



METALLIC STRUCTURES

TENSION MEMBERS

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INTRODUCTION

- Tension Members are those subjected to PURE TENSION forces.

- The most simple member to design.

- No Stability Problems.

- To Design a tension member $\Rightarrow f_{act} \leq f_{all}$

Select appropriate cross section area so that the actual stress is less than the allowable stress

- A stiffness limit is set by codes to limit sagging and reduce vibration effects on slender members.

- Applications \Rightarrow Truss members, hangers, ...

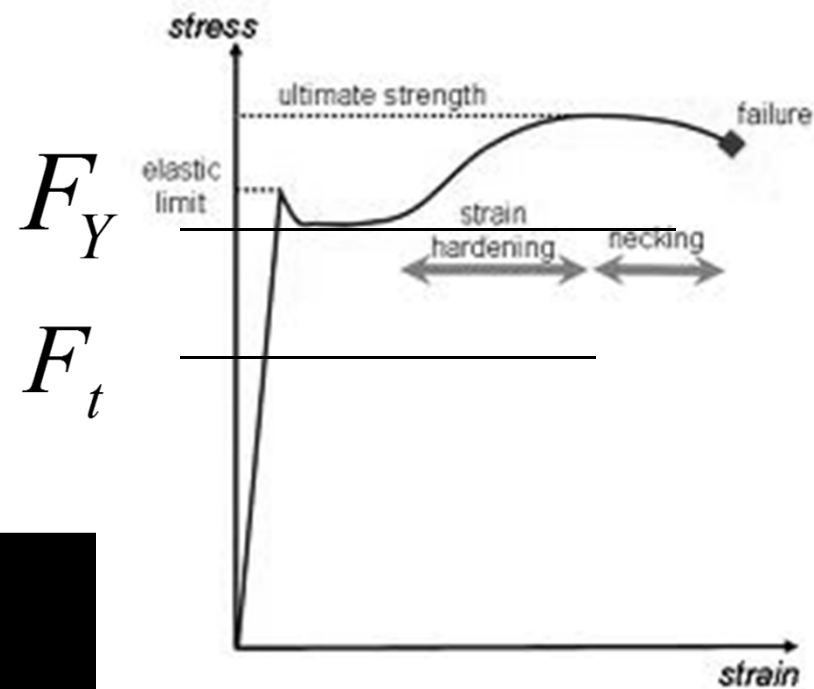
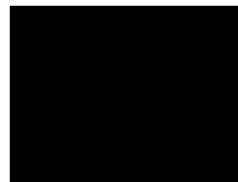
BEHAVIOR OF TENSION MEMBERS

- For CONCENTRIC tension forces, the resulting stress is a uniform stress equally distributed over the member area.

$$f_{act} = \frac{T}{A}$$

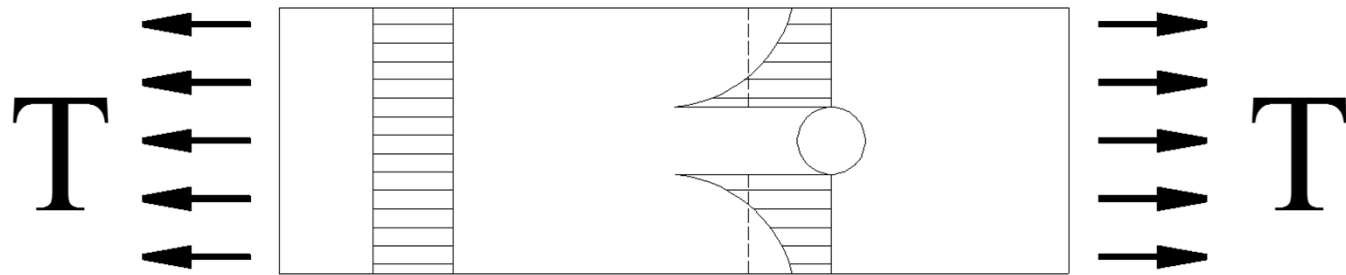
- The actual stress increases with the increase of the load according to the stress strain relationship

