

Plate Buckling

ref. Hughes Chapter 12

Buckling of a plate simply supported on loaded edges treated as a wide column results in similar Euler stress, with EI replaced by $D^*(b)$:

dividing by area ($b \cdot t$):

$$P_e := \frac{\pi^2 \cdot D \cdot b}{a^2} \quad \sigma_e := \frac{\pi^2 \cdot D}{a^2 \cdot t} \quad D := \frac{E \cdot t^3}{12 \cdot (1 - \nu^2)} \quad \text{eqn 9.1.5, 1/b implied}$$

Buckling of a simply supported plate. i.e. simply supported on all four sides

deflected shape is represented by sine waves in x and y:

$$w(x, y) := \sum_m \sum_n C_{m,n} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{m \cdot \pi \cdot x}{a}\right) \cdot \sin\left(\frac{n \cdot \pi \cdot y}{b}\right) \quad \text{m and n are the number of half waves in deflection eqn 12.1.3}$$

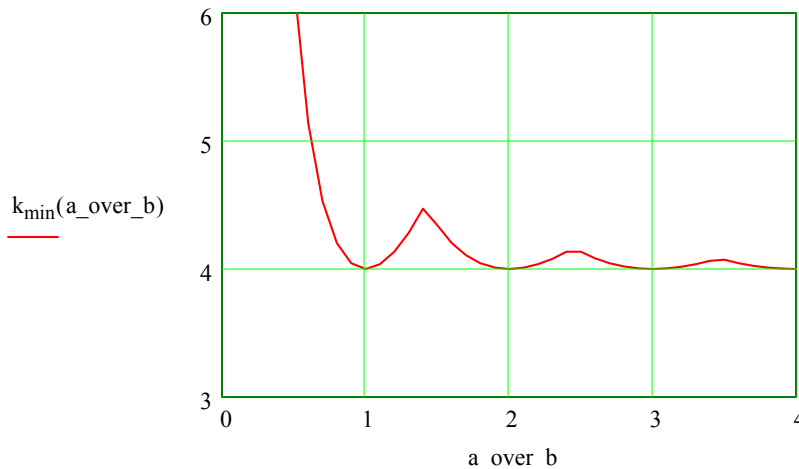
$$\sigma_{acr} := \frac{\pi^2 \cdot a^2 \cdot D \cdot \left(\frac{m^2}{a^2} + \frac{n^2}{b^2}\right)^2}{t \cdot m^2} \quad \text{argument in text for minimum stress can specify } n = 1, \text{ but } m \text{ not clear}$$

$$\sigma_{acr} := k \cdot \frac{\pi^2 \cdot D}{b^2 \cdot t} \quad \text{with } n = 1, \text{ can express in form where } k \text{ is buckling coefficient in equation eqn 12.1.5}$$

N.B. shift to plate width b in denominator

$$m := 1..2 \quad n := 1..2 \quad a_over_b := 0.5, 0.6..4 \quad k(a_over_b, m) := \left(\frac{m}{a_over_b} + \frac{a_over_b}{m}\right)^2 \quad \text{eqn 12.1.6}$$

$$k_{min}(a_over_b) := \min \left(\begin{array}{l} k(a_over_b, 1) \\ k(a_over_b, 2) \\ k(a_over_b, 3) \\ k(a_over_b, 4) \end{array} \right)$$



therefore for long plates, simply supported on loaded ends $k = 4$

$$\sigma_{acr} := 4 \cdot \frac{\pi^2 \cdot D}{b^2 \cdot t}$$

very wide i.e. $a/b \rightarrow 0$, approaches Euler

$$\sigma_{acr}(a_over_b) := k_{min}(a_over_b) \cdot \frac{\pi^2 \cdot D}{b^2 \cdot t}$$

as $a \ll b$

$$k \rightarrow \left(\frac{b}{a} + \frac{a}{b}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{b^2 + a^2}{a \cdot b}\right)^2 \rightarrow \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2$$

a square column meets these boundary conditions hence will buckle with each edge forming half sine wave

deflection in half sine waves approaching square for large a/b; long plate loaded on end simply supported on all sides

