

HW #6 (6.6 and 6.1b) due Tues  
Midterm next Thurs.

### Design Charts for Column Design

- Variable  $F_y$  (or  $F_y \neq 50$  ksi)

Tables are for  $F_y = 50$  ksi

For elastic buckling,  $\phi P_n = 3\lambda_c = \left(\frac{3\lambda_c}{50}\right) \underbrace{\phi P_n}_{\text{table value}} = 50$

For inelastic buckling,  $F_{cr} = (0.658^{\lambda_c^2}) F_y$

$$\lambda_c = f(F_y)$$

∴ Not linear relationship between  $F_y$  and  $\phi_{Pr}$

∴ Tables are not reliable for A36

### Strong Axis Buckling w/ Design Charts

- Tables assume weak axis buckling
- Data must be converted for strong axis buckling

- Recall: Compare  $\left(\frac{KL}{r}\right)_y$  and  $\left(\frac{KL}{r}\right)_x \rightarrow$  larger ratio controls

$\left(\frac{KL}{r}\right)_x > \left(\frac{KL}{r}\right)_y \rightarrow$  strong axis buckling controls

$$\frac{(KL)_x}{(KL)_y} > \frac{r_x}{r_y} \rightarrow \text{strong axis buckling controls}$$

Table:  $\frac{KL}{r_y}$       Need:  $\sqrt{\frac{KL}{r_x}} \left( \frac{1}{r_y/r_x} \right) = \frac{KL}{r_y}$

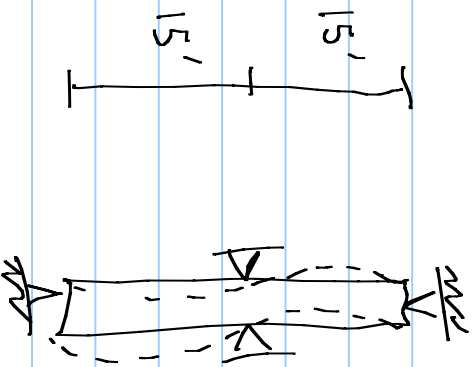
If strong axis buckling: Use  $KL_{eff}$  for strong axis

$$* \quad KL_{eff} = \frac{(KL)_x}{r_y/r_x}$$

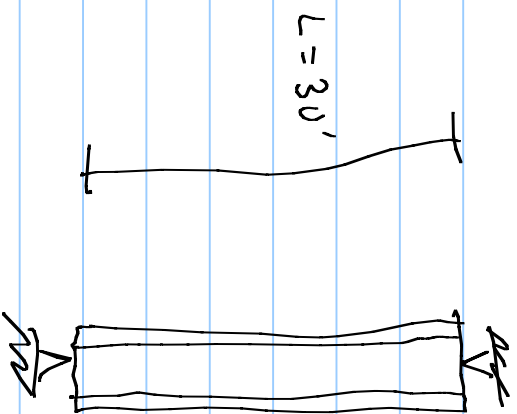
$r_y/r_x$  given at bottom of tables for each section.

Example 1. Select lightest W section (from column design tables) to resist a factored axial compression  $P_u = 420$  kips. Member is Grade 50. Member length = 30'.

Weak axis bracing @ mid-height (pinned support).  
 Column is pinned @ top and bottom.



Weak Axis



Strong Axis

• Weak Axis Design :  $(1)(15') = 15' = (KL)_y$   
 $P_u = 420 \text{ k}$

Possible Sections ;  $W14 \times 61$        $r_x/r_y = 2.44$   
 $W12 \times 53$        $r_x/r_y = 2.11$

$$W10 \times 49 \quad (r_y/r_x)^2 = 1.71$$

- Check Weak Axis Designs for strong axis buckling:  
 $(KL)_x = (1)(30)' = 30'$

- W14 x 61 :

$$KL_{eff} = \frac{30'}{2.44} = 12.3' < 15'$$

$$\phi P_n > 546 > 420k = P_u \therefore OK$$

- W12 x 53 :  $KL_{eff} = \frac{30'}{2.11} = 14.2' < 15' \therefore OK$

- W10 x 49 :  $KL_{eff} = \frac{30'}{1.71} = 17.5' > 15'$

$$\phi P_n \approx 372 \text{ kips} < 420 \text{ kips} \Rightarrow \textcircled{X} \text{ No good.}$$

Need W10 x 60 for strong axis buckling.

