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# Pushover Analysis of R.C Frames by Considering Bay Width Variation of Structures

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*Abstract— Braced Generally analyses of structures are carried out by considering base of the structure as a rigid one or its base condition as a fixed base. But it is observed that due to this assumption of fixity at base condition, the results obtained are very much affected from actual results. From the above, while evaluating seismic structural behavior, the effect of soil structure interaction is of paramount importance. Therefore in this study various structures are analyzed by considering base of the structure as fixed base as well as for various flexible base conditions, which are categorized as medium soil and soft soil. Also the effect of variation in bay width is also taken into account. For analysis purpose in this study structures are considered from G+10 stories to G+20 stories at an interval of 5 stories. While assessing the seismic behavior of structure, the pushover analysis is employed and accordingly its effect in the form of failure hinge formulation is studied.*

**Keywords—** Pushover analysis; Bay width variation; Soil structure interaction; Flexible soil; Hinge failure; Non-linear static method.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Most of the earthquakes show that due to its effect many concrete structures have been severely damage or have collapsed, which highlights the seismic vulnerability of structures for failure. During earthquake the possibility of structural vulnerability to damage need to be identified with respect to safety requirements. Therefore a new generation of design philosophy that incorporate performance based design is required and it is changing from simplified linear elastic method towards a more nonlinear technique i.e. pushover analysis.

The response of a structure subjected to seismicity is complex and it depends upon various parameters namely characteristics of ground motion, allowable deformation limits of the structure, strength of structural material, soil structure interaction and many others. Till date most of studies have been carried out considering base of the structure as a fixed, but this is not the ground reality. Therefore soil structure interaction effect is incorporate to study the seismic behavior of various structures [2].

Plan dimensions of the structure are also very important parameter in analysis, due to increase in bay width of the structure percentage failure in structural members also goes on increasing.

## II. PUSH-OVER APPROACH

The pushover analysis is a nonlinear static method described in (Eurocode 8, 2003). In this method lateral force (thrust) distribution is applied to the structure and monotonically increased. Plot of the total base shear versus roof displacement is then obtained which indicates any premature failure or weakness this is called capacity curve [3], as shown in Fig.1.The process is continued until a displacement at top of building reaches a level at which structure becomes unstable.

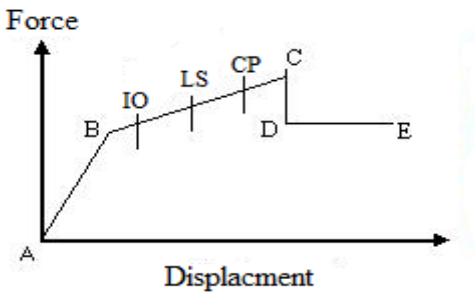


Fig.1 Capacity curve.

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The seismic performance of structure is measured by the state of damage occurred under a certain level of seismic hazard. The state of damage is quantified by the drift of the roof and the displacement of the structure and it is given in various building performance levels as per guidelines [2] as shown in Fig.2.

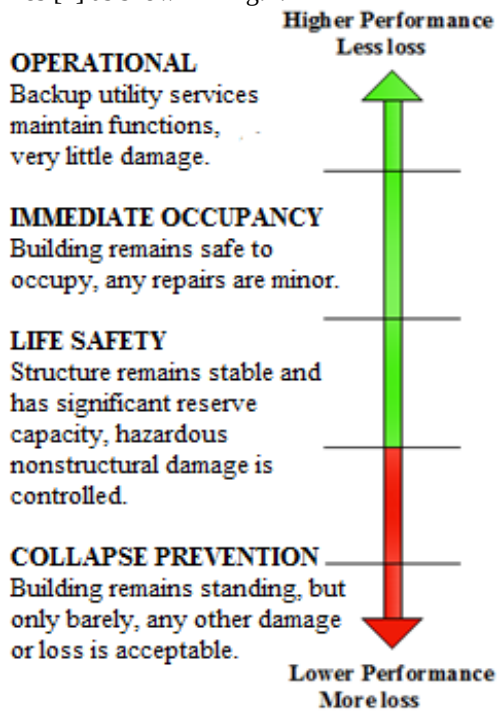


**Fig.2** Building performance levels

5.3 Winkler approach

Winkler approach represents the soil medium as a system of identical but mutually independent, closely spaced, discrete, linearly behaving elastic springs. The effect of soil flexibility is suggested to be accounted through consideration of springs of specified stiffness's [1]. The stiffness along these six degrees of freedom is determined with help of G. Gazetas formula [5] and is shown in Table1.

5.3 Bay width variation

Bay width variation is also one of the important parameter while designing. The center to center distance between columns is responsible for stability of structure. Increase in bay width gives more number of hinge failures in most critical zones which are given by pushover analysis as per Eurocode8.

