THE EFFECTS OF CONFINEMENT AND STRAIN HARDENING ON THE PERFORMANCE AND DESIGN OF SHORT CIRCULAR COLUMNS

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ABSTRACT

In limit design of reinforced concrete structures, the design bending moment distribution is related to the ductility at plastic hinges. The past research has shown that the ductility and energy dissipation capacity of a reinforced concrete member can be improved significantly by confining the concrete by circular spirals. The ultimate curvatures of reinforced concrete sections cannot be calculated accurately by neglecting strain hardening (if strain hardening is formed) in steel. In such a case, the reliability of the limit design and seismic design may be affected unfavourably. In this context, based upon an appropriate steel behaviour model including strain hardening, an algorithm can be developed for confined circular column sections.

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1.INTRODUCTION

The analysis and design of circular short columns subjected to flexural bending with axial load have been examined in this paper. Confined circular short columns, with compression and tension which have the effect of strain hardening or not, can be analyzed in an accurate way. In the limit design, the curvature ductilities of reinforced concrete cross-sections, and the rotation capacities of the plastic hinges can be increased significantly by confining the sections. In other words, the capacities of potential plastic hinge rotation which are functions of these curvatures are estimated greater than the real values because of the negligence of the strain hardening effect [9].

Bearing all these facts in mind, idealized stress-strain behaviour models are proposed to use in the design for unconfined and confined concrete, considering the effect of strain hardening of the steel. Depending on the afore mentioned models, algorithms for the analysis and design of reinforced concrete columns subjected to flexural bending with axial load have been proposed. By using these algorithms, the confined and strain hardening circular short columns which will reach the ultimate state by compression or tension failure, with steel arrayed in a circle, can be analyzed and designed. Also a numerical example related with the study is given.

2. BEHAVIOUR MODELS FOR CONCRETE AND STEEL

2.1. Behaviour Model for Concrete

On the basis of the existing experimental evidence, stress-strain behaviour models have been proposed for concrete unconfined and confined by circular spirals [3,5,6,11,13,15].



Figure 1. Idealized stress-strain behaviour model for concrete confined by circular spirals

As indicated in Fig.1, characteristic compressive cylinder strength of the concrete confined with circular spirals is given by [8]

$$f_{cck} = f_{ck} + 2.05\rho_h f_{ywk} = K f_{ck}; K = f_{cck} / f_{ck} = f_{ccd} / f_{cd}$$
(1)

K can also be expressed as function of ρ_h ;

$$K = 1 + 2.05\rho_h(f_{ywk} / f_{ck})$$
 for C< C50 (2a)
or

$$K = 1 + 1.5375\rho_{h}(f_{vwk}/f_{ck})$$
 for $C \ge C50$ (2b)

where K is the confinement coefficient, f_{ck} is the characteristic compressive cylinder strength of the unconfined concrete, f_{ywk} is the characteristic yield strength of the spiral bar, f_{cd} and f_{ccd} are the design compressive strength of the concrete unconfined and confined, respectively.

The ratio of volume of spiral bar to volume of concrete core measured to center lines of spirals is

$$\rho_{h} = 4A_{sh} / (R_{h} s_{h})$$
where
(3)

$$R'_{h} = R_{h} - D_{h} \tag{4}$$

$$R_{\rm h} = 0.85 R \tag{5}$$

$$A_{\rm sh} = 0.25\pi D_{\rm h}^2 \tag{6}$$

where A_{sh} is the area of the spiral bar, R is the diameter of circular column section, $R_{h}^{'}$ is the diameter of circle through centre of reinforcement , D_{h} is the the diameter of spiral, s_{h} is pitch of the spiral, R_{h} is the the diameter of circle through outside of reinforcement. The characteristics of the suggested curve in Figure 1 are as follows [14]:

For region AB (
$$\varepsilon_{c} \le \varepsilon_{cc0}$$
):

$$\sigma_{c} = Kf_{cd} \Big[(2\varepsilon_{c} / \varepsilon_{cc0}) - (\varepsilon_{c} / \varepsilon_{cc0})^{2} \Big]$$
(7a)

