

# DESIGN OF HIGHWAY BRIDGE ABUTMENTS AND FOUNDATIONS

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## Section 1 Design Criteria

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$$\text{kip} := 1000\text{lb} \quad \text{ksi} := \frac{1000\text{lb}}{\text{in}^2} \quad \text{ksf} := \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}^2} \quad \text{kcf} := 1 \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}^3} \quad \text{psi} := 1 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{in}^2}$$

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### Description

This example illustrates the design of an abutment with shallow and deep (pile) foundations for an interstate freeway bridge. The design is implemented in accordance with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) policies published as of 09/30/2022. The requirements of the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition of the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specification; as modified and supplemented by the Bridge Design Manual (BDM), Bridge Design Guides (BDG), and 2020 Standard Specifications for Construction (SSFC); are followed. Certain material and design parameters are selected to be in compliance with MDOT practice reflected in the Bridge Design System (BDS), the MDOT legacy software.

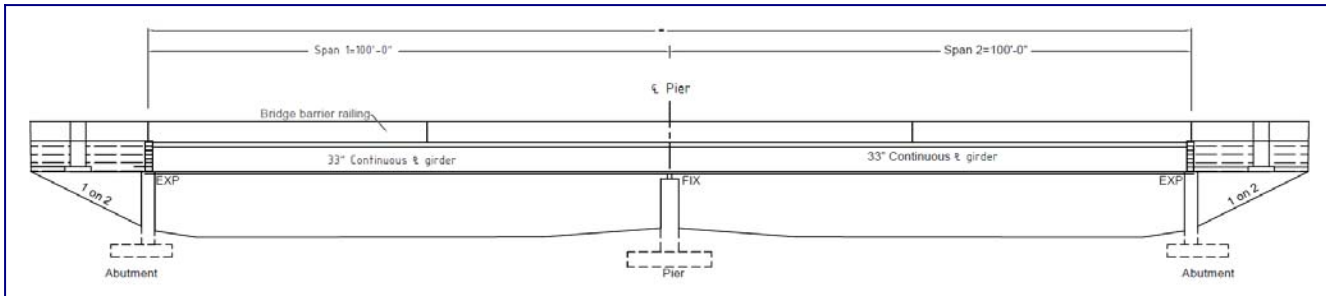
This step provides the design criteria, the bridge information, material properties, soil types and properties, along with loads from the superstructure analysis.

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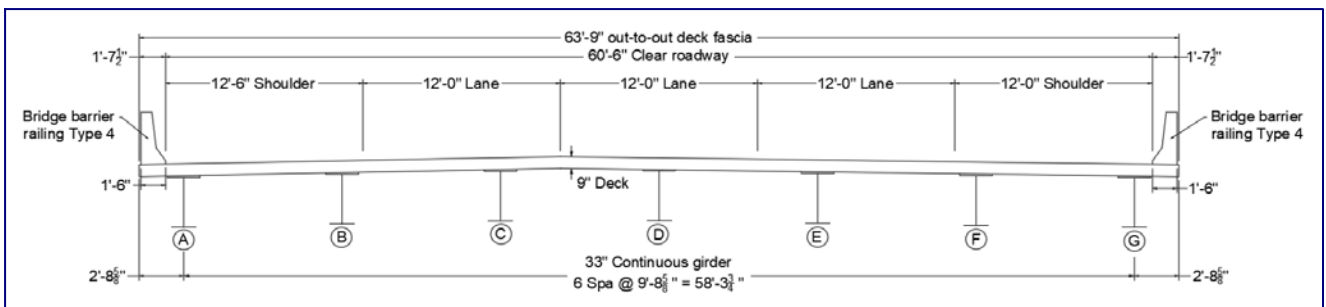
## Bridge Information

This is a zero-skew, 200-ft long, two-span continuous, interstate freeway bridge. Each span consists of seven steel plate girders spaced at  $9\text{ ft} - 8\frac{5}{8}\text{ in.}$  on center. The vertical profile and typical cross-section of the bridge are shown below. The girders are designed for composite behavior with a 9-in. thick cast-in-place reinforced concrete deck to resist superimposed dead, live, and impact loads. The superstructure design is presented in the *Two-Span Continuous Bridge Steel Plate Girder Design Example* developed by Attanayake et al. (2021), which is cited in this example as the *Steel Plate Girder Design Example*.

### Vertical Profile



### Typical Cross-Section



Bridge design span length

$$L_{\text{span}} := 100 \cdot \text{ft}$$

Number of beams

$$N_{\text{beams}} := 7$$

Beam spacing

$$\text{BeamSpacing} := 9\text{ft} + 8.625\text{in} = 9.72\text{ft}$$

Out-to-out deck width

$$W_{\text{deck}} := 63.75\text{ft}$$

Roadway clear width

$$\text{Rdwy}_{\text{width}} := 60.5 \cdot \text{ft}$$

Number of design traffic lanes per roadway

$$N_{\text{lanes}} := \text{floor}\left(\frac{\text{Rdwy}_{\text{width}}}{12 \cdot \text{ft}}\right) = 5 \quad \text{LRFD 3.6.1.1.1}$$

Deck slab thickness

$$t_{\text{Deck}} := 9\text{in} \quad \text{BDM 7.02.08}$$

Note: The type of barrier used in this example is for illustrative purposes only. It is the section used in the *Steel Plate Girder Design Example* to provide superstructure loads for this design. The BDG provides standard barrier section details.

Height of bridge railing

$$h_{\text{Railing}} := 3\text{ft} + 4\text{in} = 3.33\text{ft}$$

Haunch thickness

$$t_{\text{Haunch}} := 1\text{in}$$

**BDM 7.02.19-C**

Overall depth of the girder at the abutment support

$$d_{\text{Girder}} := 35\text{in}$$

**Steel Plate Girder Design Example**

## Material Properties

Reinforced concrete unit weight

$$W_c := 150 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^3}$$

Concrete 28-day compressive strength

$$f_c := 3\text{ksi}$$

Concrete density modification factor for normal weight concrete

$$\lambda := 1$$

**LRFD 5.4.2.8**

Concrete modulus of rupture

$$f_r := 0.24 \cdot \lambda \cdot \sqrt{f_c \cdot \text{ksi}} = 0.42 \cdot \text{ksi}$$

**LRFD 5.4.2.6**

Yield strength of reinforcing steel

$$f_y := 60\text{ksi}$$

Concrete unit weight

$$W_{\text{con}} := 145 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^3}$$

**LRFD Table 3.5.1-1**

Correction factor for the source of aggregate

$$K_1 := 1$$

Concrete modulus of elasticity

$$E_c := 120000 \cdot K_1 \cdot \left( \frac{W_{\text{con}}}{1000 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^3}} \right)^2 \cdot \left( \frac{f_c}{\text{ksi}} \right)^{0.33} \cdot \text{ksi}$$

**LRFD Eq. 5.4.2.4-1**

$$E_c = 3.63 \times 10^3 \cdot \text{ksi}$$

Steel modulus of elasticity

$$E_s := 29000\text{ksi}$$

Nominal diameter and cross-section area of reinforcing steel bars

Dia(bar) :=	0.5in if bar = 4
	0.625in if bar = 5
	0.75in if bar = 6
	0.875in if bar = 7
	1in if bar = 8
	1.128in if bar = 9
	1.27in if bar = 10
	1.41in if bar = 11

Area(bar) :=	0.2in <sup>2</sup> if bar = 4
	0.31in <sup>2</sup> if bar = 5
	0.44in <sup>2</sup> if bar = 6
	0.6in <sup>2</sup> if bar = 7
	0.79in <sup>2</sup> if bar = 8
	1in <sup>2</sup> if bar = 9
	1.27in <sup>2</sup> if bar = 10
	1.56in <sup>2</sup> if bar = 11

## Reinforcing Steel Concrete Cover Requirements

BDG 5.16.01, 5.18.01, 5.22.01

The minimum concrete cover      4 in. for the top and bottom of footing  
 3 in. for walls against soil

Backwall back cover       $Cover_{bw} := 3in$

Abutment wall cover       $Cover_{wall} := 3in$

Footing top and bottom cover       $Cover_{ft} := 4in$

## Soil Types and Properties

Bridge designers must interact closely with the Geotechnical Services Section since site conditions may make each substructure design unique.

Soil boring results showed the following soil profile. The Geotechnical Services Section uses this information to determine applicable bearing capacity, settlement, sliding resistance, etc.

Depth (ft)	Soil type	Total unit weight, $\gamma_s$ (pcf)	$\phi'$ , degree
0-25	Fine to coarse sands	120	30
25-75	Gravelly sands	125	36
75-90	Fine to coarse sands	120	30
90-130	Gravels	125	38

The groundwater table is not located within the vicinity of the foundation.

Unit weight of backfill soil       $\gamma_s := 0.12kcf$

**Compacted Sand,  
LRFD Table 3.5.1-1**

The active lateral earth pressure coefficient       $k_a := 0.3$

## Loads from Superstructure

### Dead Load

The superstructure dead load reactions at each girder end are taken from the *Steel Plate Girder Design Example*.

Dead load reactions at the exterior girder end supports      **Table 12 of the Steel Plate Girder Design Example**

Weight of structural components and non-structural attachments (DC)       $R_{DCEx} := 44.6kip$

Weight of future wearing surface (DW)       $R_{DWEx} := 8.0kip$

Dead load reactions at the interior girder end supports      **Table 13 of the Steel Plate Girder Design Example**

Weight of structural components and non-structural attachments (DC)       $R_{DCIn} := 54.3kip$

Weight of future wearing surface (DW)       $R_{DWIn} := 8.1kip$



## Live Load

MDOT uses a modified version of the HL-93 loading specified in the LRFD Specifications. A single design truck load, a single 60-kip load (axle load), a two design truck load for continuous spans, and a design lane load are multiplied by a factor of 1.2 to designate the design loading as HL-93 Mod.

Factor for HL-93 Mod

$$f_{\text{HL93Mod}} := 1.2$$

**BDM 7.01.04-A**

Dynamic load allowance

$$IM := 0.33$$

**LRFD Table 3.6.2.1-1**

According to the calculation presented in the *Steel Plate Girder Design Example*, the truck + lane load combination resulted in the maximum and minimum girder end reactions over the abutment. The unfactored girder support reactions for a single lane loaded case are listed below.

Maximum and minimum girder reactions due to truck load:

$$V_{\text{TruckMax}} := 63.9\text{kip}$$

$$V_{\text{TruckMin}} := -5.9\text{kip}$$

**Table A-4 of the Steel Plate Girder Design Example**

Maximum and minimum girder reactions due to lane load:

$$V_{\text{LaneMax}} := 28.1\text{kip}$$

$$V_{\text{LaneMin}} := -3.5\text{kip}$$

**Table A-4 of the Steel Plate Girder Design Example**

## Section 2 Design of Abutment with a Spread Footing

### Step 2.1 Preliminary Abutment Dimensions

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#### **Description**

This step presents the selected preliminary abutment dimensions.

The selection of an optimal abutment type depends on the site conditions, cost considerations, superstructure geometry, and aesthetics. The common types include cantilever, counterfort, curtain wall, integral or semi-integral, and spill-through abutments.

**BDM 7.03.01**

A concrete cantilever abutment is considered optimal for the selected site and the structure.

MDOT Bridge Design Manual lists the following minimum requirements:

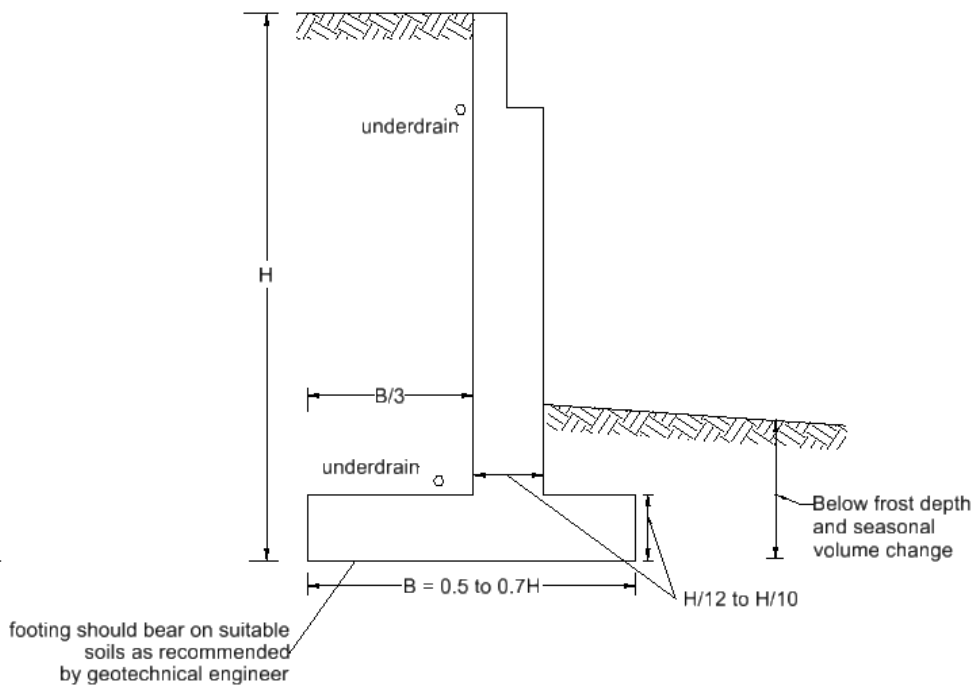
- The minimum wall thickness for abutments is 2 ft.
- The minimum thickness of footings is normally 2 ft - 6 in. When the wall thickness at its base becomes 3 ft or greater, the footing thickness is to be increased to 3 ft. Footing thickness is defined in 6 in. increments.
- The minimum footing width for cantilever abutments is 6 ft.

**BDM 7.03.01C**

**BDM 7.03.02A**

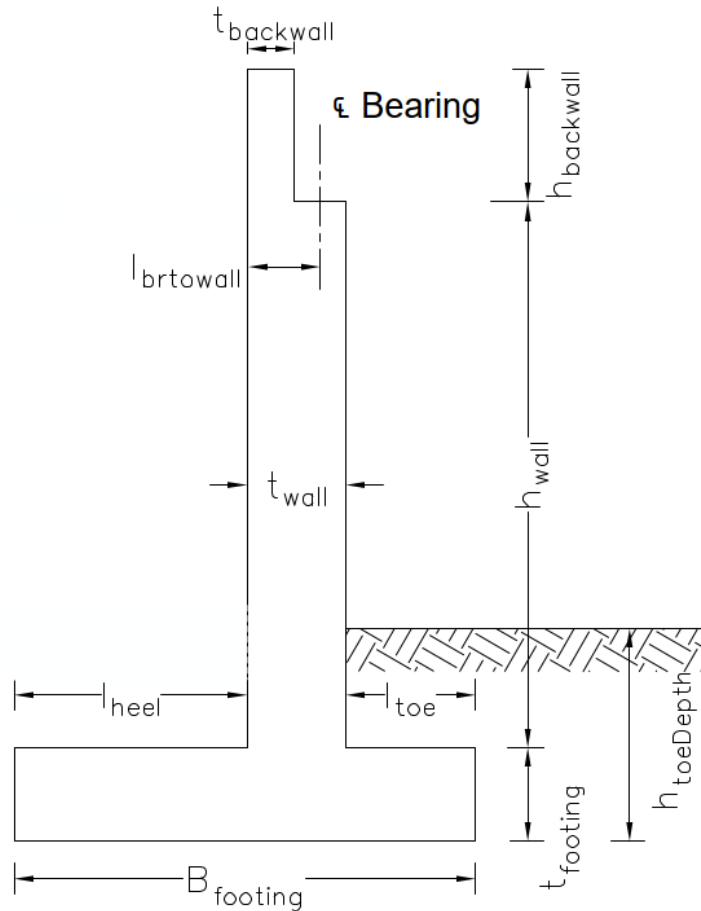
**BDM 7.03.01B**

The designers select the preliminary dimensions based on state-specific standards and past experience. The preliminary footing dimensions are selected such that the resultant of the vertical loads falls within the middle one-third. As needed, the guidelines shown in the following figure can be used to establish the initial dimensions that correlate with the minimum requirements in the BDM.



Reference: Bowles, *Foundation Analysis and Design*. 5th Edition

The following figure shows the selected abutment geometry and dimensional variables:



The preliminary dimensions selected for this example are given below.

Abutment length

$$L_{abut} := W_{deck} = 63.75 \text{ ft}$$

This abutment includes an independent cantilevered backwall, similar to the one shown in BDG 6.20.03A.

Backwall height

$$h_{backwall} := 4.25 \text{ ft}$$

Backwall thickness

$$t_{backwall} := 1.5 \text{ ft}$$

Abutment wall design height

$$h_{wall} := 17.54 \text{ ft}$$

The thickness of an abutment wall is controlled by several factors including the space required to fit bearings and anchor bolts with an adequate edge distance. Since the bearing pad design is not included in this example, a 3ft-2in. thick abutment wall is selected by referring to a similar bridge to provide an adequate space to accommodate bearings and edge distances.

Abutment wall thickness

$$t_{wall} := 3 \text{ ft} + 2 \text{ in} = 3.17 \text{ ft}$$

Distance from the toe to the front face of the abutment wall

$$l_{toe} := 4 \text{ ft} + 7 \text{ in} = 4.58 \text{ ft}$$

Distance from the heel to the back face of the abutment wall

$$l_{\text{heel}} := 9\text{ft} + 3\text{in} = 9.25\text{ft}$$

Distance from center of the bearing pad to the back face of the abutment wall

$$l_{\text{brtowall}} := 2\text{ft} + 4\text{in} = 2.33\text{ft}$$

Footing width

$$B_{\text{footing}} := l_{\text{toe}} + l_{\text{heel}} + t_{\text{wall}} = 17\text{ft}$$

Footing length

$$L_{\text{footing}} := 65.75\text{ft}$$

Footing thickness

$$t_{\text{footing}} := 3\text{ft}$$

Toe fill depth to the bottom of the footing

$$h_{\text{toeDepth}} := 7\text{ft}$$

Note: Bottoms of footings are normally set 4 ft below the existing or proposed ground line to avoid frost heave. The depth of embedment could be deeper when pavement sections are over the top of the footing.

**BDM 7.03.02 D**

. Passive earth pressure is excluded from the footing design.

**BDM 7.03.02 F**

## Step 2.2 Application of Dead Load

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### Description

This step describes the application of the dead load on the abutment.

The common practice is to apply superstructure dead load as a uniformly distributed load over the length of the abutment. This is accomplished by adding exterior and interior girder end dead load reactions and dividing this quantity by the abutment length.

Dead load of superstructure

Weight of structural components and non-structural attachments (DC)

$$DC_{Sup} := \frac{2 \cdot R_{DCEx} + (N_{beams} - 2) \cdot R_{DCIn}}{L_{abut}} = 5.66 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Weight of future wearing surface (DW)

$$DW_{Sup} := \frac{2 \cdot R_{DWEEx} + (N_{beams} - 2) \cdot R_{DWIn}}{L_{abut}} = 0.89 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Backwall weight

$$DC_{backwall} := h_{backwall} \cdot t_{backwall} \cdot W_c = 0.96 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Abutment wall weight

$$DC_{wall} := h_{wall} \cdot t_{wall} \cdot W_c = 8.33 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Footing weight

$$DC_{footing} := B_{footing} \cdot t_{footing} \cdot W_c = 7.65 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

## **Step 2.3 Application of Live Load**

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### **Description**

This step describes the application of live load on the abutment.

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## Live Load on the Backwall

The live load on the bridge has no impact on the backwall.

The live load on the approach slab is represented by a live load surcharge. The live load surcharge results in a lateral load on the backwall. Please refer to Step 2.4 for further details.

## Live Load on the Abutment Wall

Depending on the number of design lanes, a multiple presence factor is applied to the HL-93 truck and lane loads.

$$\text{MPF}(\text{lanes}) := \begin{cases} 1.2 & \text{if lanes} = 1 \\ 1.0 & \text{if lanes} = 2 \\ 0.85 & \text{if lanes} = 3 \\ 0.65 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{LRFD Table 3.6.1.1.2-1}$$

## Live Load on Bridge Superstructure

The total of live load girder end reactions is divided by the abutment length to calculate the load on a per-foot basis.

Note: Even though the LRFD specifications recommend including the dynamic impact in the design of substructures that are not completely buried, the MDOT practice is to exclude them from the design of bridge abutments.

$$\text{lanes} := 1 \quad R_{LLWall1} := \frac{\text{lanes} \cdot (V_{TruckMax} + V_{LaneMax}) \cdot f_{HL93Mod} \cdot \text{MPF}(\text{lanes})}{L_{abut}} = 2.08 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

$$\text{lanes} := 2 \quad R_{LLWall2} := \frac{\text{lanes} \cdot (V_{TruckMax} + V_{LaneMax}) \cdot f_{HL93Mod} \cdot \text{MPF}(\text{lanes})}{L_{abut}} = 3.46 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

$$\text{lanes} := 3 \quad R_{LLWall3} := \frac{\text{lanes} \cdot (V_{TruckMax} + V_{LaneMax}) \cdot f_{HL93Mod} \cdot \text{MPF}(\text{lanes})}{L_{abut}} = 4.42 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

$$\text{lanes} := 4 \quad R_{LLWall4} := \frac{\text{lanes} \cdot (V_{TruckMax} + V_{LaneMax}) \cdot f_{HL93Mod} \cdot \text{MPF}(\text{lanes})}{L_{abut}} = 4.5 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

$$\text{lanes} := 5 \quad R_{LLWall5} := \frac{\text{lanes} \cdot (V_{TruckMax} + V_{LaneMax}) \cdot f_{HL93Mod} \cdot \text{MPF}(\text{lanes})}{L_{abut}} = 5.63 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

The controlling live load on the abutment wall is

$$R_{LLWallMax} := \max(R_{LLWall1}, R_{LLWall2}, R_{LLWall3}, R_{LLWall4}, R_{LLWall5}) = 5.63 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

## Live Load on Bridge Approach

The live load on the approach is represented by a surcharge load. This surcharge results in a lateral load on the abutment wall. Please refer to Step 2.4 for further details.

## Live Load on the Footing

### Live Load on Bridge Superstructure

The total of live load girder reactions is divided by the footing length to calculate the load on a per-foot basis. The dynamic impact is not included in the design of foundations.

**LRFD 3.6.2.1**

$$\text{lanes} := 1 \quad R_{LLFooting1} := \frac{\text{lanes} \cdot (V_{TruckMax} + V_{LaneMax}) \cdot f_{HL93Mod} \cdot MPF(\text{lanes})}{L_{footing}} = 2.01 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

$$\text{lanes} := 2 \quad R_{LLFooting2} := \frac{\text{lanes} \cdot (V_{TruckMax} + V_{LaneMax}) \cdot f_{HL93Mod} \cdot MPF(\text{lanes})}{L_{footing}} = 3.36 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

$$\text{lanes} := 3 \quad R_{LLFooting3} := \frac{\text{lanes} \cdot (V_{TruckMax} + V_{LaneMax}) \cdot f_{HL93Mod} \cdot MPF(\text{lanes})}{L_{footing}} = 4.28 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

$$\text{lanes} := 4 \quad R_{LLFooting4} := \frac{\text{lanes} \cdot (V_{TruckMax} + V_{LaneMax}) \cdot f_{HL93Mod} \cdot MPF(\text{lanes})}{L_{footing}} = 4.37 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

$$\text{lanes} := 5 \quad R_{LLFooting5} := \frac{\text{lanes} \cdot (V_{TruckMax} + V_{LaneMax}) \cdot f_{HL93Mod} \cdot MPF(\text{lanes})}{L_{footing}} = 5.46 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

The controlling live load on the footing is

$$R_{LLFootingMax} := \max(R_{LLFooting1}, R_{LLFooting2}, R_{LLFooting3}, R_{LLFooting4}, R_{LLFooting5}) = 5.46 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

### Live Load on Bridge Approach

Live load on the approach is represented by a surcharge load. Please refer to Step 2.4 for further details.

## Step 2.4 Application of Other Loads

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### Description

This step describes the application of braking force, wind load, earth load, and temperature load.

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## Braking Force

Since the abutment in this example has expansion bearings, the fixed bearings located at the pier resist the horizontal component of the braking force. Therefore, a horizontal braking force is not applied at the abutment. The braking force calculation is presented in Appendix 2.A and the pier design example.

Note: Although there is a possibility to develop a vertical force component at the bearings due to the braking force applied at 6 ft above the bridge deck, MDOT practice is to exclude this load from substructure design.

## Wind Load

Since the abutment has expansion bearings, the fixed bearings located at the pier resist the longitudinal component of the wind load on the superstructure. The relevant calculations are presented in the pier design example.

Note: Although the transverse component of the wind load acts on the abutment, it is often small and does not impact the design. The MDOT practice is to exclude this load from the abutment design. The wind load calculation is described in the pier design example.

## Earth Load

The earth load includes lateral earth pressure, live load surcharge, and vertical earth pressure on the footing. As per the Geotechnical Services Section, the groundwater table is not located in the vicinity of the foundation. Therefore, the effect of hydrostatic pressure is excluded. Hydrostatic pressure should be avoided if possible in all abutment and retaining wall design cases through the design of an appropriate drainage system.

### Lateral Load Due to Lateral Earth Pressure

The lateral pressure and the resultant load are calculated. This load acts at a distance of one third the height from the base of the components being investigated.

#### Backwall

$$\text{Lateral earth pressure at the base} \quad P_{bw} := k_a \cdot \gamma_s \cdot h_{\text{backwall}} = 0.15 \cdot \text{ksf} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 3.11.5.1-1}$$

$$\text{Lateral load} \quad P_{\text{EHBackwall}} := \frac{1}{2} \cdot P_{bw} \cdot h_{\text{backwall}} = 0.33 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

#### Abutment Wall

$$\text{Lateral earth pressure at the base} \quad P_{\text{wall}} := k_a \cdot \gamma_s \cdot (h_{\text{backwall}} + h_{\text{wall}}) = 0.78 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

$$\text{Lateral load} \quad P_{\text{EHWall}} := \frac{1}{2} \cdot P_{\text{wall}} \cdot (h_{\text{backwall}} + h_{\text{wall}}) = 8.55 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

#### Footing

$$\text{Lateral earth pressure at the base} \quad P_{\text{ft}} := k_a \cdot \gamma_s \cdot (h_{\text{backwall}} + h_{\text{wall}} + t_{\text{footing}}) = 0.89 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

$$\text{Lateral load} \quad P_{\text{EHFooting}} := \frac{1}{2} \cdot P_{\text{ft}} \cdot (h_{\text{backwall}} + h_{\text{wall}} + t_{\text{footing}}) = 11.06 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

### Vertical Earth Load on the Footing

$$\text{Back side (heel)} \quad E_{\text{earthBk}} := \gamma_s \cdot l_{\text{heel}} \cdot (h_{\text{backwall}} + h_{\text{wall}}) = 24.19 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

$$\text{Front side (toe)} \quad E_{\text{earthFt}} := \gamma_s \cdot l_{\text{toe}} \cdot (h_{\text{toeDepth}} - t_{\text{footing}}) = 2.2 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

## Live Load Surcharge

Live load surcharge is applied to account for a vehicular load acting on the backfill surface within a distance equal to one-half the wall height behind the back face of the wall.

**LRFD 3.11.6.4**

$$\text{Height of the abutment} \quad h_{\text{backwall}} + h_{\text{wall}} + t_{\text{footing}} = 24.79 \text{ ft}$$

Note: The equivalent height of soil for the surcharge load is defined as a function of the abutment height.

Equivalent height of soil for the surcharge load

$$h_{\text{eq}} := 2 \text{ ft}$$

**LRFD Table 3.11.6.4-1**

Lateral surcharge pressure

$$\sigma_p := k_a \cdot \gamma_s \cdot h_{\text{eq}} = 0.07 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

**LRFD Eq. 3.11.6.4-1**

### Backwall

Lateral load

$$P_{\text{LSBackwall}} := \sigma_p \cdot h_{\text{backwall}} = 0.31 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

### Abutment Wall

Lateral load

$$P_{\text{LSWall}} := \sigma_p \cdot (h_{\text{backwall}} + h_{\text{wall}}) = 1.57 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

### Footing

Lateral load

$$P_{\text{LSFooting}} := \sigma_p \cdot (h_{\text{backwall}} + h_{\text{wall}} + t_{\text{footing}}) = 1.78 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Vertical load

$$V_{\text{LSFooting}} := \gamma_s \cdot l_{\text{heel}} \cdot h_{\text{eq}} = 2.22 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

## Temperature Load

The forces transferred from the superstructure to the substructure due to temperature are influenced by the shear stiffness of the bearing pads.

Thermal expansion coefficient of steel ( $^{\circ}\text{F}$ )

$$\alpha := 6.5 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

Note: MDOT uses a 45 $^{\circ}$ F drop and 35 $^{\circ}$ F rise from the temperature at the time of construction.

**BDM 7.01.07 cold climate temperature range**

Contraction and expansion temperatures

$$T_{\text{contraction}} := 45$$

$$T_{\text{expansion}} := 35$$

Bridge superstructure contraction

$$\Delta_{\text{TContr}} := \alpha \cdot L_{\text{span}} \cdot T_{\text{contraction}} = 0.35 \cdot \text{in}$$

Bridge superstructure expansion

$$\Delta_{\text{TExp}} := \alpha \cdot L_{\text{span}} \cdot T_{\text{expansion}} = 0.27 \cdot \text{in}$$

Shear modulus of the elastomer

$$G_{\text{bearing}} := 100 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{in}^2}$$

**BDM 7.02.05C**

Plan view area of the bearing pad

$$A_{\text{bearing}} := 22 \text{ in} \cdot 9 \text{ in} = 198 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Total elastomer thickness

$$h_{\text{rt}} := 2.75 \text{ in}$$

Since the pier bearings are fixed, the total superstructure deformation is imposed on the abutment bearings.

The force acting on a bearing due to superstructure contraction

$$H_{buContr} := \frac{G_{bearing} \cdot A_{bearing} \cdot \Delta_{TContr}}{h_{rt}} = 2.53 \cdot \text{kip} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 14.6.3.1-2}$$

Total force acting on the abutment due to superstructure contraction

$$TU_{Contr} := \frac{N_{beams} \cdot H_{buContr}}{L_{abut}} = 0.28 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

The force acting on a bearing due to superstructure expansion

$$H_{buExp} := \frac{G_{bearing} \cdot A_{bearing} \cdot \Delta_{TExp}}{h_{rt}} = 1.97 \cdot \text{kip} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 14.6.3.1-2}$$

Total force acting on the abutment due to superstructure expansion

$$TU_{Exp} := \frac{N_{beams} \cdot H_{buExp}}{L_{abut}} = 0.22 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

## Step 2.5 Combined Load Effects

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### Description

This step presents the procedure for combining all load effects and calculates total factored forces and moments acting at the base of the backwall, abutment wall, and footing.

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Strength I, Strength III, Strength V, and Service I limit states are considered for the analysis and design of an abutment.

**LRFD 3.4.1**

$$\text{Strength I} = 1.25\text{DC} + 1.5\text{DW} + 1.75\text{LL} + 1.75\text{BR} + 1.5\text{EH} + 1.35\text{EV} + 1.75\text{LS} + 0.5\text{TU}$$

$$\text{Strength III} = 1.25\text{DC} + 1.5\text{DW} + 1.5\text{EH} + 1.35\text{EV} + 1.0\text{WS} + 0.5\text{TU}$$

$$\text{Strength V} = 1.25\text{DC} + 1.5\text{DW} + 1.35\text{LL} + 1.35\text{BR} + 1.0\text{WS} + 1.0\text{WL} + 1.5\text{EH} + 1.35\text{EV} + 1.35\text{LS} + 0.5\text{TU}$$

$$\text{Service I} = 1.0\text{DC} + 1.0\text{DW} + 1.0\text{LL} + 1.0\text{BR} + 1.0\text{WS} + 1.0\text{WL} + 1.0\text{EH} + 1.0\text{EV} + 1.0\text{LS} + 1.0\text{TU}$$

- BR = vehicular braking force
- DC = dead load of structural components and nonstructural attachments
- DW = dead load of future wearing surface and utilities
- EH = horizontal earth pressure load
- EV = vertical pressure from the earth fill
- LL = vehicular live load
- LS = live load surcharge
- WL = wind on live load
- WS = wind load on structure
- TU = force effect due to uniform temperature

Limit states that are not shown either do not control or are not applicable. Generally, Strength III or Strength V may control the design of abutments with fixed bearings when the wind load is considered.

Note: These load combinations should include the maximum and minimum load factors; only the maximum factors are shown for clarity.

Since the MDOT practice is to exclude wind load from the abutments design, only Strength I and Service I limit states are included in this section.

Four load cases are considered in the design of an abutment:

**BDM 7.03.01**

**Case I** Construction state: abutment built and backfilled to grade.

**Case II** Bridge open to traffic with traffic loading on the approach only.

**Case III** Bridge with traffic on it and no load on the approach.

**Case IV** Contraction: Loading forces of Case II plus the effects of temperature contraction in the deck transmitted to the abutment.

Since Case IV always governs over Case II for the bridge abutment selected for this example (independent cantilever abutment), only Cases I, III, and IV are considered.

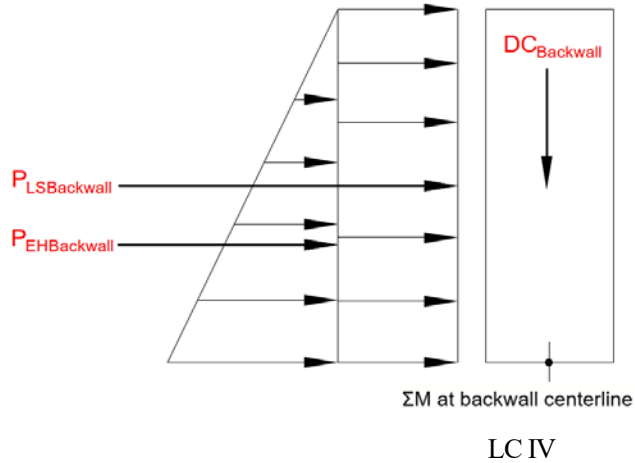
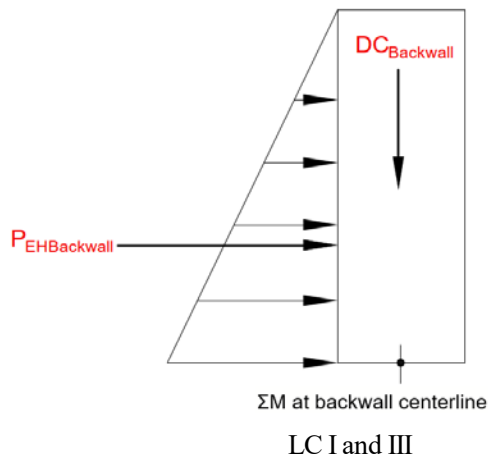
The temperature force in Load Case IV is due to contraction; therefore

$$\text{TU} := \text{TU}_{\text{Contr}} = 0.28 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

The base of the backwall, the base of the abutment wall, and the base of the footing are the three critical locations where the force effects need to be combined and analyzed for the design of an abutment. Horizontal loads parallel to the longitudinal axis of the abutment are not considered for backwall and abutment wall design because of the high moment of inertia about the longitudinal axis of the bridge. However, such loads, even though relatively small, are considered at the base of the footing.



## Forces and Moments at the Base of the Backwall



### Strength I

$$\text{Strength I} = 1.25\text{DC} + 1.5\text{DW} + 1.75\text{LL} + 1.75\text{BR} + 1.5\text{EH} + 1.35\text{EV} + 1.75\text{LS} + 0.5\text{TU}$$

#### Load Case I

Factored vertical force

$$F_{VBwLC1StrI} := 1.25 \cdot DC_{backwall} = 1.2 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the backwall

$$V_{uBwLC1StrI} := 1.5 \cdot P_{EHBackwall} = 0.49 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the backwall

$$M_{uBwLC1StrI} := 1.5 \cdot P_{EHBackwall} \cdot \frac{h_{backwall}}{3} = 0.69 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

#### Load Case III

Factored vertical force

$$F_{VBwLC3StrI} := 1.25 \cdot DC_{backwall} = 1.2 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the backwall

$$V_{uBwLC3StrI} := 1.5 \cdot P_{EHBackwall} = 0.49 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the backwall

$$M_{uBwLC3StrI} := 1.5 \cdot P_{EHBackwall} \cdot \frac{h_{backwall}}{3} = 0.69 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

#### Load Case IV

Factored vertical force

$$F_{VBwLC4StrI} := 1.25 \cdot DC_{backwall} = 1.2 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the backwall

$$V_{uBwLC4StrI} := 1.5 \cdot P_{EHBackwall} + 1.75 \cdot P_{LSBackwall} = 1.02 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the backwall

$$M_{uBwLC4StrI} := 1.5 \cdot P_{EHBackwall} \cdot \frac{h_{backwall}}{3} + 1.75 \cdot P_{LSBackwall} \cdot \frac{h_{backwall}}{2} = 1.83 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

## Service I

$$\text{Service I} = 1.0\text{DC} + 1.0\text{DW} + 1.0\text{LL} + 1.0\text{BR} + 1.0\text{WS} + 1.0\text{WL} + 1.0\text{EH} + 1.0\text{EV} + 1.0\text{LS} + 1.0\text{TU}$$

Since Load Case IV controls the Service I limit state, related calculations are shown below.

Factored vertical force  $F_{V\text{BackwallSerI}} := \text{DC}_{\text{backwall}} = 0.96 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the backwall  $V_{u\text{BackwallSerI}} := P_{\text{EHBackwall}} + P_{\text{LSBackwall}} = 0.63 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the backwall

$$M_{u\text{BackwallSerI}} := P_{\text{EHBackwall}} \cdot \frac{h_{\text{backwall}}}{3} + P_{\text{LSBackwall}} \cdot \frac{h_{\text{backwall}}}{2}$$

$$M_{u\text{BackwallSerI}} = 1.11 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

## Summary of Forces and Moments at the Base of the Backwall

Factored vertical force,  $F_{V\text{Bw}}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	1.20	-
LC III	1.20	-
LC IV	1.20	0.96

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the backwall,  $V_{u\text{Bw}}$  (kip/ft)

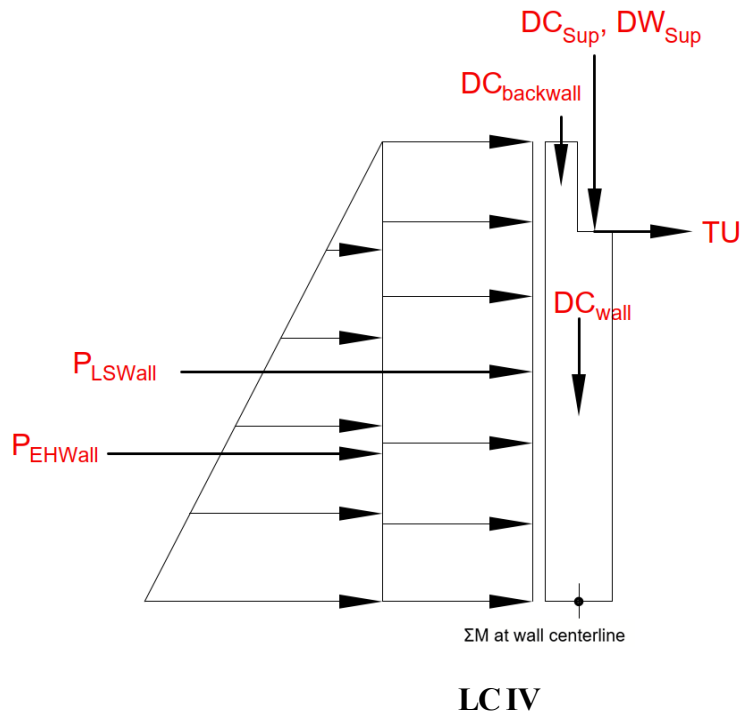
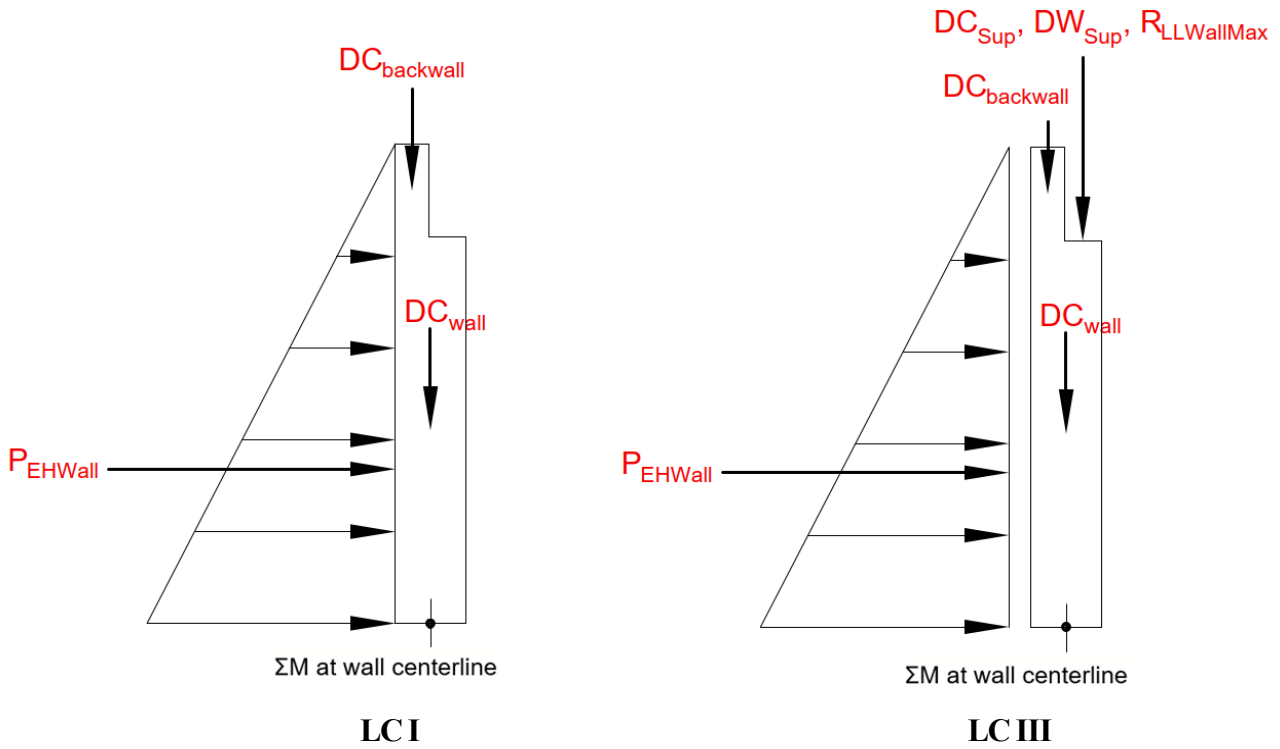
	Strength I	Service I
LC I	0.49	-
LC III	0.49	-
LC IV	1.02	0.63

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the backwall,  $M_{u\text{Bw}}$  (kip-ft/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	0.69	-
LC III	0.69	-
LC IV	1.83	1.11

## Forces and Moments at the Base of the Abutment Wall

Load Cases I, III, and IV are considered below. The superstructure dead and live loads and the uniform temperature induced loads are considered in addition to the backwall and abutment wall dead loads, lateral earth pressure, and lateral surcharge pressure.



## Strength I

$$\text{Strength I} = 1.25\text{DC} + 1.5\text{DW} + 1.75\text{LL} + 1.75\text{BR} + 1.5\text{EH} + 1.35\text{EV} + 1.75\text{LS} + 0.5\text{TU}$$

### Load Case I

Factored vertical force  $F_{V\text{WallLC1StrI}} := 1.25 \cdot (\text{DC}_{\text{backwall}} + \text{DC}_{\text{wall}}) = 11.61 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the abutment wall  $V_{u\text{WallLC1StrI}} := 1.5 \cdot P_{\text{EHWall}} = 12.82 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$

The backwall weight reduces the critical moment at the base of the abutment wall. This requires using the minimum load factor of 0.9 for the dead load (DC) instead of the factor 1.25 in the Strength I combination.

**LRFD 3.4.1**  
**LRFD Table 3.4.1-2**

Similar conditions are applied for the moments calculated about the longitudinal axis of the abutment wall for all the load cases and all the limit states.

