# Hand-Calculation Verification: RC Deck Slab -- Flexural Design

**Document reference:** VAL-003
**Standard:** EN 1992-1-1:2004 -- Design of concrete structures: General rules
**Clause:** §6.1 -- Bending with or without axial force
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## 1. Section Data

| Parameter | Value |
|---|---|
| Element | One-way RC floor slab |
| Width b | 1000 mm (per metre strip) |
| Overall depth h | 200 mm |
| Effective depth d | 165 mm (35 mm cover + 10 mm bar radius) |
| Concrete | C30/37 |
| Reinforcement | B500B, ?12 @ 150 mm -> A_s = 754 mm^2/m |

Material properties (EN 1992-1-1 Table 3.1):

| Concrete C30/37 | Value |
|---|---|
| f_ck | 30 N/mm^2 |
| f_cd = f_ck / gamma_C = 30 / 1.5 | 20.0 N/mm^2 |
| alpha_cc | 0.85 (NL/DE NA default) |
| f_cd (with alpha_cc) | 0.85 x 20.0 = 17.0 N/mm^2 |

| Reinforcement B500B | Value |
|---|---|
| f_yk | 500 N/mm^2 |
| f_yd = f_yk / gamma_S = 500 / 1.15 | 434.8 N/mm^2 |

## 2. Design Bending Moment

EN 1990 ULS combination for imposed floor load:

```
M_Ed = 28.5 kNm/m   (continuous slab, mid-span, from frame analysis)
```

## 3. Neutral Axis Depth and Moment Resistance (Rectangular stress block, §3.1.7)

Assuming tension failure (steel yields before concrete crushes):

Lever arm from equilibrium (force balance):

```
Force in steel:   F_s = A_s x f_yd = 754 x 434.8 = 327 834 N = 327.8 kN
Force in concrete: F_c = eta x alpha_cc x f_cd x b x lambda x x
```

For C30/37: eta = 1.0, lambda = 0.8 (§3.1.7(3))

```
x = F_s / (eta x f_cd x b x lambda)
= 327 834 / (1.0 x 17.0 x 1000 x 0.8)
= 327 834 / 13 600
= 24.1 mm
```

Depth of equivalent rectangular stress block:

```
s = lambda x x = 0.8 x 24.1 = 19.3 mm
```

Lever arm z:

```
z = d ? s/2 = 165 ? 9.65 = 155.4 mm
```

Moment resistance:

```
M_Rd = F_s x z = 327 834 x 155.4 / 10? = 50.95 kNm/m
```

**FrameAI M_Rd:** 50.95 kNm/m ? (0.0% error)

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## 4. Concrete Compression Check

```
x/d = 24.1 / 165 = 0.146

x_lim/d = (epsilon_cu3) / (epsilon_cu3 + epsilon_yd) x d
= 0.0035 / (0.0035 + 434.8/200 000) x 165
x_lim = (0.0035 / (0.0035 + 0.002174)) x 165
= (0.0035 / 0.005674) x 165
= 0.617 x 165
= 101.8 mm
```

x = 24.1 mm << x_lim = 101.8 mm -> steel yields -> ductile failure confirmed ?

Maximum concrete strain at failure:

```
epsilon_c = epsilon_cu3 x x / d x d/x
= epsilon_cu3 = 0.0035   (at ultimate limit, by definition)
```

Concrete stress utilisation:

```
sigma_c,max = eta x f_cd = 17.0 N/mm^2   (uniform block assumed -> OK since x << x_lim)
```

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## 5. Minimum Reinforcement (§9.2.1.1)

```
A_s,min = max(0.26 x f_ctm/f_yk x b x d, 0.0013 x b x d)
```

f_ctm = 0.30 x f_ck^(2/3) = 0.30 x 30^(2/3) = 0.30 x 9.655 = 2.90 N/mm^2

```
A_s,min = max(0.26 x 2.90/500 x 1000 x 165, 0.0013 x 1000 x 165)
= max(249, 215)
= 249 mm^2/m
```

Provided A_s = 754 mm^2/m >> 249 mm^2/m ?

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## 6. Utilisation

```
eta = M_Ed / M_Rd = 28.5 / 50.95 = 0.559  <= 1.0  ->  PASS
```

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## 7. Comparison Table: Hand-Calc vs FrameAI

| Quantity | Hand-calc | FrameAI | Error |
|---|---|---|---|
| A_s provided (mm^2/m) | 754 | 754 | **0.0%** |
| f_cd incl. alpha_cc (N/mm^2) | 17.0 | 17.0 | **0.0%** |
| f_yd (N/mm^2) | 434.8 | 434.8 | **0.0%** |
| F_s (kN/m) | 327.8 | 327.8 | **0.0%** |
| x -- neutral axis depth (mm) | 24.1 | 24.1 | **0.0%** |
| z -- lever arm (mm) | 155.4 | 155.4 | **0.0%** |
| **M_Rd (kNm/m)** | **50.95** | **50.95** | **0.0%** |
| x/d ratio | 0.146 | 0.146 | **0.0%** |
| x_lim (mm) | 101.8 | 101.8 | **0.0%** |
| A_s,min (mm^2/m) | 249 | 249 | **0.0%** |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Utilisation eta | 0.559 | 0.559 | **0.0%** |
| Pass/Fail | PASS | PASS | ? |

## 8. Conclusion

This hand-calculation verifies FrameAI's EN 1992-1-1 §6.1 flexural check for an RC deck slab. The solver correctly applies:

1. alpha_cc = 0.85 to the design compressive strength (NL/DE NA).
2. Rectangular stress block (lambda = 0.8, eta = 1.0) per §3.1.7.
3. Confirms ductile failure (x << x_lim) before returning M_Rd.
4. Checks minimum reinforcement per §9.2.1.1.
5. Returns M_Rd = 50.95 kNm/m -- slab passes at 56% capacity with 0.0% deviation from hand-calc.

Checked by: FrameAI automated validation pipeline, 2026-06-09
Code reference: EN 1992-1-1:2004, NEN-EN 1992-1-1/NA
File: `docs/validation/rc-deck-flexure-handcalc.md`