

# Lecture 7 - Flexure

# ***Lecture Goals***

- Basic Concepts
- Rectangular Beams
- Non-uniform beams
- Safety factors
- Loading and Resistance
- Balanced Beams

# ***Flexural Stress Example***

Example of rectangular reinforced concrete beam.

Given a rectangular beam

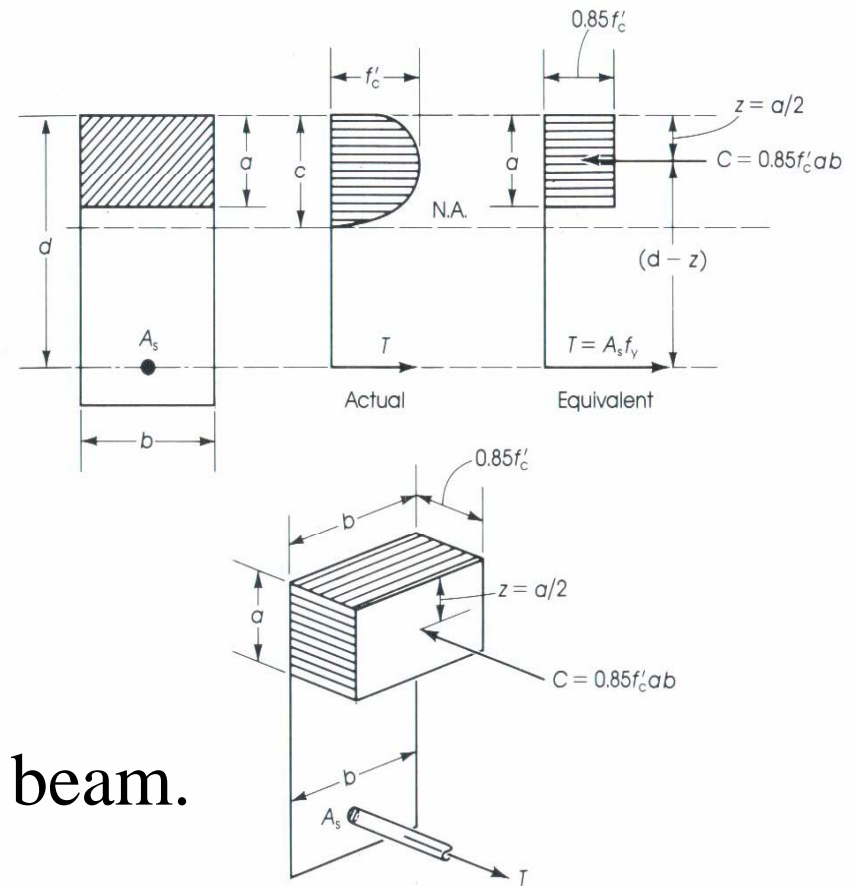
$$f_c = 4000 \text{ psi}$$

$$f_y = 60 \text{ ksi} \quad (4 \text{ \#7 bars})$$

$$b = 12 \text{ in.} \quad d = 15.5 \text{ in.} \quad h = 18 \text{ in.}$$

Find the neutral axis.

Find the moment capacity of the beam.



## ***Example***

Determine the area of steel, #7 bar has  $0.6 \text{ in}^2$ .

$$A_s = 4(0.6 \text{ in}^2) = 2.4 \text{ in}^2$$

The  $\beta$  value is  $\beta_1 = 0.85$  because the concrete has a  $f_c = 4000 \text{ psi}$ .