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the abutment wall

$$M_{u\text{WallLC1StrI}} := 0.9 \cdot \text{DC}_{\text{backwall}} \cdot \frac{(t_{\text{backwall}} - t_{\text{wall}})}{2} + 1.5 \cdot P_{\text{EHWall}} \cdot \frac{(h_{\text{backwall}} + h_{\text{wall}})}{3} = 92.4 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

### Load Case III

Factored vertical force

$$F_{V\text{WallLC3StrI}} := 1.25 \cdot (\text{DC}_{\text{Sup}} + \text{DC}_{\text{backwall}} + \text{DC}_{\text{wall}}) + 1.5\text{DW}_{\text{Sup}} + 1.75\text{R}_{\text{LLWallMax}}$$

$$F_{V\text{WallLC3StrI}} = 29.86 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the abutment wall

$$V_{u\text{WallLC3StrI}} := 1.5 \cdot P_{\text{EHWall}} = 12.82 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the abutment wall

$$\begin{aligned} M_{u\text{WallLC3StrI}} &:= 0.9 \cdot \text{DC}_{\text{backwall}} \cdot \frac{(t_{\text{backwall}} - t_{\text{wall}})}{2} \dots \\ &+ (1.25 \cdot \text{DC}_{\text{Sup}} + 1.5 \cdot \text{DW}_{\text{Sup}} + 1.75 \cdot \text{R}_{\text{LLWallMax}}) \cdot \left( l_{\text{brtowall}} - \frac{t_{\text{wall}}}{2} \right) \dots \\ &+ 1.5 \cdot P_{\text{EHWall}} \cdot \frac{(h_{\text{backwall}} + h_{\text{wall}})}{3} \\ M_{u\text{WallLC3StrI}} &= 106.09 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}} \end{aligned}$$

### Load Case IV

Factored vertical force  $F_{V\text{WallLC4StrI}} := 1.25 \cdot (\text{DC}_{\text{Sup}} + \text{DC}_{\text{backwall}} + \text{DC}_{\text{wall}}) + 1.5\text{DW}_{\text{Sup}} = 20.01 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the abutment wall  $V_{u\text{WallLC4StrI}} := 1.5 \cdot P_{\text{EHWall}} + 1.75 \cdot P_{\text{LSWall}} + 0.5\text{TU} = 15.7 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the abutment wall

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_{u\text{WallLC4StrI}} &:= 0.9 \cdot DC_{\text{backwall}} \cdot \frac{(t_{\text{backwall}} - t_{\text{wall}})}{2} \dots \\
 &+ (1.25 \cdot DC_{\text{Sup}} + 1.5 \cdot DW_{\text{Sup}}) \cdot \left( l_{\text{brtowall}} - \frac{t_{\text{wall}}}{2} \right) \dots \\
 &+ 1.5 \cdot P_{\text{EHWall}} \cdot \frac{(h_{\text{backwall}} + h_{\text{wall}})}{3} + 1.75 \cdot P_{\text{LSWall}} \cdot \frac{(h_{\text{backwall}} + h_{\text{wall}})}{2} + 0.5 \cdot TU \cdot h_{\text{wall}} \\
 M_{u\text{WallLC4StrI}} &= 131.04 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}
 \end{aligned}$$

### Service I

Service I = 1.0DC + 1.0DW + 1.0LL + 1.0BR + 1.0WS + 1.0WL + 1.0EH + 1.0EV + 1.0LS + 1.0TU

#### Load Case I

Factored vertical force

$$F_{V\text{WallLC1SerI}} := DC_{\text{backwall}} + DC_{\text{wall}} = 9.29 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the abutment wall

$$V_{u\text{WallLC1SerI}} := P_{\text{EHWall}} = 8.55 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the abutment wall

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_{u\text{WallLC1SerI}} &:= DC_{\text{backwall}} \cdot \frac{(t_{\text{backwall}} - t_{\text{wall}})}{2} + P_{\text{EHWall}} \cdot \frac{(h_{\text{backwall}} + h_{\text{wall}})}{3} \\
 M_{u\text{WallLC1SerI}} &= 61.28 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}
 \end{aligned}$$

#### Load Case III

Factored vertical force

$$F_{V\text{WallLC3SerI}} := (DC_{\text{Sup}} + DC_{\text{backwall}} + DC_{\text{wall}}) + DW_{\text{Sup}} + R_{\text{LLWallMax}} = 21.46 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the abutment wall

$$V_{u\text{WallLC3SerI}} := P_{\text{EHWall}} = 8.55 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the abutment wall

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_{u\text{WallLC3SerI}} &:= DC_{\text{backwall}} \cdot \frac{(t_{\text{backwall}} - t_{\text{wall}})}{2} \dots \\
 &+ (DC_{\text{Sup}} + DW_{\text{Sup}} + R_{\text{LLWallMax}}) \cdot \left( l_{\text{brtowall}} - \frac{t_{\text{wall}}}{2} \right) \dots \\
 &+ P_{\text{EHWall}} \cdot \frac{(h_{\text{backwall}} + h_{\text{wall}})}{3} \\
 M_{u\text{WallLC3SerI}} &= 70.41 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}
 \end{aligned}$$

### Load Case IV

Factored vertical force

$$F_{VWallLC4SerI} := (DC_{Sup} + DC_{backwall} + DC_{wall}) + DW_{Sup}$$

$$F_{VWallLC4SerI} = 15.83 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the abutment wall

$$V_{uWallLC4SerI} := P_{EHWall} + P_{LSWall} + TU = 10.39 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the abutment wall

$$\begin{aligned} M_{uWallLC4SerI} := & DC_{backwall} \cdot \frac{(t_{backwall} - t_{wall})}{2} \dots \\ & + (DC_{Sup} + DW_{Sup}) \cdot \left( l_{brtWall} - \frac{t_{wall}}{2} \right) \dots \\ & + P_{EHWall} \cdot \frac{(h_{backwall} + h_{wall})}{3} + P_{LSWall} \cdot \frac{(h_{backwall} + h_{wall})}{2} + TU \cdot h_{wall} \\ M_{uWallLC4SerI} = & 88.15 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}} \end{aligned}$$

### Summary of Forces and Moments at the Base of the Abutment Wall

Factored vertical force,  $F_{VWall}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	11.61	9.29
LC III	29.86	21.46
LC IV	20.01	15.83

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the abutment wall,  $V_{uWall}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	12.82	8.55
LC III	12.82	8.55
LC IV	15.70	10.39

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the abutment wall,  $M_{uWall}$  (kip-ft/ft)

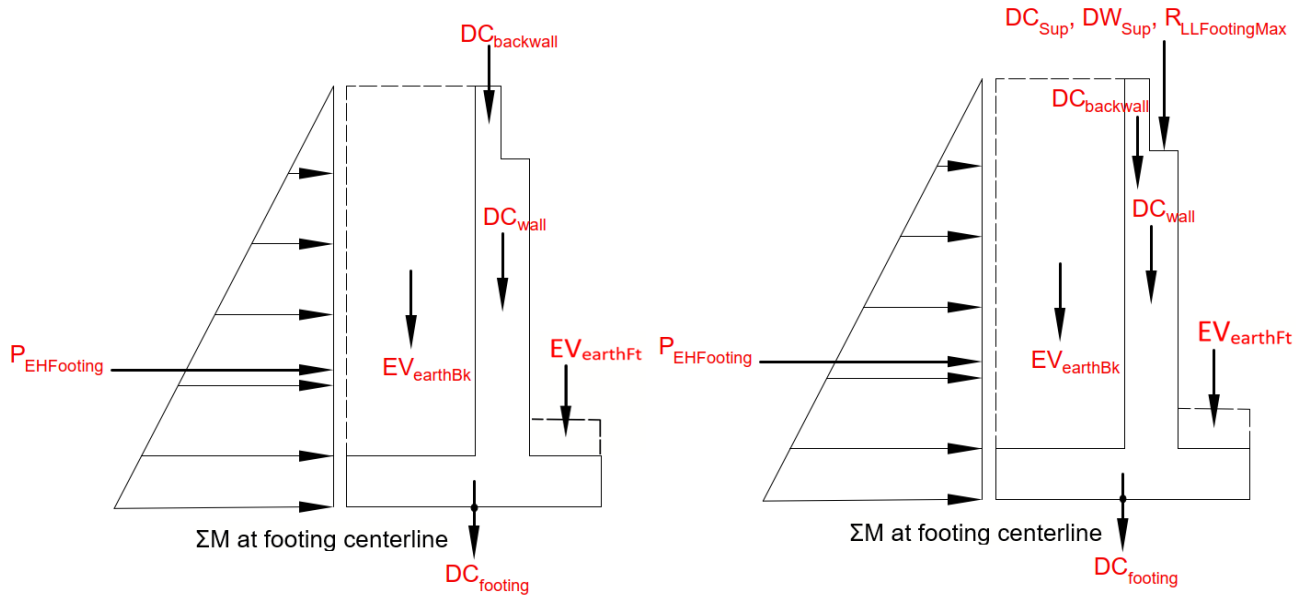
	Strength I	Service I
LC I	92.40	61.28
LC III	106.09	70.41
LC IV	131.04	88.15

## Forces and Moments at the Base of the Footing

Load Cases I, III, and IV are considered below. In addition to all the loads considered for the abutment wall, weight of soil (i.e. the earth load on the footing toe and heel) and live load on the backwall are considered.

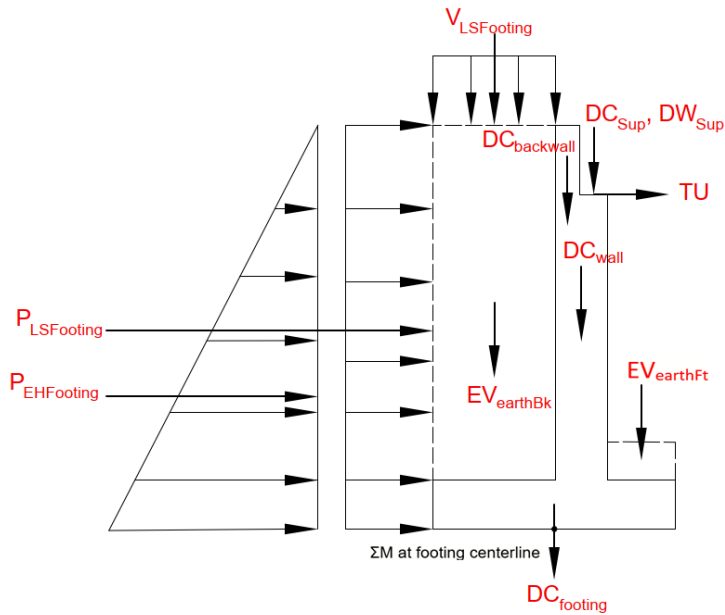
The dynamic load allowance is excluded from the live load for foundation components that are entirely below ground level.

**LRFD 3.6.2.1**



**LC I**

**LC III**



**LC IV**

## Strength I

$$\text{Strength I} = 1.25\text{DC} + 1.5\text{DW} + 1.75\text{LL} + 1.75\text{BR} + 1.5\text{EH} + 1.35\text{EV} + 1.75\text{LS} + 0.5\text{TU}$$

### Load Case I

Factored vertical force

$$F_{VfLC1StrI} := 1.25 \cdot (\text{DC}_{\text{backwall}} + \text{DC}_{\text{wall}} + \text{DC}_{\text{footing}}) + 1.35 \cdot (\text{EV}_{\text{earthBk}} + \text{EV}_{\text{earthFt}}) = 56.79 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$V_{uFtLC1StrI} := 1.5 \cdot P_{\text{EHFooting}} = 16.59 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

The backfill soil weight reduces the critical moment at the base of the footing. This requires using the minimum load factor of 1.0 for the vertical earth load (EV) instead of the factor 1.35 in the Strength I combination. Similar conditions are applied for the moments calculated about the longitudinal axis of the footing for all the load cases.

**LRFD 3.4.1**  
**LRFD Table 3.4.1-2**

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$\begin{aligned} M_{uFtLC1StrI} := & 1.25 \cdot \text{DC}_{\text{backwall}} \cdot \left( l_{\text{heel}} + \frac{t_{\text{backwall}}}{2} - \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{2} \right) + 1.25 \text{DC}_{\text{wall}} \cdot \left( l_{\text{heel}} + \frac{t_{\text{wall}}}{2} - \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{2} \right) \dots \\ & + 1.5 \cdot P_{\text{EHFooting}} \cdot \frac{(h_{\text{backwall}} + h_{\text{wall}} + t_{\text{footing}})}{3} + 1.35 \text{EV}_{\text{earthFt}} \cdot \left( \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{2} - \frac{l_{\text{toe}}}{2} \right) \dots \\ & + 1.0 \cdot \text{EV}_{\text{earthBk}} \cdot \left( \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{2} \right) \\ M_{uFtLC1StrI} = & 87.92 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}} \end{aligned}$$

### Load Case III

Factored vertical force

$$\begin{aligned} F_{VfLC3StrI} := & 1.25 \cdot (\text{DC}_{\text{Sup}} + \text{DC}_{\text{backwall}} + \text{DC}_{\text{wall}} + \text{DC}_{\text{footing}}) + 1.5 \text{DW}_{\text{Sup}} \dots \\ & + 1.75 \text{R}_{\text{LLFootingMax}} + 1.35 \cdot (\text{EV}_{\text{earthBk}} + \text{EV}_{\text{earthFt}}) \\ F_{VfLC3StrI} = & 74.75 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}} \end{aligned}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$V_{uFtLC3StrI} := 1.5 \cdot P_{\text{EHFooting}} = 16.59 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$\begin{aligned} M_{uFtLC3StrI} := & 1.25 \cdot \text{DC}_{\text{backwall}} \cdot \left( l_{\text{heel}} + \frac{t_{\text{backwall}}}{2} - \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{2} \right) + 1.25 \text{DC}_{\text{wall}} \cdot \left( l_{\text{heel}} + \frac{t_{\text{wall}}}{2} - \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{2} \right) \dots \\ & + (1.25 \cdot \text{DC}_{\text{Sup}} + 1.5 \cdot \text{DW}_{\text{Sup}} + 1.75 \cdot \text{R}_{\text{LLFootingMax}}) \cdot \left( l_{\text{heel}} + l_{\text{brtowall}} - \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{2} \right) \dots \\ & + 1.5 \cdot P_{\text{EHFooting}} \cdot \frac{(h_{\text{backwall}} + h_{\text{wall}} + t_{\text{footing}})}{3} \dots \\ & + 1.0 \cdot \text{EV}_{\text{earthBk}} \cdot \left( \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{2} \right) + 1.35 \cdot \text{EV}_{\text{earthFt}} \cdot \left( \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{2} - \frac{l_{\text{toe}}}{2} \right) \\ M_{uFtLC3StrI} = & 143.27 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}} \end{aligned}$$



## Load Case IV

Factored vertical force

$$F_{VFtLC4StrI} := 1.25 \cdot (DC_{Sup} + DC_{backwall} + DC_{wall} + DC_{footing}) + 1.5DW_{Sup} \dots$$
$$+ 1.35 \cdot (EV_{earthFt} + EV_{earthBk}) + 1.75V_{LSFooting}$$
$$F_{VFtLC4StrI} = 69.08 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$V_{uFtLC4StrI} := 1.5 \cdot P_{EHFooting} + 1.75P_{LSFooting} + 0.5TU = 19.85 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{uFtLC4StrI} := 1.25 \cdot DC_{backwall} \cdot \left( l_{heel} + \frac{t_{backwall}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) + 1.25DC_{wall} \cdot \left( l_{heel} + \frac{t_{wall}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) \dots$$
$$+ (1.25 \cdot DC_{Sup} + 1.5 \cdot DW_{Sup}) \cdot \left( l_{heel} + l_{brtoward} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) \dots$$
$$+ 1.5 \cdot P_{EHFooting} \cdot \frac{(h_{backwall} + h_{wall} + t_{footing})}{3} + 1.75V_{LSFooting} \cdot \left( \frac{l_{heel}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) \dots$$
$$+ 1.75 \cdot P_{LSFooting} \cdot \frac{(h_{backwall} + h_{wall} + t_{footing})}{2} + 1.0 \cdot EV_{earthBk} \cdot \left( \frac{l_{heel}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) \dots$$
$$+ 1.35 \cdot EV_{earthFt} \cdot \left( \frac{B_{footing}}{2} - \frac{l_{toe}}{2} \right) + 0.5 \cdot TU \cdot (h_{wall} + t_{footing})$$
$$M_{uFtLC4StrI} = 140.34 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

## Service I

Service I = 1.0DC + 1.0DW + 1.0LL + 1.0BR + 1.0WS + 1.0WL + 1.0EH + 1.0EV + 1.0LS + 1.0TU

### Load Case I

Factored vertical force

$$F_{VFtLC1SerI} := DC_{backwall} + DC_{wall} + DC_{footing} + EV_{earthBk} + EV_{earthFt} = 43.32 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$V_{uFtLC1SerI} := P_{EHFooting} = 11.06 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{uFtLC1SerI} := DC_{backwall} \cdot \left( l_{heel} + \frac{t_{backwall}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) + DC_{wall} \cdot \left( l_{heel} + \frac{t_{wall}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) \dots$$
$$+ P_{EHFooting} \cdot \frac{(h_{backwall} + h_{wall} + t_{footing})}{3} \dots$$
$$+ EV_{earthBk} \cdot \left( \frac{l_{heel}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) + EV_{earthFt} \cdot \left( \frac{B_{footing}}{2} - \frac{l_{toe}}{2} \right)$$
$$M_{uFtLC1SerI} = 32.22 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

### Load Case III

Factored vertical force

$$F_{VFtLC3SerI} := DC_{Sup} + DC_{backwall} + DC_{wall} + DC_{footing} + DW_{Sup} + R_{LLFootingMax} \dots \\ + (EV_{earthFt} + EV_{earthBk})$$

$$F_{VFtLC3SerI} = 55.33 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$V_{uFtLC3SerI} := P_{EHFooting} = 11.06 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{uFtLC3SerI} := DC_{backwall} \cdot \left( l_{heel} + \frac{t_{backwall}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) + DC_{wall} \cdot \left( l_{heel} + \frac{t_{wall}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) \dots \\ + (DC_{Sup} + DW_{Sup} + R_{LLFootingMax}) \cdot \left( l_{heel} + l_{brtowell} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) \dots \\ + P_{EHFooting} \cdot \frac{(h_{backwall} + h_{wall} + t_{footing})}{3} \dots \\ + EV_{earthBk} \cdot \left( \frac{l_{heel}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) + EV_{earthFt} \cdot \left( \frac{B_{footing}}{2} - \frac{l_{toe}}{2} \right)$$

$$M_{uFtLC3SerI} = 69.22 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

### Load Case IV

Factored vertical force

$$F_{VFtLC4SerI} := DC_{Sup} + DC_{backwall} + DC_{wall} + DC_{footing} + DW_{Sup} \dots \\ + EV_{earthFt} + EV_{earthBk} + V_{LSFooting}$$

$$F_{VFtLC4SerI} = 52.09 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$V_{uFtLC4SerI} := P_{EHFooting} + P_{LSFooting} + TU = 13.12 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{uFtLC4SerI} := DC_{backwall} \cdot \left( l_{heel} + \frac{t_{backwall}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) + DC_{wall} \cdot \left( l_{heel} + \frac{t_{wall}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) \dots \\ + (DC_{Sup} + DW_{Sup}) \cdot \left( l_{heel} + l_{brtowell} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) + P_{EHFooting} \cdot \frac{(h_{backwall} + h_{wall} + t_{footing})}{3} \dots \\ + EV_{earthBk} \cdot \left( \frac{l_{heel}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) + EV_{earthFt} \cdot \left( \frac{B_{footing}}{2} - \frac{l_{toe}}{2} \right) \dots \\ + V_{LSFooting} \cdot \left( \frac{l_{heel}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) + P_{LSFooting} \cdot \frac{(h_{backwall} + h_{wall} + t_{footing})}{2} \dots \\ + TU \cdot (h_{wall} + t_{footing})$$

$$M_{uFtLC4SerI} = 71.62 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

### Summary of Forces and Moments at the Base of the Footing

Factored vertical force,  $F_{vFt}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	56.79	43.32
LC III	74.75	55.33
LC IV	69.08	52.09

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing,  $V_{uFt}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	16.59	11.06
LC III	16.59	11.06
LC IV	19.85	13.12

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing,  $M_{uFt}$  (kip-ft/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	87.92	32.22
LC III	143.27	69.22
LC IV	140.34	71.62

## Step 2.6 Geotechnical Design of the Footing

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### Description

This step presents the geotechnical design of a spread footing considering the following strength and serviceability limit states:

**LRFD 10.6.1.1**

1. bearing resistance – strength limit state
2. settlement – service limit state
3. sliding resistance – strength limit state
4. load eccentricity (overturning) – strength limit state.

Step 2.9 presents the evaluation of structural resistance of the footing (internal stability).

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## Forces and Moments at the Base of the Footing

Step 2.5 presents the load effects at the base of the footing under different load cases and limit states. A summary is presented in the following tables:

Factored vertical force,  $F_{VFt}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	56.79	43.32
LC III	74.75	55.33
LC IV	69.08	52.09

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing,  $V_{uFt}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	16.59	11.06
LC III	16.59	11.06
LC IV	19.85	13.12

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing,  $M_{uFt}$  (kip-ft/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	87.92	32.22
LC III	143.27	69.22
LC IV	140.34	71.62

## Bearing Resistance Check

For eccentrically loaded footings, the use of a reduced effective area is allowed for bearing resistance or settlement calculation. The point of load application shall be at the centroid of the reduced area.

**LRFD 10.6.1.3**

Note: As a practice, the average pressure and the values at the toe and heel under different load cases and limit states are provided to the MDOT Geotechnical Services Section for verification.

This example presents the LRFD and MDOT methods.

### Load Case I, Strength I

Factored vertical force

$$F_{VFtLC1StrI} = 56.79 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{uFtLC1StrI} = 87.92 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Eccentricity in the footing width direction

$$e_B := \frac{M_{uFtLC1StrI}}{F_{VFtLC1StrI}} = 1.55 \text{ ft}$$

### LRFD Method

A reduced effective footing width is used for bearing resistance and settlement design.

**LRFD 10.6.1.3**

Effective footing width

$$B_{\text{eff}} := B_{\text{footing}} - 2 \cdot e_B = 13.9 \text{ ft}$$

**LRFD Eq. 10.6.1.3-1**

Bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{bearing\_LC1}} := \frac{F_{VFtLC1StrI}}{B_{\text{eff}}} = 4.08 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

### MDOT Method

Average bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{avgLC1}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC1StrI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} = 3.34 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Bearing pressure at the toe

$$q_{\text{toeLC1}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC1StrI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 5.17 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Bearing pressure at the heel

$$q_{\text{heelLC1}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC1StrI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 1.52 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

### **Load Case III, Strength I**

Factored vertical force

$$F_{\text{VFtLC3StrI}} = 74.75 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{\text{uFtLC3StrI}} = 143.27 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Eccentricity in the footing width direction

$$e_B := \frac{M_{\text{uFtLC3StrI}}}{F_{\text{VFtLC3StrI}}} = 1.92 \text{ ft}$$

### LRFD Method

Effective footing width

$$B_{\text{eff}} := B_{\text{footing}} - 2 \cdot e_B = 13.17 \text{ ft} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 10.6.1.3-1}$$

Bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{bearing\_LC3}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC3StrI}}}{B_{\text{eff}}} = 5.68 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

### MDOT Method

Average bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{avgLC3}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC3StrI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} = 4.4 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Bearing pressure at the toe

$$q_{\text{toeLC3}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC3StrI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 7.37 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Bearing pressure at the heel

$$q_{\text{heelLC3}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC3StrI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 1.42 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

### **Load Case IV, Strength I**

Factored vertical force

$$F_{\text{VFtLC4StrI}} = 69.08 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{\text{uFtLC4StrI}} = 140.34 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Eccentricity in the footing width direction

$$e_B := \frac{M_{\text{uFtLC4StrI}}}{F_{\text{VFtLC4StrI}}} = 2.03 \text{ ft}$$

### LRFD Method

Effective footing width

$$B_{\text{eff}} := B_{\text{footing}} - 2 \cdot e_B = 12.94 \text{ ft} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 10.6.1.3-1}$$

Bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{bearing\_LC4}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC4StrI}}}{B_{\text{eff}}} = 5.34 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

### MDOT Method

Average bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{avgLC4}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC4StrI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} = 4.06 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Bearing pressure at the toe

$$q_{\text{toeLC4}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC4StrI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 6.98 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Bearing pressure at the heel

$$q_{\text{heelLC4}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC4StrI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 1.15 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

### **Load Case I, Service I**

Factored vertical force

$$F_{\text{VFtLC1SerI}} = 43.32 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{\text{uFtLC1SerI}} = 32.22 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Eccentricity in the footing width direction

$$e_B := \frac{M_{\text{uFtLC1SerI}}}{F_{\text{VFtLC1SerI}}} = 0.74 \text{ ft}$$

### LRFD Method

Effective footing width

$$B_{\text{eff}} := B_{\text{footing}} - 2 \cdot e_B = 15.51 \text{ ft} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 10.6.1.3-1}$$

Bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{bearing\_LC1SerI}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC1SerI}}}{B_{\text{eff}}} = 2.79 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

### MDOT Method

Average bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{avgLC1SerI}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC1SerI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} = 2.55 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Bearing pressure at the toe

$$q_{\text{toeLC1SerI}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC1SerI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 3.22 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Bearing pressure at the heel

$$q_{\text{heelLC1SerI}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC1SerI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 1.88 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

### **Load Case III, Service I**

Factored vertical force

$$F_{\text{VFtLC3SerI}} = 55.33 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{\text{uFtLC3SerI}} = 69.22 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Eccentricity in the footing width direction

$$e_B := \frac{M_{uFtLC3SerI}}{F_{VFtLC3SerI}} = 1.25 \text{ ft}$$

### LRFD Method

Effective footing width

$$B_{eff} := B_{footing} - 2 \cdot e_B = 14.5 \text{ ft} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 10.6.1.3-1}$$

Bearing pressure

$$q_{bearing\_LC3SerI} := \frac{F_{VFtLC3SerI}}{B_{eff}} = 3.82 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

### MDOT Method

Average bearing pressure

$$q_{avgLC3SerI} := \frac{F_{VFtLC3SerI}}{B_{footing}} = 3.25 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Bearing pressure at the toe

$$q_{toeLC3SerI} := \frac{F_{VFtLC3SerI}}{B_{footing}} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{footing}} \right) = 4.69 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Bearing pressure at the heel

$$q_{heelLC3SerI} := \frac{F_{VFtLC3SerI}}{B_{footing}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{footing}} \right) = 1.82 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

### **Load Case IV, Service I**

Factored vertical force

$$F_{VFtLC4SerI} = 52.09 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{uFtLC4SerI} = 71.62 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Eccentricity in the footing width direction

$$e_B := \frac{M_{uFtLC4SerI}}{F_{VFtLC4SerI}} = 1.37 \text{ ft}$$

### LRFD Method

Effective footing width

$$B_{eff} := B_{footing} - 2 \cdot e_B = 14.25 \text{ ft} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 10.6.1.3-1}$$

Bearing pressure

$$q_{bearing\_LC4SerI} := \frac{F_{VFtLC4SerI}}{B_{eff}} = 3.66 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

### MDOT Method

Average bearing pressure

$$q_{avgLC4SerI} := \frac{F_{VFtLC4SerI}}{B_{footing}} = 3.06 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Bearing pressure at the toe

$$q_{toeLC4SerI} := \frac{F_{VFtLC4SerI}}{B_{footing}} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{footing}} \right) = 4.55 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Bearing pressure at the heel

$$q_{heelLC4SerI} := \frac{F_{VFtLC4SerI}}{B_{footing}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{footing}} \right) = 1.58 \cdot \text{ksf}$$



## Summary

### LRFD Method

The controlling bearing pressure under strength limit states

$$q_b := \max(q_{\text{bearing\_LC1}}, q_{\text{bearing\_LC3}}, q_{\text{bearing\_LC4}}) = 5.68 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

The controlling bearing pressure needs to be checked with the factored bearing resistance of the soil provided by the Geotechnical Services Section.

### MDOT Method

A summary of bearing pressure values (in psf) is shown in the following table:

	Toe (Service I)	Avg (Service I)	Heel (Service I)	Toe (Strength I)	Avg (Strength I)	Heel (Strength I)
LC I	3217	2549	1880	5166	3341	1516
LC III	4692	3254	1817	7371	4397	1422
LC IV	4551	3064	1577	6977	4064	1150

The Geotechnical Services Section uses these values for the verification of bearing resistance and settlement limits. If the bearing pressure exceeds the bearing strength of the soil, the size of the footing needs to be increased.

**BDM 7.03.02G**

## Settlement Check

The Geotechnical Services Section uses the controlling bearing pressure from the service limit state to check if the total settlement of foundation is less than 1.5 in., the allowable limit.

**BDM 7.03.02G 2b**

For the LRFD method, the controlling bearing pressure for settlement analysis is

$$q_{b\_settlement} := \max(q_{\text{bearing\_LC1SerI}}, q_{\text{bearing\_LC3SerI}}, q_{\text{bearing\_LC4SerI}}) = 3.82 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

The Geotechnical Services Section uses this controlling bearing pressure to calculate the foundation total settlement.

For the MDOT method, the bearing pressures under service limit state are provided to the Geotechnical Services Section to calculate the settlement.

Note: Besides the total settlement, considerations should be given to prevent the differential settlement between the abutments and pier from exceeding the tolerable differential settlement limit. Differential settlement limits are given in the *Steel Plate Girder Design Example*.

## Sliding Resistance Check

Spread footings must be designed to resist lateral loads without sliding. The sliding resistance of a footing on cohesionless soil is a function of the normal force and the interface friction between the foundation and the soil.

**LRFD 10.6.3.4**

The Geotechnical Services Section should provide a coefficient of sliding resistance ( $\mu$ ) for a design. MDOT typically uses a sliding resistance coefficient of 0.5 for cast-in-place concrete footings. Consult the Geotechnical Services Section to identify the most suitable coefficient for a specific design.

Coefficient of sliding resistance

$$\mu := 0.5$$

The strength limit states are used for this check. Since the resistance is proportional to the vertical loads, the following conditions are used:

- Minimum load factors are used for all vertical loads.
- Maximum load factors are used for the loads that contribute to horizontal sliding forces.
- Since DW is the future wearing surface load, it is excluded from all load combinations.

### Load Case I

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$V_{uFtLC1StrI} = 16.59 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored sliding force

$$V_{sliding} := V_{uFtLC1StrI} = 16.59 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Minimum vertical load

$$F_{VFtLC1StrIMin} := 0.9 \cdot (DC_{backwall} + DC_{wall} + DC_{footing}) + 1.0 \cdot (EV_{earthBk} + EV_{earthFt}) = 41.63 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Resistance factor for sliding

$$\phi_{\tau} := 0.8 \quad \text{BDM 7.03.02.F, LRFD Table 10.5.5.2-1}$$

Sliding resistance

$$V_{resistance} := \phi_{\tau} \cdot \mu \cdot F_{VFtLC1StrIMin} = 16.65 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Check if  $V_{resistance} > V_{sliding}$

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(V_{resistance} > V_{sliding}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

### Load Case III

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$V_{uFtLC3StrI} = 16.59 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored sliding force

$$V_{sliding} := V_{uFtLC3StrI} = 16.59 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

When calculating the minimum vertical force for sliding and checking eccentric load limitation, the live load on the superstructure is excluded to develop a conservative design.

Minimum vertical load without the live load

$$F_{VFtLC3StrIMin\_noLL} := 0.9 \cdot (DC_{Sup} + DC_{backwall} + DC_{wall} + DC_{footing}) \dots + 1.0 \cdot (EV_{earthBk} + EV_{earthFt})$$

$$F_{VFtLC3StrIMin\_noLL} = 46.72 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Resistance factor for sliding

$$\phi_{\tau} := 0.8 \quad \text{BDM 7.03.02.F, LRFD Table 10.5.5.2-1}$$

Sliding resistance

$$V_{resistance} := \phi_{\tau} \cdot \mu \cdot F_{VFtLC3StrIMin\_noLL} = 18.69 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Check if  $V_{resistance} > V_{sliding}$

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(V_{resistance} > V_{sliding}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

### Load Case IV

Two cases need to be considered: without and with the live load surcharge.

*Without the live load surcharge:*

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$V_{uFtLC4StrI} = 19.85 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored sliding force without the live load surcharge

$$V_{\text{sliding}} := V_{\text{uFtLC4StrI}} - 1.75P_{\text{LSFooting}} = 16.73 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Minimum vertical load without the live load surcharge

$$F_{\text{VFtLC4StrIMin\_noLS}} := 0.9 \cdot (DC_{\text{Sup}} + DC_{\text{backwall}} + DC_{\text{wall}} + DC_{\text{footing}}) \dots + 1.0 \cdot (EV_{\text{earthBk}} + EV_{\text{earthFt}})$$

$$F_{\text{VFtLC4StrIMin\_noLS}} = 46.72 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Sliding resistance

$$V_{\text{resistance}} := \phi_{\tau} \cdot \mu \cdot F_{\text{VFtLC4StrIMin\_noLS}} = 18.69 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Check if  $V_{\text{resistance}} > V_{\text{sliding}}$

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(V_{\text{resistance}} > V_{\text{sliding}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

*With the live load surcharge:*

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$V_{\text{uFtLC4StrI}} = 19.85 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored sliding force

$$V_{\text{sliding}} := V_{\text{uFtLC4StrI}} = 19.85 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Minimum vertical load with the live load surcharge

$$F_{\text{VFtLC4StrIMin}} := 0.9 \cdot (DC_{\text{Sup}} + DC_{\text{backwall}} + DC_{\text{wall}} + DC_{\text{footing}}) \dots + 1.0 \cdot (EV_{\text{earthBk}} + EV_{\text{earthFt}}) + 1.75V_{\text{LSFooting}}$$

$$F_{\text{VFtLC4StrIMin}} = 50.61 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Sliding resistance

$$V_{\text{resistance}} := \phi_{\tau} \cdot \mu \cdot F_{\text{VFtLC4StrIMin}} = 20.24 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Check if  $V_{\text{resistance}} > V_{\text{sliding}}$

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(V_{\text{resistance}} > V_{\text{sliding}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Eccentric Load Limitation (Overturning) Check

The eccentricity of loading at the strength limit state, evaluated based on factored loads, shall not exceed one-sixth of the corresponding dimension measured from the centerline of the footing for stability.

**LRFD 10.6.3.3**

The eccentricity in the abutment length direction is not a concern. The following calculations present the evaluation of the eccentricity in the abutment width direction for the Strength I limit state:

### Load Case I

Minimum vertical force

$$F_{\text{VFtLC1StrIMin}} = 41.63 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{\text{uFtLC1StrI}} = 87.92 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Eccentricity in the footing width direction measured from the centerline

$$e_{\text{B}} := \frac{M_{\text{uFtLC1StrI}}}{F_{\text{VFtLC1StrIMin}}} = 2.11 \text{ ft}$$

1/6 of footing width

$$\frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{6} = 2.83 \cdot \text{ft}$$

Check if the eccentric load limitation is satisfied

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}\left(e_{\text{B}} < \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{6}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}\right) = \text{"OK"}$$

### Load Case III

Two cases need to be considered: without and with the live load

*Without the live load:*

Minimum vertical force without the live load  $F_{VFtLC3StrIMin\_noLL} = 46.72 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$

Moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing (with the live load)  $M_{uFtLC3StrI} = 143.27 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$

Moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing (without the live load)

$$M_{uFtLC3StrI\_noLL} := M_{uFtLC3StrI} - (1.75 \cdot R_{LLFootingMax}) \cdot \left( l_{heel} + l_{brtowall} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) = 113.82 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Eccentricity in the footing width direction measured from the centerline  $e_B := \frac{M_{uFtLC3StrI\_noLL}}{F_{VFtLC3StrIMin\_noLL}} = 2.44 \text{ ft}$

Check if the eccentric load limitation is satisfied  $\text{Check} := \text{if} \left( e_B < \frac{B_{footing}}{6}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"} \right) = \text{"OK"}$

*With the live load:*

Minimum vertical force with the live load  $F_{VFtLC3StrIMin} := F_{VFtLC3StrIMin\_noLL} + 1.75 R_{LLFootingMax}$

$$F_{VFtLC3StrIMin} = 56.27 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing (with the live load)  $M_{uFtLC3StrI} = 143.27 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$

Eccentricity in the footing width direction measured from the centerline  $e_B := \frac{M_{uFtLC3StrI}}{F_{VFtLC3StrIMin}} = 2.55 \text{ ft}$

Check if the eccentric load limitation is satisfied  $\text{Check} := \text{if} \left( e_B < \frac{B_{footing}}{6}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"} \right) = \text{"OK"}$

### Load Case IV

Two cases need to be considered: without and with the live load surcharge.

*Without the live load surcharge:*

Minimum vertical force without the live load surcharge  $F_{VFtLC4StrIMin\_noLS} = 46.72 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$

Moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing (with the live load surcharge)  $M_{uFtLC4StrI} = 140.34 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$

Moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing (without the live load surcharge)

$$M_{uFtLC4StrI\_noLS} := M_{uFtLC4StrI} - 1.75V_{LSFooting} \cdot \left( \frac{l_{heel}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) \dots$$

$$+ -1.75 \cdot P_{LSFooting} \cdot \frac{(h_{backwall} + h_{wall} + t_{footing})}{2}$$

$$M_{uFtLC4StrI\_noLS} = 116.67 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Eccentricity in the footing width direction measured from the centerline

$$e_B := \frac{M_{uFtLC4StrI\_noLS}}{F_{VFtLC4StrI\_Min\_noLS}} = 2.5 \text{ ft}$$

Check if the eccentric load limitation is satisfied

$$\text{Check} := \text{if} \left( e_B < \frac{B_{footing}}{6}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"} \right) = \text{"OK"}$$

*With the live load surcharge:*

Minimum vertical force with the live load surcharge

$$F_{VFtLC4StrI\_Min} = 50.61 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{uFtLC4StrI} = 140.34 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Eccentricity in the footing width direction measured from the centerline

$$e_B := \frac{M_{uFtLC4StrI}}{F_{VFtLC4StrI\_Min}} = 2.77 \text{ ft}$$

Check if the eccentric load limitation is satisfied

$$\text{Check} := \text{if} \left( e_B < \frac{B_{footing}}{6}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"} \right) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Step 2.7 Backwall Design

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### Description

This step presents the design of the backwall.

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## Forces and Moments at the Base of the Backwall

Step 2.5 presents the load effects at the base of the backwall under different load cases and limit states. A summary is presented in the following tables:

Factored vertical force,  $F_{VBw}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	1.20	-
LC III	1.20	-
LC IV	1.20	0.96

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the backwall,  $V_{uBw}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	0.49	-
LC III	0.49	-
LC IV	1.02	0.63

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the backwall,  $M_{uBw}$  (kip-ft/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	0.69	-
LC III	0.69	-
LC IV	1.83	1.11

## Design for Flexure

According to the loads in the summary tables, Load Case IV under the Strength I limit state is the governing load case for the flexural design.

Moment demand at the base of the backwall  $M_{\text{DemandBackwall}} := M_{uBwLC4StrI} = 1.83 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$

### Flexural Resistance

**LRFD 5.6.3.2**

The design procedure consists of calculating the reinforcing steel area required to satisfy the moment demand and checking the selected steel area against the requirements and limitations for developing an adequate moment capacity, controlling crack width, and managing shrinkage and temperature stresses.

Select a trial bar size  $\text{bar} := 6$

Nominal diameter of a reinforcing steel bar  $d_{\text{bar}} := \text{Dia}(\text{bar}) = 0.75 \cdot \text{in}$

Cross-section area of the bar  $A_{\text{bar}} := \text{Area}(\text{bar}) = 0.44 \cdot \text{in}^2$

The spacing of the main reinforcing steel bars in walls and slabs shall not be greater than the lesser of 1.5 times the thickness of the member or 18 in. **LRFD 5.10.3.2**

Note: MDOT limits reinforcement spacing to a maximum of 18 in. **BDG 6.20.03 and 6.20.03A**

Backwall thickness  $t_{\text{backwall}} = 18 \cdot \text{in}$

Select a spacing for reinforcing steel bars  $s_{\text{bar}} := 18 \cdot \text{in}$

Select a 1-ft wide strip for the design.

Area of reinforcing steel provided in a 1-ft wide section

$$A_{s\text{Provided}} := \frac{A_{\text{bar}} \cdot 12\text{in}}{s_{\text{bar}}} = 0.29 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Effective depth

$$d_e := t_{\text{backwall}} - \text{Cover}_{\text{bw}} = 15 \cdot \text{in}$$

Resistance factor for flexure

$$\phi_f := 0.9$$

**LRFD 5.5.4.2**

Width of the compression face of the section

$$b := 12\text{in}$$

**LRFD 5.6.2.2**

Stress block factor

$$\beta_1 := \min \left[ \max \left[ 0.85 - 0.05 \cdot \left( \frac{f_c - 4\text{ksi}}{\text{ksi}} \right), 0.65 \right], 0.85 \right] = 0.85$$

Solve the following equation of  $A_s$  to calculate the required area of steel to satisfy the moment demand. Use an assumed initial  $A_s$  value to solve the equation.

Initial assumption

$$A_s := 0.3\text{in}^2$$

$$\text{Given } M_{\text{DemandBackwall}} \cdot \text{ft} = \phi_f \cdot A_s \cdot f_y \cdot \left[ d_e - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{A_s \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot b} \right) \right]$$

Required area of steel

$$A_{s,\text{req}} := \text{Find}(A_s) = 0.03 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Check if  $A_{s\text{Provided}} > A_{s\text{Required}}$

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(A_{s\text{Provided}} > A_{s,\text{req}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

Moment capacity of the section with the provided steel

$$M_{\text{CapacityBackwall}} := \phi_f \cdot A_{s\text{Provided}} \cdot f_y \cdot \frac{\left[ d_e - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{A_{s\text{Provided}} \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot b} \right) \right]}{\text{ft}}$$

$$M_{\text{CapacityBackwall}} = 19.42 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Distance from the extreme compression fiber to the neutral axis

$$c := \frac{A_{s\text{Provided}} \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot \beta_1 \cdot b} = 0.68 \cdot \text{in}$$

Check the validity of assumption,  $f_s = f_y$

$$\text{Check}_{f_s} := \text{if} \left( \frac{c}{d_e} < 0.6, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"} \right) = \text{"OK"}$$

### Limits for Reinforcement

**LRFD 5.6.3.3**

The tensile reinforcement provided must be adequate to develop a factored flexural resistance at least equal to the lesser of the cracking moment or 1.33 times the factored moment from the applicable strength limit state load combinations.

Flexural cracking variability factor

$$\gamma_1 := 1.6 \quad \text{For concrete structures that are not precast segmental}$$

Ratio of specified minimum yield strength to ultimate tensile strength of the nonprestressed reinforcement

$$\gamma_3 := 0.67 \quad \text{For ASTM A615 Grade 60 reinforcement}$$



Section modulus	$S_c := \frac{1}{6} \cdot b \cdot t_{\text{backwall}}^2 = 648 \cdot \text{in}^3$
Cracking moment	$M_{\text{cr}} := \frac{\gamma_3 \cdot \gamma_1 \cdot f_r \cdot S_c}{\text{ft}} = 24.06 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$
1.33 times the factored moment demand	$1.33 \cdot M_{\text{DemandBackwall}} = 2.43 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$
Factored moment to satisfy the minimum reinforcement requirement	$M_{\text{req}} := \min(1.33 M_{\text{DemandBackwall}}, M_{\text{cr}}) = 2.43 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$
Check the adequacy of the section capacity	Check := if( $M_{\text{CapacityBackwall}} > M_{\text{req}}$ , "OK", "Not OK") = "OK"

### Control of Cracking by Distribution of Reinforcement

LRFD 5.6.7

Limiting the width of expected cracks under service conditions extends the service life. The width of potential cracks can be minimized through proper placement of the reinforcement. Checking for crack control assures that the actual stress in the reinforcement does not exceed the service limit state stress.

The spacing requirement for the mild steel reinforcement in the layer closest to the tension face

$$s \leq \frac{700 \cdot \gamma_e}{\beta_s \cdot f_{\text{ss}}} - 2 \cdot d_c$$

LRFD Eq. 5.6.7-1

Exposure factor for the Class 1 exposure condition

$$\gamma_e := 1.00$$

Distance from extreme tension fiber to the center of the closest flexural reinforcement

$$d_c := \text{Cover}_{\text{bw}} = 3 \cdot \text{in}$$

Ratio of flexural strain at the extreme tension face to the strain at the centroid of the reinforcement layer closest to the tension face

$$\beta_s := 1 + \frac{d_c}{0.7(t_{\text{backwall}} - d_c)} = 1.29$$

The position of the cross-section's neutral axis is determined through an iterative process to calculate the actual stress in the reinforcement. This process starts with an assumed position of the neutral axis as shown below.

Assumed distance from the extreme compression fiber to the neutral axis

$$x := 3 \cdot \text{in}$$

Given

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot b \cdot x^2 = \frac{E_s}{E_c} \cdot A_{\text{sProvided}} \cdot (d_e - x)$$

Position of the neutral axis

$$x_{\text{na}} := \text{Find}(x) = 2.234 \cdot \text{in}$$

Tensile force in the reinforcing steel due to service limit state moment

$$T_s := \frac{M_{\text{uBackwallSerI}}}{d_e - \frac{x_{\text{na}}}{3}} \cdot \text{ft} = 0.9 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Stress in the reinforcing steel due to service limit state moment

$$f_{\text{ss1}} := \frac{T_s}{A_{\text{sProvided}}} = 3.19 \cdot \text{ksi}$$

$f_{\text{ss}}$  (not to exceed  $0.6f_y$ )

$$f_{\text{ss}} := \min(f_{\text{ss1}}, 0.6f_y) = 3.19 \cdot \text{ksi}$$

Required reinforcement spacing

$$s_{\text{barRequired}} := \frac{700 \cdot \gamma_e \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{in}}}{\beta_s \cdot f_{ss}} - 2 \cdot d_c = 164.79 \cdot \text{in}$$

Check if the spacing provided < the required spacing

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(s_{\text{bar}} < s_{\text{barRequired}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Shrinkage and Temperature Reinforcement

The following calculations check the adequacy of the flexural reinforcing steel to control shrinkage and temperature stresses in the backwall:

For bars, the area of reinforcing steel per foot, on each face and in each direction, shall satisfy

$$A_S \geq \frac{1.3bh}{2(b+h)f_y} \quad \text{LRFD 5.10.6}$$

and

$$0.11 \text{ in}^2 \leq A_S \leq 0.6 \text{ in}^2$$

Minimum area of shrinkage and temperature reinforcement

$$A_{\text{shrink.temp}} := \min \left[ \begin{array}{c} \left( 0.60 \frac{\text{in}^2}{\text{ft}} \right) \\ \left( 0.11 \frac{\text{in}^2}{\text{ft}} \right) \\ \max \left[ \frac{1.3 \cdot h_{\text{backwall}} \cdot t_{\text{backwall}} \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{in} \cdot \text{ft}}}{2(h_{\text{backwall}} + t_{\text{backwall}}) \cdot f_y} \right] \end{array} \right] \cdot \text{ft} = 0.14 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Check if the provided area of steel > the required area of shrinkage and temperature steel

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(A_{\text{SProvided}} > A_{\text{shrink.temp}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Design for Shear

According to the loads in the summary tables, Load Case IV under the Strength I limit state is the governing load case for the shear design.

The maximum factored shear force at the base of the backwall

$$V_{uBwLC4StrI} = 1.02 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Effective width of the section

$$b_v := b = 12 \cdot \text{in}$$

Depth of the equivalent rectangular stress block

$$a := \frac{A_{\text{SProvided}} \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot b} = 0.58 \cdot \text{in}$$

Effective shear depth

$$d_v := \max \left( d_e - \frac{a}{2}, 0.9 \cdot d_e, 0.72 \cdot t_{\text{backwall}} \right) = 14.71 \cdot \text{in} \quad \text{LRFD 5.7.2.8}$$

Note: Since there is no transverse reinforcement in the backwall and the overall depth of the backwall is greater than 16 in., the simplified procedure in LRFD 5.7.3.4.1 cannot be used. Instead, the general procedure outlined in LRFD 5.7.3.4.2 is used.

The factored  $N_u$ ,  $V_u$ , and  $M_u$  are calculated at the critical section for shear, which is located at a distance  $d_v$  from the base of the backwall.

Factored axial force at the critical section  
(use negative if compression)

$$N_{uBackwallShear} := -\left[1.25 \cdot (DC_{backwall} - d_v \cdot t_{backwall} \cdot W_c)\right]$$

$$N_{uBackwallShear} = -0.85 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Lateral earth load at the critical section

$$P_{EHBackwallShear} := \frac{1}{2} \cdot k_a \cdot \gamma_s \cdot (h_{backwall} - d_v) \cdot (h_{backwall} - d_v)$$

$$P_{EHBackwallShear} = 0.16 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Load at the critical section due to live load surcharge

$$P_{LSBackwallShear} := k_a \cdot \gamma_s \cdot h_{eq} \cdot (h_{backwall} - d_v) = 0.22 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force (demand) at the critical section

$$V_{uBackwallShear} := 1.5 \cdot P_{EHBackwallShear} + 1.75 \cdot P_{LSBackwallShear}$$

$$V_{uBackwallShear} = 0.63 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment at the critical section

$$M_{uBackwallShear} := 1.5 \cdot P_{EHBackwallShear} \cdot \frac{(h_{backwall} - d_v)}{3} \dots$$

$$+ 1.75 \cdot P_{LSBackwallShear} \cdot \frac{(h_{backwall} - d_v)}{2}$$

$$M_{uBackwallShear} = 0.82 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Check  $M_u$  since it cannot be taken less than  $V_u d_v$

$$M_{uWallShear} := \max(M_{uBackwallShear}, V_{uBackwallShear} \cdot d_v)$$

$$M_{uWallShear} = 0.82 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Net longitudinal tensile strain in the section at the centroid of the tension reinforcement

$$\epsilon_s := \frac{\left(\frac{M_{uBackwallShear}}{d_v} + 0.5 \cdot N_{uBackwallShear} + V_{uBackwallShear}\right)}{E_s \cdot \frac{A_{sProvided}}{\text{ft}}}$$

$$\epsilon_s = 1.03 \times 10^{-4}$$

**LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.4.2-4**

Crack spacing parameter

$$s_x := d_v = 1.23 \text{ ft}$$

Maximum aggregate size (in.)

$$a_g := 1.5$$

**MDOT Standard Specifications for Construction Table 902-1**

Crack spacing parameter as influenced by the maximum aggregate size

$$s_{xe} := \min \left[ \max \left[ \begin{array}{c} (80\text{in}) \\ (12\text{in}) \\ \left( s_x \cdot \frac{1.38}{a_g + 0.63} \right) \end{array} \right] \right] = 12 \cdot \text{in}$$

**LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.4.2-7**

Factor indicating the ability of diagonally cracked concrete to transmit tension and shear

$$\beta := \frac{4.8}{(1 + 750 \cdot \epsilon_s)} \cdot \frac{51}{\left(39 + \frac{s_{xe}}{\text{in}}\right)} = 4.46 \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.4.2-2}$$

Nominal shear resistance of concrete,  $V_n$ , is calculated as follows:

$$V_{c1} := 0.0316 \cdot \beta \cdot \sqrt{f_c} \cdot \text{ksi} \cdot b \cdot d_e = 43.9 \cdot \text{kip} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.3-3}$$

$$V_{c2} := 0.25 f_c \cdot b \cdot d_e = 135 \cdot \text{kip} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.3-2}$$

$$V_n := \min(V_{c1}, V_{c2}) = 43.9 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Resistance factor for shear

$$\phi_v := 0.9 \quad \text{LRFD 5.5.4.2}$$

Factored shear resistance (capacity)

$$V_r := \phi_v \cdot V_n = 39.51 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Check if the shear capacity is greater than the demand

$$\text{Check} := \text{if} \left( \frac{V_r}{\text{ft}} > V_{u\text{BackwallShear}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"} \right) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Shrinkage and Temperature Reinforcement Design

The following calculations check the required amount of reinforcing steel in the secondary direction to control shrinkage and temperature stresses in the backwall.

