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#### NOTATION

- a = shear span
- b = width of the member
- d = effective depth of the member, or distance from extreme compression fiber to tension reinforcement
- $d_{C_1}$  = ratio of the thickness of concrete cover under compression surface to the effective depth d
- $d_{t_1}$  = ratio of the thickness of concrete cover under tension surface to the effective depth d
- h = overall thickness of the member

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= arm of inner forces (a/d)= shear span ratio  $(a/d)_{T}$  critical shear span ratio, given by eq.(1) = diagonal member for truss analogy D = tensile yielding of longitudinal reinforcement G H = inside height or clear span of the restrained column 2a, see Figs. 2 or 3, or horizontal member for truss analogy  $\widehat{H}_{\Gamma}$ = critical shear span ratio,  $(=(H/h)_{T})$ I ' = compression fracture of concrete in compression side L = longitudinal member for truss analogy М = moment Ν = working axial load . N\_0 = yield axial load of centrally loaded column, given by eq.(3) NB = number of cycles until fracture T(X) = multiaxial fracture condition of plain concrete, given by eq.(2) Х = axial load level ratio, or ratio of working axial load N to yield axial load  $N_0$ , (= X = N/N\_0) Р = lateral load = shear load, in metric ton Q ₫y <sub>Q</sub>y Qy = bending yield resistance index of a reinforced concrete restrained column, given by eq.(4) = shear yield resistance index of a rainforced concrete restrained column, given by eq.(5)R = relative storey displacement angle  $R_a$ = relative storey displacement angle amplitude LC = long column SC = short column, or shear cracking TC = tensile cracking f' f<sup>cu</sup> = specified compressive strength of concrete, in  $kgf/cm^2$ = specified yield strength of longitudinal reinforcement ώy = reinforcement index  $(=(f_{v}/f_{cv})\rho)$ = ratio of tension reinforcement ρ = ratio of web reinforcement  $^{
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ho}{W}$ = diameter of reinforcement, in mm φ = relative displacement of the shear span δ δ<sub>a</sub> = relative displacement amplitude of the shear span

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Fig. 1 Classification of the Deformation and Fracture Characteristics of Reinforced Concrete Columns (2)



Fig. 2 Critical Shear Span Ratio  $(a/d)_{T}$  or Critical Length to Depth Ratio  $\overline{H}_{T}$  (=  $(H/h)_{T}$ ) between Longer and Shorter Columns



- Fig. 4(a) Shear Load Relative Storey Displacement Angle Relationships of Reinforced Concrete Columns (1)
- Fig. 4(b) Influences of Shear Span Ratios (a/d), Axial Load Level Ratios X =  $(N/N_0)$  upon the Fracture Modes (Tested)

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Fig. 7(a) Measured Deformation Process of Reinforced Concrete Short Columns under Double Curvature Bending with an Inflection Point



Fig. 7(b) Measured Deformation of Reinforced Concrete Short Columns under Double Curvature Bending with an Inflection Point



Fig. 8(a) Truss Analogy for Analysis (12)



Fig. 8(b) Assumed Stress-Strain Relationships (12)



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Fig. 11 Fracture Modes of Tested Specimens







Fig. 13 Hysteresis Loop Characteristics of Constant Displacement Amplitude Test with (a/d) =1,20



Fig. 14 Fracture Processes



Fig. 15 Deterioration Processes with the Increasing Number of Cycles



Fig. 16 Relationships between Relative Storey Displacement Angle Amplitude R<sub>a</sub> and Number of Cycles until Fracture N<sub>B</sub>