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# DEVELOPMENT OF ANALYTICAL METHODS FOR SPLICED LEG MEMBERS

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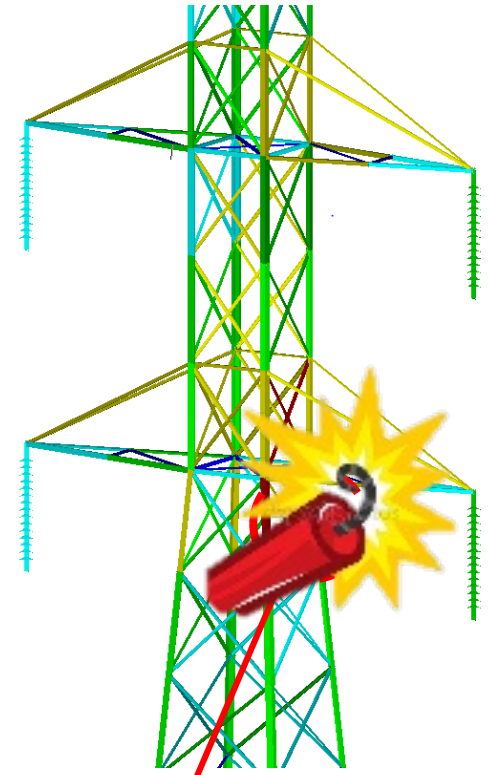
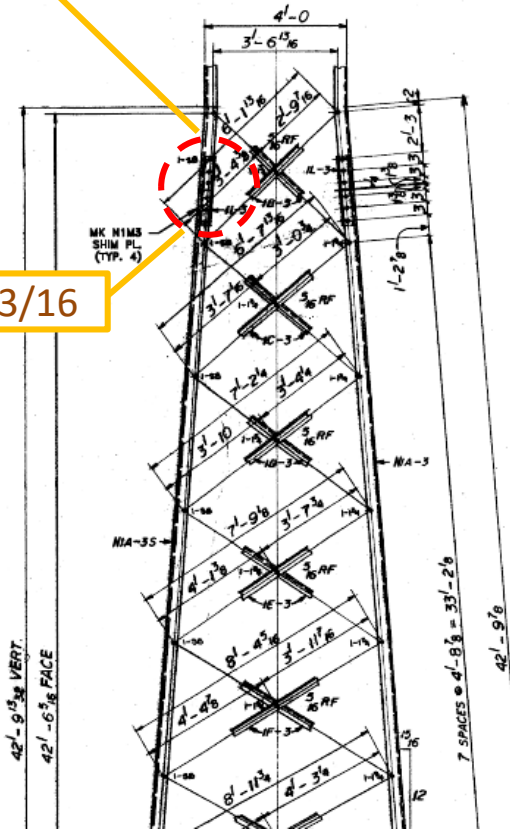


# I. ISSUES : Capability of PLS Tower



3 1/2 x 3 1/2 x 1/4

4 x 4 x 3/16



Modelling with  
3 1/2 x 3 1/2 x 1/4 member



**MODELLING A CONSTANT SECTION  
BASED ON THE SMALLER SECTION**



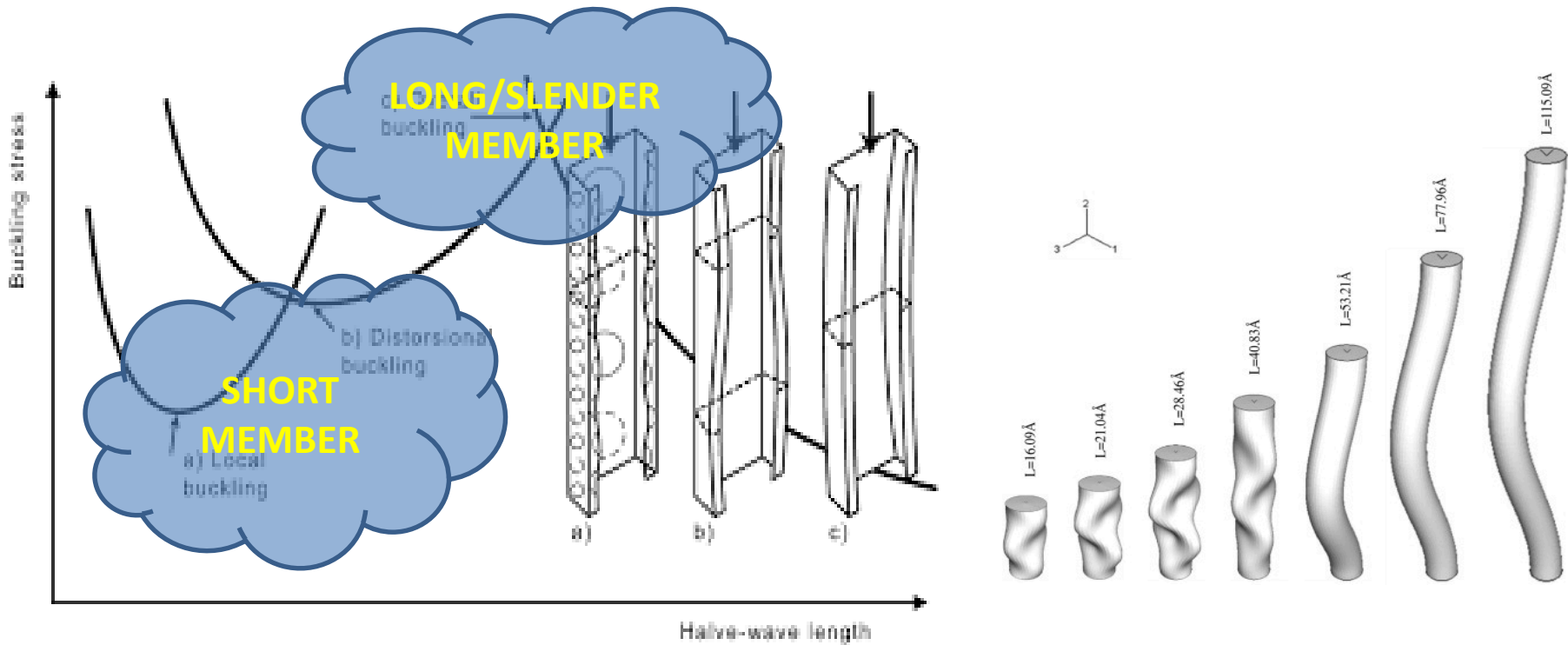
**OVERDESIGN OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBER**

