

Evaluation and Formulation of Raleigh- Ritz Based Peculiar Total Potential Energy Functional (TPEF) For Mono Symmetric Single (MSS) Cell Thin- Walled Box Column (TWBC) Cross- Section in Preparation for The Stability Analysis of TWBC

K. C. NWACHUKWU¹, O. EDIKE², I. S. AKOSUBO³, A. U. IGBOJIAKU⁴, F. K ATULOMAH⁵

^{1, 4} Department of Civil Engineering, Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Imo State, Nigeria

^{2, 3} Department of Civil Engineering, Nigeria Maritime University, Okerenkoko, Delta State, Nigeria

⁵ C.o Department of Civil Engineering, Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Imo State, Nigeria

Abstract- *This research work is aimed at evaluating, as well as formulating the peculiar Total Potential Energy Functional (TPEF) for a Mono Symmetric Single (MSS) cell Thin -walled Box Column (TWBC). It is one of the peculiar TPEF which is a follow up of the formulation of the general/governing TPEF for TWBC by Nwachukwu and others (2017). For the cross – section under consideration, the cross –sectional properties are evaluated first to obtain the cross-sectional areas and moment of inertia. This is followed by the formulation of the TPEF for the cross- sections for different boundary conditions. The formulated Energy Functional Equations support the stability analysis of a MSS cell thin-walled box (closed) column cross-section using Raleigh - Ritz Method (RRM) .The Raleigh- Ritz based formulated TPEF equations are found suitable, handy and simple to be used in the Flexural(F) , Flexural- Torsional(FT) and Flexural- Torsional- Distortional(FTD) buckling/stability analysis of MSS cell TWBC cross-section where data obtained (critical bulking loads) will be compared with the works of other authors in subsequent works.*

Indexed Terms- *Mono Symmetric Single (MSS) Cell, Total Potential Energy Functional (TPEF), Thin - Walled Box Column (TWBC)or Thin-Walled Column (TWC), Raleigh- Ritz Method (RRM), Bulking/ Stability Analysis*

I. INTRODUCTION

According to Murray (1984), a thin-walled structure (TWS) is one which is made from thin plates joined along their edges. The plate thickness for the TWS however is small compared to other cross sectional dimensions which are in turn often small compared with the overall length of the member or structure. Thin-walled columns (TWC) as well as other TWS are very light compared with alternative structures and therefore, they are used extensively in long-span bridges and other structures where weight and cost are prime considerations.

MSS are common examples of TWC cross –sections .According to Simao and Simoes da silva (2004), it is a common knowledge that the use of very slender thin-walled cross-sections members have become increasingly in demand due to their high stiffness/weight ratio, in recent years. In general, according to Ezeh and Osadebe (2010), thin-walled structures consist of a wide and growing field of engineering application which seeks efficiency and effectiveness in strength and cost by minimizing material. For about a century many branches of the industry have sought stronger and at the same time lighter structural solutions which optimize the effectiveness and the cost of the structures (Andreassen, 2012). Such industries cut across civil, mechanical, naval, and aerospace industries.

This recent study is an attempt to evaluate and formulate the TPEF for MSS cross-sections. It is the follow up of the works by Nwachukwu and others (2017) and Nwachukwu and others (2021) where the

governing equation for the TPEF for a TWBC applicable to RRM and peculiar TPEF for DSS cross – section were derived respectively . Before now, many researchers have carried out one form of analysis or the other on thin- walled box columns and related topics, but none has been able to address the present subject matter. For instant, Krolak and others (2009) presented a theoretical, numerical and experimental analysis of the stability and ultimate load of multi-cell thin-walled columns of rectangular and square cross-sections subjected to axial compression. Shanmugam and others (1989) presented a numerical method to investigate the ultimate strength behavior of thin-walled steel box columns subjected to axial loads and biaxial end moments. The work of Ezeh (2009) involved a theoretical formulation based on Vlasov’s theory as modified by Varbanov, in analyzing flexural, flexural-torsional, and flexural-torsional-distortional buckling modes of thin-walled closed columns. Chidolue and Osadebe (2012), also used Vlasov’s theory to carryout Torsional- Distortional analysis of thin- walled box girder bridges. Chidolue and Aginam (2012) investigated the effects of shape factor on the Flexural- Torsional-Distortional behavior of thin-walled box girder structures using Vlasov’s Theory. Ezeh (2010) also investigated the buckling behavior of axially compressed multi- cell doubly symmetric thin-walled column using Vlasov’s theory. The works of Osadebe and Chidolue (2012a), Osadebe and Chidolue (2012b), Osadebe and Ezeh (2009a), Osadebe and Ezeh (2009b) were also based on Vlasov’s method. Nwachukwu and others (2017) and Nwachukwu and others (2021a) derived the RRM based governing TPEF equation for the TWBC applicable to RRM and evaluate and formulate the peculiar TPEF for DSS cross – section respectively . Finally, Nwachukwu and others (2021b) evaluated and formulated the TPEF for DSM and MSM cross section.

