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WITH WEB OPENINGS

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INTRODUCTION

The initial objective of this investigation was to develop an ultimate strength analysis of composite beams with web openings by extending the method used by Redwood [1]*, Congdon [2], Frost [3] and Wang [4]. This ultimate strength analysis would give an interaction diagram establishing theoretical values of moment and shear acting concurrently to cause failure at the opening. Major difficulties were encountered in this initial effort and a continuous interaction diagram could not be obtained. A re-examination of the method and assumptions was called for. A problem was identified in that the assumptions were found to be incorrect for eccentric web openings. Wang encountered similar difficulties in his analysis of noncomposite beams with reinforced eccentric web openings but did not identify the cause [4].

At this stage in the investigation an alternative method of analysis by McCormick became available [5]. McCormick discussed many aspects of the analysis of beams with web openings, including the variables eccentricity and composite beams, but presented an application only for concentric web openings. A comparison of Redwood's method [1] with McCormick's clarified the problem in the assumptions Wang had used in the eccentric case, and led to the justification of McCormick's method, which was finally adopted for the ultimate strength analysis of beams with eccentric web openings.

In this report the two methods of analysis are reviewed, compared, and the problem encountered with eccentric openings is identified. McCormick's method is applied to eccentric, unreinforced openings. Comments on the calculations for the interaction diagram follow, and a computer solution is

* References are listed by number in brackets.
presented. Finally the results of this analysis are compared with the results of laboratory tests on beams with eccentric rectangular web openings.
LITERATURE SURVEY

Since 1968, several analyses of the ultimate strength of beams with web openings have been made. Generation of moment–shear interaction diagrams showing the relationship between moment and shear values causing failure was an integral part of these analyses. These values of moment and shear were divided by corresponding values for the beam without an opening showing the decrease in strength due to the opening.

The most general case of a reinforced eccentric web opening is shown in Fig. 1. The beam is defined by \( d, t_w, b \) and \( t \). Section 1 is the high moment edge of the opening and Section 2 is the low moment edge. The opening size is defined by \( h \) and \( a \) and its location by \( e \) and \( L \). If \( e=0 \), the opening is concentric. The position of the reinforcement is defined by \( u \). The reinforcing area is defined by \( c \) and \( q \) such that if \( c=t_w \), the opening is unreinforced.

The following assumptions were adopted by all of the investigators:

1. Equilibrium must be satisfied.
2. Plastic hinges are assumed at the edges of the opening in the sections above and below the opening. This constitutes a localized failure mechanism shown in Fig. 2.
3. Perfectly plastic action is assumed at each hinge.
4. Von Mises' yield condition defines failure in combined bending and shear. \( f^2 = f_x^2 + 3f_y^2 \)
5. Secondary bending is caused in the sections above and below the opening by the presence of shear.
6. The possibility of failure due to instability and the beneficial effects of strain hardening were not considered.
Bower developed a means of predicting the strength of beams with concentric rectangular openings [6]. The secondary moment in the tee sections was expressed in the form of axial forces of equal magnitude and opposite direction applied to the top of the flange and next to the opening in the web. Assuming the points of contraflexure in the secondary moments were at the center of the opening gave the magnitude of the secondary moments and the stress reversal points at the plastic hinges. Shear was assumed to act concurrently with the normal force due to secondary moment in the web. This is illustrated in Fig. 3.

Redwood used a different approach to analyze the problem of concentric rectangular web openings [1]. Stress distributions were assumed at each hinge and static equilibrium conditions were imposed. Two stress reversal cases which Redwood called low shear and high shear were encountered. The stress reversal points at Section 2 were always in the flange, but for low shear, both stress reversal points at Section 1 were in the web and for high shear, both stress reversal points at Section 1 were in the flange. Although Redwood did not assume the location of the points of contraflexure, it will be shown from the resulting equations that they are at the center of the opening. Redwood and other investigators assumed that the shear force is evenly distributed throughout the webs of the tee sections. Redwood's approach is summarized in Appendix A.

Congdon [2], Frost [3] and Wang [4] expanded Redwood's work to include two other variables, reinforcement and eccentricity of the web opening. Congdon considered beams with reinforced concentric rectangular openings [2]. Congdon assumed that the reinforcement does not resist shear. Frost attempted a solution for eccentric web openings [3]. Two stress reversal cases were developed as in Redwood's work. Frost clearly omitted a stress
reversal case inherent in the eccentricity of his problem. Wang developed an analysis of beams with reinforced eccentric openings and considered all stress reversal combinations [4]. Congdon's approach to reinforcing was adopted. Wang encountered a problem at low values of shear and described it on page 18. "When the problem starts with very small (or zero) values of \( V \), one of the roots will be positive and less than 1 and the other root will be negative but close to zero. In this case, the other \( k \)-values cannot be evaluated within their limits from the former. Therefore, the technique adopted is to set the latter equal to zero in order to obtain a solution."

Richard, as did Wang and Frost, approached the problem of eccentric rectangular web openings [7]. Following Bower's method, Richard assumed the points of contraflexure were at the center of the opening to determine stress reversal locations. A shear value was assumed on the top tee and shear on the bottom tee was found by imposing equilibrium. Richard stated on page 20 that "assuming a significant value of \( V_x \) for the initial increment sometimes could, and in fact did, result in interaction curves with no plotted points for low shear values up to 60% of the range of the shear ordinate."

McCormick presented a comprehensive study of web openings on I-beams [5]. Approaches to the analysis of non-composite and composite beams with single and multiple web openings were outlined. Openings of varying shapes and eccentricities were included. Two innovations of note were McCormick's treatment of shear stress and eccentricity. Instead of reducing the value of the normal stress in the web due to shear, he reduced the web thickness and retained the normal yield stress. To treat eccentricity a moment acting on the larger tee section was introduced. Solutions for beams with concentric
openings were illustrated. The point of contraflexure in the moment due to shear was assumed to be at the center of the web opening. McCormick's method is summarized in Appendix B.

