

Foundation or Footing Design: Part 2

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Isolated Foundation or Footing transmit column load to the underlying soil.

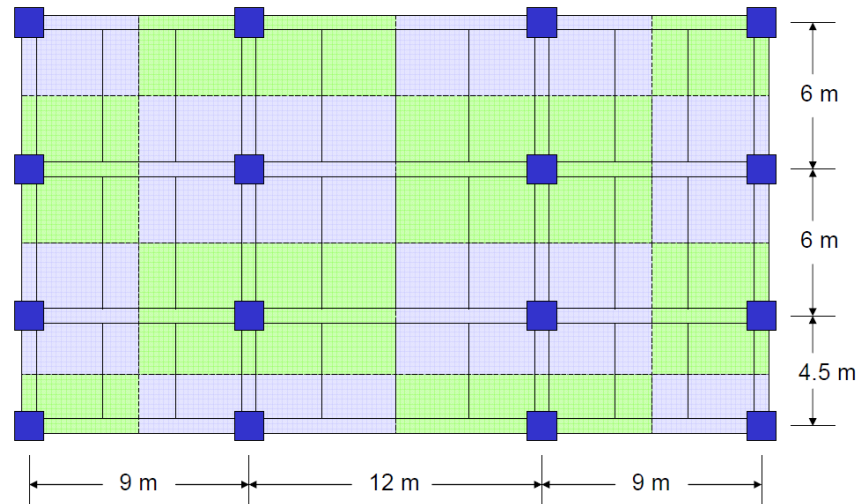


Figure: Tributary area for columns shown in shades/colors

Design of Square Isolated Footings

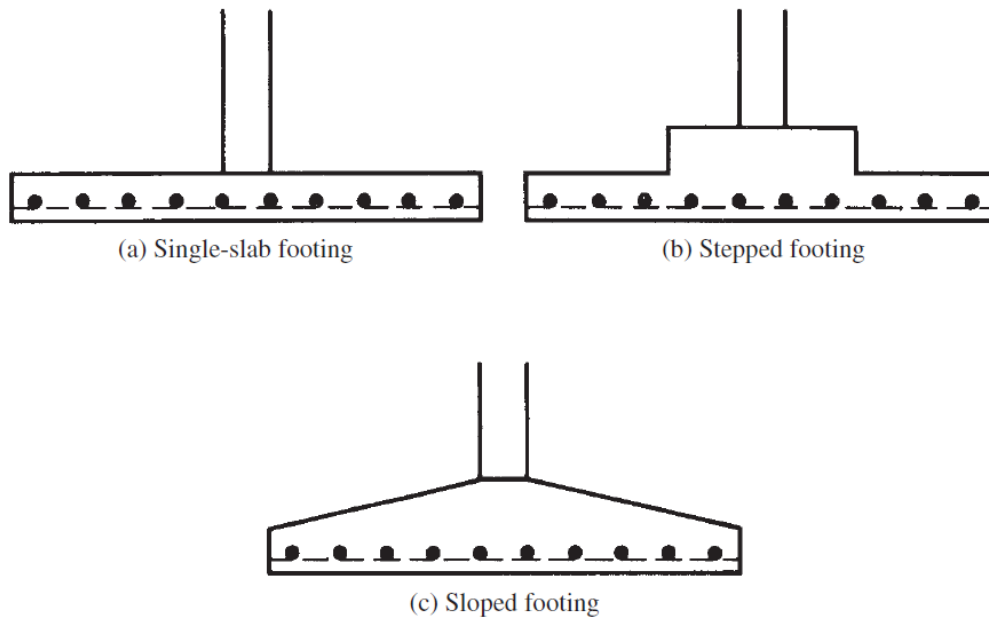
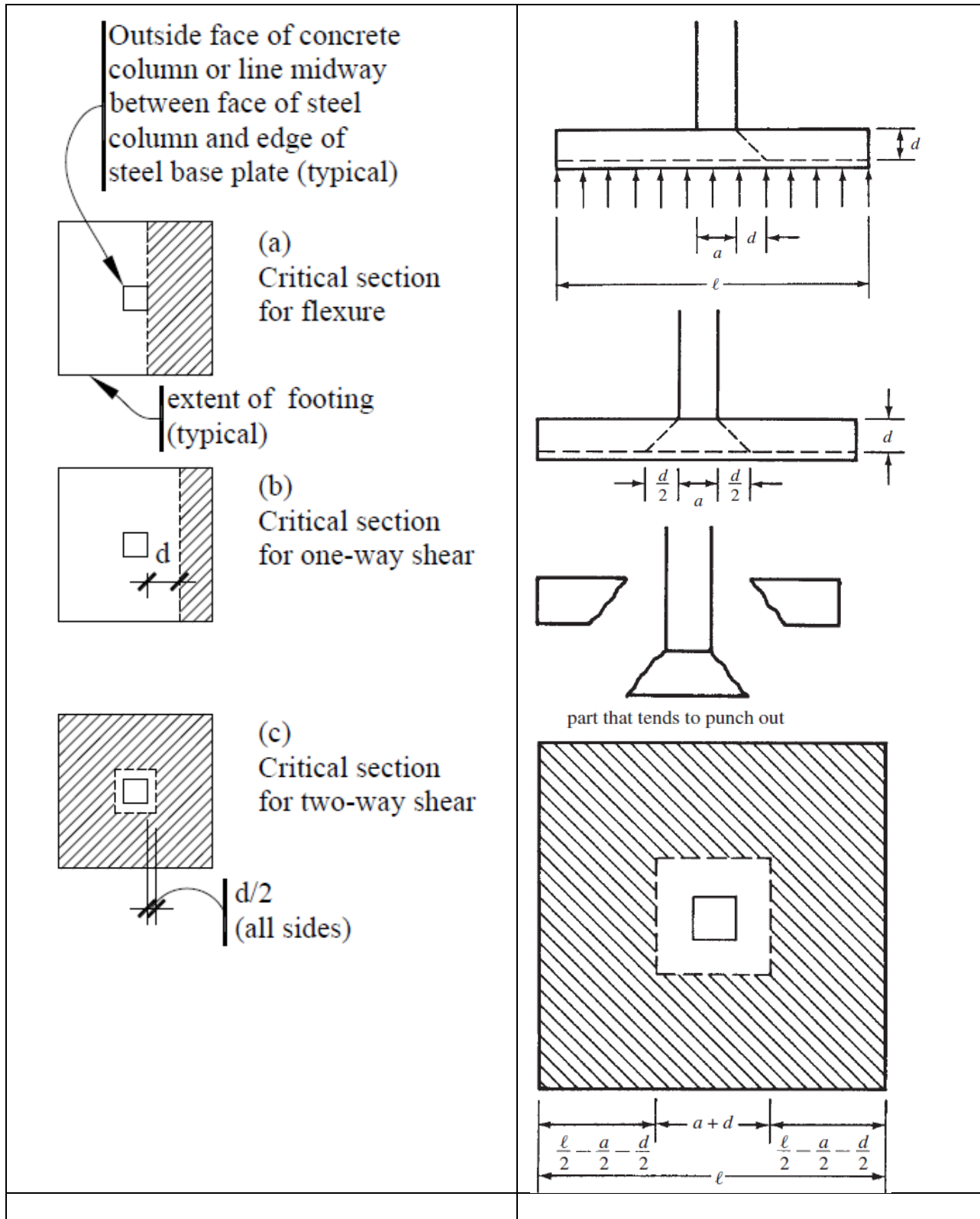


