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This thesis deals with the effect of beams on the coupling action of slab in slab-wall structures, considering only the linear elastic behaviour.

The bending stiffness of floor slabs is calculated by the finite element method (considering both flexural and in-plane deformations) and the composite action of floor slab and beam coupling a pair of laterally loaded plane shear walls is studied. The width of slab effective as flange
-. of the composite...T-beam.is. evaluated.in the beam-slab structures for various wall configurations. The relative influences of a range of structural parameters on the effective slab بidth are evaluated, and design curves are presented to facilitate their determination in practical situations. The coupling action is found to be influenced by the ratio of beam depth to slab thickness, the ratio of wall opening distance to slab width and the ratio of. flange length to wall openíng distance.
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### 1.1 General

In general, the structural system of a building is a three-dimensional complex assemblage of various combinations of interconnected structural elements. These may be discrete members or they may be continuous assemblages. The primary functions of the structural system are to carry effectively and safely all the loads acting on the building, and eventually to transmit them to the foundation.

In the process of selecting the most suitable structural system for a tall building, several factors have to be consicered and optimized in addition to the height of the building. For this complicated process, no simple clear-cut method is available. The design team must use every available means, imagination, ingenuity, previous experience, and relevant literature to arrive at the best possible solution in each particular case.

In principle, in any structural system, all of the loadresisting systems and components should be equally active and ideally should work together under all types and combinations of design loads. In other words, the parts of the structural system that primarily resist horizontal loads should be able to contribute to the resistance to vertical loads as well. This is, in fact, the case in some structural systems, and many individual components such as floor systems are common to
(or merged together with) horizontal load resisting frames. Even if the two framing systems are discrete and sufficiently separate, one must always consider them as being interrelated. Consequently, their possible interactions should be taken into account.

The most efficient structural system is the one that manages to combine all the structural subsystems or components into a completely integrated system in which most of the elements take part in resisting the loads. However, this ideal case is unlikely to be fully achieved in practice, due to constraints such as efficiency and ease of assembly and construction, .. . manufacturing. of joints, economic considerations, and other requirements.

### 1.2 Framing Systems to Resist Horizontal Loads

An important characteristic of tallness in a building is the relative importance of the lateral load-resisting and lateral stabilizing systems. The normal lateral loads are those due to wind and earthquake. The columns of tall buildings must be stabilized or laterally supported by lateral bracing systems, and the lateral bracing system must resist deformations associated with' the out-of-straightness and plumb of structural members and deformation associated with lateral forces. For low-rise and medium-rise structuresif the analysis andydesign with respect to lateral forces has generally been merely a
process of checking the vertical load-resistant system for its ability to resist lateral forces. However, for tall structures the vertical load-resisting system may not have the capacity to resist lateral forces, or even if it does, the design for lateral forces may add substantially to the structural cost.

In a broad sense there are three fundamental types of lateral resisting elements:

1. Moment resistant frames
2. Braced frames
3. Shear walls

The three fundamental elements are generally in vertical planes and may be placed in one or more of three general locations:

1. Exterior (perimeter)
2. Interior, and
3. Core.

### 1.2.1 Moment Resistant Frames

Moment resistant frames consist of linear, horizontal members (beams) in plane with and connected to linear, vertical member (Columns) with rigid or semirigid goints. A moment resistant frame is identified by the prominence of its flexibility due to flexure of the individual beams and columns and the rotation at their joints. The strength and stiffness of the frame are proportional to the colum and beam size and inversely proportional to the story height and column spacing.

### 1.2.2 Braced. Frames

A braced frame consists of a beam and column frame work infilled with diagonal bracing. It is a system composed entirely of linear members, and is identified by its flexibility due to the shortening and lengthening of the horizontal floor members and theediagonal bracing members. This system has had wide application in structural steel buildings. The braced frame may be used internally in walls or partitions, where it creates a special problem in the fitting of the portion in and around the diagonal members. If used externally, it creats an unusal facade and unsually shaped windows, which are often not considered desirable. Its primary use has been. in and. around cores, where it can be placed in unseen and nonarchitectural spaces. The braced frame is a very stiff and efficient structural system, since it does not involve the flexural deformation of members.

### 1.2.3 Shear Walls

Shear walls may be defined as planar vertical elements distinguished by their relative thinness and substantial length. Shear walls are further identified as having few openings or penetrations, such that they have little or no flexibility due to the flexure of individual pieces of the wall. Their flexibility is generally limited to the sum of overall shear deformation and overturning flexural deformation. Shear walls may be solid or
penetrated with a iimited number of openings. The shear wall may or may not carry substantial gravity loads. The shear wall may be a single bearing wall, a wall connecting two or more columns, or a panel wall fitting the openings of beam column frame. The shear wall system is an efficient structural form for providing lateral strength and stiffness to high-rise buildings. The different types and layouts of shear wall are shown in Fig. 1.1.

More usually, in practical structures, the walls are interćönéeted tarough floor slabs and resist both lateral and gravity loads Fig. 1.2. The floor slabs, besides acting as horizontally rigid diaphragms to collect and distribute the lateral loads among the walls, also provide some restraint against the vertical movements and rotations of the walls. The resulting interaction between the walls and the floor slabs increases the lateral stiffness of the building and reduces the overall stress levels in the walls.

If the bending stiffness of the connecting members or their wall connections is low and they behave effectively as pinnied-end links, the total wind moment at any level will be shared between the walls in proportion to their flexural rigidities, provided that they bear a constant ratio to each other throughout their height. If the walls are geometrically dissimilar, such an assumption, although used often in practice, might lead to gross errors, and it is necessary to perform a more accurate analysis e.g. space frame analysis with computer.


Fig. 1.1(a) Typical shear wall Forms.


T-Shaped cross-wall


Two-Way

Fig. 1.1 (b) Typical Layout of Shear wall.


Fig. $1.2(a)$ Slab and cross-wall Building.


Fig. 1.2(b) Beam - Slab and cross - Wall Building.

The problem is complicated if, in-plane walls are joined by moment-resistant connecting members. When the walls deflect, shears and moments are induced in the connecting beams or slabs, which consequently induce axial forces in the walls. The resulting stæucture is much stiffer and more efficient than the .pinconnected system. The effect of the finite width of a wall subjected to horizontal forces is to impose a significant vertical displacement as well as a rotation on the end of each connecting beam; this causes a much greater effective stiffness of the connecting member than in a column-supported structure.

Coupling Áction of Slab
As it is not always possible to construct solid shear shear walls, pierced walls are adopted to make room for corridors and other service facilities. Now-a-days shear wall-slab structures have become very popular specially for multistoried apartment buildings. The speeial feature of this type of building is that the two rows, of apartments are connected by a common corridor and theqpartition walls are treated as shear walls. As no projecting stems of beams run across the corridor, there is no need for false ceilings and the height of the buildings is appreciably shortened thus accommodating more floors in the same height.

Under the action of lateral forces the walis deflect but not as a true cantilever because of the stiffness of the slabs
connecting them. Fig. 1.3. Moreover, the slabs are quite useful in distributing stresses caused due to non-uniform vertical loading or differential settlement of the walls Fig. 1.3.

## Effect of Beam Stiffness

Shear walls coupled by beams that are monolithic with floor slabs are frequently used in shear wall buildings. A common prastice in the analysis of such coupled shear walls is to disregard the contribution of the siab and assume that the walls are coupled only by a prismatic lintel beam. However, in gravity load design it is standard jractice to include a portion of the slab as a flange for the beams, so that greater moment of resistance is obtained by the composite action.

### 1.3 Objective of the Thesis

a) To: evaluate effective flange width of the connecting beam for various wall configurations and beam depths.
b) To find the principal structural parameters that have a significant effect on effective flange width of the connecting slab.
c) To: provide design guidelines for evaluating the contribution of slabs in coupling shear walls.

(a) Horizontal load on slab and wall structure.

(b) Unequal Loading

(c) Differential Settlement.

Fig. 1.3 Redistribution of Load Through slabs

### 1.4 Scope of the Thesis

Scope of the thesis is restricted to the study of theelastic behaviour of the system.

The following wall shapes have been studied:
a) A pair of planar walls.
b) A pair of T-shaped walls with flanges at the corridor edge.
c) A pair of I-shaped walls.
d) One T-shaped and another planar wall, having flanges at the corridor edge for $T$-shaped wall.

The analysis is carried out neglecting the influence of wall thickness. So when the ratio of wall thickriess to wall opening length is very high these results may not be applied.

## REV IEW OF LITERATURE

### 2.1 Introduction

A typical floor system in a building consists of either:-
a) flat slabs supported only on vertical load-bearing elements (walls, columns or suspenders).
or
b) slabs supported on beams which rest on walls and/or columns.
. of an 'effective width of slab' sin flat slab-wall system or as a flange of a T-beam in a slab-beam-wall system in restraining the vertical movements of the walls. These widths are usually fixed by intuition and engineering judgement. One of the empirical guides for slabs connecting… in-line pairs of wall is that if, on the plan of the slab, $45^{\circ}$ lines are drawn from the inner edges of the walls, then the width of the slab that lies within the points of inter-section of these lines is effective in providing bending stiffness, Fig. 2.1. Till now, the assumption regarding the value of effective width of slab varies from designer to designer and this is mostly done arbitrarily without going deep into mathematical details.


