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# BEARING CAPACITY

## SAND

$$q_{lim} = \frac{1}{2} \gamma' B R N_{\gamma} s_{\gamma} i_{\gamma} b_{\gamma} g_{\gamma} + c' N_c s_c d_c i_c b_c q_c + q' N_q s_q d_q i_q b_q g_q$$

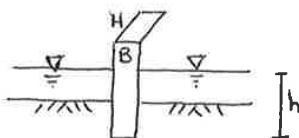
-  $q'$  se livelli di destra e sinistra sono diversi prendere il più basso

$$- \frac{B}{L} = \frac{\text{smallest}}{\text{higher}} = \frac{B_R}{L_R}$$

- If water above the soil

$$N' = N - \gamma_w h \cdot B H$$

↳ use it in formula  
↳ B and H not reduced



TRADITIONAL APPROACH

## EURO CODE

- 1)  $N_c, N_{\gamma}, N_q, B_R$
- 2)  $s, i, b, q, d$
- 3)  $q_{lim}$
- 4)  $R_d = \frac{q_{lim}}{2,3} \cdot B_R \cdot L_R$

$$4) q_{ad} = \frac{q_{lim}}{3}$$

$$5) N_{ad} = q_{ad} \cdot B_R \cdot L_R$$

↳ EX. 29

## CLAY (UNDRAINED CONDITIONS) ~ drained as sand

### NON - STRIP

$$c_u = k + m z$$

$c_u$  ( $z$  = base of foundation)

$$q_{lim} = c_u N_c s_c d_c i_c b_c q_c + q$$

↳ at the base

### STRIP

$$q_{lim} = F \left[ (2 + \pi) c_u + \frac{p b}{4} \right] + \gamma z$$

$p = m$  (of  $c_u$ )

$b$  (side  $\neq \infty$ )

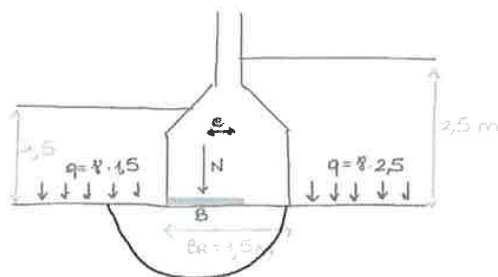
F (table, if  $< 1$  take 1)

# Assessment Shallow footings ~ bearing capacity

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## 1) SAND

Strip footing in sand



- 1)  $e = 0$
- 2)  $e = 0,25 \text{ m}$

$\gamma = 18 \text{ kN/m}^3$   
 $G_k = 440 \text{ kN/m}$   
 $Q_k = 205 \text{ kN/m}$   
 $\phi = 36^\circ$

- check the foundation
- evaluate effect of eccentricity of vertical load

①

Strip foundation  
 $s = 1$

not-inclined ground  
 $g = 1$

not-inclined base  
 $b = 1$

not-inclined force  
 $i = 1$

We need to consider separately left side and right side

LEFT ( $d = 1$ ) ~ also on right because we haven't always  $D \geq 2m$

$$q_{lim} = \frac{1}{2} \gamma B N_\gamma + q' N_q$$

↳ we are on the safe side

$$N_q = \tan^2 \left( 45^\circ + \frac{\phi}{2} \right) e^{\pi \tan \phi} = 37,75$$

$$N_\gamma = 2(N_q + 1) \tan \phi = 56,31$$

$$B = 1,5$$

$$q' = q = \gamma \cdot 1,5 = 27 \text{ kN}$$

$$q_{lim} = 1779,435 \text{ kPa}$$

$$R_d = \frac{q_{lim}}{2,3} \cdot B = 1160,50 \text{ kN/m}$$

$$E_d = 1,3 \cdot G_k + 1,5 \cdot Q_k = 879,5 \text{ kN/m}$$

}  $R_d > E_d$

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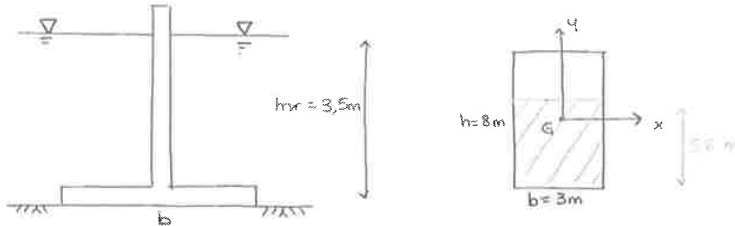
$$B_1 = B - 2e = 1$$

$$R_d = \frac{q_{lim}}{2,5} \cdot b h_1 = 2767,82 \text{ kN}$$

$$E_d = N' = 2030 \text{ kN}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} R_d = 2767,82 \text{ kN} \\ E_d = 2030 \text{ kN} \end{array} \right\} R_d > E_d$$

### 3) SAND



$$q' = 0$$

$$q_{lim} = \frac{1}{2} \gamma' b \cdot N \gamma \cdot S \gamma \cdot i \gamma = 203,59 \text{ kPa}$$

$$R_d = \frac{q_{lim}}{2,5} \cdot b h_1 = 1487,1 \text{ kN}$$

$$E_d = N' = 2030 \text{ kN}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} R_d = 1487,1 \text{ kN} \\ E_d = 2030 \text{ kN} \end{array} \right\} R_d < E_d$$

$$A' = A - 2e_y = 2,3 \text{ m}$$

$$B' = B - 2e_x = 1,6 \text{ m}$$

$$s_q = s_y = 1,246 \quad \neq \left( \frac{B'}{A'} \right)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} q_{lim} &= 1103,54 \text{ kPa} \\ R_d &= 1765,66 \text{ kN} \\ E_d &= 1200 \text{ kN} \end{aligned} \right\} R_d > E_d$$

$$4) H = \sqrt{H_x^2 + H_y^2} = 100 \text{ kN}$$

$$e_y = \frac{M_y}{N} = 0,28$$

$$A' = A - 2e = 2,44 \text{ m}$$

$$s_q = s_y = 1,29 \quad \neq \left( \frac{B'}{A'} \right)$$

$$m = \frac{2 + \frac{B'}{A'}}{1 + \frac{B'}{A'}} = 1,55$$

$$i_y = 0,78$$

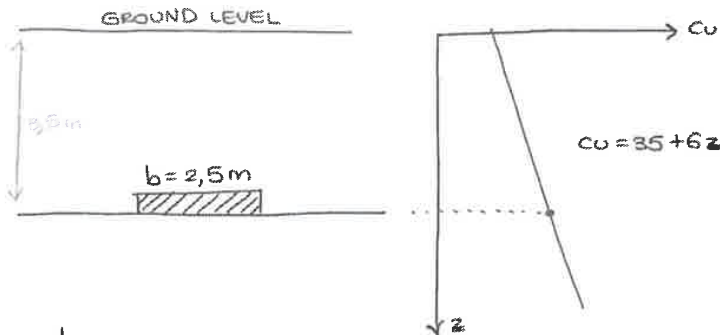
$$i_q = 0,86$$

$$q_{lim} = \frac{1}{2} B' \gamma N_y s_y W + q N q s_q i_q = 1070,27 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} R_d &= 2270,83 \\ N_d &= 1100 \text{ kN} \end{aligned} \right\} R_d > E_d$$

⇒ All points are verified

## 5) CLAY



squared foundation

$$\gamma = 18 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

$$1) N_d = 770 \text{ kN} \quad e_x = e_y = 0$$

$$2) N_d = 770 \text{ kN} \quad e_x = 0,32 \text{ m} \quad e_y = 0$$

$$1) c_u = c_0 + p \cdot z$$

$$c_0 = 35 + 6 \cdot 3,5 = 56 \text{ kPa}$$

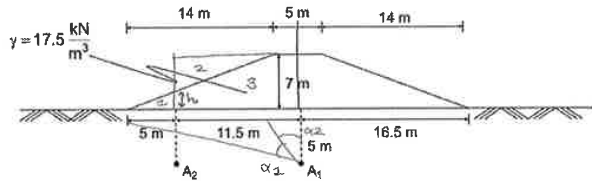
# Settlements

## Settlements

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Determine the vertical stress increase under the embankment at points A<sub>1</sub> and A<sub>2</sub>.



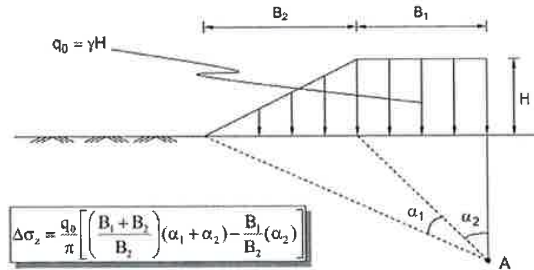
$$\Delta\sigma_z = q_0 \cdot I$$

$$I\left(\frac{B_1}{z}, \frac{B_2}{z}\right) = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \left( \frac{B_1/z + 1}{B_2/z + 1} \right) (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) - \frac{B_1/z}{B_2/z} (\alpha_2) \right]$$

$$\alpha_1 (\text{radians}) = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{B_1 + B_2}{z} \right) - \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{B_1}{z} \right)$$

$$\alpha_2 = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{B_2}{z} \right)$$

## Vertical Stress Due to Embankment Loading



$$\Delta\sigma_z = \frac{q_0}{\pi} \left[ \left( \frac{B_1 + B_2}{B_2} \right) (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) - \frac{B_1}{B_2} (\alpha_2) \right]$$

$$\alpha_1 (\text{radians}) = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{B_1 + B_2}{z} \right) - \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{B_1}{z} \right)$$

$$\alpha_2 = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{B_2}{z} \right)$$

A1) B<sub>1</sub> = 2,5 m  
B<sub>2</sub> = 14 m

$$\alpha_2 = \arctan \frac{2,5}{5} = 0,464 \text{ rad}$$

$$\alpha_1 = \arctan \frac{14 + 2,5}{5} - \alpha_2 = 0,813 \text{ rad}$$

$$q_0 = 17,5 \cdot 7 = 122,5 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\Delta\sigma_z = 2 \cdot \frac{q_0}{\pi} \left[ \left( \frac{B_1 + B_2}{B_2} \right) (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) - \frac{B_1}{B_2} (\alpha_2) \right] = 110,9 \text{ kPa}$$

A2) • Triangolo (1)

$$\beta = \arctan \frac{7}{14} = 0,464$$

$$h = 5 \cdot \tan \beta = 2,5 \text{ m}$$

$$\alpha_2 = 0 \text{ rad}$$

$$\alpha_1 = \arctan \frac{5}{5} = 0,785 \text{ rad}$$

$$q_0 = 17,5 \cdot h = 43,75 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\Delta\sigma_z = \frac{q_0}{\pi} [\alpha_1] = 10,93 \text{ kPa}$$

• Trapezio (2+3)

$$B_2 = 14 \text{ m}$$

$$B_1 = 14 \text{ m}$$

$$\alpha_2 = 1,23 \text{ rad}$$

$$\alpha_1 = 0,464 \text{ rad}$$

$$q_0 = 17,5 \cdot H = 122,5 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\Delta\sigma_z = 60,75 \text{ kPa}$$

• Triangolo 2

$$h = 7 - 2,5 = 4,5 \text{ m}$$

$$B_2 = 9 \text{ m}$$

$$B_1 = 0$$

$$\alpha_2 = 0$$

$$\alpha_1 = 1,064 \text{ rad}$$

$$q_0 = 17,5 \cdot h = 78,75 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\Delta\sigma_z = 26,67 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta\sigma_v = 45 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\Delta q' = q' - \sigma'_{v0} = 200 - \sigma'_{v0} = 172,04 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\sigma'_{v1} = \gamma \left( D + \frac{B}{2} \right) = 51,26 \text{ kPa} \quad \text{? } \Delta B/2 \text{ sotto la base della fondazione ?}$$

$$\sum \frac{I_{zi}}{E_i} = 0,0569$$

$$\Delta q \Sigma = 9,78 \text{ kPa}$$

$$C_1 = 0,919$$

$$C_2 = 1,495$$

$$w = c_1 c_2 \Delta q \Sigma = 13,5 \text{ mm}$$

11) Berardi e Lancellotto, ~ III method for the 9<sup>th</sup> exercise

$$DR = \sqrt{\frac{CN \cdot N_{SPT}}{60}}$$

$$\sigma'_{v0} = 18,64 \cdot 2,75 = 51,26$$

at the medium point of the depth of influence

$$CN = 1,32$$

$$DR = 0,81 = 81\%$$

$$k_E = 800$$

$$\Delta \sigma' \left( z = \frac{B}{2} \right) = I \Delta q' = \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{\left[ \left( \frac{B_E}{z} \right)^2 + 1 \right]^{3/2}} \right\} \Delta q' = 121,21 \text{ kPa}$$

$$E'_{0,1} = 84.465 \text{ kPa}$$

$$I = I_G I_F I_E$$

$$I_G = 0,86$$

$$I_F = 0,79$$

$$I_E = 0,9$$

$$B_E = \sqrt{\frac{4BL}{\pi}} = 2,82 \text{ m}$$

at B/2 from the foundation level

$$I = 0,61$$

$$\left( \frac{w}{B} \right)^{0,3} = \frac{125 q I (1-\nu^2)}{E'_{0,1}} = 0,153$$

$$w = 4,7 \text{ mm}$$

12) Settlements on clay

$$\gamma_1 = 19 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

$$OCR_1 = 5$$

$$CR_1 = 0,177$$

$$RR_1 = 0,03$$

$$\gamma_2 = 18 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

$$CR_2 = 0,124$$

$$RR_2 = 0,014$$

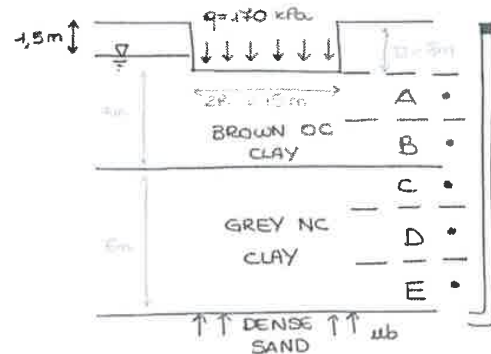
• compute safety factor

$$u = \gamma \cdot h = 10 \cdot 13 = 130 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\sigma'_v = \gamma_1 \cdot 4 + \gamma_2 \cdot 6 = 184 \text{ kPa}$$

$$F_s = \frac{\sigma'_v}{u} = 1,42$$

• compute settlements





$T_v = 0,196$   
 $H_d = H/2$   $\nabla$  perché sotto c'è uno strato permeabile  $\nabla$   
 $t = \frac{T_v H_d^2}{c_v} = 0,42 \text{ yr}$   
 $c_v = \frac{k}{m \nu \frac{d\nu}{dr}} = 2,4 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$   
 $m \nu = \frac{\nu}{M} = \frac{\nu}{E} \frac{(1-\nu-2\nu^2)}{1-\nu} = 8,33 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ 1/kPa}$   
 $U = 95\%$   
 $T_v = 1,129$   
 $t = 2,41 \text{ yr}$

B)  $t = 1 \text{ month} = 2592000 \text{ s}$   
 $T_v = \frac{c_v t}{H_d^2} = 0,03888$

we try to use the approximate solution

$U_s = 2 \sqrt{\frac{T_v}{\pi}} = 0,22 < 0,6$  so it is correct

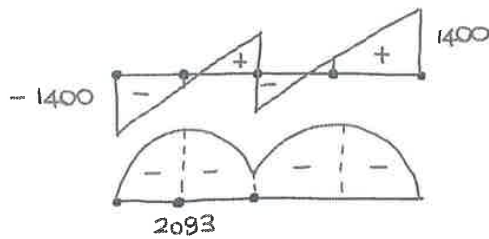
$\omega_c = m \nu \cdot H$   $\rightarrow$  qui  $\epsilon$   $H$  totale  $\neq H_d$   
 $\omega_c = 0,8 \text{ m}$

$\omega = U_s \cdot \omega_c = 0,176 \text{ m}$

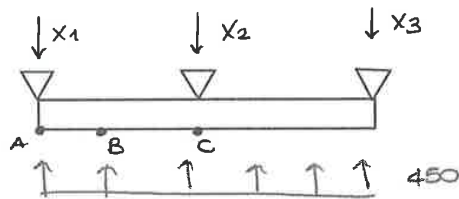
Contact linear load

$$r = \frac{P_1 + P_2 + P_3}{L} = 450 \text{ kN/m}$$

POINTS	V (kN)	M (kN·m)
A	-1400	0
B	-275	-2093,75
C	$\begin{cases} 850 \\ -850 \end{cases}$	-1375



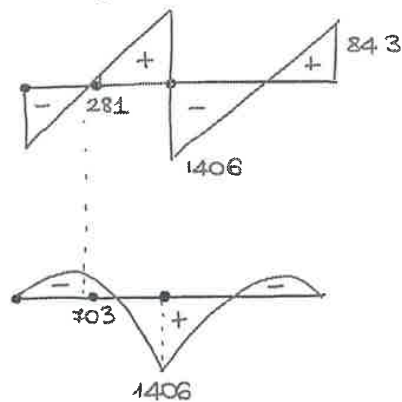
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$$X_1 = X_3 = \frac{3}{8} q \frac{L}{2} = 843,75 \text{ kN}$$

$$X_2 = \frac{10}{8} q \frac{L}{2} = 2812,5$$

POINTS	V (kN)	M (kN·m)
A	-843,75	0
B	281,25	-703
C	$\begin{cases} 1406,25 \\ -1406,25 \end{cases}$	1406,25



$$r_{AA} = \frac{Nd}{L} + 12 \cdot \frac{Nd \cdot e_x}{L^3} \cdot \left(\frac{L}{2} - a\right) = 342 \text{ kN}$$

$$V_{AA} = (510 + 342) \cdot \frac{1,2}{2} = 511,2 \text{ kN}$$

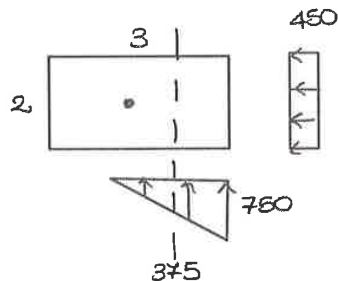
$$M_{AA} = 342 \cdot \frac{1,2^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2} (510 - 342) \cdot 1,2 \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot 1,2 = 326,9 \text{ kNm}$$

C)  $Nd = 900 \text{ kN}$   
 $M_x = 630 \text{ kNm}$

$e_x = 0,7 \text{ m} > L/6$  (a part of the section is tensed)

$$b = 3u = 3 \cdot \left(\frac{L}{2} - e_x\right) = 2,4 \text{ m}$$

$$r_{max} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{Nd}{u} = 750 \text{ kN/m}$$



$$750 : 3u = r_a : (3u - a)$$

$$r_a = \frac{750 (3u - a)}{3u} = 375$$

$$V_A = (750 + 375) \cdot \frac{1,2}{2} = 675 \text{ kN}$$

$$M_A = 375 \cdot \frac{1,2^2}{2} + (750 - 375) \cdot \frac{1,2}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot 1,2 = 450 \text{ kNm}$$

D)  $Nd = 720 \text{ kN}$   
 $M_{xd} = 432 \text{ kNm}$   
 $M_{yd} = 216 \text{ kNm}$

$$e_x = \frac{M_x}{Nd} = 0,6 \text{ m}$$

$$e_y = \frac{M_y}{Nd} = 0,3 \text{ m}$$

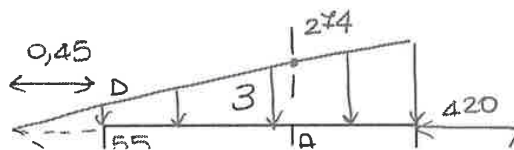
$$\frac{e_x}{3} = 0,2 \text{ m}$$

$$\frac{e_y}{2} = 0,15 \text{ m}$$

$$k = 3,5$$

$$x = 0,6 \cdot 3 = 1,8 \text{ m}$$

$$y = 0,8 \cdot 2 = 1,6 \text{ m}$$

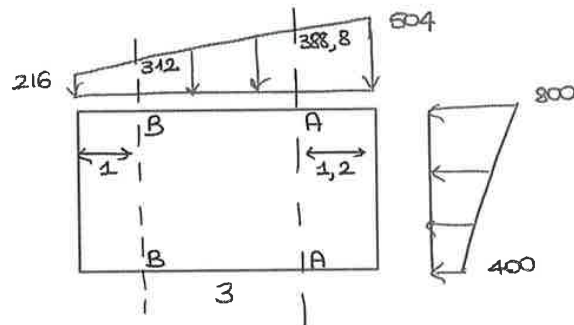


$$r_{max,x} = \frac{N}{L} \left( 1 + \frac{6ex}{L} \right) = 504 \quad \text{kN/m}$$

$$r_{min,x} = \frac{N}{L} \left( 1 - \frac{6ex}{L} \right) = 216 \quad \text{kN/m}$$

$$r_{max,y} = \frac{N}{B} \left( 1 + \frac{6ey}{B} \right) = 800 \quad \text{kN/m}$$

$$r_{min,y} = \frac{N}{B} \left( 1 - \frac{6ey}{B} \right) = 400 \quad \text{kN/m}$$



$$\frac{504-216}{3} = \frac{504-x}{1,2} \rightarrow x = 388,8 \text{ kN/m}$$

$$\frac{504-216}{3} = \frac{504-x}{2} \rightarrow x = 312 \text{ kN/m}$$

$$V_{AA} = \frac{388,8 + 504}{2} \cdot 1,2 = 535,7 \text{ kN}$$

$$M_{AA} = 388,8 \cdot \frac{1,2^2}{2} + (504 - 388,8) \cdot \frac{1,2}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot 1,2 = 335,2 \text{ kN/m}$$

$$V_{BB} = \frac{216 + 312}{2} \cdot 1 = 264 \text{ kN}$$

$$M_{BB} = 216 \cdot \frac{1,2}{2} + (312 - 216) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = 124 \text{ kN}$$

$$l_b = n \phi = 560 \text{ mm}$$
$$l_{b,eff} = \alpha \cdot \frac{A_s}{A_{seff}} \cdot l_b = 378 \text{ mm}$$

$$l_{b,eff} < l_D$$

$$\alpha = 0,7$$

Hook bar

$$T_d = \frac{R \cdot \left(x - \frac{a}{4}\right)}{0,85 d} = 662 \text{ kN} = 662000 \text{ N}$$

$$A_s = \frac{T_d}{f_{yd}} = 1693 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$\phi = 14$$

$$n = 11$$

$$i = \frac{B - 2c}{n - 1} = 190 \text{ mm}$$

Vertical part

$$h = \max \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3} \cdot l_{b,net} = \frac{1}{3} n \phi = \\ 10 \phi = 140 \text{ mm} \\ 200 \text{ mm} \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{r_c}{3u-v} = \frac{r_{tmax}}{3u}$$

$$r_c = 276,02 \text{ kN/m}$$

$$M_{cc} = r_c \cdot \frac{v}{2} \cdot v + \frac{1}{2} (r_{tmax} - r_c) \cdot v \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot v = 505,6 \text{ kNm}$$

$$A_s = 2873,67 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$\phi = 18 \text{ mm}$$

$$n = 12$$

$$i = \frac{b-2c}{n-1} = 0,218 \text{ m}$$

$$100 < i < 300$$

$$e_{b,net} = n \phi = 36 \cdot \phi = 648 \text{ mm}$$

$$e_{available} = v - d - c = 975 \text{ mm}$$

$$e_{b,eff} = 609,8 \text{ mm} \quad (\text{for straight bar})$$

$$e_{b,eff} < e_{available}$$

## B) DRAINED CONDITIONS

ACTIVE

	z(m)	$\sigma'_v$ (kPa)	u (kPa)	$\sigma'_{v'}$ (kPa)	$\sigma'_{a'}$ (kPa)	$\sigma_{a'}$ (kPa)
• G	4	100	0	100	34,23	34,23
• B'	6	140	20	120	42,35	62,35
• B''	6	140	20	120	26,04	46,04
• C	9,8	208,4	58	150,4	32,64	90,64
• A	0	20	0	20	1,75	1,75

$$\sigma'_{a'} = k'_a \sigma'_v - \frac{2c'}{\sqrt{k'_a}} \quad (\text{clay}) \quad (\text{sand})$$

$$\sigma'_{a'} = 0$$

$$z = \frac{2c' \sqrt{k'_a}}{\gamma' k'_a} - \frac{q}{\gamma'} = -0,215 \text{ m}$$

we assume  $z < H_{cr}$  so  $\gamma' = \gamma'_1$  and

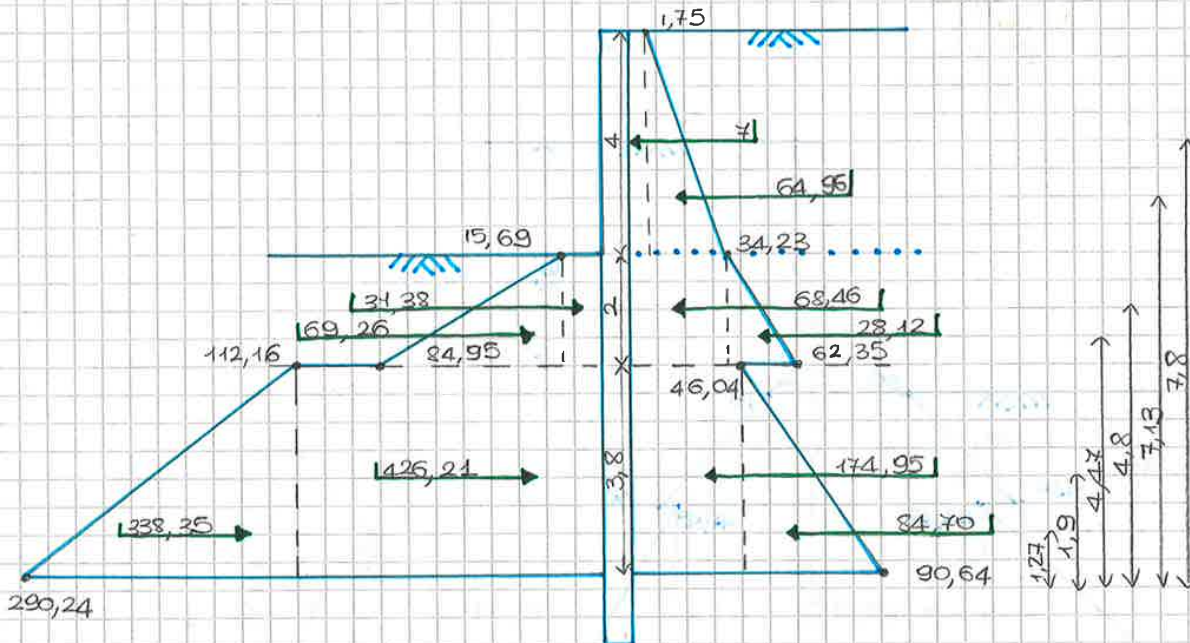
$$k'_a = 0,406 \quad k'_p = 0,217$$

PASSIVE

	z(m)	$\sigma'_v$ (kPa)	u (kPa)	$\sigma'_{v'}$ (kPa)	$\sigma'_p$ (kPa)	$\sigma_p$ (kPa)
• D	0	0	0	0	15,69	15,69
• E'	2	40	20	20	64,95	84,95
• E''	2	40	20	20	92,16	112,16
• F	5,8	108,4	58	50,4	232,24	290,24

$$k_p = \frac{1}{k'_a} = 2,463 \quad k_p = 4,608$$

$$\sigma_p = k_p \sigma'_{v'} + \frac{2c'}{\sqrt{k_p}} \quad (\text{clay}) \quad (\text{sand})$$



$$M_A = 1412,04 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m/m}$$

$$M_P = 1699,72 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m/m}$$

$$F_s = 1,2$$

Is lower than before so drained conditions are the worst (most critical)



$$e_{b,net} = 36 \cdot \phi = 504 \text{ mm}$$

$$e_1 = v - d - c = 0,55 \text{ m} = 550 \text{ mm}$$

$$e_{b,eff} = e_{b,net} \frac{A_{s,th}}{A_{s,eff}} = 468,01 \text{ mm}$$

$e_{b,eff} < e_1$  so straight bar

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$$\begin{aligned} \varphi'p &= 32^\circ \\ \varphi'cv &= 26^\circ \\ \gamma &= 18 \text{ kN/m}^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$z = 7 + 2,5 \operatorname{tg} 10^\circ = 7,44 \text{ m}$$

$$\sigma'_v = \gamma z \cos i = 131,88 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\sigma'_{av} = k_a \sigma'_v = 42,99 \text{ kPa}$$

$$P_A = \sigma'_{av} \cdot \frac{z}{2} = 159,93$$

$$k_{av} = \frac{\cos i - \sqrt{\cos^2 i - \cos^2 \varphi}}{\cos i + \sqrt{\cos^2 i - \cos^2 \varphi}} = 0,326$$

$$P_{A,h} = P_A \cdot \cos i = 157,5 \text{ kN/m}$$

$$P_{A,v} = P_A \cdot \sin i = 27,47 \text{ kN/m}$$

$$M_{\text{MNS},0} = P_{A,h} \cdot \frac{z}{3} - P_{A,v} \cdot B = 265,63 \text{ kN m/m}$$

$$W_1 = 112,5 \text{ kN}$$

$$W_2 = 45 \text{ kN}$$

$$W_3 = 60 \text{ kN}$$

$$W_4 = 270 \text{ kN}$$

$$W_5 = 9,92 \text{ kN}$$

$$b_1 = 2,25 \text{ m}$$

$$b_2 = 1,4 \text{ m}$$

$$b_3 = 1,8 \text{ m}$$

$$b_4 = 3,25 \text{ m}$$

$$b_5 = 3,67 \text{ m}$$

$$M_{\text{STA},0} = \sum W_i \cdot b_i = 1338,03 \text{ kN m/m}$$

• ROTATION

$$FS = \frac{M_{\text{STA}}}{M_{\text{MNS}}} = 5,04 \geq 1,8$$

• TRANSLATION

$$\delta = \varphi'cv = 26^\circ$$

⚠ Nelle altre formule sempre  $\varphi'p$  ⚠

$$FS = \frac{(W_{\text{TOT}} + P_{A,v}) \operatorname{tg} \delta}{P_{A,h}} = 1,63 \geq 1,5$$

