



Lecture 02

Design of Singly Reinforced Beam in Flexure

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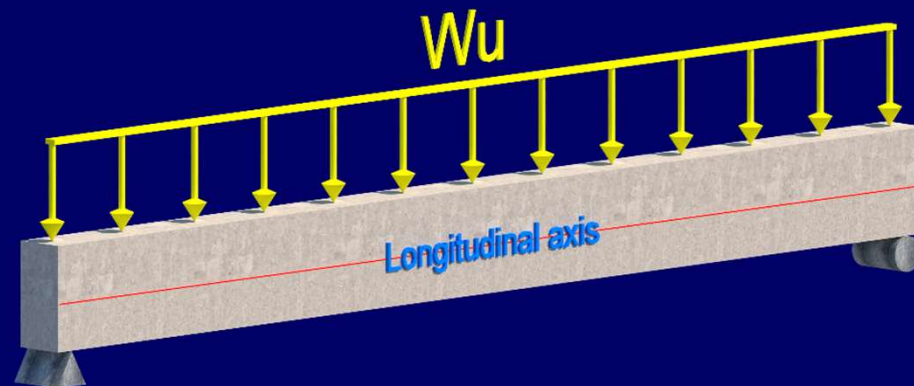
- **At the end of this lecture, students will be able to;**
 - *Define* general terms related to the flexural design of RC beams
 - *Explain* behavior and mechanics of RC Beam under gravity load.
 - *Identify* relevant ACI 318 Code provisions for RC Beam.
 - *Analyze* and *Design* singly reinforced beam in flexure.



General

- **Beam**

- A beam is generally a horizontal structural element/member that spans a distance between one or more supports and bears vertical loads transverse to its longitudinal axis.
- Beam takes loads from the slab and transfers them safely to the columns.



Beam



General

- **Load effects on RC Beam**
 - A beam may be subjected to axial, flexural, shear, and torsional stresses.
 - Flexural stresses are the most prevalent of all, therefore the beam is classified as a “**Flexural member**”.
 - Shear and Torsion can also be considered in some circumstances, although axial stresses are low and hence can be omitted.
 - This Lecture will go through the **Design of a Rectangular Section Beam for Flexure**.



General

- **Moment**

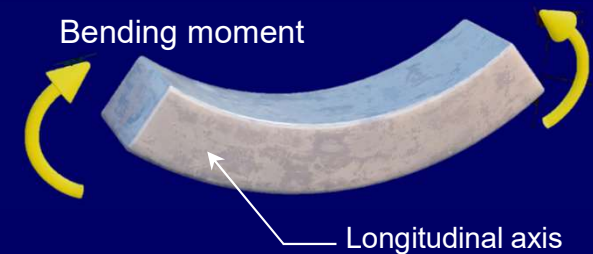
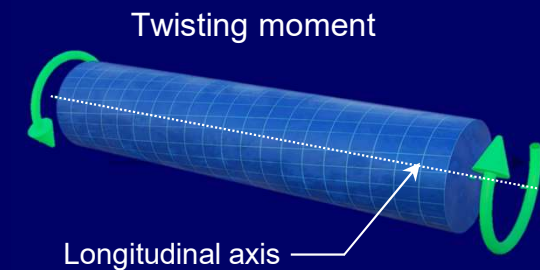
- The ability of a force to rotate a body is known as **Moment**.
- Based on the axis of rotation, moment can be divided into two types

- i. **Twisting Moment (Torque)**

- Moment about the longitudinal axis of a body is called twisting moment.

- ii. **Bending Moment (Flexural Moment)**

- Moment transverse to the longitudinal axis of a body is known as bending moment.





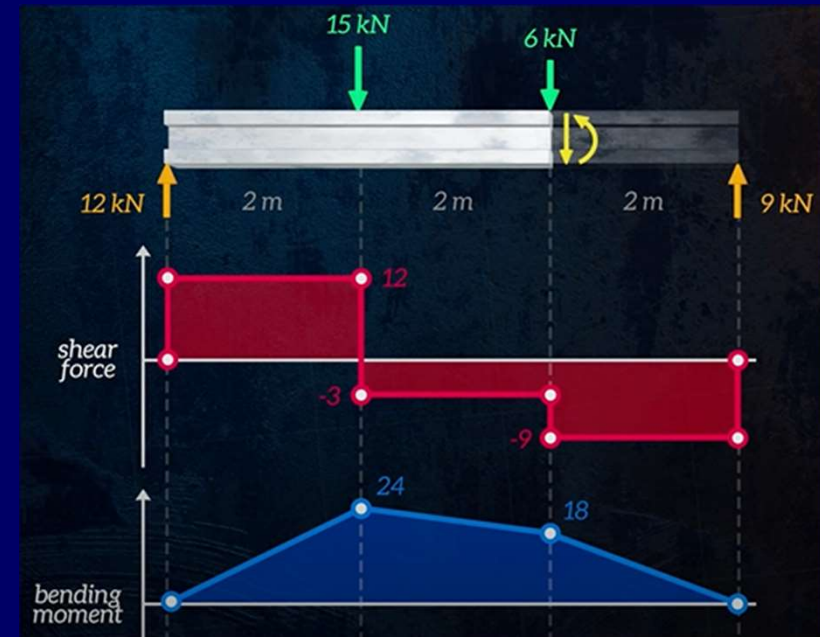
General

- **Moment**

- Moment can also be classified as

- Applied Moment (M_A)**

- Moment produced in a body due to external loadings is known as Demand moment / External moment or Applied moment.
- Depends on the **loads**, **span length**, and the **support conditions** of the member.
- Can be obtained from **Bending Moment Diagram**.



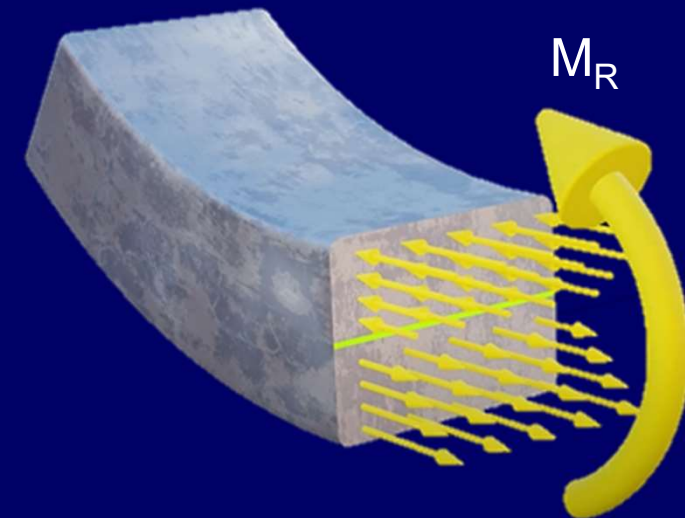


General

- **Moment**

- ii. **Resisting Moment (M_R)**

- The resistance offered by a member to the applied moment is called the Resisting moment / Internal moment, or Flexural Capacity.
 - Depends upon the **Geometry** (cross-section) of the member and the material **strength**.
 - Can be obtained either from
 - **Flexural Stress Formula** or
 - **Bending Stress Diagram**.





General

• Flexural Stress Formula

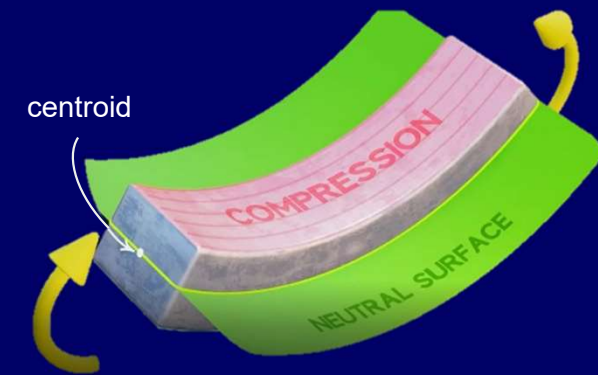
- Stress caused by Bending moment is known as flexural or bending stress or **flexural stress**.
- Flexural stress is a combination of compressive and tensile stresses.
- Mathematically it is expressed as;

$$f = \frac{My}{I}$$

M = Applied moment

y = Depth of fiber from N.A

I = Moment of inertia of the section





General

- **Limitations of Flexural Stress Formula**

- Flexural stress formula can be used to determine the **Resisting moment** of a member as;

$$M_R = \frac{fI}{y}$$

- However, this formula assumes that the material is **homogenous** and **linearly elastic**.
- The flexural formula is not applicable to reinforced concrete due to its nonhomogeneous and inelastic nature.
- Therefore, the Resisting moment for RC beams will be determined from the **Bending Stress Diagram** of the section.



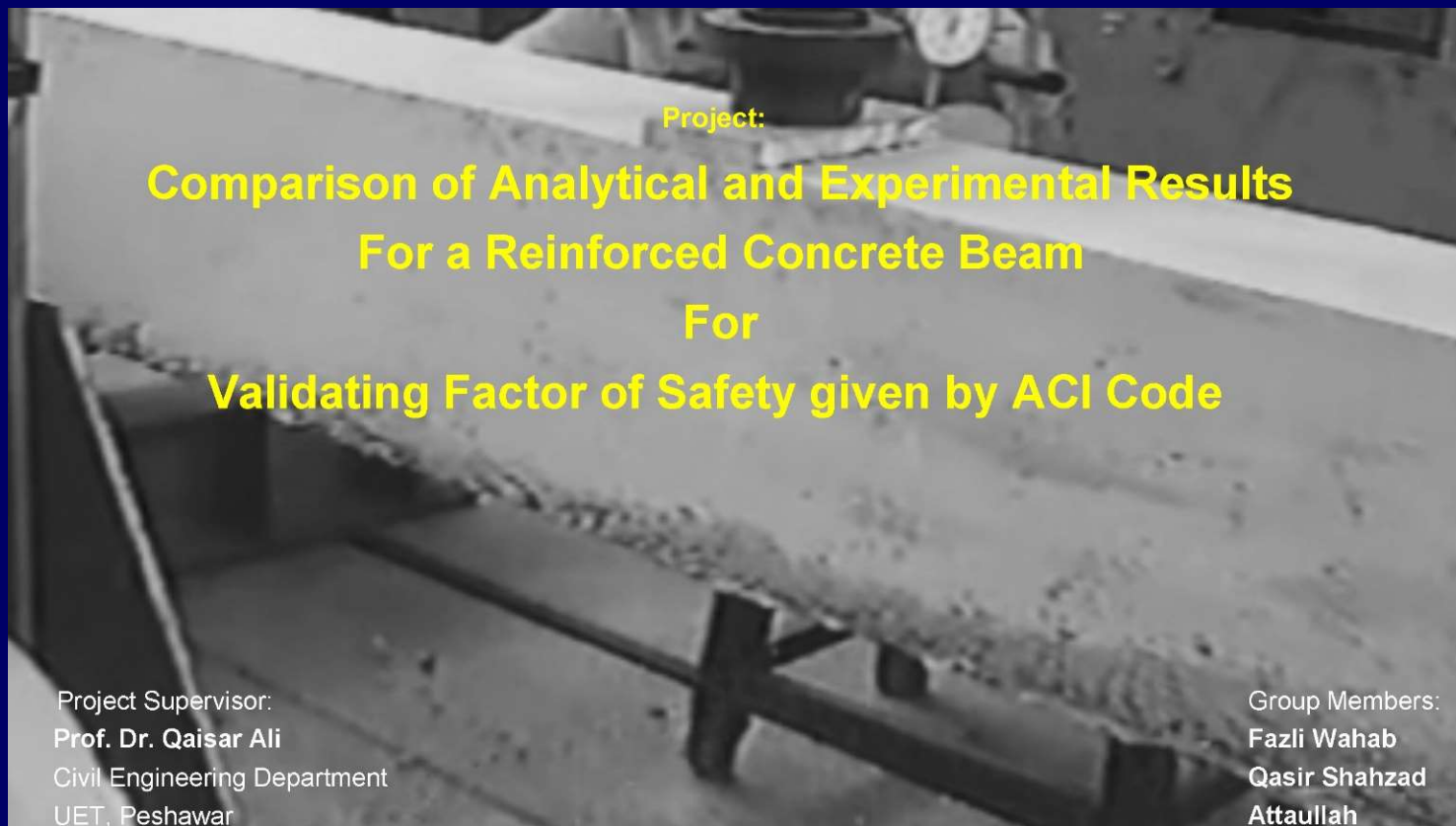
Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- **Behavior of RC Beam in Flexure**
 - Before moving on to the discussion of computing "**Resisting moment**" and for a better understanding of the behavior of an RC beam under gravity load, the next slide shows an experimental test of a beam subjected to progressive point load.
 - Students should carefully watch the video and take notes on the **various stages** that the beam goes through with progressively increasing load until it reaches the ultimate condition.



Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- **Experimental Test on RC Beam Subjected to Point Load**



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Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- **Concluding Remarks on the Beam Test**

- The beam test demonstrates that the beam passes through numerous stages from the start of loading until it collapses.
- Initially, small unseen cracks form under load; as load increases, they become visible, spread, and multiply.
- First crack in tension zone depletes concrete's tensile strength, transferring stresses to steel bars.
- Eventually, cracks widen, indicating steel yielding and finally, the concrete in compression region crushes.



Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- **Concluding Remarks on the Beam Test**

- The **Demand Moment** due to applied point load can easily be determined as; $M_A = PL/4$
- The **Resisting Moment** will be calculated for three specific stages of the beam (although it can be determined at any stage).
 1. **Uncracked Concrete – Elastic Stage**
 2. **Cracked Concrete (tension zone) – Elastic Stage**
 3. **Cracked Concrete (tension zone) – Inelastic (Ultimate Strength) Stage**



Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- **Description of Stages**

1. **Uncracked Concrete – Elastic Stage**

- At loads much lower than the ultimate, concrete remains uncracked in compression as well as in tension and the behavior of steel and concrete both is elastic.

2. **Cracked Concrete (tension zone) – Elastic Stage**

- With the increase in load, concrete cracks in tension but remains uncracked in compression.
- Concrete in compression and steel in tension both behave in an elastic manner.



Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- **Description of Stages**

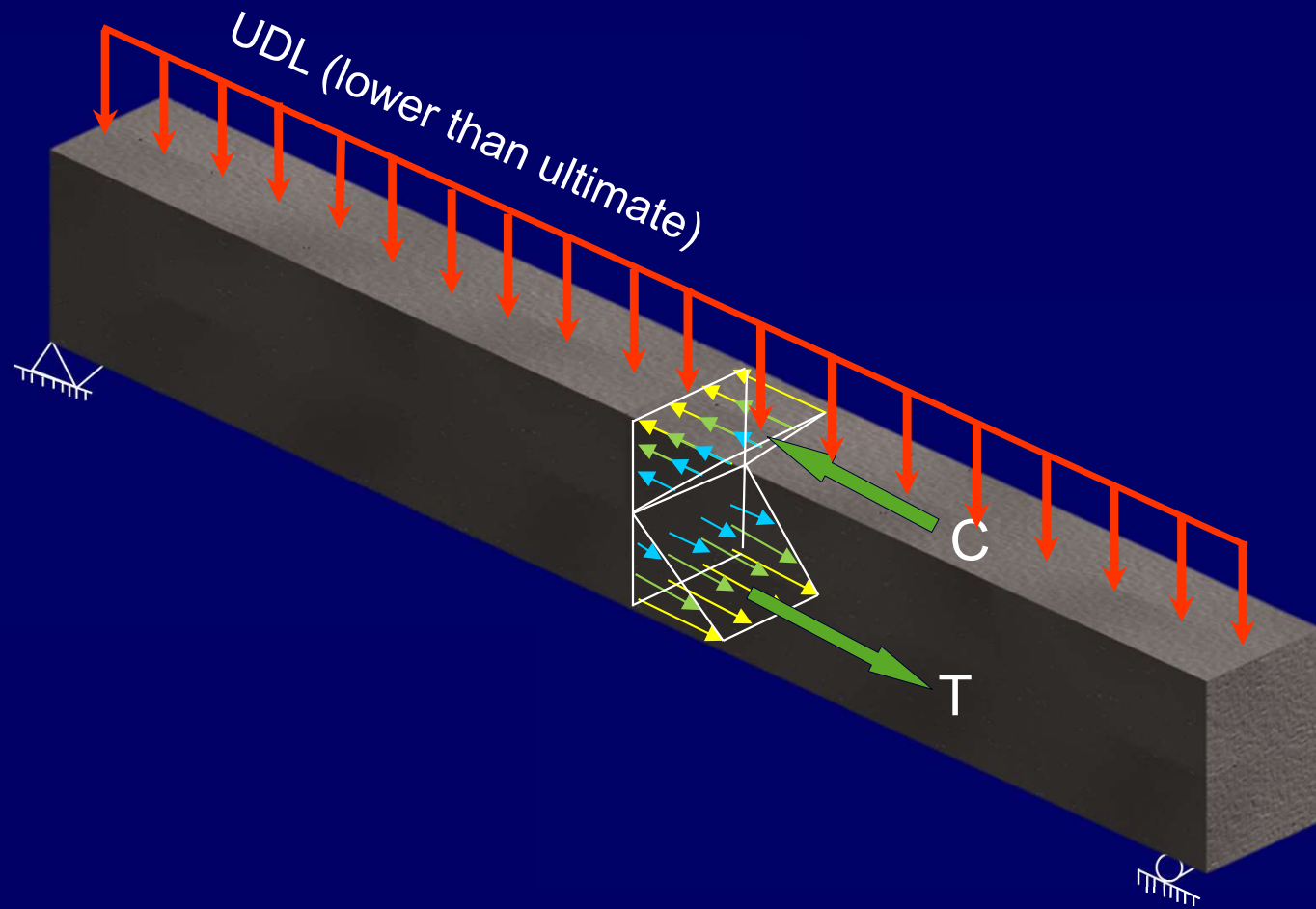
- 3. Cracked Concrete (tension zone) –(Ultimate Strength) Stage**

- Concrete is cracked in tension. Concrete in compression and steel in tension both enter the inelastic range.
 - At collapse, steel yields and concrete in compression crushes.



