

# \* Rectangular Reinforced Concrete Beam Design \*

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## Checks

- Correct  $\beta_1$  value
- Correct  $\phi$  based on value of max steel strain
- Minimum  $f$  per code
- Max.  $f$  per code
- $\phi M_n > M_u$
- Adequate Clr Cover

Based on Nilson et. al.

## Cases - Examples

(i) Have  $M_u$   
Have  $b, h, f_c', f_y$

Determine  $A_{sreq'd}, \phi M_n, f_{min}, f_{max}, d$

(ii) Have  $M_u, f_c', f_y$

Determine  $b, d, h, A_{sreq'd}, \phi M_n, f_{min}, f_{max}$

(iii) Have  $b, h, d, A_s, f_c', f_y$

Determine  $\phi M_n$

(iv) Have  $M_u, f_{optimum} \approx 0.6 f_{max}$

Determine  $b, d, h, A_s, \phi M_n, f_{min}, f_{max}$

## Example - Case (i)

Given a factored moment of 2600 K-in and a prescribed beam size of  $b=14$  in and  $h=24$  in, determine  $\phi$ ,  $\phi M_n$ ,  $A_s$  req'd,  $f_{min}$ ,  $f_{max}$ ,  $d$

Assume the beam is a beam inside a building.  
Assume  $f_c=4000$  psi,  $f_y=60000$  psi (steel),  $\epsilon_u=0.003$  in/in (concrete)

Solution:

- Determine  $d$

Since Beam is inside building the clear cover required for the steel is  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches per ACI Code 7.7.1(c)

$$\Rightarrow d = h - 1\frac{1}{2}'' - \frac{1}{2}d_b \quad \text{assume a } 1'' \phi \text{ bar}$$

$$\Rightarrow d = 24 - 1.5 - \frac{1}{2}(1) = 22 \text{ inches}$$

- Calculate  $f_{max}$ ,  $f_{min}$

$$f_{max} = 0.85\beta_1 \frac{f_c' \epsilon_u}{f_y \epsilon_u + 0.004} = \overset{\substack{\text{Text Nilson p. 79} \\ \text{per Table 3.1}}}{0.85(0.85)} \frac{(4)}{(60)} \cdot \frac{0.003}{0.003 + 0.004}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_{max} = 0.02064 \quad (\text{see Table A.4 p. 737, Nilson})$$

$$f_{min} = \frac{200}{f_y} \text{ or } \frac{3\sqrt{f_c'}}{f_y} \quad \text{The greater is req'd} \Rightarrow f_{min} = 0.0033$$

- Estimate  $A_s$  (Use Time Saving Design Aids (TSDA) suggestion)

$$A_s \cong \frac{M_u}{4d} = \frac{2600}{4(22)12} = 2.46 \text{ in}^2$$

in.  $\nearrow$

or

$$R \cong \frac{M_u}{\phi b d^2} = \frac{2600}{0.9(14)(22)^2} = 0.4263 \text{ ksi} \Rightarrow f = 0.0075$$

p. 738 Table A.5a

$$\Rightarrow A_s = f b d = 0.0075(14)(22) = 2.31 \text{ in}^2$$

$$\text{Try } A_s = 3(0.79) = 2.37 \text{ in}^2 \quad 3\text{-}\#8 \text{ bars}$$

$$\rightarrow f = \frac{2.37}{14(22)} = 0.007695$$

- Determine  $\phi$   
 for steel strain  $\epsilon_t \geq 0.005$   $\phi = 0.9$   
 Calculate  $\epsilon_t = 0.003 \left( \frac{0.85 \beta_1 f_c'}{f_y} - 1 \right)$  see Table A.5a

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_t = 0.003 \left( \frac{0.85(0.85)4}{0.00757(60)} - 1 \right) = 0.0158 > 0.005$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = 0.9$$

- Calculate  $\phi M_n$

$$a = \frac{A_s f_y}{0.85 f_c' b} = \frac{2.37(60)}{0.85(4)(14)} = 2.987 \text{ in}$$

