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1. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

1.1 DURABILITY [1,2] Note : Numbers in brackets refer to references in Section 4. below.

The three elements to be examined here are the durability of the concrete, durability of exposed metal parts, and durability of embedded metal parts. Durability of the concrete itself is provided in Chapter 4 of ACI 318-05 (hereafter referred to as the Code) which covers three major topics namely:

- (1) Total air content for frost-resistant concrete
- (2) Water/cement ratio by weight for special exposure conditions
- (3) Maximum chloride ion content for corrosion protection of reinforcement

Exposed metal parts may be protected by these actions:

- (1) Periodic inspections
- (2) No chloride admixtures
- (3) No water pockets
- (4) Hot-dip galvanizing
- (5) Stainless steel items

Embedded metal parts may be protected by:

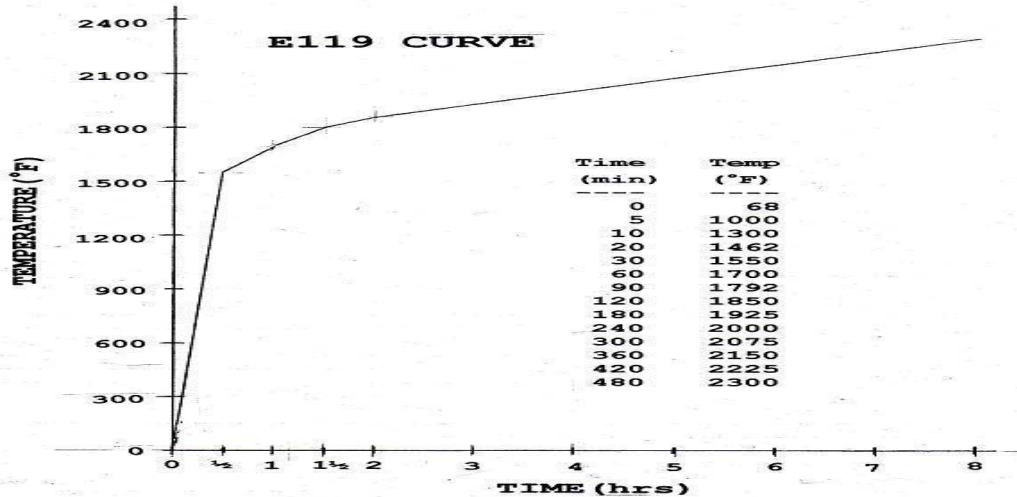
- (1) Adequate cover
- (2) No chloride admixtures
- (3) Epoxy-coated bars
- (4) Stainless steel items
- (5) Galvanizing

1.2 FIRE RESISTANCE [3]

The connections which would result in structural failure during a fire should be protected the same as those for the structural frame. This is especially true for exposed, or near the surface, metal parts. The discussion below gives a general background on fire resistance of concrete and connections.

Fire resistance is the property of a component or frame to withstand fire or give protection from it.

It is measured by the tests and conditions of ASTM E119 ("Standard Test Methods for Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials"), with the standard temperature-time curve shown below. Notice that the starting temperature is 68°F.

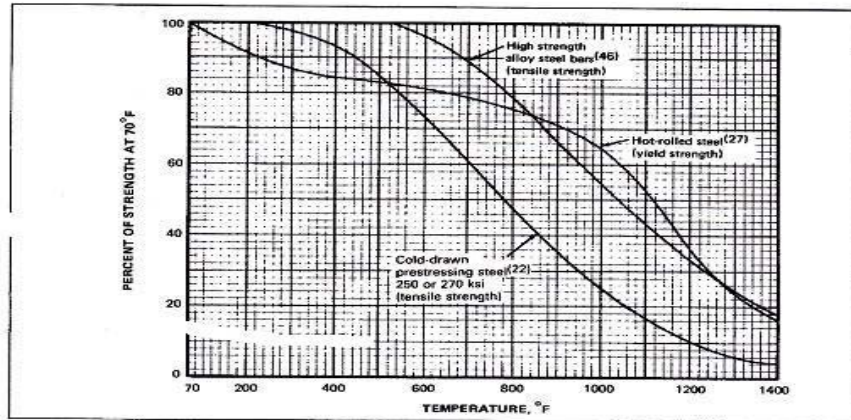


This fire represents combustion of about 10 lbf of wood (with a potential of 8000 BTU/lbf) per square foot of exposed area per hour of test, or 80000 BTU/hr/ft². By way of comparison, concrete has a thermal conductivity of 0.47-0.81 BTU/hr-ft-°F, while mild steel has a conductivity of 22.0-26.5 BTU/hr-ft-°F illustrating the much greater thermal resistivity of concrete.

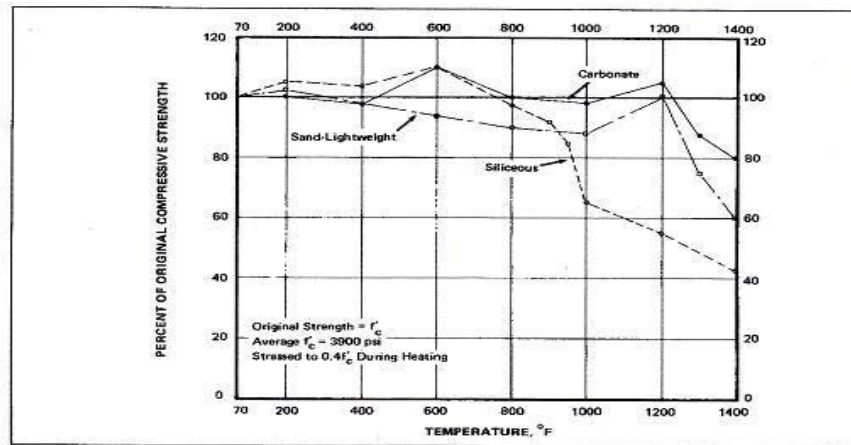
Failure of the member under test (the end point) is due to the effects of the service load (maximum the structure is designed to support) plus the weakening of both the steel and concrete with temperature.

Reference [3] gives the following data for modulus of elasticity and the two graphs below for strength of steel and concrete with temperature.

Es = 100%@68°F, 90%@600°F, 85%@800°F, and 72%@1000°F.
 Ec = 100%@68°F, 70%@400°F, <50%@800°F, and 30%@1200°F,
 showing that deflections increase with temperature.



Temperature-strength relationships for hot-rolled and cold-drawn steels.

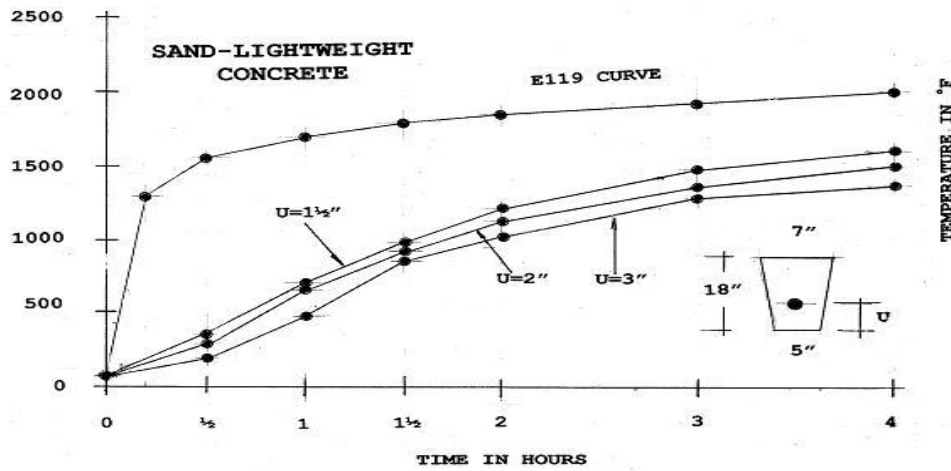
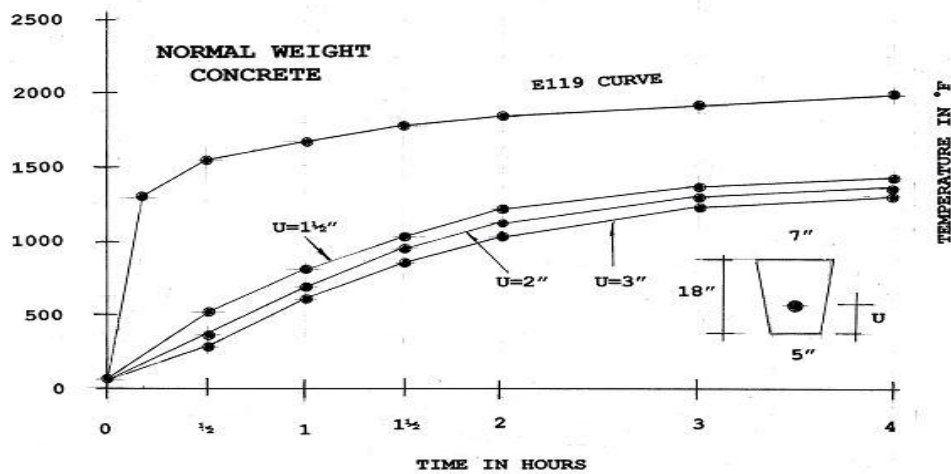


Compressive strength of concrete at high temperatures.

