

TKT4211: Timber Structures 1

Example C1:

Connection with timber side members subjected to tension

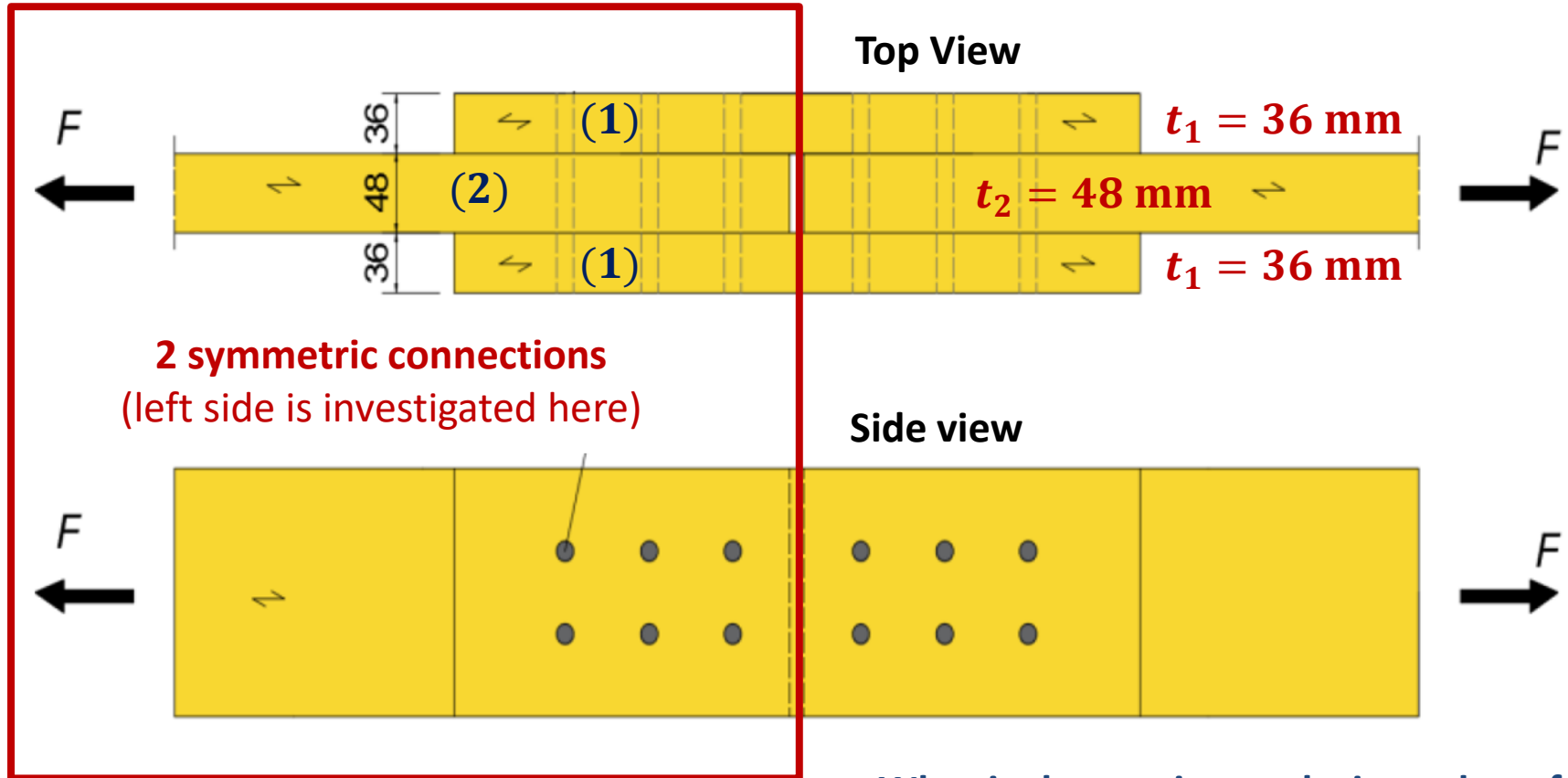
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Connection with timber side members subjected to tension

- Layout (both members: C24)

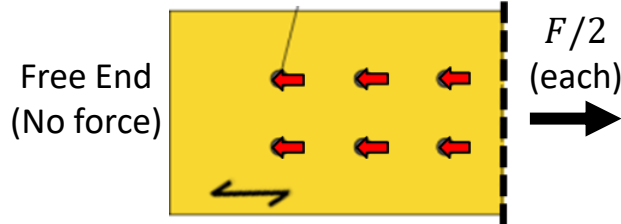
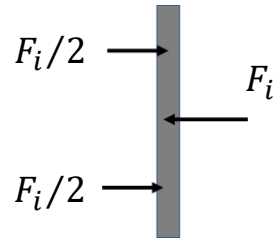
- Service class 2, short-term load: $k_{\text{mod}} = 0.90$ (Table 3.1, Solid Timber)
- Connections: $\gamma_M = 1.30$ (Table NA.2.3)



What is the maximum design value of the force F (i.e. F_d) in this connection?

