# FOUNDATION ENGINEERING

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5	<b>Piles</b> : Single pile in clay, single pile in sand, pile groups(the distribution of piles in	24
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6	Lateral earth pressure: Rankine's earth pressure theory-horizontal surface of soil,	20
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#### **DIFINITIONS:**

A foundation is defined as that part of the structure that supports the weight of the structure and transmits the load to underlying soil or rock. In general, foundation engineering applies the knowledge of geology, soil mechanics, rock mechanics, and structural engineering to the design and construction of foundations for buildings and other structures. The most basic aspect of foundation engineering deals with the selection of the type of foundation, such as using a shallow or deep foundation system. Another important aspect of foundation engineering involves the development of design parameters, such as the bearing capacity or estimated settlement of the foundation. Foundation engineering could also include the actual foundation design, such as determining the type and spacing of steel reinforcement in concrete footings. Foundation engineering often involves both geotechnical and structural engineers, with the geotechnical engineer providing the foundation design parameters such as the allowable bearing pressure and the structural engineer performing the actual foundation design.

Foundations are commonly divided into two categories: shallow and deep foundations. Table 1.1 presents a list of common types of foundations. In terms of geotechnical aspects, foundation engineering

often includes the following (Day, 1999a, 2000a):

• Determining the type of foundation for the structure, including the depth and dimensions.

• Calculating the potential settlement of the foundation

• Determining design parameters for the foundation, such as the bearing capacity and allowable soil bearing pressure.

- Determining the expansion potential of a site.
- Investigating the stability of slopes and their effect on adjacent foundations.
- Investigating the possibility of foundation movement due to seismic forces, which would also include the possibility of liquefaction.

• Performing studies and tests to determine the potential for deterioration of the foundation.

- Evaluating possible soil treatment to increase the foundation bearing capacity.
- Determining design parameters for retaining wall foundations.

• Providing recommendations for dewatering and drainage of excavations needed for the construction of the foundation.

• Investigating groundwater and seepage problems and developing mitigation measures during foundation construction.

• Site preparation, including compaction specifications and density testing during grading.

• Underpinning and field testing of foundations.

Category	Common types	Comments
Shallow foundations	Spread footings	Spread footings (also called pad footings) are often square in plan view, are of uniform reinforced concrete thickness, and are used to support a single column load located directly in the center of the footing
	Strip footings	Strip footings (also called wall footings) are often used for load-bearing walls. They are usually long reinforced concrete members of uniform width and shallow depth.
	Combined footings	Reinforced-concrete combined footings are often rectangular or trapezoidal in plan view, and carry more than one column load.
	Conventional slab-on-grade	A continuous reinforced-concrete foundation consisting of bearing wall footings and a slab-on-grade. Concrete reinforcement often consists of steel rebar in the footings and wire mesh in the concrete slab.
	Posttensioned slab-on-grade	A continuous posttensioned concrete foundation. The postten- sioning effect is created by tensioning steel tendons or cables embedded within the concrete. Common posttensioned foundations are the ribbed foundation, California slab, and PTI foundation.
	Raised wood floor	Perimeter footings that support wood beams and a floor system. Interior support is provided by pad or strip footings. There is a crawl space below the wood floor.
	Mat foundation	A large and thick reinforced-concrete foundation, often of uniform thickness, that is continuous and supports the entire structure. A mat foundation is considered to be a shallow foundation if it is constructed at or near ground surface.
Deep foundations	Driven piles	Driven piles are slender members, made of wood, steel, or precast concrete, that are driven into place by pile-driving equipment.
	Other types of piles	There are many other types of piles, such as bored piles, cast-in-place piles, and composite piles.
	Piers	Similar to cast-in-place piles, piers are often of large diameter and contain reinforced concrete. Pier and grade beam support are often used for foundation support on expansive soil.
	Caissons	Large piers are sometimes referred to as caissons. A caisson can also be a watertight underground structure within which construction work is carried on.
	Mat or raft foundation	If a mat or raft foundation is constructed below ground surface or if the mat or raft foundation is supported by piles or piers, then it should be considered to be a deep foundation system.
	Floating foundation	A special foundation type where the weight of the structure is balanced by the removal of soil and construction of an underground basement.
	Basement-type foundation	A common foundation for houses and other buildings in frost-prone areas. The foundation consists of perimeter footings and basement walls that support a wood floor system. The basement floor is usually a concrete slab.

TABLE 1.1 Common Types of Foundations

Note: The terms shallow and deep foundations in this table refer to the depth of the soil or rock support of the foundation.

#### **SUBSURFACE EXPLORATIONS:**

#### **Purpose of Subsurface Explorations:**

The process of identifying the layers of deposits that underlie a proposed structure and their physical characteristics is generally referred to as *subsurface exploration*. The purpose of subsurface exploration is to obtain information that will aid the geotechnical engineer in

- 1. Selecting the type and depth of foundation suitable for a given structure.
- 2. Evaluating the load-bearing capacity of the foundation.
- 3. Estimating the probable settlement of a structure.
- Determining potential foundation problems (e.g., expansive soil, collapsible soil, sanitary landfill, and so on).
- 5. Determining the location of the water table.
- Predicting the lateral earth pressure for structures such as retaining walls, sheet pile bulkheads, and braced cuts.
- 7. Establishing construction methods for changing subsoil conditions.

Subsurface exploration may also be necessary when additions and alterations to existing structures are contemplated.

#### PRELIMINARY INFORMATION AND PLANNING THE WORK

The first step in a foundation investigation is to obtain preliminary information, such as the following:

**1.** *Project location.* Basic information on the location of the project is required. The location of the project can be compared with known geologic hazards, such as active faults, landslides, or deposits of liquefaction prone sand.

2. *Type of project.* The geotechnical engineer could be involved with all types of foundation engineering construction projects, such as residential, commercial, or public works projects. It is important to obtain as much preliminary information about the project as possible. Such information could include the type of structure and use, size of the structure including the number of stories, type of construction and floor systems, preliminary foundation type (if known), and estimated structural loadings. Preliminary plans may even have been developed that show the proposed construction. **3.** *Scope of work.* At the beginning of the foundation investigation, the scope of work must be determined. For example, the scope of work could include subsurface exploration and laboratory testing to determine the feasibility of the project, the

preparation of foundation design parameters, and compaction testing during the grading of the site in order to prepare the building pad for foundation construction.

After the preliminary information is obtained, the next step is to plan the foundation investigation work. For a minor project, the planning effort may be minimal. But for large-scale projects, the plan can be quite extensive and could change as the design and construction progresses. The planning effort could include the following:

• Budget and scheduling considerations.

• Selection of the interdisciplinary team (such as geotechnical engineer, engineering geologist, structural engineer, hydrogeologist and the like) that will work on the project.

• Preliminary subsurface exploration plan, such as the number, location, and depth of borings.

• Document collection (Prior Development, Aerial Photographs and Geologic Maps, Topographic Maps, Building Code and Other Specifications, Documents at the Local Building Department, Forensic Engineering).

• Laboratory testing requirements.

• Types of engineering analyses that will be required for the design of the foundation.

Table 2.2 presents a summary of typical documents that may need to be reviewed prior to or during the construction of the project.

Project phase	Type of documents				
Design	Available design information, such as preliminary data on the type of project to be built at the site and typical foundation design loads				
	If applicable, data on the history of the site, such as information on prior fill placement or construction at the site				
	Data (if available) on the design and construction of adjacent property Local building code				
	Special study data developed by the local building department or other governing agency				
	Standard drawings issued by the local building department or other governing agency				
	Standard specifications that may be applicable to the project, such as Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction or Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges				
	Other reference material, such as seismic activity records, geologic and topographic maps, aerial photographs and the like.				
Construction	Reports and plans developed during the design phase				
	Construction specifications				
	Field change orders				
	Information bulletins used during construction				
	Project correspondence between different parties				
	Building department reports or permits				

TABLE 2.2 Typical Documents that may Need to be Reviewed for the Project

There are many different types of subsurface exploration, such as borings, test pits, or trenches. Table 2.3 presents general information on foundation investigations, samples and samplers, and subsurface exploration.

	Foundation	investigations
Three types of problems	Foundation problems Construction problems	Such as the stability of subsurface materials, deformation and consolidation, and pressure on supporting structures Such as the excavation of subsurface material and use of the
	Croundwater erableme	excavated material
-	Groundwater problems	Such as the flow, action, and use of groundwater
Three phases of investigation	Subsurface investigation Physical testing	Consisting of exploration, sampling, and identification in order to prepare rough or detailed boring logs and soil profiles Consisting of laboratory tests and field tests in order to develop rough or detailed data on the variations of physical soil or rock properties with depth
	Evaluation of data	Consisting of the use of soil mechanics and rock mechanics to prepare the final design recommendations based on the subsurface investigation and physical testing
	Samples	and samplers
Type of samples	Altered soil (nonrepresentative samples) Disturbed soil (representative samples) Undisturbed samples	Soil from various strata that is mixed, has some soil constituents removed, or foreign materials have been added to the sample Soil structure is disturbed and there is a change in the void ratio but there is no change in the soil constituents No disturbance in soil structure, with no change in water content, void ratio, or chemical composition
Types of samplers	Exploration samplers Drive samplers Core boring samplers	Group name for drilling equipment such as augers used for both advancing the borehole and obtaining samples Sampling tubes driven without rotation or chopping with displaced soil pushed aside. Examples include open drive samplers and piston samplers Rotation or chopping action of sampler where displaced
		material is ground up and removed by circulating water or drilling fluid
	Subsurfac	e exploration
Principal types of subsurface exploration	Indirect methods	Such as geophysical methods that may yield limited subsurface data. Also includes borings that are advanced without taking soil samples
	Semidirect methods	Such as borings that obtain disturbed soil samples
	Direct methods	Such as test pits, trenches, or borings that are used to obtain undisturbed soil samples
Three phases of subsurface exploration	Fact finding and geological survey	Gathering of data, document review, and site survey by engineer and geologist
	Reconnaissance explorations	Semidirect methods of subsurface exploration. Rough determination of groundwater levels
	Detailed explorations	Direct methods of subsurface exploration. Accurate measurements of groundwater levels or pore water pressure

TABLE 2.3	Foundation Investigations,	Samples,	Samplers,	and Subsurf	ace Exploration

Source: Adapted and updated from Hvorslev (1949).

#### SITE INVESTIGATIONS

The site investigation phase of the exploration program consists of planning, making test boreholes, and collecting soil samples at desired intervals for subsequent observation and laboratory tests. The approximate required minimum depth of the borings should be predetermined. The depth can be changed during the drilling operation, depending on the subsoil encountered. To determine the approximate minimum depth of boring, engineers may use the rules established by the American Society of Civil Engineers (1972):

- 1. Determine the net increase in the effective stress,  $\Delta \sigma'$ , under a foundation with depth as shown in Figure 2.9. (The general equations for estimating increases in stress are given in Chapter 5.)
- 2. Estimate the variation of the vertical effective stress,  $\sigma'_{o}$ , with depth.



Figure 2.9 Determination of the minimum depth of boring

- 3. Determine the depth,  $D = D_1$ , at which the effective stress increase  $\Delta \sigma'$  is equal to  $(\frac{1}{10})q$  (q = estimated net stress on the foundation).
- 4. Determine the depth,  $D = D_2$ , at which  $\Delta \sigma' / \sigma'_o = 0.05$ .
- 5. Choose the smaller of the two depths,  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ , just determined as the approximate minimum depth of boring required, unless bedrock is encountered.

No. of stories	Boring	depth
1	3.5 m	(11 ft)
2	6 m	(20 ft)
3	10 m	(33 ft)
4	16 m	(53 ft)
5	24 m	(79 ft)

If the preceding rules are used, the depths of boring for a building with a width of 30 m (100 ft) will be approximately the following, according to Sowers and Sowers (1970):

To determine the boring depth for hospitals and office buildings, Sowers and Sowers (1970) also used the following rules.

· For light steel or narrow concrete buildings,

$$\frac{D_b}{S^{0.7}} = a$$
 (2.1)

where

 $D_b = \text{depth of boring}$ S = number of stories  $\int \approx 3 \text{ if } D_b \text{ is in meters}$ 

$$n = \begin{cases} \approx 10 \text{ if } D_h \text{ is in feet} \end{cases}$$

· For heavy steel or wide concrete buildings,

$$\frac{D_b}{S^{0.7}} = b \tag{2.2}$$

where

$$b = \begin{cases} \approx 6 \text{ if } D_b \text{ is in meters} \\ \approx 20 \text{ if } D_b \text{ is in feet} \end{cases}$$

When deep excavations are anticipated, the depth of boring should be at least 1.5 times the depth of excavation.

Sometimes, subsoil conditions require that the foundation load be transmitted to bedrock. The minimum depth of core boring into the bedrock is about 3 m (10 ft). If the bedrock is irregular or weathered, the core borings may have to be deeper.

There are no hard-and-fast rules for borehole spacing. Table 2.4 gives some general guidelines. Spacing can be increased or decreased, depending on the condition of the subsoil. If various soil strata are more or less uniform and predictable, fewer boreholes are needed than in nonhomogeneous soil strata.

Table 2.4	Approximate	Spacing	of Boreholes

	Spacing			
Type of project	(m)	(ft) 30-100		
Multistory building	10-30			
One-story industrial plants	20 - 60	60-200		
Highways	250-500	800-1600		
Residential subdivision	250-500	800-1600		
Dams and dikes	40-80	130-260		

The engineer should also take into account the ultimate cost of the structure when making decisions regarding the extent of field exploration. The exploration cost generally should be 0.1 to 0.5% of the cost of the structure. Soil borings can be made by several methods, including auger boring, wash boring, percussion drilling, and rotary drilling.

#### SOIL BORING

Exploratory holes into the soil may be made by hand tools, but more commonly truckor trailer-mounted power tools are used.

#### **Hand Tools**

The earliest method of obtaining a test hole was to excavate a test pit using a pick and shovel. Because of economics, the current procedure is to use power excavation equipment such as a backhoe to excavate the pit and then to use hand tools to remove a block sample or shape the site for in situ testing. This is the best method at present for obtaining quality *undisturbed* samples or samples for testing at other than vertical orientation (see Figures below). For small jobs, where the sample disturbance is not critical, hand or powered augers held by one or two persons can be used.

Hand-augered holes can be drilled to depths of about 35 m, although depths greater than about 8 to 10 m are usually not practical. Commonly, depths are on the order of 2 to 5 m, as on roadways or airport runways, or investigations for small buildings.











#### **Mounted Power Drills**

1)**Rotary drilling** is another method of advancing test holes. This method uses rotation of the drill bit, with the simultaneous application of pressure to advance the hole. Rotary drilling is the most rapid method of advancing holes in rock unless it is badly fissured.

2)Continuous-flight augers with a rotary drill are probably the most popular method of soil exploration at present in North America, Europe, and Australia. The flights act as a screw conveyor to bring the soil to the surface. The method is applicable in all soils, although in saturated sand under several feet of hydrostatic pressure the sand tends to flow into the lead sections of the auger, requiring a washdown prior to sampling. Borings up to nearly 100 m can be made with these devices, depending on the driving equipment, soil, and auger diameter.

The augers may be *hollow-stem* or *solid* with the hollow-stem type generally preferred, as penetration testing or tube sampling may be done through the stem. For obvious reasons, borings do not have to be cased using continuous-flight augers, and this feature is a decided economic advantage over other boring methods.

Continuous-flight augers are available in nominal 1- to 1.5-m section lengths (with rapid attachment devices to produce the required boring depth) and in several diameters including the following:

Solid stem							
OD, mm	67	83	102	115	140	152	180
Hollow stem							
ID/OD, mm	64/160	70/180	75/205	90/230	100/250	127/250	152/305



#### SOIL SAMPLING

The most important engineering properties for foundation design are strength, compressibility, and permeability. Reasonably good estimates of these properties for cohesive soils can be made by laboratory tests on *undisturbed* samples, which can be obtained with moderate difficulty. It is nearly impossible to obtain a truly undisturbed sample of soil, so in general usage the term *undisturbed* means a sample where some precautions have been taken to minimize disturbance of the existing soil skeleton. In this context, the quality of an "undisturbed" sample varies widely between soil laboratories. The following represent some of the factors that make an undisturbed sample hard to obtain:

1. The sample is always unloaded from the in situ confining pressures, with some unknown resulting expansion. Lateral expansion occurs into the sides of the borehole, so in situ tests using the hole diameter as a reference are "disturbed" an unknown amount. This is the reason  $K_0$  field tests are so difficult.

2. Samples collected from other than test pits are disturbed by volume displacement of the tube or other collection device. The presence of gravel greatly aggravates sample disturbance.

3. Sample friction on the sides of the collection device tends to compress the sample during recovery. Most sample tubes are (or should be) swaged so that the cutting edge is slightly smaller than the inside tube diameter to reduce the side friction.

4. There are unknown changes in water content depending on recovery method and the presence or absence of water in the ground or borehole.

5. Loss of hydrostatic pressure may cause gas bubble voids to form in the sample.

6. Handling and transporting a sample from the site to the laboratory and transferring the sample from sampler to testing machine disturb the sample more or less by definition.

7. The quality or attitude of drilling crew, laboratory technicians, and the supervising engineer may be poor.

8. On very hot or cold days, samples may dehydrate or freeze if not protected on-site. Furthermore, worker attitudes may deteriorate in temperature extremes.

**Types of Soil Samples** 

Two Types of Soil Types Are Obtained:

- Disturbed Soil Samples.

- Undisturbed Soil Samples.

The degree of soil disturbance can be expressed as:

$$A_{r} = \frac{D_{o}^{2} - D_{i}^{2}}{D_{i}^{2}} \ge 100$$

Where:

A<sub>r</sub> : Area ratio;

 $D_o$ ,  $D_i$ : Outside and inside diameter of the sampler; If  $A_r \le 10\%$  the sample is undisturbed.

## Laboratory Soil Tests

- > To determine the shear strength parameters (C and  $\phi$ ) and other strength and mechanical properties.
- > To classify the soil.
- > Performed on undisturbed and disturbed soil samples.

#### Undisturbed and Disturbed Soil Samples

- <u>Undisturbed soil samples</u>: Soils having the same structure ,properties, and water content of the original soil sample in the ground.
- Disturbed soil samples : Soils with structure, properties, and water content changed during the sampling or transportation process.

#### <u>Tests on Disturbed Samples</u>

#### **Disturbed Samples Are used in the Following Tests:**

- Grain size analysis.
- Liquid and plastic limit tests.
- Specific gravity test.
- Organic content test.
- Soil Classification.
- Compaction test.
- Direct shear test.

#### <u>Test on Undisturbed Samples</u>

**Undisturbed Samples Are used in the Following Tests:** 

- Consolidation test.
- Permeability test.
- Direct shear test.
- Triaxial test.

# Methods of Soil Sampling

#### <u> 1- Split Spoon:</u>

Undisturbed soil samples are obtained.

The drilling tools are replaced by such sampler when collecting the soil samples.

Sample recovery is difficult in sandy soils under the water table.

Can be used to perform the Standard Penetration Test (SPT).



#### 2- Shelby Tube (Thin Walled Tube):

Commonly used to obtain undisturbed clay samples.

The tube is attached to the end of the drilling rod.

The rod and sampler are lowered to the bottom of the hole, and the sampler is pushed into the soil.

The sample inside the tube is then pulled out, trimmed, covered with hot wax, and sealed for transportation.

Shelby tube samples are used is consolidation, direct shear, and triaxial tests.

The following figure shows schematic representation of the Shelby tube sampler.



#### 3- Piston Sampler (Thin Walled Tube with Piston):

-Used to obtain undisturbed samples with larger diameter

-The obtained samples are less disturbed than those obtained by the Shelby tube.

- -Mainly used to prevent the soil from falling from the sampler.
- -The following figure shows schematic representation of the piston sampler.



# Field Soil Testing

#### **<u>1- Standard Penetration Test (SPT):</u>**

Performed with the borehole. Reliable for cohesionless soils, especially in sand. Unreliable for cohesive soils.

2- Cone Penetration Test (CPT):

Reliable for cohesive soils. Unreliable for cohesionless soils.

<u>3- Vane Shear Test:</u> Reliable for cohesive soils. Unreliable for cohesionless soils.

#### THE STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (SPT)

The standard penetration test, developed around 1927, is currently the most popular and economical means to obtain subsurface information (both on land and offshore). It is estimated that 85 to 90 percent of conventional foundation design in North and South America is made using the SPT. This test is also widely used in other geographic regions. The method has been standardized as ASTM D 1586 since 1958 with periodic revisions to date. The test consists of the following:

1- Driving the standard split-barrel sampler of dimensions shown in Figure a distance of 460 mm into the soil at the bottom of the boring.



(a) Standard split barrel sampler (also called a split spoon). Specific sampler dimensions may vary by ± 0.1 to 1.0 mm.

- 2- Counting the number of blows to drive the sampler the last two 150 mm distances (total = 300 mm) to obtain the *N* number.
- 3- Using a 63.5-kg driving mass (or hammer) falling "free" from a height of 760 mm.

The exposed drill rod is referenced with three chalk marks 150 mm apart, and the guide rod (see Fig. 3-7) is marked at 760 mm (for manual hammers). The assemblage is then seated on the soil in the borehole (after cleaning it of loose cuttings). Next the sampler is driven a distance of 150 mm to seat it on undisturbed soil, with this blow count being recorded (unless the system mass sinks the sampler so no Af can be counted). The sum of the blow counts for the next two 150-mm increments is used as the penetration count N unless the last increment cannot be completed. In this case the sum of the first two 150-mm penetrations is recorded as N.

The boring log shows *refusal* and the test is halted if

- 1. 50 blows are required for any 150-mm increment.
- 2. 100 blows are obtained (to drive the required 300 mm).
- 3. 10 successive blows produce no advance.