Fig. 2.1 Empirical rule for calculating effective width.

### 2.2 Shear Wall-Slab System


$\therefore$ an Ancommon form. of construction for multi-story apartment buildings consists of shear walls and floor slabs, in which the coupling of the cross-walls by the floor slabs has led to an efficient structural system for resisting lateral loads. The structural analysis and design of slab-coupled shear wall system may readily be performed using existing techniques for beam-coupled wall structures, provided that the equivalent width of the slab which acts effectively as a wide coupling beam, or it's corresponding structural stiffness, can be assessed.

Only a limited number of research publication is available, the earliest paper being written by Khan and Sbarounis (1). They attemptestuto prepare a set of suitable design curves for effective width of slab in flat slab structures/ They regarded effective width as a function of width and span of slab. They
also considered effective width as a function of column thickness. According to their investigation effective width increase's with decreasing width/span ratio and increasing column thickness/span ratio.

Barnard and Schwaighofer (2) used Rosman theory with simplification to solve for stresses'in shear walls connected solely through slabs. They assumed the entire width of the slab to be effective and verified the theoretical analysis by model tests of shear walls connected by slabs of various widths. The discussions of the same paper by Choudhury (3) Quadeer (4) and Michael (5) revealed that taking the entire slab width as effective may lead to a serious error in the calculation of stresses.

Choudhury (6) tested an asbestos cement model of a coupled shear wall structure and reached the indirect conclusion that for the particular structure, only $25 \%$. of the total width was effective. He came to the similar conclusions through an analysis of floor slabs by finite element method.

Huq (7) tested a number of steel models. He attempted to prepare a set of suitable design curves for effective width of sláb in flat plate structures. He evaluated effective width for different shapes of shear walls. He also evaluated effective width as a function of corridor width and width of slab itself. According to his investigation effective width increases with increasing corridor width/slab width ratio.

Quadeer and Stafford Smith ${ }^{(8)}$ analysed the slab by finite difference method and through experiments, which gave results very close to those from theoretical studies. They produced a set of curves with slab width, cantilever width, corridor width, and the width of the shear walls, as variables for effective width. Ffrom those curves it is seen that effective width is a functions of all these parameters, while a close inspection reveals that the slab widthhand corridor width have the most significant effect on the effective width. Michael ${ }^{(9)}$ showed that a single curve can be draun with all the data presented by Quadeer and Smith. He also tried to fit into it another curve, having equation $(L / Y+0.8)(1-Y / Y)=0.9$, where, $L$ is the corridor width $Y$ is the slab width and $Y_{e}$ is the effective width of the slab.

Pulmano, Black and Kabila(10) analysed an eight-story flat slab building by finite element method. In order to verify the correctness of the approximate values of effective width of slabs, given by AC I 318-63 where full width is specified and that given by the equation presented by Michael, they analysed the equivalent frame taking the effective width of slabs as connecting beams and concluded that the latter one is nearer to the results obtained by finite element analysis.

Coull (11) tested a perspex model with closer transuerse spacing of ortkagonal system walls and found that the stiffening effect of thé close-spaced walls upon the floor/ slab is a major factor in calculating the effective width of the coupling floor
slabs. He also used Rosman's theory in calculating the resulting stresses which compared favourably with those obtained experimentally. He is of the opinion that in the particular type of cases the value of the effective width is greater than the full width of the slab.

The influence of orthogónal walls acting as flanges has been examined theoretically using the finite element method by Tso and Mahmoud (22). They used finite element technique to obtain the stiffness of the slab coupled shear wall system. The configurations of the wall systems included slab coupled planar walls, $T$ section walls; and box section core-walls. There final aim was to prepare design curves in terms of the efféctive width of the slab between shear walls. They pointed out the fact that the additional stiffening effect from the coupling slab is significant only when the wall opening is small.

Coull and Wong. (12) analysed coupled shear walls with different shear wall configuration by finite element method. They prepared sets of design curves. They investigated theoretically the variation of the effective slab width or stiffness with different geometrical layoüt parameters. They evaluated effective slab width as a function of wall length, slab width, wall opening width for a pair of inline plane coupled shear wall configuration. They concluded from the curves of $Y e / Y$ vs. $W / L$ for the $t$ wo ratios of $L / Y-0.5$ and 1.5 that the effect of
variation in wall length may be disregarded in the evaluation of effective slab width, so long as the influence of the ratio $L / Y$ is considered, they recommended that the effect of dissimilar wall lengths in a pair of coupled walls may be disregarded if the ratio of the shorter wall length to the wall opening is greater than 0.5. They also concluded that the influence of slab width is strong when $Y / X$ is smaller than $L / X$, but when $Y / X$ is larger than $L / X$ the influence of slab width diminishes rapidly. Increasing the slab width beyond a value of about three times the wall opeaing width appears to have virtually no effect on the effective slab width for a particular wall opening width. They showed that the influence of $L / X$ on $Y e / X$ for a particular value of $Y / X$ is almost identical to the infiluence of $Y / X$ on $Y_{e} / X$ for the same value of $L / X$. They formulated the equation of a generalized design curve as $Y_{e} / Y \neq L / Y(1-0.4$ $L / Y$ ). They also evaluated slab width for flanged shear wall configuration and found that the presence of external wall flanges increases the effective width of the slab by less than 4\% for the extreme case considered. They concluded that the influence of external wall flanges may be safely disregarded. 2.3 Shear Wall - Beams - Slab System

Shear walls coupled by lintel beams that are monolithic with floor slabs are frequently used in shear wall buildings. A common practice in the analysis of such coupled shear walls
is to disregard the contribution of the slab and assume that the walls are coupled only by a prismatic beam. However, in gravity load design it is standard practice to include a portion of the slab as a flange for the beam, so that a greater moment of resistance is obtained by the composite action. While under ultimate load conditions it may be sound practice to ignore the contribution of the slab because flange sections may be cracked at points of negative bending moment, there is no reason why under working load conditions in which the structural"behaviour is sensibly linearly elastic, the beneficial stiffening effect of the slab should not be included in an analysis of the coupled shear walls.

Although a number of studies have been made of the behaviour of slabs coupling shear walls, as reviewed in the preceding article, no information had been published until 1984 when Could and Wong (13) published their papèí:oncthe action of floor slabs acting compositively with lintel beams. They. analysed the composite behaviour of al intel and slab coupling a pair of laterally, loaded shear walls by the finite element method. They evaluated the stiffening effect and the effective width of the slab acting as the flange of a composite T-beam for a range of structural parameters. The variables which were involved in the structural geometry of a typical floor panel coupling a pair of shear walls included the slab, width $Y$, the wall opening, $L$ ', the wall length, $w$; the slab thickness, $t$, the
lintel width, $b$, and depth, d. They found that the composite stiffness.ratio and effective flange width, $Y_{e} / Y$, increased substantially with the wall opening width, L/t, over the range of values considered. The influence of wall opening width, however, tends to become-less important with larger values of $L / t$. They also concluded that for practicalpurposes, the effect of variations in lintel width may be disregarded in the evaluation of effective flange width. They also found that the composite stiffness ratio decreases with an increase in lintel depth and the effective flange width on the other hand increases with lintel depth.

It is seen that the effective flange width values for - the practical range of relative lintel depths considered are substantially lower than the effective width for the limiting case of a flat slab floor without linté beam.

## THEO RETICAL ANAL YSIS AND PROGR AM DEVELOPMENT

### 3.1 Introduction

Shear walls coupled by beams that are monolithic with floor slabs are a common type of construction for apartment buildings. The load bearing shear walls have a dual function of resisting the gravity and lateral loads, resulting in an efficient use of materials. Further savings may be achieved by taking into account the effect of coupling between shears walls by lintel beams. Depending on the plan configuration and dimensions, the floor slabs can provide substantial w:reinerease of tlateral rstiffness, towtherwholeubilding; thus reducing the sway effect due to lateral loads.

The composite behaviour of a beam and slab coupling a pair of laterally loaded shear walls is investigated by the finite element method. The finite element method is being applied extensively in plate bending problems, since it was first used by Adini and Clough (14) and Melosh (-15) : Jenkins and. Harrison (16) suggested the use of this method in calculating the stiffness of slabs in shear core structures. One of the major advantages in using the finite element method in the present problem is the comparative ease with which it can be incorporated into a general programme for analysing the equivalent frame, which is, in essence, also a finite' element procedure.

### 3.2 Assumptions Made in the Analysis

In order to limit the structural parameters involved to only the most significant, the investigation is limited to the study of the interior bay of a cross-wall structure, assumed to have a large number of bays in the longitudinal direction and one bay in the transverse direction.

