





A system needs to be stable in all directions -x, y, and z.

Dead , Live and Snow Loads are vertical due to gravity.

Wind and Seismic Loads are primarily horizontal or lateral, but can also be vertical (usually upward).

Lateral bracing can be achieved with:

- Diagonal truss member
- X-bracing members
- Knee bracing
- Gusset plates



## **Example Frame Bracing**

- Check for stability. At least one ridged frame per story
- Convert distributed loads to point loads acting at floors.
- Solve the horizontal reaction for the whole system.
- Assume the bracing carries tension only



Base shear = 48k

$$\sum F_{H} = 0$$
  
0 = 10 + 10 + 8 + 10 + 10 - R  
$$R = 48^{k}$$

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## Example Frame Bracing cont.

- Cut a FBD horizontally through the story containing the brace being solved.
- Sum horizontal forces to find the horizontal component in the braces. Assume load is divided evenly among braces in a story.
- In this case only the tension bracing carries load (rods or cables)
- Find the vertical component by proportions or trig function

$$\frac{24^{k}}{12^{4}} \xrightarrow{30^{k}} \frac{24^{k}}{12^{4}} \xrightarrow{48} \frac{12^{2}}{16^{2}} \xrightarrow{48}$$

$$\sum F_{H} = 0$$
  
0 = -48 + H<sub>1</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>  
H<sub>1</sub> = H<sub>2</sub> = 24<sup>K</sup>

$$\frac{12}{16} : \frac{V}{24}$$
  
 $V = 18$   
 $X_1 = \sqrt{18^2 + 24^2} = 30^K$ 

## Lateral Stability

A system needs to be stable in all directions -x, y, and z.

Fixed (moment) connections in a rigid frame can also provide stability.

In a fixed frame the members act in both compression and bending.





# **Timber Frame Bracing**

John Pariseau's Timber Frame Load Case: D + 0.6W









# Three Shear Wall Types



# Shear Wall Connections



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# Anchors and Tie-downs



## Shear Wall Types

Acts like a vertical cantilever beam

Let-in Wall Bracing  $-45^{\circ}$  - limited to single or top story Wall Board – requires 8 ft length

Wood Structural Panel – requires 4 ft length 3 times stronger by length

Table 4.3.4	<b>Maximum Shear Wall Aspect</b>
	Ratios

Shear Wall	Maximum h/b <sub>s</sub> Ratio		
Sheathing Type			
Wood structural panels, unblocked	2:1		
Wood structural panels, blocked	3.5:1		
Particleboard, blocked	2:1		
Diagonal sheathing, conventional	2:1		
Gypsum wallboard	$2:1^{1}$		
Portland cement plaster	2:1		
Structural Fiberboard	3.5:1		
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1 Walls having aspect ratios exceeding 1.5:1 shall be blocked shear walls.

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# Shear Wall Design Elements

- Panel Thickness
- Panel Grade ~
- Nail spacing —

A Shear Wall...

Is vertical

Is designed

cantilevered

Table has only blocked values,

wall is always

blocked\*

because a shear

\*A code requirement.

like a

beam

- Base shear anchors -
- Hold down anchors (at ends of each wall)

A Diaphragm...

Is horizontal (or nearly so)

Is designed

as a simply

Table has both

blocked and

unblocked

diaphragm

values

supported

beam

- Placement for lateral stability
- Fastening at edges (chords)



FIGURE 11

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#### Lateral Force Resistance

Stability requires at least 2 points of intersection.

Force is more evenly resisted with centroid of walls in the kern of slab







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