## **Torsion in reinforced concrete beam**

**Torsional moment:** moment tending to twist a member about longitudinal axis.

**Typical cases:** space frame, spandrel beams, beams supporting balconies or cantilever slabs, horizontally curve beams.

## **Type of torques:**

## **1.** Compatibility torque

Redistribution of torsion occur

# **2.** Equilibrium torque

No redistribution of torsion occur, torsion is very important in design





## Design for torsion

The design for torsion is based on a thin-walled tube, space truss analogy. A beam subjected to torsion is idealized as a thin-walled tube with the core concrete cross section in a solid beam neglected as shown in Fig. (a). Once a reinforced concrete beam has cracked in torsion, its torsional resistance is provided primarily by closed stirrups and longitudinal bars located near the surface of the member. In the thin-walled tube analogy the resistance is assumed to be provided by the outer skin of the cross section roughly centered on the closed stirrups. Both hollow and solid sections are idealized as thinwalled tubes both before and after cracking.





(b) Area enclosed by shear flow path



## **Torsional effects may neglected when:**

the factored torsional moment,

 $\emptyset$ : Reduction factor for torsion= 0.75

 $A_{cp}$ : Area enclosed by outside perimeter of concrete cross-section  $P_{cp}$ : Outside perimeter of  $(A_{cp})$ 



## **Check cross-section dimensions for torsion:**

The cross-section dimensions shall be such that:

1. For solid section:

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{V_u}{b_w d}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{T_u P_h}{1.7A_{oh}^2}\right)^2} \le \emptyset \left[\frac{V_c}{b_w d} + \frac{8\sqrt{fc'}}{12}\right] \dots \dots \dots 11 - 18$$

## 2. For hollow section

$$\left(\frac{V_u}{b_w d} + \frac{T_u P_h}{1.7A_{oh}^2}\right) \le \left[\frac{V_c}{b_w d} + \frac{8\sqrt{fc'}}{12}\right] \dots \dots \dots 11 - 19$$

**A**<sub>oh</sub>: Area enclosed by C.L of out most closed transverse torsional reinforcement

- $P_h$ : Perimeter of C.L of out most closed transverse torsional reinforcement
- ✤ If wall thickness less than  $A_{oh}/P_h$ , the second term in eq.11-19shall be taken as  $T_u/(1.7 A_{oh}t)$ ,
  - t: thickness of wall of the hollow section.



 $A_{oh}$  = shaded area

In a hollow section, the shear stresses due to shear and torsion both occur in the walls of the box as shown in Fig.(a) and hence are directly additive at point A as given in Eq. (11-19). In a solid section the shear stresses due to torsion act in the "tubular" outside section while the shear stresses due to Vu are spread across the width of the section as shown in Fig.(b). For this reason stresses are combined in Eq. (11-18) using the square root of the sum of the squares rather than by direct addition.



<u>**11.6.3.5</u>**-Where  $T_u$  exceeds the threshold torsion, design of the cross section shall be based on:</u>

 $\theta = 45^{\circ}$  for non-pre-stressed members.

**A**<sub>t</sub>: Area of **one** leg of **closed** stirrups resisting torsion.

**f**<sub>*yt*</sub>: yield strength of closed stirrups

# Longitudinal reinforcement for torsion is required because, it achieves the following

- a. It anchors the closed stirrups particularly at the corners in order to develop their (closed stirrups) fully yield strength.
- **b**.It provides some resisting torque because of the dowel action which develops after cracking.
- c. After cracking, the spiral cracks tend to widen. The longitudinal bars counteract this tendency and control crack width.