Thus in the area of stability analysis of thin-walled box (closed) columns, little or no effort has been done to use RRM to evaluate and formulate the peculiar TPEF for MSS cross section. Henceforth, the need for this recent research work. The formulated energy functional will now be used to analyze a MSS thin-walled box (closed) columns of different boundary conditions in subsequent works.

II. THEORITICAL BACKGROUND

Before now, the prominent total potential energy functional (TPEF), π for the TWBC is based on Vlasov’ s theory and is given by Eqn. (1)

$$\Pi = \frac{1}{2} \int_L \int_S [\left\{ \frac{\delta^2}{E} + \frac{\tau_{(x,s)}^2}{G} \right\} t_{(s)} + \frac{M^2}{EI} - P (v^I)^2] dx ds \tag{1}$$

Eqn.(1) was used by Ezeh (2009) and Chidolue and Osadebe (2012) to analyse a thin- walled box column and a thin- walled box girder bridge respectively using Vlasov’ s theory. However, Eqn.(1) has been transformed by Nwachukwu and others (2017) in such a way that the Rayleigh- Ritz method can be applied. The transformed governing formulation is as stated in Eqn.(2).

$$\pi = k_1 \int_L v^2 x^2 (2L - x)^2 dx + k_2 \int_L (v^I)^2 dx + k_3 \int_L (v^{II})^2 dx - k_4 \int_L (v^I)^2 dx. \tag{2}$$

$$k_1 = \frac{Ap^2}{8EI^2}; \quad k_2 = \frac{AG}{2}; \quad k_3 = \frac{EI}{2}; \quad \text{and} \quad k_4 = \frac{P}{2} \tag{3(a-d)}$$

Where P is critical buckling load, A is Cross sectional area, E is young modulus of elasticity, G is shear modulus, I is moment of inertia, and L is length of the column.

Here, v = the displacement function, which is a function of polynomial shape function, ϕ

According to Raleigh- Ritz Theory

$$v = \sum_i^n c_i \phi_i = c_1 \phi_1 + c_2 \phi_2 + c_3 \phi_3 + \dots + c_n \phi_n \tag{4}$$

Where ϕ = Polynomial shape function
 c = undetermined coefficient / unknown constant.

It is noteworthy to note that Nwachukwu and others (2021a) have generated the Polynomial shape function used in the formulation and have also demonstrated the efficacy of Eqn. (2) by using it to formulate the peculiar TPEF for Doubly Symmetric Single (DSS) cell TWBC for different boundary conditions. Nwachukwu and others (2021b) have also formulated

the peculiar TPEF for Doubly Symmetric Multi (DSM) cell TWBC and Mono Symmetric Multi (MSM) cell TWBC for different boundary conditions from the general/governing equation stated in Eqn. (2).

As a way of illustration, let us recall the peculiar TPEF formulated by Nwachukwu and others (2021a) for Fixed-Fixed or Clamped- Clamped (C-C) boundary condition as given under:

