

**CIV E 354**  
**GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING II**

**-CLASS NOTES-**

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## 1 – INTRODUCTION

Geotechnical Problems Review of Soil Mechanics (Chapter 3):

Design Philosophy (21-1)

Effective stresses,

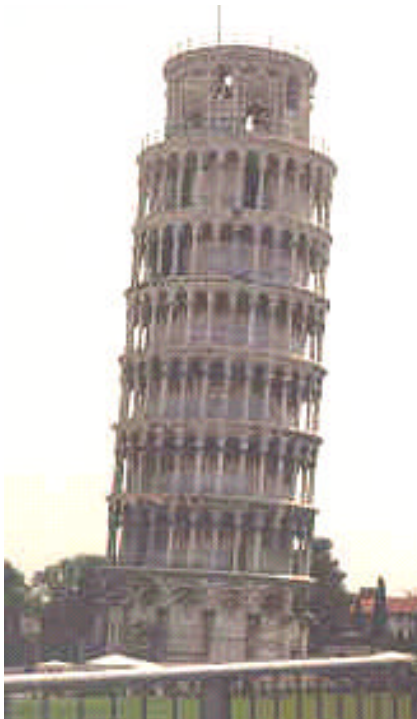
Design Loads (2.1)

Shear strength: drained and undrained,  
Mohr circle

“The most important thing is to keep the most important thing the most important thing”

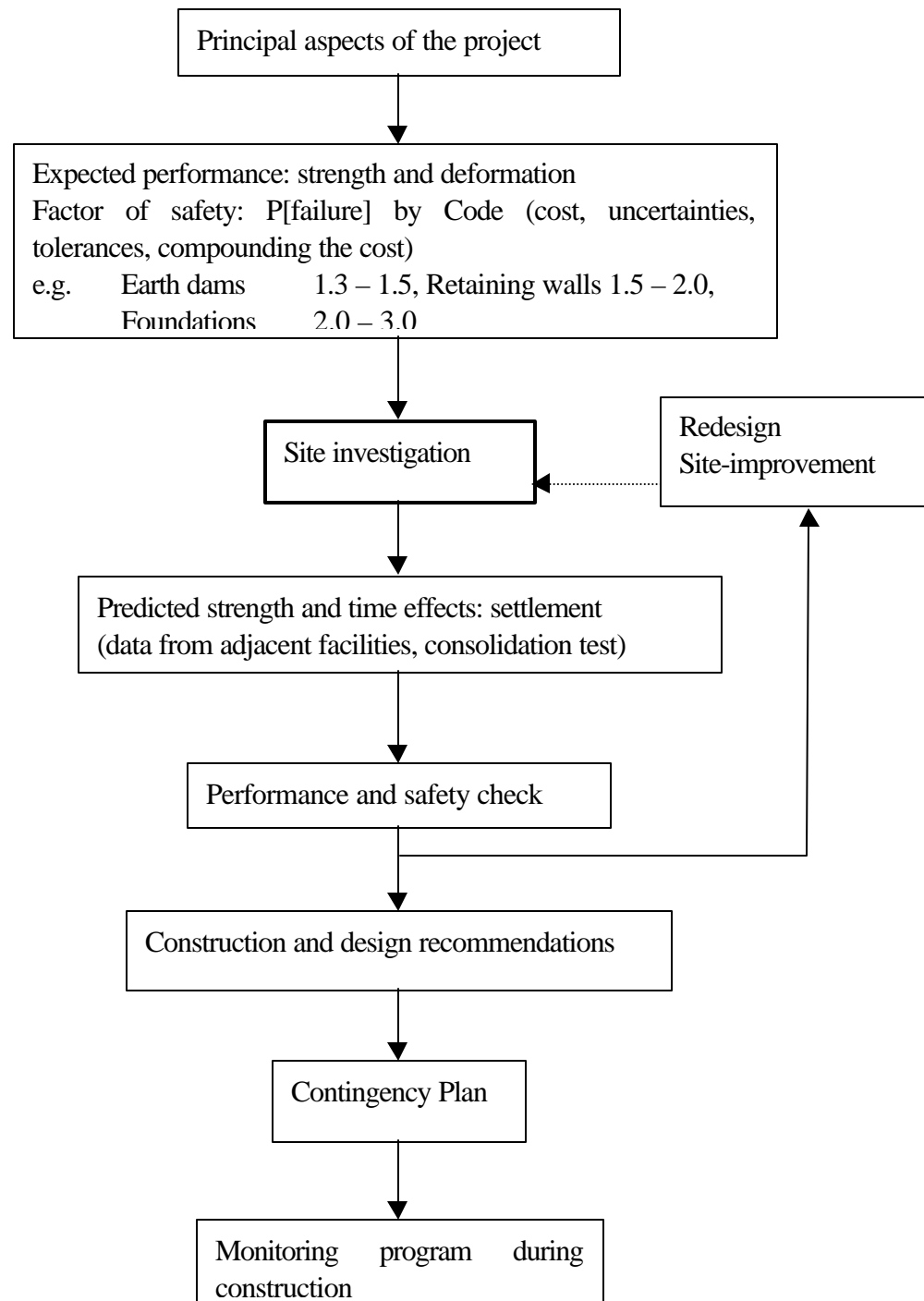
“A structure is not stronger than its connections”

