

THE DEFLECTION OF TALL BUILDING  
DUE TO EARTHQUAKE

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SYNOPSIS

When we analyse the response of tall buildings due to earthquake, we use an analogue computer or a digital computer. Author studied the fundamental problems about the numerical analysis, the accuracy of the calculation, the effect assumption of multi-mass system, the treatment of accelerograms, and the effect of the nature of structures, by the calculation of examples. Then pointed out that the deflection of tall buildings due to earthquake motion is influenced by the damping and elasto-plastic behaviour of the structure, especially after yielding, effectively.

§ INTRODUCTION

We have carried out many studies on the dynamic analysis on the non-linear problems of tall buildings due to strong earthquake motion by using electric analogue computer. But these analogue computers have small capacity, so we have assumed the tall building to multi-mass system, four or five mass system, and tried to calculation. Then author has analysed same problems by using electric digital computer. But on the result of calculation about the 33 storied building, he has found the great difference between 33 mass system and 5 mass system, on deflection, displacement, acceleration and shearing force. And so author has studied the fundamental problems of the linear and non-linear response analysis of multi-storied buildings due to strong earthquake motion, considering the necessity of discussion about the accuracy of calculation.

The author used following computers in this study.

1. FACOM-222 FUJI TSUSHINKI JAPAN  
Main core memory: 4000 wards  
Magnetic tape: 2 channels
2. HIPAC-103 HITACHI JAPAN  
Main core memory: 4096 wards  
Inner magnetic drum: 4096 wards
3. I.B.M.-7090 I.B.M. U.S.A.

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§ I RESPONSE ANALYSIS ON VIBRATION OF BUILDING

I.1 EQUATION OF VIBRATION OF MULTI-STORIED BUILDING

In this paper, object of the analysis limited to space frame construction, so assumed the building to multi-mass system. Assumptions are as follows;

- Assumption 1 Building is fixed at the foundation to the rigid layer.
- Assumption 2 All mass of one floor of building are concentrated to one mass system. See Fig.1
- Assumption 3 Resisting against the lateral force of structure is shearing type, and histerisis of the frame is shown in Fig.2, that have yielding point and bi-linear type.
- Assumption 4 Damping of structure is viscous damping type, and value of the damping force shown as next expression;

$$\gamma \cdot k \cdot \frac{d\delta}{dt}$$

$\delta$ : deflection of story

k: stiffness of story

$\gamma$ : coefficient of damping

Assumption 5 To consider only one component, which is parallel to the frame of structure.

Then the equilibrium equation of multi-storied building is as follows;

$$\begin{cases} m_n \ddot{Y}_n + C_n \dot{\delta}_n + F(\delta_n) = 0 \\ \dots \dots \dots \\ m_i \ddot{Y}_i + C_i \dot{\delta}_i - C_{i+1} \dot{\delta}_{i+1} + F(\delta_i) - F(\delta_{i+1}) = 0 \\ \dots \dots \dots \\ m_1 \ddot{Y}_1 + C_1 \dot{\delta}_1 - C_2 \dot{\delta}_2 + F(\delta_1) - F(\delta_2) = 0 \end{cases} \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

$m_i$ : mass of i-th story

$C_i$ : damping force of i-th story depended by deflection

$\delta_i$ : deflection of i-th story (relative displacement)

suffix i: story number

Shearing force  $F(\delta_i)$  is shown in Fig.2 and expression(2) illustrates this value.

$$F(\delta_i) = k_{is} \delta_i + f_{is} \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

Stiffness  $k_{is}$  is given by inclination of line of Fig.2, and same time solid friction term  $f_{is}$  is given as the intercept to F-axis of this line.

Then put  $\ddot{Y}_o + \ddot{y}_i = \ddot{Y}_i$ , expression(1) is changed form to expression (3).

$$\begin{cases} m_n \ddot{Y}_n + C_n \dot{\delta}_n + k_{ns} \delta_n + f_{ns} = -m_n \ddot{Y}_o \\ \dots \dots \dots \\ m_i \ddot{Y}_i + C_i \dot{\delta}_i - C_{i+1} \dot{\delta}_{i+1} + k_{is} \delta_i - k_{i+1} \delta_{i+1} + f_{is} - f_{i+1} = -m_i \ddot{Y}_o \\ \dots \dots \dots \\ m_1 \ddot{Y}_1 + C_1 \dot{\delta}_1 - C_2 \dot{\delta}_2 + k_{1s} \delta_1 - k_{2s} \delta_2 + f_{1s} - f_{2s} = -m_1 \ddot{Y}_o \end{cases} \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

$\ddot{Y}_0$ : acceleration of earthquake

## I.2 NUMERICAL ANALYSIS OF EQUATION

Then explains numerical analysis method of expression(3), for electric digital computer. The first, divid time axis to equal small interval  $\Delta T$  sec., and derivative of the acceleration is assumed to take constant value during the small interval  $\Delta T$ .

$$(A_{ij}-A_{i,j-1})/\Delta T=K \quad \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

$A_{ij}$ : acceleration of i-th story at j  
 suffix j: j-th interval (time)  
 suffix i: i-th story (position)

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{y}_i &= K \Delta T + A_{i,j-1} \\ \dot{y}_i &= K \Delta T^2 / 2 + A_{i,j-1} \Delta T + V_{i,j-1} \\ y_i &= K \Delta T^3 / 6 + A_{i,j-1} \Delta T^2 / 2 + V_{i,j-1} \Delta T + D_{i,j-1} \quad \dots\dots\dots(5) \end{aligned}$$

Then by applying the expression(4)

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{y}_i &= A_{ij} \\ \dot{y}_i &= (A_{ij}-A_{i,j-1})\Delta T / 2 + A_{i,j-1}\Delta T + V_{ij-1} \\ &= (A_{ij}+A_{i,j-1})\Delta T / 2 + V_{i,j-1} \\ y_i &= (A_{ij}-A_{i,j-1})\Delta T^2 / 6 + A_{i,j-1}\Delta T^2 / 2 + V_{i,j-1}\Delta T + D_{i,j-1} \\ &= (A_{ij}/6 + A_{i,j-1}/3)\Delta T^2 + V_{i,j-1}\Delta T + D_{i,j-1} \quad \dots\dots\dots(6) \end{aligned}$$

$V_{ij}$ : velocity of i-th story at j  
 $D_{ij}$ : displacement of i-th story at j

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \dot{y}_i &= \dot{y}_i - \dot{y}_{i-1} \\ \delta y_i &= y_i - y_{i-1} \quad \dots\dots\dots(7) \end{aligned}$$

Then by applying the expression(6) and (7), general expression of the equation(3) is written as expression(8) about i-th story at j.

$$\begin{aligned} m_i A_{ij} + C_i & \left( (A_{ij} + A_{i,j-1}) \Delta T / 2 + V_{i,j-1} - ((A_{i-1,j} + A_{i-1,j-1}) \Delta T / 2 \right. \\ & \left. + V_{i-1,j-1}) \right) + k_{iS} \left( (A_{ij} / 6 + A_{i,j-1} / 3) \Delta T^2 + V_{i,j-1} \Delta T + D_{i,j-1} \right) \\ & - ((A_{i-1,j} / 6 + A_{i-1,j-1} / 3) \Delta T^2 + V_{i-1,j-1} \Delta T + D_{i-1,j-1}) - C_{i+1} \left( (A_{i+1,j} \right. \\ & \left. + A_{i+1,j-1}) \Delta T^2 / 2 + V_{i+1,j-1} - ((A_{ij} + A_{i,j-1}) \Delta T / 2 + V_{i,j-1}) \right) \\ & - k_{i+1,S} \left( (A_{i+1,j} / 6 + A_{i+1,j-1} / 3) \Delta T^2 + V_{i+1,j-1} \Delta T + D_{i+1,j-1} \right) \\ & - ((A_{ij} / 6 + A_{i,j-1} / 3) \Delta T^2 + V_{i,j-1} \Delta T + D_{i,j-1}) + f_{iS} - f_{i+1,S} \\ & = -m_i A_{gj} \quad \dots\dots\dots(8) \end{aligned}$$

