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This research aims to help agencies in evaluating the impact of these vehicles on structures by providing simple analysis tool to analyze bridges loaded by the vehicles and allowable limits of the configurations of the vehicles. This simplified analysis method consists of a quick method for determining the portion of the force from an overload vehicle that is resisted by a single element, such as a girder, in a bridge. Thus, equations are developed for girder distribution factors for moment and shear in multi-girder bridges.

Using the proposed equations to check common bridge capacities for overload vehicle permits will allow up to 20% more load on bridges as compared to a capacity check using current American Association of Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) methods for estimating the forces in bridge girders.

Simplified analysis of bridges with overloads:

Quick calculation of interior girder distribution factors (GDFs) are shown in Equations 1&2 with information from the accompanying tables. These factors are appropriate for use with common overload vehicles and bridge configurations as described in Section 3.1 of the report. Overload vehicles may have either a single trailer or dual trailers (dual lane). The quick GDFs for moment and shear are given as:

$$\text{Single lane trailer: } CR S^a L^b t^c K_g^d \times (\text{AASHTO equation}) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Dual lane trailer: } CR S^a L^b t^c K_g^d S_w^e \times (\text{AASHTO equation}) \quad (2)$$

The “(AASHTO equation)” refers to the standard AASHTO LRFD distribution factor equations taken from AASHTO Table T4.6.2.2.2b-1 for moment and Table 4.6.2.2.3a-1 for shear. The AASHTO single lane loaded equation is used with the single lane

trailer factors and the AASHTO two or more lane loaded equation is used with the dual lane trailer factors in Eqs. 1&2.

The variables in the equations are identical to those used in the AASHTO equations for moment distribution factors (AASHTO LRFD T4.6.2.2.2b-1)

S = Girder spacing (ft),

L = Span (ft),

t = Deck depth (in),

$K_g = n(I + Ae_g)$ = Longitudinal stiffness parameter (in⁴),

$n = E_B / E_D$, I = Moment of inertia of girder (in⁴),

A = Cross-sectional area of girder (in²),

e_g = Distance between the centers of gravity of the basic girder and deck (in), and

S_w = Spacing of interior wheels for dual lane overload vehicle (ft.).

Exponents for new GDF equations for overload vehicles

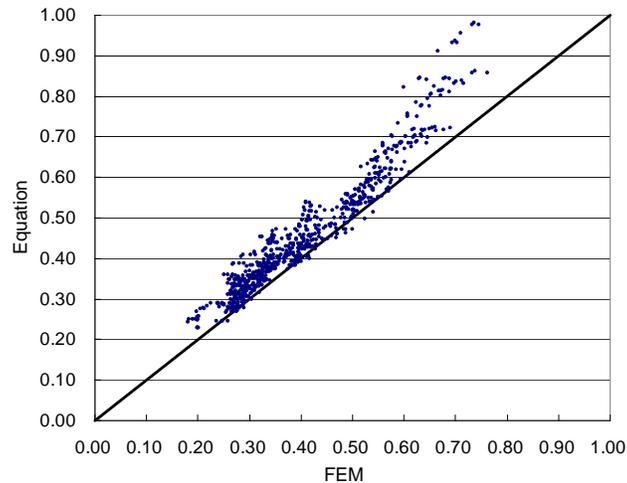
Exponent:		C	a	b	c	d	e
Single lane loading	Moment	1.61	-0.21	0.02	0.02	-0.03	-
	Shear	0.72	0.14	-0.09	-0.08	0.03	-
Dual lane loading	Moment	1.70	-0.22	0.04	0.19	-0.08	-0.14
	Shear	2.03	0.06	-0.25	-0.12	0.03	-0.28

R factor for new GDF equation for overload vehicles

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Negative moment GDF (for single lane and dual lane loading)		1.3
Bridges with Skew (θ = skew angle)*	Moment GDF for single lane loading	$1 - 0.05 \tan^2 \theta$
	Shear GDF for single lane loading	$1 - 0.23 \tan \theta$
	Moment GDF for dual lane loading	$1 + 0.19 \tan^2 \theta - 0.55 \tan \theta$
	Shear GDF for dual lane loading	$1 + 0.25 \tan^2 \theta - 0.76 \tan \theta$
All other cases		1.0

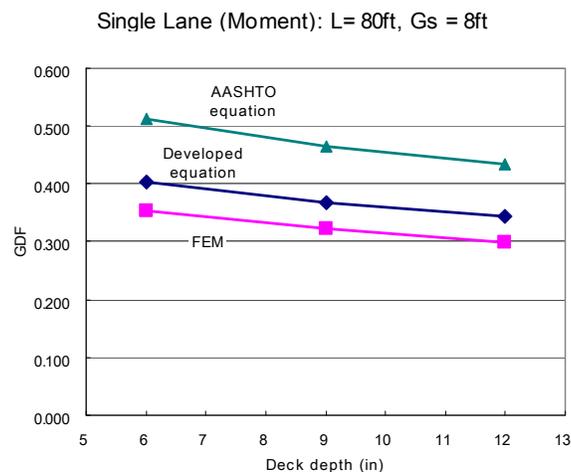
* Valid for $\theta = 0^\circ \sim 60^\circ$

The accuracy of the new GDF equations can be seen in the following Figure that shows GDF factors found from accurate FEM analysis and the proposed equations for over 100 different bridges and loadings. The line plotted in the figure shows where the FEM results and the simple equation are identical. Since the data points fall above the line there is a clear indication that the new equations are slightly conservative by 15 %, predicting more load in a girder than actually found by accurate analysis.



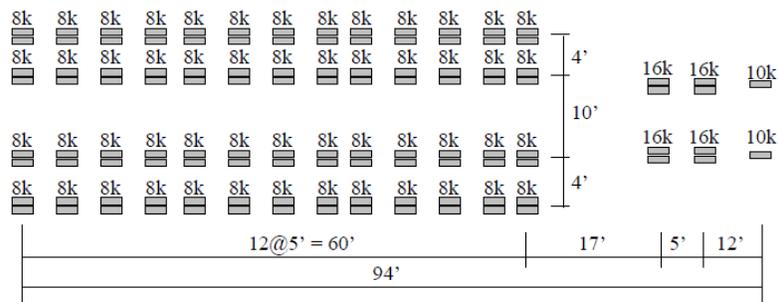
Comparison of GDFs from the new equations and an accurate FEM analysis.

The impact of using the proposed GDF equation, versus using typical AASHTO defined GDFs, is illustrated in the following results from an 80 ft span multi-girder bridge with girders spaced at 8 ft apart and a single lane overload vehicle. The moment distribution factors (GDFs) are shown on the y-axis for different deck thicknesses on the x-axis. The girder moment estimates using the new GDFs may be 20 % less than would be obtained from the normal AASHTO estimates, allowing larger freight loads to be safely transported across the bridge.



Examples for using new distribution factor equations:

Two examples are provided in Chapter 4 showing the simple application of the new equations for determining the moment and shear developed in a bridge girder with either a single or dual trailer overload vehicle. The dual trailer example uses the loading shown below.



Plan view of wheel loads and axle spacings for dual lane overload in example.

Effects of diaphragms between girders:

Investigations of the effects of end and intermediate diaphragms were conducted to see their impact on the GDFs as well as to gauge the level of force that could be developed in the diaphragms. The results are described in Section 2.5 and Chapter 5. In general it was found that the intermediate diaphragms can be neglected in finding GDFs – with the resulting GDFs being slightly conservative or safe. The forces developed in intermediate diaphragms were found to be relatively small compared to the strength of the diaphragm members. Since the diaphragms are usually designed for stiffness, to provide stability for girders, this is a natural result.

Limitations on total weight from a single wheel set:

Equations to limit the weight of a single wheel set in overload vehicles is provided in Chapter 6 to ensure the safety of the decks was developed. Two types of failure, i.e. punching failure and flexural failure, were considered in development of the equations.

Analysis of “complex bridges” under overload:

Unusual or complex bridges have considerably different load carrying systems as compared to common multi-girder bridges. Simple methods for estimating the effects of overloads cannot be defined for these bridges since their structural systems are all unique.

Two detailed analysis examples of ‘complex bridges’ were performed, examining a long span rigid frame bridge and a tied arch bridge, and the results showed that three dimensional analysis should be used to evaluate the effects of overload vehicles.

Summary:

Over 100 different accurate analyses were conducted on multi-girder bridges of various configurations and loadings to evaluate the effect of overload vehicles on the primary structural resisting systems.

New techniques, in the form of two equations, are proposed for estimating the portion of the total moment and shear caused by an overload vehicle that will be resisted by any girder or beam. This technique will allow a quick evaluation of whether a given bridge can carry a proposed overload freight shipment.

Examples are provided to show how the new evaluation methods can easily be used to estimate the forces in bridge girders.

The impact of overload vehicles on diaphragms between girders and on floor deck systems is also described.

Finally, analyses are described for two unusual or “complex” bridges, where the forces in members cannot be easily obtained from generalized simple equations.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Movement of industrial freight infrequently requires special overload vehicles weighing 5 to 6 times the normal legal truck weight to move across highway systems. Figure 1-1 shows one example of a special overload vehicle. The gross vehicle weight of the superload vehicles frequently exceeds 400 kips while the normal interstate legal limit for gross vehicle weight is 80 kips. Examples of the loads carried by the vehicles are pressure vessels and transformers used in power plants, wind turbine components, boilers, military hardware, beams and barges.



Figure 1-1. Special overload vehicle (from Perkins Motor Transport)

Transportation agencies are asked to provide special permits for these vehicles along a specified pathway. Because of the unusual configuration of the vehicles it is difficult for those agencies to evaluate the effect of the vehicles on highway bridges. It is a time consuming job for the local agency since simple analysis methods for determining the effects on bridges subjected to non-standard trucks are not well established and the possibility of errors in estimating the impact of the loads on these structures could affect safety. This research aims to help agencies in evaluating the impact of these vehicles on structures.

Current specifications (AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications, 2007 [1]) that highway authorities use for design and rating of bridges were developed based on selected standard vehicles. Prescriptions for standard load analysis methods from those design specifications are not applicable to the specially configured overload vehicles because of different axle and wheel configurations. Researchers have worked on developing alternate analysis methods for bridges subjected to special overloads.

Previous research studies [2-24] focused on the analysis of bridges subjected to overload vehicles have been explored as listed in the attached references. The scope of previous research, however, was often limited to vehicles weighing less than 400 kips and the focus was also usually limited to the analysis of forces in girders. With heavy overload vehicles the fact that the decks and diaphragms may also be critical components of the bridge must be examined.

1.2. Research objectives

The research objective of this Phase-1 study focuses on development of a simplified analysis method to predict the effects of overload vehicles on parts of a bridge system – including deck, girders, diaphragms, and other major components.

1.3. Research tasks

- 1) Reference study: closely examine previous work on medium and large overload situations, special 3-D analysis techniques, and existing overload vehicle geometries and weights.
- 2) Categorize bridge types for focus of the study and select prototype bridges for detailed modeling and analysis.
- 3) Select a representative set of overload configurations to use in developing a simplified analysis method.
- 4) Develop 3D finite element analysis techniques to analyze bridges under overload vehicles and then validate the developed analysis technique using existing experimental result.
- 5) Conduct detailed analyses of multi-girder prototype bridges as a basis for developing a simplified analysis method.
- 6) Develop simplified analysis methods for predicting overload vehicle effects on bridge girders.
- 7) Provide examples of applying the developed simplified methods for predicting overload vehicle effects on bridge girders.
- 8) Investigate effects of overload vehicles on intermediate diaphragms between girders.
- 9) Develop prescriptions for the configurations of the special overload vehicles to ensure the safety of decks.
- 10) Conduct detailed analyses of a set of “complex” bridges including tied arch and rigid frame bridges.

2. MULTI-GIRDER BRIDGE ANALYSIS

2.1 Categorization of bridge types

The goal of this research is to help transportation authorities to evaluate bridges when issuing permits for overload vehicles by providing a simple load analysis method. Therefore, the method needs to be applicable to the most common bridges and major critical types of bridges. The percentile proportion of different types of bridges in the United States was analyzed to identify the major common types of the bridges as shown in Figure 2-1.

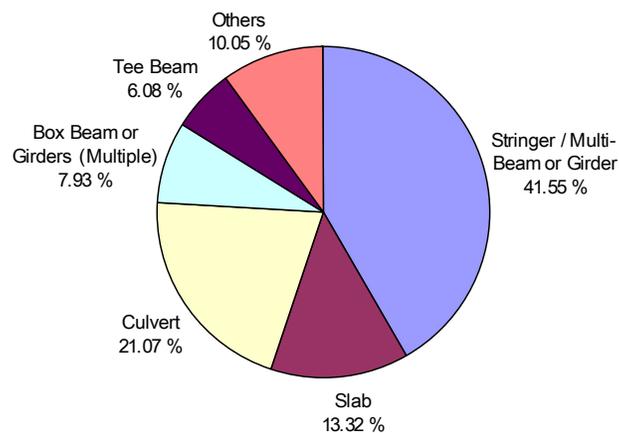


Figure 2-1. Percentile proportion of bridge types in United States as of 2007 (FHWA)

Multi-girder superstructures with concrete decks are clearly the most common bridge type. Our analysis work, therefore, focuses on this type of structure. Girder types in the multi-girder system analysis will include 'I' shape and bulb tee prestressed concrete girders and steel girders. Analysis methods for concrete slab bridges and culverts are already easily applied without development of new techniques.

2.2 Selection of prototype bridges for analysis and development of a simplified analysis method

The ranges of span, girder spacing and deck depth for development of a simplified analysis method were selected based on existing multi-girder bridges in Wisconsin. The distribution of span lengths and girder spacings used in multi-girder bridges in Wisconsin are shown in Figure 2-2 and Figure 2-3. The information in Figures 2-2 and 2-3 was found from an analysis of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) database. After reviewing the database, the range of spans, girder spacings and deck depths selected for this project were: 50 ~ 150 ft. (spans), 5 ~ 14 ft. (spacings), and 6 ~ 12 in. (thickness), respectively.

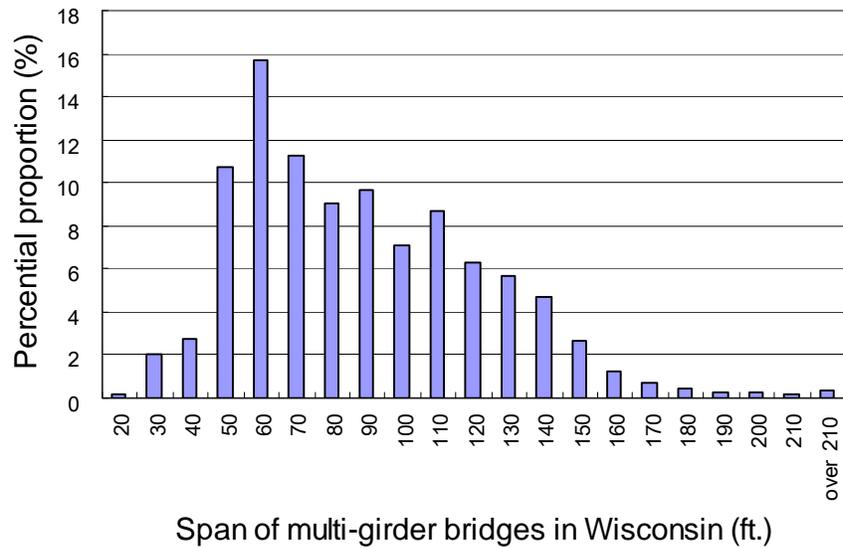


Figure 2-2. Percentile proportions of span of the multi-girder bridges in Wisconsin.

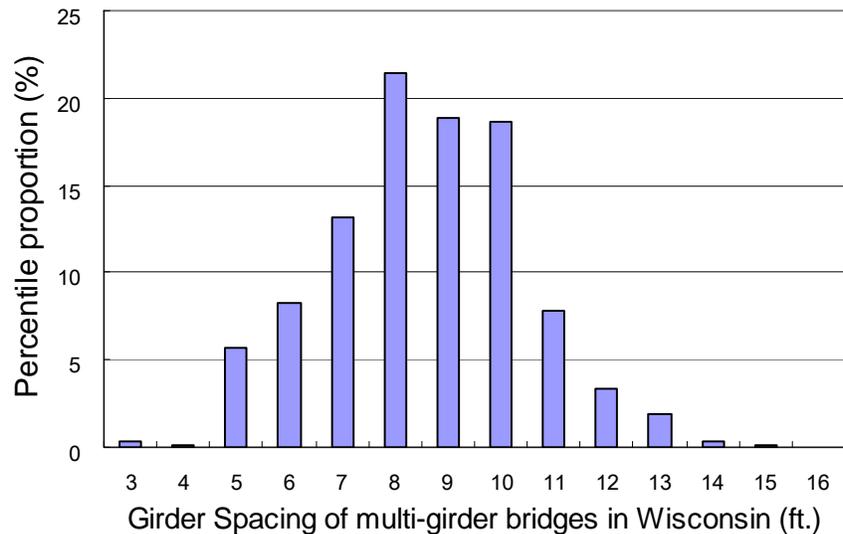


Figure 2-3. Percentile proportions of girder spacing of the multi-girder bridges in Wisconsin.

The stiffness and types of girders are also variables in finding the portion of a lane load carried by a girder, i.e.: girder distribution factor (GDF) equations. The GDF is a key factor for the analysis of girders in multi-girder bridges and development of GDF equations for the special overload vehicles is a critical step to establish a simple analysis method. The four types of girders shown in Figure 2-4 were selected for the multi-girder bridge analyses.

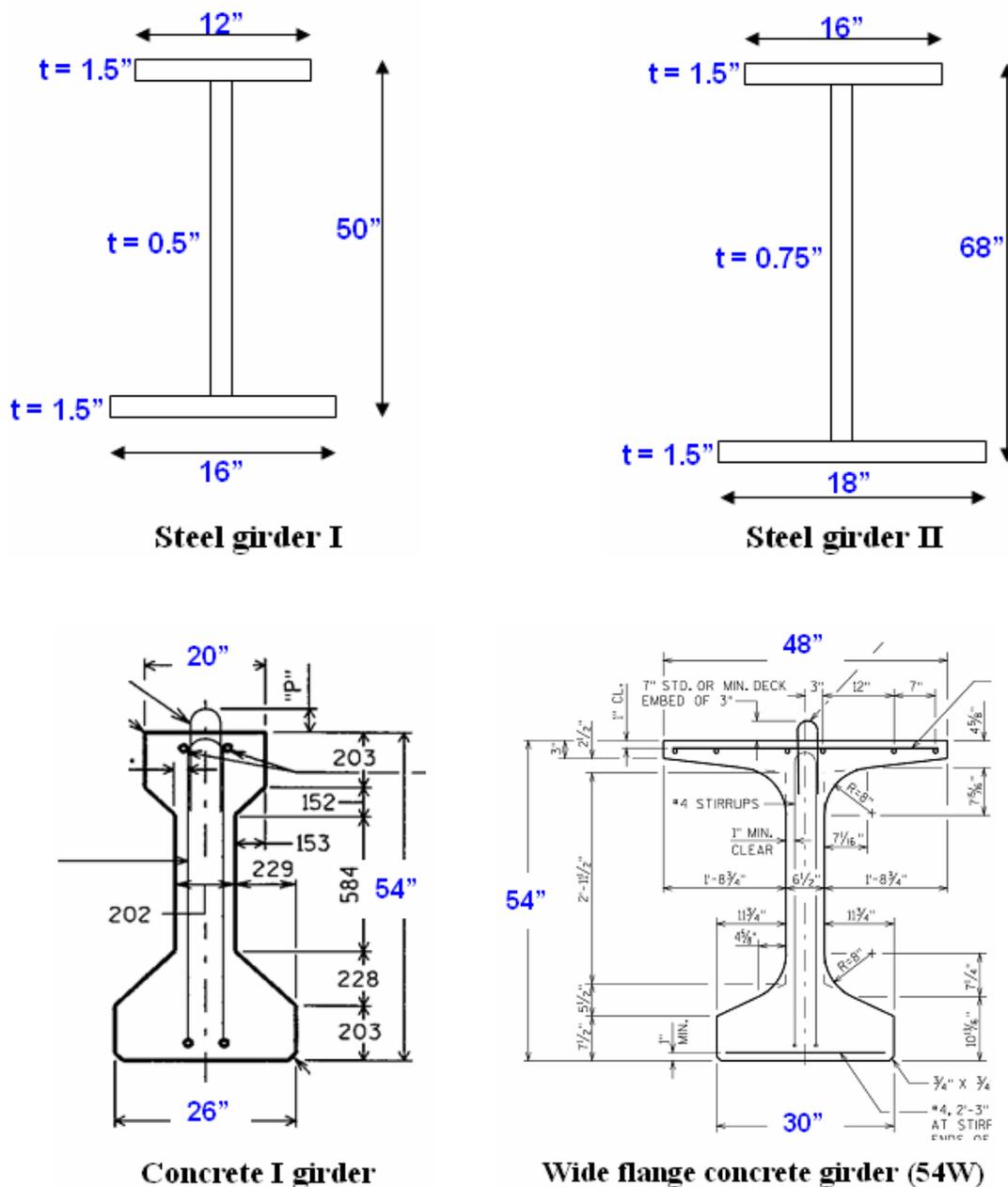


Figure 2-4. Selected girder types for multi-girder analysis.

Three dimensional analyses were performed for the selected representative set of bridges to develop the equations for the GDF load distribution factors of the multi-girder bridges subjected to overload vehicles.

The number of the girders for each bridge was selected as five. Identical girder spacings were used with the different girders in the analyses. The development of GDF equations for overload vehicles based on the analyses of five girder bridges is conservative for bridges with six or more girders. The analyses were focused on finding GDFs of the first interior girder adjacent to the exterior girder where the GDFs are generally the largest.

Adding more interior girders would have little effect. The exterior girder GDFs were excluded in the development of the GDF equations since they can be calculated using a simple lever rule and they are highly dependent on the length of the roadway overhang.

The selected sets of bridge configurations for a specific girder type are listed in Table 2-1. 118 bridges were analyzed using the combinations listed. Detailed configurations of the selected bridges are shown in Tables 2-2 and 2-3.

Table 2-1. Selected configuration sets for bridges in the finite element analyses

Span (ft.)	50, 80, 120 and 150
Girder spacing (ft.)	5, 8, 11 and 14
Deck depth (in.)	6, 9 and 12
Girder type	4 types
Skew (degree)	0, 20, 40, 50 and 60
# of Span	1 and 2
End diaphragm	with end diaphragm and without end diaphragm
Total number of bridges	118 bridges

Table 2-2: List of selected multi-girder bridges for analysis

1. Single span bridges without skew and without diaphragm 23 cases (listed in Table 2-3) 4 cases of girder types (in Figure 2-4)	23 x 4 = 92 Bridges
2. Single span concrete I girder bridges with skew 1) Case 8 in Table 2-3 4 cases of skew angles (20, 40, 50, 60 degree) 2 Cases for end diaphragm (with and without end diaphragm)	4 x 2 = 8 Bridges
2) Case 14 in Table 2-3 2 Cases of Skew angles (40, 60 degrees) 1 Cases of end diaphragm (without end diaphragm)	2 x 1 = 2 Bridges
3. 2 span concrete I girder bridges without skew 4 Cases (Case 19, 2, 8, 20 in Table 2-3) 2 Cases for end diaphragm (with and without end diaphragm)	4 x 2 = 8 Bridges
4. Single span concrete I girder bridges with end diaphragm 8 Cases (Case 19, 2, 8, 20, 21, 6, 22, 23 in Table 2-3) 1 Cases of end diaphragm (with end diaphragm)	8 x 1 = 8 Bridges
Total number of bridges: 92 + 8 + 2 + 8 + 8 = 118 Bridges	

Table 2-3. List of configurations for selected multi-girder bridges with single span without skew and diaphragm.

Set 1: Variable = deck depth			
Case ID	Span (ft.)	Girder spacing (ft.)	Deck depth (in.)
1	80	8	6
2	80	8	9
3	80	8	12
4	80	11	6
5	80	11	9
6	80	11	12
7	120	8	6
8	120	8	9
9	120	8	12
Set 2: Variable = girder spacing			
Case ID	Span (ft.)	Girder spacing (ft.)	Deck depth (in.)
10	80	5	6
1	80	8	6
4	80	11	6
11	80	14	6
12	80	5	9
2	80	8	9
5	80	11	9
13	80	14	9
14	120	5	9
8	120	8	9
15	120	11	9
16	120	14	9
Set 3: Variable = span			
Case ID	Span (ft.)	Girder spacing (ft.)	Deck depth (in.)
17	50	8	6
1	80	8	6
7	120	8	6
18	150	8	6
19	50	8	9
2	80	8	9
8	120	8	9
20	150	8	9
21	50	11	12
6	80	11	12
22	120	11	12
23	150	11	12

2.3 Selection of a representative set of overload vehicle configurations

Representative sets of overload vehicles in appropriate configurations were needed to conduct the analyses. Initial information on the configuration of overload vehicles was collected from major carriers, references and WisDOT. There were two major types of overload vehicles described, i.e. single lane trailers and dual lane trailers. Transverse wheel spacings of the truck trailers selected for the analyses are shown in Figure 2-5. The spacings shown in the figure may vary by a couple of inches depending on the trailer type. This variation would not significantly affect the analysis results. The transverse spacing between the centers of the middle dual wheels for a dual lane trailer were selected as 2 ft., 6 ft. and 10 ft. for the analysis.

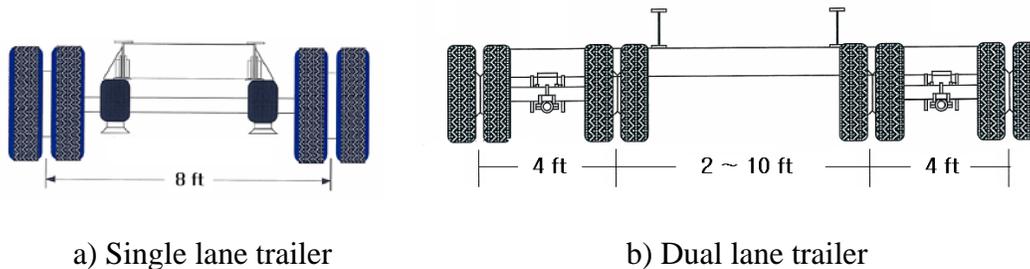


Figure 2-5. Transverse wheel spacing of the single lane and dual lane trailers

The representative configuration and longitudinal axle spacing of the vehicles were selected based on collected overload vehicle measurement data. The most and the least intensive loadings in the longitudinal direction were selected for the single lane trailer loading and the dual lane trailer loading cases. The longitudinal axle configurations of the selected vehicles are shown in Figure 2-6.

The load configurations resulted in 16 load cases [2 maximum load cases (moment and shear) x 2 cases of different axle spacing (as shown in Figure 2-6) x 4 cases of transverse wheel spacing (1 case for single lane trailer and 3 cases for dual lane trailer)].

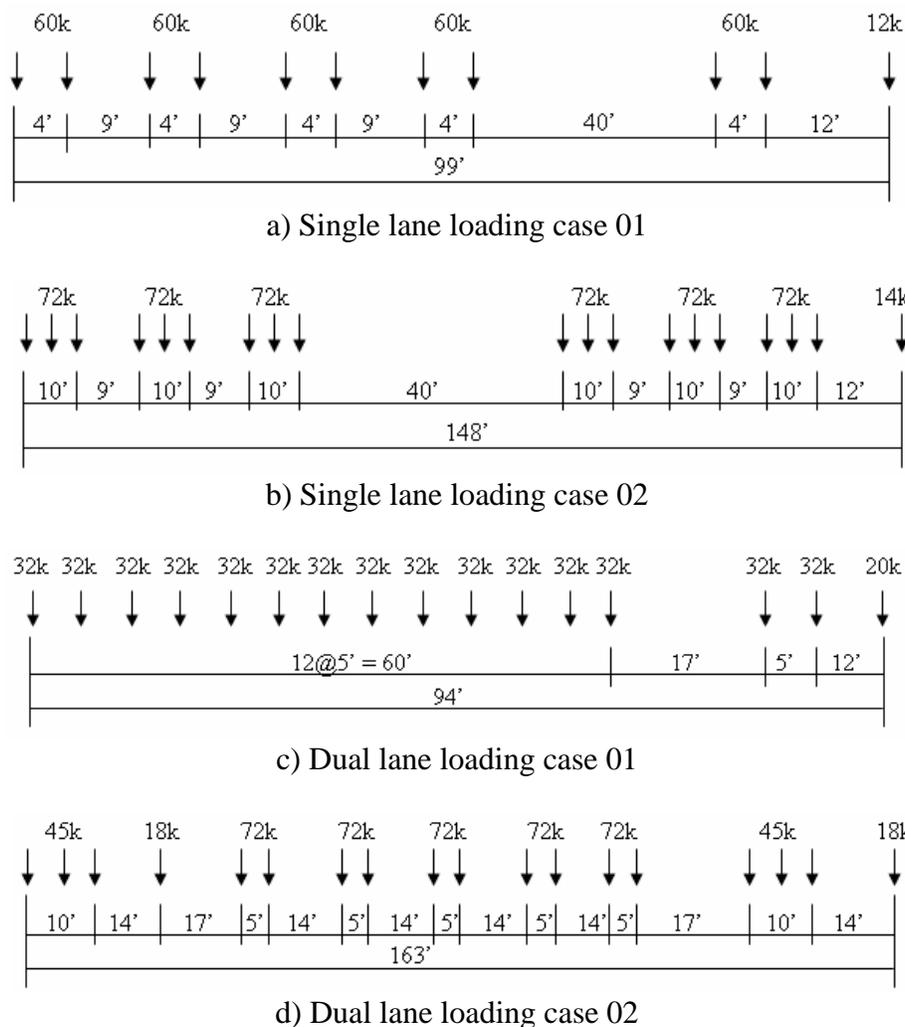
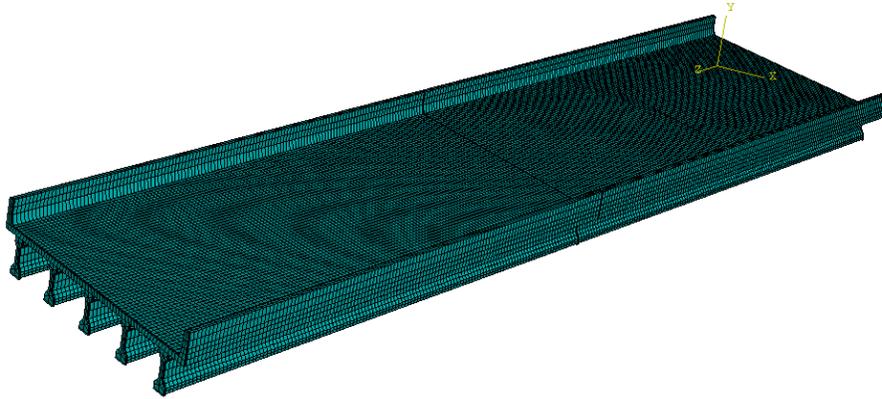


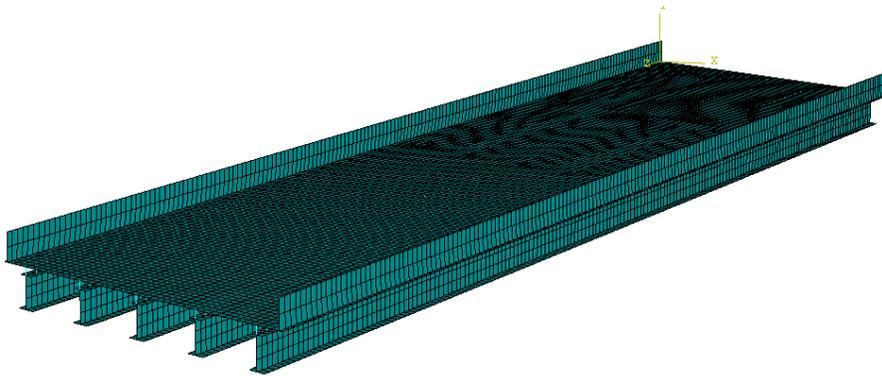
Figure 2-6. Axle spacing of selected overload vehicles for future analysis

2.4 Development of 3D finite element analysis technique and validation

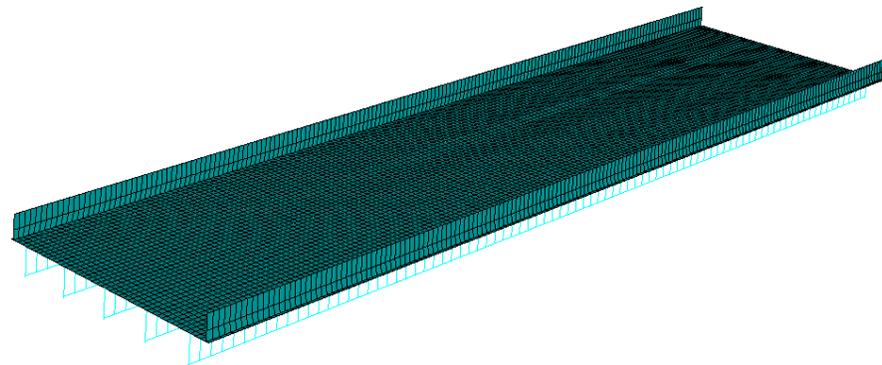
Finite element schemes for analyzing the bridge configurations were selected and needed to be verified. The load testing of Bridge B-20-134 done by the University of Missouri – Rolla with the University of Wisconsin [25] was selected for the verification. Two finite element software packages, ABAQUS and SAP2000, and three modeling schemes were used to simulate the bridge testing. The finite element modeling schemes are shown in Figure 2-7 and the results of the analyses with comparison to experimental results are shown in Figure 2-8.