It is assumed that under the action of lateral forces, the walls deflect equally due to the high in-plane stiffness of the floor slabs. As a result, the slopes of the walls are equal at all levels. An application of the standard slope defiection equations for prismatic beams then shows that, :urnorndersthese conditions, the endrmoments are equal and a point .- of contraflexure occurs at the mid span position of each beam (6) This assumption is sufficiently accurate for design purposes, unless one wall is very small compared to the other.

A study made by Coull and Wong (12) of walls coupled by slabs alone has shown that the effects of dissimilar wall lengths may be disregarded, provided that the length of the smaller wall is greater than about half the length of opening '..between walls, which will be true in almost all practical situations.

### 3.3 Stiffness of Coupling Beam

The shear walls resist the lateral loads on the structure, due to wind or earthquake effects, by cantilever bending action,
which results in rotations of wall cross-sections. The'free bending of a pair of shear walls is resisted by the lintel beams together with the floor slabs, which are forced to rotate and bend out of plane where they are connected rigidly to the walls Fig. 3.1(b).

Due to the large depth of the wall, considerable differential shearing action is imposed on the connecting beam, which develops transverse reactions to resist the wall deformations Fig. 3.1(c), and induces tensile and compressive axial forcës into the walls. As a result of the large lever arm involved, relatively small axial forces can give rise to substantial. moments..of. resistance, thereby..reducing. greatly the wind moments in the walls, and the resultinggtensile stresses at the windward edges. The lateral stiffness of the structure is also considerably increased. A similar situation arises if relative vertical deformation of the walls occurs, due to unequal verticałıloading on the walls or to differential foundation settlement. The effect on the connecting beam is similar to that produced by parallel wall rotation by bending Fig. 3.1(d) and 3.1(e).

Let us consider the elastic deformation of a beam of clear span $L$ coupling a pair of shear walls with centroidal axes distance, $L_{c}$ apart undergoing parallel rotations, $\theta$, under the actions of wind moments. $M_{1}$ and $M_{2} F i g$. 3.2(a). /As is customary in such analyses it is assumed that plane sections of the wall


Fig. 3.1 Structural action of coupled shear wall-slab structure.


Fig. 3.2 Wall rotations as the sum of individual $\begin{aligned} & \text { wall rotation. }\end{aligned}$
remain plane if. bending. The deformations of the walls in Fig. 3.2(a) can be viewed as the sum of the deformation in Fig. 3.2(b) and in Fig. 3.2(c).

For Case I

(e)
we have

$$
\begin{align*}
& m_{1}=4 E I_{e} \theta / L+6 E I_{e}^{a} \theta / L^{2} \\
& m_{2}=2 E I_{e} \theta / L+6 E I_{e}^{a} \theta / L^{2}
\end{align*}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\because P_{1} & =\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right) / L
\end{aligned}=\left(6 E I_{e} / L^{2}+\ddot{1}_{2} E I_{e} a / L^{3}\right) \theta: 3.3
$$

## Similarly from Case II

$$
\begin{align*}
& m_{22}=\frac{4 E I e}{L}\left(1+3 b / L+3 b^{2} / L^{2}\right) \theta \\
& M_{12}=\frac{4 E I e}{L}\left(1 / 2+3(a+b) / 2+3 a b / L^{2}\right) \theta
\end{align*}
$$

$\because m_{1}=M_{11}+M_{12}=\frac{4 E I e}{L}\left(3 / 2+3(3 a+b) / \chi L+3\left(a^{2}+a b\right) / L^{2}\right) \theta$

$$
m_{1}=\frac{6 E I e}{L} \cdot \frac{(L+2 a) L}{L^{2}} \theta
$$

$\because \quad m_{1} / \theta=\frac{6 E I}{L} e \frac{(L+2 a) L}{L^{2}}$
and $\quad M_{2}=\frac{4 E I e}{L}\left(3 / 2+3(a+3 b) \overline{/ 2 L}+3\left(a b+b^{2}\right) / L^{2}\right) \theta$
$\because \quad M_{2}=\frac{6 \bar{E} I e}{L} \cdot \frac{(L+2 b) L}{L^{2}} \theta$

$$
\frac{M_{2}}{\theta}=\frac{6 E I e}{L} \frac{(L+2 b) L}{L}
$$

For symmetric walls, we have $a=b-$
and equations 3.8 and 3.9 become

$$
m_{V}=M_{1}=m_{2}=\frac{6 E I e}{L} \cdot \frac{L_{c}^{2}}{L^{2}} \theta
$$

The coupling stiffness of the beam, which may be defined in terms of the moment-rotation relationship for the wall,

$$
\frac{\eta}{\theta}=\frac{6 E I}{L} e\left(\frac{L}{L}\right)^{2}
$$

The moment-rotation relationship for a pair of shear walls coupled by a lintel beam with the floor slab can be evaluated by a finite element analysis, allowing the effective second moment of area for the composite coupling medium to be obtained from Eq. (3.11) for equal wall lengths or either from (3.8a) or from Eq. (3.9a) for unequal wall length.

### 3.4 Effec̣tive Flange Width of Lomposite Coupling Beam (13)

In common with gravity load design, a portion of the floor slab may be assumed to act as the flange of a T-beam. Using effective second moment of area, $I_{e}$, it.can be shown that the effective flange width $Y_{e}$ is given by


Fig. 3.3 Composite coupling beam cross-section.

$$
Y_{e}=b+\frac{c+\left(c^{2}+48 t^{2} A_{w}\left(I_{e}-I_{w}\right)\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2 t^{3}}
$$

in which $b=$ the width of the beam.; $t=t h e$ slab thickness $\Sigma=12\left(I_{e}-I_{w}\right)-A_{w}\left(t^{2}+12 e^{2}\right) ; e=$ the eccentricity between the centroids of the web and flange sections, and $I_{w}$ second moment of area for the web Fig. 3.3.

### 3.5 Finite Element Analysis of Slab and Beam

The slab that is monolithic with the lintel beam is subjected to membrane as well as bending effects under composite coupling action. In order to model this behaviour adequately, the -slab- is represented by a rectangular flat shell element and beam: by the beam element with degrees of freedom similar to those of shell element node. The element used is obtained by combining a standard plate bending element. with three degrees of freedom at each node (transverse displacement and rotations about the $x$ and $y$-axes) with a standard plane stress element with two degrees of freedom at each node (in-plane displacements in $x$ and $y$-directions) so that thé flexural as well as the membrane characteristics are incorporatedin the same element.

For the lintel, the beam is divided into elements as shoún in Fig: 3.4. From the assumptions that slab and beam acts compositely, stiffness matrïces corresponding to the beam's centroidal nodes are obtained first and than transformed to the corresponding nodes of flat shell element which are assumed to be rigidly connected with the centroidal nodes of beams by rigid links.


Fig. 3.4 Typical finite element idealization of seam
and floor slab.

### 3.5.1 Flat Elements

The classical methods for analyzing shell structures yield governing differential equations whose complexity depends greatly on shell geometry. Analytical solutions of these equations, are, available ;only for shells with simple :geometric forms and for restricted boundary conditions.

The finite element method, which was introduced in the fifties, is a completely general approach for the solution of problem in stress analysis. The finite element method implies an idealization of the shell surface as an assemblage of discrete structural elements. The stiffness properties of the individual
elements are evaluated from an assumed set of displacement patterns. These displacement patterns or functions should include:

1. All rigid body motions
2. Constant strain and curvature states-

Planar quadrilateral elements may be used for the analysis of shells for which groups of four surface points lying in one and the same plane can be conveniently found.

It is important to emphasize that when using planar elements, errors of a geometric nature are introduced in addition to the errors associated with the assumed displacement functions. However, these geometrical errors diminish with decreasing mesh size.

The structural idealization and its subsequent discretization is achieved by dividing the continum into a number of rectangular, triangular, quadrilateral or arbitrarily shaped elements. In the present. analysis, rectangular elements have been used. Although it has been shown that rectangular elements give better results than triangular elements, the major disadvantage of these elements is the difficulty encountered in dealing with irregular, curved boundaries. Most of the shear walls are built tosa rectangular module and the slabs are also regular in shape so this difficulty should not arise in analysing slab coupled with shear walls and beams.

Analysis of shell structures by the finite element method was first basedion the pure membrane theory, and made use of the
txiangular constant strain element. However, a satisfactory shell element must contain both the plane stress and the. plate bending stiffnesses. If the relative displacements for a planar shell ielement are small, the membrane or in-plane action and the bending action are uncoupled within each element. Thie stiffness matrix for the shell element may therefore be obtained. by superimposing two independently derived stiffness matrices:

1. The stiffness matrix for a plane stress finite element.
2. The stiffness matrix for a plate bending finite element.

The use of flat plate elements for analysis of shells was first presented by Zienkiewicz and Cheung (177) and by Clough and Tocher (18). It is easy to generate stiffness matrix for a flat element. The shell element has three translational and two rotational degrees of freedom of each model point, as shown inafig. 3.5. The rotation, about an axis normal to the element is not included among the nodal parameters. This may lead. to some difficulties when. transforming the element stiff--riess matrix to the global coordinate system. This problem may. be overcome by transforming only the translational degrees of freedom to the global coordinate system. The rotational degrees of freedom were transformed to a common tangent plane at each nodal point, neglecting the rotations about thé axis normal to this plane.