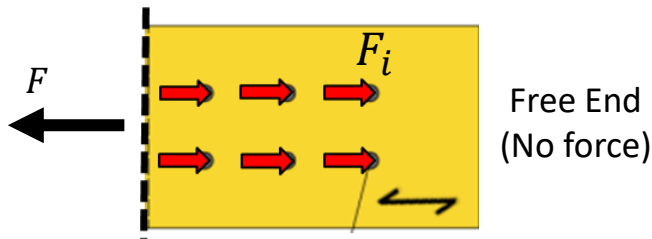
Connection with timber side members subjected to tension

- Free body diagrams and properties of members



$$\beta = \frac{f_{h,2,k}}{f_{h,1,k}} = 1.0$$

EN 1995-1-1, (eq.8.8)



Dowels

- $d = 12 \text{ mm}$, $f_{u,k} = 600 \text{ N/mm}^2$, $F_{ax,Rk} = 0$
- Eq.(8.30): $M_{y,Rk} = 0.30 \cdot 600 \cdot 12^{2.6} = 115118 \text{ Nmm}$

Side members (1)

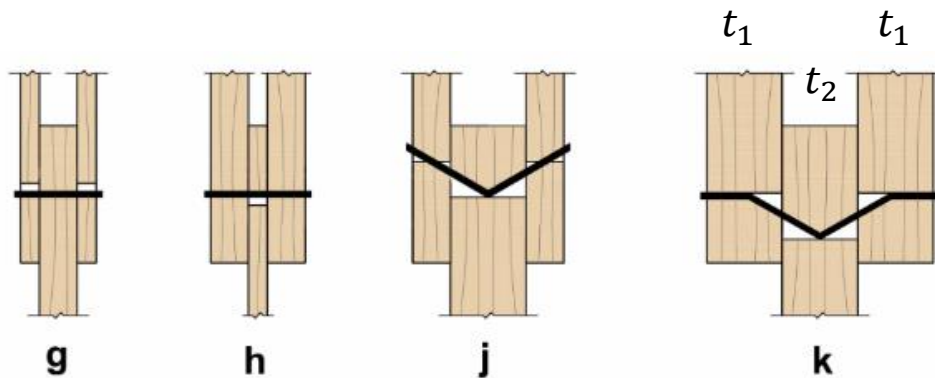
- Thickness: $t_1 = 36 \text{ mm}$
- Timber C24 (EN338): $\rho_{k,1} = 350 \text{ kg/m}^3$
- Load-to-grain angle: $\alpha_1 = 0^\circ$ (Dowels induce forces parallel to grain)
- Eqs.(8.31-8.32), $\alpha_1 = 0^\circ$:
- $f_{h,1,k} = f_{h,0,k} = 0.082 \cdot (1 - 0.01 \cdot 12) \cdot 350 = 25.3 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Middle member (2)

- Thickness: $t_2 = 48 \text{ mm}$
- Timber C24 (EN338): $\rho_{k,2} = 350 \text{ kg/m}^3$
- Load-to-grain angle: $\alpha_2 = 0^\circ$ (Dowels induce forces parallel to grain)
- Eqs.(8.31-8.32), $\alpha_2 = 0^\circ$:
- $f_{h,2,k} = f_{h,0,k} = 0.082 \cdot (1 - 0.01 \cdot 12) \cdot 350 = 25.3 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Connection with timber side members subjected to tension

