FOUNDATION DESIGN

Proportioning elements for: Transfer of seismic forces Strength and stiffness Shallow and deep foundations Elastic and plastic analysis



Load Path and Transfer to Soil Soil Pressure





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Load Path and Transfer to Soil Soil-to-foundation Force Transfer





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Load Path and Transfer to Soil Vertical Pressures - Shallow





Load Path and Transfer to Soil Vertical Pressures - Deep





Reinforced Concrete Footings: Basic Design Criteria (concentrically loaded)

Outside face of concrete column or line midway between face of steel column and edge of steel base plate (typical)





(b) Critical section for one-way shear



(c) Critical section for two-way shear



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Footing Subject to Compression and Moment: Uplift Nonlinear





(a)



(b) Elastic, no uplift



(c) Elastic, at uplift



(d) Elastic, after uplift



(e) Some plastification

(f) Plastic limit





Example 7-story **Building: Shallow foundations** designed for perimeter frame and core bracing.



Shallow Footing Examples

Soil parameters:

- Medium dense sand
- (SPT) N = 20
- Density = 120 pcf
- Friction angle = 33°

Gravity load allowables

- 4000 psf, B < 20 ft
- 2000 psf, B > 40 ft
 Bearing capacity (EQ)
- 2000*B* concentric sq.
- 3000*B* eccentric

 $\phi = 0.6$





Footings proportioned for gravity loads alone







7-Story Frame, Deformed





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Combining Loads

- Maximum downward load: 1.2D + 0.5L + E
- Minimum downward load:
 0.9D + E
- Definition of seismic load effect *E*:

 $E = \rho_1 Q_{E1} + 0.3 \rho_2 Q_{E2} + -0.2 S_{DS} D$ $\rho_x = 1.08 \quad \rho_y = 1.11 \text{ and } S_{DS} = 1.0$



Reactions

Grid		Dead	Live	E _x	E _y
A-5	Р	203.8 k	43.8 k	-3.8 k	21.3 k
	M _{xx}			53.6 k-ft	-1011.5 k-ft
	M _{yy}			-243.1 k-ft	8.1 k-ft
A-6	Ρ	103.5 k	22.3 k	-51.8 k	-281.0 k
	M _{xx}			47.7 k-ft	-891.0 k-ft
	M _{yy}			-246.9 k-ft	13.4 k-ft



Reduction of Overturning Moment

- NEHRP Recommended Provisions allow base overturning moment to be reduced by 25% at the soil-foundation interface.
- For a moment frame, the column vertical loads are the resultants of base overturning moment, whereas column moments are resultants of story shear.
- Thus, use 75% of seismic vertical reactions.



Additive Load w/ Largest Eccentricity

- At A5: P = 1.4(203.8) + 0.5(43.8) +0.75(0.32(-3.8) + 1.11(21.3)) = 324 k $M_{xx} = 0.32(53.6) + 1.11(-1011.5) = -1106$ k-ft
- At A6: P = 1.4(103.5) + 0.5(22.3) + 0.75(0.32(-51.8) + 1.11(-281)) = -90.3 k $M_{xx} = 0.32(47.7) + 1.11(-891) = -974 k-ft$
- Sum $M_{xx} = 12.5(-90.3-324) 1106 974 = -7258$



Counteracting Load with Largest e

- At A-5: P = 0.7(203.8) + 0.75(0.32(-3.8) + 1.11(21.3)) = 159.5 k
 M_{xx} = 0.32(53.6) + 1.11 (-1011.5) = -1106 k-ft
- At A-6: P = 0.7(103.5) + 0.75(0.32(-51.8) + 1.11(-281)) = -173.9 k

 $M_{xx} = 0.32(47.7) + 1.11(-891) = -974$ k-ft

• Sum M_{xx} = 6240 k-ft



Elastic Response

- Objective is to set L and W to satisfy equilibrium and avoid overloading soil.
- Successive trials usually necessary.





Additive Combination

Given P = 234 k, M = 7258 k-ft

Try 5 foot around, thus L = 35 ft, B = 10 ft

- Minimum W = M/(L/2) P = 181 k = 517 psf Try 2 foot soil cover & 3 foot thick footing
- W = 245 k; for additive combo use 1.2W
- $Q_{max} = (P + 1.2W)/(3(L/2 e)B/2) = 9.4$ ksf
- $\phi Q_n = 0.6(3)B_{min} = 10.1$ ksf, OK by Elastic



Plastic Response

- Same objective as for elastic response.
- Smaller footings can be shown OK thus:





Counteracting Case

Given P = -14.4 k; M = 6240

Check prior trial; W = 245 k (use 0.9W)

- e = 6240/(220.5 14.4) = 30.3 > 35/2 NG
 New trial: L = 40 ft, 5 ft thick
- W = 400 k; e = 18.0 ft; plastic $Q_{max} = 8.6$ ksf
- $\phi Q_n = 0.6(3)4 = 7.2$ ksf, close
- Solution is to add 5 k, then e = 17.8 ft and $Q_{max} = \phi Q_n = 7.9$ ksf



Additional Checks

- Moments and shears for reinforcement should be checked for the overturning case.
- Plastic soil stress gives upper bound on moments and shears in concrete.
- Horizontal equilibrium: H_{max}< φμ(P+W) in this case friction exceeds demand; passive could also be used.





Results for all SRS Footings





Design of Footings for Core-braced 7story Building



25 foot square bays at center of building



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Solution for Central Mat



Very high uplifts at individual columns; mat is only practical shallow foundation.



Bearing Pressure Solution



Plastic solution is satisfactory; elastic is not; see linked file for more detail.



Pile/Pier Foundations





View of cap with column above and piles below.



Pile/Pier Foundations

Pile Stiffness:

- Short (rigid)
- Intermediate
- Long
 Cap influence
- Group action

Soil Stiffness

- Linear springs nomographs e.g. NAVFAC DM7.2
- Nonlinear springs LPILE or similar analysis



Sample *p*-*y* **Curves**





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Passive Pressure





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Group Effect





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Pile Shear: Two Soil

Stiffnesses





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Pile Moment vs Depth



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Pile Reinforcement

Site Class C
Larger amounts where moments and shears are high
Minimum amounts must

extend beyond theoretical cutoff points •"Half" spiral for 3D





Pile Design

Site Class E
Substantially more reinforcement
"Full" spiral for 7D
Confinement at boundary of soft and firm soils (7D up and 3D down)



Other Topics for Pile Foundations

- Foundation Ties: $F = P_G(S_{DS}/10)$
- Pile Caps: high shears, rules of thumb; look for 3D strut and tie methods in future
- Liquefaction: another topic
- Kinematic interaction of soil layers



Tie Between Pile Caps



Designed for axial force (+/-)
Pile cap axial load times S_{DS}/10
Often times use grade beams or thickened slabs one grade

