

#### Balanced Steel Ratio, $\rho_b$

It is corresponding to that amount of steel which will cause yielding of steel at the same time when concrete crushes. At ultimate stage:

$$\epsilon_{s} = \epsilon_{y}$$
 and  $f_{s} = f_{y}$   
 $\epsilon_{cu} = 0.003$ 

From the internal Force diagram

 $C_{c} = 0.85 f_{c}' \times b \times a_{b}$ 

 $a_b$  = depth of equivalent rectangular stress block when balanced steel ratio is used.





Balanced Steel Ratio,  $\rho_b$  (contd...)

$$T = A_s f_y = (\rho_b \times b \times d) \times f_y$$

For the longitudinal equilibrium

$$T = C_{c}$$

$$\rho_{b} \times b \times d) \times f_{y} = 0.85f_{c}' \times b \times a_{b}$$

$$\rho_{b} = 0.85\frac{f_{c}'}{f_{y}}\frac{a_{b}}{d} \qquad (1)$$



Balanced Steel Ratio,  $\rho_b$  (contd...) From the strain diagram

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 $\Delta_{s}$  ABC & ADE

$$\frac{0.003}{c_b} = \frac{\varepsilon_y}{d - c_b}$$
$$c_b = \frac{0.003d}{0.003 + \varepsilon_y}$$

C

$$c_{b} = \frac{0.003}{0.003 + f_{y}/E_{s}} \times d \times \frac{E_{s}}{E_{s}}$$





Strain Diagram

Balanced Steel Ratio,  $\rho_b$  (contd...)

$$c_{b} = \frac{0.003E_{s}}{0.003E_{s} + f_{y}} \times d$$

$$c_{b} = \frac{600}{600 + f_{y}} \times d$$

 $a_{b} = \beta_{1} \times C_{b}$ 

As we know

$$a_{b} = \beta_{1} \times \frac{600}{600 + f_{y}} \times d$$
 (2)

Put (2) in (1)

$$\rho_{b} = 0.85 \frac{f_{c}'}{f_{y}} \times \beta_{1} \times \frac{600}{600 + f_{y}}$$



#### Types of Cross Sections w.r.t. Flexural Behavior at Ultimate Load Level

### 1. Tension Controlled Section

A section in which the net tensile strain in the extreme tension steel is greater than or equal to 0.005 when the corresponding concrete strain at the compression face is 0.003.





Strain Diagram



### 2. Compression Controlled Section (overreinforced section)

The section in which net steel strain in the extreme tension steel at failure is lesser than  $\varepsilon_y$  when corresponding concrete strain is 0.003. This means that failure occurs by crushing of concrete.

- Capacity of steel remain unutilized.
- It gives brittle failure without warning.

$$a > a_b$$
  $c > c_b$ 

Types of Cross Sections w.r.t. Flexure at Ultimate Load Level (contd...)

### 3. Transition Section

The section in which net tensile strain in the extreme tension steel at ultimate conditions is greater than  $\varepsilon_y$  but less than 0.005 when corresponding concrete strain is 0.003.



**Transition Section Requirements For Design** 

To ensure under-reinforced behavior, ACI code establishes a minimum net tensile strain of 0.004 at the ultimate stage.





Types of Cross Sections w.r.t. Flexure at Ultimate Load Level (contd...)

Both the "Tension Controlled Sections" and "Transition Sections" are "Under-Reinforced Section"

In Under-Reinforced Sections steel starts yielding before the crushing of concrete and:

 $\rho < \rho_b$ 

It is always desirable that the section is under-reinforced otherwise the failure will initiate by the crushing of concrete. As concrete is a brittle material so this type of failure will be sudden which is **NOT DESIREABLE**.

Strength Reduction Factor (Resistance Factor),  $\phi$ 

- Tension Controlled Section,  $\phi = 0.9$
- Compression Controlled Section

Member with lateral ties,  $\phi = 0.65$ Members with spiral reinforcement,  $\phi = 0.75$ 

Transition Section

For transition section  $\phi$  is permitted to be linearly interpolated between <u>0.65 or 0.75</u> to <u>0.9</u>.



Strength Reduction Factor (Resistance Factor),  $\Phi$ 

• Transition Section (contd...)

For members with ties

$$\phi = 0.65 + \frac{0.25}{0.005 - \varepsilon_{y}} \left( \varepsilon_{t} - \varepsilon_{y} \right)$$

For members with spirals

$$\phi = 0.75 + \frac{0.15}{0.005 - \varepsilon_{y}} \left( \varepsilon_{t} - \varepsilon_{y} \right)$$



 $\varepsilon_t$  = strain in extreme tension steel when concrete crushes.

$$\varepsilon_t = 0.003 \left( \frac{d_t}{c} - 1 \right)$$



 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Maximum Steel Ratio, } \rho_{max} \\ \mbox{For} \end{array}$ 

T = C  $A_{s} \times f_{y} = 0.85f_{c}' \times b \times a$   $\rho \times bd \times f_{y} = 0.85f_{c}' \times b \times a$   $\rho = 0.85\frac{f_{c}'}{f_{y}} \times \frac{a}{d}$ 

For tension controlled section

$$\varepsilon_s = 0.005$$
  $a = \beta_1 \frac{3}{8} d$ 

So

$$\rho_{max} = 0.85 \frac{f_{c}'}{f_{y}} \times \left(\frac{3}{8}\beta_{1}\right)$$



 $Maximum \ Steel \ Ratio, \ \rho_{max} \ ({\tt contd...})$ 

For transition section

$$\varepsilon_{s} = 0.004$$
  $a = \beta_{1} \frac{3}{7} d$ 

$$\rho_{max} = 0.85 \frac{f_{c}'}{f_{y}} \times \left(\frac{3}{7}\beta_{1}\right)$$





Minimum Reinforcement of Flexural Members (ACI – 10.5)

$$\rho_{\min} = \frac{0.25\sqrt{f_c'}}{f_y} \ge \frac{1.4}{f_y}$$

- The minimum steel is always provided in structural members because when concrete is cracked then all load comes on steel, so there should be a minimum amount of steel to resist that load to avoid sudden failure.
- The minimum steel ratio of slabs is less than this value. This is because of less chances of sudden failure in slabs due to two-way action.
- This formula is not used for slabs.



### Concluded