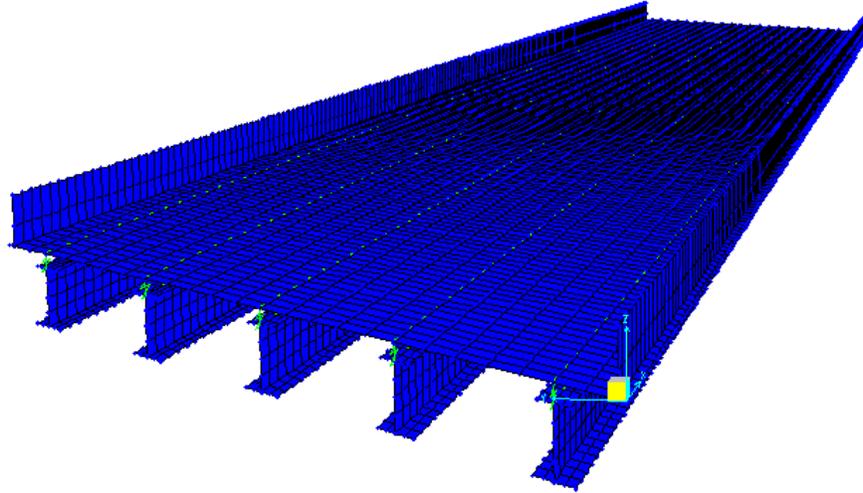
(a) Solid modeling using ABAQUS



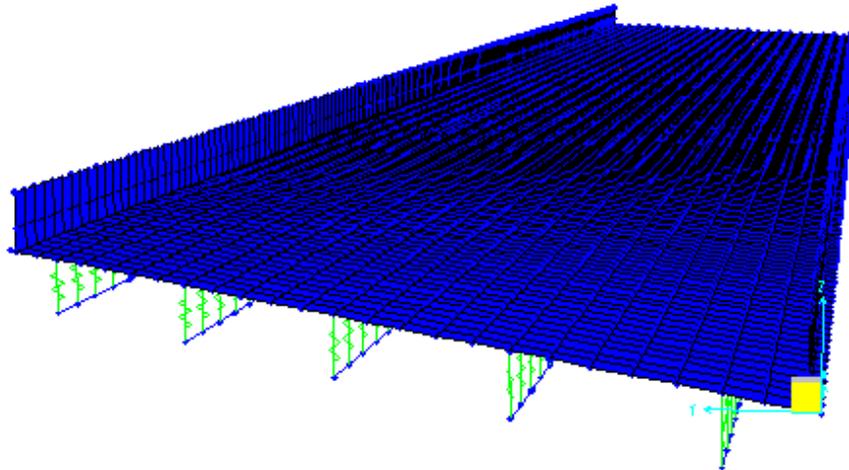
(b) Shell modeling using ABAQUS



(c) Shell (deck) + Frame (girder) modeling using ABAQUS



(d) Shell modeling using SAP2000



(e) Shell (deck) + Frame (girder) modeling using SAP2000

Figure 2-7. Finite element modeling for verification of FEM analysis technique

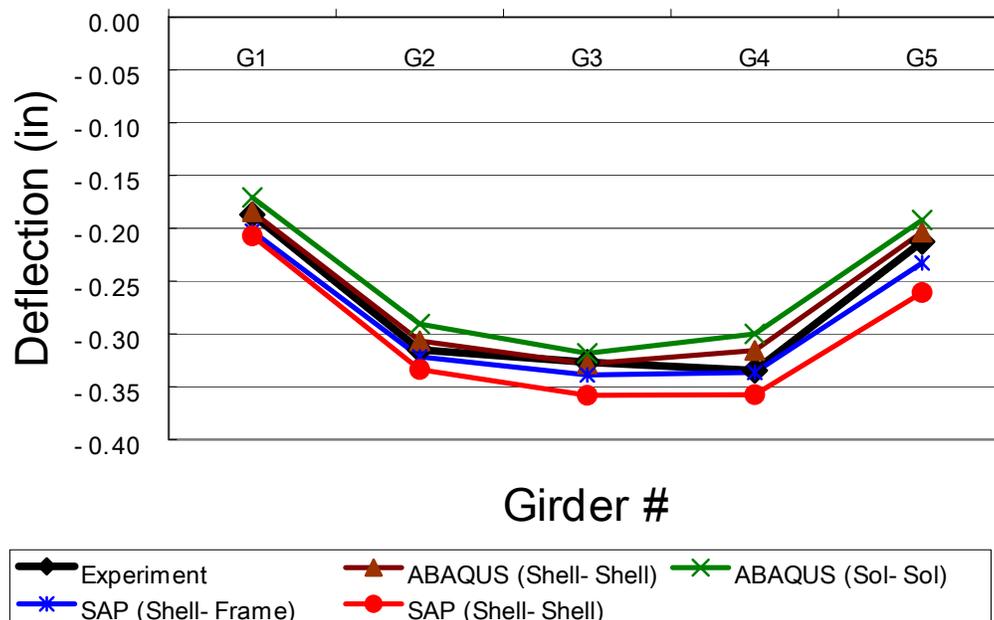


Figure 2-8. Results of finite element analysis for verification of FEM analysis technique

The results shown in Figure 2-8 indicate that finite element analysis can predict the behavior of the bridge with relatively high accuracy. The Shell (deck) + Frame (girder) model using SAP2000 was selected for the overload studies since the model showed an accurate result while being relatively simple.

2.5 Analysis of multi-girder prototype bridges

The main purpose of the multi-girder analysis is to find equations for the live load distribution factor (girder distribution factor, GDF) for the girders when subjected to the unusual overload vehicles. The GDF as defined by AASHTO is the proportion of a total lane live load distributed to a single girder and it is a key factor in the analysis of bridges. The GDF for standard design truck loadings can be calculated using AASHTO prescriptions but it is unclear whether the same approach will work for non-standard vehicles such as the overload vehicles.

A modeling example of a bridge under a single tractor with dual trailer loading is shown in Figure 2-9.

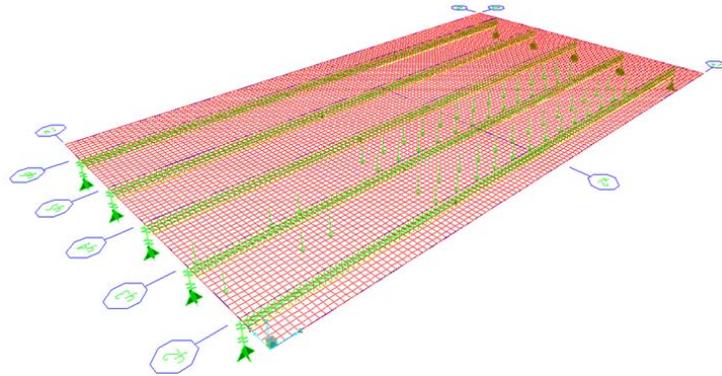
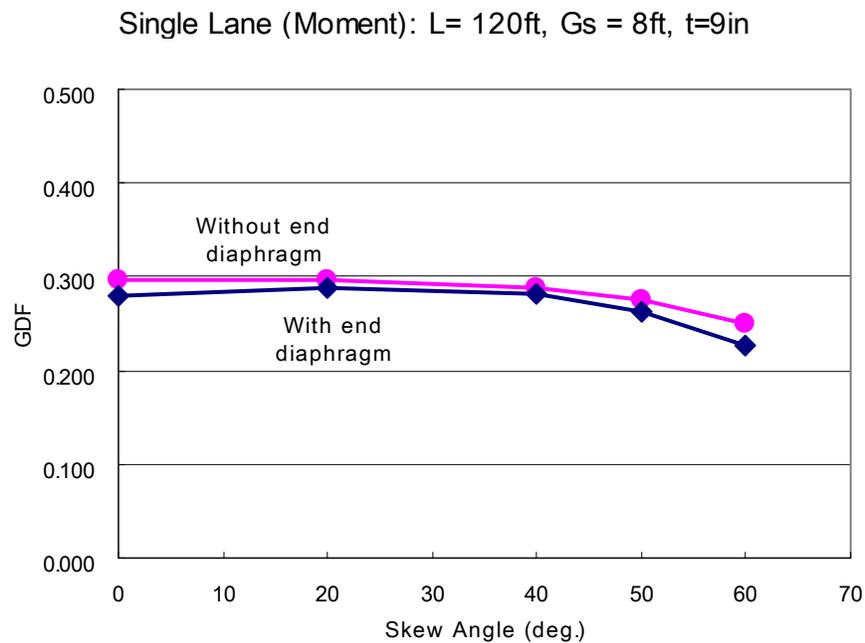
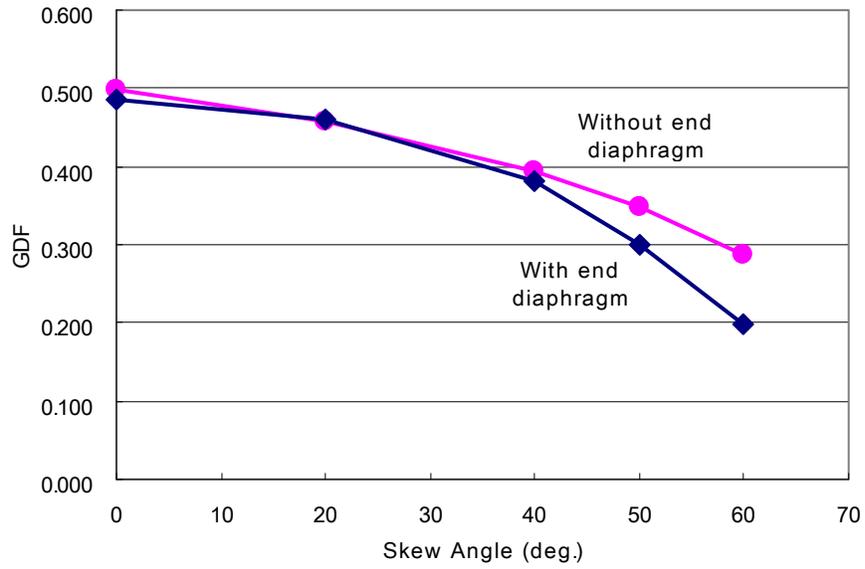


Figure 2-9. Three dimensional finite element modeling example

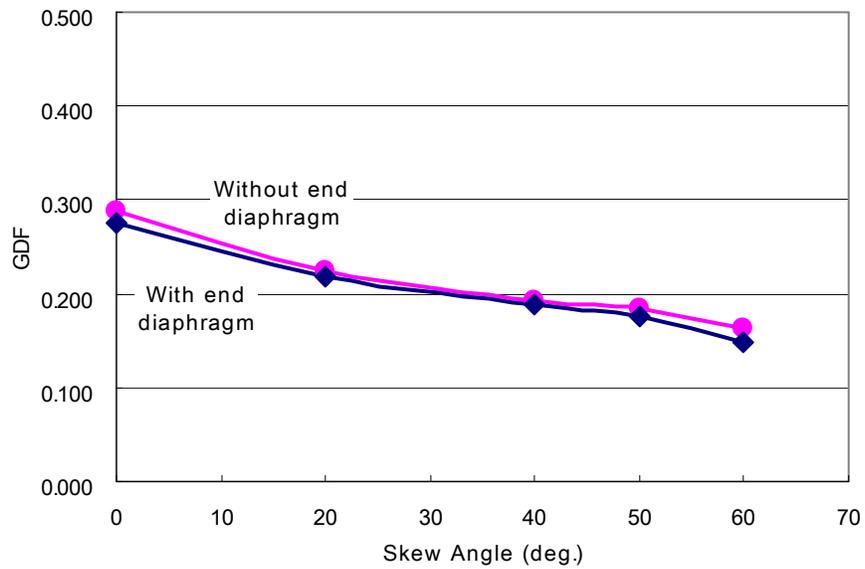
Analyses of 10 single span concrete I girder bridges with skew were performed to develop GDFs for bridges with skew. The analysis results for the case-8 bridge configurations in Table 2-3 with different skews are shown in the plots of Figure 2-10. The GDFs decrease as the skew angle increases. This was more evident for the shear GDFs and the dual lane loading case. The results without end diaphragm showed higher GDFs compared to those with end diaphragms which indicates that the result without end diaphragm will provide conservative load predictions in girders. The results were used in developing simplified GDF equations for overload vehicles.



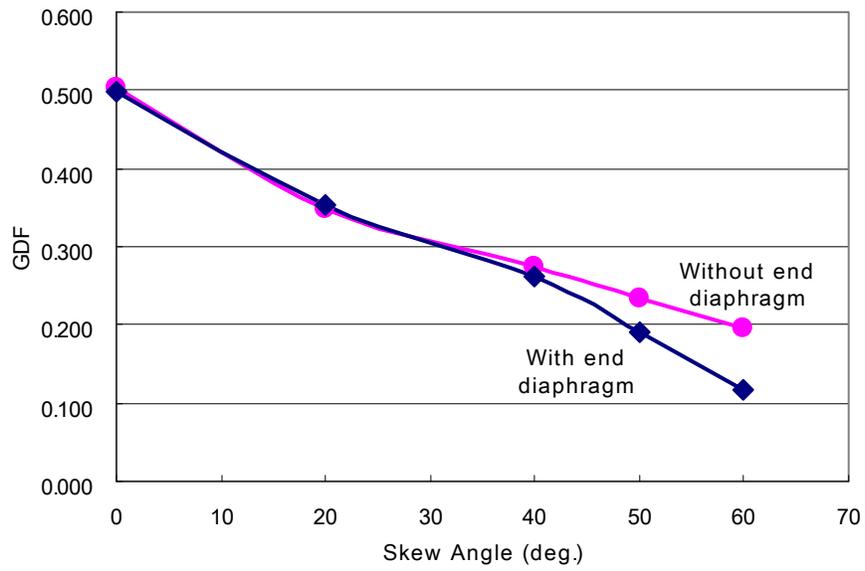
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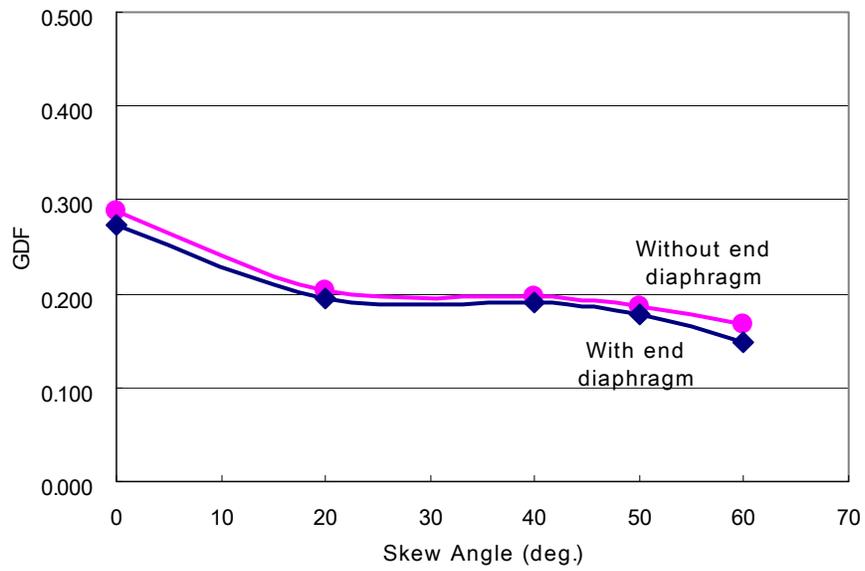
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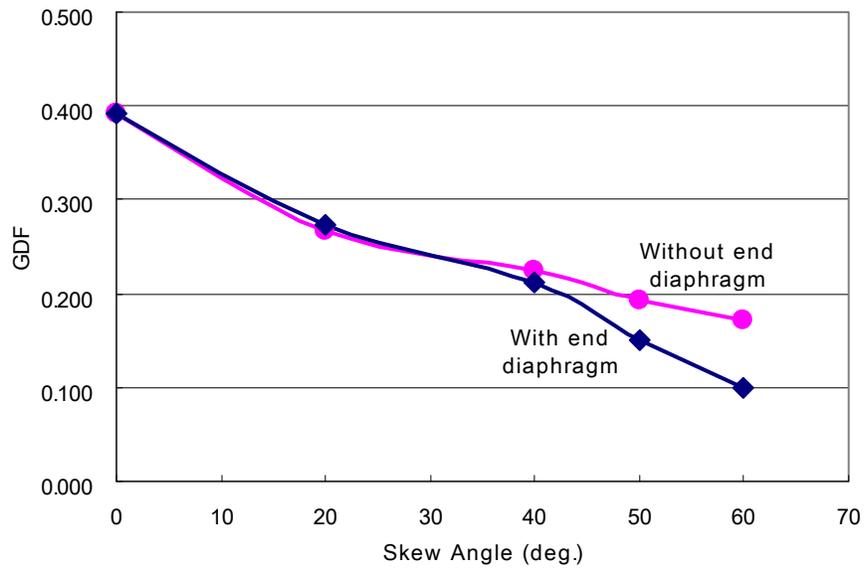
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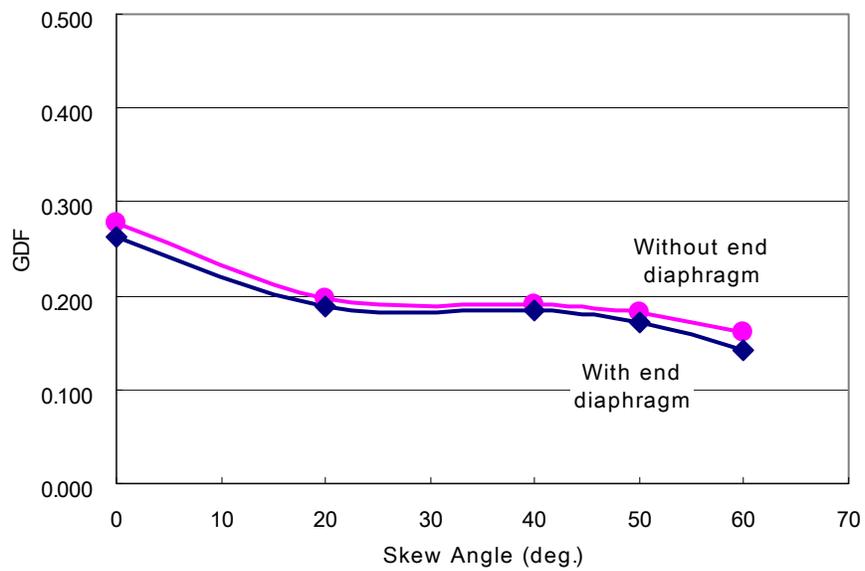
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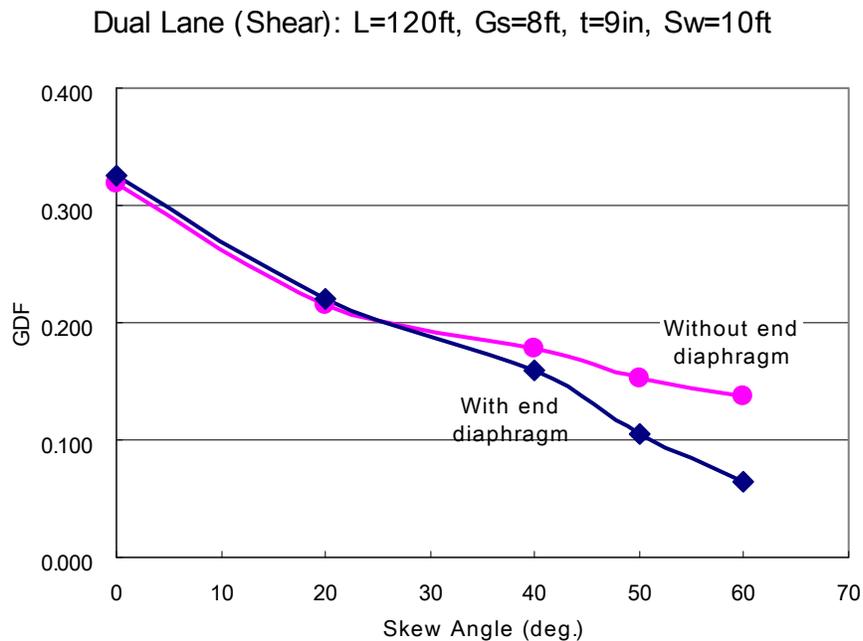


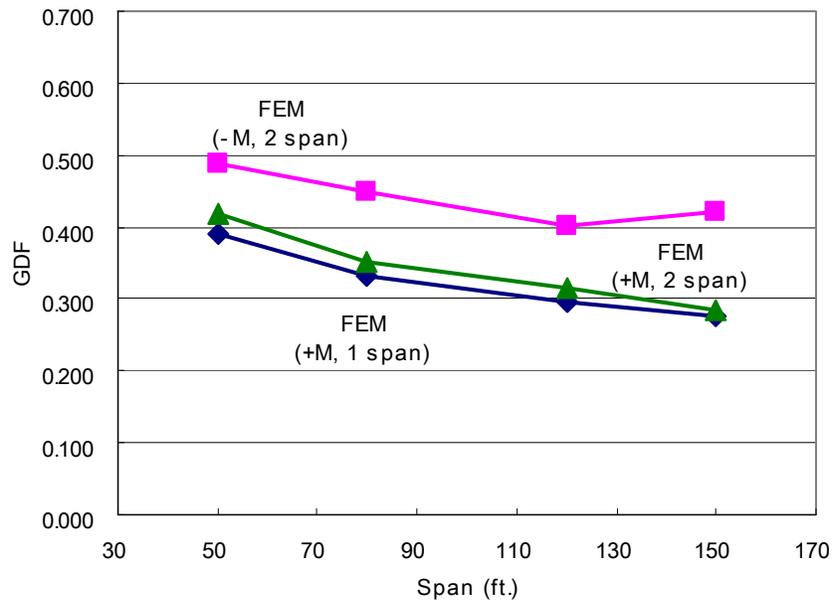
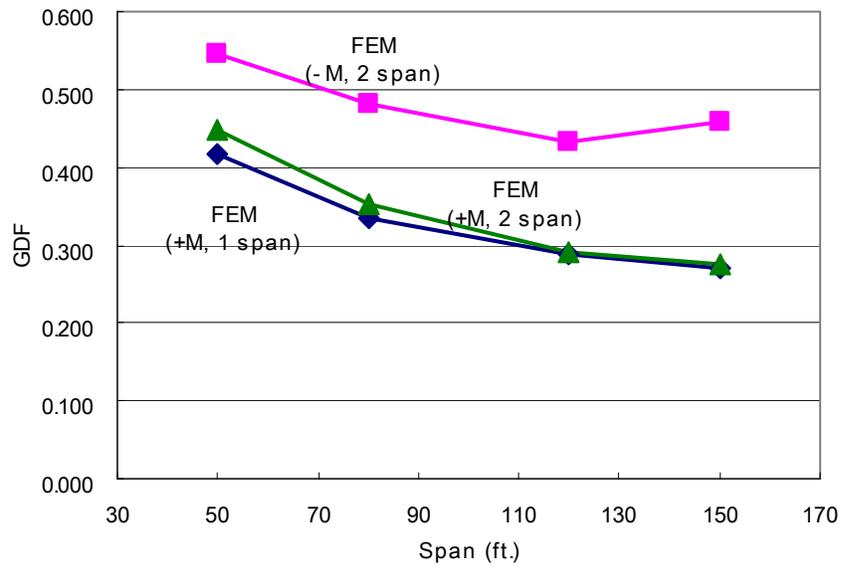
Figure 2-10. Girder distribution factors of single span concrete I girder bridges with skew under overload vehicle (Case-8 bridge configurations in Table 2-3)

(L = span length, Gs = spacing of girders, t = deck depth and S_w = transverse spacing of center wheels).

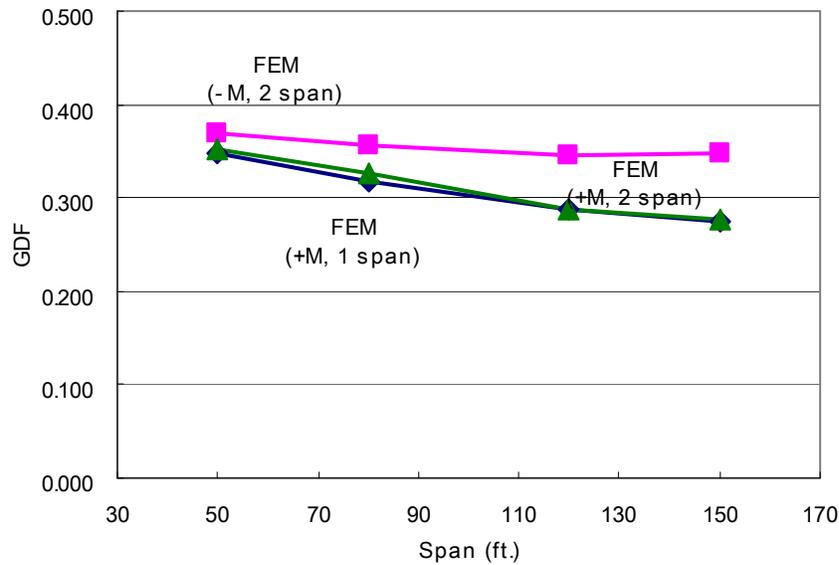
Analysis of 8 multi span concrete I girder bridges without skew was performed to expand the applicability of the GDF equations to general multi span bridges. The analysis focused on the positive moment GDF near the center of span and the negative moment GDF near the location of piers in multi span bridges. The analysis results without end diaphragms are shown in the plots of Figure 2-11.

The positive moment GDFs for 2 span bridges in Figure 2-11 did not show significant difference compared with those of single span bridges, while the negative moment GDFs of 2 span bridges were -23% to 52 % higher than the positive moment GDFs of the single span bridges. The results were considered in developing GDF equations.

The comparison of analyses without end diaphragms and with end diaphragms is shown in Figure 2-12 for negative moment GDFs. The results without end diaphragms showed higher GDFs compared to those with end diaphragm in most of the cases which indicates that the result without end diaphragm would be conservative if applied to all bridges.

Single Lane (Moment): $G_s = 8\text{ft}$, $t = 9\text{ in}$ Dual Lane (Moment): $G_s = 8\text{ft}$, $t = 9\text{ in}$, $W_s = 2\text{ft}$ 

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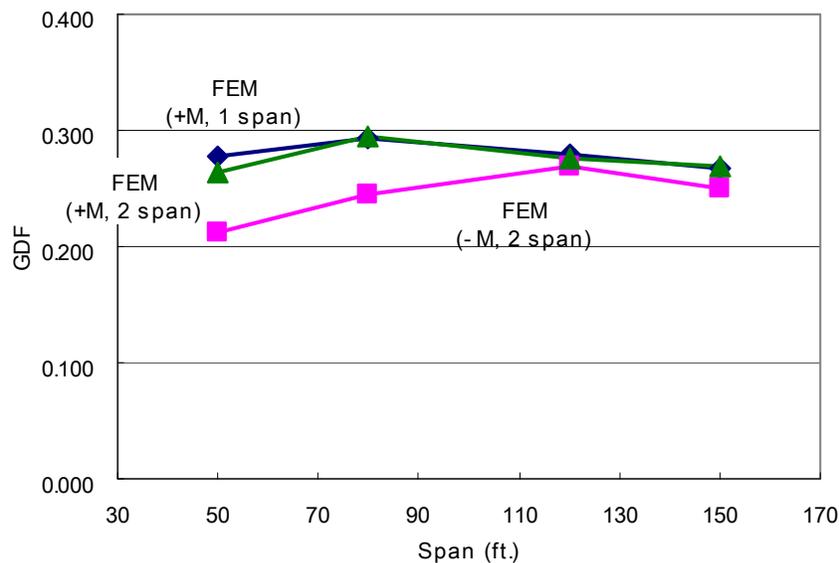
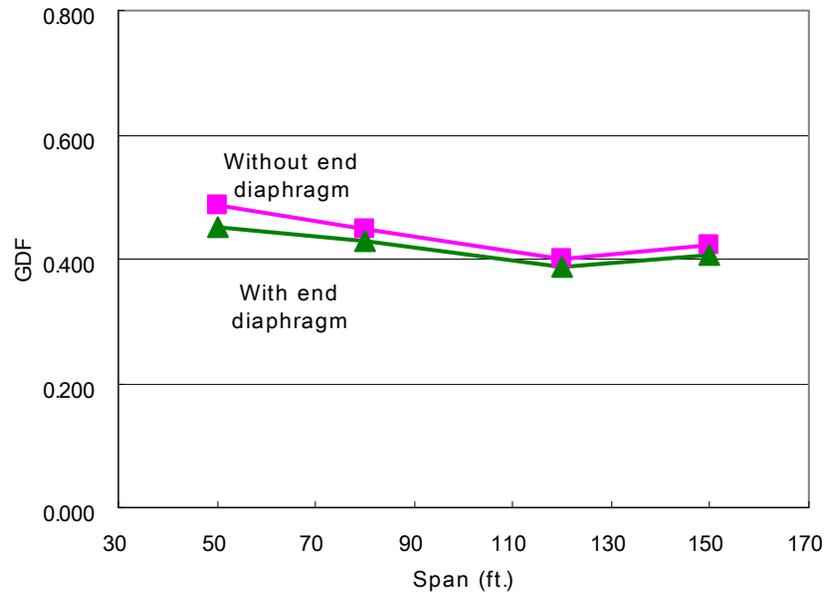
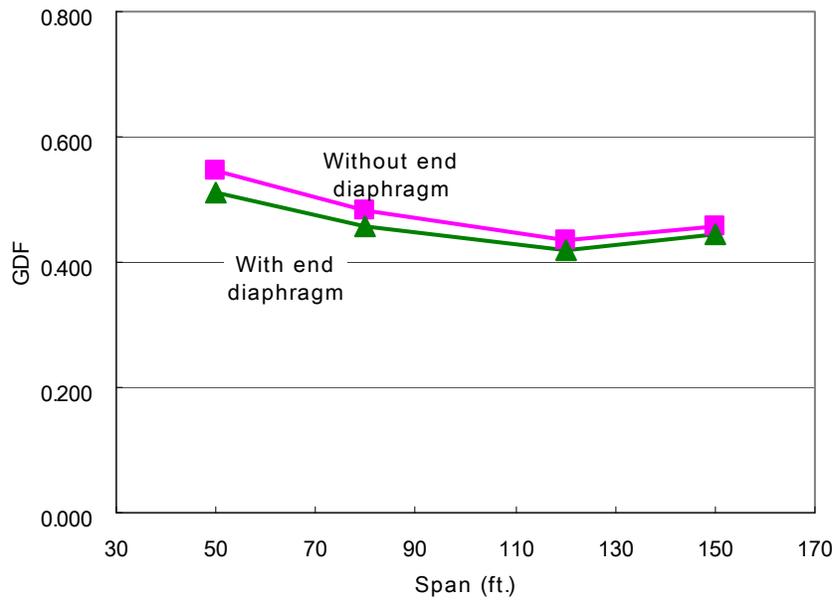


Figure 2-11. Positive and negative moment girder distribution factors for 2 span concrete I girder bridges without skew and comparison with positive moment girder distribution factors for single span bridges without end diaphragm under over load vehicles. (G_s = spacing of girders, t = deck depth and W_s = transverse spacing of center wheels).