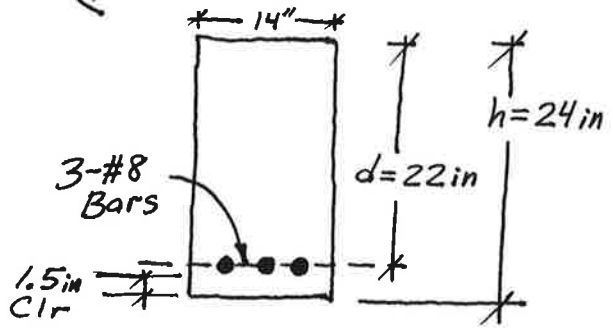
$$\Rightarrow \phi M_n = \phi A_s f_y \left( d - \frac{a}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi M_n = 0.9(2.37)(60) \left( 22 - \frac{2.987}{2} \right) = 2624 \text{ K-in}$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi M_n > M_u \quad \underline{\text{OK}}$$

Summary

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho_{min} = 0.0033 \quad \rho_{max} = 0.02064 \quad \rho_{min} < \rho_{provided} < \rho_{max} \\ \phi = 0.9 \quad d = 22 \text{ in} \\ A_s = 2.37 \text{ in}^2 \quad (3\text{-}\#8 \text{ bars}) \quad \text{Note: } \#8 \text{ bars are } 1'' \phi \\ \phi M_n = 2624 \text{ K-in} \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{original assumption } \underline{\text{OK}} \\ \underline{\text{OK}} \end{array}$$



Note - should have used 21.5 in for  $d$  to provide room for stirrups, and still maintain sufficient cover.  
 $d = 21.5 \text{ in} \Rightarrow \phi M_n = 2560 \text{ K-in} \approx M_u$  w/in 2%  
OK

Example Case (ii)

Given  $M_u = 3600 \text{ K-in}$

Determine  $b, d, h, A_{s, req'd}, \phi M_n, f_{min}, f_{max}$

Assume  $f'_c = 3000 \text{ psi}$   $f_y = 60000 \text{ psi}$  steel,  $\epsilon_u = 0.003 \text{ in/in}$

$\rightarrow \beta_1 = 0.85$

Both ends of beam continuous, beam span  $l = 20 \text{ ft}$

Assume Beam Inside a Bldg.

Solution:

- Determine  $h$  Per <sup>ACI</sup> Table 9.5(a)  $h_{min} = \frac{l}{21} = \frac{20(12)}{21} = 11.4 \text{ in}$

$\rightarrow$  Use  $h = 14 \text{ inches}$

- Determine  $d$

Use  $d = h - 2.5 = 11.5 \text{ in}$

- Estimate  $b$  use (TSDA)  $M_u$  in K-ft  $b, d$  in inches

$b \approx \frac{20 M_u}{d^2} = \frac{20(3600/12)}{11.5^2} = \frac{45.4 \text{ in}}{\text{quite large}}$

- Revise Beam size

Let's try a bigger  $h$ . Try  $h = 24 \text{ inches}$

$\rightarrow d = 21.5 \text{ in}$

$b = \frac{20(3600/12)}{(21.5)^2} = 12.98 \text{ in} \rightarrow$  use  $14 \text{ in.}$

- Determine  $A_{s, req'd}$

Estimate using (TSDA)  $\rightarrow A_{s, req'd} \approx \frac{3600/12}{4(21.5)} = 3.49 \text{ in}^2$

Try 5-#8 bars  $\Rightarrow A_s = 5(0.79) = 3.95 \text{ in}^2$

<sup>Allowed per</sup>  
Table 2 of TSDA  $\Rightarrow l = \frac{3.95}{14(21.5)} = 0.01312$

- Determine  $f_{min}, f_{max}$  Use Table A.4

$f_{min} = 0.0033$

$f_{max} = 0.0155$   $f_{min} < l < f_{max}$  OK

- Determine  $\phi$ , Notice  $f < f_{\epsilon=0.005}$   
Per table A.4 (p. 737 Nilson)  
This implies that  $\epsilon_t > 0.005$  for the quantity of steel we have selected.  
Hence  $\phi = 0.9$