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{DSS}^{C-C} &= k_1^{DSS} \varphi_1^{C-C} + k_2^{DSS} \varphi_2^{C-C} + k_3^{DSS} \varphi_3^{C-C} - k_4^{DSS} \varphi_4^{C-C}. \tag{5} \\ &= k_1^{DSS} [360c_1^2 L^{12} - 1575c_1^2 L^{13} + 2870c_1^2 L^{14} - 2772c_1^2 L^{15} + \frac{16380c_1^2 L^{16}}{11} \\ &\quad - 420c_1^2 L^{17} + \frac{630c_1^2 L^{18}}{13} - \frac{72c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^{12}}{7} + 63c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^{13} - 162c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^{14} + \\ &\quad \frac{2028c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^{15}}{10} - \frac{1836c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^{16}}{11} + 87c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^{17} - 24c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^{18} + \frac{36c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^{19}}{14} + \\ &\quad 3960c_2^2 L^{12} - 31185c_2^2 L^{13} + 105490c_2^2 L^{14} - 1995840c_2^2 L^{15} + 230580c_2^2 L^{16} - \\ &\quad 166320c_2^2 L^{17} + \frac{949410c_1^2 L^{18}}{13} - 17820c_2^2 L^{19} + 1848c_2^2 L^{20}] \\ &\quad + k_2^{DSS} [840c_1^2 L^2 - 3780c_1^2 L^3 + 6552c_1^2 L^4 - 5040c_1^2 L^5 + 1440c_1^2 L^6 \\ &\quad - 24c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^2 + 171c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^3 - 432c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^4 + 564c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^5 - \\ &\quad 360c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^6 + 90c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^7 + 9240c_2^2 L^2 - 83160c_2^2 L^3 + 310464c_2^2 L^4 - \\ &\quad 600600c_2^2 L^5 + 633600c_2^2 L^6 - 346500c_2^2 L^7 + 77000c_2^2 L^8] \\ &\quad + k_3^{DSS} [\frac{2520c_1^2}{L^2} - \frac{8820c_1^2}{L} + 40320c_1^2 - 45360c_1^2 L + 18144c_1^2 L^2 - \frac{72c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900}}{L^2} + \frac{648c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900}}{L} \\ &\quad - 2592c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} + 4896c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L - 4320c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^2 + \\ &\quad 1440c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^3 + \frac{27720c_2^2}{L^2} - \frac{332640c_2^2}{L} + 1884960c_2^2 - 5266800c_2^2 L + \\ &\quad 7650720c_2^2 L^2 - 5544000c_2^2 L^3 + 1584000c_2^2 L^4] \\ &\quad - k_4^{DSS} [840c_1^2 L^2 - 3780c_1^2 L^3 + 6552c_1^2 L^4 - 5040c_1^2 L^5 + 1440c_1^2 L^6 \\ &\quad - 24c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^2 + 171c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^3 - 432c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^4 + 564c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^5 - \\ &\quad 360c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^6 + 90c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^7 + 9240c_2^2 L^2 - 83160c_2^2 L^3 + 310464c_2^2 L^4 - \\ &\quad 600600c_2^2 L^5 + 633600c_2^2 L^6 - 346500c_2^2 L^7 + 77000c_2^2 L^8] \tag{6} \end{aligned}$$

Where k_1, k_2, k_3 and k_4 are all defined in Eqns.3 (a-d) respectively, but in terms of DSS cross-section. With Eqns.(5) and (6) in focus, the next section comprises of evaluation of MSS cross-section and the eventual formulation of the MSS peculiar TPEF.

III. EVALUATION AND FORMULATION OF TPEF FOR MSS TWBC CROSS-SECTION

3.1 EVALUATION OF MSS CROSS- SECTIONAL PROPERTIES

Our interest in evaluating the cross-sectional properties are to determine the Cross- Sectional Area for MSS, A^{MSS} and its Moment of Inertia, I^{MSS} . An MSS thin walled box column cross section is shown in Fig.1.

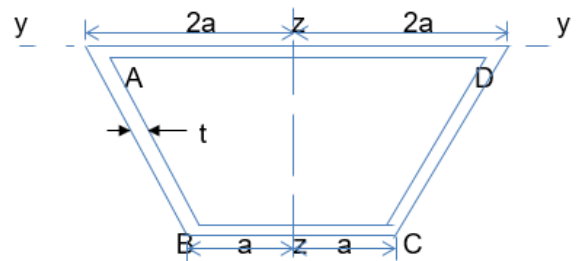


Fig.1: An MSS thin- walled column cross section

(a) CROSS- SECTIONAL AREA, A^{MSS} AND CENTROID.

Applying the thin- walled assumptions, we have in Fig.2 as follows:

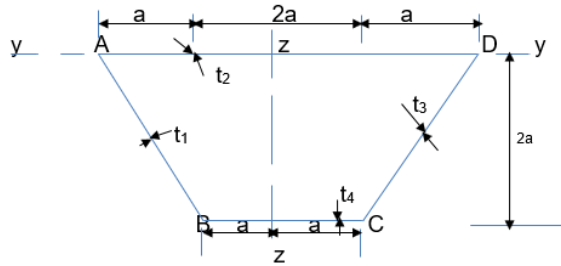


Fig.2: Thin – Walled Assumption for MSS

From Fig.2,

$$AB = CD = \sqrt{a^2 + (2a)^2} = \sqrt{5a^2} = a\sqrt{5} \quad (7)$$

The evaluation of the centroid and the cross-sectional area, are validated using Table 1

