# Structural design calculations Of bearing wall houses 

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## Required structural design data:

1. Architectural design drawings; Plan and sections.
2. Applied loads; see IBC chapter 16 or ASCE chapter 4 or ....
3. Material properties; concrete compressive strength, steel yield strength
4. Wall type and materials; thickness and unit weight.
5. Roof finishing materials and its function; without water proofing or using water proofing materials, ....
6. Ground and first floor finishing materials; ceramic tile or marble or other finishing material above layer of screed.
7. Type of false ceiling.
8. Type of interior and exterior wall finishing materials
9. Soil properties; bearing capacity, soil category,....

## Codes of practice



Required to design of one story bearing wall house shown below according to ACI code and use 20 cm normal concrete block walls.


## 1. Load calculations:

- Thickness of the slab (t) ;
- Maximum panel size $6200 \times 4350 \mathrm{~mm}$ ( $6.0 \times 4.15 \mathrm{~m}$ clear distance).
- The slab system is two-way slab.
- $\mathrm{t}_{\text {min. }}=\frac{L n}{30}=\frac{6000}{30}=200 \mathrm{~mm}=20 \mathrm{~cm}$, (if considered slab without drop beams).
- If considered slab with drop beams :
$t_{\text {slab(min.) }}=\frac{\ell_{n}\left(0.8+\frac{f_{y}}{1400}\right)}{36+9 \beta}$;
$\ell_{n}\left(\ell_{b}\right)=$ clear span in long direction
$\ell_{b}=$ clear slab span in long direction $=6 m ; \ell_{a}=$ clear slab span in short direction=4.15m ;
$\beta=\ell_{b} / \ell_{a}=6 / 4.15=1.446$;
$t_{\operatorname{slab}(\min .)}=\frac{\ell_{n}\left(0.8+\frac{f_{y}}{1400}\right)}{36+9 \beta} \rightarrow$ Use $\underline{\mathrm{t}=15 \mathrm{~cm}}$ for all rooms.
a. Dead load:
- Weight of the slab=0.15*24=3.6 kN/m²
- Weight of the plastering $=0.3 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}^{2}$
- Weight of roofing system=3 kN/m² (Water proof + Isolated material +7 cm concrete +BRC )
- $W_{\text {D.L }}=3.6+0.3+3=6.9 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}^{2}$

Table 8.3.1.1—Minimum thickness of nonprestressed two-way slabs without interior beams (mm) ${ }^{[1]}$

| $\boldsymbol{f}_{y}, \mathrm{MPa}^{[2]}$ | Without drop panels ${ }^{[3]}$ |  |  | With drop panels ${ }^{[3]}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Exterior panels |  | Interior panels | Exterior panels |  | Interior panels |
|  | Without edge beams | With edge beams ${ }^{[4]}$ |  | Without edge beams | With edge beams ${ }^{\text {[4] }}$ |  |
| 280 | $\ell_{n} / 33$ | $\ell_{n} / 36$ | $\ell_{n} / 36$ | $\ell_{n} / 36$ | $\ell_{n} / 40$ | $\ell_{n} / 40$ |
| 420 | $\ell_{n} / 30$ | $\ell_{n} / 33$ | $\ell_{n} / 33$ | $\ell_{n} / 33$ | $\ell_{n} / 36$ | $\ell_{n} / 36$ |
| 550 | $\ell_{n} / 27$ | $\ell_{n} / 30$ | $\ell_{n} / 30$ | $\ell_{n} / 30$ | $\ell_{n} / 33$ | $\ell_{n} / 33$ |

${ }^{[1]} \ell_{n}$ is the clear span in the long direction, measured face-to-face of supports (mm).
${ }^{[2]}$ For $f_{y}$ between the values given in the table, minimum thickness shall be calculated by linear interpolation.
${ }^{[3]}$ Drop panels as given in 8.2.4.
${ }^{[4]}$ Slabs with beams between columns along exterior edges. Exterior panels shall be considered to be without edge beams if $\alpha_{f}$ is less than 0.8 .
Table 8.3.1.2—Minimum thickness of nonprestressed two-way slabs with beams spanning between supports on all sides

| $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{f m}{ }^{[1]}$ | Minimum $\boldsymbol{h}$, mm |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\alpha_{f m} \leq 0.2$ | 8.3.1.1 applies |  | (a) |
| $0.2<\alpha_{f m} \leq 2.0$ | Greater of: | $\frac{\ell_{n}\left(0.8+\frac{f_{y}}{1400}\right)}{36+5 \beta\left(\alpha_{f m}-0.2\right)}$ | (b) ${ }^{[1],[2]}$ |
|  |  | 125 | (c) |
| $\alpha_{f m}>2.0$ | Greater of: | $\frac{\ell_{n}\left(0.8+\frac{f_{y}}{1400}\right)}{36+9 \beta}$ | (d) |
|  |  | 90 | (e) |