• BEARING CAPACITY

$$V = W_{\text{TOT}} + P_{A,v} = 525,19 \text{ kN/m}$$

$$e = \frac{B}{2} - \frac{M_{\text{STA}} - M_{\text{MNS}}}{V} = 0,208 \text{ m}$$

$$B_e = B - 2e = 4,084 \text{ m}$$

$$q_{\text{um}} = \frac{1}{2} \gamma N_\gamma B_e i_\gamma = 380,87 \text{ kPa}$$

$$N_\gamma = 30,21$$

$$i_\gamma = \left(1 - \frac{H}{N}\right)^{m+1} = 0,343$$

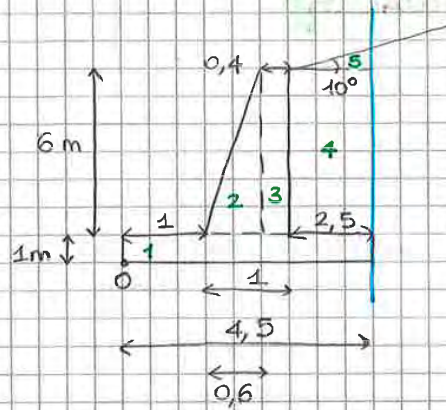
$m=2$  (strip foundations)

$$N = V = 525,19 \text{ kN/m}$$

$$Q_{\text{um}} = q_{\text{um}} \cdot B = 380,87 \cdot 4,5 = 1555,47 \text{ kN/m}$$

$$FS = \frac{Q_{\text{um}}}{N} = 2,96 \geq 2,5$$

↳ Non dividere per  $\gamma$  perché è verificata con FS



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$\varphi'_2 = 28^\circ$   
 $\gamma_2 = 18 \text{ kN/m}^3$   
 $\varphi'_1 = 34^\circ$   
 $\gamma_1 = 17 \text{ kN/m}^3$   
 $\gamma_{\text{cls}} = 25 \text{ kN/m}^3$

- ribaltamento, scorrimento, bearing capacity
- armatura

1)  $z = 4 + 0,5 + 2 \text{tg } 12 = 4,93 \text{ m}$

$\sigma'_v = \gamma z = 83,73 \text{ kPa}$

$\sigma'_{vh} = \gamma z \cos 12 = 81,9 \text{ kPa}$

$k_a = \frac{\cos i - \sqrt{\cos^2 i - \cos^2 \varphi}}{\cos i + \sqrt{\cos^2 i - \cos^2 \varphi}} = 0,307$

$\sigma'_a = \sigma'_{vh} \cdot k_a = 25,11 \text{ kPa}$

$P_A = \sigma'_a \cdot \frac{z}{2} = 61,9 \text{ kN}$

$P_{A,h} = P_A \cos i = 60,54 \text{ kN}$

$P_{A,v} = P_A \sin i = 12,9 \text{ kN}$

$M_{\text{uns}} = P_{A,h} \cdot \frac{z}{3} - P_{A,v} \cdot B = 56,92 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$

$W_1 = 41,25 \text{ kN/m}$

$W_2 = 15 \text{ kN/m}$

$W_3 = 40 \text{ kN/m}$

$W_4 = 136 \text{ kN/m}$

$W_5 = 7,23 \text{ kN/m}$

$b_1 = 1,65 \text{ m}$

$b_2 = 0,8 \text{ m}$

$b_3 = 1,1 \text{ m}$

$b_4 = 2,3 \text{ m}$

$b_5 = 2,63 \text{ m}$

$M_{\text{sta}} = \sum W_i b_i = 455,88 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$

- ribaltamento

$FS = \frac{M_{\text{sta}}}{M_{\text{uns}}} = 8 \geq 1,8 \checkmark$

- scorrimento

$\delta = \varphi'_2 = 28^\circ$

$FS = \frac{(W_{\text{TOT}} + P_{A,v})}{P_{A,h}} \cdot \text{tg } \delta = 2,22 \geq 1,5 \checkmark$

- bearing capacity

$V = W_{\text{TOT}} + P_{A,v} = 252,38 \text{ kN}$

$e = \frac{B}{2} - \frac{M_{\text{sta}} - M_{\text{uns}}}{V} = 0,07 \text{ m}$

$B_R = B - 2e = 3,16 \text{ m}$

$q_{\text{lim}} = \frac{1}{2} \gamma_2 N \gamma B_R i \gamma = 208,75 \text{ kPa}$

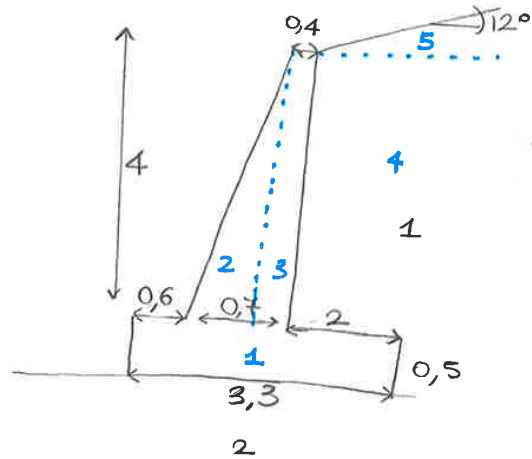
$N_q = \text{tg}^2 \left( 45^\circ + \frac{\varphi_2}{2} \right) e^{\pi \text{tg } \varphi_2} = 14,72$

$N_\gamma = 2(N_q + 1) \text{tg } \varphi_2 = 16,72$

$i_\gamma = \left( 1 - \frac{P_{A,h}}{V} \right)^2 = 0,439$

$Q_{\text{lim}} = q_{\text{lim}} \cdot B_R = 688,9 \text{ kN/m}$

$FS = \frac{Q_{\text{lim}}}{V} = 2,73 \geq 2,5 \checkmark$



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$H = 60 \text{ kN}$   
 $V = 250 \text{ kN}$   
 $i = 3 \text{ m}$   
 $e = 0,07 \text{ m}$   
 $G = 20 \text{ MPa}$   
 $\nu = 0,3$

$E_p = 25000$   
 $d = 0,5 \text{ m}$

$H_{TOT} = H_i = 180 \text{ kN}$   
 $V_{TOT} = V_i = 750 \text{ kN}$   
 $M_{TOT} = V_{TOT} \cdot e = 52,5 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$

$L_c = d \left( \frac{E_p}{G_c(\rho)(1+3\nu)} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} = 3,62 \text{ m}$

$\rho_c = 1$

$M_f = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{0,375}{\sqrt{\rho_c}} \cdot H_1 \cdot L_c = -61,09 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$

$H_1 = H_2 = \frac{H_{TOT}}{2} = 90 \text{ kN}$

$$\begin{cases} N_1 \cdot \frac{f}{2} - N_2 \cdot \frac{f}{2} - |M_{TOT}| - |2M_f| = 0 \\ N_1 + N_2 = V_{TOT} \end{cases}$$

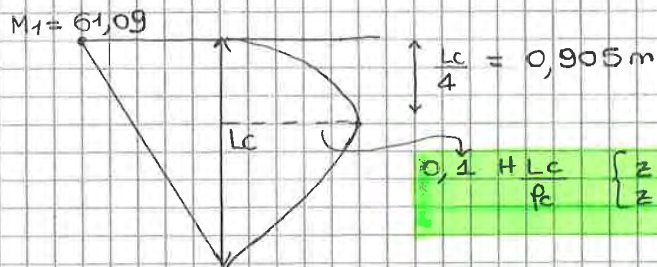
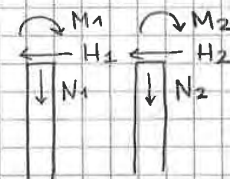
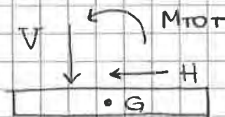
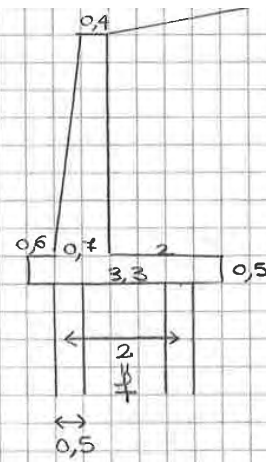
$M_1 = M_2 = -M_f = +61,09 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$

$$\begin{cases} N_2 = V_{TOT} - N_1 \\ N_1 \cdot \frac{f}{2} - V_{TOT} \cdot \frac{f}{2} + N_1 \cdot \frac{f}{2} - |M_{TOT}| - |2M_f| = 0 \end{cases}$$

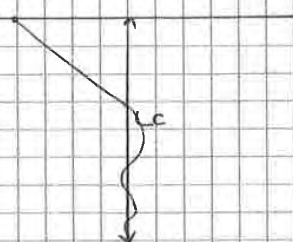
$$\begin{cases} N_1 = \frac{V_{TOT}}{2} + \frac{|M_{TOT}| + 2|M_f|}{f} = 462,34 \text{ kN} \\ N_2 = 287,66 \text{ kN} \end{cases}$$

$F = \frac{1}{\rho_c \cdot G} \sqrt{\frac{L_c}{d}} = 0,134$

$u = F \left( 0,27 - \frac{0,11}{\sqrt{\rho_c}} \right) H_1 \left( \frac{L_c}{2} \right)^{-1} = 1,07 \text{ m}$



$$0,1 \frac{H L_c}{\rho_c} \begin{cases} z = L_c/4 & \rho_c = 1 \\ z = L_c/3 & \rho_c = 0,5 \end{cases}$$



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SAND  
 $\varphi = 36^\circ$   
 $\gamma = 19 \text{ kN/m}^3$

CLAY  
 $\varphi = 33^\circ = 0,524 \text{ rad}$   
 $\gamma = 20 \text{ kN/m}^3$

$u = u_{\text{STATIC}} + u_{\text{DYNAMIC}}$

Filtration (water table  $\neq$ )  
 in clay

$u_s = \gamma_w \cdot z \rightarrow$  dalla falda

$u_d = \begin{cases} i \gamma_w \cdot z & (\uparrow) \\ -i \gamma_w \cdot z & (\downarrow) \end{cases}$

$\rightarrow$  dal moto di filtrazione

$i_c = \frac{\gamma - \gamma_w}{\gamma_w} = 1$

$\Delta h = 2 \text{ m}$

$i = \frac{\Delta h}{L_f} = \frac{2}{2d + 0,5} = 0,25$

$F_s = \frac{i_c}{i} \approx 4$

$i \approx \frac{i_c}{4}$

$\frac{2}{2d + 0,5} = \frac{1}{4}$

$2d + 0,5 = 8$   
 $d = \frac{7,5}{2} = 3,75$

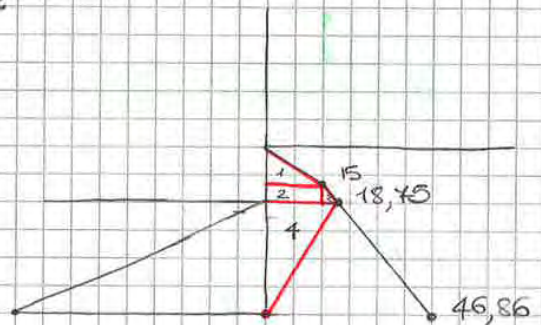
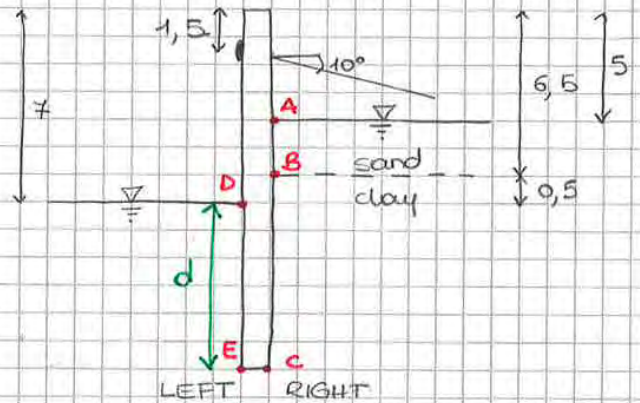
we verify this value

$k_{a, \text{sand}} = \frac{1 - \sin \varphi}{1 + \sin \varphi} = 0,26$

$k_{a, \text{clay}} = 0,295$

$k_{p, \text{clay}} = 5,37$

$k_{p, \text{sand}} = 4,52$



$\delta = \frac{2}{3} \varphi$

$\delta_{\text{clay}} = 22^\circ = 0,384 \text{ rad}$

$\delta_{\text{sand}} = 24^\circ$

ACTIVE

	z(m)	$\sigma'_v$ (kPa)	$u$	$\sigma'_v$ (kPa)	$\sigma'_{av}$	$\sigma'_{av}$
A	5	95	0	95	24,7	24,7
B'	6,5	123,5	15	108,5	28,21	43,21
B''	6,5	123,5	15	108,5	32,01	47,01
C	10,75	208,5	46,86*	161,64	47,68	94,57

PASSIVE

E	3,75	75	46,86	28,14	151,11	197,97
D	0	0	0	0		

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$$\begin{aligned}
 b &= 0,3 \text{ m} \\
 e &= 0,45 \text{ m} \\
 N_d &= 980 \text{ kN} \\
 M_{xd} &= -150 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m} \\
 M_{yd} &= 100 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}
 \end{aligned}$$

C 25/30

ALONG X

$$e_x = \frac{M_{xd}}{N_d} = -0,15 \text{ m}$$

$$e_y = \frac{M_{yd}}{N_d} = 0,102 \text{ m}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 \frac{e_x}{L} &= 0,05 \\
 \frac{e_y}{B} &= 0,04
 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ so small that we are in case 1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_t, (\text{min max}) &= \frac{N}{L} \left( 1 \pm \frac{6e_x}{L} \right) \rightarrow \begin{aligned} &424,67 \text{ kN/m} \\ &226,67 \text{ kN/m} \end{aligned}
 \end{aligned}$$

SHEAR ANALYSIS

$$\frac{(424,67 - 226,67)}{3} = \frac{(424,67 - r_{cc})}{S}$$

$$d = 0,5 \text{ m}$$

$$v = \frac{L}{2} - \frac{e}{2} = 1,275 \text{ m}$$

$$s = v - d = 0,775 \text{ m}$$

$$r_{cc} = 373,53 \text{ kN/m}$$

$$V_{cc} = (424,67 + 373,53) \cdot \frac{s}{2} = 309,30 \text{ kN}$$

$$k = 1 + \sqrt{\frac{200}{d}} = 1,63 \leq 2$$

$$\tau_{rd} = 0,035 \text{ k}^{3/2} \cdot f_{ck}^{1/2} = 364,18$$

$$V_{rd} = \tau_{rd} d B = 437,02 \text{ kN}$$

BENDING ANALYSIS

$$\frac{v}{h} = \frac{v}{d+0,05} = 2,3 \geq 2$$

$$r_{AA} = 340,54 \text{ kN/m}$$

$$M_{AA} = \frac{r_{AA} \cdot v^2}{2} + (r_{\text{max}} - r_A) \cdot \frac{v}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot v = 322,38 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m/m}$$

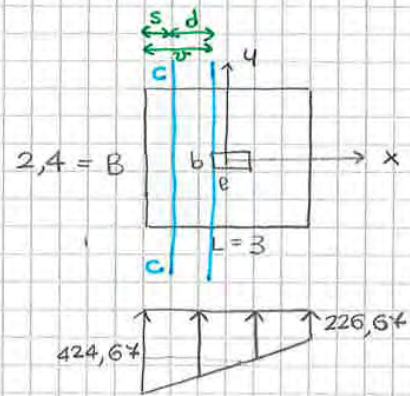
$$A_s = \frac{M_{AA}}{0,9 d f_{yd}} = 1832,24$$

$$\phi = 14 \text{ mm}$$

$$n = 12$$

$$s = \frac{L - 2c}{n - 1} = 264 \text{ mm}$$

$$100 \text{ mm} < s < 300 \text{ mm}$$



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CLAY OC

$$c_u = 45 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\gamma = 19 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

- compute bearing capacity and admissible load

Traditional  

$$q_{lim} = c_u \cdot N_c \cdot s_c \cdot d_c + q$$

$$N_c = 2 + \pi$$

$$s_c = 1 + 0,2 \cdot \frac{B}{L} = 1,13$$

$$d_c = 1 + 0,4 \cdot \frac{D}{B} = 1,17$$

$$q = D \cdot \gamma = 95 \text{ kPa}$$

$$q_{um} = 400,8 \text{ kPa}$$

$$q_{ad} = \frac{q_{um}}{3 = FS} = 133,6 \text{ kPa}$$

$$N_{ad} = q_{ad} \cdot B \cdot L = 28857,7 \text{ kN}$$



Eurocode

$$R_d = \frac{q_{um} \cdot B \cdot L}{\gamma_R} = 37640,35 \text{ kN}$$

- consider  $q^N$

Traditional  

$$q_{um}^N = q_{um} - q$$

$$q_{adm}^N = q_{adm} - q$$

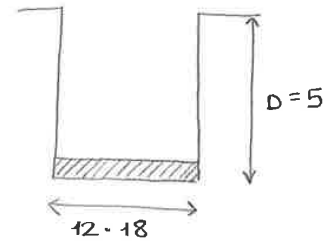
$$FS = \frac{q_{um}^N}{q_{adm}^N} = 3$$

$$q_{adm} = \frac{q_{um}^N}{FS} + q = \frac{q_{um} - q}{FS} + q = 196,93 \text{ kPa}$$



Eurocode

$$R_d = \frac{q_{um}^N \cdot B \cdot L}{\gamma_R} + q \cdot B \cdot L = 49238 \text{ kN}$$



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$\gamma = 20 \text{ kN/m}^3$

$\varphi = 30^\circ$

OCR = 3

$G = 36 + 0,42 z$

$i \text{ piles} = 2 \text{ m}$

$\gamma_{\text{cas}} = 24 \text{ kN/m}^3$

$P_1 = 31,2 \text{ kN/m}$

$P_2 = 62,4$

$P_3 = 114,48$

$P_4 = 429$

$P_5 = 35,38$

$b_1 = 1,47 \text{ m}$

$b_2 = 1,8 \text{ m}$

$b_3 = 2,65 \text{ m}$

$b_4 = 3,65 \text{ m}$

$b_5 = 4,2 \text{ m}$

$M_A = 2176,01 \text{ kNm/m}$

↳ MSTA

$$k = \frac{\cos i - \sqrt{\cos^2 i - \cos^2 \varphi}}{\cos i + \sqrt{\cos^2 i - \cos^2 \varphi}} = 0,415$$

$z = 6,5 + 0,9 + 3,3 \tan 18^\circ = 8,47 \text{ m}$

$\sigma'_{av} = \gamma z k_{av} \cos i = 66,86 \text{ kPa}$

$P_{av} = \sigma'_{av} \cdot \frac{z}{2} = 283,15 \text{ kN/m}$

$P_{a,h} = P_{av} \cos i = 269,29 \text{ kN/m}$

$P_{a,v} = P_{av} \sin i = 87,5 \text{ kN/m}$

$V = \sum P_i + P_{a,v} = 760 \text{ kN/m}$

$H = P_{a,h} = -269,29 \text{ kN/m}$

$M_{\text{UNS}} = P_{a,h} \cdot \frac{z}{3} - P_{a,v} \cdot 5,3 = 296,54 \text{ kNm/m}$

$$e = \frac{B}{2} - \frac{M_{\text{STA}} - M_{\text{UNS}}}{V} = 0,18 \text{ m}$$

$H_{\text{TOT}} = H_i = -538,58 \text{ kN}$

$V_{\text{TOT}} = V_i = 1520 \text{ kN}$

$M_{\text{TOT}} = V_{\text{TOT}} \cdot e = -273,6 \text{ kNm}$

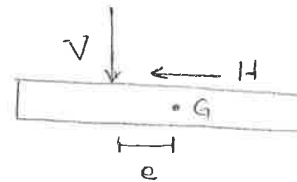
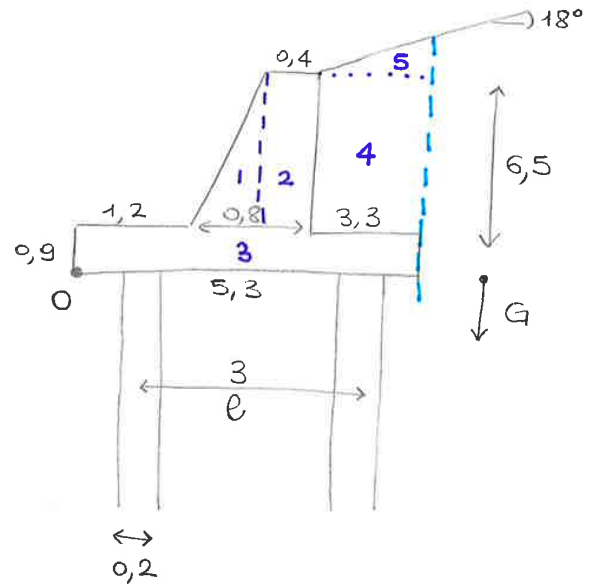
$L_c = 4,3 \text{ m}$

$\rho_c = \frac{G(L_c/4)}{G(L_c/2)} = 0,988 \rightarrow \text{should be } \ominus$

$M_f = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{0,375}{\rho_c} \cdot L_c = -218,7 \text{ kNm}$

$H_1 = H_2 = \frac{H_{\text{TOT}}}{2} = 269,52 \text{ kN}$

$$\begin{cases} N_1 + N_2 = V_{\text{TOT}} \\ N_1 \cdot \frac{L}{2} - N_2 \cdot \frac{L}{2} = M_{\text{TOT}} + 2M_f \\ M_1 = M_2 = M_f \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} N_1 = V_{\text{TOT}} - N_2 \\ V_{\text{TOT}} \cdot \frac{L}{2} - N_2 \cdot L = M_{\text{TOT}} + 2M_f \end{cases}$$





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- $W = 546 \text{ kN/m}$
- $P_A = 101 \text{ kN/m}$
- $\sigma_c = 20 \text{ MPa}$
- $\nu = 0,15$
- $E_p = 25'000 \text{ MPa}$
- $l_{long} = 2,5 \text{ m}$

• azioni alla testa dei pali, diagrammi e  $u$

$$P_{A,h} = P_A \cos 8^\circ = 100,02 \text{ kN/m}$$

$$P_{A,v} = P_A \sin 8^\circ = 14,06 \text{ kN/m}$$

$$V = W + P_{A,v} = 560,06 \text{ kN/m}$$

$$H = P_{A,h} = 100,02 \text{ kN/m}$$

horizontal displacement

$$M_{STA} = W \cdot 2,19 = 1195,74 \text{ kNm/m}$$

$$M_{UNS} = P_{A,h} \cdot 3,38 - P_{A,v} \cdot 4,2 = 279,02 \text{ kNm/m}$$

$$e = \frac{B}{2} - \frac{M_{STA} - M_{UNS}}{V} = 0,46 \text{ m}$$

$$H_{TOT} = H \cdot i = 250,05 \text{ kN}$$

$$V_{TOT} = V \cdot i = 1400,15 \text{ kN}$$

$$M_{TOT} = V_{TOT} \cdot e = 644,07 \text{ kNm}$$

$$L_c = d \left( \frac{E_p}{G(L) \left(1 + \frac{3}{4} \nu\right)} \right)^{\frac{2}{7}} = 4,46 \text{ m}$$

$$p_c = 1$$

$$M_f = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{0,375}{\sqrt{p_c}} \cdot H_1 \cdot L_c = -104,55 \text{ kNm}$$

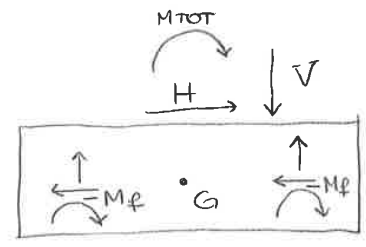
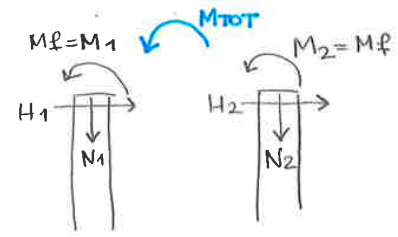
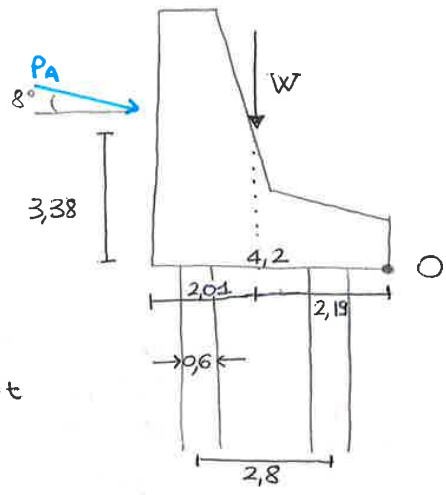
$$H_1 = H_2 = \frac{H_{TOT}}{2} = 125,02 \text{ kN}$$

$$\begin{cases} N_1 \cdot \frac{2,8}{2} - N_2 \cdot \frac{2,8}{2} + |M_{TOT}| + |2M_f| = 0 \\ N_1 + N_2 = V_{TOT} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} N_1 = 395,4 \text{ kN} \\ N_2 = 1004,75 \text{ kN} \\ M_1 = M_2 = M_f = -104,55 \text{ kNm} \end{cases}$$

$$F = \frac{1}{p_c \cdot G} \sqrt{\frac{L_c}{d}} = 0,136$$

$$u = F \left( 0,27 - \frac{0,11}{\sqrt{p}} \right) H_1 \left( \frac{L_c}{2} \right)^{-1} = 1,22 \text{ m}$$



### 33 PILES

Driven pile in clay NC

$$\gamma = 18 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

$$\gamma_w = 10 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

$$\gamma_{\text{cls}} = 24 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

- calcolare  $Q_{\text{LIM}}$  e  $Q_{\text{ADM}}$  con approccio  $\alpha$  e  $\beta = 0,3$

Approccio  $\alpha$

$$\frac{s_u}{\sigma'_{vo}(L/2)} = 0,25 < 1 \rightarrow \alpha = \frac{0,5}{\left(\frac{s_u}{\sigma'_{vo}}\right)^{0,5}} = 1$$

$$f_s = \alpha c_u \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 14 \text{ kPa}$$

$$Q_s = A_s \cdot f_s = \pi d \cdot L \cdot f_s = 246,3 \text{ kN}$$

$$q_{\text{um}} = c_u(L) \cdot N_c + \sigma'_{vo}(L)$$

$$N_c = (2 + \pi) s_c \cdot d_c = 9$$

$$q_{\text{um}} = 9 \cdot 28 + \gamma \cdot 14 = 504 \text{ kPa}$$

$$Q_b = A_b \cdot q_{\text{um}} = 63,33 \text{ kN}$$

$$Q_{\text{ADM}} = Q_s + Q_b = 309,63 \text{ kN}$$

$$Q_{\text{lim}} = Q_s + Q_b - W = 267,41 \text{ kN}$$

Approccio  $\beta$

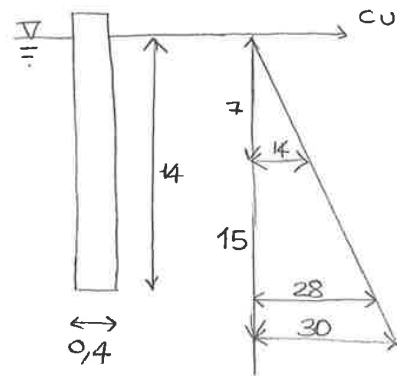
$$\beta = 0,3$$

$$f_s = \beta \cdot \sigma'_{vo} = 16,8 \text{ kPa}$$

$$Q_s = 295,56 \text{ kN}$$

$$Q_{\text{ADM}} = 358,89 \text{ kN}$$

$$Q_{\text{lim}} = 316,67 \text{ kN}$$



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Driven pile

CLAY

$$\gamma = 19 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

$$\gamma_{\text{CLS}} = 24 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

- admissible and limiting capacity

clay

$$\beta = 0,3$$

$$f_s = \beta \cdot \sigma'_{vo} = 8,55 \text{ kPa}$$

$$Q_s = 32,23 \text{ kN}$$

$$A_s = \pi d L_{\text{clay}} = 3,77$$

sand

$$f_s = \frac{q_c}{150} = 45 \text{ kPa}$$

$$Q_s = A_s f_s = 678,6 \text{ kN}$$

$$A_b = \pi d^2 L_{\text{sand}} = 15,08 \text{ m}^2$$

$$Q_{s, \text{TOT}} = 710,8 \text{ kN}$$

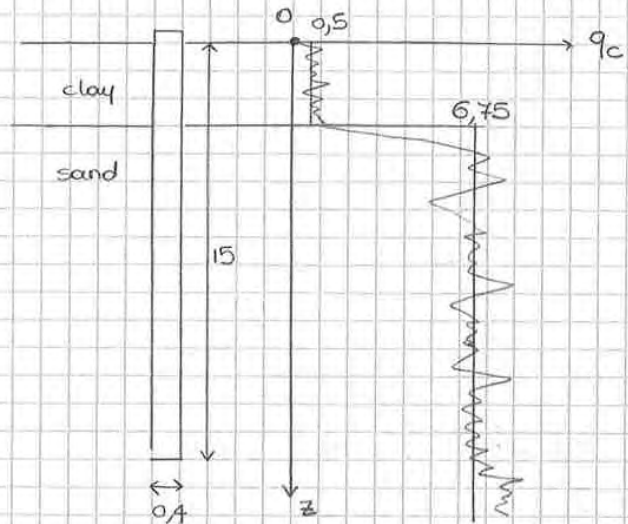
$$q_{c, \text{TIP}} = 7000 \text{ kPa}$$

$$q_b = 0,4 q_{c, \text{TIP}} = 2800 \text{ kPa}$$

$$Q_b = A \cdot q_b = \frac{\pi d^2}{4} q_b = 351,86 \text{ kN}$$

$$Q_{\text{adm}} = Q_s + Q_b = 1062,66 \text{ kN}$$

$$Q_{\text{lim}} = Q_{\text{adm}} - W = 1017,42 \text{ kN}$$

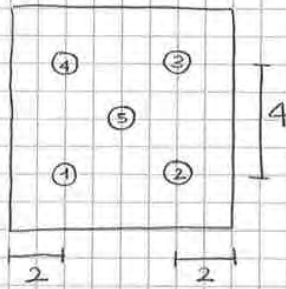


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$$k_v = 904,31 \text{ kN/mm}$$

$$N = 5000 \text{ kN}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\ln \frac{r_m}{s}}{\ln \frac{r_m}{r_0}}$$



$$\alpha_{11} = 1$$

$$\alpha_{12} = \alpha_{14} = \frac{1}{4} \ln \frac{r_m}{4} = 0,251$$

$$\alpha_{13} = \frac{1}{4} \ln \frac{r_m}{4\sqrt{2}} = 0,164$$

$$\alpha_{15} = \frac{1}{4} \ln \frac{r_m}{2\sqrt{2}} = 0,338$$

$$\ln \frac{r_m}{r_0} = 4$$

$$r_m = r_0 e^4 = 10,92 \text{ m}$$

$$\begin{cases} \omega_1 = 2\alpha_{12} \frac{P_2}{k_v} + \alpha_{13} \frac{P_3}{k_v} + \alpha_{15} \frac{P_5}{k_v} + \frac{P_1}{k_v} \\ \omega_2 = \omega_3 = \omega_4 \\ \omega_5 = 4\alpha_{15} \frac{P_1}{k_v} + \frac{P_5}{k_v} \\ P_1 + P_2 + P_3 + P_4 + P_5 = N \end{cases}$$

$$P_1 = P_2 = P_3 = P_4 = P$$

$$\begin{cases} \omega_1 = (2\alpha_{12} + \alpha_{13} + 1) \frac{P}{k_v} + \alpha_{15} \frac{P_5}{k_v} \\ \omega_5 = 4\alpha_{15} \frac{P}{k_v} + \frac{P_5}{k_v} \\ 4P + P_5 = N \\ \omega_1 = \omega_5 \end{cases}$$

$$P_5 = N - 4P$$

$$\omega_1 = (2\alpha_{12} + \alpha_{13} + 1) \frac{P}{k_v} + \alpha_{15} \frac{(N - 4P)}{k_v} = 4\alpha_{15} \frac{P}{k_v} + \frac{N}{k_v} - \frac{4P}{k_v}$$