- Load-carrying capacity

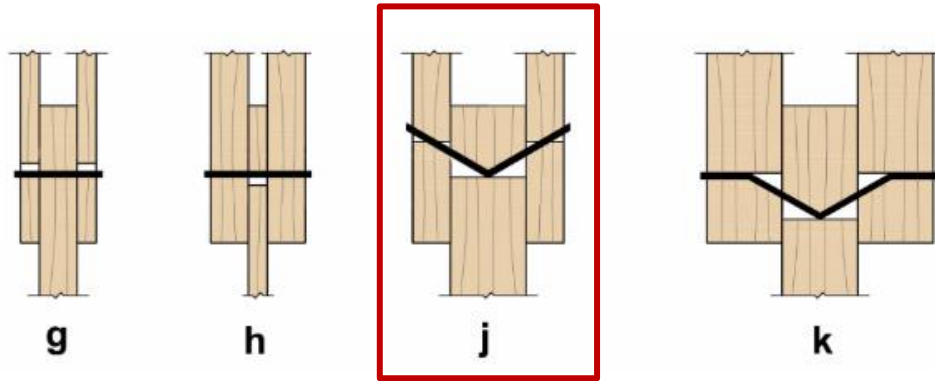


$$F_{v,Rk} = \min \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} f_{h,1,k} \cdot t_1 \cdot d & (g) \\ 0.5 \cdot f_{h,2,k} \cdot t_2 \cdot d & (h) \\ 1.05 \frac{f_{h,1,k} \cdot t_1 \cdot d}{2 + \beta} \left[\sqrt{2\beta(1 + \beta) + \frac{4\beta(2 + \beta)M_{y,Rk}}{f_{h,1,k} \cdot d \cdot t_1^2}} - \beta \right] + \frac{F_{ax,Rk}}{4} & (j) \\ 1.15 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2\beta}{1 + \beta}} \sqrt{2M_{y,Rk} \cdot f_{h,1,k} \cdot d} + \frac{F_{ax,Rk}}{4} & (k) \end{array} \right.$$

EN 1995-1-1, §8.2.2.(1), (eq.8.7)

Load-carrying capacity

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- Timber-to-timber connections: Fasteners in double shear (eq.8.7)

$$F_{v,Rk(g)} = 25.3 \cdot 36 \cdot 12 = 10930 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{v,Rk(h)} = 0.5 \cdot 25.3 \cdot 48 \cdot 12 = 7286 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{v,Rk(j)} = 1.05 \cdot \frac{25.3 \cdot 36 \cdot 12}{2 + 1} \left[\sqrt{2 \cdot 1 \cdot (1 + 1) + \frac{4 \cdot 1 \cdot (2 + 1) \cdot 115118}{25.3 \cdot 12 \cdot 36^2}} - 1 \right] + \frac{0}{4} = 6657 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{v,Rk(k)} = 1.15 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot 1}{1 + 1}} \cdot \sqrt{2 \cdot 115118 \cdot 25.3 \cdot 12} + \frac{0}{4} = 9614 \text{ N}$$

- Load carrying capacity per shear plane per fastener:

$$F_{v,Rk} = \min(F_{v,Rk(g)}; F_{v,Rk(h)}; F_{v,Rk(j)}; F_{v,Rk(k)}) = 6657 \text{ N [Failure mode (j)]}$$

Load transfer

- Design check

- Design load carrying capacity per shear plane per fastener:

$$F_{v,Rd,i} = \frac{k_{mod}}{\gamma_M} \cdot F_{v,Rk,i} = \frac{0.9}{1.3} \cdot 6657 = 4609 \text{ N}$$

EN 1995-1-1, §2.4.3(1), eq.(2.17)

- Load- per shear plane per fastener:

$$F_{d,i} = \frac{F_d}{n_{\text{shear planes}} \cdot n_{\text{fasteners}}} = \frac{F_d}{2 \cdot 6} = \frac{F_d}{12}$$

- Design check ($F_{d,i} \leq F_{v,Rd,i}$):

$$\frac{F_d}{12} \leq 4609 \text{ N} \quad \rightarrow \quad F_d \leq 55.3 \text{ kN}$$

(load transfer)

eta = 0.70

Splitting: force components parallel to grain

- Design check

- We need to determine spacing of fasteners parallel to grain. We use of the **minimum** according to Table 8.5.