$$F_t = \frac{F_Y}{F.S.}$$



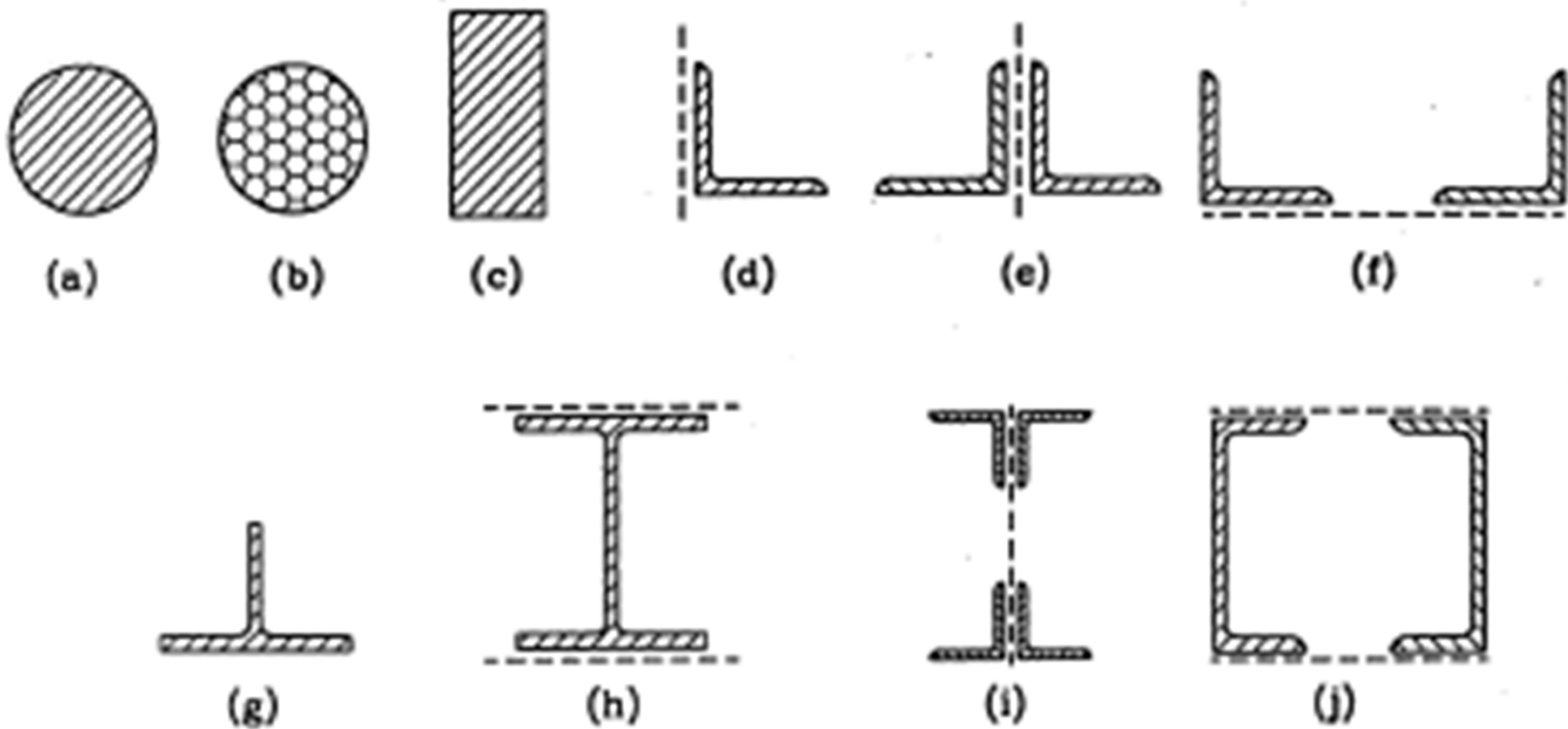
BEHAVIOR OF TENSION MEMBERS

- Stress Concentration due to holes



$$f_g = \frac{T}{A_g} \quad f_n = \frac{T}{A_n} \quad f_{\max} \cong 2 - 3f_{net}$$

CROSS SECTION TYPES



STIFFNESS LIMITATION

$$\frac{L}{i_{\min}} \leq 300$$

$$i = \sqrt{\frac{I}{A}}$$

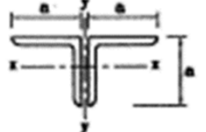
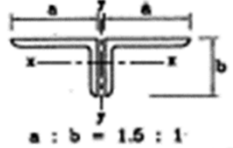
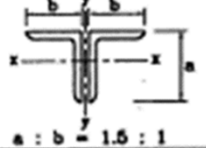
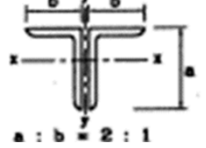
Where,





