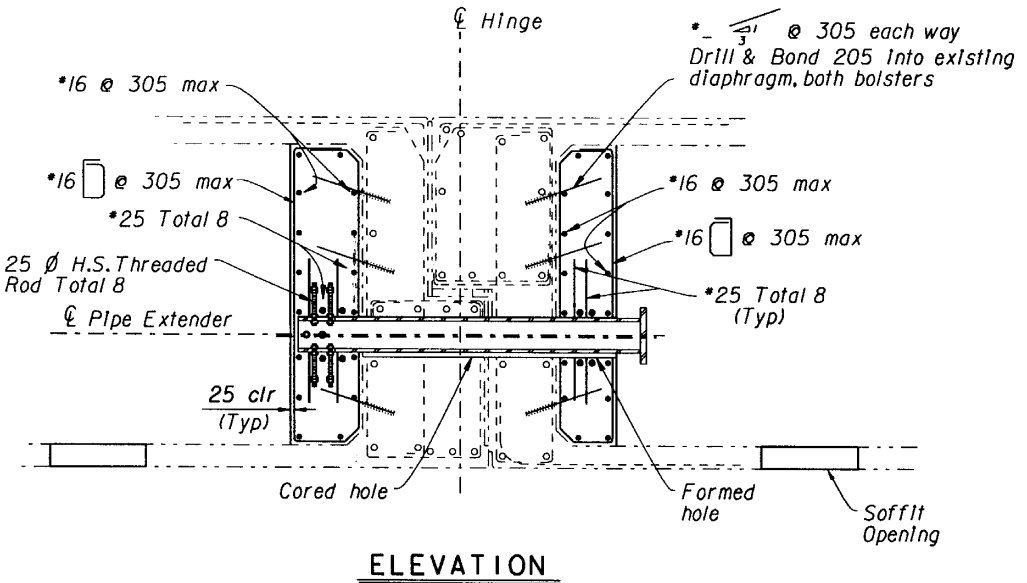
FIGURE 11.10 Pipe seat extender.

retrofit will be constructed while the structure is carrying traffic. Stresses in a bracing member tend to cycle under live load, which makes it difficult for the engineer to assess actual member stresses. As a result, any retrofit solution that requires removing and replacing existing members is not recommended. In addition, careful consideration should be given to bolted vs. welded connections. As previously mentioned, structures are under live loads during the retrofit operation and thus members are subjected to cyclic stresses. It may be difficult to achieve a good-quality weld when connecting to a constantly moving member. If bolted connections are used, preference should be given to end-bearing connections over friction connections. Friction connections have more stringent surface preparation requirements that are difficult and expensive to achieve in the field, as is the case with lead-based paint.
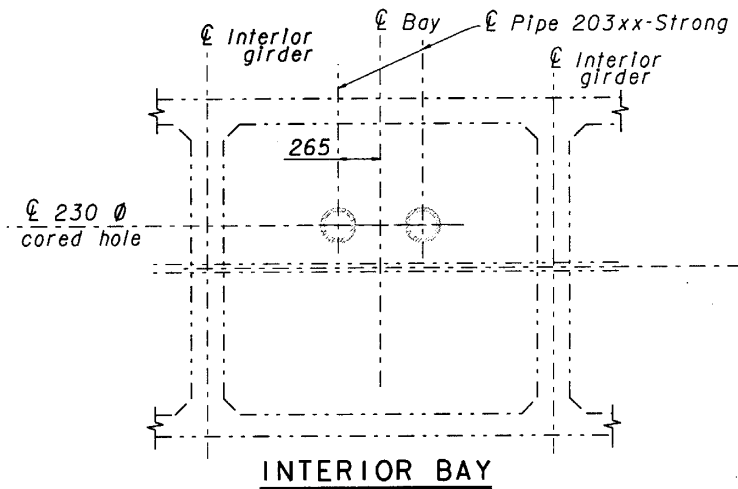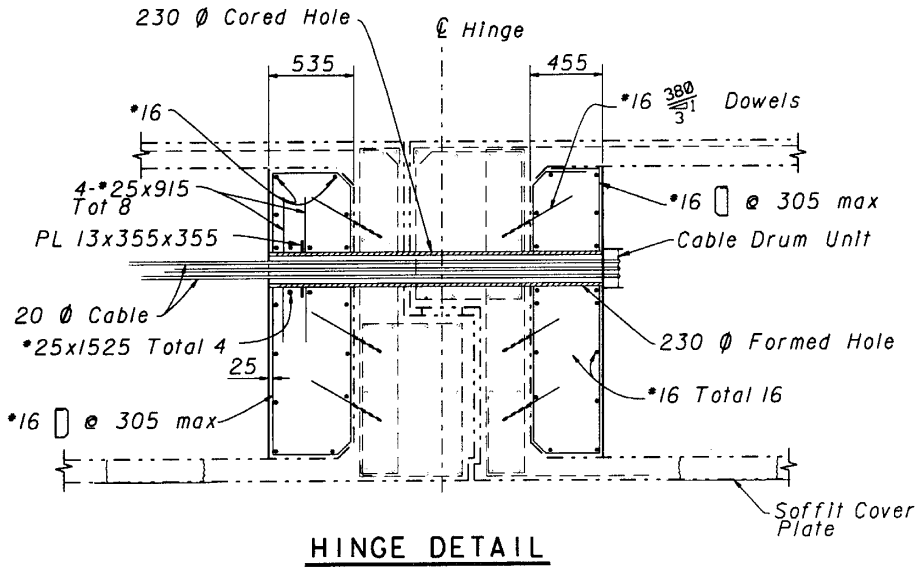
FIGURE 11.11   Restrainers/pipe seat extender.

Concrete Edge Beams

Edge beams are used to enhance the longitudinal capacity of a concrete bridge. These beams link consecutive bents together outside the existing box structure. In the United States, edge beams have been used to retrofit double-deck structures with long outriggers.

In a single-level bridge structure, outriggers are vulnerable in torsion under longitudinal excitation. Two retrofit alternatives are possible. The first alternative is to strengthen the outrigger cap while maintaining torsional and flexural fixity to the top of the column. The second alternative is to pin the top of the column, thus reducing the torsional demand on the vulnerable outrigger cap. Using the second alternative, the column bottom fixity needs to be ensured by means of a full footing retrofit.

In a double-deck structure, pinning the connection between the lower level outrigger cap and the column is not possible since fixity at that location is needed to provide lateral support to the upper deck. In situations where the lower deck is supported on a long outrigger cap, the torsional softening of that outrigger may lead to loss of lateral restraint for the upper-deck column. This weakness can be remedied by using edge beams to provide longitudinal lateral restraint. The edge beams need to be stiff and strong enough to ensure plastic hinging in the column and reduce torsional demand on the lower-deck outrigger cap.

11.4 Substructure Retrofits

Most earthquake damage to bridge structures occurs at the substructure. There are many types of retrofit schemes to increase the seismic capacity of existing bridges, and no one scheme is necessarily more correct than another. One type of retrofit scheme may be to encase the columns and add an overlay to footings. Another might be to attract forces into the abutments and out of the columns and footings. Listed below are some different concepts to increase the capacities of individual members of the substructure.

Concrete Columns

Bridge columns constructed in the United States prior to 1971 are generally deficient in shear, flexure, and/or lateral confinement. Stirrups used were typically #13 bars spaced at 300 mm on center (#4 bars at 12 in.) for the entire column length, including the regions of potential plastic hinging. Typically, the footings were constructed with footing dowels, or starter bars, with the longitudinal column reinforcement lapped onto the dowels. As the force levels in the column approach yield, the lap splice begins to slip. At the onset of yielding, the lap splice degrades into a pin-type condition, and within the first few cycles of inelastic bending, the load-carrying capacity degrades significantly. This condition can be used to allow a "pin" to form and avoid costly footing repairs. Various methods have been successfully used to enhance the shear capacity and ductility by increasing the lateral confinement of the plastic hinge zone for bridge columns with poor transverse reinforcement details. Following is a list of these different types and their advantages and/or disadvantages.

Column Casings

The theory behind any of the column casing types listed below is to enhance the ductility, shear, and/or flexural capacity of an existing reinforced concrete column and, in some cases, to limit the radial dilating strain within the plastic hinge zone. Because of the lap splice detail employed in older columns, one of the issues facing column retrofitting is to maintain fixity at the column base. The lateral confining pressure developed by the casing is capable of limiting the radial dilating strain of the column, enough to "clamp" the splice together, preventing any slippage from occurring. Tests have shown that by limiting the radial dilating strains to less than 0.001, the lap splice will remain fixed and is capable of developing the full plastic moment capacity of the section [5]. Contrary to limiting the radial strains is to permit these strains to take place (i.e., radial dilating strains greater than 0.001), allowing a "pin" to form while providing adequate confinement throughout the plastic hinge region.

Steel Casings

There are three types of retrofit schemes that are currently employed to correct the problems of existing columns through the use of steel jacketing. The first type is typically known as a class F type of column casing retrofit, as shown in Figure 11.12. This type of casing is fully grouted and is placed the full height of the column. It is primarily used for a column that is deficient in shear and flexure. It will limit the radial dilating strain to less than 0.001, effectively fixing the lap splice from
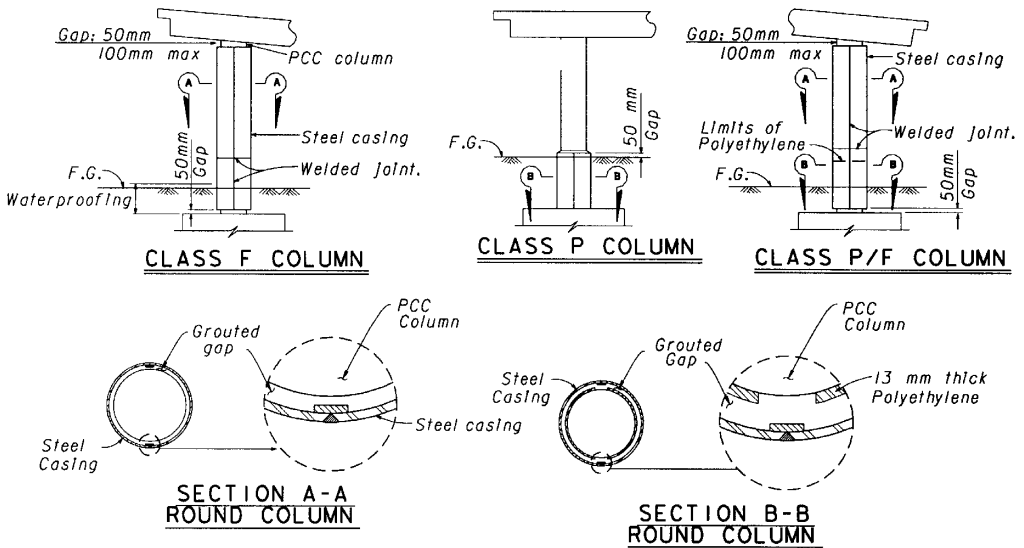
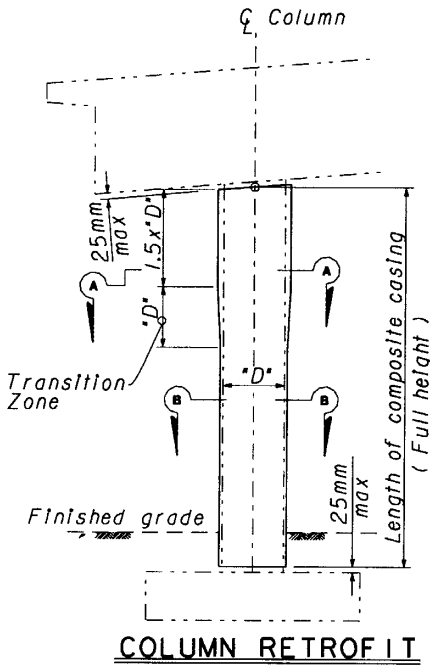**FIGURE 11.12**   Steel column casings.

slipping. The lateral confining pressure for design is taken as 2.068 MPa (300 psi) and, when calculated for a 13-mm-thick steel casing with A36 steel, is equivalent to a #25 bar (#8 bar) at a spacing of about 38 mm. It can therefore be seen that the confinement, as well as the shear, is greatly enhanced. The allowable displacement ductility ratio for a class F column casing is typically 6, allowing up to 8 in isolated locations. It has been tested well beyond this range; however, the allowable ductility ratio is reduced to prohibit fracturing of the longitudinal bars and also to limit the level of load to the footing.

The second type of casing is a class P type and is only a partial height casing; therefore, it does not help a column that is deficient in shear. As can be seen from Figure 11.12, the main difference between a class F and a class P type column casing is the layer of polyethylene between the grout and the column. This will permit the column to dilate outward, allowing the strain to exceed 0.001, forming a pin at the base of the column. It should be noted that the casing is still required in this condition to aid in confining the column. The limit of this type of retrofit is typically taken as 1.5 times the column's diameter or to where the maximum moment has decreased to 75%.

The third type of steel column casing is a combination of the first two and hence is known as a class P/F, also shown in Figure 11.12. It is used like a class P casing, but for a column with a shear deficiency. All of these casings can be circular (for circular or square columns) or oblong (for rectangular columns). If a rectangular column is deficient in shear only, it is sometimes permitted to use flat steel plates if the horizontal clearances are limited and it is not possible to fit an oblong column in place. For aesthetic purposes, the class P casing may be extended to full height in highly visible areas. It can be unsightly if an oblong casing is only partial height. It is important to mention that the purpose of the 50-mm gap at the ends of the column is to prevent the casing from bearing against the supporting member acting as compression reinforcement, increasing the flexural capacity of the column. This would potentially increase the moments and shears into the footing and/or bent cap under large seismic loads.

Concrete Casings

When retrofitting an unusually shaped column without changing the aesthetic features of the geometry of the column, a concrete casing may be considered as an alternative. Existing columns are retrofitted by placing hoops around the outer portion of the column and then drilling and bonding bars into the column to enclose the hoops. The reinforcement is then encased with concrete,

FIBER VOLUME = 35% min

E-GLASS		
ROUND COLUMN		
COLUMN DIA	t1(min)	t2(min)
305mm	5mm	5mm
610mm	9mm	5mm
915mm	13mm	7mm
1220mm	17mm	9mm
1525mm	22mm	11mm
1830mm	25mm	13mm

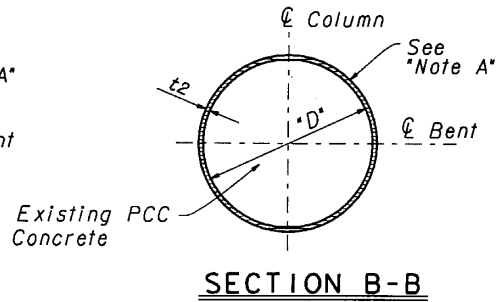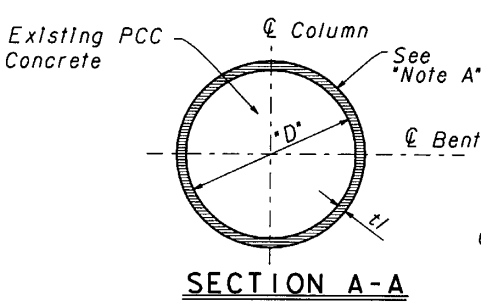Note A:
Epoxy Resin-Glass Composite

COLUMN RETROFIT

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FIGURE 11.13   Advanced composite column casing.

thus maintaining the original shape of the column. The design of a concrete jacket follows the requirements of a new column. Although this method increases the shear and flexural capacities of the column and provides additional confinement without sacrificing aesthetics, it is labor intensive and therefore can be costly.

Advanced Composite Casings
Recently, there has been significant research and development using advanced composites in bridge design and retrofit. Similar to steel casings, advanced composite casings increase the confinement and shear capacity of existing concrete bridge columns. This type of column retrofit has proved to be competitive with steel casings when enhancing column shear capacity and may also provide an economic means of strengthening bridge columns (Figure 11.13). However, currently, composites are not economic when limiting lap splice slippage inside expected plastic hinge zones. The advantage of using some types of composite casings is that the material can be wrapped to the column without changing its geometric shape. This is important when aesthetics are important or lateral clearances at roadways are limited.
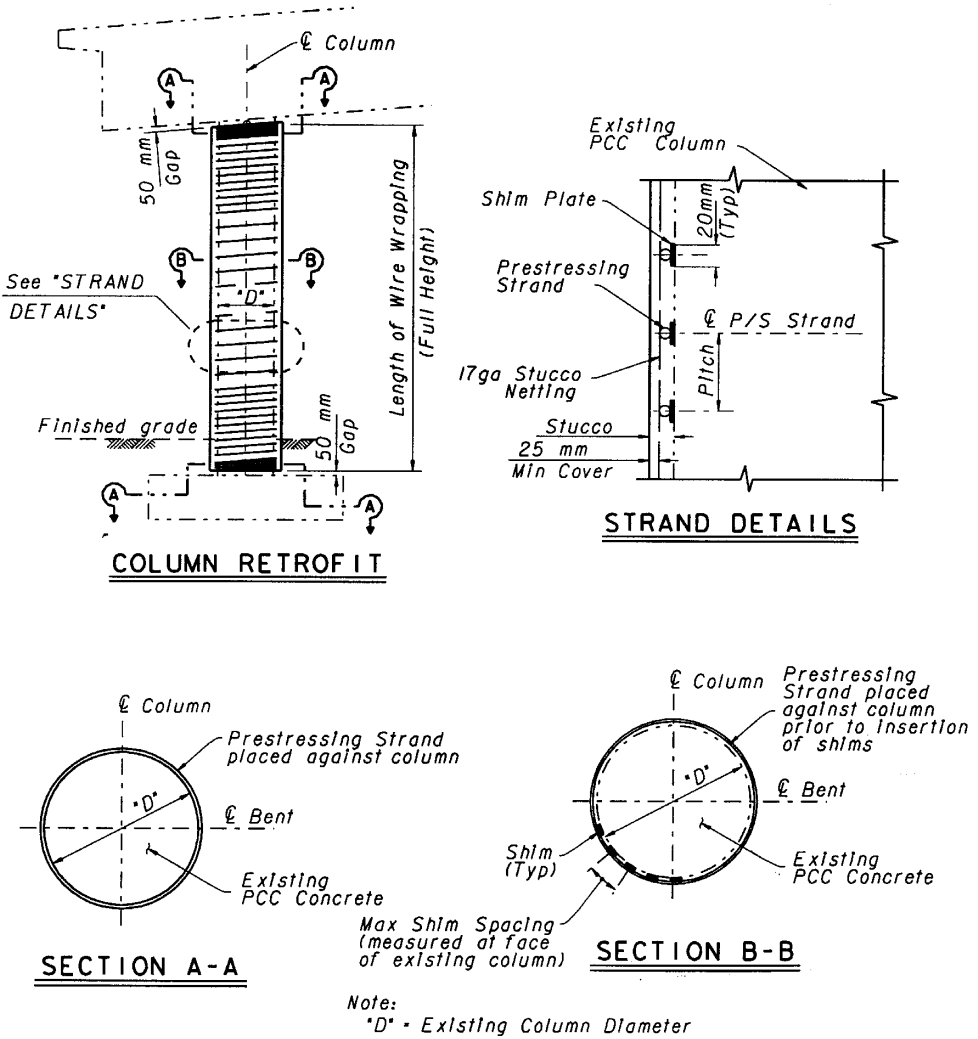
FIGURE 11.14   Column wire wrap.

Wire Wrap Casings

Another type of system that was recently approved by the California Department of Transportation is a "wire wrap" system. It consists of a prestressing strand hand wrapped onto a column; then wedges are placed between the strand and the column, effectively prestressing the strand and actively confining the column, as shown in Figure 11.14. The advantage of this type of system is that, like the advanced composites, it can be wrapped to any column without changing the geometric shape. Its basic disadvantage is that it is labor intensive and currently can be applied only to circular columns.

In-Fill Walls

Reinforced concrete in-fill walls may also be used as an alternative for multicolumn bridge bents, as shown in Figure 11.15. This has two distinct advantages: it increases the capacity of the columns in the transverse direction and limits the transverse displacements. By limiting the displacements
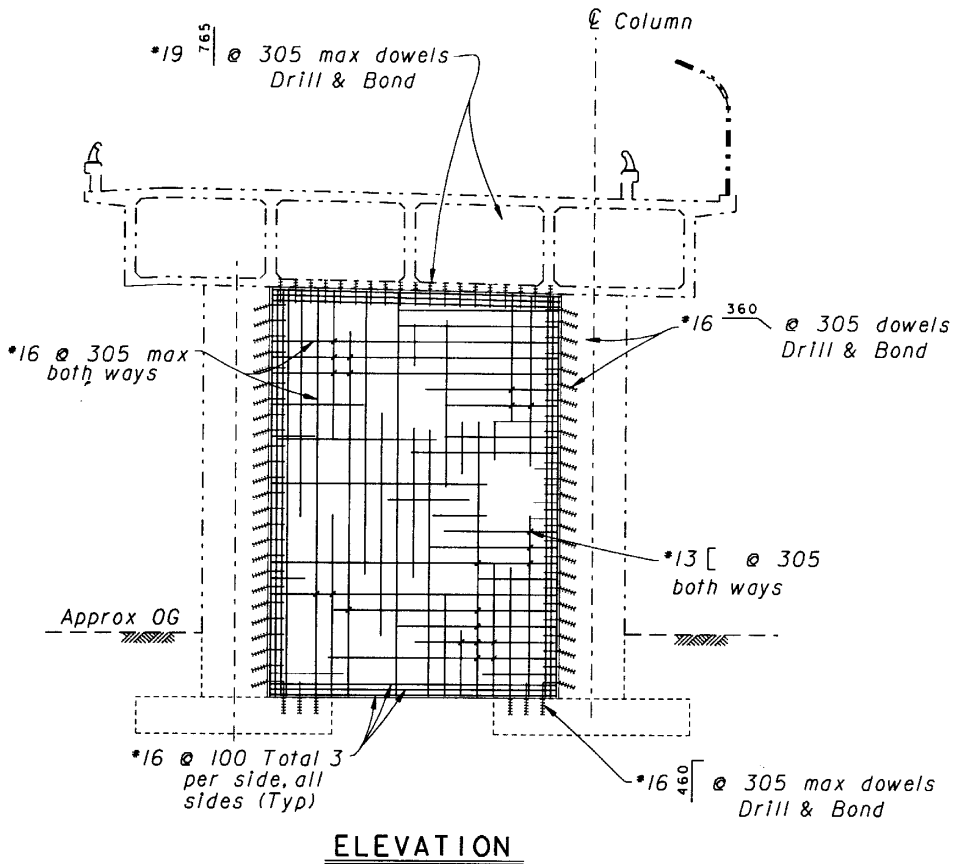
FIGURE 11.15   In-fill wall.

transversely, the potential for plastic hinge formation in the bent cap is eliminated. Therefore, cost may prove to be less than some other retrofit alternatives mentioned earlier. It is important to note that the in-fill wall is not effective in the longitudinal capacity of bridge bents with little or no skew.

Link Beams

Link beams are used to enhance the transverse capacity of a concrete bent. The placement of a link beam over a certain height above ground level determines its function.

A link beam can be placed just below the soffit level and acts as a substitute to a deficient existing bent cap. The main function of this kind of link beam is to protect the existing superstructure and force hinging in the column.

In other cases, a link beam is placed somewhere between the ground level and the soffit level in order to tune the transverse stiffness of a particular bent. This type of retrofit can be encountered in situations where a box superstructure is supported on bents with drastically unequal stiffnesses. In this case, the center of mass and the center of rigidity of the structure are farther apart. This eccentricity causes additional displacement on the outer bents, which can lead to severe concentrated ductility demands on just a few bents of the subject bridge. This behavior is not commonly preferred in seismically resistant structures, and the use of link beams in this case can reduce the eccentricity between the center of mass and the center of rigidity. This structural tuning is important in equally distributing and reducing the net ductility demands on all the columns of the retrofitted bridge.

Pier Walls

Until recently, pier walls were thought to be more vulnerable to seismic attack than columns. However, extensive research performed at the University of California, Irvine has proved otherwise [6]. Pier walls, nevertheless, are not without their problems. The details encompass poor confinement and lap splices, similar to that of pre-1971 bridge columns. Pier walls are typically designed and analyzed as a shear wall about the strong axis and as a column about the weak axis. The shear strength of pier walls in the strong direction is usually not a concern, and one can expect a shear stress of about $0.25 \sqrt{f'_c}$ (MPa). For the weak direction, the allowable demand displacement ductility ratio in existing pier walls is 4.0. Similar to columns, many older pier walls were also built with a lap splice at the bottom. If the lap splice is long enough, fixity will be maintained and the full plastic moment can be developed. Tests conducted at the University of California, Irvine, have shown that lap splices 28 times the diameter of the longitudinal bar are adequate [6]. However, a lap splice detail with as little as 16 bar diameters will behave in the same manner as that of a column with an inadequate lap splice and may slip, forming a pin condition. Because of the inherent flexibility of a pier wall about its weak axis, the method of retrofit for this type of lap splice is a plate with a height two times the length of the splice, placed at the bottom of the wall. The plate thickness is not as critical as the bolt spacing. It is generally recommended that the plate be 25 mm thick with a bolt spacing equal to that of the spacing of the main reinforcement, only staggered (not to exceed approximately 355 mm). If additional confinement is required for the longer lap splice, the plate height may be equal to the lap splice length.

Steel Bents

Most steel bents encountered in older typical bridges can be divided in two groups. One group contains trestle bents typically found in bridges spanning canyons, and the second group contains open-section built-up steel columns. The built-up columns are typically I-shaped sections that consist of angles and plates bolted or riveted together. The second group is often found on small bridges or elevated viaducts.

Trestle steel bents are commonly supported on pedestals resting on rock or relatively dense foundation. In general, the truss members in these bents have very large slenderness ratios, which lead to very early elastic buckling under low-magnitude earthquake loading. Retrofitting of this type of bent consists basically of balancing between member strengthening and enhancing the tensile capacity of the foundation and keeping connection capacities larger than member capacities. In many situations, foundation retrofit is not needed where bent height is not large and a stable rocking behavior of the bent can be achieved. Strengthening of the members can be obtained by increasing the cross-sectional area of the truss members or reducing the unsupported length of the members.

Figure 11.16 shows the retrofit of the Castro Canyon bridge in Monterey County, California. The bent retrofit consists of member strengthening and the addition of a reinforced concrete block around the bent-to-pedestal connection. In this bridge, the pedestals were deeply embedded in the soil, which added to the uplift capacity of the foundation.

For very tall trestle bents (i.e., 30 m high), foundation tie-downs, in addition to member strengthening, might be needed in order to sustain large overturning moments. Anchor bolts for base plates supported on top of pedestals are usually deficient. Replacement of these older bolts with high-strength bolts or the addition of new bolts can be done to ensure an adequate connection capable of developing tension and shear strength. The addition of new bolts can be achieved by coring through the existing base plate and pedestal or by enlarging the pedestal with a concrete jacket surrounding the perimeter bolts. The use of sleeved anchor bolts is desirable to induce some flexibility into the base connection.

The second group of steel bents contains open section built-up columns. These members may fail because of yielding, local buckling, or lateral torsional buckling. For members containing a single I-shaped section, lateral torsional buckling typically governs. Retrofit of this type of column
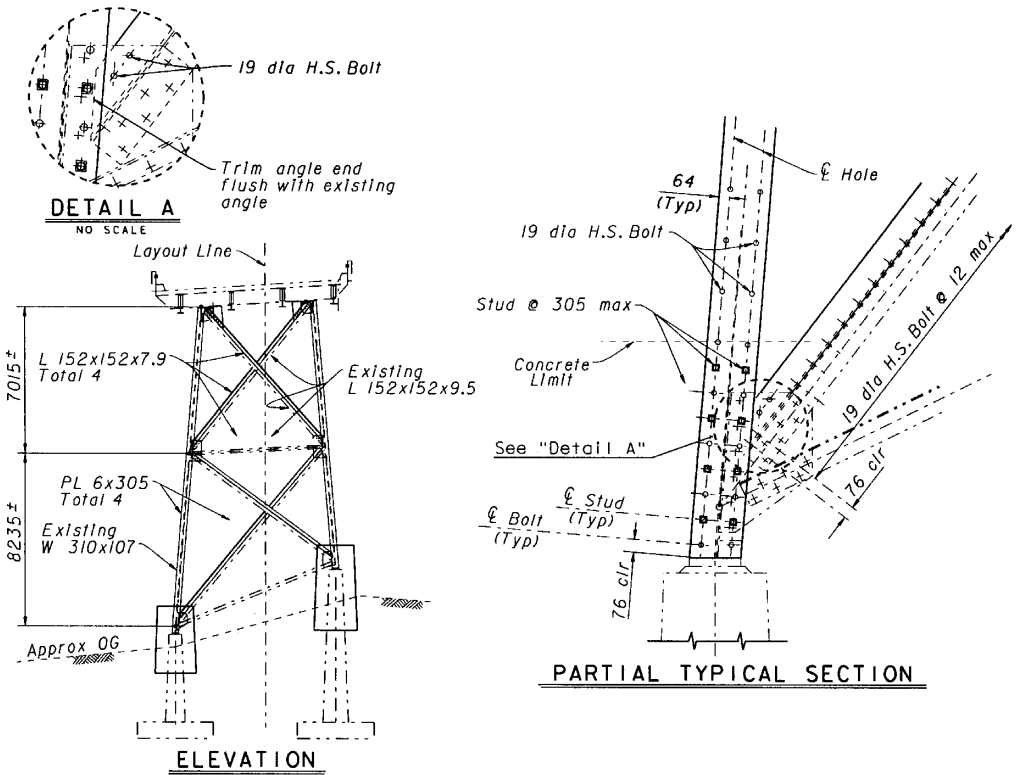
FIGURE 11.16 Trestle bent retrofit.

consists of enclosing the section by bolting channel sections to the flanges. Figure 11.17 shows this type of retrofit. Installation of these channels is made possible by providing access through slotted holes. These holes are later covered by tack welding plates or left open. For larger members with an open section as seen in Figure 11.18, retrofit consists of altering the existing cross section to a multicell box section.

The seismic behavior of the multicell box is quite superior to an open section of a single box. These advantages include better torsional resistance and a more ductile postelastic behavior. In a multicell box, the outside plates sustain the largest deformation. This permits the inside plates to remain elastic in order to carry the gravity load and prevent collapse during an earthquake. To maintain an adequate load path, the column base connection and the supporting foundation should be retrofitted to ensure the development of the plastic hinge just above the base connection. This requires providing a grillage to the column base as seen in Figure 11.18 and a footing retrofit to ensure complete load path.

Bearing Retrofit

Bridge bearings have historically been one of the most vulnerable components in resisting earthquakes. Steel rocker bearings in particular have performed poorly and have been damaged by relatively minor seismic shaking. Replacement of any type of bearing should be considered if failure will result in collapse of the superstructure. Bearing retrofits generally consist of replacing steel rocker-type bearings with elastomeric bearings. In some cases, where a higher level of serviceability is required, base isolation bearings may be used as a replacement for steel bearings. For more information on base isolation, see the detailed discussion in Chapter 9. Elastomeric bearings are preferred over steel rockers because the bridge deck will settle only a small amount when the bearings
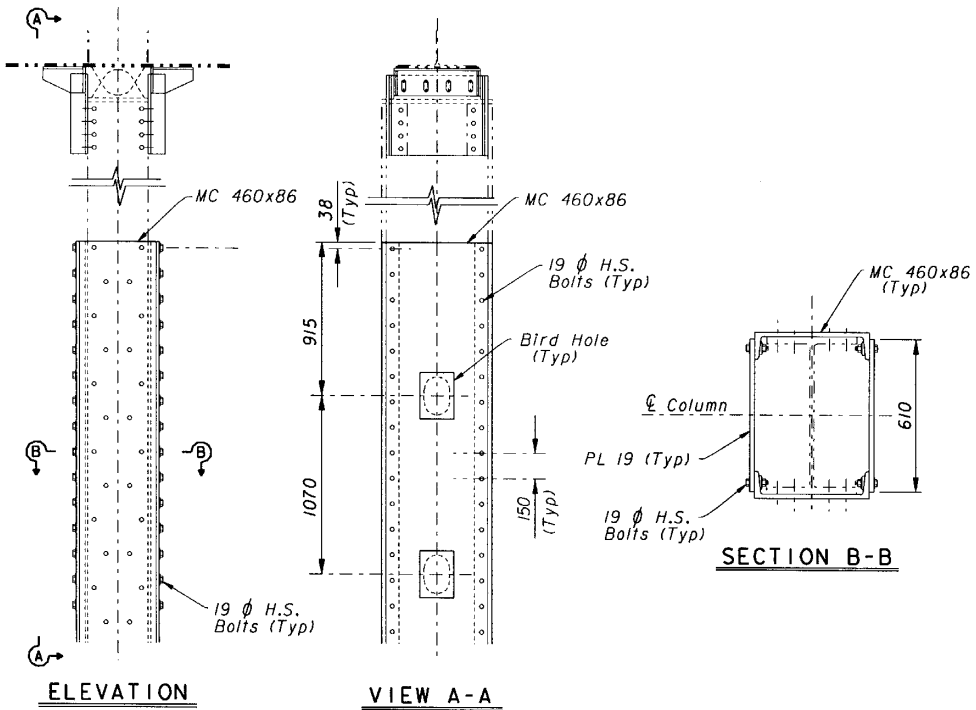
FIGURE 11.17   I-shaped steel column retrofit.

fail, whereas the deck will settle several inches when rockers fail. Elastomeric bearings also have more of a base isolation effect than steel rockers. Both types of bearings may need catchers, seat extenders, or some other means of providing additional support to prevent the loss of a span. Although elastomeric bearings perform better than steel rockers, it is usually acceptable to leave the existing rockers in place since bearing replacement is more expensive than installing catchers to prevent collapse during an earthquake.