$A_{gj}$ : ground acceleration at j

In these expression  $A_{i,j-1}$ ,  $V_{i,j-1}$  and  $D_{i,j-1}$  are given at previous step,  $m_i$ ,  $C_i$  and  $k_{iS}$  are constants, and  $A_{gj}$  is given by input datum at j. Then stiffness  $k_{iS}$  and friction  $f_{iS}$  are assumed that they take

constant value during small interval  $\Delta T$ . And so unknown value is  $A_{ij}$  only. Number of unknown value is  $N$  and there are same number of equation, so  $A_{ij}$  are given as the solution of this algebraic equation at each step. Also velocity  $V_{ij}$  and displacement  $D_{ij}$  are given by the expression(6). In next step these value at  $j$  are stored in memory of computer as the value of acceleration, velocity and displacement at  $j-1$ , so these solution is obtained step by step.

### I.3 ACCURACY OF THE NUMERICAL SOLUTION 1

As one of the problems on the accuracy of the numerical solution author picked up the time interval  $\Delta T$ . In determination of the time interval  $\Delta T$ , the smaller value is the better. But number of calculation steps is inversly proportionate to the time interval  $\Delta T$ , and also occupied time of computer must be required long time. So it is important to find the optimum value of  $\Delta T$ . In this problem, there are two points to be considered, one is a period of the building and the other is a period of the acceleration of earthquake motion. But the later is more influenced on this problem, because we are considering the tall buildings and they have a long period of the natural vibration.

Then author picked up a 10 story building, for example, and tried to calculation the response of structure due to an actual strong earthquake motion, changing the time interval  $\Delta T$ . He chose 4 cases,  $\Delta T=0.005$  sec.,  $0.01$  sec.,  $0.02$  sec. and  $0.03$  sec. as the time interval. Fig.3 shows these results of calculation, the case of  $\Delta T=0.03$  sec. is omitted, by reason of its strange result. In this figure the case of  $\Delta T=0.005$  sec. is considered most probable and the case of  $\Delta T=0.01$  sec. is very resemble to the case of  $\Delta T=0.005$  sec. but the other one is not so likely. According these facts, auther determind to use the value of  $\Delta T=0.01$  sec., as optimum value for this earthquake motion.

### I.4 ACCURACY OF THE NUMERICAL SOLUTION 2

Second problem is a comparison to result of calculation by using analogue computer. In Fig.4 shows the comparison of the result of calculation by author's method of digital computation and by the analogue computer, that is named SERAC and is set in Tokyo Univercity. An example is a response analysis of 33 story building, that is now planing in Tokyo Japan, during the earthquake EL CENTRO 1940NS. This figure shows us, the result of this method is similar to the result of computation by using analogue computer SERAC.

### I.5 ACCURACY OF THE NUMERICAL SOLUTION 3

Next author comparate with a modal analysis method, the problem is limited elastic one. In the modal analysis

$$y_i = \sum_{s=1}^n u_{is} q_s \dots\dots\dots(9)$$

Equation(3) is transformed as follows;

$$\ddot{q}_s + 2h_s w_s \dot{q}_s + w_s^2 q_s = -\beta_s \ddot{Y}_0 \quad \dots\dots\dots(10)$$

$h_s$ : damping ratio of s-th mode  
 $w_s$ : natural frequency of s-th mode  
 $u_{is}$ : normal function  
 $q_s$ : normal coordinate  
 $\beta_s$ : amplification of s-th mode  
 suffix i: story number  
 suffix s: mode

$$2h_s w_s = \frac{\sum C_i (u_{is} - u_{i-1, s})^2}{\sum m_i u_{is}^2}$$

$$w_s^2 = \frac{\sum k_i (u_{is} - u_{i-1, s})^2}{\sum m_i u_{is}^2}$$

$$\beta_s = \frac{\sum m_i u_{is}}{\sum m_i u_{is}^2} \quad \dots\dots\dots(11)$$

Equation(10) is same form to the equation of one mass system, so that  $q_s$  is obtain by same method as expression(6). Then  $y_i$  are got by superposition of each mode. See Fig.5 In this case, input data have 6 significant figures and the accuracy of conversion of algebraic equation is also have 6 significant figures, as far as these accuracy author has not found the error.

## § II TREATMENT OF STRONG EARTHQUAKE ACCELERATION RECORD

Author has got the digital data of strong earthquake\*3, which were sent to Tokyo University from Prof. G.V.Berg, and used them in this study, but these data were recorded only maximum and minimum points or singular points of accelerogram. Then he assumed two methods of interpolation, one is linear interpolation method and the other is sine-curve interpolation method, and studied the difference of these two methods, as the result of the response analysis.

In Fig.6 illustrated these two methods, curved line shows an interpolation method by sine-curve and broken line shows a linear one, and points a and b show the recorded points. In Fig.7 shows the actual example, black points are recorded points. Fig.8 shows the difference of these two methods by response spectrum, in this case damping ratio are given as  $h=0$  and  $h=0.05$ , and curve A is sine-curve interpolation and curve B is linear one. As the result the difference are about 10% between these methods.

The author shows other example in Figures 9,10, and 11, that are the response analysis of 33 storied building\*1. In Fig.9 shows the result of 5-mass system and in Fig.10 shows the result of 33-mass system, these are same building, damping coefficient  $\delta$  is 0.06 and its histerisis is elasto-plastic type. Fig.11 shows same building, but damping coefficient  $\delta$  is 0.02 and bi-linear type structure which have inclination of  $F-\delta$  curve after yielded, 10% of elastic inclination. In these cases more large difference appears, in the lower part and upper part of the building, between two methods of interpolation and the difference is 50% in maximum. And then required the accuacy of the strong earthquake motion records.

### § III THE EFFECT OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MULTI-MASS SYSTEM

For the reason of the capacity of the computer or the occupied time of the computer for the calculation, we had assumed the multi-mass system, which have few number of mass, very often, for example the 30 storied building is assumed to the 5 mass system. In these cases there are many difficult problems on the method of one mass corresponds to several stories, especially to calculate the non-linear response of the building due to strong earthquake motion. Then author picked up following 4 methods

- I One mass corresponding to one story.
- II One mass corresponding to several stories, in this case the mass of assumed system is given as the total mass of the several stories.
- III One mass corresponding to several stories, as the same method of SERAC \*2.
- IV To use the method II in the part of the building, but other part of the building are applied the method I.

Then author shows the example, 33 storied building \*1 that is shown the vibrational data of each story in Table 1 type A and the mode and the natural periods in Fig. 12, on the difference of the reduction about the vibration mode and the results of response analysis of strong earthquake motion.

Table 2: The reduction system of multimass system.

Table 3: Period, damping ratio and amplification of each mode.

Figures 14, 17, 18, and 19: The comparison of the method I, II and III.

Figures 15 and 20: The comparison of the method I, IVa and IVb.

Also in Fig.16 shows the response of the deflection and comparison of the method I and II about the other 20 storied building.

As the result it is not adequate to use these reduction, so the multi-mass system must be made as one mass corresponds to the one story.

### § IV THE EFFECT OF DAMPING AND PLASTIC BEHAVIOUR

We have few data about the damping coefficient and plastic behaviour of building, including frame, slab, wall, and other secondary elements, therefore author carried out trial calculations to find the effects of these unknown factors.

