

# Force and initial stiffness of the bolt based on Eurocode 3 part 1.8

Note Title

\* force

$$F_{t,Rd} = \frac{k_2 f_{ub} A_s}{\gamma_{M2}}$$

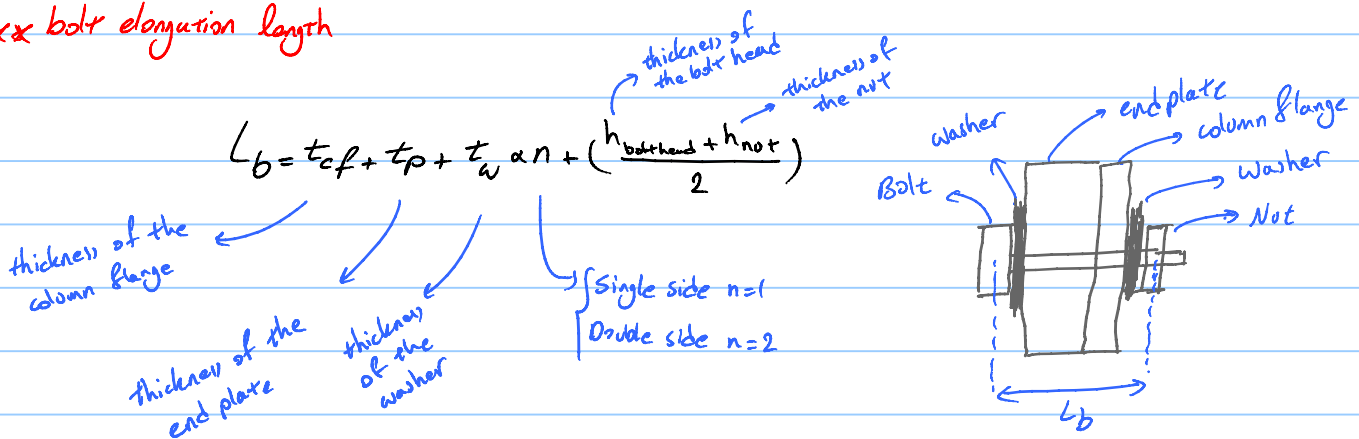
Page 27 (Table 3.4)  $\rightarrow$   $k_2$   
 Page 20 (Table 3.1)  $\rightarrow$  Area of the bolt  $A_s$   
 Page 18 (Table 2.1)  $\rightarrow$   $\gamma_{M2}$

\*\* initial stiffness

$$K = \frac{1.6 A_s E}{L_b}$$

Area of the bolt  $A_s$   
 Elastic modulus  $E$   
 Bolt elongation length  $L_b$

\*\*\* bolt elongation length



$\Rightarrow k \propto \frac{1}{L_b} \Rightarrow$  it is important to know the details about washers and nuts as they have direct effect on initial stiffness and elongation.

## Example 8 E1-TB-E

$t_p = 20 \text{ mm}$ ,  $t_{cf} = 18 \text{ mm}$ , Bolt: M27 10.9,  $A_s = 459 \text{ mm}^2$

$$F_{t,Rd} = \frac{0.9 \times 1000 \times 459}{1.25} = 330480 \text{ N} \quad (330.5 \text{ kN}) \text{ per bolt}$$

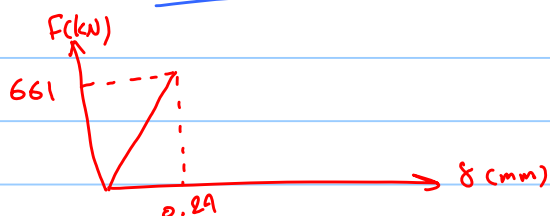
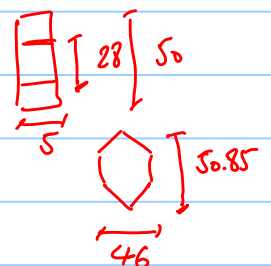
$\rightarrow$  for each row:  $F_{bolt} = 660.96 \text{ kN}$

bolt elongation length: Assumptions

- Washer  $t_w = 5 \text{ mm}$
- Nut  $h_{nut} = 23.8 \text{ mm}$

$$L_b = 18 + 20 + 5 \times 2 + \frac{17 + 23.8}{2} = 68.4 \text{ mm}$$

for a row  $\leftarrow K = \frac{1.6 \times 459 \times 210}{68.4} = 2254.74 \text{ kN/mm}$



EQUAL JOINTS