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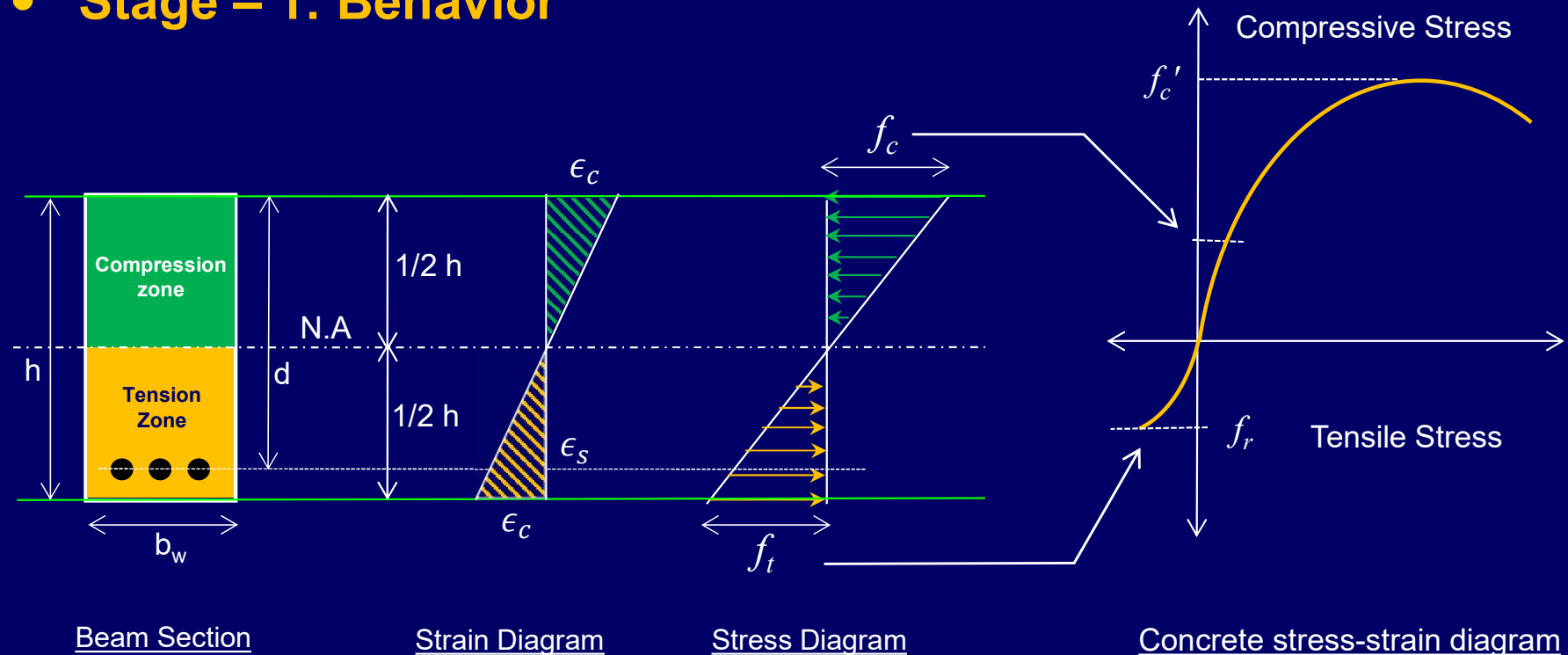
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- **Stage – 1: Behavior**

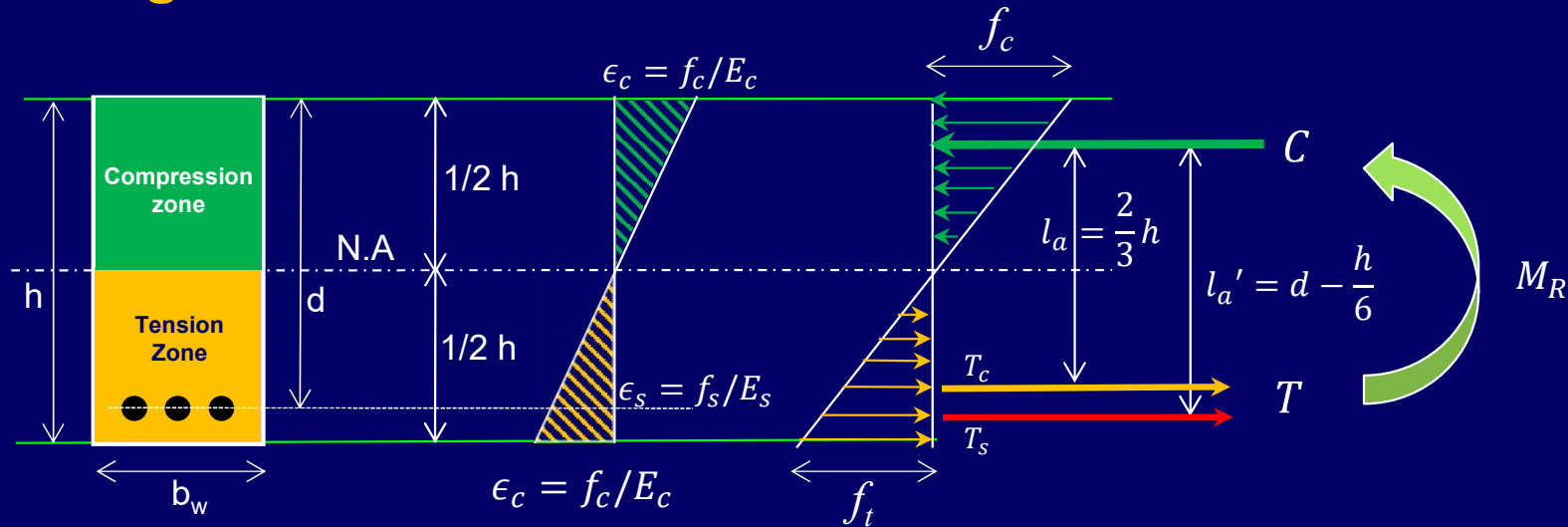


At this stage, the **loading condition** is such that the concrete in the tension zone reaches its **tensile strength**, that is $f_t = f_r$ while in the compression zone ; $f_c \ll f'_c$



Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

• Stage – 1: Calculations



Beam Section

Strain Diagram

Stress Diagram

Compressive force "C" is balanced by T_c and T_s such that:

$$C = T_c + T_s$$

C = Compressive strength of concrete

T = Tensile strength of steel

M_R = Resisting moment produced by C and T

l_a = Perpendicular distance between C and T (Lever Arm)



Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

• Stage – 1: Calculations

• Determination of Resisting Moment (M_R)

- Resisting Moment offered by both concrete and steel is given by;

$$M_R = M_c + M_s$$

$$M_R = T_c \times l_a + T_s \times l_a'$$

Putting

$$l_a = \frac{2}{3}h \text{ and } l_a' = d - \frac{1}{6}h$$

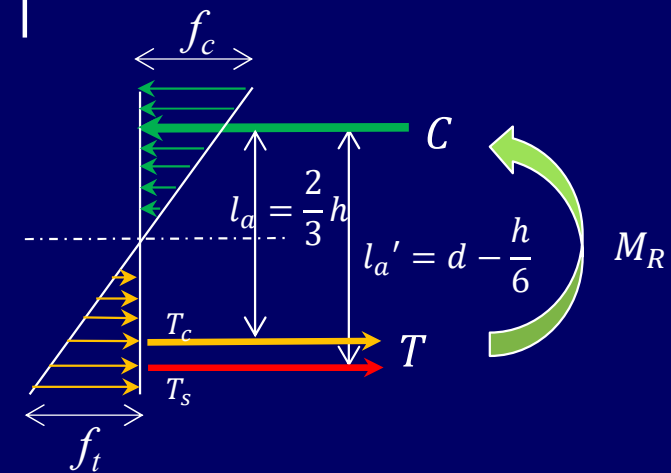
We get,

$$M_R = \frac{2h}{3}T_c + \left(d - \frac{1}{6}h\right)T_s \quad \text{----- (2.1)}$$

Here,

M_c = Moment due to Concrete and

M_s = Moment due to Steel





Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

• Stage – 1: Calculations

• Determination of Resisting Moment (M_R)

- “ T_c ” is calculated as;

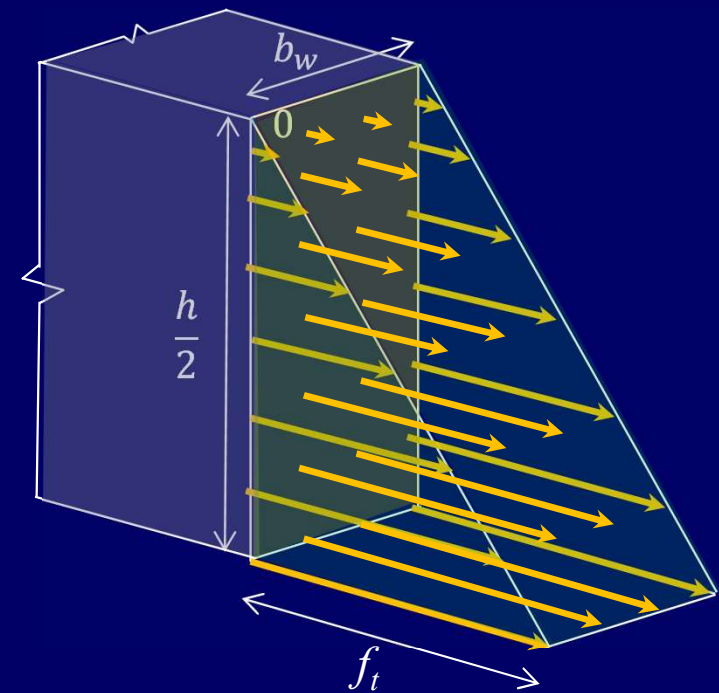
$$T_c = \text{Average Stress} \times \text{Area}$$

For triangular distribution we get

$$T_c = \underbrace{\left(\frac{0 + f_t}{2}\right)}_{\text{Average Stress}} \times \underbrace{\left(b_w \times \frac{h}{2}\right)}_{\text{Area}} = \frac{b_w h f_t}{4}$$

Therefore,

$$T_c = \frac{b_w h f_t}{4}$$





Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- Stage – 1: Calculations
 - Determination of Resisting Moment (M_R)

- Tensile force of steel is

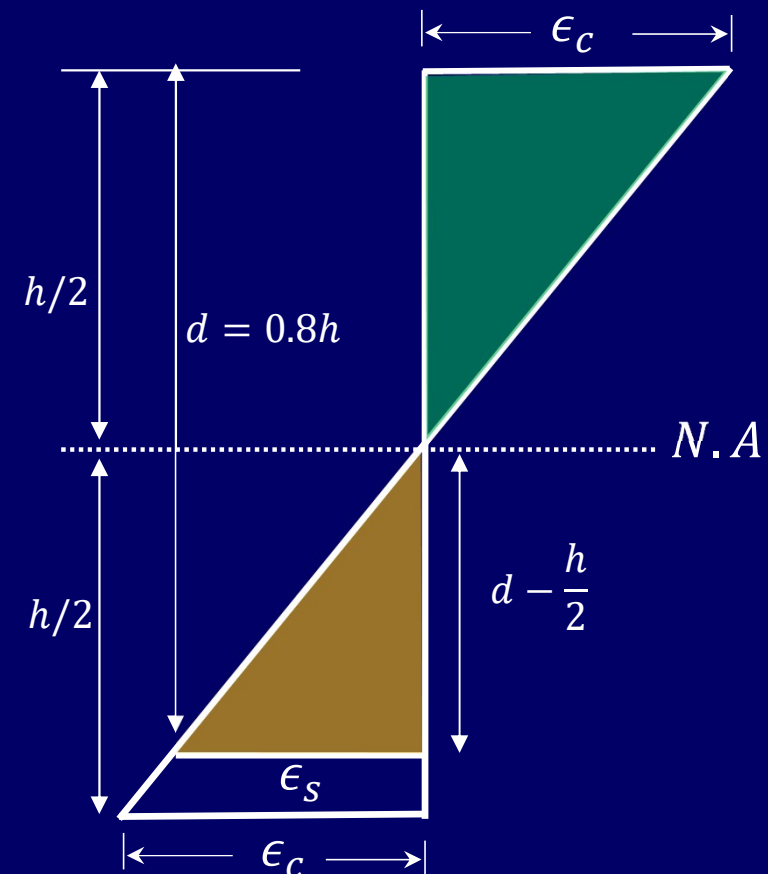
$$T_s = A_s \times f_s = A_s \times E_s \times \epsilon_s$$

ϵ_s can be calculated from the strain diagram as follows

$$\frac{\epsilon_s}{\epsilon_c} = \frac{d - h/2}{h/2}$$

$$\frac{\epsilon_s}{\epsilon_c} = \frac{0.8h - 0.5h}{0.5h} = 0.6$$

$$\epsilon_s = 0.6\epsilon_c$$





Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- **Stage – 1: Calculations**

- **Determination of Resisting Moment (M_R)**

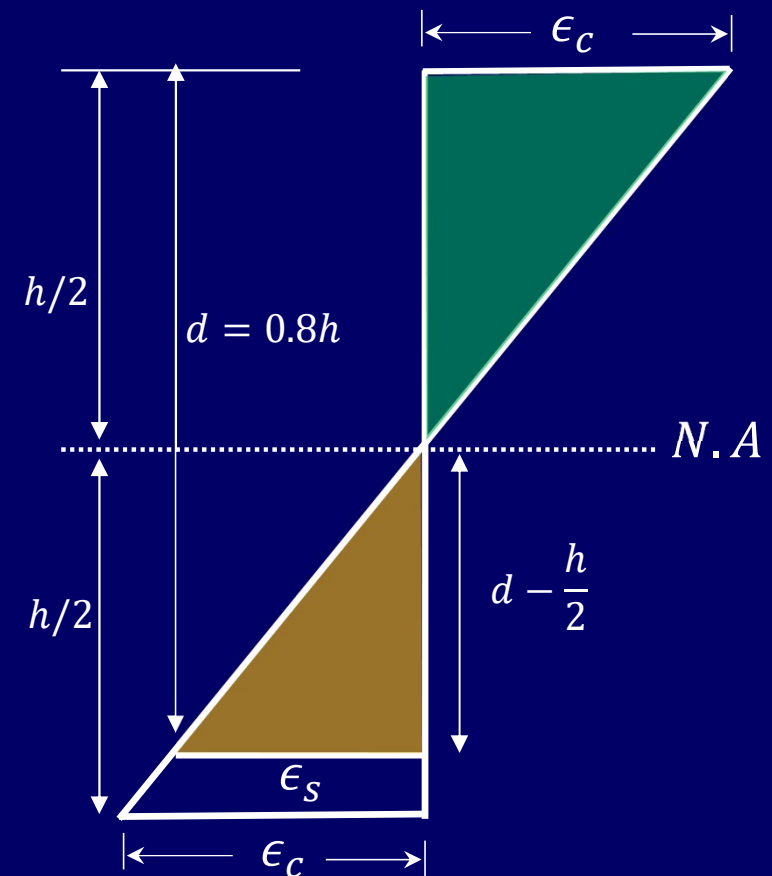
- Concrete stain ϵ_c is given by

$$\epsilon_c = \frac{f_t}{E_c} = \frac{7.5\sqrt{f'_c}}{57000\sqrt{f'_c}} = \frac{1}{7600}$$

$$\epsilon_s = 0.6\epsilon_c = \frac{0.6}{7600}$$

- So finally, T_s is;

$$T_s = A_s \times 29000 \times \frac{0.6}{7600} = 2.3A_s$$





Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- **Stage – 1: Calculations**
 - **Determination of Resisting Moment (M_R)**
 - Putting values of T_c and T_s in eq. (2.1), gives

$$M_R = \frac{2h}{3} \times \frac{b_w h f_t}{4} + \left(d - \frac{h}{6}\right) \times 2.3A_s$$

$$M_R = \frac{b_w h^2}{6} f_t + 2.3A_s \left(d - \frac{h}{6}\right)$$

$$f_t = f_r = 7.5\sqrt{f_c'}$$

$$M_R = \frac{b_w h^2}{6} \times 7.5\sqrt{f_c'} + 2.3A_s \left(d - \frac{h}{6}\right)$$



Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- **Stage – 1: Calculations**

- **Determination of Resisting Moment (M_R)**

$$M_R = \underbrace{1.25\sqrt{f'_c}b_w h^2}_{M_c} + \underbrace{2.3A_s \left(d - \frac{h}{6}\right)}_{M_s} \text{ ----- (2.2)}$$

If the beam is treated as “**Plain concrete**”, then $M_s = 0$ and eq. 2.2 reduces to,

$$M_R = M_c = 1.25\sqrt{f'_c}b_w h^2$$

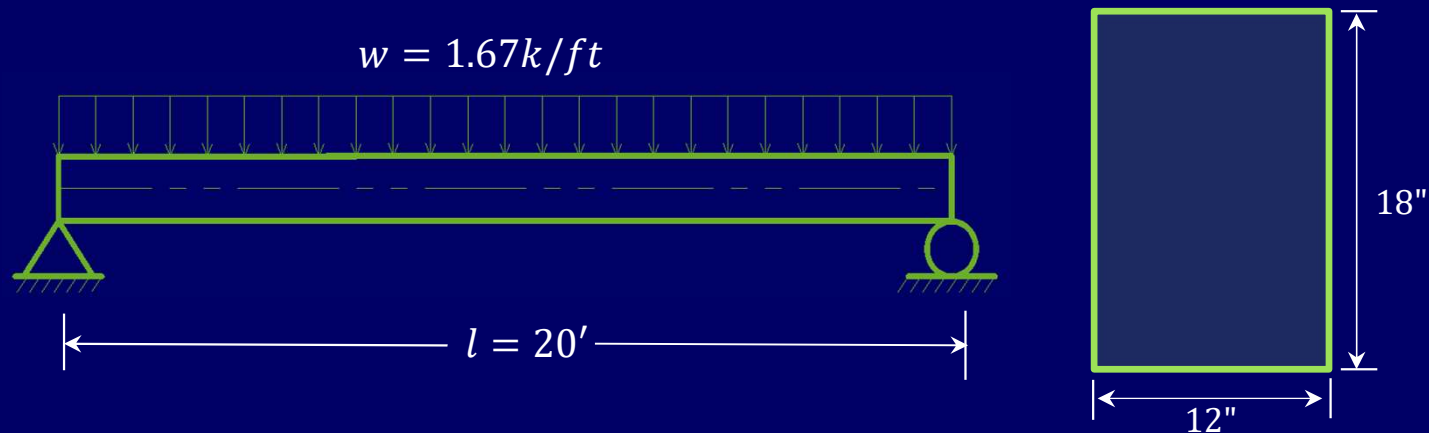
- Eq. 2.2 is the required **Resisting moment / Design moment** or **Flexural capacity** of the beam.
- Any applied moment greater than this moment will crack the beam, Therefore, it can also be called the “**cracking Moment**”.



Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- **Stage – 1: Example 2.1**

- A simply supported beam having a span length of 20ft is subjected to a uniformly distributed load of 1.67k/ft as shown in the figure below. Material properties are; $f'_c = 3000psi$ and $f_y = 40,000psi$





Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- **Stage – 1: Example 2.1**

- A. Neglecting the contribution of reinforcing steel,

- i. *Calculate* the Demand and Resisting moments and check whether the beam fails or not.

- ii. *Determine* how much compressive strength of concrete will be required to resist the given demand if the beam cross-sections are restricted?.

- iii. *Compute* the minimum depth “h” of beam required to meet the given demand, Keeping the concrete strength constant.

- B. If the contribution of steel is considered, then calculate the area of steel required for the applied moment.



Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

• Stage – 1: Example 2.1

• Solution:

• Part (A)(i)

• Applied moment

$$M_A = \frac{wl^2}{8} = \frac{1.67 \times 20^2}{8}$$

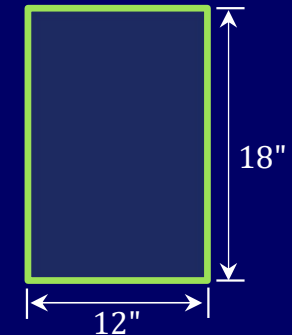
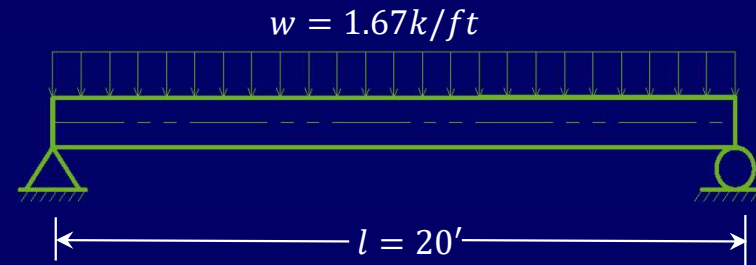
$$M_A = 83.5 \text{ kip.ft or } 1002 \text{ in.kip}$$

• Resisting moment

$$M_R = 1.25\sqrt{f'_c}b_w h^2 = 1.25\sqrt{3000} \times 12 \times 18^2 = 266193.16 \text{ lb.in}$$

$$M_R = 266.19 \text{ in.kip}$$

Since $M_R \ll M_A \rightarrow$ The beam will fail





Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

• Stage – 1: Example 2.1

• Solution:

- Part (A)(ii)

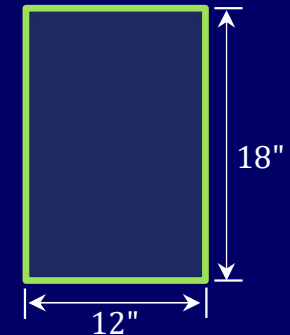
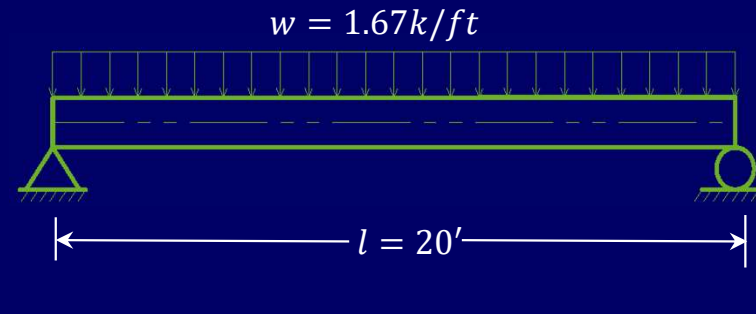
$$M_R = 1.25\sqrt{f'_c}b_w h^2$$

- For No failure, $M_R \geq M_A$

- Taking $M_R = M_A$ (FS is ignored for the sake of simplicity)

$$\Rightarrow f'_c = \left(\frac{M_A}{1.25b_w h^2} \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow f'_c = \left(\frac{1002 \times 1000}{1.25 \times 12 \times 18^2} \right) = 42507.24 \text{ psi} \rightarrow \text{Imagine this much compressive strength of concrete with a typical strength of 3000psi !}$$





Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

• Stage – 1: Example 2.1

• Solution:

- Part (A)(iii)

