



Approximation Model of the Method of Design Resistance of Reinforced Concrete for Bending Elements



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Abstract The paper considers approximation models of the method of design resistance of reinforced concrete for calculation of normal sections of bending reinforced concrete elements. It is proposed to use approximation dependences of two types—polynomial and linear. Both methods are based on the method of design resistance of reinforced concrete, which relies on universally accepted theory-based prerequisites and hypotheses. This method is based on the use of nonlinear deformation curves of concrete, Bernoulli hypothesis (the plane-sections hypothesis) is accepted as the correct one, and the extremum criterion for determining the bearing capacity (carrying force) based on a nonlinear deformation calculation model is used. The proposed techniques can massively simplify the calculation of bending reinforced concrete elements. They relieve from the necessity to use tables and perform complicated calculations with iteration methods, as it is intrinsic to the majority of existing methods. The possibility of determining on their basis both the bearing capacity (carrying force) and the relative height of the compressive zone of the concrete is shown in this article. The authors have conducted a check of the obtained approximation models of calculation on experimental samples of well-known researchers. The computational results indicate the computational accuracy, sufficient for practical calculations of the proposed methods. This paper presents the examples of determination of the carrying force and area of the effective reinforcement of normal sections of bending reinforced concrete elements by both offered methods. The proposed methods of calculating bending reinforced concrete elements can be widely used in design practice.

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1 Introduction

The calculation of reinforced concrete elements at different types of force loads is usually performed taking into account nonlinear properties of materials [1–4, 9, 10]. The calculation of bending reinforced concrete elements involves the use of nonlinear or simplified diagrams of deformation of concrete [1–4]. The calculation of bending elements using nonlinear diagrams of deformation of concrete is quite complicated, and is usually performed using specially designed computer programs. Similar calculations on determination of the durability of normal sections of bending reinforced concrete elements by using simplified schemes are also quite complicated and may lead to certain imprecisions and inaccuracies. In most cases, such methods require the use of either pre-designed dependency graphs [1, 2] or the corresponding tables [4]. The simplest method, which involves the use of nonlinear diagrams of deformation of concrete in order to calculate reinforced concrete elements is the method of design resistance of reinforced concrete [4]. Instead, it also involves the use of certain tables. Let us consider an approximation model for calculating reinforced concrete elements based on this method.

The scientific developments of the authors of the article are associated with their preliminary studies, which are set out in the works [9–17], and are also a further development of the research of leading scientists Pavlikov [17, 18], Piskunov [19, 20], Pliukhin [21], Storozhenko [22], Zhuravskiy [23, 24] Semko [25–27].

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According to EN 1992-1-1, the calculation of bending reinforced concrete elements is performed using Bernoulli hypothesis (the plane-sections hypothesis), generally accepted deformation curves of concrete and reinforcement, as well as failure criteria. The main failure criterion is reaching the ultimate deformations of concrete and reinforcement. In the cases of calculation of beams with limited redistribution of forces, the relative height of the compressive zone of the concrete is also limited.

$$x/d \leq (\delta - 0.4)/(0.6 + 0.0014/\varepsilon_{cu}), \quad (1)$$

where x/d —the relative height of the compressive zone of the concrete, δ —the ratio of the distributed moment to the moment determined at the elastic stage, ε_{cu} —the ultimate strains of the compressive zone of the concrete. The remarkable thing is

that according to [], a maximum redistribution of forces up to 20% is allowed for reinforcing steel of class A, and up to 30%—for reinforcing steel of class B.

Thus, regardless of the method of calculating bending reinforced concrete elements, it is necessary to check condition (1) in the case of redistribution of forces.

The calculation of bending elements according to the design codes [1] is as follows:

1. The mechanical reinforcement ratio is determined by the following expression:

$$\omega = \frac{\rho_f \cdot f_{yd}}{f_{cd}}, \tag{2}$$

where ρ_f — the reinforcement ratio of the cross-section with longitudinal reinforcement, f_{yd} — design resistance of the longitudinal reinforcement, f_{cd} — design resistance of compressive strength of concrete.

