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CHAPTER THREE

Design of Shallow Foundations: COMBINED FOOTINGS

 Design a rectangular base to support two columns carrying the following loads:

Column 1: dead load = 310 kN, imposed load = 160 kN Column 2: dead load = 430 kN, imposed load = 220 kN

The columns are each 350 mm square and are spaced at 2.5 m centers. The width of the base is not to exceed 2.0m. The safe bearing pressure on the ground is 160 kN/m². Take fck = 30 MPa concrete and fyk = 500 MPa.

a. Base arrangement and soil pressure

- Assume the weight of the base is 130 kN.
- Various load conditions are examined.
- It is assumed here that the imposed loads on the columns are independent loads and therefore carry different load factors. *If this is not the case, then a single load factor should be applied for both the loads.*

Case 1: Dead + imposed load on both columns.

Use SLS values

Axial load = (310 + 160) + (430 + 220) + 130 = 1250 kN

Area of base = 1250/160 = 7.81 m2

Length of base = 7.81/2.0 = 3.91 m

Choose **4.5 m × 2.0 m × 0.6 m** deep base.

The weight of the base is $(4.5 \times 2.0 \times 0.6 \times 25) = 135.0$ kN \approx 130 kN.

Area = $4.5 \times 2.0 = 9.0 \text{ m}^2$ Section modulus = $2.0 \times 4.52/6 = 6.75 \text{ m}^3$

- The base is arranged so that the center of gravity of the loads coincides with the center line of the base, in which case the base pressure will be uniform. This arrangement will be made for the maximum ultimate loads.
- The ultimate loads are
 Column 1: load = 1.35 × 310 + 1.5 × 160 = 658.5 kN
 Column 2: load = 1.35 × 430 + 1.5 × 220 = 910.5 kN
 The distance of the center of gravity from column 1 is
 x = (910.5 × 2.5)/ (658.5 + 910.5) = 1.45 m



Base arrangement

• The soil pressure is checked for service loads for case 1:

Direct vertical load = 310 + 160 + 430 + 220 + 130 = 1250 kN

 Since the centroid of the loads does not exactly coincide with the centroid of the base, check for maximum pressure which is non-uniform. The moment about the centre line of the base is

 $M = (430 + 220) \times 1.05 - (310 + 160) \times 1.45 = 1.0 \text{ kNm}$

The moment is very small and can be ignored. The base pressure is practically constant.

Base pressure = 1250/9.0 = 138.9 kN/m² < 160.0 kN/m²

Case 2: Column 1, dead + imposed load; column 2, dead load only. Use SLS values

Axial load = (310+160) + (430 + 0) + 130.0 = 1030 kN

Moment = $M = (430+0) \times 1.05 - (310 + 160) \times 1.45 = -230$ kN m

Maximum pressure = $1030/9.0 + 230.0/6.75 = 148.5 \text{ kN/m}^2 < 160.0 \text{ kN/m}^2$

Maximum base pressure occurs toward the column 1 side.

Case 3: Column 1: dead load only; column 2: dead + imposed load. Use SLS values

Axial load = (310+0) + (430 + 220) + 130 = 1090 kN Moment = $M = (430+220) \times 1.05 - (310 + 0) \times 1.45 = 233$ kN m Maximum pressure = 1090/9.0 + 233.0/6.75 = 155.6 kN/m² < 160.0 kN/m² Maximum base pressure occurs toward the column 2 side.

The base is satisfactory with respect to soil pressure.

b. Analysis for actions in longitudinal direction at ULS

Take cover as 40 mm, and 20 mm diameter bars,



 $d_{eff} = 600 - 40 - 20/2 = 550$ mm.

