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### Calculation of the formation of normal cracks in a reinforced concrete element based on the deformation theory of plasticity of concrete by G.A. Geniev

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**Abstract.** The authors present a refined method of determining the moment of cracking in reinforced concrete bar constructions using the diagram of deformation of concrete built on the basis of the deformation theory of plasticity by G.A. Geniev in which the stress and strain invariants of concrete are linked by nonlinear dependences. In the resulting defining equations, the hypothesis of flat sections, as well as the premise of reaching the limit values of concrete deformations on the stretched fibers of the cross-section are used. Stresses in concrete are determined through deformation values in accordance with the nonlinear deformation diagram of concrete. On the basis of the assumptions accepted, analytical dependences for determining the moment of cracking in the sections of bending elements with single and double reinforcement have been acquired. The formulas obtained were used in the analysis of various factors influence on crack resistance of bendable reinforced concrete elements. It was found out that the moment of crack formation practically does not change when percentage of reinforcement of longitudinal tensile or compressed reinforcement changes. The most effective method of crack resistance improvement is the increase of concrete strength. The proposed methodology is verified by comparison with experimental results on reinforced concrete prototypes. It is concluded that the use of the diagram of nonlinear deformation of concrete on the basis of the theory of plasticity by G.A. Geniev allows to estimate more strictly the crack resistance of reinforced concrete rod elements.

**Keywords:** deformation diagrams, plasticity, relative deformations, reinforced concrete structures, cracking moment

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# Расчет по образованию нормальных трещин в железобетонном элементе на основе деформационной теории пластичности бетона Г.А. Гениева

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**Аннотация.** Представлена уточненная методика определения момента трещинообразования в железобетонных стержневых конструкциях с использованием диаграммы деформирования бетона, построенной на основе деформационной теории пластичности Г.А. Гениева, в которой инварианты напряженного и деформированного состояния бетона связаны между собой нелинейными зависимостями. В полученных определяющих уравнениях использованы гипотеза плоских сечений, а также предпосылка о достижении на растянутых волокнах поперечного сечения предельных значений деформаций бетона. Напряжения в бетоне определяются через значения деформаций в соответствии с нелинейной диаграммой деформирования бетона. На основе принятых предпосылок получены аналитические зависимости для определения момента трещинообразования в сечениях изгибаемых элементов с вариантами одиночного и двойного армирования. Полученные формулы применялись при анализе влияния различных факторов на трещиностойкость изгибаемых железобетонных элементов. Установлено, что при изменении процента армирования продольной растянутой или сжатой арматуры момент образования трещин практически не меняется. Наиболее эффективным методом повышения трещиностойкости является увеличение прочности бетона. Предложенная методика верифицирована сравнением с экспериментальными результатами на железобетонных опытных образцах. Сделан вывод о том, что использование диаграммы нелинейного деформирования бетона на основе теории пластичности Г.А. Гениева позволяет более строго оценить трещиностойкость железобетонных стержневых элементов.

**Ключевые слова:** диаграммы деформирования, пластичность, относительные деформации, железобетонные конструкции, момент трещинообразования

## Introduction

It is known that in reinforced concrete structures under the action of loads and impacts, the formation of cracks is allowed due to partial or complete removal of the stretched concrete zone from the work [1–4]. The work of many scientists, such as V.I. Murashev [5], A.A. Gvozdev [6], A.S. Zalesov [7], V.N. Baikov [8], N.I. Karpenko [9], E.N. Kodysh [10], N.N. Trekin [11], V.A. Eryshev [12; 13], V.I. Kolchunov [14], A.G. Tamrazyan et al. [15] was devoted to the solution of this problem in different periods of time. A number of methods has been developed for determining the moment of crack formation, and successfully implemented in regulatory documents of different generations. Nevertheless, accurate prediction of the crack formation process has not lost its relevance and is important for improving the design of safe reinforced concrete structures, and in some cases it is critical and excludes the possibility of their further operation (for example, waterproof structures, structures operated in ground water, reservoirs, silos, coating shells [16–18], etc.). The accurate determination of the moment of crack formation for structures made of high-strength reinforced concrete and fiber reinforced concrete is of particular importance [19–22]. As shown in [23] the range of deformation to failure is relatively short and does not exceed 25–30% in such structures after the formation of cracks. Such studies

