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## T-Beam Analysis (see ACI sect. 8.12)

### Effective Width

#### 1. For Symmetrical T-beams

$$b_{eff} \text{ must be less than } \frac{1}{4} L$$

$$b_{eff} \text{ must be less than } b_w + 16 h_f$$

$$b_{eff} \text{ must be less than } b_w + \frac{s_c}{2} + \frac{s_c}{2}$$

#### 2. For Beams w/ slab on one side only.

$$b_{eff} \leq b_w + \frac{1}{12} L$$

$$b_{eff} \leq b_w + 6 h_f$$

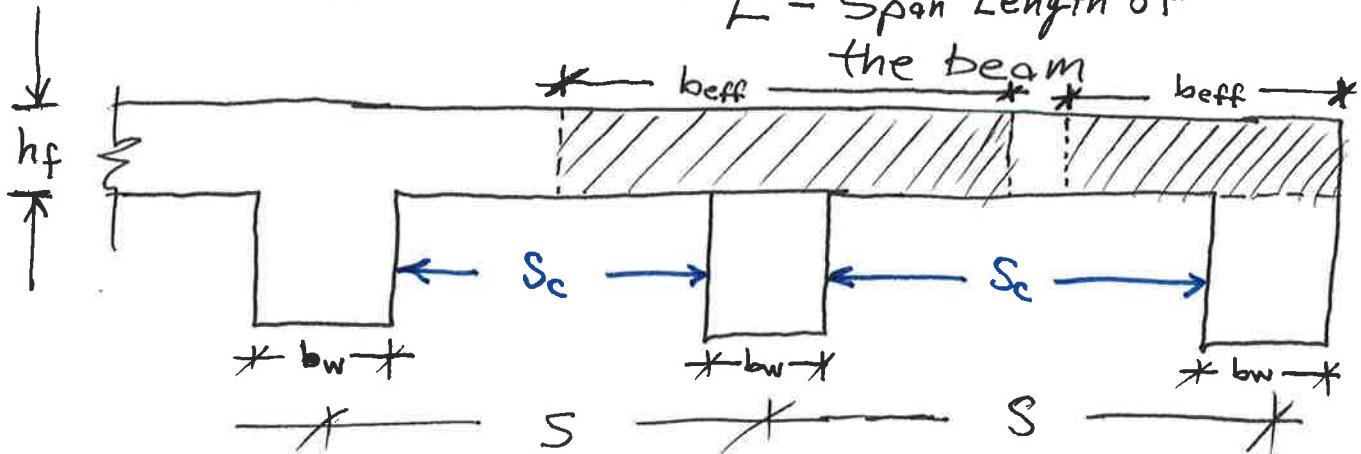
$$b_{eff} \leq b_w + \frac{s_c}{2}$$

#### 3. For Isolated Beams w/ flange used for purposes of increasing compressive area.

$$h_f \geq \frac{b_w}{2}$$

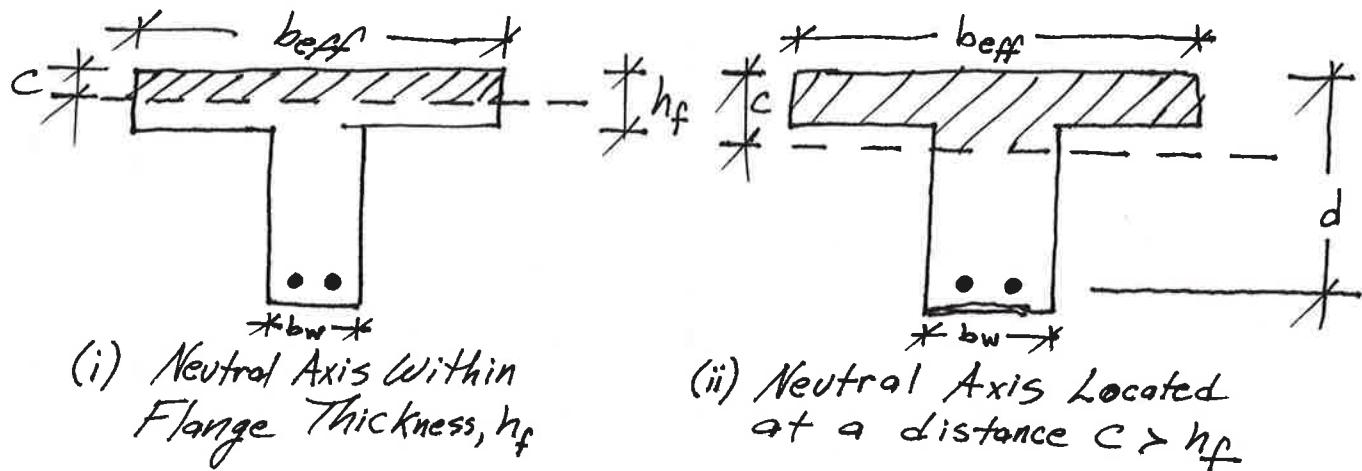
$$b_{eff} \leq 4 b_w$$

$L$  = Span Length of  
the beam



## T-beam Analysis

- Two Cases Are Possible

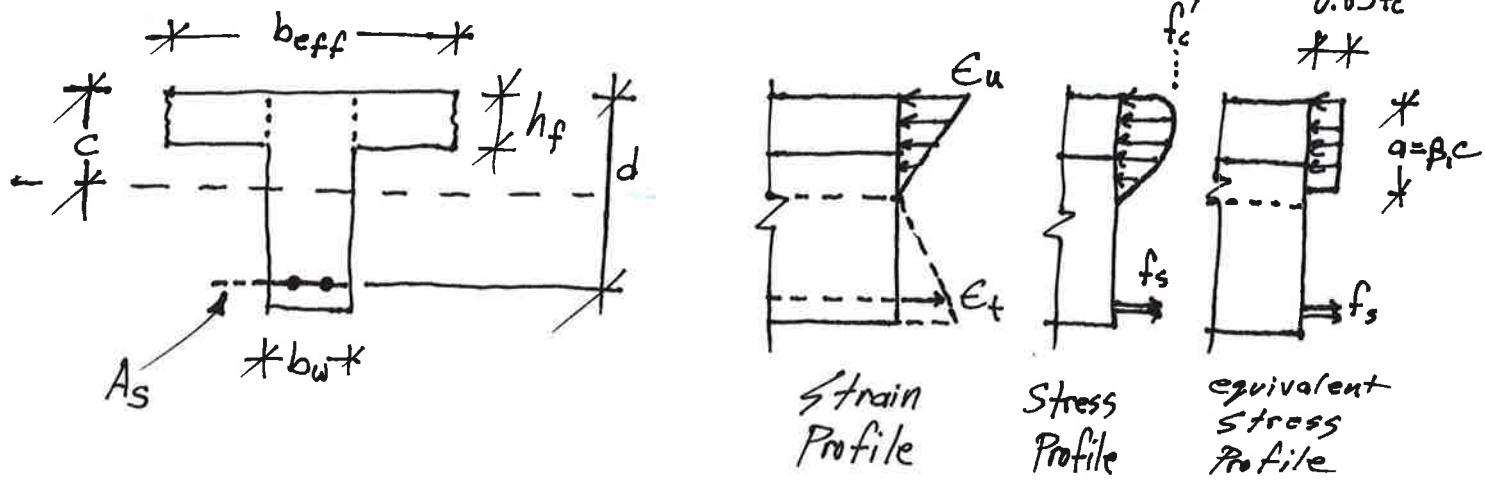


- If case (i) occurs the beam may be analyzed exactly the same as a rectangular beam with  $b = b_{eff}$ .

- If case (ii) occurs we must rederive our formulas for  $M_n$  and we must find the location of  $c$  by an iterative process.

- For Case with T-beam flange in tension See ACI Sect. 10.6.6

Consider the following T-Beam  
And Assume that  $c > h_f$ .



- Consider Dividing the tensile steel into two parts.

(Part I)  $A_{sf}$  is the portion of  $A_s$  required to balance the horizontal compressive force acting on the overhanging flanges only. We assume  $f_s = f_y$

$$\Rightarrow \sum F_x = 0; \Rightarrow f_y A_{sf} = (b_{eff} - b_w) h_f (0.85 f_c')$$

$$\Rightarrow A_{sf} = 0.85 f_c' (b_{eff} - b_w) h_f$$

The nominal resisting moment provided by this compressive stress and this area of the steel is

$$M_{n1} = A_{sf} f_y \left( d - \frac{h_f}{2} \right)$$

(Part II)  $(A_s - A_{sf})$  is the remaining portion of the steel that balances with the compressive force in the rectangular portion of the beam. Again  $f_s = f_y$

$$\Rightarrow \sum F_x = 0; f_y (A_s - A_{sf}) = 0.85 f_c' a b_w$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{f_y (A_s - A_{sf})}{0.85 f_c' b_w}$$