L = geometric length of member

i_{\min} = minimum radius of gyration of member shape

	Members	λ_{\max}
Buildings	Tension members	300
Bridges	Tension members in railway bridges	160
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	Vertical Hangers	300
	Bracing Systems	200

STIFFNESS LIMITATION

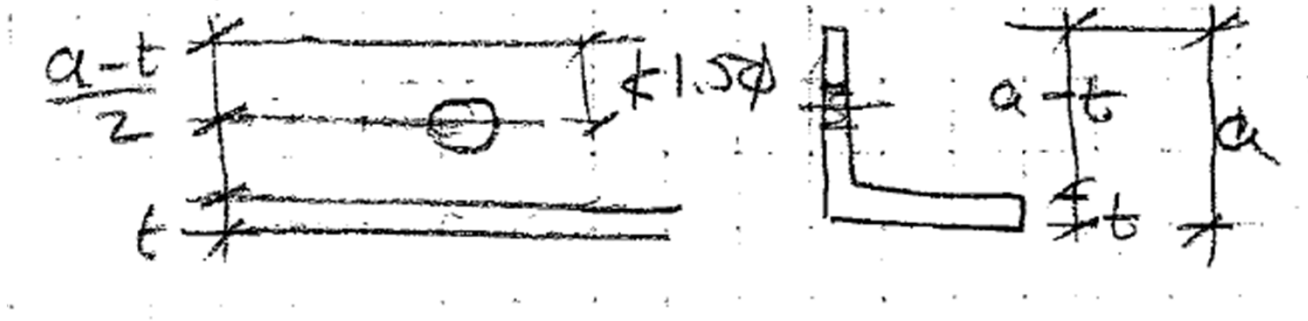
CASE	SECTION OF MEMBER	i_x or i_v	i_y or i_u
1		$i_x = 0.3 a$	--
2		$i_x = 0.28 b$	$i_y = 0.48 a$
3		--	$i_y = 0.3 a$
4		--	$i_y = 0.3 a$

5		$i_v = 0.2 a$	--
6		$i_v = 0.14 a$	--
7		$i_v = 0.1 a$	--
8		$i_v = 0.385 a$	--

CONSTRUCTION CONDITION

- To allow for proper installation and tightening of bolts (use only in bolted connections).

$$a-t \geq 3d_b$$



ALLOWABLE STRESSES

- Case I Loading (Main Loads)

$$F_t = \frac{F_Y}{F.S.} = 0.58 F_Y$$

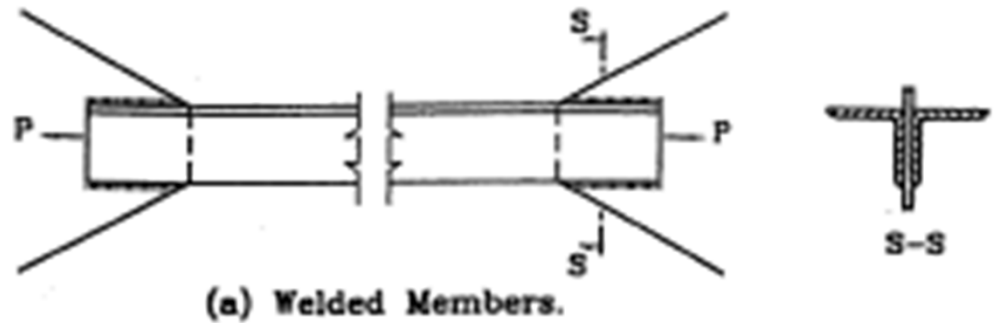
Steel Grade	F_Y (t/cm ²)	F_t (t/cm ²)
St. 37	2.4	1.4
St. 44	2.8	1.6
St. 52	3.6	2.1