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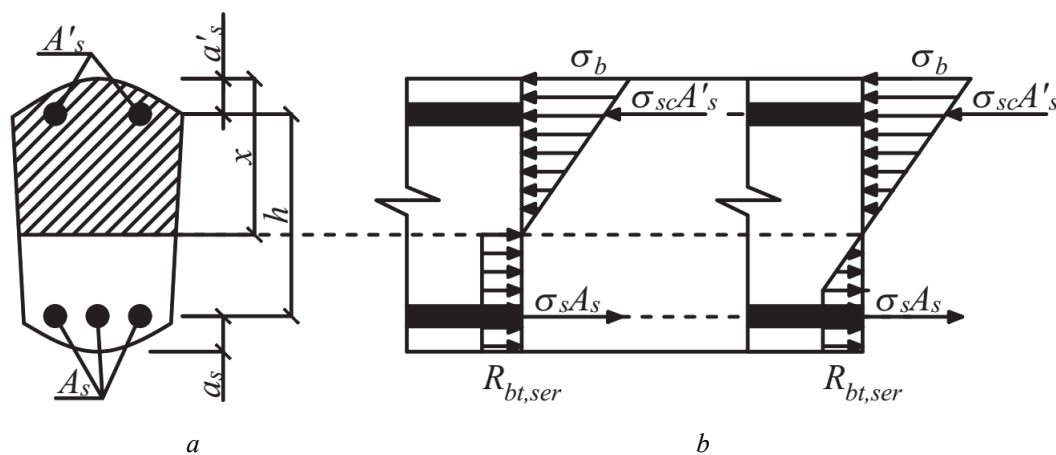
are also relevant for conventional mass-designed structures, since the formation of cracks entails a significant change in the parameters of the limit states of the second group – stiffness, crack opening, which in many cases become decisive when assigning reinforcement and the level of prestressing. In this regard, studies aimed at clarifying the level of load at which cracks form in the structure continue to be relevant

In the previous Russian Construction Standards and Regulations (SNiP) 2.03.01-84\*<sup>1</sup> the structural model for determining the force perceived by the cross-sections of the bending elements normal to the longitudinal axis during the formation of cracks was built on the basis of the following provisions. The hypothesis of flat sections (Bernoulli's hypothesis) is adopted when the calculated section is deformed. It was assumed that at the moment of cracking, the relative deformation of the extreme stretched fiber of concrete reaches a maximum value equal to  $2R_{bt,ser} / E_b$ , and the stress in tensile concrete, regardless of its deformations, was assumed to be constant and equal to the tensile strength of concrete  $R_{bt,ser}$ . The stresses in the concrete at the compressed zone are determined taking into account the elastic deformations of the concrete, i.e. the stress diagram in the compressed zone has a triangular shape (Figure 1, a). According to the accepted provisions, the moment perceived by the section normal to the longitudinal axis of the element during the formation of a crack is determined by the formula:

$$M_{cr} = R_{bt,ser} W_{pl} \quad (1)$$

The concept of elastic-plastic moment of resistance is introduced in order to take into account plastic deformations of tensile concrete  $W_{pl}$ :

$$W_{pl} = \frac{2(I_{b0} + \alpha I_{so} + \alpha I'_{so})}{h-x} + S_{bo} \quad (2)$$



**Figure 1.** Schemes of the stress diagram in the cross section of the element when calculating it according to the formation of cracks normal to the longitudinal axis of the element: a – according to SNiP 2.03.01.84\*; b – according to SP 63.13330.2018<sup>2</sup>

In the new code of rules currently in force SP 63.13330.2018, in contrast to SNiP 2.03.01.84\*, some excellent starting points for constructing a calculation model are adopted: the stress diagram in the tensile zone of concrete takes a trapezoidal shape with stresses not exceeding the design values of concrete resistance stretching  $R_{bt,ser}$ ; the relative deformation of the extreme stretched fiber of concrete is taken equal to its limit value  $\epsilon_{bt,ult} = 0,00015$  (Figure 1, b).

From the point of view of the theory of elasticity, the above approaches for determining the moment of cracking in the cross section of reinforced concrete elements violate the generalized Hooke's law for concrete [24]. It has also been proved by experimental data that the actual diagram of concrete stresses in the tensile and compressed zone differs from the accepted one and has a curvilinear shape even with a low level of loading [25–30]. Therefore, such approaches, described in domestic standards in order to simplify the calculation

<sup>1</sup> SNiP 2.03.01.84\*. *Concrete and reinforced concrete structures*. Moscow: USSR Gosstroj Publ.; 1989. 84 p. (In Russ.)

<sup>2</sup> SP 63.13330.2018. *Concrete and reinforced concrete structures. Main provisions*. Moscow: Ministry of Construction and Housing and Communal Services of the Russian Federation; 2018. 124 p. (In Russ.)

apparatus, are conditional. In this regard, it is of interest to quantify the noted assumptions and develop a variant of a more rigorous calculation model, taking into account the plastic deformations of concrete to determine the limiting force perceived by the sections of bending elements normal to the longitudinal axis during the formation of cracks. The solution of the problem under consideration in this paper is based on the deformation theory of plasticity of concrete by G.A. Geniev.

### Method

The stress-strain state of a bent reinforced concrete element before the formation of cracks will be determined based on the following assumptions:

1. Sections remain flat during bending, i.e. deformations along the height of the element change according to a linear law [31].

