## Stability of structures

## 7. exercise – effect of shear, batten columns

1. Determine the critical compressive force for a layered column composed by two timber beam nailed together. The distance between the nails is d, the width of the column b, total height 2h and length L. The Young's modulus of the wood (pine) is  $E_p$ , and for the steel nails  $E_n$ . The modulus of inertial of the nails is  $I_n$ .



2. Determine the safety against buckling of a compressed, hinged build-up column. The compressive load is P=80 MN. The material is steel Fe37 which have Young's modulus E=210 GPa, Poisson's ratio  $\nu=0.3$  and yield stress  $\sigma_y=240$  MPa.



## Home exercises 5 and 6

Home exercise 5. Determine the maximum defection and maximum moments at supports and in span as a function of the compressive force P for the beam shown below.



Home exercise 6. Determine the critical buckling moment in the form  $M_{\rm cr} = \lambda \sqrt{EI_y GI_t}/L$ , where the parameter  $\lambda = \lambda(k, h/L)$ . Draw the critical load parameter  $\lambda$  as a function of k, when  $k \in (-1, 1)$  and  $L/h = 20, \nu = 0$ . Use the principle of minimum potential energy or some other numerical method and use trigonometric trial functions.



The expression for the total potential energy is

$$\Pi = \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{L} \left[ GI_t(\varphi')^2 + EI_y(w'')^2 + 2(M_z^0 \varphi)'w' \right] dx$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{L} \left[ GI_t(\varphi')^2 + EI_y(w'')^2 + 2(M_z^0'\varphi + \varphi'M_z^0)w' \right] dx.$$