Foundations transmit all the structural loads to the underlain soils. The foundation engineer must be multi-disciplinary and have knowledge of Geotechnical Engineering, Structural Engineering and Construction Engineering.



...and we can save 1000 Lira by not  
conducting soil studies!

## 1.1 Geotechnical problems



## 1.2 Design philosophy

Since the behaviour of soils is quite complex, most of our analysis and design methods include a mixture of rational and empirical techniques. The **success** of a geotechnical engineer relies on his solutions to practical design problems based on his **understanding** of the strengths and limitations of this mix of rationalism and empiricism (CE 353). A successful structure will fulfill the following performance requirements:

- Strength
- Serviceability
- Constructibility
- Economy.

### Settlement

- Connection with existing structures
- Utility lines
- Surface drainage
- Access
- Aesthetics.

In spite of uncertainties in analysis and design, the society expects engineers to develop economical, timely, and reliable designs. The factor of safety (F.S.) is based on required reliability (i.e. the acceptable probability of failure), consequences of failure, uncertainties in soil properties and applied loads, construction tolerances (design and as-built dimensions), ignorance of true behaviour, cost-benefit ratio of additional conservatism in the design. Therefore, the factor of safety is used to compensate for uncertainties.

We use the factor of safety:

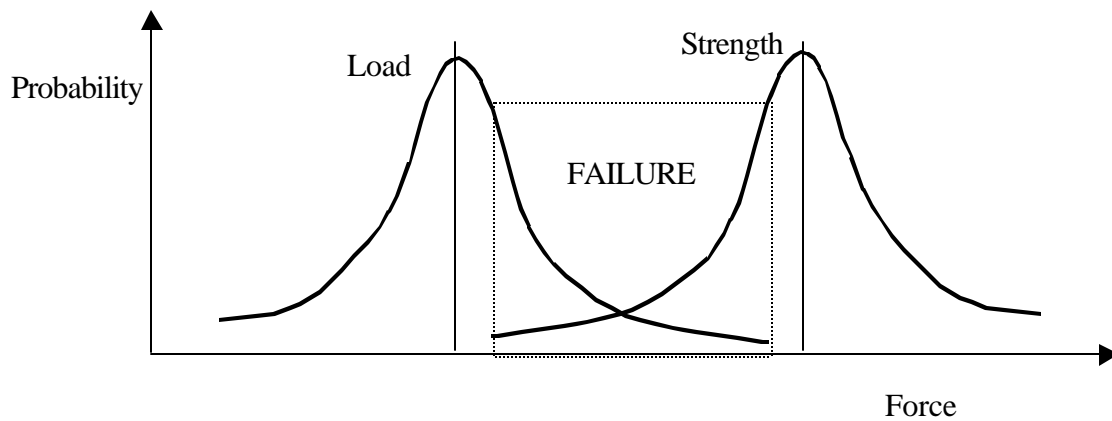
$$\text{F.S.} = \text{Strength} / \text{Load (deterministic method)}$$

In Geotechnical Engineering there are two main approaches for design:

