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Seismic Response Evaluation for Gate-Type Twin Tower Reinforced Concrete Frame Structure

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Abstract: ***As the population increases tremendously the horizontal space in urban areas are insufficient to construct a building so it is very essential to go for vertical construction. In this research The 11 storey gate type twin tower reinforced concrete frame building having the top three floors horizontally connected is analyzed by using finite element modeling software. By using linear static and dynamic analysis, the seismic responses are computed and compared for various models such as twin towers without any connection, twin towers with one-way connection, and a gate-type twin tower structure with the top three floors connected. It examines storey drift, displacement, and base shear in seismic zone III on medium soil. The results finds that structural responses to the gate building show both decreases and slight increases when compare to without connected buildings. So By connecting twin tower buildings, not only is an innovative architectural design achieved, but a roadway between the towers can also be provided., In addition, the horizontal space at the top floors after connecting the towers can also be used for residential, commercial, and office accommodation purposes.***

Keywords: Gate type twin tower structure, linear and dynamic analysis, Storey Drift, Displacement, Lateral Loads, Staad Pro Software.

I. INTRODUCTION

Due to the minimum availability of space in the horizontal direction more vertical buildings i.e. multistorey buildings are constructed in metro cities. Twin towers are famous for their structural and architectural characteristics which address more space with the same foundation. Therefore, it will become an effective solution for commercial and residential purposes however people face some challenging issues such as accessibility between one tower to another tower, congestion in elevators, evacuation in emergencies, etc. Therefore, connecting floors provide additional usable space on upper floors, enhance accessibility so that people can easily move between two floors, and also minimize the congestion in elevators in case of emergencies connected floors can provide additional paths for evacuation which enhances the safety of occupants. when analyzing these structures engineers face various challenges due to wind load and seismic load. Which are responsible for the safety and stability of the structure. After connecting two towers, the whole structure becomes strong, effectively minimizing the impact of wind and seismic loads which increase the rigidity and stability of the structure.

Fig -2 Fig. Model of gate-type building

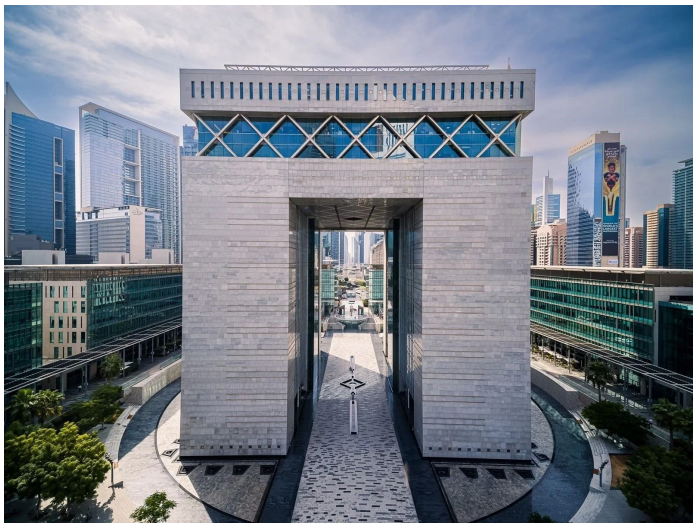


Fig 1. Real Gate type structure (The DIFC Gate building, Dubai)

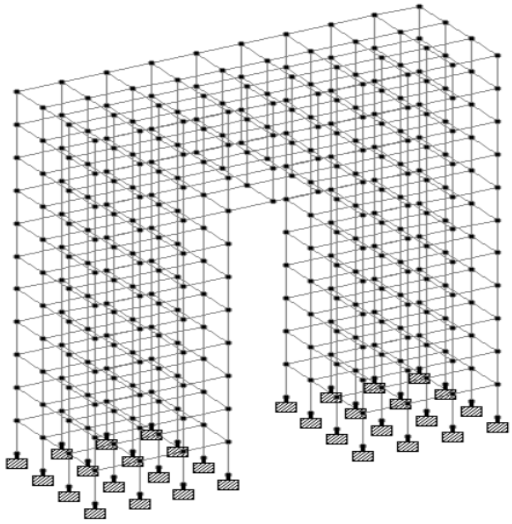


Fig. 2 Model of gate-type building

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II. LITERATURE REVIEW

1) Shruti Nagar, Dr. Savita Maru,(2021)

Investigated the effects of parameters such as height, connection of podium, and depth of podium structures. The main aim is to analyze a twin-tower structure of a G+4 podium and 25 floors with linear dynamic earthquake analysis. The analysis indicates that the displacement and drift ratio is higher for the tower without a podium, whereas these values are lower for the tower with a podium.

2) LIU Liang-kun, PAN Zhao-dong, TAN Ping (2021)

This study introduces a damping story on one tower of a connected structure to create an energy-dissipation control system. Using the D'Alembert principle, the vibration differential equation was derived, and the optimal parameters and damping effects of three control systems were analyzed. Results indicate that: Optimal damping coefficients and stiffness decrease as the damping story height increases. Optimal damping coefficients remain stable, while stiffness varies significantly.