- Case II Loading (Secondary Loads)
Increase allowable stresses by 20%

ACTUAL STRESSES

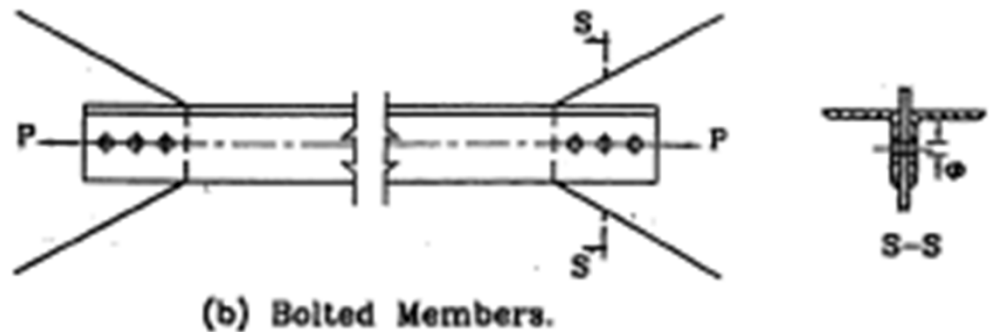
- Welded Connection

$$f_{ta} = \frac{T}{A_g}$$



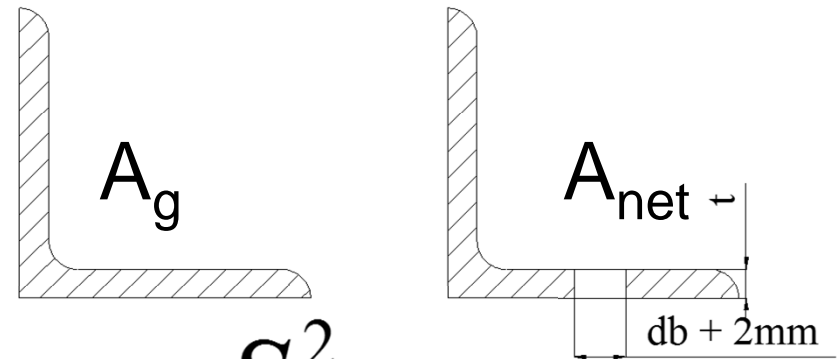
- Bolted Connection

$$f_{ta} = \frac{T}{A_{net}}$$

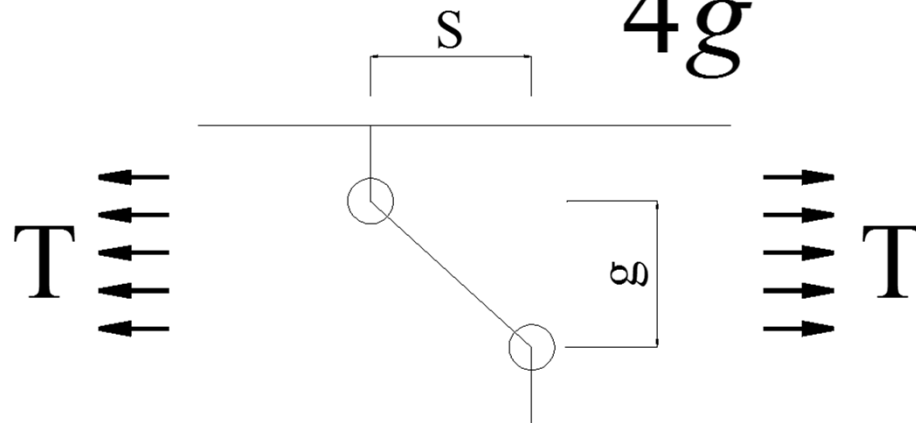


ACTUAL STRESSES

$$A_{net} = A_g - t_L \times (d_b + 2mm)$$



$$A_{net} = A_g - t \times d_h \times n_b + t \times \frac{S^2}{4g} \times n_l$$

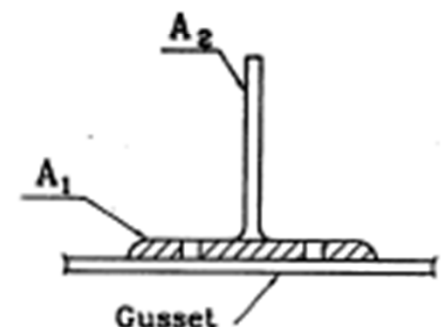
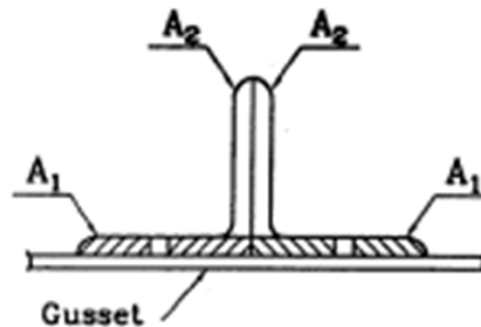
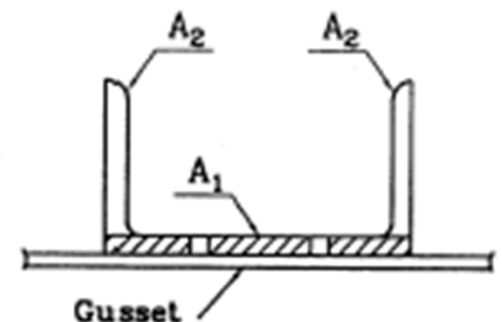
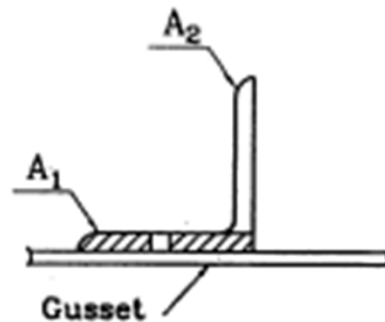


