

Objective

The purpose of this assignment is twofold: first, to continue to develop your engineering spreadsheet skills, and second, to develop analysis tools that will complement your **concrete beam design project**. Assignment #7 should complement and add capabilities to the spreadsheet you develop in **Assignment #6**.

Part 1. Develop a spreadsheet to predict the strength-to-weight ratio (SWR) of rectangular reinforced concrete beams subjected to tension and shear forces. Input parameters should include the height and length of the beam, the amount of reinforcement (both tension and shear), the compressive strength of the concrete, the yield stress of the reinforcement, the unit weight of the concrete, the minimum concrete cover for the reinforcement, the minimum spacing between rebars, and the shear reinforcement spacing.

From these inputs, you should compute the minimum width of the beam, the depth to the center of the reinforcement, the area of steel in A_s in both tension and shear, the b_1 constant, depth to the neutral axis, the moment capacity, the ultimate force due to both tension and shear, the weight of the beam, and the SWR. Check whether the given reinforcement allows the beam to be controlled by tension or compression, or if it is in the transitional zone (see **class notes**). Also, compute the development length of regular and hooked reinforcing bars.

Based on the value c/d , determine whether the beam is controlled by tension, compression, or is in a transitional area. The predictive value for P is the minimum of the tension, shear, and compression values.

If $a > d$ is " $a > d$," then write " $a > d$ " next to the cell and **"NG"** in the SWR cell.

If the required beam width is computed from the concrete cover, the tension-rebar diameter, and rebar spacing, and is greater than 8 inches, write **"Too Wide"** next to the beam width cell.

If the development length is greater than 8 in., then write **"ld>8"** next to the cells.

Part 2. Use your spreadsheet to determine the nominal flexural strength and SWR of the rectangular section given: $L = 30$ inches, $h = 6$ inches, $f'_c = 7,000$ psi, $f_y = 60,000$ psi, $A_s =$ one #4 bars in tension, one #3 rebar in shear, concrete cover = 1 inch, tension bar spacing = 1 inch, and shear bar spacing = 2 inches.