## **Example 1 Earthquake Load Combinations: Strength Design**

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This example demonstrates the application of the strength design load combinations that involve the seismic load E given in §12.4.2.3. This will be done for the moment-resisting frame structure shown below.

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Beam A-B and Column C-D are elements of the special moment-resisting frame. Structural analysis has provided the following beam moments at A, and the column axial loads and moments at C due to dead load, office building live load, and left-to-right  $(\rightarrow)$  and right-to-left  $(\leftarrow)$  directions of lateral seismic loading.

	Dead Load, D	Live Load, <i>L</i>	Left-to-Right Seismic Load	Right-to-Left Seismic Load
Beam Moment at A	-100 kip-ft	–50 kip-ft	$(\rightarrow Q_E)$ +120 kip-ft	$(\leftarrow Q_E)$ -120 kip-ft
Column C-D Axial Load	+90 kips	+40 kips	+110 kips	-110 kips
Column Moment at C	+40 kip-ft	+20 kip-ft	+160 kip-ft	-160 kip-ft

Sign Convention: Positive moment induces flexural tension on the bottom side of a beam and at the right side of a column. Positive axial load induces compression. Note that for the particular location of Column C-D, the seismic Axial Load and Moment at C are both positive for the left-to-right  $(\rightarrow)$  loading and are both negative for the right-to-left  $(\leftarrow)$  loading. This is not necessarily true for the other elements of the structure.

Find the following.



Strength design seismic load combinations (Comb.)



Strength design moments at beam end A for seismic load combinations



Strength design interaction pairs of axial load and moment for the design of column section at C for seismic load combinations

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	$1.2D + 1.0E + 0.5L \dots$ (Note $0.2S = 0$ )	(Comb. 5)
	0.9D + 1.0E	(Comb. 7)
	where for a given type of load action such as moment $M$ or axial load $P$	
	$E = E_h + E_v$ $E_h = \rho Q_E$ $E_v = 0.2S_{DS}D$	(Eq 12.4-1) (Eq 12.4-3) (Eq 12.4-4)
	Combined, these yield	
	$E = \rho Q_E + 0.2 S_{DS} D$	
	when the algebraic sign, $\pm$ , of $Q_E$ is taken as the same as that for D, and	
	$E = \rho Q_E - 0.2 S_{DS} D$	
	when the algebraic sign, $\pm$ , of $Q_E$ is taken as opposite to that for D.	
	For the given values of : $\rho = 1.3$ , $S_{DS} = 1.10$ , the load combinations are	
	$1.2D + 1.3Q_E + (0.2)(1.1)D + 0.5L = 1.42D + 1.3Q_E + 0.5L$	(Comb. 5)
	when the signs of $Q_E$ and $D$ are the same, and	
	$1.2D + 1.3Q_E - (0.2)(1.1)D + 0.5L = 0.98D + 1.3Q_E + 0.5L$	(Comb. 5)
	when the signs of $Q_E$ and $D$ are opposite.	
	$0.9D + 1.3Q_E + (0.2)(1.1)D = 1.12D + 1.3Q_E$	(Comb. 7)
	when the signs of $Q_E$ and $D$ are the same, and	
	$0.9D + 1.3Q_E - (0.2)(1.1)D = 0.68D + 1.3Q_E$	(Comb. 7)
	when the signs of $Q_E$ and $D$ are opposite.	
	By inspection, the governing seismic load combinations are	
	$1.42D + 1.3Q_E + 0.5L$	
	when the signs of $Q_E$ and $D$ are the same,	

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$$0.68D + 1.3Q_E$$

when the signs of  $Q_E$  and D are opposite.

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#### Strength design moments at beam end A for seismic load combinations

**a.** For the governing load combination when the signs of  $Q_E$  and D are the same

 $1.42D + 1.3Q_E + 0.5L$ 

with 
$$D = M_D = -100$$
,  $Q_E = M_{OE} = -120$ , and  $L = M_L = -50$ 

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 $M_A = 1.42 (-100) + 1.3 (-120) + 0.5(-50) = -323$  kip-ft

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For the governing load combination when the signs of  $Q_E$  and D are opposite

 $0.68D + 1.3Q_E$ 

with  $D = M_D = -100$  and  $Q_E = 120$ 

 $M_A = 0.68(-100) + 1.3(120) = 88$  kip-ft

: Beam section at A must be designed for

 $M_A = -323$  kip-ft and + 88 kip-ft

# Strength design interaction pairs of axial load and moment for the design of column section at C for seismic load combinations

The seismic load combinations using the definitions of *E* given by Equations 12.4-1 through 12.4-4 can be used for the design requirement of a single action such as the moment at beam end A, but they cannot be used for interactive pairs of actions such as the axial load and moment at the column section C. These pairs must occur simultaneously because of a common load combination. For example, both the axial load and the moment must be due to a common direction of the lateral seismic loading and a common sense of the vertical seismic acceleration effect represented by  $0.2 S_{DS}D$ . There can be cases where the axial load algebraic signs are the same for  $Q_E$  and D, while the moment algebraic signs are different. This condition would prohibit the use of the same load combination for both axial load and moment.