Table 1: Centroid and Cross- Sectional Area For MSS

Section	\bar{y}_i	\bar{z}_i	A_i
1	0	$\frac{a\sqrt{5}}{2}$	$at\sqrt{5}$
2	2a	0	4at
3	0	$\frac{a\sqrt{5}}{2}$	$at\sqrt{5}$
4	a	0	2at
SUM	$\sum \bar{y}_i = 3a$	$\sum \bar{z}_i = -a\sqrt{5}$	$\sum A_i = 6at + 2at\sqrt{5}$

Note $t_1 = t_2 = t_3 = t_4 = t$ (8)

Thus $A^{MSS} = \sum A_i = 6at + 2at\sqrt{5} = 10.472at$ (9)

$\bar{y}_G = 3a$ (10)

And $\bar{z}_G = -a\sqrt{5} = -2.236a$ (11)

(b) MOMENT OF INERTIA, I^{MSS}

Evaluation process for moment of inertia I^{MSS} is shown in Table 2.

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{MSS}^{S-S} &= k_1^{MSS} \varphi_1^{S-S} + k_2^{MSS} \varphi_2^{S-S} + k_3^{MSS} \varphi_3^{S-S} - k_4^{MSS} \varphi_4^{S-S} \quad (17) \\ &= k_1^{MSS} \left[24c_1^2 L^{10} - 60c_1^2 L^{11} + \frac{390c_1^2 L^{12}}{7} - 10c_1^2 L^{13} + \frac{10c_1^2 L^{14}}{3} - \frac{8c_1 c_2 \sqrt{6300} L^{10}}{5} \right. \\ &+ \frac{20c_1 c_2 \sqrt{6300} L^{11}}{3} - \frac{74c_1 c_2 \sqrt{6300} L^{12}}{7} + 8c_1 c_2 \sqrt{6300} L^{13} - \frac{26c_1 c_2 \sqrt{6300} L^{14}}{9} + \frac{2c_1 c_2 \sqrt{6300} L^{15}}{5} + \\ &168c_2^2 L^{10} - 980c_2^2 L^{11} + 2310c_2^2 L^{12} - \frac{5565c_2^2 L^{13}}{2} + \frac{5390c_2^2 L^{14}}{3} - 588c_2^2 L^{15} + \left. \frac{840c_2^2 L^{16}}{11} \right] \\ &+ k_2^{MSS} [30c_1^2 - 60c_1^2 L + 40c_1^2 L^2 - 2c_1 c_2 \sqrt{6300}] \end{aligned}$$

Since the cross-section is mono-symmetric about Z-Z, we concentrate on finding the moment of inertia about Z-Z as illustrated in Table 2.

Table 2: Moment of Inertia for MSS.

Section	1	2	3	4
I_{zci}	$\frac{(t)^3 a \sqrt{5}}{12}$	$\frac{(t)^3 4a}{12}$	$\frac{(t)^3 a \sqrt{5}}{12}$	$\frac{(t)^3 2a}{12}$

Thus, $I_{ZZ} = 2 I_{ZZ1} + I_{ZZ2} + I_{ZZ4}$ (12)

Where

$$\begin{aligned} I_{ZZ1} &= I_{zc1} + A_1 [-(\bar{y}_G)]^2 \\ &= \frac{at^3 \sqrt{5}}{12} + at\sqrt{5} [3a]^2 = 0.186at^3 + 20.125a^3 t \\ \therefore 2 I_{ZZ1} &= 0.372at^3 + 40.25a^3 t \quad (13) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$I_{ZZ2} = I_{zc2} + A_2 [\bar{y}_2 - \bar{y}_G]^2 = 0.333at^3 + 4a^3 t \quad (14)$$

Again

$$I_{ZZ4} = I_{zc4} + A_4 [\bar{y}_4 - \bar{y}_G]^2 = 0.167at^3 + 8a^3 t \quad (15)$$

Thus, $I^{MSS} = I_{ZZ} = 0.872at^3 + 52.25a^3 t$ (16)

3.2 FORMULATION OF TPEF FOR MSS DIFFERENT BOUNDARY CONDITION CASES

(a) CASE 1: PINNED-PINNED(S-S)- MSS THIN-WALLED COLUMN.