About the plastic behaviour author changed the value of  $KB/KA$ ,  $KA$  is the elastic stiffness of the structure and  $KB$  is the inclination of  $F-\delta$  curve after yielding, at first he chose 4 cases,  $KB/KA=0, 0.1, 0.5$  and 1 then applied to the model building that is 33 storied building \*1 (Table 1 type A) and damping coefficient  $C/k=0.06$ . In Fig.21 the results of the response analysis are shown.

Damping coefficient  $C/k$  is influenced by the secondary elements of the building, especially in tall buildings with steel frame. The value of damping coefficient  $C/k$  may be taken from 0.005 to 0.06. Then author chose 5 cases,  $C/k=0.005, 0.01, 0.02, 0.04$  and 0.06, and used the same model building (Table 1 type A, 33 storied building  $KB/KA=0.1$ ) tried the analysis. The results of the analysis are shown in Fig.22.

About the other building, it is also 33 storied building (Table 1 type B , and in Fig.13 shows the modes and periods of this building), author picked up several cases, and he change the earthquake motion \*3, tried to the analysis and shown the results of deflection in Figures 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27.

These problems give us any conclusion not yet, but these figures give us some suggestion, that we must research these facts for calculate the response of tall building in future, and we must take care of to determind the data of buildings to the response analysis.

## § CONCLUSION

By this study author gets some conclusion as follows;

1. Numerical analysis method for the response analysis of space frame structure due to strong earthquake motion is completed.
2. In this calculation time interval  $\Delta T$  is very impotant and as this value  $\Delta T=0.01\text{sec.}$  is adequate.
3. Interpolation and read method of accelerogram is influence to the result of calculation and so acceleration records of earthquake must be more accurate in time.
4. Multi-storied buildings can be analysed multi-mass system but the number of the masses must be taken the same number of the story of building.
5. The damping coefficient and plastic behaviour after yielding of structure influence to the result of analysis, and so take care of to determind these data for the response analysis.

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TABLE 1

story	TYPE A		yielding		TYPE B		yielding	
	mass	height	stiffness	strength	mass	height	stiffness	strength
	ton	cm	ton/cm	ton	ton	cm	ton/cm	ton
33	4639	360	1300	1058	3926	384	1316	895
32	1979	360	1300	1459	2402	384	1316	1399
31	1979	360	1380	1833	2435	384	1316	1867
30	1979	360	1520	2178	2410	384	1328	2302
29	1979	360	1520	2489	2410	384	1328	2690
28	1979	360	1610	2772	2465	384	1482	3049
27	1979	360	1770	3023	2447	384	1656	3385
26	1979	360	1770	3245	2447	384	1656	3665
25	1979	360	1890	3436	2486	384	1759	3936
24	1979	360	1930	3599	2471	384	2035	4144
23	1979	360	1930	3795	2487	384	2035	4400
22	1979	360	2200	3971	2512	384	2106	4635
21	1979	360	2270	4127	2499	384	2244	4843
20	1979	360	2270	4264	2499	384	2244	5026
19	1979	360	2390	4380	2537	384	2287	5189
18	1979	360	2460	4477	2519	384	2384	5324
17	1979	360	2460	4555	2519	384	2384	5434
16	1979	360	2550	4628	2562	384	2429	5524
15	1979	360	2680	4683	2546	384	2538	5636
14	1979	360	2710	4719	2546	384	2538	5675
13	1979	360	2780	4741	2579	384	2538	5747
12	1979	360	2860	4762	2563	384	2723	5740
11	1979	360	3050	4784	2563	384	2723	5766
10	1979	360	3050	4806	2598	384	2746	5953
9	1979	360	3050	4828	2575	384	2790	5761
8	1979	360	3070	4849	2575	384	2790	5859
7	1979	360	3070	4871	2612	384	2822	5882
6	1979	360	3070	4893	2602	384	2881	5959
5	1979	360	3140	4915	2602	384	2881	5952
4	1979	360	3140	4937	2622	384	2937	6008
3	2223	360	3140	4961	2582	384	3039	5970
2	2873	360	4720	5176	2567	384	3956	6163
1	3321	360	4720	5426	2497	384	3303	6350

method	I	II			III	IVa	IVb
number of mass story	33	17	11	8	5	30	29
33	33	17	11	8	5	30	29
32	32	16				29	28
31	31						27
30	30	15	10			28	26
29	29						25
28	28	14		7		27	24
27	27		9		4		23
26	26	13				26	22
25	25					25	21
24	24	12	8	6		24	20
23	23					23	19
22	22	11				22	18
21	21		7		3	21	17
20	20	10		5		20	16
19	19					19	15
18	18	9	6			18	14
17	17					17	
16	16	8		4		16	13
15	15		5			15	
14	14	7			2	14	12
13	13					13	
12	12	6	4	3		12	11
11	11					11	
10	10	5				10	10
9	9		3			9	9
8	8	4		2		8	8
7	7				1	7	7
6	6	3	2			6	6
5	5					5	5
4	4	2		1		4	4
3	3		1			3	3
2	2	1				2	2
1	1					1	1

number of mass mode	33	17	11	8	5	30	29
natural period	1 3.73	3.79	3.86	3.94	3.76	3.75	3.75
sec.	2 1.38	1.40	1.45	1.50	1.43	1.40	1.38
	3 0.83	0.85	0.88	0.83	0.94	0.84	0.83
damping ratio	1 0.050	0.050	0.048	0.048	0.050	0.050	0.050
h	2 0.137	0.134	0.130	0.125	0.131	0.134	0.137
	3 0.227	0.223	0.214	0.203	0.200	0.226	0.229
amplification	1 1.35	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34
	2 -0.53	-0.52	-0.51	-0.49	-0.50	-0.52	-0.52
	3 0.30	0.29	0.27	0.21	0.23	0.28	0.31