- Determine  $\phi M_n$

From Table A.5a  $R \approx 661 \text{ psi} = 0.661 \text{ ksi}$

$\Rightarrow \phi M_n = \phi R b d^2$

$\Rightarrow \phi M_n = 0.9(0.661)(14)(21.5)^2 = 3850 \text{ K-in}$

$M_u = 3600 \text{ K-in}$

$\Rightarrow \phi M_n > M_u$  OK

Summary

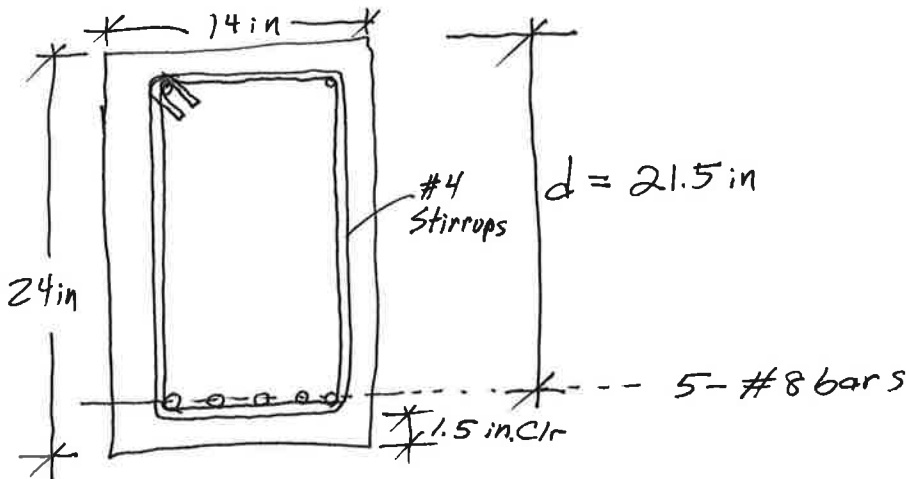
$b = 14 \text{ in}$        $f_{min} = 0.0033$

$d = 21.5 \text{ in}$        $f_{max} = 0.0155$

$h = 24 \text{ in}$

$A_s = 3.95 \text{ in}^2$  (5-#8 bars) — works for our  $d = h - 2.5$  assumption

$\phi M_n = 3850 \text{ K-in}$



### Example - Case (iii)

Given  $b = 14 \text{ in}$   $d = 18 \text{ in}$   $h = 21 \text{ in}$

$f'_c = 4 \text{ ksi}$   $f_y = 60 \text{ ksi}$   $\epsilon_u = 0.003 \text{ in/in}$

$A_s = [4 - \#10 \text{ bars}]$

Determine  $\phi M_n$

Solution:

- Determine  $\rho$   $A_{s, \text{bar}} = 1.27 \text{ in}^2$  for one #10 bar

$$\rho = \frac{A_s}{bd} = \frac{4(1.27)}{14(18)} = \frac{5.08}{14(18)} = 0.02016$$

Table A.4  
Nilson  
P. 737

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho_{\max} = 0.0206 \Rightarrow \rho < \rho_{\max} \text{ ok} \\ \rho_{\epsilon_t=0.005} = 0.0181 < \rho \text{ this implies } \epsilon_t < 0.005 \end{array} \right.$$

- Determine  $\phi$   $f'_c = 4 \text{ ksi} \Rightarrow \beta_1 = 0.85$

$$\epsilon_t = 0.003 \left( \frac{0.85(0.85)4}{0.02016(60)} - 1 \right) = 0.004168$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = 0.483 + 83.3(0.004168) = 0.83$$

- Determine  $R$   $\rho \approx 0.020$

Table A.5a  $\Rightarrow R = 0.988 \text{ ksi}$

- Determine  $\phi M_n$

$$\phi M_n = \phi R b d^2 = 0.83(0.988)(14)(18)^2 = 3720 \text{ k-in}$$

$$= 310 \text{ k-ft}$$

$\phi M_n = 3720 \text{ k-in} = 310 \text{ k-ft}$

Example - Case (iv)

Given  $M_u = 800$  k-ft  $f'_c = 5000$  psi  $f_y = 60$  ksi

And we want an optimum  $f_{opt} \approx 0.6 f_{max}$   
Assume beam inside of bldg.