To include the algebraic signs of the individual actions, the directional property of the lateral seismic load effect  $Q_E$ , and the independent reversible property of the vertical seismic load effect 0.2  $S_{DS}D$ , it is proposed to use

 $E = \rho(\rightarrow Q_E) \pm 0.2 S_{DS}D$ , and  $\rho(\leftarrow Q_E) \pm 0.2 S_{DS}D$ .

The resulting set of combinations is

$$\begin{split} 1.2D + \rho(\rightarrow Q_E) + 0.2 \ S_{DS}D + L \\ 1.2D + \rho(\rightarrow Q_E) - 0.2 \ S_{DS}D + L \\ 1.2D + \rho(\leftarrow Q_E) + 0.2 \ S_{DS}D + L \\ 1.2D + \rho(\leftarrow Q_E) - 0.2 \ S_{DS}D + L \\ 0.9D + \rho(\rightarrow Q_E) + 0.2 \ S_{DS}D \\ 0.9D + \rho(\rightarrow Q_E) - 0.2 \ S_{DS}D \\ 0.9D + \rho(\leftarrow Q_E) + 0.2 \ S_{DS}D \\ 0.9D + \rho(\leftarrow Q_E) - 0.2 \ S_{DS}D \\ 0.9D + 0.2 \ S_{DS}D \\ 0.9D$$

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For the specific values of  $\rho = 1.3$  and  $S_{DS} = 1.10$ , the load combinations provide the following values for  $M_A$ , and the interaction pair  $P_C$  and  $M_C$ . Note that the interaction pair  $P_C$  and  $M_C$  must occur simultaneously at a specific load combination of gravity load, and lateral and vertical seismic load effects. The interaction design of the column section must satisfy all of the eight pairs of  $P_C$  and  $M_C$  from the seismic load combinations along with the pairs from the gravity load combinations.

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	M <sub>a</sub>	P <sub>c</sub>	M <sub>c</sub>
1.42D + 1.3E + 0.5L	-11	<u>290.8</u>	<u>274.8</u>
0.98D + 1.3E + 0.5L	33	251.2	257.2
1.42D - 1.3E + 0.5L	<u>-323</u>	4.8	-141.2
0.98D - 1.3E + 0.5L	-279	-34.8	-158.8
1.12D + 1.3E	44	243.8	252.8
0.68D + 1.3E	<u>88</u>	204.2	235.2
1.12D - 1.3E	-268	-42.2	-163.2
0.68 <i>D</i> – 1.3 <i>E</i>	-224	<u>-81.8</u>	<u>-180.8</u>

The governing values are underlined for  $M_A$  [same as determined in Part (2)] and for the interaction pairs of  $P_C$  and  $M_C$  required for the design of the column section at C.

### Commentary

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The eight seismic load combinations resulting from the proposed definition of *E* provide an automatic method of considering the individual algebraic signs of the load actions, the direction of the lateral seismic load, and the independent  $\pm$  action of 0.2  $S_{DC}D$ . There is no need to use the "same sign" and "opposite sign" limitations of Equations 12.4-2 and 12.4.2.1 since all possible combinations are represented. This is important for interactive pairs of actions that must be evaluated for a common load combination.

When the Modal Response Spectrum Analysis procedure of §12.9 is used, the algebraic signs of seismic load actions are lost because of the process of combining the individual modal responses. The signs to be used for an interaction pair of actions due to a given direction of lateral loading can be obtained from the primary mode response where the primary mode is the mode having the largest participation factor for the given direction of lateral seismic loading. Or, alternatively, the signs can be obtained from the equivalent lateral force procedure of §12.8.

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## **Example 2 Combinations of Loads**

The code permits the use of allowable stress design for the design of wood members and their fasteners (ASCE/SEI 7-05 §2.4 and §12.4.2.3). Section 2.4 defines the basic load combinations for allowable stress design.

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This example illustrates the application of this method for the plywood shear wall shown below. The wall is a bearing and shear wall in a light wood framed building.



Moment arm from center of post to center of hold-down bolt

L = 10 ft - (3.5 + 2.0 + 3.5/2) = 10 ft - 7.25 in = 9.4 ft

Determine the required design loads for shear capacity q and hold-down capacity T for the following load combinations.



### Basic allowable stress design

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