For region BC (ϵ_{cc0} < $\epsilon_{c} \leq \epsilon_{20uc}$):

$$\sigma_{c} = f_{cd} \left[K - \psi_{c} (\varepsilon_{c} / \varepsilon_{cc0}) \right]$$
(7b)

For region AB' ($\varepsilon_c \le \varepsilon_{c0}$): $\sigma_c = k_3 f_{cd} \Big[(2\varepsilon_c / \varepsilon_{c0}) - (\varepsilon_c / \varepsilon_{c0})^2 \Big]$ (7c)

For region B'C' (
$$\varepsilon_{c0} < \varepsilon_c \le \varepsilon_{20u}$$
):

$$\sigma_c = k_3 f_{cd} [1 - \psi(\varepsilon_c / \varepsilon_{c0})]$$
(7d)

The parameters of the stress-strain behaviour model (Figure 1) are defined below :

$$\varepsilon_{\text{ccu}} = K(0.2/\psi_c + \varepsilon_{c0}) \tag{8}$$

$$\psi_c = \tan\theta_c / \int_{\text{cd}} = (K - 0.5)/(\varepsilon_{\text{cou}} + \varepsilon_{\text{cob}} - \varepsilon_{\text{co}}K) \tag{9}$$

$$\psi_{\rm c} = \tan \theta_{\rm c} / \eta_{\rm cd} = ((1 - 0.5)) (\epsilon_{\rm 50h} + \epsilon_{\rm c0}) (1 - \epsilon_{\rm c$$

$$\psi = \tan \theta / \tau_{cd} = 0.5 / (\varepsilon_{50u} - \varepsilon_{c0})$$
(10)
where

 $\varepsilon_{50u} = (3 + 0.29k_3f_{cd})/(145k_3f_{cd} - 1000)$ (11)

$$\varepsilon_{50h} = 0.75\rho_h \sqrt{(R_h/s_h)}$$
⁽¹²⁾

The strain at the maximum stress ε_{co} is approximately 0.002 or 0.0022 [3, 7], γ_{mc} is the material coefficient (safety factor) for concrete, k_3 is the ratio of concrete maximum strength to cylinder strength of the concrete, ε_{ccu} is the concrete strain at the extreme compression fiber of confined concrete, ε_{cu} is the concrete strain at the extreme compression fiber of unconfined cover concrete [1,2,13, 14].

For any given strain ε_{cm} in the extreme compression fiber, and a given concrete stressstrain curve, the compressive stress block parameters k_{1c} , k_{2c} , k_1 , k_2 can be determined for unconfined and confined concrete, respectively [7].

2.2. Behaviour Model for Steel

Stress-strain behaviour models are shown for steel including the strain hardening effect for analysis and design in figure 3 [9].



Figure 2. Idealized stress-strain behaviour model for steel, including the effect of strain hardening

It is assumed trilinear approximate, considering the upper yield strength and the increase in strain due to strain hardening (Fig.2). The slope of the ascending linear region described as plastic behaviour is,

$$E_{p} = (f_{su} - f_{yk})/(\varepsilon_{su} - \varepsilon_{sh})$$
(13)

where E_p = modulus of plasticity of steel, f_{su} =the failure strength for steel, f_{yk} =the characteristic yield strength for steel, ϵ_{su} = the ultimate strain for steel, ϵ_{sh} = the initial value of strain hardening for steel.

The ultimate strain for steel is,

$$\varepsilon_{sud} = (f_{sud} - f_{vd}) / E_p + \varepsilon_{sh}$$
(14)

For $\epsilon_s > \epsilon_{shd}$ ($\epsilon_{shd} = \epsilon_{sh}$) in figure 2, the design value of the upper yield strength is,

$$f_{yhd} = f_{yd} + (\epsilon_s - \epsilon_{sh})E_p \le f_{sud}$$
(15)

where $f_{sud} = f_{su} / 1.3$

3. DESIGN FOR CIRCULAR SHORT COLUMNS

In multi-storey buildings, the end moments of the column can change in sign due to different loadings. If the column is bent in double curvature, the same face of the column can be subjected to compression or tension. When the end moments change sign, compressive and tension effects reverse. For this reason, the columns are designed with symmetrical reinforcement. In this part, design algorithms are suggested for eccentrically short circular columns with steel arrayed in a circle [4,10].