Flat Shell Element

Fig. 3.5 Rectangular flat shell element with 5 degrees of freedom at each node.
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The flat element is simple to formulate, easy to describe by input data, easy to mix with other element types, and - capable of rigid.body motion without strain. The stiffness matrix of the shell element will first be established in a local coordinate system. The element-and the convention adapted for the local coordinate system are shown in Fig. 3.6.


Fig. 3.6 Planar shell element in local coordinate system.


Fig. 3.7 Nodal displacement and force components:

Each of the four nodes is considered to have three displace: ment and t'wo rotation components in space as nodal parameters.

Thus there are 5 parameters related to each node. The parameters
are denoted as shown in Fig. 3.7a and b. The corresponding stress: resultants are denoted as shown in Fig. 3. 7c and d. The quantities defined in Fig. 3.7 are assembled in the following vectors.

$$
\left\{\underline{d}_{i}=\left[\begin{array}{c}
u \\
v \\
\omega \\
\theta_{x} \\
\theta_{y}
\end{array}\right] \quad\left\{\underline{E}_{i}=\left[\begin{array}{l}
P_{x} \\
P_{y} \\
P_{z} \\
M_{x} \\
M_{y}
\end{array}\right]\right.\right.
$$

where index $i$ denote node number $i$. The total vectors of nodal parameters and nodal stress resultants for the element are

$$
\{\underline{d}\}=\left[\begin{array}{l}
\underline{d}_{1} \\
\underline{d}_{2} \\
\underline{d}_{3}
\end{array}\right] \quad\{\underline{E}\}=\left[\begin{array}{l}
\underline{E}_{1} \\
\underline{E}_{2} \\
\underline{E}_{3}
\end{array}\right]
$$

The quantities $F$ and $d$ are related by the equations

$$
\{\underline{F}\}=[\underline{K}]\{\underline{\Delta}\}
$$

where [K] is the stiffness matrix of the shell element referred to local coordinates.

Provided that the relative displacements, within the element are small, which is the usual assumption of linear structural theory, the in-plane action and the bending action are uncoupled.

The plane stress stiffness will be discussed in Art. 3.5.2, is chosen to describe the in-plane action and given in the form as shown in Eq. (3.16).


In Eq. 3.16 displacements and stress resultants related to node number 1 have been listed first, followed by the corresponding quantities for nodes number 2, 3 and 4. The superscript P has been added to denote plane stress.

The plate bending element with 12 degrees of freedom will discussed in Art: 3.5 .3 is chosen for bending action. The stiffness matrix for this element is given in Eq. 3.17.


In Eq. 3.17 the parameters have again been arranged in subvectors related to the nodes $1,2,3$ and 4 respectively, and in each subvector the displacement-normal to the plane of the plate has been placed first.

All necessary information for the formation of the stiffness natrix of Eq. 3.15 is now available. It only remains to place the submatrices of Eqs. 3.16 and 3.17 in the right positions in. $\left[\frac{K}{K}\right]$. The procedure is shown in Fig. 3.8 for the top four submatrices in $[\underline{K}]$. The remaining 8 submatrices are formed in the same manner.

In-plane action ( $8 \times 8$ )
Bending action (12×12)


Fig. 3. 8. Construction of the stiffness matrix for the shell element by use of stiffness matrices for plane stress and plate bending.

### 3.5.2 Plane Stress Element

Isoparametric quadratic plane elements are used to. . develop stiffness matrix for the in̄plane action. Any standard text can provide the formulation required for developing the plane stress stiffness matrix. The author uses the formulation given by Bathe and wilson (19)

### 3.5.3 Plate Bending Element

The finite element method is being applied extensively in plate bending problems, since it was. first used by Adini and Clough (14) and Melosh (15). In order to evaluate the stiffness matrix of the individual elements, the displacement patterns within the elements have to be assumed. The accuracy of the finite element procedure depends directly on the extent to which the assumed displacement functions are able to reproduce the actual distortions in the continuum. Clough and Tocher (20) have carried out a comparative study of the various displacement functions which have been suggested for use in plate bending problems. Ihey studied 3 shapes suggested for rectiangular elements and 4 shapes for triangular elements and from 280 different analyses of different plates, they concluded that 'two of' the rectangular elements ( $M$ and ACM) and the compatible triangular element (HCT1) provide very satisfactory analyses when used in the finite element analyses of platè beriding. These two rectangular element are somewhat more accurate than the triangular element, particularly when
a coarse mesh is used and therefore are to be recommended for the analysis of any system in which the boundaries fit the rectangular co-ordinate area. Since floor slabs are usually composed ofirectangular areas, it was decided to use rectangular elemerit's.

The ACM: displacement function is 12 term polynomial $w=a_{1}+a_{2} x+a_{3} y+a_{4} x^{2}+a_{5} x y+a_{6} y^{2}+a_{7} x^{3}$

$$
+a_{8} x^{2} y+a_{9} x y^{2}+a_{10} y^{3}+a_{11} x y^{3}+a_{12} x y^{3}
$$

The element stiffness matrix derived from the above displacement function is shown in Appendix-A.

### 3.5.4 Beam Element

In the present analysis the beam is assumed to act compositely with the slab coupling it. So it will not be unjustified to take as much degrees of freedom in the beam node as in the slab nodal point: So the degrees of freedom and convention taken is shown in the Fig. 3.9 and 3.10.

It is to be noted that since $\overline{\text { the }}$ analyses are carried on the floor slab elements only and since the plane of slab can be any; of the plane of Global coordinate plane there is no need for tranṣforming slab element stiffness matrix from local to Global stiffness matrix. Also in general the beam elements are in orthogonal direction, so two types of beam elements are used, one in x-direction Fig. 3. $\mathrm{g}^{\prime \prime}$ and other in Y-direction Fig. 3. 10.




Fig. 3.9- Beam element inim-direction.


Fig. 3.10. Beam element Y-direction.

The element stiffness matrix with 5 degrees of freedom for both types of beam element are shown in Appendix-A.

### 3.5.5 Rigid Links (Composite Elements)

Lintel beam is assumed to act compositely with the slab. Usually the neutral surfaces of the plate and beam are not coincident. Therefore, to keep displacement compatibility between beam element and plate and to reduce the total number of nodes, beam stiffness matrix is developed for the degrees of freedom of the adjacent plates node connected with the beam. A standard preliminary treatment is to connectadjacent plate and beam nodes by rigid link, so.that d.e.f of the beam are replaced by d.o.f of the plate. The usual assembly is then possible. The necessary transformation is now described.


Fig. 3.11 Nodes 1 and 2 of beam element are made slave to nodes $k$ and $\ell$ by rigid links 1 k and $2 \ell$.

The beam element used has 10 d.o.f - 5 at node 1. and 5 at node 2. With reference to these d.o.f, element load and stiffness matrices are $\underline{I}^{\prime}$ and $K^{\prime}$. Similar d.o.f. are used at modes $k$ and $\ell$ of the rigid links $1 k$ and $2 \ell$. The "master" d.o.f. at node $k$ and."slave" d.o.f at node 1 have the relation


* where $\left[\underline{\lambda}_{1}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{ccccc}1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -e_{1} \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1\end{array}\right] \quad 3.19$
where $e_{1}=$ eccentricity between plate no ide and beams centroidal !node. (+va if plate a neutral plane is above the beam neutral plane):

A similar expression is written for link $2 \ell$ by replacing subscripts 1 and $k$ by 2 and $\ell$. The transformed arrays $\{r\}$ and $[\underline{k}]$ associated with d.o.f at nodes $k$ and $\ell$, are
and $[\underline{k}]=[\underline{T}]^{T}\left[\underline{k}^{\prime}\right][I]$

$$
\{\underline{I}\}=[I]^{\top} \quad\left\{I^{\prime}\right\}
$$



### 3.5.6 Degrees of Freedom of the Floor Slab

In general, each nodeal point in the flat shell has five degrees of freedom $u, v, w, ~ \theta_{x}, \theta_{y}$. In the case of flat shell supported on walls and columns, stiffness values are necessary in the overall, analysis of the structure for only those degrees of freedom which correspond to the unknown -displacements of the walls and columns. For example, in
Fig. 3.12, stiffness of nodes $A_{1}, A_{2}, A_{3}, A_{4}, A_{5}, A_{6}$ and $B_{1}, B_{2}$, $B_{3}$ will be sufficient in carrying out the overall analysis of


Fig. 3.12 Finite element idealization of floor slab.
the structure. Thus, it is not necessary to incorporate the full finite element stiffness matrix of the slab in the analysis of walls. Instead, stiff to only those nodes which are coipled to the walls will suffice.