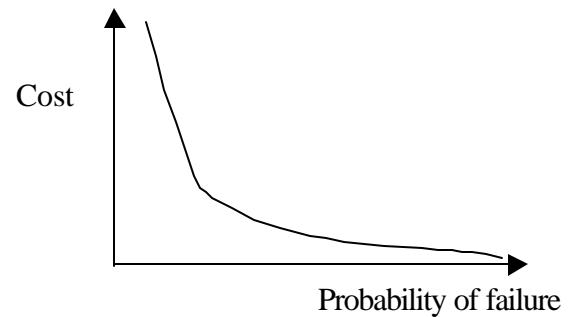
- Working stress design or allowable stress design (WSD, ASD): forces from working conditions
- Limit state design or load and resistance factor design (ULS, LRFD): forces from maximum loads

$$P_u = \gamma_1 P_D + \gamma_2 P_D + \dots$$

$$P_u \leq \phi P_n$$



$$P[\text{failure}] = P[L > S] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P[S = S_0] P[L > S_0] dS_0$$



### 1.3 Design loads

D

$$D + L + F + H + T + (L_r \text{ or } S \text{ or } R)$$

$$0.75[D + L + (L_r \text{ or } S \text{ or } R) + (W \text{ or } E)]$$

$$0.75[D + (W \text{ or } E)]$$

where:

D:	dead loads;	W:	wind loads
L:	live loads;	T:	self-straining loads;
S:	snow loads;	I:	impact loads;
R:	rain loads;	SF:	stream flow loads;
H:	earth pressure loads;	ICE:	ice loads;
F:	fluid loads;	CF:	centrifugal loads; and,
E:	earthquake loads;	BF:	braking loads.

## 1.4 Review of soil mechanics

### 1.4.1 Total and effective stresses

$$\sigma' = \sigma_T - u$$

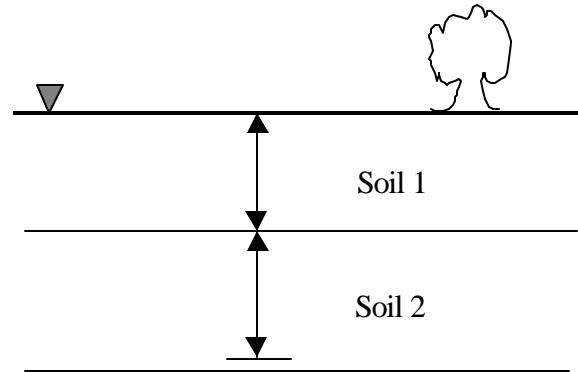
#### Example 1.1

Soil 1:  $H = 5\text{m}$ ,  $\gamma_T = 16\text{ kN/m}^3$ ,  $\phi' = 30^\circ$ ,  $c' = 15\text{ kPa}$

Soil 2:  $H = 7\text{m}$ ,  $\gamma_T = 19\text{ kN/m}^3$  and  $\phi' = 35^\circ$

Compute the total and effective stresses at the soil 2 – bedrock interface.

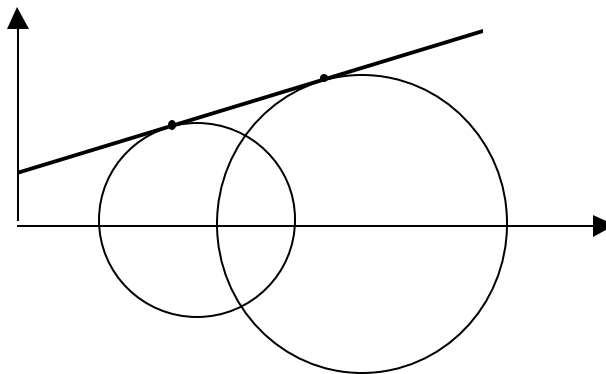
What is the water content of soil 2 if the in-situ void ratio is 0.60?



### 1.4.2 Drained ( $\tau_f$ ) and undrained shear strength ( $\tau_u$ )

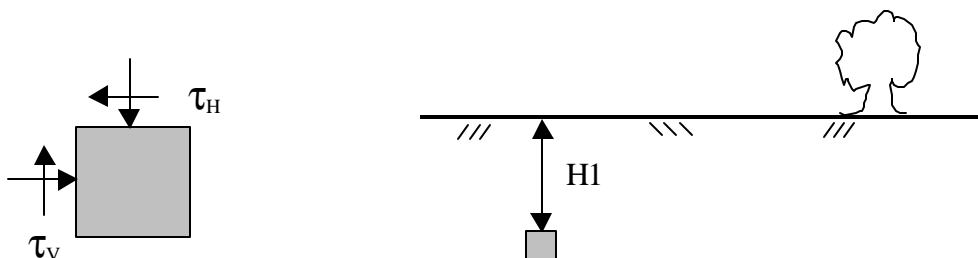
Drained shear strength:

$$\tau_f = c' + \sigma'_n \tan(\phi')$$



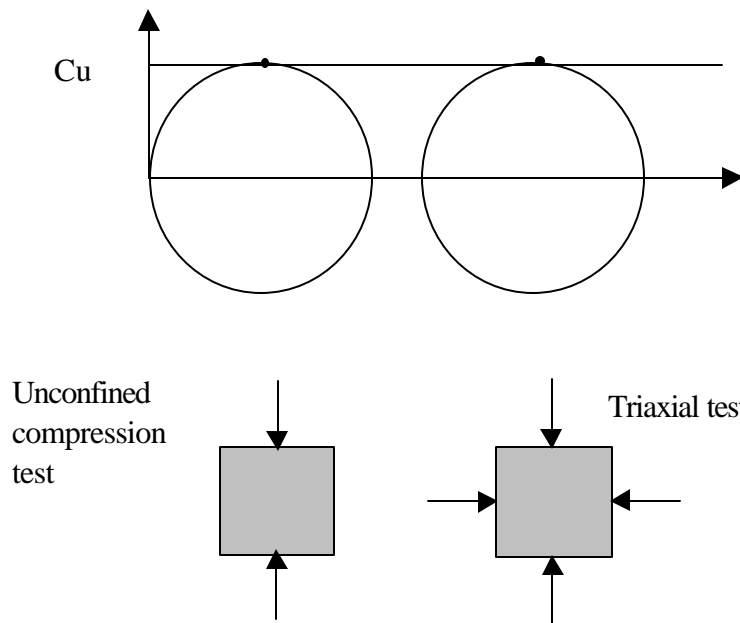
#### Example 1.2:

Compute the maximum shear stresses that can be applied on a vertical or horizontal plane at depth  $H$ .



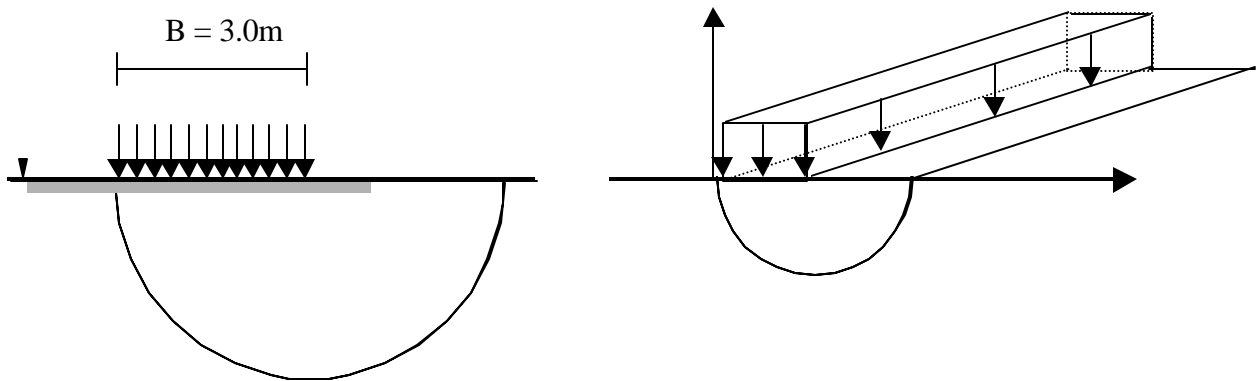
Undrained shear strength:

