

CE 414-Quiz 3 Solution

(Random data set have been used to explain the calculation procedure)

Q1. A pretensioned member has a cross section of 11x20 in. It is concentrically prestressed with high tension steel wire of 0.8 sq. in. which is anchored to the bulkheads of a unit prestress of 150,000 psi. If $n=5$, calculate the stress in **concrete** immediately after transfer.

Solution: From Example 5.1

$$\text{Stress in concrete, } f_c = \frac{F_i}{A_c + (n-1)A_s} = \frac{0.8 \times 150000}{11 \times 20 + (5-1) \times 0.8} = \mathbf{537.63 \text{ psi (Ans.)}}$$

Q2. A posttensioned concrete beam has a prestress of 176 kips in the steel immediately after prestressing, which is eventually reduces by 40 kips due to losses. It is prestressed with 0.83 in² of steel through a point 5 in below the cgc. within a cross section of 10X18 inch. Determine the extreme bottom fibre stress of concrete at the midspan after transfer of loads by approximate solution method.

Solution: From Example 5.2

Stress in steel after loss, $F = 176 - 40 = 136$ kips

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Extreme fiber Stress in concrete, } f_c &= \frac{F}{A} \pm \frac{Fey}{I} \\ f_c &= \frac{136}{180} \pm \frac{136 \times 5 \times 9}{\frac{10 \times 18^3}{12}} \quad \Bigg| \quad \text{OR} \quad = \frac{136,000}{180} \pm \frac{136,000 \times 5 \times 9}{\frac{10 \times 18^3}{12}} \\ &= -0.756 \pm 1.259 \quad \Bigg| \quad = -755.56 \pm 1259.26 \\ &= -0.756 - 1.259 \quad \Bigg| \quad = -755.56 - 1259.26 \\ &= \mathbf{-2.015 \text{ ksi (Ans.)}} \quad \Bigg| \quad = \mathbf{-2014.82 \text{ psi (Ans.)}} \end{aligned}$$

Q3. Find out the amount of uniformly distributed load that can be carried by a 31 ft long and 15x25 inch prestressed concrete beam for a total cracking moment of 261 kip-ft.

Solution: From Example 5.7

$$M = \frac{wL^2}{8} \Rightarrow 261 = \frac{w \times 31^2}{8} \Rightarrow w = \frac{261 \times 8}{31^2} = \mathbf{2.17 \text{ kip/ft (Ans.)}}$$

$$\text{OR, } M = \frac{wL^2}{8} \Rightarrow 261 \times 1000 = \frac{w \times 31^2}{8} \Rightarrow w = \frac{261,000 \times 8}{31^2} = \mathbf{2172.7 \text{ lb/ft (Ans.)}}$$

Q4. A 40 ft long posttensioned simple concrete beam is prestressed with 2.5 in² of parabolic cable through a point 6 in below the cgc. at mid-span. The final prestress after considering all losses is 127 ksi. The beam has a cross section of 12X22 inch and assume, $n=6.5$. Compute the stress in **steel** at the mid-span for a net moment of 87.7 kip-ft due to superimposed load and prestressing if the steel is bonded by grouting.

Solution: From Example 5.6

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Stress in concrete at the level of steel, } f_c &= \frac{My}{I} = \frac{87.7 \times 1000 \times 12 \times 6}{\frac{12 \times 22^3}{12}} \quad [\text{here, } y = e = 6] \\ &= \frac{87.7 \times 1000 \times 12 \times 6}{10648} = \mathbf{593.01 \text{ psi}} \end{aligned}$$

Stress in steel is thus increased by, $f_s = n f_c = 6.5 \times 593.01 = 3854.56$ psi

Resultant stress in **steel** = $127,000 + 3854.56 = \mathbf{130,854.56 \text{ psi (Ans.)}}$