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ENGINEERING TRIPOS PART IIB

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Thursday 27 April 2017 14.00 to 15.30

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**Module 4D10**

**STRUCTURAL STEELWORK**

*Answer not more than three questions.*

*All questions carry the same number of marks.*

*The approximate percentage of marks allocated to each part of a question is indicated in the right margin.*

*Write your candidate number not your name on the cover sheet.*

**STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS**

Single-sided script paper

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE SUPPLIED FOR THIS EXAM**

CUED approved calculator allowed

Attachment: 4D10 Structural Steelwork Data Sheets (9 pages)

Engineering Data Book

**10 minutes reading time is allowed for this paper.**

**You may not start to read the questions printed on the subsequent pages of this question paper until instructed to do so.**

1 Figure 1 shows a simply-supported 15 m beam of  $356 \times 171 \times 67$  UB section in grade S275 steel. Its web is in the plane of the paper. At each end, lateral deflections and twist rotations are prevented, but the beam ends are free to warp. Secondary beams connect at the third points, 5 m from each end (as denoted by the large crosses). These beams prevent lateral deflections and twist rotation where they connect. These secondary beams apply a load  $F$  to the main beam at each connection, as shown. An axial load  $P$  is also to be applied to the beam, as shown. You may assume that the yield stress is 275 MPa for all components, and you may ignore self-weight.

- (a) In the absence of axial load  $P$ , determine the value of the transverse loads  $F$  at the Ultimate Limit State. [50%]
- (b) In the absence of transverse loads  $F$ , determine the value of the axial load  $P$  at the Ultimate Limit State. [50%]