2. The stresses in the concrete of the compressed and tensile zones are determined taking into account the inelastic deformations described by the deformation theory of plasticity of concrete by G.A. Geniev [32; 33].

3. The condition for the formation of a crack in the section is the equality of the limiting deformations on the stretched side of concrete to the value of the limiting tensile strength of concrete  $\varepsilon_{bt,ult}$ .

4. Stresses in tensile reinforcement are taken depending on the relative deformations as for an elastic body.

In accordance with the adopted second hypothesis, the invariants of the stressed and deformed state of concrete are interconnected by nonlinear dependencies:

$$T = G_0 \left( 1 - \frac{\Gamma}{2\Gamma_s} \right) \Gamma, \quad (3)$$

where the initial shear modulus  $G_0$  is determined by the formula

$$G_0 = \frac{E_b}{2(1+\nu)}; \quad (4)$$

$\Gamma, \Gamma_s$  – intensity of shear deformations and its limiting value respectively.

To determine the moment of formation of normal cracks, consider the case of pure bending of a reinforced concrete rod, for which only normal stresses occur in the cross section. In this case, we have the following boundary conditions:  $\sigma_1 \neq 0, \sigma_2 = \sigma_3$ .

Let us express the intensity of concrete shear deformations and its limiting value in terms of the main deformations:

$$\Gamma = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \sqrt{(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)^2 + (\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3)^2 + (\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_1)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \sqrt{(\varepsilon_1 - \nu\varepsilon_1)^2 + (\nu\varepsilon_1 - \nu\varepsilon_1)^2 + (\nu\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_1)^2} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} (1-\nu) \varepsilon_1; \quad (5)$$

$$\Gamma_s = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} (1-\nu) \varepsilon_{1,ult}. \quad (6)$$

Let us express in (1) the intensity of shear stresses, the square of which is numerically equal to the second invariant of the stress deviator:

$$T = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \sqrt{(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \sqrt{(\sigma_1 - 0)^2 + (0 - 0)^2 + (0 - \sigma_1)^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sigma_1. \quad (7)$$

Putting formulas (4)–(7) in (3) we get a nonlinear relationship between the main stress and the main deformation of concrete  $\varepsilon_1$  in cross section with pure bending:

$$\sigma_1 = E_b \left( 1 - \frac{\varepsilon_1}{2\varepsilon_{1,ult}} \right) \varepsilon_1. \quad (8)$$

Formula (8) for compressed and tensile concrete can be written as

$$\sigma_b(\varepsilon_b) = E_b \left( 1 - \frac{\varepsilon_b}{2\varepsilon_{b,ult}} \right) \varepsilon_b; \quad (9)$$

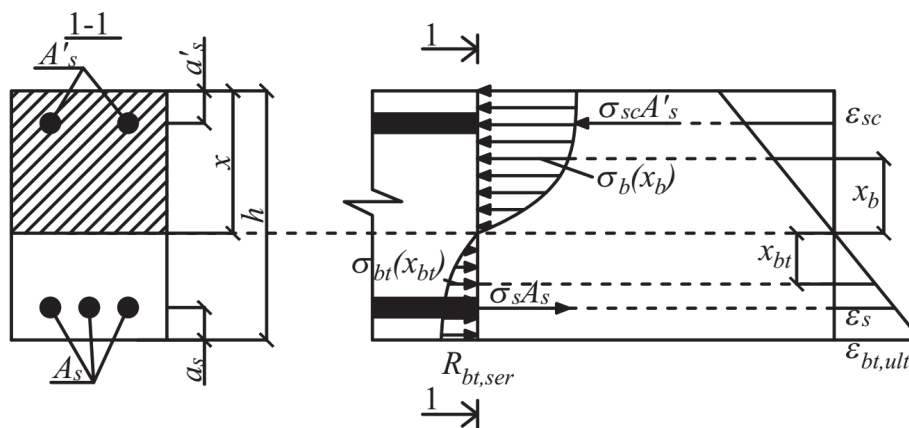
$$\sigma_{bt}(\varepsilon_{bt}) = E_b \left( 1 - \frac{\varepsilon_{bt}}{2\varepsilon_{bt,ult}} \right) \varepsilon_{bt}. \quad (10)$$

Here, the ultimate strains of concrete in tension and compression are determined by the formulas

$$\varepsilon_{b,ult} = 2 \frac{R_{b,ser}}{E_b}; \quad (11)$$

$$\varepsilon_{bt,ult} = 2 \frac{R_{bt,ser}}{E_b}. \quad (12)$$

In accordance with the accepted third and fourth prerequisites for calculating the stress and strain diagrams in the cross section of a reinforced concrete element, they have the form shown in Figure 2.