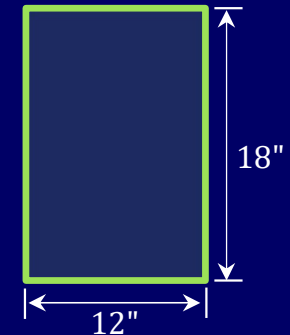
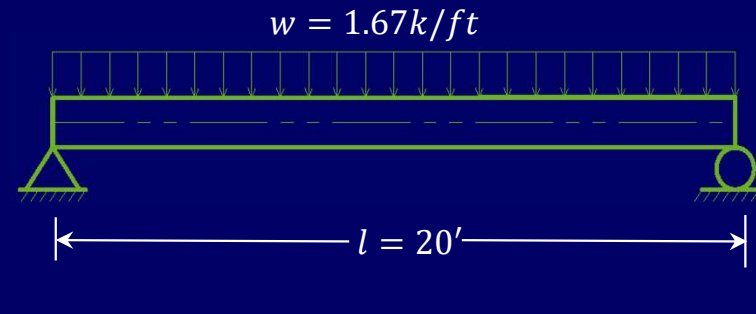
$$M_R = 1.25\sqrt{f_c'}b_w h^2$$

- For No failure, $M_R \geq M_A$

- Taking $M_R = M_A$ (FS is ignored for the sake of simplicity)

$$\Rightarrow h = \sqrt{\frac{M_A}{1.25b_w\sqrt{f_c'}}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \sqrt{\frac{1002 \times 1000}{1.25 \times 12\sqrt{3000}}} = 34.92'' \approx 3'$$





Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

• Stage – 1: Example 2.1

• Solution:

• Part (B)

$$M_R = 1.25\sqrt{f_c'}b_w h^2 + 2.3A_s \left(d - \frac{1}{6}h \right)$$

• For No failure, $M_R \geq M_A$

• Taking $M_R = M_A$

$$1.25\sqrt{f_c'}b_w h^2 + 2.3A_s \left(d - \frac{1}{6}h \right) = M_A$$

$$266.19 + 2.3A_s \left(15.5 - \frac{18}{6} \right) = 1002$$

$$A_s = 25.59 \text{ in}^2$$

FS is ignored for the sake of simplicity

$$M_c = 1.25\sqrt{f_c'}b_w h^2 = 266.19 \text{ in. kip}$$

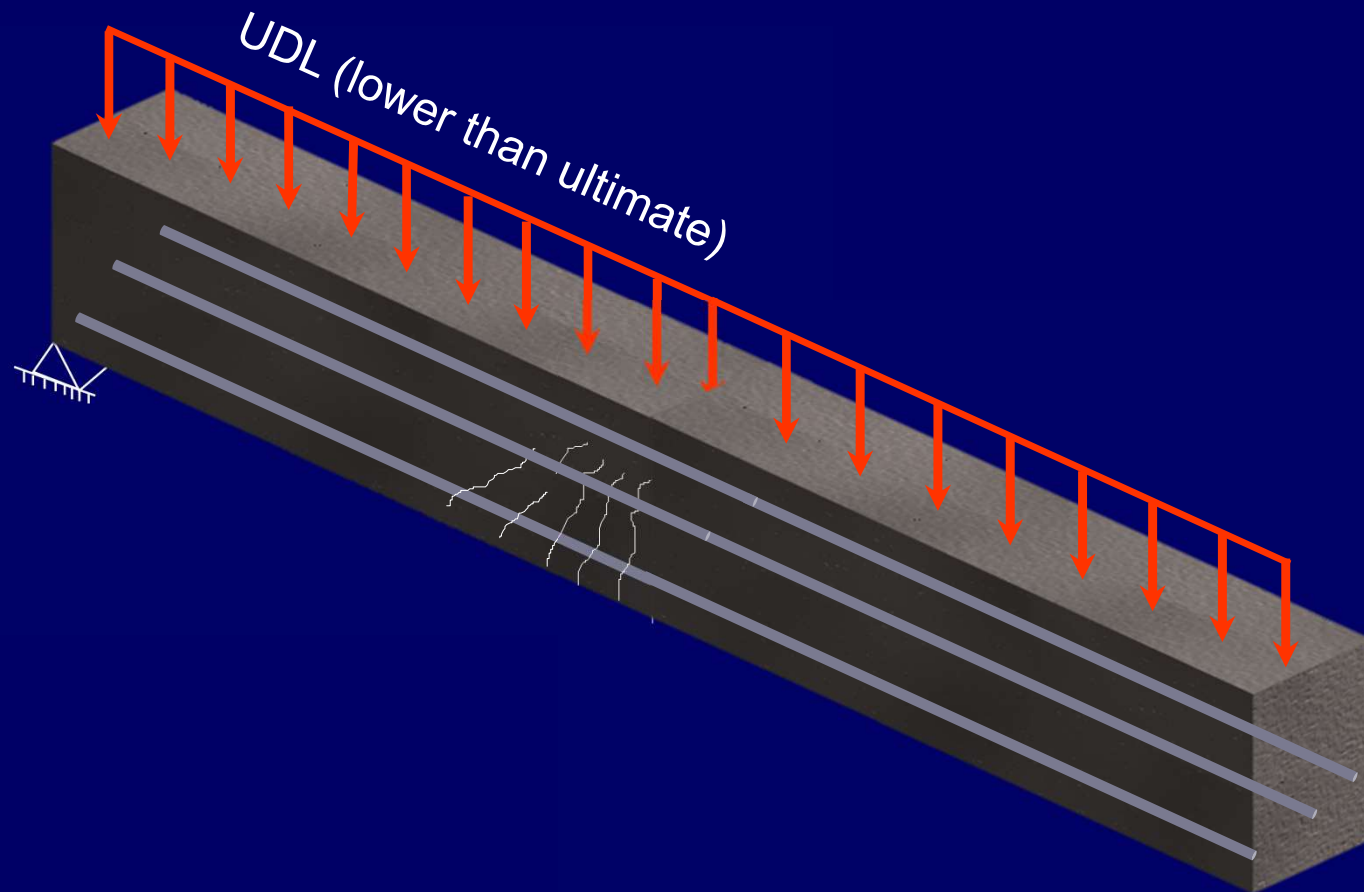
$$M_A = 1002 \text{ in. kip}$$

$$d = h - 2.5 = 18 - 2.5 = 15.5''$$



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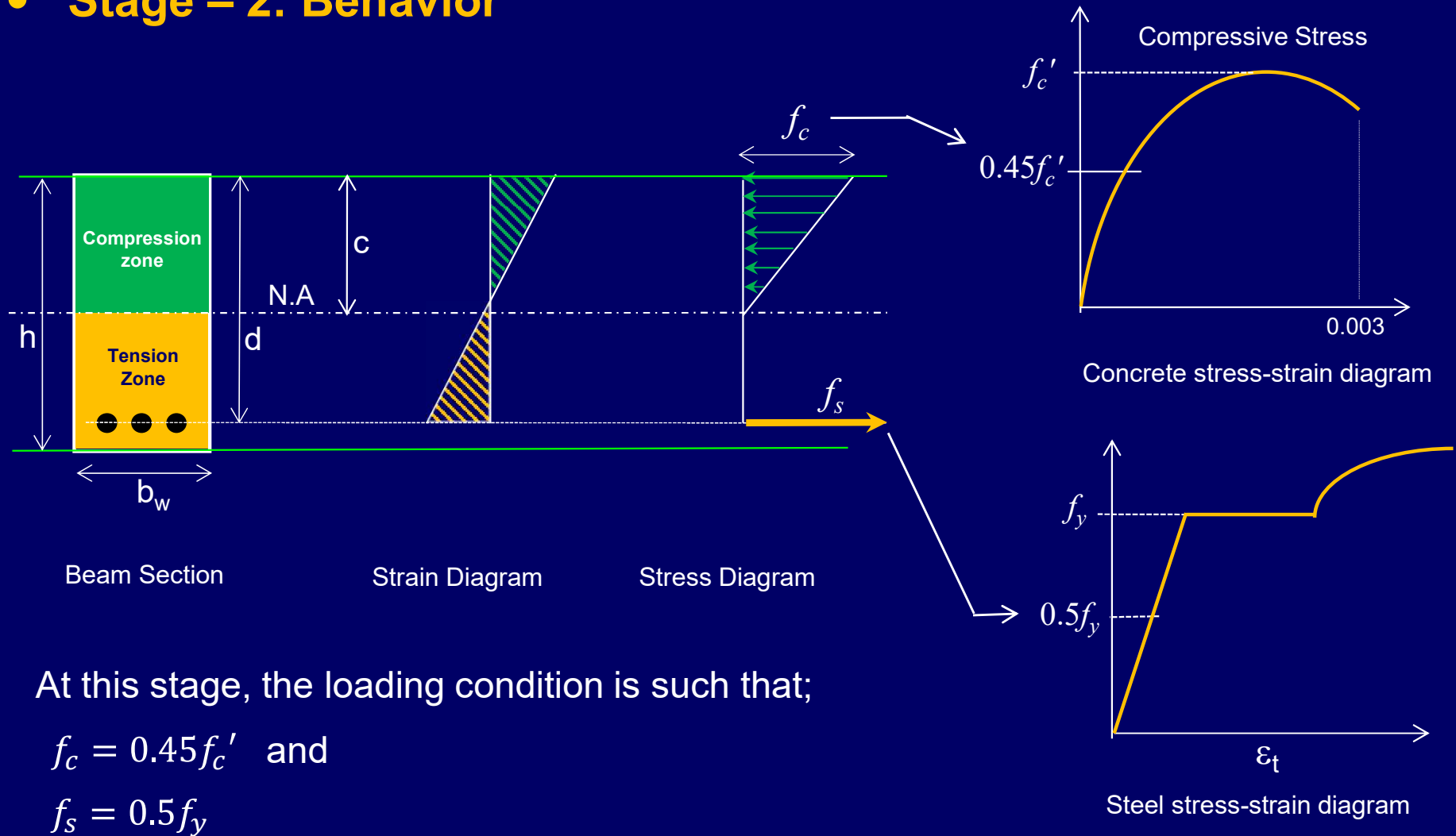
- Stage – 2: Behavior





Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- Stage – 2: Behavior



At this stage, the loading condition is such that;

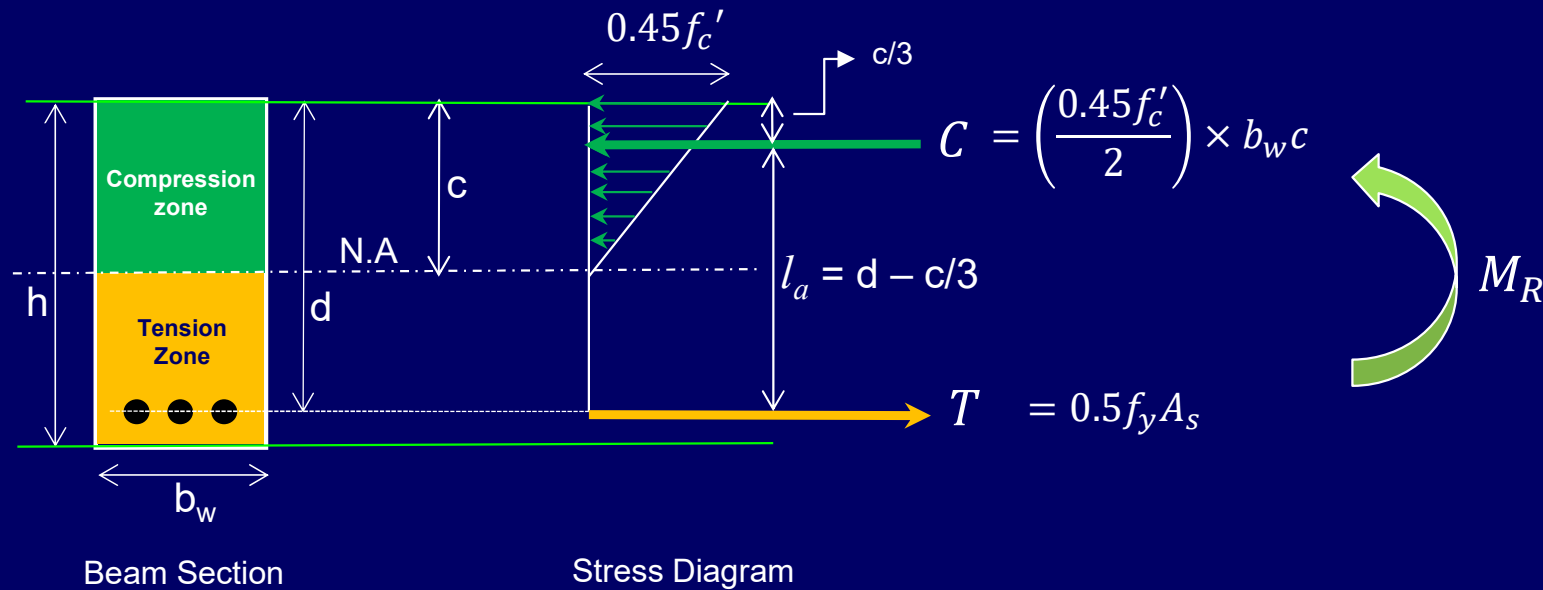
$$f_c = 0.45f'_c \quad \text{and}$$

$$f_s = 0.5f_y$$



Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- Stage – 2: Calculations



Calculating Resisting moment

$$M_R = M_c + M_s = T \times l_a = (0.5f_y A_s) \times \left(d - \frac{c}{3}\right)$$

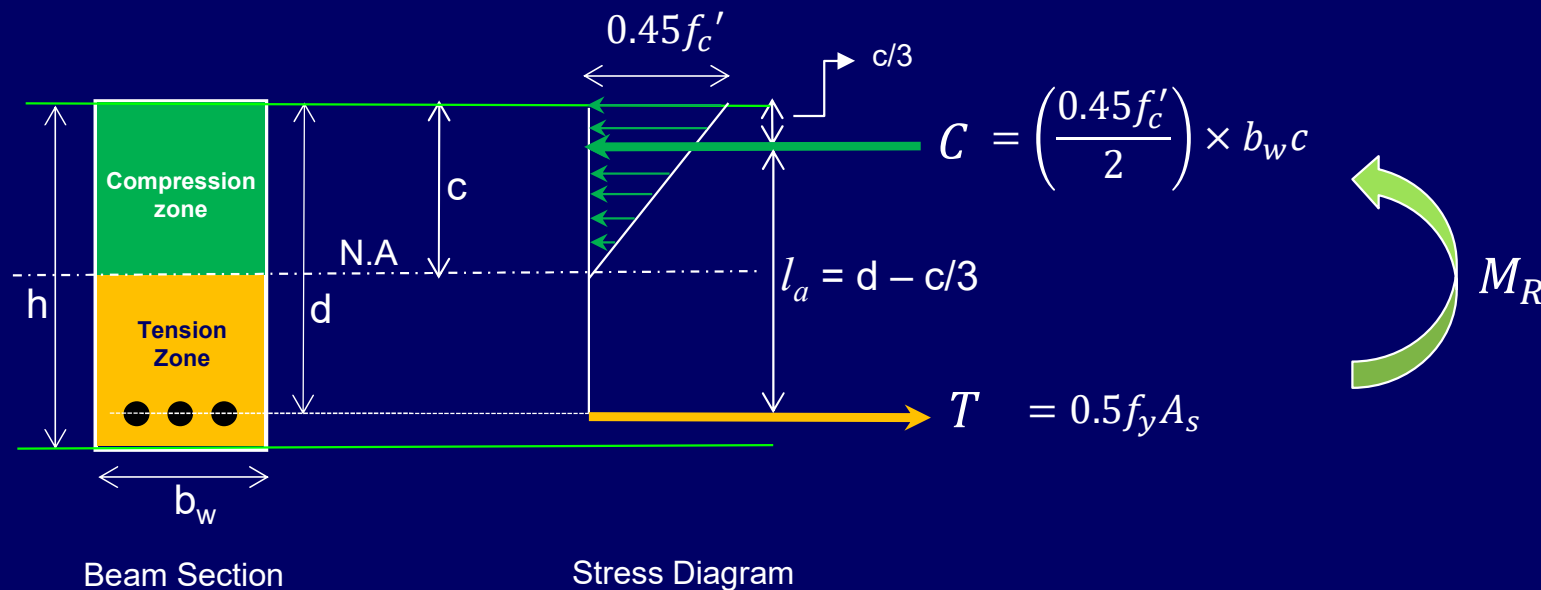
$$M_R = 0.5A_s f_y \left(d - \frac{c}{3}\right) \text{ ----- (2.3)}$$

M_c shall be neglected
as per ACI 318, 22.2



Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

• Stage – 2: Calculations



Equating horizontal forces;

$$C = T \Rightarrow \frac{0.45f'_c}{2} \times (b_w c) = A_s 0.5f_y$$

Which on simplifying gives, $c = \frac{A_s f_y}{0.45f'_c b_w}$



Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- **Stage – 2: Calculations**

- Putting the value of “c” in eq. (2.3) gives

$$M_R = 0.5A_s f_y \left(d - \frac{c}{3} \right) = 0.5A_s f_y \left(d - \frac{A_s f_y}{3 \times 0.45 f'_c b_w} \right)$$

- The resisting moment is calculated assuming the area of steel A_s which is then compared with the **applied moment** to check whether the beam fails or not.
- However, instead of assuming, it is preferable to compute **the area of steel** required for a given demand by equating the resisting and applied moments, $M_R = M_A$, as discussed on the next slide.



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- **Stage – 2: Calculations**

- From eq. (2.3), we have

$$M_R = 0.5A_S f_y \left(d - \frac{c}{3} \right)$$

equating $M_R = M_A$

$$0.5A_S f_y \left(d - \frac{c}{3} \right) = M_A$$

which on solving for A_S gives

$$A_S = \frac{M_A}{0.5f_y \left(d - \frac{c}{3} \right)} \text{ ----- (2.4)}$$



Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- **Stage – 2: Calculations**

- Area of steel A_s can be determined by the **Trial and Success method** as described below.

1. Assume the value of “c”
2. Calculate the area of steel using eq.(2.3)

$$A_s = \frac{M_A}{0.5f_y(d - c/3)}$$

3. Confirm the value of “c” using

$$c = \frac{A_s f_y}{0.45 f'_c b_w}$$

4. Repeat the process until the same A_s value is obtained from the two consecutive trials.



Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

• Stage – 2: Example 2.2

- Using the data from Example 2.1, calculate the area of steel required for the beam corresponding to stage 2.

• Solution

- **Trial 1:** Choosing $c = h/2 = 9''$ and $d = h - 2.5 = 15.5''$

$$A_s = \frac{1002}{0.5(40)(15.5 - 9/3)} = 4 \text{ in}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{4 \times 40}{0.45 \times 3 \times 12} = 9.88''$$

- **Trial 2:** Choosing $c = 9.88''$

$$A_s = \frac{1002}{0.5(40)(15.5 - 9.88/3)} = 4.10 \text{ in}^2$$



Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- **Stage – 2: Example 2.2**

- **Solution**

- **Trial 2:**

$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{4.10 \times 40}{0.45 \times 3 \times 12} = 10.12''$$

- **Trial 3:** Choosing $c = 10.12''$

$$A_s = \frac{1002}{0.5(40)(15.5 - 10.12/3)} = 4.13 \text{ in}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{4.13 \times 40}{0.45 \times 3 \times 12} = 10.2''$$

Trial 4: Choosing $c = 10.2''$ and $A_s = 4.14 \text{ in}^2$

Hence the required area of steel is 4.14 in^2



Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- **Stage – 3**

- Stage 3 is the ultimate or final stage in which both concrete in compression and steel in tension enter the inelastic state.
- Because of the several possible situations of failure in this stage, defining the "**Ultimate stage**" is quite difficult.
- Furthermore, due to severe concrete cracking and the complexity of the stress-strain relationship at this point, calculating the resisting moment without making some **key assumptions** is extremely challenging.
- Therefore, the definition of the "**ultimate stage**" and the "**basic assumptions**" as per the ACI Code are discussed next.

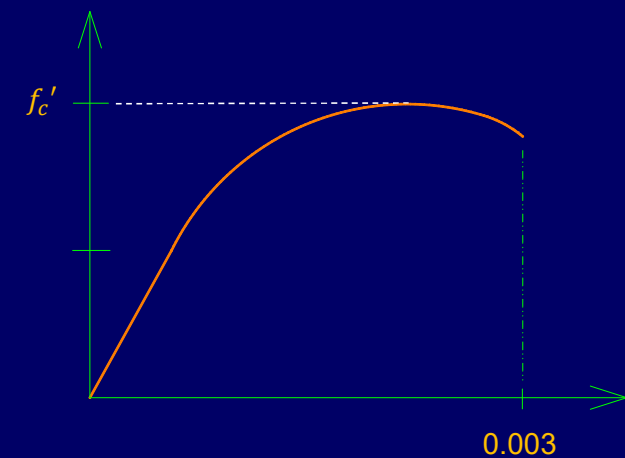


Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- Stage – 3

- Definition of the Ultimate Stage

- As per ACI 318-19, R21.2.2, “the ultimate stage is said to be reached when the concrete strain at the extreme fiber in the compression zone reaches a value of 0.003”.