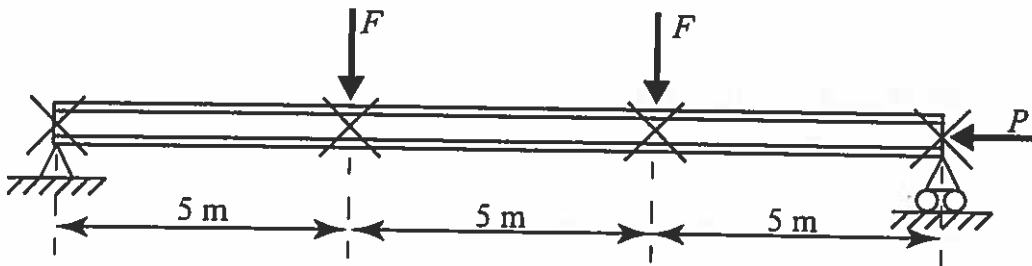


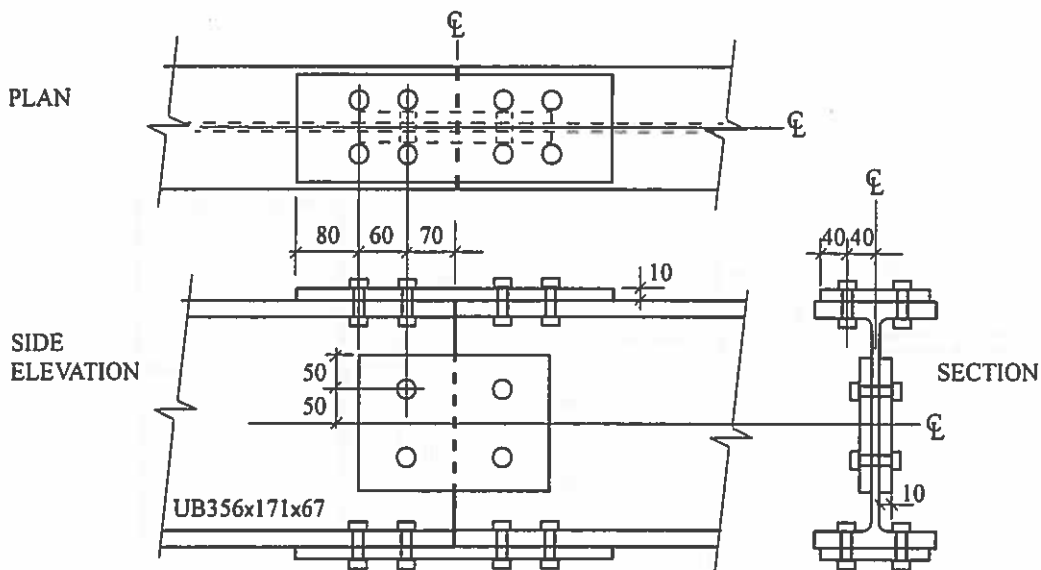
Fig. 1

2 Figure 2 shows a splice connecting two beams of UB356 × 171 × 67 section in steel Grade S275. There are four splice plates, one at each flange and one either side of the web. All splice plates are 10 mm thick and of Grade S450 steel. All bolts are M16 of Grade 8.8. The detail is symmetric about every centreline.

You may assume that the load capacity in bearing of a plate adjacent to a bolt is  $2\sigma_y dt$ , where  $d$  is the bolt diameter,  $t$  is the plate thickness and  $\sigma_y$  is the yield stress of the plate material.

At each stage of the following checks, state clearly what part of the connection you are checking and what assumptions you are making.

- (a) In the absence of moment at the central interface, determine the Ultimate Limit State vertical shear capacity  $S$  of the splice. [30%]
- (b) In the absence of vertical shear at the central interface, determine the Ultimate Limit State major-axis moment capacity  $M$  of the splice. [70%]



Not to scale. All dimensions in mm.

Fig. 2

3 Figure 3(a) shows a box-girder beam simply-supported over an 18 m span. It has a cross-section as shown in Fig. 3(b), made by welding S450 steel plates of thickness 10 mm. Along its full length there are 120 × 20 mm longitudinal stiffeners in the top and bottom flanges, and in the webs, as shown. There are transverse cross-frames at the supports and at 3 m intervals along the beam. The beam is fully braced against global lateral torsional buckling. It is to carry a point load of 800 kN at midspan, which includes all necessary load factors. You may ignore self-weight in all the following calculations.

- (a) Determine the compactness or otherwise of the various parts of the cross-section. [10%]
- (b) Using a smeared section approximation to account for the stiffeners, estimate the major axis second moment of area. [20%]
- (c) By assuming the stiffened top flange consists of pin-ended "T"-struts spanning between cross-frames, determine whether the top flange is adequately stiffened for this load case. [30%]
- (d) Check the web panels for strength and stability. [40%]

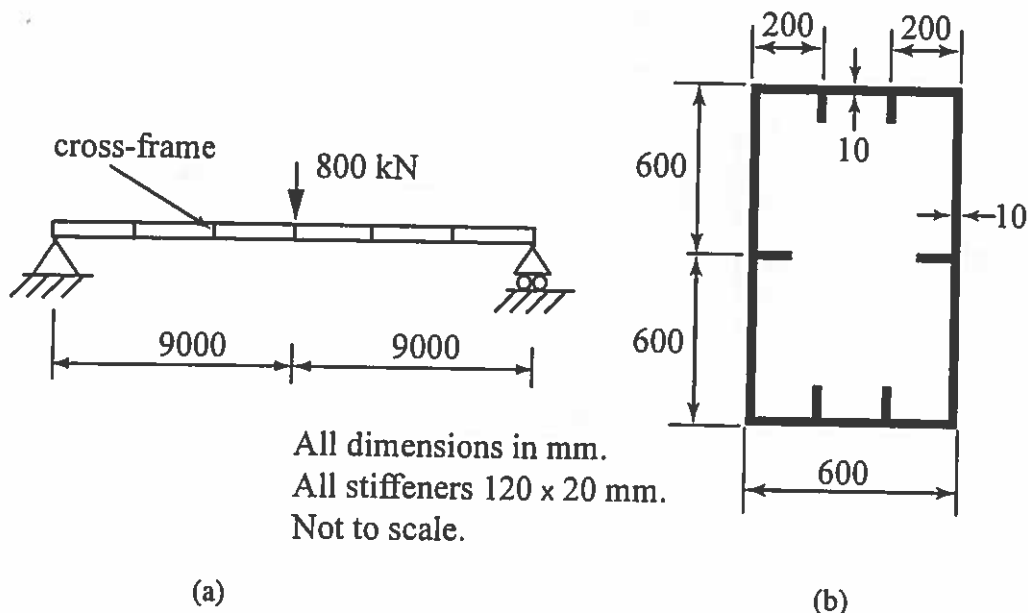
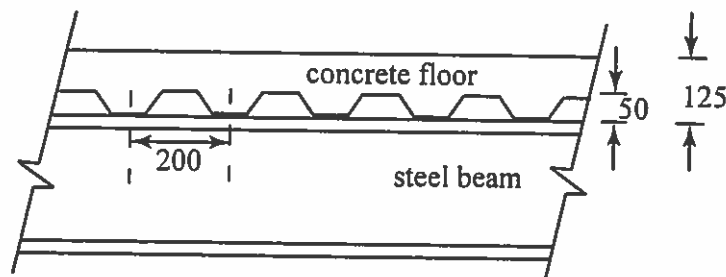


