

## SNAP-THROUGH BUCKLING OF BLOCKS LAID IN A LINE

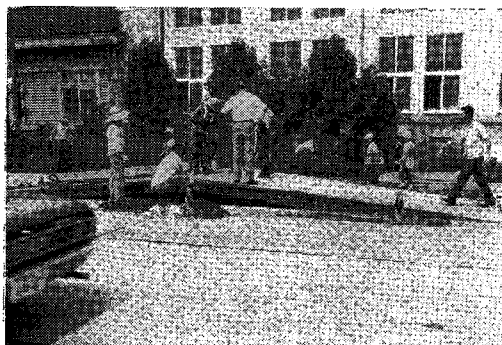
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### I. INTRODUCTION

One of the important problems of concrete pavements is so called blowups. Pavements resist blowups or buckling generally by their bending stiffness and dead load. As the author has previously reported<sup>1)</sup>, the continuous pavements would scarcely buckle because of their effective stiffness of continuity. Concrete pavements usually needs contraction joints in order to prevent from unfavorable cracks due to shrinkage. It means that the joints separate the pavement in length and reduce the effective bending stiffness. As a result, the pavements with joints may have much greater opportunity to buckle than continuous pavements. An example of the buckled pavements with joints is shown in Photo1, which was taken by the author on the route No. 8 in Takaoka-city, Toyama Prefecture, August 13, 1970.

In this study the pavements with joints are to be investigated against buckling. Since, practically speaking, the boundary conditions at joints are quite complicated<sup>2)</sup>, it is necessary to idealize that part in the investigation.

A series of blocks laid in a line was adapted for



**Photo 1** A buckling of pavement with joints took place on the route No. 8 in Takaoka-city, Toyama Prefecture, in the afternoon of August 12, 1970.

the studies of the pavements separated by joints. Each block was assumed to have infinitely large stiffness of bending. As for the conditions of connections of each block, the way of rectangular prism type and that having hinged joints were used. The latter is the simplest statical model of the pavement with joints.

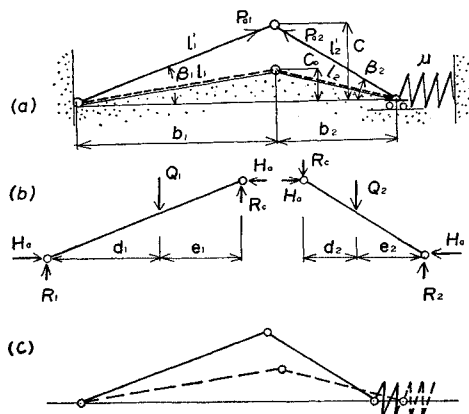
Thus, more informations concerning snap-through phenomena of the pavement with joints, for instance, the upper buckling load was obtained for the first time in the field of this subject.

### II. SNAP-THROUGH BUCKLING OF BLOCKS LINKED BY HINGED JOINTS

Some theoretical analyses of the buckling of the link have been reported in the previous papers<sup>2), 3)</sup>. For simplicity only symmetrical links were treated there. In this report a general type of link is analysed.

#### (1) Fundamental equations

Let us consider the state of link as shown in Fig. 2.1. It is here assumed that the link has initial imperfection and is affected by elasticity of appa-



**Fig. 2.1** Geometrical characteristics and forces of the link.

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tus which is represented by the spring  $\mu$  in Fig. 2.1. The bending stiffness of the link is also assumed infinite. The link is restricted to one degree of freedom.

From the equilibrium of the link, the compressive stress resultants of the buckled link are determined as follows : (Notations are listed in Appendix)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} R_1 &= \frac{e_1 + b_2}{b_1 + b_2} Q_1 + \frac{e_2}{b_1 + b_2} Q_2 \\ R_2 &= \frac{d_1}{b_1 + b_2} Q_1 + \frac{b_1 + d_2}{b_1 + b_2} Q_2 \\ H_a &= \frac{b_1}{c} R_1 - \frac{e_1}{c} Q_1 \end{aligned} \right\} \dots\dots\dots (2-1)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} P_{a1} &= H_a \cos \beta_1 + R_1 \sin \beta_1 \\ P_{a2} &= H_a \cos \beta_2 + R_2 \sin \beta_2 \end{aligned} \right\} \dots\dots\dots (2-2)$$

The relation between the axial forces and the horizontal reaction is obtained as follows :

$$H = P_1 \frac{l_1}{b_1} = P_2 \frac{l_2}{b_2}$$

At the moment of buckling, the variation of axial lengths of the struts may be observed, of which the amount is

$$\begin{aligned} & (l_1' - l_1) + (l_2' - l_2) \\ &= l_1 (P_1 - P_{a1}) / EA + l_2 (P_2 - P_{a2}) / EA \dots\dots\dots (2-3) \end{aligned}$$

where  $l_1'$  and  $l_2'$  satisfy the following geometrical relation, namely

$$l_1' + l_2' = \sqrt{b_1^2 + c^2} + \sqrt{b_2^2 + c^2} + (H - H_a) / \mu$$

From these considerations, the equation of unknown displacement  $c$  is obtained ;

$$\tau \{ (c/b_1)^2 - (c_0/b_1)^2 \} + (Q_1/EA) (b_1/c) \lambda = P_1/EA \dots\dots\dots (2-4)$$

in which  $c_0$  is the initial displacement of the hinge.