Shear Key Retrofit

The engineer needs to consider the ramifications of a shear key retrofit. The as-built shear keys may have been designed to "fuse" at a certain force level. This fusing will limit the amount of force transmitted to the substructure. Thus, if the shear keys are retrofitted and designed to be strong enough to develop the plastic capacity of the substructure, this may require a more expensive substructure retrofit. In many cases, it is rational to let the keys fail to limit forces to the substructure and effectively isolate the superstructure. Also note that superstructure lateral bracing system retrofits will also have to be increased to handle increased forces from a shear key retrofit. In many cases, the fusing force of the existing shear keys is large enough to require a substructure retrofit. In these situations, new or modified shear keys need to be constructed to be compatible with the plastic capacity of the retrofitted substructure. There are other situations that may require a shear key retrofit. Transverse movements may be large enough so that the external girder displaces beyond the edge of the bent cap and loses vertical support. For a multiple-girder bridge, it is likely that the side of the bridge may be severely damaged and the use of a shoulder or lane will be lost, but traffic can be routed over a portion of the bridge with few or no emergency repairs. This is considered an acceptable risk. On the other hand, if the superstructure of a two- or three-girder bridge is displaced transversely so that one line of girders loses its support, the entire bridge may collapse. Adequate transverse restraint, commonly in the form of shear keys, should be provided.
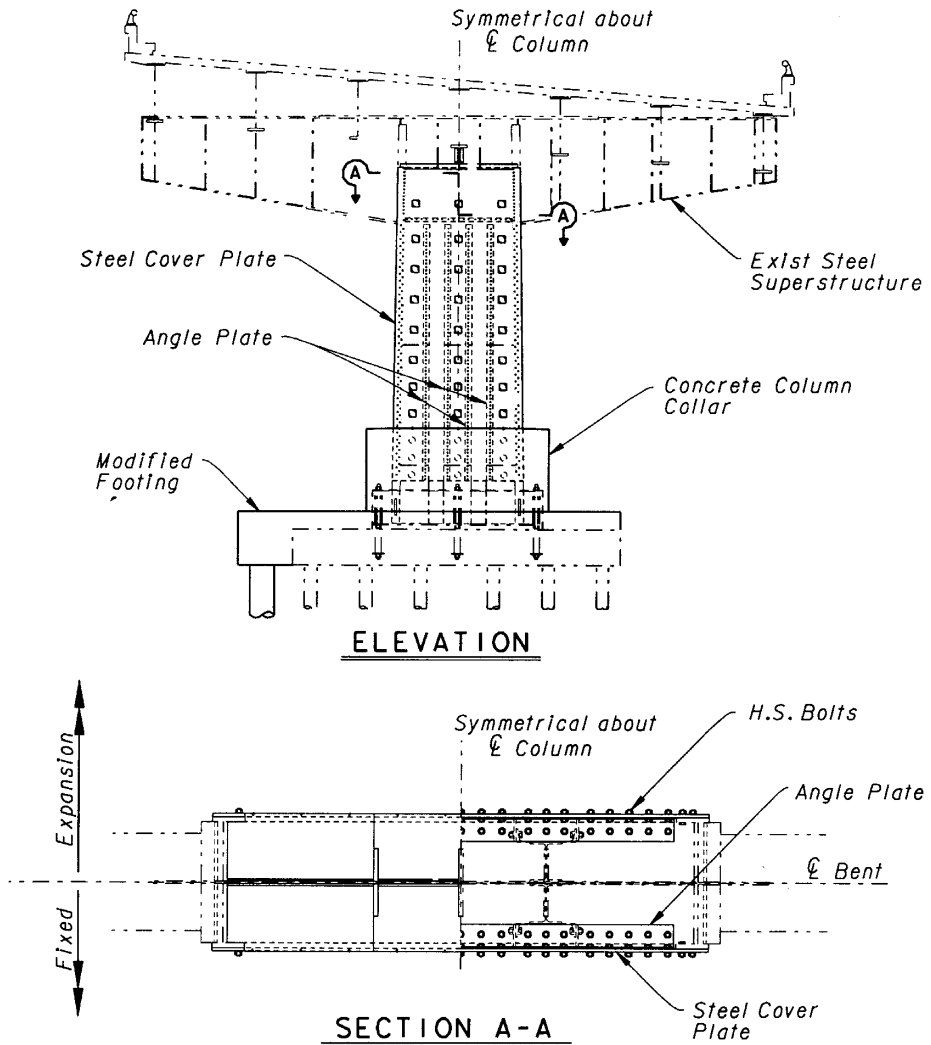
FIGURE 11.18 Open-section steel column retrofit.

Cap Beam Retrofit

There are several potential modes of failure associated with bent caps. Depending on the type of bent cap, these vulnerabilities could include bearing failures, shear key failures, inadequate seat widths, and cap beam failures. Table 11.3 lists several types of bent caps and their associated potential vulnerabilities.

Cap beam modes of failure may include flexure, shear, torsion, and joint shear. Prior to the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake in California, there was very little emphasis placed on reinforcement detailing of bent cap beams for lateral seismic loads in the vicinity of columns. As a result, cap beams supported on multiple columns were not designed and detailed to handle the increased moment and shear demands that result from lateral transverse framing action. In addition, the beam–column joint is typically not capable of developing the plastic capacity of the column and thus fails in joint shear. For cap beams supported by single columns, although they do not have framing action in the transverse direction and are not subjected to moment and shear demands that are in addition to factored vertical

TABLE 11.3 Potential Bent Cap Vulnerabilities

Cap Type	Bearings	Shear Keys	Seat Width	Cap Beam				
				Moment	Shear	Torsion	Joint Shear	Bolted Cap/Col Connection
Concrete drop cap — single-column bent	x	x	x				x	
Concrete drop cap — multicolumn bents	x	x	x	x	x		x	
Integral concrete cap — single-column bent							x	
Integral concrete cap — multicolumn bent				x	x	x	x	
Inverted T — simple support for dead load, continuous for live load — single-col. bent		x					x	
Inverted T — simple support for dead load, continuous for live load — multicol. bent		x					x	
Inverted T — simple support for both dead load, live load — single-column bent	x	x	x				x	
Inverted T — simple support for both dead load and live load — multicolumn bent	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Steel bent cap — single-column bent	x	x	x					x
Steel bent cap — multicolumn bent	x	x	x					x
Integral outrigger bent						x	x	
Integral C bent						x	x	

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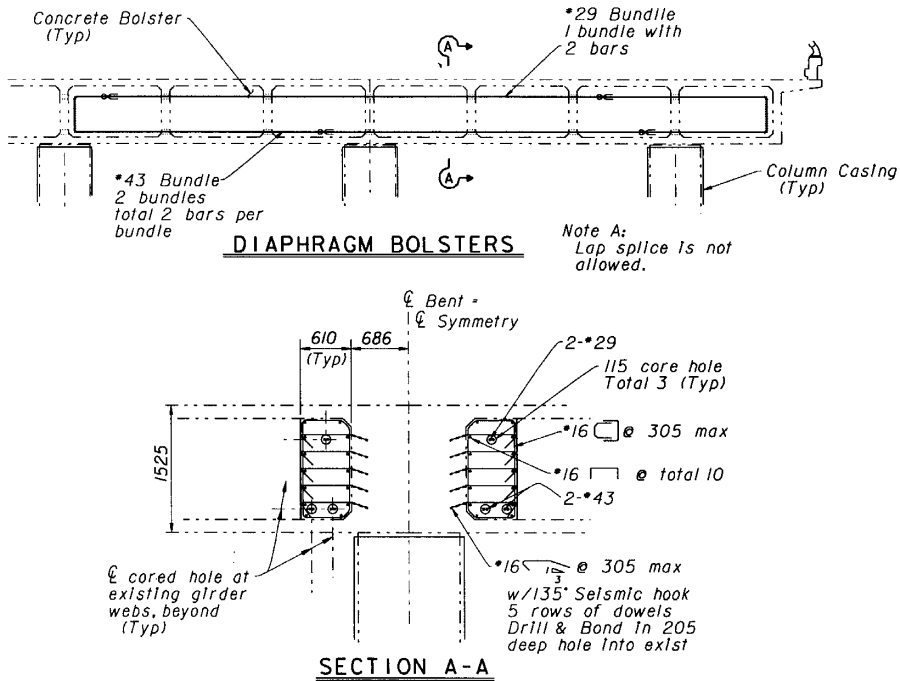
FIGURE 11.19   Bent cap retrofit.

loads, joint shear must still be considered as a result of longitudinal seismic response. In these situations, retrofit of the superstructure is not common since single-column bents are typically fixed to the footing and fixity at the top of the column is not necessary.

Retrofit solutions that address moment and shear deficiencies typically include adding a bolster to the existing cap (Figure 11.19). Additional negative and positive moment steel can be placed on the top and bottom faces of the bolsters as required to force plastic hinging into the columns. These bolsters will also contain additional shear stirrups and steel dowels to ensure a good bond with the existing cap for composite action. Prestressing can also be included in the bolsters. In fact, prestressing has proved to be an effective method to enhance an existing cap moment, shear, and joint shear capacity. This is particularly true for bent caps that are integral with the superstructure.

Special consideration should be given to the detailing of bolsters. The engineer needs to consider bar hook lengths and bending radii to make sure that the stirrups will fit into the bolsters. Although the philosophy is to keep the superstructure elastic and take all inelastic action in the columns, realistically, the cap beams will have some yield penetration. Thus, the new bolster should be detailed to provide adequate confinement for the cap to guarantee ductile behavior. This suggests that bolsters should not be just doweled onto the existing bent cap. There should be a continuous or positive connection between the bolsters through the existing cap. This can be achieved by coring through the existing cap. The hole pattern should be laid out to miss the existing top and bottom steel of the cap. It is generally difficult to miss existing shear stirrups, so the engineer should be conservative when designing the new stirrups by not depending on the existing shear steel. The steel running through the existing cap that connects the new bolsters can be continuous stirrups or high-strength rods, which may or may not be prestressed.

The cap retrofit is much easier with an exposed cap but can be done with integral caps. In order to add prestressing or new positive and negative steel and to add dowels to make sure that the bolsters in adjacent bays are continuous or monolithic, the existing girders have to be cored. Care must be taken to avoid the main girder steel and/or prestressing steel.

Torsion shall be investigated in situations where the superstructure, cap beam, and column are monolithic. In these situations, longitudinal loads are transferred from the superstructure into the columns through torsion of the cap beam. Superstructures supported on cap beams with bearings are unlikely to cause torsional problems. Torsion is mainly a problem in outriggers connected to columns with top fixed ends. However, torsion can also exist in bent cap beams susceptible to softening due to longitudinal displacements. This softening is initiated when top or especially bottom longitudinal reinforcement in the superstructure is not sufficient to sustain flexural demands due to the applied plastic moment of the column. Retrofit solutions should ensure adequate member strength along the load path from superstructure to column foundation.

In general, the philosophy of seismic design is to force column yielding under earthquake loads. In the case of an outrigger, the cap beam torsional nominal yield capacity should be greater than the column flexural plastic moment capacity. Torsion reinforcement should be provided in addition to reinforcement required to resist shear, flexure, and axial forces. Torsion reinforcement consists of closed stirrups, closed ties, or spirals combined with transverse reinforcement for shear, and longitudinal bars combined with flexural reinforcement. Lap-spliced stirrups are considered ineffective in outriggers, leading to a premature torsional failure. In such cases, closed stirrups should not be made up of pairs of U-stirrups lapping one another. Where necessary, mechanical couplers or welding should be used to develop the full capacity of torsion bars. When plastic hinging cannot be avoided in the superstructure, the concrete should be considered ineffective in carrying any shear or torsion. Regardless of where plastic hinging occurs, the outrigger should be proportioned such that the ultimate torsional moment does not exceed four times the cracking torque. Prestressing should not be considered effective in torsion unless bonded in the member. Unbonded reinforcement, however, can be used to supply axial load to satisfy shear friction demands to connect outrigger caps to columns and superstructure. Bonded tendons should not be specified in caps where torsional yielding will occur. Designers must consider effects of the axial load in caps due to transverse column plastic hinging when satisfying shear and torsion demands.

Abutments

Abutments are generally classified into two types: seat type and monolithic. The monolithic type of abutment is commonly used for shorter bridges, whereas longer bridges typically use a seat type. Contrary to the seat-type abutment, the monolithic abutment has the potential for heavy damage. This is largely due to the fact that the designer has more control through the backwall design. The backwall behaves as a fuse to limit any damage to the piles. However, since this damage is not a collapse mechanism, it is therefore considered to be acceptable damage. Additionally, the monolithic abutment has proven itself to perform very well in moderate earthquakes, sustaining little or no damage. Some typical problems encountered in older bridges are

- Insufficient seat length for seat-type abutments;
- Large gallery, or gap, between the backwall and superstructure end diaphragm;
- Insufficient longitudinal and/or transverse shear capacity;
- Weak end diaphragms at monolithic abutments.

Following are some of the more common types of retrofits used to remedy the abutment problems mentioned above.

Seat Extenders

Seat extenders at abutments and drop caps generally consist of additional concrete scabbed onto the existing face (Figures 11.20 and 11.21). The seat extenders that are attached to existing abutment or bent cap faces should be designed like a corbel. When designing the connecting steel between the new seat extender and the existing concrete, shear friction for vertical loads should be considered. Tensile forces caused by friction should also be considered when the girder moves in the longitudinal
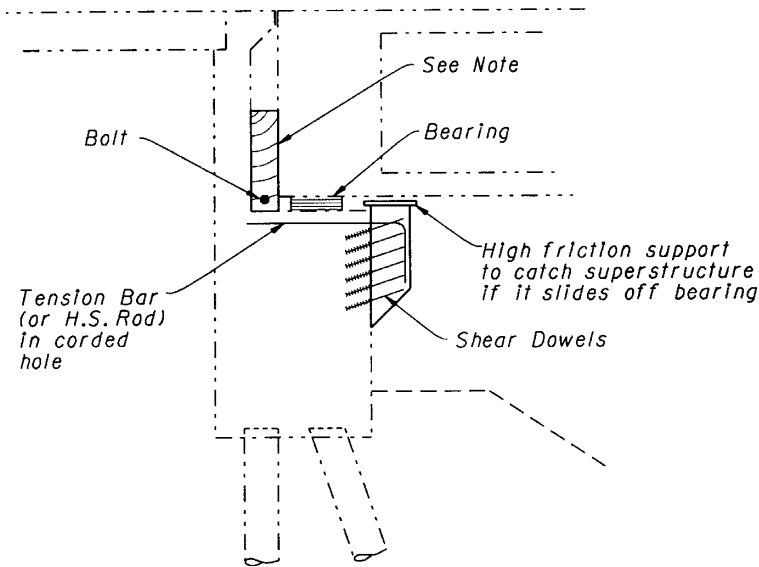
Notes:

Gap filler to mobilize backwall and embankment soil. Filler can be:

A) Steel or hardwood strips inserted by slipping them horizontally in space above seat and rotating to vertical. Bolt together.

B) Fill space with concrete through top use polystyrene between new concrete and bridge superstructure requires traffic control.

Hardwood filler (Option A) shown in sketch above.

FIGURE 11.20   Seat extender at abutment.

direction and pulls the new concrete away from the existing bent cap or abutment. Compression strut and bearing loads under the girder also need to be considered. Note that the face of the existing concrete should be intentionally roughened before the new concrete is placed to ensure a good bond.

If bearing failure results in the superstructure dropping 150 mm or more, catchers could be added to minimize the drop. Catchers generally are designed to limit the superstructure drop to 50 mm and can provide additional seat width. In other words, catchers are basically seat extenders that are detailed to reduce the amount that the superstructure is allowed to drop. The design procedure is similar for both seat extenders and catchers. In some cases, an elastomeric bearing pad is placed on top of the catcher to provide a landing spot for the girder after bearing failure. The friction factor for concrete on an elastomeric pad is less than for concrete on concrete, so the tension force in the corbel could possibly be reduced. One special consideration for catchers is to make sure to leave enough room to access the bearing for inspection and replacement.

Fill Galleries with Timber, Concrete or Steel

Some seat-type abutments typically have a gallery, or a large gap, between the superstructures' end diaphragm and the backwall. It is important to realize that the columns must undergo large deformations before the soil can be mobilized behind the abutment if this gap is not filled. Therefore, as a means of retrofit, the gallery is filled with concrete, steel, or timber to engage the backwall and hence the soil (Figure 11.22). However, timber is a potential fire hazard and in some parts of the United States may be susceptible to termite attack. When filling this gap, the designer should specify
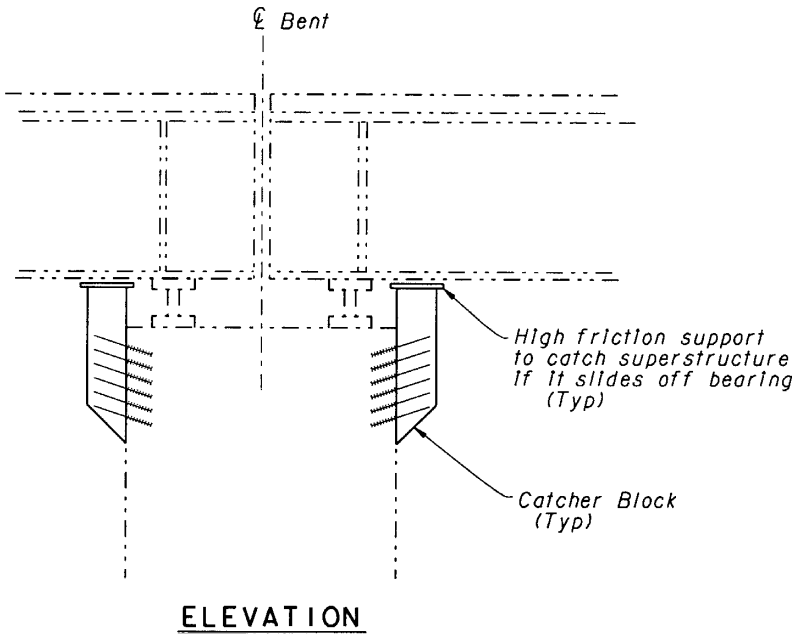
FIGURE 11.21   Seat extender at bent cap.

the expected thermal movements, rather than the required thickness. This prevents any problems that may surface if the backwall is not poured straight.

Brackets on Superstructure Soffit

Similar in theory to filling the gallery behind the backwall is adding steel angles (or brackets) to the flanges of steel I-girders, as seen in Figure 11.23. These brackets act as "bumpers" that transfer the longitudinal reaction from the superstructure into the abutment, and then into the soil.

Shear Keys, Large CIDH Piles, Anchor Slabs, and Vertical Pipes

For shorter bridges, an effective retrofit scheme is to attract the forces away from the columns and footings and into the abutments. This usually means modifying and/or strengthening the abutment, thereby "locking up" the abutment, limiting the displacements, and hence attracting most of the loads. Although this type of retrofit is more effective in taking the load out of columns for shorter structures, the abutments still may require strengthening, in addition to retrofitting the columns, for longer bridges.

Methods that are intended to mobilize the abutment and the soil behind the abutment may consist of vertical pipes, anchor piles, seismic anchor slabs, or shear keys as shown in Figures 11.24 and 11.25. For heavily skewed or curved bridges, anchor piles or vertical pipes are generally the preferred method due to the added complication from geometry. For instance, as the bridge rotates away from the abutment, there is nothing to resist this movement. By adding an anchor pile at the acute corners of the abutment, the rotation is prohibited and the anchor pile then picks up the load.

Catchers

When the superstructure is founded on tall bearings at the abutments, the bearings, as mentioned earlier, are susceptible to damage. If tall enough, the amount of drop that the super-structure would undergo can significantly increase the demands at the bents. To remedy this, catcher blocks are constructed next to the bearings to "catch" the superstructure and limit the amount of vertical displacement.
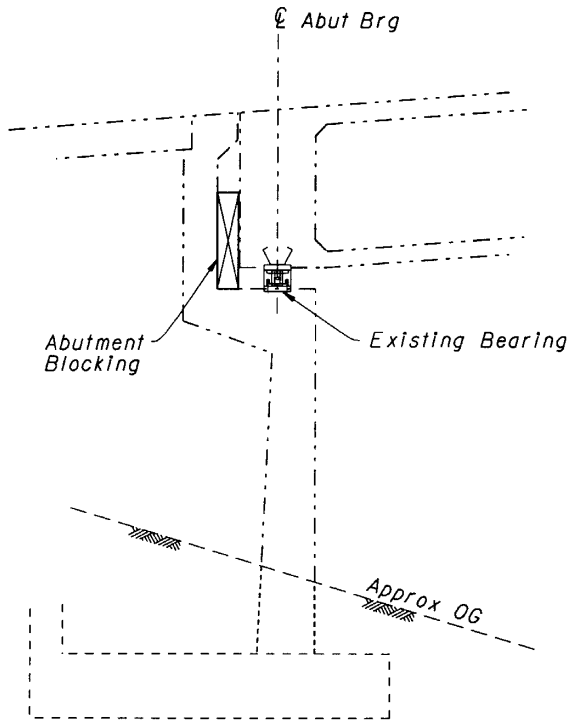
FIGURE 11.22   Abutment blocking.
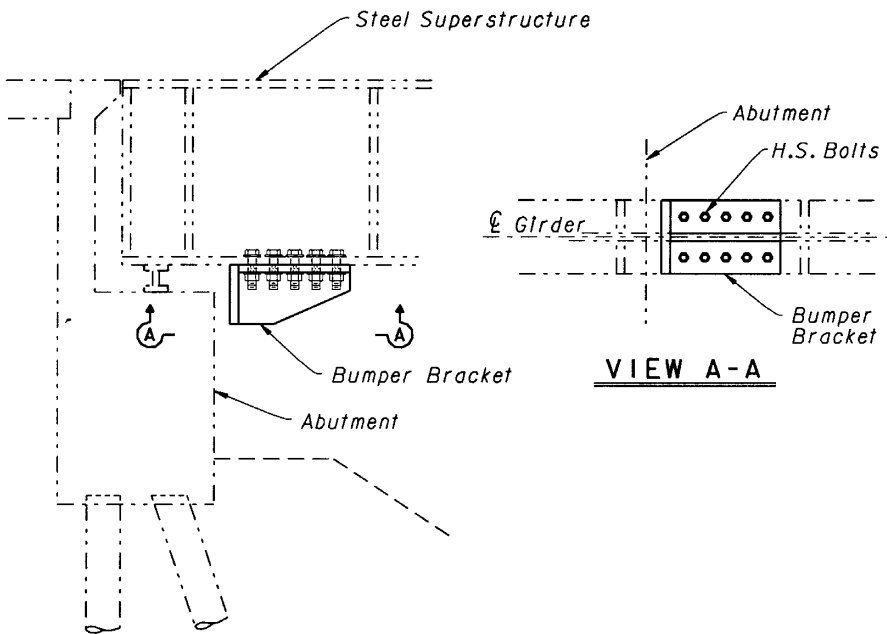

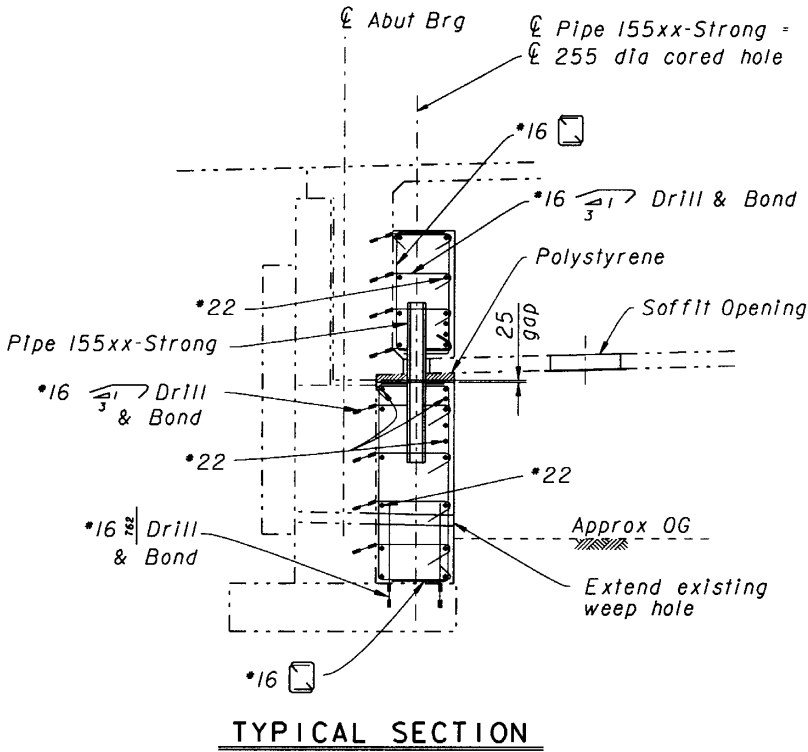**FIGURE 11.23**   Bumper bracket at abutment.

FIGURE 11.24   Vertical pipe at abutment.

Foundations

Older footings have many vulnerabilities that can lead to failure. The following is a list of major weaknesses encountered in older footings:

- Lack of top mat reinforcement and shear reinforcement;
- Inadequate development of tension pile capacity;
- Inadequate size for development of column plastic moment.

Footings can be lumped into two categories:

I. Spread footings resting on relatively dense material or footings resting on piles with weak tension connection to the footing cap. This latter group is treated similarly to spread footings since a strategy can be considered to ignore the supporting piles in tension.

II. Footings with piles that act in tension and compression.

In general, retrofit of footings supporting columns with class P type casing is not needed; retrofit of footings supporting columns with class F casing is needed to develop the ultimate demand forces from the column. Typically, complete retrofit of one bent per frame including the column and the footing is recommended. However, retrofit in multicolumn bents can often be limited to columns because of common pin connections to footings. Footing retrofit is usually avoided on multicolumn bridges by allowing pins at column bases as often as possible. Pins can be induced by allowing lap splices in main column bars to slip, or by allowing continuous main column bars to cause shear cracking in the footing.

For category I footings supporting low- to medium-height single columns, rocking behavior of the bent should be investigated for stability and the footing capacity can be compared against the
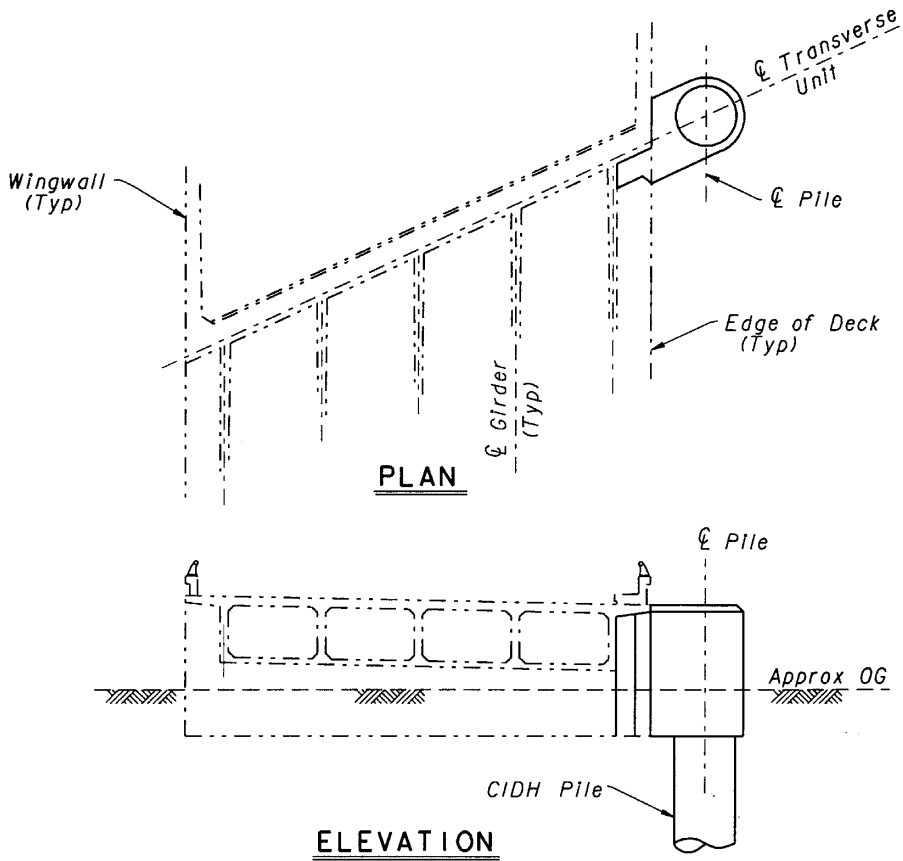
FIGURE 11.25 Anchor pile at abutment.

resulting forces from the rocking analysis. These forces can be of lesser magnitude than forces induced by column plastic hinging. Typically, retrofits for this case consist of adding an overlay to enhance the footing shear capacity or even widening of the footing to gain a larger footprint for stability and increase of the flexural moment capacity. The new concrete is securely attached to the old footing. This is done by chipping away at the concrete around the existing reinforcement and welding or mechanically coupling the new reinforcement to the old one. Holes are then drilled and the dowels are bonded between the faces of the old and new concrete as shown in Figure 11.26.

For category I footings supporting tall, single columns, rocking behavior of the bent can lead to instability, and some additional piles might be needed to provide stability to the tall bent. This type of modification leads to increased shear demand and increased tension demand on the top fiber of the existing footing that requires addition of a top mat reinforcement (Figure 11.26). The top mat is tied to the existing footing with dowels, and concrete is placed over the new piles and reinforcement. Where high compressive capacity piles are added, reinforcement with an extension hook is welded or mechanically coupled to existing bottom reinforcement. The hook acts to confine the concrete in the compression block where the perimeter piles are under compression demand.

When tension capacity is needed, the use of standard tension/compression piles is preferred to the use of tie-downs. In strong seismic events, large movements in footings are associated with tie-downs. Generally, tie-downs cannot be prestressed to reduce movements without overloading existing piles in compression. The tie-down movements are probably not a serious problem with short columns where P–Δ effects are minimal. Also, tie-downs should be avoided where groundwater could affect the quality of installation.
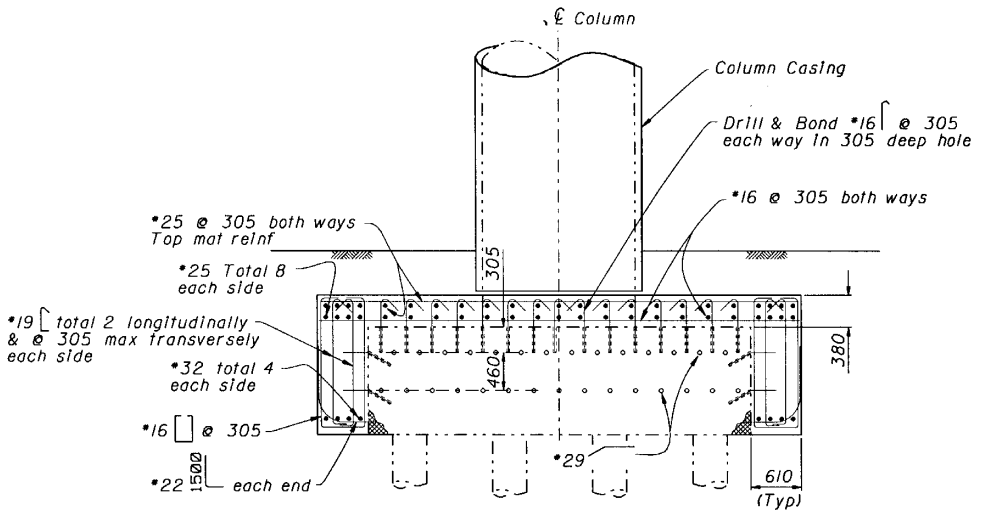
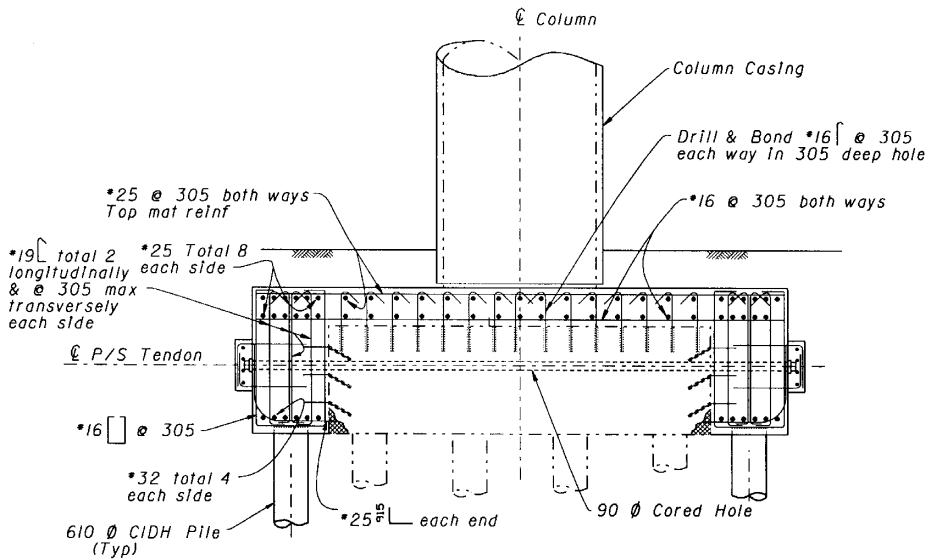**FIGURE 11.26** Widening footing retrofit.