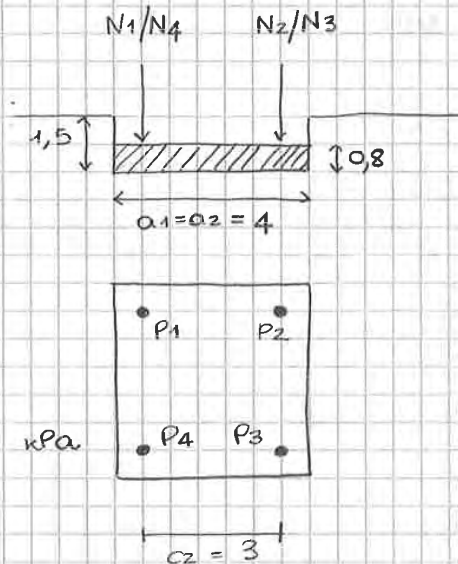
$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow &= (2\alpha_{12} + \alpha_{13} - 4\alpha_{15} + 1) \frac{P}{k_v} + \alpha_{15} \frac{N}{k_v} = 4\alpha_{15} \frac{P}{k_v} + \frac{N}{k_v} - \frac{4P}{k_v} \\ &(2\alpha_{12} + \alpha_{13} - 8\alpha_{15} + 5) \frac{P}{k_v} + (\alpha_{15} - 1) \frac{N}{k_v} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} P = \frac{(1 - \alpha_{15}) N}{2\alpha_{12} + \alpha_{13} - 8\alpha_{15} + 5} = 1117,5 \text{ kN} \\ P_5 = 530 \text{ kN} \\ \omega = 2,25 \text{ mm} \end{cases}$$

**39 Schmertmann**

$\gamma = 18,5 \text{ kN/m}^3$   
 $\gamma_{cls} = 24 \text{ kN/m}^3$

	N1	N2	N3	N4
1	1050	1097	693	652
2	850	798	712	850
3	900	1316	797	680
	933	1070	734	727



• Schmertmann

$\Delta q = q' - \sigma'_{vo}$

$q' = \frac{N1 + N2 + N3 + N4}{a1 \cdot a2} + \gamma_{cls} \cdot d = 235,7 \text{ kPa}$

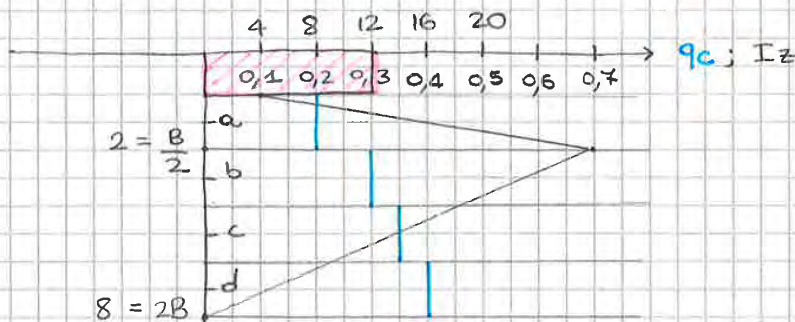
$\sigma'_{vo} = \gamma \cdot 1,5 = 27,75 \text{ kPa}$

$\Delta q = 207,95 \text{ kPa}$

$\frac{L}{B} = 1$

$\sigma_{vi} \left( \frac{B}{2} \right) = \gamma \left( \frac{B}{2} + 1,5 \right) = 64,75 \text{ kPa}$

$I_{max} = 0,5 + 0,1 \left( \frac{\Delta q}{\sigma_{vi}} \right)^{0,5} = 0,7$



	$q_c$	$\Delta z$	$I_z$	$E = q_c \cdot 2,5$	$\frac{\Delta z \Delta q}{E} \cdot I_z \text{ (mm)}$
a	8	2	0,4	20	8,3
b	12	2	0,55	30	7,6
c	14	2	0,35	35	4,2
d	16	2	0,15	40	1,6
					$\parallel 21,7 \text{ mm}$

$c1 = 1 - 0,5 \left( \frac{\sigma'_{vo}}{\Delta q} \right) = 0,933$

$c2 = 1 + 0,2 \log_{10} \left( \frac{z}{0,1} \right) = 1,495$

$W_t = c1 \cdot c2 \sum \frac{\Delta z \Delta q}{E} \cdot I_z = 30,27 \text{ mm}$

$W_0 = 20,24 \text{ mm}$

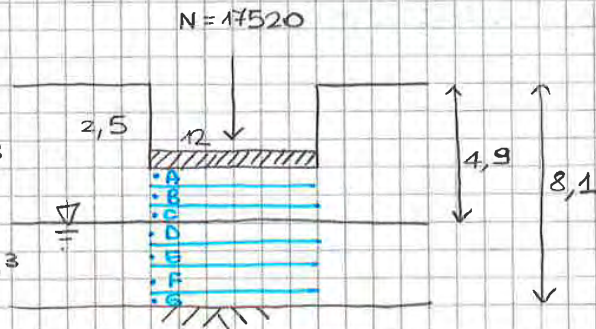
$\hookrightarrow c2 = 1$

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$$q = \frac{N}{\pi \frac{d^2}{4}} = 154,9 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\sigma'_{vo} = 2,5 \cdot \gamma = 45 \text{ kPa}$$

OCR = 2  
 $\gamma_A = 18 \text{ kN/m}^3$   
 $RR = 0,014$   
 $CR = 0,12$   
 OCR = 4  
 $\gamma_B = 19 \text{ kN/m}^3$   
 $RR = 0,028$   
 $CR = 0,18$



	z	$\sigma'_{vo}$	$\mu$	$\sigma'_{vo}$	$\Delta\sigma_v$	$\sigma'_{vf}$	$\sigma'_p$
A	0,4	52,2	0	52,2	109,87	162,07	> 104,4
B	1,2	66,6	0	66,6	109,07	175,67	> 133,2
C	2	81	0	81	106,42	187,42	> 162
D	2,8	95,8	4	91,8	101,59	193,39	$\leq 367,2$
E	3,6	111	12	99	94,93	193,93	$\leq 396$
F	4,4	126,2	20	106,2	87,17	193,37	$\leq 424,8$
e	5,2	141,4	28	113,4	79,03	192,43	$\leq 453,6$

$$\Delta\sigma_v = (q - \sigma'_{vo}) \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{\left[ \left( \frac{R}{z} \right)^2 + 1 \right]^{3/2}} \right\}$$

$$\sigma'_{vf} = \sigma'_{vo} + \Delta\sigma_v$$

$$\omega_1 = H_0 \left[ RR \log \left( \frac{\sigma'_p}{\sigma'_{vo}} \right) + CR \log \left( \frac{\sigma'_{vf}}{\sigma'_{vo}} \right) \right]$$

$$\omega_2 = H_0 RR \log \left( \frac{\sigma'_{vf}}{\sigma'_{vo}} \right)$$



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# FOUNDATION ENGINEERING

**01RVSMX**  
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**Course Presentation**

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## Course Structure

### First Part (teacher: Andrea Dominijanni)

- Course presentation (45 min)
- Historical notes on soil mechanics (2 hr)
- In situ investigations (6 hr)
- Reliability analysis and design methods (4.5 hr)
- Bearing capacity of shallow foundations (6 hr)
- Settlement predictions for shallow foundations (7.5 hr)
- Introduction to soil-structure analysis (3 hr)

*end of this part of the course ~ middle April*

## Course Structure

### Second Part

*Shallow foundations and earth retaining structures*  
(teacher: Andrea Dominijanni)  
Monday – 3 hr per week

- Soil-structure interaction (6 hr)
- Shallow foundation design (6 hr)
- Flexible earth retaining structures (6 hr)
- Reinforced-soil retaining structures (3 hr)

*Pile Foundations*  
(teacher: Prof. Renato Lancellotta)  
Tuesday and Thursday – 3 hr per week

### Exam

The exam includes a **written test** and an **oral discussion** about all the topics that are dealt with during the course lessons (lectures and exercise classes).

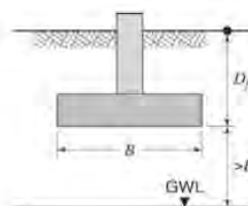
The written test consists of calculation exercises, that have to be solved within 2 hours. During the written test, the students can consult only the recommended textbooks and can use a calculator. It is not allowed the use of smartphones, tablets and laptops. The admission to the oral discussion is only obtained by a written test score not lower than 16/30 (maximum score equal to 30/30).

Homework is checked at the beginning of the oral discussion. The oral examination score can increase the written test score of no more than 8/30.

### Structural Engineering

### Geotechnical Engineering

the footing of the superstructure  
(it's just a constrain)



the superstructure is the load on the soil



### Soil-structure interaction

In this course, we will deal with uni-dimensional problems (mainly)

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# FOUNDATION ENGINEERING

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## Historical notes on Soil Mechanics

### 1. Coulomb and the birth of Soil Mechanics



→ studies of electricity and magnetism  
Charles Augustin De Coulomb  
(1736-1806)

*Essai sur une application des règles de maximis et minimis à quelques problèmes de statique relatifs à l'Architecture (1773).*

- shear strength of masonry and soils
- earth pressure
- stability of arches and the strength of beams

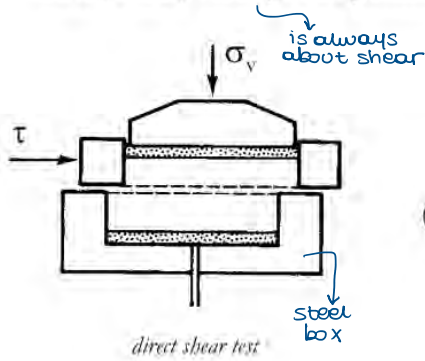
soil mechanics + structural elements

The stability analysis method (based on the mechanics of rigid bodies) developed by Coulomb is called “*limit equilibrium method*” and is still today commonly used, especially for the assessment of slope stability.

Coulomb starts from the study of RIGID BODIES

Soils are particulate materials

Soil (shear) strength depends on the **confining stress**



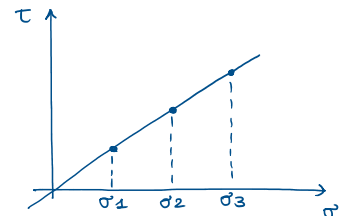
is always about shear  
 ↳ very low it behaves as a fluid, very high it behaves as a rigid rock

$$\tau = \sigma_v \cdot \tan(\phi)$$

(failure criterion for dry soils)

$T = N \cdot \tan \phi$   
 Dividing by the contact area A we have  
 $\tau = \sigma \cdot \tan \phi$

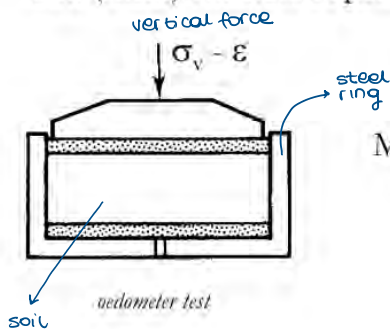
⇒ measure vertical and horizontal displacements when both vertical and horizontal forces are applied, until failure



Soils are **particulate materials**

↳ skeleton is made by grains

Soil (shear) stiffness depends on the confining stress



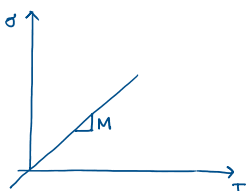
$$M = \frac{d\sigma_v}{d\epsilon} = m \cdot \sigma_r \cdot \left( \frac{\sigma_v}{\sigma_r} \right)^{1-n}$$

(Janbu, 1963)

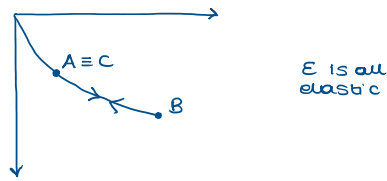
↳ under oedometric conditions (radial strains aren't allowed)  
 $\epsilon_h = 0$

↳ only vertical strains are possible

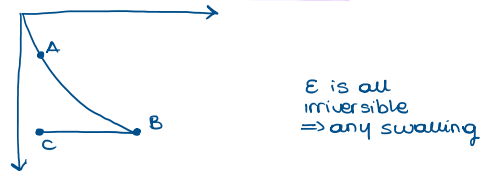
If M is constant we have a straight line



↳ in soils M isn't constant



2) If we haven't strain during unloading phase so we have a perfect plastic behaviour



Compression in grained soil produces a new arrangement and fractures and deformation  
 ↳ if we have plastic strains there is n't the possibility to come back to the initial point  
 - deformation (w part is recoverable)  
 - fragmentation is irreversible

## 2. Rankine and the limiting states of stress

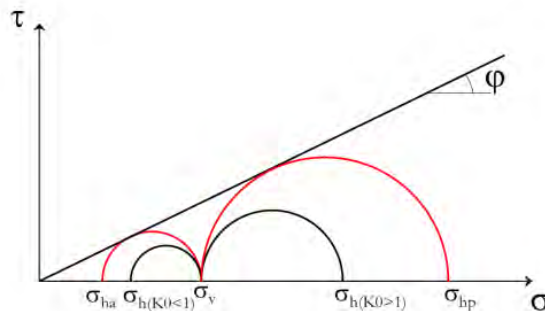


William John Macquorn Rankine  
 (1820-1872)

*On the stability of loose earth (1857)*

$$\sigma_{ha} = \underbrace{\frac{1 - \sin(\varphi)}{1 + \sin(\varphi)}}_{K_a} \cdot \sigma_v$$

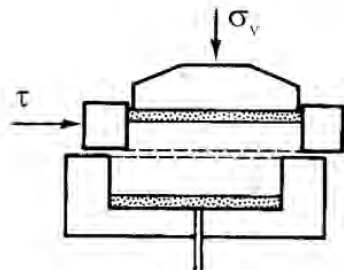
$$\sigma_{hp} = \underbrace{\frac{1 + \sin(\varphi)}{1 - \sin(\varphi)}}_{K_p} \cdot \sigma_v$$



Soils are particulate materials

Soil (shear) strength depends on the confining stress

↳ not a characteristic property



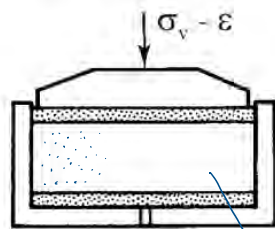
direct shear test

$$\tau = \sigma_v \cdot \tan(\varphi)$$

(failure criterion for dry soils)

Soils are **particulate materials**

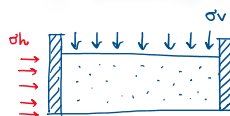
Soil (shear) stiffness depends on the confining stress



oedometer test dry soil

$$M = \frac{d\sigma_v}{d\varepsilon} = m \cdot \sigma_r \cdot \left( \frac{\sigma_v}{\sigma_r} \right)^{1-i}$$

(Janbu, 1963)



After compression we have two mechanisms:

- rearrangement in the more dense configuration
  - fracture of grains
- ⇒ irreversible (both effects)
- increase of  $\delta h$  to maintain  $Eh = 0$

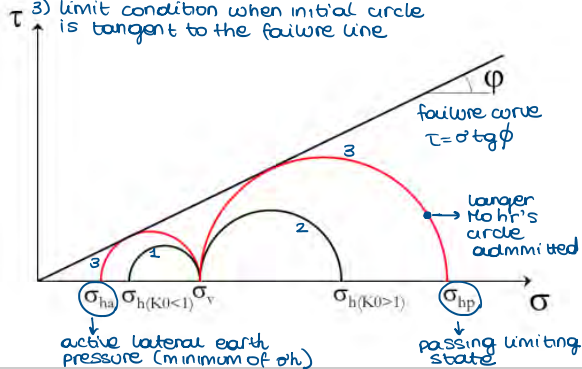
## 2. Rankine and the limiting states of stress



William John Macquorn Rankine  
(1820-1872)

*On the stability of loose earth (1857)*

- 1) initial stress with  $\sigma_v > \sigma_h$  ( $\sigma_h$  decreases)
- 2) initial stress with  $\sigma_v < \sigma_h$  ( $\sigma_h$  increases)
- 3) limit condition when initial circle is tangent to the failure line



$$\sigma_{ha} = \frac{1 - \sin(\varphi)}{1 + \sin(\varphi)} \cdot \sigma_v$$

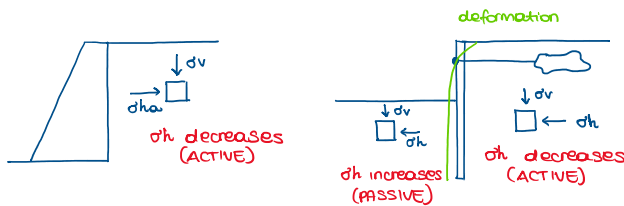
$K_a$

$$\sigma_{hp} = \frac{1 + \sin(\varphi)}{1 - \sin(\varphi)} \cdot \sigma_v$$

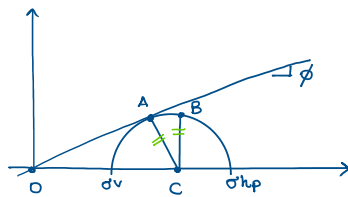
$K_p$

If  $\sigma_h$  is too high or too low we can have shear failure of soil. We can define the limits through Mohr's circles. (SLIDE ←)

We have an active limiting state in case of gravity walls



EX



$$\overline{OC} = \sigma_{ha} + \frac{\sigma_v - \sigma_{ha}}{2} = \frac{\sigma_{ha} + \sigma_v}{2}$$

$$\overline{CB} = \frac{\sigma_v - \sigma_{ha}}{2}$$

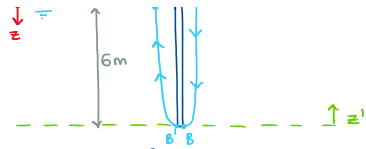
$$\overline{AC} = \overline{CB} = \overline{OC} \sin \phi$$

$$\frac{\sigma_v - \sigma_{ha}}{2} = \frac{\sigma_v + \sigma_{ha}}{2} \sin \phi$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{ha} (1 + \sin \phi)}{2} = \frac{\sigma_v (1 - \sin \phi)}{2}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{ha}}{\sigma_v} = \frac{1 - \sin \phi}{1 + \sin \phi} = K_a$$

$$\frac{\sigma_v}{\sigma_{hp}} \Rightarrow \frac{\sigma_{hp}}{\sigma_v} = \frac{1}{K_a} = K_p$$



$\gamma = 20 \text{ kN/m}^3$

We have a water flow from the higher side to the lower

POINTS	$z$ (m)	$d_v$ (MPa)	$z'$ (m)	$h$ (m)	$u$ (kPa)	$u_s$
A	2.5	50	7,5	7,5	0	0
B	10	200	0	6,67	56,7	75
B'	6	120	0		60	
C	0	0	6	6	60	0

$d_v = \gamma \cdot z$

$z'$  is a reference plane

$h_A$  and  $h_C$  is known because it coincides with water table

$h_B = h_A - \frac{\Delta h}{\Delta s} \cdot s = 7,5 - \frac{1,5}{13,5} \cdot 7,5 = 6,67$

7,5 + 6 (from A to B + from B' to C)

$u = \gamma_w (h - z')$   
 $\gamma_w = 10$

↓  
 static conditions (without flow)

#### 4. Terzaghi and the modern era of Soil Mechanics



Karl von Terzaghi  
 (1883-1963)

- First book on Soil Mechanics published in 1925
- Istanbul 1916-1925
- Boston (MIT) 1925-1929
- Vienna 1929-1937
- Boston (Harvard) 1938-1963



He was the first President of the International Society of Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE)



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### Effective stress in (saturated) soils

*“All measurable effects of a change of stress, such as compression, distortion and a change of shearing resistance, are due exclusively to changes of effective stress. The effective stress  $\sigma'$  is related to the total stress and pore pressure by*

$$\sigma' = \sigma - u.$$

The Terzaghi's principle of effective stress is given by:

1. the **definition** of the effective stress:  $\sigma' = \sigma - u$
2. the basic postulate that the behavior of soil is related only to the effective stress

$$\tau = \sigma' \cdot \tan(\varphi) \quad d\varepsilon = \frac{d\sigma'}{M(\sigma')} \quad \sigma'_{th} = K \cdot \sigma'_{vs}$$

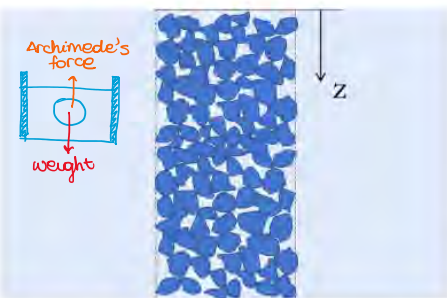
$\swarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \searrow$   
 $k_o \quad k_{\omega} \quad k_p$

=> all quantities must be expressed using effective stress

Archimedes (287-212 B.C.) → *physical interpretation of the principle*

*A body immersed in a fluid experiences a buoyant force equal to the weight of the fluid it displaces*

*↳ direct upwards*



total stress:

$$(1-n) \cdot \gamma_s \cdot z + n \cdot \gamma_w \cdot z = \sigma$$

*weight of grains (even outside water)*      *weight of water in the voids*

pore pressure:

$$\gamma_w \cdot z = u$$

submerged grain stress:

$$(1-n) \cdot \gamma_s \cdot z - (1-n) \cdot \gamma_w \cdot z = \sigma - u = \sigma'$$

The effective stress is equal to the stress caused by the weight of the submerged grains; the physical principle that soil strain and strength are only related to **this** stress is called the “principle of effective stress”.

$$(1-n) \gamma_s \cdot z - \gamma_w \cdot z + n \gamma_w \cdot z =$$

$$\underbrace{(1-n) \gamma_s \cdot z + n \gamma_w \cdot z}_{\sigma} - \underbrace{\gamma_w \cdot z}_{u} = \sigma'$$



### 5. Skempton and the pore pressure parameters

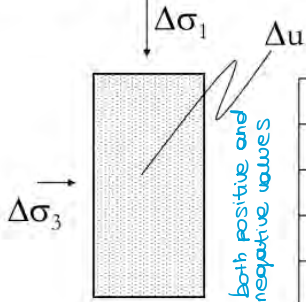


Sir Alec Westley Skempton  
(1914-2001)

The pore pressure parameters A and B (1954)  
↳ under generic load

$$\Delta u = B[\Delta\sigma_1 + A(\Delta\sigma_1 - \Delta\sigma_3)]$$

Triaxial test:



B = 1 for saturated clays

Clay Type	A = f(OCR)
High sensitivity clay	0.75 - 1.5
Normal consolidated clay	0.5 - 1
Lightly overconsolidated clay	0 - 0.5
Heavily overconsolidated clay	-0.5 - 0

both positive and negative values

↳ as it is tensioned not compressed

day tends to increase its volume so A has a negative value

SUPERPOSITION OF EFFECTS



$$\Delta u = B \Delta\sigma_3 = \Delta\sigma_3$$

$$\Delta u = A (\Delta\sigma_1 - \Delta\sigma_3)$$

function of over consolidation ratio

### Undrained conditions: analysis in terms of total stress

↳ effective stress analysis to evaluate change of u → changing of pore pressure under undrained condition → perform a total stress analysis

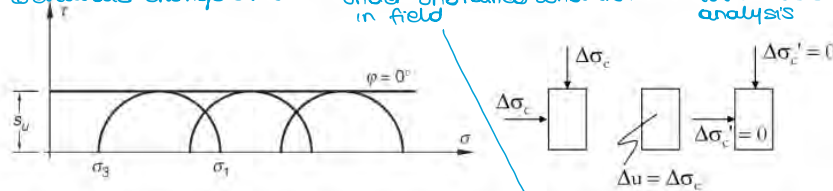


Figure 5.38 Failure criterion in terms of total stress. from Lancellotta (2009)

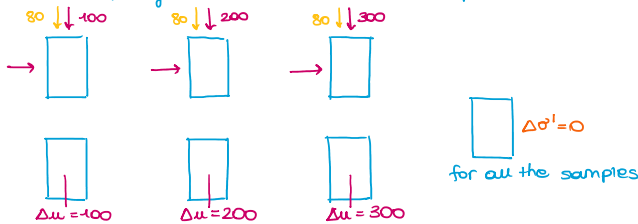


Two points have very different behaviours (we have only Skempton equation we need a solution)

### Koutsoftas and Ladd (1985)

$$\frac{c_u}{\sigma'_{v(0)}} = (0.22 \pm 0.03) \cdot OCR^{0.8} \quad OCR < 10$$

Different confining stress to the same samples



Δu = Δσ because we are in isotropic conditions

## 7. Soil dilatancy and dissipation work



Donald Wood Taylor  
(1900-1955)

*Fundamentals of soil mechanics (1948)*

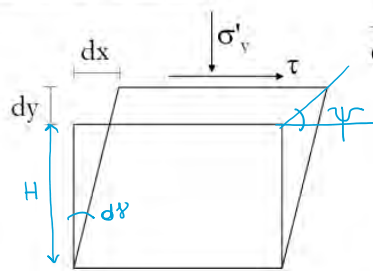
$$\tau \cdot dx - \sigma'_v \cdot dy = \tan(\phi_{cv}) \cdot \sigma'_v$$

$$\frac{\tau}{\sigma'_v} = \tan(\phi) = \tan(\phi_{cv}) + \frac{dy}{dx}$$

isn't only friction angle but is given by  $\phi_{cv}$  + dilatancy

$$= \frac{d\varepsilon_v}{dy} = \tan(\psi)$$

$\psi$  is the angle of dilatancy (related to grain interlocking)



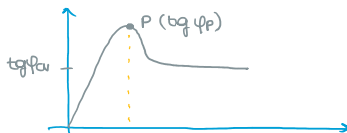
Direct shear stress box :



$$d\psi = \frac{dx}{H} \quad d\varepsilon_v = \frac{dy}{H}$$

Volumetric strain is positive for compression (decrease of volume)

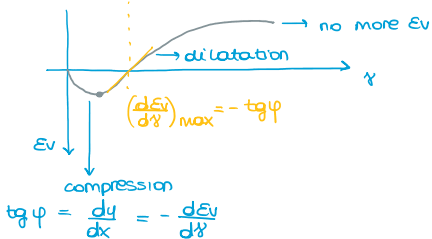
If we consider a typical result of this test for dense sand



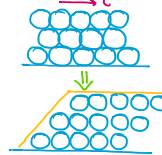
The behaviour is explained by TAYLOR through an energy equation

$$\tau dx - \sigma'_v dy = \tan(\psi_{cv}) \cdot \sigma'_v$$

external work      energy dissipated through soil friction



During the experiment grains change



grains are in a very densified state so they move horizontally and the final configuration has a higher volume

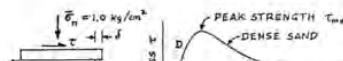
## 8. Casagrande and the critical void ratio of sands



independent from initial condition

Arthur Casagrande  
(1902-1981)

*Characteristics of cohesionless soils affecting the stability of earth fills (1936)*



## 9. Roscoe and the Cambridge model for disturbed soils

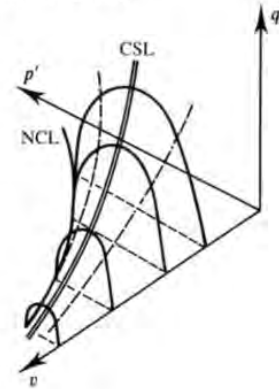


Kenneth Harry Roscoe  
(1914-1970)

*Schofield, A. and Wroth, P. (1968)*  
*Critical State Soil Mechanics*

State boundary surface  $\frac{q}{p'} = M - \frac{d\varepsilon_v^p}{d\varepsilon_s^p}$

Critical state line (CSL)  $q = M \cdot p'$   
 $v = \Gamma - \lambda \cdot \ln(p')$



## 10. International Society - ISSMFE (1936-1997) and ISSMGE (1997-present)

The International Society had its origins in the First International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering held in **Harvard in 1936**. A total of 206 delegates attended from 20 countries. In order to ensure continuation of this very successful initiative, an Executive Committee was set up with Karl Terzaghi as President and Arthur Casagrande as Secretary; but war intervened and the Second ICSMFE was not held until **1948 in Rotterdam**. Again this proved to be a great success, with 596 delegates. By the time of the Third ICSMFE in Zurich in 1953, the International Society had become firmly established, with Terzaghi as President and Donald Taylor as Secretary. In 1957 A W Skempton became President, and the Secretariat moved to the UK.