**Figure 2.** The adopted scheme for the distribution of strains and stresses in the section of the element when determining the moment of cracking

Using the accepted first premise, we determine the deformation of compressed concrete at a distance  $x_b$  from the neutral axis:

$$\varepsilon_b = \frac{x_b}{h - x} \varepsilon_{bt,ult}. \quad (13)$$

Similarly, we determine the deformation of tensile concrete at a distance  $x_{bt}$  from the neutral axis:

$$\varepsilon_{bt} = \frac{x_{bt}}{h - x} \varepsilon_{bt,ult}. \quad (14)$$

Using formulas (11) and (13) into formula (9), we obtain the dependence of the stress of compressed concrete on  $x_b$ :

$$\sigma_b(x_b) = \frac{R_{bt,ser} x_b [2R_{b,ser}(h-x) - R_{bt,ser} x_b]}{R_{b,ser}(h-x)^2}. \quad (15)$$

Similarly, putting (12) and (14) into formula (10), we obtain the stress of tensile concrete, depending on  $x_{bt}$ :

$$\sigma_{bt}(x_{bt}) = \frac{R_{bt,ser} x_{bt} [2(h-x) - x_{bt}]}{(h-x)^2}. \quad (16)$$

We also determine the deformations of tensioned and compressed reinforcement from the first premise about flat sections:

$$\varepsilon_s = \frac{h-x-a_s}{h-x} \varepsilon_{bt,ult} = \frac{2R_{bt,ser}}{E_b} \frac{h-x-a_s}{h-x}; \quad (17)$$

$$\varepsilon_{sc} = \frac{x-a'_s}{h-x} \varepsilon_{bt,ult} = \frac{2R_{bt,ser}}{E_b} \frac{x-a'_s}{h-x}. \quad (18)$$

From the condition that the sum of the projections of all longitudinal forces is equal to zero, we obtain the following expression:

$$\sum X = 0, E_s \varepsilon_s A_s + \int_0^{h-x} \sigma_{bt}(x_{bt}) b d(x_{bt}) = \int_0^x \sigma_b(x_b) b d(x_b) + E_s \varepsilon_{sc} A'_s. \quad (19)$$

Using formulas (15)–(18) into formula (19) we get

$$(1+\beta)bx^3 + 3[2\alpha(A_s + A'_s) + bh]x^2 + 6[\alpha(A_s a_s - A'_s a'_s) - \alpha h(2A_s + A'_s) - bh^2]x + 2h\{bh^2 + 3\alpha[A_s(h-a_s) + A'_s a'_s]\} = 0, \quad (20)$$

here,

$$\alpha = \frac{E_s}{E_b}; \quad \beta = \frac{R_{bt,ser}}{R_{b,ser}}. \quad (21)$$

From the solution of the cubic equation (20), the height of the compressed zone of the section is determined. After that, we can determine the moment of internal forces relative to the zero line. It will be equal to the external moment:

$$M_{cr} = E_s \varepsilon_s A_s (h-x-a_s) + \int_0^{h-x} \sigma_{bt}(x_{bt}) b x_{bt} d(x_{bt}) + \int_0^x \sigma_b(x_b) b x_b d(x_b) + E_s \varepsilon_{sc} A'_s (x-a'_s). \quad (22)$$

Being used in formula (22) the found formulas for stresses in concrete and deformations in reinforcement, we obtain:

$$M_{\text{crc}} = \frac{2\alpha J_s R_{\text{bt,ser}}}{h-x} + \frac{5S_{\text{bt}} R_{\text{bt,ser}}}{6} + \frac{\beta J_b [8R_{b,\text{ser}}(h-x) - 3R_{\text{bt,ser}}x]}{4(h-x)^2} + \frac{2\alpha J'_s R_{\text{bt,ser}}}{h-x}, \quad (23)$$

где

$$J_s = A_s (h-x-a_s)^2 \quad (24)$$

moment of inertia of tensile reinforcement to the neutral axis;

$$S_{\text{bt}} = \frac{b(h-x)^2}{2} \quad (25)$$

static moment of tensioned concrete to the neutral axis;

$$J_b = \frac{bx^3}{3} \quad (26)$$

moment of inertia of compressed concrete to the neutral axis;

$$J'_s = A'_s (x-a'_s)^2 \quad (27)$$

moment of inertia of compressed reinforcement to the neutral axis.

