Masonry Construction: Beams & Columns

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Masonry Design

- Masonry Standards Joint Committee
  - ACI, ASCE, TMS
  - ASD (+empirical)
    - linear-elastic stresses
  - LRFD added in 2002
  - referenced by IBC
  - unreinforced allows tension in flexure
  - reinforced - all tension in steel
  - walls are also in compression
Masonry Beam & Wall Design

- reinforcement increases capacity & ductility

Figure 2.10  Reinforced masonry beams and lintels.
Masonry Design

- \( f_s \) is not the yield stress
- \( f_m \) is the stress in the masonry
Masonry Materials

• units
  – stone, brick, concrete block, clay tile
Masonry Materials

• **mortar**
  – water, 
  *masonry cement, sand, lime*
  – types:
    • **M** higher strength – 2500 psi (ave.)
    • **S** medium high strength – 1800 psi
    • **N** medium strength – 750 psi
    • **O** medium low strength – 350 psi
    • **K** low strength – 75 psi
Masonry Materials

- rebar
- grout
  - fills voids and fixes rebar
- prisms
  - used to test strength, $f'_m$
- fire resistant
Masonry Materials

• moisture resistance
  – weathering index for brick
  – bond and detailing
  – expansion or shrinking from water
    • provide control joints
    • parapets, corners, long walls

parapet with no control joint
Allowable Masonry Stresses

- **tension - unreinforced only**

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‡ For partially grouted masonry, allowable stresses shall be determined on the basis of linear interpolation between fully grouted hollow units and ungrouted hollow units based on amount (percentage) of grouting.
Masonry Walls

**tension normal to bed joints**

Not allowed in MSJC codes

**tension parallel to bed joints**

**strong units**

**weak units**
Allowable Masonry Stresses

- **flexure**
  - $F_b = 1/3 f'_m$ (unreinforced)
  - $F_b = 0.45 f'_m$ (reinforced)

- **shear, unreinforced masonry**
  - $F_v = 1.5 \sqrt{f'_m} \leq 120$ psi

- **shear, reinforced masonry**
  - $M/Vd \leq 0.25$: $F_v = 3.0 \sqrt{f'_m}$
  - $M/Vd \leq 0.25$: $F_v = 2.0 \sqrt{f'_m}$
Allowable Reinforcement Stress

• tension
  a) Grade 40 or 50 \( F_s = 20 \text{ ksi} \)
  b) Grade 60 \( F_s = 32 \text{ ksi} \)
  c) Wire joint \( F_s = 30 \text{ ksi} \)

• *no allowed increase by 1/3 for combinations with wind & earthquake
  – did before 2011 MSJC code
Reinforcement, $M_s$

\[ \sum F = 0: \quad A_s f_s = f_m b \frac{kd}{2} \]

\[ \sum M \text{ about } C_m: \quad M_s = A_s f_s jd = \rho bd^2 jf_s \]

if $f_s = F_s$ (allowable) the moment capacity is limited by the steel

MSJC: $F_s = 20$ ksi, 32 ksi or 30 ksi by type
Reinforcement, $M_m$

For equilibrium:

$$\sum M = 0 \quad \text{about } F_s \quad M_m = f_m b \frac{kd}{2} \quad jd = 0.5 f_m b d^2 jk$$

If $f_m = F_b$ (allowable) the moment capacity is limited by the masonry

$$\text{MSJC } F_b = 0.33 f'_m$$
Masonry Lintels

- distributed load
  - triangular or trapezoidal
Strategy for RM Flexural Design

- to size section and find reinforcement
  - find $\rho_b$ knowing $f'_m$ and $f_y$
  - size section for some $\rho < \rho_b$
    - get $k, j$
    - $bd^2 = \frac{M}{\rho j F_s}$
    - get $b$ & $d$ in nice units
  - size reinforcement (bar size & #): $A_s = \frac{M}{F_s j d}$
  - check design: $M_s = A_s F_s j d > M$
    - $f_b = \frac{M}{0.5bd^2 j k} < F_b$
Ultimate Strength Design

- LRFD
- like reinforced concrete
- useful when beam shear is high
- improved inelastic model
  - ex. earthquake loads

\[ 0.80f'_m \frac{\beta_1 c}{2} \]

\[ \beta_1 c \]

\[ T \]

\[ C \]
Masonry Columns and Pilasters

- must be reinforced

Figure 9.2  Columns and pilaster details.
Masonry Columns and Pilasters

- considered a column when $b/t < 3$ and $h/t > 4$
  - $b$ is width of “wall”
  - $t$ is thickness of “wall”

- slender is
  - 8” one side
  - $h/t \leq 25$

- needs ties

- eccentricity may be required
Masonry Columns

- allowable axial load

\[ P_a = \begin{cases} 
 0.25 f_m' A_n + 0.65 A_{st} F_s \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{h}{140r} \right)^2 \right] & \text{if } h/r \leq 99 \\
 0.25 f_m' A_n + 0.65 A_{st} F_s \left( \frac{70r}{h} \right)^2 & \text{if } h/r > 99 
\end{cases} \]

- \( h = \) effective length
- \( A_n = \) effective area of masonry
- \( A_{st} = \) effective area of column reinforcement
- \( F_s = \) allowable compressive stress in column reinforcement (lesser of 0.4\( f_y \) or 24 ksi)
Masonry Walls (unreinforced)

- allowable axial stresses

\[ F_a = 0.25 f'_m \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{h}{140r} \right)^2 \right] \quad h/r \leq 99 \]

\[ F_a = 0.25 f'_m \left( \frac{70r}{h} \right)^2 \quad h/r > 99 \]
Design

- masonry columns and walls (unreinforced)

\[
\frac{f_a}{F_a} + \frac{f_b}{F_b} \leq 1.0 \quad \text{and} \quad f_b - f_a \leq F_t
\]

- \( h/r < 99 \)
  \[
  F_a = 0.25 f'_m \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{h}{140r} \right)^2 \right]
  \]

- \( h/r > 99 \)
  \[
  F_a = 0.25 f'_m \left( \frac{70r}{h} \right)^2
  \]

\[
F_b = 0.33 f'_m
\]
Design

• masonry columns and walls - loading
  – wind loading
  – eccentric axial load
  – “virtual” eccentricity, $e_1$

\[ e_1 = \frac{M}{P} \]

virtual eccentricity
Design

- masonry columns and walls – with rebar
  - wall reinforcement usually at center and ineffective in compression

\[ f_a + f_b \leq F_b \quad \text{provided} \quad f_a \leq F_a \]
Design Steps Knowing Loads

1. assume limiting stress
   - buckling, axial stress, combined stress
2. solve for r, A or S
3. pick trial section
4. analyze stresses
5. section ok?
6. stop when section is ok