In 1997, Council approved a change in name to the **International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering** to reflect more accurately the activities of the Society.

ISSMGE has experienced a rapid growth in membership, the 32 Member Societies and 2500 individual members in 1957 increasing to 50/11500 in 1977, 71/16500 in 1998, and 89/20800 in 2017. The growth in membership has been matched by increasing activities, largely through the establishment of many active Technical Committees and Task Forces.

ISSMGE Technical Committees		
	Laboratory Stress Strain Strength Testing of Geomaterials	TC101
	Ground Property Characterization from In-Situ Tests	TC102
	Numerical Methods	TC103
	Physical Modelling in Geotechnics	TC104
	Geo-Mechanics from Micro to Macro	TC105
	Unsaturated Soils	TC106
	Laterites and Lateritic Soils	TC107
	Geotechnical Aspects of Dykes and Levees and Shore Protection	TC201
	Transportation Geotechnics	TC202
	Earthquake Geotechnical Engineering and Associated Problems	TC203
	Underground Construction in Soft Ground	TC204
	Safety and Serviceability in Geotechnical Design	TC205
	Interactive Geotechnical Design	TC206
	Soil-Structure Interaction and Retaining Walls	TC207
	Slope Stability in Engineering Practice	TC208
	Offshore Geotechnics	TC209
	Dams & Embankments	TC210
	Ground Improvement	TC211
	<b>Deep Foundations</b>	TC212
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	Foundation Engineering for Difficult Soft Soil Conditions	TC214
	Environmental Geotechnics	TC215
	Frost Geotechnics	TC216
	Land Reclamation	TC217
	Reinforced Fill Structures	TC218
	<b>Preservation of Historic Sites</b>	TC301
	Forensic Geotechnical Engineering	TC302
	Coastal and River Disaster Mitigation and Rehabilitation	TC303
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	Machine Learning and Big Data	TC309

Italian Chairmen

**ISSMGE Website: <https://www.issmge.org/>**

The screenshot shows the ISSMGE website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for HOME, THE SOCIETY, CORPORATE ASSOCIATES, YOUNG MEMBERS, EVENTS, COMMITTEES, PUBLICATIONS, MEDIA, FOUNDATION, NETWORKING, and NEWS. Below the menu is a large banner for a webinar titled "The Increasing Role of Seismic Measurements in Geotechnical Engineering" by Dong Soa Kim, scheduled for 18th October 2017. Below the banner, there is a section titled "Highlighted Resources" with a list of items:

- Information on conferences, symposia and other relevant events concerning the geotechnical community
- Reports from technical committees
- Free download of conference proceedings



which finishes along the CLS

For each value we can build a line with a  $\varphi$  as angular coefficient

- depend on  $e_0$
- depend on  $\sigma_P$

For example B  $\varphi_{PB} = f(e_0, \sigma_{PB})$

If we build a line passing through all the three points the angular coefficient is different



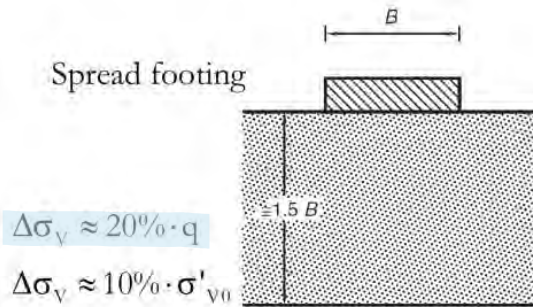
## 2. Phases of site characterization

- Collection of available information such as maps, existing reports, site plans.
- Site visit (“*You have to see it to solve it\**”) to provide a general picture of the topography and geology of the site. \* Lommler “Geotechnical Problem Solving”
- Detailed soil exploration: mapping the subsurface (stratigraphy) using nondestructive (geophysical methods) and destructive methods (boreholes); soil sampling for laboratory tests; *in situ* tests.
- Laboratory testing.
- Write a report (the report must contain a description of the soils at the site, methods of exploration, soil stratigraphy, *in situ* and laboratory test methods and results, and the location of the groundwater.

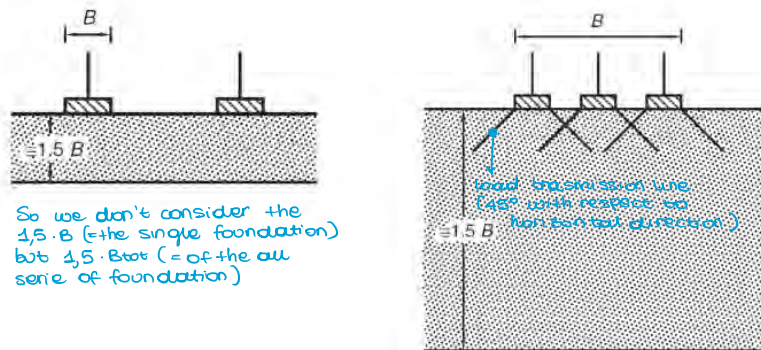
## 3. Exploration programme

- For ordinary buildings it is recommended to plan four borings, one at each corner of the structure.
- The footprint of a structure (plan area covered by the structure) should be divided using a grid approximately 20 m to 40 m for large areas and boreholes should be located at node points on the grid.
- If the locations of the loads on the footprint of the structure are known, you should consider drilling at least one borehole at the location of the heaviest load.

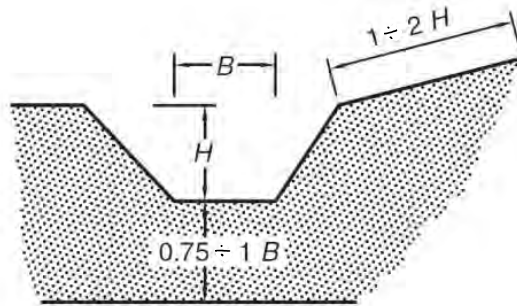
The depth of the borehole usually depends on the depth at which the soil is still affected by the stresses induced by the foundation loads. In general, it can be observed that at a depth of 1.5 times the foundation width the induced vertical stress is of the order of 20% of the unit load applied at the surface, so the depth of the borehole should be at least 1.5 times the foundation width.



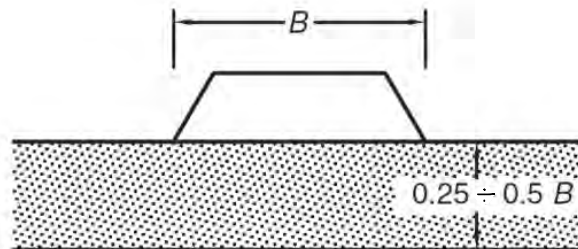
If the same footings are so closely spaced that there is overlap of the induced stresses, the depth of the borings should be compared to the overall area, as in the case of a raft foundation.



For deep cuts, the depth of a sliding surface depends on the width of the cut, whereas the lateral extension is related to the depth of the cut.



For railroad embankments, the depth of borings should be higher than the thickness of the weathered strata, and sufficient to allow the analysis of stability, the drainage conditions and possible frost effects.



#### 4. Trial pits (TRINCEA)

Trial pits represent one of the simplest and most reliable methods of soil investigation.

It allows one to directly explore soil conditions, so that the sequence of strata as well as macrofabric features can be accurately detected. This procedure is a great advantage when dealing with stiff fissured clays, and in addition it enables one to obtain block samples, which can be cut from the bottom or from the sides of the pit. Obviously, the shortcoming of this procedure is the depth of the investigation, which is confined to a maximum of 5–6 m in stiff clays, and to shallow depth in coarse-grained soils, also depending on groundwater table.



*From Lefebvre and Poulin (1979)*

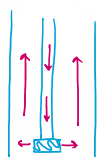
### Auger boring.

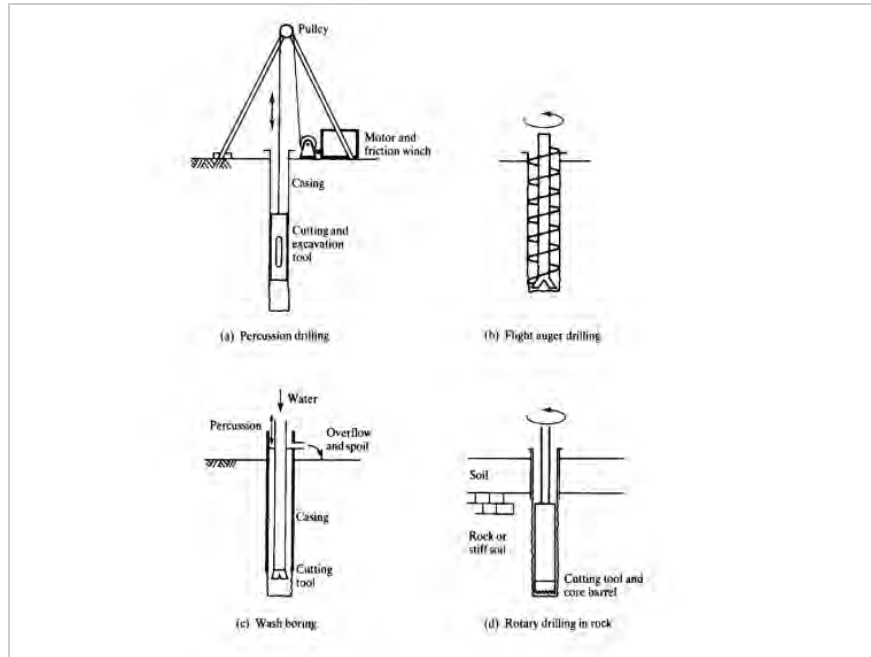
The short-flight auger, used to advance the hole, is a helix of limited length attached to a Kelly bar. This is a drilling rod which is rotated and pushed into the soil to obtain the advancing of the hole.

The diameter of the auger is usually from 75 mm to 300 mm and this technique is mainly used in clays, because the hole does not require support. Bentonite slurry is introduced to support unstable holes, whereas casing is generally avoided because it requires the removal of the auger before introducing the casing. Difficulties with this procedure generally arise when cobbles and boulders are encountered and the main limitation comes from the fact that different soil strata are mixed, therefore it is difficult to recognize where stratigraphical changes occur.

### Wash boring

This is a simple procedure to obtain relatively deep holes. In this case, water is pumped through a <sup>tubo cavo</sup> hollow rod and is forced through small slots in the <sup>punta di perforazione</sup> drill bit. The soil fragments are carried to the surface through the annular space between the casing and the washing rod. The hole is generally encased, but mud can also be used as an alternative. The soil fragments carried to the surface do not allow an accurate identification of soil type, therefore the method has to be considered only as a borehole making procedure.





## 6. Stabilization of boreholes

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The need to prevent the sides and bottom of the hole from collapse is common to all previously mentioned drilling methods. Dry boreholes can be stable above the water table and at relatively shallow depths, but as soon as the depth increases and the water table is encountered a stabilization procedure must be adopted.

## 7. Sampling techniques

A soil sample can be considered an *undisturbed soil sample* if it has been so carefully sampled to preserve both the structure and the water content of the soil in the field.

However, the process of sampling has some influence on the structure of the soil and the associated changes are called *disturbance*.

The quality of the sample is by far the most important requirement, since the disturbance of a soil sample tends to modify the original soil structure and all information related to this structure, implying that the soil partially loses its memory.

### DISTURBANCE

1. change in stress condition
2. mechanical disturbance of soil structures
3. change water content and porosity (related but different!)
4. chemical change
5. mixing and segregation of soil constituents

### GOAL

- Minimize the first three
- Eliminate the last two

$$S_e = G_s \cdot w_r$$

degree of saturation
specific gravity

$$S = \frac{V_{vr}}{V_v} \begin{cases} 0 & \text{dry soil} \\ 1 & \text{saturated soil} \end{cases}$$

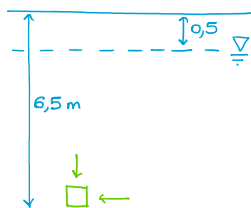
$$e = \frac{V_v}{V_s} = \frac{n}{1-n} \rightarrow n \text{ is the porosity} \rightarrow \text{when } 0 < n < 1 \rightarrow 0 < e < \infty$$

$$G_s = \frac{\gamma_s}{\gamma_{sr}} \approx 2,70$$

$$w_r = \frac{w \cdot \gamma_{sr}}{\gamma_s}$$

water content contains two informations about soil density and about degree of saturation  
 ↳ loose or not

EX



$$\gamma_{sr} = 10 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

$$\gamma = 19,15 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

$$k_0 = 0,5$$

We can evaluate vertical and horizontal stresses in terms of total and effective terms.

$$\sigma_v = 19,15 \cdot 6,5 = 124,5 \text{ kPa}$$

$$u_0 = 10(6,5 - 0,5) = 60 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\sigma'_{v0} = \sigma_{v0} - u_0 = 64,5 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\sigma'_{h0} = k_0 \sigma'_{v0} = 32,25 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\sigma_{h0} = \sigma'_{h0} + u_0 = 92,25 \text{ kPa}$$

we have to follow this order

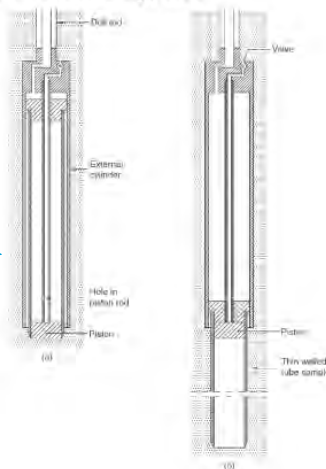
We can now evaluate the effective average effective stress ( $p'_0$ )  
 ↳ in the horizontal direction we have two stresses equal to each other

$$p'_0 = \frac{\sigma'_{v0} + 2 \sigma'_{h0}}{3} = 43 \text{ kPa}$$

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In clay soils, the open ended thin-wall tube samplers are usually pushed at a constant rate of the order of 150 to 300 mm/s (Hvorslev, 1949). Once the sample has been recovered, the ends of the tube are sealed in order to avoid moisture changes. Limitations of the open-ended samplers arise from the fact that remoulded material cannot be prevented from entering the tube from the sides and from the bottom of the hole.

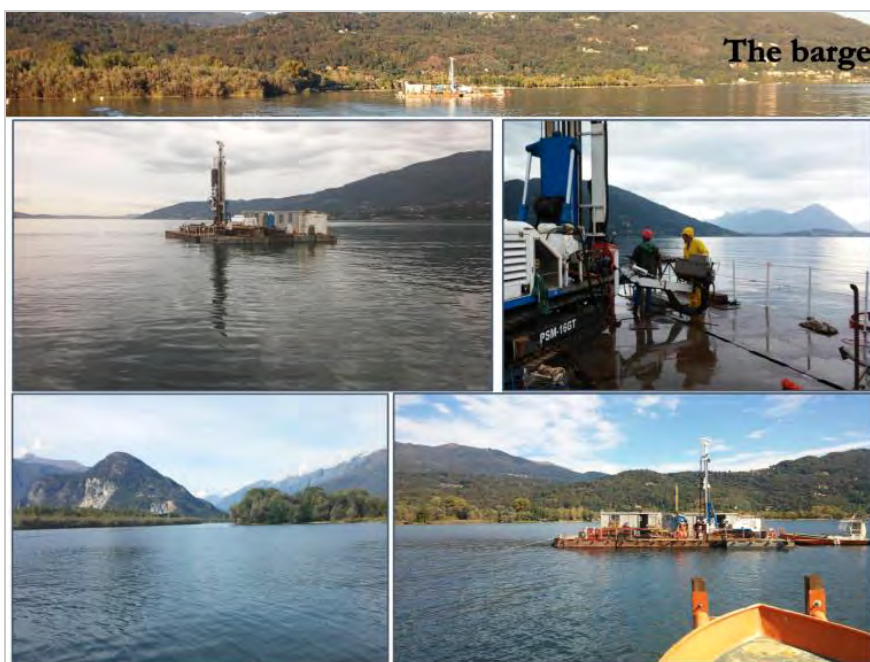
The quality of the samples can be increased by using the **stationary piston sampler**; a thin-walled tube is fitted, in this case, with a piston which closes the end of the tube until the bottom of the borehole is reached. In such a way, the remoulded soil is prevented from entering the tube; the tube is then pushed past the piston to sample the soil. The available diameters usually range from 35 to 100 mm (but larger diameters have also been successfully used), and the length of the sample is of the order of 1 m.







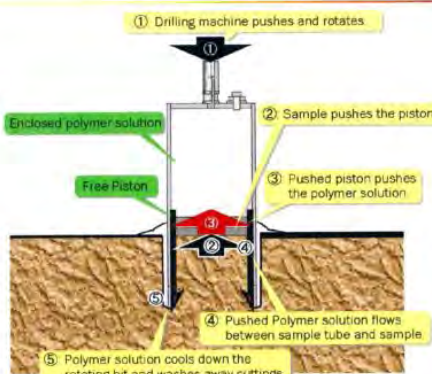
→ first application in Italy  
**The use of the Gel-Push Sampler for the characterization of the Maggiore Lake sediments.**



### WHAT IS GP SAMPLING ?

"GP" means "Gel - Push".  
 All GP Samplers have a free piston or a fixed piston.  
 The piston encloses high density polymer solution in the sampler inside.  
 GP Samplers have structures to push the enclosed polymer solution to the tip of the samples.

- ①: Drilling or pushing
- ②: The piston of GP Sampler is relatively pushed from ground as the sampler is penetrating.
- ③: The piston pushes the polymer solution as the sample comes into the sample tube
- ④: The pushed polymer solution flows to sample
- ⑤: The polymer solution cools down the rotation bit and washes away cuttings



↳ in order to reduce friction during the sampling and during sample extrusion

### POLYMER GEL REDUCES FRICTIONS DURING THE SAMPLING

It is not only the tip of the sampler (Bit, Cutting shoe) that the reason of disturbed sample. The friction of the sample tube gives stress to a sample, too.  
 Polymer solution reduces friction of sample tube with a sample.



Photo 1: GP Sampler which is covered with polymer gel.



### POLYMER GEL REDUCES FRICTIONS WHEN THE SAMPLE EXTRUSION

A minimum friction by polymer gel makes easy to extrude a sample from the sample tube.

Figure 1. Result of the laboratory experiments to check pressure and relations of the quantity of displacement necessary to push the sand in the thin-wall tube. The result compare a common thin-wall tube with thin-wall tube applied a polymer. A tube with polymer is easier to extrude sample than a tube with no polymer.

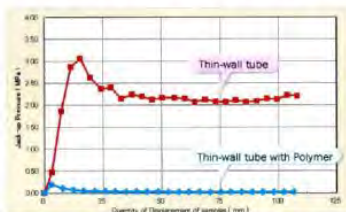
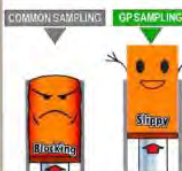
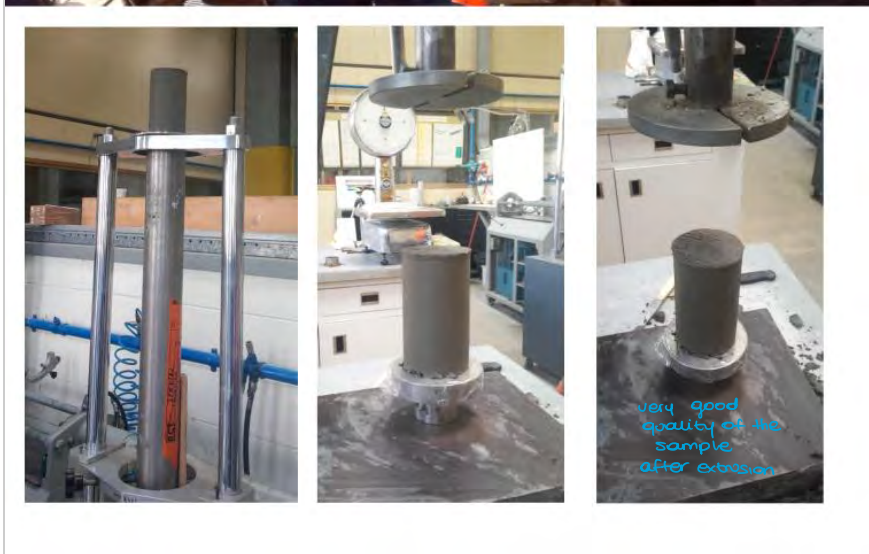


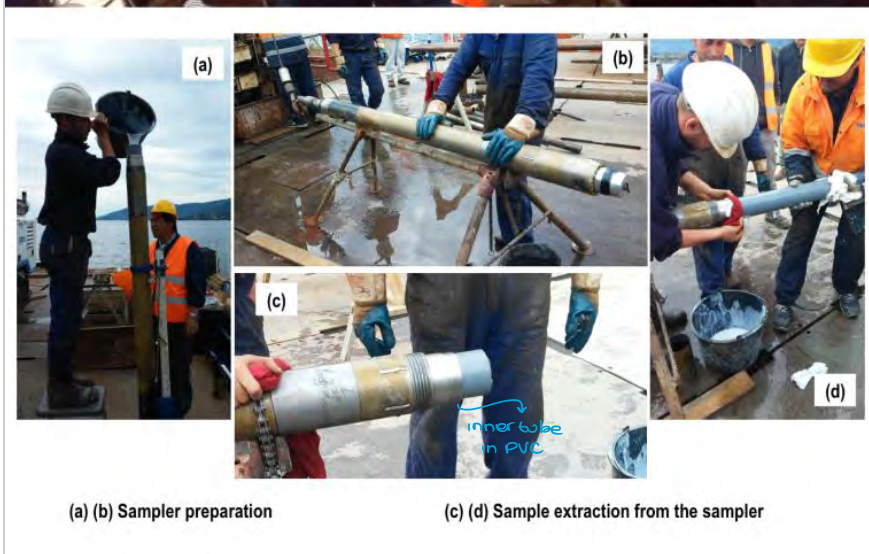
Figure 1. Relations of Jack-up Pressure and the quantity of displacement of sample in tube.

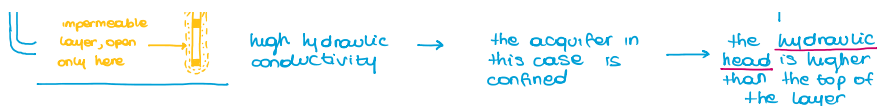


### GP-S Sampling



### GP-TR Sampling





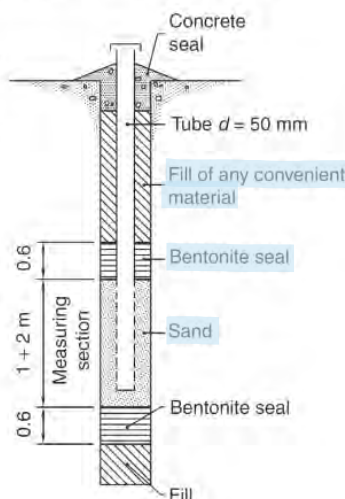
It's difficult to evaluate pore pressure  
 - static in aquifer but different values for the upper and the lower one  
 - dynamic in aquitard

used only in simple conditions when we have only an aquifer and not in cases when there are several layers crossed by the instrument itself.  
 → ex only for the upper aquatic aquifer (u)  
 → in more complex conditions we need to change the piezometer

If the perforated section is not sealed along its entire length, the open standpipe piezometer creates a vertical connection between the strata and the obtained measurements may be misleading.

Therefore it should be installed only in homogeneous permeable strata, in which it is assumed that the pore pressure is hydrostatic.

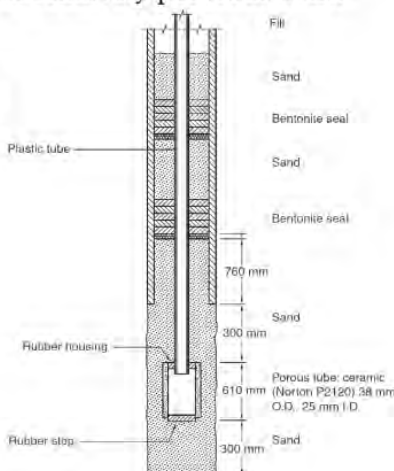
For reliable measurements of local pore pressure, it is necessary to seal the perforated section with the surrounding filter.



→ each piezometer measures only one layer without connecting water from different aquifers (u)

In order to have the same pore pressure value in the pipe and in the surrounding soil, a long period of time is required to allow the water to flow into the piezometer, so that this type of piezometer is usually installed in relatively pervious soils.

→ More accurate evaluation  
 In order to reduce the response time, Casagrande (1949) designed a standpipe piezometer, consisting of a cylindrical porous ceramic tube, 300 mm long and 38 mm in diameter, connected to a standpipe of 10 mm in diameter.



### Standard penetration test (SPT)

The SPT (Standard Penetration Test) was developed in USA in 1927, and is a test performed during boring in order to obtain a measure of soil resistance to the dynamic penetration and a disturbed soil sample. *→ within the boreholes*

The test is carried out by dropping a falling weight of 63.5 kg onto the drill rods from a height of 760 mm, and the number of blows ( $N_{SPT}$ ) necessary for penetration of a predefined distance of a standard sampler is the required measure of the state condition of the soil.

*↳ the weight and the height have to be constant so the energy of the hammer is constant*

When making such measurements, the sampler is driven a total of 450 mm, but this penetration is divided in three separate advances of 150 mm: the initial seating drive of the sampler of 150 mm is disregarded, because it reflects the influence of the disturbed soil at the bottom of the hole; then the operator counts the number of blows to advance the sampler each of the remaining 150 mm and adds these last two counts to obtain the number of blows ( $N_{SPT}$ ) necessary for penetration of 300 mm, which represents the required measure.

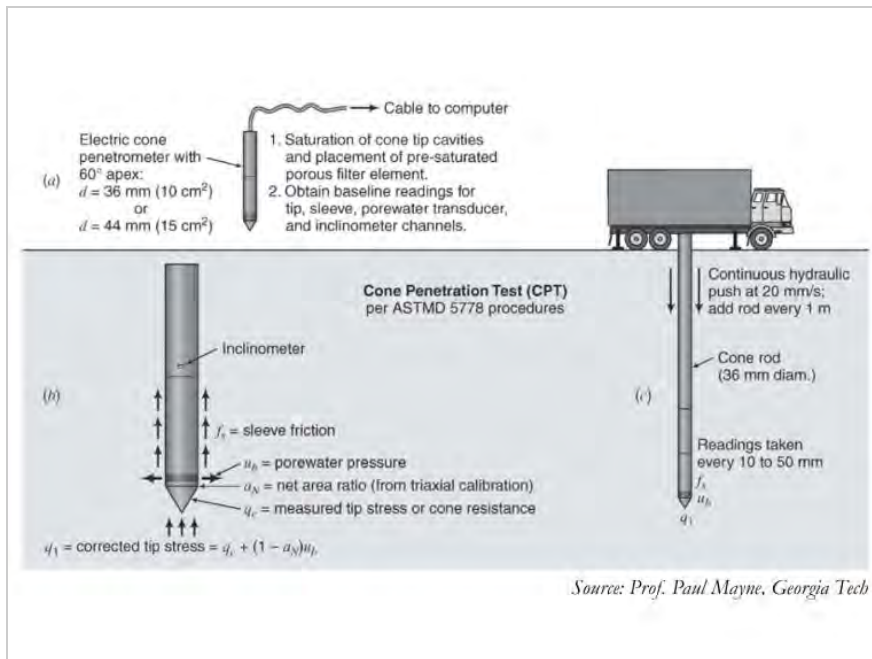
The test is usually performed at intervals ranging from 45 to 105 cm in a borehole, with a diameter ranging from 65 to 115 mm, as larger diameters can have a significant influence on the test results. The drilling operation must be interrupted each time the test is performed.

*⇒ granulometric curve has to be controlled*

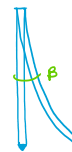
The thrusts required to drive the cone and the sleeve into the ground are measured independently so that the end resistance (or cone resistance,  $q_c$ ) and the side friction (or sleeve resistance,  $f_s$ ) may be estimated separately.

The piezocone (CPTU) has porous elements inserted into the cone or sleeve to allow porewater pressure measurements ( $u$ ).  
*guaina*

The CPT test results are normally recorded electronically (electric cone) by running a cable carrying the signals from the load transducers and the pore water pressure transducer through the hollow drill rods and connecting it to a data acquisition system at the ground surface.



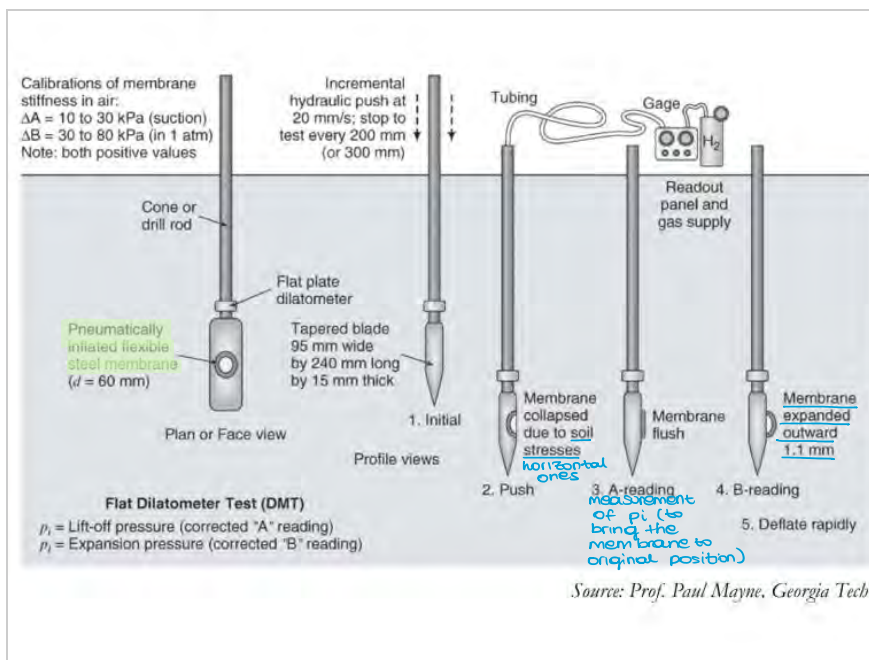
If we have a very deep test the bending could be high



### Flat dilatometer (DMT)

The flat dilatometer was developed in Italy by Marchetti in the late 1970s. A flat plate, 14 mm thick, hosts a flexible stainless steel membrane, 60 mm in diameter, located on one face. The plate is pushed down from the surface, by using the same technique used for CPT, and the test is performed at spaced intervals of 200 mm.