In the analysis of walls, it is assumed that plane sections of the walls before bending remain plane after bending. This implies that in order to maintain full compatibility with the wall. displacements, the displacements of the floor nodes directly connected to the walls (viz. $A_{1}, A_{2}, A_{3}, A_{4}, A_{5}, A_{6}, B_{1}, B_{2}$ $B_{3}$ in Fig. 3.12) must also be linearly related. Consequently, displacements for all the nodes connected to any particular wall may be referred to only one node (ôiz. displacements of $B_{1}$ and $B_{2}$ may be referred to the displacements of $B_{3}$ ). So the nodes in the floor slab may be classified into the following categories:-
i) nodes which are completely free to displace and hence no nodal forces prodūced.
ii) nodes which are rigidly connected to other nodes and hence their displacements bear a linear relationship with each other.


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In Fig. 3.13, nodes 2, 3, 4, 17, 22, 32, 33, 34 and 35 fall into the first category.

The displacements of all nodes lying on wall 1 , node nos. 2,3,4, are linearly related to each other and these may be expressed in terms of the displacements of any of the $3^{-}$ nodes. Taking node 3 as the reference node:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& u_{2}=u_{3} \\
& v_{2}=v_{3}, \text { as we neglect the inplane rotation } \\
& w_{2}=w_{3}-\left(y_{3}-y_{2}\right) \theta_{x, 3}+\left(x_{3}-x_{2}\right) \theta_{y, 3} \\
& \theta_{x, 2}=\theta_{x, 3} \\
& \theta_{y, 2}=\theta_{y, 3} \\
& {\left[\delta_{2}\right]=\left[\tau_{2}\right]\left[\delta_{3}\right]}
\end{aligned}
$$

or
and

$$
\begin{aligned}
& u_{4}=u_{3} \\
& v_{4}=v_{3} \\
& w_{4}=w_{3}-\left(y_{3}-y_{4}\right) \theta_{x, 4}+\left(x_{3}-x_{4}\right) \theta_{y, 3} \\
& \theta_{x, 4}=\theta_{x, 3} \\
& \theta_{y, 4}=\theta_{y, 3}
\end{aligned}
$$

or $\left[\delta_{4}\right]=\left[\tau_{4}\right] \quad\left[\delta_{3}\right]$
Similar equations may be written for the other walls. Although, in the analysis of the floor slab, the reference node may be selected arbitrarily, as long as it lies on the wall, these stiffnesses have to be transformed to correspond to the wall-centroids before they can be incorporated into the equivalent frame programme for the analysis of walls.

### 3.5.7 Condensation of the Stiffness Matrix ${ }^{(6)}$

Let $[\underline{K}]\{\underline{u}\}=\{\underline{p}\}$
represent the nodal equilibrium equations for the finite element idealization of the floor. .....
$\underline{K}$ is the stiffness matrix assembled byythe superposition Of nodal sțiffnesses, obtained from element stiffness matrices. U is the displacement vector which refers to all the displacements.
and $\underline{P}$ is the load vector corresponding to the'se displacements.

The displacement $\underline{u}$ contains all the possible degrees of freedom of the discretized structure, $5 \times$ (number of nodal points). Let this displacement vector be partitioned into three vectors:
i) $\underline{U}_{1}$ which refers to the displacementsof nodal points.:taken as reference points.
ii) $\underline{U}_{2}$ which refers to thie displacements of the nodal points rigidly connected to the reference nodes in (i) and iii) $\underline{U}_{3}$ which refers to the displacements of all other nodal points that are not on the walls (ive, free nodes).

Let the load vector $\underline{P}$ be partitioned into vectors $\underline{P}_{1}, \underline{P}_{2}$ and $\underline{P}_{3}$ corresponding to the displacements, $\underline{\underline{U}}_{1}, \underline{\underline{U}}_{2}$ and $\underline{U}_{3}$ ${ }^{-}$ respectively.

$$
\text { So }\{\underline{\underline{u}}\}=\left[\begin{array}{l}
\underline{u}_{1} \\
\underline{u}_{2} \\
\underline{u}_{3}
\end{array}\right] \text { and }\{\underline{p}\}=\left[\begin{array}{l}
\underline{p}_{1} \\
\underline{p}_{2} \\
\underline{p}_{3}
\end{array}\right]
$$

3.23
3. 24

The stiffness matrix K may be partitioned to giveethe submatrices corresponding to the three groups of displacements:
$\left[\begin{array}{lll}\underline{\mathrm{K}}_{11} & \underline{\mathrm{~K}}_{12} & \underline{\mathrm{~K}}_{13} \\ \underline{K}_{21} & \underline{\mathrm{~K}}_{22} & \underline{\mathrm{~K}}_{23} \\ \underline{K}_{31} & \underline{\mathrm{~K}}_{32} & \underline{\mathrm{~K}}_{33}\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{l}\underline{u}_{1} \\ \underline{\mathrm{u}}_{2} \\ \underline{\mathrm{u}}_{3}\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{l}\underline{\mathrm{P}}_{1} \\ \underline{\mathrm{P}}_{2} \\ \underline{\mathrm{P}}_{3}\end{array}\right]$

Since the displacement vectors $\underline{U}_{1}$ and $\underline{U}_{2}$ are related to each other linearly,...

$$
\left\{\underline{U}_{2}\right\}=\left[\underline{I}_{-1}\right] \quad\left\{\underline{U}_{1}\right\}
$$

where $I_{1}$ is a linear transformation matrix.
Foi example, in the plate shown inifig. 3.13, taking nodes $3,1.7$ and 34 as the reference nodes for walls 1,2 , and 3 respectively.

Displacements of nodes 3,17 , and 34 Form displacement vector $\underline{-1}_{1}$
Displacements of nodes $2,4,22,32$, Form the displacement vector $\underline{U}_{2}$
Displacements of-nodes the remaining nodes

Form the displacement vector $\mathrm{U}_{3}$

The transformation matrix, relating $\underline{\underline{U}}_{2}$ and $\underline{U}_{3}$, may bè written by inspection of the deflected shape. Keeping in view that; as plane sections of the wall before bending are assumed to remain plane after bending, all the nodes connected to a particular: wall must also lie on the same plane after bending. Hence, the slopes at the nodes must be the same and the vertical deflections must be linearly related.

The transformation matrix $T_{1}$ may, from Eqs. 3.21.
or $\left\{\underline{u}_{2}\right\}=\left[\underline{I}_{1}\right]\left\{\underline{u}_{1}\right\}$
3.27
where,


Similarly $, \underline{\lambda}_{4}, \underline{\lambda}_{5}, \underline{\lambda}_{6}$ can be derived.
Therefore,

$$
\left\{\underline{\underline{u}\}}=\left[\begin{array}{c}
\underline{u}_{1} \\
\underline{u}_{2} \\
\underline{u}_{3}
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{c}
\underline{u}_{1} \\
\underline{I}_{1} u_{1} \\
\underline{u}_{3}
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{ll}
\underline{I} & \underline{0} \\
\underline{I}_{1} & \underline{0} \\
\underline{0} & I
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{l}
\underline{u}_{1} \\
\underline{u}_{3}
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{l}
I_{2}
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{l}
\underline{u}_{1} \\
\underline{u}_{3}
\end{array}\right]\right.
$$

where

$$
\left[\underline{I}_{-2}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{ll}
\underline{I} & 0 \\
\underline{I}_{1} & \underline{0} \\
\underline{O} & \underline{I}
\end{array}\right]
$$

and I represents unit matrices, of such order as to make themconforming for multiplication with the appropriate vectors.