**OVERESTIMATION OF OVERALL  
STRUCTURAL BEHAVIOR**



## II. BACKGROUND THEORY : Compression Failure

*The failure modes of thin plate structures under the compression load can be categorized into the three modes which are **local**, **distorsional**, and **overall buckling**. They are mainly affected by member slenderness ratio and fixity.*

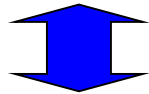


**Forces**  
(N, S, M, T)

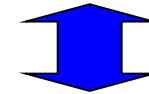
$\propto$

**Deformations**  
( $\delta$ ,  $\lambda$ ,  $\theta$ ,  $\Phi$ )

$$[P] = [K][\Delta]$$



$$[P] = [M][\ddot{\Delta}] + [C][\dot{\Delta}] + [K][\Delta]$$



$$[\sigma] = [E][\epsilon]$$

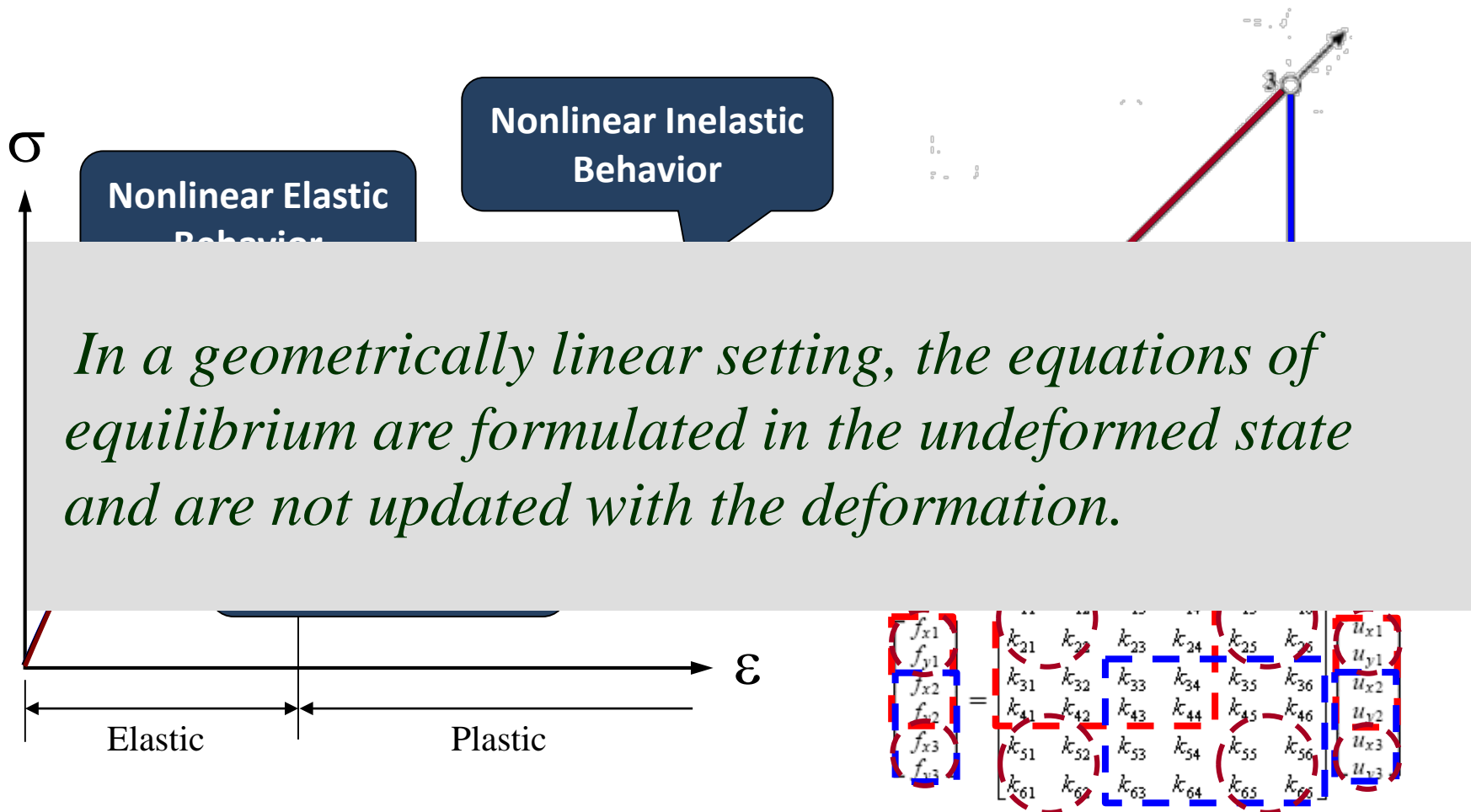
**Stresses**  
( $\sigma$ ,  $\tau$ ,  $\sigma_b$ ,  $\tau_t$ )