## ***Example***

From equilibrium

$$C = T$$

$$0.85 f_c b a = f_y A_s$$

$$a = \frac{f_y A_s}{0.85 f_c b} = \frac{(60 \text{ ksi})(2.4 \text{ in}^2)}{0.85(4 \text{ ksi})(12 \text{ in})} = 3.53 \text{ in.}$$

The neutral axis is

$$c = \frac{a}{\beta_1} = \frac{3.53 \text{ in.}}{0.85} = 4.152 \text{ in.}$$

## ***Example***

Check to see whether or not the steel has yielded.

$$\epsilon_y = \frac{f_y}{E_s} = \frac{60 \text{ ksi}}{29000 \text{ ksi}} = 0.00207$$

Check the strain in the steel

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_s &= \left( \frac{d - c}{c} \right) (0.003) \\ &= \left( \frac{15.5 \text{ in.} - 4.152 \text{ in.}}{4.152 \text{ in.}} \right) (0.003) = 0.0082 > 0.000207\end{aligned}$$

**Steel yielded!**

## ***Example***

Compute moment capacity of the beam.

$$\begin{aligned} M_n &= A_s f_y \left( d - \frac{a}{2} \right) \\ &= (2.4 \text{ in}^2)(60 \text{ ksi}) \left( 15.5 \text{ in.} - \frac{3.53 \text{ in.}}{2} \right) \\ &= 1979 \text{ k-in.} \Rightarrow 164.8 \text{ k-ft.} \end{aligned}$$

# ***Flexural Stress - Example***

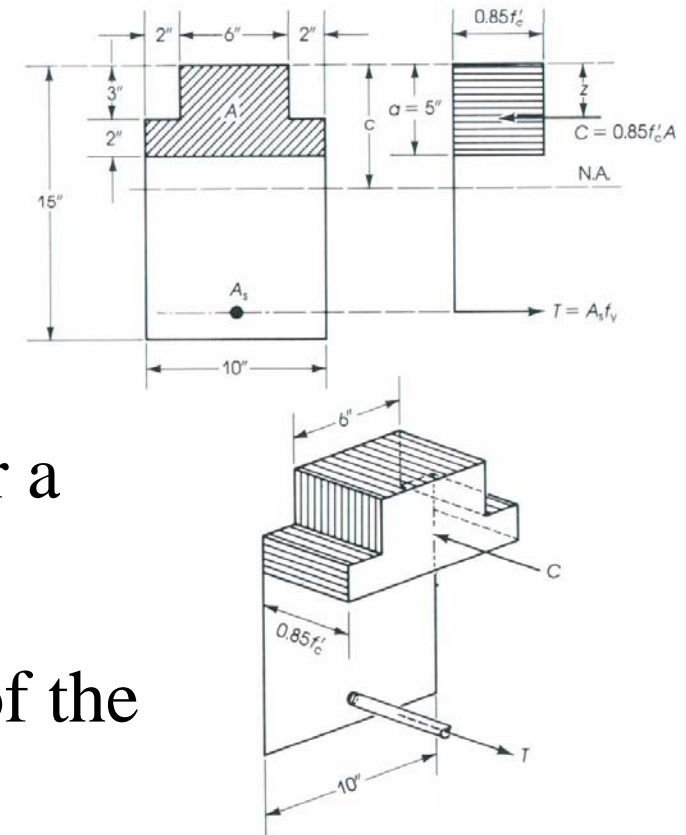
For a non-rectangular beam

For the given beam with concrete rated at  $f_c = 6000$  psi and the steel is rated at  $f_s = 60,000$  psi.  $d = 12.5$  in.

(a) Determine the area of the steel for a balanced system.

(b) Determine the moment capacity of the beam.  $M_n$

(c) Determine the NA.





