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- compression members subject to
  - axial compression only
  - no bending
- however in practically real columns are subject to
  - eccentricities of axial loads
  - transverse forces
- the treatment distinguishes between
  - stocky columns, and
  - slender columns

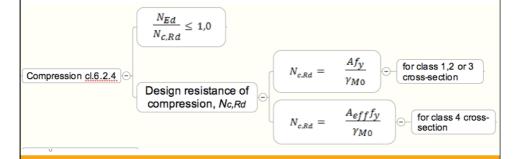
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### Stocky columns

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- The characteristics of stocky columns are
  - very low slenderness
  - unaffected by overall buckling
- The compressive strength of stocky columns is
  - dictated by the cross-section
  - a function of the section classification



### Slender Steel Columns

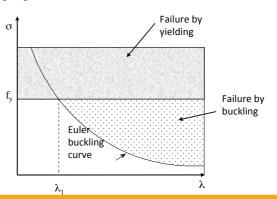
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- Slender columns present a quasi elastic buckling behaviour
- Euler critical stress  $\sigma_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 E}{\lambda^2}$

 $\lambda$  = L<sub>cr</sub> / r, where r is radius of gyration L<sub>cr</sub> is the buckling length

Euler buckling curve and modes of failure



# Behaviour of real steel columns

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- columns of medium slenderness are very sensitive to the effects of imperfections
- inelastic buckling occurs before the Euler buckling load due to various imperfections
  - initial out-of-straightness
  - residual stresses
  - eccentricity of axial applied loads
  - strain-hardening

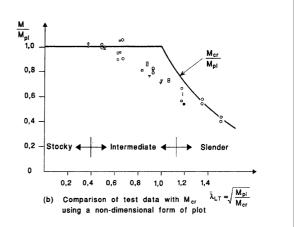
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### Effects of imperfections

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- structural imperfections most important for intermediated columns
- this represents most practical columns
- lower bound curve is obtained from a statistical analysis of test results



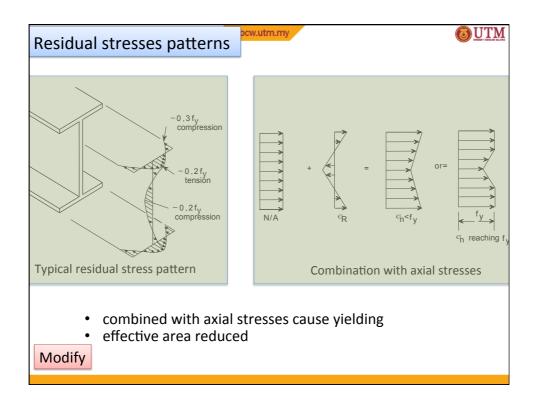
## Effect of imperfections in relation to slenderness

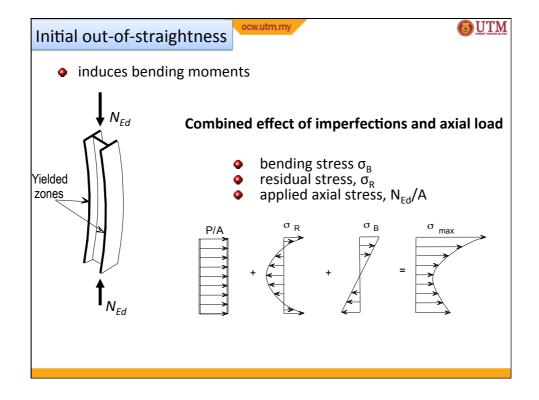
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- \* Slender column
  - largely unaffected by imperfections
  - ultimate failure load ≈ Euler load (N<sub>cr</sub>)
  - independent of the yield stress
- \* Intermmediate column
  - imperfections important
  - failure load less than Euler load
  - out-of-straightness and residual stresses are the most significant imperfections

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## Buckling resistance in axial compression

