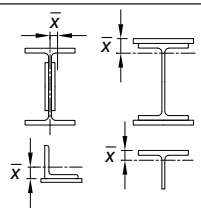
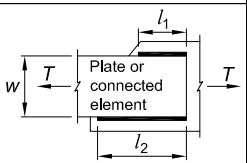
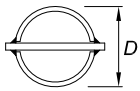
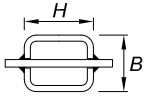
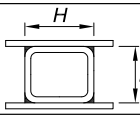
Case	Description of Element		Shear Lag Factor, U	Example
1	All tension members where the tension load is transmitted directly to each of the cross-sectional elements by fasteners or welds (except as in Cases 4, 5 and 6).		$U = 1.0$	–
2	All tension members, except HSS, where the tension load is transmitted to some but not all of the cross-sectional elements by fasteners or by longitudinal welds in combination with transverse welds. Alternatively, Case 7 is permitted for W, M, S and HP shapes. (For angles, Case 8 is permitted to be used.)		$U = 1 - \frac{\bar{x}}{l}$	
3	All tension members where the tension load is transmitted only by transverse welds to some but not all of the cross-sectional elements.		$U = 1.0$ and A_n = area of the directly connected elements	–
4[a]	Plates, angles, channels with welds at heels, tees, and W-shapes with connected elements, where the tension load is transmitted by longitudinal welds only. See Case 2 for definition of $\bar{x}$.		$U = \frac{3l^2}{3l^2 + w^2}\left(1 - \frac{\bar{x}}{l}\right)$	
5	Round HSS with a single concentric gusset plate through slots in the HSS.		$l \geq 1.3D,\ U = 1.0$ $D \leq l < 1.3D,\ U = 1 - \frac{\bar{x}}{l}$ $\bar{x} = \frac{D}{\pi}$	
6	Rectangular HSS.	with a single concentric gusset plate	$l \geq H,\ U = 1 - \frac{\bar{x}}{l}$ $\bar{x} = \frac{B^2 + 2BH}{4(B+H)}$	
		with two side gusset plates	$l \geq H,\ U = 1 - \frac{\bar{x}}{l}$ $\bar{x} = \frac{B^2}{4(B+H)}$	
7	W-, M-, S- or HP-shapes, or tees cut from these shapes. (If U is calculated per Case 2, the larger value is permitted to be used.)	with flange connected with three or more fasteners per line in the direction of loading	$b_f \geq \frac{2}{3}d,\ U = 0.90$ $b_f < \frac{2}{3}d,\ U = 0.85$	–
		with web connected with four or more fasteners per line in the direction of loading	$U = 0.70$	–
8	Single and double angles. (If U is calculated per Case 2, the larger value is permitted to be used.)	with four or more fasteners per line in the direction of loading	$U = 0.80$	–
		with three fasteners per line in the direction of loading (with fewer than three fasteners per line in the direction of loading, use Case 2)	$U = 0.60$	–

B = overall width of rectangular HSS member, measured 90° to the plane of the connection, in. (mm); D = outside diameter of round HSS, in. (mm); H = overall height of rectangular HSS member, measured in the plane of the connection, in. (mm); d = depth of section, in. (mm); for tees, d = depth of the section from which the tee was cut, in. (mm); l = length of connection, in. (mm); w = width of plate, in. (mm); $\bar{x}$ = eccentricity of connection, in. (mm).

[a] $l = \frac{l_1 + l_2}{2}$, where l_1 and l_2 shall not be less than 4 times the weld size.