This consists of inflating the membrane by using nitrogen pressure, and the pressure required to just lift the membrane off the sensing disc (*lift-off* pressure,  $p_0$ ) and the pressure required to cause a 1.1 mm deflection ( $p_1$ ) are recorded.



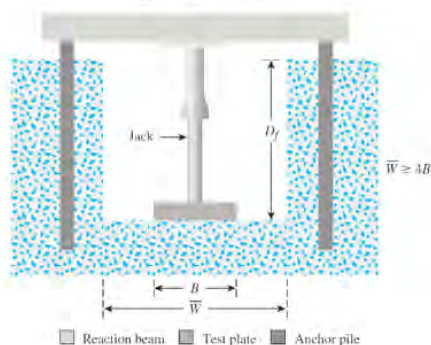
### Plate load test (PLT)

Plate load tests can be considered as one of the first examples of in situ tests performed in order to obtain soil stiffness. This test can be performed at the surface or at the base of a borehole.

The plates are made from steel with sizes varying from 152 mm to 900 mm. Two common plates sizes used in practice are a square plate of width 300 mm and a circular plate of diameter 300 mm. The test is carried out in a <sup>boco</sup>pit at the depth of the proposed footing.

Loads are applied in increments of not more than 95 kPa or 10% of the estimated allowable bearing capacity. Each load increment is held until settlement ceases. The final settlement at the end of each loading increment is recorded. Loading is continued until settlements are in excess of 10% of the plate diameter. The maximum load should be at least 1.5 times the estimated allowable bearing capacity.

common for evaluation of stiffness of soil (or bearing capacity of shallow foundation)





Originally, the cone penetrometer was used to measure just the tip resistance. Successively, the measurement of the sleeve friction was envisaged as an estimate of pile shaft resistance. Because in sands the tip resistance tends to be high and the friction ratio tends to be low, while the reverse is observed in clay soils, both these measurements have been used in recent times as indicators of the soil type (Robertson, 1990). However, there are limitations associated with the use of such empirical correlations. In particular it must be observed that, despite the good repeatability of the tip resistance values, the repeatability of the sleeve friction may be poor, as it depends on several factors such as maintenance of the instrument, mechanical compliance with the cone and inclusions in the seals.

⇒ if we aren't sure of the quality of data, it's better considering the test only as a preliminary evaluation

Note that, since the resolution in terms of pore pressure is higher than that in terms of tip resistance, the CPTU is at present the most useful tool for detecting soil layering. However, it must be outlined that an important source of errors in the measured pore pressure may occur if the measuring system is not fully saturated. This usually leads to uncorrected initial pore pressure values, lower capacity of detecting soil layering, and delayed recovery of the pore pressure level when restarting penetration phase after a dissipation test.

## 12. Undrained strength

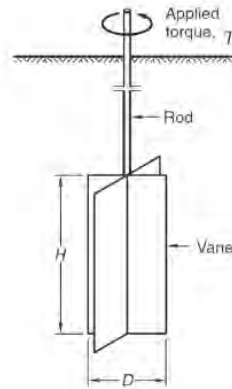
The measured peak torque,  $T_{max}$ , from the vane shear device is converted to undrained shear strength using

$$c_u = \frac{2 \cdot T_{max}}{\pi D^3 \left( \frac{H}{D} + \frac{1}{3} \right)}$$

The ratio of the peak torque to the residual torque is the soil sensitivity,  $S_r$

$$S_r = \frac{T_{max}}{T_r}$$

*both measured with the test SVT → so we can compute SOIL SENSITIVITY*

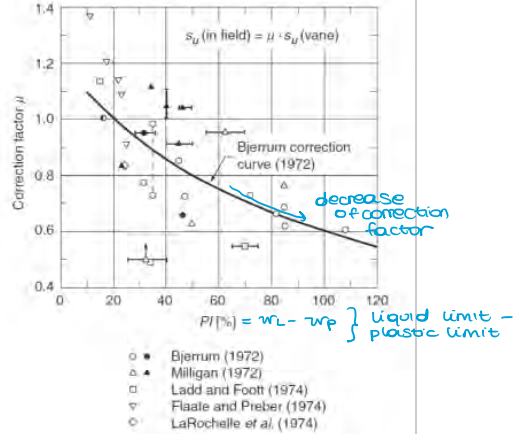


Sensitivity is a measure of the reduction of undrained shear strength due to soil disturbance.

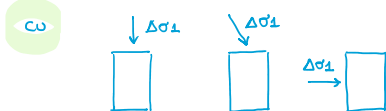
The undrained strength is not a soil property, but it rather represents the soil response, so that it depends on the test used and may be different when considering different modes of failure of soil elements along a potential failure surface. For this reason, Bjerrum (1972, 1973) first suggested that the undrained strength from field vane should be corrected to obtain the strength mobilized at failure, using an empirical correction of the form:

$$c_u = \mu \cdot c_{u(SVT)}$$

*Real value* (pointing to  $c_u$ )  
*measured value* (pointing to  $c_{u(SVT)}$ )  
*it isn't a property of soil (response to total state of stress to soil)* (pointing to the equation)



### OBSERVATIONS ABOUT $c_u$

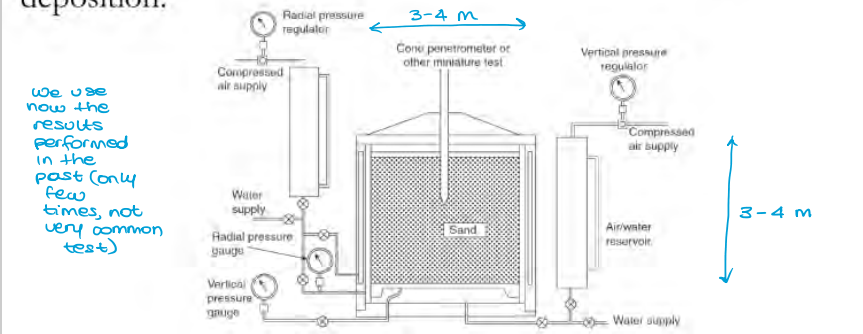


Assume that  $\Delta\sigma_1$  is always the same, but  $c_u$  changes (different load pressure)  
 ↳ depends on boundary conditions in terms of loads

Again real situation is different from the test for what concerns the overpressure.  
 ↳ That's why there is  $\mu$  as correction factor

### 13. Shear strength of coarse-grained soils (sands)

The interpretation of cone penetration tests in sand is a more difficult problem than interpretation in clay and the currently used approaches are mainly based on tests performed in calibration chamber, which is a double-walled cylinder, *large dimensions*, equipped with a base piston and a top lid. Sand specimens, to be tested within this cylinder, are usually obtained by pluviial deposition.



The critical state angle  $\phi_{cv}$  of sands depends on mineralogy, roughness and grading of particles, but it is independent of the initial conditions. In silica sands it can range from  $30^\circ$  to  $38^\circ$  (higher values apply to angular particles), and in feldspar or carbonatic sands can reach values up to  $40^\circ$ .

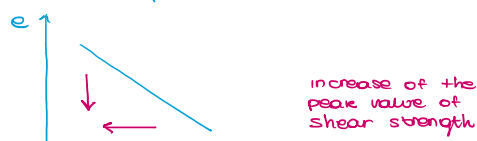
On the contrary, the peak value of the angle of shear resistance is linked to the rate of dilation, it depends on soil state and cannot be regarded as a soil property.

The rate of dilation depends on the specific volume and on the effective stress level, so that we reach the conclusion that peak value of the angle of shear resistance increases if the relative density increases, but decreases with higher level of effective stress.

$$\text{tg } \phi = \text{tg } \phi_c - \frac{d\psi}{dx}$$

*grain interlocking (soil dilation)  $\psi$  is the dilation angle*

To evaluate  $\psi$  we refer to the fundamental graph  $e - \ln p'$



remaining work



$$p'f = \frac{2}{3} \sigma'_{v0}$$

⇒ The only variable we need to estimate is  $D_R$  we can evaluate it in two ways

↪ standar penetration test

1) Skempton (1986) reviewed the SPT data from Japan, UK, China and USA, and has suggested the following correlation:

$$D_R^2 = \frac{N_1}{60}$$

$$N_1 = C_N \cdot N_{SPT} \rightarrow \text{correction of Terzaghi}$$

$$C_N = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{1 + \frac{\sigma'_{v0}}{100}} & \text{for fine sand} \\ \frac{3}{2 + \frac{\sigma'_{v0}}{100}} & \text{for coarse sand} \end{cases}$$

function of vertical effective stress (depth  $z$ )

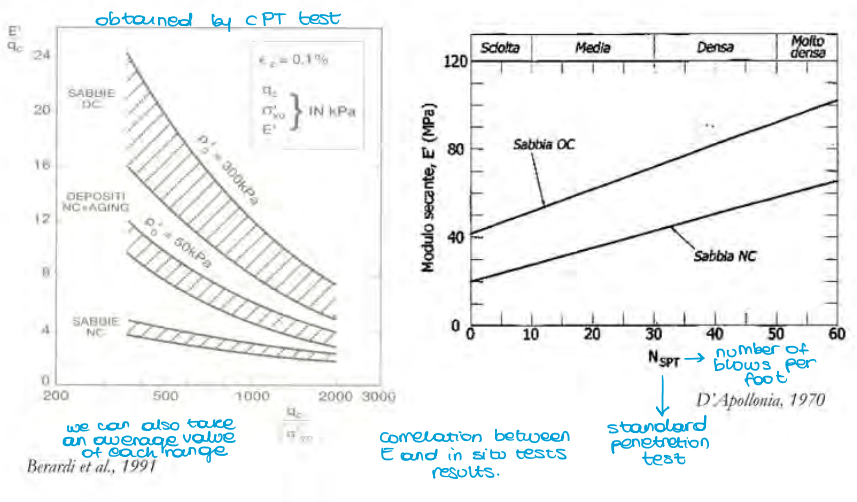
For silty sands  
 $N_{SPT} > 15$

$$N_{SPT} = 15 + \left( \frac{N_{SPT} - 15}{2} \right)$$

where  $N_1$  is the SPT value that refers to an average energy ratio of 60% and to a reference stress of 1 atmosphere. The overburden effective stress  $\sigma'_{v0}$  is in kPa.

### 14. Stiffness

The Young modulus E for sands can be estimated from the following empirical correlations.



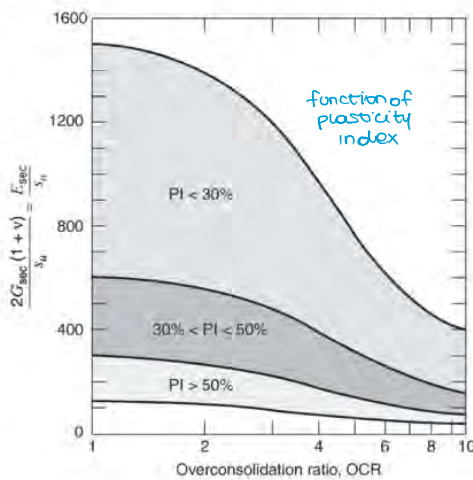
The Young modulus for clays can be estimated from the following empirical correlations.

#### Undrained conditions

$$OCR = \left( \frac{q_c - \sigma_{v0}}{\alpha \cdot N_c \cdot \sigma'_{v0}} \right)^{1.25}$$

where  $\alpha = 0.22-0.25$ .

$N_c$  empirical coefficient  
 Normally consolidated clay = 14  
 Over cons. but intact clay = 17  
 Fissured clay = 10 ÷ 30



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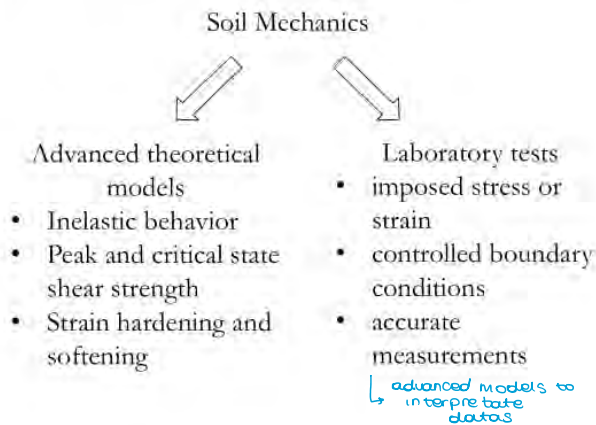
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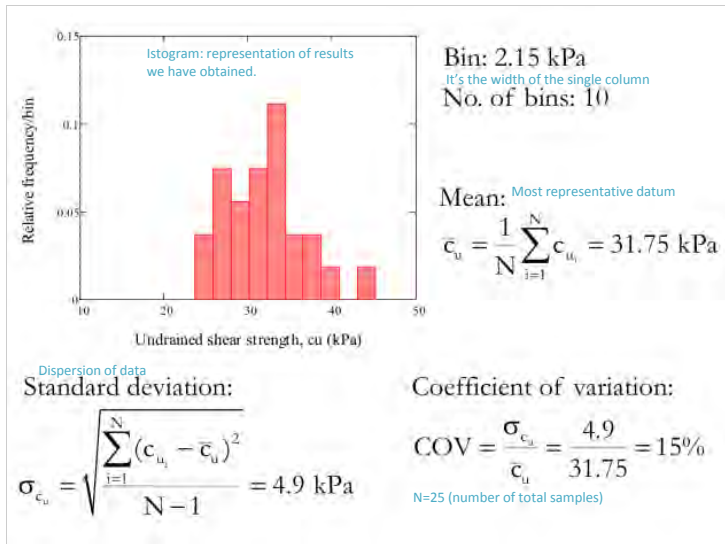
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## Reliability in geotechnical engineering

### 1. From laboratory to field applications



Test number	Measured undrained shear strength, $c_u$ (kPa)
1	39.2
2	23.9
3	28.3
4	34.8
5	31.9
6	28.9
7	33.7
8	32.7
9	30.7
10	36.6
11	26.5
12	31.7
13	45.2
14	27.4
15	34.9
16	33.1
17	37.3
18	28.8
19	27.3
20	32.7
21	26.6
22	30.6
23	34.2
24	33.2
25	23.7



Probability density function: *normal distribution* Function of  $c_u$

$$f(c_u) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{c_u} \cdot \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{c_u - \bar{c}_u}{\sigma_{c_u}} \right)^2 \right]$$

We need to substitute the value of the mean and the standard deviation

Properties of the probability density function:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(c_u) \cdot d c_u = 1$$

Area under the curve which represent the probability distribution.

$$P[a < c_u < b] = \int_a^b f(c_u) \cdot d c_u$$

Probability to have numbers between a and b

Cumulative distribution function

$$P(c_u) = \int_{-\infty}^{c_u} f(x) \cdot dx = P[x \leq c_u]$$

Probability to have numbers less than a fixed value of  $c_u$

For the margin of safety is possible to find an exact solution:

$$M = c_u - \frac{\gamma \cdot H}{4}$$

$$\bar{M} = \bar{c}_u - \frac{\bar{\gamma} \cdot H}{4} = 12 \text{ kPa}$$

they are the same results as before

$$\sigma_M^2 = \sigma_{c_u}^2 + \left(\frac{H}{4}\right)^2 \cdot \sigma_\gamma^2 = 4.8^2 + 2^2 = 27.04 \text{ kPa}^2$$

$$\sigma_M = \sqrt{27.04} = 5.2 \text{ kPa}$$

$c_u \rightarrow x_1$   
 $\gamma \rightarrow x_2$   
 $F \rightarrow y$   
 $y = \frac{x_1}{x_2 - a}$   
 it isn't a linear function

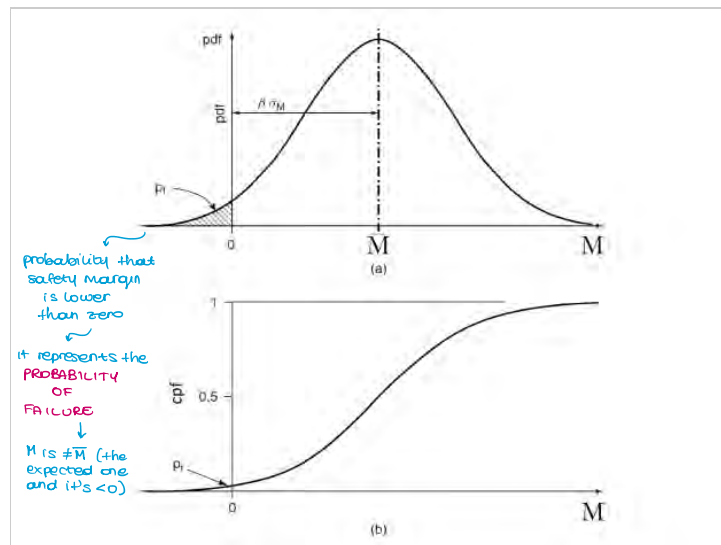
$a = \frac{H}{4}$   
 $M \rightarrow y$   
 $y = x_1 - a x_2$   
 linear function

If R (i.e.  $c_u$  in this example) and Q (i.e.  $\gamma \cdot H/4$ ) are normally distributed, M is normally distributed as well.

A reliability index  $\beta$  is defined as follows

$$\beta = \frac{M}{\sigma_M}$$

which expresses the distance of the mean margin of safety from its critical value ( $M = 0$ ) in units of standard deviation.





A numerical approximation of first order derivatives is given by:

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x_i} = \frac{(y + \sigma_{x_i}) - (y - \sigma_{x_i})}{2 \cdot \sigma_{x_i}} = \frac{\Delta y_i}{2 \cdot \sigma_{x_i}}$$

Using this approximation, the standard deviation can be calculated as follows:

$$\sigma_y^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\Delta y_i}{2} \right)^2$$

If the FOSM method is applied to the margin of safety of the considered example, the obtained result is coincident with the exact solution, as the margin of safety is a *linear* function. The method can be also applied to the factor of safety, which is not a linear function.

$$F = \frac{c_u}{\gamma \cdot H}$$

$$\bar{F} = \frac{c_u}{\gamma \cdot H} = \frac{32}{20 \cdot 4} = 1.6$$

*It's also equal to the mean value of  $\bar{F}$*

$$\sigma_F^2 = \sigma_{c_u}^2 \cdot \left( \frac{4}{\gamma \cdot H} \right)^2 + \sigma_\gamma^2 \cdot \left( -\frac{4 \cdot c_u}{\gamma^2 \cdot H} \right)^2 =$$

$$= 4.8^2 \cdot (0.05)^2 + 2^2 \cdot (-0.08)^2 = 0.0832$$

$$\sigma_F = \sqrt{0.0832} = 0.29$$

In this case, the reliability index  $\beta$  is defined as follows

$$\beta = \frac{\bar{F} - 1}{\sigma_F}$$

*It's a distance between  $\bar{F}$  and 1*

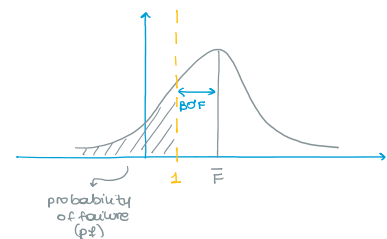
which expresses the distance of the mean factor of safety from its critical value ( $F = 1$ ) in units of standard deviation.

If the factor of safety is assumed to be normally distributed, the probability of failure results equal to

$$p_f = \int_{-\infty}^0 f(F) \cdot dF = 1.88\%$$

with an approximation error with respect to the exact value (1.05%).

*because we truncate the Taylor serie at the first term*



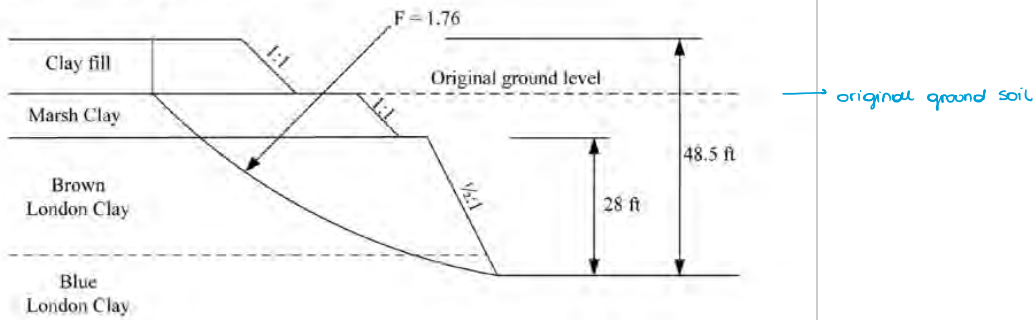
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### 6. Judgement

Skempton and LaRoche (1965) described failures in an excavated slope at the site of a nuclear power plant at Bradwell, England. The failures occurred within three weeks after excavation of the slopes for a nuclear reactor.

The failures were surprising because the calculated factor of safety of the slopes was 1.76.

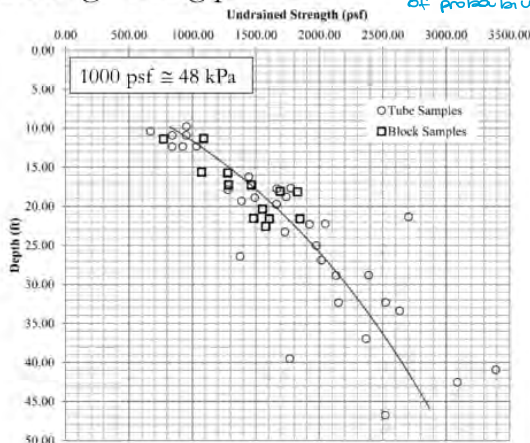


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undrained and unconsolidated

very low values of probability failure

it's difficult to explain the reason why



It is well recognized that *judgement* is essential in deterministic geotechnical engineering analyses, where sample disturbance can drastically alter laboratory test results, where soil properties may change with time, where the behaviour of soil deposits may differ from the behaviour of even high quality laboratory test specimens, and where site geology, which cannot be easily quantified, is of fundamental importance.

Computing probability of failure adds value to reliability studies because it provides an alternative to factor of safety.

However, <sup>↖ before any mathematical computations</sup> judgement is needed in probabilistic analyses for the same reasons judgement is needed in deterministic studies.

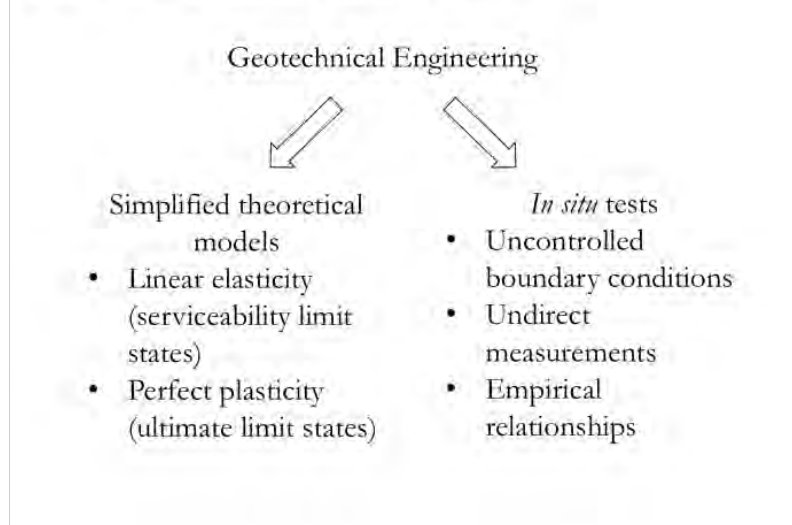
## **6. Limit State Design or Load and Resistance Factor Design**

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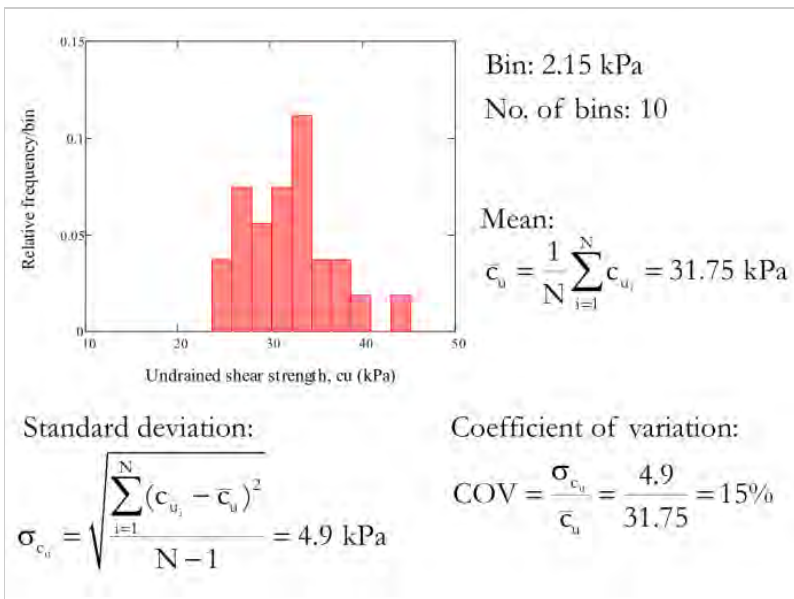
↳ in Europe we use the semi probabilistic methods

## 1. From laboratory to field applications



## 2. How to deal with uncertainty?

- Ignore it
- Being conservative
- Using the observational method  
It involves (1) considering possible modes of unsatisfactory performance or other undesirable developments; (2) developing plans for dealing with each such development; (3) making field measurements during construction and operation to establish whether the developments are occurring; and (4) reacting to the observed behavior by changing the design or construction process.
- Quantifying uncertainty  
Reliability approach



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Cumulative distribution function

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For a random variable  $x$ :

$$\bar{x} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) \cdot dx$$

$$\sigma_x^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \bar{x})^2 \cdot f(x) \cdot dx$$

If  $y = a \cdot x + b$  then

$$\bar{y} = a \cdot \bar{x} + b$$

$$\sigma_y^2 = a^2 \cdot \sigma_x^2$$

If  $y = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \cdot x_i$  then

$$\bar{y} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \cdot \bar{x}_i$$

$$\sigma_y^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \cdot \sigma_{x_i}^2$$

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$$p_f = \int_{-\infty}^0 f(M) \cdot dM = 1.05\%$$

If the COV of  $c_u$  is assumed equal to 30%, the standard deviation of the margin of safety becomes:

$$\sigma_M^2 = \sigma_{c_u}^2 + \left(\frac{H}{4}\right)^2 \cdot \sigma_\gamma^2 = 9.6^2 + 2^2 = 96.16 \text{ kPa}^2$$

$$\sigma_M = \sqrt{96.16} = 9.8 \text{ kPa}$$

and the failure probability becomes:

$$p_f = \int_{-\infty}^0 f(M) \cdot dM = 11.05\%$$

for the same expected value of the margin of safety.

#### 4. First Order Second Moment (FOSM) Method

↳ Professor Duncan applied this method

The function that expresses the failure condition,

$$y = y(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n),$$

is expanded using the Taylor series about the mean values of the variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ :

$$\begin{aligned} y &= y(\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_n) + \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}_i) \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_i} + \\ &+ \frac{1}{2!} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}_i)(x_j - \bar{x}_j) \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} + \\ &+ \frac{1}{3!} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}_i)(x_j - \bar{x}_j)(x_k - \bar{x}_k) \frac{\partial^3 y}{\partial x_i \partial x_j \partial x_k} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

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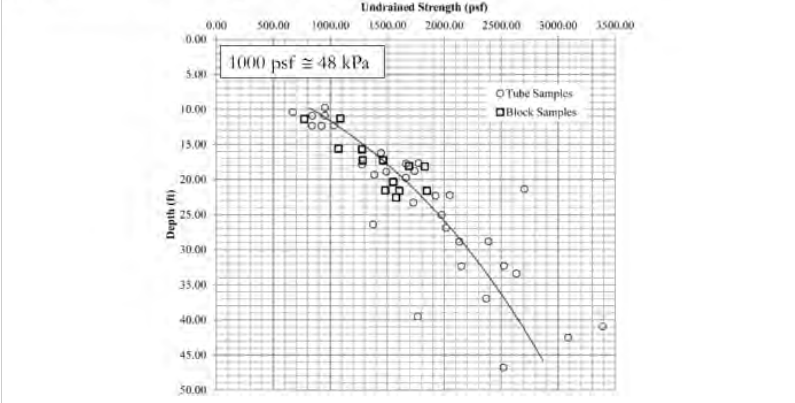
with an approximation error with respect to the exact value (1.05%).

## 5. Monte Carlo Method

Monte Carlo simulation enjoys a long history and a rich literature. Each continuous variable is replaced by a large number of discrete values generated from the underlying distribution; these values are used to compute a large number of values of function  $M$  or  $F$  and its distribution. The large numbers of computations once presented a constraint on the use of this method, but cheap modern computers have largely removed this obstacle.



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From a deterministic point of view, the Bradwell failure can be understood by virtue of the fact that the London Clay is heavily overconsolidated “*stiff-fissured*” clay.

The fissures are oriented randomly, and developed when the deposit was unloaded due to erosion of a thick column of overlying sediments. As the erosion took place the vertical stress decreased, becoming smaller than the horizontal stress. Eventually, when the ratio of the vertical stress to the horizontal stress reached the passive stress extreme, the clay failed, resulting in development of ubiquitous failure planes (fissures) within the clay.

