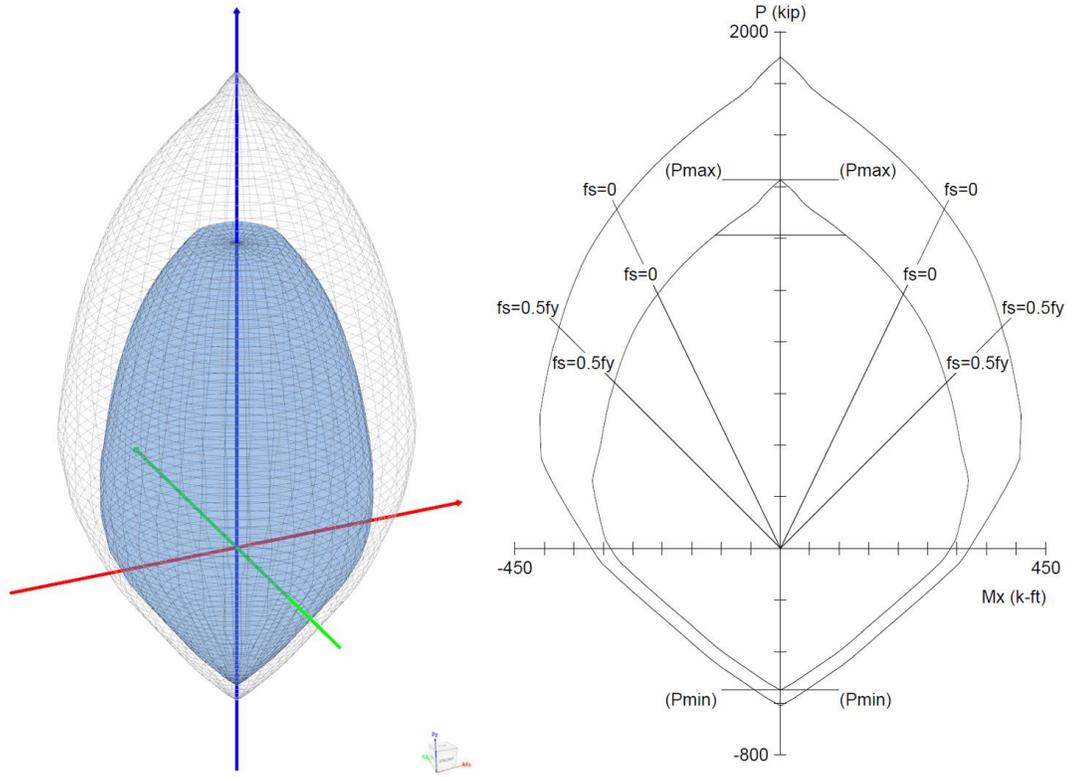
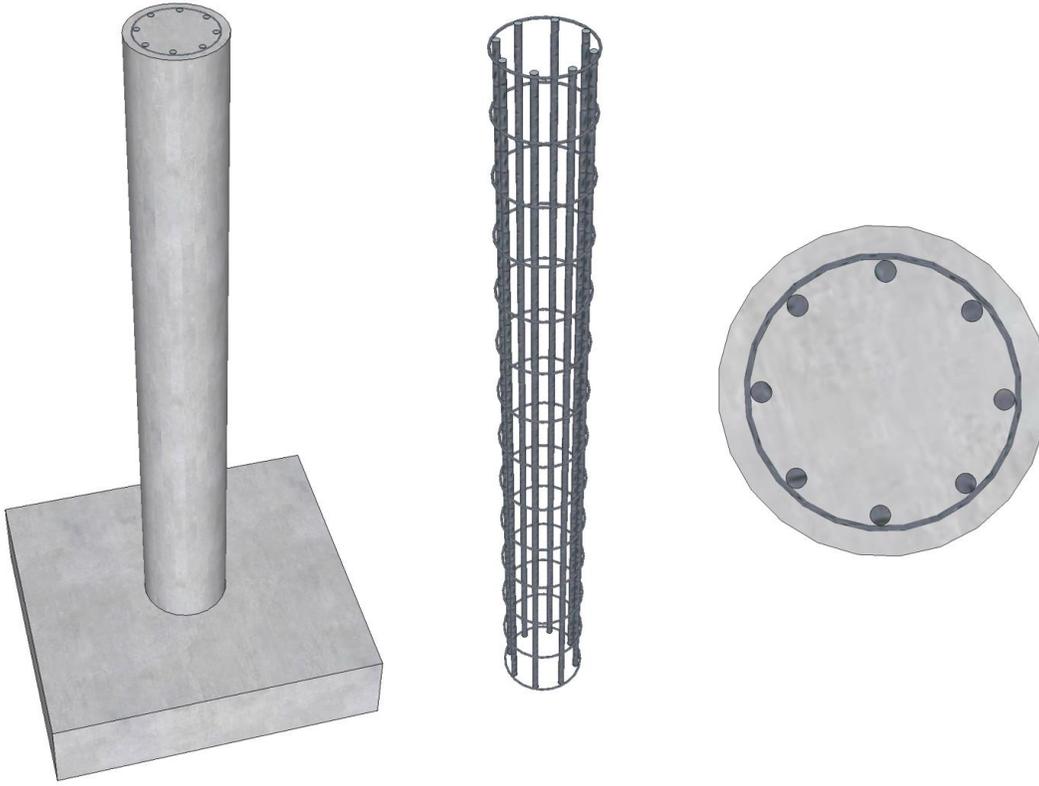


**Interaction Diagram - Circular Reinforced Concrete Column (ACI 318-14)**



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Develop an interaction diagram for the circular concrete column shown in the figure below about the x-axis. Determine seven control points on the interaction diagram and compare the calculated values with the Reference and exact values from the complete interaction diagram generated by [spColumn](#) engineering software program from [StructurePoint](#).

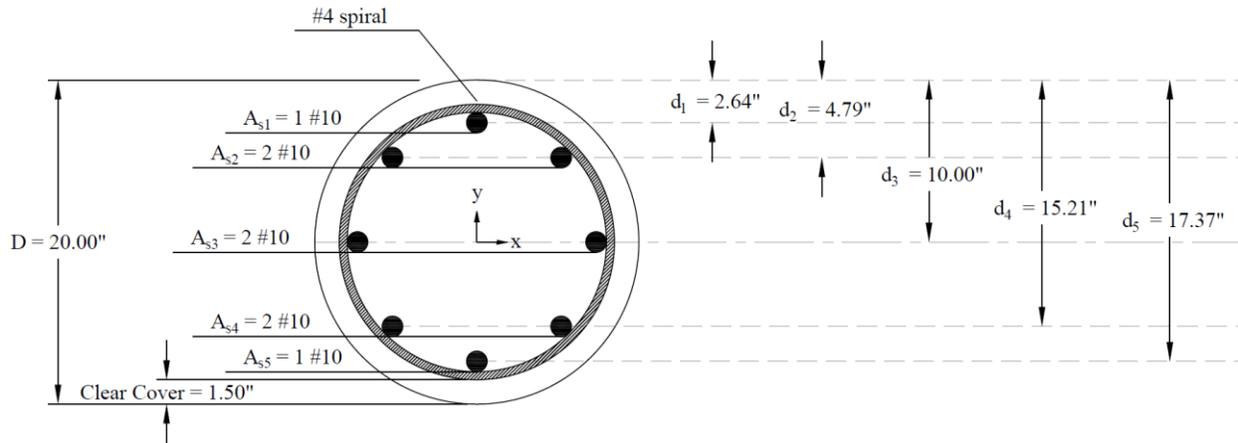


Figure 1 – Circular Reinforced Concrete Column Cross-Section

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**Code**

Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete (ACI 318-14) and Commentary (ACI 318R-14)

**Reference**

Reinforced Concrete Design, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2018, Wang et. al., Oxford University Press  
[spColumn Engineering Software Program Manual v6.50](#), StructurePoint, 2019

**Design Data**

$$f_c' = 5000 \text{ psi}$$

$$f_y = 60000 \text{ psi}$$

Clear Cover = 1.5 in.

Column Diameter = 20 in.

Stirrups, longitudinal reinforcement and reinforcement locations are shown in Figure 1 and Table 1.

Table 1 - Reinforcement Configuration				
Layer, $i$	$d_i$ , in	$n_i$	$A_{s_i}$ , in <sup>2</sup>	$nA_{s_i}$ , in <sup>2</sup>
1	2.64	1	1.27	1.27
2	4.79	2	1.27	2.54
3	10.00	2	1.27	2.54
4	15.21	2	1.27	2.54
5	17.37	1	1.27	1.27
			$A_{st} = \sum n_i A_{s_i}$	10.16

**Solution**

Use the traditional hand calculations approach to generate the interaction diagram for the concrete column section shown above by determining the following seven control points:

Point 1: Pure compression

Point 2: Bar stress near tension face of member equal to zero, ( $f_s = 0$ )

Point 3: Bar stress near tension face of member equal to  $0.5 f_y$  ( $f_s = -0.5 f_y$ )

Point 4: Bar stress near tension face of member equal to  $f_y$  ( $f_s = -f_y$ )