 Using the 'Macaulay bracket notation', the shear force V and moment M in the longitudinal direction due to ultimate loads are calculated by statics.

$$\{x-a\}^n = egin{cases} 0, & x < a \ (x-a)^n, & x \ge a. \end{cases} (n \ge 0) \qquad \qquad \langle x-a
angle^0 \equiv \{x-a\}^0 = egin{cases} 0, & x < a \ 1, & x > a. \end{cases}$$

$$p = p_1 + (p_2 - p_1) \frac{x}{4.5}$$

$$V = 2\{\frac{(p_1 + p)}{2}x\} - W_1(x - 0.8)^0 - W_2(x - 3.3)^0$$

$$M = 2\{p_1 \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{(p - p_1)}{2} \frac{x^2}{3}\} - W_1 \langle x - 0.8 \rangle - W_2 \langle x - 3.3 \rangle$$

- The maximum design moments are at the column face and between the columns, and maximum shears are at d from the column face.
- The load cases are as follows. The weight of the base is ignored as the corresponding base pressure will cancel the pressure due to the weight of the base.

 In the following load factors from Equation (6.10), Table A2.4 (B) from BS EN 1990:2002, Eurocode-Basis of Structural Design are used.

$$\gamma_{Gj, sup} = 1.35, \gamma Gj_{inf} = 1.0, \gamma_{Q, 1} = 1.5, \psi_{0, i} = 0.7$$

• Six loading cases are discussed in detail.

- Case 1A: Maximum load on both columns with column 1 carrying leading variable load.
- Case 1B: Maximum load on both columns with column 2 carrying leading variable load.
- Case 2A: Maximum load on column 1 and minimum load on column 2 with column 1 carrying leading variable load.
- Case 2B: Maximum load on column 1 and minimum load on column 2 with column 2 carrying leading variable load.
- Case 3A: Minimum load on column 1 and maximum load on column 2 with column 1 carrying leading variable load.
- Case 3B: Minimum load on column 1 and maximum load on column 2 with column 2 carrying leading variable load.

Case 1A: Maximum load on both columns with column 1 carrying leading variable load.

Treat G_k as unfavorable on both columns, Q_k on column 1 as leading variable action and Q_k on column 2 as accompanying variable action

W1: $1.35 \times 310 + 1.5 \times 160 = 658.5 \text{ kN}$ W2: $1.35 \times 430 + 1.5 \times 0.7 \times 220 = 811.5 \text{ kN}$ W1 + W2 = 658.5 + 811.5 = 1470.0 kN, Moment $M = 811.5 \times 1.05 - 658.5 \times 1.45 = -102.75 \text{ kN m}$ $p1 = 1470.0/9.0 + 102.75/6.75 = 178.6 \text{ kN/m}^2$ $p2 = 1470.0/9.0 - 102.75/6.75 = 148.1 \text{ kN/m}^2$

х	V	М	Remarks			
0.075	26.8	1.0	d from left face of column 1			
0.625	220.6	69.2	Left face of column 1			
0.975	-316.7	52.5	Right face of column 1			
1.525	-129.5	-70.1	d from right face of column 1			
1.89	0	-95.1	Maximum negative moment			
2.575	216.3	-23.2	d from left face of column 2			
3.125	391.6	144.2	Left face of column 2			
3.475	-310.6	158.4	Right face of column 2			
4.025	-142.1	34.1	d from right face of column 2			

Design values: shear force = 216.3 kN, moment = 158.4 kNm and -95.1 kNm.



Case 1B: Maximum load on both columns with column 2 carrying leading variable load.

Treat G_k as unfavorable on both columns, Q_k on column 2 as leading variable action and Q_k on column 1 as accompanying variable action.