Stress-strain curve of concrete

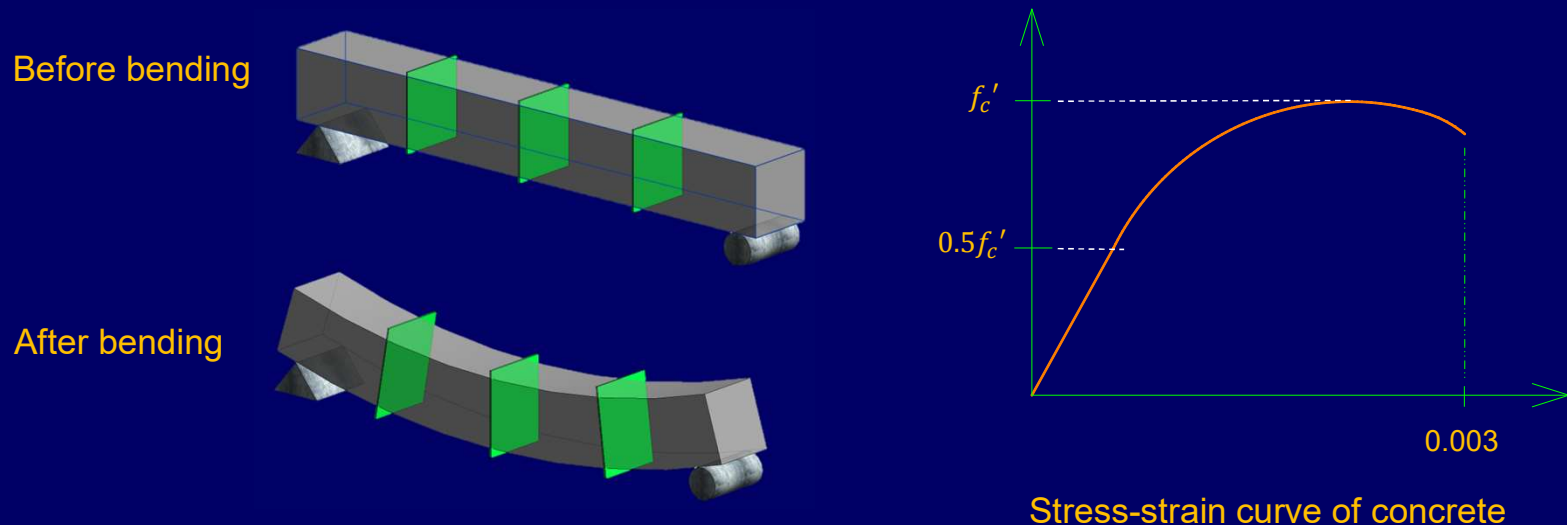


Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- **Stage – 3**

- **Fundamental Assumptions (ACI 318-19, section 22.2)**

- A plane section before bending remains plane after bending.
- Stress and strain in concrete are approximately proportional up to moderate loads (concrete stress $\leq 0.5f_c'$). When the load is increased, the variation in the concrete stress is no longer linear.



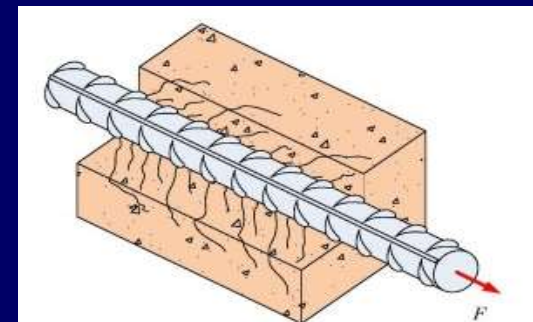
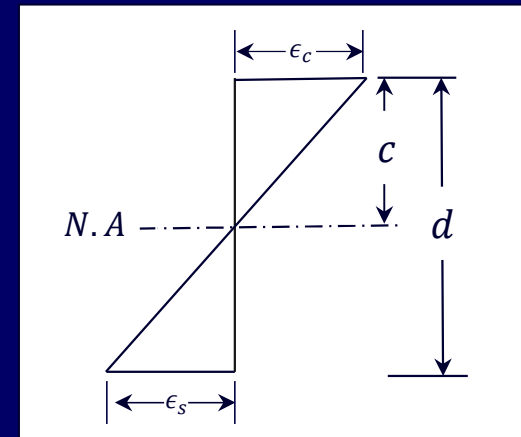


Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- Stage – 3

- Fundamental Assumptions (ACI 318-19, section 22.2)

- Strain in concrete and reinforcement shall be assumed proportional to the distance from the neutral axis.
- Tensile strength of concrete is neglected in the design of reinforced concrete beams.
- The bond between the steel and concrete is **PERFECT** and **NO SLIP** occurs.



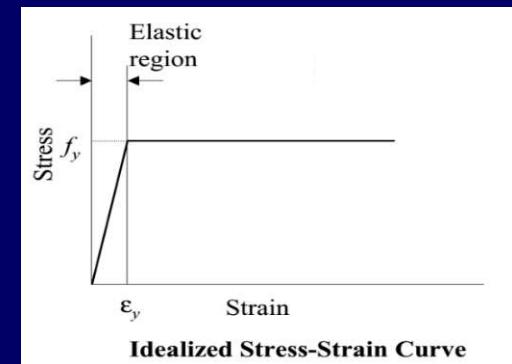
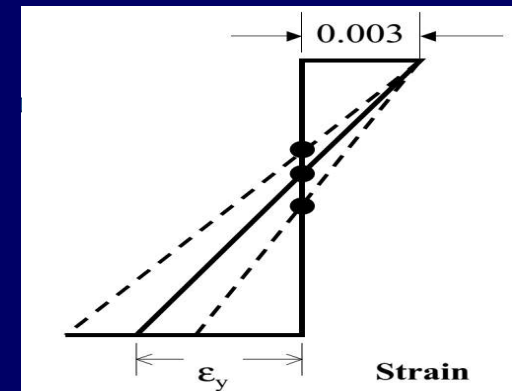


Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

• Stage – 3

• Fundamental Assumptions (ACI 318-19, section 22.2)

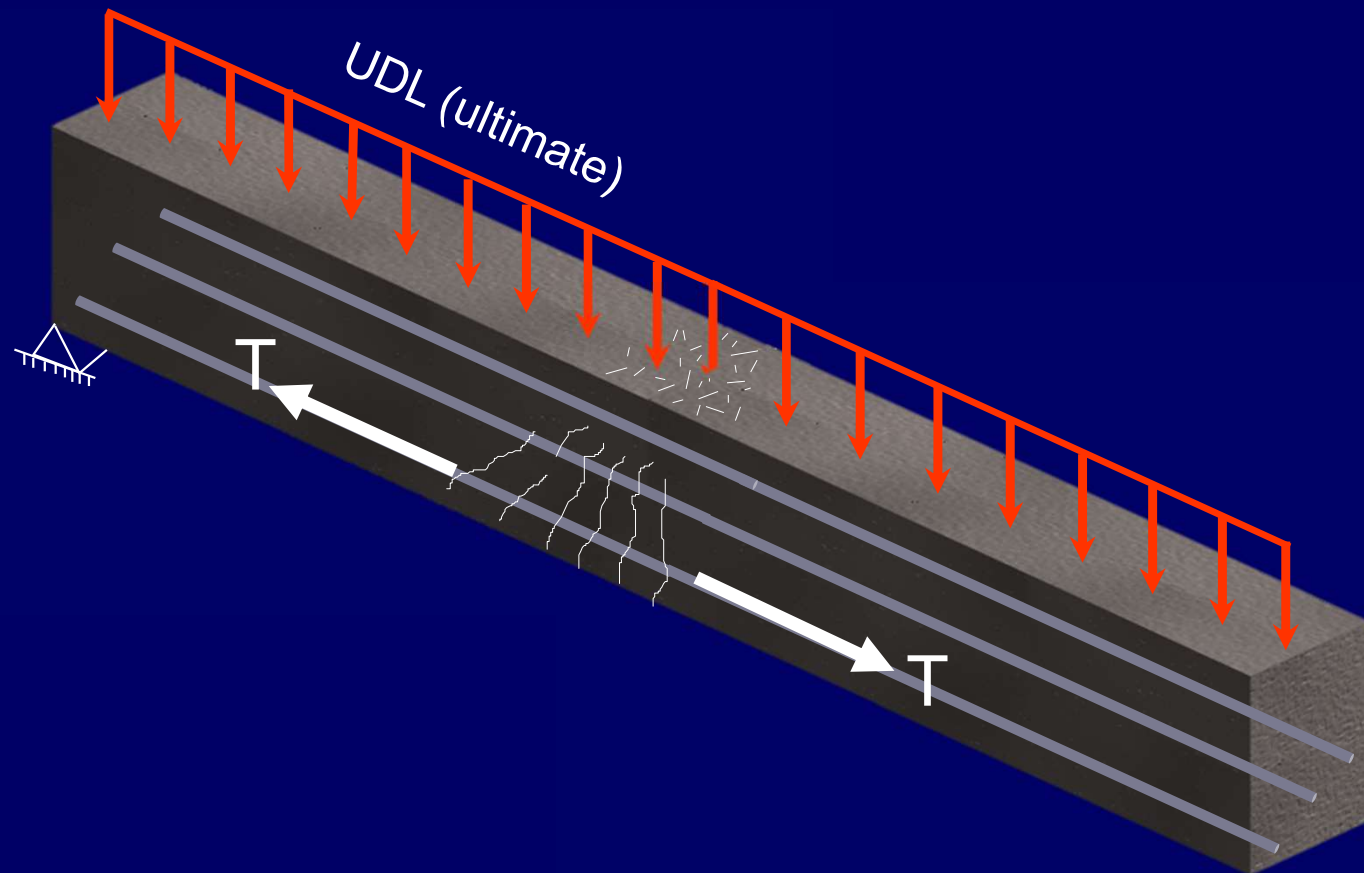
- The maximum usable concrete compressive strain at the extreme fiber is assumed to be 0.003.
- The steel is assumed to be uniformly strained to the strain that exists at the level of the centroid of the steel.
 - If $\epsilon_s < \epsilon_y$ then $f_s = \epsilon_s E_s$
 - If $\epsilon_s > \epsilon_y$ then $f_s = f_y$





Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

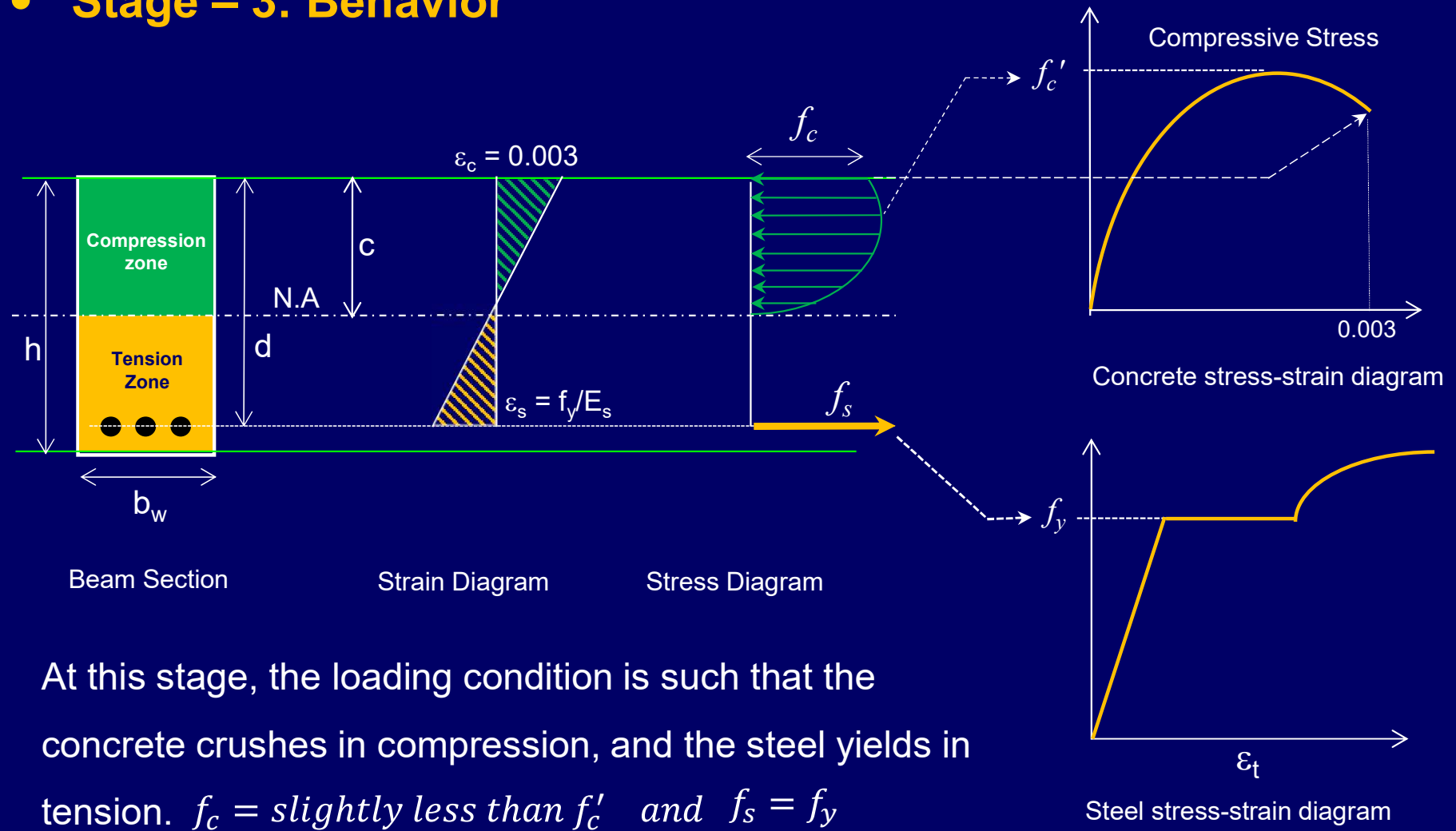
- Stage – 3: Behavior





Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- Stage – 3: Behavior



At this stage, the loading condition is such that the concrete crushes in compression, and the steel yields in tension. $f_c = \textit{slightly less than } f'_c$ and $f_s = f_y$



Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

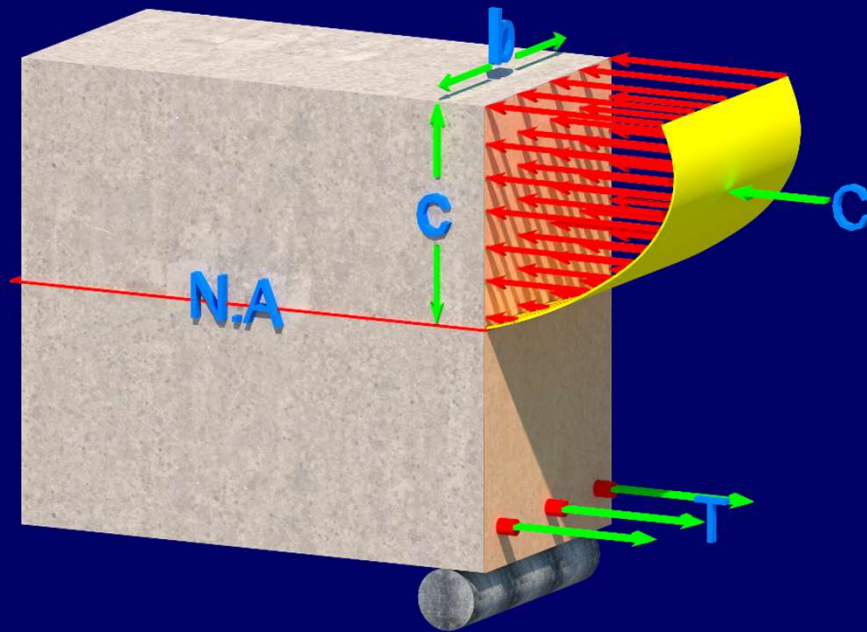
- **Stage – 3: Calculations**

- As the stress distribution in this stage is parabolic, therefore calculating the **compressive force** and its **position** is extremely challenging.
- The actual complex stress distribution can be transformed into a simple geometric shape, that gives the same results as the original.
- C. S. Whitney proposed a rectangular distribution known as the **"Whitney Stress Block"** which has gained widespread acceptance and is included in the ACI Code.



Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

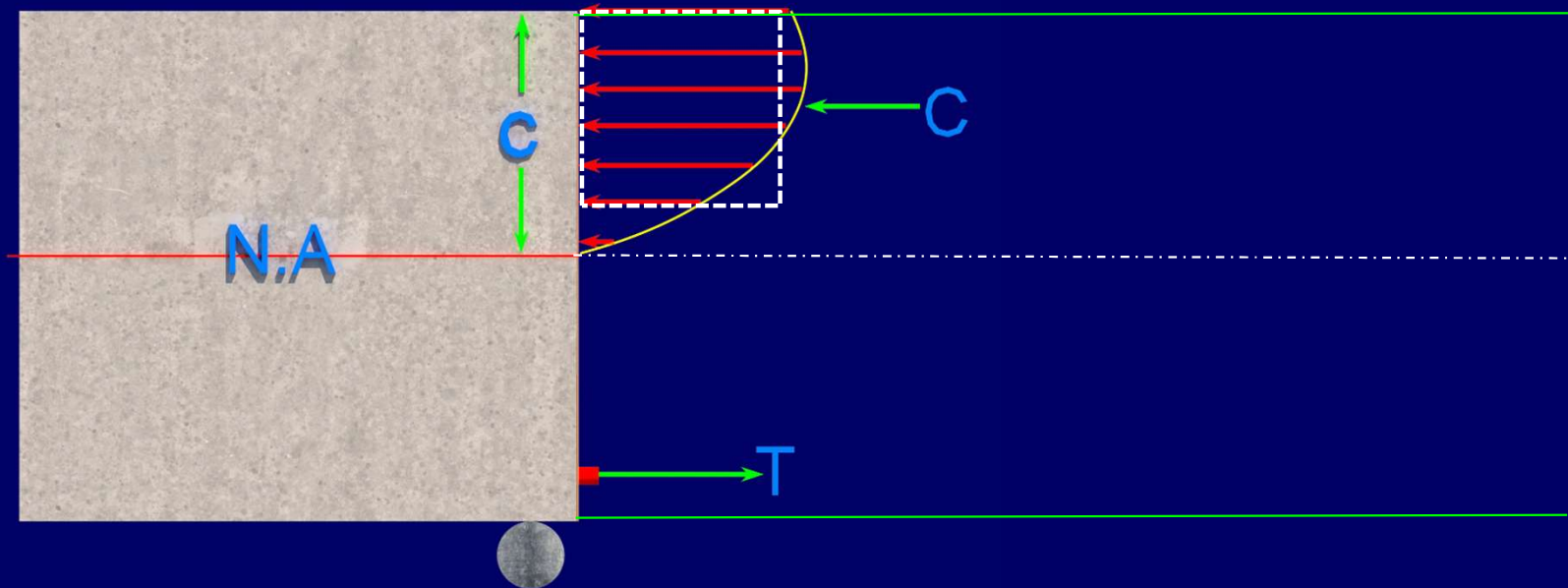
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Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