To simplify the above equation, following nondimensional terms are introduced ; namely,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} v &= c/b_1, \quad v_0 = c_0/b_1, \quad q = Q_1/EA, \quad p = P_1/EA, \\ r &= 0.5(b_1/l_1) \{ 1 + b_1/b_2 \} \{ 1 + b_2/b_1 + EA/\mu l_1 \cdot l_1/b_1 \}, \\ \lambda &= b_2/b_1 \cdot (d_1/b_1 + e_2/b_2 \cdot Q_2/Q_1) (b_1/l_1) / (1 + b_2/b_1) \end{aligned} \right\} \dots\dots\dots (2-5)$$

Consequently, the eq. (2-4) is simplified as

$$r(v^2 - v_0^2) + \lambda q/v = p \dots\dots\dots (2-6)$$

The axial force after buckling in eq. (2-2) is also expressed as

$$p_a = P_{a1}/EA = \lambda q/v \dots\dots\dots (2-7)$$

The total potential energies before and after buckling consist of the strain energies of struts and spring and the potential energy of dead weight ; thus

$$\left. \begin{aligned} U &= \frac{P_1^2 l_1}{2EA} + \frac{P_2^2 l_2}{2EA} + \frac{H^2}{2\mu} + \frac{c_0 d_1}{b_1} Q_1 + \frac{c_0 e_2}{b_2} Q_2 \\ U_a &= \frac{P_{a1}^2 l_1'}{2EA} + \frac{P_{a2}^2 l_2'}{2EA} + \frac{H_a^2}{2\mu} + \frac{cd_1}{b_1} Q_1 + \frac{ce_2}{b_2} Q_2 \end{aligned} \right\} \dots\dots\dots (2-8)$$

where  $U$  and  $U_a$  denote the potential energy before and after buckling respectively. The potential energy of the dead weight is zero at the level of

$c_0 = 0$ . Nondimensional equations of those energies are as follows :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u &= U/EA l_1 = a_1 p^2 + a_2 q v_0, \\ u_a &= U_a/EA l_1 = a_1 p_a^2 + a_2 q v \end{aligned} \right\} \dots\dots\dots (2-9)$$

in which

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= 0.5 \{ 1 + (b_2/b_1)^2 \cdot l_1/l_2 + (l_1/b_1)^2 \cdot EA/\mu l_1 \}, \\ a_2 &= d_1/l_1 + b_1/l_1 \cdot e_2/b_2 \cdot Q_2/Q_1 \end{aligned}$$

Initial displacement  $v_0$  acts as initial imperfection at buckling<sup>2)</sup>.

## (2) Calculation of the buckling load

The lower limit of the buckling load  $p_{cr}$  and the lower buckling load  $p_l$  have been obtained as the critical loads of the link<sup>2), 3)</sup>. The lower limit of the buckling load is determined by the condition that the fundamental equation (2-6) has a solution or not (of Fig. 2.2).

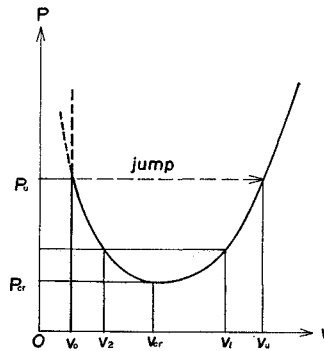


Fig. 2.2 Equilibrium equation of link.  
 $r(v^2 - v_0^2) + \lambda q/v = P$

At the extreme point of  $v-p$  curve,  $v$  is equal to  $(\lambda q/2r)^{1/3}$ , which is called  $v_{cr}$ . Substituting  $v_{cr}$  into eq. (2-6),  $p_{cr}$  is obtained :

$$p_{cr} = 1.89 (\lambda^2 q^2)^{1/3} - r v_0^2 \dots\dots\dots (2-10)$$

When the initial displacement  $v_0$  is greater than  $\sqrt{3} v_{cr}$ ,  $p_{cr}$  is negative, that is, this critical load loses a significance.

In order to determine the lower buckling load  $p_l$ , the potential energy is to be considered. When  $v_0$  is smaller than  $v_{cr}$ , the relations between  $p_{cr}$ ,  $p_l$  and the upper buckling load  $p_u$  can be recognized as shown in Fig. 2.3. Although  $p_{cr}$  and  $p_l$  have been defined previously by the author,  $p_u$  is introduced for the first time in this subject.

The energy difference between  $u$  and  $u_a$  is calculated to determine  $p_l$ ,

$$\Delta = a_1 (p^2 - p_a^2) + a_2 q (v_0 - v) \dots\dots\dots (2-11)$$

Substituting eq. (2-6) and (2-7) into the above  $p$  and  $p_a$ , the necessary condition for  $v_l$  is derived from the criterion of equal energy ( $\Delta = 0$ ). As the initial imperfection  $v_0$  is small, the characteristic parameters of the system have the following relation from eq. (2-5) and (2-9) :

$$a_1 r \lambda = a_2 / 4 \dots \dots \dots (2-18)$$

The energy difference is then derived :

$$\Delta = (v - v_0)^2 \{ a_1 r^2 v (v + v_0)^2 - 0.5 a_2 q \} / v \dots \dots (2-13)$$

In order to obtain  $v_l (> v_0)$  from  $\Delta = 0$ , the following relation must be satisfied :

$$a_1 r^2 v_0 (v_0 + v_0)^2 - 0.5 a_2 q < 0$$

then,

$$v_0 < (\lambda q / 2 r)^{1/3} = v_{cr}$$

Substituting the solution  $v_l$  into eq. (2-6), the lower buckling load  $p_l$  is obtained. The mechanical system can buckle if it is supplied with energy gap  $r'$  in Fig. 2.3. This critical load has been used in designing shell structure.

