

The System Development of Bridge Seismic Risk Analysis

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1. Introduction & System Flow

This paper presents the system development of seismic risk analysis applied to bridge piers with the consideration of the different levels of earthquakes. The employed theory is a probability-based method with considering the seismic risk, structural fragility and economic loss formulated by H. Yoshikawa^{1), 2)}. The aim of our work is to provide designers a convenient tool to quickly evaluate possible seismic loss. Fig.1 shows a general flow-chart of the system and Fig.2 shows a concept graph of the whole calculation procedure of the employed theory.

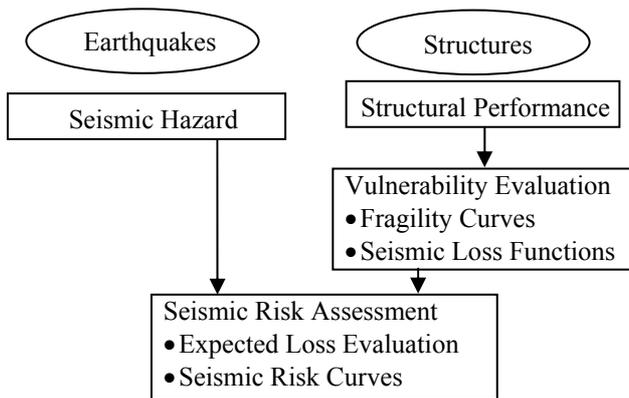


Fig. 1 Flow diagram for seismic risk assessment

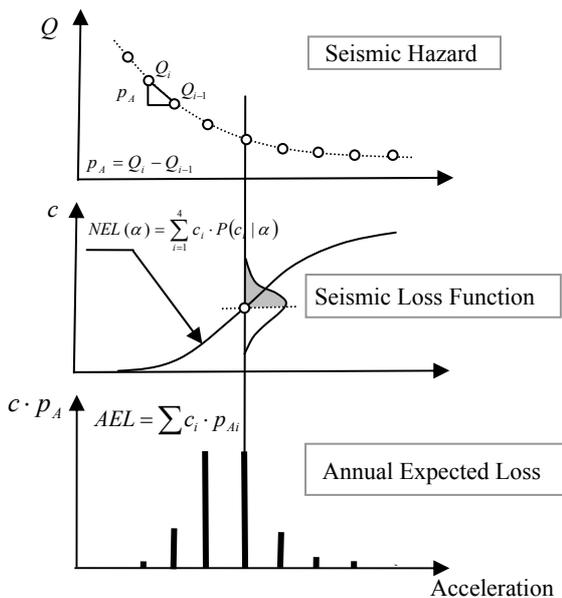


Fig.2 Schematic graphs of calculation procedure

2. The Employed Theory & Formulas

2.1 Seismic Hazard & Elastic Acceleration Response

The seismic hazard $[p_A(\alpha)]$ is computed from other tools. The Kanda formula is used for elastic acceleration of structures from the rock base acceleration (α) as the following.

$$\alpha_{resp} = 19.44\alpha^{0.6523} \text{ ----- (1)}$$

2.2 Nonlinear Seismic Responses of Structures and Damage Level (DL) Definition

The nonlinear earthquake responses of bridge piers are calculated by the reduction factor based on the input P-curve. The different reduction factor such as the equal energy principle (2) can be selected to obtain the plastic displacements from the input maximum acceleration. Fig.3 shows an input P- curve and the DL definition.

$$\delta_{resp} = \frac{1}{2}(R^2 + 1)\delta_Y \text{ ----- (2)}$$

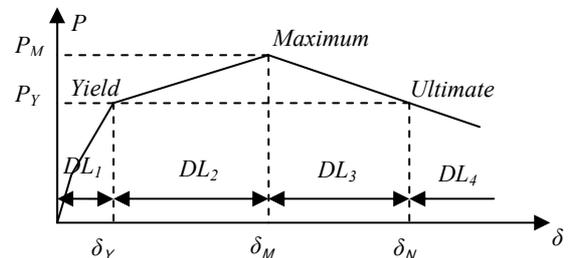


Fig.3 P- δ curve and DL definition

2.3 Probability Model of Responses and Damages

The probability model of damages (δ_i , $i \in [Y, M, N]$) and response (δ_{resp}) is assumed as lognormal distribution and thus the condition occurrence probability of δ_{resp} exceeding over δ_i can be expressed¹⁾ as below.

$$F_i(\delta_{resp}) = \int_0^{\delta_{resp}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\zeta_x z} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\ln z - \ln \delta_i}{\zeta_x}\right)^2\right] dz \text{ ----- (3)}$$

In which

$$\zeta_x^2 = \ln\left[(1 + v_i^2)(1 + v_R^2)\right];$$

$$v_i = \text{cov. of } \delta_i; \quad v_R = \text{cov. of } \delta_{resp}.$$

The each DL occurrence probability for a certain level earthquake response $\delta_{resp}(\alpha)$ is expressed as follows and

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shown in Fig. 4.