Figure: Shapes of isolated footings.

Shear



Moments

The bending moment in a square reinforced concrete footing with a square column is the same about both axes because of symmetry. If the column is not square, the moment will be larger in the direction of the shorter column dimension. It should be noted, however, that the effective depth of the footing cannot be the same in the two directions because the bars in one direction rest on top of the bars in the other direction. The effective depth used for calculations might be the average for the two directions or, more conservatively, the value for the bars on top.

The critical section for bending is taken at the face of a reinforced concrete column or halfway between the middle and edge of a masonry wall or at a distance halfway from the edge of the base plate and the face of the column if structural steel columns are used.

Two way or Punching Shear

As discussed in Section 13.10, the ACI Code equations (13.11a,b,c) give the nominal punching-shear strength on this perimeter:

$$V_c = 4\lambda\sqrt{f'_c}b_o d \quad (16.7a)$$

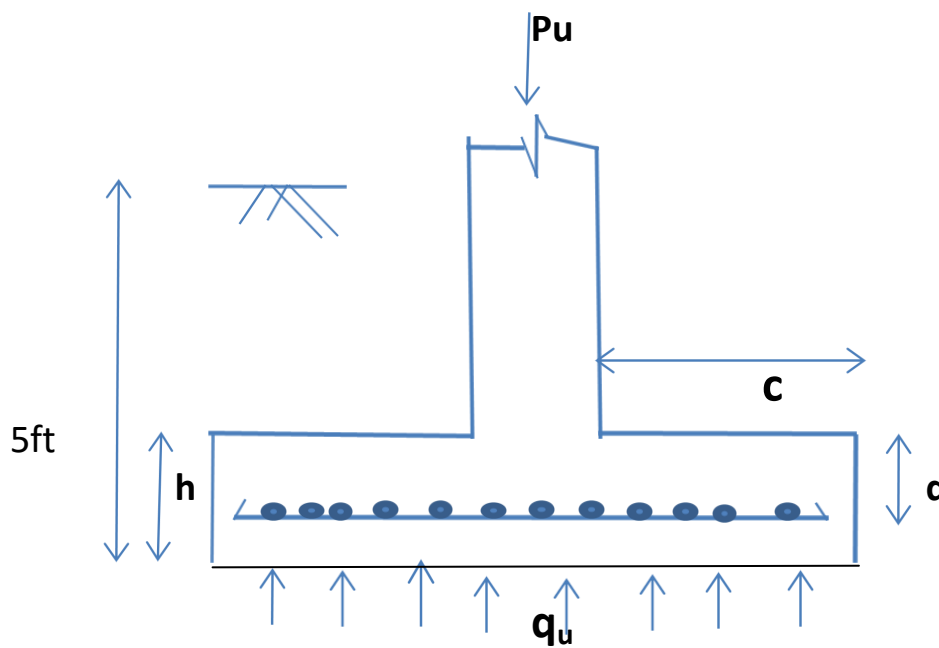
One way or Beam Shear

$$V_c = 2\lambda\sqrt{f'_c}bd$$

The required depth of footing d is then calculated from the usual equation

$$V_u \leq \phi V_c$$

Example.1. Design footings for the interior column of a building. Assume, base of footing location 5' below ground level . Permissible soil pressure , $q_a = 6$ ksf .Gravity loads: $P_{DL} = 351$ kips , $P_{LL} = 56.4$ kips, Service Moment, $M_{service} = 75.4$ k-ft



1.Design Data :

Assume, Weight of soil plus concrete above footing base =135 pcf
(When, soil is wet packet use, weight of soil = 130 pcf; otherwise 100 pcf)
Interior column = 16" x 16"
 $f'_c = 4000$ psi (for both footing and column), $f_y = 60$ ksi

2.Load Combination :

a) Gravity loads: from column, $P_{DL} = 351$ kips, $P_{LL} = 56.4$ kips
Service Moment for column, $M_{service} = 75.4$ k-ft

3. Base Area of Footing Calculation:

Weight of surcharge, soil plus concrete depth for footing = $(135\text{pcf} \times 5\text{ft}/1000) = 0.675$ ksf
Total surcharge = $0.675+0.00$, extra surcharge if any = 0.675 ksf

