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Preface to Third Edition

The purpose of this book is to provide a straightforward introduction to the principles and methods of design for concrete structures. It is directed primarily at students and young designers who require an understanding of the basic theory and a concise guide to design procedures. Although the detailed design methods are generally according to British Standards, much of the theory and practice is of a fundamental nature and should, therefore, be useful to engineers in other countries. Limit state concepts, as recently introduced in the new Codes of Practice, are used and the calculations are in SI units throughout.

The subject matter has been arranged so that chapters 1 to 5 deal mostly with theory and analysis while the subsequent chapters cover the design and detailing of various types of member and structure. In order to include topics that are usually in an undergraduate course, there is a chapter on earth-retaining and water-retaining structures, and also a final chapter on prestressed concrete.

Important equations that have been derived within the text are highlighted by an asterisk adjacent to the equation number.

In preparing the third edition of this book the opportunity has been taken to rearrange the sequence of presentation of some material and make amendments to reflect developments in design practice. The principal changes are associated with the introduction of the revised British Standard BS 8110 to replace CP 110. This has led to extensive detailed changes, especially to numerical examples, many of which are associated with the aim of achieving improved durability performance.

It should be mentioned that standard Codes of Practice such as BS 8110 are always liable to be revised, and readers should ensure that they are using the latest edition of any relevant standard.

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Notation

Notation is generally in accordance with BS 8110, and the principal symbols are listed below. Other symbols are defined in the text where necessary. The symbols ϵ for strain and f for stress have been adopted throughout, with the general system of subscripts such that the first subscript refers to the material, c – concrete, s – steel, and the second subscript refers to the type of stress, c – compression, t – tension.

A_s	Cross-sectional area of tension reinforcement
A'_s	Cross-sectional area of compression reinforcement
A_{sb}	Cross-sectional area of shear reinforcement in the form of bent-up bars
A_{sv}	Cross-sectional area of shear reinforcement in the form of links
a	Deflection
b	Width of section
b_v	Breadth of web or rib of a member
b_w	Breadth of web or rib of a member
d	Effective depth of tension reinforcement
d'	Depth to compression reinforcement
E_c	Static secant modulus of elasticity of concrete
E_s	Modulus of elasticity of steel
e	Eccentricity
F	Ultimate load
f_{cu}	Characteristic concrete cube strength
f_{pu}	Characteristic strength of prestressing tendons
f_s	Service stress or steel stress
f_y	Characteristic strength of reinforcement
f_{yv}	Characteristic strength of link reinforcement
G_k	Characteristic dead load
g_k	Characteristic dead load per unit length or area
h	Overall depth of section in plane of bending
h_f	Thickness of flange
I	Second moment of area
k_1	Average compressive stress in the concrete for a rectangular-parabolic stress block

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k_2	A factor that relates the depth to the centroid of the rectangular-parabolic stress block and the depth of the neutral axis
l_a	Lever-arm factor = z/d
l_e	Effective height of a column or wall
M	Bending moment
M_u	Ultimate moment of resistance
N	Axial load
n	Ultimate load per unit area
N_{bal}	Axial load on a column corresponding to the balanced condition
P	Final prestress force (chapter 12)
Q_k	Characteristic imposed load
q_k	Characteristic live load per unit length or area
$1/r_x$	Curvature of a beam at point x
s	Depth of equivalent rectangular stress block
s_v	Spacing of links along the member
T	Torsional moment
u	Perimeter
V	Shear force
v	Shear stress
v_c	Ultimate shear stress in concrete
W_k	Characteristic wind load
w_u	Ultimate load per unit length
x	Neutral axis depth
z	Lever arm
α_e	Modular ratio
γ_f	Partial safety factor for load
γ_m	Partial safety factor for strength
ϵ_{sh}	Shrinkage strain
μ	Coefficient of friction
Φ	Bar size
ϕ	Creep coefficient