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# **Chapter 1**

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## **Introduction**

spWall is a computer program for the design and analysis of reinforced concrete walls, tilt-up walls, and precast architectural and load-bearing panels. Design provisions in accordance with ACI 318 and CSA A23.3 standards. The wall may include any number of openings and stiffeners. The program is based on the finite element method and can take into account second-order effects. The required amount of reinforcing steel is computed based on the selected standard, and the user can specify one or two layers of reinforcement.

spWall program uses an advanced graphical interface that enables the user to easily generate complex wall models. The geometry of the wall (including any number of openings and stiffeners), the material properties, the loads (point, area, and line), and the support conditions are assigned graphically using the mouse. Also, springs (translational and rotational) can be graphically assigned at any node.

### **Program Features**

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- Finite element analysis (including 2<sup>nd</sup> order effects) of flat wall panels with stiffeners
- Arbitrary geometry of wall panels which may include openings
- Rectangular, L, T, or circular cross sections of stiffeners
- Arbitrary boundary conditions including spring supports
- Point, line, and area load types to model any loading conditions
- Design of wall elements for flexure with one or two reinforcement curtains
- Design of stiffener elements flexure, shear, and torsion
- ACI 318-05, ACI 318-02, CSA A23.3-04, and CSA A23.3-94 concrete design standards
- English and SI units

- Straightforward and effective graphical user interface
- Graphical display of geometry and loads as they are input
- Print preview of graphical screen
- User-controlled screen color settings
- Ability to save defaults and settings for future input sessions
- Customizable results report
- Import input data from PCA-Wall v2.0
- Online help

### ***Program Capacity***

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- 255 X-grid lines
- 255 Y-grid lines
- 255 Plate thickness definitions
- 255 Stiffener section definitions
- 255 Plate cracking coefficient definitions
- 255 Stiffener cracking coefficient definitions
- 255 Concrete definitions
- 255 Steel definitions
- 255 Plate design criteria definitions
- 255 Stiffener design criteria definitions
- 255 Rigid support definitions
- 255 Spring support definitions
- 255 Point load definitions per load case
- 255 Uniform area load definitions per load case
- 255 Linear area load definitions per load case
- 255 Uniform line load definitions per load case

- Six load cases
- 255 Service Load combinations
- 255 Ultimate Load combinations
- Approximately 10,000 nodes and 10,000 elements

## ***System requirements***

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Any computer running Microsoft Windows XP or Vista is sufficient to run spColumn program. Please refer to our [Software Quick Start Guide](#) for instructions on how to troubleshoot Vista related issues.

## ***Terms***

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The following terms are used throughout this manual. A brief explanation is given to help familiarize you with them.

<b>Windows</b>	refers to the Microsoft Windows environment version 98 or higher.
[ ]	indicates metric equivalent
<b>Click on</b>	means to position the cursor on top of a designated item or location and press and release the left-mouse button (unless instructed to use the right-mouse button).
<b>Double-click on</b>	means to position the cursor on top of a designated item or location and press and release the left-mouse button twice in quick succession.
<b>Marquee select</b>	means to depress the mouse button and continue to hold it down while moving the mouse. As you drag the mouse, a rectangle (known as a marquee) follows the cursor. Release the mouse button and the area inside the marquee is selected.

## ***Conventions***

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Various styles of text and layout have been used in this manual to help differentiate between different kinds of information. The styles and layout are explained below...

<i>Italic</i>	indicates a glossary item, or emphasizes a given word or phrase.
<b>Bold</b>	All bold typeface makes reference to either a menu or a menu item command such as <b>File</b> or <b>Save</b> , or a tab such as <b>Description</b> or <b>Grid</b> .
Mono-space	indicates something you should enter with the keyboard. For example type “c:\*.txt”.
KEY + KEY	indicates a key combination. The plus sign indicates that you should press and hold the first key while pressing the second key, then release both keys. For example, “ALT + F” indicates that you should press the “ALT” key and hold it while you press the “F” key. Then release both keys.
SMALL CAPS	Indicates the name of an object such as a dialog box or a dialog box component. For example, the OPEN dialog box or the CANCEL or MODIFY buttons.

### ***Installing, Purchasing and Licensing spWall***

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For instructions on how to install, purchase and license StructurePoint software please refer to our [Software Quick Start Guide](#).

## **Chapter 2**

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### ***Method of Solution***

spWall uses the Finite Element Method for the structural modeling and analysis of slender reinforced concrete walls subject to static loading conditions. The wall is idealized as a mesh of rectangular plate elements as well as straight-line stiffener elements. Walls of irregular geometry should be idealized to conform to geometry with rectangular boundaries. Plate and stiffener properties can vary from one element to another but are assumed uniform within each element.

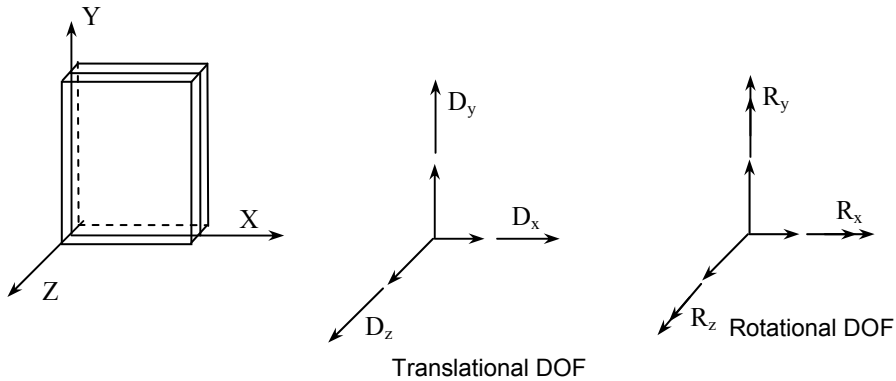
Six degrees of freedom exist at each node: three translations and three rotations relating to the three Cartesian axes. An external load can exist in the direction of each of the degrees of freedom. Sufficient number of nodal degrees of freedom should be restrained in order to achieve structural stability.

The program assembles the global stiffness matrix and load vectors for the finite element model. Then, it solves the equilibrium equations to obtain deflections and rotations at each node. Finally, the program calculates the internal forces and internal moments in each element. At the users option, the program can perform second order analysis. In this case, the program takes into account the effect of in-plane forces on the out-of-plane deflection.

In the design mode, the program calculates the required amount of reinforcement in the plate elements and stiffener elements.

## The Global Coordinate System

The mid-surface of the wall lies in the  $XY$  plane of the right-handed  $XYZ$  rectangular coordinate system shown in Figure 2-1. The wall thickness is measured in the direction of the  $Z$ -axis. The positive  $X$ -axis points to the right, the positive  $Y$ -axis points upward towards the top of the monitor, and positive  $Z$ -axis points out of the screen. Thus, the  $XY$  plane is defined as being in the plane of the display monitor.



## Mesh Generation

The nodal coordinates of the finite element mesh are internally computed by the program based on the rectangular grid system shown in Figure 2-2. A group of grid lines, orthogonal to the X and Y axes, are defined by inputting their coordinates. An X-grid line is a vertical line defined by its distance from the origin along the X-axis and a Y-grid line is a horizontal line defined by its distance from the origin along the Y-axis.

The intersection of two orthogonal grid lines forms a grid intersection. The space formed by the intersection of two consecutive X-grid lines and two consecutive Y-grid lines is a grid space. Assigning plate thicknesses to the grid spaces automatically creates plate finite elements in these grid spaces. The assembling of stiffener elements to the wall system is done by assigning stiffener element section to the lines defined by the connection of two consecutive grid intersections in the X or Y directions.

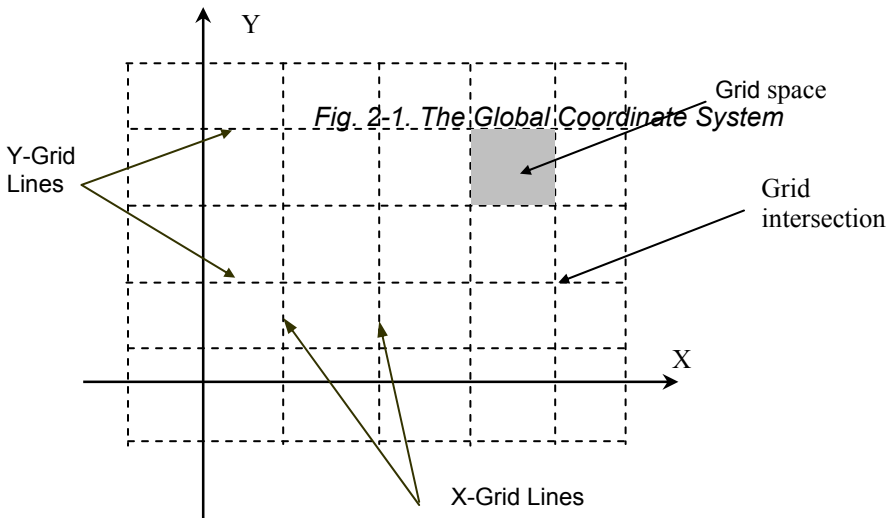


Fig. 2-2. The Grid System

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## ***Preparing the Input***

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The first step in preparing the input is to draw a scaled elevation view of the wall. The elevation view should include the boundaries of the wall, variations in the wall thickness, material properties, stiffener locations, and openings within the wall. All superimposed loads applied on the wall should also be shown.

Superimpose a rectangular grid system over the elevation of the wall. The following factors control the grid layout:

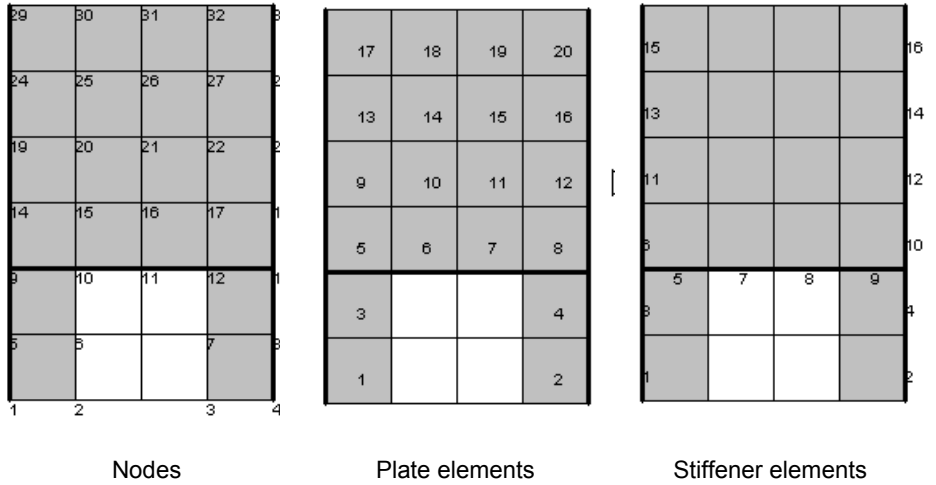
1. Grid lines must exist along wall boundaries and openings. Wall boundaries not parallel to the X- or Y-axis may be defined by steps that approximate the sloped boundary.
2. Grid lines must exist along the boundaries of wall thickness changes, wall material property changes, design criteria changes, and stiffener locations.
3. Grid lines must exist along boundaries of area loads.
4. Grid lines must exist along line loads.
5. Grid intersections must exist at locations of point loads and supports.

The above guidelines basically form the major grid lines which produce the minimum number of finite elements for the particular wall geometry. The mesh can be refined by supplementing the model with minor grid lines between the major grid lines. Minor grid lines need to be added to achieve a uniform, well-graded mesh that produces results which effectively capture the variations of the displacements and element forces. The location of the minor grid lines also depends on the level of accuracy that is desired from the analysis.

While the use of finer meshes will generally produce more accurate results, it will also require more solution time, computer memory, and disk space. For wall regions where heavy concentrated forces are applied and anywhere drastic changes in geometry exist, the use of finer element meshes may be required. Thus, in order to obtain a practical as well as an accurate analytical solution, engineering judgment must be used.

The element nodal incidences are internally computed by the program. All nodes and elements are numbered from left to right (in the positive X-direction) and from bottom to top (in the positive Y-direction), as shown in Figure 2-3. When the reference grid system and/or assembling of elements is modified, all node and element numbers are internally modified by the program.





*Fig. 2-3. Node and Element Numbering*

## Plate Element

The rectangular plate finite element has four nodes, one at each corner, as shown in Figure 2-4. Each node has six degrees of freedom ( $D_x$ ,  $D_y$ ,  $D_z$ ,  $R_x$ ,  $R_y$ , and  $R_z$ ). The rotation,  $R_z$ , is referred to as the drilling rotation (ref. 1).

The plate element combines the membrane (in plane) and bending (out of plane) actions. Element stiffness is calculated based on the following assumptions:

1. The x-y plane is the mid surface of the plate element.
2. Deformations are small and the resulting displacements do not significantly change the geometry of the wall.
3. The membrane and bending deformations are uncoupled.
4. Bending behavior follows the thin plate theory (Kirchhoff theory).
5. Plane sections initially normal to the mid-surface remain plane and normal to that surface after bending.
6. The stress component normal to the mid-plane is small compared to other stress components and is neglected.
7. The plate element material is homogeneous, elastic, isotropic, and obeys Hooke's law.

If second order analysis is requested, the stiffness terms related to the bending action are modified to include the effect of in-plane internal forces (ref. 1).

When locating reinforcement within a plate element, the program refers to the left face and right face. The left face of the panel is defined as the face to the left of the plate centerline when looking along the positive X-axis. See Figure 2-4.

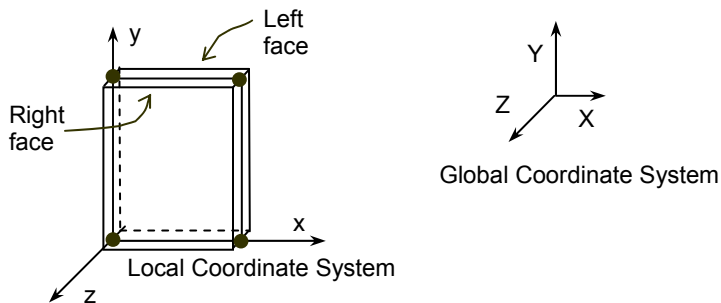


Fig. 2-4. The Plate Element

## Stiffener Element

The stiffener element used in the program has two nodes, one at each end, as shown in Figure 2-5. Each node has six degrees of freedom ( $D_x$ ,  $D_y$ ,  $D_z$ ,  $R_x$ ,  $R_y$ , and  $R_z$ ). Element stiffness is calculated based on the following assumptions:

1. The local  $x$ -axis passes through the element centroid.
2. Deformations are small and the resulting displacements do not significantly change the geometry of the wall.
3. Axial and bending deformations are uncoupled.
4. Plane sections initially normal to the element axis remain plane and normal to that axis after bending.
5. The stiffener element material is homogeneous, elastic, isotropic, and obeys Hooke's law.

If second order analysis is requested, the stiffness terms related to the bending about the  $Y$ -axis are modified to include the effect of the axial force (ref. 2).

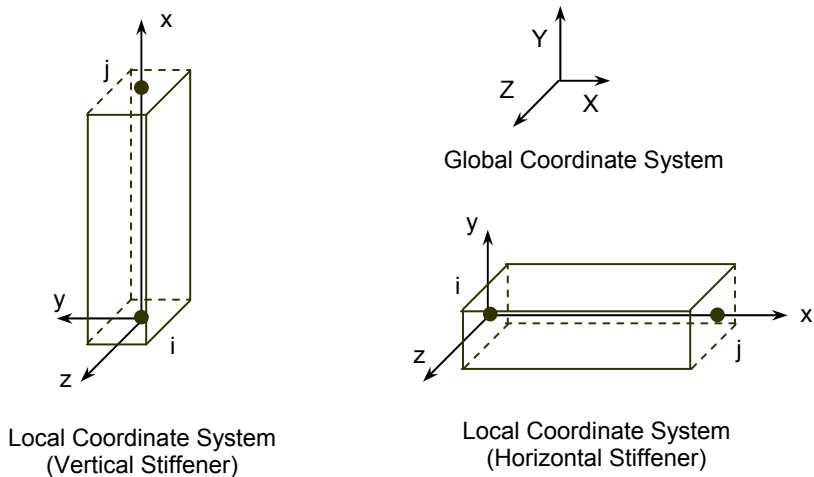


Fig. 2-5. The Stiffener Element

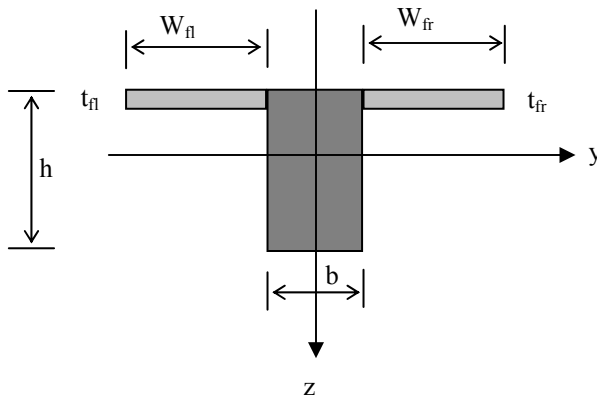
The properties of the stiffener section, area ( $A$ ), Inertia ( $I_y$ ,  $I_z$ ) and torsional constant ( $J$ ) are calculated as follows:

$$A = \begin{cases} bh & \text{rectangular section} \\ \pi D^2 & \text{circular section} \end{cases}$$

$I_y$  = Inertia of the web and the flanges about the centroidal local  $y$ -axis.

$$I_z = \begin{cases} \frac{hb^3}{12} & \text{rectangular section} \\ \frac{\pi D^4}{64} & \text{circular section} \end{cases}$$

$$J = \frac{W_{fl} t_{fl}^3}{3} + \frac{W_{fr} t_{fr}^3}{3} + \begin{cases} \frac{bh^3}{3} (b > h) & \text{rectangular section} \\ \frac{hb^3}{3} (h > b) & \text{rectangular section} \\ \frac{\pi D^4}{32} & \text{circular section} \end{cases}$$



## Cracking Coefficients

To account for cracking of elements, the user can input cracking coefficient values for plate and stiffener elements to effectively reduce stiffness. Cracking coefficients for out-of-plane (bending and torsion) and in-plane (axial and shear) stiffness can be entered for plate elements. Cracking coefficients for  $A$ ,  $I_z$ ,  $I_y$ , and  $J$  can be entered for stiffeners. Because the values of the cracking coefficients can have a large effect on the analysis and design results, the user must take care in selecting values that best represent the state of cracking at the particular loading stage. Typically, crack coefficients are greater than 0 and less than 1.

At ultimate loads, a wall is normally in a highly cracked state. The user could enter a value for out-of-plane cracking coefficient for plates and  $I_z$  and  $I_y$  cracking coefficients for stiffeners of  $I_{cracked}/I_{gross}$  based on estimated values of  $A_s$ . With an assumed value of  $A_s$ ,  $I_{cracked}$  can be calculated using the following formula<sup>1</sup>

$$I_{cracked} = \frac{bc^3}{3} + \frac{E_s}{E_c} A_{se} (d-c)^2$$

where  $A_{se} = A_s + P_u / f_y$  for the ACI 318 code and  $A_{se} = A_s$  for the CSA code.

After the analysis and design, if the computed value of  $A_s$  greatly differs from the estimated value of  $A_s$ , the analysis should be performed again with new values for the crack coefficients<sup>2</sup>.

At service loads, a wall may or may not be in a highly cracked state. For service load deflection analysis, a problem should be modeled with an out-of-plane cracking coefficient for plates and  $I_z$  and  $I_y$  cracking coefficients for stiffeners of  $I_{effective}/I_{gross}$ .  $I_{effective}$  is a value between  $I_{cracked}$  and  $I_{gross}$ . The value of  $I_{effective}$  can be obtained from the following formula<sup>3</sup>

$$I_{effective} = \left( \frac{M_{cr}}{M_s} \right)^3 I_{gross} + \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{M_{cr}}{M_s} \right)^3 \right] I_{cracked} \leq I_{gross}$$

Since the program allows only one value of the cracking coefficient for all load combinations, separate runs may be required for ultimate and service load

<sup>1</sup> ACI 318-05, 14.8.3; ACI 318-02, 14.8.3; CSA A23.3-04, 23.3.1.3; CSA A23.3-94, 23.4.1.3

<sup>2</sup> For the first approximation of the  $I_{cracked}/I_{gross}$  ratio the user may also refer to: ACI 318-05, 10.11.1; ACI 318-02, 10.11.1, CSA A23.3-04, 10.14.1.2; CSA A23.3-94 10.14.1

<sup>3</sup> ACI 318-05, 9.5.2.3; ACI 318-02, 9.5.2.3; CSA A23.3-04, 9.8.2.3; CSA A23.3-94, 9.8.2.3

combinations with different values of cracking coefficients, i.e.  $I_{cracked}/I_{gross}$  for ultimate load combinations and  $I_{effective}/I_{gross}$  for service load combinations.

## Types of Loads

An external load is applied as a point load, a line load or an area load. Positive forces are defined as forces in the positive direction of the global axes, and positive moments are defined in accordance with the right hand rule. In other words, if the thumb of your right hand points in the positive direction of an axis, curling the rest of your right-hand fingers defines the positive moment about that axis. Point Loads

A point load consists of three forces  $P_x$ ,  $P_y$ , and  $P_z$  and three moments  $M_x$ ,  $M_y$ , and  $M_z$  corresponding to the six DOF at each node. Point forces have units of force, and point moments have units of force times length. Point forces and point moments must be applied at a node. In addition to point moments, an eccentricity in the Z-direction,  $E_z$ , can be input.  $P_x$  and  $P_y$  values are multiplied by  $E_z$  to obtain additional point moments (Figure 2-6). Thus, the final moments at a node are:

$$M_x = \bar{M}_x - E_z P_y \quad \text{and} \quad M_y = \bar{M}_y + E_z P_x,$$

where  $\bar{M}_x$  and  $\bar{M}_y$  are the moment input by the user about the X and the Y axes respectively.

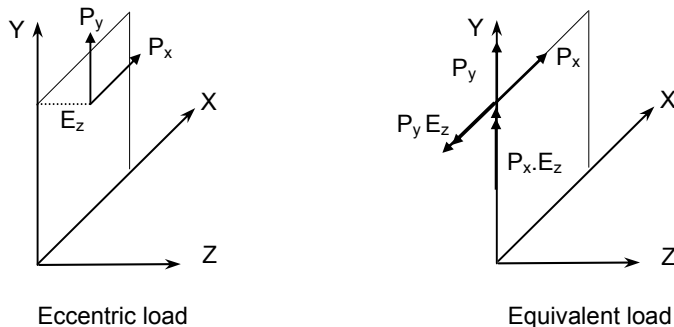


Fig. 2-6. Eccentric point load

### Line Load

A line load consists of three uniformly distributed line loads  $W_x$ ,  $W_y$ , and  $W_z$  corresponding to the three translational DOF at each node and an eccentricity in the Z-direction,  $E_z$ . Line loads must be applied along the boundary of a plate element or along a stiffener element.  $W_x$ ,  $W_y$ , and  $W_z$  have units of force per unit length. Internally in the program, lumped-nodal loads replace the line load as follows (Figure 2-7):

$$\begin{Bmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ P_z \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{L}{2} \begin{Bmatrix} W_x \\ W_y \\ W_z \end{Bmatrix}$$

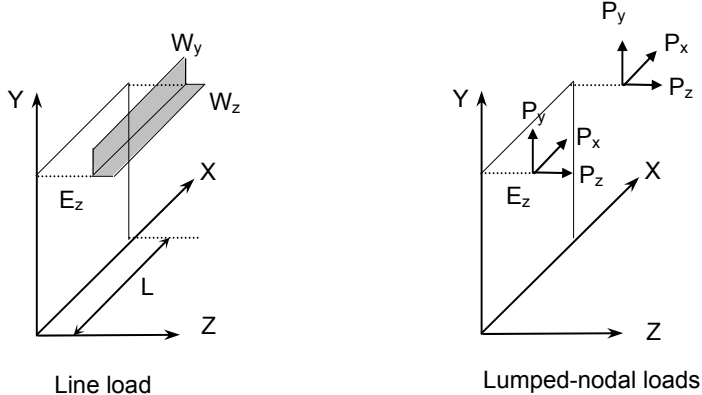


Fig. 2-7. Line load

### Uniform Area Loads

A uniform area load consists of three uniformly distributed loads,  $W_x$ ,  $W_y$  and  $W_z$  corresponding to the three translational DOF. Area loads are applied over the area of plate elements.  $W_x$ ,  $W_y$  and  $W_z$  have units of force per unit area. Internally in the program, lumped-nodal loads replace the uniform area load as follows (Figure 2-8):

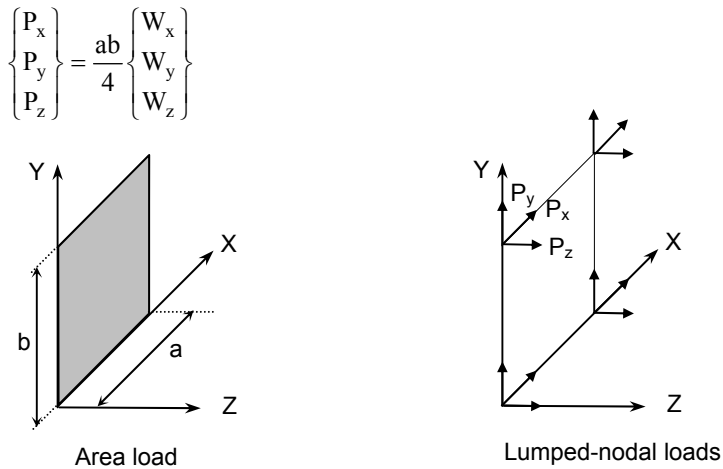


Fig. 2-8. Line load

### Linear Area Loads

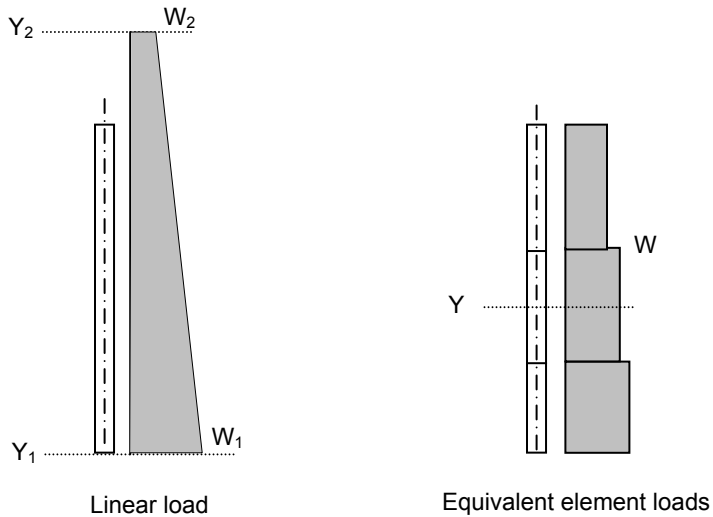
Linear area loads are used to represent water and earth pressure. The load is defined as linearly varying in the Y direction and uniform in the X direction (Figure 2-9). The load values are defined at two points, along the Y-direction, whose Y-coordinates are denoted  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  respectively. The load values are denoted  $W_{x1}$ ,  $W_{y1}$ , and  $W_{z1}$  at  $Y_1$  while they are denoted  $W_{x2}$ ,  $W_{y2}$ , and  $W_{z2}$  at  $Y_2$ .