Plate loaded on all four sides; σ_{ax} in a direction, σ_{ay} in b direction

Again taking two half wave sine series using energy methods, results in combination expression for both stresses, again taking minimum of straight lines from:

$$\left[\left(\frac{m}{\alpha}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{\sigma_{ax}}{\sigma_{axcr1}} + n^2 \cdot \frac{\sigma_{ay}}{\sigma_{axcr1}} \right] = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \left[\left(\frac{m}{\alpha}\right)^2 + n^2 \right]^2$$

$$\sigma_{acr} := 4 \cdot \frac{\pi^2 \cdot D}{b^2 \cdot t} \quad \text{critical stress with only } \sigma_{ax}$$

$$\sigma_{axcr1} := \sigma_{acr}$$

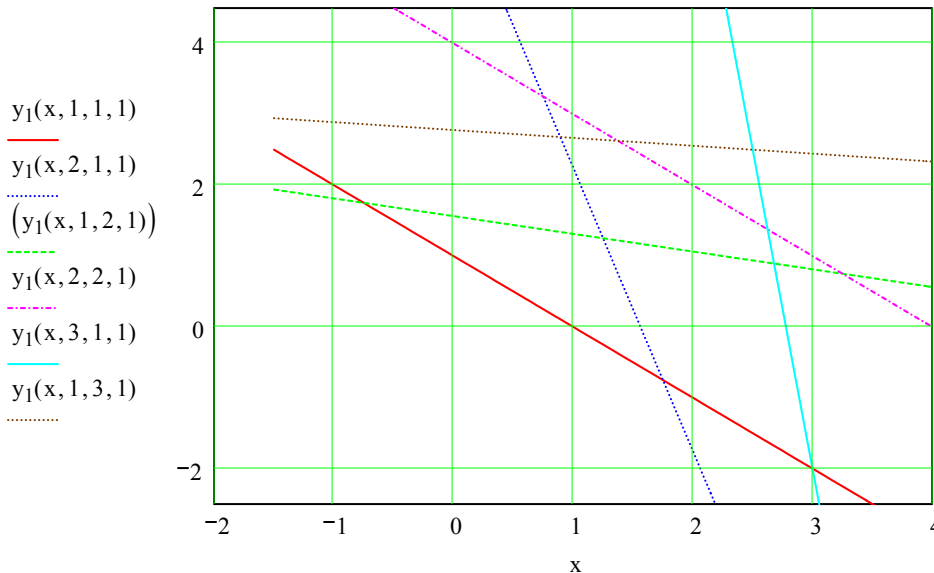
$$y(m, n, \alpha) := \frac{\sigma_{ay}}{\sigma_{axcr1}} \quad x(m, n, \alpha) := \frac{\sigma_{ax}}{\sigma_{axcr1}} \quad \alpha := \frac{a}{b}$$

$$y_1(x, m, n, \alpha) := \frac{1}{4 \cdot n^2} \cdot \left[\left(\frac{m}{\alpha}\right)^2 + n^2 \right]^2 - \left(\frac{m}{n \cdot \alpha}\right)^2 \cdot x$$