From the several recent studies cited (and their reference lists) it has been suggested that the SPT be standardized to some energy ratio  $E_r$  which should be computed as:

$$E_r = \frac{\text{Actual hammer energy to sampler, } E_a}{\text{Input energy, } E_{\text{in}}} \times 100 \qquad (d)$$

There are several current suggestions for the value of the standard energy ratio  $E_{rb}$  as follows:

E <sub>rb</sub>	Reference
50 to 55 (use 55)	Schmertmann [in Robertson et al. (1983)]
60	Seed et al. (1985); Skempton (1986)
70 to 80 (use 70)	Riggs (1986)

The author will use 70 since the more recent data using current drilling equipment with a safety or an automatic hammer and with driller attention to ASTM D 1586 details indicate this is close to the actual energy ratio  $E_r$  obtained in North American practice. If a different standard energy ratio  $E_{rb}$  is specified, however, it is a trivial exercise to convert to the different base, as will be shown next.

The standard blow count  $N'_{70}$  can be computed from the measured N as follows:

$$N'_{70} = C_N \times N \times \eta_1 \times \eta_2 \times \eta_3 \times \eta_4 \tag{3-3}$$

where  $\eta_i$  = adjustment factors from (and computed as shown) Table 3-3

- $N'_{70}$  = adjusted N using the subscript for the  $E_{rb}$  and the ' to indicate it has been adjusted
- $C_N$  = adjustment for effective overburden pressure  $p'_o$  (kPa) computed [see Liao and Whitman (1986)]<sup>5</sup> as



Figure 3-7 Schematic diagrams of the three commonly used hammers. Hammer (b) is used about 60 percent; (a) and (c) about 20 percent each in the United States. Hammer (c) is commonly used outside the United States. Note that the user must be careful with (b) and (c) not to contact the limiter and "pull" the sampler out of the soil. Guide rod X is marked with paint or chalk for visible height control when the hammer is lifted by rope off the cathead (power takeoff).



# TABLE 3-3 Factors $\eta_i$ For Eq. (3-3)\*

Hammer for $\eta_1$					Remarks
		Averag	e energy ra	ntio <i>E</i> ,	
	Do	nut	5	Safety	
Country	R-P	Trip	R-P	Trip/Auto	R-P = Rope-pulley or cathead
United States/ North America Japan United Kingdom China	45 67 50		70-80 	80–100 60	$\eta_1 = \mathbf{E}_r / \mathbf{E}_{rb} = E_r / 70$ For U.S. trip/auto w/ $\mathbf{E}_r = 80$ $\eta_1 = 80/70 = 1.14$
		Rod	ength corr		
		Length	> 10 m 6-10 4-6 0-4	$\eta_2 = 1.00$ = 0.95 = 0.85 = 0.75	N is too high for $L < 10$ m
	S	ampler	correction	η3	
Wit	Without liner 7 With liner: Dense sand, clay Loose sand			$\eta_3 = 1.00$ = 0.80 = 0.90	Base value N is too high with liner
]	Boreho	le diame	ter correct		
Hole diameter:† 60–120 mm 150 mm 200 mm			-120 mm 150 mm 200 mm	$\eta_4 = 1.00$ = 1.05 = 1.15	Base value; $N$ is too small when there is an oversize hole

\* Data synthesized from Riggs (1986), Skempton (1986), Schmertmann (1978a) and Seed et al. (1985).

 $\dagger \eta_4 = 1.00$  for all diameter hollow-stem augers where SPT is taken through the stem.

Note that larger values of  $E_r$  decrease the blow count N nearly linearly, that is,  $E_{r45}$  gives N = 20 and  $E_{r90}$  gives N = 10; however, using the "standard" value of  $E_{r70}$  gives an N value for use in Eq. (3-3) of N = 13 for either drilling rig. We obtain this by noting that the energy ratio  $\times$  blow count should be a constant for any soil, so

$$\boldsymbol{E}_{r1} \times \boldsymbol{N}_1 = \boldsymbol{E}_{r2} \times \boldsymbol{N}_2 \tag{e}$$

or

$$N_2 = \frac{E_{r1}}{E_{r2}} \times N_1$$
 (3-4)

For the arbitrarily chosen  $E_{r1} = 70$ , this gives, in general,

$$N_2 = \frac{70}{E_{r^2}} \times N_1$$

For the previous example of  $N_2$  for  $E_{r45} = 20 = E_{r2}$  we obtain

$$20 = \frac{70}{45} \times N_1$$
 giving  $N_1 = \frac{45}{70}(20) = 13$  (use integers)

If we convert  $N_{70}$  to  $N_{60}$  we have

$$N_2 = N_{60} = \frac{70}{60}(13) = 15$$
 [which is larger as predicted by Eq. (e)]

Using the relationship given by Eq. (e) we can readily convert any energy ratio to any other base, but we do have to know the energy ratio at which the blow count was initially obtained.

Given. N = 20; rod length = 12 m; hole diam. = 150 mm;  $p'_o = 205$  kPa; use safety hammer with  $E_r = 80$ ; dense sand; no liner

**Required.** What are the "standard"  $N'_i$  and  $N'_{60}$  based on the following?

$$E_{rb} = 70$$
 and  $E_{rb} = 60$   $C_N = \left(\frac{95.76}{205}\right)^{1/2} = 0.68$ 

 $\eta_i = 1.14$  See sample computation shown in Table 3-3

$$\eta_2 = 1.00$$
 L > 10 m  
 $\eta_3 = 1.00$  usual United States practice of no liner  
 $\eta_4 = 1.05$  slight oversize hole

Use Eq. (3-3) and direct substitution in order:

$$N'_{70} = 0.68 \times 20 \times 1.14 \times 1 \times 1 \times 1.05$$
  
= 16 (only use integers)

for  $E_{rb} = E_{r2}$  use Eq. (3-4), giving

$$N_2 = N_{60}' = \frac{70}{60} \times 16 = 19$$

**Example 3-3.** Same as Example 3-2 but with sample liner and  $E_r = 60$ .

 $C_N = 0.68$  as before

$$\eta_1 = \frac{60}{70} = 0.86 \qquad \eta_2 = 1$$
  

$$\eta_3 = 0.80 \quad (\text{dense sand given with liner}) \qquad \eta_4 = 1.05$$
  

$$N'_{60} = 0.68 \times 20 \times 0.86 \times 0.80 \times 1.05 = 10$$
  

$$N_2 = N'_{70} = \frac{60}{70} \times 10 = 9 \text{ using [Eq. (3-4)]}$$

$$C_N = \left(\frac{95.76}{100}\right)^{1/2} = 0.98 \quad (\text{using } p'_o = p'_c)$$
  

$$\eta_1 = 55/70 = 0.79 \quad \eta_2 = 0.95 \quad (\text{since } 6 < 10 \text{ m})$$
  

$$\eta_3 = 1.0 \quad (\text{no liner}) \quad \eta_4 = 1.0 \quad (\text{using hollow-stem auger})$$
  

$$N'_{70} = 0.98 \times 20 \times 0.79 \times 0.95 \times 1.0 \times 1.0 = 15$$
  

$$N_2 = N'_{60} = \frac{70}{60} \times 15 = 17$$

Empirical values for  $\phi$ ,  $D_r$ , and unit weight of granular soils based on the SPT at about 6 m depth and normally consolidated [approximately,  $\phi = 28^\circ + 15^\circ D_r \ (\pm 2^\circ)$ ]

Description	Very loose	Loose	Medium	Dense	Very dense	
Relative density D,	0	0.15	0.35	0.65		
SPT N' <sub>70</sub> : fine medium	1-2 2-3	3-6 4-7	7-15 8-20	1630 2140 26 - 45	? > 40 > 45	
φ: fine medium	2628 2728	28–30 30–32	30-34 32-36	33–38 36–42	< 50	
coarse $\gamma_{wet}$ , kN/m <sup>3</sup>	28-30	30-34 14-18	33-40 17-20	40-50	20-23	

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#### Depth, Number and Distribution of Boreholes

#### I- Depth of Boreholes:

- 1- Depth of boring  $\approx$  3 5, width of isolated footing.
- 2- Depth of boring  $\approx 2 3$ , width of raft.

**3-** The boring should penetrate the sand layer (if exists) sufficiently to determine its continuity, (especially in pile foundations).

4- For deep excavation, depth of boring  $\approx$  1.5 excavation depth.

5- If rock is encountered, it should be penetrated 4 m, at least.

#### **II- Distribution of Borings:**

Structure	Spacing
Multistory Building	300 m <sup>2</sup> , with 2 min. for each
One story industrial Building	$300 - 500 \text{ m}^2$
Highways	250 – 500 linear meter
<b>Residential Sub-Divisions</b>	$200 \times 200  \text{up to}  400 \times 400 \text{ m}^2$
Dams	50 up to 200 m for dam length

#### THE SOIL REPORT

When the borings or other field work has been done and any laboratory testing completed, the geotechnical engineer then assembles the data for a recommendation to the client. Computer analyses may be made where a parametric study of the engineering properties of the soil is necessary to make a "best" value(s) recommendation of the following:

1. Soil strength parameters of angle of internal friction  $\emptyset$  and cohesion c

2. Allowable bearing capacity (considering both strength and probable or tolerable settlements)

3. Engineering parameters such as  $E_s$ ,  $\mu$ , G, or  $k_s$ .

A plan and profile of the borings may be made as on Fig. 3-37, or the boring information may be compiled from the field and laboratory data sheets as shown on Fig. 3-38. Field and data summary sheets are far from standardized between different organizations, and further, the ASTM D 653 (Standard Terms and Symbols Relating to Soil and Rock) is seldom well followed.



Figure 3-37 A method of presenting the boring information on a project. All dimensions are in meters unless shown otherwise.

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RING DISCONTINUED AT ELEVATION787	2 GROU	ND WATE	RELEVATI	ON AT CO	MPLETIO	N	793. 4
DESCRIPTION	DEPTH IN FEET	SAMPLE	N	Qp	Qu	D₫	Mc
rown SILTY CLAY LOAN Organic oppoil ard, Brown, Weathered GLACIAL SILTY CLAY TILL	6* 03	<b>S</b> 5	5 10 15(25)	4.5+	7.0	121	15
	_ 06	ss	8 12 18(30)	4.5+	6.0	118	14
	- 09	SS	9 14 19(33)	4.5+	5.1	119	15
	-	ss	8 13 18(31)	4.5+	6.2	124	13
ard, Gray, Unvesthered GLACIA SILTY CLAY TILL	- 12	<b>S</b> S	5 7 11(18)	4.5+	5. 1	113	18
Very Stiff, Gray, Unweathered BLACIAL SILTY CLAY TILL		SS	5 5 8(13)	2.3	2.2	109	20
Sard, Gray LINESTONE EXPLORATORY BORING DISCONTIN							

**Figure 3-38** Boring log as furnished to client. N = SPT value;  $Q_p = \text{pocket penetrometer}$ ;  $Q_u = \text{unconfined compression}$  test;  $D_d = \text{estimated unit weight } \gamma_s$ ;  $M_c = \text{natural water content } w_N$  in percent.

# **IMMEDIATE SETTLEMENT**

Foundation settlements must be estimated with great care for buildings, bridges, towers, power plants, and similar high-cost structures. For structures such as fills, earth dams, levees, braced sheeting, and retaining walls a greater margin of error in the settlements can usually be tolerated.

Except for occasional happy coincidences, soil settlement computations are only best estimates of the deformation to expect when a load is applied. During settlement the soil transitions from the current body (or self-weight) stress state to a new one under the additional applied load. The stress change  $\Delta q$  from this added load produces a time-dependent accumulation of particle rolling, sliding, crushing, and elastic distortions in a limited influence zone beneath the loaded area. *The statistical accumulation of movements in the direction of interest is the settlement*. In the vertical direction the settlement will be defined as  $\Delta H$ .

# Settlements are usually classified as follows:

1. Immediate, or those that take place as the load is applied or within a time period of about 7 days.

2. Consolidation, or those that are time-dependent and take months to years to develop. The Leaning Tower of Pisa in Italy has been undergoing consolidation settlement for over 700 years. The lean is caused by the consolidation settlement being greater on one side. This, however, is an extreme case with the principal settlements for most projects occurring in 3 to 10 years.

Immediate settlement analyses are used for all fine-grained soils including silts and clays with a degree of saturation  $S \le 90$  percent and for all coarse-grained soils with a large coefficient of permeability [say, above  $10^{-3}$  m/s (see Table 2-3)].

TABLE 2-3	
Order-of-magnitude values for permeability k, based on description of	
soil and by the Unified Soil Classification System, m/s	

100	10	)-2 ]	0-5	10-9	10-11
	Clean gravel GW, GP	Clean gravel and sand mixtures GW, GP SW, SP GM	Sand-silt mixtures SM, SL, SC	Clay	S

Consolidation settlement analyses are used for all saturated, or nearly saturated, fine grained soils where the consolidation theory of Sec. 2-10 applies. For these soils we want estimates of both settlements  $\Delta H$  and how long a time it will take for most of the settlement to occur.

#### **IMMEDIATE SETTLEMENT COMPUTATIONS**

The settlement of the corner of a rectangular base of dimensions  $B' \times L'$  on the surface of an elastic half-space can be computed from an equation from the Theory of Elasticity [e.g., <u>Timoshenko and Goodier</u> (1951)] as follows:

$$\Delta H = q_o B' \frac{1 - \mu^2}{E_s} \left( I_1 + \frac{1 - 2\mu}{1 - \mu} I_2 \right) I_F$$
(5-16)

Where:

 $q_o$  = intensity of contact pressure in units of  $E_s$ 

B' = least lateral dimension of contributing base area in units of  $\Delta H$ 

 $I_i$  = influence factors, which depend on L'/B' thickness of stratum H, Poisson's ratio  $\mu$ , and base embedment depth D

 $E_s$ ,  $\mu$  = elastic soil parameters — (see Tables 2-7, 2-8, and 5-6)

The influence factors (see Fig. 5-7 for identification of terms)  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  can be computed using equations given by Steinbrenner (1934) as follows:

$$I_1 = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ M \ln \frac{(1 + \sqrt{M^2 + 1})\sqrt{M^2 + N^2}}{M(1 + \sqrt{M^2 + N^2 + 1})} + \ln \frac{(M + \sqrt{M^2 + 1})\sqrt{1 + N^2}}{M + \sqrt{M^2 + N^2 + 1}} \right]$$
(a)

$$I_2 = \frac{N}{2\pi} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{M}{N\sqrt{M^2 + N^2 + 1}} \right)$$
 (tan<sup>-1</sup> in radians) (b)

where  $M = \frac{L'}{B'}$   $N = \frac{H}{B'}$   $B' = \frac{B}{2}$  for center; = B for corner  $I_i$ L' = L/2 for center; = L for corner  $I_i$  To compute the composite Steinbrenner influence factor  $I_s$  as

$$I_s = I_1 + \frac{1 - 2\mu}{1 - \mu} I_2 \tag{c}$$

Equation (5-16) can be written more compactly as follows:

$$\Delta H = q_o B' \frac{1 - \mu^2}{E_s} m I_s I_F \qquad (5-16a)$$

This equation is strictly applicable to *flexible bases* on the half-space. In practice, most foundations are flexible. Even very thick ones deflect when loaded by the superstructure loads. Some theory indicates that if the base is rigid the settlement will be uniform (but may tilt), and the settlement factor *Is* will be about 7 percent less than computed by Eq. (c). On this basis if your base is "rigid" you should reduce the  $I_s$  factor by about 7 percent (that is,  $I_{sr} = 0.93 I_s$ ).

Equation (5-16a) is very widely used to compute immediate settlements. These estimates, however, have not agreed well with measured settlements. After analyzing a number of cases, the author concluded that the equation is adequate but the method of using it was incorrect. The equation should be used [see Bowles (1987)] as follows:

- 1. Make your best estimate of base contact pressure  $q_o$ .
- 2. For round bases, convert to an equivalent square.

3. Determine the point where the settlement is to be computed and divide the base (as in the Newmark stress method) so the point is at the corner or common corner of one or up to 4 contributing rectangles.



4. Note that the stratum depth actually causing settlement is not at H/B  $\rightarrow \infty$ , but is at either of the following:

a. Depth z = 5B where B = least total lateral dimension of base.

b. Depth to where a hard stratum is encountered. Take "hard" as that where  $E_s$  in the hard layer is about  $10E_s$  of the adjacent upper layer.

5. Compute the H/B' ratio. For a depth H = z = 5B and for the center of the base we have H/B' = 5B/0.5B = 10. For a corner, using the same H, obtain 5B/B = 5. This computation sets the depth H = z = depth to use for all of the contributing rectangles. Do not use, say, H = 5B = 15 m for one rectangle and H = 5B = 10 m for two other contributing rectangles—use 15 m in this case for all.

6. Enter Table 5-2, obtain  $I_1$  and  $I_2$ , with your best estimate for  $\mu$  compute  $I_s$ , and obtain  $I_F$  from Fig. 5-7.

7. Obtain the weighted average  $E_s$  in the depth z = H. The weighted average can be computed

(where, for n layers,  $H = \sum_{i=1}^{n} H_i$  as

$$E_{s,av} = \frac{H_1 E_{s1} + H_2 E_{s2} + \dots + H_n E_{sn}}{H}$$
(d)

**Figure 5-7** Influence factor  $I_F$  for footing at a depth *D*. Use actual footing width and depth dimension for this *D/B* ratio. Use program FFACTOR for values to avoid interpolation.



$$S_i = q \frac{B(1 - \mu^2)}{E_i} I_w$$
 -----(3)

The above equation used to calculate the  $S_i$  for foundation rest on the *elastic homogenous soil*, the I<sub>w</sub> is the influence factor taken from Table (5-4).

	Tuble e	II Innuenee				
Sha	<i>pe</i>	$I_w$				
		Flex	cible	Divid		
		Center	Corner	Kigia		
Circle	-	1.00	0.64	0.79		
Square	-	1.12	0.56	0.88		
Rectangle	L/B 1.5	1.36	0.68	1.07		
	2	1.53	0.77	1.21		
	3	1.78	0.89	1.42		
	5	2.10	1.05	1.70		
	10	2.54	1.27	2.10		
	20	2.99	1.49	2.46		
	50	3.57	1.80	3.00		
	100	4.01	2.00	3.43		

Table 5-4: Influence factor  $I_w$ 

#### TABLE 2-7

Values or value ranges for Poisson's ratio  $\mu$ 

Type of soil	μ				
Clay, saturated	0.4–0.5				
Clay, unsaturated	0.1-0.3				
Sandy clay	0.2-0.3				
Silt	0.3-0.35				
Sand, gravelly sand	-0.1-1.00				
commonly used	0.3-0.4				
Rock	0.1-0.4 (depends somewhat on				
	type of rock)				
Loess	0.1-0.3				
lce	0.36				
Concrete	0.15				
Steel	0.33				

It is very common to use the following values for soils:

_μ	Soil type
0.4-0.5	Most clay soils
0.45-0.50	Saturated clay soils
0.3-0.4	Cohesionless-medium and dense
0.2-0.35	Cohesionless-loose to medium
0.2 0.00	conciloness noise to mean

#### TABLE 2-8

# Value range<sup>\*</sup> for the static stress-strain modulus $E_s$ for selected soils (see also Table 5-6)

Field values depend on stress history, water content, density, and age of deposit

Soil	E <sub>s</sub> , MPa
Clay	
Very soft	2-15
Soft	5-25
Medium	15-50
Hard	50-100
Sandy	25-250
Glacial till	
Loose	10-150
Dense	150-720
Very dense	500-1440
Loess	15-60
Sand	
Silty	5-20
Loose	10-25
Dense	50-81
Sand and gravel	
Loose	50-150
Dense	100-200
Shale	150-5000
Silt	2-20

\*Value range is too large to use an "average" value for design.

Ex. 1) A TV tower weighting (  $1000\ kN)$  is constructed on a (  $3m\ *\ 3m$  ) footing on ground surface on the site shown in Fig.

Calculate :

Immediate settlement at a point A of the footing by:

1-Skempton's method. (flexible)

2-Timoshenko and Goodier mehod. (rigid)



 $Es{=}16 \text{ N/mm}^2 \text{ / } 1000 \text{ N/kN *} 1000000 \text{ mm}^2\text{/m}^2 = 16000 \text{ kN/m}^2$ 

$$q = 1000/(3 \times 3) = 111.11 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

1- 
$$S_i = q \frac{B(1 - \mu^2)}{E_s} I_w$$

1	3
2	4

Shape	B×L	L/B	I <sub>w</sub> (flexible	S <sub>i</sub> (mm)	S <sub>i</sub> (mm)
			corner)		(total)
1	1×1	1	0.56	3.26	
2	1×2	2	0.77	4.49	107
3	1×2	2	0.77	4.49	16.7
4	2×2	1	0.56	6.53	

2- 
$$S_i = qB' \frac{1-\mu^2}{E_i} \left( I_1 + \frac{1-2\mu}{1-\mu} I_2 \right)$$
 H = 6 m

Shape	B×L	H/B	L/B	$I_1$	I <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>i</sub> (mm)	S <sub>i</sub> (mm)
		Ν	Μ				(total)
1	1×1	6	1	0.457	0.026	2.71	
2	1×2	6	2	0.563	0.050	3.38	12.0
3	1×2	6	2	0.563	0.050	3.38	15.9
4	2×2	3	1	0.363	0.048	4.42	

#### $S_i rigid = 0.93 \times 13.9 = 12.9 mm$

Ex. 2) For the footing shown in Figure (1), estimate the immediate settlement at a point (A) by Skempton's method, assume rigid footing.  $E_s=18$  Mpa,  $\mu=0.35$ , q=120 kN/m<sup>2</sup>.

Solution:

$$S_i = q \frac{B(1-\mu^2)}{E_s} I_w$$

 $Es=18 \text{ N/mm}^2 / 1000 \text{ N/kN} * 1000000 \text{ mm}^2/\text{m}^2 = 18000 \text{ kN/m}^2$ 

 $q = 120 \text{ kN/m}^2$ 

B for circle = D = 6 m B for square = 2 m



**Ex. 3)** Find the immediate settlement of point (**A**) for the flexible footing shown in **Fig.(2)**,  $q_{net} = 220 \text{ kN/m}^2$ ,  $\mu = 0.35$ . Use Timoshenko and Goodier mehod.



