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## STUDY ON FIRST EXCURSION PROBABILITY AND ITS REDUCTION CRITERIA FOR SECONDARY SYSTEM TO EXCESS SEISMIC LOADING

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### SUMMARY

A conventional method by which the first excursion probability for the secondary system can be estimated is shown. This approach is based on the moment equations with respect to the response of the secondary system derived by using the Fokker-Planck equation. As input excitations, nonstationary artificial time histories compatible to the design response spectrum are used. By introducing perfectly-elasto-plastic restoring force-deformation relation, in which seismic response energy absorption can be expected, the failure probability reduction criteria are presented.

### INTRODUCTION

Secondary structural systems such as pipings, tanks and other various types of machinery which are installed in the primary structural systems should be designed to maintain their functions even if they are subjected to destructive earthquake excitations. Probabilistic reliability analysis for such secondary systems is particularly important for seismic risk assessment of industrial plants. In this study, a theoretical procedure in order to obtain the first excursion probability to excess seismic loading is formulated by using a simplified coupling model of the primary and the secondary system. Then by using the results through this method, reduction criteria of the failure probability are presented by introducing inelastic restoring force-deformation relation.

### ANALYTICAL MODEL AND INPUT GROUND MOTION

A simplified coupling model of the secondary and the primary system shown in Fig.1 is used in this study. In the case where failure of the secondary system occurs at instant when absolute value of response firstly crosses the tolerance level, failure probability  $P_f$  is described as follows.

$$P_f(t_i) = P\{|x(t)|_{\max} > B; 0 < t < t_i\} \quad (1)$$

As input ground motion, nonstationary artificial time histories compatible to a design response spectrum are used. In this study, for the design response spectrum, the standard response amplification factor for high pressure gas facility established by the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry shown in Fig.2 is used. It is the response spectrum of the first kind of the

ground which corresponds to Tertiary formation(Ref.1). The envelope function representing nonstationary characteristics of the ground motion is shown in Fig.3. This function is proposed by Jennings et al.(Ref.2) for the significant ground motion such as Taft and El Centro. Artificial time histories used for simulation technique are generated by using a method presented by Vanmarcke et al.(Ref.3).

#### FIRST EXCURSION PROBABILITY ESTIMATION METHOD

A theoretical estimation method of the first excursion probability is presented considering inelastic characteristics.

Dynamic characteristics of the ground model In order to derive a theoretical estimation equation of the first excursion probability, identification of the dynamic characteristics of the ground model is necessary. Expected value of power spectral density function with respect to the ground acceleration  $G(\omega)$  estimated by using 50 artificial time histories is shown in Fig.4 with solid line. From this figure,  $G(\omega)$  could be expressed as following equation.

$$G(\omega) = \frac{(2h_g\omega_g\omega)^2 + \omega_g^4}{(\omega_g^2 - \omega^2)^2 + (2h_g\omega_g\omega)^2} G_0 \quad (2)$$

Using the least square method, when  $h_a=0.5$ ,  $T_g(=2\pi/\omega_g)=0.285s$  and  $G_0=1.94 \times 10^{-3}$  (1/s), the best fit curve shown in Fig.4 as a dashed line is obtained.

Theoretical estimation equation of first excursion probability  $P_f$  is given as

$$P_f(t) = 1 - \exp\left\{-2 \int_0^t \nu(t) dt\right\} \quad (3)$$

Assuming that the distribution of relative displacement of the secondary system to the primary system  $z_a(t)$  is normal distribution and instants at which  $z_a(t)$  crosses the tolerance level  $B_D$  are statistically independent,  $\nu(t)$  is given as

$$\nu(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\sqrt{D}}{\sigma_{z_a}^2} \left[ \exp\left\{-\frac{B_D^2}{2\sigma_{z_a}^2} \left(1 + \frac{x_{z_a}^2 z_a}{D}\right)\right\} + B_D x_{z_a} z_a \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2D\sigma_{z_a}^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{B_D^2}{2\sigma_{z_a}^2}\right\} (1 + \text{erf}(C)) \right] \quad (4)$$

where  $C = \frac{x_{z_a} z_a B_D}{\sqrt{2D\sigma_{z_a}^2}}$ ,  $D = \sigma_{z_a}^2 \sigma_{\dot{z}_a}^2 - x_{z_a}^2 z_a$ ,  $\text{erf}(u) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^u e^{-y^2} dy$