The upper buckling load is derived :

$$p_u = \lambda q / v_0 \dots \dots \dots (2-14)$$

The displacement of upper buckling  $v_u$  is calculated by eq. (2-6). Only the upper buckling load is to be called, in a strict sense, the critical load, because the system jumps at  $p_u$  without any supply of energy as shown in Fig. 2.3.

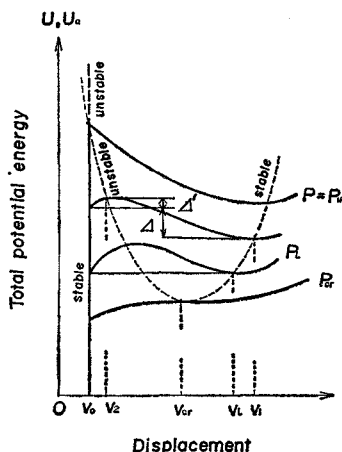


Fig. 2.3 Total potential energy of the link for given compressive force.

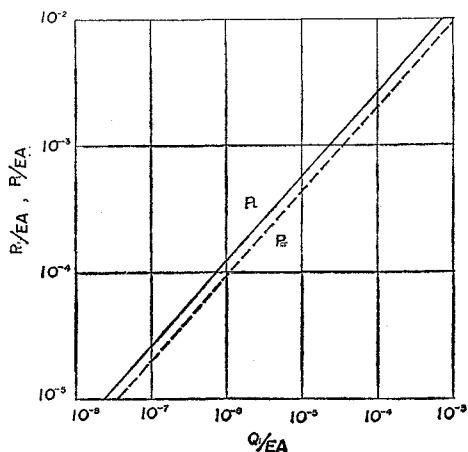


Fig. 2.4 Critical loads versus dead load ( $EA/\mu l_1 = 0.0$ ,  $b_2/b_1 = 1.0$ ,  $C_0/b_1 = 0.0$ ).

When  $v_0$  is equal to  $v_{cr}$ , the three critical loads  $p_{cr}$ ,  $p_l$  and  $p_u$  are all equal. If  $v_0$  is over  $v_{cr}$ ,  $p_l$  can not be obtained.

The results of the above calculations are shown in Figs. 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7. From those results the follow-

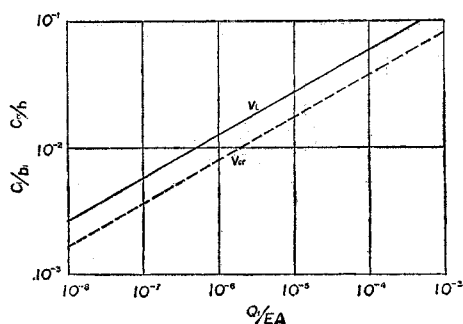


Fig. 2.5 Buckling displacements versus dead load ( $EA/\mu l_1 = 0.0$ ,  $b_2/b_1 = 1.0$ ,  $C_0/b_1 = 0.0$ ).

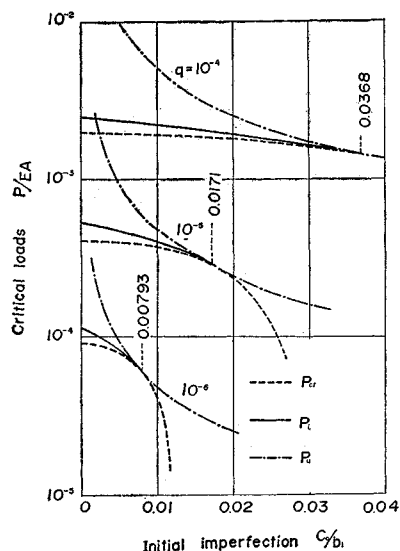


Fig. 2.6 Effect of initial imperfection on critical loads ( $EA/\mu l_1 = 0.0$ ,  $b_2/b_1 = 1.0$ ).

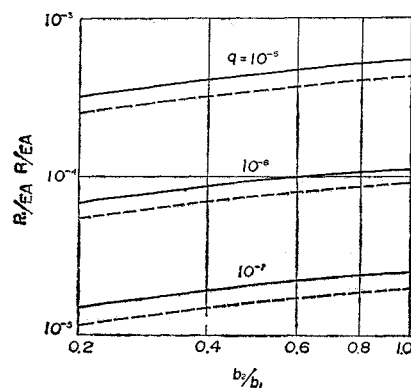


Fig. 2.7 Mode of link—Critical loads (solid line =  $p_l$ , dotted line =  $p_u$ ). ( $EA/\mu l_1 = 0.0$ ,  $C_0/b_1 = 0.0$ )

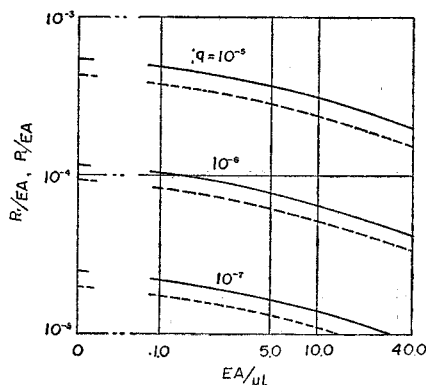


Fig. 2.8 Effect of stiffness of apparatus on critical loads (solid line =  $p_l$ , dotted line =  $p_{cr}$ ).  $b_2/b_1 = 1.0$ ,  $C_0/b_1 = 0.0$ .