The nominal resisting moment provided by this compressive stress and this area of steel is

$$M_{n2} = (A_s - A_{sf}) f_y \left( d - \frac{a}{2} \right)$$

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The resulting total nominal resisting moment is the sum of the parts

$$\rightarrow M_n = M_{n_1} + M_{n_2} = A_s f_y \left( d - \frac{h_f}{2} \right) + (A_s - A_{sf}) f_y \left( d - \frac{a}{2} \right)$$

This moment is reduced by  $\phi$  as per rectangular beams, and hence is dependent on  $\epsilon_t$ .

$$a = \frac{(A_s - A_{sf}) f_y}{0.85 f_c' b_w}$$

$$c = \frac{a}{\beta_1} \quad 0.65 \leq \phi \leq 0.9$$

$$\epsilon_t = \left( \frac{d - c}{c} \right) \epsilon_u \quad \phi = 0.483 + 83.3 \epsilon_t$$

- Must check  $f_{min}$  and max steel limit  $\epsilon_t < 0.004$ .

See discussion on  $f_{min} = \frac{A_{s,min}}{b_w d}$  on text p. 154 W&M 5th.

$\Rightarrow$  For tension on bottom of T-beam  $f_{min} = \frac{A_{s,min}}{b_w d} = \frac{3\sqrt{f_c'}}{f_y}$

use greater value → or  $f_{min} = \frac{200}{f_y}$

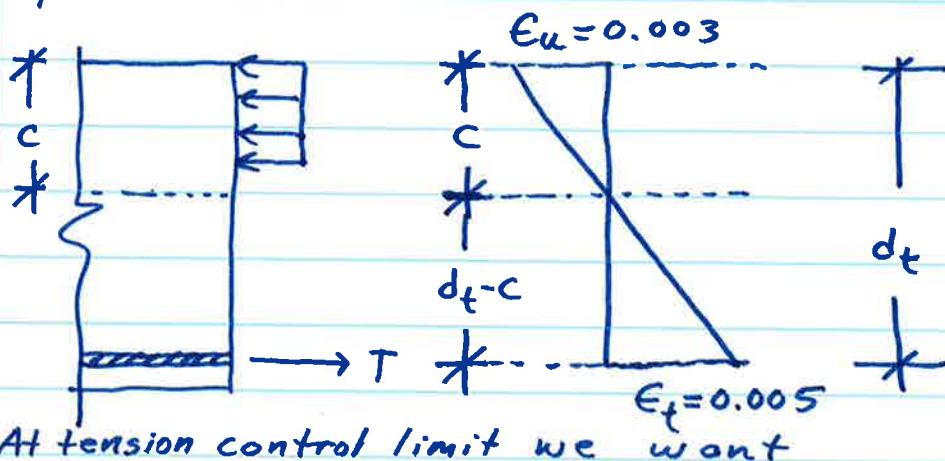
$\Rightarrow$  For continuous T-beams with flanges in tension  
use  $f_{min}$  same as above.

$\Rightarrow$  For determinate T-beams with flanges in tension  
replace  $b_w$  in eqs with the smaller of  $2b_w$  or  $b_{eff}$ ,  
but need not exceed actual flange width.  
(See ACI 10.5.2)

↓ See text page 131 W. & M. 5th

Easy way to check if  $\epsilon_t > 0.005$

- At tension controlled limit strain profile is



$$\frac{0.003}{c} \leq \frac{0.005}{d_t - c}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.003d_t - 0.003c \leq 0.005c$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.003d_t \leq 0.008c$$

$$\Rightarrow c \leq \frac{3}{8}d_t$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{c}{d_t} \leq \frac{3}{8}$$

