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## LIST OF SYMBOLS AND NOTATIONS

The following are list of notations used in this thesis work

<b><i>RC</i></b>	Reinforced Concrete
<b><i>SRCC</i></b>	Slender Reinforced Concrete Colum
<b><i>EBCS</i></b>	Ethiopian Building Code Standard
<b><i>ACI</i></b>	American Concrete Institute
<b><i>ETABS</i></b>	Extended Three Dimensional Analysis of Building Systems
<b><i>C<sub>c</sub></i></b>	Compressive force developed in the concrete
<b><i>C<sub>s2</sub></i></b>	Compressive force developed in the in the compression reinforcement
<b><i>C<sub>s1</sub></i></b>	Tensile force or compression force developed in the bottom reinforcement of column cross section
<b><i>P<sub>u</sub></i></b>	Ultimate axial load capacity of column
<b><i>P<sub>sd</sub></i></b>	Design values of internal axial load
<b><i>P<sub>sc</sub></i></b>	Slender column axial load capacity
<b><i>M<sub>u</sub></i></b>	Ultimate moment capacity of column in uniaxial bending
<b><i>M<sub>sc</sub></i></b>	Slender column cross section ultimate moment capacity of column in uniaxial bending
<b><i>M<sub>0</sub></i></b>	First order moment of column in uniaxial bending
<b><i>M<sub>bal</sub></i></b>	Balanced moment capacity of column in uniaxial bending
<b><i>M<sub>sd</sub></i></b>	Design moment at the critical section including second order effect
<b><i>A<sub>c</sub></i></b>	Gross area of concrete section
<b><i>A<sub>s,tot</sub></i></b>	Total area of reinforcement in columns
<b><i>L</i></b>	Clear height of column
<b><i>L<sub>e</sub></i></b>	Effective buckling length
<b><i>λ</i></b>	Slenderness ratio
<b><i>I</i></b>	Moment of inertia
<b><i>I<sub>g</sub></i></b>	Gross moment of inertia of section about centroid
<b><i>i</i></b>	Radius of gyration
<b><i>b, h</i></b>	Dimensions of rectangular section ( width, height )respectively

$d$	Effective depth of rectangular section
$h'$	Concrete cover to the centroid of the reinforcement
$e$	Eccentricity
$e_o$	Equivalent uniform first order eccentricity
$e_a$	Additional eccentricity
$e_2$	Second order eccentricity
$e_{tot}$	Total eccentricity
$f_{cu}$	Cube compression strength of concrete
$f_{cd}$	Design compressive strength of concrete
$f_{ck}$	Characteristic compressive strength of concrete
$f_{yd}$	Design yield strength of reinforcement
$k_x$	Relative depth of neutral axis
$r$	Radius of curvature
$\alpha_c$	Relative compressive force in concrete
$\beta_c$	Relative distance of point of application of the compressive force in the concrete, $C_c$ from the outermost concrete fiber under compression
$\epsilon_{cm}$	Compressive strain in the outer most fiber
$\epsilon_o$	Strain at the point on the parabolic _rectangular stress diagram where the parabolic section joins the linear section
$E_c$	Tangent Modulus of Elasticity of Concrete at stress $\sigma=0$ and 28 days
$\epsilon_{sy}$	Strain reinforcement at the yield point
$\epsilon_{yd}$	Design of yield strain of steel
$\epsilon_{s1}$	Strain in tensile reinforcement
$\epsilon_{s2}$	Strain in compressive reinforcement
$\nu_u = \frac{Pu}{f_{cd}A_c}$	Design value of the ultimate relative axial load
$\mu_u = \frac{Mu}{f_{cd}A_c h}$	Design moment capacity of columns with uniaxial bending
$\nu_{sd} = \frac{Psd}{f_{cd}A_c}$	Design value of the ultimate relative axial load
$\mu_{sd} = \frac{Msd}{f_{cd}A_c h}$	Design moment of columns with uniaxial bending respectively

## **ABSTRACT**

In concrete buildings, recently the design of column is increasingly determined by architectural, aesthetic, and economic criteria leading to slender cross-sections of columns. However, slender column design requires rigorous analysis to account second order effect due to deflection of the column. Because the deflection provides additional eccentricity to axial load that induces additional second order moment. If second order effect is not considered adequately, it can cause stability failure, which is catastrophic. Since exact rigorous analysis demands more computational effort, simplified methods have been proposed in building codes such as EBCS\_2, 1995, CEB\_FIP1990 and ACI code still that involves iterative procedure. Moreover, even recently developed commercial computer programmes such as ETABS and SAP2000 do not consider second order effects due to the deflection of the column between its ends adequately as compared to relative deflection between ends of columns.

In this thesis, approximate uniaxial P\_M interaction diagram for non-sway slender RC rectangular column is presented based on the simplified method of EBCS\_2, 1995-second order eccentricity formula (deflection between two ends of a column) which is rather simple and unsophisticated for design of slender column. For the preparation of the interaction diagram, cross section interaction diagram and column slenderness is used. Since the slender column capacity is smaller than short column capacity, the cross section interaction diagram is modified so that it would have a room for the slenderness effect. This is made by deducting additional moment due to second order and geometric imperfection eccentricity from cross section interaction diagram.

Finally, the approximate interaction diagram is checked for its validity and satisfactory result is obtained. Therefore, the interaction diagram can be used as a design aid as well as preliminary cross section capacity estimation since it is very easy and quick method. Moreover, it can be used for checking of computer output.

# CHAPTER ONE

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background

*“Young engineers are often perfect in using computers, but they don’t know where to put the comma. It is not the computer that produces ideas. Let us not throw away the pencil and the slide rule.”* Anton Tedesko (1967), shell designer and builder.

In building structures, a reinforced concrete (RC) column, which is a primary structural member, is subjected to the axial force and bending moment which may be due to end restraint arising from the monolithic placement of floor beams and columns or due to eccentricity from imperfect alignment. Therefore, column section should be designed to resist the combined action of axial load and bending moment. Recently, because of architectural aesthetics and efficiency in use of space, relatively slender columns have frequently been used in many building structures, either throughout an entire building or in some parts of a structure, e.g., the exterior of buildings and the interior of lobbies. Moreover, the use of high strength steel and concrete has led to an increased use of slender members.

However, as slender RC columns may fail due to not only material failure in a section but also instability of a structure, which require more rigorous numerical analyses to consider secondary effects such as the P–delta effect and creep deformation of concrete in order to preserve their strength and serviceability. In this thesis, secondary effect due to P\_delta effect is considered. Building codes normally recognize two types of P-delta effect as shown in figure (1\_1).The first type is the deflection of the column between its two ends denoted by ( $\delta$ ), which is common in braced or non-sway columns. Another one is relative deflection of one end of column to the other end of column denoted by ( $\Delta$ ), which is common in sway frames. Eventhough both types of

deflections do occur in a frame as shown in figure (1\_1) only first type of second order effect is considered in this thesis.

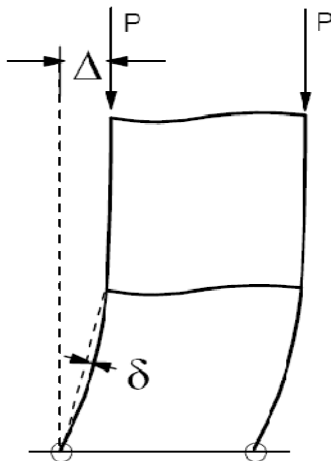


Figure 1-1 P- $\Delta$  and P- $\delta$  Effects [After, S.L. Chan, 2004]

For calculation of second order effect in slender columns, it is required to formulate equilibrium equation on the deformed geometry of the column, which is non-linear analysis. Non-linear analysis involves both geometric and material non-linearity. However, here in this thesis only geometric non-linearity (P\_delta effect) is the point of discussion. Compared to non-linear analysis, linear analysis assumes the applied load is directly proportional to displacement, stresses, reactions, etc and it does not consider second order effect. In non-linear analysis, to account geometric non-linearity (P\_delta effect) iteration is required since the deformed geometry is not known before the first linear analysis.

However, non-linear analysis is very difficult and sometimes impossible. So far different simplified methods have been prepared such as ACI magnification factors, second order eccentricity equations recommended in many building codes including EBCS2, 1995 with some iteration using uniaxial P\_M interaction diagram design charts, which have been used for many years to assist in the proportioning and detailing of reinforced concrete columns. Moreover, in recent days better computer programming is being developed for faster and easier design of structures such as ETABS, SAP2000, and STAADPro etc. Nevertheless, design charts and tables will remain useful. Because they can serve as providing data for those who are engaged in developing computer

programmes. On the one hand, an aid for checking the validity and correctness of programmes coming from different sources on the other hand [EBCS2: Part 2, 1995].

Yet, still there is no such graphical design aids (chart) like that of steel columns for slender RC column in EBCS\_2,1995. Moreover, if there had been such design aid so far, it could be used for checking of computer outputs. Because, now a day's, most designs are carried out using commercial software, which could give erroneous result due to various reasons. For example, there is lack of understanding a software limitation. To support this sentence, in the commercial software user manual of ETABS and SAP2000 it is recommended to use some magnification factors for the first type ( $\delta$ ) of second order deflection ,which similar to non sway column design procedure of EBCS2,1995 or ACI moment magnification factor for non sway column.

Until now, EBCS\_2, 1995 recommends simplified second order eccentricity equations for the design of slender non-sway column, which is iterative in nature to account axial force effect on the curvature of the column. Therefore, the main purpose of this thesis work is to prepare approximate interaction diagram for slender RC columns, which is graphical summary of slender column capacity, based on EBCS2, 1995-second order eccentricity formula and cross section interaction diagram. For the calculation of the interaction diagram Ms Excel sheet is employed. Finally, the interaction diagram developed is checked for its validity by comparing with the chart of Schneider, 2006 and second order eccentricity calculation formula of EBCS2, 1995 and satisfactory result is obtained. Therefore, the charts can be used as alternative design method for slender RC column (See the Appendices).

## **1.2 Objectives**

### **General Objective**

- To prepare design aid for slender RC column

### **Specific Objective**

- To prepare approximate interaction diagram for slender RC column
- To show direction for future works

### **1.3 Statement of the problem**

For design of non-sway slender RC column, EBCS2, 1995 recommends second order eccentricity formula to account the deflection between two column ends. The second order eccentricity formula involves iteration to account effect of axial force on the curvature of the column, which is calculated based column slenderness. In this thesis, to avoid the iteration involved approximate uniaxial slender RC column interaction diagram is derived which is graphical summary of various slender column capacity for different slenderness ratio.

### **1.4 Scope and limitation of the study**

This thesis is limited to the preparation of approximate uniaxial interaction diagram for slender rectangular RC columns and symmetrically reinforced section.

### **1.5 Methodology**

In the preparation of the approximate slender column interaction diagram, ultimate limit state of EBCS2, 1995, the simplified second order eccentricity formula of EBCS2, 1995 and cross section interaction diagram is used. For calculations of numerical values Ms Excel sheet, is employed throughout the thesis work

### **1.6 Organization of the thesis**

The thesis is organized into four chapters. Chapter 1 introduces the background, the objectives, and the scope of the thesis work. Chapter 2 describes previous works done on the design of slender column. Chapter 3, which is the main body of the thesis work, shows the procedures followed in the calculations and verification of slender column design aid. Finally, Chapter 4 describes conclusion and recommendation of this work.

## CHAPTER TWO

### LITERATURE REVIEW

#### 2.1 Behavior of Slender RC column

##### 2.1.1 Buckling of Axially Loaded Elastic Columns

Normally when structural members are in compression, it is a good thing. They will not fail except by crushing (exceeding their compressive yield strength), and fatigue does not occur for elements in compression. However if the geometry of the member is such that it is a “column” then buckling can occur. Buckling is particularly dangerous because it is a catastrophic failure that gives no warning. That is, the structural system collapses often resulting in total destruction of the system and unlike yielding failures, there may be no signs that the collapse is about to occur. Thus, design engineers must be constantly on vigil against buckling failure.

For the illustration of elastic buckling three states of equilibrium are shown in figure 2\_1 by J.MacGregor *et.al.*(2005). If the ball in figure 2\_1 (a) is displaced laterally and released, it will return to its original position. This is stable equilibrium. If the ball in fig 2\_1(c) is displaced laterally and released, it will roll off the hill. This is unstable equilibrium. The transition between stable and unstable equilibrium is neutral equilibrium, shown in fig 2\_1 (b). Here the ball will remain in the displaced position. Similar states of equilibrium exist for the axially loaded column in figure 2\_2(a). If the column is returns to its original position when it is pushed laterally at mid height and released it is stable and so on.

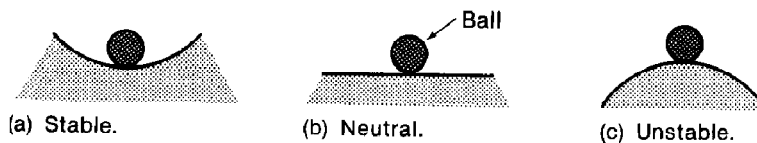


Figure 2\_1 States of Equilibrium [After, MacGregor *et al*, 2005]

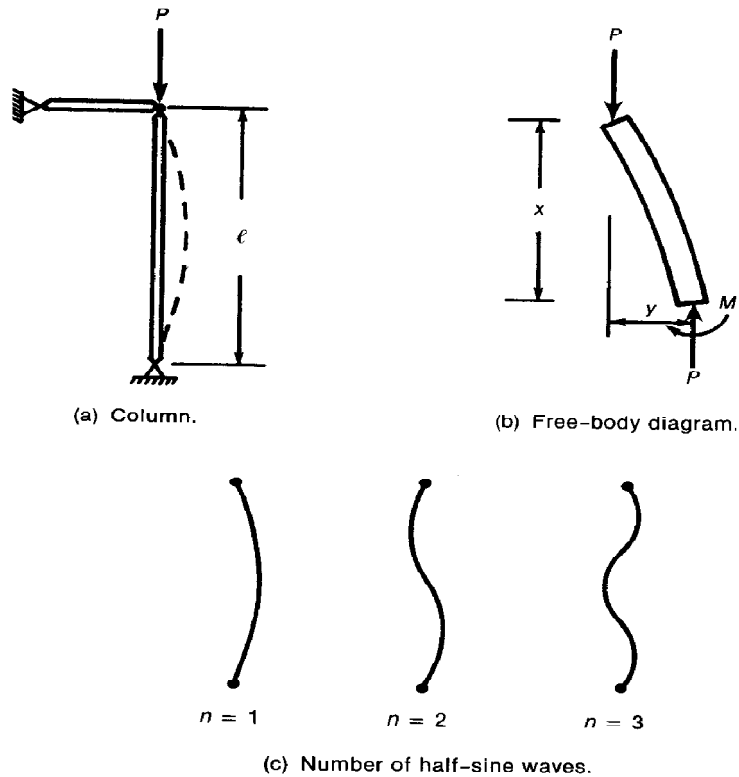


Figure 2\_2 buckling of a pin-ended column [After, MacGregor *etal*, 2005]

Figure 2\_2 (b) shows a portion of a column that is in a state of neutral equilibrium. The differential equation for this column is

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{-Py}{EI} \quad \text{Eqn. 2_1, MacGregor } \textit{etal} \text{ (12_3)}$$

In 1744, Leonhard Euler solved equation 2\_1 and its solution is

$$P_c = \frac{n^2\pi^2EI}{L^2} \quad \text{Eqn. 2_2, MacGregor } \textit{etal} \text{ (12_4)}$$

Where

EI =flexural rigidity of the column cross section,

L= length of the column, n=number of half sine waves in the deformed shape of the column. Cases with n=1, 2 and 3 are shown in figure 2\_2(c). The lowest value of  $P_c$  will occur with n=1.0 this gives what is called **Euler buckling Load**.

$$P_c = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L^2}$$

Eqn. 2\_3, MacGregor *etal* (12\_5)

Such a column is shown figure (2\_2 a). If this column were unable to move sideways at the mid height, as shown in figure 2\_2b, it would buckle with  $n=2$  and the buckling would be

$$P_c = \frac{2^2 \pi^2 EI}{L^2}$$

which is four times the critical load of the same column without mid height brace. Another way of looking at this involves the concept of the effective length of the column. The effective length of the column is the length of a pin-ended column having the same buckling load. Thus, the column in figure 2\_3 (b) has the same load as that of figure 2\_3 (c). The effective length of is,  $L/2$  in this case, where  $L/2$  is the length of each of the half sine waves in the deflected shape of the column in figure 2\_3(b). The effective length,  $kL$  is equal to  $l/n$ . The effective length factor is  $k=1/n$ . Generally, equation 2.2 can be rewritten as

$$P_c = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{(kL)^2}$$

Eqn. 2\_4, MacGregor *etal* (12\_6)

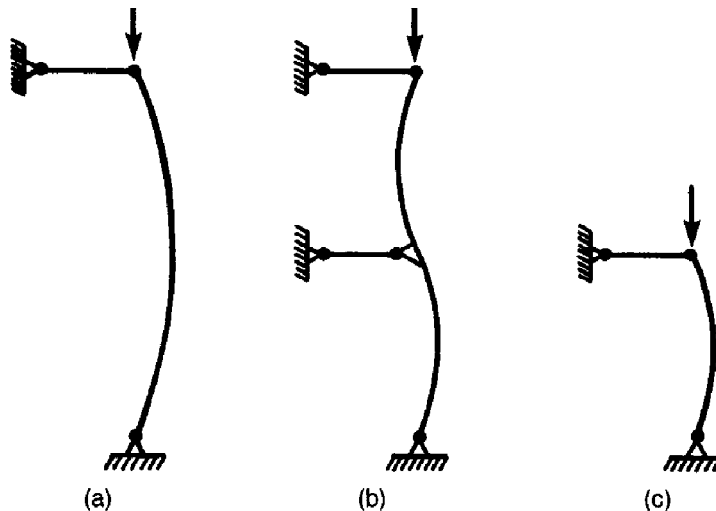


Figure 2\_3 Effective lengths of columns [After, MacGregor *etal*, 2005]

In equation 2\_4, the critical axial load is derived to analyze the stability of the column using elastic buckling analysis for elastic columns. In fact, elastic columns are too ideal, but with many assumptions, steel columns can behave elastically and hence their stability can be determined. So far, buckling curves have been produced for steel columns to assist steel column stability analysis such as European Buckling Curves. However, unlike steel columns the conditions for elastic buckling analysis are never satisfied in RC columns. Because concrete is inelastic, section cracks, loading is eccentric, columns are not perfectly straight (imperfection). Hence, the stability analysis of RC columns is carried out using second order theory.

### **2.1.2 Second Order Theory**

In the first order theory, the equations of equilibrium are formulated on the undeformed structure. First order analysis assumes small deflection behavior; the resulting forces and moments take no account of the additional effect due to the deformation of the structure under load. Strictly speaking, this is not accurate. Actually, the conditions of equilibrium are satisfied on the deformed structure, which is second order theory. First order theory is sufficiently accurate for most structures such as beam and slab. However, the additional moment may not be negligible for columns in the presence of axial load especially for slender columns [Girma Zerayohannes, 2010 and White *e tal.*1991 ]

Therefore, second order theory should be used in the analysis and design of a column. For example an eccentrically loaded, pinned end column is shown in figure 2\_4 the moments at the ends of the column are  $M = P \cdot e$ . When the load  $P$  is applied the column deflects laterally by an amount equal to  $\delta$  as shown in figure 2\_4 (a). For equilibrium, the internal moment at mid height must be  $M_{mid} = P \cdot (e + \delta)$ , in figure 2\_4 (b),  $M_c = P \cdot (e + \delta)$ , i.e. the deflection increases the moments for which the columns must be designed. In figure 2\_5, the load moment curve is drawn by including the deformation effect.

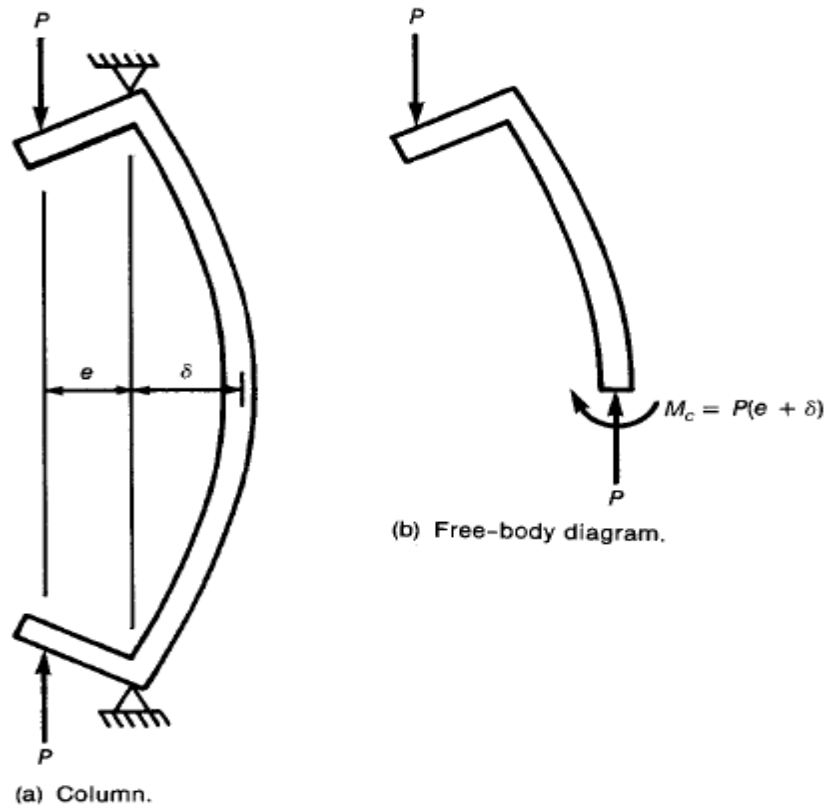


Figure 2\_4 Forces in a deflected column [After, MacGregor *et al*, 2005]

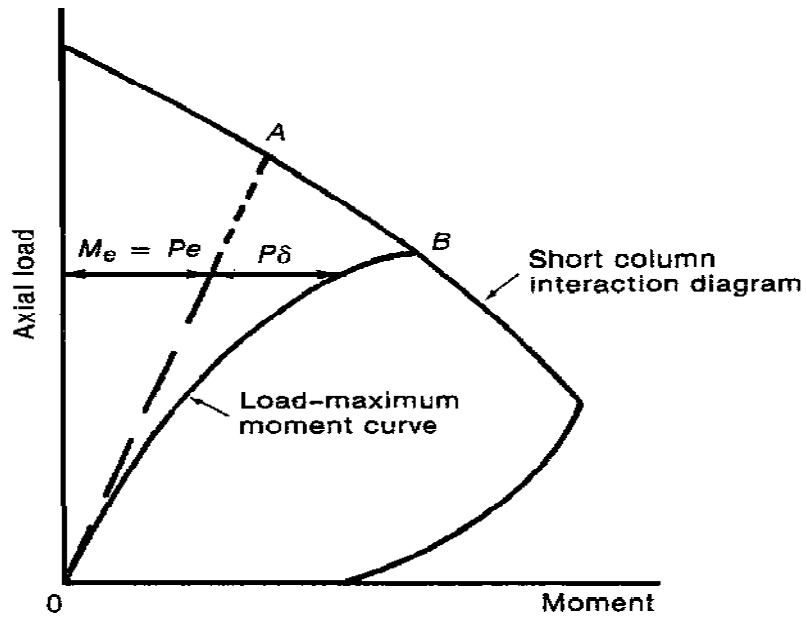


Figure 2\_5 Load and moment in a column [After, J.MacGregor *et al*, 2005]

### 2.1.3 Column failure Mechanism

According to Bazant, *et al.* (2003), there are two types of failure mechanisms for a column. The first is the failure of the material. It is governed by the value of the material strength or yield limit, which is independent of column geometry and size. By contrast, the load at which a column becomes unstable regarded as independent of material strength or yield limit: it depends on structural stiffness of the material, characterized by, for example by elastic modulus. Failures of elastic structures due to structural instability have their primary cause in geometric effects: the geometry of deformation introduces non-linearity that amplifies the stresses calculated on the bases of the initial undeformed configuration of the structure. This is special problem of slender column.