Point 5: Bar strain near tension face of member equal to 0.005

Point 6: Pure bending

Point 7: Pure tension

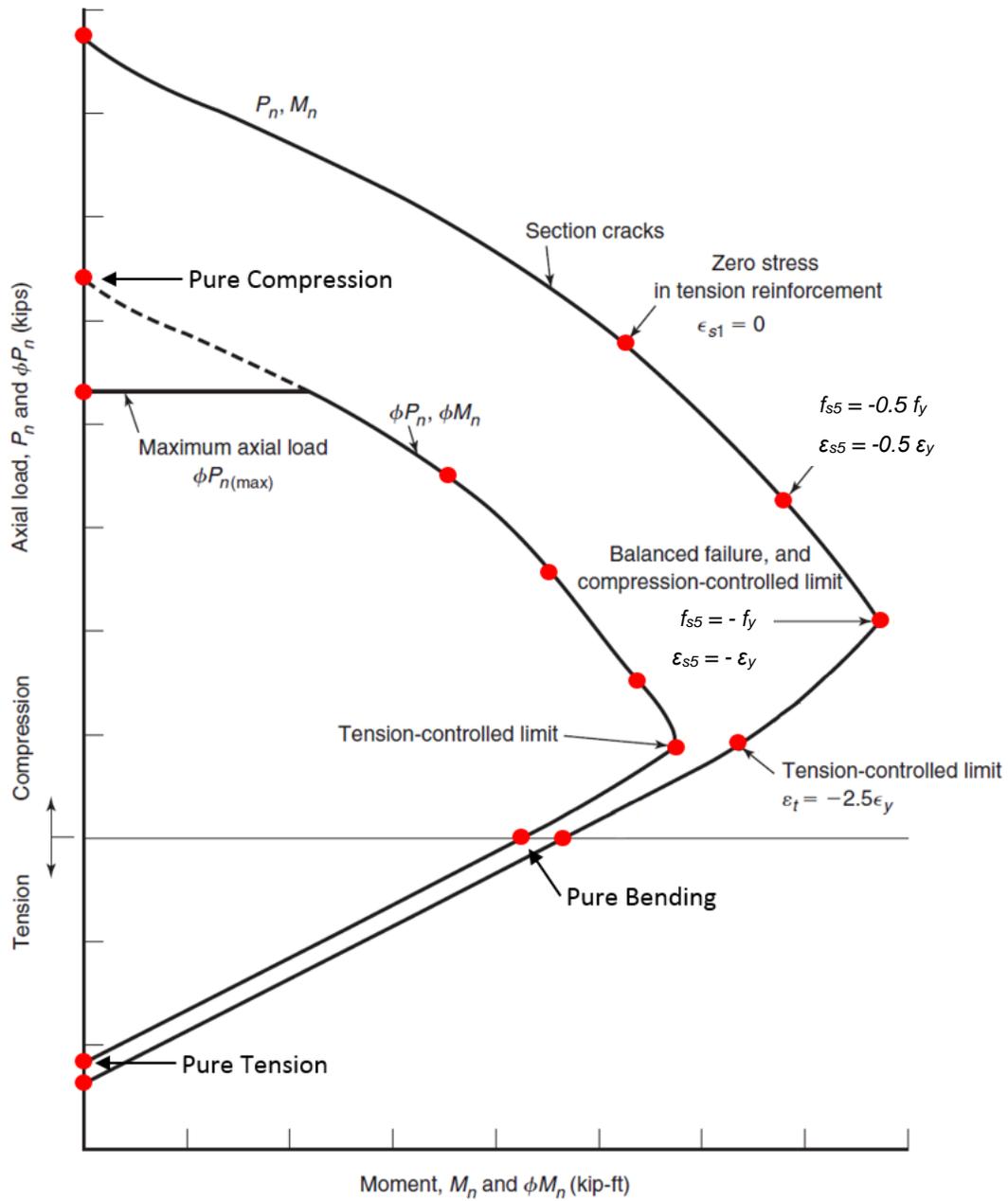


Figure 2 – Control Points

## 1. Pure Compression

### 1.1. Nominal axial compressive strength at zero eccentricity

$$P_o = 0.85f'_c(A_g - A_{st}) + f_y A_{st} \quad \text{ACI 318-14 (22.4.2.2)}$$

$$P_o = 0.85 \times 5000 \times \left( \frac{\pi}{4} \times 20^2 - 8 \times 1.27 \right) + 60000 \times 8 \times 1.27 = 1902 \text{ kips}$$

### 1.2. Factored axial compressive strength at zero eccentricity

Since this column is a spiral column with steel strain in compression:

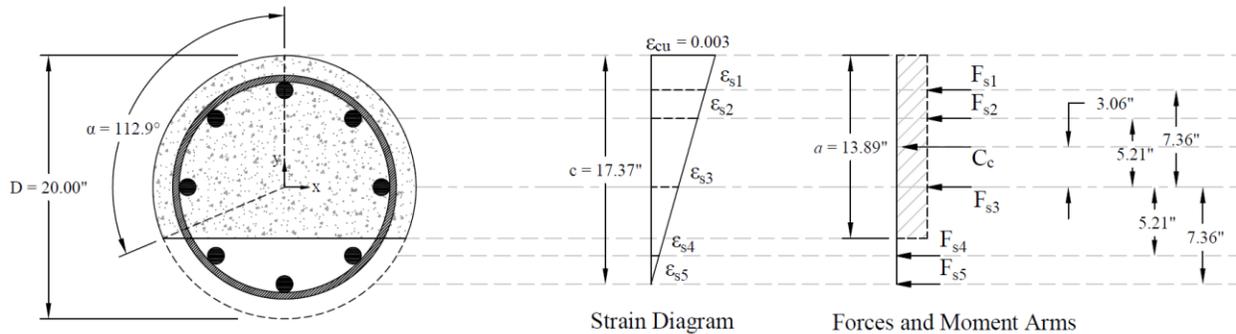
$$\phi = 0.75 \quad \text{ACI 318-14 (Table 21.2.2)}$$

$$\phi P_o = 0.75 \times 1902 = 1426.2 \text{ kips}$$

### 1.3. Maximum (allowable) factored axial compressive strength

$$\phi P_{n,max} = 0.85 \times \phi P_o = 0.85 \times 1426.2 = 1212.3 \text{ kips} \quad \text{ACI 318-14 (Table 22.4.2.1)}$$

**2. Bar Stress Near Tension Face of Member Equal to Zero, ( $\epsilon_s = f_s = 0$ )**



**Figure 3 – Strains, Forces, and Moment Arms ( $\epsilon_t = f_s = 0$ )**

Strain  $\epsilon_s$  is zero in the extreme layer of tension steel. This case is considered when calculating an interaction diagram because it marks the change from compression lap splices being allowed on all longitudinal bars, to the more severe requirement of tensile lap splices. [ACI 318-14 \(10.7.5.2.1 and 2\)](#)

For Concrete:

$$c = d_s = 17.37 \text{ in.}$$

$$\epsilon_{s5} = 0 < \epsilon_y = \frac{F_y}{E_s} = \frac{60}{29000} = 0.00207$$

$$\therefore \phi = 0.75$$

[ACI 318-14 \(Table 21.2.2\)](#)

$$\epsilon_{cu} = 0.003$$

[ACI 318-14 \(22.2.2.1\)](#)

Where  $c$  is the distance from the fiber of maximum compressive strain to the neutral axis.

[ACI 318-14 \(22.2.2.4.2\)](#)

$$a = \beta_1 \times c = 0.80 \times 17.37 = 13.89 \text{ in.}$$

[ACI 318-14 \(22.2.2.4.1\)](#)

Where:

$a$  = Depth of equivalent rectangular stress block

$$\beta_1 = 0.85 - \frac{0.05 \times (f'_c \times 4000)}{1000} = 0.85 - \frac{0.05 \times (5000 - 4000)}{1000} = 0.80$$

[ACI 318-14 \(Table 22.2.2.4.3\)](#)

$$C_c = 0.85 \times f'_c \times A_{comp} = 0.85 \times 5000 \times 232.9 = 989.9 \text{ kip (Compression)}$$

[ACI 318-14 \(22.2.2.4.1\)](#)

Where:

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\frac{D}{2} - a}{\frac{D}{2}} \right) = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\frac{20}{2} - 13.89}{\frac{20}{2}} \right) = 112.9^\circ$$

$$A_{comp} = D^2 \times \frac{\theta - \sin(\theta) \times \cos(\theta)}{4}$$

$$A_{comp} = 20^2 \times \frac{\left( 112.9^\circ \times \frac{\pi}{180^\circ} \right) - \sin(112.9^\circ) \times \cos(112.9^\circ)}{4} = 232.9 \text{ in.}^2$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{D^3 \times \sin^3(\theta)}{12 \times A_{comp}} = \frac{20^3 \times \sin^3(112.9^\circ)}{12 \times 232.9} = 2.24 \text{ in.}$$

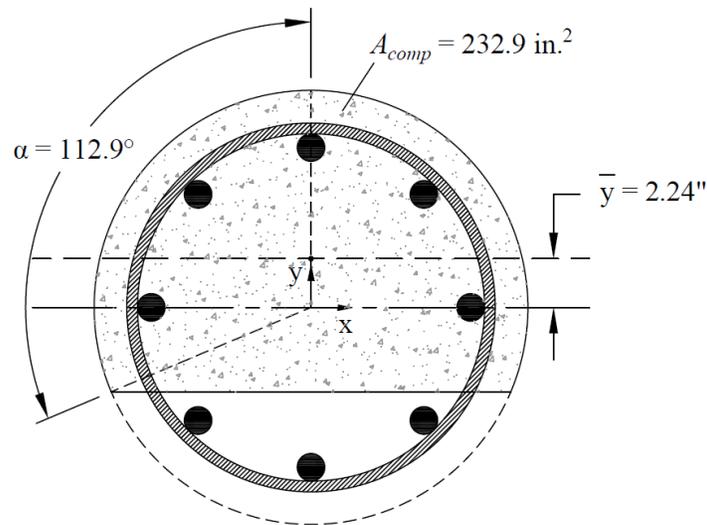


Figure 4 – Cracked Column Section Properties ( $\epsilon_t = f_s = 0$ )

For Reinforcement:

$$\epsilon_{s4} = (c - d_4) \times \frac{\epsilon_{cu}}{c} = (17.37 - 15.21) \times \frac{0.003}{17.37} = 0.00037 \text{ (Compression)} < \epsilon_y = \frac{F_y}{E_s} = \frac{60}{29000} = 0.00207$$

$$f_{s5} = 0 \text{ psi} \rightarrow F_{s5} = f_{s5} \times A_{s5} = 0 \text{ kip}$$

Since  $\epsilon_{s4} < \epsilon_y \rightarrow$  reinforcement has not yielded

$$\therefore f_{s4} = \epsilon_{s4} \times E_s = 0.00037 \times 29000000 = 10808 \text{ psi}$$

The area of the reinforcement in this layer is not included in the area ( $ab$ ) used to compute  $C_c$ . As a result, it is NOT necessary to subtract  $0.85f_c'$  from  $f_{s4}$  before computing  $F_{s4}$ :

$$F_{s4} = f_{s4} \times A_{s4} = 10808 \times (2 \times 1.27) = 27.45 \text{ kip (Compression)}$$

The same procedure shown above can be repeated to calculate the forces in the remaining reinforcement layers, results are summarized in the following table:

Table 2 - Strains and internal force resultants ( $\epsilon_s = f_s = 0$ )							
Layer	d, in.	$\epsilon$ , in./in.	$f_s$ , psi	$F_s$ , kip	$C_c$ , kip	Moment arm (r), in.	Moment, kip-ft
Concrete	---	0.00300	---	---	989.86	2.24	184.55
1	2.64	0.00254	60000	70.80*	---	7.37	43.46
2	4.79	0.00217	60000	141.61*	---	5.21	61.45
3	10.00	0.00127	36899	83.93*	---	0.00	0.00
4	15.21	0.00037	10808	27.45	---	5.21	-11.91
5	17.37	0.00000	0	0.00	---	7.37	0.00
Axial Force and Bending Moment			$P_n$ , kip	1312.64		$M_n$ , kip-ft	277.54
			$\phi P_n$ , kip	984.48		$\phi M_n$ , kip-ft	208.16

\* The area of the reinforcement in this layer has been included in the area ( $ab$ ) used to compute  $C_c$ . As a result,  $0.85f_c'$  is subtracted from  $f_s$  in the computation of  $F_s$ .