FIGURE 11.27 Footing retrofit using prestressing.

For category II footings, the ability of existing piles to cause tension on the top fiber of the footing where no reinforcement is present can lead to footing failure. Therefore, adding a top overlay in conjunction with footing widening might be necessary.

In sites where soft soil exists, the use of larger piles (600 mm and above) may be deemed necessary. These larger piles may induce high flexural demands, requiring additional capacity from the bottom reinforcement. In this situation, prestressing of the footing becomes an alternative solution since it enhances the footing flexural capacity in addition to confining the concrete where perimeter piles act in compression (Figure 11.27). This retrofit is seldom used and is considered a last recourse.
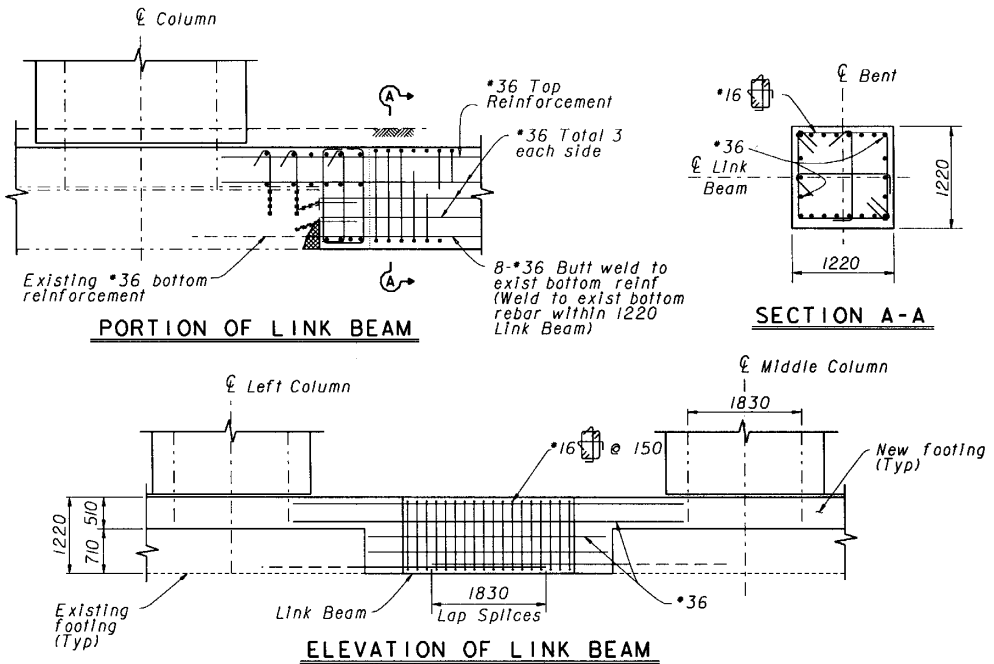
FIGURE 11.28 Link beam footing retrofit.

A rare but interesting situation occurs when a tall multicolumn bent has pinned connections to the superstructure instead of the usual monolithic connections and is resting on relatively small spread footings. This type of bent is quite vulnerable under large overturning moments and the use of link beams, as shown in Figure 11.28, is considered economical and sufficient to provide adequate stability and load transfer mechanism in a seismic event.

11.5 Summary

The seismic-resistant retrofit design of bridges has been evolving dramatically in the last decade. Many of the retrofit concepts and details discussed in this chapter have emerged as a result of research efforts and evaluation of bridge behavior in past earthquakes. This practice has been successfully tested in relatively moderate earthquakes but has not yet seen the severe test of a large-magnitude earthquake. The basic philosophy of current seismic retrofit technology in the U.S. is to prevent collapse by providing sufficient seat for displacement to take place or by allowing ductility in the supporting members. The greatest challenge to this basic philosophy will be the next big earthquake. This will serve as the utmost test to current predictions of earthquake demands on bridge structures.

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Seismic Design Practice in Japan

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Nomenclature

The following symbols are used in this chapter. The section number in parentheses after a symbol definition refers to the section where the symbol first appears or is defined.

a	space of tie reinforcement (Section 12.4.4)
A_{CF}	sectional area of carbon fiber (Figure 12.19)
A_h	area of tie reinforcements (Section 12.4.4)
A_w	sectional area of tie reinforcement (Section 12.4.4)
b	width of section (Section 12.4.4)
c_B	coefficient to evaluate effective displacement (Section 12.4.7)
c_B	modification coefficient for clearance (Section 12.4.11)
c_{df}	modification coefficient (Section 12.4.2)
c_c	modification factor for cyclic loading (Section 12.4.4)
c_D	modification coefficient for damping ratio (Section 12.4.6)
c_e	modification factor for scale effect of effective width (Section 12.4.4)
c_E	modification coefficient for energy-dissipating capability (Section 12.4.7)
c_P	coefficient depending on the type of failure mode (Section 12.4.2)
c_{pt}	modification factor for longitudinal reinforcement ratio (Section 12.4.4)

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c_R	factor depending on the bilinear factor r (Section 12.4.2)
c_W	corrective coefficient for ground motion characteristics (Section 12.4.9)
c_Z	modification coefficient for zone (Section 12.4.3)
d	effective width of tie reinforcements (Section 12.4.4)
d	height of section (Section 12.4.4)
D	a width or a diameter of a pier (Section 12.4.4)
D_E	coefficient to reduce soil constants according to F_L value (Section 12.4.11)
E_c	elastic modules of concrete (Section 12.4.4)
E_{CF}	elastic modulus of carbon fiber (Figure 12.19)
E_{des}	gradient at descending branch (Section 12.4.4)
F_L	liquefaction resistant ratio (Section 12.4.9)
$F(u)$	restoring force of a device at a displacement u (Section 12.4.7)
h	height of a pier (Section 12.4.4)
h_B	height of the center of gravity of girder from the top of bearing (Figure 12.13)
h_B	equivalent damping of a Menshin device (Section 12.4.7)
h_i	damping ratio of ith mode (Section 12.4.6)
h_{ij}	damping ratio of jth substructure in ith mode (Section 12.4.6)
h_{Bi}	damping ratio of ith damper (Section 12.4.7)
h_{Pi}	damping ratio of ith pier or abutment (Section 12.4.7)
h_{Fui}	damping ratio of ith foundation associated with translational displacement (Section 12.4.7)
$h_{F\theta i}$	damping ratio of ith foundation associated with rotational displacement (Section 12.4.7)
H	distance from the bottom of a pier to a gravity center of a deck (Section 12.4.7)
H_0	shear force at the bottom of footing (Figure 12.12)
I	importance factor (Section 12.5.2)
k_{hc}	lateral force coefficient (Section 12.4.2)
k_{hc}	design seismic coefficient for the evaluation of liquefaction potential (Section 12.4.9)
k_{hc0}	standard modification coefficient (Section 12.4.3)
k_{hcm}	lateral force coefficient in Menshin design (Section 12.4.7)
k_{he}	equivalent lateral force coefficient (Section 12.4.2)
k_{hem}	equivalent lateral force coefficient in Menshin design (Section 12.4.7)
k_{hp}	lateral force coefficient for a foundation (Section 12.4.2)
k_j	stiffness matrix of jth substructure (Section 12.4.6)
K	stiffness matrix of a bridge (Section 12.4.6)
K_B	equivalent stiffness of a Menshin device (Section 12.4.7)
K_{Pi}	equivalent stiffness of ith pier or abutment (Section 12.4.7)
K_{Fui}	translational stiffness of ith foundation (Section 12.4.7)
$K_{F\theta i}$	rotational stiffness of ith foundation (Section 12.4.7)
L	shear–stress ratio during an earthquake (Section 12.4.9)
L_A	redundancy of a clearance (Section 12.4.11)
L_E	clearance at an expansion joint (Section 12.4.11)
L_P	plastic hinge length of a pier (Section 12.4.4)
M_0	moment at the bottom of footing (Figure 12.12)
P_a	lateral capacity of a pier (Section 12.4.2)
P_s	shear capacity in consideration of the effect of cyclic loading (Section 12.4.4)
P_{s0}	shear capacity without consideration of the effect of cyclic loading (Section 12.4.4)
P_u	bending capacity (Section 12.4.2)
r	bilinear factor defined as a ratio between the first stiffness (yield stiffness) and the second stiffness (postyield stiffness) of a pier (Section 12.4.2)
r_d	modification factor of shear–stress ratio with depth (Section 12.4.9)
R	dynamic shear strength ratio (Section 12.4.9)
R	priority (Section 12.5.2)
R_D	dead load of superstructure (Section 12.4.10)
R_{heq} and R_{veq}	vertical reactions caused by the horizontal seismic force and vertical force (Section 12.4.10)
R_L	cyclic triaxial strength ratio (Section 12.4.9)
R_U	design uplift force applied to the bearing support (Section 12.4.10)
s	space of tie reinforcements (Section 12.4.4)
S	earthquake force (Section 12.5.2)
S_c	shear capacity shared by concrete (Section 12.4.4)
S_I and S_{II}	acceleration response spectrum for Type I and Type II ground motions (Section 12.4.6)

S_{I0} and S_{II0} standard acceleration response spectrum for Type I and Type II ground motions (Section 12.4.6)

S_E seat length (Section 12.4.11)

S_{EM} minimum seat length (cm) (Section 12.4.11)

S_s shear capacity shared by tie reinforcements (Section 12.4.4)

T natural period of fundamental mode (Table 12.3)

ΔT difference of natural periods (Section 12.4.11)

T_1 and T_2 natural period of the two adjacent bridge systems (Section 12.4.11)

u_B design displacement of isolators (Section 12.4.7)

u_{Be} effective design displacement (Section 12.4.7)

u_{Bi} design displacement of ith Menshin device (Section 12.4.7)

u_G relative displacement of ground along the bridge axis (Section 12.4.11)

u_R relative displacement (cm) developed between a superstructure and a substructure (Section 12.4.11)

V_0 vertical force at the bottom of footing (Figure 12.12)

V_T structural factor (Section 12.5.2)

V_{RP1} design specification (Section 12.5.2)

V_{RP2} pier structural factor (Section 12.5.2)

V_{RP3} aspect ratio (Section 12.5.2)

V_{MP} steel pier factor (Section 12.5.2)

V_{FS} unseating device factor (Section 12.5.2)

V_F foundation factor (Section 12.5.2)

w_v weighting factor on structural members (Section 12.5.2)

W equivalent weight (Section 12.4.2)

W elastic strain energy (Section 12.4.7)

W_P weight of a pier (Section 12.4.2)

W_U weight of a part of superstructure supported by the pier (Section 12.4.2)

ΔW energy dissipated per cycle (Section 12.4.7)

α safety factor (Section 12.4.4)

α, β coefficients depending on shape of pier (Section 12.4.4)

α_m safety factor used in Menshin design (Section 12.4.7)

δ_y yield displacement of a pier (Section 12.4.2)

δ_R residual displacement of a pier after an earthquake (Section 12.4.2)

δ_{Ra} allowable residual displacement of a pier (Section 12.4.2)

δ_u ultimate displacement of a pier (Section 12.4.4)

ε_c strain of concrete (Section 12.4.4)

ε_{cc} strain at maximum strength (Section 12.4.4)

ε_G ground strain induced during an earthquake along the bridge axis (Section 12.4.11)

ε_s strain of reinforcements (Section 12.4.4)

ε_{sy} yield strain of reinforcements (Section 12.4.4)

θ angle between vertical axis and tie reinforcement (Section 12.4.4)

θ_{pu} ultimate plastic angle (Section 12.4.4)

μ_a allowable displacement ductility factor of a pier (Section 12.4.2)

μ_m allowable ductility factor of a pier in Menshin design (Section 12.4.7)

μ_R response ductility factor of a pier (Section 12.4.2)

ρ_s tie reinforcement ratio (Section 12.4.4)

σ_c stress of concrete (Section 12.4.4)

σ_{cc} strength of confined concrete (Section 12.4.4)

σ_{CF} stress of carbon fiber (Figure 12.19)

σ_{ck} design strength of concrete (Section 12.4.4)

σ_s stress of reinforcements (Section 12.4.4)

σ_{sy} yield strength of reinforcements (Section 12.4.4)

σ_v total loading pressure (Section 12.4.9)

σ_v' effective loading pressure (Section 12.4.9)

τ_c shear stress capacity shared by concrete (Section 12.4.4)

ϕ_{ij} mode vector of jth substructure in ith mode (Section 12.4.6)

ϕ_i mode vector of a bridge in ith mode (Section 12.4.6)

ϕ_y yield curvature of a pier at bottom (Section 12.4.4)

ϕ_u ultimate curvature of a pier at bottom (Section 12.4.4)

12.1 Introduction

Japan is one of the most seismically disastrous countries in the world and has often suffered significant damage from large earthquakes. More than 3000 highway bridges have suffered damage since the 1923 Kanto earthquake. The earthquake disaster prevention technology for highway bridges has been developed based on such bitter damage experiences. Various provisions for designing bridges have been developed to prevent damage due to the instability of soils such as soil liquefaction. Furthermore, design detailings including unseating prevention devices are implemented. With progress in improving seismic design provisions, damage to highway bridges caused by the earthquakes has been decreasing in recent years.

However, the Hyogo-ken Nanbu earthquake of January 17, 1995 caused destructive damage to highway bridges. Collapse and near collapse of superstructures occurred at nine sites, and other destructive damage occurred at 16 sites [1]. The earthquake revealed that there are a number of critical issues to be revised in the seismic design and seismic retrofit of bridges [2,3].

This chapter presents technical developments for seismic design and seismic retrofit of highway bridges in Japan. The history of the earthquake damage and development of the seismic design methods is first described. The damage caused by the 1995 Hyogo-ken Nanbu earthquake, the lessons learned from the earthquake, and the seismic design methods introduced in the 1996 *Seismic Design Specifications for Highway Bridges* are then described. Seismic performance levels and design methods as well as ductility design methods for reinforced concrete piers, steel piers, foundations, and bearings are described. Then the history of the past seismic retrofit practices is described. The seismic retrofit program after the Hyogo-ken Nanbu earthquake is described with emphasis on the seismic retrofit of reinforced concrete piers as well as research and development on the seismic retrofit of existing highway bridges.

12.2 History of Earthquake Damage and Development of Seismic Design Methods

A year after the 1923 Great Kanto earthquake, consideration of the seismic effect in the design of highway bridges was initiated. The Civil Engineering Bureau of the Ministry of Interior promulgated "The Method of Seismic Design of Abutments and Piers" in 1924. The seismic design method has been developed and improved through bitter experience in a number of past earthquakes and with progress of technical developments in earthquake engineering. Table 12.1 summarizes the history of provisions in seismic design for highway bridges.

In particular, the seismic design method was integrated and upgraded by compiling the "Specifications for Seismic Design of Highway Bridges" in 1971. The design method for soil liquefaction and unseating prevention devices was introduced in the Specifications. It was revised in 1980 and integrated as "Part V: Seismic Design" in Design Specifications of Highway Bridges. The primitive check method for ductility of reinforced concrete piers was included in the reference of the Specifications. It was further revised in 1990, and ductility check of reinforced concrete piers, soil liquefaction, dynamic response analysis, and design detailings were prescribed. It should be noted here that the detailed ductility check method for reinforced concrete piers was first introduced in the 1990 Specifications.

However, the Hyogo-ken Nanbu earthquake of January 17, 1995, exactly 1 year after the Northridge earthquake in California, caused destructive damage to highway bridges as described earlier. After the earthquake the Committee for Investigation on the Damage of Highway Bridges Caused by the Hyogo-ken Nanbu Earthquake (chairman, Toshio Iwasaki, Executive Director, Civil Engineering Research Laboratory) was established in the Ministry of Construction to investigate the damage and to identify the factors that caused the damage.

TABLE 12.1 History of Seismic Design Methods

|		1926 Details of Road Structure (draft) Road Law, MIA	1939 Design Specifications of Steel Highway Bridges (draft), MIA	1956 Design Specifications of Steel Highway Bridges, MOC	1964 Design Specifications of Substructures (Pile Foundations), MOC	1964 Design Specifications of Steel Highway Bridges, MOC	1966 Design Specifications of Substructures (Survey and Design), MOC	1968 Design Specifications of Substructures (Piers and Direct Foundations), MOC	1970 Design Specifications of Substructures (Caisson Foundations), MOC	1971 Specifications for Seismic Design of Highway Bridges, MOC	1972 Design Specifications of Substructures (Cast-in-Piles), MOC	1975 Design Specifications of Substructures (Pile Foundations), MOC	1980 Design Specifications of Highway Bridges, MOC	1990 Design Specifications of Highway Bridges, MOC
Seismic loads	Seismic coefficient	Largest seismic loads	$k_h = 0.2$ — Varied dependent on the site	$k_h = 0.1$–0.35 — Varied dependent on the site and ground condition						$k_h = 0.1$–0.3 — Standardization of seismic coefficient provision of modified seismic coefficient method		Revision of application range of modified seismic coefficient method		$k_h = 0.1$–0.3 Integration of seismic coefficient method and modified one
	Dynamic earth pressure		Equations proposed by Mononobe and Okabe were supposed to be used				Provision of dynamic earth pressure							
	Dynamic hydraulic pressure		Less effect on piers except high piers in deep water				Provision of hydraulic pressure		Provision of dynamic hydraulic pressure					
Reinforced concrete column	Bending at bottom		Supposed to be designed in a similar way provided in current design Specifications				Provisions of definite design method							
	Shear		Less effect on RC piers except those with smaller section area such as RC frame and hollow section				Check of shear strength						Provision of definite design method, decreasing of allowable shear stress	
	Termination of main reinforcement at midheight												Elongation of anchorage length of terminated reinforcement at midheight	
	Bearing capacity for lateral force						Less effect on RC piers with larger section area						Ductility check	Check for bearing capacity for lateral force
Footing						Provisions of definite design method (designed as a cantilever plate)							Provisions of effective width and check of shear strength	
Pile foundation			Bearing capacity in vertical direction was supposed to be checked		Provisions of definite design method (bearing capacity in vertical and horizontal directions)						Special condition (foundation on slope, consolidation settlement, lateral movement)		Provisions of design details for pile head	
Direct foundation			Stability (overturning and slip) was supposed to be checked			Provisions of definite design method (bearing capacity, stability analysis)								
Caisson foundation			Supposed to be designed in a similar way provided in design specification of caisson foundation of 1969					Provisions of definite design method						
Soil liquefaction									Provisions of soil layers of which bearing capacity shall be ignored in seismic design			Provisions of evaluation method of soil liquefaction and the treatment in seismic design	Consideration of effect of fine sand content	
Bearing support	Bearing support		Provisions of design methods for steel bearing supports (bearing, roller, anchor bolt)				Provision of transmitting method of seismic load at bearing							
	Devices preventing falling-off of superstructure					Provision of bearing seat length S	Provisions of stopper at movable bearings, devices for preventing superstructure from falling (seat length S, connection of adjacent decks)				Provisions of stopper at movable bearings, devices for preventing superstructure from falling (seat length S_E devices)		

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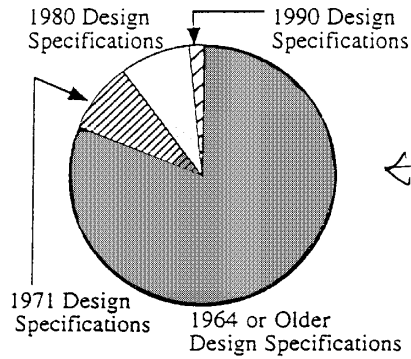
FIGURE 12.1   Design specifications referred to in design of Hanshin Expressway [2].

On February 27, 1995, the Committee approved the "Guide Specifications for Reconstruction and Repair of Highway Bridges Which Suffered Damage Due to the Hyogo-ken Nanbu Earthquake" [4], and the Ministry of Construction announced on the same day that the reconstruction and repair of the highway bridges that suffered damage in the Hyogo-ken Nanbu earthquake should be made by the Guide Specifications. It was decided by the Ministry of Construction on May 25, 1995 that the Guide Specifications should be tentatively used in all sections of Japan as emergency measures for seismic design of new highway bridges and seismic strengthening of existing highway bridges until the Design Specifications of Highway Bridges are revised.

In May 1995, the Special Sub-Committee for Seismic Countermeasures for Highway Bridges (chairman, Kazuhiko Kawashima, Professor of the Tokyo Institute of Technology) was established in the Bridge Committee (chairman, Nobuyuki Narita, Professor of the Tokyo Metropolitan University), Japan Road Association, to draft the revision of the Design Specifications of Highway Bridges. The new Design Specifications of Highway Bridges [5,6] were approved by the Bridge Committee, and issued by the Ministry of Construction on November 1, 1996.

12.3 Damage of Highway Bridges Caused by the Hyogo-ken Nanbu Earthquake

The Hyogo-ken Nanbu earthquake was the first earthquake to hit an urban area in Japan since the 1948 Fukui earthquake. Although the magnitude of the earthquake was moderate (M7.2), the ground motion was much larger than anticipated in the codes. It occurred very close to Kobe City with shallow focal depth.

Damage developed at highway bridges on Routes 2, 43, 171, and 176 of the National Highway, Route 3 (Kobe Line) and Route 5 (Bay Shore Line) of the Hanshin Expressway, and the Meishin and Chugoku Expressways. Damage was investigated for all bridges on national highways, the Hanshin Expressway, and expressways in the area where destructive damage occurred. The total number of piers surveyed reached 3396 [1]. Figure 12.1 shows Design Specifications referred to in the design of the 3396 highway bridges. Most of the bridges that suffered damage had been designed according to the 1964 Design Specifications or the older Design Specifications. Although the seismic design methods have been improved and amended several times since 1926, only a requirement for lateral force coefficient was provided in the 1964 Design Specifications or the older Specifications.

Figure 12.2 compares damage of piers (bridges) on Route 3 (Kobe Line) and Route 5 (Bay Shore Line) of the Hanshin Expressway. Damage degree was classified as A_s (collapse), A (near collapse), B (moderate damage), C (damage of secondary members), and D (minor or no damage). Substructures on Route 3 and Route 5 were designed with the 1964 Design Specifications and the 1980 Design Specifications, respectively. It should be noted in this comparison that the intensity of ground
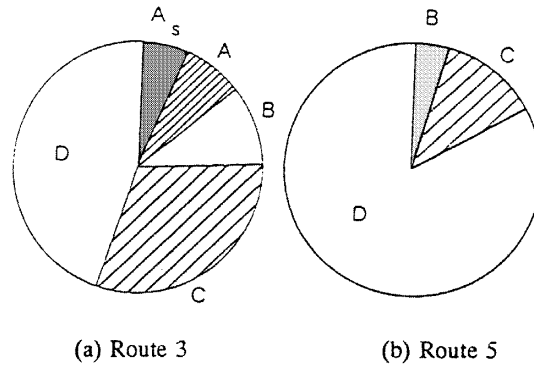
FIGURE 12.2 Comparison of damage degree between Route 3 (a) and Route 5 (b) (A_s: collapse, A: near collapse, B: moderate damage, C: damage of secondary members, D: minor or no damage) [2].

shaking in terms of response spectra was smaller at the Bay Area than the narrow rectangular area where JMA seismic intensity was VII (equivalent to modified Mercalli intensity of X-XI). Route 3 was located in the narrow rectangular area, while Route 5 was located in the Bay Area. Keeping in mind such differences in ground motion, it is apparent in Figure 12.2 that about 14% of the piers on Route 3 suffered A_s or A damage while no such damage was developed in the piers on Route 5.

Although damage concentrated on the bridges designed with the older Design Specifications, it was thought that essential revision was required even in the recent Design Specifications to prevent damage against destructive earthquakes such as the Hyogo-ken Nanbu earthquake. The main modifications were as follows:

1. To increase lateral capacity and ductility of all structural components in which seismic force is predominant so that ductility of a total bridge system is enhanced. For such purpose, it was required to upgrade the "Check of Ductility of Reinforced Concrete Piers," which has been used since 1990, to a "ductility design method" and to apply the ductility design method to all structural components. It should be noted here that "check" and "design" are different; the check is only to verify the safety of a structural member designed by another design method, and is effective only to increase the size or reinforcements if required, while the design is an essential procedure to determine the size and reinforcements.

2. To include the ground motion developed at Kobe in the earthquake as a design force in the ductility design method.

3. To specify input ground motions in terms of acceleration response spectra for dynamic response analysis more actively.

4. To increase tie reinforcements and to introduce intermediate ties for increasing ductility of piers. It was decided not to terminate longitudinal reinforcements at midheight to prevent premature shear failure, in principle.

5. To adopt multispan continuous bridges for increasing number of indeterminate of a total bridge system.

6. To adopt rubber bearings for absorbing lateral displacement between a superstructure and substructures and to consider correct mechanism of force transfer from a superstructure to substructures.

7. To include the Menshin design (seismic isolation).

8. To increase strength, ductility, and energy dissipation capacity of unseating prevention devices.

9. To consider the effect of lateral spreading associated with soil liquefaction in design of foundations at sites vulnerable to lateral spreading.

TABLE 12.2 Seismic Performance Levels

Type of Design Ground Motions		Importance of Bridges		Design Methods	
		Type A (Standard Bridges)	Type B (Important Bridges)	Equivalent Static Lateral Force Methods	Dynamic Analysis
Ground motions with high probability to occur		Prevent damage		Seismic coefficient method	Step by step analysis
Ground motions with low probability to occur	Type I (plate boundary earthquakes)	Prevent critical damage	Limited damage	Ductility design method	or Response spectrum analysis
	Type II (inland earthquakes)				

12.4 1996 Seismic Design Specifications of Highway Bridges

12.4.1 Basic Principles of Seismic Design

The 1995 Hyogo-ken Nanbu earthquake, the first earthquake to be considered that such destructive damage could be prevented due to the progress of construction technology in recent years, provided a large impact on the earthquake disaster prevention measures in various fields. Part V: Seismic Design of the Design Specifications of Highway Bridges (Japan Road Association) was totally revised in 1996, and the design procedure moved from the traditional seismic coefficient method to the ductility design method. The revision was so comprehensive that the past revisions of the last 30 years look minor.

A major revision of the 1996 Specifications is the introduction of explicit two-level seismic design consisting of the seismic coefficient method and the ductility design method. Because Type I and Type II ground motions are considered in the ductility design method, three design seismic forces are used in design. Seismic performance for each design force is clearly defined in the Specifications.

Table 12.2 shows the seismic performance level provided in the 1996 Design Specifications. The bridges are categorized into two groups, depending on their importance: standard bridges (Type A bridges) and important bridges (Type B bridges). The seismic performance level depends on the importance of the bridge. For moderate ground motions induced in earthquakes with a high probability of occurrence, both A and B bridges should behave in an elastic manner without essential structural damage. For extreme ground motions induced in earthquakes with a low probability of occurrence, Type A bridges should prevent critical failure, whereas Type B bridges should perform with limited damage.

In the ductility design method, two types of ground motions must be considered. The first is the ground motions that could be induced in plate boundary-type earthquakes with a magnitude of about 8. The ground motion at Tokyo in the 1923 Kanto earthquake is a typical target of this type of ground motion. The second is the ground motion developed in earthquakes with a magnitude of about 7 to 7.2 at very short distance. Obviously, the ground motions at Kobe in the Hyogo-ken Nanbu earthquake are a typical target of this type of ground motion. The first and the second ground motions are called Type I and Type II ground motions, respectively. The recurrence time of Type II ground motion may be longer than that of Type I ground motion, although the estimation is very difficult.

The fact that lack of near-field strong motion records prevented serious evaluation of the validity of recent seismic design codes is important. The Hyogo-ken Nanbu earthquake revealed that the history of strong motion recording is very short, and that no near-field records have yet been measured by an earthquake with a magnitude on the order of 8. It is therefore essential to have sufficient redundancy and ductility in a total bridge system.
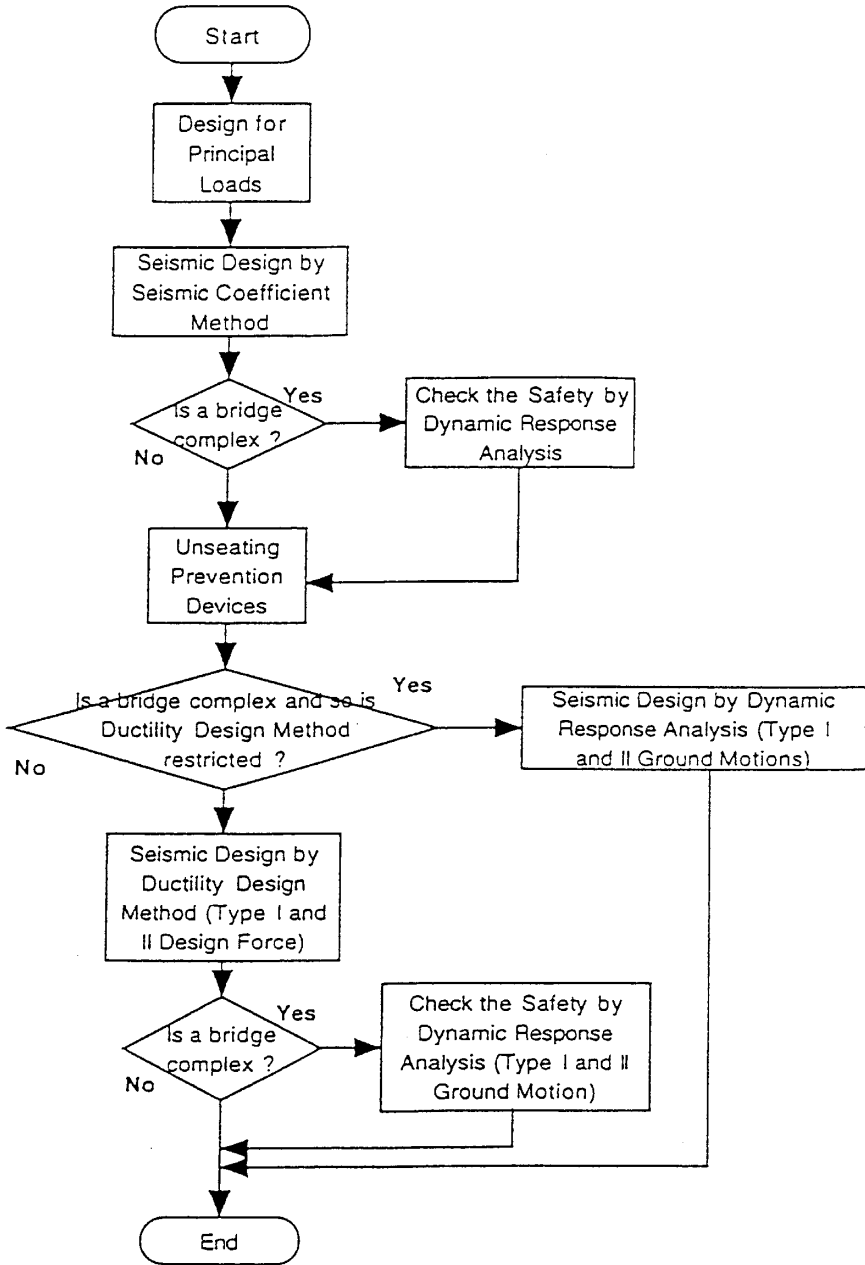
FIGURE 12.3 Flowchart of seismic design.

12.4.2 Design Methods

Bridges are designed by both the seismic coefficient method and the ductility design method, as shown in Figure 12.3. In the seismic coefficient method, a lateral force coefficient ranging from 0.2 to 0.3 has been used based on the allowable stress design approach. No change has been made since the 1990 Specifications in the seismic coefficient method.

(a) Conventional Design   (b) Menshin Design   (c) Bridge Supported by A Wall-type Pier
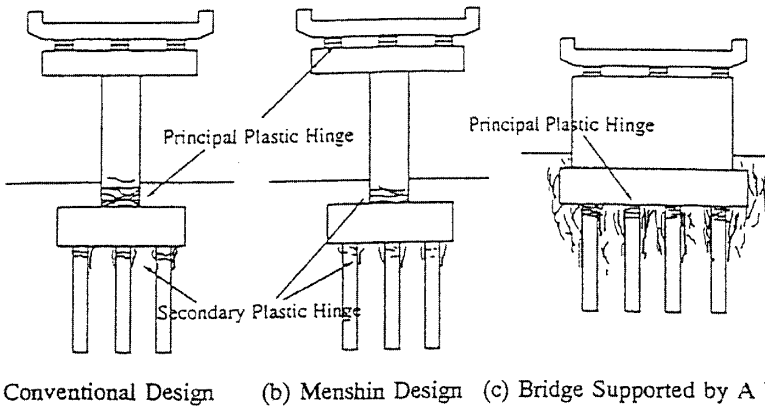
FIGURE 12.4 Location of primary plastic hinge. (a) Conventional design; (b) Menshin design; (c) bridge supported by a wall-type pier.