Fig. 3

4 A composite floor is to span 12 m. It consists of a concrete slab of total thickness 125 mm, which includes 50 mm troughs from steel decking. The troughs are perpendicular to the supporting steel beams, as shown in Fig. 4. The supporting beams run the full length of the slab. They are 533 × 210 × 82 Universal Beams of S355 steel, simply supported at each end. The transverse spacing between beam centres is 3.5 m. The decking has been properly designed to span between the beams. The concrete has a design strength  $f_{cd} = 30$  MPa and density  $2400 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ .

The floor is to support its self-weight, together with (unfactored) uniformly distributed loads of  $3 \text{ kN m}^{-2}$  for permanent services and  $7 \text{ kN m}^{-2}$  for live loads. Partial safety factors of 1.35 for permanent loads and 1.5 for live loads are required.

- (a) Assuming full composite action, determine whether the floor can carry the loads specified. [50%]
- (b) Calculate the number of 100 mm × 25 mm shear studs needed for each beam to achieve full composite action. [20%]
- (c) Estimate the maximum deflection due to short-term application of the unfactored live load and check the serviceability limit state, assuming a maximum allowable deflection of span/250 for this case. [30%]



All dimensions in mm.  
(Drawing not to scale).

Fig. 4

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Where the datasheets have been used to read factors in the following, there may be some margin of error either way in the numerical answers.

- 1a) 38.3 kN
- 1b) 831 kN

- 2a) 94 kN
- 2b) 80 kN

- 3a) Compactness: flange, 20.3; web, 65.3; stiffeners, 6.8
- 3b)  $10.24 \times 10^9 \text{ mm}^4$
- 3c)  $N_{\text{design}} = 1010 \text{ kN}$  vs  $N_{\text{actual}} = 928 \text{ kN}$ , thus adequate
- 3d)  $K_c = 0.42$ ,  $K_b = 1.1$ ,  $K_q = 0.73$ ; stability margin = 0.6, stiffness margin = 0.43, thus panel adequate

- 4a)  $M_{\text{design}} = 1322 \text{ kNm}$  vs  $M_{\text{actual}} = 1137 \text{ kNm}$ , thus adequate
- 4b) 50 studs minimum, but 60 in total if placed in each trough
- 4c) 21.7 mm ( $< \text{span}/250 = 12 \text{ m}/250 = 48 \text{ mm}$ )

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# Data Sheets

DO NOT USE FOR ACTUAL DESIGN OF STRUCTURAL STEELWORK

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## DS1: Basic Buckling Resistance Curves

BS EN 1993-1-1:2005  
EN 1993-1-1:2005 (E)