In the figure 2\_6, failure mechanisms are shown. Curve OB is the load-moment curve for the maximum column moment. Curve OA is the load-moment curve for the end moment. Failure occurs when the load moment curve OB for the critical section intersects the interaction diagram for the cross-section. Thus, the load and moment at failure are denoted by point B in figure 2\_6. Because of the increase in the maximum moment due to deflections; the axial load capacity is reduced from A to B. This reduction in axial load capacity results from slenderness of the column.. As the slenderness increases the value of  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial M}$  approaches zero and hence stability failure initiated rather than cross section failure as in point C.

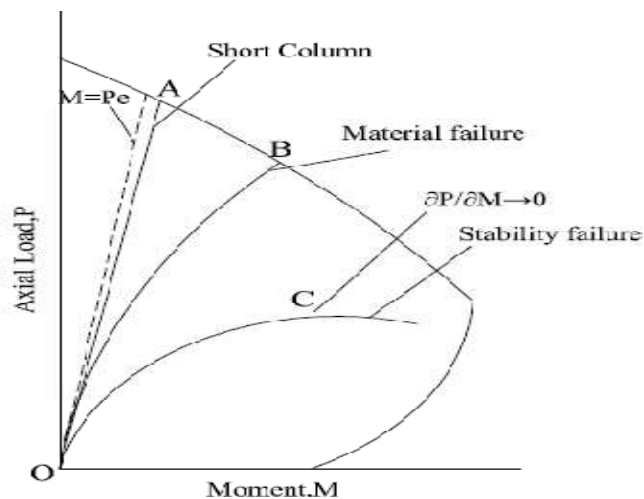


Figure 2\_6 Material and stability failure [After, J.MacGregor *et al.*, 2005]

## 2.2 Design methods for Slender RC columns

So far, different methods have been proposed and used in the design of slender RC columns. This includes, design curves or charts, approximate equations for equivalent second order eccentricity and moment magnifier to account second order effect. Each of the methods will be discussed in the following subsections.

### 2.2.1 Slender RC column interaction curves

In the past, different authors have derived slender interaction diagram. One of the pioneer MacGregor *et al.* (1970) stated that interaction diagram for slender column can be prepared considering section capacity and length to width ratio or slenderness ratio as shown in figure 2\_7(a) and (b) to account second order effect with constant value of  $\omega$ .

Bazant *et al.* (1991) also showed reduced column failure envelope in figure 2\_8 based on slenderness ration. On the other hand, Schneider (2006) derived interaction diagram for slender columns with constant value of  $\lambda$  as shown in figure 2\_9. Similarly, Josip Galič *et al.* (2005) derived interaction diagrams as in figure 2\_10 and 2\_11 for constant value of  $\omega$  and  $\lambda$  respectively.

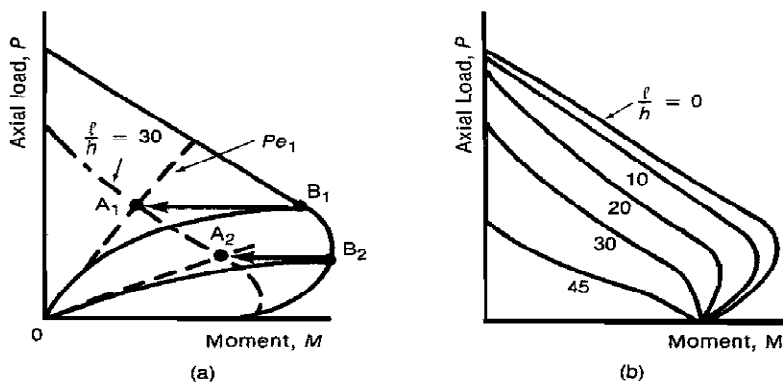


Figure 2\_7 Slender Column interaction curve [After, MacGregor *et al.*, 2005 ]

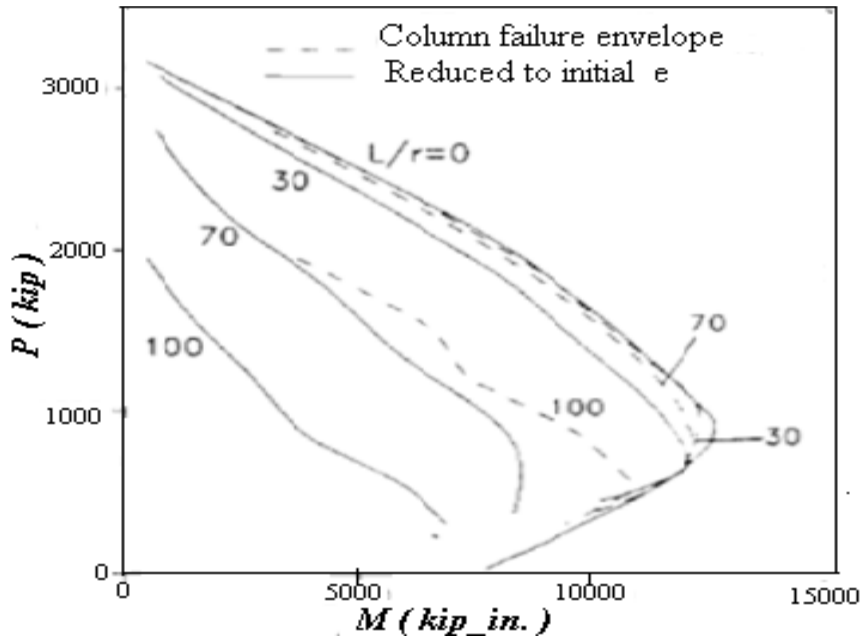


Figure 2\_8 Column failure envelopes and reduced failure envelopes [After, Bazant *et al*, 1991]

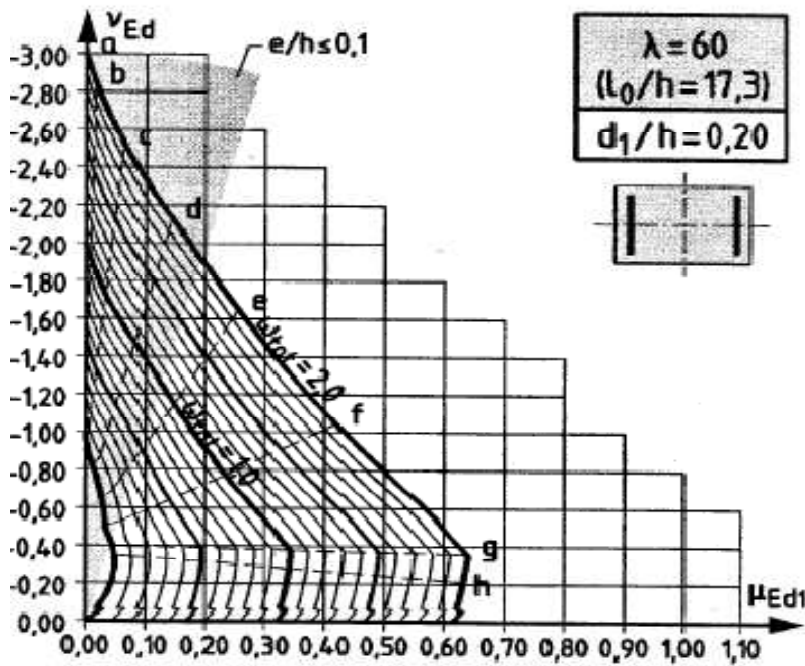


Figure 2\_9 Interaction diagram for slender column [After, Schneider, 2006]

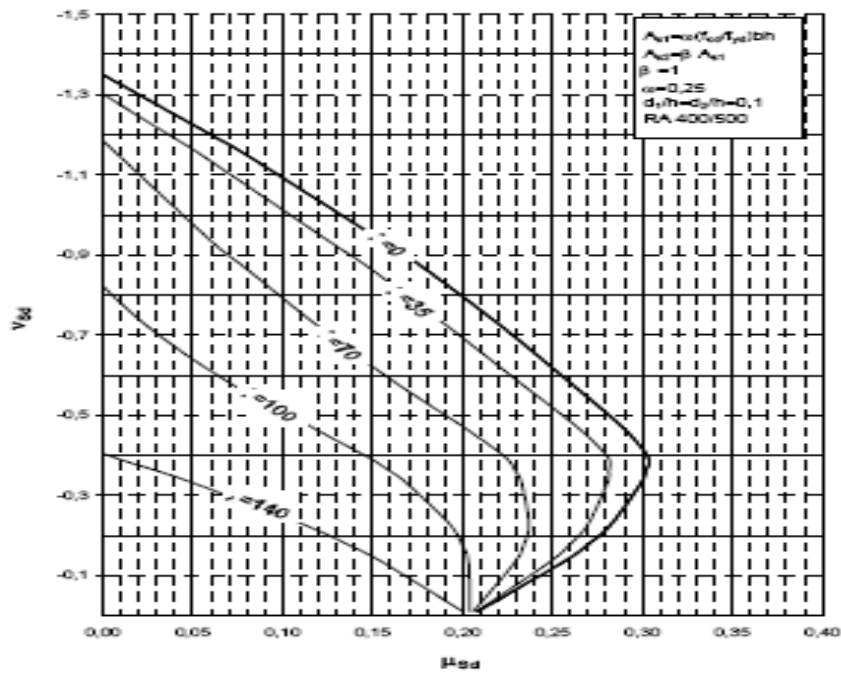


Figure 2\_10 Interaction diagram for slender column with constant  $\omega$  [After, Josip Galič *et al* ,2005]

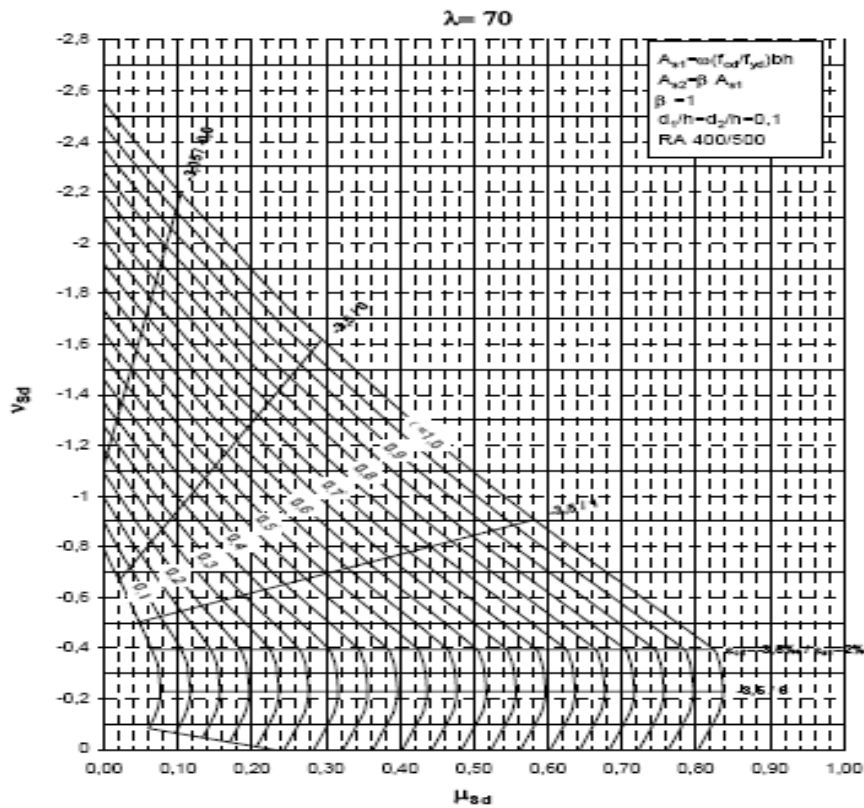


Figure 2\_11 Interaction diagram for slender column with constant  $\lambda$  [After, Josip Galič *et al* ,2005]

## 2.2.2 Approximate methods of Slender RC Column design

### 2.2.2.1 EBCS 2, 1995 Recommendation

According to EBCS 2, 1995 recommendation, articles 4.4.4.4, and 4.10 described columns may be considered as isolated columns when they are isolated compression members. Such as individual isolated columns and columns with articulations in a non-sway structure or compression members which are integral parts of a structure which are considered to be isolated for design purposes (such as slender bracing elements considered as isolated columns, and columns with restrained ends in a non-sway structure)

For buildings, a design method may be used which assumes the compression members to be isolated and adopts a simplified shape for the deformed axis of the column. The additional eccentricity induced in the column by its deflection is then calculated as a function of slenderness ratio. Accordingly, the deflection of the column can be expressed as in equation (2.6).

1) The total eccentricity to be used for the design of columns of constant cross-section at the critical section is given  $e_{tot} = e_a + e_o + e_2$  Eqn.2\_5, (EBCS2, 1995 Eqn.4\_14)

Where

$e_{tot}$ = total design eccentricity

$e_a$ =additional equivalent geometric imperfection eccentricity given by  $e_a = \frac{Le}{300} \geq 20\text{mm}$

$e_o$ = is equivalent constant first order eccentricity of the design axial load

$e_2$ =second order eccentricity

For non-sway frames, the second-order eccentricity,  $e_2$ , of an isolated column may be obtained as

$$e_2 = \frac{k_1 l e^2}{10} * \frac{1}{r} \quad \text{Eqn.2_6, (EBCS2, 1995 Eqn.4_18)}$$

Where  $k_1 = \frac{\lambda}{20} - 0.75$  for  $15 \leq \lambda \leq 35$

$k_1=1.0$ , for  $\lambda > 35$

$\frac{1}{r}$  is the curvature at the critical section

For isolated columns the slenderness ratio is defined by

$$\lambda = \frac{l_e}{i} \quad \text{Eqn. 2_7, (EBCS2, 1995 Eqn.4_4)}$$

$i$  is the minimum radius of gyration of the concrete section only.

$L_e$  is effective buckling length of the column

- (1) The curvature is generally a non-linear function of the axial load and bending moment in the critical section, but the following approximate value may be used in the absence of more accurate methods:

$$\frac{1}{r} = k_2 * \left(\frac{5}{d}\right) * 10^{-3} \quad \text{Eqn. 2_8, (EBCS2, 1995 Eqn.4_19)}$$

Where  $d$  is the column dimension in the buckling plane less the cover to the center of the longitudinal reinforcement

$$k_2 = \frac{M_d}{M_{bal}}$$

$M_d$  is the design moment at the critical section including second-order effects

$M_{bal}$  is the balanced moment capacity of the column.

- (2) The appropriate value of  $k_2$  may be found iteratively taking an initial value corresponding to first order actions

### 2.2.2.2 CEB\_FIP 1990 Simplified Design Methods for Isolated members

A design method may be used which adopts a simplified shape for the deformed axis of the member. The second order deflection  $e_2$  is then calculated as function of the member length ( $l$ ), the eccentricities  $e_{o1}$  and  $e_{o2}$  of the axial force at the ends of the member and the curvature  $1/r_{tot}$  in the critical section with the total eccentricity  $e_{tot}$  according to equation Eqn.2\_9

$$e_{tot} = e_0 + e_a + e_2 \quad \text{Eqn.2_9 , (CEB Eqn.6.6_16)}$$

Where

$e_0$  denotes first order eccentricity  $e_0 = M_{sd,1} / N_{sd}$

$M_{sd,1}$  denotes the maximum design bending moment

$N_{sd}$  denotes the applied design axial force

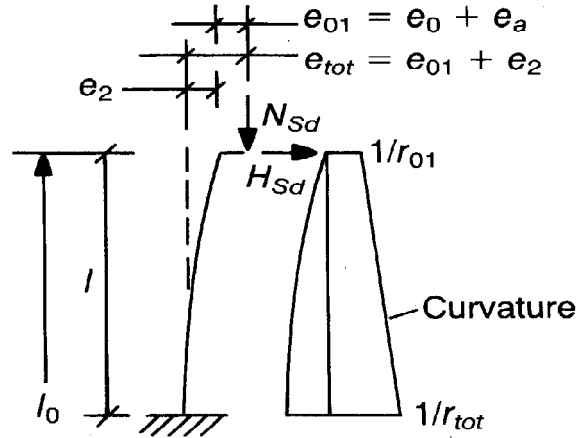


Figure 2\_12 Model column [After,CEB-FIP1990]

The 'model column' as shown in figure 2\_12 is a cantilever column with constant cross section, fixed at the base and free at the top. It is being bent in single curvature under loads and moments which give maximum moment at the base. In the case of constant reinforcement, the maximum deflection is assumed to be:

$$e_2 = 0.1k_1l^2 \left( \frac{4}{r_{tot}} + \frac{1}{r_{01}} \right) \quad \text{Eqn.2_10, (CEB Eqn.6.6_17)}$$

$$e_2 = 0.1k_1l^2 \left( 4 + \frac{e_{01}}{e_{tot}} \right) \frac{1}{r_{tot}} \quad \text{Eqn.2_11, (CEB Eqn.6.6_18)}$$

and when the reinforcement is curtailed in accordance with the bending moment diagram. It may be assumed to be

$$e_2 = 0.5k_1l^2 \frac{1}{r_{tot}} \quad \text{Eqn.2_12, (CEB Eqn.6.6_19)}$$

where  $1/r_{tot}$  = the curvature associated with eccentricity  $e_{tot}$

$1/r_{01}$  = the curvature associated with eccentricity  $e_{01}$  and which may be assumed to be  $(e_{01}/e_{tot})1/r_{tot}$

$k_1$  = a coefficient which is introduced in order to avoid discontinuity of the function describing the design bearing capacity when the slenderness bound ( $\lambda_1$ ) is exceeded; it is obtained from Eqn.(2.13)

$$k_1 = 2 \left( \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_1} - 1 \right) \text{ for } \lambda_1 \leq \lambda \leq 1.5\lambda_1 \quad \text{Eqn.2_13, (CEB Eqn.6.6_20)}$$

$$k_1 = 1 \text{ for } \lambda > \lambda_1 \quad \text{Eqn.2\_14, (CEB Eqn.6.6\_21)}$$

The curvature  $1/r_{\text{tot}}$  is derived from the equilibrium of the internal and external forces

For pin ended column with constant cross\_section and reinforcement and subjected tpo first order moments varying linearly along their length and  $|e_{02}| > |e_{01}|$  an equivalent eccentricity  $e_c$  may be taken as

$$e_c = 0.6e_{02} + 0.4e_{01} \quad \text{Eqn. 2\_15, (CEB Eqn.6.6\_22)}$$

The stability verification may then be done as for a ‘model column’ but having only half length (l) of the real column. The cross\_section design with  $e_{02}$  is also necessary. A fictitious curvature  $1/r_{\text{tot}}$  in eqns.(6.6\_17,\_18 and\_19) may be derived for rectangular cross\_section with symmetrically arranged reinforcement in a top and bottom layer from

$$\frac{1}{r_{\text{tot}}} = 2k_2 \frac{\epsilon_{yd}}{z_s} \quad \text{Eqn.2\_16 , (CEB Eqn.6.6\_23)}$$

Where

$\epsilon_{yd}=f_{yd}/E_s$  is the design yield strain of steel reinforcement

$z_s$  is the distance between compression and tension reinforcement,approximately  $z_s=0.9d$

$k_2$  is coefficient, taking ito account the decrease of the curvature with increasing axial force as defined by Eqn.(6.6-24)

$$k_2 = \frac{N_{ud}-N_{sd}}{N_{ud}-N_{bal}} \leq 1 \quad \text{Eqn.2\_17, (CEB Eqn. 6.6\_24)}$$

where

$N_{ud}$  is the design ultimate capacity of the section subjected to axial load only,it may be taken as  $0.85f_{cd}A_c+f_{yd}A_s$

$N_{sd}$  is the actual design axial force

$N_{bal}$  is the design axial load,when the applied to concrete section maximamizes its ultimate moment capacity;for symmetrically reinforced rectangular sections it may be taken as  $0.4f_{cd}A_c$ .It will always be conservative to assume  $k_2=1$ .For columns with coss\_sections other than rectangular or with distiributed reinforcement equivalent values may be used for  $z_s$

### 2.2.2.3 Euro code 2, Commentary Simplified methods and their common basis

In a simplified calculation method, one can use the difference between cross section resistance and first order moment  $M_u - M_o$ , in figure 2\_13, as a nominal second order moment. When this moment is added to the first order moment, a design moment is obtained for which the cross section can be designed with regard to its ultimate resistance. As pointed out above, this nominal second order moment is sometimes greater than the "true" second order moment. However, it can give correct results, even in cases where the load capacity is governed by a stability failure before reaching the cross section resistance, if given appropriate values.

For practical design, there are two principal methods to calculate this nominal second order moment:

- (1) Estimation of the flexural stiffness EI to be used in a linear second order analysis (i.e. considering geometrical non-linearity but assuming linear material behavior); this method is here called stiffness method
- (2) Estimation of the curvature  $1/r$  corresponding to a second order deflection for which the second order moment is calculated; this method is here called curvature method

The total moment including second order moment for a simple isolated member is:

$$M = M_o + M_2 = M_o + N * y = M_o + N \frac{1}{r} * \frac{l^2}{c} \quad \text{Eqn. 2_18}$$

Where (see figure 2\_13)

$M$  = total moment,  $M_o$  = first order moment,  $M_2$  = second order moment,  $N$  = axial force,  
 $y$  = deflection corresponding to curvature ( $1/r$ ),  $1/r$  = curvature corresponding to  $y$ ,  
 $l$  = length,  $c$  = factor for curvature distribution

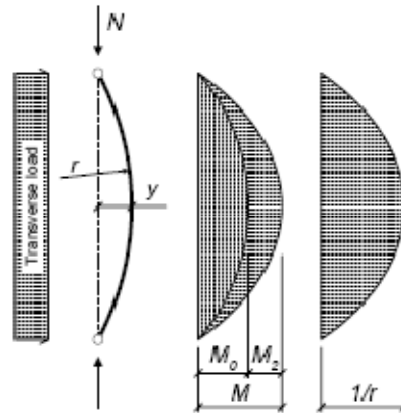


Figure 2\_13 Illustration of deformations and moments in a pin-ended column [After, Euro Code Commentary, 2008]

In the figure 2\_13, first order moment is exemplified as the effect of a transverse load. First, order moment could also be given by eccentricity of the axial load. The difference between the two methods differs in the formulation of the curvature,  $\frac{1}{r}$ . In the stiffness method;  $\frac{1}{r}$  is expressed in terms of an estimated nominal flexural stiffness EI in Eqn.2\_19

$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{M}{EI} \quad \text{Eqn.2_19}$$

The stiffness EI should be defined in such a way that ultimate limit state (ULS) cross section design for the total moment M will give an acceptable result in comparison with the general method. This includes, among other things, taking account of cracking, creep, and non-linear material properties.

In the curvature method, the curvature  $1/r$  is estimated directly defined by Eqn. (2.20), based on assuming yield strain in tensile and compressive reinforcement

$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{2\varepsilon_{yd}}{0.9d} \quad \text{Eqn.2_20}$$

This model overestimates the curvature in those cases where yielding is not reached, giving a too conservative result. The typical example is where the ultimate load is governed by stability failure, before reaching the cross section resistance. The model may also underestimate the curvature in some cases, since it does not take into account creep. However, various corrections can be introduced to improve the result.

### 2.2.2.4 ACI code Recommendation

ACI\_318\_08 recommends slenderness effects neglected in the following cases:

- (a) For compression members not braced against side sway when:  $\frac{kl_u}{r} \leq 22$
- (b) For compression members braced against side sway when:  $\frac{kl_u}{r} \leq 34 - 12\left(\frac{M_1}{M_2}\right) \leq 40$

Where  $\frac{M_1}{M_2}$  positive if the column is bent in single curvature and negative if the member is bent in double curvature.