2. Next, the parameter k_z $k_z = M/(f_{cd} \cdot b \cdot d^2)$ is determined according to the graph (Fig. 1).
3. The carrying force of the element is set by the expression:

$$M = k_z f_{cd} \cdot b \cdot d^2. \tag{3}$$

The procedure for calculating by the method of design resistance of reinforced concrete is similar to that described above:

1. The mechanical reinforcement ratio is determined by the formula (2).
2. The design resistance of reinforced concrete is set by the expression [1]

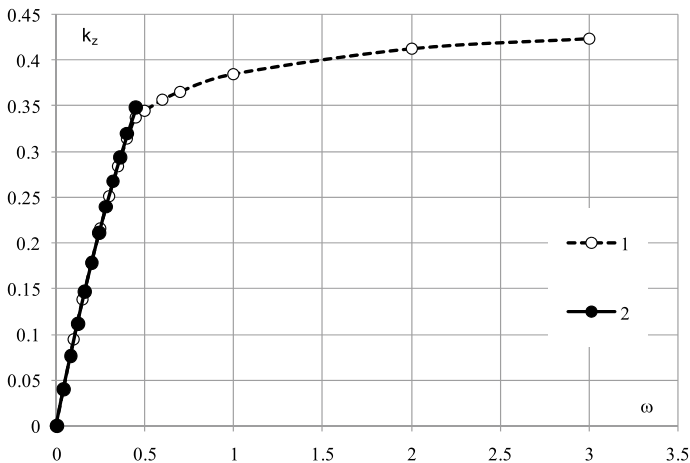


Fig. 1 Functional dependence $k_z = f(\omega)$ by the methods: 1—method of design resistance of reinforced concrete [4]; 2—EN 1992-1-1 [1]

$$f_z = 6 \cdot k_z f_{cd}. \quad (4)$$

3. The bearing capacity (carrying force) of the element is set by the formula:

$$M = f_z W_c, \quad (5)$$

where f_z – the design resistance of reinforced concrete in bending, MPa, W_c – moment resistance of working cross section of concrete, $b \cdot h^2/6$, m^3 .

The functional dependence of the method of design resistance of reinforced concrete, presented in Fig. 1, has a much larger number of values than the similar dependence of the method EN 1992-1-1 [1]. This is primarily due to the fact that the method of design resistance of reinforced concrete uses more accurate diagrams of deformation of concrete and theoretically substantiated failure criteria, in particular the extremum criterion. Therefore, the bearing capacity (carrying force) of the over reinforced elements should be determined more accurately by the method of design resistance of reinforced concrete. Methodology EN 1992-1-1 [1] limits ω to the value 0.45 (at C50 and below) and 0.36 (at C55 and above). This is due to the fact that such elements have brittle failure (fracture failure), which must be avoided in existent building structures. But when testing experimental samples with $\omega > 0.45$, more precise values of the bearing capacity (carrying force) will correspond to the method of design resistance of reinforced concrete. The bearing capacity of the elements by the method EN 1992-1-1 [1] at $\omega > 0.45$ will correspond to the bearing capacity of the elements at $\omega = 0.45$. In the section at $\omega \leq 0.45$ bearing capacity of the bending elements will be the same for both methods.

The use of the dependency graph, shown in Fig. 1, in the calculation of bending elements somewhat complicates the calculation process itself, so we suggest to perform an approximation of the dependence $k_z = f(\omega)$.

The approximation will be performed in the range $\omega \leq 0.45$, avoiding the use of elements with brittle failure (fracture failure). We will perform the approximation by linear functions and a polynomial of the second degree (Fig. 1). Linear approximation involves somewhat approximate calculation of bending elements, so in order to simplify the calculation procedure, we will perform the approximation in the form of the following system:

$$k_z = \alpha_1 \cdot \omega, \quad 0 < \omega \leq 0.24; \quad (6)$$

$$k_z = \alpha_2 \cdot \omega, \quad 0.24 < \omega \leq 0.45. \quad (7)$$

As a result of the approximation, the coefficients of the system of equations $\alpha_1 = 0.94$, $\alpha_2 = 0.82$. were obtained. The coefficient of variation, determined by the fractional accuracies of this approximating dependence in comparison with the true function, is $v = 4.19\%$.

It ought to be noted that expressions, obtained by linear approximation, lead to the following expressions of the bearing capacity (carrying force):

$$M_{ED} = 0.94 \cdot A_s \cdot f_{yd} \cdot d, 0 < \varpi \leq 0.24; \tag{8}$$

$$M_{ED} = 0.82 \cdot A_s \cdot f_{yd} \cdot d, 0.24 < \varpi \leq 0.45. \tag{9}$$

Approximating expressions in the form of a polynomial of the second degree have the following form:

$$k_z = \beta_1 \cdot \omega^2 + \beta_2 \cdot \omega, 0 < \varpi \leq 0.45; \tag{10}$$

The approximation coefficients for the expression (10) are $\beta_1 = -0.5$, $\beta_2 = 1.0$, whereby the coefficient of variation is $v = 0.82\%$ (Fig. 2).