so, **Net permissible soil pressure = $(6 - 0.675) = 5.3$ ksf**

Area of footing , $A_f = \frac{(351+56.4)}{5.3} = 76.5$ sq. ft.

Try $9\text{ft} \times 9\text{ft}$ square footing . ($A_f = 81$ sq. ft.)

Now, we know , Sectional Modulus , $S = I/c$, where c is the distance from the neutral axis to the most extreme fibre, I = moment of inertia

or, $S = I/c = (bh^3/12) / (h/2)$

so, **$S = bh^2/6$**

$$S = \left(\frac{9 \times 9^2}{6} \right) = 121.5 \text{ ft}^3$$

As, $A_f = 81 \text{ ft}^2$

Now, Stress, $q = \frac{P}{A_f} + \frac{M}{S_f} = \frac{407.4}{81} + \frac{75.4}{121.5} = 5.02+0.62 = 5.64$ ksf > 5.3 ksf (Not OK)

Try, $9.5 \text{ ft} \times 9.5 \text{ ft}$ square footing ($A_f = 90.25 \text{ ft}^2$)

$$q = \frac{339.4+56.4}{90.25} + \frac{75.4}{121.5} \\ = 5.00 \text{ ksf} < 5.3\text{ksf (Ok)}$$

4. Footing Thickness :

$$\text{Footing projection , } c = \frac{(9.5 - \frac{16}{12})}{2} = 4.08'$$

Now, $\rho = 0.0018 \times 1.11 = 0.002$ [Note: say $h/d = 1.11$, Minimum steel ρ is $0.0018 \times bh$ or $0.002 bd$]

$$R_n = \rho f_y (1 - 0.5f_y / (0.85f'_c)) \\ = 0.002 \times 60 \left(1 - \frac{0.5 \times 0.002 \times 60000}{0.85 \times 4000} \right) \\ = 117.9 \text{ psi}$$

$$d^2_{\text{required}} = \frac{Mu}{\phi R_n} = \frac{Mu \times 1000}{0.9 \times 117.9} = 9.43 Mu \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

$$\text{Again, } Mu = \left(\frac{Pu}{A_f} \right) \left(\frac{c^2}{2} \right) \dots\dots\dots (2) \quad (\text{as, } (Pu / A_f) = q_u)$$

Now, from eqn. (1) , $d^2_{\text{req}} = 9.43 Mu$

$$= 9.43 \times \left(\frac{Pu}{A_f} \right) \left(\frac{c^2}{2} \right) \quad (\text{from eqn. 2})$$

$$= \sqrt{9.43 * \frac{Pu}{A_f} * \frac{c^2}{2}}$$

$$\text{so, } d_{\text{required}} = 2.2 c \sqrt{\frac{Pu}{A_f}}$$

$$h = 2.2 c \sqrt{\frac{P_u}{A_f}} + 4 \quad (\text{considering, clear cover} + \text{dia of bar})$$

$$h = 2.2 * 4.08 * \sqrt{\frac{1.2*351+1.6*56.4}{90.25}} + 4$$
$$= 25.4 \text{ in}$$

Try, $h = 27 \text{ in.}$

so, $d = 27 - 4 = 23 \text{ in.}$

Now, **bearing pressure for strength design:** Bearing strength = P_u/A_f

$$P_u = 1.2DL(351) + 1.6LL(56.4) = 511.44$$

Bearing pressure = $511.44/90.25 = 5.67 \text{ ksf}$

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