x := -1.5, -1.45 .. 4

fig 9.5 in T&G

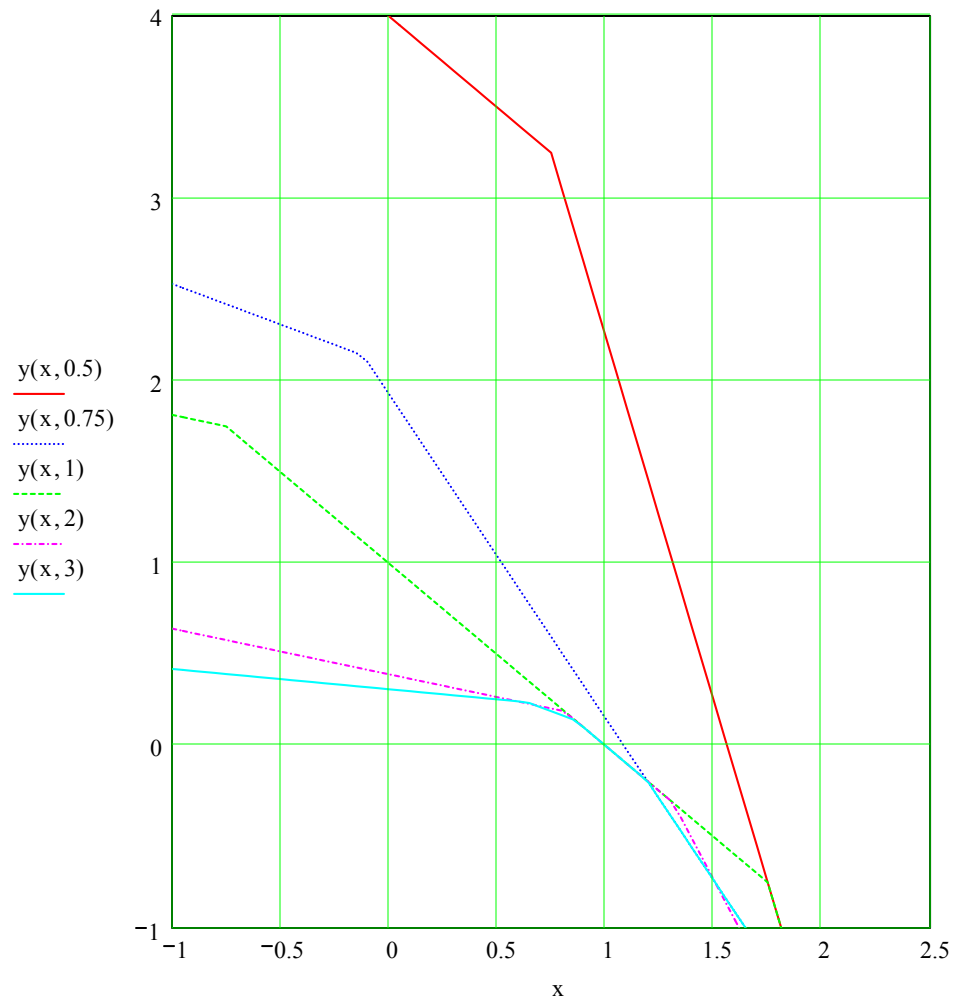
$y_1(x, m, n, \alpha), y_1(x, m, n, \alpha), (y_1(x, m, n, \alpha)), y_1(x, m, n, \alpha), y_1(x, m, n, \alpha), y_1(x, m, n, \alpha)$



Buckling stresses of biaxially loaded simply supported plates only taking $m=n=4$ terms. Effect of higher terms would be seen in lower right corner asymptote.

$x := -1, -0.95 \dots 2.5$

$$y(x, \alpha) := \min \left(\begin{array}{l} \left(y_1(x, 1, 1, \alpha) \quad y_1(x, 1, 2, \alpha) \quad y_1(x, 1, 3, \alpha) \quad y_1(x, 1, 4, \alpha) \right) \\ \left(y_1(x, 2, 1, \alpha) \quad y_1(x, 2, 2, \alpha) \quad y_1(x, 2, 3, \alpha) \quad y_1(x, 2, 4, \alpha) \right) \\ \left(y_1(x, 3, 1, \alpha) \quad y_1(x, 3, 2, \alpha) \quad y_1(x, 3, 3, \alpha) \quad y_1(x, 3, 4, \alpha) \right) \\ \left(y_1(x, 4, 1, \alpha) \quad y_1(x, 4, 2, \alpha) \quad y_1(x, 4, 3, \alpha) \quad y_1(x, 4, 4, \alpha) \right) \end{array} \right)$$