ACTUAL STRESSES

- For Eccentrically Loaded Members

$$A_{eff} = A_1 + RF \times A_2$$

$$RF = \frac{3A_1}{3A_1 + A_2}$$



DESIGN STEPS

- Determine
 - DF (tension Force), Load Case (I or II)
 - Member location, Length (L_g), Bolted or Welded
- Choose section type (1L, 2L back to back, 2L star shape). Then get i_{\min} (0.2a, 0.3a, 0.385a)
- Stiffness condition (get minimum “a”)
- Construction condition (bolted), (get minimum “a-t”)
- Obtain an approximate area

$$A_{app} = \frac{DF}{0.58F_y \times 0.85 \times 0.75 \times 1.2}$$

0.85 (net area if bolted), 0.75 (effective area if unsymmetric), 1.2 (if case II)

DESIGN STEPS

- Choose a suitable section from tables
 - Use minimum “a”
 - Use A_{app}
- Check of Safety
 - Actual Stress
 - Allowable Stress

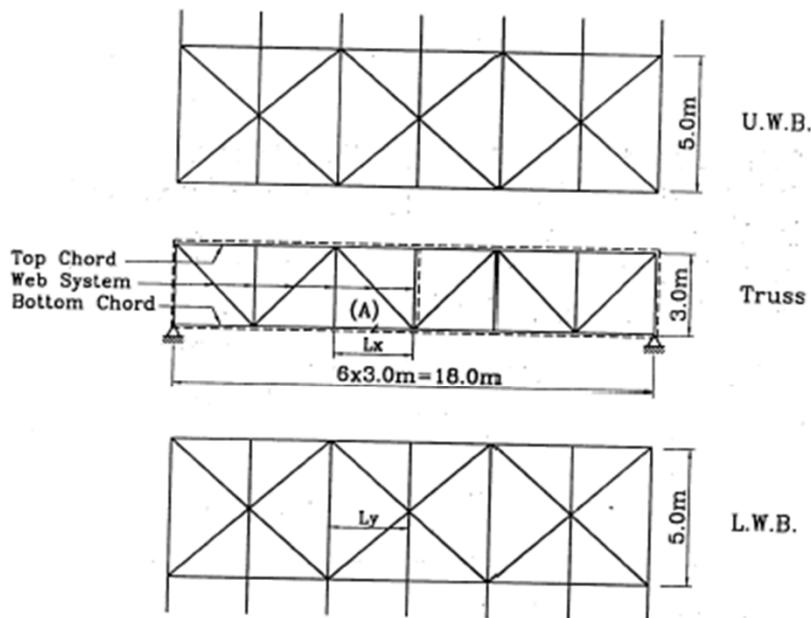
$$f_{ta} = \frac{T}{A_{net,eff}}$$

$$f_{ta} \leq F_t$$

EXAMPLES

Example (2.1):

Design the lower chord tension member (A). Design force = 30.0 tons (Case of loading II) metric length of the member is 300 cms ($\phi = 16$ mm for bolted connections).



Solution

Type of Cross - Section:

- The member being a bottom chord member, choose 2 \angle^s back to back.
- Buckling lengths; $L_x = L_y = 3.0$ ms, choose 2 \angle^s with equal legs.