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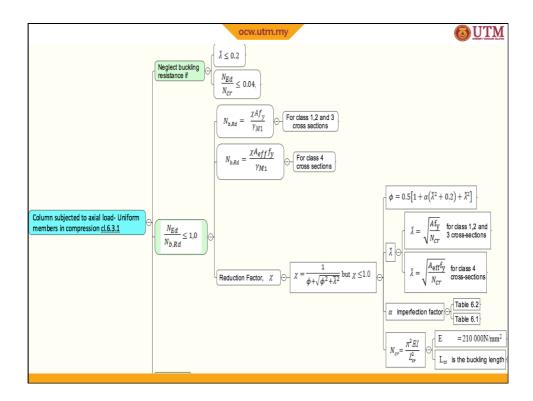


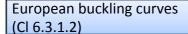
The design buckling resistance of a compression member

for Class 1, 2 and 3 cross section 
$$N_{b.Rd}$$
 =  $\chi \frac{Af_y}{\gamma_{M1}}$ 

for Class 4 cross section 
$$N_{b.Rd} = \chi \frac{A_{\it eff}_y}{\gamma_{\it M1}}$$

where  $\chi$  a reduction factor and is related to the reference slenderness Buckling curves plotted as  $\chi$  versus reference slenderness ratio





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$$\chi = \frac{1}{\Phi + \sqrt{\Phi^2 - \overline{\lambda}^2}} \quad \text{but } \chi \le 1,0$$

where 
$$\Phi = 0.5 \left[ 1 + \alpha \left( \overline{\lambda} - 0.2 \right) + \overline{\lambda}^2 \right]$$

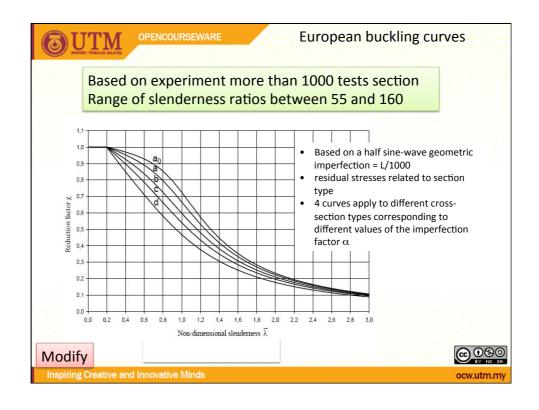
$$\overline{\lambda} = \sqrt{\frac{Af_y}{N_{cr}}}$$

 $\overline{\lambda} = \sqrt{\frac{Af_y}{N_{cr}}}$  for Class 1, 2 and 3 cross-sections

$$\overline{\lambda} = \sqrt{\frac{A_{eff} f_y}{N_{cr}}} \quad \text{for Class 4 cross-sections}$$

is an imperfection factor α

is the elastic critical force for the relevant buckling mode  $N_{cr}$ based on the gross cross sectional properties.



### Imperfection factor

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- $\alpha$  depends on
  - the shape of the column cross-section
  - the direction of buckling (y or z axis)
  - the fabrication process (hot-rolled, welded or cold-formed
- imperfection factors given in Table 6.1

Table 6.1: Imperfection factors for buckling curves

Buckling curve	a <sub>0</sub>	a	b	С	d
Imperfection factor α	0,13	0,21	0,34	0,49	0,76

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Non dimensional slenderness,  $\overline{\lambda}$ 

$$\overline{\lambda} = \sqrt{\frac{Af_y}{N_{cr}}} = \frac{L_{cr}}{i} \frac{1}{\lambda_1}$$
 for Class 1, 2 and 3 cross-sections

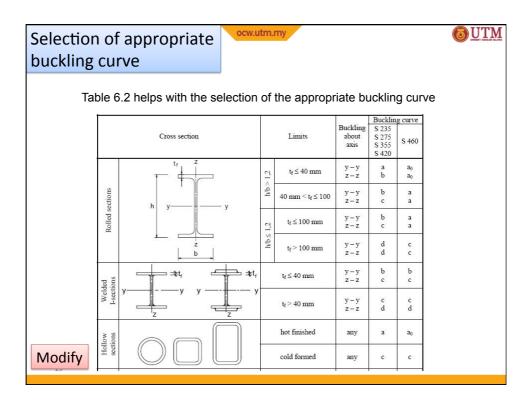
$$\overline{\lambda} = \sqrt{\frac{A_{eff} f_y}{N_{cr}}} = \frac{L_{cr}}{i} \frac{\sqrt{\frac{A_{eff}}{A}}}{\lambda_1} \quad \text{for Class 4 cross-sections}$$