Biaxial loading all edges clamped: σ_{ax} is relative to $\pi^2 \cdot D / (b^2 \cdot t)$

$$\sigma_{ax}(\alpha, \sigma_{ay_over_sigma_{ax}}) := \frac{4 \cdot \left(\frac{3}{\alpha^2} + 3 \cdot \alpha^2 + 2 \right)}{3 \cdot (1 + \alpha^2 \cdot \sigma_{ay_over_sigma_{ax}})} \quad \text{eqn 12.3.3 in T\&G form}$$

$$\sigma_{ax}(1, 0) = 10.667 \quad \sigma_{ax}(1, -2) = -10.667 \quad \text{tbl. 12-3} \quad \text{per T\&G good for shape close to square, data does not compare well with Hughes tbl. 12.3 or T\&G tbl 9-15}$$

$$\sigma_{ax}(1, 1) = 5.333 \quad \sigma_{ax}(1, 0.25) = 8.533 \quad 5.61, 8.80$$

plate buckling due to pure shear. simply supported on four sides: T&G article 9.7, page 379ff

$$\tau_{cr} := \frac{-\pi^2}{32 \cdot \beta} \cdot \left(\frac{\pi^2 \cdot D}{b^2 \cdot h} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda} \quad \sigma_{ref} := \frac{\pi^2 \cdot D}{b^2 \cdot h} \quad h = \text{thickness} = t$$

from five equations

$$\beta := 1, 1.01 \dots 2 \quad \beta = a/b$$

$$\tau_{cr}(\beta) := \frac{-\pi^2}{32 \cdot \beta} \cdot \left(\frac{\pi^2 \cdot D}{b^2 \cdot h} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda(\beta)} \quad \lambda(\beta) := \sqrt{\frac{\beta^4}{81 \cdot (1 + \beta^2)^4} \left[1 + \frac{81}{625} + \frac{81}{25} \cdot \left(\frac{1 + \beta^2}{1 + 9 \cdot \beta^2} \right)^2 + \frac{81}{25} \cdot \left(\frac{1 + \beta^2}{9 + \beta^2} \right)^2 \right]}$$

k in $\tau_{cr} := k \cdot \frac{\pi^2 \cdot D}{b^2 \cdot h}$ becomes $k(\beta) := \frac{\pi^2}{32 \cdot \beta} \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda(\beta)}$ close for $\beta = < 2$, no good elsewhere

it's probably ok by T&G, for few equations

compare with simple curve fit $k_1(\beta) := 5.35 + \frac{4}{\beta^2}$

exact solution for very long plates $\beta = a/b \rightarrow \infty$ is $k = 5.35$. At $\beta = 1$ $k = 9.34$ exact.

$$\frac{k(1)}{9.34} - 1 = 0.0088 \quad \text{less than 1\% difference}$$

more complexity doesn't buy anything

$$k_2(b_over_a) := \frac{\pi^2 \cdot b_over_a}{32} \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda\left(\frac{1}{b_over_a}\right)}$$

