**Earth Pressure I** 



# **Earth Pressure at rest**

Let  $\varepsilon_x$  be the strain in the horizontal direction at depth z on an element of soil and let the Poisson's ratio and elastic modulus be  $\mu$  and E, respectively. The earth pressure at rest corresponds to a state of zero lateral strain ( $\varepsilon_x = 0$ ).

For plane strain condition, ex is given by

$$\begin{split} \varepsilon_{x} &= \frac{1}{E} \left[ \sigma_{x} - \mu \left( \sigma_{y} + \sigma_{z} \right) \right] \\ When \ \varepsilon_{x} &= 0, \ \sigma_{x} = \frac{\mu}{1 - \mu} \sigma_{z} \\ & 1 - \mu \\ \sigma_{x} \text{ is designated as } p_{0}. \end{split}$$

V

Hence, coefficient of earth pressure at rest,

$$k_0 = \frac{p_0}{\sigma_z} = \frac{\mu}{1 - \mu}$$

 In the natural state, an element of soil at a depth z below ground surface is not subjected to any strain-the element is in a condition known as 'at rest 'condition and can be expressed as

$$p_0 = k_0 \sigma_z$$

• The total pressure per length acting over a height of H of retaining wall is equal to the area of lateral pressure distribution diagram.

$$P_0 = \frac{1}{2} k_0 \gamma H^2$$

 $P_0$  acts at a height of H/3 from base.



Soil	k <sub>o</sub>
Dense sand	0.4-0.45
Loose sand	0.45-0.5
Mechanically compacted sand	0.8-1.5
Normally consolidated clay	0.5-0.6
Over consolidated clay	1.0-4.0

• For sands and normally consolidated clays, Jaky (1944) gave following equation:

$$k_0 = 1 - \sin \phi'$$

## Rankine's theory of earth pressure

- Salient assumptions of Rankine's earth pressure can be summarized as
- The backfill is isotropic, homogenous and cohesionless.
- The soil is in state of plastic equilibrium during active and passive earth pressure conditions.
- The rupture surface is planar surface which is obtained by considering plastic equilibrium of soil.
- ✓ The backfill surface is horizontal.
- $\checkmark$  The back of the wall is vertical and smooth.





Earth Pressure II



## Active earth pressure

• If the wall moves away from the backfill, the soil element expands and the horizontal pressure decreases to a minimum value so that a state of plastic equilibrium is developed.

$$\sin\phi = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_3} = \frac{1 + \sin\phi}{1 - \sin\phi}$$

Here,  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_z =$  weight of soil at depth z, that is  $\sigma_1 = \gamma z$ . The minimum value of  $\sigma_x$  is defined as the active earth pressure  $p_A$ ; that is  $\sigma_3 = (\sigma_x) \min = p_a$ 

where K is the coefficient of active earth pressure 
$$\frac{p_A = K_A \gamma z}{1 + \sin \phi} = \tan^2 (45^\circ - \frac{\phi}{2})$$

## Passive earth pressure

• If the wall moves towards from the backfill, there will be a uniform compression in horizontal direction. There will be an increase in the horizontal pressure while  $\sigma_z$  remains constant.





### **b) Effect of uniform surcharge**

• If a uniformly distributed load of intensity q/unit area is acting over the entire surface of backfill, then effective stress at any depth is increased by  $K_Aq$ .



