EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE OF RC PILOTIS BUILDING SUBJECTED TO OFF MIYAGI PREFECTURE EARTHQUAKE 1978 IN JAPAN

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### SUMMARY

A three story, one bay x one bay RC(reinforced concrete) pilotis building that actually suffered a disastrous damage from Off Miyagi Prefecture Earthquake 1978 is chosen as a structural model for numerical calculations. Total 26 ground accelerograms including the Off Miyagi Prefecture Earthquake recorded at Tohoku Univ. 120 Km away from the epicenter were used for response calculations.

Although deformation ability of first story is estimated not more than  $40x10^{-3}$ rad, response deformation may probably exceed  $50x10^{-3}$ rad. Consequently, more amount of deformation ability should be provided for first story columns to avoid entire collapse.

# INTRODUCTION

When the amount of bearing walls provided for first story is smaller than that for upper story, columns of first story would suffer severely and collapse entirely, that may induce fatal damage for the whole structure. If the building is one bay as well as pilotis type, such a way of failure may take place more easily.

In this paper, a rough estimate of maximum response deformation of first story due to strong ground motion will be obtained in reflection to the properties of Skeleton Curve.

### MODEL FOR RESPONSE CALCULATION

Structure Considered. The structure considered in this paper is illustrated in Fig.1. Because first story columns of "A" frame were damaged most severely by the Earthquake shaking in N-S direction, response analysis was made in regard to the structure which consists of "A"-and "B" frames. There are RC walls in second and third story of both "A" and "B" frames. However, not a wall is provided for first story. Therefore, the structure in N-S direction can be thought as a pilotis structure.

The lumped mass system as shown in Fig.2 is adopted. In this model, only first story has nonlinear hysteresis that is illustrated in Fig.3. But upper stories are assumed to remain linear elastic. Viscous damping of 5% of critical is included Assoc. Professor, Dpt. of Architecture and Building Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Tohkai Univ., Japan. II Assist. Professor, Dpt. of Architecture and Building Engineering, Faculty of Engineering(Kyushu), Kinki Univ., Japan.

at upper stories. Fig. 4 shows first mode shape of this model.

Skeleton Curve. Specific points Pc, Py1 and Py2 in Fig.3 are determined according to the results of static analysis, outline of that was described in Ref.1. Base shear coefficient CB of point Py2 results in 0.21. Both beginning point Pf and ending point Pu of negative slope are given by refering to the experimental test results. Envelope curves in Fig.5 are examples of such test results(Ref.2).

To examine the effect of skeleton curve, four different skeleton curves are prepared as shown in Fig.6. These are designated as "Ductile", "Medium", "Brittle" and "Strengthen", respectively. The actual skeleton curve could be estimated to lie between Medium and Brittle models, on comparing experimental data with the properties provided for first story columns listed in Table-1. And still, poor web reinforcement ratio of 0.09% suggests that the deformation ability of these columns is less than 40x10-3rad.

### RESPONSE COMPUTATION

Each accelerogram listed in Table-2 is multiplied by a factor to obtain maximum value of 300 gal, since the maximum ground motion is presumed to have been 300 gal at the site.

Maximum response deformations of first story are plotted on each skeleton curve in Fig.6, where numbers accompanied with the plots are the ones alloted to accelerograms individually as shown in the first column of Table-2.

Fig. 6 shows that seven accelerograms bring about maximum deformations greater than  $40 \times 10^{-3}$  rad in case of Brittle model. And even in case of Medium model, three accelerograms including the Off Miyagi Prefecture Earthquake (No. 25) bring about those greater than  $70 \times 10^{-3}$  rad. This may indicate a high possibility of entire collapse of the structure considered.

There can be seen no fewer than three plots that are greater than  $60x10^{-3}$ rad on Strengthen model in Fig.6. Thus, aseismic properties of a structure can not be improved only by raising strength from  $C_B=0.21$  to  $C_B=0.3$ . While, the plots on Ductile model seem to indicate that if the bearing strength of  $C_B=0.21$  is maintained up to deformation of  $40\sim50x10^{-3}$ rad, response deformation can be reduced to nearly  $50x10^{-3}$ rad, and the possibility of collapse may decrease remarkably.

## CONCLUSION

Response calculations are only a few examples, we may conclude that the maximum deformation will be greater than  $50x10^{-3}$ rad. And it is more effective for improving the aseismic properties to increase deformation ability rather

than to raise bearing strength.

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