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## Vertical Seismic Load on a Long-span Steel Truss

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### Abstract.

The horizontal component of the seismic acceleration of the foundation during determining the seismic load according to the standard methodology for all types of buildings and their structural elements, is considered. The vertical seismic load calculation is required for certain types of structures. These include the steel beam truss considered in this paper, with spans ranging from 24 m to 40 m. The paper considers a simplified method for determining the dynamic characteristics required to determine the seismic load on the mentioned structure, taking into account the influence of supporting structures. To do this, the approach of reducing a truss to a beam with equivalent stiffness on elastic supports is used. The calculation model also makes it possible to take into

account the influence of the considered structure on the supports.

**Keywords:** elastic support; fundamental mode; trussed beam.

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### Introduction

The significance of taking into consideration the vertical component of seismic impact on buildings as on a whole and/or on its individual structural elements is clearly indicated by the consequences of strong earthquakes [1]. Buildings located in epicenter zones and/or certain types of structural elements - consoles, large-span structures, etc. are especially vulnerable to the noted type of impact. Accordingly, consideration of vertical seismic load for certain types of structures is a mandatory requirement of all applicable seismic

construction standards [2,3,4]. Almost for all mentioned codes, the large-span structures belong to such types of structures – difference only the span value. The standard vertical seismic load is also defined as horizontal – the same principles and formulas, the difference in the values of separate coefficients.

### Main Part

Determination and analysis of dynamic characteristics in general and in compliance with the mentioned structures is the main stage in solving the problem of their vibrations and seismic resistance. To solve these problems, numerical technique (represented by specialist software application) and/or analytical methods are used. Significant in the selection are purposes of

solvable problem, required accuracy and efficiency for engineering practice. The use of an analytical solution characterized by maximum simplicity, required accuracy and possibility of obtaining two-way estimate is most acceptable for design and engineering practice. It is necessary to obtain preliminary result. This approach is used in this work.

Considered vertical seismic vibrations of a large-span plane steel trussed beam of the covering of single-storey building to determine the seismic load on it, according to the standard method. Unlike the latter, we will consider the influence of adjacent [3] support structures on the dynamic characteristics of the truss, respectively, on the value of the seismic load.

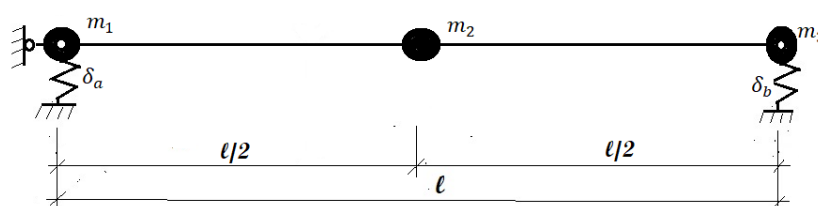


Fig.1 Three-mass beam on elastic supports

To solve the problem, we will proceed from the approach of reduction the truss to a beam with equivalent rigidity. Vibrations of trussed beam with the mentioned approach are considered in works [5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14]. This approach and its various modifications are justified in them [5,6,7,8,9,10,11]: considered and justified the possibility of expanding the method to determine higher frequencies [12]; considered simplification of the computer models [13]; considered the influence of static loading of support

structures by introduction the equivalent stiffness of elastic supports [14].

The proposed solution takes into account the influence of the compliance of the supporting structures on the values of the desired dynamic characteristics. The need for such an approach is due to: asymmetric oscillations of supports of coating structure relative to horizontal axis caused by different static and dynamic effect of loading of structural elements in vertical direction, irregularity of supporting structures [15].

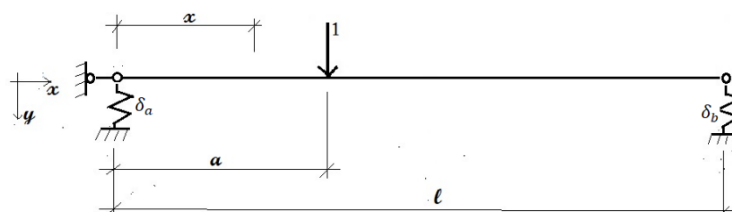


Fig.2 Applied of unit force

Consider a large-span beam truss with irregular supports, i.e. with supports having different compliance [16,17]. The calculation model for determining the fundamental frequency of the system is represented as a three-mass beam on elastic supports (Fig. 1). Half of the total mass transferred to the truss is concentrated in the middle, and the remaining half is evenly redistributed concentrated on the two elastic supports. Thus, the above-mentioned features characterizing the vertical seismic vibrations of the structure are taken into account.