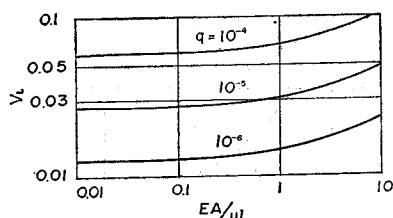


Fig. 2.9 Effect of stiffness of apparatus on displacement of lower buckling.

ing considerations follow :

- 1)  $p_{cr}$  and  $p_l$  are in proportion to  $q^x$ , where  $x$  is near to  $2/3$  for  $b_2/b_1 = 1.0$ ;
- 2)  $v_{cr}$  and  $v_l$  are in proportion to  $q^y$ , where  $y$  is near to  $1/3$  for  $b_2/b_1 = 1.0$ ;
- 3) Though the initial imperfection has little effect on  $p_l$  if it is less than a certain value, it diminishes  $p_u$  very much;
- 4) The unsymmetrical buckling mode is more likely to occur than symmetrical one;
- 5)  $p_{cr}$  and  $p_l$  decrease and  $v_l$  increases with decreasing stiffness of apparatus.

### III. SNAP-THROUGH BUCKLING OF BLOCKS OF RECTANGULAR PRISM

The system of blocks of rectangular prisms is an idealized model of the pavement with joints. The actual boundary conditions are supposed to have intermediate characteristics between this system and the pin jointed link which was treated in chapter II.

#### (1) Fundamental equations

The system of the blocks is composed of two blocks of different lengths and a spring as shown in Fig. 3.1. Each block has infinite bending stiffness and the buckled blocks have such geometrical characteristics as shown in Fig. 3.1.

The compressive stress resultants of the buckled

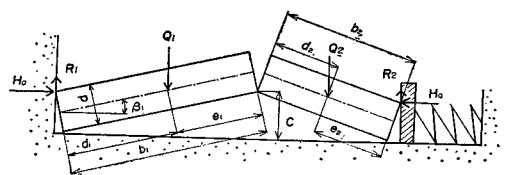


Fig. 3.1 System of blocks of rectangular prisms of which bending stiffness is infinite.  $b_1$ ,  $b_2$ ,  $d_1$ ,  $d_2$ ,  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are lengths before buckling.

blocks are determined from the equilibrium as in II. The horizontal reaction after buckling denoted by  $H_a$  is derived from momentum equilibrium of the left block :

$$H_a = \frac{\lambda Q_1}{c/b_1 - d/b_1} \quad (3-1)$$

The compressive stress resultants after buckling are obtained by neglecting the components of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ .

$$P_{a1} = H_a \cos \beta_1, \quad P_{a2} = H_a \cos \beta_2 \quad (3-2)$$

The compatibility equation is derived as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} b_1 + b_2 - (P - H_a)/\mu &= d(\sin \beta_1 + \sin \beta_2) \\ &+ b_1 \{1 + (P - P_{a1})/EA\} \cos \beta_1 \\ &+ b_2 \{1 + (P - P_{a2})/EA\} \cos \beta_2 \quad (3-3) \end{aligned}$$

From the above equations, the fundamental equation is obtained in the nondimensional form :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} r v(v-2d) + \lambda q/(v-d) &= p \\ p_a &= \lambda q/(v-d) \\ d &= d/b_1 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3-4)$$

If  $d$  is equal to zero, eq. (3-4) is equal to eq. (2-6), which is concerned with the link without initial imperfection.

As a next step, the total potential energies before and after buckling are to be derived. They consist of the strain energies of the blocks and the spring of apparatus and the potential energy of the dead weight.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u &= a_1 p^2 \\ u_a &= a_1 p_a^2 + a_2 q v \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3-5)$$

#### (2) Energy consideration

As in case of the link, it is necessary to consider the energy change of buckling blocks. From those considerations the buckling criterion may be derived.

The following data are used for numerical calculations :

$$a_1 = 0.5(1 + b_2/b_1) = a_2$$

This means that there is no spring effect of apparatus, both of blocks have the same density and the centers of gravity are at the center of each block.

For  $q$ -value,  $10^{-7}$ ,  $10^{-5}$ ,  $10^{-3}$  are used. The value for concrete pavements is between  $10^{-6}$  and  $10^{-5}$ .

When  $q$  is small or  $d$  is large,  $p-v$  curve may sink below  $v$ -axis as shown in Fig. 3.2(b). In this

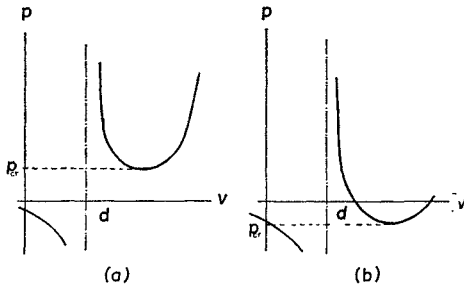


Fig. 3.2 Equilibrium equation of buckled system of blocks;  $\gamma'v(v-2d) + \lambda'q/(v-d) = p$

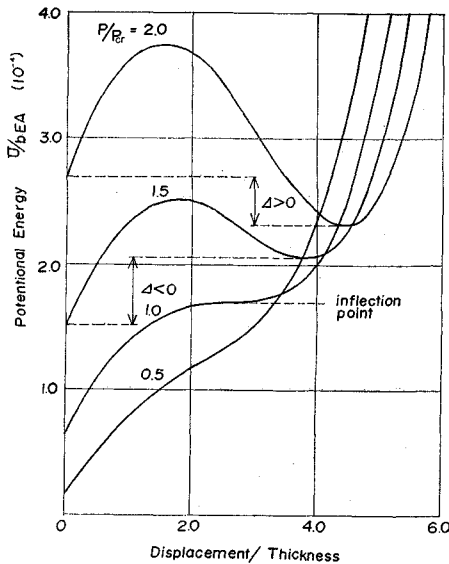


Fig. 3.3 Potential energy of the system of blocks versus displacement.

case the extreme  $p (=p_{cr})$  is negative. The potential energy reaches an inflection point at this  $p_{cr}$ . Then if  $p_{cr}$  is negative, the energy curve has not any inflection point, because the compressive force must be positive.