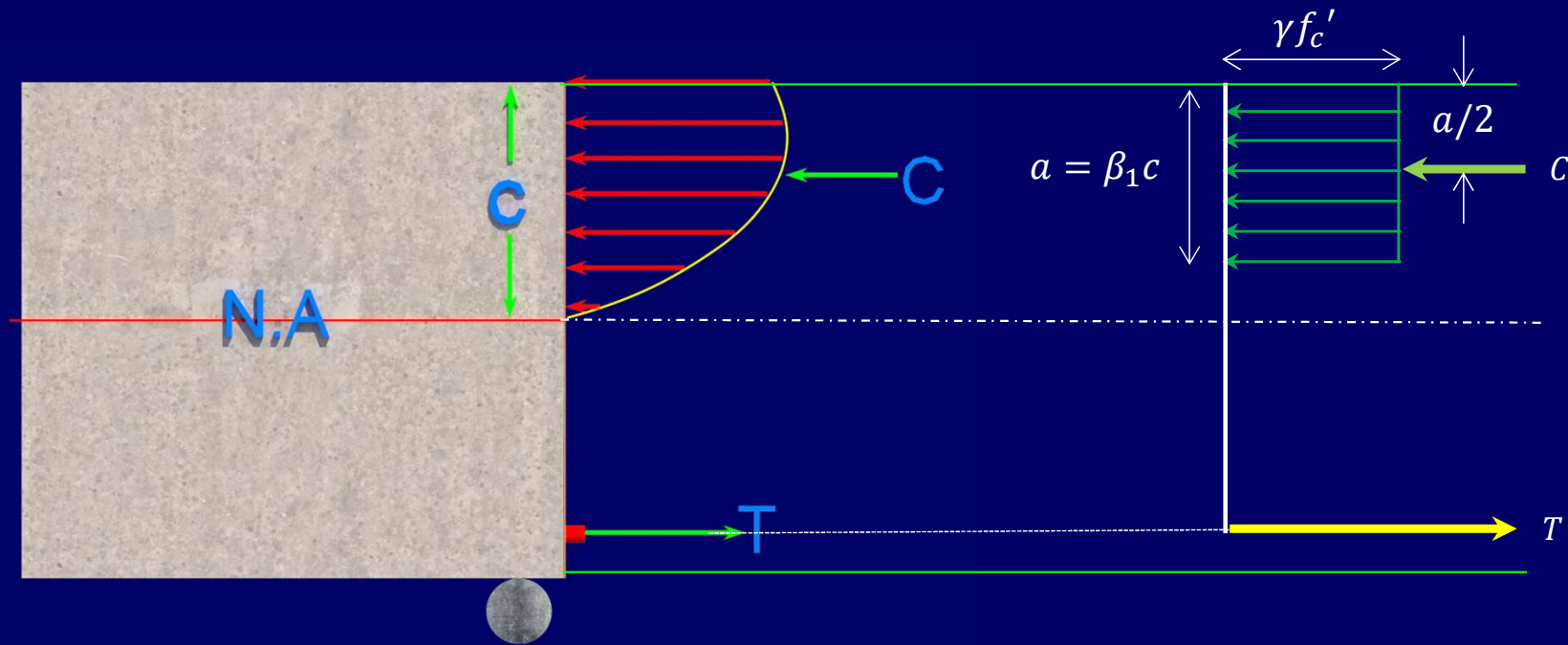
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Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

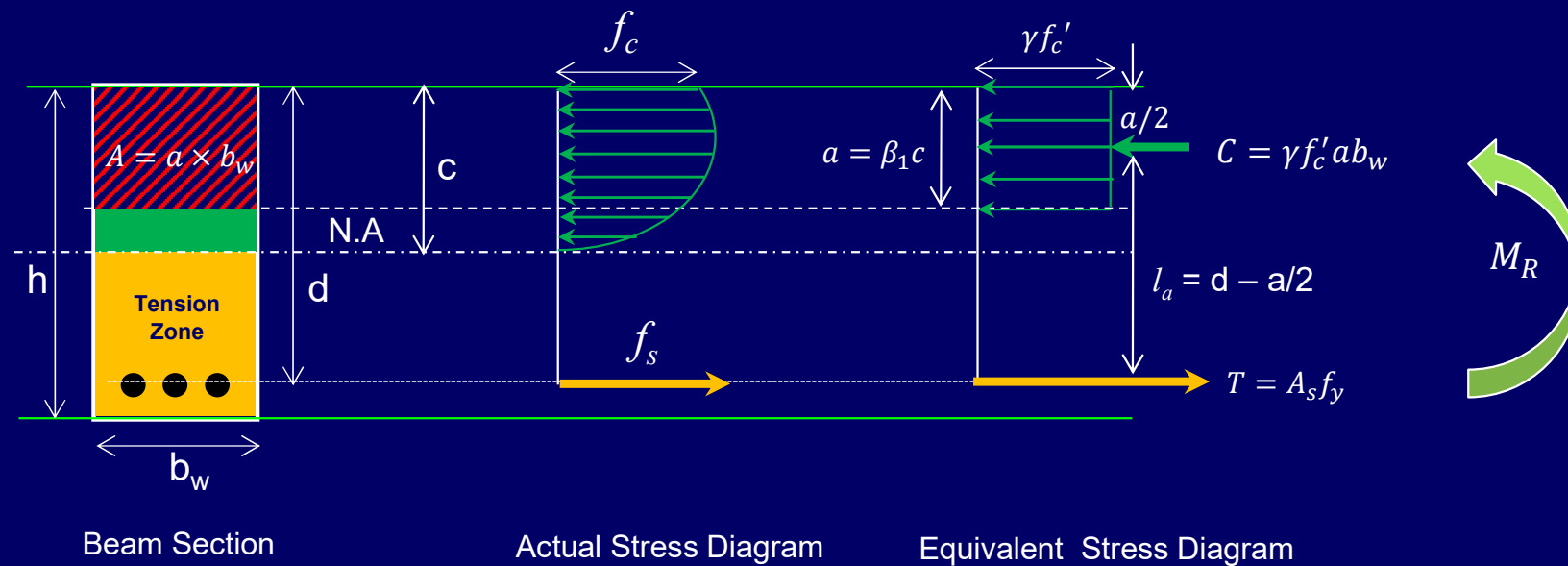
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Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

• Stage – 3: Calculations



Calculating Resisting moment

$$M_R = M_c + M_s = T \times l_a = (A_s \times f_y) \times \left(d - \frac{a}{2}\right)$$

$$M_R = A_s f_y \left(d - \frac{a}{2}\right) \text{ ----- (2.5)}$$

$\gamma = 0.85$ (ACI 318 -19, 22.2.2.4)

and

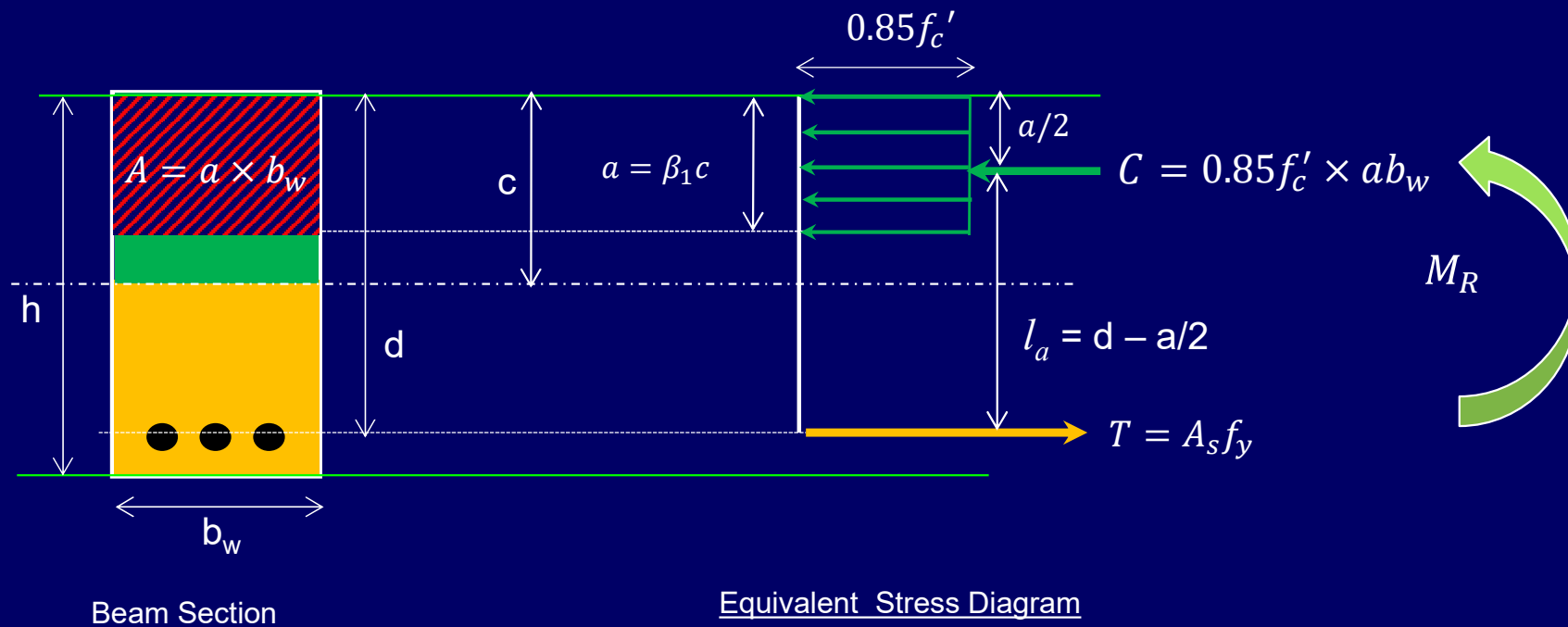
$\beta_1 = 0.85$ for $f'_c \leq 4000\text{psi}$

For strengths above 4000 psi, refer to ACI 318-19, 22.2.2.4.3



Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

• Stage – 3: Calculations



Equating Horizontal forces; $C = T \Rightarrow 0.85f_c' \times ab_w = A_s f_y$

Solving for "a", we get

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{A_s f_y}{0.85f_c' b_w}$$



Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- **Stage – 3: Calculations**

- From eq. (2.5) we have

$$M_R = A_S f_y \left(d - \frac{a}{2} \right)$$

- Equating $M_R = M_A$

$$A_S f_y \left(d - \frac{a}{2} \right) = M_A$$

- Which on solving for A_S gives

$$A_S = \frac{M_A}{f_y \left(d - \frac{a}{2} \right)} \text{ ----- (2.6)}$$



Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- **Stage – 3: Calculations**

- The same Trial and Success method that was discussed in stage 2 can be used to determine the area of steel A_s .

1. Assume the value of “a”
2. Calculate the area of steel using eq. (2.6)

$$A_s = \frac{M_A}{f_y(d - a/2)}$$

3. Confirm the value of “a” using

$$a = \frac{A_s f_y}{0.85 f'_c b_w}$$

4. Repeat the process until the same A_s value is obtained from the two consecutive trials.



Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- **Stage – 3: Example 2.3**

- Using the data from Example 2.1, calculate the area of steel required for the beam corresponding to stage 3.

- **Solution**

- **Trial 1:** Choosing $a = 2''$ and $d = h - 2.5 = 15.5''$

$$A_s = \frac{1002}{(40)(15.5 - 2/2)} = 1.73in^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{1.73 \times 40}{0.85 \times 3 \times 12} = 2.26''$$

- **Trial 2:** Choosing $a = 2.26''$

$$A_s = \frac{1002}{(40)(15.5 - 2.26/2)} = 1.74 in^2$$



Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- Stage – 3: Example 2.3

- Solution

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{1.74 \times 40}{0.85 \times 3 \times 12} = 2.27''$$

- Trial 3: Choosing $a = 2.27''$

$$A_s = \frac{1002}{(40)(15.5 - 2.27/2)} = 1.74 \text{ in}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{1.74 \times 40}{0.85 \times 3 \times 12} = 2.27'' \quad (\text{OK!})$$

- Hence the required area of steel is 1.74 in^2



Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- **Concluding Remarks on the Three Stages**

- **Stage 1**

- The beam based on stage 1, which does not allow for any cracking, requires an abnormally deep depth and a very large amount of steel.
- As a result, designing based on this stage is both uneconomical and impractical.



Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- **Concluding Remarks on the Three Stages**

- **Stage 2**

- It is basically a **working stress approach** where the strength has been divided by 2 in order to achieve the factor of safety in the design.
- Designing beam at this stage is uneconomical as compared to that of stage 3.



Behavior of RC Beam under Gravity Load

- **Concluding Remarks on the Three Stages**

- **Stage 3**

- Stage 3 corresponds to the **Strength Design Method**.
- Designing based on this stage is the **most cost-effective** among all stages.
- The recommendations of the ACI Code related to the strength design method are discussed next.



ACI 318 Code Provisions for Beams

- **Design Method**

- According to ACI 318-19, section 4.6, RC members shall be designed by the **Strength Design method**.
- In the strength design method **Demand is amplified** by load factors and **capacity is reduced** by strength reduction factors, that is
 - Factored Applied moment or Ultimate moment = $M_u = \gamma M_A$
 - Reduced flexural capacity or Design moment = $M_d = \phi M_R$
- The load factors and strength reduction factors are shown on the following slides.



ACI 318 Code Provisions for Beams

- **Load Combinations**

- According to ACI code section 5.3, the following load combinations should be used in determining the **ultimate load** for beam analysis.

$$W_u = 1.2W_D + 1.6W_L$$

$$M_u = 1.2M_D + 1.6M_L$$

Where;

W_D = Service Dead load

W_L = Service Live load

W_U = Amplified load or Ultimate load

M_U = Amplified moment or Ultimate moment



ACI 318 Code Provisions for Beams

- **Strength Reduction Factors**
 - ACI Code recommends the following strength reduction factors to be used in the design of RC members.
 - The reduction factor ϕ shall be taken as;
 - 0.90 for tension-controlled regions (flexure)
 - 0.75 for shear and torsion.
 - 0.65 for compression – controlled regions

(ACI 318-19, Table 21.2.1)



ACI 318 Code Provisions for Beams

- **Nominal and Design Strength**

- According to strength design method, the resisting member flexural capacity calculated from specified dimension (size of members) and specified material strength called as the **Nominal flexural capacity M_n** . (Note that $M_n = M_R$)
- The **Design Strength M_d** is obtained by multiplying Nominal flexural strength by **strength reduction factor $\phi = 0.9$**

$$M_d = \phi M_n = \phi A_s f_y \left(d - \frac{a}{2} \right) \quad \text{----- (2.5)}$$

- For no failure;

$$\phi M_n \geq M_u \quad (M_u \text{ is the factored applied moment coming from the loads})$$



ACI 318 Code Provisions for Beams

- **Nominal Flexural Capacity of RC Members**

- The Nominal Flexural Strength M_n of an RC member is reached when the strain in the extreme compression fiber reaches the assumed strain limit of 0.003.

(ACI 318-19, R21.2.2)



ACI 318 Code Provisions for Beams

- **Mode of Flexural Failure**

- The ACI Code requires that the beam designed using the strength design method should fail, if ever, in a **ductile rather than brittle manner** to allow for adequate evacuation time.
- The ductile failure mode can be ensured only **when steel on the tension side yields well before the concrete crushes** on the compression side.
- Yielding of steel will only be possible if tension steel is less than a certain amount, otherwise steel will not yield before the crushing of concrete, and the beam will fail in a brittle manner.

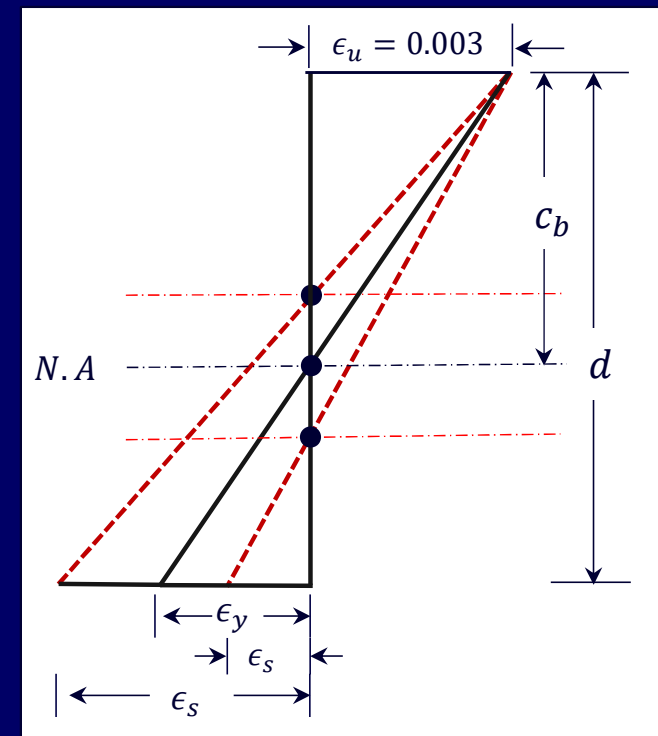


ACI 318 Code Provisions for Beams

• Mode of Flexural Failure

- When the concrete strain ϵ_u in the extreme fiber of the compression zone reaches 0.003, depending on the amount of tension reinforcement, **Steel strain ϵ_s** may exhibit one of the following conditions,

1. $\epsilon_s = \epsilon_y$ (Balanced condition)
2. $\epsilon_s < \epsilon_y$ (Over reinforced condition)
3. $\epsilon_s > \epsilon_y$ (Under reinforced condition)





ACI 318 Code Provisions for Beams

- **Mode of Flexural Failure**

- From the preceding discussion, it is clear that for any beam with given material properties and cross-sectional dimensions, there exists a **specific amount of steel at which yielding and crushing occur simultaneously**.
- This amount of steel is known as **Balanced steel $A_{s,b}$** , and the beam is said to be in "**Balanced condition**".
- If $A_s < A_{s,b}$ the steel yields before the concrete crushes and the beam is said to be in "**Under reinforced condition**".
- If $A_s > A_{s,b}$ the concrete crushes before the steel yields and the beam is said to be in "**Over reinforced condition**".



ACI 318 Code Provisions for Beams

- **Mode of Flexural Failure**
 - **Experimental Test on an Over Reinforced Beam**





ACI 318 Code Provisions for Beams

- **Reinforcement Limits**

- Both the **balanced condition** ($\epsilon_s = \epsilon_y$) and **over-reinforced condition** ($\epsilon_s < \epsilon_y$) results in a **brittle mode of failure**.
- Hence to achieve ductility, the value of **strain must be sufficiently greater than the yield strain** ($\epsilon_s > \epsilon_y$) How much greater?
- This condition can be satisfied by imposing a **maximum limit** on the amount of steel.
- Similarly, there is also a **minimum reinforcement limit** which will be explained later.



ACI 318 Code Provisions for Beams

- **Reinforcement Limits**

1. **Maximum Flexural Reinforcement Limit**

- To determine the maximum amount of reinforcement, it is necessary to establish **a correlation between the steel area and its corresponding strain.**
- Once this relationship has been derived, the area of steel for any given amount of steel strain can be calculated.
- The next slide illustrates the process of deriving this relationship.



ACI 318 Code Provisions for Beams

• Reinforcement Limits

1. Maximum Flexural Reinforcement Limit

- For equilibrium of internal forces,

$$\sum F_X = 0 \rightarrow C = T$$

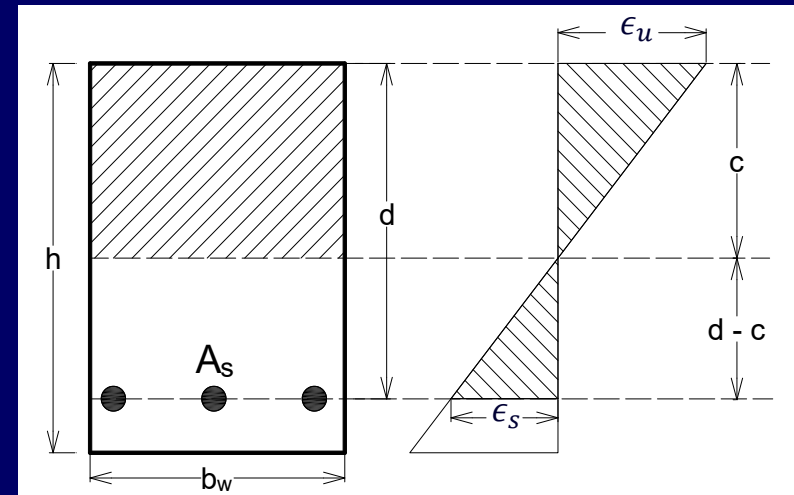
$$\Rightarrow 0.85f'_c a b_w = A_s f_y$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.85f'_c \beta_1 c b_w = A_s f_y \text{ ----- (2.7)}$$

- From the similarity of triangles

$$\frac{c}{\epsilon_u} = \frac{d - c}{\epsilon_s}$$

$$\Rightarrow c\epsilon_s = \epsilon_u(d - c) \text{ OR } c\epsilon_s - \epsilon_u c = \epsilon_u d$$





ACI 318 Code Provisions for Beams

- **Reinforcement Limits**

1. **Maximum Flexural Reinforcement Limit**

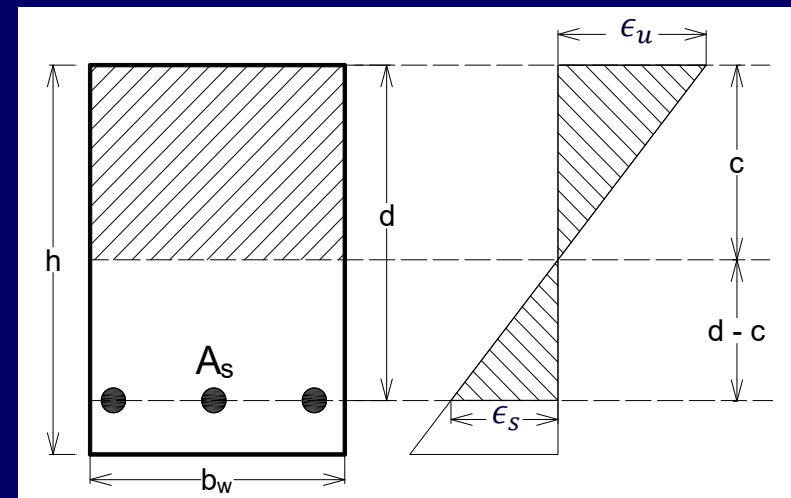
$$\Rightarrow c = \left(\frac{\epsilon_u}{\epsilon_u + \epsilon_s} \right) d$$

Put this value in eq (2.7), gives

$$\Rightarrow 0.85f'_c\beta_1 \left(\frac{\epsilon_u}{\epsilon_u + \epsilon_s} \right) b_w d = A_s f_y$$

$$\Rightarrow A_s = \frac{0.85f'_c\beta_1}{f_y} \left(\frac{0.003}{0.003 + \epsilon_s} \right) b_w d \text{ ----- (2.8)}$$

Eq.(2.8) is the required relation between strain and the area of steel.