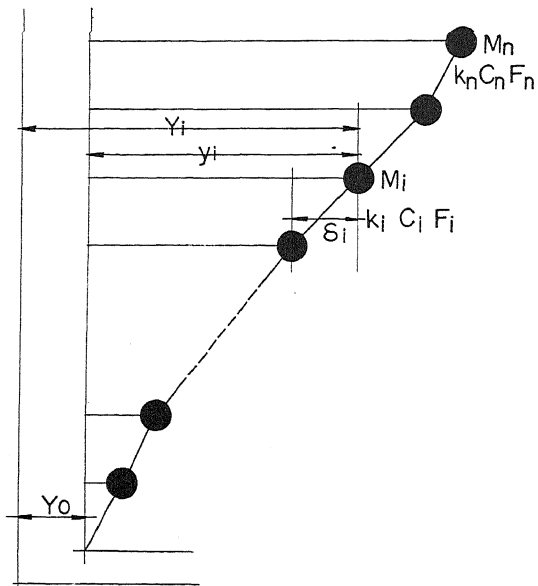


FIG. 1

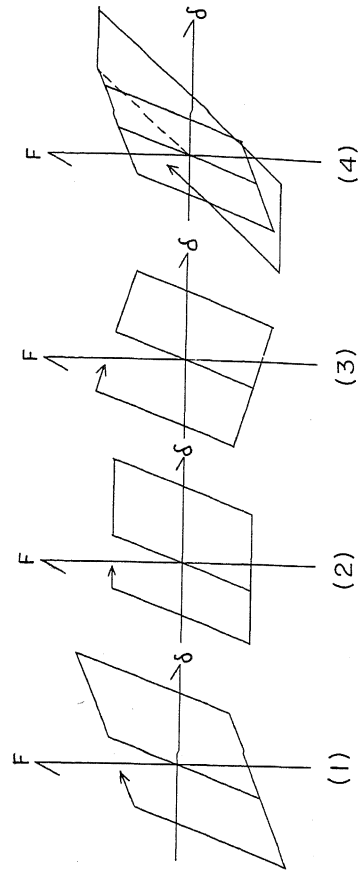


FIG. 2

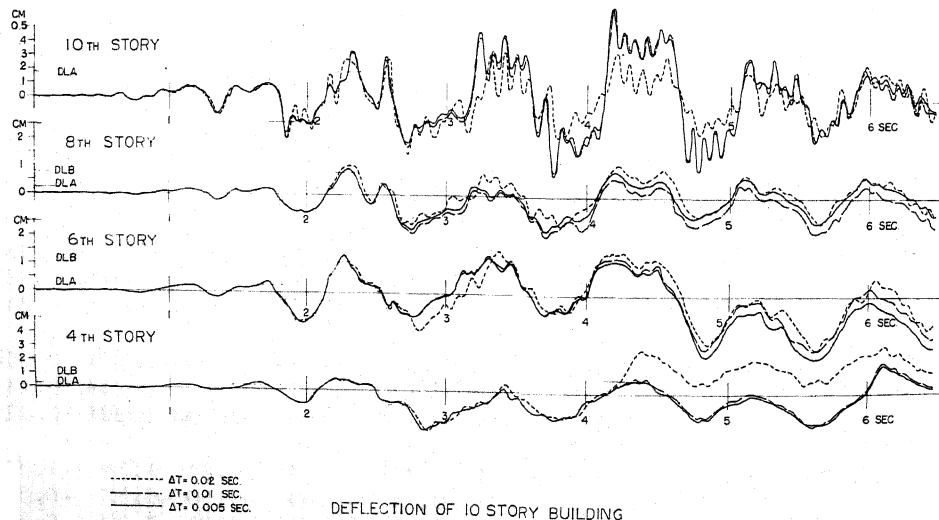


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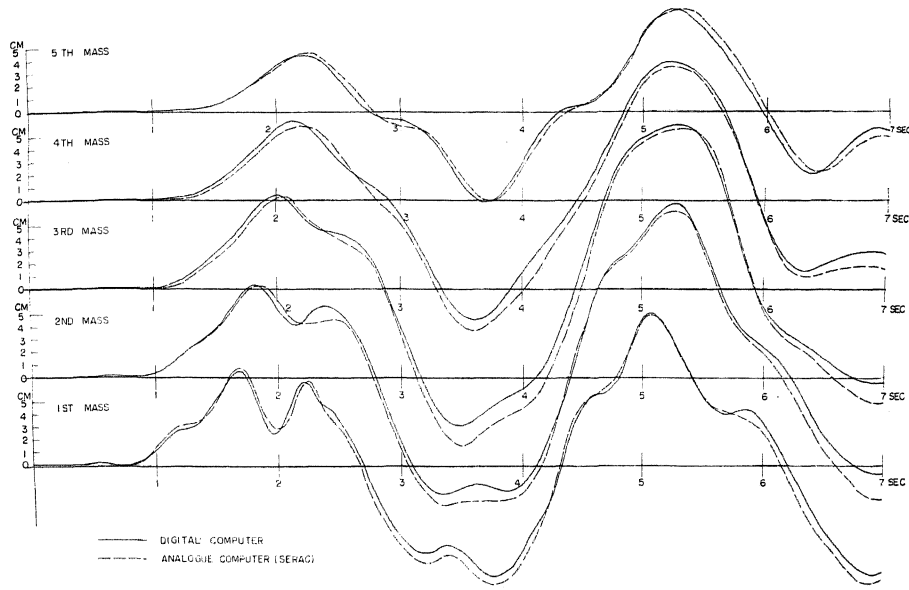


FIG. 4 DEFLECTION OF 33 STORY BUILDING  
5 MASS E-CENTRO 1940 NS

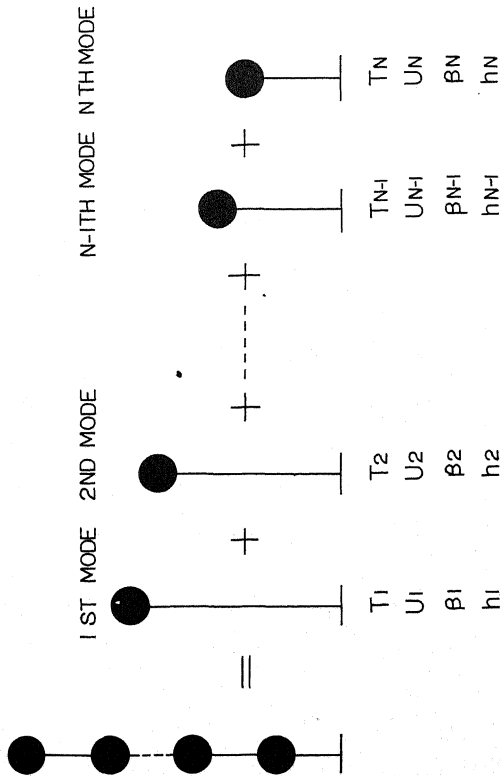


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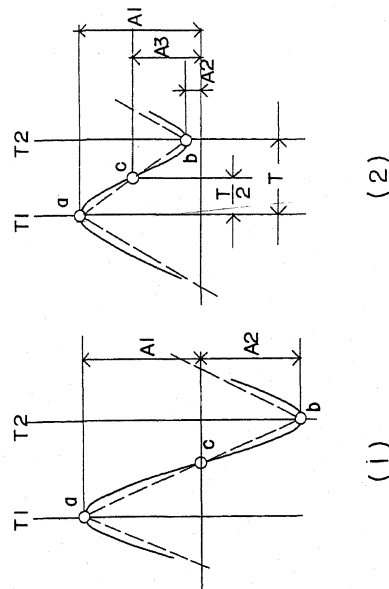
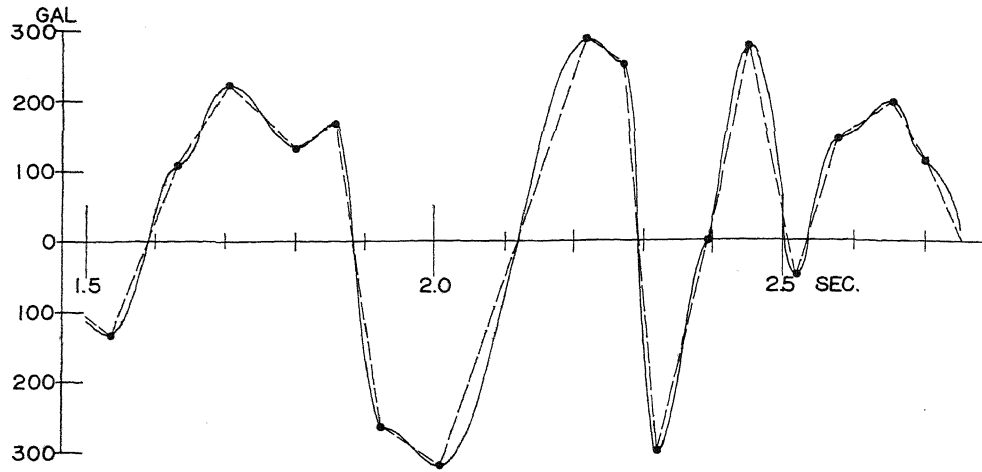
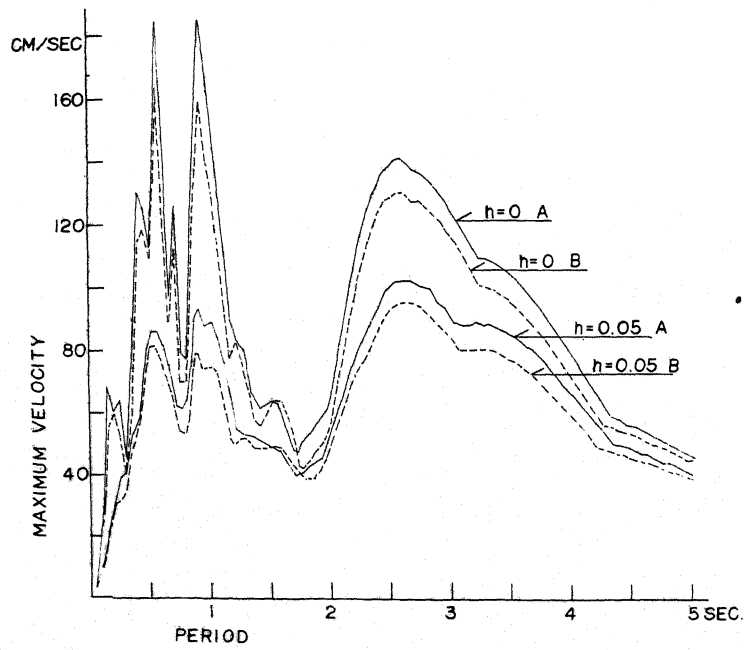