The load is applied to an element as uniform area load intensity of which is calculated as follows:

$$\begin{Bmatrix} W_x \\ W_y \\ W_z \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{(Y_2 - Y)}{(Y_2 - Y_1)} \begin{Bmatrix} W_{x1} \\ W_{y1} \\ W_{z1} \end{Bmatrix} + \frac{(Y - Y_1)}{(Y_2 - Y_1)} \begin{Bmatrix} W_{x2} \\ W_{y2} \\ W_{z2} \end{Bmatrix}$$

where Y is the Y-coordinate of the element center.





*Fig.2.9-Linear Area load*

### ***Self-Weight***

The self-weight of the wall is computed internally based on the concrete unit weight and the thickness of each plate element or volume of each stiffener element. For plate elements, the value of self-weight is applied as a uniform area load in the Y-direction. For stiffener element, the value of self-weight is applied as a uniform line load in the Y-direction. The self-weight may optionally be included in the analysis in load case A.

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## ***Load Cases and Load Combinations***

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Applied loads are categorized into six load cases: A, B, C, D, E, and F. Any number of load types can be applied to the wall under each load case. Load cases are combined for load combinations. A load combination is the algebraic sum of each of the load cases multiplied by a load factor. The wall is analyzed and designed for each load combination.

Load combinations are categorized into Service level and Ultimate level. For each Service and Ultimate level combination, the nodal deflections and reactions are calculated. Element internal forces are calculated for each ultimate level combination.

For the design of reinforced concrete elements, the required area of steel is calculated due to the element internal forces belonging to ultimate load combinations. On the other hand, displacement envelopes are determined using the displacement belonging to service load combinations.

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## ***Nodal Restraints and Nodal Springs***

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All nodal degrees-of-freedom (DOF) are assumed to be initially released (i.e. free to move.) Mathematically speaking, each DOF implies an equilibrium equation; however, nodal DOF may be fully restrained against displacement and/or rotation. This allows the definition of wall supports. For equilibrium to exist, the wall must be restrained such that structure stability is achieved.

Nodal DOF can be partially restrained by defining spring supports. Spring constants corresponding to the six DOF can be defined at any node. The spring supports are idealized as linear springs. Units of the spring constant are in terms of force per unit length for translational springs and moment per radian for rotational springs.

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## Solution

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The solution process is summarized in the following steps:

A. Perform in-plane analysis:

1. Compute the plate and stiffener element matrices related to the in-plane degrees of freedom ( $\delta_x, \delta_y, \theta_z$ ).
2. Assemble the in-plane global stiffness matrix,  $[K_i]$ .
3. Combine the applied loads and form number of load vectors equal to the number of load combinations,  $[F_i]$ .
4. Compute the displacement  $[U_i]$ , by solving the equilibrium equations:  
 $[K_i][U_i]=[F_i]$   
This gives the in-plane displacements at each node.
5. Compute the plate element in-plane forces  $N_{xx}$ ,  $N_{yy}$ , and  $N_{xy}$ .
6. Compute the stiffener element in-plane end forces  $F_x$ ,  $F_y$ , and  $M_z$ .
7. Compute the reaction forces  $F_x$ ,  $F_y$ , and  $M_z$  at each restrained node.

B. Perform out-of-plane analysis:

1. If first order analysis is requested, the out-of-plane analysis is done once for all load combinations in a similar way to that done for the in-plane analysis.
2. Out-of-plane analysis gives:
  - i- the displacements ( $\delta_z, \theta_x, \theta_y$ ) at each node,
  - ii- the reaction forces  $F_z$ ,  $M_x$ , and  $M_y$  at each restrained node,
  - iii- the plate element internal moments  $M_{xx}$ ,  $M_{yy}$ ,  $M_{xy}$ ,
  - iv- the stiffener element end forces  $F_z$ ,  $M_x$ , and  $M_y$ .
3. If second order analysis is requested, a complete analysis cycle is done for each load combination. In each cycle, the basic stiffness terms of plate elements are modified to account for the effect of membrane forces (ref. 1). For stiffener elements, the basic stiffness matrix is modified to account for the effect of axial forces (ref. 2)

- C. Compute envelopes for the displacements produced by all service load combinations.
- D. For each plate and stiffener element, compute the area of steel required for resisting all ultimate load combinations. For plate elements, the required area of steel is calculated at the element center. For stiffener elements, the area of steel is calculated at each of the element ends. Then, the maximum value of area of steel is reported.

## Element Design Forces

### Plate Elements

For each ultimate load combination, the program obtains values for in-plane design forces by including the effects of in-plane shear forces as follows:

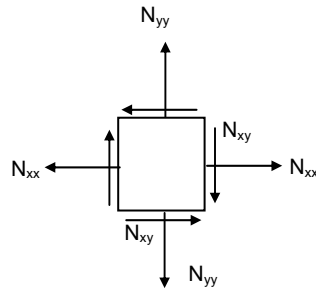
- Maximum in-plane design forces

$$N_x = N_{xx} + |N_{xy}|$$

$$N_y = N_{yy} + |N_{xy}|$$

$$\text{Maximum } N_{ux} = \begin{cases} N_x & \text{if } N_y \geq 0 \\ N_{xx} + \frac{N_{xy}^2}{N_{yy}} & \text{if } N_y < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Maximum } N_{uy} = \begin{cases} N_y & \text{if } N_x \geq 0 \\ N_{yy} + \frac{N_{xy}^2}{N_{xx}} & \text{if } N_x < 0 \end{cases}$$



- Minimum in-plane design forces

$$N_x = N_{xx} - |N_{xy}|$$

$$N_y = N_{yy} - |N_{xy}|$$

$$\text{Minimum } N_{ux} = \begin{cases} N_x & \text{if } N_y \leq 0 \\ N_{xx} - \left| \frac{N_{xy}^2}{N_{yy}} \right| & \text{if } N_y > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Minimum } N_{uy} = \begin{cases} N_y & \text{if } N_x \leq 0 \\ N_{yy} - \left| \frac{N_{xy}^2}{N_{xx}} \right| & \text{if } N_x > 0 \end{cases}$$

In the above equations,  $N_{xx}$ ,  $N_{yy}$  and  $N_{xy}$  correspond to the element internal in-plane forces at the element center. The program obtains the values for design bending moments by including the effects of the torsional moment as follows:

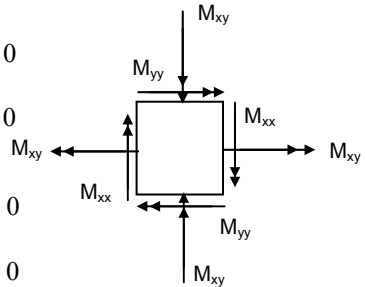
- Maximum design bending moments

$$M_x = M_{xx} + |M_{xy}|$$

$$M_y = M_{yy} + |M_{xy}|$$

$$\text{Maximum } M_{ux} = \begin{cases} M_x & \text{if } M_y \geq 0 \\ M_{xx} + \left| \frac{M_{xy}^2}{M_{yy}} \right| & \text{if } M_y < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Maximum } M_{uy} = \begin{cases} M_y & \text{if } M_x \geq 0 \\ M_{yy} + \left| \frac{M_{xy}^2}{M_{xx}} \right| & \text{if } M_x < 0 \end{cases}$$



- Minimum design bending moments

$$M_x = M_{xx} - |M_{xy}|$$

$$M_y = M_{yy} - |M_{xy}|$$

$$\text{Minimum } M_{ux} = \begin{cases} M_x & \text{if } M_y \leq 0 \\ M_{xx} - \left| \frac{M_{xy}^2}{M_{yy}} \right| & \text{if } M_y > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Minimum } M_{uy} = \begin{cases} M_y & \text{if } M_x \leq 0 \\ M_{yy} - \left| \frac{M_{xy}^2}{M_{xx}} \right| & \text{if } M_x > 0 \end{cases}$$

In the above equations,  $M_{xx}$  and  $M_{yy}$  correspond to the element internal bending moments at the element center, while  $M_{xy}$  corresponds to the element internal torsional moment at the element center.

### Stiffener Elements

The stiffener element design forces  $P_u$ ,  $V_{uy}$ ,  $V_{uz}$ ,  $M_{uy}$ ,  $M_{uz}$ , and  $T_u$  are obtained directly from the element end forces  $F_x$ ,  $F_y$ ,  $F_z$ ,  $M_x$ ,  $M_y$ , and  $M_z$  (figure 2-11) using the following relationship:

$$\begin{Bmatrix} N_x \\ V_y \\ V_z \\ T_x \\ BM_y \\ BM_z \end{Bmatrix}_i = \begin{Bmatrix} -F_x \\ F_y \\ F_z \\ M_x \\ M_y \\ -M_z \end{Bmatrix}_i \text{ at node } i \text{ and } \begin{Bmatrix} N_x \\ V_y \\ V_z \\ T_x \\ BM_y \\ BM_z \end{Bmatrix}_j = \begin{Bmatrix} F_x \\ -F_y \\ -F_z \\ -M_x \\ -M_y \\ M_z \end{Bmatrix}_j \text{ at node } j.$$

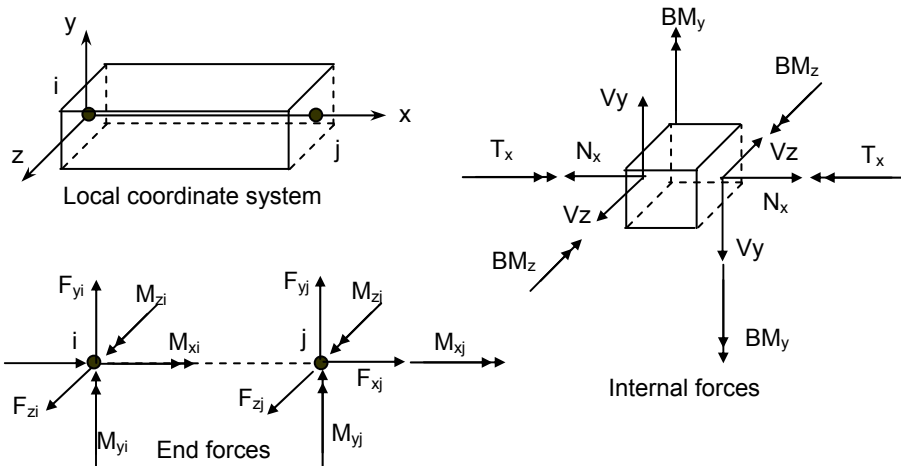


Fig. 2-11. The Stiffener Internal Forces

## **Required Reinforcement**

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The required areas of reinforcing steel for flexural and shear are computed based on assumptions conforming to the strength design method.

### ***Flexural design***

Flexural design is performed based on the code provisions of ACI 318 and CSA A23.3 (see Appendix A).

The required area of steel is calculated by trial and error. The program will try to find the least amount of  $A_s$ , between the minimum and maximum values specified by the user, which satisfies the strength requirements of all ultimate load combinations. If a value for  $A_s$  cannot be found, the program reports design failure.

For plate elements, it is required to calculate the area of steel in the X and in the Y directions. In the X-direction, the area of steel  $A_{sx}$  should be enough to satisfy the strength requirements under the following sets of extreme design forces for each ultimate load combinations:

- Maximum  $N_{ux}$  and Maximum  $M_{ux}$
- Maximum  $N_{ux}$  and Minimum  $M_{ux}$
- Minimum  $N_{ux}$  and Maximum  $M_{ux}$
- Minimum  $N_{ux}$  and Minimum  $M_{ux}$

In the Y-direction, the amount of steel  $A_{sy}$  should be enough to resist the following sets of extreme design forces for each ultimate load combinations:

- Maximum  $N_{uy}$  and Maximum  $M_{uy}$
- Maximum  $N_{uy}$  and Minimum  $M_{uy}$
- Minimum  $N_{uy}$  and Maximum  $M_{uy}$
- Minimum  $N_{uy}$  and Minimum  $M_{uy}$

For stiffener element, the area of steel  $A_s$  is calculated such that the strength requirements at both end nodes are satisfied for all ultimate load combinations. The design of stiffener elements has two modes: biaxial and uniaxial modes.

The biaxial mode is applied when the flange width is equal to zero (Figure 2.12). In this case, the area of steel is calculated due to  $P_u$ ,  $M_{uy}$ , and  $M_{uz}$ . When the flange width is specified, the neutral axis is forced to be along the local y axis. In this case, the area of steel is calculated due to  $P_u$  and  $M_{uy}$ .

### Shear design of stiffener elements

Shear design is performed based on the provisions of ACI 318 and the simplified method of CSA A23.3 (see Appendix A).

For stiffener element, web reinforcement for shear and torsion  $A_v/s$  and longitudinal torsion reinforcement ( $A_l$ ) are calculated such that the strength requirements at both end nodes are satisfied for all ultimate load combinations. The design of stiffener element has two modes: biaxial and uniaxial modes.

The biaxial mode is applied when the flange width is equal to zero. In this case, the amount of web reinforcement  $A_v/s$  is calculated in the Y-direction and in the Z-direction separately. The maximum values of  $(A_v/s)_y$  and  $(A_v/s)_z$  are reported. When the flange width is specified, the neutral axis is forced to be along the local y axis. In this case, the amount of web reinforcement ( $A_v/s$ ) is calculated in the Z-direction only and the maximum value of  $(A_v/s)_z$  is reported. The effective flange width considered for the design due to torsion is calculated according to clause 13.2.4 for ACI 318, clause 13.1 for CSA A23.3-94, and clause 13.8.2.7 for CSA A23.3-04.

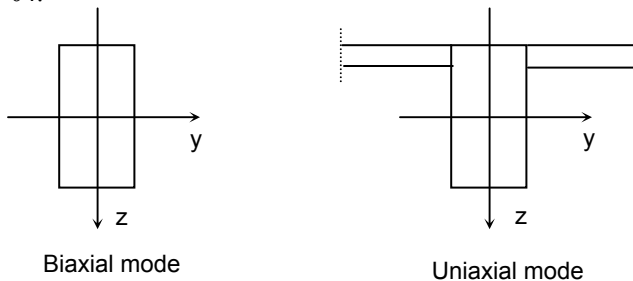


Fig. 2-12. Design Modes for Stiffener elements

### Procedure for calculating additional longitudinal reinforcement due to shear and torsion based on CSA A23.3-04 standard.

Proportioning of longitudinal reinforcement for sections subjected to combined shear and torsion in flexural regions is based on the requirement that the resistance of the longitudinal reinforcement has to be greater or equal to the axial force that can be developed in this reinforcement. In non-prestressed sections ( $V_p = 0$ ) these forces are equal to<sup>4</sup>:

<sup>4</sup> CSA A23.3-04, 11.3.9.2, 11.3.9.3, 11.3.10.6



- flexural tension side

$$F_{lt} = \underbrace{\frac{M_f}{d_v} + 0.5N_f}_{F_{lt,flexure}} + \cot \theta \underbrace{\sqrt{(V_f - 0.5V_s)^2 + \left(\frac{0.45p_h T_f}{2A_o}\right)^2}}_{F_{lt,shear}} = F_{lt,flexure} + F_{lt,shear}$$

- flexural compression side

$$F_{lc} = -\underbrace{\frac{M_f}{d_v} + 0.5N_f}_{F_{lc,flexure}} + \cot \theta \underbrace{\sqrt{(V_f - 0.5V_s)^2 + \left(\frac{0.45p_h T_f}{2A_o}\right)^2}}_{F_{lc,shear}} = F_{lc,flexure} + F_{lc,shear}$$

These forces can be decomposed<sup>5</sup> into flexure and shear components. The flexure components,  $F_{lt,flexure}$  and  $F_{lc,flexure}$ , account for the action of the bending moment,  $M_f$ , and the axial force,  $N_f$ , whereas the shear components,  $F_{lt,shear}$  and  $F_{lc,shear}$ , account for the action of the shear force,  $V_f$ , and the torsional moment,  $T_f$ . The amounts of reinforcement needed to resist the flexure components are calculated separately in the flexure and axial design procedure. The total amount of the additional longitudinal reinforcement,  $A_1$ , needed to resist shear and torsion will be determined as follows:

$$A_1 = \frac{F_{lt,shear} + F_{lc,shear}}{\phi_s f_y} = \frac{2 \cot \theta \sqrt{(V_f - 0.5V_s)^2 + \left(\frac{0.45p_h T_f}{2A_o}\right)^2}}{\phi_s f_y}$$

Please note that if only torsion acted ( $V_f = 0$  and  $V_s = 0$ ), then (assuming<sup>6</sup>  $\theta = 35^\circ$ )  $A_1$  would reduce to

$$A_1 = 2 \cot 35^\circ \frac{\left(\frac{0.45p_h T_f}{2A_o}\right)}{\phi_s f_y} = 1.285 \frac{p_h T_f}{2A_o \phi_s f_y}$$

which is comparable (and conservative) to the additional amount of longitudinal reinforcement due to torsion required in accordance with the previous edition of the CSA A23.3 standard<sup>7</sup>.

<sup>5</sup> J.G. MacGregor, F.M. Bartlett, *Reinforced Concrete – Mechanics and Design*, First Canadian Edition, 2000, pp 294, Eq. 7-42

<sup>6</sup> CSA A23.3-04, 11.3.6.3

The additional longitudinal reinforcement,  $A_1$ , will only be calculated if a section is subjected to a significant shear or a significant torsion<sup>8</sup>, which is presumed to be the case<sup>9</sup> if  $V_f > V_c$  or  $T_f > 0.25T_{cr}$ . Otherwise, it is assumed that the flexural reinforcement is extended a distance of  $d_v \cot \theta$  beyond the location needed by flexure alone and the additional reinforcement  $A_1 = 0$ .

In the biaxial case with two shear forces,  $V_{fy}$  and  $V_{fz}$ , the total additional reinforcement will be calculated as the sum of amounts needed in each directions i.e.

$$A_1 = A_{1y} + A_{1z}$$

with

$$A_{1z} = \begin{cases} \frac{2 \cot \theta \sqrt{(V_{fz} - 0.5V_{sz})^2 + \left(\frac{0.45p_h T_f}{2A_o}\right)^2}}{\phi_s f_y} & \text{if } V_{fz} > V_{cz} \text{ or } T_f > 0.25T_{cr} \\ 0 & \text{if } V_{fz} \leq V_{cz} \text{ and } T_f \leq 0.25T_{cr} \end{cases}$$

and

$$A_{1y} = \begin{cases} \frac{2 \cot \theta (V_{fy} - 0.5V_{sy})}{\phi_s f_y} & \text{if } V_{fy} > V_{cy} \\ 0 & \text{if } V_{fy} \leq V_{cy} \end{cases}$$

<sup>7</sup> CSA A23.3-94, 11.3.9.5

<sup>8</sup> CSA A23.3-04, 11.3.9.1

<sup>9</sup> CSA A23.3-04, 11.2.8.1, 11.2.9.1

## ***Program Results***

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The program output is organized into tables that may be optionally viewed, printed or sent to file. Furthermore, the tables may be fully or partially output for all or for only selected nodes, members and load combinations.

### ***Nodal Displacements:***

Nodal displacements  $D_x$ ,  $D_y$ , and  $D_z$  are output for individual service and individual ultimate load combinations. Positive displacement is in the positive direction of the axes.

### ***Reactions:***

Restraint and Nodal Spring reactions are output for individual service load and ultimate load combinations for nodes with specified restraints or nodal springs. Nodal translational reactions  $F_x$ ,  $F_y$ , and  $F_z$ , and rotational reactions  $M_x$ ,  $M_y$ , and  $M_z$  are output. Positive translational reactions are in the direction of the positive axes and positive moment reactions are determined using the right-hand rule.

### ***Element Internal forces:***

For each plate element, internal forces  $N_{xx}$ ,  $N_{yy}$ ,  $N_{xy}$ ,  $M_{xx}$ ,  $M_{yy}$  and  $M_{xy}$  are output for individual service or ultimate load combination.

For each stiffener element, internal forces  $N$ ,  $V_y$ ,  $V_z$ ,  $BM_y$ ,  $BM_z$  and  $T_x$  are output for individual service or ultimate load combination.

### ***Displacement Envelopes:***

Maximum nodal displacements  $D_x$ ,  $D_y$ , and  $D_z$  from all service load combinations are output. The governing load combination is identified. Positive displacements are in the direction of the positive axes.

### ***Element Reinforcement:***

For each plate element, the required areas of reinforcement  $A_{sx}$  and  $A_{sy}$  are computed based on the average moments per element and are output along with design forces and governing ultimate load combination. If the area of reinforcement in a plate element is greater than one percent (0.5 percent for CSA A23.3-04), the program indicates that ties may be required. For each stiffener element, the required area of longitudinal reinforcement for flexure and axial loads

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$A_s$ , shear reinforcement  $A_v/s$ , and torsional reinforcement  $A_t/s$  and  $A_l$  is output along with the design forces and governing ultimate load combination.

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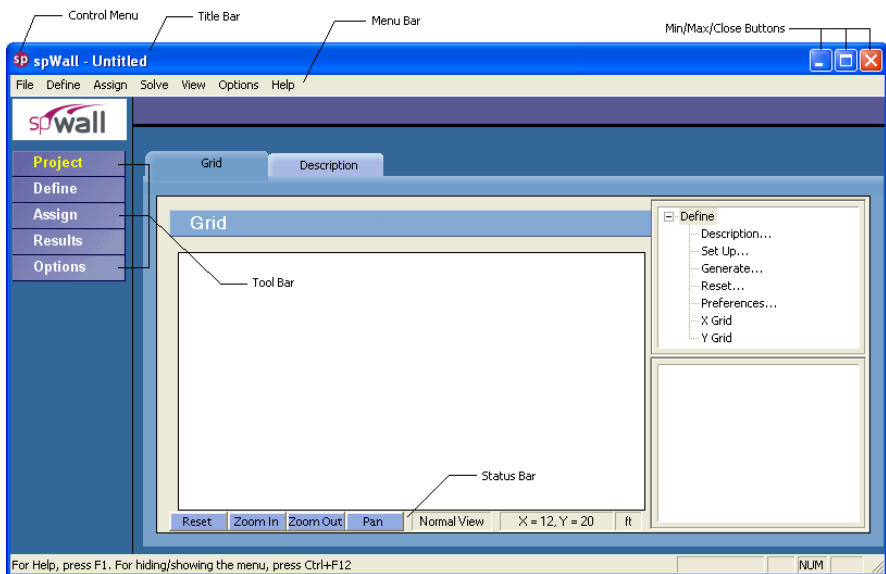
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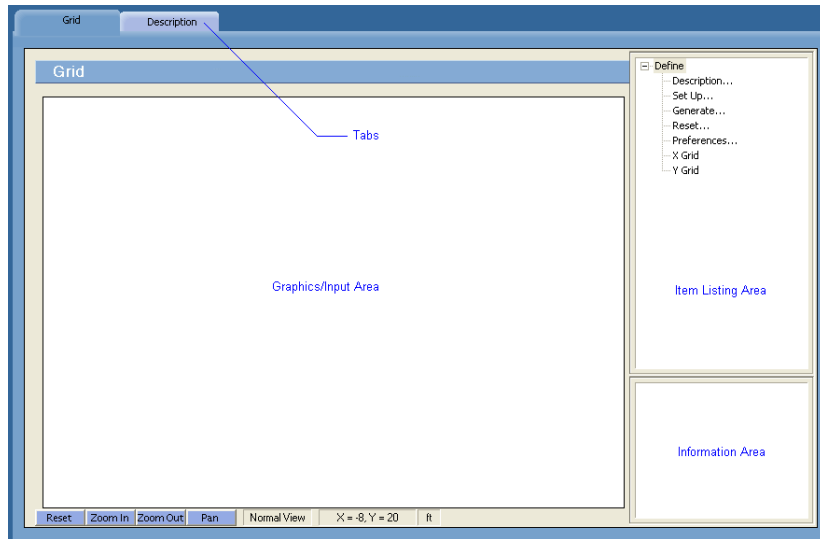
# Chapter 3

## spWall Interface

The spWall interface is made up of the elements as illustrated below. The content of the interface's *Main Window* changes depending on what you select from any menu displayed on the *Menu Bar* or from any button displayed in the *Tool Bar*. In the illustration below, the *Main Window* is shown contained within a black frame.



The Main Window is made of 4 distinct areas as illustrated here...








### **Control-Menu:**

The *Control-Menu* is located in the upper-left corner of the screen. It includes commands for restoring, moving, sizing, minimizing, maximizing, and closing the program.

### **Title Bar:**

The *Title Bar* displays the name of the program (spWall in this case), along with the path and filename of the current data file in use. If the file is new and has not yet been saved, the word *Untitled* is displayed in the title bar.

### **Min/Max/Close Buttons:**

The *Min/Max/Close* buttons are located in the upper-right corner of the screen. The *Minimize* button () shrinks the program to the Windows Taskbar. The *Maximize* button () enlarges the program so that it covers the entire desktop. After the program has been maximized (takes up the entire screen), the *Maximize* button () is replaced by the *Restore* button (). Clicking on the *Restore* button () returns the program to its original size.

**Tool Bar:**

The *Tool bar* is located on the left side of the screen. There are a total of 5 buttons on the tool bar each one displays various information in the *Main Window* of the program. The *Tool Bar* provides access to commands that are also accessible via the *Menu Bar*. The active tool bar's text will appear in Yellow (highlighted).

**Menu Bar:**

The *Menu Bar* is located directly beneath the *Title Bar*. There are a total of 7 distinct drop-down menus accessible from the *Menu Bar*. The majority of commands appearing in the drop-down menus are also accessible via the program's *Main Window* area.

**Status Bar:**

The *Status Bar* is located directly beneath the program's *Main Window* area. It displays important information such as current units, cursor position, and helpful messages.