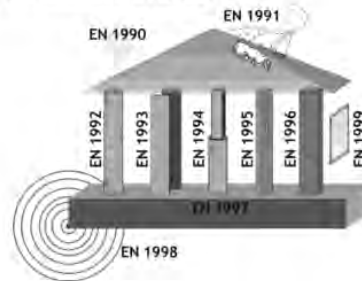
When a slope is excavated in this fissured clay, the horizontal stress in the ground decreases, fissures open, and the strength of the clay mass is reduced.

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The Eurocode family of design standards comprises:

- o EN 1990, Basis of structural design
- o EN 1991, Actions on structures
- o EN 1992, Design of concrete structures
- o EN 1993, Design of steel structures
- o EN 1994, Design of composite concrete and steel structures
- o EN 1995, Design of timber structures
- o EN 1996, Design of masonry structures
- o EN 1997, Geotechnical design
- o EN 1998, Design of structures for earthquake resistance
- o EN 1999, Design of aluminium structures



In the case of ultimate limit states GEO and STR, where the strength of the structural material or the ground is significant, it will have to be verified that the design value of the effect of actions,  $E_d$ , never exceeds the design resistance,  $R_d$ :

where:

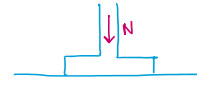
$$E_d = E \left[ \gamma_F F_k; \frac{X_k}{\gamma_M}; a_d \right] \quad \text{or} \quad E_d = \gamma_E \cdot E \left[ F_k; \frac{X_k}{\gamma_M}; a_d \right]$$

$$R_d = \frac{1}{\gamma_R} R \left[ \gamma_F F_k; \frac{X_k}{\gamma_M}; a_d \right]$$

where

- $F_k$  = representative value of actions
- $X_k$  = characteristic value of geotechnical parameters
- $a_d$  = design value of geometrical data
- $\gamma_M$  = partial factors for geotechnical parameters (cu for example)
- $\gamma_R$  = partial factors for resistances
- $\gamma_E$  = partial factor for the effects of actions

If we apply a vertical load



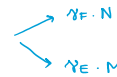
- we apply  $\gamma_F$  to N
- compute bending moment

OR

- we use N (= characteristic value)
- compute bending moment
- apply partial factor directly to the moment

$$F_k = N$$

$$E = M$$



Eurocodes 7 offers three Design Approaches for verifying the GEO and STR ultimate limit states for persistent and transient situations.

In Design Approach 1 (DA1), factors are applied to actions alone (in Combination 1) and mainly to material factors (in Combination 2).  $\rightarrow$  separate uncertainties of actions and material factors

In Design Approach 2 (DA2), factors are applied to actions (or effects of actions) and to resistances simultaneously. NOT  $\gamma_M$   
 $\rightarrow$  load and resistance factors of USA

In Design Approach 3 (DA3), factors are applied to structural actions (but not to geotechnical actions) and to material properties simultaneously.  $\rightarrow$  mixture between design approach 1 and 2

$\Rightarrow$  so four possibilities because the first approach has 2 combinations.

**Tab. 6.2.I** – Coefficienti parziali per le azioni o per l'effetto delle azioni

	Effetto	Coefficiente Parziale $\gamma_e$ (o $\gamma_{f_i}$ )	EQU	(A1)	(A2)
Carichi permanenti $G_1$	Favorevole	$\gamma_{G1}$	0,9	1,0	1,0
	Sfavorevole		1,1	1,3	1,0
Carichi permanenti $G_2^{(1)}$	Favorevole	$\gamma_{G2}$	0,8	0,8	0,8
	Sfavorevole		1,5	1,5	1,3
Azioni variabili Q	Favorevole	$\gamma_Q$	0,0	0,0	0,0
	Sfavorevole		1,5	1,5	1,3

<sup>(1)</sup> Per i carichi permanenti  $G_2$  si applica quanto indicato alla Tabella 2.6.I. Per la spinta delle terre si fa riferimento ai coefficienti  $\gamma_{G2}$

**Tab. 6.2.II** – Coefficienti parziali per i parametri geotecnici del terreno

Parametro	Grandezza alla quale applicare il coefficiente parziale	Coefficiente parziale $\gamma_M$	(M1)	(M2)
Tangente dell'angolo di resistenza al taglio	$\tan \varphi'_k$	$\gamma_{\varphi'}$	1,0	1,25
Coesione efficace	$c'_k$	$\gamma_{c'}$	1,0	1,25
Resistenza non drenata	$c_{uk}$	$\gamma_{cu}$	1,0	1,4
Peso dell'unità di volume	$\gamma_V$	$\gamma_V$	1,0	1,0

**Tab. 6.4.I** – Coefficienti parziali  $\gamma_R$  per le verifiche agli stati limite ultimi di fondazioni superficiali

Verifica	Coefficiente parziale (R3)
Carico limite	$\gamma_R = 2,3$
Scorrimento	$\gamma_R = 1,1$

**Tab. 6.8.I** - Coefficienti parziali per le verifiche di sicurezza di opere di materiali sciolti e di fronti di scavo

COEFFICIENTE	R2
$\gamma_R$	1,1

- bearing resistance failure } DA2
- sliding
- loss of overall stability - DA1, combination 2
- structural failure - DA2

**DA2**

$\gamma_F$  or  $\gamma_E$  permanent loads (1,3)  
variable loads (1,5)

$\gamma_M = 1$

$\gamma_R$  bearing resistance (2,3)  
sliding (1,1)

**DA1, combination 2** ~  $\gamma$ 's used for overall stability (cantilever wall on a slope)



modify the slope ( $\omega$ )  
to build a road  
so introduce the wall  
check the stability of the new arrangement

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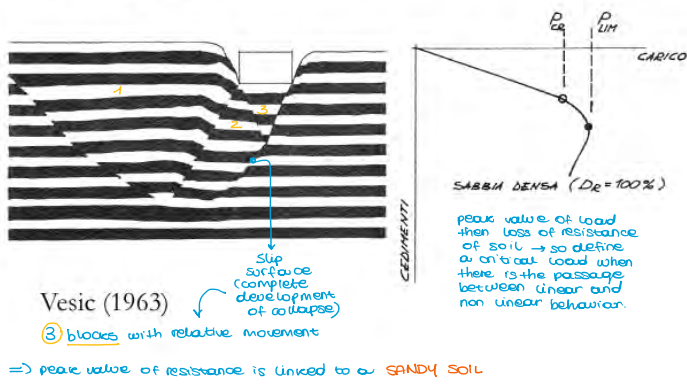
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## Bearing capacity of shallow footings

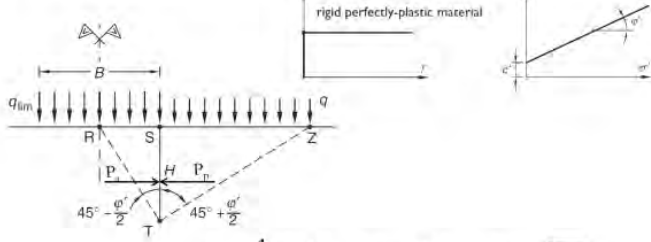
### 1. Modes of failure

General shear



## 2. Bearing capacity equation

It isn't the limit state that governs the failure state but displacement is more relevant.



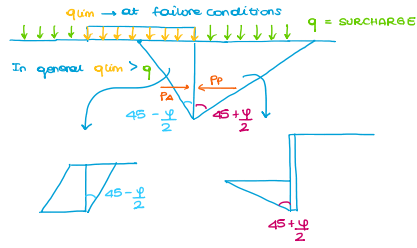
$$P_a = \frac{1}{2} \gamma H^2 K_a + q_{lim} H K_a - 2cH \sqrt{K_a}$$

$$P_p = \frac{1}{2} \gamma H^2 K_p + q H K_p + 2cH \sqrt{K_p}$$

$$P_a = P_p$$

kp instead of ka

we have a strip foundation (∞ in the orthogonal direction)



$$H = \frac{B}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\tan(45 - \frac{\phi}{2})}$$

$$K_a = \frac{1 - \sin \phi}{1 + \sin \phi} = \tan^2(45 - \frac{\phi}{2})$$

$$H = \frac{B}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{K_a}}$$

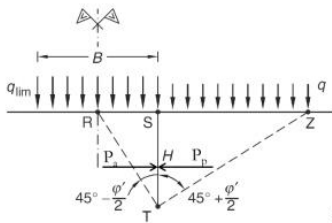
$$P_a = \frac{1}{2} \gamma \frac{B^2}{4} \frac{1}{K_a} \cdot K_a + q_{lim} \frac{B}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{K_a}} K_a - 2c \frac{B}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{K_a}} \sqrt{K_a}$$

$$P_p = \frac{1}{2} \gamma \frac{B^2}{4} \frac{1}{K_a} \cdot K_p + q \frac{B}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{K_a}} K_p + 2c \frac{B}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{K_a}} \sqrt{K_p}$$

$$q_{lim} \left( \frac{B}{2} \sqrt{K_a} \right) = \frac{1}{8} \gamma B^2 \left( \frac{K_p}{K_a} - 1 \right) + q \frac{B}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{K_a}} K_p + cB \left( \frac{\sqrt{K_p}}{\sqrt{K_a}} + 1 \right)$$

$$\rightarrow q_{lim} = \frac{1}{2} \gamma B \cdot N_\gamma + q N_q + c N_c$$

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strength due to the own weight of the soil

$$q_{lim} = \frac{1}{2} \gamma B \cdot N_\gamma + q \cdot N_q + c \cdot N_c$$

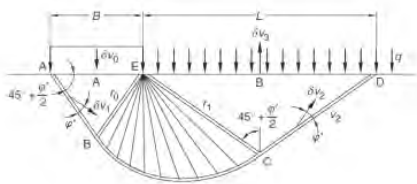
$$N_\gamma = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{K_a}} \left( \frac{K_p}{K_a} - 1 \right)$$

$$N_q = \frac{K_p}{K_a}$$

$$N_c = \frac{2(\sqrt{K_p} + \sqrt{K_a})}{K_a}$$

=> very simplified case

=> more realistic mechanism of failure: we obtain the same equation, but different values for the coefficients  $N_\gamma, N_q$  and  $N_c$  (PRACTICAL APPLICATION)



difficult case to achieve the result with easy computations as before (but concepts are always the same)

$$N_q = \tan^2 \left( 45^\circ + \frac{\phi}{2} \right) \cdot e^{-\pi \tan \phi}$$

$$N_c = (N_q - 1) \cot \phi$$

$$N_\gamma = 2(N_q + 1) \tan \phi$$

### SHALLOW FOUNDATIONS

$q_{adm} \leq q_{lim} \rightarrow$  admissible vertical stress  $\rightarrow$  it must be lower than bearing capacity

when we build a shallow foundation

- excavation

$$q_{lim} = \frac{1}{2} \gamma B N_{\gamma} s_{\gamma} i_{\gamma} b_{\gamma} g_{\gamma} + c' N_c s_c d_c i_c b_c g_c + q' N_q s_q d_q i_q b_q g_q$$

we already have the contribution of the lateral pressure, but we need another contribution

Depth factors:

↳ it increases the bearing capacity

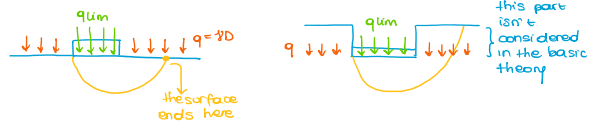
$$d_q = 1 + 2 \tan \varphi' (1 - \sin \varphi')^2 \frac{D}{B} \quad (D \leq B)$$

$$d_q = 1 + 2 \tan \varphi' (1 - \sin \varphi')^2 \tan^{-1} \frac{D}{B} \quad (D > B)$$

$$d_c = d_q - \frac{1 - d_q}{N_c \tan \varphi'}$$

to be used for depths  $D \geq 2 \text{ m}$

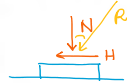
⇒ so both the equations can be used (are correct!!)



That's why we have the depth correction factor. Moreover, the top soil is not good as the foundation soil, so in general it's better considering it only if depth is significant (> 2m)

$$q_{lim} = \frac{1}{2} \gamma B N_{\gamma} s_{\gamma} i_{\gamma} b_{\gamma} g_{\gamma} + c' N_c s_c d_c i_c b_c g_c + q' N_q s_q d_q i_q b_q g_q$$

Inclined force factors:



$$i_{\gamma} = \left(1 - \frac{H}{N + BLc' \cot \varphi'}\right)^{m+1}; \quad i_q = \left(1 - \frac{H}{N + BLc' \cot \varphi'}\right)^m$$

$$i_c = i_q - \frac{1 - i_q}{N_c \tan \varphi'}; \quad m = \frac{2 + \frac{B}{L}}{1 + \frac{B}{L}}$$

for strip foundation  
m = 2  
because  
L → ∞

$$q_{lim} = \frac{1}{2} \gamma B N_{\gamma} s_{\gamma} i_{\gamma} b_{\gamma} g_{\gamma} + c' N_c s_c d_c i_c b_c g_c + q' N_q s_q d_q i_q b_q g_q$$

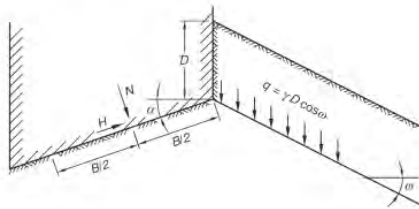
Inclined founding base factors:

↳ base of foundation

$$b_q = (1 - \alpha \tan \varphi')^2$$

$$b_{\gamma} = b_q$$

$$b_c = b_q - \frac{1 - b_q}{N_c \tan \varphi'}$$



### 4. Shear resistance angle for sands

It is possible to make reference to the peak strength, provided that the stress level is properly taken into account. In dense sands, this can be done by referring to the relation introduced by Bolton (1986):

$$\varphi - \varphi_{cv} = m \cdot DI < 12^\circ \quad \text{peak friction angle}$$

$$DI = D_R \cdot (Q - \ln p'_f) - 1$$

where:

- $p'_f$  is mean effective stress at failure (expressed in kPa);
- $m$  depends on deformation constraints (3 for triaxial strain conditions and 5 for plane strain conditions);
- $Q$  depends on grain crushing strength and ranges from 10, for quartz and feldspar sands, to 8 for limestone and 5.5 for chalk.

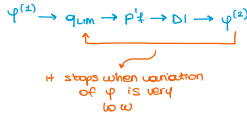
The mean effective stress at failure can be linked to the applied bearing stress, as suggested by De Beer (1970):

$$p'_f = \frac{1}{4} (q_{lim} + 3 \cdot q) (1 + \sin(\varphi))$$

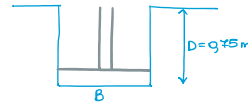
↳ function of bearing capacity

through an iteration procedure, since the operational strength depends on the computed bearing stress.

⇒ ITERATIVE APPROACH



EX



$B = 2 \text{ m}$   
 $L = 3 \text{ m}$   
 Sand  
 $D_R = 70\%$   
 $\gamma = 20 \text{ kN/m}^3$   
 $\varphi_{cv} = 32^\circ$

$q_{lim} = ?$

$$q_{lim} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot B \cdot N_q \cdot s_q + q \cdot N_q \cdot s_q$$

↳ All the other corrective factors are = 1  
 $dq = 1$  because  $D < 2 \text{ m}$  (only  $0.75 \text{ m}$ )  
 $q = \gamma \cdot D = 20 \cdot 0.75 = 15 \text{ kPa}$   
 $\varphi_p^{(2)} = 35^\circ \rightarrow \text{TRIAL VALUE (1)}$

$N_q = 33.3$   
 $N_\gamma = 48.03$   
 $m = 3$

↳ we can use Meyerhoff formula

$$s_q = s_\gamma = 1 + 0.1 \cdot \frac{1 + \sin 35^\circ}{1 - \sin 35^\circ} \cdot \frac{2}{3} = 1.25$$

$$q_{lim} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 20 \cdot 2 \cdot 48.03 \cdot 1.25 + 15 \cdot 33.3 \cdot 1.25 = 1849 \text{ kPa}$$

$$p'_f = \frac{1}{4} (1849 + 3 \cdot 15) (1 + \sin 35) = 199 \text{ kPa}$$

$$DI = [0.7 (10 - \ln 199)] - 1 = 2.296$$

$$\varphi_p^{(2)} = 32^\circ + 3 \cdot 2.296 = 38.9^\circ$$

↳ then  $N_q, N_\gamma, s_q, s_\gamma, q_{lim}, p'_f, DI$

$\varphi_p^{(2)} = 38.9$   
 $\varphi_p^{(1)} = 38.1$   
 $\varphi_p^{(2)} = 38.1$  } they are equal so the exact value is this one

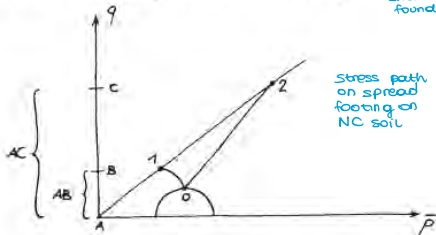
$$q_{lim} (\varphi = 38.1) = 2876 \text{ kPa}$$

It's a very high number (so it's difficult to have a problem in bearing capacity the main problems are linked to settlements)

### 5. Bearing capacity in clays

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Stress path for a normally consolidated clay → or point on shear shallow foundation



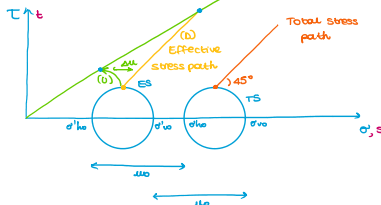
- 0-1: effective stress path under undrained conditions
- 0-2: effective stress path under drained conditions

AB: short-term undrained shear strength ( $c_u$ )  
 AC: long term drained shear strength



$$s = \frac{\sigma_v + \sigma_h}{2} \quad \text{mean stress}$$

$$t = \frac{\sigma_v - \sigma_h}{2} \quad \text{shear stress}$$



⇒ both for drained conditions

$\Delta u > 0$  for NC clays

- undrained conditions most critical
- drained conditions better because shear strength is higher

Stress path for a overconsolidated clay

⇒ These are the effective stress paths, we can add the total ones ( $u$ )

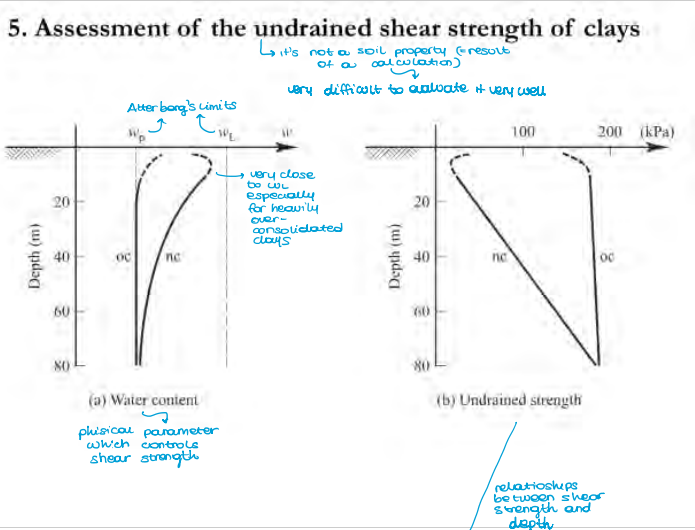
$$\frac{1}{2}(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2) \quad , \quad \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)$$

EX

Circular foundation







#### Effect of non-homogeneity

The undrained shear strength of soft clays increases with depth, the ratio  $c_u / \sigma'_{v0}$  being constant for a given deposit. This gives the soil a character of inhomogeneity in the vertical direction and, in such a situation, a common practice is to rely on the use of a slip circle analysis, with the introduction of an averaged value of the undrained strength.

↳ its radius is equal to B

This approach isn't correct

Davis and Booker (1973) provided a rigorous treatment of the problem, where the undrained strength increases linearly with depth:

$$c_u = c_0 + \rho \cdot z$$

and by using the method of stress characteristics have shown that the limit load  $Q$  of a rigid strip footing is expressed in the form:

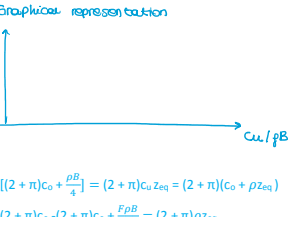
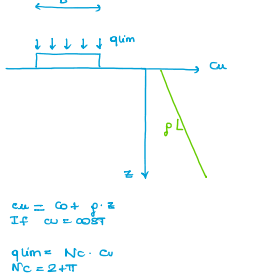
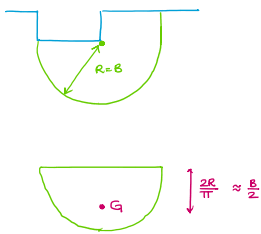
$$\frac{Q}{b} = F \cdot [(2 + \pi) \cdot c_0 + \rho b / 4]$$

where  $b$  is the breadth of the footing,  $c_0$  is the strength at the founding level and  $F$  is a dimensionless factor depending on the ratio  $\rho b / c_0$  and on the roughness of the footing:

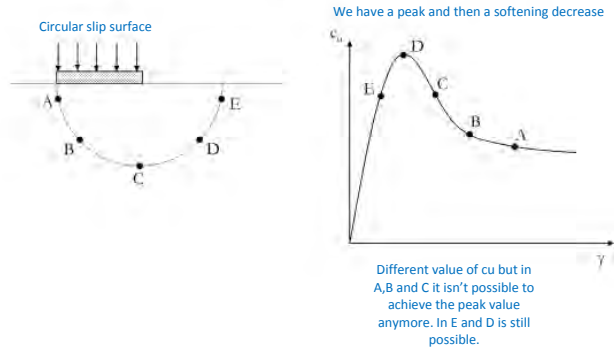
$\rho b / s_0$	1	2	3	4	6	8
$F$	1.20	1.36	1.45	1.50	1.57	1.62

Source: Deduced from Davis and Booker (1973).

This solution proves that the usual practice of introducing an averaged value of the shear strength provides reliable results if



Furthermore, the development of strains along a failure surface forces a large number of soil elements well past the peak strength, leading to a *progressive failure* characterized by an operational strength lower than the peak.



In order to account for both these aspects, Koutsoftas and Ladd (1985) have suggested to evaluate the operational strength by means of the expression:

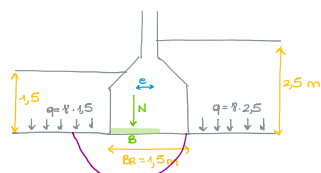
$$\frac{c_u}{\sigma'_{vU}} = (0.22 \pm 0.03) \cdot OCR^{0.8} \quad OCR < 10$$

If soil is NC we have the ratio just equal to 0,22

Note that the above relation is supported by experimental evidences related to values of OCR up to 10, and a lot of care must be taken when analysing the behaviour of *stiff fissured clays*. Moreover, it must be observed that it is at least doubtful if the behaviour of fissured clays can be defined fully undrained.

EX 1

Strip footing in sand



- 1)  $e = 0$
- 2)  $e = 0,25 \text{ m}$

$\gamma = 18 \text{ kN/m}^3$   
 $c = 0 \text{ kN/m}$   
 $\phi = 36^\circ$

- check the foundation
- evaluate effect of eccentricity of vertical load

$N_d = 1,3 \cdot 440 + 1,5 \cdot 205 = 880 \text{ kN/m}$   
 ↳ design value of vertical load (with partial safety factors)

strip foundation

$$q_{lim} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \gamma \cdot B \cdot N \cdot \gamma \cdot \gamma \cdot \gamma + e' \cdot N \cdot c \cdot \gamma \cdot \gamma \cdot \gamma + q \cdot N \cdot \gamma \cdot \gamma \cdot \gamma \cdot \gamma \cdot \gamma$$

because  $c=0$

So bearing capacity is given by a reduced equation:

$$q_{lim} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \gamma \cdot B \cdot N \cdot \gamma + q \cdot N \cdot \gamma$$

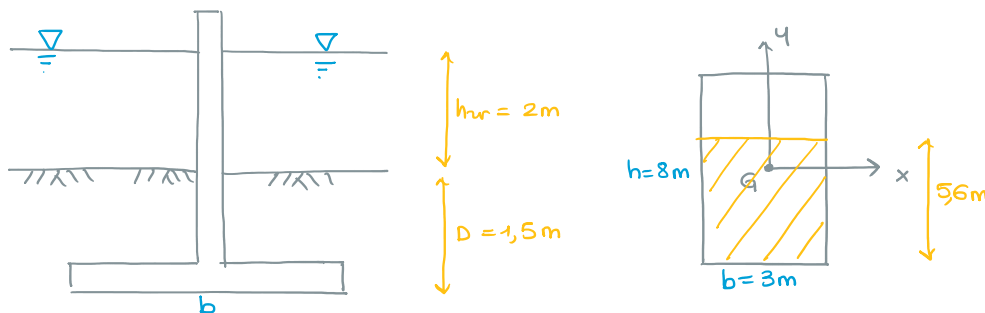
soil, ground and base are horizontal

- 1)  $e = 0$   
 so  $B = B_R$   
 ↳ the load is in the middle of the base  
 we haven't a symmetrical problem so the most probable slip surface goes from the right to the left (↖)

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## EX 2



### SILTY SAND

$$\gamma = 18 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

$$\varphi = 32^\circ$$

$$N_q = 2870 \text{ kN}$$

$$M_{xd} = 0$$

$$H_{xd} = 0$$

$$M_{yd} = 2436$$

$$\gamma_w = 10 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

- point out the horizontal stress
- verify the foundation

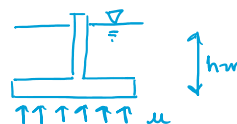
Uplift pressure force

$$U = \gamma_w \cdot h_{st} \cdot A = 10 \cdot 3,5 \cdot 8 \cdot 3 = 840 \text{ kN}$$

$$U = u \cdot \text{Area}$$

$$N_d' = N_d - U = 2870 - 840 = 2030 \text{ kN}$$

↳ effective load acting on the foundation



$$e_x = 0$$

$$e_y = \frac{M_y}{N_d'} = \frac{2436}{2030} = 1,2 \text{ m}$$

$$B = b = 3 \text{ m}$$

$$L = a - 2e_y = 8 - 2 \cdot 1,2 = 5,6 \text{ m}$$

↳ we have a reduced side of the foundation ( $u$ )

### CORRECTION FACTORS

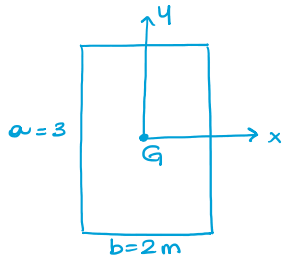
$$s_f = s_q = 1 + 0,1 \cdot \frac{1 + \sin \varphi}{1 - \sin \varphi} \cdot \frac{B}{L} = 1 + 0,1 \cdot \frac{1 + \sin 32}{1 - \sin 32} \cdot \frac{3}{5,6} = 1,17$$

$$m = \frac{2 + B/L}{1 + B/L} = \frac{2 + 3/5,6}{1 + 3/5,6} = 1,65$$

$$i_f = \left(1 - \frac{H_d}{N_d'}\right)^{m+1} = \left(1 - \frac{487}{2030}\right)^{2,65} = 0,48$$

### EX 4

SAND



$\gamma = 18 \text{ kN/m}^3$   
 $\varphi = 34^\circ \text{ (TX)}$   
 $q = 10 \text{ kPa}$

- check the foundation

$M_y$  is around x



- 1)  $N_d = 1100 \text{ kN}$ ,  $H_x = H_y = 0 \text{ kN}$ ,  $M_x = M_y = 0 \text{ kNm}$   
 2)  $N_d = 1100 \text{ kN}$ ,  $H_x = H_y = 0 \text{ kN}$ ,  $H_x = 0 \text{ kNm}$ ,  $M_y = 660 \text{ kNm}$   
 3)  $N_d = 1200 \text{ kN}$ ,  $H_x = H_y = 0 \text{ kN}$ ,  $H_x = -240 \text{ kNm}$ ,  $M_y = 420 \text{ kNm}$   
 4)  $N_d = 1100 \text{ kN}$ ,  $H_x = 60 \text{ kN}$ ,  $H_y = -80 \text{ kN}$ ,  $H_x = 0 \text{ kNm}$ ,  $M_y = 310 \text{ kNm}$

$N_q = 41,06$

$N_q = 29,44$

1)  $B = b = 2 \text{ m}$   
 $L = a = 3 \text{ m}$

$S_q = S_q = 1 + 0,1 \cdot \frac{1 + \sin 34}{1 - \sin 34} \cdot \frac{2}{3} = 1,24$

$d_q = 1$  because lateral load is very small (small lateral embankement)

$q_{lim} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 18 \cdot 2 \cdot 41,06 \cdot 1,24 + 10 \cdot 29,44 \cdot 1,24 = 1281 \text{ kPa}$

$R_d = \frac{q_{lim} \cdot A}{\gamma_R} = \frac{7686}{2,3} = 3341 \text{ kN}$

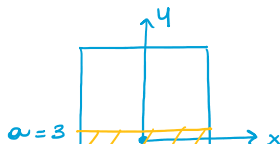
$R_d > N_d$  ✓

2)  $e_y = \frac{M_y}{N} = \frac{660}{1100} = 0,6 \text{ m}$

$B = a - 2e_y = 3 - 2 \cdot 0,6 = 1,8 \text{ m}$

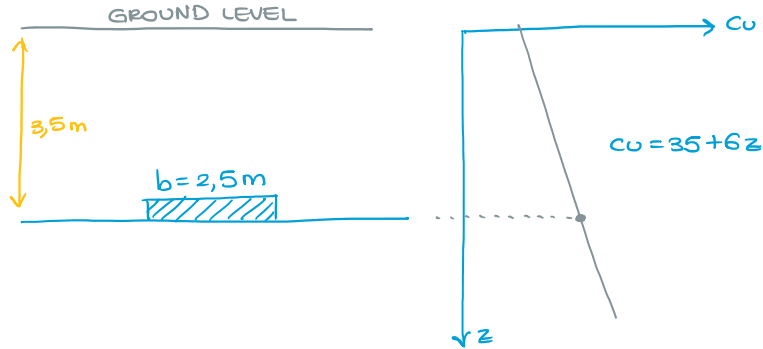
$L = b = 2 \text{ m}$

because it becomes the lowest side



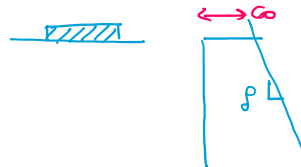
$R_d > N_d$  ✓

EX 5



$\gamma = 18 \text{ kN/m}^3$

- 1)  $N_d = 770 \text{ kN}$      $e_x = e_y = 0$   
 2)  $N_d = 770 \text{ kN}$      $e_x = 0,32 \text{ m}$      $e_y = 0$



$c_u = 35 + 6 \cdot 3,5 = 63 \text{ kPa}$

$c_0 = 35 \text{ kPa}$

$p = 6 \text{ kPa/m}$

$F = \frac{p \cdot b}{c_u} = \frac{6 \cdot 2,5}{56} = 0,27 \Rightarrow \text{we assume } 1$

↳ It is valid for strip foundation, but also useful to evaluate  $c_u$

$q_{lim} = \underbrace{(2+\pi) c_0}_{288} + \underbrace{\frac{p \cdot b}{4}}_4 =$

we can neglect increase of  $c_u$  with depth but rely only on the other factor which depend only on  $c_0$  so we assume  $c_0 = c_u$

1)  $B = L = 2,5 \text{ m}$

$S_c = 1 + 0,1 \frac{B}{L} = 1,2$

$q_{lim} = (2+\pi) 56 \cdot 1,2 = 345 \text{ kPa}$

$R_d = \frac{q_{lim} \cdot A}{\gamma_R} = 937 \text{ kN}$

$R_d > N_d$  ✓

2)  $B = b - 2e_y = 2,5 - 2 \cdot 0,32 = 1,86 \text{ m}$

$L = 2,5 \text{ m}$

$S_c = 1 + 0,2 \cdot \frac{1,86}{2,5} = 1,15$

$q_{lim} = 56 \cdot (2+\pi) \cdot 1,15 = 331 \text{ kPa}$

$R_d = \frac{q_{lim} \cdot A}{\gamma_R} = \frac{331 \cdot 2,5 \cdot 1,86}{2,3} = 669 \text{ kN}$

$R_d < N_d$  ✗

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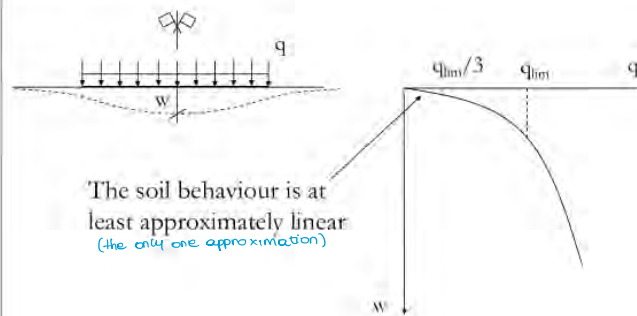
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# FOUNDATION ENGINEERING

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## Settlements of shallow footings

### 1. Settlement prediction



Two-parameters elastic model

$q(x,y) = K_1 \cdot w(x,y) - T \cdot \nabla^2 w(x,y)$

The model proposed by Filonenko-Borodich (1940, 1945) acquires continuity between the individual spring elements in the Winkler model by connecting them to a thin elastic membrane under a constant tension  $T$ . The model, with different interpretations of its parameters, has been derived also by Pasternak (1954), Reissner (1958) and Vlasov and Leontiev (1966).