[^0]b. Live load:

- Assume live load of about $2 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}^{2}$

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\mathrm{Wu}=1.2 \mathrm{~W}_{\mathrm{D} . \mathrm{L}}+1.6 \mathrm{~W}_{\mathrm{L} . \mathrm{L}}=1.2 * 6.9+1.6 * 2=11.5 \mathrm{KN} / \mathrm{m}^{2} \quad \rightarrow \text { Say } \mathrm{Wu}=12 \mathrm{KN} / \mathrm{m}^{2}
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2. Design of the slab by YLT: Using yield line theory to find negative and positive moments.
$\Sigma \mathrm{w} \delta=12 *\left[0.5 * 4.35 * 2.175 * \frac{\delta}{3} * 2+0.5 * 2.175^{2} * \frac{\delta}{3} * 4+1.85 * 2.175 * \frac{\delta}{2} * 2\right] \approx 124 \delta$
$\sum \mathrm{Mo}=(\mathrm{mp}+\mathrm{mn}) *\left[4.35 * \frac{\delta}{2.175}+6.2 * \frac{\delta}{2.175}\right]^{* 2}$
Assume (mn=2mp)
$\sum \mathrm{Mo}=29.1 \mathrm{mp} \delta$
$\Sigma \mathrm{w} \delta=\sum \mathrm{Mo} \rightarrow 124 \delta=29.1 \mathrm{mp} \delta \rightarrow \mathrm{mp}=4.3 \mathrm{kN} . \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{m}$ $\mathrm{mn}=2 \mathrm{mp}=2 * 4.3=8.6 \mathrm{kN} . \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{m}$

## Design for $\mathrm{m}_{\text {neg. }}=8.6 \mathrm{kN} . \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{m}$

$\mathrm{fc}^{\prime}=21 \mathrm{MPa}, \mathrm{fy}=420 \mathrm{MPa}($ grade 60$), \mathrm{b}=1 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{t}=150 \mathrm{~mm}, \Phi 10 \mathrm{~mm}$, $\mathrm{d}=150-20-=125 \mathrm{~mm}$
$R=\frac{m_{\text {neg }} .}{0.9 b d^{2}}=\frac{8.6 * 10^{6}}{0.9 * 1000 * 125^{2}}=0.612 \mathrm{MPa}$

$m=\frac{f_{y}}{0.85 f_{c}^{\prime}}=\frac{420}{0.85 * 21}=23.53$
$\rho=\frac{1}{m}\left(1-\sqrt{1-\frac{2 m R}{f_{y}}}\right)=\frac{1}{23.53}\left(1-\sqrt{1-\frac{2 * 23.53 * 0.612}{420}}\right)=0.00148<\rho \min .=0.0018$
use $\rho=\rho$ min. $=0.0018$
$\mathrm{As}_{\min .}=\rho \mathrm{bt}_{71}=0.0018 * 1000 * 125=225 \mathrm{~mm}^{2} / \mathrm{m} \rightarrow \Phi 10 \mathrm{~mm} @ 250 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{c} / \mathrm{c}$.
As ${ }_{\text {provided }}=\frac{71}{250} * 1000=284 \mathrm{~mm}^{2} / \mathrm{m}>A s_{\text {min. }}=225 \mathrm{~mm}^{2} / \mathrm{m}$ ok
Spacing $=250 \mathrm{~mm}<$ Smax. $=2 \mathrm{t}=2 * 150=300 \mathrm{~mm}$ for two-way slabs. ok

## Notes:

- This amount of steel reinforcement (Ф10mm@250mm c/c.) to be used in both directions (top \& bottom) for all rooms.
- Since the ( $\left.\mathbf{m}_{\text {neg. }}\right)_{\text {Max. }}$ give ( $\left.\rho \mathrm{min}.\right)$, no need to calculate for positive moment and for other directions.