$$\tau_f = C_u$$

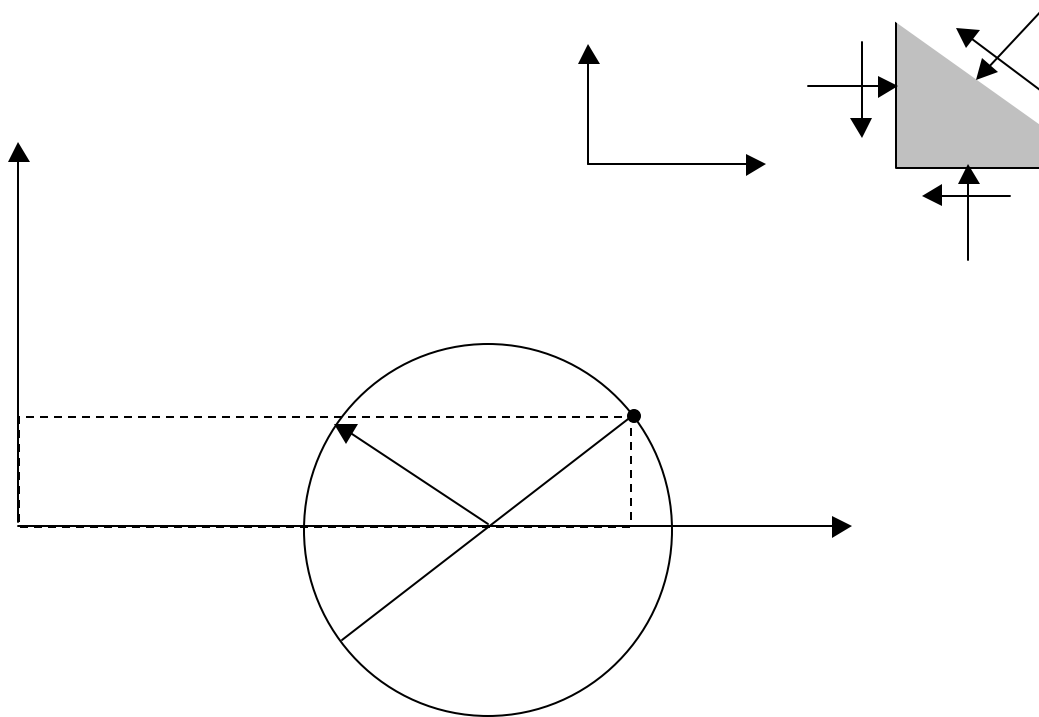


**Example 1.3:**

Compute the maximum load “q” for a strip footing on clay for fast loading.  $C_u = 80$  kPa.



### 1.4.3 Mohr Circle: Graphical representation of the state of stress at any direction, at a given point



Characteristics of Mohr circle:

- 1- A change of an angle  $\theta$  in the element represents an angle  $2\theta$  in the circle
- 2- Principal stresses  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_3 \rightarrow$  Null shear stress
- 3- Radius and centre of the circle:

$$\text{From principal stresses} \quad R = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2}{2} \quad C = \frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_2}{2}$$

$$\text{From non-principal stresses} \quad R = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_y - \sigma_x}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{yx}^2} \quad C = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2}$$

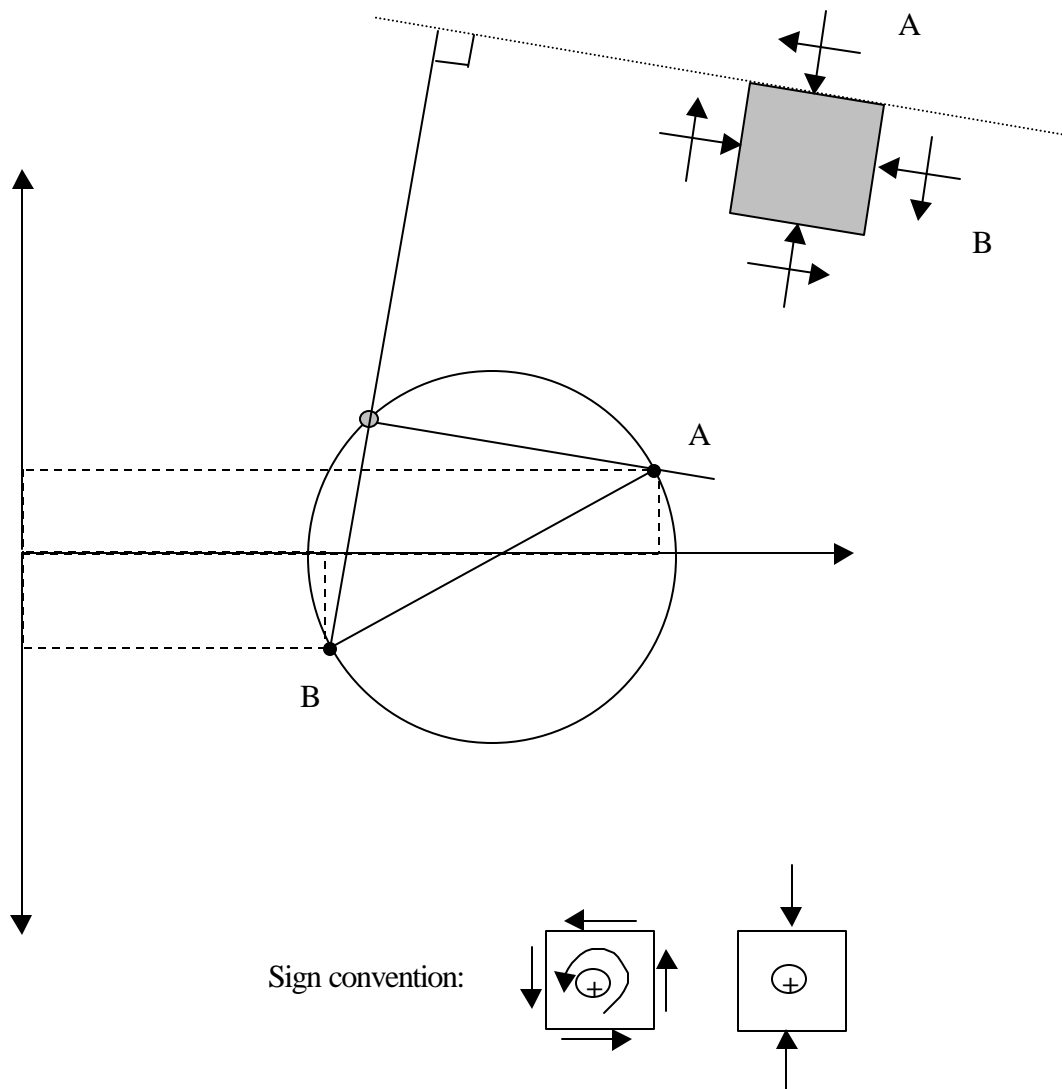
- 4- The resultant stress at any plane is given by