The case of positive  $p_{cr}$  is shown in Fig. 3.3. It is observed that this potential curve of buckling blocks has essentially the same characteristics as one of the buckling link (Fig. 2.3). When  $p$  is smaller than  $p_{cr}$ , the curve has not any extreme value. If  $p$  is equal to  $p_{cr}$ , it has an inflection point. The curve may not have two extreme points till  $p$  increases over  $p_{cr}$ . The curve has stable equilibrium state at the extreme point of larger displacement, but the energy of the system without displacement ( $v=v_0$ ) is less than the one of this equilibrium states, if  $p$  is not enough large. This is shown in Fig. 3.3 for  $p=1.5 p_{cr}$ . Then the blocks do not buckle for  $1.5 p_{cr}$ . For larger compressive force, for example  $2.0 p_{cr}$ ,  $u$  increases above  $u_a$  and the system may buckle, if it can go over the energy peak with a kind of excitation.

This is the equal energy criteria of snap-through buckling. It is important that the energy is also minimum at  $v=0$  and the state of no displacement is stable. The upper limit or the true critical load can not be obtained.

The energy curves for negative  $p_{cr}$  change more steeply than the curves for positive  $p_{cr}$ . The energy curves for unsymmetrical blocks are steeper than those for symmetrical blocks. And they change in high-pitch according to increasing relative thickness of blocks.

### (3) Calculation of the critical loads

From the above considerations the critical loads are obtained by the same methods used in II. The lower limit of the buckling load is calculated from the condition that eq. (3-4) has any non-trivial solution. As shown in Fig. 3.2,  $v$  must be greater than  $d$ . The extreme point is calculated:

$$\frac{dp}{dv} = \gamma(2v-2d) - \lambda q/(v-d)^2 = 0$$

The critical displacement  $v_{cr}$  is obtained;

$$v_{cr} = d + (\lambda q/2\gamma)^{1/3} \quad (3-6)$$

By introducing  $v_{cr}$  into (3-4), the lower limit of the buckling load  $p_{cr}$  is derived;

$$p_{cr} = \gamma v_{cr}(v_{cr}-2d) + \lambda q/(v_{cr}-d) \quad (3-7)$$

The difference of the potential energy before and after buckling is denoted by  $\Delta$ .

$$\Delta = a_1(p^2 - p_a^2) - a_2 q v \quad (3-8)$$

The lower buckling displacement  $v_l$  is obtained from the equal energy criterion:

$$\Delta(v_l) = 0 \quad (3-9)$$

This algebraic equation is to be solved numerically. Then the lower buckling load is

$$p_l = \gamma v_l(v_l-2d) + \lambda q/(v_l-d) \quad (3-10)$$

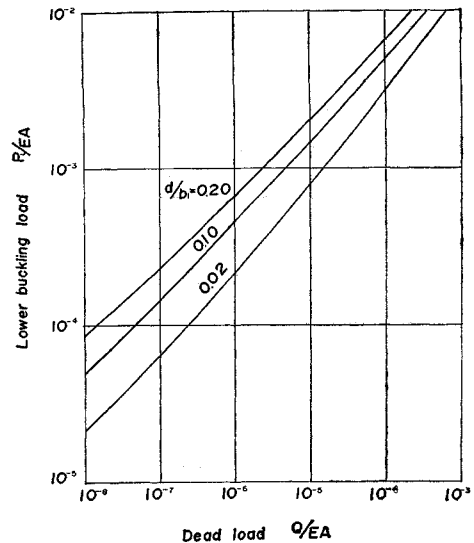


Fig. 3.4 Lower buckling load ( $EA/\mu L_1=0$ ,  $b_d/b_1=1.0$ ).

The upper limit  $p_u$  can not be obtain without initial imperfection.

The results of calculations are shown in Fig. 3.4, ..., 3.7. From those figures following considerations follow :

1) The lower buckling load of the block system is rather larger than one of the link system.  $p_l$  is

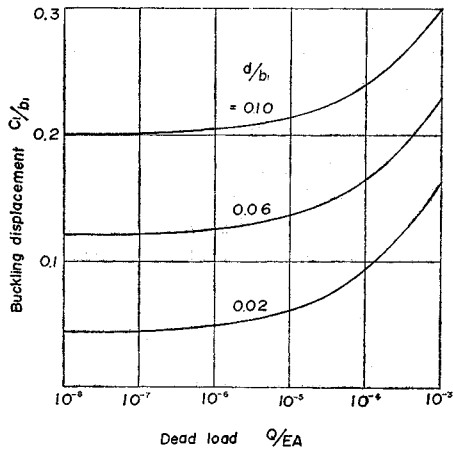


Fig. 3.5 Buckling displacement versus dead load ( $EA/\mu l_1=0$ ,  $b_2/b_1=1.0$ ).

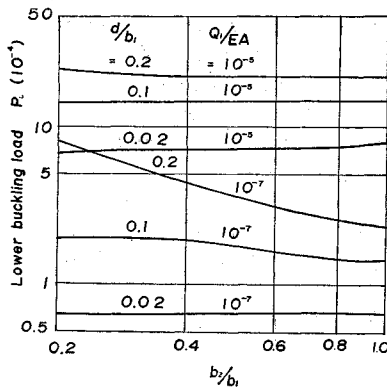


Fig. 3.6 Effect of unsymmetry on buckling loads.