1—dependence $k_z = f(\omega)$ of EN 1992-1-1 [1]; 2—linear approximation; 3—approximation by a polynomial of the second degree.

There is a relationship between the relative height of the compressive zone of the concrete and the mechanical reinforcement ratio [1]

$$x/d = 1.25 \cdot \omega, 0 < \omega \leq 0.45. \tag{11}$$

We shall confirm the validity of the obtained formulas on experimental samples.

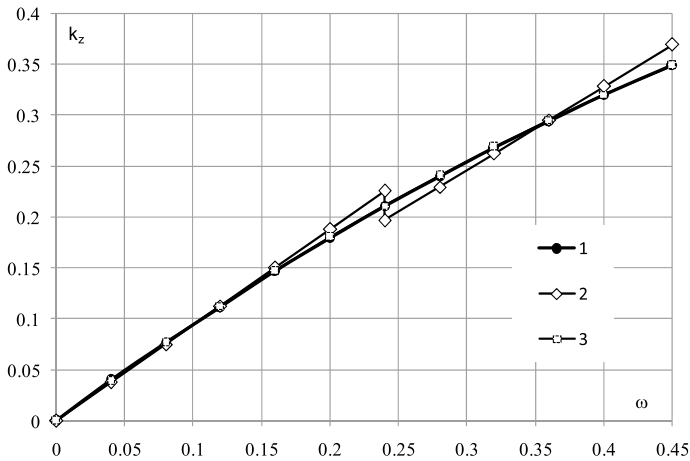


Fig. 2 Approximation of functional dependence $k_z = f(\omega)$:

Table 1 Verification of developed approximation models on experimental samples [5–8]

№.	Author of experiments, number of beams	Experimental data			Statistical value			
		f_c, MPa	f_y, MPa	$\rho_s, \%$	x_l	$v_l, \%$	x_p	$v_p, \%$
1	Pam et al. (2001) [5], 12 beams	36.4–102.5	520–579	0.76–3.14	1.00	13.17	1.00	13.17
2	Sarkar (1997) [6], 13 beams	77–107	442–470	1.03–4.04	0.95	15.66	0.95	12.66
3	Bernardo, Lopes (2004) [7], 19 beams	62.9–105.2	534–575	1.36–3.61	1.25	6.99	1.24	5.83
4	S.A. Ashour (2000) [8], 9 beams	48.61–102.4	530	1.18–2.37	0.99	4.07	0.99	3.17
Total amount of samples 53					1.08	16.06	1.07	14.92

3 Verification of the Proposed Design Models on Experimental Samples

In order to check the proposed methods, we will determine the bearing capacity (carrying force) of experimental samples of well-known experiments [5–8]. Table 1 shows fractional accuracies of theoretically determined bearing capacity of the experimentally tested samples by the two abovementioned methods. The conducted calculations confirmed high accuracy of the developed approximating design models. The coefficient of variation of the ratio of theoretically determined and experimentally obtained bearing capacity for the linear dependence is $v_l = 16.06\%$, for polynomial dependence it is $v_p = 14.92\%$. When performing calculations, the parameter ω was limited to 0.45 (at C50 and below) and to 0.36 (at C55 and above).

4 Examples of Calculating Bending Reinforced Concrete Elements by the Offered Methods

Example 1. The task is to calculate the area of effective reinforcement, required for the reinforcement of the support section of a continuous beam made of concrete grade C20/25, $f_{cd} = 14.5$ MPa, $\varepsilon_{cu} = 350 \cdot 10^{-5}$, and of steel of class A500C, $f_{yd} = 435$ MPa, if the bending moment $M_{Ed} = 120$ kN·m works in the design section. Redistribution of forces in the amount of 15% ($\delta = 0.85$) should be carried out in the support section of the beam. It's advisable to take a rectangular cross-section of

a beam with a single reinforcement with dimensions of $b \times d = 400 \times 450$ mm. The calculation must be performed by two approximation methods.