#### ACI section 10.10.6 — Moment magnification procedure for non sway

Compression members shall be designed for factored axial force  $P_u$  and the factored moment amplified for the effects of member curvature  $M_c$  as

$$M_c = \delta_{ns} M_2 \quad \text{Eqn. 2_21, ACI Eqn. (10_11)}$$

$$\text{Where } \delta_{ns} = \frac{C_m}{1 - \frac{P_u}{0.75P_c}} \geq 1.0, \quad \text{Eqn. 2_22, ACI Eqn. (10_12)}$$

$$P_c = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{(kl_u)^2} \quad \text{Eqn. 2_23, ACI Eqn. (10_13)}$$

The values of EI shall be taken as

$$EI = \frac{0.2EcI_g + EsI_{se}}{1 + \beta_{dns}}, \quad \text{Eqn. 2_24, ACI Eqn. (10_14)}$$

$$\text{Or } EI = \frac{0.4EcI_g}{1 + \beta_{dns}}, \quad \text{Eqn. 2_25, ACI Eqn. (10_15)}$$

The term  $\beta_{dns}$  shall be taken as the ratio of maximum factored axial sustained load to maximum factored axial load associated with the same load combination, but shall not be taken greater than 1.0. The effective length factor, k, shall be permitted to be taken as 1.0. For members without transverse loads between supports,  $C_m$  shall be taken as in Eqn. 2\_26

$$c_m = 0.6 + 0.4 \frac{M_1}{M_2} \quad \text{Eqn. 2_26, ACI Eqn. (10_16)}$$

Where  $\frac{M_1}{M_2}$  positive if the column is bent in single curvature, and negative if the member is bent in double curvature. For members with transverse loads between supports,  $C_m$  shall be taken as 1.0. Factored moment,  $M_2$ , in Eq. 2\_27 shall not be taken less than about each axis separately, where 0.6, and  $h$  are in inches.

$$M_{2,\min} = P_u(0.6 + 0.03h) \quad \text{Eqn.2_27, ACI Eqn. (10_17)}$$

For members in which  $M_{2,\min}$  exceeds  $M_2$ , the value of  $C_m$  in Eqn.2\_23 shall either be taken equal to 1.0, or shall be based on the ratio of the computed end moments,  $\frac{M_1}{M_2}$ . In ACI 318\_08 the design of slender RC column directly depends on exact determination of EI for moment magnification factor.

### **2.2.3 Summary of the literature review**

So far, in the literatures reviewed including EBCS2, 1995, it is observed that the common bases of calculating second order eccentricity is almost the same for CEB1990 and EBCS\_2, 1995. The deflected shape is assumed sinusoidal except the factors used in connection with factors relating second order eccentricity with effective length but the equations are simplified. Now, the focus of this thesis work is to use the simplified equation indicated in EBCS2, 1995 and to convert it in to approximate slender column interaction diagram design charts.

## CHAPTER THREE

### APPROXIMATE SLENDER RC COLUMN INTERACTION DIAGRAM

#### 3.1 Reinforced Concrete Section Analysis

In the preparation of approximate interaction diagrams for slender column, section analysis is the first step followed by inclusion of column slenderness effect. According to Bill Mosley *et al.* (2007), in the analysis of the column section, the manipulation and juggling with equations should never be allowed to obscure the fundamental principles that unite the analysis. The three most important principles are

1. The stresses and strains are related by the material properties, including the stress strain curves for concrete and steel.
2. The distribution of strains must be compatible with the distorted shape of the cross section
3. The resultant forces developed by the sections must balance the applied loads for static equilibrium.

These principles are true irrespective of how the stresses and strains are distributed, or how the member is loaded, or whatever the shape of the cross section. This section describes analyses of a member section under load. It derives the basic equations used in the design and those equations required for the preparation of design charts. Emphasis has been placed mostly on the analysis associated with ultimate limit state.

##### 3.1.1 Basic assumptions in the Analysis of Sections in the Ultimate Limit state

The strength of a cross section depends on the dimension of the cross section, the relative configuration and amount of the steel and concrete components and the material properties of the steel and concrete. In particular, stresses strain relationships for concrete and steel. Material properties are described in EBCS2, 1995 as shown in the figure (3\_2) and (3\_5), concrete and steel respectively. For a cross section capacity determination, subjected to bending moment and /or axial force, there are a number of assumptions. According to EBCS\_2, 1995 the calculation of the

ultimate resistance of members for flexure and axial loads shall be based on the following assumptions.

- 1) The strain assumed to distribute linearly over the cross section i.e. that is plane section remain plane after loading.
- 2) The reinforcement steel bar is fully bonded to the concrete such that there is no slip between concrete and steel bar( i.e. strain compatibility, perfect bond )
- 3) The tensile strength of the concrete is ignored in cross section strength analysis .( In ultimate limit state, it makes no noticeable difference)
- 4) The maximum compressive strain in the concrete is taken to be: 0.0035 in bending (simple or compound) 0.002 in axial compression,
- 5) The maximum tensile strain in the reinforcement is taken to be 0.01

### **3.1.2 Strain distribution of RC Section according to EBCS-2,1995**

In figure 3\_1, the strain diagram shall be assumed to pass through one of the three points A, B or C. In region 1 axial tension and tension plus small eccentricity in which entire cross-section is under tension, therefore reinforcement yields. In region 2 pure bending and bending plus axial load. This is the case of “*steel failure.*” The neutral axis lies within the cross-section. The steel reinforcement reaches its maximum strain ( $\epsilon_{s1} = 10 \text{ ‰}$ ), but the concrete has reserve with  $|\epsilon_c| < 3.5 \text{ ‰}$ . This is often the case with small reinforcement ratio.

In region 3 pure bending and bending plus axial load. This is case of “*concrete failure.*” The concrete is fully exploited ( $\epsilon_c = -3.5 \text{ ‰}$ ). The strain in the steel lies between the yield strain ( $\epsilon_{yd} = 2.0 \text{ ‰}$ ) and the ultimate strain (10‰). In region 4 pure bending and bending plus axial load. The concrete is fully exploited. The steel strength is not yet fully exploited. The steel strain lies between 0 and  $\epsilon_{yd}$ . The neutral axis lies deep in the cross-section.

Region 5 is a case with axial compression with small eccentricity. The entire cross-section is under compression. The strain in the most compressed concrete fiber lies between -2 and -3.5‰ on the more compressed edge of the cross-section and between 0 and -2‰ on the other edge. In this region, all strain profiles pass through point C, which is located at  $3/7 h$  from the more compressed edge of the cross-section. The loadings in columns often result in strain distribution in this region.

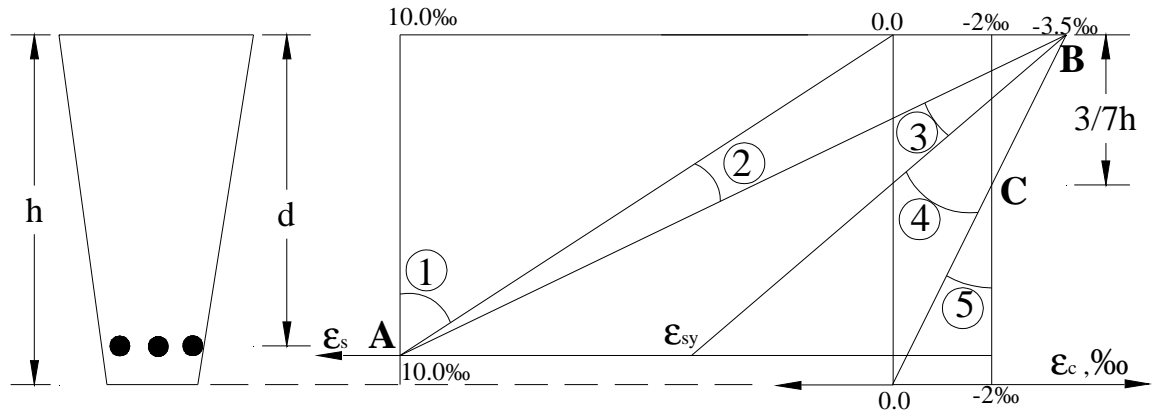


Figure 3\_1 Strain Diagram in the Ultimate Limit State [After, EBCS\_2, 1995]

### 3.1.3 Stress \_Strain Relations

Short-term stress strain curves for concrete and steel are presented in EBCS2, 1995. These curves are in an idealized form from which can be used in the analysis of member sections.

#### 3.1.3.1 Concrete

The behavior of structural concrete is represented by a parabolic stress strain relationship up to  $\epsilon_o$ , from which the strain increases while the stress remains constant as shown in figure 3\_2. The ultimate design stress is given by

$$f_{cd} = \frac{0.85f_{ck}}{\gamma_c}$$

Where the factor of 0.85 allows for the difference between the bending strength and the cylinder crushing strength of the concrete and  $\gamma_c=1.5$  is the usual partial safety factor for the strength of concrete. The ultimate strain of  $\epsilon=0.0035$  is typical for classes of concrete <C50/60 [Bill Mosley, *et al*, 2007]. Concrete classes <C50/60 are considered throughout this thesis work.

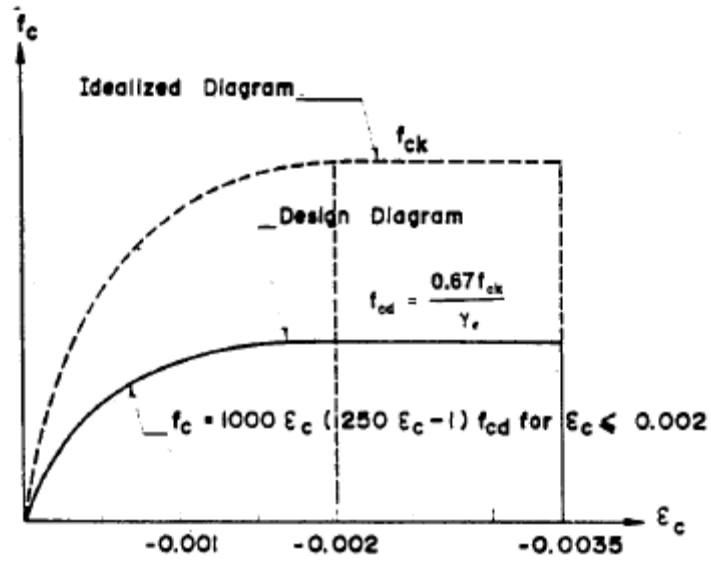


Figure 3\_2 Parabolic-rectangular stress strain diagram for concrete in compression [After, EBCS\_2, 1995]

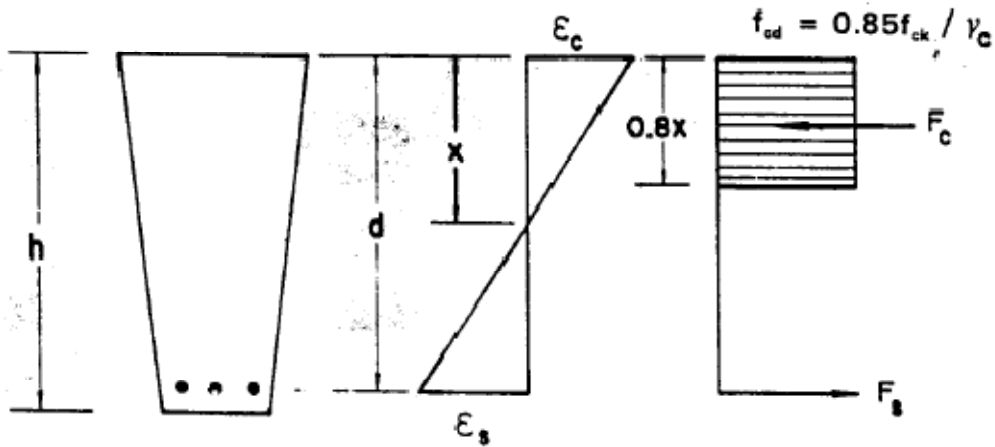


Figure 3\_3 Rectangular Stress Diagram [After, EBCS\_2, 1995]

### 3.1.3.2 Reinforcing Steel

The representative short-term design, stress strain curve for reinforcement is shown in figure (3\_4). The behavior of steel is identical in tension and in compression, being linear in elastic range to the design yield stress of  $f_{yk}/\gamma_s$ , where  $f_{yk}$  is the characteristic yielding stress and  $\gamma_s$  is the partial factor of safety. Within the elastic range, the relationship between the stress and strain is;

Stress=elastic modulus \* strain=  $E_s * \epsilon_s$  , so that the design yield strain is at the ultimate limit

$$\epsilon_y = \frac{(f_{yk}/\gamma_s)}{E_s}$$

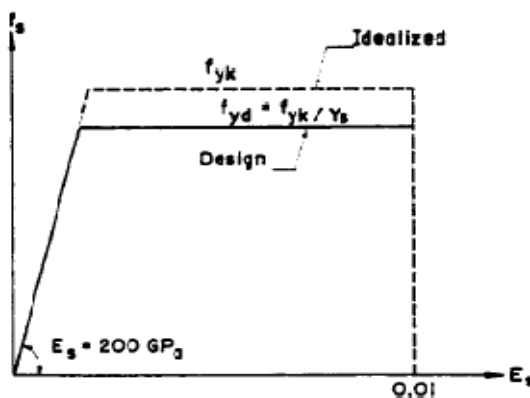


Figure 3\_4 Design stress strain curve for reinforcement [After, EBCS\_2, 1995]

### 3.1.4 Reinforced Concrete Column Section Stress Resultant

The determination of stress resultants with the locations of the point of application is one of the important single steps in the analysis of reinforced concrete sections. Each strain profile in the five zones in figure 3\_1 corresponds to a particular combination of ultimate internal forces (axial force and bending moment) which are determined as the stress resultants in the concrete and reinforcement steel. Analysis of sections according to EBCS\_2, 1995 follows the integration of stress strain diagram and equilibrium equations are shown below for different cases. Using the different cases the total compressive force on concrete and its point of application is determined, the next step is to compute the forces in the reinforcement steel, which are easily determined by using the strain distribution diagram and idealized stress strain relationship for steel.

Once the internal forces in the steel and concrete with their locations are calculated, the capacity of the given cross section at the ultimate limit states can be determined. The ultimate axial load capacity  $P_u$  for the assumed strain distribution is found by summing all internal forces in the axial direction .Therefore, the axial load capacity will be

$$P_u = C_c + C_{s2} + C_{s1}$$

The ultimate moment capacity  $M_u$  for the assumed strain distribution is found by summing moments of all internal forces about the centroid of the column section. Because this is the axis, about which moments are computed in conventional structural analysis [MacGregor *et al*, 2005]. Therefore, moment section capacity is calculated as follows

$$M_u = C_c \left( \frac{h}{2} - \beta_c d \right) + C_{s2} \left( \frac{h}{2} - h' \right) + C_{s1} \left( \frac{h}{2} - h' \right)$$

Where:  $C_c = \alpha_c f_{cd} b d$ . The value of coefficients  $\alpha_c$  and  $\beta_c$  is determined using the strain profiles indicated in figure 3-1. According to  $\epsilon_{cm}$  value and depth of neutral axis  $x$ , the calculation of the coefficients  $\alpha_c$  and  $\beta_c$  is made in the following three cases.

**Case I: The neutral axis lies within the cross section i.e.  $x \leq h$  and  $\epsilon_{cm} \leq \epsilon_o = 2\%$**

For the strain distribution in figure 3\_6 (i) b, the strain at a distance  $z$  from the neutral axis can be expressed as:

$$\epsilon = \frac{\epsilon_{cm}}{x} y \quad \text{Eqn.3_1}$$

The stress in the concrete at the corresponding point can be determined from the idealized stress-strain relationship for concrete

$$f_c = \epsilon \left( 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{4} \right) f_{cd} = \frac{\epsilon_{cm}}{x} y \left( 1 - \frac{\epsilon_{cm}}{4x} y \right) f_{cd} \quad \text{Eqn.3_2}$$

The resultant normal force on the compressed concrete zone can be obtained by integrating the stress distribution over the compressed area

$$C_c = \int_0^{y=x} f_c b_y dy \quad \text{Eqn.3_3}$$

Where  $b_y$  is the width of the cross section

Inserting Eqn. 3\_2 into Eqn. 3\_3 and performing the integration over the given limits, the total compressive force on the compressed zone of the concrete sections with constant width  $b$  can be expressed as follows after rearranging terms

$$C_c = \alpha_c b d f_{cd} \quad \text{Eqn.3_4a}$$

Where

$$\alpha_c = \frac{\epsilon_c}{12} (6 - \epsilon_c) \frac{x}{d} = \frac{\epsilon_c}{12} (6 - \epsilon_c) k_x \quad \text{Eqn.3_4 b}$$

And  $k_x = \frac{x}{d}$

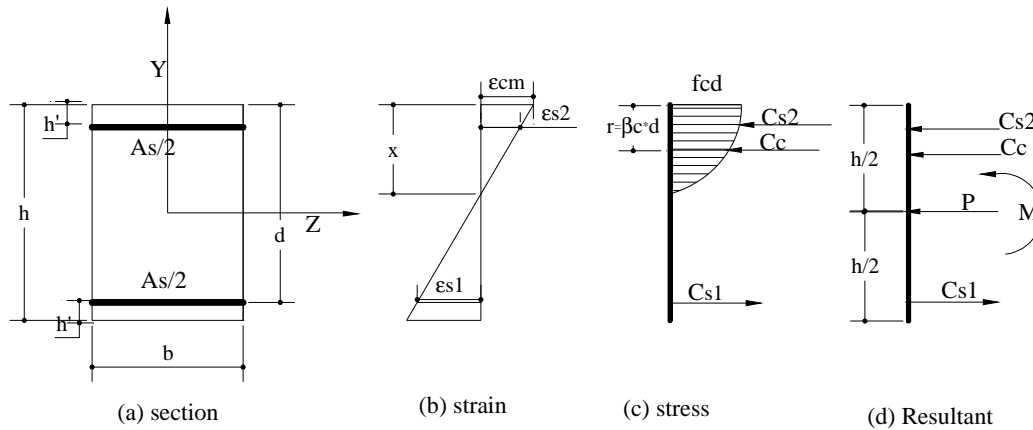


Figure 3\_5 Stress strain diagram (i) [  $x \leq h$  and  $\epsilon_{cm} \leq \epsilon_o = 2\text{‰}$  ]

The location of  $C_c$  from the most compressed edge,  $\beta_c * d$ , can be determined by finding the centroid of the stress distribution with the reference to the same point. From Engineering Mechanics Statics Centroid of a volume can be defined as

$$\hat{y} = \frac{\int y dv}{V}$$

The same analogy can be made for the stress volume:

$$\hat{y} = \frac{\int_0^{y=x} f_c b_y y dy}{C_c}$$

Where  $\hat{y}$ , is measure up ward from the neutral axis,  $b_y$  deducting from the neutral axis depth we can get:

$$r = x - \hat{y}$$

$$r = x - \frac{\int_0^{y=x} f_c b_y y dy}{C_c}$$

Eqn.3\_5

Substituting the value of  $C_c$  from equation (3.4) and an expression for  $f_c$  from Eqn.3\_2 into Eqn.3\_5 and performing the integration over the given limits, the location of  $C_c$  from the most compressed edge for sections with constant width  $b$  can be expressed as follows

$$r = a * x \quad \text{Eqn.3_6a}$$

Where, 
$$a = \frac{8 - \epsilon_{cm}}{4(6 - \epsilon_{cm})} \quad \text{Eqn.3_6b}$$

By dividing Eqn. 3\_6a by effective depth,  $d$ , we can get another coefficient(  $\beta_c$ ) of effective depth

$$\beta_c = \left[ \frac{8 - \epsilon_{cm}}{4(6 - \epsilon_{cm})} \right] \frac{x}{d} = \left[ \frac{8 - \epsilon_{cm}}{4(6 - \epsilon_{cm})} \right] k_x = \frac{r}{d} \quad \text{Eqn. 3_6c}$$

$$\alpha_c = \frac{\epsilon_{cm}(6 - \epsilon_{cm})}{12} k_x = \frac{\epsilon_{cm}(6 - \epsilon_{cm}) x}{12 d} = \frac{C_c}{f_{cd} b d} \quad \text{From Eqn.3_4b}$$

$$\beta_c = \left[ \frac{8 - \epsilon_{cm}}{4(6 - \epsilon_{cm})} \right] k_x = \left[ \frac{8 - \epsilon_{cm}}{4(6 - \epsilon_{cm})} \right] \frac{x}{d} = \frac{r}{d} \quad \text{From Eqn.3_6c}$$

In similar way for concrete extreme fiber strain (  $\epsilon_{cm}$ )>  $\epsilon_o=2\%$  and neutral axis  $x \leq h$  or  $x > h$  the value of  $\alpha_c$  and  $\beta_c$  is derived as it is indicated in EBCS-2,1995, Part\_2,1995 in Case II and Case III in the following section

**Case II: The neutral axis lies within the cross section i.e  $x \leq h$  and  $\epsilon_{cm} > \epsilon_0 = 2\%$**

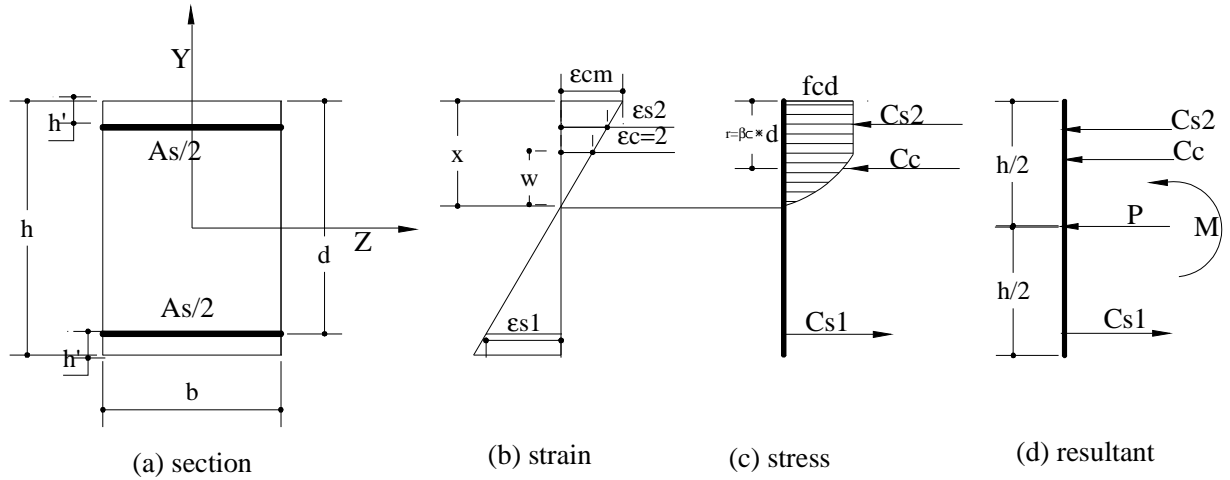


Figure 3\_5 Stress strain diagram (ii) [ $x \leq h$  and  $\epsilon_{cm} > \epsilon_0 = 2\%$ ]

$$\alpha_c = \frac{3\epsilon_{cm}-2}{3\epsilon_{cm}} k_x = \frac{3\epsilon_{cm}-2}{3\epsilon_{cm}} \frac{x}{d} = \frac{C_c}{f_{cd}bd} \quad \text{Eqn.3_7}$$

$$\beta_c = \left[ \frac{\epsilon_{cm}(3\epsilon_{cm}-4)+2}{3\epsilon_{cm}-2} \right] k_x = \left[ \frac{\epsilon_{cm}(3\epsilon_{cm}-4)+2}{3\epsilon_{cm}-2} \right] \frac{x}{d} = \frac{r}{d} \quad \text{Eqn.3_8}$$

**Case III: The neutral axis lies outside the cross section i.e  $x > h$  and  $\epsilon_{cm} > \epsilon_0 = 2\%$**

$$\alpha_c = \frac{1}{189} * [125 + 64\epsilon_{cm} - 16\epsilon_{cm}^2] = \frac{C_c}{f_{cd}bd} \quad \text{Eqn.3_9}$$

$$\beta_c = 0.5 - \frac{40}{7} * \left[ \frac{(\epsilon_{cm}-2)^2}{125+64\epsilon_{cm}-16\epsilon_{cm}^2} \right] = \frac{r}{d} \quad \text{Eqn.3_10}$$

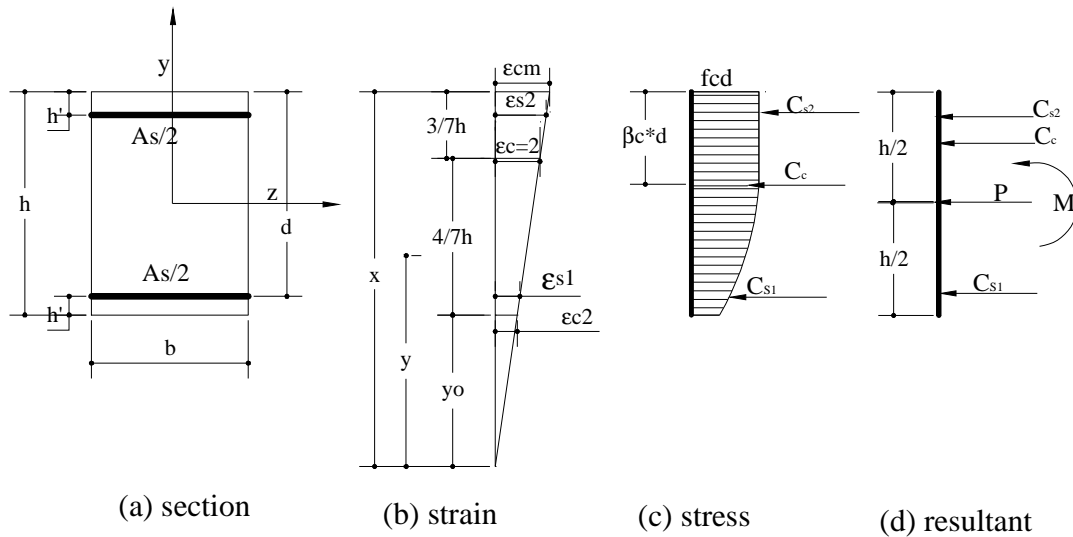


Figure 3\_5 Stress strain diagram (iii) [  $x > h$  and  $\epsilon_{cm} > \epsilon_o = 2\text{‰}$  ]

### 3.2 Uniaxial Interaction Diagram

The design of RC columns is more difficult than the design of RC beams. Because the ultimate section capacity varies with neutral axis depth and strain, profile and cannot be generalized in single equation. For determination of section capacity of a given compression member, it is required to iterate and balance the capacity with external load.