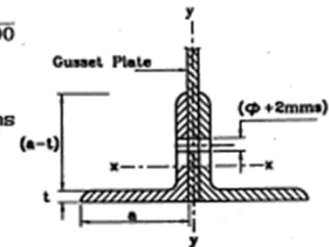
Stiffness Condition:

$$l_x / i_x \leq 300 \quad \therefore a \geq \frac{300}{0.3 \times 300}$$

(tension member).

$$i_x = 0.3 a \quad (2 \angle^s \text{ back to back equal legs}) \quad \therefore a \geq 3.33 \text{ cms}$$

See Table 2.1



* Bolted Connection

. Construction Condition:

$$(a-t) < 3 \phi < 4.80 \text{ cms}$$

. Required Cross - Section:

(Approximate) \swarrow D.F.

$$A_{req.} = \frac{30.0}{2 \times 1.40 \times 1.2 \times 0.85}$$

1 < gross 2 < all. stress wind stress bolts

$$A_{req.} = 10.50 \text{ cm}^2$$

. Check on Stresses:

From stiffness & construction conditions and required cross section;

$$\text{Choose } 2 \angle^s 65 \times 65 \times 9$$

$$A_{1<} = 11.0 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\therefore A_{net} = 2 [11.0 - (1.60 + 0.2) \times 0.90]$$

$$= 18.76 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\therefore f_t = \frac{30}{18.76} = 1.599 \text{ t/cm}^2$$

* Welded Connection

. no construction condition

. Required Cross - Section:

$$A_{req.} = \frac{30.0}{2 \times 1.40 \times 1.2}$$

1 < gross 2 < all. stress wind stress

$$A_{req.} = 8.93 \text{ cm}^2$$

. Check on Stresses:

From stiffness condition and required cross section;

$$\text{Choose } 2 \angle^s 70 \times 70 \times 7$$

$$A_{1<} = 9.40 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$f_t = \frac{30}{2 \times 9.40} = 1.595 \text{ t/cm}^2$$

LOAD COMBINATIONS

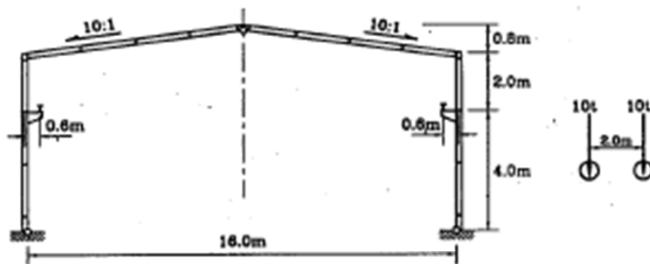
Case of Loading	Allowable Stress
Case (I): Dead = Live + Crane Vertical & dynamic effect	f
Case (II): Case (I) + Crane lateral shock + Wind + Earthquake + Temperature + etc..	$f*1.2$

LOAD COMBINATIONS

Example (1.1): Frame system

For the shown frame system:

- Spacing between frames = 5.0 ms
- Panel = 2.0 ms (spacing between purlins)
- Roof cover = corrugated sheets weighting 15 kg/m²
- Own weight of steel = 30 kg/m² of covered area.
- Crane loads : the maximum reaction of Crane concentrated loads 10 tons, each spaced at 2.0 ms.



(1) Dead and Live Load

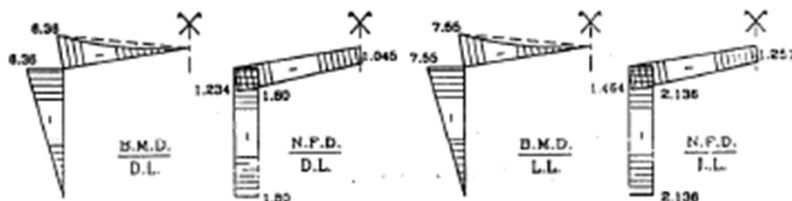
* Dead Loads:

$$W_{D.L.} = W_{o.wt} + W_{cover}$$

$$= 0.03 \times 5 + \frac{0.015}{\cos \alpha} \times 5$$

$$= 0.225 \text{ t/m'}$$

* Live Loads: (Refer to clause 1.5 and Figure (S-1) of E.C.P. of steel constructions 1999)



