

RCC Structure – Simple Beam Under Flexure

Case Example:

A simple beam 300 mm x 500 mm is subjected to 250 kNm moment 120 kN Vertical Shear. Concrete grade M20, Steel grade Fe415, Clear cover 25 mm. Tensile reinforcement bars 25 mm 5 No, compressive reinforcement bars 20 mm 3 No. Provided 8 mm Two legged Stirrup bars. Analyze the design.

Analysis:

Data:

Characteristic strength of concrete $f_{ck} = 20 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 20e3 \text{ kN/m}^2$

Yield strength of steel $f_y = 415 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 415e3 \text{ kN/m}^2$

A. Beam Load:

- (i) Moment = 250 kNm
- (ii) Shear Force = 120 kN

B. Effective depth (d):

Depth (500 mm) – clear cover (25 mm) – bar diameter (25mm)/2 = 462.5 mm

C. Moment Capacity in doubly reinforced beam – Tensile zone

- (i) Moment due to concrete failure $M_{u1} = 0.138 f_{ck} * b * d^2 = 0.138 * 20.0e3 * 0.3 * 0.462 * 0.462 = 176.7 \text{ kNm}$
- (ii) Balanced steel expression $0.87f_y * A_{st1} = 0.36 f_{ck} * b * x_u$ Rearranging we get $A_{st1} * 100 / b * d = P_t = (0.36 / 0.87) (f_{ck} / f_y) * (x_u / d) * 100$; use $(x_u / d) = 0.48$ for Fe415 steel and get $P_t = 0.957\%$
- (iii) Total tensile steel area $A_{st} = 5 * 0.25\pi * 25^2 = 2454 \text{ mm}^2$
- (iv) $A_{st2} = A_{st} - A_{st1} = 2454 - 1328 = 1126 \text{ mm}^2$
- (v) $M_{u2} = A_{st2} * 0.87f_y * (d - d')$ where $d' = (\text{clear cover} + \text{bar dia}/2) = 35.0$;
 $M_{u2} = 1126 * 0.87 * 415 * (462.5 - 35.0) = 173 \text{ kNm}$
- (vi) Moment capacity for tensile zone = $M_{u1} + M_{u2} = 177 + 173 = 350.0 \text{ kNm}$

E. Moment capacity in doubly reinforcement beam – compressive zone

- (i) Strain in outermost compressive fiber is assumed to be 0.0035
- (ii) Corresponding strain in compressive steel bar $\epsilon_{sc} = (x_u - d') * 0.0035 / x_u$; substitute value of $x_u = 0.48 * d$ and $d' = 35$ we get $\epsilon_{sc} = 0.002948$.
- (iii) From stress-strain curve for Fe415, stress $f_{es} \approx 352 \text{ N/mm}^2$
- (iv) $M_{uc} = f_{es} * A_{sc} * (d - d') = 352.0 * (3 * 0.25\pi * 20^2) * (462.5 - 35.0)$
- (v) Moment capacity for compressive zone = $M_{u1} + M_{uc} = 177 + 142 = 319 \text{ kNm}$

F. Beam Design Capacity

- (i) Less of Moment capacity of Tensile or compressive zone = 319 kNm
- (ii) Concrete shear stress τ_c from table 19 for M20 = 0.75 N/mm²
- (iii) Shear capacity $V_u = \tau_c * 300 * d / 1e3 + 0.87 f_y * (2 * 0.25 \pi * 8^2) / 1e3 = 141$ kN
- (iv) Design capacity of the beam is more than the given moment (250 kNm) and shear force (120 kN).

G. Stirrup spacing

- (i) Nominal shear = Shear force / (width * d) = 120e3 / (300 * 462) = 0.87 N/mm²
- (ii) $\tau_{sv} = (\text{Nominal shear} - \text{concrete shear}) = 0.87 - 0.75 = 0.12$ N/mm²
- (iii) Two legged stirrup area $A_{sv} = 2 * 0.25 \pi * 8^2 = 100.48$ mm²
- (iv) Clause 26.5.1.6 $A_{sv} / s_v = (0.4b / 0.87 f_y)$ and $s_v = (A_{sv} * 0.87 f_y) / (0.4b) = (100.48 * 0.87 * 425) / (0.4 * 300) = 302.3$ mm
- (v) Clause 26.3.3-b $0.75 * \text{effective depth} = 346.0$ mm.
- (vi) Clause 26.3.3-c Not greater than 300 mm
- (vii) \therefore Provide stirrup spacing at 300 mm.

H. Material Estimates /meter beam length

- (i) Concrete volume: $0.300 * 0.5 * 1.0 = 0.15$ m³
 - (ii) Cement quantity: M20 Volume of cement 1:5.5 = $0.15 * 1440 / 5.5 = 39$ kg
 - (iii) Steel quantity: ϕ -25 mm x 5m length; ϕ 20 mm x 3 m length ≈ 28 kg
- Add necessary allowances for wastage, shrinkage etc. to the above estimates.