Two basic approaches are encountered in these investigations. The methods of analysis differ in the representation of forces at the individual plastic hinges. The next two sections review these approaches separately.
REDWOOD'S METHOD

Redwood described a method of estimating the ultimate strength of a beam with a concentric, unreinforced rectangular web opening [1]. Figures and equations involved in his solution are contained in Appendix A. Congdon [2], Frost [3] and Wang [4] utilized Redwood's approach to estimate the strength of reinforced concentric holes, unreinforced eccentric holes and reinforced eccentric holes, respectively. Their work will be reviewed in this section.

Plastic stress distributions were assumed at each plastic hinge. The stress reversal locations were defined by the variables $k_1$ at Section 1 and $k_2$ at Section 2. Due to symmetry $k_1$ and $k_2$ have the same values in the top and bottom tee sections.

The location of stress reversal points varies with shear. In all cases the points of stress reversal at Section 2 are in the flange. The points of stress reversal at Section 1 are at the edge of the opening when shear is zero and move up the web into the flange as shear is increased.

Redwood developed equations for two stress reversal cases which he called low shear and high shear. Using Wang's notation, low shear is Case WW since the stress reversal points at Section 1 in the top and bottom tees are both in the web, and high shear is Case FF since the stress reversal points at Section 1 are in the flanges.

A shear force was assumed at the opening and the corresponding normal forces were evaluated for the assumed stress reversal case. Due to symmetry half of the total shear force was assigned to the top tee and half to the bottom tee. The shear was distributed uniformly throughout the clear depth of the tee web. The corresponding normal stress in the web satisfied Von Mises' yield criterion. The normal stress in the flange was always equal to...
the yield stress. The resultant normal forces and their locations were expressed in terms of the cross-sectional parameters as well as the variables \( k_1 \) at Section 1 and \( k_2 \) at Section 2.

Equilibrium conditions were imposed to obtain relationships between bending moments and shear forces. Isolating the tee sections shows that the normal and shear forces at Sections 1 and 2 are equal in magnitude and opposite in direction. This permits \( k_1 \) to be expressed in terms of \( k_2 \). Similarly, to satisfy equilibrium at each section, the normal force in the top tee is equal and opposite to the normal force in the bottom tee. Therefore the resultant normal force is constant at each hinge. At each section, the opposing normal forces constitute the moment at that section.

Since the total shear force is constant across the opening length \( 2a \), overall moment equilibrium requires that \( M_1 = M_2 + 2Va \). Substitution into this equation results in a quadratic equation which was solved for \( k_2 \). Once \( k_2 \) was known, \( k_1 \) could be found.

The value of \( k_1 \) indicated whether the correct stress reversal case had been assumed. If not, the equations for normal force, etc. corresponding to the other stress reversal case would be applied. Case WW equations were used at low values of shear. As shear increased, \( k_1 \) increased. When \( k_1 \) exceeded one, the high shear Case FF was adopted.

After the stress reversal locations were known, the moment at the centerline of the opening could be found. This combination of shear and moment gave a point on an interaction diagram between moment and shear. By varying shear, additional points on the interaction diagram could be generated.
Congdon analyzed concentric, reinforced web openings [2]. The reinforcing was assumed to resist no shear so the normal stress on the reinforcing was always equal to the yield stress. Following Redwood's procedure, four stress reversal cases were encountered; SS, RR, WW and FF indicating both stress reversal points at Section 1 were in the web stub adjacent to the opening, the reinforcement, the clear web and the flange, respectively. As shear increased the stress reversal cases were encountered in the order listed above.

Frost extended Redwood's approach to include beams with eccentric rectangular holes [3]. Quadratic equations in terms of $k_{2T}$ were derived for stress reversal Cases FF and WW. Introducing these derivations on page 9, Frost wrote, "Equations for other possible combinations of neutral axes locations are not given but could be similarly developed." From this statement it could be assumed that stress reversal Case FW was considered. Case FW would provide for a stress reversal point in the flange in the top tee at Section 1 and in the web in the bottom tee at Section 1. As in all cases, both stress reversal points were in the flange at Section 2.

Due to eccentricity, the shear could not be assumed to be equally distributed between the top and bottom tee sections. A shear ratio was defined as the shear force in the top tee divided by the shear force in the bottom tee. Only one shear ratio would satisfy equilibrium. Frost noted on page 7 that any other shear ratio would not cause failure and suggested a method of successive approximations to determine the correct shear ratio.

Wang's solution included both eccentricity and reinforcement of rectangular web openings [4]. The reinforcement was assumed to resist no shear. The correct shear ratio was found by successive approximation.
The complexity of Wang's problem is evident by the stress reversal cases considered. With eccentricity toward the top flange, Cases SS, SR, SW, RR, RW, WW, FW and FF were encountered. At zero shear there was no stress reversal point in the top section and in the bottom tee section the point of stress reversal was at the equal area axis of the cut reinforced section. Since Case WF was not encountered it could be seen that the stress reversal point moved into the top flange before it moved into the bottom flange. This was true for all cases except concentric cases, where the stress reversal points were at the same positions in the top and bottom tees. There is no evidence to indicate that Frost used Case FW, although Wang found this case was necessary to generate complete interaction diagrams.