Let us consider a special case of a single reinforcement. In this case, when  $A'_s = a'_s = 0$ , the equation for determining the height of the compressed zone takes the form

$$(1+\beta)bx^3 + 3(2\alpha A_s + bh)x^2 + 6[\alpha A_s(a_s - 2h) - bh^2]x + 2h[bh^2 + 3\alpha A_s(h - a_s)] = 0. \quad (28)$$

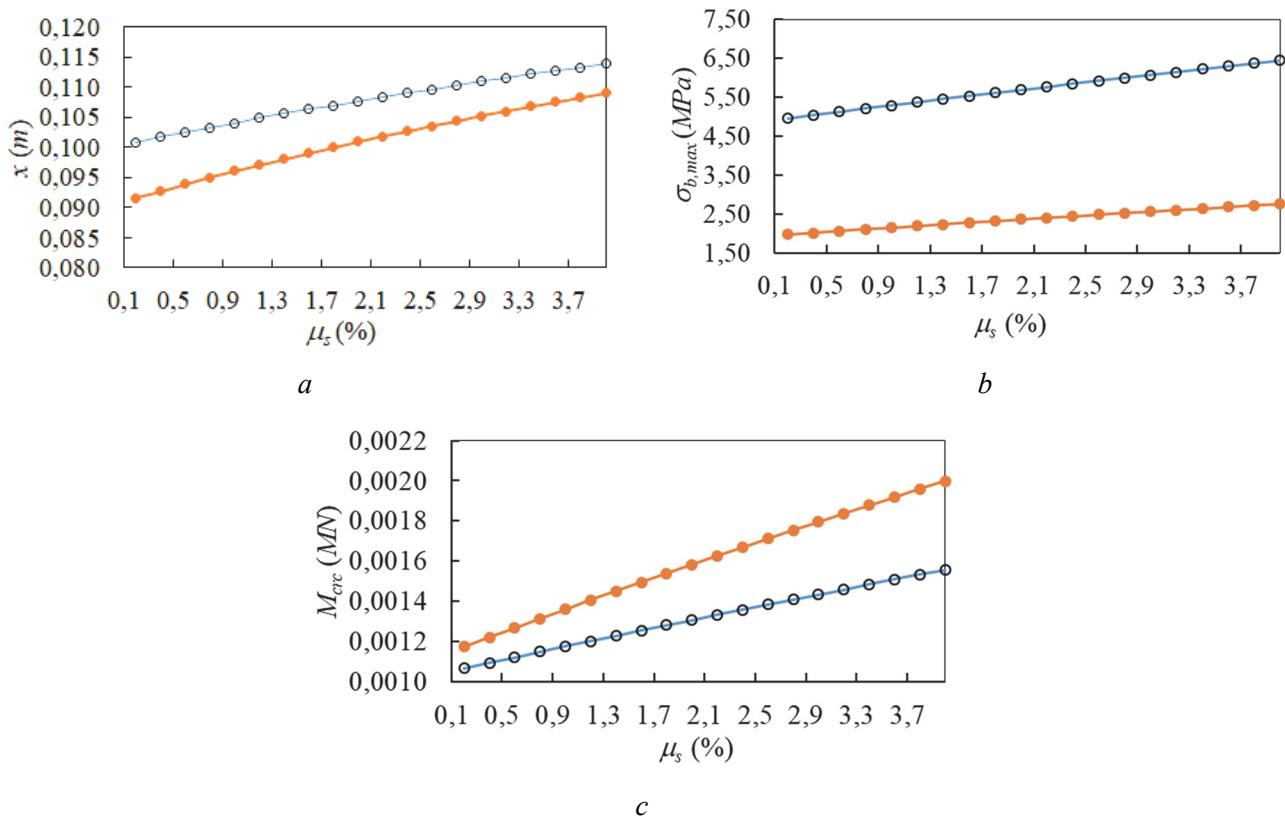
The moment of cracking is determined by the expression:

$$M_{\text{crc}} = \frac{2\alpha J_s R_{\text{bt,ser}}}{h-x} + \frac{5S_{\text{bt}} R_{\text{bt,ser}}}{6} + \frac{\beta J_b [8R_{b,\text{ser}}(h-x) - 3R_{\text{bt,ser}}x]}{4(h-x)^2}. \quad (29)$$

## Results and discussion

According to the obtained calculated dependences, the calculation of the moment of crack formation in a reinforced concrete bending element of a rectangular section with section dimensions: height  $h = 200$  mm, width  $b = 100$  mm was performed. A short load action was considered. A500 class reinforcement with modulus of elasticity is adopted  $E_s = 2 \cdot 10^5$  MPa. At the same time, the percentage of reinforcement of the longitudinal tensile reinforcement varied  $\mu_s = A_s / bh$  from 0,2 to 4%, percentage of reinforcement of longitudinal compression reinforcement  $\mu'_s = A'_s / bh$  от 0,2 до 4%, and the class of concrete varied from B10 to B100.

By analyzing the results of the calculation, it was established (Figure 3) that with an increase in the percentage of reinforcement  $\mu_s$  by 20 times, the value of the height of the compressed zone of concrete  $x$  slightly increases by 1.18 times when calculated according to the calculated dependencies SP 63.13330.2018 and by 1.13 times when calculated using formula (20). In this case, the relationship between them is linear (Figure 3, a).