The spacing of the main reinforcing steel bars in walls and slabs shall not be greater than the lesser of 1.5 times the thickness of the member or 18 in.

LRFD 5.10.6

The spacing of shrinkage and temperature reinforcement shall not exceed the following:  
12 in. for walls and footings greater than 18 in.

LRFD 5.10.6

For all other situations, 3 times the component thickness but not less than 18 in.

Note: MDOT limits reinforcement spacing to a maximum of 18 in.

BDG 6.20.03 and 6.20.03A

Select a trial bar size

$$\text{bar} := 6$$

Nominal diameter of a reinforcing steel bar

$$d_{\text{barST}} := \text{Dia}(\text{bar}) = 0.75 \cdot \text{in}$$

Cross-section area of the bar

$$A_{\text{barST}} := \text{Area}(\text{bar}) = 0.44 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Select a spacing for reinforcing steel bars

$$s_{\text{barST}} := 18 \cdot \text{in} \quad \text{For the 18 in. thick backwall}$$

Horizontal reinforcing steel area provided in the section

$$A_{\text{sProvidedST}} := \frac{A_{\text{barST}} \cdot 12\text{in}}{s_{\text{barST}}} = 0.29 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

The required minimum shrinkage and temperature reinforcement area at the backwall was previously calculated during the design of flexural reinforcement.

Required shrinkage and temperature steel area

$$A_{\text{shrink.temp}} = 0.14 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Check if the provided steel area > the required area of shrinkage and temperature steel

$$\text{Check} := \text{if} (A_{\text{sProvidedST}} > A_{\text{shrink.temp}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

The backwall design presented in this step provides the following details:

- No. 6 bars @ 18.0 in. spacing ( $A_s = 0.29 \text{ in.}^2/\text{ft}$ ) as the back face flexural reinforcement
- No. 6 bars @ 18.0 in. spacing ( $A_s = 0.29 \text{ in.}^2/\text{ft}$ ) as the front face vertical shrinkage and temperature reinforcement
- No. 6 bars @ 18.0 in. spacing ( $A_s = 0.29 \text{ in.}^2/\text{ft}$ ) as the front and back face horizontal shrinkage and temperature reinforcement.

## Step 2.8 Abutment Wall Design

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### Description

This step presents the design of the abutment wall.

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## Forces and Moments at the Base of the Abutment Wall

Step 2.5 presents the load effects at the base of the abutment wall under different load cases and limit states. A summary is presented in the following tables:

Factored vertical force,  $F_{V_{Wall}}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	11.61	9.29
LC III	29.86	21.46
LC IV	20.01	15.83

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the abutment wall,  $V_{u_{Wall}}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	12.82	8.55
LC III	12.82	8.55
LC IV	15.70	10.39

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the abutment wall,  $M_{u_{Wall}}$  (kip-ft/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	92.40	61.28
LC III	106.09	70.41
LC IV	131.04	88.15

## Design for Flexure

According to the loads in the summary tables, Load Case IV under the Strength I limit state is the governing load case for the flexural design.

Moment demand at the base of the wall  $M_{\text{DemandWall}} := M_{u\text{WallLC4StrI}} = 131.04 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$

### Flexural Resistance

**LRFD 5.6.3.2**

The design procedure consists of calculating the reinforcing steel area required to satisfy the moment demand and checking the selected steel area against the requirements and limitations for developing an adequate moment capacity, controlling crack width, and managing shrinkage and temperature stresses.

Select a trial bar size  $\text{bar} := 9$

Nominal diameter of a reinforcing steel bar  $d_{\text{bar}} := \text{Dia}(\text{bar}) = 1.13 \cdot \text{in}$

Cross-section area of the bar  $A_{\text{bar}} := \text{Area}(\text{bar}) = 1 \cdot \text{in}^2$

The spacing of the main reinforcing steel bars in walls and slabs shall not be greater than the lesser of 1.5 times the thickness of the member or 18 in.

**LRFD 5.10.3.2**

The spacing of shrinkage and temperature reinforcement shall not exceed 12 in. when the wall thickness is greater than 18 in.

**LRFD 5.10.6**

Note: MDOT limits reinforcement spacing to a maximum of 18 in.

**BDG 5.22.01**

Wall thickness  $t_{\text{wall}} = 38 \cdot \text{in}$

Select a spacing for reinforcing steel bars  $s_{\text{bar}} := 12 \cdot \text{in}$

Select a 1-ft wide strip for the design.

Area of reinforcing steel provided in a 1-ft wide section  $A_{s\text{Provided}} := \frac{A_{\text{bar}} \cdot 12 \text{in}}{s_{\text{bar}}} = 1 \cdot \text{in}^2$

Effective depth  $d_e := t_{\text{wall}} - \text{Cover}_{\text{wall}} = 35 \cdot \text{in}$

Resistance factor for flexure  $\phi_f := 0.9$

**LRFD 5.5.4.2**

Width of the compression face of the section  $b := 12 \text{in}$

Stress block factor  $\beta_1 := \min \left[ \max \left[ 0.85 - 0.05 \cdot \left( \frac{f_c - 4 \text{ksi}}{\text{ksi}} \right), 0.65 \right], 0.85 \right] = 0.85$  **LRFD 5.6.2.2**

Solve the following equation of  $A_s$  to calculate the required area of steel to satisfy the moment demand. Use an assumed initial  $A_s$  value to solve the equation.

Initial assumption  $A_s := 1 \text{in}^2$

Given  $M_{\text{DemandWall}} \cdot \text{ft} = \phi_f \cdot A_s \cdot f_y \cdot \left[ d_e - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{A_s \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot b} \right) \right]$  **LRFD 5.6.3.2**

Required area of steel  $A_{s\text{Required}} := \text{Find}(A_s) = 0.85 \cdot \text{in}^2$

Check if  $A_{s\text{Provided}} > A_{s\text{Required}}$   $\text{Check} := \text{if}(A_{s\text{Provided}} > A_{s\text{Required}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$



Moment capacity of the section with the provided steel area

$$M_{\text{CapacityWall}} := \phi_f \cdot A_{\text{sProvided}} \cdot f_y \cdot \frac{\left[ d_e - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{A_{\text{sProvided}} \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot b} \right) \right]}{\text{ft}}$$

$$M_{\text{CapacityWall}} = 153.09 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Distance from the extreme compression fiber to the neutral axis

$$c := \frac{A_{\text{sProvided}} \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot \beta_1 \cdot b} = 2.31 \cdot \text{in}$$

Check the validity of assumption,  $f_s = f_y$

$$\text{Check} := \text{if} \left( \frac{c}{d_e} < 0.6, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"} \right) = \text{"OK"}$$

### Limits for Reinforcement

### LRFD 5.6.3.3

The tensile reinforcement provided must be adequate to develop a factored flexural resistance at least equal to the lesser of the cracking moment or 1.33 times the factored moment from the applicable strength limit state load combinations.

Flexural cracking variability factor

$$\gamma_1 := 1.6 \quad \text{For concrete structures that are not precast segmental}$$

Ratio of specified minimum yield strength to ultimate tensile strength of the nonprestressed reinforcement

$$\gamma_3 := 0.67 \quad \text{For ASTM A615 Grade 60 reinforcement}$$

Section modulus

$$S_c := \frac{1}{6} \cdot b \cdot t_{\text{wall}}^2 = 2.89 \times 10^3 \cdot \text{in}^3$$

Cracking moment

$$M_{\text{cr}} := \frac{\gamma_3 \cdot \gamma_1 \cdot f_r \cdot S_c}{\text{ft}} = 107.25 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

1.33 times the factored moment demand

$$1.33 \cdot M_{\text{DemandWall}} = 174.29 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

The factored moment to satisfy the minimum reinforcement requirement

$$M_{\text{req}} := \min(1.33 M_{\text{DemandWall}}, M_{\text{cr}}) = 107.25 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Check the adequacy of the section capacity

$$\text{Check} := \text{if} (M_{\text{CapacityWall}} > M_{\text{req}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

### Control of Cracking by Distribution of Reinforcement

### LRFD 5.6.7

Limiting the width of expected cracks under service conditions extends the service life. The width of potential cracks can be minimized through proper placement of the reinforcement. Checking for crack control assures that the actual stress in the reinforcement does not exceed the service limit state stress.

Spacing requirement for the mild steel reinforcement in the layer closest to the tension face

$$s \leq \frac{700 \cdot \gamma_e}{\beta_s \cdot f_{\text{SS}}} - 2 \cdot d_c$$

### LRFD Eq. 5.6.7-1

Exposure factor for the Class 1 exposure condition

$$\gamma_e := 1.00$$

Distance from extreme tension fiber to center of the closest flexural reinforcement

$$d_c := \text{Cover}_{\text{wall}} = 3 \cdot \text{in}$$

Ratio of flexural strain at the extreme tension face to the strain at the centroid of the reinforcement layer closest to the tension face

$$\beta_s := 1 + \frac{d_c}{0.7(t_{\text{wall}} - d_c)} = 1.12$$

The position of the cross-section's neutral axis is determined through an iterative process to calculate the actual stress in the reinforcement. This process starts with an assumed position of the neutral axis as shown below.

Assumed distance from the extreme compression fiber to the neutral axis

$$x := 6 \cdot \text{in}$$

$$\text{Given } \frac{1}{2} \cdot b \cdot x^2 = \frac{E_s}{E_c} \cdot A_{s\text{Provided}} \cdot (d_e - x)$$

Position of the neutral axis

$$x_{\text{na}} := \text{Find}(x) = 6.197 \cdot \text{in}$$

Tensile force in the reinforcing steel due to service limit state moment

$$T_s := \frac{M_{u\text{WallLC4SerI}}}{d_e - \frac{x_{\text{na}}}{3}} \cdot \text{ft} = 32.1 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Stress in the reinforcing steel due to service limit state moment

$$f_{\text{ss1}} := \frac{T_s}{A_{s\text{Provided}}} = 32.12 \cdot \text{ksi}$$

$f_{\text{ss}}$  (not to exceed  $0.6f_y$ )

$$f_{\text{ss}} := \min(f_{\text{ss1}}, 0.6f_y) = 32.12 \cdot \text{ksi}$$

Required reinforcement spacing

$$s_{\text{barRequired}} := \frac{700 \cdot \gamma_e \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{in}}}{\beta_s \cdot f_{\text{ss}}} - 2 \cdot d_c = 13.42 \cdot \text{in}$$

Check if the spacing provided < the required spacing

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(s_{\text{bar}} < s_{\text{barRequired}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Shrinkage and Temperature Reinforcement Requirement

**LRFD 5.10.6**

The following calculations check the adequacy of the flexural reinforcing steel to control shrinkage and temperature stresses in the wall:

Minimum area of shrinkage and temperature reinforcement

$$A_{\text{shrink,temp}} := \min \left[ \begin{array}{l} \left( 0.60 \frac{\text{in}^2}{\text{ft}} \right) \\ \left( 0.11 \frac{\text{in}^2}{\text{ft}} \right) \\ \left[ \frac{1.3 \cdot h_{\text{wall}} \cdot t_{\text{wall}} \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{in} \cdot \text{ft}}}{2(h_{\text{wall}} + t_{\text{wall}}) \cdot f_y} \right] \end{array} \right] \cdot \text{ft} = 0.35 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Check if the provided area of steel > the required area of shrinkage and temperature steel

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(A_{s\text{Provided}} > A_{\text{shrink,temp}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Design for Shear

According to the loads in the summary tables, Load Case IV under the Strength I limit state is the governing load case for the shear design.

The maximum factored shear force at the base of the abutment wall

$$V_{uWallLC4StrI} = 15.7 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Effective width of the section

$$b_v := b = 12 \cdot \text{in}$$

Depth of the equivalent rectangular stress block

$$a := \frac{A_{s\text{Provided}} \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot b} = 1.96 \cdot \text{in}$$

Effective shear depth

$$d_v := \max\left(d_e - \frac{a}{2}, 0.9 \cdot d_e, 0.72 \cdot t_{\text{wall}}\right) = 34.02 \cdot \text{in} \quad \text{LRFD 5.7.2.8}$$

Note: Since there is no transverse reinforcement in the wall and the overall depth of the wall is greater than 16 in., the simplified procedure in LRFD 5.7.3.4.1 cannot be used. Instead, the general procedure outlined in LRFD 5.7.3.4.2 is used.

The factored  $N_u$ ,  $V_u$ , and  $M_u$  are calculated at the critical section for shear, which is located at a distance  $d_v$  from the base of the abutment wall.

Factored axial force at the critical section (use negative if compression)

$$N_{uWallShear} := -\left[1.25 \cdot (DC_{\text{Sup}} + DC_{\text{backwall}} + DC_{\text{wall}} - d_v \cdot t_{\text{wall}} \cdot W_c) + 1.5DW_{\text{Sup}}\right] = -18.33 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Lateral earth load at the critical section

$$P_{EHWallShear} := \frac{1}{2} \cdot [k_a \cdot \gamma_s \cdot (h_{\text{backwall}} + h_{\text{wall}} - d_v)] \cdot (h_{\text{backwall}} + h_{\text{wall}} - d_v)$$

$$P_{EHWallShear} = 6.47 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Load at the critical section due to live load surcharge

$$P_{LSWallShear} := k_a \cdot \gamma_s \cdot h_{\text{eq}} \cdot (h_{\text{backwall}} + h_{\text{wall}} - d_v) = 1.36 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force (demand) at the critical section

$$V_{uWallShear} := 1.5 \cdot P_{EHWallShear} + 1.75 \cdot P_{LSWallShear} + 0.5TU$$

$$V_{uWallShear} = 12.23 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment at the critical section

$$M_{uWallShear} := 0.9 \cdot DC_{\text{backwall}} \cdot \frac{(t_{\text{backwall}} - t_{\text{wall}})}{2} + (1.25 \cdot DC_{\text{Sup}} + 1.5 \cdot DW_{\text{Sup}}) \cdot \left(l_{\text{brtowall}} - \frac{t_{\text{wall}}}{2}\right) \dots$$

$$+ 1.5 \cdot P_{EHWallShear} \cdot \frac{(h_{\text{backwall}} + h_{\text{wall}} - d_v)}{3} \dots$$

$$+ 1.75 \cdot P_{LSWallShear} \cdot \frac{(h_{\text{backwall}} + h_{\text{wall}} - d_v)}{2} + 0.5 \cdot TU \cdot (h_{\text{wall}} - d_v)$$

$$M_{uWallShear} = 91.55 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Check  $M_u$  since it cannot be taken less than  $V_u d_v$

$$M_{uWallShear} := \max(M_{uWallShear}, V_{uWallShear} \cdot d_v) = 91.55 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Net longitudinal tensile strain in the section at the centroid of the tension reinforcement

$$\epsilon_s := \frac{\left( \frac{M_{uWallShear}}{d_v} + 0.5 \cdot N_{uWallShear} + V_{uWallShear} \right)}{E_s \cdot \frac{A_{sProvided}}{ft}} = 1.22 \times 10^{-3} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.4.2-4}$$

Crack spacing parameter

$$s_x := d_v = 2.83 \text{ ft}$$

Maximum aggregate size (in.)

$$a_g := 1.5$$

**MDOT Standard Specifications for Construction Table 902-1**

Crack spacing parameter as influenced by the maximum aggregate size

$$s_{xe} := \min \left[ \begin{array}{l} (80 \text{ in}) \\ \max \left[ \begin{array}{l} (12 \text{ in}) \\ \left( s_x \cdot \frac{1.38}{a_g + 0.63} \right) \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right] = 22.04 \text{ in} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.4.2-7}$$

Factor indicating the ability of diagonally cracked concrete to transmit tension and shear

$$\beta := \frac{4.8}{(1 + 750 \cdot \epsilon_s)} \cdot \frac{51}{\left( 39 + \frac{s_{xe}}{\text{in}} \right)} = 2.09 \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.4.2-2}$$

Nominal shear resistance of concrete,  $V_n$ , is calculated as follows:

$$V_{c1} := 0.0316 \cdot \beta \cdot \sqrt{f_c \cdot \text{ksi}} \cdot b \cdot d_e = 48.2 \cdot \text{kip} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.3-3}$$

$$V_{c2} := 0.25 f_c \cdot b \cdot d_e = 315 \cdot \text{kip} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.3-2}$$

$$V_n := \min(V_{c1}, V_{c2}) = 48.16 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Resistance factor for shear

$$\phi_v := 0.9$$

**LRFD 5.5.4.2**

Factored shear resistance (capacity)

$$V_r := \phi_v \cdot V_n = 43.34 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Check if the capacity > the demand

$$\text{Check} := \text{if} \left( \frac{V_r}{ft} > V_{uWallShear}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"} \right) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Development Length of Reinforcement

The flexural reinforcing steel must be developed on each side of the critical section for its full development length.

**LRFD 5.10.8.1.2, 5.10.8.2.1**

Basic development length

$$l_{db} := 2.4 \cdot d_{bar} \cdot \frac{f_y}{\sqrt{f_c \cdot \text{ksi}}} = 7.82 \text{ ft} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.10.8.2.1a-2}$$

Reinforcement location factor

$$\lambda_{rl} := 1$$

No more than 12 in. concrete below

Coating factor

$$\lambda_{cf} := 1.5$$

Epoxy coated bars with less than  $3d_b$  cover

Distance from center of the bar to the nearest concrete surface

$$c_b := \text{Cover}_{wall} = 3 \cdot \text{in}$$

Reinforcement confinement factor	$\lambda_{rc} := \frac{d_{bar}}{c_b} = 0.38$	
Excess reinforcement factor	$\lambda_{er} := \frac{A_{sRequired}}{A_{sProvided}} = 0.85$	
Factor for normal weight concrete	$\lambda := 1$	
Required development length	$l_d := l_{db} \cdot \frac{(\lambda_{rl} \cdot \lambda_{cf} \cdot \lambda_{rc} \cdot \lambda_{er})}{\lambda} = 3.76 \text{ ft}$	<b>LRFD Eq. 5.10.8.2.1a-1</b>

Since the footing thickness is 3 ft, an adequate space is not available for straight bars. The common practice is to use hooked bars which are set on the bottom reinforcing steel layer.

## Shrinkage and Temperature Reinforcement

The following calculations check the required amount of reinforcing steel in the secondary direction to control shrinkage and temperature stresses in the abutment wall.

The reinforcement at the front face of the abutment wall and the horizontal reinforcement at the interior should satisfy the shrinkage and temperature reinforcement requirements.

**LRFD 5.10.6**

The spacing of shrinkage and temperature reinforcement shall not exceed the following:  
12 in. for walls and footings greater than 18 in.

**LRFD 5.10.6**

Note: MDOT limits reinforcement spacing to a maximum of 18 in.

**BDG 5.16.01**

Select a trial bar size	$bar := 6$	
Nominal diameter of a reinforcing steel bar	$d_{bST} := \text{Dia}(bar) = 0.75 \cdot \text{in}$	
Cross-section area of the bar	$A_{barST} := \text{Area}(bar) = 0.44 \cdot \text{in}^2$	
Select a spacing for reinforcing steel bars	$s_{barST} := 12 \cdot \text{in}$	
Reinforcing steel area provided in the section	$A_{sProvidedST} := \frac{A_{barST} \cdot 12 \text{in}}{s_{barST}} = 0.44 \cdot \text{in}^2$	

The required minimum shrinkage and temperature reinforcement area at the abutment wall was previously calculated during the design of flexural reinforcement.

Required shrinkage and temperature steel area	$A_{shrink.temp} = 0.35 \cdot \text{in}^2$
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Check if the provided steel area > the required area of shrinkage and temperature steel	$\text{Check} := \text{if}(A_{sProvidedST} > A_{shrink.temp}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$
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The abutment wall design presented in this step provides the following details:

- No. 9 bars @ 12.0 in. spacing ( $A_s = 1.0 \text{ in.}^2/\text{ft}$ ) as the back face flexural reinforcement
- No. 6 bars @ 12.0 in. spacing ( $A_s = 0.44 \text{ in.}^2/\text{ft}$ ) as the front face vertical shrinkage and temperature reinforcement
- No. 6 bars @ 12.0 in. spacing ( $A_s = 0.44 \text{ in.}^2/\text{ft}$ ) as the front and back face horizontal shrinkage and temperature reinforcement.

## Step 2.9 Structural Design of the Footing

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### Description

This step presents the structural design of the abutment footing.

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## Forces and Moments at the Base of the Abutment Footing

Step 2.5 presents the load effects at the base of the footing under different load cases and limit states. A summary is presented in the following tables:

Factored vertical force,  $F_{V_{Ft}}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	56.79	43.32
LC III	74.75	55.33
LC IV	69.08	52.09

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing,  $V_{u_{Ft}}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	16.59	11.06
LC III	16.59	11.06
LC IV	19.85	13.12

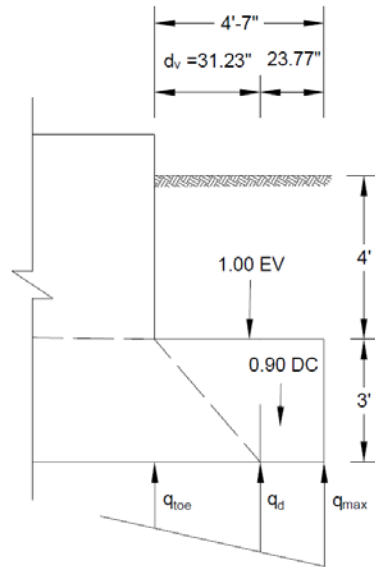
Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing,  $M_{u_{Ft}}$  (kip-ft/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	87.92	32.22
LC III	143.27	69.22
LC IV	140.34	71.62

Note: In this example, the length of the footing and the abutment wall is 65.75 ft and 63.75 ft, respectively. Since the cantilevered length of the footing in the longitudinal direction is limited to 1 ft on each side, the shear and moment acting on the footing in the longitudinal direction are small and do not require flexural and shear designs.

## Toe Design

The necessary dimensions, loads, and the bearing pressure distribution are shown in the following figure:



For structural design of an eccentrically loaded foundation, a triangular or trapezoidal bearing pressure distribution is used.

**LRFD 10.6.5**

According to the loads in the summary tables, Load Case III under the Strength I limit state is identified as the governing load case for the design of flexure and shear at the toe.

$$F_{VFtLC3StrI} = 74.75 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

$$M_{uFtLC3StrI} = 143.27 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Eccentricity in the footing width direction

$$e_B := \frac{M_{uFtLC3StrI}}{F_{VFtLC3StrI}} = 1.92 \cdot \text{ft}$$

Maximum and minimum bearing pressure

$$q_{\max} := \frac{F_{VFtLC3StrI}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 7.37 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

$$q_{\min} := \frac{F_{VFtLC3StrI}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 1.42 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

The critical section for flexural design is at the front face of the wall.

**LRFD 5.12.8.4**

Bearing pressure at the critical section

$$q_{\text{toe}} := q_{\min} + \frac{(q_{\max} - q_{\min})}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot (B_{\text{footing}} - l_{\text{toe}}) = 5.77 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

A simplified analysis method is used in this example to determine the maximum moments at the front face of the wall by selecting load factors to produce the maximum bearing pressure and minimum resisting loads. This method is conservative and eliminates the need for using multiple combinations.

As shown below, minimum load factors are used for the resisting forces (such as the overburden and footing self-weight) to calculate the maximum moment at the front face of the wall.



The moment demand at the critical section

$$M_{\text{TDemand}} := q_{\text{toe}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{toe}}^2}{2} + (q_{\text{max}} - q_{\text{toe}}) \cdot \frac{l_{\text{toe}}^2}{3} - 0.9 \cdot W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{toe}}^2}{2} - 1.0 \gamma_s \cdot (h_{\text{toeDepth}} - t_{\text{footing}}) \cdot \frac{l_{\text{toe}}^2}{2}$$

$$M_{\text{TDemand}} = 62.51 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

## Flexural Resistance

**LRFD 5.6.3.2**

The design procedure consists of calculating the reinforcing steel area required to satisfy the moment demand and checking the selected steel area against the requirements and limitations for developing an adequate moment capacity, controlling crack width, and managing shrinkage and temperature stresses.

Select a trial bar size

$$\text{bar} := 8$$

Nominal diameter of a reinforcing steel bar

$$d_{\text{bar}} := \text{Dia}(\text{bar}) = 1 \cdot \text{in}$$

Cross-section area of a bar on the flexural tension side

$$A_{\text{bar}} := \text{Area}(\text{bar}) = 0.79 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

The spacing of the main reinforcing steel bars in walls and slabs shall not be greater than the lesser of 1.5 times the thickness of the member or 18 in.

**LRFD 5.10.3.2**

The spacing of shrinkage and temperature reinforcement shall not exceed the following:  
12 in. for walls and footings greater than 18 in.

**LRFD 5.10.6**

Note: MDOT limits reinforcement spacing to a maximum of 18 in.

**BDG 5.16.01 and 5.22.01**

Footing thickness

$$t_{\text{footing}} = 3 \text{ ft}$$

Select a spacing for reinforcing steel bars

$$s_{\text{bar}} := 12 \cdot \text{in}$$

Select a 1-ft wide strip for the design.

Area of tension steel provided in a 1-ft wide strip

$$A_{\text{sProvided}} := \frac{A_{\text{bar}} \cdot 12 \text{ in}}{s_{\text{bar}}} = 0.79 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Effective depth

$$d_e := t_{\text{footing}} - \text{Cover}_{\text{ft}} = 32 \cdot \text{in}$$

Resistance factor for flexure

$$\phi_f := 0.9$$

**LRFD 5.5.4.2**

Width of the compression face of the section

$$b := 12 \text{ in}$$

Stress block factor

$$\beta_1 = 0.85$$

Solve the following equation of  $A_s$  to calculate the required area of steel to satisfy the moment demand. Use an assumed initial  $A_s$  value to solve the equation.

Initial assumption

$$A_s := 1 \text{ in}^2$$

$$\text{Given } M_{\text{TDemand}} \cdot \text{ft} = \phi_f \cdot A_s \cdot f_y \cdot \left[ d_e - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{A_s \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot b} \right) \right]$$

Required area of steel

$$A_{\text{sRequired}} := \text{Find}(A_s) = 0.44 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Check if  $A_{\text{sProvided}} > A_{\text{sRequired}}$

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(A_{\text{sProvided}} > A_{\text{sRequired}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

Moment capacity of the section with the provided steel

$$M_{\text{Provided}} := \phi_f \cdot A_{\text{sProvided}} \cdot f_y \cdot \left[ d_e - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{A_{\text{sProvided}} \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot b} \right) \right]$$

$$M_{\text{Provided}} = 111.01 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Distance from the extreme compression fiber to the neutral axis

$$c := \frac{A_{\text{sProvided}} \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot \beta_1 \cdot b} = 1.82 \cdot \text{in}$$

Check the validity of the assumption,  $f_s = f_y$

$$\text{Check}_{f_s} := \text{if} \left( \frac{c}{d_e} < 0.6, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"} \right) = \text{"OK"}$$

### Limits for Reinforcement

**LRFD 5.6.3.3**

The tensile reinforcement provided must be adequate to develop a factored flexural resistance at least equal to the lesser of the cracking moment or 1.33 times the factored moment from the applicable strength limit state load combinations.

Flexural cracking variability factor

$$\gamma_1 := 1.6 \quad \text{For concrete structures that are not precast segmental}$$

Ratio of specified minimum yield strength to ultimate tensile strength of the nonprestressed reinforcement

$$\gamma_3 := 0.67 \quad \text{For ASTM A615 Grade 60 reinforcement}$$

Section modulus

$$S_c := \frac{1}{6} \cdot b \cdot t_{\text{footing}}^2 = 2.59 \times 10^3 \cdot \text{in}^3$$

Cracking moment

$$M_{\text{cr}} := \frac{\gamma_3 \cdot \gamma_1 \cdot f_r \cdot S_c}{\text{ft}} = 96.25 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

1.33 times the factored moment demand

$$1.33 \cdot M_{\text{rDemand}} = 83.14 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

The factored moment to satisfy the minimum reinforcement requirement

$$M_{\text{req}} := \min(1.33 M_{\text{rDemand}}, M_{\text{cr}}) = 83.14 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Check the adequacy of section capacity

$$\text{Check} := \text{if} (M_{\text{Provided}} > M_{\text{req}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

### Control of Cracking by Distribution of Reinforcement

**LRFD 5.6.7**

Limiting the width of expected cracks under service conditions extends the service life. The width of potential cracks can be minimized through proper placement of the reinforcement. Checking for crack control assures that the actual stress in the reinforcement does not exceed the service limit state stress.

The spacing requirement for the mild steel reinforcement in the layer closest to the tension face

$$s \leq \frac{700 \cdot \gamma_e}{\beta_s \cdot f_{\text{SS}}} - 2 \cdot d_c$$

**LRFD Eq. 5.6.7-1**

Exposure factor for the Class 1 exposure condition

$$\gamma_e := 1.00$$

Distance from extreme tension fiber to the center of the closest bar

$$d_c := \text{Cover}_{\text{ft}} = 4 \cdot \text{in}$$

Ratio of flexural strain at the extreme tension face to the strain at the centroid of the reinforcement layer closest to the tension face

$$\beta_s := 1 + \frac{d_c}{0.7(t_{\text{footing}} - d_c)} = 1.18$$

The calculation of tensile stress in nonprestressed reinforcement at the service limit state,  $f_{ss}$ , requires establishing the neutral axis location and the moment demand at the critical section.

The position of the cross-section's neutral axis is determined through an iterative process to calculate the actual stress in the reinforcement. This process starts with an assumed position of the neutral axis as shown below.

Assumed distance from the extreme compression fiber to the neutral axis

$$x := 5 \cdot \text{in}$$

$$\text{Given } \frac{1}{2} \cdot b \cdot x^2 = \frac{E_s}{E_c} \cdot A_{s\text{Provided}} \cdot (d_e - x)$$

Position of the neutral axis

$$x_{na} := \text{Find}(x) = 5.303 \cdot \text{in}$$

Vertical force and moment at the base of the footing from Load Case III under the Service I limit state are:

$$F_{VFtLC3SerI} = 55.33 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}} \quad M_{uFtLC3SerI} = 69.22 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Eccentricity in the footing width direction under Service I limit state

$$e_{BSerI} := \frac{M_{uFtLC3SerI}}{F_{VFtLC3SerI}} = 1.25 \cdot \text{ft}$$

Maximum and minimum bearing pressure under Service I limit state

$$q_{\text{maxSerI}} := \frac{F_{VFtLC3SerI}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{6 \cdot e_{BSerI}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 4.69 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

$$q_{\text{minSerI}} := \frac{F_{VFtLC3SerI}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{6 \cdot e_{BSerI}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 1.82 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Bearing pressure at the critical section under Service I limit state

$$q_{\text{toeSerI}} := q_{\text{minSerI}} + \frac{(q_{\text{maxSerI}} - q_{\text{minSerI}})}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot (B_{\text{footing}} - l_{\text{toe}})$$

$$q_{\text{toeSerI}} = 3.92 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

The moment at the critical section under the Service I limit state:

$$M_{rSerI} := q_{\text{toeSerI}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{toe}}^2}{2} + (q_{\text{maxSerI}} - q_{\text{toeSerI}}) \cdot \frac{l_{\text{toe}}^2}{3} - W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{toe}}^2}{2} - \gamma_s \cdot (h_{\text{toeDepth}} - t_{\text{footing}}) \cdot \frac{l_{\text{toe}}^2}{2}$$

$$M_{rSerI} = 36.8 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Tensile force in the reinforcing steel due to the service limit state moment

$$T_s := \frac{M_{rSerI}}{d_e - \frac{x_{na}}{3}} \cdot \text{ft} = 14.6 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Stress in the reinforcing steel due to the service limit state moment

$$f_{ss1} := \frac{T_s}{A_{s\text{Provided}}} = 18.49 \cdot \text{ksi}$$

$f_{ss}$  (not to exceed  $0.6f_y$ )

$$f_{ss} := \min(f_{ss1}, 0.6f_y) = 18.49 \cdot \text{ksi}$$

Required reinforcement spacing

$$s_{\text{barRequired}} := \frac{700 \cdot \gamma_e \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{in}}}{\beta_s \cdot f_{ss}} - 2 \cdot d_c = 24.13 \cdot \text{in}$$

Check if the spacing provided < the required spacing

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(s_{\text{bar}} < s_{\text{barRequired}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Shrinkage and Temperature Reinforcement Requirement

**LRFD 5.10.6**

The following calculations check the adequacy of the flexural reinforcing steel to control shrinkage and temperature stresses in the toe:

Minimum area of shrinkage and temperature reinforcement

$$A_{\text{shrink.temp}} := \min \left[ \begin{array}{l} \left( 0.60 \frac{\text{in}^2}{\text{ft}} \right) \\ \left( 0.11 \frac{\text{in}^2}{\text{ft}} \right) \\ \max \left[ \frac{1.3 \cdot B_{\text{footing}} \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{in} \cdot \text{ft}}}{2(B_{\text{footing}} + t_{\text{footing}}) \cdot f_y} \right] \end{array} \right] \cdot \text{ft} = 0.33 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Check if the provided area of steel > the required area of shrinkage and temperature steel

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(A_{\text{sProvided}} > A_{\text{shrink.temp}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Design for Shear

Effective width of the section

$$b = 12 \cdot \text{in}$$

Depth of the equivalent rectangular stress block

$$a := \frac{A_{\text{sProvided}} \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot b} = 1.55 \cdot \text{in}$$

Effective shear depth

$$d_v := \max \left( d_e - \frac{a}{2}, 0.9 \cdot d_e, 0.72 \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \right) = 31.23 \cdot \text{in} \quad \text{LRFD 5.7.2.8}$$

The critical section for shear at the toe is located at a distance  $d_v$  from the front face of the wall.

Distance from the toe to the critical section

$$l_{\text{shear}} := l_{\text{toe}} - d_v = 1.98 \cdot \text{ft}$$

Bearing pressure at the critical section

$$q_d := q_{\text{min}} + \frac{(q_{\text{max}} - q_{\text{min}})}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot (B_{\text{footing}} - l_{\text{shear}}) = 6.68 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

As shown below, minimum load factors are used for the resisting forces (such as the overburden and footing self-weight) to calculate the maximum shear at the front face of the wall.

Factored shear force (demand) at the critical section

$$V_{u\text{FtToe}} := \frac{(q_{\text{max}} + q_d)}{2} \cdot l_{\text{shear}} - 0.9 \cdot W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot l_{\text{shear}} - 1.0 \cdot \gamma_s \cdot (h_{\text{toeDepth}} - t_{\text{footing}}) \cdot l_{\text{shear}} = 12.16 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

The simplified procedure for nonprestressed sections can be used for the design of shear in concrete footings when the distance from the point of zero shear to the face of the wall is less than  $3d_v$ .

**LRFD 5.7.3.4.1**

Check if the distance  $l_{toe}$  is less than  $3d_v$

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(l_{toe} < 3 \cdot d_v, \text{"Yes"}, \text{"No"}) = \text{"Yes"}$$

Therefore, the simplified procedure is used.

Factor indicating the ability of diagonally cracked concrete to transmit tension and shear

$$\beta := 2$$

Nominal shear resistance of concrete,  $V_n$ , is calculated as follows:

$$V_{c1} := 0.0316 \cdot \beta \cdot \sqrt{f_c \cdot \text{ksi}} \cdot b \cdot d_e = 42 \cdot \text{kip} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.3-3}$$

$$V_{c2} := 0.25 f_c \cdot b \cdot d_e = 288 \cdot \text{kip} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.3-2}$$

$$V_n := \min(V_{c1}, V_{c2}) = 42.03 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Resistance factor for shear

$$\phi_v := 0.9$$

**LRFD 5.5.4.2**

Factored shear resistance (capacity)

$$V_r := \phi_v \cdot V_n = 37.83 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Check if the capacity > the shear demand

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}\left(\frac{V_r}{\text{ft}} > V_{u\text{FtToe}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}\right) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Development Length of Reinforcement

The flexural reinforcing steel must be developed on each side of the critical section for its full development length.

**LRFD 5.10.8.1.2**

Available length for rebar development

$$l_{d,\text{available}} := l_{toe} - \text{Cover}_{ft} = 4.25 \text{ ft}$$

Basic development length

$$l_{db} := 2.4 \cdot d_{\text{bar}} \cdot \frac{f_y}{\sqrt{f_c \cdot \text{ksi}}} = 6.93 \text{ ft} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.10.8.2.1a-2}$$

Reinforcement location factor

$$\lambda_{rl} := 1$$

No more than 12 in. concrete below

Coating factor

$$\lambda_{cf} := 1.5$$

Epoxy coating bars with less than  $3d_b$  cover

Reinforcement confinement factor

$$\lambda_{rc} := 0.4$$

For  $c_b > 2.5$  in and No. 8 bars or smaller

Excess reinforcement factor

$$\lambda_{er} := \frac{A_{s\text{Required}}}{A_{s\text{Provided}}} = 0.56 \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.10.8.2.1c-4}$$

Factor for normal weight concrete

$$\lambda := 1$$

Required development length

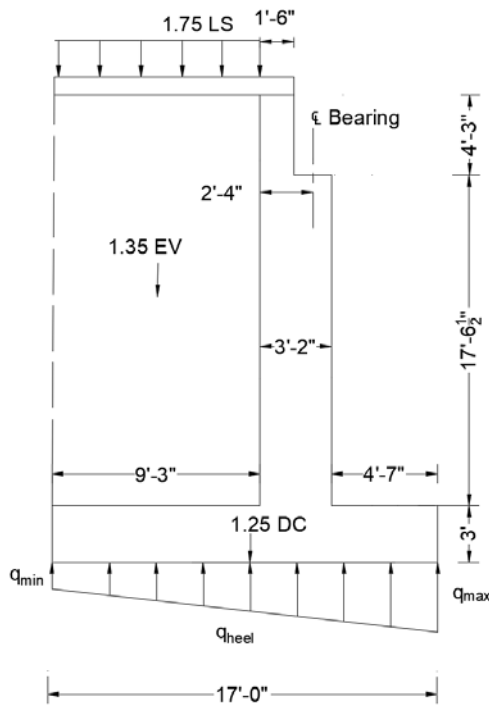
$$l_{d,\text{required}} := l_{db} \cdot \frac{(\lambda_{rl} \cdot \lambda_{cf} \cdot \lambda_{rc} \cdot \lambda_{er})}{\lambda} = 2.32 \text{ ft} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.10.8.2.1a-1}$$

Check if  $l_{d,\text{available}} > l_{d,\text{required}}$

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(l_{d,\text{available}} > l_{d,\text{required}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Heel Design

The necessary dimensions, loads, and the bearing pressure distribution are shown in the following figure:



The self-weight of the footing, the weight of soil, live load surcharge and the bearing pressure act on the heel. The critical load combination for the design selects the load factors to produce the minimum vertical loads and maximum eccentricities resulting in the minimum bearing pressure.

The critical location for the design of flexure is located at the back face of the wall.

**LRFD 5.12.8.4**

In the general case of a cantilever abutment wall, where the downward load on the heel is larger than the upward reaction of the soil under the heel, the top of the heel is in tension. Therefore, the critical section for shear is taken at the back face of the abutment wall.

**LRFD  
C5.12.8.6.1**

Load cases I, III, and IV under the Strength I limit state are used to calculate the maximum moment and shear at the critical sections.

### Load Case I

Minimum vertical force

$$F_{VFtLC1StrI\text{Min}} = 41.63 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

**Step 2.6, sliding  
resistance check**

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{uFtLC1StrI} = 87.92 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

**Step 2.6, summary table**

Eccentricity in the footing width direction

$$e_B := \frac{M_{uFtLC1StrI}}{F_{VFtLC1StrI\text{Min}}} = 2.11 \cdot \text{ft}$$

Maximum and minimum bearing pressure

$$q_{\max} := \frac{F_{VFtLC1StrIMin}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 4.27 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

$$q_{\min} := \frac{F_{VFtLC1StrIMin}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 0.62 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Bearing pressure at the critical section

$$q_{\text{heelLC1StrI}} := q_{\min} + (q_{\max} - q_{\min}) \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} = 2.61 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Factored moment at the critical section

$$M_{\text{rLC1StrI}} := 1.25 \cdot W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}^2}{2} + 1.35 E V_{\text{earthBk}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - q_{\min} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - \frac{1}{6} (q_{\text{heelLC1StrI}} - q_{\min}) l_{\text{heel}}^2$$

$$M_{\text{rLC1StrI}} = 120.08 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force at the critical section

$$V_{\text{uHeeLC1StrI}} := 1.25 \cdot W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} + 1.35 E V_{\text{earthBk}} - q_{\min} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} - \frac{1}{2} (q_{\text{heelLC1StrI}} - q_{\min}) \cdot l_{\text{heel}}$$

$$V_{\text{uHeeLC1StrI}} = 22.9 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

### Load Case III

Two cases need to be considered: without and with the live load.

*Without the live load*

Minimum vertical force

$$F_{VFtLC3StrIMin\_noLL} = 46.72 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}} \quad \text{Step 2.6, sliding resistance check}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{\text{uFtLC3StrI\_noLL}} = 113.82 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}} \quad \text{Step 2.6, eccentric load limitation check}$$

Eccentricity in the footing width direction

$$e_B := \frac{M_{\text{uFtLC3StrI\_noLL}}}{F_{VFtLC3StrIMin\_noLL}} = 2.44 \cdot \text{ft}$$

Maximum and minimum bearing pressure

$$q_{\max} := \frac{F_{VFtLC3StrIMin\_noLL}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 5.11 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

$$q_{\min} := \frac{F_{VFtLC3StrIMin\_noLL}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 0.39 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Bearing pressure at the critical section

$$q_{\text{heelLC3StrI}} := q_{\min} + (q_{\max} - q_{\min}) \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} = 2.96 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Factored moment at the critical section

$$M_{TLC3StrI\_noLL} := 1.25 \cdot W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}^2}{2} + 1.35 E V_{\text{earthBk}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - q_{\text{min}} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - \frac{1}{6} (q_{\text{heelLC3StrI}} - q_{\text{min}}) l_{\text{heel}}^2$$

$$M_{TLC3StrI\_noLL} = 121.93 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force at the critical section

$$V_{u\text{HeelLC3StrI\_noLL}} := 1.25 \cdot W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} + 1.35 E V_{\text{earthBk}} - q_{\text{min}} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} - \frac{1}{2} (q_{\text{heelLC3StrI}} - q_{\text{min}}) \cdot l_{\text{heel}}$$

$$V_{u\text{HeelLC3StrI\_noLL}} = 22.4 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

*With the live load*

Minimum vertical force

$$F_{VFtLC3StrI\text{Min}} = 56.27 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}} \quad \text{Step 2.6, sliding resistance check}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{uFtLC3StrI} = 143.27 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}} \quad \text{Step 2.6, summary table}$$

Eccentricity in the footing width direction

$$e_B := \frac{M_{uFtLC3StrI}}{F_{VFtLC3StrI\text{Min}}} = 2.55 \cdot \text{ft}$$

Maximum and minimum bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{max}} := \frac{F_{VFtLC3StrI\text{Min}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 6.28 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

$$q_{\text{min}} := \frac{F_{VFtLC3StrI\text{Min}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 0.34 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Bearing pressure at the critical section

$$q_{\text{heelLC3StrI}} := q_{\text{min}} + (q_{\text{max}} - q_{\text{min}}) \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} = 3.57 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Factored moment at the critical section

$$M_{TLC3StrI} := 1.25 \cdot W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}^2}{2} + 1.35 E V_{\text{earthBk}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - q_{\text{min}} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - \frac{1}{6} (q_{\text{heelLC3StrI}} - q_{\text{min}}) l_{\text{heel}}^2$$

$$M_{TLC3StrI} = 114.56 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force at the critical section

$$V_{u\text{HeelLC3StrI}} := 1.25 \cdot W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} + 1.35 E V_{\text{earthBk}} - q_{\text{min}} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} - \frac{1}{2} (q_{\text{heelLC3StrI}} - q_{\text{min}}) \cdot l_{\text{heel}}$$

$$V_{u\text{HeelLC3StrI}} = 19.78 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$



## Load Case IV

Two cases need to be considered: without and with the live load surcharge.