- Both members (2 rows parallel to grain):**

$$a_1 = (3 + 2 \cdot |\cos 0^\circ|) \cdot d = 5 \cdot d = 60 \text{ mm}$$

$$n = 3 \text{ (3 fasteners per row parallel to grain)}$$

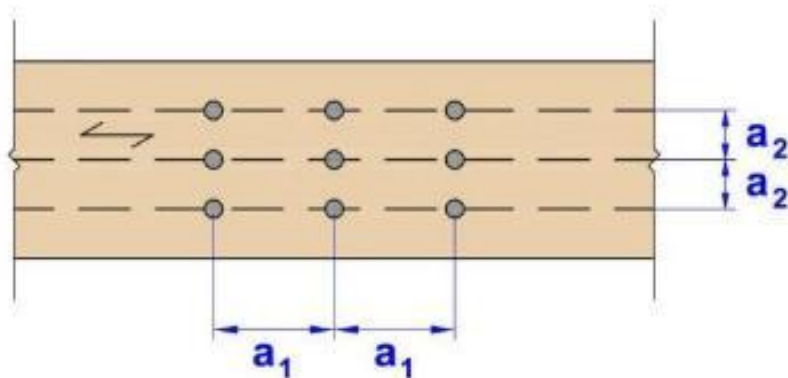
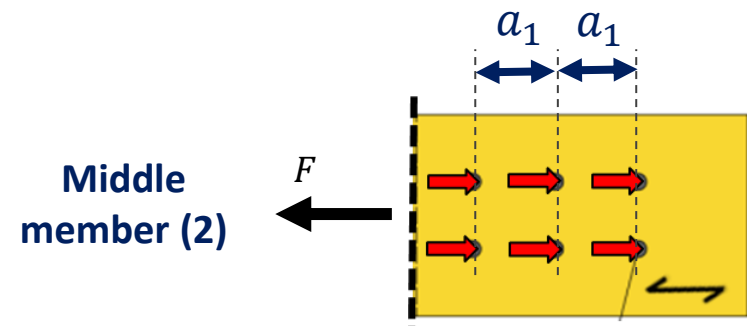
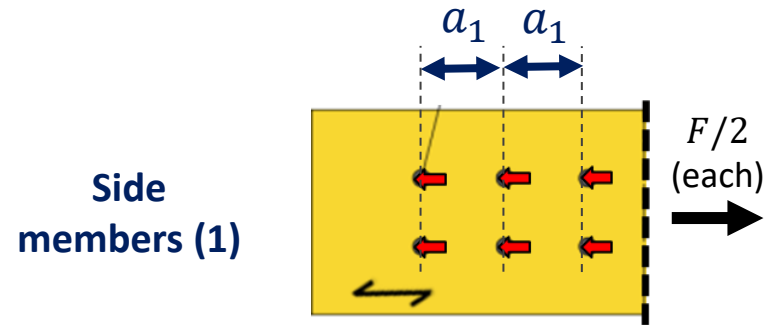


Table 8.5 — Minimum spacings and edge and end distances for dowels

Spacing and edge/end distances (see Figure 8.7)	Angle to grain	Minimum spacings and edge/end distances
a_1 (parallel to grain)	$0^\circ \leq \alpha \leq 360^\circ$	$(3 + 2 \cos \alpha)d$
a_2 (perpendicular to grain)	$0^\circ \leq \alpha \leq 360^\circ$	$3d$
$a_{3,t}$ (loaded end)	$-90^\circ \leq \alpha \leq 90^\circ$	$\max(7d; 80 \text{ mm})$
$a_{3,c}$ (unloaded end)	$90^\circ \leq \alpha \leq 150^\circ$ $150^\circ \leq \alpha \leq 210^\circ$ $210^\circ \leq \alpha \leq 270^\circ$	$a_{3,t} \sin \alpha $ $\max(3,5d; 40 \text{ mm})$ $a_{3,t} \sin \alpha $
$a_{4,t}$ (loaded edge)	$0^\circ \leq \alpha \leq 180^\circ$	$\max((2 + 2 \sin \alpha)d; 3d)$
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Splitting: force components parallel to grain

- Design check

- Effective number of fasteners per row parallel to grain, Eq.(8.34)

$$n_{\text{ef}} = \min \left(n, n^{0.90} \cdot \sqrt[4]{\frac{a_1}{13 \cdot d}} \right) = \min \left(3, 3^{0.90} \cdot \sqrt[4]{\frac{5 \cdot 12}{13 \cdot 12}} \right) = 2.11 \text{ fasteners per row}$$

EN 1995-1-1, §8.5.1.1(4), eq.(8.34)

- Effective load-carrying capacity of each row, Eq.(8.1)
- Comment: in both members the force is applied parallel to grain, i.e. $F_{\text{v,Rk}}(\alpha_i=0^\circ) = 6657 \text{ N}$ (per fastener per shear plane)

$$F_{\text{v,ef,Rk}} = n_{\text{ef}} \cdot F_{\text{v,Rk}}(\alpha_i=0^\circ) = 2.11 \cdot 6657 = 14046 \text{ N} \quad \text{per shear plane}$$

EN 1995-1-1, §8.1.2(4), eq.(8.1)

$$F_{\text{v,ef,Rd}} = n_{\text{shear planes}} \cdot k_{\text{mod}}/\gamma_{\text{M}} \cdot F_{\text{v,ef,Rk}} = 2 \cdot 0.9/1.3 \cdot 14046 = 19448 \text{ N} \quad \text{per row}$$

EN 1995-1-1, §2.4.3(1), eq.(2.17)