3) Fusong Peng, Zhiang Li (2024)

This study focuses on control vibration and enhancing the stability of multi-story connected dual-tower frame shear wall structures, especially in seismic zones. this suggested to installation of isolated layers on both of the tower's corridors. The result shows that the composite isolated scheme minimizes seismic impact on vertical displacement and acceleration by 49.6% and 42.5%, respectively.

4) Vinesh N. Bhinde (2020)

In this analysis for 50 and 40 Storey Structure, in which different sizes of link are provided at the most efficient position. The study suggests the best place for a link is at 0.6 times the building height plus 0.8 times the height, with a width of 1.0 times the base width.

5) Wei Guo, Longlong Guo(2021)

Conducted research on a rotating friction negative stiffness damper (RFNSD) that is made up of two different kinds of dampers. One is a device that reduces stiffness, and rotating friction dampers are intended to adjust flexibly in order to improve the seismic response of a linked, irregularly shaped, multistory building with twin towers. The findings indicate that a flexible link reduces seismic responses and damages.

6) Wei Guo, Zhipeng Zhai, (2019)

This study looks at a tall structure with two towers, one standing 299.1 meters tall and the other 235.2 meters tall. The tower is connected diagonally by two steel trusses with a span of 65.43 meters. The study's conclusions showed the rigid couplings and trusses connecting the towers function well in seismic.

7) Surendra Chaurasiya and Sagar Jamle(2018)

In In this study, compare various parameters such as displacement and storey drift for a twin tower multi-story building located in seismic Zone-IV. The 13 different models are analyzed using the Staad Pro software. The researcher concludes that connecting all floors (Case M(G+12)) results in a reduction of displacement by up to 20.37% and a reduction of drift by up to 22.04% compared to the scenario where only 5 floors are connected.

8) Imad Shakir Abbood(2018)

Primarily focuses on two 40-storey RC frame-wall structures that are connected in the horizontal direction by using structural links. These links are installed at the perimeter building framework, acting as rigid floor diaphragms for the towers and as beams for each link. Using nonlinear dynamics, seismic responses of the twin towers at various positions of the link are analyzed. The result concluded that install the link at the top two floors significantly enhances the system's strength and reduces its seismic responses.

9) Sayed Mahmoud (2019)

Investigated the seismic performance of connected multistorey buildings by applying seismic loads. The impact of the connection position on the developed responses is also studied. The structure is also analyzed using a set of ground-motion records with different peak ground accelerations. The results find that when the sky bridge was provided at the uppermost position of the twin structure, the maximum displacements were reduced as compared to other cases.

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10) Wei-feng Qin, Jun-yang Shi (2021)

The study focuses both the aerodynamic and structural dynamic behaviors of twin towers as compare to a single isolated tower. It was concluded that the structural response could be effectively managed by employing structural links between the two towers.

III.OBJECTIVE OF STUDY

The main objectives of this study to assess the seismic behavior of a building using equivalent static analysis and linear dynamic analysis. The objectives include:

1) Analyzing and designing a gate-type twin tower building according to Indian standards code.
2) Performing equivalent static and linear dynamic earthquake analyses on the building in both directions.
3) To understand and estimate the seismic response of the structure with connection.
4) Computing the results from the equivalent static method and the response spectrum method in terms of storey displacements, storey drifts, and base shears, and tabulating the observations.

IV. METHODOLOGY

1) Give a brief idea about the project and the methodology adopted for execution of the research work.
2) Depict the literature review carried out for the project.
3) General layout and consideration in the adapted building for the project.
4) Calculation of the lateral loads and building design as per those loads.
5) The comparison of the performance of the building designed by Indian Standards.
6) Equivalent Static Analysis and Response Spectrum Analysis carried out on the building designed using Indian standards code of practice.
7) The comparison of result obtained from the analysis of the building and make a conclusion.
8) Gives an idea about the future scope for research in this area.

V. STRUCTURE MODELING AND SECTION DETAILING

The chosen building is an 11-story reinforced concrete structure with a total height of 44 meters. The floor height of the building is kept 4 meters. The columns in the plan are spaced 4 meters from center to center. Therefore, the dimensions of the building in the X and Z directions are 36m and 12m respectively. Figure 4 shows the elevation of the building.The twin tower building is connected at the top three floors, with each connection spanning 12 meters in length and 12 meters in width. The sizes of the structural members are detailed in Table No. 1.

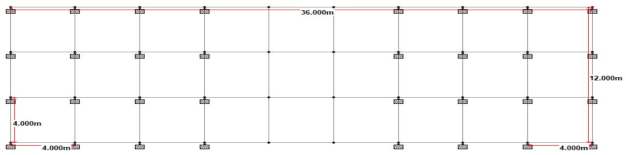


Fig-4: Plan of building

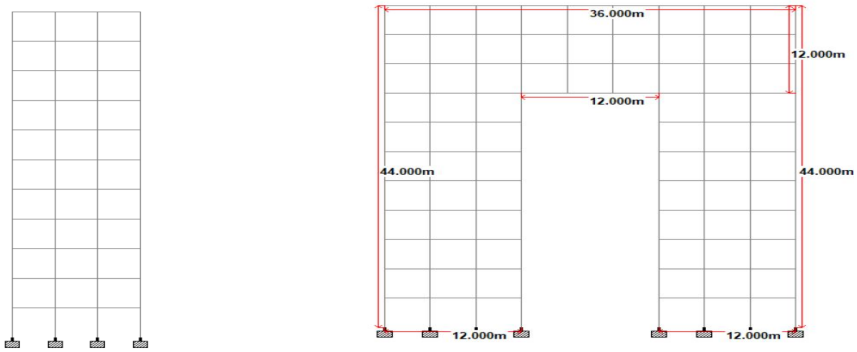


Fig .3 Elevation of building in X and Z direction (STADD PRO V8i.