W1: $1.35 \times 310 + 1.5 \times 0.7 \times 160 = 586.5 \text{ kN}$ W2: $1.35 \times 430 + 1.5 \times 220 = 910.5 \text{ kN}$ W1 + W2 = 586.5 + 910.5 = 1497.0 kN, Moment $M = 910.5 \times 1.05 - 586.5 \times 1.45 = 105.6 \text{ kN m}$ p1 = $1497.0/9.0 - 105.6/6.75 = 150.7 \text{ kN/m}^2$ p2 = $1497.0/9.0 + 105.6/6.75 = 181.96 \text{ kN/m}^2$

х	V	М	Remarks			
0.075	22.6	0.8	d from left face of column 1			
0.625	191.1	59.4	Left face of column 1			
0.975	-286.0	42.8	Right face of column 1			
1.525	-110.7	-66.5	d from right face of column 1			
1.89	0	-85.4	Maximum negative moment			
2.575	235.7	-2.3	d from left face of column 2			
3.125	423.3	178.8	Left face of column 2			
3.475	-365.7	188.8	Right face of column 2			
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4.025	-171.3	40.9	d from right face of column 2			

Design values: shear force = 235.7 kN, moment = 188.8 kNm and -85.4 kNm.



Case 2A: Maximum load on column 1 and minimum load on column 2 with column 1 carrying leading variable load.

Treat G_k as unfavorable on column 1 and as favorable on column 2, Q_k on column 1 as leading variable action and Q_k on column 2 as accompanying variable action..

W1: $1.35 \times 310 + 1.5 \times 160 = 658.5 \text{ kN}$ W2: $1.0 \times 430 + 1.5 \times 0.7 \times 220 = 661.0 \text{ kN}$ W1 + W2 = 658.5 + 661.0 = 1319.5 kN, Moment $M = 661.0 \times 1.05 - 658.5 \times 1.45 = -260.8 \text{ kN m}$ p1 = 1319.5 / 9.0 + 260.8 / 6.75 = 185.2 kN/m2p2 = 1319.5 / 9.0 - 260.8 / 6.75 = 108.0 kN/m2

х	V	Μ	Remarks			
0.075	27.7	1.0	d from left face of column 1			
0.625	224.9	71.0	Left face of column 1			
0.975	-313.6	55.6	Right face of column 1			
1.525	-133.4	-66.9	d from right face of column 1			
2.04	0	- 95.3	Maximum negative moment			
2.575	181.7	-38.2	d from left face of column 2			
3.125	331.7	103.4	Left face of column 2			
3.475	-239.3	119.7	Right face of column 2			
4.025	-106.3	25.2	d from right face of column 2			

Design values: shear force = 181.7 kN, moment = 119.7 kNm and –95.3 kNm.



Case 2B: Maximum load on column 1 and minimum load on column 2 with column 2 carrying leading variable load.

Treat G_k as unfavorable on column 1 and as favourable on column 2, Q_k on column 2 as leading variable action and Q_k on column 1 as accompanying variable action.

W1: 1.35 × 310 + 1.5 × 0.7 × 160 = 586.5 kN

W2: 1.0 × 430 + 1.5 × 220 = 760.0 kN

W1 + W2 = 586.5 + 760.0 = 1346.5 kN,

Moment $M = 760.0 \times 1.05 - 586.5 \times 1.45 = -52.4$ kN m

p1 = 1346.5 /9.0 + 52.4 /6.75 = 157.4 kN/m2

p2 = 1346.5 /9.0 - 52.4 /6.75 = 141.9 kN/m2

x	V	Μ	Remarks			
0.075	23.6	1.0	d from left face of column 1			
0.625	195.4	61.2	Left face of column 1			
0.975	-282.9	45.9	Right face of column 1			
1.525	-114.5	-63.3	d from right face of column 1			
2.04	0	-84.9	Maximum negative moment			
2.575	201.1	-17.2	d from left face of column 2			
3.125	363.4	138.1	Left face of column 2			
3.475	-294.4	150.2	Right face of column 2			
4.025	-135.5	32.1	d from right face of column 2			

Design values: shear force = 201.1 kN, moment = 150.2 kNm and -84.9 kNm.



Case 3A: Minimum load on column 1 and maximum load on column

2 with column 1 carrying leading variable load.

Treat Gk as unfavorable on column 2 and as favorable on column 1, Qk on column 1 as leading variable action and Qk on column 2 as accompanying variable action.