Since the stress reversal locations varied between the top and bottom tee sections, Wang chose to use $k_{2T}$ as the unknown in his quadratic equations. The larger root of the quadratic never resulted in compatible values for other stress reversal locations, so the smaller root was chosen. At low values of shear the smaller root was negative and close to zero. To obtain a solution, Wang let $k_2$ equal zero.

Imposing conditions of static equilibrium on an assumed stress reversal case is the basis of Redwood's method of solution. A shear force is assumed and the corresponding moment is found by identifying the location of stress reversal points. In the eccentric case a trial and error method of solution must be used to determine the ratio of the shear forces assigned to each tee section. Wang encountered small negative values for the stress reversal location at low values of shear, but was able to generate a continuous interaction diagram by setting these values equal to zero.
McCORMICK'S METHOD

A method of plastic analysis of beams with web openings was developed by McCormick [5]. The key to McCormick's analysis is the representation of the plastic hinge capacity in terms of normal and moment forces. Appendix B contains the figures and equations relating to McCormick's approach.

McCormick expressed the capacity of the tee sections as a function of the forces acting at each plastic hinge. A shear force, a normal force and a secondary moment due to shear were applied at each hinge.

The shear force was distributed uniformly throughout the clear depth of the tee section web in combination with the normal forces. Von Mises' yield condition was satisfied by reducing the thickness of the web so the normal stress would equal the yield stress throughout the tee section.

Using the reduced web thickness, the location of the equal area axis is determined. This equal area axis is also referred to as the plastic neutral axis. The summation of forces above equals the summation of forces below this axis.

For nearly all rolled shapes, the area of the flanges is greater than the area of the web, resulting in an equal area axis in the flange. For this reason it is the only plastic neutral axis location considered in Appendix B, although McCormick treated the case where the equal area axis is in the web in a similar manner.

A moment due to shear acts in conjunction with a normal force to form a plastic hinge in the reduced tee section. The normal force is applied at the equal area axis. Equal areas above and below that assigned to the normal force have the same stress and therefore involve the same force. These forces act in opposite directions to comprise the secondary moment.
due to shear. This moment can be expressed in terms of the normal force and the reduced tee section properties. For eccentric openings, McCormick suggested the introduction of an additional moment in the larger tee section.

Two derivations result depending on whether the normal force is confined to the flange or extends into the web. For concentric web openings, the first of these corresponds to Case FF and the latter to Case WW in Redwood's analysis.

Equilibrium conditions give the relationship between the bending moment and shear force which cause a localized failure. Isolating the tee sections shows that the normal and shear forces at Sections 1 and 2 are equal in magnitude and opposite in direction. Since shear is constant, the cross section properties are constant across the tee sections. This combined with a constant normal force results in secondary moments having the same magnitude at Sections 1 and 2. Thus the secondary moment is zero at the center of the opening. Moment equilibrium of the tee sections gives the value and direction of the secondary moment. Once the secondary moment is known, the normal force may be found from the cross sectional properties of the tee sections. Equilibrium at Sections 1 and 2 requires the normal force to be constant at each hinge and the sum of shear forces in the top and bottom tees to equal the total shear force. The moment at the center of the opening is the normal force times the distance between the equal area axes in the top and bottom tees.

McCormick provided one example of an "exact" plastic analysis in which a concentric web opening was considered. His solution was approximate in that the location of the equal area axes was not varied with shear. A shear force was assumed, giving the value of the secondary moment. The normal
force was determined from the solution of a quadratic equation. McCormick calculated the moment at Section 1 for various values of shear.

This section on McCormick’s ultimate strength analysis of beams with web openings completes the review of the literature. In the following sections the two basic methods of analysis will be compared and the problems in applying Redwood’s method to the eccentric case will be defined.
COMPARISON OF REDWOOD'S METHOD WITH MCCORMICK'S METHOD

The methods of analysis developed by Redwood [1] and McCormick [5] will be compared in this section to form a basis for further analytical research. To simplify this comparison, the same notation was used in the development of both analyses where applicable. Methods for the analysis of concentric web openings will be discussed first.

The only significant difference between the two methods is McCormick's assumption that the point of contraflexure due to secondary moment is at the center of the opening. As pointed out in the discussion of McCormick's method, this is necessary due to the plastic properties of the tee sections. If the normal forces are the same at Sections 1 and 2, the secondary moments must have the same magnitude so the point of contraflexure in this moment is at the center of the opening. Although Redwood did not make this assumption, imposing equilibrium led to the same results. Appendix C shows that the point of contraflexure in Redwood's solution is at the center of the web opening, thus verifying this simplifying assumption.

The treatment of secondary moment also differs. McCormick portrayed moment due to shear in the tee sections by resisting moments at the hinges. Redwood's secondary moment is generated by the differing locations of the resultant normal forces at Sections 1 and 2.

The differences between the two approaches do not affect the interaction diagrams generated. McCormick's method gives a clearer and easier formulation due to the representation of forces acting at each hinge and the assumption that the point of contraflexure is at the center of the web opening.
There is no satisfactory solution for eccentric web openings in the literature. As noted in the literature survey, Richard [7] and Wang [4] both encountered difficulties at low shear values. Richard found that assuming a small value of shear acting on the top tee and solving for shear in the bottom tee resulted in an incomplete interaction diagram. No points could be plotted for low values of total shear. Wang bypassed this problem by setting a small negative root of a quadratic equation in $k_{2T}$ equal to zero to obtain a solution.

The attempted solutions for the strength of beams with eccentric web openings used by Wang and Richard contained a single stress reversal location at each hinge. It will be shown that a problem in the low shear range of the interaction diagram arises due to the presence of more than one stress reversal at Section 2 in the bottom tee. Frost used the same formulation and would have had similar problems if he generated an exact interaction diagram; however, he did not report them [3].