In Eq.(4),  $\sigma_{z_a}^2$  is variance of  $z_a$ ,  $\sigma_{\dot{z}_a}^2$  that of velocity  $\dot{z}_a$  and  $\kappa_{z_a \dot{z}_a}$  is covariance of  $z_a$  and  $\dot{z}_a$ . As the ground model can be represented by Eq.(2), the Fokker-Planck equation for joint probability density function with respect to  $z_a$ , relative displacement of the primary system to the ground  $z_s$ , that of the ground to base rock  $z_g$  and their derivatives, that is velocity,  $\dot{z}_a, \dot{z}_s$  and  $\dot{z}_g$  is obtained as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = & -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z_s} \dot{z}_s + 2h_s \omega_s \dot{p} - \frac{\partial p}{\partial \dot{z}_s} \{-2h_s \omega_s \dot{z}_s - \omega_s^2 z_s + \gamma(2h_a \omega_a \dot{z}_a + f) + I(t)(2h_g \omega_g \dot{z}_g + \omega_g^2 z_g)\} \\ & - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z_a} \dot{z}_a + 2h_a \omega_a (1+\gamma) \dot{p} - \frac{\partial p}{\partial \dot{z}_a} \{-2h_a \omega_a (1+\gamma) \dot{z}_a - (1+\gamma)f + 2h_s \omega_s \dot{z}_s \\ & + \omega_s^2 z_s\} - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z_g} \dot{z}_g + 2h_g \omega_g \dot{p} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial \dot{z}_g} (2h_g \omega_g \dot{z}_g + \omega_g^2 z_g) + \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial \dot{z}_g^2} \frac{\pi G_0}{2} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where  $f$  is restoring force in the secondary system,  $h_a$  and  $h_s$  are damping ratio,  $\omega_a$  and  $\omega_s$  are natural circular frequency of the secondary and the primary system, respectively,  $\gamma$  is ratio of mass of the secondary system to that of the primary system. The second moments with respect to  $z_a$  and  $\dot{z}_a$  are to be obtained in order to use Eq.(4). The partial integral method is applied to Eq.(5), then moment

equations of second moments with respect to  $z_a, \dot{z}_a, z_s, \dot{z}_s, z_g, \dot{z}_g$  which consist of 21 differential equations of the first order are obtained.  $P_f$  is obtained by solving these moment equations and using Eq.(4) and Eq.(3).

First excursion probability estimation of inelastic secondary system Estimation method of  $P_f$  for the secondary system with perfectly-elasto-plastic restoring force-deformation relation shown in Fig.5 is presented in this section.  $f$  in Eq.(5) is equivalently linearized as follows.

$$f = C_e \dot{z}_a + \omega_e^2 z_a \quad (6)$$

where  $C_e$  is equivalent damping coefficient and  $\omega_e$  is equivalent natural circular frequency. When yielding effect is not so great, it is assumed that yielding occurs near the main shock and that the response near the main shock is approximately stationary random process.  $C_e$  and  $\omega_e^2$  are obtained approximately from stationary random process theory as follows.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} C_e &= \frac{2\omega_a^2 \operatorname{erfc}(-\eta^{-1})}{\sqrt{\pi} \omega_e \eta} \\ \omega_e^2 &= \omega_a^2 - \omega_a^2 (\exp(-\eta^{-2}) - \eta^{-1} \sqrt{\pi} \operatorname{erfc}(-\eta^{-1})) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (7)$$

where  $\operatorname{erfc}(u) = 1 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^u e^{-y^2} dy$ ,  $\eta = \sqrt{2} \sigma_{z_a} / Z_e$ ,  $Z_e$  is yielding displacement. The yielding force  $F$  is determined by the following equation.

$$F = \alpha \times R \quad (8)$$

where  $\alpha$  is a parameter which represents yielding effect and  $R$  is the maximum value of  $|f|$  for the linear system.