The additional area of longitudinal reinforcement  $(A_l)$  to resist torsion

 $f_{yl}$ : yield strength for longitudinal torsional reinforcement

- ★ 11.6.3.8-Reinforcement required for torsion (A<sub>t</sub>, A<sub>l</sub>), shall be added to that required for shear, moment and axial forces  $\frac{A_{V+t}}{S} = \frac{A_V}{S} + \frac{2A_t}{S}$
- **Note**: If stirrups groups had four legs for shear, only the legs adjacent to sides of the beam would be include in this for torsion
- **Note**: For hollow section in torsion, the distance from the centerline of the stirrups to the inside face of the wall of the hollow section shall not be less than  $0.5 A_{oh}/P_h$

## **Minimum torsion reinforcement:**

When 
$$T_u > \emptyset \frac{\sqrt{fc'}}{12} \left( \frac{A_{cp}^2}{P_{cp}} \right)$$
  
 $(A_v + 2A_t)_{min} \ge max. \begin{bmatrix} 0.062 \sqrt{fc'} \frac{b_w S}{f_{yt}} \\ 0.35 \frac{b_w S}{f_{yt}} \end{bmatrix} \dots 11-23 \text{ for shear and torsion}$ 

and

$$A_{l_{min}} \ge \frac{5}{12} \frac{\sqrt{fc'}A_{cp}}{f_y} - \underbrace{\left(\frac{A_t}{S}\right)}_{\ge 0.175\frac{b_w}{f_{yt}}} P_h \frac{f_{yt}}{f_{yl}} \dots \dots 11-24$$
$$\frac{A_t}{S} \ge 0.175\frac{b_w}{f_{yt}}$$

## **Spacing of torsion reinforcement:**

**1.** For closed stirrups: ACI 11.6.6.1

$$S \le min.\left(\frac{P_h}{8}, 300mm\right)$$

2. For longitudinal reinforcement required for torsion  $A_l$ , shall be distributed around the perimeter of the closed stirrups with max spacing of 300 mm, the longitudinal bars shall be one bar in each corner of the stirrups.

Long bar diameter 
$$\geq \max\left(\frac{1}{24}S, 10mm\right)$$

✤ Torsional reinforcement shall be provided for a distance of at least ( $b_t + d$ ) beyond the point required by analysis

# $b_t$ : is the width of that part of cross section containing the closed stirrups resisting torsion.

<u>**11.6.2.2</u>**-In a statically indeterminate structure where reduction of the torsional moment in a member can occur due to redistribution of internal forces upon cracking, the maximum  $T_u$  shall be permitted to be reduced to</u>

$$\emptyset \frac{\sqrt{f'_c}}{3} \left( \frac{A_{cp}^2}{P_{cp}} \right) \dots \dots 11.6.2.2$$

 $f_{yl}andf_{yt} \le 420 MPa \dots 11.6.3.4$ 



#### Example:

$$fc' = 28 MPa$$
,  $f_v = 400 MPa$ 

Design critical section for shear and torsion, for the same critical section for shear, design the section for flexural



## **Solution:**

Self  $w_t = 0.6 * 1.0 * 24 = 14.4 \ kN/m$  $w_{\mu} = 1.2 * 14.4 + 55 = 72.28 \ kN/m$  $R_u = \frac{72.28 \times 8}{2} + \frac{470}{2} = 524 \, kN$ , due to symmetry of loads d = 1000 - 40 - 12 - (25/2) = 935mm $V_{ud} = 524 - 72.28 * 0.935 = 456 kN$  $T_{\mu} = 470 * 0.5 = 235 \ kN.m$  $T_{ud} = 235/2 = 117.5 \ kN.m$  $M_u^{-} = \frac{W_u * l^2}{12} + \frac{P * l}{8} = \frac{72.28 * 8^2}{12} + \frac{470 * 8}{8} = 855 \text{ kN.m}$  $M_u^{+} = \frac{W_u * l^2}{24} + \frac{P * l}{8} = \frac{72.28 * 8^2}{24} + \frac{470 * 8}{8} = 663 \text{ kN.m}$ 



#### **Design for flexure**

 $\begin{array}{l} 0.855 = 0.9\rho * 0.6 * 0.935^2 * 400(1 - 0.59\rho * 400/28) \rightarrow \rho^- \\ = 0.0047 \end{array}$ 