- Design check, §8.1.2(5)

$$F_{\text{row,d}} = \frac{F_{\text{d}}}{2 \text{ rows}} \leq F_{\text{v,ef,Rd}} \text{ (per row)} = 19448 \text{ N}$$

EN 1995-1-1, §8.1.2(5)

$$\rightarrow F_{\text{d}} \leq 38.9 \text{ kN} \quad \text{eta} = 1.0$$

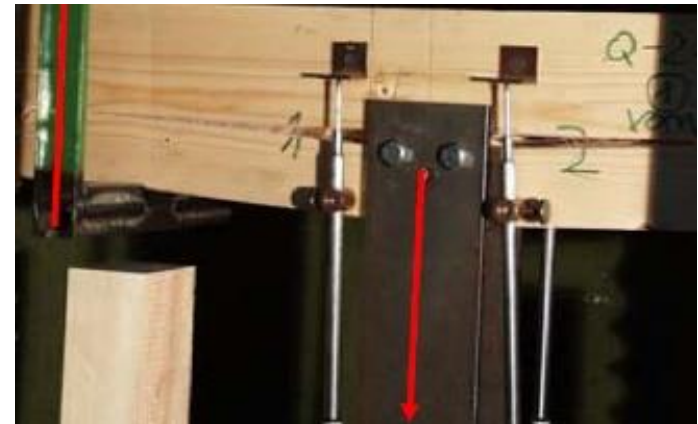
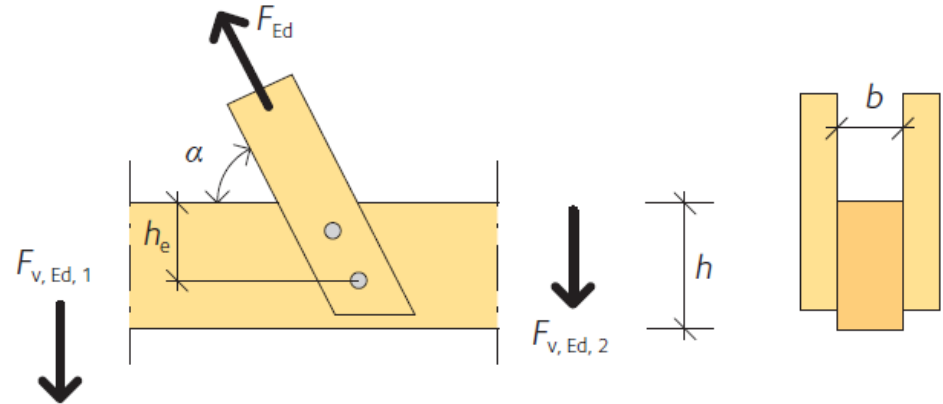
(splitting for F parallel to grain)

- **Comment:** if members are loaded with a force parallel to grain, this failure mode will always be more critical than load transfer, because $n_{\text{ef}} \leq n$

Splitting: force components perpendicular to grain

- Design check

- Not relevant here. The forces in the fasteners are parallel to grain and therefore we have no force components perpendicular to grain ($F_{V,Ed} = 0$)



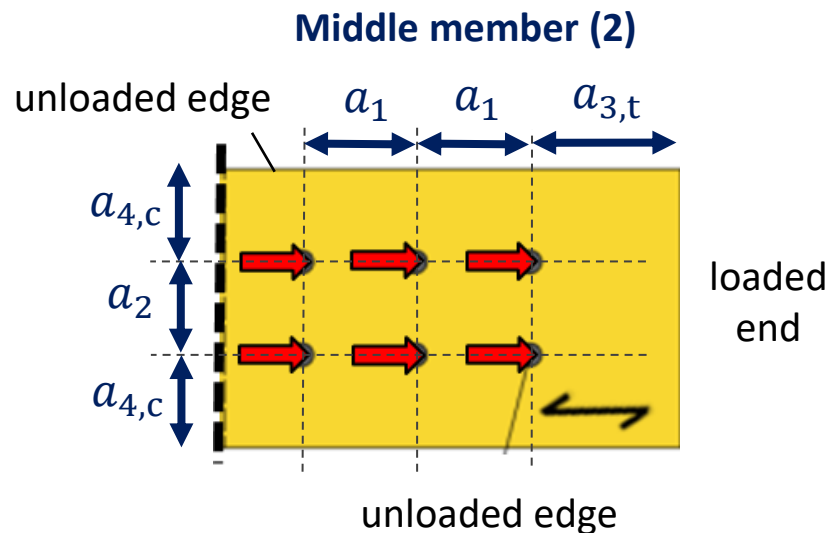
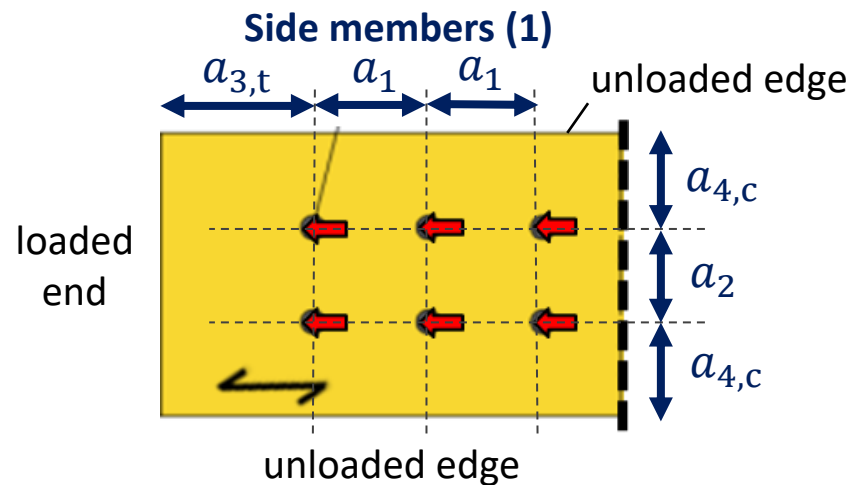
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Spacings, end and edge distances