In the ductility design method, assuming that a principal plastic hinge is formed at the bottom of a pier as shown in Figure 12.4a and that the equal energy principle applies, a bridge is designed so that the following requirement is satisfied:

$$P_a > k_{he}W \tag{12.1}$$

where

$$k_{he} = \frac{k_{hc}}{\sqrt{2\mu_a - 1}} \tag{12.2}$$

$$W = W_U + c_P W_P \tag{12.3}$$

in which P_a = lateral capacity of a pier, k_{he} = equivalent lateral force coefficient, W = equivalent weight, k_{hc} = lateral force coefficient, μ_a = allowable displacement ductility factor of a pier, W_U = weight of a part of superstructure supported by the pier, W_P = weight of a pier, and c_P = coefficient depending on the type of failure mode. The c_P is 0.5 for a pier in which either flexural failure or shear failure after flexural cracks are developed, and 1.0 is for a pier in which shear failure is developed. The lateral capacity of a pier P_a is defined as a lateral force at the gravity center of a superstructure.

In Type B bridges, residual displacement developed at a pier after an earthquake must be checked as

$$\delta_R < \delta_{Ra} \tag{12.4}$$

where

$$\delta_R = c_R \left(\mu_R - 1\right)\left(1 - r\right)\delta_y \tag{12.5}$$

$$\mu_R = 1/2 \left\{ \left(k_{hc} \cdot W/P_a\right)^2 + 1 \right\} \tag{12.6}$$

in which δ_R = residual displacement of a pier after an earthquake, δ_{Ra} = allowable residual displacement of a pier, r = bilinear factor defined as a ratio between the first stiffness (yield stiffness) and the second stiffness (postyield stiffness) of a pier, c_R = factor depending on the bilinear factor r, μ_R = response ductility factor of a pier, and δ_y = yield displacement of a pier. The δ_{Ra} should be 1/100 of the distance between the bottom of a pier and the gravity center of a superstructure.

In a bridge with complex dynamic response, the dynamic response analysis is required to check the safety of the bridge after it is designed by the seismic coefficient method and the ductility design method. Because this is only for a check of the design, the size and reinforcements of structural members once determined by the seismic coefficient method and the ductility design method may be increased if necessary. It should be noted, however, that under the following conditions in which the ductility design method is not directly applied, the size and reinforcements can be determined based on the results of a dynamic response analysis as shown in Figure 12.3. Situations when the ductility design method should not be directly used include:

1. When principal mode shapes that contribute to bridge response are different from the ones assumed in the ductility design methods;
2. When more than two modes significantly contribute to bridge response;
3. When principal plastic hinges form at more than two locations, or principal plastic hinges are not known where to be formed;
4. When there are response modes for which the equal energy principle is not applied.

In the seismic design of a foundation, a lateral force equivalent to the ultimate lateral capacity of a pier P_u is assumed to be a design force as

$$k_{hp} = c_{df}\, P_u / W \qquad (12.7)$$

in which k_{hp} = lateral force coefficient for a foundation, c_{df} = modification coefficient (= 1.1), and W = equivalent weight by Eq. (12.3). Because the lateral capacity of a wall-type pier is very large in the transverse direction, the lateral seismic force evaluated by Eq. (12.7) in most cases becomes excessive. Therefore, if a foundation has sufficiently large lateral capacity compared with the lateral seismic force, the foundation is designed assuming a plastic hinge at the foundation and surrounding soils as shown in Figure 12.4c.

12.4.3 Design Seismic Force

Lateral force coefficient k_{hc} in Eq. (12.2) is given as

$$k_{hc} = c_z \cdot k_{hc0} \qquad (12.8)$$

in which c_Z = modification coefficient for zone, and is 0.7, 0.85, and 1.0 depending on the zone, and k_{hc0} = standard modification coefficient. Table 12.3 and Figure 12.5 show the standard lateral force coefficients k_{hc0} for Type I and Type II ground motions. Type I ground motions have been used since 1990 (1990 Specifications), while Type II ground motions were newly introduced in the 1996 Specifications. It should be noted here that the k_{hc0} at stiff site (Group I) has been assumed to be smaller than the k_{hc0} at moderate (Group II) and soft soil (Group III) sites in Type I ground motions as well as the seismic coefficients used for the seismic coefficient method. Type I ground motions were essentially estimated from an attenuation equation for response spectra that is derived from a statistical analysis of 394 components of strong motion records. Although the response spectral accelerations at short natural period are larger at stiff sites than at soft soil sites, the tendency has not been explicitly included in the past. This was because damage has been more developed at soft sites than at stiff sites. To consider such a fact, the design force at stiff sites is assumed to be smaller than that at soft sites

TABLE 12.3   Lateral Force Coefficient k_{hc0} in the Ductility Design Method

Soil Condition	Lateral Force Coefficient k_{hc0}		
	Type I Ground Motion		
Group I (stiff)	$k_{hc0} = 0.7$ for $T \leqq 1.4$		$k_{hc0} = 0.876T^{2/3}$ for $T > 1.4$
Group II (moderate)	$k_{hc0} = 1.51T^{1/3}$ ($k_{hc0} \geqq 0.7$) for $T < 0.18$	$k_{hc0} = 0.85$ for $0.18 \leqq T \leqq 1.6$	$k_{hc0} = 1.16T^{2/3}$ for $T > 1.6$
Group III (soft)	$k_{hc0} = 1.51T^{1/3}$ ($k_{hc0} \geqq 0.7$) for $T < 0.29$	$k_{hc0} = 1.0$ for $0.29 \leqq T \leqq 2.0$	$k_{hc0} = 1.59T^{2/3}$ for $T > 2.0$
	Type II Ground Motion		
Group I (stiff)	$k_{hc0} = 4.46T^{2/3}$ for $T \leqq 0.3$	$k_{hc0} = 2.00$ for $0.3 \leqq T \leqq 0.7$	$k_{hc0} = 1.24T^{4/3}$ for $T > 0.7$
Group II (moderate)	$k_{hc0} = 3.22T^{2/3}$ for $T < 0.4$	$k_{hc0} = 1.75$ for $0.4 \leqq T \leqq 1.2$	$k_{hc0} = 2.23T^{4/3}$ for $T > 1.2$
Group III (soft)	$k_{hc0} = 2.38T^{2/3}$ for $T < 0.5$	$k_{hc0} = 1.50$ for $0.5 \leqq T \leqq 1.5$	$k_{hc0} = 2.57T^{4/3}$ for $T > 1.5$
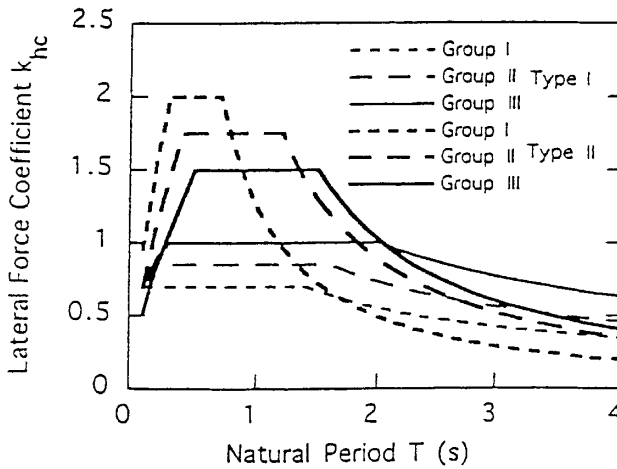
FIGURE 12.5   Type I and Type II ground motions in the ductility design method.

even at short natural period. However, being different from such a traditional consideration, Type II ground motions were determined by simply taking envelopes of response accelerations of major strong motions recorded at Kobe in the Hyogo-ken Nanbu earthquake.

Although the acceleration response spectral intensity at short natural period is higher in Type II ground motions than in Type I ground motions, the duration of extreme accelerations excursion is longer in Type I ground motions than Type II ground motions. As will be described later, such a difference of the duration has been taken into account to evaluate the allowable displacement ductility factor of a pier.

12.4.4   Ductility Design of Reinforced Concrete Piers

12.4.4.1   Evaluation of Failure Mode

In the ductility design of reinforced concrete piers, the failure mode of the pier is evaluated as the first step. Failure modes are categorized into three types based on the flexural and shear capacities of the pier:

1. $P_u \leqq P_s$ bending failure
2. $P_s \leqq P_u \leqq P_{s0}$ bending to shear failure
3. $P_{s0} \leqq P_u$ shear failure

in which P_u = bending capacity, P_s = shear capacity in consideration of the effect of cyclic loading, and P_{s0} = shear capacity without consideration of the effect of cyclic loading.

The ductility factor and capacity of the reinforced concrete piers are determined according to the failure mode as described later.

12.4.4.2 Displacement Ductility Factor

The allowable displacement ductility factor of a pier μ_a in Eq. (12.2) is evaluated as

$$\mu_a = 1 + \frac{\delta_u - \delta_y}{\alpha \delta_y} \tag{12.9}$$

in which α = safety factor, δ_y = yield displacement of a pier, and δ_u = ultimate displacement of a pier. As well as the lateral capacity of a pier P_a in Eq. (12.1), the δ_y and δ_u are defined at the gravity center of a superstructure. In a reinforced concrete single pier as shown in Figure 12.4a, the ultimate displacement δ_u is evaluated as

$$\delta_u = \delta_y + \left(\phi_u - \phi_y\right) L_P \left(h - L_P/2\right) \tag{12.10}$$

in which ϕ_y = yield curvature of a pier at bottom, ϕ_u = ultimate curvature of a pier at bottom, h = height of a pier, and L_P = plastic hinge length of a pier. The plastic hinge length is given as

$$L_P = 0.2\,h - 0.1\,D \left(0.1\,D \leqq L_P \leqq 0.5 D\right) \tag{12.11}$$

in which D is a width or a diameter of a pier.

The yield curvature ϕ_y and ultimate curvature ϕ_u in Eq. (12.10) are evaluated assuming a stress–strain relation of reinforcements and concrete as shown in Figure 12.6. The stress σ_c – strain ε_c relation of concrete with lateral confinement is assumed as

$$\sigma_c = \begin{pmatrix} E_c \varepsilon_c \left(1 - \dfrac{1}{n}\left(\dfrac{\varepsilon_c}{\varepsilon_{cc}}\right)^{n-1}\right) & \left(0 \leqq \varepsilon_c \leqq \varepsilon_{cc}\right) \\ \sigma_{cc} - E_{des}\left(\varepsilon_c - \varepsilon_{cc}\right) & \left(\varepsilon_{cc} < \varepsilon_c \leqq \varepsilon_{cu}\right) \end{pmatrix} \tag{12.12}$$

$$n = \frac{E_c \varepsilon_{cc}}{E_c \varepsilon_{cc} - \sigma_{cc}} \tag{12.13}$$

in which σ_{cc} = strength of confined concrete, E_c = elastic modules of concrete, ε_{cc} = strain at maximum strength, and E_{des} = gradient at descending branch. In Eq. (12.12), σ_{cc}, ε_{cc}, and E_{des} are determined as

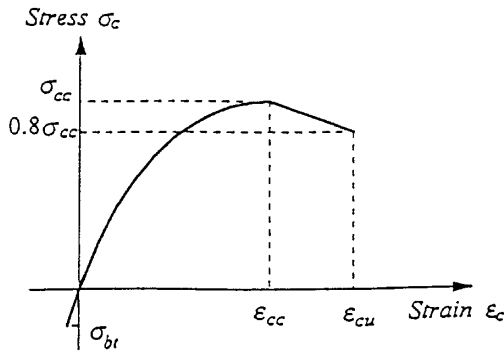$$\sigma_{cc} = \sigma_{ck} + 3.8\alpha\rho_s\sigma_{sy} \tag{12.14}$$

$$\varepsilon_{cc} = 0.002 + 0.033\,\beta\frac{\rho_s\sigma_{sy}}{\sigma_{ck}} \tag{12.15}$$

$$E_{des} = 11.2\frac{\sigma_{ck}^2}{\rho_s\sigma_{sy}} \tag{12.16}$$
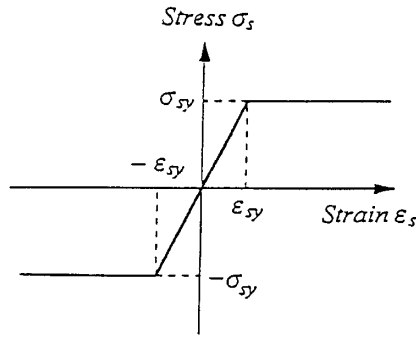
(a)

(b) Concrete

(b)

FIGURE 12.6   Stress and strain relation of confined concrete and reinforcing bars. (a) Steel; (b) concrete.

in which σ_{ck} = design strength of concrete, σ_{sy} = yield strength of reinforcements, α and β = coefficients depending on shape of pier ($\alpha = 1.0$ and $\beta = 1.0$ for a circular pier, and $\alpha = 0.2$ and $\beta = 0.4$ for a rectangular pier), and ρ_s = tie reinforcement ratio, defined as

$$\rho_s = \frac{4A_h}{sd} \leqq 0.018 \qquad (12.17)$$

in which A_h = area of tie reinforcements, s = space of tie reinforcements, and d = effective width of tie reinforcements.

The ultimate curvature ϕ_u is defined as a curvature when concrete strain at longitudinal reinforcing bars in compression reaches an ultimate strain ε_{cu}, defined as

$$\varepsilon_{cu} = \begin{cases} \varepsilon_{cc} & \text{for Type I ground motions} \\ \varepsilon_{cc} + \dfrac{0.2\sigma_{cc}}{E_{des}} & \text{for Type II ground motions} \end{cases} \qquad (12.18)$$

It is important to note that the ultimate strain ε_{cu} depends on the types of ground motions; the ε_{cu} for Type II ground motions is larger than that for Type I ground motions. Based on a loading test,

TABLE 12.4 Safety Factor α in Eq. (12.9)

Type of Bridge	Type I Ground Motion	Type II Ground Motion
Type B	3.0	1.5
Type A	2.4	1.2

TABLE 12.5 Modification Factor on Scale Effect for Shear Capacity Shared by Concrete

Effective Width of Section d (m)	Coefficient c_c
$d \leqq 1$	1.0
$d = 3$	0.7
$d = 5$	0.6
$d \geqq 10$	0.5

it is known that a certain level of failure in a pier such as a sudden decrease of lateral capacity occurs at smaller lateral displacement in a pier subjected to a loading hysteresis with a greater number of load reversals. To reflect such a fact, it was decided that the ultimate strain ε_{cu} should be evaluated by Eq. (12.18), depending on the type of ground motions. Therefore, the allowable ductility factor μ_a depends on the type of ground motions; the μ_a is larger in a pier subjected to Type II ground motions than a pier subjected to Type I ground motions.

It should be noted that the safety factor α in Eq. (12.9) depends on the type of bridges as well as the type of ground motions as shown in Table 12.4. This is to preserve higher seismic safety in the important bridges, and to take account of the difference of recurrent time between Type I and Type II ground motions.

12.4.4.3 Shear Capacity

Shear capacity of reinforced concrete piers is evaluated by a conventional method as

$$P_s = S_c + S_s \tag{12.19}$$

$$S_c = c_c c_e c_{pt} \tau_c bd \tag{12.20}$$

$$S_s = \frac{A_w \sigma_{sy} d \left(\sin\theta + \cos\theta\right)}{1.15a} \tag{12.21}$$

in which P_s = shear capacity; S_c = shear capacity shared by concrete; S_s = shear capacity shared by tie reinforcements, τ_c = shear stress capacity shared by concrete; c_c = modification factor for cyclic loading (0.6 for Type I ground motions; 0.8 for Type II ground motions); c_e = modification factor for scale effect of effective width; c_{pt} = modification factor for longitudinal reinforcement ratio; b and d = width and height of section; A_w = sectional area of tie reinforcement; σ_{sy} = yield strength of tie reinforcement; θ = angle between vertical axis and tie reinforcement; and a = space of tie reinforcement.

The modification factor on the scale effect of effective width, c_e, was based on experimental study of loading tests of beams with various effective heights and was newly introduced in the 1996 Specifications. Table 12.5 shows the modification factor on scale effect.

12.4.4.4 Arrangement of Reinforcement

Figure 12.7 shows a suggested arrangement of tie reinforcement. Tie reinforcement should be deformed bars with a diameter equal to or larger than 13 mm, and it should be placed in most bridges at a
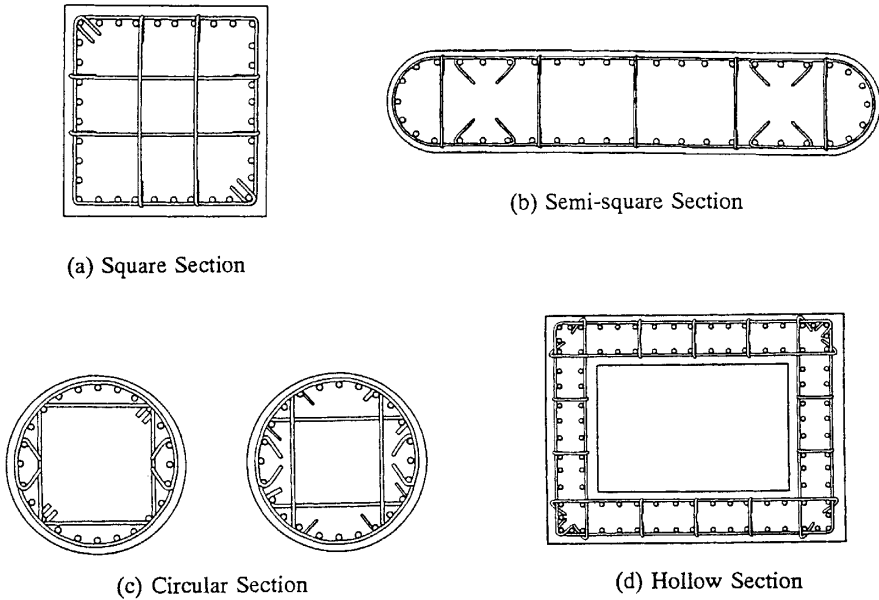
FIGURE 12.7 Confinement of core concrete by tie reinforcement. (a) Square section; (b) semisquare section; (c) circular section; (d) hollow section.

distance of no longer than 150 mm. In special cases, such as bridges with pier height taller than 30 m, the distance of tie reinforcement may be increased at height so that pier strength should not be sharply decreased at the section. Intermediate ties should also be provided with the same distance with the ties to confine the concrete. Space of the intermediate ties should be less than 1 m.

12.4.4.5 Two-Column Bent

To determine the ultimate strength and ductility factor for two-column bents, it is modeled as a frame model with plastic hinges at both ends of a lateral cap beam and columns as shown in Figure 12.8. Each elastic frame member has the yield stiffness obtained based on the axial load by the dead load of the superstructure and the column. The plastic hinge is assumed to be placed at the end part of a cap beam and the top and bottom part of each column. The plastic hinges are modeled as spring elements with a bilinear moment–curvature relation. The location of plastic hinges is half the distance of the plastic hinge length off from the end edge of each member, where the plastic hinge length L_P is assumed to be Eq. (12.11).

When the two-column bent is subjected to lateral force in the transverse direction, axial force developed in the beam and columns is affected by the applied lateral force. Therefore, the horizontal force–displacement relation is obtained through the static push-over analysis considering axial force N/moment M interaction relation. The ultimate state of each plastic hinge is obtained by the ultimate plastic angle θ_{pu} as

$$\theta_{pu} = \left(\phi_u/\phi_y - 1\right)L_P\phi_y \tag{12.22}$$

in which ϕ_u = ultimate curvature and ϕ_y = yield curvature.

The ultimate state of the whole two-bent column is determined so that all four plastic hinges developed reach the ultimate plastic angle.
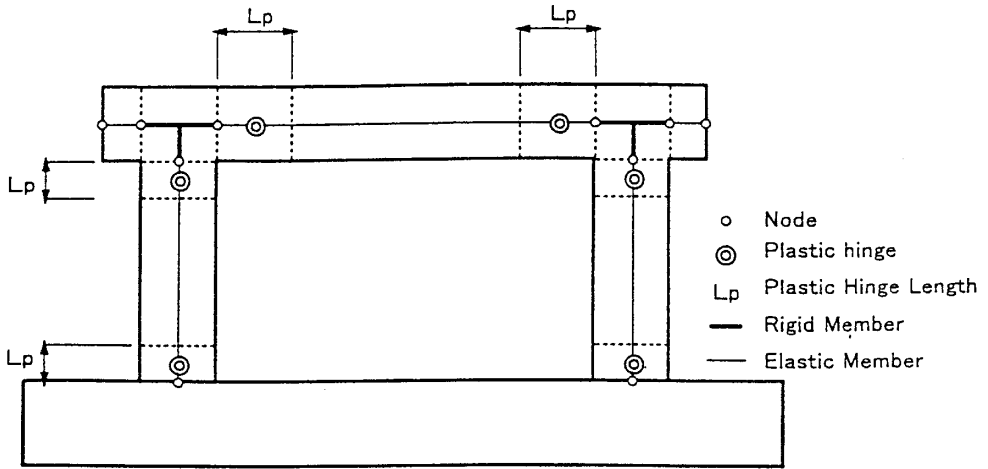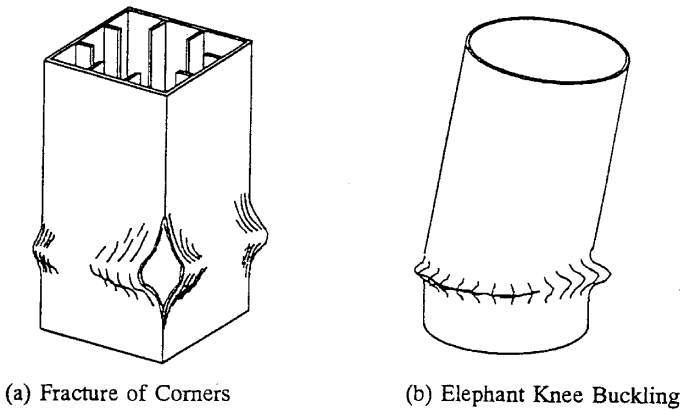
FIGURE 12.8 Analytical idealization of a two-column bent.

(a) Fracture of Corners   (b) Elephant Knee Buckling

FIGURE 12.9 Typical brittle failure modes of steel piers. (a) Fracture of corners; (b) elephant knee buckling.

12.4.5 Ductility Design of Steel Piers

12.4.5.1 Basic Concept

To improve seismic performance of a steel pier, it is important to avoid specific brittle failure modes. Figure 12.9 shows the typical brittle failure mode for rectangular and circular steel piers. The following are the countermeasures to avoid such brittle failure modes and to improve seismic performance of steel piers:

1. Fill the steel column with concrete.
2. Improve structural parameters related to buckling strength.
   - Decrease the width–thickness ratio of stiffened plates of rectangular piers or the diameter–thickness ratio of steel pipes;
   - Increase the stiffness of stiffeners;
   - Reduce the diaphragm spacing;
   - Strengthen corners using the corner plates.
3. Improve welding section at the corners of rectangular section.
4. Eliminate welding section at the corners by using round corners.

12.4.5.2 Concrete-Infilled Steel Pier

In a concrete-infilled steel pier, the lateral capacity P_a and the allowable displacement ductility factor μ_a in Eqs. (12.1) and (12.2) are evaluated as

$$P_a = P_y + \frac{P_u - P_y}{\alpha} \tag{12.23}$$

$$\mu_a = \left(1 + \frac{\delta_u - \delta_y}{\alpha \delta_y}\right)\frac{P_u}{P_a} \tag{12.24}$$

in which P_y and P_u = yield and ultimate lateral capacity of a pier; δ_y and δ_u = yield and ultimate displacement of a pier; and α = safety factor (refer to Table 12.4). The P_a and the μ_a are evaluated idealizing that a concrete-infilled steel pier resists flexural moment and shear force as a reinforced concrete pier. It is assumed in this evaluation that the steel section is idealized as reinforcing bars and that only the steel section resists axial force. A stress vs. strain relation of steel and concrete as shown in Figure 12.10 is assumed. The height of infilled concrete has to be decided so that bucking is not developed above the infilled concrete.

12.4.5.3 Steel Pier without Infilled Concrete

A steel pier without infilled concrete must be designed with dynamic response analysis. Properties of the pier need to be decided based on a cyclic loading test. Arrangement of stiffness and welding at corners must be precisely evaluated so that brittle failure is avoided.

12.4.6 Dynamic Response Analysis

Dynamic response analysis is required in bridges with complex dynamic response to check the safety factor of the static design. Dynamic response analysis is also required as a "design" tool in the bridges for which the ductility design method is not directly applied. In dynamic response analysis, ground motions that are spectral-fitted to the following response spectra are used;

$$S_I = c_Z \cdot c_D \cdot S_{I0} \tag{12.25}$$

$$S_{II} = c_Z \cdot c_D \cdot S_{II0} \tag{12.26}$$

in which S_I and S_{II} = acceleration response spectrum for Type I and Type II ground motions, respectively; S_{I0} and S_{II0} = standard acceleration response spectrum for Type I and Type II ground motions, respectively; c_Z = modification coefficient for zone, refer to Eq. (12.8); and c_D = modification coefficient for damping ratio, given as

$$c_D = \frac{1.5}{40h_i + 1} + 0.5 \tag{12.27}$$

Table 12.6 and Figure 12.11 show the standard acceleration response spectra (damping ratio $h = 0.05$) for Type I and Type II ground motions.

It is recommended that at least three ground motions be used per analysis and that an average be taken to evaluate the response.

In dynamic analysis, modal damping ratios should be carefully evaluated. To determine the modal damping ratios, a bridge may be divided into several substructures in which the energy-dissipating mechanism is essentially the same. If one can specify a damping ratio of each substructure for a given mode shape, the modal damping ratio for the ith mode, h_i, may be evaluated as
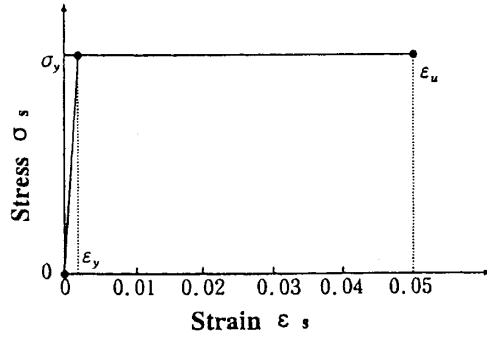
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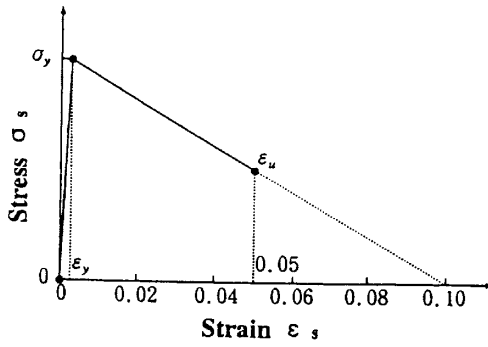
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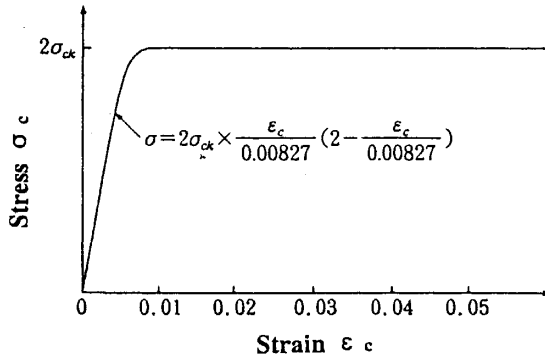
(c)

FIGURE 12.10 Stress–strain relation of steel and concrete. (a) Steel (tension); (b) steel (compression); (c) concrete.

$$h_i = \frac{\displaystyle\sum_{j=1}^{n} \phi_{ij}^{T} \cdot h_{ij} \cdot K_j \cdot \phi_{ij}}{\Phi_i^{T} \cdot K \cdot \Phi_i} \tag{12.28}$$

TABLE 12.6 Standard Acceleration Response Spectra

Soil Condition	Response Acceleration S_{10} (gal = cm/s^2)		
	Type I Response Spectra S_{10}		
Group I	$S_{10} = 700$ for $T_i = \leqq 1.4$	$S_{10} = 980/T_i$ for $T_i > 1.4$	
Group II	$S_{10} = 1505T_i^{1/3}$ $(S_{10} \geqq 700)$ for $T_i < 0.18$	$S_{10} = 850$ for $0.18 \leqq T_i \leqq 1.6$	$S_{10} = 1360/T_i$ for $T_i > 1.6$
Group III	$S_{10} = 1511T_i^{1/3}$ $(S_{10} \geqq 700)$ for $T_i < 0.29$	$S_{10} = 1000$ for $0.29 \leqq T_i \leqq 2.0$	$S_{10} = 2000/T_i$ for $T_i > 2.0$
	Type II Response Spectra S_{110}		
Group I	$S_{110} = 4463T_i^{2/3}$ for $T_i \leqq 0.3$	$S_{110} = 2000$ for $0.3 \leqq T_i \leqq 0.7$	$S_{110} = 1104/T_i^{5/3}$ for $T_i > 0.7$
Group II	$S_{110} = 3224T_i^{2/3}$ for $T_i < 0.4$	$S_{110} = 1750$ for $0.4 \leqq T_i \leqq 1.2$	$S_{110} = 2371/T_i^{5/3}$ for $T_i > 1.2$
Group III	$S_{110} = 2381T_i^{2/3}$ for $T_i < 0.5$	$S_{110} = 1500$ for $0.5 \leqq T_i \leqq 1.5$	$S_{110} = 2948T_i^{5/3}$ for $T_i > 1.5$
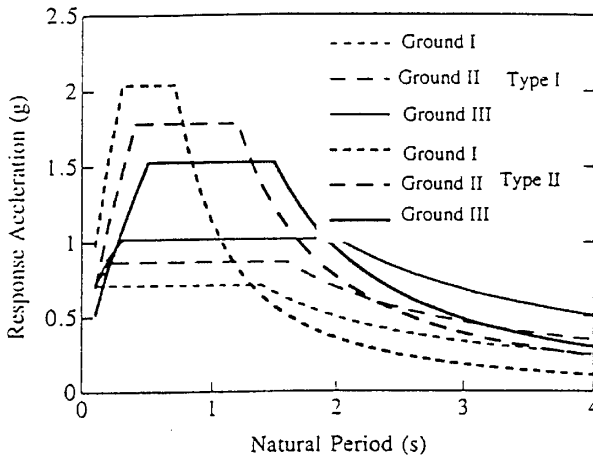
FIGURE 12.11 Type I and Type II standard acceleration response spectra.

TABLE 12.7 Recommended Damping Ratios for Major Structural Components

Structural Components	Elastic Response		Nonlinear Response	
	Steel	Concrete	Steel	Concrete
Superstructure	$0.02 \sim 0.03$	$0.03 \sim 0.05$	$0.02 \sim 0.03$	$0.03 \sim 0.05$
Rubber bearings	0.02		0.02	
Menshin bearings	Equivalent damping ratio by Eq. 12.26		Equivalent damping ratio by Eq. 12.46	
Substructures	$0.03 \sim 0.05$	$0.05 \sim 0.1$	$0.1 \sim 0.2$	$0.12 \sim 0.2$
Foundations	$0.1 \sim 0.3$		$0.2 \sim 0.4$	

in which h_{ij} = damping ratio of the *j*th substructure in the *i*th mode, ϕ_{ij} = mode vector of the *j*th substructure in the *i*th mode, k_j = stiffness matrix of the *j*th substructure, K = stiffness matrix of a bridge, and Φ_i = mode vector of a bridge in the *i*th mode, which is given as

$$\Phi_i^T = \left\{ \phi_{i1}^T, \phi_{i2}^T, \ldots, \phi_{in}^T \right\}$$ (12.29)

Table 12.7 shows recommended damping ratios for major structural components.

TABLE 12.8 Modification Coefficient for Energy Dissipation Capability

Damping Ratio for First Mode h	Coefficient c_ε
$h < 0.1$	1.0
$0.1 \leqq h < 0.12$	0.9
$0.12 \leqq h < 0.15$	0.8
$h \geqq 0.15$	0.7

12.4.7 Menshin (Seismic Isolation) Design

12.4.7.1 Basic Principle

Implementation of Menshin bridges should be carefully chosen from the point of view not only of seismic performance but also of function for traffic and maintenance, based on the advantage and disadvantage of increasing natural period. The Menshin design should not be adopted in the following situations:

1. Sites vulnerable to loss of bearing capacity due to soil liquefaction and lateral spreading;
2. Bridges supported by flexible columns;
3. Soft soil sites where potential resonance with surrounding soils could be developed by increasing the fundamental natural period; and
4. Bridges with uplift force at bearings.

It is suggested that the design be made with an emphasis on an increase of energy-dissipating capability and a distribution of lateral force to as many substructures as possible. To concentrate the hysteretic deformation not at piers, but at bearings, the fundamental natural period of a Menshin bridge should be about two times or more longer than the fundamental natural period of the same bridge supported by conventional bearings. It should be noted that an elongation of natural period aiming to decrease the lateral force should not be attempted.

12.4.7.2 Design Procedure

Menshin bridges are designed by both the seismic coefficient method and the ductility design method. In the seismic coefficient method, no reduction of lateral force from the conventional design is made.