## III. Problem Formulation

Building frame are design as per IS 456-2000 for its structural members and for earthquake forces IS 1893-2002 are used. Building frame is located in ZONE-III all earthquake parameters are as per IS 1893-2002 and material properties used are M-20 grade of concrete and Fe-415 for steel reinforcement. Plan and sectional elevation are given in Fig.4

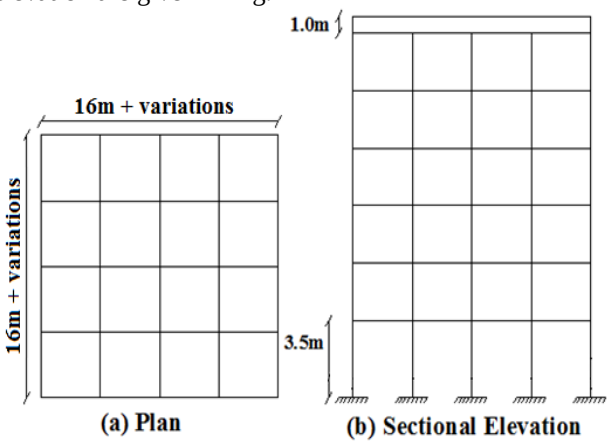


Fig.4 Plan and sectional elevation of building frame

**Table.2** Structural members of building frames

| Members | B1 | C1 | C2 | C3 | C4 | C5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| C/S | 230x 345 | 230x 345 | 380x 385 | 525x 525 | 525x 650 | 650x 650 |

Where, B1=Sizes of beams and C1 to C5= Sizes of columns.

## IV. Study Carried Out

Variation in base conditions of structure are consider viz. infinitely rigid fixed base with modulus of elasticity E=∞kN/m$^2$, medium soil with E=35,000 kN/m$^2$ and for soft soil with E=15,000 kN/m$^2$. Total numbers of frames considered in this study are three, G+10 stories, G+15 stories and G+20 stories. For the sake of comparison, fixed base condition is assumed to be datum and other two base conditions viz. medium soil and soft soil are varying accordingly.

Similarly for change in base width criteria number of hinge failure is also changing considerably, in this same bay width and different end conditions are compare with each other. 4.0m is the first bay width considered for analysis purpose further this bay width changes to 4.5m and 5.0m respectively.

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Structural members like beams, columns are assigned in a group of floors as shown in Table.3. In this B1 shows beam sizes, geometry of beams are kept constant throughout the structure. C1 to C5 shows various column sizes and they are assigned in a group of floors to various structures.

Table.3 Floor wise assignment of structural members to various structures

| Structural frames | Floors assigned | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | C1 | C2 | C3 | C4 | C5 |
| G + 10 | 9th,10th | 6th,7th, 8th | 3rd,4th, 5th | G.F,1st, 2nd | ---- |
| G + 15 | 12th,13th,14th,15th | 8th,9th, 10th,11th | 4th,5th, 6th,7th | G.F,1st, 2nd,3rd | ---- |
| G + 20 | 16th,17th,18th,19th,20th | 12th,13th,14th,15th | 8th,9th, 10th,11th | 4th,5th,6th,7th | G.F,1st,2nd, 3rd |

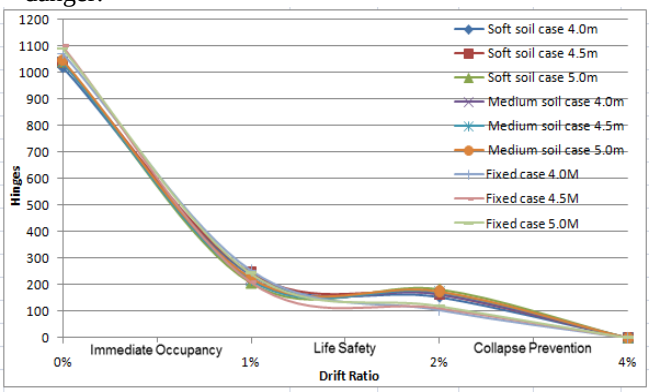
## V. Results and Discussion

In this study number of hinges versus drift ratio graphs are plotted to observe performance of structure according to various base conditions and bay width variations. For analysis purpose structures are considered at an interval of 5 stories from G+10 stories up to G+20 stories. Fixed base condition of structure is kept as a datum and to evaluate soil structure interaction phenomenon fixed base of structure is replaced by flexible base viz. medium soil and soft soil. To check for bay width variations 4.0m bay width is consider as a datum and it is changes to 4.5m and 5.0m respectively. Results obtained by comparing various base conditions and bay width are as follows.

**5.1** Hinge variations in G+10 structure

In the present study Graph.1 shows variation in number of hinge failures according to base condition and bay width of structure, fixed base and 4.0m bay width of structure is kept as a datum and other two cases are compare with datum. For fix base case with bay width 4.0m number of hinge failure is in LS zone and it is 105 in number as bay width changes to 4.5m and 5.0m number of hinge failure increase by 4.14% and 7.95% respectively. Similarly for medium soil case with bay width 4.0m number of hinge failure is in LS zone and it is 165 in number as bay width changes to 4.5m and 5.0m number of hinge failure increase by 0% and 6.06% respectively. And for soft soil case with bay width 4.0m number of hinge failure is in LS zone and it is 169 in number as bay width changes to 4.5m and 5.0m number of hinge failure increase by 6.66% and 13.39% respectively.

