

Architecture 324: Structures II

LRFD Composite Steel Beam + Concrete Slab Analysis

Guided Worksheet: Case 1 (PNA Within Slab)

Given Data: W-section: W21×93 **Span A (beam span):** 67 FT **Span B (beam spacing):** 15 FT **Slab thickness, t:** 7 IN F_y : 50 KSI f'_c : 4 KSI γ_c : 150 PCF

W21×93 Properties (AISC): $A_s = 27.3 \text{ in}^2$ $d = 21.6 \text{ in}$ $b_f = 8.42 \text{ in}$ $t_f = 0.930 \text{ in}$ Self-weight = 93 plf

Part 1: Effective Flange Width

Q1 Effective Flange Width (b_e) [IN]

The concrete slab acts as the compression flange of the composite beam, but only a limited width is effective. For a slab on **both sides**, b_e is the **least** of the three criteria below. Each criterion limits how far the slab extends on each side of the beam web.

1. **Criterion 1** (fraction of span):

$$b_e = \frac{\text{Span A}}{4} = \frac{\quad \times 12}{4} = \quad \text{IN}$$

2. **Criterion 2** (slab thickness controlled):

Each overhang $\leq 8t$, plus the steel flange width:

$$b_e = 2(8t) + b_f (\text{from steel table}) = 2 \times 8 \times \quad + \quad = \quad \text{IN}$$

3. **Criterion 3** (beam spacing controlled):

$$b_e = \text{Span B} = \quad \times 12 = \quad \text{IN}$$

4. **Which is the smallest?** Circle: (1) / (2) / (3)

Answer b_e : \quad IN

Part 2: Stress Block and Case Check

Q2 Depth of Concrete Stress Block (a) [IN]

At ultimate strength, the concrete in the effective flange carries compression through a rectangular stress block of depth a and uniform stress $0.85f'_c$. Setting the compression force $C = 0.85f'_c a b_e$ equal to the tension force $T = A_s F_y$ (horizontal equilibrium) and solving for a :

$$a = \frac{A_s F_y}{0.85 f'_c b_e (\text{from steel table})}$$

1. **Numerator** ($A_s \times F_y$): $\quad \times \quad = \quad$

2. **Denominator** ($0.85 \times f'_c \times b_e$): $0.85 \times \quad \times \quad = \quad$

3. **Divide:** $\quad \div \quad = \quad$

Answer a : \quad IN

Q3 Is a Within the Slab?

[1 = yes, 0 = no]

If $a \leq t$ (slab thickness), the entire compression block fits within the concrete slab. This means the Plastic Neutral Axis (PNA) is within the slab and the full steel section is in tension. This is Case 1, the simpler and more common situation.

Decision Point:

$a \leq t \Rightarrow$ **Case 1:** PNA is in the slab. Full steel section is in tension. Proceed with this worksheet.

$a > t \Rightarrow$ **Case 2:** PNA drops into the steel section. Part of the steel is in compression. Requires a different procedure (see lecture slides 15–18).

1. **Compare:** $a = \quad$ in vs. $t = \quad$ in

Answer: \quad

Part 3: Moment Capacity

Q4 Nominal Bending Moment (M_n) [K·IN]

The nominal moment is the internal couple: the tension force $T = A_s F_y$ acts at mid-depth of the steel section ($d/2$ from the beam's top flange). The compression resultant C acts at $a/2$ from the top of the slab. The moment arm z between them is:

$$z = \frac{d(\text{from steel table})}{2} + t - \frac{a}{2}$$

$$M_n = A_s (\text{from steel table}) F_y \times z = A_s F_y \left(\frac{d}{2} + t - \frac{a}{2} \right)$$

1. **Moment arm:** $d/2 = \quad$, $t = \quad$, $a/2 = \quad$

$$z = \quad + \quad - \quad = \quad \text{IN}$$

2. **Tension force:** $T = A_s F_y = \quad \times \quad = \quad \text{K}$

3. **Multiply:** $M_n = \quad \times \quad = \quad$

Answer M_n : \quad K·IN

Q5 Factored Bending Resistance (ϕM_n) [K·IN]

The design strength is the nominal moment reduced by the strength reduction factor $\phi = 0.90$ for flexure (LRFD). This accounts for uncertainties in material properties, dimensions, and the analysis model.

$$\phi M_n = 0.90 \times M_n$$

1. **Calculate:** $0.90 \times \quad = \quad$

Answer ϕM_n : \quad K·IN

Q6 Factored Design Moment (M_u) [K·FT]

Convert ϕM_n from kip-inches to kip-feet. This is the maximum factored moment the composite section can resist.

$$M_u = \frac{\phi M_n}{12}$$

1. **Convert:** $\quad \text{K·IN} \div 12 = \quad \text{K·FT}$

Answer M_u : \quad K·FT

Part 4: Load Capacity

Q7 Total Factored Load (w_u) [KLF]

For a simply supported beam with uniform load, $M_u = w_u L^2 / 8$. Solve for w_u :

$$w_u = \frac{8 M_u}{\text{Span A}^2}$$

Note: Use M_u in K·FT and Span A in FT to get w_u in KLF.

1. **Calculate:** $\frac{8 \times \quad}{\quad^2} = \quad$

Answer w_u : \quad KLF

Q8 Selfweight of the Concrete Slab [PSF]

The slab weight per square foot depends on its thickness and the unit weight of concrete ($\gamma_c = 150 \text{ PCF}$).

$$w_{\text{slab}} = \frac{t}{12} \times \gamma_c$$

1. **Calculate:** $\frac{\quad}{12} \times 150 = \quad \text{PSF}$

Answer: \quad PSF

Q9 Total Unfactored Dead Load (w_{DL}) [KLF]

The beam carries: (1) the slab weight over its tributary width (Span B), and (2) its own self-weight. Add these together as the total unfactored dead load in PLF, then convert to KLF.

$$w_{DL} = w_{\text{slab}} \times \text{Span B} + w_{\text{beam}}$$

1. **Slab load on beam:** $\quad \text{PSF} \times \quad \text{FT} = \quad \text{PLF}$

2. **Beam self-weight (from steel table):** $\quad \text{PLF}$

3. **Total:** $\quad + \quad = \quad \text{PLF}$

4. **Convert:** $\div 1000 = \quad \text{KLF}$

Answer w_{DL} : \quad KLF

Q10 Unfactored Beam Live Load Capacity (w_{LL}) [KLF]

The total factored load is composed of dead and live loads combined using LRFD load factors: $w_u = 1.2 w_{DL} + 1.6 w_{LL}$. Solve for w_{LL} :

$$w_{LL} = \frac{w_u - 1.2 w_{DL}}{1.6}$$

1. **Factored DL:** $1.2 \times \quad = \quad \text{KLF}$

2. **Subtract:** $\quad - \quad = \quad \text{KLF}$

3. **Divide by 1.6:** $\quad \div 1.6 = \quad \text{KLF}$

Answer w_{LL} : \quad KLF

Q11 Floor Live Load Capacity [PSF]

The beam live load w_{LL} (in PLF) is spread over the tributary width (Span B) to find the floor capacity in PSF.

$$LL = \frac{w_{LL} (\text{in PLF})}{\text{Span B}}$$

1. **Convert w_{LL} to PLF:** $\quad \text{KLF} \times 1000 = \quad \text{PLF}$

2. **Divide by Span B:** $\quad \div \quad = \quad$

Answer LL: \quad PSF