The total potential energy functional (TPEF) for MSS-[S-S] thin-walled box column, π_{MSS}^{S-S} can be evaluated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + 8 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{6300} L - 12 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{6300} L^2 + 6 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{6300} L^3 + 210 c_2^2 - \\
 & [1260 c_2^2 L + 3360 c_2^2 L^2 - 3780 c_2^2 L^3 + 1512 c_2^2 L^4] \\
 & + k_3^{MSS} \left[\frac{120 c_1^2}{L^2} - \frac{24 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{6300}}{L^2} + \frac{24 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{6300}}{L} + \frac{7560 c_2^2}{L^2} - \frac{15120 c_2^2}{L} + 10080 c_2^2 \right] \\
 & - k_4^{MSS} [30 c_1^2 - 60 c_1^2 L + 40 c_1^2 L^2 - 2 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{6300} \\
 & + 8 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{6300} L - 12 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{6300} L^2 + 6 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{6300} L^3 + 210 c_2^2 - 1260 c_2^2 L \\
 & + 3360 c_2^2 L^2 - 3780 c_2^2 L^3 + 1512 c_2^2 L^4] \tag{18}
 \end{aligned}$$

Where

$$k_1^{MSS} = \frac{A^{MSS} p^2}{8EI^2(MSS)}, \quad k_2^{MSS} = \frac{A^{MSS} G}{2}, \quad k_3^{MSS} = \frac{EI^{MSS}}{2} \quad \& \quad k_4^{MSS} = \frac{P}{2} \tag{19(a-d)}$$

A^{MSS} and I^{MSS} are defined in Eqns.(11) and (16) respectively.

(b) CASE 2: FIXED-FIXED[C-C]- MSS THIN-WALLED COLUMN

The total potential energy functional for MSS-[C-C] thin-walled box column can be obtained as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \pi_{MSS}^{C-C} & = k_1^{MSS} \varphi_1^{C-C} + k_2^{MSS} \varphi_2^{C-C} + k_3^{MSS} \varphi_3^{C-C} - k_4^{MSS} \varphi_4^{C-C} \tag{20} \\
 & = k_1^{MSS} [360 c_1^2 L^{12} - 1575 c_1^2 L^{13} + 2870 c_1^2 L^{14} - 2772 c_1^2 L^{15} + \frac{16380 c_1^2 L^{16}}{11} \\
 & \quad - 420 c_1^2 L^{17} + \frac{630 c_1^2 L^{18}}{13} - \frac{72 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^{12}}{7} + 63 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^{13} - \\
 & \quad 162 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^{14} + \frac{2028 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^{15}}{10} - \frac{1836 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^{16}}{11} + \\
 & \quad 87 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^{17} - 24 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^{18} + \frac{36 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^{19}}{14} + \\
 & \quad 3960 c_2^2 L^{12} - 31185 c_2^2 L^{13} + 105490 c_2^2 L^{14} - 1995840 c_2^2 L^{15} + \\
 & \quad 230580 c_2^2 L^{16} - 166320 c_2^2 L^{17} + \frac{949410 c_1^2 L^{18}}{13} - 17820 c_2^2 L^{19} + \\
 & \quad 1848 c_2^2 L^{20} \\
 & + k_2^{MSS} [840 c_1^2 L^2 - 3780 c_1^2 L^3 + 6552 c_1^2 L^4 - 5040 c_1^2 L^5 + 1440 c_1^2 L^6 \\
 & \quad - 24 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^2 + 171 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^3 - 432 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^4 + 564 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^5 - \\
 & \quad 360 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^6 + 90 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^7 + 9240 c_2^2 L^2 - 83160 c_2^2 L^3 + 310464 c_2^2 L^4 - \\
 & \quad 600600 c_2^2 L^5 + 633600 c_2^2 L^6 - 346500 c_2^2 L^7 + 77000 c_2^2 L^8] \\
 & + k_3^{MSS} \left[\frac{2520 c_1^2}{L^2} - \frac{8820 c_1^2}{L} + 40320 c_1^2 - 45360 c_1^2 L + 18144 c_1^2 L^2 - \frac{72 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900}}{L^2} + \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \frac{648 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900}}{L} - 2592 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} + 4896 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L - 4320 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^2 + \right. \\
 & \quad \left. 1440 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^3 + \frac{27720 c_2^2}{L^2} - \frac{332640 c_2^2}{L} + 1884960 c_2^2 - 5266800 c_2^2 L + \right. \\
 & \quad \left. 7650720 c_2^2 L^2 - 5544000 c_2^2 L^3 + 1584000 c_2^2 L^4 \right] \\
 & - k_4^{MSS} [840 c_1^2 L^2 - 3780 c_1^2 L^3 + 6552 c_1^2 L^4 - 5040 c_1^2 L^5 + 1440 c_1^2 L^6 \\
 & \quad - 24 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^2 + 171 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^3 - 432 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^4 + 564 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^5 - \\
 & \quad 360 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^6 + 90 c_1 c_2 \sqrt{53900} L^7 + 9240 c_2^2 L^2 - 83160 c_2^2 L^3 + 310464 c_2^2 L^4 - \\
 & \quad 600600 c_2^2 L^5 + 633600 c_2^2 L^6 - 346500 c_2^2 L^7 + 77000 c_2^2 L^8] \tag{21}
 \end{aligned}$$