$\propto$

**Strains**  
( $\epsilon$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\epsilon_b$ ,  $\gamma_t$ )



## II. BACKGROUND THEORY : Finite Element Analysis



## II. BACKGROUND THEORY : Short (ASCE 10)

| COLUMN                       | DESIGN COMPRESSION, $F_a$   |
|------------------------------|---|
| SHORT<br>( $KL/r \leq C_c$ ) | $\left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{KL/r}{C_c} \right)^2 \right] F_{cr}$ |
| SLENDER<br>( $KL/r > C_c$ )  | $\frac{\pi^2 E}{(KL/r)^2} \quad (r = \sqrt{I/A})$                         |

$$C_c = \pi \sqrt{\frac{2E}{F_y}}$$

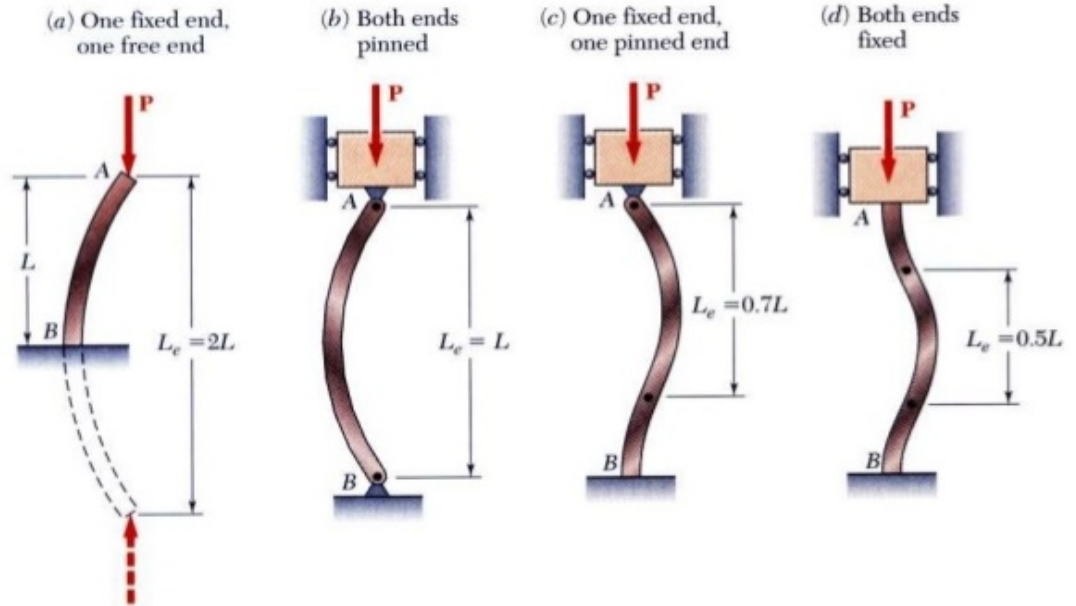
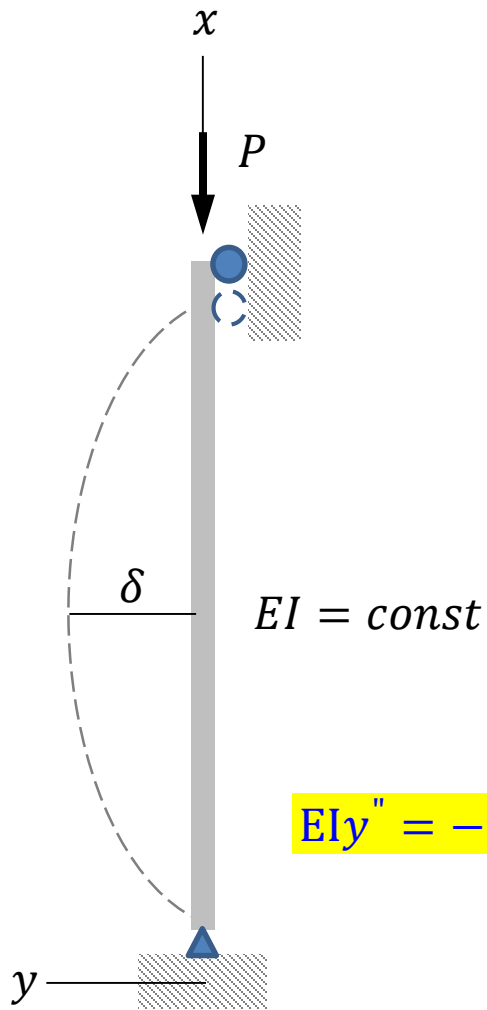
Can be replaced with  $F_{cr}$   
according to w/t ratio

| CRITERIA   | $F_{cr}$   |
|--|--|
| $\frac{w}{t} < \frac{80}{\sqrt{F_y}}$                                | $F_y$  |
| $\frac{80}{\sqrt{F_y}} \leq \frac{w}{t} \leq \frac{144}{\sqrt{F_y}}$ | $\left[ 1.677 - 0.677 \frac{w/t}{(w/t)_{lim}} \right] F_y$ |
| $\frac{144}{\sqrt{F_y}} < \frac{w}{t}$                               | $\frac{0.0332 \pi^2 E}{(w/t)^2}$                           |

$$\left( \frac{w}{t} \right)_{lim} = \frac{80}{\sqrt{F_y}}$$



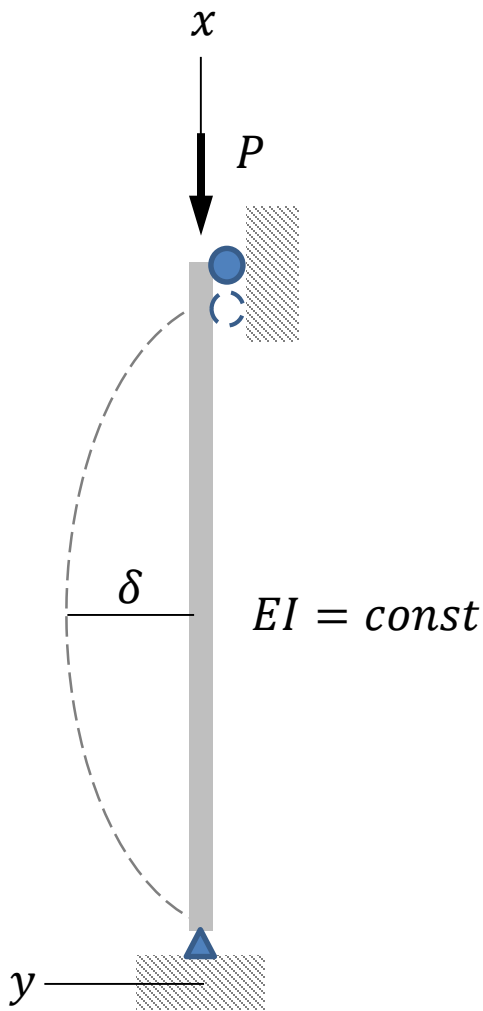
# II. BACKGROUND THEORY : Slender (Euler's Formula)



| B.C      | $P_{cr}$               | $L_e (=KL)$ |
|----------|------------------------|-------------|
| Pin-Pin  | $\pi^2 EI / L^2$       | L           |
| Fix-Free | $\pi^2 EI / 4L^2$      | 2L          |
| Fix-Fix  | $4 \pi^2 EI / L^2$     | 0.5L        |
| Fix-Pin  | $2.046 \pi^2 EI / L^2$ | 0.699L      |