Table 1: Sizes of Structural member (mm)

Member	Storey number		Connected floor
	1 to 8	9 to 11	9 to 11
Beam (BXD)	700x700	500x700	500x700
Column (BXD)	700x700	500X700	450x450
Slab (t)	150	150	150

A. Structural properties and load description

Three models of three-dimensional reinforced concrete (R.C.) frame twin tower structures have been developed for a G+10 story building. The R.C. frame structures were designed and analyzed using the IS 456:2000 and IS 1893:2016 standards with the STAAD PRO software. Details of the properties of the members, seismic parameters, and applied loading for the building are shown in Table No. 2 . Equivalent static analysis and linear dynamic earthquake analysis were conducted on the following R.C. frame structures: twin towers without any connection(MODEL A), twin towers with one-way connection(MODEL B), and a gate-type twin tower structure with the top three floors connected(MODEL C), as depicted in Figures 5, 6, and 7 respectively. The performance of these twin structures was evaluated in terms of displacement, drift, and base shear.

Table 2: Structural properties of the model

Type of Structure	RC Frame Structure
Plan Area (top view)	36 m x 12 m
No. of Storey	11 storey (G +10)
Area of Tower A	12m x12m
Area of Tower B	12m x12 m
Connected floors area	12m x 12m
Distance between Tower A and Tower B	12 m
Story Height	4m
No. of bays in X direction	9
No. of bays in the Z direction	3
Height of building	44 m
Size of beam (b x d)	0.7mx0.7m,0.7mxo.5m
Size of column (b x d)	0.7mx0.7m,0.7mx0.5m, 0.45mx0.45m
Concrete and Steel Grade	M40 & FE500
Earthquake parameters	Z=0.16 (Zone III) with RF 5 & 5% damping ratio and I =1.2.
Dead load for floor	1KN/m²
Dead load	3.75KN/m²
Live load	4 KN/m²
Roof live load	1.5 KN/m²
Wall thickness	230 mm
Wall load	15.18 KN/m²
Parapet load	4.14 KN/m²

