Optimization of flexible supports for seismic response reduction of arches and frames

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# Background

- Complex dynamic property of long-span structure.
- Interaction between upper and supporting structure.
- Interaction of multiple modes.
- Dependence on flexibility of support.

#### 1st mode



2nd mode



#### 3rd mode



Seismic response



# Purpose

- 1. Optimization of supporting structure of arch subjected to seismic excitation.
- 2. Reduction of acceleration and deformation of upper structure.
- 3. Utilization of flexibility of support.

## Three-step optimization of supporting structure

Step 1: Maximization of vertical/horizontal displacement ratio against static horizontal load.
Step 2: Minimization of structural volume.
Step 3: Dynamic response reduction of upper structure.





# Previous study (geometrically linear model)

**Direction of displacement** 



Ground structure for topology optimization

- Pin-jointed truss
- Variable: cross-sectional area
- Remove unnecessary members.

## Previous study (geometrically linear model)

Direction of displacement



# Previous study (geometrically nonlinear model)

- Symmetric truss model considering geometrical nonlinearity.
- Optimization of cross-section and nodal location.

Deformation like reverse pendulum



# Previous study (geometrically nonlinear model)



Maximize upward displacements for both right and left deformations.





# **Geometrically linear model**

**Direction of displacement** 





- Pin-jointed truss
- Young's modulus:  $2.05 \times 10^5$  N/mm<sup>2</sup>
- Mass at node A: 1800kg
- Mass at nodes 3~10: 600kg
- Variable: cross-sectional area
- Standard ground structure approach

# Optimization problem (Step 1)

Maximize upward/horizontal disp. ratio due to horizontal forced disp.

Maximize 
$$R(A) = \frac{d_{hv}(A)}{d_{hh}(A)} \leftarrow \text{Disp. Ratio}$$
  
subject to  $d_{gh}(A) \ge d_{gh}^L \leftarrow \text{Stiffness for self-weight}$   
 $d_{gv}(A) \ge d_{gv}^L \leftarrow \text{Stiffness for self-weight}$   
 $d_{hh}(A) \le d_{hh}^U \leftarrow \text{Stiffness for horizontal}$   
 $load$   
 $A_i^L \le A_i \le A_i^U$ 

# Penalization of intermediate cross-sectional area



Underestimate stiffness  $\rightarrow$  Error in structural response

# Penalization of intermediate cross-sectional area



Overestimate volume  $\rightarrow$  No error in structural response

# Optimization problem (Step 2)

Minimize volume under constraint on vertical/horizontal disp. ratio due to horizontal forced disp.

Maximize $V(\tilde{A}(A))$  $\leftarrow$  Structural volumesubject to $R(A) \ge CR_{opt}$  $\leftarrow$  Disp. Ratio $d_{gh}(A) \ge d_{gh}^L$  $\leftarrow$  Stiffness for self-weight $d_{gv}(A) \ge d_{gv}^L$  $\leftarrow$  Stiffness for self-weight $d_{hh}(A) \le d_{hh}^U$  $\leftarrow$  Stiffness for horizontal $A_i^L \le A_i \le A_i^U$  $\leftarrow$  Stiffness for horizontal

### **Optimal solution**



**Optimal solution** 

Solution for larger upper-bound area

Simplified solution



Attach arch to opt 1, and carry out further optimization

# Optimization problem (Step 3)

 $D_A^{\nu}$ : Vertical disp. at node A against self-weight  $D_A^{h}$ : Horizontal disp. at node A against self-weight

Objective function:

Square norm of acceleration in normal direction. Modal analysis: CQC method Rayleigh damping with h=0.02 for 1st and 2nd modes.

# CQC method (complete quadratic combination)

Max. acceleration of node  $\boldsymbol{i}$ :  $|\alpha_i^N|$ 

$$\left|\alpha_{i}^{N}\right| = \sqrt{\sum_{s=1}^{N}\sum_{r=1}^{N}\left(\beta_{s}^{N}\phi_{s}^{i}S_{s}\left(T_{s},h_{s}\right)\right)\rho_{sr}\left(\beta_{r}^{N}\phi_{r}^{i}S_{r}\left(T_{r},h_{r}\right)\right)}$$

 $\beta_s$ : participation factor $T_s$ : natural period $h_s$ : damping factor $S_s$ : acceleration response spectrum $\omega_s$ : natural circular frequency $^N \phi_s^i$ : normal displacement component at node i