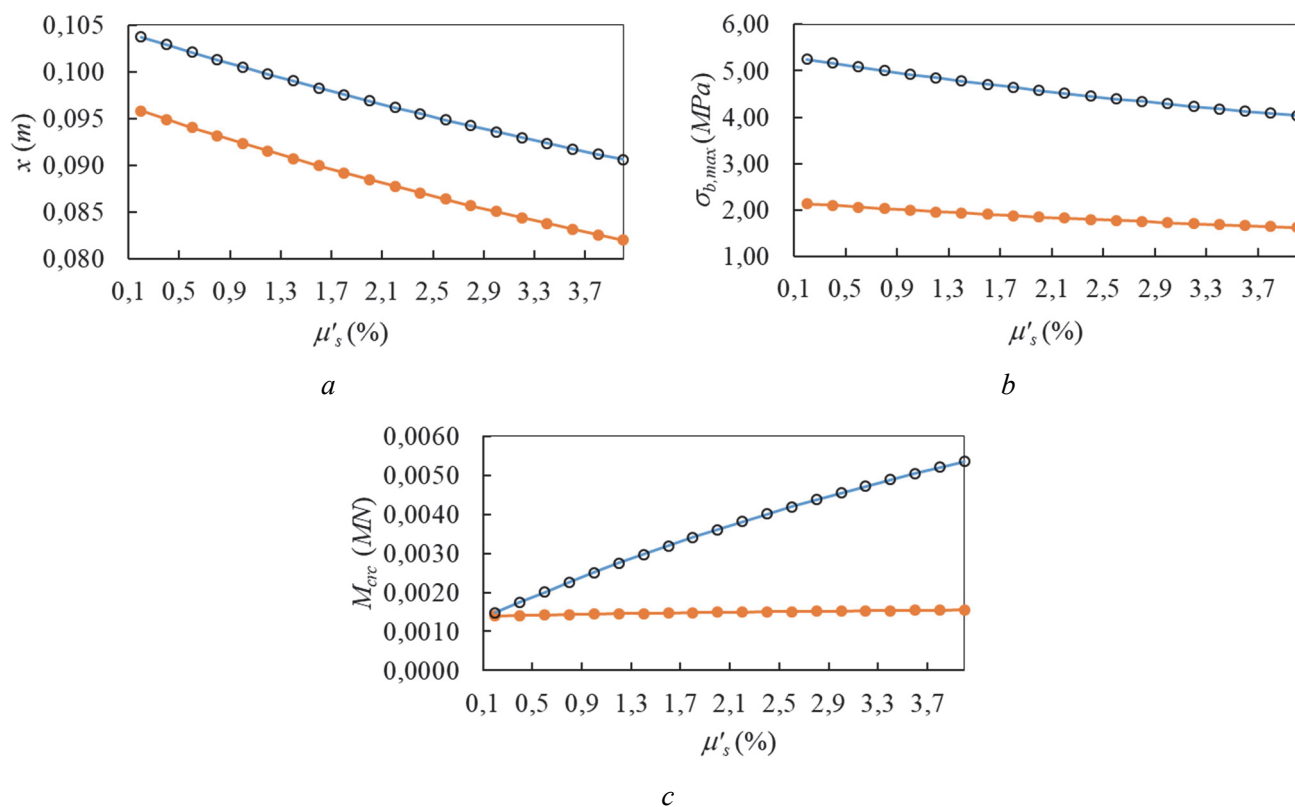


**Figure 3.** Influence of the percentage of reinforcement of longitudinal tension reinforcement: *a* – on the height of the compressed zone of concrete; *b* – maximum stress in compressed concrete  $\sigma_{b,max}$ ; *c* – moment of cracking; —○— according to the proposed method; —○— according to SP 63.13330.2018

A similar linear relationship is observed between the percentage of reinforcement with longitudinal tensile reinforcement and the stress in the upper compressed fiber of concrete (Figure 3, *b*). Quantitative maximum compressive stress  $\sigma_{b,max}$  slightly depends on  $\mu_s$ .

Insignificant changes are observed in the quantitative values of the moment of cracking in the considered reinforced concrete element  $M_{crc}$  at different values of reinforcement percentage  $\mu_s$ . With an increase in the percentage of reinforcement  $\mu_s$  by 20 times moment of cracking, perceived by the section, calculated according to SP 63.13330.2018, increases by 1.45 times, and calculated by the method under consideration – by 1.66 times. An analysis of the influence of the percentage of reinforcement with longitudinal compressed reinforcement was also carried out  $\mu'_s$  on the stressed state of the reinforced concrete section at the time of crack formation (Figure 4). It has been established that the height of the compressed zone of concrete  $x$  decreases with an increase in the percentage of reinforcement  $\mu'_s$  (see Figure 4, *a*), but this decrease is insignificant and when calculating according to SP 63.1330.2018 and when calculated by formula (18) equals to 1.17 times. The maximum stress in the concrete of the compressed zone is practically independent of the percentage of reinforcement  $\mu'_s$  (see Figure 4, *b*). In this case, the moment of cracking, determined according to SP 63.1330.2018, increases by 3.6 times. The value of this moment, calculated by the above method, does not change (Figure 4, *c*). The independence of the value of the moment of cracking from the percentage of reinforcement by longitudinal compressive reinforcement can be explained as follows. As the percentage of reinforcement increases  $\mu'_s$  from the equilibrium equation in the direction of the normal to the cross section (see Figure 2), the height of the compression zone will decrease. In this case, an additional compressive force occurs in the concrete compression zone, caused by the compressed reinforcement. Therefore, the value of the moment of cracking, calculated by integrating the compressive stress in concrete and reinforcement over the area of the compressed zone, will practically not change.