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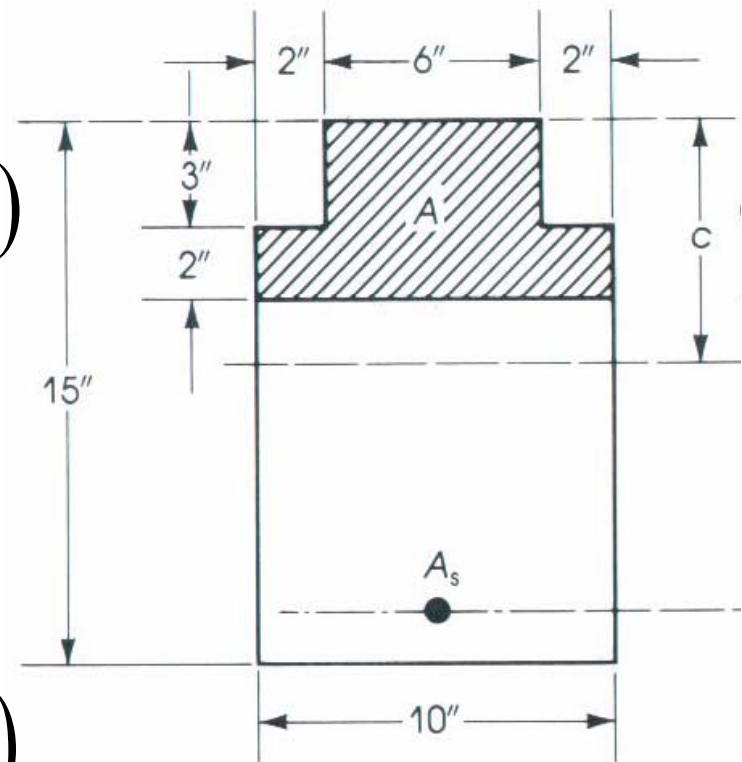
For a non-rectangular beam

The area of the concrete section is

$$\begin{aligned} A_c &= (6 \text{ in.})(3 \text{ in.}) + (10 \text{ in.})(2 \text{ in.}) \\ &= 38 \text{ in}^2 \end{aligned}$$

The force due to concrete forces.

$$\begin{aligned} C &= 0.85 f_c A_c \\ &= 0.85 (6000 \text{ psi}) (38 \text{ in}^2) \\ &= 193,000 \text{ lb.} \end{aligned}$$