Single Lane (Moment): $G_s = 8\text{ft}$, $t = 9\text{ in}$ Dual Lane (Moment): $G_s = 8\text{ft}$, $t = 9\text{ in}$, $W_s = 2\text{ft}$ 

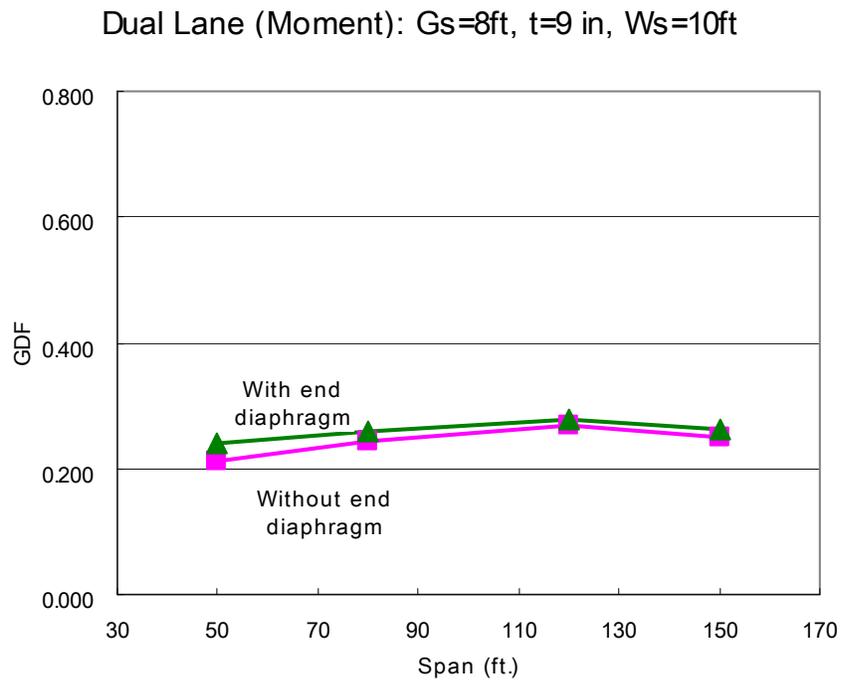
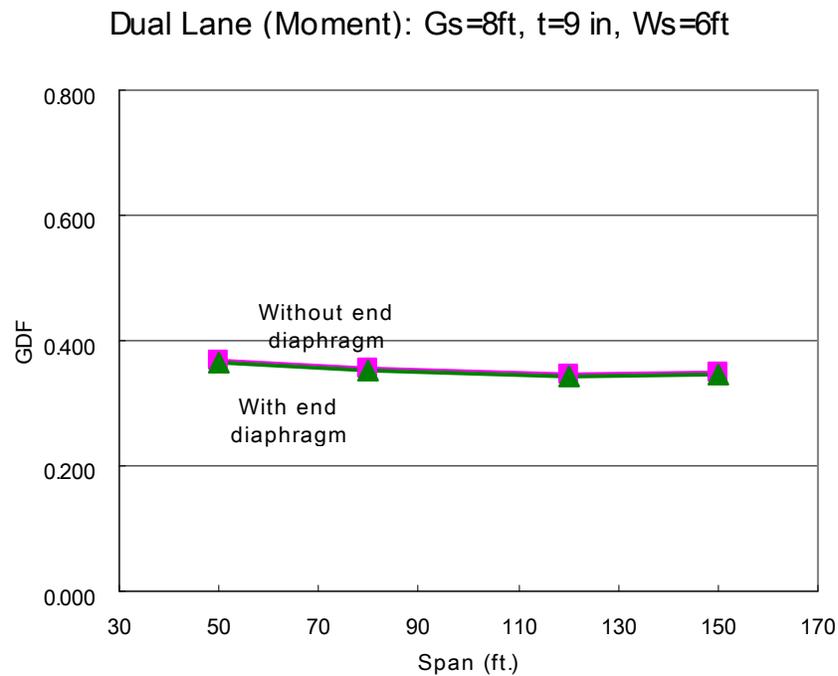


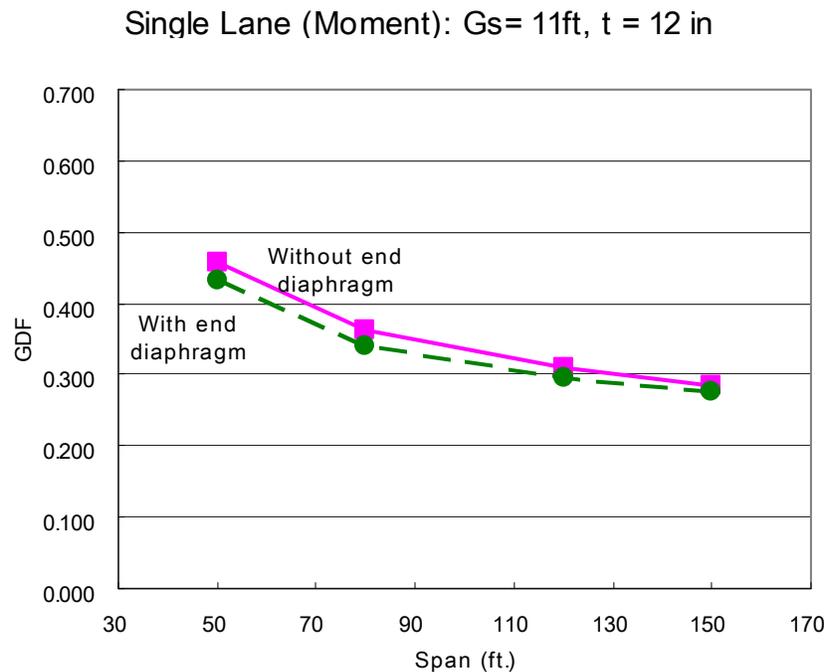
Figure 2-12. Negative moment girder distribution factors for 2 span concrete I girder bridges without skew under overload vehicle, comparing cases with end diaphragms and those without end diaphragms. (G_s = spacing of girders, t = deck depth and W_s = transverse spacing of center wheels).

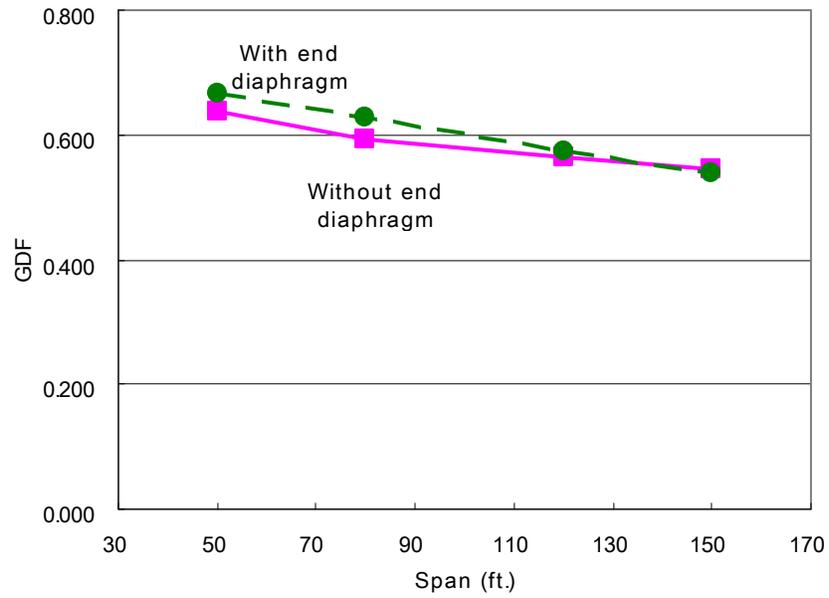
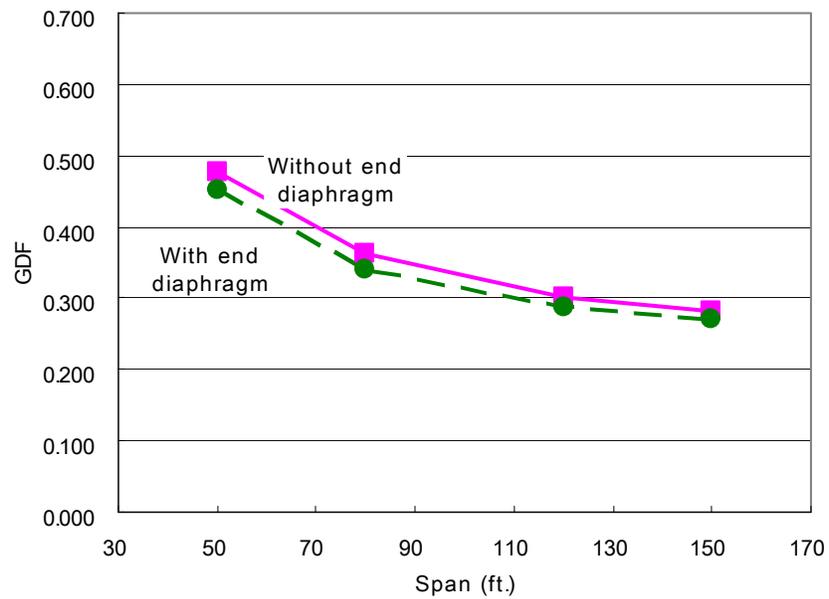
The analysis results shown in Figure 2-10 (bridges with skew) and Figure 2-12 (2 span bridges) indicated that the analysis without an end diaphragm predicts higher GDFs than when diaphragms are used.

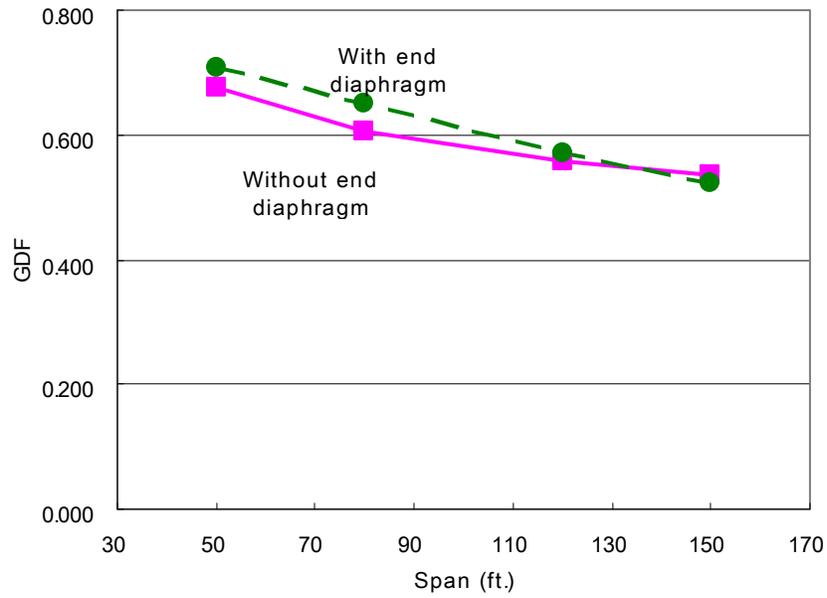
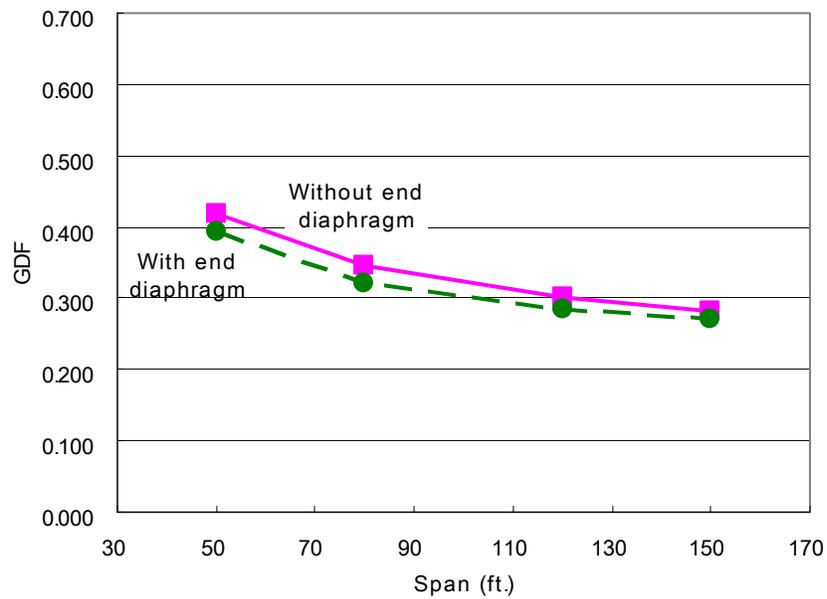
Eight additional analyses of single span concrete I girder bridges without skew were performed for cases 19, 2, 8, 20, 21, 6, 22 and 23 in Table 2-3, with end diaphragms, for further investigation of the effects of the end diaphragms. The analysis results are shown in Figure 2-13 with comparison to the cases without end diaphragm. The results show that the moment GDFs are larger without diaphragms while the shear force GDFs are more dependent on span length than on diaphragms.

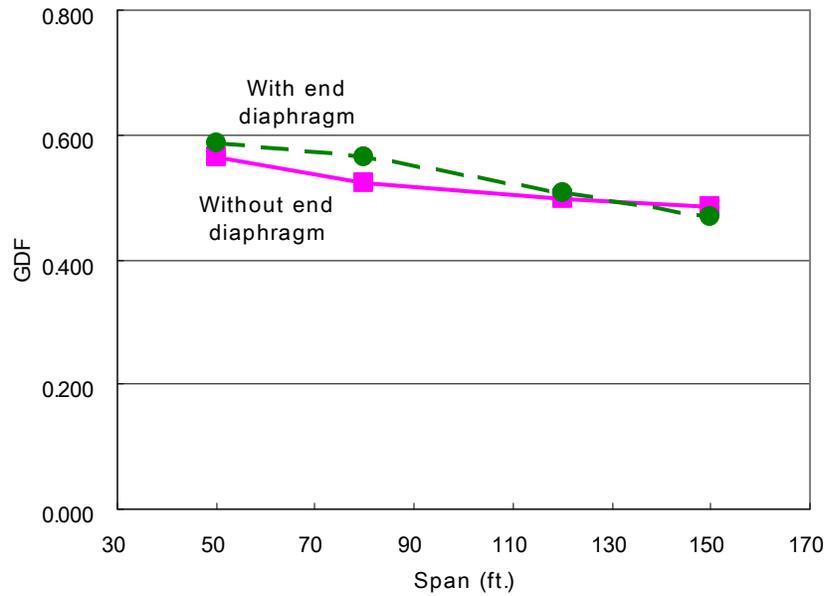
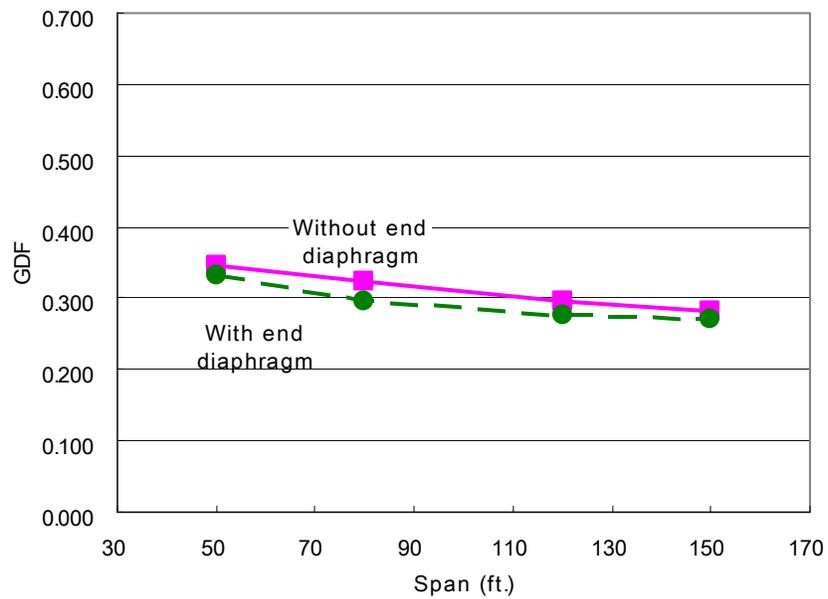
The Moment GDFs found from analysis of concrete girder bridges without end diaphragms were 2.9 ~ 9.6 % higher than those with end diaphragms. The shear force GDFs found from analysis without end diaphragm were 7.7 ~ -7.0 % higher than those with end diaphragms.

The effects of the end diaphragms on the GDFs found for steel girder bridges are smaller since the stiffness of steel end diaphragms in steel girder bridges is lower than the typical concrete diaphragms in concrete girder bridges.



Single Lane (Shear): $G_s = 11\text{ft}$, $t = 12\text{ in}$ Dual Lane (Moment): $G_s = 11\text{ ft}$, $t = 12\text{ in}$, $Sw = 2\text{ ft}$ 

Dual Lane (Shear): $G_s=11$ ft, $t=12$ in, $Sw=2$ ftDual Lane (Moment): $G_s=11$ ft, $t=12$ in, $Sw=6$ ft

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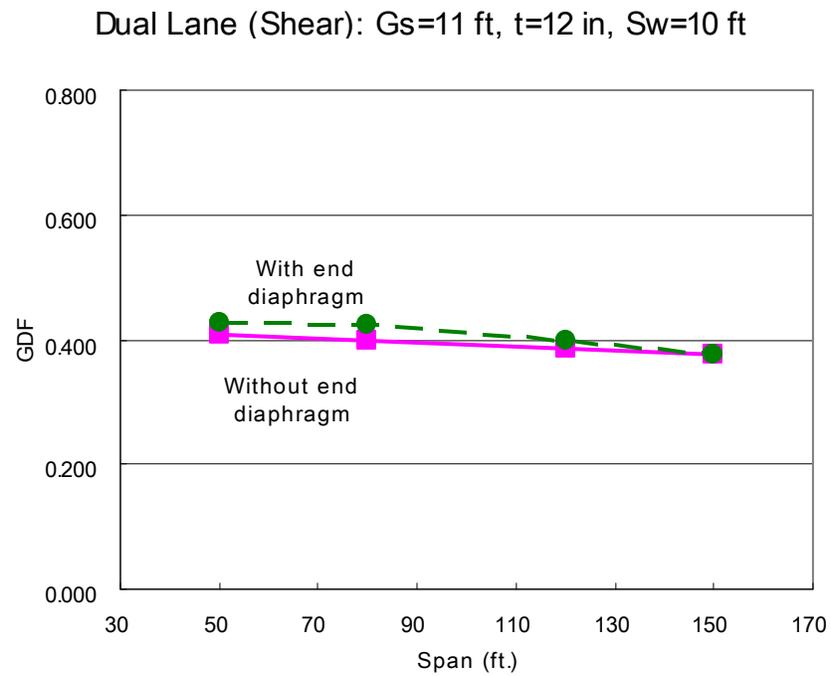


Figure 2-13. Comparison of cases with end diaphragms and those without end diaphragms for single span concrete I girder bridges without skew. (G_s = spacing of girders, t = deck depth and S_w = transverse spacing of center wheels).

3. DEVELOPMENT OF A SIMPLIFIED ANALYSIS METHOD

3.1 Limitations for using the developed GDF equations

The following limitations were assumed in developing simplified GDF equations.

- 1) The equations shall be only used to find moment or shear force GDFs for multi-girder bridges with four or more equally spaced girders.
- 2) The equations shall be only used to find moment or shear force GDFs for interior girders. The lever rule should be used to find the GDFs for the exterior girders since they depend strongly on the roadway overhang.
- 3) The equations may be used to find GDFs for one of the following overload vehicles.
 - Single lane overload vehicle with 8 ft. or wider transverse wheel spacing.
 - Dual lane overload vehicle with 4 ft. or wider exterior transverse wheel spacing and 2 ~ 10 ft. interior transverse wheel spacings.
- 5) The range of the bridge span shall be 40 ~ 160 ft.
- 6) The range of the girder spacing shall be 5 ~ 15 ft.
- 7) The range of the deck depth shall be 6 ~ 13 in.
- 8) The multiple presence factor in AASHTO Bridge Design Specifications shall not be applied.
- 9) The dynamic allowance in AASHTO Bridge Design Specifications shall not be applied.

3.2 Developed GDF equations for overload

The GDF equations for multi-girder bridges subjected to overload vehicles were developed based on the results from the 118 multi-girder bridge analyses. Various configurations of multi-girder bridges and overload vehicles, i.e. span length, deck depth, girder spacing, girder type, girder stiffness, skew angle, number of spans, diaphragms, transverse spacing of center wheels for dual lane vehicles, and single lane and dual lane overload vehicles, were considered in the development.

The equations were developed on the assumptions that the dynamic load allowance for the overload vehicles is 0% by restricting the velocity of the overload vehicles to be less than 5 mph. The multiple presence factors in the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications [1] should not be used; they are already explicitly included in the GDFs and should not be applied separately. It is assumed that only one overload vehicle will be on a bridge at a time.

The new simplified equations for load distribution factors in bridges with overload were developed by curve fitting with the analysis data. The simplified methods for calculating GDFs are shown in Equations 1&2 with information from Tables 3-1 and 3-2.

$$\text{Single lane trailer: } CR S^a L^b t^c K_g^d \times (\text{AASHTO equation}) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Dual lane trailer: } CR S^a L^b t^c K_g^d S_w^e \times (\text{AASHTO equation}) \quad (2)$$

The “(AASHTO equation)” refers to the standard AASHTO LRFD [1] distribution factor equations taken from Table T4.6.2.2.2b-1 for moment and Table 4.6.2.2.3a-1 for shear. The AASHTO single lane loaded equation is used with the single lane trailer factors and the AASHTO two or more lane loaded equation is used with the dual lane trailer factors in Eq 1&2.

The variables in the equations are identical to those used in the AASHTO equations for moment distribution factors (AASHTO LRFD T4.6.2.2.2b-1)

S = Girder spacing (ft),

L = Span (ft),

t = Deck depth (in),

$K_g = n(I + Ae_g)$ = Longitudinal stiffness parameter (in⁴),

$n = E_B / E_D$, I = Moment of inertia of girder (in⁴),

A = Cross-sectional area of girder (in²),

e_g = Distance between the centers of gravity of the basic girder and deck (in), and

S_w = Spacing of interior wheels for dual lane overload vehicle (ft.).

Table 3-1: Constants and exponents for developed GDF equations for overload vehicles

		C	a	b	c	d	e
Single lane loading	Moment	1.61	-0.21	0.02	0.02	-0.03	-
	Shear	0.72	0.14	-0.09	-0.08	0.03	-
Dual lane loading	Moment	1.70	-0.22	0.04	0.19	-0.08	-0.14
	Shear	2.03	0.06	-0.25	-0.12	0.03	-0.28

Table 3-2: R factor for developed GDF equation for overload vehicles

		R
Negative moment GDF (for single lane and dual lane loading)		1.3
Bridges with Skew* (θ = skew angle)	Moment GDF for single lane loading	$1 - 0.05 \tan^2 \theta$
	Shear GDF for single lane loading	$1 - 0.23 \tan \theta$
	Moment GDF for dual lane loading	$1 + 0.19 \tan^2 \theta - 0.55 \tan \theta$
	Shear GDF for dual lane loading	$1 + 0.25 \tan^2 \theta - 0.76 \tan \theta$
All other cases		1.0

* Valid for $\theta = 0^\circ \sim 60^\circ$

The new equations were developed in a manner to insure that the predicted GDFs would not be less than those obtained from accurate FEM analysis, i.e. on the safe side. The predicted distribution factors were on average 113% of the values from the FEM analysis results, showing that the equation is conservative (predicting higher girder loading than the FEM). The standard deviation was 9.5 %. The relationship between the GDFs using the developed equation and those using the finite element analyses is shown in Figure 3-1.

The bold line in the figure indicates the expected result if the two analyses matched perfectly. Most of the data points in the figure are at the upper side of the bold line indicating that the analysis using the developed equations is conservative (predict larger GDFs than the FEM).

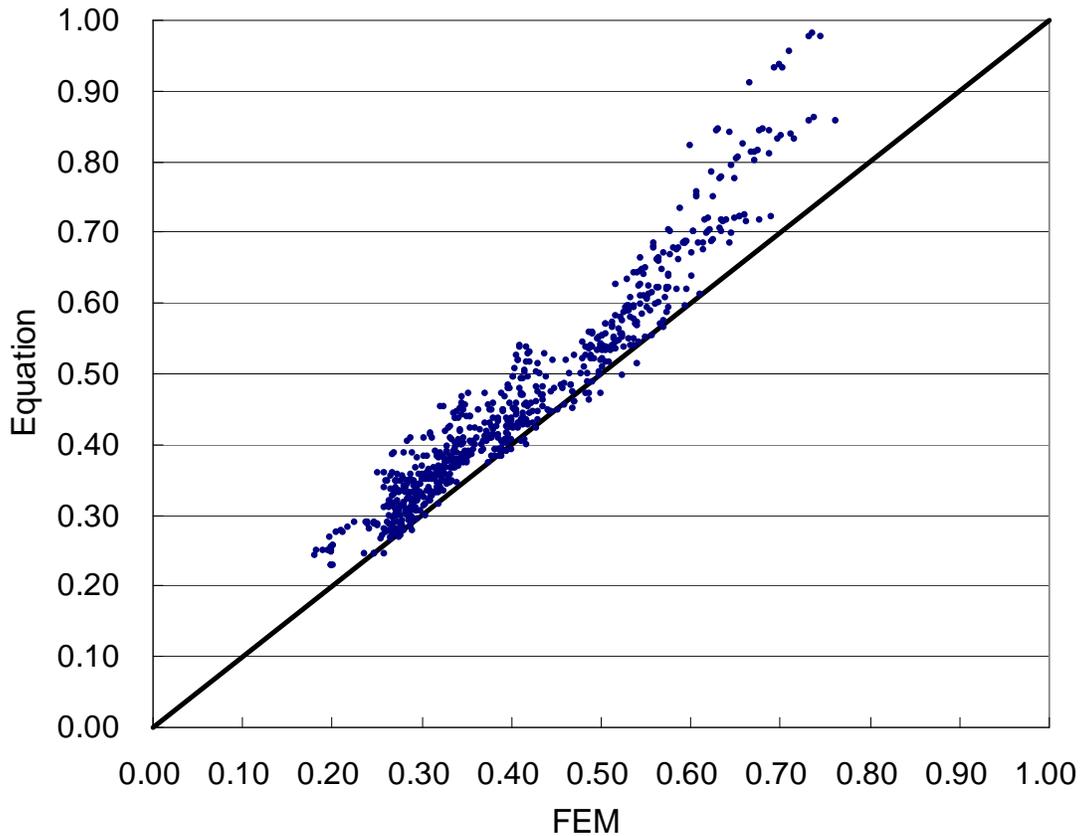


Figure 3-1. Comparison of GDFs calculated from the developed equation with the finite element analysis results

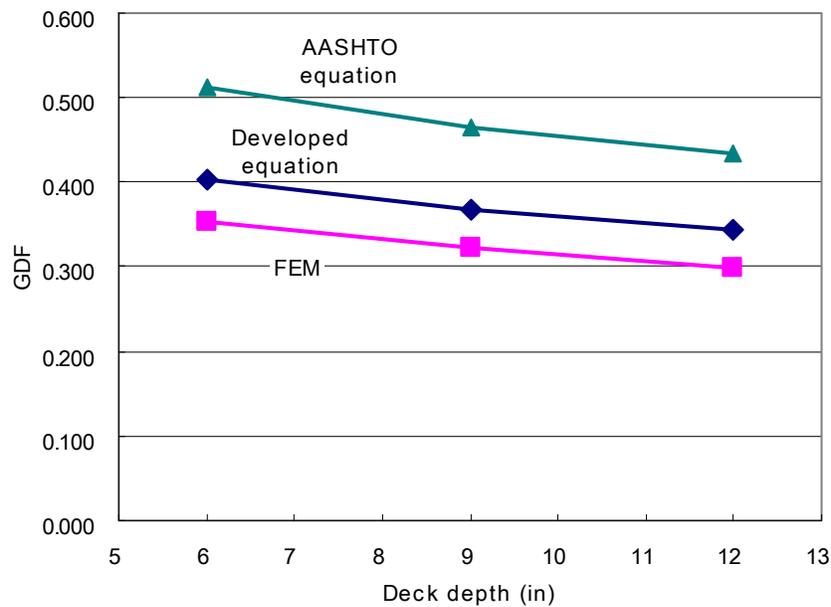
A comparison of the GDFs for single span bridges subjected to single lane vehicles calculated from the developed equations with those from the standard AASHTO GDF equations and from the finite element analyses (without end diaphragms) was made to investigate and to validate the developed equation.

The AASHTO equation is intended for the AASHTO standard truck with a 6 ft. transverse wheel spacing while the single lane overload vehicle had an 8 ft. transverse wheel spacing. The GDFs for the overload vehicle are, therefore, expected to be less than those calculated from the AASHTO GDF equations because of the wider wheel spacing.

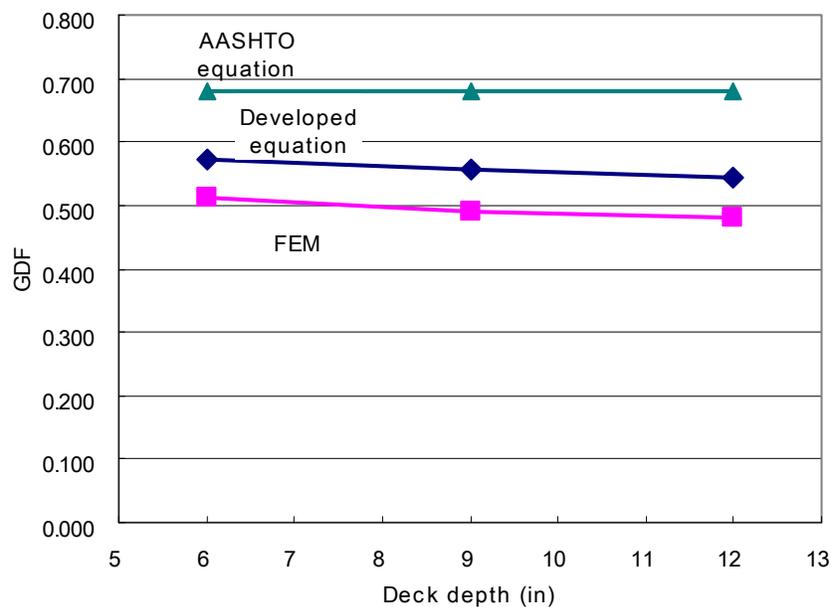
The comparison results are shown in Figure 3-2. The GDFs are clearly lower than would be obtained using the equations directly from AASHTO T4.6.2.2.2b-1 and T4.6.2.2.3a-1 as expected. Using the AASHTO equations directly would overestimate the overload

vehicle effects by as much as 25%. The GDFs calculated from the proposed equations are approximately 13% higher than more accurate values from the finite element analyses. The proposed equations are capable of replacing the time consuming 3D finite element analysis rationally while still providing a safe or conservative result.