*Without the live load surcharge*

Minimum vertical force

$$F_{VFtLC4StrIMin\_noLS} = 46.72 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

**Step 2.6, sliding resistance check**

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{uFtLC4StrI\_noLS} = 116.67 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

**Step 2.6, eccentric load limitation check**

Eccentricity in the footing width direction

$$e_B := \frac{M_{uFtLC4StrI\_noLS}}{F_{VFtLC4StrIMin\_noLS}} = 2.5 \cdot \text{ft}$$

Maximum and minimum bearing pressure

$$q_{\max} := \frac{F_{VFtLC4StrIMin\_noLS}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 5.17 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

$$q_{\min} := \frac{F_{VFtLC4StrIMin\_noLS}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 0.33 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Bearing pressure at the critical section

$$q_{\text{heelLC4StrI}} := q_{\min} + (q_{\max} - q_{\min}) \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} = 2.96 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Factored moment at the critical section

$$M_{TLC4StrI\_noLS} := 1.25 \cdot W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}^2}{2} + 1.35 E V_{\text{earthBk}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - q_{\min} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - \frac{1}{6} (q_{\text{heelLC4StrI}} - q_{\min}) l_{\text{heel}}^2$$

$$M_{TLC4StrI\_noLS} = 123.54 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force at the critical section

$$V_{uHeelLC4StrI\_noLS} := 1.25 \cdot W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} + 1.35 E V_{\text{earthBk}} - q_{\min} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} - \frac{1}{2} (q_{\text{heelLC4StrI}} - q_{\min}) \cdot l_{\text{heel}}$$

$$V_{uHeelLC4StrI\_noLS} = 22.65 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

*With the live load surcharge*

Minimum vertical force

$$F_{VFtLC4StrIMin} = 50.61 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

**Step 2.6, sliding resistance check**

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{uFtLC4StrI} = 140.34 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

**Step 2.6, summary table**

Eccentricity in the footing width direction

$$e_B := \frac{M_{uFtLC4StrI}}{F_{VFtLC4StrIMin}} = 2.77 \cdot \text{ft}$$

Maximum and minimum bearing pressure

$$q_{\max} := \frac{F_{VFtLC4StrIMin}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 5.89 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

$$q_{\min} := \frac{F_{VFtLC4StrIMin}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 0.06 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Bearing pressure at the critical section

$$q_{\text{heelLC4StrI}} := q_{\min} + (q_{\max} - q_{\min}) \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} = 3.23 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Factored moment at the critical section

$$M_{\text{rLC4StrI}} := 1.25 \cdot W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}^2}{2} + 1.35 E V_{\text{earthBk}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - q_{\min} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - \frac{1}{6} (q_{\text{heelLC4StrI}} - q_{\min}) l_{\text{heel}}^2$$

$$M_{\text{rLC4StrI}} = 127.15 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force at the critical section

$$V_{\text{uHeelLC4StrI}} := 1.25 \cdot W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} + 1.35 E V_{\text{earthBk}} - q_{\min} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} - \frac{1}{2} (q_{\text{heelLC4StrI}} - q_{\min}) \cdot l_{\text{heel}}$$

$$V_{\text{uHeelLC4StrI}} = 22.6 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Moment demand at the critical section

$$M_{\text{HeelDemand}} := \max(M_{\text{rLC1StrI}}, M_{\text{rLC3StrI\_noLL}}, M_{\text{rLC3StrI}}, M_{\text{rLC4StrI\_noLS}}, M_{\text{rLC4StrI}}) = 127.15 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Shear demand at the critical section

$$V_{\text{HeelDemand}} := \max(V_{\text{uHeelLC1StrI}}, V_{\text{uHeelLC3StrI\_noLL}}, V_{\text{uHeelLC3StrI}}, V_{\text{uHeelLC4StrI\_noLS}}, V_{\text{uHeelLC4StrI}})$$

$$V_{\text{HeelDemand}} = 22.9 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

## Flexural Resistance

**LRFD 5.6.3.2**

The design procedure consists of calculating the reinforcing steel area required to satisfy the moment demand and checking the selected steel area against the requirements and limitations for developing an adequate moment capacity, controlling crack width, and managing shrinkage and temperature stresses.

Select a trial bar size

$$\text{bar} := 9$$

Nominal diameter of a reinforcing steel bar

$$d_{\text{bar}} := \text{Dia}(\text{bar}) = 1.13 \cdot \text{in}$$

Cross-section area of a bar on the flexural tension side

$$A_{\text{bar}} := \text{Area}(\text{bar}) = 1 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

The spacing of the main reinforcing steel bars in walls and slabs shall not be greater than the lesser of 1.5 times the thickness of the member or 18 in.

**LRFD 5.10.3.2**

The spacing of shrinkage and temperature reinforcement shall not exceed the following:  
12 in. for walls and footings greater than 18 in.

**LRFD 5.10.6**

Note: MDOT limits reinforcement spacing to a maximum of 18 in.

**BDG 5.16.01 and 5.22.01**

Footing thickness  $t_{\text{footing}} = 3 \text{ ft}$

Select a spacing for reinforcing steel bars  $s_{\text{bar}} := 10 \cdot \text{in}$

Select a 1-ft wide strip for the design.

Area of tension steel provided in a 1-ft wide strip  $A_{s\text{Provided}} := \frac{A_{\text{bar}} \cdot 12 \text{in}}{s_{\text{bar}}} = 1.2 \cdot \text{in}^2$

Effective depth  $d_e := t_{\text{footing}} - \text{Cover}_{\text{ft}} = 32 \cdot \text{in}$

Resistance factor for flexure  $\phi_f := 0.9$  **LRFD 5.5.4.2**

Width of the compression face of the section  $b := 12 \text{in}$

Stress block factor  $\beta_1 = 0.85$

Solve the following equation of  $A_s$  to calculate the required area of steel to satisfy the moment demand. Use an assumed initial  $A_s$  value to solve the equation.

Initial assumption  $A_s := 1 \text{in}^2$

$$\text{Given } M_{\text{HeelDemand}} \cdot \text{ft} = \phi_f \cdot A_s \cdot f_y \cdot \left[ d_e - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{A_s \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot b} \right) \right]$$

Required area of steel  $A_{s\text{Required}} := \text{Find}(A_s) = 0.91 \cdot \text{in}^2$

Check if  $A_{s\text{Provided}} > A_{s\text{Required}}$   $\text{Check} := \text{if}(A_{s\text{Provided}} > A_{s\text{Required}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$

Moment capacity of the section with the provided steel  $M_{\text{Provided}} := \phi_f \cdot A_{s\text{Provided}} \cdot f_y \cdot \left[ d_e - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{A_{s\text{Provided}} \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot b} \right) \right]$

$$M_{\text{Provided}} = 166.45 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Distance from the extreme compression fiber to the neutral axis  $c := \frac{A_{s\text{Provided}} \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot \beta_1 \cdot b} = 2.77 \cdot \text{in}$

Check the validity of the assumption,  $f_s = f_y$   $\text{Check}_{f_s} := \text{if}\left(\frac{c}{d_e} < 0.6, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}\right) = \text{"OK"}$

### Limits for Reinforcement

**LRFD 5.6.3.3**

The tensile reinforcement provided must be adequate to develop a factored flexural resistance at least equal to the lesser of the cracking moment or 1.33 times the factored moment from the applicable strength limit state load combinations.

Flexural cracking variability factor  $\gamma_1 := 1.6$  For concrete structures that are not precast segmental

Ratio of specified minimum yield strength to ultimate tensile strength of the nonprestressed reinforcement  $\gamma_3 := 0.67$  For ASTM A615 Grade 60 reinforcement

Section modulus	$S_c := \frac{1}{6} \cdot b \cdot t_{\text{footing}}^2 = 2.59 \times 10^3 \cdot \text{in}^3$
Cracking moment	$M_{\text{cr}} := \frac{\gamma_3 \cdot \gamma_1 \cdot f_r \cdot S_c}{\text{ft}} = 96.25 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$
1.33 times the factored moment demand	$1.33 \cdot M_{\text{HeelDemand}} = 169.12 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$
The factored moment to satisfy the minimum reinforcement requirement	$M_{\text{req}} := \min(1.33 M_{\text{HeelDemand}}, M_{\text{cr}}) = 96.25 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$
Check the adequacy of section capacity	Check := if( $M_{\text{Provided}} > M_{\text{req}}$ , "OK", "Not OK") = "OK"

### Control of Cracking by Distribution of Reinforcement

LRFD 5.6.7

Limiting the width of expected cracks under service conditions extends the service life. The width of potential cracks can be minimized through proper placement of the reinforcement. Checking for crack control assures that the actual stress in the reinforcement should not exceed the service limit state stress.

The spacing requirement for the mild steel reinforcement in the layer closest to the tension face

$$s \leq \frac{700 \cdot \gamma_e}{\beta_s \cdot f_{ss}} - 2 \cdot d_c \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.6.7-1}$$

Exposure factor for the Class 1 exposure condition

$$\gamma_e := 1.00$$

Distance from extreme tension fiber to the center of the closest flexural reinforcement

$$d_c := \text{Cover}_{\text{ft}} = 4 \cdot \text{in}$$

Ratio of flexural strain at the extreme tension face to the strain at the centroid of the reinforcement layer closest to the tension face

$$\beta_s := 1 + \frac{d_c}{0.7(t_{\text{footing}} - d_c)} = 1.18$$

The calculation of tensile stress in nonprestressed reinforcement at the service limit state,  $f_{ss}$ , requires establishing the neutral axis location and the moment demand at the critical section.

The position of the cross-section's neutral axis is determined through an iterative process to calculate the actual stress in the reinforcement. This process starts with an assumed position of the neutral axis as shown below.

Assumed distance from the extreme compression fiber to the neutral axis

$$x := 5 \cdot \text{in}$$

$$\text{Given } \frac{1}{2} \cdot b \cdot x^2 = \frac{E_s}{E_c} \cdot A_{s\text{Provided}} \cdot (d_e - x)$$

Position of the neutral axis

$$x_{\text{na}} := \text{Find}(x) = 6.4 \cdot \text{in}$$

Maximum and minimum bearing pressure under Service I limit state (from the toe design)

$$q_{\text{maxSerI}} = 4.69 \cdot \text{ksf} \quad q_{\text{minSerI}} = 1.82 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Bearing pressure at the critical section

$$q_{\text{HeelSerI}} := q_{\text{minSerI}} + \frac{(q_{\text{maxSerI}} - q_{\text{minSerI}})}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} = 3.38 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

The moment at the critical section under the Service I limit state

$$M_{\text{heelSerI}} := W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}^2}{2} + EV_{\text{earthBk}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} \dots$$

$$+ V_{\text{LSFooting}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - q_{\text{minSerI}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}^2}{2} - (q_{\text{HeelSerI}} - q_{\text{minSerI}}) \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}^2}{6}$$

$$M_{\text{heelSerI}} = 41.33 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Tensile force in the reinforcing steel due to the service limit state moment

$$T_s := \frac{M_{\text{heelSerI}}}{d_e - \frac{x_{na}}{3}} \cdot \text{ft} = 16.6 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Stress in the reinforcing steel due to the service limit state moment

$$f_{ss1} := \frac{T_s}{A_{s\text{Provided}}} = 13.84 \cdot \text{ksi}$$

$f_{ss}$  (not to exceed  $0.6f_y$ )

$$f_{ss} := \min(f_{ss1}, 0.6f_y) = 13.84 \cdot \text{ksi}$$

Required reinforcement spacing

$$s_{\text{barRequired}} := \frac{700 \cdot \gamma_e \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{in}}}{\beta_s \cdot f_{ss}} - 2 \cdot d_c = 34.92 \cdot \text{in}$$

Check if the spacing provided < the required spacing

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(s_{\text{bar}} < s_{\text{barRequired}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Shrinkage and Temperature Reinforcement Requirement

**LRFD 5.10.6**

The required minimum shrinkage and temperature reinforcement area was calculated previously for the toe.

Required shrinkage and temperature steel area

$$A_{\text{shrink.temp}} = 0.33 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Check if the provided area of steel > the required area of shrinkage and temperature steel

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(A_{s\text{Provided}} > A_{\text{shrink.temp}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Design for Shear

The critical section for shear in the heel is located at the back face of the abutment wall.

**LRFD C5.12.8.6.1**

Shear demand at the critical section (max. from the load cases)

$$V_{\text{HeelDemand}} = 22.9 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Effective width of the section

$$b = 12 \cdot \text{in}$$

Depth of the equivalent rectangular stress block

$$a := \frac{A_{s\text{Provided}} \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot b} = 2.35 \cdot \text{in}$$

Effective shear depth  $d_v := \max\left(d_e - \frac{a}{2}, 0.9 \cdot d_e, 0.72 \cdot t_{\text{footing}}\right) = 30.82 \cdot \text{in}$  **LRFD 5.7.2.8**

The simplified procedure for nonprestressed sections can be used for the design of shear in concrete footings when the distance from the point of zero shear to the face of the wall is less than  $3d_v$ . **LRFD 5.7.3.4.1**

Check if the distance  $l_{\text{heel}} < 3d_v$   $\text{Check} := \text{if}(l_{\text{heel}} < 3 \cdot d_v, \text{"Yes"}, \text{"No"}) = \text{"No"}$

Therefore, the simplified procedure is used.

Factor indicating the ability of diagonally cracked concrete to transmit tension and shear  $\beta := 2$

Nominal shear resistance of concrete,  $V_n$ , is calculated as follows:

$V_{c1} := 0.0316 \cdot \beta \cdot \sqrt{f_c} \cdot \text{ksi} \cdot b \cdot d_e = 42 \cdot \text{kip}$  **LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.3-3**

$V_{c2} := 0.25f_c \cdot b \cdot d_e = 288 \cdot \text{kip}$  **LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.3-2**

$V_n := \min(V_{c1}, V_{c2}) = 42.03 \cdot \text{kip}$

Resistance factor for shear  $\phi_v := 0.9$  **LRFD 5.5.4.2**

Factored shear resistance (capacity)  $V_r := \phi_v \cdot V_n = 37.83 \cdot \text{kip}$

Check if the shear capacity > the demand  $\text{Check} := \text{if}\left(\frac{V_r}{\text{ft}} > V_{\text{HeelDemand}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}\right) = \text{"OK"}$

## Development Length of Reinforcement

The flexural reinforcing steel must be developed on each side of the critical section for its full development length. **LRFD 5.10.8.1.2**

Available length for rebar development  $l_{d,\text{available}} := l_{\text{heel}} - \text{Cover}_{\text{ft}} = 8.92 \text{ ft}$

Basic development length  $l_{db} := 2.4 \cdot d_{\text{bar}} \cdot \frac{f_y}{\sqrt{f_c} \cdot \text{ksi}} = 7.82 \text{ ft}$  **LRFD Eq. 5.10.8.2.1a-2**

Reinforcement location factor  $\lambda_{rl} := 1.3$  More than 12 in. concrete below

Coating factor  $\lambda_{cf} := 1.5$

Reinforcement confinement factor  $\lambda_{rc} := 0.4$

Excess reinforcement factor  $\lambda_{er} := \frac{A_s \text{Required}}{A_s \text{Provided}} = 0.76$  **LRFD Eq. 5.10.8.2.1c-4**

Factor for normal weight concrete  $\lambda := 1$

Required development length  $l_{d,\text{required}} := l_{db} \cdot \frac{(\lambda_{rl} \cdot \lambda_{cf} \cdot \lambda_{rc} \cdot \lambda_{er})}{\lambda} = 4.61 \text{ ft}$  **LRFD Eq. 5.10.8.2.1a-1**

Check if  $l_{d,\text{available}} > l_{d,\text{required}}$   $\text{Check} := \text{if}(l_{d,\text{available}} > l_{d,\text{required}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$

## Shrinkage and Temperature Reinforcement Design

The following calculations check the required amount of reinforcing steel in the secondary direction to control shrinkage and temperature stresses in the footing.

The reinforcement along the longitudinal direction of the footing at the top and bottom should satisfy the shrinkage and temperature reinforcement requirements. **LRFD 5.10.6**

The spacing of shrinkage and temperature reinforcement shall not exceed the following: **LRFD 5.10.6**  
 12 in. for walls and footings greater than 18 in.

Note: MDOT limits reinforcement spacing to a maximum of 18 in. **BDG 5.16.01 and 5.22.01**

Select a trial bar size

$$\text{bar} := 6$$

Nominal diameter of a reinforcing steel bar

$$d_{\text{barST}} := \text{Dia}(\text{bar}) = 0.75 \cdot \text{in}$$

Cross-section area of the bar

$$A_{\text{barST}} := \text{Area}(\text{bar}) = 0.44 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Select a spacing for reinforcing steel bars

$$s_{\text{barST}} := 12 \cdot \text{in}$$

Reinforcing steel area provided in the section

$$A_{\text{sProvidedST}} := \frac{A_{\text{barST}} \cdot 12 \text{in}}{s_{\text{barST}}} = 0.44 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Required minimum area of shrinkage and temperature reinforcement in the footing

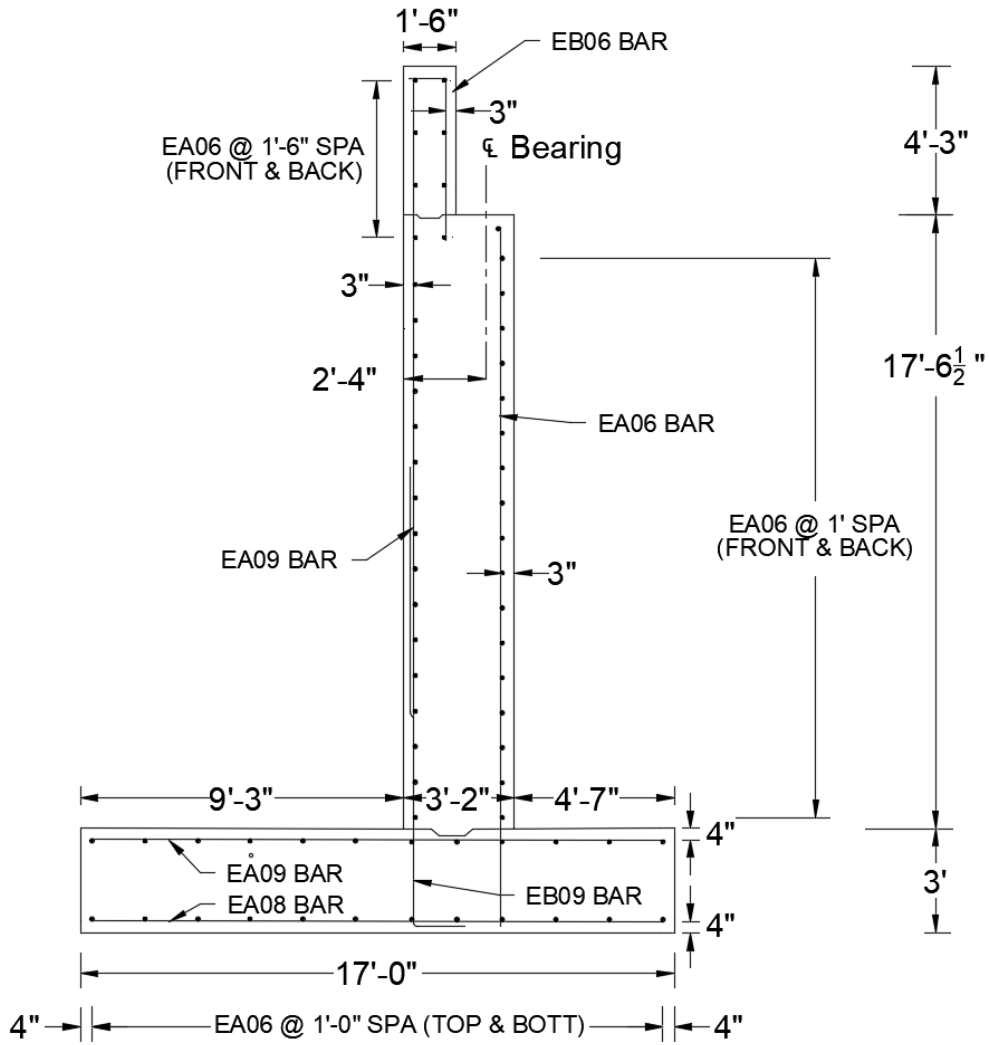
$$A_{\text{shrink.temp}} = 0.33 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Check if the provided steel area > the required area for shrinkage and temperature steel

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(A_{\text{sProvidedST}} > A_{\text{shrink.temp}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

The footing design presented in this step provides the following details:

- No. 9 bars @ 10.0 in. spacing ( $A_s = 1.0 \text{ in.}^2/\text{ft}$ ) as the transverse flexural reinforcement at the top of the footing
- No. 8 bars @ 12.0 in. spacing ( $A_s = 0.79 \text{ in.}^2/\text{ft}$ ) as the transverse flexural reinforcement at the bottom of the footing
- No. 6 bars @ 12.0 in. spacing ( $A_s = 0.44 \text{ in.}^2/\text{ft}$ ) as the longitudinal shrinkage and temperature reinforcement at the top and bottom of the footing.



Note: Refer to MDOT Bridge Design Guides for additional bars, laps, embedment, and keyway dimensions. They are not shown in this drawing for clarity of the main reinforcement.



## **Appendix 2.A Braking Force and Wind Load Calculation**

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### **Description**

This appendix presents the braking force and wind load calculation procedures for illustrative purposes.

## Braking Force

Since the abutments have expansion bearings, the fixed bearings at the pier resist the braking force along the longitudinal direction of the bridge.

The braking force (BR) shall be taken as the greater of:

**LRFD 3.6.4**

- 25% of the axle weight of the design truck / tandem
- 5% of the design truck / tandem weight plus lane load

The braking force is applied on all design lanes assuming that the bridge carries traffic in one direction.

Braking force per lane due to 25% of the axle weight of the design truck / tandem

$$BR_1 := 25\% \cdot (32\text{kip} + 32\text{kip} + 8\text{kip}) = 18 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Braking force per lane due to 5% of the design truck / tandem weight plus plus lane load

$$BR_2 := 5\% \cdot \left( 72\text{kip} + 0.64 \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}} \cdot 2L_{\text{span}} \right) = 10 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Note: The MDOT practice, as reflected in the BDS, is to take only 5% of the design truck plus lane load as the braking force. In addition, the HL-93 modification factor is not included in the braking force calculation. This example describes the MDOT practice.

Braking force selected for the design

$$BRK := BR_2 = 10 \cdot \text{kip}$$

The braking force transmitted to the bearings based on the number of lanes with the live load.

Braking force due to 1 loaded lane

$$BRK_{1L} := BRK \cdot MPF(1) = 12 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Braking force due to 2 loaded lanes

$$BRK_{2L} := 2BRK \cdot MPF(2) = 20 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Braking force due to 3 loaded lanes

$$BRK_{3L} := 3BRK \cdot MPF(3) = 25.5 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Braking force due to 4 loaded lanes

$$BRK_{4L} := 4BRK \cdot MPF(4) = 26 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Braking force due to 5 loaded lanes

$$BRK_{5L} := 5BRK \cdot MPF(5) = 32.5 \cdot \text{kip}$$

The braking force is assumed to be equally shared by the bearings at the pier.

## Wind Load

Since the expansion bearings are located over the abutments, the fixed bearings at the pier resist the longitudinal component of the wind load acting on the superstructure.

### Wind Load on Superstructure

**LRFD 3.8.1.1, 3.8.1.2**

To calculate the wind load acting on the superstructure, the total depth from the top of the barrier to the bottom of the girder is required. Once the total depth is known, the wind exposure area is calculated. The wind pressure and the exposure area are used to calculate the wind load.

Total depth of the superstructure

$$D_{\text{total}} := h_{\text{Railing}} + t_{\text{Deck}} + t_{\text{Haunch}} + d_{\text{Girder}} = 7.08 \text{ ft}$$

Span length for the superstructure  
wind load on the abutment

$$L_{\text{Wind}} := \frac{L_{\text{span}}}{2} = 50 \text{ ft}$$

Effective wind area for the superstructure  
wind load on the abutment

$$A_{\text{WindSuper}} := D_{\text{total}} \cdot L_{\text{Wind}} = 354.17 \text{ ft}^2$$

Basic wind speed (mph)

$$V_w := 115$$

**LRFD 3.8.1.1**

Gust effect factor

$$\text{Gust} := 1$$

**LRFD Table 3.8.1.2.1-1, no sound barrier**

Drag coefficient, superstructure

$$C_{DSup} := 1.1$$

**LRFD Table 3.8.1.2.1-2**

Superstructure height (ft),  
assuming that the structure  
height is less than 33 ft

$$Z := 33$$

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Wind exposure category

Pressure exposure and elevation  
coefficient for Strength III and  
Service IV load combinations

$$K_{ZSup} := \frac{\left(2.5 \cdot \ln\left(\frac{Z}{0.9832}\right) + 6.87\right)^2}{345.6} = 0.71$$

**LRFD Eq.  
3.8.1.2.1-2**

Wind pressure on superstructure,  
Strength III, Service IV (ksf)

$$P_{ZSup.StrIII.ServIV} := 2.56 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot K_{ZSup} \cdot V_w^2 \cdot Gust \cdot C_{DSup} = 0.03$$

Wind pressure on superstructure,  
Strength V, Service I (ksf)

$$P_{ZSup.StrV.ServI} := 2.56 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot V_w^2 \cdot Gust \cdot C_{DSup} = 0.04$$

**LRFD Eq.  
3.8.1.2.1-1**

The wind load from the superstructure transmitted to the abutment depends on the attack angle of the wind. The attack angle is measured from a line perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the bridge.

**LRFD 3.8.1.2.2**

Since the span length and height of this girder bridge are less than 150 ft and 33 ft respectively, the following wind load components are used:

**LRFD 3.8.1.2.3a**

- Transverse: 100 percent of the wind load calculated based on wind direction perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the bridge
- Longitudinal: 25 percent of the transverse load.

The transverse component of the wind load acting on the abutment

$$W_{STran.StrIII.ServIV} := P_{ZSup.StrIII.ServIV} \cdot ksf \cdot A_{WindSuper} = 9.35 \cdot kip$$

$$W_{STran.StrV.ServI} := P_{ZSup.StrV.ServI} \cdot ksf \cdot A_{WindSuper} = 13.19 \cdot kip$$

## Wind Load on Substructure

The wind pressure on the abutment wall is ignored since the wall is usually shielded from wind by wingwalls or an embankment fill.

## Wind Load on Live Load

Since the span length and height of this girder bridge are less than 150 ft and 33 ft respectively, the following wind load components are used:

**LRFD 3.8.1.3**

- 0.10 klf, transverse
- 0.04 klf, longitudinal.

The transverse and longitudinal components of the wind load acting on the live load and transmitted to the abutment

$$W_{LTran} := 0.1 \frac{kip}{ft} \cdot L_{Wind} = 5 \cdot kip$$

$$W_{LLong} := 0.04 \frac{kip}{ft} \cdot L_{Wind} = 2 \cdot kip$$

## **Appendix 2.B Sliding Resistance Check for Spread Footings on Clay**

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### **Description**

This appendix presents the calculation procedure for checking the sliding resistance of spread footings located on a clay layer.

Undrained shear strength (provided by the Geotechnical Service Section)

$$S_u := 1.5 \text{ksf}$$

For footings that rest on clay, where footings are supported on at least 6.0 in. of compacted granular material, the sliding resistance may be taken as the lesser of

**LRFD 10.6.3.4**

- the cohesion of the clay, or
- one-half the normal stress on the interface between the footing and soil.

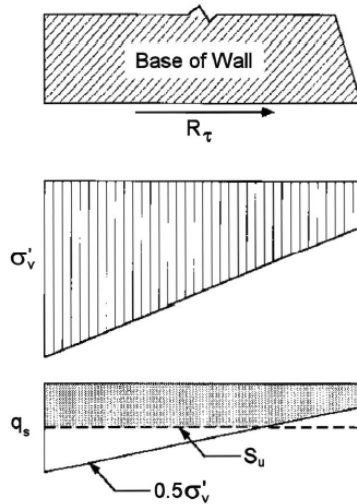


Figure 10.6.3.4-1—Procedure for Estimating Nominal Sliding Resistance for Walls on Clay

The strength limit states are used for this check. Since the resistance is proportional to the vertical loads, the following conditions are used.

- Live load on the bridge is excluded.
- Minimum load factors are used for all vertical loads.
- Maximum load factors are used for the loads that contribute to the horizontal sliding forces.
- Since DW is the future wearing surface load, it is excluded from all load combinations.

Resistance factor for sliding

$$\phi_T := 0.85$$

**LRFD Table 10.5.5.2-1**

According to the loads in the summary tables provided at the end of Step 2.5, LC I or IV could control the design. Therefore, both load cases are checked.

**Load Case I**

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$V_{uFtLC1StrI} = 16.59 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored sliding force (demand)

$$V_{sliding} := V_{uFtLC1StrI} = 16.59 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Minimum vertical load

$$F_{VFtLC1StrIMin} = 41.63 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

**From Step 2.6, sliding resistance check**

Eccentricity in the footing width direction

$$e_B := \frac{M_{uFtLC1StrI}}{F_{VFtLC1StrIMin}} = 2.11 \cdot \text{ft}$$

Maximum and minimum bearing pressure

$$q_{\max} := \frac{F_{VFtLC1StrIMin}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 4.27 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

$$q_{\min} := \frac{F_{VFtLC1StrIMin}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 0.62 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Width of the footing with a normal stress greater than  $2S_u$

$$B_{Su} := B_{\text{footing}} \cdot \frac{q_{\max} - 2 \cdot S_u}{q_{\max} - q_{\min}} = 5.93 \text{ ft}$$

Sliding resistance (capacity)

$$V_{\text{resistance}} := \phi_{\tau} \cdot \left[ B_{Su} \cdot S_u + \frac{1}{2} \cdot (B_{\text{footing}} - B_{Su}) \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} q_{\min} + S_u \right) \right]$$

$$V_{\text{resistance}} = 16.09 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Check if  $V_{\text{resistance}} > V_{\text{sliding}}$

$$\text{Check} := \text{if} \left( V_{\text{resistance}} > V_{\text{sliding}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"} \right) = \text{"Not OK"}$$

Therefore, the sliding resistance is inadequate. Since MDOT typically does not use keyways, consider widening the footing to enhance the sliding resistance. When the footing width is too excessive and uneconomical, consider using EPS as a backfill material.

#### Load Case IV

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$V_{uFtLC4StrI} = 19.85 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored sliding force (demand)

$$V_{\text{sliding}} := V_{uFtLC4StrI} - 1.75 P_{LSFooting} = 16.73 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Minimum vertical load

$$F_{VFtLC4StrIMin\_noLS} = 46.72 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}} \quad \text{From Step 2.6, sliding resistance check}$$

Eccentricity in the footing width direction

$$e_B := \frac{M_{uFtLC4StrI\_noLS}}{F_{VFtLC4StrIMin\_noLS}} = 2.5 \cdot \text{ft}$$

Maximum and minimum bearing pressure

$$q_{\max} := \frac{F_{VFtLC4StrIMin\_noLS}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 5.17 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

$$q_{\min} := \frac{F_{VFtLC4StrIMin\_noLS}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 0.33 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Width of the footing with a normal stress greater than  $2S_u$

$$B_{Su} := B_{\text{footing}} \cdot \frac{q_{\max} - 2 \cdot S_u}{q_{\max} - q_{\min}} = 7.62 \text{ ft}$$

Sliding resistance (capacity)

$$V_{\text{resistance}} := \phi_{\tau} \cdot \left[ B_{Su} \cdot S_u + \frac{1}{2} \cdot (B_{\text{footing}} - B_{Su}) \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} q_{\min} + S_u \right) \right]$$

$$V_{\text{resistance}} = 16.34 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Check if  $V_{\text{resistance}} > V_{\text{sliding}}$

$$\text{Check} := \text{if} \left( V_{\text{resistance}} > V_{\text{sliding}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"} \right) = \text{"Not OK"}$$

Therefore, the sliding resistance is inadequate. Since MDOT typically does not use keyways, consider widening the footing to enhance the sliding resistance. When the footing width is too excessive and uneconomical, consider using EPS as a backfill material.

## Section 3 Abutment with Spread Footing and EPS Backfill

### Step 3.1 Preliminary Abutment Dimensions

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#### Description

This step presents the selected preliminary abutment dimensions.

The design criteria, bridge information, material properties, reinforcing steel cover requirements, soil types and properties, along with superstructure loads in this section are taken from Section 2.



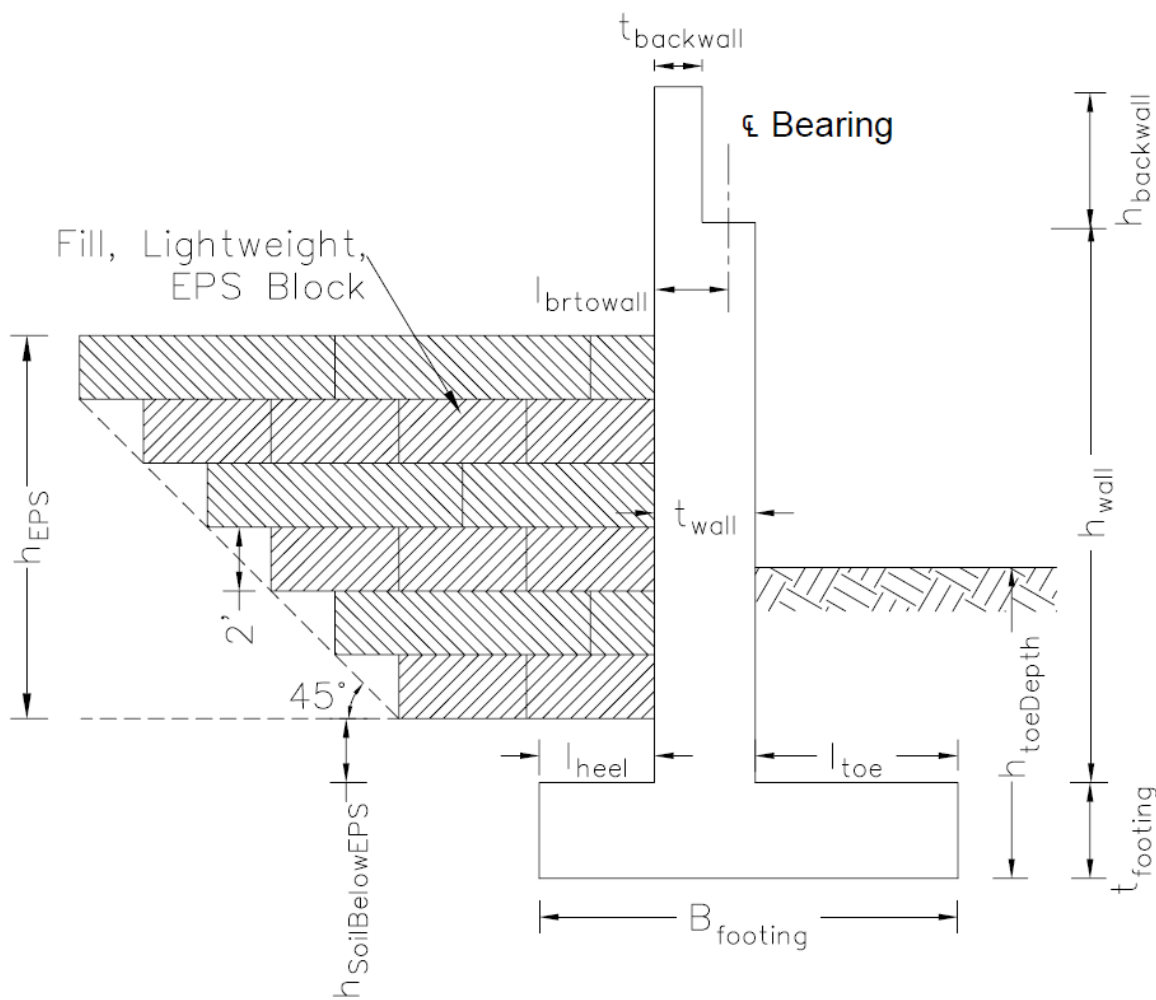


This section presents the design of a full-depth reinforced concrete cantilever abutment with expanded polystyrene (EPS) blocks as the lightweight backfill material.

Geofoam made with EPS is effective at reducing lateral forces or settlement potential for bridge abutments (MDOT Geotechnical Manual 2019). The selection of a specific Geofoam grade depends on the project needs. A typical Geofoam embankment consists of the foundation soils, the Geofoam fill, and a load dissipater slab designed to transfer loads to the Geofoam.

Design guidelines for Geofoam embankments are provided in the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) web document 65, titled *Geofoam Applications in the Design and Construction of Highway Embankments* (Stark et al., 2004). It is cited as **NCHRP w65** in this design example.

The designer should select the preliminary dimensions based on state-specific standards and past experience. The following figure shows the abutment geometry and dimensional variables:



The selected preliminary dimensions are listed below.

Abutment length  $L_{\text{abut}} := W_{\text{deck}} = 63.75 \text{ ft}$

This abutment has an independent backwall with a sliding deck slab.

**BDG 6.20.03A**

Backwall height  $h_{\text{backwall}} := 4.25 \text{ ft}$

Backwall thickness  $t_{\text{backwall}} := 1 \text{ ft} + 6 \text{ in} = 1.5 \text{ ft}$

Abutment wall height  $h_{\text{wall}} := 17.54 \text{ ft}$

Abutment wall thickness  $t_{\text{wall}} := 3 \text{ ft} + 2 \text{ in} = 3.167 \text{ ft}$

Distance from the toe to the front face of the abutment wall  $l_{\text{toe}} := 6 \text{ ft} + 4 \text{ in} = 6.333 \text{ ft}$

Distance from the heel to the back face of the abutment wall  $l_{\text{heel}} := 4 \text{ ft}$

Distance from center of the bearing pad to the back face of the abutment wall  $l_{\text{brtowall}} := 2 \text{ ft} + 4 \text{ in} = 2.333 \text{ ft}$

Footing width  $B_{\text{footing}} := l_{\text{toe}} + l_{\text{heel}} + t_{\text{wall}} = 13.5 \text{ ft}$

Footing length  $L_{\text{footing}} := L_{\text{abut}} + 1 \text{ ft} + 1 \text{ ft} = 65.75 \text{ ft}$

Note: The footing is extended 1 ft beyond the end of the wall on either side.

Footing thickness  $t_{\text{footing}} := 3 \text{ ft}$

Toe fill depth to the bottom of the footing  $h_{\text{toeDepth}} := 7 \text{ ft}$

Note: Bottoms of footings are normally set 4 ft below the existing or proposed ground line to avoid frost heave.

**BDM 7.03.02 D**

Passive earth pressure is excluded from the footing design.

**BDM 7.03.02 F**

For the backfill EPS blocks, assume the following properties:

Unit weight of EPS blocks  $\gamma_{\text{EPS}} := 2 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^3}$

**Michigan Geotechnical Manual page 109**

Slope angle of the EPS block end profile  $\theta := 45 \text{ deg}$

Internal friction angle of the backfill soil  $\phi := 32 \text{ deg}$

The friction angle of EPS/soil interface is typically assumed to be equal to  $\phi$ .

**NCHRP w65**

Friction angle of EPS/soil interface  $\delta_{\text{max}} := \phi = 32 \cdot \text{deg}$

Active lateral earth pressure coefficient for the EPS blocks (based on the Coulomb's classical earth-pressure theory)

$$k_{\text{EPS}} := \left( \frac{\sin(\theta - \phi) \cdot \frac{1}{\sin(\theta)}}{\sqrt{\sin(\theta + \delta)} + \sqrt{\frac{\sin(\phi + \delta) \cdot \sin(\phi)}{\sin(\theta)}}} \right)^2$$

$$k_{\text{EPS}} = 0.031$$

**NCHRPw65**

Height of the EPS blocks

$$h_{\text{EPS}} := 12\text{ft}$$

Depth of the soil between bottom of the EPS blocks and top of the footing

$$h_{\text{SoilBelowEPS}} := 2\text{ft}$$

Height of backfill soil above the EPS blocks

$$h_{\text{SoilAboveEPS}} := h_{\text{wall}} + h_{\text{backwall}} - h_{\text{EPS}} - h_{\text{SoilBelowEPS}} = 7.79\text{ft}$$

If the fill above the EPS blocks is greater than 8 ft, the compressive strength of the blocks needs to be checked.

According to the MDOT Geotechnical Manual (2019), EPS blocks should not be used where the water table could rise and make geofom unstable due to buoyant forces. The structural engineer and the geotechnical engineer need to work together and check EPS stability for a 100-year flood.

## Step 3.2 Application of Dead Load

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### Description

This step describes the application of the dead load on the abutment.

The common practice is to apply superstructure dead load as a uniformly distributed load over the length of the abutment. This is accomplished by adding exterior and interior girder end dead load reactions and dividing this quantity by the abutment length.

Dead load of superstructure

$$\text{Weight of structural components and non-structural attachments (DC)} \quad DC_{\text{Sup}} := \frac{2 \cdot R_{\text{DCEx}} + (N_{\text{beams}} - 2) \cdot R_{\text{DCIn}}}{L_{\text{abut}}} = 5.658 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

$$\text{Weight of the future wearing surface (DW)} \quad DW_{\text{Sup}} := \frac{2 \cdot R_{\text{DWEEx}} + (N_{\text{beams}} - 2) \cdot R_{\text{DWIn}}}{L_{\text{abut}}} = 0.886 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Backwall weight

$$DC_{\text{backwall}} := h_{\text{backwall}} \cdot t_{\text{backwall}} \cdot W_c = 0.956 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Abutment wall weight

$$DC_{\text{wall}} := h_{\text{wall}} \cdot t_{\text{wall}} \cdot W_c = 8.332 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Footing weight

$$DC_{\text{footing}} := B_{\text{footing}} \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot W_c = 6.075 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

## Step 3.3 Application of Live Load

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### Description

Please refer to Step 2.3. The same loads are applied following the procedures described in Step 2.3.



## Step 3.4 Application of Other Loads

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### Description

This step typically includes the calculation of braking force, wind load, earth load, and temperature load.

The calculation of "Other Loads", except the earth load, is identical to Step 2.4. Since EPS blocks are used as the backfill and a different spread footing width is selected, the calculation of the earth load is different. Therefore, this step only presents the earth load calculation. Please refer to Step 2.4 for the rest of the calculations.

## Earth Load

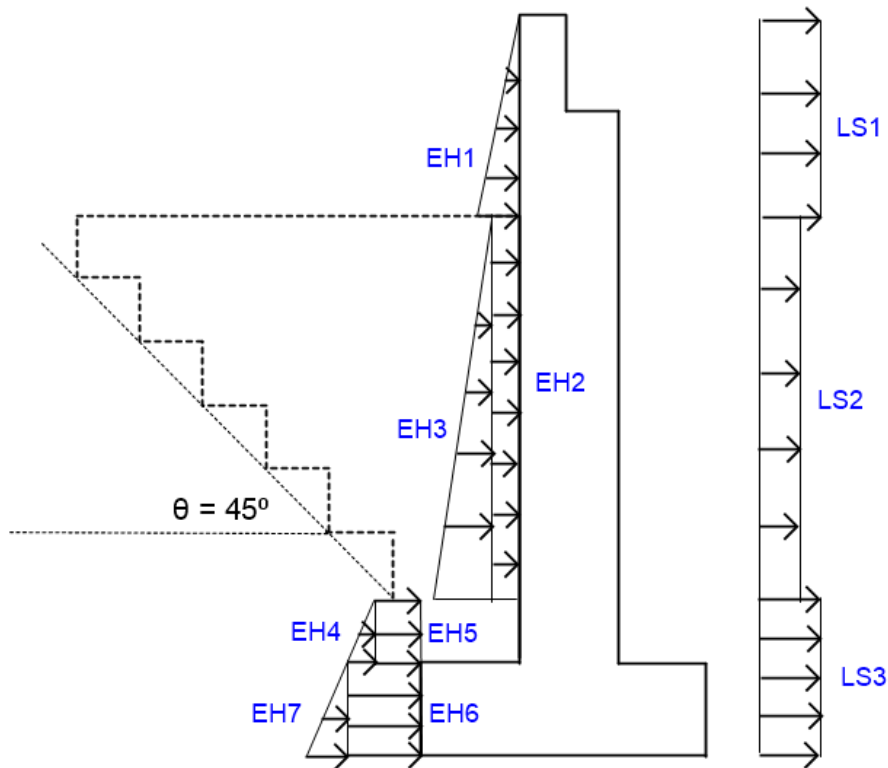
The earth load includes lateral earth pressure, live load surcharge, and vertical earth pressure on the footing. As per the information received from the Geotechnical Services Section, the groundwater table is not located in the vicinity of the foundation. Therefore, the effect of hydrostatic pressure is excluded. When possible, the hydrostatic pressure should be avoided at abutments and retaining walls using an appropriate drainage system.

### Lateral Load Due to Lateral Earth Pressure

The lateral pressure and the resultant force due to earth pressure are calculated.

The lateral component of the earth load on the abutment consists of seven parts as listed below and shown in the following figure:

- EH 1: the lateral pressure from the soil located above the EPS blocks
- EH 2: the lateral pressure due to the vertical load at the top of the EPS blocks
- EH 3: the lateral pressure from the soil located behind the EPS blocks
- EH 4: the lateral pressure from the soil located below the EPS blocks and above the top of the footing
- EH 5: the lateral pressure due to the vertical load at the bottom of the EPS blocks
- EH 6: the lateral pressure due to the vertical load at the top of the footing
- EH 7: the lateral pressure from the soil located along the depth (thickness) of the footing.





## Backwall

Lateral earth pressure at the base

$$P_{bw} := k_a \cdot \gamma_s \cdot h_{backwall} = 0.153 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

**LRFD Eq. 3.11.5.1-1**

Lateral load

$$P_{EHBackwall} := \frac{1}{2} \cdot P_{bw} \cdot h_{backwall} = 0.325 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

## Abutment Wall

The calculation of lateral loads on the abutment wall with EPS blocks as the backfill follows the procedure outlined in the NCHRP web document 65, titled *Geoform Applications in the Design and Construction of Highway Embankments* by Stark et al. (2004).

Height of backfill soil above the EPS blocks

$$h_{\text{SoilAboveEPS}} = 7.79 \text{ ft}$$

EH 1:

**LRFD Eq. 3.11.5.1-1**

Lateral earth pressure at the top of EPS blocks

$$P_{\text{AboveEPS}} := k_a \cdot \gamma_s \cdot h_{\text{SoilAboveEPS}} = 0.28 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Lateral load from the soil located above the EPS blocks

$$P_{EH1} := \frac{1}{2} \cdot P_{\text{AboveEPS}} \cdot h_{\text{SoilAboveEPS}} = 1.092 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

EH 2:

Lateral earth pressure due to the vertical load at the top of the EPS blocks

$$P_{VEPS} := \frac{1}{10} \gamma_s \cdot h_{\text{SoilAboveEPS}} = 0.093 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

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Lateral load due to the vertical load at the top of the EPS blocks

$$P_{EH2} := P_{VEPS} \cdot h_{EPS} = 1.122 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

EH 3:

Lateral earth pressure from the soil located behind the EPS blocks

$$P_{\text{SoilBehind}} := k_{EPS} \gamma_s \cdot h_{EPS} = 0.045 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Lateral load from the soil located behind the EPS blocks

$$P_{EH3} := \frac{1}{2} \cdot P_{\text{SoilBehind}} \cdot h_{EPS} = 0.268 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

EH 4:

Lateral earth pressure from the soil located below the EPS blocks and above the top of the footing

$$P_{\text{SoilBelowEPS}} := k_a \cdot \gamma_s \cdot h_{\text{SoilBelowEPS}} = 0.072 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Lateral load from the soil located below the EPS blocks and above the top of the footing

$$P_{EH4} := \frac{1}{2} \cdot P_{\text{SoilBelowEPS}} \cdot h_{\text{SoilBelowEPS}} = 0.072 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

EH 5:

Lateral earth pressure due to the vertical load at the bottom of the EPS blocks

$$P_{V\text{SoilBelowEPS}} := k_a \cdot (\gamma_s \cdot h_{\text{SoilAboveEPS}} + \gamma_{EPS} \cdot h_{EPS}) = 0.288 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Lateral load due to the vertical load at the bottom of the EPS blocks

$$P_{EH5} := P_{V\text{SoilBelowEPS}} \cdot h_{\text{SoilBelowEPS}} = 0.575 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Total resultant lateral load at the base of the wall

$$P_{EHWall} := P_{EH1} + P_{EH2} + P_{EH3} + P_{EH4} + P_{EH5} = 3.129 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Total moment of the lateral earth load at the base of the wall

$$M_{EHWall} := P_{EH1} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{3} h_{SoilAboveEPS} + h_{EPS} + h_{SoilBelowEPS} \right) + P_{EH2} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} \cdot h_{EPS} + h_{SoilBelowEPS} \right) \dots$$

$$+ P_{EH3} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{3} \cdot h_{EPS} + h_{SoilBelowEPS} \right) + P_{EH4} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot h_{SoilBelowEPS} \dots$$

$$+ P_{EH5} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot h_{SoilBelowEPS}$$

$$M_{EHWall} = 29.331 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

### Footing

The lateral earth load on the backwall, abutment wall, and footing are defined using 7 profiles. The forces acting on the abutment wall from profiles 1 to 5 remain unchanged. Hence, the calculation of forces from the earth load profiles 6 and 7 is described below.

