

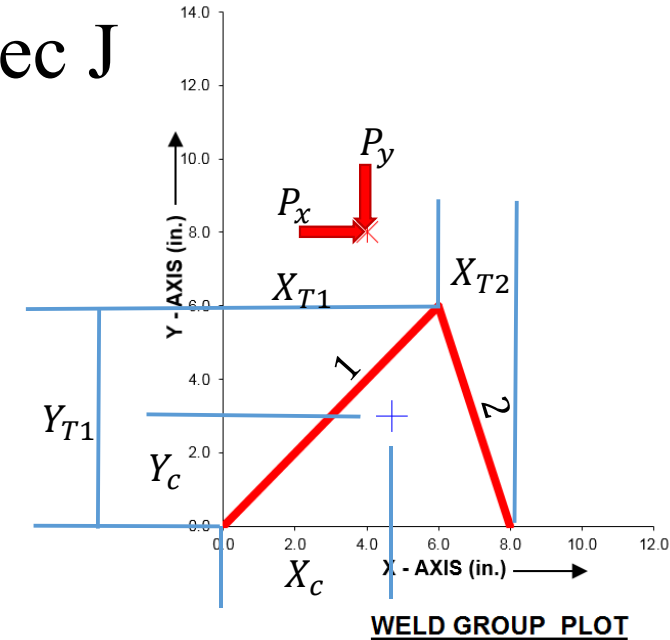
# Welded Connection Design – AISC Spec J

General Elastic Method for Any Weld Group w/ Same Size Welds

General Elastic Method (as adopted from Alex Tomanovich)

## 1) Identify Weld Group Main Parameters

- $L_{wt}$  = total length of weld group
- Centroid of Weld Group
  - $X_c = \frac{\sum X_c}{L_{wt}}$  when  $X_c = (X_{mid,indv})(L_{w,indv})$
  - $Y_c = \frac{\sum Y_c}{L_{wt}}$  when  $Y_c = (Y_{mid,indv})(L_{w,indv})$
- Calculate  $I_x, I_y, J$ 
  - $I_x = (\sum I_{x0}) - L_{wt}(Y_c)^2 \rightarrow I_{x01} = \frac{(L_1)(Y_{T1})^2}{12} + L_1(Y_{mid,1})^2$  continue for each weld
  - $I_y = (\sum I_{y0}) - L_{wt}(X_c)^2 \rightarrow I_{y01} = \frac{(L_1)(X_{T1})^2}{12} + L_1(X_{mid,1})^2$  continue for each weld
  - $J = I_x + I_y$



## 2a) Moment Summations about CG (for each point loaded)

• **USE RIGHT HAND RULE CENTERED ON THE  $CG_{weld}$ !!!!**

$$M_{xfrom(P_y)} = (Z_{load\ point} - Z_{CG_{weld}})(P_y)$$

$$M_{xfrom(P_z)} = (Y_{load\ point} - Y_{CG_{weld}})(P_z)$$

$$M_{yfrom(P_x)} = (Z_{load\ point} - Z_{CG_{weld}})(P_x)$$

$$M_{yfrom(P_z)} = (X_{load\ point} - X_{CG_{weld}})(P_z)$$

$$M_{zfrom(P_x)} = (Y_{load\ point} - Y_{CG_{weld}})(P_x)$$

$$M_{zfrom(P_y)} = (X_{load\ point} - X_{CG_{weld}})(P_y)$$

## 2b) Loads Transformed for Effects @ CG of Weld Group

Notation  $M_{xfrom(P_y)}$  indicates moment about x-axis caused by  $P_y$ .

- $\sum P_x = Applied\ P_x$
- $\sum P_y = Applied\ P_y$
- $\sum P_z = Applied\ P_z$
- $\sum M_x = Applied\ M_x + M_{xfrom(P_y)} + M_{xfrom(P_z)}$
- $\sum M_y = Applied\ M_y + M_{yfrom(P_x)} + M_{yfrom(P_z)}$
- $\sum M_z = Applied\ M_z + M_{zfrom(P_x)} + M_{zfrom(P_y)}$

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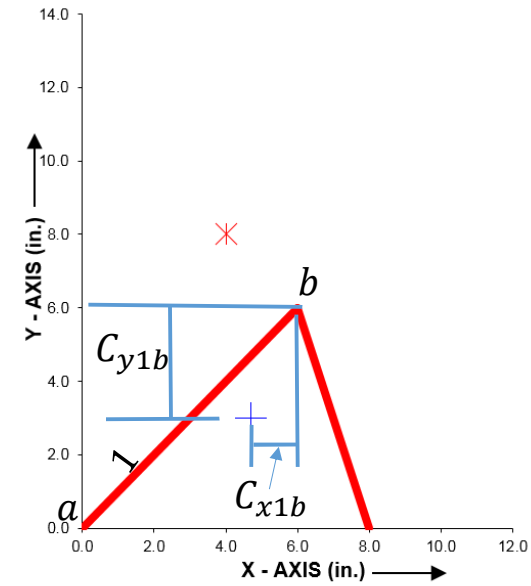
## Elastic Method General Algorithm

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3) Weld Forces @ Individual Points (Weld Ends): The forces are dependent on  $C_x$  &  $C_y$ , as measured from  $CG_{weld}$ .

**BE AWARE OF THE MOMENT ORIENTATION AND RIGHT HAND RULE!!!**

- $f_z = \frac{\sum P_z}{L_{wt}} + \frac{(\sum M_x)(C_{y1b})}{I_x} + \frac{(\sum M_y)(C_{x1b})}{I_y}$
  - $f_{vy} = \frac{\sum P_y}{L_{wt}} + \frac{(\sum M_z)(C_{x1b})}{J}$
  - $f_{vx} = \frac{\sum P_x}{L_{wt}} + \frac{(\sum M_z)(C_{y1b})}{J}$  (e.g. positive moment about Z will produce force in negative X if  $C_{y1b}$  is positive)
  - $f_{resultant} = \sqrt{(f_z)^2 + (f_{vy})^2 + (f_{vx})^2}$
- $\frac{\text{Force}}{\text{Unit Length}} \rightarrow \text{Usually } \frac{\text{Kips}}{\text{in}}$



**WELD GROUP PLOT**

4) Weld Requirements and Base Metal Check

- Fillet weld size required (in 16ths of an inch) =  $\frac{f_{resultant}}{0.75 * w * (0.6 F_{EXX}) * (\text{unit length})} = \frac{f_{resultant}}{1.392 \text{ k/in}_{16th}}$  for LRFD.
  - If using ASD, substitute  $0.928 \text{ k/in}_{16th}$  for  $1.392 \text{ k/in}_{16th}$
- Base Metal Shear Allowable
  - LRFD:  $\phi R_n = (1.00)(0.6)(F_{ybase})(\text{Base Metal Thickness}) \rightarrow \text{force/unit length usually } \frac{\text{Kips}}{\text{inch}}$
  - Refer to AISC Spec. J4
  - $R_n = 0.6 F_y A_{gv}$  w/  $\phi = 1.00$  or  $\Omega = 1.5$  (This is where  $0.4 F_y$  for ASD comes from)