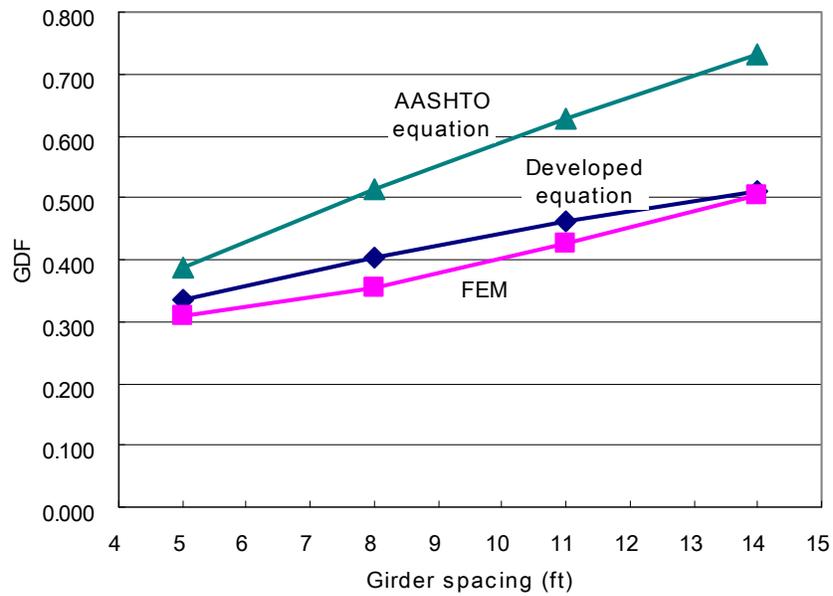
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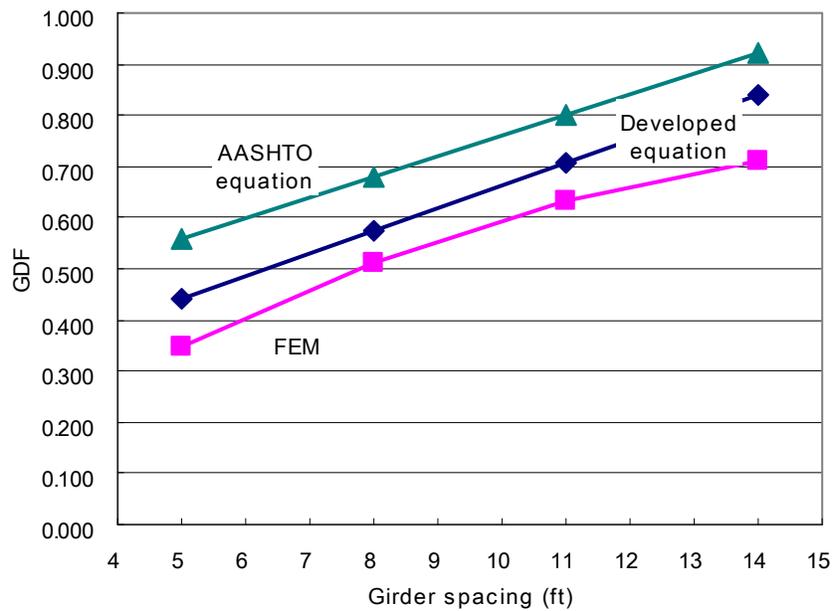
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Single Lane (Moment): L= 80ft, t=6in



Single Lane (Shear): L= 80ft, t=6in



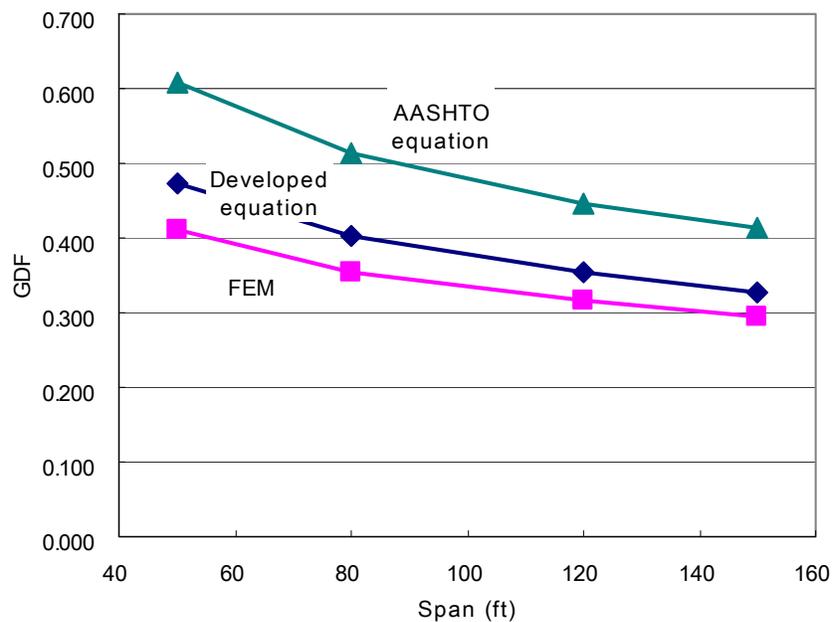
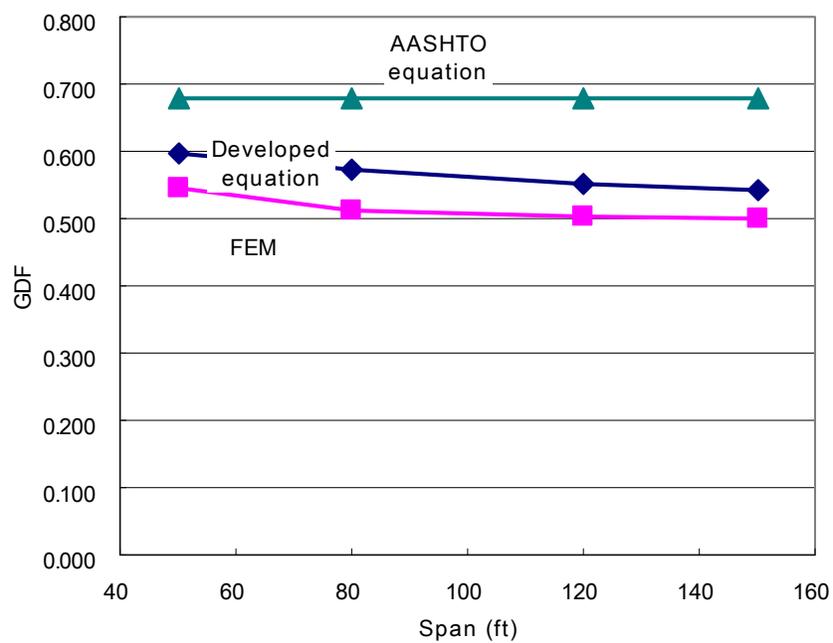
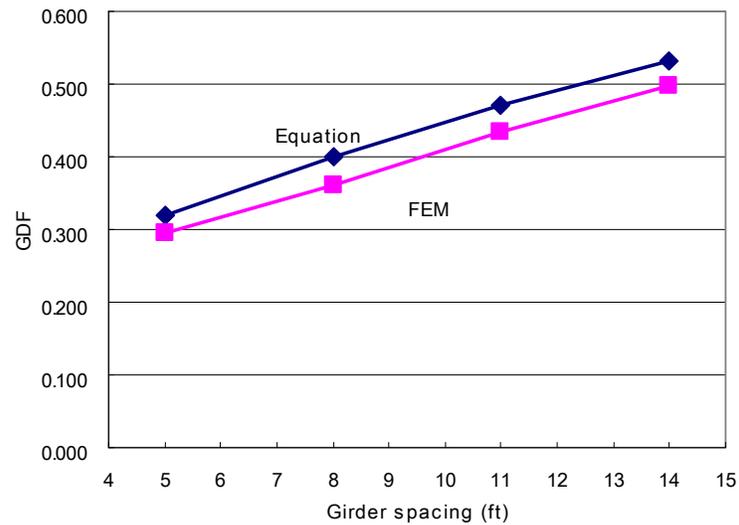
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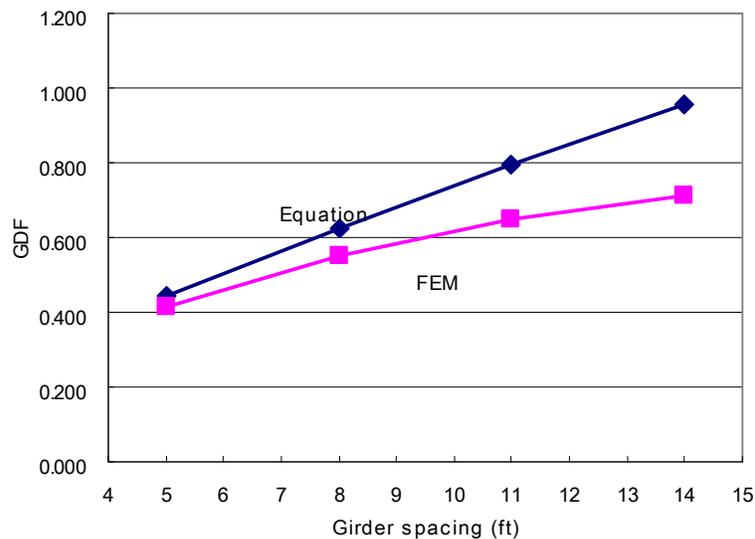
Figure 3-2. Girder distribution factors for single span steel girder bridges without skew under the single lane vehicle using the AASHTO equations, the proposed equations and finite element analysis (L = span length, G_s = spacing of girders and t = deck depth)

Additional comparison results are shown in Figures 3-3, 3-4 and 3-5. No end diaphragm was used in the results shown in the figures. Figure 3-3 shows the results for single span steel girder bridges without skew subjected to dual lane overload vehicles, Figure 3-4 shows the results for single span concrete I girder bridges with skew under overload vehicles and Figure 3-5 shows the results for negative moment GDF for two span concrete I girder bridges without skew subjected to overload vehicles. The results shown in Figures 3-2, 3-3, 3-4 and 3-5 indicate that the developed equations have wide applicability.

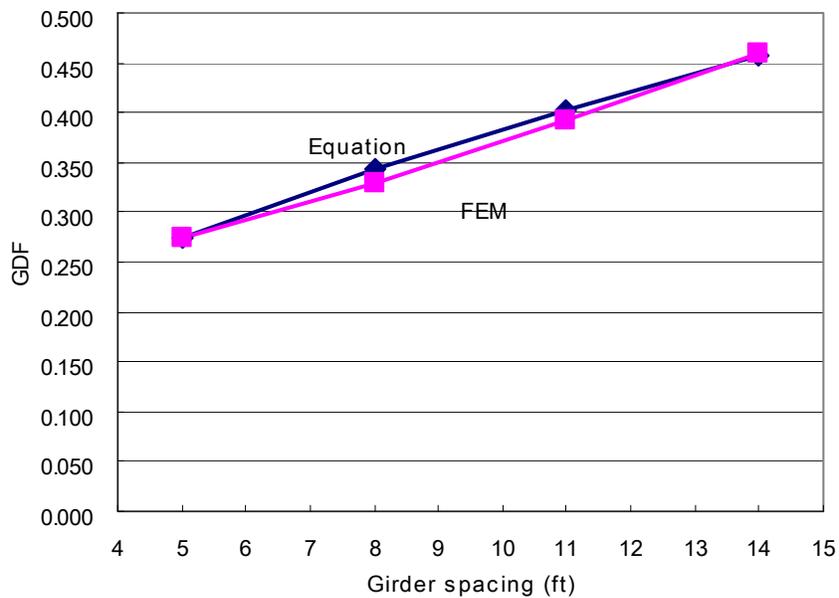
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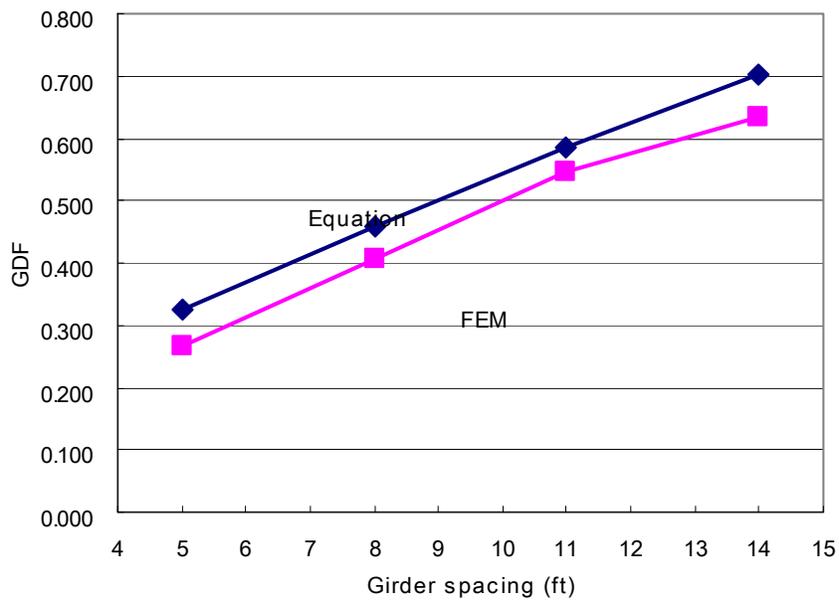
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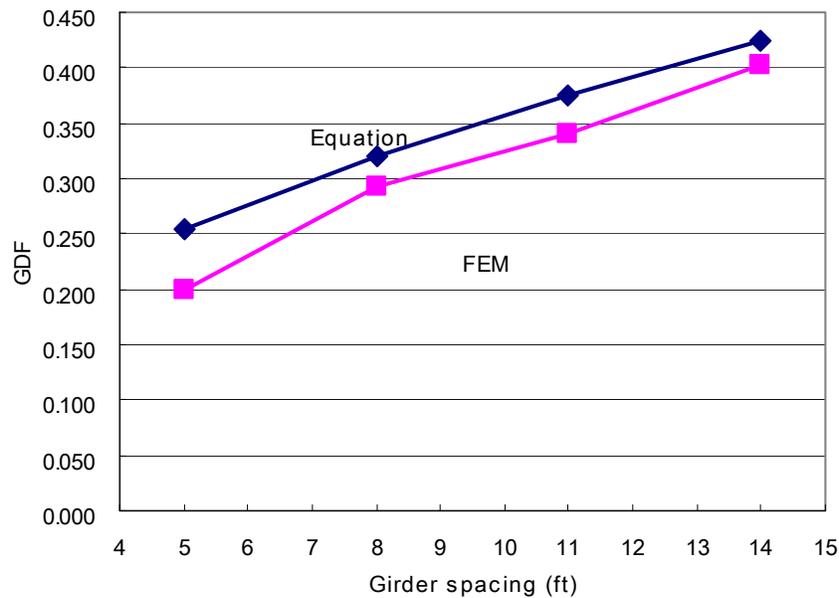
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Dual Lane (Shear): L= 80ft, t=6in, Sw=6ft



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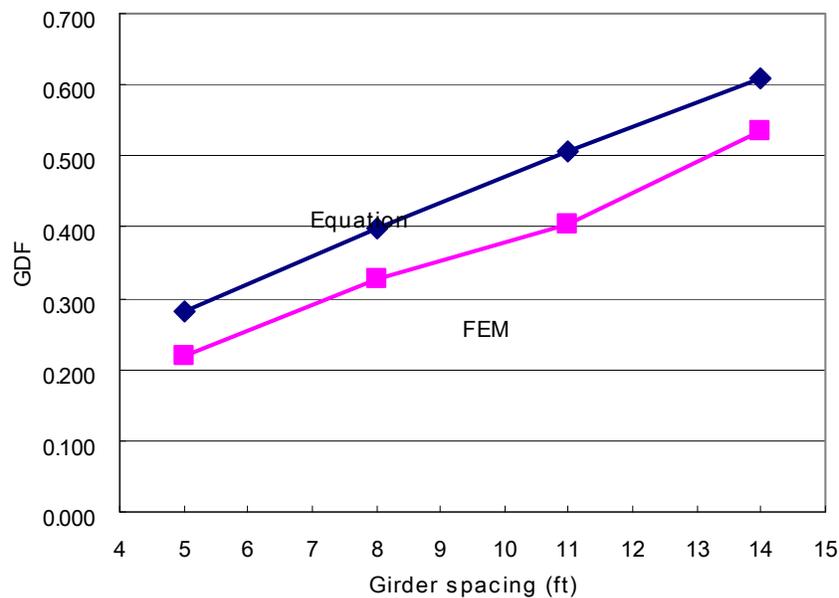
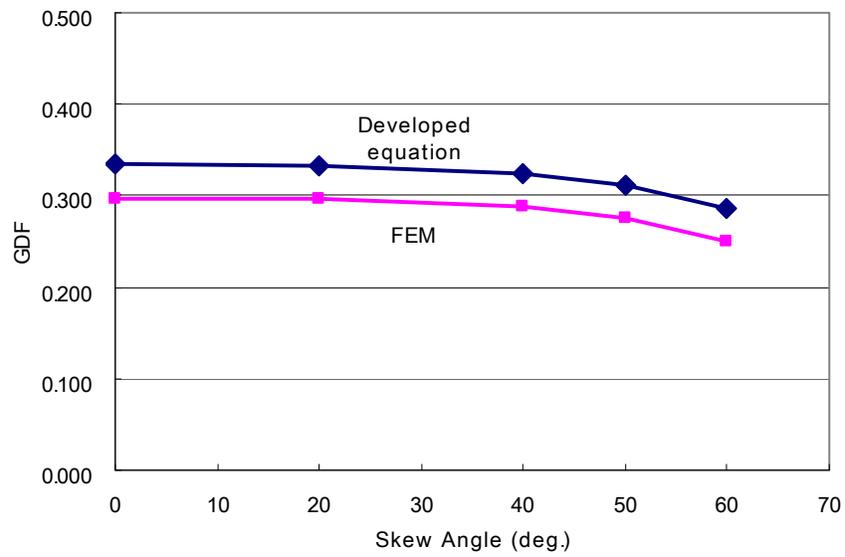
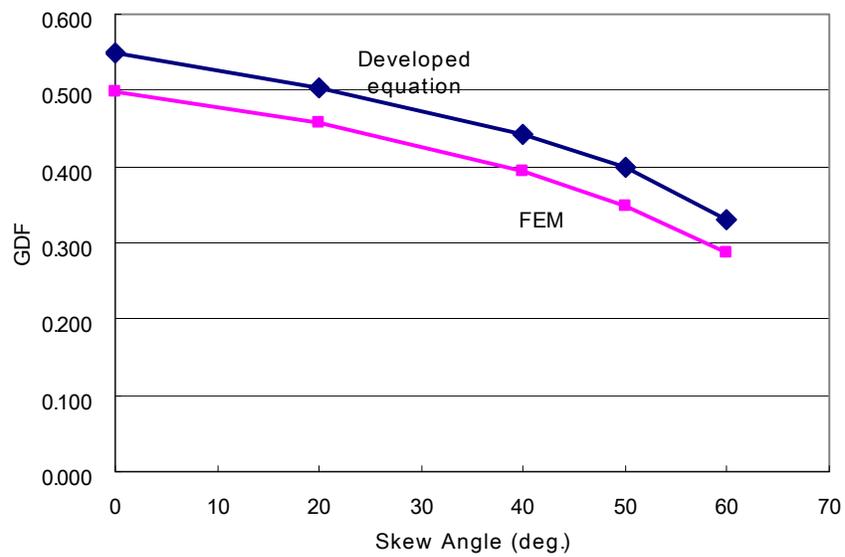


Figure 3-3. Girder distribution factors for single span steel girder bridges without skew under the dual lane vehicle from the proposed equation and finite element analysis (L = span length, Gs = spacing of girders, t = deck depth and Sw = transverse spacing of center wheels)

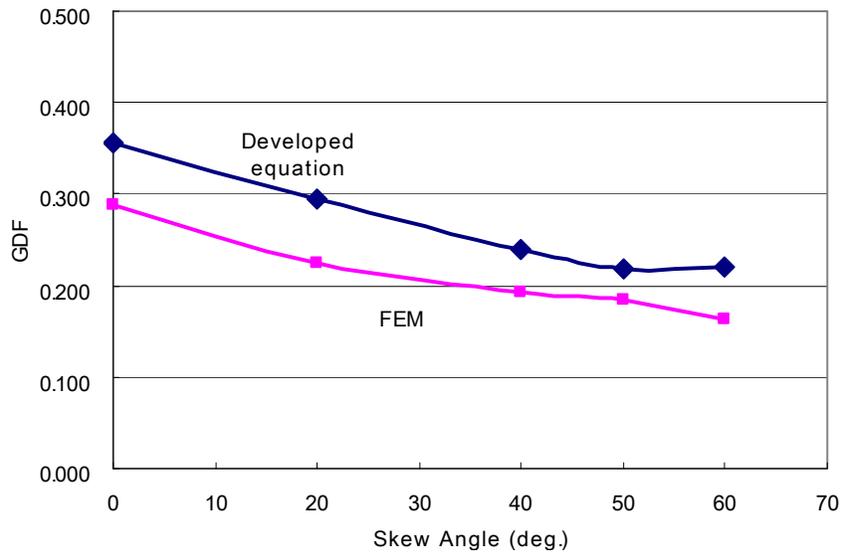
Single Lane (Moment): L= 120ft, Gs = 8ft, t=9in



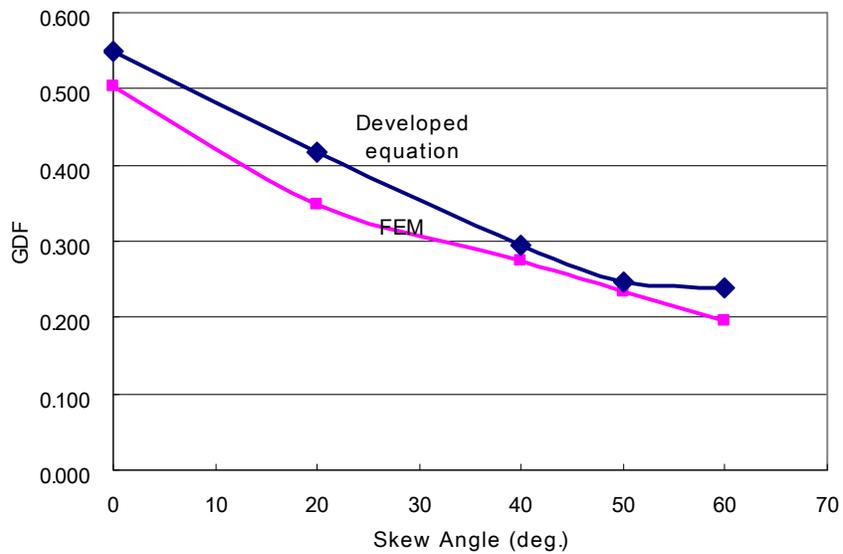
Single Lane (Shear): L= 120ft, Gs = 8ft, t=9in



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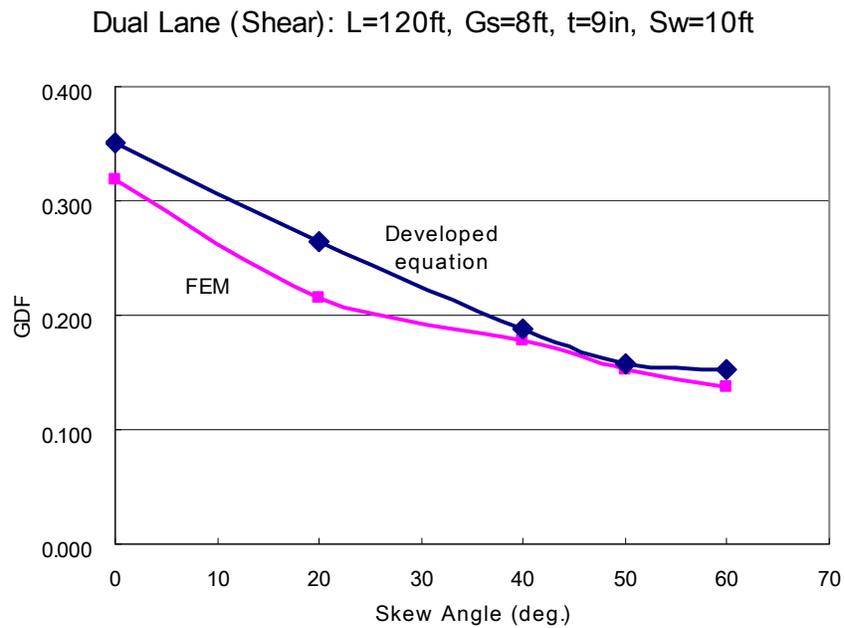
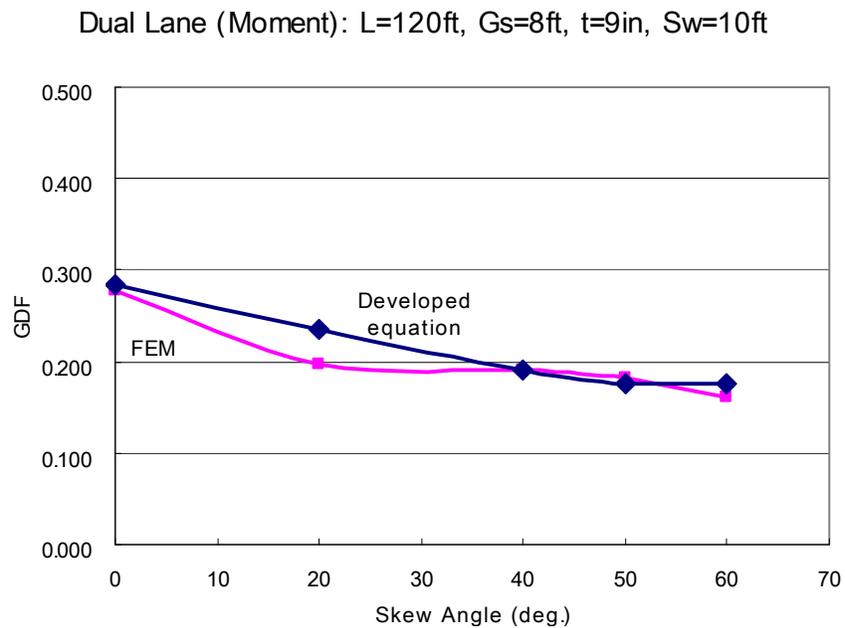
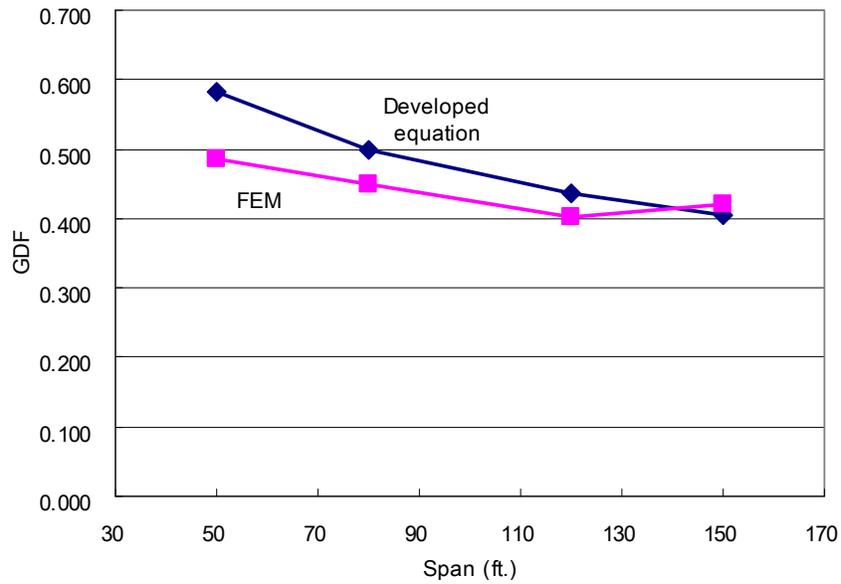
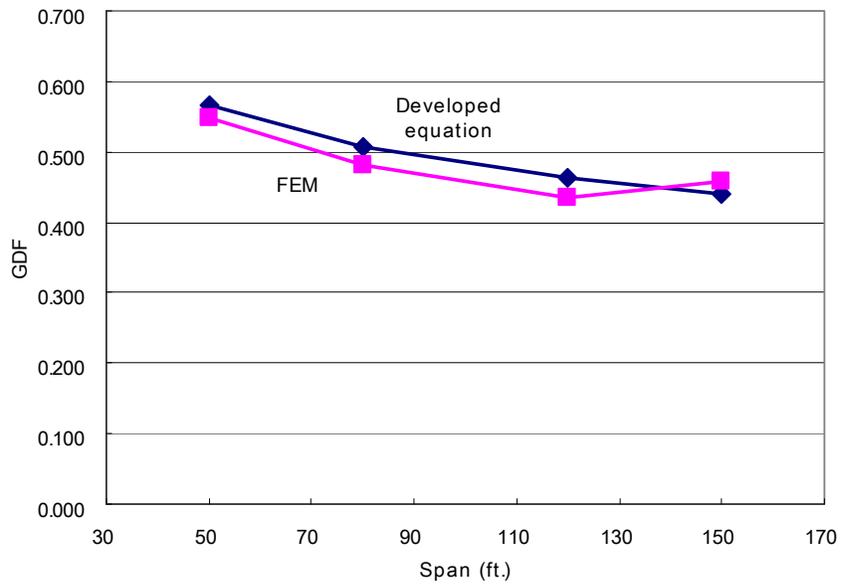


Figure 3-4. Girder distribution factor for single span concrete I girder bridges with skew under overload vehicle using proposed equation and finite element analysis (L = span length, Gs = spacing of girders, t = deck depth and Sw = transverse spacing of center wheels)

Single Lane (Moment): $G_s=8\text{ft}$, $t=9\text{ in}$ Dual Lane (Moment): $G_s=8\text{ft}$, $t=9\text{ in}$, $S_w=2\text{ft}$ 

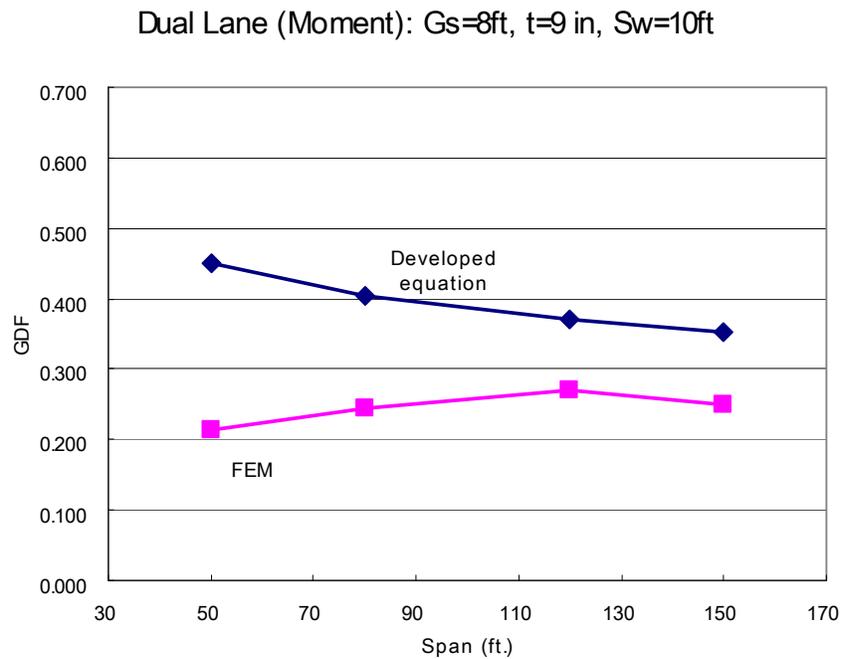
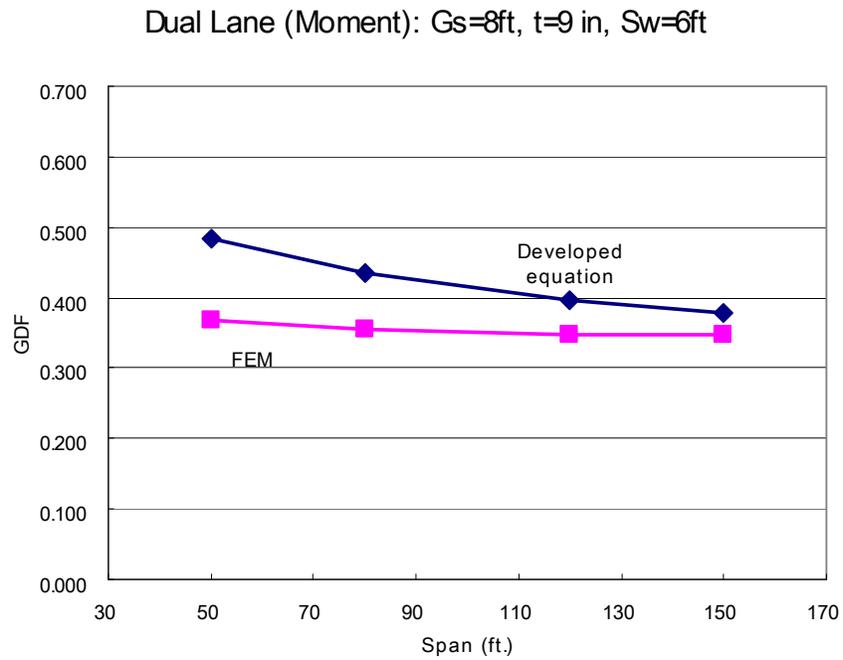


Figure 3-5. Negative moment girder distribution factor for 2 span concrete I girder bridges without skew under overload vehicle using proposed equation and finite element analysis (L = span length, G_s = spacing of girders, t = deck depth and Sw = transverse spacing of center wheels)

4. ANALYSIS PROCEDURE AND EXAMPLES USING THE PROPOSED GDF EQUATION FOR MULTI-GIRDER BRIDGES

4.1 Analysis procedure

Analysis of bridge girders subjected to certain vehicle loads can be done by calculating the maximum factored moment and the maximum factored shear force in the girders and comparing the results to the ultimate capacity of the girders. The specific procedure to find the forces in bridge girders subjected to overload vehicles using the proposed equations is illustrated in the following steps. The analysis of exterior girders is excluded in the steps since it can be done simply by using the lever rule described by AASHTO.

