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# **DESIGN OF FLOATING BRIDGE CROSS OVER**

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Abstract - Economy in construction is the ultimate need for today, so we go for suitable structures to fit the purpose. The bridge uses floats (floating concrete) to support a continuous or separate deck for vehicle and pedestrian travel. It is used in the area where there is not feasible to suspend a bridge from anchored piers and also the area which has large deep sea bed. Pier-less bridge are not new to this world. During the Cholas period for their invasion across rivers, they made use of trained elephants that swim on the surface, over which they transported all elements of battle by laying planks over elephants. This paper also includes floating bridges which are pier less and whose design has been modified to bear heavy weight and possible to connect large distance and it is used in the area having heavy population. These bridges are made of suitable concrete sections and are continuous in length so that they could connect island and mainland even over sea which eliminates the cost of pier and makes the bridges more economic.

**Keywords-** Cross-passage, tunnel linings, Flyover, Floating bridge, Concrete.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Floating bridges were even built in olden ages with the help of boat like structures as supporting piers at regular intervals and decks were placed on it. Here the entire bridge transfers its load due to buoyancy.

There are basically two types of very large floating structures (VLFSs), namely the semi-submersible-type and the pontoon-type. Semi-submersible type floating structures are raised above the sea level using column tubes or ballast structural elements to minimize the effects of waves while maintaining a constant buoyancy force. Thus they can reduce the wave- induced motions and are therefore suitably deployed in high seas with large waves. In pontoon type bridges are placed on the surface of the water.

Floating bridges are cost-effective solutions for crossing large bodies of water with unusual depth and very soft bottom where conventional piers are

impractical. As we propose to build a bridge across a natural drainage like rivers or some obstruction, we have to consider the height of piers constructed above the ground level as well as below the ground level as a part of foundation. When we lay piers for bridges crossing deeper rivers then the height of piers would be very large.

Even if the river bed is of soft bed rock then the depth up to which the piers have to be laid under the ground level as foundation is also so high. So as a whole it leads to a large excavation cost for drilling piles under water as well as constructing piers for such great heights. Even if we construct like this we must increase the dimensions of piers drastically to avoid buckling or go for many piers at shorter intervals to reduce the load over the piers. So in order to reduce the cost and make the bridge more economical we go for floating bridges now, which is made of concrete and it floats based on the principle of buoyancy.

A modern floating bridge may be constructed of wood, concrete, steel, or a combination of materials, depending on the design requirements. In our project we are using floating concrete to float the bridge structure. Figure 1 shows the floating concrete.



Fig. 1: Floating Concrete

United States, Canada, Norway, China and other Eastern countries have used this technologyto create wo0rks of great importance and have brought a strong innovation in the sector. The first longest pontoon bridge in



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the world (Figure 2) is located in North America and support a large amount of heavy traffic also in extreme climatic conditions. In Norway we highlight the original combination of a floating bridge with a submerged tunnel.

In the Maldives an original floating bridge brilliantly reconciles the need forconnection between two islands with landscape and environmental requirements. A conventional design would implicate several big foundations at the seabed which are not only costly and complex to build but also have a very negative impact on any life at the bottom of the ocean. Finally, the enlargement hypothesis of a pontoon bridge in China provesthe vitality of this type of structure in a rapidly growing country.

#### 3. ARCHIMEDES PRINCIPLE

Apparent Weight-Weight of Object in axis-Thrust force Equation

Mass of Liquid Displaced

Density\*Volume Mass

p\*V

Weight of the Liquid Displaced

w m\*g ρ\*V m = ρ\*V w =

From Archimedes

Apparent Loss of Weight = Weight of Water Displace

Thus The Thrust Force is

Thrust  $\rho^*V^*g$ 

= length\*breadth\*depth

Length 16m = Breadth 12m =

Depth 7.6m V = 16 \* 12 \*7.6

=

1000\*9.81 \* 145 Thrust =

9810 \* 1459.2 1431.75\*10<sup>3</sup> KN W

The Dimensions of the pontoon can sustain

1459.2m3

1431.75\*10<sup>3</sup> KN capacity of load.