**Tabs (on Main Window):**

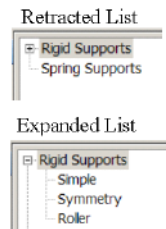
The *Tabs* are located on the *Main Window* and vary depending on the button you click on the *Tool Bar* or on the command that you select from one of the drop-down menus. Each *Tab* surfaces different GRAPHICS/INPUT AREAS for recording and inputting data as it relates to each project.

**Graphics/Input Area (on Main Window):**

The *Graphics/Input Area* covers most of the *Main Window*. This is where the graphical editing and data input is done.

**Item Listing Area (on Main Window):**

The *Item Listing Area* appears on the right side of the *Main Window*. The items appearing in the listing vary depending on the *Tab* that you select. Certain items appearing in listings have “plus” or “minus” signs indicating that the list is expandable or retractable, respectively.

**Information Area (on Main Window):**

The *Information Area* appears in the lower-right corner of the *Main Window*. This area displays helpful information and values pertinent to the active item that you select in the *Item Listing Area*.

## **File Menu**

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The **File** menu gives access to file operations, printing operations and to exiting the spWall program.

### ***New***

Clears any input data and returns the data to the default values so that a new data file may be input.

### ***Open***

Opens an existing data file.

### ***Save***

Saves the changes made to the current data file to disk.

### ***Save As***

Enables you to name or rename a data file.

### ***Revert***

Discards any changes to the data file and returns to the most recently saved version of the data file. This option will only be available if the data file has been previously saved and there have been modifications done on the data file since. Do not save the data file immediately prior to reverting otherwise this command will have no effect.

### ***Print Results***

Provides a printout of the input and output data.

### ***Print Screen***

Prints the graphical image displayed in the GRAPHICS/INPUT AREA of the MAIN WINDOW.

### ***Exit***

Ends the spWall program.

New
Open...
Save
Save As...
Revert
Print Results
Print Preview
Print Screen
1 Example1.WA3
2 Example2.WA3
Exit



## Define Menu

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The **Define** menu provides access to commands used to define all of the input data. The information you input via the commands found under the Define menu will be used when assigning, and for calculating and designing the wall.

### *Project Description*

Defines and records the particulars on the project including project name and description, project date and time, and engineering parameters including units of measure and design code.



### *Grid*

Defines the grid lines that make up the rectangular grid system. The wall model is defined based on the grid system specified here. This command also gives access to the grid preferences where you are able to show/hide node and element numbers, select between dotted or solid grid lines, and specify the coordinate precision.

### *Properties*

- Plate thickness  
Defines the plate element thickness entries.
- Stiffener section  
Defines the stiffener element section properties including section type (rectangular, circular), section projection, (to the left, at the middle, to the right), section dimensions and flange dimensions.
- Plate cracking coefficients  
Defines the cracking coefficients that reduce the plate element stiffness during the finite element analysis.
- Stiffener cracking coefficients  
Defines the cracking coefficients that reduce the stiffener element stiffness during the finite element analysis.

- Concrete  
Defines the concrete material properties including compressive strength, unit weight, Young's modulus and Poisson's ratio. Additionally for CSA A23.3-04 standard, precast concrete can be selected for which a higher value of  $\phi_c$  factor is allowed.
- Reinforcement  
Defines reinforcing steel material properties including yield strength and Young's modulus.
- Plate design criteria  
Defines the parameters that set the criteria for designing the plate element. These parameters include minimum reinforcement ratio and reinforcement layout.
- Stiffener design criteria  
Defines the parameters that set the criteria for designing the stiffener element. These parameters include minimum reinforcement ratio and reinforcement layout.

### ***Supports***

- Rigid supports  
Defines rigid support properties including the restraint condition in the direction of each degree of freedom.
- Spring supports  
Defines rigid support properties including the value of stiffness in the direction of each degree of freedom.

### ***Loads***

- Point loads  
Defines point load properties including the value of component in the direction of each degree of freedom as well as the eccentricity away from the wall plane.
- Uniform area loads

Defines uniform area load properties including the value of component in the direction of each translational degree of freedom.

- Linear area loads

Defines linear area load properties including the value of component in the direction of each translational degree of freedom. The load values are defined at two levels of Y-coordinates (Y1 and Y2).

- Uniform line loads

Defines uniform line load properties including the value of component in the direction of each translational degree of freedom as well as the eccentricity away from the wall plane.

### ***Load Combinations***

Defines load combinations for both service and ultimate levels under which the model is to be analyzed and designed.

### ***Assign Menu***

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The Assign menu provides access to commands used to input the model geometry and assign the defined properties and loads to the nodes and elements. All assignments are done graphically.

Properties...
Supports...
Loads...

### ***Properties***

- Plate thickness

Assign the various plate thickness definitions in order to grid spaces to define plate elements.

- Plate cracking coefficients

Assign the various cracking coefficient definitions to plate elements.

- Plate concrete

Assign the various concrete definitions to plate elements.

- Plate reinforcement

Assign the various reinforcement definitions to plate elements..

- Plate design criteria

Assign the various plate design criteria definitions to plate elements.

- Stiffener section

Assign the various stiffener section definitions in order to grid to define stiffener elements.

- Stiffener cracking coefficients

Assign the various cracking coefficient definitions to stiffener elements.

- Stiffener concrete

Assign the various concrete definitions to stiffener elements.

- Stiffener reinforcement

Assign the various reinforcement definitions to stiffener elements.

- Stiffener design criteria

Assign the various stiffener design criteria definitions to stiffener elements.

### ***Supports***

Assigns the various rigid and spring support definitions to nodes.

### ***Loads***

- Point loads

Assigns the various point load definitions to nodes.

- Uniform area loads

Assigns the various Uniform area definitions to plate elements..

- Linear area loads

Assigns the various linear area load definitions to plate elements..

- Uniform line loads

Assigns the various uniform line load definitions to stiffener elements or to the edges of plate elements

## Solve Menu

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The Solve menu provides access to commands used to execute the analysis and design.

### **Run Analysis & Design**

Invokes the finite element solver and then invokes the concrete design module.

Run Analysis & Design...
Run Design...

View Results...
View Plate Contours...
View Stiff. Diagrams...

### **Run Design**

Invokes the concrete design module.

### **View Results**

Provide access to the analysis and design results in tabular forms.

### **View Contours**

Provides access to graphical representations of the results referring to plate elements.

### **View Diagram**

Provides access to graphical representations of the results referring to stiffener elements.

## View Menu

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The View menu provides access to commands used to manipulate the Graphical display and to control what is to be displayed in the GRAPHICS AREA.

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Reset
Zoom In
Zoom Out
Pan

### **Status Bar**

Toggles the Status Bar at the bottom of the screen on or off.

### **This Menu (Ctrl+F12)**

Toggles the Menu Bar at the top of the screen on or off.

### **Reset**

Resets the graphical window to the default view. Zooming and Translating while Assigning

### ***Zoom-in***

Sets the graphical window in the zoom-in mode.

### ***Zoom-out***

Sets the graphical window in the zoom-out mode.

### ***Pan***

Sets the graphical window in the pan mode.

## ***Options Menu***

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The Options menu provides access to commands used to save certain settings as defaults for subsequent new projects.

Startup Defaults...
Autosave..
Display Preferences...

### ***Startup defaults***

Provides access to saving defaults such as units of measurement and design code so that the system knows to use these for any future data file creations.

### ***Autosave***

Provides access to specify that the system automatically save data periodically without you having to necessarily select the **File/Save** command.

### ***Display preferences***

Provides access to turning on and off the display of node and element numbers, setting the grid line width, and specifying the precision of coordinates displayed in the graphics window.

## ***Help Menu***

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The Help menu includes commands that enable you to obtain online help for the program, check for updates, and show the copyright and registration information about your software.

Help Topics Manual...
Check for Updates...
About spWall...

### ***Help Topics***

Provides access to all available help topics. Click on any topic and a help screen will appear with information about that item.

### ***Manual***

Opens spWall Manual in the default PDF viewer.

### ***Check for Updates***

Checks if a newer version of spWall is available. Internet connection is required.

### ***About spWall***

Displays a message box showing the copyright information, the licensing information, and the version number of spWall.





## Chapter 4

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# Operating spWall

In this chapter, the sections follow the order in which commands and options appear under the subsequent menu items.

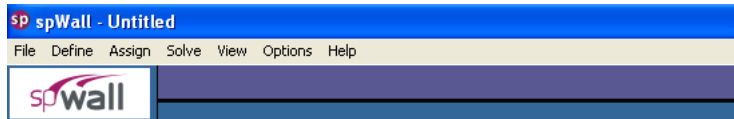
We begin with those found under the **File** menu and end with those under the **Help** menu.

Many of the commands and options that appear under these menus are alternatively accessible by other methods, too. Consequently, these other methods are also explained.

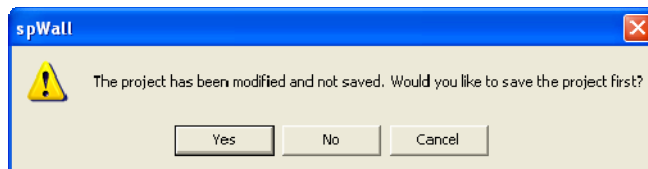
### Creating a New Data File

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When spWall is first loaded, the program is ready to begin receiving input for a new project. Unless you save the file, the data will not have a filename associated with it, and the title bar will display the word *Untitled* as illustrated here...

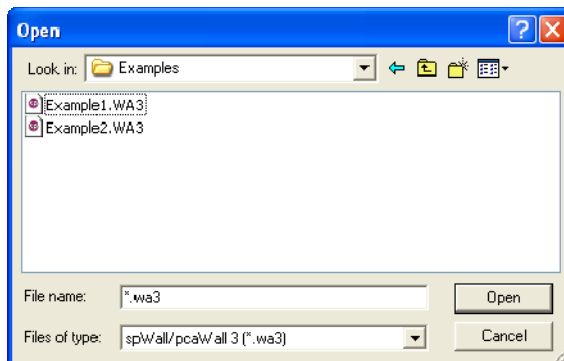


- From the **File** menu, choose **New**. This clears the screen in preparation for a new project or data entry file and returns the program to its default settings.
- If existing data on an open project has been changed prior to executing the **New** command, the program will display the following message box inquiring whether you wish to save the data on the open project or data file before creating a new file...



## Opening an Existing Data File

From the **File** menu, choose **Open** to have the program display the following dialog box...



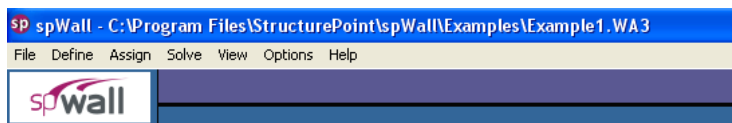
All files with WA3 extensions contained in the current drive and directory are displayed in the listing.

To open a WA3 file that exists in another drive or directory, use the LOOK IN drop-down list and locate the folder where the file exists. Once you locate the folder, the file will appear in the listing. From the white listing area, either select the file that is to be opened and click on the OPEN button, or simply double-click on the respective file.

You can also open data files with WAL extension that were created by the previous version of the program. Use FILES OF TYPE drop-down list to change the type of data files displayed in the OPEN dialog box and browse to the file you want to open.

## Saving the Data

spWall files are saved in binary format with WA3 extensions. When information in a data file is modified and until the file is saved, the Title bar will display the word (*Modified*) as illustrated here...

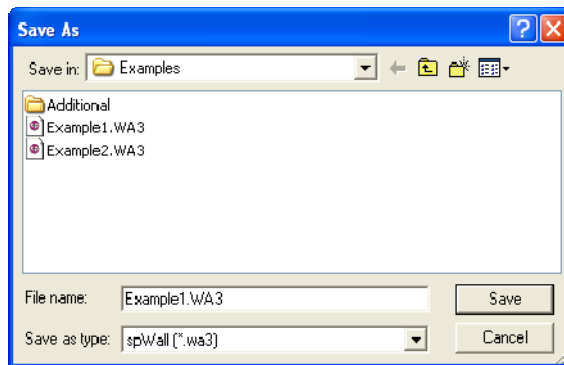


### ***To save your data with the same filename:***

- If you are editing an already existing data file and that file has previously been saved (i.e. the TITLE BAR displays a filename), then from the **File** menu, choose the **Save** command. The changes will be recorded under the same filename and the old data file will be overwritten.

### ***To save your data for the first time or to give an existing data file a new filename:***

- If you are saving a new data file for the first time (i.e. the TITLE BAR displays *Untitled*), then when you choose **Save** or **Save As** from the **File** menu, the following SAVE AS dialog box will appear...



- Similarly, If you are editing an already existing data file and that file has previously been saved (i.e. the TITLE BAR displays a filename), and you wish to record the changes under a different filename, then choose **Save As** to have the program surface the SAVE AS dialog box.
- Use the SAVE IN drop-down list and locate the folder where the file is to be saved. Once you locate the folder, the white listing area will display any other spWall files that have been saved in that folder. Double-click in the FILE NAME text box and type a filename. (You need not enter an extension since, by default, the program will affix the WA3 extension to the filename.) Choose the SAVE button to finish recording the data file.

### ***Reverting to the Last Saved Data File***

- If you have begun to make changes to a data file that has previously been saved, (i.e. the TITLE BAR displays a filename), and you suddenly wish to

discard all the changes and revert back to the previously saved data file, then from the File menu, select Revert.


- The program will verify your intention with the following message box...
- Click on Yes only if you are certain that you wish to discard all changes since the last time the file was saved. If you are not sure, another option would be to actually save the file under a different name, and then re-open the old data file.



Note: If **Autosave** option is enabled the program will revert to the data previously saved by the **Autosave** function.

## Printing Results

- From the **File** menu, choose **Print Results** to have the program surface the REPORTS folder as illustrated here...

Alternatively, you could have clicked on the  button located on the toolbar, and then on the REPORTS tab.

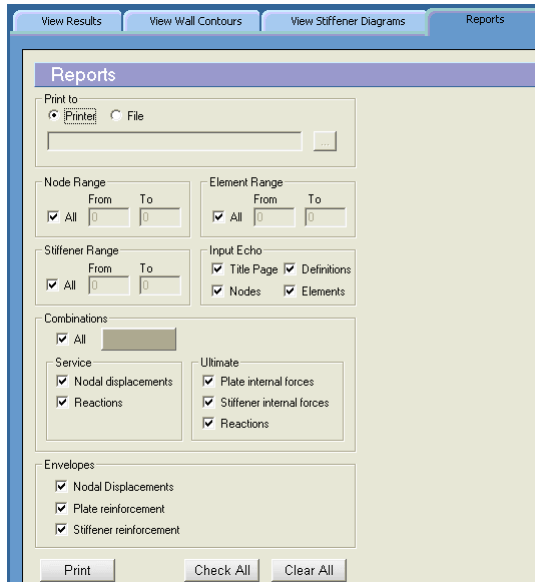
- Place a checkmark in the TITLE PAGE check box if you wish to include a title page with the printout.
- From the INPUT ECHO group, you may select the tables to be printed...

**DEFINITIONS:** Will print all the input data entered using the **Define** menu commands.

**NODES:** Will list all nodal data including coordinates, assignments and loads.

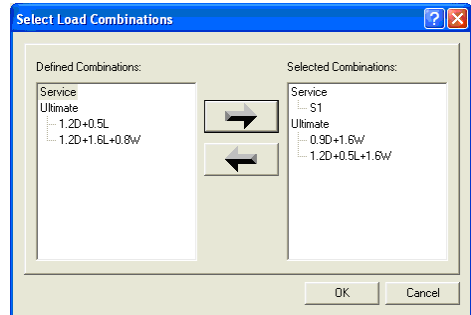
**ELEMENTS:** Will print all element indexes, assignments and loads.




- Select the RESULTS to be



printed. For more information about the output tables, see *Program Results* in Chapter 2.

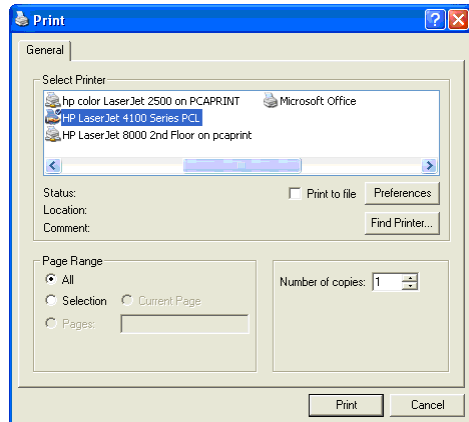
- In the SERVICE group, select which results to be printed for the selected service load combinations.
- In the ULTIMATE group, select which results to be printed for the selected ultimate load combinations.
- In the NODE RANGE, ELEMENT RANGE and STIFFENER RANGE groups, select the ALL check box for a comprehensive output. For selective printing, specify the range of nodes and/or elements to print for.
- In the COMBINATIONS group, select ALL to print for all service and ultimate load combinations. To print for specific combinations, choose the SELECT button to have the program surface the following dialog box...



- Highlight the combinations from the DEFINED COMBINATIONS list, and click on the  button to move them to the SELECTED COMBINATIONS list. Repeat for all load combinations you wish to select under both SERVICE and ULTIMATE. To remove a selected combination, highlight the combination from the SELECTED COMBINATIONS list and click on the  button. Click on the OK button when done.
- Choose the ENVELOPES that are to be included in the output (printout).
- Alternatively, CHECK ALL button can be used to include all items in the printout. Clicking on the CLEAR ALL button will clear all selected items.
- In the PRINT TO group, specify whether the output should be sent to the default printer or if it should be saved to a file. If FILE is selected, click on the  button to specify what it should be named and where it should be saved.
- Click on the PRINT button.

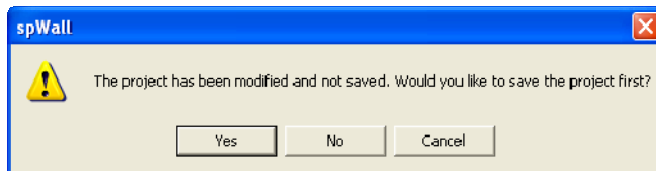
## Printing the Screen

- From the **File** menu, choose **Print Screen** to have the program surface the standard Windows print dialog box similar to the following....
- This command will print the GRAPHICS AREA in a WYSIWYG format. In order for this command to be effective, the current window has to contain a graphical image...



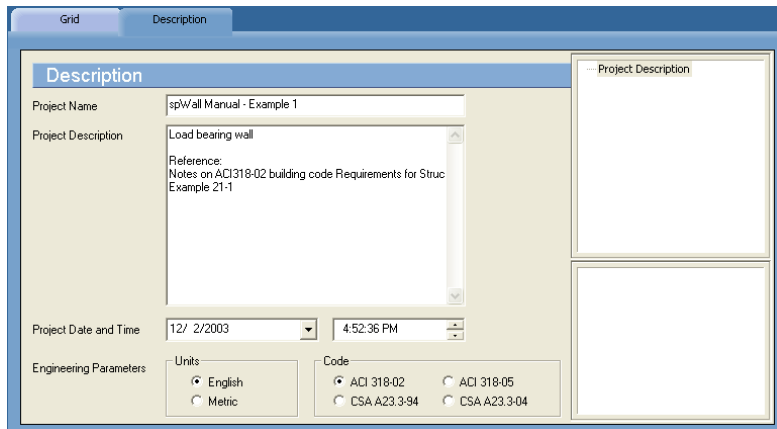
## Exiting the Program

From the **File** menu, choose **Exit**. If the data file has been modified since the last time it was saved, i.e. the word (*Modified*) appears in the TITLE BAR, then the program will display the following message box...



Click on **YES** to save. **NO** will exit without saving, and **CANCEL** will ignore the **Exit** command and return you to the data file.

## Defining the Project Description



The screenshot shows the 'Description' tab in the software. The 'Project Name' is 'spWall Manual - Example 1'. The 'Project Description' field contains 'Load bearing wall' and a reference to ACI 318-02 building code. The 'Project Date and Time' is set to 12/ 2/2003 at 4:52:36 PM. Under 'Engineering Parameters', 'English' units and 'ACI 318-02' code are selected.

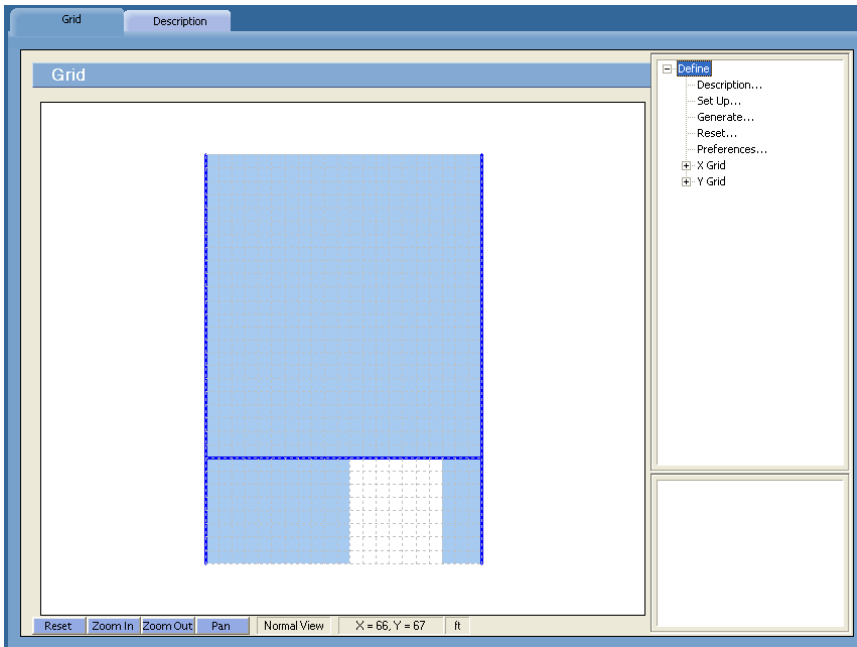
- From the **Define** menu, choose **Project Description** to have the program surface the DESCRIPTION folder as illustrated here...

Alternatively, you could have clicked on the **Project** button located on the toolbar, and then on the DESCRIPTION tab.

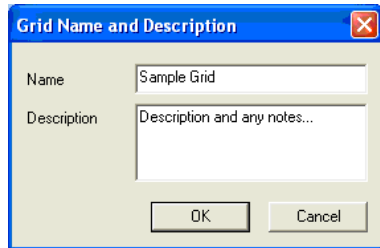
- Enter the Project Name and any details/notes describing the project (PROJECT DESCRIPTION). The Project Date And Time will default to the instance you started the project however you are free to change it. These fields help organize and identify data sets.
- From the UNITS options group, choose the applicable units of measure and from the CODE options group, select the appropriate design code.

## Defining the Grid

- The rectangular grid system is defined by inputting the coordinates of the X and Y grid lines. Note that it is possible to generate multiple, equally spaced grid lines as well as individual ones at any location.
- From the **Define** menu, choose **Grid** to have the program surface the GRID folder as illustrated here...



- Alternatively, you could have clicked on the **Project** button located on the toolbar, and then on the GRID tab.
- If you wish, you can enter a name and description for the grid. To do this, double-click on DESCRIPTION... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA. The program will surface the following dialog box...
- Enter a NAME and DESCRIPTION or note and click on OK.

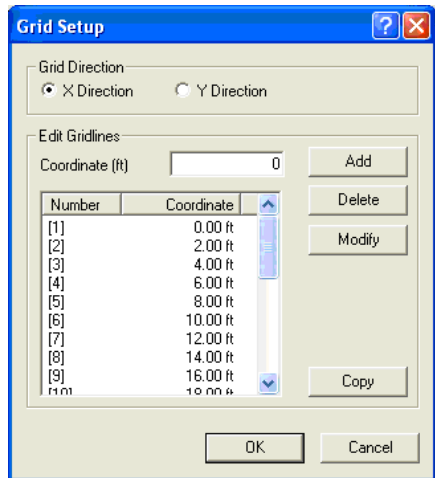


***To Enter Grid Lines Individually:***

- Double-click on SET UP... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the following...



- Select the grid direction from the respective option group, X-Direction or Y-Direction. Grids in the X-Direction are perpendicular to the X-axis and those in the Y-Direction are perpendicular to the Y-axis.
- Enter a grid line coordinate. This value, in feet or meters, represents the orthogonal distance from the origin to the grid line.
- Choose the ADD button to add the grid coordinate to the listing area.
- Repeat the two steps above for each grid line.



- If you wish to enter grids separately and individually in the other direction then repeat the above four steps. If you wish to copy the grid lines, you can input them in one direction and then press the COPY button to mirror them in the other direction. For example, if you just finished defining the grid lines in the X-Direction then the COPY button will copy all X-grid lines to Y-Direction.

***To Delete Grid Lines:***

- Select the grid line you wish to delete and choose the DELETE button.

***To Edit the Position of a Grid Line:***

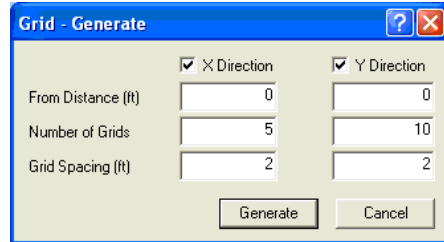
- Select the grid line you wish to edit, change its location by overwriting the value that is displayed in the COORDINATE text box and choose the MODIFY button.

***To Generate Grid Lines:***

Grid Lines that are spaced at equal intervals may be generated by inputting the coordinate (distance from the origin) of the first grid line, the number of grid lines and the spacing between two consecutive grid lines.

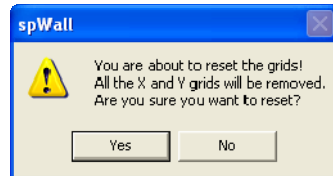
- With the GRID tab surfaced, double-click on GENERATE... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the following...

- To generate grids in the X-direction, place a checkmark in the X-Direction checkbox. To generate grids in the Y-Direction, place a checkmark in the Y Direction check box. Recall that grids in the X-Direction are perpendicular to the X-axis and those in the Y-Direction are perpendicular to the Y-axis.
- For each direction, enter the coordinate of the first grid line to be generated, the number of grid lines to be generated (including the first one) and the spacing between two consecutive grid lines.
- Click on the GENERATE button to have the program generate the respective grid lines.