EH 6:

Lateral earth pressure due to the vertical load at the footing top surface elevation

$$P_{SoilAboveFt} := k_a \cdot \left( \gamma_s \cdot h_{SoilAboveEPS} \dots + \gamma_{EPS} \cdot h_{EPS} + \gamma_s \cdot h_{SoilBelowEPS} \right) = 0.36 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Lateral earth load due to the vertical load at the footing top surface elevation

$$P_{EH6} := P_{SoilAboveFt} \cdot (t_{footing}) = 1.079 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

EH 7:

Lateral earth pressure from the soil located along the depth of the footing

$$P_{SoilSideFt} := k_a \cdot (\gamma_s \cdot t_{footing}) = 0.108 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Lateral earth load from the soil located along the depth of the footing

$$P_{EH7} := \frac{1}{2} \cdot P_{SoilSideFt} \cdot t_{footing} = 0.162 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Total lateral earth load

$$P_{EHFooting} := P_{EHWall} + P_{EH6} + P_{EH7} = 4.37 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Total moment of the lateral earth load at the base of the footing

$$M_{EHFooting} := P_{EH1} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{3} h_{SoilAboveEPS} + h_{EPS} + h_{SoilBelowEPS} + t_{footing} \right) \dots$$

$$+ P_{EH2} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} \cdot h_{EPS} + h_{SoilBelowEPS} + t_{footing} \right) + P_{EH3} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{3} \cdot h_{EPS} + h_{SoilBelowEPS} + t_{footing} \right) \dots$$

$$+ P_{EH4} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{3} \cdot h_{SoilBelowEPS} + t_{footing} \right) + P_{EH5} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} \cdot h_{SoilBelowEPS} + t_{footing} \right) \dots$$

$$+ P_{EH6} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot (t_{footing}) + P_{EH7} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot (t_{footing})$$

$$M_{EHFooting} = 40.499 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

### **Vertical Earth Load on the Footing**

Back side (heel)

$$EV_{earthBk} := \gamma_s \cdot l_{heel} \cdot (h_{SoilAboveEPS} + h_{SoilBelowEPS}) + \gamma_{EPS} \cdot l_{heel} \cdot h_{EPS}$$

$$EV_{earthBk} = 4.795 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Front side (toe) 
$$EV_{\text{earthFt}} := \gamma_s \cdot l_{\text{toe}} \cdot (h_{\text{toeDepth}} - t_{\text{footing}}) = 3.04 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

### Live Load Surcharge

A surcharge is applied to account for a vehicular live load acting on the backfill surface within a distance equal to one-half the wall height behind the back face of the wall.

**LRFD 3.11.6.4**

The lateral component of the live load surcharge on the abutment wall consists of three parts, as shown in the previous figure:

- LS 1: the lateral pressure across the soil located above the EPS blocks
- LS 2: the lateral pressure across the EPS blocks due to the soil located above the blocks
- LS 3: the lateral pressure across the soil located below the EPS blocks.

Height of the abutment 
$$h_{\text{backwall}} + h_{\text{wall}} + t_{\text{footing}} = 24.79 \text{ ft}$$

Equivalent height of soil for vehicular load 
$$h_{\text{eq}} := 2 \text{ ft}$$
 **LRFD Table 3.11.6.4-1**

Lateral surcharge pressure 
$$\sigma_p := k_a \cdot \gamma_s \cdot h_{\text{eq}} = 0.072 \cdot \text{ksf}$$
 **LRFD Eq. 3.11.6.4-1**

#### Backwall

Lateral load 
$$P_{\text{LSBackwall}} := \sigma_p \cdot h_{\text{backwall}} = 0.306 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

#### Abutment wall

Lateral load from the profile LS1 
$$P_{\text{LSWall1}} := \sigma_p \cdot h_{\text{SoilAboveEPS}} = 0.561 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Lateral load from the profile LS2 
$$P_{\text{LSWall2}} := \frac{1}{10} \gamma_s \cdot h_{\text{eq}} \cdot h_{\text{EPS}} = 0.288 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$
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Lateral load from the profile LS3 
$$P_{\text{LSWall3}} := \sigma_p \cdot h_{\text{SoilBelowEPS}} = 0.144 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Total lateral load due to live load surcharge 
$$P_{\text{LSWall}} := P_{\text{LSWall1}} + P_{\text{LSWall2}} + P_{\text{LSWall3}} = 0.993 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Total moment at the base of the wall due to the lateral component of the live load surcharge

$$M_{\text{LSWall}} := P_{\text{LSWall1}} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} h_{\text{SoilAboveEPS}} + h_{\text{EPS}} + h_{\text{SoilBelowEPS}} \right) + P_{\text{LSWall2}} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} h_{\text{EPS}} + h_{\text{SoilBelowEPS}} \right) + P_{\text{LSWall3}} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} h_{\text{SoilBelowEPS}} \right)$$

$$M_{\text{LSWall}} = 12.485 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

## Footing

The lateral component of the live load surcharge on the footing consists of three parts. The contribution of LS 1 and LS 2 is the same as the abutment wall. The contribution of LS 3 needs to be considered up to the bottom of the footing.

$$\text{Lateral surcharge load from the profile LS 1} \quad P_{\text{LSFooting1}} := \sigma_p \cdot h_{\text{SoilAboveEPS}} = 0.561 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

$$\text{Lateral surcharge load from the profile LS 2} \quad P_{\text{LSFooting2}} := \frac{1}{10} \gamma_s \cdot h_{\text{eq}} \cdot h_{\text{EPS}} = 0.288 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

$$\text{Lateral surcharge load from the profile LS 3} \quad P_{\text{LSFooting3}} := \sigma_p \cdot (h_{\text{SoilBelowEPS}} + t_{\text{footing}}) = 0.36 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

$$\text{Total lateral load due to live load surcharge} \quad P_{\text{LSFooting}} := P_{\text{LSFooting1}} + P_{\text{LSFooting2}} + P_{\text{LSFooting3}} = 1.209 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Total moment at the base of the footing due to the lateral component of the live load surcharge

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\text{LSFooting}} := & P_{\text{LSFooting1}} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} h_{\text{SoilAboveEPS}} + h_{\text{EPS}} + h_{\text{SoilBelowEPS}} + t_{\text{footing}} \right) \dots \\ & + P_{\text{LSFooting2}} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} \cdot h_{\text{EPS}} + h_{\text{SoilBelowEPS}} + t_{\text{footing}} \right) \dots \\ & + P_{\text{LSFooting3}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot (h_{\text{SoilBelowEPS}} + t_{\text{footing}}) \end{aligned}$$

$$M_{\text{LSFooting}} = 15.788 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

$$\text{Vertical load} \quad V_{\text{LSFooting}} := \gamma_s \cdot l_{\text{heel}} \cdot h_{\text{eq}} = 0.96 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$



## Step 3.5 Combined Load Effects

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### Description

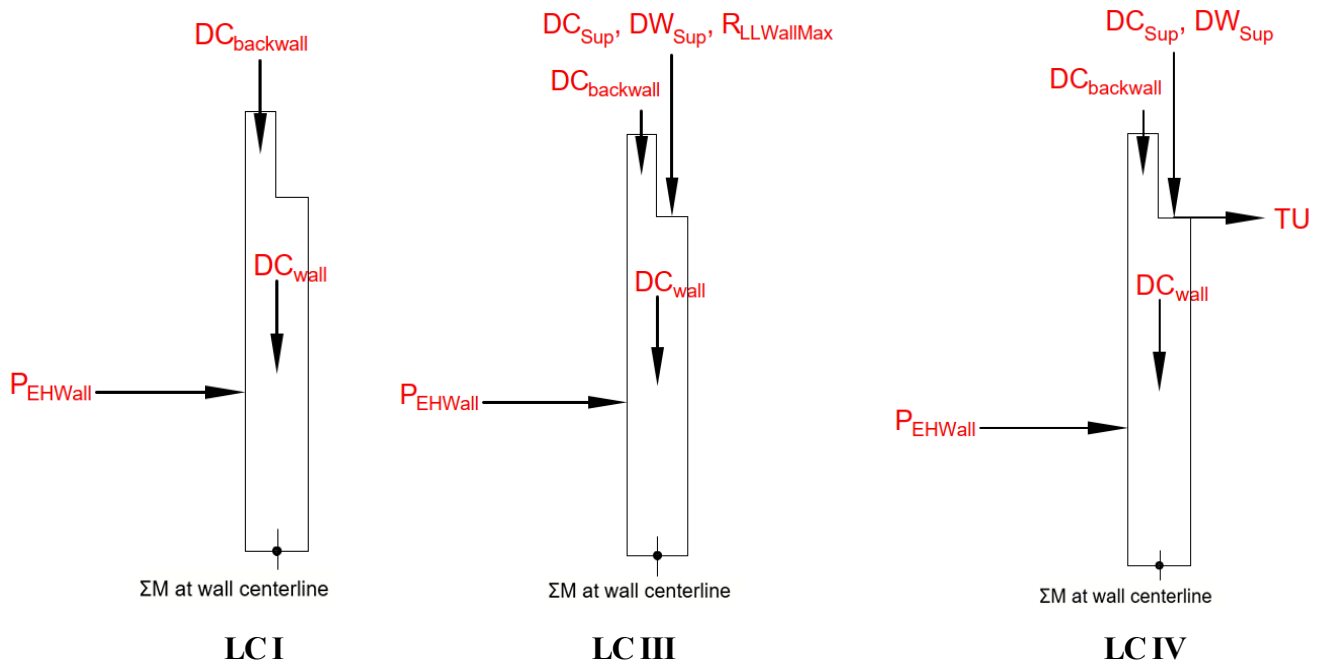
This step presents the procedure for combining all load effects and calculating total factored forces and moments acting at the base of the abutment wall and footing. The total factored forces and moments at the base of the backwall are similar to those ones in Step 2.5.



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## Forces and Moments at the Base of the Abutment Wall

Load Cases I, III, and IV are considered. More specifically, superstructure dead load, superstructure live load, and uniform temperature induced loads are considered in addition to the dead load of the backwall, dead load of the abutment wall, lateral earth pressure, and lateral surcharge pressure.



### Strength I

$$\text{Strength I} = 1.25\text{DC} + 1.5\text{DW} + 1.75\text{LL} + 1.75\text{BR} + 1.5\text{EH} + 1.35\text{EV} + 1.75\text{LS} + 0.5\text{TU}$$

### Load Case I

Factored vertical force at the base of the wall

$$F_{V\text{WallLC1StrI}} := 1.25 \cdot (\text{DC}_{\text{backwall}} + \text{DC}_{\text{wall}}) = 11.61 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the abutment wall

$$V_{u\text{WallLC1StrI}} := 1.5 \cdot P_{\text{EHWall}} = 4.693 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

The backwall weight reduces the critical moment at the base of the abutment wall. This requires the use of a minimum load factor of 0.9 for DC instead of the factor 1.25 in the Strength I combination.

**LRFD 3.4.1**

This is the same for the moment calculated about the longitudinal axis of the abutment wall for all the load cases and limit states.

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the abutment wall

$$M_{u\text{WallLC1StrI}} := 0.9 \cdot \text{DC}_{\text{backwall}} \cdot \frac{(t_{\text{backwall}} - t_{\text{wall}})}{2} + 1.5 \cdot M_{\text{EHWall}} = 43.28 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

### Load Case III

Factored vertical force at the base of the wall

$$F_{VWallLC3StrI} := 1.25 \cdot (DC_{Sup} + DC_{backwall} + DC_{wall}) + 1.5DW_{Sup} + 1.75R_{LLWallMax}$$

$$F_{VWallLC3StrI} = 29.861 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the abutment wall

$$V_{uWallLC3StrI} := 1.5 \cdot P_{EHWall} = 4.693 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the abutment wall

$$M_{uWallLC3StrI} := 0.9 \cdot DC_{backwall} \cdot \frac{(t_{backwall} - t_{wall})}{2} \dots$$
$$+ (1.25 \cdot DC_{Sup} + 1.5 \cdot DW_{Sup} + 1.75 \cdot R_{LLWallMax}) \cdot \left( l_{brtowell} - \frac{t_{wall}}{2} \right) \dots$$
$$+ 1.5 \cdot M_{EHWall}$$

$$M_{uWallLC3StrI} = 56.969 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

### Load Case IV

Factored vertical force at the base of the wall

$$F_{VWallLC4StrI} := 1.25 \cdot (DC_{Sup} + DC_{backwall} + DC_{wall}) + 1.5DW_{Sup} = 20.012 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the abutment wall

$$V_{uWallLC4StrI} := 1.5 \cdot P_{EHWall} + 1.75 \cdot P_{LSWall} + 0.5TU = 6.57 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the abutment wall

$$M_{uWallLC4StrI} := 0.9 \cdot DC_{backwall} \cdot \frac{(t_{backwall} - t_{wall})}{2} + (1.25 \cdot DC_{Sup} + 1.5 \cdot DW_{Sup}) \cdot \left( l_{brtowell} - \frac{t_{wall}}{2} \right) \dots$$
$$+ 1.5 \cdot M_{EHWall} + 1.75 \cdot M_{LSWall} + 0.5 \cdot TU \cdot h_{wall}$$

$$M_{uWallLC4StrI} = 73.864 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

### **Service I**

Service I = 1.0DC + 1.0DW + 1.0LL + 1.0BR + 1.0WS + 1.0WL + 1.0EH + 1.0EV + 1.0LS + 1.0TU

### Load Case I

Factored vertical force at the base of the wall

$$F_{VWallLC1SerI} := DC_{backwall} + DC_{wall} = 9.288 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the abutment wall

$$V_{uWallLC1SerI} := P_{EHWall} = 3.129 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the abutment wall

$$M_{uWallLC1SerI} := DC_{backwall} \cdot \frac{(t_{backwall} - t_{wall})}{2} + M_{EHWall}$$

$$M_{uWallLC1SerI} = 28.535 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

### Load Case III

Factored vertical force at the base of the wall

$$F_{VWallLC3SerI} := (DC_{Sup} + DC_{backwall} + DC_{wall}) + DW_{Sup} + R_{LLWallMax}$$

$$F_{VWallLC3SerI} = 21.46 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the abutment wall

$$V_{uWallLC3SerI} := P_{EHWall} = 3.129 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the abutment wall

$$M_{uWallLC3SerI} := DC_{backwall} \cdot \frac{(t_{backwall} - t_{wall})}{2} \dots$$

$$+ (DC_{Sup} + DW_{Sup} + R_{LLWallMax}) \cdot \left( l_{brtowall} - \frac{t_{wall}}{2} \right) \dots$$

$$+ M_{EHWall}$$

$$M_{uWallLC3SerI} = 37.664 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

### Load Case IV

Factored vertical force at the base of the wall

$$F_{VWallLC4SerI} := (DC_{Sup} + DC_{backwall} + DC_{wall}) + 1.0DW_{Sup}$$

$$F_{VWallLC4SerI} = 15.832 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the abutment wall

$$V_{uWallLC4SerI} := P_{EHWall} + P_{LSWall} + TU = 4.399 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the abutment wall

$$M_{uWallLC4SerI} := DC_{backwall} \cdot \frac{(t_{backwall} - t_{wall})}{2} + (1.0 \cdot DC_{Sup} + 1.0 \cdot DW_{Sup}) \cdot \left( l_{brtowall} - \frac{t_{wall}}{2} \right) \dots$$

$$+ 1.0 \cdot M_{EHWall} + 1.0 \cdot M_{LSWall} + 1.0 \cdot TU \cdot h_{wall}$$

$$M_{uWallLC4SerI} = 50.795 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$



### Summary of the Forces and Moments at the Base of the Abutment Wall

Factored vertical force,  $F_{vWall}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	11.61	9.29
LC III	29.86	21.46
LC IV	20.01	15.83

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the abutment wall,  $V_{uWall}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	4.69	3.13
LC III	4.69	3.13
LC IV	6.57	4.40

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the abutment wall,  $M_{uWall}$  (kip-ft/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	43.28	28.53
LC III	56.97	37.66
LC IV	73.86	50.80

The forces and moments presented in the above tables are used for the structural design presented in Step 3.8. As per the MDOT practice reflected in BDS, the lateral earth load within the EPS backfill zone is excluded. The following tables present the forces and moments at the base of the abutment wall after excluding the lateral earth load within the EPS backfill zone. This summary is presented for informational purposes only.

Factored vertical force,  $F_{vWall}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	11.61	9.29
LC III	29.86	21.46
LC IV	20.01	15.83

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the abutment wall,  $V_{uWall}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	4.29	2.86
LC III	4.29	2.86
LC IV	6.31	4.41

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the abutment wall,  $M_{uWall}$  (kip-ft/ft)

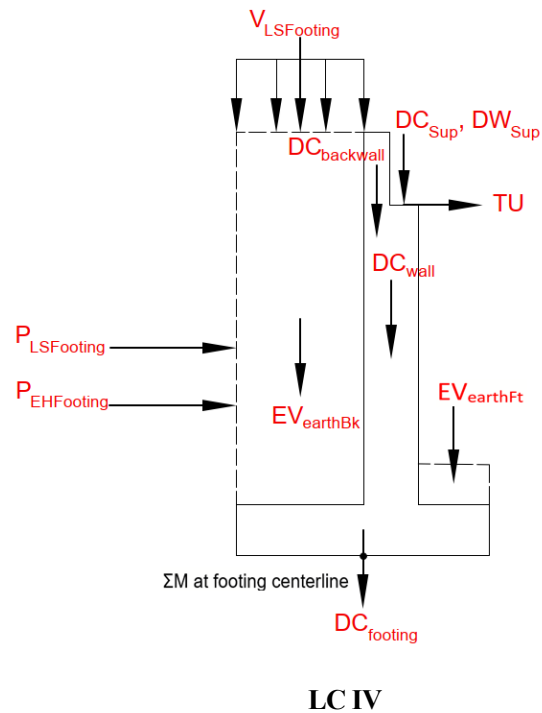
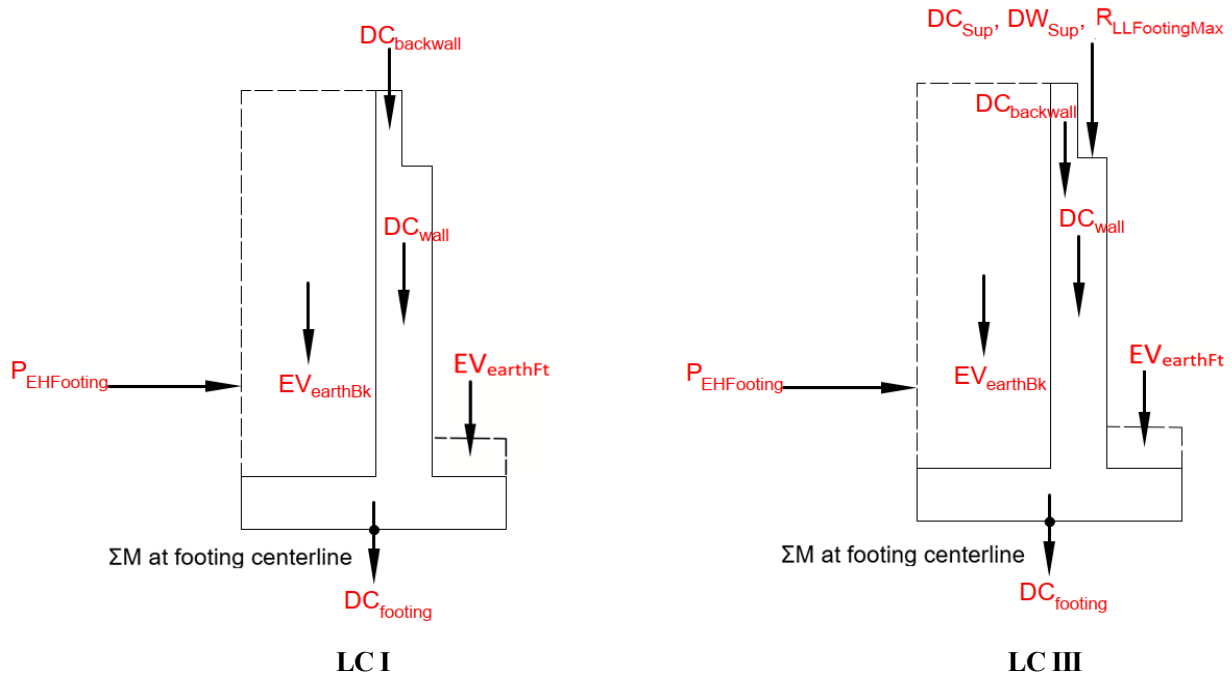
	Strength I	Service I
LC I	40.87	26.93
LC III	54.56	36.06
LC IV	73.89	54.06

## Forces and Moments at the Base of the Footing

Load Cases I, III, and IV are considered. In addition to all the loads considered for the abutment wall, weight of soil (earth load) on the footing toe and heel along with live load surcharge on the heel are considered.

**LRFD 3.6.2.1**

The dynamic load allowance is excluded from the live load for foundation components located entirely below ground level.



## Strength I

$$\text{Strength I} = 1.25\text{DC} + 1.5\text{DW} + 1.75\text{LL} + 1.75\text{BR} + 1.5\text{EH} + 1.35\text{EV} + 1.75\text{LS} + 0.5\text{TU}$$

### Load Case I

Factored vertical force at the base of the footing

$$F_{VFtLC1StrI} := 1.25 \cdot (\text{DC}_{\text{backwall}} + \text{DC}_{\text{wall}} + \text{DC}_{\text{footing}}) + 1.35 \cdot (\text{EV}_{\text{earthBk}} + \text{EV}_{\text{earthFt}}) = 29.781 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$V_{uFtLC1StrI} := 1.5 \cdot P_{\text{EHFooting}} = 6.555 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

The vertical earth load of the backfill soil reduces the critical moment about the footing longitudinal axis. This requires the use of a minimum load factor of 1.0 for EV instead of the factor 1.35 in the Strength I combination.

### LRFD 3.4.1

The same is applied for the moment calculated about the footing's longitudinal axis for all the load cases and limit states.

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$\begin{aligned} M_{uFtLC1StrI} := & 1.25 \cdot \text{DC}_{\text{backwall}} \cdot \left( l_{\text{heel}} + \frac{t_{\text{backwall}}}{2} - \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{2} \right) + 1.25 \text{DC}_{\text{wall}} \cdot \left( l_{\text{heel}} + \frac{t_{\text{wall}}}{2} - \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{2} \right) \dots \\ & + 1.5 \cdot M_{\text{EHFooting}} + 1.0 \cdot \text{EV}_{\text{earthBk}} \cdot \left( \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{2} \right) + 1.35 \cdot \text{EV}_{\text{earthFt}} \cdot \left( \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{2} - \frac{l_{\text{toe}}}{2} \right) \\ M_{uFtLC1StrI} = & 38.136 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}} \end{aligned}$$

### Load Case III

Factored vertical force at the base of the footing

$$\begin{aligned} F_{VFtLC3StrI} := & 1.25 \cdot (\text{DC}_{\text{Sup}} + \text{DC}_{\text{backwall}} + \text{DC}_{\text{wall}} + \text{DC}_{\text{footing}}) + 1.5\text{DW}_{\text{Sup}} + 1.75\text{R}_{\text{LLFootingMax}} \dots \\ & + 1.35 \cdot (\text{EV}_{\text{earthBk}} + \text{EV}_{\text{earthFt}}) \\ F_{VFtLC3StrI} = & 47.733 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}} \end{aligned}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$V_{uFtLC3StrI} := 1.5 \cdot P_{\text{EHFooting}} = 6.555 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$\begin{aligned} M_{uFtLC3StrI} := & 1.25 \cdot \text{DC}_{\text{backwall}} \cdot \left( l_{\text{heel}} + \frac{t_{\text{backwall}}}{2} - \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{2} \right) + 1.25 \text{DC}_{\text{wall}} \cdot \left( l_{\text{heel}} + \frac{t_{\text{wall}}}{2} - \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{2} \right) \dots \\ & + (1.25 \cdot \text{DC}_{\text{Sup}} + 1.5 \cdot \text{DW}_{\text{Sup}} + 1.75 \cdot \text{R}_{\text{LLFootingMax}}) \cdot \left( l_{\text{heel}} + l_{\text{brtowall}} - \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{2} \right) \dots \\ & + 1.5 \cdot M_{\text{EHFooting}} + 1.0 \cdot \text{EV}_{\text{earthBk}} \cdot \left( \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{2} \right) + 1.35 \cdot \text{EV}_{\text{earthFt}} \cdot \left( \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{2} - \frac{l_{\text{toe}}}{2} \right) \\ M_{uFtLC3StrI} = & 30.656 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}} \end{aligned}$$

### Load Case IV

Factored vertical force at the base of the footing

$$F_{VFtLC4StrI} := 1.25 \cdot (DC_{Sup} + DC_{backwall} + DC_{wall} + DC_{footing}) + 1.5DW_{Sup} \dots \\ + 1.35 \cdot (EV_{earthFt} + EV_{earthBk}) + 1.75V_{LSFooting}$$

$$F_{VFtLC4StrI} = 39.863 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$V_{uFtLC4StrI} := 1.5 \cdot P_{EHFooting} + 1.75 \cdot P_{LSFooting} + 0.5TU = 8.809 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{uFtLC4StrI} := 1.25 \cdot DC_{backwall} \cdot \left( l_{heel} + \frac{t_{backwall}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) + 1.25DC_{wall} \cdot \left( l_{heel} + \frac{t_{wall}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) \dots \\ + (1.25 \cdot DC_{Sup} + 1.5 \cdot DW_{Sup}) \cdot \left( l_{heel} + l_{brtowell} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) \dots \\ + 1.5 \cdot M_{EHFooting} + 1.75M_{LSFooting} + 1.75V_{LSFooting} \cdot \left( \frac{l_{heel}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) \dots \\ + 1.0 \cdot EV_{earthBk} \cdot \left( \frac{l_{heel}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) + 1.35 \cdot EV_{earthFt} \cdot \left( \frac{B_{footing}}{2} - \frac{l_{toe}}{2} \right) \dots \\ + 0.5 \cdot TU \cdot (h_{wall} + t_{footing})$$

$$M_{uFtLC4StrI} = 57.133 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

### **Service I**

Service I = 1.0DC + 1.0DW + 1.0LL + 1.0BR + 1.0WS + 1.0WL + 1.0EH + 1.0EV + 1.0LS + 1.0TU

### Load Case I

Factored vertical force at the base of the footing

$$F_{VFtLC1SerI} := DC_{backwall} + DC_{wall} + DC_{footing} + EV_{earthBk} + EV_{earthFt} = 23.198 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$V_{uFtLC1SerI} := P_{EHFooting} = 4.37 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{uFtLC1SerI} := DC_{backwall} \cdot \left( l_{heel} + \frac{t_{backwall}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) + DC_{wall} \cdot \left( l_{heel} + \frac{t_{wall}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) \dots \\ + M_{EHFooting} + EV_{earthBk} \cdot \left( \frac{l_{heel}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) + EV_{earthFt} \cdot \left( \frac{B_{footing}}{2} - \frac{l_{toe}}{2} \right)$$

$$M_{uFtLC1SerI} = 16.982 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

### Load Case III

Factored vertical force at the base of the footing

$$F_{VFtLC3SerI} := DC_{Sup} + DC_{backwall} + DC_{wall} + DC_{footing} + DW_{Sup} + R_{LLFootingMax} \dots \\ + (EV_{earthFt} + EV_{earthBk})$$
$$F_{VFtLC3SerI} = 35.199 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$V_{uFtLC3SerI} := P_{EHFooting} = 4.37 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{uFtLC3SerI} := DC_{backwall} \cdot \left( l_{heel} + \frac{t_{backwall}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) + DC_{wall} \cdot \left( l_{heel} + \frac{t_{wall}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) \dots \\ + (DC_{Sup} + DW_{Sup} + R_{LLFootingMax}) \cdot \left( l_{heel} + l_{brtowell} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) \dots \\ + M_{EHFooting} + EV_{earthBk} \cdot \left( \frac{l_{heel}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) + EV_{earthFt} \cdot \left( \frac{B_{footing}}{2} - \frac{l_{toe}}{2} \right)$$
$$M_{uFtLC3SerI} = 11.982 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

### Load Case IV

Factored vertical force at the base of the footing

$$F_{VFtLC4SerI} := DC_{Sup} + DC_{backwall} + DC_{wall} + DC_{footing} + DW_{Sup} \dots \\ + (EV_{earthFt} + EV_{earthBk}) + V_{LSFooting}$$
$$F_{VFtLC4SerI} = 30.702 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$V_{uFtLC4SerI} := P_{EHFooting} + P_{LSFooting} + TU = 5.856 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{uFtLC4SerI} := DC_{backwall} \cdot \left( l_{heel} + \frac{t_{backwall}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) + DC_{wall} \cdot \left( l_{heel} + \frac{t_{wall}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) \dots \\ + (DC_{Sup} + DW_{Sup}) \cdot \left( l_{heel} + l_{brtowell} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) + M_{EHFooting} \dots \\ + EV_{earthBk} \cdot \left( \frac{l_{heel}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) + EV_{earthFt} \cdot \left( \frac{B_{footing}}{2} - \frac{l_{toe}}{2} \right) \dots \\ + V_{LSFooting} \cdot \left( \frac{l_{heel}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) + M_{LSFooting} + TU \cdot (h_{wall} + t_{footing})$$
$$M_{uFtLC4SerI} = 31.183 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

### Summary of Forces and Moments at the Base of the Footing

Factored vertical force,  $F_{VFt}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	29.78	23.20
LC III	47.73	35.20
LC IV	39.86	30.70

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing,  $V_{uFt}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	6.55	4.37
LC III	6.55	4.37
LC IV	8.81	5.86

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing,  $M_{uFt}$  (kip-ft/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	38.14	16.98
LC III	30.66	11.98
LC IV	57.13	31.18

The forces and moments presented in the tables above are used for the designs presented in Step 3.6. and 3.9. As per the MDOT practice reflected in BDS, the lateral earth load within the EPS backfill zone is excluded. The following tables present the forces and moments at the base of the abutment wall after excluding the lateral earth load within the EPS backfill zone. This summary is presented for informational purposes only.

Factored vertical force,  $F_{VFt}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	29.78	23.20
LC III	47.73	35.20
LC IV	39.86	30.70

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing,  $V_{uFt}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	6.15	4.10
LC III	6.15	4.10
LC IV	8.55	5.87

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing,  $M_{uFt}$  (kip-ft/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	34.52	14.57
LC III	27.04	9.57
LC IV	56.37	34.47

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## Step 3.6 Geotechnical Design of the Footing

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### Description

This step presents the geotechnical design of a spread footing considering the following strength and serviceability limit states:

**LRFD 10.6.1.1**

1. bearing resistance – strength limit state
2. settlement – service limit state
3. sliding resistance – strength limit state
4. load eccentricity (overturning) – strength limit state.

The evaluation of structural resistance of the footing (internal stability) is presented later in Step 3.9.

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## Summary of Forces and Moments at the Base of the Footing

As per the MDOT practice reflected in BDS, the lateral earth load within the EPS backfill zone is excluded. The following tables present the forces and moments at the base of the footing after including the lateral earth load within the EPS backfill zone. The forces and moments presented in these tables are used for the designs presented in Step 3.6. and 3.9.

Factored vertical force,  $F_{VFt}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	29.78	23.20
LC III	47.73	35.20
LC IV	39.86	30.70

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing,  $V_{uFt}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	6.55	4.37
LC III	6.55	4.37
LC IV	8.81	5.86

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing,  $M_{uFt}$  (kip-ft/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	38.14	16.98
LC III	30.66	11.98
LC IV	57.13	31.18

## Bearing Resistance Check

For eccentrically loaded footings, the use of a reduced effective area is allowed for bearing resistance or settlement calculation. The point of load application shall be at the centroid of the reduced area.

**LRFD 10.6.1.3**

Note: As a practice, the average pressure and the values at the toe and heel under different load cases and limit states are provided to the MDOT Geotechnical Services Section for verification.

This example presents the LRFD and MDOT methods.

### Load Case I, Strength I

$$F_{VFtLC1StrI} = 29.781 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

$$M_{uFtLC1StrI} = 38.136 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

$$e_B := \frac{M_{uFtLC1StrI}}{F_{VFtLC1StrI}} = 1.281 \text{ ft}$$

### LRFD method

A reduced effective footing width is used for bearing resistance and settlement design.

**LRFD 10.6.1.3**

$$B_{\text{eff}} := B_{\text{footing}} - 2 \cdot e_B = 10.939 \text{ ft} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 10.6.1.3-1}$$



Footing bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{bearing\_LC1}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC1StrI}}}{B_{\text{eff}}} = 2.722 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

### MDOT method

Average bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{avgLC1}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC1StrI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} = 2.206 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Toe bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{toeLC1}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC1StrI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 3.461 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Heel bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{heelLC1}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC1StrI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 0.95 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

### **Load Case III, Strength I**

Factored vertical force

$$F_{\text{VFtLC3StrI}} = 47.733 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about footing longitudinal axis

$$M_{\text{uFtLC3StrI}} = 30.656 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Eccentricity in the footing width direction

$$e_B := \frac{M_{\text{uFtLC3StrI}}}{F_{\text{VFtLC3StrI}}} = 0.642 \text{ ft}$$

### LRFD method

Effective footing width

$$B_{\text{eff}} := B_{\text{footing}} - 2 \cdot e_B = 12.216 \text{ ft} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 10.6.1.3-1}$$

Bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{bearing\_LC3}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC3StrI}}}{B_{\text{eff}}} = 3.908 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

### MDOT method

Average bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{avgLC3}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC3StrI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} = 3.536 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Toe bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{toeLC3}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC3StrI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 4.545 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Heel bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{heelLC3}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC3StrI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 2.527 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

### **Load Case IV, Strength I**

Factored vertical force

$$F_{\text{VFtLC4StrI}} = 39.863 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about footing longitudinal axis

$$M_{\text{uFtLC4StrI}} = 57.133 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Eccentricity in the footing width direction

$$e_B := \frac{M_{\text{uFtLC4StrI}}}{F_{\text{VFtLC4StrI}}} = 1.433 \text{ ft}$$

### LRFD method

Effective footing width

$$B_{\text{eff}} := B_{\text{footing}} - 2 \cdot e_B = 10.634 \text{ ft} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 10.6.1.3-1}$$

Bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{bearing\_LC4}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC4StrI}}}{B_{\text{eff}}} = 3.749 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

### MDOT method

Average bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{avgLC4}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC4StrI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} = 2.953 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Toe bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{toeLC4}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC4StrI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 4.834 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Heel bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{heelLC4}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC4StrI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 1.072 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

### **Load Case I, Service I**

Factored vertical force

$$F_{\text{VFtLC1SerI}} = 23.198 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about footing longitudinal axis

$$M_{\text{uFtLC1SerI}} = 16.982 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Eccentricity in the footing width direction

$$e_B := \frac{M_{\text{uFtLC1SerI}}}{F_{\text{VFtLC1SerI}}} = 0.732 \text{ ft}$$

### LRFD method

Effective footing width

$$B_{\text{eff}} := B_{\text{footing}} - 2 \cdot e_B = 12.036 \text{ ft} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 10.6.1.3-1}$$

Footing bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{bearing\_LC1SerI}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC1SerI}}}{B_{\text{eff}}} = 1.927 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

### MDOT method

Average bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{avgLC1SerI}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC1SerI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} = 1.718 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Toe bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{toeLC1SerI}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC1SerI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 2.277 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Heel bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{heelLC1SerI}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC1SerI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 1.159 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

### **Load Case III, Service I**

Factored vertical force

$$F_{\text{VFtLC3SerI}} = 35.199 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about footing longitudinal axis

$$M_{\text{uFtLC3SerI}} = 11.982 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Eccentricity in the footing width direction

$$e_B := \frac{M_{\text{uFtLC3SerI}}}{F_{\text{VFtLC3SerI}}} = 0.34 \text{ ft}$$

### LRFD method

Effective footing width

$$B_{\text{eff}} := B_{\text{footing}} - 2 \cdot e_B = 12.819 \text{ ft} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 10.6.1.3-1}$$

Bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{bearing\_LC3SerI}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC3SerI}}}{B_{\text{eff}}} = 2.746 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

### MDOT method

Average bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{avgLC3SerI}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC3SerI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} = 2.607 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Toe bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{toeLC3SerI}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC3SerI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 3.002 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Heel bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{heelLC3SerI}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC3SerI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 2.213 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

### **Load Case IV, Service I**

Factored vertical force

$$F_{\text{VFtLC4SerI}} = 30.702 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about footing longitudinal axis

$$M_{\text{uFtLC4SerI}} = 31.183 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Eccentricity in the footing width direction

$$e_B := \frac{M_{\text{uFtLC4SerI}}}{F_{\text{VFtLC4SerI}}} = 1.016 \text{ ft}$$

### LRFD method

Effective footing width

$$B_{\text{eff}} := B_{\text{footing}} - 2 \cdot e_B = 11.469 \text{ ft} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 10.6.1.3-1}$$

Bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{bearing\_LC4SerI}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC4SerI}}}{B_{\text{eff}}} = 2.677 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

### MDOT method

Average bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{avgLC4SerI}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC4SerI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} = 2.274 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Toe bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{toeLC4SerI}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC4SerI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 3.301 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Heel bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{heelLC4SerI}} := \frac{F_{\text{VFtLC4SerI}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 1.248 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

## Summary

### LRFD method

The controlling bearing pressure under strength limit states

$$q_b := \max(q_{\text{bearing\_LC1}}, q_{\text{bearing\_LC3}}, q_{\text{bearing\_LC4}}) = 3.908 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

The controlling bearing pressure needs to be checked with the factored bearing resistance of the soil provided by the Geotechnical Services Section.

### MDOT method

A summary of bearing pressure values (in psf) is shown in the following table:

	Toe (Service I)	Avg (Service I)	Heel (Service I)	Toe (Strength I)	Avg (Strength I)	Heel (Strength I)
LC I	2277	1718	1159	3461	2206	950
LC III	3002	2607	2213	4545	3536	2527
LC IV	3301	2274	1248	4834	2953	1072

The Geotechnical Services Section uses these values for the verification of bearing resistance and settlement limits. If the bearing pressure exceeds the bearing strength of the soil, the size of the footing needs to be increased. See BDM 7.03.02.G for more information.

## Settlement Check

The Geotechnical Services Section uses the controlling bearing pressure from the service limit state to check if the total settlement of foundation is less than 1.5 in., the allowable limit.

**BDM 7.03.02G 2b**

For LRFD method, the controlling bearing pressure for settlement analysis is

$$q_{b\_settlement} := \max(q_{\text{bearing\_LC1SerI}}, q_{\text{bearing\_LC3SerI}}, q_{\text{bearing\_LC4SerI}}) = 2.746 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

The Geotechnical Services Section uses this controlling bearing pressure to calculate the foundation's total settlement.

For the MDOT method, the bearing pressures under service limit state are provided to the Geotechnical Services Section to calculate the settlement.

Note: Besides the total settlement, considerations should be given to prevent the differential settlement between the abutments and pier from exceeding the tolerable differential settlement limit. Differential settlement limits are given in the *Steel Plate Girder Design Example*.

## Sliding Resistance Check

Spread footings must be designed to resist lateral loads without sliding. The sliding resistance of a footing on cohesionless soil is a function of the normal force and the interface friction between the foundation and the soil.

**LRFD 10.6.3.4**

The Geotechnical Services Section should provide a coefficient of sliding resistance ( $\mu$ ) for a design. MDOT typically uses a sliding resistance coefficient of 0.5 for cast-in-place concrete footings. Consult the Geotechnical Services Section to identify the most suitable coefficient for a specific design.

Coefficient of sliding resistance

$$\mu := 0.5$$

The strength limit states are used for this check. Since the resistance is proportional to the vertical loads, the following conditions are used:

- Minimum load factors are used for all vertical loads.
- Maximum load factors are used for the loads that contribute to horizontal sliding forces.
- Since DW is the future wearing surface load, it is excluded from all load combinations.

### Load Case I

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$V_{uFtLC1StrI} = 6.555 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored sliding force

$$V_{sliding} := V_{uFtLC1StrI} = 6.555 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Minimum vertical load

$$F_{VFtLC1StrIMin} := 0.9 \cdot (DC_{backwall} + DC_{wall} + DC_{footing}) + 1.0 \cdot (EV_{earthBk} + EV_{earthFt}) = 21.662 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Resistance factor for sliding

$$\phi_{\tau} := 0.8 \quad \text{BDM 7.03.02.F, LRFD Table 10.5.5.2-1}$$

Sliding resistance

$$V_{resistance} := \phi_{\tau} \cdot \mu \cdot F_{VFtLC1StrIMin} = 8.665 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Check if  $V_{resistance} > V_{sliding}$

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(V_{resistance} > V_{sliding}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

### Load Case III

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$V_{uFtLC3StrI} = 6.555 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored sliding force

$$V_{sliding} := V_{uFtLC3StrI} = 6.555 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

When calculating the minimum vertical force for sliding and eccentric load limitation checks, the live load on the superstructure is excluded to develop a conservative design.

Minimum vertical load without the live load

$$F_{VFtLC3StrIMin\_noLL} := 0.9 \cdot (DC_{Sup} + DC_{backwall} + DC_{wall} + DC_{footing}) \dots + 1.0 \cdot (EV_{earthBk} + EV_{earthFt})$$

$$F_{VFtLC3StrIMin\_noLL} = 26.754 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Sliding resistance

$$V_{resistance} := \phi_{\tau} \cdot \mu \cdot F_{VFtLC3StrIMin\_noLL} = 10.702 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Check if  $V_{resistance} > V_{sliding}$

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(V_{resistance} > V_{sliding}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

### Load Case IV

Two cases need to be considered: without and with the live load surcharge.

*Without live load surcharge:*

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$V_{uFtLC4StrI} = 8.809 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored sliding force without the live load surcharge

$$V_{sliding} := V_{uFtLC4StrI} - 1.75P_{LSFooting} = 6.693 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Minimum vertical load without the live load surcharge

$$F_{VFtLC4StrIMin\_noLS} := 0.9 \cdot (DC_{Sup} + DC_{backwall} + DC_{wall} + DC_{footing}) \dots + 1.0 \cdot (EV_{earthBk} + EV_{earthFt})$$

$$F_{VFtLC4StrIMin\_noLS} = 26.754 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Sliding resistance

$$V_{resistance} := \phi_{\tau} \cdot \mu \cdot F_{VFtLC4StrIMin\_noLS} = 10.702 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Check if  $V_{resistance} > V_{sliding}$

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(V_{resistance} > V_{sliding}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

*With live load surcharge:*

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$V_{uFtLC4StrI} = 8.809 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored sliding force

$$V_{sliding} := V_{uFtLC4StrI} = 8.809 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Minimum vertical load with the live load surcharge

$$F_{VFtLC4StrIMin} := 0.9 \cdot (DC_{Sup} + DC_{backwall} + DC_{wall} + DC_{footing}) \dots + 1.0 \cdot (EV_{earthBk} + EV_{earthFt}) + 1.75V_{LSFooting}$$

$$F_{VFtLC4StrIMin} = 28.434 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Sliding resistance

$$V_{resistance} := \phi_{\tau} \cdot \mu \cdot F_{VFtLC4StrIMin} = 11.374 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Check if  $V_{resistance} > V_{sliding}$

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(V_{resistance} > V_{sliding}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Eccentric Load Limitation (Overturning) Check

The eccentricity of loading at the strength limit state, evaluated based on factored loads, shall not exceed one-sixth of the corresponding dimension measured from the centerline of the footing for stability.

**LRFD 10.6.3.3**

The eccentricity in the abutment length direction is not a concern. The following calculations present the evaluation of the eccentricity in the abutment width direction for the Strength I limit state:

### Load Case I

Minimum vertical load

$$F_{VFtLC1StrIMin} = 21.662 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Maximum moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{uFtLC1StrI} = 38.136 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Eccentricity in the footing width direction measured from the centerline

$$e_B := \frac{M_{uFtLC1StrI}}{F_{VFtLC1StrIMin}} = 1.761 \text{ ft}$$

1/6 of footing width

$$\frac{B_{footing}}{6} = 2.25 \text{ ft}$$

Check if the eccentric load limitation is satisfied

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}\left(e_B < \frac{B_{footing}}{6}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}\right) = \text{"OK"}$$

### Load Case III

Two cases need to be considered: without and with live load.

*Without live load:*

Minimum vertical force without the live load  $F_{VFtLC3StrIMin\_noLL} = 26.754 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$

Moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing (with live load)  $M_{uFtLC3StrI} = 30.656 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$

Moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing (without the live load)

$$M_{uFtLC3StrI\_noLL} := M_{uFtLC3StrI} - (1.75 \cdot R_{LLFootingMax}) \cdot \left( l_{heel} + l_{brtowall} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) = 34.635 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Eccentricity in the footing width direction measured from the centerline  $e_B := \frac{M_{uFtLC3StrI\_noLL}}{F_{VFtLC3StrIMin\_noLL}} = 1.295 \text{ ft}$

Check if the eccentric load limitation is satisfied

$$\text{Check} := \text{if} \left( e_B < \frac{B_{footing}}{6}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"} \right) = \text{"OK"}$$

*With live load:*

Minimum vertical force with the live load  $F_{VFtLC3StrIMin} := F_{VFtLC3StrIMin\_noLL} + 1.75R_{LLFootingMax}$

$$F_{VFtLC3StrIMin} = 36.304 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing (with the live load)  $M_{uFtLC3StrI} = 30.656 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$

Eccentricity in the footing width direction measured from the centerline  $e_B := \frac{M_{uFtLC3StrI}}{F_{VFtLC3StrIMin}} = 0.844 \text{ ft}$

Check if the eccentric load limitation is satisfied

$$\text{Check} := \text{if} \left( e_B < \frac{B_{footing}}{6}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"} \right) = \text{"OK"}$$

### Load Case IV

Two cases need to be considered: without and with live load surcharge.

*Without live load surcharge:*

Minimum vertical force without the live load surcharge  $F_{VFtLC4StrIMin\_noLS} = 26.754 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$

Moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing (with the live load surcharge)  $M_{uFtLC4StrI} = 57.133 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$

Moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing (without the live load surcharge)

$$M_{uFtLC4StrI\_noLS} := M_{uFtLC4StrI} - 1.75V_{LSFooting} \cdot \left( \frac{l_{heel}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) \dots \\ + (-1.75) \cdot P_{LSFooting} \cdot \frac{(h_{backwall} + h_{wall} + t_{footing})}{2}$$

$$M_{uFtLC4StrI\_noLS} = 38.891 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Eccentricity in the footing width direction measured from the centerline

$$e_B := \frac{M_{uFtLC4StrI\_noLS}}{F_{VFtLC4StrI\_Min\_noLS}} = 1.454 \text{ ft}$$

Check if the eccentric load limitation is satisfied

$$\text{Check} := \text{if} \left( e_B < \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{6}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"} \right) = \text{"OK"}$$

*With live load surcharge:*

Minimum vertical force with the live load surcharge

$$F_{VFtLC4StrI\_Min} = 28.434 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{uFtLC4StrI} = 57.133 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Eccentricity in the footing width direction measured from the centerline

$$e_B := \frac{M_{uFtLC4StrI}}{F_{VFtLC4StrI\_Min}} = 2.009 \text{ ft}$$

Check if the eccentric load limitation is satisfied

$$\text{Check} := \text{if} \left( e_B < \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{6}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"} \right) = \text{"OK"}$$



## Step 3.7 Backwall Design

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### Description

Please refer to the design calculations and details presented in Step 2.7. The backwall forces and moments used in Step 2.7. are not impacted by the use of EPS blocks as the backfill material since EPS blocks are located below the backwall.