$\nu r = \frac{q}{K_1}$

Surface displacements: (a) basic model, (b) concentrated load, (c) rigid load, (d) uniform flexible load.

$\Rightarrow$  we eliminate the first limitation of the Winkler model and also the second one

If we have a beam subjected to a uniform load

we would use to evaluate M and S

The displacement is uniform so  $M=0$  and  $T=0$

2. Available solutions for a linear elastic isotropic continuum

*we can use for exercise*

**NO NEED TO STUDY**

The Boussinesq's problem

*valid solution*

For isotropic and homogeneous elastic medium (so  $E = \text{const}$  and  $\nu = \text{const}$ )

$$\sigma_z = \frac{3P}{2\pi} \frac{z^3}{R^5}$$

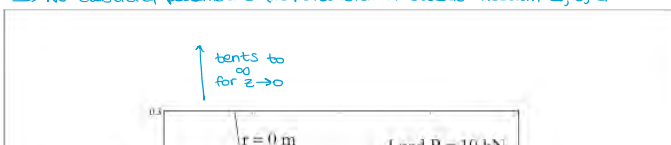
$$\tau_{rz} = \frac{3P}{2\pi} \frac{z^2 r}{R^5}$$

$$\sigma_r = \frac{P}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{3zr^2}{R^5} - \frac{1-2\nu}{R(R+z)} \right]$$

$$\sigma_\theta = \frac{P}{2\pi} (1-2\nu) \left[ \frac{1}{R(R+z)} - \frac{z}{R^3} \right]$$

where  $R^2 = z^2 + r^2$  and  $\nu$  is the Poisson's ratio.

$\Rightarrow$  No elasticity parameters (no parameter of Elastic medium  $E, \nu, G$ )



2) Vertical strip load

$q \text{ [F/L}^2\text{]}$

$\Delta\sigma_z = \frac{2(qdrz^3)}{\pi[(x-r)^2 + z^2]^2}$  *integration of solution of vertical load*

$$\Delta\sigma_z = \int_{-B/2}^{+B/2} \left( \frac{2q}{\pi} \right) \left\{ \frac{z^3}{[(x-r)^2 + z^2]^2} \right\} dr =$$

$$= \frac{q}{\pi} \left\{ \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{z}{x-(B/2)} \right] - \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{z}{x+(B/2)} \right] - \frac{Bz[x^2 - z^2 - (B^2/4)]}{[x^2 + z^2 - (B^2/4)]^2 + B^2z^2} \right\}$$

Vertical strip load

$\sigma_y = \frac{q}{\pi} [\alpha + \sin \alpha \cdot \cos(\alpha + 2\delta)]$

$\sigma_x = \frac{q}{\pi} [\alpha - \sin \alpha \cdot \cos(\alpha + 2\delta)]$

$\sigma_y = \nu \cdot (\sigma_x + \sigma_z)$

$\bar{\tau}_{xy} = \frac{q}{\pi} \sin \alpha \cdot \cos(\alpha + 2\delta)$

$$p = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y + \sigma_z}{3} = \frac{2(1+\nu)q}{3\pi} \alpha$$

$$\alpha = \arctan\left(\frac{x}{z}\right) + \arctan\left(\frac{b-x}{z}\right)$$

Vertical Stress Due to Embankment Loading

*typical example of flexible load → generally made of soil*

$q_0 = \gamma H$

*→ settlement goes to infinity so we can use this formula for  $\Delta\sigma_z$*

$$\Delta\sigma_z = \frac{q_0}{\pi} \left[ \left( \frac{B_1 + B_2}{B_2} \right) (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) - \frac{B_1}{B_2} (\alpha_2) \right]$$

*is always positive*

$$\alpha_1 \text{ (radians)} = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{B_1 + B_2}{z} \right) - \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{B_1}{z} \right)$$

$$\alpha_2 = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{B_1}{z} \right)$$



$q_0 = 17.5 \cdot 7 = 122.5 \text{ kPa}$

$B_2 / z = 14 / 5 = 2.8$   
 $B_1 / z = 14 / 5 = 2.8$   
 $I\left(\frac{B_1}{z}, \frac{B_2}{z}\right) = 0.497$   
 $\Delta\sigma_{n(2)} = 122.5 \cdot 0.497 = 60.88 \text{ kPa}$

$q_0 = 17.5 \cdot 4.5 = 78.75 \text{ kPa}$

$B_2 / z = 9 / 5 = 1.8$   
 $B_1 / z = 0 / 5 = 0$   
 $I\left(\frac{B_1}{z}, \frac{B_2}{z}\right) = 0.339$   
 $\Delta\sigma_{n(1)} = 78.75 \cdot 0.339 = 26.7 \text{ kPa}$

$\Delta\sigma_z = \Delta\sigma_{n(1)} + \Delta\sigma_{n(2)} - \Delta\sigma_{n(3)} = 10.94 + 60.88 - 26.7 = 45.12 \text{ kPa}$

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3) Vertical stress below the center of a uniformly loaded circular area

$q [F/L^2]$

$R = \text{radius of the loaded area}$   
*+ is exactly the load of the previous formula*  
 $dA = \frac{3P}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{z^3}{R^5}$

$d\sigma_z = \frac{3(q \cdot dr \cdot r \cdot d\theta)}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{z^3}{(r^2 + z^2)^{5/2}} R^5$  *because  $R = \sqrt{r^2 + z^2}$*

*integration to find total  $\sigma$*

$\Delta\sigma_z = \int d\sigma_z = \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{r=0}^R \frac{3q}{2\pi} \frac{z^3 r}{(r^2 + z^2)^{5/2}} dr d\theta = q \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{[(R/z)^2 + 1]^{3/2}} \right\}$

$\Delta\sigma_z = q \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{[(R/z)^2 + 1]^{3/2}} \right\}$

*increase of vertical stress is independent of parameters of elastic medium ( $E_s, \nu$ )*

**The solution is referred to the points under the centreline of the loaded area**

### Rigid circular foundation

↳ ≠ FLEXIBLE (embankment which can be consider as a direct load applied on the soil or liquid tank in which the load is just the weight of water)

$q(r) = \frac{P}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot R \cdot \sqrt{R^2 - r^2}}$  for  $0 \leq r \leq R$

$w(r=R) = \frac{2 \cdot P \cdot (1-\nu)}{\pi \cdot G \cdot R}$   
 $w(r=0) = \frac{P \cdot (1-\nu)}{\pi \cdot G \cdot R}$

$w = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^R q(r) \cdot r \cdot dr \cdot d\theta \cdot (1-\nu) = \frac{P \cdot (1-\nu)}{4 \cdot G \cdot R}$

PROBLEM: evaluate the settlement

we don't need the contact stresses because they are equal to the applied ones

PROBLEM: difficult to evaluate the contact stresses between soil and foundation

we expect a constant settlement under the foundation

it's a constant number

we have equations to compute displacements everywhere

$q(r) = \frac{P}{2\pi R} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{R^2 - r^2}}$

For the edge of foundation so  $r=R$  we have an infinite stress

- elastic medium possible because we don't achieve failure
- elastoplastic material we achieve collapse for certain values of

### Rigid circular foundation

↳ comparison between rigid and flexible foundation

two similar conditions

$q$  is for the flexible load, for the rigid ones  $q = \frac{P}{\pi R^2}$

0.65 at the edge of the foundation

rigid foundation

flexible foundation

centre line

edges

1-dimensional

$\frac{w \cdot G}{q \cdot (1-\nu) \cdot R}$   
 plot of nondimensional displacement / settlement

### SAND

↳ because of low confinement we have this distribution of contact stress

Resistance is proportional to confinement stress  $\tau = \sigma \cdot \tan \phi$

the opposite of the theoretical elastic stress

### CLAY

max at the edge but FINITE VALUE (equal to the theoretical stress)  $\tau = c_u$

↳ Undrained conditions

Limit value up to collapse

### Vertical stress below the center of a uniformly loaded rectangular area

↳ under the corner of the area

$nz = l$   
 $mz = b$

if we want the solution in the middle point → we divide in four areas find solution for each one and sum

they are equal so · 4

$d\sigma_z = \frac{3(q dx dy) z^3}{2\pi (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{5/2}}$

$\Delta\sigma_z = \int d\sigma_z = \int_{y=0}^{y=b} \int_{x=0}^{x=l} \frac{3q}{2\pi (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{5/2}} dx dy = q \cdot I_{rec}$

$I_{rec} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{2mn\sqrt{m^2+n^2+1}}{m^2+n^2+m^2n^2+1} \cdot \left( \frac{m^2+n^2+2}{m^2+n^2+1} \right) + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2mn\sqrt{m^2+n^2+1}}{m^2+n^2-m^2n^2+1} \right) \right]$

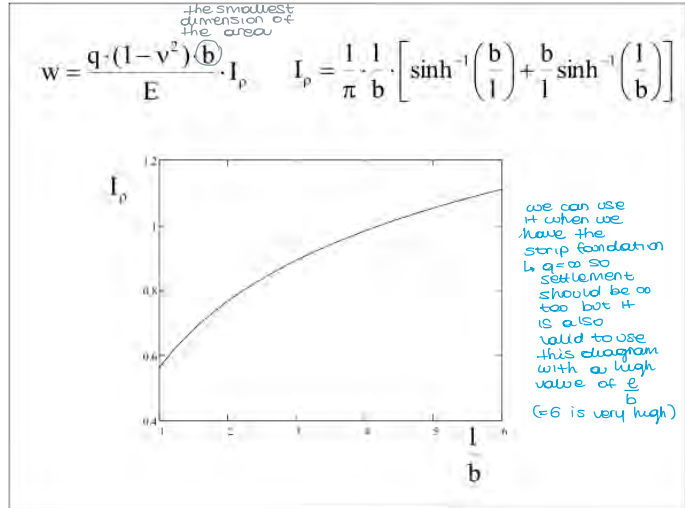
if  $m^2n^2 > m^2+n^2+1$  it is necessary to add  $\pi$

### EX 1

$2R = 4m$   
 $P = 2000 \text{ kN}$   
 $q = \frac{2000}{\pi R^2}$   
 $w = \frac{2000 \text{ kN} (1-\nu)}{4 \cdot G \cdot 2}$   
 $G = 20000 \text{ kPa}$

$w = \frac{P(1-\nu)}{4GR} = \frac{q(1-\nu)\pi R^2}{4GR} = \frac{q(1-\nu)\pi R}{4G}$

↳ settlement for rigid foundation is constant



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### 3. Mayne and Poulos (1999) method

Mayne and Poulos (1999) presented an improved formula for calculating the elastic settlement of foundations. The formula takes into account:

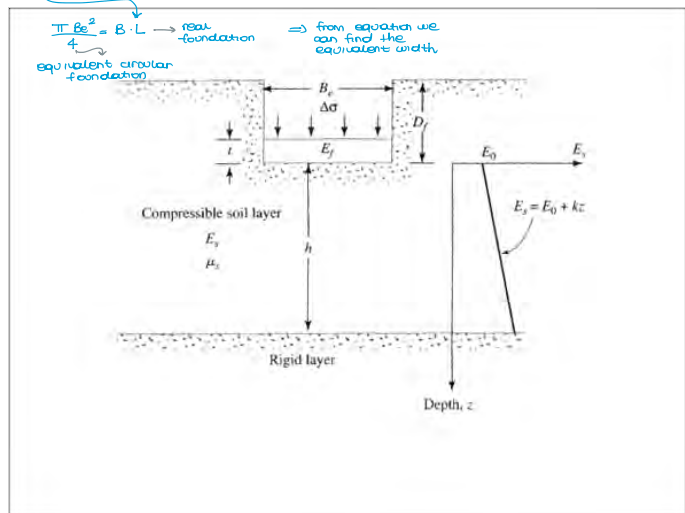
- a) the rigidity of the foundation,
- b) the depth of embedment of the foundation,
- c) the increase in the modulus of elasticity of the soil with depth,
- d) and the location of rigid layers at a limited depth.

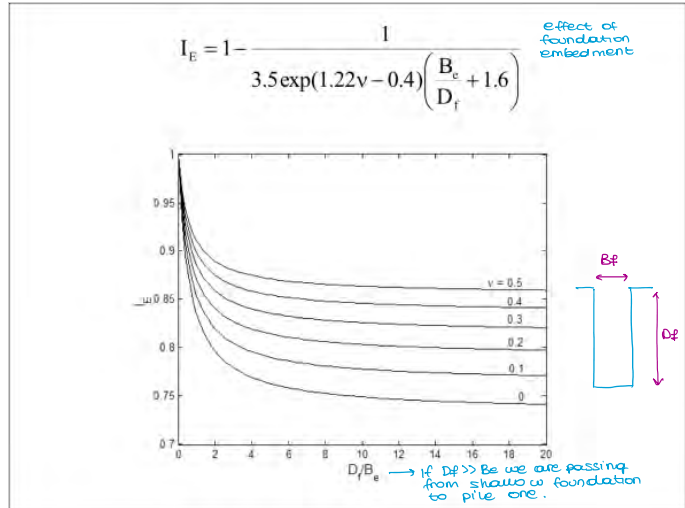
To use Mayne and Poulos' equation, one needs to determine the equivalent diameter  $B_e$  as follows  $\rightarrow$  we need an equivalent circular foundation

$\rightarrow$  it's the equivalent width

$B_e = D$  for circular foundations ( $D$  is the diameter)

$B_e = \sqrt{\frac{4 \cdot B \cdot L}{\pi}}$  for rectangular foundations of area  $B \times L$





For a shallow foundation supported by silty clay, the following data are given:

- Length  $L = 1.5 \text{ m}$
- Width  $B = 1 \text{ m}$
- Depth of foundation  $D_f = 1 \text{ m}$
- Thickness of foundation  $t = 0.23 \text{ m}$
- Load per unit area  $\Delta\sigma = 190 \text{ kPa}$
- Foundation stiffness  $E_f = 15 \cdot 10^6 \text{ kPa}$ .

The silty clay soil has the following properties:

- $h = 2 \text{ m}$
- $v = 0.5$
- $E_0 = 9000 \text{ kPa}$
- $k = 500 \text{ kPa/m}$

$$B_c = \sqrt{\frac{4BL}{\pi}} = \sqrt{\frac{4 \cdot 1.5 \cdot 1}{\pi}} = 1.38 \text{ m}$$

$$\Delta\sigma = 190 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\beta = \frac{E_0}{kB_c} = \frac{9000}{500 \cdot 1.38} = 13.04$$

$$\frac{h}{B_c} = \frac{2}{1.38} = 1.45$$

For  $\beta = 13.04$  e  $h/B_c = 1.45$ ,  $I_G \cong 0.74$ .

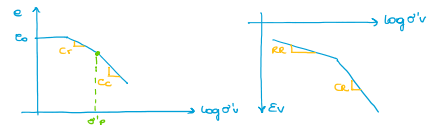
$$I_F = 0.787$$

$$I_E = 0.922$$

$$w = \frac{\Delta\sigma B_c I_G I_F I_E}{E_0} (1 - v^2) = 0.012 \text{ m} = 12 \text{ mm}$$

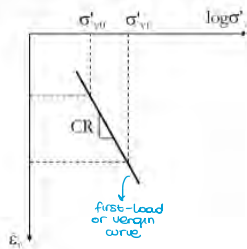
major steps:

1. Definition of a design profile, usually a layered soil profile, properly characterized in terms of stress history ( $\sigma'_{p}$ ,  $\sigma'_{v0}$ ) and compressibility ( $C_c$  and  $C_r$ ). *they are referred to e-specific graph*
2. For the layered soil profile the vertical stresses are computed assuming that the soil is isotropic, linearly elastic and homogeneous, ignoring the differences in soil properties of the different layers.  $\Rightarrow$  we can use Boussinesq
3. The vertical strains of each layer are computed using the one-dimensional (oedometric) approach, and the reductions in thickness of the layers are added to obtain the settlement of the soil surface.



$C_c$ : referred to the our consolidation part  
 $C_r$ : virgin part  
 RR: recompression ratio  
 CR: compression ratio  
 $CR = \frac{C_c}{1+e_0}$  and  $RR = \frac{C_r}{1+e_0}$   
 initial void ratio

Normally consolidated clay



$$\epsilon_v = \frac{w}{H_0} \quad \sigma'_{vf} = \sigma'_{v0} + \Delta\sigma'_v$$

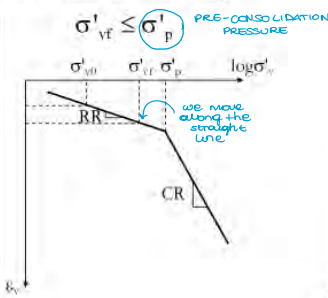
$$\log \sigma'_{vf} - \log \sigma'_{v0} = \log \left( \frac{\sigma'_{vf}}{\sigma'_{v0}} \right)$$

$$CR = \frac{C_c}{1+e_0}$$

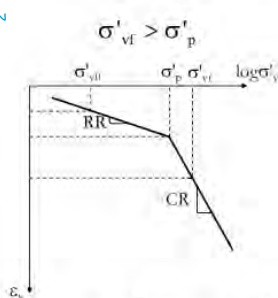
$$w = H_0 \cdot CR \cdot \log \left( \frac{\sigma'_{vf}}{\sigma'_{v0}} \right)$$

*initial height of the layer*  
*final and initial effective stresses*

Over consolidated clay



$$w = H_0 \cdot RR \cdot \log \left( \frac{\sigma'_{vf}}{\sigma'_{v0}} \right)$$



$$w = H_0 \cdot \left[ RR \cdot \log \left( \frac{\sigma'_{vf}}{\sigma'_{v0}} \right) + CR \cdot \log \left( \frac{\sigma'_{vf}}{\sigma'_{p}} \right) \right]$$

$$U_s = \frac{s(t)}{s_{\infty}} = U_p = \frac{\int_0^H (u_0 - u) \cdot dz}{\int_0^H u_0 \cdot dz} = 1 - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{2}{M^2} \exp(-M^2 \cdot T_v)$$

$U_s$	$T_v$
0	0
5	0.0017
10	0.0077
15	0.0177
20	0.0314
25	0.0491
30	0.0707
35	0.0962
40	0.128
45	0.169
50	0.196
55	0.236
60	0.286
65	0.342
70	0.403
75	0.477
80	0.567
85	0.654
90	0.848
95	1.129
100	∞

Approximate solutions:

$$U_s \cong \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sqrt{T_v} \quad U_s \leq 0.6$$

$$U_s = \frac{\left(4 \frac{T_v}{\pi}\right)^{0.5}}{\left[1 + \left(4 \frac{T_v}{\pi}\right)^{2.8}\right]^{0.179}}$$

$$T_v = \frac{\pi U_s^2}{\left[1 - U_s^{5.6}\right]^{1.357}}$$

⇒ 1D: infinite load, different from real problems

Three-dimensional consolidation: circular footing of radius a

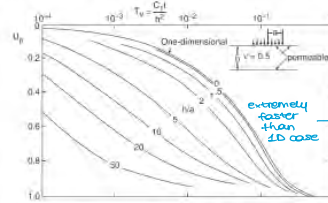


Figure 6.20 Rate of consolidation of a circular footing for drainage boundaries PTPB (reproduced from Davis and Poulos (1972) with permission).

PTPB:  
Permeable top  
Permeable bottom

the 1D theory case is an overestimation of the time consolidation

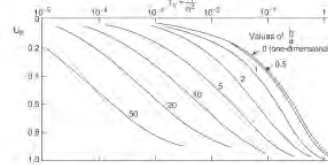


Figure 6.21 Rate of consolidation of a circular footing for drainage boundaries PTIB (reproduced from Davis and Poulos (1972) with permission).

PTIB:  
Permeable top  
Impermeable bottom

Three-dimensional consolidation: strip footing of width 2b

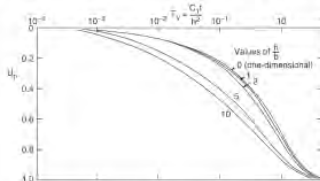


Figure 6.22 Rate of consolidation of strip footing for drainage boundaries PTPB (reproduced with permission from Davis and Poulos, 1972).

PTPB:  
Permeable top  
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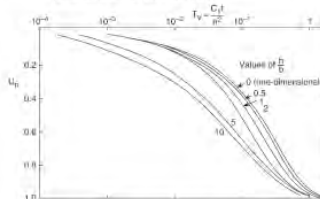


Figure 6.23 Rate of consolidation of strip footing for drainage boundaries PTIB (reproduced with permission from Davis and Poulos, 1972).

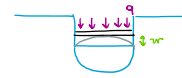
PTIB:  
Permeable top  
Impermeable bottom

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6. Settlement of foundations on sands

Despite the knowledge of the main factors affecting the soil behaviour, due to the difficulties of sampling coarse-grained soils the prediction of settlements of foundations on sand still

The same expression applies to *overconsolidated sand* where  $q' \leq \sigma'_{ps}$ , the relevant contribution is only given by  $q' \cdot B^{0.7} I_c / 3$ ; while, if  $q' > \sigma'_{ps}$  the last expression must be used, in which  $\sigma'_{v0}$  is substituted by  $\sigma'_{ps}$ .



Further corrections have also been suggested to take into account factors like the *shape of the foundation*, the *thickness of the compressible layer* and the *time dependent fraction* of the overall settlement.

The correction factor to be applied when the ratio of length to breadth of the foundation is greater than unity, i.e.  $L/B > 1$ , is the following:

$$f_s = \left[ \frac{1.25L}{\frac{L}{B} + 0.25} \right]^2 > 1$$

if  $\frac{L}{B} = 1$   
we have  
 $f_s = 1$

↳ it's just a function of L/B

When the thickness H of the sand or gravel layer is less than the depth of influence, then a correction  $f_{H1}$  should be applied such that

$$f_H = \frac{H}{Z_1} \left( 2 - \frac{H}{Z_1} \right) < 1$$

↑ thickness of compressible layer

↓ depth of influence

A schematic diagram showing a foundation of width B on a layer of soil of thickness H. Below the soil is a layer of rock. A vertical arrow H indicates the thickness of the soil layer. A vertical arrow Z1 indicates the depth of influence, which is shown to be greater than H. A note next to Z1 says zi = B^0.7.

Finally, the case records collected by Burland and Burbidge prove that footings on sand and gravels exhibit time dependent settlements. Therefore, the settlement at any time t, greater than three years, will be increased by a factor equal to:

$$f_t = \left( 1 + R_3 + R \log \frac{t}{3} \right)$$

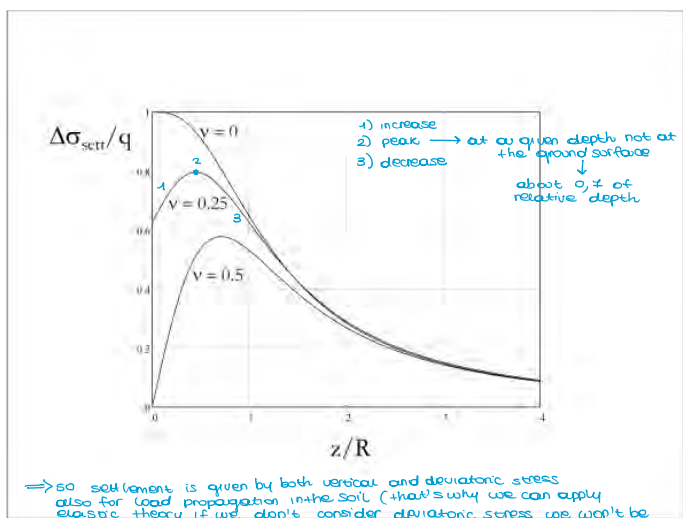
t: time in years

Values of  $R_3$  and R depend on the nature of the imposed loads, so that values of 0.3 and 0.2 are suggested when dealing with static loads, while values of 0.7 and 0.8 are suggested when dealing with cyclic loading. As an example, by considering the expect settlement the foundation can experience in a time interval of 30 years, the value of  $f_t$  is equal to 1.5 for static loads, and to 2.5 in presence of cyclic loading (this could be the case of special structures such as chimneys).

$$\frac{\Delta\sigma_z}{q} = 1 - \frac{1}{\left[\left(\frac{R}{z}\right)^2 + 1\right]^{3/2}}$$

$$\frac{\Delta\sigma_r}{q} = \frac{1}{2} + \nu - \frac{(1+\nu)}{\left[\left(\frac{R}{z}\right)^2 + 1\right]^{3/2}} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot \left[\left(\frac{R}{z}\right)^2 + 1\right]^{3/2}}$$

$$\Delta\sigma_{sett} = (1 - 2\nu) \cdot \Delta\sigma_z + 2\nu \cdot (\Delta\sigma_z - \Delta\sigma_r)$$



Even though the soil is unlikely to be elastic, the figure shows clearly the contribution that shearing is likely to make to settlement: it is not enough to consider only the change in vertical stress.

Moreover, the maximum value of  $\Delta\sigma_{sett}$  does not occur at the surface. Indeed for high values of Poisson's ratio ( $\nu \rightarrow 0.5$ ), the peak shear stress and hence peak value of  $\Delta\sigma_{sett}$  occur at a depth of about  $0.7 \cdot R$ .

Schmertmann (1970) takes inspiration from this to devise a procedure which can be applied more generally. If we write:

$$\Delta\sigma_{sett} = I_z \cdot q$$

where  $I_z$  is a dimensionless influence factor that varies with depth, then

$$w = q \cdot \int_0^{\infty} \frac{I_z}{E} dz$$

Handwritten notes on the integral:

- function of z
- under integral symbol because it isn't constant it varies with depth



③ Berardi and Lancellotta (1991) method

↳ non linearity of stress and strain

The empirical relation suggested by Burland and Burbidge (1985) implicitly assumes that the compressibility index  $I_c$  does not depend on stress and strain level. Since one expects that the soil stiffness must depend on stress and strain level, Berardi and Lancellotta (1991) have reviewed the case histories collected by Burland and Burbidge (1985) and have suggested the following approach in order to account for soil non linearity. Consider the settlement as predicted by the theory of elasticity:

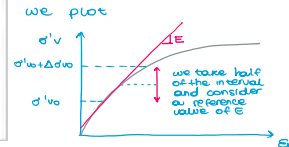
$$w = \frac{q}{E'} B(1 - \nu^2) \cdot I \quad (0)$$

circular footing  
 $B = \text{diameter}$   
 $I = 1$

and give the soil stiffness the following expression, in order to account for the current stress level:

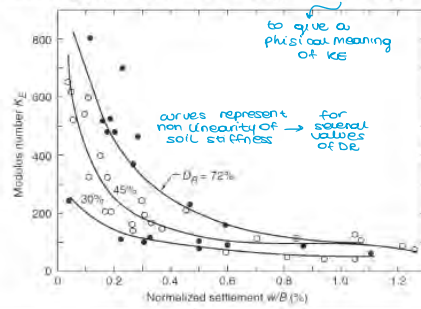
$$E' = K_E \cdot p_a \left( \frac{\sigma'_{v0} + 0.5 \Delta \sigma'_{v0}}{p_a} \right)^{0.5} \quad (1)$$

↳ atmospheric pressure so to have a non dimensional expression  
 ↳ initial geostatic pressure + half of the increment

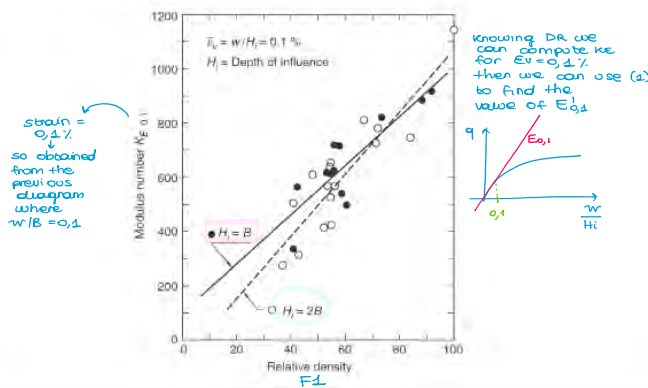


In the previous equation, the overburden effective stress and the increment of the vertical stress are supposed to be evaluated at a depth corresponding to half of the depth of influence  $H_i$ . The modulus number  $K_E$  may be thought as the value the soil modulus assumes when the current vertical stress is equal to the reference stress  $p_a$  (i.e.  $K_E = E'$  if  $\sigma'_{v0} + 0.5 \Delta \sigma'_{v0} = p_a$ ).