So if  $\frac{c}{d_t} \leq \frac{3}{8}$  then  $\epsilon_t \geq 0.005$

**Problem** - Case of  $c < h_f$ , normal beam analysis

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Given

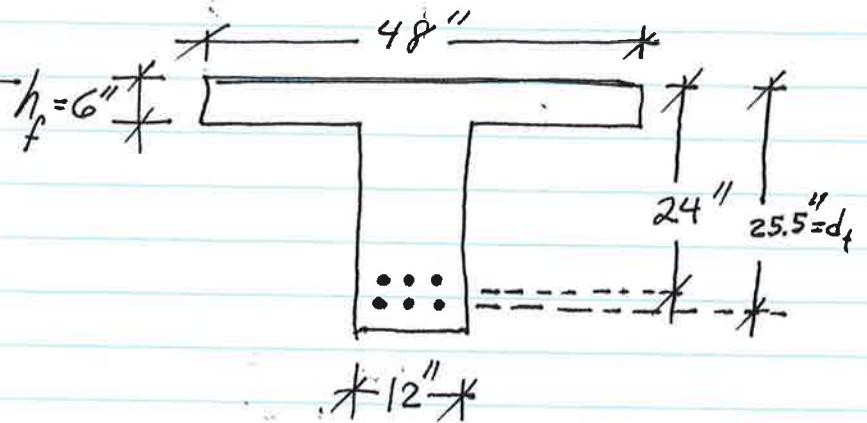
A T-beam has an effective width of flange of 48 in.

$$h_f = 6 \text{ in} \quad b_w = 12 \text{ in} \quad h = 28 \text{ in}$$

$$d = 24 \text{ in} \quad (\text{to the centroid of 6 No. 9 bars})$$

$$f'_c = 3 \text{ ksi} \quad f_y = 60 \text{ ksi}$$

Determine  $\phi M_n$



Solution:

- Assume 1st  $C$  falls within depth of  $h_f$ . If this is true a regular rectangular beam analysis is necessary.

$$\rightarrow a = \frac{A_s f_y}{0.85 f'_c b} = \frac{6(1.0) 60}{0.85(3)(48)} = 2.941 \text{ in}$$

$$a = \beta_1 c \quad f'_c = 3 \text{ ksi} \Rightarrow \beta_1 = 0.85$$

$$\rightarrow C = \frac{a}{\beta_1} = \frac{2.941}{0.85} = 3.46 \text{ in} < h_f$$

$\therefore$  a rectangular beam analysis is ok

$$\Rightarrow \frac{C}{d_t} = \frac{3.46}{25.5} = 0.136 < 0.375 \Rightarrow E_f > 0.005 \text{ in/in}$$

see text p. 131

$$\Rightarrow \phi = 0.9$$

$$\rightarrow \phi M_n = 0.9(6) 60 \left(24 - \frac{2.941}{2}\right) = 7300 \text{ k-in}$$

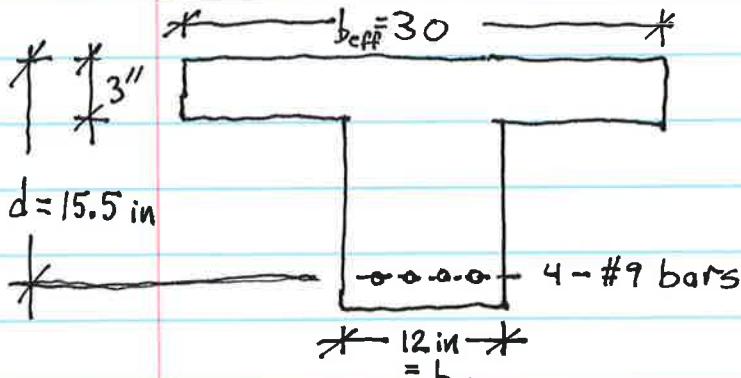
• Check  $f_{min}$  ...

$$= [608 \text{ k-ft}] \rightarrow$$

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Steel Given.

**Problem** - Case of  $C > h_f$ , T-beam analysis required.



Find  $\phi M_n$

$$f_y = 60 \text{ ksi}$$

$$f'_c = 3 \text{ ksi}$$

Computer results for verification

$$C = 3.93 \text{ in}$$

$$E_t = 0.00882$$

$$M_n = 3342 \text{ k-in}$$

$$\phi = 0.9$$

$$\phi M_n = 3008 \text{ k-in}$$

Solution:  $A_s = 4(1.0) = 4 \text{ in}^2$

- Check if Normal beam Analysis Required.

