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 Solution to QUIZ #1

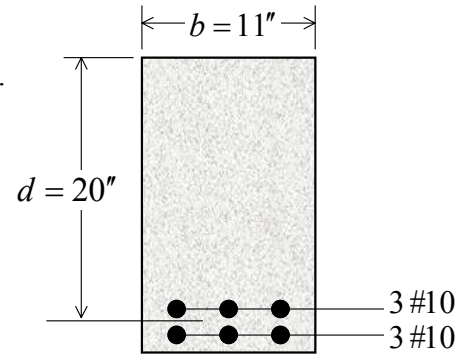
ENCE 355 – Introduction to Structural Design

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For the reinforced concrete beam cross section shown in the figure, determine

- 1- The amount of steel required to create the balanced condition.
- 2- Whether this beam is balanced, underreinforced, or overreinforced? Why?
- 3- The practical moment capacity  $\phi M_n$  of the beam according to the ACI Code.

Use  $f_y = 40,000$  psi for steel and  $f'_c = 3,000$  psi for concrete.



\*\*\*\* SOLUTION \*\*\*\*

**1- Amount of Steel:**

From Table 2,  $\rho_{max} = 0.0278$ , therefore,  $\rho_b = \frac{\rho_{max}}{0.75} = \frac{0.0278}{0.75} = 0.03707$

Hence, Steel required for balanced condition =  $A_{sb} = \rho_b bd = 0.03707(11)(20) = \underline{8.16 \text{ in}^2}$

(Note:  $\rho_b$  can also be obtained using  $\rho_b = \frac{0.85 f'_c \beta_1}{f_y} \left( \frac{87,000}{f_y + 87,000} \right)$

**2- The Condition of the Beam:**

From Table 1, the area for one #10 bar =  $1.27 \text{ in}^2$

Therefore,  $A_s = 6 \times 1.27 = 7.62 \text{ in}^2$

**The beam is underreinforced because**

$(A_s = 7.62 \text{ in}^2) < (A_{sb} = 8.16 \text{ in}^2)$

**3- Practical moment capacity of the beam:**

According to the ACI Code, the practical moment capacity  $\phi M_n$  of the beam should be determined based on  $A_{s,max}$ , and not  $A_s = 7.62 \text{ in}^2$ . Therefore,

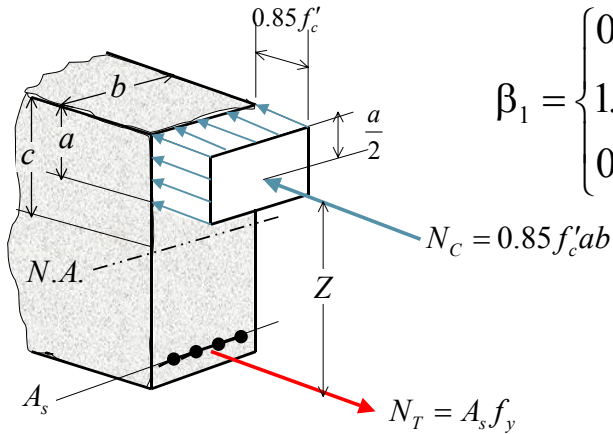
$A_{s,max} = \rho_{max} bd = 0.0278(11)(20) = 6.12 \text{ in}^2$

$a = \frac{A_{s,max} f_y}{0.85 f'_c b} = \frac{6.12(40)}{0.85(3)(11)} = 8.73 \text{ in.}$

$Z = 20 - \frac{a}{2} = 20 - \frac{8.73}{2} = 15.64 \text{ in.}$

$\phi M_n = (0.90)(A_{s,max} f_y Z) = 0.9(6.12)(40)(15.64) = 3,445.8 \text{ in - kips} = \underline{287 \text{ ft - kips}}$

## Formulas, Tables, and Figures



$$\beta_1 = \begin{cases} 0.85 & \text{for } f'_c \leq 4,000 \text{ psi} \\ 1.05 - 5 \times 10^{-5} f'_c & \text{for } 4,000 \text{ psi} < f'_c \leq 8,000 \text{ psi} \\ 0.65 & \text{for } f'_c > 8,000 \text{ psi} \end{cases}$$

$$a = \beta_1 c \quad \rho_{\max} = 0.75 \rho_b$$

$$\rho = \frac{A_s}{bd} \quad A_{s_{\max}} = 0.75 A_{sb}$$

Table 1. ASTM Standard - English Reinforcing Bars

Bar Designation	Diameter in	Area in <sup>2</sup>	Weight lb/ft
#3 [#10]	0.375	0.11	0.376
#4 [#13]	0.500	0.20	0.668
#5 [#16]	0.625	0.31	1.043
#6 [#19]	0.750	0.44	1.502
#7 [#22]	0.875	0.60	2.044
#8 [#25]	1.000	0.79	2.670
#9 [#29]	1.128	1.00	3.400
#10 [#32]	1.270	1.27	4.303
#11 [#36]	1.410	1.56	5.313
#14 [#43]	1.693	2.25	7.650
#18 [#57]	2.257	4.00	13.60

$$\rho_b = \frac{0.85 f'_c \beta_1}{f_y} \left( \frac{87,000}{f_y + 87,000} \right)$$

Note: Metric designations are in brackets

Table 2. Design Constants

$f'_c$ (psi)	$\left[ \frac{3\sqrt{f'_c}}{f_y} \geq \frac{200}{f_y} \right]$	$\rho_{\max} = 0.75 \rho_b$	Recommended Design Values	
			$\rho$	$\bar{k}$ (ksi)
<b><math>F_y = 40,000</math> psi</b>				
3,000	0.0050	0.0278	0.0135	0.4828
4,000	0.0050	0.0372	0.0180	0.6438
5,000	0.0053	0.0436	0.0225	0.8047
6,000	0.0058	0.0490	0.0270	0.9657
<b><math>F_y = 50,000</math> psi</b>				
3,000	0.0040	0.0206	0.0108	0.4828
4,000	0.0040	0.0275	0.0144	0.6438
5,000	0.0042	0.0324	0.0180	0.8047
6,000	0.0046	0.0364	0.0216	0.9657
<b><math>F_y = 60,000</math> psi</b>				
3,000	0.0033	0.0161	0.0090	0.4828
4,000	0.0033	0.0214	0.0120	0.6438
5,000	0.0035	0.0252	0.0150	0.8047
6,000	0.0039	0.0283	0.0180	0.9657
<b><math>F_y = 75,000</math> psi</b>				
3,000	0.0027	0.0116	0.0072	0.4828
4,000	0.0027	0.0155	0.0096	0.6438
5,000	0.0028	0.0182	0.0120	0.8047
6,000	0.0031	0.0206	0.0144	0.9657

Table 3. Strength Reduction Factors

Type of Loading	$\phi$
Bending	0.90
Shear and Torsion	0.85
Compression members (spirally reinforced)	0.75
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Bearing on Concrete	0.70