## Step 3.8 Abutment Wall Design

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### Description

This step presents the design of the abutment wall.

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## Forces and Moments at the Base of the Abutment Wall

Step 3.5 presents the load effects at the base of the abutment wall under different load cases and limit states. A summary is presented in the following tables:

Factored vertical force,  $F_{vWall}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	11.61	9.29
LC III	29.86	21.46
LC IV	20.01	15.83

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the abutment wall,  $V_{uWall}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	4.69	3.13
LC III	4.69	3.13
LC IV	6.57	4.40

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the abutment wall,  $M_{uWall}$  (kip-ft/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	43.28	28.53
LC III	56.97	37.66
LC IV	73.86	50.80

## Design for Flexure

According to the loads in the summary tables, Load Case IV under the Strength I limit state is the governing load case for the flexural design.

Moment demand at the base of the wall

$$M_{DemandWall} := M_{uWallLC4StrI} = 73.864 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

### Flexure Resistance

**LRFD 5.6.3.2**

The design procedure consists of calculating the reinforcing steel area required to satisfy the moment demand and checking the selected steel area against the requirements and limitations for developing an adequate moment capacity, controlling crack width, and managing shrinkage and temperature stresses.

Select a trial bar size

$$\text{bar} := 8$$

Nominal diameter of a reinforcing steel bar

$$d_{\text{bar}} := \text{Dia}(\text{bar}) = 1 \cdot \text{in}$$

Cross-section area of the bar

$$A_{\text{bar}} := \text{Area}(\text{bar}) = 0.79 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

The spacing of the main reinforcing steel bars in walls and slabs shall not be greater than the lesser of 1.5 times the thickness of the member or 18 in.

**LRFD 5.10.3.2**

The spacing of shrinkage and temperature reinforcement shall not exceed 12 in. when the wall thickness is greater than 18 in.

**LRFD 5.10.6**

Note: MDOT limits reinforcement spacing to a maximum of 18 in.

**BDG 5.22.01**

Wall thickness

$$t_{\text{wall}} = 38 \cdot \text{in}$$

Select a spacing for reinforcing steel bars

$$s_{\text{bar}} := 12 \cdot \text{in}$$

Select a 1-ft wide strip for the design.

Area of reinforcing steel provided in a 1-ft wide section

$$A_{s\text{Provided}} := \frac{A_{\text{bar}} \cdot 12\text{in}}{s_{\text{bar}}} = 0.79 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Effective depth

$$d_e := t_{\text{wall}} - \text{Cover}_{\text{wall}} = 35 \cdot \text{in}$$

Resistance factor for flexure

$$\phi_f := 0.9$$

**LRFD 5.5.4.2**

Width of the compression face of the member

$$b := 12\text{in}$$

Stress block factor

$$\beta_1 := \min \left[ \max \left[ 0.85 - 0.05 \cdot \left( \frac{f_c - 4\text{ksi}}{\text{ksi}} \right), 0.65 \right], 0.85 \right] = 0.85 \quad \text{LRFD 5.6.2.2}$$

Solve the following equation of  $A_s$  to calculate the required area of steel to satisfy the moment demand. Use an assumed initial  $A_s$  value to solve the equation.

Initial assumption

$$A_s := 1\text{in}^2$$

$$\text{Given } M_{\text{DemandWall}} \cdot \text{ft} = \phi_f \cdot A_s \cdot f_y \cdot \left[ d_e - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{A_s \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot b} \right) \right] \quad \text{LRFD 5.6.3.2}$$

Required area of steel

$$A_{s\text{Required}} := \text{Find}(A_s) = 0.475 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Check if  $A_{s\text{Provided}} > A_{s\text{Required}}$

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(A_{s\text{Provided}} > A_{s\text{Required}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

Moment capacity of the section with the provided steel area

$$M_{\text{CapacityWall}} := \phi_f \cdot A_{s\text{Provided}} \cdot f_y \cdot \frac{\left[ d_e - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{A_{s\text{Provided}} \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot b} \right) \right]}{\text{ft}}$$

$$M_{\text{CapacityWall}} = 121.672 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Distance from the extreme compression fiber to the neutral axis

$$c := \frac{A_{s\text{Provided}} \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot \beta_1 \cdot b} = 1.82 \cdot \text{in}$$

Check the validity of assumption  $f_s = f_y$

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}\left(\frac{c}{d_e} < 0.6, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}\right) = \text{"OK"}$$

### Limits for Reinforcement

**LRFD 5.6.3.3**

The tensile reinforcement provided must develop a factored flexural resistance equal to the lesser of the cracking moment or 1.33 times the factored moment from the applicable strength limit state load combinations.

Flexural cracking variability factor

$$\gamma_1 := 1.6$$

For concrete structures that are not precast segmental

Ratio of specified minimum yield strength to ultimate tensile strength of the nonprestressed reinforcement

$$\gamma_3 := 0.67$$

For ASTM A615 Grade 60 reinforcement

Section modulus	$S_c := \frac{1}{6} \cdot b \cdot t_{\text{wall}}^2 = 2.888 \times 10^3 \cdot \text{in}^3$
Cracking moment	$M_{\text{cr}} := \frac{\gamma_3 \cdot \gamma_1 \cdot f_r \cdot S_c}{\text{ft}} = 107.246 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$
1.33 times the factored moment demand	$1.33 \cdot M_{\text{DemandWall}} = 98.239 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$
Required moment to satisfy the minimum reinforcement requirement	$M_{\text{req}} := \min(1.33 M_{\text{DemandWall}}, M_{\text{cr}}) = 98.239 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$
Check the adequacy of the section capacity	Check := if( $M_{\text{CapacityWall}} > M_{\text{req}}$ , "OK", "Not OK") = "OK"

### Control of Cracking by Distribution of Reinforcement

**LRFD 5.6.7**

Limiting the width of expected cracks under service conditions extends the service life. The width of potential cracks can be minimized through proper placement of the reinforcement. Checking for crack control assures that the actual stress in the reinforcement should not exceed the service limit state stress.

The spacing requirements for the mild steel reinforcement in the layer closest to the tension face	$s \leq \frac{700 \cdot \gamma_e}{\beta_s \cdot f_{\text{ss}}} - 2 \cdot d_c$	<b>LRFD Eq. 5.6.7-1</b>
Exposure factor for Class 1 exposure condition	$\gamma_e := 1.00$	
Distance from extreme tension fiber to the center of the closest flexural reinforcement	$d_c := \text{Cover}_{\text{wall}} = 3 \cdot \text{in}$	
Ratio of flexural strain at the extreme tension face to the strain at the centroid of the reinforcement layer closest to the tension face	$\beta_s := 1 + \frac{d_c}{0.7(t_{\text{wall}} - d_c)} = 1.122$	

The position of the cross-section's neutral axis is determined through an iterative process to calculate the actual stress in the reinforcement. This process starts with an assumed position of the neutral axis as shown below.

Assumed distance from the extreme compression fiber to the neutral axis	$x := 6 \cdot \text{in}$
Given	$\frac{1}{2} \cdot b \cdot x^2 = \frac{E_s}{E_c} \cdot A_{\text{sProvided}} \cdot (d_e - x)$
Position of the neutral axis	$x_{\text{na}} := \text{Find}(x) = 5.568 \cdot \text{in}$
Tensile force in the reinforcing steel due to service limit state moment	$T_s := \frac{M_{\text{uWallLC4SerI}}}{d_e - \frac{x_{\text{na}}}{3}} \cdot \text{ft} = 18.4 \cdot \text{kip}$
Stress in the reinforcing steel due to service limit state moment	$f_{\text{ss1}} := \frac{T_s}{A_{\text{sProvided}}} = 23.279 \cdot \text{ksi}$
$f_{\text{ss}}$ (not to exceed $0.6f_y$ )	$f_{\text{ss}} := \min(f_{\text{ss1}}, 0.6f_y) = 23.279 \cdot \text{ksi}$

Required reinforcement spacing

$$s_{\text{barRequired}} := \frac{700 \cdot \gamma_e \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{in}}}{\beta_s \cdot f_{ss}} - 2 \cdot d_c = 20.789 \cdot \text{in}$$

Check if the spacing provided < the required spacing

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(s_{\text{bar}} < s_{\text{barRequired}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Shrinkage and Temperature Reinforcement Requirement

The following calculations check the adequacy of the flexural reinforcing steel to control shrinkage and temperature stresses in the abutment wall.

For bars, the area of reinforcement per foot ( $A_s$ ), on each face and in each direction, shall satisfy and

$$A_s \geq \frac{1.3bh}{2(b+h)f_y} \quad \text{LRFD 5.10.6}$$

$$0.11 \text{ in}^2 \leq A_s \leq 0.6 \text{ in}^2$$

Minimum area of shrinkage and temperature reinforcement

$$A_{\text{shrink,temp}} := \min \left[ \begin{array}{l} \left( 0.60 \frac{\text{in}^2}{\text{ft}} \right) \\ \left( 0.11 \frac{\text{in}^2}{\text{ft}} \right) \\ \max \left[ \begin{array}{l} \left[ \frac{1.3 \cdot h_{\text{wall}} \cdot t_{\text{wall}} \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{in} \cdot \text{ft}}}{2(h_{\text{wall}} + t_{\text{wall}}) \cdot f_y} \right] \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right] \cdot \text{ft} = 0.349 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Check if the provided area of steel > the required area of shrinkage and temperature steel

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(A_{s\text{Provided}} > A_{\text{shrink,temp}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Design for Shear

According to the loads in the summary tables, Load Case IV under the Strength I limit state is the governing load case for the shear design.

The maximum factored shear force at the base of the abutment wall

$$V_{u\text{WallLC4StrI}} = 6.57 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Effective width of the section

$$b_v := b = 12 \cdot \text{in}$$

Depth of equivalent rectangular stress block

$$a := \frac{A_{s\text{Provided}} \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot b} = 1.549 \cdot \text{in}$$

Effective shear depth

$$d_v := \max \left( d_e - \frac{a}{2}, 0.9 \cdot d_e, 0.72 \cdot t_{\text{wall}} \right) = 34.225 \cdot \text{in} \quad \text{LRFD 5.7.2.8}$$

Note: Since there is no transverse reinforcement in the wall and the overall depth of the wall is greater than 16 in., the simplified procedure in LRFD 5.7.3.4.1 cannot be used. Instead, the general procedure outlined in LRFD 5.7.3.4.2 is used..

The factored  $N_u$ ,  $V_u$ , and  $M_u$  are calculated at the critical section for shear, which is located at a distance  $d_v$  from the base of the abutment wall. The critical section is located in the wall segment with EPS backfill.

Factored axial force at the critical section (use negative if compression)

$$N_{uWallShear} := - \left[ 1.25 \cdot (DC_{Sup} + DC_{backwall} + DC_{wall} - d_v \cdot t_{wall} \cdot W_c) \dots \right] + 1.5 DW_{Sup}$$

$$N_{uWallShear} = -18.318 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

The lateral earth load component at the critical section for shear consists of three parts. Part 1 is the lateral load from the soil located above the EPS blocks, which is the same as that calculated in Step 3.4. Part 2 is the lateral load from the EPS due to the vertical load at the top of the EPS blocks. Part 3 is the lateral load from the soil located behind the EPS blocks above the critical section for shear.

EH 1: the lateral load from the soil located above the EPS blocks

EH 2: the lateral load from the EPS due to the vertical load at the top of the EPS blocks

EH 3: the lateral load from the soil located behind the EPS blocks and above the critical section for shear.

$$P_{EHWall2Shear} := P_{VEPS} \cdot (h_{EPS} + h_{SoilBelowEPS} - d_v) = 1.042 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

$$P_{EHWall3Shear} := \frac{1}{2} k_{EPS} \cdot \gamma_s \cdot (h_{EPS} + h_{SoilBelowEPS} - d_v)^2 = 0.231 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

$$P_{EHWallShear} := P_{EH1} + P_{EH2} + P_{EHWall3Shear} = 2.445 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

The lateral live load surcharge at the critical section consists of two parts.

LS 1: the lateral load from the soil located above the EPS blocks due to the live load surcharge

LS 2: the lateral load from the EPS blocks located above the critical section due the the live load surcharge

$$P_{LSWall2Shear} := \frac{1}{10} \gamma_s \cdot h_{eq} \cdot (h_{EPS} + h_{SoilBelowEPS} - d_v) = 0.268 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

$$P_{LSWallShear} := P_{LSWall1} + P_{LSWall2Shear} = 0.828 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force at the critical section for shear (demand)

$$V_{uWallShear} := 1.5 \cdot P_{EHWallShear} + 1.75 \cdot P_{LSWallShear} + 0.5 TU = 5.256 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment at the critical section for shear

$$M_{uWallShear} := 0.9 \cdot DC_{backwall} \cdot \frac{(t_{backwall} - t_{wall})}{2} + (1.25 \cdot DC_{Sup} + 1.5 \cdot DW_{Sup}) \cdot \left( l_{brtowall} - \frac{t_{wall}}{2} \right) \dots$$

$$+ 1.5 P_{EH1} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{3} h_{SoilAboveEPS} + h_{EPS} + h_{SoilBelowEPS} - d_v \right) \dots$$

$$+ 1.5 P_{EH2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} (h_{EPS} + h_{SoilBelowEPS} - d_v) \dots$$

$$+ 1.75 P_{LSWall1} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} h_{SoilAboveEPS} + h_{EPS} + h_{SoilBelowEPS} - d_v \right) \dots$$

$$+ 1.75 \cdot P_{LSWall2Shear} \cdot \frac{(h_{EPS} + h_{SoilBelowEPS} - d_v)}{2} + 0.5 \cdot TU \cdot (h_{wall} - d_v)$$

$$M_{uWallShear} = 56.896 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Check  $M_u$  since it cannot be taken less than  $V_u d_v$

$$M_{uWallShear} := \max(M_{uWallShear}, V_{uWallShear} \cdot d_v) = 56.896 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Net longitudinal tensile strain in the section at the centroid of the tension reinforcement

$$\epsilon_s := \frac{\left( \frac{M_{uWallShear}}{d_v} + 0.5 \cdot N_{uWallShear} + V_{uWallShear} \right)}{E_s \cdot \frac{A_{sProvided}}{\text{ft}}} = 7.004 \times 10^{-4}$$

**LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.4.2-4**

Crack spacing parameter

$$s_x := d_v = 2.852 \text{ ft}$$

Maximum aggregate size (in.)

$$a_g := 1.5$$

**MDOT Standard Specifications for Construction Table 902-1**

Crack spacing parameter as influenced by the aggregate size

$$s_{xe} := \min \left[ \max \left( \left( \frac{80 \text{ in}}{12 \text{ in}} \right), \left( s_x \cdot \frac{1.38}{a_g + 0.63} \right) \right) \right] = 22.174 \cdot \text{in}$$

**LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.4.2-7**

Factor indicating the ability of diagonally cracked concrete to transmit tension and shear

$$\beta := \frac{4.8}{(1 + 750 \cdot \epsilon_s)} \cdot \frac{51}{\left( 39 + \frac{s_{xe}}{\text{in}} \right)} = 2.624$$

**LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.4.2-2**

Nominal shear resistance of concrete,  $V_n$ , is calculated as follows:

$$V_{c1} := 0.0316 \cdot \beta \cdot \sqrt{f_c} \cdot \text{ksi} \cdot b \cdot d_e = 60.3 \cdot \text{kip}$$

**LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.3-3**

$$V_{c2} := 0.25 f_c \cdot b \cdot d_e = 315 \cdot \text{kip}$$

**LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.3-2**

$$V_n := \min(V_{c1}, V_{c2}) = 60.31 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Resistance factor for shear

$$\phi_v := 0.9$$

**LRFD 5.5.4.2**

Factored shear resistance (capacity)

$$V_r := \phi_v \cdot V_n = 54.279 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Check if the capacity > the demand

$$\text{Check} := \text{if} \left( \frac{V_r}{\text{ft}} > V_{uWallShear}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"} \right) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Development Length of Reinforcement

The flexural reinforcing steel must be developed on each side of the critical section for its full development length.

**LRFD 5.10.8.1.2, 5.10.8.2.1**

Basic development length

$$l_{db} := 2.4 \cdot d_{bar} \cdot \frac{f_y}{\sqrt{f_c} \cdot \text{ksi}} = 6.928 \text{ ft}$$

**LRFD Eq. 5.10.8.2.1a-2**

Reinforcement location factor

$$\lambda_{rl} := 1$$

No more than 12 in. concrete below

Coating factor

$$\lambda_{cf} := 1.5$$

Epoxy coated bars with less than  $3d_b$  cover

Distance from center of the bar to the nearest concrete surface

$$c_b := \frac{d_{bar}}{2} + \text{Cover}_{wall} = 3.5 \cdot \text{in}$$



Reinforcement confinement factor  $\lambda_{rc} := \frac{d_{\text{bar}}}{c_b} = 0.286$

Excess reinforcement factor  $\lambda_{er} := \frac{A_{s\text{Required}}}{A_{s\text{Provided}}} = 0.602$

For normal weight concrete  $\lambda := 1$

Required development length  $l_d := l_{db} \cdot \frac{(\lambda_{rl} \cdot \lambda_{cf} \cdot \lambda_{rc} \cdot \lambda_{er})}{\lambda} = 1.786 \text{ ft}$  **LRFD Eq. 5.10.8.2.1a-1**

Since the footing thickness is 3 ft, adequate space is available for straight bars. However, the common practice is to use hooked bars which are set on the bottom reinforcing steel layer.

## Shrinkage and Temperature Reinforcement

The following calculations check the required amount of reinforcing steel in the secondary direction to control shrinkage and temperature stresses in the abutment wall.

The reinforcement at the front face of the abutment wall and the horizontal reinforcement at the interior should satisfy the shrinkage and temperature reinforcement requirements. **LRFD 5.10.6**

The spacing of shrinkage and temperature reinforcement shall not exceed the following: **LRFD 5.10.6**  
12 in. for walls and footings greater than 18 in.

Note: MDOT limits reinforcement spacing to a maximum of 18 in. **BDG 5.16.01**

Select a trial bar size  $\text{bar} := 6$

Nominal diameter of a reinforcing steel bar  $d_{bST} := \text{Dia}(\text{bar}) = 0.75 \cdot \text{in}$

Cross-section area of the bar  $A_{\text{barST}} := \text{Area}(\text{bar}) = 0.44 \cdot \text{in}^2$

Select a spacing for reinforcing steel bars  $s_{\text{barST}} := 12 \cdot \text{in}$

Reinforcing steel area provided in the section  $A_{s\text{ProvidedST}} := \frac{A_{\text{barST}} \cdot 12\text{in}}{s_{\text{barST}}} = 0.44 \cdot \text{in}^2$

The required minimum shrinkage and temperature reinforcement area at the abutment wall was previously calculated during the design of flexural reinforcement.

Required shrinkage and temperature steel area  $A_{\text{shrink.temp}} = 0.349 \cdot \text{in}^2$

Check if the provided steel area > the required area of shrinkage and temperature steel  $\text{Check} := \text{if}(A_{s\text{ProvidedST}} > A_{\text{shrink.temp}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$

The abutment wall design presented in this step provides the following details:

- No. 8 bars @ 12.0 in. spacing ( $A_s = 0.79 \text{ in.}^2/\text{ft}$ ) as the back face flexural reinforcement
- No. 6 bars @ 12.0 in. spacing ( $A_s = 0.44 \text{ in.}^2/\text{ft}$ ) as the front face vertical shrinkage and temperature reinforcement
- No. 6 bars @ 12.0 in. spacing ( $A_s = 0.44 \text{ in.}^2/\text{ft}$ ) as the front and back face horizontal shrinkage and temperature reinforcement.

## Step 3.9 Structural Design of the Footing

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### Description

This step presents the structural design process for the abutment footing.

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## Forces and Moments at the Base of the Footing

Step 3.5 presents the load effects at the base of the footing under different load cases and limit states. A summary is presented in the following tables:

Factored vertical force,  $F_{Vf_t}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	29.78	23.20
LC III	47.73	35.20
LC IV	39.86	30.70

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing,  $V_{uf_t}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	6.55	4.37
LC III	6.55	4.37
LC IV	8.81	5.86

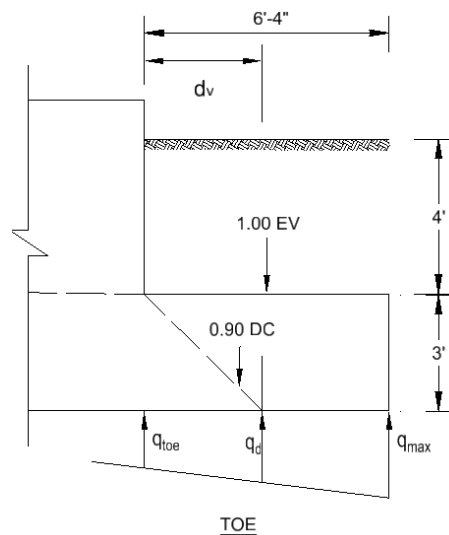
Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing,  $M_{uf_t}$  (kip-ft/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	38.14	16.98
LC III	30.66	11.98
LC IV	57.13	31.18

Note: The length of the footing and the abutment wall is 65.75 ft and 63.75 ft, respectively. Since the cantilevered length of the footing in the longitudinal direction is limited to 1 ft on each side, the shear and moment acting on the footing in the longitudinal direction are small and do not require flexural and shear designs.

## Toe Design

The necessary dimensions, loads, and the bearing pressure distribution are shown in the following figure:



For structural design of an eccentrically loaded foundation, a triangular or trapezoidal bearing pressure distribution is used.

**LRFD 10.6.5**

According to the loads in the summary tables, Load Case IV under the Strength I limit state is identified as the governing load case for the design of flexure and shear at the toe.

$$F_{Vf_tLC4StrI} = 39.863 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

$$M_{uf_tLC4StrI} = 57.133 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Eccentricity in the footing width direction

$$e_B := \frac{M_{uFtLC4StrI}}{F_{VFtLC4StrI}} = 1.433 \cdot \text{ft}$$

Maximum and minimum bearing pressure

$$q_{\max} := \frac{F_{VFtLC4StrI}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 4.834 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

$$q_{\min} := \frac{F_{VFtLC4StrI}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 1.072 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

The critical section for flexural design is at the front face of the wall.

**LRFD 5.12.8.4**

Bearing pressure at the critical section

$$q_{\text{toe}} := q_{\min} + \frac{(q_{\max} - q_{\min})}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot (B_{\text{footing}} - l_{\text{toe}}) = 3.069 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

A simplified analysis method is used in this example to determine the maximum moments at the front face of the wall by selecting load factors to produce the maximum bearing pressure and minimum resisting loads. This method is conservative and eliminates the need for using multiple combinations.

As shown below, minimum load factors are used for the resisting forces (such as the overburden and footing self-weight) to calculate the maximum moment at the front face of the wall.

The moment demand at the critical section

$$M_{\text{rDemand}} := q_{\text{toe}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{toe}}^2}{2} + (q_{\max} - q_{\text{toe}}) \cdot \frac{l_{\text{toe}}^2}{3} - 0.9 \cdot W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{toe}}^2}{2} - 1.0 \gamma_s \cdot (h_{\text{toeDepth}} - t_{\text{footing}}) \cdot \frac{l_{\text{toe}}^2}{2}$$
$$M_{\text{rDemand}} = 67.396 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

## Flexure Resistance

**LRFD 5.6.3.2**

The design procedure consists of calculating the reinforcing steel area required to satisfy the moment demand and checking the selected steel area against the requirements and limitations for developing an adequate moment capacity, controlling crack width, and managing shrinkage and temperature stresses.

Select a trial bar size

$$\text{bar} := 8$$

Nominal diameter of a reinforcing steel bar

$$d_{\text{bar}} := \text{Dia}(\text{bar}) = 1 \cdot \text{in}$$

Cross-section area of a bar on the flexural tension side

$$A_{\text{bar}} := \text{Area}(\text{bar}) = 0.79 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

The spacing of the main reinforcing steel bars in walls and slabs shall not be greater than the lesser of 1.5 times the thickness of the member or 18 in.

**LRFD 5.10.3.2**

The spacing of shrinkage and temperature reinforcement shall not exceed the following:  
12 in. for walls and footings greater than 18 in.

**LRFD 5.10.6**

Note: MDOT limits reinforcement spacing to a maximum of 18 in.

**BDG 5.16.01 and 5.22.01**

Footing thickness

$$t_{\text{footing}} = 3 \text{ ft}$$

Select a spacing for reinforcing steel bars

$$s_{\text{bar}} := 12 \cdot \text{in}$$

Select a 1-ft wide strip for the design.

Area of tension steel provided in a 1-ft wide strip

$$A_{\text{sProvided}} := \frac{A_{\text{bar}} \cdot 12 \text{ in}}{s_{\text{bar}}} = 0.79 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Effective depth  $d_e := t_{\text{footing}} - \text{Cover}_{\text{ft}} = 32 \cdot \text{in}$

Resistance factor for flexure  $\phi_f := 0.9$  **LRFD 5.5.4.2**

Width of the compression face of the section  $b := 12 \text{in}$

Stress block factor  $\beta_1 := \min \left[ \max \left[ 0.85 - 0.05 \cdot \left( \frac{f_c - 4 \text{ksi}}{\text{ksi}} \right), 0.65 \right], 0.85 \right] = 0.85$  **LRFD 5.6.2.2**

Solve the following equation of  $A_s$  to calculate the required area of steel to satisfy the moment demand. Use an assumed initial  $A_s$  value to solve the equation.

The initial assumption  $A_s := 1 \text{in}^2$

$$\text{Given } M_{\text{rDemand}} \cdot \text{ft} = \phi_f \cdot A_s \cdot f_y \cdot \left[ d_e - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{A_s \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot b} \right) \right]$$

Required area of steel  $A_{s\text{Required}} := \text{Find}(A_s) = 0.475 \cdot \text{in}^2$

Check if  $A_{s\text{Provided}} > A_{s\text{Required}}$  **Check := if( $A_{s\text{Provided}} > A_{s\text{Required}}$ , "OK", "Not OK") = "OK"**

Moment capacity of the section with the provided steel  $M_{\text{Provided}} := \phi_f \cdot A_{s\text{Provided}} \cdot f_y \cdot \left[ d_e - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{A_{s\text{Provided}} \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot b} \right) \right]$

$$M_{\text{Provided}} = 111.007 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Distance from the extreme compression fiber to the neutral axis  $c := \frac{A_{s\text{Provided}} \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot \beta_1 \cdot b} = 1.82 \cdot \text{in}$

Check the validity of the assumption,  $f_s = f_y$  **Check\_  $f_s$  := if( $\frac{c}{d_e} < 0.6$ , "OK", "Not OK") = "OK"**

## Limits for Reinforcement

**LRFD 5.6.3.3**

The tensile reinforcement provided must develop a factored flexural resistance equal to the lesser of the cracking moment or 1.33 times the factored moment from the applicable strength limit state load combinations.

Flexural cracking variability factor  $\gamma_1 := 1.6$  For concrete structures that are not precast segmental

Ratio of specified minimum yield strength to ultimate tensile strength of the nonprestressed reinforcement  $\gamma_3 := 0.67$  For ASTM A615 Grade 60 reinforcement

Section modulus  $S_c := \frac{1}{6} \cdot b \cdot t_{\text{footing}}^2 = 2.592 \times 10^3 \cdot \text{in}^3$

Cracking moment  $M_{\text{cr}} := \frac{\gamma_3 \cdot \gamma_1 \cdot f_r \cdot S_c}{\text{ft}} = 96.254 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$

1.33 times the factored moment demand  $1.33 \cdot M_{\text{rDemand}} = 89.637 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$

Required moment to satisfy the minimum reinforcement requirement

$$M_{req} := \min(1.33M_{rDemand}, M_{cr}) = 89.637 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Check the adequacy of section capacity

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(M_{Provided} > M_{req}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Control of Cracking by Distribution of Reinforcement

**LRFD 5.6.7**

Limiting the width of expected cracks under service conditions extends the service life. The width of potential cracks can be minimized through proper placement of the reinforcement. Checking for crack control assures that the actual stress in the reinforcement should not exceed the service limit state stress.

The spacing requirement for the mild steel reinforcement in the layer closest to the tension face

$$s \leq \frac{700 \cdot \gamma_e}{\beta_s \cdot f_{ss}} - 2 \cdot d_c$$

**LRFD Eq. 5.6.7-1**

Exposure factor for Class 1 exposure condition

$$\gamma_e := 1.00$$

Distance from extreme tension fiber to the center of the closest bar

$$d_c := \text{Cover}_{ft} + \frac{d_{bar}}{2} = 4.5 \cdot \text{in}$$

Ratio of flexural strain at the extreme tension face to the strain at the centroid of the reinforcement layer nearest the tension face

$$\beta_s := 1 + \frac{d_c}{0.7(t_{footing} - d_c)} = 1.204$$

The calculation of tensile stress in nonprestressed reinforcement at the service limit state,  $f_{ss}$ , requires establishing the neutral axis location and the moment demand at the critical section.

The position of the cross-section's neutral axis is determined through an iterative process to calculate the actual stress in the reinforcement. This process starts with an assumed position of the neutral axis as shown below.

Assumed distance from the extreme compression fiber to the neutral axis

$$x := 5 \cdot \text{in}$$

$$\text{Given} \quad \frac{1}{2} \cdot b \cdot x^2 = \frac{E_s}{E_c} \cdot A_{sProvided} \cdot (d_e - x)$$

Position of the neutral axis

$$x_{na} := \text{Find}(x) = 5.303 \cdot \text{in}$$

The vertical force and moment at the base of the footing from Load Case IV under the Service I limit state are:

$$F_{VFtLC4SerI} = 30.702 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}} \quad M_{uFtLC4SerI} = 31.183 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Eccentricity in the footing width direction under Service I limit state

$$e_{BSerI} := \frac{M_{uFtLC4SerI}}{F_{VFtLC4SerI}} = 1.016 \cdot \text{ft}$$

Maximum and minimum bearing pressure under Service I limit state

$$q_{maxSerI} := \frac{F_{VFtLC4SerI}}{B_{footing}} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{6 \cdot e_{BSerI}}{B_{footing}} \right) = 3.301 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

$$q_{minSerI} := \frac{F_{VFtLC4SerI}}{B_{footing}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{6 \cdot e_{BSerI}}{B_{footing}} \right) = 1.248 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Bearing pressure at the critical section under Service I limit state

$$q_{toeSerI} := q_{minSerI} + \frac{(q_{maxSerI} - q_{minSerI})}{B_{footing}} \cdot (B_{footing} - l_{toe})$$

$$q_{toeSerI} = 2.338 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

The moment at the critical section under the Service I limit state:

$$M_{rSerI} := q_{toeSerI} \cdot \frac{l_{toe}^2}{2} + (q_{maxSerI} - q_{toeSerI}) \cdot \frac{l_{toe}^2}{3} - W_c \cdot t_{footing} \cdot \frac{l_{toe}^2}{2} - \gamma_s \cdot (h_{toeDepth} - t_{footing}) \cdot \frac{l_{toe}^2}{2}$$

$$M_{rSerI} = 41.109 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Tensile force in the reinforcing steel due to the service limit state moment

$$T_s := \frac{M_{rSerI}}{d_e - \frac{x_{na}}{3}} \cdot \text{ft} = 16.3 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Stress in the reinforcing steel due to the service limit state moment

$$f_{ss1} := \frac{T_s}{A_{sProvided}} = 20.655 \cdot \text{ksi}$$

$f_{ss}$  (not to exceed  $0.6f_y$ )

$$f_{ss} := \min(f_{ss1}, 0.6f_y) = 20.655 \cdot \text{ksi}$$

Required reinforcement spacing

$$s_{barRequired} := \frac{700 \cdot \gamma_e \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{in}}}{\beta_s \cdot f_{ss}} - 2 \cdot d_c = 19.146 \cdot \text{in}$$

Check if the spacing provided < the required spacing

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(s_{bar} < s_{barRequired}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Shrinkage and Temperature Reinforcement Requirement

**LRFD 5.10.6**

The following calculations check the adequacy of the flexural reinforcing steel to control shrinkage and temperature stresses in the toe:

Minimum area of shrinkage and temperature reinforcement

$$A_{shrink.temp} := \min \left[ \begin{array}{l} \left( 0.60 \frac{\text{in}^2}{\text{ft}} \right) \\ \left( 0.11 \frac{\text{in}^2}{\text{ft}} \right) \\ \max \left[ \frac{1.3 \cdot B_{footing} \cdot t_{footing} \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{in} \cdot \text{ft}}}{2(B_{footing} + t_{footing}) \cdot f_y} \right] \end{array} \right] \cdot \text{ft} = 0.319 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Check if the provided area of steel > the required area of shrinkage and temperature steel

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(A_{sProvided} > A_{shrink.temp}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Design for Shear

Effective width of the section

$$b = 12 \cdot \text{in}$$

Depth of equivalent rectangular stress block

$$a := \frac{A_{s\text{Provided}} \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot b} = 1.549 \cdot \text{in}$$

Effective shear depth

$$d_v := \max\left(d_e - \frac{a}{2}, 0.9 \cdot d_e, 0.72 \cdot t_{\text{footing}}\right) = 31.225 \cdot \text{in} \quad \text{LRFD 5.7.2.8}$$

The critical section for shear at the toe is located at a distance  $d_v$  from the front face of the wall.

Distance from the toe to the critical section

$$l_{\text{shear}} := l_{\text{toe}} - d_v = 3.731 \text{ ft}$$

Bearing pressure at the shear critical section

$$q_d := q_{\text{min}} + \frac{(q_{\text{max}} - q_{\text{min}})}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot (B_{\text{footing}} - l_{\text{shear}}) = 3.794 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

As shown below, minimum load factors are used for the resisting forces (such as the overburden and footing self-weight) to calculate the maximum shear at the shear critical section.

Factored shear force (demand) at the shear critical section

$$V_{u\text{FtToe}} := \frac{(q_{\text{max}} + q_d)}{2} \cdot l_{\text{shear}} - 0.9 \cdot W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot l_{\text{shear}} - 1.0 \cdot \gamma_s \cdot (h_{\text{toeDepth}} - t_{\text{footing}}) \cdot l_{\text{shear}}$$

$$V_{u\text{FtToe}} = 12.794 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

The simplified procedure for nonprestressed sections can be used for the design of shear in concrete footings when the distance from the point of zero shear to the face of the wall is less than  $3d_v$ .

**LRFD 5.7.3.4.1**

Check if the distance  $l_{\text{toe}}$  is less than  $3d_v$

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(l_{\text{toe}} < 3 \cdot d_v, \text{"Yes"}, \text{"No"}) = \text{"Yes"}$$

Therefore, the simplified procedure is used.

Factor indicating the ability of diagonally cracked concrete to transmit tension and shear

$$\beta := 2$$

Nominal shear resistance of concrete,  $V_n$ , is calculated as follows:

$$V_{c1} := 0.0316 \cdot \beta \cdot \sqrt{f_c} \cdot \text{ksi} \cdot b \cdot d_e = 42 \cdot \text{kip} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.3-3}$$

$$V_{c2} := 0.25 f_c \cdot b \cdot d_e = 288 \cdot \text{kip} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.3-2}$$

$$V_n := \min(V_{c1}, V_{c2}) = 42.035 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Resistance factor for shear

$$\phi_v := 0.9$$

**LRFD 5.5.4.2**

Factored shear resistance (capacity)

$$V_r := \phi_v \cdot V_n = 37.831 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Check if the capacity > the shear demand

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}\left(\frac{V_r}{\text{ft}} > V_{u\text{FtToe}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}\right) = \text{"OK"}$$



## Development Length of Reinforcement

The flexural reinforcing steel must be developed on each side of the critical section for its full development length.

**LRFD 5.10.8.1.2**

Available length for rebar development

$$l_{d,\text{available}} := l_{\text{toe}} - \text{Cover}_{\text{ft}} = 6 \text{ ft}$$

Basic development length

$$l_{db} := 2.4 \cdot d_{\text{bar}} \cdot \frac{f_y}{\sqrt{f_c \cdot \text{ksi}}} = 6.928 \text{ ft} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.10.8.2.1a-2}$$

Reinforcement location factor

$$\lambda_{rl} := 1 \quad \text{No more than 12 in. concrete below}$$

Coating factor

$$\lambda_{cf} := 1.5 \quad \text{Epoxy coated bars with less than } 3d_b \text{ cover}$$

Reinforcement confinement factor

$$\lambda_{rc} := 0.4 \quad \text{For } c_b > 2.5 \text{ in. and No. 8 bars or smaller}$$

Excess reinforcement factor

$$\lambda_{er} := \frac{A_{s\text{Required}}}{A_{s\text{Provided}}} = 0.601 \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.10.8.2.1c-4}$$

Factor for normal weight concrete

$$\lambda := 1$$

Required development length

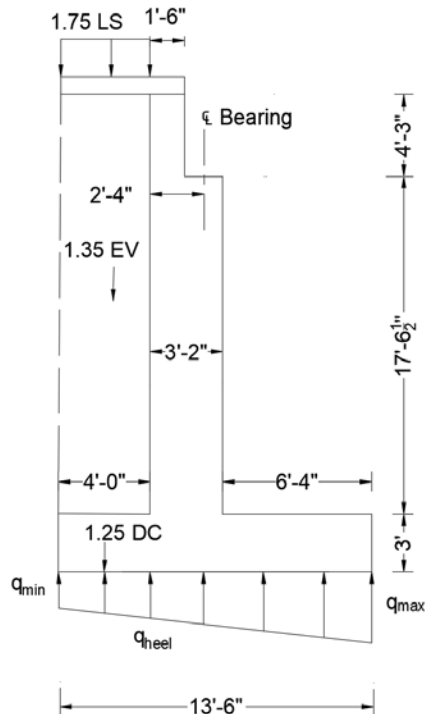
$$l_{d,\text{required}} := l_{db} \cdot \frac{(\lambda_{rl} \cdot \lambda_{cf} \cdot \lambda_{rc} \cdot \lambda_{er})}{\lambda} = 2.499 \text{ ft} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.10.8.2.1a-1}$$

Check if  $l_{d,\text{available}} > l_{d,\text{required}}$

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(l_{d,\text{available}} > l_{d,\text{required}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Heel Design

The necessary dimensions, loads, and the bearing pressure distribution are shown in the following figure:



The self-weight of the footing, the weight of soil, live load surcharge and the bearing pressure act on the heel. The critical load combination for the design selects the load factors to produce the minimum vertical loads and maximum eccentricities resulting in the minimum bearing pressure.

The critical location for the design of flexure is located at the back face of the wall.

**LRFD 5.12.8.4**

In the general case of a cantilever abutment wall, where the downward load on the heel is larger than the upward reaction of the soil under the heel, the top of the heel is in tension. Therefore, the critical section for shear is taken at the back face of the abutment wall.

**LRFD C5.12.8.6.1**

Load cases I, III, and IV under the Strength I limit state are used to calculate the maximum moment and shear at the critical sections.

### Load Case I

Minimum vertical force	$F_{VFtLC1StrI\text{Min}} = 21.662 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$	<b>Step 3.6, sliding resistance check</b>
Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing	$M_{uFtLC1StrI} = 38.136 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$	<b>Step 3.6, eccentric load limitation check</b>
Eccentricity in the footing width direction	$e_B := \frac{M_{uFtLC1StrI}}{F_{VFtLC1StrI\text{Min}}} = 1.761 \cdot \text{ft}$	
Maximum and minimum bearing pressure	$q_{\text{max}} := \frac{F_{VFtLC1StrI\text{Min}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 2.86 \cdot \text{ksf}$	
	$q_{\text{min}} := \frac{F_{VFtLC1StrI\text{Min}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 0.349 \cdot \text{ksf}$	
Bearing pressure at the critical section	$q_{\text{heelLC1StrI}} := q_{\text{min}} + (q_{\text{max}} - q_{\text{min}}) \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} = 1.093 \cdot \text{ksf}$	
Factored moment at the critical section	$M_{TLC1StrI} := 1.25 \cdot W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}^2}{2} + 1.35 E V_{\text{earthBk}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - q_{\text{min}} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - \frac{1}{6} (q_{\text{heelLC1StrI}} - q_{\text{min}}) l_{\text{heel}}^2$	
	$M_{TLC1StrI} = 12.671 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$	
Factored shear force at the critical section	$V_{uHeeLC1StrI} := 1.25 \cdot W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} + 1.35 E V_{\text{earthBk}} - q_{\text{min}} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} - \frac{1}{2} (q_{\text{heelLC1StrI}} - q_{\text{min}}) \cdot l_{\text{heel}}$	
	$V_{uHeeLC1StrI} = 5.839 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$	

### Load Case III

Two cases need to be considered: without and with the live load.

*Without the live load:*

Minimum vertical force	$F_{VFtLC3StrI\text{Min\_noLL}} = 26.754 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$	<b>Step 3.6, sliding resistance check</b>
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Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{uFtLC3StrI\_noLL} = 34.635 \text{ ft} \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

**Step 3.6, eccentric load limitation check**

Eccentricity in the footing width direction

$$e_B := \frac{M_{uFtLC3StrI\_noLL}}{F_{VFtLC3StrIMin\_noLL}} = 1.295 \cdot \text{ft}$$

Maximum and minimum bearing pressure

$$q_{\max} := \frac{F_{VFtLC3StrIMin\_noLL}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 3.122 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

$$q_{\min} := \frac{F_{VFtLC3StrIMin\_noLL}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 0.842 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Bearing stress at the critical section

$$q_{\text{heelLC3StrI}} := q_{\min} + (q_{\max} - q_{\min}) \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} = 1.517 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Factored moment at the critical section

$$M_{TLC3StrI\_noLL} := 1.25 \cdot W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}^2}{2} + 1.35 E V_{\text{earthBk}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - q_{\min} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - \frac{1}{6} (q_{\text{heelLC3StrI}} - q_{\min}) l_{\text{heel}}^2$$

$$M_{TLC3StrI\_noLL} = 8.913 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force at the critical section

$$V_{uHeelLC3StrI\_noLL} := 1.25 \cdot W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} + 1.35 E V_{\text{earthBk}} - q_{\min} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} - \frac{1}{2} (q_{\text{heelLC3StrI}} - q_{\min}) \cdot l_{\text{heel}}$$

$$V_{uHeelLC3StrI\_noLL} = 4.006 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

*With the live load:*

Minimum vertical force

$$F_{VFtLC3StrIMin} = 36.304 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

**Step 3.6, sliding resistance check**

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{uFtLC3StrI} = 30.656 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

**Step 3.6, summary table**

Eccentricity in the footing width direction

$$e_B := \frac{M_{uFtLC3StrI}}{F_{VFtLC3StrIMin}} = 0.844 \cdot \text{ft}$$

Maximum and minimum bearing pressure

$$q_{\max} := \frac{F_{VFtLC3StrIMin}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 3.698 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

$$q_{\min} := \frac{F_{VFtLC3StrIMin}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 1.68 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Bearing pressure at the critical section

$$q_{\text{heelLC3StrI}} := q_{\min} + (q_{\max} - q_{\min}) \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} = 2.278 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Factored moment at the critical section

$$M_{TLC3StrI} := 1.25 \cdot W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}^2}{2} + 1.35EV_{\text{earthBk}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - q_{\text{min}} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - \frac{1}{6} (q_{\text{heelLC3StrI}} - q_{\text{min}}) l_{\text{heel}}^2$$

$$M_{TLC3StrI} = 2.413 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force at the critical section

$$V_{uHeelLC3StrI} := 1.25 \cdot W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} + 1.35EV_{\text{earthBk}} - q_{\text{min}} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} - \frac{1}{2} (q_{\text{heelLC3StrI}} - q_{\text{min}}) \cdot l_{\text{heel}}$$

$$V_{uHeelLC3StrI} = 0.808 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

### Load Case IV

Two cases need to be considered: without and with the live load surcharge.

*Without the live load surcharge:*

Minimum vertical force

$$F_{VFtLC4StrIMin\_noLS} = 26.754 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

**Step 3.6, sliding resistance check**

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{uFtLC4StrI\_noLS} = 38.891 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

**Step 3.6, eccentric load limitation check**

Eccentricity in the footing width direction

$$e_B := \frac{M_{uFtLC4StrI\_noLS}}{F_{VFtLC4StrIMin}} = 1.368 \cdot \text{ft}$$

Maximum and minimum bearing pressures

$$q_{\text{max}} := \frac{F_{VFtLC4StrIMin\_noLS}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 3.186 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

$$q_{\text{min}} := \frac{F_{VFtLC4StrIMin\_noLS}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 0.777 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Bearing pressure at the critical section

$$q_{\text{heelLC4StrI}} := q_{\text{min}} + (q_{\text{max}} - q_{\text{min}}) \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} = 1.491 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Factored moment at the critical section

$$M_{TLC4StrI\_noLS} := 1.25 \cdot W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}^2}{2} + 1.35EV_{\text{earthBk}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - q_{\text{min}} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - \frac{1}{6} (q_{\text{heelLC4StrI}} - q_{\text{min}}) l_{\text{heel}}^2$$

$$M_{TLC4StrI\_noLS} = 9.327 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force at the critical section

$$V_{uHeelLC4StrI\_noLS} := 1.25 \cdot W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} + 1.35EV_{\text{earthBk}} - q_{\text{min}} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} - \frac{1}{2} (q_{\text{heelLC4StrI}} - q_{\text{min}}) \cdot l_{\text{heel}}$$

$$V_{uHeelLC4StrI\_noLS} = 4.187 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

With the live load surcharge:

Minimum vertical force

$$F_{VFtLC4StrI\text{Min}} = 28.434 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

**Step 3.6, sliding resistance check**

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{uFtLC4StrI} = 57.133 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

**Step 3.6, summary table**

Eccentricity in the footing width direction

$$e_B := \frac{M_{uFtLC4StrI}}{F_{VFtLC4StrI\text{Min}}} = 2.009 \cdot \text{ft}$$

Maximum and minimum bearing pressure

$$q_{\text{max}} := \frac{F_{VFtLC4StrI\text{Min}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 3.987 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

$$q_{\text{min}} := \frac{F_{VFtLC4StrI\text{Min}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{6 \cdot e_B}{B_{\text{footing}}} \right) = 0.225 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Bearing stress at the critical section

$$q_{\text{heelLC4StrI}} := q_{\text{min}} + (q_{\text{max}} - q_{\text{min}}) \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{B_{\text{footing}}} = 1.34 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Factored moment at the critical section

$$M_{TLC4StrI} := 1.25 \cdot W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}^2}{2} + 1.35 E V_{\text{earthBk}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - q_{\text{min}} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - \frac{1}{6} (q_{\text{heelLC4StrI}} - q_{\text{min}}) l_{\text{heel}}^2$$

$$M_{TLC4StrI} = 12.672 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force at the critical section

$$V_{uHeelLC4StrI} := 1.25 \cdot W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} + 1.35 E V_{\text{earthBk}} - q_{\text{min}} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} - \frac{1}{2} (q_{\text{heelLC4StrI}} - q_{\text{min}}) \cdot l_{\text{heel}}$$

$$V_{uHeelLC4StrI} = 5.593 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Moment demand at the critical section

$$M_{\text{HeelDemand}} := \max(M_{TLC1StrI}, M_{TLC3StrI\_noLL}, M_{TLC3StrI}, M_{TLC4StrI\_noLS}, M_{TLC4StrI}) = 12.672 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Shear demand at the critical section

$$V_{\text{HeelDemand}} := \max(V_{uHeelLC1StrI}, V_{uHeelLC3StrI\_noLL}, V_{uHeelLC3StrI}, V_{uHeelLC4StrI\_noLS}, V_{uHeelLC4StrI})$$

$$V_{\text{HeelDemand}} = 5.839 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

## Flexure Resistance

## LRFD 5.6.3.2

The design procedure consists of calculating the reinforcing steel area required to satisfy the moment demand and checking the selected steel area against the requirements and limitations for developing an adequate moment capacity, controlling crack width, and managing shrinkage and temperature stresses.