Where k_1^{MSS} , k_2^{MSS} , k_3^{MSS} and k_4^{MSS} are defined in Eqns. 19(a-d) respectively.

(c) CASE 3: FIXED-PINNED[C-S]- MSS THIN-WALLED COLUMN.

$$\pi_{MSS}^{C-S} = k_1^{MSS} \varphi_1^{C-S} + k_2^{MSS} \varphi_2^{C-S} + k_3^{MSS} \varphi_3^{C-S} - k_4^{MSS} \varphi_4^{C-S} \tag{22}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= k_1^{MSS} \left[\frac{22680c_1^2 L^{12}}{133} - \frac{98280c_1^2 L^{13}}{152} + \frac{174510c_1^2 L^{14}}{171} - \frac{162540c_1^2 L^{15}}{190} + \frac{83790c_1^2 L^{16}}{209} - \right. \\
 &\quad \frac{22680c_1^2 L^{17}}{228} + \frac{2520c_1^2 L^{18}}{247} - \frac{216}{7} C_1 C_2 \frac{\sqrt{53900}}{\sqrt{4693}} L^{12} + \frac{10728}{8} C_1 C_2 \frac{\sqrt{53900}}{\sqrt{4693}} L^{13} - \\
 &\quad \frac{39078}{9} C_1 C_2 \frac{\sqrt{53900}}{\sqrt{4693}} L^{14} + \frac{58500}{10} C_1 C_2 \frac{\sqrt{53900}}{\sqrt{4693}} L^{15} - \frac{44640}{11} C_1 C_2 \frac{\sqrt{53900}}{\sqrt{4693}} L^{16} \\
 &\quad + \frac{18000}{12} C_1 C_2 \frac{\sqrt{53900}}{\sqrt{4693}} L^{17} - \frac{3546}{13} C_1 C_2 \frac{\sqrt{53900}}{\sqrt{4693}} L^{18} + \frac{252}{14} C_1 C_2 \frac{\sqrt{53900}}{\sqrt{4693}} L^{19} + \frac{27720c_2^2 L^{12}}{1729} \\
 &\quad - \frac{2633400c_2^2 L^{13}}{1976} + \frac{66784410c_2^2 L^{14}}{2223} - \frac{203312340c_2^2 L^{15}}{2470} + \frac{250637310c_2^2 L^{16}}{2717} \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{151295760c_2^2 L^{17}}{2964} + \frac{45952830c_2^2 L^{18}}{3211} - \frac{6500340c_2^2 L^{19}}{3458} + \frac{339570c_2^2 L^{20}}{3705} \right] \\
 &+ k_2^{MSS} \left[\frac{22680c_1^2 L^2}{57} - \frac{113400c_1^2 L^3}{76} + \frac{202230c_1^2 L^4}{95} - \frac{151200c_1^2 L^5}{114} + \frac{40320c_1^2 L^6}{133} - \right. \\
 &\quad \frac{216}{3} C_1 C_2 \frac{\sqrt{53900}}{\sqrt{4693}} L^2 + \frac{15768}{4} C_1 C_2 \frac{\sqrt{53900}}{\sqrt{4693}} L^3 - \frac{61254}{5} C_1 C_2 \frac{\sqrt{53900}}{\sqrt{4693}} L^4 + \\
 &\quad \frac{81324}{6} C_1 C_2 \frac{\sqrt{53900}}{\sqrt{4693}} L^5 - \frac{39978}{7} C_1 C_2 \frac{\sqrt{53900}}{\sqrt{4693}} L^6 + \frac{5040}{8} C_1 C_2 \frac{\sqrt{53900}}{\sqrt{4693}} L^7 \\