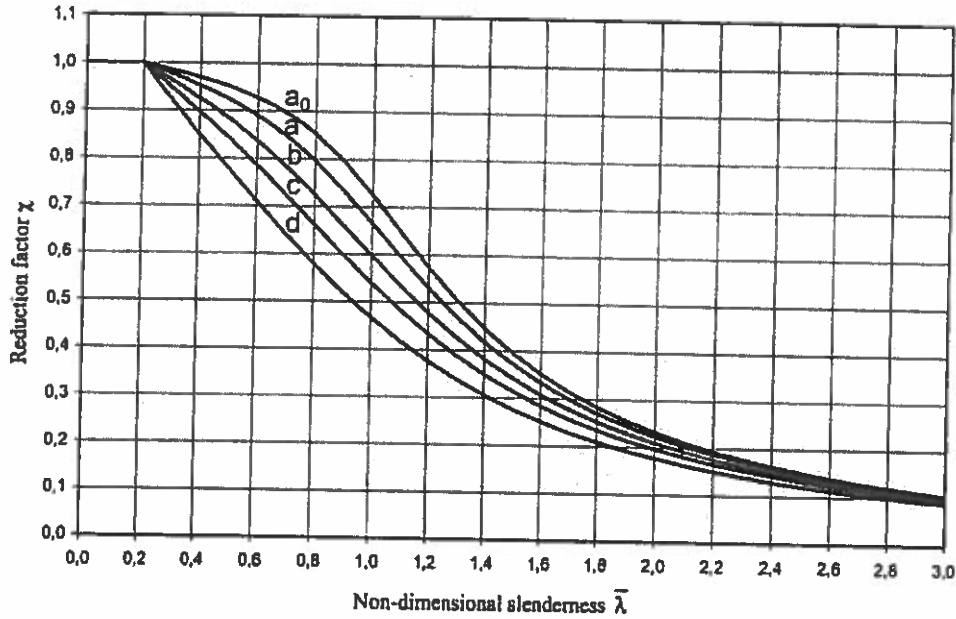


Figure 6.4: Buckling curves

The curves are defined by  $\chi = \frac{1}{\Phi + \sqrt{\Phi^2 - \bar{\lambda}^2}}$  in which  $\Phi \equiv \frac{1 + \alpha(\bar{\lambda} - 0.2) + \bar{\lambda}^2}{2}$

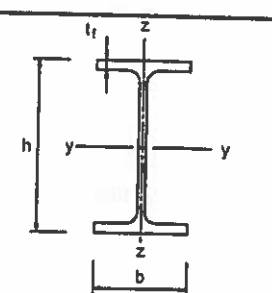
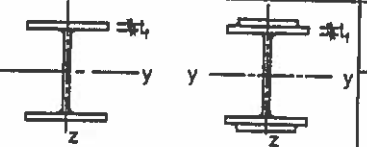

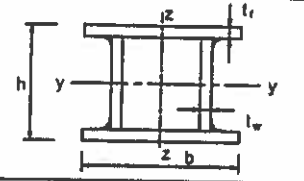
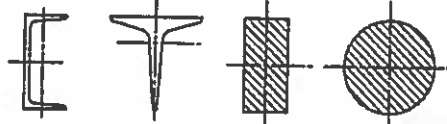
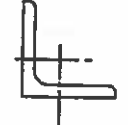
and the imperfection factor  $\alpha$  appropriate for each curve is:

Buckling curve	$a_0$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$
Imperfection factor $\alpha$	0.13	0.21	0.34	0.49	0.76

## DS2: Basic Resistance Curve Selection for Flexural Buckling

BS EN 1993-1-1:2005  
EN 1993-1-1:2006 (E)

Table 6.2: Selection of buckling curve for a cross-section

Cross section	Limits	Buckling about axis	Buckling curve	
			S 235 S 275 S 355 S 420	S 460
Rolled sections 	$h/b > 1,2$	$t_f \leq 40$ mm $40$ mm $< t_f \leq 100$	y-y z-z	a a <sub>0</sub>
			y-y z-z	b c
	$h/b \leq 1,2$	$t_f \leq 100$ mm $t_f > 100$ mm	y-y z-z	b c
			y-y z-z	d c
Welded I-sections 	$t_f \leq 40$ mm	y-y z-z	b c	
	$t_f > 40$ mm	y-y z-z	c d	
Hollow sections 	hot finished	any	a	
	cold formed	any	c	
Welded box sections 	generally (except as below)	any	b	
	thick welds: $a > 0,5t_f$ $b/t_f < 30$ $h/t_w < 30$	any	c	
U-, T- and solid sections 		any	c	
L-sections 		any	b	