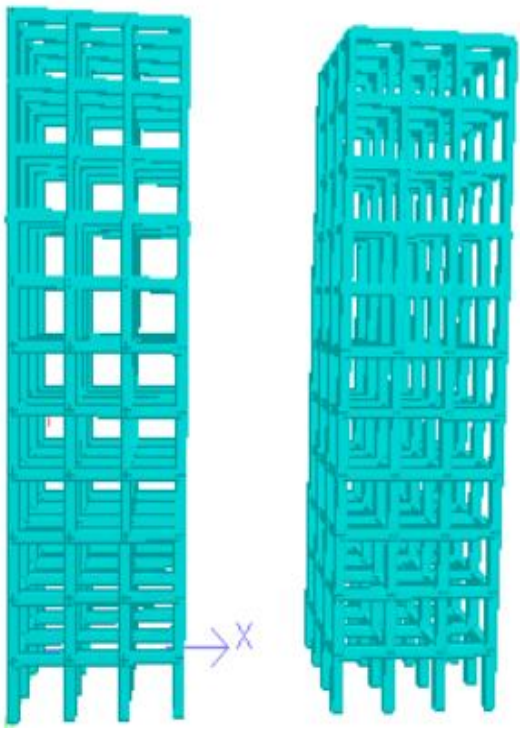


Fig. 5 3D View of Model A

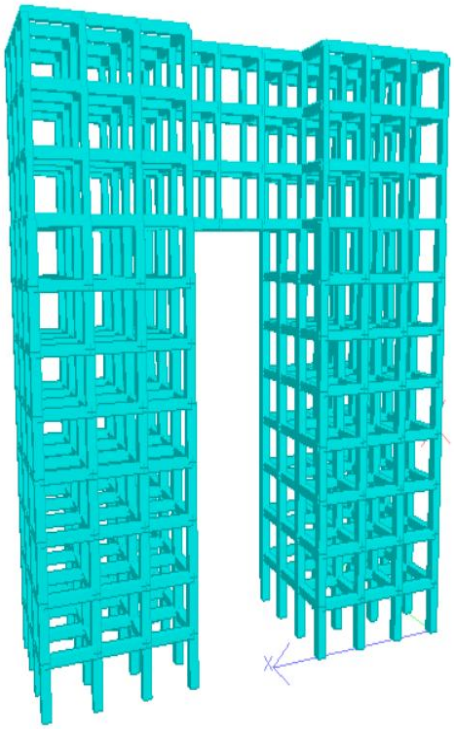


Fig. 6 3D View of Model B

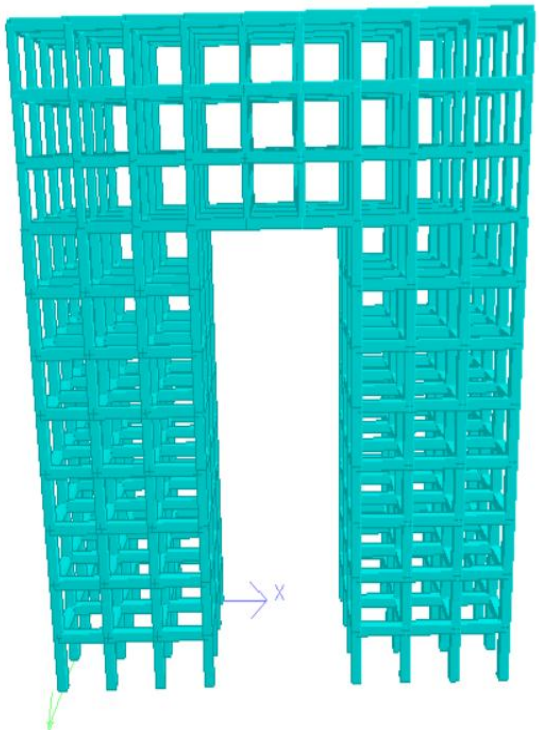


Fig. 7 3D View of Model C

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VI. RESULTS

After conducting both static and dynamic analyses, the structure exhibited movement in both horizontal and vertical directions. Our primary focus is on the horizontal movement. Peak values for nodes, maximum story displacement, and story drift in the x-direction and z-direction during the shaking were calculated using static and dynamic analysis. These values are plotted in the corresponding figures below. The tables below presents the story displacement, story drift, and base shear values in both the x and z directions.

A. Equivalent Static Method

Table 3: Displacement due to Equivalent static method in X direction for all Models

Story	Elevation	Location	MAXIMUM STOREY DISPLACEMENT X (mm)		
			Model A	Model B	Model C
11	44	Top	40.695	40.558	41.413
10	40	Top	38.464	38.373	39.636
9	36	Top	34.915	35.079	36.745
8	32	Top	30.28	30.634	32.752
7	28	Top	26.549	26.795	29.804
6	24	Top	22.713	22.788	25.86
5	20	Top	18.673	18.61	21.573
4	16	Top	14.529	14.382	17.028
3	12	Top	10.385	10.208	12.347
2	8	Top	6.345	6.188	7.636
1	4	Top	2.567	2.474	3.118
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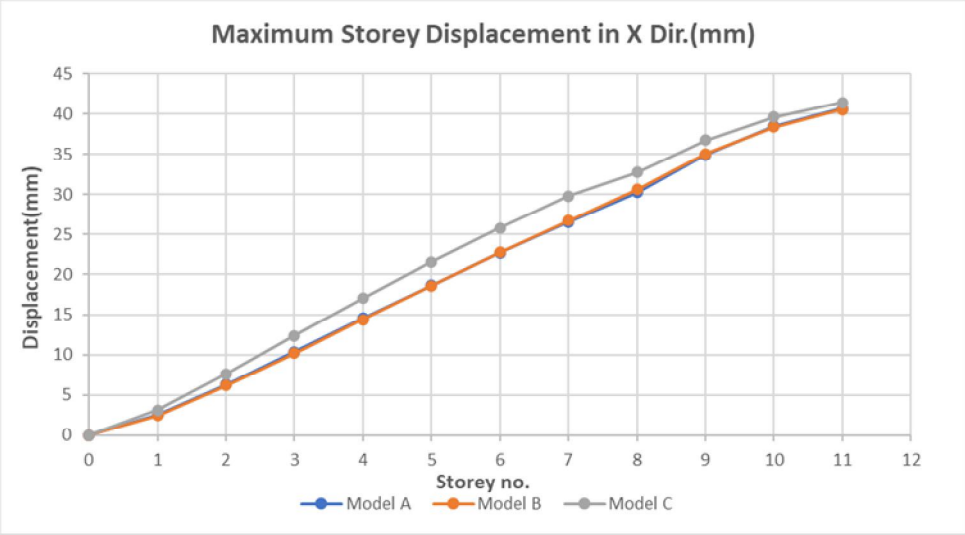


Fig. 8 Displacement due to Equivalent static method in X direction for all Models.

Table 4: Displacement due to Equivalent static method in Z direction for all Models.

