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Introduction

This document aims to provide rules for the design and construction of reinforced concrete (RC) wall structures. The design rules are based on the ratio of wall cross-sectional area to the floor area. Therefore, actions (loads) and simplified analysis procedures are included as well as minimum acceptable construction practice guidelines.

Reinforced concrete wall buildings (WRC) consist of bearing walls, wall girders, slabs, footing girders and foundations. These buildings have excellent seismic performance and fire-resistance and are low-priced construction compared to frame structures. This type of structure is one of the most popular buildings for residential apartment houses in the world.

Structural features of WRC buildings can be summarized as follows:

- high seismic performance (according to the damage of the past earthquakes, the damage ratio of WRC structures is much smaller than that of other types of structures);
- fire resistance (the performance is as good as that of RC buildings);
- economical superiority (bearing walls are as thick as wall girders).

Buildings designed according to this document will consequently:

- a) for moderate earthquake motions, not produce cracks on bearing walls.
- b) for extremely large earthquake motions, prevent from collapse and fall.

The characteristics of this document to achieve the above performances are as follows:

- 1) Prevention of shear cracks developing in bearing walls during moderate earthquake motions

The shear stress intensity in bearing walls during moderate earthquake motions on every storey and in every direction should be less than shear cracking stress of concrete being used, in order not to produce cracks in the bearing walls.

Seismic shear force on every storey and in every direction should be set forth corresponding to moderate earthquake motions.

- 2) Prevention of buildings collapsing during extremely large earthquake motions

The design storey shear force should be set forth corresponding to extremely large earthquake motions. However, this magnitude is reduced, considering the ductility of structures. The reduction value may be about 0,5 for this type of structures. Finally, for example, this magnitude for the first storey almost corresponds to half of the total weight of a building.

In order to secure the structural safety in case of such storey shear, some structural specifications are prescribed in the structural design. The upper limits of average shear stress as well as the maximum storey drift angle are defined in order to control the shearing stress of the wall during the extremely large earthquake motions. That is one of such important specifications. Also, steel bar arrangement specifications and bearing wall arrangement/configuration, etc., are very important specifications to secure structural safety.

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