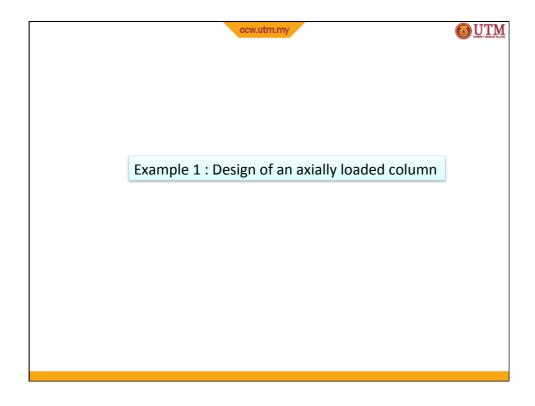
where La is the buckling length in the buckling plane considered

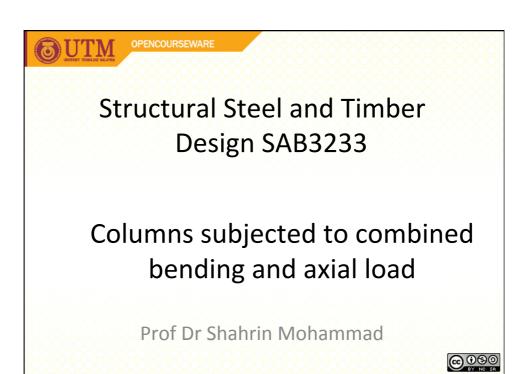
i is the radius of gyration about the relevant axis, determined using the properties of the gross cross-section

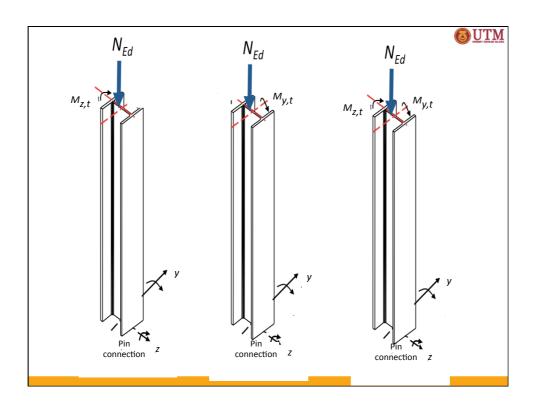
$$\lambda_1 = \pi \sqrt{\frac{E}{f_y}} = 93.9\epsilon$$

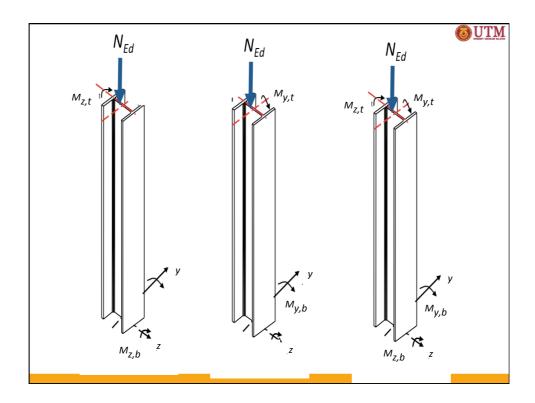
$$\epsilon = \sqrt{\frac{235}{f_v}} \quad (f_y \text{ in N/mm}^2)$$