### c) Submerged backfill

Active earth pressure at base of wall

$$p_A = K_A \gamma H_1 + K_A \gamma' (H - H_1) + \gamma_w (H - H_1)$$



Parkine's Active & Passive Earlt-Pressure. B Failure plage. Consider the soil element atpia at a dist 2 grow G. 2. 5° = 15 A = (4s + 4/27 Active Case of sil. Rankine Active Earth Premare 52 - 5x 162 As no wheen stness acting a the planes (two mutually I direction 282) his stresser are principal Lepne sentaling strugses by Moho's Circle : expinsion Active not finder Envelipe. This is a finder of the Envelipe. This is a finder of the care of th Maerses. 5= 5= 12  $f = \frac{1}{\sigma_2 = \sigma_3} \int \frac{1}{\sigma_1 (nex)} = \frac{1}{r_1} \int \frac{1}{r_2} \frac{1}{r_3} \int \frac{1}{r_1} \frac{1}{r_2} \frac{1}{r_3} \int \frac{1}{r_1} \frac{1}{r_2} \frac{1}{r_3} \int \frac{1}{r_1} \frac{1}{r_2} \frac{1}{r_3} \int \frac{1}{r_1} \frac{1}{r_2} \frac{1}{r_1} \frac{1}{r_2} \frac{1}{r_3} \frac{1}{r_1} \frac{1}{r_2} \frac{1}{r_2} \frac{1}{r_1} \frac{1}{r_2} \frac{1}{r_1} \frac{1}{r_2} \frac{1}{r_2} \frac{1}{r_1} \frac{1}{r_2} \frac{1}{r_1} \frac{1}{r_2} \frac{1}{r_1} \frac{1}{r_2} \frac{1}{r_2} \frac{1}{r_1} \frac{1}$ Mohristinde II & i - a represents plastic equilibria stress stati per active & passive carli pressure respectively

8 : Augle Ke failure plane there Edall Setire Presence Case 5, = 52 : 72 Mar (6) (orload) 5-5-6. te for the the for the state of 5- (5) c + Rech the - creth of -From & FOC, LFCA = 20 = 90 + 4 =) [ = 41+2] 5-5 - 5-5 00 = 5 + PC = Z & OCF ,  $Sin \varphi = \frac{FC}{OC} = \frac{PC}{OC} = \frac{F_1 - F_2}{OC} = \frac{F_1 - F_2}{O_1 + F_2} = \frac{F_1 - F_2}{O_1 + F_2}$ 6,-53 = Kint =) and - c-d by a dy c  $\frac{6_1+6_3}{6_1-5_3} = \frac{1}{8in\phi}$ 3) \$1+5, \$ \$1+5 1+ - Sing =) 5 - 83+5+8 == xing +1 263 = 1- hind 26 = 1+ Seing =) 5 = 1- 1- 1- 9 5 = - 1+ Sing =)  $\frac{6}{3} = k_{e} = \frac{1-k_{e,e}q}{1+k_{e,e}q} = \frac{1-k_{e,e}q}{1+k_{e,e}q}$ =)  $\frac{p_{a}}{\gamma_{2}} = k_{a} =$ )  $\frac{p_{a}}{p_{a}} = k_{a} \sqrt{2}$ 

Parkine Earth Pressure Morenet of Wall mayor (G L) Compression of soil the spice of the south of the spice spice of the spice spice of the spice spice of the sp As i ceall moves towards the backfill Fr goes on increasing till the noximum displacement deprealing takes place, any further moreneut may cause the fiture aly the planar faihre / repline surgere si si bacufill/ soulmans behind here wall. Here, The green icreening from its original centipressure at next position alestich and becomes equel [at are style of illing Of the coall tours beckfill ] to of & he becomes more then GZ will purker morened of the well, shid causes more dependent of silf backfill. This gres on till the openatic equilibrin type is neeched. The tril is on the verge 3 failure alog the failure prophere 52 - 0 (52) - 5 57 (might Ruface

0 er = + er = + 15 (miner printipal stress) Mohr Calomb Failure Easeldge Pi the pole. e 6 (62) (5), (6), to thempose 67-63 5x ) rego 0 DOFC, 180-90-9 /FCO pland 90-9 & mayle which =) [& = 45° - 9-The faiture tarter maker with minothing rigel plane. (i.e. x directif A OFC. 6,+5 -5 40 king = - CF 6--63 = loing =) ky = wefficient 5 = 1+ king 63 = 1- Sing  $\frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{2}} = k_p = \frac{1+\sqrt{1-q}}{1-\sqrt{1-q}} = \frac{1}{1-\sqrt{1-q}}$ =) Pp= kp 52 = kp Y2