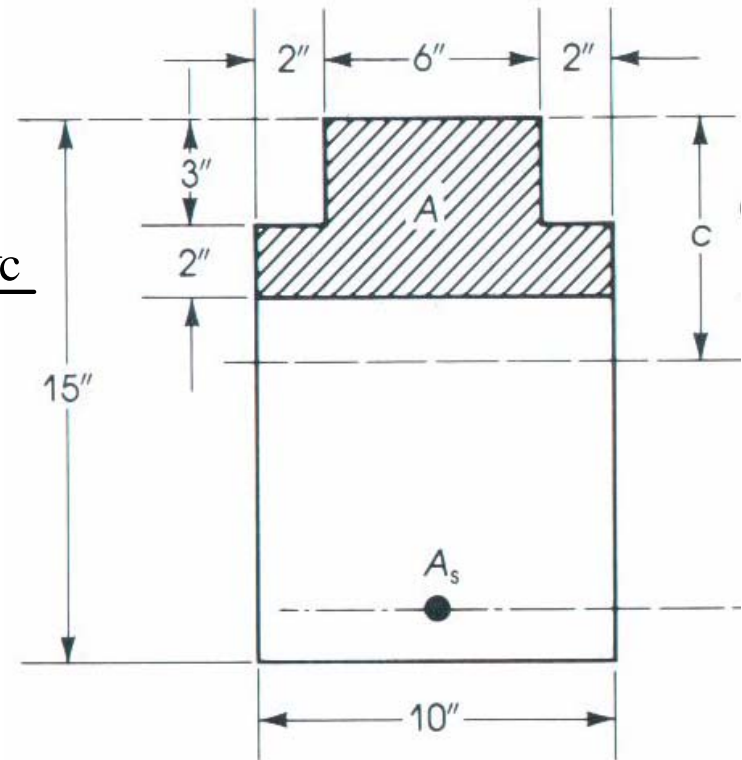
# ***Flexural Stress - Example***

Using equilibrium, the area of the steel can be found

$$T = C$$

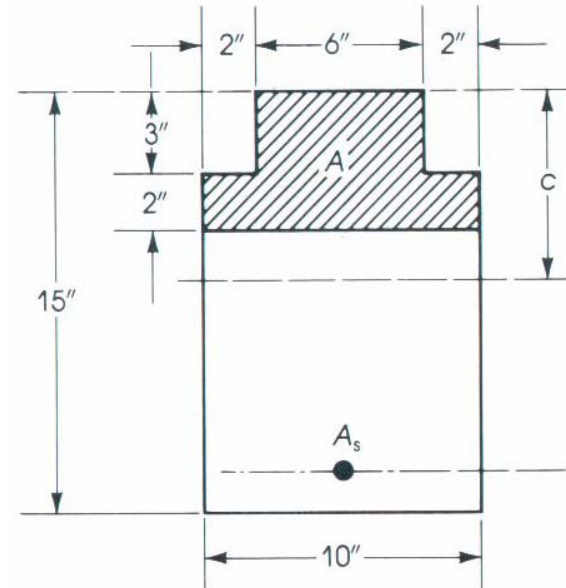
$$f_s A_s = 0.85 f_c A_c \Rightarrow A_s = \frac{0.85 f_c A_c}{f_s}$$

$$A_s = \frac{193800 \text{ lb}}{60000 \text{ psi}} = 3.23 \text{ in}^2$$



# ***Flexural Stress - Example***

Find the center of the area of concrete area



$$\bar{y} = \frac{\sum y_i A_i}{\sum A_i}$$

$$= \frac{(6 \text{ in.})(3 \text{ in.})(1.5 \text{ in.}) + (10 \text{ in.})(2 \text{ in.})(4 \text{ in.})}{(6 \text{ in.})(3 \text{ in.}) + (10 \text{ in.})(2 \text{ in.})}$$

$$= 2.8158 \text{ in.}$$

## ***Flexural Stress - Example***

The moment capacity of the beam is

$$\begin{aligned} M_n &= T(d - \bar{y}) \\ &= 193800 \text{ lb.} (12.5 \text{ in.} - 2.8158 \text{ in.}) \left( \frac{1 \text{ kip}}{1000 \text{ lb}} \right) \\ &= 1869 \text{ k-in.} \Rightarrow 155.75 \text{ k-ft.} \end{aligned}$$

# ***Flexural Stress - Example***

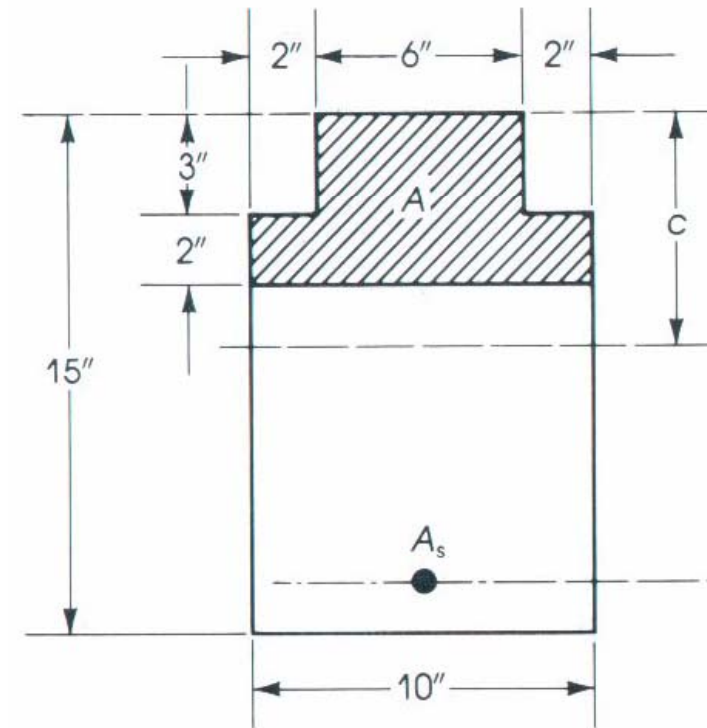
Compute the  $\beta_1$  value

$$\begin{aligned}\beta_1 &= 0.85 - 0.05 * \left( \frac{f_c - 4000 \text{ psi}}{1000 \text{ psi}} \right) \\ &= 0.85 - 0.05 * \left( \frac{6000 \text{ psi} - 4000 \text{ psi}}{1000 \text{ psi}} \right) \\ &= 0.75\end{aligned}$$

# ***Flexural Stress - Example***

Find the neutral axis

$$\begin{aligned} c &= \frac{a}{\beta_1} \\ &= \frac{5.0 \text{ in.}}{0.75} = 6.67 \text{ in.} \end{aligned}$$



# ***Safety Provisions***

Structures and structural members must always be designed to carry some reserve load above what is expected under normal use.