W1: $1.0 \times 310 + 1.5 \times 160 = 550.0 \text{ kN}$ W2: $1.35 \times 430 + 1.5 \times 0.7 \times 220 = 811.5 \text{ kN}$ W1 + W2 = 550.0 + 811.5 = 1361.5 kN, Moment $M = 811.5 \times 1.05 - 550.0 \times 1.45 = 54.6 \text{ kN m}$ p1 = 1361.5 / 9.0 - 54.6 / 6.75 = 143.2 kN/m2p2 = 1361.5 / 9.0 + 54.6 / 6.75 = 159.4 kN/m2

x	V	Μ	Remarks			
0.075	21.5	1.0	d from left face of column 1			
0.625	180.4	56.2	Left face of column 1			
0.975	-267.3	41.0	Right face of column 1			
1.525	-104.9	-61.5	d from right face of column 1			
2.04	0	-79.9	Maximum negative moment			
2.575	211.4	-6.3	d from left face of column 2			
3.125	380.2	156.3	Left face of column 2			
3.475	-322.8	166.3	Right face of column 2			
4.025	-150.4	36.1	d from right face of column 2			

Design values: shear force = 211.4 kN, moment = 166.3 kNm and -79.9 kNm.



Case 3B: Minimum load on column 1 and maximum load on column 2 with column 2 carrying leading variable load.

Treat G_k as unfavorable on column 2 and as favorable on column 1, Q_k on column 2 as leading variable action and Q_k on column 1 as accompanying variable action.

W1: $1.0 \times 310 + 1.5 \times 0.7 \times 160 = 478.0 \text{ kN}$ W2: $1.35 \times 430 + 1.5 \times 220 = 910.5 \text{ kN}$ W1 + W2 = 478.0 + 910.5 = 1388.9 kN, Moment $M = 910.5 \times 1.05 - 478.0 \times 1.45 = 262.9 \text{ kN m}$ p1 = $1388.9 / 9.0 - 262.9 / 6.75 = 115.3 \text{ kN/m}^2$ p2 = $1388.9 / 9.0 + 262.9 / 6.75 = 193.2 \text{ kN/m}^2$

х	V	М	Remarks			
0.075	17.4	1.0	d from left face of column 1			
0.625	150.9	46.4	Left face of column 1			
0.975	-236.7	31.3	Right face of column 1			
1.525	-86.1	-57.9	d from right face of column 1			
2.04	0	-70.8	Maximum negative moment			
2.575	230.6	-14.6	d from left face of column 2			
3.125	411.7	190.8	Left face of column 2			
3.475	-378.0	196.6	Right face of column 2			
4.025	-179.8	42.7	d from right face of column 2			

Design values: shear force = 230.6 kN, moment = 196.6 kNm and -70.8 kNm.



c. Design of longitudinal reinforcement

i. Bottom steel

The maximum moment is from case 3B

$$\begin{split} \mathsf{M} &= 196.6 \text{ kNm} \\ \mathsf{k} &= \mathsf{M}/ (\mathsf{bd}^2 \,\mathsf{f}_{\mathsf{ck}}) = 196.6 \times 106/ \left(2000 \times 550^2 \times 30\right) \\ &= 0.011 < 0.196 \\ \\ \frac{z}{\mathsf{d}} &= \mathbf{0.5}[\mathbf{1.0} + \sqrt{(\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{3}\frac{\mathsf{k}}{\mathsf{\eta}})}] \quad \mathsf{Z}/\mathsf{d} = 0.99 \\ &\mathsf{f}_{\mathsf{yk}} = 500, \,\mathsf{f}_{\mathsf{yd}} = 500/1.15 = 435 \,\mathsf{MPa} \\ &\mathsf{As} = 196.6 \times 106/ \left(435 \times 0.99 \times 550\right) = 830 \,\mathsf{mm}^2 \end{split}$$

Check minimum steel:

As, min = $0.26 \times (f_{ctm}/f_{yk}) \times bd \ge 0.0013 bd$ $f_{ctm} = 0.3 \times f_{ck} \ 0.67 = 0.3 \times 30 \ 0.67 = 2.9 MPa, fyk = 500 MPa$ b = 2000 mm, d = 550 mmAs, min = $0.26 \times (2.9/500) \times 2000 \times 550 \ge 0.0013 \times 2000 \times 550$ As, min = $1659 mm^2 > 830 mm^2$

Provide minimum reinforcement.