Where:

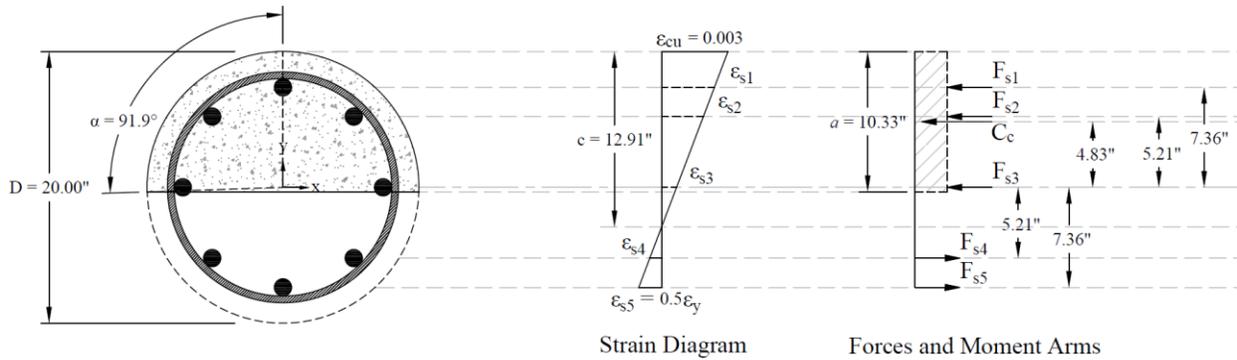
$$P_n = C_c + \sum F_s \quad (+) = \text{Compression} \quad (-) = \text{Tension}$$

$$\phi P_n = \phi \times P_n = 0.75 \times P_n$$

$$M_n = C_c \times \left( \frac{h}{2} - \frac{a}{2} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{n=5} \left( F_{si} \times \left( \frac{h}{2} - d_i \right) \right) \quad (+) = \text{Counter Clockwise} \quad (-) = \text{Clockwise}$$

$$\phi M_n = \phi \times M_n = 0.75 \times M_n$$

**3. Bar Stress Near Tension Face of Member Equal to  $0.5 f_y$ , ( $f_s = -0.5 f_y$ )**



**Figure 5 – Strains, Forces, and Moment Arms ( $f_s = -0.5 f_y$ )**

For Concrete:

$$\epsilon_y = \frac{f_y}{E_s} = \frac{60}{29,000} = 0.00207$$

$$\epsilon_{s5} = -\frac{\epsilon_y}{2} = -\frac{0.00207}{2} = -0.00103 \text{ (Tension)} < \epsilon_y \rightarrow \text{tension reinforcement has not yielded}$$

$$\epsilon_{s5} < \epsilon_y$$

$$\therefore \phi = 0.75$$

ACI 318-14 (Table 21.2.2)

$$\epsilon_{cu} = 0.003$$

ACI 318-14 (22.2.2.1)

$$c = \frac{d_5}{\epsilon_{s5} + \epsilon_{cu}} \times \epsilon_{cu} = \frac{17.37}{0.00103 + 0.003} \times 0.003 = 12.91 \text{ in.}$$

Where  $c$  is the distance from the fiber of maximum compressive strain to the neutral axis.

ACI 318-14 (22.2.2.4.2)

$$a = \beta_1 \times c = 0.80 \times 12.91 = 10.33 \text{ in.}$$

ACI 318-14 (22.2.2.4.1)

Where:

$a$  = Depth of equivalent rectangular stress block

ACI 318-14 (Table 22.2.2.4.3)

$$\beta_1 = 0.85 - \frac{0.05 \times (f'_c \times 4000)}{1000} = 0.85 - \frac{0.05 \times (5000 - 4000)}{1000} = 0.80$$

ACI 318-14 (Table 22.2.2.4.3)

$$C_c = 0.85 \times f'_c \times A_{comp} = 0.85 \times 5000 \times 163.7 = 695.63 \text{ kip (Compression)}$$

ACI 318-14 (22.2.2.4.1)

Where:

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\frac{D}{2} - a}{\frac{D}{2}} \right) = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\frac{20}{2} - 10.33}{\frac{20}{2}} \right) = 91.9^\circ$$

$$A_{comp} = D^2 \times \frac{\theta - \sin(\theta) \times \cos(\theta)}{4}$$

$$A_{comp} = 20^2 \times \frac{\left( 91.9^\circ \times \frac{\pi}{180^\circ} \right) - \sin(91.9^\circ) \times \cos(91.9^\circ)}{4} = 163.7 \text{ in.}^2$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{D^3 \times \sin^3(\theta)}{12 \times A_{comp}} = \frac{20^3 \times \sin^3(91.9^\circ)}{12 \times 163.7} = 4.07 \text{ in.}$$

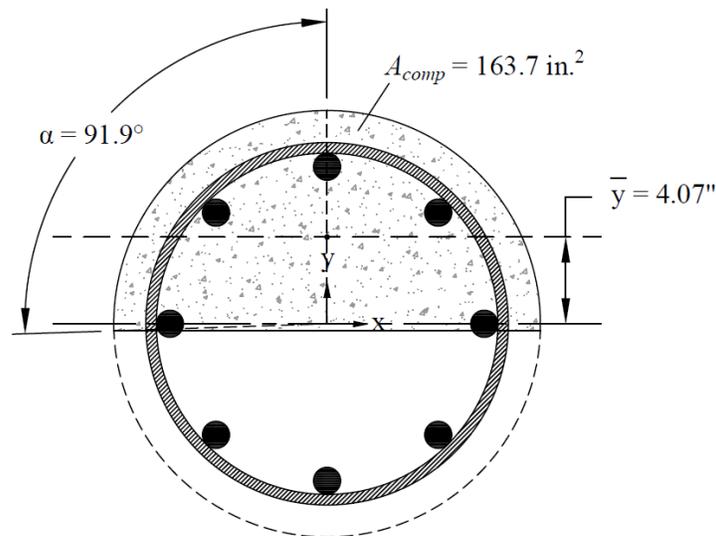


Figure 6 – Cracked Column Section Properties ( $f_s = -0.5 f_y$ )

For Reinforcement:

$$\varepsilon_{s5} = -\frac{\varepsilon_y}{2} = -\frac{0.00207}{2} = -0.00103 \text{ (Tension)} < \varepsilon_y \rightarrow \text{reinforcement has not yielded}$$

$$\therefore f_{s5} = \varepsilon_{s5} \times E_s = -0.00053 \times 29000000 = -30000 \text{ psi}$$

The area of the reinforcement in this layer is not included in the area ( $ab$ ) used to compute  $C_c$ . As a result, it is NOT necessary to subtract  $0.85f_c'$  from  $f_{s5}$  before computing  $F_{s5}$ :

$$F_{s5} = f_{s5} \times A_{s5} = -30000 \times (1 \times 1.27) = -38.1 \text{ kip (Tension)}$$

$$\varepsilon_{s4} = (c - d_4) \times \frac{\varepsilon_{cu}}{c} = (12.91 - 15.21) \times \frac{0.003}{12.91} = -0.00053 \text{ (Tension)} < \varepsilon_y \rightarrow \text{reinforcement has not yielded}$$

$$\therefore f_{s4} = \varepsilon_{s4} \times E_s = -0.00053 \times 29000000 = -15465 \text{ psi}$$

The area of the reinforcement in this layer is not included in the area ( $ab$ ) used to compute  $C_c$ . As a result, it is NOT necessary to subtract  $0.85f_c'$  from  $f_{s4}$  before computing  $F_{s4}$ :

$$F_{s4} = f_{s4} \times A_{s4} = -15465 \times (2 \times 1.27) = -39.28 \text{ kip (Tension)}$$

The same procedure shown above can be repeated to calculate the forces in the remaining reinforcement layers, results are summarized in the following table:

Table 3 - Strains and internal force resultants ( $f_s = -0.5 f_y$ )							
Layer	d, in.	$\varepsilon$ , in./in.	$f_s$ , psi	$F_s$ , kip	$C_c$ , kip	Moment arm (r), in.	Moment, kip-ft
Concrete	---	0.00300	---	---	695.63	2.24	235.73
1	2.64	0.00239	60000	70.80*	---	7.37	43.46
2	4.79	0.00189	54712	128.17*	---	5.21	55.62
3	10.00	0.00068	19623	39.05*	---	0.00	0.00
4	15.21	-0.00053	-15465	-39.28	---	-5.21	17.05
5	17.37	-0.00103	-30000	-38.1	---	-7.37	23.38
Axial Force and Bending Moment			$P_n$ , kip	856.27		$M_n$ , kip-ft	
			$\phi P_n$ , kip	642.20		$\phi M_n$ , kip-ft	

\* The area of the reinforcement in this layer has been included in the area ( $ab$ ) used to compute  $C_c$ . As a result,  $0.85f_c'$  is subtracted from  $f_s$  in the computation of  $F_s$ .