#### ***To Remove all the Grid Lines:***

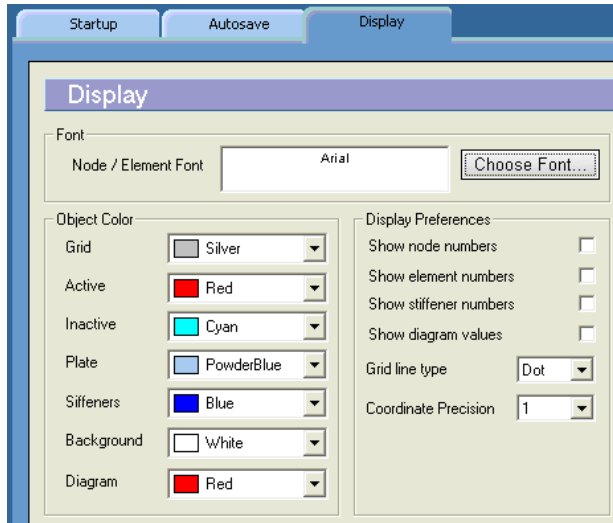
- Double-click on RESET... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the following...
- Note that if you choose to proceed, any material properties, loads, etc. that have already been assigned will have to be re-assigned.
- After confirming your intention, all the grid lines will be removed.



#### ***To Choose the Grid View Preferences:***

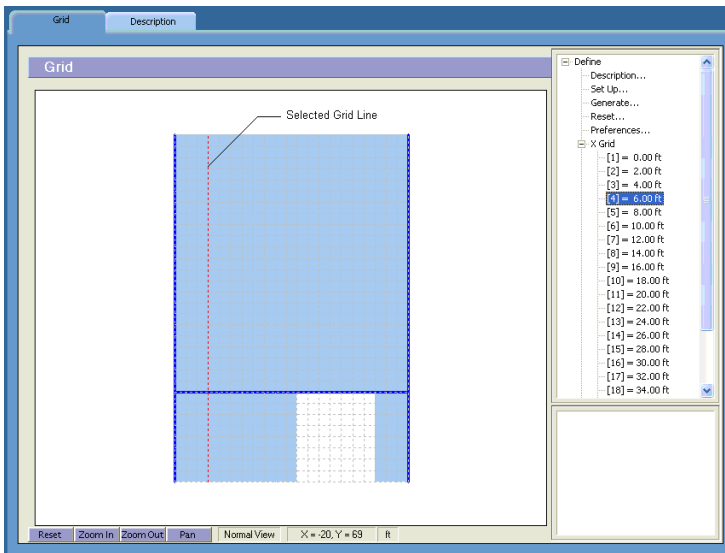
- Double-click on PREFERENCES... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the following...
- If you wish for the grid to display the NODE NUMBERS and/or the ELEMENT NUMBERS, place checkmarks in the appropriate box(es).
- Select the style of the grid line, SOLID or DOTTED.
- Specify the COORDINATE PRECISION. This value relates to the precision of the cursor location. (Recall that the location of the cursor is displayed in the STATUS BAR.)

- Click on OK to register your selections/changes.



***To View the Grid Coordinates:***

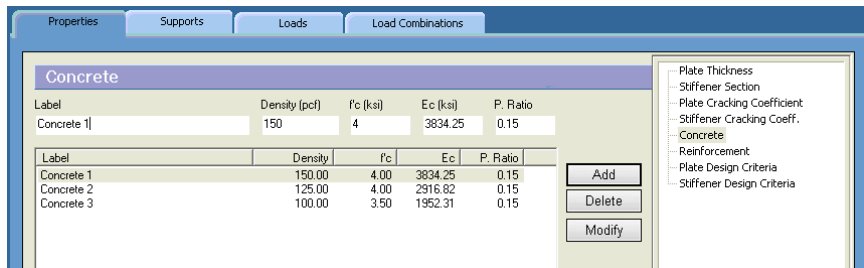
In the right ITEM LISTING AREA, click on the symbol next to the X GRID or Y GRID item(s) to expand the list of grid coordinates. Notice how the grid that is selected appears in red in the GRAPHICS/INPUT AREA.



## Defining Properties

The following properties can be specified:

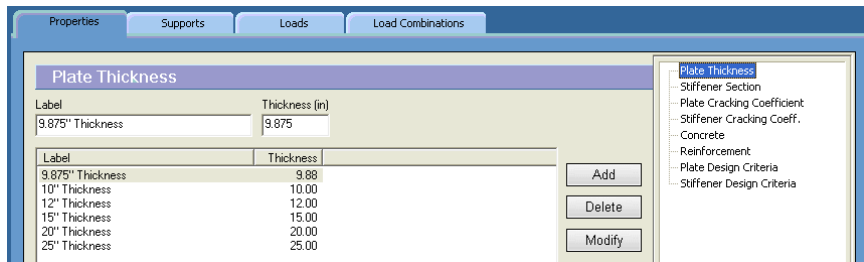
- plate element thickness,
- stiffener section properties: section Type, section projection (offset), section dimensions and flange dimensions.
- plate cracking coefficients for the in-plane action and for the out-of-plane (bending) action.
- stiffener cracking coefficients for the cross-section area, the moment of inertia ( $I_y$ ,  $I_z$ ) and the torsional constant ( $J$ ).
- concrete compressive strength ( $f'_c$ ), Density, Young's modulus ( $E_c$ ), and Poisson's ratio.
- reinforcement yield strength ( $f_y$ ), Young's modulus ( $E_s$ ), minimum/maximum ratios and location.
- From the **Define** menu, choose **Properties** to have the program surface the PROPERTIES folder as illustrated here...



Alternatively, you could have clicked on the **Define** button located on the toolbar, and then on the PROPERTIES tab.

### To define plate element thickness:

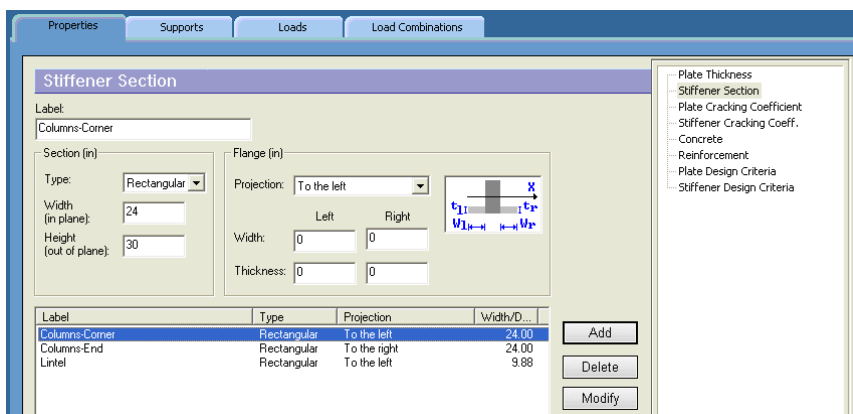
- Click on PLATE THICKNESS... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the Plate Thickness input screen...



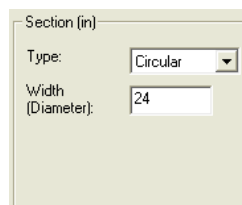
- Enter a label or ID in the LABEL text box.
- Enter the thickness in the THICKNESS text box.
- Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list box.
- Repeat the steps outlined above for each new entry.
- To edit an entry, select it from the list box, modify its values in the text boxes and click on the MODIFY button to register the changes.
- To delete an entry, select it from the list box and click on the DELETE button.

### To define stiffener element section:

- Click on STIFFENER SECTION... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the Stiffener Section input screen...

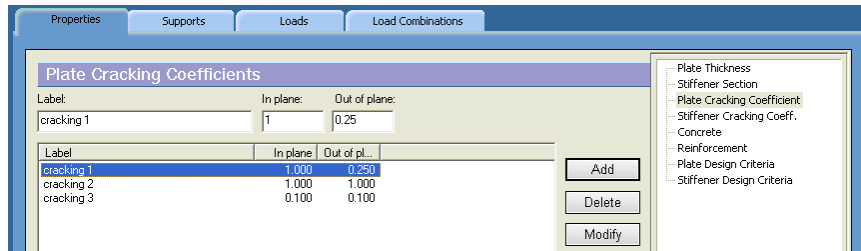


- Enter a label or ID in the LABEL text box.
- Select the corresponding section type from the TYPE combo box
- For rectangular section, enter the width and the height in the WIDTH and the HEIGHT text boxes respectively. Width is measured in the direction of the wall plane while the height is measured normal to the wall plane. For circular section enter the Diameter in the WIDTH text box.
- Select the section projection from the PROJECTION combo box. The projection determines the position of the flange along the height of the section. For rectangular sections, there are 3 choices: *to the left*, *to the right* and *at the middle*. For circular sections, *at the middle* is the only option.
- Enter the flange width and thickness for the left and the right flanges. The entered dimensions are used to calculate section stiffness during the finite element analysis as well as for flexural design. For design due torsion, flange dimensions are reduced as explained in chapter 2.
- Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list box.
- Repeat the steps outlined above for each new entry.
- To edit an entry, select it from the list box, modify its values in the text boxes and click on the MODIFY button to register the changes.
- To delete an entry, select it from the list box and click on the DELETE button.



**To define plate cracking coefficients:**

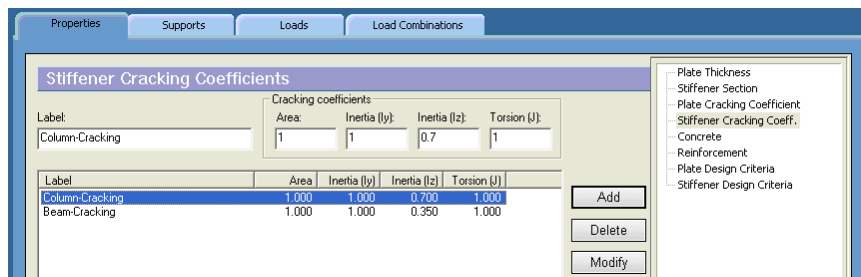
- Click on PLATE CRACKING COEFFICIENTS... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the Plate Cracking Coefficients input screen...



- Enter a label or ID in the LABEL text box.
- Enter the in-plane and out-of-plane coefficients in the respective text boxes. Cracking coefficients reduce the plate element stiffness used in the finite element analysis in order to account for the concrete section cracking.
- Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list box.
- Repeat the steps outlined above for each new entry.
- To edit an entry, select it from the list box, modify its values in the text boxes and click on the MODIFY button to register the changes.
- To delete an entry, select it from the list box and click on the DELETE button.

**To define stiffener cracking coefficients:**

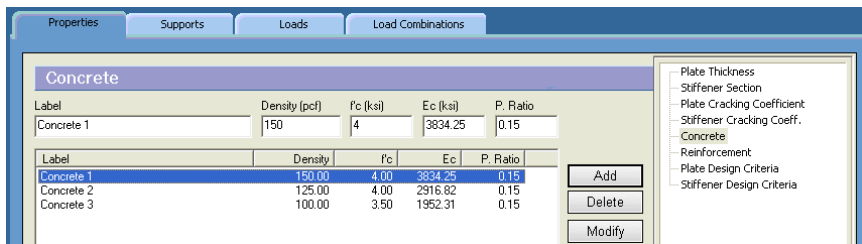
- Click on STIFFENER CRACKING COEFFICIENTS... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the Stiffener Cracking Coefficients input screen...



- Enter a label or ID in the LABEL text box.
- Enter the coefficients for the Area,  $I_y$ ,  $I_z$  and J in the respective text boxes. Cracking coefficients reduce the stiffener element stiffness used in the finite element analysis in order to account for the concrete section cracking.
- Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list box.
- Repeat the steps outlined above for each new entry.
- To edit an entry, select it from the list box, modify its values in the text boxes and click on the MODIFY button to register the changes.
- To delete an entry, select it from the list box and click on the DELETE button.

### To define concrete properties:

- Click on CONCRETE... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the Concrete input screen...



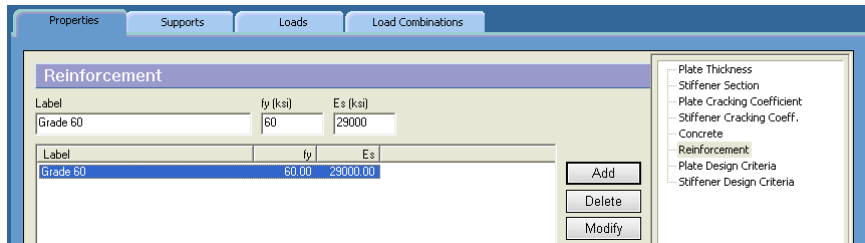
Label	Density (pcf)	f'c (ksi)	Ec (ksi)	P. Ratio
Concrete 1	150	4	3834.25	0.15
Concrete 2	125	4	2916.82	0.15
Concrete 3	100	3.5	1952.31	0.15

- Enter a label or ID in the LABEL text box.
- Enter the Compressive Strength ( $f'_c$ ) and Density in the respective text boxes.
- The Young's Modulus of elasticity ( $E_c$ ) is calculated automatically and will display a result that is respective of the equations in the selected Code. Note that the value of  $E_c$  can be modified if it differs from the calculated value.
- Enter the Poisson's Ratio for the concrete
- Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list box.
- Repeat the steps outlined above for each new entry.
- To edit an entry, select it from the list box, modify its values in the text boxes and click on the MODIFY button to register the changes.
- To delete an entry, select it from the list box and click on the DELETE button.



**To define reinforcing steel properties:**

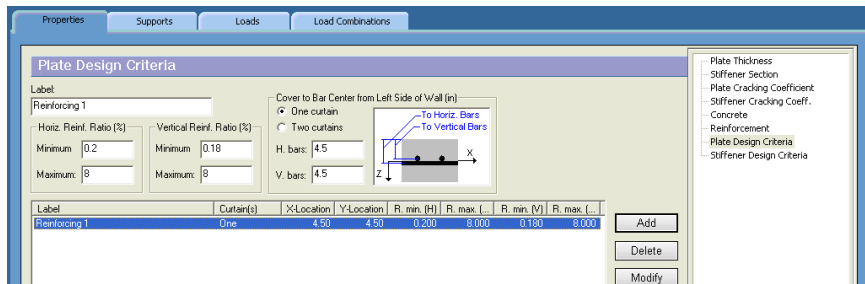
- Click on REINFORCEMENT... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the Reinforcement input screen...



- Enter a label or ID in the LABEL text box.
- Enter the Yield Strength ( $f_y$ ) and the Young's Modulus of elasticity ( $E_s$ ) for the steel.
- Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list box.
- Repeat the above steps for each reinforcement entry.
- To edit an entry, select it from the list box, modify its values in the text boxes and click on the MODIFY button to register the changes.
- To delete a material entry, select it from the list box and click on the DELETE button.

**To define plate design criteria:**

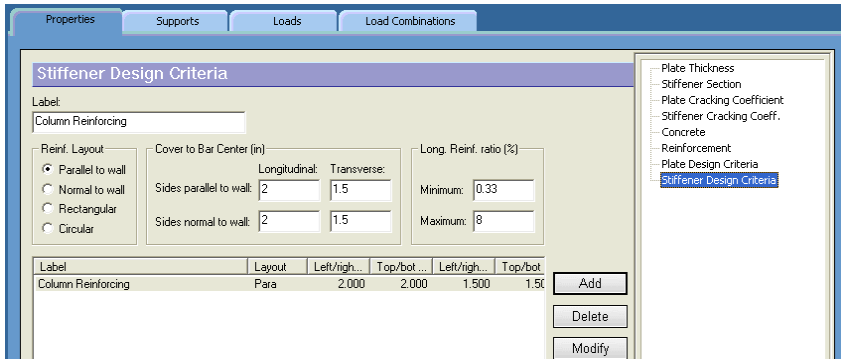
- Click on PLATE DESIGN CRITERIA... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the Plate Design Criteria input screen.
- Enter a label or ID in the LABEL text box



- Select the Number of reinforcement layers. If TWO CURTAINS is selected, reinforcement layout is considered symmetrical about the wall mid plane.
- Specify the bar cover for the bars running in the X and Y directions. The cover is measured from the left side of the wall to the centroid of the bar.
- Enter the minimum and maximum ratios for reinforcement running in the X and Y directions.
- Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list box.
- Repeat the above steps for each new entry.
- To edit an entry, select it from the list box, modify its values in the text boxes and click on the MODIFY button to register the changes.
- To delete an entry, select it from the list box and click on the DELETE button.

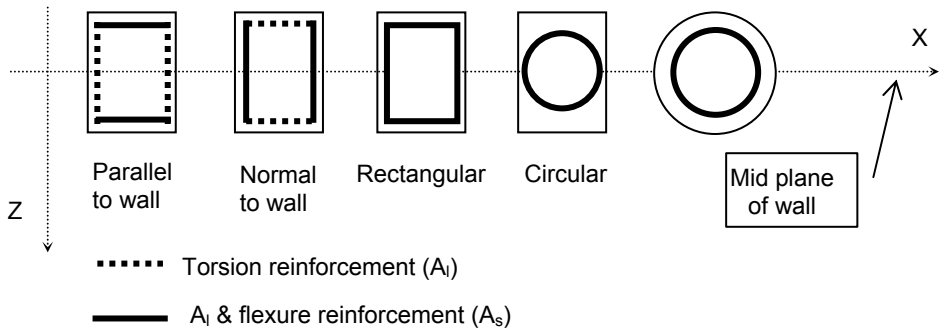
**To define stiffener design criteria:**

- Click on STIFFENER DESIGN CRITERIA... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the Stiffener Design Criteria input screen.
- Enter a label or ID in the LABEL text box



Label	Layout	Left/high...	Top/bot...	Left/high...	Top/bot...
Column Reinforcing	Para	2.000	2.000	1.500	1.500

- Select the *Reinforcement Layout*. The various options are illustrated below.



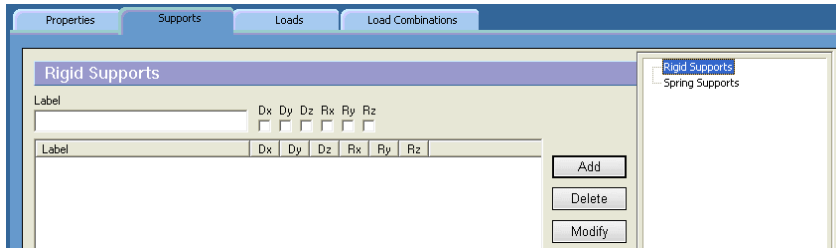
The abovementioned options are for the part of longitudinal reinforcement that resists flexure and axial loads. The part of longitudinal reinforcement that resists torsion is either rectangular or circular depending on the selected layout.

Also, it should be mentioned that for stiffer elements that have circular sections, circular layout is the only option that can be applied to those elements.

- Enter the cover to longitudinal and transverse reinforcements. Cover is measured from the section side to the centroid of bar.
- Enter the minimum and maximum ratios for longitudinal reinforcement. These ratios are used to check flexural design only. When torsional longitudinal reinforcement is required the total ratio of steel may exceed the maximum value specified here.
- Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list box.
- Repeat the above steps for each new entry.
- To edit an entry, select it from the list box, modify its values in the text boxes and click on the MODIFY button to register the changes.
- To delete an entry, select it from the list box and click on the DELETE button.

## Defining Supports

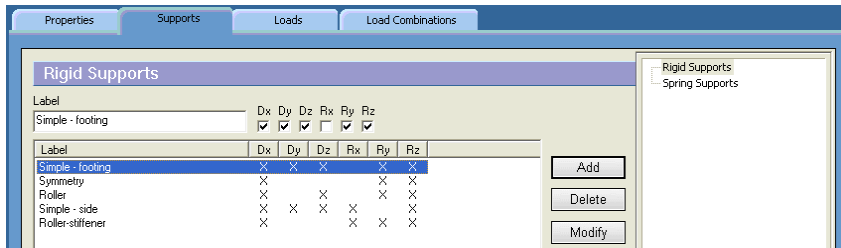
From the **Define** menu, choose **Supports** to have the program surface the SUPPORTS folder as illustrated here...



Alternatively, you could have clicked on the **Define** button located on the toolbar, and then click on the SUPPORTS tab.

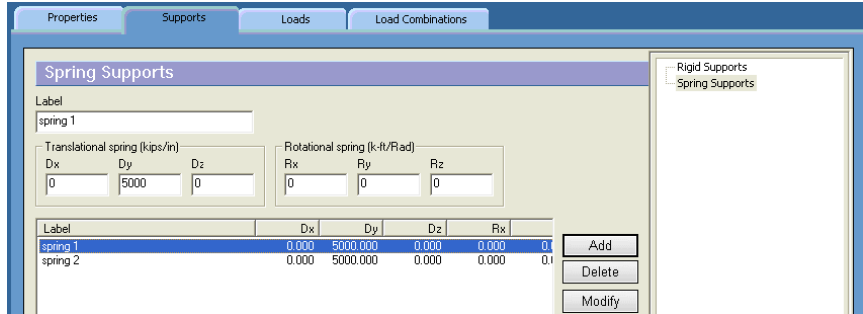
### ***To define rigid supports:***

- Click on RIGID SUPPORTS... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the Rigid Supports input screen.



- Enter a label or ID in the LABEL text box.
- Check the degrees of freedom that are required to be restrained.
- Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list box.
- Repeat the above steps for each new entry.
- To edit an entry, select it from the list box, modify its values in the text boxes and click on the MODIFY button to register the changes.
- To delete an entry, select it from the list box and click on the DELETE button.

### To define spring supports:



- Click on SPRING SUPPORTS... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the Spring Supports input screen.
- Enter a label or ID in the LABEL text box.
- Enter translational and rotational spring values in the respective text boxes.
- Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list box.
- Repeat the above steps for each new entry.
- To edit an entry, select it from the list box, modify its values in the text boxes and click on the MODIFY button to register the changes.
- To delete an entry, select it from the list box and click on the DELETE button.

### Defining Loads

Nodal and element loads are defined using the **Define / Loads** command. From the **Define** menu, choose **Loads** to have the program surface the LOADS folder. Alternatively, you could have clicked on the **Define** button located on the toolbar, and then on the LOADS tab.

Properties Supports Loads Load Combinations

### Point Loads

Label: Dead Load Load Case: Case B Eccentricity (in): 8.5

Forces (kips): Px: 0 Py: -5.27 Pz: 0

Moments (k-ft): Mx: 0 My: 0 Mz: 0

Label	Case	Px	Py	Pz	Mx
Dead Load	B	0.000	-5.270	0.000	0.000
Live Load	C	0.000	-6.150	0.000	0.000

Buttons: Add, Delete, Modify

Item Listing Area: Point Load, Uniform Area Load, Linear Area Load, Uniform Line Load

### To define point loads:

- Click on POINT LOADS... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the **Point Loads** input screen...
- Enter a label or ID in the LABEL text box.
- From the LOAD CASE drop-down list, select a load case (A through F). Note that loads defined under a particular load case may be applied to the wall under that load case only.
- Enter Eccentricity that is measured in the Z direction normal to the mid plane of the wall. If eccentricity is specified, additional moments will be applied at the node at which the point load is acting as explained in chapter 2.
- Enter forces ( $P_x$ ,  $P_y$  and  $P_z$ ) and moments ( $M_x$ ,  $M_y$  and  $M_z$ ). Note that forces are positive if they act in the positive direction of the corresponding axis. To determine the sign of the moments use the right hand rule.
- Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list box.

Label	Case	Px	Py	Pz	Mx
Dead Load	B	0.000	-5.270	0.000	0.000
Live Load	C	0.000	-6.150	0.000	0.000

- Repeat the above steps for each new entry.
- To edit an entry, select it from the list box, modify its values in the text boxes and click on the MODIFY button to register the changes.
- To delete an entry, select it from the list box and click on the DELETE button.

***To define uniform area loads:***

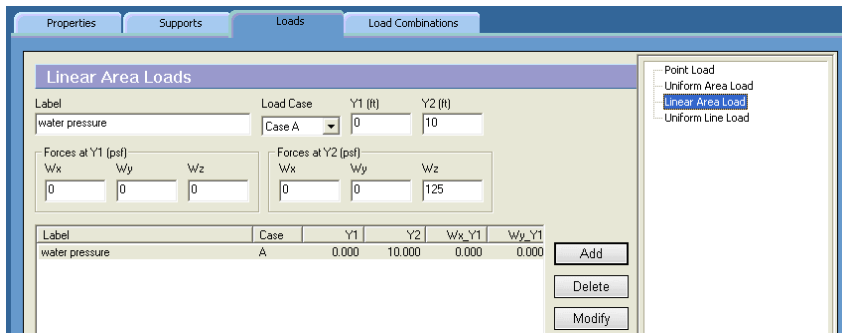
- Click on UNIFORM AREA LOADS... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the Uniform Area Loads input screen...
- Enter a label ID in the LABEL text box.
- From the LOAD CASE drop-down list, select a load case (A through F). Note that loads defined under a particular load case may be applied to the wall under that load case only.
- Enter the load intensity  $W_x$ ,  $W_y$  and  $W_z$  as a force per unit area. Note that forces are positive if they act in the positive direction of the corresponding axis.

Label	Case	$W_x$	$W_y$	$W_z$
Wind	E	0.000	0.000	20.700

- Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list box.
- Repeat the above steps for each entry.
- To edit an entry, select it from the list box, modify its values in the text boxes and click on the MODIFY button to register the changes.
- To delete an entry, select it from the list box and click on the DELETE button.

**To define linear area loads:**

- Click on LINEAR AREA LOADS... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the Linear Area Loads input screen...



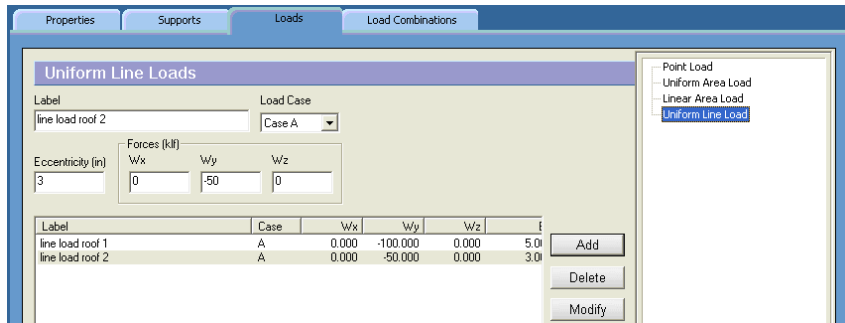
Label	Case	Y1	Y2	W <sub>x</sub> Y1	W <sub>y</sub> Y1
water pressure	A	0.000	10.000	0.000	0.000

- Enter a label ID in the LABEL text box.
- From the LOAD CASE drop-down list, select a load case (A through F). Note that loads defined under a particular load case may be applied to the wall under that load case only.
- Enter Y1 and Y2. These are the two Y-coordinates at which the load intensities are specified.
- Enter the load intensity  $W_x$ ,  $W_y$  and  $W_z$  as a force per unit area at both Y1 and Y2. Note that forces are positive if they act in the positive direction of the corresponding axis.
- Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list box.
- Repeat the above steps for each entry.
- To edit an entry, select it from the list box, modify its values in the text boxes and click on the MODIFY button to register the changes.
- To delete an entry, select it from the list box and click on the DELETE button.