In this paper, the equilibrium equations which define the mechanical behaviour of the confined concrete for short circular columns are given as a function of the unknown parameter D_v , for certain configuration of the longitudinal reinforcement (for example n = 10) as shown in figure 3. The algorithms suggested are also convenient for different reinforced sections.

The input data of the problem are the design axial load capacity N_d, design bending moment capacity M_d and the geometric parameters, D_h, s_h, n. The output data are area of longitudinal reinforcement A_{sv} and the ultimate curvature ϕ_{uc} respectively.

3.1. Algorithm

Geometric parameters are shown in figure 3.



Figure 3. Geometric parameter

Area of the circular spirals for n=10, α can be calculated from the geometry shown in figure 3. In this study, $\alpha = 18^{\circ}$ and $z_s = 2(0.951)r_s$ are computed.

The neutral axis for the cover concrete (c_u) can be written as,

 $c_u = \epsilon_{cu} c_{uc} / \epsilon_{ccu}$ (16) where c_{uc} shows that the depth of the neutral axis for the confined core concrete.



Figure 4. The analysis of short columns

The cross-section, strain and stress distribution and internal forces are shown in figure 4. The angles θ and θ_c for the unconfined and confied concrete respectively can be expressed as [12];

For
$$c^{}_{uc} \leq 0.5 R^{}_{h}$$
 ;

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left[(0.5R_{h} - c_{uc} + c_{u}) / (0.5R_{h}) \right]$$
(17a)

$$\theta_{\rm c} = \cos^{-1} \left[(0.5 R_{\rm h} - C_{\rm uc}) / (0.5 R_{\rm h}) \right]$$
(17b)

For $\,c_{uc}^{}>0.5R_{h}^{}$;

$$\theta = \pi - \cos^{-1} \left[(0.5R_{h} - c_{uc} + c_{u}) / (0.5R_{h}) \right]$$
(18a)

$$\theta = \pi - \cos^{-1} \left[(c_{uc} - 0.5R_h) / (0.5R_h) \right]$$
(18b)

The stresses σ_{si} can be expressed according to strain ϵ_{si} , σ_{si} and ϵ_{si} have positive signs if the longitudinal reinforcement is located in compression zone. There are three states which may be represented by the following equations:

$$\varepsilon_{\rm si} < \varepsilon_{\rm yd} \Rightarrow \sigma_{\rm si} = \varepsilon_{\rm si} \mathsf{E}_{\rm s} \tag{19a}$$

$$\varepsilon_{yd} < \varepsilon_{si} < \varepsilon_{sh} \Rightarrow \sigma_{si} = f_{yd}$$
(19b)

$$\varepsilon_{sh} < \varepsilon_{si} < \varepsilon_{sud} \Rightarrow \sigma_{si} = f_{yd} + \left[(\varepsilon_{si} - \varepsilon_{sh}) E_{p} \right]$$
(19c)

Otherwise, σ_{si} and ϵ_{si} have negative signs if the longitudinal reinforcement is located in tension. Similarly, the stresses are as follows:

$$\left|\epsilon_{si}\right| < \epsilon_{yd} \Rightarrow \sigma_{si} = \epsilon_{si} \mathsf{E}_{s} \tag{20a}$$

$$\varepsilon_{yd} < |\varepsilon_{si}| < \varepsilon_{sh} \Rightarrow \sigma_{si} = -f_{yd}$$
(20b)

$$\varepsilon_{sh} < \left| \varepsilon_{si} \right| < \varepsilon_{sud} \Rightarrow \sigma_{si} = -f_{yd} + \left| (\varepsilon_{si} + \varepsilon_{sh}) E_{p} \right|$$
(20c)

In this study, compression zone in cover concrete is assumed to be sector of a circular section. Therefore, the area of circular section can be written as,

$$A_{shell} = 2\frac{\pi}{4}(R^2 - R_h^2)(\theta_c - \theta)\frac{1}{2\pi}$$
(21)

Eq.21 simplifies to

$$A_{shell} = 0.25(R^2 - R_h^2)(\theta_c - \theta)$$
(22)