To determine the displacement from a single loading applied alternately on the supports and in the middle of the span (points of mass concentration), we use the equation [17]:

$$6EIy(x) = R_x a^3 + \Gamma_x (a - x)^3 + (C_x + \Delta_x) a + \Delta_b \quad (1)$$

where  $R_x = -\left(1 - \frac{x}{l}\right)$ ;  $C_x = -\frac{1}{l}(3x^2l - 2xl^2 - x^3)$ ;  $\Delta_a = \frac{6EI}{l}(\delta_a R_x + \delta_b \frac{x}{l})$ ;  $\Delta_b = -3EI\delta_a$ ,  $\Gamma_x$  functional interrupter that has the following properties:  $\Gamma_x = 0$  when  $a < x$ ;  $\Gamma_x = 1$  when  $a > x$ ,  $\delta_a$  and  $\delta_b$  compliance of elastic supports,  $x$  and  $a$  are, respectively, the coordinates of the points of the desired unit displacements and concentrated masses.

When a unit force is applied alternately at the points  $a = 0$ ;  $a = l/2$ ;  $a = l$  (Fig.2), after appropriate transformations for the compliance matrix we obtain:

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \delta_{11} & \delta_{12} & \delta_{13} \\ \delta_{21} & \delta_{22} & \delta_{23} \\ \delta_{31} & \delta_{32} & \delta_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \delta_a & \frac{1}{2}\delta_a & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}\delta_a & \frac{l^3}{48EI} + \frac{\delta_a + \delta_b}{4} & \frac{1}{2}\delta_b \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2}\delta_b & \delta_b \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Determinant of the canonical equations of dynamic displacements of the considered system

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} (m_1\delta_{11}\omega_i^2 - 1) & m_2\delta_{12}\omega_i^2 & m_3\delta_{13}\omega_i^2 \\ m_1\delta_{21}\omega_i^2 & (m_2\delta_{22}\omega_i^2 - 1) & m_3\delta_{23}\omega_i^2 \\ m_1\delta_{31}\omega_i^2 & m_2\delta_{32}\omega_i^2 & (m_3\delta_{33}\omega_i^2 - 1) \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad (3)$$

is more convenient to reveal develop in numbers.

Determining the values of unit displacements (2), taking as geometric and inertial characteristics of the system the following values  $l = 24m$ ,  $I = 0,8 \cdot 10^{-2}m^4$ ,  $m_1 = m_3 = 3,5 \cdot 10^3kg$ ,  $m_2 = 7,0 \cdot 10^3kg$ ,  $\delta_a = 0,04 \cdot 10^{-7}m/n$ ,  $\delta_b = 0,8 \cdot 10^{-7}m/n$  and entering the label  $k_i = 1/(m/4)\omega_i^2$ , for the determinant (3) we obtain

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - k_i & 1 & 0 \\ 0,5 & 96 - k_i & 10 \\ 0 & 20 & 20 - k_i \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad (4)$$

reveal develop (4) in numbers, we obtain in expanded form

$$k_i^3 - 124k_i^2 + 238,5k_i - 2310 = 0$$

The roots of this equation are  $k_1 = 98,551$ ;  $k_2 = 17,455$ ;  $k_3 = 0,994$ .

According to the entered label  $k = 1/(m/4)\omega_i^2$  for the frequencies of free oscillations we will have  $\omega_1 = 26,92rad/sec$ ;  $\omega_2 = 64,55rad/sec$ ;  $\omega_3 = 316,23rad/sec$  which correspond to the values of the periods  $T_1 = 0,233sec$ ;  $T_2 = 0,097sec$ ;  $T_3 = 0,019sec$ .

Using the found frequencies, the fundamental modes are determined using the equation

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (1 - k_i) + 1\rho_{21} + 0\rho_{31} &= 0 \\ 0,5 + (96 - k_i)\rho_{22} + 10\rho_{32} &= 0 \\ 0 + 20\rho_{23} + (20 - k_i)\rho_{33} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

by discarding one excess equation and considering that  $\rho_{ni} = y_{ni}/y_{1i}$ . That said, all  $\rho_{1i} = 1$ .

Similarly determine the dynamic characteristics for the considered type of structure at different values and ratios of their geometric and inertial characteristics.

### Conclusion

The vertical seismic loads determined by the standard method using the values of the first fundamental mode of oscillations allows us to take into account both the effect of the supports on the structure and the effect of the structure itself on the supports expressed in the appearance of additional forces in the supporting structures.

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