 &\quad + \frac{27720c_2^2 L^2}{741} - \frac{3908520c_2^2 L^3}{988} + \frac{143497970c_2^2 L^4}{1235} - \frac{415273320c_2^2 L^5}{1482} \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{379861020c_2^2 L^6}{1729} - \frac{102841200c_2^2 L^7}{1976} + \frac{8489250c_2^2 L^8}{2223} \right] \\
 &+ k_3^{MSS} \left[\frac{22680c_1^2}{19L^2} - \frac{226800c_1^2}{38L} + \frac{748440c_1^2}{57} - \frac{907200c_1^2 L}{76} + \frac{362880c_1^2 L^2}{95} - \right. \\
 &\quad \frac{216}{L^2} C_1 C_2 \frac{\sqrt{53900}}{\sqrt{4693}} + \frac{31536}{2L} C_1 C_2 \frac{\sqrt{53900}}{\sqrt{4693}} - \frac{221832}{3} C_1 C_2 \frac{\sqrt{53900}}{\sqrt{4693}} + \frac{480384}{4} C_1 C_2 \frac{\sqrt{53900}}{\sqrt{4693}} L - \\
 &\quad \frac{350352}{5} C_1 C_2 \frac{\sqrt{53900}}{\sqrt{4693}} L^2 + \frac{60480}{6} C_1 C_2 \frac{\sqrt{53900}}{\sqrt{4693}} L^3 \\
 &\quad + \frac{24640c_2^2}{247L^2} - \frac{7817040c_2^2}{494L} + \frac{568731240c_2^2}{741} - \frac{2489699520c_2^2 L}{988} \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{3350350080c_2^2 L^2}{1235} - \frac{123094400c_2^2 L^3}{1482} + \frac{135828000c_2^2 L^4}{1729} \right] \\
 &- k_4^{MSS} \left[\frac{22680c_1^2 L^2}{57} - \frac{113400c_1^2 L^3}{76} + \frac{202230c_1^2 L^4}{95} - \frac{151200c_1^2 L^5}{114} + \frac{40320c_1^2 L^6}{133} - \right. \\
 &\quad \frac{216}{3} C_1 C_2 \frac{\sqrt{53900}}{\sqrt{4693}} L^2 + \frac{15768}{4} C_1 C_2 \frac{\sqrt{53900}}{\sqrt{4693}} L^3 - \frac{61254}{5} C_1 C_2 \frac{\sqrt{53900}}{\sqrt{4693}} L^4 + \\
 &\quad \frac{81324}{6} C_1 C_2 \frac{\sqrt{53900}}{\sqrt{4693}} L^5 - \frac{39978}{7} C_1 C_2 \frac{\sqrt{53900}}{\sqrt{4693}} L^6 + \frac{5040}{8} C_1 C_2 \frac{\sqrt{53900}}{\sqrt{4693}} L^7 \\
 &\quad + \frac{27720c_2^2 L^2}{741} - \frac{3908520c_2^2 L^3}{988} + \frac{143497970c_2^2 L^4}{1235} - \frac{415273320c_2^2 L^5}{1482} \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{379861020c_2^2 L^6}{1729} - \frac{102841200c_2^2 L^7}{1976} + \frac{8489250c_2^2 L^8}{2223} \right] \tag{23}
 \end{aligned}$$