According to the E.C.P. the roof is inaccessible, $\tan \alpha \approx 0.1$

$$\therefore I_u = 53.33 \text{ kgm/m}^2$$

$$\therefore W_{11} = 0.053 \times 5 = 0.267 \text{ t/m'}$$

(2) Wind Loads

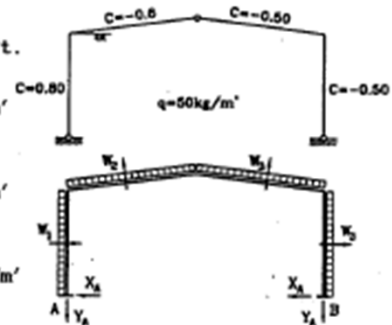
Refer to E.C.P. 1999 clause 1.12 item "II" or to chapter 7 paragraph 7.5

Consider the case of wind left.

$$W_1 = \frac{0.80 \times 50}{1000} \times 5 = 0.20 \text{ t/m'}$$

$$W_2 = \frac{0.60 \times 50}{1000} \times 5 = 0.15 \text{ t/m'}$$

$$W_3 = \frac{0.50 \times 50}{1000} \times 5 = 0.125 \text{ t/m'}$$



$$(+ \sum M_B = 0 \therefore (0.2 + 0.125) \times 6 \times 3 + (0.125 - 0.15) \times \frac{8}{\cos \alpha} \times \sin \alpha \times 6.40$$

$$+ 0.125 \times \frac{8}{\cos \alpha} \times \cos \alpha \times 4 + 0.15 \times \frac{8}{\cos \alpha} \times \cos \alpha \times 12 - y_A \times 16 = 0$$

$$\therefore y_A = 1.5 \text{ ton}$$

$$\therefore y_B = (0.125 + 0.15) \times \frac{8}{\cos \alpha} \times \cos \alpha - y_A = 0.7 \text{ ton}$$

$$(+ \sum M_C (\text{right}) = 0 \therefore 0.125 \times \frac{8}{\cos \alpha} \times \frac{4}{\cos \alpha} + 0.125 \times 6 \times 3.80$$

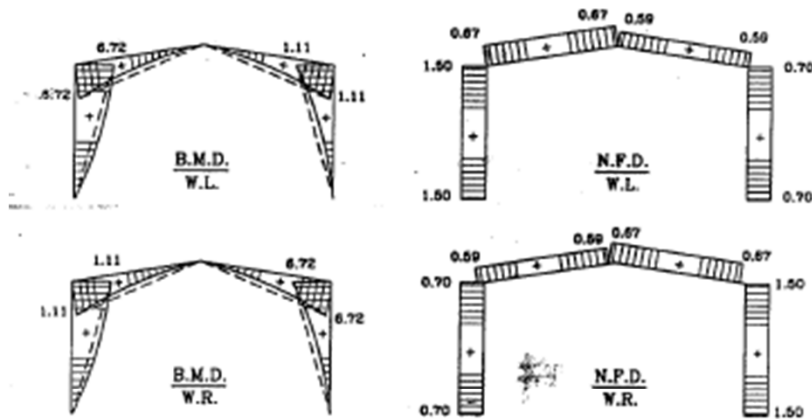
$$- 0.7 \times 8 = X_B \times 6.80$$

$$\therefore X_B = 0.19 \text{ ton}$$

LOAD COMBINATIONS

$$(+ \sum M_C \text{ (left)} = 0 \quad \therefore X_A = \frac{1}{6.80} \left[-0.15 \times \frac{8}{\cos \alpha} \times \frac{4}{\cos \alpha} + 0.20 \right. \\ \left. \times 6 \times 3.80 + 1.5 \times 8 \right]$$

$$\therefore X_A = 1.72 \text{ ton}$$



(3) Crane Loads

Refer to E.C.P. 1999 clause 1.9

$$V_{\max} = R_{D.L} + R_{L.L} \times 1.25$$

$$R_{D.L} = 0.20 \times 5.0 = 1.0 \text{ ton}$$

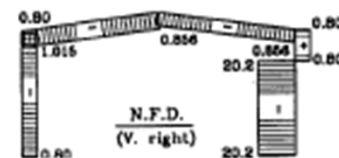
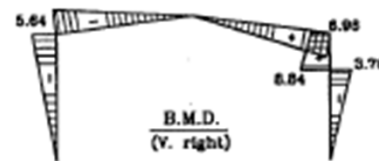
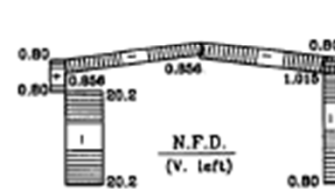
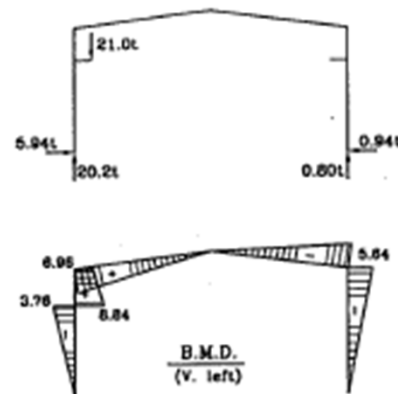
$$R_{L.L} = 10 + 10 \times \frac{3}{5} = 16 \text{ tons}$$