Select a trial bar size

$$\text{bar} := 6$$

Nominal diameter of a reinforcing steel bar

$$d_{\text{bar}} := \text{Dia}(\text{bar}) = 0.75 \cdot \text{in}$$

Cross-section area of a bar on the flexural tension side

$$A_{\text{bar}} := \text{Area}(\text{bar}) = 0.44 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

The spacing of the main reinforcing steel bars in walls and slabs shall not be greater than the lesser of 1.5 times the thickness of the member or 18 in.

**LRFD 5.10.3.2**

The spacing of shrinkage and temperature reinforcement shall not exceed the following:  
12 in. for walls and footings greater than 18 in.

**LRFD 5.10.6**

Note: MDOT limits reinforcement spacing to a maximum of 18 in.

**BDG 5.16.01 and 5.22.01**

Footing thickness  $t_{\text{footing}} = 3 \text{ ft}$

Selected spacing of reinforcing bars  $s_{\text{bar}} := 12 \cdot \text{in}$

Select a 1-ft wide strip for the design.

Area of tension steel provided in a 1-ft wide strip  $A_{s\text{Provided}} := \frac{A_{\text{bar}} \cdot 12 \text{ in}}{s_{\text{bar}}} = 0.44 \cdot \text{in}^2$

Effective depth  $d_e := t_{\text{footing}} - \text{Cover}_{\text{ft}} = 32 \cdot \text{in}$

Resistance factor for flexure  $\phi_f := 0.9$  **LRFD 5.5.4.2**

Width of the compression face of the section  $b := 12 \text{ in}$

Stress block factor  $\beta_1 = 0.85$

Solve the following equation of  $A_s$  to calculate the required area of steel to satisfy the moment demand. Use an assumed initial  $A_s$  value to solve the equation.

Initial assumption  $A_s := 1 \text{ in}^2$

$$\text{Given } M_{\text{HeelDemand}} \cdot \text{ft} = \phi_f \cdot A_s \cdot f_y \cdot \left[ d_e - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{A_s \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot b} \right) \right]$$

Required area of steel  $A_{s\text{Required}} := \text{Find}(A_s) = 0.088 \cdot \text{in}^2$

Check if  $A_{s\text{Provided}} > A_{s\text{Required}}$   $\text{Check} := \text{if}(A_{s\text{Provided}} > A_{s\text{Required}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$

Moment capacity of the section with the provided steel  $M_{\text{Provided}} := \phi_f \cdot A_{s\text{Provided}} \cdot f_y \cdot \left[ d_e - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{A_{s\text{Provided}} \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot b} \right) \right]$

$$M_{\text{Provided}} = 62.506 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Distance from the extreme compression fiber to the neutral axis  $c := \frac{A_{s\text{Provided}} \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot \beta_1 \cdot b} = 1.01 \cdot \text{in}$

Check the validity of the assumption,  $f_s = f_y$   $\text{Check}_{f_s} := \text{if}\left(\frac{c}{d_e} < 0.6, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}\right) = \text{"OK"}$

### Limits for Reinforcement

**LRFD 5.6.3.3**

The tensile reinforcement provided must be adequate to develop a factored flexural resistance at least equal to the lesser of the cracking moment or 1.33 times the factored moment from the applicable strength limit state load combinations.

Flexural cracking variability factor	$\gamma_1 := 1.6$	For concrete structures that are not precast segmental
Ratio of specified minimum yield strength to ultimate tensile strength of the nonprestressed reinforcement	$\gamma_3 := 0.67$	For ASTM A615 Grade 60 reinforcement
Section modulus	$S_c := \frac{1}{6} \cdot b \cdot t_{\text{footing}}^2 = 2.592 \times 10^3 \cdot \text{in}^3$	
Cracking moment	$M_{\text{cr}} := \frac{\gamma_3 \cdot \gamma_1 \cdot f_r \cdot S_c}{\text{ft}} = 96.254 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$	
1.33 times the factored moment demand	$1.33 \cdot M_{\text{HeelDemand}} = 16.854 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$	
Required factored moment to satisfy the minimum reinforcement requirement	$M_{\text{req}} := \min(1.33 M_{\text{HeelDemand}}, M_{\text{cr}}) = 16.854 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$	
Check the adequacy of the section capacity	Check := if( $M_{\text{Provided}} > M_{\text{req}}$ , "OK", "Not OK") = "OK"	

### Control of Cracking by Distribution of Reinforcement

LRFD 5.6.7

Limiting the width of expected cracks under service conditions extends the service life. The width of potential cracks can be minimized through proper placement of the reinforcement. Checking for crack control assures that the actual stress in the reinforcement should not exceed the service limit state stress.

The spacing requirement for the mild steel reinforcement in the layer closest to the tension face

$$s \leq \frac{700 \cdot \gamma_e}{\beta_s \cdot f_{\text{ss}}} - 2 \cdot d_c \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.6.7-1}$$

Exposure factor for Class 1 exposure condition

$$\gamma_e := 1.00$$

Distance from extreme tension fiber to the center of the closest flexural reinforcement

$$d_c := \text{Cover}_{\text{ft}} = 4 \cdot \text{in}$$

Ratio of flexural strain at the extreme tension face to the strain at the centroid of the reinforcement layer closest to the tension face

$$\beta_s := 1 + \frac{d_c}{0.7(t_{\text{footing}} - d_c)} = 1.179$$

The calculation of tensile stress in nonprestressed reinforcement at the service limit state,  $f_{\text{ss}}$ , requires establishing the neutral axis location and the moment demand at the critical section.

The position of the cross-section's neutral axis is determined through an iterative process to calculate the actual stress in the reinforcement. This process starts with an assumed position of the neutral axis as shown below.

Assumed distance from the extreme compression fiber to the neutral axis

$$x := 5 \cdot \text{in}$$

$$\text{Given } \frac{1}{2} \cdot b \cdot x^2 = \frac{E_s}{E_c} \cdot A_{\text{sProvided}} \cdot (d_e - x)$$

Position of the neutral axis

$$x_{\text{na}} := \text{Find}(x) = 4.049 \cdot \text{in}$$

Maximum and minimum bearing pressure under Service I limit state (from the toe design)

$$q_{\text{maxSerI}} = 3.301 \cdot \text{ksf} \quad q_{\text{minSerI}} = 1.248 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Bearing pressure at the critical section

$$q_{\text{HeelSerI}} := q_{\text{minSerI}} + \frac{(q_{\text{maxSerI}} - q_{\text{minSerI}})}{B_{\text{footing}}} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} = 1.856 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

The moment at the critical section under the Service I limit state

$$M_{\text{heelSerI}} := W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}^2}{2} + EV_{\text{earthBk}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} \dots$$

$$+ V_{\text{LSFooting}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - q_{\text{minSerI}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}^2}{2} - (q_{\text{HeelSerI}} - q_{\text{minSerI}}) \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}^2}{6}$$

$$M_{\text{heelSerI}} = 3.507 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Tensile force in the reinforcing steel due to the service limit state moment

$$T_s := \frac{M_{\text{heelSerI}}}{d_e - \frac{x_{\text{na}}}{3}} \cdot \text{ft} = 1.4 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Stress in the reinforcing steel due to the service limit state moment

$$f_{\text{ss1}} := \frac{T_s}{A_{\text{sProvided}}} = 3.12 \cdot \text{ksi}$$

$f_{\text{ss}}$  (not to exceed  $0.6f_y$ )

$$f_{\text{ss}} := \min(f_{\text{ss1}}, 0.6f_y) = 3.12 \cdot \text{ksi}$$

Required reinforcement spacing

$$s_{\text{barRequired}} := \frac{700 \cdot \gamma_e \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{in}}}{\beta_s \cdot f_{\text{ss}}} - 2 \cdot d_c = 182.337 \cdot \text{in}$$

Check if the spacing provided < the required spacing

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(s_{\text{bar}} < s_{\text{barRequired}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Shrinkage and Temperature Reinforcement

**LRFD 5.10.6**

The required minimum shrinkage and temperature reinforcement area was calculated previously for the toe.

Required shrinkage and temperature steel area

$$A_{\text{shrink.temp}} = 0.319 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Check if the provided area of steel > the required area of shrinkage and temperature steel

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(A_{\text{sProvided}} > A_{\text{shrink.temp}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Design for Shear

The critical section for shear in the heel is located at the back face of the abutment wall.

**LRFD C5.12.8.6.1**

Shear demand at the critical section (max. from the load cases)

$$V_{\text{HeelDemand}} = 5.839 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Effective width of the section

$$b = 12 \cdot \text{in}$$

Depth of the equivalent rectangular stress block

$$a := \frac{A_{\text{sProvided}} \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot b} = 0.863 \cdot \text{in}$$

Effective shear depth

$$d_v := \max\left(d_e - \frac{a}{2}, 0.9 \cdot d_e, 0.72 \cdot t_{\text{footing}}\right) = 31.569 \cdot \text{in} \quad \text{LRFD 5.7.2.8}$$



The simplified procedure for nonprestressed sections can be used for the design of shear in concrete footings when the distance from the point of zero shear to the face of the wall is less than  $3d_v$ .

**LRFD 5.7.3.4.1**

Check if the distance  $l_{heel} < 3d_v$

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(l_{heel} < 3 \cdot d_v, \text{"Yes"}, \text{"No"}) = \text{"Yes"}$$

Therefore, the simplified procedure is used.

Factor indicating the ability of diagonally cracked concrete to transmit tension and shear

$$\beta := 2$$

Nominal shear resistance of concrete,  $V_n$ , is calculated as follows:

$$V_{c1} := 0.0316 \cdot \beta \cdot \sqrt{f_c} \cdot \text{ksi} \cdot b \cdot d_e = 42 \cdot \text{kip} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.3-3}$$

$$V_{c2} := 0.25 f_c \cdot b \cdot d_e = 288 \cdot \text{kip} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.3-2}$$

$$V_n := \min(V_{c1}, V_{c2}) = 42.035 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Resistance factor for shear

$$\phi_v := 0.9$$

**LRFD 5.5.4.2**

Factored shear resistance (capacity)

$$V_r := \phi_v \cdot V_n = 37.831 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Check if the shear capacity > the demand

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}\left(\frac{V_r}{ft} > V_{HeelDemand}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}\right) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Development Length of Reinforcement

The flexural reinforcing steel must be developed on each side of the critical section for its full development length.

**LRFD 5.10.8.1.2**

Available length for rebar development

$$l_{d,available} := l_{heel} - \text{Cover}_{ft} = 44 \cdot \text{in}$$

Basic development length

$$l_{db} := 2.4 \cdot d_{bar} \cdot \frac{f_y}{\sqrt{f_c} \cdot \text{ksi}} = 5.196 \cdot \text{ft} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.10.8.2.1a-2}$$

Reinforcement location factor

$$\lambda_{rl} := 1.3 \quad \text{More than 12 in. concrete below}$$

Coating factor

$$\lambda_{cf} := 1.5 \quad \text{Epoxy coated bars with less than } 3d_b \text{ cover}$$

Reinforcement confinement factor

$$\lambda_{rc} := 0.4 \quad \text{For } c_b > 2.5 \text{ in. and No. 8 bars or smaller}$$

Excess reinforcement factor

$$\lambda_{er} := \frac{A_{sRequired}}{A_{sProvided}} = 0.201 \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.10.8.2.1c-4}$$

Factor for normal weight concrete

$$\lambda := 1$$

Required development length

$$l_{d,required} := l_{db} \cdot \frac{(\lambda_{rl} \cdot \lambda_{cf} \cdot \lambda_{rc} \cdot \lambda_{er})}{\lambda} = 9.754 \cdot \text{in} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.10.8.2.1a-1}$$

Check if  $l_{d,available} > l_{d,required}$

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(l_{d,available} > l_{d,required}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Shrinkage and Temperature Reinforcement Design

The following calculations check the required amount of reinforcing steel in the secondary direction to control shrinkage and temperature stresses in the footing.

The reinforcement along the longitudinal direction of the footing at the top and bottom should satisfy the shrinkage and temperature reinforcement requirements.

**LRFD 5.10.6**

The spacing of shrinkage and temperature reinforcement shall not exceed the following:  
12 in. for walls and footings greater than 18 in.

**LRFD 5.10.6**

Note: MDOT limits reinforcement spacing to a maximum of 18 in.

**BDG 5.16.01 and 5.22.01**

Select a trial bar size

$$\text{bar} := 6$$

Nominal diameter of a reinforcing steel bar

$$d_{bST} := \text{Dia}(\text{bar}) = 0.75 \cdot \text{in}$$

Cross-section area of the bar

$$A_{\text{barST}} := \text{Area}(\text{bar}) = 0.44 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Select a spacing for reinforcing steel bars

$$s_{\text{barST}} := 12 \cdot \text{in}$$

Reinforcing steel area provided in the section

$$A_{s\text{ProvidedST}} := \frac{A_{\text{barST}} \cdot 12\text{in}}{s_{\text{barST}}} = 0.44 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Required minimum area of shrinkage and temperature reinforcement in the footing

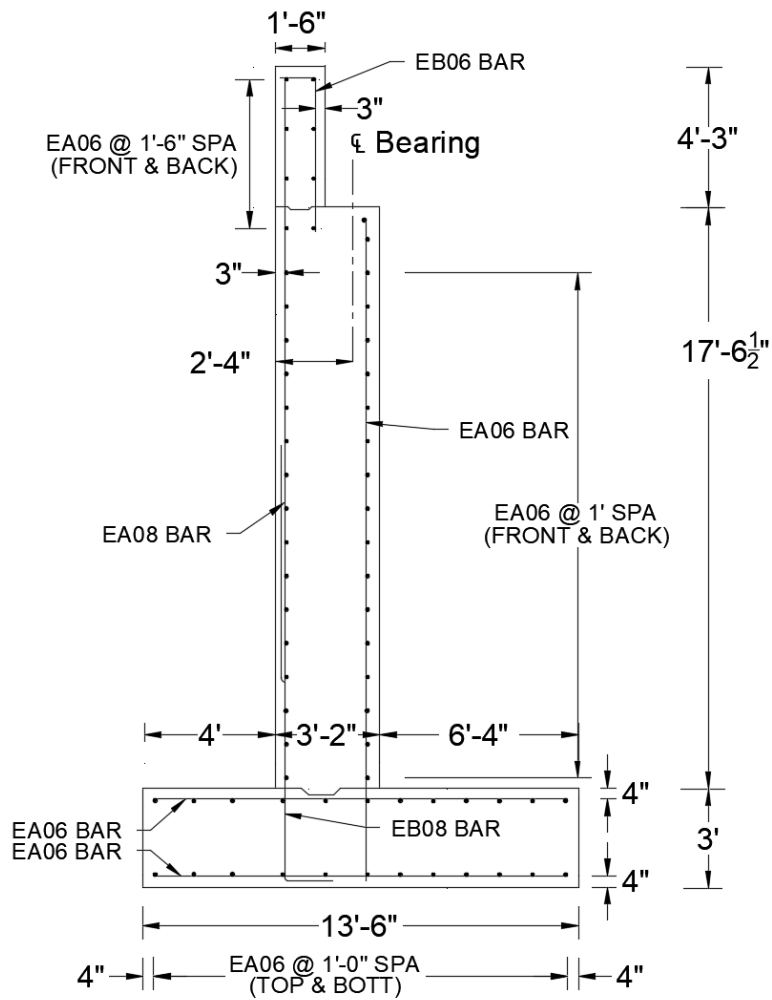
$$A_{\text{shrink.temp}} = 0.319 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Check if the provided steel area > the required area for shrinkage and temperature steel

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(A_{s\text{ProvidedST}} > A_{\text{shrink.temp}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

The footing design presented in this step provides the following details:

- No. 6 bars @ 12.0 in. spacing ( $A_s = 0.44 \text{ in.}^2/\text{ft}$ ) as the transverse flexural reinforcement at the top of the footing
- No. 8 bars @ 12.0 in. spacing ( $A_s = 0.79 \text{ in.}^2/\text{ft}$ ) as the transverse flexural reinforcement at the bottom of the footing
- No. 6 bars @ 12.0 in. spacing ( $A_s = 0.44 \text{ in.}^2/\text{ft}$ ) as the longitudinal shrinkage and temperature reinforcement at the top and bottom of the footing.



Note: Refer to MDOT Bridge Design Guides for additional bars, laps, embedment, and keyway dimensions. They are not shown in this drawing for clarity of the main reinforcement.

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## Section 4 Abutment with Piles

### Step 4.1 Preliminary Abutment Dimensions

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#### Description

This step presents the selected preliminary abutment dimensions.

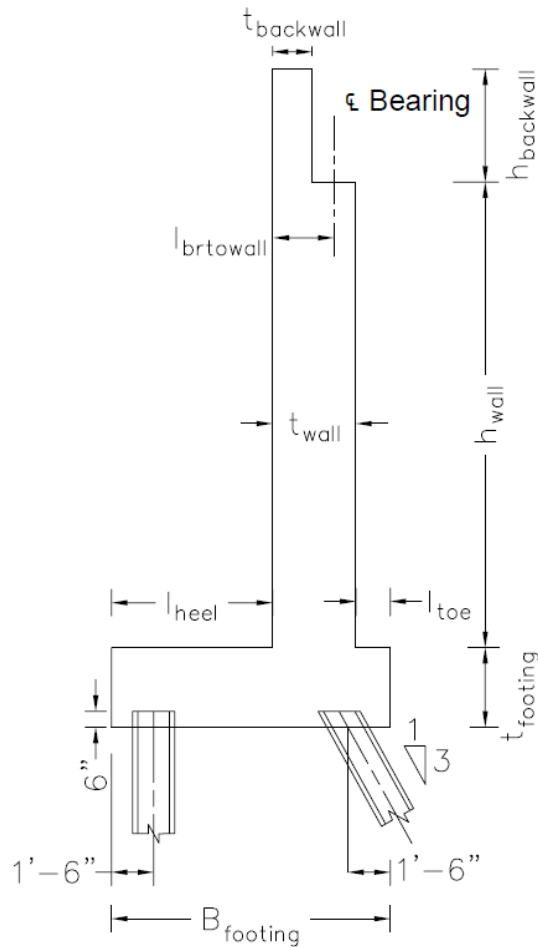
The design criteria, bridge information, material properties, reinforcing steel cover requirements, soil types and properties, along with superstructure loads are taken from Section 2.



This section presents the design of a full-depth reinforced concrete cantilever abutment with pile supports.

The structural design of the backwall and abutment wall is presented in Section 2. The pile design presented in this example covers structural design aspects assuming that the geotechnical design is performed by the Geotechnical Services Section.

The designers select the preliminary dimensions based on state-specific standards and past experience. The following figure shows the abutment geometry and dimensional variables:



The selected preliminary dimensions are listed below:

Abutment length

$$L_{\text{abut}} := W_{\text{deck}} = 63.75 \text{ ft}$$

The abutment has an independent backwall with a sliding deck.

**BDG 6.20.03A**

Backwall height

$$h_{\text{backwall}} := 4.25 \text{ ft}$$

Backwall thickness

$$t_{\text{backwall}} := 1 \text{ ft} + 6 \text{ in} = 1.5 \text{ ft}$$

Abutment wall height

$$h_{\text{wall}} := 17.54 \text{ ft}$$

Abutment wall thickness

$$t_{\text{wall}} := 3 \text{ ft} + 2 \text{ in} = 3.167 \text{ ft}$$

Distance from the toe to the front face of the abutment wall

$$l_{\text{toe}} := 1 \text{ ft} + 3 \text{ in} = 1.25 \text{ ft}$$

Distance from the heel to the back face of the abutment wall

$$l_{\text{heel}} := 6 \text{ ft} + 7 \text{ in} = 6.583 \text{ ft}$$

Distance from center of the bearing pad to the back face of the abutment wall

$$l_{\text{brtowall}} := 2 \text{ ft} + 4 \text{ in} = 2.333 \text{ ft}$$

Footing width

$$B_{\text{footing}} := l_{\text{toe}} + l_{\text{heel}} + t_{\text{wall}} = 11 \text{ ft}$$

Footing length

$$L_{\text{footing}} := L_{\text{abut}} + 1 \text{ ft} + 1 \text{ ft} = 65.75 \text{ ft}$$

Note: The footing extends 1-ft beyond the end of the wall on either side.

Footing thickness

$$t_{\text{footing}} := 3 \text{ ft}$$

Toe fill depth to the bottom of the footing

$$h_{\text{toeDepth}} := 7 \text{ ft}$$

Note: Bottoms of footings are normally set 4 ft below the existing or proposed ground line to avoid frost heave. The depth of embedment could be deeper when pavement sections are over the top of the footing.

**BDM 7.03.02 D**

. Passive earth pressure is excluded from the footing design.

**BDM 7.03.02 F**

## Step 4.2 Application of Dead Load

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### Description

This step describes the application of the dead load on the abutment.

The common practice is to apply superstructure dead load as a uniformly distributed load over the length of the abutment. This is accomplished by adding exterior and interior girder end dead load reactions and dividing this quantity by the abutment length.

Dead load of superstructure

Weight of structural components and non-structural attachments (DC)	$DC_{Sup} := \frac{2 \cdot R_{DCEx} + (N_{beams} - 2) \cdot R_{DCIn}}{L_{abut}} = 5.658 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$
Weight of the future wearing surface (DW)	$DW_{Sup} := \frac{2 \cdot R_{DWEEx} + (N_{beams} - 2) \cdot R_{DWIN}}{L_{abut}} = 0.886 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$
Backwall weight	$DC_{backwall} := h_{backwall} \cdot t_{backwall} \cdot W_c = 0.956 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$
Abutment wall weight	$DC_{wall} := h_{wall} \cdot t_{wall} \cdot W_c = 8.332 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$
Footing weight	$DC_{footing} := B_{footing} \cdot t_{footing} \cdot W_c = 4.95 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$



## Step 4.3 Application of Live Load

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### Description

Please refer to Step 2.3 for the application of live load on the structure.



## Step 4.4 Application of Other Loads

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### Description

This step typically includes the calculation of braking force, wind load, earth load, and temperature load.

Since piles and a pile cap are selected to replace the spread footing in Section 2, all other dimensions of the abutment remain consistent. Only the calculation of the earth load is different from Step 2.4. Therefore, please refer to Step 2.4 for the rest of the calculations.



## Earth Load

The earth load includes lateral earth pressure, live load surcharge, and vertical earth pressure on the footing. As per the Geotechnical Services Section, the groundwater table is not located in the vicinity of the foundation. Therefore, the effect of hydrostatic pressure is excluded. The hydrostatic pressure should be avoided, if possible, at abutments and retaining walls through the design of an appropriate drainage system.

### Lateral Load Due to Lateral Earth Pressure

The lateral loads due to earth pressure are calculated.

#### Backwall

Lateral earth pressure at the base  $P_{bw} := k_a \cdot \gamma_s \cdot h_{backwall} = 0.153 \cdot \text{ksf}$  **LRFD Eq. 3.11.5.1-1**

Lateral load  $P_{EHBackwall} := \frac{1}{2} \cdot P_{bw} \cdot h_{backwall} = 0.325 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$

#### Abutment Wall

Lateral earth pressure at the base  $P_{wall} := k_a \cdot \gamma_s \cdot (h_{backwall} + h_{wall}) = 0.784 \cdot \text{ksf}$

Lateral load  $P_{EHWall} := \frac{1}{2} \cdot P_{wall} \cdot (h_{backwall} + h_{wall}) = 8.546 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$

#### Footing

Lateral earth pressure at the base  $P_{ft} := k_a \cdot \gamma_s \cdot (h_{backwall} + h_{wall} + t_{footing}) = 0.892 \cdot \text{ksf}$

Lateral load  $P_{EHFooting} := \frac{1}{2} \cdot P_{ft} \cdot (h_{backwall} + h_{wall} + t_{footing}) = 11.062 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$

### Vertical Earth Load on the Footing

Back side (heel)  $EV_{earthBk} := \gamma_s \cdot l_{heel} \cdot (h_{backwall} + h_{wall}) = 17.214 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$

Front side (toe)  $EV_{earthFt} := \gamma_s \cdot l_{toe} \cdot (h_{toeDepth} - t_{footing}) = 0.6 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$

### Live Load Surcharge

Live load surcharge is applied to account for a vehicular live load acting on the backfill surface within a distance equal to one-half the wall height behind the back face of the wall.

**LRFD 3.11.6.4**

Height of the abutment  $h_{backwall} + h_{wall} + t_{footing} = 24.79 \text{ ft}$

Equivalent height of soil for vehicular load  $h_{eq} := 2 \text{ ft}$  **LRFD Table 3.11.6.4-1**

Lateral surcharge pressure  $\sigma_p := k_a \cdot \gamma_s \cdot h_{eq} = 0.072 \cdot \text{ksf}$  **LRFD Eq. 3.11.6.4-1**

#### Backwall

Lateral load  $P_{LSBackwall} := \sigma_p \cdot h_{backwall} = 0.306 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$

#### Abutment Wall

Lateral load  $P_{LSWall} := \sigma_p \cdot (h_{backwall} + h_{wall}) = 1.569 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$

#### Footing

Lateral load  $P_{LSFooting} := \sigma_p \cdot (h_{backwall} + h_{wall} + t_{footing}) = 1.785 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$

Vertical load  $V_{LSFooting} := \gamma_s \cdot l_{heel} \cdot h_{eq} = 1.58 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$

## Step 4.5 Combined Load Effects

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### Description

This step describes the procedure for combining all load effects and calculating the total factored forces and moments acting at the base of the backwall, abutment wall, and footing.

The total factored forces and moments at the base of the backwall and abutment wall are similar to the ones in Step 2.5. Therefore, this step only shows the calculation of the total factored forces and moments at the base of the footing.

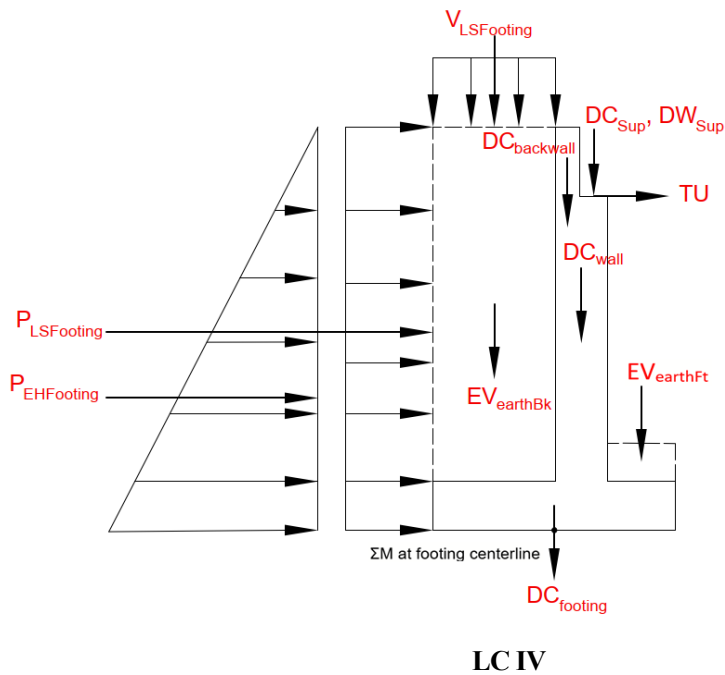
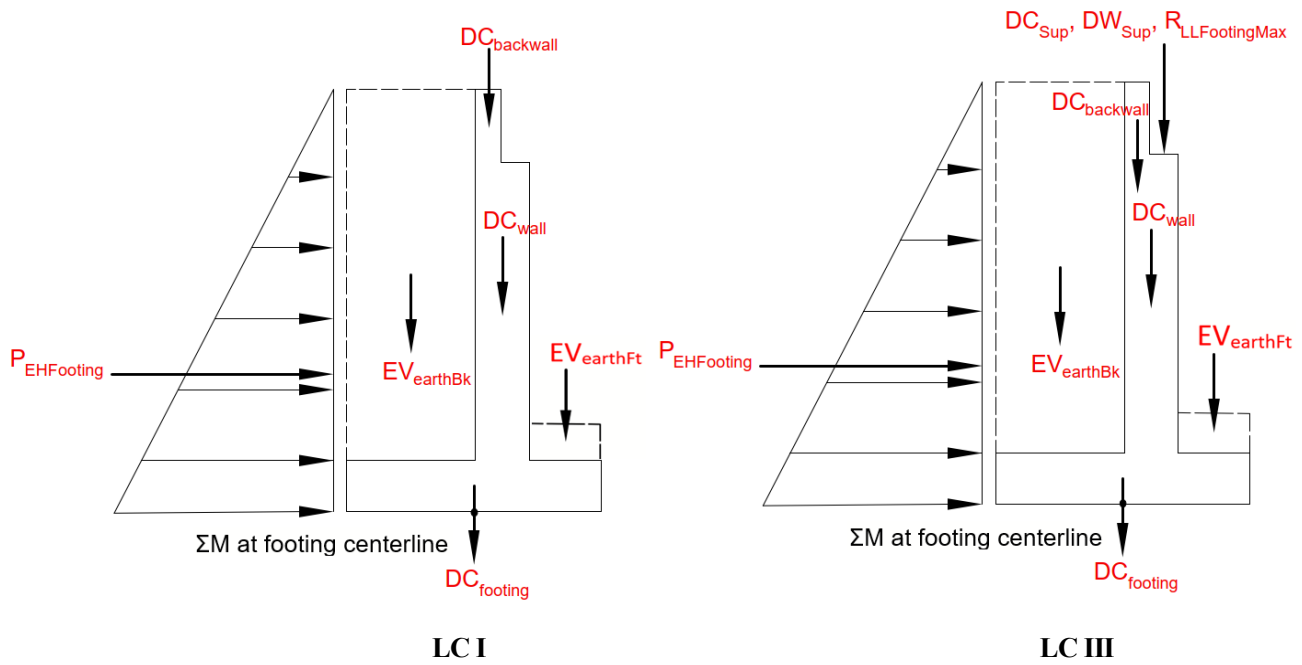


## Forces and Moments at the Base of the Footing

Load Cases I, III, and IV are considered. In addition to all the loads considered for the abutment wall, weight of soil (earth load) on the toe and heel, along with live load surcharge on the heel, are considered.

LRFD 3.6.2.1

The dynamic load allowance is excluded from the live load for foundation components that are located entirely below the ground level.



## Strength I

$$\text{Strength I} = 1.25\text{DC} + 1.5\text{DW} + 1.75\text{LL} + 1.75\text{BR} + 1.5\text{EH} + 1.35\text{EV} + 1.75\text{LS} + 0.5\text{TU}$$

### Load Case I

Factored vertical force at the base of the footing

$$F_{VfLC1StrI} := 1.25 \cdot (\text{DC}_{\text{backwall}} + \text{DC}_{\text{wall}} + \text{DC}_{\text{footing}}) + 1.35 \cdot (\text{EV}_{\text{earthBk}} + \text{EV}_{\text{earthFt}}) = 41.846 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$V_{uFtLC1StrI} := 1.5 \cdot P_{\text{EHFooting}} = 16.593 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

The vertical earth load of the backfill soil reduces the critical moment about the footing longitudinal axis. This requires using the minimum load factor of 1.0 for EV instead of the factor 1.35 in the Strength I combination.

**LRFD 3.4.1**

This is the same for the moment calculated about the longitudinal axis of the footing for all the load cases and limit states.

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$\begin{aligned} M_{uFtLC1StrI} := & 1.25 \cdot \text{DC}_{\text{backwall}} \cdot \left( l_{\text{heel}} + \frac{t_{\text{backwall}}}{2} - \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{2} \right) + 1.25 \text{DC}_{\text{wall}} \cdot \left( l_{\text{heel}} + \frac{t_{\text{wall}}}{2} - \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{2} \right) \dots \\ & + 1.5 \cdot P_{\text{EHFooting}} \cdot \frac{(h_{\text{backwall}} + h_{\text{wall}} + t_{\text{footing}})}{3} + 1.35 \text{EV}_{\text{earthFt}} \cdot \left( \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{2} - \frac{l_{\text{toe}}}{2} \right) \dots \\ & + 1.0 \cdot \text{EV}_{\text{earthBk}} \cdot \left( \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{2} \right) \\ M_{uFtLC1StrI} = & 133.008 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}} \end{aligned}$$

### Load Case III

Factored vertical force at the base of the footing

$$\begin{aligned} F_{VfLC3StrI} := & 1.25 \cdot (\text{DC}_{\text{Sup}} + \text{DC}_{\text{backwall}} + \text{DC}_{\text{wall}} + \text{DC}_{\text{footing}}) + 1.5\text{DW}_{\text{Sup}} + 1.75\text{R}_{\text{LLFootingMax}} \dots \\ & + 1.35 \cdot (\text{EV}_{\text{earthBk}} + \text{EV}_{\text{earthFt}}) \\ F_{VfLC3StrI} = & 59.798 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}} \end{aligned}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$V_{uFtLC3StrI} := 1.5 \cdot P_{\text{EHFooting}} = 16.593 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$\begin{aligned} M_{uFtLC3StrI} := & 1.25 \cdot \text{DC}_{\text{backwall}} \cdot \left( l_{\text{heel}} + \frac{t_{\text{backwall}}}{2} - \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{2} \right) + 1.25 \text{DC}_{\text{wall}} \cdot \left( l_{\text{heel}} + \frac{t_{\text{wall}}}{2} - \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{2} \right) \dots \\ & + (1.25 \cdot \text{DC}_{\text{Sup}} + 1.5 \cdot \text{DW}_{\text{Sup}} + 1.75 \cdot \text{R}_{\text{LLFootingMax}}) \cdot \left( l_{\text{heel}} + l_{\text{brtowall}} - \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{2} \right) \dots \\ & + 1.5 \cdot P_{\text{EHFooting}} \cdot \frac{(h_{\text{backwall}} + h_{\text{wall}} + t_{\text{footing}})}{3} \dots \\ & + 1.0 \cdot \text{EV}_{\text{earthBk}} \cdot \left( \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{2} \right) + 1.35 \cdot \text{EV}_{\text{earthFt}} \cdot \left( \frac{B_{\text{footing}}}{2} - \frac{l_{\text{toe}}}{2} \right) \\ M_{uFtLC3StrI} = & 194.344 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}} \end{aligned}$$

## Load Case IV

Factored vertical force at the base of the footing

$$F_{VFtLC4StrI} := 1.25 \cdot (DC_{Sup} + DC_{backwall} + DC_{wall} + DC_{footing}) + 1.5DW_{Sup} \dots$$
$$+ 1.35 \cdot (EV_{earthFt} + EV_{earthBk}) + 1.75V_{LSFooting}$$
$$F_{VFtLC4StrI} = 53.013 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$V_{uFtLC4StrI} := 1.5 \cdot P_{EHFooting} + 1.75P_{LSFooting} + 0.5TU = 19.855 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{uFtLC4StrI} := 1.25 \cdot DC_{backwall} \cdot \left( l_{heel} + \frac{t_{backwall}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) + 1.25DC_{wall} \cdot \left( l_{heel} + \frac{t_{wall}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) \dots$$
$$+ (1.25 \cdot DC_{Sup} + 1.5 \cdot DW_{Sup}) \cdot \left( l_{heel} + l_{brtowall} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) \dots$$
$$+ 1.5 \cdot P_{EHFooting} \cdot \frac{(h_{backwall} + h_{wall} + t_{footing})}{3} + 1.75V_{LSFooting} \cdot \left( \frac{l_{heel}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) \dots$$
$$+ 1.75 \cdot P_{LSFooting} \cdot \frac{(h_{backwall} + h_{wall} + t_{footing})}{2} + 1.0 \cdot EV_{earthBk} \cdot \left( \frac{l_{heel}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) \dots$$
$$+ 1.35 \cdot EV_{earthFt} \cdot \left( \frac{B_{footing}}{2} - \frac{l_{toe}}{2} \right) + 0.5 \cdot TU \cdot (h_{wall} + t_{footing})$$
$$M_{uFtLC4StrI} = 197.175 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

## **Service I**

Service I = 1.0DC + 1.0DW + 1.0LL + 1.0BR + 1.0WS + 1.0WL + 1.0EH + 1.0EV + 1.0LS + 1.0TU

## Load Case I

Factored vertical force at the base of the footing

$$F_{VFtLC1SerI} := DC_{backwall} + DC_{wall} + DC_{footing} + EV_{earthBk} + EV_{earthFt} = 32.052 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$V_{uFtLC1SerI} := P_{EHFooting} = 11.062 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{uFtLC1SerI} := DC_{backwall} \cdot \left( l_{heel} + \frac{t_{backwall}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) + DC_{wall} \cdot \left( l_{heel} + \frac{t_{wall}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) \dots$$
$$+ P_{EHFooting} \cdot \frac{(h_{backwall} + h_{wall} + t_{footing})}{3} \dots$$
$$+ EV_{earthBk} \cdot \left( \frac{l_{heel}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) + EV_{earthFt} \cdot \left( \frac{B_{footing}}{2} - \frac{l_{toe}}{2} \right)$$
$$M_{uFtLC1SerI} = 80.288 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

### Load Case III

Factored vertical force at the base of the footing

$$F_{VFtLC3SerI} := DC_{Sup} + DC_{backwall} + DC_{wall} + DC_{footing} + DW_{Sup} + R_{LLFootingMax} \dots \\ + (EV_{earthFt} + EV_{earthBk})$$

$$F_{VFtLC3SerI} = 44.053 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$V_{uFtLC3SerI} := P_{EHFooting} = 11.062 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{uFtLC3SerI} := DC_{backwall} \cdot \left( l_{heel} + \frac{t_{backwall}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) + DC_{wall} \cdot \left( l_{heel} + \frac{t_{wall}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) \dots \\ + (DC_{Sup} + DW_{Sup} + R_{LLFootingMax}) \cdot \left( l_{heel} + l_{brtowall} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) \dots \\ + P_{EHFooting} \cdot \frac{(h_{backwall} + h_{wall} + t_{footing})}{3} \dots \\ + EV_{earthBk} \cdot \left( \frac{l_{heel}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) + EV_{earthFt} \cdot \left( \frac{B_{footing}}{2} - \frac{l_{toe}}{2} \right) \\ M_{uFtLC3SerI} = 121.293 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

### Load Case IV

Factored vertical force at the base of the footing

$$F_{VFtLC4SerI} := DC_{Sup} + DC_{backwall} + DC_{wall} + DC_{footing} + DW_{Sup} \dots \\ + EV_{earthFt} + EV_{earthBk} + V_{LSFooting}$$

$$F_{VFtLC4SerI} = 40.176 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$V_{uFtLC4SerI} := P_{EHFooting} + P_{LSFooting} + TU = 13.124 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{uFtLC4SerI} := DC_{backwall} \cdot \left( l_{heel} + \frac{t_{backwall}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) + DC_{wall} \cdot \left( l_{heel} + \frac{t_{wall}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) \dots \\ + (DC_{Sup} + DW_{Sup}) \cdot \left( l_{heel} + l_{brtowall} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) + P_{EHFooting} \cdot \frac{(h_{backwall} + h_{wall} + t_{footing})}{3} \dots \\ + EV_{earthBk} \cdot \left( \frac{l_{heel}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) + EV_{earthFt} \cdot \left( \frac{B_{footing}}{2} - \frac{l_{toe}}{2} \right) \dots \\ + V_{LSFooting} \cdot \left( \frac{l_{heel}}{2} - \frac{B_{footing}}{2} \right) + P_{LSFooting} \cdot \frac{(h_{backwall} + h_{wall} + t_{footing})}{2} \dots \\ + TU \cdot (h_{wall} + t_{footing}) \\ M_{uFtLC4SerI} = 126.982 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$



### Summary of Forces and Moments at the Base of the Footing

Factored vertical force,  $F_{vFt}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	41.85	32.05
LC III	59.80	44.05
LC IV	53.01	40.18

Factored shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing,  $V_{uFt}$  (kip/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	16.59	11.06
LC III	16.59	11.06
LC IV	19.85	13.12

Factored moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing,  $M_{uFt}$  (kip-ft/ft)

	Strength I	Service I
LC I	133.01	80.29
LC III	194.34	121.29
LC IV	197.18	126.98

## Step 4.6 Pile Size and Layout Design

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### Description

This step presents the pile type, size, and preliminary layout.

This example uses steel H piles since it is the most commonly used pile type in Michigan.

Typically, the pile type is selected after evaluating other possibilities, such as ground improvement techniques, other foundation types, and constructability.

Pile embedment into the footing

$$\text{Pile\_embd} := 6\text{in}$$

**BDM 7.03.09.A5**

Note: A tremie seal is not used for this footing. If a tremie seal is used, the pile embedment into the footing is 1 ft. A tremie seal design is given in Appendix 4.A.

The following parameters are considered to determine the pile layout:

1. Pile spacing: The depth of commonly used H-piles ranges from 10 to 14 inches. The minimum pile spacing is controlled by the greater of 30 inches or 2.5 times the pile diameter. As a practice, MDOT uses 3 times the pile diameter as the spacing.

**LRFD 10.7.1.2**

Selected pile section

$$\text{HP 12X53}$$

$$b_f := 12.0\text{in}$$

$$d_{\text{pile}} := 11.8\text{in}$$

Minimum spacing ( $3d_{\text{pile}}$ )

$$\text{Spacing}_{\text{min}} := 3 \cdot d_{\text{pile}} = 2.95\text{ft}$$

2. Edge distance: The usual minimum edge distance for piles is 18 inches.

**BDM 7.03.09.A7**

Pile edge distance

$$\text{PileEdgeDist} := 18\text{in}$$

Use two rows of piles.

Maximum number of piles in each row the footing can accommodate

$$N_{\text{MaxPiles}} := \frac{L_{\text{footing}} - 2 \cdot \text{PileEdgeDist}}{\text{Spacing}_{\text{min}}} = 21.271$$

Spacing between two rows

$$S_B := B_{\text{footing}} - 2 \cdot \text{PileEdgeDist} = 8\text{ft}$$

The loads acting on the two rows of piles are determined as follows:

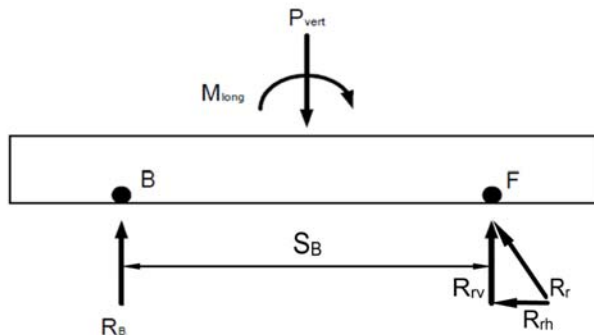
Load Case III under the Strength I limit state is identified as the governing load case by examining the summary tables presented at the end of Step 4.5. Therefore:

Total vertical force

$$P_{\text{vert}} := F_{\text{VFtLC3StrI}} \cdot L_{\text{footing}} = 3.932 \times 10^3 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Total moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{\text{long}} := M_{\text{uFtLC3StrI}} \cdot L_{\text{footing}} = 1.278 \times 10^4 \cdot \text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$



Total vertical loads on each row of piles are calculated based on static equilibrium.

$$R_{\text{rv}} := \frac{\left( M_{\text{long}} + P_{\text{vert}} \cdot \frac{S_B}{2} \right)}{S_B} = 3.563 \times 10^3 \cdot \text{kip} \quad R_B := P_{\text{vert}} - R_{\text{rv}} = 368.598 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Selected batter for the front row piles

3V:1H

**BDM 7.03.09.A9**

$$\text{Pile}_{\text{batter}} := \frac{3}{1}$$

Total axial load on the front row piles

$$R_T := R_{TV} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{\text{Pile}_{\text{batter}}^2 + 1^2}}{\text{Pile}_{\text{batter}}} = 3.756 \times 10^3 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Consult the Geotechnical Services Section to select a nominal pile resistance for the selected section.

**BDM 7.03.09.B**

Nominal pile resistance

$$R_n := 350 \text{kip}$$

Assume that the Nominal Pile Driving Resistance ( $R_{\text{ndr}}$ ) is verified using the FHWA-modified Gates Dynamic Formula, and no PDA test or static load tests are performed.

The resistance factor for driven piles

$$\varphi_{\text{dyn}} := 0.5$$

**BDM 7.03.09.B2**

Factored nominal pile resistance

$$R_R := \varphi_{\text{dyn}} \cdot R_n = 175 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Required number of piles in the front row

$$n_{\text{front\_required}} := \frac{R_T}{R_R} = 21.462$$

$$N_{\text{MaxPiles}} = 21.271$$

Check if the required number of piles in the front row exceeds the maximum number of piles the footing can accommodate

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(n_{\text{front\_required}} < N_{\text{MaxPiles}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"Not OK"}$$

If the required number of piles in the front row is greater than the maximum number of piles that can be accommodated within the selected footing dimensions, consider a larger pile section.

Selected pile section

HP 14x73

$$b_f := 14.585 \text{in}$$

$$d_{\text{pile}} := 13.61 \text{in}$$

Consult the Geotechnical Services Section to select a nominal pile resistance for the selected section.

**BDM 7.03.09.B**

Nominal pile resistance

$$R_n := 500 \text{kip}$$

**BDM 7.03.09.B**

Factored nominal pile resistance

$$R_R := \varphi_{\text{dyn}} \cdot R_n = 250 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Required number of piles in the front row

$$n_{\text{front}} := \frac{R_T}{R_R} = 15.023$$

$$n_{\text{front}} := \text{trunc}(n_{\text{front}}) + 1 = 16$$

Pile spacing

$$\text{spacing} := \frac{(L_{\text{footing}} - 2 \cdot \text{PileEdgeDist})}{n_{\text{front}} - 1} = 50.2 \cdot \text{in}$$

Number of pile selected for the front row

$$N_{\text{front}} := 16$$

Selected pile spacing

$$\text{FrontPileSpacing} := 50 \text{in}$$

Select 16 front row piles spaced at 4 ft-2 in., max = 62 ft 9 in.

Check if the spacing of the piles is greater than  $3d_{pile}$

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(\text{FrontPileSpacing} > 3d_{pile}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

### Piles in the Back Row

Number of pile selected for the back row

$$N_{back} := 7$$

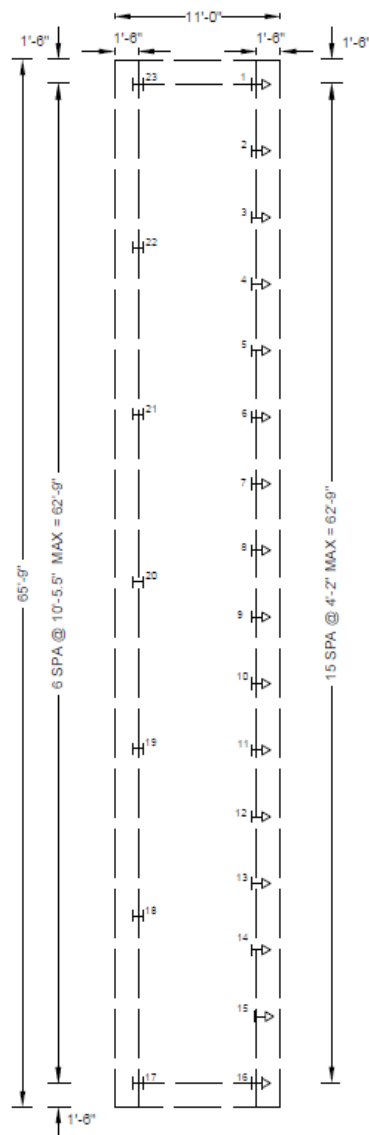
Selected pile spacing

$$\text{BackPileSpacing} := 10\text{ft} + 5.5\text{in} = 125.5\text{in}$$

Select 7 back row piles spaced at 10 ft 5.5 in.

