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EXAMPLE 5.1
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Typical Simple Span Floor Joist Design

| Given | |
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| | Live load (L)=30 psf (bedroom area)Dead load (D)=10 psfTrial joist spacing=16 on centerTrial joist size=2x8 |
| | Trial joist species and grade = Hem-Fir, No. 1 (S-dry, 19% MC) |
| Find | Maximum span for specified joist member. |
| Solution | |
| 1. | Determine tabulated design values by using NDS-S (Tables 4A and 1B) |
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| 2. | Lumber property adjustments and adjusted design values (Section 5.2.4 and NDS•2.3) |
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| 3. | Calculate the applied load |
| | W = (joist spacing)(D+L) = $(16 \text{ in})(1 \text{ ft}/12 \text{ in})(40 \text{ psf}) = 53.3 \text{ plf}$ |
| 4. | Determine maximum clear span based on bending capacity $M_{max} = \frac{w\ell^2}{8} = \frac{(53.3 \text{ plf})(\ell^2)}{8} = 6.66 \ell^2$ |
| | $f_{b} = \frac{M}{S} = \frac{(6.66\ell^{2})(12^{in}/ft)}{13.14 \text{ in}^{3}} = 6.08 \ell^{2}$ $f_{b} \leq F_{b}'$ |
| | 6.08 $\ell^2 \le 1,345 \text{ psi}$ $\ell^2 = 221$ |
| | ℓ = 14.9 ft = 14 ft-11 in (maximum clear span due to bending stress) |



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Determine maximum clear span based on horizontal shear capacity

$$V_{max} = \frac{w\ell}{2} = \frac{(53.3 \text{ plf})(\ell)}{2} = 26.7 \ \ell$$

$$f_v = \frac{3v}{2A} = \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{26.7 \ \ell}{(1.5 \text{ in})(7.25 \text{ in})}\right) = 3.7 \ \ell$$

$$f_v \leq F_v'$$

$$3.7\ell \leq 150 \text{ psi}$$

$$\ell = 40.5 \text{ ft} = 40 \text{ ft-6 in (maximum clear span due to horizontal shear stress)}$$

6. Determine maximum clear span based on bearing capacity

Bearing length = (3.5 -in top plate width) - (1.5 -in rim joist width) = 2 in

$$\begin{array}{lll} f_{c\perp} & = & \frac{\frac{1}{2} w\ell}{A_b} & = & \frac{\frac{1}{2} (53.3 \ \text{plf}) (\ell)}{(2 \ \text{in}) (1.5 \ \text{in})} & = & 8.9 \ \ell \\ f_{c\perp} & < & F_{c\perp}' \\ 8.9\ell & \leq & 405 \ \text{psi} \\ \ell & = & 45.5 \ \text{ft} = & 45 \ \text{ft-6 in} \ (\text{maximum clear span due to bearing stress}) \end{array}$$

7. Consider maximum clear span based on deflection criteria (Section 5.3.2)

$$\begin{split} \rho_{max} &= \frac{5 w \ell^4}{384 \text{EI}} = \frac{5 (40 \text{ plf})^* (\ell)^4 (1,728 \text{ in}^3 / \text{ft}^3)}{384 (1,500,000 \text{ psi}) (47.63 \text{ in}^4)} = 1.26 \text{ x } 10^{-5} \ell^4 \\ & \text{applied live load of 30 psf only} \\ \rho_{all} &= \frac{\ell}{360} (12 \text{ in/ft}) = 0.033 \, \ell \\ \rho_{max} &\leq \rho_{all} \\ 1.26 \text{ x } 10^{-5} \ell^4 \leq 0.033 \, \ell \\ \ell^3 &= 2,619 \\ \ell &= 13.8 \text{ ft} = 13 \text{ ft-10 in (recommended clear span limit due to deflection criteria)} \end{split}$$

Consider floor vibration (Section 5.3.2)

The serviceability deflection check was based on the design floor live load for bedroom areas of 30 psf. The vibration control recommended in Section 5.3.2 recommends using a 40 psf design floor live load with the $\ell/360$ deflection limit. Given that the span will not be greater than 15 feet, it is not necessary to use the absolute deflection limit of 0.5 inch.

$$\begin{split} w &= (16 \text{ in})(1 \text{ ft}/12 \text{ in})(40 \text{ psf}) = 53.3 \text{ plf} \\ \rho_{all} &= (\frac{\ell}{360})(12 \text{ in}/\text{ ft}) = 0.033 \,\ell \\ \rho_{max} &= \frac{5 \, \text{w}\ell^4}{384 \,\text{EI}} = \frac{5 \, (53.3 \text{ plf})^* \, (\ell^4) \, (1,728 \text{ in}^3/\text{ft}^3)}{384 (1.5 \text{ x} 10^6 \text{ psi}) (47.63 \text{ in}^4)} = 1.7 \text{ x} \, 10^{-5} \,\ell^4 \\ &\quad \text{applied live load of 40 psf only} \\ \rho_{max} &\leq \rho_{all} \\ 1.7 \text{ x} \, 10^{-5} \,\ell^4 \leq 0.033 \,\ell \\ \ell^3 &= 1,941 \\ \ell &= 12.5 \,\text{ft} = 12 \,\text{ft-6 in (recommended clear span limit due to vibration)} \end{split}$$