In the ductility design method, the equivalent lateral force coefficient k_{hem} in the Menshin design is evaluated as

$$k_{hem} = \frac{k_{hcm}}{\sqrt{2\mu_m - 1}} \tag{12.30}$$

$$k_{hcm} = c_E \cdot k_{hc} \tag{12.31}$$

in which k_{hcm} = lateral force coefficient in Menshin design, μ_m = allowable ductility factor of a pier, c_E = modification coefficient for energy-dissipating capability (refer to Table 12.8), and k_{hc} = lateral force coefficient by Eq. (12.8). Because the k_{hc} is the lateral force coefficient for a bridge supported by conventional bearings, Eq. (12.31) means that the lateral force in the Menshin design can be reduced, as much as 30%, by the modification coefficient c_E depending on the modal damping ratio of a bridge.

Modal damping ratio of a Menshin bridge h for the fundamental mode is computed as Eq. (12.32). In Eq. (12.32), h_{Bi} = damping ratio of the ith damper, h_{Pi} = damping ratio of the ith pier or abutment, h_{Fui} = damping ratio of the ith foundation associated with translational displacement, $h_{F\phi i}$ = damping

ratio of the *i*th foundation associated with rotational displacement, K_{Pi} = equivalent stiffness of the *i*th pier or abutment, K_{Fui} = translational stiffness of the *i*th foundation, $K_{F\phi i}$ = rotational stiffness of the *i*th foundation, u_{Bi} = design displacement of the *i*th Menshin device, and H = distance from the bottom of a pier to a gravity center of a deck.

In the Menshin design, the allowable displacement ductility factor of a pier μ_m in Eq. (12.30) is evaluated by

$$h = \frac{\sum K_{Bi} \cdot u_{Bi}^2 \left(h_{Bi} + \dfrac{h_{Pi} \cdot K_{Bi}}{K_{Pi}} + \dfrac{h_{Fui} \cdot K_{Bi}}{K_{Fui}} + \dfrac{h_{F\theta i} \cdot K_{Bi} \cdot H^2}{K_{Fei}} \right)}{\sum K_{Bi} \cdot u_{Bi}^2 \left(1 + \dfrac{K_{Bi}}{K_{Pi}} + \dfrac{K_{Bi}}{K_{Fui}} + \dfrac{K_{Bi} \cdot H^2}{K_{F\theta i}} \right)} \tag{12.32}$$

$$\mu_m = 1 + \frac{\delta_u - \delta_y}{\alpha_m \delta_y} \tag{12.33}$$

in which α_m is a safety factor used in Menshin design and is given as

$$\alpha_m = 2\alpha \tag{12.34}$$

where α is the safety factor in the conventional design (refer to Table 12.4). Equation (12.34) means that the allowable displacement ductility factor in the Menshin design μ_m should be smaller than the allowable displacement ductility factor μ_a by Eq. (12.2) in the conventional design. The reason for the smaller allowable ductility factor in the Menshin design is to limit the hysteretic displacement of a pier at the plastic hinge zone so that the principal hysteretic behavior occurs at the Menshin devices, as shown in Figure 12.4b.

12.4.7.3 Design of Menshin Devices

Simple devices that can resist extreme earthquakes must be used. The bearings have to be anchored to a deck and substructures with bolts, and should be replaceable. Clearance has to be provided between a deck and an abutment or between adjacent decks.

Isolators and dampers must be designed for a desired design displacement u_B. The design displacement u_B is evaluated as

$$u_B = \frac{k_{hem} W_U}{K_B} \tag{12.35}$$

in which k_{hem} = equivalent lateral force coefficient by Eq. (12.31), K_B = equivalent stiffness, and W_U = dead weight of a superstructure. It should be noted that, because the equivalent lateral force coefficient k_{hem} depends on the type of ground motions, the design displacement u_B also depends on the same.

The equivalent stiffness K_B and the equivalent damping ratio h_B of a Menshin device are evaluated as

$$K_B = \frac{F(u_{Be}) - F(-u_{Be})}{2u_{Be}} \tag{12.36}$$

$$h_B = \frac{\Delta W}{2\pi W} \tag{12.37}$$

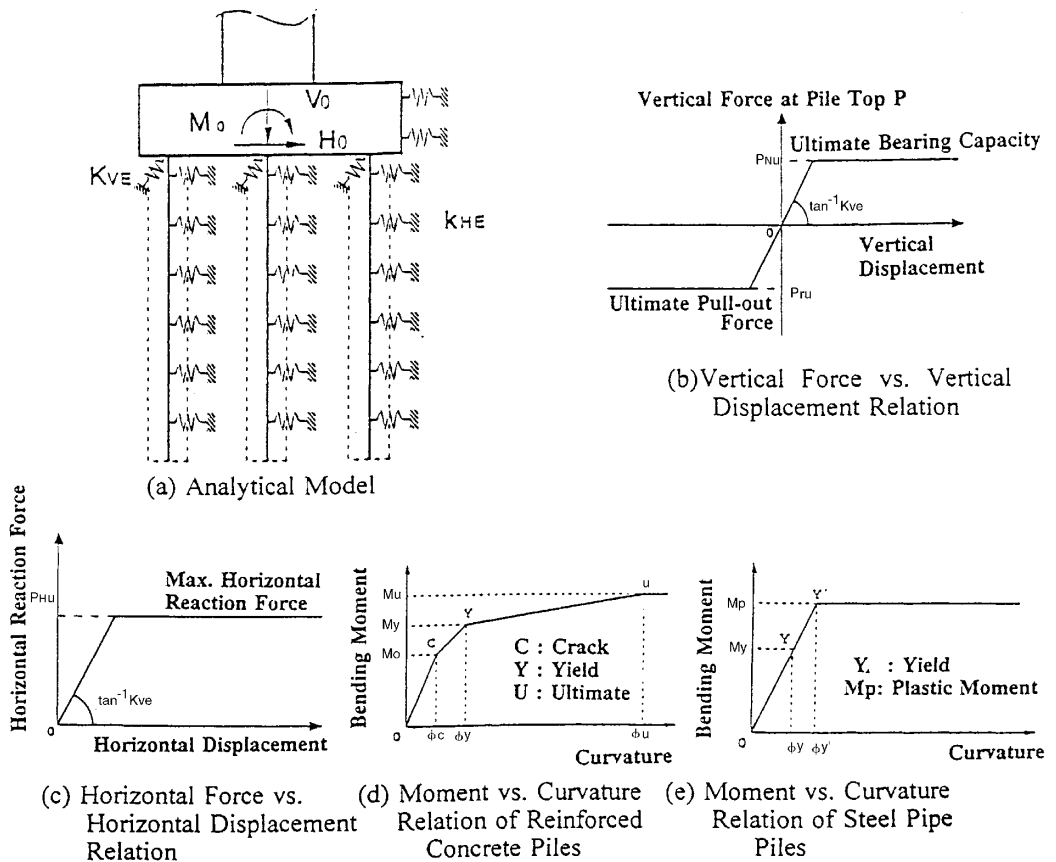$$u_{Be} = c_B \cdot u_B \tag{12.38}$$

FIGURE 12.12   Idealized nonlinear model of a pile foundation. (a) Analytical model; (b) vertical force vs. vertical displacement relation; (c) horizontal force vs. horizontal displacement relation; (d) moment vs. curvature relation of reinforced concrete piles; (e) moment vs. curvature relation of steel pipe piles.

in which $F(u)$ = restoring force of a device at a displacement u, u_{Be} = effective design displacement, ΔW = energy dissipated per cycle, W = elastic strain energy, and c_B = coefficient to evaluate effective displacement (= 0.7).

12.4.8   Design of Foundations

The evaluation methods of ductility and strength of foundations such as pile foundations and caisson foundations were newly introduced in the 1996 Specifications.

For a pile foundation, a foundation should be so idealized that a rigid footing is supported by piles, which are supported by soils. The flexural strength of a pier defined by Eq. (12.7) is to be applied as a seismic force to foundations at the bottom of the footing together with the dead-weight superstructure, pier, and soils on the footing. Figure 12.12 shows the idealized nonlinear model of a pile foundation. The nonlinearity of soils and piles is considered in the analysis.

The safety of the foundation is to be checked so that (1) the foundation does not reach its yield point; (2) if the primary nonlinearity is developed in the foundations, the response displacement is less than the displacement ductility limit; and (3) the displacement developed in the foundation is less than the allowable limit. The allowable ductility and the allowable limit of displacement were noted as 4 in displacement ductility, 40 cm in horizontal displacement, and 0.025 rad in rotation angle.

For a caisson-type foundation, the foundation should be modeled as a reinforced concrete column that is supported by soil spring model; the safety is checked in the same way as for a pile foundations.

12.4.9 Design against Soil Liquefaction and Liquefaction-Induced Lateral Spreading

12.4.9.1 Estimation of Liquefaction Potential

Since the Hyogo-ken Nanbu earthquake of 1995 caused liquefaction even at coarse sand or gravel layers that had been regarded as invulnerable to liquefication, a gravel layer was included in the soil layers that require liquefaction potential estimation. Soil layers that satisfy the following conditions are estimated to be potential liquefaction layers:

1. Saturated soil layer that is located within 20 m under the ground surface and in which the groundwater level is less than 10 m deep;
2. Soil layer in which fine particle content ratio FC is equal to or less than 35% or the plasticity index I_p is equal to or less than 15;
3. Soil layer in which mean grain size D_{50} is equal to or less than 10 mm and 10% grain size D_{10} is equal to or less than 1 mm.

Liquefaction potential is estimated by the safety factor against liquefaction F_L as

$$F_L = R/L \tag{12.39}$$

where F_L = liquefaction resistant ratio, R = dynamic shear strength ratio, and L = shear–stress ratio during an earthquake. The dynamic shear strength ratio R may be expressed as

$$R = c_W R_L \tag{12.40}$$

where c_W = corrective coefficient for ground motion characteristics (1.0 for Type I ground motions, 1.0 to 2.0 for Type II ground motions), and R_L = cyclic triaxial strength ratio. The cyclic triaxial strength ratio was estimated by laboratory tests with undisturbed samples by the *in situ* freezing method.

The shear–stress ratio during an earthquake may be expressed as

$$L = r_d k_{hc} \, \sigma_v / \sigma_v' \tag{12.41}$$

where r_d = modification factor shear–stress ratio with depth, k_{hc} = design seismic coefficient for the evaluation of liquefaction potential, σ_v = total loading pressure, and σ_v' = effective loading pressure.

It should be noted here that the design seismic coefficient for the evaluation of liquefaction potential k_{hc} ranges from 0.3 to 0.4 for Type I ground motions, and from 0.6 to 0.8 for Type II ground motions.

12.4.9.2 Design Treatment of Liquefaction for Bridge Foundations

When liquefaction occurs, the strength and the bearing capacity of a soil decrease. In the seismic design of highway bridges, soil constants of a sandy soil layer that is judged liable to liquefy are reduced according to the F_L value. The reduced soil constants are calculated by multiplying the coefficient D_E in Table 12.9 to the soil constants estimated on an assumption that the soil layer does not liquefy.

12.4.9.3 Design Treatment of Liquefaction-Induced Ground Flow for Bridge Foundations

The influence of liquefaction-induced ground flow was included in the revised Design Specifications in 1996. The case in which ground flow that may affect bridge seismicity is likely to occur is generally that the ground is judged to be liquefiable and is exposed to biased Earth pressure, for example, the ground behind a seaside protection wall. The effect of liquefaction-induced ground flow is

TABLE 12.9 Reduction Coefficient for Soil Constants Due to Soil Liquefaction

Range of F_L	Depth from the Present Ground Surface x (m)	Dynamic Shear Strength Ratio R	
		$R \leqq 0.3$	$0.3 < R$
$F_L \leqq 1/3$	$0 \leqq x \leqq 10$	0	1/6
	$10 < x \leqq 20$	1/3	1/3
$1/3 < F_L \leqq 2/3$	$0 \leqq x \leqq 10$	1/3	2/3
	$10 < x \leqq 20$	2/3	2/3
$2/3 < F_L \leqq 1$	$0 \leqq x \leqq 10$	2/3	1
	$10 < x \leqq 20$	1	1

considered as the static force acting on a structure. This method premises that the surface soil is of the nonliquefiable and liquefiable layers, and the forces equivalent to the passive Earth pressure and 30% of the overburden pressure are applied to the structure in the nonliquefiable layer and liquefiable layer, respectively.

The seismic safety of a foundation is checked by confirming that the displacement at the top of the foundation caused by ground flow does not exceed an allowable value, in which a foundation and the ground are idealized as shown in Figure 12.12. The allowable displacement of a foundation may be taken as two times the yield displacement of a foundation. In this process, the inertia force of structure is not necessary to be considered simultaneously, because the liquefaction-induced ground flow may take place after the principal ground motion.

12.4.10 Bearing Supports

The bearings are classified into two groups: Type A bearings resisting the seismic force considered in the seismic coefficient method, and Type B bearings resisting the seismic force of Eq. (12.2). Seismic performance of Type B bearings is, of course, much higher than that of Type A bearings. In Type A bearings, a displacement-limiting device, which will be described later, has to be coinstalled in both longitudinal and transverse directions, while it is not required in Type B bearings. Because of the importance of bearings as one of the main structural components, Type B bearings should be used in Menshin bridges.

The uplift force applied to the bearing supports is specified as

$$R_U = R_D - \sqrt{R_{heq}^2 + R_{veq}^2} \tag{12.42}$$

in which R_U = design uplift force applied to the bearing support, R_D = dead load of superstructure, and R_{heq} and R_{veq} are vertical reactions caused by the horizontal seismic force and vertical force, respectively. Figure 12.13 shows the design forces for the bearing supports.

12.4.11 Unseating Prevention Systems

Unseating prevention measures are required for highway bridges. Unseating prevention systems consist of enough seat length, a falling-down prevention device, a displacement-limiting device, and a settlement prevention device. The basic requirements are as follows:

1. The unseating prevention systems have to be designed so that unseating of a superstructure from its supports can be prevented even if unpredictable failures of structural members occur,
2. Enough seat length must be provided and a falling-down prevention device must be installed at the ends of a superstructure against longitudinal response. If Type A bearings are used, a displacement-limiting device has to be further installed not only at the ends of a superstructure but at each intermediate support in a continuous bridge.
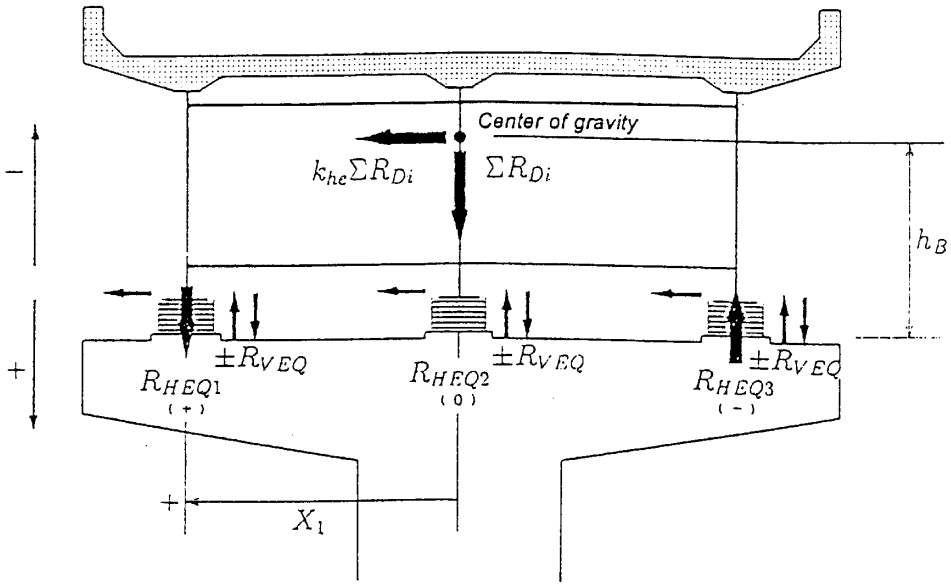
FIGURE 12.13   Design forces for bearing supports.

3. If Type A bearings are used, a displacement-limiting device is required at each support against transverse response. The displacement-limiting device is not generally required if Type B bearings are used. But even if Type B bearings are adopted, it is required in skewed bridges, curved bridges, bridges supported by columns with narrow crests, bridges supported by few bearings per pier, and bridges constructed at sites vulnerable to lateral spreading associated with soil liquefaction.

The seat length S_E is evaluated as

$$S_E = u_R + u_G \gtreqqless S_{EM} \tag{12.43}$$

$$S_{EM} = 70 + 0.5l \tag{12.44}$$

$$u_G = 100 \cdot \varepsilon_G \cdot L \tag{12.45}$$

in which u_R = relative displacement (cm) developed between a superstructure and a substructure subjected to a seismic force equivalent to the equivalent lateral force coefficient k_{hc} by Eq. (12.2); u_G = relative displacement of ground along the bridge axis; S_{EM} = minimum seat length (cm); ε_G = ground strain induced during an earthquake along the bridge axis, which is 0.0025, 0.00375, and 0.005 for Group I, II, and III sites, respectively; L = distance that contributes to the relative displacement of ground (m); and l = span length (m). If two adjacent decks are supported by a pier, the larger span length should be l in evaluating the seat length.

In the Menshin design, in addition to the above requirements, the following considerations have to be made:

1. To prevent collisions between a deck and an abutment or between two adjacent decks, enough clearance must be provided. The clearance between those structural components S_B should be evaluated as

$$S_B = \begin{cases} u_B + L_A & \text{between a deck and an abutment} \\ c_B \cdot u_B + L_A & \text{between two adjacent decks} \end{cases} \tag{12.46}$$

TABLE 12.10 Modification Coefficient for Clearance c_B

$\Delta T/T_1$	c_B
$0 \leqq \Delta T/T_1 < 0.1$	1
$0.1 \leqq \Delta T/T_1 < 0.8$	$\sqrt{2}$
$0.8 \leqq \Delta T/T_1 \leqq 1.0$	1

in which u_B = design displacement of Menshin devices (cm) by Eq. (12.39), L_A = redundancy of a clearance (generally ±1.5 cm), and c_B = modification coefficient for clearance (refer to Table 12.10). The modification coefficient c_B was determined based on an analysis of the relative displacement response spectra. It depends on a difference of natural periods $\Delta T = T_1 - T_2$ ($T_1 > T_2$), in which T_1 and T_2 represent the natural period of the two adjacent bridge systems.

2. The clearance at an expansion joint L_E is evaluated as

$$L_E = u_B + L_A \tag{12.47}$$

in which u_B = design displacement of Menshin devices (cm) by Eq. (12.39), and L_A = redundancy of a clearance (generally ±1.5 cm).

12.5 Seismic Retrofit Practices for Highway Bridges

12.5.1 Past Seismic Retrofit Practices

The Ministry of Construction has conducted seismic evaluations of highway bridges throughout the country five times since 1971 as a part of the comprehensive earthquake disaster prevention measures for highway facilities. Seismic retrofit for vulnerable highway bridges had been successively made based on the seismic evaluations. Table 12.11 shows the history of past seismic evaluations [7,8].

The first seismic evaluation was made in 1971 to promote earthquake disaster prevention measures for highway facilities. The significant damage of highway bridges caused by the 1971 San Fernando earthquake in the United States triggered the seismic evaluation. Highway bridges with span lengths longer than or equal to 5 m on all systems of national expressways and highways were evaluated. Attention was paid to detect deterioration such as cracks of reinforced concrete structures, tilting, sliding, settlement, and scouring of foundations. Approximately 18,000 highway bridges in total were evaluated, and approximately 3200 bridges were found to require retrofit.

Following the first, seismic evaluations had been subsequently made in 1976, 1979, 1986, and 1991 with gradually expanding highways and evaluation items. The seismic evaluation in 1986 was made with the increase of social needs to ensure seismic safety of highway traffic after the damage caused by the Urakawa-oki earthquake in 1982 and the Nihon-kai-chubu earthquake in 1983. The highway bridges with span lengths longer than or equal to 15 m on all systems of national expressways, national highways and principal local highways, and overpasses were evaluated. The evaluation items included deterioration, unseating prevention devices, strength of substructures, and stability of foundations. Approximately 40,000 bridges in total were evaluated, and approximately 11,800 bridges were found to require retrofit. The latest seismic evaluation was made in 1991. The number of highways to be evaluated has increased from the number evaluated in 1986. Approximately 60,000 bridges in total were evaluated, and approximately 18,000 bridges were found to require retrofit. Through a series of seismic retrofit works, approximately 32,000 bridges were retrofitted by the end of 1994.

TABLE 12.11 Past Seismic Evaluations of Highway Bridges

Year	Highways Inspected	Inspection Items	Number of Bridges		
			Inspected	Requiring Strengthening	Strengthened
1971	All sections of national expressways and national highways, and sections of others (bridge length ≧ 5m)	1. Deterioration 2. Bearing seat length *S* for bridges supported by bent piles	18,000	3,200	1,500
1976	All sections of national expressways and national highways, and sections of others (bridge length ≧ 15m or overpass bridges)	1. Deterioration of substructures, bearing supports, and girders/slabs 2. Bearing seat length *S* and devices for preventing falling-off of superstructure	25,000	7,000	2,500
1979	All sections of national expressways, national highways and principal local highways, and sections of others (bridge length ≧ 15 m or overpass bridges)	1. Deterioration of substructures and bearing supports 2. Devices for preventing falling-off of superstructure 3. Effect of soil liquefaction 4. Bearing capacity of soils and piles 5. Strength of RC piers 6. Vulnerable foundations (bent pile and RC frame on two independent caisson foundations)	35,000	16,000	13,000
1986	All sections of national expressways, national highways and principal local highways, and sections of others (bridge length ≧ 15 m or overpass bridges)	1. Deterioration of substructures, bearing supports, and concrete girders 2. Devices for preventing falling-off of superstructure 3. Effect of soil liquefaction 4. Strength of RC piers (bottom of piers and termination zone of main reinforcement) 5. Bearing capacity of piles 6. Vulnerable foundations (bent piles and RC frame on two independent caisson foundations)	40,000	11,800	8,000
1991	All sections of national expressways, national highways and principal local highways, and sections of others (bridge length ≧ 15 m or overpass bridges)	1. Deterioration of substructures, bearing supports, and concrete girders 2. Devices for preventing falling-off of superstructure 3. Effect of soil liquefaction 4. Strength of RC piers (piers and termination zone of main reinforcement) 5. Vulnerable foundations (bent piles and RC frame on two independent caisson foundations)	60,000	18,000	7,000 (as of the end of 1994)

Note: Number of bridges inspected, number of bridges that required strengthening, and number of bridges strengthened are approximate numbers.

TABLE 12.12 Application of the Guide Specifications

Types of Roads and Bridges	Double-Deckers, Overcrossings on Roads and Railways, Extremely Important Bridges from Disaster Prevention and Road Network	Others
Expressways, urban expressways, designated urban expressway, Honshu–Shikoku Bridges, designated national highways	Apply all items, in principle	Apply all items, in principle
Nondesignated national highways, prefectural roads, city, town, and village roads	Apply all items, in principle	Apply partially, in principle

The seismic evaluations in 1986 and 1991 were made based on a statistical analysis of bridges damaged and undamaged in past earthquakes [9]. Because the collapse of bridges tends to develop because of excessive relative movement between the superstructure and the substructures and the failure of substructures associated with inadequate strength, the evaluation was made based on both the relative movement and the strength of the substructure.

Emphasis had been placed on installing unseating prevention devices in past seismic retrofits. Because the installation of the unseating prevention devices was being completed, it had become important to promote strengthening of those substructures with inadequate strength and lateral stiffness.

12.5.2   Seismic Retrofit after the Hyogo-ken Nanbu Earthquake

12.5.2.1   Reference for Applying Guide Specifications to New Highway Bridges and Seismic Retrofit of Existing Highway Bridges

After the 1995 Hyogo-ken Nanbu earthquake, "Part V: Seismic Design" of the "Design Specifications of Highway Bridges" (Japan Road Association) was completely revised in 1996, as discussed in the previous sections.

Because most of the substructures designed and constructed before 1971 do not meet the current seismic requirements, studying the level of seismic vulnerability requiring retrofit is urgently needed. Upgrading the reliability of predictions of possible failure modes in future earthquakes is also very important. Since the seismic retrofit of substructures requires more cost, it is necessary to develop and implement effective and inexpensive retrofit measures and to design methods to provide for the next event.

For increasing seismic safety of the highway bridges that suffered damage by the Hyogo-ken Nanbu earthquake, various new drastic changes were tentatively introduced in the "Guide Specifications for Reconstruction and Repair of Highway Bridges Which Suffered Damage Due to the Hyogo-ken Nanbu Earthquake." Although intensified review of design could be made when it was applied to the bridges only in the Hanshin area, it may not be so easy for field design engineers to follow up the new Guide Specifications when the Guide Specifications are used for seismic design of all new highway bridges and seismic strengthening of existing highway bridges. Based on such demand, the "Reference for Applying the Guide Specifications to New Bridges and Seismic Strengthening of Existing Bridges" [10] was issued on June 30, 1995 by the Sub-Committee for Seismic Countermeasures for Highway Bridges, Japan Road Association.

The Reference classified the application of the Guide Specifications as shown in Table 12.12 based on the importance of the roads. All items of the Guide Specifications are applied for bridges on extremely important roads, while some items that prevent brittle failure of structural components are applied for bridges on important roads. For example, for bridges on important roads, the items for Menshin design, tie reinforcements, termination of longitudinal reinforcements, type of bearings, unseating prevention devices, and countermeasures for soil liquefaction are applied, while the remaining items such as the design force, concrete-infilled steel bridges, and ductility check for foundations, are not applied.
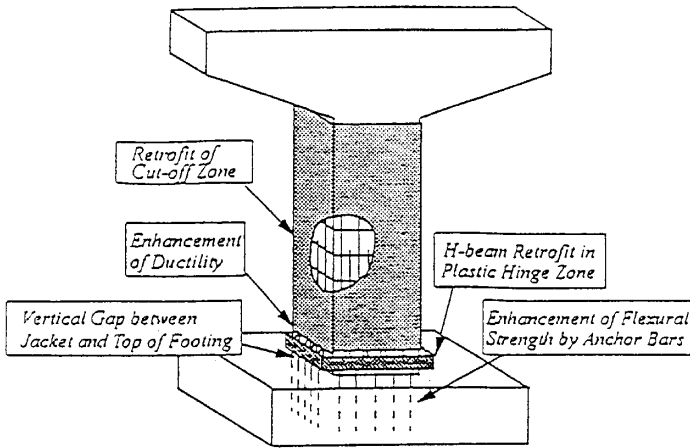
FIGURE 12.14   Seismic retrofit of reinforced concrete piers by steel jacket with controlled increase of flexural strength.

Because damage was concentrated in single reinforced concrete piers/columns with small concrete sections, a seismic retrofit program has been initiated for those columns that were designed according to the pre-1980 Design Specifications, at extremely important bridges such as bridges on expressways, urban expressways, and designated highway bridges, and also double-deckers and overcrossings, etc. that significantly affect highway functions once damaged. In the 3-year program, approximately 30,000 piers will be evaluated and retrofitted. Unseating devices should also be installed for these extremely important bridges.

The main purpose of the seismic retrofit of reinforced concrete columns is to increase their shear strength, in particular in piers with termination of longitudinal reinforcements without enough anchoring length. This increases the ductility of columns, because premature shear failure can be avoided.

However, if only ductility of piers is increased, residual displacement developed at piers after an earthquake may increase. Therefore, the flexural strength should also be increased. However, the increase of flexural strength of piers tends to increase the seismic force transferred from the piers to the foundations. It was found from an analysis of various types of foundations that failure of the foundations by increasing the seismic force may not be significant if the increasing rate of the flexural strength of piers is less than 2. It is therefore suggested to increase the flexural strength of piers within this limit so that it does not cause serious damage to foundations.

For such requirements, seismic strengthening by steel jackets with controlled increase of flexural strength was suggested [10,11]. This uses a steel jacket surrounding the existing columns as shown in Figure 12.14. Epoxy resin or nonshrinkage concrete mortar is injected between the concrete surface and the steel jacket. A small gap is provided at the bottom of piers between the steel jacket and the top of the footing. This prevents excessive increase in the flexural strength.

To increase the flexural strength of columns in a controlled manner, anchor bolts are provided at the bottom of the steel jacket. They are drilled into the footing. By selecting an appropriate number and size of the anchor bolts, the degree of increase of the flexural strength of piers may be controlled. The gap is required to trigger the flexural failure at the bottom of columns. A series of loading tests is being conducted at the Public Works Research Institute to check the appropriate gap and number of anchor bolts. Table 12.13 shows a tentatively suggested thickness of steel jackets and size and number of anchor bolts. They are for reinforced concrete columns with *a/b* less than 3, in which *a* and *b* represent the width of a column in transverse and longitudinal direction, respectively. The size and number of anchor bolts were evaluated so that the increasing rate of flexural strength of columns is less than about 2.

TABLE 12.13 Tentative Retrofit Method by Steel Jacketing

Columns/Piers	Steel Jackets	Anchor Bolts
$a/b \leqq 2$	SM400, $t = 9$ mm	
$2 < a/b \leqq 3$		SD295, D35 ctc 250 mm
Column supporting lateral force of a continuous girder through fixed bearing and with $a/b \leqq 3$	SM400, $t = 12$ mm	

Conventional reinforced concrete jacketing methods are also applied for the retrofit of reinforced concrete piers, especially for piers that require an increase of strength. It should be noted here that the increase of the strength of the pier should be carefully designed in consideration with the strength of foundations and footings.

12.5.2.2 Research and Development on Seismic Evaluation and Retrofit of Highway Bridges

Prioritization Concept for Seismic Evaluation
The 3-year retrofit program was completed in the 1997 fiscal year. In the program, the single reinforced concrete piers/columns with small concrete sections that were designed by the pre-1980 Design Specifications on important highways have been evaluated and retrofitted, and other bridges with wall-type piers, steel piers, and frame piers, and so on, as well as the bridges on the other highways, should be evaluated and retrofitted if required in the next retrofit program. Since there are approximately 200,000 piers, it is required that prioritization methods and methods to evaluate vulnerability be developed for the intentional retrofit program.

Figure 12.15 shows the simple flowchart to prioritize the retrofit work of bridges. The importance of the highway, structural factors, and member vulnerability (reinforced concrete piers, steel piers, unseating prevention devices, foundations) are the factors to be considered for prioritization.

Priority R of each bridge may be evaluated by Eq. (12.48).

$$R = I \cdot S \cdot V_T \cdot w_v \cdot \left[f \left(V_{RP1}, V_{RP2}, V_{RP3} \right), V_{MP}, V_{FS}, V_F \right] \times 100 \qquad (12.48)$$

$$f \left(V_{RP1}, V_{RP2}, V_{RP3} \right) = V_{RP1} \cdot V_{RP2} \cdot V_{RP3} \qquad (12.49)$$

in which R = priority, I = importance factor, S = earthquake force, V_T = structural factor, w_v = weighting factor on structural members, V_{RP1} = design specification, V_{RP2} = pier structural factor, V_{RP3} = aspect ratio, V_{MP} = steel pier factor, V_{FS} = unseating device factor, and V_F = foundation factor. Each item and category with a weighting number is tentatively shown in Table 12.14. If this prioritization method is applied to the bridges damaged during the Hyogo-ken Nanbu earthquake, the categorization number is given as shown in Table 12.14.

Seismic Retrofit of Wall-Type Piers
The steel-jacketing method as described in the above was applied for reinforced concrete with a circular section or rectangular section of $a/b < 3$. It is required to develop the seismic retrofit method for a wall-type pier. The confinement of concrete was provided by a confinement beam such as the H-shaped steel beam for rectangular piers. However, since the size of the confinement beam becomes very large, the confinement may be provided by other measures, such as intermediate anchors for a wall-type pier.