Where:

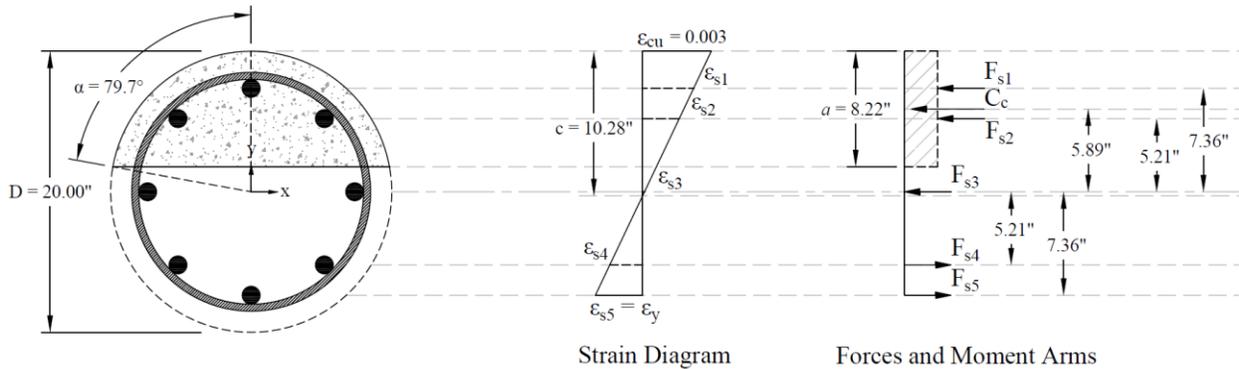
$$P_n = C_c + \sum F_s \quad (+) = \text{Compression} \quad (-) = \text{Tension}$$

$$\phi P_n = \phi \times P_n = 0.75 \times P_n$$

$$M_n = C_c \times \left( \frac{h}{2} - \frac{a}{2} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{n=5} \left( F_{si} \times \left( \frac{h}{2} - d_i \right) \right) \quad (+) = \text{Counter Clockwise} \quad (-) = \text{Clockwise}$$

$$\phi M_n = \phi \times M_n = 0.75 \times M_n$$

**4. Bar Stress Near Tension Face of Member Equal to  $f_y$ , ( $f_s = -f_y$ )**



**Figure 7 – Strains, Forces, and Moment Arms ( $f_s = -f_y$ )**

This strain distribution is called the balanced failure case and the compression-controlled strain limit. It marks the change from compression failures originating by crushing of the compression surface of the section, to tension failures initiated by yield of longitudinal reinforcement. It also marks the start of the transition zone for  $\phi$  for columns in which  $\phi$  increases from 0.75 for spiral columns (or 0.65 for tied columns) up to 0.90.

For Concrete:

$$\epsilon_y = \frac{f_y}{E_s} = \frac{60}{29,000} = 0.00207$$

$$\epsilon_{s5} = -\epsilon_y = -0.00207 \text{ (Tension)} = \epsilon_y \rightarrow \text{tension reinforcement has yielded}$$

$$\therefore \phi = 0.75$$

ACI 318-14 (Table 21.2.2)

$$\epsilon_{cu} = 0.003$$

ACI 318-14 (22.2.2.1)

$$c = \frac{d_5}{\epsilon_{s5} + \epsilon_{cu}} \times \epsilon_{cu} = \frac{17.37}{0.00207 + 0.003} \times 0.003 = 10.28 \text{ in.}$$

Where  $c$  is the distance from the fiber of maximum compressive strain to the neutral axis.

ACI 318-14 (22.2.2.4.2)

$$a = \beta_1 \times c = 0.80 \times 10.28 = 8.22 \text{ in.}$$

ACI 318-14 (22.2.2.4.1)

Where:

$a$  = Depth of equivalent rectangular stress block

ACI 318-14 (Table 22.2.2.4.3)

$$\beta_1 = 0.85 - \frac{0.05 \times (f'_c \times 4000)}{1000} = 0.85 - \frac{0.05 \times (5000 - 4000)}{1000} = 0.80$$

ACI 318-14 (Table 22.2.2.4.3)

$$C_c = 0.85 \times f'_c \times A_{comp} = 0.85 \times 5000 \times 121.7 = 517.24 \text{ kip (Compression)}$$

ACI 318-14 (22.2.2.4.1)

Where:

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\frac{D}{2} - a}{\frac{D}{2}} \right) = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\frac{20}{2} - 8.22}{\frac{20}{2}} \right) = 79.8^\circ$$

$$A_{comp} = D^2 \times \frac{\theta - \sin(\theta) \times \cos(\theta)}{4}$$

$$A_{comp} = 20^2 \times \frac{\left( 79.8^\circ \times \frac{\pi}{180^\circ} \right) - \sin(79.8^\circ) \times \cos(79.8^\circ)}{4} = 121.7 \text{ in.}^2$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{D^3 \times \sin^3(\theta)}{12 \times A_{comp}} = \frac{20^3 \times \sin^3(79.8^\circ)}{12 \times 121.7} = 5.22 \text{ in.}$$

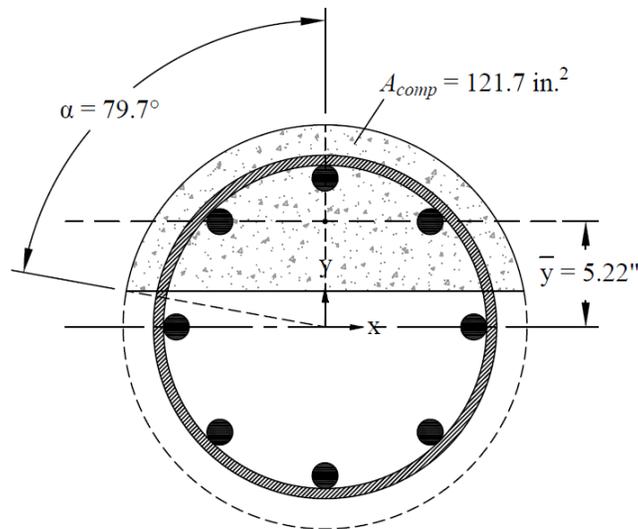


Figure 8 – Cracked Column Section Properties (\$f\_s = -f\_y\$)

For Reinforcement:

$$\epsilon_{s5} = -\epsilon_y = -0.00207 \text{ (Tension)} = \epsilon_y \rightarrow \text{reinforcement has yielded}$$

$$\therefore f_{s5} = f_y = -60000 = -60000 \text{ psi}$$

The area of the reinforcement in this layer is not included in the area (\$ab\$) used to compute \$C\_c\$. As a result, it is NOT necessary to subtract \$0.85f'\_c\$ from \$f\_{s5}\$ before computing \$F\_{s5}\$:

$$F_{s5} = f_{s5} \times A_{s5} = -60000 \times (1 \times 1.27) = -76.2 \text{ kip (Tension)}$$

$$\varepsilon_{s4} = (c - d_4) \times \frac{\varepsilon_{cu}}{c} = (10.28 - 15.21) \times \frac{0.003}{10.28} = -0.00144 \text{ (Tension)} < \varepsilon_y \rightarrow \text{reinforcement has not yielded}$$

$$\therefore f_{s4} = \varepsilon_{s4} \times E_s = -0.00144 \times 29000000 = -41739 \text{ psi}$$

The area of the reinforcement in this layer is not included in the area ( $ab$ ) used to compute  $C_c$ . As a result, it is NOT necessary to subtract  $0.85f_c'$  from  $f_{s4}$  before computing  $F_{s4}$ :

$$F_{s4} = f_{s4} \times A_{s4} = -41739 \times (2 \times 1.27) = -106.02 \text{ kip (Tension)}$$

The same procedure shown above can be repeated to calculate the forces in the remaining reinforcement layers, results are summarized in the following table:

Table 4 - Strains and internal force resultants ( $f_s = -f_y$ )								
Layer	d, in.	$\varepsilon$ , in./in.	$f_s$ , psi	$F_s$ , kip	$C_c$ , kip	Moment arm (r), in.	Moment, kip-ft	
Concrete	---	0.00300	---	---	517.24	5.22	225.00	
1	2.64	0.00223	60000	70.8*	---	7.37	43.46	
2	4.79	0.00160	46433	107.14*	---	5.21	46.50	
3	10.00	0.00008	2347	5.96*	---	0.00	0.00	
4	15.21	-0.00144	-41739	-106.02	---	-5.21	46.01	
5	17.37	-0.00207	-60000	-76.20	---	-7.37	46.77	
Axial Force and Bending Moment			$P_n$ , kip	518.93		$M_n$ , kip-ft		407.73
			$\phi P_n$ , kip	389.20		$\phi M_n$ , kip-ft		305.80

\* The area of the reinforcement in this layer has been included in the area ( $ab$ ) used to compute  $C_c$ . As a result,  $0.85f_c'$  is subtracted from  $f_s$  in the computation of  $F_s$ .

Where:

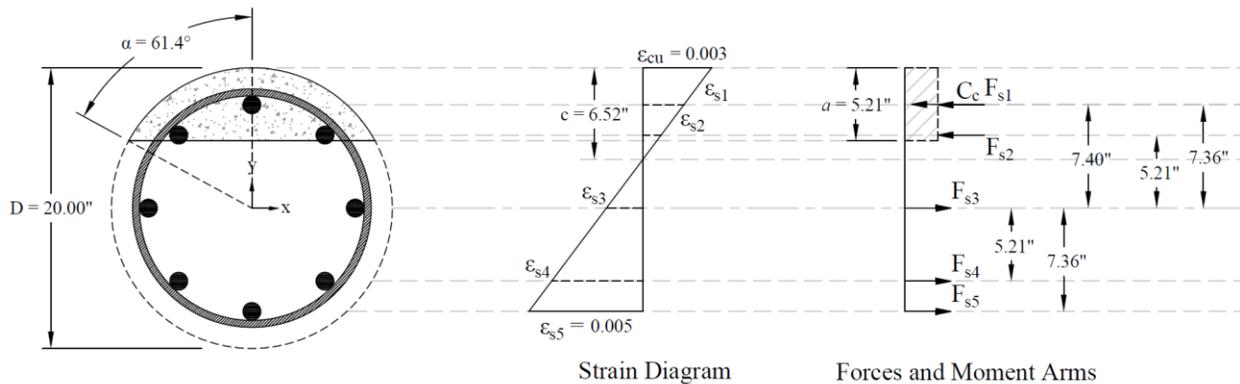
$$P_n = C_c + \sum F_s \quad (+) = \text{Compression} \quad (-) = \text{Tension}$$

$$\phi P_n = \phi \times P_n = 0.75 \times P_n$$

$$M_n = C_c \times \left( \frac{h}{2} - \frac{a}{2} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{n=5} \left( F_{si} \times \left( \frac{h}{2} - d_i \right) \right) \quad (+) = \text{Counter Clockwise} \quad (-) = \text{Clockwise}$$

$$\phi M_n = \phi \times M_n = 0.75 \times M_n$$

**5. Bar Strain Near Tension Face of Member Equal to 0.005 in./in., ( $\epsilon_s = -0.005$  in./in.)**



**Figure 9 – Strains, Forces, and Moment Arms ( $\epsilon_s = -0.005$  in./in.)**

This corresponds to the tension-controlled strain limit of 0.005. It is the strain at the tensile limit of the transition zone for  $\phi$ , used to define a tension-controlled section.

For Concrete:

$$\epsilon_y = \frac{f_y}{E_s} = \frac{60}{29,000} = 0.00207$$

$$\epsilon_{s5} = -0.005 \text{ (Tension)} > \epsilon_y \rightarrow \text{tension reinforcement has yielded}$$

$$\therefore \phi = 0.90$$

ACI 318-14 (Table 21.2.2)

$$\epsilon_{cu} = 0.003$$

ACI 318-14 (22.2.2.1)

$$c = \frac{d_s}{\epsilon_{s5} + \epsilon_{cu}} \times \epsilon_{cu} = \frac{17.37}{0.005 + 0.003} \times 0.003 = 6.51 \text{ in.}$$

Where  $c$  is the distance from the fiber of maximum compressive strain to the neutral axis.