#### ESTIMATION RESULTS OF THE FIRST EXCURSION PROBABILITY

From Eq.(3),  $P_f$  is a function of time, however,  $P_f$  becomes a constant value when enough time passes after the main shock. The secondary system must be so designed as to be able to survive after earthquake excitation. Therefore, attention is focused on  $P_f$  at the time when enough time passes after main shock. In this paper, the natural period of the secondary system  $T_a$  is selected as it coincides with that of the primary system  $T_s$ , because this condition is the least feasible condition for the secondary system and failure occurs more frequently than in other case  $T_a \approx T_s$ .

Estimation results for linear system In general, failure of the linear secondary system is caused by force, so  $P_f$  with respect to absolute acceleration response  $\ddot{x}_a$  is obtained. The tolerance level for acceleration  $B_A$  is normalized by the response spectrum  $S$  shown in Fig.2 as follows.

$$\lambda_t = B_A / S \quad (9)$$

Since  $|\ddot{x}_a|$  is nearly equal to  $|\omega_a^2 z_a|$ ,  $P_f$  can be estimated by substituting  $B_A / \omega_a^2$  into  $B_D$ .

In order to examine effect of  $T_a$  on  $P_f$ ,  $P_f$  is shown in Fig.6 taking  $T_a$  as a parameter for  $\gamma=0$ ,  $h_a=0.01$  and  $h_s=0.05$ . From this figure, variation of  $P_f$  is not so great for the same value of  $\lambda_t$ , so  $P_f$  is not so dependent on natural period. Same characteristics can be recognized for other parameter values of actual structural systems. Therefore,  $P_f$  can be estimated conventionally when the tolerance level is normalized as Eq.(9).

Estimation results for inelastic system Absolute acceleration response of the secondary system with perfectly-elasto-plastic restoring force-deformation relation is not more greater than the yielding force.  $P_f$  is very small for  $\lambda_t$  which corresponds to the value greater than the yielding force. On the other hand, failure could be caused by displacement response, so  $P_f$  for  $z_a$  is obtained in this case. The tolerance level  $B_D$  is normalized by  $Z_e$  as follows.

$$\mu_t = B_D / Z_e \quad (10)$$

When  $\gamma=0$ ,  $h_a=0.01$  and  $h_s=0.05$ , the maximum value of  $|\ddot{x}_a|$  is about 10 times  $S$  (Ref.4).  $|f|$  is approximately equal to  $|\ddot{x}_a|$ , so  $R$  in Eq.(8) is determined as 10 times  $S$ . In Fig.7,  $P_f$  is shown for  $\alpha=1.0$  and  $\alpha=0.5$ . Comparing with results for the linear system, for example, when  $\lambda_t=20$ ,  $P_f$  is about 90% in the case of  $T_a=T_s=0.3s$  from Fig.6. For inelastic system,  $P_f$  for acceleration is almost zero when  $\lambda_t=20$  for both case of  $\alpha$ , because  $F$  is less than acceleration corresponding to  $\lambda_t=20$ . On the other hand, for  $z_a$ , from Fig.7,  $P_f$  is less than that for the linear system if allowable displacement is greater than 1.7 times and 2.3 times  $Z_e$  for the case of  $\alpha=1.0$  and  $\alpha=0.5$ , respectively.

#### COMPARISON WITH RESULTS OF SIMULATION TECHNIQUE

In order to examine the proposed theoretical estimation method,  $P_f$  is estimated by simulation technique.  $P_f$  is estimated by using 50 artificial time histories.