### To define uniform line loads:

- Click on UNIFORM LINE LOADS... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the Uniform Line Loads input screen...



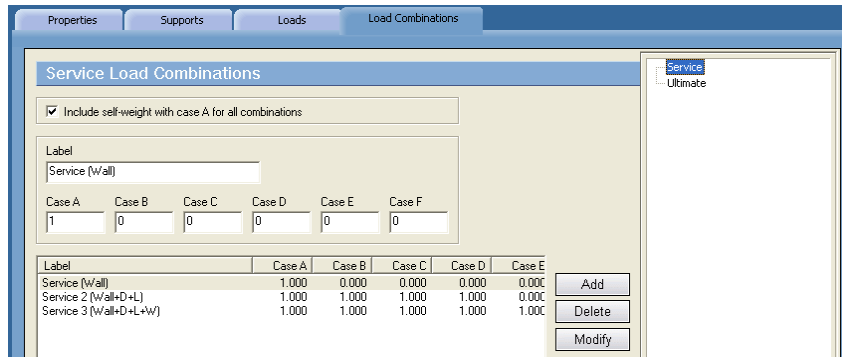
Label	Case	Wx	Wy	Wz	f
line load roof 1	A	0.000	-100.000	0.000	5.00
line load roof 2	A	0.000	-50.000	0.000	3.00

- Enter a label or ID in the LABEL text box.
- From the LOAD CASE drop-down list, select a load case (A through F). Note that loads defined under a particular load case may be applied to the wall under that load case only.
- Enter Eccentricity that is measured in the Z direction normal to the mid plane of the wall. If eccentricity is specified, additional moments will be applied at the node at which the point load is acting as explained in chapter 2.
- Enter forces ( $W_x$ ,  $W_y$  and  $W_z$ ). Note that forces are positive if they act in the positive direction of the corresponding axis.
- Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list box.
- Repeat the above steps for each new entry.
- To edit an entry, select it from the list box, modify its values in the text boxes and click on the MODIFY button to register the changes.
- To delete an entry, select it from the list box and click on the DELETE button.

### Defining Load Combinations

Loads are applied to nodes and elements under six load cases (A through F). The load cases are combined under load combinations and the analysis is performed for each load combination. For model analysis to be performed, there should be one service and one ultimate load combinations defined.

From the **Define** menu, choose **Load Combinations** to have the program surface the LOAD COMBINATIONS folder as illustrated here. Alternatively, you could have clicked on the **Define** button located on the toolbar, and then on the LOAD COMBINATIONS tab.



**To define service load combinations:**

- Click on SERVICE... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the Service Load Combinations input screen...
- Enter a label or ID in the LABEL text box.
- Enter load factors for each load case (A through F).
- Click the ADD button to add the load combination to the list box.
- Repeat above steps for each load combination entry.
- To edit an entry, select it from the list box, modify its values in the text boxes and click on the MODIFY button to register the changes.
- To delete an entry, select it from the list box and click on the DELETE button.

**To define ultimate load combinations:**

- Click on ULTIMATE... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the Ultimate Load Combinations input screen...
- Enter a label or ID in the LABEL text box.
- Enter load factors for each load case (A through F).
- Click the ADD button to add the load combination to the list box.


- Repeat the above steps for each load combination entry.
- To edit an entry, select it from the list box, modify its values in the text boxes and click on the MODIFY button to register the changes.
- To delete an entry, select it from the list box and click on the DELETE button.

## ***Assigning Properties***


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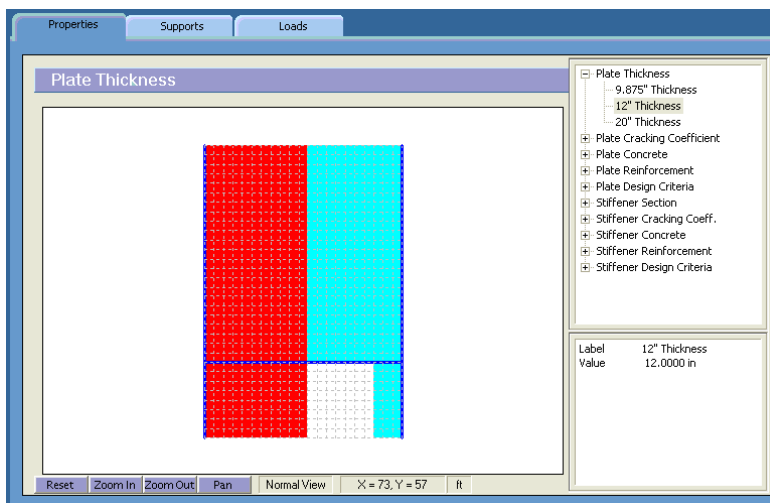
Once the grid, all components, material properties, design criteria, loads and load combinations have been defined, you are ready to start assigning them - thereby putting the project together.

- From the Assign menu, choose **Properties** to have the program surface the PROPERTIES folder as illustrated here...


Alternatively, you could have clicked on the  button located on the toolbar, and then on the PROPERTIES tab.

### ***To assign plate element thickness:***


- Click on the  symbol next to PLATE THICKNESS... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to expand the PLATE THICKNESS list. The list items that will appear are those defined using the **Define / Plate Thickness** command. See *To define plate element thickness*.
- Select the list item to be assigned. This becomes the active assignment. By default, the program will display all elements that share the active assignment in red and the inactive assignment in cyan. Unassigned grid space is by default displayed in white. Recall however that you may change the color preferences to your liking with the **Options / Display Preferences** command. See *To change display preferences*.
- In the GRAPHICS AREA, using the left-mouse button, marquee-select a grid space or a group of grid spaces (or click a single grid space). The selected grid spaces are shown in red or in the color specified for ACTIVE OBJECTS in the DISPLAY folder. See *To change display preferences*.
- To delete an element, remove its thickness assignment. To do so, repeat the step above using instead, the right mouse button.
- Repeat the three steps above for each thickness assignment.




### *To assign plate cracking coefficient:*

- Click on the  symbol next to PLATE CRACKING COEFFICIENTS... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to expand the PLATE CRACKING COEFFICIENTS list. The list items that will appear are those defined using the **Define / Plate Cracking Coefficients** command. See *To define plate cracking coefficients*.
- Select the list item to be assigned. This becomes the active assignment. By default, the program will display all plate elements that share the active assignment in red and the inactive assignment in cyan. Plate elements having no assignments are by default displayed in light grey. Grid spaces with no plate element assigned are by default displayed in white. Recall however that you may change the color preferences to your liking with the **Options / Display Preferences** command. See *To change display preferences*.
- In the GRAPHICS AREA, using the left-mouse button, marquee-select a plate element or a group of elements (or click a single plate element). The selected elements are shown in red or in the color specified for ACTIVE OBJECTS in the DISPLAY folder. See *To change display preferences*.
- To remove the assignment, repeat the step above using instead, the right mouse button.
- Repeat the steps above for each assignment.

### ***To assign plate concrete material:***


- Click on the  symbol next to PLATE CONCRETE... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to expand the PLATE CONCRETE list. The list items that will appear are those defined using the **Define / Concrete** command. See *To define concrete properties*.
- Select the list item to be assigned. This becomes the active assignment. By default, the program will display all plate elements that share the active assignment in red and the inactive assignment in cyan. Plate elements having no assignments are by default displayed in light grey. Grid spaces with no plate element assigned are by default displayed in white. Recall however that you may change the color preferences to your liking with the **Options / Display Preferences** command. See *To change display preferences*.
- In the GRAPHICS AREA, using the left-mouse button, marquee-select a plate element or a group of elements (or click a single plate element). The selected plate elements are shown in red or in the color specified for ACTIVE OBJECTS in the DISPLAY folder. See *To change display preferences*.
- To remove the assignment, repeat the step above using instead, the right mouse button.
- Repeat the steps above for each assignment.

### ***To assign plate reinforcing steel material:***


- Click on the  symbol next to PLATE REINFORCEMENT... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to expand the PLATE REINFORCEMENT list. The list items that will appear are those defined using the **Define / Reinforcement** command. See *To define reinforcing steel properties*.
- Select the list item to be assigned. This becomes the active assignment. By default, the program will display all plate elements that share the active assignment in red and the inactive assignment in cyan. Plate elements having no assignments are by default displayed in light grey. Grid spaces with no plate element assigned are by default displayed in white. Recall however that you may change the color preferences to your liking with the **Options / Display Preferences** command. See *To change display preferences*.
- In the GRAPHICS AREA, using the left-mouse button, marquee-select a plate element or a group of elements (or click a single plate element). The selected plate elements are shown in red or in the color specified for ACTIVE OBJECTS in the DISPLAY folder. See *To change display preferences*.

- To remove the assignment, repeat the step above using instead, the right mouse button.
- Repeat the steps above for each assignment.

#### ***To assign plate design criteria:***


- Click on the  symbol next to PLATE DESIGN CRITERIA... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to expand the PLATE DESIGN CRITERIA list. The list items that will appear are those defined using the **Define / Plate Design Criteria** command. See *To define plate design criteria*.
- Select the list item to be assigned. This becomes the active assignment. By default, the program will display all plate elements that share the active assignment in red and the inactive assignment in cyan. Plate elements having no assignments are by default displayed in light grey. Grid spaces with no plate element assigned are by default displayed in white. Recall however that you may change the color preferences to your liking with the **Options / Display Preferences** command. See *To change display preferences*.
- In the GRAPHICS AREA, using the left-mouse button, marquee-select a plate element or a group of elements (or click a single plate element). The selected plate elements are shown in red or in the color specified for ACTIVE OBJECTS in the DISPLAY folder. See *To change display preferences*.
- To remove the assignment, repeat the step above using instead, the right mouse button.
- Repeat the steps above for each assignment.

#### ***To assign stiffener element section:***


- Click on the  symbol next to STIFFENER SECTION... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to expand the STIFFENER SECTION list. The list items that will appear are those defined using the **Define / Stiffener Section** command. See *To define stiffener element section*.
- Select the list item to be assigned. This becomes the active assignment. By default, the program will display all stiffener elements that share the active assignment in red and the inactive assignment in cyan. Stiffener elements having no assignments are by default displayed in blue. Recall however that you may change the color preferences to your liking with the **Options / Display Preferences** command. See *To change display preferences*.

- In the GRAPHICS AREA, using the left-mouse button, marquee-select a grid segment or a group of grid segments. The selected grid segments are shown in red or in the color specified for ACTIVE OBJECTS in the DISPLAY folder. See *To change display preferences*.
- To delete an element, remove its section assignment. To do so, repeat the step above using instead, the right mouse button.
- Repeat the three steps above for each section assignment.

***To assign stiffener cracking coefficient:***

- Click on the  symbol next to STIFFENER CRACKING COEFFICIENTS... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to expand the STIFFENER CRACKING COEFFICIENTS list. The list items that will appear are those defined using the **Define / Stiffener Cracking Coefficients** command. See *To define stiffener cracking coefficients*.
- Select the list item to be assigned. This becomes the active assignment. By default, the program will display all stiffener elements that share the active assignment in red and the inactive assignment in cyan. . Stiffener elements having no assignments are by default displayed in blue. Recall however that you may change the color preferences to your liking with the **Options / Display Preferences** command. See *To change display preferences*.
- In the GRAPHICS AREA, using the left-mouse button, marquee-select a stiffener element or a group of stiffener elements. The selected stiffener elements are shown in red or in the color specified for ACTIVE OBJECTS in the DISPLAY folder. See *To change display preferences*.
- To remove the assignment, repeat the step above using instead, the right mouse button.
- Repeat the steps above for each assignment.


***To assign stiffener concrete material:***

- Click on the  symbol next to STIFFENER CONCRETE... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to expand the STIFFENER CONCRETE list. The list items that will appear are those defined using the **Define / Concrete** command. See *To define concrete properties*.
- Select the list item to be assigned. This becomes the active assignment. By default, the program will display all stiffener elements that share the active


assignment in red and the inactive assignment in cyan. . Stiffener elements having no assignments are by default displayed in blue. Recall however that you may change the color preferences to your liking with the **Options / Display Preferences** command. See *To change display preferences*.

- In the GRAPHICS AREA, using the left-mouse button, marquee-select a stiffener element or a group of stiffener elements. The selected stiffener elements are shown in red or in the color specified for ACTIVE OBJECTS in the DISPLAY folder. See *To change display preferences*.
- To remove the assignment, repeat the step above using instead, the right mouse button.
- Repeat the steps above for each assignment.

#### ***To assign stiffener reinforcing steel material:***

- Click on the  symbol next to STIFFENER REINFORCEMENT... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to expand the STIFFENER REINFORCEMENT list. The list items that will appear are those defined using the **Define / Reinforcement** command. See *To define reinforcing steel properties*.
- Select the list item to be assigned. This becomes the active assignment. By default, the program will display all stiffener elements that share the active assignment in red and the inactive assignment in cyan. . Stiffener elements having no assignments are by default displayed in blue. Recall however that you may change the color preferences to your liking with the **Options / Display Preferences** command. See *To change display preferences*.
- In the GRAPHICS AREA, using the left-mouse button, marquee-select a stiffener element or a group of stiffener elements. The selected stiffener elements are shown in red or in the color specified for ACTIVE OBJECTS in the DISPLAY folder. See *To change display preferences*.
- To remove the assignment, repeat the step above using instead, the right mouse button.
- Repeat the steps above for each assignment.

#### ***To assign stiffener design criteria:***

- Click on the  symbol next to STIFFENER DESIGN CRITERIA... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to expand the STIFFENER DESIGN CRITERIA list. The

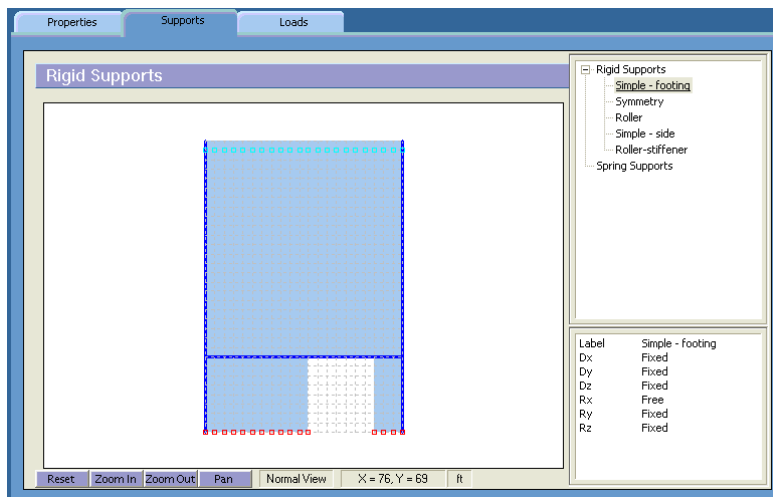


list items that will appear are those defined using the **Define / Stiffener Design Criteria** command. See *To define stiffener design criteria*.


- Select the list item to be assigned. This becomes the active assignment. By default, the program will display all stiffener elements that share the active assignment in red and the inactive assignment in cyan. Stiffener elements having no assignments are by default displayed in blue. Recall however that you may change the color preferences to your liking with the **Options / Display Preferences** command. See *To change display preferences*.
- In the GRAPHICS AREA, using the left-mouse button, marquee-select a stiffener element or a group of stiffener elements. The selected stiffener elements are shown in red or in the color specified for ACTIVE OBJECTS in the DISPLAY folder. See *To change display preferences*.
- To remove the assignment, repeat the step above using instead, the right mouse button.
- Repeat the steps above for each assignment.

## Assigning Supports


Once plate and stiffener elements are assigned, the program creates finite element nodes. A node is a grid intersection that has an element or more connected to it. Supports are assigned only to nodes




- From the **Assign** menu, choose **Supports** surface the SUPPORTS folder as illustrated above...

Alternatively, you could have clicked on the  button located on the toolbar, and then on the SUPPORTS tab.

#### *To assign rigid supports:*

- Click on the  symbol next to RIGID SUPPORTS ... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to expand the Rigid Supports list. The list items that will appear are those defined using the **Define / Supports/ Rigid Supports** command. See *To define rigid supports*.
- Select a list item to be assigned. This becomes the active assignment. By default, the program will display all nodes that share the active assignment in red and nodes with a different assignment in cyan. Recall however that you may change the color preferences to your liking with the **Options / Display Preferences** command. See *To change display preferences*.
- In the GRAPHICS AREA, using the left-mouse button, marquee-select a node or a group of nodes (or click a single node). The selected nodes are shown in red or in the color specified for ACTIVE OBJECTS in the DISPLAY folder. See *To change display preferences*.
- To remove the assignment, repeat the step above using instead, the right mouse button.
- Repeat the steps above for each assignment.

#### *To assign spring supports:*

- Click on the  symbol next to SPRING SUPPORTS ... found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to expand the Spring Supports list. The list items that will appear are those defined using the **Define / Supports/ Spring Supports** command. See *To define spring supports*.
- Select a list item to be assigned. This becomes the active assignment. By default, the program will display all nodes that share the active assignment in red and nodes with a different assignment in cyan. Recall however that you may change the color preferences to your liking with the **Options / Display Preferences** command. See *To change display preferences*.
- In the GRAPHICS AREA, using the left-mouse button, marquee-select a node or a group of nodes (or click a single node). The selected nodes are shown in red

or in the color specified for ACTIVE OBJECTS in the DISPLAY folder. See *To change display preferences*.


- To remove the assignment, repeat the step above using instead, the right mouse button.
- Repeat the steps above for each assignment.

## ***Applying Loads***



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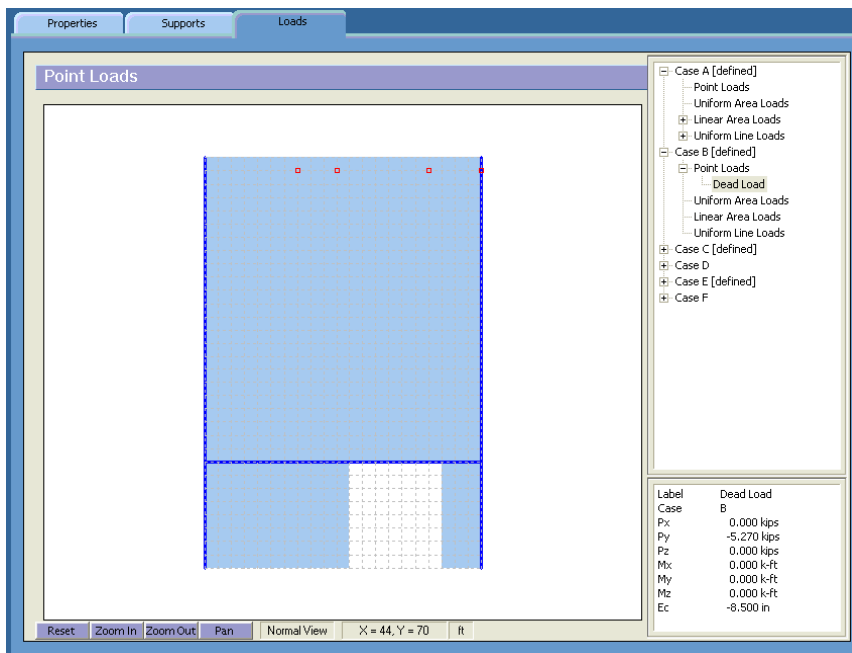
Once plate and stiffener elements are assigned, the program creates finite element nodes. A node is a grid intersection that has an element or more connected to it. Point loads are assigned to nodes. Area loads are assigned to plate elements. Line loads are assigned to either stiffener elements or to the edges of plate elements.

- From the **Assign** menu, choose **Loads** to have the program surface the LOADS folder as illustrated here...

Alternatively, you could have clicked on the  button located on the toolbar, and then on the LOADS tab.

### ***To assign point loads:***

- Click on the  symbol next to required load case (CASE A, CASE B etc.) found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to expand the list. Click on the  symbol next to POINT LOADS. The list items that will appear are those defined using the **Define / Loads/ Point Loads** command. See *To define point loads*.
- Select a list item to be assigned. This becomes the active assignment. By default, the program will display all nodes that share the active assignment in red and nodes with a different assignment in cyan. Recall however that you may change the color preferences to your liking with the **Options / Display Preferences** command. See *To change display preferences*.
- In the GRAPHICS AREA, using the left-mouse button, marquee-select a node or a group of nodes (or click a single node). The selected nodes are shown in red or in the color specified for ACTIVE OBJECTS in the DISPLAY folder. See *To change display preferences*.
- To remove the assignment, repeat the step above using instead, the right mouse button.
- Repeat the steps above for each assignment.





### To assign uniform area loads:



- Click on the  symbol next to required load case (CASE A, CASE B etc.) found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to expand the list. Click on the  symbol next to UNIFORM AREA LOADS. The list items that will appear are those defined using the **Define / Loads/ Uniform Area Loads** command. See *To define uniform area loads*.
- Select the list item to be assigned. This becomes the active assignment. By default, the program will display all plate elements that share the active assignment in red and the inactive assignment in cyan. Plate elements having no assignments are by default displayed in light grey. Grid spaces with no plate element assigned are by default displayed in white. Recall however that you may change the color preferences to your liking with the **Options / Display Preferences** command. See *To change display preferences*.
- In the GRAPHICS AREA, using the left-mouse button, marquee-select a plate element or a group of elements (or click a single plate element). The selected plate elements are shown in red or in the color specified for ACTIVE OBJECTS in the DISPLAY folder. See *To change display preferences*.

- To remove the assignment, repeat the step above using instead, the right mouse button.
- Repeat the steps above for each assignment.

#### ***To assign Linear area loads:***

- Click on the  symbol next to required load case (CASE A, CASE B etc.) found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to expand the list. Click on the  symbol next to LINEAR AREA LOADS. The list items that will appear are those defined using the **Define / Loads/ Linear Area Loads** command. See *To define linear area loads*.
- Select the list item to be assigned. This becomes the active assignment. By default, the program will display all plate elements that share the active assignment in red and the inactive assignment in cyan. Plate elements having no assignments are by default displayed in light grey. Grid spaces with no plate element assigned are by default displayed in white. Recall however that you may change the color preferences to your liking with the **Options / Display Preferences** command. See *To change display preferences*.
- In the GRAPHICS AREA, using the left-mouse button, marquee-select a plate element or a group of elements (or click a single plate element). The selected plate elements are shown in red or in the color specified for ACTIVE OBJECTS in the DISPLAY folder. See *To change display preferences*.
- To remove the assignment, repeat the step above using instead, the right mouse button.
- Repeat the steps above for each assignment.

#### ***To assign uniform line loads:***

- Click on the  symbol next to required load case (CASE A, CASE B etc.) found in the right ITEM LISTING AREA to expand the list. Click on the  symbol next to UNIFORM LINE LOADS. The list items that will appear are those defined using the **Define / Loads/ Uniform Line Loads** command. See *To define uniform line loads*.
- Select the list item to be assigned. This becomes the active assignment. By default, the program will display all lines that share the active assignment in red and the inactive assignment in cyan. Recall however that you may change the color preferences to your liking with the **Options / Display Preferences** command. See *To change display preferences*.

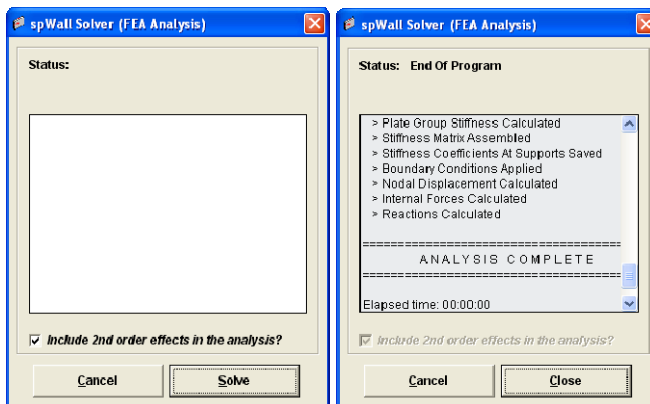
- In the GRAPHICS AREA, using the left-mouse button, marquee-select a stiffener element, a group of stiffener elements, a plate element edge or a group of plate element edges. The selected lines are shown in red or in the color specified for ACTIVE OBJECTS in the DISPLAY folder. See *To change display preferences*.
- To remove the assignment, repeat the step above using instead, the right mouse button.
- Repeat the steps above for each assignment.

## Solving the Structural Model

Once the structural model has been completed, the user can proceed to solve it. Solving the model is done in two steps. The first is the finite element analysis. In the second step, the program calculates the required area of steel for the plate and the stiffener elements.

By selecting the **Run Analysis & Design** command from the **Solve** menu, the program will perform the first step and automatically execute the second step. Changing any of the model properties that render the finite element analysis invalid, this command has to be re-invoked for the solution to be complete. However, changing the definition of reinforcing steel or design criteria does not affect the finite element analysis but cause the design step to be invalid. In this case, the user can run only the second step of the solution by selecting the **Run Design** command from the **Solve** menu.

When the analysis module is invoked, the following dialog boxes appear:



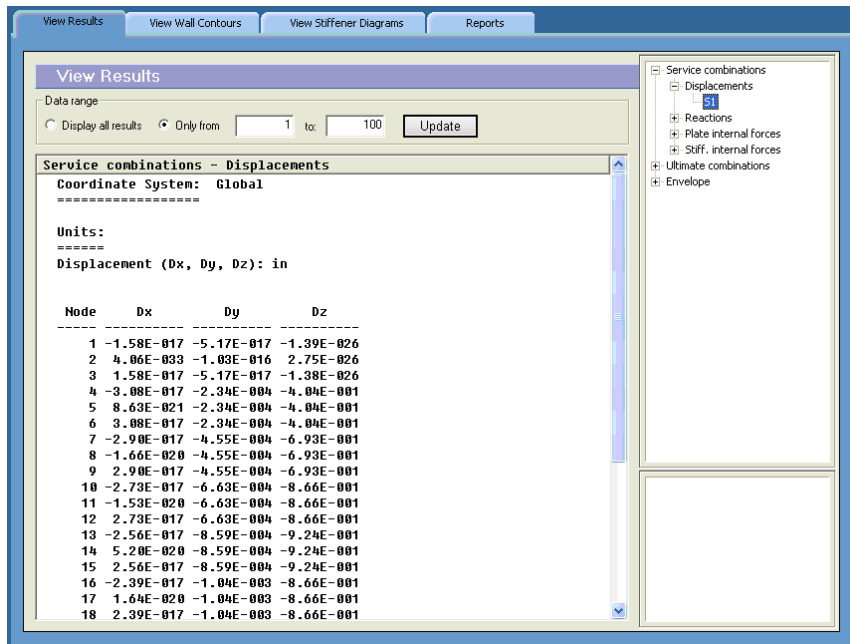
When the checkbox, INCLUDE 2ND ORDER EFFECT IN THE ANALYSIS?, is checked (default setting), the program performs second order analysis in which the out of plane (bending) action is magnified according to the values of the in plane forces and the out of plane deflections. When the checkbox is unchecked, the program performs *first order analysis*. See the discussion in Chapter 2.