## II. BACKGROUND THEORY : Slender (Energy Method)



- Approximate solution
- Equilibrium condition between the strain energy of bending ( $\Delta U$ ) and the work done by the compressive force  $P$  ( $\Delta T$ )

$$\Delta U = \Delta T$$

$$\Delta U = \int_0^l \frac{M^2}{2EI} dx$$

$$(M = Py)$$

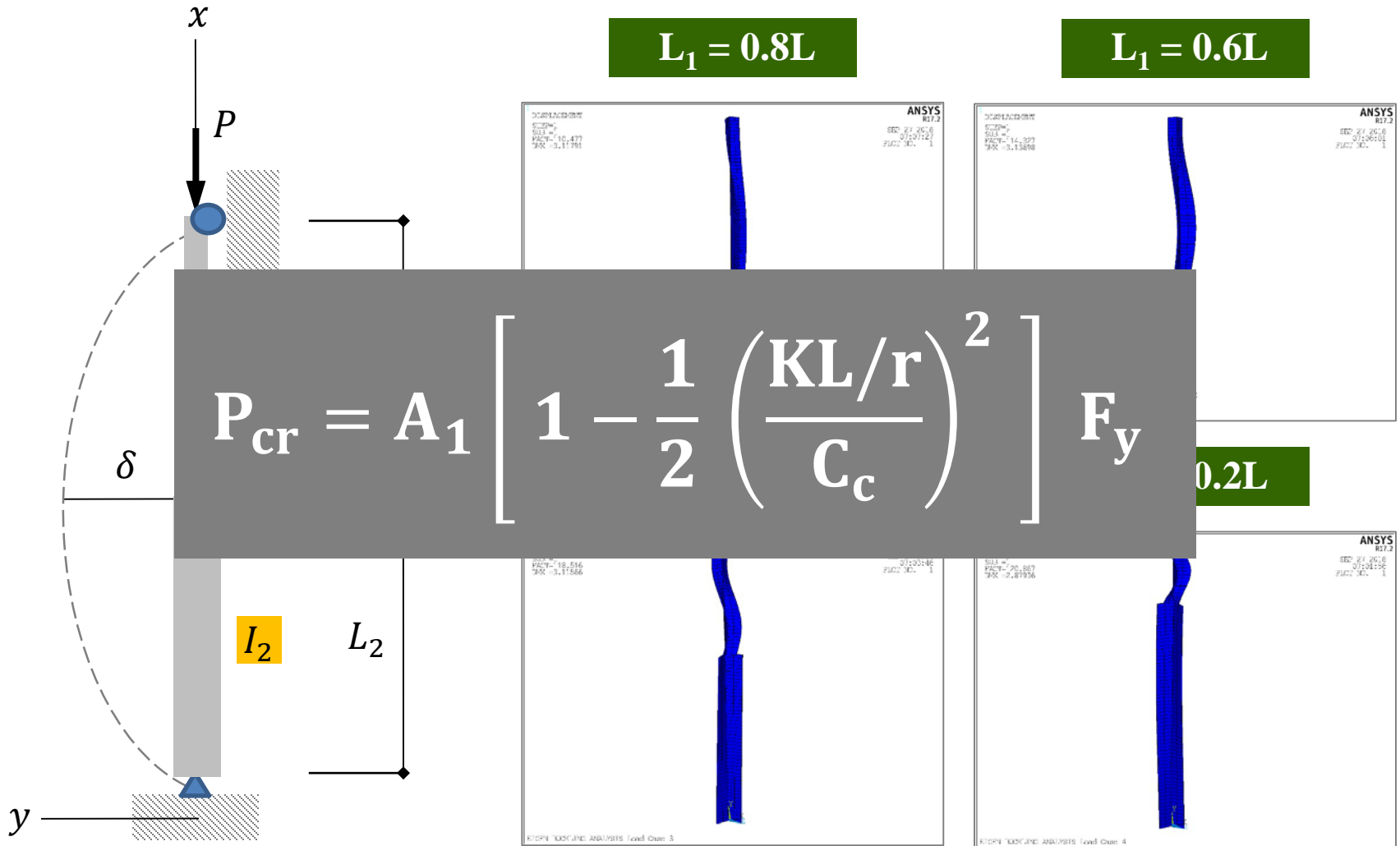
$$\Delta T = P\lambda$$

$$\left( \lambda = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^l \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 dx \right)$$

| B.C      | DEFLECTION, $y$   |
|----------|---|
| Pin-Pin  | $\sin(\pi x/l)$   |
| Fix-Free | $\delta \left( 1 - \cos \frac{\pi x}{2l} \right)$           |
| Fix-Fix  | $\frac{\delta}{2} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{l} \right)$ |