In Fig.8,  $P_f$  for the linear system is shown by taking natural period as a parameter. In order to distinguish the tolerance level for the theoretical method, symbol  $\lambda_s$  is used for the tolerance level expressed by Eq.(9). Just as in Fig.6, it is recognized that  $P_f$  is not so dependent on the natural period for the same value of  $\lambda_s$ . Comparing theoretical results with simulation results,  $P_f$  estimated by the theoretical method is found to be greater than that by the simulation method for the same tolerance level. Eq.(4) is derived by assuming that instants at which  $z_a(t)$  crosses  $B_D$  are statistically independent. However, since  $h_a$  is 0.01 in this case,  $z_a(t)$  is a narrow band random process. Therefore, the assumption is strictly not appropriate(Ref.5). Comparing Fig.8 with Fig.6, the relation can be seen between  $\lambda_t$  and  $\lambda_s$  for relatively small value of  $P_f$  as follows.

$$\lambda_s \approx 0.8\lambda_t \quad (11)$$

Next,  $P_f$  of the inelastic secondary system is estimated by the simulation method.  $P_f$  is shown in Fig.9 which corresponds to Fig.7. In order to distinguish the tolerance level for the simulation method from that for the theoretical method expressed by Eq.(10), symbol  $\mu_s$  is used.  $P_f$  estimated by the theoretical method is greater than that by the simulation method for the same value of the tolerance level as in the case of the linear system. In this case, there is the following relationship between  $\mu_t$  and  $\mu_s$  for relatively small value of  $P_f$ .

$$\mu_s \approx 0.5\mu_t \quad (12)$$

When the allowable displacement is more than 1.8 times and 1.3 times yielding displacement for the case of  $\alpha=1.0$  and  $\alpha=0.5$ , respectively,  $P_f$  can be significantly reduced.

#### CONCLUSIONS

A theoretical estimation method for the first excursion probability of the secondary system  $P_f$  is shown.  $P_f$  from this method is greater than that from the

simulation method. There is a simple relation between tolerance level for the theoretical method that for the simulation method given by Eq.(11) for the linear system and by Eq.(12) for the inelastic system. For the linear system, when the tolerance level for acceleration is normalized as Eq.(9),  $P_F$  is not so dependent on natural period. Comparing with  $P_F$  for the linear system,  $P_F$  for the system with perfectly-elasto-plastic restoring force-deformation relation can be reduced and reduction criteria of  $P_F$  are presented.

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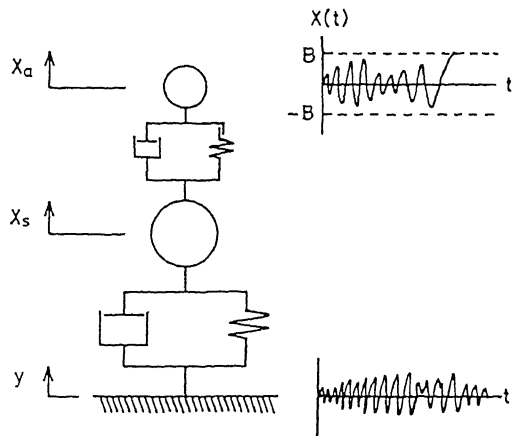