The user should click SOLVE button in order to complete the analysis process. Clicking the CANCEL button will cause the program to abort the solving procedure. After, the analysis process is complete, the user can click on the CLOSE button to accept the analysis results and let the program proceed to the design step or he/she can click the CANCEL button to disregard the analysis results and to abort the solving procedure.

## Viewing Results

After a successful run, the output may viewed be in tabular form using the **Solve / View Results** command.

- From the **Solve** menu, choose **View Results** to have the program surface the VIEW RESULTS folder as illustrated here...



**View Results**

Data range

Display all results  Only from  to:


**Service combinations - Displacements**

Coordinate System: Global

Units:

Displacement (Dx, Dy, Dz): in

Node	Dx	Dy	Dz
1	-1.58E-017	-5.17E-017	-1.39E-026
2	4.06E-033	-1.03E-016	2.75E-026
3	1.58E-017	-5.17E-017	-1.38E-026
4	-3.08E-017	-2.34E-004	-4.04E-001
5	8.63E-021	-2.34E-004	-4.04E-001
6	3.08E-017	-2.34E-004	-4.04E-001
7	-2.90E-017	-4.55E-004	-6.93E-001
8	-1.66E-020	-4.55E-004	-6.93E-001
9	2.90E-017	-4.55E-004	-6.93E-001
10	-2.73E-017	-6.63E-004	-8.66E-001
11	-1.53E-020	-6.63E-004	-8.66E-001
12	2.73E-017	-6.63E-004	-8.66E-001
13	-2.56E-017	-8.59E-004	-9.24E-001
14	5.20E-020	-8.59E-004	-9.24E-001
15	2.56E-017	-8.59E-004	-9.24E-001
16	-2.39E-017	-1.04E-003	-8.66E-001
17	1.64E-020	-1.04E-003	-8.66E-001
18	2.39E-017	-1.04E-003	-8.66E-001

Alternatively, you could have clicked on the  button located on the toolbar, and then on the VIEW RESULTS tab.

- The results are categorized into three types:

- Service Combination:

- Displacements

The displacements ( $D_x$ ,  $D_y$  and  $D_z$ ) at each node are displayed due the selected service load combination. Displacements are shown in the directions of the global axes.

- Reactions

The forces and moments at each restrained node are displayed due the selected service load combination. Forces and moments are shown in the directions of the global axes.

- Plate internal forces

The in-plane forces ( $N_{xx}$ ,  $N_{yy}$ ,  $N_{xy}$ ), the bending moments ( $M_{xx}$ ,  $M_{yy}$ ) and the torsional moment ( $M_{xy}$ ) in each plate element are displayed due the selected service load combination. Forces and moments are shown in the directions of the global axes.

- Stiffener internal forces

The internal forces ( $N$ ,  $V_y$  and  $V_z$ ), the internal bending moments ( $M_z$ ,  $M_y$ ) and the torsional moment ( $M_x$ ) in each stiffener element are displayed due the selected service load combination. Forces and moments are shown in the directions of the local axes of the stiffener element. See the definition of stiffener local axes in chapter 2.

- Ultimate Combination:

- Displacements

The displacements ( $D_x$ ,  $D_y$  and  $D_z$ ) at each node are displayed due the selected ultimate load combination. Displacements are shown in the directions of the global axes.

- Reactions

The forces and moments at each restrained node are displayed due the selected ultimate load combination. Forces and moments are shown in the directions of the global axes.

- Plate internal forces

The in-plane forces ( $N_{xx}$ ,  $N_{yy}$ ,  $N_{xy}$ ), the bending moments ( $M_{xx}$ ,  $M_{yy}$ ) and the torsional moment ( $M_{xy}$ ) in each plate element are displayed due the selected ultimate load combination. Forces and moments are shown in the directions of the global axes.

- Stiffener internal forces

The internal forces ( $N$ ,  $V_y$  and  $V_z$ ), the internal bending moments ( $M_z$ ,  $M_y$ ) and the torsional moment ( $M_x$ ) in each stiffener element are displayed due the selected ultimate load combination. Forces and moments are shown in the directions of the local axes of the stiffener element. See the definition of stiffener local axes in chapter 2.



- Envelopes

- Displacements

The maximum positive (+ve) and maximum negative (-ve) displacements ( $D_x$ ,  $D_y$  and  $D_z$ ) at each node are displayed. Displacement envelopes are calculated from the results of the service load combinations. Displacements are shown in the directions of the global axes.

- Plate flexural reinforcements

The required areas of steel, in the X and the Y direction, in each plate element are reported. The results also show, the critical ultimate load combination that produces the smallest safety factor as well as the plate element design forces calculated for the critical load combination. See chapter 2 for discussion about calculating the design forces in plate elements.

- Stiffener flexural reinforcements

The portion of the longitudinal area of steel that resists flexure is reported for each stiffener element. The results also show, the critical ultimate load combination that produces the smallest safety factor as well as the stiffener element design forces calculated for the critical load combination.

- Stiffener shear reinforcements

The total required web reinforcement required to resist both shear and torsion is reported for each stiffener element. The results are shown for the y and z directions that are the local axes of the stiffener element. The results also show, the critical ultimate load combination that produces the smallest safety factor as well as the stiffener element design forces calculated for the critical load combination.

- Stiffener torsion reinforcements

The required web and longitudinal reinforcement required to resist torsion only are reported for each stiffener element. The results also show, the critical ultimate load combination that produces the smallest safety factor as well as the stiffener element design forces calculated for the critical load combination.

- Stiffener reinforcement summary

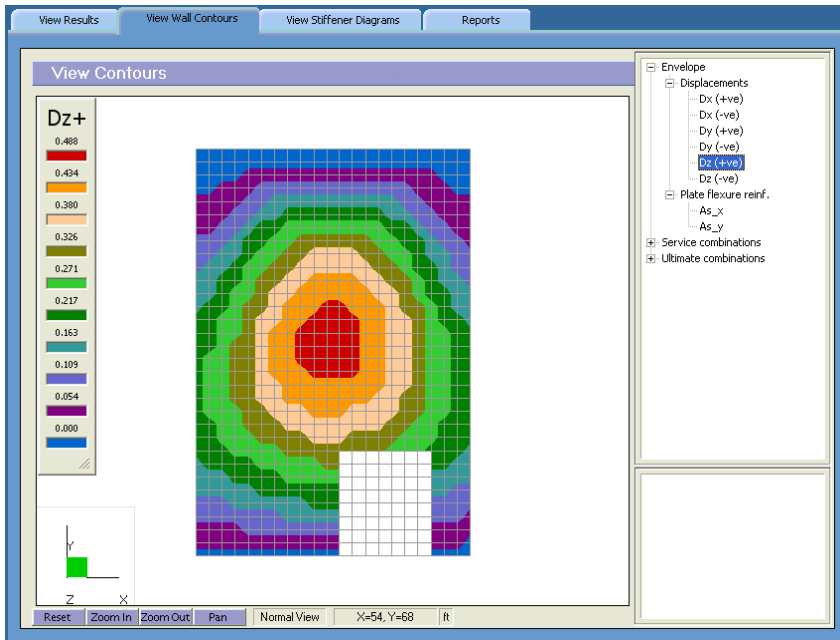
A summary of required web and longitudinal reinforcement required are reported for each stiffener element.

## ***Viewing Contours***

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After a successful run, the output may be viewed graphically as contours using the **Solve / View Contours** command.

- From the Solve menu, choose **View Contours** to have the program surface VIEW CONTOURS folder as illustrated here...



Alternatively, you could have clicked on the **Results** button located on the toolbar, and then on the VIEW CONTOURS tab.

- The results are categorized into three types:

- Envelopes

- Displacements

Contours for the maximum positive (+ve) and maximum negative (-ve) displacements ( $D_x$ ,  $D_y$  and  $D_z$ ) at each node are displayed. Displacement envelopes are calculated from the results of the service load combinations. Displacements are shown in the directions of the global axes.

- Plate flexural reinforcements

Contours for the required areas of steel, in the X and the Y direction, in each plate element are displayed.

- Service Combinations

- Displacements

The displacements ( $D_x$ ,  $D_y$  and  $D_z$ ) at each node are displayed due the selected service load combination. Displacements are shown in the directions of the global axes.

- Ultimate Combinations

– Plate internal forces

The in-plane forces ( $N_{xx}$ ,  $N_{yy}$ ,  $N_{xy}$ ), the bending moments ( $M_{xx}$ ,  $M_{yy}$ ) and the torsional moment ( $M_{xy}$ ) in each plate element are displayed due the selected ultimate load combination. Forces and moments are shown in the directions of the global axes.


- To print the displayed contours, choose the **File / Print Screen** command.
- Using the left-mouse button, marquee select the portion of the graphical image you wish to enlarge. The selected area is enlarged to occupy the entire GRAPHICS / INPUT area.

## Viewing Diagrams

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After a successful run, some result items related to stiffener elements may be viewed graphically as diagrams using the **Solve / View Diagrams** command.

- From the **Solve** menu, choose **View Diagrams** to have the program surface the view diagrams folder as illustrated here...

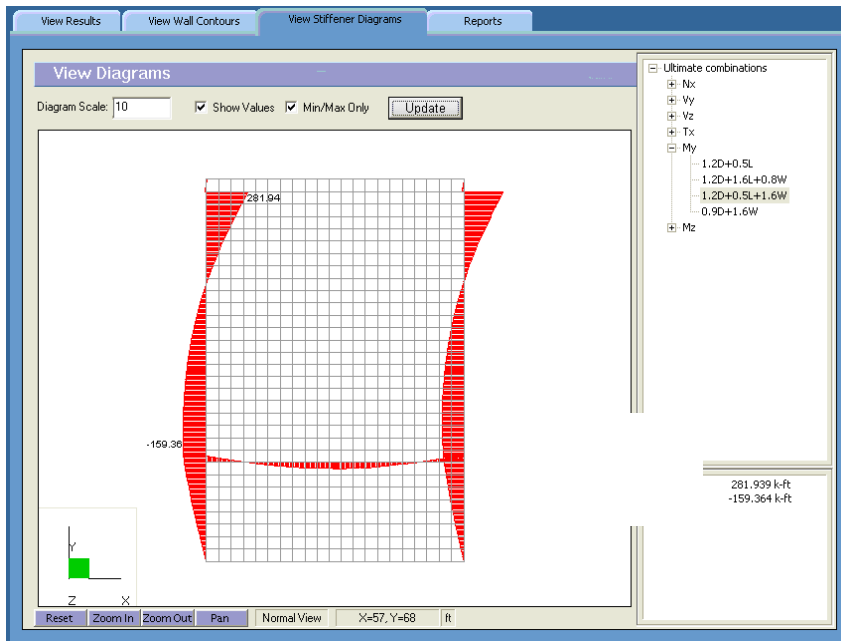
Alternatively, you could have clicked on the  button located on the toolbar, and then on the VIEW DIAGRAMS tab.

- The results are available for one category only:
- Ultimate Combinations

– Stiffener internal forces

The internal forces ( $N$ ,  $V_y$  and  $V_z$ ), the internal bending moments ( $M_z$ ,  $M_y$ ) and the torsional moment ( $M_x$ ) in each stiffener element are displayed due the selected ultimate load combination. Forces and moments are shown in the directions of the local axes of the stiffener element. See the definition of stiffener local axes in chapter 2.

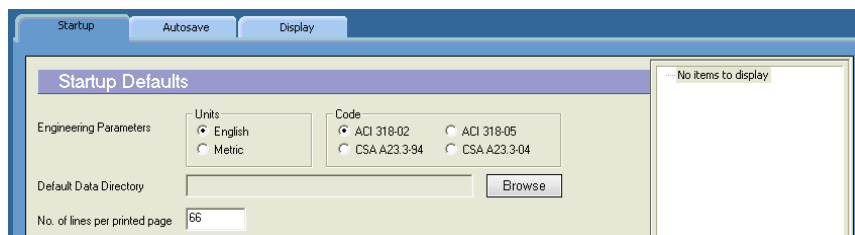
- To print the displayed diagrams, choose the **File / Print Screen** command.
- Using the left-mouse button, marquee select the portion of the graphical image you wish to enlarge. The selected area is enlarged to occupy the entire GRAPHICS / INPUT area.



## Defining the Options

There are many options that can be set as default so that they are saved to be applied to any subsequent project until they are changed again.

From the **Options** menu, choose **Startup Defaults**, **Autosave** or **Display** to have the program surface the respective OPTION folder as illustrated here.



Alternatively, you could have clicked on the **Options** button located on the toolbar.

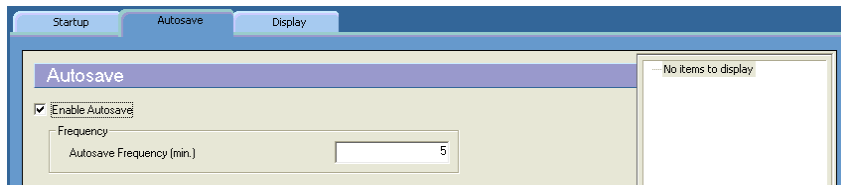
### *To Define startup defaults:*

The **Options / Startup Defaults** command is used to save the current file settings to be used in future input sessions. Default settings are saved in the registry. Settings that are saved include units of measure, code, and default directories.

- With the STARTUP folder surfaced, from the UNITS options group, choose the applicable units of measure and from the CODE options group, select the appropriate design code.
- Specify a default data directory. The path you specify here is where any data files you save will be saved by default. Note, however, that you will still be able to specify a different location when you attempt to save. See *Saving the Data*.
- You may also specify the number of lines printed per page.

### *To Control the Autosave feature:*

The **Options / Autosave** command is used to force the program to save your input data to disk at predefined intervals. This minimizes loss of data in case of a power loss or computer lock-up. Note that the file must be named (using the **File / Save As** command) prior to activating this feature.



- With the AUTOSAVE folder surfaced, place a checkmark in the ENABLE AUTOSAVE box to activate the auto save feature.
- In the Frequency text box, specify the time interval at which you would like the program to run the autosave feature.

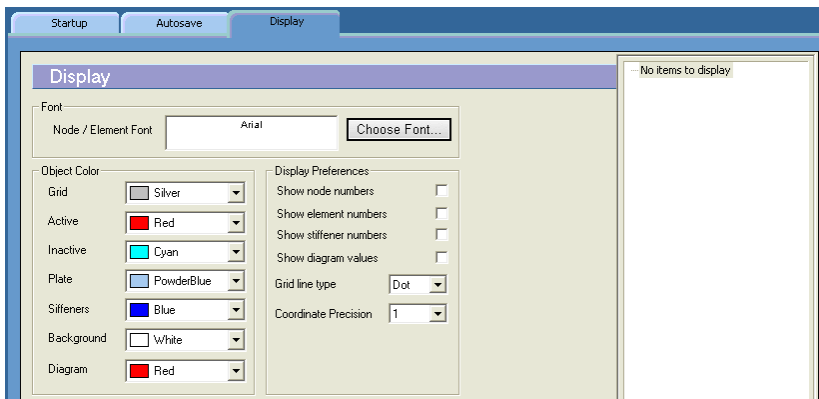
### *To Customize the display:*

The **Options / Display** command is used to change the color settings of the graphical image to those of personal preference.

- With the DISPLAY folder surfaced, click on the CHOOSE FONT button to select the font type and size that will be used in plotting the node and element numbers on the graphical display. The font types that appear in the list are

those saved in your WINDOWS/FONTS directory. The font you specify here is also used in screen-printing.

- Use the color drop-down lists within the OBJECT COLOR group to select preferred colors for the following...
  - Grid
  - Active (object, node or element)
  - Inactive (object, node or element)
  - Plate elements (without an assignment)
  - Stiffeners (without an assignment)
  - Background
  - Diagram
- In the Display Preference group, the user can
  - Turn on/off node numbers, plate element numbers, stiffener element numbers, and diagram values.
  - Specify whether the grid lines to be displayed as solid or dotted lines.
  - Specify the precision of the coordinates displayed in the status bar.



# Chapter 5

## Examples

### Example 1

#### Problem Formulation

Design of the wall shown below is required. Second order analysis will be performed. This example refers to Example 21.1 in reference 1.

Design Data:

Concrete:  $f_c = 4.0$  ksi,  $w_c = 150$  pcf,  $v = 0.15$ .

Reinforcing steel:  $f_y = 60.0$  ksi,  $E_s = 29,000$  ksi.

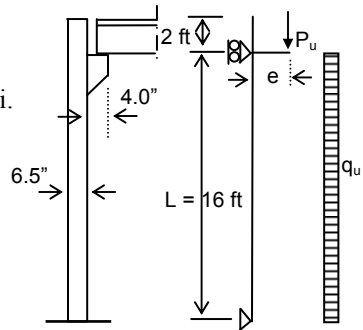
Assume wall thickness = 6.5 in.

Assume eccentricity ( $e$ ) = 6.75 in.

Roof dead load = 1.60 klf (line load)

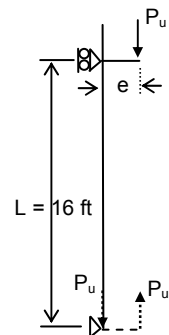
Roof live load = 0.64 klf (line load)

Wind load = 20.0 psf (uniform area load)

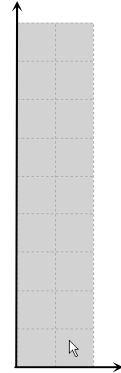


Reinforcement is considered as one layer located in the middle of wall thickness.

In reference 1, the eccentricity of the roof dead and live loads is assumed constant along the height of the wall. To simulate this case, dummy loads are applied at the bottom support.

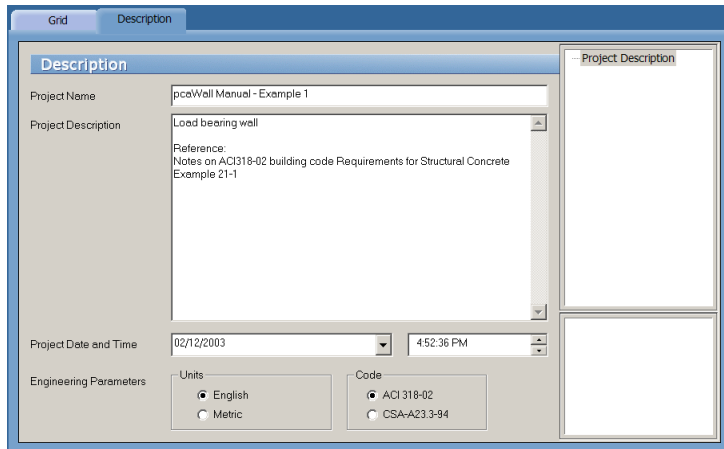



The wall acts as one way in the Y-direction. So, strip of 4 ft width is analyzed. The origin of the XY plane will be located at the lower left-hand corner of the wall. Two-foot square elements will be used; thus, the grid system consists of three grid lines, two feet apart, in the X-direction and 10 grid lines in the Y-direction.



### Preparing the Input

1. From the **Define** menu, select **Project description** to surface the DESCRIPTION folder...

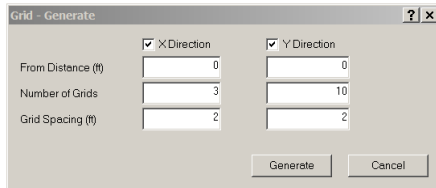


- Input the project information and select ENGLISH units along with the ACI code. Notice how the current date and time is displayed by default.
2. From the **Define** menu, select **Grid**, or simply click on the  tab to surface the respective folder...

Since the grid layout is uniform, and symmetrical in both directions, X and Y grid lines will be generated.

- Double-click on the GENERATE option in the ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the following...

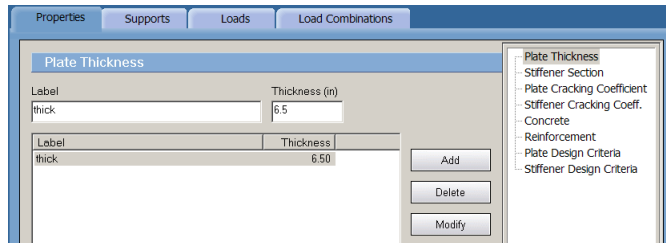




- Place a check mark in the X- DIRECTION box and enter the following values in the corresponding text boxes...
 

FROM DISTANCE:	0
NUMBER OF GRIDS:	3
GRID SPACING:	2
  - Place a check mark in the Y- DIRECTION box and enter the following values in the corresponding text boxes...
 

FROM DISTANCE:	0
NUMBER OF GRIDS:	10
Grid Spacing:	2
  - Click on the GENERATE button to return focus to the GRID folder. Notice how the X and Y grid lines now appear in the GRAPHICS/INPUT AREA.
3. From the **Define** menu, choose **Properties** to surface the PROPERTIES folder...



- Input Thick for LABEL and 6.5 for THICKNESS.
  - Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list.
4. Click on the PLATE CRACKING COEFFICIENT option in the ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the respective folder.
- Enter the following...
 

LABEL:	Cracking
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IN PLANE: 1.0  
 OUT OF PLANE: 0.05

- Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list.

5. Click on the CONCRETE option in the ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the respective folder.

- Enter the following...

LABEL: Conc  
 UNIT WEIGHT: 150 pcf  
 COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH: 4 ksi  
 YOUNG'S MODULUS: 3834.25 ksi  
 POISSON'S RATIO: 0.15

- Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list.

6. Click on the REINFORCEMENT option in the ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the respective folder.

- Enter the following...

LABEL: Steel  
 YIELD STRENGTH: 60 ksi  
 YOUNG'S MODULUS: 29000 ksi

- Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list.

7. Click on the PLATE DESIGN CRITERIA option in the ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the respective folder.

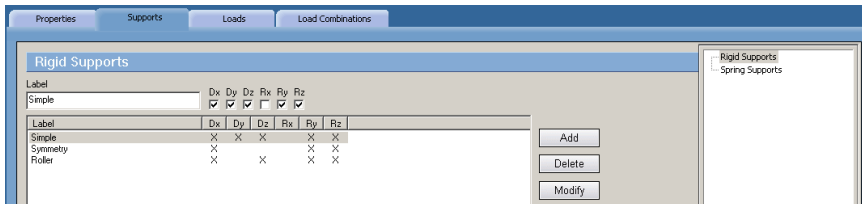
- Enter the following...

LABEL: DC  
 NO. OF CURTAINS: ONE CURTAIN  
 COVER TO HORIZ. BARS: 3.25 IN  
 COVER TO VERTICAL BARS: 3.25 IN  
 HORIZONTAL REINF. RATIO:  
 MINIMUM: .2%  
 MAXIMUM : 8%

VERTICAL REINF. RATIO:

MINIMUM: .12%  
 MAXIMUM : 8%

- Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list.
8. From the **Define** menu, select **Supports**, or simply click on the Supports tab to surface the respective folder. Click RIGID SUPPORTS from the Item Listing Area
- Enter the following  
 Label: Simple
  - Select the following restraints to model simply supported end conditions: Dx, Dy, Dz, Ry, and Rz.
  - Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list.
  - Enter the following  
 Label: Symmetry
  - Select the following restraints to model symmetry end conditions: Dx, Ry, and Rz.
  - Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list.
  - Enter the following  
 Label: Roller
  - Select the following restraints to model roller end conditions: Dx, Dz, Ry, and Rz.
  - Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list.

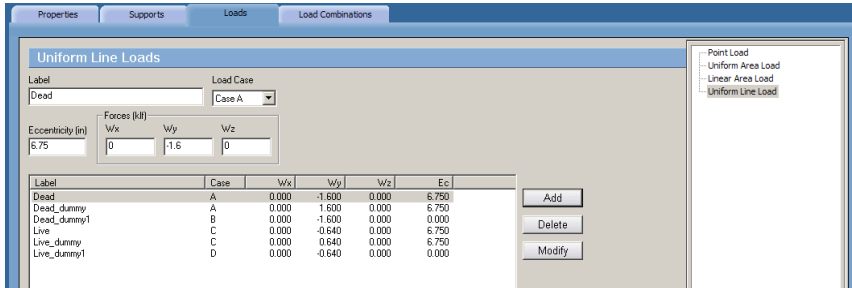


9. From the **Define** menu, select **Loads**, or simply click on the Loads tab to surface the respective folder...Click UNIFORM LINE LOAD from the Item Listing Area

- Enter the following

Load Case:

A



Label:

Dead

Eccentricity:

6.75 in.

Wy:

-1.6 klf

- Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list.

- Enter the following

Load Case:

A

Label:

Dead\_Dummy

Eccentricity:

6.75 in.

Wy:

1.6 klf

- Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list.

- Enter the following

Load Case:

B

Label:

Dead\_Dummy1

Eccentricity:

0.0.

Wy:

-1.6 klf

- Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list.

- Enter the following...

Load Case:


C

Label:

Live

Eccentricity:

6.75 in.

- Wy: -0.64 klf
  - Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list.
  - Enter the following...
    - Load Case: C
    - Label: Live\_dummy
    - Eccentricity: 6.75 in.
    - Wy: 0.64 klf
  - Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list.
  - Enter the following...
    - Load Case: D
    - Label: Live\_dummy
    - Eccentricity: 0.0
    - Wy: -0.64 klf
  - Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list.
- 9. Click on the UNIFORM AREA LOAD option in the ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the respective folder.
  - Enter the following...
    - Load Case: E
    - Label: Wind
    - Wz: -20 psf
  - Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list.
- 10. From the **Define** menu, choose **Load Combinations**, or simply click on the  tab to surface the respective folder...
  - Check INCLUDE SELF-WEIGHT WITH CASE A FOR ALL LOAD COMBINATIONS
  - Enter The following
    - LABEL: S1
    - CASE A: 1.0
    - CASE B: 1.0
    - All other cases: 0.0

- Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list.
11. Click on the ULTIMATE option in the ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the respective folder.
- Enter the following...
 

LABEL:	1.2D+0.5L
CASE A & CASE B:	1.2
CASE C & CASE D:	0.5
All other cases:	0.0
  - Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list.
  - Enter the following...
 