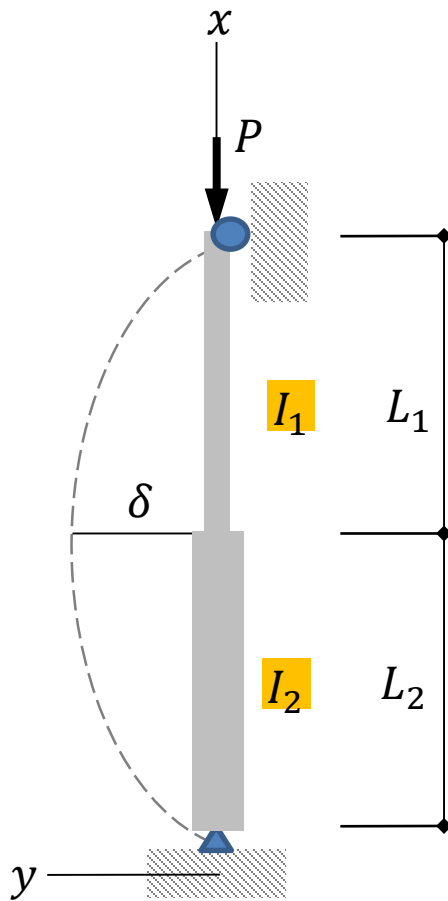


# III. GOVERNING EQUATION : Short Member

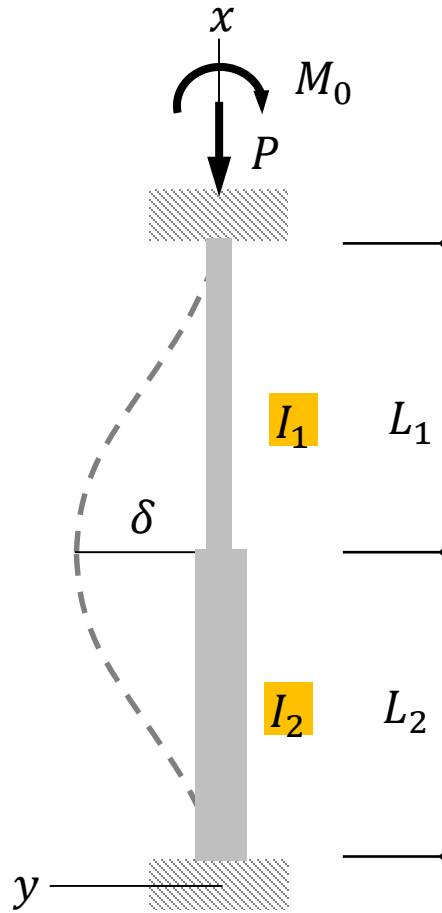


# III. GOVERNING EQUATION : Slender Member

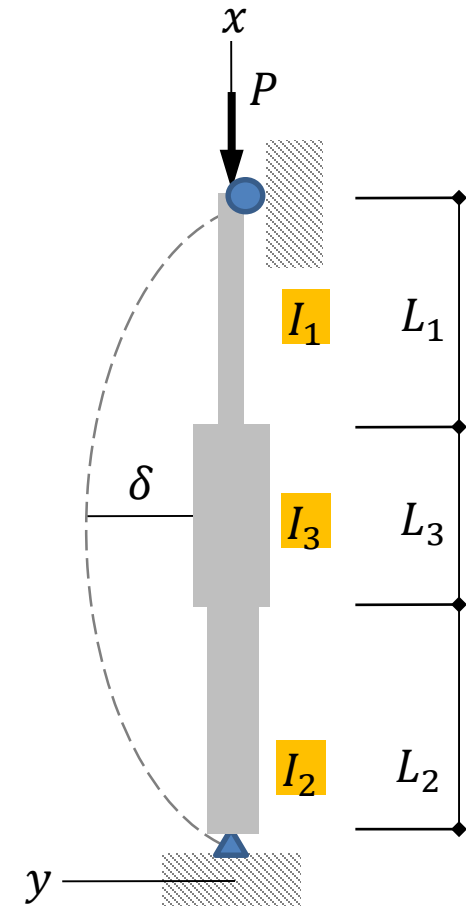
2 SEG. : P-P B.C



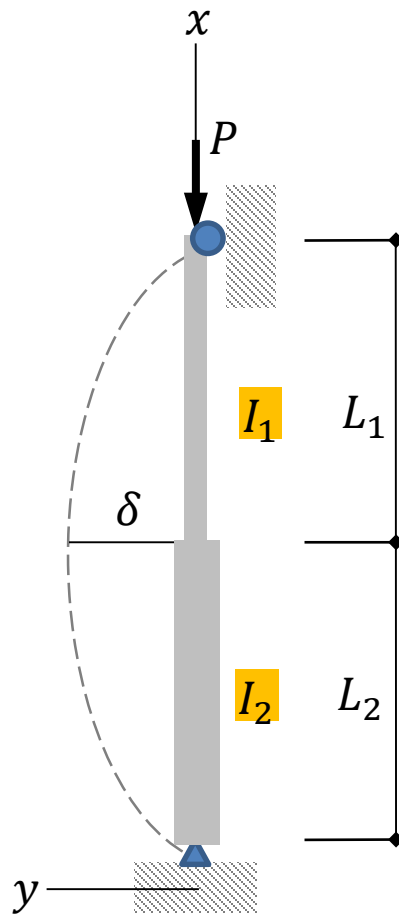
2 SEG. : F-F B.C



3 SEG. : P-P B.C



### III. GOVERNING EQUATION : Slender (Euler's Formula)



$$EI_1 y_1'' = -Py_1$$

$$EI_2 y_2'' = -Py_2$$



$$y_1'' + k_1^2 y_1 = 0$$

$$y_2'' + k_2^2 y_2 = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} k_1^2 = P/EI_1 \\ k_2^2 = P/EI_2 \end{cases}$$

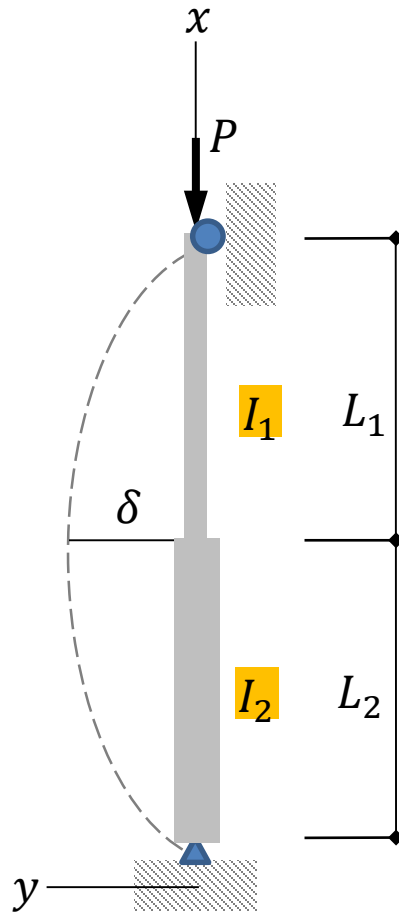
$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= A \cos k_1 x + B \sin k_1 x \\ y_2 &= C \cos k_2 x + D \sin k_2 x \end{aligned}$$