FIG. 6



EL CENTRO 1940 NS  
FIG. 7



RESPONSE SPECTRUM  
EL CENTRO 1940 NS  
FIG. 8

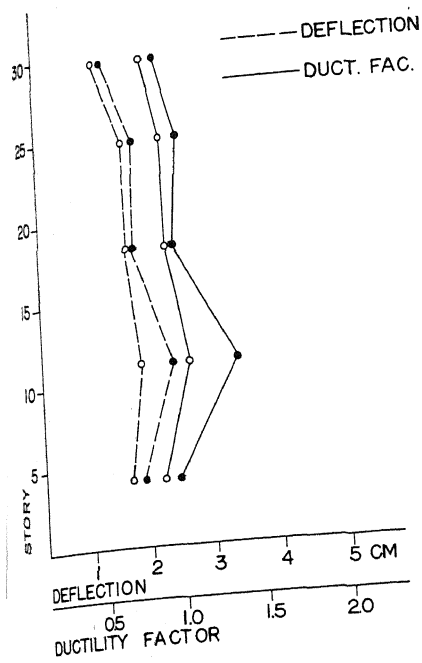


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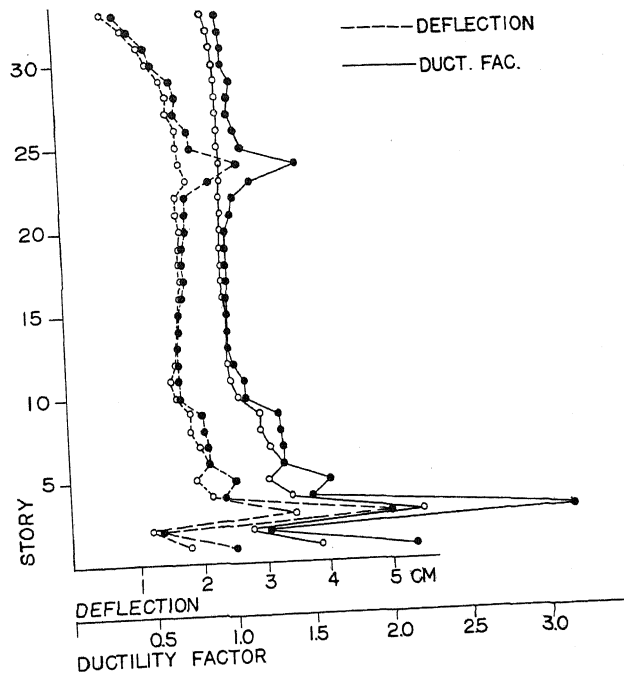


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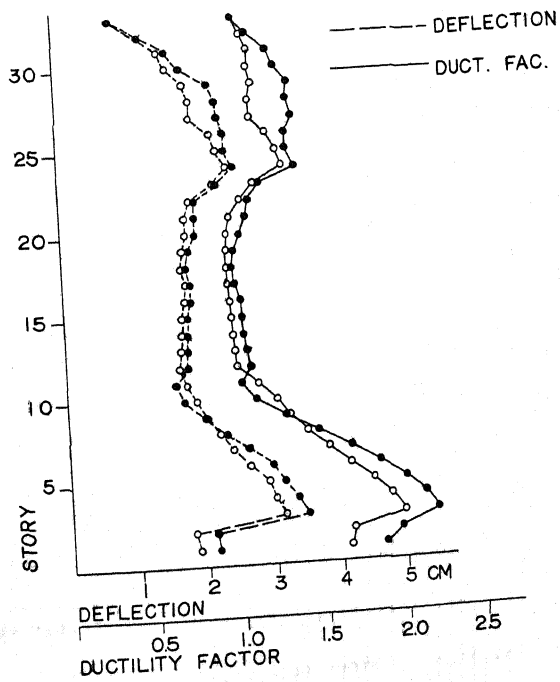
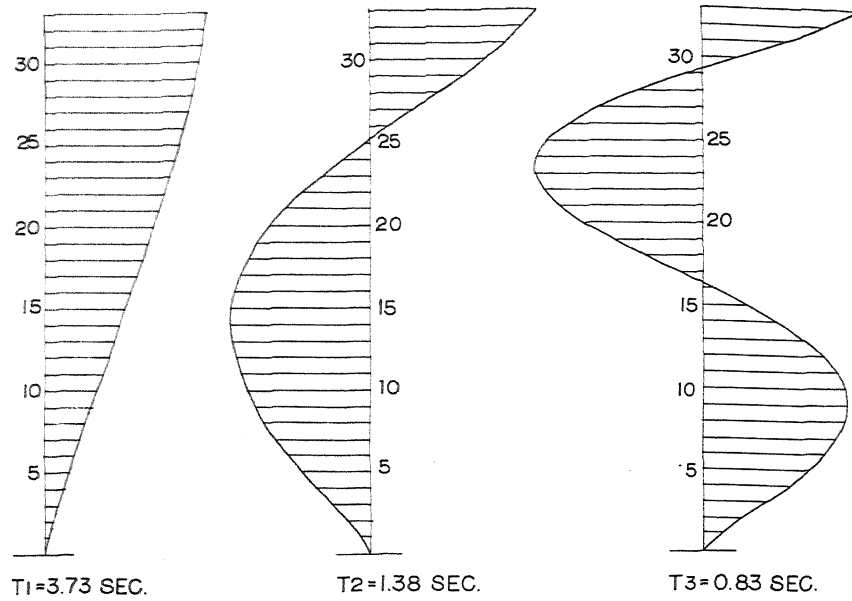
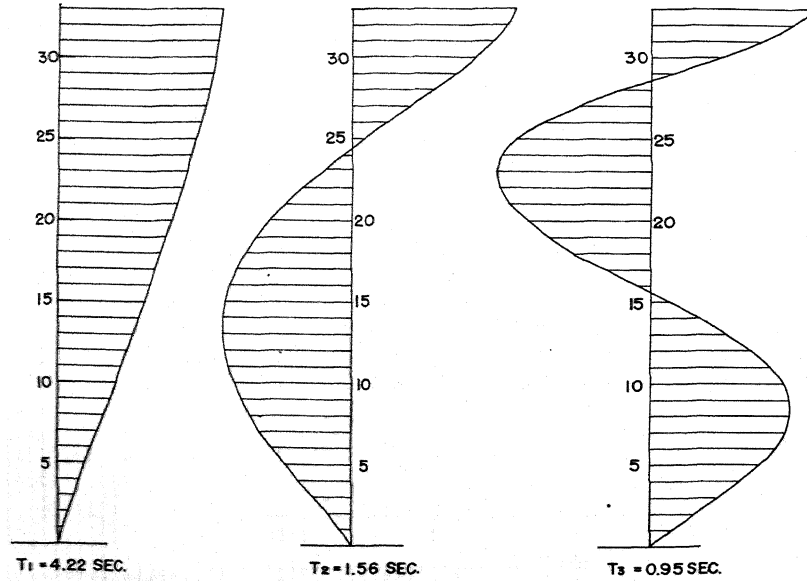