Step 1) Calculate axle loads of the overload vehicle:

All the wheel loads at the same longitudinal location on the bridge shall be added to find the total vehicle axle loads. The two wheel loads per axle shall be added for single trailer overload vehicles and four wheel loads shall be added for dual trailer overload vehicles. Multiple presence factors or dynamic allowance shall not be applied in this procedure.

Step 2) Perform a 2-dimensional analysis to find the maximum moment and shear forces created by the full overload vehicle:

This procedure can be performed by plotting envelope diagrams for the bridge subjected to the calculated overload axle loads from step 1. The envelope shall be found from moving the axle loads in both directions across the bridge. The maximum moment and shear forces found in this step are total member forces at a cross-section of the bridge resisted by all the girders.

Step 3) Find AASHTO GDFs for the interior girders:

Table 4.6.2.2.2b-1 (for moment GDF) and Table 4.6.2.2.3a-1 (for shear GDF) in the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications [1] shall be used to find the AASHTO GDFs. The AASHTO “one design lane loaded” equations shall be used for single lane overload vehicles and the “two or more design lanes loaded” equations shall be used for dual lane – dual trailer overload vehicles.

Step 4) Find the overload truck GDFs for the interior girders using equations 1&2:

This procedure can be performed by using the results from Step 3 with equation (1) for a single lane overload vehicle or equation (2) for a dual lane overload vehicle.

Step 5) Calculate maximum moment and shear force in the interior girder:

The maximum member force in an interior girder can be calculated by multiplying the maximum member force found in Step 2 by the GDF found in Step 4.

Step 6) Check safety of the girder

The maximum member forces found in Step 5 are unfactored live load forces. They must be combined with other forces (DL) using the appropriate load combinations and load factors in Table 3.4.1-1 in the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications to check the

safety of the girder under the overload vehicle. It is recommended that the Strength II limit state be used, the limit state for permit vehicles.

4.2 Example for a single lane overload vehicle

Configuration of the example bridge is as follows,

- Number of spans = 1
- Number of girders = 5
- Type of the girders = Steel girder
- Span (L) = 120 ft
- Girder Spacing (S) = 8 ft.
- Deck depth (t) = 9in
- Cross-section of steel girder (Figure 4.1)
- Moment of inertia of the girder (I) = 28,709 in⁴
- Elastic modulus ratio of girder to deck ($n = E_B / E_D$) = 29000 psi / 3605 psi = 8.044
- Cross-sectional area of the girder (A) = 65.5 in²
- Distance between the centers of gravity of the girder and deck (e_g) = 31.72 in
- Longitudinal stiffness parameter [$K_g = n(I + Ae_g)$] = 761,098 in⁴

The cross-section of the steel girder for the sample bridge is shown in Figure 4-1.

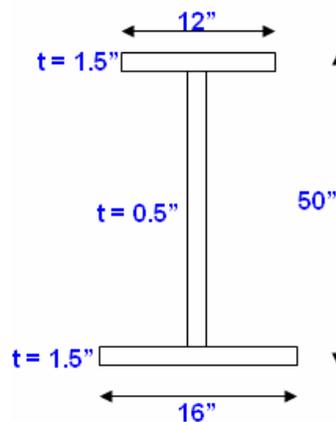
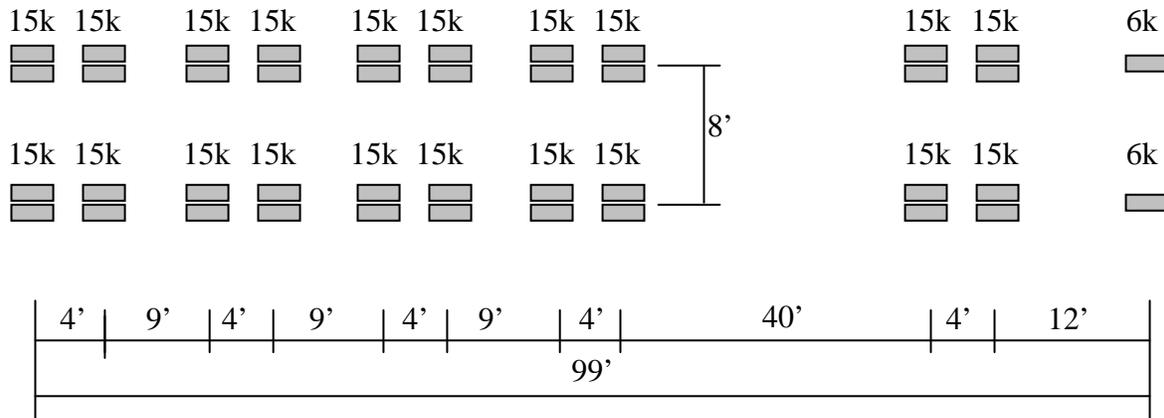
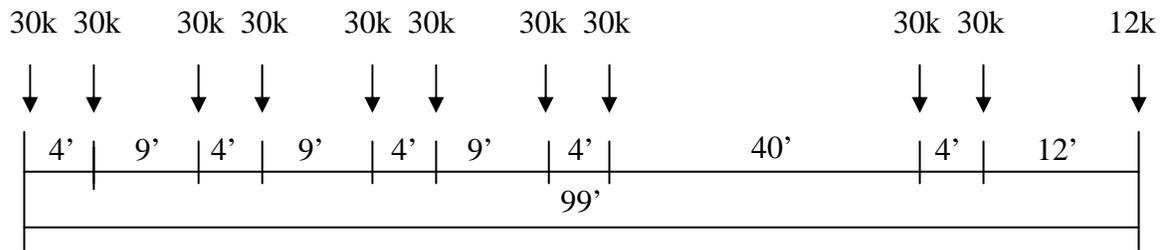


Figure 4-1. Cross-section of the girder for the sample bridge

The configuration of the single lane overload vehicle used for the example analysis is shown in Figure 4-2 with the tractor at the right and trailer at left.



(a) Plan view of wheel loads



(b) Axle loads

Figure 4-2. Configuration of single lane overload vehicle used for example analysis

Step 1) Calculate axle loads of the overload vehicle

The axle loads are shown in Figure 4-2 (b).

Step 2) Perform 2 dimensional analysis to find maximum 2-dimensional moment and shear force

The analysis was performed as shown in Figure 4-3. The axle loads shown in Figure 4-2 (b) were used for the analysis. The results of the analysis are shown in Figure 4-4 and Figure 4-5. The maximum moment induced in the bridge by the overload truck was 5712.0 kip-ft and the maximum shear force was 215.3 kips.

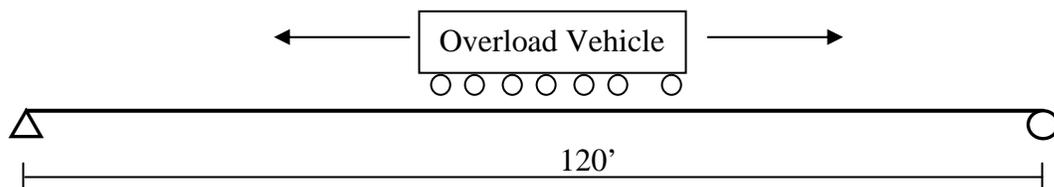


Figure 4-3. Two dimensional analysis to find maximum moment and shear force

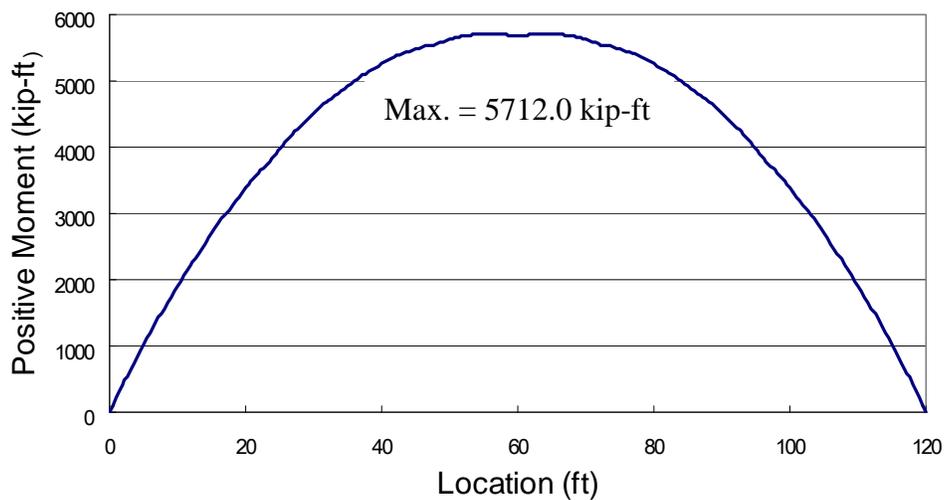


Figure 4-4. Maximum positive LL moment envelope under single lane overload vehicle used for example

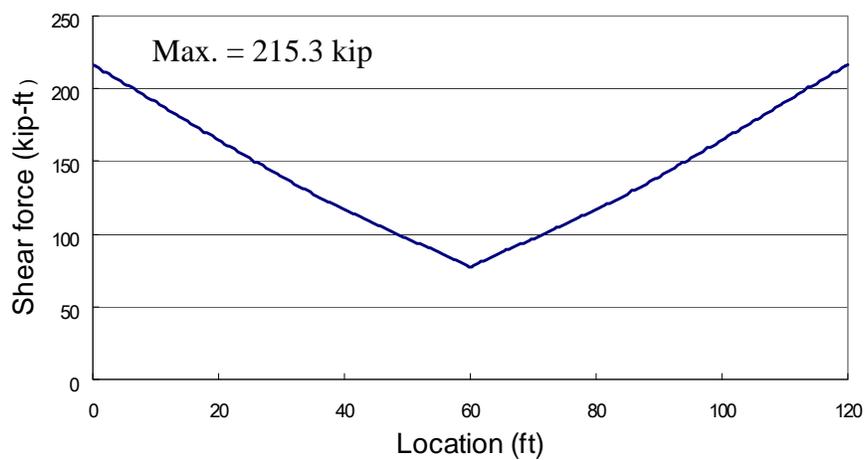


Figure 4-5. Maximum absolute LL shear force envelope under single lane overload vehicle used for example

Step 3) Find standard AASHTO GDFs for the interior girders with single lane load

- Span (L) = 120 ft
- Girder Spacing (S) = 8 ft.
- Deck depth (t) = 9in
- Longitudinal stiffness parameter [$K_g = n(I + Ae_g)$] = 761,098 in⁴

The AASHTO GDFs were found to be 0.404 for moment and 0.680 for shear force from the variables defined above. Table 4.6.2.2.2b-1 (for moment GDF) and Table 4.6.2.2.3a-1 (for shear GDF) in the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications were used to find the AASHTO factors with one lane loaded.

Step 4) Find overload GDFs for the interior girders using the developed equations

- Span (L) = 120 ft
- Girder Spacing (S) = 8 ft.
- Deck depth (t) = 9in
- Longitudinal stiffness parameter [$K_g = n(I + Ae_g)$] = 761,098 in⁴

Factors for moment distribution, from Table 3.1:

$$\begin{aligned} C &= 1.61 \\ a &= -0.21 \\ b &= 0.02 \\ c &= 0.02 \\ d &= -0.03 \end{aligned}$$

Factors for shear distribution, from Table 3.1:

$$\begin{aligned} C &= 0.72 \\ a &= 0.14 \\ b &= -0.09 \\ c &= -0.08 \\ d &= 0.03 \end{aligned}$$

The “R” factor for shear and moment, from Table 3.2, is 1.0 since there is no skew and we are not looking at negative moment over an interior pier.

The moment GDF modification factor for an overload truck is from Eq 1:

$$\begin{aligned} CR S^a L^b t^c K_g^d &= \\ (1.61)(1.0)(8)^{-0.21} (120)^{0.02} (9)^{0.02} (761,098)^{-0.03} &= \\ (1.61)(1.0)(.65)(1.10)(1.04)(.67) &= 0.80 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and the distribution factor: } GDF_{\text{mom}} = 0.80(0.404) = 0.32$$

The shear force GDF modification factor for an overload truck is from Eq 1:

$$\begin{aligned} CR S^a L^b t^c K_g^d &= \\ (0.72)(1.0)(8)^{0.14} (120)^{-0.09} (9)^{-0.08} (761,098)^{0.03} &= \end{aligned}$$

$$(0.72)(1.0)(1.34)(0.65)(0.84)(1.50) = 0.79$$

and the distribution factor: $GDF_{\text{shear}} = 0.79(0.68) = 0.54$

The overload GDFs for the interior girder were found to be 0.32 for moment and 0.54 for shear force using Equation 1.

Step 5) Calculate maximum moment and shear force in an interior girder

Maximum moment in an interior girder = $(0.32) (5712.0 \text{ kip-ft}) = 1839 \text{ kip-ft}$

Maximum shear force in an interior girder = $(0.54) (215.3 \text{ kips}) = 115 \text{ kips}$

Step 6) Check safety of the girder

Use Strength II limit state to combine the maximum moment or shear force with all other loads to check safety of the interior girder as follows.

All other factored loads + $(1.35)(\text{Member force found in Step 5}) \leq \text{Girder M Capacity}$

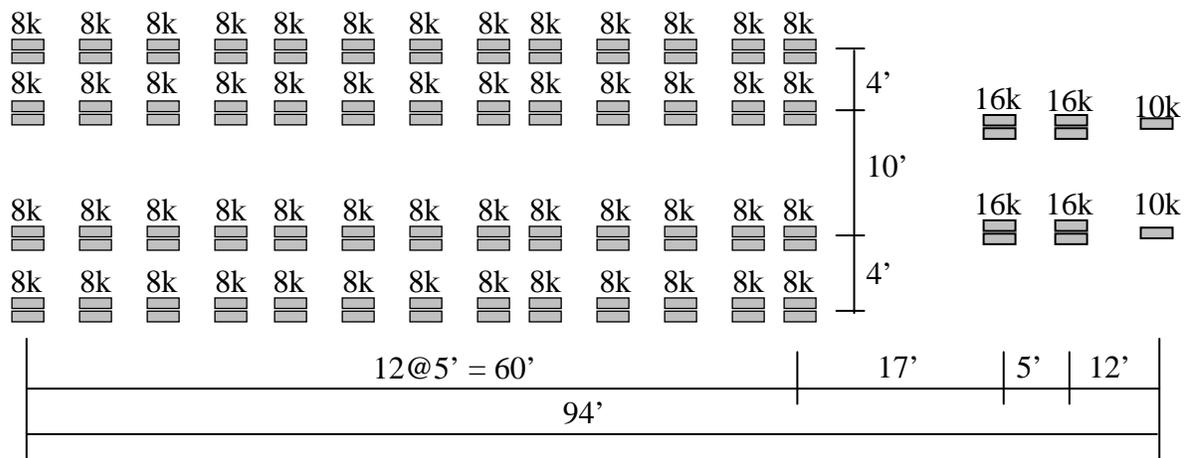
All other factored loads + $(1.35)(\text{Member force found in Step 5}) \leq \text{Girder V Capacity}$

4.3 Example for a dual lane overload vehicle

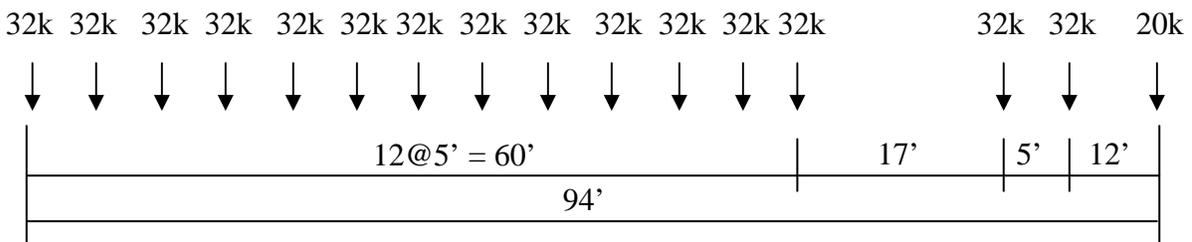
The configuration of the sample bridge is the same as the example bridge used for the previous single lane overload vehicle example.

- Number of spans = 1
- Number of girders = 5
- Type of the girders = Steel girder
- Span (L) = 120 ft
- Girder Spacing (S) = 8 ft.
- Deck depth (t) = 9in
- Cross-section of steel girder (Figure 4.1)
- Moment of inertia of the girder (I) = 28,709 in⁴
- Elastic modulus ratio of girder to deck ($n = E_B / E_D$) = 29000 psi / 3605 psi = 8.044
- Cross-sectional area of the girder (A) = 65.5 in²
- Distance between the centers of gravity of the girder and deck (e_g) = 31.72 in
- Longitudinal stiffness parameter [$K_g = n(I + Ae_g)$] = 761,098 in⁴

The configuration of the dual trailer overload vehicle used for this example analysis is shown in Figure 4-6 with the spacing between middle wheels (S_w) of 10 ft.



(a) Plan view of wheel loads



(b) Axle loads

Figure 4-6. Configuration of dual lane overload vehicle used for example analysis

Step 1) Calculate axle loads of the overload vehicle

The axle loads are shown in Figure 4-6 (b).

Step 2) Perform 2-dimensional analysis to find maximum moment and shear force

The analysis was performed as shown in Figure 4-3 using the axle loads shown in Figure 4-6 (b). The results of the analyses are shown in Figure 4-7 and Figure 4-8. The maximum bridge moment was 9561.8 kip-ft and the maximum bridge shear force was 335.9 kips.

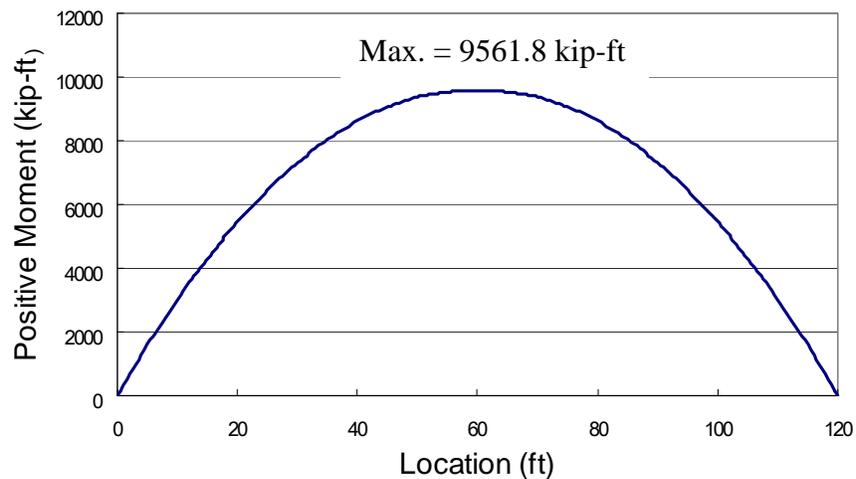


Figure 4-7. Maximum positive LL moment envelope under dual trailer overload vehicle used in this example

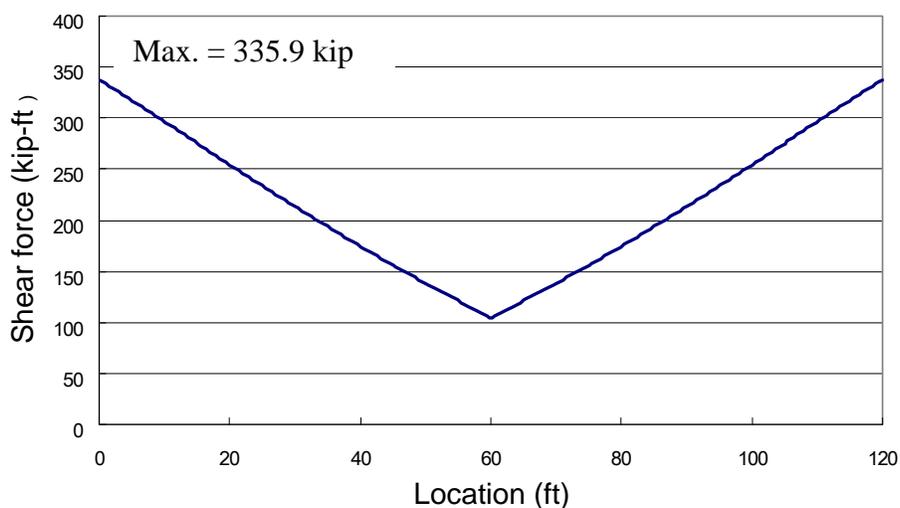


Figure 4-8. Maximum LL absolute shear force envelope from the dual trailer overload vehicle used for this example

Step 3) Find AASHTO GDFs for the interior girders, two lanes loaded

- Span (L) = 120 ft
- Girder Spacing (S) = 8 ft.
- Deck depth (t) = 9 in
- Longitudinal stiffness parameter [$K_g = n(I + Ae_g)$] = 761,098 in⁴

The AASHTO GDFs were found to be 0.583 for moment and 0.814 for shear force from the variables defined above. Table 4.6.2.2.2b-1 (for moment GDF) and Table 4.6.2.2.3a-1 (for shear GDF) with “two or more lanes loaded” were used from AASHTO.

Step 4) Find overload GDFs for the interior girders using the developed equations

- Span (L) = 120 ft
- Girder Spacing (S) = 8 ft.
- Deck depth (t) = 9 in
- Longitudinal stiffness parameter [$K_g = n(I + Ae_g)$] = 761,098 in⁴
- Spacing of center wheels (S_w) = 10 ft

Factors for two lane moment distribution, from Table 3.1:

$$\begin{aligned} C &= 1.70 \\ a &= -0.22 \\ b &= 0.04 \\ c &= 0.19 \\ d &= -.08 \\ e &= -0.14 \end{aligned}$$

Factors for two lane shear distribution, from Table 3.1:

$$\begin{aligned} C &= 2.03 \\ a &= 0.06 \\ b &= -0.25 \\ c &= -0.12 \\ d &= 0.03 \\ e &= -0.28 \end{aligned}$$

The “R” factor for shear and moment, from Table 3.2, is 1.0 since there is no skew and we are not looking at negative moment over an interior pier.

The moment GDF modification factor for an overload truck with S_w of 10ft is from Eq 1:

$$\begin{aligned} CR S^a L^b t^c K_g^d S_w^e &= \\ (1.70)(1.0)(8)^{-0.22} (120)^{0.04} (9)^{0.19} (761,098)^{-0.08} (10)^{-0.14} &= \\ (1.70)(1.0)(.63)(1.21)(1.52)(.34)(.97) &= 0.49 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and the distribution factor: } GDF_{\text{mom}} = 0.49(0.583) = 0.28$$

The shear force GDF modification factor for an overload truck is from Eq 1:

$$CR S^a L^b t^c K_g^d S_w^e =$$

$$(2.03)(1.0)(8)^{0.06} (120)^{-0.25} (9)^{-0.12} (761,098)^{0.03} (10)^{-0.28} =$$

$$(2.03)(1.0)(1.13)(0.30)(0.77)(1.50)(0.52) = 0.41$$

$$\text{and the distribution factor: } GDF_{\text{shear}} = 0.41(0.814) = 0.34$$

The overload GDFs for an interior girder were found to be 0.28 for moment and 0.34 for shear force using Equation 2 for the dual lane two trailer loading.

Step 5) Calculate maximum moment and shear force at the interior girder

Maximum LL moment in the interior girder = (0.28) (9561.8 kip-ft) = 2706kip-ft

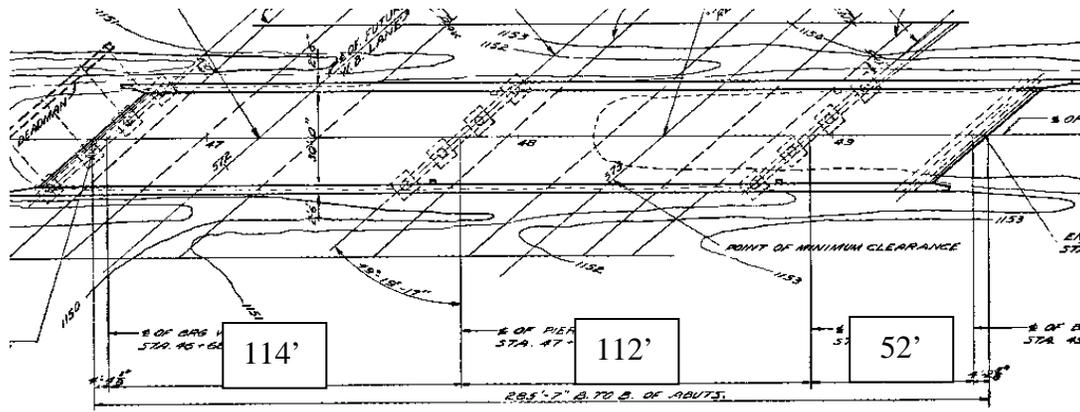
Maximum LL shear force in the interior girder = (0.34) (335.9 kips) = 115 kips

Step 6) Check safety of the girder

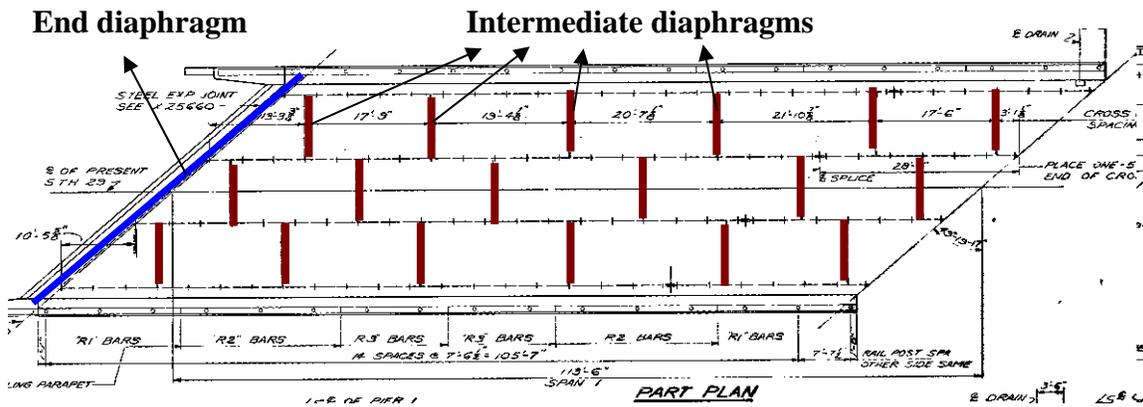
Use Strength II limit state to combine the maximum moment or shear force with all other loads to check safety of the interior girder as follows.

All other factored loads + (1.35)(Member force found in Step 5) ≤ Girder Capacity

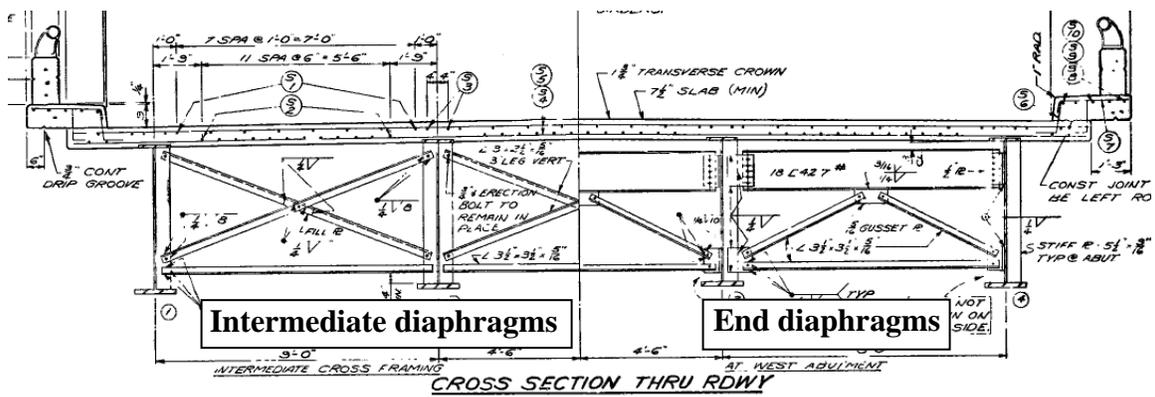
All other factored loads + (1.35)(Member force found in Step 5) ≤ Girder Capacity



(a) Bridge plan



(b) Bridge plan (Span 1)

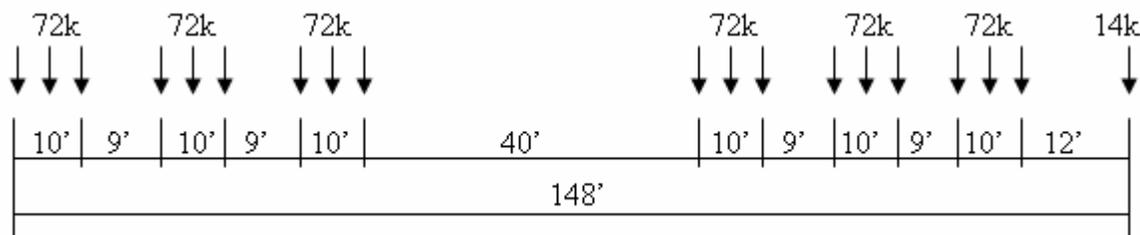


(c) Cross section

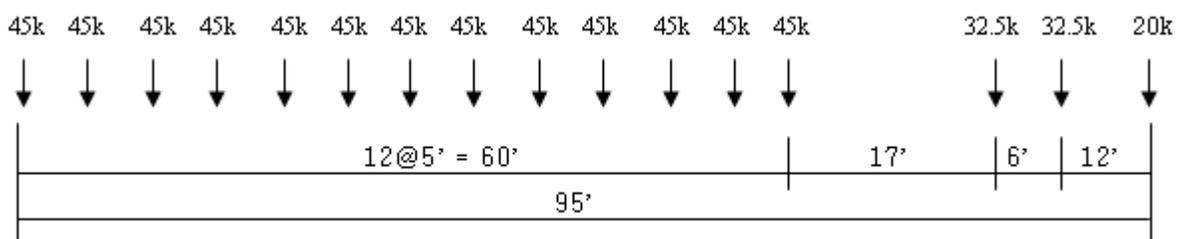
Figure 5-2. Plans of selected bridge for investigation of intermediate diaphragms

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The Strength II limit state (AASHTO LRFD) was used for the investigation. Factored dead load was combined with the factored overload vehicle. The selected overload vehicles for the investigation were the single lane overload vehicle and the dual lane overload vehicle shown in Figure 5-3. They are some of the heaviest overload vehicles in gross weight used in the last ten years in Wisconsin. The transverse wheel spacing of the single lane overload vehicle was 8 ft. The exterior transverse wheel spacing of the dual lane overload vehicle was 4 ft and the interior transverse wheel spacing of the dual lane overload vehicle was 2 ft.