Fig.1 Analytical Model

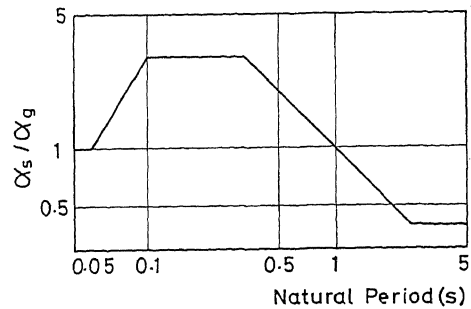


Fig.2 Target Response Spectrum for 5% Damping Ratio of Critical

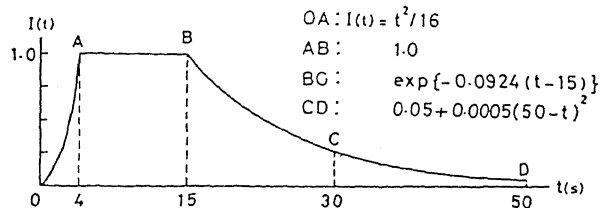


Fig.3 Envelope Function for Earthquake

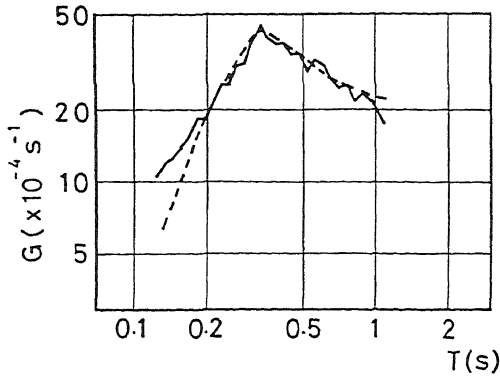


Fig. 4 Power Spectral Density Function of Ground Motion

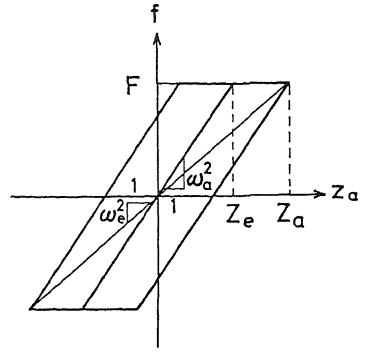


Fig. 5 Perfectly-Elasto-Plastic Model

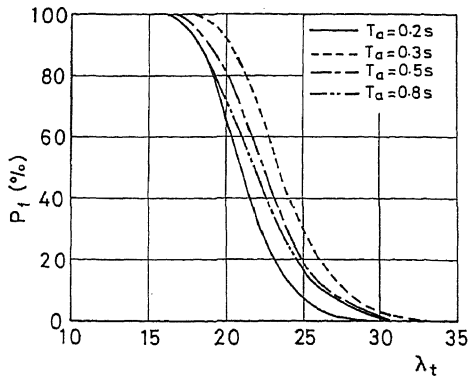


Fig. 6 Failure Probability of Secondary System (Theory)  
( $\gamma=0, h_a=0.01, h_s=0.05, T_a=T_s$ )

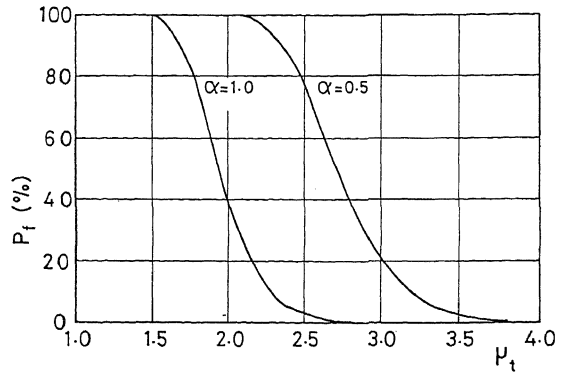


Fig. 7 Failure Probability of Secondary System (Theory)  
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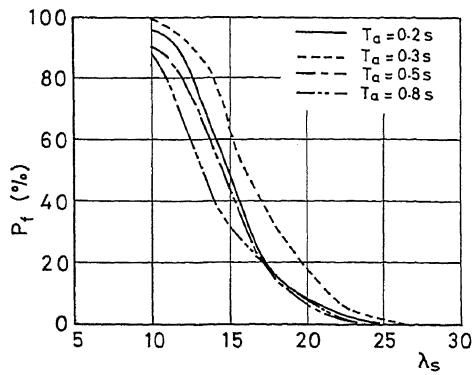


Fig. 8 Failure Probability of Secondary System (Simulation)  
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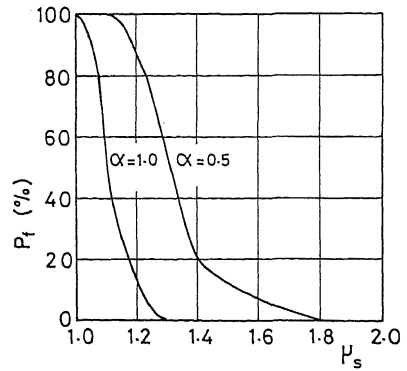


Fig. 9 Failure Probability of Secondary System (Simulation)  
( $\gamma=0, h_a=0.01, h_s=0.05, T_a=T_s=0.3s$ )