ACI 318-14 (22.2.2.4.2)

$$a = \beta_1 \times c = 0.80 \times 6.51 = 5.21 \text{ in.}$$

ACI 318-14 (22.2.2.4.1)

Where:

$a$  = Depth of equivalent rectangular stress block

ACI 318-14 (Table 22.2.2.4.3)

$$\beta_1 = 0.85 - \frac{0.05 \times (f'_c \times 4000)}{1000} = 0.85 - \frac{0.05 \times (5000 - 4000)}{1000} = 0.80$$

ACI 318-14 (Table 22.2.2.4.3)

$$C_c = 0.85 \times f'_c \times A_{comp} = 0.85 \times 5000 \times 65.07 = 276.56 \text{ kip (Compression)}$$

ACI 318-14 (22.2.2.4.1)

Where:

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\frac{D}{2} - a}{\frac{D}{2}} \right) = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\frac{20}{2} - 5.21}{\frac{20}{2}} \right) = 61.4^\circ$$

$$A_{comp} = D^2 \times \frac{\theta - \sin(\theta) \times \cos(\theta)}{4}$$

$$A_{comp} = 20^2 \times \frac{\left( 61.4^\circ \times \frac{\pi}{180^\circ} \right) - \sin(61.4^\circ) \times \cos(61.4^\circ)}{4} = 65.07 \text{ in.}^2$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{D^3 \times \sin^3(\theta)}{12 \times A_{comp}} = \frac{20^3 \times \sin^3(61.4^\circ)}{12 \times 65.07} = 6.93 \text{ in.}$$

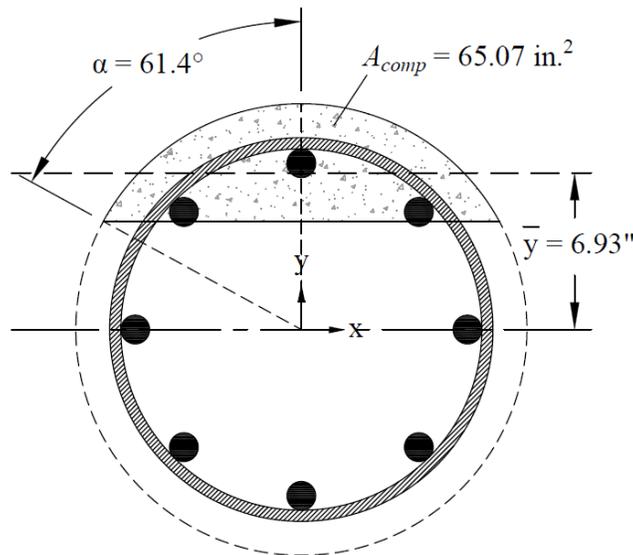


Figure 10 – Cracked Column Section Properties ( $f_s = -0.005$ )

For Reinforcement:

$$\varepsilon_{s5} = -0.005 \text{ (Tension)} > \varepsilon_y \rightarrow \text{reinforcement has yielded}$$

$$\therefore f_{s5} = f_y = -60000 \text{ psi}$$

The area of the reinforcement in this layer is not included in the area ( $ab$ ) used to compute  $C_c$ . As a result, it is NOT necessary to subtract  $0.85f_c'$  from  $f_{s5}$  before computing  $F_{s5}$ :

$$F_{s5} = f_{s5} \times A_{s5} = -60000 \times (1 \times 1.27) = -76.2 \text{ kip (Tension)}$$

$$\varepsilon_{s4} = (c - d_4) \times \frac{\varepsilon_{cu}}{c} = (6.51 - 15.21) \times \frac{0.003}{6.51} = -0.00401 \text{ (Tension)} > \varepsilon_y \rightarrow \text{reinforcement has yielded}$$

$$\therefore f_{s4} = f_y = -60000 \text{ psi}$$

The area of the reinforcement in this layer is not included in the area ( $ab$ ) used to compute  $C_c$ . As a result, it is NOT necessary to subtract  $0.85f_c'$  from  $f_{s4}$  before computing  $F_{s4}$ :

$$F_{s4} = f_{s4} \times A_{s4} = -60000 \times (2 \times 1.27) = -152.4 \text{ kip (Tension)}$$

The same procedure shown above can be repeated to calculate the forces in the remaining reinforcement layers, results are summarized in the following table:

Table 5 - Strains and internal force resultants ( $f_s = -0.005$ )							
Layer	d, in.	$\varepsilon$ , in./in.	$f_s$ , psi	$F_s$ , kip	$C_c$ , kip	Moment arm (r), in.	Moment, kip-ft
Concrete	---	0.00300	---	---	276.56	6.93	159.69
1	2.64	0.00179	51796	60.38*	---	7.37	37.06
2	4.79	0.00079	22975	47.56*	---	5.21	20.64
3	10.00	-0.00161	-46602	-118.37	---	0.00	0.00
4	15.21	-0.00401	-60000	-152.4	---	-5.21	66.14
5	17.37	-0.00500	-60000	-76.20	---	-7.37	46.77
Axial Force and Bending Moment			$P_n$ , kip	37.53		$M_n$ , kip-ft	330.30
			$\phi P_n$ , kip	33.78		$\phi M_n$ , kip-ft	297.27

\* The area of the reinforcement in this layer has been included in the area ( $ab$ ) used to compute  $C_c$ . As a result,  $0.85f_c'$  is subtracted from  $f_s$  in the computation of  $F_s$ .

Where:

$$P_n = C_c + \sum F_s \quad (+) = \text{Compression} \quad (-) = \text{Tension}$$

$$\phi P_n = \phi \times P_n = 0.90 \times P_n$$

$$M_n = C_c \times \left( \frac{h}{2} - \frac{a}{2} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{n=5} \left( F_{si} \times \left( \frac{h}{2} - d_i \right) \right) \quad (+) = \text{Counter Clockwise} \quad (-) = \text{Clockwise}$$

$$\phi M_n = \phi \times M_n = 0.90 \times M_n$$

## 6. Pure Bending

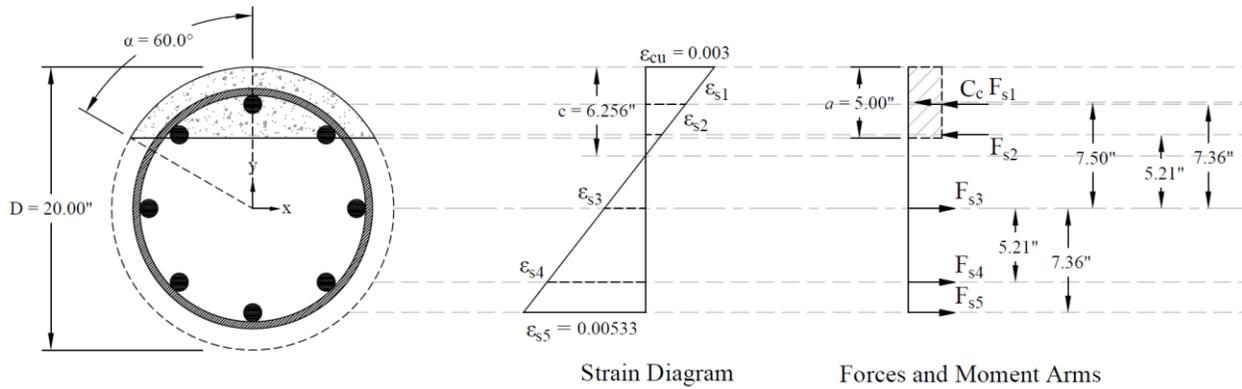


Figure 11 – Strains, Forces, and Moment Arms (Pure Moment)

This corresponds to the case where the nominal axial load capacity,  $P_n$ , is equal to zero. Iterative procedure is used to determine the nominal moment capacity as follows:

Try  $c = 6.256$  in.

Where  $c$  is the distance from the fiber of maximum compressive strain to the neutral axis.

ACI 318-14 (22.2.2.4.2)

$$\varepsilon_y = \frac{f_y}{E_s} = \frac{60}{29,000} = 0.00207$$

$$\varepsilon_{s5} = (c - d_s) \times \frac{\varepsilon_{cu}}{c} = (6.256 - 17.36) \times \frac{0.003}{6.256} = -0.00533 \text{ (Tension)} > \varepsilon_y \rightarrow \text{reinforcement has yielded}$$

$$\varepsilon_{s5} > 0.005$$

$$\therefore \phi = 0.9$$

ACI 318-14 (Table 21.2.2)

$$a = \beta_1 \times c = 0.80 \times 6.256 = 5.00 \text{ in.}$$

ACI 318-14 (22.2.2.4.1)

$$\varepsilon_{cu} = 0.003$$

ACI 318-14 (22.2.2.1)

Where:

$a$  = Depth of equivalent rectangular stress block

ACI 318-14 (Table 22.2.2.4.3)

$$\beta_1 = 0.85 - \frac{0.05 \times (f'_c \times 4000)}{1000} = 0.85 - \frac{0.05 \times (5000 - 4000)}{1000} = 0.80$$

ACI 318-14 (Table 22.2.2.4.3)

$$C_c = 0.85 \times f'_c \times A_{comp} = 0.85 \times 5000 \times 61.5 = 261.38 \text{ kip (Compression)}$$

ACI 318-14 (22.2.2.4.1)

Where:

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\frac{D}{2} - a}{\frac{D}{2}} \right) = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\frac{20}{2} - 5.00}{\frac{20}{2}} \right) = 60.0^\circ$$

$$A_{comp} = D^2 \times \frac{\theta - \sin(\theta) \times \cos(\theta)}{4}$$

$$A_{comp} = 20^2 \times \frac{\left( 60.0^\circ \times \frac{\pi}{180^\circ} \right) - \sin(60.0^\circ) \times \cos(60.0^\circ)}{4} = 61.5 \text{ in.}^2$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{D^3 \times \sin^3(\theta)}{12 \times A_{comp}} = \frac{20^3 \times \sin^3(60.0^\circ)}{12 \times 61.5} = 7.05 \text{ in.}$$