(a) Selected single lane overload vehicle for investigation of intermediate diaphragms
(72k loads are sum of 3 axles, total gross weight = 446 kips)



(b) Selected single lane overload vehicle for investigation of intermediate diaphragms
(Gross weight = 670 kips)

Figure 5-3. Overload vehicles selected for investigation of intermediate diaphragms.

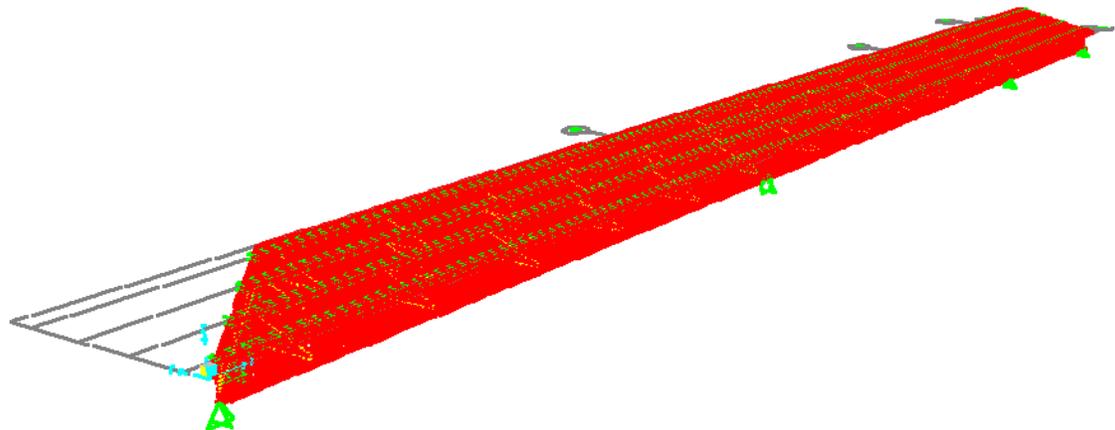
Three types of bridges were considered as follows,

- Type 1) The original prototype bridge with angle intermediate diaphragms,
- Type 2) A modified bridge with channel intermediate diaphragms instead of angle diaphragms, and
- Type 3) A modified bridge without intermediate diaphragms.

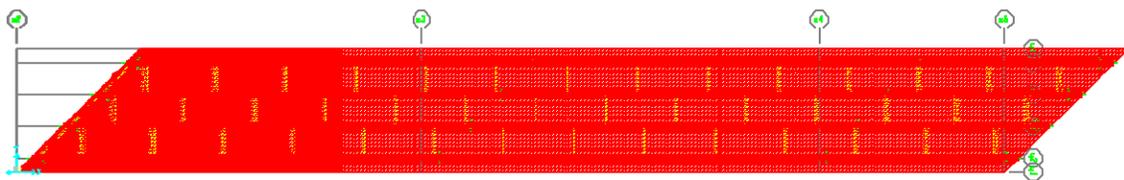
The type 1 and type 2 bridges were loaded by factored dead load and an overload vehicle to check the safety of the intermediate diaphragms with angles or channels under severe overload. The vehicle was placed on the bridge in multiple locations to find the maximum member force in the intermediate diaphragms.

All the bridges were also loaded by a standard truck to investigate the effect of the intermediate diaphragms on the normal moment GDF. The standard truck was taken as

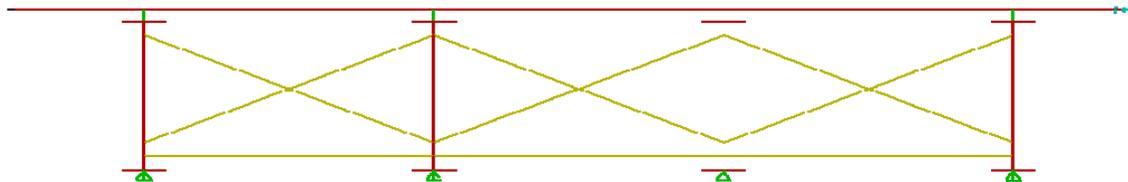
the HS20-44 (from AASHTO Standard Specifications) which is the same as the AASHTO LRFD HL-93 truck without the HL-93 uniform lane load. This standard truck was placed to induce maximum positive moment on the first span. Finite element modeling of the bridges is shown in Figure 5-4. Shell elements were used to model decks, girders and channel while truss elements were used to model angles. Rigid links were used to connect deck and girders.



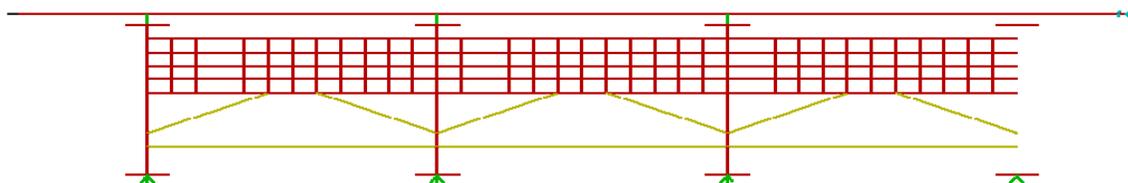
(a) 3 dimensional view



(b) Plan view



(c) Cross section (angle diaphragm)



(d) Cross section at abutment (channel diaphragm)

Figure 5-4. Finite element model for the bridge investigation of intermediate diaphragms

Analysis results are shown in Table 5-1 and Table 5-2 for Type 1 and Type 2 bridges subjected to overload vehicles to create maximum axial forces in the intermediate diaphragms.

There was sufficient extra margin of safety in the intermediate diaphragm design capacity as shown in Table 5-1 and Table 5-2. The results conform with design of the diaphragms that is generally done based on stiffness to prevent buckling of the girders rather than for strength in the diaphragms. It was found that the safety of the intermediate diaphragms under overload vehicles is not of concern from this investigation since even relatively weak intermediate diaphragms were safe under the severe overload vehicles.

Table 5-1. Analysis results for type 1 bridge under overload vehicles

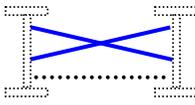
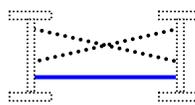
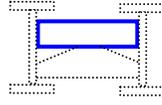
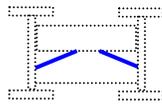
Location		Single lane	Dual lane	Capacity
 (Upper angle)	Tension (kips)	1.272	2.253	45.600
	Compression (kips)	0.998	1.751	10.700
 (Lower angle)	Tension (kips)	1.073	0.954	68.000
	Compression (kips)	2.034	2.712	19.100

Table 5-2. Analysis results for type 2 bridge under overload vehicles

Location		Single lane	Dual lane	Capacity
 (Channel)	Tension (ksi)	4.190	5.990	32.400*
	Compression (ksi)	8.230	15.200	32.400*
 (Upper angle)	Tension (kips)	0.987	1.522	58.700
	Compression (kips)	0.702	0.764	45.400
 (Lower angle)	Tension (kips)	0.593	0.634	58.700
	Compression (kips)	0.986	1.364	19.100

* Buckling of the channel was not considered.

Table 5-3 shows a comparison of the moment GDFs with different types of intermediate diaphragms when loaded with the AASHTO standard design truck (HL93 without

uniform lane load). The moment GDFs did not show significant change with different types of intermediate diaphragms. It appears to be conservative to analyze bridges ignoring the intermediate diaphragms to find moment GDFs since the Type 3 results show higher suggested distribution factors.

Table 5-3. Comparison of the moment GDFs with different types of intermediate diaphragms under AASHTO standard truck loading

Bridge type	Moment GDF	Shear GDF
Type 1 (with angle intermediate diaphragms)	0.569	0.857
Type 2 (with channel intermediate diaphragms)	0.572	0.863
Type 3 (without intermediate diaphragms)	0.583	0.875

6. INVESTIGATION OF DECKS

Two types of failure, i.e. punching failure and flexural failure, need to be considered for investigating loading of decks on multi-girder bridges. Shear and punching failure is not usually included in designing decks according to AASHTO LRFD (C4.6.2.1.6). Overload vehicles may, however, have closer longitudinal or transverse wheel spacing compared to the AASHTO standard truck with 32k axles. It is, therefore, suggested that consideration be given to the wheel spacing of the overload vehicles when checking safety of the bridge for punching failure of the deck. The closer wheel spacing of the overload vehicles may induce premature punching failure and the weight of the single wheel of an overload vehicle might be limited to ensure safety of the deck in punching. An equation to limit non-factored weight of a single wheel set of an overload vehicle to ensure safety of the deck for punching failure is developed as shown in Equation 3. The equation reflects an interpolation between the condition with a single wheel set and two wheel sets spaced 6ft apart as in the AASHTO design truck.

$$P_{all_punching} = 1.5k_1 k_2 P_{DT} \quad (3)$$

where $P_{all_punching}$ = Allowable non-factored single wheel load for overload vehicle only considering punching failure of deck.

$$k_1 = \text{A factor related to minimum longitudinal wheel spacing of overload vehicle} \\ = 1.0 \text{ (when } S_1 \geq 6\text{ft) , } \frac{S_1 + 6}{12} \text{ (when } S_1 < 6\text{ft)}$$

$$k_2 = \text{A factor related to minimum transverse wheel spacing of overload vehicle} \\ = 1.0 \text{ (when } S_2 \geq 6\text{ft) , } \frac{S_2 + 6}{12} \text{ (when } S_2 < 6\text{ft)}$$

S_1 = Minimum longitudinal wheel spacing of overload vehicle (ft)

S_2 = Minimum transverse wheel spacing of overload vehicle (ft)

P_{DT} = Maximum non-factored single wheel load of design truck (for HL93 and HS20:
 $P_{DT} = 16$ kips)

The constant '1.5' in equation (3) is used to consider the difference of the dynamic allowance (33% for AASHTO standard HL-93 trucks and 0% for overload vehicle) and load factor (1.75 for AASHTO standard trucks and 1.35 for overload vehicle). $[(1.33)(1.75)/(1.35)]$ is equal to 1.72 and it is reduced to '1.5' for safety. The variables k_1 and k_2 in equation (3) are used to consider reduction of punching capacity of the deck when the minimum wheel spacing of the overload vehicle is closer than the minimum wheel spacing of the AASHTO standard truck.

Flexural failure is considered in design of decks subjected to AASHTO HL-93 standard truck loads using the strip method (AASHTO LRFD T4.6.2.1.3-1). A strip of the deck is considered to resist a single axle load. Overload vehicles may, however, have closer transverse wheel spacing compared to the AASHTO standard truck and it is required to consider the wheel spacing of the overload vehicles when checking safety of the bridge for flexural failure of the deck. The AASHTO LRFD Appendix A-4 moments should not be used. The longitudinal wheel spacing of the AASHTO standard truck is generally wider than the AASHTO equivalent strip width, while the longitudinal wheel spacing of the overload vehicle may be narrower than the AASHTO equivalent strip.

Steps to determine flexural strength:

- Perform moment analysis on the transverse deck strip under a line of the overload vehicle's axles.
- Select the max + and - LL moments.
- Combine the LL moments and DL moments using Strength 2 load factors.
- Do not add dynamic allowance to the LL.
- Design the strip (AASHTO LRFD T4.6.2.1.3-1) for the combined factored LL and DL moments. If the truck axle spacing is greater than the AASHTO T4.6.2.1.3-1 strip width use that width. If the truck axle spacing, S_1 , is less than the AASHTO strip width use S_1 as the effective strip width.

Deck analysis should be combined with the additional analyses described in this project to ensure safety of the entire bridge.

7. COMPLEX BRIDGE ANALYSIS

A simplified analysis tool for multi-girder bridges was developed and it is described in Chapter 4. Multi-girder bridges were shown to be the most common type of bridge on the highway system. Transportation agencies are, however, infrequently asked to provide special permits for overload vehicles to cross complex bridges since they are often in unique locations where alternate route selection is not viable. These bridges may be particularly susceptible to the effects of overload vehicles since they have long spans and most of the vehicle's heavy central axles may be near the center of the span, creating large moments in the structure. An example of such a complex bridge is an arch or truss bridge shown in Figures 7-1 and 7-2.



Figure 7-1. Hoan Bridge (Wisconsin, Tied Arch Bridge, Span = 270 + 600 + 270 ft)



Figure 7-2. Blatnik Bridge (Wisconsin, Truss Bridge, Span = 270 + 600 + 270 ft)

Each complex bridge has a unique configuration with special structural components and it is difficult to develop a single simplified tool to analyze the bridge. It is, therefore,

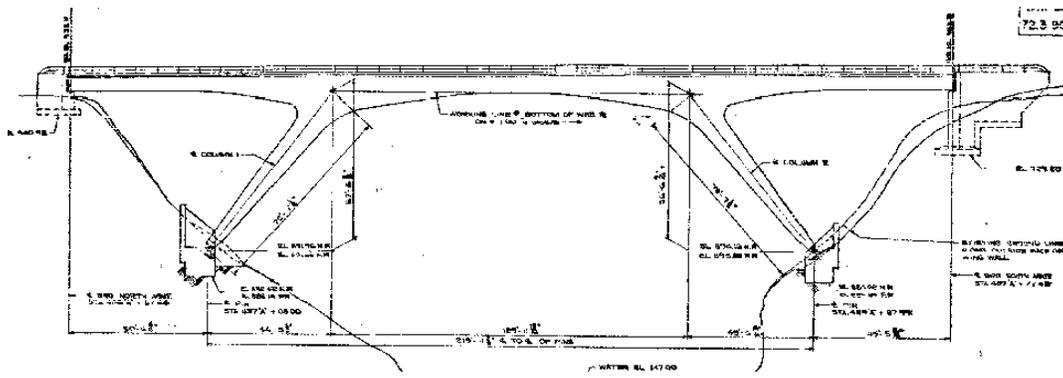
inevitable that a more complicated three dimensional finite element model of each bridge may be necessary to analyze the bridge under overload vehicles. In this chapter, two finite element analysis examples of complex bridges, i.e. the Mirror Lake Bridge and Bong Bridge, are provided. The live loads considered in the analyses were AASHTO standard trucks (i.e. HL-93 loading with uniform lane load, including the $-M$ two truck set) and two types of overload vehicles to compare the results and to identify effects of overloads on complex bridges.

7.1 Mirror Lake Bridge

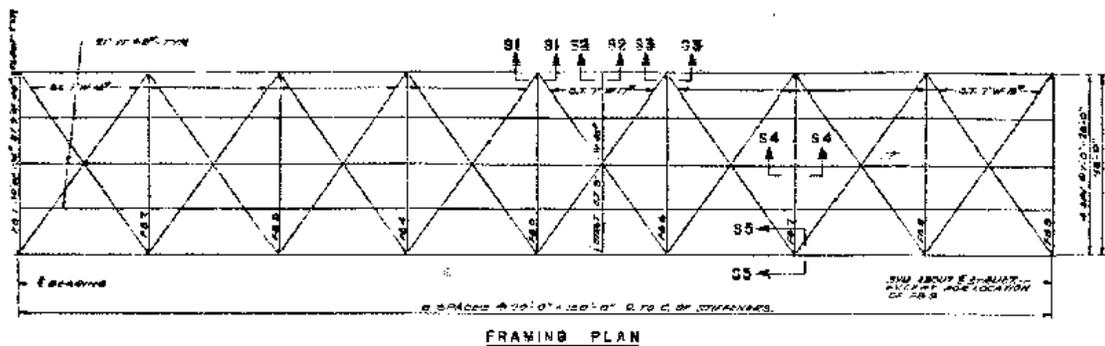
The Mirror Lake Bridge was built in 1961 in Wisconsin (Figure 7-3). The structural type of the bridge is a rigid steel frame with partially composite concrete deck. Two identical bridges are built to cover traffic in both directions of a divided highway. One of the twin bridges was selected for the analysis example. The total span of the bridge is 320 ft and there are two steel columns supporting the bridge. The columns are rigidly connected to the superstructure. The width of the bridge is 35 ft and two lanes are provided to vehicles. There are two main girders and three stringers as longitudinal structural components and sixteen floor beams as transverse structural components in the superstructure. The steel members were rigidly connected to each other. The main girders are partially composite with the concrete deck. The negative moment regions on top of the columns were not made composite to avoid tension in the deck and to eliminate shear connectors on the top flange where fatigue may be a limiting factor. The plans for the bridge are shown in Figure 7-4.



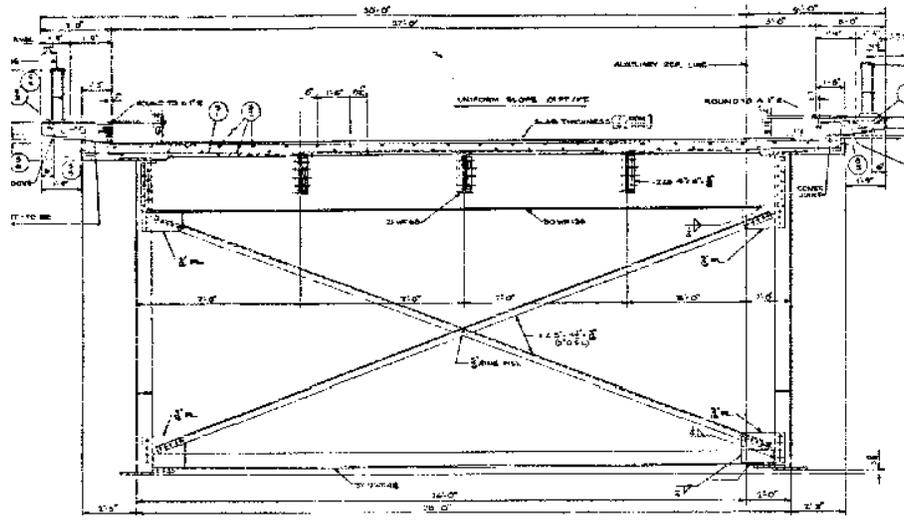
Figure 7-3. Mirror Lake Bridge (Wisconsin, Rigid Frame Bridge, Span = 95 + 130 + 95 ft)



(a) Elevation



(b) Framing plan



(c) Cross section

Figure 7-4. Mirror Lake Bridge Plans

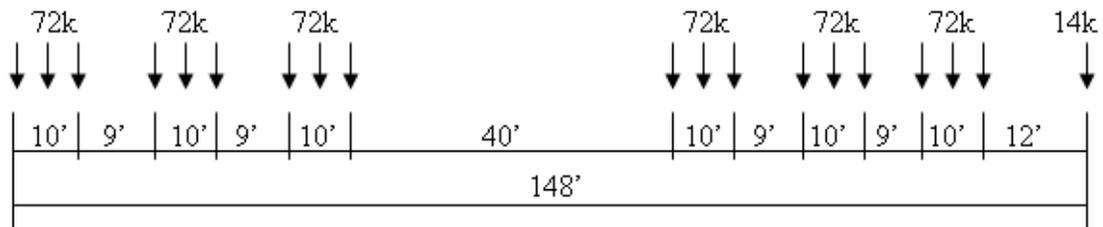
Three types of vehicular loads, i.e. AASHTO standard HL-93 loading and two types of overload vehicles were employed in the analyses. The configurations of the vehicles are shown in Table 7-1.

Table 7-1. Vehicle loads for Mirror Lake Bridge

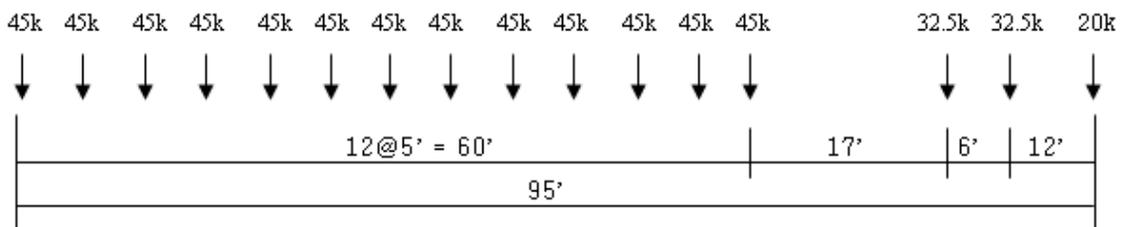
Type of the vehicle	Features
AASHTO HL-93*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Negative moment truck train was included - 1 lane and 2 lane loading - Multiple presence factor was considered - 33 % of dynamic allowance was considered - Load factor = 1.75
Single lane overload*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gross Weight = 446 kips - Multiple presence factor was NOT considered - 0 % of dynamic allowance was considered - Load factor = 1.35
Dual lane overload*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gross Weight = 670 kips - Multiple presence factor was NOT considered - 0 % of dynamic allowance was considered - Load factor = 1.35 - Transverse wheel spacing: 4' + 4' + 4'

* All the possible transverse and longitudinal live load locations were considered using the moving load option in SAP2000.

Selected overload vehicles for the analysis were the single lane overload vehicle and the dual lane overload vehicle shown in Figure 7-5. They were some of the heaviest vehicles in gross weight seen in the last ten years in Wisconsin. The transverse wheel spacing of the single lane overload vehicle was 8 ft. The exterior transverse wheel spacing of the dual lane overload vehicle was 4 ft and the interior transverse wheel spacing of the dual lane overload vehicle was 4 ft. Relevant live load factors, multiple presence factors and dynamic allowance were considered in the analysis as shown in Table 7-1. The vehicles are modeled using the moving load option in SAP2000 and all the possible transverse and longitudinal live load locations were considered.



(a) Selected single lane overload vehicle for the analysis of Mirror Lake Bridge
(72k loads are sum of 3 axles, total gross weight = 446 kips)



(b) Selected single lane overload vehicle for the analysis of Mirror Lake Bridge
(Gross weight = 670 kips)

Figure 7-6. Selected overload vehicles for the analysis of Mirror Lake Bridge

Finite element modeling of the bridge is shown in Figure 7-7 and analysis results for each structural member are shown in Figures 7-8, 7-9 and 7-10 and Table 7-2 and 7-3. The results show member forces subjected to each type of factored live load. No other loads are considered in the analysis.

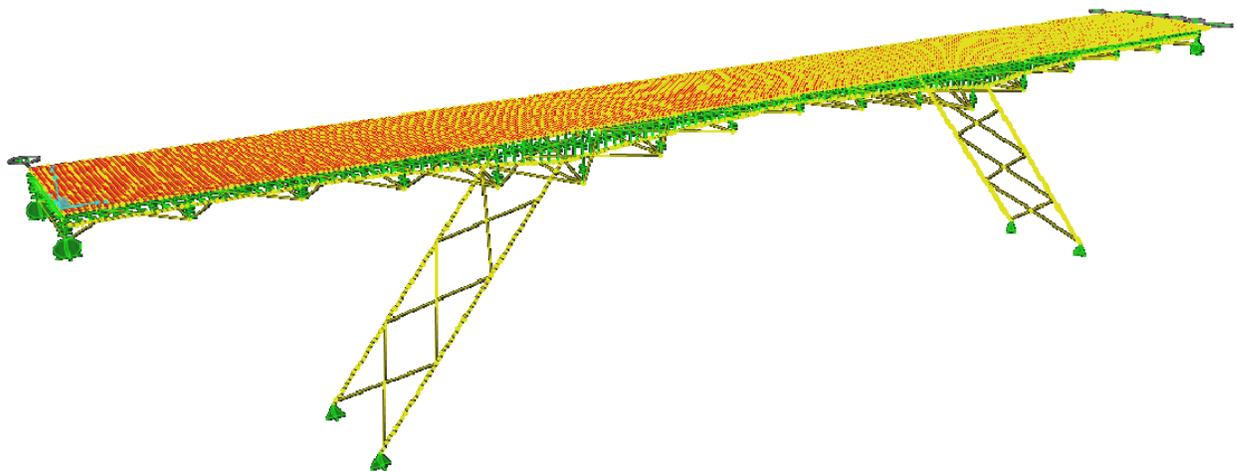
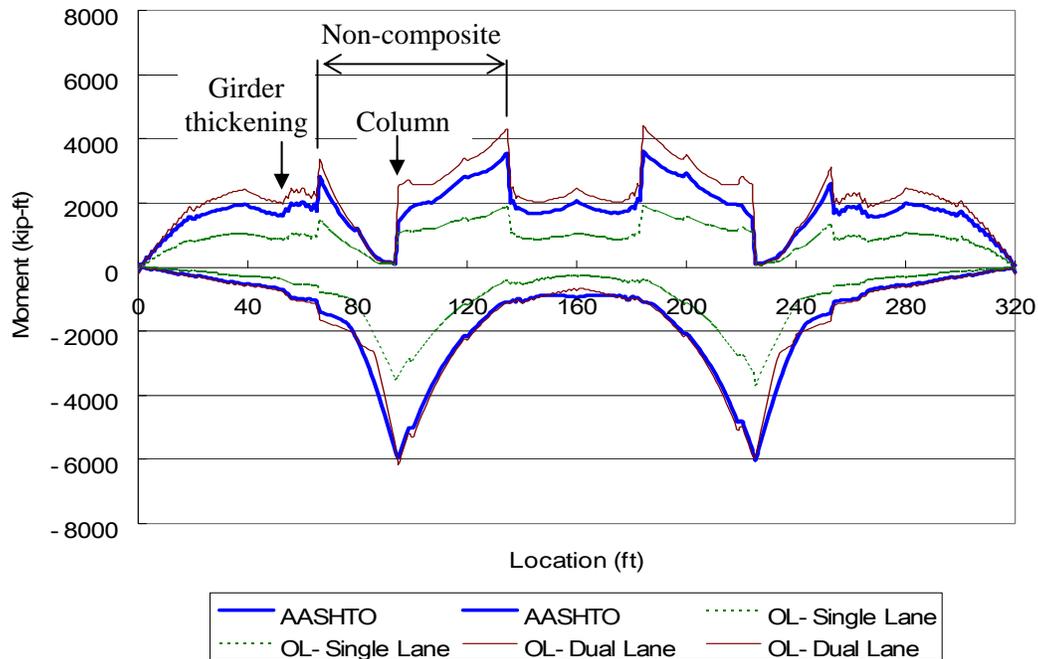
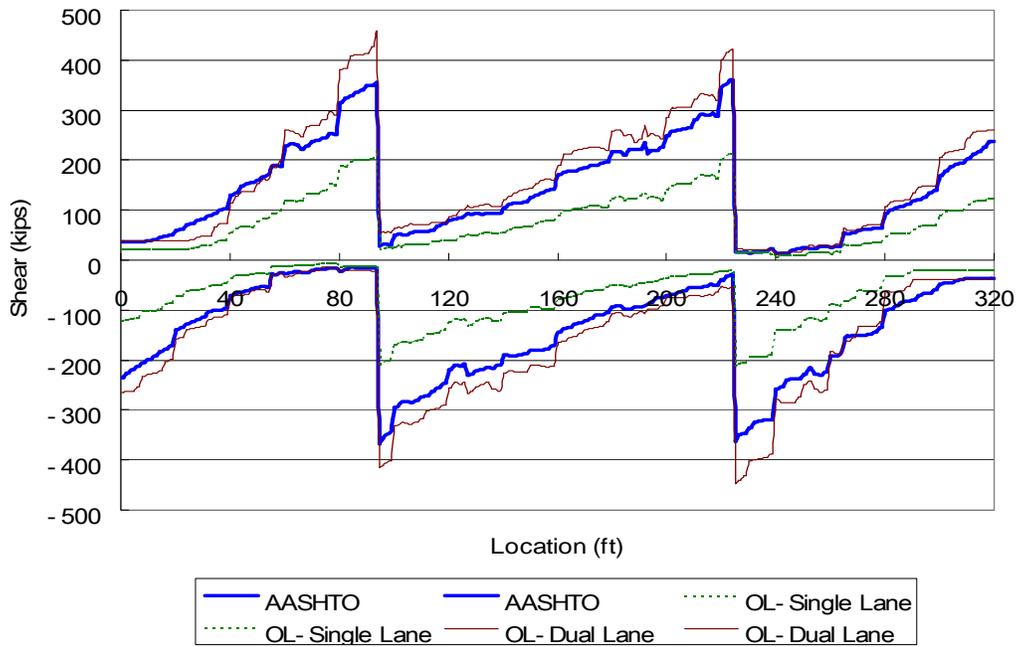


Figure 7-7 Three dimensional finite element modeling of Mirror Lake Bridge

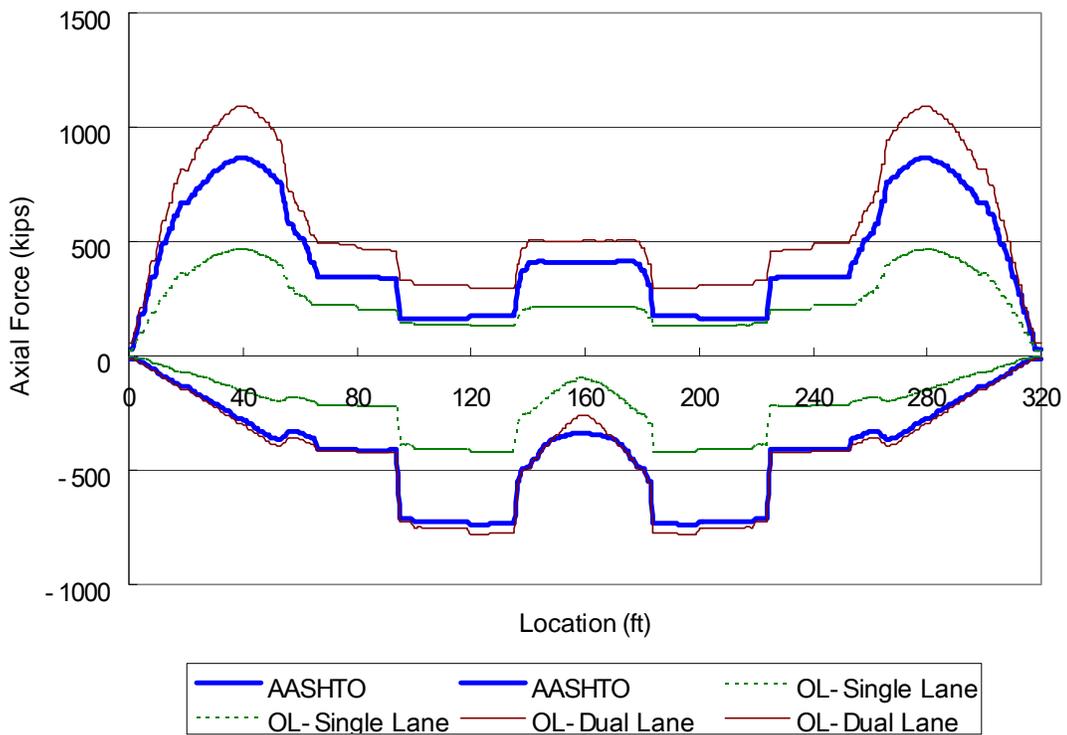
All the steel members are modeled using frame elements or truss elements and the deck was modeled using shell elements. The deck and frame elements were connected using rigid links where they are composite. A special link defined to transfer vertical force only was used to model the connection of the non-composite region of the deck and the main girder. The main girders are thicker at the negative moment regions on top of the columns and thinner at the positive moment regions. The elevation of the girder element was modeled to follow the center of gravity of the girder



(a) Moment envelopes for frame/single girder



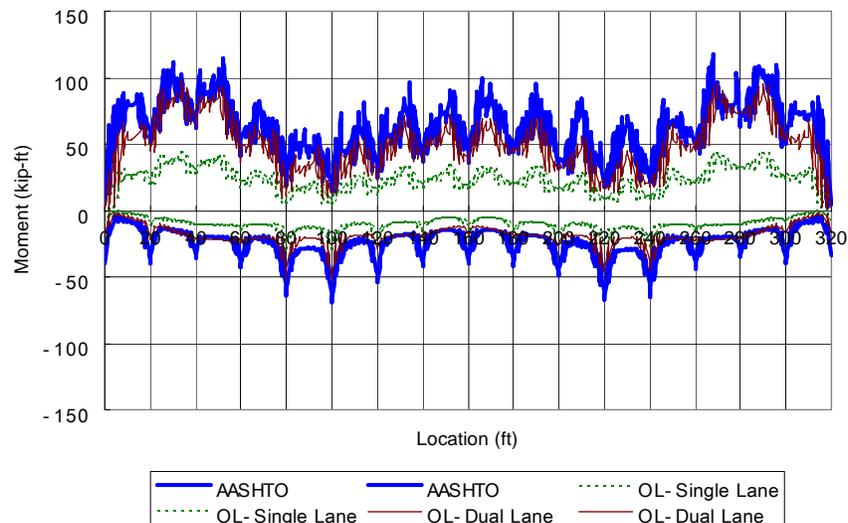
(b) Shear force envelopes for single frame/girder



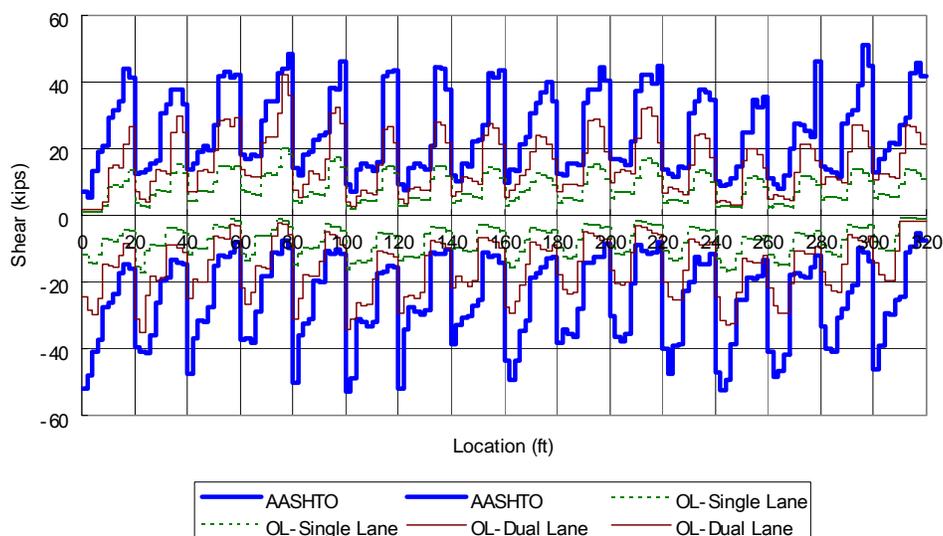
(c) Axial force envelopes for single frame/girder

Figure 7-8. Analysis results for frame/girder under factored live loads (Mirror Lake Bridge, AASHTO = HL-93 load)

The member forces of the frame girder subjected to the single lane overload vehicle were less than those from the AASHTO standard HL-93 loading, while the member forces of the girder subjected to the dual lane overload vehicle were larger than those subjected to the AASHTO HL-93. These results in Figure 7-8 indicate that the girders are safe under the single lane overload vehicle but may not be safe under the dual lane overload vehicle assuming that the bridge was properly designed to carry the AASHTO HL-93 live loads. The moment and axial force in the girder shows sudden changes at the location where the height of the girder starts to increase or decrease, the girder becomes composite and the girder is supported by column as shown in Figure 7-8.