2 m

<u>1 m</u> 1 m

2 m

Point A

Figure (1)

Solution:

$$\Delta H = q_0 B' \frac{1 - \mu^2}{E_s} m I_s I_F$$
  
E<sub>s Average</sub> = (2\*15000 + 6\*25000 + 12\*30000)/20 = 27000 kPa.  
S<sub>i</sub> = S1 + S2 - S3 H = 5B = 5 \* 6 = 30 m (include all layers)  
Use H = 2 + 6 + 12 = 20 m  
For shape S1 and S2  
M = L'/B' = 6/3 = 2  
N = H/B' = 20/3 = 6.67  
I<sub>1</sub> = 0.58 , I<sub>2</sub> = 0.04522  
I<sub>s</sub> = I<sub>1</sub> +  $\frac{1 - 2\mu}{1 - \mu} I_2$  = 0.6  
 $\Delta H = q_0 B' \frac{1 - \mu^2}{E_s} m I_s I_F$  = 220 \* 3 \* (1-0.35<sup>2</sup>) \*2\*0.6\* 1/27000 = 0.02574 m  
= 25.74 mm  
For shape S3 M = 1 N = 20/4.24 = 4.7 I<sub>1</sub> = 0.429 I<sub>2</sub> = 0.0352 I<sub>s</sub> = 0.445  
 $\Delta H = q_0 B' \frac{1 - \mu^2}{E_s} m I_s I_F$  = (220 \* 4.24 \*(1-0.35<sup>2</sup>)\*1\*0.445 \* 1) / 27000 = 0.01349 m  
= 13.49 mm

 $S_{i \text{ total}} = 25.74 - 13.49 = 12.25 \text{ mm}$
## **BEARING CAPACITY**

## **Introduction:**

The soil must be capable of carrying the loads from any engineered structure placed upon it without a shear failure and with the resulting settlements being tolerable for that structure.

The recommendation for the allowable bearing capacity  $q_a$  to be used for design is based on the *minimum* of either

1. Limiting the settlement to a tolerable amount (see Chap. 5)

2, The ultimate bearing capacity, which considers soil strength, as computed in the following sections The allowable bearing capacity based on shear control  $q_a$  is obtained by reducing (or dividing) the ultimate bearing capacity  $q_{ult}$  (based on soil strength) by a safety factor SF that is deemed adequate to avoid a base shear failure to obtain

$$q_a = \frac{q_{\rm ult}}{\rm SF} \tag{4-1}$$

The safety factor is based on the type of soil (cohesive or cohesionless), reliability of the soil parameters, structural information (importance, use, etc.), and consultant caution.

## **Bearing Capacity**

From Fig. 4-1*a* and Fig. 4-2 it is evident we have two potential failure modes, where the footing, when loaded to produce the maximum bearing pressure  $q_{ult}$ , will do one or both of the following:

a. Rotate as in Fig. 4-1a about some center of rotation (probably along the vertical line Oa) with shear resistance developed along the perimeter of the slip zone shown as a circle.

*b*. Punch into the ground as the wedge *agb* of Fig. 4-2 or the approximate wedge *ObO'* of Fig. *4-la*.

## **Bearing Capacity Equations**

## 1- The Terzaghi Bearing-Capacity Equation:-

One of the early sets of bearing-capacity equations was proposed by Terzaghi (1943) as shown in Table 4-1. Terzaghi used shape factors noted when the limitations of the equation were discussed.

Terzaghi's bearing-capacity equations were intended for "shallow" foundations where  $D \le B$ .

## 2- Meyerhof 's Bearing-Capacity Equation

Meyerhof (1951, 1963) proposed a bearing-capacity equation similar to that of Terzaghi but included a shape factor  $s_q$  with the depth term  $N_q$ . He also included depth factors  $d_i$  and inclination factors  $i_i$  [both noted in discussion of Eq. (j)] for cases where the footing load is inclined from the vertical. These additions produce equations of the general form shown in

Table 4-1, with select N factors computed in Table 4-4. Program BEARING is provided on disk for other  $N_i$  values.

## **3- Hansen's Bearing-Capacity Method**

Hansen (1970) proposed the general bearing-capacity case and N factor equations shown in Table 4-1. This equation is readily seen to be a further extension of the earlier Meyerhof (1951) work. Hansen's shape, depth, and other factors making up the general bearing capacity equation are given in Table 4-5. These represent revisions and extensions from earlier

proposals in 1957 and 1961. The extensions include base factors for situations in which the footing is tilted from the horizontal  $b_i$  and for the possibility of a slope  $\beta$  of the ground supporting the footing to give ground factors  $g_i$ . Table 4-4 gives selected N values for the Hansen equations together with computation aids for the more difficult shape and depth factor terms. Use program BEARING for intermediate  $N_i$  factors, because interpolation is not recommended, especially for  $\phi \ge 35^\circ$ .

### 4- Vesic's Bearing-Capacity Equations

The Vesic (1973, 1915b) procedure is essentially the same as the method of Hansen (1961) with select changes. The  $N_c$  and  $N_q$  terms are those of Hansen but  $N_\gamma$  is slightly different (see Table 4-4). There are also differences in the  $i_i$ ,  $b_i$ , and  $g_i$  terms as in Table 4-5c. The Vesic equation is somewhat easier to use than Hansen's because Hansen uses the *i* terms in computing shape factors  $s_i$  whereas Vesic does not (refer to Examples 4-6 and 4-7 following).



(a) Footing on  $\phi = 0^{\circ}$  soil.

Note:  $\vec{q} = p'_{a} = \gamma' D$ , but use  $\vec{q}$ , since this is the accepted symbol for bearing capacity computations.







**Figure 4-2** Simplified bearing capacity for a  $\phi$ -c soil.

### TABLE 4-1 Bearing-capacity equations by the several authors indicated

Terzaghi (1943). See Table 4-2 for typical values and for  $K_{py}$  values.

$$q_{ult} = cN_c s_c + \vec{q}N_q + 0.5\gamma BN_\gamma s_\gamma \qquad N_q = \frac{a^2}{a\cos^2(45 + \phi/2)}$$
$$a = e^{(0.75\pi - \phi/2)\tan\phi}$$
$$N_c = (N_q - 1)\cot\phi$$
$$N_\gamma = \frac{\tan\phi}{2} \left(\frac{K_{P\gamma}}{\cos^2\phi} - 1\right)$$
strip round square

For: strip round square  $s_c = 1.0$  1.3 1.3  $s_{\gamma} = 1.0$  0.6 0.8

Meyerhof (1963).\* See Table 4-3 for shape, depth, and inclination factors.

 $q_{ult} = cN_c s_c d_c i_c + \bar{q} N_q s_q d_q i_q + 0.5 \gamma B' N_\gamma s_\gamma d_\gamma i_\gamma \qquad (s_c = 1 \text{ for inclined load})$ 

$$N_q = e^{\pi \tan \phi} \tan^2 \left( 45 + \frac{\phi}{2} \right)$$
$$N_c = (N_q - 1) \cot \phi$$
$$N_\gamma = (N_q - 1) \tan (1.4\phi)$$

Hansen (1970).\* See Table 4-5 for shape, depth, and other factors.

General:†  $q_{ult} = cN_c s_c d_c i_c g_c b_c + \overline{q} N_q s_q d_q i_q g_q b_q + 0.5 \gamma B' N_\gamma s_\gamma d_\gamma i_\gamma g_\gamma b_\gamma$ when  $\phi = 0$ use  $q_{ult} = 5.14 s_u (1 + s'_c + d'_c - i'_c - b'_c - g'_c) + \overline{q}$   $N_q = \text{same as Meyerhof above}$   $N_c = \text{same as Meyerhof above}$  $N_\gamma = 1.5(N_q - 1) \tan \phi$ 

Vesić (1973, 1975).\* See Table 4-5 for shape, depth, and other factors. Use Hansen's equations above.

 $N_q$  = same as Meyerhof above  $N_c$  = same as Meyerhof above  $N_{\gamma}$  = 2( $N_q$  + 1) tan  $\phi$ 

\*These methods require a trial process to obtain design base dimensions since width B and length L are needed to compute shape, depth, and influence factors. †See Sec. 4-6 when  $i_i < 1$ .

### TABLE 4-2 Bearing-capacity factors for the Terzaghi equations

Values of  $N_{\gamma}$  for  $\phi$  of 0, 34, and 48° are original Terzaghi values and used to back-compute  $K_{p\gamma}$ 

φ, deg	N <sub>c</sub>	$N_q$	Nγ	K <sub>PY</sub>
0	5.7*	1.0	0.0	10.8
5	7.3	1.6	0.5	12.2
10	9.6	2.7	1.2	14.7
15	12.9	4.4	2.5	18.6
20	17.7	7.4	5.0	25.0
25	25.1	12.7	9.7	35.0
30	37.2	22.5	19.7	52.0
34	52.6	36.5	36.0	
35	57.8	41.4	42.4	82.0
40	95.7	81.3	100.4	141.0
45	172.3	173.3	297.5	298.0
48	258.3	287.9	780.1	
50	347.5	415.1	1153.2	800.0

 $N_c = 1.5\pi + 1.$  [See Terzaghi (1943), p. 127.]

### TABLE 4-3

Shape, depth, and inclination factors for the Meyerhof bearing-capacity equations of Table 4-1

Factors	Value	For
Shape:	$s_c = 1 + 0.2K_p \frac{B}{L}$	Any $\phi$
	$s_q = s_\gamma = 1 + 0.1K_p \frac{B}{L}$	$\phi > 10^{\circ}$
	$s_q = s_y = 1$	$\phi = 0$
Depth:	$d_c = 1 + 0.2 \sqrt{K_p} \frac{D}{B}$	Any $\phi$
	$d_q = d_\gamma = 1 + 0.1 \sqrt{K_p} \frac{D}{B}$	$\phi > 10$
	$d_q = d_\gamma = 1$	$\phi = 0$
Inclination:	$i_c = i_q = \left(1 - \frac{\theta^\circ}{90^\circ}\right)^2$	Any $\phi$
\ <del>\$</del>	$i_{\gamma} = \left(1 - \frac{\theta^{\circ}}{\phi^{\circ}}\right)^2$	$\phi > 0$
н	$i_{\gamma} = 0$ for $\theta > 0$	$\phi = 0$

Where  $K_p = \tan^2(45 + \phi/2)$  as in Fig. 4-2

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#### TABLE 4-4 Bearing-capacity factors for the Meyerhof, Hansen, and Vesić bearingcapacity equations

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φ	Ne	N <sub>q</sub>	$N_{\gamma(H)}$	$N_{\gamma(M)}$	$N_{\gamma(V)}$	$N_q/N_c$	$2 \tan \phi (1 - \sin \phi)^2$
0	5.14*	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.195	0.000
5	6.49	1.6	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.242	0.146
10	8.34	2.5	0.4	0.4	1.2	0.296	0.241
15	10.97	3.9	1.2	1.1	2.6	0.359	0.294
20	14.83	6.4	2.9	2.9	5.4	0.431	0.315
25	20.71	10.7	6.8	6.8	10.9	0.514	0.311
26	22.25	11.8	7.9	8.0	12.5	0.533	0.308
28	25.79	14.7	10.9	11.2	16.7	0.570	0.299
30	30.13	18.4	15.1	15.7	22.4	0.610	0.289
32	35.47	23.2	20.8	22.0	30.2	0.653	0.276
34	42.14	29.4	28.7	31.1	41.0	0.698	0.262
36	50.55	37.7	40.0	44.4	56.2	0.746	0.247
38	61.31	48.9	56.1	64.0	77.9	0.797	0.231
40	75.25	64.1	79.4	93.6	109.3	0.852	0.214
45	133.73	134.7	200.5	262.3	271.3	1.007	0.172
50	266.50	318.5	567.4	871.7	761.3	1.195	0.131

\* =  $\pi$  + 2 as limit when  $\phi \rightarrow 0^{\circ}$ .

Slight differences in above table can be obtained using program BEARING.EXE on diskette depending on computer used and whether or not it has floating point.

## TABLE 4-5a

Shape and depth factors for use in either the Hansen (1970) or Vesić (1973, 1975b) bearing-capacity equations of Table 4-1. Use  $s'_c$ ,  $d'_c$  when  $\phi = 0$  only for Hansen equations. Subscripts H, V for Hansen, Vesić, respectively.

Shape factors	Depth factors
$s'_{c(H)} = 0.2 \frac{B'}{L'} \qquad (\phi = 0^{\circ})$ $s_{c(H)} = 1.0 + \frac{N_q}{N_c} \cdot \frac{B'}{L'}$ $s_{c(V)} = 1.0 + \frac{N_q}{N_c} \cdot \frac{B}{L}$ $s_c = 1.0 \text{ for strip}$	$d'_{c} = 0.4k \qquad (\phi = 0^{\circ})$ $d_{c} = 1.0 + 0.4k$ $k = D/B \text{ for } D/B \le 1$ $k = \tan^{-1}(D/B) \text{ for } D/B > 1$ $k \text{ in radians}$
$s_{q(H)} = 1.0 + \frac{B'}{L'}\sin\phi$	$d_q = 1 + 2\tan\phi(1-\sin\phi)^2k$
$s_{q(V)} = 1.0 + \frac{B}{L} \tan \phi$	k defined above
for all $\phi$	
$s_{\gamma(H)} = 1.0 - 0.4 \frac{B'}{L'} \ge 0.6$	$d_{\gamma} = 1.00$ for all $\phi$
$s_{\gamma(V)} = 1.0 - 0.4 \frac{B}{L} \geq 0.6$	

Notes:

- 1. Note use of "effective" base dimensions B', L' by Hansen but not by Vesić.
- 2. The values above are consistent with either a vertical load or a vertical load accompanied by a horizontal load  $H_B$ .
- 3. With a vertical load and a load H<sub>L</sub> (and either H<sub>B</sub> = 0 or H<sub>B</sub> > 0) you may have to compute two sets of shape s<sub>i</sub> and d<sub>i</sub> as s<sub>i,B</sub>, s<sub>i,L</sub> and d<sub>i,B</sub>, d<sub>i,L</sub>. For i, L subscripts of Eq. (4-2), presented in Sec. 4-6, use ratio L'/B' or D/L'.

## TABLE 4-5b Table of inclination, ground, and base factors for the Hansen (1970) equations. See Table 4-5c for equivalent Vesić equations.

Inclination factors	Ground factors (base on slope)
$i_c' = 0.5 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{H_i}{A_f C_a}}$	$g_c' = \frac{\beta^\circ}{147^\circ}$
$i_c = i_q - \frac{1 - i_q}{N_q - 1}$	$g_c = 1.0 - \frac{\beta^{\circ}}{147^{\circ}}$
$i_q = \left[1 - \frac{0.5H_i}{V + A_f c_a \cot \phi}\right]^{\alpha_1}$ $2 \le \alpha_1 \le 5$	$g_q \coloneqq g_\gamma = (1 - 0.5 \tan \beta)^5$
·	Base factors (tilted base)
$i_{\gamma} = \left[1 - \frac{0.7H_i}{V + A_f c_a \cot \phi}\right]^{\alpha_2}$	$b_c'=\frac{\eta^\circ}{147^\circ}\qquad (\phi=0)$
$i_{\gamma} = \left[1 - \frac{(0.7 - \eta^{\circ}/450^{\circ})H_i}{V + A_f c_a \cot \phi}\right]^{\alpha_2}$ $2 \le \alpha_2 \le 5$	$b_c = 1 - \frac{\eta^\circ}{147^\circ} \qquad (\phi > 0)$ $b_q = \exp(-2\eta \tan \phi)$ $b_\gamma = \exp(-2.7\eta \tan \phi)$
	$\eta$ in radians

Notes:

- 1. Use  $H_i$  as either  $H_B$  or  $H_L$ , or both if  $H_L > 0$ .
- Hansen (1970) did not give an i<sub>c</sub> for φ > 0. The value above is from Hansen (1961) and also used by Vesić.
- Variable c<sub>a</sub> = base adhesion, on the order of 0.6 to 1.0 × base cohesion.
- Refer to sketch for identification of angles η and β, footing depth D, location of H<sub>i</sub> (parallel and at top of base slab; usually also produces eccentricity). Especially note V = force normal to base and is not the resultant R from combining V and H<sub>i</sub>.



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## Which Equations to Use

Use	Best for
Terzaghi	Very cohesive soils where $D/B \le 1$ or for a quick estimate of $q_{ult}$ to compare with other methods. <i>Do</i> <i>not use</i> for footings with moments and/or horizontal forces or for tilted bases and/or sloping ground.
Hansen, Meyerhof, Vesić	Any situation that applies, depending on user preference or familiarity with a particular method.
Hansen, Vesić	When base is tilted; when footing is on a slope or when $D/B > 1$ .

## Notes for some design considerations

## 1- Influence depth of footing:

The influnce depth of loading at which the failure surface occurd take the foolowing :-

$$d = \frac{B}{2} \tan(45 + \frac{\emptyset}{2})$$
 or  $d \cong B$ 

2- For "Local shear failure" mode soil, i. e. if foundation constructed on this kind of soil, the strength parameters (C,  $\phi$ ) must be modified to use it in B. C. Equation, where:

$$\bar{c} = \frac{2}{3} c$$
 and  $\phi = \tan^{-1}(|\frac{2}{3} \tan \phi)$ 

\* using  $\bar{c}$  Instead of C in first contribution.

\* using  $\phi$  instead of  $\phi$  in table (4-2) to calculate B. C. factors (N<sub>c</sub>, N<sub>y</sub>, N<sub>q</sub>)

## 3- Factor of safety:

The actual pressure ( stress ) from the structure to the soil must be not exceed the " allowable bearing capacity" of the soil  $(q_{all})$ , where:

$$q_{des.}$$
 or  $q_{all} = \frac{q_{ult}}{F.s}$ 

The factor of safety ranged between (1.5-6) depends on :

- 1- Type of structure ( permenant or temporary )
- 2- Sensitivity of structure .
- 3- Extent of soil exploration .
- 4- Conditions of construction .
- 5- Load condition (static, dynamic)

It is recommended that F. S. is (2-4).

4- Gross and Net Soil Pressure: ضغط التربة الصافى والأجمالي

Gross (total) pressure : is the pressure duo to the total loads above foundation level. It includes the load above ground, self-weight of foundation and the weight of soil above foundation.

$$\mathbf{q}_{\text{gross}} = \left( \mathbf{W}_{\mathbf{D}+\mathbf{L}} + \mathbf{W}_{\mathbf{F}} + \mathbf{W}_{\mathbf{s}} \right) / \mathbf{A}$$

Net pressure : is the intensity of pressure at the base of foundation excluding the existing pressure duo to the soil above foundation .

 $(q_{ult})_{net} = (q_{ult})_{gross} - \gamma D$ 

Notes :

1- The bearing capacity equations (quit) are based on gross soil pressure which is every thing a bove the foundation level .

 Settlements are caused by net increases in soil pressure over the existing overburden pressure.

Where:  $(q_{ult})_{net} = q_{ult} - \gamma_2 D$ So that the B. C. Eq. will be:  $(q_{ult})_{net} = C N_c + 0.5 B \gamma_1 N\gamma + \gamma_2 D (N_q - 1)$ 

5- Bearing capacity for footing on layered soils :

A possible alternative for c -  $\phi$  soils with anumber of thin layers is to use average values of c and  $\phi$  in B. C. Eq. obtained as :

$$c_{av} = \frac{c_1 H_1 + c_2 H_2 + c_3 H_3 + \dots + c_n H_n}{d}$$
$$\phi_{av} = \tan^{-1} \frac{H_1 \tan \phi_1 + H_2 \tan \phi_2 + \dots + H_n \tan \phi_n}{d}$$

If  $d = \frac{B}{2} \tan(45 + \frac{\phi}{2})$  one or more iterations may be required to obtain the best average (c and  $\phi$ ) values, or if  $d \cong B$ , using the number of layers within this depth as shown:

## 6- Effect of water table:

Bowles suggested the following equation to calculate effective unit weight for water table:

$$\gamma_e = (2H - d_w) \frac{d_w}{H^2} \gamma_{wet} + \frac{\gamma'}{H^2} (H - d_w)^2$$

where

 $d_w$  = depth to water table below base of footing

 $\gamma_{\text{wet}} = \text{wet unit weight of soil in depth } d_w$ 

 $H = 0.5B \tan(45^\circ + \phi/2)$ 

 $\gamma'$  = submerged unit weight below water table =  $\gamma_{sat} - \gamma_w$ 

**Example 4-8.** A square footing that is vertically and concentrically loaded is to be placed on a cohesionless soil as shown in Fig. E4-8. The soil and other data are as shown.



From Fig. E4-8 we obtain  $d_w = 0.85$  m and  $H = 0.5B \tan(45^\circ + \phi/2) = 2.40$  m. Substituting into Eq. (4-4), we have

$$\gamma_e = (2 \times 2.4 - 0.85) \frac{0.85 \times 18.10}{2.4^2} + \frac{20.12 - 9.807}{2.4^2} (2.40 - 0.85)^2$$
  
= 14.85 kN/m<sup>3</sup>

## <u>Note</u>

Since the soil wedge beneath round and square bases is much closer to a triaxial than plane strain state, the adjustment of  $\phi_{tr}$  to  $\phi_{ps}$  is recommended only when L/B > 2.

$$\phi_{\rm ps} = 1.5 \, \phi_{\rm triaxial} - 17$$

**Example 4-2.** A footing load test made by H. Muhs in Berlin [reported by Hansen (1970)] produced the following data:

$$D = 0.5 \text{ m} \qquad B = 0.5 \text{ m} \qquad L = 2.0 \text{ m}$$
  

$$\gamma' = 9.31 \text{ kN/m}^3 \qquad \phi_{\text{triaxial}} = 42.7^\circ \qquad \text{Cohesion } c = 0$$
  

$$P_{\text{ult}} = 1863 \text{ kN (measured)} \qquad q_{\text{ult}} = \frac{P_{\text{ult}}}{BL} = \frac{1863}{0.5 \times 2} = 1863 \text{ kPa (computed)}$$

**Required.** Compute the ultimate bearing capacity by both Hansen and Meyerhof equations and compare these values with the measured value.