# ***Safety Provisions***

There are three main reasons why some sort of safety factor are necessary in structural design.

[1] Consequences of failure.

[2] Variability in loading.

[3] Variability in resistance.



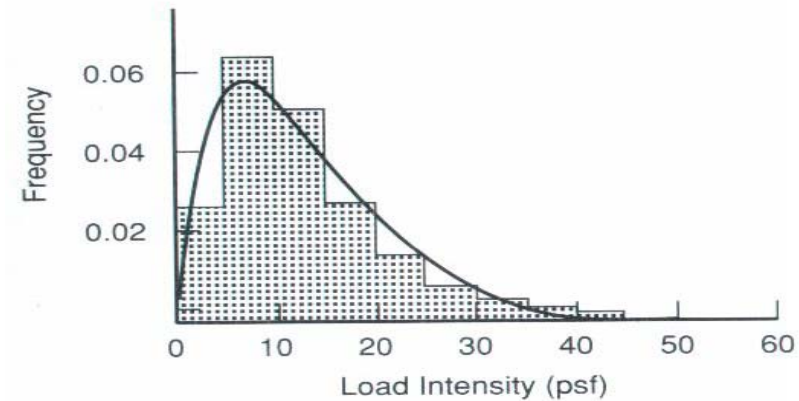
# *Consequences of Failure*

A number of subjective factors must be considered in determining an acceptable level of safety.

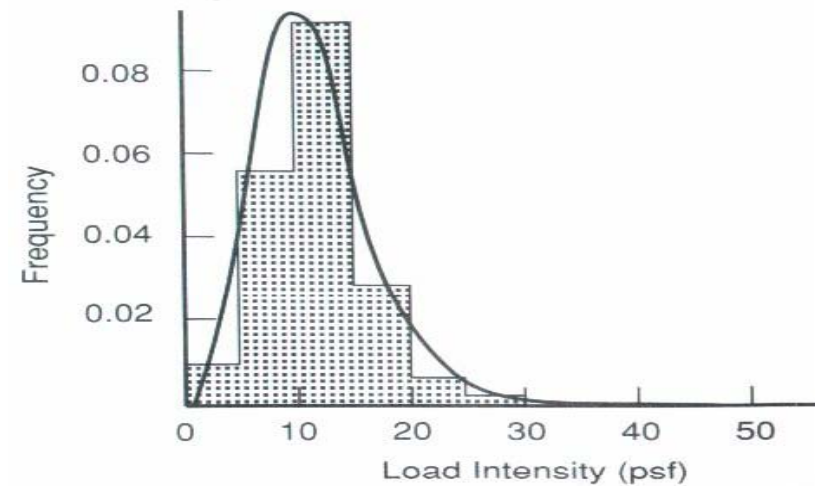
- Potential loss of life.
- Cost of clearing the debris and replacement of the structure and its contents.
- Cost to society.
- Type of failure warning of failure, existence of alternative load paths.

# *Variability in Loading*

Frequency distribution of sustained component of live loads in offices.



(a) Area = 151 ft<sup>2</sup>



(b) Area = 2069 ft<sup>2</sup>

# ***Variability in Resistance***

- Variability of the strengths of concrete and reinforcement.
- Differences between the as-built dimensions and those found in structural drawings.
- Effects of simplification made in the derivation of the members resistance.

# *Variability in Resistance*

Comparison of measured and computed failure moments based on all data for reinforced concrete beams with  $f_c > 2000$  psi.