**Figure 4.** Influence of the percentage of reinforcement of longitudinal compression reinforcement: *a* – on the height of the compressed zone of concrete  $x$ ; *b* – maximum stress in compressed concrete  $\sigma_{b,max}$ ; *c* – moment of cracking  $M_{crc}$ ; — according to the proposed method; — according to SP 63.13330.2018

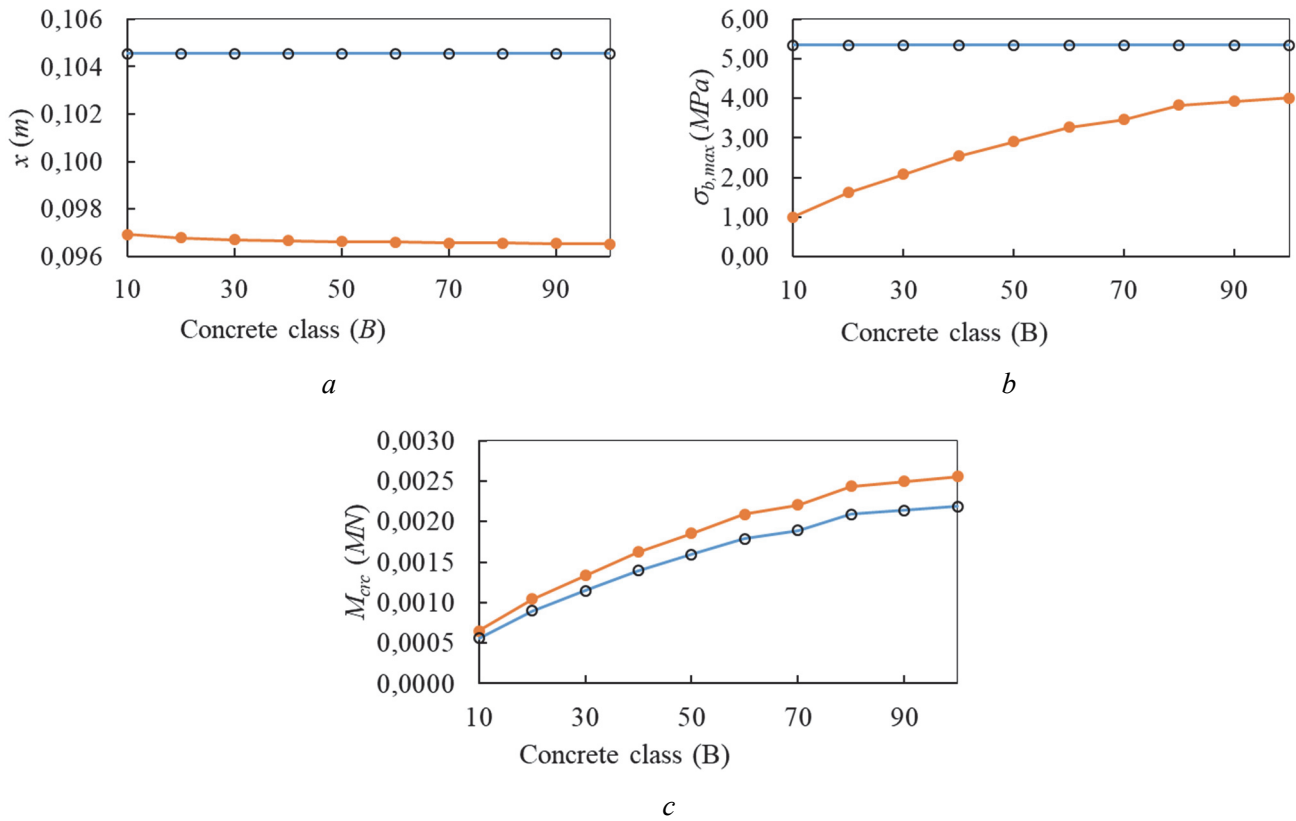
Analysis of the change in the height of the compressed zone of concrete, the maximum compressive stress in concrete, as well as the moment of cracking, depending on the class of concrete used, showed the following (Figure 5). The height of the compressed zone of the section of the element, calculated according to SP 63.13330.2018 and according to the proposed method, does not depend on the value of the concrete class (Figure 5, *a*)

The value of the maximum compressive stress in concrete  $\sigma_{b,max}$  when changing the class of concrete, it increases significantly according to the proposed method, and when calculating according to SP 63.13330.2018 this value is practically unchanged (Figure 5, *b*).