In practice, the longitudinal steel in an RC column is usually chosen with the aid of an interaction diagram. An interaction diagram is a graphical summary of the ultimate bending capacity of a range of RC columns with different dimensions and areas of longitudinal reinforcement.

Interaction diagrams for reinforced concrete sections can in general be plotted by assuming a series of strain distribution at failure in different zones of the strain profile as shown figure 3\_1 and computing the corresponding values of P and M as it is shown in section 3.1.4. One pair of such values represents the coordinate of a particular point on the interaction diagram. Figure 3-6 shows an interaction diagram for a rectangular reinforced concrete cross section having  $\omega = 1.0$ , C\_30 and

$f_{yk}=460$  Mpa, in non dimensionalized form, which can be plotted by choosing sufficient number of strain distribution in the ultimate limit state and determining the corresponding stress resultants as described in section 3.1.4

In this approach, the strains could be main controlling variable manner; however, the corresponding points on the interaction diagram are not evenly spaced because internal force is not linearly related to strain. Therefore, the points could be clustered together at some regions while dispersed at other regions, which make it unsuitable for symmetric generation of interaction diagrams. A preferred method is therefore, is to vary the normal force P, in a controlled manner and determine the associated ultimate bending moment; a much more difficult task requiring iteration. The points obtained are not evenly spaced. Therefore, result in a smooth or best-fit plot of interaction diagram [Tefera Desta, 1999]. This can be done better in a computer program [Girma Zerayohannes, 1995]. Nevertheless, here in this thesis work the interaction diagram is plotted by choosing a number of strain distribution calculating corresponding moment and axial capacity using MS Excel sheet.

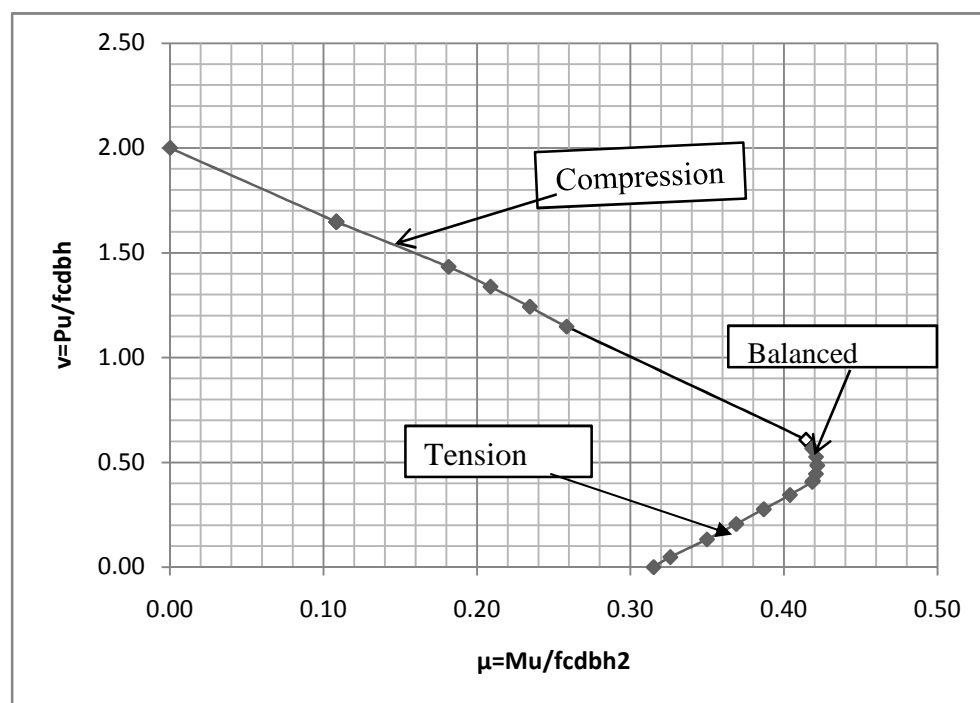


Figure 3\_6 Uniaxial P-M Interaction diagram failure zones

### 3.2.1 Basic Equations for Calculation of Interaction Diagram

The equations derived in section 3.1.4 are used again here. The forces developed within the cross section, therefore must balance the applied force (P).

$$P_u = C_c + C_{s2} + C_{s1}$$

In this equation,  $C_{s1}$  will be negative whenever the position of the neutral axis is such that the reinforcement  $A_{s1}$  is in tension.

$$P_u = \alpha_c f_{cd} b d + f_{s2} A_{s2} + f_{s1} A_{s1} \quad \text{Eqn.3\_11}$$

$$M_u = \alpha_c f_{cd} b d \left( \frac{h}{2} - \beta_c d \right) + f_{s2} A_{s2} \left( \frac{h}{2} - h' \right) - f_{s1} A_{s1} \left( \frac{h}{2} - h' \right) \quad \text{Eqn.3\_12}$$

Where

$C_c$ : be the compressive force developed in the concrete and acting through the centroid of the stress block

$C_{s2}$ : be the compressive force in the reinforcement area  $A_{s2}$  and acting through its centroid.

$C_{s1}$ : be the tensile or compressive force in the reinforcement area  $A_{s1}$  and acting through its centroid.

$f_{s2}$  is the compressive stress in reinforcement  $A_{s2}$  and

$f_{s1}$  is the tensile or compressive stress in reinforcement  $A_{s1}$

For a symmetrical arrangement of reinforcement ( $A_{s2}=A_{s1}=A_s/2$ ) and  $h'=h-d$ ) Eqn.3\_11 and 3\_12 can be rewritten in non dimensional form as follows

$$v = \frac{P}{f_{cd} A_c} = \frac{\alpha_c f_{cd} b d}{f_{cd} A_c} + \frac{f_{s2} A_s}{2 f_{cd} A_c} + \frac{f_{s1} A_s}{2 f_{cd} A_c} \quad \text{Eqn.3\_13}$$

$$\mu = \frac{M_u}{f_{cd} A_c h} = \frac{\alpha_c f_{cd} b d \left( \frac{h}{2} - \beta_c d \right)}{f_{cd} A_c h} + \frac{f_{s2} A_s \left( \frac{h}{2} - h' \right)}{2 f_{cd} A_c h} + \frac{-f_{s1} A_s \left( \frac{h}{2} - h' \right)}{2 f_{cd} A_c h} \quad \text{Eqn.3\_14}$$

In these equations the steel strains, and hence the stresses  $f_{s2}$  and  $f_{s1}$  vary with depth of the neutral axis (x). Thus  $v$  and  $\mu$  can be calculated for specified ratios of  $\frac{A_s}{b h}$  and  $\frac{x}{h}$  so that the column design charts for a symmetrical arrangement of reinforcement such as the one shown in figure 3\_6 and 3\_8 can be plotted.

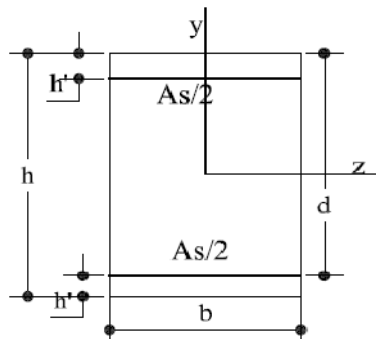
### 3.2.2 Parameters for the Cross section Interaction Diagram Calculation

Parameters in the Interaction diagram calculation by *MS Excel Sheets* for rectangular column cross section in figure 3.8

1. Class work I, safety factor ( $\gamma$ ): Concrete  $\gamma_c=1.5$ , Steel  $\gamma_s=1.15$
2. Concrete class C\_25 to C-60Mpa ,  $f_{cd} = \frac{0.85f_{ck}}{\gamma_c} = \frac{0.85f_{cu}/1.25}{\gamma_c} = \frac{0.68f_{cu}}{\gamma_c}$
3. Reinforcement steel class: S-300 to S-500 MPa,  $f_{yd} = \frac{f_{yk}}{\gamma_s}$ ,  $E_s = 200$  GPa
4. Rectangular Column section :  $b/h$  and Concrete cover ratio  $h'/h=0.1$
5. The column reinforcements are symmetrical
6. Mechanical steel reinforcement ratio,  $\omega = \frac{A_s f_{yd}}{A_c f_{cd}}$
7. EBCS 2, 1995 Mechanical steel reinforcement ratio limits:  $A_{s,tot} = \left[ \frac{\omega * f_{cd}}{f_{yd}} \right] * A_c = \rho * A_c$

$A_{s, min}=0.04A_c$  and  $A_{s, max}=0.008A_c$ ,

For C-60 and S-300,  $\omega_{min} = 0.08$  and C-25 and S-500  $\omega_{max} = 1.53$ . However, in recent days the maximum value of mechanical reinforcement ratio,  $\omega=2$  is used [Schneider K-J,2006]. In addition, for easier concrete compaction during construction reinforcements in the column are lapped alternatively rather than lapping all reinforcement at floor level. Therefore, in this thesis work the maximum value of  $\omega$  is 2.



Figur3\_7 Rectangular symmetrically RC column section

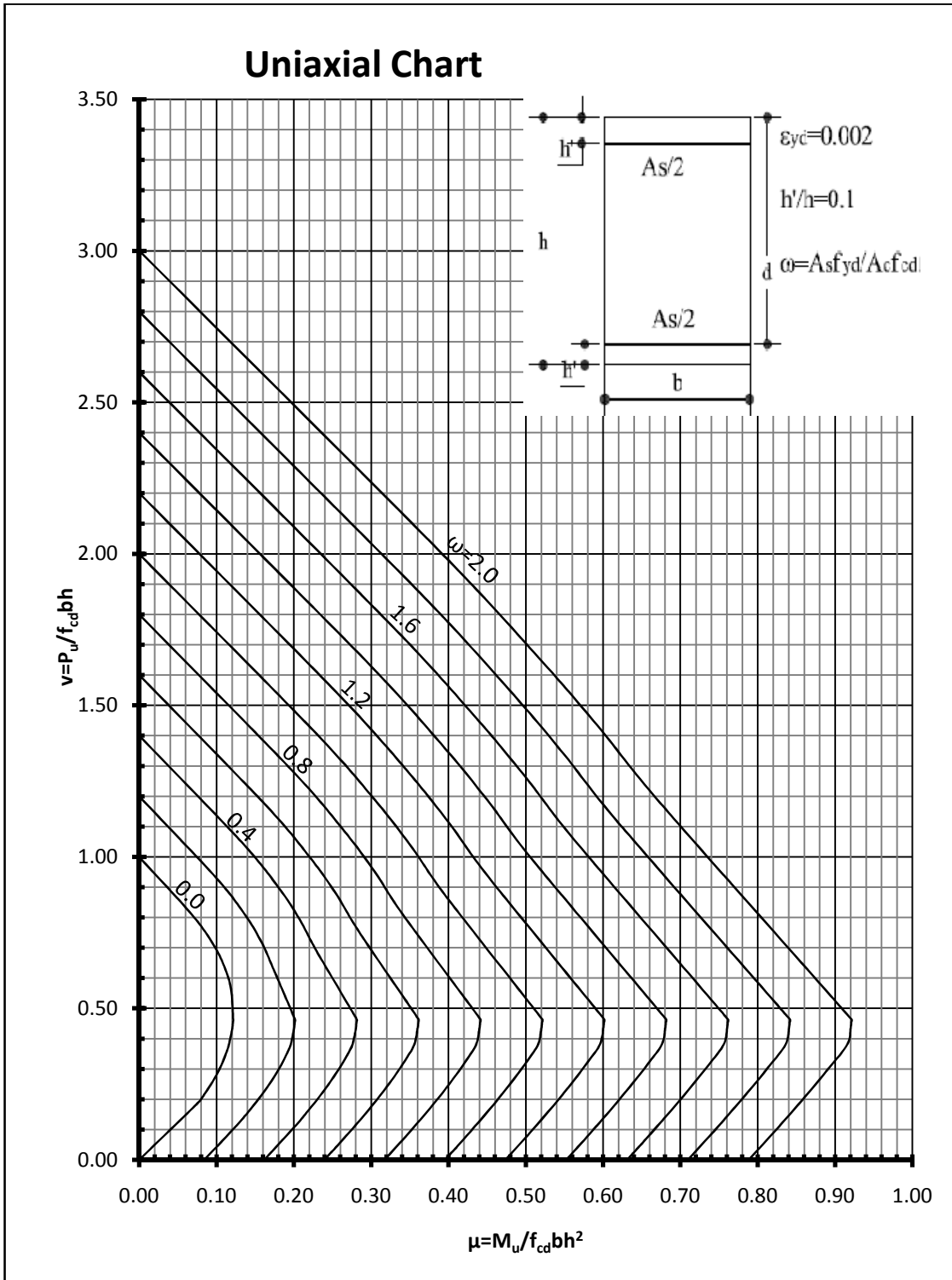


Figure 3\_8 uniaxial interaction diagrams

### 3.3 Approximate Slender RC Column Interaction Diagrams Preparation

In the analysis of RC columns, it is obvious that the capacity of slender column is less than short column of the same cross section and boundary condition. For the derivation of slender interaction diagram, different authors have different approach using cross section diagram and slenderness ratio ( $\lambda$ ). MacGregor *et.al.* (2005) and Bazant *et al.* (1991) used load moment curves to derive slender column interaction diagram rigorously. On the other hand, Hyo-Gyoung Kwak *et al.* (2005) and Thomas C. Edwards *et.al.* (1965) used reduction factor developed from cross section interaction diagram and then derived slender interaction diagram

However, in this thesis, approximate uniaxial slender column interaction diagram is derived which is based on cross section interaction diagram and second order eccentricity formula of EBCS\_2, 1995. The method is similar to that of Josip Galič *et al.* (2005). In the method additional moment ( $M_{add}$ ) due to second order and geometric imperfection eccentricity is deducted from cross section moment capacity ( $M_u$ ) of interaction diagram is so that it would have a room for the slenderness effect as it is shown in figure 3\_9. This can be done as in Eqn.3\_15 and 3\_16.

$$\mu_{sc} = \frac{M_{sc}}{f_{cd}bh^2} = \frac{M_u - M_{add}}{f_{cd}bh^2} = \mu_u - \nu_u * \left(\frac{e_2 + e_a}{h}\right) \quad \text{Eqn. 3_15}$$

$$\nu_{sc} = \frac{P_{sc}}{f_{cd}bh} = \frac{P_u}{f_{cd}bh} \quad \text{Eqn. 3_16}$$

Where

$\mu_{sc}$ =normalized slender moment capacity

$\mu_u$ =normalized ultimate cross section moment capacity and

$$\mu_u = \frac{M_u}{f_{cd}A_c h} = \frac{\alpha_c f_{cd} b d \left(\frac{h}{2} - \beta_c d\right)}{f_{cd} A_c h} + \frac{f_{s2} A_s \left(\frac{h}{2} - h'\right)}{2 f_{cd} A_c h} + \frac{-f_{s1} A_s \left(\frac{h}{2} - h'\right)}{2 f_{cd} A_c h} \quad \text{From Eqn.3_14}$$

$\mu_{add}$ =normalized additional moment due to slenderness

$e_2$  = second order eccentricity Eqn.3\_20a of section 3.3.1

$e_a$ = geometric imperfection eccentricity Eqn.3\_19 of section 3.3.1

$\nu_u$ = normalized ultimate cross section axial load capacity

$\nu_{sc}$ = normalized ultimate slender column axial load capacity

$$v_u = \frac{P_u}{f_{cd}A_c} = \frac{\alpha_c f_{cd} b d}{f_{cd} A_c} + \frac{f_{s2} A_s}{2 f_{cd} A_c} + \frac{f_{s1} A_s}{2 f_{cd} A_c}$$

From Eqn.3\_13

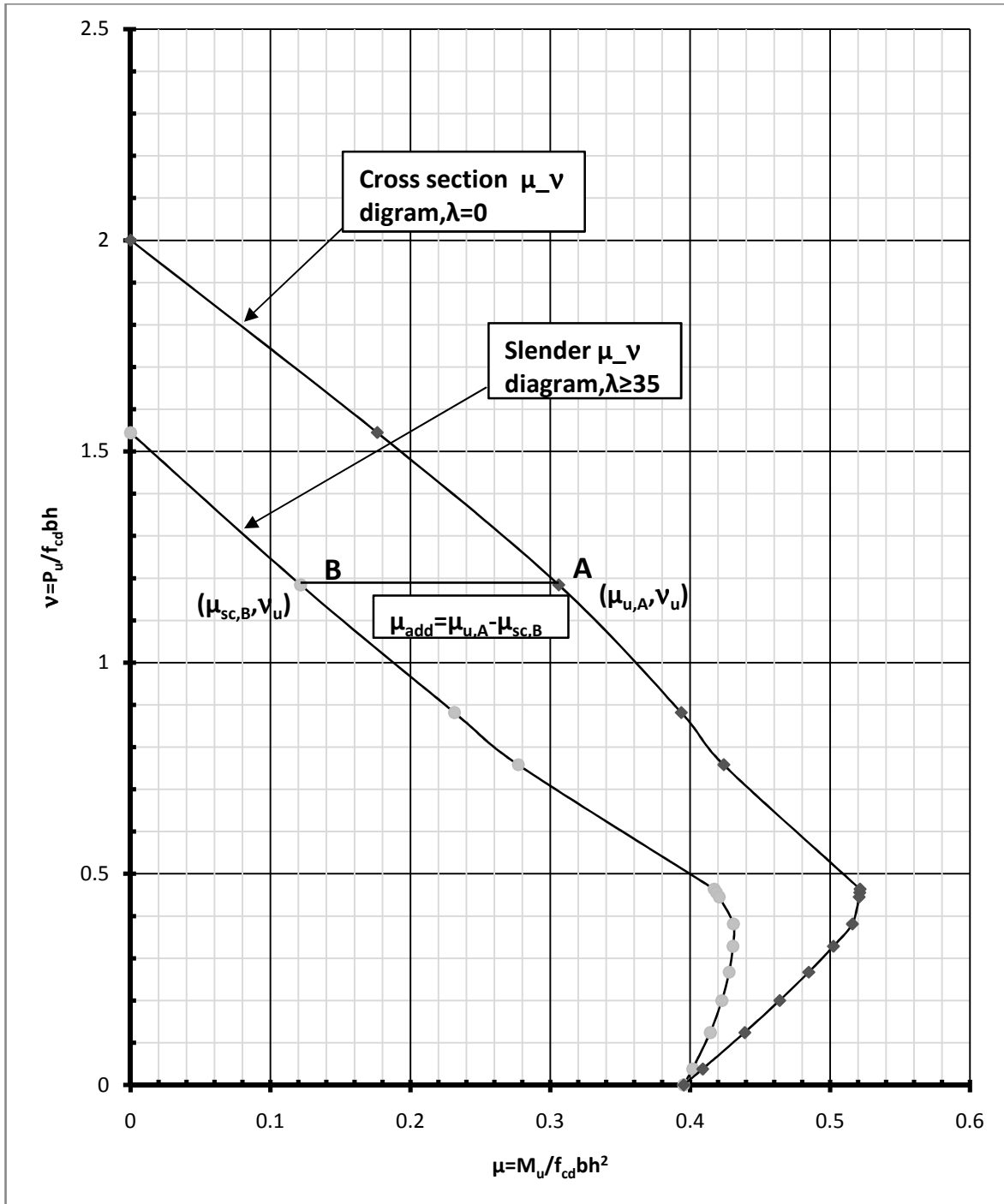


Figure 3\_9 Slender Column interaction diagram derivation

### 3.3.1 Second order and geometric imperfection eccentricity

According to EBCS 2, 1995, the total eccentricity of a non-sway isolated column is given Eqn.3\_18. However, in the preparation of slender column interaction diagram only second order and geometric imperfection eccentricities are used because by their nature these are the main causes for reduction of column capacity. The first order eccentricity is equivalent eccentricity in short and perfectly aligned column, which is very ideal. Therefore, throughout this thesis work additional moment is calculated due second order and geometric imperfection eccentricity.

$$e_{\text{tot}} = e_o + e_a + e_2 \quad \text{Eqn.3_18}$$

Where

$e_{\text{tot}}$ = total design eccentricity

$e_a$ =additional equivalent geometric imperfection eccentricity given by

$$e_a = \frac{Le}{300} \geq 20\text{mm} \quad \text{Eqn.3_19}$$

$e_o$ = is equivalent constant first order eccentricity[ EBCS\_2,1995 Eqn4.15,4.16a and4.16b]

$e_2$ =second order eccentricity

$$e_2 = \frac{k_1 e^2}{10} * \frac{1}{r} \quad \text{Eqn.3_20a}$$

Where

$$k_1 = \frac{\lambda}{20} - 0.75 \quad \text{for } 15 \leq \lambda \leq 35 \quad \text{Eqn.3_20b}$$

$$k_1=1.0, \text{ for } \lambda > 35$$

For isolated columns the slenderness ratio is defined by

$$\lambda = \frac{l_e}{i} \quad \text{Eqn. 3_20c}$$

Where

$i$  is the minimum radius of gyration of the concrete section only.

$l_e$  is effective buckling length of the column (section 4.4.7 of EBCS\_2,1995).

$\frac{1}{r}$  is curvature at the critical section

The curvature is generally a non-linear function of the axial load and bending moment in the critical section, but the following approximate value may be used in the absence of more accurate methods:

$$\frac{1}{r} = k_2 * \left(\frac{5}{d}\right) * 10^{-3} \quad \text{Eqn. 3\_20d}$$

Where d is the column dimension in the buckling plane less the cover to the center of the longitudinal reinforcement

$$k_2 = \frac{M_d}{M_{bal}} \leq 1.0 \quad \text{Eqn. 3\_20e}$$

$M_d$ = is the design moment at the critical section including second-order effects

$M_{bal}$ =is the balanced moment capacity of the column.