Provide 9\phi16 at 240 mm centers to give a total area of 1809 mm².

 $(lc = 1000mm) < \{0.75(c + 3d) = 0.75(350 + 3 \times 550) = 1500 mm\}$

Reinforcement should be spread uniformly across the width.

ii. Top steel

The maximum moment from case 2A is M = 95.3 kNm Provide minimum reinforcement as bottom steel.

Provide 9φ16 at 240 mm centers to give a total area of 1809 mm².

d. Transverse reinforcement

At ULS, the base pressure distribution in kN/m² is shown below. The maximum pressure under the base is for case 3B.



 The bending moment along the length of 4.5 m is variable. In order to calculate a moment which is reasonable, the average pressure over a width of 0.5 m of the footing length is calculated. The pressure at 0.5 m from the end is

115.3 + (193.2 - 115.3) × 4.0/4.5 = 184.5 kN/m²

The average pressure on a 0.5 m length at the heavier end is

(193.2 + 184.5) /2 = 188.9 kN/m²

(2000 – 350)/2 = 825 mm, d = 550 –16 = 534 mm

The moment at the face of the columns on a 0.5 m length strip at the heaviest loaded end is

M = {188.9 × (0.5 × 0.825) × 0.825/2 = 32.14 kNm k = M/ (bd² fck) = 32.14 × 106/ (500 × 5342 × 30) = 0.008 < 0.196 z/d= 0.99

fyk = 500, fyd = 500/1.15 = 435 MPa

 $As = 32.14 \times 106/(435 \times 0.99 \times 534) = 140 \text{ mm}^2$.

Check minimum steel:

As, min = $0.26 \times (\text{fctm/fyk}) \times \text{bd} \ge 0.0013 \text{ bd}$ fctm= $0.3 \times \text{fck} \ 0.67 = 0.3 \times 30 \ 0.67 = 2.9 \text{ MPa}$, fyk = 500 MPa, b = 500 mm, d = 534 mm As, min = $0.26 \times (2.9/500) \times 500 \times 534 \ge 0.0013 \times 500 \times 534$ As, min = $402 \text{ mm}^2 > 140 \text{ mm}^2$ Provide minimum reinforcement.

Total steel for a width of 4500 mm is $402 \times 4500/500 = 3624 \text{ mm}^2$.

Provide 19\phi16 at 245 mm centers to give a total area of 3820 mm².

Reinforcement should be spread uniformly across the length of the base.

Note that same reinforcement is provided at top and bottom faces.

e. Vertical shear

The maximum vertical shear from case 1B is

 $V_{Ed} = 235.7 \text{ kN}$

v_{Ed} = 235.7 × 10³/ (2000 × 550) = 0.21 MPa

 $A_{sl} = 9H16 = 1810 \text{ mm2}$

 $100 \times \rho 1 = 100 \times 1810/(2000 \times 550) = 0.165 < 2.0$

 $C_{Rd, c} = 0.18/ (\gamma c = 1.5) = 0.12, k = 1 + \sqrt{(200/550)} = 1.60 \le 2.0,$

 $C_{Rd, c} \times k \times (100 \times \rho1 \times fck) 0.33 = 0.12 \times 1.60 \times (0.165 \times 30)0.33 = 0.33$ $v_{min} = 0.035 \times k1.5 \times \sqrt{fck} = 0.035 \times 1.60 1.5 \times \sqrt{30} = 0.39 > 0.33$

 v_{Rd} , _c = 0.39 MPa

$$(v_{Ed} = 0.21) < (v_{Rd,c} = 0.39)$$

No shear reinforcement is required.

f. Punching shear

Check punching shear at column perimeter.