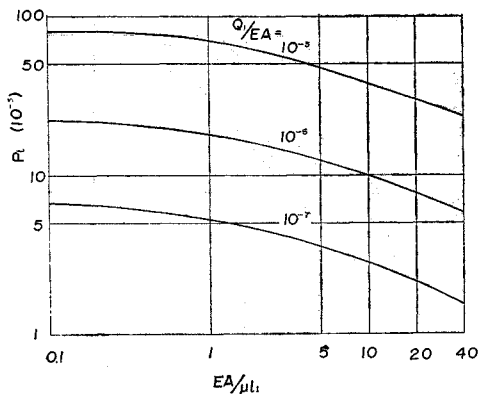


Fig. 3.7 Effect of stiffness of apparatus on buckling load ( $b_2/b_1=1.0$ ,  $d/b_1=0.02$ ).

almost in proportion to  $q^n$ , where  $n$  is about 0.5.

2) The buckling displacement is very large comparing with one of the linked blocks.

3) The symmetrical system and the unsymmetrical have nearly equal lower buckling load.

#### IV. EXPERIMENTS

Experiments were carried out in order to verify the numerical calculations. In the experiments wood blocks and steel edges were used. As shown in Fig. 4.1, each rectangular prism of wood had a knife edge or a flat edge. A knife edge of a block and a flat edge of the next block constructed a hinged joint. Two flat edges contacting each other were assembled into the blocks mentioned in III.

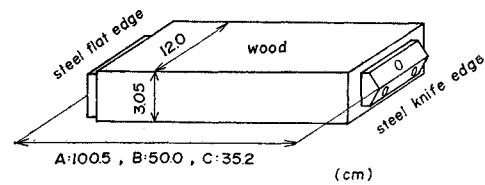


Fig. 4.1 Experimented wood block.

Blocks were 3.05 cm thick and 12.0 cm wide. The lengths of the blocks of wood part were 98.0 cm, 48.0 cm and 33.0 cm and they were called A-type, B-type and C-type in the order of length. Young's modulus of elasticity of wood was measured  $1.2 \times 10^5 \text{ kg/cm}^2$  by bending test. The wood was sufficiently elastic. Weights of specimens were 1716 g for A<sub>1</sub>, 1943 g for A<sub>2</sub>, 1114 g for B<sub>1</sub> and B<sub>2</sub>, 860 g for C<sub>1</sub>, C<sub>2</sub> and C<sub>3</sub>. The center of gravity of each block was nearly at the center of each block.

The experimental apparatus was the same one used before<sup>1)</sup>. The compressive force was applied with an oil jack and the force was measured with a ring dynamometer. The experiments were conducted for many cases: various combinations of A, B and C-blocks, different orders of those blocks and some cases with turned over blocks.

Photos 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 show the experimented

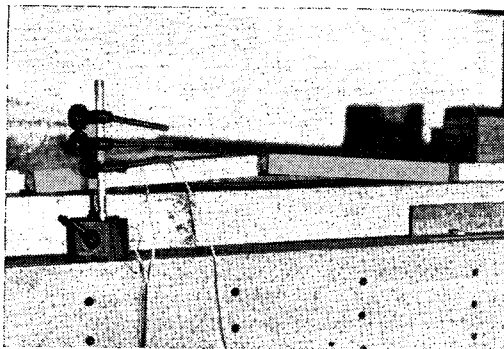


Photo 2 Bending deflection of A-A link induced by eccentric compression.

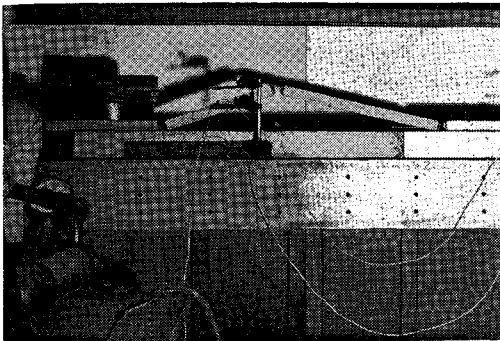
specimens. Photo 2 shows a bending blocks of linked A-A system, which was compressed at 1820 kg and could no longer be stressed on the threat of bending buckling. In this case so called Euler buckling load of strut of the block with hinged boundary condition was about 3250 kg. Then the bending deflection was considered to be induced by eccentric compression.

Photo 3 shows a buckling hinged C-C system of blocks. This picture was taken with a stroboscope. A contact switch and wire can be seen at the left of the photo.

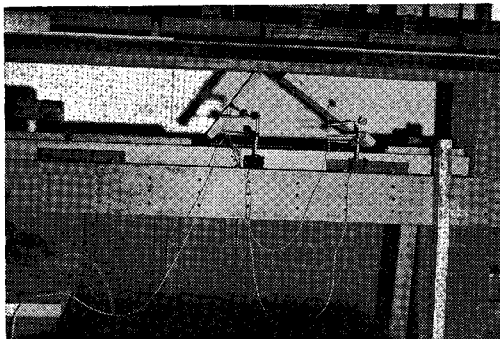
Photo 4 shows one of the buckling C-B systems. The blowup occurred at compressive force of 256 kg.



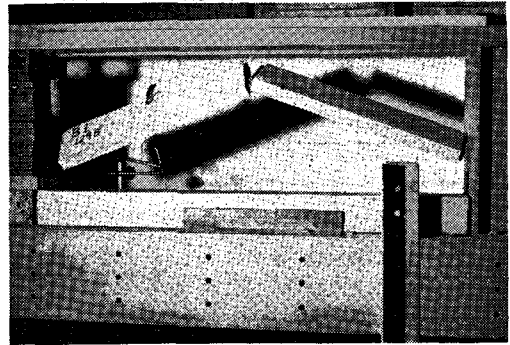
**Photo 3** Buckling hinged C-C system of blocks.