By substituting the values of  $k_2$  and  $k_1$  in to Eqn. 3\_20a we can get

$$e_2 = \left(\frac{\lambda}{20} - 0.75\right) \frac{M_{sd}}{M_{bal}} \frac{le^2}{10} \left(\frac{5}{d} * 10^{-3}\right) \quad \text{Eqn.3\_21}$$

From the above paragraph, it can be clearly observed that some parameters are can be taken as unity. For instance,  $k_1 = \frac{\lambda}{20} - 0.75$  will be 1.0 for  $\lambda > 35$ . This shows that smaller slenderness ratio tends to reduce the values of second order eccentricity. It is clear that the effective length  $le$ ,  $k_2$  and effective cross section depth (d) affect second order eccentricity. Therefore, the simplified second order eccentricity Eqn.3\_21 can be expressed as in Eqn.3\_22

$$e_2 = \frac{k_2 le^2}{10} \left(\frac{5}{d} * 10^{-3}\right) \quad \text{Eqn.3\_22}$$

This is second order eccentricity due the deformation of the column caused by eccentric loading or lateral loading. In addition, due to accidental eccentricity ( $e_a$ ) the column deviation from centerline is indicated by Eqn. 3\_19 which is also dependent on the effective length of the column. Therefore, it is intended to add both eccentricities together and expressed Eqn.3\_23.

$$e_{2+a} = \frac{k_2 le^2}{10} \left(\frac{5}{d} * 10^{-3}\right) + \max \left[20, \frac{le}{300}\right] \text{mm} \quad \text{Eqn.3\_23}$$

Here, Eqn. 3\_23 is backbone of this thesis work. Now we can observe that from Eqn.3\_23 the second order eccentricity is part of total eccentricity .i.e.

$$e_{tot} = e_o + e_{2+a} = e_o + \frac{k_2 le^2}{10} \left(\frac{5}{d} * 10^{-3}\right) + \max \left[20, \frac{le}{300}\right] \quad \text{Eqn.3\_24}$$

In Eqn.3\_24 we can observe that the column length ( $le$ ) is involved in both second order eccentricity and additional eccentricity, however, in this thesis work, the slender column interaction

diagrams are drawn by varying the slenderness ratio rather than length. Therefore, the length of column is expressed in terms of slenderness ratio and column depth as in Eqn. 3\_25d.

Slenderness Ratio ( $\lambda$ ) defined by Eqn. 3\_20c

$$\lambda = \frac{l_e}{i} \quad \text{Eqn.3_20c}$$

and Radius of gyration (i)

$$i = \sqrt{\frac{I_g}{A_g}} \quad \text{Eqn.3_25a}$$

For rectangular column section b/h,  $I_g = \frac{bh^3}{12}$  and  $A_g = bh$  Eqn.3\_25b

Where

$I_g$  is gross moment of inertia of the section bending is about the major axis

$A_g$  is gross cross sectional area

From Eqn.3\_20 a ,3\_25a and 3\_25b

$$\lambda \frac{h}{\sqrt{12}} = l_e \quad \text{Eqn.3_25c}$$

$L_e$  is effective buckling length of the column.

By substituting Eqn.3\_25c into Eqn.3\_24, we can get second order eccentricity in terms of slenderness ratio and section depth.

$$e_{2+a} = \frac{k_2(\lambda*h)^2}{12} \left( \frac{5*10^{-4}}{d} \right) + \max \left[ 20, \frac{\lambda*h}{300\sqrt{12}} \right] \quad \text{Eqn.3_26a}$$

Let  $\frac{d}{h} = m$  and hence  $d = m * h$  and again equation (3.23a), can be expressed as

$$e_{2+a} = \left[ \left( \frac{k_2 * 5 * 10^{-4}}{12} \right) \frac{h(\lambda)^2}{m} \right] + \max \left[ 20, \frac{\lambda * h}{300\sqrt{12}} \right] \quad \text{Eqn.3_26b}$$

The appropriate value of  $k_2$  in equation 3\_20e and 3\_26 may be found iteratively taking an initial value corresponding to first order actions. In this thesis work, the value of  $k_2$  is calculated by taking cross section moment as a design moment and the corresponding balanced moment. In equation 3\_26, the slenderness ratio ( $\lambda$ ) ranges from 35 to 140. The lower limit of slenderness is 35 because below this value it has no significant second order effect as in equation 3\_20b.

### 3.3.2 Approximate Uniaxial SRCC charts

According to section 3.3, Approximate Uniaxial SRCC (slender reinforced concrete column) charts are derived by deducting additional moment from cross section interaction diagram coordinates as in Eqn.3\_15 and 3\_16 using excel sheet. For each mechanical reinforcement ratios, corresponding additional eccentricity is calculated. The additional eccentricity considered shown as in equation 3\_26b, which is expressed in terms of column slenderness.

In the calculation of slender column interaction diagram, two alternative procedures may be followed which depend mechanical reinforcement ratio ( $\omega$ ) and slenderness ratio. The first is by keeping reinforcement ratio constant and varying slenderness ratio as shown in figure (3\_14) which is very similar to the diagrams described in the literature part, section 2.2.1

The second is varying the reinforcement ratio and keeping the slenderness ratio constant as shown in figure (3\_15) and (3\_16). In this thesis work, the second method is preferred, since it is suitable for direct calculation of reinforcement for a given slenderness ratio, moment and axial load calculated by first order analysis. In the same way, the interaction diagram for slender RC column is plotted for different mechanical reinforcement ratio ( $\omega$ ) and slenderness ratio ( $\lambda$ ) for concrete cover ratio ( $h'/h$ ) of 0.1.

For example for slenderness ratio  $\lambda=35$  and 40 the interaction diagrams are plotted in figure (3\_14) and (3\_15) and the remaining diagrams are shown in the Appendix A. It is also possible to plot SRCC chart concrete cover ratio. As an example for  $\lambda=60$  and concrete cover ratio of  $h'/h=0.05,0.15,0.20$  and  $0.25$  SRCC chart is drawn in Appendix B. Finally, for end users of the chart, user guideline is prepared and given in Appendix C.

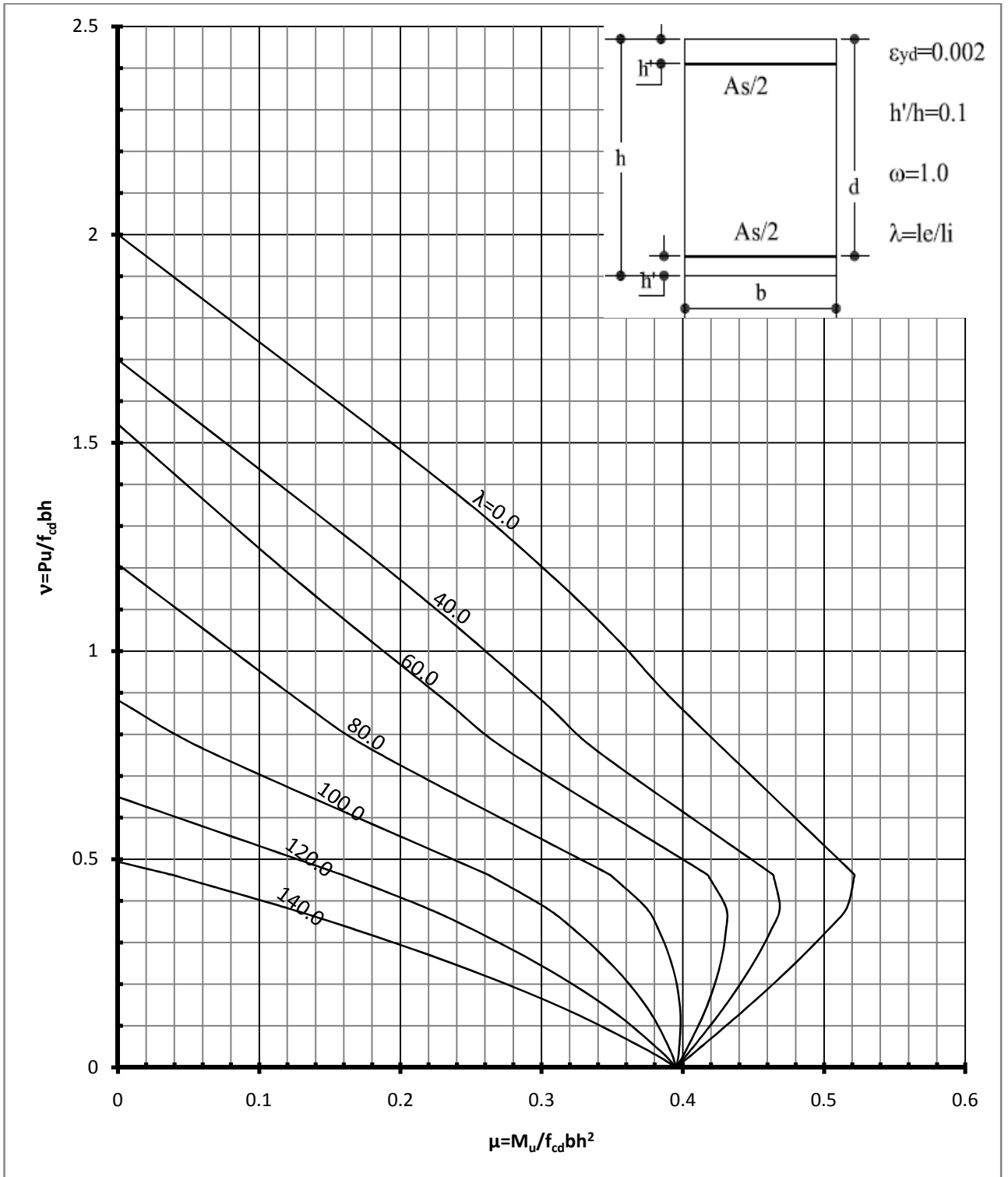


Figure 3\_10 Uniaxial slender interaction diagram for  $\omega=1.0$

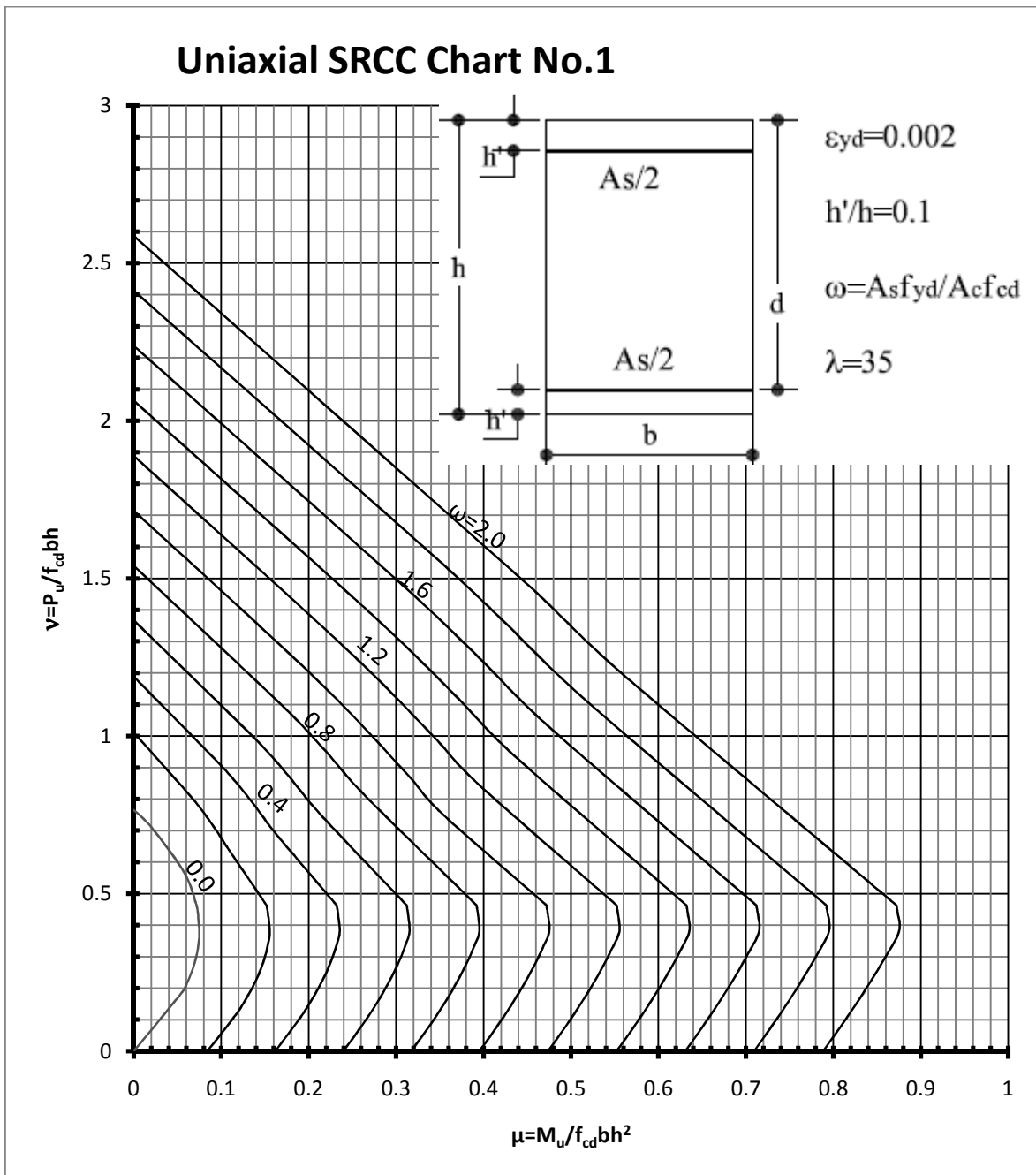


Figure 3\_11 Interaction diagram for slender RC column  $\lambda=35$

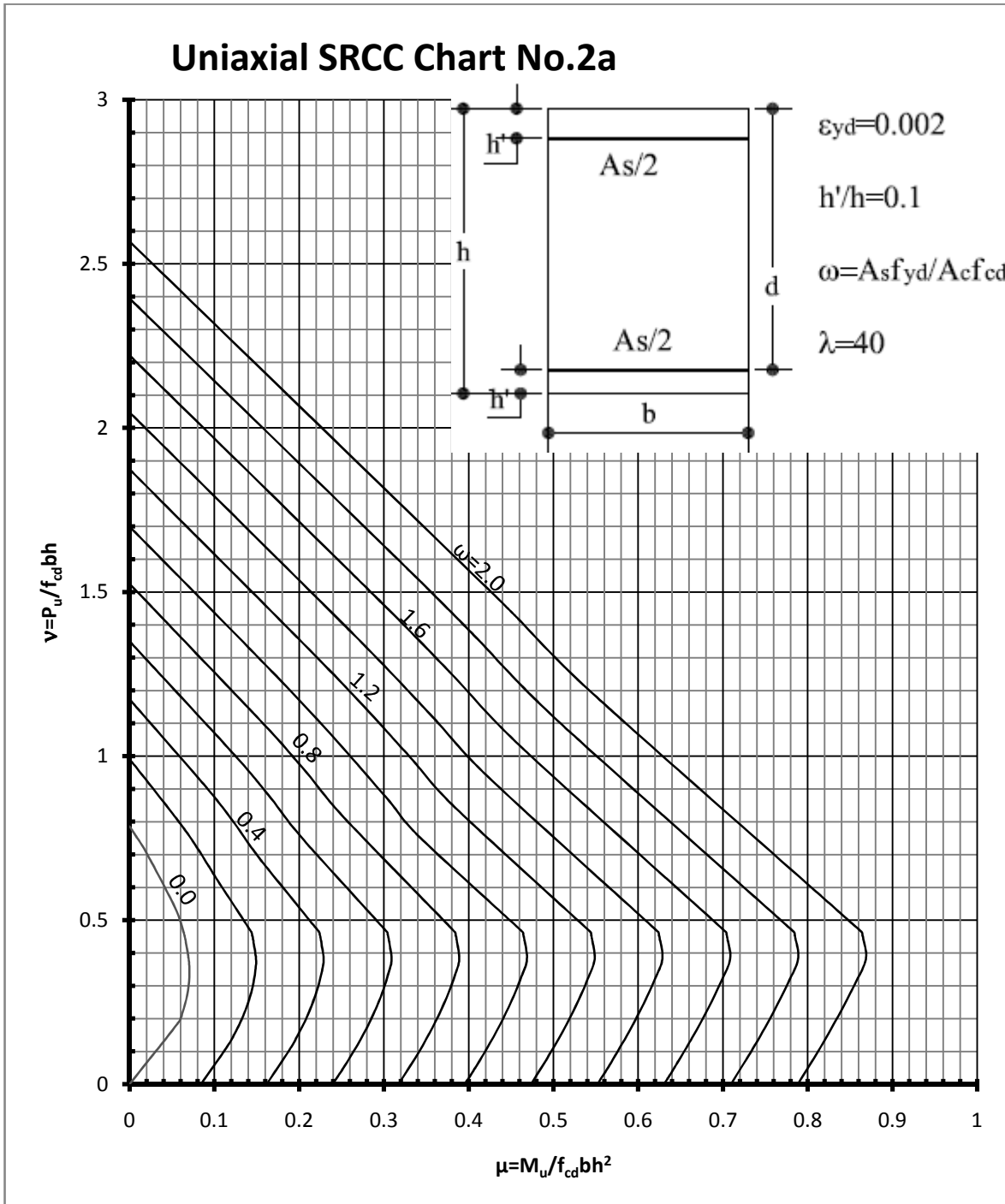


Figure 3\_12 Interaction diagram for slender RC column  $\lambda=40$

### 3.3.3 Verification of the Approximate SRCC design charts

In order for the approximate slender column uniaxial interaction diagrams developed in this work to be used as design aids it is necessary to check its validity with other existing methods. The SRCC chart is compared with iterative procedure of EBCS2, 1995. In the absence of such chart in EBCS2, 1995 Schneider K-J Charts [16] also used for verification, which is very similar to CEB-FIP1990. As it is pointed out in the literature part, the bases of EBCS\_2, 1995 and CEB\_FIP1990 second order eccentricity calculation method is similar, but not the same. The verification is done using examples shown below. The main verification parameter for comparison is mechanical reinforcement ratio ( $\omega$ ). For clarity, the first example is done in detail and the remaining ones are summarized in table form in section 3.3.5

#### **Example 1: Taken from EBCS2, 1995 Part 2 Design aid for concrete sections**

Design of slender braced Column Subjected to uniaxial bending

*Given*

**Action effects:**

- Factored axial load=1650kN
- Factored first order moment equivalent constant moment=130kN.m

**Geometry:**  $L=7.0\text{m}$ ,  $l_e=k*L=0.7*L=4.90\text{m}$

**Material Data:** Concrete C30 and Steel Grade 400

**Required:** Quantity of Reinforcement.  $A_s=?$

**Solution 1. Using SRCC chart developed in this thesis**

- 1) First order moment and axial load given
- 2) Design material strength.

$$\text{Concrete} \quad f_{cd} = \frac{0.85f_{ck}}{\gamma_c} = \frac{0.85*30/1.25}{1.5} = 13.6\text{Mpa}$$

$$\text{Steel} \quad f_{yd} = \frac{f_{yk}}{\gamma_s} = \frac{460}{1.15} = 400\text{Mpa}$$

- 3) Column cross section:

Assume column size,  $b/h=400/400\text{mm}$  with cover ratio to reinforcement =20mm.

Reinforcement bar diameter:  $\phi 20$  and Ties  $\phi=10\text{mm}$

$$d' = 20 + 10 + 0.5 \times 20 = 40 \text{ mm and } d'/h = 40/400 = 0.1$$

Calculate the relative first order axial force and moment

$$v_{sd} = \frac{P_{sd}}{f_{cd}A_c} = \frac{1650 \times 10^3}{13.6 \times 400^2} = 0.76 \quad \text{and} \quad \mu_o = \frac{M_o}{f_{cd}A_c h} = \frac{(130) \times 10^6}{13.6 \times 400 \times 400 \times 400} = 0.15$$

$$4) \text{ Calculate slenderness ratio } \lambda = \frac{le}{i} = \frac{le\sqrt{12}}{h} = \frac{4900\sqrt{12}}{400} = 42.4$$

5) Reading  $\omega$  from Uniaxial SRCC Chart in figure (3\_13) below

### **Solution 2: Schneider K-J Charts [16]**

Taking the same cross section properties as *Solution 1*

$$v_{sd} = \frac{P_{sd}}{f_{cd}A_c} = \frac{1650 \times 10^3}{13.6 \times 400^2} = 0.76$$

$$\mu_{o+a} = \frac{M_{sd} + e_a * P_{sd}}{f_{cd}A_c h} = \frac{(130 + 0.02 * 1650) * 10^6}{13.6 * 400 * 400 * 400} = 0.19$$

$$\lambda = \frac{le}{i} = \frac{le\sqrt{12}}{h} = \frac{4900\sqrt{12}}{400} = 42.4$$

Using Tafel 10a, Interpolation is required.

For  $\lambda=40, \omega=0.44$  and  $\lambda=50, \omega=0.48$

$$\therefore \omega_{42.4} = \omega_{50} - (\omega_{50} - \omega_{40}) \left( \frac{50-42.4}{50-40} \right) = 0.48 - (0.48 - 0.44) \left( \frac{50-42.4}{50-40} \right) = 0.45$$

$$\text{SRCC Difference with Schneider \%} = \left( \frac{\omega_1 - \omega_2}{\omega_1} \right) = \left( \frac{0.48 - 0.45}{0.48} \right) * 100\% = 6.3\%$$

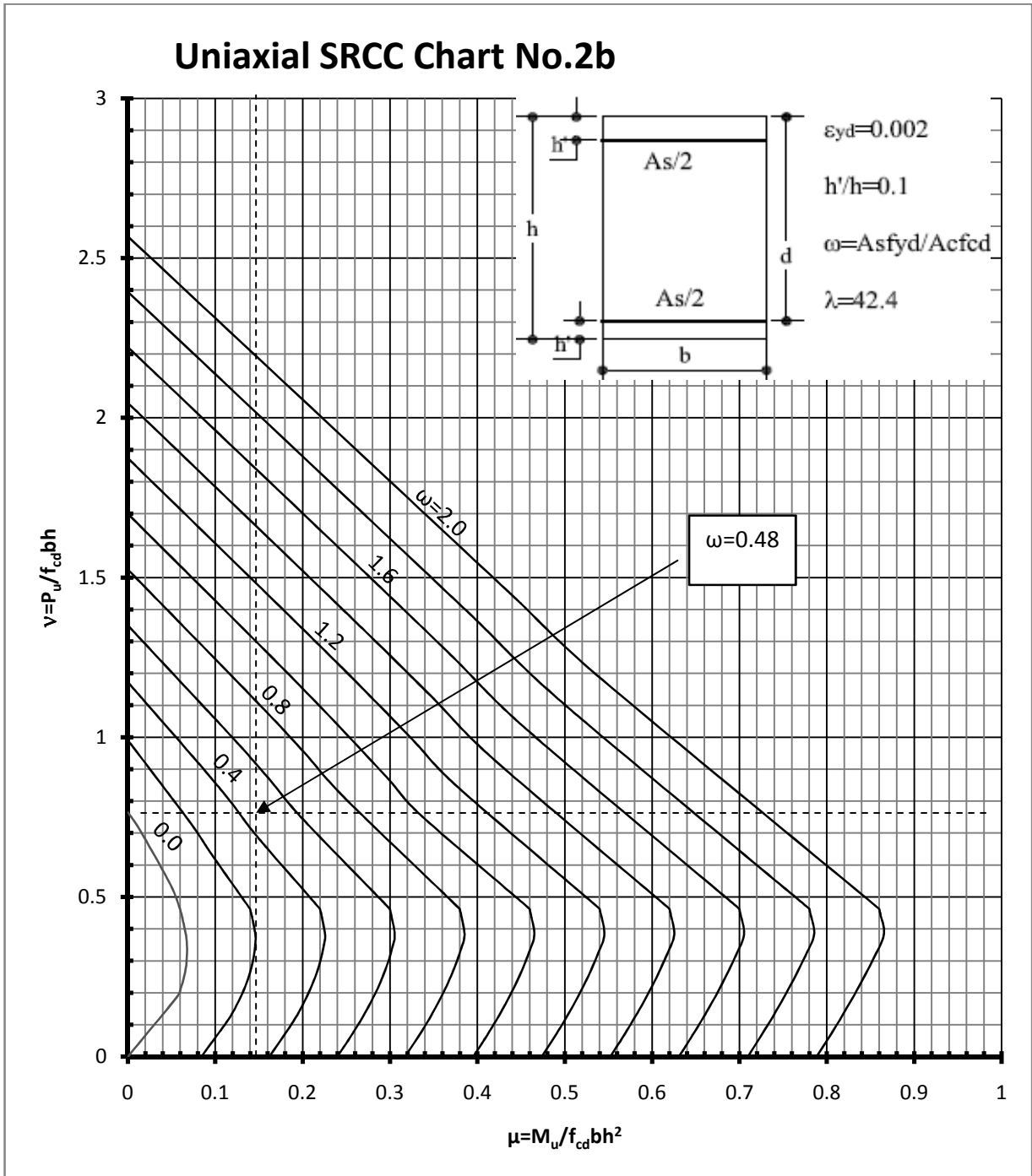


Figure 3\_13 Interaction diagram for slender RC column  $\lambda=42.4$

**Solution 3: Iterative Method of EBCS\_2, 1995 Part 2 Design Aids for Reinforced Concrete Sections on the Basis of EBCS2-2,1995**

Taking the same section properties as *Solution 1* and initial eccentricity value of  $k_2$  corresponding to the first order actions (including accidental eccentricity,  $e_a$ ) i.e.  $k_2=1.0$

$$e_a = \frac{l_e}{300} \geq 20\text{mm} \quad \text{Equation (4_1) in EBCS_2, 1995}$$

$$e_a = \max\left(\frac{l_e}{300}, 20\text{mm}\right) = \max(16.33\text{mm}, 20\text{mm}) = 20\text{mm}$$

$$v_{sd} = \frac{P_{sd}}{f_{cd}A_c} = \frac{1650 * 10^3}{13.6 * 400^2} = 0.76$$

$$\mu_{sd} = \frac{M_{sd}}{f_{cd}A_c h} = \frac{(M_o + P_{sd} * e_a)}{f_{cd}A_c h} = \frac{(130 + 1650 * 20 * 10^{-3}) * 10^6}{13.6 * 400 * 400 * 400} = 0.19$$

Using the Uniaxial Chart No.2 EBCS\_2, 1995 Part 2  $\omega = 0.32$

$$\mu_{bal} = 0.25 \quad \text{and} \quad k_2 = \frac{\mu_{sd}}{\mu_{bal}} = 0.75$$

$$\frac{1}{r} = k_2 \left(\frac{5}{d}\right) * 10^{-3} \quad \text{Equation (4_19) in EBCS_2, 1995}$$

$$\frac{1}{r} = 10.42 * 10^{-6} \text{ mm}^{-1}$$

$$e_2 = \frac{k_1 L_e^2}{10} \frac{1}{r} \quad \text{Equation (4_18) in EBCS_2, 1995}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{L_e}{0.289h} = 42.4 \geq 35. \Rightarrow k_1 = 1.0$$

$$\Rightarrow e_2 = 25.0\text{mm}$$

$$e_{tot} = e_o + e_a + e_2 = \frac{M_o}{P_{sd}} + 20\text{mm} + 25\text{mm} = 123.8\text{mm}$$

$$M_{sd} = P_{sd} * e_{tot} = 204.3\text{kN.m}$$

$\mu_{sd}=0.23, v_{sd}=0.76$ , then  $\omega=0.45$ , Uniaxial Chart No. 2 ,EBCS\_2,1995 Part2

Recalculate  $k_2$ , based on this value of reinforcement: and  $\mu_{bal}=0.3, k_2=0.23/0.3=0.77$  iteration may be stopped.

