

Elastic Critical Stress for Trapezoidal Sheeting with Flange and Web Stiffeners



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Abstract

In Höglund, T. "Design of trapezoidal sheeting provided with stiffeners in the flanges and webs". Swedish Council for Building Research Document D28:1980 [1], the formulae for the design of trapezoidal sheeting with flange and web stiffeners are derived. In Eurocode 3, Part 1-3 only the simplified conservative formula is used as the background formulae are supposed to be too complicated in a code. However, they better agree with tests and are therefore given here.

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Elastic Critical Stress

In Eurocode 3, Part 1-3 [2] and Eurocode 9, Part 1-4 [3], the modified elastic critical stress for sheeting with flange stiffeners and web stiffeners is given by the formula

$$\sigma_{cr,mod} = \frac{\sigma_{cr,s}}{\sqrt[4]{1 + \left(\beta_s \frac{\sigma_{cr,s}}{\sigma_{cr,sa}}\right)^4}} \quad (1)$$

where $\sigma_{cr,s}$ and $\sigma_{cr,sa}$ are the elastic buckling stresses for a section with stiffeners in the flange only and stiffener in the webs only respectively.

As an alternative to the expression (1) the expressions in [1] gives better agreement with the tests

$$\sigma_{cr,mod} = \frac{N_{cr}}{A_s} \quad (2)$$

where the elastic critical load for the stiffener in the flange is

$$N_{cr} = \min(k_{11}) \cdot EI_s \quad (3)$$

and k_{11} is found in 2 for one stiffener and 3 for two stiffeners in the compression flange.

One Stiffener in the Compression Flange

Calculate the buckling coefficient k_{11} for different buckling length l using

$$\lambda = \delta / l \quad (4)$$

$$\text{where } k_{11} = \frac{B_\lambda}{2A_\lambda} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{B_\lambda}{2A_\lambda}\right)^2 - \frac{C_\lambda}{A_\lambda}} \quad (5)$$

$$A_\lambda = \beta \lambda^4 \quad (6)$$

$$B_\lambda = (1 + \beta) \lambda^6 + (\alpha_{22} + \beta \alpha_{11}) \lambda^2 \quad (7)$$

$$C_\lambda = \lambda^8 + \lambda^4 (\alpha_{11} + \alpha_{22}) + \alpha_{11} \alpha_{22} - \alpha_{21} \alpha_{12} \quad (8)$$

The formulae for α_{11} , α_{12} , α_{21} and α_{22} in (6), (7) and (8) are

$$\alpha_{11} = \frac{1}{A_n \cdot EI_s} \left[a_1^2 s_1 \left(1 - \frac{a_1}{s_1}\right)^2 - \frac{a_1^2 s_1^2}{2(3b_1 + 2s_1)} \left(1 - \frac{a_1^2}{s_1^2}\right)^2 \right] \frac{1}{3D} \quad (9)$$

$$\alpha_{12} = \frac{1}{A_n \cdot EI_s} \left[\frac{a_1 s_1 b_1 b_p}{3b_1 + 2s_1} \left(1 - \frac{a_1^2}{s_1^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{b_p^2}{b_1^2}\right) \right] \frac{1}{3D} \quad (10)$$

$$\alpha_{21} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot A_n \cdot EI_{sa}} \left[\frac{a_1 s_1 b_1 b_p}{3b_1 + 2s_1} \left(1 - \frac{a_1^2}{s_1^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{b_p^2}{b_1^2}\right) \right] \frac{1}{3D} \quad (11)$$

$$\alpha_{22} = \frac{1}{A_n \cdot EI_{sa}} \left[\left(1 + \frac{3s_r}{b_p}\right) - \frac{3b_1}{3b_1 + 2s_1} \left(1 + \frac{2s_r}{b_p}\right) \left(1 - \frac{b_p^2}{b_1^2}\right) \right] \frac{b_p^3}{6D} \quad (12)$$

$$A_n = A_{11} A_{22} - A_{21} A_{12} \quad (13)$$

$$\beta = \frac{\beta_s A_{sa}}{I_{sa}} \cdot \frac{I_s}{A_{s,ef}} \quad (14)$$

The buckling stress and the resistance is increased considerable if these formulae are used instead of the approximative formula in the Eurocodes for steel and aluminium.

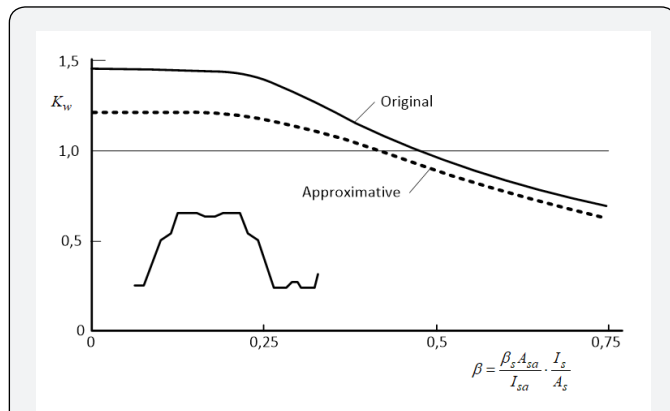


Figure 4: Comparison between original method and approximative formula for influence of web stiffener on the buckling load on the flange stiffener. β is the relationship between the force in the web stiffener and force in the flange stiffener. After [1].

Table 1: Example of moment resistance according to approximative formula and original method.

Method	Moment Resistance /k Nm/m
Approximative formula (1), from the Eurocodes [2] and [3]	9,22
Original method - formula (2) from [1] and above formulae for α_{ij}	10,22

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