Story No.	Elevation	Location	MAXIMUM STOREY DISPLACEMENT Z (mm)		
			Model A	Model B	Model C
11	44	Top	22.253	24.915	26.595
10	40	Top	21.122	23.714	25.303
9	36	Top	19.461	21.946	23.471
8	32	Top	17.341	19.666	21.458
7	28	Top	15.214	17.385	17.611
6	24	Top	13.007	14.987	14.9
5	20	Top	10.685	12.454	12.165
4	16	Top	8.305	9.838	9.416
3	12	Top	5.927	7.19	6.698
2	8	Top	3.611	4.557	4.069
1	4	Top	1.45	2.021	1.629
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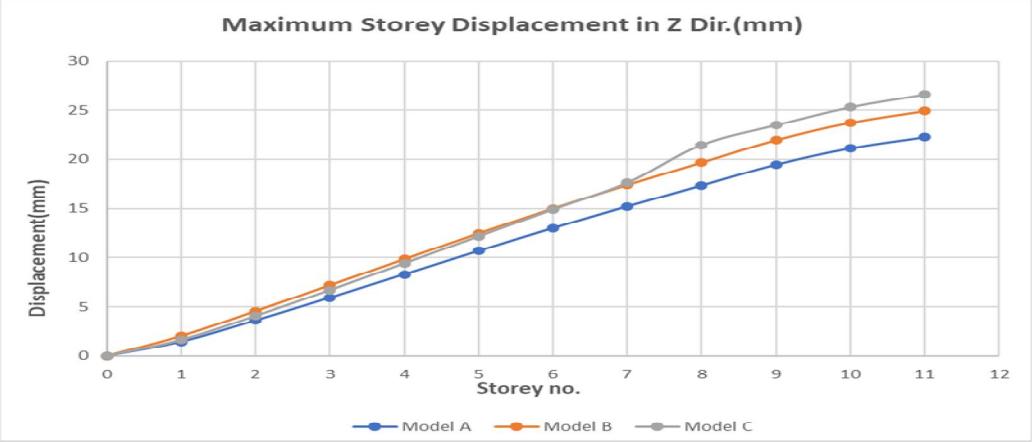


Fig. 9: Displacement due to Equivalent static method in Z direction for all Models.

Table 5: Storey drift due to Equivalent static method in X direction for all Models.

STORY NO.	STOREY DRIFT IN X DIR.(CM)			
	LEVELS IN (M)	MODEL A	MODEL B	MODEL C
11	44	0.2231	0.1817	0.1565
10	40	0.3541	0.3111	0.2881
9	36	0.4628	0.4241	0.4072
8	32	0.3679	0.3709	0.3832
7	28	0.3814	0.3932	0.4169
6	24	0.4018	0.4147	0.4386
5	20	0.4118	0.4252	0.4489
4	16	0.4111	0.425	0.4485
3	12	0.4002	0.4146	0.4378
2	8	0.3726	0.3872	0.4096
1	4	0.2483	0.2588	0.2744
BASE	0	0	0	0

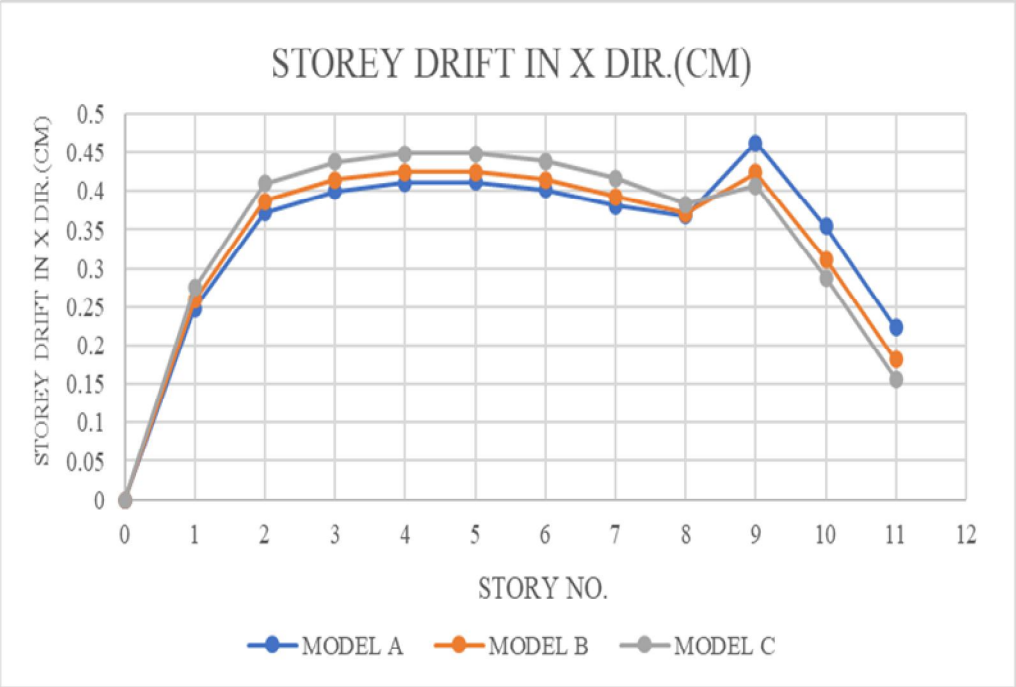


Fig. 10: Storey drift due to Equivalent static method in X direction for all Models.

Table 6: Storey drift due to Equivalent static method in Z direction for all Models.