 $\rho_{max} = 0.85 * 0.85 * \frac{28}{400} * \frac{0.003}{0.007} = 0.0217$  $\rho_{min} = max \left( \frac{1.4}{f_{\gamma}} = 0.0035, \frac{\sqrt{fc'}}{4f_{\gamma}} = 0.0033 \right) = 0.0035$  $\rho_{min} = 0.0035 < \rho^- = 0.0047 < \rho_{max} = 0.0217 \text{ O.K}$  $As^{-} = 0.0047 * 600 * 935 = 2637 mm^{2}$  $0.663 = 0.9\rho * 0.6 * 0.935^2 * 400(1 - 0.59\rho * 400/28) \rightarrow \rho^+$ = 0.00362 $\rho_{min} = 0.0035 < \rho^+ = 0.0036 < \rho_{max} = 0.0217 \text{ O.K}$ 

## **Design for torsion**

use stirrups Ø12 mm  

$$A_{cp} = 0.6 * 1.0 = 0.6 m^2$$
  
 $P_{cp} = (0.6 + 1.0) * 2 = 3.2 m$   
 $T_{ud} = 117.5 \ kN. \ m > \emptyset \frac{\sqrt{fc'}}{12} \left(\frac{A_{cp}^2}{P_{cp}}\right) = 0.75 \frac{\sqrt{28}}{12} \left(\frac{0.6^2}{3.2}\right) * 10^3$   
 $= 37.2 \ kN. \ m$ 

: Torsional effect shall be considered

## **Check dimensions**





$$\begin{split} \sqrt{\left(\frac{V_u}{b_w d}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{T_u P_h}{1.7 A_{oh}^2}\right)^2} \\ &\leq \emptyset \left[\frac{V_c}{b_w d} + \frac{8\sqrt{fc'}}{12}\right] \\ \sqrt{\left(\frac{456}{0.6*0.935}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{117.5*2.83}{1.7*0.461^2}\right)^2} * 10^{-3} = 1.228 \ MPa \leq \\ 0.75 \left(\frac{\sqrt{28}}{6} + \frac{8\sqrt{28}}{12}\right) = 3.307 \ MPa \ (else, increase section dimensions) \end{split}$$

$$T_{u} = \emptyset T_{n} = \emptyset * \frac{2 \quad \widetilde{A_{o}} \quad A_{t} f_{yt}}{S} \cot(\theta)$$

$$117.5 * 10^{-3} = \frac{0.75 * 2 * 0.85 * 0.461 * A_{t} * 400 * \cot(45)}{S}$$

$$\rightarrow A_{t} = 5 * 10^{-4} S$$

## **Design for shear**

$$V_{c} = 0.17 * \sqrt{28} * 0.6 * 0.935 * 1000 = 504 \, kN$$

$$V_{u} = \emptyset(V_{c} + V_{s})$$

$$456 = 0.75 * (504 + V_{s}) \rightarrow V_{s} = 104 \, kN$$

$$s = \frac{A_{v}f_{y}d}{V_{s}} = \frac{A_{v} * 400 * 0.935}{0.104} \rightarrow A_{v} = 2.78 * 10^{-4}S$$

$$(2A_{t} + A_{v}) = (2 * 5 + 2.78) * 10^{-4}S = 1.278 * 10^{-3} S$$

$$0.062 \sqrt{fc'} \frac{b_{w}S}{f_{yt}} = 0.062 * \sqrt{28} * \frac{0.6 * S}{400}$$

$$= 4.92 * 10^{-4}S$$

$$0.35 \frac{b_{w}S}{f_{yt}} = \frac{0.35 * 0.6 * S}{400} = 5.25 * 10^{-4} S \text{ control}$$

Area of two legs of Ø12mm closed stirrups=2\*113=226mm<sup>2</sup>  $226 * 10^{-6} = 1.278 * 10^{-3} S \rightarrow S = 0.177 m$  $S_{max} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{P_h}{8} = \frac{2830}{8} = 254 \text{ mm control} \\ 300 \text{ mm} \end{bmatrix} \text{ for torsion}$  $V_s = 104kN < 2V_c = 2 * 504 = 1008kN \rightarrow S_{max} =$  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{d}{2} = \frac{935}{2} = 467mm \ control \\ 600 \ mm \end{bmatrix}$  for shear  $S = 177 mm < S_{max} = 254 mm O.K$ 