↳ width of the footing or equal to the width



In order to highlight the influence of the relative density, it is convenient to select a reference value of soil modulus, such as corresponding to a normalized settlement equal to 0.1%.



$\sigma'_{vo} (z=2,75) = 1,9 \cdot 9,81 \cdot 2,75 = 51,26 \text{ kPa}$   
 $\Delta\sigma'_{vo} = I_{\sigma} \cdot q^{NET} = \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{\left[ \left( \frac{B_c}{2z} \right)^2 + 1 \right]^{3/2}} \right\} q^{NET} = 0,7 \cdot 172 = 120 \text{ kPa}$   
 formula of circular foundation  
 $I_{\sigma} = f(\text{depth})$   
 $B_r = \sqrt{\frac{4B^2}{\pi}} = 2,82 \text{ m}$   
 equivalent diameter  

$$\left( \frac{w}{B} \right)^{0,3} = \frac{q}{E'_{0,1}} \cdot \frac{125 \cdot I \cdot (1 - \nu^2)}{I} = \frac{172}{84.000} \cdot \frac{125 \cdot 0,609 \cdot (1 - 0,15^2)}{I} = 0,152$$
  
 $w = 4,7 \text{ mm}$   
 because  $w$  is unknown so better to consider  $w/B$

**EXAM** on the topic of settlement  
 Settlement on clay  
 Settlement on sand  
 B&B  
 Schmertmann  
 Bonacci and Lanzetta

We need to have an estimation of  $I$  and  $\nu$   
 Drained soil (0,15 + 0,8)  
 $I = I_a I_f I_E$  - HAYNE AND POULOS  
 •  $I_a$ : presence of rigid layer and increase of soil stiffness with depth  
 $\frac{h}{B} \approx 3$  so  $I_a = 0,86$   
 •  $I_f$ : rigidity of foundation  
 $I_f = 0,49$  for rigid foundation  
 •  $I_E = 0,9$  (embedment of foundation)  
 $\hookrightarrow \frac{B_c}{D} = \frac{2,82}{1,5}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  we have diagrams to estimate each  $I_a, I_f$  and  $I_E$

### 7. Damage criteria and limiting values of settlement

different parameters to quantify settlements

- $w$  = Settlement
- $\omega$  = Tilt
- $\Delta w$  = Relative settlement or differential
- $\beta$  = Relative rotation
- $\alpha$  = Angular strain
- $\Delta$  = Relative deflection
- $\frac{\Delta}{L}$  = Deflection ratio

$\Delta$  is max differential settlement after the tilt of foundation (rigid rotation)  
 $L$  is the total length of the foundation  
 $\beta$  is again  $\Delta$  over only a portion of the building (of the foundation beam)

very similar quantities  $\rightarrow$  two ways to compute the same thing

- a) Deviation from the vertical in excess of about 1/250 can be distinguishable to the casual eye and may produce an unpleasant and sometimes alarming feeling. A deflection ratio of more than 1/250 will also be visible for horizontal members.
- b) The most comprehensive analysis of limiting settlements of structures is that of Skempton and MacDonald (1956), based on the performance of 98 buildings. According to this analysis, limiting values of the relative rotation  $\beta$  should be of the order of 1/500 to avoid cracking in walls and partitions and of the order of 1/150 to avoid structural damage.
- Polshin and Tokar (1957) quoted values of 1/500 and 1/250 and similar conclusions have also been reached by Meyerhof (1956).

Two different levels of damage

- if  $\beta > \frac{1}{500}$  we have cracking in walls and partitions
- if  $\beta > \frac{1}{150}$  structural damage

or 250

Data collected by Bjerrum (1963) showed, in addition, that no damage to building on rafts on clay has been recorded for differential settlements of less than 125 mm and for total settlements of less than 250 mm. Damage has instead been reported for buildings on isolated footings on clay for differential settlements in excess of 50 mm and total settlements higher than 150 mm.

⇒ we need limited values of displacement because relative settlements play an important role in soil-foundation interaction

### **8. Recommended readings**

Lancellotta R. (2009). Geotechnical Engineering 2nd Edition, Taylor & Francis, Abingdon (UK) and New York (USA):

**Chapter 9 and Parts 6.10, 6.14.**

1. Examples → they are all one dimensional

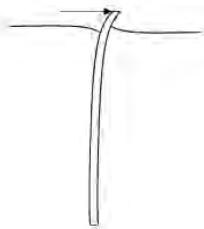
Pile under axial loading



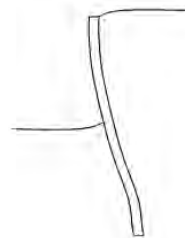
Bending of a beam on an elastic foundation



Pile under lateral loading



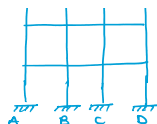
Embedded wall



⇒ geometry level analysis (1D)  
is in common of all the 4  
examples. For 2D or 3D we  
need final element differences

that settlements with their effects on the superstructure so geotechnical and structural engineering

rigid so without differential settlement we have no problem, but if not, we need to consider a change on inner forces of the structure



We can compare complex structures with this simplification

1) beam is the superstructure  
2+3) elastic support represents the foundation structure and soil.

Same examples, but distributed load:

$q \rightarrow$  vertical uniform load

elastic support to fixed support so we can find the reaction

$R = -\frac{3}{8}ql$

$-R = \sum_{\text{foundation}} + \sum_{\text{structure}}$

We can use even a SIMPLER RESPONSE

① cantilever beam with a vertical load on its free edge



we suppose to put a rigid support on the free edge (rigid because without possible settlements)

we have a reaction  $V_A$  so beam isn't stressed at all because  $T=M=0$

Beam: superstructure  
Support: foundation

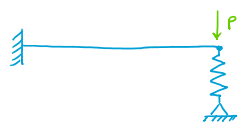
- any stress of the beam
- no settlements

If we have a DISPLACEMENT



$V_A \neq P$  just a portion of it  
Reaction in A is no more equal to P

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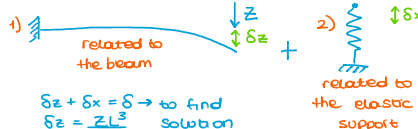


if we have an elastic support so displacement is not given

(HP) from elastic to fixed support and we divide the analysis into two parts:



$$V_A = P = Z + X$$



$$\delta z + \delta x = \delta \rightarrow \text{to find}$$

$$\delta z = \frac{PL^3}{3EI} \quad \text{solution}$$

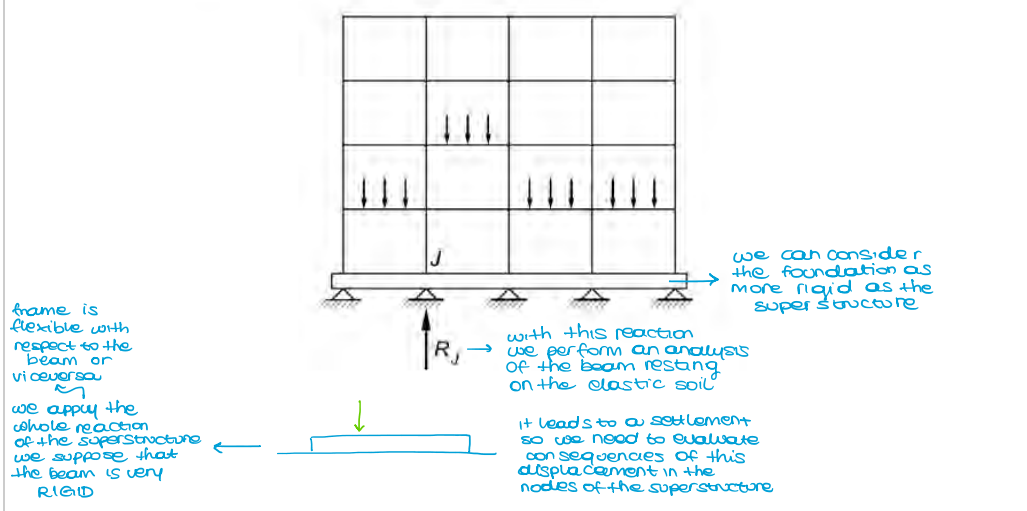
$$\delta x = \frac{X}{k}$$

$$\text{Combining} \quad \frac{3EI}{L^3} \cdot \delta + k\delta = P$$

$$\delta = \frac{P}{k + \frac{3EI}{L^3}}$$

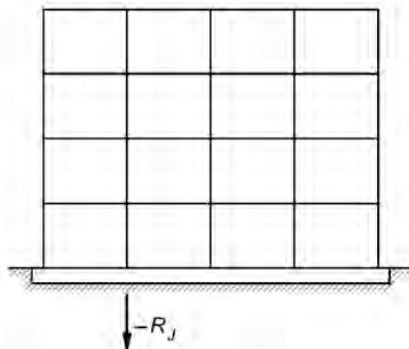
$$X = k\delta = k \cdot \frac{P}{k + \frac{3EI}{L^3}} = \frac{P}{1 + \frac{3EI}{kL^3}}$$

In the case of a frame structure, additional restraint can be introduced below the column bases and the reaction  $R_j$  (referred to the  $j$ -th column) can be computed.



⇒ analyzing all these aspects we can choose the kind of foundation to be used (spread footing, beam, plate, pile foundation)

The actual situation corresponds to the superposition of this first stage with that in which the reaction  $R_j$  are applied to the whole system given by the structure and the foundation beam.



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$$\sum_i P_i = Q \quad \sum_i P_i \cdot x_i = Q \cdot e$$

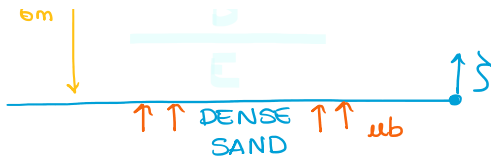
where  $Q$  is the resultant of vertical loads transmitted by the superstructure and  $e$  is its eccentricity.

The settlements can be related to the loads  $P_i$  acting on the beam as follows:

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where the coefficients  $\eta_{ij}$  depend on the relative rigidity of the beam with respect to the soil.

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thickness of layer

LAYER	$\Delta H$ (m)	$\sigma'_{vo}$ (kPa)	$z$ (m)	$h$ (m)	$u$ (kPa)	$\sigma'_{vo}$ (kPa)	$\sigma'_p = OCR \sigma'_{vo}$
A	2	$4 \cdot 19 = 76$	9	11,85	28,3	47,7	238,7
B	2	$6 \cdot 19 = 114$	7	12,09	50,9	63,1	315,7
C	2	$7 \cdot 19 + 1 \cdot 18 = 151$	5	12,35	73,5	77,5	
D	2	$7 \cdot 19 + 3 \cdot 18 = 187$	3	12,61	96,1	90,9	
E	2	$7 \cdot 19 + 5 \cdot 18 = 223$	1	12,87	118,7	104,3	

we consider the layer from the top because we need to compute settlement of soil instead of before in which we were considering the base of foundation to verify its resistance to floating.

$$h(z) = h_b - \frac{\Delta h}{L} \cdot z$$

↳ it is a linear combination of  $z$

$$\Delta h = 1,5 \text{ m}$$

$$L = 11,5 \text{ m}$$

From Bernoulli equation we have:

$$h = u + \frac{z}{\gamma_w}$$

$$u = \gamma_w (h - z)$$

- we need to compute increment of vertical stress due to the foundation  
↳ through Boussinesq

$$\Delta \sigma_v = q^{net} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{\left[ \left( \frac{R}{z} \right)^2 + 1 \right]^{1,5}} \right\}$$

$$q^{net} = q - \sigma_{vo}(z=D) = 170 - 3 \cdot 19 = 113 \text{ kPa}$$

LAYER	$z_f$ (m)	$\Delta \sigma_v$ (kPa)	$\sigma'_{vf}$	$w$ (m)	$w_i$ (m)	$w_c$ (m)	$w_{TOT}$ (m)
A	1	11,3	160,5	$w_{oc} = 0,032$	0,016	0,016	0,032
B	3	10,7	170,3	$w_{oc} = 0,026$	0,013	0,013	0,026
C	5	93,7	171,2	$w_{nc} = 0,085$	0,009	0,085	0,094
D	7	77,1	168	$w_{nc} = 0,066$	0,007	0,066	0,073
E	9	61,8	166,1	$w_{nc} = 0,050$	0,005	0,05	0,055

$$\sigma'_{vf} = \sigma'_{vo} + (\Delta \sigma_v = \Delta \sigma'_v) \text{ (kPa)}$$

- For A and B we need to compare  $\sigma'_{vf}$  with  $\sigma'_p$



because  $\sigma_v = \sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2 = \sigma_3 = \sigma_h$

$$\epsilon_h = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma'_h - \nu(\sigma'_v + \sigma'_h)]$$

=> constitutive equations

we impose  $\epsilon_h = 0$  so

$$\sigma'_h = \nu(\sigma'_v + \sigma'_h)$$

$$\sigma'_h(1-\nu) = \nu\sigma'_v$$

$$\sigma'_h = \frac{\nu}{1-\nu} \sigma'_v$$

coeff. of pressure at rest

$$\epsilon_v = \frac{1}{E} \left( \sigma'_v - 2\nu \cdot \frac{\nu}{1-\nu} \cdot \sigma'_v \right) = \frac{1}{E} \left( \frac{1-\nu-2\nu^2}{1-\nu} \right) \sigma'_v$$

$$\frac{1}{E_{edom}} = \text{edometric compressibility} = \frac{1}{M} = m_v$$

EDOMETRIC MODULUS

$$M = \frac{1}{m_v} = \frac{1-\nu}{1-\nu-2\nu^2} \cdot E = 1,2 \cdot 10^3 \text{ kPa}$$

$$m_v = 8,33 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ kPa}^{-1}$$

Compressibility coefficient:

$$c_v = \frac{k}{m_v \cdot \gamma_w} = 2,4 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2/\text{s} = 7,574 \text{ m}^2/\text{yr}$$

$$1\text{s} = 3 \cdot 171 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ yr}$$

better passing from seconds to years

- consolidation settlement computed by linear elasticity:

$$w_c = m_v \cdot H \cdot q = 0,8 \text{ m}$$

$$u_s = 50\%$$

$$T_v = 0,196$$

$$T_v = \frac{c_v \cdot t}{H_d^2}$$

length of drainage (half of height of layer) ( $\approx 4\text{m}$ )

$$t_{50} = \frac{T_v \cdot H_d^2}{c_v} = 0,414 \text{ yr}$$

$$u_s = 95\%$$

$$T_v = 1,129$$

$$t_{95} = \frac{T_v \cdot H_d^2}{c_v} = 2,385 \text{ yr}$$

$$w \left( \frac{1}{12} \text{ yr} \right)$$

Approximate equation

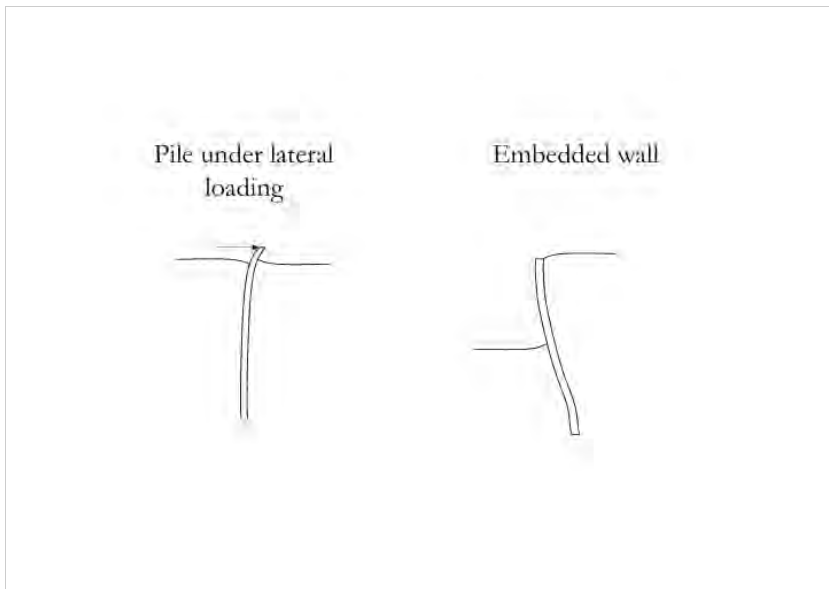
$$u_s = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot \sqrt{T_v}$$

$$T_v = \frac{c_v \cdot t}{H_d^2} = 0,039$$

$$u_s = 0,224 < 0,6$$

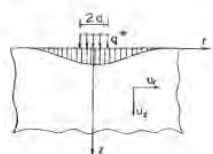
$$w \left( \frac{1}{12} \text{ yr} \right) = u_s \cdot w_c = 0,179 \text{ m}$$

if we have clay instead of rock we have  $H_d = H$   
 REPEAT THE EXERCISE

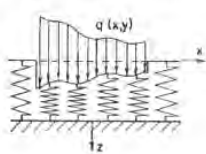


## 2. Soil models

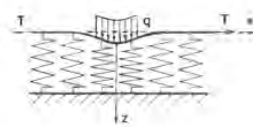
Elastic continuum



Winkler model



Two-parameter model



vertical displacement  $z_s$

$$y_s = \frac{Z \cdot l^3}{3 \cdot (E \cdot J)}$$

flexural rigidity of beam  $\rightarrow$  we assume that to compute Z and X

displacement due to X component  $y_s = \frac{X}{K} \rightarrow$  stiffness

$$X + Z = -R \Rightarrow K \cdot y + \frac{3 \cdot E \cdot J}{l^3} \cdot y = \frac{3}{8} q l \Rightarrow y = \frac{\frac{3}{8} q l}{K + \frac{3 \cdot E \cdot J}{l^3}}$$

elastic support  $X = K \cdot \left( \frac{\frac{3}{8} q l}{K + \frac{3 \cdot E \cdot J}{l^3}} \right)$

cantilever beam  $Z = \frac{3 \cdot E \cdot J}{l^3} \cdot \left( \frac{\frac{3}{8} q l}{K + \frac{3 \cdot E \cdot J}{l^3}} \right)$

value of settlement  $y = \frac{\frac{3}{8} q l}{K + \frac{3 \cdot E \cdot J}{l^3}}$

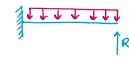
Analizing X:

we have ratio between flexural rigidity EJ of cantilever beam and stiffness K of elastic support

- if K increases the term goes to zero and X is considered with Z's variation that we find for fixed support. No vertical displacements of the edge of cantilever beam and load is taken by edge support, that is equivalent to say foundation.
- if K decreases with respect to EJ, the ratio goes to  $\infty$  and X to 0. So Z goes to reaction R which means that cantilever isn't supported at the edge like if we have a simple cantilever beam without extra supports

Negative case from structural point of view:

$\downarrow$  in the beam we represent the elastic support as a reaction given by:



The reaction is due to the effects of settlements

We generate this reaction when we know vertical force so we can evaluate V and bending moment in the beam.

For geotechnical engineering we need to evaluate settlements and bearing capacity qb, this value is X



We can evaluate rigidity of cantilever beam and K of elastic support. So for bending we consider rigidity and stiffness.

In the case of a frame structure, additional restraint can be introduced below the column bases and the reaction  $R_j$  (referred to the j-th column) can be computed.

we obtain a foundation system, we consider foundation more rigid than superstructure (with this assumption calculations are easier)

we introduce fixed supports and evaluate reaction  $R_j$  when it is for a certain column. We substitute elastic supports with fixed ones to evaluate the reaction itself.

After solving the equation (4) we can evaluate  $z$  and  $x$  using previous equations  
 ↳ difficult to know  $D$  and  $F$

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we use inverse of stiffness matrix to relate load to settlement  
 ↳ system of  $n$  equations (one for each column)

where the coefficients  $\eta_{ij}$  depend on the relative rigidity of the beam with respect to the soil.

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So we can obtain the solution for this limit case, because we have a relation similar to the previous equation that we use for foundation.

Relating position of load to the settlement, using  $K$  matrix, here we use inverse of matrix  $K$  to relate settlement to load at column  $j$ , inverse relation of previous equation.

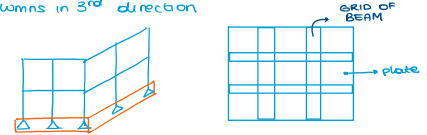
Now we have a system of  $n$  equations, one for each column, but we have  $n+2$  unknowns  
 - loads  $P$   
 - settlements  $y_0$   
 - rigid tilt  $\alpha_0$

We need two more equations  
 • vertical force equilibrium  $\sum P_i = Q$   
 • momentum equation  $\sum P_i x_i = Qe$

If we have RIGID FOUNDATION: here  $R_2$  is higher than  $R_1$  and  $R_3$ , we have higher load because we have a strip foundation for each column, we have uniform soil, so we expect higher settlement for column 2, so differential settlements for each column of the frame.

If settlement is significant we don't have flexible structure. If we have uniform settlements no problem, but higher load column 2.  
 ↳ DIFFERENTIAL SETTLEMENTS (high effect on frame so we make connection between columns to avoid it).

If we have a 3D structure we have similar frames in 3<sup>rd</sup> dimension so we increase stiffness connecting columns in 3<sup>rd</sup> direction



When empty areas between beams are below a given ratio it's convenient to substitute the beam with a PLATE. In this case we have increase of rigidity of the foundation, from the spread foundation to grid of beams and plate.  
 we can have an unsatisfactory result if we have a compressible shallow layer so better using pile foundation to reduce settlements, produced in shallow layer

- spread footing
- beams
- grid of beams
- plate
- piles

we make foundation sufficiently rigid to limit settlements and in similar way there is a limiting condition of flexible superstructure. This isn't typical condition that is designed in practice, because the aim of foundation is to have a restriction of differential settlements to a value so low that it can be neglected in the analysis of the support structure.

## 2) RIGID STRUCTURE

↳ we have  $Q$  as vertical load and  $e$  as its eccentricity. Position of column has to be in straight line, so we have a settlement and a rotation of the structure that is done so structure rigidity.

All the settlements are located in straight line, the general equation of a generic settlement of a column is:

$$y_i = y_0 + \alpha_0 x_i$$

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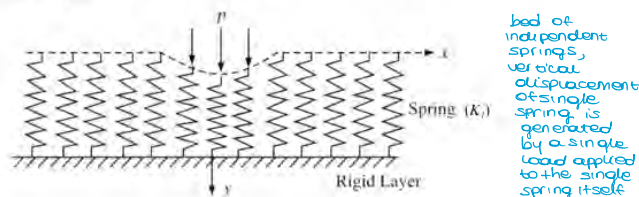
## Beam on a Winkler medium

### 1. Winkler medium

The idealized model of soil media proposed by Winkler (1867) assumes that the deflection,  $y$ , of the soil medium at any point on the surface is directly proportional to the stress,  $p$ , applied at that point and independent of stresses applied at other locations, i.e.

$$\text{settlement} \leftarrow y = \frac{p}{K_1}$$

where  $K_1$  (F/L<sup>2</sup>) is termed the modulus of subgrade reaction with units of stress per unit length.



From the previous equations, the governing equation of bending for a beam supported on a Winkler medium results to be:

$$EJ \frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} = q(x) - (K)B \cdot y(x)$$

*the reaction is oc to kd*

whose general solution is given by:

*modulus of subgrade reaction*

$$y(x) = e^{\lambda x} (C_1 \cos \lambda x + C_2 \sin \lambda x) + e^{-\lambda x} (C_3 \cos \lambda x + C_4 \sin \lambda x)$$

where  $C_1, C_2, C_3,$  and  $C_4$  must be determined from the boundary conditions of a particular problem, and the parameter  $\lambda (L^{-1})$  is equal to:

*relative stiffness coefficient*

$$\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{K \cdot B}{4EJ}}$$

*→ rigidity of soil*  
*→ rigidity of beam*

The *relative stiffness* of the beam-soil foundation system depends on the ratio between the beam length,  $L,$  and the characteristic length given by  $1/\lambda$ .

*used to evaluate propagation of load applied at a certain point*

The *relative stiffness* of the beam-soil foundation system depends on the ratio between the beam length,  $L,$  and the characteristic length given by  $1/\lambda$  (Vesic, 1961):

$$\varepsilon = \frac{L}{(1/\lambda)} = L \cdot \sqrt{\frac{k \cdot B}{4EJ}}$$

Vesic (1961) defined the flexibility of a footing as follows:

- the footing is classified as *rigid* when  $\varepsilon < \pi/4$  (i.e. about 0.8)
- the footing is classified as *flexible* when  $\varepsilon > \pi$  (i.e. about 3)
- the footing is classified as *intermediate* when  $\pi/4 < \varepsilon < \pi$

→ it speaks about Winkler's method

From Haberfield, C. (2017), "Practical application of soil structure interaction analysis. First Gregory Tschobolarioff Lecture on Soil-structure interaction", Proceedings of 19<sup>th</sup> ICSMGE, 17-22 September 2017, Seoul, Korea:

*"The author has also been asked many times by both structural and geotechnical engineers what value of subgrade reaction should be adopted as the reference books all give different values. My reply has always been – none of them.*

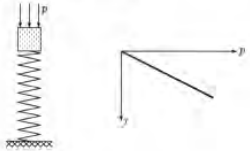
*It is clear from these experiences that there are many structural and geotechnical engineers who do not understand the limitations of subgrade reaction theory, do not understand the difference between modulus of subgrade reaction (which applies to a 300 mm square plate) and spring stiffness (which applies to a footing of any type or size) and who have the misconception that spring constants are a soil property. Spring constants for a pad footing or pile for example, defined as load divided by displacement, depend upon many factors including geometry, scale, load magnitude and duration and soil properties. Spring stiffness values will also vary for the same footing with location across the foundation system (for example) and with each load case."*

WINKLER MODEL

### 3. Modulus of subgrade reaction

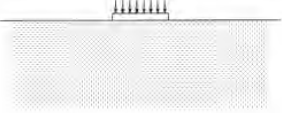
Consider a circular rigid footing, under the uniform load  $p$  ( $F/L^2$ ).

Winkler medium → settlement is given by:



$$y = \frac{p}{K_1}$$

Compare with  
Linear elastic half-space

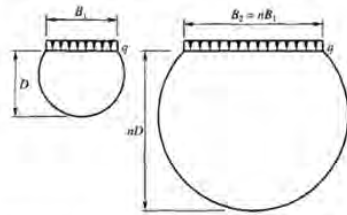


$$y = \frac{\pi(1 - \nu^2)pD}{4E}$$

settlement is function of load, stiffness of soil and diameter of footing

where  $\nu$  is the Poisson's coefficient and  $D$  is the footing diameter

Consider two foundation beams, of width  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  (such that  $B_2 = n \cdot B_1$ ) resting on a compressible subgrade and each loaded so that the subgrade reactive pressure is uniform and equal to  $q$  for both beams.



$$y_{(1)} = \frac{q}{K_{1(1)}}$$

$$y_{(2)} = \frac{q}{K_{1(2)}}$$

The differences of  $K_1$  depend not only on soil properties but also on foundations

we have two plates with two settlements which correspond to different values of  $K_1$  because the influence depth is different so settlements aren't equal too.

If the beams are resting on a subgrade whose deformation properties are more or less independent of depth (such as a stiff clay) then it can be assumed that the settlement increases in simple proportion to the depth of the pressure bulb:

$$y_{(2)} = n \cdot y_{(1)} \implies K_{1(2)} = \frac{q}{n \cdot y_{(1)}} = \frac{q}{y_{(1)}} \cdot \frac{B_1}{B_2} = K_{1(1)} \cdot \frac{B_1}{B_2} \rightarrow \text{direct application of equation of linear elasticity}$$

so a plate with  $B_2 = 0$  has  $n$  factors  $\neq$  from  $B_1$ , so  $n$  is a factor related also to settlement  $y$  and to  $K_1$ .

The modulus of subgrade reaction can be estimated from the results of plate loading tests (generally, a square plate with a side of  $0.305 \text{ m}$  is used).

Terzaghi (1955) provided the following indications for the determination of the modulus of subgrade reaction:

- Stiff clay (stiffness constant with depth):

$$K_1 = K_{1p} \cdot \left( \frac{\ell + 0.152}{1.5 \cdot \ell} \right) \cdot \frac{b}{B} \quad K_1 = K_{1p} \cdot \frac{b}{1.5 \cdot B} \quad \text{for } \ell \rightarrow \infty$$

- Sand (stiffness that increases with depth):  $\rightarrow$  not constant, we have solution given by Terzaghi

$$K_1 = K_{1p} \left( \frac{B+b}{2 \cdot B} \right)^2$$

where  $K_{1p}$  is the modulus obtained from a plate bearing test using a plate of width  $b$ ,  $B$  is the width of the beam and  $\ell$  is the length of the beam.

$\implies$  we calculate values after knowing real ones from tests.