Determine  $b, d, h, A_s, \phi M_n, f_{min}, f_{max}$

Solution:

- Determine  $b$  &  $d$   
Assume  $b \approx \frac{1}{2}d$

$M_u$  in k-ft,  $d$  in inches

$\Rightarrow$  Using (TSDA)  $\frac{1}{2}d d^2 \approx 20 M_u$

$\Rightarrow d = (2(20)(800))^{1/3} = 31.75$  in Use 32 inches

$\Rightarrow b = 16$  inches.

- Determine  $A_s$  Table A.4 Nilson p. 737

$f_{opt} \approx 0.6 f_{max} = 0.6(0.0243) = 0.0146$

$\Rightarrow A_{s_{req'd}} = 0.0146(16)(32) = 7.48$  in<sup>2</sup>

- Determine bar size and quantity  
Table 2 p.455 of TSDA suggests that we need an 18 inch wide beam to get the necessary steel using 5-#11 bars.

$\Rightarrow$  Use  $b = 18$  inches

$\Rightarrow$  Use 5-#11 bars  $\Rightarrow A_s = 5(1.56) = 7.8$  in<sup>2</sup>

$\Rightarrow f = \frac{7.8}{18(32)} = 0.01354$

- Determine  $f_{min}, f_{max}$  use Table A.4 Nilson

$f_{min} = 0.0035$

$f_{max} = 0.0243 \Rightarrow f_{min} < f < f_{max}$  OK

- Determine  $\phi$

$$f_{\epsilon_t=0.005} = 0.0213 > f = 0.01354$$

this implies that  $\epsilon_t > 0.005$

$$\implies \phi = 0.9$$

- Determine  $R$  use Table A.5a Nilson p. 738

$$\implies R = 0.733 \text{ ksi}$$

- Determine  $\phi M_n$

$$\phi M_n = \phi R b d^2 = 0.9(0.733)(18)(32)^2$$

$$\implies \phi M_n = 12160 \text{ k-in}$$

$$= 1013 \text{ k-ft}$$

- Determine  $h$

$$h = d + \text{stirrup } \phi + \frac{1}{2}d_b + 1.5" = 32 + 0.5 + \frac{1}{2}(1.41) + 1.5 = 34.7 \text{ in} \approx 36 \text{ in}$$

- Summary

$$b = 18 \text{ in}$$

$$d = 32 \text{ in}$$

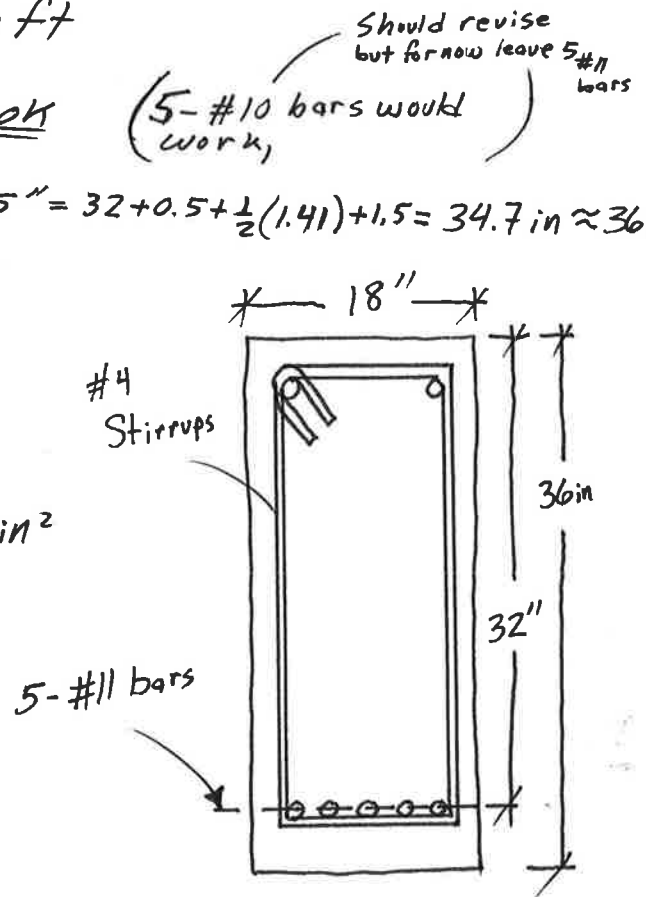
$$h = 36 \text{ in}$$

$$A_s = [5\text{-}\#11 \text{ bars}] = 7.8 \text{ in}^2$$

$$\phi M_n = 1013 \text{ k-ft}$$

$$f_{\text{min}} = 0.0035$$

$$f_{\text{max}} = 0.0243$$





# Discussion of Examples

(1.) The solutions given are a solution among many. There is no single correct answer. The answer you provide will likely be influenced by your particular design's constraints.

