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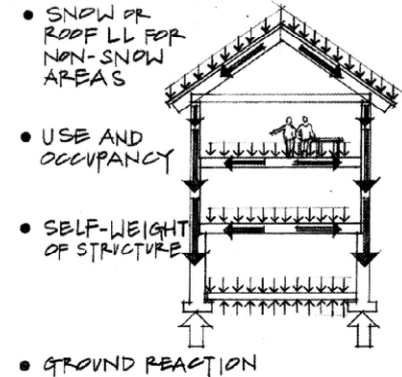
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# Structural Loads

- gravity acts on mass ( $F=m \cdot g$ )
- forces
  - acts at a point
    - ie. joist on beam
  - acts along a “line”
    - ie. floor on a beam
  - acts over an area
    - ie. people, books, snow on roof or floor



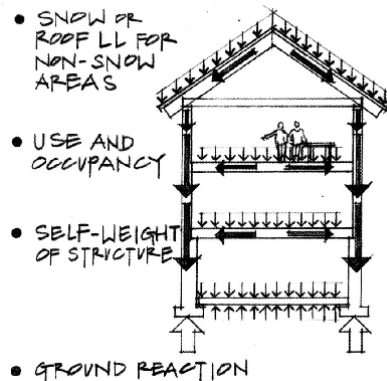
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# Load Tracing

- how loads are transferred
  - usually starts at top
  - distributed by supports as actions
  - distributed by tributary areas

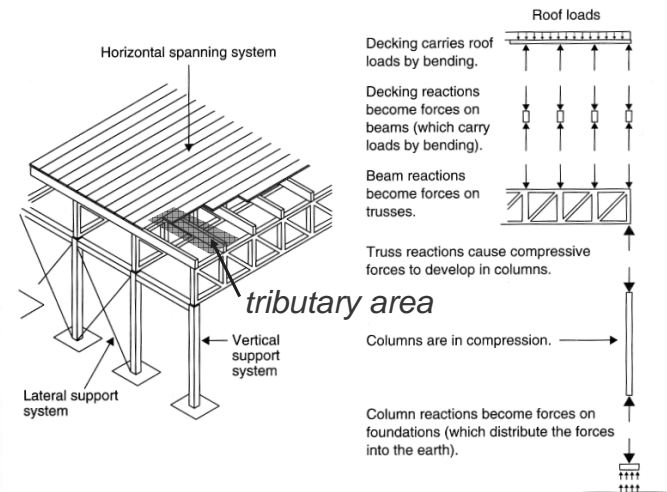


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# Load Tracing



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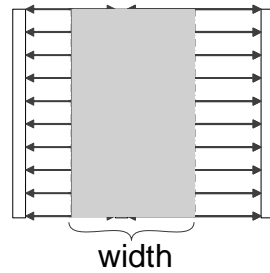
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# Load Tracing

- tributary load
  - think of water flow
  - “concentrates” load of area into center

$$w = \left( \frac{\text{load}}{\text{area}} \right) \times (\text{tributary width})$$



# Load Tracing



## Alamillo Bridge Calatrava 1992

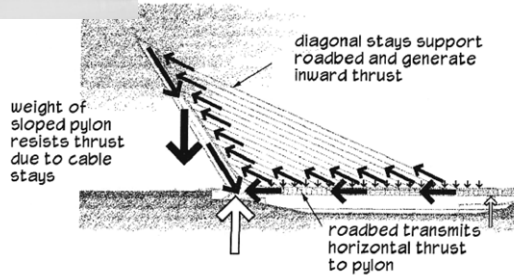


Figure 3.12: Alamillo bridge, load path diagram.

# Load Tracing



## Patcenter Rogers 1986

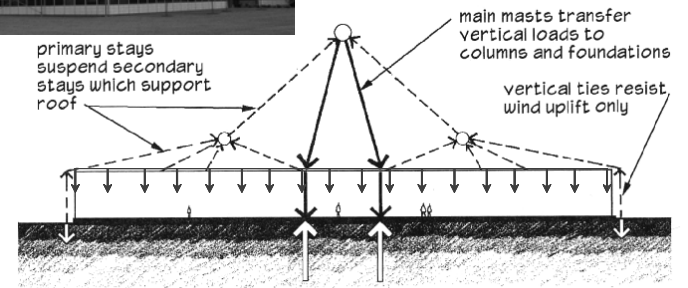
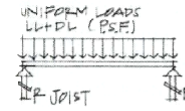
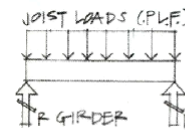


Figure 3.5: Patcenter, load path diagram.