**Photo 4** Buckling C-B system at compressive force of 256 kg.



**Photo 5** C-B system which blowupped violently at 2000 kg.



**Photo 6** Extremely violent buckling of C-C type with only flat edges.

kg. The stroboscope flashed a little bit after buckling, then the two blocks had been already apart at the top of peak. Photo 5 is the other case of a buckled C-B system which blew up violently at 2000 kg. When the system resisted large compressive force, the buckling occurred violently and the relatively light wood blocks fled off. On the other hand the system rised quietly for small buckling load.

The above mentioned experiments were carried out for hinged blocks. The block systems with only flat edges treated in III were too strong to buckle experimentally. Photo 6 shows such extremely violent buckling of C-C type. Wood screws, which set the edges to wood blocks, were subjected to tensile forces and then became loose at buckling. Consequently accurate experimental results could not be obtained. Therefore in this chapter only hinged blocks were treated

The knife edges were not attached ideally at the centers of the sections of blocks, but they were shifted up or down vertically or they were attached inclined. The eccentricities of knife edges were measured 0.5 mm at maximum. And the relative eccentricity<sup>3)</sup> between one joint and the other could be supposed to consist of each imperfection of edges and apparatus. Maximum relative imperfections were supposed 0.64 mm for A-A type, 0.31 mm for B-B, 0.78 mm for A-B, 0.78 mm for A-C, 0.64 mm for B-C, 0.47 mm for C-C, and 0.50 mm for apparatus respectively.

The spring of the apparatus consisted of the wood blocks which remained level without buckling, and the ring dynamometer which had spring constant of  $1.37 \times 10^4 \text{ kg/cm}$ .

The theoretical values of  $p_l$  and  $p_u$ , which were calculated in consideration of the above imperfections and the spring constant, are shown in Fig. 4. 2 in comparison with the experimental results. The experimental results scattered very remarkably. It was considered that the initial imperfections affected the buckling load very much. Although all of

	Buckling load (kg)				Buckling mode symbol
	200	400	600	800	
A-A					above 2600 X X X X A-A
A-B-B					1050 2230 1670 A-B B-B
B-A-B					above 2600 A-B
A-C					above 2600 A-C
B-B-B C-C-C					B-B B-C C-C
C-B-B B-C					above 1200 B-B B-C
C-C-C					1070 1380 C-C

Fig. 4.2 Experimental buckling loads put down in order of experiments.  $P_u$  were calculated in consideration of initial imperfection; 1.14 mm for A-A and B-C, 0.81 mm for B-B, 1.28 mm for A-B and A-C, 0.97 mm for C-C. There were some experimental results below the calculated  $P_u$  for B-A-B, A-C and C-C-C, however all of them were above  $P_l$ .

the results were above the calculated  $p_l$ , there were some which were below the calculated upper buckling load.

In order to observe effectiveness of the initial imperfection, the link of B-B type was tested for given imperfection. Those imperfections were introduced by wedges of known thicknesses which were inserted under the link. Those results are shown in Fig. 4.3. It is seen that the upper buckling load  $p_u$  is the most valuable in case of imperfections and the lower buckling load is also meaningful for  $v_0 \leq v_{cr}$ .

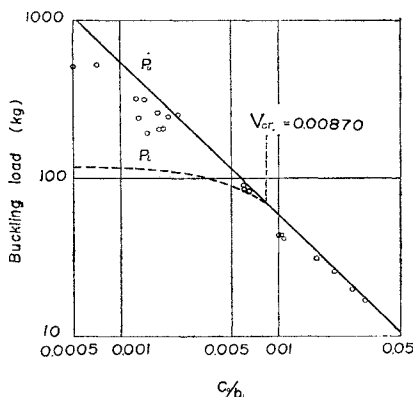


Fig. 4.3 Effect of initial imperfection of buckling load. Theoretical curves and experimental results.

## V. CONCLUSIONS

Statical systems of linked blocks or rectangular prisms, which were assumed idealized models of the pavement with joints, were studied experimentally as well as theoretically.

Buckling phenomena of those compressed systems were snap-through. As for the snap-through buckling of the systems, the following conclusions are derived:

- 1) The lower buckling load derived by equal energy criterion is always lower than the experimental buckling load;
- 2) The upper buckling load is calculated for the linked system with initial imperfection. The system has bifurcation phenomena and jumps at  $p = p_u$ ;
- 3) The initial imperfections slightly decrease the lower buckling load, but they remarkably reduce the experimented buckling load and the theoretical upper buckling load  $p_u$ . This  $p_u$  is meaningful for the system with initial imperfection;
- 4) Unsymmetrical buckling mode is more likely to occur than symmetrical one;
- 5) Systems of rectangular prisms are more resistant to buckling than linked blocks.

