

## Flat Slab Design (for flexure)- full design includes the punching shear design

### Introduction

### Analysis methods

A range of methods is available for designing flat slabs and analysing them in flexure at ultimate limit state.

- Elastic Plane Frame – Equivalent Frame Method, Annex I
- **Tabular method - Equivalent Frame Method, Annex I** < selected
- Yield line – Plastic method of design
- Finite element analysis
  - Elastic method
  - Elasto plastic

This calculator analyse and design flat slab using tabular method. For a small regular frame, the empirical method using tabular moment and shear coefficients. (Eurocode 2, Concise table 15.3 is used)

According to *Concise Tables 15.3*- The web calculator use the tabular method analysis to determine the respective moments and shear forces.

- Suitable for regular grids and spans of similar length
- Design for full load in both directions
- (Suitable for 2-span)

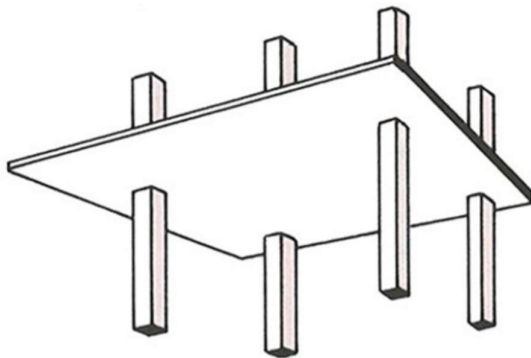


Figure 1 Flat slab

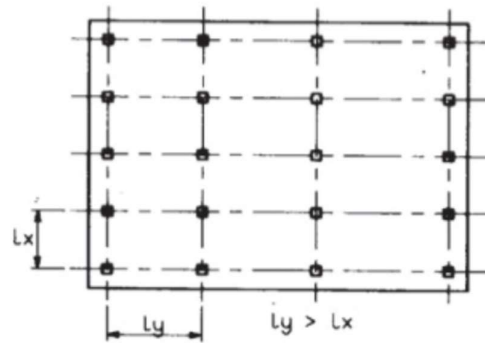


Figure 2 Series of flat slab span in a floor grid

### Column strip and middle strip

The width of column strips is the minimum of  $(0.5l_x, 0.5l_y)$ . The middle strip will become the span length in X and Y direction minus the column strip.

The strips between column strips are middle strips.

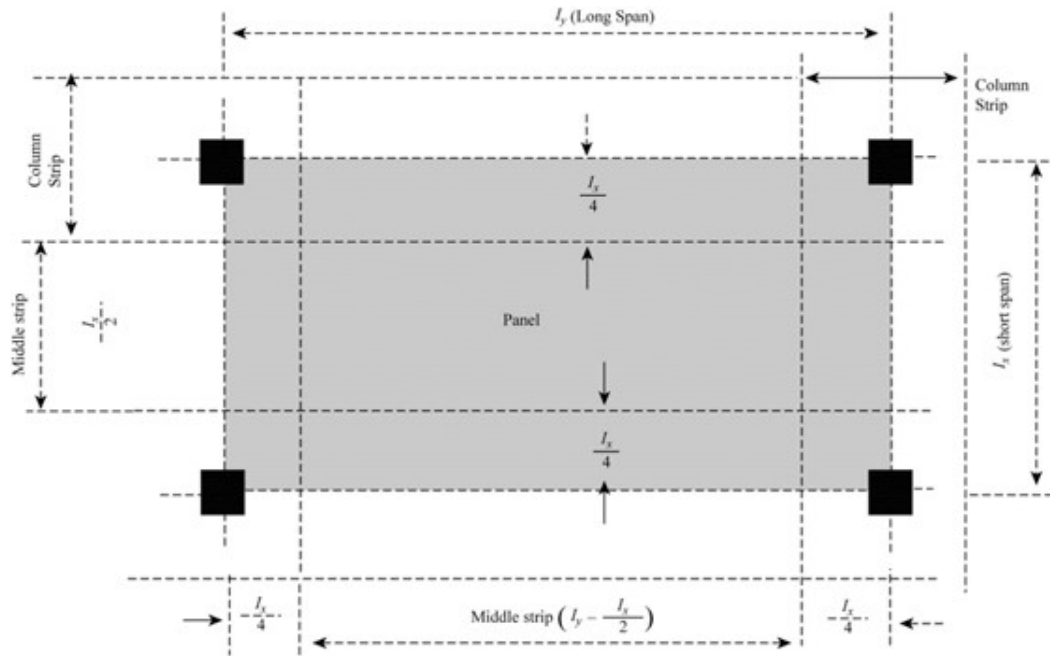


Figure 3 Column and middle strip

### Design procedure

#### Design for bending

- ❑ Loading

Safety Factor	
SF for live load; $q_k$	1.25, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6
SF for dead load; $g_k$	1.25, 1.35, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6

$$\text{Design load} = \text{Live load} * SF_{qk} + \text{Dead load} * SF_{gk}$$

where :  $SF_{qk}$  and  $SF_{gk}$  are safety factors for live load and dead load respectively.