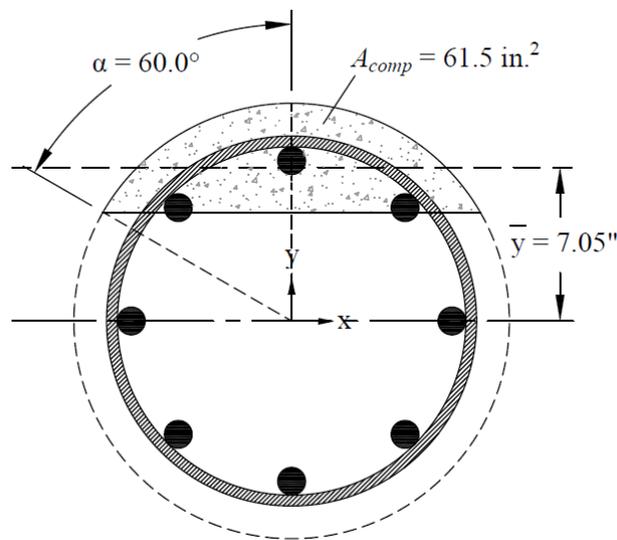


Figure 12 – Cracked Column Section Properties (Pure Moment)

$$\varepsilon_{s5} = -0.00533 \text{ (Tension)} > \varepsilon_y \rightarrow \text{reinforcement has yielded}$$

$$\therefore f_{s5} = f_y = -60000 \text{ psi}$$

The area of the reinforcement in this layer is not included in the area ( $ab$ ) used to compute  $C_c$ . As a result, it is NOT necessary to subtract  $0.85f_c'$  from  $f_{s5}$  before computing  $F_{s5}$ :

$$F_{s5} = f_{s5} \times A_{s5} = -60000 \times (1 \times 1.27) = -76.2 \text{ kip (Tension)}$$

$$\varepsilon_{s4} = (c - d_4) \times \frac{\varepsilon_{cu}}{c} = (6.256 - 15.21) \times \frac{0.003}{6.256} = -0.00429 \text{ (Tension)} > \varepsilon_y \rightarrow \text{reinforcement has yielded}$$

$$\therefore f_{s4} = f_y = -60000 \text{ psi}$$

The area of the reinforcement in this layer is not included in the area ( $ab$ ) used to compute  $C_c$ . As a result, it is NOT necessary to subtract  $0.85f_c'$  from  $f_{s4}$  before computing  $F_{s4}$ :

$$F_{s4} = f_{s4} \times A_{s4} = -60000 \times (2 \times 1.27) = -152.4 \text{ kip (Tension)}$$

The same procedure shown above can be repeated to calculate the forces in the remaining reinforcement layers, results are summarized in the following table:

Layer	d, in.	$\epsilon$ , in./in.	$f_s$ , psi	$F_s$ , kip	$C_c$ , kip	Moment arm (r), in.	Moment, kip-ft
Concrete	---	0.00300	---	---	261.38	7.05	153.51
1	2.64	0.00174	50356	58.55*	---	7.37	35.94
2	4.79	0.00070	20357	40.91*	---	5.21	17.75
3	10.00	-0.00180	-52066	-132.25	---	0.00	0.00
4	15.21	-0.00429	-60000	-152.4	---	-5.21	66.14
5	17.37	-0.00533	-60000	-76.20	---	-7.37	46.77
Axial Force and Bending Moment			$P_n$ , kip	0.00		$M_n$ , kip-ft	320.11
			$\phi P_n$ , kip	0.00		$\phi M_n$ , kip-ft	288.09

\* The area of the reinforcement in this layer has been included in the area ( $ab$ ) used to compute  $C_c$ . As a result,  $0.85f_c'$  is subtracted from  $f_s$  in the computation of  $F_s$ .

Where:

$$P_n = C_c + \sum F_s \quad (+) = \text{Compression} \quad (-) = \text{Tension}$$

$$\phi P_n = \phi \times P_n = 0.90 \times P_n$$

Since  $P_n = \phi P_n = 0 \text{ kip}$ , the assumption that  $c = 3.25 \text{ in.}$  is correct.

$$M_n = C_c \times \left( \frac{h}{2} - \frac{a}{2} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{n=5} \left( F_{si} \times \left( \frac{h}{2} - d_i \right) \right) \quad (+) = \text{Counter Clockwise} \quad (-) = \text{Clockwise}$$

$$\phi M_n = \phi \times M_n = 0.90 \times M_n$$

## 7. Pure Tension

The final loading case to be considered is concentric axial tension. The strength under pure axial tension is computed by assuming that the section is completely cracked through and subjected to a uniform strain greater than or equal to the yield strain in tension. The strength under such a loading is equal to the yield strength of the reinforcement in tension.

$$P_{nt} = f_y \times \sum_{i=1}^{n=5} n_i A_{si} = 60,000 \times (8 \times 1.27) = -609.60 \text{ kip (Tension)} \quad \text{\underline{\underline{ACI 318-14 (22.4.3.1)}}}$$

$$\phi = 0.90 \quad \text{\underline{\underline{ACI 318-14 (Table 21.2.2)}}}$$

$$\phi P_{nt} = 0.90 \times 609.60 = -548.64 \text{ kip (Tension)}$$

Since the section is symmetrical

$$M_n = \phi M_n = 0 \text{ kip.ft}$$

## 8. Column Interaction Diagram - spColumn Software

spColumn program performs the analysis of the reinforced concrete section conforming to the provisions of the Strength Design Method and Unified Design Provisions with all conditions of strength satisfying the applicable conditions of equilibrium and strain compatibility. For this column section, we ran in investigation mode with control points using the 318-14. In lieu of using program shortcuts, spColumn model editor was used to place the reinforcement and define the cover to illustrate handling of irregular shapes and unusual bar arrangement.