## DS3: Lateral-Torsional Buckling Equations

### Critical Moment

The critical magnitude of equal-and-opposite end-moments to cause elastic lateral torsional buckling of a beam is:

$$M_{LT} = \frac{\pi}{L} \sqrt{EIGJ} \sqrt{1 + \frac{\pi^2 E\Gamma}{L^2 GJ}}$$

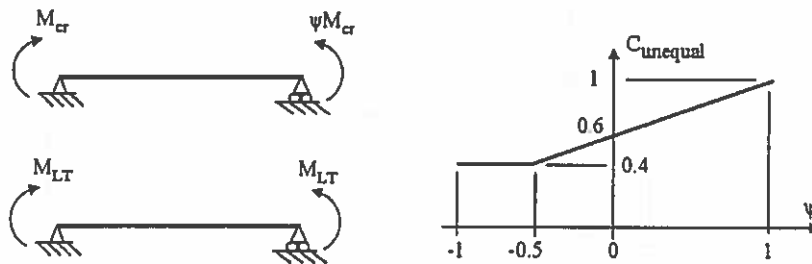
where  $EI$ ,  $GJ$  and  $E\Gamma$  are the minor axis flexural rigidity, the torsional rigidity and the warping rigidity respectively. (It is assumed that the supports prevent vertical, lateral and torsional deflections but do not restrain warping.)

For a doubly-symmetric I-beam

$$\Gamma \approx \frac{ID^2}{4}$$

where  $D$  is the distance between flange centroids and  $I$  is the second moment of area of the section about its minor axis.

### Unequal end moments



$$M_{cr} = \frac{M_{LT}}{C_{unequal}} \quad \text{where } C_{unequal} = \max(0.6 + 0.4\psi, 0.4)$$

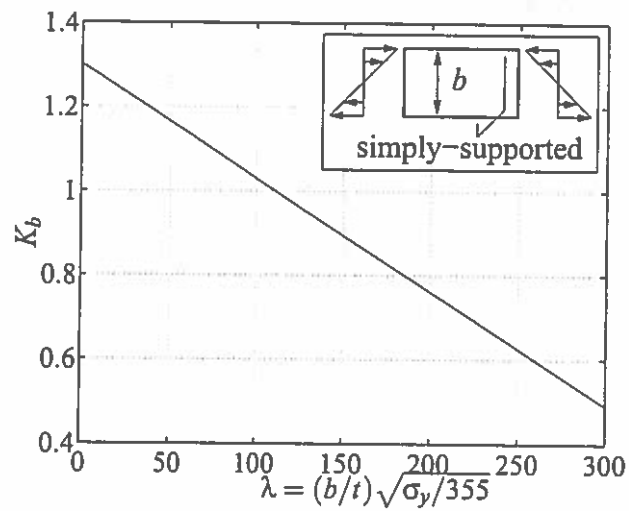
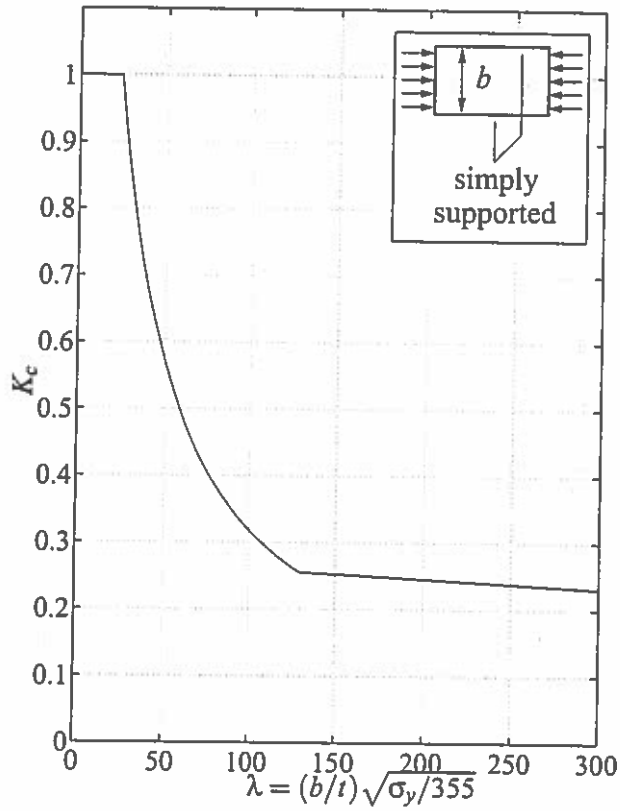
### Lateral torsional buckling curve selection