(a) Moment envelopes for single longitudinal stringer



(b) Shear force envelopes for single longitudinal stringer

Figure 7-9. Analysis results for stringer under factored live loads (Mirror Lake Bridge)

The member forces in a longitudinal stringer subjected to the overload vehicles are smaller than created by the AASHTO HL-93 load as shown in Figure 7-9. The stringers are supported by floor beams with relatively narrow spacing (20 ft) and they show localized behavior. The effect of single wheel sets, therefore, governs the behavior of the stringer. The factored weight of a single wheel set with a dynamic factor for the AASHTO HL-93 truck is 37.2 kips (16 kips x 1.33 x 1.75) while those in overload vehicles are 16.2 kips (12 kips x 1.35) and 15.2 kips (11.25 kips x 1.35) for the single lane vehicle and the dual lane overload vehicle, respectively. It seems that the relatively narrow spacings between the wheels in the dual lane overload vehicle also affects the results and the member forces of the stringer subjected to the dual lane overload vehicle show higher values compared to those subjected to the single lane overload vehicle.

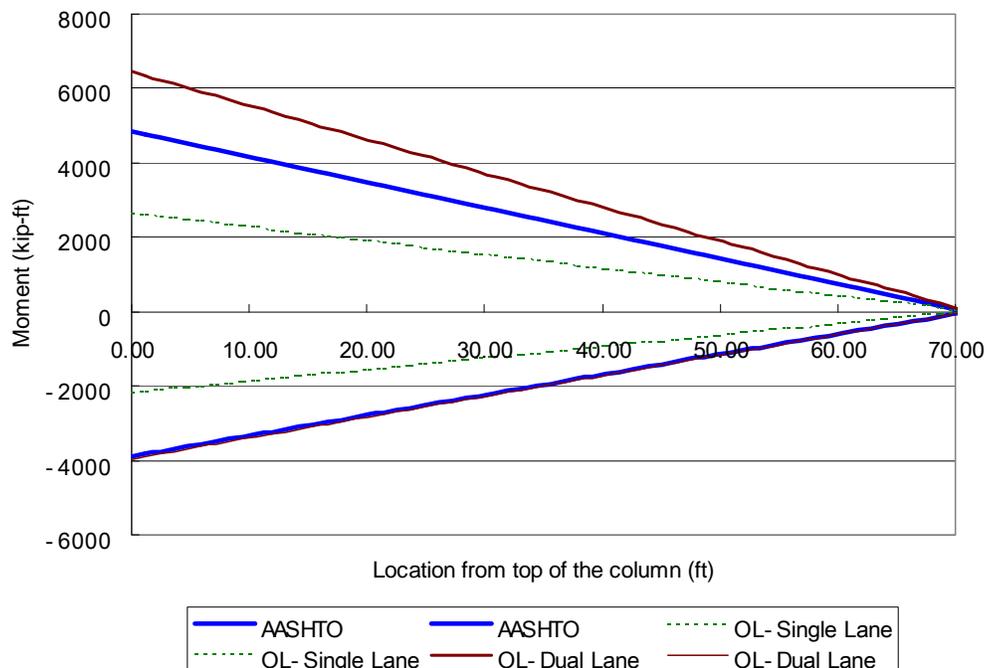


Figure 7-10. Moment envelopes for single column under factored live loads
(Mirror Lake Bridge)

Table 7-2. Axial force for single column under factored live loads (Mirror Lake Bridge)

	AASHTO HL-93	Single lane overload	Dual lane overload
Max. Compressive force (kips)	633.92	443.34	711.17

Table 7-3. Maximum and minimum member forces for floor beams under factored live loads (Mirror Lake Bridge)

		AASHTO HL-93	Single lane overload	Dual lane overload
Moment (kip-ft)	Max	215.44	114.83	233.92
	Min	-486.89	-270.39	-594.45
Shear (kips)	Max	119.14	81.647	173.93
	Min	-153.92	-81.647	-173.93

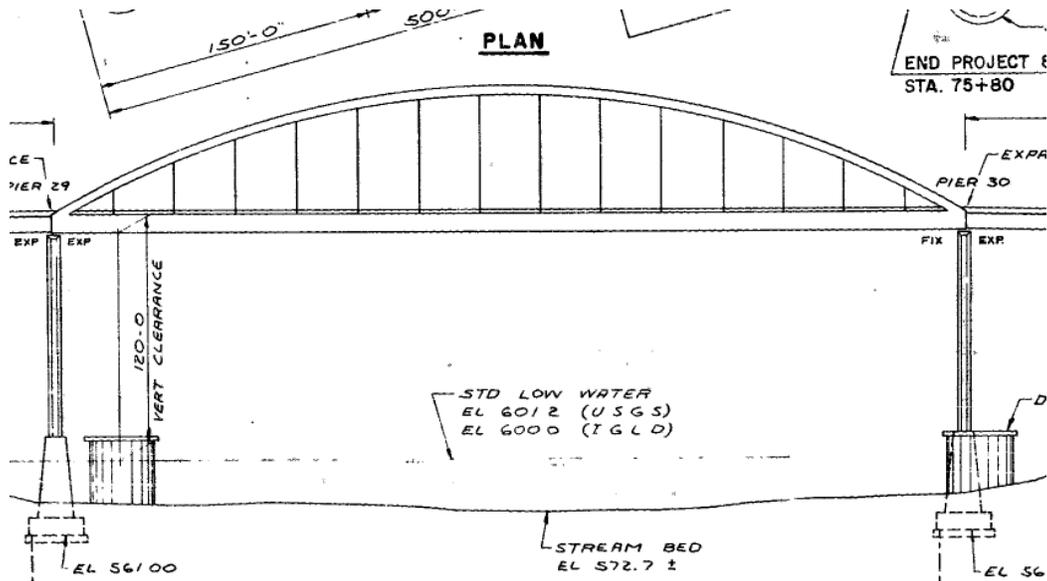
The member forces for columns and floor beams show similar results to the member forces for the girder subjected to each type of vehicle. Overall results from the analysis show that selected severe single lane overload is safe to cross the bridge when the bridge is properly designed using AASHTO HL-93 design loads, while the selected severe dual lane overload vehicle may not be safe to cross the bridge and a comparison to the capacity of the bridge in each structural member is required.

7.2 Bong Bridge

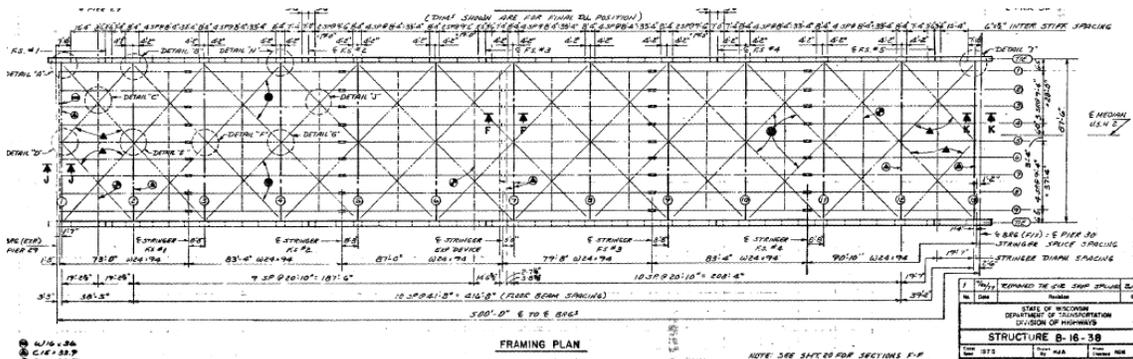
A second finite element analysis example with a complex bridge is provided by the Bong Bridge built in 1984 in Wisconsin (Figure 7-11). The structural type of the bridge is a tied steel arch bridge with non-composite concrete deck. The total span of the bridge is 500 ft. and there are two main steel girders and two steel arch members. The girders and arches are rigidly connected to each other at the joint where they meet. At other points the girders are tied by cables to the arches. The width of the deck is 82 ft and four vehicle lanes are provided. There are nine stringers as longitudinal structural components in addition to the two main girders and two arches in the superstructure. There are thirteen transverse floor beams in the superstructure. The plans for the bridge are shown in Figure 7-12.



Figure 7-11. Bong Bridge (Wisconsin, Tied arch bridge, Span = 500 ft)



(a) Elevation



(b) Framing plan

Figure 7-12. Plans for Bong Bridge

Three types of vehicular loads, i.e. the AASHTO LRFD HL-93 and two types of overload vehicles were considered for the analysis. The configurations of the vehicles are shown in Table 7-4.

Table 7-4 Vehicle loads for Bong Bridge

Type of the vehicle	Features
AASHTO LRFD HL-93*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Negative moment truck train was included - 1 ~ 3 lane loading - Multiple presence factor was considered - 33 % of dynamic allowance was considered - Load factor = 1.75
Single lane overload*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GW = 446 kips - Multiple presence factor was NOT considered - 0 % of dynamic allowance was considered - Load factor = 1.35
Dual lane overload*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GW = 670 kips - Multiple presence factor was NOT considered - 0% of dynamic allowance was considered - Load factor = 1.35 - Transverse wheel spacing: 4' + 4' + 4'

* All the possible transverse and longitudinal live load locations were considered using the moving load option in SAP2000.

The selected overload vehicles for the analysis were identical to those selected in the analysis of the Mirror Lake Bridge. For the AASHTO design truck analysis, however, the greater width in the Bong Bridge could accommodate more vehicle lanes. The analyses shown here loaded between 1 and 3 lanes with the AASHTO HL-93 loading. With more than 3 lanes the multiple presence factor decreases. Modeling of the bridge is shown in Figure 7-13 and analysis results for each structural member are shown in Figures 7-14, 7-15, 7-16 and 7-17 and Table 7-5. The results show member forces under each type of factored live load. No other loads, except LL, were considered in the analysis.

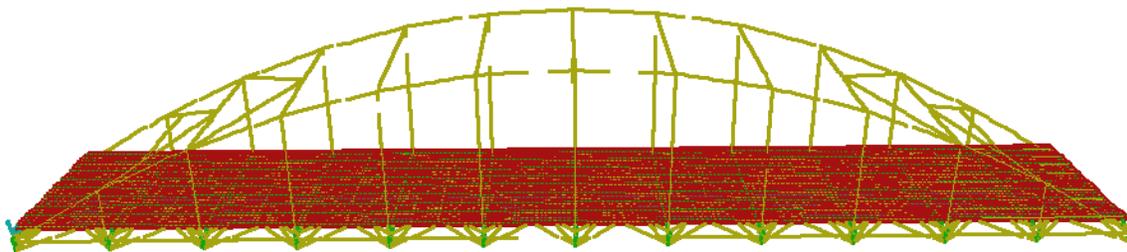
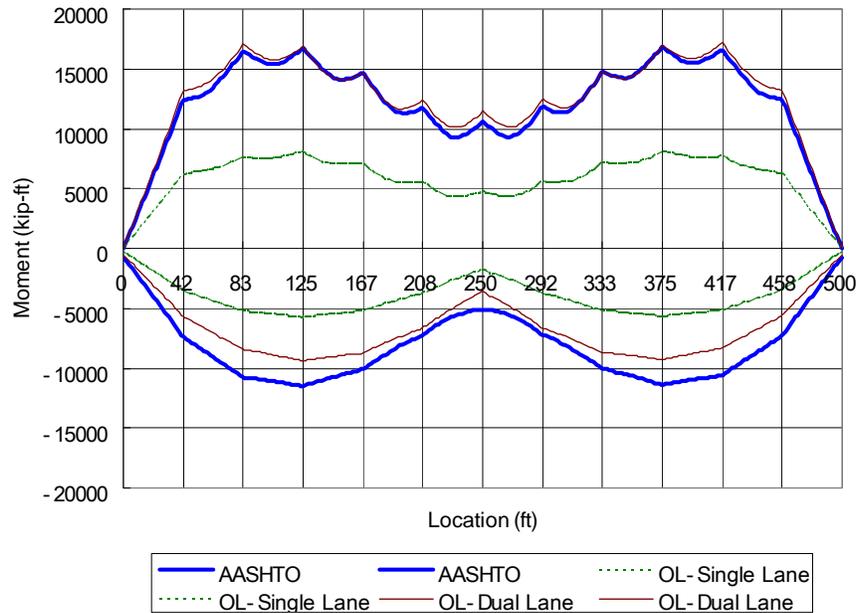
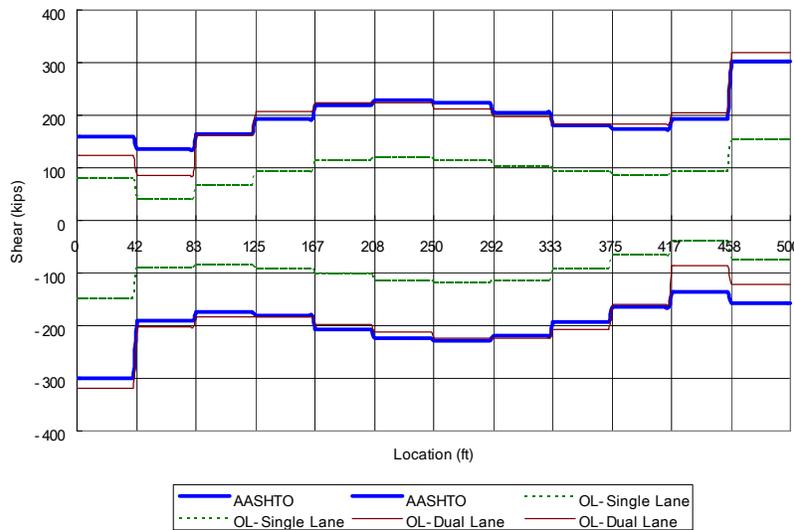


Figure 7-13 Three dimensional finite element modeling of Bong Bridge

The frame element was used to model the girders, the arches, the transverse arch bracing, the stringers and the floor beams. A truss element was used to model the bracings for the floor beams and the diaphragms for the stringers. A cable element was used to model the cables. The shell element was used to model the concrete deck. A special link defined to transfer only vertical force was used to model the connection of the deck and main girder to model a non-composite connection.

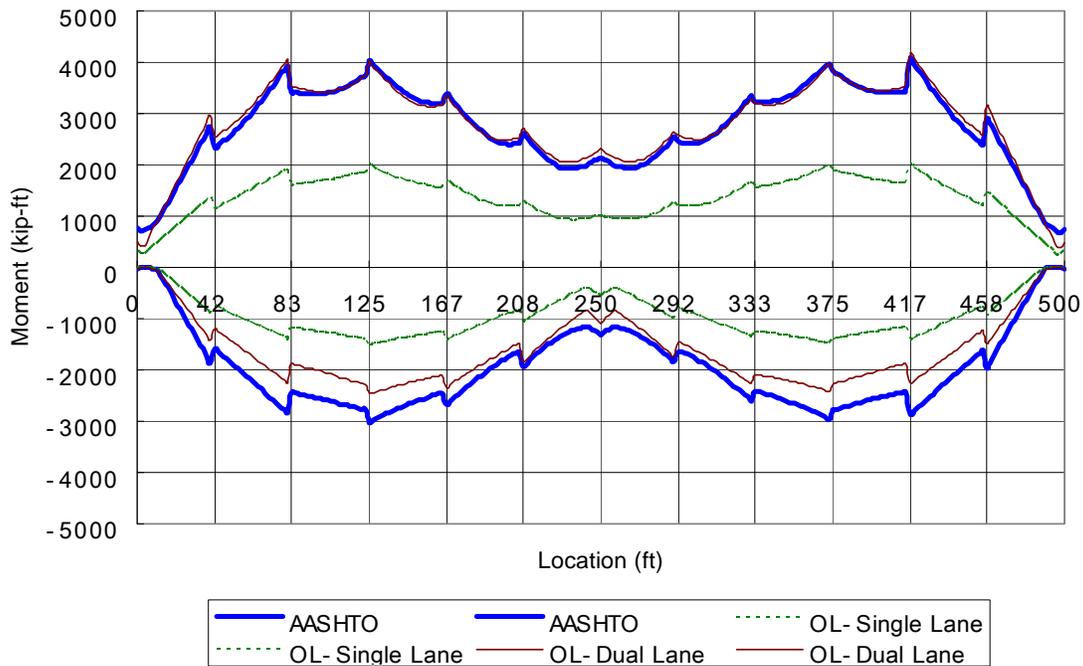


(a) Moment envelopes for single girder

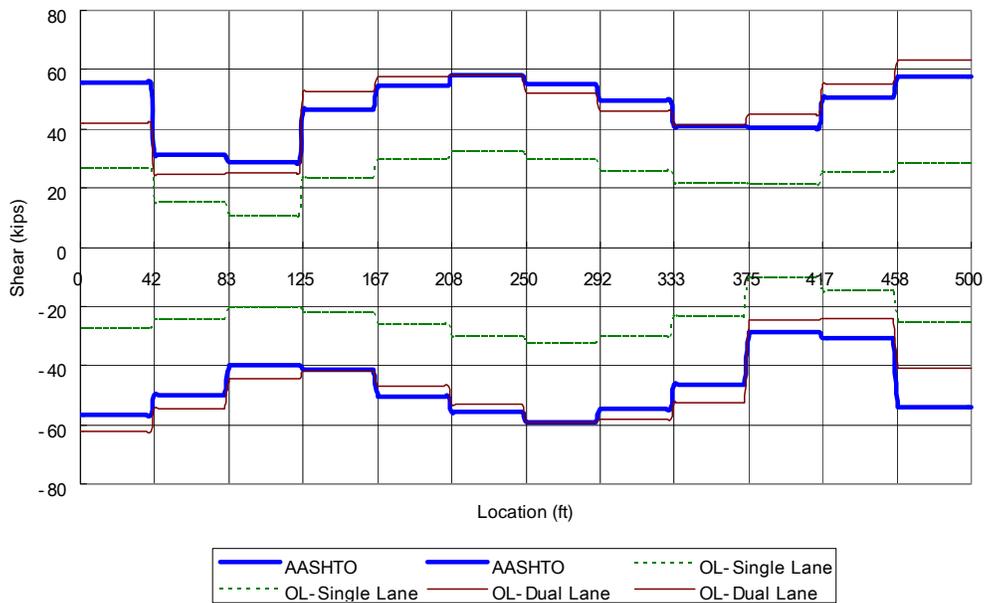


(b) Shear force envelopes for single girder

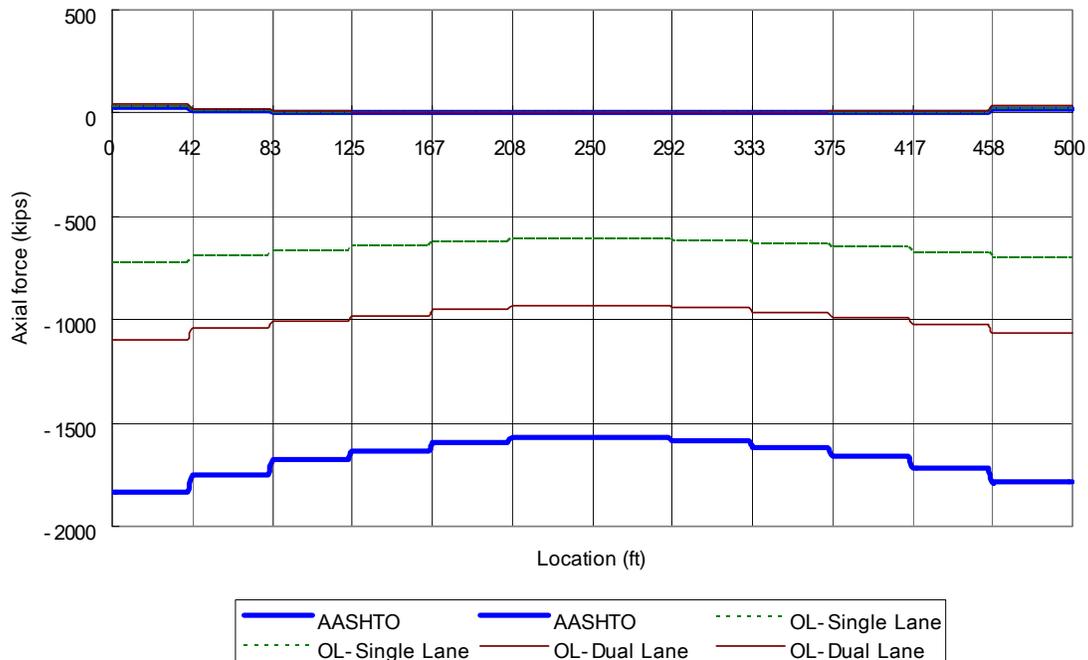
Figure 7-14. Analysis results for girder under factored live loads (Bong Bridge)
 (Note: AASHTO = HL-93 loading)



(a) Moment envelopes for single arch



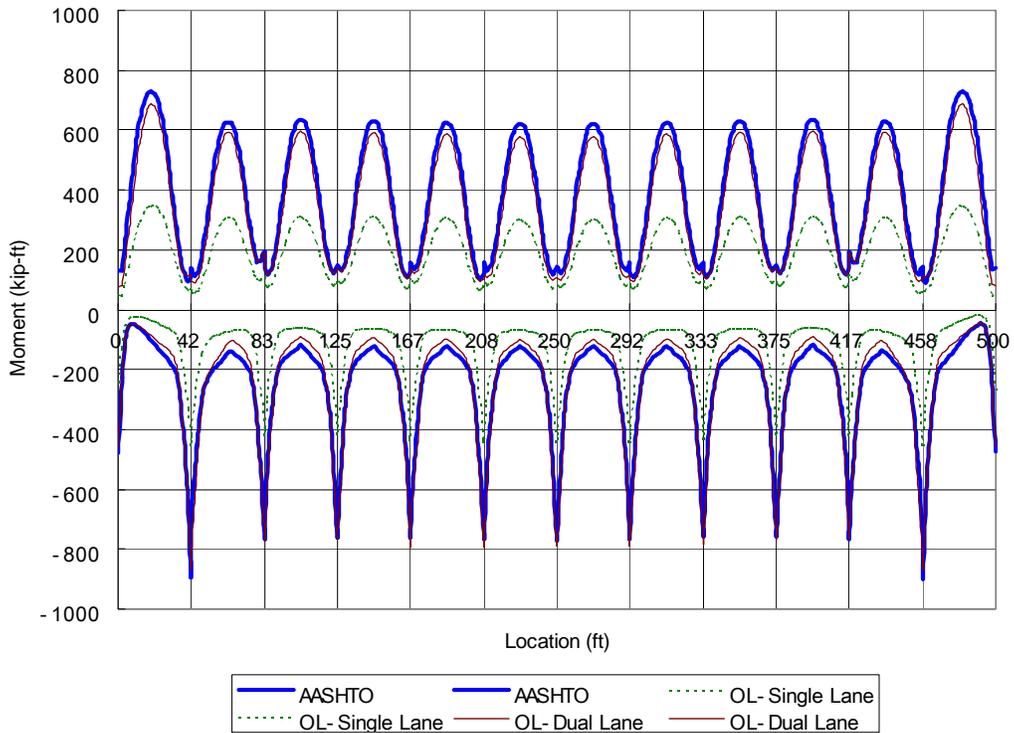
(b) Shear force envelopes for single arch



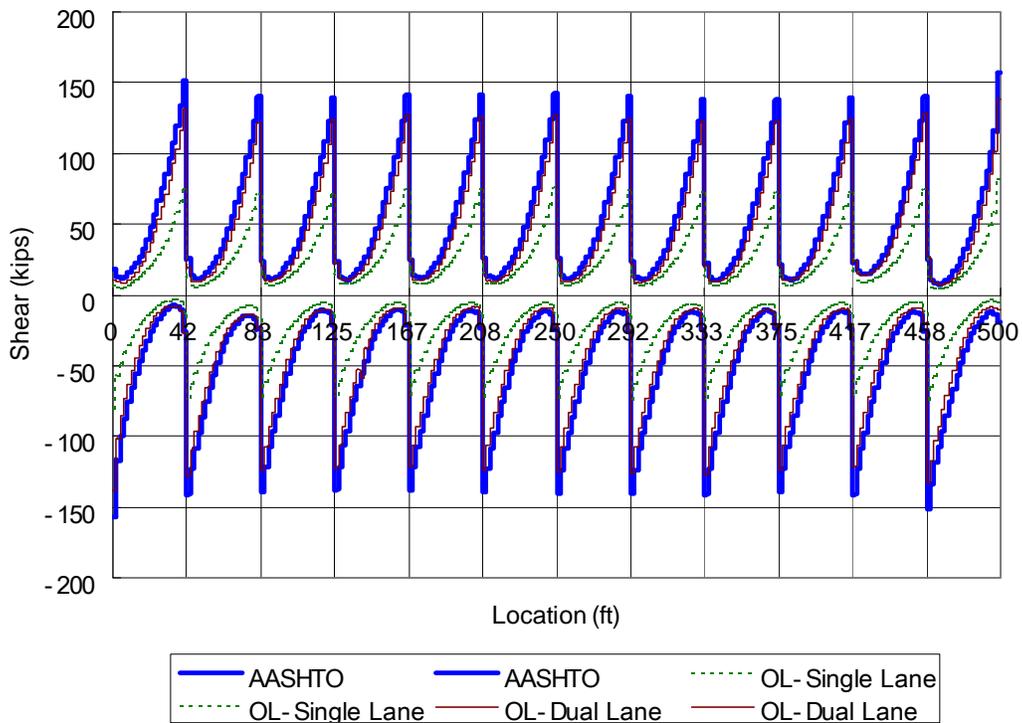
(c) Axial force envelopes for single arch

Figure 7-15. Analysis results for arch under factored live loads (Bong Bridge)
(AASHTO = HL-93 loading)

The LL member forces in the girder and the arch subjected to the single lane overload vehicle were less than those subjected to the AASHTO HL-93 load, while the member forces of the girder subjected to the dual lane overload vehicle were comparable to those subjected to the AASHTO HL-93. These results in Figure 7-14 and Figure 7-15 indicate that the girders are safe when the single lane overload vehicle passes but it may not be safe when the dual lane overload vehicle loading occurs assuming that the bridge was properly designed to carry the AASHTO HL-93 design load. The moment and axial force in the girder shows some change at the location where the girder is supported by the cables as shown in Figure 7-14 and Figure 7-15. The location of the vertical grids in the figures were selected as the same location as the location of the cables.