Alternatively, using Excel Sheet Iteration can be made as in table 3.1 For  $\lambda=42.4$ ,  $e_o=78.80\text{mm}$  and  $e_a=20\text{mm}$  and  $f_{cd}=13.6\text{Mpa}$  and  $f_{yd}=400\text{Mpa}$  using Uniaxial Chart No.2, EBCS\_2,1995 Part2.

**Table 3.1 Iteration Using Excel sheet for Design of Slender Column Based on EBCS\_2, 1995**

Iteration No	Msd (kN.m)	Psd (kN)	e <sub>2</sub> (mm)	e <sub>tot</sub> (mm)	b (mm)	h (mm)	k <sub>2</sub>	μ <sub>bal</sub>	μ <sub>sd</sub>	v	ω
1	163.00	1650.00	0.00	98.79	400.00	400.00	1.00	0.25	0.19	0.76	0.32
2	204.22	1650.00	24.98	123.77	400.00	400.00	0.75	0.30	0.23	0.76	0.45
3	206.03	1650.00	26.08	124.87	400.00	400.00	0.78	0.31	0.24	0.76	0.47

$$\text{SRCC Difference with Iterative EBCS}_2,1995 \% = \left( \frac{\omega_1 - \omega_3}{\omega_1} \right) = \left( \frac{0.48 - 0.47}{0.48} \right) * 100\% = 2.0\%$$

### 3.3.4 Summary of Comparison

For different values of first order moment and axial load the mechanical reinforcement is calculated iteratively using excel sheet as in table 3.1 using Uniaxial Chart No.2 of EBCS\_2,1995 Part 2 and Uniaxial Chart figure and its value is compared with SRCC chart and Schneider charts and summarized as in table 3.2 to 3.4

**Table 3.2 Verification for λ=60**

S.No	u <sub>o</sub>	μ <sub>o+a</sub>	v <sub>sd</sub>	ω EBCS_2 1995 Iterative	ω SRCC chart	ω Schneider Chart	SRCC D/ncce with Iterative%	SRCC D/ncce with Schneider%
1	0.02	0.12	1.80	1.37	1.40	1.30	2.14	7.14
2	0.02	0.11	1.60	1.14	1.15	1.10	0.87	4.35
3	0.05	0.15	1.80	1.47	1.47	1.40	0.00	4.76
4	0.05	0.12	1.20	0.78	0.80	0.75	3.13	6.25
5	0.02	0.09	1.20	0.67	0.68	0.60	0.74	11.11
6	0.05	0.10	0.80	0.35	0.35	0.30	0.00	14.29
7	0.10	0.15	0.80	0.53	0.53	0.50	1.50	6.19
8	0.14	0.19	0.80	0.64	0.64	0.60	0.00	6.25
9	0.30	0.35	0.80	1.10	1.10	1.10	0.00	0.00
10	0.14	0.16	0.40	0.28	0.28	0.27	0.00	0.00
11	0.14	0.15	0.20	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00

**Table 3.3 Verification for  $\lambda=100$** 

S. No	$u_o$	$u_{o+a}$	$V_{sd}$	$\omega$ EBCS2,199 5 Part2 Iterative	$\omega$ SRCC chart	$\omega$ Schneider Chart	SRCC D/nce with Iterative %	SRCC D/nce with Schneider %
1	0.02	0.15	1.40	1.90	1.93	1.80	1.55	6.74
2	0.05	0.17	1.20	1.70	1.70	1.60	0.00	5.88
3	0.02	0.14	1.20	1.60	1.60	1.50	0.00	6.25
4	0.05	0.13	0.80	1.03	1.05	0.95	1.90	9.52
5	0.10	0.18	0.80	1.15	1.15	1.10	0.00	4.35
6	0.14	0.22	0.80	1.28	1.28	1.20	0.00	5.51
7	0.30	0.38	0.80	1.70	1.70	1.65	0.00	2.94
8	0.20	0.26	0.60	1.13	1.13	1.10	0.00	2.65
9	0.14	0.18	0.40	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.00	0.00
10	0.14	0.16	0.20	0.40	0.40	0.4	0.00	0.00

**Table 3.4 Verification for different slenderness**

S.No	$\mu_o$	$\mu_{o+a}$	$v$	$\lambda$	$\omega$ EBCS_2 1995 Iterative	$\omega$ SRCC chart	$\omega$ Schneider chart	SRCC D/nce with Iterative %	SRCC D/nce with Schneider %
1	0.15	0.19	0.76	42.40	0.47	0.48	0.45	0.64	4.26
2	0.14	0.18	0.76	60.00	0.59	0.60	0.55	1.67	8.33
3	0.08	0.16	1.22	66.80	1.01	1.04	0.95	2.88	8.65
4	0.10	0.12	0.19	80.00	0.22	0.22	0.24	0.00	-9.09
5	0.10	0.15	0.10	100.00	0.35	0.36	0.38	3.00	-6.00

### 3.3.5 Discussion

The uniaxial interaction diagram prepared for slender column is comparison with iterative method and SRCC chart is shown in table 3.2 to 3.4 in section 3.3.4 above, which shows closer agreement with a difference of 0% to 3.13%. This indicates that SRCC can be used as design for slender RC column. Whereas comparison of SRCC chart with Schneider Charts shows bigger difference with range of -9.09 % to 14%. The reason may be difference in the value of  $k_2$  used for second order eccentricity calculation in EBCS\_2, 1995 and CEB\_FIP1990, which is the base of Eurocode\_2, 1992 for second order eccentricity calculation because Amdetsion (2003) showed that the difference between the two methods, namely EBCS2,1995 and EC-2,1992.

In Amdetsion thesis, the value of  $k_2$  in EBCS\_2, 1995 is smaller than in EC\_2, 1992 for axial loads greater than balanced load, lower amount of mechanical reinforcement ( $\omega < 0.5$ ) and concrete cover ratio ( $h'/h=0.1$ ) which agrees with the above result obtained in table 3.4. On the other hand, he also showed that for larger amount of mechanical reinforcement ratio the value of  $k_2$  of EBCS2, 1995 is greater than EC2, results obtained in table 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 proves the same thing.

## CHAPTER FOUR

### CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

#### 4.1 Conclusion

In general, compared to iterative method slender column design, the approximate interaction diagram gives us summary of slender RC column capacity for wide range of slenderness ratio. It is very quick and easy. Therefore, the graphical design aid can be used as an alternative design aid; preliminary section capacity estimation and checking of computer outputs at hand in the slender column design.

#### 4.2 Recommendation

The approximate interaction diagram for slender RC column prepared in this thesis work is only for uniaxially loaded rectangular column with symmetrical reinforcement and concrete cover ratio of  $h'/h=0.1$ . For illustration of the method, it is shown for different cover ratio  $h'/h=0.05,0.15,0.2,0.25$  in the Appendix B. In the rectangular column, the bending is assumed to occur about the major axis of the cross section. Since SRCC charts is first in its kind in the context of EBCS\_2, 1995, the author recommends for future to extend the dimension of the chart development in terms of:

- Uniaxial column with uniformly distributed reinforcement on all column sides that can be used for approximate design procedure of biaxial slender column according to [EBCS\_2, 1995 and Girma Zerayohannes *et al.*2001] recommendations.
- Non-rectangular RC sections column
- Biaxial loaded slender RC column
- Creep and shrinkage factors through time, therefore this kind of factors reduce the capacity of column through time that needs further investigation.
- Development of computer programmes for automatic and integrated design
- Apply rigorous method for the derivation of slender column interaction diagram

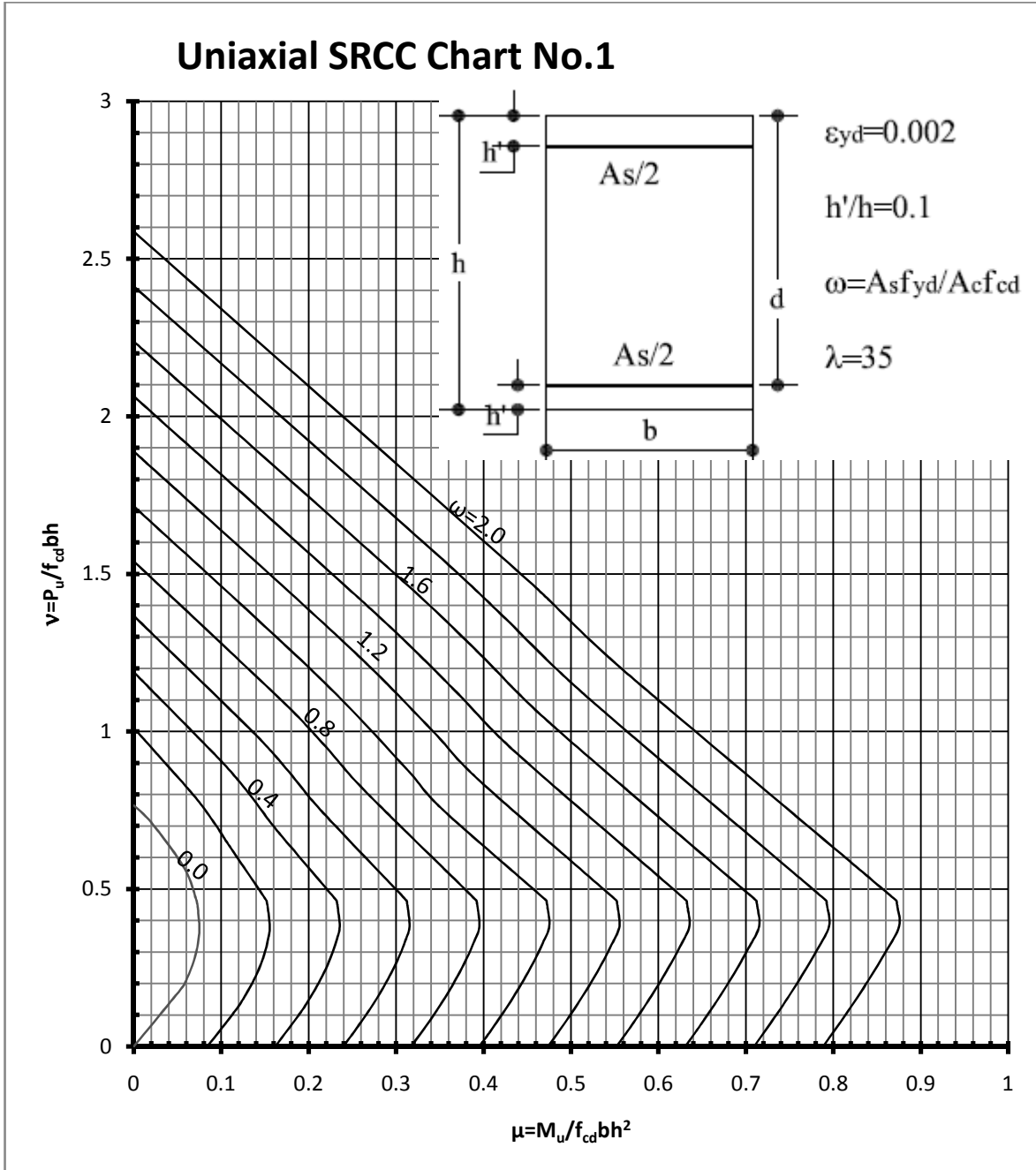
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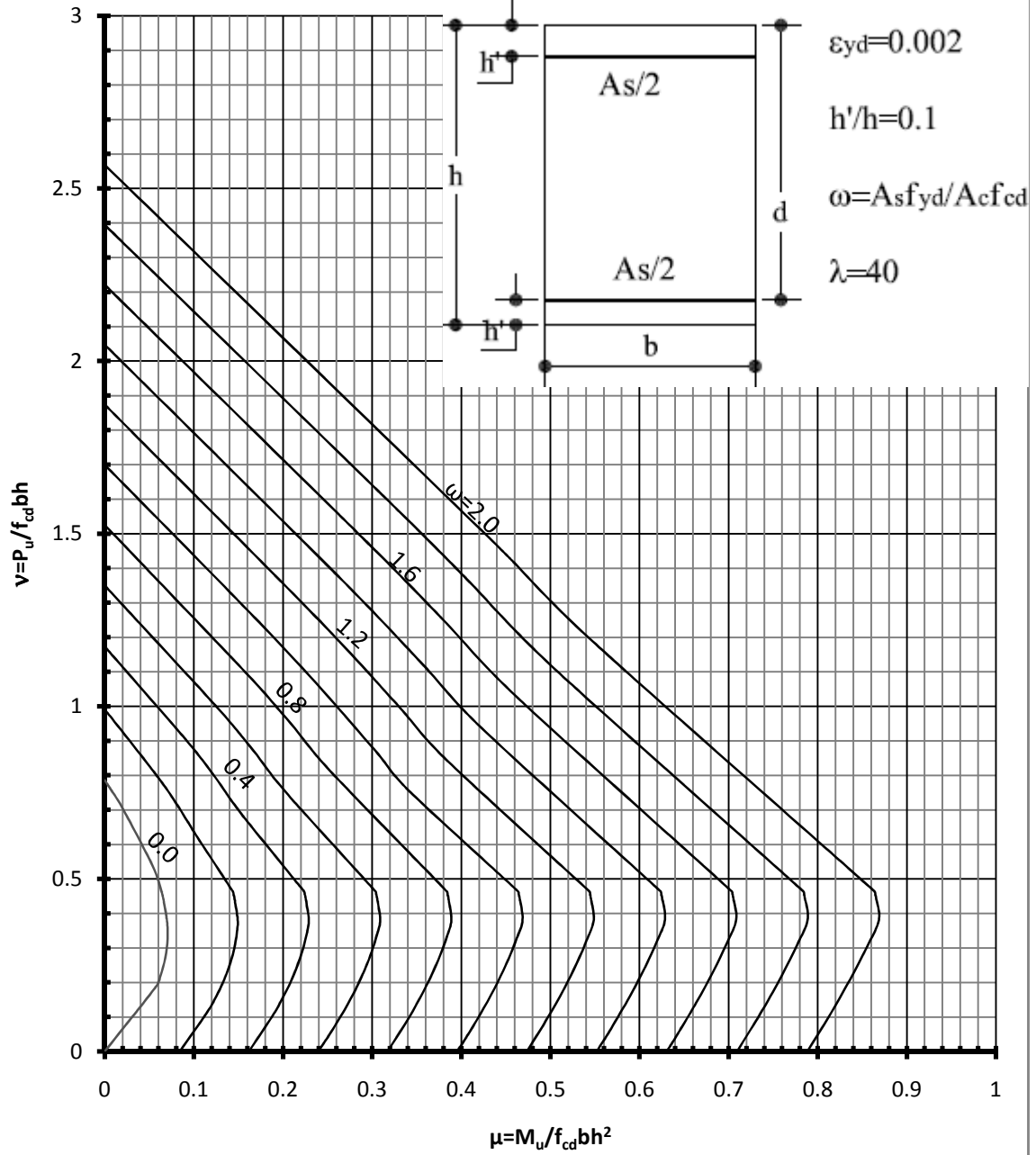
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## APPENDICES

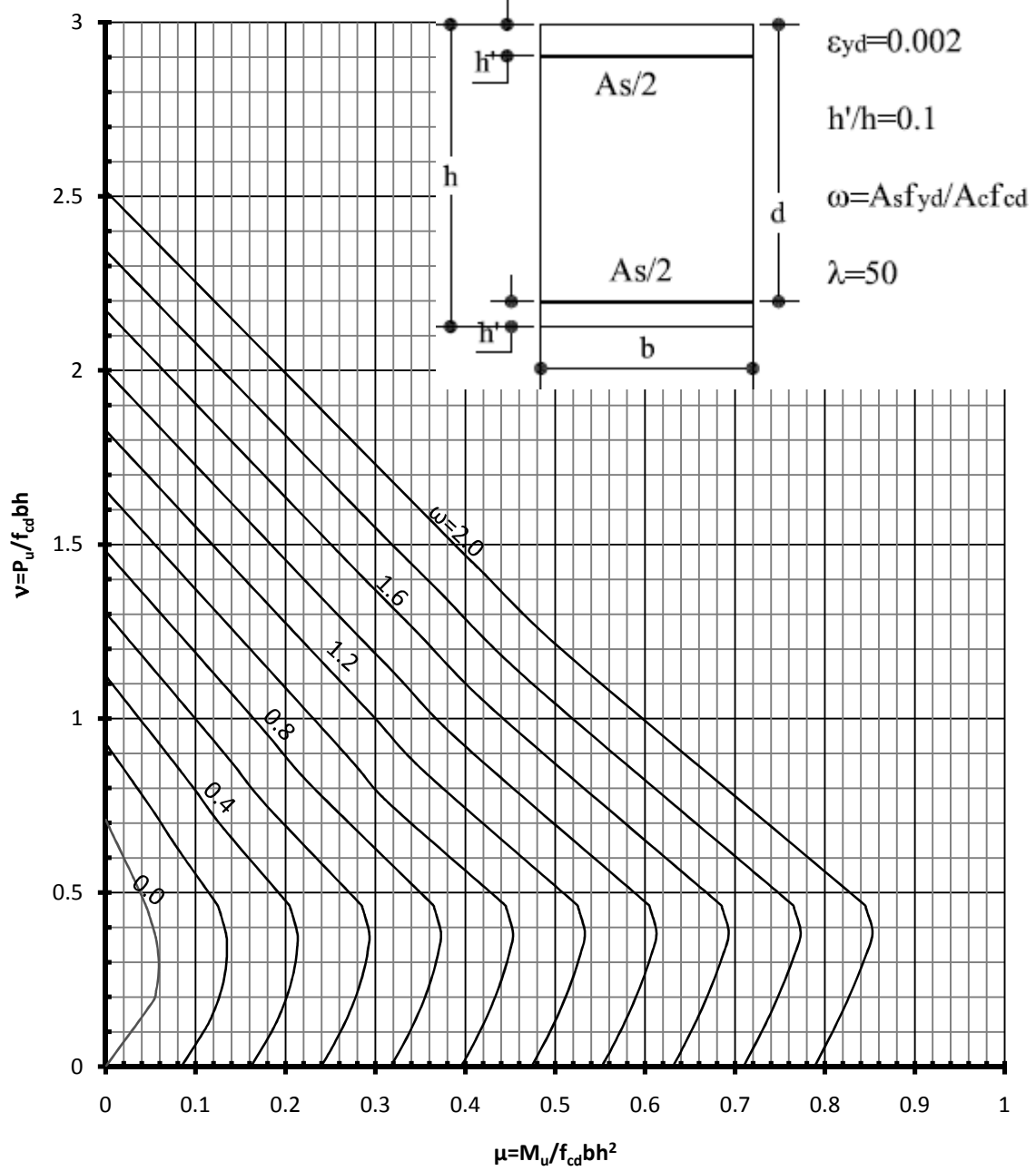
### Appendix A: SRCC Charts for $0.0 \leq \omega \leq 2.0$ and $35 \leq \lambda \leq 140$