LABEL:	1.2D+1.6L+0.8W
CASE A & CASE B:	1.2
CASE C & CASE D:	1.6
CASE E:	0.8
All other cases:	0.0
  - Enter the following...
 

LABEL:	1.2D+0.5L+1.6W
CASE A & CASE B:	1.2
CASE C & CASE D:	0.5
CASE E:	1.6
All other cases:	0.0
  - Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list.
  - Enter the following...
 


LABEL:	0.9D+1.6W
CASE A & CASE B:	0.9
CASE C & CASE D:	0.0
CASE E:	1.6
All other cases:	0.0
  - Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list.

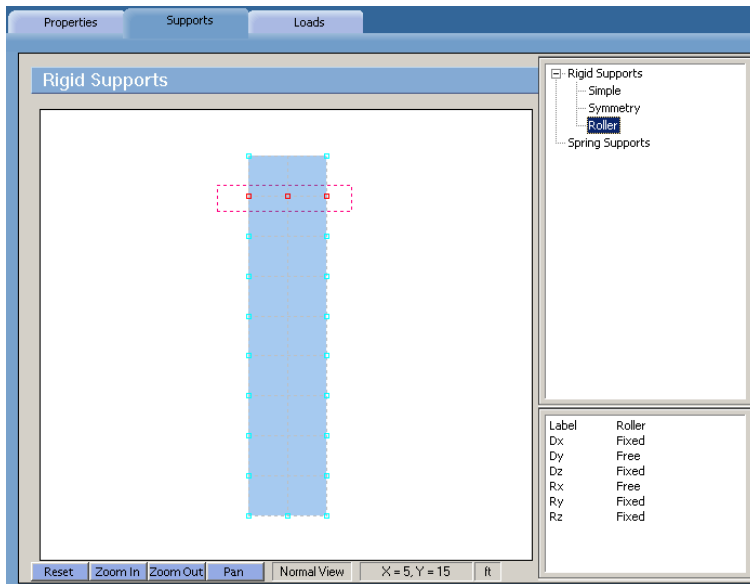
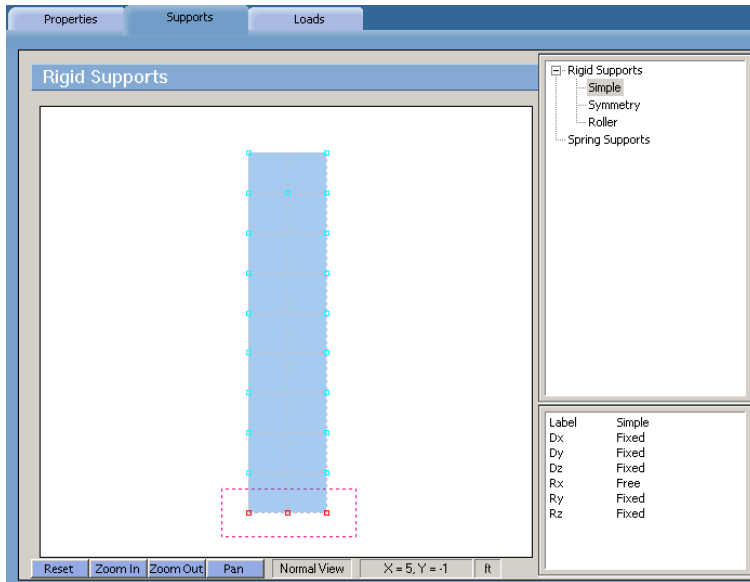
### *Assigning Properties*

12. From the **Assign** menu, select **Properties** to surface the respective folder.
  - From the ITEM LISTING AREA, select THICK.
  - In the GRAPHICS/INPUT AREA, marquee-select the region (-1, 19)-(5, -1) to apply the selected thickness to the entire wall. The selected plate elements are redrawn in red.

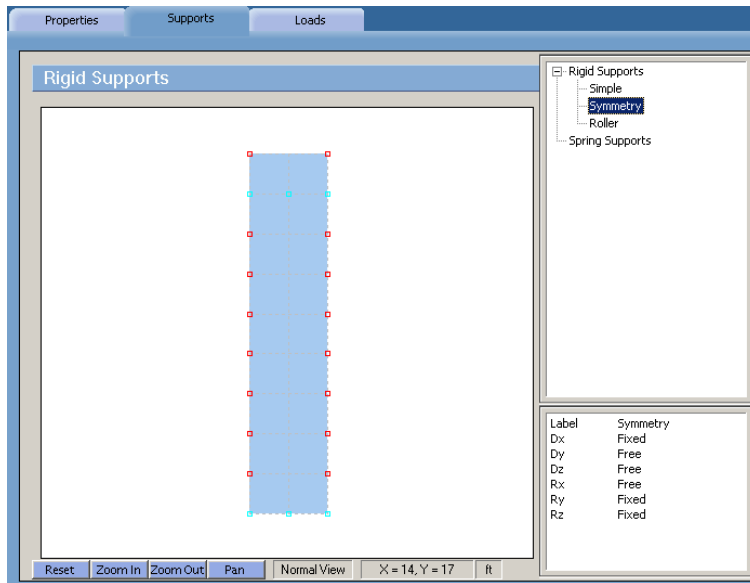
Note: To see the assigned element and node numbers, from the **Define** menu, select Grid, and once the GRID folder surfaces, double click on PREFERENCES.
13. Click on the PLATE CRACKING COEFFICIENT option in the ITEM LISTING AREA.
  - Expand the SOIL listing in the ITEM LISTING AREA and select CRACKING.
  - In the GRAPHICS/INPUT AREA, marquee-select the region (-1, 19)-(5, -1) to apply the selected cracking coefficients to the entire wall. The selected plate elements are redrawn in red.
14. Repeat the step above using the **Concrete, Reinforcement** and **Plate Design Criteria** commands to apply CONC, STEEL and DC properties to the entire wall.

### *Assigning Supports*

15. From the **Assign** menu, select **Supports** or simply click on the  tab to surface the respective folder.
  - In the Item LISTING AREA, expand RIGID SUPPORTS and select SIMPLE.
  - Marquee and apply SIMPLE supports to the bottom three nodes as shown in the figure below...
  - In the Item LISTING AREA, select ROLLER rigid supports.
  - Marquee and apply ROLLER supports to the bottom three nodes as shown in the figure below...
  - In the Item LISTING AREA, select SYMMETRY rigid supports.
  - Apply SYMMETRY supports to the remaining edge nodes, i.e. all edge nodes except the ones to which SIMPLE and ROLLER support conditions have already been applied.

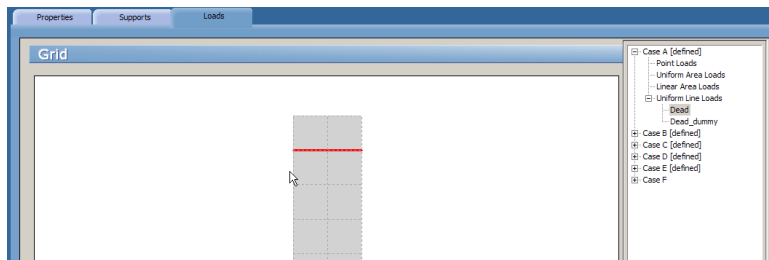






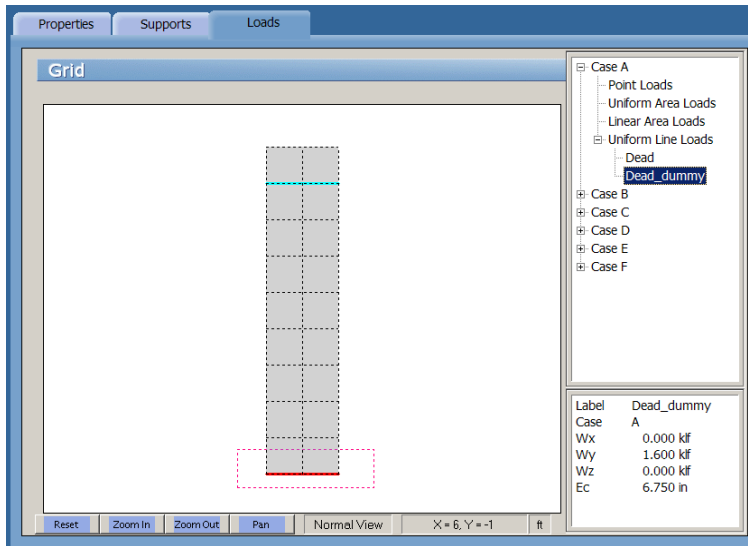
### Assigning Loads

- From the **Assign** menu, select **Loads** or simply click on the **Loads** tab to surface the respective folder.
  - In the ITEM LISTING AREA, expand CASE A and then expand UNIFORM LINE LOADS to select DEAD.
  - Marquee and apply load as shown in the figure below...

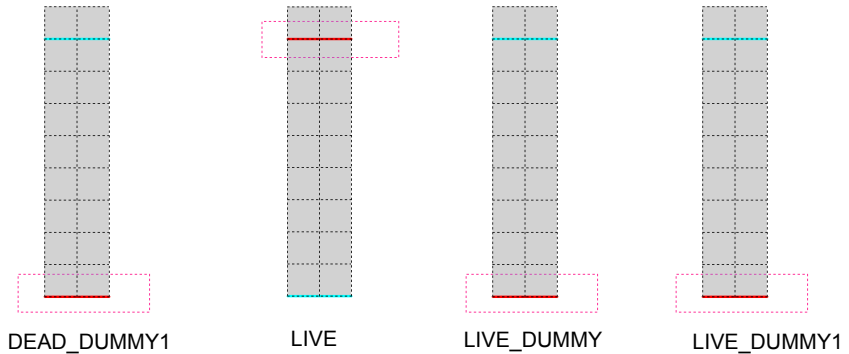


- Select and apply DEAD\_DUMMY as shown in the figure below

- In the ITEM LISTING AREA, expand CASE B and then expand UNIFORM LINE LOADS to select DEAD\_DUMMY1.
- Expand Case C and Apply loads LIVE and LIVE\_DUMMY. Expand Case D and apply LIVE\_Dummy1.

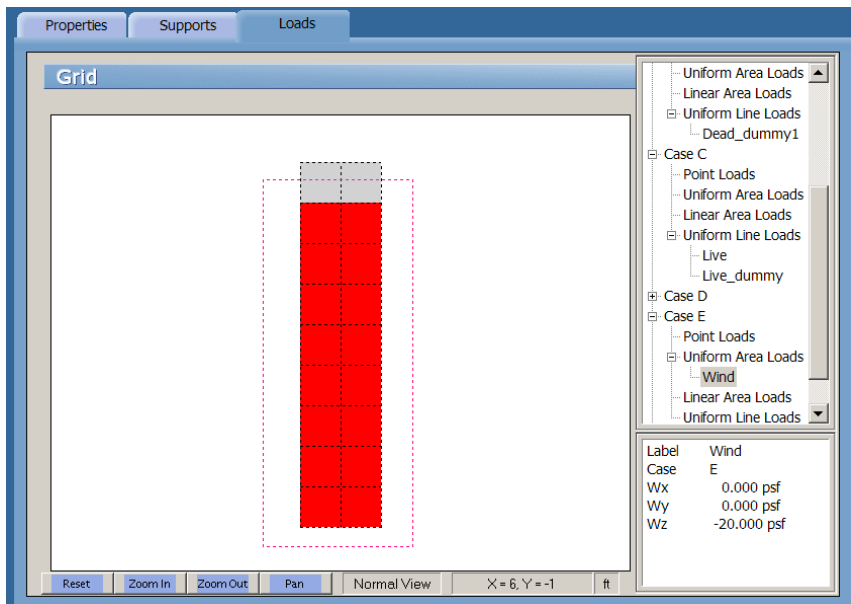


- In the ITEM LISTING AREA, expand CASE E and then expand UNIFORM AREA LOADS to select WIND In the ITEM LISTING AREA, expand CASE E and then expand UNIFORM AREA LOADS to select WIND.
- Marquee and apply load as shown in the figure below...

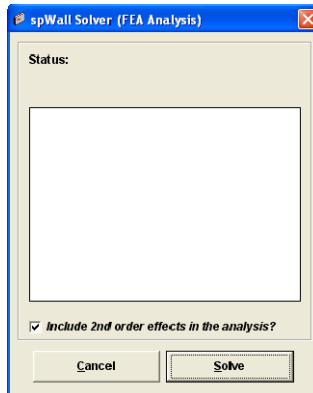


### Solving

- From the **Solve** menu, click **Run Analysis & Design** to surface the ANALYSIS dialog box...



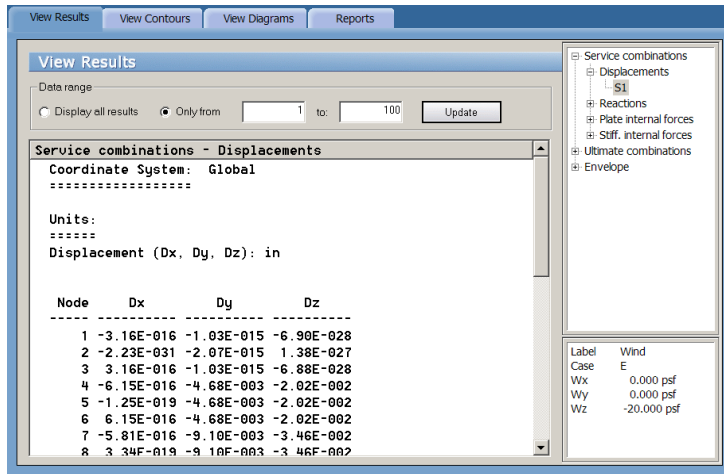
- Keep **INCLUDE SECOND ORDER EFFECTS IN ANALYSIS?** checked.
- Click on the **SOLVE** button.



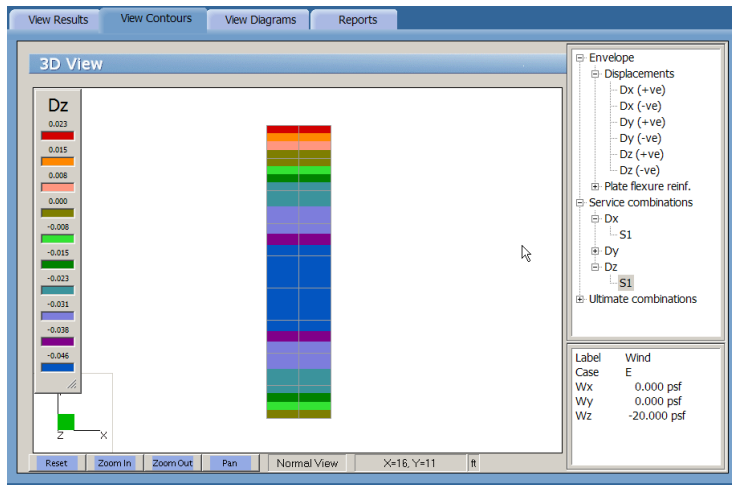
- The spWall Solver window is displayed and the solver messages are listed. After the solution is done focus will immediately be passed to the VIEW RESULTS folder.

### Viewing and Printing Results

18. After a successful run, view results in text format by selecting an item from the ITEM LISTING AREA.
19. Results can be viewed in a contour form by selecting the VIEW CONTOUR folder.



20. To print the contour, select menu **File/Print Screen**. To print the results, Select REPORTS tab and follow the instructions outlined in chapter 4.



## Example 2

Design the stem of the shown retaining wall. This example refers to Example 12.5 in reference 2.

Design Data:

Concrete:  $f_c = 3.0$  ksi,  $w_c = 150$  pcf,

Poisson's ratio = 0.15.

Reinforcing steel:  $f_y = 40.0$  ksi,  $E_s = 29,000.0$  ksi.

Assume wall thickness = 21 in.

Lateral earth pressure:

Due to soil weight = 576 psf

Due to surcharge = 256 psf

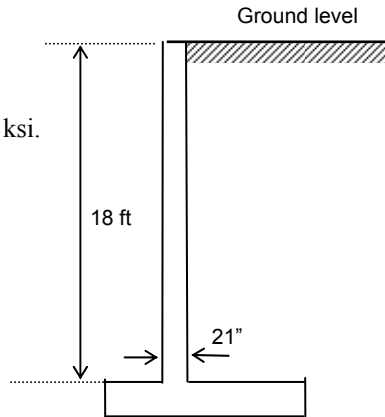


Fig. 2-a. Geometry

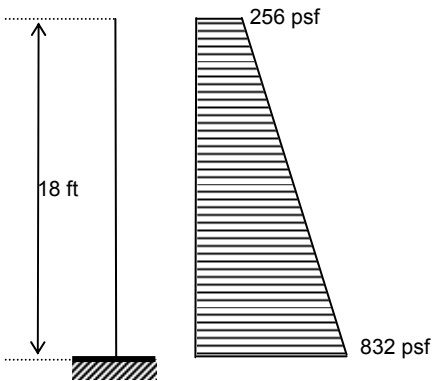


Figure 2-b Structural Model

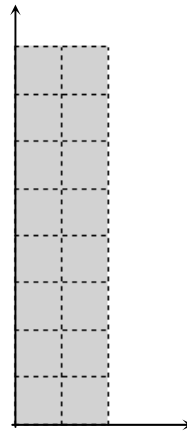
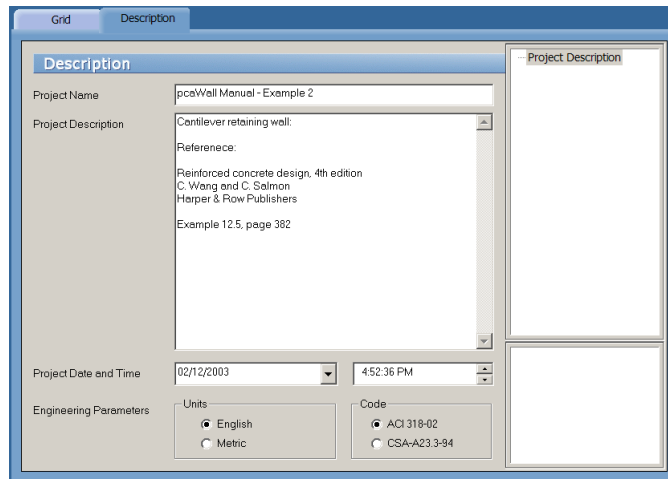


Figure 2-c Finite Element Mesh

The wall acts as one way in the Y-direction. So, strip of 4 ft width is analyzed. The origin of the XY plane will be located at the lower left-hand corner of the wall. Two-foot square elements will be used; thus, the grid system consists of three grid lines, two feet apart, in the X-direction and eight grid lines in the Y-direction. The finite element mesh is shown in figure (2.c).

### Preparing the Input

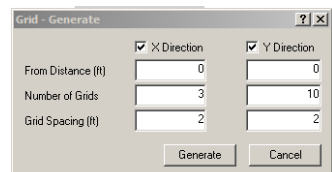
1. From the **Define** menu, select **Project description** to surface the DESCRIPTION folder...



- Input the project information and select ENGLISH units along with the ACI code. Notice how the current date and time is displayed by default.
2. From the **Define** menu, select **Grid**, or simply click on the **Grid** tab to surface the respective folder...

Since the grid layout is uniform, and symmetrical in both directions, X and Y grid lines will be generated.

- Double-click on the GENERATE option in the ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the following...
- Place a check mark in the X- DIRECTION box and enter the following values in the corresponding text boxes...



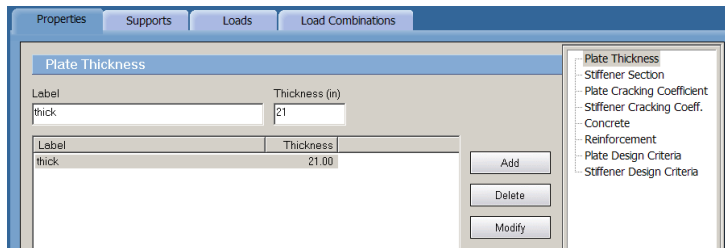
FROM DISTANCE: 0  
 NUMBER OF GRIDS: 3  
 GRID SPACING: 2

- Place a check mark in the Y- DIRECTION box and enter the following values in the corresponding text boxes...

FROM DISTANCE: 0  
 NUMBER OF GRIDS: 10  
 Grid Spacing: 2

- Click on the GENERATE button to return focus to the GRID folder. Notice how the X and Y grid lines now appear in the GRAPHICS/INPUT AREA.

- From the **Define** menu, choose **Properties** to surface the PROPERTIES folder...



- Input Thick for Label and 12 in for Thickness.
- Click on the Add button to add the entry to the list.

- Click on the CONCRETE option in the ITEM LISTING AREA to have the program surface the respective folder.

- Enter the following...

LABEL: Conc  
 UNIT WEIGHT: 150 pcf  
 COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH: 3 ksi  
 YOUNG'S MODULUS: 3320.56 ksi  
 POISSON'S RATIO: 0.15

- Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list.



5. Click on the **REINFORCEMENT** option in the **ITEM LISTING AREA** to have the program surface the respective folder.

- Enter the following...

LABEL:	Steel
YIELD STRENGTH:	40 ksi
YOUNG'S MODULUS:	29000 ksi

- Click on the **ADD** button to add the entry to the list.

6. Click on the **PLATE DESIGN CRITERIA** option in the **ITEM LISTING AREA** to have the program surface the respective folder.

- Enter the following...

LABEL:	DC
NO. OF CURTAINS:	TWO CURTAINS
COVER TO HORIZ. BARS:	3. in
COVER TO VERTICAL BARS:	2.5 in
HORIZONTAL REINF. RATIO:	
MINIMUM:	.2%
MAXIMUM :	8%
VERTICAL REINF. RATIO:	
MINIMUM:	.12%
MAXIMUM :	8%

- Click on the **ADD** button to add the entry to the list.

7. From the **Define** menu, select **Supports**, or simply click on the  tab to surface the respective folder. Click **RIGID SUPPORTS** from the **Item Listing Area**

- Enter the following

Label:	Fixed
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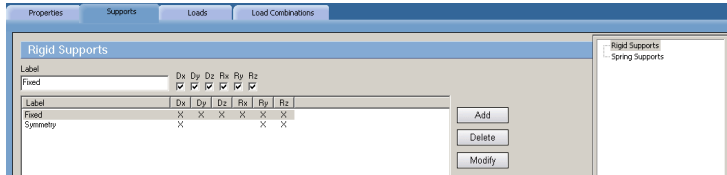
- Select all restraints to model fixed support end conditions.

- Click on the **ADD** button to add the entry to the list.

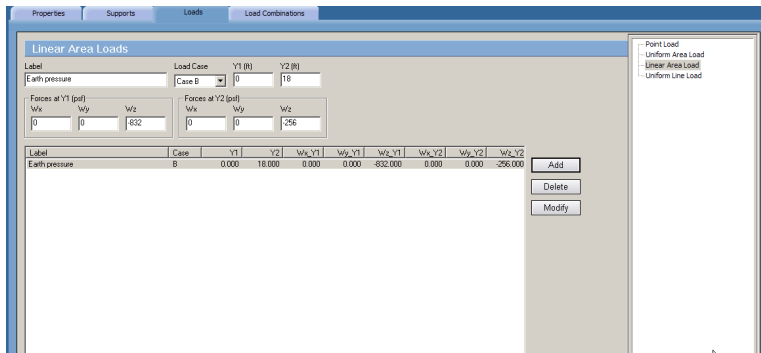
- Enter the following

Label:	Symmetry
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- Select the following restraints to model symmetry end conditions: Dx, Ry, and Rz.
- Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list.



8. From the **Define** menu, select **Loads**, or simply click on the **Loads** tab. Click on the **LINEAR AREA LOAD** option in the **ITEM LISTING AREA** to have the program surface the respective folder...



- Enter the following...
 

Load Case:	B
Label:	Earth pressure
Y1:	0.0 ft
Y2:	18.0 ft
Wz at Y1:	-832 psf
Wz at Y2:	-256 psf
- Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list.

9. From the **Define** menu, choose **Load Combinations**, or simply click on the **Load Combinations** tab to surface the respective folder...

- Check Include self-weight with case A for all load combinations

- Enter The following
 


LABEL:	S1
CASE A:	1.0
CASE B:	1.0
All other cases:	0.0
  - Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list.
10. Click on the **ULTIMATE** option in the **ITEM LISTING AREA** to have the program surface the respective folder.
- Enter the following...
 

LABEL:	1.2D+1.6H.4(D+F)
CASE A & CASE B:	1.4
All other cases:	0.0
  - Click on the ADD button to add the entry to the list.

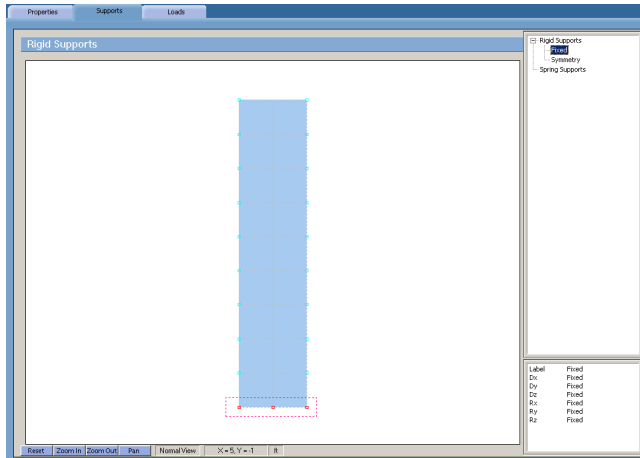
### *Assigning Properties*

11. From the **Assign** menu, select **Properties** to surface the respective folder.
- From the **ITEM LISTING AREA**, select **THICK**.
  - In the **GRAPHICS/INPUT AREA**, marquee-select the region (-1, 19)-(5, -1) to apply the selected thickness to the entire wall. The selected plate elements are redrawn in red.
- Note: To see the assigned element and node numbers, from the **Define** menu, select **Grid**, and once the **GRID** folder surfaces, double click on **PREFERENCES**.
12. Repeat the step above using the **Concrete**, **Reinforcement** and **Plate Design Criteria** commands to apply **CONC**, **STEEL** and **DC** properties to the entire wall.

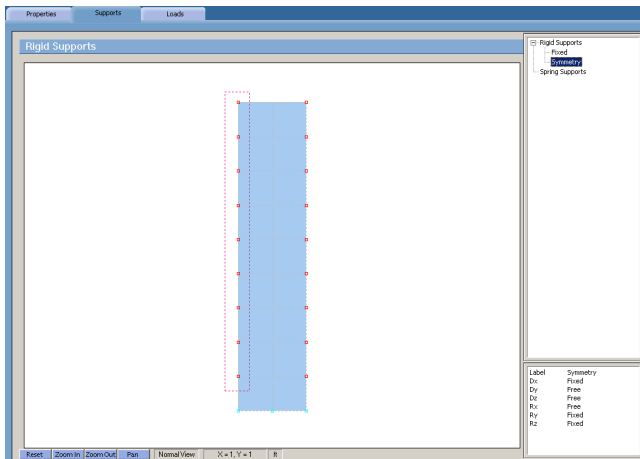
### *Assigning Supports*

13. From the **Assign** menu, select **Supports** or simply click on the  tab to surface the respective folder.
- In the **Item LISTING AREA**, expand **RIGID SUPPORTS** and select **FIXED**.