#### 4. DESIGN OF DECK SLAB

### STEP 1

#### **Given Data**

Size of Slab 22m\*13.5m = Depth of Slab 0.60m

Grade used M25, Fe500

Live Load 5 KN/mm<sup>2</sup>

#### STEP 2

#### Type of Slab

22/13.5  $L_v/L_x$ = 1.62<2 =

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The Given Slab is Two Way Slab

#### STEP3

#### **Overall Depth**

Assume Clear Cover is 30mm

d + 0.030.6 + 0.030.63m=

#### STEP 4

## **Effective Span**

22 + 0.622.6m =

13.5+0.6=14.1m

#### STEP 5

#### **Load Calculation**

Dead load = l\*b\*D\*૪ = 1\*1\*0.63\*24 = 15.12 KN/m Live Load = 5 KN/m **Total Load** 15.12+5 = = 20.12 KN/m Factored Load 1.5\* Total Load = 30.18 KN/m

#### STEP6

#### **Moment Calculation**

 $\alpha_x * W_{11} * L_x^2$  $M_{ux}$ =  $\alpha_y^*W_u^*L_v^2$  $M_{uv}$ =

From IS 456-2000

0.074 =  $\alpha_{v}$ = 0.061

=  $0.074*30.18*(14.1)^{2}$  $M_{ux}$ 

= 444.01 KNm

=  $0.061*30.18*(14.1)^{2}$  $M_{uv}$ = 366.01 KNm

#### STEP 7

## **Shear Calculation**

VIIX  $0.5W_uL_x$ 0.5\*30.18\*14.1 =

212.77 KN



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$V_{uy}$	=	$0.5W_{\mathrm{u}}L_{\mathrm{y}}$
,	=	0.5*30.18*22.6
	=	341.03 KN

STEP 8

 $M_u$  = 0.138 Fck bd<sup>2</sup> d = 0.36m < 0.6m

Hence Safe

#### STEP9

## Area of Reinforcement Shorter Span

 $M_{ux}$  = 0.87 f<sub>y</sub>Ast d {1-[(f<sub>y</sub>ast)/(fck b d)]} Ast = 1810.45 mm<sup>2</sup>

use 12 mm dia bars

1. No. of. bars = (Ast/ast)

 $= (1810.45)/(\pi/4*12^2)$ 

= 16 Nos2. Spacing,  $S_v = (ast/Ast)*b$ 

 $= [(^{\pi/4} * ^{12^2})/1810.45]*1000$ 

= 70 mm

Min Spacing is 300 mm

Use 16 Nos of 12mm Dia Bars Spaced at 300mm c/c

#### **Longer Span**

 $M_{uy} = 0.87 \text{ fyAst d } \{1-[(f_yast)/(fck \text{ b d})]\}$ Ast = 1475.05 mm<sup>2</sup>

use 12 mm dia bars

1. No.of.bars = (Ast/ast)

 $= (1475.05)/(\pi/4 * 12^2)$ 

= 14 Nos2. Spacing,  $S_v = (ast/Ast)*b$ 

 $=[(\pi/4*12^2)/1475.05]*1000$ 

= 75 mm

Min Spacing is 300 mm

Use 14Nos of 12mm Dia Bars Spaced at 300mm c/c

#### **STEP 10**

#### **Check for Shear**

 $\begin{array}{lll} \tau_v & = & V_{ux}/bd \\ & = (212.77*10^3)/(1000*600) \\ & = & 0.35 \ N/mm^2 \\ p_t & = & 100 \ Ast/bd \\ & = (100*1810.45)/(1000*600) \end{array}$ 

= 0.301

 $\tau_c$  = 0.38 N/mm<sup>2</sup>

K=1

 $K \tau_c$  = 0.38 N/mm<sup>2</sup>  $\tau_{c max}/2$  = (3.1/2) = 1.55 N/mm<sup>2</sup>

 $\tau_v < K \tau_c < \tau_{c \text{ max}} / 2$ 

0.35 N/mm<sup>2</sup> < 0.38 N/mm<sup>2</sup> < 1.55 N/mm<sup>2</sup>

Hence Safe In Shear Reinforcement

#### **STEP 11**

#### **Check for Deflection**

L/d = 25  $p_t$  = 0.307  $f_s$  = 290 N/mm<sup>2</sup>

Modification factor = 1.2

d required = span/(B.V\*M.F)= 22000/(28\*1.2)

573 mm

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d<sub>required</sub>< d <sub>provided</sub>
572 mm < 600 mm
Hence Safe In Deflection