(2.) The solutions often calculate the same quantity in a variety of ways. For instance  $\phi M_n$  can be determined by several routes:

$$\phi M_n = \phi A_s f_y (d - \frac{a}{2})$$

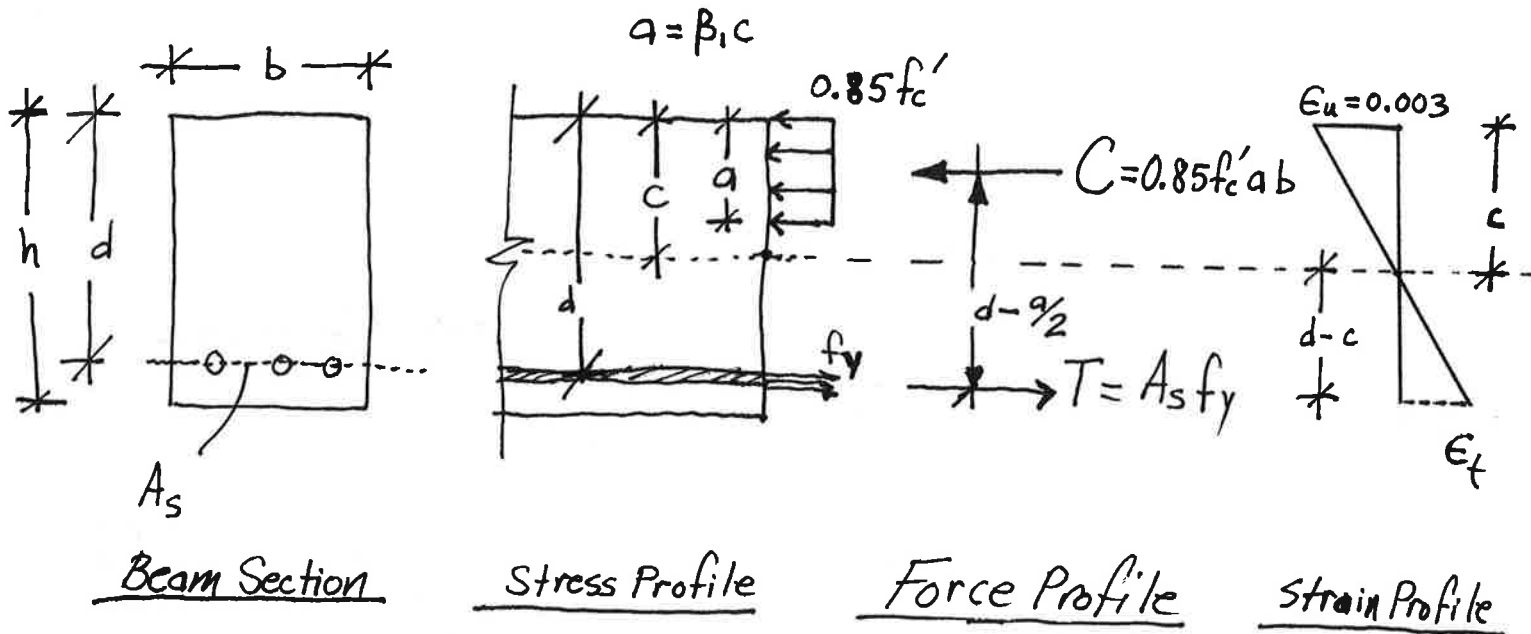
$$\phi M_n = \phi R b d^2$$

Tables or formulas can be used to get a variety of variables. For instance  $f_{min}$ ,  $f_{max}$  can be calculated or obtained from Tables.

The solutions presented deliberately illustrate a variety of ways to calculate or "look up" quantities that you need. Do what works best for you.