Applying the contragredient relationship that exist between the forces and displacements to Eq. 3.28.

$$
-\left[\begin{array}{l}
\underline{P}_{1} \\
\underline{P}_{3}
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{l}
I_{2}^{*} \\
2^{\prime}
\end{array}\right] \cdot\left[\begin{array}{l}
\underline{P}_{1} \\
\underline{P}_{2} \\
\underline{P}_{3}
\end{array}\right]
$$

3. 32

Writing K in its partitioned form, as inneq. (3.25) and substituting the values of $I_{2}$ and $I_{2}^{*}$,

$$
\left[\begin{array}{lll}
\underline{I} & \underline{I}_{1}^{*} & \underline{0} \\
\underline{Q} & \underline{Q} & \underline{I}
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{lll}
\underline{K}_{11} & \underline{K}_{12} & \underline{K}_{13} \\
\underline{K}_{21} & \underline{K}_{22} & \underline{K}_{23} \\
\underline{K_{31}} & \underline{K}_{32} & \underline{K_{3}}
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{ll}
\underline{I} & \underline{0} \\
\underline{I}_{1} & \underline{0} \\
\underline{O} & \underline{I}
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{l}
\underline{U}_{1} \\
\underline{U}_{3}
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{l}
\underline{P}_{1} \\
\underline{\rho}_{3}
\end{array}\right]
$$

Carrying out the matrix multiplication, and noting that, since the displacement vector $u_{3}$ refers to nodal displacements which do not have any external restraint imposed on them, the caresponcing load vector $\mathrm{P}_{3}$ must be zero,

Eliminating $\underline{U}_{3}$ from Eq. 3.34,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \begin{array}{l}
{\left[\underline{K}_{11}+\underline{I}_{1}^{*} \underline{K}_{21}+\underline{K}_{12} \underline{I}_{1}^{i+}+\underline{I}_{1}^{*} \underline{K}_{22} \underline{I}_{1}\right)-\left(\underline{K}_{13}+\underline{I}_{1}^{*} \cdot \underline{K}_{23}\right)} \\
\left.\times\left(\underline{K}_{33}^{-1}\right)\left(\underline{K}_{31}+\underline{K}_{32} \underline{T}_{1}\right)\right]\left[\underline{L}_{1}\right]=\left[\underline{Q}_{1}\right]
\end{array} \\
& \text { or }\left[\underline{K}_{-}\right]\left[\underline{U}_{1}\right]=\left[\underline{p}_{1}\right] \\
& 3.35
\end{aligned}
$$

where

$$
\begin{align*}
{\left[\underline{K}_{c}\right]=} & {\left[\left(\underline{K}_{11}+\underline{I}_{1}^{*} \cdot \underline{K}_{21}+\underline{K}_{12} \underline{I}_{1}+\underline{I}_{1}^{*} \cdot \underline{K}_{22} \underline{I}_{1}\right)\right.} \\
& -\left(\underline{K}_{13}+\underline{I}_{1}^{*}\left(\underline{K}_{23}\right)\left(\underline{K}_{33}-1\right)\left(\underline{K}_{31}+\underline{K}_{32} \underline{T}_{1}\right)\right]
\end{align*}
$$

is the condensed stiffness matrix of the plate, the displacements being referred to one node point for each wall. If the reference node for a wall does not correspond to the centroid of the wall the matrix $\underline{K}_{c}$ may be transformed by using a transformation matrix defining the location of the centroid of the wall withrespect to the reference node.

### 3.6 Computer Programme

Fig. 3. 14 shows a flow diagram of the computer programme developed for the evaluation of the floor slab stiffnesses. This programme differs from other finite element programme in that instead of solving for externally applied displacements by means of matrix condensation.

The basic floor data, such as the number of elements, number of nodal points are read first. "The data describing the element properties may be generated partly and partly read - in it. From the element property data the elements are taken as flat shell element or beam element. Explicit expressions for the stiffness matrices of the elements have been calculated and these are, used in evaluating theesttfffess matrix. It, is worth noting-that an orthotropic flat shell element may be included with very little modification ifuthe data entry.

The concept of bandwidth is used in storing and operating on the assembled stiffness matrix. By careful numbering of nodes, the band width may be kept a minimum.

Any external restraint, e.g. those imposed due to continuity of the plate or fixity of the plate, may be applied before condensing. the stiffness matrix.

The condensation of the stiffness matrix involves the solution of eq. 3.35. The matrix $T_{1}$ is usually large, but has few noñ-zero elements, consisting only of submatrices $\lambda_{i}$ 's which one of the form shown in eq. 3.21. In the programme only these $\tau_{i}$ 's áre formed with a consequent saving in the storage required.

A listing of the computer programme together with an explanation of details and form of data input is given in Appendix-B.


Fig. 3. 14 Flow diagram of the programme for the finite element. analysis of floor slab stiffness.

### 4.1 Introduction

In order to study the composite coupling action of beam and slab connecting a pair of shear walls, the plate in Fig. 4.1(a) was analysed. The dimension $X$ is length, $Y$ is width of the slab, $L$ is the clear opening between walls, $Z$-is the flange width of wallis (in case of T-shaped, I-shaped walls), $w_{1}$ and $w_{2}$ are the leñgths of two walls. In order to study the effect of different wall configuration, in-line plane walls, T-shaped walls, I-shaped walls and one T-shaped and another. plane, walls-were taken...in the study. The different wall configurations used are shown in Fig. 4.i.

Line $B_{1} B_{2}$ indicates the position of beam connecting the two walls. In order to study the effect of beam stiffness on the effective width, different sizes of beam are considered in the study.

Since the rotational stiffness $\bar{K}$ of the composite beam is affected directly by the change in the linear distance between wall centres as the wall configuration is changed, the results for the stiffness factor do not give a clear picture of the actual influence of the wall configuration and beam size on the effective coupling slab width. Hence, in order to assess more succinctly the influence of walı' configuration and beam size, reference is made only to the results obtained for the effective width to the slab width ratio, $Y_{e} / Y_{\text {. }}$.

(a) Typical slab panel

(b) Plane walls

(d) I-shaped walls

(c).T-shaped walls

(e) T-shaped and plane

Fig. 4.1 Different wall configurations.

### 4.2 Coupling Action of Slab (without beams)

There are several papers on the coupling action of slab in shear wall structures. Figs. 4.2 and 4.3 have been prepared to compare the results of this study with those available in the papers.

### 4.2.1 Plane Shear Walls

The plate shown in Fig. 4.1(b) without. connecting beam $B_{1} B_{2}$ is analysed. Keeping $L ; X$ constant and varying $Y$ only, the variation of $Y_{e} / Y$ with the'ratio of wall opening to slab width ( $L / Y$ ) is studied and $Y_{e} / Y$ is. $L / Y$ curve is shown in " =-Fig: 4:2. From the design curves given by Coull and wong ${ }^{\text {( }}$ the values of $Y_{e} / Y$ for various $L / Y$ ratios are plotted on the same Fig. 4.2 and these give close agreement with the observed results. Similar results are observed from the design curves by Tso and Mahmood (22).

### 4.2.2 T-shaped:Shear Walls

The plate shown in Fig. 4.1(c) without beam $B_{1} B_{2}$ is -analyzed. Keeping $L, X$ and $Z$ constant and varying $Y$ only the variation of $Y_{e} / Y$ with the ratio of wall opening to slab-width $L / Y$ is studied and shown in Fig. $\dot{4} .3$ as a firm line. From the design curves given by Coull and wong (12), the values of $Y_{e} / Y$ for different $L / Y$ ratios are plotted in the same figure. For the higher range of $L / Y$ ratio, these give close agreement but
at the lower value of $L / Y$ these give some deviation (egg. 3. $7 \%$. higher for $L / Y=0.375$ ) from the observed results.

### 4.3 Coupling Action of Slab and Beam

To demonstrate the effect and influence of beam flexibility on the effective flange width of the composite coupling beam various plates shown in Fig. 4.1 were analyzed and the results are shown from Fig. 4.4 to Fig. 4.13. Only one paper has so far been published on this topic, viz. by Toul and wong (13). The paper considers only planar shear walls with connecting beams. On the concluding remarks they stated that the influence of the coupling action is significant only when

*     - the beam is relatively flexible. That remark can also be made from the study done here.


### 4.3.1 Plane Wall Configurations

It has been shown by Cowl and wong (12) that in walls coupled by slabs alone, the effects of dissimilar wall lengths may-be disregarded, provided that the length of smaller wall is greater than about half the ..length of opening between walls. This will be true in almost all practical situations. In order to verify whether these above conclusion is valid for slabs with beams also, the variation of $Y_{e} / Y$ with the ratio of one wall length to another wall length $W_{2} / w_{1}$ for "different beam depth is studied and the result is shown in Fig. 4.4. for three
ratios of $w_{2} / W_{1}-0.5,0.25$ and 1.0 . The trends of the results for the three cases are similar and the curves formeach beam size are almost coincident. So the effect of dissimilar wall length may be disregarded whether beam is present or absent.

## Effect of Different Beam Size

The variation of $Y_{e} / Y$ with the ratio of beam depth to slab thickness $d / t$ is shown, in Fig. '4.4 for different ratios of wall opening to slab widthe The trends of the results for the two cases are different but both the cases show that with the increase in $L / Y$ ratio, $Y_{e} / Y$ increases, rapidly for $d / t=2$ (e.g:-increasing $t / Y$ ratio fiom 0.4 tó 0.7 , the value of $Y_{e} / Y$ changed from 0.33 to 0.51 for $\psi_{2} / w_{1}-0.5$ ) and slouly for $d / t=6 \overline{\text { (eg. }} \mathrm{d}$. increasing $L / Y$ ratio from 0.4 to 0.7 , the value of $Y_{e} / Y$ changed from 0.15 to 0.215 ). Fig. 4.10 shows the variation of $Y_{e} / Y$ withr. different $d / t$ ratios for two ratios of $L / Y-0.75$ and 0.375. Here both the curves show that increase in beam depth decreases the $Y^{\prime} / Y$ ratio, rapidly within the range, to $2<d / t<5$. Thus it can concluded that beam reduces the influence of slab in the coupling action in coupled shear wall system.