Rackines Active Stati allers place Active Care WE ALTER Atell 261 8-48+9 1/ 9 9/2 Referred faiture plane Like with Parily i larking plane Active card, T Passive Rankine State motor tot land este Sandellei phone Blential Failure planes mitte the soul / backfill Mohr Whomas i Rankine Preserve Poreserve Faiture Enelste. Stali B = 48 - 9



$$\begin{split} \partial \mathcal{O}_{1}^{c} \mathcal{O}_{1}^{c} \mathcal{O}_{1}^{c} & A \mathcal{O}_{1}^{c} = \mathcal{O}_{1} \mathcal{A}^{c} - \mathcal{O}_{1} \mathcal{O}_{1}^{c} \\ &= \left( \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{1}} + \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{2}} \right)^{p} - \left( \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{1}} + \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{2}} \right)^{p} \mathcal{A}_{1} \mathcal{A}_{1}^{c} \\ &= \left( \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{1}} + \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{2}} \right)^{p} \mathcal{A}_{1} \mathcal{A}_{1}^{c} \\ &= \left( \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{1}} + \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{2}} \right)^{p} \mathcal{A}_{1} \mathcal{A}_{1}^{c} \\ &= \left( \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{1}} + \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{2}} \right)^{p} \mathcal{A}_{1} \mathcal{A}_{1}^{c} \\ &= \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{1}} + \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{2}} \\ & \mathcal{O}_{1} \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{O}_{1} \\ & \mathcal{A}_{1} = \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{1}} + \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{2}} \\ & \mathcal{A}_{1} = \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{1}} + \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{2}} \\ & \mathcal{A}_{1} = \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{1}} + \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{2}} \\ &= \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{1}} + \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{2}} \\ &= \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{1}} + \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{2}} \\ &= \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{2}} + \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{1}} \\ &= \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{2}} + \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{1}} \\ &= \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{2}} + \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{2}} \\ &= \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{2}} \\ &= \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{2}} + \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{2}} \\ &= \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{2}} + \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{2}} \\ &= \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{2}} + \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{2}} \\ &= \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{2}} \\ &= \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{2}} + \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{2}} \\ &= \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{2}} \\ &= \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{2}} + \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{2}} \\ &= \widehat{\mathcal{O}$$

la = V2 Gai, Cai-Josi-Caig Cori + J Costi - costop =) [ = 4.42] achere, Ka = Cozi x Cori - Jai - Lorg Cari + Jai - Lorg H

Pa = to cai, cai - let - long =) [k = k. 42] Conin J Conin-Collig chere, Na = Cer x Ceri - Jasi-15a Car + Jan Ceri - Jain H

Similary you can derive the coefficient of earling pressure (Passis K = Cosi x Cosi + / Cosi - Cosop Cosi - Jasi - Cosop (tp = pressive earth pressure at a depthi 2 for grand level = Kpr2 -> paint of applice Sune wall the for the base the wall.

Cohesive Suit 1 Rankine's active earth provement -(c-q Suit) Faiture & Motor Coulomb Envelope @1=15 53- 10 K 53=k he + c cot q t 03 t (0,+0)/2+ + 6,-67 of RPCA, Sing= PC RC = (C (ot q) + (~1+ ~3) =) Ching Cot  $\phi$  +  $\frac{5_1+5_3}{2}$  sin  $\phi$  =  $\frac{5_1-5_3}{2}$ C Cos q + 5, +63 Sing = 5, -63 =) =) 20000 + (Ei+3) Sing = Ei-E3 =) 20 cosp + 6, Sing + 63 Sing c 6, -63 =) 20 Cosq + 6, Sing - 6, = - 63 - 63, Sing =) = (Sirp-1) = - 53 (1+ Sirp) - 20(050) =) ~ (1- &inq) = ~ (1+ &inq) + 2c cosq = 53 (1+ king) + 25/(1+ sing)(1- sing) =)  $6_1 = 6_3 \left(\frac{1+8in\phi}{1-8in\phi}\right) + 2c\sqrt{\frac{1+8in\phi}{1-8in\phi}}$ 0