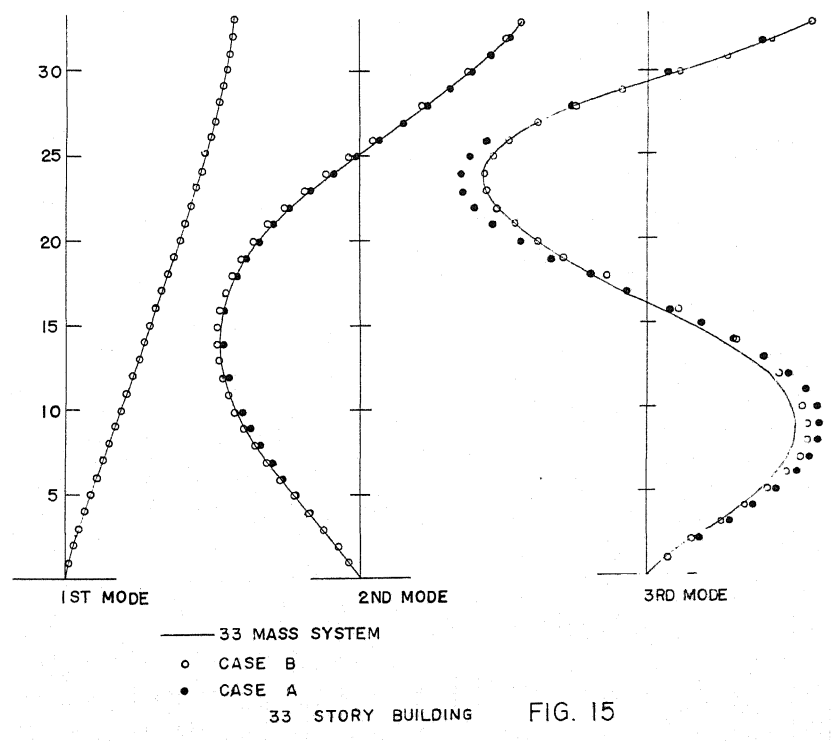
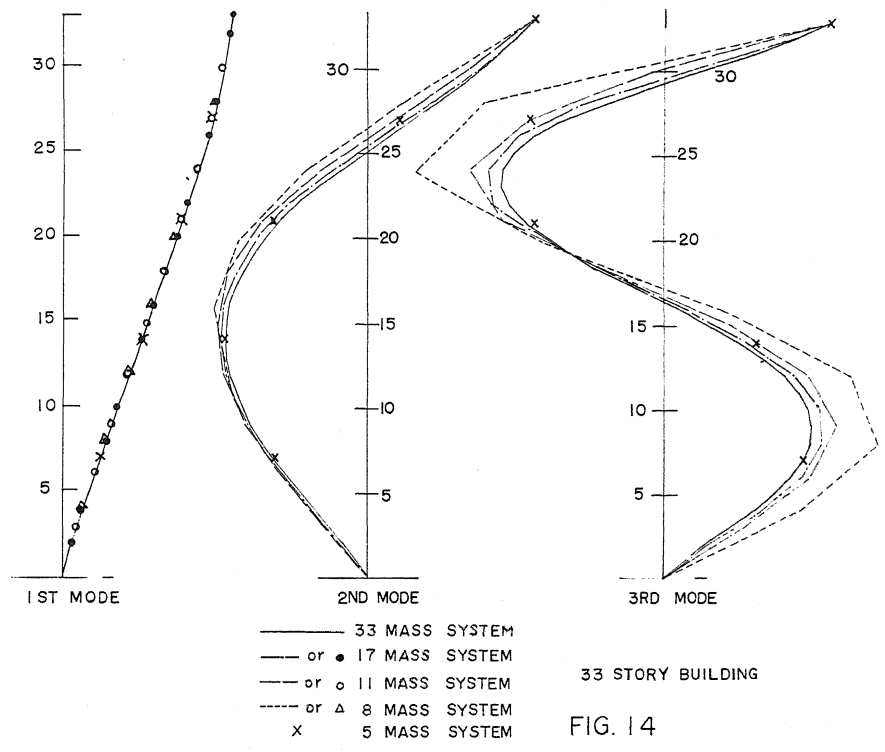
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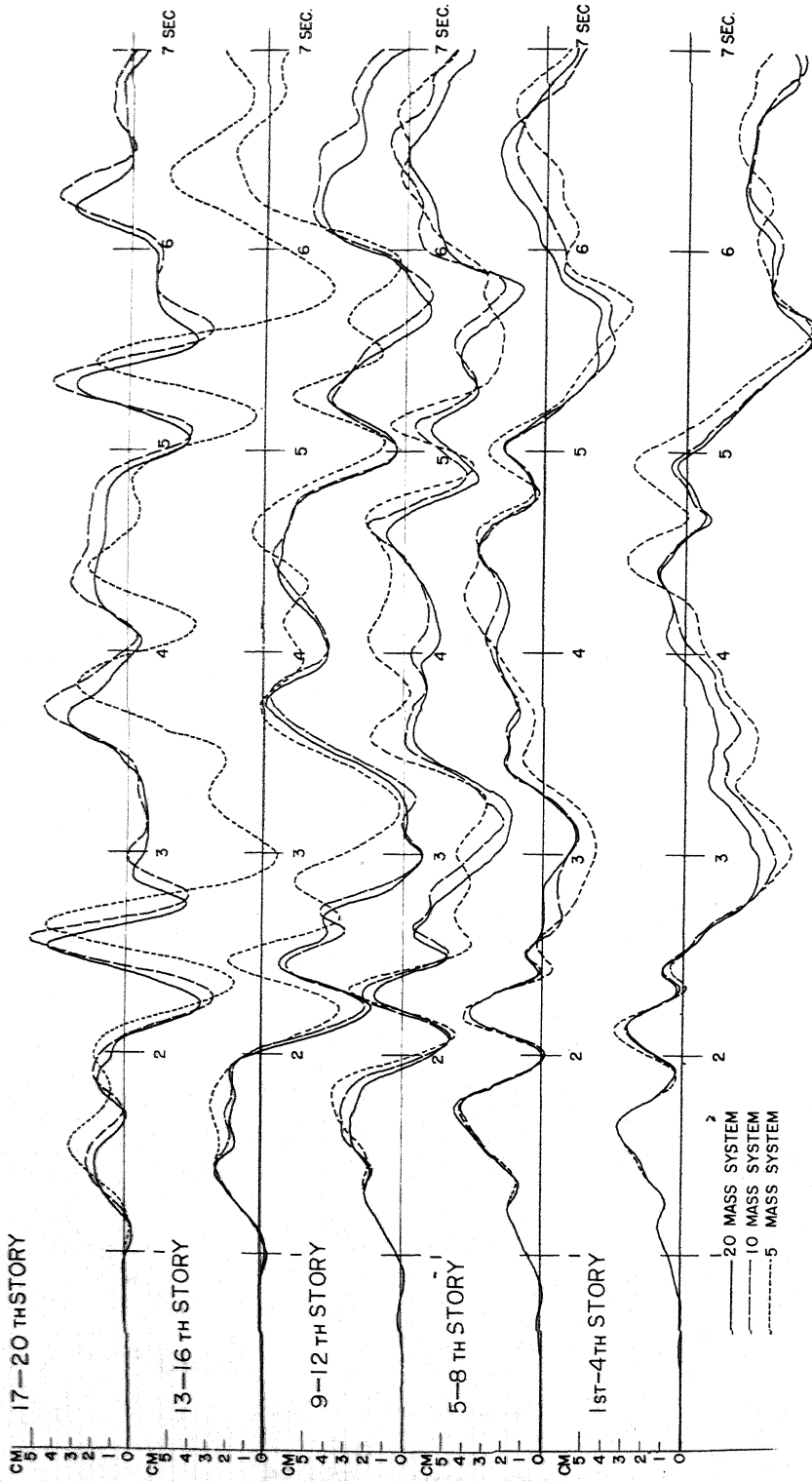