The presence of more than one stress reversal point in the larger tee at Section 2 for low values of shear will be demonstrated by looking first at the plastic analysis of a beam with an eccentric web opening subjected to pure bending (Fig. 4a). A stress reversal in the larger tee section is necessary to have a constant normal force at each hinge. The equal area axis gives the initial stress reversal location in the web of the bottom tee. None of the solutions based on Redwood's approach considered a stress reversal point in the web at Section 2. Wang recognized this as the location of the initial stress reversal point at Section 1 but not at Section 2. As in the concentric case, a stress reversal due to shear moves toward the flange at Section 1 and toward the web from the outer edge of the flange at Section 2. For
eccentric openings, three stress reversal locations are indicated at Section 2 in the bottom tee (Fig. 4b).

McCormick's method is therefore preferable to Redwood's. Adapting Redwood's method to the indicated stress reversal combinations would involve developing stress reversal cases WW, FW and FF (indicating the location of stress reversal points at Section 1) for both stress reversal cases at Section 2. Using McCormick's method the location of the stress reversal points is not needed. McCormick's use of a moment due to eccentricity as well as a moment due to shear in the bottom tee is a valid representation of the forces acting at low values of shear (Fig. 4b). McCormick suggested the use of this additional moment but did not explain its application.
APPLICATION OF McCORMICK'S METHOD TO BEAMS WITH ECCENTRIC WEB OPENINGS

Using McCormick's formulation, the method of solution is similar for concentric and eccentric web openings. The moment capacity of the tee sections reduced for normal force must be determined for the following two cases: when the normal force is confined to the flange and when it extends into the web. In the eccentric case the hinges in the smaller tee are subjected to normal force and moment due to shear while the hinges in the larger tee are subjected to normal force and moment due to shear as well as moment due to eccentricity. A shear ratio is assumed and secondary moment is found for each hinge. The normal force is calculated from the smaller tee and applied to the larger tee so the moment due to eccentricity may be computed. The moment due to eccentricity is the difference between the moment due to shear and the moment capacity of the larger tee section reduced for the normal force. The moment at the centerline of the opening is equal to the magnitude of the normal forces times the distance between them plus the moment due to eccentricity.

Each shear ratio will give a moment for the corresponding shear force. The shear ratio giving the maximum moment is the correct one. In a concentric case the maximum moment is found when shear is distributed evenly to the top and bottom tees, with a moment due to eccentricity of zero. In an eccentric case the largest normal force satisfying equilibrium gives the maximum total moment. Assigning all the shear to the larger tee gives the largest normal force. Due to the plastic properties of the tee section, as shear increases, the moment due to shear increases and the moment due to eccentricity decreases while the normal force is constant.
At a certain value of shear, the moment due to shear will result in a constant normal force without a moment due to eccentricity, and shear must be applied to the smaller tee section. With the moment due to eccentricity eliminated, a single stress reversal exists at each hinge as in Redwood's approach [1]. The range of shear for which the moment due to eccentricity applies is the same range in which Wang and Richard encountered difficulties.

A computer program was formulated to generate points on an interaction diagram using this method of solution. The flow diagram and program in Fortran are included in Appendix D.
EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

The results of five ultimate load tests on beams with unreinforced eccentric web openings are found in the literature. Test results are reported by Frost [3] on four beams and by McNew [8] on one beam. The pertinent test parameters of the beams are tabulated below.

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Moment shear interaction curves were generated for these beams using the computer program in Appendix D. To compare the data with theories, both Frost and McNew corrected the experimental ultimate loads to eliminate the effects of strain hardening by using load-deflection curves. The corrected test results are plotted on the interaction curves in Fig. 5. It can be seen that the interaction curves furnish reliable but conservative predictions of the experimental ultimate loads.
SUMMARY

The main contributions of this report are the identification of a source of error in the previous ultimate strength analyses of beams with eccentric web openings, and the extension and application of McCormick's method to beams with eccentric web openings. A moment due to eccentricity acting on the larger tee was shown to be necessary for low values of shear. When a moment due to eccentricity acts concurrently with a moment due to shear, more than one stress reversal is necessary at one of the hinges.

Two minor contributions relate to Redwood's method. The first pertains to the application of Redwood's method to the eccentric case. Since the exact location of stress reversal points must be found, the presence of more than one stress reversal point at a hinge makes this unnecessarily complex if the moments involved are not identified. The second is the observation that the point of contraflexure for the moment due to shear is at the center of the opening, although this fact was not assumed nor pointed out in Redwood's work.

McCormick's method of analysis was found to be better suited for extension to the eccentric case. The values of the forces causing failure at an opening are determined instead of the locations of stress reversal points. A clearer picture of the forces causing failure results.
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY

The logical extension of the method of analysis presented here would be the analysis of beams with reinforced eccentric web openings. The plastic properties of the cross sections at the plastic hinges would have to be developed. Centering the normal load at the equal area axis would provide the possible stress reversal cases.

The eccentric analysis could also be applied to composite beams with web openings. It must be noted that tension in the concrete at Section 2 is caused by secondary moment. Since concrete has a negligible tensile strength, the effective section above the opening at Section 2 will be smaller than that at Section 1. This is a major source of difficulty in the analysis of the composite case.