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = 5_1 \left( \frac{1-\frac{6}{1+6} - q}{1+6} \right) - 2c \sqrt{\frac{1-6}{1+6} - q} \\ = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{6}{1+6} - \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1-\frac{6}{1+6} - \frac{1}{2}}{1+6} \end{bmatrix} \\ = \frac{1-\frac{6}{1+6} - \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ = \frac{1-\frac{6}{1+6} - \frac{1}{2}}{1+6} \\ = \frac{1-\frac{6}{1+6} - \frac{6}{1+6}}{1+6} \\ = \frac{1-\frac{6}{1+6} - \frac{6}{1+6} \\ = \frac{1-\frac{6}{1+6} - \frac{6}{1+6}}{1+6} \\ = \frac{1-\frac{6}{1+6} - \frac{6}{1+6} \\ = \frac{1-\frac{6}{1+6} - \frac{6}{1+6}}{1+6} \\ = \frac{1-\frac{6}{1+6} - \frac{6}{1+6}}{1+6} \\ = \frac{1-\frac{6}{1+6} - \frac{6}{1+6} \\ = \frac{1-\frac{6}{1+6} - \frac{6}{1+6}}{1+6} \\ = \frac{1-\frac{6}{1+6} - \frac{6}{1+6} - \frac{6}{1+6} - \frac{6}{1+$$

For Passive Case 
$$\overline{5_1} = \overline{\beta_3} & \overline{5_3} = 7$$
  
We have  $\overline{5_q} \oplus -\overline{5}$   
 $\overline{5_1} = \overline{5_3} \left( \frac{1+\overline{5_1}}{1-\overline{5_1}} + 2c \sqrt{\frac{1+\overline{5_1}}{1-\overline{5_1}}} + 2c \sqrt{\frac$ 



at 2=0, Pa = - 20/Ka

when, pa=0, b) Yzoke - 20/Ka = 0 Z=20 =) ZO = 20/Ka V Ka He = Critical depte of benefied  $2x_0 = H_c = \frac{4c}{\sqrt{k_A}} \implies \vec{F}_0 = \frac{2c}{\sqrt{k_A}}$ In coherine with a vertical cut can be moder the a dept 200 Prefere, li tensin chack occured, one has to consider book the R-ve certi pressure 1 (KerH) × H (AARO) - (ELTER) × H (UARDE) PA =1 karH- 2cH/Ka 1 PA = PA-is the resultant of (PA), & Pa)2

After Tensing crack occured, the tensin and is unalley ignored. PA = 1 (H-20) (YHKa - 20/10) Thus, Pa = tritke - active - Tertike + 2020 Ke = 1 r H ka - 22 H T ka - 20 BH ka + 22 x 20 Ma By = 1 THKa - 2 CH/Ka + 2 C action Tensin Zone. Not considered 20 05 for calculating total proversione. (H-2.) D 4 @ #/3/A + (VHKa - 2 C Jua) + (Only the shaded Area is considered

- In practice retaining wall is generally constructed then the soil backfilled .
- During the process of backfilling, a certain amount of wall-deformation away from backfill will have taken place.
- Since the minimum deformation required to produce the active case is quite small, a retaining wall is designed to resist only active thrust.