The seismic retrofit concept for a wall-type pier is the same as that for rectangular piers. It is important to increase the flexural strength and ductility capacity with the appropriate balance. Generally, the longitudinal reinforcement ratio is smaller than that for rectangular piers; therefore, the flexural strength is smaller. Thus, it is essential to increase the flexural strength appropriately. Since the longitudinal
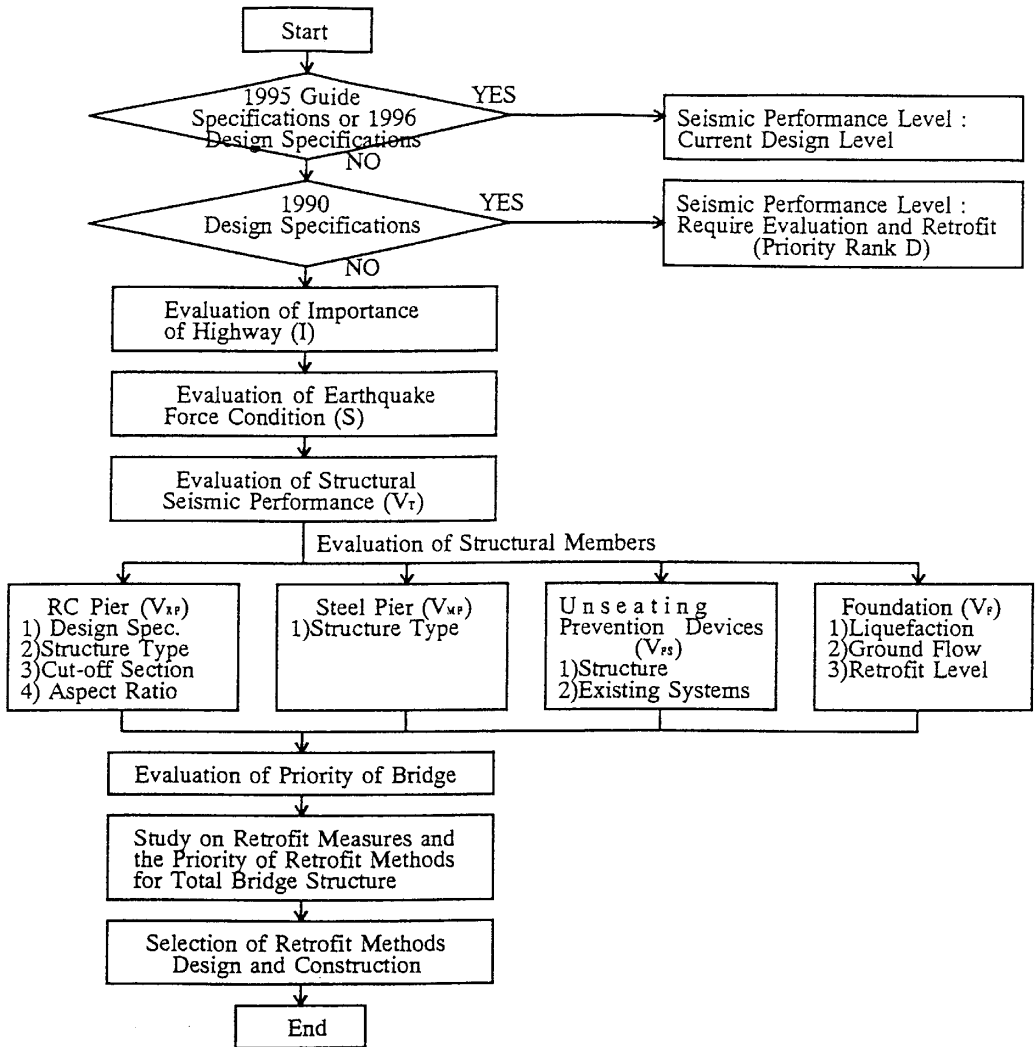
FIGURE 12.15   Prioritization concept of seismic retrofit of highway bridges.

reinforcement was generally terminated at midheight without appropriate anchorage length, it is also important to strengthen both the flexural and shear strength midheight section.

Figure 12.16 shows the possible seismic retrofit method for wall-type piers. To increase the flexural strength, the additional reinforcement by rebars or anchor bars is fixed to the footing. The number of reinforcements is designed to give the necessary flexural strength. It should be noted here that anchoring of additional longitudinal reinforcement is controlled to develop a plastic hinge to the bottom of the pier rather than the midheight section with termination of longitudinal reinforcement. And the increase of strength should be carefully designed considering the effect on the foundations and footings. The confinement in the plastic hinge zone is provided by steel bars for prestressed concrete or rebars that were installed inside of the column section.

Seismic Retrofit of Two-Column Bents
During the Hyogo-ken Nanbu earthquake, some two-column bents were damaged in the longitudinal and transverse directions. The strength and ductility characteristics of the two-column bents have been studied, and the analysis and design method was introduced in the 1996 Design Specifications [12].

TABLE 12.14 Example of Prioritization Factors for Seismic Retrofit of Highway Bridges

Item	Category	Evaluation Point
Importance of highway (I)	1. Emergency routes	1.0
	2. Overcrossing with emergency routes	0.9
	3. Others	0.6
Earthquake force (S)	1. Ground condition Type I	1.0
	2. Ground condition Type II	0.9
	3. Ground condition Type III	0.8
Structural factor (V_τ)	1. Viaducts	1.0
	2. Supported by abutments at both ends	0.5
Weighting factor on structural members (V_τ)	1. Reinforced concrete pier	1.0
	2. Steel pier	0.95
	3. Unseating prevention devices	0.9
	4. Foundation	0.8
Reinforced concrete pier 1. Design specification (V_{RP1})	1. Pre-1980 Design Specifications	1.0
	2. Post-1980 Design Specifications	0.7
2. Pier structure (V_{RP2})	1. Single column	1.0
	2. Wall-type column	0.8
	3. Two-column bent	0.7
3. Aspect ratio (V_{RP3})	1. $h/D \leqq 3$	1.0
	2. $3 < h/D < 4$ with cutoff section	0.9
	3. $h/D \geqq 4$ with cutoff section	0.9
	4. $3 < h/D < 4$ without cutoff section	0.7
	5. $h/D \geqq 4$ without cutoff section	0.7
Steel pier (V_{MP})	1. Single column	1.0
	2. Frame structure	0.8
Unseating prevention devices (V_{FS})	1. Without unseating devices	1.0
	2. With one device	0.9
	3. With two devices	0.8
Foundations (V_F)	1. Vulnerable to ground flow (without unseating devices)	1.0
	2. Vulnerable to ground flow	0.9
	3. Vulnerable to liquefaction (without unseating devices)	0.7
	4. Vulnerable to liquefaction	0.6
Evaluation of the priority R	1. $R \geqq 0.8$	Priority Rank A
	2. $0.7 \leqq R < 0.8$	Priority Rank B
	3. $R < 0.7$	Priority Rank C

The strength and ductility of existing two-column bents were studied in both the longitudinal and transverse directions. In the longitudinal direction, the same as a single column, the flexural strength and ductility must be increased with appropriate balance. In the transverse direction, the shear strength of the columns or the cap beam is generally not enough in comparison with the flexural strength.

Figure 12.17 shows the possible seismic retrofit methods for two-column bents. The concept of the retrofit is to increase flexural strength and ductility as well as shear capacity for columns and cap beams. Since axial force in the cap beam is much smaller than that in the columns, increasing the shear capacity is essential for the retrofit of the cap beam. It should be noted that since the jacketing of the cap beam is difficult because of the existing bearing supports and construction space, more effective retrofit measures for cap beams such as application of jacketing by new materials with high modulus of elasticity and high strength and out-cable prestressing, etc., must be developed

Seismic Retrofit Using New Materials
Retrofit work is often restricted because construction space is limited to open the structure for public traffic, particularly for the seismic retrofit of highway bridges in urban areas [13]. Therefore, there are sites where conventional steel jacketing and reinforced concrete jacketing methods are

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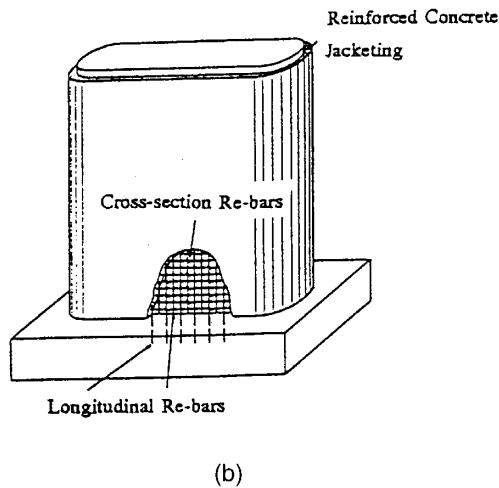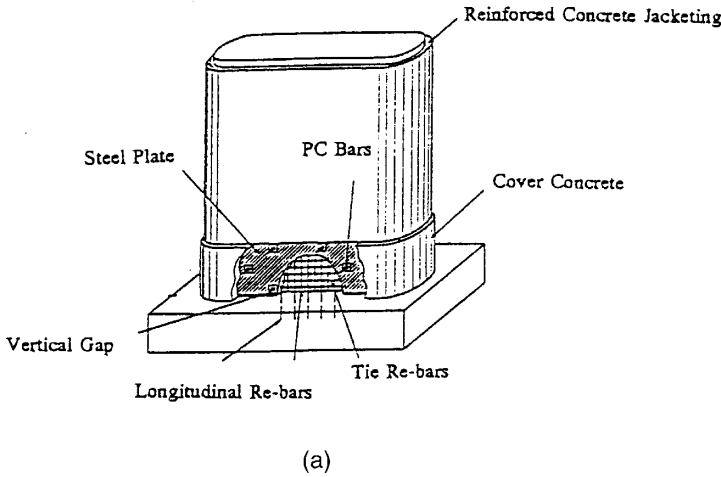
FIGURE 12.16   Seismic retrofit of wall-type piers. (a) Integrated seismic retrofit method with reinforced concrete and steel jacketing; (b) reinforced concrete jacketing.

difficult to apply. New materials such as carbon fiber sheets and aramid fiber sheets are attractive for application in the seismic retrofit of such bridges with construction restrictions as shown in Figure 12.18. The new materials such as fiber sheets are very light, do not need machines for use, and are easy to construct using a glue bond such as epoxy resin.

There are various studies on seismic retrofit methods using fiber sheets. Figure 12.19 shows the cooperative effect between fiber sheets and reinforcement for shear strengthening of a single reinforced concrete column. When carbon fiber sheets, which have almost the same elasticity and 10 times the failure strength as those of a reinforcing bar, are assumed to be applied, it is important to design the effects of carbon fiber sheets to achieve the required performance of seismic retrofit. In particular, strengthening of flexural, shear capacities, and ductility for reinforced concrete columns should be carefully evaluated. Based on experimental studies, it is essential to evaluate appropriately the effect of materials on the strengthening, carefully considering the material properties such as the modulus of elasticity and strength.

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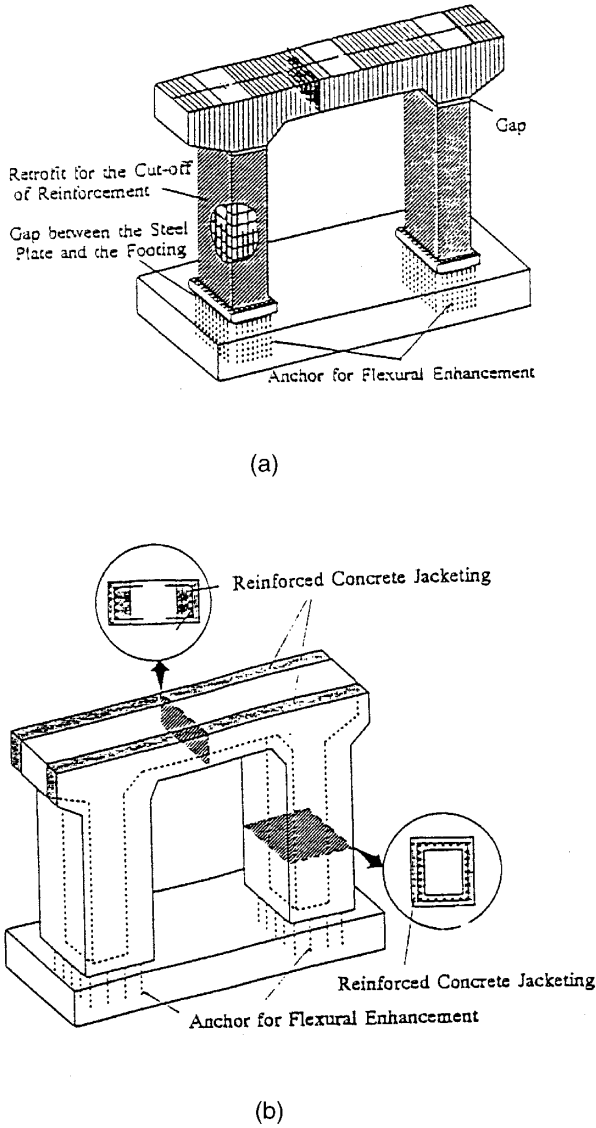
FIGURE 12.17   Seismic retrofit of two-column bents. (a) Steel jacketing; (b) reinforced concrete jacketing.

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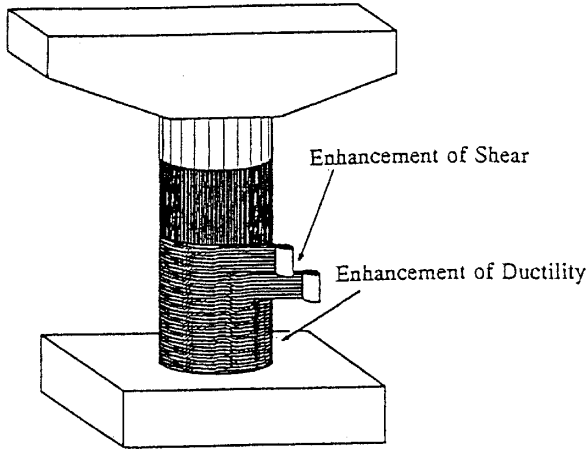
FIGURE 12.18   Application to new materials for seismic retrofit of reinforced column.
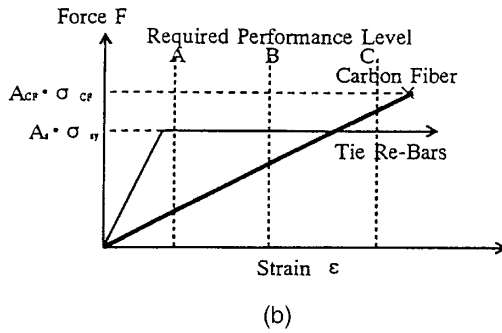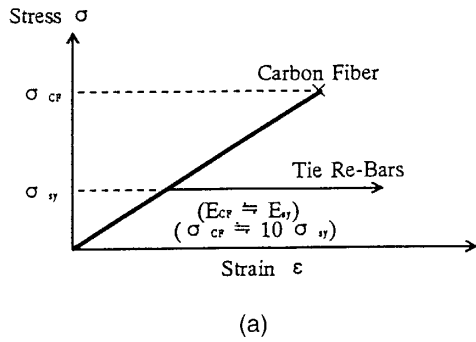

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FIGURE 12.19   Cooperative effect between tie reinforcement and carbon fiber sheets. (a) Stress–strain relation; (b) force–strain relation.

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Active Control in Bridge Engineering

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13.1 Introduction

In bridge engineering, one of the constant challenges is to find new and better means to design new bridges or to strengthen existing ones against destructive natural effects. One avenue, as a traditional way, is to design bridges based on strength theory. This approach, however, can sometimes be untenable both economically and technologically. Other alternatives, as shown in Chapter 9, include installing isolators to isolate seismic ground motions and adding passive energy dissipation devices to dissipate vibration energy and reduce dynamic responses. The successful application of these new design strategies in bridge structures has offered great promise [11]. In comparison with passive energy dissipation, research, development, and implementation of active control technology has a more recent origin. Since an active control system can provide more control authority and adaptivity than a passive system, the possibility of using active control systems in bridge engineering has received considerable attention in recent years.

Structural control systems can be classified as the following four categories [6]:

- **Passive Control** — A control system that does not require an external power source. Passive control devices impart forces in response to the motion of the structure. The energy in a passively controlled structural system cannot be increased by the passive control devices.
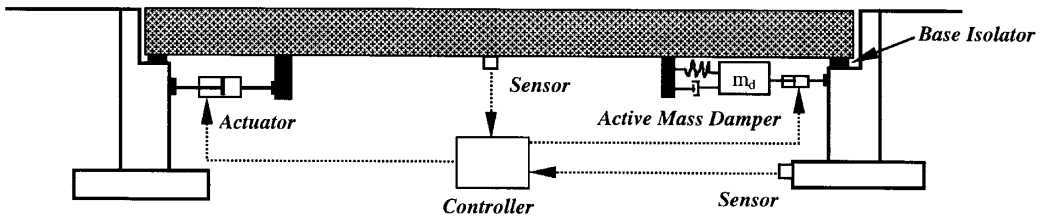
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FIGURE 13.1   Base-isolated bridge with added active control system.

- **Active Control** — A control system that does require an external power source for control actuator(s) to apply forces to the structure in a prescribed manner. These controlled forces can be used both to add and to dissipate energy in the structure. In an active feedback control system, the signals sent to the control actuators are a function of the response of the system measured with physical sensors (optical, mechanical, electrical, chemical, etc.).

- **Hybrid Control** — A control system that uses a combination of active and passive control systems, for example, a structure equipped with distributed viscoelastic damping supplemented with an active mass damper on or near the top of the structure, or a base-isolated structure with actuators actively controlled to enhance performance.

- **Semiactive Control** — A control system for which the external energy requirements are an order of magnitude smaller than typical active control systems. Typically, semiactive control devices do not add mechanical energy to the structural system (including the structure and the control actuators); therefore, bounded-input and bounded-output stability is guaranteed. Semiactive control devices are often viewed as controlled passive devices.

Figure 13.1 shows an active bracing control system and an active mass damper installed on each of the abutments of a seismically isolated concrete box-girder bridge [8]. As we know, base isolation systems can increase the chances of the bridge's surviving a seismic event by reducing the effects of seismic vibrations on the bridge. These systems have the advantages of simplicity, proven reliability, and no need for external power for operation. The isolation systems, however, may have difficulties in limiting lateral displacement, and they impose severe constraints on the construction of expansion joints. Instead of using base isolation, passive energy dissipation devices, such as viscous fluid dampers, viscoelastic dampers, or friction dampers, can also be employed to reduce the dynamic responses and improve the seismic performance of the bridge. The disadvantage of passive control devices, on the other hand, is that they respond only passively to structural systems based on their designed behaviors.

The new developed active systems, a typical example of which is shown in Figure 13.1, have unique advantages. Based on the changes of structural responses and external excitations, these intelligent systems can actively adapt their properties and controlling forces to maximize the effectiveness of the isolation system, increase the life span of the bridge, and allow it to withstand extreme loading effects. Unfortunately, in an active control system, the large forces required from the force generator and the necessary power to generate these forces pose implementation difficulties. Furthermore, a purely active control system may not have proven reliability. It is natural, therefore, to combine the active control systems (Figure 13.1) with abutment base isolators, which results in the so-called hybrid control. A hybrid control system is more reliable than a purely active system, since the passive devices can still protect the bridge from serious damage if the active portion fails during the extreme earthquake events. But the installation and maintenance of the two different systems are the major shortcoming in a hybrid system. Finally, if the sliding bearings are installed at the bridge abutments and if the pressure or friction coefficient between two sliding surfaces can be adjusted actively based on the measured bridge responses, this kind of controlled bearing will then be known as semiactive control devices. The required power supply essential for signal processing

TABLE 13.1 Bridge Control Systems

System	Typical Devices	Advantages	Disadvantages
Passive	Elastomeric bearings Lead rubber bearings Metallic dampers Friction dampers Viscoelastic dampers Tuned mass dampers Tuned liquid dampers	Simple Cheap Easy to install Easy to maintain No external energy Inherently stable	Large displacement Unchanged properties
Active	Active tendon Active bracing Active mass damper	Smart system	Need external energy May destabilize system Complicated system
Hybrid	Active mass damper + bearing Active bracing + bearing Active mass damper + VE damper	Smart and reliable	Two sets of systems
Semiactive	Controllable sliding bearings Controllable friction dampers Controllable fluid dampers	Inherently stable Small energy required Easy to install	Two sets of systems

and mechanical operation is very small in a semiactive control system. A portable battery may have sufficient capacity to store the necessary energy before an earthquake event. This feature thus enables the control system to remain effective regardless of a major power supply failure. Therefore, the semiactive control systems seem quite feasible and reliable.

The various control systems with their advantages and disadvantages are summarized in Table 13.1.

Passive control technologies, including base isolation and energy dissipation, are discussed in Chapter 9. The focus of this chapter is on active, hybrid, and semiactive control systems. The relationships among different stages during the development of various intelligent control technologies are organized in Figure 13.2. Typical control configurations and control mechanisms are described first in Section 13.2. Then the general control strategies and typical control algorithms are presented in Section 13.3, along with discussions of practical concerns in actual bridge applications of active control strategies. The analytical development and numerical simulation of various control systems applied on different types of bridge structures are shown as case studies in Section 13.4. Remarks and conclusions are given in Section 13.5.

13.2 Typical Control Configurations and Systems

As mentioned above, various control systems have been developed for bridge vibration control. In this section, more details of these systems are presented. The emphasis is placed on the motivations behind the development of special control systems to control bridge vibrations.

Active Bracing Control

Figure 13.3 shows a steel truss bridge with several actively braced members [1]. Correspondingly, the block diagram of the above control system is illustrated in Figure 13.4. An active control system generally consists of three parts. First, *sensors*, like human eyes, nose, hands, etc., are attached to the bridge components to measure either external excitations or bridge response variables. Second, *controllers*, like the human brain, process the measured information and compute necessary actions needed based on a given control algorithm. Third, *actuators*, usually powered by external sources, produce the required control forces to keep bridge vibrations under the designed safety range.
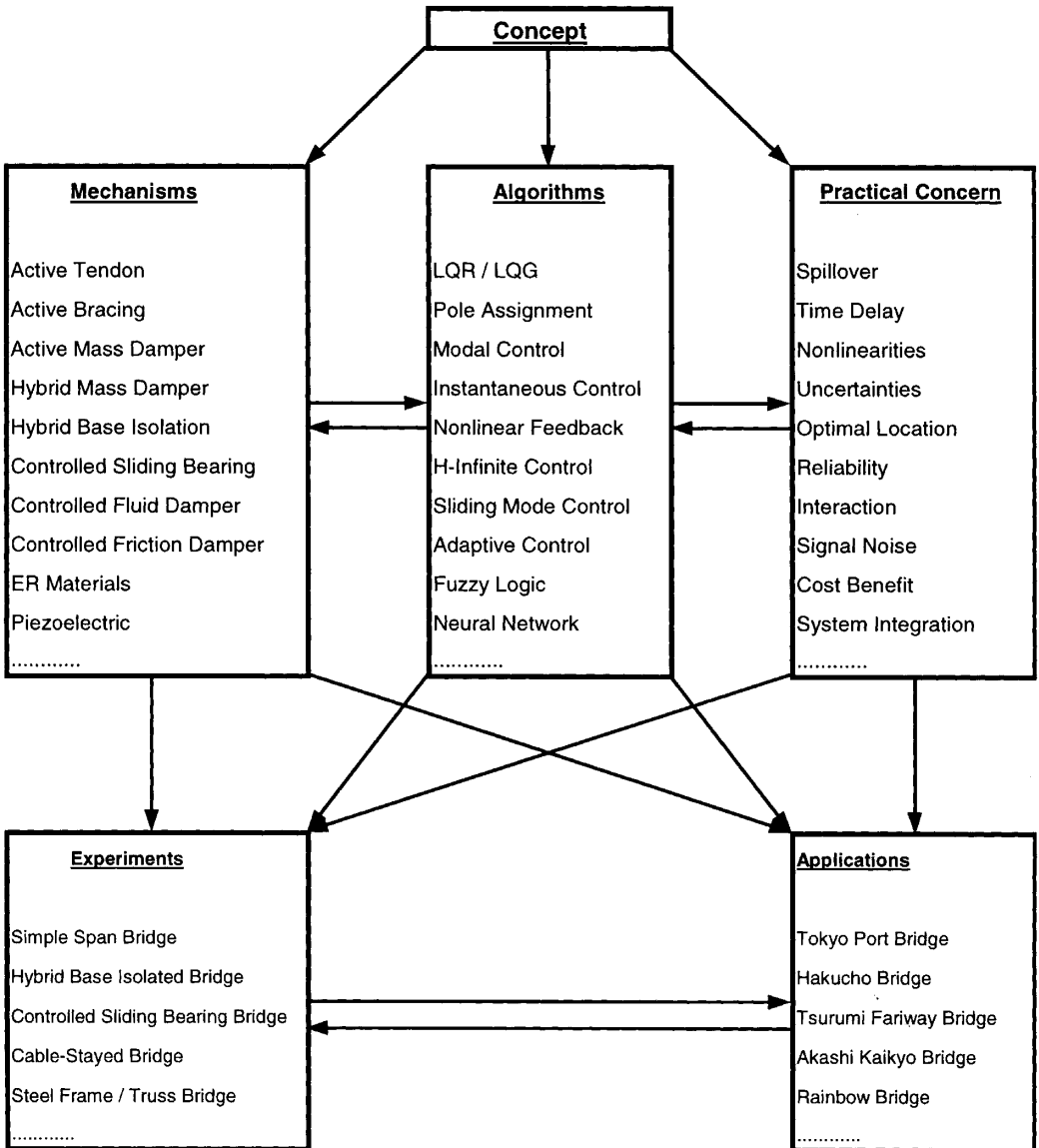
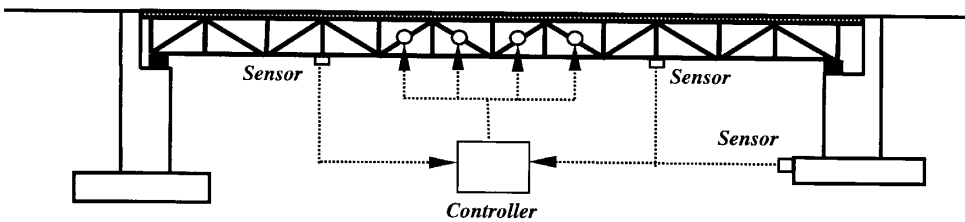**FIGURE 13.2** Relationship of control system development.

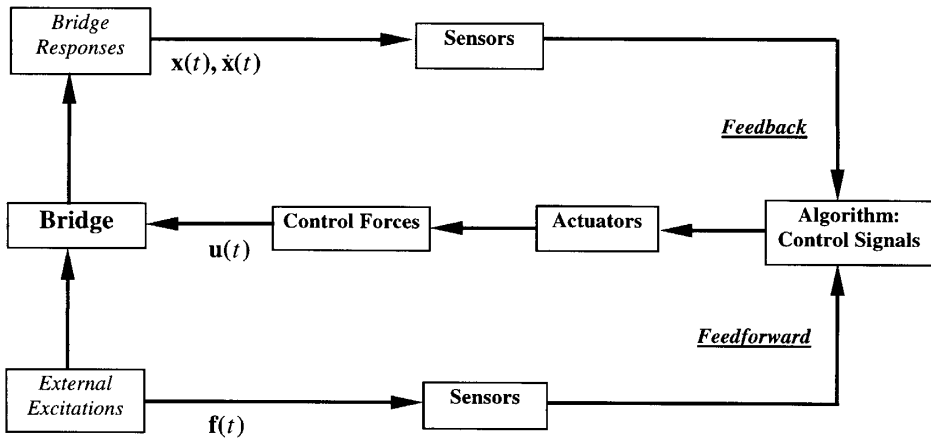**FIGURE 13.3** Active bracing control for steel truss bridge.

FIGURE 13.4   Block diagram of active control system.

Based on the information measured, in general, an active control system may be classified as three different control configurations. When only the bridge response variables are measured, the control configuration is referred to as *feedback control* since the bridge response is continually monitored, and this information is used to make continuous corrections to the applied control forces. On the other hand, when only external excitations, such as earthquake accelerations, are measured and used to regulate the control actions, the control system is called *feedforward control*. Of course, if the information on both the response quantities and excitation are utilized for control design, combining the previous two terms, we get a new term, *feedback/feedforward control*. A bridge equipped with an active control system can adapt its properties based on different external excitations and self-responses. This kind of self-adaptive ability makes the bridge more effective in resisting extraordinary loading and relatively insensitive to site conditions and ground motions. Furthermore, an active control system can be used in multihazard mitigation situations, for example, to control the vibrations induced by wind as well as earthquakes.

Active Tendon Control

The second active control configuration, as shown in Figure 13.5, is an active tendon control system controlling the vibrations of a cable-stayed bridge [17,18]. Cable-stayed bridges, as typical flexible bridge structures, are particularly vulnerable to strong wind gusts. When the mean wind velocity reaches a critical level, referred to as the flutter speed, a cable-stayed bridge may exhibit vibrations with large amplitude, and it may become unstable due to bridge flutter. The mechanism of flutter is attributed to "vortex-type" excitations, which, coupled with the bridge motion, generate motion-dependent aerodynamic forces. If the resulting aerodynamic forces enlarge the motion associated with them, a self-excited oscillation (flutter) may develop. Cable-stayed bridges may also fail as a result of excessively large responses such as displacement or member stresses induced by strong earthquakes or heavy traffic loading. The traditional methods to strengthen the capacities of cable-stayed bridges usually yield a conservative and expensive design. Active control devices, as an alternative solution, may be feasible to employ to control vibrations of cable-stayed bridges. Actuators can be installed at the anchorage of several cables. The control loop also includes sensors, controller, and actuators. The vibrations of the bridge girder induced by strong wind, traffic, or earthquakes are monitored by various sensors placed at optimal locations on the bridge. Based on the measured amplitudes of bridge vibrations, the controller will make decisions and, if necessary, require the actuators to increase or decrease the cable tension forces through hydraulic servomechanisms. Active tendon control seems ideal for the suppression of vibrations in a cable-stayed bridge since the existing stay cables can serve as active tendons.
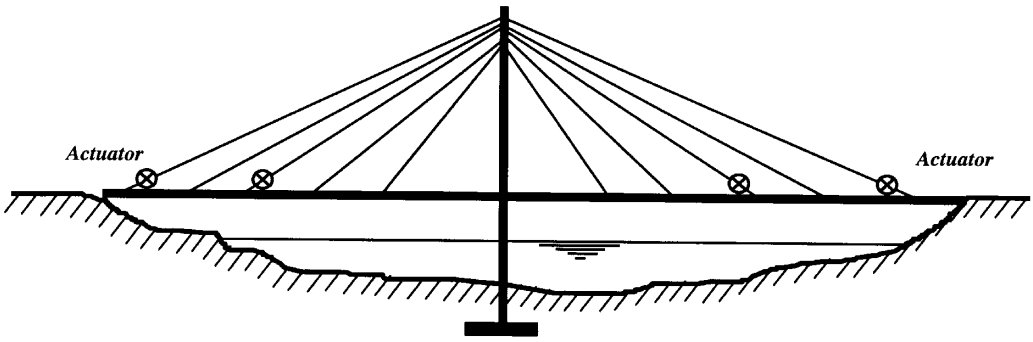
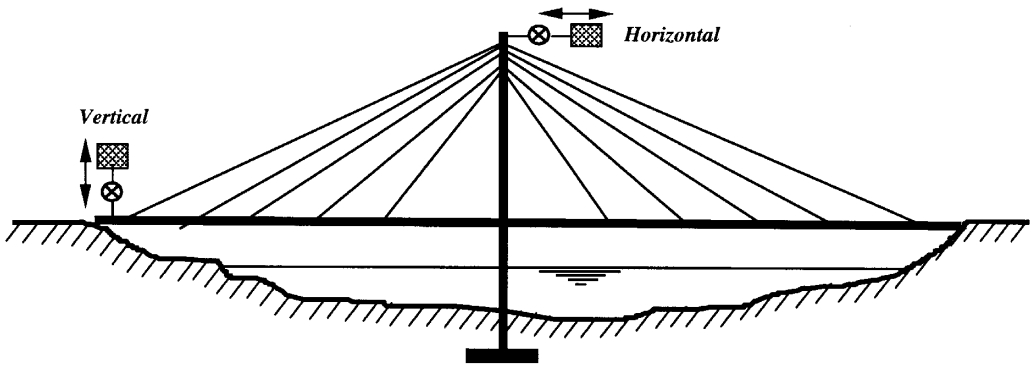**FIGURE 13.5**   Active tendon control for cable-stayed bridge.

FIGURE 13.6   Active mass damper on cable-stayed bridge.

Active Mass Damper

Active mass damper, which is a popular control mechanism in the structural control of buildings, can be the third active control configuration for bridge structures. Figure 13.6 shows the application of this system in a cable-stayed bridge [12]. Active mass dampers are very useful to control the wind-induced vibrations of the bridge tower or deck during the construction of a cable-stayed bridge. Since cable-stayed bridges are usually constructed using the cantilever erection method, the bridge under construction is a relatively unstable structure supported only by a single tower. There are certain instances, therefore, where special attention is required to safeguard against the external dynamic forces such as strong wind or earthquake loads. Active mass dampers can be especially useful for controlling this kind of high tower structure. The active mass damper is the extension of the passive tuned mass damper by installing the actuators into the system. Tuned mass dampers (Chapter 9) are in general tuned to the first fundamental period of the bridge structure, and thus are effective for bridge control only when the first mode is the dominant vibration mode. For bridges under seismic excitations, however, this may not always be the case since the vibrational energy of an earthquake is spread over a wider frequency band. By providing the active control forces through the actuators, multimodal control can be achieved, and the control efficiency and robustness will be increased in an active mass damper system.

Seismic Isolated Bridge with Control Actuator

An active control system may be added to a passive control system to supplement and improve the performance and effectiveness of the passive control. Alternatively, passive devices may be

installed in an active control scheme to decrease its energy requirements. As combinations of active and passive systems, hybrid control systems can sometimes alleviate some of the limitations and restrictions that exist in either an active or a passive control system acting alone. Base isolators are finding more and more applications in bridge engineering. However, their shortcomings are also becoming clearer. These include (1) that the relative displacement of the base isolator may be too large to satisfy the design requirements, (2) that the fundamental frequency of the base-isolated bridge cannot vary to respond favorably to different types of earthquakes with different intensities and frequency contents, and (3) that when bridges are on a relatively soft ground, the effectiveness of the base isolator is limited. The active control systems, on the other hand, are capable of varying both the fundamental frequency and the damping coefficient of the bridge instantly in order to respond favorably to different types of earthquakes. Furthermore, the active control systems are independent of the ground or foundation conditions and are adaptive to external ground excitations. Therefore, it is natural to add the active control systems to the existing base-isolated bridges to overcome the above shortcomings of base isolators. A typical setup of seismic isolators with a control actuator is illustrated at the left abutment of the bridge in Figure 13.1 [8,19].