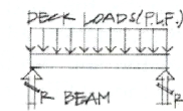
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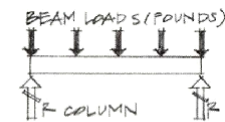
(a) FBD—decking.



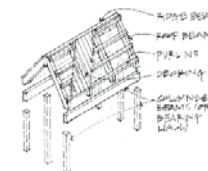
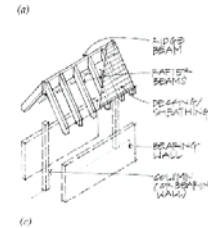
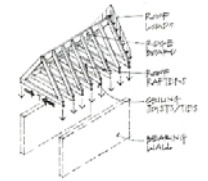
(c) FBD—beams.



(b) FBD—joists.



(d) FBD—girder.



# Load Paths

- wall systems

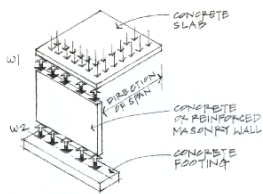


Figure 4.12 Uniform wall load from a slab.

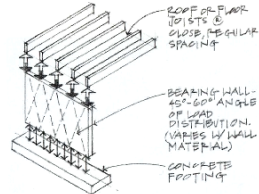


Figure 4.13 Uniform wall load from rafters and joists.

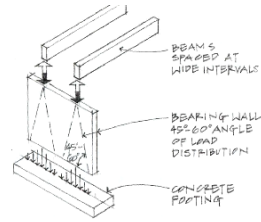


Figure 4.14 Concentrated loads from widely spaced beams.

# Load Paths

- openings & pilasters

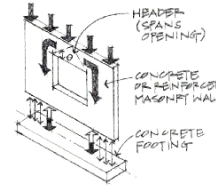


Figure 4.15 Arching over wall openings.

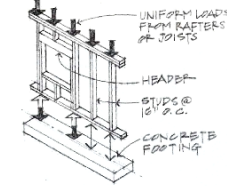


Figure 4.16 Stud wall with a window opening.

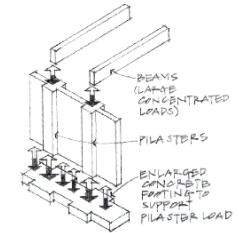


Figure 4.17 Pilasters supporting concentrated beam loads.

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# Load Paths

- foundations

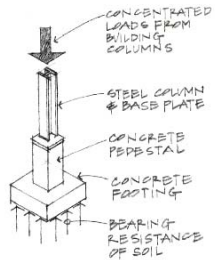


Figure 4.24 Spread footing.

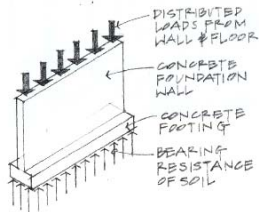


Figure 4.25 Wall footing.

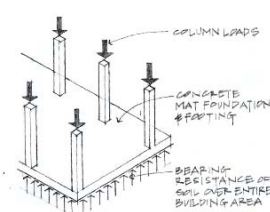


Figure 4.26 Mat or raft foundation.

# Load Paths

- deep foundations

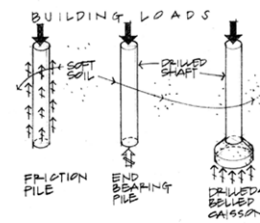


Figure 4.27 Pile foundations.

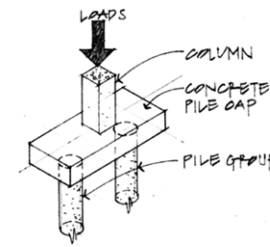


Figure 4.28 Pile cap on one pile group.

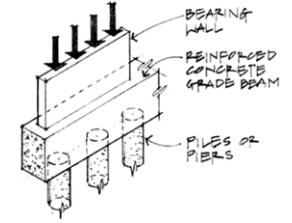


Figure 4.29 Grade beam supporting a bearing wall.