The values of the moments of cracking in the calculation for SP 63.13330.2018 and according to the proposed method, depending on the class of concrete, they change significantly (Figure 5, *c*). It can be seen from the graphs that with a 10-fold increase in the class of concrete, the moment of cracking increases when calculating according to SP 63.13330.2018 by 3,93 times and when calculating according to the proposed method – 3.95 times.

Investigating the dependence of the cracking moment on the above factors, we can conclude that reinforcement does not play a significant role in improving the crack resistance of reinforced concrete structures. The most effective way to increase the crack resistance of reinforced concrete elements is to increase the class of concrete used. The difference between the moments of cracking, calculated according to SP 63.13330.2018 and according to the proposed method, depending on various factors, varies from 9.3 to 16.7%.

To assess the degree of reliability of the obtained dependences, a numerical comparison was made of the results of calculating the fracture toughness moment calculated by the proposed method with the experimental data of V.I. Kolchunov, Al-Hashimi Omar [34], obtained using modern tools, which allowed a more detailed and accurate study of the process of crack formation in reinforced concrete structures. The results of a comparison of experimental data on the moment of crack formation, calculation data obtained by formula (23), and according to the method of SP 63.13330.2018 for beams with a section of 100×250 mm, with a total length of 1200 mm, supported on two supports and loaded with concentrated loads, from ordinary and lightweight concrete are presented in Table.



**Figure 5.** Influence of concrete class:

*a* – on the height of the compressed zone of concrete; *b* – maximum stress in compressed concrete; *c* – moment of cracking;  
 —●— according to the proposed method; —○— according to SP 63.13330.2018

As follows from the table, the calculated value of the moment of crack formation according to SP 63.13330.2018 turned out to be significantly underestimated compared to the experimental values by an average of 30% for beam structures made of lightweight autoclaved cellular concrete and by 22.5% for beams made of heavy concrete. When calculating according to the proposed method, the agreement between the calculated and experimental average values of the moment of crack formation is closer.

**Calculation results of the cracking moment in bending elements**

Construction code	Concrete	Reinforcement	Load of first crack formation, kg	$M_{erc}^{exp}$	$M_{erc}^{SP}$		$M'_{erc}$	
				kH·m	kH·m	$\Delta_{SP}, \%$	kH·m	$\Delta_t, \%$
B2-1-2	Heavy concrete B25: $R_b = 23$ MPa, $E_b = 25\ 330$ MPa	4Ø10 A240 $R_s = 380$ MPa	2400	4.8	3.6	25.1	3.9	16.8
B5-1-2	Heavy concrete B25: $R_b = 23$ MPa, $E_b = 25\ 330$ MPa	4Ø10 A240 $R_s = 380$ MPa	2300	4.6	3.6	20.3	3.9	15.6
Ba-4	Autoclaved cellular concrete $R_b = 3.5$ MPa	2Ø8 A240 $R_s = 300$ MPa	1150	2.3	1.6	30	1.8	20.1

Note:  $M_{erc}^{exp}$ ,  $M_{erc}^{SP}$ ,  $M'_{erc}$  – the moment of fracturing, respectively experimental, by SP 63.13330.2018 and the proposed method;  $\Delta_{SP}$  – the discrepancy between the experimental data and the results of calculations by SP 63.13330.2018;  $\Delta_t$  – the same and the calculation results in accordance with the received formula (23).

From this we can conclude that the use in the calculation of the diagram and analytical dependences of the nonlinear deformation of concrete, obtained on the basis of the theory of plasticity by G.A. Geniev, allows a more rigorous assessment of the crack resistance of bent reinforced concrete elements.

## Conclusion

1. An alternative variation of the calculation model was proposed and analytical dependencies were obtained to determine the moment of crack formation in a reinforced concrete bending element reinforced with double reinforcement based on the deformation theory of plasticity of concrete by G.A. Geniev.

2. The numerical analysis of the influence of the percentage of reinforcement of longitudinal tensioned and compressed reinforcement and the class of concrete on the moment of cracking in reinforced concrete bending elements showed the different influence of these factors when using the SP 63.13330.2018 method for calculation and the dependences of the proposed version of the calculation model. The quantitative values of the moment of cracking when calculated according to the proposed formulas with Integrals are higher from 9.3 to 16.7% compared to the calculation according to SP 63.13330.2018. At the same time, the calculated values obtained by the proposed method are closer to the values of the cracking moment obtained experimentally for beams made of heavy and light concretes.

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