(3.) Nilson is the Author of your textbook  
TSDA = Time Saving Design Aid paper

# Summary



## • $\beta_1$ Factor

$$\beta_1 = 0.85 - 0.05 \frac{f_c' - 4000}{1000}$$

with the restriction  $0.65 \leq \beta_1 \leq 0.85$

## • $f_{min}$ (see also ACI 10.5)

$$f_{min} = \frac{3\sqrt{f_c'}}{f_y} \geq \frac{200}{f_y}$$

$$f = \frac{A_s}{bd}$$

sometimes helpful

$$f = 0.85\beta_1 \frac{f_c'}{f_y} \frac{\epsilon_u}{\epsilon_u + \epsilon_t}$$

## • $f_{max}$

$$f_{max} = 0.85\beta_1 \frac{f_c'}{f_y} \frac{\epsilon_u}{\epsilon_u + 0.004}$$

based on ACI 10.3.5

## • $\phi M_n$

$$a = \frac{A_s f_y}{0.85 f_c' b}, \quad M_n = A_s f_y \left(d - \frac{a}{2}\right) = R b d^2$$

$R = \omega f_c' (1 - 0.59\omega)$   
 $\omega = f \frac{f_y}{f_c'}$

see Nilson p. 754

$$\phi = 0.483 + 83.3 \epsilon_t, \quad 0.65 \leq \phi \leq 0.9$$

## • $\epsilon_t$

$$\epsilon_t = \left(\frac{d-c}{c}\right) \epsilon_u$$

TSDA - Approximations

$$A_s \approx \frac{M_u}{4d} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{in k-ft} \\ \text{reg'd in inches} \end{array}$$

$$b \approx \frac{20 M_u}{d^2}, \quad b \approx \frac{1}{2} h$$

## R.C. Beams and Columns – Clear Cover Design Aid

by Professor Yaw (Winter 2004)

**Description:** A table is presented below which lists the ACI code required distance from center of longitudinal bar to edge of concrete. These distances are calculated based on the required ACI clear cover requirements and the assumptions listed below. The table below will help simplify the commonly arising question of whether or not sufficient clear cover has been provided. Given the table below one can, for a particular longitudinal bar size, immediately look up the required center of bar to face of concrete distance to satisfy ACI clear cover requirements.

### Assumptions:

- The table is per ACI 318-02 Section 7.7.1.
- The table is for Non-Prestressed Reinforced Concrete Beams or Columns.
- For #4 to #6 longitudinal bars, #3 stirrups are assumed.
- For #7 to #18 longitudinal bars, #4 stirrups are assumed.
- All calculated values of Center of Longitudinal Bar To Face of Concrete Distance (CLBTFCD) are rounded up to the nearest 1/8 inch. CLBTFCD is calculated based on the following formula:

$$\text{CLBTFCD} = (\text{Min. Clr Cover Req'd}) + (\text{Stirrup Diameter}) + (\frac{1}{2} d_b)$$

### Center of Longitudinal Bar to Face of Concrete Distance (CLBTFCD)

Long. Bar Size		For Beams or Columns					
		Cast Against Earth and Permanently Exposed to Earth.		Concrete Exposed to Earth or Weather		Concrete Not Exposed To Weather	
Size	(d <sub>b</sub> inches)	Min. Clr Req'd	CLBTFCD(in)	Min. Clr Req'd	CLBTFCD(in)	Min. Clr Req'd	CLBTFCD(in)
#4	0.500	3.0	3.625	1.5	2.125	1.5	2.125
#5	0.625	3.0	3.750	1.5	2.250	1.5	2.250
#6	0.750	3.0	3.750	2.0	2.750	1.5	2.250
#7	0.875	3.0	4.000	2.0	3.000	1.5	2.500
#8	1.000	3.0	4.000	2.0	3.000	1.5	2.500
#9	1.128	3.0	4.125	2.0	3.125	1.5	2.625
#10	1.270	3.0	4.250	2.0	3.250	1.5	2.750
#11	1.410	3.0	4.250	2.0	3.250	1.5	2.750
#14	1.693	3.0	4.375	2.0	3.375	1.5	2.875
#18	2.257	3.0	4.750	2.0	3.750	1.5	3.250