Seismic Isolated Bridge with Active Mass Damper

Another hybrid control system that combines isolators with active mass dampers is installed on the right abutment of the bridge in Figure 13.1 [8,19]. In general, either base isolators or tuned mass dampers are effective only when the responses of the bridge are dominated by its fundamental mode. Adding an actuator to this system will give the freedom to adjust the controllable frequencies based on different types of earthquakes. This hybrid system utilizes the advantages of both the passive and active systems to extend the range of applicability of both control systems to ensure integrity of the bridge structure.

Friction-Controllable Sliding Bearing

Currently, two classes of seismic base isolation systems have been implemented in bridge engineering: elastomeric bearing system and sliding bearing system. The elastomeric bearing, with its horizontal flexibility, can protect a bridge against strong earthquakes by shifting the fundamental frequency of the bridge to a much lower value and away from the frequency range where the most energy of the earthquake ground motion exists. For the bridge supported by sliding bearings, the maximum forces transferred through the bearings to the bridge are always limited by the friction force at the sliding surface, regardless of the intensity and frequency contents of the earthquake excitation. The vibrational energy of the bridge will be dissipated by the interface friction. Since the friction force is just the product of the friction coefficient and the normal pressure between two sliding surfaces, these two parameters are the critical design parameters of a sliding bearing. The smaller the friction coefficient or normal pressure, the better the isolation performance, due to the correspondingly small rate of transmission of earthquake acceleration to the bridge. In some cases, however, the bridge may suffer from an unacceptably large displacement, especially the residual displacement, between its base and ground. On the other hand, if the friction coefficient or normal pressure is too large, the bridge will be isolated only under correspondingly large earthquakes and the sliding system will not be activated under small to moderate earthquakes that occur more often. In order to substantially alleviate these shortcomings, therefore, the ideal design of a sliding system should vary its friction coefficient or normal pressure based on measured earthquake intensities and bridge responses. To this purpose, a friction-controllable sliding bearing has been developed, and Figure 13.7 illustrates one of its applications in bridge engineering [4,5]. It can be seen from Figure 13.7 that the friction forces in the sliding bearings are actively controlled by adjusting the fluid pressure in the fluid chamber located inside the bearings.
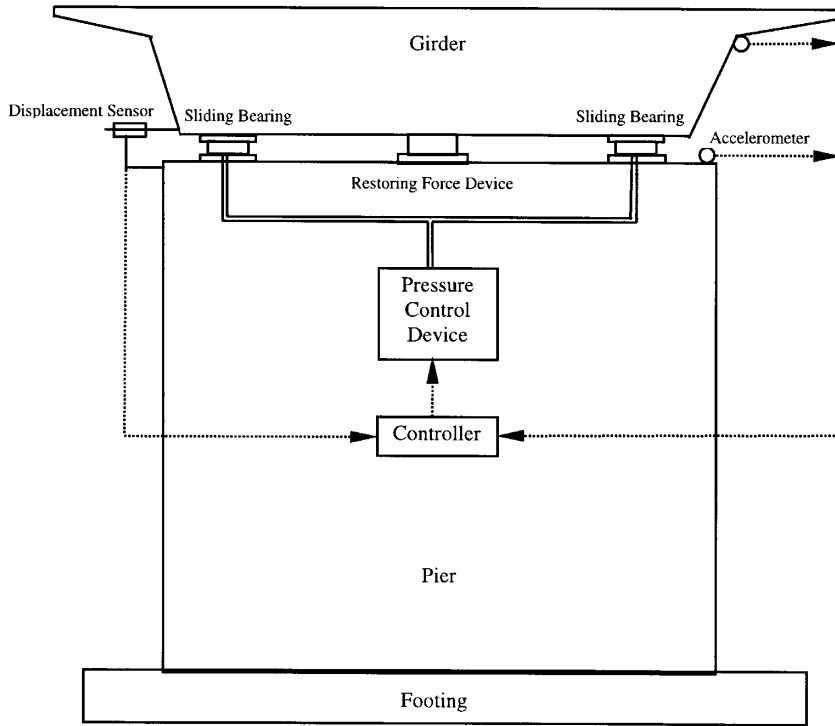
**FIGURE 13.7**   Controllable sliding bearing.

Controllable Fluid Damper

Dampers are very effective in reducing the seismic responses of bridges. Various dampers, as discussed in Chapter 9, have been developed for bridge vibration control. One of them is a fluid damper, which dissipates vibrational energy by moving the piston in the cylinder filled with viscous material (oil). Depending on the different function provided by the dampers, different damping coefficients may be required. For example, one may set up a large damping coefficient to prevent small deck vibrations due to braking loads of vehicles or wind effects. However, when bridge deck responses under strong earthquake excitations exceed a certain threshold value, the damping coefficient may need to be reduced in order to maximize energy dissipation. Further, if excessive deck responses are reached, the damping coefficient needs to be set back to a large value, and the damper will function as a stopper. As we know, it is hard to change the damping coefficient after a passive damper is designed and installed on a bridge. The multifunction requirements for a damper have motivated the development of semiactive strategy. Figure 13.8 shows an example of a semiactive controlled fluid damper. The damping coefficient of this damper can be controlled by varying the amount of viscous flow through the bypass based on the bridge responses. The new damper will function as a damper stopper at small deck displacement, a passive energy dissipator at intermediate deck displacement, and a stopper with shock absorber for excessive deck displacement.

Controllable Friction Damper

Friction dampers, utilizing the interface friction to dissipate vibrational energy of a dynamic system, have been widely employed in building structures. A few feasibility studies have also been performed to exploit their capacity in controlling bridge vibrations. One example is shown in Figure 13.9, which has been utilized to control the vibration of a cable-stayed bridge [20]. The interface pressure
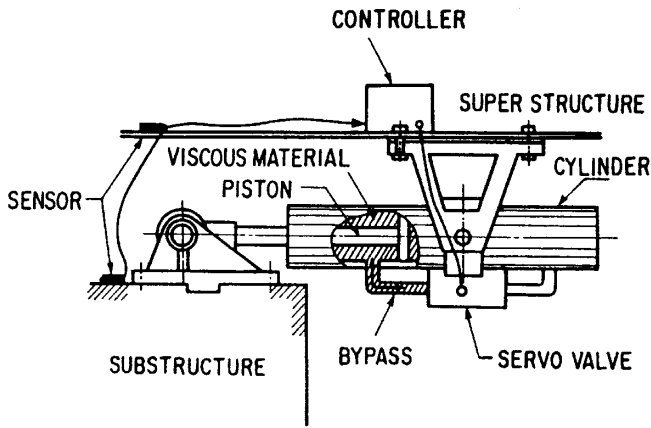
FIGURE 13.8 Controllable fluid damper. (*Source*: *Proceedings of the Second U.S.–Japan Workshop on Earthquake Protective Systems for Bridges.,* p. 481, 1992. With permission.)
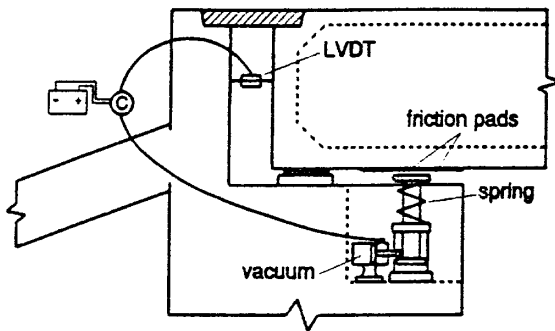
FIGURE 13.9 Controllable friction damper.

of this damper can be actively adjusted through a prestressed spring, a vacuum cylinder, and a battery-operated valve. Since a cable-stayed bridge is a typical flexible structure with relatively low vibration frequencies, its acceleration responses are small due to the isolation effect of flexibility, and short-duration earthquakes do not have enough time to generate large structural displacement responses. In order to take full advantage of the isolation effect of flexibility, it is better not to impose damping force in this case since the increase of large damping force will also increase bridge effective stiffness. On the other hand, if the earthquake excitation is sufficiently long and strong, the displacement of this flexible structure may be quite large. Under this condition, it is necessary to impose large friction forces to dissipate vibrational energy and reduce the moment demand at the bottom of the towers. Therefore, a desirable control system design will be a multistage control system having friction forces imposed at different levels to meet different needs of response control.

The most attractive advantage of the above semiactive control devices is their lower power requirement. In fact, many can be operated on battery power, which is most suitable during seismic events when the main power source to the bridge may fail. Another significant characteristic of semiactive control, in contrast to pure active control, is that it does not destabilize (in the bounded input/bounded output sense) the bridge structural system since no mechanical energy is injected into the controlled bridge system (i.e., including the bridge and control devices) by the semiactive control devices. Semiactive control devices appear to combine the best features of both passive and active control systems. That is the reason this type of control system offers the greatest likelihood of acceptance in the near future of control technology as a viable means of protecting civil engineering structural systems against natural forces.

13.3   General Control Strategies and Typical Control Algorithms

In this section, the general control strategies, including linear and nonlinear controllers, are introduced first. Then the linear quadratic regulator (LQR) controlling a simple single-degree-of-freedom (SDOF) bridge system is presented. Further, an extension is made to the multi-degree-of-freedom (MDOF) system that is more adequate to represent an actual bridge structure. The specific characteristics of hybrid and semiactive control systems are also discussed. Finally, the practical concerns about implementation of various control systems in bridge engineering are addressed.

General Control Strategies

Theoretically, a real bridge structure can be modeled as an MDOF dynamic system and the equations of motion of the bridge without and with control are, respectively, expressed as

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{C}\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{f}(t) \tag{13.1}$$

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{C}\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t) + \mathbf{E}\mathbf{f}(t) \tag{13.2}$$

where $\mathbf{M}$, $\mathbf{C}$, and $\mathbf{K}$ are the mass, damping, and stiffness matrices, respectively, $\mathbf{x}(t)$ is the displacement vector, $\mathbf{f}(t)$ represents the applied load or external excitation, and $\mathbf{u}(t)$ is the applied control force vector. The matrices $\mathbf{D}$ and $\mathbf{E}$ define the locations of the control force vector and the excitation, respectively.

Assuming that the feedback/feedforward configuration is utilized in the above controlled system and that the control force is a linear function of the measured displacements and velocities,

$$\mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{G}_x \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{G}_{\dot{x}} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{G}_f \mathbf{f}(t) \tag{13.3}$$

where $\mathbf{G}_x$, $\mathbf{G}_{\dot{x}}$, and $\mathbf{G}_f$ are known as control gain matrices.

Substituting Eq. (13.3) into Eq. (13.2), we obtain

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{D}\mathbf{G}_{\dot{x}})\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + (\mathbf{K} - \mathbf{D}\mathbf{G}_x)\mathbf{x}(t) = (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{D}\mathbf{G}_f)\mathbf{f}(t) \tag{13.4}$$

Alternatively, it can be written as

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{C}_c(t)\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{K}_c(t)\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{E}_c(t)\mathbf{f}(t) \tag{13.5}$$

Comparing Eq. (13.5) with Eq. (13.1), it is clear that the result of applying a control action to a bridge is to modify the bridge properties and to reduce the external input forces. Also, this modification, unlike passive control, is real-time adaptive, which makes the bridge respond more favorably to the external excitation.

It should be mentioned that the above control effect is just an ideal situation: linear bridge structure with linear controller. Actually, physical structure/control systems, such as a hybrid base-isolated bridge, are inherently nonlinear. Thus, all control systems are nonlinear to a certain extent. However, if the operating range of a control system is small and the involved nonlinearities are smooth, then the control system may be reasonably approximated by a linearized system, whose dynamics are described by a set of linear differential equations, for instance, Eq. (13.5).

In general, nonlinearities can be classified as *inherent* (natural) and *intentional* (artificial). Inherent nonlinearities are those that naturally come with the bridge structure system itself. Examples
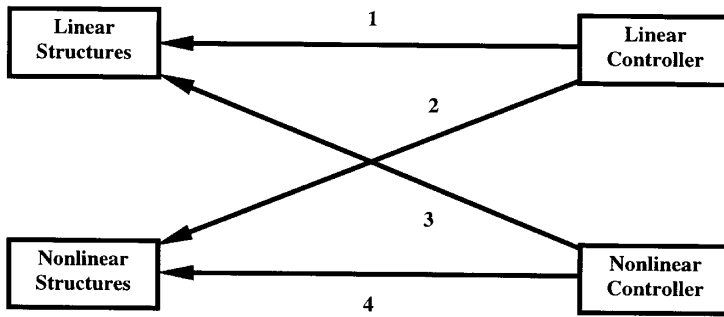
FIGURE 13.10   General control strategies.

of inherent nonlinearities include inelastic deformation of bridge components, seismic isolators, and friction dampers. Intentional nonlinearities, on the other hand, are artificially introduced into bridge structural systems by the designer [14,16]. Nonlinear control laws, such as optimal bang–bang control, sliding mode control, and adaptive control, are typical examples of intentional nonlinearities.

According to the properties of the bridge itself and properties of the controller selected, general control strategies may be classified into the following four categories, shown in Figure 13.10 [13]:

- **Inherent linear control strategy**: A linear controller controlling a linear bridge structure. This is a simple and popular control strategy, such as LQR/LQG control, pole assignment/mode space control, etc. The implication of this kind of control law is based on the assumption that a controlled bridge will remain in the linear range. Thus, designing a linear controller is the simplest yet reasonable solution. The advantages of linear control laws are well understood and easy to design and implement in actual bridge control applications.

- **Intentional linearization strategy**: A linear controller controlling a nonlinear structure. This belongs to the second category of control strategy, as shown in Figure 13.10. Typical examples of this kind of control law include instantaneous optimal control, feedback linearization, and gain scheduling. This control strategy retains the advantages of the linear controller, such as simplicity in design and implementation. However, since linear control laws rely on the key assumption of small-range operation, when the required operational range becomes large, a linear controller is likely to perform poorly or sometimes become unstable, because nonlinearities in the system cannot be properly compensated.

- **Intentional nonlinearization strategy**: A nonlinear controller controlling a linear structure. Basically, if undesirable performance of a linear system can be improved by introducing a nonlinear controller intentionally, instead of using a linear controller, the nonlinear one may be preferable. This is the basic motivation for developing intentional nonlinearization strategy, such as optimal bang–bang control, sliding mode control, and adaptive control.

- **Inherent nonlinear control strategy**: A nonlinear controller controlling a nonlinear structure. It is reasonable to control a nonlinear structure by using a nonlinear controller, which can handle nonlinearities in large-range operations directly. Sometimes a good nonlinear control design may be simple and more intuitive than its linear counterparts since nonlinear control designs are often deeply rooted in the physics of the structural nonlinearities. However, since nonlinear systems can have much richer and more complex behaviors than linear systems, there are no systematic tools for predicting the behaviors of nonlinear systems, nor are there systematic procedures for designing nonlinear control systems. Therefore, how to identify and describe structural nonlinearities accurately and then design a suitable nonlinear controller based on those specified nonlinearities is a difficult and challenging task in current nonlinear bridge control applications.
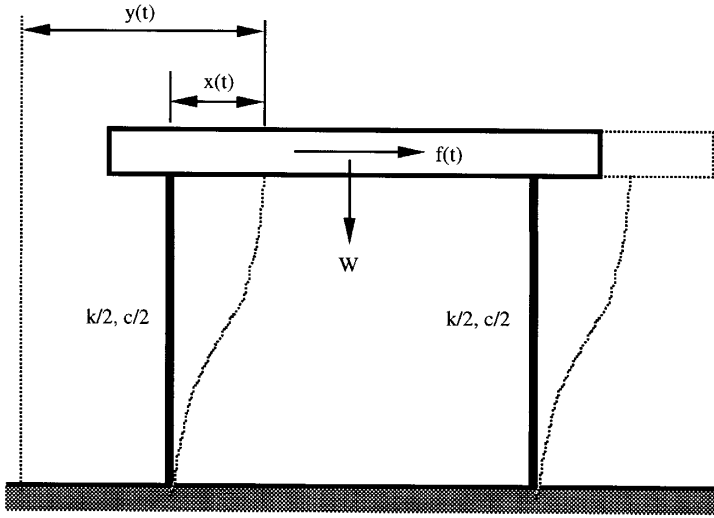
FIGURE 13.11   Simplified bridge model — SDOF system.

Single-Degree-of-Freedom Bridge System

Figure 13.11 shows a simplified bridge model represented by an SDOF system. The equation of motion for this SDOF system can be expressed as

$$m\ddot{x}(t) + c\dot{x}(t) + kx(t) = f(t) \tag{13.6}$$

where m represents the total mass of the bridge, k and c are the linear elastic stiffness and viscous damping provided by the bridge columns and abutments, $f(t)$ is an external disturbance, and $x(t)$ denotes the lateral movement of the bridge. For a specified disturbance, $f(t)$, and with known structural parameters, the responses of this SDOF system can be readily obtained by any step-by-step integration method.

In the above, $f(t)$ represents an arbitrary environmental disturbance such as earthquake, traffic, or wind. In the case of an earthquake load,

$$f(t) = -m\ddot{x}_g(t) \tag{13.7}$$

where $\ddot{x}_g(t)$ is earthquake ground acceleration. Then Eq. (13.6) can be alternatively written as

$$\ddot{x}(t) + 2\xi\,\omega\,\dot{x}(t) + \omega^2 x(t) = -\ddot{x}_0(t) \tag{13.8}$$

in which ω and ξ are the natural frequency and damping ratio of the bridge, respectively.

If an active control system is now added to the SDOF system, as indicated in Figure 13.12, the equation of motion of the extended SDOF system becomes

$$\ddot{x}(t) + 2\xi\,\omega\,\dot{x}(t) + \omega^2 x(t) = u(t) - \ddot{x}_0(t) \tag{13.9}$$

where $u(t)$ is the normalized control force per unit mass. The central topic of control system design is to find an optimal control force $u(t)$ to minimize the bridge responses. Various control strategies,
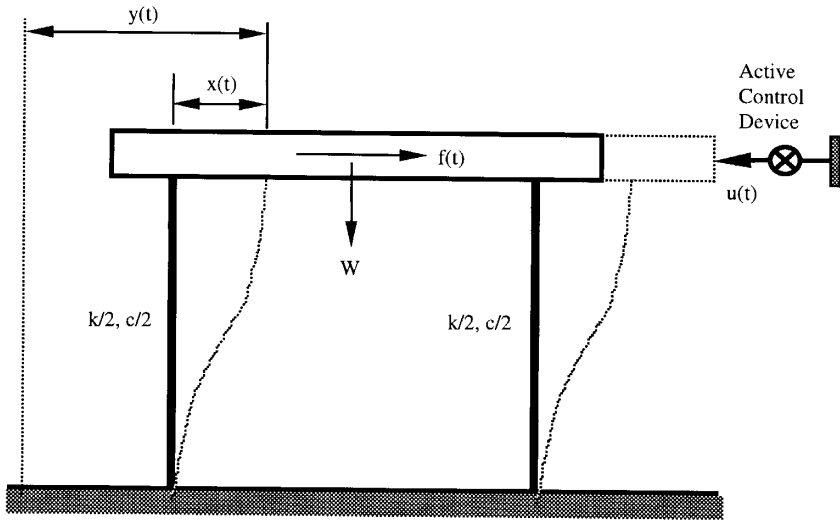
FIGURE 13.12   Simplified bridge with active control system.

as discussed before, have been proposed and implemented to control different structures under different disturbances. Among them, the LQR is the simplest and most widely used control algorithm [10,13].

In LQR, the control force $u(t)$ is designed to be a linear function of measured bridge displacement, $x(t)$, and measured bridge velocity, $\dot{x}(t)$:

$$u(t) = g_x x(t) + g_{\dot{x}} \dot{x}(t) \tag{13.10}$$

where g_x and $g_{\dot{x}}$ are two constant feedback gains that can be found by minimizing a performance index:

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty [q_x x^2(t) + q_{\dot{x}} \dot{x}^2(t) + r u^2(t)] dt \tag{13.11}$$

where q_x, $q_{\dot{x}}$, and r are called weighting factors. In Eq. (13.11), the first term represents bridge vibration strain energy, the second term is the kinetic energy of the bridge, and the third term is the control energy input by external source powers. Minimizing Eq. (13.11) means that the total bridge vibration energy will be minimized by using minimum input control energy, which is an ideal optimal solution.

The role of weighting factors in Eq. (13.11) is to apply different penalties on the controlled responses and control forces. The assignment of large values to the weight factors q_x and $q_{\dot{x}}$ implies that a priority is given to response reductions. On the other hand, the assignment of a large value to weighting factor r means that the control force requirement is the designer's major concern. By varying the relative magnitudes of q_x, $q_{\dot{x}}$, and r, one can synthesize the controllers to achieve a proper trade-off between control effectiveness and control energy consumption. The effects of these weighting factors on the control responses of bridge structures will be investigated in the next section of case studies.

It has been found [15] that analytical solutions of the feedback constant gains, g_x and $g_{\dot{x}}$, are

$$g_x = -\omega^2 (s_x - 1) \tag{13.12}$$

$$g_{\dot{x}} = -2\xi\,\omega\,(s_{\dot{x}} - 1) \tag{13.13}$$

where the coefficients s_x and $s_{\dot{x}}$ are derived as

$$s_x = \sqrt{1 + \frac{(q_x/r)}{\omega^4}} \tag{13.14}$$

$$s_{\dot{x}} = \sqrt{1 + \frac{(q_{\dot{x}}/r)}{4\xi^2\omega^2} + \frac{(s_x - 1)}{2\xi^2}} \tag{13.15}$$

Substituting Eqs. (13.14) and (13.15) into Eq. (13.10), the control force becomes

$$u(t) = -\omega^2 (s_x - 1)x(t) - 2\xi\,\omega\,(s_{\dot{x}} - 1)\dot{x}(t) \tag{13.16}$$

Inserting the above control force into Eq. (13.9), one obtains the equation of motion of the controlled system as

$$\ddot{x}(t) + 2\xi\,\omega\,s_{\dot{x}}\dot{x}(t) + \omega^2 s_x x(t) = -\ddot{x}_0(t) \tag{13.17}$$

It is interesting to compare Eq. (13.8), which is an uncontrolled system equation, with Eq. (13.17), which is a controlled system equation. It can be seen that the coefficient s_x reflects a shift of the natural frequency caused by applying the control force, and the coefficient $s_{\dot{x}}$ indicates a change in the damping ratio due to control force action.

The concept of active control is clearly exhibited by Eq. (13.17). On the one hand, an active control system is capable of modifying properties of a bridge in such a way as to react to external excitations in the most favorable manner. On the other hand, direct reduction of the level of excitation transmitted to the bridge is also possible through an active control if a feedforward strategy is utilized in the control algorithm.

Major steps to design an SDOF control system based on LQR are these:

- Calculate the responses of the uncontrolled system from Eq. (13.8) by the response spectrum method or step-by-step integration, and decide whether a control action is necessary or not.
- If a control system is needed, then assign the values to the weighting factors q_x, $q_{\dot{x}}$, and r, and evaluate the adjusting coefficients s_x and $s_{\dot{x}}$ from Eqs. (13.14) and (13.15) directly.
- Find the responses of the controlled system and control force requirement from Eq. (13.17) and Eq. (13.16), respectively.
- Make the final trade-off decision based on concern about the response reduction or control energy consumption and, if necessary, start the next iterative process.

Multi-Degree-of-Freedom Bridge System

An actual bridge structure is much more complicated than the simplified model shown in Figure 13.11, and it is hard to model as an SDOF system. Therefore, an MDOF system will be

introduced next to handle multispan or multimember bridges. The equation of motion for an MDOF system without and with control has been given in Eqs. (13.1) and (13.2), respectively. In the control system design, Eq. (13.2) is generally transformed into the following state equation for convenience of derivation and expression:

$$\dot{\mathbf{z}}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{z}(t) + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}(t) + \mathbf{W}\mathbf{f}(t) \qquad (13.18)$$

where

$$\mathbf{z}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t) \\ \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} \\ -\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{K} & -\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{C} \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{D} \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{W} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{E} \end{bmatrix} \qquad (13.19)$$

Similar to SDOF system design, the control force vector $\mathbf{u}(t)$ is related to the measured state vector $\mathbf{z}(t)$ as the following linear function:

$$\mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{G}\mathbf{z}(t) \qquad (13.20)$$

in which $\mathbf{G}$ is a control gain matrix that can be found by minimizing the performance index [10]:

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty [\mathbf{z}^T(t)\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{z}(t) + \mathbf{u}^T(t)\mathbf{R}\mathbf{u}(t)]dt \qquad (13.21)$$

where $\mathbf{Q}$ and $\mathbf{R}$ are the weighting matrices and have to be assigned by the designer. Unlike an SDOF system, an analytical solution of control gain matrix $\mathbf{G}$ in Eq. (13.21) is currently not available. However, the matrix numerical solution is easy to find in general control program packages. Theoretically, designing a linear controller to control an MDOF system based on the LQR principle is easy to accomplish. But the implementation of a real bridge control is not so straightforward and many challenging issues still remain and need to be addressed. This will be the last topic of this section.

Hybrid and Semiactive Control System

It should be noted from the previous section that most of the hybrid or semiactive control systems are intrinsically nonlinear systems. Development of control strategies that are practically implementable and can fully utilize the capacities of these systems is an important and challenging task. Various nonlinear control strategies have been developed to take advantage of the particular characteristics of these systems, such as optimal instantaneous control, bang–bang control, sliding mode control, etc. Since different hybrid or semiactive control systems have different unique features, it is impossible to develop a universal control law, like LQR, to handle all these nonlinear systems. The particular control strategy for a particular nonlinear control system will be discussed as a case study in the next section.

Practical Considerations

Although extensive theoretical developments of various control strategies have shown encouraging results, it should be noted that these developments are largely based on idealized system descriptions. From theoretical development to practical application, engineers will face a number of important issues; some of these issues are listed in Figure 13.2 and are discussed in this section.

Control Single Time Delay

As shown in Figure 13.1, from the measurement of vibration signal by the sensor to the application of a control action by the actuator, time has to be consumed in processing measured information, in performing online computation, and in executing the control forces as required. However, most of the current control algorithms do not incorporate this time delay into the programs and assume that all operations can be performed instantaneously. It is well understood that missing time delay may render the control ineffective and, most seriously, may cause instability of the system. One example is discussed here. Suppose:

1. The time periods consumed in processing measurement, computation, and force action are 0.01, 0.2, and 0.3 s, respectively;
2. The bridge vibration follows a harmonic motion with a period of 1.02 s; and
3. The sensor picks up a positive peak response of the bridge vibration at 5.0 s.

After the control system finishes all processes and applies a large control force onto the bridge, the time is 5.51 s. At this time, the bridge vibration has already changed its phase and reached the negative peak response. It is evident that the control force is actually not controlling the bridge but exciting the bridge. This kind of excitation action is very dangerous and may lead to an unstable situation. Therefore, the time delay must be compensated for in the control system implementation. Various techniques have been developed to compensate for control system time delay. The details can be found in Reference [10].

Control and Observation Spillover

Although actual bridge structures are distributed parameter systems, in general, they are modeled as a large number of degrees of freedom discretized system, referred to as the full-order system, during the analytical and simulation process. Further, it is difficult to design a control system based on the full-order bridge model due to the online computation process and full state measurement. Hence, the full-order model is further reduced to a small number of degrees of freedom system, referred to as a reduced-order system. Then, the control design is performed based on the reduced-order bridge model. After finishing the design, however, the implementation of the designed control system is applied on the actual distributed parameter bridge. Two problems may result. First, the designed control action can control only the reduced-order modes and may not be effective with the residual (uncontrolled) modes, and sometimes even worse to excite the residual modes. This kind of action is called *control spillover*, i.e., the control actions spill over to the uncontrolled modes and enhance the bridge vibration. Second, the control design is based on information observed from the reduced-order model. But in reality, it is impossible to isolate the vibration signals from residual modes, and the measured information must be contaminated by the residual modes. After the contaminated information is fed back into the control system, the control action, originally based on the "pure" measurements, may change, and the control performance may be seriously degraded. This is the so-called *observation spillover*. Again, all spillover effects must be compensated for in the control system implementation [10].

Optimal Actuator and Sensor Locations

Because a large number of degrees of freedom are usually involved in the bridge structure, it is impractical to install sensors on each degree-of-freedom location and measure all state variables. Also, in general, few (often just one) control actuators are installed at the critical control locations. Two problems: (1) How many sensors and actuators are required for a bridge to be completely observable and controllable? (2) Where are the optimal locations to install these sensors and actuators in order to measure vibration signals and exert control forces most effectively? Actually, the vibrational control, property identification, health monitoring, and damage detection are closely related in the development of optimal locations. Various techniques and schemes have been successfully developed to find optimal sensor and actuator locations. Reference [10] provides more details about this topic.

Control–Structure Interaction

Like bridge structures, control actuators themselves are dynamic systems with inherent dynamic properties. When an actuator applies control forces to the bridge structure, the structure is in turn applying the reaction forces on the actuator, exciting the dynamics of the actuator. This is the so-called *control–structure interaction*. Analytical simulations and experimental verifications have indicated that disregarding the control–structure interaction may significantly reduce both the achievable control performance and the robustness of the control system. It is important to model the dynamics of the actuator properly and to account for the interaction between the structure and the actuator [3,9].

Parameter Uncertainty

Parameter identification is a very important part in the loop of structural control design. However, due to limitations in modeling and system identification theory, the exact identification of structural parameters is virtually impossible, and the parameter values used in control system design may deviate significantly from their actual values. This type of *parameter uncertainty* may also degrade the control performance. The sensitivity analysis and robust control design are effective means to deal with the parameter uncertainty and other modeling errors [9].

The above discussions deal with only a few topics of practical considerations in real bridge control implementation. Some other issues that must be investigated in the design of a control system include the stability of the control, the noise in the digitized instrumentation signals, the dynamics of filters required to attenuate the signal noise, the potential for actuator saturation, any system nonlinearities, control system reliability, and cost-effectiveness of the control system. More detailed discussions of these topics are beyond the scope of this chapter. A recent state-of-the-art paper is a very useful resource that deals with all the above topics [6].

13.4 Case Studies

Concrete Box-Girder Bridge

Active Control for a Three-Span Bridge

The first case study is a three-span concrete box-girder bridge located in a seismically active zone. Figure 13.13a shows the elevation view of this bridge. The bridge has span lengths of 38, 38, and 45 m. The width of the bridge is 32 m and the depth is 2.1 m. The column heights are 15 and 16 m at Bents 2 and 3, respectively. Each span has four oblong-shaped columns with 1.67×2.51 m cross sections. The columns are monolithically connected with bent cap at the top and pinned with footing at the bottom. The bridge has a total weight of 81,442 kN or a total mass of 8,302,000 kg. The longitudinal stiffness, including abutments and columns, is 82.66 kN/mm. Two servo-hydraulic actuators are installed on the bridge abutments and controlled by the same controller to keep both actuators in the same phase during the control operation. The objective of using the active control system is to reduce the bridge vibrations induced by strong earthquake excitations. Only longitudinal movement will be controlled.

The analysis model of this bridge is illustrated in Figure 13.13b, and a simplified SDOF model is shown in Figure 13.13c. The natural frequency of the SDOF system $\omega = 19.83$ rad/s, and damping ratio $\xi = 5\%$. Without loss of the generality, the earthquake ground motion, $\ddot{x}_0(t)$, is described as a stationary random process. The well-known Kanai–Tajimi spectrum is utilized to represent the power spectrum density of the input earthquake, i.e.,

$$G_{\ddot{x}_0}(\omega) = \frac{G_0[1 + 4\xi_g{}^2(\omega/\omega_g)^2]}{[1-(\omega/\omega_g)^2]^2 + 4\xi_g{}^2(\omega/\omega_g)^2} \tag{13.22}$$

(a)

(b)

(c)
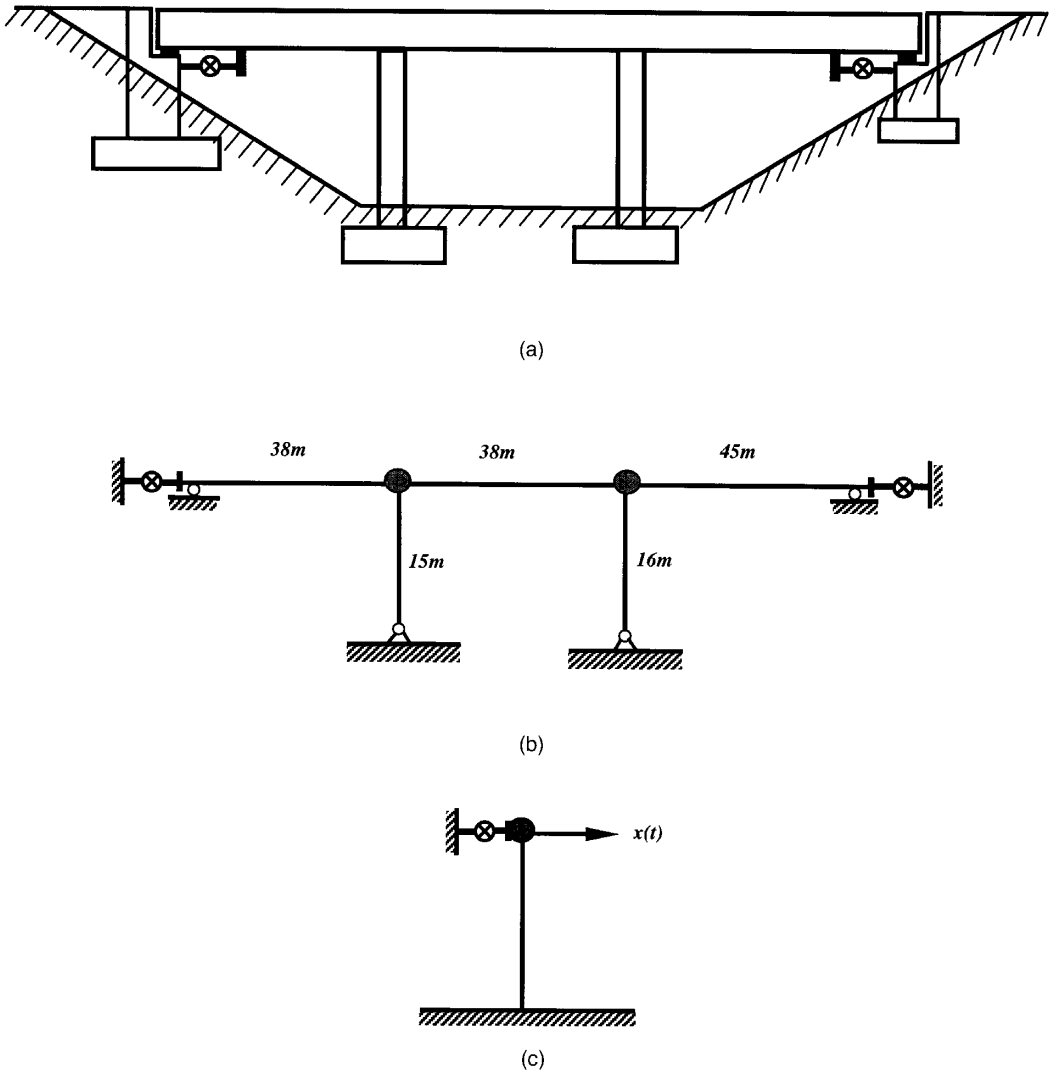
FIGURE 13.13   Three-span bridge with active control system. (a) Actual bridge; (b) bridge model for analysis; (c) SDOF system controlled by actuator.

where ω_g and ξ_g are, respectively, the frequency and damping ratio of the soil, whose values are taken as $\omega_g = 22.9$ rad/s and $\xi_g = 0.34$ for average soil conditions. The parameter G_0 is the spectral density related to the maximum earthquake acceleration a_{max} [15]. At this bridge site, the maximum ground acceleration $a_{max} = 0.4\ g$.