From all above we can conclude that there is increase in number of hinges with increase in bay width of structure, and performance of structure is more vulnerable towards danger.

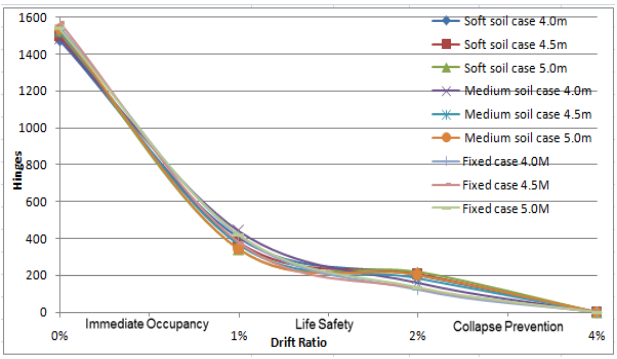



Graph.1 Variation in hinges for G+10 structure

**5.1** Hinge variations in G+15 structure

In the present study Graph.2 shows variation in number of hinge failures according to base condition and bay width of structure, fixed base and 4.0m bay width of structure is kept as a datum and other two cases are compare with datum. For fix base case with bay width 4.0m number of hinge failure is in LS zone and it is 120 in number as bay width changes to 4.5m and 5.0m number of hinge failure increase by 8.33% and 10.76% respectively. Similarly for medium soil case with bay width 4.0m number of hinge failure is in LS zone and it is 157 in number as bay width changes to 4.5m and 5.0m number of hinge failure increase by 0.19% and 25% respectively. And for soft soil case with bay width 4.0m number of hinge failure is in LS zone and it is 200 in number as bay width changes to 4.5m and 5.0m number of hinge failure increase by 3.0% and 8.73% respectively.

From all above we can conclude that there is increase in number of hinges with increase in bay width of structure, and performance of structure is more vulnerable towards danger.

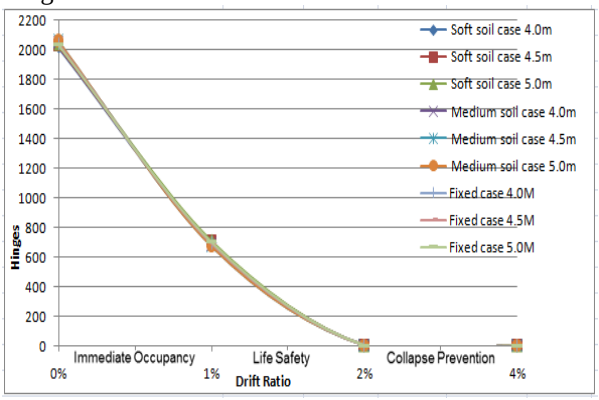



Graph.2 Variation in hinges for G+15 structure

**5.1** `Hinge variations in G+20 structure-

In the present study Graph.1 shows variation in number of hinge failures according to base condition and bay width of structure, fixed base and 4.0m bay width of structure is kept as a datum and other two cases are compare with datum. For fix base case with bay width 4.0m number of hinge failure is in LS zone and it is 685 in number as bay width changes from 4.0m to 4.5m and 5.0m number of hinge failure increase by 1.13% and 2.30% respectively. Similarly for medium soil case with bay width 4.0m number of hinge failure is in LS zone and it is 694 in number as bay width changes from 4.0 to 4.5m and 5.0m number of hinge failure increase by 0.72% and 2.0% respectively. And for soft soil case with bay width 4.0m number of hinge failure is in LS zone and it is 699 in number as bay width changes from 4.0 to 4.5m and 5.0m number of hinge failure increase by 0.71% and 1.84% respectively.

From all above we can conclude that there is increase in number of hinges with increase in bay width of structure, and performance of structure is more vulnerable towards danger.




Graph.3 Variation in hinges for G+20 structure

From all above cases it is observed that as base or bay width of structure changes in intervals of 0.5m from 4.0m to 5.0m, nature of hinge failure goes on increasing and performance of structure goes on decreasing.

## VI. Conclusions

While assessing the seismic behavior of structure in the form of hinge failure employing the pushover analysis, following conclusions are drawn

- It is observed that as bay width of structure goes on increasing number of failure hinges are increasing.
- It is observed that as the bay width changes from 4.0m to 4.5m percentage increase in failure hinge formation is in the range of 01% to 08% for all three types of soils.
- As the bay width changes from 4.0m to 5.0m percentage increase in failure hinge formation is in the range of 02% to 15% for all three types of soils.
- Percentage hinge failure goes on increasing as the number of storey increases.

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