The compression force in cover concrete is

$$F_{shell} = 0.25k_3 f_{cd} k_1 (R^2 - R_h^2)(\theta_c - \theta)$$
(23)

The compression force in core concrete is then

$$F_{core} = 0.25 K f_{cd} k_{1c} R_h^2 (\theta_c - \sin \theta_c \cos \theta_c)$$
(24)

Thus the ultimate load of column may be written as

$$N_{u} = F_{core} + F_{shell} + F_{s}$$
(25)

where F_{s} is the summation of the tension forces. The equilibrium equation obtained from the sum of the internal forces is

$$N_{u} = [0.25 \text{ K} f_{cd} k_{1c} R_{h}^{2} (\theta_{c} - \sin \theta_{c} \cos \theta_{c})] + [0.25 k_{3} f_{cd} k_{1} (R^{2} - R_{h}^{2}) (\theta_{c} - \theta)] + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma_{si} A_{si}$$
(26)

and the expression obtained from taking moments about the tension steel is

$$M_{u} = 0.25 K f_{cd} k_{1c} R_{h}^{2} (\theta_{c} - \sin \theta_{c} \cos \theta_{c}) [0.5 (R_{h} + z_{s}) - k_{2c} c_{uc}] + 0.25 k_{3} f_{cd} k_{1} (R^{2} - R_{h}^{2}) (\theta_{c} - \theta) [0.5 (R_{h} + z_{s}) - c_{uc} + c_{u} - (k_{2} c_{u})] + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma_{si} A_{si} x_{i}$$
(27)

where M_u is the moment of resistance

The moment equilibrium equation given by Eq.27 may be also written as

$$N_{u}e' = N_{u}(e + 0.5z_{s}) = 0.25Kf_{cd}k_{1c}R_{h}^{2}(\theta_{c} - \sin\theta_{c}\cos\theta_{c})[0.5(R_{h} + z_{s}) - k_{2c}c_{uc}] + 0.25k_{3}f_{cd}k_{1}(R^{2} - R_{h}^{2})(\theta_{c} - \theta)[0.5(R_{h} + z_{s}) - c_{uc} + c_{u} - (k_{2}c_{u})] + \sum_{i=1}^{n}\sigma_{si}A_{si}x_{i}$$
(28)

where e' is the eccentricity of ultimate load N_u from the centroid of the tension steel.

Substituting the value of D_{v1}^2 obtained from Eq.26 into Eq.28, N_u is calculated. Until values of N_u and N_d are equal, the depth of the neutral axis is changed. If the values of N_u and N_d are equal, D_{v1} is the diameter of the longitudinal steel. Thus, total area of longitudinal steel in the section is

$$A_{sv} = nA_{si}$$
(29)

The ultimate curvature is given by

$$\phi_{uc} = \varepsilon_{ccu} / c_{uc} \tag{30}$$

3.2 Balanced Eccentricity

A "balanced failure" occurs when the tension steel reaches the yield strength and the extreme fiber concrete compressive strain reaches the ultimate strain at the same time. In the general case when e or the section is different from e_b , the type of failure that occurs will depend on whether e is less than or greater than e_b . If $e < e_b$ (or $e/h < e_b/h$), compression failure occures. Tensile failure occures if $e > e_b$ (or $e/h > e_b/h$). The subscript "b" has been added to all parameters concerned with balanced failure. For balanced failure, $\epsilon_s = \epsilon_{yd}$ and $\sigma_s = f_{yd}$. Balanced eccentricity e_b is derived from similiar triangles

of the strain diagram, force and moment equilibrium equations (Figure 4). For a balanced failure, the neutral axis depths c_b and c_{bc} is given by the following relationships.

$$c_{b} = [\varepsilon_{cu} / (\varepsilon_{cu} + \varepsilon_{yd})] 0.5 (R + z_{s})$$
(31a)

$$c_{bc} = [\varepsilon_{ccu} / (\varepsilon_{ccu} + \varepsilon_{yd})] 0.5 (R_h + z_s)$$
(31b)