#### Solution.

a. Since c = 0, any factors with subscript c do not need computing. All  $g_i$  and  $b_i$  factors are 1.00; with these factors identified, the Hansen equation simplifies to

$$q_{\text{ult}} = \gamma' DN_q s_q d_q + 0.5 \gamma' BN_\gamma s_\gamma d_\gamma$$
$$L/B = \frac{2}{0.5} = 4 \rightarrow \phi_{\text{ps}} = 1.5(42.5) - 17 = 46.75^\circ$$
$$\text{Use } \phi = 47^\circ$$

From a table of  $\phi$  in 1° increments (table not shown) obtain

$$N_q = 187$$
  $N_y = 299$ 

Using linear interpolation of Table 4-4 gives 208.2 and 347.2. Using Table 4-5*a* one obtains [get the 2 tan  $\phi(1 - \sin \phi)^2$  part of  $d_q$  term from Table 4-4] the following:

$$s_{q(H)} = 1 + \frac{B'}{L'} \sin \phi = 1.18 \qquad s_{\gamma(H)} = 1 - 0.4 \frac{B'}{L'} = 0.9$$
$$d_q = 1 + 2 \tan \phi (1 - \sin \phi)^2 \frac{D}{B'} = 1 + 0.155 \frac{D}{B'}$$
$$= 1 + 0.155 \left(\frac{0.5}{0.5}\right) = 1.155 \qquad d_{\gamma} = 1.0$$

With these values we obtain

$$q_{ult} = 9.31(0.5)(187)(1.18)(1.155) + 0.5(9.31)(0.5)(299)(0.9)(1)$$
  
= 1812 kPa vs. 1863 kPa measured

b. By the Meyerhof equations of Table 4-1 and 4-3, and  $\phi_{ps} = 47^{\circ}$ , we can proceed as follows: Step 1. Obtain  $N_q = 187$ 

$$N_{\gamma} = (N_q - 1) \tan (1.4\phi) = 413.6 \rightarrow 414$$

$$K_p = \tan^2 \left( 45 + \frac{\phi}{2} \right) = 6.44 \rightarrow \sqrt{K_p} = 2.54$$

$$s_q = s_{\gamma} = 1 + 0.1K_p \frac{B}{L} = 1 + 0.1(6.44) \frac{0.5}{2.0} = 1.16$$

$$d_q = d_{\gamma} = 1 + 0.1\sqrt{K_p} \frac{D}{B} = 1 + 0.1(2.54) \frac{0.5}{0.5} = 1.25$$

Step 2. Substitute into the Meyerhof equation (ignoring any c subscripts):

$$q_{ult} = \gamma' DN_q s_q d_q + 0.5 \gamma BN_\gamma s_\gamma d_\gamma$$
  
= 9.31(0.5)(187)(1.16)(1.25) + 0.5(9.31)(0.5)(414)(1.16)(1.25)  
= 1262 + 1397 = **2659** kPa

#### Footing with Eccentric loads:

A footing may be loaded eccentrically, eccentric loading of shallow foundations occurs when a vertical load Q is applied at a location other than the centroid of the foundation (Fig. 1.5a), or when a foundation is subjected to a centric load of magnitude Q and moment M (Fig. 1.5b) and from a concentric column with an axial load and moment a bout one or both axes. In such cases, the load eccentricities may be given as .

$$e_{\rm L} = \frac{M_{\rm B}}{Q}$$
$$e_{\rm B} = \frac{M_{\rm L}}{Q}$$

and

Where:

eL, eB = load eccentricities, respectively, in the

direction of long and short axes of the foundation

M<sub>B</sub>, M<sub>L</sub> = moment components about the *short* and *long* axes of the foundation, respectively

The effective dimensions and then effective area should be used in the bearing capacity equation , as :

 $A_f = L * B$ 

Where : Af : effective area of footing

L : effective of length ;  $L = L - 2e_L$ B : effective width ;  $B = B - 2e_B$ 



Figure 1-5 Eccentric load on rectangular foundation

To estimate the bearing capacity for the footing with eccentricity use one of the following :

<u>Method 1:</u> Use Meyerhof's equation with original dimensions of footing, then :  $q_{ult} = (q_{ult})_{computed} * Re$ 

where:  
Re : reduction factor ; Re = Re<sub>B</sub> \* Re<sub>L</sub>  
Re<sub>B</sub> = 
$$1 - \frac{2e}{B}$$
 or Re<sub>L</sub> =  $1 - \frac{2e}{L}$  (cohesive soil)  
Re<sub>B</sub> =  $1 - \sqrt{\frac{e}{B}}$  or Re<sub>L</sub> =  $1 - \sqrt{\frac{e}{L}}$  (cohesionless soil)  
And  
 $q_{set} = \frac{V}{A} = \frac{V}{BL}$   
In practice the *e/B* ratio is seldom greater than 0.2 and is usually limite

In practice the e/B ratio is seldom greater than 0.2 and is usually limited to  $e \le B/6$ . In these reduction factor equations the dimensions B and L are referenced to the axis about which the base moment occurs.

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Method 2: Use either the Hansen or ' bearing-capacity equation given in Table 4-1 with the following adjustments:

- a. Use B' in the base width  $(0.5\gamma B N_{\gamma})$  term.
- b. Use B' and L' in computing the shape factors.

c. Use actual B and L for all depth factors.

$$\mathbf{q}_{act} = \frac{\mathbf{V}}{\mathbf{A}_{f}} = \frac{\mathbf{V}}{\mathbf{B}^{*}\mathbf{L}^{*}}$$

 $\frac{a \text{V} \text{Cerr}}{\frac{a \text{V} \text{Cerr}}{1}} : \text{ (b) Interpretention of the set of the se$ 



Because soil cannot take any tension, there will then be a separation between the foundation and the soil underlying it. The nature of the pressure distribution on the soil as shown in Figure above. The value of  $q_{max}$  is then  $q_{max} = 4 \text{ Q}/3\text{L(B-2e)}$ 

For design (considered in Chap. 8) the minimum dimensions (to satisfy ACI 318-) of a rectangular footing with a central column of dimensions  $w_x \times w_y$  are required to be

$$B_{\min} = 4e_y + w_y \qquad B' = 2e_y + w_y$$
$$L_{\min} = 4e_x + w_x \qquad L' = 2e_x + w_x$$

Final dimensions may be larger than  $B_{\min}$  or  $L_{\min}$  based on obtaining the required allowable bearing capacity.

The ultimate bearing capacity for footings with eccentricity, using either the Meyerhof or Hansen/Vesić equations, is found in *either* of two ways:

Method 1. Use either the Hansen or Vesić bearing-capacity equation given in Table 4-1 with the following adjustments:



(b) Round base

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**Example 4-5.** A square footing is  $1.8 \times 1.8$  m with a  $0.4 \times 0.4$  m square column. It is loaded with an axial load of 1800 kN and  $M_x = 450$  kN  $\cdot$  m;  $M_y = 360$  kN  $\cdot$  m. Undrained triaxial tests (soil not saturated) give  $\phi = 36^\circ$  and c = 20 kPa. The footing depth D = 1.8 m; the soil unit weight  $\gamma = 18.00$  kN/m<sup>3</sup>; the water table is at a depth of 6.1 m from the ground surface.

**Required.** What is the allowable soil pressure, if SF = 3.0, using the Hansen bearing-capacity equation with B', L'; Meyerhof's equation; and the reduction factor  $R_e$ ?

Solution. See Fig. E4-5.

$$e_y = 450/1800 = 0.25 \text{ m}$$
  $e_x = 360/1800 = 0.20 \text{ m}$ 

Both values of *e* are < B/6 = 1.8/6 = 0.30 m. Also

$$B_{\min} = 4(0.25) + 0.4 = 1.4 < 1.8 \text{ m given}$$
  
 $L_{\min} = 4(0.20) + 0.4 = 1.2 < 1.8 \text{ m given}$ 

Now find

$$B' = B - 2e_y = 1.8 - 2(0.25) = 1.3 \text{ m}$$
 ( $B' < L'$ )  
 $L' = L - 2e_x = 1.8 - 2(0.20) = 1.4 \text{ m}$  ( $L' > B'$ )

By Hansen's equation. From Table 4-4 at  $\phi = 36^{\circ}$  and rounding to integers, we obtain

$$N_c = 51$$
  $N_q = 38$   $N_{\gamma} = 40$   
 $N_q/N_c = 0.746$   $2 \tan \phi (1 - \sin \phi)^2 = 0.247$   
Compute  $D/B = 1.8/1.8 = 1.0$ 

Now compute

$$\begin{split} s_c &= 1 + (N_q/N_c)(B'/L') = 1 + 0.746(1.3/1.4) = 1.69\\ d_c &= 1 + 0.4D/B = 1 + 0.4(1.8/1.8) = 1.40\\ s_q &= 1 + (B'/L')\sin\phi = 1 + (1.3/1.4)\sin 36^\circ = 1.55\\ d_q &= 1 + 2\tan\phi(1 - \sin\phi)^2 D/B = 1 + 0.247(1.0) = 1.25\\ s_\gamma &= 1 - 0.4\frac{B'}{L'} = 1 - 0.4\frac{1.3}{1.4} = 0.62 > 0.60 \quad (O.K.)\\ d_\gamma &= 1.0\\ All i_i &= g_i = b_i = 1.0 \text{ (not 0.0)} \end{split}$$

The Hansen equation is given in Table 4-1 as

$$q_{ult} = cN_cs_cd_c + \overline{q}N_qs_qd_q + 0.5\gamma B'N_\gamma s_\gamma d_\gamma$$

Inserting values computed above with terms of value 1.0 not shown (except  $d_{\gamma}$ ) and using B' = 1.3, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} q_{\rm ult} &= 20(51)(1.69)(1.4) + 1.8(18.0)(38)(1.55)(1.25) \\ &\quad + 0.5(18.0)(1.3)(40)(0.62)(1.0) \\ &= 2413 + 2385 + 290 = 5088 \ \text{kPa} \end{aligned}$$

For SF = 3.0 the allowable soil pressure  $q_a$  is

$$q_a = 5088/3 = 1696 \rightarrow 1700 \text{ kPa}$$

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Figure E4-5

The actual soil pressure is

$$q_{act} = \frac{1800}{B'L'} = \frac{1800}{1.3 \times 1.4} = 989 \text{ kPa}$$

Note that the allowable pressure  $q_a$  is very large, and the actual soil pressure  $q_{act}$  is also large. With this large actual soil pressure, settlement may be the limiting factor. Some geotechnical consultants routinely limit the maximum allowable soil pressure to around 500 kPa in recommendations to clients for design whether settlement is a factor or not. Small footings with large column loads are visually not very confidence-inspiring during construction, and with such a large load involved this is certainly not the location to be excessively conservative.

By Meyerhof's method and  $R_r$ . This method uses actual base dimensions  $B \times L$ :

$$K_p = \tan^2(45 + \phi/2) = \tan^2(45 + 36/2) = 3.85$$
  
 $\sqrt{K_p} = 1.96$ 

From Table 4-3,

 $N_c = 51$   $N_q = 38$  (same as Hansen values)  $N_\gamma = 44.4 \rightarrow 44$ 

Also

$$s_{c} = 1 + 0.2K_{p}\frac{B}{L} = 1 + 0.2(3.85)\frac{1.8}{1.8} = 1.77$$

$$s_{q} = s_{\gamma} = 1 + 0.1K_{p}\frac{B}{L} = 1.39$$

$$d_{c} = 1 + 0.2\sqrt{K_{p}}\frac{D}{B} = 1 + 0.2(1.96)\frac{1.8}{1.8} = 1.39$$

$$d_{q} = d_{\gamma} = 1 + 0.1(1.96)(1.0) = 1.20$$

Now direct substitution into the Meyerhof equation of Table 4-1 for the vertical load case gives

$$\begin{aligned} q_{\rm ult} &= 20(51)(1.77)(1.39) + 1.8(18.0)(38)(1.39)(1.20) \\ &\quad + 0.5(18.0)(1.8)(44)(1.39)(1.20) \\ &= 2510 + 2054 + 1189 = 5752 \ {\rm kPa} \end{aligned}$$

There will be two reduction factors since there is two-way eccentricity. Use the equation for cohesionless soils since the cohesion is small (only 20 kPa):

$$R_{eB} = 1 - \left(\frac{e_y}{B}\right)^{0.5} = 1 - \sqrt{0.25/1.8} = 1 - 0.37 = 0.63$$
$$R_{eL} = 1 - \left(\frac{e_x}{L}\right)^{0.5} = 1 - \sqrt{0.2/1.8} = 0.67$$

The reduced  $q_{ult} = 5752(R_{eB}R_{eL}) = 5752(0.63 \times 0.67) = 2428$  kPa. The allowable (SF = 3) soil pressure = 2428/3 = 809  $\rightarrow$  810 kPa. The actual soil pressure = 1800/(*BL*) = 1800/(1.8 × 1.8) = 555 kPa.

Meyerhof's reduction factors were based on using small model footings (*B* on the order of 50 mm), but a series of tests using a  $0.5 \times 2$  m concrete base, reported by Muhs and Weiss (1969), indicated that the Meyerhof reduction method is not unreasonable.

Given. A 2 × 2 m square footing has the ground slope of  $\beta = 0$  for the given direction of  $H_B$ , but we would use  $\beta \approx -80^\circ$  (could use  $-90^\circ$ ) if  $H_B$  were reversed along with passive pressure  $P_P$  to resist sliding and base geometry shown in Fig. E4-7.



#### Figure E4-7

**Required.** Are the footing dimensions adequate for the given loads if we use a safety (or stability) factor SF = 3?

Solution. We may use any of Hansen's, Meyerhof's, or Vesić's equations.

Hansen's method. Initially let us use Hansen's equations (to illustrate further the interrelationship between the  $i_i$  and  $s_i$  factors).

Assumptions:  $\delta = \phi$   $c_a = c$  D = 0.3 m (smallest value)  $A_f = B \times L = 2 \times 2 = 4$  m<sup>2</sup>

First check sliding safety (and neglect the passive pressure  $P_P$  for D = 0.3 m on right side)

 $F_{\text{max}} = A_f c_a + V \tan \phi = (4)(25) + 600 \tan 25 = 379.8 \text{ kN}$ Sliding stability (or SF) =  $F_{\text{max}}/H = 379.8/200 = 1.90$  (probably O.K.)

From Table 4-4 (or computer program) obtain the *Hansen* bearing capacity and other factors (for  $\phi = 25^{\circ}$ ) as

$$N_c = 20.7$$
  $N_q = 10.7$   $N_{\gamma} = 6.8$   $N_q/N_c = 0.514$   
 $2 \tan \phi (1 - \sin \phi)^2 = 0.311$ 

Compute D/B = D/B' = D/L' = 0.3/2 = 0.15. Next compute depth factors  $d_i$ :

$$a$$
 compute depth factors  $a_i$ .

 $d_{\gamma} = 1.00$   $d_{c} = 1 + 0.4D/B = 1 + 0.4(0.3/2) = 1.06$  $d_{q} = 1 + 2 \tan \phi (1 - \sin \phi)^{2} (D/B) = 1 + 0.311(0.15) = 1.046 \rightarrow 1.05$ 

Compute the inclination factors  $i_i$  so we can compute the shape factors:

 $V + A_f c_a \cot \phi = 600 + (2 \times 2)(25) \tan 25 = 600 + 214.4 = 814.4$ 

We will use exponents  $\alpha_1 = 3$  and  $\alpha_2 = 4$  (instead of 5 for both—see text):

$$i_{q,B} = \left[1 - \frac{0.5H_B}{V + A_f c_a \cot \phi}\right]^3 = [1 - 0.5(200)/814.4]^3 = 0.675$$

$$i_{\gamma,B} = \left[1 - \frac{(0.7 - \eta/450^\circ)H_B}{V + A_f c_a \cot \phi}\right]^4 = [1 - (0.7 - 10/450)(200)/814.4]^4$$

$$= [1 - 0.68(200)/814.4]^4 = 0.481$$

$$i_{\gamma,L} = 1.00 \text{ (since } H_L = 0.0)$$

We can now compute  $i_{c,B}$  as

$$i_{c,B} = i_q - \frac{1 - i_q}{N_q - 1} = 0.675 - (1 - 0.675)/(10.7 - 1) = 0.641$$

Using the just-computed *i* factors, we can compute shape factors  $s_{i,B}$  as follows. With  $H_L = 0.0$  and a square base it is really not necessary to use double subscripts for the several shape and inclination factors, but we will do it here to improve clarity:

$$s_{c,B} = 1 + \frac{N_q}{N_c} \cdot \frac{B'i_{c,B}}{L} = 1 + 0.514\{2(0.641)\}/2 = 1.329$$
  

$$s_{q,B} = 1 + \sin\phi\left(\frac{B'i_{q,B}}{L}\right) = 1 + \sin 25^{\circ}[2(0.675)/2.0] = 1.285$$
  

$$s_{\gamma,B} = 1 - 0.4\left(\frac{B'i_{\gamma,B}}{Li_{\gamma,L}}\right) = 1 - 0.4[(2 \times 0.481)/(2 \times 1)] = 0.808 > 0.60$$

Next we will compute the  $b_i$  factors:

$$\eta^{\circ} = 10^{\circ} = 0.175 \text{ radians}$$
  
 $b_{c,B} = 1 - \eta^{\circ}/147^{\circ} = 1 - 10/147 = 0.93$   
 $b_{q,B} = \exp(-2\eta \tan \phi) = \exp[-2(.175)(\tan 25)] = 0.849$   
 $b_{\gamma,B} = \exp(-2.7\eta \tan \phi) = e^{-2.7 \times 0.175 \times 0.466} = 0.802$ 

We can now substitute into the Hansen equation, noting that with a horizontal ground surface all  $g_i = 1$  (not 0):

$$q_{ult} = cN_c s_{c,B} d_{c,B} i_{c,B} b_{c,B} + \overline{q} N_q s_{q,B} d_{q,B} i_{q,B} b_{q,B} + \frac{1}{2} \gamma B' N_\gamma s_{\gamma,B} d_{\gamma,B} i_{\gamma,B} b_{\gamma,B}$$

Directly substituting, we have

$$q_{ult} = 25(20.7)(1.329)(1.06)(0.641)(0.93) + 0.3(17.5)(10.7)(1.285)(1.05)(0.675)(0.849) + \frac{1}{2}(17.5)(2.0)(6.8)(0.808)(1.0)(0.481)(0.802) = 434.6 + 43.4 + 37.1 = 515.1 kPa$$

For a stability number, or SF, of 3.0,

$$q_a = q_{ult}/3 = 515.1/3 = 171.7 \rightarrow 170 \text{ kPa}$$
 (rounding)  
 $P_{allow} = A_f \times q_a = (B \times L)q_a = (2 \times 2 \times 170) = 680 \text{ kPa} > 600$  (O.K.)

Vesić method. In using this method note that, with  $H_L = 0.0$  and a square footing, it is only necessary to investigate the *B* direction without double subscripts for the shape, depth, and inclination terms. We may write

$$N_c = 20.7;$$
  $N_q = 10.7$  as before but  $N_\gamma = 10.9$   
 $N_q/N_c = 0.514$   $2 \tan \phi (1 - \sin \phi)^2 = 0.311$ 

The Vesić shape factors are

$$s_c = 1 + \frac{N_q}{N_c} \cdot \frac{B'}{L'} = 1 + 0.514(2/2) = 1.514$$
  

$$s_q = 1 + \frac{B'}{L'} \tan \phi = 1 + (2/2) \tan 25^\circ = 1.466$$
  

$$s_\gamma = 1 - 0.4 \frac{B'}{L'} = 1 - 0.4(1.0) = 0.60$$

All  $d_i$  factors are the same as Hansen's, or

$$d_c = 1.06$$
  $d_q = 1.05$   $d_{\gamma} = 1.00$ 

For the Vesić  $i_i$  factors, we compute m as

$$m = \frac{2 + B'/L'}{1 + B'/L'}$$
  
=  $\frac{2 + 2/2}{1 + 2/2} = \frac{3}{2} = 1.5$   
 $V + A_f c_a \cot \phi = 814.4 \text{ kN}; \ H = 200 \text{ kN}$   
 $i_q = \left[1 - \frac{H}{V + A_f c_a \cot \phi}\right]^m = (1 - 200/814.4)^{1.5} = 0.655$   
 $i_\gamma = \left[1 - \frac{H}{V + A_f c_a \cot \phi}\right]^{m+1} = (1 - 200/814.4)^{1.5+1} = 0.494$   
 $i_c = i_q - \frac{1 - i_q}{N_q - 1} = 0.655 - \frac{1 - 0.655}{10.7 - 1} = 0.619$ 

The  $b_i$  factors are

$$b_c = 1 - \frac{2\beta}{5.14 \tan \phi} = 1.0$$
 (since ground slope  $\beta = 0$ )  
 $b_q = b_{\gamma} = (1 - \eta \tan \phi)^2 = (1 - 0.175 \tan 25)^2 = 0.843$ 

The Vesić equation is

$$q_{\text{ult}} = cN_c s_c d_c i_c b_c + \overline{q} N_q s_q d_q i_q b_q + \frac{1}{2} \gamma B N_\gamma s_\gamma d_\gamma i_\gamma b_\gamma$$

Directly substituting (B = 2.0 m,  $\gamma = 17.5 \text{ kN/m}^3$ , and D = 0.3 m), we have

$$q_{ult} = 25(20.7)(1.514)(1.06)(0.619)(1.0) + 0.3(17.5)(10.7)(1.466)(1.05)(0.655)(0.843) + \frac{1}{2}(17.5)(2.0)(10.9)(0.60)(1.0)(0.494)(0.843) = 514.1 + 47.7 + 47.7 = 609.5 kPa q_a = q_{ult}/3 = 609.5/3 = 203.2 \rightarrow 200 kPa$$

There is little difference between the Hansen (170 kPa) and the Vesić (200 kPa) equations. Nevertheless, let us do a confidence check using the Meyerhof equation/method.