Carbonate concrete is made from aggregates consisting mainly of calcium or magnesium carbonate, for example, limestone or dolomite. Siliceous concrete is made from aggregates consisting mainly of silica or compounds other than calcium or magnesium carbonate.

Graphs on pages 76-78 of Reference [3] give the temperatures on vertical centerlines of stemmed units (joists) at ½, 1, 1½, 2, 3, and 4 hours into the E119 test, versus average stem width, with distance 'u' up from the bottom of the stemmed unit. Using this data, the

graphs below are constructed for temperature-time behavior of the centerline of the reinforcement for three (3) values of 'u', 1½, 2, and 3 inches. Note that a horizontal line at any particular temperature can be used to find the effectiveness of increasing 'u'. Note also that this is just one particular example and should not be extrapolated to other cases. It does, however, indicate the type of analysis that can be used if existing data is obtained.



Connections with exposed metal, or metal close to the surface, should be protected to the same degree as the structural frame. Vermiculite cementitious spray coating, if tested for the application at hand, may be used.

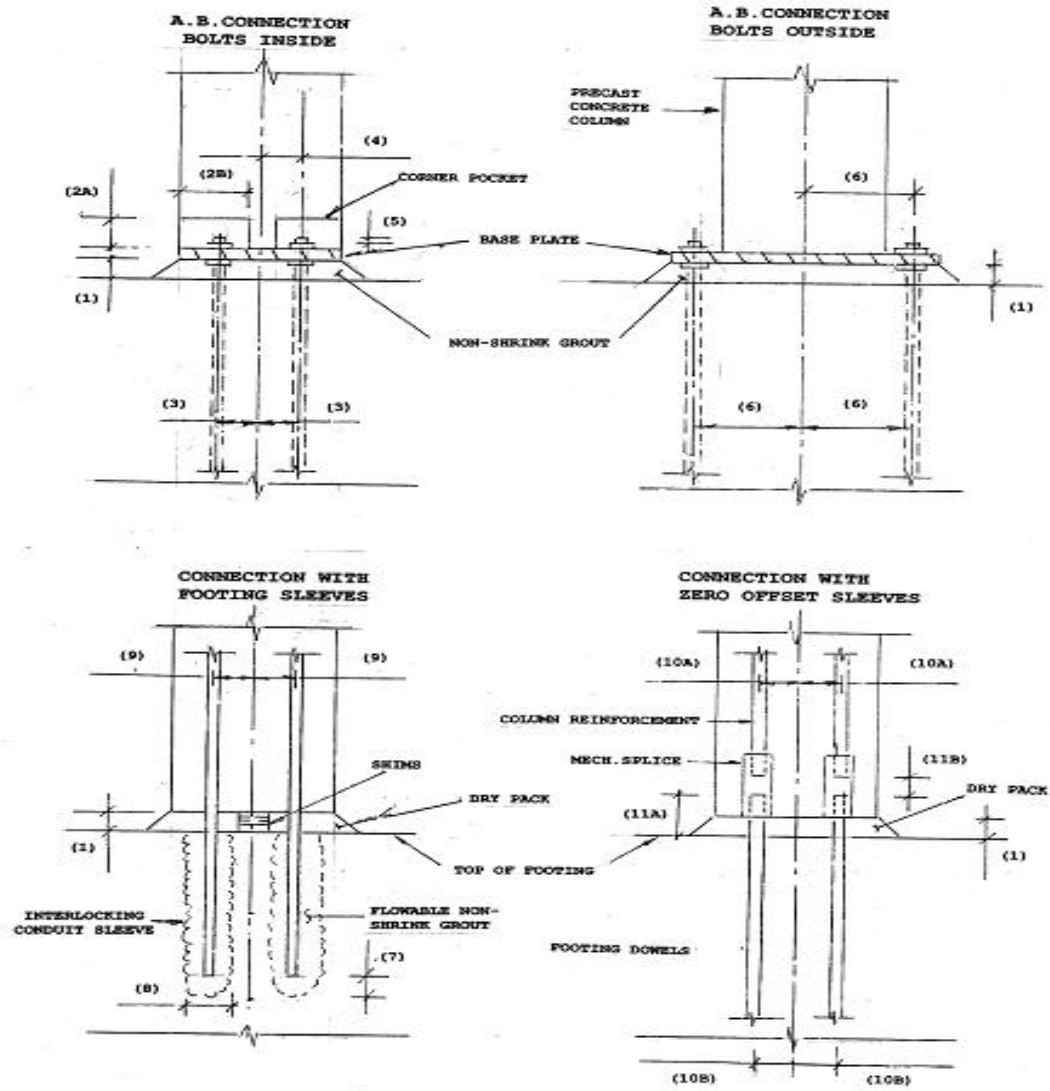
1.3 TOLERANCES AND CLEARANCES

Tolerance is defined as the specified variation from a given drawing and/or specification value of a dimension, location, or alignment. There are tolerances on products, blockouts, openings, squareness, and erection.

Clearance is defined as the drawing and/or specification value of the distance between two elements to allow for product and erection tolerances, as well as to provide for sufficient space for carrying out connection operations, such as welding and bolt tightening. Clearances generally should be as large as possible.

Following below are four (4) types of column-foundation connections with suggestions as:

- (1) This clearance based on the combination of column length and foundation elevation tolerances.
- (2A, 2B) Pocket dimension to clear nut (point-point) Plus wrench head.
- (3) Use templates to set anchor bolts.
- (4) Control bolt hole dimensions to match (3) above.
- (5) Check for full nut engagement in specifying anchor bolt length.
- (6) Match drill holes for epoxy anchors.
- (7) Provide enough clearance for proper flow of grout.
- (8) Diameter should be at least twice that of rebar bundle.
- (9) Use template to control projecting column rebar.
(10A, 10B) Dimensions are critical.
(11A, 11B) Consult manufacturer for proper dimensions and tolerances.



2. DETAILS

2.1 REINFORCING BAR DEVELOPMENT [2, 5]

Definitions :

- Ab = nominal reinforcing bar (rebar) cross-sectional area, in.².
- Abrg = net headed bearing area, in.².
- Atr = total cross-sectional area of all transverse reinforcement within spacing s that cross reinforcement being developed, in.².
- cb = minimum of ½ the center-to-center rebar spacing or the least overall concrete cover dimension measured to the center of the bar.
- cover = for precast other than walls:
- (1) exposed to earth or weather :
 - # 14 and #18 -> 2 in.
 - #6 to #11 -> 1 ½ in.
 - #5 + smaller -> 1 ¼ in.
 - (2) not exposed to weather or in contact with the ground, beams :
 - primary reinforcement -> db but not less than 5/8 in. and need not exceed 1 ½ in.
 - Ties and stirrups -> 3/8 in.
- crack = spacing of rebars closest to tension face control not to exceed :
- $s=15(40000/f_s)-2.5$ cc but not greater than $12(40000/f_s)$ where cc = least distance from surface of rebar to tension face. If there is only one bar, s is the width of the extreme tension face. fs may be taken equal to $(2/3)f_y$.
- db = nominal diameter of rebar, in.
- fc' = specified compressive strength of concrete, psi.
- fy = specified rebar yield strength, psi.
- fyt = specified yield strength of transverse reinforcement, psi.
- Ktr = transverse reinforcement index = $A_{tr}(f_{yt})/1500(s)n$. It can conservatively be set equal to zero.
- ld = development length in tension of straight