B. C & I. C :  $y_2(0) = y_1(L) = 0$       $y_2(L_2) = y_1(L_2) = \delta$

$$\frac{k_1}{k_2} + \frac{\tan k_1 L_1}{\tan k_2 L_2} = 0$$



### III. GOVERNING EQUATION : Slender (Energy Method)



$$\Delta U = \Delta T$$

Deflection Curve

$$y = \delta \sin(\pi x/l)$$

Strain Energy

$$\Delta U = \int_0^{l_2} \frac{M^2}{2EI_2} dx + \int_{l_2}^l \frac{M^2}{2EI_1} dx$$

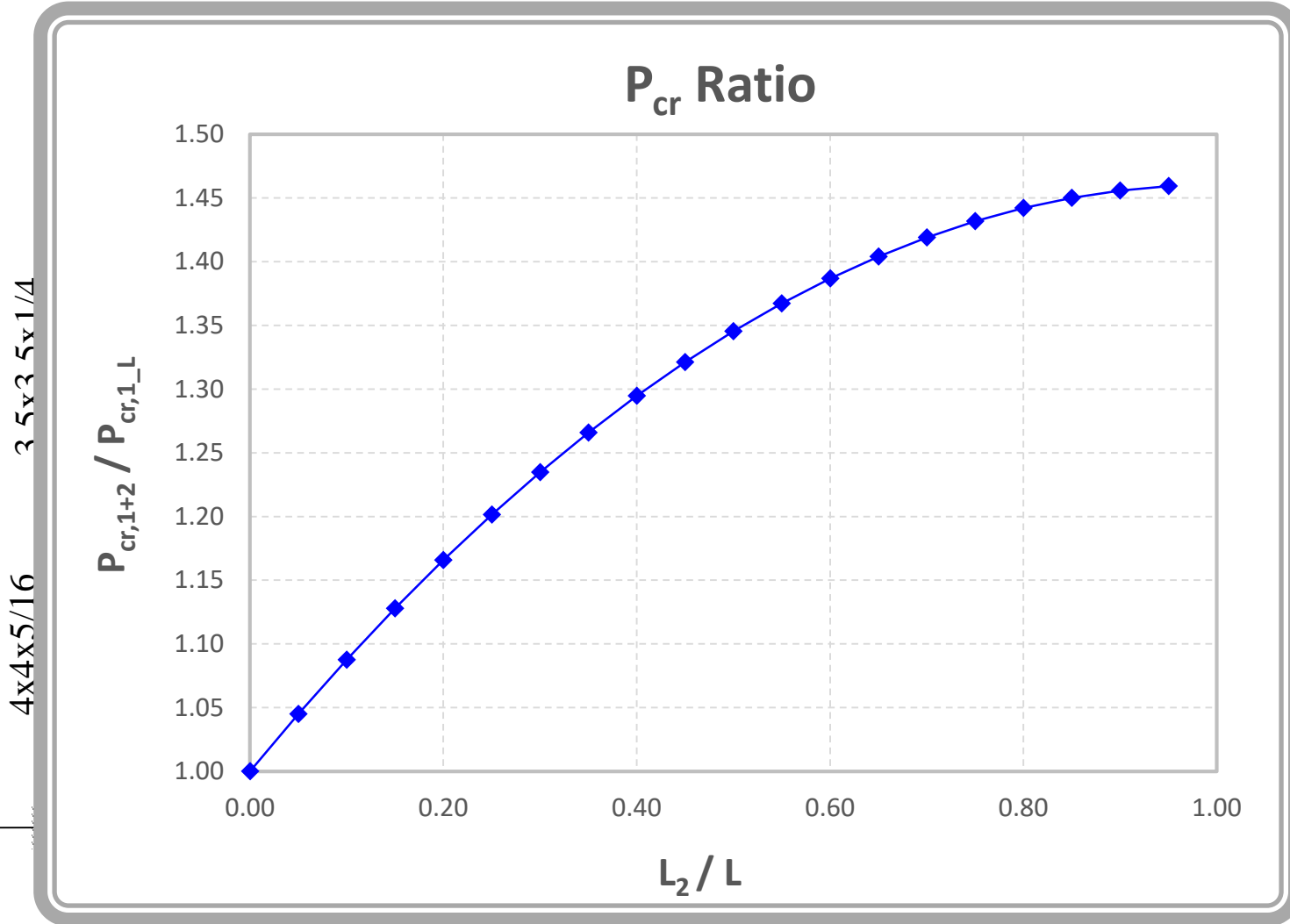
Work

$$\Delta T = \frac{P}{2} \int_0^l \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 dx$$

$$P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 EI_1}{l^2} \frac{1}{\left( \frac{l_1}{l} + \frac{l_2 I_1}{l I_2} \right) + \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( 1 - \frac{I_1}{I_2} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi l_2}{l}}$$