$$\therefore V_{\max} = 1 + 16 \times 1.25 = 21.0 \text{ tons}$$

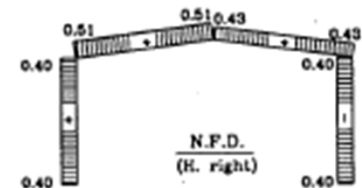
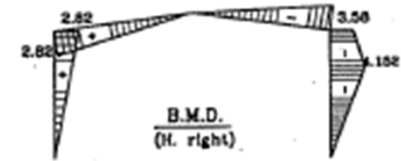
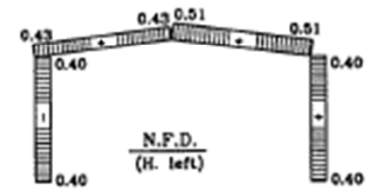
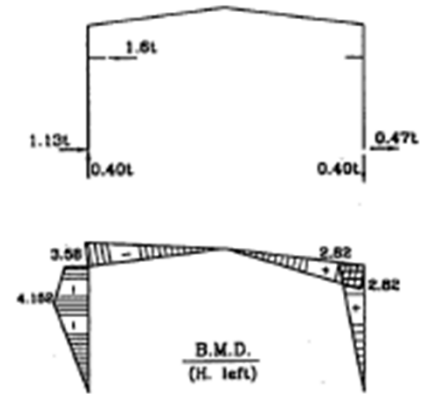
$$\therefore H = 0.10 \times R_{L.L} = 0.10 \times 16 = 1.60 \text{ ton}$$

To take into account the dynamic effect of the electrical overhead crane the live load is to be increased by 25% according to E.C.P. 1999 clause 1.9 - (i.e. $R_{L.L}$ is to be multiplied by 1.25)

Cases of Vertical Crane Reaction (V)



Cases of Lateral Shock Reaction (H)



LOAD COMBINATIONS

Sec.	D.L.	L.L.	Crane Left			Crane Right			Wind		Max. M		Max. N		
			V	H ←	H →	V	H ←	H →	Left	Right	+ve	-ve	+ve	-ve	
1	M	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--	--	--	
	N	-1.80	-2.14	-20.2	-0.40	0.40	-0.80	0.40	-0.40	1.50	0.70	--	--	--	-24.14 (i)
2	M	-4.24	-5.03	-3.76	-4.52	4.52	-3.76	4.52	-4.52	4.30	0.90	0.82 (iii)	-17.55 (iii)	--	-13.03
	N	-1.80	-2.14	-20.2	-0.40	0.40	-0.80	0.40	-0.40	1.50	0.70	-20.63	-24.54	--	-24.14 (i)
3	M	-4.24	-5.03	8.84	-4.52	4.52	-3.76	4.52	-4.52	4.30	0.90	13.42 (iii)	-13.03 (i)	13.42	-13.03
	N	-1.80	-2.14	0.80	-0.40	0.40	-0.80	0.40	-0.40	1.50	0.70	0.37	-4.74 (iii)	0.37 (ii)	-4.74 (i)
4	M	-6.36	-7.55	6.96	-3.58	3.58	-5.64	3.58	-3.58	6.72	1.11	10.90 (ii)	-19.55 (i)	9.44	-19.55
	N	-1.80	-2.14	0.80	-0.40	0.40	-0.80	0.40	-0.40	1.50	0.70	0.37	-4.74 (iii)	0.37 (ii)	-4.74 (i)
5	M	-6.36	-7.55	6.96	-3.58	3.58	-5.64	3.58	-3.58	6.72	1.11	10.90 (ii)	-19.55 (i)	--	-19.55
	N	-1.234	-1.464	-0.86	0.43	-0.43	-1.015	-0.43	0.43	0.67	0.59	-2.154	-3.713	--	-3.71 (i)