$$k_{1a}(b_over_a) := 5.35 + 4 \cdot b_over_a^2$$

$b_over_a := 0.2, 0.3 \dots 1$

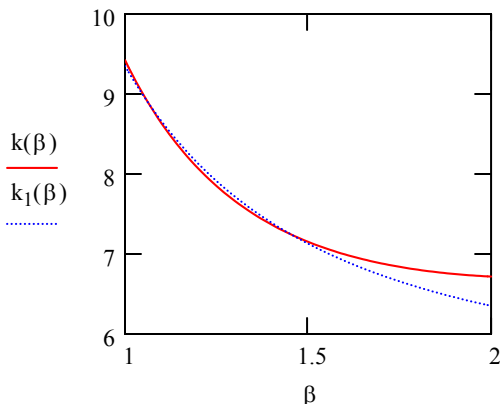
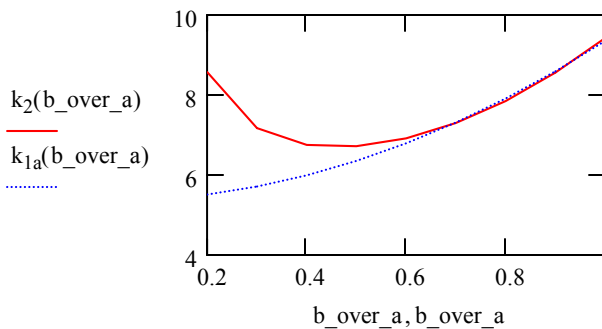
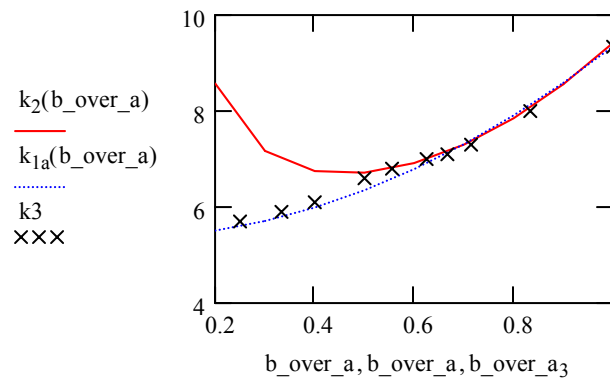


table 9-10 in T&G page 382; values of k in $\tau_{cr} := k \cdot \frac{\pi^2 \cdot D}{b^2 \cdot h}$ from the results of the solution by determinants = 0.

$$tbl_9_10 := \begin{pmatrix} 1.0 & 1.2 & 1.4 & 1.5 & 1.6 & 1.8 & 2.0 & 2.5 & 3 & 4 \\ 9.34 & 8.0 & 7.3 & 7.1 & 7.0 & 6.8 & 6.6 & 6.1 & 5.9 & 5.7 \end{pmatrix} i := 0..9$$

$$k3_i := tbl_9_10_{1,i} \quad b_over_a3_i := \left(\frac{1}{tbl_9_10_{0,i}} \right)$$



clamped on four sides critical shear stress

T & G only provides infinitely long value of $\tau_{cr} := 8.98 \cdot \frac{\pi^2 \cdot D}{b^2 \cdot h}$ and then plots combination

Interaction formula for combination of shear stress and axial load

from ref 10 (in AA library) when $a/b > 1$, problem is one of axial stress, and parabola is good model. When a/b is less than one, it is the equivalent of a transverse stress with shear. Parabola is not a good fit. Hence Hughes model based on a/b .