## 3. Design of drop beam:

The main purpose behind using drop beams to reduce slab thickness, reduce deflection and distribute the load to the walls.
Normally minimum steel reinforcement to be provide.
$\rho \min =\frac{1.4}{f y}=\frac{1.4}{420}=0.00334 \quad$ or $\quad \frac{\sqrt{f c^{\prime}}}{4 f y}=\frac{\sqrt{21}}{4 * 420}=0.00273 \quad \rightarrow$ choose max. $(\rho \mathrm{min}=0.00334)$
As ${ }_{\text {min. }}=\rho \min \mathrm{bh}=0.00334 * 200 * 350 \approx 234 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$
Use : 2Ф16mm@top (cont.)
2Ф16mm@bottom (cont.)
$A s_{\text {provide }}=2 * 201=402 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}>A s_{\min .}=234 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$ ok

## Notes:

- When the unit(house) repeated, $2 \Phi 12 \mathrm{~mm}$ can be provided instead of $2 \Phi 16 \mathrm{~mm}$

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A s=2 * 113=226 \mathrm{~mm}^{2} \approx A s_{\min .}=234 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}
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- Stirrups, $\Phi 10 \mathrm{~mm} / 200 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{c} / \mathrm{c}$ or $\Phi 8 \mathrm{~mm} / 200 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{c} / \mathrm{c}$ can be used.


## 4. Design of tie beams above doors and windows:

For clear spans up to 2.5 m
a. Weight above the tie beams $\approx\left(0.2^{*} 0.2^{*} 24^{*} 1.2\right)+\left(0.2^{*} 1.0^{*} 15 * 1.2\right)=4.752 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}$, say $5 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}$
b. 1. Load from $\mathrm{S} 1=\left[\left(0.5^{*} 2.175 * 4.35\right) * 12\right] / 4.35=13.05 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}$
2. Load from $\mathrm{S} 2=\left[\left(\left(\frac{0.7+4.5}{2}\right) * 1.9\right)^{*} 12\right] / 4.5=13.2 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}$ Choose max. load from S2

c. Load from parapet: $\rightarrow$ Take:(height $=1.4 m$, width $=0.15 m$ \& $\left.y=15 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}^{3}\right)$

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=\left[(1.4 * 0.15)^{*} 15\right]^{*} 1.2=3.78 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}
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Total loads $=13.2+3.78+4.752=21.732 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}$

If considered (Ln $\approx 2.5 m$ ) \& simply supported.

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\mathrm{m}_{\text {pos. }}=\frac{1}{8} W u * L n^{2}=\frac{1}{8} * 21.732 * 2.5^{2}=17 \mathrm{kN} . \mathrm{m}
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$\mathrm{b}=200 \mathrm{~mm}, \mathrm{~h}=200 \mathrm{~mm}, \Phi 12 \mathrm{~mm}, \mathrm{~d}=200-40-10-\frac{12}{2}=144 \mathrm{~mm}$ $R=\frac{m_{\text {pos. }}}{0.9 b d^{2}}=\frac{17 * 10^{6}}{0.9 * 200 * 144^{2}}=4.55 \mathrm{MPa}$
$m=\frac{f_{y}}{0.85 f^{\prime}{ }_{c}}=\frac{420}{0.85 * 21}=23.53$
$\rho=\frac{1}{m}\left(1-\sqrt{1-\frac{2 m R}{f_{y}}}\right)=\frac{1}{23.53}\left(1-\sqrt{1-\frac{2 * 23.53 * 4.55}{420}}\right)$
$\rho=0.01274>\rho \min .=0.00334$
$A s_{\text {req. }}=0.01274 * 200 * 144=366.912 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$
Use $2 \Phi 16 \mathrm{~mm}$, As,provide $=2 * 201=402 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}>$ As $_{\text {req.. }}=366.912 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$ ok
Stirrups: $\boldsymbol{\Phi 1 0 m m @ 2 0 0 m m ~ c / c ~ o r ~} \Phi 8 \mathrm{~mm} @ 200 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{c} / \mathrm{c}$.


Tie beam

## 5. Design of foundation:

Design an interior wall footing between S1 \& (S2,S3) (most heavier wall).