STORY NO.	STOREY DRIFT IN Z DIR.(CM)			
	LEVELS IN (M)	MODEL A	MODEL B	MODEL C
11	44	0.114	0.1224	0.1312
10	40	0.1658	0.1767	0.1893
9	36	0.2107	0.2218	0.2361
8	32	0.2111	0.2451	0.2854
7	28	0.22	0.2358	0.2575
6	24	0.2318	0.2464	0.2666
5	20	0.2377	0.2512	0.27
4	16	0.2373	0.2498	0.2673
3	12	0.231	0.2425	0.2588
2	8	0.2151	0.2254	0.2401
1	4	0.1434	0.1501	0.1596
BASE	0	0	0	0

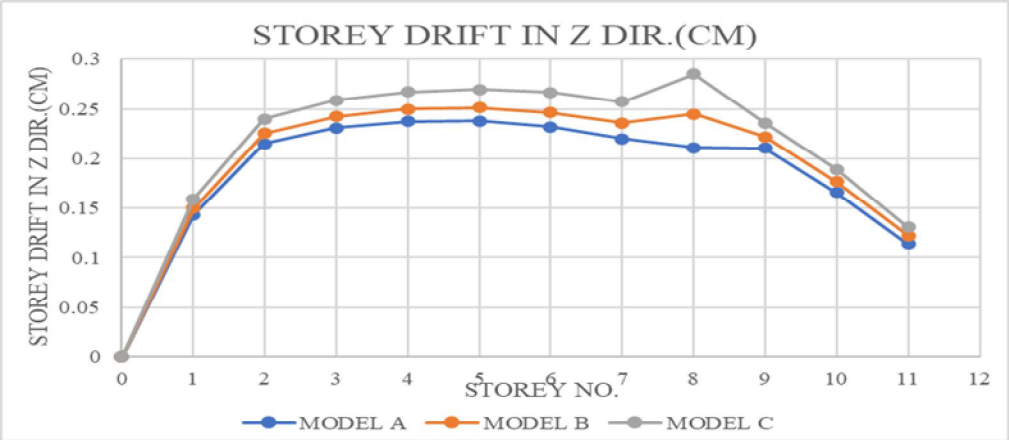


Fig-11-: Storey drift due to Equivalent static method in Z direction for all Models

B. Response Spectrum Method

Table-7: Displacement due to Response spectrum method in X direction for all Models.

Storey no.	Elevation	Location	MAXIMUM DISPLACEMENT IN X DIR. (mm)		
			Model A	Model B	Model C
11	44	Top	32.228	32.396	33.784
10	40	Top	30.581	30.961	32.634
9	36	Top	28.015	28.691	30.563
8	32	Top	24.724	25.634	27.595
7	28	Top	22.083	23.034	24.759
6	24	Top	19.301	20.157	21.598
5	20	Top	16.27	16.983	18.163
4	16	Top	13.013	13.57	14.496
3	12	Top	9.565	9.964	10.636
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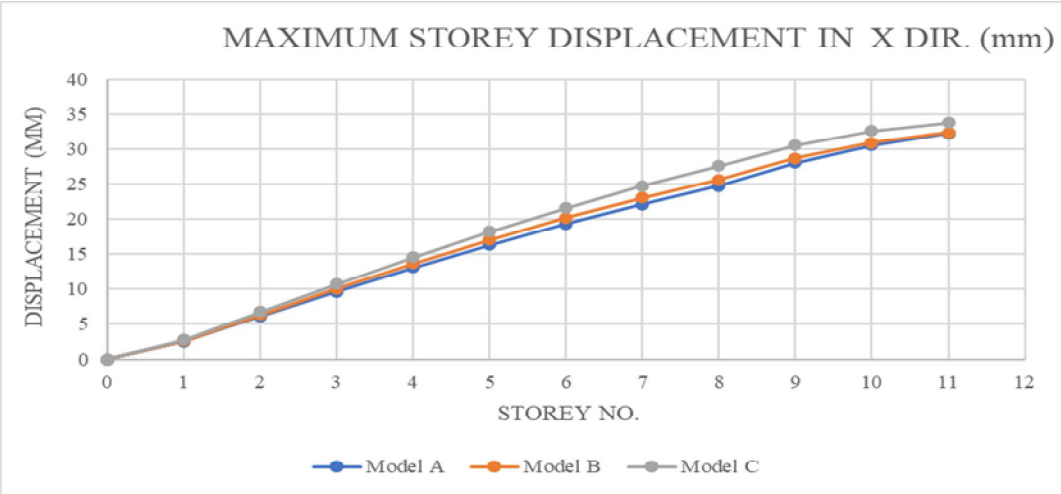


Fig. 12**:** Displacement due to Response spectrum method in X direction for all Models

Table-8: Displacement due to Response spectrum method in Z direction for all Models