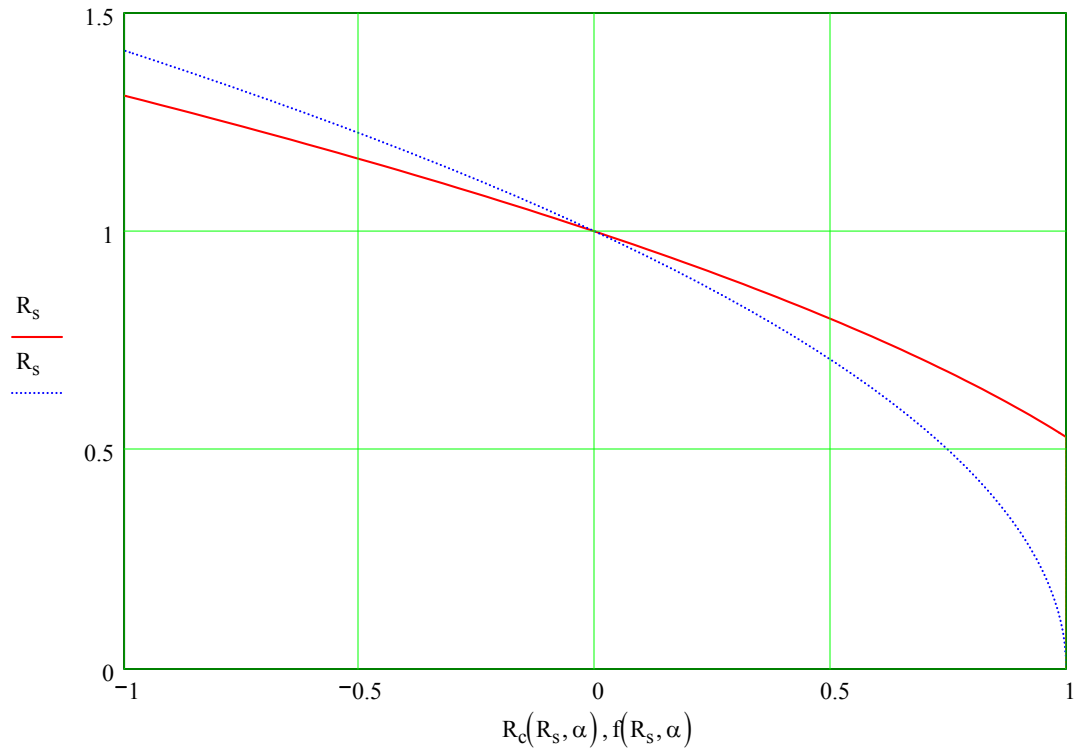
$$R_c(R_s, \alpha) := \text{if} \left[\alpha > 1, 1 - R_s^2, \text{if} \left[R_s^2 > \frac{3}{8} \cdot (1 - \alpha), \frac{1 - R_s^2}{(1 + 0.6 \cdot \alpha)} \cdot 1.6, 1 \right] \right] \quad \text{eqn 12.4.5}$$

$$R_s := 0, 0.01 \dots 1.5$$

$$f(R_s, \alpha) := 1 - R_s^2$$

$$\alpha := 0.25 \quad \text{looks a transverse stress with } a/b = 4.$$

since $\alpha < 1$, parabola doesn't fit well with $R_c(R_s, \alpha)$. Curve lays on top when $\alpha > 1$, (by definition).



Ultimate strength of plates:

$$\xi(\beta) := 1 + \frac{2.75}{\beta^2}$$

$$\beta := \frac{b}{t} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_Y}{E}}$$

$$Es_over_E(\beta) := 0.25 \cdot \left(2 + \xi(\beta) - \sqrt{\xi(\beta)^2 - \frac{10.4}{\beta^2}} \right) \quad 12.6.4$$

$\sigma_r_over_sigma_y := 0.0$ for curve in text: set this parameter to 0.1

$$\sigma_{au_over\sigma_y}(\beta) := 0.25 \cdot \left(2 - 4 \cdot \sigma_r_over_sigma_y + \xi(\beta) - \sqrt{\xi(\beta)^2 - \frac{10.4}{\beta^2}} \right) \quad 12.6.5 \text{ with reduction}$$