Assume  $C < h_f = 3"$  ← see if this is true

$$a = \frac{A_s f_y}{0.85 f'_c b_{eff}} = \frac{4(1)(60)}{0.85(3)(30)} = 3.13 \text{ in}$$

$$\Rightarrow C = \frac{a}{\beta_1} = \frac{3.137}{0.85} = 3.69 \text{ in} > h_f \quad \therefore \begin{array}{l} \text{T-beam} \\ \text{Analysis} \\ \text{Can't Do Normal} \\ \text{Beam Analysis} \end{array}$$

- Find Portion of steel

Required For Equilibrium of flanges in Compression

$$A_{sf} f_y = 0.85 f'_c h_f (b_{eff} - b_w)$$

$$\Rightarrow A_{sf} = \frac{0.85(3)(3)(30 - 12)}{60} = 2.295 \text{ in}^2$$

- Find  $M_{n,f}$  = nominal moment due to flanges only

$$M_{n,f} = A_{sf} f_y \left(d - \frac{h_f}{2}\right) = 2.295(60)\left(15.5 - \frac{3}{2}\right) = 1927.8 \text{ k-in}$$

- Steel Associated with web only

$$A_{sw} = A_s - A_{sf} = 4 - 2.295 = 1.705 \text{ in}^2$$

- Calculate  $M_{n2}$  = nominal moment capacity of the web.

$$a = \frac{A_{sw} f_y}{0.85 f'_c b_w} = \frac{1.705(60)}{0.85(3)(12)} = 3.343 \text{ in}$$

$$\Rightarrow M_{n2} = A_{sw} f_y \left(d - \frac{a}{2}\right) = 1.705(60)\left(15.5 - \frac{3.343}{2}\right)$$

$$= 1414.7 \text{ k-in}$$

- Check  $\epsilon_t$

$$\epsilon_t = \left(\frac{d-c}{c}\right) \epsilon_u = \frac{15.5 - \frac{3.343}{0.85}}{\frac{3.343}{0.85}} (0.003) = 0.00882$$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_t > 0.005 \quad \therefore \phi = 0.9$$

and max steel limit  
not violated ( $\epsilon_t > 0.004$ )

- Final Nominal Moment Capacity

$$\phi M_n = \phi (M_{n1} + M_{n2}) = 0.9(1927.8 + 1414.7)$$

$\phi M_n = 3008 \text{ k-in}$

same as computer results

- Check  $f_{min}$

$$f_{min} = \frac{200}{f_y} = \frac{200}{60000} = 0.0033 \quad \text{or} \quad f_{min} = \frac{3\sqrt{f'_c}}{f_y} = \frac{3\sqrt{30000}}{60000} = 0.00274$$

greater value governs

$$\Rightarrow f_{min} = 0.0033 \leftarrow$$

$$f_{prov.} = \frac{A_s}{b_w d} = \frac{4}{12(15.5)} = 0.0215 > f_{min} \quad \underline{\text{ok!}}$$

**Problem** - Case of not knowing steel area.

Suppose  $M_u = 7000 \text{ k-in}$

$$b_{\text{eff}} = 36 \text{ in}$$

$$h_f = 3 \text{ in}, d = 22 \text{ in}, b_w = 12 \text{ in}$$

$$f'_c = 3 \text{ ksi} \quad f_y = 60 \text{ ksi}$$

Determine  $A_{\text{Sreq'd}}$

Solution:

- Try a Rect. Bm Analysis assume  $a = h_f$

estimate  $A_{\text{Sreq'd}}$

$$\Rightarrow A_s = \frac{M_u}{\phi f_y(d - \frac{a}{2})} = \frac{7000}{0.9(60)(22 - \frac{3}{2})} = 6.32 \text{ in}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{A_s f_y}{0.85 f'_c b} = \frac{6.32(60)}{0.85(3)(36)} = 4.13 \text{ in} > h_f = 3 \text{ in}$$

- A T-beam Analysis is Req'd.

Start by assuming  $\phi = 0.9$

$$A_{sf} = \frac{0.85 f'_c (b_{\text{eff}} - b_w) h_f}{f_y} = \frac{0.85(3)(36 - 12)(3)}{60} = 3.06 \text{ in}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi M_{n1} = \phi A_{sf} f_y \left( d - \frac{h_f}{2} \right) = 0.9(3.06)60 \left( 22 - \frac{3}{2} \right) = 3387 \text{ k-in}$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi M_{n2} = M_u - \phi M_{n1} = 7000 - 3387 = 3613 \text{ k-in}$$

- Assume  $a = 3.75 \text{ in}$

{ See page ④ alternate

$$\Rightarrow A_s - A_{sf} = \frac{\phi M_{n2}}{\phi f_y(d - \frac{a}{2})} = \frac{3613}{0.9(22 - 1.875)(60)} = 3.32 \text{ in}^2$$

$$\text{Check } a = \frac{(A_s - A_{sf}) f_y}{0.85 f'_c b_w} = \frac{3.32(60)}{0.85(3)(12)} = 6.51 \text{ in} \neq 3.75$$