❑ Effective span

$$\text{Span}_{\text{eff}} = l_y - 2 * \text{column size} + 2 * \text{Slab thickness}/2$$

where :  $l_y$  is a span length in the Y direction.

(It is assumed  $l_y > l_x$ )

❑ Moment

❑ Sagging moment (In panel)

$$M_{\text{ED},S} = [\text{SF}_{\text{gk}} * g_k * 0.09 + \text{SF}_{\text{qk}} * q_k * 0.100] * l_x * (\text{Span}_{\text{eff}})^2$$

where :  $g_k$  and  $q_k$  are dead load and live load respectively.

The coefficient 0.09 is 'Moment  $g_k$ ' from the EC concise table.

❑ Hogging moment (Along support)

$$M_{\text{ED},H} = \text{Design load} * 0.106 * l_x * (\text{Span}_{\text{eff}})^2$$

Where :

The coefficient 0.106 is 'Moment  $q_k$ ' from the EC concise table.

❑ Division of moments

Sagging moment (Positive moments) (50% taken in both column and middle strips)

Column strip

$$M_{\text{ED},+ve} = 0.5 * M_{\text{ED},S} / \text{column strip}$$

Middle strip

$$M_{\text{ED},+ve} = 0.5 * M_{\text{ED},S} / \text{column strip}$$

Hogging moments (Negative moments) (70% taken in column strip and 30% in middle strip)

Column strip

$$M_{\text{ED},-ve} = 0.70 * M_{\text{ED},H} / \text{column strip}$$

Middle strip

$$M_{\text{ED},-ve} = 0.30 * M_{\text{ED},H} / \text{column strip}$$

From analysis, determine design values for Sagging (column strip and middle strip) and Hogging (column strip and middle strip) moments.

- ❑ Effective depth, d:

$d = \text{Slab thickness} - \text{concrete cover} - \text{bar dia}/2$

- ❑ Determine K for  $M_{ED,+ve}$ ,  $M_{ED,+ve}$ ,  $M_{ED,-ve}$ , and  $M_{ED,-ve}$

$$K = M / (bd^2f_{ck})$$

where :  $d = \text{effective depth} = D - \text{cover} - \varnothing/2$

$b = \text{width} = \text{Since the moment is per metre, 1 m is taken}$

$f_{ck} = \text{characteristic compressive strength (MPa)}$

- ❑ Determine lever arm, z for every K

$$z = \frac{d}{2} [1 + \sqrt{1 - 3.53 K}] \leq 0.95d$$

- ❑ Steel area  $A_s$  for  $M_{ED,+ve}$ ,  $M_{ED,+ve}$ ,  $M_{ED,-ve}$ , and  $M_{ED,-ve}$  with their respective z

$$A_s = \frac{M}{f_{yd} * z}$$

where :  $f_{yd} = f_{yk}/\gamma_s = 500/1.15 = 434.8 \text{ MPa}$

$\gamma_s = \text{Material safety factor}$

$f_{yk} = \text{design yield stress}$

- ❑ Spacing, c/c: for every section area.

$$s = b * \frac{as_1}{A_s} \leq 2 * D \text{ (mm)}$$

where :  $as_1 = \text{area of bar}$

$A_s = \text{required amount of steel area}$

$D = \text{slab thickness}$

$b = \text{section width} = 1000 \text{ mm is taken}$

## Annex

### Coefficient method, Concise table 15.3

Coefficients for use with beams (and one-way spanning slabs) to Eurocode 2					
Coefficient	Location				
	Outer support	Near middle of end span	At 1st interior support	At middle of interior spans	At interior supports
Moment $g_k$ and $q_k$	25% span <sup>a</sup>	—	0.094	—	0.075
Moment $g_k$	—	0.090	—	0.066	—
Moment $q_k$	—	0.100	—	0.086	—
Shear	0.45	—	0.63:0.55	—	0.50:0.50 <sup>b</sup>

### Conditions

- For slabs, 3 or more spans. (They may also be used for 2 span beams but support moment coefficient = 0.106 and internal shear coefficient = 0.63 both sides).
- Generally  $Q_k \leq G_k$ , and the loading should be substantially uniformly distributed. Otherwise special curtailment of reinforcement is required.
- Minimum span  $\geq 0.85 \times$  maximum (and design) span.

Basis: All- and alternate-spans-loaded cases as UK National Annex and 15% redistribution at supports.

- At outer support '15% span' relates to the UK Nationally Determined Parameter for BS EN 1992-1-1 Cl 9.3.1.2 for minimum percentage of span bending moment to be assumed at supports in slabs in monolithic construction.

### Minimum thickness regulation

BS EN 1992-1-2:  
Table 5.8

Standard fire resistance, R, integrity, E, insulation, I	Minimum dimensions (mm)				
	Slab thickness $h_s$	Axis distance, a (simply supported)			Axis distance, a (continuous)
		One-way	Two-way		
			$l_y/l_x \leq 1.5$	$1.5 < l_y/l_x \leq 2$	
REI 60	80	20	10	15	10
REI 90	100	30	15	20	15
REI 120	120	40	20	25	20
REI 240	175	65	40	50	40

### Reference

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