Further experimental tests would be helpful in determining the reliability and accuracy of the ultimate strength analysis of beams with eccentric web openings.
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<td>Longitudinal distance from opening centerline to nearest support</td>
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\( n \)  Normal force divided by normal yield force in tee. The subscripts \( T \) and \( B \) refer to the top and bottom tees, respectively

\( n^* \) A specific value of \( n \) when the normal force, centered at the equal area axis, extends to the web-flange junction

\( P \) One of the forces comprising the secondary moment at a hinge. The subscripts 1 and 2 refer to Sections 1 and 2

\( q \) The thickness of the reinforcing bars

\( Q \) Resultant normal force

\( Q^* \) A specific value of \( Q \) which extends to the web-flange junction when centered at the equal area axis

\( Q_y \) Normal yield force for tee section

\( s \) Depth of web in the tee section. The subscripts \( T \) and \( B \) refer to the top and bottom tee sections, respectively

\( t \) Flange thickness

\( t_w \) Web thickness

\( u \) Distance between opening and reinforcing bar

\( V \) Total shear force. The subscripts \( T \) and \( B \) refer to the top and bottom tee sections, respectively

\( w \) Web thickness reduced for shear. The subscripts \( T \) and \( B \) refer to the top and bottom tee sections, respectively

\( y \) Distance from edge of opening to resultant normal force. The subscripts \( T \) and \( B \) refer to the top and bottom tee sections, respectively
THIS BOOK CONTAINS NUMEROUS PAGES WITH DIAGRAMS THAT ARE CROOKED COMPARED TO THE REST OF THE INFORMATION ON THE PAGE.

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Fig. 1. Beam with Web Opening
Fig. 2. Localized Failure Mechanism

Fig. 3. Bower's Representation of Plastic Hinge Forces
Fig. 4. Beams with Eccentric Web Openings at Failure
W16x40
Opening:
2a = 12.8"
2h = 6.4"
e = 1"
Ref.: Frost
Beams: 1 and 5

W16x40
Opening:
2a = 12.8"
2h = 6.4"
e = 2"
Ref.: Frost
Beams: 2 and 6

W16x45
Opening:
2a = 9"
2h = 6"
e = 2"
Ref.: McNew
Beam: 1

* indicates test results corrected for strain hardening

Fig. 5. Test Results Plotted on Interaction Diagrams
APPENDIX A

REDWOOD'S METHOD

Redwood's method of ultimate strength analysis of beams with web openings involves imposing static equilibrium on assumed stress reversal cases. For Redwood's concentric case there are two cases of stress reversal locations at Section 1 and one at Section 2. The stress reversal locations are illustrated below with their corresponding resultant forces and equations. In the concentric case, half of the total shear force is assigned to the top tee and half to the bottom tee. In all cases the shear stress is distributed evenly throughout the clear depth of the web. The corresponding normal stress must satisfy Von Mises' yield criterion, i.e. \( F_y^2 = f^2 + 3f_v^2 \), where \( F_y \) = yield stress, \( f \) = normal stress and \( f_v \) = shear stress. Cross sectional properties are shown in Fig. 1.

![Diagram showing normal stress, shear stress, and resultant forces](image)

Section 1. Case WW (both stress reversal points are in the web at Section 1)

\[
Q_1 = btF_y + st \cdot (1-2k_1)f
\]

\[
Q_1y_1 = btF_y(s + .5t) + .5stw(1-2k_1^2)
\]
Section 1. Case FF (both stress reversal points are in the flanges at Section 1)

\[ Q_1 = b t F_y (2k_1 - 1) - s t f \]

\[ Q_1 y_1 = -0.5 s^2 t_w f + b t F_y [2k_1 (s+t) - (s+.5t) - tk_1^2] \]

Section 2. Case WW or Case FF

\[ Q_2 = s t f + b t F_y (1-2k_2) \]

\[ Q_2 y_2 = 0.5 s^2 t_w f + b t F_y [(s+.5t) - 2(s+t)k_2 + tk_2^2] \]
Imposing equilibrium on the free body diagrams below gives the following relationships.

**Section 1**  
[Diagram of Section 1]

**Section 2**  
[Diagram of Section 2]

**Section 2**

**Shear sections:**

\[
\sum F_x; \quad 0 = Q_{1T} - Q_{2T}; \quad Q_{1T} = Q_{2T} = Q_T
\]

\[
0 = -Q_{1B} + Q_{2B}; \quad Q_{1B} = Q_{2B} = Q_B
\]

\[
\sum F_y; \quad 0 = \frac{V}{2} - \frac{V}{2}
\]

Shear force is constant across the tee section.

\[
\sum M_A; \quad 0 = Q_T \bar{y}_1 - Q_T \bar{y}_2 - V_a;
\]

\[
0 = Q_B \bar{y}_1 - Q_B \bar{y}_2 - V_a.
\]

**Section 1:**

\[
\sum F_x; \quad 0 = Q_T - Q_B; \quad Q_T = Q_B = Q
\]

The normal force is constant at each hinge.

\[
\sum F_y; \quad 0 = V - \frac{V}{2} - \frac{V}{2}
\]

Shear in top and bottom tees must sum to the total shear.
\[
\Sigma M_A; \ 0 = Q_y - 1 + Q(2h+y_1) - V(L+a) \\
= 2Q(h+y_1) - V(L+a) = M_1 - V(L+a)
\]

where \( M_1 = 2Q(h+y_1) \)

Section 2:

\[
\Sigma F_x; \ 0 = Q-Q
\]

\[
\Sigma F_y; \ 0 = V - \frac{V}{2} - \frac{V}{2}
\]

\[
\Sigma M_B; \ 0 = Qy_2 + Q(2h+y_2) - V(L-a) \\
= 2Q(h+y_2) - V(L-a) = M_2 - V(L-a)
\]

where \( M_2 = 2Q(h+y_2) \).