Where k_1^{MSS} , k_2^{MSS} , k_3^{MSS} and k_4^{MSS} are defined in Eqns.19 (a-d) respectively.

CONCLUSION

The study was able to evaluate cross sectional properties of MSS cross sections, which are moment of Inertia and cross-sectional area, given in Eqns. (9) and (16). The study also formulated peculiar TPEF for MSS cross-section. The formulated Raleigh- Ritz based MSS TPEF given in Eqns. (18), (21) and (23) are found handy and convenient to be used in the bulking/stability analysis of MSS cross- section. The developed expressions will now be used to formulate series of stability matrices in subsequent works where

the critical buckling load for MSS TWBC cross – section will be evaluated.

REFERENCE

[1] Andreassen, M.J (2012): Distortional Mechanics of Thin- Wall Structural Elements, A Ph.D Thesis, Department of Civil Engineering, Technical University of Denmark.

- [2] Chen, W.F. and Lui, E.M.(1987):Structural Stability(Theory and Implementation), Elsevier Science Publishing Co. Ltd, USA.
- [3] Chidolue, C.A. and Aginam, C.H.(2012):"Effects Of Shape Factor On The Flexural- Torsional Distortional Behavior Of Thin- Walled Box- Girder Structures"; *International Journal Of Engineering And Advanced Technology(IJEAT)*, Vol.1,No. 5, Pp 469 -479.
- [4] Chidolue, C.A. and Osadebe, N.N.(2012):"Flexural- Torsional Behavior Of Thin- Walled Monosymmetric Box- Girder Structures"; *International Journal Of Engineering Sciences And Emerging Technologies*, Vol.2,No. 2, Pp11 -19.
- [5] Ezeh, J.C. (2009): "Stability of Axially Compressed Multi-Cell Thin-Walled Closed Column", *Phd Thesis*, University of Nigerian Nsukka.
- [6] Ezeh, J.C. (2010):"Buckling Behavior of Axially Compressed Multi-Cell Doubly Symmetric Thin-Walled Column using Vlasov's Theory", *International Journal of Engineering*, Vol.4, No.2, Pp 179-194.
- [7] Ezeh, J.C. and Osadebe , N.N. (2010): Comparative Study of Vlasov and Euler Instabilities Of Axially Compressed Thin-Walled Box Columns, *Nigerian Journal of Technology*, Vol.29, No.1 Pp 66-77.
- [8] Krolak, M: Kowal-Michalska, K; Mania, R.J and Swinlarski, J, (2009): "Stability and Loadcarrying Capacity of Multi-Cell Thin-Walled Columns of Rectangular Cross-Sections"; *Journal of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics* Vol. 47, No.2 Pp 456-456.
- [9] Murray, N.W. (1984):Introduction to the Theory of Thin- Walled Structures; Oxford University Press, New York.
- [10] Nwachukwu, K.C., Ezeh, J.C., Thomas, B., Okafor, M. and Okodugha, D.A. (2017): Formulation of The Total Potential Energy Functional For A Thin- Walled Box Column Applicable To Raleigh- Ritz Method, *Researchjournal's Journal of Civil Engineering*, vol. 3, No. 2
- [11] Nwachukwu, K.C., Ezeh, J.C., Ozioko, H.O., Eiroboyi, J.A and Nwachukwu, D.C. (2021a): Formulation Of The Total Potential Energy Functional Relevant To The Stability Analysis Of A Doubly Symmetric Single (DSS) Cell Thin- Walled Box Column In Line With Raleigh-Ritz Method, *American Journal of Computing and Engineering*, vol. 4, No. 1, Pp 57-82.
- [12] Nwachukwu, K.C., Akosubo, I.S., Ozioko, H.O., Okorie, P.O and Egbulunou, B.A.(2021b): Evaluation And Formulation Of Raleigh- Ritz Based Peculiar Total Potential Energy Functional For Doubly Symmetric Multi (DSM) Cell And Mono Symmetric Multi (MSM) Cell Thin- Walled Box Column (TWBC) Cross-Section, *International Journal of Current Advanced Research(IJCAR)*,Vol. 10, No. 10 (C), Pp.25441-25451.
- [13] Osadebe, N.N and Chidolue, C.A (2012a):"Torsional-Distortional Response of Thin-Walled Mono-Symmetric Box Girder", *International Journal Of Engineering Research and Applications*, Vol.2, No.3, Pp 814-821.
- [14] Osadebe, N.N and Chidolue, C.A (2012b):"Response Of Double Cell Mono-Symmetric Box Girder Structure to Torsional-Distortional Deformations", *International Journal Of Engineering And Advanced Technology*, Vol.1, No.4, Pp 285-292
- [15] Osadebe, N.N. and Ezeh, J.C (2009a): "Stability of Axially Compressed Single-Cell Mono-Symmetric Thin-Walled Closed Column", *Nigerian Journal of Technology*, Vol.28, No2
- [16] Osadebe, N.N. and Ezeh,J.C (2009b):"Flexural, Torsional and Distortional Buckling Of Single-Cell Thin-Walled Box Columns",*Nigerian Journal of Technology*, Vol.28, No2, Pp 80-91.
- [17] Shanmugam, N.E.; Richard Liew, J.Y, and Lee, S.L (1989): "Thin-walled Steel Box columns under Biaxial Loading", *Journal of structural Engineering* Vol. 55, No.12, Pp 742-748.
- [18] Simao,P and Simoes da Silva, L .(2004): " A Numerical Scheme For Post-Buckling Analysis of Thin-Walled Members in the Context Of GBT", *Proceeding of Advanced in Computational and Experimental Engineering and Science*, Tech .Science Press, Pp 2079-2086.