Storey no.	Elevation	Location	MAXIMUM DISPLACEMENT IN Z DIR. (mm)		
			Model A	Model B	Model C
11	44	Top	17.691	20.008	21.898
10	40	Top	16.844	19.088	20.933
9	36	Top	15.656	17.832	19.571
8	32	Top	14.171	16.475	18.016
7	28	Top	12.679	13.933	15.065
6	24	Top	11.08	12.13	13.002
5	20	Top	9.335	10.208	10.865
4	16	Top	7.46	8.16	8.629
3	12	Top	5.478	5.998	6.304
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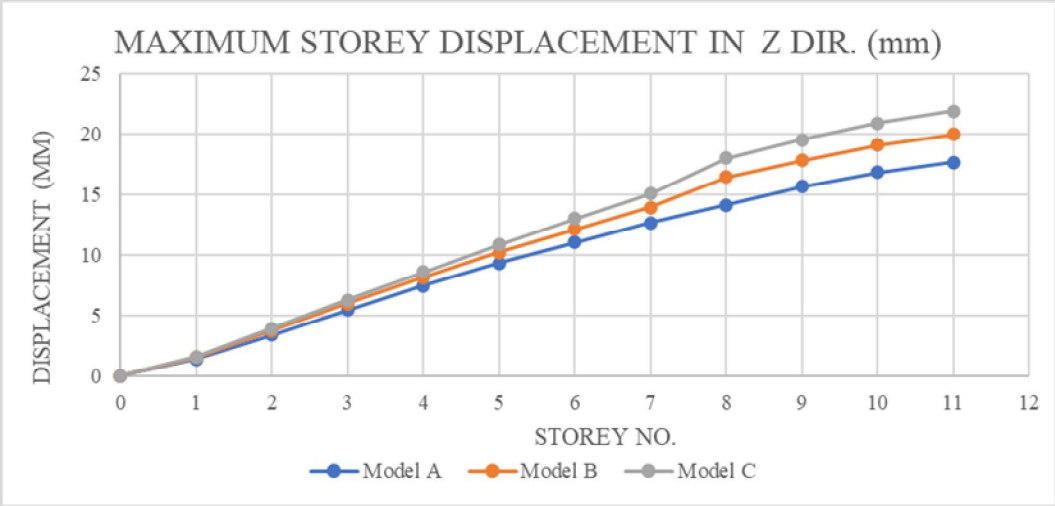


Fig. 13: Displacement in Z direction for all Models

Table 9: Base shear values due to Response spectrum method in X and Z direction for all Models.

Model	Base shear in (KN)	
	Base shear In X direction	Base shear In Z direction
Model A	3449.54	1991.92
Model B	3608.19	2083.41
Model C	3833.78	2213.7

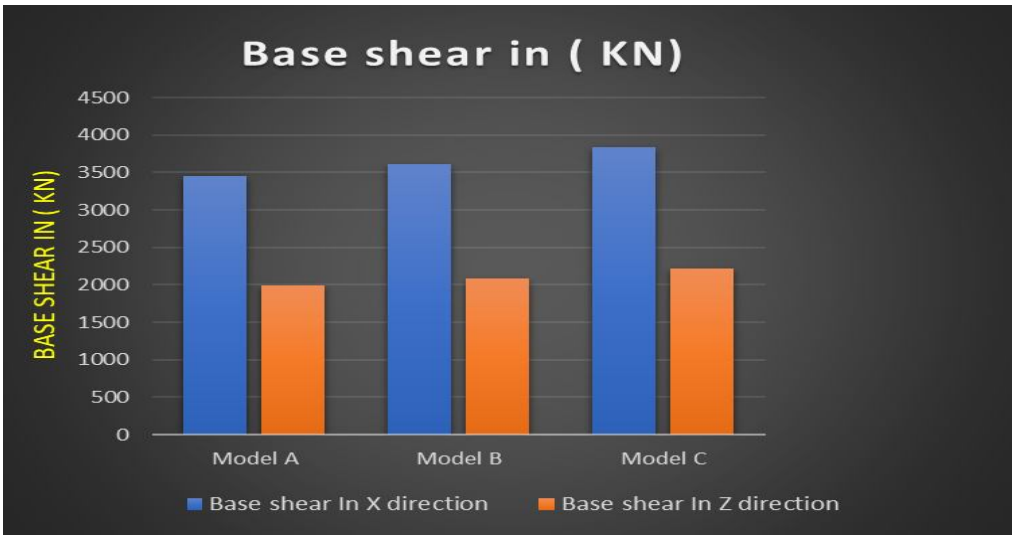


Fig. 14: Base shear values due to the Response spectrum method in X and Z direction for all Models.

VII. CONCLUSION

After applying both linear static and dynamic load on the structure, the structure moves in lateral (X and Z direction)and vertical directions. Here, the primary interest on horizontal movement. maximum values for story displacement, story drift, and base shear in the x-direction and z-direction during the shaking were calculated at the top nodes using static and dynamic analysis. These values are plotted in the corresponding figures below. The tables below show the story displacement, drift and base shear values in both the x and z directions.

This research delves into the behavior of three distinct structural models: the twin tower without connection, the twin tower with only a one-way connection, and the Gate-type Twin Tower-connected building (where the top three floors are interconnected).

Through examination of their response to static and dynamic loads, the following inference can be drawn from the findings:

1) The examination reveals that the displacement of the structure is higher in the gate-type connected twin tower compared to the twin tower without any connections. Conversely, the storey drifts in the x direction of the structure is lower in the gate-type connected twin tower compared to the twin tower without any connections.

2) The displacement values in the X direction, as calculated by the equivalent static method, exhibit a 2.363% increase for model C and a 0.1359% decrease for model B in comparison to model A.

3) The maximum displacement in the Z direction calculated using the linear static method are increases 19.51 % and 11.96% for model C and model B respectively as compared to model A.

4) The maximum displacement in X direction using the linear dynamic method are 4.83% increase for model C and a 0.52% increase for model B as compared to model A.