Meyerhof method. Note Meyerhof does not have ground  $g_i$  or tilted base factors  $b_i$ .

$$\phi = 25^{\circ} > 10^{\circ} \text{ O.K.}$$
  $D/B' = 0.3/2.0 = 0.15$   
 $\sqrt{K_p} = \tan(45^{\circ} + \phi/2) = \tan 57.5^{\circ} = 1.57; K_p = 2.464$ 

See Meyerhof's equation in Table 4-1 and factors in Table 4-3:

$$s_{c} = 1.0, s_{q} = s_{\gamma} = 1 + 0.1K_{p}\frac{B}{L} = 1 + 0.1(2.464)(2/2) = 1.25$$
$$d_{c} = 1 + 0.2\sqrt{K_{p}} \cdot \frac{D}{B'} = 1 + 0.2(1.57)(0.15) = 1.05$$
$$d_{q} = d_{\gamma} = 1 + 0.1\sqrt{K_{p}} \cdot \frac{D}{B'} = 1 + 0.1(1.57)(0.15) = 1.02$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(H/V) = \tan^{-1}(200/600) = 18.4^{\circ}$$

Use  $\theta$  to compute Meyerhof's inclination factors:

$$i_c = i_q = (1 - \theta^{\circ}/90^{\circ})^2 = (1 - 18.4/90)^2 = 0.633$$
  
 $i_{\gamma} = (1 - \theta/\phi)^2 = (1 - 18.4/25)^2 = 0.0696 \rightarrow 0.07$ 

Using Meyerhof's equation for an inclined load from Table 4-1, we have

$$q_{\rm ult} = cN_c s_c d_c i_c s + \overline{q} N_q s_q d_q i_q + \frac{1}{2} \gamma N_\gamma s_\gamma d_\gamma i_\gamma$$

Making a direct substitution (Meyerhof's  $N_i$  factors are the same as Hansen's), we write

$$q_{ult} = 25(20.7)(1)(1.05)(0.633) + 0.3(17.5)(10.7)(1.25)(1.02)(0.633) + \frac{1}{2}(17.5)(2.0)(6.8)(1.25)(1.02)(0.07)$$
  
= 344.0 + 45.3 + 10.6 = 399.9 kPa

The allowable  $q_a = q_{\text{ult}}/3 = 399.9/3 = 133.3 \rightarrow 130 \text{ kPa}.$ 

Terzaghi equation. As an exercise let us also use the Terzaghi equation:

$$N_{c} = 25.1 \qquad N_{q} = 12.7 \qquad N_{\gamma} = 9.7 \qquad \text{(from Table 4-2 at } \phi = 25^{\circ}\text{)}$$
Also,  $s_{c} = 1.3 \qquad s_{\gamma} = 0.8 \qquad \text{(square base)}.$ 

$$q_{ult} = cN_{c}s_{c} + \overline{q}N_{q} + \frac{1}{2}\gamma BN_{\gamma}s_{\gamma}$$

$$= (25)(25.1)(1.3) + 0.3(17.5)(12.7) + \frac{1}{2}(17.5)(2.0)(9.7)(0.8)$$

$$= 815.8 + 66.7 + 135.8 = 1018.3 \rightarrow 1018 \text{ kPa}$$

$$q_{a} = q_{ult}/3 = 1018/3 = 339 \rightarrow 340 \text{ kPa}$$

Summary. We can summarize the results of the various methods as follows:

Hansen	170 kPa
Vesić	225
Meyerhof	130
Terzaghi	340

The question is, what to use for  $q_a$ ? The Hansen-Vesić-Meyerhof average seems most promising and is  $q_{a,av} = (170 + 225 + 130)/3 = 175$  kPa. The author would probably recommend using  $q_a = 175$  kPa. This is between the Hansen and Vesić values; Meyerhof's equations tend to be conservative and in many cases may be overly so. Here the Terzaghi and Meyerhof equations are not appropriate, because they were developed for horizontal bases vertically loaded. It is useful to make the Terzaghi computation so that a comparison can be made, particularly since the computations are not difficult.<sup>4</sup>

## **FOOTING DESIGN**

## **Foundation**

Foundations are usually divided into:

1) <u>Shallow Foundations</u> are used when the top layers of soil can support the applied loads with accepted settlement. They can take any form of the followings:

Spread (isolated) Foot
Spread (isolated) Foot

- Strap Beam Footing Wall Footing,
- Strip Footing, Raft Foundation
- 2) **Deep Foundations** are used if the top soil is weak and cannot support the structure loads. They used to transmit the loads to the stronger deeper soil layers. Forms of deep foundations are piles, pillars, caissons, ....etc.

## **Foundation Safety**

**Foundation** should be safe against:

- 1- Shear failure in soil.
- 2- Excessive total or differential settlements.
- **3** -Depression settlement due to excessive dewatering.
- 4 -Uplift during construction due to high G.W.T.
- 5 -Sliding or overturning due to large horizontal loads.



Shear failure



Deferential settlement



Overturning





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## **Selection of Type of Foundations**

**Approximate Loads of Structures:** 

-Residential and Housing, 1.0 up to 1.2 t/m<sup>2</sup> per floor

-Commercial and Office, 1.2 up to 1.5 t/m<sup>2</sup> per floor

-Schools and Hospitals, 1.5 to 2.0 t/m<sup>2</sup> per floor

-These loads are multiplied by the number of floors, then divided by the foundation area to determine the soil stresses, then the type of foundation.

Three options will be available:

1- Stress on soil <  $q_{all}$  soil, R.C foundation area  $\leq 2/3$  foundation area  $\rightarrow$  Isolated footings.

2- Stress on soil <  $q_{all}$  soil, R.C foundation area > 2/3 foundation area  $\rightarrow$  Raft foundation.

3- Stress on soil >  $q_{all}$  soil  $\rightarrow$  Pile foundation.



**Figure 8-2** Probable pressure distribution beneath a rigid footing. (a) On a cohesionless soil; (b) generally for cohesive soils; (c) usual assumed linear distribution.

## **DESIGN OF SHALLOW FOUNDATION**

## **Design of Shallow Foundation :**

Each foundation with  $D/B \le 4$  is referred to it as " shallow foundation ". Shallow foundation can be classified into

1- Spread footing ( support one column ).

2- Combined footing (support more than one column ).

## Spread Footing:

### 1) With concentric load only

The applied axial load acts at the center of gravity footing the pressure under the footing is uniform.

 $q_{act} = Q/A \leq q_{all}$ 

 $A = Q/q_{all}$ 

qall = is given uniformly pressure under footing

**Example:** Design the following footing Q = 1000 kN,  $q_{all} = 200 \text{ kPa}$ Solution:

 $A = Q/q_{all} = 1000/200 = 5 m^2$ 

Square :  $B = \sqrt{5} = 2.24 \text{ m}$ 

Rectangle with B = 2 m , L = A/B = 5/2 = 2.5 m Circle : D =  $\sqrt{\frac{4A}{\pi}} = \sqrt{\frac{4*5}{\pi}} = 2.53 \text{ m}$ 

## 2) With eccentric load

To find the dimension of the footing that supports a column with axial load and moment . There are two methods :

## A) Uniform pressure :

Location of the resultant of loads must be act at the center of gravity of the footing



 $\begin{array}{l} q_{act} = Q/A &\leq q_{all} \\ e = M / Q \\ A = Q/q_{all} \\ L/2 = c + e \\ L = 2 (c + e) \\ B = A / L \end{array}$ 

#### **B)** Varied Pressure :

Location of the resultant of loads must be act at the middle Third of the base .

$$q_{\max} = \frac{Q}{BL} \left(1 \pm \frac{6 e_{L}}{L}\right)$$

$$q_{\max} \leq q_{all}$$

$$q_{\min} \geq 0$$

Note : A footing with moments about both axes :

$$q_{\max} = \frac{Q}{BL} \left(1 \pm \frac{6 e_B}{B} \pm \frac{6 e_L}{L}\right)$$
$$e_L = \frac{Mx}{Q}$$
$$e_B = \frac{My}{Q}$$

<u>Note</u>: if e > L/6 then, there is a tension force on the base. So, the compression stress (pressure) computed as :- $\sum Fy = 0$ 

R = q (l' B/2) q = 2 R / l' B ------ (1) L/2 - e = l'/3 l' = 3 (L/2 - e) ------ (2)sub. (2) in (1) :-

and

 $q = 4 R / 3 B (L - 2 e_L)$ 



1/2



4

B

L

×M4

0

6/2

B



Example: Design the following footing for the cases: a) Uniform pressure b) resultant within middle third. Solution: a) e = M/Q = 80/400 = 0.2 m L = 2 (e + 1.3) = 2 (0.2 + 1.3) = 3 m  $A = Q/q_{all} = 400/100 = 4 \text{ m}^2$  B = A/L = 4/3 = 1.33 mb) L = 2 \* 1.3 = 2.6 m (2.6/6 > e)  $q_{max} = \frac{400}{2.6 * B} \left(1 + \frac{6 * 0.2}{2.6}\right) = 100$  B = 2.25 m $q_{min} = \frac{400}{2.6 * 2.25} \left(1 - \frac{6 * 0.2}{2.6}\right)$ 

 $= 36.8 \text{ kN/m}^2 > 0$  O.K

Example: Design the strip footing shown:





 $A = Q/q_{all} = 433/150 = 2.89 m^2$ B = A/L = 2.89/1 = 2.89 m

Solution: the footing is strip

1) Uniform pressure

2) Non-uniform pressure:

e= ( M/P) = (500 cos 60 \* 1)/(500 sin 60) = 0.577 m

$$q_{\text{max}} = q_{\text{all}} = 150 = \frac{433}{1*B} \left( 1 + \frac{6*0.577}{B} \right)$$
  

$$0.346 \text{ B}^2 - \text{B} - 3.46 = 0$$
  

$$\text{B} = 4.92 \approx 5 \text{ m} \qquad (\text{B}/6 = 5/6 = 0.833 > 0.577) \quad \text{O.K}$$
  

$$q_{\text{mm}} = \frac{433}{5*1} \left( 1 - \frac{6*0.577}{5} \right) = 26.64 \text{ kN} / \text{m}^2 > 0 \quad \text{O.K}$$

L = 1

# **Example:** Find B for the footing shown , if $q_{all} = 200$ kPa **Solution:**

## **Example:** Find B for the footing shown , if $q_{all} = 200$ kPa **Solution:**

$$e = M/Q = 250 / 400 = 0.625 \text{ m}$$
  
 $L/6 = 3 / 6 = 0.5 < e$  Not Good  
 $q = 4 \text{ R} / 3 \text{ B} (L - 2 e_L)$   
 $= 4 * 400 / 3 \text{ B} (3-2*0.625) = 200$   
 $B = 1.52 \text{ m}$ 



EX: Redesign trape toidal Compined Footing for o uniform soil pressure, shown in Fig below P. = 2200 kn The following procedure should be P2 = 1600 kg Followed 1 - Find X by taking moment a by external la 2. Colculate orea of trapizoidalby  $\frac{1}{2} = 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 1$   $A = \frac{b_1 + b_2}{2} \times 1 - - \cdot (i)$ Col size = 0.5 × 0.5 m Ball=200 kfg. This area should be equal. A: PitP2 --- (2) From cg Od cg @ Combe obtained a relationship between b. 0 b 1 Xce X + ai 61-62  $X_{c} = \frac{L}{3} \left( \frac{2b_{2} + b_{1}}{b_{1}} \right)$ ы This is Corres From  $X_{c} = \frac{(b_{2},L)(\frac{L}{2}) + (\frac{b_{2}-b_{2}}{2},\frac{L}{2})\frac{L}{3} \times 2}{\frac{b_{1}+b_{2}}{2},L}$ So X in Trapizoidal LSX.5L  $\frac{5d!}{\overline{X}} = \frac{1600(6)}{2200 + 1600} = 2.53 \text{ m} (From cent of ext. cd.)$ Xc = 2.53' + 0.25 = 2.78 ( From Age of ext. Col . ) A = (P,+P2) = 2200+1600 = 19 m2 200 = 19 m2

 $A = \left(\frac{b_1 + b_2}{2}\right) L = 19 m^2$ (1=6m+0.5=6.5m) : ( b)+b2) × 6.5= 38  $X_{i:} \frac{L}{3} \left( \frac{2b_2 + b_1}{b_1 + b_2} \right)$  $2.78 = \frac{6.5}{3} \left(\frac{2b_2 + b_1}{b_1 + b_2}\right)$ b1= 2.57 b2 ----- (2) 2.57 bz + bz = 5.846 b2 = 1.64 m b1= 42 EX: Design Rectangular Combined Footing shown in Fig. For uniform soil pressure Sol. 4.0m 1 - Find Center of forces. X = 1000 (3.7) = 2.171 m 1700 For center of celf ColA AB 1000 KN FookN 2. Find the length of fasting such that center of forces and centroid coincide. 6 si7 = 0.3 xo.3 m L= 2(2-171+0.15) = 4.642m Ball= 150 Kulm2 We L= 4.65 m. 3- Find the width of footing East 71 Bact = P B1 150 = 1700 B(4.65) B = 2.45 M Area = 4-65 x 2.45 = 11.4 m2

EX: IF the length of footing for the last example \_\_\_\_\_ is 4.0 m. Redesign the width of footing. L=4m 1- Find Center of forces.  $\bar{X} = \frac{1000 (3.7)}{1700} = 2.17 m$ ß B=? 2. Find the eccentricity C= X - 1 = (2.17+0.15)-2=0.32m .: no uniform pressure. 3- Find width such that 9 59 8min  $\mathcal{G}_{max} = \frac{P}{BL} \left( 1 + \frac{\delta e}{L} \right) = \frac{1700}{B(4)} \left( 1 + \frac{\delta (0.32)}{4} \right) = 150$ B = 4.19 m use B = 4.2 m 4. Check minimum Pressure  $\mathcal{E}_{min} = \frac{P}{BL} \left( 1 - \frac{6C}{L} \right) = \frac{1700}{4.2(4)} \left( 1 - \frac{6(0.32)}{4} \right)$ = 52.6 kpa 70 :0.k. . Area = 4 (4.2) = 16.8 m2
Example 9-1.	Design a rectangular combined	footing using the con-	ventional method.
Given. $f_c' = 3$	21 MPa (column and footing)	$f_y = \text{Grade 400}$	$q_a = 100 \text{ kPa}$

Column		Wor					
number	DL	LL, kN	M <sub>D</sub>	M <sub>L</sub>	Р	$P_{\alpha}, \mathbf{kN}$	$M_u$ , kN · m
1	270	270	28	28	540	837	86.8
2	490	400	408	40	890	1366	124
				Total	1430	2203	

Ultimate values = 1.4DL + 1.7LL, etc.

Soil:  $q_{ult} = \frac{\sum P_u}{\sum P} q_a = \frac{2203}{1430} (100) = 154.1 \text{ kPa}$ 



#### Figure E9-1a

It is necessary to use  $q_{ult}$  so base eccentricity is not introduced between computing L using  $q_a$  and L using  $q_{ult}$ .

#### Solution.

Step 1. Find footing dimensions.

 $\sum M_{\text{col.1}} = R\bar{x}$  where  $R = \sum P_u = 837 + 1366 = 2203 \text{ kN}$ 

For uniform soil pressure R must be at the centroid of the base area (problem in elementary statics), so we compute

$$R\bar{x} = M_1 + M_2 + SP_{ult,2}$$

$$2203\bar{x} = 86.8 + 124.0 + 4.60(1366)$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{6494.4}{2203} = 2.948 \text{ m}$$

It is evident that if  $\bar{x}$  locates the center of pressure the footing length is

$$L = 2 \times (\frac{1}{2} \text{ width of col. } 1 + \bar{x}) = 2 \times (0.150 + 2.948) = 6.196 \text{ m}$$

Also for a uniform soil pressure  $q_{ult} = 154.1$  kPa, the footing width B is computed as

$$BLq_{ult} = P_{ult}$$
$$B = \frac{2203}{6.196 \times 154.1} = 2.307 \text{ m}$$

We will have to use these somewhat odd dimensions in subsequent computations so that shear and moment diagrams will close. We would, however, round the dimensions for site use to

$$L = 6.200 \text{ m}$$
  $B = 2.310 \text{ m}$ 

#### STRUCTURAL DESIN OF SPREAD FOOTING







**Figure 8-5** Sections for computing bending moment. Bond is computed for section indicated in (*a*) for all cases; however, for convenience use bond at same section as moment.

Example: Design a spread footing for the given data:

B×B size, q<sub>all</sub>=200 kPa, DL=350 kN, LL=450 kN, *f*'*c*=21 Mpa, *fy*=400 Mpa.

Column size= $0.35 \times 0.35$  m, use Ø 16 mm bars.

#### Solution:

Step 1: find the dimensions

 $q_{act.} \le q_{all} = P/A$  200 = (350+450)/A  $A = 4 m^2$  B = 2 m

step 2: find the effective depth ( d ) of footing using

<u>- two-way action (punching shear):</u>

$$d^2\left(v_c + \frac{q}{4}\right) + d\left(v_c + \frac{q}{2}\right)w = (BL - w^2)\frac{q}{4}$$

$$v_c = \frac{1}{3}\phi\sqrt{f'c} = \frac{1}{3} \times 0.85 \times \sqrt{21} = 1.298N/mm^2 = 1298kN/m^2$$

$$q = q_{ult} = \frac{1.2 \times (350) + 1.6 \times (450)}{2^2} = 285 kN/m^2$$

$$w = 0.35m$$
  
$$\therefore d^{2}(1298 + \frac{285}{4}) + d(1298 + \frac{285}{2})0.35 = (2 \times 2 - 0.35^{2})(\frac{285}{4})$$

$$1369.25d^2 + 504.2d - 276.3 = 0$$
  
 $\therefore$   
 $d = 0.3m = 300mm$ 

## - For wide beam action

B = L = 2 m

$$v_c = \frac{1}{6}\phi\sqrt{f'c} = \frac{1}{6} \times 0.85 \times \sqrt{21} = 0.649N/mm^2 = 649kN/m^2$$



d/2

d/2

$$b = (L/2 - w/2 - d)$$

$$A_{wide} = b \times B$$

$$v_c \times d \times B = q_{ult} \times b \times B$$

$$649 \times d = 285 \times (2/2 - 0.35/2 - d)$$

$$649 d = 235.125 - 285 d$$

$$d = 0.25 m < d = 0.3 m \text{ (punching shear)}$$
then,  
use d = 0.3 m = 300 mm (punching shear controlled).  

$$H = d + cover = 300 + 70 + \frac{1}{2}d_{bar} \cong 378mm$$
*Use*

H = 400 mm

#### Step 3: find required reinforcement:-The arm of moment is to the face of column, B = w = (B-w) = (2-0.35)

$$L_{m} = \frac{B}{2} - \frac{w}{2} = \frac{(B-w)}{2} = \frac{(2-0.35)}{2} = 0.825m$$

$$M_{u} = \frac{q_{u} \times L_{m}^{2}}{2} = \frac{285 \times (0.825)^{2}}{2} = 97kN.m$$

$$\rho = \frac{\left(1 \mp \sqrt{1 - \frac{2.6222 \times M_{u} \times 10^{6}}{bd^{2} f'c}}\right)}{\left(\frac{1.18 fy}{f'c}\right)}$$

$$b = 1000mm, ;;; d = 300mm; ;;$$

$$\rho = 0.0031$$

$$\rho_{\min.} = \frac{1.4}{fy} = \frac{1.4}{400} = 0.0035.....then..used$$

$$A_{s} = \rho \times b \times d$$

$$A_{s} = 0.0035 \times 1000 \times 300 = 1050mm^{2}$$

*Spacing* = 1000/(6-1) = 200 mm c/c

Then, use  $\emptyset$  16 mm bars @ 190 mm c/c in two directions for equal distribution of bars.





## **DEEP FOUNDATION (PILES)**

#### SINGLE PILES-STATIC CAPACITY:

Piles are structural members of timber, concrete, and/or steel that are used to transmit surface loads to lower levels in the soil mass. This transfer may be by vertical distribution of the load along the pile shaft or a direct application of load to a lower stratum through the pile point

- Piles are commonly used (refer to Fig. 16-1) for the following purposes:

1. To carry the superstructure loads into or through a soil stratum. Both vertical and lateral loads may be involved.

2. To resist uplift, or overturning forces, such as for basement mats below the water table or to support tower legs subjected to overturning from lateral loads such as wind.

3. To compact loose, cohesionless deposits through a combination of pile volume displacement and driving vibrations. These piles may be later pulled.

4. To control settlements when spread footings or a mat is on a marginal soil or is underlain by a highly compressible stratum.

5. To stiffen the soil beneath machine foundations to control both amplitudes of vibration and the natural frequency of the system.

6. As an additional safety factor beneath bridge abutments and/or piers, particularly if scour is a potential problem.

7. In offshore construction to transmit loads above the water surface through the water and into the underlying soil. This case is one in which partially embedded piling is subjected to vertical (and buckling) as well as lateral loads.

#### **CONCRETE PILES:**

Table 16-1 (Bowles) indicates that concrete piles may be precast, prestressed, cast in place, or of composite construction.

#### **Precast Concrete Piles:**

Piles in this category are formed in a central casting yard to the specified length, cured, and then shipped to the construction site. If space is available and a sufficient quantity of piles needed, a casting yard may be provided at the site to reduce transportation costs.

#### Cast-in-Place Piles:

A cast-in-place pile is formed by drilling a hole in the ground and filling it with concrete. The hole may be drilled (as in caissons), or formed by driving a shell or

casing into the ground. The casing may be driven using a mandrel, after which withdrawal of the mandrel empties the casing. The casing may also be driven with a driving tip on the point, providing a shell that is ready for filling with concrete immediately, or the casing may be driven open-end, the soil entrapped in the casing being jetted out after the driving is completed.



**Figure 16-1** Typical pile configurations. Note that, whereas analysis is often for a single pile, there are usually three or more in a group. Typical assumptions for analysis are shown. Lateral load H may not be present in (a) or (b).



Figure 16-4 Typical details of precast piles. Note all dimensions in millimeters. [After PCA (1951).]



<sup>1</sup> Strand: 9.5–12.7 mm ( $\frac{3}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  in.) nominal diam.,  $f_{\mu} = 1860$  MPa

Figure 16-5 Typical prestressed concrete piles (see also App. A, Table A-5); dimensions in millimeters.



**Figure 16-7** Some common types of cast-in-place (patented) piles: (a) Commonly used uncased pile; (b) Franki uncased pedestal pile; (c) Franki cased pedestal pile; (d) welded or seamless pipe; (e) Western cased pile; (f) Union or Monotube pile; (g) Raymond standard; (h) Raymond step-taper pile. Depths shown indicate usual ranges for the various piles. Current literature from the various foundation equipment companies should be consulted for design data.