∴ use Ø12@175 mm c/c closed stirrups

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Longitudinal reinforcement for torsion}(A_l) \\ A_l &= \frac{A_t}{S} P_h \left( \frac{f_{yt}}{f_{yl}} \right) \cot^2 \theta = \frac{5 * 10^{-4} * S * 2.83}{S} = 1.415 * 10^{-3} m^2 \\ &= 1415 mm^2 \\ A_{l_{min}} &= \frac{5}{12} \frac{\sqrt{fc'} A_{cp}}{f_y} - \underbrace{\left( \frac{A_t}{S} \right)}_{\geq 0.175 \frac{b}{f_y}} P_h \frac{f_{yt}}{f_{yl}} \\ &= \frac{5}{12} * \frac{\sqrt{28} * 0.6}{400} - \frac{5 * 10^{-4} * S * 2.83}{S} = 1.892 * 10^{-3} m^2 \\ &= 1892 mm^2 \\ \frac{A_t}{s} = 5 * 10^{-4} \ge 0.175 \frac{b_w}{f_{yt}} = 0.175 * \frac{0.6}{400} = 2.62 * 10^{-4} \text{ O.K} \\ (\text{else use } 0.175 \frac{b_w}{f_{yt}} \text{ instead of } \frac{A_t}{s}) \\ &= \frac{100}{100} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_l &< A_{l_{min}} \rightarrow A_l = 1892 mm^2 \\ \frac{A_l}{4} &= \frac{1892}{4} = 473 \ mm^2, S_{c/c} \\ &= \frac{1000 - 2 * 40 - 2 * 12 - 25/2 - 18/2}{4 - 1} = 291 mm \\ &< S_{max} = 300 mm \\ use \ d_b &\geq max[\frac{1}{24} * s = \frac{177}{24} = 7.4 mm, 10 mm] \\ &\therefore use \ 2\emptyset 18 mm = 509 \ mm^2 > 473 \ mm^2 \\ A_l, \text{ shall be added to that required for moment:} \\ As^- &= 2673 + 1892 = 4565 \ mm^2, \ 10\emptyset 25 mm(\text{one layer}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{split} S_c &= \frac{\left[600 - 2 * 40 * 2 * 12 - 2 * (25/2)\right]}{10 - 1} = 52mm \\ &\geq \max \begin{bmatrix} d_b &= 25mm \\ 25mm \end{bmatrix} O.K \\ As^+ &= 2031 + 1892 = 3923 \ mm^2 \ , 8\emptyset 25mm (\text{one layer}) \end{split}$$



## Example:

# Wu=40kN/m along center line of the beam.

- Tu=11.5kN.m/m.
- fc'=34.5MPa, fy=414MPa.

Design beam for shear and torsion at critical section.



## **Solution**

 $R_u = \frac{40*8.5}{2} = 170 \ kN$ , due to symmetry of loads Assume Ø25 mm bars and Ø12 mm closed stirrup d = 600 - 40 - 12 - (25/2) = 535mm $V_{ud} = 170 - 40 * 0.535 = 149kN$ 11.5 \* 8.5  $T_u \text{ at support} = \frac{11.5 * 8.5}{2} = 49 \text{ kN.m}$  $T_{u_d} = 49 - 11.5 * 0.535 = 43 \ kN.m$  $M^{-} = \frac{w_{u}l^{2}}{12} = \frac{40 * 8.5^{2}}{12} = 241 \, kN.m$  $M^{+} = \frac{w_{u}l^{2}}{24} = \frac{40 * 8.5^{2}}{24} = 120 \ kN.m$ 