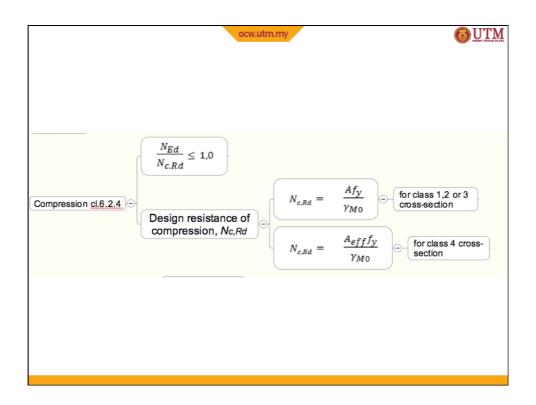


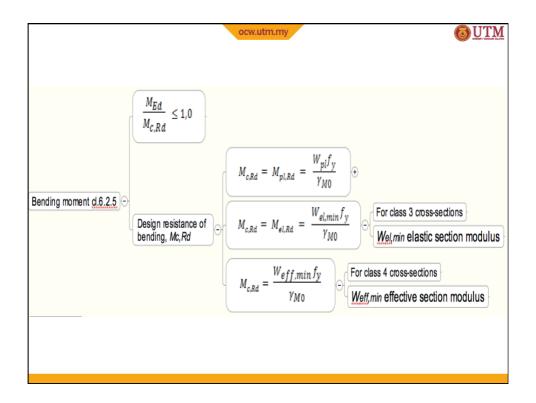


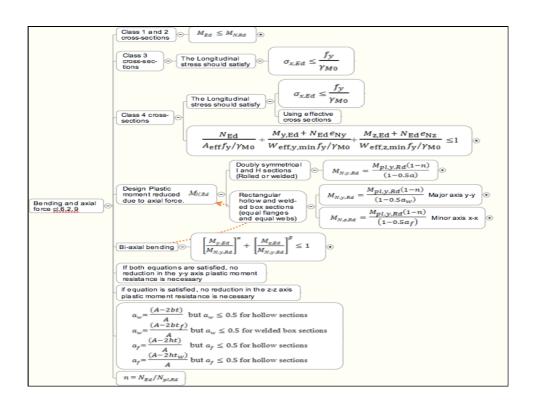


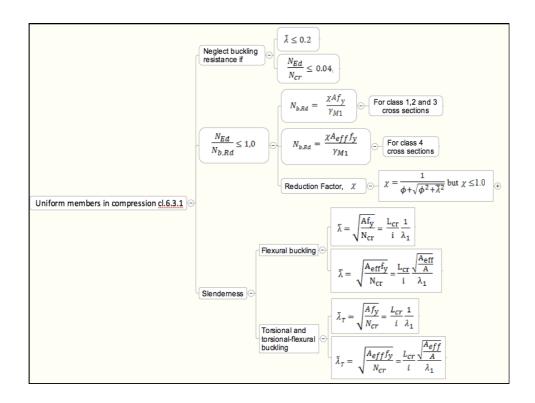


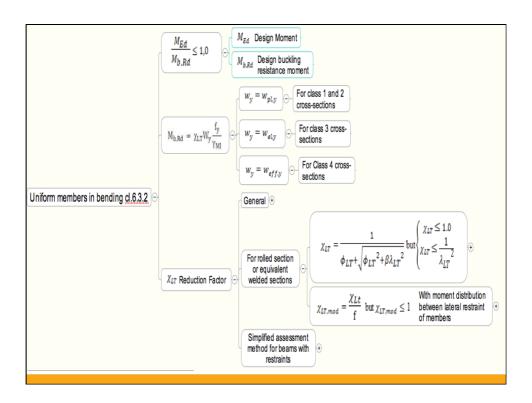


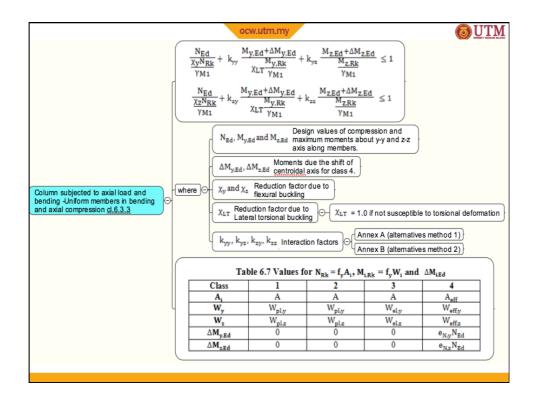














### simple construction

'Simple construction' is commonly used for the design of multi-storey buildings

- · Beams are designed as simply supported
- Columns are designed for nominal moments arising from the eccentricity at the beam-to-column connection.

The moment components are small for simple construction, the interaction factors can be conservatively simplified to :

$$\frac{N_{_{Ed}}}{N_{_{b,z,Rd}}} + \frac{M_{_{y,Ed}}}{M_{_{b,Rd}}} + 1.5 \frac{M_{_{z,Ed}}}{M_{_{c,z,Rd}}} \leq 1$$

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