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Spacings, end and edge distances: minimum requirements

- Dowels: EN1995-1-1, Table 8.5

- Minimum requirements – Both members

$$a_1 \geq (3 + 2 \cdot |\cos 0^\circ|) \cdot d = 5 \cdot d = 60 \text{ mm}$$

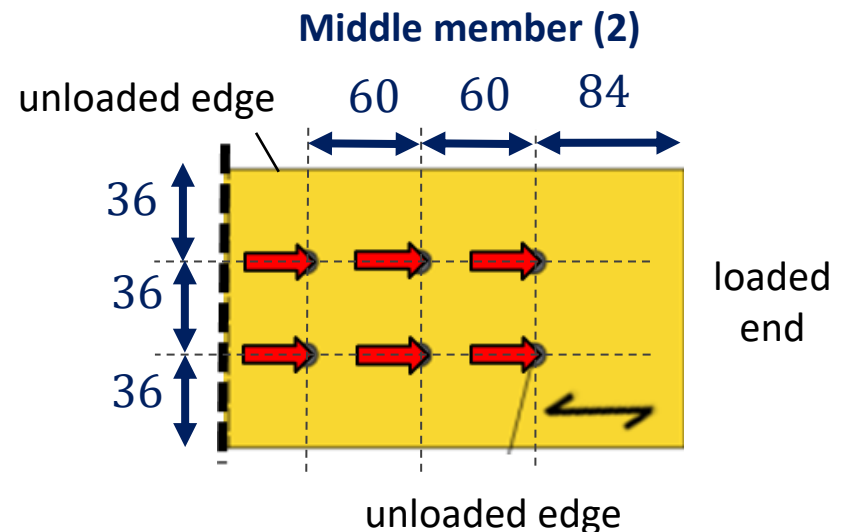
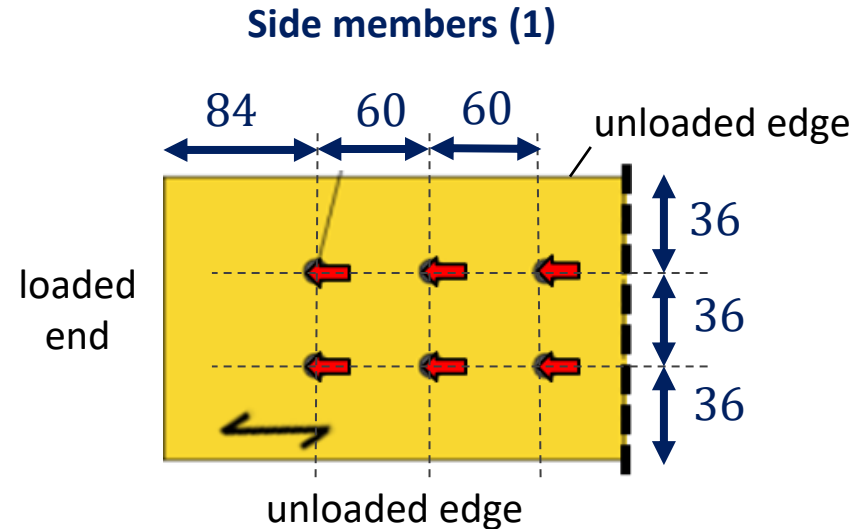
$$a_2 \geq 3 \cdot d = 36 \text{ mm}$$