## Effect of wall Upening Width

In the Fig. 4.4, $\mathrm{Y} \mathrm{e}^{/ Y}$ vs. $L / Y$ is plotted/for two values of $d / t-2$ and 6 . For both the values of $d / t, Y_{e} / Y$ increases with the increase of $L / Y$.

From Fig. 4.4 it can be concluded that with increase in opening size, coupling action of the connecting slab increases.

For the increase in $L / Y$ ratio 0.4 to 0.7 , the increase in $Y_{e}$ is $18 \%$ of slab width and $7 \%$ of slab width for $d / t=2$ and $d / t=6$ respectively.

### 4.3.2 T-section Walls

Flanged shear walls occur frequently in cross-wall structures as a result of making the ecorridor or facade longitudinal walls of similar construction to the cross-walls -- -to satisfy theenerd for additional load bearing area or longitudinal stiffness, or simply for convenience in construction.

Effect of Flanges

Let us consider the pair of ideatical T-shaped walls shown in Fig. 4.1(c) which are symmetrical with respect to the pañel centre linés. Previous study showed that the effectssof -dissimilar wall lengths may be disregarded. Thus, although the present study is confined to a study of composite beams coupling equal walls which rotate equally under the action of lateral forces, it may be anticipated for design purposes that the results will apply with sufficient accuraćy to most practical situations.

A finite element analysis enabled a series of curves to be produced showing the variation of the effective width ratio $Y_{e} / Y$ as a function of the wall opening ratio $L / Y$ for various flange width ratios $Z / L$ for the two.d/t ratios of 2 and 6. These are shown in Fig. 4.5, Fig. 4.6 afd Fig. 4.7 for three $L / X$ ratios of $0.15,0.333$ and 0.5 . For-d/t $=2$; the effect of flange is prominent. The $Y_{e} / Y$ ratios are obtained for $Z / L$ ratio of $1.0,0.75,0.5$ and 0.0 . The trends of the results for the four cases are similar, the effective width increase with the increase in flange length. As an example, for increase in $Z / L$ from 0.5 to 0.75 , the increase in $Y_{e}$ is from 62\% to $70 \%$ cof slab width for $L / Y=0.5$. Approximately similar amount of increase is observed for different L/Y ratio.

For $d / t=6$, the effect of flange is not so much prominent. In the above example, for increase in $Z / L$ from 0.5 to 0.75 , the increase in $Y_{e}$ is from 2\% , to 28. 0 \% of slab width. From the curves it is observed that for $d / t=6$, flange does not affect much in the lower value of $L / Y$ ratio but it is significant for higher $L / Y$ ratio.

To. investigate the effect of slab length, i.e slab length on the $Y_{e} / Y$, Fig. $4.5,4.6$ and 4.7 shows the variation of effective width $Y_{e} / Y$ with $L / X$ ratio. And it is found that for both the $d / t$ ratio -2 and 6 with the increase in $L / X$ ratio. $Y_{e} / Y$ increases butithe amount of increase issquite a small value. As an è̀ample, $Y_{e} / Y$ for $L / Y=0.6$, and $L / X=0.15$ is .855
for $Z / L=1$ and for the same case but with $L / X=0.333, Y_{e} / Y=$ 0.91. Thus, the effect of slab length on the coupling action may be disregarded.

To. demonstrate the effect-ofiubeam size on coupling action of T-section walls, $Y_{e} / Y$ as a function $d / t$ is shown in Fig. 4.12 for two r-tios of $L / Y-0.75$ and 0.375. Here, as in the case of plane wall configuration, both the curves show that increase in beam depth decreases the $Y_{e} / Y$ ratio, rapidly in the range $2<d / t<6$.
4.3.3 I-section walls

Figure 4.1(d) shows a configuration with flanges at the interior ends as well as flanges at the exterior ends of the cross walls.

Effect of Flanges
In 币ig. $4.9 Y_{e} / Y$ is shown as. a. function of the ratio of opening distance to slab width för three ratios of $Z / L-0.75$, 0.5, and 1 . The results show the same trends and values as in T-section walls with same flange lengtion

Figure 4.13 demonstrates the effect of beam sizes on effective slab width; this also gives the same trends and values forithe-T-section walls. Thus, the effect of exterior flange can be disregarded.

### 4.3.4 Plane Walls and T-shaped Flanged Walls

As before curves have been produced Fig. 4.8 showing the variation of $\dot{Y}_{e} / Y$ as a function $L / Y$ for various ratios of $Z / L$. The trends of the results are similar as in the T-shaped walls but value is less.

To. demonstrate the effect on beam sizes on an effective slab width, Fig. 4.11 is draun. This figure also gives the same trends as in other configurations. Here as in other cases increases in beam. depth decreases the $Y_{e} / Y$ ratio, rapidly in the range $2<t / t<5$.

### 4.4 Effect of Shear Deformation of the Beam

The design curves presented are obtained neglecting shear deformation in the connecting beam.

To. demonstrate the effect of shear deformation of the connecting beam on the effective width calculation, $Y_{e} / Y$ vs. $d / t$ are plotted in the Figs. 4.10 to 4.13 for various wall configuration considering shear deformation in the beams. And"it is found that consideration of shear deformation decreases the effective width of the slab by less than $5 \%$ of the slab width for the extreme case considered (e.g. in the fig. 4.10, for $L / Y=0.75$ and for $d / t=7.0$, consideration shear deformation decreases the value of $Y$ e $/ Y$ from 0.22 to ${ }_{j}$.17).

### 4.5 Discussions

From the results it is observed that theemost significant parameters that affect the coupling action is the wall opening distance. For all the cases studied, it is found that with the increase in wall opening length, the coupling action provided by the slab becomes more and more significant. This agrees with the empirical conclusions based on determination of effective width by assigning angle of dispersion Fig. 2.1.
-- It is also observed that length of the slab has negligible effect on the coupling action. Also dissimilar wall lengths do not have any significant effect on the coupling action. These can be explained by the fact that the coupling action is influenced by the property of the opening zone only.

From the observation of results for a system where one T-section wall is coupled with a planar wall, it is found that the effective width of slab is more than that when both the walls are planar and less than that-when both the walls are of T-section. This is due to the action of walls flange in distributing the curvature farther along the slab width. Thus it is possible that the use of ש̈ean can be ommited when T-. shaped walls are ùsed.

Finally, the most significant observation is that the use of beam decreases the coupling action of slab. viz. in a
coupled I-section walls, as d/t increase for 1.0 to 6.0, the value of $Y_{e} / Y$ is found to be reduced from 0.7 to 0.18 for $L / Y=0.375$.

The results obtained are neglecting shear deformation in the connecting beam and consideration of shear deformation in the connecting beam reduces the effective width of slab but the reduction is by less than $5 \%$ of the slab width for the extreme case considered.


Fig. 4.2 Variation of effective width of a slab coupled, with planar walls.


Fig. 4.3 Variation of effective width/ of a slab coupled with T-shaped walls/


Fig. 4.4 Effect of unequal shear wall length in planar wall configuration.


Fig:, 4.5 $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Design curves for T-section walls } \\ \text { configuration }(L / X=0.5) .\end{array}$


Fig. 4.6 Design curves for T-section walls configuration ( $L / X=0.333$ ).


Fig. 4.7 Design curves for T-section walls configuration $(L / X)=0.15)$.


Fig. 4.8 Design curves for coupled planar and T-section walls.


Fig. 4.9 Design curves for I-section walls.


Fig. :4.10 Effect of beam depth in plyanar wall configuration.


Fig. 4. 11 Effect of beam depth in planar and T-section walls configuration.


Fig. 4. 12 Effect of beam depth in T-section walls configuration.


### 5.1 Eonclusions

The composite action of beam añd slab coupling a pair of shear walls has been investigated by a finite element method, and the relative influences of a range of structural parameters on the effective flange width of the composite coupling beam have been evaluated. Design curves for calculating the effective width.have been provided for the normal range of structural dimensions encountered in practice. From the limited number of analyses, the following conclusions can be drawn.
i) For the coupled planar shear walls coupled by slab only the equation $Y e / Y=L / Y(1-0.4 L / Y)$; given by Coull and Wong (12) for calculating effective flange width can be used.
ii) Dissimilar wall lengths have little influence on the effective flange width of. the connecting T-beam in coupled shear walls.
iii) Beyond certain depth of beam ( $d / t>6$ ), additional beam depth has almost negligible effect on the effective flange width for: all the wall configurations considered, i.e two planar walls, two T-section walls, two I-section walls, one planar and other T-section wall.