ACI 318 Code Provisions for Beams

- **Reinforcement Limits**

1. **Maximum Flexural Reinforcement Limit**

- The ACI code recommends that for tension-controlled sections (Beams). $\epsilon_s = \epsilon_t = \epsilon_{ty} + 0.003$
- Putting this value in eq. (2.8), we get

$$\Rightarrow A_{s,max} = \frac{0.85f'_c\beta_1}{f_y} \left(\frac{0.003}{0.006 + \epsilon_{ty}} \right) b_w d \text{ ----- (2.9)}$$

- This is the maximum flexural steel area that will ensure ductility.
- Any value of A_s greater than $A_{s,max}$ will lead to brittle failure.



ACI 318 Code Provisions for Beams

- **Reinforcement Limits**

1. **Maximum Flexural Reinforcement Limit**

- For $f'_c \leq 4\text{ksi}$ and $f_y = 40\text{ksi}$
- Taking $\beta_1 = 0.85$, $\epsilon_{ty} = f_y/E_s = 40/29000 = 0.001379$

and putting these values in Eq. (2.9), we get

$$\Rightarrow A_{s,max} = \frac{0.85f'_c \times 0.85}{40} \left(\frac{0.003}{0.006 + 0.001379} \right) b_w d$$

$$A_{s,max,40} = \frac{f'_c}{136} b_w d \text{ ----- (2.10a)}$$



ACI 318 Code Provisions for Beams

- **Reinforcement Limits**

1. **Maximum Flexural Reinforcement Limit**

- For $f'_c \leq 4\text{ksi}$ and $f_y = 60\text{ksi}$
- Taking $\beta_1 = 0.85$, $\epsilon_{ty} = f_y/E_s = 60/29000 = 0.002069$

and putting these values in Eq. (2.9), we get

$$\Rightarrow A_{s,max} = \frac{0.85f'_c \times 0.85}{60} \left(\frac{0.003}{0.006 + 0.002069} \right) b_w d$$

$$A_{s,max,60} = \frac{f'_c}{223} b_w d \quad \text{----- (2.10b)}$$



ACI 318 Code Provisions for Beams

- **Reinforcement Limits**

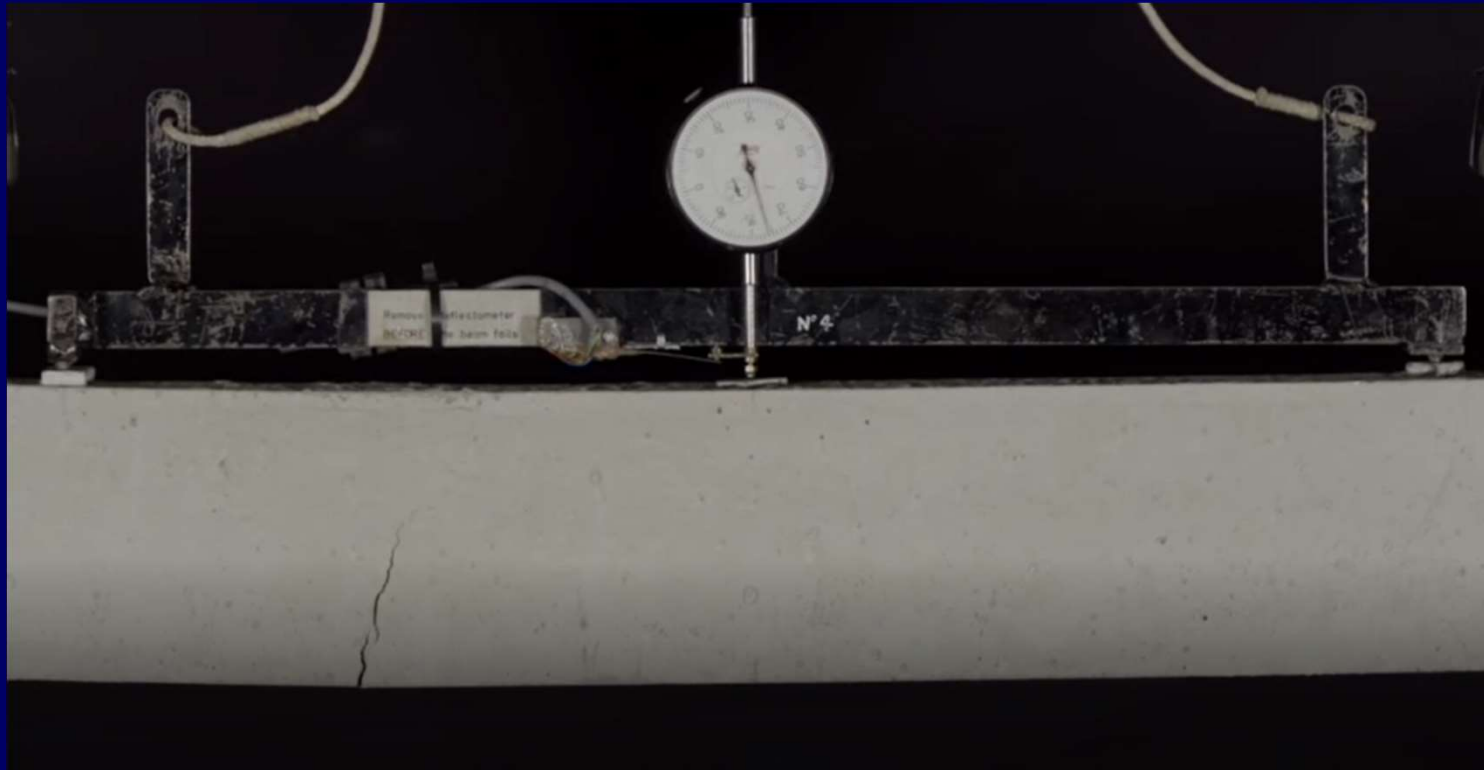
- 2. **Minimum Flexural Reinforcement Limit**

- In some circumstances, the demand moment is so small that the resulting calculated area of steel provides **flexural capacity (resisting moment) less than the cracking moment** of plain concrete beam.
 - As a result, the beam will fail in a brittle manner.
 - To avoid this, the ACI Code has imposed a minimum limit on the amount of steel which will ensure ductility requirements.



ACI 318 Code Provisions for Beams

- **Mode of Flexural Failure**
 - **Experimental Test on a Reinforced Beam having $A_s < A_{s,min}$**





ACI 318 Code Provisions for Beams

• Reinforcement Limits

2. Minimum Flexural Reinforcement Limit

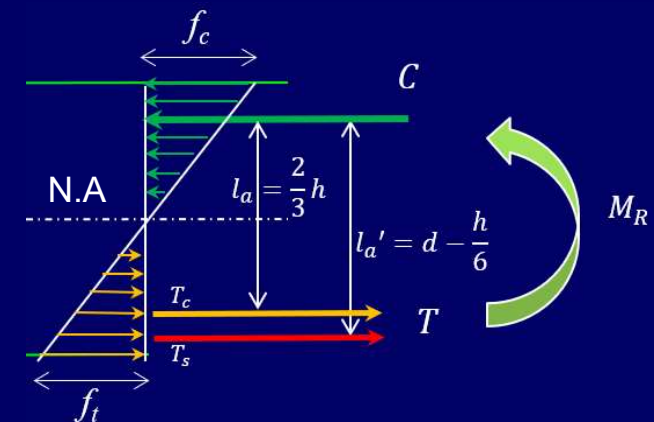
- Moment provided by steel \geq Cracking moment of PC beam

$$M_s \geq M_c$$

$$A_{s,min} f_y \left(d - \frac{h}{6} \right) \geq 1.25 \sqrt{f_c'} b_w h^2$$

$$A_{s,min} \geq \frac{1.25 \sqrt{f_c'} b_w h^2}{f_y \left(d - \frac{h}{6} \right)} = \frac{1.25 \sqrt{f_c'} b_w (d/0.8)^2}{f_y \left(d - \frac{d}{6 \times 0.8} \right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow A_{s,min} \geq \frac{2.47 \sqrt{f_c'} b_w d}{f_y}$$



$$d = 0.8h$$

ACI Code suggests a value of 3 rather than 2.47.



ACI 318 Code Provisions for Beams

- **Reinforcement Limits**

- 2. **Minimum Flexural Reinforcement Limit**

- As per ACI 318-19, section 9.6.1.2 the minimum flexural reinforcement $A_{s,min}$ for $f_y \leq 80ksi$ shall be larger of (a) and (b)

$$(a) \frac{3\sqrt{f'_c}}{f_y} b_w d$$

$$(b) \frac{200}{f_y} b_w d$$

- For $f'_c \leq 4500psi$, eq.(b) will always govern.



ACI 318 Code Provisions for Beams

- **Reinforcement Limits**

- **Reinforcement Ratio:**

- The reinforcement limits can also be expressed in the form of reinforcement ratio, which is **the amount of reinforcement per unit effective area ($b_w d$) of the concrete section.**

$$\rho = \frac{A_s}{b_w d}$$

For example, minimum reinforcement ratio for $f'_c = 3\text{ksi}$ and $f_y = 40\text{ksi}$ is

$$\rho_{min} = \frac{A_{s,min}}{b_w d} = \frac{200 b_w d}{f_y b_w d} = 0.005$$

$$\rho_{max} = \frac{A_{s,max}}{b_w d} = \frac{f'_c b_w d}{136 b_w d} = 0.0221$$



ACI 318 Code Provisions for Beams

- **Reinforcement Limits**

- **Reinforcement Ratio:**

- The table below provides Minimum and maximum reinforcement ratio for various values of f_c' and f_y .

Minimum and Maximum reinforcement ratios				
f_c' (psi)	3000		4000	
f_y (psi)	40,000	60,000	40,000	60,000
ρ_{min}	0.005	0.0033	0.005	0.0033
ρ_{max}	0.0221	0.0135	0.0294	0.0181



Design Procedure

- **Steps Involved in Flexural Design of Beam**

- **Step No.1:** Selection of Sizes
- **Step No.2:** Calculation of Loads
- **Step No.3:** Analysis (calculation of maximum bending moment)
- **Step No.4:** Determination of steel area
- **Step No.5:** Reinforcement Check
- **Step No.6:** Detailing of reinforcement
- **Step No.7:** Drafting
- **Step No.8:** Design flexural capacity Check



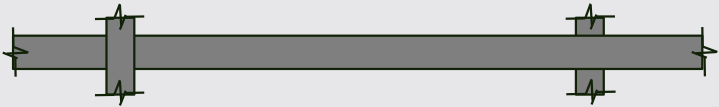



Design Procedure

• Steps Involved in Flexural Design of Beam

➤ Step No.1: Selection of Sizes

- **Minimum depth** of beams for various support conditions are given below.

Support Conditions	Depiction	Minimum h ($f_y = 60$ ksi)
Simply supported		$l / 16$
One end continuous		$l / 18.5$
Both ends continuous		$l / 21$
Cantilever		$l / 8$

(Ref: ACI 318 -19, Table 9.3.1.1)

- For f_y other than 60 ksi, the expressions in Table shall be multiplied by $(0.4 + \frac{f_y}{100000})$



Design Procedure

- **Steps Involved in Flexural Design of Beam**

- **Step No.1: Selection of Sizes**

- **Width of beam** is selected based on accommodation of steel bars. Generally, the minimum width is taken as 12".

- **Effective depth** of beam is calculated as

$$d = h - \bar{y}, \quad \text{where} \quad \bar{y} = \text{centroid of steel area.}$$

- Typically, \bar{y} is assumed to be 2.5 to 3 inches, and finally the actual "d" is calculated based on the provided steel area.
- The final selection of beam size is determined by several factors, including architectural constraints and availability of formwork.



Design Procedure

- **Steps Involved in Flexural Design of Beam**

- **Step No.2: Calculation of Loads**

- The factored loads can be calculated using the following combination: $W_u = 1.2W_D + 1.6W_L$

- **Step No.3: Analysis**

- The analysis of the member is carried out for ultimate load including self weight obtained from size of the member and the applied dead and live loads.
- The maximum bending moment value is used for flexural design.
- Maximum moments for beams having different support conditions are tabulated on the next slide.



Design Procedure

- **Steps Involved in Flexural Design of Beam**

- **Step No.3: Analysis**

- Maximum Bending Moment equations for beams

Beam Configuration	Maximum Bending Moment
	$M_u = \frac{P_u l}{4}$
	$M_u = \frac{w_u l^2}{8}$
	$M_u = \frac{w_u l^2}{2}$



Design Procedure

- **Steps Involved in Flexural Design of Beam**

- **Step No.4: Determination of Steel Area**

- We have

$$A_s = \frac{M_u}{\phi f_y \left(d - \frac{a}{2}\right)} \quad \rightarrow (1)$$

$$a = \frac{A_s f_y}{0.85 f'_c b_w} \quad \rightarrow (2)$$

- Area of steel can be computed either by
 - i. Performing Trial and Success Method (already discussed), or
 - ii. Direct Method



Design Procedure

- **Steps Involved in Flexural Design of Beam**

- **Step No.4: Determination of Steel Area**

- **Direct method**

- i. Calculate value of a using

$$a = d - \sqrt{d^2 - \frac{2.614M_u}{f_c' b_w}}$$

- ii. Determine area of steel using

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

This equation can be derived by putting eq. (1) in eq.(2).

The proof is provided in the Appendix.



Design Procedure

• Steps Involved in Flexural Design of Beam

➤ Step No.5: Reinforcement Check

- The calculated area of steel should be within the reinforcement limits provided by ACI 318.

▪ Minimum Limit

$$A_{s,min} = \frac{3\sqrt{f'_c}}{f_y} b d \geq \frac{200}{f_y} b_w d$$

These equations are valid only for $f_y \leq 80ksi$

▪ Maximum Limit

$$A_{s,max,40} = \frac{f'_c b_w d}{136}$$

These equations are valid only for $f'_c \leq 4000psi$

$$A_{s,max,60} = \frac{f'_c b_w d}{223}$$

For strength above 4000psi, calculate $A_{s,max}$ by putting the relevant value of β_1 in eq. (2.9)



Design Procedure

- **Steps Involved in Flexural Design of Beam**

- **Step No.6: Detailing of Reinforcement**

- Conversion of steel area into Number of bars

$$\text{Number of bars} = \frac{A_s}{A_b}$$

- A_b is the area of reinforcing bar to be used.
- The calculated no. of bars must be placed according to the ACI code criteria which is discussed next.

Bar Designation	Area (in ²)
#3	0.11
#4	0.20
#5	0.31
#6	0.44
#7	0.60
#8	0.79
#9	1.00
#10	1.27



Design Procedure

- **Steps Involved in Flexural Design of Beam**

- **Step No.6: Detailing of Reinforcement**

- **Placement of bars**

- Bars should be placed in the tension zone as close to the extreme end as practicable.
- It is preferable to **arrange as many bars as possible on the bottom most side** to increase the effective depth “d”.
- The detailing criteria as per ACI 318 are discussed in the next slides.



Design Procedure

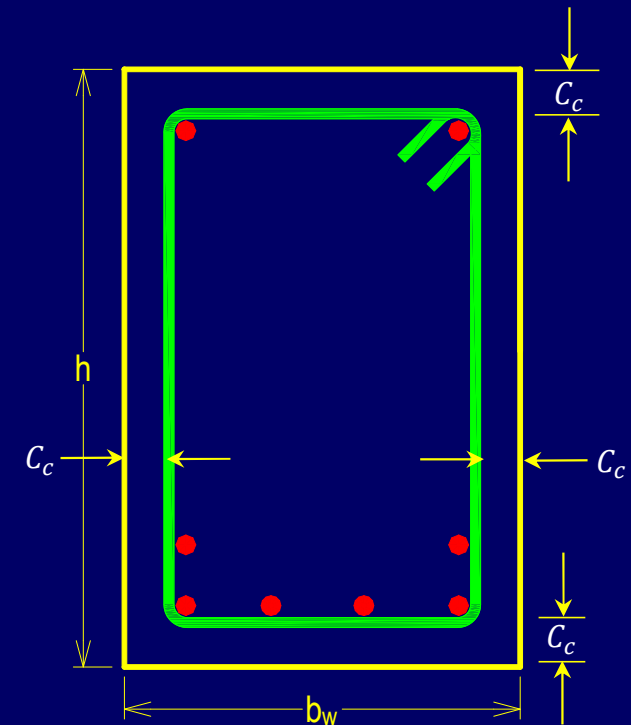
- **Steps Involved in Flexural Design of Beam**

- **Step No.6: Detailing of Reinforcement**

- Placement of bars

- i. Concrete Cover

- Minimum concrete clear cover for RC beams reinforcement shall be 1-1.5in. (ACI 318-19, Section 20.5.1.3)
- Usually, concrete clear cover is taken as 1.5 in.





Design Procedure

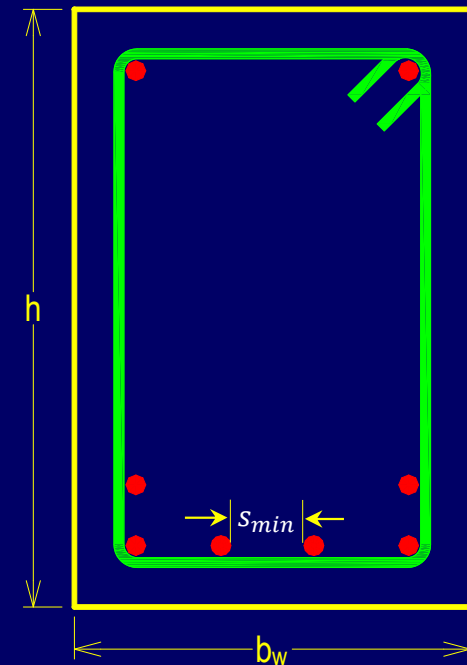
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- Placement of bars

- ii. Minimum spacing b/w adjacent bars

- ACI 318-19, Section 25.2 specifies that the minimum clear distance between adjacent bars shall be at least the greatest of;
 - Diameter of the bar, d_b
 - 1 in. and
 - $(4/3)d_{agg}$.





Design Procedure

- **Steps Involved in Flexural Design of Beam**

- **Step No.6: Detailing of Reinforcement**

- Placement of bars

- iii. Maximum distance between adjacent bars (for crack control)

- Maximum spacing among adjacent bars is restricted by specifying the minimum number of bars in a single layer.

Bar size	Beam width	Minimum no of bars
#3 to #14	12" - 15"	2
	16" - 25"	3
	26" - 36"	4

(Ref: Table A.8, Design of concrete structures, 15th edition, Nilson)



Design Procedure

- **Steps Involved in Flexural Design of Beam**

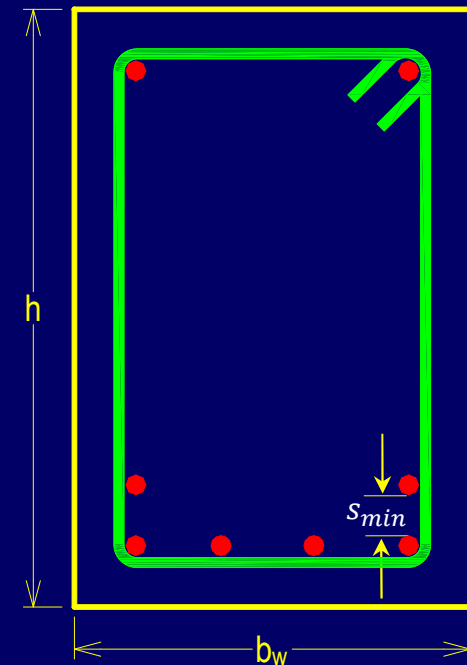
- **Step No.6: Detailing of Reinforcement**

- Placement of bars

- iv. Spacing between adjacent layers

- The bars in the upper layer should be placed directly above those in the bottom layer with a clear spacing between layers of at least 1in.