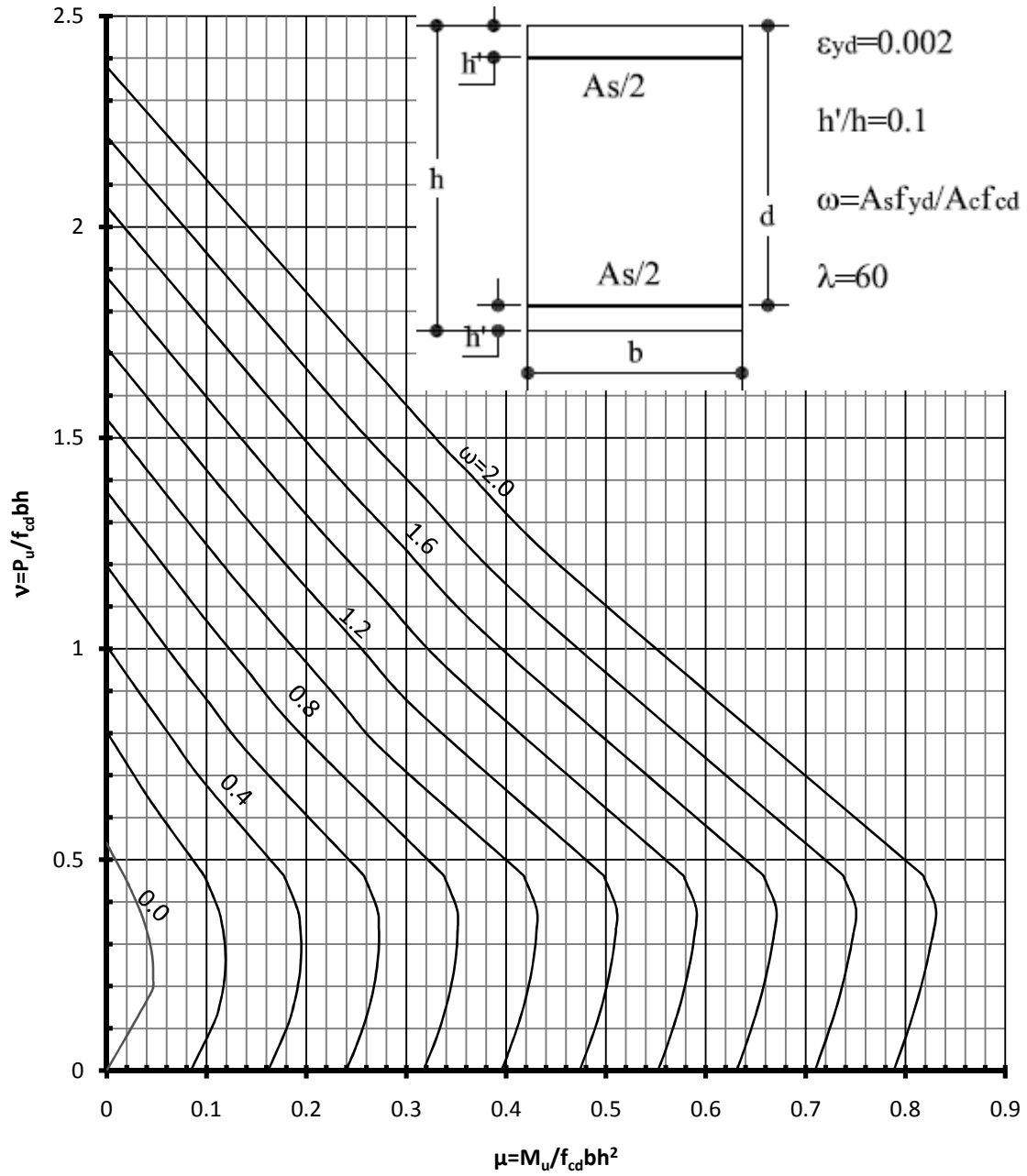
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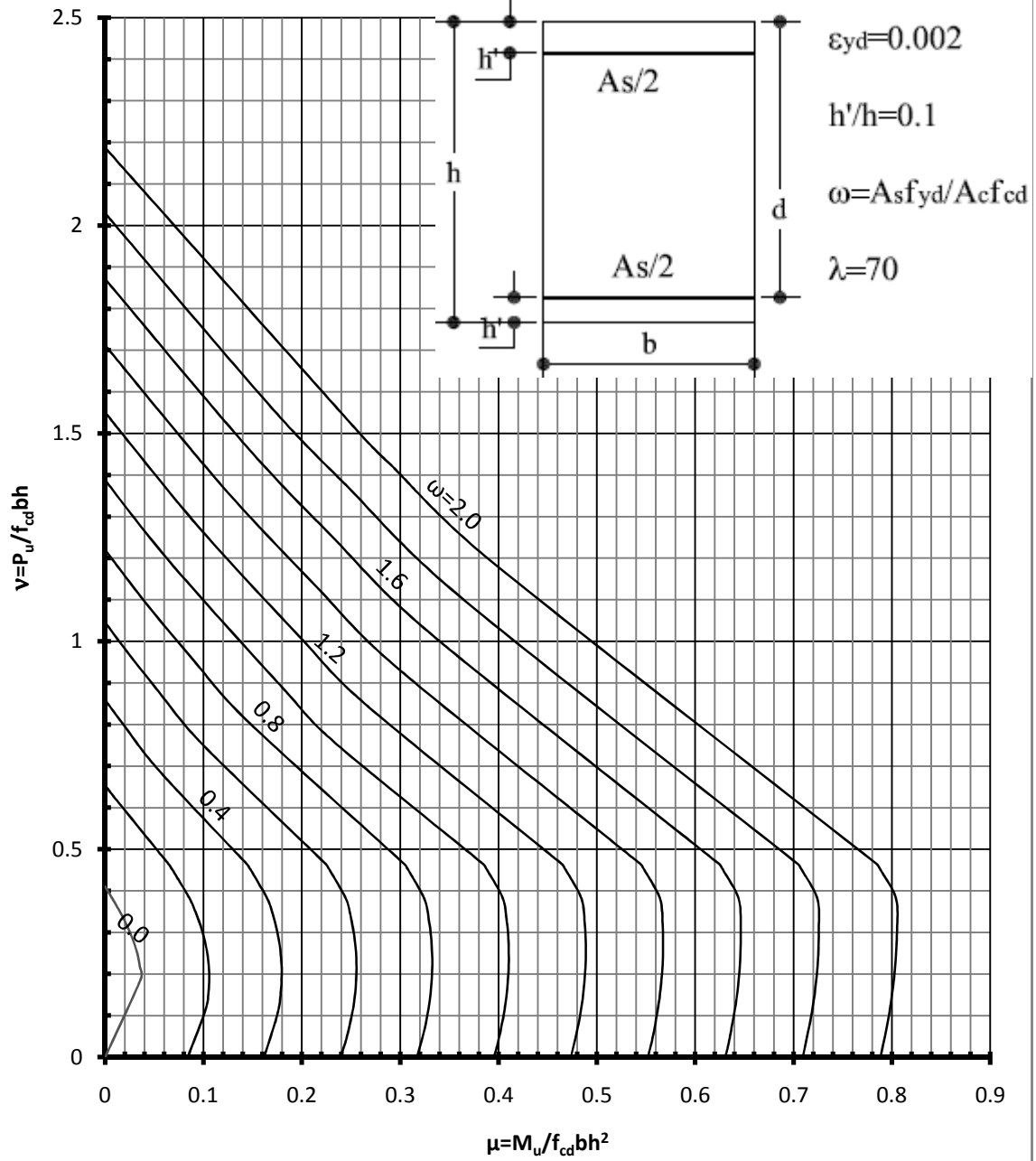
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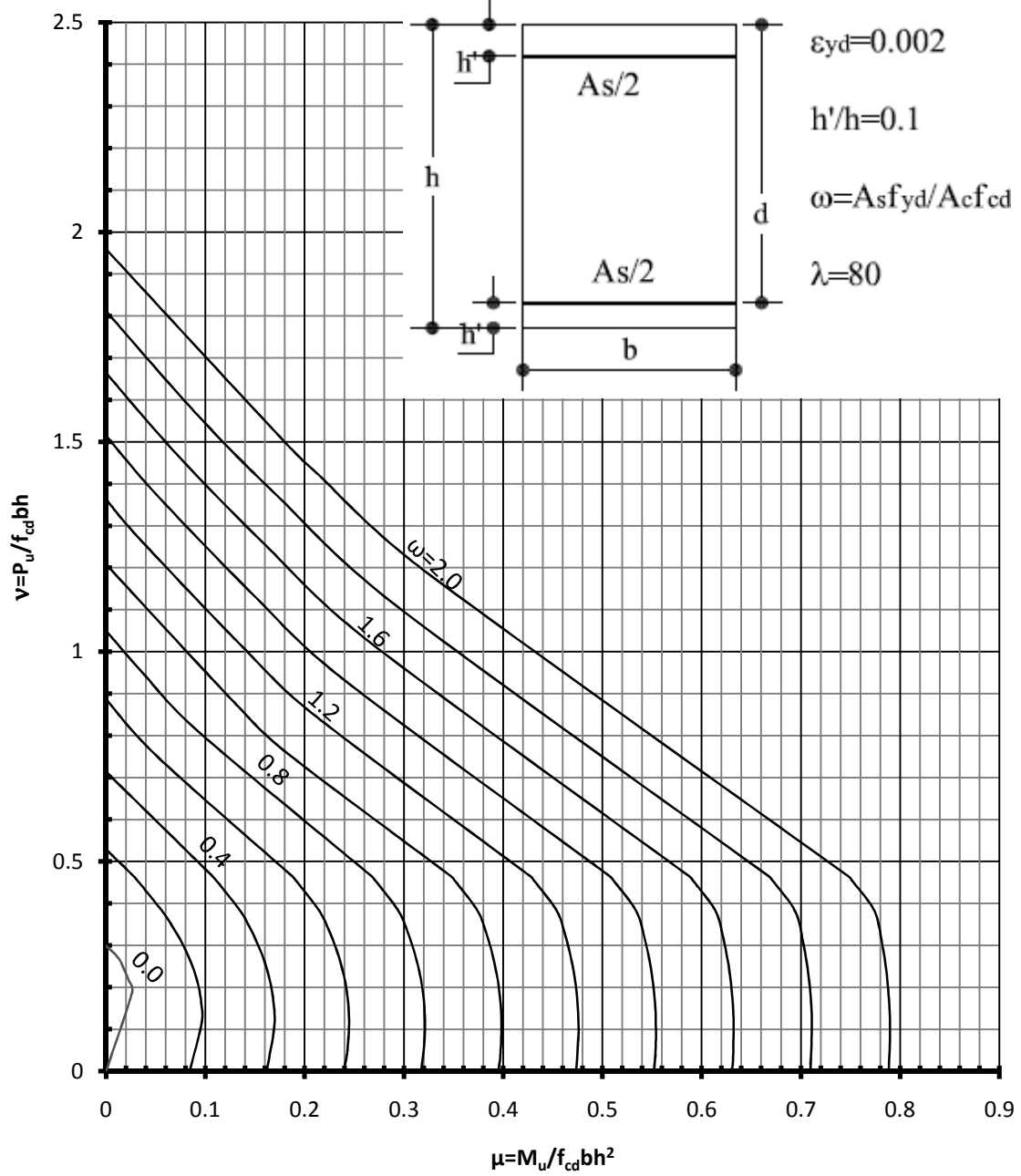
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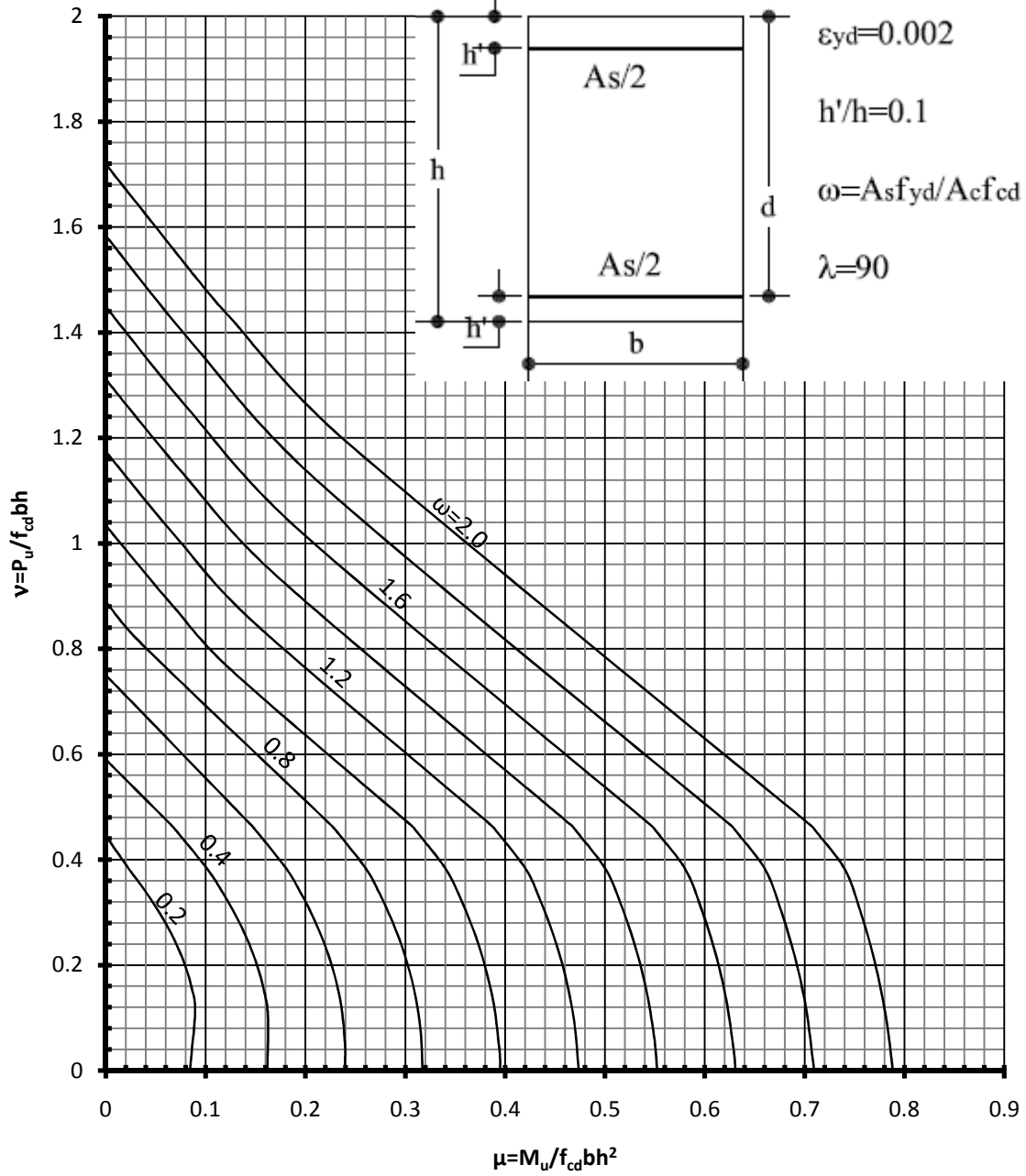
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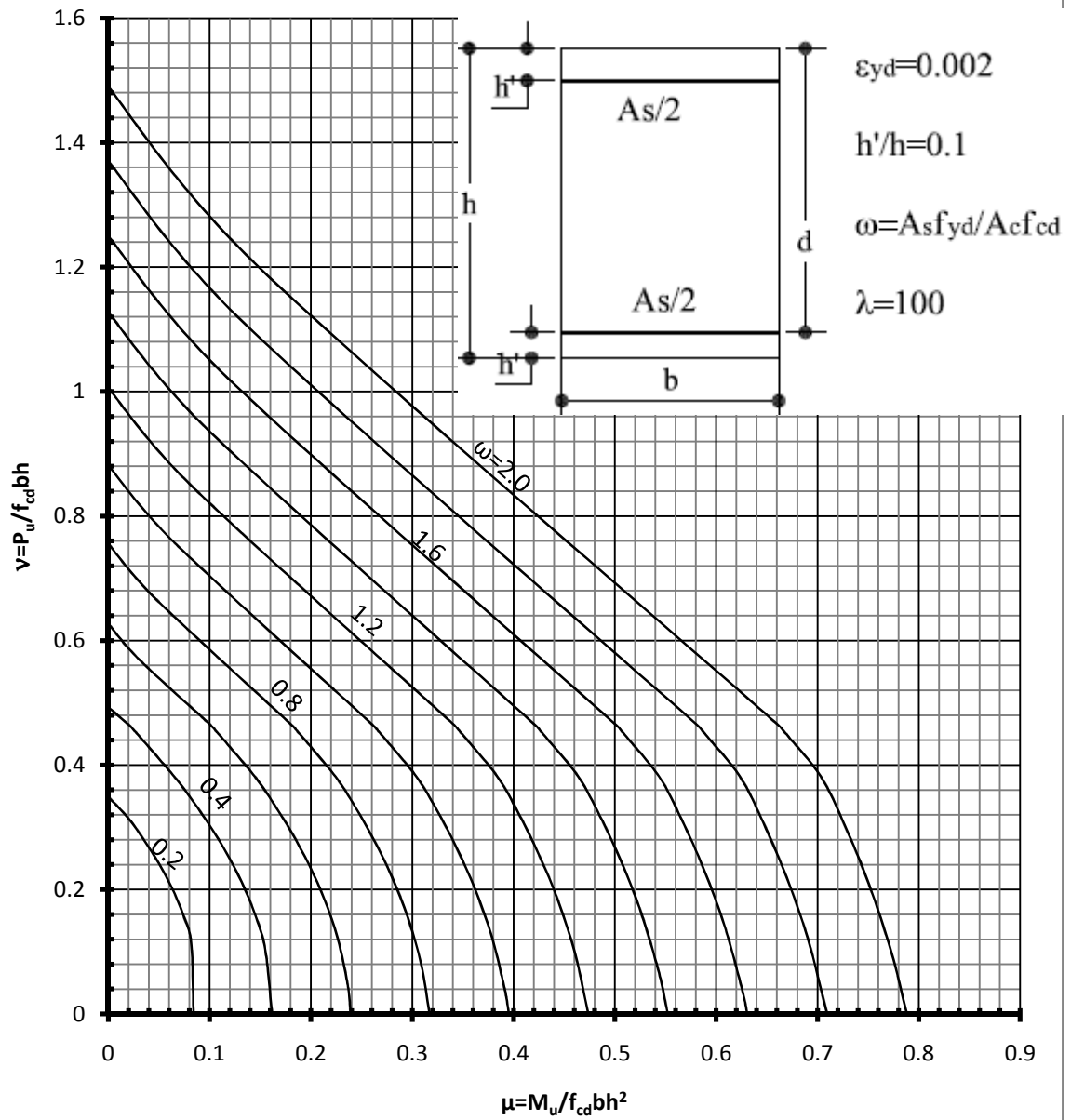
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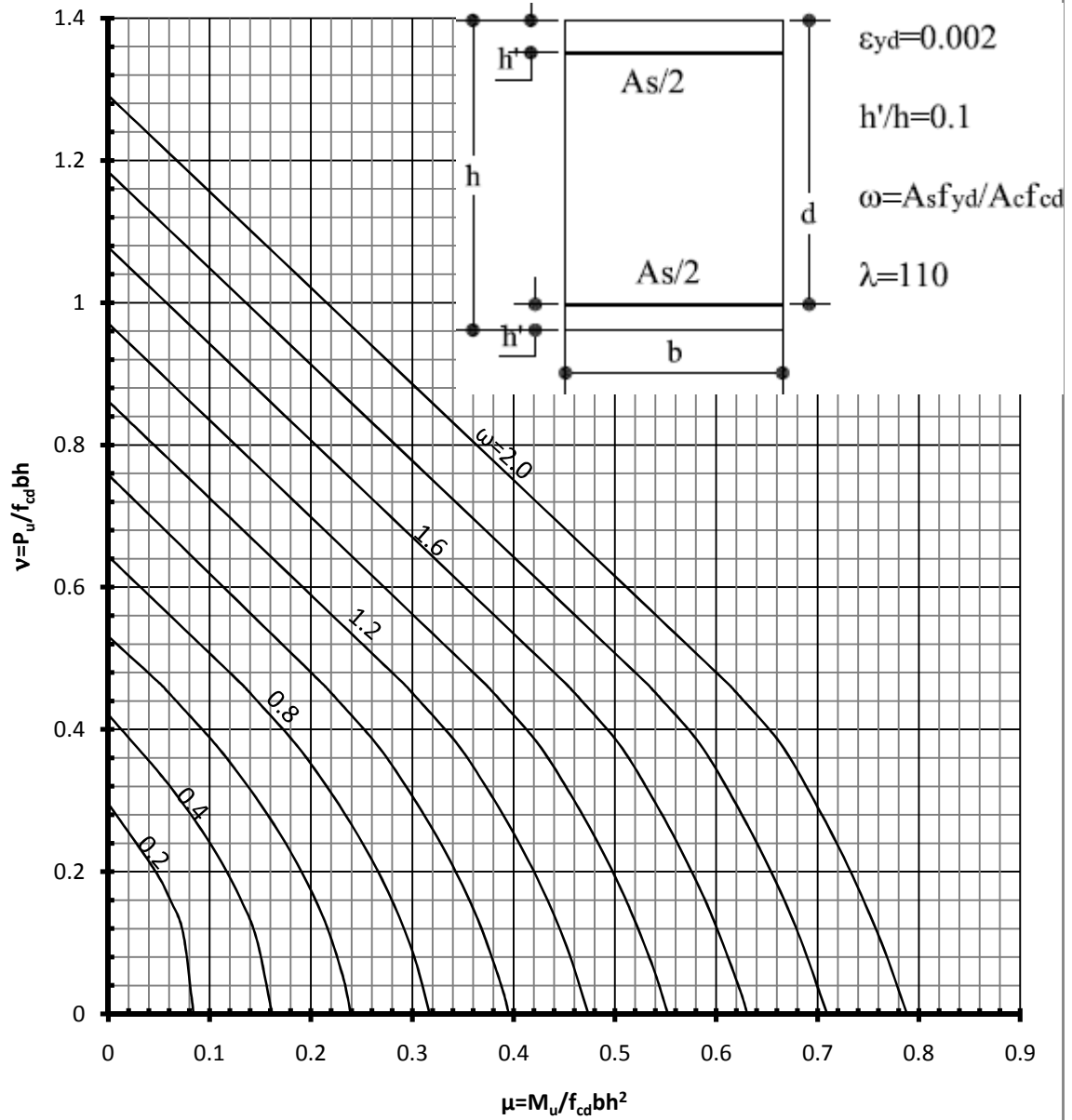
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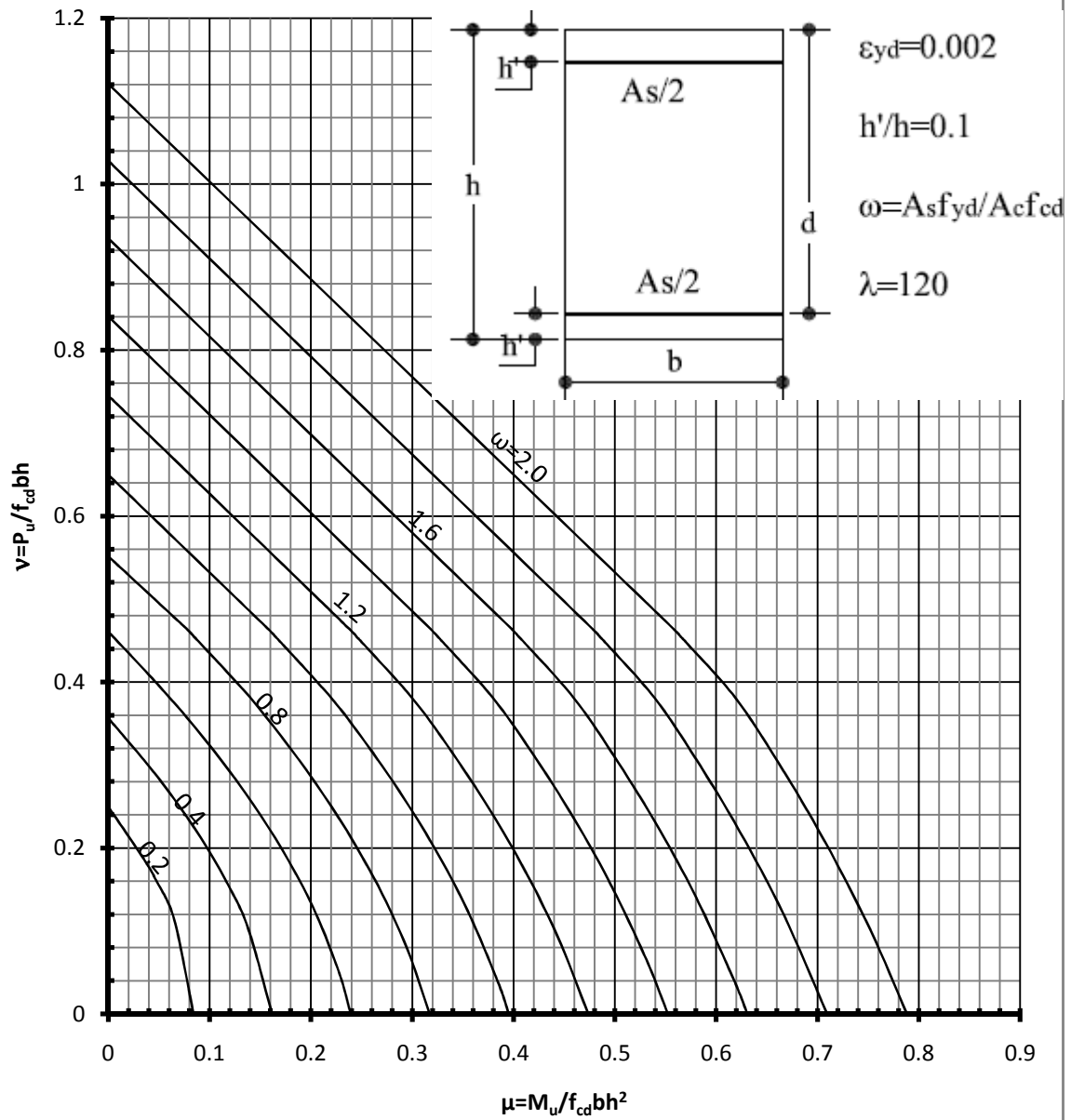
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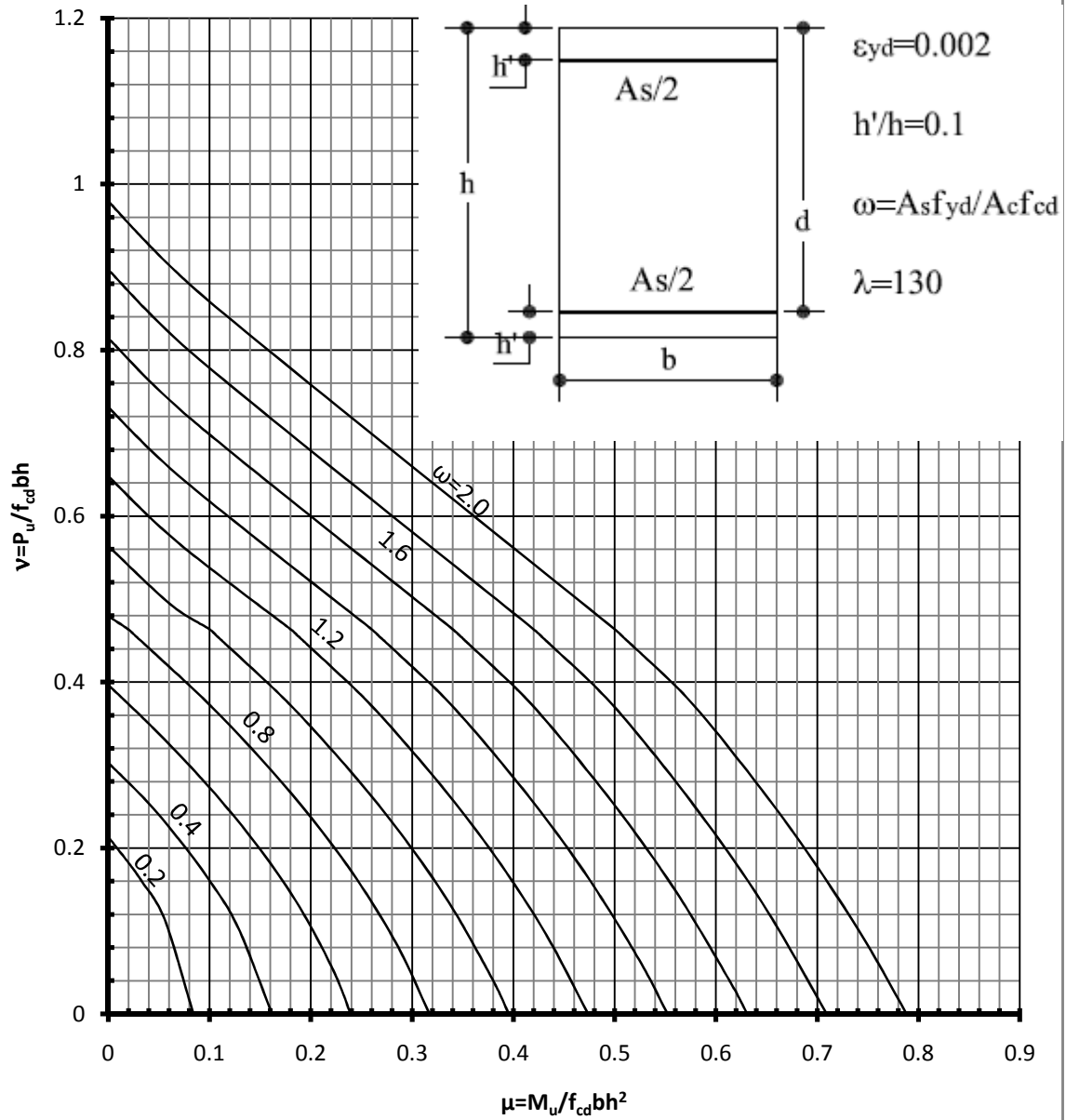
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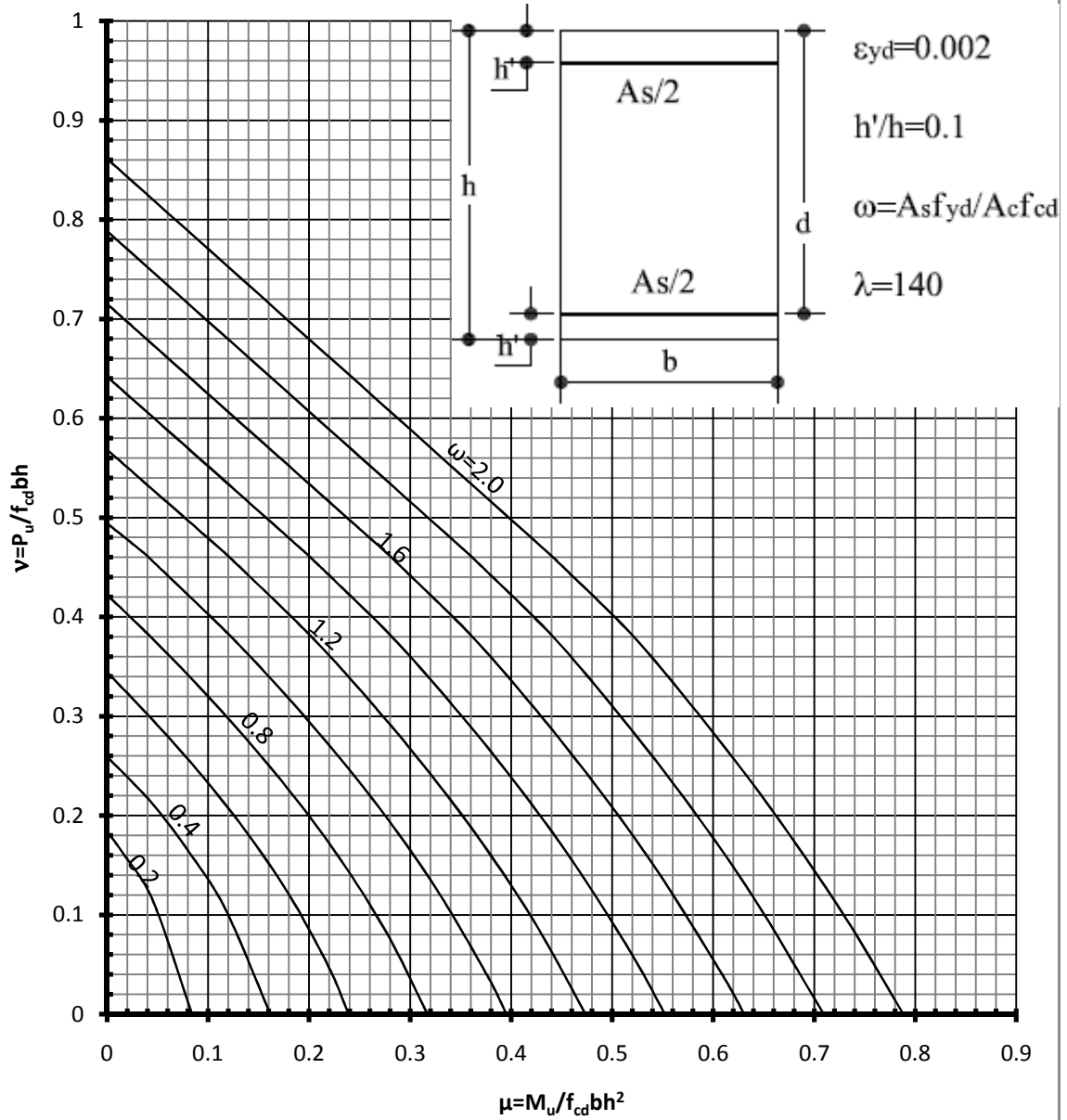
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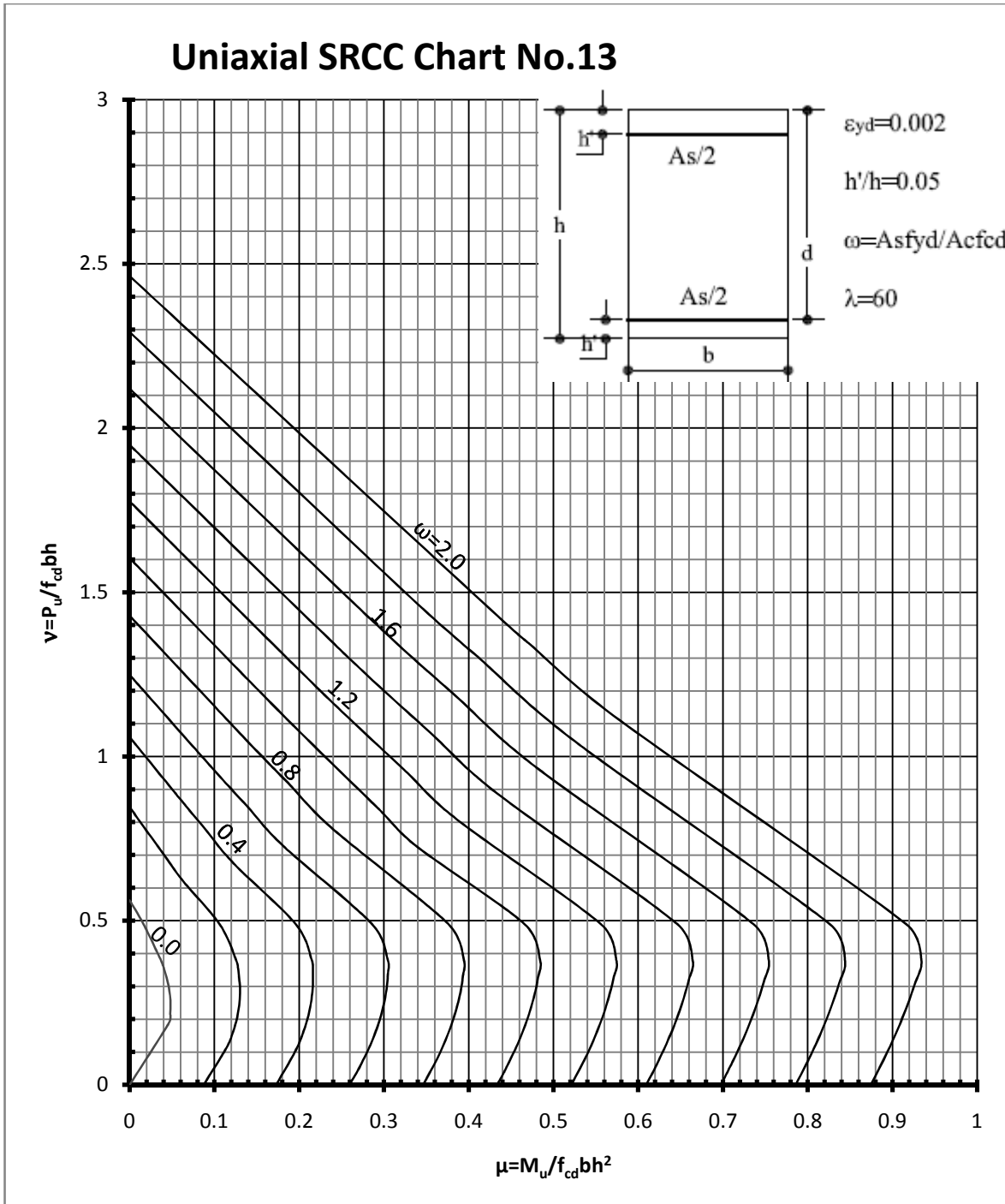
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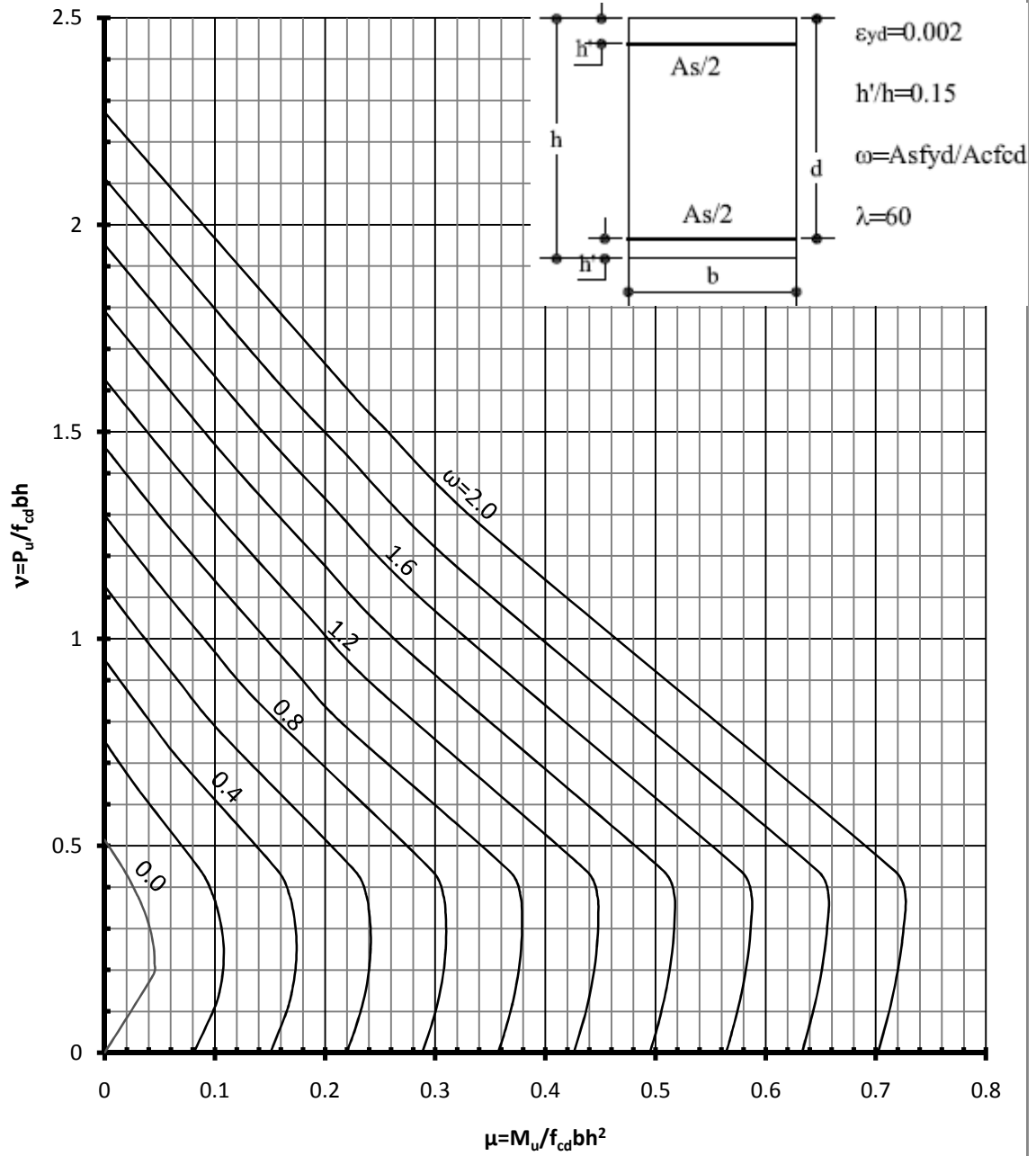
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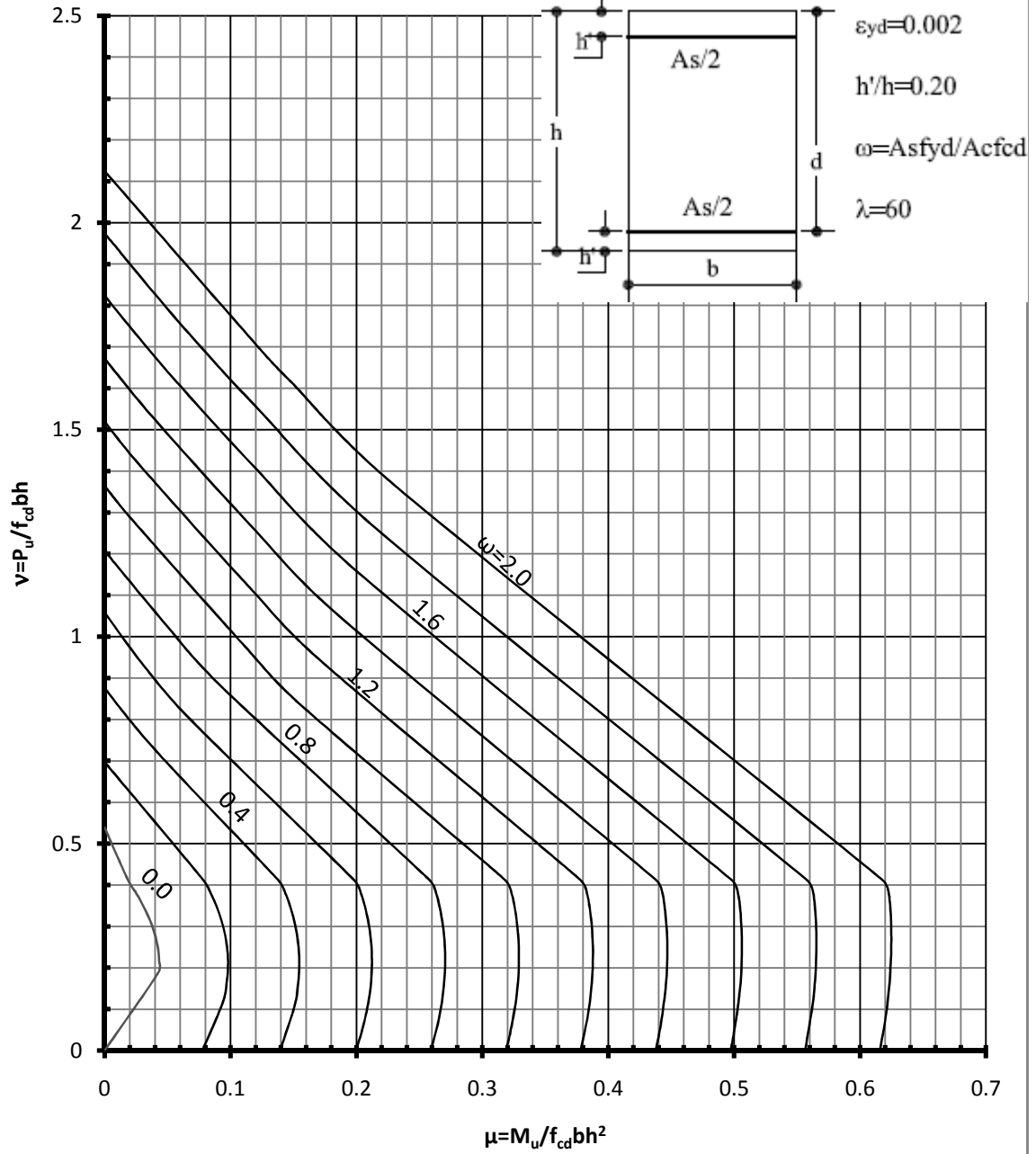
**Appendix B: SRCC charts for  $\lambda=60$  and  $h'/h=0.05,0.15,0.20,0.25$**