- deformed rebar, in.
- ldh = development length in tension for hooked (90° or 180°) hook. It is measured from the critical section to the start of the hook + inside radius of bend + one bar diameter, in. It is advisable to detail hooks precisely, avoid congestion, easily at corners.
- ldt = development length in tension of headed deformed bar, in.
- maximum = strain of longitudinal steel >0.004 at beam rebar nominal strength
- n = number of bars.
- s = center-center spacing of bars, longitudinal, transverse. Minimum clear spacing between bars in a layer = db and 1 in., unless specified by other factors.
- structural integrity = In detailing of members and connections, members of a structure shall be effectively tied together.
- λ = factor for concrete weight :
 - 1.0 for normal weight concrete
 - 1.3 for lightweight concrete.
- Ψe = factor for rebar coating :
 - 1.5 for epoxy coated anchors, closely spaced, or limited cover
 - 1.2 for other epoxy-coated bars
 - 1.0 for galvanized or no coating.
- Ψs = factor for rebar size
 - 0.8 for #6 and smaller
 - 1.0 for #7 and larger.
- Ψt =
 - 1.3 for 12" or more cast below bars
 - 1.0 elsewhere.
- ϕ =
 - 0.90 for tension-controlled sections
 - 0.75 for compression controlled sections w/spiral reinforcement
 - 0.65 for other compression-controlled
 - 0.75 for shear
 - 0.75 for torsion
 - 0.65 for bearing on concrete

Proper internal or external anchorage of rebar in concrete is required for ductile behavior, i.e., bars yield before losing bond with concrete as opposed to brittle initial concrete failure. Internally this is done by the development concept, requiring a certain length and end configuration beyond the point of maximum bar stress. This development length (or anchorage) is necessary on both sides of the peak stress point. In general, do not terminate bars in a tension zone.

Externally, a mechanical device capable of developing the strength of the rebar without damage to concrete is allowed as anchorage.

Internal anchorage is done by any of three methods, namely straight bar extension, end hook (90° or 180°), or headed bar.

For a straight bar extension,

$$l_d = \frac{3 \cdot f_y \cdot \psi_t \cdot \psi_e \cdot \psi_s \cdot \lambda}{40 \cdot \sqrt{f_c'} \cdot ((c_b + K_{tr}) / d_b)} \cdot d_b \text{ where } K_{tr} = \frac{A_{tr} \cdot f_{yt}}{1500 \cdot s \cdot n}$$

and $l_d \geq 12 \text{ in.}$ and * denotes multiplication.
 Note K_{tr} may be conservatively taken equal to zero.

Development length for a hook is :

$$l_{dh} = \frac{0.02 \cdot \psi_e \cdot \lambda \cdot f_y}{\sqrt{f_c'}} \cdot d_b \text{ where } \lambda = 1.3 \text{ for lightweight concrete}$$

and $l_{dh} \geq 8 \cdot d_b$ and $\geq 6 \text{ in.}$

bar size	min. bend i.d.
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#3 - #8	6*db
#9 - #11	8*db
#14, #18	10*db

where 90° bend has 12*db extension and 180° bend 4*db.

The requirements for headed bars are somewhat more complicated (Reference 5).

$$\text{By Code, } l_{dt} = \frac{0.016 \cdot \psi_e \cdot f_y}{\sqrt{f_c'}} \cdot d_b \geq 8 \cdot d_b \text{ and } 6 \text{ in.}$$

It is useful to construct tables showing the requirements of ACI 318-08.

ACI 318-08 -----	condition -----
60000 psi	max fy
< #11	max bar size
normalweight	weight
4*Ab	min head area
2*db	min clear cover
4*db	min clear spacing
6000 psi	max fc'
8*db and 6 in.	min length

Example : Find development lengths for #8 bar for all three types .

Given :

- Abrg = 4*Ab
- Ab = 0.79 in.^2
- fy = 60000 psi
- fc' = 4000 psi
- bar center-center = 5in.
- clear cover = 2 in.
- bottom reinforcement
- normalweight concrete
- uncoated bars
- let (cb+Ktr)/db = 1.5, conservatively

Solution :

$$l_d = \frac{3 \cdot f_y}{40 \cdot \sqrt{4000} \cdot 1.5} \cdot d_b = 47.434 \cdot d_b, \text{ say } 48 \text{ in.}$$

$$l_{dh} = \frac{.02 \cdot f_y}{\sqrt{4000}} \cdot d_b = 18.974 \cdot d_b, \text{ say } 19 \text{ in.}$$

$$l_{dt} = \frac{.016 \cdot f_y}{\sqrt{4000}} \cdot db = 15.179 \cdot db, \text{ say } 16 \text{ in.}$$

2.2 VOLUMETRIC CHANGES [2]

Three major factors contribute to volume change in reinforced concrete, namely creep, shrinkage, and temperature. These factors cause two major changes in member geometry, namely deflection and axial length.

Creep is defined as inelastic deformation under long-lasting loads with time, due to stresses in the elastic range, i.e., below approximately $0.5 \cdot f_c'$. It is due to water amount, water/cement ratio, curing conditions, relative humidity, size of member, age and duration of loading, and stress magnitude.

Shrinkage is defined as the decrease in time of the concrete volume. It is due to moisture loss in the concrete, hydration of the cement, and carbonation of the various products of hydration.

The Code treats the effect of creep and shrinkage together as:

$$\lambda = \frac{\xi}{1 + 50 \cdot \rho'}$$

λ = sustained load factor to multiply calculated deflection
 Load Duration ξ
 ----- ---
 3 months 1.0
 6 months 1.2
 1 year 1.4
 > = 5 years 2.0
 ρ' = compression steel ratio
 = A_s' / bd

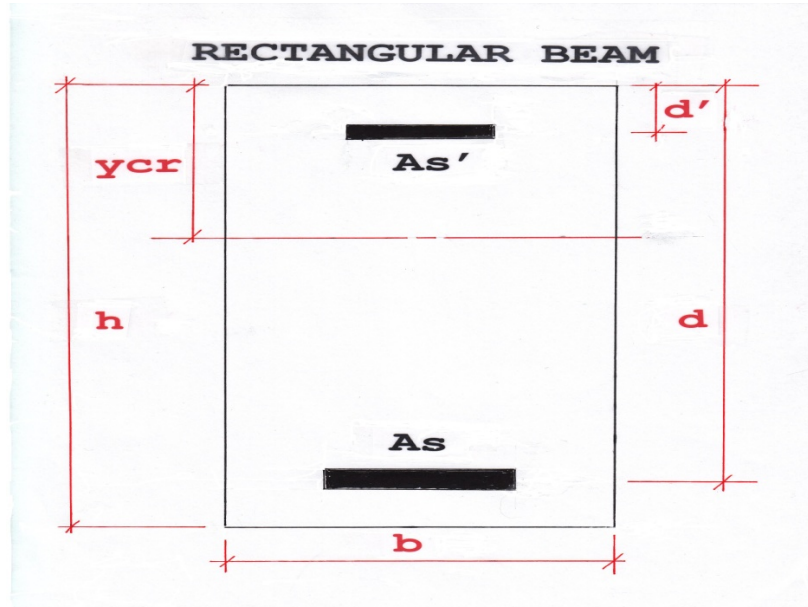
Example

Given : Rectangular beam with uniform service load of 1 kip/ft with the following parameters :
 $b = 10''$, $d = 18''$, $d' = 2''$, $h = 20''$, and pinned supports, $L = 25 \text{ ft}$, $f_c' = 4000 \text{ psi}$,

tension reinforcement (A_s) = 3 #8 bars,
load duration = 5 years.

Find : Deflection at center span with compression reinforcement (A_s') = 0, 3 each of #4, #5, and #6 bars.

Solution :



Given a certain amount of compression reinforcement, the following procedure may be used to find the final (total) deflection.