Subtracting the moment equilibrium equation at Section 1 from that at Section 2, gives the following relationship: \( M_1 = M_2 + 2Va \). Substitution into this equation gives the following quadratic equation in \( k_2 \):

Case WW:

\[
k_2^2[1 - \frac{bf}{tf} - (d-2h)k_2 + \frac{Va}{btfy} = 0
\]

Case FF:

\[
k_2^2 - (1+B)k_2 + \frac{Va}{2btfy} - \frac{Ba}{2t} + \frac{h^2}{2} = 0
\]

where \( B = \frac{stf}{btfy} \).

Solving the quadratic gives the value of \( k_2 \) and the final variable, \( k_1 \), may be found. Adding the moment equilibrium equations at Sections 1 and 2 gives the moment at the center line of the opening, \( M: M = VL = .5(M_1 + M_2) \). A point on the interaction diagram is plotted as

\[
\left( \frac{V}{V_p}, \frac{M}{M_p} \right)
\]
where

\[ M_p = F_y [bt(d-t) + .25t_w(d-2t)^2] \]

and

\[ V_p = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left[ t_w(d-2t) F_y \right] \]

An interaction diagram is generated by varying the assumed shear force and calculating the corresponding moments.
APPENDIX B

McCORMICK'S METHOD

McCormick identified the internal forces acting on the tee sections above and below an opening as shear forces, normal forces and secondary moments due to shear. These are illustrated in the following free body diagrams.

Where

\[ M_v = \text{moment due to shear, and} \]

\[ d_c = \text{distance between resultant normal forces.} \]

The values of normal force, shear force and moment acting concurrently to form a plastic hinge may be found by considering the plastic properties of the tee sections. Equilibrium conditions are used to relate the forces acting at the four plastic hinges.

McCormick developed the following plastic properties of the tee sections for his analysis of beams with web openings.
Plastic Properties of Tee Sections

Cross Sectional Parameters

Normal Stress

Pure Normal Load

\[ Q_y = \text{normal yield force with a pure normal load}. \]
\[ = F_y (bt + st_w). \]

Shear Stress

Pure Shear Load

\[ V_y = \text{shear yield force with a pure shear load}. \]

Von Mises yield criterion:
\[ f_y^2 = f_v^2 + 3f_v^2 \quad \text{so} \quad f_v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} f_y. \]
\[ V_y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} F_y t_w. \]
Normal Stress  
Shear Stress

\[ Q = \text{axial load reduced for shear} \]
\[ = F_y b t + s t_w f. \]

where \[ f = \sqrt{\frac{F_y^2 - 3f_v^2}{F_y^2}} \]
by Von Mises yield condition so that

\[ Q = b t F_y + s t_w F_y \sqrt{1 - \frac{3f_v^2}{F_y^2}} \]

Adopted Cross Sectional Properties
\[ Q_y = F_y (b t + s w) \]

Once the web area is reduced, the shear force need not be further considered. The axial stress is equal to the yield stress, \( F_y \), in the flange and in the web.

Combined Bending and Normal Forces

The normal force is centered at the equal area axis (EAA) with the remainder of the tee section used to resist moment.
Location of EAA (for most W shapes, the equal area axis is in the flange)

\[
\bar{y} = s + 0.5t(1 - \frac{sw}{bt})
\]

Since this case is most commonly found in practice and corresponds to Redwood's analysis, it is the only case developed here. McCormick's report includes the cases where the equal area axis is at the web-flange junction as well as in the web.

The moment capacity of the tee section reduced for normal force is the moment due to shear, \( M_y \), in the concentric case. To obtain a solution, \( M_y \) is found in terms of the adopted cross-sectional parameters and the normal force. Two derivations result depending on whether the normal force is confined to the flange, Case FF, or extends into the web, Case WW. The quantity \( n^* \) is defined as the normal force \( Q^* \), which is the limit between these two cases, divided by the axial yield force \( Q_y \).

\( n^* \): \( Q^* \) is centered at the EAA and extends to the web-flange junction so that

\[
\frac{Q^*}{Q_y} = \frac{1 - \frac{sw}{bt}}{1 + \frac{sw}{bt}} = n^*
\]

\[
n = \frac{Q}{Q_y}; \quad \text{if } n < n^* \text{ Case FF applies}
\]

\[
n > n^* \text{ Case WW applies.}
\]
Normal force, $Q$  
Bending moments, $M_v$  
Combined stress distributions

Case FF ($n < n^*$)

\[ M_v = F_y \left\{ \frac{sw}{2} (s+t) \left[ 1 + \frac{t}{s+t}(1 - \frac{sw}{bt}) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{bt}{sw} \frac{t}{s+t}(1 - \frac{sw}{bt})^2 \right] - \frac{bt^2}{4} (1 + \frac{sw}{bt})^2 \right\} \]

$d_c$ = distance between the normal force resultants in the top and bottom tees,

\[ = 2(s+h) + t(1 - \frac{sw}{bt}) \]

Normal force, $Q$  
Bending moments, $M_v$  
Combined stress distributions

Case WW ($n > n^*$)

\[ M_v = F_y \left\{ \frac{sw}{2} (s+t) \left[ 1 + \frac{t}{s+t}(1 - \frac{sw}{bt}) \right] \right. \]

\[ + \frac{bt^2}{8} \left[ (1 - \frac{sw}{bt}) - n(1 + \frac{sw}{bt}) \right] \left( 1 - \frac{sw}{bt} \right) (3 - \frac{b}{w}) \]

\[ + n(1 + \frac{sw}{bt})(1 + \frac{b}{w}) \]
\[ d_c = 2h + \frac{F_y b t^2}{Q(4 - \frac{swt}{2} - \frac{b_t^2}{4w} + \frac{b_t s}{2} + \frac{s_w^2}{4b} - \frac{s_w^2}{4})} + \frac{F_y}{Q_y}(2bts + \frac{bt^2}{2} + \frac{b_t^2}{2w} + \frac{3s_w^2}{2} - \frac{s_w^2}{2b}) + \frac{QF_y}{Q_y}(\frac{bt^2}{4} + \frac{swt}{2} - \frac{b_t^2}{4w} - \frac{b_t s}{2} + \frac{s_w^2}{4b} - \frac{s_w^2}{4}) \]

**Equilibrium**

These equations relate to the free body diagrams presented at the beginning of this Appendix.