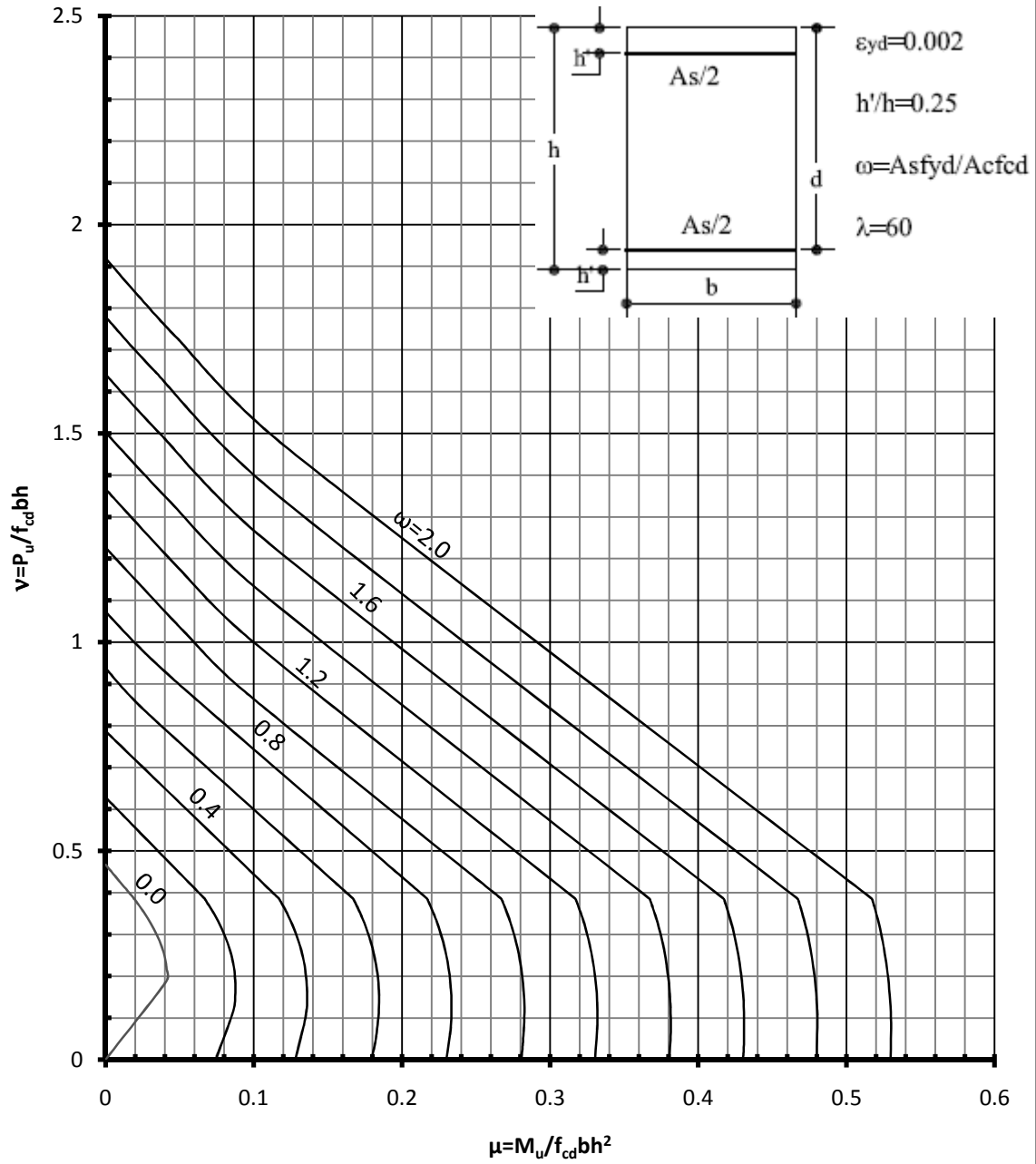
# Uniaxial SRCC Chart No.14



# Uniaxial SRCC Chart No.15



## Uniaxial SRCC Chart No.16



## Appendix C: User guideline for Approximate Slender RC column interaction diagram

To use uniaxial SRCC charts the following procedure should be followed.

1. Calculate first order moment , $M_o$  and axial load , $P_{sd}$  of a column of non sway column
2. Select material grade concrete  $C_c$  and steel reinforcement  $S_s$  and calculate design strength

Concrete  $C_c$ : design concrete strength,  $f_{cd} = \frac{0.85f_{ck}}{\gamma_c}$

Reinforcement steel  $S_s$ : design steel reinforcement strength,  $f_{yd} = \frac{f_{yk}}{\gamma_s}$

3. Select rectangular column section ,width  $b$ , depth  $h$  and concrete cover ratio  $h'/h$

Calculate the non-dimensional moment,  $u$  and axial load , $v$

$$\mu_o = \frac{M_o}{f_{cd}A_c h} \text{ and } v_{sd} = \frac{P_{sd}}{f_{cd}A_c}$$

4. Calculate the effective length , $l_e$ , and slenderness ratio, $\lambda$

$$\lambda = \frac{l_e \sqrt{12}}{h}$$

5. Read mechanical reinforcement ratio, $\omega$  from the chart and calculate total reinforcement quantity, symmetric arrangement of the reinforcement half in top and the remaining on the bottom of the column section.

$$A_{s,tot} = \frac{\omega f_{cd} A_c}{f_{yd}}$$