Note: As per the AASHTO LRFD Article 10.7.5, the effects of corrosion and deterioration from environmental conditions shall be considered in the selection of the pile type and cross-section. The soil conditions should be examined to ensure that there is no indication of contamination that would cause piles to corrode. Consult the Geotechnical Services Section to determine a suitable pile type and cross-section for the selected site.

The preliminary pile layout is shown in the following figure.



## Step 4.7 Pile Capacity Check

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### Description

This step presents the pile axial and lateral load calculations along with pile capacity checks.

## Strength I Limit State

### Load Case I

Total vertical load	$P_{\text{vert}} := F_{\text{VFtLC1StrI}} \cdot L_{\text{footing}} = 2.751 \times 10^3 \cdot \text{kip}$
Total shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing	$P_{\text{lat}} := V_{\text{uFtLC1StrI}} \cdot L_{\text{footing}} = 1.091 \times 10^3 \cdot \text{kip}$
Total moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing	$M_{\text{long}} := M_{\text{uFtLC1StrI}} \cdot L_{\text{footing}} = 8.745 \times 10^3 \cdot \text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}$

The total vertical loads on the front and back row of piles are calculated based on the static equilibrium of the footing.

$$R_{\text{rv}} := \frac{\left( M_{\text{long}} + P_{\text{vert}} \cdot \frac{S_{\text{B}}}{2} \right)}{S_{\text{B}}} = 2.469 \times 10^3 \cdot \text{kip} \quad R_{\text{B}} := P_{\text{vert}} - R_{\text{rv}} = 282.533 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Vertical component of the axial force on a front row battered pile	$R_{\text{rv\_SingleLC1StrI}} := \frac{R_{\text{rv}}}{n_{\text{front}}} = 154.304 \cdot \text{kip}$
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Axial force on a front row battered pile	$R_{\text{r\_SingleLC1StrI}} := R_{\text{rv\_SingleLC1StrI}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{\text{Pile}_{\text{batter}}^2 + 1^2}}{\text{Pile}_{\text{batter}}} = 162.65 \cdot \text{kip}$
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Pile section selected in Step 4.6 **HP 14x73**

Factored nominal pile resistance  $R_{\text{R}} = 250 \cdot \text{kip}$

Check if  $R_{\text{R}} >$  Axial force **Check := if( $R_{\text{R}} > R_{\text{r\_SingleLC1StrI}}$ , "OK", "Not OK") = "OK"**

Horizontal component of the axial force on a front row battered pile	$R_{\text{rh\_SingleLC1StrI}} := \frac{R_{\text{r\_SingleLC1StrI}}}{\sqrt{\text{Pile}_{\text{batter}}^2 + 1^2}} = 51.435 \cdot \text{kip}$
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Total lateral force resisted by the battered piles (i.e. the horizontal component of the axial force)  $P_{\text{HBatteredPiles}} := R_{\text{rh\_SingleLC1StrI}} \cdot n_{\text{front}} = 822.952 \cdot \text{kip}$

Check if the lateral load capacity of the battered piles is greater than the lateral load demand **BDM 7.03.09.A.11**

**Check := if( $P_{\text{HBatteredPiles}} > P_{\text{lat}}$ , "Yes", "No, check if the vertical piles can resist the remaining later load")**

**Check = "No, check if the vertical piles can resist the remaining later load"**

Note: Per MDOT practice, the typical lateral resistance of a vertical pile is 12 kips. A pile bending (p-y) analysis may be performed by incorporating soil-pile interaction to determine the more accurate lateral load resistance of the piles. Consult the Geotechnical Services Section for more information.

The required lateral load resistance of a pile  $P_{\text{latReqd\_LC1StrI}} := \frac{(P_{\text{lat}} - P_{\text{HBatteredPiles}})}{(N_{\text{front}} + N_{\text{back}})} = 11.653 \cdot \text{kip}$

Lateral load resistance of a pile (from the Geotechnical Services Section)

$$P_{\text{latProvided}} := 12 \text{ kip}$$

Check if the lateral load resistance > the required lateral load resistance

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(P_{\text{latProvided}} > P_{\text{latReqd\_LC1StrI}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

Vertical force on a back row pile

$$R_{\text{B\_SingleLC1StrI}} := \frac{R_{\text{B}}}{N_{\text{back}}} = 40.362 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Check if  $R_{\text{R}} >$  Axial force

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(R_{\text{R}} > R_{\text{B\_SingleLC1StrI}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

### Load Case III

Total vertical load

$$P_{\text{vert}} := F_{\text{VFtLC3StrI}} \cdot L_{\text{footing}} = 3.932 \times 10^3 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Total shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$P_{\text{lat}} := V_{\text{uFtLC3StrI}} \cdot L_{\text{footing}} = 1.091 \times 10^3 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Total moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{\text{long}} := M_{\text{uFtLC3StrI}} \cdot L_{\text{footing}} = 1.278 \times 10^4 \cdot \text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

The total vertical loads on the front and back row of piles are calculated based on static equilibrium of the footing.

$$R_{\text{rv}} := \frac{\left( M_{\text{long}} + P_{\text{vert}} \cdot \frac{S_{\text{B}}}{2} \right)}{S_{\text{B}}} = 3.563 \times 10^3 \cdot \text{kip} \quad R_{\text{B}} := P_{\text{vert}} - R_{\text{rv}} = 368.598 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Vertical component of the axial force on a front row battered pile

$$R_{\text{rv\_SingleLC3StrI}} := \frac{R_{\text{rv}}}{n_{\text{front}}} = 222.695 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Axial force on a front row battered pile

$$R_{\text{r\_SingleLC3StrI}} := R_{\text{rv\_SingleLC3StrI}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{P_{\text{pilebatter}}^2 + 1^2}}{P_{\text{pilebatter}}} = 234.741 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Check if  $R_{\text{R}} >$  Axial force

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(R_{\text{R}} > R_{\text{r\_SingleLC3StrI}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

Horizontal component of the axial force on a front row battered pile

$$R_{\text{rh\_SingleLC3StrI}} := \frac{R_{\text{r\_SingleLC3StrI}}}{\sqrt{P_{\text{pilebatter}}^2 + 1^2}} = 74.232 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Total lateral force resisted by the battered piles

$$P_{\text{HBatteredPiles}} := R_{\text{rh\_SingleLC3StrI}} \cdot n_{\text{front}} = 1.188 \times 10^3 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Check if the lateral load capacity of the battered piles is greater than the lateral load demand

**BDM 7.03.09.A.11**

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(P_{\text{HBatteredPiles}} > P_{\text{lat}}, \text{"Yes"}, \text{"No, check if the vertical piles can resist the remaining later load"}) = \text{"Yes"}$$

The required lateral load resistance of a pile

$$P_{\text{latReqd\_LC3StrI}} := 0$$

Vertical force on a back row pile

$$R_{\text{B\_SingleLC3StrI}} := \frac{R_{\text{B}}}{N_{\text{back}}} = 52.657 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Check if  $R_{\text{R}} >$  Axial force

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(R_{\text{R}} > R_{\text{B\_SingleLC3StrI}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$



### Load Case IV

Total vertical load

$$P_{\text{vert}} := F_{\text{Vf}} \cdot L_{\text{footing}} = 3.486 \times 10^3 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Total shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$P_{\text{lat}} := V_{\text{u}} \cdot L_{\text{footing}} = 1.305 \times 10^3 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Total moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{\text{long}} := M_{\text{u}} \cdot L_{\text{footing}} = 1.296 \times 10^4 \cdot \text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

The total vertical loads on the front and back row of piles are calculated based the static equilibrium of the footing.

$$R_{\text{rv}} := \frac{\left( M_{\text{long}} + P_{\text{vert}} \cdot \frac{S_{\text{B}}}{2} \right)}{S_{\text{B}}} = 3.363 \times 10^3 \cdot \text{kip} \quad R_{\text{B}} := P_{\text{vert}} - R_{\text{rv}} = 122.275 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Vertical component of the axial force on a front row battered pile

$$R_{\text{rv\_SingleLC4StrI}} := \frac{R_{\text{rv}}}{n_{\text{front}}} = 210.209 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Axial force on a front row battered pile

$$R_{\text{r\_SingleLC4StrI}} := R_{\text{rv\_SingleLC4StrI}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{P_{\text{batter}}^2 + 1^2}}{P_{\text{batter}}} = 221.58 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Check if  $R_{\text{R}} >$  Axial force

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(R_{\text{R}} > R_{\text{r\_SingleLC4StrI}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

Horizontal component of the axial force on a front row battered pile

$$R_{\text{rh\_SingleLC4StrI}} := \frac{R_{\text{r\_SingleLC4StrI}}}{\sqrt{P_{\text{batter}}^2 + 1^2}} = 70.07 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Total lateral force resisted by the battered piles

$$P_{\text{HBatteredPiles}} := R_{\text{rh\_SingleLC4StrI}} \cdot n_{\text{front}} = 1.121 \times 10^3 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Check if the lateral load capacity of the battered piles is greater than the lateral load demand

**BDM 7.03.09.A.11**

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(P_{\text{HBatteredPiles}} > P_{\text{lat}}, \text{"Yes"}, \text{"No, check if the vertical piles can resist the remaining later load"})$$

$$\text{Check} = \text{"No, check if the vertical piles can resist the remaining later load"}$$

The required lateral load resistance of a pile

$$P_{\text{latReqd\_LC4StrI}} := \frac{(P_{\text{lat}} - P_{\text{HBatteredPiles}})}{(N_{\text{front}} + N_{\text{back}})} = 8.015 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Lateral load resistance of a pile (from the Geotechnical Services Section)

$$P_{\text{latProvided}} = 12 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Check if the lateral load resistance  $>$  the required lateral load resistance

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(P_{\text{latProvided}} > P_{\text{latReqd\_LC1StrI}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

Vertical force on a back row pile

$$R_{\text{B\_SingleLC4StrI}} := \frac{R_{\text{B}}}{N_{\text{back}}} = 17.468 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Check if  $R_{\text{R}} >$  Axial force

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(R_{\text{R}} > R_{\text{B\_SingleLC4StrI}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Summary of Forces Acting on a Single Pile

A summary of forces acting on a single pile under different Strength I limit state load cases is listed in the following tables. The pile penetration depth design, driveability analysis, and settlement analysis are performed by the Geotechnical Services Section to evaluate the adequacy of the selected design.

Axial force on a battered pile in the front row (kip)

	Strength I
LC I	162.65
LC III	234.74
LC IV	221.58

Axial force on a pile in the back row (kip)

	Strength I
LC I	40.36
LC III	52.66
LC IV	17.47

Required lateral force resistance of a pile (kip)

	Strength I
LC I	11.65
LC III	0.00
LC IV	8.02

## Step 4.8 Backwall Design

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### Description

Since the backwall forces and moments used in Step 2.7 are not impacted by the use of piles, please refer to the design calculations and details presented in Step 2.7.

## Step 4.9 Abutment Wall Design

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### Description

Since the abutment wall forces and moments used in Step 2.8 are not impacted by the use of piles, please refer to the design calculations and details presented in Step 2.8.

## Step 4.10 Structural Design of the Footing

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### Description

This step presents the structural design of the abutment footing.

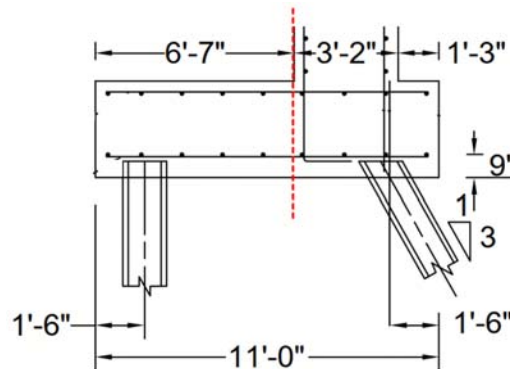
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Note: In this example, the length of the footing and the abutment wall are 65.75 ft and 63.75 ft, respectively. Since the cantilevered length of the footing in the longitudinal direction is limited to 1 ft on each side, the shear and moment acting on the footing in the longitudinal direction are small and do not require flexural and shear designs.

## Design for Flexure

In a typical spread footing, the critical section for flexure, due to the loads acting on the toe, is at the front face of the wall. As shown below, since the front row piles are located behind the critical section, the flexural capacity of the pile cap is not evaluated.

For the heel of the footing, the critical section is located at the back face of the wall. The footing is designed considering the flexural demand at this section since the back row of piles is located closer to the edge of the heel.



As per the summary tables presented at the end of Step 4.7, the maximum and minimum Strength I limit state axial forces at the back row piles are from LC III and LC IV, respectively.

The maximum total axial load on the back row piles  $R_{backMax} := R_{B\_SingleLC3StrI} \cdot N_{back} = 368.598 \cdot \text{kip}$

The minimum total axial load on the back row piles  $R_{backMin} := R_{B\_SingleLC4StrI} \cdot N_{back} = 122.275 \cdot \text{kip}$

Distance from center of the pile to the critical section  $d_{arm} := l_{heel} - \text{PileEdgeDist} = 5.083 \text{ ft}$

### Bottom of the footing stresses at the critical section

The tension at the bottom of the footing is developed due to the axial forces at the back row piles. The self-weight of the footing and the vertical earth load on the heel develop the resisting moment. For a safe design, the maximum axial load at the back row piles is used with the minimum load factors for the resisting forces.

The minimum load factors for dead load and earth load are 0.9 and 1.0, respectively.

**LRFD Table 3.4.1-2**

The maximum moment at the critical section to develop tension at the bottom of the footing

$$M_{rb} := \frac{R_{backMax} \cdot d_{arm}}{L_{footing}} - 0.9W_c \cdot t_{footing} \cdot \frac{l_{heel}^2}{2} - EV_{earthBk} \cdot \frac{l_{heel}}{2} = -36.942 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

The negative moment does not require a design for the flexural reinforcement at the bottom of the footing.

### Top of the footing stresses at the critical section

Load case IV under the Strength I limit state develops the minimum axial force at the back row piles. The same load case develops the maximum vertical downward loads on the heel due to self weight of the footing, vertical earth load, and live load surcharge.

The maximum moment at the critical section to develop tension at the top of the footing

$$M_{rt} := 1.25W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}^2}{2} + 1.35EV_{\text{earthBK}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} + 1.75V_{\text{LSFooting}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - \frac{R_{\text{backMin}} \cdot d_{\text{arm}}}{L_{\text{footing}}} = 88.333 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

### Flexure Resistance

**LRFD 5.6.3.2**

The design procedure consists of calculating the reinforcing steel area required to satisfy the moment demand and checking the selected steel area against the requirements and limitations for developing an adequate moment capacity, controlling crack width, and managing shrinkage and temperature stresses.

Select a trial bar size

$$\text{bar} := 8$$

Nominal diameter of a reinforcing steel bar

$$d_{\text{bar}} := \text{Dia}(\text{bar}) = 1 \cdot \text{in}$$

Cross-section area of a reinforcing steel bar on the flexural tension side

$$A_{\text{bar}} := \text{Area}(\text{bar}) = 0.79 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

The spacing of the main reinforcing steel bars in walls and slabs shall not be greater than the lesser of 1.5 times the thickness of the member or 18 in.

**LRFD 5.10.3.2**

The spacing of shrinkage and temperature reinforcement shall not exceed the following:  
12 in. for walls and footings greater than 18 in.

**LRFD 5.10.6**

Note: MDOT limits reinforcement spacing to a maximum of 18 in.

**BDG 5.16.01 and 5.22.01**

Footing thickness

$$t_{\text{footing}} = 3 \text{ ft}$$

Select a spacing for reinforcing steel bars

$$s_{\text{bar}} := 12 \cdot \text{in}$$

Select a 1-ft wide strip for the design.

Area of tension steel provided in a 1-ft wide strip

$$A_{\text{sProvided}} := \frac{A_{\text{bar}} \cdot 12 \text{ in}}{s_{\text{bar}}} = 0.79 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Effective depth

$$d_e := t_{\text{footing}} - \text{Cover}_{\text{ft}} = 32 \cdot \text{in}$$

Resistance factor for flexure

$$\phi_f := 0.9$$

**LRFD 5.5.4.2**

Width of the compression face of the section

$$b := 12 \text{ in}$$

Stress block factor

$$\beta_1 := \min \left[ \max \left[ 0.85 - 0.05 \cdot \left( \frac{f_c - 4 \text{ ksi}}{\text{ksi}} \right), 0.65 \right], 0.85 \right] = 0.85 \quad \text{LRFD 5.6.2.2}$$

Solve the following equation of  $A_s$  to calculate the required area of steel to satisfy the moment demand. Use an assumed initial  $A_s$  value to solve the equation.

The initial assumption for  $A_s$

$$A_s := 1 \text{ in}^2$$

$$\text{Given } M_{rt} \cdot \text{ft} = \phi_f \cdot A_s \cdot f_y \cdot \left[ d_e - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{A_s \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot b} \right) \right]$$

Required steel area

$$A_{s\text{Required}} := \text{Find}(A_s) = 0.625 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Check if  $A_{s\text{Provided}} > A_{s\text{Required}}$

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(A_{s\text{Provided}} > A_{s\text{Required}}, "OK", "Not OK") = "OK"$$

Moment capacity of the section with the provided steel

$$M_{\text{Provided}} := \phi_f \cdot A_{s\text{Provided}} \cdot f_y \cdot \frac{\left[ d_e - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{A_{s\text{Provided}} \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot b} \right) \right]}{\text{ft}}$$

$$M_{\text{Provided}} = 111.007 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Distance from the extreme compression fiber to the neutral axis

$$c := \frac{A_{s\text{Provided}} \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot \beta_1 \cdot b} = 1.82 \cdot \text{in}$$

Check the validity of the assumption,  $f_s = f_y$

$$\text{Check}_{f_s} := \text{if}\left(\frac{c}{d_e} < 0.6, "OK", "Not OK"\right) = "OK"$$

## Limits for Reinforcement

### LRFD 5.6.3.3

The tensile reinforcement provided must be adequate to develop a factored flexural resistance at least equal to the lesser of the cracking moment or 1.33 times the factored moment from the applicable strength limit state load combinations.

Flexural cracking variability factor

$$\gamma_1 := 1.6 \quad \text{For concrete structures that are not precast segmental}$$

Ratio of specified minimum yield strength to ultimate tensile strength of the nonprestressed reinforcement

$$\gamma_3 := 0.67 \quad \text{For ASTM A615 Grade 60 reinforcement}$$

Section modulus

$$S_c := \frac{1}{6} \cdot b \cdot t_{\text{footing}}^2 = 2.592 \times 10^3 \cdot \text{in}^3$$

Cracking moment

$$M_{cr} := \frac{\gamma_3 \cdot \gamma_1 \cdot f_r \cdot S_c}{\text{ft}} = 96.254 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

1.33 times the factored moment demand

$$1.33 \cdot M_{rt} = 117.482 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Required moment to satisfy the minimum reinforcement requirement

$$M_{\text{req}} := \min(1.33M_{rt}, M_{cr}) = 96.254 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Check the adequacy of section capacity

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(M_{\text{Provided}} > M_{\text{req}}, "OK", "Not OK") = "OK"$$

## Control of Cracking by Distribution of Reinforcement

### LRFD 5.6.7

Limiting the width of expected cracks under service conditions extends the service life. The width of potential cracks can be minimized through proper placement of the reinforcement. Checking for crack control assures that the actual stress in the reinforcement should not exceed the service limit state stress.



The spacing requirement for the mild steel reinforcement in the layer closest to the tension face

$$s \leq \frac{700 \cdot \gamma_e}{\beta_s \cdot f_{ss}} - 2 \cdot d_c \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.6.7-1}$$

Exposure factor for the Class 1 exposure condition

$$\gamma_e := 1.00$$

Distance from extreme tension fiber to the center of the closest bar

$$d_c := \text{Cover}_{ft} = 4 \text{ in}$$

Ratio of flexural strain at the extreme tension face to the strain at the centroid of the reinforcement layer closest to the tension face

$$\beta_s := 1 + \frac{d_c}{0.7(t_{\text{footing}} - d_c)} = 1.179$$

The calculation of tensile stress in nonprestressed reinforcement at the service limit state,  $f_{ss}$ , requires establishing the neutral axis location and the moment demand at the critical section.

The position of the cross-section's neutral axis is determined through an iterative process to calculate the actual stress in the reinforcement. This process starts with an assumed position of the neutral axis as shown below.

Assumed distance from the extreme compression fiber to the neutral axis

$$x := 5 \text{ in}$$

$$\text{Given} \quad \frac{1}{2} \cdot b \cdot x^2 = \frac{E_s}{E_c} \cdot A_{s\text{Provided}} \cdot (d_e - x)$$

Position of the neutral axis

$$x_{na} := \text{Find}(x) = 5.303 \text{ in}$$

The axial force in the back row piles ( $R_B$ ) from Load Case IV under the Service I limit state is calculated as shown below.

Total vertical load

$$P_{\text{vert}} := F_{V\text{FtLC4SerI}} \cdot L_{\text{footing}} = 2.642 \times 10^3 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Total shear force parallel to the transverse axis of the footing

$$P_{\text{lat}} := V_{u\text{FtLC4SerI}} \cdot L_{\text{footing}} = 862.914 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Total moment about the longitudinal axis of the footing

$$M_{\text{long}} := M_{u\text{FtLC4SerI}} \cdot L_{\text{footing}} = 8.349 \times 10^3 \cdot \text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

The total vertical loads on the front and back row of piles are calculated based on static equilibrium of the footing.

$$R_{\text{rv}} := \frac{\left( M_{\text{long}} + P_{\text{vert}} \cdot \frac{S_B}{2} \right)}{S_B} = 2.364 \times 10^3 \cdot \text{kip} \quad R_B := P_{\text{vert}} - R_{\text{rv}} = 277.156 \cdot \text{kip}$$

The moment at the critical section under Service I limit state that generates tension at the top of the footing is:

$$M_{\text{heelTopSerI}} := W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}^2}{2} + EV_{\text{earthBk}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} + V_{\text{LSFooting}} \cdot \frac{l_{\text{heel}}}{2} - \frac{R_B \cdot d_{\text{arm}}}{L_{\text{footing}}} = 50.188 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Tensile force in the reinforcing steel due to the Service I limit state moment

$$T_s := \frac{M_{\text{heelTopSerI}}}{d_e - \frac{x_{na}}{3}} \cdot \text{ft} = 19.9 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Stress in the reinforcing steel due to the Service I limit state moment

$$f_{ss1} := \frac{T_s}{A_{s\text{Provided}}} = 25.216 \cdot \text{ksi}$$

$f_{ss}$  (not to exceed  $0.6f_y$ )

$$f_{ss} := \min(f_{ss1}, 0.6f_y) = 25.216 \cdot \text{ksi}$$

Required reinforcement spacing

$$\text{bar}_{\text{spaReq}} := \frac{700 \cdot \gamma_e \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{in}}}{\beta_s \cdot f_{ss}} - 2 \cdot d_c = 15.554 \cdot \text{in}$$

Check if the spacing provided < the required spacing

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(s_{\text{bar}} < \text{bar}_{\text{spaReq}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Shrinkage and Temperature Reinforcement

**LRFD 5.10.6**

The following calculations check the adequacy of the flexural reinforcing steel to control shrinkage and temperature stresses in the heel:

Minimum area of shrinkage and temperature reinforcement

$$A_{\text{shrink.temp}} := \min \left[ \begin{array}{l} \left( 0.60 \frac{\text{in}^2}{\text{ft}} \right) \\ \left( 0.11 \frac{\text{in}^2}{\text{ft}} \right) \\ \left[ \frac{1.3 \cdot B_{\text{footing}} \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{in} \cdot \text{ft}}}{2(B_{\text{footing}} + t_{\text{footing}}) \cdot f_y} \right] \end{array} \right] \cdot \text{ft} = 0.306 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Check if the provided area of steel > the required area of shrinkage and temperature steel

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(A_{s\text{Provided}} > A_{\text{shrink.temp}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Design for Shear

Shear design in abutment footings supported by piles provides adequate resistance against one-way action (beam action shear) and two-way action (punching shear). For both one-way and two-way actions, the design shear is taken at the critical section. For abutment footings, one-way action is checked at the toe and heel. The factored shear force at the critical section is computed by cutting the footing at the critical section and taking the summation of the pile loads or portions of pile loads that are outside the critical section. Two-way action in abutment footings supported by piles is generally checked by taking a critical perimeter around individual piles or around a group of piles when the critical perimeter of individual piles overlap.

### One-way Shear

For one-way shear on the toe side, a shear check at the critical section or towards the toe is not required since the front row of piles is inside the critical section.

On the heel side, the downward load is larger than the upward axial force at the back row pile. Therefore, the top of the heel is in tension. As a result, the critical section for shear is taken at the back face of the abutment wall.

**LRFD  
C5.12.8.6.1**

Effective width of the section

$$b = 12 \cdot \text{in}$$

Provided flexural reinforcement area

$$A_{s\text{Provided}} = 0.79 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Depth of equivalent rectangular stress block

$$a := \frac{A_{s\text{Provided}} \cdot f_y}{0.85 \cdot f_c \cdot b} = 1.549 \cdot \text{in}$$

Effective shear depth

$$d_v := \max\left(d_e - \frac{a}{2}, 0.9 \cdot d_e, 0.72 \cdot t_{\text{footing}}\right) = 31.225 \cdot \text{in} \quad \text{LRFD 5.7.2.8}$$

The factored shear demand at the critical section for shear:

$$V_{u\text{FtHeel}} := 1.25 \cdot W_c \cdot t_{\text{footing}} \cdot l_{\text{heel}} + 1.35 E V_{\text{earthBk}} + 1.75 V_{\text{LSFooting}} - \frac{R_{\text{backMin}}}{L_{\text{footing}}} = 27.847 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

For a concrete footing in which the distance from point of zero shear to the face of the wall is less than  $3d_v$ , the simplified procedure for nonprestressed sections can be used.

LRFD 5.7.3.4.1

Check if  $l_{\text{heel}} < 3d_v$

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(l_{\text{heel}} < 3 \cdot d_v, \text{"Yes"}, \text{"No"}) = \text{"Yes"}$$

Therefore, the simplified procedure is used.

Factor indicating the ability of diagonally cracked concrete to transmit tension and shear

$$\beta := 2$$

Nominal shear resistance of concrete,  $V_n$ , is calculated as follows:

$$V_{c1} := 0.0316 \cdot \beta \cdot \sqrt{f_c \cdot \text{ksi}} \cdot b \cdot d_e = 42 \cdot \text{kip} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.3-3}$$

$$V_{c2} := 0.25 f_c \cdot b \cdot d_e = 288 \cdot \text{kip} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.3-2}$$

$$V_n := \min(V_{c1}, V_{c2}) = 42.035 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Resistance factor for shear

$$\phi_v := 0.9$$

LRFD 5.5.4.2

Factored shear resistance

$$V_r := \phi_v \cdot V_n = 37.831 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Check if the factored shear resistance > the shear demand

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}\left(\frac{V_r}{\text{ft}} > V_{u\text{FtHeel}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}\right) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Two-way Shear

For two-way shear, the critical perimeter of a pile,  $b_o$ , is located at a minimum of  $0.5d_v$  from the perimeter of the pile. If portions of the critical perimeter are located off the footing, that portion of the critical perimeter is limited by the footing edge.

LRFD 5.12.8.6.3

Pile section selected in Step 4.6

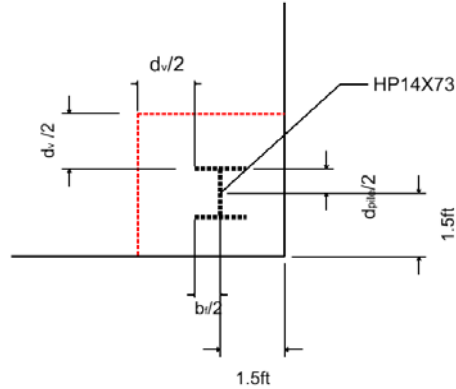
$$\text{HP 14X73}$$

Flange width and depth of the pile

$$b_f := 14.585 \text{ in}$$

$$d_{\text{pile}} := 13.61 \text{ in}$$

The loads on the front piles are assumed to be identical. The critical case for a two-way shear is the piles at the end of the front row since the critical perimeter of these piles may be off the footing in both directions.



Check if the critical perimeter is off the footing in the footing width direction

$$\text{OffFooting1} := \text{if} \left( \frac{d_{\text{pile}}}{2} + \frac{d_v}{2} > \text{PileEdgeDist}, \text{"Yes"}, \text{"No"} \right)$$

$$\text{OffFooting1} = \text{"Yes"}$$

Check if the critical perimeter is off the footing in the footing length direction

$$\text{OffFooting2} := \text{if} \left( \frac{b_f}{2} + \frac{d_v}{2} > \text{PileEdgeDist}, \text{"Yes"}, \text{"No"} \right)$$

$$\text{OffFooting2} = \text{"Yes"}$$

Length of the critical perimeter side parallel to the footing width direction

$$b_{01} := \text{if} \left( \text{OffFooting1} = \text{"Yes"}, \frac{d_{\text{pile}}}{2} + \frac{d_v}{2} + \text{PileEdgeDist}, d_{\text{pile}} + d_v \right)$$

$$b_{01} = 3.368 \text{ ft}$$

Length of the critical perimeter side parallel to the footing length direction

$$b_{02} := \text{if} \left( \text{OffFooting2} = \text{"Yes"}, \frac{b_f}{2} + \frac{d_v}{2} + \text{PileEdgeDist}, b_f + d_v \right)$$

$$b_{02} = 3.409 \text{ ft}$$

Critical perimeter

$$b_0 := (b_{01} + b_{02}) = 6.777 \text{ ft}$$

Ratio of long side to short side of the rectangle through which the concentrated load is transmitted

$$\beta_c := \frac{b_f}{d_{\text{pile}}} = 1.072$$

Nominal shear resistance

$$V_{n1\_2way} := \left( 0.063 + \frac{0.126}{\beta_c} \right) \cdot \sqrt{f_c \cdot \text{ksi}} \cdot b_0 \cdot d_v = 794.229 \cdot \text{kip}$$

$$V_{n2\_2way} := 0.126 \cdot \left( \sqrt{f_c \cdot \text{ksi}} \cdot b_0 \cdot d_v \right) = 554.184 \cdot \text{kip}$$

**LRFD Eq.  
5.12.8.6.3-1**

$$V_{n\_2way} := \min(V_{n1\_2way}, V_{n2\_2way}) = 554.184 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Factored shear resistance

$$V_{r\_2way} := \phi_v \cdot V_{n\_2way} = 498.765 \cdot \text{kip}$$

According to the summary tables of the pile axial forces, LC III under the Strength I limit state developed the maximum pile axial force at the front row piles.

Maximum two-way shear demand

$$R_{r\_SingleLC3StrI} = 234.741 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Check if the factored shear resistance > the maximum pile axial force

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(V_{r\_2way} > R_{r\_SingleLC3StrI}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Development Length of Reinforcement

The flexural reinforcing steel must be developed on each side of the critical section for its full development length.

**LRFD 5.10.8.1.2**

Available development length

$$l_{d,available} := l_{heel} - \text{Cover}_{ft} = 6.25 \text{ ft}$$

Basic development length

$$l_{db} := 2.4 \cdot d_{bar} \cdot \frac{f_y}{\sqrt{f_c \cdot \text{ksi}}} = 6.928 \text{ ft} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.10.8.2.1a-2}$$

Reinforcement location factor

$$\lambda_{rl} := 1.3$$

More than 12 in. concrete below

Coating factor

$$\lambda_{cf} := 1.5$$

Epoxy coated bars with less than  $3d_b$  cover

Reinforcement confinement factor

$$\lambda_{rc} := 0.4$$

For  $C_b > 2.5$  in. and No. 8 bars or smaller

Excess reinforcement factor

$$\lambda_{er} := \frac{A_{sRequired}}{A_{sProvided}} = 0.792$$

**LRFD Eq. 5.10.8.2.1c-4**

Factor for normal weight concrete

$$\lambda := 1$$

Required development length

$$l_{d,required} := l_{db} \cdot \frac{(\lambda_{rl} \cdot \lambda_{cf} \cdot \lambda_{rc} \cdot \lambda_{er})}{\lambda} = 4.278 \text{ ft} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 5.10.8.2.1a-1}$$

Check if  $l_{d,available} > l_{d,required}$

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(l_{d,available} > l_{d,required}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

## Shrinkage and Temperature Reinforcement

The following calculations check the required amount of reinforcing steel in the secondary direction to control shrinkage and temperature stresses in the footing.

The reinforcement along the longitudinal direction of the footing at the top and bottom should satisfy the shrinkage and temperature reinforcement requirement.

**LRFD 5.10.6**

The spacing of reinforcement shall not exceed 12 in. since the footing thickness is greater than 18 in.

**LRFD 5.10.6**

Note: MDOT practice is to use 18 in. as the maximum spacing.

**BDG 5.16.01**

Select a trial bar size

$$\text{bar} := 6$$

Nominal diameter of a reinforcing steel bar

$$d_{bST} := \text{Dia}(\text{bar}) = 0.75 \cdot \text{in}$$

Cross-section area of a bar on the flexural tension side

$$A_{barST} := \text{Area}(\text{bar}) = 0.44 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Select a spacing for reinforcing steel bars

$$s_{\text{barST}} := 12 \cdot \text{in}$$

Provided horizontal reinforcement area

$$A_{\text{sProvidedST}} := \frac{A_{\text{barST}} \cdot 12 \text{in}}{s_{\text{barST}}} = 0.44 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Required minimum area of shrinkage and temperature reinforcement in the the footing

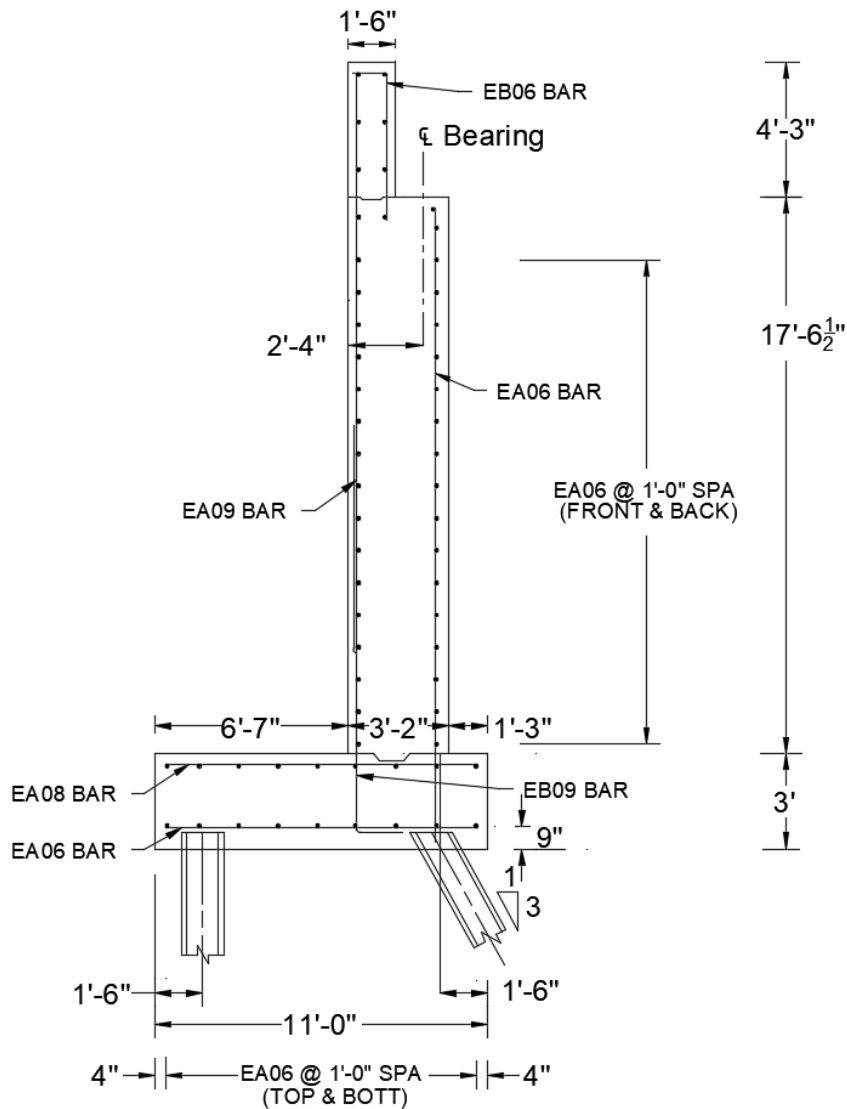
$$A_{\text{shrink.temp}} = 0.306 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Check if the area of steel provided > the required area of shrinkage and temperature steel

$$\text{Check} := \text{if}(A_{\text{sProvidedST}} > A_{\text{shrink.temp}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$$

The footing design presented in this step provides the following details:

- No. 8 bars @ 12.0 in. spacing ( $A_s = 0.79 \text{ in.}^2/\text{ft}$ ) as the transverse flexural reinforcement at the top of the footing
- No. 6 bars @ 12.0 in. spacing ( $A_s = 0.44 \text{ in.}^2/\text{ft}$ ) as the transverse shrinkage and temperature reinforcement at the bottom of the footing
- No. 6 bars @ 12.0 in. spacing ( $A_s = 0.44 \text{ in.}^2/\text{ft}$ ) as the longitudinal shrinkage and temperature reinforcement at the top and bottom of the footing.



Note: Refer to MDOT Bridge Design Guides for additional bars, laps, embedment, and keyway dimensions. They are not shown in this drawing for clarity of the main reinforcement.

## Appendix 4.A Tremie Seal Design

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### Description

This appendix presents the design of a tremie seal.



Generally, tremie seals should be used on all structures when the pumping of water down below the bottom of footing is expected to be challenging.

**BDM 7.03.06**

A tremie seal shall be designed to resist the hydrostatic pressure at the bottom of the tremie by a combination of its weight and the bond between the cofferdam and piles. The allowable bond strength between the tremie and piles is 10 psi. The allowable bond strength between the tremie and the cofferdam is 5 psi. The allowable tension from the bending of the tremie seal is 30 psi.

**BDM 7.03.06A**

The design of a tremie seal consists of determining a concrete thickness that will be sufficient, in conjunction with other sources of resistance, to resist the buoyant force at the bottom of the seal.

Hydrostatic pressure head is defined from the bottom of a tremie seal up to the ordinary water surface elevation.

**BDM 7.03.06B**

Consult the Geotechnical Services Section for the hydrostatic pressure head and the related information.

Hydrostatic pressure head to the bottom of the footing (from the Geotechnical Services Section)

$$H_{\text{water}} := 10\text{ft}$$

Unit weight of water

$$\gamma_{\text{water}} := 62.4 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^3}$$

Unit weight of tremie concrete

$$\gamma_{\text{tremie}} := 140 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^3}$$

Consider a 1-ft wide strip of the tremie seal.

As per the BDM, the cofferdam sheet piling is typically located at 18 in. outside the footing outline.

**BDM 7.03.04**

Note: It is recommended to evaluate the possibility of battered piles hitting the cofferdam sheet piles during the pile driving operation. Based on the pile layout design, evaluate the space requirements and increase the distance between the footing outline and the cofferdam sheet piles. Use the revised dimensions to calculate the length of the tremie seal. This example uses the following dimensions:

Expected sheet pile embedment depth from the top of the tremie seal (an estimate from the Geotechnical Services Section)

$$SP_{\text{embd}} := 15\text{ft}$$

Minimum clearance between the edge of the heel and sheet pile

$$SP_{\text{clrns\_heel}} := 1.5\text{ft}$$

Minimum clearance between the edge of the toe and sheet pile

$$SP_{\text{clrns\_toe}} := \frac{(SP_{\text{embd}} + \text{Pile\_embd})}{\text{Pile}_{\text{batter}}} = 5.167\text{ft}$$

Selected clearance between the edge of the toe and sheet pile

$$SP_{\text{clrns\_select\_toe}} := \text{Ceil}(SP_{\text{clrns\_toe}}, 1\text{ft}) = 6\text{ft}$$

Length of tremie seal

$$l_{\text{tremie}} := B_{\text{footing}} + SP_{\text{clrns\_heel}} + SP_{\text{clrns\_select\_toe}} = 18.5\text{ft}$$

Tremie seal thickness (assumed)

$$h_{\text{tremie}} := 4.25\text{ft}$$

Weight of the tremie seal

$$W_{\text{tremie}} := \gamma_{\text{tremie}} \cdot l_{\text{tremie}} \cdot 1\text{ft} \cdot h_{\text{tremie}} = 11.008 \cdot \text{kip}$$

## Bending Stress Check

While checking the flexural stress in the tremie seal, assume that the 1-ft wide tremie seal strip is simply supported at both ends by the cofferdam.

Section modulus of the 1-ft wide strip  $S_{\text{tremie}} := \frac{1}{6} \cdot h_{\text{tremie}}^2 = 3.01 \cdot \text{ft}^2$

Max. bending moment in the tremie seal

$$M_{\text{tremie}} := \frac{1}{8} [\gamma_{\text{water}} \cdot (H_{\text{water}} + h_{\text{tremie}}) - \gamma_{\text{tremie}} \cdot h_{\text{tremie}}] \cdot l_{\text{tremie}}^2 = 12.586 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

Max. tensile stress in the tremie seal  $F_c := \frac{M_{\text{tremie}}}{S_{\text{tremie}}} = 29.034 \cdot \text{psi}$

Check if the max. tensile stress is less than 30 psi  $\text{Check} := \text{if}(F_c < 30 \text{psi}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$

## Friction Check

Bond strength between tremie and cofferdam  $P_{\text{CoffBond}} := 5 \text{psi}$  **BDM 7.03.06A**

Bond force between tremie and cofferdam  $P_{\text{CoffBond}} := P_{\text{CoffBond}} \cdot 1 \text{ft} \cdot h_{\text{tremie}} = 6.12 \cdot \text{kip}$

From Step 4.6, the selected pile section **HP14X73**

Note: For H piles, surface area of a pile is defined using a rectangular shape for a conservative design (i.e. 2 times the sum of the flange width and the section depth).

Flange width  $b_f = 14.585 \cdot \text{in}$

Section depth  $d_{\text{pile}} = 13.61 \cdot \text{in}$

Bond strength between tremie and piles  $P_{\text{PileBond}} := 10 \text{psi}$  **BDM 7.03.06A**

Bond force between tremie and piles when a 1-ft wide strip is considered

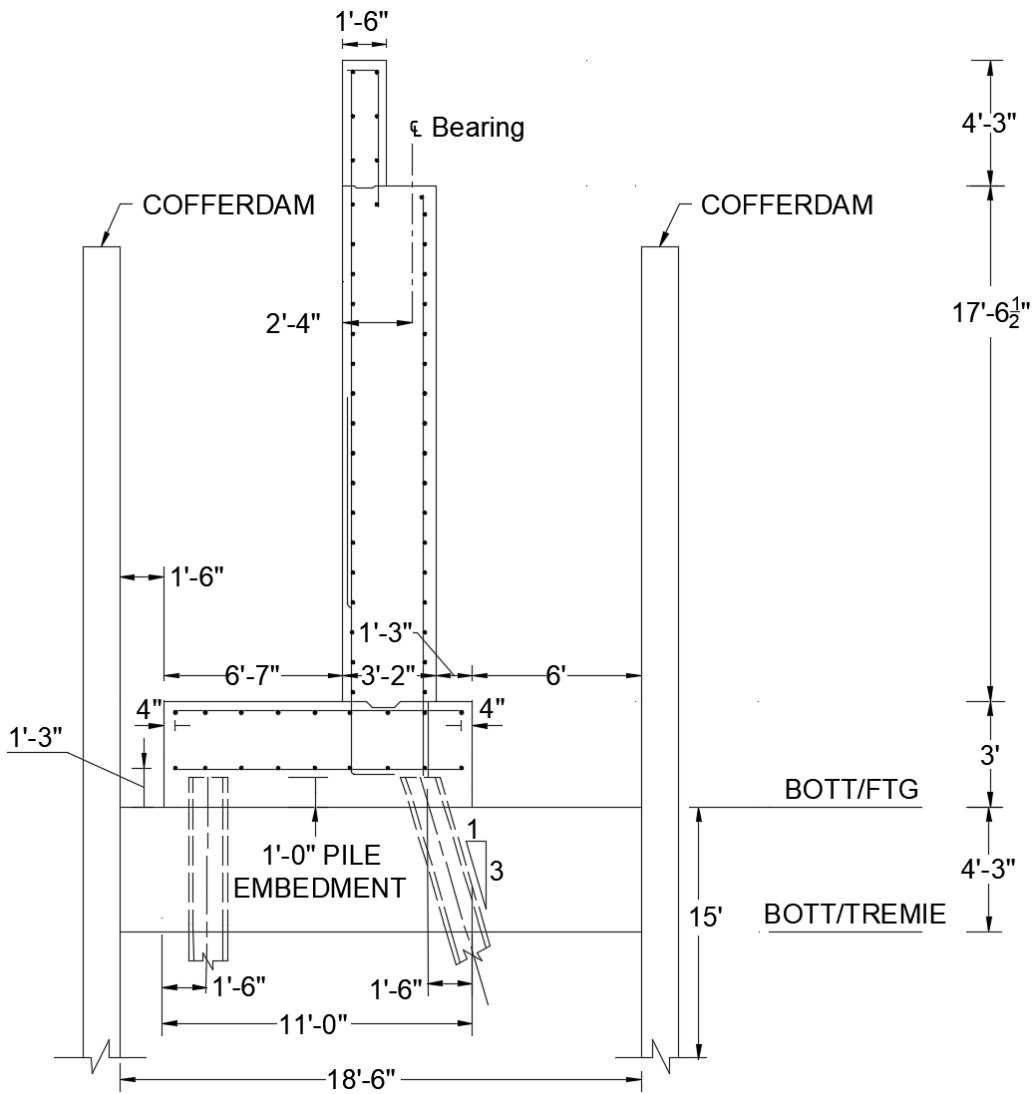
$$P_{\text{PileBond}} := P_{\text{PileBond}} \cdot \left( \frac{N_{\text{front}}}{L_{\text{footing}}} + \frac{N_{\text{back}}}{L_{\text{footing}}} \right) \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \text{ft} \cdot (b_f + d_{\text{pile}}) \cdot h_{\text{tremie}} = 10.06 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Total uplift resistance (capacity)  $P_{\text{resist}} := W_{\text{tremie}} + P_{\text{CoffBond}} + P_{\text{PileBond}}$   
 $P_{\text{resist}} = 27.188 \cdot \text{kip}$  **BDM 7.03.06A**

Buoyant force (demand)  $P_{\text{buoy}} := \gamma_{\text{water}} \cdot 1 \text{ft} \cdot l_{\text{tremie}} \cdot (H_{\text{water}} + h_{\text{tremie}}) = 16.45 \cdot \text{kip}$

Check if the total resistance force > the buoyant force  $\text{Check} := \text{if}(P_{\text{resist}} > P_{\text{buoy}}, \text{"OK"}, \text{"Not OK"}) = \text{"OK"}$

The following figure shows a sketch of the pile foundation with the designed tremie seal:



Note: Refer to MDOT Bridge Design Guides for additional bars, laps, embedment, and keyway dimensions. They are not shown in this drawing for clarity of the main reinforcement.