**On tee sections.**

\[ \Sigma F_x = 0 = Q_{1T} - Q_{2T} ; \quad Q_{1T} = Q_{2T} = Q_T \]

\[ \Sigma F_x = 0 = -Q_{1B} + Q_{2B} ; \quad Q_{1B} = Q_{2B} = Q_B \]

\[ \Sigma F_y = 0 = -V_{T1} + V_{T2} ; \quad V_{T1} = V_{T2} = V_T \]

\[ \Sigma F_y = 0 = -V_{B1} + V_{B2} ; \quad V_{B1} = V_{B2} = V_B \]

\[ \Sigma M_Q_T = 0 = M_{VT1} + M_{VT2} - 2aV_T \]

\[ \Sigma M_Q_B = 0 = M_{VB1} + M_{VB2} - 2aV_B \]

From the plastic properties of the tee sections; if \( Q_{T1} = Q_{T2} \)

\( M_{VT1} = M_{VT2} = M_{VT} \) and if \( Q_{B1} = Q_{B2}, M_{VB1} = M_{VB2} = M_{VB} \). From the moment equilibrium equations, \( M_{VT} = aV_T \) and \( M_{VB} = aV_B \).

**On Section 1.**

\[ \Sigma F_x = 0 = Q_{1T} - Q_{1B} ; \quad Q_{1T} = Q_{1B} = Q \]

Therefore the resultant normal force is the same at each hinge.
\[ \Sigma F_y = 0 = -V_T - V_B + V; \]

Therefore, shear in top and bottom tees must sum to total shear. For concentric cases it is assumed that \( V_T = V_B = \frac{V}{2} \).

\[ \Sigma M_Q = 0 = Qd_c + M_{VT} + M_{VB} - V(L+a). \]

On Section 2:

\[ \Sigma F_x = 0 = -Q_{2T} + Q_{2B}, \quad Q_T = Q_B = Q \]

\[ \Sigma F_y = 0 = -V_{T2} - V_{B2} + V; \quad V_T + V_B = V \]

\[ \Sigma M_Q = 0 = Qd_c - M_{VT} - M_{VB} - V(L-a) \]

The moment at the center of the opening, \( M \), gives the ordinate to one point on an interaction diagram. Adding the moment equilibrium equations at Sections 1 and 2 gives \( M = VL = Qd_c \).

Procedure for concentric openings

1. Assume shear force \( V \). \( V_T = V_B = \frac{V}{2} \).
2. Calculate \( w \) and \( M_V \) (\( M_{VT} = M_{VB} = M_V \)).
3. Calculate \( Q \) from section properties.
4. \( M' = Qd_c \).
APPENDIX C
SECONDARY MOMENTS IN REDWOOD'S METHOD

The secondary moments at Sections 1 and 2 must be shown to be equal to demonstrate that the point of contraflexure is at the center of the opening in Redwood's solution. This will be done by using Redwood's stress reversal locations and separating the normal forces into a resultant normal force and a secondary moment as McCormick did. Since the flange areas of most W-shapes are larger than the web areas, the resultant normal force will be applied in the flange. The forces comprising the secondary moment will be determined from the stress reversal location. If these forces are the same at Sections 1 and 2, the secondary moments are the same. Only the top tee will be shown because of symmetry.

Cross-Sectional Dimensions of Tee Sections

The values of the resultant forces may be expressed in terms of the cross-sectional properties and the stress reversal location. Since the P forces comprising the moment due to shear have the same magnitude, the normal force is the resultant normal force.
Section 1:

Normal Stress  Shear Stress  Resultants
\[ F_y \]
\[ t \]
\[ s \]
\[ k_1 s \]
\[ f \]
\[ f \]

Section 2:

Normal Stress  Shear Stress  Resultants
\[ F_y \]
\[ k_2 t \]
\[ s \]
\[ f \]
\[ f \]

Low Shear Case WW

\[ P_1 = s t w f k_1 \]
\[ P_2 = b t F_y k_2 \]

\[ P_1 \] must equal \[ P_2 \] for the secondary moments to be equal. To get \[ k_1 \] in terms of \[ k_2 \]:

\[ Q_1 = b t F_y + s t w f (1 - 2k_1) \]
\[ Q_2 = s t w f + b t F_y (1 - 2k_2) \]

since

\[ Q_1 = Q_2 , \quad k_1 = \frac{b t F_y}{s t w f} k_2 \]
therefore

\[ P_1 = k_1f_{w} \frac{btF_y}{st_w} = \frac{k_2st_f}{st_w} = btF_yk_2 = P_2 \]

\[ P_1 = P_2 \] so the secondary moments are the same at Sections 1 and 2 and the point of contraflexure is at the center line of the opening in the low shear case.