Subsituting $c_{uc} = c_{bc}$, $c_u = c_b$ and $e = e_b$ into Eq.28, the following equation is obtained:

$$N_{b}(e_{b} + 0.5z_{s}) = 0.25Kf_{cd}k_{1c}R_{h}^{2}(\theta_{bc} - \sin\theta_{bc}\cos\theta_{bc})[0.5(R_{h} + z_{s}) - k_{2c}c_{bc}] + 0.25k_{3}f_{cd}k_{1}(R^{2} - R_{h}^{2})(\theta_{bc} - \theta_{b})[0.5(R_{h} + z_{s}) - c_{bc} + c_{b} - (k_{2}c_{b})] + \sum_{i=1}^{n}\sigma_{si}A_{si}x_{i}$$
(32)

Solving for e_b, balanced eccentricity becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{e}_{b} &= \left\{ 0.25 K f_{cd} k_{1c} R_{h}^{2} (\theta_{bc} - \sin \theta_{bc} \cos \theta_{bc}) \left[0.5 (R_{h} + z_{s}) - k_{2c} c_{bc} \right] \\ &+ 0.25 k_{3} f_{cd} k_{1} (R^{2} - R_{h}^{2}) (\theta_{bc} - \theta_{b}) \left[0.5 (R_{h} + z_{s}) - c_{bc} + c_{b} - (k_{2} c_{b}) \right] + \sum_{i}^{n} \sigma_{si} A_{si} x_{i} \right] / \\ &\left[0.25 K f_{cd} k_{1c} R_{h}^{2} (\theta_{bc} - \sin \theta_{bc} \cos \theta_{bc}) \right] + \left[0.25 k_{3} f_{cd} k_{1} (R^{2} - R_{h}^{2}) (\theta_{bc} - \theta_{b}^{i}) \right] \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma_{si} A_{si} \right] \right\} - 0.5 z_{s} \end{aligned}$$
(33)

4.NUMERICAL EXAMPLE

I) Calculate A_{sv} and ϕ_{uc} for circular column confined by circular spirals. $N_d = 1200 \text{ kN}$, $M_d = 115 \text{ kNm}$, R = 400 mm n = 10, $f_{ck} = 25 \text{MPa}$, $f_{yk} = 220 \text{MPa}$, $f_{ywk} = 220 \text{MPa}$ $D_h = 10 \text{mm}$, $s_h = 100 \text{mm}$, $\gamma_c = 1.5$, $\gamma_s = 1.15$, $E_s = 2 \cdot 10^5 \text{ MPa}$, $E_p = 750 \text{MPa}$, $\epsilon_{sud} = 0.114$, $\epsilon_{sh} = 0.02$, $\epsilon_{co} = 0.0022$, $\epsilon_{cu} = 0.0035$, $k_1 = 0.754$, $k_2 = 0.443$, $k_3 = 1$, d' = 50 mm $f_{cd} = f_{ck} / \gamma_c = 16.67 \text{MPa}$, $f_{yd} = f_{yk} / \gamma_s = 191.3 \text{ MPa}$, $\epsilon_{yd} = f_{yd} / E_s = 0.0009565$, $e = M_d / N_d = 96 \text{mm}$ $R_h = 0.85 \cdot R = 0.85 * 400 = 340 \text{mm}$, $R'_h = R_h - D_h = 330 \text{ mm}$, $A_{sh} = 0.25 \pi D_h^2 = 78.54 \text{ mm}^2$, $r_s = 0.5 R - d' = 0.5 * 400 - 50 = 150 \text{mm}$, $\rho_h = 4A_{sh} / (R'_h \cdot s_h) = 0.00952$, $\epsilon_{50h} = 0.75 \rho_h (R_h / s_h)^{1/2} = 0.013166$, $K = 1 + (2.05 \rho_h f_{yk} / f_{ck}) = 1.17$, $\epsilon_{50u} = (3 + 0.29 k_3 f_{cd}) / (145 k_3 f_{cd} - 1000) = 0.005528$, $\Psi_c = (K - 0.5) / (\epsilon_{50u} + \epsilon_{50h} - \epsilon_{co} K) = 41.56$ $\epsilon_{ccu} = K(0.2/\Psi_c + \epsilon_{co}) = 0.0082$, $k_{1c} = 0.827$, $k_{2c} = 0.469$