- (1) Find y_{cr} , the cracked beam centroid, by equating first moments about the (unknown as of yet) y_{cr} .
 $(b \cdot y_{cr}) \cdot (y_{cr}/2) + n \cdot A_s' \cdot (y_{cr} - d') = n \cdot A_s (d - y_{cr})$,
 where $n = E_s/E_c$.

$$y_{cr} = (n/b) \cdot (A_s + A_s') \cdot (\sqrt{\text{radical}} - 1) \text{ where}$$

$$\text{radical} = 1 + \frac{2 \cdot b \cdot (A_s \cdot d + A_s' \cdot d')}{n \cdot (A_s + A_s')^2}$$

- (2) Find I_{cr} , the cracked moment of inertia.
 $I_{cr} = b \cdot y_{cr}^3 / 3 + n \cdot A_s' \cdot (y_{cr} - d')^2 + n \cdot A_s \cdot (d - y_{cr})^2$
- (3) Find I_e , effective moment of inertia, by the Code formula :

$I_e = (M_{cr}/M_a)^3 I_g + (1 - (M_{cr}/M_a)^3) I_{cr}$ where
 $M_a =$ maximum unfactored moment $= (1/8) * w * L^2$
 where $w =$ uniform service load
 $M_{cr} =$ moment at cracking $= f_r * I_g / y_t$
 $f_r =$ modulus of rupture $= 7.5 * \sqrt{f_c'}$
 $I_g =$ gross moment of inertia $= b * h^3 / 12$
 $y_t = 1/2 * h$ for a rectangular beam

- (4) Find immediate deflection $= 5 * w * L^4 / (384 * E_c * I_e)$
- (5) Find $\lambda = \xi / (1 + 50 * \rho')$ = sustained load factor
- (6) Find final deflection $= \lambda * \text{immediate deflection}$

The results are:

As' (in. ²)	immediate deflection	final deflection
-----	-----	-----
0.00	0.685" (L/438)	1.370" (L/219)
0.60 (3#4)	0.667" (L/449)	1.144" (L/262)
0.93 (3#5)	0.659" (L/455)	1.047" (L/286)
1.32 (3#6)	0.650" (L/462)	0.951" (L/315)

Temperature change of volume is both bidirectional and reversible.

Temperature coefficients here are in./in./°F.

Let $L =$ axial length of member after temperature change, $L_0 =$ initial length, $T =$ final temperature, and $T_0 =$ initial temperature. The basic equation of length change is :

$$L/L_0 = 1 + \alpha * (T - T_0)$$

where $\alpha =$ temperature coefficient of expansion = 0.55×10^{-5} to $0.75 \times 10^{-5} \text{ deg}^{-1}$ for concrete and 0.65×10^{-5} for steel.

Depending on the degree of restraint, this length change can result in large forces.

Example : For the 25' beam above, find the length change for a 100 degree temperature change for an unrestrained beam, and the axial force induced by both ends pinned. Assume

both coefficients = $0.65 \cdot 10^{-5}$

Solution: $\Delta L = \alpha \cdot (T - T_0) \cdot L = 0.195''$ (unrestrained)

The force generated is that which would stretch (or compress) the beam 0.195''.

Let steel area = $2 \cdot 2.37 \text{ in.}^2 = 4.74 \text{ in.}^2$

concrete area = $10 \cdot 20 - 4.74 = 195.26 \text{ in.}^2$

For an axial member, $\Delta = F \cdot L / E \cdot A \rightarrow$

$$F = E \cdot A \cdot \Delta / L$$

For the steel, $F = 29000 \cdot 4.74 \cdot 0.195 / 300$

$$F = 89.439 \text{ kip}$$

and the concrete $F = 3650 \cdot 195.26 \cdot 0.195 / 300$

$$F = 463.25 \text{ kip}$$

Total force = 552.69 kip!

Reference [2] gives a chart showing design temperature changes versus geography. The 100 degree change used above corresponds to Northern Alaska and Canada. However, much of the U.S., including New York and parts of Texas show a fifty (50) degree temperature change, still yielding a formidable force. Efforts should be made to reduce restraint while maintaining stability and safety.

2.3 GROUT [6]

Reference [6] states that "The most important requirement for a grout that is intended to transfer loads to the foundation is that it has volume-change characteristics that result in complete and permanent filling of the space. Plain grouts consisting of cement, aggregate, and water do not have these characteristics." For this reason we cover only cementitious and epoxy nonshrink grouts.

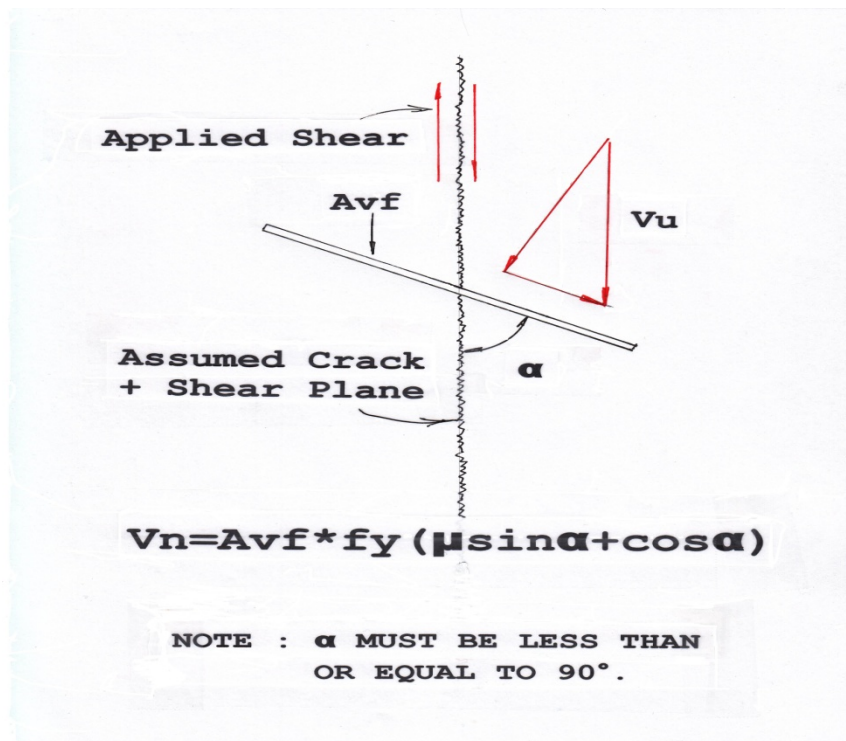
An air-release system, which uses specially processed fine carbon, releases adsorbed air on contact with the mixing water and thus causes an increase in volume while grout is in the plastic state. This counteracts the normal settlement and drying shrinkage, and is insensitive to the alkali content of the cement used. It is used in many nonshrink cementitious grouts.

Epoxy grouts, consisting only of epoxy resin and hardener (converter, catalyst), will shrink after placement. The grout usually contains specially blended aggregate, filler, or other ingredients to eliminate the shrinkage.

Detailing Considerations :

- (1) Design so that the grout can be placed beneath the plate without trapping air or water in unvented edges or corners.
- (2) If (1) is not possible, i.e., grout cannot be placed from one edge to the opposite side, provide air vent holes.

2.4 SHEAR-FRICTION [2]



The shear-friction concept is used when considering shear transfer occurs across:

- (1) An existing or potential crack.
- (2) An interface between different materials.
- (3) An interface between concretes cast at different times.

It is assumed that a crack has occurred due to one of the above reasons.

Definition of Terms :

Ac	area of concrete resisting shear transfer, in. ²
Avf	area of shear-friction reinforcement, must be developed on each side of the shear plane, in. ²
bw	web width, in.
d	distance from extreme compression fiber to centroid of longitudinal tension reinforcement, in.
fc'	specified concrete strength of concrete, psi
fy	specified yield strength of reinforcement, psi
Vn	nominal shear strength, lbf (= V_u/Φ , V_u = factored load $\leq 0.2 f_c' A_c$ and $800 A_c$)
α	angle of shear reinforcement
λ	= 1.0 for normalweight concrete = 0.85 for sand-lightweight concrete = 0.75 for all lightweight concrete
μ	coefficient of friction = 1.4λ for monolithic concrete = 1.0λ for fresh concrete cast against intentionally roughened hardened concrete = 0.6λ for fresh concrete cast against unroughened hardened concrete = 0.7λ for concrete anchored to as-rolled structural steel by headed studs or rebar

2.5 EPOXY ANCHORS [7]

These anchors are post-installed (after concrete has set) and require drilling in hardened concrete to the appropriate diameter and depth. They have the strong advantage of match drilling to holes in components in the field, and are available in diameters of 3/8" to 1-1/4". ASD (working) loads are available of over 30 kip/bolt in shear only, or tension only loads exceeding 75 kip/bolt, with proper material, diameter, depth, spacings, and edge distances.

The resin and hardener are put into the cleaned hole either by a mixing gun or glass cartridge which is broken upon inserting the bolt.

Several companies, such as Hilti, Simpson Strong-Tie, and Red Head manufacture adhesive anchoring systems. Here one of Hilti's products, "HIT-HY 150 MAX Adhesive Anchoring System", is studied., although the principles apply to the other brands. Each manufacturer does, however, have their own test results.

The bonding of anchor to concrete, using ASD (Allowable Stress Design) is covered in general in reference [7] on pages 134-136, with load tables on page 179, and factors on pages 188-190.