Section 1:

**Normal Stress** \[ F_y \]

**Shear Stress** \[ f \]

**Resultants** \[ P_1 \]

\[ Q \]

\[ M_v \]

Section 2 is the same as in Case WW

**High Shear Case FF**

As in the low shear case, the forces comprising the moment due to shear are expressed in terms of the cross-sectional properties and stress reversal locations, then shown to be equal.

\[ P_1 = st_wf + btF_y(1-k_1) \]

\[ P_2 = btF_yk_2 \]

To get \( k_1 \) in terms of \( k_2 \):

\[ Q_1 = btF_y(2k_1-1) - st_wf \]

\[ Q_2 = st_wf + btF_y(1-2k_2) \]
since

\[ Q_1 = Q_2, \quad k_1 = 1 + \frac{st_w f}{bt_F y} - k_2 \]

therefore

\[ P_1 = st_w f + bt_F y [1 - (1 + \frac{st_w f}{bt_F y} - k_2)] = bt_F y k_2 = P_2 \]

The point of contraflexure is at the center line of the opening in Redwood's solution.
APPENDIX D
COMPUTER SOLUTION

Start

Read Beam and Opening Properties

Evaluate $V_{max}$, $V_p$ and $M_p$

Assume $V$ and $V_B$

Evaluate $V_B$, $M_{VB}$ and $M_e$

Is $M_e < 0$?

no

$M_e = 0$

Is $V_B > M_{VB}$?

yes

Increment $V_B$

Evaluate $w_x$, $w_B$, $M_{VB}$, $P$ from quadratic equations, $M_{VB1}$ and $M_{VB2}$

yes

Is $V_B > M_{VB}$?

no

Evaluate $d_c$, $M$, $\frac{V}{M}$, $\frac{V}{P}$

Print $V$, $V_B$, $M$, $\frac{V}{P}$ and $\frac{V}{P}$

Increment $V$

Is $V > V_{max}$?

no

yes

Stop

Computer Flow Diagram
WRITE (6,21)
107 21 FORMAT (1H4, 3HVALUE IN SQUARE RCOT FOR P IS NEGATIVE)
108 GO TO 2730
109 22 P<3BY (E52)
110 Y=FCUT/2.4ST
111 WHEN SHEAR INCREMENT BECOMES -1, STRESS REVERSAL IN THE TCP TEE IS IN THE FLANGE.
112 N=NDYSPY
113 V=VINT+1
114 M=MPY
115 IF (X<.01, 13T, 123) GO TO 25
116 IF (Y<.01) GO TO 25
117 IF (Y<.01) GO TO 25
118 IF (V<.01, IT, 14T) GO TO 26
119 24 Y=FCUT(1+5/SK+2.5/SK+2/SK+1)/2*1/4
120 IF (Y<.01, 14T, 15) GO TO 26
121 IF (Y<.01, IT, 15) GO TO 26
122 IF (V<.01, IT, 15) GO TO 26
123 IF (V<.01, IT, 15) GO TO 26
124 26 Y=FCUT/SK
125 WRITE (16,25)
126 29 F3=FCUT(1+4HT/2)*STRESS_REVERSAL IN BOTH TEE IS IN THE FLANGE.
127 GO TO 1C
128 27 VTPYVTR+GOCI
129 GO TO 1T
130 2000 CONTINUE
131 STEP
132 END

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**Square Root in Quadratic P EF P Is Negative**

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| 32.1000 | 0.4920 | 15.3439 | 1232.4940 | 0.0000 | 0.3353 | 0.4999 |
| 32.2000 | 0.4932 | 15.3452 | 1253.8560 | 0.0000 | 0.3366 | 0.4850 |

**Stress Reversal in Action TEF IS in the Flange**

| 32.3000 | 0.4944 | 15.3464 | 1279.1400 | 0.0000 | 0.3376 | 0.4677 |

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| 32.4000 | 0.4953 | 15.3467 | 1163.7100 | 0.0000 | 0.3386 | 0.4501 |

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| 32.5000 | 0.4964 | 15.3464 | 1066.2600 | 0.0000 | 0.3397 | 0.4313 |

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| 32.6000 | 0.4979 | 15.3459 | 986.7840 | 0.0000 | 0.3407 | 0.4120 |

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| 32.7000 | 0.4996 | 15.3441 | 914.6240 | 0.0000 | 0.3419 | 0.3912 |

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| 32.8000 | 0.5025 | 15.3466 | 855.9620 | 0.0000 | 0.3420 | 0.3697 |

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| 32.9000 | 0.5041 | 15.3469 | 795.7240 | 0.0000 | 0.3439 | 0.3462 |

**Stress Reversal in Action TEF IS in the Flange**

| 33.0000 | 0.5053 | 15.3478 | 735.9240 | 0.0000 | 0.3449 | 0.3216 |

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| 33.1000 | 0.5066 | 15.3476 | 685.6390 | 0.0000 | 0.3460 | 0.2944 |

**Stress Reversal in Action TEF IS in the Flange**

| 33.2000 | 0.5086 | 15.3476 | 635.8390 | 0.0000 | 0.3470 | 0.2653 |

**Stress Reversal in Action TEF IS in the Flange**

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| 33.4000 | 0.5131 | 15.3464 | 545.9240 | 0.0000 | 0.3491 | 0.1926 |

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| 33.5000 | 0.5146 | 15.3464 | 369.1410 | 0.0000 | 0.3501 | 0.1428 |

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**Value in Square Root for P Is Negative**

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VALUE IN SQUARE PCT. FCP P IS NEGATIVE

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ULTIMATE STRENGTH PREDICTIONS FOR BEAMS WITH WEB OPENINGS

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ABSTRACT

A source of error in previous ultimate strength analyses of beams with eccentric web openings is identified, and a method of analysis is developed which eliminates this source of error. The ultimate strength of the beam is defined by a failure mechanism consisting of plastic hinges in the tee sections above and below each edge of the opening. Values of ultimate moment and shear acting concurrently at the center of the opening are determined.

Previous methods of analysis were based on assumed stress distributions causing failure at each of the four plastic hinges. These analyses neglected the possibility of more than one stress reversal point at a hinge. It is shown that multiple stress reversal points must be considered in the eccentric case for low values of shear.

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