Solution

For n=10 bars, $z_s = 2r_s \cos \alpha = 285.32 \text{ mm}$ Assume that $c_{uc} = 231.99 \text{ mm}$ $c_u = \epsilon_{cu} c_{uc} \, / \, \epsilon_{ccu} = 99.02 \, mm$ $c_{uc} = 231.99 mm < 0.5 R_h = 170 mm$ $\theta = \pi - \cos^{-1} [(0.5R_{h} - c_{uc} + c_{u})/(0.5R_{h})] = 1.790 \text{ rad}$ $\theta_{c} = \pi - \cos^{-1} [(c_{uc} - 0.5R_{h})/(0.5R_{h})] = 1.944 \text{ rad}$ The values σ_{si} may be determined from the strain diagram: $\varepsilon_{s1} = [c_{uc} - 0.5(R_h - z_s)]\varepsilon_{ccu} / c_{uc} = 0.00723$ $\epsilon_{s1} > 0, \epsilon_{vd} < \epsilon_{s1} < \epsilon_{sh}, \ \sigma_{s1} = f_{vd} = 191.3 \ N/mm^2$ $\varepsilon_{s2} = [c_{uc} - 0.5R_{h} + 0.588r_{s}]\varepsilon_{ccu} / c_{uc} = 0.005308$ $\epsilon_{s2} > 0, \epsilon_{vd} < \epsilon_{s2} < \epsilon_{sh}, \ \sigma_{s2} = f_{vd} = 191.3 \ N/mm^2$ $\varepsilon_{s3} = [c_{uc} - 0.5R_{h}]\varepsilon_{ccu} / c_{uc} = 0.00219$ $\epsilon_{s3} > 0, \quad \epsilon_{yd} < \epsilon_{s3} < \epsilon_{sh}, \ \sigma_{s3} = f_{yd} = 191.3 \ N/mm^2$ $\varepsilon_{s4} = [c_{uc} - 0.5R_h - 0.588r_s]\varepsilon_{ccu} / c_{uc} = -0.000926,$ $\epsilon_{s4} < 0, \quad \left| \epsilon_{s4} \right| < \epsilon_{yd} \ , \ \sigma_{s4} = \epsilon_{s4} E_s = -0.000926 \ ^* 2 \ ^* 10^5 = -185.2 \ N/mm^2$ $\varepsilon_{s5} = [c_{uc} - 0.5(R_h + z_s)]\varepsilon_{ccu} / c_{uc} = -0.002851,$ $\epsilon_{s5} < 0$, $\epsilon_{vd} < \left|\epsilon_{s5}\right| < \epsilon_{sh}$, $\sigma_{s5} = -f_{vd} = -191.3 \text{ N/mm}^2$

And from Eq.26 we write

$$\begin{split} D_{v1}^{2} &= 2[N_{d} - 0.25Kf_{cd}k_{1c}R_{h}^{2}(\theta_{c} - \sin\theta_{c}\cos\theta_{c}) - 0.25k_{3}f_{cd}k_{1}(R^{2} - R_{h}^{2})(\theta_{c} - \theta)] / \\ & \left[\pi(\sigma_{s1} + \sigma_{s2} + \sigma_{s3+} + \sigma_{s4} + \sigma_{s5})\right] = 367.85 \end{split}$$

From Eq.28 we have

 $N_u = 1202.21 \, kN$. Because of $\ N_u \cong N_d$

Total area of longitudinal steel in the section is $A_{s_v} = nA_{si} = n0.25\pi D_{v1}^2 = 10 * 0.25 * \pi * 367.85 = 2889.09 \text{ mm}^2 (10 \text{ } \text{φ20})$

The ultimate curvature is $\phi_{uc}=\epsilon_{ccu}\,/\,x_{uc}=0.0082/\,231.99\,^*\,2\,^*\,10^5=0.03535\,$ rad/m