#### **5 DESIGN OF PANTOON TOP SLAB**

#### STEP 1

Given Data

Size of Slab = 16m\*12mDepth of Slab = 0.45m

Grade used M25,Fe500

#### STEP 2

Type of Slab

 $L_y/L_x$  = 16/12 = 1.33 <2

The Given Slab is Two Way Slab

#### STEP 3

Overall Depth

Assume Clear Cover is 30mm

D = d+0.03 = 0.45+0.03 = 0.48m

#### STEP 4

**Effective Span** 



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STEP 5				=	36 Nos
			2. Spacing,S <sub>v</sub>	=	(ast/Ast)*b
Load Calculation			1	_ [( <del>π</del>	$(4*12^{2})/4804.45]*1000$
Dead load	=	l*b*D*γ		- [(	45 mm
	=	1*1*0.48*24	Min Spacing is 300 mm		45 IIIII
	=	10.08 KN/m	Use 36 Nos of 12mm Dia Bars Spaced at 300mm c/c		
Another Dead load of		•	2.Longer Span	na Dai s	spaced at 300mm c/c
Deck Slab= 20.2 KN/n	nm			f Act d S	$1-[(f_yast)/(f_{ck} b d)]$
Total Load	=	10.08+20.2	Ast	.y.π.st u \ =	$2190.29 \text{ mm}^2$
	=	30.28 KN/m	use 12 mm dia bars	_	2170.27 IIIII
Factored Load	=	1.5* Total Load	1. No.of.bars	=	(Ast/ast)
	=	45.42 KN/m	1. No.01.bars		
		,		=	$(2190.29)/(\pi/4*12^2)$
STEP 6			= 20 Nos		
			$2.Spacing,S_{\rm v}$	=	(ast/Ast)*b
Moment Calculation				= [( <sup>π</sup>	/4 * 12 <sup>2</sup> )/2190.29]*1000
$M_{ux}$	=	$\alpha_{x}^{*}W_{u}^{*}L_{x}^{2}$		=	52 mm
M <sub>uv</sub>	=	$\alpha_{\rm y}^*{\rm W_u}^*{\rm L_y}^2$	Min Spacing is 300 mm		
From IS 456-2000		, <i>,</i>	Use 20Nos of 12mm Dia Bars Spaced at 300mm c/c		
$\alpha_{x}$	=	0.093			,
$\alpha_{\rm y}$	=	0.055	STEP 10		
M <sub>ux</sub>	=	$0.093*45.42*(12.45)^2$			
ux	=	654.73KNm	Check forShear		
$M_{uy}$	=	$0.055*45.42*(12.45)^2$	$\tau_{\rm v}$	=	$V_{ux}/bd$
uy	=	387.21KNm	24		32.74*10 <sup>3</sup> )/(1000*450)
		307.221		=	0.62 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
STEP 7			$p_{t}$	=	100 Ast/bd
			Pi	= (10	00*4804.45)/(1000*450)
Shear Calculation				=	1.06
V <sub>ux</sub>	=	$0.5 \mathrm{W_u L_x}$	$ au_{ m c}$	=	0.64 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
·ux	=	0.5*45.42*12.45	K	=	1
	=	282.74 KN	Kτ <sub>c</sub>	=	$0.64 \text{ n/mm}^2$
$V_{uy}$	=	$0.5W_{\rm u}L_{\rm y}$	$\tau_c \max/2$	=	(3.1/2)
• uy	=	0.5*45.42*16.45	tt max, 2	=	1.55 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
	=	373.58 KN	$\tau_v$ < $K\tau_c$ < $\tau_c$ max/2		1.55 14/ 111111
		373.30 KW	0.62 N/mm <sup>2</sup> < 0.64 N/mm <sup>2</sup> < 1.55 N/mm <sup>2</sup>		1 55 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
STEP 8			Hence Safe In Shear Reinforcement		
DILI U			Tience Suie in Silear I	termor,	cement
Check For Depth			STEP 11		
M <sub>u</sub>	=	$0.138 \; Fck \; bd^2$			
D	=	0.43m < 0.45m	Check for Deflection		
Hence Safe	_	0.43111 < 0.43111	L/d	=	25
Hence Sale			•	=	1.06
Step 9			$p_{ m t}$ $f_{ m s}$	=	240 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Step 9			Modification factor	=	1.0
Area of Reinforcemen	+				
1.Shorter Span	ι		$d_{required}$	=	span/(B.V *M.F)
•	f Act d C	1 [(f act)/(falch d)])		=	16000/(28*1.0)
	I <sub>y</sub> ASt u { =	1-[(f <sub>y</sub> ast)/(fck b d)]} 4084.45 mm²	dd	=	437 mm
Ast	=	4004.45 IIIII <sup>-</sup>	d <sub>required</sub> <d<sub>provided</d<sub>		
use 12 mm dia bars		(4 , / , )	437 mm < 450 mm		