The solution. Let us determine the required design resistance of reinforced concrete.

$$f_{zM} = \frac{M_{ED}}{W_c} = \frac{6M_{ED}}{bd^2} = \frac{6 \times 120 \times 10^6}{400 \times 450^2} = 8.88 \text{ MPa};$$

Then we will define the accessory parameter (fault-identifying variable):

$$k_z = \frac{f_{zM}}{6 \cdot f_{cd}} = \frac{8.88}{6 \cdot 14.5} = 0.102.$$

After that we shall determine the mechanical reinforcement ratio:

- by polynomial approximation

$$\omega = 1 - \sqrt{1 - 2 \cdot k_z} = 1 - \sqrt{1 - 2 \cdot 0.102} = 0.108;$$

- by linear approximation

$$\omega = k_z/0.94 = 0.102/0.94 = 0.109;$$

We will determine the limiting value of the height of the compressive zone of the concrete under the condition of redistribution of forces in the amount of 15% ($\delta = 0.85$)

$$(\delta - 0.4)/(0.6 + 0.0014/\varepsilon_{cu}) = (0.85 - 0.4)/(0.6 + 0.0014/350 \cdot 10^{-5}) = 0.45.$$

Let us determine the height of the compressive zone of the concrete

- by polynomial approximation

$$x/d = 1.25 \cdot \omega = 1.25 \cdot 0.108 = 0.135 < 0.45.$$

- by linear approximation

$$x/d = 1.25 \cdot \omega = 1.25 \cdot 0.109 = 0.136 < 0.45.$$

Then we will determine the area of reinforcement and accept the reinforcement:

- by polynomial approximation

$$\rho_f = \frac{\omega \cdot f_{cd}}{f_{yd}} = \frac{0.108 \cdot 14.5}{435} = 0.0036 > \rho_{\min} = 0.0013.$$

$$A_s = \rho_f \cdot b \cdot d = 0.0036 \cdot 400 \cdot 450 = 648 \text{ mm}^2.$$

– by linear approximation

$$\rho_f = \frac{\omega \cdot f_{cd}}{f_{yd}} = \frac{0.109 \cdot 14.5}{435} = 0.00363 > 0.0013.$$

$$A_s = \rho_f \cdot b \cdot d = 0.00363 \cdot 400 \cdot 450 = 654 \text{ mm}^2.$$

As for the range of sizes, we will take 2Ø22 A500C, $A_s = 760 \text{ mm}^2$.

Example 2. The task is to determine the bearing capacity of a concrete beam, made of C20/25 strength grade of concrete, $f_{cd} = 14.5 \text{ MPa}$, $\varepsilon_{cu} = 350 \cdot 10^{-5}$, and of steel of class A500C, $f_{yd} = 435 \text{ MPa}$, if the beam is reinforced in the lower zone with reinforcement area $A_s = 760 \text{ mm}^2$. The cross section of the beam is rectangular with single reinforcement with dimensions of $b \times d = 400 \times 450 \text{ mm}$. The calculation must be performed by linear approximation methods.

The solution. Let us determine the mechanical reinforcement ratio:

$$\omega = \frac{A_s \cdot f_{yd}}{b \cdot d \cdot f_{cd}} = \frac{760 \cdot 435}{400 \cdot 450 \cdot 14.5} = 0.127,$$

Then we will determine the bearing capacity of the beam:

$$M_{ED} = 0.94 \cdot A_s \cdot f_{yd} \cdot d = 0.94 \cdot 760 \cdot 435 \cdot 450 \cdot 10^{-6} = 139,84 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}.$$

It is quite interesting to determine the bearing capacity of the beam by area from the previous example at $A_s = 648 \text{ mm}^2$

$$M_{ED2} = 0.94 \cdot A_s \cdot f_{yd} \cdot d = 0.94 \cdot 648 \cdot 435 \cdot 450 \cdot 10^{-6} = 120,34 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}.$$

The fractional accuracy is $\frac{120.34-120}{120} 100\% = 0.28\%$.

5 Conclusions

The considered approximation models of the method of design resistance of reinforced concrete enable to check quickly the durability of normal sections of bending reinforced concrete elements. The obtained dependences were confirmed by testing on a large number of experimental samples of well-known researchers, they fully correspond to the norms of design codes EN 1992-1-1 and can be widely used by engineers of different levels in design practice and in construction of reinforced concrete structures.

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