Significant reductions in the wind strésses and deflections ifi.the walls may be achieved by including the composite action when the lintel is relatively shaliow.
iv) Interior flange length of flanged wall has the most significant effect on the effeftive width or slab and it has bean observed that for I-section walls exterior flange have negligible effect on the effective flange width. Thus the corriđor edge property have marked influence on the calculation of the effective flange width whereas exterior edge property of wall does not affect significantly on the same. Therefore it can be concluded that although the design charts are provided for one band of opening these can also be used for multiple bands of opening.
v) Shear deformation in the connecting beam reduces the effective slab. width. In one of the extreme. cases- considered, consideration of shear deformation decreases the value of $Y e / Y$ from 0.22 to 0.17, for $L / Y=0.75$ and $d / t=7.0^{-}$in planar wall configuration.
5. 2 Suggestions for Firther Study

To. verify the results experimental investigation should be made.

To. verify the inference that these results should hold equally good for coupled shear walls with multiple bands of opening, one should investigate a model of coupled shear walls theoretically and experimentally.

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## CA:TA,DGUE OF STIFFNESS MATRICES

APPENDIX -A
I. Stiffness matrix for a Rectangular Plate Bending Element.


Displacement function: $\dot{w}=a_{1}+a_{2} x+a_{3} y+a_{4} x^{2}+a_{5} x y$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& +a_{6} y^{2}+a_{7} x^{3}+a_{8} x^{2} y+a_{9} x y^{2}+a_{10} y^{3} \\
& +a_{11} x^{3} y+a_{12} x y^{3}
\end{aligned}
$$

Displacement vector: $\underset{\sim}{d}=w_{1} \theta_{x, 1} \theta_{y, 1} w_{2} \theta_{x, 2} \quad \theta_{y, 2}$

$$
w_{3} \theta_{x, 3} \quad \theta_{y, 3} \quad w_{4} \quad \theta_{x, 4} \quad \theta_{y, 4}
$$

The generalized element stiffness matrix $k$ for the rectangular plate of 12 degree of freedom is given below. All elements of this matrix

$$
\underline{(k)}_{i j} \equiv(i, j)
$$

which are different from zero are listed for the case of isotropic material and constant element thickness. The indices irs denote row and column number respectively.

Since $k$ is a symmetrical matrix; only the elements on and below the main diagonal are given:

The following symbols are used

$$
\begin{aligned}
\beta & =b / a \\
\nu & =\text { Poisson's ratio } \\
\overline{M F} & =14-4 \nu \\
M O & =1+4 \nu \\
M M & =1-v \\
B T I: & =\beta^{2}+\beta^{-2}
\end{aligned}
$$

N.B: All expressions must be multiplied by

$$
\frac{E t^{3}}{12\left(1-v^{2}\right) a b}
$$

$(1,1)=4 B T I_{1}+M F / 5$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& (7,1)=2 B T I+M F / 5 \\
& (8,1)=\left(-\beta^{-2}+M M / 5\right) b \\
& (9,1)=\left(\beta^{2}-M M / 5\right) a
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& (2,2)=\left(4 \beta^{-2} / 3+4 M M / 15\right) \square^{2} \\
& (3,2)=-v a b \\
& (4,2)=\left(-\beta^{-2}+M O / 5\right)_{\mathrm{b}} \\
& (5,2)=\left(2 \beta^{-2} / 3-4 M M / 15\right) b^{2} \\
& (7,2)=\left(\beta^{-2}-\text { MM } / 5\right) b \\
& (3,3)=\left(4 \beta^{2} / 3+4 M M / 15\right) a^{2} \\
& (4,3)=-\left(2 \beta^{2}+M M / 5\right) a \\
& (6,3)=\left(2 \beta^{2} / 3-M M / 15\right) a^{2} \\
& (7,3)=\left(-\beta^{2}+M M / 5\right) a \\
& (9,3)=\left(\beta^{2} / 3+M M / 15\right) a^{2} \\
& (10,3)=\left(\beta^{2}-M O / 5\right) a \\
& (4,4)=4 B T I+M F / 5 \\
& +^{-}(5,4)=-\left(2 \beta^{-2}+\text { MO } / 5\right) \text { 口 } \\
& (6,4)=-\left(2 \beta^{2}+M O / 5\right) a \\
& (7,4)=2\left(\beta^{2}-2 \beta^{-2}\right)-M F /, 5 \\
& (8,4)=-\left(2 \beta^{-2}+M M / 5\right) b \\
& (9,4)=\left(-\beta^{2}+M O / 5\right) a \\
& (5,5)=\left(4 \beta^{-2} / 3+4 M M / 15\right) b^{2} \\
& -(-6,5)=\text { vab } \\
& (7,5)=\left(2 \beta^{-2}+M M / 5\right) \square \\
& (8,5)=\left(2 \beta^{-2} / 3-M M / 15\right) b^{2} \\
& (8,2)=\left(\beta^{-2} / 3+M M / 15\right) b^{2} \\
& (10,2)=\left(2 \beta^{-2}+M M / 5\right) b \\
& (11,2)=\left(2 \beta^{-2} / 3-M M / 15\right) b^{2} \\
& (11,3)=\left(2 \beta^{2} / 3-4 M M / 15\right) a^{2} \\
& (10,4)=-2 B T I+M F / 5 \\
& (11,4)=\left(-\beta^{-2}+M M / 5\right) b \\
& (12,4)=\left(-\beta^{2}+M M / 5\right) a \\
& (10,5)=\left(\beta^{-2}-M M / 5\right) b \\
& (12,5)=\left(\beta \beta^{-2} / 3+M M / 15\right) b^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$


$(10,10)=4 B T I:+M F / 5$
$(11,10)=\left(2 \beta^{-2}+\mathrm{MO} / 5\right) \square$
$(12,10)=\left(2 \beta^{2}+\mathrm{MO} / 5\right) a$
$(11,11)=\left(4 \beta^{-2}+4 M M / 15\right) b^{2}$
$(11,12)=$ vab
$(12,12)=\left(4 \beta^{2} / 3+4 M M / 15\right) a^{2}$
$(4,1)=-2\left(2 \beta^{2}-\beta^{-2}\right)-N F / .5$
$(5,1)=\left(-\beta^{-2}+M O / 5\right)$ b
$(5,1)=\left(2 \beta^{2}+M M / 5\right) a$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& (10,1)=2\left(\beta^{2}-2 \beta^{-2}\right)-M F / 5 \\
& (11,1)=-\left(2 \beta^{-2}+M M / 5\right) b \\
& (12,1)=\left(\beta^{2}-M O / 5\right) a
\end{aligned}
$$

## II. Stiffness Matrix for Beam Element (neglecting shear deformation)

Since ki is a symmetric matrix, only the element on and above the main diagonal which are different from zero are given

DX DIRESTIDEN


The following symbols are used:

$$
\begin{aligned}
E & =\text { Young's Modulus } \\
A & =\text { 'Lross-séctional afea } \\
L & =\text { Length of beam element } \\
I_{y} & =\text { Moment of inertia about Y-axis } \\
I_{z} & =\text { Moment of inertia about z-axis } \\
J & =\text { Polar moment of inertia } \\
G & =\text { Shear Modulus }
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& (3,5)=-\frac{6 E I_{\cdot y}}{L^{2}} \\
& (2,2)=12 E I_{z} / L^{3} \\
& (3,3)=12 E \cdot I_{y} / L^{3} \\
& (4,4)=G J / L \\
& (5,5)=4 E I_{y} / L \\
& (5,6)=A E / L \\
& \begin{array}{l}
(7,7)=12 E I_{y} / L^{3} \\
(8,8)=12 E I_{y} / L^{3}
\end{array} \\
& (8,-10)=\frac{6 E I}{L^{2}} y \\
& (1,1)=A E / L \\
& (9,9)=6 \mathrm{~J} / \mathrm{L} \\
& (10,10)=4 E I_{y} / L \\
& (1,6)=-A E / L \\
& (2,7)=-12 E I_{z} / L^{3} \\
& \because(4,9)=-\vec{G} J / L \\
& (5,10)=2 E I_{y} / L \\
& \text { On DIRECTION }
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
(3,4)=6 E I_{x} / L^{2}
$$

$$
(8,9)=-6 E I_{x} / L^{3}
$$

$$
(4,9)=2 E I_{x} / L
$$

$$
(3,9)=6 E I_{x} / L^{2}
$$

$$
(4,8)=-6 E I_{x} / L^{2}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& (1,1)=12 E I_{z} / L^{3} \\
& (2,2)=A E / L \\
& (3,3)=12 \mathrm{EI}_{x} / \mathrm{L}^{3} \\
& (4,4)=4 E I_{x} / L \\
& (5,5)=G J / L \\
& (6,6)=12 E I_{z} / L^{3} \\
& (7,7)=A E / L \\
& (8,8)=12 E_{\bar{x}} / L^{3} \\
& (9,9)^{-r}=4 E I_{x} / L \\
& (10,10)=\mathrm{GJ} / \mathrm{L} \\
& \therefore(1,8)=-12 E I_{z} / L^{3} \\
& (2,7)=-A E / L \\
& (3,8)=-12 E J_{x} / L^{3} \\
& (5,10)=-[J J / L
\end{aligned}
$$