## **Design for flexure**

• <u>Negative moment</u>(rectangular section, 300\*600mm)  $0.241 = 0.9\rho * 0.3 * 0.535^2 * 414(1 - 0.59\rho * 414/34.5)$  $\rightarrow \rho^- = 0.008$ 

$$fc'=34.5>28MPa \rightarrow \beta_1 = 0.85 - \frac{fc'-28}{7} * 0.05 = 0.80 > 0.65 \text{ ok}$$
  

$$\rho_{max} = 0.85 * 0.80 * \frac{34.5}{414} * \frac{0.003}{0.007} = 0.0243$$
  

$$\rho_{min} = max \left(\frac{1.4}{f_y} = 0.0034, \frac{\sqrt{fc'}}{4f_y} = 0.0035\right) = 0.0035$$
  

$$\rho_{min} = 0.0035 < \rho^- = 0.008 < \rho_{max} = 0.0243 \text{ O.K}$$
  

$$As^- = 0.008 * 300 * 535 = 1284 \text{ mm}^2$$

#### • **<u>Positive moment</u>** (T-section)

$$b \leq \frac{L}{4} = \frac{8500}{4} = 2125mm$$

$$\frac{b-b_W}{2} \leq 8hf \rightarrow b = 2700mm$$

$$\frac{b-b_W}{2} \leq \frac{1}{4}(lc_1 + lc_2) \rightarrow b = , lc_1 and lc_2, \text{ not available}$$

choose min. value of b=2125mm(for flexure, ACI 8.10.2)



$$\begin{split} Μ_{ext} = 124 \ kN.m \\ Μ_f = \emptyset 0.85 f c' b h_f \left( d - \frac{h_f}{2} \right) \\ &Let \ \emptyset = 0.9 \ \text{to be check later} \\ Μ_f = 0.9 * 0.85 * 34.5 * 2.125 * 0.15 \left( 0.535 - \frac{0.15}{2} \right) \\ &= 3.870 MN. \ m > Mu_{ext} = 0.124 MN. \ m \to a \\ &< h_f [RS \ (2.125 * 0.6m)] \\ Μ = \emptyset \rho b d^2 \text{fy} \left( 1 - 0.59 \ \rho \frac{\text{fy}}{\text{fc'}} \right) \\ &0.124 = 0.9\rho * 2.125 * 0.535^2 * 414 \left( 1 - 0.59\rho \frac{414}{34.5} \right) \to \rho^+ \\ &= 0.00055 \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \rho_t &= 0.85 \beta_1 \frac{\text{fc}'}{\text{fy}} \frac{0.003}{0.003 + 0.005} = 0.0212 > \rho \rightarrow \emptyset = 0.9 \text{ O.K} \\ \rho_{max} &= 0.85 * 0.80 * \frac{34.5}{414} * \frac{0.003}{0.007} = 0.0243 \\ \rho_{min} &= \max\left(\frac{1.4}{\text{fy}} = 0.0034, \frac{\sqrt{\text{fc}'}}{4\text{fy}} = 0.0035\right) \frac{b_w}{b} \\ &= 0.0005 < \rho^+ = 0.00055 \text{ o.k} \\ \rho_{min} &< \rho^+ < \rho_{max} \therefore \text{ o.k} \\ As^+ &= 0.00055 * 300 * 2125 = 351 \text{ mm}^2 \end{split}$$

## **Design for torsion**



Choose minimum value of b=1200mm (for torsion, ACI 11.6.1.1& 13.2.4)

 $A_{cp} = (0.6 - 0.15) * 0.3 + 0.15 * 1.2 = 0.315 m^2$  $P_{cp} = 1.2 * 2 + 0.6 * 2 = 3.6 m$ 

$$T_{u_d} = 43 \ kN. \ m > \emptyset \frac{\sqrt{fc'}}{12} * \left(\frac{A_{cp}^2}{P_{cp}}\right) * 10^3$$
$$= 0.75 \frac{\sqrt{34.5}}{12} \left(\frac{0.315^2}{3.6}\right) * 10^3 = 10.1 \ kN. \ m$$