MODE OF 33 STORY BUILDING  
FIG. 12



MODE OF 33 STORY BUILDING  
FIG. 13





DEFLECTION OF 20 STORY BUILDING  
EL CENTRO 1940 NS

FIG. 16

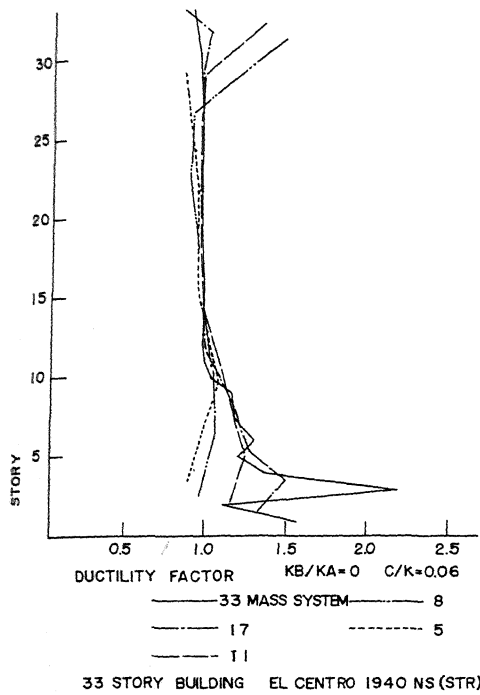


FIG. 17

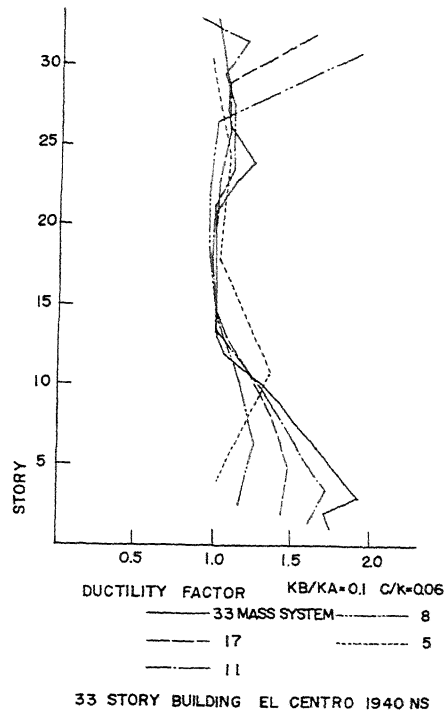


FIG. 18

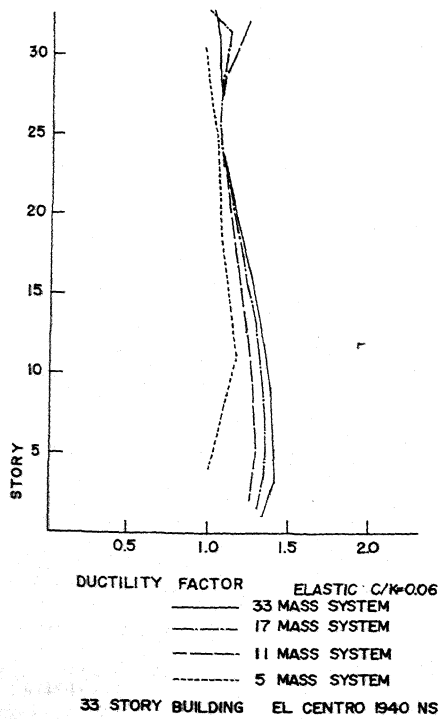


FIG. 19

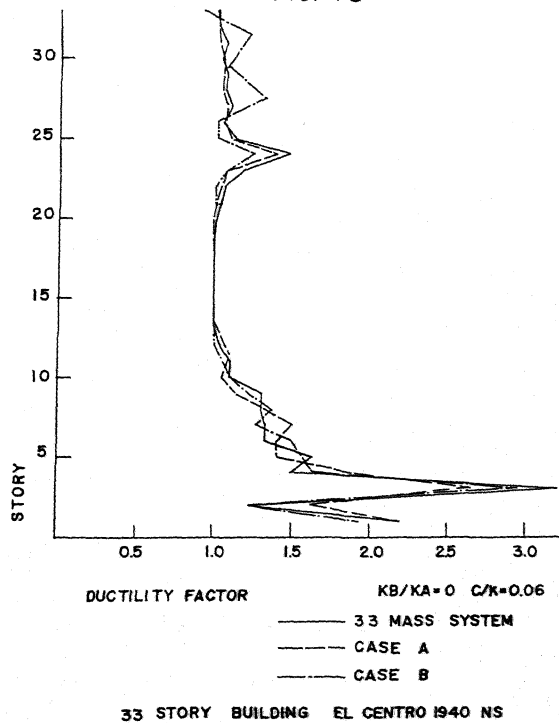
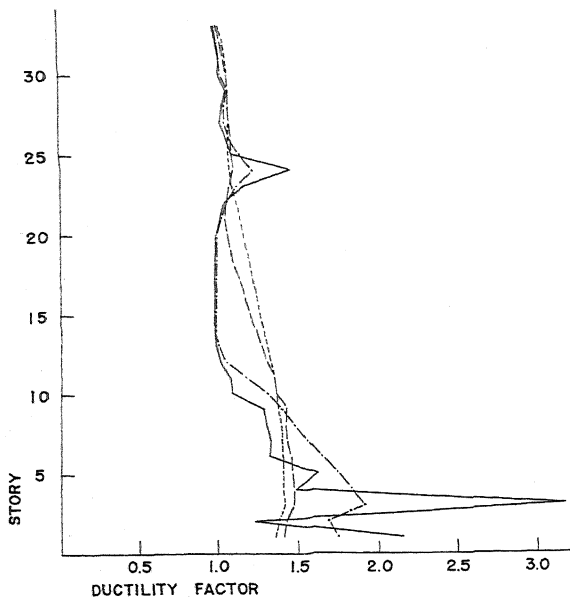
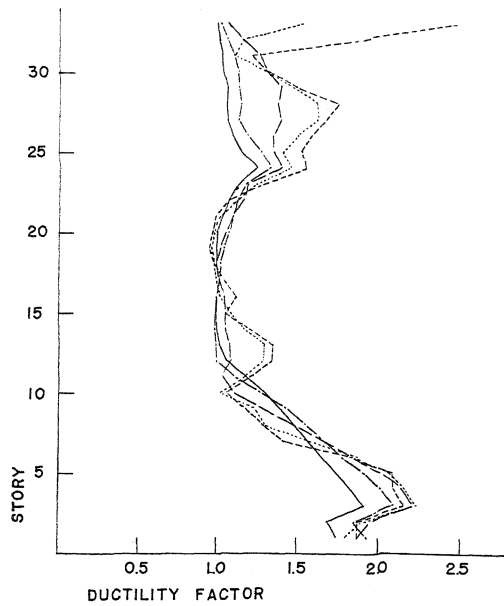