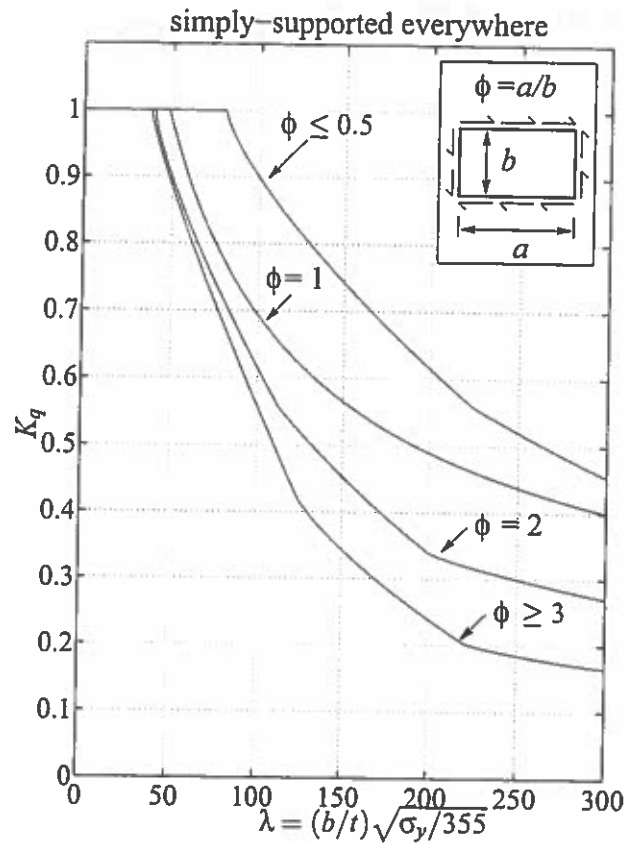
For lateral torsional buckling, the buckling resistance curves (DS1) may be used, with curves selected via the table below. Height  $h$  and width  $b$  are defined in DS2.

	Limits	Curve
Rolled I-sections	$h/b \leq 2$	a
	$h/b > 2$	b
Welded I-sections	$h/b \leq 2$	c
	$h/b > 2$	d
Other	-	d

## DS4: Panel Strength and Plate Compactness

- a. Panel strength: use the following three figures in the expressions overleaf.





$$\text{panel stability: } \frac{\sigma_c}{\sigma_{cc}} + \left(\frac{\sigma_b}{\sigma_{bc}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\tau}{\tau_c}\right)^2 \leq 1$$

**note 1:**  $\sigma_{cc} = K_c \sigma_y$ ;  $\sigma_{bc} = K_b \sigma_y$ ;  $\tau_c = K_q \tau_y (K_q \sigma_y / \sqrt{3})$ .