Load from $(\mathbf{S} 1)=\frac{12 *\left(\left(\frac{1.85+6.2}{2}\right) * 2.175\right)}{6.2}=16.94 \frac{\mathrm{kN}}{\mathrm{m}}$ Load from (S2) $=\frac{12 *\left(\left(\frac{0.7+4.5}{2}\right) * 1.9\right)}{4.5}=13.17 \frac{\mathrm{kN}}{\mathrm{m}}$ Load from $(S 3)=\frac{12(0.5 * 1.7 * 0.85)}{1.7}=5.1 \frac{\mathrm{kN}}{\mathrm{m}}$ Load from Slabs $=16.94+13.17+5.1=35.21 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}$ Load from Slabs $\rightarrow$ Say 36 kN/m Height of wall above DPC=3.5m \& $y=15 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ Load from wall above DPC $=0.2 * 3.5 * 15 * 1.2 \approx 13 \frac{\mathrm{kN}}{\mathrm{m}}$


Height of wall under DPC $=1.0 \mathrm{~m}$, width of wall $=0.4 \mathrm{~m} \quad \& y=23 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$
Load from wall under DPC $=0.4 * 1.0^{*} 23 * 1.2=11 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}$
For footing take $($ Width $(B)=0.65 \mathrm{~m}$ \& thickness $(\mathrm{t})=0.2 \mathrm{~m})$
Footing Weight $\approx 0.65^{*} 0.2 * 24 * 1.2=4 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}$
Total loads $=36+13+11+4=64 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}$
Unfactored load $=64 / 1.35=47.4 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}$

Assume bearing capacity, $\mathbf{q}_{\text {allowable }}=80 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}^{2}$ ( or based on the soil investigation, to be provided by client)
Required width, $B=47.4 / 80=0.5925 \mathrm{~m} \rightarrow$ Use: $B=0.65 \mathrm{~m}$
$\mathbf{q}_{\text {applied }}=47.4 / 0.65=72.92 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}^{2}<\mathbf{q}_{\text {allowable }}=80 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}^{2}$ ok
a. Design for bending, $d=200-40-(12 / 2)=154 \mathrm{~mm}$

The critical section for maximum moment is located half away between the centerline and edge of the wall (i.e. @distance ((650/2)- (400/4)) = 225mm)

Considering ( 1 m ) long footing strip with ( $\mathrm{d}=154 \mathrm{~mm}$ ).
$\mathrm{Mu}=\mathbf{q}_{\text {applied }} *\left(\frac{225}{2}\right)^{2} \quad 10^{-6}=0.923 \mathrm{kN} . \mathrm{m}$
$R=\frac{M u}{0.9 b d^{2}}=\frac{0.923 * 10^{6}}{0.9 * 1000 * 154^{2}}=0.0432 \mathrm{MPa}$
$m=\frac{f_{y}}{0.85 f^{\prime}{ }_{c}}=\frac{420}{0.85 * 21}=23.53$

$\rho=\frac{1}{m}\left(1-\sqrt{1-\frac{2 m R}{f_{y}}}\right)=\frac{1}{23.53}\left(1-\sqrt{1-\frac{2 * 23.53 * 0.0432}{420}}\right)=0.0001031<\rho \mathrm{min} .=0.0018$
Use ( $\rho=\rho \mathrm{min} .=0.0018$ )
$\mathrm{As}_{\text {min. }}=0.0018^{*} 1000^{*} 200=360 \mathrm{~mm}^{2} \rightarrow$ Use: $\boldsymbol{\Phi 1 2 / 2 5 0 m m}$ (Main reinforcement)
Asprovide $=\frac{113}{250} * 1000=452 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}>$ As $_{\text {min. }}=360 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$ ok
Longitudinal reinforcement:

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\mathrm{As}_{\text {min. }}=0.00334 * 650 * 200=434.2 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}
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Use: $\mathbf{4 \Phi 1 2 \mathrm { mm }}$ (secondary reinforcement)

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\mathrm{As}_{\text {provided }}=4^{*} 113=452 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}>\mathrm{As}_{\text {min. }}=434.2 \mathrm{~mm}^{2} \text { ok }
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b. Design for shear

Critical section for shear is located @distance d away from the face of the wall.
$\left.V u=q_{\text {applied }} *\left[\left(\frac{B-0.4}{2}\right)-d\right]=72.92 *\left[\frac{0.65-0.4}{2}\right)-0.154\right] \approx-2.12 \mathrm{kN}$ $\Phi \mathrm{V} \mathrm{c}=\frac{\Phi}{6} * \sqrt{f c^{i}} * b d=\frac{\mathbf{0 . 7 5}}{6} * \sqrt{21} * 650 * 0.154 \approx 57.34 \mathrm{kN} \gg \mathrm{Vu}$ ok.



Slab reinf. details


Sec. A-A


[^0]:    ${ }^{[1]} \alpha_{f_{m}}$ is the average value of $\alpha_{f}$ for all beams on edges of a panel.
    ${ }^{[2]} \ell_{n}$ is the clear span in the long direction, measured face-to-face of beams (mm).
    ${ }^{[3]} \beta$ is the ratio of clear spans in long to short directions of slab.