#### Static Pile Capacity

In this approach the pile capacity can be estimated based on soil properties. The soil parameters needed are the angle of internal friction ( $\phi$ ) and the cohesion (c). So, the ultimate static pile capacity can be computed as:-

$$\mathbf{Q}_{ult} = \mathbf{Q}_{b} + \sum \mathbf{Q}_{s}$$

Where:  $Q_b$ : end bearing (end resistance).

 $\mathbf{Q}_{s}$ : Skin resistance (shaft friction) contribution from several strata penetrated by pile.  $\mathbf{Q}_{ult}$ 

And the allowable pile capacity is:-

$$Q_{all} = \frac{Q_{ult}}{FS}$$
 or  $\frac{Q_b}{FS1} + \frac{Q_s}{FS2}$ 

Which one is small.





Values of reduction factor a for calculation of static capacity of friction piles







Figure 9-13. Chart for estimating  $\alpha_t$  coefficient and bearing capacity factor N'<sub>q</sub> (FHWA, 2006a).

TABLE	4-4
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φ	Ne
0	5.14*
5	6.49
10	8.34
15	10.97
20	14.83
25	20.71
26	22.25
28	25.79
30	30.13
32	35.47
34	42.14
36	50.55
38	61.31
40	75.25
45	133.73
50	266.50

 $\mathbf{Q}$ ult =  $\mathbf{Q}$ b +  $\sum \mathbf{Q}$ s

$$\begin{array}{lll} Q_b \leq Q_{b \max} & Q_{b \max} \text{ for sand } (C=0) = (50 \ N_q \tan \emptyset) \ A_b \\ Q_{b \max} \text{ for } (C \neq 0) = (C_b \ N_c \ + 50 \ N_q \tan \emptyset) \ A_b \end{array}$$

 $Q_{ult (s.p)} = (C_b N_c + q N_q) A_b + \sum (\alpha C_s + \sigma_v K \tan \delta) A_s$ 

 $C_b$  = cohesion of the layer of the end of pile.

 $\begin{aligned} &\cdot N_c = 9 \text{ for piles } (\emptyset_b = 0). \\ &\cdot For \ \emptyset_b > 0 \text{ is given from special chart, OR:} \\ &N_c = \{N_c \text{ from table 4-4 above (Bowles)} \times 1.6\} (Bowles page 892) \\ &\cdot 1.6 \approx d_c \text{ (suggested by Bowles).} \\ &q = \text{soil pressure from the ground surface to the end of pile.} \\ &N_q = \text{Using figure above (meyerhof). We can neglect the end bearing resistance for } \emptyset \le 15 \text{ degrees.} \\ &\alpha = \text{Using figure.} (\alpha = 0.45 \text{ for bored pile}). \end{aligned}$ 

 $C_s$  = cohesion of each layer surrounding the pile.

 $\sigma_v$  = pressure of soil from the ground surface to the mid- height of pile within the layer.

 $\mathbf{K} = (1 - \sin \phi) \sqrt{OCR} \le 1.75$  for driven pile. 7974 7994~  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{1} - \sin \phi / \mathbf{1} + \sin \phi$  for bored pile. Soil I  $\delta = \frac{2}{3}\phi$ Soil II Soil III Table (P2): Values of 8 and k for various type of piles k B (D) 80 Pile type Medium Dense Loose Steel 20 0.75 1.0 0.5 Concrete 0.75 ¢ 1.0 1.5 2.0 Timber 0.67 ¢ 1.5 2.75 4.0

Example: for the pile shown in Figure below, Find the ultimate capacity: pile size D = 0.3 m.

#### Solution:



α for  $q_u = 2 \times C = 2 \times 10 = 20$  kPa = 0.96 from figure  $C_s = 10$  kPa.  $\delta = 2/3$  (30) = 20  $K = 1 - \sin 30 = 0.5$  $\sigma_v = (20 - 9.81) \times 7.5$  m = 76.425 kN/m<sup>2</sup>

 $Q_{s2} = (0.96 \times 10 \text{ kN/m}^2 + 76.425 \text{ kN/m}^2 \times 0.5 \tan 20) \times (\pi(0.3 \text{ m}) \times 5 \text{ m})$ = <u>110.7</u> kN.

Layer 3  $\alpha$  for  $q_u = 100$  kPa = 0.83 from figure  $C_s = q_u/2 = 100/2 = 50$  kPa.  $\delta = 0$ 

$$Q_{s3} = (0.83 \times 50 \text{ kN/m}^2 + 0) \times (\pi (0.3 \text{ m}) \times 5 \text{ m})$$
  
= 195.47 kN.

#### **2-End resistance:**

 $\mathbf{Q}_{b} = (\mathbf{C}_{b} \mathbf{N}_{c} + \mathbf{q} \mathbf{N}_{q}) \mathbf{A}_{b}$ 

## For $\emptyset = 0$ N<sub>q</sub> = 1 (not found in figure) (given)

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{b} &= [ (100/2) \times 9 + (20 \cdot 9.81) \times 5 \text{ m} \times 3 \times 1 ] \times (\pi (0.3 \text{ m})^{2})/4) \\ &= 42.6 \text{ kN} \\ Q_{b \max} \text{ for } (C \neq 0) = (C_{b} N_{c} + 50 N_{q} \tan \emptyset) A_{b} = (50 \times 9 + 50 \times 1 \times \tan 0) \times (\pi (0.3 \text{ m})^{2})/4) = 31.8 \text{ kN} \text{ Use it} \end{aligned}$$

$$Q_{sp} = \sum Q_s + Q_b = (108.33 + 110.7 + 195.47 + 31.8)$$
  
= 446.3 kN

#### Q1:

For the soil – pile system shown in Fig. Compute allowable pile capacity, F.S = 2.5

Solution:

 $Q_{sp} = \sum Q_s + Q_b$ 

#### **<u>1-Skin resistance:</u>**

 $\frac{\text{Layer 1}}{Q_{s1}} = (\alpha C_s + \sigma_v K \tan \delta) A_s$ 



$$\alpha$$
 for  $q_u = 2C_s = 40 \times 2 = 80$  kPa = 0.865 from figure  $\delta = 0$ 

 $Q_{s1} = (0.865 \times 40 \text{ kN/m}^2 + 0) \times (\pi(0.4 \text{ m}) \times 3 \text{ m})$ = <u>130.4</u> kN.

<u>Layer 2</u>  $Q_{s2} = (\alpha C_s + \sigma_v K \tan \delta) A_s$ 

a for  $q_u = 2 \times C = 2 \times 100 = 200 \text{ kPa} = 0.54 \text{ from figure}$  $Q_{s2} = (0.54 \times 100 \text{ kN/m}^2 + 0) \times (\pi (0.4 \text{ m}) \times 6 \text{ m}) = 406.9 \text{ kN}.$ 

#### Layer 3

 $Q_{s3} = (\alpha C_s + \sigma_v K \tan \delta) A_s$ 

$$\begin{split} C_s &= 0 \\ \delta &= 2/3 \; (25) = 16.67 \\ K &= 1 - \sin 25 = 0.577 \\ \sigma_v &= 18 \times 3 \; m + (19\text{-}9.81) \times 6 \; m + (18.5 - 9.81) \times 2 \; m \\ &= 126.52 \; k\text{N/m}^2 \end{split}$$

 $Q_{s3} = (0 + 126.52 \text{ kN/m}^2 \times 0.577 \tan 16.67) \times (\pi (0.4 \text{ m}) \times 4 \text{ m})$ = <u>109.82</u> kN.

#### Layer 4

 $Q_{s4} = (\alpha C_s + \sigma_v K \tan \delta) A_s$ 

 $\begin{array}{l} C_{s} = 0 \\ \delta = 2/3 \; (30) = 20 \\ K = 1 - \sin 30 = 0.5 \\ \sigma_{v} = 18 \times 3 \; m + (19 \text{-} 9.81) \times 6 \; m + (18.5 - 9.81) \times 4 \; m \; \text{+} (19.5 - 9.81) \times 0.6 \; m = \\ 149.71 \; \text{kN/m}^{2} \end{array}$ 

 $Q_{s4} = (0 + 149.71 \text{ kN/m}^2 \times 0.5 \tan 20) \times (\pi (0.4 \text{ m}) \times 1.2 \text{ m})$ = <u>41.1</u> kN.

## **2-End resistance:**

 $\begin{aligned} Q_b &= (\ C_b\ N_c + q\ N_q\ )\ A_b \\ Q_b &= \{(0+18*3+(19-9.81)*6+(18.5-9.81)*4+(19.5-9.81)*1.2*30\} \\ 3.14*(0.4)^2/4 &= 586\ kN \end{aligned}$ 

For  $\emptyset = 30$  N<sub>q</sub> = 30 Q<sub>bmax</sub> = 50\*30tan30\*3.14\*(0.4)<sup>2</sup>/4=108.83 kN USE IT

$$Q_{ult.sp} = \sum Q_s + Q_b = (130.4 + 406.9 + 109.82 + 41.1 + 108.83)$$
  
= 797.9 kN

 $Q_{all.sp} = 797.9/2.5 = 319.2 \text{ kN}$ 

## Q2:

Estimate the pile length required to carry 450 kN axial load, use SF=2.5. (neglect q\*Nq).



## Tension Pile

It is used to resist uplift force which can be developed from hydrostatic pressure, expansion soil, overturning due to wind,  $\dots$  etc.  $T_{nlt}$ 

Ultimate tension resistance is:-

$$T_{ult} = \sum Q_s + w$$

And the allowable tension resistance is :

$$T_{all} = \frac{T_{ult}}{FS}$$

Where :  $Q_s$  : skin friction

W: weight of pile

The weight of pile may be neglected for more safety.



**Example 6:** Estimate the length required to sustain an uplift force of 400 kN for the pile Shown, Use F.S = 3.

#### Solution:

$T_{ult} = \sum Q_s + w$ G. s	400 kN
Neglect the pile weight (w) 6 m	C <sub>u</sub> = 80 kPa
$\sum Q_{s} = Q_{s1} + Q_{s2}$	a = 0.6
$Q_{s1} = \alpha C_u A_{s1} = 0.6 * 80 * 4*0.3 * 6 = 345.6 \text{ kN}$ $Q_{s2} = \alpha C_u A_{s2} = 0.7 * 40 * 4*0.3 * L = 33.6 \text{ L}$ $T_{s2} = 345.6 + 33.6 \text{ L} = FS * T_{s1} = 3*400 = 1200 \text{ kN}$	$C_u = 40 \text{ kPa}$ a = 0.7
$ L = 25.4 \approx 26 \text{ m} $	u
Total length of pile is 52 m.	0.3 * 0.3 m

## **<u>Pile Groups:</u>**

To allow for misalignment and bending moments.

No. of piles  $\geq 3$  to support a major column. No. of piles  $\geq 2$  to support a foundation wall.

- Suggested minimum pile spacing according to building codes:

\* friction piles min. spacing is 2D or  $1.75H \ge 75$  cm. D = pile diameter . H = diagonal of a rectangular shape or H-pile.

\* point bearing piles min. spacing is 2D or  $1.75H \ge 60$  cm.

Optimal spacing S = (2.5 to 3)D or (2 to 3)H for vertical load.

## **Pile Group Capacity:**

## Solid block method:

Assuming the pile cap is perfectly rigid and the soil continued within the periphery of the piles behaves as a solid block, the entire block may then be visualized as one deep footing.

$$\mathbf{Q}_{pg} = (\mathbf{S} \mathbf{L} \boldsymbol{\rho} + \mathbf{q}_{ult} \mathbf{A} - \boldsymbol{\gamma} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{A}) \leq \mathbf{n} \mathbf{Q}_{sp}$$

 $Q_{pg}$  = pile group capacity. S L  $\rho$  = block shear.

 $S = (q_u/2) + (\sigma_v K \tan \emptyset)$ 

L = length of pile embedded in soil.  $\rho$  = perimeter of area enclosing all the piles in the group.  $q_{ult}$  = C Nc + q Nq A = area enclosing all the piles in the group.  $\gamma$  = unit weight of soil within the block (L \* A). n = No. of piles.  $Q_{sp}$  = ultimate capacity of an individual pile.



Figure 18-1 Typical pile-group patterns: (a) for isolated pile caps; (b) for foundation walls.

Suggested minimum center-to-center pile spacings by several building codes are as follows:

Pile type	BOCA, 1993	NBC, 1976	Chicago, 1994
	(Sec. 1013.8)	(Sec. 912.1 <i>1</i> )	(Sec. 13-132-120)
Friction	$2D \text{ or } 1.75H \ge 760 \text{ mm}$	$2D \text{ or } 1.75H \ge 760 \text{ mm}$	$2D  ext{ or } 2H \ge 760  ext{ mm}$
Point bearing	$2D \text{ or } 1.75H \ge 610 \text{ mm}$	$2D \text{ or } 1.75H \ge 610 \text{ mm}$	

Example: The total load on a pile group is 1690 kN. Boring indicates a very deep layer of fairly uniform clay. The clay has an average unconfined compressive strength  $q_u = 86 \text{ kN/m}^2$ . A factor of safety of 3 is desired using 12m piles having an average diameter of 30cm. Assuming an adhesion factor of 0.87 and neglecting the end bearing of an individual pile, design a rectangular pattern of pile group, suggest the spacing and check the group capacity, use figure to find Nc.  $\gamma = 18 \text{ kN/m}^3$ 



Solution:

$$Q_{spult} = (\alpha C_s + \sigma_v K \tan \delta) A_s$$

 $\delta = 0$ 

 $Q_{\text{sp ult}} = (0.87 \times (86/2) \text{ kN/m}^2 + 0) \times (\pi (0.3 \text{ m}) \times 12 \text{ m})$ = <u>423</u> kN.

 $\mathbf{Q_{sp\ all}} = 423/\ SF = 423/3 = 141\ kN.$ 

Then,

No. of piles = 1690 / 141 = 11.9 pile. Use 12 pile 3 \* 4 pattern as shown,

Let S = 3D = 3 \* 0.3 = 0.9 m > 75 cm OK. L = 3 S + D = 3 \* 0.9 + 0.3 = 3 mB = 2 S + D = 2 \* 0.9 + 0.3 = 2.1 m

Now, find pile group capacity:



# $Q_{pg} = (S L \rho + q_{ult} A - \gamma L A) \le nQ_{sp}$

$$\begin{split} &S = (q_u/2) + (\sigma_v \ K \ tan \ \emptyset) = C = 86/2 = 43 \ kN/m^2 \\ &\rho = (2.1 + 3) * 2 = 10.2 \ m \\ &q_{ult} = C \ Nc + q \ Nq = 43 \ * \ (8.55) + 12 * 18 * 1 \\ &= 583.6 \ kPa. \end{split}$$

From figure Df/B=12/2.1= 5.71 B/L=2.1/3=0.7 Nc = 8.55

A = 3 \* 2.1 = 6.3 m<sup>2</sup>  $\mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{pg}\ ult}$  = 43 \* 12 \* 10.2 + 583.6 \* 6.3 - 18 \* 12 \* 6.3 = 7579 kN

 $\mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{pg}\ all} = 7579/3 = 2526.3$  kN. Then, the pile group system gives allowable capacity larger than  $\mathbf{n}\mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{sp}} = 12 * 141 = 1692$  kN.

Then the value of capacity 1692 kN is govern.

#### Example:

Considering the applied concentric load and the moments of  $M_x = 110$  kN.m and  $M_y = 120$  kN.m as indicated in the figure, calculate the maximum and minimum pile reactions.

Solution:

$$P_{Max}_{Min.} = \frac{\sum V}{n} \pm \frac{\sum M_x \times x}{\sum d_x^2} \pm \frac{\sum M_y \times y}{\sum d_y^2}$$

x = distance in y-direction from external row to the x-axis.

y = distance in *x*-direction from external row to the *y*-axis.

 $d_x$  = distance in y-direction from each pile to the x-axis.

 $d_y$  = distance in *x*-direction from each pile to the *y*-axis.

 $x = 0.9 \text{ m} , \quad y = 0.9 \text{ m}$  $\sum (d_x)^2 = 6 * (0.9)^2 \text{ m}^2 = 4.86 \text{ m}^2$  $\sum (d_y)^2 = 6 * (0.9)^2 \text{ m}^2 = 4.86 \text{ m}^2$  $P_{Max} = \frac{1251}{9} \pm \frac{110 \times 0.9}{4.86} \pm \frac{120 \times 0.9}{4.86}$  $P_{Max} = 181.6kN$  $P_{Min} = 96.4kN$ 



HW: Find P<sub>max</sub> and P<sub>min</sub>, if the maximum load is 1724 kips,

 $M_{1-1} = 3306$  kips.ft;  $M_{2-2} = 3726$  kips.ft is the foundation safe or not.

Solution:

 $P_{Max}_{Min.} = \frac{\sum V}{n} \pm \frac{\sum M_x \times x}{\sum d_x^2} \pm \frac{\sum M_y \times y}{\sum d_y^2}$   $M_x = M_{1-1} , \quad M_y = M_{2-2}$   $x = 10.5 \ ft , \quad y = 9 \ ft$   $\sum d_x^2 = 14^* (1.5^2 + 4.5^2 + 7.5^2 + 10.5^2)$   $= 2646 \ ft^2$   $\sum d_y^2 = 16^* (3^2 + 6^2 + 9^2)$   $= 2016 \ ft^2$   $P_{Max} = \frac{1724}{3306 \times 10.5} + \frac{3726 \times 9}{3726 \times 9}$ 



$$P_{Max.}_{Min.} = \frac{1724}{56} \pm \frac{3306 \times 10.5}{2646} \pm \frac{3726 \times 9}{2016}$$

 $P_{Max} = 60.5 \ kips.ft$ , 1.03 kips.ft respectively.

Then, the foundation is safe. (there is no tension)

## LATERAL EARTH PRESSURE

## Lateral Earth Pressure

Lateral earth pressure is a significant design element in a number of foundation engineering problems. Retaining and sheet-pile walls, both braced and unbraced excavations, and earth or rock contacting tunnel walls and other underground structures require a quantitative estimate of the lateral pressure on a structural member for either a design or stability analysis.

For any element in a soil mass as shown in Fig. , there are two types of normal stresses. Normal stress due to gravity is called "vertical stress " or " overburden pressure" ( $\sigma_v$ ), while the perpendicular normal stress to  $\sigma_v$  is called "horizontal stress" or " lateral Pressure " ( $\sigma_h$ ).

The value of lateral pressure  $\sigma_h$  is proportional to the value of  $\sigma_v$  as :-

 $\sigma_h = k \cdot \sigma_v$ 

Where: k: the coefficient of lateral earth pressure depending on soil type and the state of Soil pressure.

- It is assume that the strain in longitudinal direction will be zero; thus it taken in to consideration the strain in plane.
- There are three kinds of lateral stressor strain

## Types of soil pressure

#### 1- At rest condition

- The lateral strain is zero ( $\varepsilon_r = 0$ ).
- The vertical and horizontal stresses on any element of soil are the principal stresses .
- The Mohr circle don't touch the failure envelope (elastic equilibrium).(τ < τ<sub>f</sub>)
- The value of effective horizontal stress is :  $\sigma_h = k_o \sigma_v$
- The value of k<sub>0</sub> is coefficient of at rest lateral earth pressure, which is computed as:k<sub>0</sub> = 1 - sin φ ( for normally consolidated soils ).
  - $k_0 = (1 \sin \phi) \sqrt{OCR}$  ( for over consolidated soils ).
- The cut in this kind (condition) don't need any retained structure.



If we have insert a wall of zero thickness into a normally consolidated , isotropic , cohesionless soil mass as shown in Fig. below and then excavate the soil from the left side of the wall to a depth H , if the wall is allowed to moves ( $\epsilon_r \neq 0$ ), there are two types of stress conditions :



## 2- Active condition

The wall is moves toward the excavation with a lateral strain  $\varepsilon_x \neq 0$ , then the lateral stress is decreased until it reach a min. value of  $\sigma_h$  (termed active pressure case ) and the Mohr circle touch the failure envelope (Plastic equilibrium), So;

 $\sigma_h = \sigma_a = k_a \sigma_v \quad (\text{when } c = 0)$ 

Where:

 $\sigma_v$ : vertical stress and the major stress  $\sigma_1$ .

 $\sigma_a$ : active lateral earth pressure and the minor stress  $\sigma_3$ .

Ks: coefficient of active lateral earth pressure .

The slip wedge is at min. volume and the slip surface at  $(45 + \frac{\varphi}{2})$  with horizontal



#### 3- Passive condition

If The wall is moves toward the soil with a lateral strain  $\varepsilon_x \neq 0$ , then the lateral stress is increases until it reach a max. value of  $\sigma_b$  (termed passive pressure case ) and the Mohr circle touch the failure envelope (Plastic equilibrium), So;

 $\sigma_h = \sigma_p = k_p \sigma_v$  (when c = 0)

Where:

 $\sigma_{v}$  : vertical stress and the minor stress  $\sigma_{3}$  .

 $\sigma_p$ : passive lateral earth pressure and the major stress  $\sigma_1$ .

Kp: coefficient of passive lateral earth pressure .

and the slip surface make angles  $(45 - \frac{\varphi}{2})$  with horizontal. The displacement of wall which need to reach a plastic equilibrium will be higher than this for active state i.e.