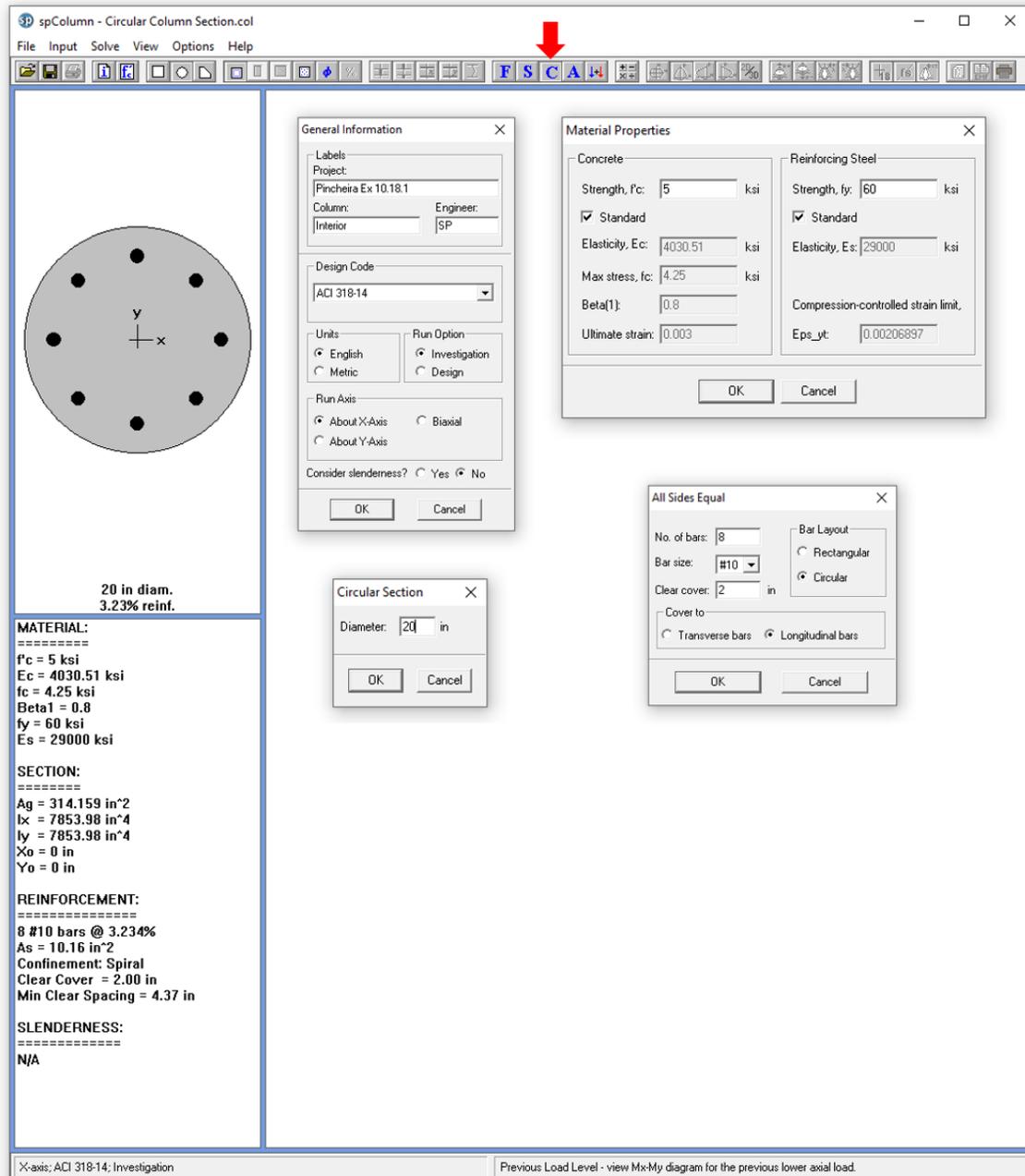


Figure 13 – Generating spColumn Model

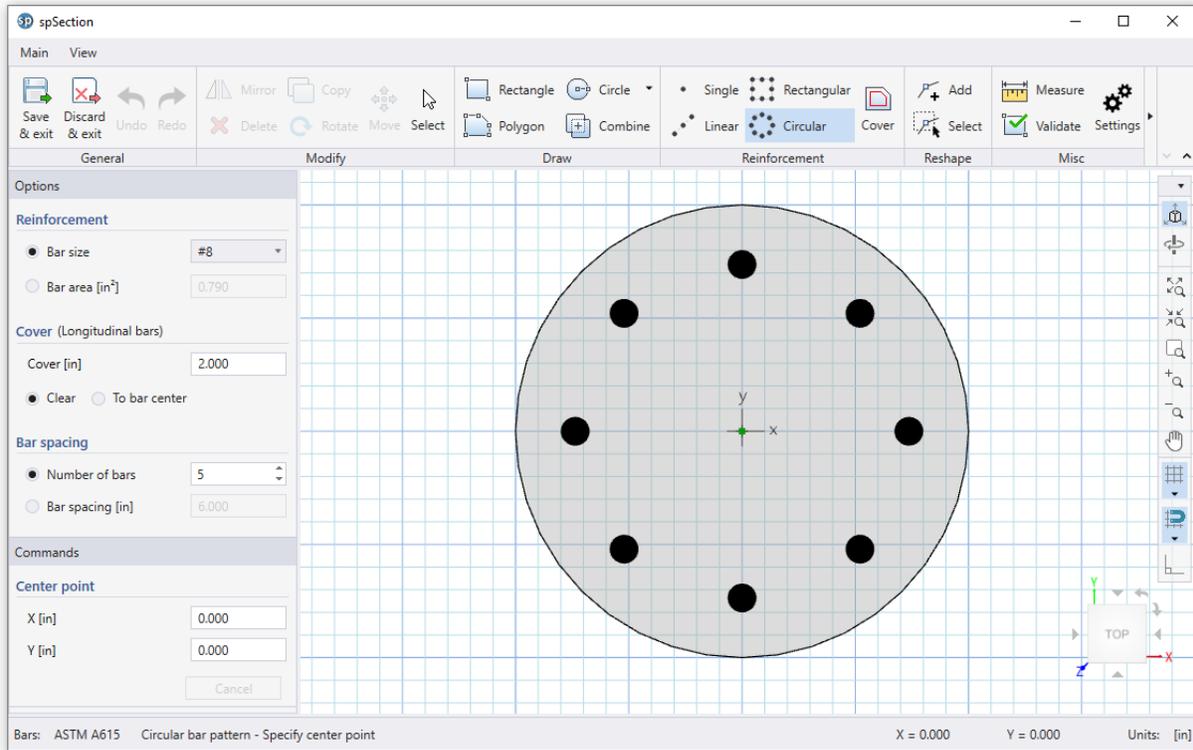


Figure 14 – spColumn Model Editor (spSection)

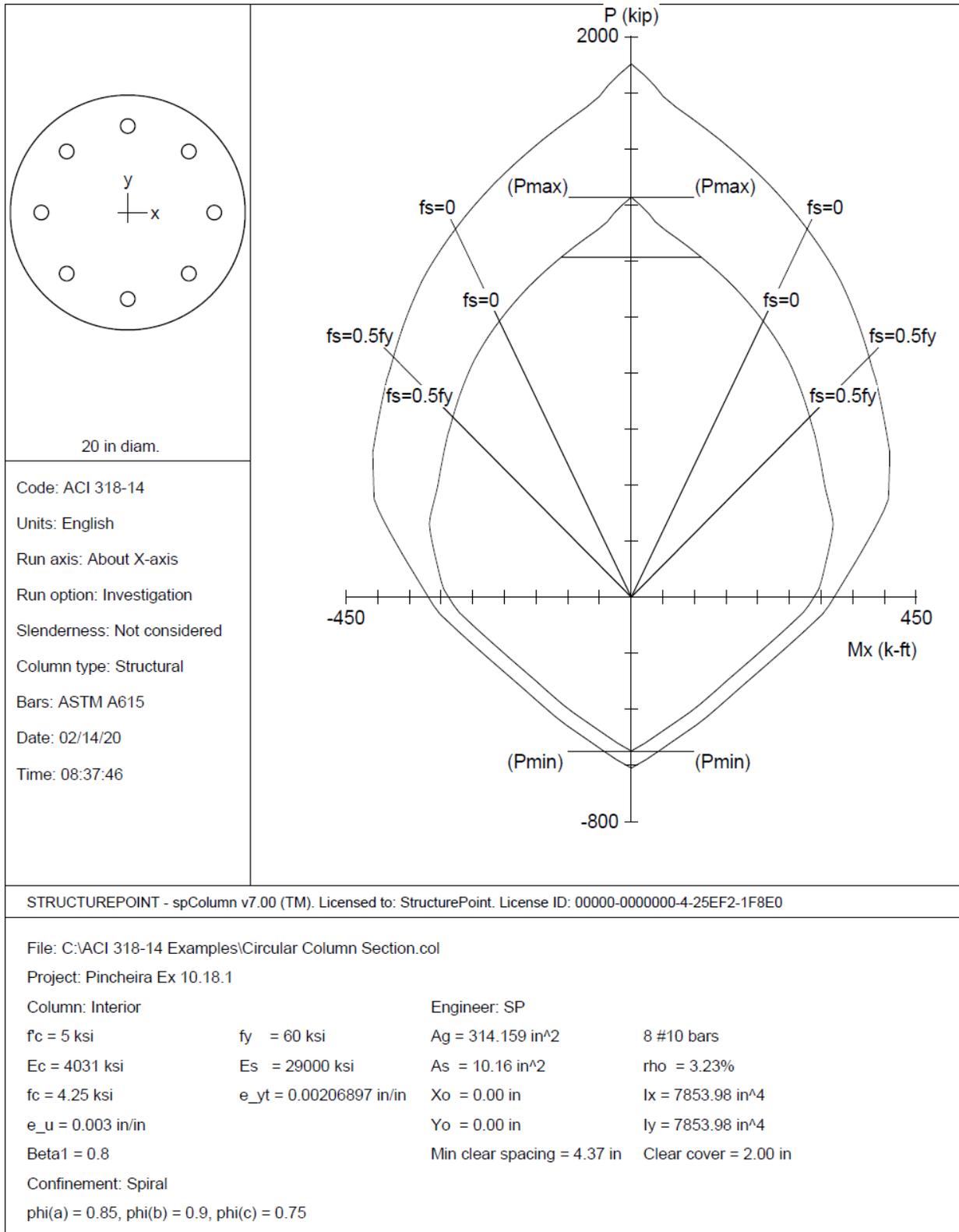


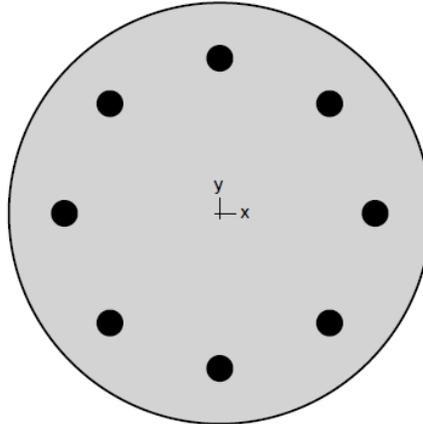
Figure 15 – Column Section Interaction Diagram about the X-Axis (spColumn)



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## 1. General Information

File Name	C:\ACI 318-14 Exam...\Circular Column Section.col
Project	Pincheira Ex 10.18.1
Column	Interior
Engineer	SP
Code	ACI 318-14
Bar Set	ASTM A615
Units	English
Run Option	Investigation
Run Axis	X - axis
Slenderness	Not Considered
Column Type	Structural
Capacity Method	Critical capacity

## 2. Material Properties

### 2.1. Concrete

Type	Standard
$f_c$	5 ksi
$E_c$	4030.51 ksi
$f_c$	4.25 ksi
$\epsilon_u$	0.003 in/in
$\beta_1$	0.8

### 2.2. Steel

Type	Standard
$f_y$	60 ksi
$E_s$	29000 ksi
$\epsilon_{yt}$	0.00206897 in/in

## 3. Section

### 3.1. Shape and Properties

Type	Circular
Diameter	20 in
$A_g$	314.159 in <sup>2</sup>
$I_x$	7853.98 in <sup>4</sup>
$I_y$	7853.98 in <sup>4</sup>
$r_x$	5 in
$r_y$	5 in
$X_o$	0 in
$Y_o$	0 in

### 3.2. Section Figure

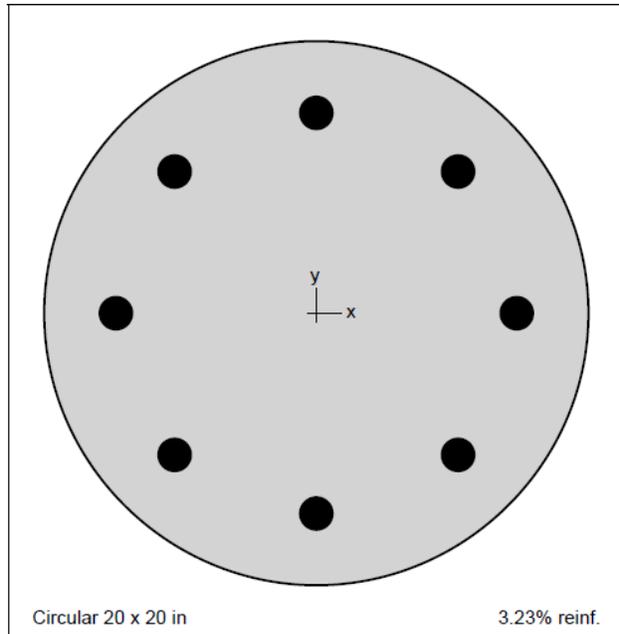


Figure 1: Column section

## 4. Reinforcement

### 4.1. Bar Set: ASTM A615

Bar	Diameter in	Area in <sup>2</sup>	Bar	Diameter in	Area in <sup>2</sup>	Bar	Diameter in	Area in <sup>2</sup>
#3	0.38	0.11	#4	0.50	0.20	#5	0.63	0.31
#6	0.75	0.44	#7	0.88	0.60	#8	1.00	0.79
#9	1.13	1.00	#10	1.27	1.27	#11	1.41	1.56
#14	1.69	2.25	#18	2.26	4.00			

### 4.2. Confinement and Factors

Confinement type	Spiral
For #10 bars or less	#3 ties
For larger bars	#4 ties
<b>Capacity Reduction Factors</b>	
Axial compression, (a)	0.85
Tension controlled $\phi$ , (b)	0.9
Compression controlled $\phi$ , (c)	0.75

### 4.3. Arrangement

Pattern	All sides equal
Bar layout	Circular
Cover to	Longitudinal bars
Clear cover	2 in
Bars	8 #10