5) The displacement values in the Z direction, computed using the response spectrum method, show an 18.75% increase for model C and a 13.10% increase for model B compared to model A.

6) The storey drift values resulting from the equivalent static lateral force method in the X direction decreased by 29.85% for Model C and by 18.56% for Model B compared to Model A after connecting floors.

7) The storey drift values resulting from the equivalent static lateral force method in the Z direction increased by 15.09% for Model C and by 7.37% for Model B compared to Model A. The base shear values in both the X and Y directions increased by 11.14% for Model C and by 4.60% for Model B when compared to Model A.

8) The analysis indicates that structural responses to the gate building show both decreases and slight increases in various cases when compare to without connected buildings. So By connecting twin tower buildings, not only is an innovative architectural design achieved, but also a roadway between the towers can also be provided, addition of the horizontal space at the top floors after connecting the towers can also be used for residential, commercial and office accommodation purposes.

VIII. FUTURE SCOPE

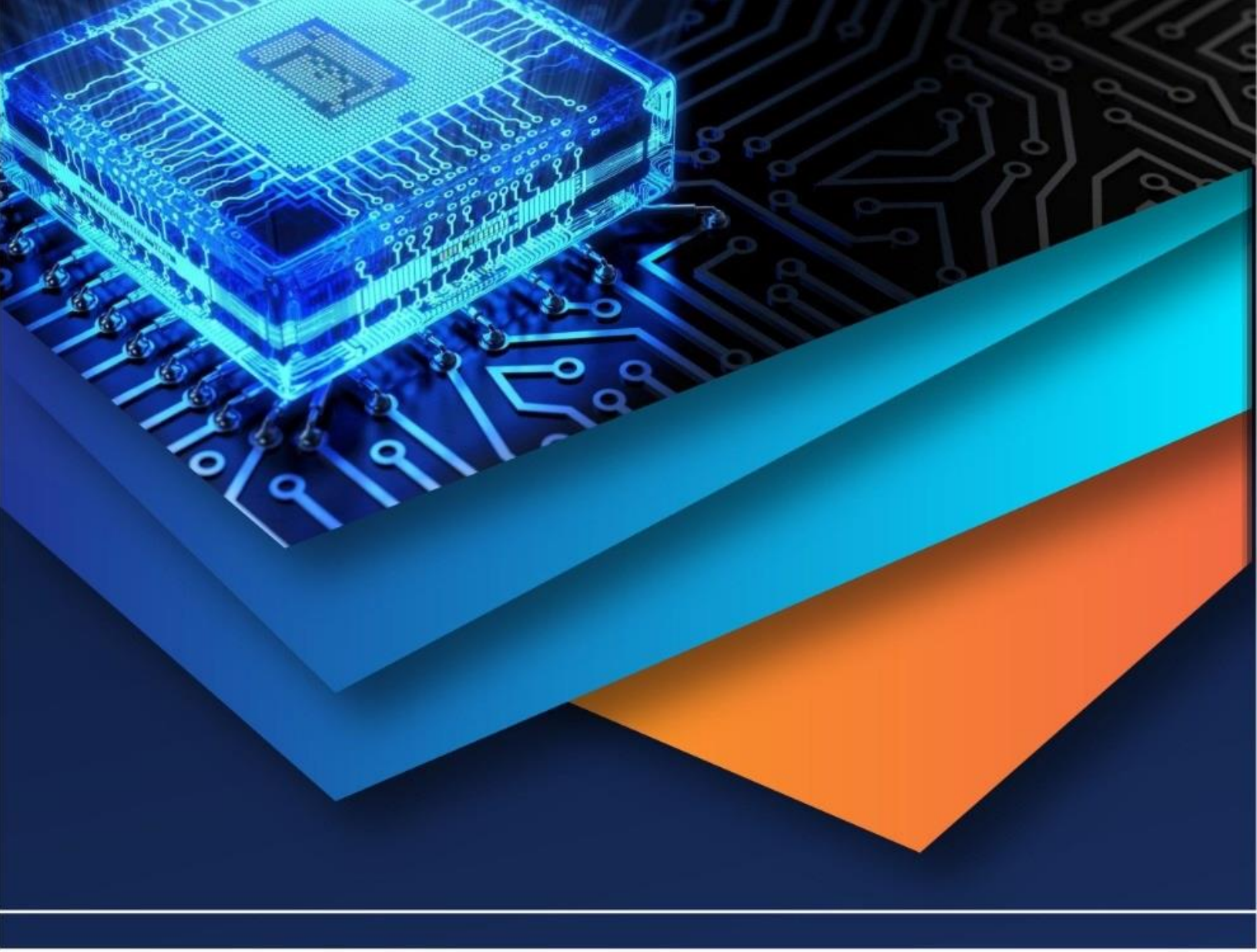
The present work involves analyzing the models of a G+10 building using both the equivalent static method and dynamic linear analysis method in software (STAAD.Pro V8i.). The research work can be done by considering the following points:

1) For analyzing gate building can be analyzed and designed using the nonlinear dynamic analysis method can be adopted for analyze RC frame structure.
2) The study can explore using a structural steel archway to interconnect the Twin Towers.
3) The length of the connection can be increased by introducing post-tensioned concrete.

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