 $P_{sr}$ : modal correlation coefficient

$$\rho_{sr} = \frac{8\sqrt{h_{s}h_{r}} \left[h_{r} + \chi^{3}h_{s} + 4\chi h_{s}h_{r} \left(h_{r} + \chi h_{s}\right)\right]\sqrt{\chi}}{\sqrt{\left(1 + 4h_{s}^{2}\right)\left(1 + 4h_{r}^{2}\right)\alpha}}$$
$$\alpha = \left(1 - \chi^{2}\right)^{2} + 4\chi h_{s}h_{r} \left(1 + \chi^{2}\right) + 4\left(h_{s}^{2} + h_{r}^{2}\right)\chi^{2} \qquad \chi = \omega_{r}/\omega_{s}$$

#### Response spectrum



$$S_a(T_s, h_s) = \frac{1.5}{1+10h_s} \begin{cases} 0.96 + 9.0T_s & \text{for } T_s \le 0.16\\ 2.4 & \text{for } 0.16 \le T_s \le 0.864\\ 2.074 / T_s & \text{for } 0.864 \le T_s \end{cases}$$

## **Optimization result**



# Vibration properties of optimal solution

Mode	Period T <sub>s</sub> [s]	Damping factor h <sub>s</sub>	Effective mass ratio in X-dir $\overline{M}_{S}^{X}$ [%]	Effective mass ratio in Y-dir $\overline{M}_{S}^{Y}$ [%]
1	0.4488	0.0200	49.194	0.000
2	0.3593	0.0200	1.235	0.000
3	0.2878	0.0210	0.000	50.771
4	0.1637	0.0284	0.000	2.395

#### Vibration modes of optimal solution







#### Attachment of viscous damper



O: Flexible-model with dampers
× : Flexible-model without dampers
∆:Stiff-model

#### Extension to single-layer grid



Minimize interaction force between roof and supporting structure

### Geometry of supporting structure







Diagonal location of top node of support

Optimal objective function value: about 78 % of stiff-model.

#### Attachment of viscous damper



Red: with damper Blue: without damper

## Conclusions

- Flexibility of supports can be effectively utilized for reduction of seismic responses of structures.
- Three-step procedure:
  - 1st step: static optimization maximization of vertical displacement
  - 2nd step: static optimization minimization of structural volume:
  - 3rd step: dynamic optimization seismic response reduction

# Optimization of flexible base for reduction of seismic response of buildings

#### Rocking mechanism

Dissipate seismic energy using rocking of frame and plastic dissipation at column base



#### Purpose

Optimize flexible base to control mode shape and reduce response displacement of building frame

#### Rotate opposite direction against horizontal input



#### Details of flexible base



Truss members (cm <sup>2</sup> )			
Α	(members 1-4,3-5)	200.0	
В	(members 2-4,2-5)	50.0	
С	(members 1-2,2-3)	1.0	

Material: steel

Manufacture member C using a spring

### **Optimization problem**

Design variables: nodal coordinate X cross-sectional area A Objective function: roof displacement  $|y|_{max}$ minimize

Response spectrum approach (SRSS rule)

$$|y|_{\max} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{3} |\beta_i \cdot u_i \cdot S_{D_i}|^2}$$

Constraint : lowest natural period  $T_1 \leq 1.0$ 

### **Optimization result**



- Damping factor 2%
- Young's modulus: 200kN/mm<sup>2</sup>
- Story mass: 8000kg

	Beam section (SN400B)
2~R	$H - 400 \times 200 \times 8 \times 13$
	Column section (BCR295)
1~4	$\Box$ - 350 × 350 × 16

-Base beam (points 4,5) 45000kg



#### **Optimization result**



#### Maximum responses



#### Maximum responses



Interstory drift angle (rad)

Story shear (kN)

Column axial force (kN)



Rocking response is enhanced



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# Trajectory of drift angle and rotation of base



### **Eigenvalue analysis**

Optimal model



	Doriod	Participation	Effective
	Periou	factor	mass ratio
	T(s)	β	X-dir. (%)
1st	0.712	16.53	0.22
2nd	0.379	287.77	67.88
3rd	0.155	13.75	0.15





Stiff model

	Deried	Participati	Effective
	Period	on factor	mass ratio
	T(s)	β	X-dir. (%)
1st	0.556	157.30	20.28
2nd	0.160	90.66	6.74
3rd	0.107	186.00	28.36



2nd





#### Frequency response



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#### Base with viscous damper



Red: with damper, Blue: without damper

## Conclusions

- Flexibility of supports can be effectively utilized for reduction of seismic responses of structures.
- Two-stage procedure:
  - 1st stage: static optimization maximization of vertical displacement: minimization of structural volume:
- 2nd stage: dynamic optimization seismic response reduction variable: cross-sectional area