$$\sigma_R = \sqrt{(\sigma_N)^2 + (\tau_N)^2} =$$



5- The maximum shear stress is equal to the radius of the circle. Maximum shear stress acts on planes at  $45^\circ$  with respect to principal stresses.

1- Stresses at any given orientation  $\rightarrow$  Pole or origin of planes. Locate any given state of stresses ( $\sigma$ ,  $\tau$ ) on the Mohr circle (Point A). Draw a line parallel to the plane on which the stresses ( $\sigma$ ,  $\tau$ ) are acting at Point A and extend this plane until intersects again the circle (Point P). The intersection of this plane with the Mohr circle (Point P) defines the pole. This procedure can be used with any known state of stresses and the same pole should be obtained.



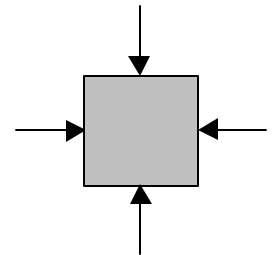
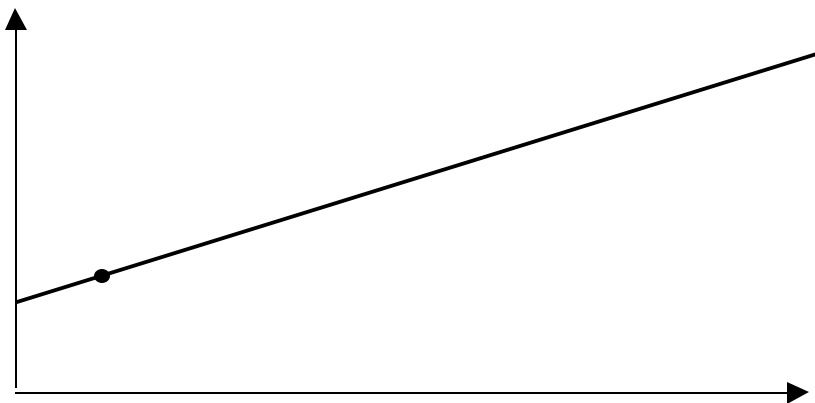
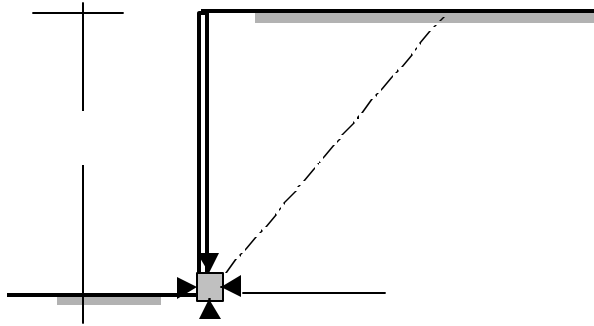
**Example 1.4:**

For a triaxial test,  $\sigma_1 = 10$  kPa and  $\sigma_2 = 5$  kPa. Find the normal and shear stresses in a plane inclined  $+30^\circ$  with respect to the horizontal.