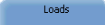
- Marquee and apply FIXED supports to the bottom three nodes as shown in the figure below...

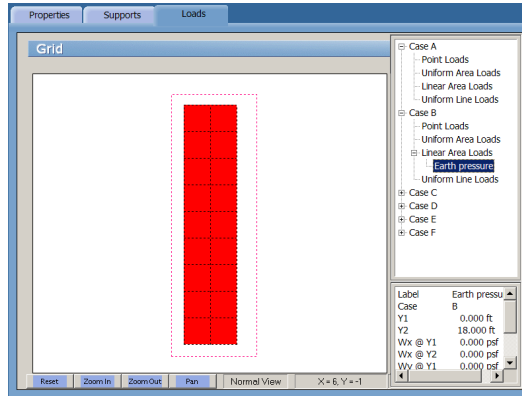


- In the Item LISTING AREA, select SYMMETRY rigid supports.
- Apply SYMMETRY supports to the remaining edge nodes, i.e. all edge nodes except the ones to which FIXED support conditions have already been applied.



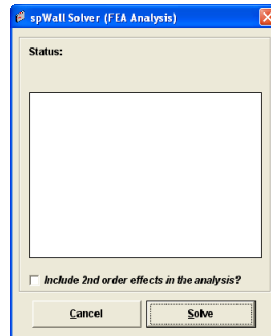
### Assigning Loads

14. From the **Assign** menu, select **Loads** or simply click on the  tab to surface the respective folder.
  - In the ITEM LISTING AREA, expand CASE B and then expand LINEAR AREA LOADS to select EARTH PREASSURE.
  - Marquee and apply load as shown in the figure below...



### Solving

15. From the **Solve** menu, click **Run Analysis & Design** to surface the ANALYSIS dialog box...
  - Uncheck: INCLUDE SECOND ORDER EFFECTS IN ANALYSIS?
  - Click on the SOLVE button.



### Viewing and Printing Results

16. After a successful run, view results in text format by selecting an item from the ITEM LISTING AREA.
17. Results can be viewed in a contour form by selecting the VIEW CONTOUR folder

## References

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1. *Notes on ACI 318-02 Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete*, Portland Cement Association, 2002.
2. W.K. Wang and C.G. Salmon, *Reinforced Concrete Design*, Harper Row, Third Edition, 1985.

# Appendix

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## Code Provisions

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### Flexure Design

#### A. ACI 318-05

$$\bullet \quad \phi = \begin{cases} 0.9 & \text{if } \varepsilon_t \geq 0.005 \\ 0.65 + \frac{0.25(\varepsilon_t - f_y/E_s)}{0.005 - f_y/E_s} & \text{if } f_y/E_y < \varepsilon_t < 0.005 \\ 0.65 & \text{if } \varepsilon_t \leq f_y/E_y \end{cases} \quad (9.3.2.1), (9.3.2.1)$$

- Maximum usable  $f_y = 80.0$  ksi (9.4)
- An elastic perfectly plastic stress-strain distribution is assumed for the reinforcing steel (10.2.4)
- Strains in concrete and steel are assumed directly proportional to the distance from neutral axis (10.2.2)
- Maximum concrete strain = 0.003 (10.2.3)
- Tensile strength of concrete is neglected (10.2.5)
- Equivalent rectangular stress distribution is used to represent the relationship between concrete compression stress and concrete strain (10.2.7)
  - $f_c = 0.85 f'_c$  (10.2.7.1)
  - $\beta_1 = \begin{cases} 0.85 & \text{if } f'_c \leq 4 \text{ ksi} \\ 0.85 - 0.05(f'_c - 4 \text{ ksi}) & \text{if } 4 < f'_c < 8 \text{ ksi} \\ 0.65 & \text{if } f'_c \geq 8 \text{ ksi} \end{cases}$  (10.2.7.3)
- Tension control starts at  $\varepsilon_t = 0.005$  (10.3.4)
- Compression control starts at  $\varepsilon_t = \varepsilon_y = f_y/E_s$  (10.3.3)
- Maximum axial strength  $\phi P_{n,\max} = 0.80\phi(0.85f'_c(A_g - A_{st}) + f_y A_{st})$  (10.3.6.2)
- Minimum ratio of vertical reinforcement  $\rho = 0.0012$  (14.3.2)
- Minimum ratio of horizontal reinforcement  $\rho = 0.0020$  (14.3.3)

- Ties are not required if  $\rho < 0.01$  (14.3.6)

### B. ACI 318-02

$$\phi = \begin{cases} 0.9 & \text{if } \varepsilon_t \geq 0.005 \\ 0.65 + \frac{0.25(\varepsilon_t - f_y/E_s)}{0.005 - f_y/E_s} & \text{if } f_y/E_y < \varepsilon_t < 0.005 \\ 0.65 & \text{if } \varepsilon_t \leq f_y/E_y \end{cases} \quad (9.3.2.1), (9.3.2.1)$$

- Maximum usable  $f_y = 80.0$  ksi (9.4)

- An elastic perfectly plastic stress-strain distribution is assumed for the reinforcing steel (10.2.4)

- Strains in concrete and steel are assumed directly proportional to the distance from neutral axis (10.2.2)

- Maximum concrete strain = 0.003 (10.2.3)

- Tensile strength of concrete is neglected (10.2.5)

- Equivalent rectangular stress distribution is used to represent the relationship between concrete compression stress and concrete strain (10.2.7)

- $f_c = 0.85 f'_c$  (10.2.7.1)

$$\beta_1 = \begin{cases} 0.85 & \text{if } f'_c \leq 4 \text{ ksi} \\ 0.85 - 0.05(f'_c - 4 \text{ ksi}) & \text{if } 4 < f'_c < 8 \text{ ksi} \\ 0.65 & \text{if } f'_c \geq 8 \text{ ksi} \end{cases} \quad (10.2.7.3)$$

- Tension control starts at  $\varepsilon_t = 0.005$  (10.3.4)

$$\text{Compression control starts at } \varepsilon_t = \varepsilon_y = f_y/E_s \quad (10.3.3)$$

- Maximum axial strength  $\phi P_{n,max} = 0.80\phi(0.85f'_c(A_g - A_{st}) + f_y A_{st})$  (10.3.6.2)

- Minimum ratio of vertical reinforcement  $\rho = 0.0012$  (14.3.2)

- Minimum ratio of horizontal reinforcement  $\rho = 0.0020$  (14.3.3)

- Ties are not required if  $\rho < 0.01$  (14.3.6)

### C. CSA A23.3-04

- $\phi_c = 0.65$  (8.4.2)

$$\phi_c = 0.70 \text{ for precast concrete} \quad (16.1.3)$$

$$\phi_s = 0.85 \quad (8.4.3)$$

- Maximum usable steel  $f_y$  in tension = 500 MPa (8.5.1)



- Maximum usable steel  $f_y$  in compression = 400 MPa (8.5.2)
- An elastic perfectly plastic stress-strain distribution is assumed for the reinforcing steel (8.5.3.2)
- Maximum usable concrete  $f'_c = 80$  MPa (8.6.1.1)
- Strains in concrete and steel are assumed directly proportional to the distance from neural axis (10.1.2)
- Maximum concrete strain = .0035 (10.1.3)
- Tensile strength of concrete is neglected (10.1.5)
- Equivalent rectangular stress distribution is used to represent the relationship between concrete compression stress and concrete strain (10.1.7)
  - $f_c = \alpha_1 \phi_c f'_c$
  - $\alpha_1 = 0.85 - 0.0015f'_c \geq 0.67$
  - $\beta_1 = 0.97 - 0.0025f'_c \geq 0.67$
- Maximum factored axial load resistance ( $P_r$ ) = 0.8  $P_{r0}$  (10.10.4)
- Minimum ratio of vertical reinforcement  $\rho = 0.0015$  (14.1.8.5)
- Minimum ratio of horizontal reinforcement  $\rho = 0.0020$  (14.1.8.6)
- Ties are not required if  $\rho < 0.005$  (14.1.8.7)
- Maximum wall thickness with one curtain of reinforcement = 250 mm (14.1.8.3)

D. CSA A23.3-94

- $\phi_c = 0.6$  (8.4.2)
- $\phi_s = 0.85$  (8.4.3)
- Maximum usable steel  $f_y$  in tension = 500 MPa (8.5.1)
- Maximum usable steel  $f_y$  in compression = 400 MPa (8.5.2)
- An elastic perfectly plastic stress-strain distribution is assumed for the reinforcing steel (8.5.3.2)
- Maximum usable concrete  $f'_c = 80$  MPa (8.6.1.1)
- Strains in concrete and steel are assumed directly proportional to the distance from neural axis (10.1.2)
- Maximum concrete strain = .0035 (10.1.3)
- Tensile strength of concrete is neglected (10.1.5)
- Equivalent rectangular stress distribution is used to represent the relationship between concrete compression stress and concrete strain (10.1.7)
  - $f_c = \alpha_1 \phi_c f'_c$
  - $\alpha_1 = 0.85 - 0.0015f'_c \geq 0.67$

- $\beta_1 = 0.97 - 0.0025f'_c \geq 0.67$
- Maximum factored axial load resistance ( $P_r$ ) =  $0.8 P_{r0}$  (10.10.4)
- Minimum ratio of vertical reinforcement  $\rho = 0.0015$  (14.3.2)
- Minimum ratio of horizontal reinforcement  $\rho = 0.0020$  (14.3.3)
- Ties not required if  $\rho < 0.01$  (14.3.6)
- Maximum wall thickness with one curtain of reinforcement = 250 mm (14.3.4)

### Shear and Torsion Design

#### A. ACI 318-05

- Definitions:
  - d = Distance from extreme compression fiber to centroid of longitudinal tension reinforcement. For a circular section  $d \geq 0.8$  diameter
  - $b_w$  = Web width or diameter of circular section.
  - $V_s = \frac{V_u}{\phi} - V_c \geq 0$
  - $T_n = \frac{T_u}{\phi}$
- $\phi = 0.75$  (9.3.2.3)
- Maximum usable  $f_{yt} = 60.0$  ksi (11.5.2)
- Lightweight concrete (11.2.1.2)
  - $\lambda = 1.0$ , if  $w_c \geq 135$  pcf ( $2155 \text{ kg/m}^3$ )
  - $\lambda = 0.85$ , if  $115 \text{ pcf} (1840 \text{ kg/m}^3) < w_c < 135 \text{ pcf} (2155 \text{ kg/m}^3)$
  - $\lambda = 0.75$ , if  $w_c \leq 115 \text{ pcf} (1840 \text{ kg/m}^3)$
- Shear strength provided by concrete:
  - $V_c = 2 \left( 1 + \frac{N_u}{2000A_g} \right) \lambda \sqrt{f'_c} b_w d \quad N_u \geq 0 \text{ (compression)}$  (11.3.1.2)
  - $V_c = 2 \left( 1 + \frac{N_u}{500A_g} \right) \lambda \sqrt{f'_c} b_w d \geq 0 \quad N_u \leq 0 \text{ (tension)}$  (11.3.2.3)
- Shear reinforcement
  - Shear reinforcement should be provided if  $v_u > 0.5 v_c$  (11.5.5.1)

- $$\frac{A_v}{s} = \frac{V_s}{f_{yt} d} \quad (11.5.6.2)$$

- Maximum spacing of stirrups

$$0.5 d \leq 24 \text{ inches} \quad \text{for } V_s \leq 4\sqrt{f'_c} b_w d_v \quad (11.5.4.1)$$

$$0.25 d \leq 12 \text{ inches} \quad \text{for } V_s > 4\sqrt{f'_c} b_w d_v \quad (11.5.4.3)$$

- Torsion reinforcement

- Torsion reinforcement should be provided if

$$T_u > \phi \lambda \left( \frac{A_{cp}^2}{P_{cp}} \right) \sqrt{f'_c} \sqrt{1 + \frac{N_u}{4A_g \sqrt{f'_c}}} \quad (11.6.1(c))$$

- $$\frac{A_t}{s} = \frac{T_n}{2A_o f_{yt}} \quad (11.6.3.6)$$

- $$A_l = \frac{A_t}{s} P_h \left( \frac{f_{yv}}{f_{yl}} \right) \quad (11.6.3.7)$$

- Minimum  $A_l = \frac{5\lambda \sqrt{f'_c} A_{cp}}{f_y} - \frac{A_t}{s} P_h \frac{f_{yt}}{f_y}$  for  $\frac{A_t}{s} \geq \frac{25b_w}{f_{yt}}$  (11.6.5.3)

- Maximum spacing of stirrups

$$\frac{P_h}{8} \leq 12.0 \text{ inches} \quad (11.6.6.1)$$

- Minimum shear reinforcement

$$\text{Minimum } \left( \frac{A_v}{s} + 2 \frac{A_t}{s} \right) = 0.75 \lambda \sqrt{f'_c} \frac{b_w}{f_{yt}} \geq 50 \frac{b_w}{f_{yt}} \quad (11.6.5.2)$$

### Total shear stress

- Maximum shear stress

$$\sqrt{\left( \frac{V_u}{b_w d} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{T_u P_h}{1.7 A_{oh}^2} \right)} < \phi \left( \frac{V_c}{b_w d} + 8 \lambda \sqrt{f'_c} \right) \quad (11.6.3.1)$$

### B. ACI 318-02

- Definitions:

$d$  = Distance from extreme compression fiber to centroid of longitudinal tension reinforcement. For a circular section  $d \geq 0.8$  diameter

$b_w$  = Web width or diameter of circular section.

$$V_s = \frac{V_u}{\phi} - V_c \geq 0$$

$$T_n = \frac{T_u}{\phi}$$

- $\phi = 0.75$  (9.3.2.3)
- Maximum usable  $f_{yv} = 60.0$  ksi (11.5.2)
- Lightweight concrete (11.2.1.2)

$$\lambda = 1.0, \text{ if } w_c \geq 135 \text{ pcf } (2155 \text{ kg/m}^3)$$

$$\lambda = 0.85, \text{ if } 115 \text{ pcf } (1840 \text{ kg/m}^3) < w_c < 135 \text{ pcf } (2155 \text{ kg/m}^3)$$

$$\lambda = 0.75, \text{ if } w_c \leq 115 \text{ pcf } (1840 \text{ kg/m}^3)$$

Linear relationship between  $w_c$  and  $\lambda$  is assumed between the abovementioned values.

- Shear strength provided by concrete:

$$V_c = 2 \left( 1 + \frac{N_u}{2000A_g} \right) \lambda \sqrt{f'_c} b_w d \quad N_u \geq 0 \text{ (compression)} \quad (11.3.1.2)$$

$$V_c = 2 \left( 1 + \frac{N_u}{500A_g} \right) \lambda \sqrt{f'_c} b_w d \geq 0 \quad N_u \leq 0 \text{ (tension)} \quad (11.3.2.3)$$

- Shear reinforcement

- Shear reinforcement should be provided if  $v_u > 0.5 v_c$  (11.5.5.1)

- $\frac{A_v}{s} = \frac{V_s}{f_{yv} d}$  (11.5.6.2)

- Maximum spacing of stirrups

$$0.5 d \leq 24 \text{ inches} \quad \text{for } V_s \leq 4 \sqrt{f'_c} b_w d_v \quad (11.5.4.1)$$

$$0.25 d \leq 12 \text{ inches} \quad \text{for } V_s > 4 \sqrt{f'_c} b_w d_v \quad (11.5.4.3)$$

- Torsion reinforcement

- Torsion reinforcement should be provided if

$$T_u > \phi \lambda \left( \frac{A_{cp}^2}{P_{cp}} \right) \sqrt{f'_c} \sqrt{1 + \frac{N_u}{4A_g \sqrt{f'_c}}} \quad (11.6.1(c))$$

- $$\frac{A_t}{s} = \frac{T_n}{2A_o f_{yv}} \quad (11.6.3.6)$$

- $$A_l = \frac{A_t}{s} P_h \left( \frac{f_{yv}}{f_{yl}} \right) \quad (11.6.3.7)$$

- Minimum  $A_l = \frac{5\lambda\sqrt{f'_c} A_{cp}}{f_{yl}} - \frac{A_t}{s} P_h \frac{f_{yv}}{f_{yl}}$  for  $\frac{A_t}{s} \geq \frac{25b_w}{f_{yv}}$  (11.6.5.3)

- Maximum spacing of stirrups

$$\frac{P_h}{8} \leq 12.0 \text{ inches} \quad (11.6.6.1)$$

- Minimum shear reinforcement

$$\text{Minimum } \left( \frac{A_v}{s} + 2 \frac{A_t}{s} \right) = 0.75\lambda\sqrt{f'_c} \frac{b_w}{f_{yv}} \geq 50 \frac{b_w}{f_{yv}} \quad (11.6.5.2)$$

### Total shear stress

- Maximum shear stress

$$\sqrt{\left( \frac{V_u}{b_w d} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{T_u P_h}{1.7 A_{oh}^2} \right)} < \phi \left( \frac{V_c}{b_w d} + 8\lambda\sqrt{f'_c} \right) \quad (11.6.3.1)$$

### C. CSA A23.3-04 (simplified method)

- Definitions:

$d$  = Distance from extreme compression fiber to centroid of longitudinal tension reinforcement. For circular section, distance from extreme compression fiber to centroid of longitudinal reinforcement in the opposite half

$h$  = Overall height of member

$d_v$  = Greater of  $0.9d$  and  $0.72h$

$b_w$  = Web width or (0.8 diameter) of circular section.

$$V_s = V_f - V_c \geq 0$$

$$v_c = \frac{V_c}{b_w d_v}$$

$$v_f = \frac{V_f}{b_w d_v}$$

$$\tau_c = \left( \frac{T_f P_{cp}}{A_{cp}^2} \right)$$

$$\tau_f = \left( \frac{T_f P_h}{A_{oh}^2} \right)$$

- $\phi_c = 0.65$  (8.4.2)

- $\phi_c = 0.70$  for precast concrete (16.1.3)

- $\phi_s = 0.85$  (8.4.3)

- Maximum usable  $f'_c = 60$  MPa (11.3.6.3)
- Maximum usable  $f_y = 400$  MPa (11.3.6.3)
- Lightweight concrete (2.1, 8.6.5)
  - $\lambda = 1.0$ , if  $w_c \geq 2150 \text{ kg/m}^3$  (134.2pcf)
  - $\lambda = 0.85$ , if  $1850 \text{ kg/m}^3$  (115.5pcf)  $< w_c < 2150 \text{ kg/m}^3$  (134.2pcf)
  - $\lambda = 0.75$ , if  $w_c \leq 1850 \text{ kg/m}^3$  (115.5pcf)
- Shear strength provided by concrete (assuming no significant tension):
  - $V_c = \phi_c \lambda \beta \sqrt{f'_c} b_w d_v$  (11.3.4)
  - where
  - $\sqrt{f'_c} \leq 8$  MPa
  - $\beta = 0.18$  if at least minimum transverse reinforcement is provided (11.3.6(a))
  - $\beta = \frac{230}{1000 + d_v}$  without transverse reinforcement (11.3.6(b))
- Shear reinforcement
  - Shear reinforcement should be provided if  $v_f > v_c$  (11.2.8.1)
  - $\frac{A_v}{s} = \frac{V_s}{\phi_s f_y d_v}$  (11.3.5.1)
- Maximum spacing of stirrups
  - $0.7 d_v \leq 600$  mm if  $V_f \leq 0.125 \lambda \phi_c f'_c b_w d$  and  $T_f \leq 0.25 T_{cr}$  (11.3.8.1)
  - $0.35 d_v \leq 300$  mm if  $V_f > 0.125 \lambda \phi_c f'_c b_w d$  or  $T_f > 0.25 T_{cr}$  (11.3.8.3)
- Torsion reinforcement
  - Torsion reinforcement should be provided if
    - $T_f > 0.095 \phi_c \lambda \sqrt{f'_c} \frac{A_c^2}{p_c}$  (11.2.9.1)
  - $\frac{A_t}{s} = \frac{T_f}{2A_o \phi_s f_y \cot 35^\circ}$  (11.3.10.3)
  - $A_{lt} = \frac{M_f / d_v + 0.5N_f + \cot 35^\circ \sqrt{(V_f - V_p)^2 + \left(\frac{0.45p_h T_f}{2A_o}\right)}}{\phi_s f_y}$  (11.3.9.2) (11.3.10.6)

$$A_{lb} = \frac{-M_f / d_v + 0.5N_f + \cot 35^\circ \sqrt{(V_f - V_p)^2 + \left(\frac{0.45p_h T_f}{2A_o}\right)}}{\phi_s f_y} \quad (11.3.9.3)$$

- Minimum shear reinforcement

$$\left(\frac{A_v}{s} + 2\frac{A_t}{s}\right) \geq 0.06\sqrt{f'_c} \frac{b_w}{f_y} \quad (11.2.8.2)$$

- Cross-sectional dimensions to avoid crushing

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{V_f}{b_w d_v}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{T_f p_h}{1.7A_{oh}^2}\right)^2} \leq 0.25\phi_c f'_c \quad (11.3.10.4)$$

- Maximum factored shear resistance

$$V_r \leq 0.25 \phi_c f'_c b_w d \quad (11.3.3)$$

#### D. CSA A23.3-94 (simplified method)

- Definitions:

$d$  = Distance from extreme compression fiber to centroid of longitudinal tension reinforcement. For circular section, distance from extreme compression fiber to centroid of longitudinal reinforcement in the opposite half.

$b_w$  = Web width or (0.8 diameter) of circular section.

$$V_s = V_f - V_c \geq 0 \quad v_c = \frac{V_c}{b_w d} \quad v_f = \frac{V_f}{b_w d}$$

$$\tau_c = \left(\frac{T_f p_{cp}}{A_{cp}^2}\right) \quad \tau_f = \left(\frac{T_f p_h}{A_{oh}^2}\right)$$

- $\phi_c = 0.6$  (8.4.2)

- $\phi_s = 0.85$  (8.4.3)

- Maximum usable  $f_y = 500$  MPa (8.5.1)

- Lightweight concrete (2.1, 8.6.5)

$$\lambda = 1.0, \text{ if } w_c \geq 2150 \text{ kg/m}^3 (134.2 \text{ pcf})$$

$$\lambda = 0.85, \text{ if } 1850 \text{ kg/m}^3 (115.5 \text{ pcf}) < w_c < 2150 \text{ kg/m}^3 (134.2 \text{ pcf})$$

$$\lambda = 0.75, \text{ if } w_c \leq 1850 \text{ kg/m}^3 (115.5 \text{ pcf})$$

Linear relationship between  $w_c$  and  $\lambda$  is assumed between the abovementioned values.

- Shear strength provided by concrete:

$$V_c = 0.2 \lambda \phi_c \sqrt{f'_c} b_w d \quad N_f \geq 0 \text{ (compression)} \quad (11.3.5.1)$$

$$V_c = 0.2 \left( 1 + \frac{N_f}{0.6 \lambda \phi_c \sqrt{f'_c} A_g} \right) \lambda \phi_c \sqrt{f'_c} b_w d \quad N_f < 0 \text{ (tension)}$$

(CSA A23.3-84/11.3.4.2)

- Shear reinforcement

- Shear reinforcement should be provided if  $v_f > 0.5 v_c$  (11.2.8.1)

- $\frac{A_v}{s} = \frac{V_s}{\phi_s f_y d}$  (11.3.7)

- Maximum spacing of stirrups (11.2.11)

$$0.7 d \leq 600 \text{ mm} \quad \text{for } V_f < 0.1 \lambda \phi_c f'_c b_w d$$

$$0.35 d \leq 300 \text{ mm} \quad \text{for } V_f \geq 0.1 \lambda \phi_c f'_c b_w d$$

- Torsion reinforcement

- Torsion reinforcement should be provided if

$$T_f > 0.1 \phi_c \lambda \sqrt{f'_c} \frac{A_c^2}{p_c} \quad (11.2.9.1)$$

- $\frac{A_t}{s} = \frac{T_f}{2 A_o \phi_s f_y}$  (11.3.9.4)

- $A_l = \frac{A_t}{s} p_h$  (11.3.9.5)

- Maximum spacing of stirrups

$$\frac{p_h}{8} \leq 300 \text{ mm} \quad (CSA A23.3-84/11.3.8.4)$$

- Minimum shear reinforcement

$$\left( \frac{A_v}{s} + 2 \frac{A_t}{s} \right) \geq 0.06 \sqrt{f'_c} \frac{b_w}{f_y} \quad (11.2.8.4)$$

- Cross-sectional dimensions to avoid crushing

$$\frac{V_f}{b_w d} + \frac{T_f p_h}{A_{oh}^2} \leq 0.25 \phi_c f'_c \quad (11.3.9.8)$$



- Maximum shear resistance

$$V_r \leq V_c + 0.8 \lambda \phi_c \sqrt{f'_c} b_w d \quad (11.3.4)$$

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### **Conversion Factors - English to SI**

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<b>To convert from</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Multiply by</b>
in.	m (1000 mm)	0.025400
ft	m	0.304800
lb	N (0.001 kN)	4.448222
kip (1000 lbs)	kN	4.448222
plf (lb/ft)	N/m	14.593904
psi (lb/in. <sup>2</sup> )	kPa	6.894757
ksi (kips/in. <sup>2</sup> )	MPa	6.894757
psf (lb/ft <sup>2</sup> )	N/m <sup>2</sup> (Pa)	47.88026
pcf (lb/ft <sup>3</sup> )	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	16.018460
ft-kips	kN • m	1.355818

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### **Conversion Factors - SI to English.**

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<b>To convert from</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Multiply by</b>
m (1000 mm)	in	39.37008
m	ft	3.28084
N (0.001 kN)	lb	0.224809
kN	kip (1000 lbs)	0.224809
kN/m	plf (lb/ft)	68.52601
MPa	psi (lb/in. <sup>2</sup> )	145.0377
MPa	ksi (kips/in. <sup>2</sup> )	0.145038
kN/m <sup>2</sup> (kPa)	psf (lb/ft <sup>2</sup> )	20.88555
kg/m <sup>3</sup>	pcf (lb/ft <sup>3</sup> )	0.062428
kN • m	ft-kips	0.737562

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