1. No. of. bars

 $(4084.45)/(^{\pi/4}*12^2)$ 

(Ast/ast)

**Hence Safe In Deflection** 

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## 6. Design of longer shear wall

Step 1 **Given Data** 

1812 KNm Load Length of wall = 16m Depth of wall 5550m Thickness of wall 320m

Step 2

Slenderness ratio

0.75\*5550 He 4162.5mm = λ = 13

Step 3

Minimum eccentricity

0.05 t  $e_{min}$ 0.05\*320 = 16mm

Step 4

**Additional Eccentricity** 

ea = 21.65mm

Step 5

Ultimate load carrying capacity per unit length

 $0.3 f_{ck}[t-1.2 e_{min}-2e_a]$ 0.3\*20[320-1.2\*16-2\*21.65] 1545 KN > 1812 KN

Step 6

Minimum reinforcement

 $P_{h}$ 0.20% of total c/s area  $P_{v}$ 0.15% of total c/s area  $640mm^{2}$ 

 $A_n$ 

As the thickness is more than 150mm the steel has to be

palce in two layers of  $320mm^2/m$ 

122.7≌150mm Spacing Provide 10 mm dia bars at 150mm spacing.

7. Design of shorter shear wall

Step 1

**Given Data** 

Load 1087.2 KNm = Length of wall 12m = Depth of wall 5550m =

Thickness of wall = 320m

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1545 KN > 1087.2 KN

Step 2

Slenderness ratio

0.75\*5550 = 4162.5mm = λ = 13

Step 3

Minimum eccentricity

0.05 t  $e_{min}$ = 0.05\*320 = 16mm

Step 4

**Additional Eccentricity** 

 $He^2$ 2500t 21.65mm =

Step 5

Ultimate load carrying capacity per unit length

 $0.3 f_{ck}[t-1.2 e_{min}-2e_a]$ 0.3\*20[320-1.2\*16-2\*21.65]

=

Step 6

Minimum reinforcement

0.20% of total c/s area  $P_{v}$ = 0.15% of total c/s area

640mm<sup>2</sup>  $A_n$ =

As the thickness is more than 150mm the steel has to be palce in two layers of 320mm<sup>2</sup>/m

122.7≌150mm Spacing Provide 10 mm dia bars at 150mm spacing.