**Example 1.5:**

Find the maximum height  $H$  for an open-cut excavation on Soil 1.

Soil 1:  $\gamma_T = 16$  kN/m<sup>3</sup>,  $\phi' = 30^\circ$ ,  $c' = 15$  kPa



## Review Formula Sheet

$$G_s = \frac{\rho_s}{\rho_w} \quad e = \frac{V_v}{V_s} \quad n = \frac{V_v}{V} \quad \omega = \frac{W_w}{W_s} \quad S = \frac{V_w}{V_v} \quad S = \frac{\omega G_s}{e} \quad A = \frac{V_a}{V}$$

$\gamma_w = 9.81 \text{ kN/m}^3$

$$\rho_T = (1 + \omega) \rho_d \quad \rho_T = \frac{(1 + \omega)}{(1 + e)} G_s \rho_w \quad \rho_d = \frac{G_s (1 - A)}{(1 + \omega G_s)} \rho_w \quad dd \propto \left[ \frac{D T}{v^2 n} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$Cu = D_{60}/D_{10} \quad Cc = (D_{30})^2 / (D_{10} D_{60}) \quad q = k i A \quad i = \frac{\Delta h_T}{\Delta s} \quad q = k h_T(\text{st-last}) (N_f / N_d)$$

$$Cu \geq 6 \quad 1 \leq Cc \leq 3 \text{ (SW)} \quad i_c = \frac{\gamma_T - \gamma_w}{\gamma_w} \quad h_T = h_p + h_e$$

$$Cu \geq 4 \quad 1 \leq Cc \leq 3 \text{ (GW)}$$

$$FS = \frac{\text{Strength}}{\text{Load}} \quad \sigma' = \sigma_T - u \quad C_v = \frac{0.196 d^2}{t_{50}} \quad \begin{array}{l} S_o = \text{Surface/Mass} \\ \text{Sphere} \\ \text{Area} = 4\pi R^2 \\ \text{Volume} = 4/3 \pi R^3 \end{array}$$

$$\tau_f = c' + \sigma'_n \tan(\phi')$$

$$u = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{2u_0}{M} \sin\left(\frac{Mz}{d}\right) e^{-M^2 T_v} \quad S_{\infty} = \frac{\Delta e}{1 + e_0} H \quad S_1 = \frac{qB}{E} \mu_0 \mu_1 \quad I_z = \frac{\epsilon_z E}{q}$$

$$M = \frac{\pi}{2} (2m + 1) \quad S_{\infty} = \frac{C \log\left(\frac{\sigma'_2}{\sigma'_1}\right)}{1 + e_0} H \quad \begin{array}{ll} I_z\left(\frac{B}{2}\right) = 0.6 & I_z(2B) = 0.0 \quad \blacksquare \\ I_z(B) = 0.6 & I_z(4B) = 0.0 \quad \blacksquare \end{array}$$

$$K_A = \tan^2\left(45 - \frac{\phi'}{2}\right) \quad T_v = \frac{\pi \bar{U}^2}{4} \quad \bar{U} < 0.6 \quad \sigma_z = \frac{q}{\pi} \left[ \alpha + \sin \alpha \cos(\alpha + 2\beta) \right]$$

$$K_P = \tan^2\left(45 + \frac{\phi'}{2}\right) \quad T_v = -0.933 \log(1 - \bar{U}) - 0.085 \quad \sigma_x = \frac{q}{\pi} \left[ \alpha - \sin \alpha \cos(\alpha + 2\beta) \right]$$

$$\sigma'_H = K_A \sigma'_v - 2c' \sqrt{K_A} \quad \bar{U} > 0.6 \quad \tau_{xy} = \frac{q}{\pi} \left[ \sin \alpha \sin(\alpha + 2\beta) \right]$$

$$\sigma'_H = K_P \sigma'_v + 2c' \sqrt{K_P}$$

$$K_o = 1 - \sin(\phi') \quad C = \frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_2}{2} \quad R = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2}{2} \quad a' = c' \cos \phi'$$

$$K_{oc} = K_o^{OCR} \quad OCR \sin \phi' \quad C = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} \quad R = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_y - \sigma_x}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{yx}^2} \quad \tan \alpha' = \sin \phi'$$