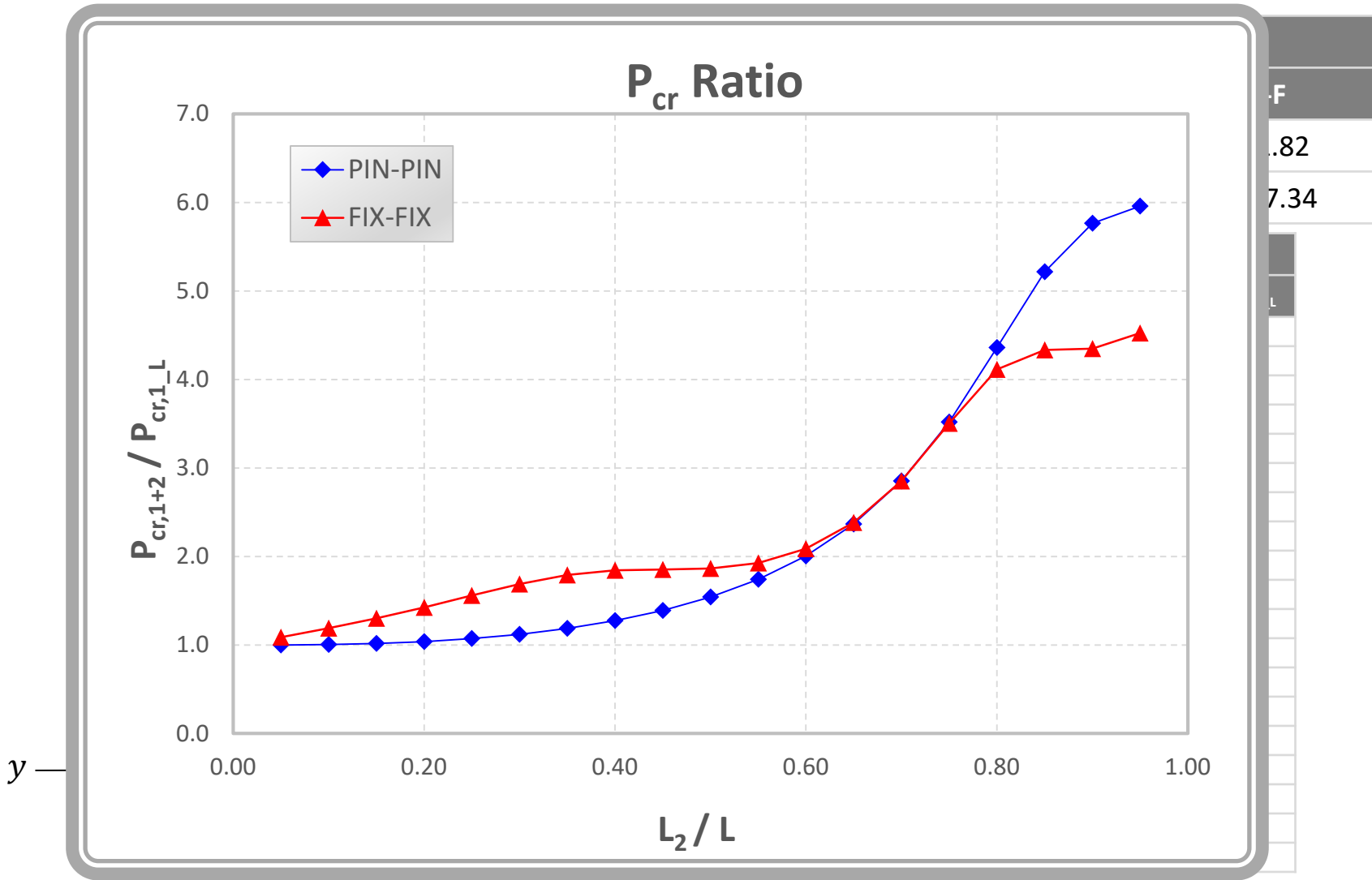
# IV. VALIDATION : Short



|  |       |
|--|-------|
| P <sub>cr,1+2_L</sub>                    | 74.24 |
| P <sub>cr,1+2</sub> /P <sub>cr,1_L</sub> | 1.04  |
|  | 1.09  |
|  | 1.13  |
|  | 1.17  |
|  | 1.20  |
|  | 1.23  |
|  | 1.27  |
|  | 1.29  |
|  | 1.32  |
|  | 1.35  |
|  | 1.37  |
|  | 1.39  |
|  | 1.40  |
|  | 1.42  |
|  | 1.43  |
|  | 1.44  |
|  | 1.45  |
|  | 1.46  |
|  | 1.46  |



# IV. VALIDATION : Slender





### Equivalent Unbraced Length Method

- Calculate the equivalent unbraced length ratio with respect to segment 1

$$RL_{\text{equ}} = L_1/L$$

- Use the same modeling methodology (model with a smaller section)



### OPTION 1 : Equivalent Unbraced Length Method

- Calculate the equivalent unbraced length ratio with respect to segment 1

$$L_{e,F-F} = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi^2 EI_1}{P_{cr,1+2}}} \quad L_{e,P-P} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi^2 EI_1}{P_{cr,1+2}}} \quad RL_{equ} = L_e/L$$