**note 2:**  $\tau$  is the shear stress on the panel,  $\sigma_c$  is the average compressive stress and  $\sigma_b$  is the maximum bending stress.

$$\text{panel local strength: } \sigma \leq \sqrt{\sigma_y^2 - 3\tau^2}$$

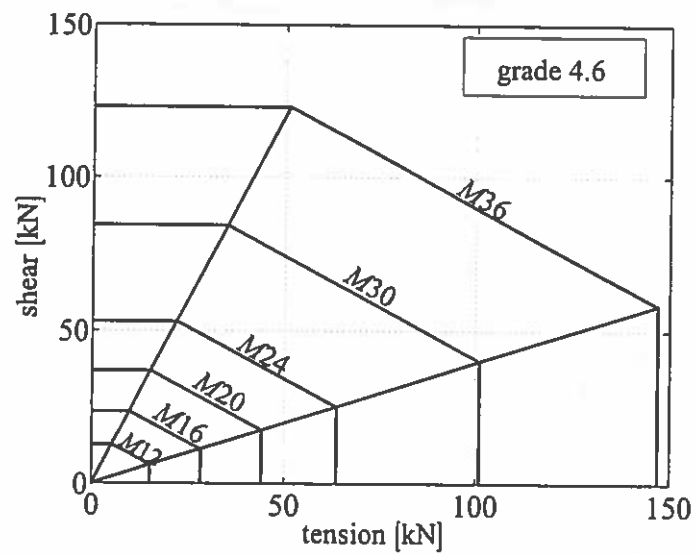
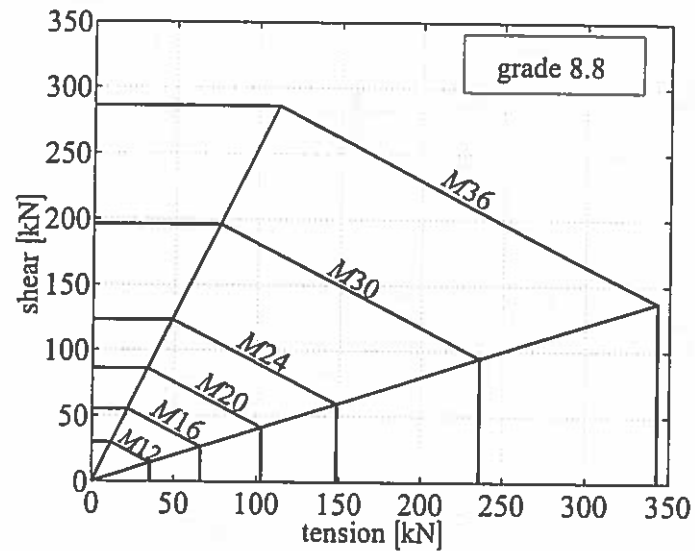
**note 3:** effective width,  $b_e$ , of compression flange with stiffener spacing,  $b$ , is  $K_c b$ .

b. Plate compactness.

member and action	compact if $\lambda (= (b/t)\sqrt{\sigma_y/355})$
internal plate in compression	$\leq 24$
external plate in compression	$\leq 8$
internal plate in bending (no axial load)	$\leq 56$

## DS5: Connector Capacity and Fatigue Life

a. Bolt strength in combined tension and shear.

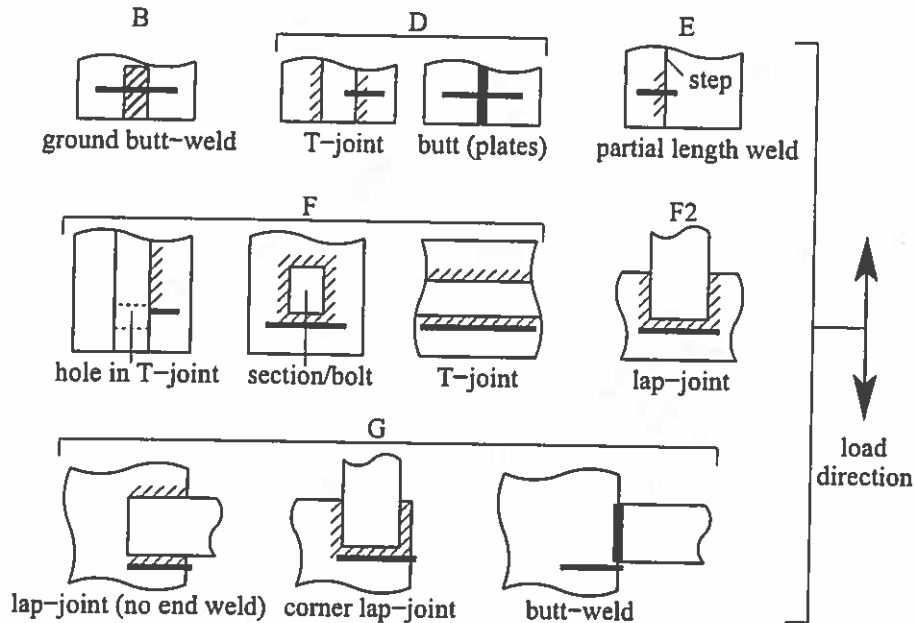


b. Bolt placement.