 $\epsilon_{hp} >> \epsilon_{ha}$ 



## Summary The summary for all the above will be as follows: 1- $\varepsilon_{\mathbf{x}} = 0 \longrightarrow$ at rest condition; $\sigma_{\mathbf{h}} = \sigma_{\mathbf{o}} = \mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{o}} \sigma_{\mathbf{v}}$ . $\sigma_{\mathbf{h}}$ decreases $\longrightarrow$ active condition; $\sigma_{\mathbf{h}} = \sigma_{\mathbf{a}} = \mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{a}} \sigma_{\mathbf{v}}$ . 2- $\varepsilon_{\mathbf{x}} \neq 0$

$$\sigma_h$$
 increases  $\longrightarrow$  passive condition;  $\sigma_h = \sigma_p = k_p \sigma_v$ 

- 3- 0a < 00 < 0p
- Passive stress occurs at high strain if it is compared with the strain of active stress. (see Fig. below)



Away from backfill Against backfill

#### Active and passive pressure ( for c - o soils )

To derive a general formula to compute the active or passive pressure use Mohr's Circle as shown in fig. for  $c - \phi$  soils.



$$\sin \phi = \frac{AC}{OB + OC} = \frac{(\sigma 1 - \sigma 3)/2}{\left[\frac{\sigma 1 + \sigma 3}{2}\right] + c \cot \phi}$$
  
1/2 \sigma\_1 \sin \phi + 1/2 \sigma\_3 \sin \phi + c \cot \phi = 1/2 \sigma\_1 - 1/2 \sigma\_3  
\sigma\_1 (1 - \sin \phi) = \sigma\_3 (1 - \sin \phi) + 2c \cot \phi

Active state: 
$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_v$$
 and  $\sigma_3 = \sigma_a$ 

$$\sigma_{a} = \sigma_{v} \left( \frac{1 - \sin \phi}{1 + \sin \phi} \right) - 2c \left( \frac{\cos \phi}{1 + \sin \phi} \right)$$
$$= \sigma_{v} \left( \frac{1 - \sin \phi}{1 + \sin \phi} \right) - 2c \left( \sqrt{\frac{1 - \sin \phi}{1 + \sin \phi}} \right)$$
Let,  $k_{a} = \frac{1 - \sin \phi}{1 + \sin \phi} = \tan^{2}(45 - \frac{\phi}{2})$ 
$$\longrightarrow \sigma_{a} = \sigma_{v} k_{a} - 2c \sqrt{k_{a}}$$

passive state: 
$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_p$$
 and  $\sigma_3 = \sigma_v$ 

$$\sigma_{p} = \sigma_{v} \left(\frac{1 + \sin \varphi}{1 - \sin \varphi}\right) + 2c \left(\frac{\cos \varphi}{1 - \sin \varphi}\right)$$
$$= \sigma_{v} \left(\frac{1 + \sin \varphi}{1 - \sin \varphi}\right) + 2c \left(\sqrt{\frac{1 + \sin \varphi}{1 - \sin \varphi}}\right)$$
Let,  $k_{p} = \frac{1 + \sin \varphi}{1 - \sin \varphi} = \tan^{2}(45 + \frac{\varphi}{2})$ 

$$\rightarrow \sigma_p = \sigma_v k_p + 2c \sqrt{k_p}$$

#### Distribution of lateral stress

#### Active state:

a) For cohesionless soil ( c = 0 )

When the cut occur in homogenous cohesionless soil the distribution of lateral stress and total lateral pressure force as shown in Fig. :-



#### b) For cohesive soil $(c \neq 0)$

When  $c \neq 0$ , the tension zone occur at surface of soil within a depth  $Z_o$ , the distribution of lateral active stress and total active force will be as shown in Fig.:-



The stress distribution of active state for c-  $\phi$  soil is :- $\sigma_a = \sigma_v k_a - 2c \sqrt{k_a}$ 

When  $z = 0 \rightarrow \sigma_a = -2c \sqrt{k_a}$ When  $z = z_0 \rightarrow \sigma_a = 0$ , so that:  $\sigma_a = 0 = \gamma z_0 k_a - 2c \sqrt{k_a}$  $\gamma z_0 k_a = 2c \sqrt{k_a} \rightarrow z_0 = \frac{2c}{\gamma \sqrt{k_a}}$ 

$$\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{x}} = \int_{\mathbf{z}_0}^{\mathbf{H}} \sigma_a \, d\mathbf{z} = \int_{\mathbf{z}_0}^{\mathbf{H}} (\gamma \mathbf{z} \, \mathrm{ka} - 2 \mathrm{c} \sqrt{k_a}) \, d\mathbf{z} = \frac{\gamma}{2} \mathbf{z}^2 \, \mathrm{k_a} - 2 \mathrm{c} \, \mathbf{z} \sqrt{k_a} \Big]_{\mathbf{z}_0}^{\mathbf{H}}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{a} = \frac{1}{2} \gamma (\mathbf{H}^{2} - \mathbf{z}_{o}^{2}) \mathbf{k}_{a} - 2\mathbf{c} (\mathbf{H} - \mathbf{z}_{o}) \sqrt{\mathbf{k}_{a}}$$

passive state:

a) For cohesionless soil (c = 0)



b) For cohesive soil ( c = 0 )



### Surcharge and Cut in Non homogenous Soils

When a soil surface exerted by surcharge (fill of soil, buildings, live loads,...etc), the vertical stress will be increased by this surcharge on any point within a soil mass where :-

 $\sigma_v = \gamma z + q$ q : Surcharge pressure

at this situation the lateral stress will be increased by multiplying the surcharge with the lateral earth pressure coefficient at active or passive state , where :-

 $\sigma_a = (\gamma z + q) k_a$  or  $\sigma_p = (\gamma z + q) k_p$ 

From this situation the distribution of surcharge contribution in lateral pressure will be uniform a long cut as shown in Fig. :-



On the other hand if cut excavated in layered soil (nonhomogenous), the distribution of pressure will be treated for each layer a lone ( as homogenous ), and consider the above layer as a surcharge as shown :-



#### Theories of Lateral Earth Pressure

There are two main theories to compute the lateral earth pressure ( i.e. coefficient of lateral earth pressure ):

1- Rankine theory (1857):

This theory is deals with calculating active and passive earth pressure coefficient, the assumptions of this theory are :-

- Plane slip surface of soil failure .
- No friction between the soil and the wall .
- Vertical wall.
- Homogenous and isotropic soil .
- Backfill soil may be inclined by angle β.

$$K_{\sigma} = \cos\beta \frac{\cos\beta - \sqrt{\cos^2\beta - \cos^2\phi}}{\cos\beta + \sqrt{\cos^2\beta - \cos^2\phi}}$$

$$\delta = 0$$
  
$$\alpha = 90^{\circ}$$

$$K_{\rm p} = \cos\beta \frac{\cos\beta + \sqrt{\cos^2\beta - \cos^2\phi}}{\cos\beta - \sqrt{\cos^2\beta - \cos^2\phi}}$$

If 
$$\beta = 0$$
:  $k_a = \frac{1 - \sin \varphi}{1 + \sin \varphi}$ ,  $k_p = \frac{1 + \sin \varphi}{1 - \sin \varphi}$ 

- If  $\beta = 0$ , the total active or passive force is horizontal (normal to the wall).
- If  $\beta > 0$ , the total active or passive force is inclined by  $\beta$  from the horizontal as shown in Fig.



It must be noted here, that the lateral stress (active or passive) distribution will be inclined at β angle if the designer need a horizontal and vertical components one should compute :-

 $\sigma_{ah} = \sigma_{a} \cos \beta \qquad ; \ \sigma_{av} = \sigma_{a} \sin \beta$   $\sigma_{ph} = \sigma_{p} \cos \beta \qquad ; \ \sigma_{pv} = \sigma_{p} \sin \beta$ And hence :  $p_{ah} = p_{a} \cos \beta \qquad ; \ p_{av} = p_{a} \sin \beta$  $p_{ph} = p_{p} \cos \beta \qquad ; \ p_{pv} = p_{p} \sin \beta$ 



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# It can be use Tables (E1 , E2 ) instead of formulas to find the values of $k_a$ and $k_p$ for different values of $\varphi$ and $\beta$ .

•	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40		
0	0.39046	0.36103	0.33333	0.30726	0.28271	0.25962	0.23788	0.21744		
5	0.39586	0.36559	0.33720	0.31055	0.28552	0.26202	0.23994	0.21921		
10	0.41335	0.38023	0.34952	0.32097	<b>0.2943</b> 7	0.26955	0.24637	0.22471		
15	0.44801	0.40857	0.37295	0.34050	0.31076	0.28337	0.25807	0.23463		
20	0.51516	0.46049	0.41421	0.37388	0.33811	0.30600	0.27692	0.25042		
25	0.69991	0.57268	0.49359	0.43364	0.38469	0.34313	0.30697	0.27502		

#### Table (E1): Coefficient of active earth pressure (k<sub>a</sub>) based on Rankine equation.

Table (E2): Coefficient of passive earth pressure (k<sub>p</sub>) based on Rankine equation.

B	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40
0	2.56107	2.76983	3.00000	3.25459	3.53713	3.85184	4.20375	4.59891
5	2.50697	2.71453	2.94309	3.19566	3.47575	3.78755	4.13604	4.52724
10	2.34630	2.55070	2.77480	3.02160	3.29462	3.59796	3.93649	4.31606
15	2.08256	2.28362	2.50171	2.74010	3.00236	3.29255	3.61541	3.97656
20	1.71409	1.91755	2.13185	2.36179	2.61164	2.88572	<b>3.188</b> 77	3.52620
25	1.17357	1.43430	1.66412	1.89418	2.13519	2.39384	2.67579	2.98670

#### 2- Coulomb Theory (1776):

It is one of the earliest methods (1776), for estimating the lateral earth pressure coefficients. Coulomb made a number of assumptions as follows:-

- Plane slip surface of soil failure .
- The wall can be friction or frictionless .
- the wall may be inclined by an angle α from the vertical.
- Homogenous and isotropic soil .
- Backfill soil may be inclined by angle β.
- the failure wedge is rigid body .

The final form of k<sub>a</sub> and k<sub>p</sub> formulas based on the coulomb theory are as follows:-

$$K_{\alpha} = \frac{\sin^{2}(\alpha + \phi)}{\sin^{2} \alpha \sin(\alpha - \delta) \left[1 + \sqrt{\frac{\sin(\phi + \delta)\sin(\phi - \beta)}{\sin(\alpha - \delta)\sin(\alpha + \beta)}}\right]^{2}}$$

$$K_{p} = \frac{\sin^{2}(\alpha - \phi)}{\sin^{2} \alpha \sin(\alpha + \delta) \left[1 - \sqrt{\frac{\sin(\phi + \delta)\sin(\phi + \beta)}{\sin(\alpha + \delta)\sin(\alpha + \beta)}}\right]^{2}}$$

If  $\beta = \delta = 0$  and  $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$  (a smooth vertical wall with horizontal backfill):

$$\mathbf{k}_{a} = \frac{1-\sin\phi}{1+\sin\phi}$$
,  $\mathbf{k}_{p} = \frac{1+\sin\phi}{1-\sin\phi}$ 

Active force or passive inclined by an angle δ from the normal line on the wall.

 It can be taken the values of k<sub>a</sub> and k<sub>p</sub> from Tables (E3, E4), instead of using the above formulas.

#### Notes:

- When using Rankine's theory for estimating active or passive pressure, the influence line of this pressure will act horizontally against retaining structure for horizontal surface of soil, and for inclined surface at β angle, this force acting at the same inclination with respect to retaining structure as shown in Fig.
- 2- When using Coulomb theory for estimating active or passive pressure, this force will acting with angle of adhesion (δ) with respect retaining structure in spite of inclination of soil surface as shown in Fig.



ملاحظات مهمة:

	8	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40
8	0	0.3905	0.3610	0.3333	0.3073	0.2827	0.2596	0.2379	0.2174
=	5	0.3722	0.3448	0.3189	0.2945	0.2714	<b>0.249</b> 7	0.2292	0.2098
d c	10	0.3590	0.3330	0.3085	0.2852	0.2633	0.2426	0.2230	0.2045
un	12	0.3550	0.3294	0.3053	0.2824	0.2608	0.2404	0.2211	0.2029
=	14	0.3516	0.3264	0.3026	0.2801	0.2588	<b>0.238</b> 7	0.2196	0.2016
β	16	<b>0.348</b> 7	0.3239	0.3004	0.2782	0.2571	0.2372	0.2184	0.2006
	18	0.3464	0.3219	0.2986	0.2766	0.2558	0.2361	0.2175	0.1999
	20	0.3447	0.3203	0.2973	0.2755	0.2549	0.2354	0.2169	0.1994
	22	0.3434	0.3193	0.2964	0.2748	0.2544	0.2350	0.2166	0.1992
	8	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40
8	0	0.4139	0.3817	0.3516	0.3233	0.2968	0.2720	0.2487	0.2269
- II	5	0.3959	0.3656	0.3372	0.3105	0.2855	0.2620	0.2399	0.2192
d a	10	0.3831	0.3541	0.3269	0.3015	0.2775	0.2550	0.2338	0.2139
an	12	0.3792	0.3506	0.3238	0.2987	0.2751	0.2529	0.2320	0.2123
5	14	0.3759	0.3477	0.3213	0.2964	0.2731	0.2511	0.2305	0.2110
β=	16	0.3733	0.3454	0.3192	0.2946	0.2715	0.2498	0.2293	0.2101
	18	0.3713	0.3436	0.3176	0.2932	0.2703	0.2488	0.2285	0.2094
	20	0.3698	0.3422	0.3165	0.2923	0.2695	0.2481	0.2280	0.2090
	22	0.3688	0.3414	0.3158	0.2917	0.2691	0.2478	0.2278	0.2089
,	5	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40
- 9(	0	0.4431	0.4071	0.3737	0.3425	0.3135	0.2865	0.2612	<b>0.23</b> 77
a=	5	0.4256	0.3913	0.3595	0.3299	0.3023	0.2765	0.2525	0.2300
$p_i$	10	0.4134	0.3802	0.3495	0.3210	0.2944	0.2696	0.2464	0.2247
: 10 an	12	0.4097	0.3769	0.3466	0.3183	0.2920	0.2675	0.2446	0.2232
	14	0.4068	0.3743	0.3442	0.3162	0.2902	0.2659	0.2432	0.2220
β=	16	0.4045	0.3722	0.3423	0.3145	0.2887	0.2646	0.2421	0.2211
~	18	0.4028	0.3706	0.3409	0.3133	0.2877	0.2637	0.2414	0.2205
	20	0.4017	0.3696	0.3400	0.3126	0.2870	0.2632	0.2410	0.2202
	22	0.4012	0.3692	0.3396	0.3122	0.2868	0.2631	0.2409	0.2202

Table (E3): Coefficient of active earth pressure (k<sub>a</sub>) based on Coulomb equation.

	8	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40
06	0	2.5611	2.7698	3.0000	3.2546	3.5371	3.8518	4.2037	4.5989
=	5	2.9541	3.2149	3.5052	3.8293	4.1928	4.6023	5.0658	5.5930
d c	10	3.4376	3.7698	4.1433	4.5653	5.0445	5.5915	6.2198	6.9460
an	12	3.6647	4.0328	4.4487	4.9210	5.4604	6.0801	6.7966	7.6310
= 0	14	<b>3.91</b> 57	4.3251	4.7902	5.3214	<b>5.931</b> 7	<b>6.63</b> 77	7.4600	8.4257
β	16	<b>4.194</b> 7	4.6520	5.1744	5.7748	6.4694	7.2788	8.2295	9.3560
	18	4.5065	5.0196	5.6095	6.2920	7.0875	8.0221	9.1300	10.4561
	20	4.8570	5.4356	6.1054	6.8861	7.8037	8.8916	10.1943	11.7715
	22	5.2534	5.9096	6.6748	7.5743	8.6410	<b>9.918</b> 7	11.4663	13.3644
	* *	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40
90	0	2.9429	<b>3.202</b> 7	3.4918	<b>3.814</b> 7	4.1769	4.5848	5.0465	5.5717
=	5	3.4761	3.8088	4.1832	4.6063	5.0870	5.6358	6.2662	6.9951
d c	10	4.1516	4.5882	5.0857	5.6561	6.3140	7.0779	7.9715	9.0257
an	12	4.4760	4.9663	5.5286	<b>6.1</b> 774	6.9310	7.8129	8.8536	10.0930
5	14	4.8396	5.3932	6.0321	6.7746	7 <b>.643</b> 7	8.6697	9.8921	<b>11.363</b> 7
β	16	5.2499	5.8783	6.6087	7.4641	8.4742	9.6781	11.1279	12.8945
	18	5.7160	6.4336	7.2743	8.2673	9.4513	10.8776	12.6162	14.7640
	20	6.2492	7.0742	8.0491	<b>9.211</b> 7	10.6129	12.3215	14.4330	17.0828
	22	6.8642	7. <b>819</b> 7	8.9597	10.3341	12.0106	14.0833	16.6854	20.0111
	5	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40
Э,	0	3.3854	3.7125	4.0804	4.4959	4.9678	5.5066	6.1253	6.8405
8	5	4.1042	4.5357	5.0276	5.5915	6.2418	6.9970	7.8804	8.9225

## Table (E4): Coefficient of passive earth pressure (k<sub>p</sub>) based on Coulomb equation.

	e v	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40
-8	0	3.3854	3.7125	4.0804	4.4959	4.9678	5.5066	6.1253	6.8405
ä	5	4.1042	4.5357	5.0276	5.5915	6.2418	6.9970	7.8804	8.9225
pu	10	5.0471	5.6341	6.3141	7.1073	8.0400	9.1462	10.4712	12.0756
) ai	12	5.5120	6.1825	6.9650	7.8855	8.9776	10.2861	11.8714	13.8159
= ](	14	6.0424	6.8133	7.7204	8.7971	<b>10.08</b> 77	11.6518	13.5711	15.9603
β=	16	6.6522	7.5449	8.6049	9.8761	11.4171	13.3089	15.6647	18.6472
	18	7.3591	8.4013	9.6514	11.1676	13.0296	15.3492	18.2869	22.0803
	20	8.1862	9.4139	10.9034	12.7334	15.0140	17.9035	21.6360	26.5688
	22	9.1637	10.6248	12.4206	14.6595	17.4973	21.1643	26.0127	32.6018
Example 1: A 6 m high retaining wall is to support a soil as shown. Determine the Rankine active and passive force per unit length of the wall and its line

Of action . <u>Solution:</u> Active state:  $k_a = \frac{1 - \sin 26}{1 + \sin 26} = 0.39$  $Z_0 = \frac{2c}{\gamma \sqrt{k_a}} = \frac{2 \cdot 14.36}{17.4 \sqrt{0.39}} = 2.64 \text{ m}$ 



Point	z	σ <sub>v</sub>	σ
A	0	0	$-2 \pm 14.36 \sqrt{0.39} = -17.94$
В	6	17.4 * 6 = 104.4	$104.4 \pm 0.39 - 2 \pm 14.36 \sqrt{0.39} = 22.78$

$$P_{a} = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{a} (H - Z_{0}) = \frac{1}{2} \div 22.78 (6 - 2.64) = 38.27 \text{ kN/m}$$
  
$$\overline{y} = \frac{1}{3} (H - Z_{0}) = \frac{1}{3} (6 - 2.64) = 1.12 \text{ m from bottom}$$



Passive state :  $K_n = 1/k_n = 1/0.39 = 2.56$ 

Point	z	σ,	σ,
Α	0	0	$2 \pm 14.36 \sqrt{2.56} = 45.95$
В	6	17.4 * 6 = 104.4	$104.4 \pm 2.56 \pm 2 \pm 14.36 \sqrt{2.56} = 313.22$

$$P_{p1} = 45.95 \pm 6 = 275.7 \text{ kN/m at} \frac{H}{2} = 3 \text{ m from bottom.}$$

$$P_{p2} = \frac{1}{2} \pm 6 (313.22 - 45.95) = 801.81 \text{ kN/m at} \frac{H}{3} = 2 \text{ m from bottom}$$

$$\overline{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{801.81 \cdot 2 + 275.7 \cdot 3}{1077.51} = 2.26 \text{ m from bottom}.$$

Example 2: what is the total active force per meter of wall for the soil -wall system Shown in Fig. using the Coulomb equation and show the point of its action.

Solution: Take the wall friction angle  $\delta = \frac{2}{3}\phi = 20^{\circ}$  (a common estimate)  $k_a = 0.34$  (from Table E3)  $\sigma_a = \sigma_v k_a = \gamma z k_a$  $P_a = \int_0^H \gamma z \, ka \, dz = \frac{1}{2} \gamma H^2 \, ka$ 

 $P_a = \frac{1}{2}$  17.52 \* 5<sup>2</sup> \* 0.34 = 74.5 kN/m Summing moment about the top , we have

$$\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{a}}\,\overline{\mathbf{y}} = \int_0^H \,\gamma \mathbf{z}\,\mathbf{ka}\,\mathbf{z}\,d\mathbf{z} = \frac{1}{3}\,\,\gamma \mathbf{H}^3\,\mathbf{ka}$$

$$\overline{y} = \frac{2 \gamma H^3}{3 \gamma H^2} \frac{ka}{ka} = \frac{2}{3} H$$
 from top

Or 
$$\bar{y} = H - \frac{2}{3}H = \frac{1}{3}H$$
 from bottom (value usually used)

Example 3: For cut shown in fig. find the total active force: Neglect the pore pressure Solution:



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Example 4: Determine the total horizontal active thrust on the vertical wall shown. Angle of friction between wall and soil in each layer is zero.

$$\frac{\text{Solution:}}{\text{Soil} (A - B)} \\ \mathbf{k}_{a} = \frac{1 - \sin 30}{1 + \sin 30} = 0.33 \\ \text{Soil} (B - C) \\ \mathbf{k}_{a} = \frac{1 - \sin 15}{1 + \sin 15} = 0.59 \\ \text{Soil} (C - D) \\ \mathbf{k}_{a} = \frac{1 - \sin 35}{1 + \sin 35} = 0.27 \\ \end{aligned}$$

$$20.3 = [(2.7+e)/(1+e)] \times 9.81$$



Point	depth	σ,	σa
A	0	30	9.9
B1	1.5	30 +1.5 * 18.7 = 58.1	19.17
B <sub>2</sub>	1.5	58.1	6.63
C1	3.5	$58.1 + 20.1 \times 2 = 98.3$	30.35
C2	3.5	98.3	26.54
D1	4	<b>98.3</b> +16.67 <b>0.5</b> =1106.6	28.77
D <sub>2</sub>	4	106.6	28.77
E	6	106.6 +(20.3-10)*2=127.6	34.4



P<sub>a</sub> = ∑ P = 156.88 kN/m





<u>H.W. 2</u>: What is the total active force/unit width of wall and what is the location of the resultant for the system shown in Fig.? Use the Coulomb equations and take a smooth wall so  $S = 0^{\circ}$ .