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## NOTATION

$b_1, b_2$ =horizontal lengths of blocks;  
 $c$ =distance from level to buckled state;  
 $c_0$ =initial imperfection of link;  
 $d$ =depth of blocks or the ratio of  $d$  and  $b_1$ ;  
 $d_1, d_2, e_1, e_2$ =distances from centers of gravity to ends of blocks (see Fig. 2.1);  
 $l_1, l_2$ =lengths of blocks;  
 $p, p_a = P_1/EA, P_{a1}/EA$ ;  
 $q = Q_1/EA$ ;  
 $p_{cr}, p_l, p_u = P_{cr}/EA, P_l/EA, P_u/EA$ ;  
 $u, u_a = U/EAl_1, U_a/EAl_1$ ;  
 $v, v_0 = c/b_1, c_0/b_1$ ;  
 $EA$ =stiffness of block;  
 $H, H_a$ =horizontal force before and after buckling

respectively;

$P_1, P_2, P_{a1}, P_{a2}$ =compressive stress resultants before and after buckling;

$P_{cr}$ =lower limit of the buckling load;

$P_l$ =lower buckling load;

$P_u$ =upper buckling load;

$U, U_a$ =total potential energy before and after buckling respectively;

$\beta_i = \sin^{-1} c/l_i$ ;

$\Delta = u - u_a$ ;

$r, \lambda$ =nondimensional characteristic terms of the system (see eq. 2-5); and

$\mu$ =spring stiffness of apparatus (kg/cm).

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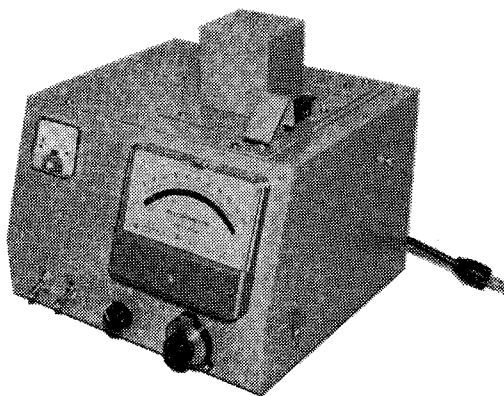
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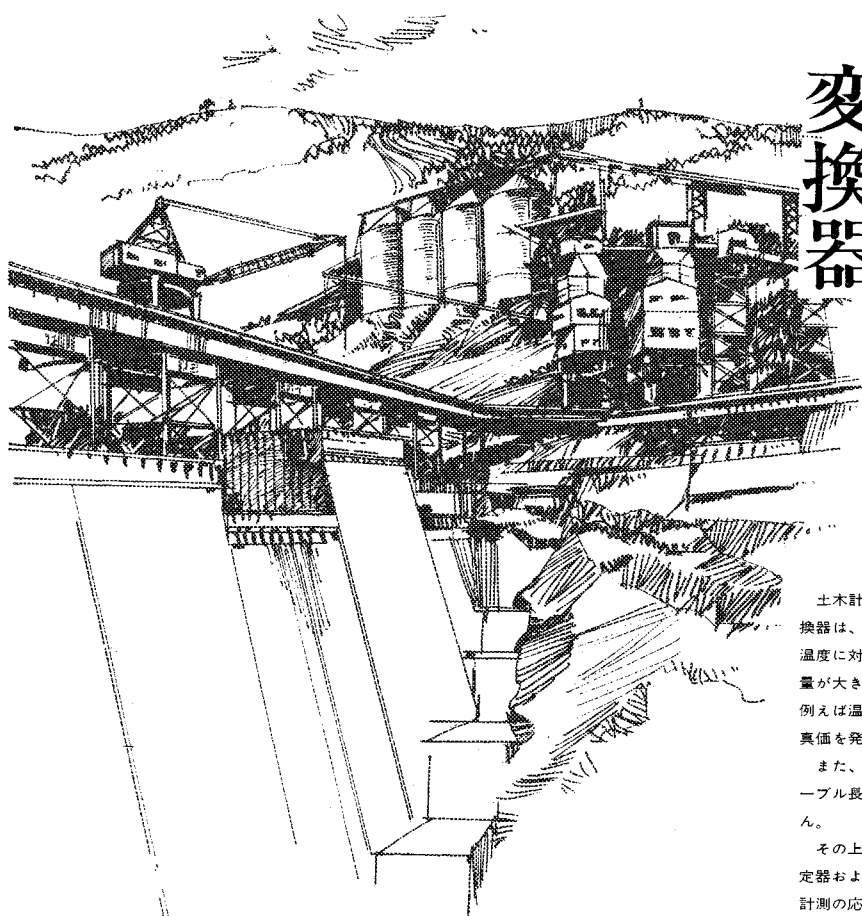
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	BP-B型	2, 5, 10, 20kg/cm <sup>2</sup>
土 圧 計	BE-B型	2, 5, 10kg/cm <sup>2</sup>
	BE-C型	
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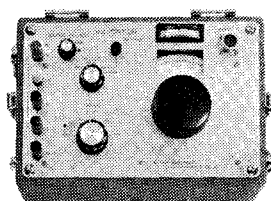
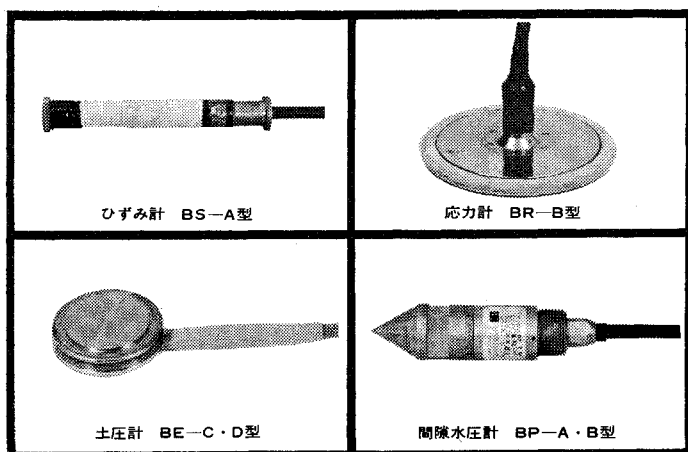
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