(ACI 318-19, Section 25.2.2)





Design Procedure

- **Steps Involved in Flexural Design of Beam**

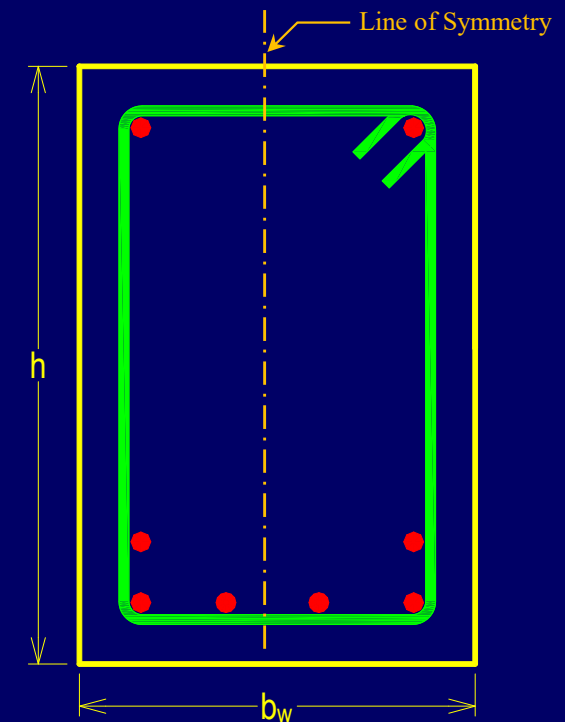
- **Step No.6: Detailing of Reinforcement**

- **Placement of bars**

- vi. **Symmetry of bars**

- Although it is not explicitly stated in the code, many designers recommend that the bars should be arranged symmetrically around the vertical centerline.

(Ref: Design of Concrete Structures
15th edition, Chapter 4, Section 4.5)





Design Procedure

- **Steps Involved in Flexural Design of Beam**

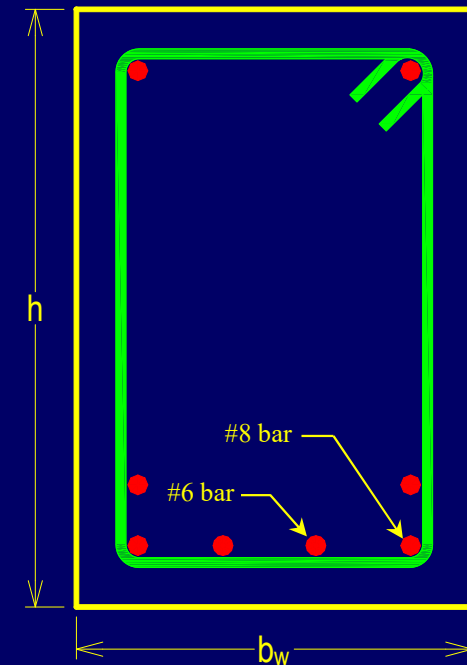
- **Step No.6: Detailing of Reinforcement**

- Placement of bars

- v. Variation in diameter of bars

- Some engineers also suggest that the variation in diameter of bars in a single layer shall be limited to two bar sizes.
- For example, No. 8 and No. 6 bars together, but not Nos. 5 and 8.

〔 Ref: Design of Concrete Structures
15th edition, Chapter 4, Section 4.5 〕





Design Procedure

- **Steps Involved in Flexural Design of Beam**

- **Step No.7: Drafting**

- Based on the design, drawings of the structural members are prepared showing the dimensions of member and detail of reinforcing bars.



Design Procedure

- **Steps Involved in Flexural Design of Beam**

- **Step No.8: Design Flexural Capacity Check**

- After placement of bars, check the flexural capacity from the actual “d” and provided amount of reinforcement.

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

$$\phi M_n \geq M_u$$

- The procedure for calculating the actual “d” is given on the next slide.



Design Procedure

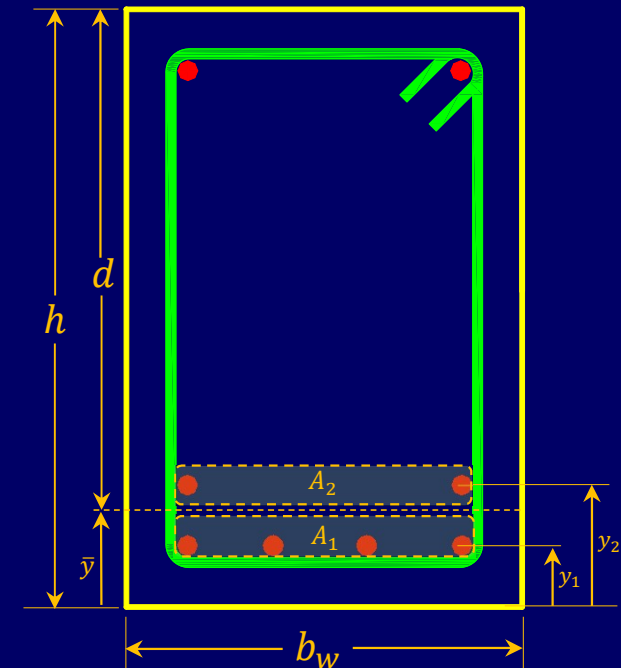
- **Steps Involved in Flexural Design of Beam**
 - **Step No.8: Design Flexural Capacity Check**
 - Calculation of effective depth

$$d = h - \bar{y}$$

Where,

\bar{y} = centroid of steel area

$$\bar{y} = \frac{A_1 y_1 + A_2 y_2 + \dots}{A_1 + A_2 + \dots}$$



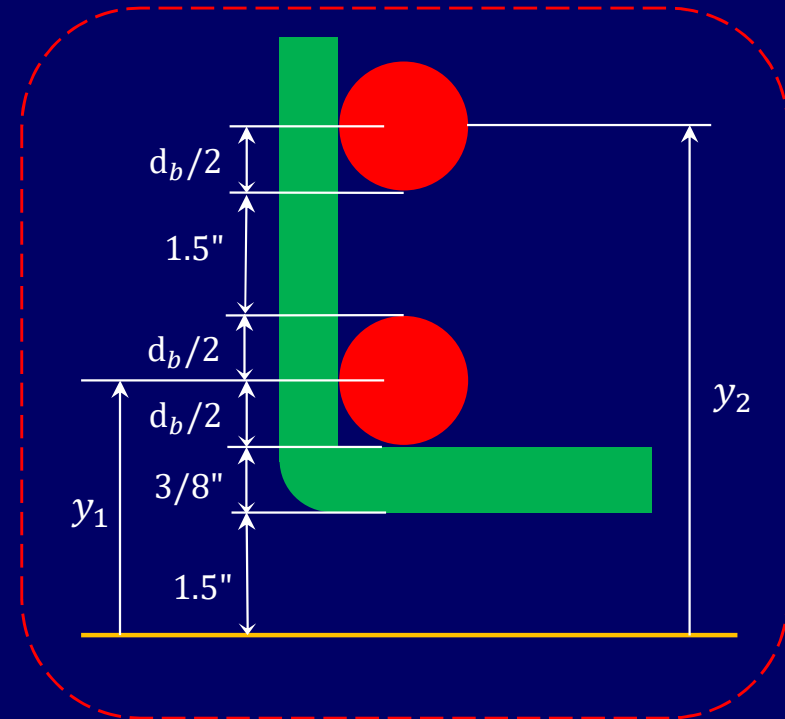
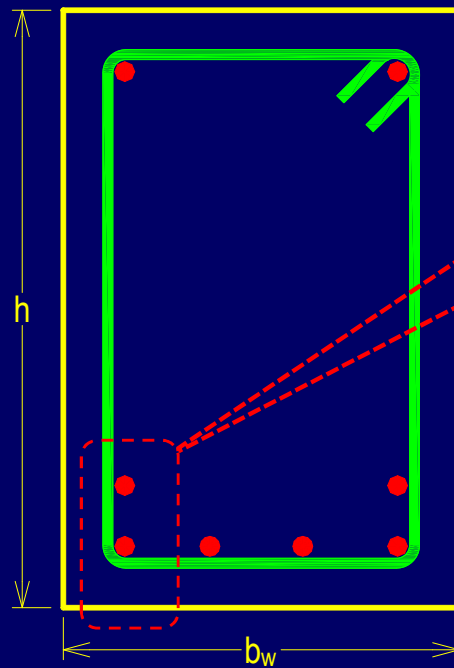


Design Procedure

- **Steps Involved in Flexural Design of Beam**

- **Step No.8: Design Flexural Capacity Check**

- Calculation of effective depth



$$y_1 = 1.5 + 3/8 + d_b/2$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + d_b/2 + 1.5 + d_b/2$$

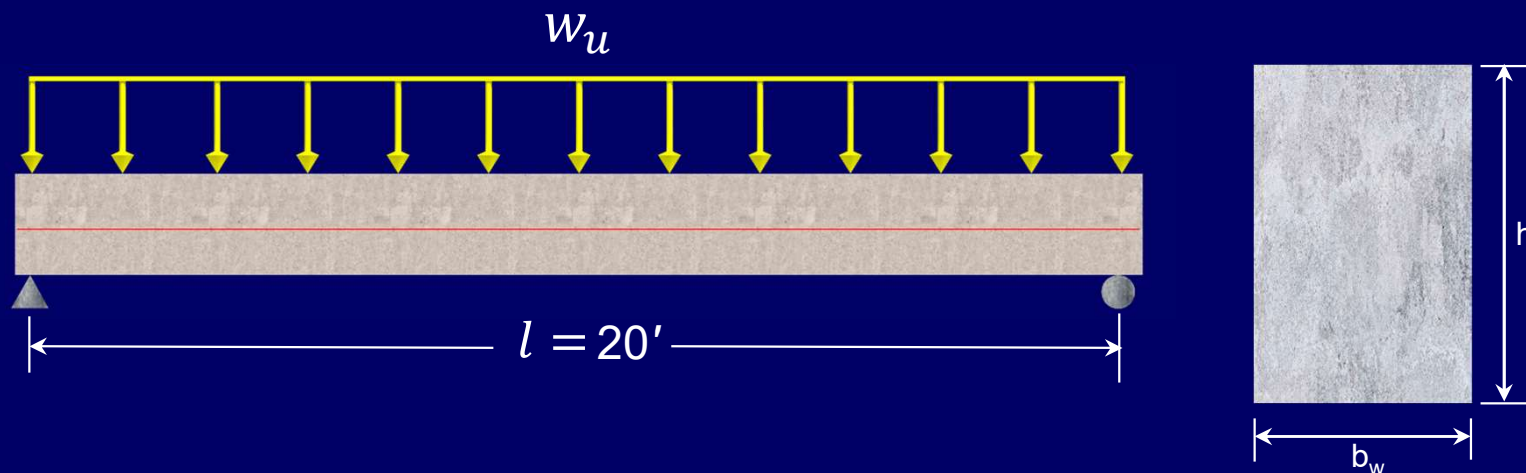


Flexural Design of Singly Reinforced Rectangular Beam

• Example 2.4

- A simply supported beam subjected to a uniformly distributed load as shown in the figure below. The service dead load (excluding the self-weight) and live load are both 0.5kip/ft.

Analyze and *Design* the beam for flexure in accordance with ACI 318-19. Take $f_c' = 3ksi$ and $f_y = 40ksi$





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- **Solution**

- **Given Data**

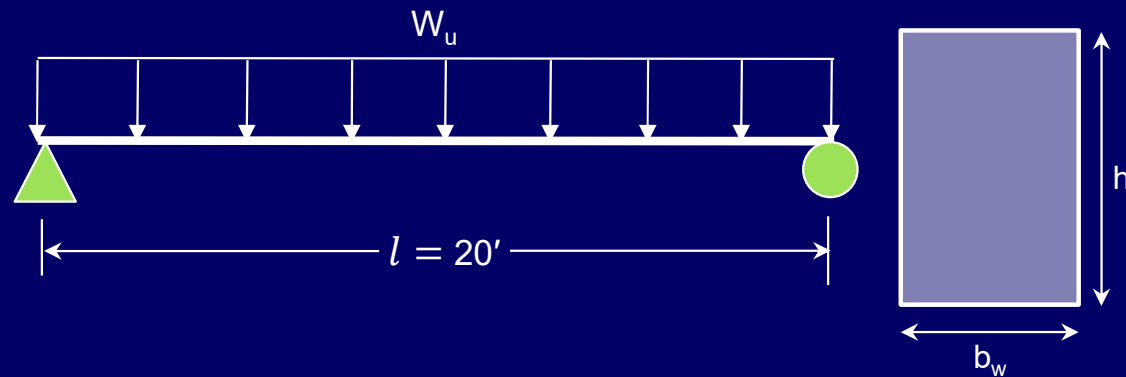
$$l = 20'$$

$$SDL = 0.5k/ft$$

$$LL = 0.5k/ft$$

$$f_c' = 3ksi$$

$$f_y = 40ksi$$



- **Required Data**

Analyze and Design the beam for flexure in accordance with ACI 318-19.



Flexural Design of Singly Reinforced Rectangular Beam

- **Solution**

- **Step No.1: Selection of Sizes**

- The minimum depth for simply supported beam is;

$$h_{min} = \frac{l}{16} \left(0.4 + \frac{f_y}{100000} \right) \quad (\text{for } f_y \text{ other than 60ksi})$$

$$h_{min} = 20/16(0.4 + 40,000/100000) = 1' \text{ or } 12''$$

- This is the minimum requirement of the code for depth of beam.
- However, we select 18" deep beam.
- Generally, the minimum beam width is 12", therefore, width of the beam is taken as 12"



Flexural Design of Singly Reinforced Rectangular Beam

- **Solution**

- **Step No.1: Selection of Sizes**

- The effective depth is calculated as,

$$d = h - \bar{y}$$

- Assuming $\bar{y} = 2.5''$

$$d = 18 - 2.5 = 15.5''$$



Flexural Design of Singly Reinforced Rectangular Beam

• Solution

➤ Step No.2: Calculation of Loads

- Self weight of beam is given by;

$$sw = Volume \times Unitweight\ of\ concrete$$

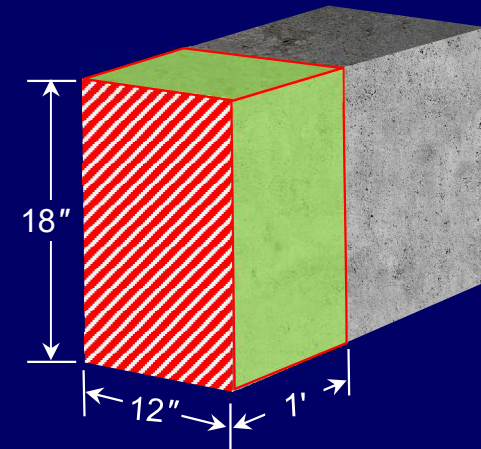
$$sw = b_w h L \times \gamma_c = \frac{12 \times 18 \times 1}{12 \times 12} \times 0.15$$

$$sw = 0.225k/ft$$

- The ultimate load can be determined as ;

$$w_u = 1.2w_D + 1.6w_L$$

$$w_u = 1.2(0.5 + 0.225) + 1.6(0.5) = 1.67k/ft$$





Flexural Design of Singly Reinforced Rectangular Beam

• Solution

➤ Step No.3: Analysis

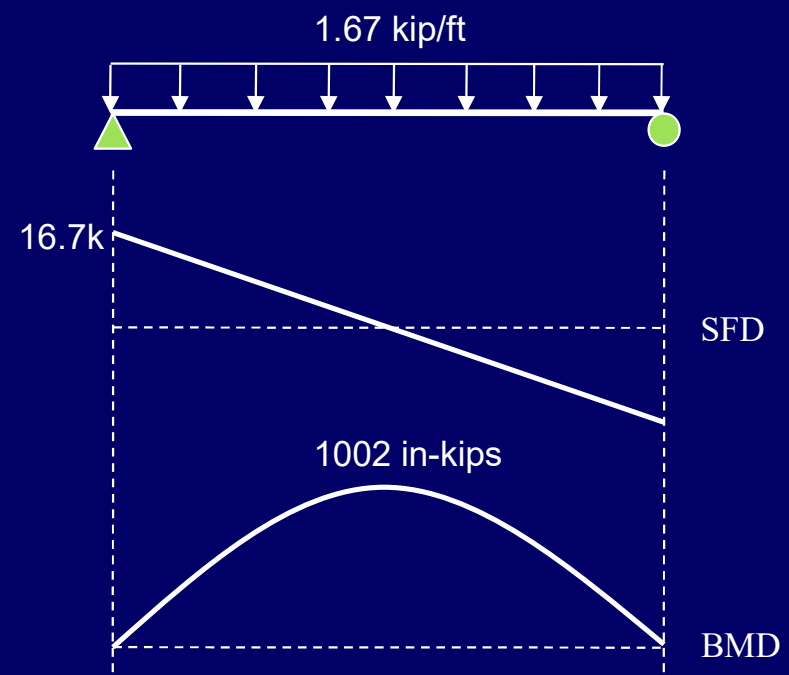
- The maximum bending moment for a simply supported beam is

$$M_u = \frac{w_u l^2}{8}$$

- Putting $w_u = 1.67$ and $l = 20$

$$M_u = \frac{1.67 \times 20^2}{8} = 83.5 \text{ kip.ft}$$

$$M_u = 1002 \text{ in.kip}$$





Flexural Design of Singly Reinforced Rectangular Beam

• Solution

➤ Step No.4: Determination of Steel Area

- Using direct method, we have

$$a = d - \sqrt{d^2 - \frac{2.614M_u}{f_c' b_w}} = 15.5 - \sqrt{15.5^2 - \frac{2.614 \times 1002}{3 \times 12}} = 2.56''$$

- Putting $a = 2.56$ and $\phi = 0.90$, we get

$$A_s = \frac{M_u}{\phi f_y \left(d - \frac{a}{2}\right)} = \frac{1002}{0.9 \times 40 \left(15.5 - \frac{2.56}{2}\right)}$$

$$A_s = 1.96 \text{ in}^2$$



Flexural Design of Singly Reinforced Rectangular Beam

- **Solution**

- **Step No.5: Reinforcement Check**

- Minimum reinforcement limit

$$A_{s,min} = \frac{200}{f_y} b_w d \quad (\text{for } f_c' \leq 4500 \text{psi})$$

By substituting values, we get

$$A_{s,min} = \frac{200}{40000} \times 12 \times 15.5$$

$$A_{s,min} = 0.93 \text{in}^2$$



Flexural Design of Singly Reinforced Rectangular Beam

- **Solution**

- **Step No.5: Reinforcement Check**

- Maximum reinforcement limit

$$A_{s,max} = \frac{f'_c b_w d}{136} \quad (\text{for } f_y \leq 40ksi)$$

$$A_{s,max} = \frac{3 \times 12 \times 15.5}{136}$$

$$A_{s,max} = 4.1in^2$$

Since,

$$A_{s,min} < A_s < A_{s,max} \Rightarrow OK!$$

Food for Thought:

What would you do if you encounter either of these situations??

- a) When A_s is less than $A_{s,min}$
- b) When A_s greater than $A_{s,max}$



Flexural Design of Singly Reinforced Rectangular Beam

- **Solution**

- **Step No.6: Detailing of Reinforcement**

- Conversion of steel area into number of bars
 - Using #6 bar with $A_b = 0.44in^2$

$$\text{Number of bars} = \frac{A_s}{A_b} = \frac{1.96}{0.44} = 4.45 \approx 5$$

- Other options can be explored. For example,
 - 4, #7 bars (2.4 in²),
 - 3, #8 bars (2.37 in²),
 - or combination of two different size bars.