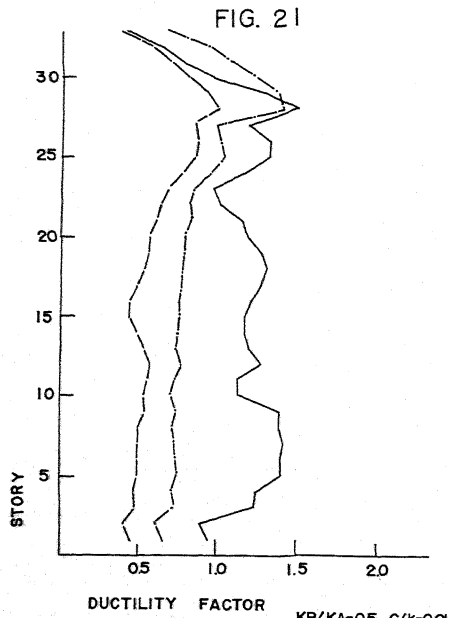
FIG. 20



———  $KB/KA=0$     - - - - 0.5  
 - - - - 0.1    - - - - 1.0  
 33 STORY BUILDING    EL CENTRO 1940 NS

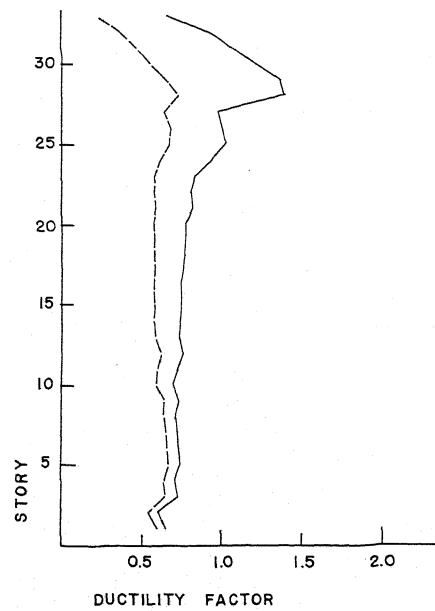


———  $C/k=0.06$     - - - - 0.01  
 - - - - 0.04    - - - - 0.005  
 - - - - 0.02  
 33 STORY BUILDING    EL CENTRO 1940 NS



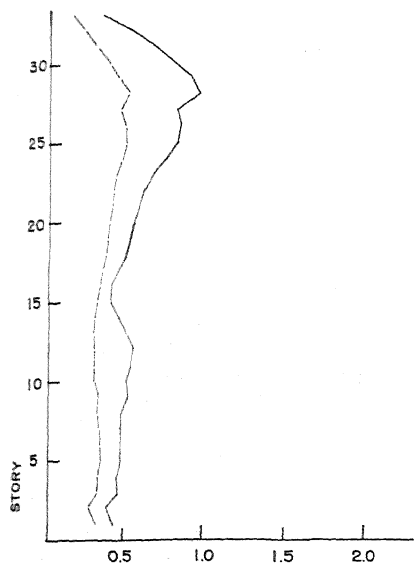
———  $KB/KA=0.5$      $C/k=0.01$   
 ——— EL CENTRO 1940 NS  
 ——— TAFT 1952 EW  
 ——— OLYMPIA 1949 NS  
 MAX. ACCELERATION 0.325g  
 33 STORY BUILDING

FIG. 23

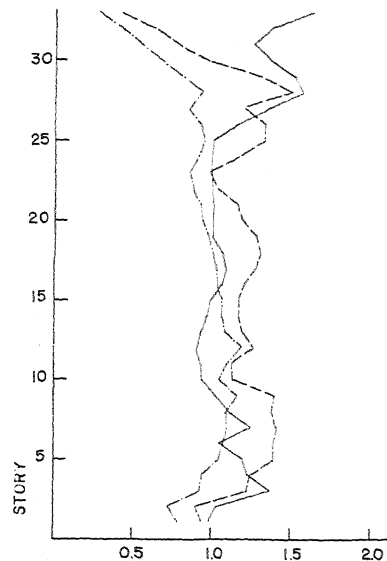


———  $KB/KA=0.5$      $C/k=0.01$   
 - - - - 0.5    0.06  
 33 STORY BUILDING    TAFT 1952 EW  
 MAX. ACC.=0.325g

FIG. 24



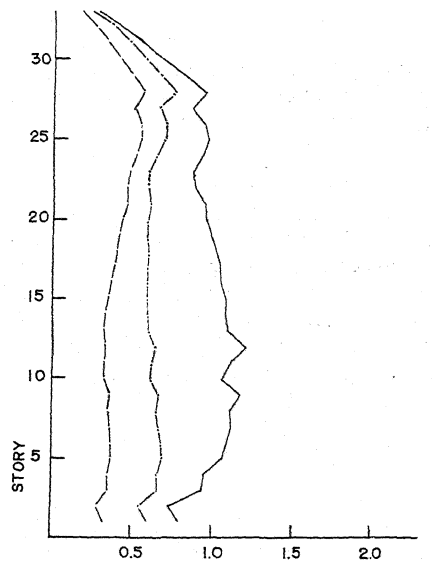
DUCTILITY FACTOR  
 ———— KB/KA=0.5 C/k=0.01  
 - - - - - 0.5 0.06  
 33 STORY BUILDING OLYMPIA 1949 NS  
 MAX. ACC.=0.325g



DUCTILITY FACTOR  
 ———— KB/KA=0.1 C/k=0.01  
 - - - - - 0.5 0.01  
 - - - - - 0.5 0.06  
 33 STORY BUILDING EL CENTRO 1940 NS

FIG. 25

FIG. 26



DUCTILITY FACTOR KB/KA=0.5 C/k=0.06  
 ———— EL CENTRO 1940 NS  
 - - - - - TAFT 1952 EW  
 - · - · - OLYMPIA 1949 NS  
 MAX. ACCELERATION 0.325g  
 33 STORY BUILDING

FIG. 27

THE DEFLECTION OF TALL BUILDING DUE TO EARTHQUAKE  
BY H. KOBAYASHI

QUESTION BY:            K.L. BENUSKA - U.S.A.

In Fig 22, you show the resulting ductility factors with the varying damping coefficient. There is an irregularity in the sense that as you increase the damping coefficient you have crossover parts. In some stories you are increasing the ductility requirements and some decreasing. It is not a regular decrease. Could you comment on what the graph of regular story displacement would look like without making the correction to get ductility. Would it also be an irregular type of variation? It is my understanding that your definition of yield displacement varies as you go up the structure. Is that correct? i.e. If you increase damping does the sideways response decrease in a uniform manner or does it also exhibit a rather erratic response. If you had recorded displacement rather than ductility factor would the curves have decreased with increased damping in a more regular manner than the story ductility factor did?

AUTHOR'S REPLY:

You asked me to comment on the graphs of relative storey displacement, however, these graphs have similar trends to Fig. 22. I suppose you are concerned with elastic problems. In elasto-plastic problems, it is often shown that, if the lower part of the building reaches yield, seismic effects are not propagated to the upper part of the structure.

QUESTION BY:

R.W. CLOUGH - U.S.A.

You made a comment that you tried two different methods of interpolation of the given accelerogram data. One of these was a sine curve interpolation. Could you explain what you did in this type of interpolation? Are you introducing zero slope corrections at the intermediate points in Fig 6? For instance, does your 2nd point from the left on the graph have zero slope at that point?

AUTHOR'S REPLY: In Fig. 6 a and b accelerogram data are given.  
Acceleration is given by the following expressions.

From a to c; case (1):  $ACC = A1 \cdot \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{t-T1}{Tc-T1} \right)$

case (2):  $ACC = A3 + (A1-A2) \cdot \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{t-T1}{T/2} \right)$

From c to b; case (1):  $ACC = A2 \cdot \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{t-Tc}{T2-Tc} \right)$

case (2):  $ACC = A3 + (A1-A2) \cdot \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{t-T1}{T/2} \right)$

Tc: Time at c            t; Time