Soil	Amount of translation at top
Cohesionless (dense)	0.001H-0.002H
Cohesionless (loose)	0.002H-0.004H
Cohesive (stiff)	0.01-0.02H
Cohesive (soft)	0.02-0.05H

**Ranjan and Rao,1991** \*H= height of the wall

#### Rankine's active earth pressure – Cohesive backfill

For c- $\phi$  soil, the relation ship between the major principal stress ( $\sigma_1$ ) and minor principal stress ( $\sigma_3$ ) at plastic equilibrium can be expressed as:

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_3 \left( \frac{1 + \sin \phi}{1 \sin \phi} \right) + 2c \sqrt{\frac{1 + \sin \phi}{1 - \sin \phi}}$$



C

For the case of active earth pressure  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_v = \gamma z$  and  $\sigma_3 = \sigma_H = p_A$ 

$$p_A = \gamma z K_A - 2c \sqrt{K_A}$$

where, 
$$K_A = \frac{1 - \sin \phi}{1 + \sin \phi}$$



The soil is **in a state of tension** within the zone **between the ground surface and depth z**<sub>0</sub>.

In calculating the total active thrust on the wall, **the tension zone is usually ignored.** Thus,

$$P_{A} = \frac{1}{2} (H - z_{0}) \left( \gamma H K_{A} - 2c \sqrt{\frac{K_{A}}{2}} \right) = \frac{\gamma}{2} H^{2} K_{A} - 2c H \sqrt{\frac{K_{A}}{K_{A}}} + \frac{2c^{2}}{\gamma}$$

The net total active thrust is zero for a depth equal to  $2 z_0$ .

Thus, in cohesive soil a vertical can be made upto a depth of  $2z_0$ .

$$H_c = 2z_0 = \frac{4c}{\gamma \sqrt{K_A}}$$

 $H_c$  = critical depth of vertical cut



#### Effect of water table :

The lateral earth pressure due to partial submergence is due to **soil and water** 

The total pressure due to soil (area of ocebo):

$$P_{A} = oab + acdb + bde$$

$$P_{A} = \frac{1}{2} (H_{1} - z_{0}) \left( \gamma_{t} H_{1} K_{A} - 2c \sqrt{K_{A}} \right) + \left( \gamma_{t} H_{1} K_{A} - 2c \sqrt{K_{A}} \right) H_{2} + \frac{1}{2} \gamma_{b} H_{2}^{2} K_{A}$$

$$z_{0} = \frac{2c}{\gamma_{t} \sqrt{K_{A}}}$$



#### The total pressure due to water (area of bfe):

$$1$$

$$\gamma$$

$$P_{w} = -H^{2}$$

Murthy 2001

<u>2</u> w 2

<u>Rankine's passive earth pressure – Cohesive backfill</u>

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_3 \left( \frac{1 + \sin \phi}{1 \sin \phi} \right) + 2c \sqrt{\frac{1 + \sin \phi}{1 - \sin \phi}}$$

For the case of active earth pressure  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_H = p_p$  and  $\sigma_3 = \sigma_v = \gamma z$ 

$$p_{P} = \gamma z K_{P} + 2c \sqrt{K_{P}}$$
where,  $K_{P} = \frac{1 + \sin \phi}{1 - \sin \phi}$ 

At depth z = 0, 
$$p_P = 2c \sqrt{K_P}$$
  
At depth z = H,  $p_P = \gamma H K_P + 2c \sqrt{K_P}$ 

The total pressure  $P_P = P'_P + P''_P$ 

 $P'_{P} = \int_{0}^{H} \gamma z K_{p} dz = \frac{1}{2} \gamma H^{2} K_{P} \text{ acts at a height H/3 from base}$ 

 $P''_{p} = \int_{0}^{H} 2c\sqrt{K_{p}} dz = 2cH\sqrt{K_{p}} \text{ acts at a height H/2 from base}$ 

$$P_{P} = P'_{P} + P''_{P} = \frac{1}{2}\gamma H^{2}K_{P} + 2cH\sqrt{K_{P}}$$