 V_{Ed} = column load – base pressure × column area.

The maximum value is 889.4 kN for column 2 from case 3B.

$$u_0 = 2 \times (350 + 350) = 1400 \text{ mm}, d = 550 \text{ mm}$$

$$v_{Ed} = 889.4 \times 10^{3} / (1400 \times 550) = 1.16 \text{ MPa}$$

 $v_{Rd,max} = 0.3 \times (1 - fck/250) \times fcd = 0.3 \times (1 - 30/250) \times (30/1.5) =$ 5.28 MPa

 $v_{Ed} < v_{Rd}$, max.

The thickness of slab is adequate.

Case	Column 1			Column 2		
	Load	Pressure	V _{Ed}	Load	Pressure	V _{Ed}
Case 1A	658.5	173.1	637.3	811.5	156.2	792.4
Case 1B	586.5	156.3	567.4	910.5	173.6	889.2
Case 2A	658.5	171.5	637.4	661,0	128.6	645.3
Case 2B	586.5	154.6	567.6	760.0	145.9	742.1
Case 3A	550.0	146.1	532.1	811.5	155.1	792.5
Case 3B	478.0	129.2	462.2	910.5	172.5	889.4

$$p = p_1 + (p_2 - p_1) \frac{x}{4.5}$$

X = 0.8m Column 1

X = 3.3m Column 2

 \underline{V}_{Ed} = column load – base pressure × column area.

• Check punching shear is checked at perimeters at d to 2 d from the face of a column.

At d = 550 mm from the face of the column,

 $u = perimeter = 2 \times (350 + 350) + 2 \times \pi \times 550 = 4856 mm$

A = Area under perimeter = $[4 \times 350 \times (350/2 + 550) + \pi \times 550^2] \times 10-6 = 1.965 \text{ m}^2$

Column load = 910.5 kN, base pressure at centre line of column= 172.5 kN/m²

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$$V_{ed,red} = 910.5 - (172.5 \times 1.965) = 571.5 \text{ kN}$$

 $v_{Ed} = 571.5 \times 10^3 / (4856 \times 550) = 0.21 \text{ MPa}$

Asl in x-direction = 9H16 = 1810 mm2 $100 \times \rho_x = 100 \times 1810/ (2000 \times 550) = 0.165$ Asl in y-direction = 19H16 = 3992 mm2 $100 \times \rho_y = 100 \times 3992/ (4500 \times 550) = 0.16$ $100\rho1 = \sqrt{(0.165 \times 0.16)} = 0.162 < 2.0$

$$\begin{split} &C_{\text{Rd,c}} = 0.18 / \left(\gamma_c = 1.5 \right) = 0.12, & k = 1 + \sqrt{(200/550)} = 1.60 \leq 2.0, \\ &C_{\text{Rd,c}} \times k \times (100 \times \rho 1 \times \text{fck}) \ 0.33 = 0.12 \times 1.60 \times (0.162 \times 30) \\ &0.33 = 0.33 \\ &v_{\text{min}} = 0.035 \times \text{k}1.5 \times \sqrt{\text{fck}} = 0.035 \times 1.60 \ 1.5 \times \sqrt{30} = 0.39 > 0.33 \\ &v_{\text{Rd,c}} = 0.39 \text{ MPa} \\ &(v_{\text{Ed}} = 0.21) < (v_{\text{Rd}} = v_{\text{Rd,c}} \times \{2d / (a = d)\} = 0.78) \end{split}$$

The thickness of slab is adequate.

At **1.5 d from the face of the column**, the perimeter touches the edge of the slab on the width side. The punching shear is **less critical** than the vertical shear in this case. **The slab is safe against punching shear failure.**

g. Sketch of reinforcement