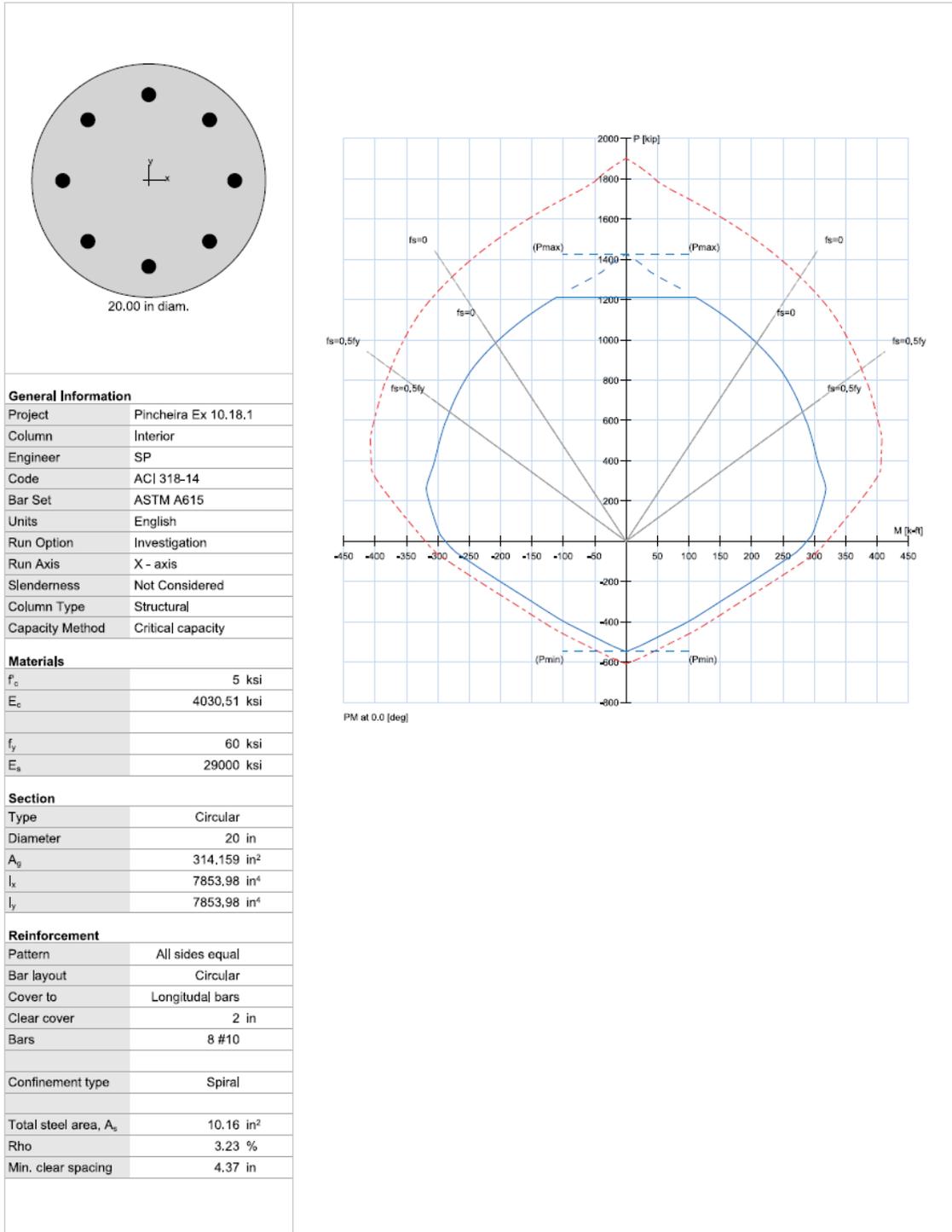
Total steel area, $A_s$	10.16 in <sup>2</sup>
Rho	3.23 %
Minimum clear spacing	4.37 in

## 5. Control Points

About Point	P kip	X-Moment k-ft	Y-Moment k-ft	NA Depth in	$d_t$ Depth in	$\epsilon_t$	$\phi$
X @ Max compression	1426.2	0.00	0.00	55.95	17.36	-0.00207	0.75000
X @ Allowable comp.	1212.3	110.60	0.00	21.50	17.36	-0.00058	0.75000
X @ $f_s = 0.0$	984.5	208.16	0.00	17.36	17.36	0.00000	0.75000
X @ $f_s = 0.5 f_y$	642.2	281.43	0.00	12.91	17.36	0.00103	0.75000
X @ Balanced point	389.2	305.80	0.00	10.28	17.36	0.00207	0.75000
X @ Tension control	33.8	297.27	0.00	6.51	17.36	0.00500	0.90000
X @ Pure bending	0.0	288.10	0.00	6.26	17.36	0.00533	0.90000
X @ Max tension	-548.6	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.36	9.99999	0.90000
-X @ Max compression	1426.2	0.00	0.00	55.95	17.36	-0.00207	0.75000
-X @ Allowable comp.	1212.3	-110.60	0.00	21.50	17.36	-0.00058	0.75000
-X @ $f_s = 0.0$	984.5	-208.16	0.00	17.36	17.36	0.00000	0.75000
-X @ $f_s = 0.5 f_y$	642.2	-281.43	0.00	12.91	17.36	0.00103	0.75000
-X @ Balanced point	389.2	-305.80	0.00	10.28	17.36	0.00207	0.75000
-X @ Tension control	33.8	-297.27	0.00	6.51	17.36	0.00500	0.90000
-X @ Pure bending	0.0	-288.10	0.00	6.26	17.36	0.00533	0.90000
-X @ Max tension	-548.6	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.36	9.99999	0.90000

## 6. Diagrams

### 6.1. PM at $\theta=0$ [deg]



## 9. Summary and Comparison of Design Results

Table 7 - Comparison of Results (Balanced Point)			
Parameter	Reference	Hand	spColumn
c, in.	10.28	10.28	10.28
d <sub>s</sub> , in.	17.36	17.36	17.36
ε <sub>s5</sub> , in./in.	0.00207	0.00207	0.00207
P <sub>n</sub> , kip	520	519	519
M <sub>n</sub> , kip-ft	408	408	408

Table 8 - Comparison of Results				
Control Point	φP <sub>n</sub> , kip		φM <sub>n</sub> , kip-ft	
	Hand	spColumn	Hand	spColumn
Max compression	1426.2	1426.2	0.00	0.00
Allowable compression	1212.3	1212.3	---	---
f <sub>s</sub> = 0.0	984.5	984.5	208.16	208.16
f <sub>s</sub> = 0.5 f <sub>y</sub>	642.2	642.2	281.43	281.43
Balanced point	389.2	389.2	305.80	305.80
Tension control	33.8	33.8	297.27	297.27
Pure bending	0.0	0.0	288.09	288.10
Max tension	-548.6	-548.6	0.00	0.00

In all of the hand calculations and the reference used illustrated above, the results are in precise agreement with the automated exact results obtained from the [spColumn](#) program.

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## 10. Conclusions & Observations

The analysis of the reinforced concrete section performed by [spColumn](#) conforms to the provisions of the Strength Design Method and Unified Design Provisions with all conditions of strength satisfying the applicable conditions of equilibrium and strain compatibility.

In most building design calculations, such as the examples shown for flat plate or flat slab concrete floor systems, all building columns are subjected to  $M_x$  and  $M_y$  due to lateral forces and unbalanced moments from both directions of analysis. This requires an evaluation of the column P-M interaction diagram in two directions simultaneously (biaxial bending).

StructurePoint's [spColumn](#) program can also evaluate column sections in biaxial mode to produce the results shown in the following Figure for the column section in this example.

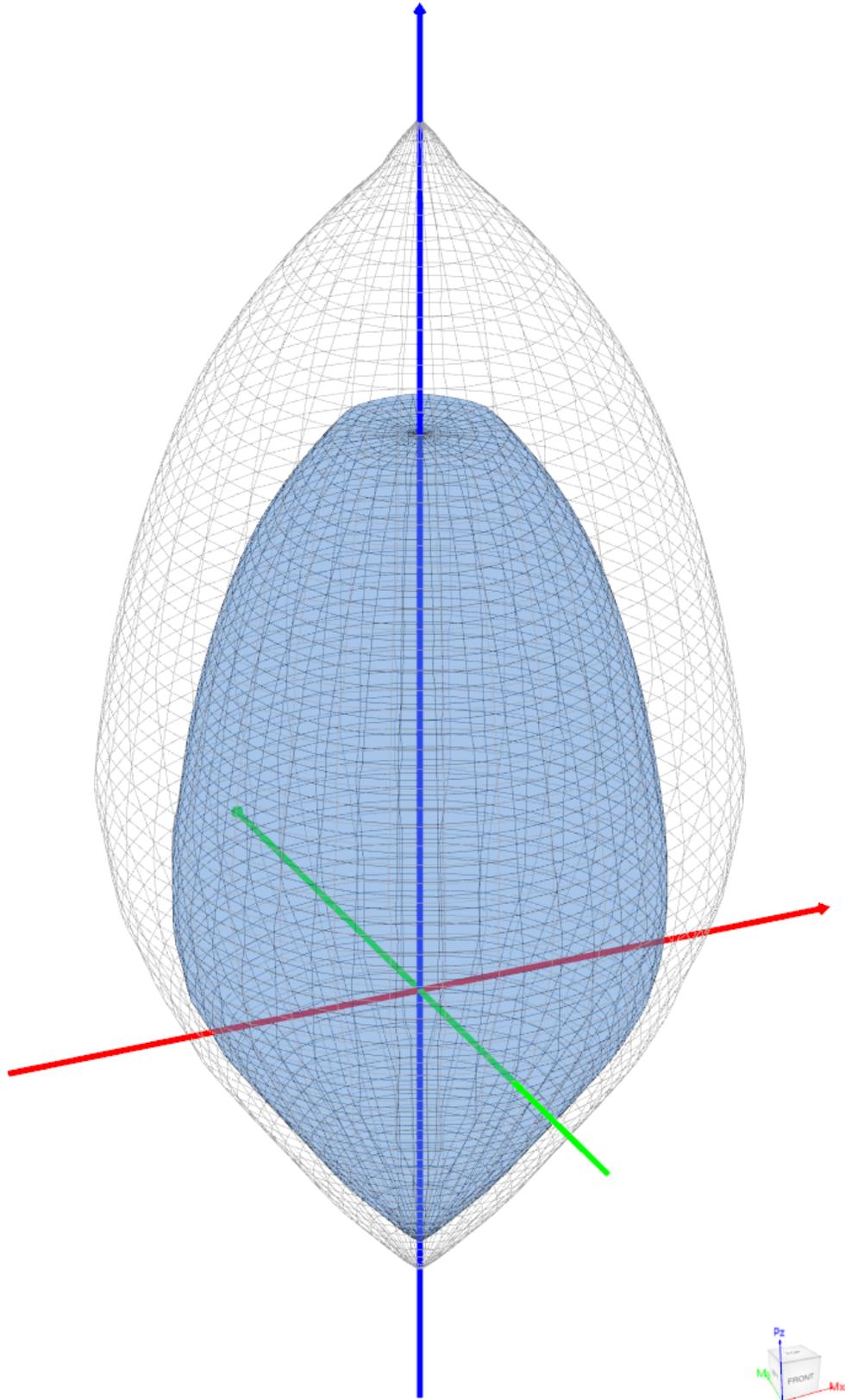


Figure 16 – Nominal & Design Interaction Diagram in Two Directions (Biaxial) (spColumn)