(a) Moment envelopes for single stringer



(b) Shear force envelopes for single stringer

Figure 7-16. Analysis results for longitudinal stringer under factored live loads (Bong Bridge)

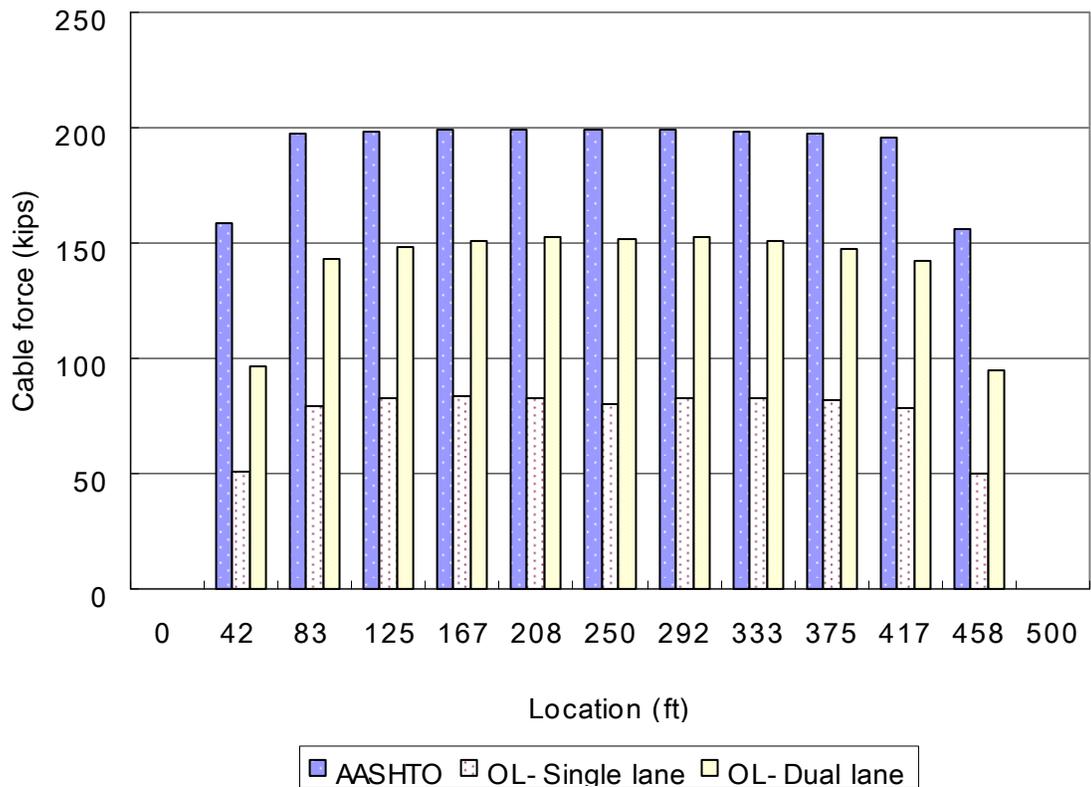


Figure 7-17. Tension forces in the cables under factored live loads (Bong Bridge)
(AASHTO = HL-93 loading)

The member forces in the stringers and cables subjected to the overload vehicles are less than those subjected to the AASHTO HL-93 as shown in Figure 7-16 and Figure 17. The stringers are supported by the floor beams with relatively narrow spacing (41 ft. 8in.) and the spacing of the cables is relatively narrow (41 ft. 8in.), showing localized behavior. The effect of a single wheel set weight, therefore, governs the behavior of the stringer and the cables. It seems that the narrower spacing of the wheels in the dual lane overload vehicle also affects the results. The member forces subjected to the dual lane overload vehicle show higher values compared to those subjected to the single lane overload vehicle.

Table 7-5. Maximum and minimum member forces for floor beams under factored live loads (Bong Bridge)

		AASHTO	Single lane overload	Dual lane overload
Moment (kip-ft)	Max	5104.1	2917.3	7197.6
	Min	-1282.6	-572.7	-1327.0
Shear (kips)	Max	231.227	193.218	457.821
	Min	-420.734	-193.218	-457.821

The member forces in the floor beam subjected to the single lane overload vehicle were less than those subjected to the AASHTO HL-93 load, while the member forces of the girder subjected to the dual lane overload vehicle were larger than those subjected to AASHTO HL-93. The closer transverse wheel spacing of the dual lane overload vehicle seems to be responsible for the results. The intensive set of wheels near the center span of the floor beams, the main girders, and the stringers create larger moment or shear forces.

Overall results from the analysis are similar to those of the Mirror Lake bridge that showed a severe single lane overload could safely cross the bridge when the bridge is properly designed using the AASHTO HL-93 loads, while a severe dual lane overload vehicle may not be safe and a check of the capacity of the bridge in each structural member is required.

8. SUMMARY

The primary research objective focused on development of a simplified analysis method to predict the effects of overload vehicles on a bridge system – including deck, girders, diaphragms, and other major components.

Multi-girder bridges were selected for the development of the simplified bridge analysis method since they are the most common bridge type in the U.S.

Accurate 3-D finite element (FEM) analysis techniques were used to analyze a large series of bridges under overload vehicles. The FEM technique was validated using existing experimental result before the bridge series was analyzed.

118 multi-girder bridges with 16 load cases of overload vehicles for each bridge were used in the finite element analyses. The variables in configuration of the bridges included span length, deck depth, girder spacing, girder type, girder stiffness, skew angle, number of spans, and use of diaphragms. The overload vehicle types varied with single lane and dual lane/trailer vehicles, and in the transverse spacing of interior wheels for dual lane vehicles. Resulting shear and moments in girders were both examined.

Girder distribution factor (GDF) equations for the multi-girder bridges under overload vehicles were developed based on the FEM analysis results. The equations are for determining the amount of shear and moment induced in a girder due to the passage of the overload vehicles. The equations were found to be capable of replacing the time consuming 3D finite element analysis rationally and conservatively. The equations can be used for single and multi-span bridges and bridges with skew.

Two examples of the application of the proposed simplified method for obtaining GDFs with two different overload vehicle cases are provided to help in the practical application of the analysis method.

Further investigations, with intermediate diaphragms between girders, were conducted to check whether the diaphragms might be endangered under overload vehicles. Analyses results showed that there was a sufficient extra margin of safety in the intermediate diaphragm design to prevent damage. The design of the diaphragms is generally done based on stiffness to prevent buckling of the girders rather than on strength, as a result extra strength may be present. The safety of the intermediate diaphragms under overload vehicles, therefore, is not of a concern since even relatively weak intermediate diaphragms were found to be safe under the severe overload vehicles.

An equation to limit the weight of a single wheel set in overload vehicles is provided to ensure the safety of the bridge decks. Two types of failure, i.e. punching failure and flexural failure, were considered in development of the equation.

Two detailed analyses were conducted on ‘complex bridges’ as an example of the method. The results showed that accurate 3-D finite analysis will generally be needed to

find the effects of overload vehicles in these bridges. Each complex bridge has a unique configuration with special structural components and a general simplified analysis is not appropriate.

In summary, the simplified method provided for analysis of multi-girder may help transportation agencies in evaluating impact of special overload vehicles on bridges. Complex bridges, however, should be carefully modeled to evaluate the impact of overload vehicles.

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APPENDIX

(Results for Multi-girder FEM Analysis)

1. Single span bridge without skew and without diaphragm (Steel girder type 1)

Single Lane Overload Vehicle

	S (ft)	L (ft)	t (in)	Moment GDF	Shear GDF
Case01	8	80	6	0.354	0.513
Case02	8	80	9	0.322	0.492
Case03	8	80	12	0.299	0.480
Case04	11	80	6	0.428	0.633
Case05	11	80	9	0.373	0.593
Case06	11	80	12	0.337	0.570
Case07	8	120	6	0.315	0.502
Case08	8	120	9	0.288	0.488
Case09	8	120	12	0.271	0.471
Case10	5	80	6	0.308	0.346
Case11	14	80	6	0.503	0.713
Case12	5	80	9	0.295	0.370
Case13	14	80	9	0.436	0.668
Case14	5	120	9	0.274	0.375
Case15	11	120	9	0.318	0.564
Case16	14	120	9	0.356	0.623
Case17	8	50	6	0.412	0.544
Case18	8	150	6	0.296	0.500
Case19	8	50	9	0.376	0.523
Case20	8	150	9	0.271	0.484
Case21	11	50	12	0.423	0.618
Case22	11	120	12	0.292	0.544
Case23	11	150	12	0.271	0.530

Dual Lane Overload Vehicle

	S (ft)	L (ft)	t (in)	Sw (ft)	Moment GDF	Shear GDF
Case01-1	8	80	6	2	0.361	0.553
Case01-2	8	80	6	6	0.329	0.407
Case01-3	8	80	6	10	0.294	0.329
Case02-1	8	80	9	2	0.321	0.532
Case02-2	8	80	9	6	0.310	0.400
Case02-3	8	80	9	10	0.292	0.327
Case03-1	8	80	12	2	0.296	0.524
Case03-2	8	80	12	6	0.294	0.397
Case03-3	8	80	12	10	0.284	0.325
Case04-1	11	80	6	2	0.433	0.647
Case04-2	11	80	6	6	0.392	0.547
Case04-3	11	80	6	10	0.340	0.405
Case05-1	11	80	9	2	0.374	0.607
Case05-2	11	80	9	6	0.353	0.524
Case05-3	11	80	9	10	0.326	0.398
Case06-1	11	80	12	2	0.337	0.588
Case06-2	11	80	12	6	0.326	0.514
Case06-3	11	80	12	10	0.313	0.394
Case07-1	8	120	6	2	0.309	0.520
Case07-2	8	120	6	6	0.304	0.396
Case07-3	8	120	6	10	0.290	0.323
Case08-1	8	120	9	2	0.280	0.506
Case08-2	8	120	9	6	0.283	0.389
Case08-3	8	120	9	10	0.276	0.319
Case09-1	8	120	12	2	0.262	0.490
Case09-2	8	120	12	6	0.268	0.379
Case09-3	8	120	12	10	0.264	0.313
Case10-1	5	80	6	2	0.295	0.413
Case10-2	5	80	6	6	0.275	0.268
Case10-3	5	80	6	10	0.200	0.218
Case11-1	14	80	6	2	0.497	0.710
Case11-2	14	80	6	6	0.459	0.635
Case11-3	14	80	6	10	0.402	0.534
Case12-1	5	80	9	2	0.275	0.409
Case12-2	5	80	9	6	0.266	0.258
Case12-3	5	80	9	10	0.200	0.198
Case13-1	14	80	9	2	0.430	0.667
Case13-2	14	80	9	6	0.406	0.602
Case13-3	14	80	9	10	0.370	0.516
Case14-1	5	120	9	2	0.252	0.381
Case14-2	5	120	9	6	0.248	0.242
Case14-3	5	120	9	10	0.200	0.181
Case15-1	11	120	9	2	0.310	0.559
Case15-2	11	120	9	6	0.307	0.499
Case15-3	11	120	9	10	0.301	0.386

Dual Lane Overload Vehicle

	S (ft)	L (ft)	t (in)	Sw (ft)	Moment GDF	Shear GDF
Case16-1	14	120	9	2	0.345	0.600
Case16-2	14	120	9	6	0.338	0.552
Case16-3	14	120	9	10	0.326	0.489
Case17-1	8	50	6	2	0.444	0.604
Case17-2	8	50	6	6	0.353	0.418
Case17-3	8	50	6	10	0.265	0.340
Case18-1	8	150	6	2	0.289	0.506
Case18-2	8	150	6	6	0.289	0.390
Case18-3	8	150	6	10	0.280	0.320
Case19-1	8	50	9	2	0.398	0.577
Case19-2	8	50	9	6	0.341	0.412
Case19-3	8	50	9	10	0.285	0.333
Case20-1	8	150	9	2	0.265	0.482
Case20-2	8	150	9	6	0.270	0.375
Case20-3	8	150	9	10	0.265	0.311
Case21-1	11	50	12	2	0.439	0.658
Case21-2	11	50	12	6	0.395	0.552
Case21-3	11	50	12	10	0.339	0.407
Case22-1	11	120	12	2	0.284	0.545
Case22-2	11	120	12	6	0.285	0.491
Case22-3	11	120	12	10	0.285	0.380
Case23-1	11	150	12	2	0.267	0.518
Case23-2	11	150	12	6	0.270	0.470
Case23-3	11	150	12	10	0.272	0.368

2. Single span bridge without skew and without diaphragm (Steel girder type 2)

Single Lane Overload Vehicle

	S (ft)	L (ft)	t (in)	Moment GDF	Shear GDF
Case01	8	80	6	0.378	0.530
Case02	8	80	9	0.346	0.506
Case03	8	80	12	0.323	0.491
Case04	11	80	6	0.460	0.661
Case05	11	80	9	0.413	0.623
Case06	11	80	12	0.375	0.594
Case07	8	120	6	0.338	0.513
Case08	8	120	9	0.308	0.498
Case09	8	120	12	0.290	0.488
Case10	5	80	6	0.313	0.322
Case11	14	80	6	0.537	0.738
Case12	5	80	9	0.308	0.355
Case13	14	80	9	0.485	0.702
Case14	5	120	9	0.288	0.383
Case15	11	120	9	0.350	0.586
Case16	14	120	9	0.398	0.653
Case17	8	50	6	0.431	0.558
Case18	8	150	6	0.318	0.505
Case19	8	50	9	0.402	0.538
Case20	8	150	9	0.290	0.499
Case21	11	50	12	0.468	0.641
Case22	11	120	12	0.320	0.565
Case23	11	150	12	0.294	0.550

Dual Lane Overload Vehicle

	S (ft)	L (ft)	t (in)	Sw (ft)	Moment GDF	Shear GDF
Case01-1	8	80	6	2	0.390	0.576
Case01-2	8	80	6	6	0.340	0.412
Case01-3	8	80	6	10	0.288	0.333
Case02-1	8	80	9	2	0.350	0.545
Case02-2	8	80	9	6	0.325	0.404
Case02-3	8	80	9	10	0.280	0.328
Case03-1	8	80	12	2	0.322	0.531
Case03-2	8	80	12	6	0.312	0.400
Case03-3	8	80	12	10	0.293	0.326
Case04-1	11	80	6	2	0.469	0.676
Case04-2	11	80	6	6	0.416	0.564
Case04-3	11	80	6	10	0.346	0.409
Case05-1	11	80	9	2	0.417	0.635
Case05-2	11	80	9	6	0.382	0.540
Case05-3	11	80	9	10	0.337	0.403
Case06-1	11	80	12	2	0.376	0.607
Case06-2	11	80	12	6	0.355	0.524
Case06-3	11	80	12	10	0.327	0.397
Case07-1	8	120	6	2	0.335	0.534
Case07-2	8	120	6	6	0.319	0.402
Case07-3	8	120	6	10	0.296	0.325
Case08-1	8	120	9	2	0.302	0.516
Case08-2	8	120	9	6	0.299	0.395
Case08-3	8	120	9	10	0.288	0.322
Case09-1	8	120	12	2	0.281	0.507
Case09-2	8	120	12	6	0.285	0.390
Case09-3	8	120	12	10	0.278	0.320
Case10-1	5	80	6	2	0.310	0.416
Case10-2	5	80	6	6	0.277	0.275
Case10-3	5	80	6	10	0.202	0.239
Case11-1	14	80	6	2	0.533	0.737
Case11-2	14	80	6	6	0.487	0.655
Case11-3	14	80	6	10	0.419	0.545
Case12-1	5	80	9	2	0.290	0.412
Case12-2	5	80	9	6	0.274	0.265
Case12-3	5	80	9	10	0.200	0.211
Case13-1	14	80	9	2	0.480	0.699
Case13-2	14	80	9	6	0.445	0.626
Case13-3	14	80	9	10	0.395	0.530
Case14-1	5	120	9	2	0.265	0.400
Case14-2	5	120	9	6	0.258	0.248
Case14-3	5	120	9	10	0.200	0.182
Case15-1	11	120	9	2	0.343	0.576
Case15-2	11	120	9	6	0.332	0.506
Case15-3	11	120	9	10	0.317	0.391

Dual Lane Overload Vehicle

	S (ft)	L (ft)	t (in)	Sw (ft)	Moment GDF	Shear GDF
Case16-1	14	120	9	2	0.389	0.631
Case16-2	14	120	9	6	0.373	0.576
Case16-3	14	120	9	10	0.351	0.501
Case17-1	8	50	6	2	0.468	0.620
Case17-2	8	50	6	6	0.357	0.421
Case17-3	8	50	6	10	0.251	0.346
Case18-1	8	150	6	2	0.311	0.521
Case18-2	8	150	6	6	0.305	0.398
Case18-3	8	150	6	10	0.290	0.324
Case19-1	8	50	9	2	0.430	0.596
Case19-2	8	50	9	6	0.350	0.416
Case19-3	8	50	9	10	0.272	0.338
Case20-1	8	150	9	2	0.283	0.502
Case20-2	8	150	9	6	0.286	0.387
Case20-3	8	150	9	10	0.278	0.318
Case21-1	11	50	12	2	0.486	0.680
Case21-2	11	50	12	6	0.425	0.565
Case21-3	11	50	12	10	0.346	0.410
Case22-1	11	120	12	2	0.312	0.559
Case22-2	11	120	12	6	0.309	0.498
Case22-3	11	120	12	10	0.303	0.386
Case23-1	11	150	12	2	0.290	0.541
Case23-2	11	150	12	6	0.290	0.488
Case23-3	11	150	12	10	0.289	0.379

3. Single span bridge without skew and without diaphragm (Concrete I girder)

Single Lane Overload Vehicle

	S (ft)	L (ft)	t (in)	Moment GDF	Shear GDF
Case01	8	80	6	0.360	0.527
Case02	8	80	9	0.333	0.506
Case03	8	80	12	0.305	0.488
Case04	11	80	6	0.436	0.655
Case05	11	80	9	0.395	0.619
Case06	11	80	12	0.362	0.592
Case07	8	120	6	0.318	0.514
Case08	8	120	9	0.296	0.497
Case09	8	120	12	0.281	0.484
Case10	5	80	6	0.305	0.324
Case11	14	80	6	0.514	0.732
Case12	5	80	9	0.296	0.350
Case13	14	80	9	0.467	0.697
Case14	5	120	9	0.271	0.354
Case15	11	120	9	0.334	0.585
Case16	14	120	9	0.380	0.650
Case17	8	50	6	0.418	0.554
Case18	8	150	6	0.297	0.503
Case19	8	50	9	0.391	0.536
Case20	8	150	9	0.277	0.490
Case21	11	50	12	0.458	0.637
Case22	11	120	12	0.309	0.563
Case23	11	150	12	0.285	0.546

Dual Lane Overload Vehicle

	S (ft)	L (ft)	t (in)	Sw (ft)	Moment GDF	Shear GDF
Case01-1	8	80	6	2	0.369	0.575
Case01-2	8	80	6	6	0.332	0.413
Case01-3	8	80	6	10	0.290	0.333
Case02-1	8	80	9	2	0.335	0.548
Case02-2	8	80	9	6	0.318	0.406
Case02-3	8	80	9	10	0.293	0.329
Case03-1	8	80	12	2	0.303	0.531
Case03-2	8	80	12	6	0.299	0.401
Case03-3	8	80	12	10	0.286	0.327
Case04-1	11	80	6	2	0.445	0.672
Case04-2	11	80	6	6	0.400	0.561
Case04-3	11	80	6	10	0.342	0.408
Case05-1	11	80	9	2	0.399	0.633
Case05-2	11	80	9	6	0.370	0.539
Case05-3	11	80	9	10	0.332	0.403
Case06-1	11	80	12	2	0.363	0.607
Case06-2	11	80	12	6	0.345	0.524
Case06-3	11	80	12	10	0.323	0.398
Case07-1	8	120	6	2	0.314	0.536
Case07-2	8	120	6	6	0.305	0.403
Case07-3	8	120	6	10	0.288	0.325
Case08-1	8	120	9	2	0.288	0.515
Case08-2	8	120	9	6	0.289	0.395
Case08-3	8	120	9	10	0.279	0.322
Case09-1	8	120	12	2	0.272	0.502
Case09-2	8	120	12	6	0.276	0.387
Case09-3	8	120	12	10	0.270	0.318
Case10-1	5	80	6	2	0.294	0.418
Case10-2	5	80	6	6	0.270	0.275
Case10-3	5	80	6	10	0.201	0.239
Case11-1	14	80	6	2	0.511	0.732
Case11-2	14	80	6	6	0.470	0.650
Case11-3	14	80	6	10	0.409	0.542
Case12-1	5	80	9	2	0.278	0.412
Case12-2	5	80	9	6	0.265	0.265
Case12-3	5	80	9	10	0.200	0.212
Case13-1	14	80	9	2	0.461	0.694
Case13-2	14	80	9	6	0.431	0.623
Case13-3	14	80	9	10	0.386	0.528
Case14-1	5	120	9	2	0.251	0.385
Case14-2	5	120	9	6	0.246	0.248
Case14-3	5	120	9	10	0.200	0.190
Case15-1	11	120	9	2	0.327	0.578
Case15-2	11	120	9	6	0.320	0.509
Case15-3	11	120	9	10	0.310	0.392

Dual Lane Overload Vehicle

	S (ft)	L (ft)	t (in)	Sw (ft)	Moment GDF	Shear GDF
Case16-1	14	120	9	2	0.370	0.629
Case16-2	14	120	9	6	0.358	0.574
Case16-3	14	120	9	10	0.341	0.501
Case17-1	8	50	6	2	0.452	0.616
Case17-2	8	50	6	6	0.354	0.419
Case17-3	8	50	6	10	0.259	0.345
Case18-1	8	150	6	2	0.291	0.517
Case18-2	8	150	6	6	0.288	0.396
Case18-3	8	150	6	10	0.277	0.323
Case19-1	8	50	9	2	0.417	0.595
Case19-2	8	50	9	6	0.347	0.415
Case19-3	8	50	9	10	0.277	0.338
Case20-1	8	150	9	2	0.271	0.492
Case20-2	8	150	9	6	0.274	0.382
Case20-3	8	150	9	10	0.267	0.315
Case21-1	11	50	12	2	0.478	0.677
Case21-2	11	50	12	6	0.419	0.563
Case21-3	11	50	12	10	0.346	0.409
Case22-1	11	120	12	2	0.302	0.559
Case22-2	11	120	12	6	0.300	0.499
Case22-3	11	120	12	10	0.296	0.386
Case23-1	11	150	12	2	0.281	0.536
Case23-2	11	150	12	6	0.282	0.484
Case23-3	11	150	12	10	0.282	0.377

4. Single span bridge without skew and without diaphragm (Wide flange Concrete girder)

Single Lane Overload Vehicle

	S (ft)	L (ft)	t (in)	Moment GDF	Shear GDF
Case01	8	80	6	0.343	0.574
Case02	8	80	9	0.317	0.541
Case03	8	80	12	0.309	0.521
Case04	11	80	6	0.428	0.691
Case05	11	80	9	0.380	0.645
Case06	11	80	12	0.347	0.615
Case07	8	120	6	0.300	0.569
Case08	8	120	9	0.281	0.532
Case09	8	120	12	0.268	0.503
Case10	5	80	6	0.289	0.343
Case11	14	80	6	0.517	0.762
Case12	5	80	9	0.281	0.354
Case13	14	80	9	0.456	0.715
Case14	5	120	9	0.257	0.329
Case15	11	120	9	0.319	0.615
Case16	14	120	9	0.365	0.672
Case17	8	50	6	0.411	0.611
Case18	8	150	6	0.280	0.557
Case19	8	50	9	0.378	0.576
Case20	8	150	9	0.264	0.516
Case21	11	50	12	0.449	0.662
Case22	11	120	12	0.297	0.587
Case23	11	150	12	0.275	0.569

Dual Lane Overload Vehicle

	S (ft)	L (ft)	t (in)	Sw (ft)	Moment GDF	Shear GDF
Case01-1	8	80	6	2	0.346	0.601
Case01-2	8	80	6	6	0.322	0.435
Case01-3	8	80	6	10	0.292	0.342
Case02-1	8	80	9	2	0.316	0.572
Case02-2	8	80	9	6	0.306	0.425
Case02-3	8	80	9	10	0.288	0.339
Case03-1	8	80	12	2	0.307	0.555
Case03-2	8	80	12	6	0.301	0.416
Case03-3	8	80	12	10	0.288	0.334
Case04-1	11	80	6	2	0.430	0.688
Case04-2	11	80	6	6	0.392	0.594
Case04-3	11	80	6	10	0.338	0.421
Case05-1	11	80	9	2	0.380	0.649
Case05-2	11	80	9	6	0.357	0.567
Case05-3	11	80	9	10	0.326	0.414
Case06-1	11	80	12	2	0.346	0.625
Case06-2	11	80	12	6	0.333	0.550
Case06-3	11	80	12	10	0.315	0.409
Case07-1	8	120	6	2	0.293	0.571
Case07-2	8	120	6	6	0.290	0.429
Case07-3	8	120	6	10	0.278	0.338
Case08-1	8	120	9	2	0.273	0.537
Case08-2	8	120	9	6	0.275	0.411
Case08-3	8	120	9	10	0.268	0.331
Case09-1	8	120	12	2	0.260	0.511
Case09-2	8	120	12	6	0.264	0.395
Case09-3	8	120	12	10	0.260	0.322
Case10-1	5	80	6	2	0.273	0.436
Case10-2	5	80	6	6	0.261	0.279
Case10-3	5	80	6	10	0.200	0.224
Case11-1	14	80	6	2	0.506	0.745
Case11-2	14	80	6	6	0.471	0.678
Case11-3	14	80	6	10	0.408	0.573
Case12-1	5	80	9	2	0.261	0.417
Case12-2	5	80	9	6	0.254	0.266
Case12-3	5	80	9	10	0.199	0.205
Case13-1	14	80	9	2	0.446	0.704
Case13-2	14	80	9	6	0.421	0.643
Case13-3	14	80	9	10	0.379	0.552
Case14-1	5	120	9	2	0.239	0.367
Case14-2	5	120	9	6	0.236	0.247
Case14-3	5	120	9	10	0.200	0.195
Case15-1	11	120	9	2	0.310	0.603
Case15-2	11	120	9	6	0.306	0.541
Case15-3	11	120	9	10	0.299	0.406

Dual Lane Overload Vehicle

	S (ft)	L (ft)	t (in)	Sw (ft)	Moment GDF	Shear GDF
Case16-1	14	120	9	2	0.353	0.643
Case16-2	14	120	9	6	0.344	0.597
Case16-3	14	120	9	10	0.330	0.527
Case17-1	8	50	6	2	0.441	0.636
Case17-2	8	50	6	6	0.353	0.436
Case17-3	8	50	6	10	0.268	0.348
Case18-1	8	150	6	2	0.273	0.543
Case18-2	8	150	6	6	0.274	0.416
Case18-3	8	150	6	10	0.265	0.334
Case19-1	8	50	9	2	0.401	0.608
Case19-2	8	50	9	6	0.343	0.429
Case19-3	8	50	9	10	0.285	0.341
Case20-1	8	150	9	2	0.257	0.500
Case20-2	8	150	9	6	0.261	0.389
Case20-3	8	150	9	10	0.257	0.319
Case21-1	11	50	12	2	0.465	0.688
Case21-2	11	50	12	6	0.413	0.584
Case21-3	11	50	12	10	0.342	0.416
Case22-1	11	120	12	2	0.288	0.580
Case22-2	11	120	12	6	0.288	0.525
Case22-3	11	120	12	10	0.286	0.399
Case23-1	11	150	12	2	0.269	0.548
Case23-2	11	150	12	6	0.271	0.500
Case23-3	11	150	12	10	0.272	0.385

5. Single span bridge with skew (Concrete I girder)

Single Lane Overload Vehicle

	S (ft)	L (ft)	t (in)	Skew (degree)	Without end diaphragm		With end diaphragm	
					Moment GDF	Shear GDF	Moment GDF	Shear GDF
Case08	8	120	9	0	0.296	0.497	0.279	0.485
	8	120	9	20	0.296	0.456	0.288	0.460
	8	120	9	40	0.288	0.393	0.281	0.380
	8	120	9	50	0.275	0.347	0.263	0.299
	8	120	9	60	0.250	0.287	0.226	0.199
Case 14	5	120	9	0	0.270	0.354	-	-
	5	120	9	40	0.269	0.254	-	-
	5	120	9	60	0.242	0.229	-	-

Dual Lane Overload Vehicle

	S (ft)	L (ft)	t (in)	Sw (ft)	Skew (degree)	Without end diaphragm		With end diaphragm	
						Moment GDF	Shear GDF	Moment GDF	Shear GDF
Case08-1	8	120	9	2	0	0.288	0.503	0.275	0.498
	8	120	9	2	20	0.224	0.349	0.218	0.352
	8	120	9	2	40	0.193	0.275	0.189	0.262
	8	120	9	2	50	0.184	0.234	0.176	0.191
	8	120	9	2	60	0.163	0.195	0.148	0.118
Case08-2	8	120	9	6	0	0.289	0.391	0.273	0.392
	8	120	9	6	20	0.202	0.267	0.196	0.274
	8	120	9	6	40	0.197	0.225	0.191	0.212
	8	120	9	6	50	0.187	0.193	0.177	0.150
	8	120	9	6	60	0.166	0.171	0.148	0.099
Case08-3	8	120	9	10	0	0.279	0.319	0.263	0.325
	8	120	9	10	20	0.197	0.215	0.190	0.220
	8	120	9	10	40	0.191	0.178	0.185	0.159
	8	120	9	10	50	0.182	0.153	0.171	0.104
	8	120	9	10	60	0.161	0.138	0.142	0.065
Case14-1	5	120	9	2	0	0.251	0.372	-	-
	5	120	9	2	40	0.171	0.175	-	-
	5	120	9	2	60	0.150	0.104	-	-
Case14-2	5	120	9	6	0	0.246	0.245	-	-
	5	120	9	6	40	0.168	0.116	-	-
	5	120	9	6	60	0.147	0.078	-	-
Case14-3	5	120	9	10	0	0.200	0.190	-	-
	5	120	9	10	40	0.134	0.077	-	-
	5	120	9	10	60	0.111	0.048	-	-

6. Two span bridge without skew (Concrete I girder)

Single Lane overload Vehicle

	S (ft)	L (ft)	t (in)	Without end diaphragm		With end diaphragm
				Negative Moment GDF	Positive Moment GDF	Negative Moment GDF
Case02	8	80	9	0.449	0.333	0.429
Case08	8	120	9	0.401	0.296	0.387
Case19	8	50	9	0.487	0.391	0.452
Case20	8	150	9	0.422	0.277	0.407

Dual Lane Overload Vehicle

	S (ft)	L (ft)	t (in)	Sw (ft)	Without end diaphragm		With end diaphragm
					Negative Moment GDF	Positive Moment GDF	Negative Moment GDF
Case02-1	8	80	9	2	0.482	0.335	0.459
Case02-2	8	80	9	6	0.355	0.318	0.352
Case02-3	8	80	9	10	0.244	0.293	0.259
Case08-1	8	120	9	2	0.434	0.288	0.418
Case08-2	8	120	9	6	0.346	0.289	0.343
Case08-3	8	120	9	10	0.270	0.279	0.277
Case19-1	8	50	9	2	0.547	0.417	0.510
Case19-2	8	50	9	6	0.369	0.347	0.364
Case19-3	8	50	9	10	0.213	0.277	0.240
Case20-1	8	150	9	2	0.458	0.271	0.443
Case20-2	8	150	9	6	0.348	0.274	0.347
Case20-3	8	150	9	10	0.249	0.267	0.262

7. Single span bridges with end diaphragm and without skew (Concrete I girder)

Single Lane Overload Vehicle

	S (ft)	L (ft)	t (in)	Moment GDF	Shear GDF
Case02	8	80	9	0.308	0.536
Case06	11	80	12	0.341	0.629
Case08	8	120	9	0.282	0.486
Case19	8	50	9	0.359	0.570
Case20	8	150	9	0.269	0.453
Case21	11	50	12	0.432	0.667
Case22	11	120	12	0.296	0.574
Case23	11	150	12	0.277	0.538

Dual Lane Overload Vehicle

	S (ft)	L (ft)	t (in)	Sw (ft)	Moment GDF	Shear GDF
Case02-1	8	80	9	2	0.310	0.583
Case02-2	8	80	9	6	0.289	0.433
Case02-3	8	80	9	10	0.265	0.351
Case06-1	11	80	12	2	0.341	0.650
Case06-2	11	80	12	6	0.320	0.563
Case06-3	11	80	12	10	0.295	0.425
Case08-1	8	120	9	2	0.275	0.505
Case08-2	8	120	9	6	0.273	0.393
Case08-3	8	120	9	10	0.263	0.327
Case19-1	8	50	9	2	0.387	0.633
Case19-2	8	50	9	6	0.324	0.444
Case19-3	8	50	9	10	0.262	0.360
Case20-1	8	150	9	2	0.263	0.459
Case20-2	8	150	9	6	0.264	0.368
Case20-3	8	150	9	10	0.258	0.310
Case21-1	11	50	12	2	0.453	0.707
Case21-2	11	50	12	6	0.394	0.588
Case21-3	11	50	12	10	0.331	0.427
Case22-1	11	120	12	2	0.287	0.571
Case22-2	11	120	12	6	0.283	0.508
Case22-3	11	120	12	10	0.277	0.397
Case23-1	11	150	12	2	0.272	0.524
Case23-2	11	150	12	6	0.272	0.470
Case23-3	11	150	12	10	0.270	0.376