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ABSTRACT

The aim of this project is to develop a model in designing long span beams. By referring to the model, the beam sizes and the area of reinforcement can easily be determined provided that the loadings and span are known.

Emphasis were given to Reinforced Concrete and Prestressed Concrete design. Spreadsheets were prepared to aid the design based on British Code of Practice, BS 8110: 1985.

All analysis were made on the results obtained from the spreadsheets. Discussions were done on how the area of reinforcement, breadth and depth of beam changes with the variation of span and loading.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 GENERAL

Nowadays, in most buildings there is tendency to reduce the number of intermediate columns and as a result the trend is towards long span structures such as beams.

However, there is no specific code that discuss about long span beam. Thus, it is hard to determine how long a span of a beam can practicably be used with the respect to its depth in a building. If the beam is used for outdoor purposes such as for bridges, the depth is not a problem because there are much space available. But in building there is space constraint.