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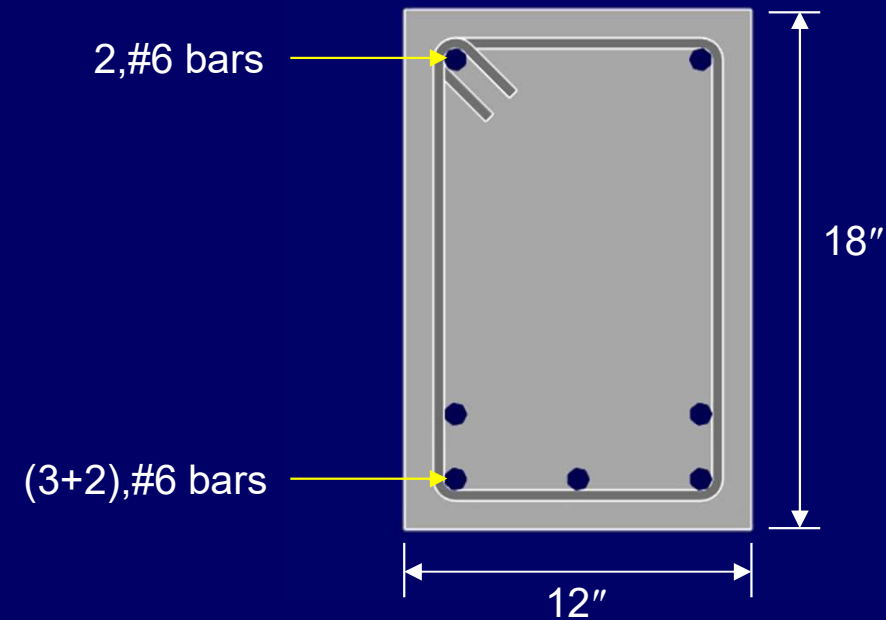
- **Solution**

- **Step No.6: Detailing of Reinforcement**

- **Bar placement**

- Provide 5 #6 bars in two layers;

- 3 in lower layer and
- 2 in upper layer

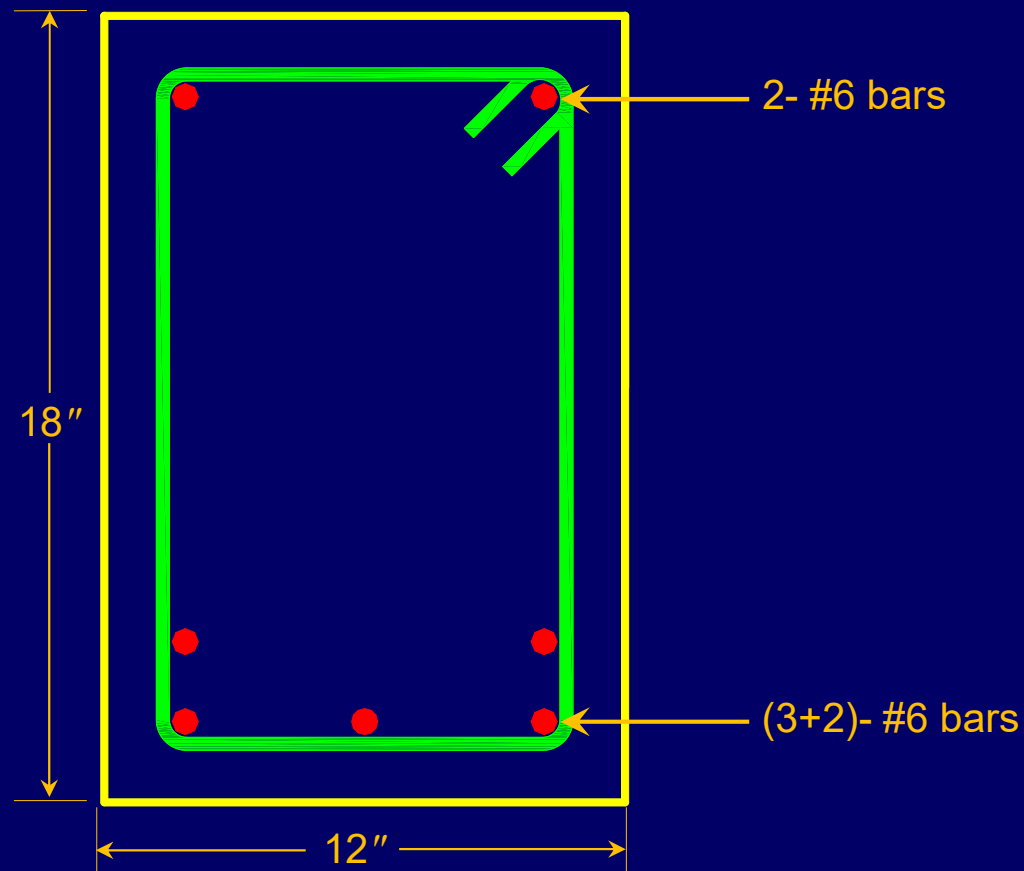




Flexural Design of Singly Reinforced Rectangular Beam

- **Solution**

- **Step No.7: Drafting**





Flexural Design of Singly Reinforced Rectangular Beam

- **Solution**

- **Step No.8: Check Design Flexural Capacity**

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

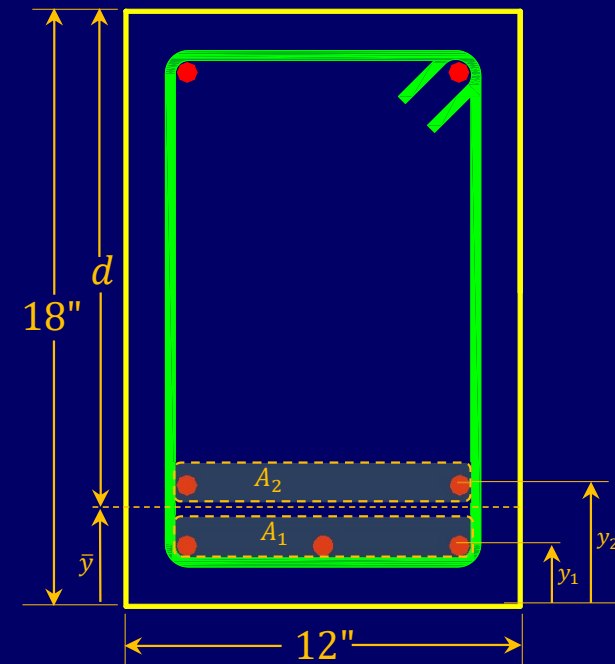
$$d = h - \bar{y}$$

Where;

$$\bar{y} = \frac{A_1 y_1 + A_2 y_2}{A_1 + A_2}$$

$$y_1 = c_c + d_{st} + d_b/2$$

$$y_1 = 1.5 + \frac{3}{8} + \frac{6}{8 \times 2} = 2.25''$$





Flexural Design of Singly Reinforced Rectangular Beam

• Solution

➤ Step No.8: Check Design Flexural Capacity

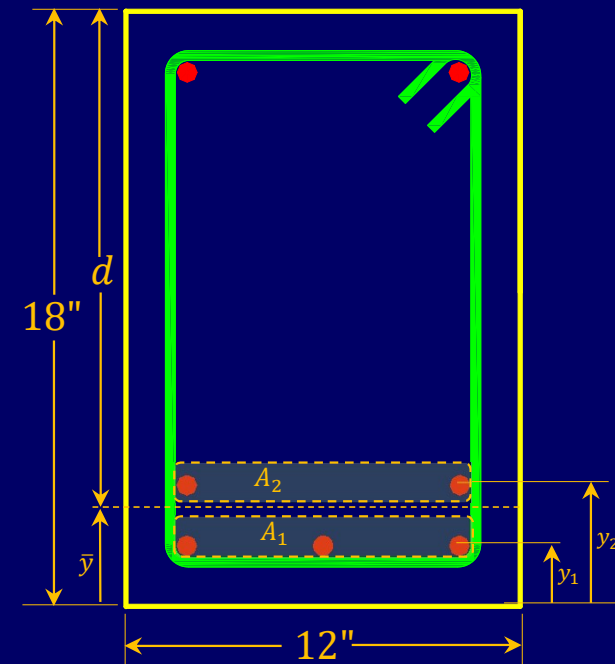
$$y_2 = y_1 + \left(\frac{d_b}{2}\right)_{\text{layer 1}} + 1.5 + \left(\frac{d_b}{2}\right)_{\text{layer 2}}$$

$$y_2 = 2.25 + \frac{6}{16} + 1.5 + \frac{6}{16} = 4.5''$$

$$A_1 = 3(0.44) = 1.32in^2 \text{ and}$$

$$A_2 = 2(0.44) = 0.88in^2$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1.32 \times 2.25 + 0.88 \times 4.5}{1.32 + 0.88} = 3.15''$$





Flexural Design of Singly Reinforced Rectangular Beam

• Solution

➤ Step No.8: Check Design Flexural Capacity

$$d = 18 - 3.15 = 14.85''$$

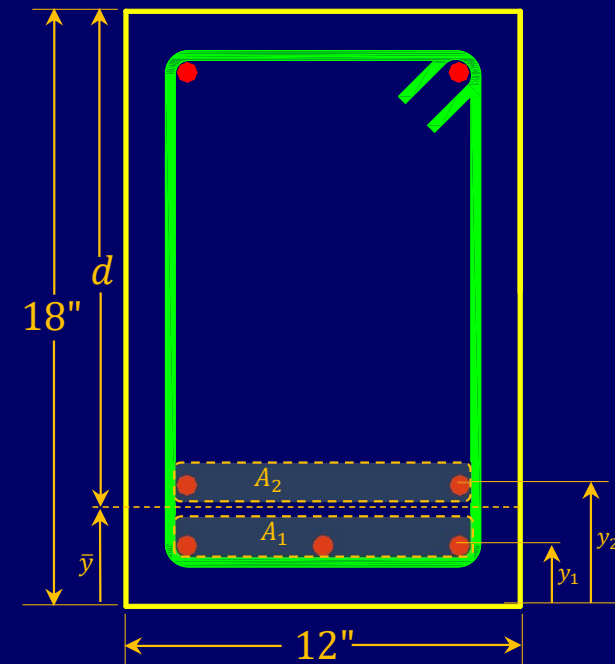
$$a = \frac{A_s f_y}{0.85 f'_c b_w} = \frac{2.2 \times 40}{0.85 \times 3 \times 12} = 2.88''$$

$$\phi M_n = 0.9(2.2) \times 40 \left(14.85 - \frac{2.88}{2} \right)$$

Now,

$$\phi M_n = 1062.1 \text{ in. kip} > 1002 \text{ in. kip}$$

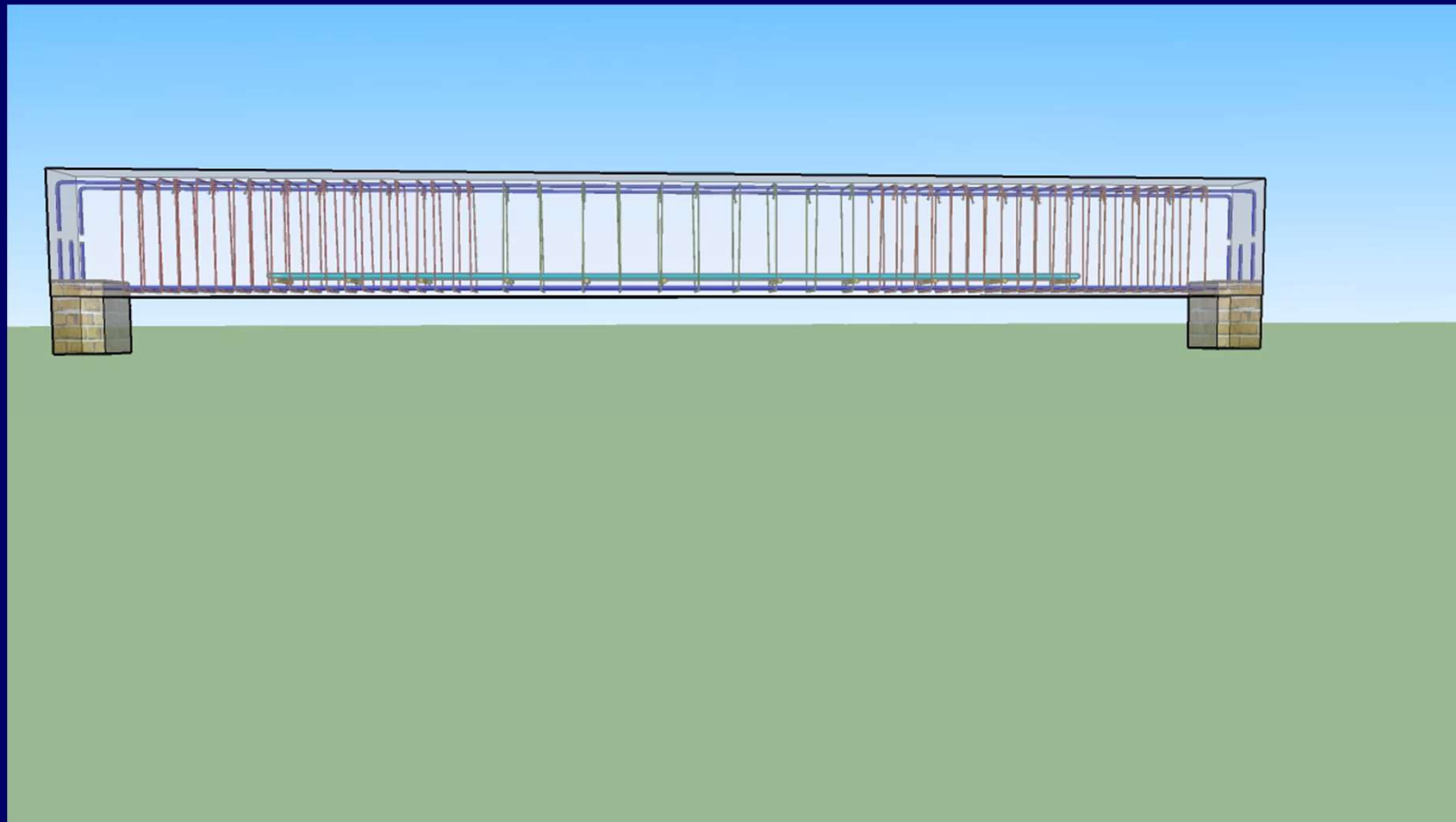
$$\phi M_n > M_u \Rightarrow \text{OK!}$$





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- 3D Detailing Animation

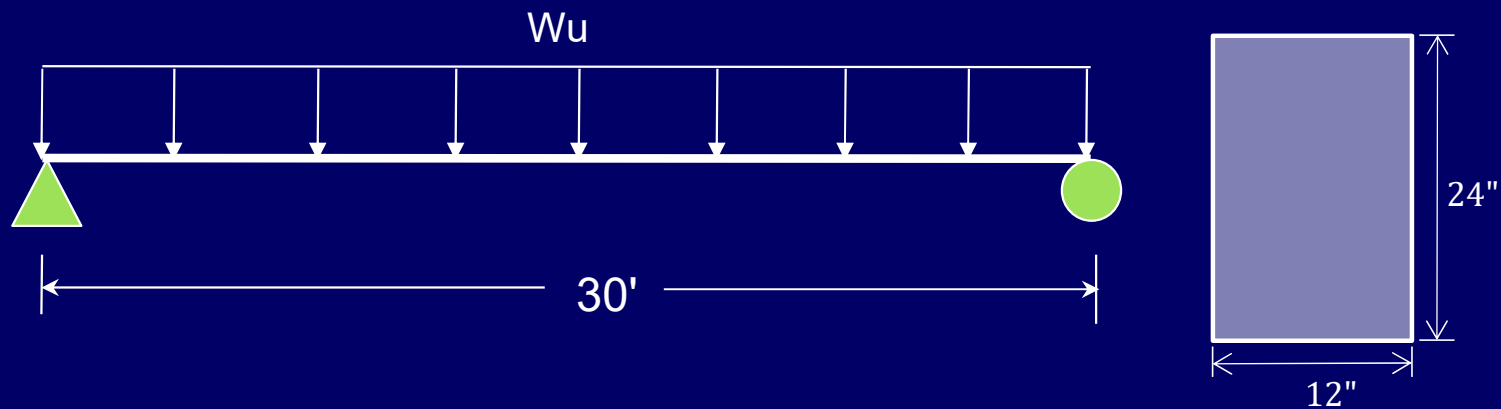




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- **Class Activity**

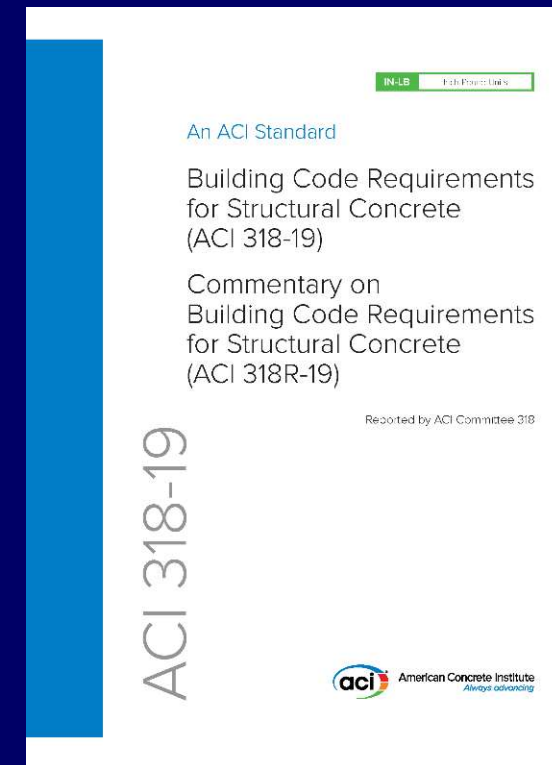
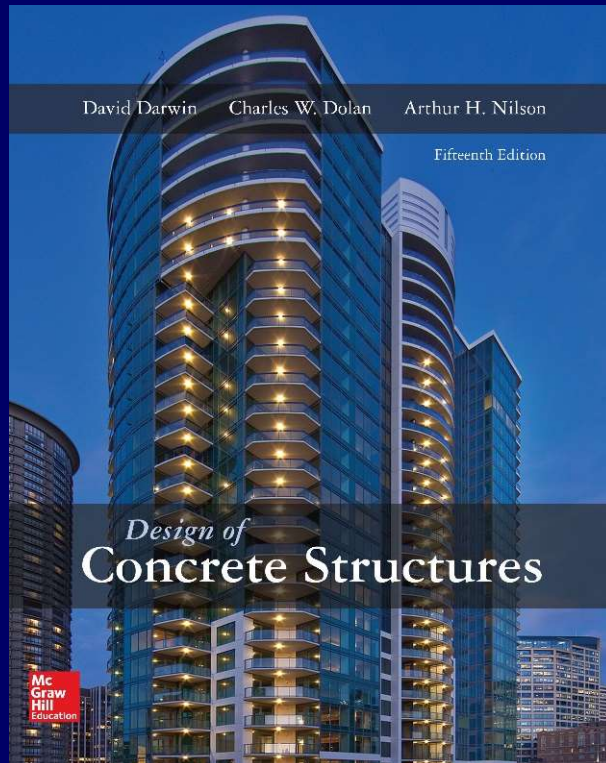
- *Design* a reinforced concrete simply supported beam having a span length of 30 ft and supporting a service dead load of 1.2 kip/ft and a uniform service live load of 1.0 kip/ft in addition to its self-weight. Take $f'_c = 3$ ksi and $f_y = 40$ ksi.





References

- Design of Concrete Structures 14th / 15th edition by Nilson, Darwin and Dolan.
- Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete (ACI 318-19)





Appendix

- **Beam Rebar cage on site**





Appendix

- **Direct Method**

- **Derivation of** $a = d - \sqrt{d^2 - \frac{2.614M_u}{f_c' b_w}}$

We have

$$A_s = \frac{M_u}{\phi f_y \left(d - \frac{a}{2}\right)} \quad \rightarrow (1)$$

and

$$a = \frac{A_s f_y}{0.85 f_c' b_w} \quad \rightarrow (2)$$

Putting eq. (1) in eq. (2)

$$a = \frac{A_s f_y}{0.85 f_c' b_w} = \frac{M_u}{\phi f_y \left(d - \frac{a}{2}\right)} \times \frac{f_y}{0.85 f_c' b_w}$$



Appendix

- **Direct Method**

$$\Rightarrow a \left(d - \frac{a}{2} \right) = \frac{M_u}{f_y} \times \frac{f_y}{0.85 f'_c b_w}$$

$$\Rightarrow ad - 0.5a^2 = \frac{M_u}{0.85 f'_c \phi b_w}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.5a^2 - ad + \frac{M_u}{0.85 f'_c \phi b_w} = 0$$

This is a quadratic equation and can be solved by quadratic formula

Comparing this with $Ax^2 + Bx + C = 0$

$$\Rightarrow A = 0.5, \quad B = -d \quad \text{and} \quad C = \frac{M_u}{0.85 f'_c \phi b_w}$$



Appendix

- **Direct Method**

Using quadratic formula

$$a = \frac{-B \pm \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}}{2A} = \frac{d \pm \sqrt{d^2 - 4 \times 0.5 \times \frac{M_u}{0.85f'_c \phi b_w}}}{2 \times 0.5}$$

$$a = d \pm \sqrt{d^2 - \frac{2M_u}{0.85f'_c \phi b_w}}$$

This gives two roots

$$a = d + \sqrt{d^2 - \frac{2M_u}{0.85f'_c \phi b_w}} \quad \text{and} \quad a = d - \sqrt{d^2 - \frac{2M_u}{0.85f'_c \phi b_w}}$$



Appendix

- **Direct Method**

Neglecting the first root (meaningless), we get

$$a = d - \sqrt{d^2 - \frac{2M_u}{0.85f'_c \phi b_w}}$$

This can be further simplified by as;

$$a = d - \sqrt{d^2 - \frac{2.614M_u}{f'_c b_w}}$$