The strength of the system is dependent upon:

- (1) anchor diameter
- (2) anchor depth in concrete
- (3) bending of bolt for load not applied at concrete surface
- (4) bolt spacings
- (5) anchor edge distance for tension
- (6) anchor edge distance for shear perpendicular towards edge
- (7) anchor edge distance for shear parallel to or away from edge
- (8) combined tension and shear interaction
- (9) bolt strength

Adjustment factors, after selection of bolt diameter, depth, and resolution of bending, (items (1) to (3)), determination of items (4) to (7), are given as:

f_{AN} = spacing factor for tension and/or shear

f_{RN} = adjustment factor for edge distance, tension

f_{RV1} = adjustment factor for shear perpendicular or towards edge

f_{RV2} = adjustment factor for shear parallel to or away from edge

The following equations apply to all conditions:

$s > s_{min}$

$c > c_{min}$

where:

s = spacing of anchors, in.

c = edge distance, in.

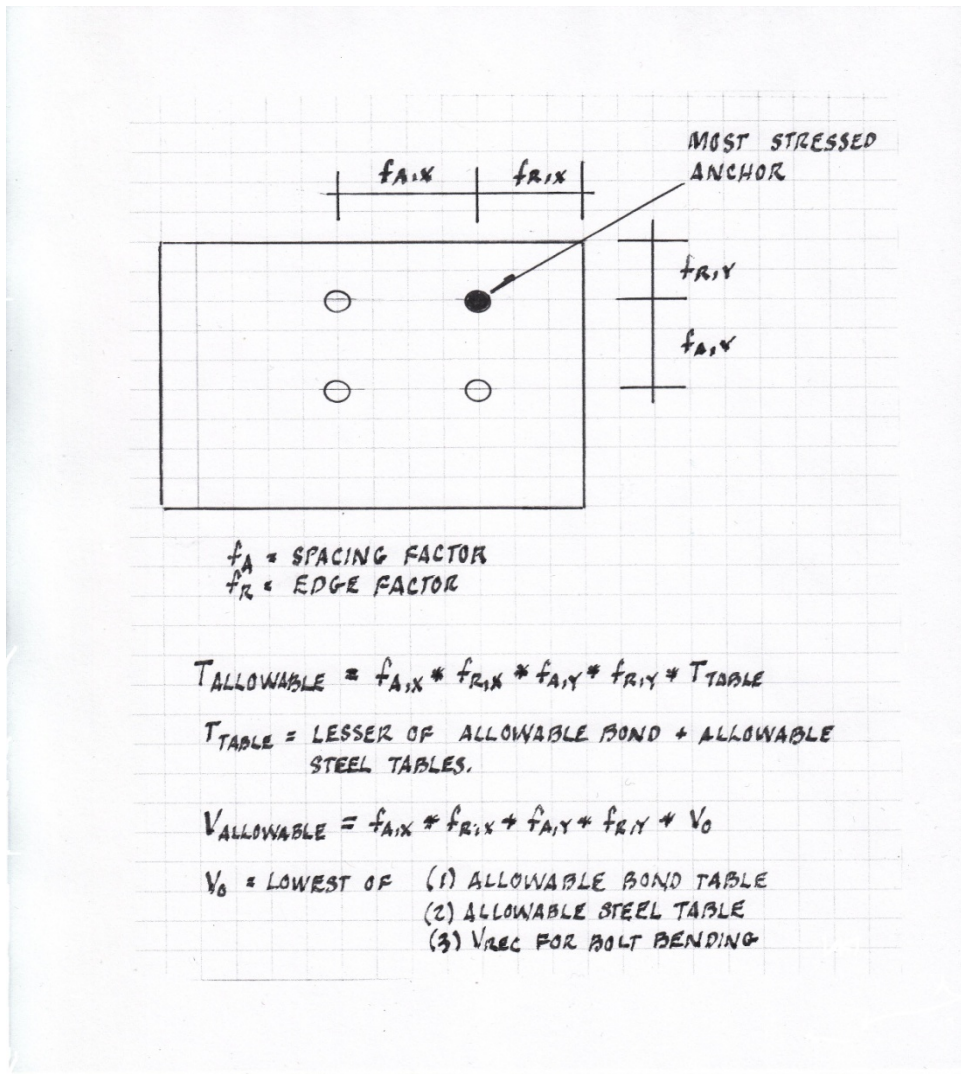
s_{min} = minimum spacing, in.

s_{cr} = spacing which does not require a reduction factor (additional spacing is discounted)

c_{min} = minimum edge distance

c_{cr} = edge distance which does not require a reduction factor (additional edge distance discounted)

h_{ef} = embedment depth cited in table for bond strength



Tables from reference [7] are shown below for normal weight of concrete. All values are based on holes drilled with carbide bit, cleaned with compressed air, wire brushed, and provided with sufficient resin and so as to be uniformly extruded upon placement of anchor.

Anchor Diameter in (mm)	Embedment Depth in (mm)	HIT-HY 150 MAX Allowable Bond/Concrete Capacity			
		Tensile		Shear	
		$f'_c = 2000$ psi (13.8 MPa) lb (kN)	$f'_c = 4000$ psi (27.6 MPa) lb (kN)	$f'_c = 2000$ psi (13.8 MPa) lb (kN)	$f'_c = 4000$ psi (27.6 MPa) lb (kN)
3/8 (9.5)	1 3/4 (44)	725 (3.2)	1155 (5.1)	1675 (7.5)	2360 (10.5)
	3 3/8 (86)	2110 (9.4)	3055 (13.6)	3155 (14.0)	4460 (19.8)
	4 1/2 (114)	2150 (9.6)	3055 (13.6)	4855 (21.6)	6860 (30.5)
1/2 (12.7)	2 1/4 (57)	1385 (6.2)	2090 (9.3)	2750 (12.2)	3890 (17.3)
	4 1/2 (114)	4000 (17.8)	4980 (22.2)	5610 (25.0)	7935 (35.3)
	6 (152)	4705 (20.9)	4980 (22.2)	8635 (38.4)	12210 (54.3)
5/8 (15.9)	2 7/8 (73)	1940 (8.6)	2730 (12.1)	4095 (18.2)	5790 (25.8)
	5 5/8 (143)	5955 (26.5)	8410 (37.4)	8760 (39.0)	12395 (55.1)
	7 1/2 (190)	7320 (32.6)	8410 (37.4)	13495 (60.0)	19080 (84.9)
3/4 (19.1)	3 3/8 (86)	2625 (11.7)	4295 (19.1)	6110 (27.2)	8635 (38.4)
	6 3/4 (172)	6460 (28.7)	9985 (44.4)	12615 (56.1)	17840 (79.4)
	9 (229)	11175 (49.7)	11175 (49.7)	19430 (86.4)	27470 (122.2)
7/8 (22.2)	4 (101)	3375 (15.0)	5300 (23.6)	7670 (34.1)	10840 (48.2)
	7 7/8 (200)	9910 (44.1)	14815 (65.9)	17175 (76.4)	24290 (108.0)
	10 1/2 (267)	14385 (64.0)	15345 (68.3)	26440 (117.6)	37390 (166.3)
1 (25.4)	4 1/2 (114)	5210 (23.2)	6570 (29.2)	9990 (44.4)	14120 (62.8)
	9 (229)	11595 (51.6)	17475 (77.7)	22435 (99.8)	31720 (141.1)
	12 (305)	17340 (77.1)	18685 (83.1)	34535 (153.6)	48830 (217.2)
1 1/4 (31.8)	5 5/8 (143)	6985 (31.1)	9935 (44.2)	13180 (58.6)	18640 (82.9)
	11 1/4 (286)	18345 (81.6)	30085 (133.8)	35050 (155.9)	49570 (220.5)
	15 (381)	25575 (113.8)	30085 (133.8)	53960 (240.0)	76300 (339.4)

Allowable Steel Strength for HAS Rods

Anchor Diameter in. (mm)	HAS-E Standard ISO 898 Class 5.8	
	Tensile lb (kN)	Shear lb (kN)
3/8 (9.5)	2640 (11.7)	1360 (6.0)
1/2 (12.7)	4700 (20.9)	2420 (10.8)
5/8 (15.9)	7340 (32.6)	3780 (16.8)
3/4 (19.1)	10570 (47.0)	5445 (24.2)
7/8 (22.2)	14385 (64.0)	7410 (33.0)
1 (25.4)	18790 (83.6)	9680 (43.1)
1-1/4 (31.8)	29360 (130.6)	15125 (67.3)

Adjustment Factors:

Spacing for tension and shear

$$s_{min} = 0.5 \cdot h_{ef}$$

$$s_{cr} = 2.0 \cdot h_{ef}$$

$$f_{AN} = 0.165 \cdot (s/h_{ef}) + 0.67$$

Tension edge distance

$$c_{min} = 0.5 \cdot h_{ef}$$

$$c_{cr} = 1.5 \cdot h_{ef}$$

$$f_{RN} = 0.4 \cdot (c/h_{ef}) + 0.4$$

Shear where $h_{ef} < 9.0 \cdot \text{nominal bolt diameter}$

$$c_{min} = 0.5 \cdot h_{ef}$$

$$c_{cr} = 2.5 \cdot h_{ef}$$

Perpendicular to edge

$$f_{RV1} = 0.415 \cdot (c/h_{ef}) - 0.0375$$

Parallel to or away from edge

$$f_{RV1} = 0.275 \cdot (c/h_{ef}) + 0.312$$

Shear where $h_{ef} \geq 9.0 \cdot \text{nominal bolt diameter}$

$$c_{min} = 0.5 \cdot h_{ef}$$

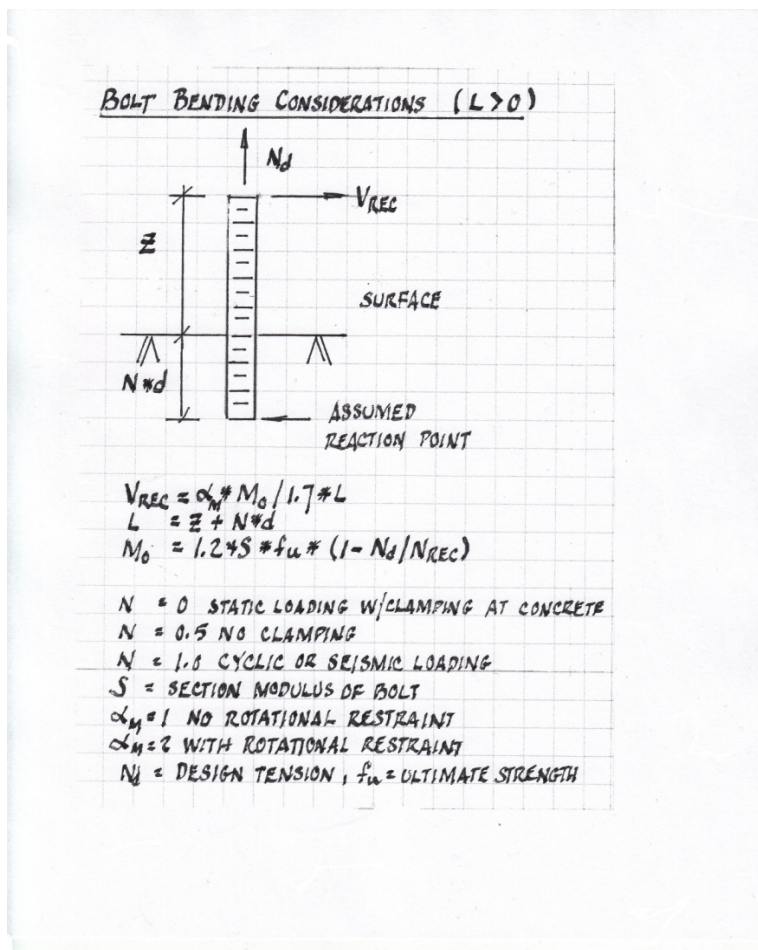
$$c_{cr} = 2.0 \cdot h_{ef}$$

Perpendicular to edge

$$f_{RV2} = 0.554 \cdot (c/h_{ef}) - 0.107$$

Parallel to or way from edge

$$f_{RV2} = 0.366 \cdot (c/h_{ef}) + 0.267$$



3. SUPPORT STRUCTURES

3.1 Corbels [2,8,9,10]

Corbels are short cantilevers with shear span to depth ratios less than or equal to one. They are designed by special Code provisions (ACI 318, Section 11.9) as distinct from other longer cantilevered beams.

The corbel may fail by :

- (1) Shearing along the interface between the supporting column or wall and the corbel.
- (2) Yielding or pullout of the tension tie.
- (3) Crushing or splitting of the compression strut.
- (4) Localized bearing or shearing under the support plate.

The safety of the total structure depends on the sound design, detailing, and construction of the corbel, necessitating a detailed and thorough approach. The design method here is divided into nine parts, as:

- 3.1.1 Definition of Terms
- 3.1.2 V_u and Shear Span (a_v)
- 3.1.3 N_{uc} , d , and μ
- 3.1.4 Shear-Friction Design (A_{vf})
- 3.1.5 Reinforcement to Resist N_{uc} (A_n)
- 3.1.6 Reinforcement to Resist Moment (A_f)
- 3.1.7 Primary Tension Reinforcement (A_{sc})
- 3.1.8 Closed Stirrups or Ties (A_h)
- 3.1.9 Details

3.1.1 Definition of Terms

- A_f = area of reinforcement in corbel resisting factored moment, $in.^2$
- A_g = gross area of supported beam, $in.^2$
- A_h = total area of shear reinforcement parallel to primary tension reinforcement in a corbel, $in.^2$
- A_n = area of reinforcement in a corbel resisting tensile force, N_{uc} , $in.^2$
- A_s = area of longitudinal steel in supported beam, $in.^2$
- A_{sc} = area of primary tension reinforcement in a

		corbel, in. ²
av	=	shear span = distance from center of concentrated load to face of support for cantilevers, in.
Avf	=	area of shear reinforcement, in. ²
bw	=	web width, in. (also called 'b')
d	=	distance from the extreme compression fiber of concrete to centroid of longitudinal reinforcement, in.
fc'	=	specified compressive strength of concrete, psi
fy	=	specified yield stress of reinforcement, psi
h	=	overall depth of member, in.
L	=	length of supported member, in.
Mn	=	nominal moment strength, lbf
Mu	=	factored moment of corbel section, lbf-in.
Nuc	=	factored horizontal tensile force applied at top of corbel, acting simultaneously with Vu, minimum of 0.2 Vu, max of 1.0 Vu, lbf
Vn	=	nominal shear strength, lbf
Vu	=	factored shear force at section, lbf
α	=	temperature coefficient of longitudinal concrete (and transformed longitudinal steel), in./in./°F
β_1	=	.85, $fc' \leq 4000$ psi
	=	.85-.05($fc' - 4000$)/1000, $4000 < fc' \leq 8000$ psi
	=	.65, $fc' > 8000$ PSI
Φ	=	strength reduction factor, dimensionless .65 for bearing, all else .75 for corbels

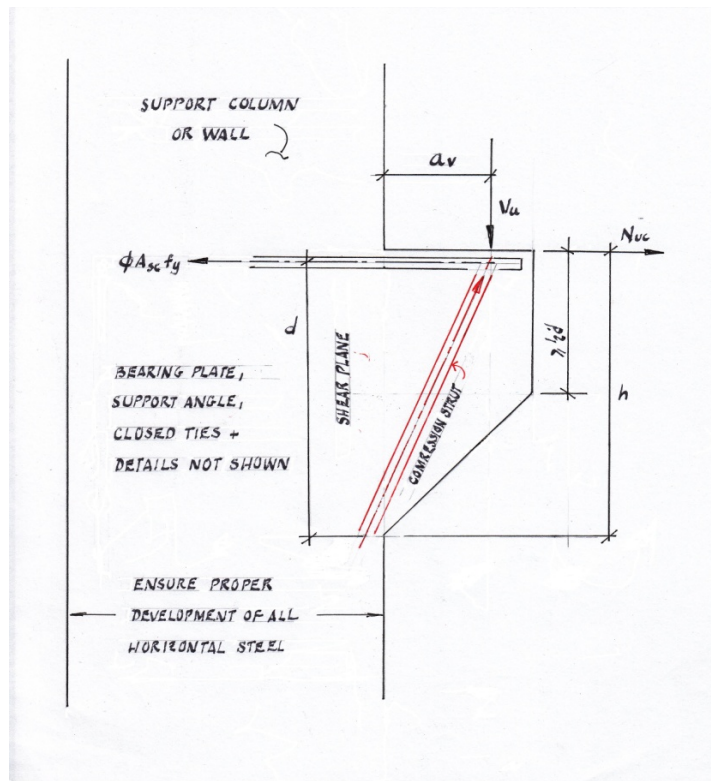
3.1.2 Vu and Shear Span (av)

There are three items that drive av, as:

- (1) Clearance of beam from support
- (2) Allowable bearing on supported beam,
 $V_u \leq \Phi * .85 * f_c' * A_{bearing}$
- (3) The outer edge of the bearing plate should not be less than two inches from the outer edge of the corbel.