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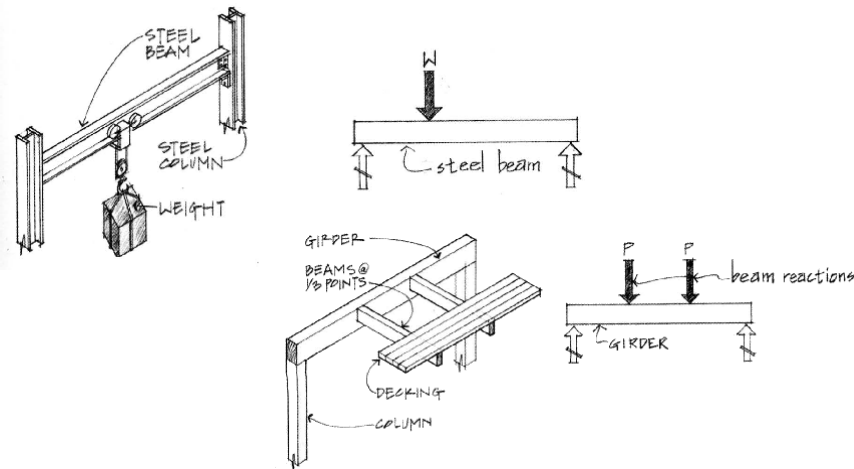
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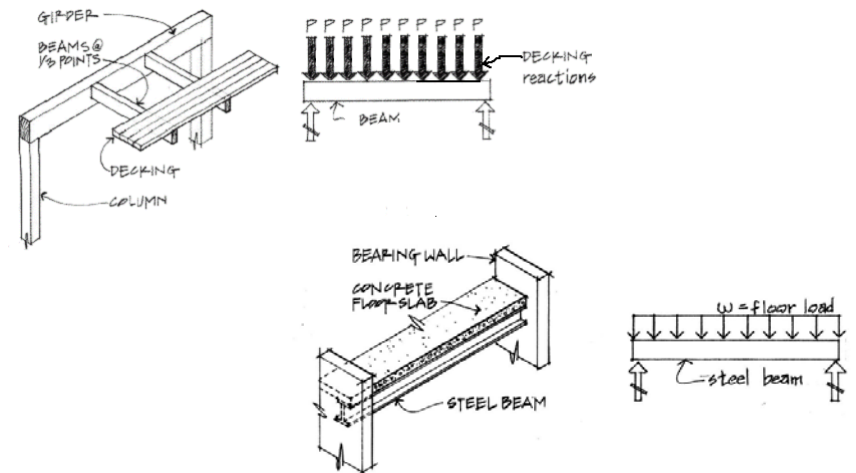


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# Distributed Loads



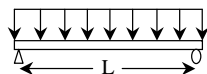
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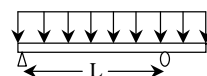
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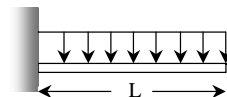
- statically determinate beam supports
  - simple



- overhang



- cantilever



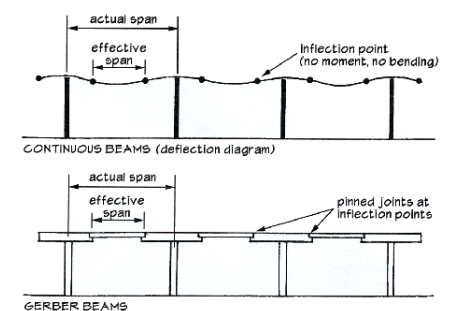
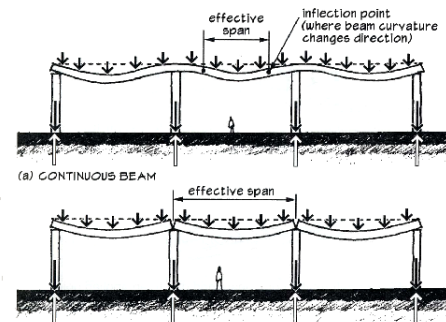
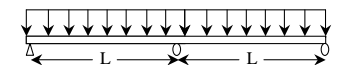
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# Distributed Loads

- continuous beams
  - statically indeterminate
  - floors



(a) CONTINUOUS BEAM  
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