The maximum response of an SDOF system with natural frequency ω and damping ratio ξ under $\ddot{x}_0(t)$ excitation can be estimated as

$$x_{max}(\omega, \xi) = \gamma_p \sigma_x \tag{13.23}$$

in which γ_p is a peak factor and σ_x is the root-mean-square response, which can be determined by the random vibration theory [2].

From Eq. (13.17), it is known that the frequency and damping ratio of a controlled system are

$$\omega_c = \sqrt{s_x}\,\omega\ ; \quad \xi_c = (s_{\dot{x}} / \sqrt{s_x})\xi \tag{13.24}$$

TABLE 13.2 Summary of Three-Span Bridge Control

r	s_x	$s_{\dot{x}}$	ω_c (rad/s)	ξ (%)	d_{max} (cm)	d_{max} Redu (%)	a_{max} (g)	a_{max} Redu (%)	u_{max} (kN)	u_{max} Weight (%)
1E+07	1.000	1.001	19.83	0.05	3.15	0	1.23	0	10	0
100,000	1.000	1.103	19.83	0.06	2.86	9	1.12	9	1046	1
10,000	1.000	1.777	19.83	0.09	2.30	27	0.90	27	7894	10
5,000	1.001	2.305	19.83	0.12	1.97	37	0.77	37	13258	16
1,000	1.003	4.750	19.85	0.24	1.30	59	0.51	59	38097	47
500	1.005	6.643	19.88	0.33	0.72	77	0.28	77	57329	70

where s_x and $s_{\dot{x}}$ can be found from Eq. (13.14) and Eq. (13.15), respectively, once the weighting factors q_x, $q_{\dot{x}}$, and r are assigned by the designer. The maximum response of the controlled system is obtained from Eq. (13.23).

In this case study, the weighting factors are assigned as $q_x = 100m$ and $q_{\dot{x}} = k$. Through varying the weight factor r, one can obtain different control efficiencies by applying different control forces. Table 13.2 lists the control coefficients, controlled frequencies, damping ratios, maximum bridge responses, and maximum control force requirements based on various assignments of the weight factor r.

It can be seen from Table 13.2 that no matter how small the weighting factor r is, the coefficient s_x is always close to 1, which means that the structural natural frequency is hard to shift by LQR algorithm. However, the coefficient $s_{\dot{x}}$ increases significantly with decrease of the weighting factor r, which means that the major effect of LQR algorithm is to modify structural damping. This is just what we wanted. In fact, extensive simulation results have shown the same trend as indicated in Table 13.2 [13]. The maximum acceleration of the bridge deck is 1.23 g without control. If the control force is applied on the bridge with maximum value of 13,258 kN (16% bridge weight), the maximum acceleration response reduces to 0.77 g, and the reduction factor is 37%. The larger the applied control force, the larger the response reduction. But in reality, current servo-hydraulic actuators may not generate such a large control force.

Hybrid Control for a Simple-Span Bridge

The second example of the case studies, as shown in Figure 13.14, is a simple-span bridge equipped with rubber bearings and active control actuators between the bridge girder and columns [19]. The bridge has a span length of 30 m and column height of 22 m. The bridge is modeled as a nine-degree-of-freedom system, as shown in Figure 13.14b. Due to symmetry, it is further reduced to a four-degree-of-freedom system, as shown in Figure 13.14c. The mass, stiffness, and damping properties of this bridge can be found in Reference [19].

The bridge structure is considered to be linear elastic except the rubber bearings. The inelastic stiffness restoring force of a rubber bearing is expressed as

$$F_s = \alpha k x(t) + (1-\alpha)k D_y \nu \qquad (13.25)$$

in which $x(t)$ is the deformation of the rubber bearing, k is the elastic stiffness, α is the ratio of the postyielding to preyielding stiffness, D_y is the yield deformation, and ν is the hysteretic variable with $|\nu| \leq 1$, where

$$\dot{\nu} = D_y^{-1}\{A\dot{x} - \beta|\dot{x}|\nu|^{n-1}\nu - \gamma\dot{x}|\nu|^n\} \qquad (13.26)$$

In Eq. (13.26), the parameters A, β, γ, and n govern the scale, general shape, and smoothness of the hysteretic loop. It can be seen from Eq. (13.25) that if $\alpha = 1.0$, then the rubber bearing has a linear stiffness, i.e., $F_s = kx(t)$.
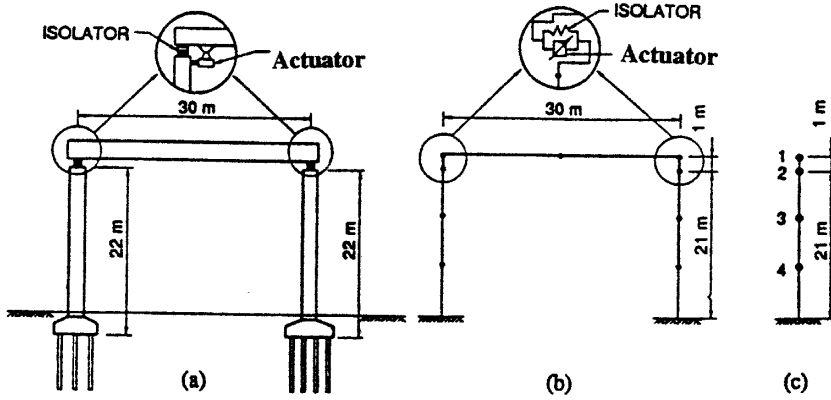
FIGURE 13.14 Simple-span bridge with hybrid control system. (a) Actual bridge; (b) lumped mass system; (c) four-degree-of-freedom system. (*Source*: *Proceedings of the Second U.S.–Japan Workshop on Earthquake Protective Systems for Bridges,* p. 482, 1992. With permission.)
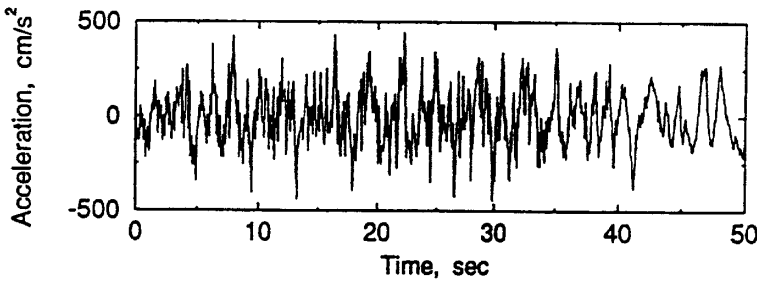

FIGURE 13.15 Simulated earthquake ground acceleration.

The LQR algorithm is incapable of handling the nonlinear structure control problem, as indicated in Eq. (13.25). Therefore, the sliding mode control (SMC) is employed to develop a suitable control law in this example. The details of SMC can be found from Reference [19].

The input earthquake excitation is shown in Figure 13.15, which is simulated such that the response spectra match the target spectra specified in the Japanese design specification for highway bridges. The maximum deformations (d_{1max}, d_{2max}, d_{3max}, and d_{4max}), maximum acceleration (a_{1max}), maximum base shear of the column (V_{bmax}), and maximum actuator control force (u_{max}) are listed in Table 13.3. It is clear that adding an active control system can significantly improve the performance and effectiveness of the passive control. Comparing with passive control alone, the reductions of displacement and acceleration at the bridge deck can reach 78 and 63%, respectively. The base shear of the column can be reduced to 38%. The cost is that each actuator has to provide the maximum control force up to 20% of the deck weight.

TABLE 13.3   Summary of Simple-Span Bridge Control

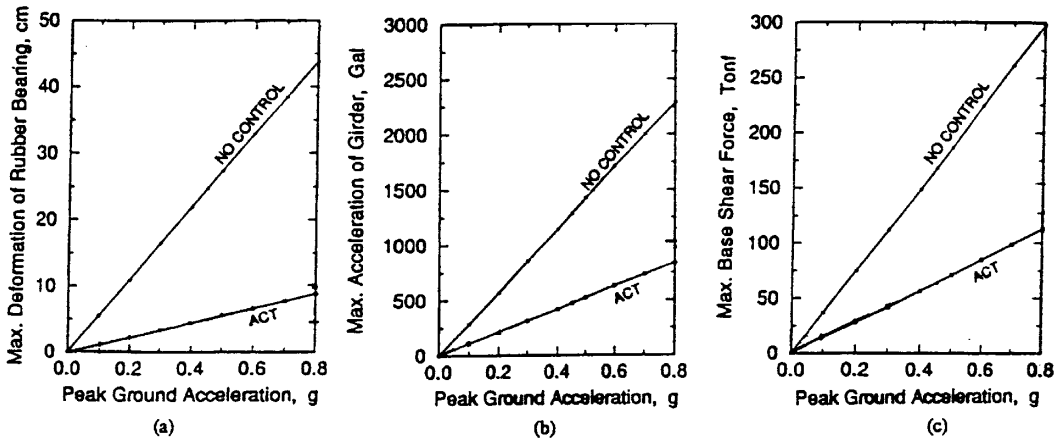| Control System	d_{1max} (cm)	d_{2max} (cm)	d_{3max} (cm)	d_{4max} (cm)	a_{1max} (g)	V_{bmax} (kN)	u_{max} (% W_1)
Passive	24.70	3.96	3.07	1.25	1.31	1648	0
Hybrid	5.53	1.46	1.14	0.46	0.48	628	41

FIGURE 13.16 Bridge maximum responses. (a) Deformation of rubber bearing; (b) acceleration of girder; (c) base shear force of pier.

In order to evaluate and compare the effectiveness of a hybrid control system over a wide range of earthquake intensities, the design earthquake shown in Figure 13.15 is scaled uniformly to different peak ground acceleration to be used as the input excitations. The peak response quantities for the deformation of rubber bearing, the acceleration of the bridge deck, and the base shear of the column are presented as functions of the peak ground acceleration in Figure 13.16. In this figure, "no control" means passive control alone, and "act" denotes hybrid control. Obviously, the hybrid control is much more effective over passive control alone within a wide range of earthquake intensities.
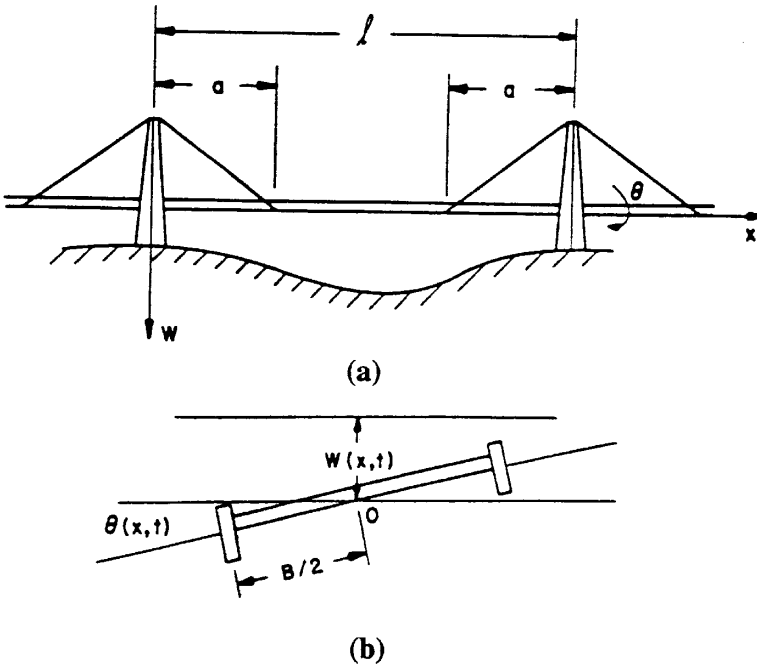
Cable-Stayed Bridge

Active Control for a Cable-Stayed Bridge

Cable-supported bridges, as typical flexible bridge structures, are particularly vulnerable to strong wind gusts. Extensive analytical and experimental investigations have been performed to increase the "critical wind speed" since wind speeds higher than the critical will cause aerodynamic instability in the bridge. One of these studies is to install an active control system to enhance the performance of the bridge under strong wind gusts [17,18].

Figure 13.17 shows the analytical model of the Sitka Harbor Bridge, Sitka, Alaska. The midspan length of the bridge is 137.16 m. Only two cables are supported by each tower and connected to the bridge deck at a distance $a = l/3 = 45.72m$. The two-degree-of-freedom system is used to describe the vibrations of the bridge deck. The fundamental frequency in flexure $\omega_g = 5.083$ rad/s, and the fundamental frequency in torsion $\omega_f = 8.589$ rad/s. In this case study, the four existing cables, which are designed to carry the dead load, are also used as active tendons to which the active feedback control systems (hydraulic servomechanisms) are attached. The vibrational signals of the bridge are measured by the sensors installed at the anchorage of each cable, and then transmitted into the feedback control system. The sensed motion, in the form of electric voltage, is used to regulate the motion of hydraulic rams in the servomechanisms, thus generating the required control force in each cable.

Suppose that the accelerometer is used to measure the bridge vibration. Then the feedback voltage $v(t)$ is proportional to the bridge acceleration $\ddot{w}(t)$:

$$v(t) = p\ddot{w}(t) \tag{13.27}$$

FIGURE 13.17 Cable-stayed bridge with active tendon control. (a) Side view with coordinate system; (b) two-degree-of-freedom model. (*Source*: Yang, J.N. and Giannopolous, F., *J. Eng. Mech. ASCE*, 105(5), 798–810, 1979. With permission.)

where p is the proportionality constant associated with each sensor. For active tendon configuration, the displacement $s(t)$ of hydraulic ram, which is equal to the additional elongation of the tendon (cable) due to active control action, is related to the feedback voltage $v(t)$ through the first-order differential equation:

$$\dot{s}(t) + R_1 s(t) = \frac{R_1}{R} v(t) \tag{13.28}$$

in which R_1 is the loop gain and R is the feedback gain of the servomechanism. The cable control force generated by moving the hydraulic ram is

$$u(t) = ks(t) \tag{13.29}$$

where k is the cable stiffness.

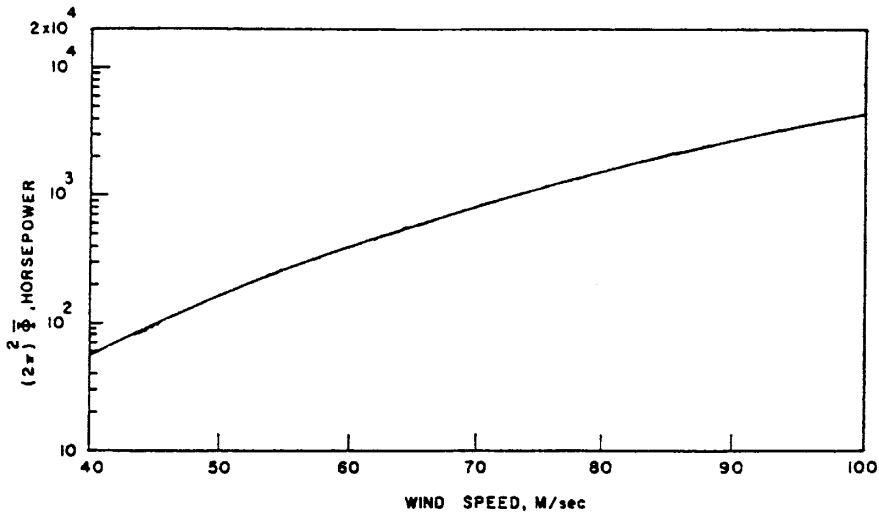Combining Eq. (13.27) and Eq. (13.29), we have

$$u(t) = g(R_1, R)\ddot{w}(t) \tag{13.30}$$

It is obvious that Eq. (13.30) represents an acceleration feedback control and the control gain $g(R_1, R)$ depends on the control parameters R_1 and R, which will be assigned by the designer. Further, two nondimensional parameters ε and τ are introduced to replace R_1 and R:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{R_1}{\omega_f} \quad \text{and} \quad \tau = \frac{p\omega_f^{\,2}}{R} \tag{13.31}$$
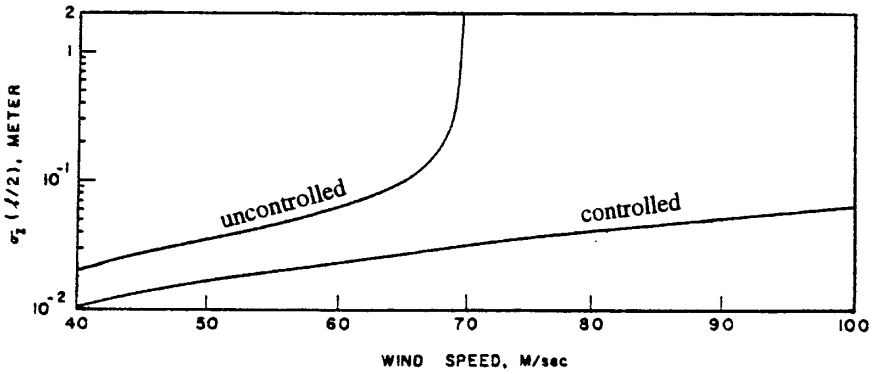
FIGURE 13.18 Root-mean-square displacement and average power requirement. (a) Root-mean-square displacement of bridge deck; (b) average power requirement. (*Source*: Yang, J.N., and Giannopolous, F., *J. Eng. Mech. ASCE*, 105(5), 798-810, 1979. With permission.)

Finally, the critical wind speed and the control power requirement are all related to the control parameters ε and τ.

Figure 13.18a shows the root-mean-square displacement response of the bridge deck without and with control. In the control case, the parameter $\varepsilon = 0.1$, $\tau = 10$. Correspondingly, the average power requirement to accomplish active control is illustrated in Figure 13.18b. It can be seen that the bridge response is reduced significantly (up to 80% of the uncontrolled case) with a small power requirement by the active devices. In terms of critical wind speed, the value without control is 69.52 m/s, while with control it can be raised to any desirable level provided that the required control forces are realizable. Based on the studies, it appears that the active feedback control is feasible for applications to cable-stayed bridges.

Active Mass Damper for a Cable-Stayed Bridge under Construction

Figure 13.19 shows a cable-stayed bridge during construction using the cantilever erection method. It can be seen that not only the bridge weight but also the heavy equipment weights are all supported by a single tower. Under this condition, the bridge is a relatively unstable structure, and special
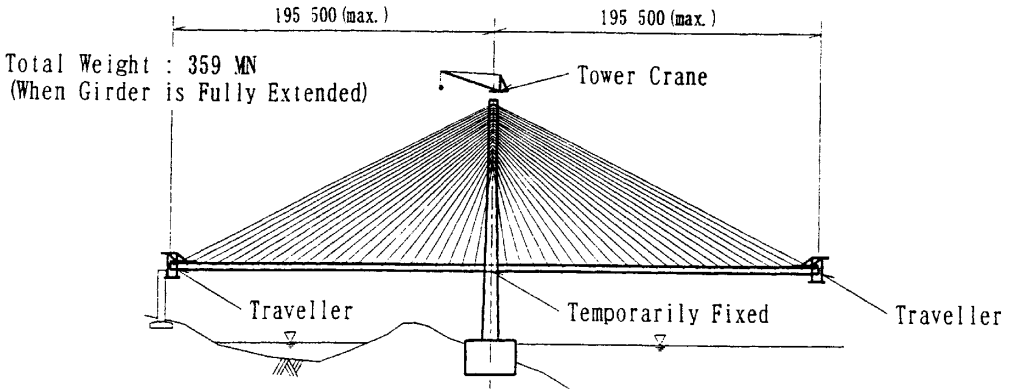
FIGURE 13.19   Construction by cantilever erection method. (*Source*: Tsunomoto, M. et al., *Proceedings of Fourth U.S.–Japan Workshop on Earthquake Protective Systems for Bridges,* 115–129, 1996. With permission.)
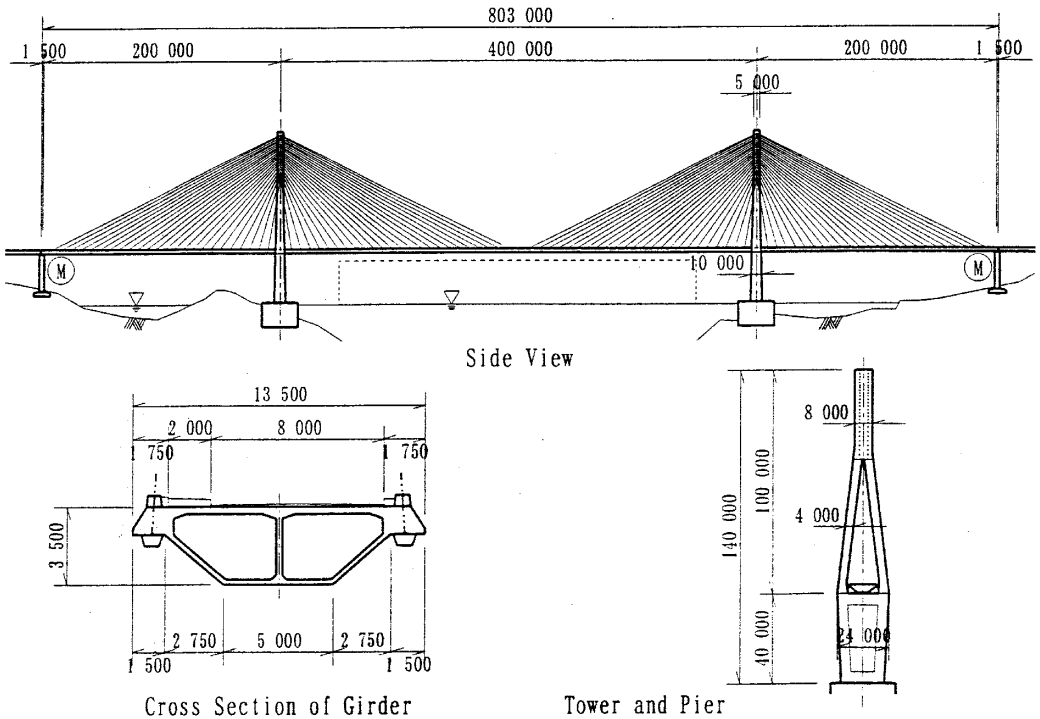

FIGURE 13.20   General view of cable-stayed bridge studied. (*Source*: Tsunomoto, M. et al., *Proceedings of Fourth U.S.–Japan Workshop on Earthquake Protective Systems for Bridges*, 115–129, 1996. With permission.)

attention is required to safeguard against dynamic external forces such as earthquake and wind loads. Since movable sections are temporarily fixed during the construction, the seismic isolation systems that will be adopted after the completion of the construction are usually ineffective for the bridge under construction. Active tendon control by using the bridge cable is also difficult to install on the bridge during this period. However, active mass dampers, as shown in Figure 13.6, have proved to be effective control devices in reducing the dynamic responses of the bridge under construction [12].

   The bridge in this case study is a three-span continuous prestressed concrete cable-stayed bridge with a central span length of 400 m, as shown in Figure 13.20. When the girder is fully extended,
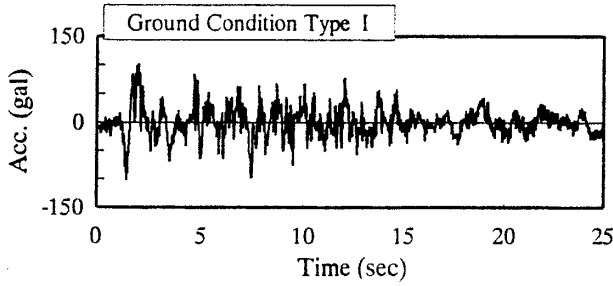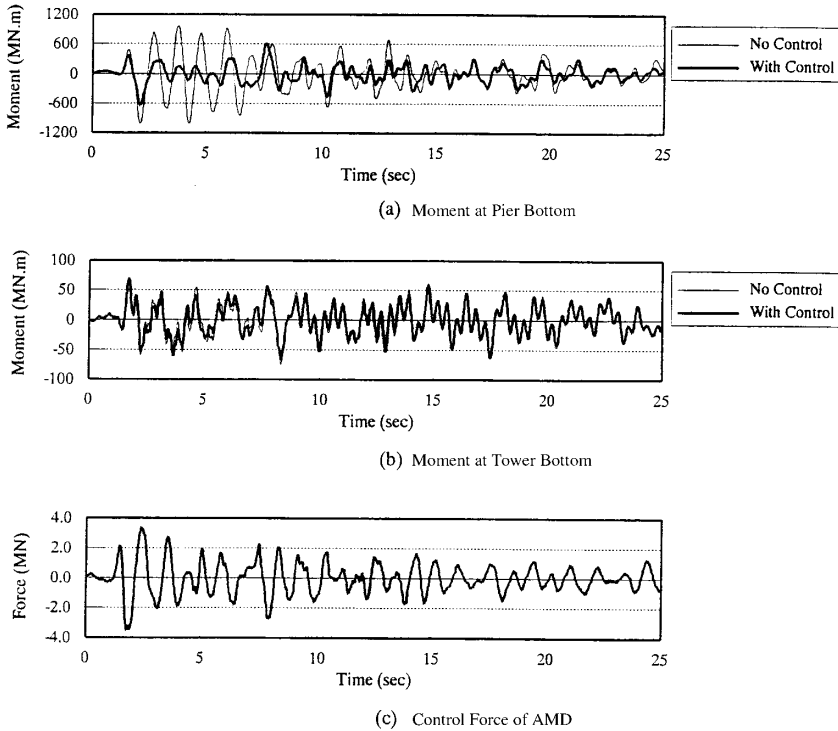
FIGURE 13.21 Input earthquake ground motion. (*Source*: Tsunomoto, M. et al., *Proceedings of Fourth U.S.–Japan Workshop on Earthquake Protective Systems for Bridges*, 115–129, 1996. With permission.)
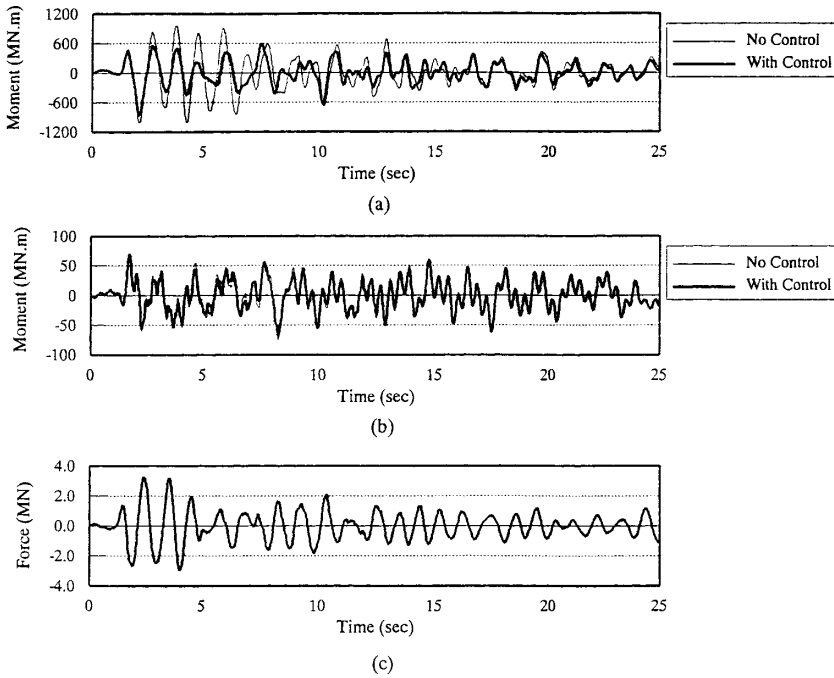
FIGURE 13.22 Bridge responses and control force with AMD at tower top. (a) Moment at pier bottom; (b) moment at tower bottom; (c) control force of AMD. (*Source*: Tsunomoto, M. et al. , *Proceedings of Fourth U.S.–Japan Workshop on Earthquake Protective Systems for Bridges*, 115–129, 1996. With permission.)

the total weight is 359 MN, including bridge self-weight, traveler weight (1.37 MN at each end of the girder), and crane weight (0.78 MN at the top of the tower). The damping ratio for dynamic analysis is 1%. The ground input acceleration is shown in Figure 13.21. Since the connections between pier and footing and between girder and pier are fixed during construction, the moments at pier bottom and at tower bottom are the critical response parameters to evaluate the safety of the bridge at this period. Two control cases are investigated. In the first case, the active mass damper (AMD) is installed at the tower top and operates in the longitudinal direction. In the second case, the AMD is installed at the cantilever girder end and operates in the vertical direction. The AMD is controlled by the direct velocity feedback algorithm, in which the control force is to related only the measured velocity response at the location of the AMD. By changing the control gain, the maximum control force is adjusted to around 3.5 MN, which is about 1% of the total weight of the bridge.

Figures 13.22 and 13.23 show the time histories of the bending moments and control forces in Case 1 and Case 2, respectively. In Case 1, the maximum bending moment at the pier bottom is

FIGURE 13.23 Bridge responses and control force with AMD at girder end. (a) Moment at pier bottom; (b) moment at tower bottom; (c) control force of AMD. (*Source*: Tsunomoto, M. et al., *Proceedings of Fourth U.S.–Japan Workshop on Earthquake Protective Systems for Bridges,* 115–129, 1996. With permission.)

reduced by about 15%, but the maximum bending moment at the tower bottom is reduced only about 5%. In Case 2, the reduction of the bending moment at the tower bottom is the same as that in Case 1, but the reduction of the bending moment at the pier bottom is about 35%, i.e., 20% higher than the reduction in Case 1. The results indicate that the AMD is an effective control device to reduce the dynamic responses of the bridge under construction. Installing an AMD at the girder end of the bridge is more effective than installing it at the tower top. The response control in reducing the bending moment at the tower bottom is less effective than that at the pier bottom.

13.5 Remarks and Conclusions

Various structural protective systems have been developed and implemented for vibration control of buildings and bridges in recent years. These modern technologies have had a strong impact on mthe traditional structural design and construction fields. The entire structural engineering discipline is undergoing a major change. It now seems desirable to encourage structural engineers and architects to seriously consider exploiting the capabilities of structural control systems for retrofitting existing structures and also enhancing the performance of prospective new structures.

The basic concepts of various control systems are introduced in this chapter. The emphasis is put on active control, hybrid control, and semiactive control for bridge structures. The different bridge control configurations are presented. The general control strategies and typical control algorithms are discussed. Through several case studies, it is shown that the active, hybrid, and semiactive control systems are quite effective in reducing bridge vibrations induced by earthquake, wind, or traffic.

It is important to recognize that although significant progress has been made in the field of active response control to bridge structures, we are now still in the study-and-development stage and await

coming applications. There are many topics related to the active control of bridge structures that need research and resolution before the promise of smart bridge structures is fully realized. These topics are

- Algorithms for active, hybrid, and semiactive control of nonlinear bridge structures;
- Devices with energy-efficient features able to handle strong inputs;
- Integration of control devices into complex bridge structures;
- Identification and modeling of nonlinear properties of bridge structures;
- Standardized performance evaluation and experimental verification;
- Development of design guidelines and specifications;
- Implementation on actual bridge structures.

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