3.1.3 Nuc, d, and Mu Calculations

The application should be carefully examined for all possible loads, including dead loads, live loads, wind, seismic and others, as well as lateral loads (perpendicular to the plane shown). Some of these may also involve sign reversal of V_u and/or N_{uc} . The procedure here assumes, however, that V_u and N_{uc} are the only loads and are in the directions shown below, with no lateral loads.



V_u = load factor (Code 9.2) times maximum working load, called factored load

V_n = nominal shear strength
 = V_u divided by capacity reduction factor

N_{uc} is limited by the Code to be a minimum of 0.2 times V_u and a maximum of 1.0 times V_u .

This load is primarily due to creep, shrinkage, and temperature effects, and should be treated as a live load. The worst case is a newly cast beam fixed to two corbels at maximum temperature. See section 2.2 above, "Volumetric Changes", for temperature effects.

Reference 9 gives the following suggested values for ultimate shrinkage and creep, in the absence of specific data for local aggregates and conditions :

ultimate shrinkage strain = 780×10^{-6} in./in.
ultimate creep = 2.35

The minimum depth of the corbel may be found from the Code restrictions on V_n , as:
 $V_n \leq 0.2 \cdot f_c' \cdot b_w \cdot d$ and $V_n \leq 800 \cdot b_w \cdot d$
This effectively limits the value of f_c' which may be used to 4000 psi.
After solving for d , M_u may be determined as $M_u = V_u \cdot a_v + N_{uc} \cdot (h - d)$, where moments are summed about the flexural reinforcement at the face of the column or wall support.

3.1.4 Shear-Friction Design (A_{vf})

As covered in section 2.4 above, this represents the design portion to correct for a possible vertical shear crack at the interface of the corbel and the supporting wall or column. This behavior is greater in the case of the corbel concrete and the support concrete cast at different times.

3.1.5 Reinforcement to Resist N_u (A_n)

This reinforcement may be calculated for the Equation for N_{uc} , as:

$$N_{uc} = \phi \cdot A_n \cdot f_y$$

3.1.6 Reinforcement to Resist Moment (A_f)

Here the traditional strength design for

beams is used. This is done in accordance with Code sections 10.2 and 10.3.

The basic equations for beam design are:

$$M_n = f_y A_s (d - a/2) \text{ and } a = f_y A_s / (.85 f_c' b)$$

These may be solved simultaneously to give:

$$A_{f, \min} = \frac{.85 f_c' b d}{f_y} \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{4 M_n}{1.7 f_c' b d^2} \right)^{.5} \right)$$

The maximum A_f is given by the steel strain = .004 ($> f_y / E_s$) to give steel yield before concrete crushing. This may be calculated as:

$$A_{f, \max} = \frac{2.55}{7} (f_c' / f_y) \beta_1 b_w d$$

$$\text{Minimum reinforcement} = 3 (f_c')^{(1/2)} b_w d / f_y.$$

3.1.7 Primary Tension Reinforcement (A_{sc})

- (1) $A_{sc} \geq A_f + A_n$
- (2) $A_{sc} \geq (2/3) A_{vf} + A_n$
- (3) $A_{sc} / b d \geq 0.04 (f_c' / f_y) b_w d$

3.1.8 Closed Stirrups or Ties

A_h must be greater than or equal to $0.5 (A_{sc} - A_n)$, and must be distributed with $(2/3)$ adjacent to the primary tension reinforcement.

3.1.9 Details

- (1) Choose practical bar sizes, having appropriate development, spacing, and cover.
- (2) Design nose angle and welding of A_{sc} to angle, using AWS D1.4.
- (3) Design bearing plate welded to angle, ensuring that end deflection of beam maximum load and creep does not touch nose corner.
- (4) Design tie framing bars.

EXAMPLE

Design an interior corbel with the following characteristics :

- (1) Dead Load = 20 kip, Live Load = 50 kip.
- (2) Support = 14 in. square column.
- (3) All concrete = normalweight, 4000 psi.
- (4) All steel = Grade 60.
- (5) Corbel cast monolithically with support column.
- (6) Allowance made otherwise for longitudinal contraction due to shrinkage and temperature.
- (7) Allow two (2) inches nominal clearance at beam end from column to accommodate beam tolerance and column drift.
- (8) Place outer edge of bearing plate two (2) inches from outer edge of corbel .
- (9) Supported beam is 25 feet in length, 14" wide, and 12" deep.

3.1.2 V_u and Shear Span (a_v)

$$V_u = 1.4*DL + 1.6*LL = 108000 \text{ lbf}$$

$$A_{\text{bearing}} \geq V_u / (.65*.85*4000) = 48.869 \text{ in.}^2$$

$$\text{Length of bearing plate} = 48.869 / 14 = 3.491 \text{ in.}$$

$$\text{Total length} = 3.491 + 1.5 = 4.991 \text{ in.}, \text{ use } 5 \text{ in.}$$

$$a_v = 2 + \frac{1}{2}*5 = 4.5 \text{ in.}$$

$$\text{This makes total corbel length} = 2+5+2 = 9 \text{ in.}$$

3.1.3 N_u , d , and M_u

$$N_{uc} = \text{prescribed minimum of } .2V_u = 21600 \text{ lbf}$$

$$V_n = V_u / .75 = 144000 \text{ lbf}$$

$$d \leq V_n / (800*b_w) = 12.587 \text{ in.}, \text{ use } 14 \text{ in.}$$

$$\text{check } a_v/d = 4.5/14 = 0.321 \text{ in.} < 1 \text{ in.}, \text{ o.k.}$$

Estimate A_{sc} reinforcement = #5 bar and nose angle thickness = .75 in.

$$\text{Thus } h = 14+.625+.75 = 15.375 \text{ in.}$$

$$M_u = V_u*a_v + N_{uc}(h-d) = 108000*4.5 + 21600*1.375 = 515700 \text{ lbf-in.}$$

$$M_n = M_u / .75 = 687600 \text{ lbf-in.}$$

3.1.4 Shear-Friction Design (A_{vf})

$$A_{vf} = V_n / (f_y \mu) = 1.714 \text{ in.}^2$$

3.1.5 Reinforcement to Resist Nuc (A_n)

$$A_n = N_{uc} / (\phi f_y) = 0.480 \text{ in.}^2$$

3.1.6 Reinforcement to Resist Mu (A_f)

Using the formula in the text above,

$$A_f = 0.851 \text{ in.}^2$$

$$\text{Check } A_{f,max} = 4.046 \text{ in.}^2 > .851 \text{ in.}^2, \text{o.k.}$$

$$\text{Check } A_{f,min} = 0.620 \text{ in.}^2 < .851 \text{ in.}^2, \text{o.k.}$$

3.1.7 Primary Tension Reinforcement (A_{sc})

$$(1) A_{sc} \geq A_f + A_n = 1.331 \text{ in.}^2$$

$$(2) A_{sc} \geq (2/3) A_{vf} + A_n = 1.623 \text{ in.}^2, \text{ governs}$$

$$(3) A_{sc} \geq .04 (f_c' / f_y) b_w d = 0.523 \text{ in.}^2$$

3.1.8 Closed Stirrups or Ties (A_h)

$$A_h \geq (A_{sc} - A_n) / 2 = 0.572 \text{ in.}^2$$

3.1.9 Details

(1) Practical Bar Sizes

Development length for #5 bars with standard hooks = 11.858 in., which fits column width.

6 #5 bars = $6 \times .31 = 1.86 \text{ in.}^2 > 1.623 \text{ in.}^2$, o.k.

$$\text{Spacing} = (b_w - 2 \times \text{cover} - 6 \times \text{bar dia.} - 2 \times \text{tie dia.}) / 5 \\ = 1.600 \text{ in.} > 1 \text{ in.}, \text{ o.k.}$$

(2) Nose angle thickness $\geq 5/8"$ for cover to A_{sc} .

Min length = $2" + 5" + 1/2"$ for bearing plate weldment, use 1L9x4x5/8x1'-2".

Welding of the A_{sc} bars to the nose angle is done by double flare-bevel-groove welds

built up to the full thickness of the bar

These welds have an allowable stress of

20 ksi for repetitive loads, using A706

Grade 60 bars, and using E90XX filler metal.

