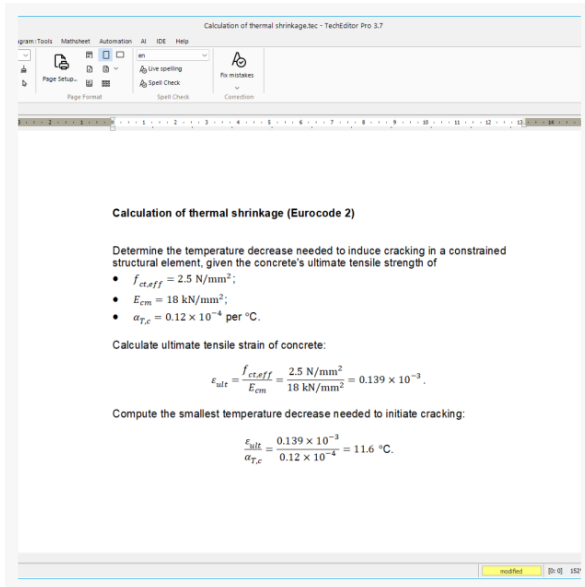


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Calculation of thermal shrinkage (Eurocode 2)

Determine the temperature decrease needed to induce cracking in a constrained structural element, given the concrete's ultimate tensile strength of

- $f_{ct,eff} = 2.5 \text{ N/mm}^2$ ;
- $E_{cm} = 18 \text{ kN/mm}^2$ ;
- $\alpha_{T,c} = 0.12 \times 10^{-4} \text{ per } ^\circ\text{C}$ .

Calculate ultimate tensile strain of concrete:

$$\epsilon_{ult} = \frac{f_{ct,eff}}{E_{cm}} = \frac{2.5 \text{ N/mm}^2}{18 \text{ kN/mm}^2} = 0.139 \times 10^{-3}.$$

Compute the smallest temperature decrease needed to initiate cracking:

$$\frac{\epsilon_{ult}}{\alpha_{T,c}} = \frac{0.139 \times 10^{-3}}{0.12 \times 10^{-4}} = 11.6 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}.$$