Use W12 x 53.

$$A_g = 15.6 \text{ in}^2$$

$$r_x = 5.23''$$

$$r_y = 2.48''$$

$$\lambda_{cy} = \frac{KL}{r\pi} \sqrt{\frac{F_y}{E}} = \frac{(1)(30')(12 \text{ in/ft})}{\pi (5.23)} \sqrt{\frac{50}{29000}} = 0.910$$

$$\lambda_{cy} = \frac{(1)(15')(12 \text{ in/ft})}{\pi (2.48)} \sqrt{\frac{50}{29000}} = 0.959$$

$\lambda_{cy} > \lambda_{cy}$   $\therefore$  Weak axis controls

$$F_{cr} = (0.658 \lambda_c^2) F_y = [0.658 (0.959)^2] (50 \text{ ksi}) = 34.0 \text{ ksi}$$

$$\phi P_n = \phi F_{cr} A_g = 0.85 (34.0 \text{ ksi}) (15.6 \text{ in}^2) = 451 \text{ kips} > 420 \text{ k}$$

Check web and flange slenderness  $\rightarrow$  OK

## Example 2. (6-11)

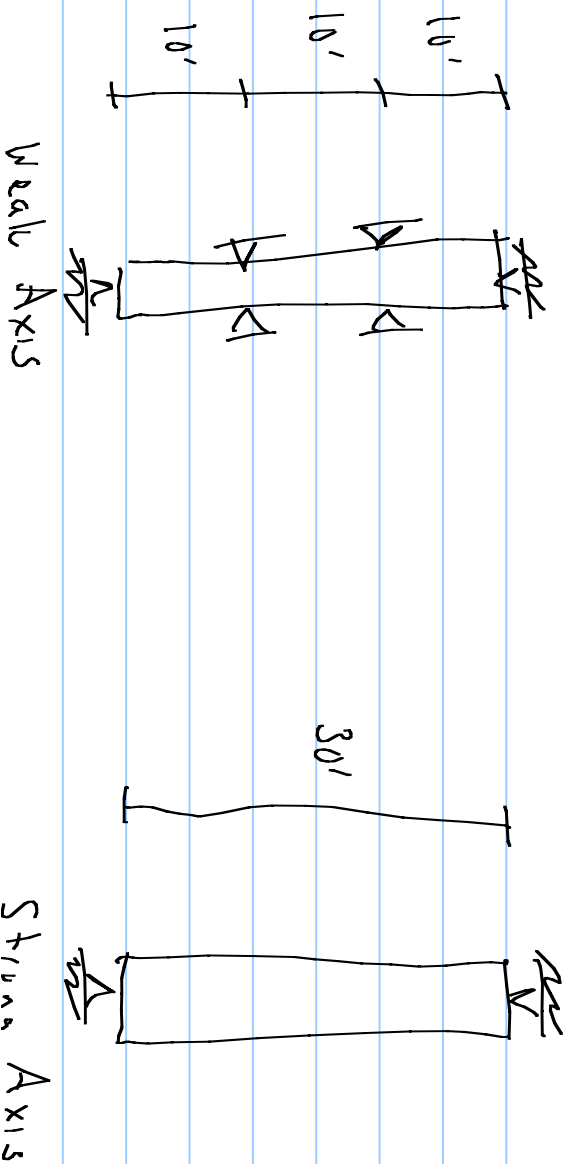
Given: Choose lightest W section to support axial compression of  $P_u = 1600 \text{ k}$

Grade 50

Column is 30' long

Pinned @ top and bottom

Braced in weak axis @ 10' from each end. (pinned supports)



• Weak Axis Design:  $(KL)_y = (1)(10') = 10'$

Possible: W14 x 145

$$r_x/r_y = 1.59$$

W12 x 152

$$r_x/r_y = 1.77$$

No W10 available

• Check possible sections for strong axis buckling.  $(KL)_x = (1)(30) = 30'$

• W14 x 145 :  $KL_{eff} = \frac{30'}{1.59} = 18.87 \Rightarrow$  won't work

Try W14 x 176 instead.

• W12 x 152 :  $KL_{eff} = \frac{30'}{1.77} = 16.95 \Rightarrow$  won't work

Try W12 x 190 instead.

• Check W14x176.

• Strong axis :  $K_{L\text{eff}} = \frac{30'}{1.60} = 18.75'$

$$\phi P_n = 1740 + \underbrace{(1780 - 1740)}_{\text{interpolation}} (0.75) = 1770 \text{ kips} > 1650$$

$\therefore$  OK

• Weak Axis :  $K_L = 10' <$  strong axis

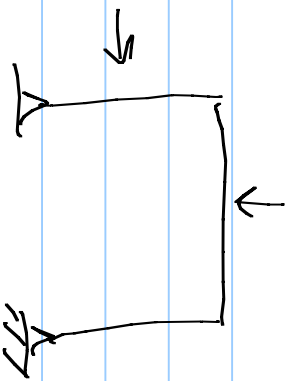
Strong axis controls.

$$\phi P_n = 1770 \text{ kips}$$

Use W14x176.

- "Axially - Loaded Columns"

- Loaded in compression only



- Most real columns have compression and moment  
↳ Beam - Columns