$$a_{3,t} \geq \max(7 \cdot d, 80) = 84 \text{ mm}$$

$$a_{4,c} \geq 3 \cdot d = 36 \text{ mm}$$

$a_{3,c}$ and $a_{4,t}$ are not relevant here

- There is not a loaded edge (both are unloaded)
- There is not an unloaded end



Spacings, end and edge distances

- We set the minimum spacings and distances

$$a_1 = 60 \text{ mm}$$

$$a_2 = 36 \text{ mm}$$

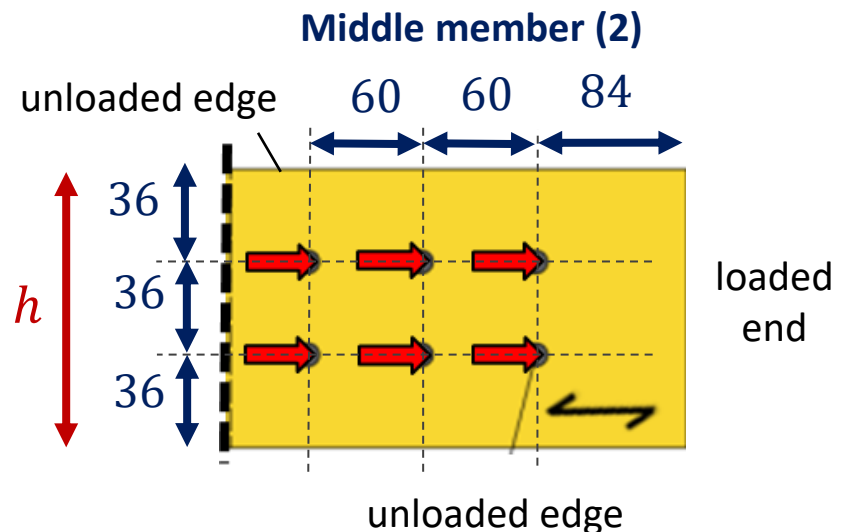
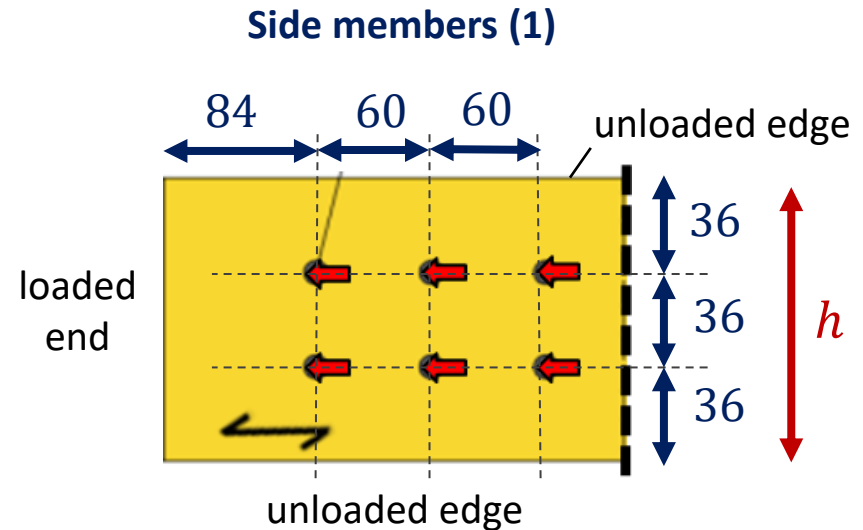
$$a_{3,t} = 84 \text{ mm}$$

$$a_{4,c} = 36 \text{ mm}$$

- (Minimum) height of both members

$$h = a_2 + 2 \cdot a_{4,c} = 36 + 36 + 36 \text{ mm}$$

$$h = 108 \text{ mm}$$



Net-section failure

- Side members

- **Size effect** ($h < h_{\text{ref}} = 150 \text{ mm}$)

$$k_h = \min((150/h)^{0.2}, 1.3) = \min((150/108)^{0.2}, 1.3) = 1.067$$

EN 1995-1-1 eq.(3.1)

- **Design strength**

$$f_{t,0,d} = k_{\text{mod}} \cdot \frac{k_h \cdot f_{t,0,k}}{\gamma_M} = 0.9 \cdot \frac{1.067 \cdot 14.5}{1.25} = 11.1 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

EN 1995-1-1 (eq.2.14)