:Torsional effect should be considered

## **Check section dimensions**





$$\begin{split} \sqrt{\left(\frac{V_u}{b_w d}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{T_u P_h}{1.7 A_{oh}^2}\right)^2} &\leq \emptyset \left[\frac{V_c}{b_w d} + \frac{8\sqrt{fc'}}{12}\right] \\ \sqrt{\left(\frac{149}{0.3 * 0.535}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{43 * 1.432}{1.7 * 0.1056^2}\right)^2} \ 10^{-3} &= 3.38 \ MPa \\ &< 0.75 \left(\frac{0.17\sqrt{34.5} * b_w d}{b_w d} + \frac{8}{12}\sqrt{34.5}\right) = 3.68 \ MPa \\ &\therefore o.k \end{split}$$

$$T_{u} = \emptyset T_{n} = \emptyset * \frac{2 \quad \widetilde{A_{o}} \quad A_{t} f_{yt}}{S} \cot(\theta)$$

$$43 = \frac{0.75 * 2 * 0.85 * 0.1056 * A_{t} * 414 * 10^{3} * \cot(45)}{S}$$

$$A_{t} = 7.714 * 10^{-4} S$$

## **Design for shear**

$$\begin{split} V_c &= 0.17 * \sqrt{34.5} * 0.3 * 0.535 * 1000 = 160 \, kN \\ V_{ud} &= \emptyset(V_c + V_s) \\ 149 &= 0.75 * (160 + V_s) \rightarrow V_s = 39 \, kN < 4 \, V_c \\ &= 640 \, kN \, o.k \\ S &= \frac{A_v f_y d}{V_s} \rightarrow A_v = \frac{0.039 * S}{414 * 0.535} = 1.761 * 10^{-4} S \\ A_v + 2A_t &= (1.761 * 10^{-4} + 2 * 7.714 * 10^{-4})S = 1.728 * \\ 10^{-3}S &\ge max. \begin{bmatrix} 0.062 \, \sqrt{fc'} \frac{b_w S}{f_{yt}} = 2.639 * 10^{-4} S \, control \\ 0.35 \, \frac{b_w S}{f_{yt}} = 2.53 * 10^{-4} S \end{bmatrix} o.k \end{split}$$

Area of two legs of  $\emptyset 12 mm = 2 * 113 = 226 mm^2$  $1.728 * 10^{-3}S = 226 * 10^{-6} \rightarrow S = 0.131 m$  $S_{max} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{P_h}{8} = \frac{1432}{8} = 179 \ mm \ control \\ 300 \ mm \end{bmatrix} \text{ for torsion}$  $V_{n} = 149kN < 2V_c = 320 kN$  $S_{max} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{d}{2} = \frac{535}{2} = 267 \ mm \\ 600 \ mm \end{bmatrix}$  for shear  $S = 131 mm < S_{max} = 179 mm O.K$ use Ø12@130 mm c/c closed stirrups

$$\begin{split} A_{l} &= \frac{A_{t}}{S} P_{h} \left( \frac{f_{yt}}{f_{yl}} \right) \cot^{2} \theta = \frac{7.714 * 10^{-4} * S}{S} * 1.432 \\ &= 1.105 * 10^{-3} m^{2} = 1105 \ mm^{2} \\ A_{l_{min}} &= \frac{5}{12} \frac{\sqrt{fc'} A_{cp}}{f_{y}} - \left( \frac{A_{t}}{S} \right) P_{h} \frac{f_{yt}}{f_{yl}} \\ &= \frac{5}{12} * \frac{\sqrt{34.5} * 0.315}{414} - \frac{7.714 * 10^{-4} * S}{S} * 1.432 \\ &= 7.57 * 10^{-4} m^{2} = 757 mm^{2} \\ \frac{A_{t}}{S} &= 7.714 * 10^{-4} \ge 0.175 \frac{b_{w}}{f_{yt}} = 0.175 * \frac{0.3}{414} \\ &= 1.288 * 10^{-4} \ o. k \end{split}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_l &> A_{l_{min}} \ o.k \\ \frac{A_l}{3} &= \frac{1105}{3} = 368 \ mm^2 \ , S_{c/c} \\ &= \frac{600 - 2 * 40 - 2 * 12 - 25/2 - 16/2}{3 - 1} = 238 \text{mm} \\ &< S_{max} = 300 \text{mm} \\ use \ d_b &\geq max[\frac{1}{24} * s = \frac{131}{24} = 5.4 \text{mm}, 10 \text{mm}] \\ &\therefore use \ 2\emptyset 16 \text{mm} = 402 \ mm^2 > 368 \ mm^2 \end{aligned}$$