- Use the same modeling methodology

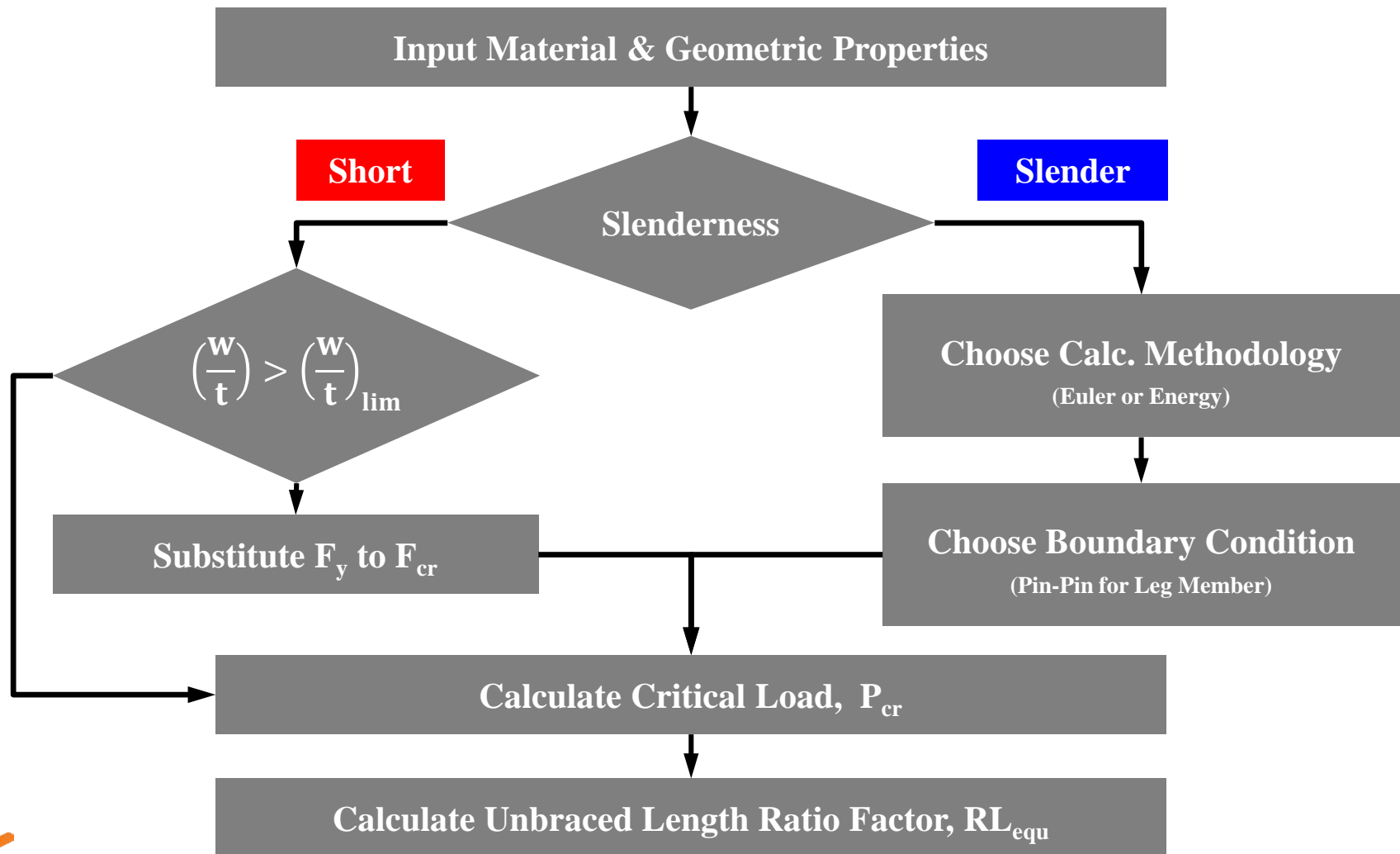
### OPTION 2 : Equivalent Cross Sectional Method

- Calculate the moments of inertia satisfying  $P_{cr}$

$$I_{equ,F-F} = \frac{P_{cr,1+2} L^2}{4\pi^2 E} \quad I_{equ,P-P} = \frac{P_{cr,1+2} L^2}{\pi^2 E}$$

- Find the corresponding angle section and substitute





# VI. CALCULATION SHEET

## 2 SEGMENT – ENERGY METHOD

## 2 SEGMENT – EULER FORMULA

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|                |  |            |  |              |  |
|----------------|--|------------|--|--------------|--|
| <b>Project</b> |  | <b>No.</b> |  | <b>Sht #</b> |  |
| <b>Subject</b> | Buckling of Stepped Column (Energy Method) | <b>Bj</b>  |  | <b>Date</b>  |  |

**GENERAL STATEMENT**

► Follow the sequential steps (Red colored text : Input)

**1ST STEP - INPUT MATERIAL PROPERTIES AND GEOMETRICS**

$E = 29,000$  ksi  $F_c = 50.00$  ksi  
 $L_1 = 36.375$  in  $L_2 = 22.250$  in  $L = 58.625$  in

**2ND STEP - SELECT ANGLE SECTIONS AND BOUNDARY CONDITIONS**

|           |              |                                     |
|-----------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| Segment 1 | 3.8X3.5X0.25 | $A_1 = 1.690$ in <sup>2</sup>       |
|           |              | $r_{min,1} = 0.634$ in              |
|           |              | $I_{min,1} = 0.814$ in <sup>4</sup> |
|           |              | (wt) <sub>1</sub> = 11.500          |
| Segment 2 | 4x4x0.3125   | $r_{min,2} = 0.791$ in              |
|           |              | $I_{min,2} = 1.502$ in <sup>4</sup> |

► B.C.  PIN-PIN  FIX-FIX  $K = 1.00$

**3RD STEP - DETERMINE THE SLENDERNESS OF THE MEMBER**

$C_c = 107.00$   $(KL/r)_c = 84.47$  **SHORT**  
 $P_{cr,1} = 56.34$  kips  $(wt)_{lim} = 11.314$   $F_{or} = 48.34$  ksi

**4TH STEP - CALCULATE THE COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH BASED ON ENERGY METHOD**

**SHORT**  $P_{cr} = A_1 \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{KL/r_1}{C_c} \right)^2 \right] F_{cr} = 72.79$  kips

$$P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 E I_c}{L^2} \left[ \frac{L_1}{L} + \frac{L_2}{L} \frac{I_1}{I_2} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( 1 - \frac{I_1}{I_2} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi L_2}{L} \right]$$

**5TH STEP - USE THE EQUIVALENT UNBRACED LENGTH RATIO WITH RESPECT TO SEGMENT 1 IN PLS TOWER**

$P_{cr}/P_{cr,1} = 1.278$   $L_{e,1} = 36.375$  in  $L_{e,2} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi^2 E I}{P_{cr}}}$   
 ∴ Equivalent Unbraced Length Ratio,  $L_e/L_{e,1} = 0.620$

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|                |  |            |  |              |  |
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**4TH STEP - CALCULATE THE COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH BASED ON EULER METHOD**

**SHORT**  $P_{cr} = A_1 \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{KL/r_1}{C_c} \right)^2 \right] F_{cr} = 72.79$  kips

► Characteristic Equation  $\frac{k_1}{k_2} + \frac{\tan k_1 L_1}{\tan k_2 L_2} = 0$

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$P_{cr} = 0.00$  kips  
 $k_1 = \sqrt{P_{cr}/EI_{min,1}}$   
 $k_2 = \sqrt{P_{cr}/EI_{min,2}}$   
 Characteristic EQ

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ANY QUESTIONS?

**FAIL**