### Sheet Pile Walls

Sheet pile walls are widely used for:-

- 1- Large and small waterfront structures .
- 2- Beach erosion protection .
- 3- Stabilizing ground slopes .
- 4- Trenches , and different supported excavations .
- 5- Cofferdams .

There are two types of sheet piles as shown in Figure :-

- a- Cantilever sheet pile: It is used to support cuts under about 3 m in height. Also, the kind of soil is cohesion less. This kind of S.P. may be as a temporary Structure.
- b- Anchored sheet pile : mainly the cantilever S.P. wall is unsuitable in clay soils And/or in excavations exceeds 3 m height . So by providing an anchor in the form of tie near the top of the wall, the required depth of penetration is reduced together with reduction of lateral deflection.



#### Stability Analysis

a- Cantilever sheet pile walls

At this kind of sheeting, the stability depends entirely on the passive resistance developed in front of the wall and the wall will fail by rotating about point (c) as shown below :-



Assume that the passive force at back of wall  $(P_{pb})$  acts as a point load at ( c ) Depends as ( R). for equilibrium take moment about c , and use a suitable Factor of safety at passive side:-

The F.S = 2 - 3; and from eq. 1 it can be calculate a suitable depth of penetration (d). Since the length (c - e) is ignored in analysis, so the final embedment length of cantilever S.P. wall will be :-

d<sub>s</sub> = 1.2 d ( d will increased 20 % of its length )

b - Anchored sheet pile walls

The anchor rod is providing in from of tie near the top of wall at backfill side. The stability of this kind of S.P. can be analyzed , using "Free- earth support method " as follows :-



Here, two unknown :-

- 1- Tension force (T) required for anchor rod.
- 2- Total penetration depth of S.P. (d). By taking moment about point (b):-∑M<sub>b</sub> = 0;

 $P_a^*\{(2/3)(H+d) - x\} = (P_p/FS)\{(H+d) - (d/3) - x\}$ (2)

Where F.S = 2 – 3 From eq. (2) it can be find the penetration depth (d) By sum the forces horizontally :-

Example 6: A cantilever sheet pile wall is to be support the side of an excavation 3 m. Determine the safe driving depth. Use F.S = 2.

Solution:  $K_{a} = \tan^{2}(45 + \frac{\varphi}{2}) = \tan^{2}(45 + \frac{30}{2}) = 0.33$   $K_{p} = \frac{1}{k_{a}} = 3$ (or take the above values from Tables E1 and E2)  $P_{a} = \frac{1}{2} \gamma (H + d)^{2} k_{a} = \frac{20}{2} (3 + d)^{2} \times 0.33 = 3.3 (3 + d)^{2}$   $P_{p} = \frac{1}{2} \gamma d^{2} k_{p} = \frac{20}{2} d^{2} \times 3 = 30 d^{2}$   $P_{a} (\frac{H + d}{3}) = P_{pf} * \frac{d}{3} * \frac{1}{FS}$   $33(3 + d)^{2} {(3 + d)/3} = 30 d^{2} \times (d/3) \times (1/2)$   $-1.1817 d^{3} + 3 d^{2} + 9 d + 9 = 0$ Then, d = 4.56 m $d_{s} = 1.2 \times 4.56 = 5.47 \text{ m}$ 

Example 8: For cut shown in Fig. Find a suitable penetration depth of sheet pile. Is sheet pile cantilever or anchored ? if it anchored , calculate how much it need for tie rod force (T) where it located at 1.5 m under G.S.



Point	$\sigma_a = \gamma z \mathbf{k}_a - 2 c \sqrt{k_a} (\mathbf{k} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{a})$	$\sigma_{\mathbf{p}} = \gamma \mathbf{z}  \mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{p}} + 2\mathbf{c}  \sqrt{k_p}  (\mathbf{k} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{a})$
а	0	0
b <sub>(upper)</sub>	<b>18 * 22* 0.2827 = 112</b>	0
b <sub>(lower)</sub>	18*22*0.3905- 2*20 v0 3905	$0 + 2 \times 20 \sqrt{2.5611} = 64$
	= 129.64	
с	129.64 + 20 D* 0.3905	64 + 20 D* 2.5611
	= 129.64 + 7.81 D	= 64 + 51.22  D

$$\begin{split} P_1 = & \frac{112 \cdot 22}{2} = 1232 \text{ kN} \\ P_2 = & 65.64 \text{D kN} \\ P_3 = & 21.7 \text{D}^2 \text{ kN} \end{split}$$

Take moment about Tie rod :-

 $P_1 \left(\frac{2}{3} \div 22 - 1.5\right) + P_2 \left(\frac{D}{2} + 20.5\right) - P_3 \left(\frac{2}{3}D + 20.5\right) = 0$  $D^3 + 28.47 D^2 - 93 D = 1121$  $D \approx 7.1 \text{ m (by trial & error)}$ 

 $T = (P_1 + P_2) - P_3$ 

 $= (1232 + 65.64 \times 7.1) - 21.7 \times 7.1^{2}$ 

= 1698 - 1094 = 604 kN/ m length (tension force)

The assumption of anchored pile is suitable .

$$\begin{aligned} & Q_2: Check the stability of the Contilever sheet file shown below, \\ & \frac{sol}{k_{a}} = \frac{1-sind}{1+sind} = 0.704 \frac{3.0}{m} + \frac{silly clay}{m} + \frac{silly clay}{m$$

on the safe side and the Pressure distribution will be as  
shown below
$$Tehsion = I = assumed assumed press.$$

$$P_{a} = (9 + 0, h, + 8, h_{2}) k_{a} - 2(\sqrt{k_{a}} = I) = (0 + 16 \times 3 + (18 - 10) \times 3) 0.704 - 2 \times 20 \sqrt{.704} = 28.13 horizon = 1023$$

$$R_{a} = (10 + 16 \times 3 + (18 - 10) \times 3) 0.704 - 2 \times 20 \sqrt{.704} = 28.13 horizon = 1023$$

$$Fw = 0 whw = 10 \times 5 = 50 \ \text{km}^{6}$$
Possive Pressure
$$P_{p} = (8 + 8h) kp + 2 (\sqrt{kp} = (0.)1.42 + 2 \times 20\sqrt{1.42} = 47.8 \frac{km}{m^{1}}$$
(4)

$$\begin{array}{l} P_{P} = (0 + (18-10)4)1.42^{-} + 2 \times 20 \int 1.42^{-} = 93.1 \ \text{km/m}^{2} \\ R_{UJ}, \quad 10 \times 4 = 40 \ \text{km/m}^{2} \\ \hline R_{UJ}, \quad 10 \times 4 = 40 \ \text{km/m}^{2} \\ \hline The Pressure diagram will be as shown below. \\ & 9^{-33.5} \\ \hline & 10^{-3} \\ \hline &$$

#### **CONCRETE RETAINING WALLS**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Retaining walls are used to prevent retained material from assuming its natural slope. Wall structures are commonly used to support earth, coal, ore piles, and water. Most retaining structures are vertical or nearly so; however, if the *a* angle in the Coulomb earth-pressure coefficient of Eq. (11-3) is larger than 90°, there is a reduction in lateral pressure that can be of substantial importance where the wall is high and a wall tilt into the backfill is acceptable.

Retaining walls may be classified according to how they produce stability:

- 1. Mechanically reinforced earth-also sometimes called a "gravity" wall
- 2. Gravity-either reinforced earth, masonry, or concrete
- 3. Cantilever—concrete or sheet-pile
- 4. Anchored—sheet-pile and certain configurations of reinforced earth

$$P_a = \frac{\gamma H^2}{2} K_a$$

where

$$K_{a} = \frac{\sin^{2}(\alpha + \phi)}{\sin^{2}\alpha\sin(\alpha - \delta)\left[1 + \sqrt{\frac{\sin(\phi + \delta)\sin(\phi - \beta)}{\sin(\alpha - \delta)\sin(\alpha + \beta)}}\right]^{2}}$$
(11-3)



Figure 12-9 Types of retaining walls. (a) Gravity walls of stone masonry, brick, or plain concrete—weight provides stability against overturning and sliding; (b) Cantilever wall; (c) Counterfort, or buttressed wall—if backfill covers the counterforts the wall is termed a counterfort; (d) Crib wall; (e) Semigravity wall (uses small amount of steel reinforcement); (f) Bridge abutment.

## **CANTILEVER RETAINING WALLS**

Figure 12-10 identifies the parts and terms used in retaining wall design. Cantilever walls have these principal uses at present:

1. For low walls of fairly short length, "low" being in terms of an exposed height on the order of 1 to 3.0 m and lengths on the order of 100 m or less.

2. Where the backfill zone is limited and/or it is necessary to use the existing soil as backfill. This restriction usually produces the condition of Fig. 11-12b, where the principal wall pressures are from compaction of the backfill in the limited zone defined primarily by the heel dimension.

3. In urban areas where appearance and durability justify the increased cost.







**Figure 12-10** Principal terms used with retaining walls. Note that "toe" refers to both point O and the distance from front face of stem; similarly "heel" is point h or distance from backface of stem to h.



Figure 12-11 Tentative design dimensions for a cantilever retaining wall. Batter shown is optional.



**Figure 12-12** General wall stability. It is common to use the Rankine  $K_a$  and  $\delta = \beta$  in (a). For  $\beta'$  in (b) you may use  $\beta$  or  $\phi$  since the "slip" along ab is soil-to-soil. In any case compute  $P_{av} = P_{ah}$  tan  $\phi$  as being most nearly correct.

#### Sliding and Overturning Wall Stability

The wall must be safe against sliding. That is, sufficient friction  $F_r$  must be developed between the base slab and the base soil that a safety factor SF or stability number  $N_s$ (see Fig. 12-12b) is

SF = 
$$N_s = \frac{F_r + P_p}{P_{ah}} \ge 1.25 \text{ to } 2.0$$
 (12-4)

All terms are illustrated in Fig. 12-12b. Note that for this computation the total vertical force R is

$$R = W_c + W_s + P'_{av}$$

These several vertical forces are shown on Fig. 12-12b. The heel force  $P'_{av}$  is sometimes not included for a more conservative stability number. The friction angle  $\delta$ between base slab and soil can be taken as  $\emptyset$  where the concrete is poured directly onto the compacted base soil. The base-to-soil adhesion is usually a fraction of the cohesion—values of 0.6 to 0.8 are commonly used. Use a passive force  $P_p$  if the base soil is in close contact with the face of the toe. One may choose not to use the full depth of D in computing the toe  $P_p$  if it is possible a portion may erode. For example, if a sidewalk or roadway is in front of the wall, use the full depth (but not the surcharge from the sidewalk or roadway, as that may be removed for replacement); for other cases one must make a site assessment.

The wall must be safe against overturning about the toe. If we define these terms:

 $x^{-}$  = location of *R* on the base slab from the toe or point *O*. It is usual to require this distance be within the middle 1/3 of distance *Ob*—that is,  $x^{-} > B/3$  from the toe.

 $P_{ah}$  = horizontal component of the Rankine or Coulomb lateral earth pressure against the vertical line *ab* of Fig. 12-12b (the "virtual" back).

 $y^{-}$  = distance above the base *Ob* to  $P_{ah}$ .

 $P_{av}$  = vertical shear resistance on virtual back that develops as the wall tends to turn over. This is the only computation that should use  $P_{av}$ . The  $\delta$  angle used for  $P_{av}$  should be on the order of the residual angle  $\emptyset_r$  since the Rankine wedge soil is in the state of Fig. 11-lc and "follows" the wall as it tends to rotate.

We can compute a stability number  $N_0$  against overturning as

$$N_o = \frac{M_r}{M_o} = \frac{\sum W_i \bar{x} + P_{av} B}{P_{ah} \bar{y}} \ge 1.5 \text{ to } 2.0$$
 (12-5)

In both Eqs. (12-4) and (12-5) the stability number in the given range should reflect the importance factor and site location. That is, if a wall failure can result in danger to human life or extensive damage to a major structure, values closer to 2.0 should be used. Equation (12-5) is a substantial simplification used to estimate overturning resistance. On-site overturning is accompanied by passive resistances at (1) the top region of the base slab at the toe, (2) a zone along the heel at *cb* that tends to lift a soil column along the virtual back face line *ab*, and (3) the slip of the Rankine wedge on both sides of *ab*. Few walls have ever overturned—failure is usually by sliding or by shearoff of the stem. The  $\sum (W_c+W_s)$  and location  $x^2$  are best determined by dividing the wall and soil over the heel into rectangles and triangles so the areas (and masses) can be easily computed and the centroidal locations identified. Then it becomes a simple matter to obtain

$$(W_c + W_s + P'_{av})\bar{x} = P_{ah}\bar{y} - P_p\bar{y}_p$$
$$\bar{x} = \frac{M_o - P_p\bar{y}_p}{W_c + W_s + P'_{av}}$$

If there is no passive toe resistance (and/or  $P'_{av}$  is ignored) the preceding equations are somewhat simplified.

# **Example:**

For the cantilever retaining wall shown in figure, calculate the width of the heel, *b*, required to ensure stability of the wall against overturning. In addition, determine the angle,  $\theta$ , of the potential active shear plane with respect to horizontal. Then, Calculate the factor of safety against sliding. (neglect the passive action, use b=2m)



In order to facilitate the calculation process, we divide the cantilever wall into sections. We then calculate the weight per unit width  $(W_i)$  and moment arm (xi) for each block:

 $W_1$ =23.5×0.5×0.7=8.23 kN (per meter)  $W_2$ =23.5×5×0.5=58.75 kN  $W_3$ =23.5×0.5×b=11.75b kN  $W_4$ =(17×2.5 +19×2)b=80.5b kN

 $x_1=0.35 \text{ m}$   $x_2=0.95 \text{ m}$   $x_3=1.20+b/2$  $x_4=1.20+b/2$ 

We then calculate the active earth pressure and the water pressure on the wall. For lateral earth pressure calculations, we use  $K_a = \tan^2(45-35/2)=0.271$ 

 $\sigma'_{h1} = 17 \times 2.5 \times 0.271 = 11.52 \text{ kPa}$   $\sigma'_{h2} = (17 \times 2.5 + \{19 - 9.8\} \times 2.5) \times 0.271 = 17.75 \text{ kPa}$  $u = 9.8 \times 2.5 = 24.5 \text{ kPa}$ 

The corresponding forces (per meter),  $P_1$  to  $P_4$ , together with their moment arms,  $y_1$  to  $y_4$ , are calculated as follows:

 $P_1=0.5 \times 11.52 \times 2.5=14.4$  kN  $P_2=11.52 \times 2.5=28.8$  kN  $P_3=0.5 \times (17.75-11.52) \times 2.5=7.79$  kN  $P_4=0.5 \times 24.5 \times 2.5=30.63$  kN

 $y_1=2.5+2.5/3=3.33$  m  $y_2=2.5/2=1.25$  m  $y_3=y_4=2.5/3=0.83$  m

The factor of safety against overturning is calculated from

 $\begin{aligned} \text{FS}_{\text{overturning}} &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{4} W_i x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{4} P_i y_i} \\ &= \frac{8.23 \times 0.35 + 58.75 \times 0.95 + 11.75b \times (1.2 + b/2) + 80.5b \times (1.2 + b/2)}{14.4 \times 3.33 + 28.8} \times 1.25 + 7.79 \times 0.83 + 30.63 \times 0.83 \end{aligned}$ 

In order to ensure stability, the factor of safety must be at least equal to 1.5. Accordingly, we solve the equation above for b and obtain: b=0.78 m The angle,  $\theta$ , that the potential active failure surface makes with respect to horizontal is simply equal to  $45+\varphi/2=45+35/2=62.5^{\circ}$ .

# To calculate the factor of safety against sliding:

 $SF = N_o = [(summation of vertical forces) \times tan \delta + C_b \times B] / (summation of lateral forces)$ 

 $C_b$  = cohesion of base soil =  $(0.6 - 0.8)C_{back \ soil}$ 

C = 0 in this example

 $SF = [(W_1 + W_2 + W_3 + W_4) \times \tan \delta] / (P_1 + P_2 + P_3 + P_4)$ 

 $W_1=23.5\times0.5\times0.7=8.23$  kN (per meter)  $W_2=23.5\times5\times0.5=58.75$  kN  $W_3=23.5\times0.5\times2=23.5$  kN  $W_4=(17\times2.5+19\times2)\times2=161$  kN

 $P_1=0.5 \times 11.52 \times 2.5=14.4$  kN  $P_2=11.52 \times 2.5=28.8$  kN  $P_3=0.5 \times (17.75-11.52) \times 2.5=7.79$  kN  $P_4=0.5 \times 24.5 \times 2.5=30.63$  kN

 $SF = [(8.23+58.75+23.5+161) \times \tan 35] / (14.4+28.8+7.79+30.63)$ 

SF = 2.157

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#### **STABILITY OF SLOPES**

Stability of Slopes

The slopes in soils are artificial or natural. The artificial slopes (non-made). the canel side slopes, the gradiant of roads, embankments & earth fill dams. · Cutting and unsupported excavation. in all stopes, there is a tendency to degrade to more stable towards hovizontal. The forces which cause instability are these of gravity of seepage, while resisting to failure is mainly from combination of slope geometry and the shear strength of soil. The shape of failure surface depend on the characteristics of soil and the slope geometry, its share be parallel with the slope surface for sandy soils, while it be the arc of circle for the clay soils and infinite slopes-

kinds of Slopes Failure

1) Finite Slopes (Rotational): These occure in homogeneous chahesion soils. The movement taking place usually dlong a curved rupture surface, it occure in the non-made slopes, such that the Side stopes of earth channel fearth fill dame

-2) Infinite slopes (Translation):-These may occur where the weak layer lies near a parallel to surface, the movement at failure taking place usually along plane parallel to the slope surface. Factor of Safety & The failure occure when the shear stress equal to or greater than shear strength of soil, So the factor of safety is F.S = Shear strength (S) (S>2)  $= \frac{c + c' \tan \phi}{C_m + c' \tan \phi}$  (1) where :-S= shear strengt 2 - Shear stress \$ f c = angle of repose f cohesion of slope.  $F \cdot s = \frac{c}{c_m} \quad if \quad \phi_m = \phi = o \cdot (cohesion soil)$   $F \cdot s = \frac{tan \phi}{tan \phi_m} \quad (cohesion less soil).$ 

Infinite Slopes :plane E = erth Fressure H 4 The forces acting on element are :-W= &H b (weight of element) T = W Sin B (tangential reaction Officience) N = W Cos B (normal reaction on failure plane)  $\frac{N}{(b/cosB_c)} = \frac{\delta H \cos B_c}{\cos B_c} = \delta H \cos^2 \theta$ (5) 4  $\chi = \frac{T}{b|_{cos}B} = \frac{\partial H b \sin B_c}{b|_{cos}B}$  $= \partial H \sin B_c \cos B_c \longrightarrow (3)$ 

4th year

For the mobilized shear stress will be: 2= Cm + & fan Pm From 2 + 3 & Hcos2 & tan \$m + Cm = & Hsin & cos &  $\frac{C_m}{8H} = \sin \beta_e \cos \beta_e - \cos^2 \beta_e \tan \phi_m$   $\frac{C_m}{8H} = \cos^2 \beta (\tan \beta_e - \tan \phi_m)$ For any 3:  $\frac{C_m}{8H} = \cos^2 B \left( \tan B - \tan \phi_m \right)$ infinite slopes For Cm is the Taylor's stability No. لذا خان المحمن زاوية للس مثل الانترادي هي : tan B = tan o B = \$ (for dry cohesionless soil). then, F·S=1 3<\$ F.571





**Example 11-1** : A 45° slope is excavated to a depth of 8 m in a deep layer of saturated clay of unit weight 19 kN/m<sup>3</sup>: the relevant shear strength parameters are  $C_u = 65 \text{ kN/m}^2$  and  $\phi_u = 0$ . Determine the factor of safety for the trial failure surface specified in Fig. 11-7.

In Fig. 11-7 the cross-sectional area ABCD is 70 m<sup>2</sup>.

Weight of soil mass =  $70 \times 19 = 1330 \text{ kN/m}$ .

The centroid of ABCD is 4.5 m from O. The angle AOC is  $89\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  and radius OC is 12.1 m. The arc length ABC is calculated as 18.9 m. The factor of safety is given by :

$$F = \frac{C_u L_u r}{Wd}$$
  
=  $\frac{65 \times 18.9 \times 12.1}{1330 \times 4.5} = 2.48$ 

This is the factor of safety for the trial failure surface selected and is not necessarily the minimum factor of safety.

The minimum factor of sactor of safety can be estimated by the following relation.

From Fig. 11-6,  $\beta = 45^{\circ}$  and assuming that D is large, the value of N<sub>s</sub> is 0.18. Then

$$F = \frac{C_0}{N_s \gamma H}$$
$$= \frac{65}{0.18 \times 19 \times 8}$$

= 2.31

 $S = (\pi/180)^{*}\theta^{*}r = (\pi/180) 89.5 * 12.1 = 18.9 m$ 



**Example 11-2**: An unsupported slope is planned as indicated by the sketch for an area where a deep uniform homogeneous clay-soil deposit exists. What is the factor of safety against sliding for the trial slippage plane indicated ?



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# Calculations for Factor of Safety

(i) FS based on ratio resisting to causing moments :

$$F = \frac{c L r}{Wd} = \frac{(1.1 \text{ ksf}) (112 \text{ ft.}) (75 \text{ ft.}) (1 \text{ ft. width})}{(250^k) (33 \text{ ft.})}$$

F = 1.12

(ii) FS based on soil shearing strength :

let 
$$\tau_{req}$$
 = shear strength required for slope equilibrium.  
Wd =  $\tau_{req}$  Lr  
 $\tau_{req} = \frac{Wd}{Lr} = \frac{250^k \times 33 \text{ ft}}{112^k \times 75 \text{ ft}} = 0.985 \text{ k'st}$   
F =  $\frac{\tau_{max}}{\tau_{req}} = \frac{C}{\tau_{req}} = \frac{1.1 \text{ ksf}}{0.985 \text{ ksf}} = 1.12$