edge and end distances:  $\geq 2.5\phi$   
 spacing between bolt axes:  $\leq 32t$  and  $\geq 2.5\phi$

**note 1:**  $\phi$  is the bolt hole diameter;  $t$  is the total thickness of joint plates.

- c. Weld capacity. Shear force transmitted across weld  $\leq$  throat area  $\times \tau_y$ .
- d. Weld classification. Plan-views of typical crack locations, which are shown in grey for clarity. Where a crack is shown to overlap with a step or T-joint edge, it has become vertical.



- e. Weld fatigue life. The number of repetitions,  $N$ , to failure under stress amplitude,  $\sigma_r$ , is

$$N\sigma_r^m = K_2 \quad \text{for } \sigma_r > \sigma_0$$

$$N\sigma_r^{m+2} = K_2\sigma_0^2 \quad \text{for } \sigma_r < \sigma_0$$

where  $\sigma_r$  and  $\sigma_0$  are in MPa, and the constants  $m$  and  $K_2$  take different values for each class of weld from the following table.

detail class	$m$	$K_2$	$\sigma_0$ [MPa]
G	3	$0.25 \times 10^{12}$	29
F2	3	$0.43 \times 10^{12}$	35
F	3	$0.63 \times 10^{12}$	40
E	3	$1.04 \times 10^{12}$	47
D	3	$1.52 \times 10^{12}$	53
B	4	$1.01 \times 10^{15}$	100

**note 2:** for complex variations, use Miner's Law

$$\frac{n_1}{N_1} + \frac{n_2}{N_2} + \dots + \frac{n_i}{N_i} + \dots \leq 1$$

$n_i$  is the number of applied cycles under  $\sigma_{ri}$ ;  $N_i$  is the total number of possible cycles under  $\sigma_{ri}$ . Each  $\sigma_{ri}$  is given by application of the Reservoir Method described in the notes.



## DS6: Composite Construction

### a. Headed shear stud capacity.

headed studs		$f_{cd}$ [MPa]			
diameter [mm]	height [mm]	20	30	40	50
		stud shear strength [kN]			
25	100	139	154	168	183
19	100	90	100	109	119
13	65	42	47	52	57

**note 1:** for sheeting ribs orthogonal to the supporting beam, single studs have full strength but paired studs each have 80% strength.

### b. Transformed section data.

Young's modulus for grade 30 concrete,  $E_c$ , depends on duration of loading as:

$$\text{short term: } E_c = 28 \text{ GPa}$$

$$\text{long term: } E_c = 14 \text{ GPa}$$

Effective width of slab,  $b_e$ , is equal to  $0.25 \times \text{span}$  but less than  $b$ , the beam spacing.

The maximum deflection must be less than the total span/250.

### c. Profiled decking capacity.

support condition	total slab depth [mm]	$t = 0.9 \text{ mm}$			$t = 1.2 \text{ mm}$		
		imposed loading [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]					
		2.5	5	7.5	2.5	5	7.5
single span (no props)	100	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.8	2.8	2.8
	150	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.4	2.4	2.4
multiple span (no props)	100	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.7	2.7	2.7
	150	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.4	2.4	2.4
single span (one prop)	100	4.5	3.9	3.3	5.1	4.1	3.6
	150	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.7	4.7	3.7
multiple span (with props)	100	4.6	4.0	3.4	5.1	4.1	3.6
	150	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.8	4.8	4.8

**note 2:** table above only applies to 50 mm deep troughs; thickness of sheeting is  $t$ .