$\sigma_r_over_sigma_y = 0$

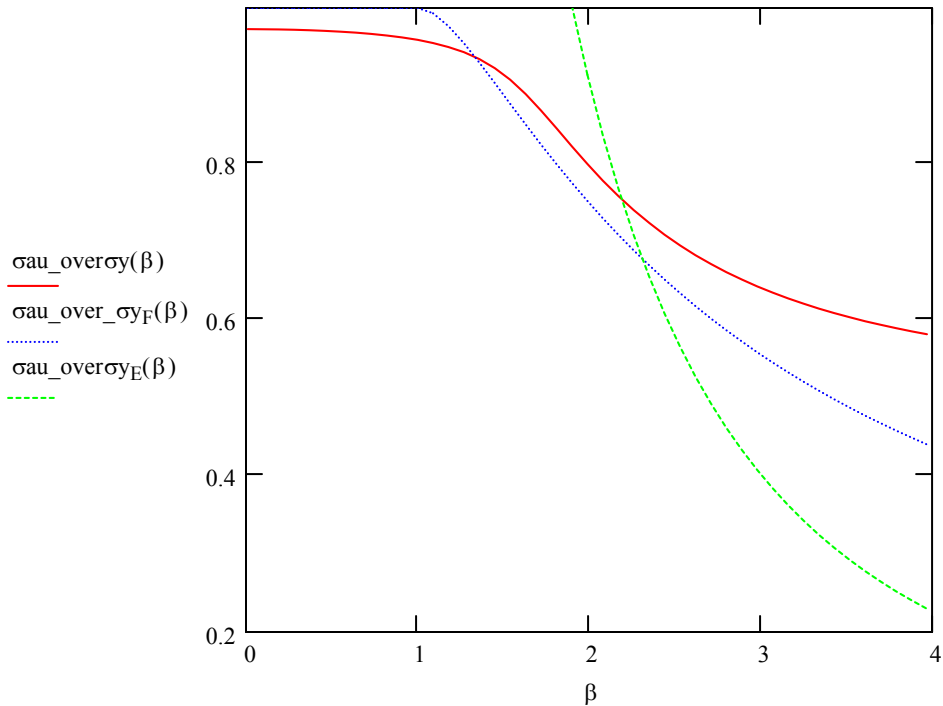
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$$\sigma_{au_over_sigma_{yF}}(\beta) := \text{if} \left(\beta < 1, 1, \frac{2}{\beta} - \frac{1}{\beta^2} \right)$$

$$Ets_over_E(\beta) := \text{if} \left[\beta < 1, 0, \text{if} \left[\beta > 2.5, 1, \frac{2 \cdot (\beta - 1)}{\beta} \right] \right] \text{to correct for residual stress}$$

$$\sigma_{au_over\sigma_{yE}}(\beta) := \frac{3.62}{\beta^2} \quad \text{for reference}$$

$\beta := 0.01, 0.1 \dots 4$



similar to fig 12.25 in text

bringing in some other standards: AISI and UK (new) from Professor Wierzbicki's Manual for Crash
Wothiness Engineering Feb 1989 CTS MIT and in 13.019 handout validation of plate buckling

note: b_e/b is another way of representing peak
load

$$b_e \cdot \sigma_Y = b \cdot \sigma_{cr}$$

$$\sigma_{cr_over_sigma_Y}(\beta) := \left(\frac{1.9}{\beta} \right)^2$$

$$\sigma_{Y_over_sigma_{cr}}(\beta) := \left(\frac{\beta}{1.9} \right)^2$$

$$C(\beta) := \text{if} \left(\beta > 1.25, \frac{2.25}{\beta} - \frac{1.25}{\beta^2}, 1 \right) \begin{matrix} \text{ABS} \\ \text{Alaa} \end{matrix}$$

$$\sigma_{au_over_sigma_Y}(\beta) := \text{if} \left(\beta > 1.9, \frac{3.62}{\beta^2}, 1 \right)$$

for reference

$$\beta_1 := 1.5$$

$$b_{e_over_b_{uk}}(\beta) := \text{if} \left[\beta > \beta_1, \left[1 + 14 \cdot \left(\sqrt{\sigma_{Y_over_sigma_{cr}}(\beta)} - 0.35 \right)^4 \right]^{-0.2}, 1 \right]$$

$$b_{e_over_b_{aisi}}(\beta) := \text{if} \left[\beta > \beta_1, \sqrt{\sigma_{cr_over_sigma_Y}(\beta)} \cdot \left(1 - 0.218 \cdot \sqrt{\sigma_{cr_over_sigma_Y}(\beta)} \right), 1 \right]$$

$$\beta := 0.5, 0.6 \dots 10$$