7. Design of pontoon Bottom slab

STEP 1

**Given Data** 

Size of Slab 16m\*12m Depth of Slab 1.6m

Grade used M25,Fe500

STEP 2

Type of Slab

16/12  $L_y/L_x$ 1.33 < 2

The Given Slab is Two Way Slab



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STEP 3				=	0.5*371.1*17.6 3265.68 KN
Overall Depth					0200100 III.
Assume Clear Cover is 50r	nm		STEP 8		
D =	=	d+ 0.05			
=	=	1.6+0.05	Check For Depth		
=	=	1.65m	$M_{ m u}$	=	$0.138 \; F_{ck} \; bd^2$
			d	=	1360.24m < 1600m
STEP 4			Hence Safe		
Effective Span			Step 9		
L <sub>y</sub> =	=	16+1.6			
=	=	17.6m	Area of Reinforcemen	t	
L <sub>x</sub> =	=	12+1.6			
=	=	13.6m	1.Shorter Span		
			$M_{\rm ux} = 0.87  \rm f_y.$	Ast d {1-	$[(f_yast)/(f_{ck} b d)]$
STEP 5			Ast	=	10567.41 mm <sup>2</sup>
			use 25 mm dia bars		
Load Calculation			1. No.of.bars	=	(Ast/ast)
Dead load on Bottom Slab	=	l*b*D*γ		=	$(10567.41)/(\pi/4 * 25^2)$
=	=	1*1*1.65*24		=	22 Nos
=	=	39.6 KN/m	2. Spacing, S <sub>v</sub>	=	(ast/Ast)*b
Dead load & Live load on I	Deck Sl	•	2. Spacing, Sy		* 25 <sup>2</sup> )/10567.41]*1000
	=	20.12 KN/m		= [(**/ .	46.45 mm
Dead load on Top Slab =	=	10.08 KN/m	Min Chasing is 200 mm	_	40.43 IIIII
Dead load on Longer Shea	r wall	,	Min Spacing is 300 mm	a Dana Cu	and at 200 mm a/a
=	=	88.8 KN/m	Use 22 Nos of 25mm Di	a Bars Sp	aced at 300mm c/c
Dead load on shorter shea	r wall		2.1		
	=	88.8 KN/m	2.Longer Span	A . 1 (4 I	
	=	247.4 KN/m			$[(f_{y}ast)/(f_{ck} b d)]$
	=	1.5* Total Load	Ast	=	5852.13 mm <sup>2</sup>
	_ =	371.1 KN/m	use 25 mm dia bars		(1)
_	_	37 1.1 KN/III	1. No.of.bars	=	(Ast/ast)
STEP 6				=	$(5852.13)/(\pi/4*25^2)$
SILI U				=	12 Nos
Moment Calculation			2. Spacing,S <sub>v</sub>	=	(ast/Ast)*b
	=	$\alpha_x^*W_u^*L_x^2$		$= [(\pi/4)]$	* <b>25<sup>2</sup>)/5852.13]*1000</b>
ux	_	$\alpha_{\rm y}^* W_{\rm u}^* L_{\rm y}^2$		=	83.88 mm
M <sub>uy</sub> =	_	α <sub>y</sub> w <sub>u</sub> L <sub>y</sub>	Min Spacing is 300 mm		
From IS 456-2000	_	0.093	Use 12 Nos of 25mm Di	a Bars Sp	aced at 300mm c/c
or <sub>A</sub>	=			•	•
	=	0.055	STEP 10		
ux	=	$0.093*371.1*(13.6)^2$			
	=	6383.39KNm	Check For Shear		
uy	=	$0.055*371.1*(13.6)^2$	$ au_{ m V}$	=	V <sub>ux</sub> /bd
=	=	3775.13KNm	•		3.48*10^3)/(1000*1600)
				= (232	0.85 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
STEP 7			pt	=	100 Ast/bd
			pt	=	100 1130/ 50
Shear Calculation					0567.41)/(1000*1600)
$V_{ux}$	=	$0.5W_{\mathrm{u}}\mathrm{L_{x}}$		=	0.66
=	=	0.5*371.1*13.6	To	=	0.92 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
	=	2523.48 KN	τ <sub>C</sub> Κ	=	0.92 N/IIIII 1
V <sub>uy</sub>	=	$0.5W_{\mathrm{u}}\mathrm{L_{y}}$	IX		1



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 $K \tau_C$  = 0.92 n/mm<sup>2</sup>  $\tau_C \max/2$  = (3.1/2) = 1.55 N/mm<sup>2</sup>

 $\tau_V < K\tau_C < \tau_C max/2$ 0.85 N/mm<sup>2</sup> < 0.92 N/mm<sup>2</sup> < 1.55 N/mm<sup>2</sup>
Hence Safe In Shear Reinforcement

### **STEP 11**

#### **Check For Deflection**

L/d = 25 Pt = 0.66

fs =  $290 \text{ N/mm}^2$ 

Modification factor = 1.0

d required = 628.57mm < 1600 mm

d required < d provided 437 mm < 450 mm Hence Safe In Deflection

#### 8. CONCLUSION

According to the above, it should be evident that the pontoon bridges are not just a folkloristic curiosity or a military device, but they represent an effective andeconomical solution for crossing large stretches of even deep water (lakes, rivers,).

The length of these bridges is not limited by structural or technological problems (such as e.g. for suspension or cable-stayed bridges) and some of them

lengthen over than 3000 m (Hobart Bridge). Although pontoon and floating bridges are particularly suitable for use in deepwater, where it would be difficult to build traditional foundations, nevertheless their use generally requires low tidal ranges, small wave motion and moderate currents.

Consider, for example, the semi-submersible pillars, currently used for offshore platforms in deep water, or the buoyant foundations tied to sea bottom by means of high strength tendons, used as support for wind power generation towers.

These devices would reduce the impact of waves and current on the pontoons and would avoid the lowering (however small) of floating supports for moving loads.

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- [4.] The shear wall is designed with the reference of code book "IS 3370-PART-4".