$$P(c_i | \alpha) = F_{i-1}(\alpha) - F_i(\alpha) \quad i=1, \dots, 4 \quad \text{----- (4)}$$

And

$$\sum_{i=1}^4 P(c_i | \alpha) = 1; F_0(\alpha) = 1; F_4(\alpha) = 0; \quad i = 1, 2, 3 \rightarrow Y, M, N$$

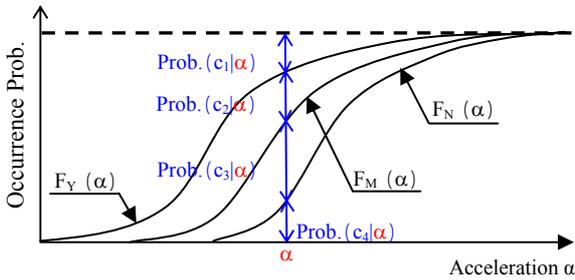


Fig. 4 Occurrence probability of each DL

2.4 Loss Model of 0-1 Index

Damage event tree is used to establish the relationship between the damage Occur. Prob. $P(c_i|\alpha)$ and loss c_i as below.

$$DL_i \rightarrow c_i \rightarrow P(c_i|\alpha), \quad i=1, \dots, 4 \quad \text{----- (5)}$$

Further the probability model of c normalized by c_{max} is assumed as the β Distribution. It has form

$$f(c | \alpha) = \frac{c^{q-1} (1-c)^{r-1}}{B(q, r)}, \quad c \in [0, 1] \quad \text{----- (6)}$$

In which,

$B(q, r)$: the β Function;

$$q = \frac{c_m (c_m - c_m^2 - \sigma_c^2)}{\sigma_c^2}; \quad r = \frac{(1 - c_m)(c_m - c_m^2 - \sigma_c^2)}{\sigma_c^2};$$

$$c_m = \sum_{i=1}^4 c_i \cdot P(c_i | \alpha); \quad \sigma_c^2 = \sum_{i=1}^4 (c_i - c_m)^2 \cdot P(c_i | \alpha).$$

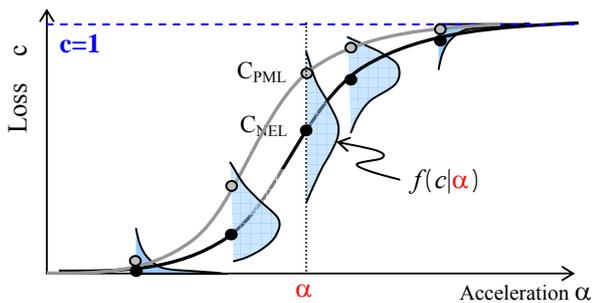


Fig. 5 Loss Functions

2.5 Seismic Risk Analysis

Two Loss Indices, Probable Maximum Loss (PML) and Normal Expected Loss (NEL), are calculated as below.

$$C_{PML} = R^{-1}(0.1) \quad \text{----- (7)}$$

$$C_{NEL} = c_m \quad \text{----- (8)}$$

In which, $R(C_{PML}) = \int_{C_{PML}}^1 f(c | \alpha) dc$

Annual Expected Loss (AEL) can be expressed in the formula as below.

$$AEL = \int_0^\infty p_A(\alpha) \sum_{i=1}^4 \{c_i \cdot P(c_i | \alpha)\} d\alpha \quad \text{----- (9)}$$

3. System Outline: Input & Output

Based on the above theory, the system of the bridge seismic risk in the name of *FrameRisk*³⁾ was developed. The input and output are shown in Table 1. Fig.6 shows typical result curves; the left is Seismic Loss Functions and the right is Seismic Event Curves.

Table 1 Input/Output of the *FrameRisk*³⁾ System

Input items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seismic Hazard • P-δ Curve(Crack, Yield, Maximum, Ultimate) • Definition of Damage Level and Economic Loss
Output items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P.D.F and C.D.F for each damage level • Seismic Loss Function(NEL, PML) • Seismic Event Curve & AEL Values • P.D.F of β Distribution • Report Export

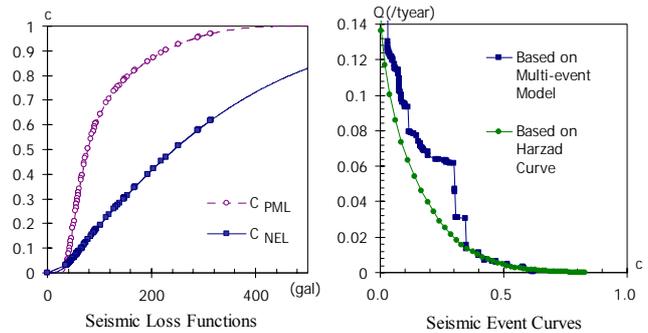


Fig. 6 Examples of system output

4. Concluding Remarks

The developed system of seismic risk analysis for bridges has the following features;

- Provide an integrating tool for Bridge Seismic Risk Analysis on Windows platform,
- Make the seismic risk analysis of actual structures easier and quicker,
- Help to improve and advance the theory & formulas in the system.

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