Balanced Eccentricity

 $c_{\rm b} = [\epsilon_{\rm cu} / (\epsilon_{\rm cu} + \epsilon_{\rm vd})] 0.5(R + z_{\rm s}) = 269.11 \text{ mm}$ $c_{bc} = \left[\epsilon_{ccu} / (\epsilon_{ccu} + \epsilon_{vd}) \right] 0.5 (R_{b} + z_{s}) = 280 \text{ mm}$ $c_{b} = 269.11 mm > 0.5 R_{h} = 170 mm$ $c_{bc} = 280 \text{ mm} > 0.5 R_{h} = 170 \text{ mm}$ $\theta_{b} = \pi - \cos^{-1} [(0.5R_{h} - c_{uc} + c_{u})/(0.5R_{h})] = 2.781 \text{ rad}$ $\theta_{hc} = \pi - \cos^{-1} [(c_{uc} - 0.5R_h)/(0.5R_h)] = 2.275 \text{ rad}$ $\varepsilon_{sb1} = [c_{bc} - 0.5(R_{b} - z_{s})]\varepsilon_{ccu} / c_{bc} = 0.007399 \text{ N/mm}^{2}$ $\epsilon_{s1} > 0$, $\epsilon_{vd} < \epsilon_{s1} < \epsilon_{sh}$, $\sigma_{s1} = f_{vd} = 191.3 \text{ N/mm}^2$ $\varepsilon_{sb2} = [c_{bc} - 0.5R_{b} + 0.588r_{s}]\varepsilon_{ccu} / c_{bc} = 0.005804$ $\epsilon_{s2} > 0$, $\epsilon_{vd} < \epsilon_{s2} < \epsilon_{sh}$, $\sigma_{s2} = f_{vd} = 191.3 \text{ N/mm}^2$ $\varepsilon_{sb3} = [c_{bc} - 0.5R_{b}]\varepsilon_{ccu} / c_{bc} = 0.003221$ $\epsilon_{s3} > 0, \quad \epsilon_{yd} < \epsilon_{s3} < \epsilon_{sh}, \ \sigma_{s3} = f_{vd} = 191.3 \ N/mm^2$ $\varepsilon_{s4} = [c_{uc} - 0.5R_{b} - 0.588r_{s}]\varepsilon_{ccu} / c_{bc} = 0.0006384,$ $\epsilon_{s4} > 0, \quad \epsilon_{s4} < \epsilon_{vd} \text{ , } \sigma_{s4} = \epsilon_{s4} E_s = 0.0006384 \text{ * } 2 \text{ * } 10^5 = 127.68 \text{ } \text{N/mm}^2$ $\varepsilon_{s5} = [c_{bc} - 0.5(R_{b} + z_{s})]\varepsilon_{ccu} / c_{bc} = -0.0009565,$ $\epsilon_{s5} < 0$, $\epsilon_{vd} < \left|\epsilon_{s5}\right| < \epsilon_{sh}$, $\sigma_{s5} = -f_{vd} = -191.3 \text{ N/mm}^2$ $A_{si} = 0.25 * \pi * 400 = 314.16 \text{ mm}^2$ Substituting the values calculated into Eq.33 gives $e_{b} = 55.12 \, mm$ $e = 96 mm > e_{h} = 55.12 mm$ Therefore, a tension failure occurs.

II) Calculate A_{sv} and ϕ_u for unconfined circular column. The total area is $A_{sv} = 1533.02 \text{ mm}^2$ (10 ϕ 14) and the ultimate curvature is $\phi_{uc} = 0.0132 \text{ rad/m}$.

5. CONCLUSIONS

The bending moment distribution is related to the ductility at plastic hinges of reinforced conrete structures. Also, structures subjected to seismic action must be ductile enough to absorb and dissipate energy. Past research has shown that the ductility enough to absorb and dissipation capacity of a reinforced concrete member can be improved significantly by confining the concrete by circular spirals. In this context, the confined circular short columns can be accurately designed, including consideration of the strain hardening in steel. Besides, the capacities of potential plastic hinge rotation are estimated greater than the real values because of the negligence of the strain hardening effect.

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Figure 1. Idealized stress-strain behaviour model for concrete confined by circular spirals



Figure 2. Idealized stress-strain behaviour model for steel, including the effect of strain hardening



Figure 3. Geometric parameter



Figure 4. The analysis of short columns