- **Net area**

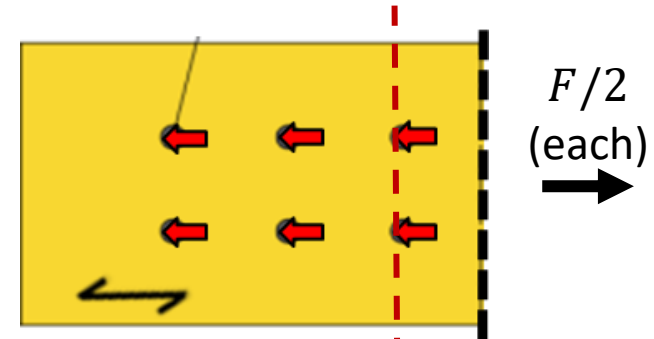
$$A_{\text{net}} = t_1 \cdot (h - 2 \cdot d) = 36 \cdot (108 - 2 \cdot 12) = 3024 \text{ mm}^2$$

- **Design check:**
- **each member**

$$\frac{F_d}{2} \leq A_{\text{net}} \cdot f_{t,0,d} = 3024 \cdot 11.2 = 33566 \text{ N}$$

EN 1995-1-1, §6.1.2, eq.(6.1)

Side members (1)



Critical cross-section

(EN338, C24): $f_{t,0,k} = 14.5 \text{ N/mm}^2$

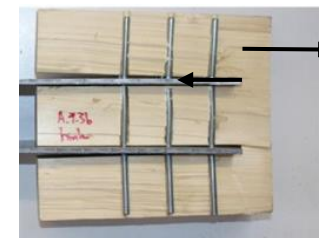
(Table NA.2.3): $\gamma_M = 1.25$

(Net section-side members)

$$\rightarrow F_d \leq 67.1 \text{ kN}$$

$\eta = 0.58$

- **Note 1:** for compressive force the side members should be also verified for buckling
- **Note 2:** DIN1052 assumes that a reduced net section capacity (2/3) should be used for side members to take (indirectly) into account the additional moment due to eccentricity of loading (see photo). Such requirement is not given by EN1995-1-1



source: Geiser et al 2021

Net-section failure

- Middle member

- **Size effect** ($h < h_{\text{ref}} = 150 \text{ mm}$)

$$k_h = \min((150/h)^{0.2}, 1.3) = \min((150/108)^{0.2}, 1.3) = 1.067$$

EN 1995-1-1, eq.(3.1)

- **Design strength**

$$f_{t,0,d} = 11.1 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

EN 1995-1-1, (eq.2.14)

- **Net area**

$$A_{\text{net}} = t_2 \cdot (h - 2 \cdot d) = 48 \cdot (108 - 2 \cdot 12) = 4032 \text{ mm}^2$$

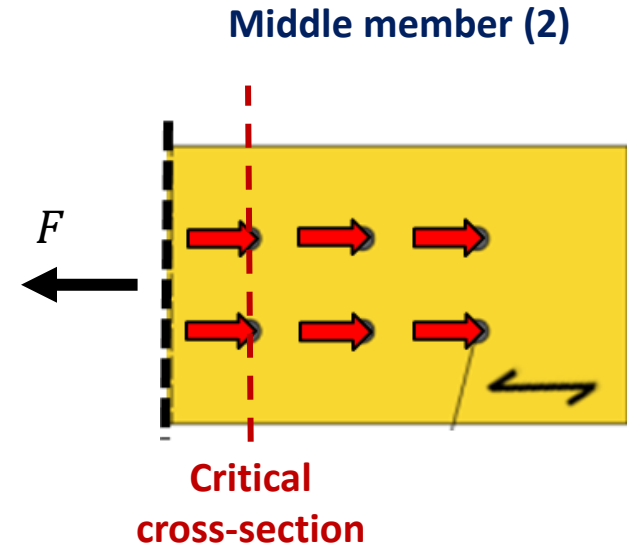
- **Design check:** $F_d \leq A_{\text{net}} \cdot f_{t,0,d} = 4032 \cdot 11.1 = 44755 \text{ N}$

EN 1995-1-1, §6.1.2, eq.(6.1)

$$\rightarrow F_d \leq 44.8 \text{ kN}$$

(Net section-middle member)

$\eta = 0.87$



Connection with timber side members subjected to tension

- Summary

$$F_d \leq \min(55.3 \text{ kN}, 38.9 \text{ kN}, 44.8 \text{ kN}, 67.1 \text{ kN})$$

$$F_d \leq 38.9 \text{ kN} \quad (\text{splitting for } F \text{ parallel to grain is critical})$$