No Good

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New trial

- Assume  $a = \frac{3.75 + 6.51}{2} \approx 5.15 \text{ in}$

$$A_s - A_{sf} = \frac{\phi M_{n2}}{\phi f_y(d - \frac{a}{2})} = \frac{3613}{0.9(60)(22 - \frac{5.15}{2})} = 3.44 \text{ in}^2$$

Check  $a$ 

$$\rightarrow a = \frac{3.44(60)}{0.85(3)(12)} = 6.75 \text{ in} \neq 5.15 \text{ in}$$

No Good

- Assume  $a = 7 \text{ in}$

$$A_s - A_{sf} = \frac{3613}{0.9(60)(22 - 3.5)} = 3.62 \text{ in}^2$$

Check  $a$ 

$$a = \frac{3.62(60)}{0.85(3)(12)} = 7.1 \text{ in} \approx 7 \text{ in}$$

• Calculate req'd  $A_s$ 

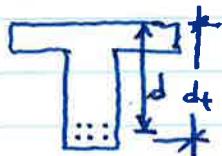
$$\rightarrow A_s = (A_s - A_{sf}) + A_{sf} \\ = 3.62 + 3.06 = 6.68 \text{ in}^2$$

- Check that net tensile strain  $> 0.005$  met so  $\phi = 0.9$

- Calculate actual "a" based on steel used

Assuming  $d = 22 \text{ in}$  is to a centroid of a  
Steel group consisting of two layers of 3-#10  
bars per layer.  $\rightarrow A_s = 7.62 \text{ in}^2$

$$\rightarrow a = \frac{(7.62 - 3.06)60}{0.85(3)(12)} = 8.94 \text{ in}$$



$$\rightarrow \frac{c}{d_f} = \frac{8.94 / 0.85}{(22 + 1.5)} = 0.448 \text{ in} > \frac{3}{8}$$

This is greater than max allowed  
No Good

to outermost tension steel

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Try 3-#10 and 3-#9

$$\rightarrow A_s = 3(1.27) + 3(1.0) = 6.81 \text{ in}^2$$

$$\rightarrow a = \frac{(6.81 - 3.06)60}{0.85(3)(12)} = 7.35 \text{ in}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{c}{d_f} \approx \frac{7.35/0.85}{(22+1.5)} = 0.368 \text{ in} < 0.375$$

$$\rightarrow \epsilon_f > 0.005$$

To see this

$$\epsilon_f = \left[ \frac{0.85 \beta_1 f'_c}{\left( \frac{A_s - A_{sf}}{b w d_f} \right) f_y} - 1 \right] 0.003 = \left[ \frac{0.85(0.85)3}{\left( \frac{6.81 - 3.06}{12(22)} \right) 60} - 1 \right] 0.003 = 0.00515$$

$$\text{Hence } \phi = 0.9$$

$$\rightarrow \phi M_n = \phi M_{n1} + \phi M_{n2}$$

$$= 3387 + 0.9(6.81 - 3.06)60 \left( 22 - \frac{7.35}{2} \right)$$

$$= 3387 + 3710 \text{ k-in}$$

$$= 7097 \text{ k-in} = 7100 \text{ k-in}$$

$$\rightarrow \phi M_n > M_u \quad \underline{\text{ok}}$$

- Need to check  $f_{min}$

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Alternate way to do as noted on p. ①/4

Then starting w/  $\phi M_{n2} = 3613 \text{ k-in}$   
 $= 301 \text{ k-ft}$

$$\rightarrow (A_s - A_{sf}) \approx \frac{\phi M_{n2}}{4d} = \frac{301}{4(22)} = 3.42 \text{ in}^2$$

$$q = \frac{3.42(60)}{0.85(3)(12)} = 6.71$$

$$\rightarrow \phi M_{n2} = 0.9(3.42)60\left(22 - \frac{6.71}{2}\right) = 3443 \text{ k-in}$$

$\Leftarrow \phi M_{n2}$  required

No Good

$$\text{Try } A_s - A_{sf} = \frac{3613}{3443}(3.42) = 3.59 \text{ in}^2$$

$$\rightarrow \text{use } 3.6 \text{ in}^2 \quad q = \frac{3.6}{3.42}(6.71) = 7.06 \text{ in}$$

$$\rightarrow \phi M_{n2} = 0.9(3.6)(60)\left(22 - \frac{7.06}{2}\right) = 3591 \text{ k-in}$$

$\approx \phi M_{n2}$  req'd OK

proceeds as before.