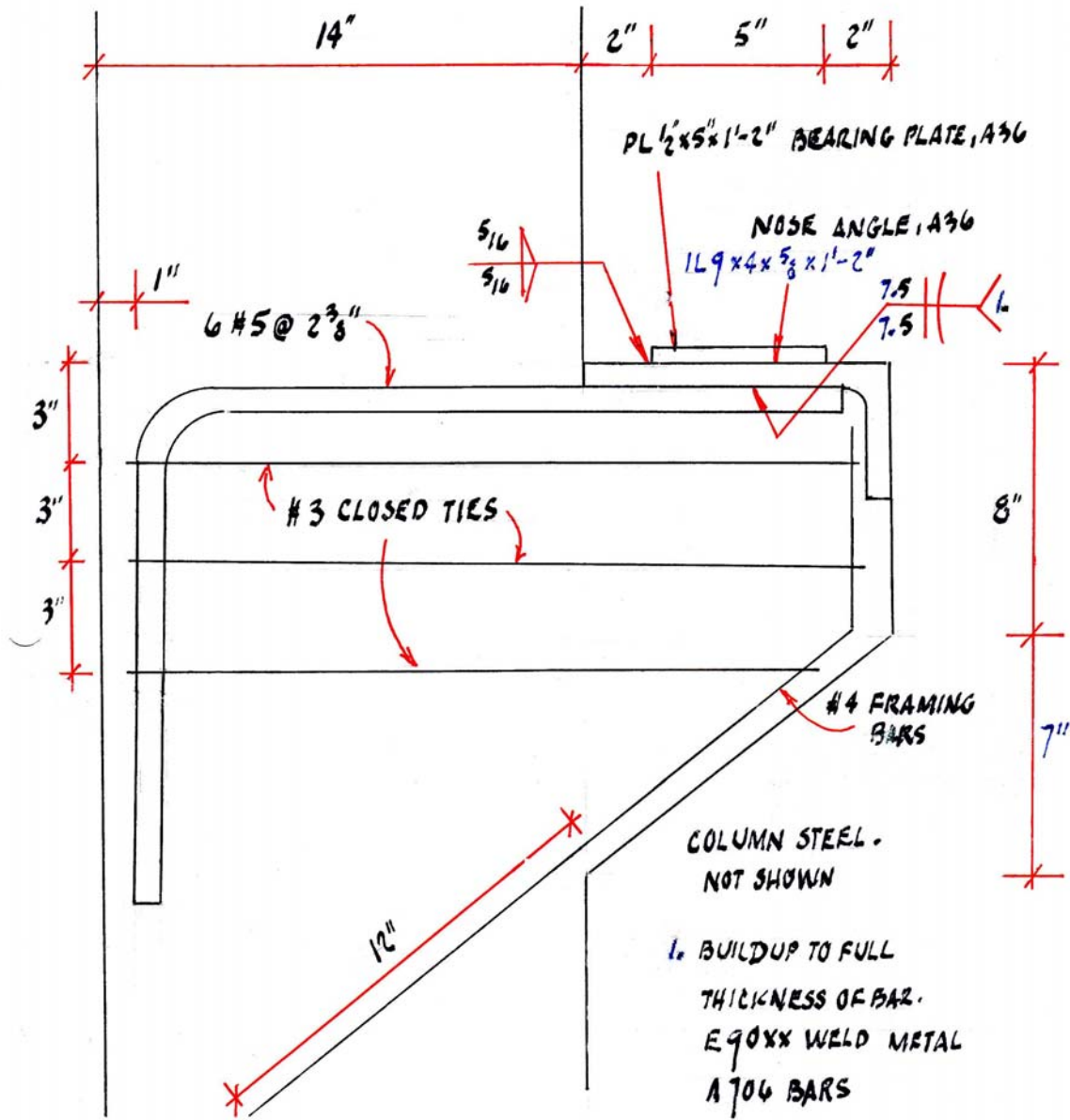
The effective throat for #5 bars is

$.4 \times .5 \times .625 = .125 \text{ in.}$ Thus the strength per

inch for a single weld is $.125 \times 20 = 2.5 \text{ ksi.}$

Required strength to develop a #5 bar is
 $f_y A_s = 60000 * .31 = 18600 \text{ lbf}$
Conservatively, the minimum required length
 $= 18600 / 2500 = 7.440''$
Use 7.5 in. length, centered under bearing
plate.

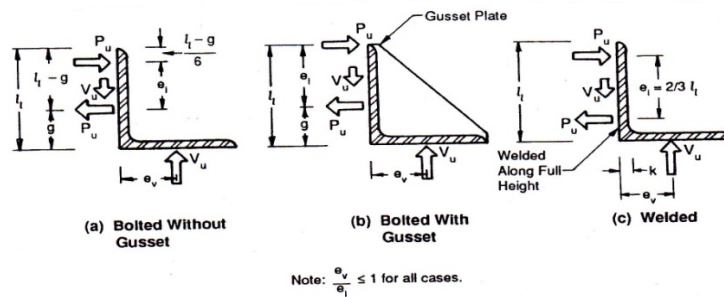
- (3) Bearing plate - minimum thickness to
accommodate 5/16" fillet weld = 3/8 in.
The deflection angle at the beam end under
full load may be solved by the first moment-
area theorem to get :
- angle (radians) $= (1/12 * E * I) * w * L^3$
 $w = \text{distributed load} = 2(20+50) / (12 * 25)$
 $= 0.4667 \text{ kip/in.}$
 $L = 25 * 12 = 300 \text{ in.}$
 $E = 3605 \text{ ksi}$
 $I = (1/12) * 14 * 12^3 = 2016 \text{ in.}^4$
Thus angle $= 0.1444 \text{ radians} = 8.2755 \text{ degrees.}$
At full deflection, examining the triangle
formed by the deflected beam and outside
edge of the corbel, gives a downward
deflection of the beam at the nose corner of
 $2 * \tan(8.2755) = .2909 \text{ in.}$, use 1/2 inch plate.
Note that this thickness may have to be
increased, depending upon long term
deflection. Use PL 1/2"x5"x1'-2", A36 steel.
- (4) Tie framing bars - good practice is to
develop the bars into the support column.
From Section 2.1 above, development length =
12 in.



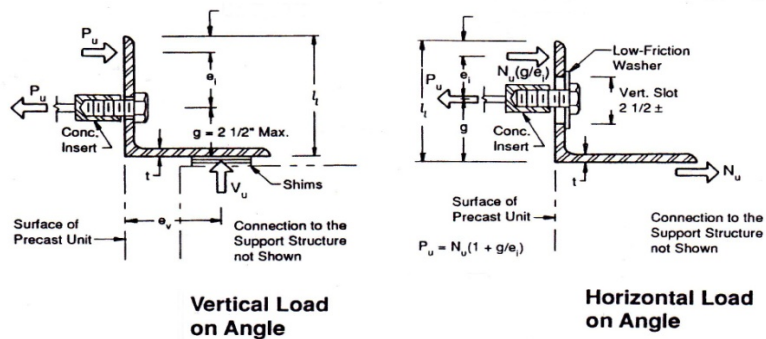
CORBEL EXAMPLE

3.2 CONNECTION ANGLES [1]

Angles supporting precast members generally are configured with one leg loaded in a perpendicular or parallel fashion, with the other leg resisting compression directly and tension through a cast-in place bolt, bolt and insert, or adhesive anchor. The figures below, from reference [1], represent these two cases.



Design Parameters for Connection Angles



The text of reference [1] gives the following formulas for finding angle thickness :

For vertical (perpendicular) load :

$$thk = \sqrt{4 \cdot Vu \cdot ev / \Phi \cdot fy \cdot b}$$

and bolt tension $P_u = V_u \cdot (e_v/e_i)$

For parallel load:

$thk = \sqrt{4 \cdot N_u \cdot g / \Phi \cdot f_y \cdot b}$

and bolt tension $P_u = N_u \cdot (1 + g/e_i)$ where :

- b = net length of angle, subtracting hole(s)' diameter(s), in.
- e_i = distance from bolt hole center to far angle edge - (angle leg length-gage)/6, in.
- e_v = offset of vertical load from supporting angle face, in., use actual e_v + angle thickness for design.
- f_y = specified yield strength of reinforcement, ksi
- g = gage of angle, in.
- N_u = factored horizontal load, kip
- V_u = factored vertical load, kip
- Φ = capacity reduction factor

The text has, for a vertical load $V_u = 4$ kips, Design $e_v = 2.5$ ", actual $e_v = 2$ ", $g = 2$ ", A36 steel, 5/8" bolt hole, $\Phi = 0.9$, 1L4"x4"x0'-4".

The formulas above are solved to give:

$thk = 0.605$ in., use 5/8"

bolt tension = 6 kips

bolt shear = 4 kips

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