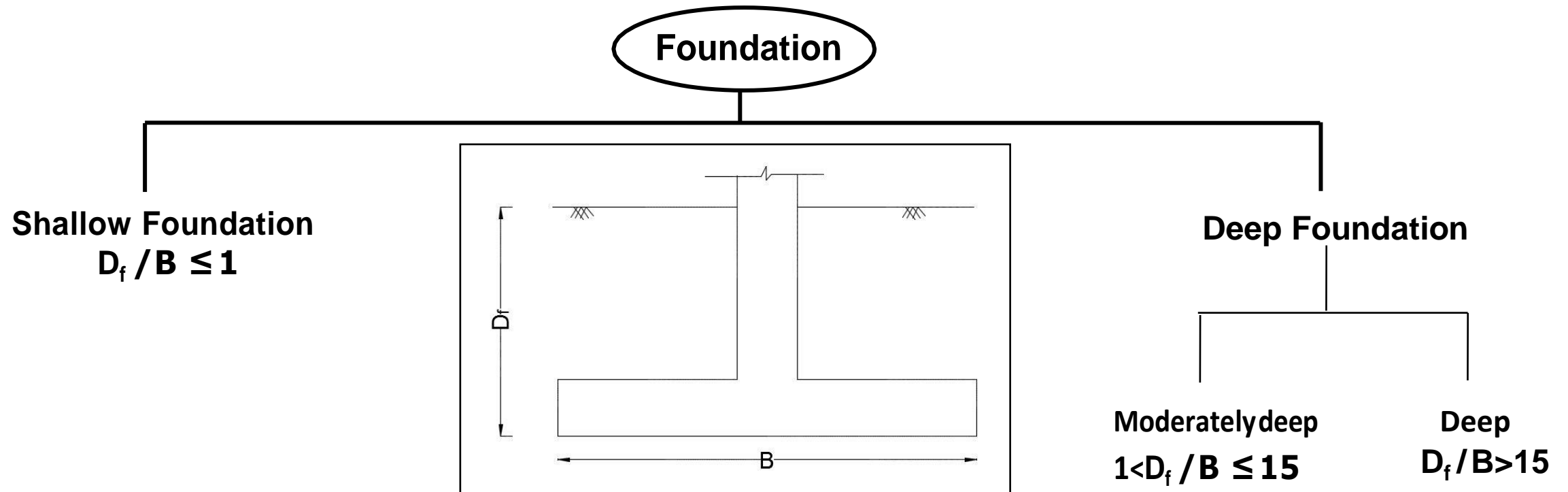


# Foundation

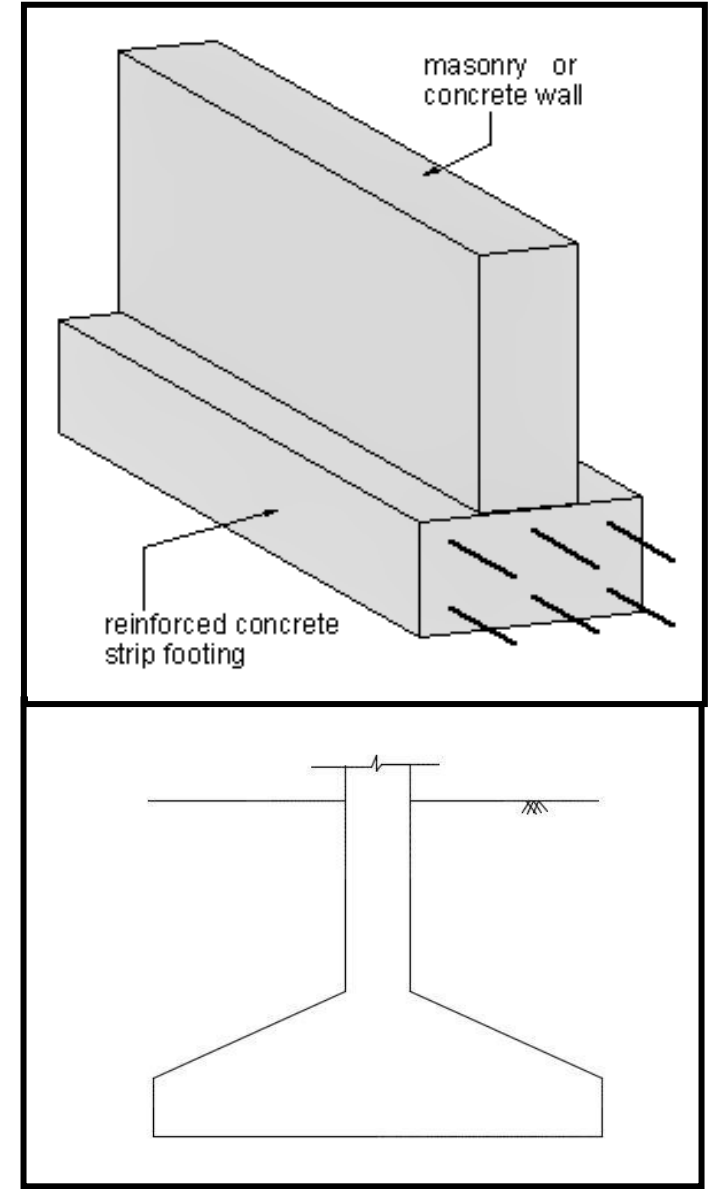
A foundation is that part of structure which transfers the load of the structure to the sub soil.



# Shallow Foundation

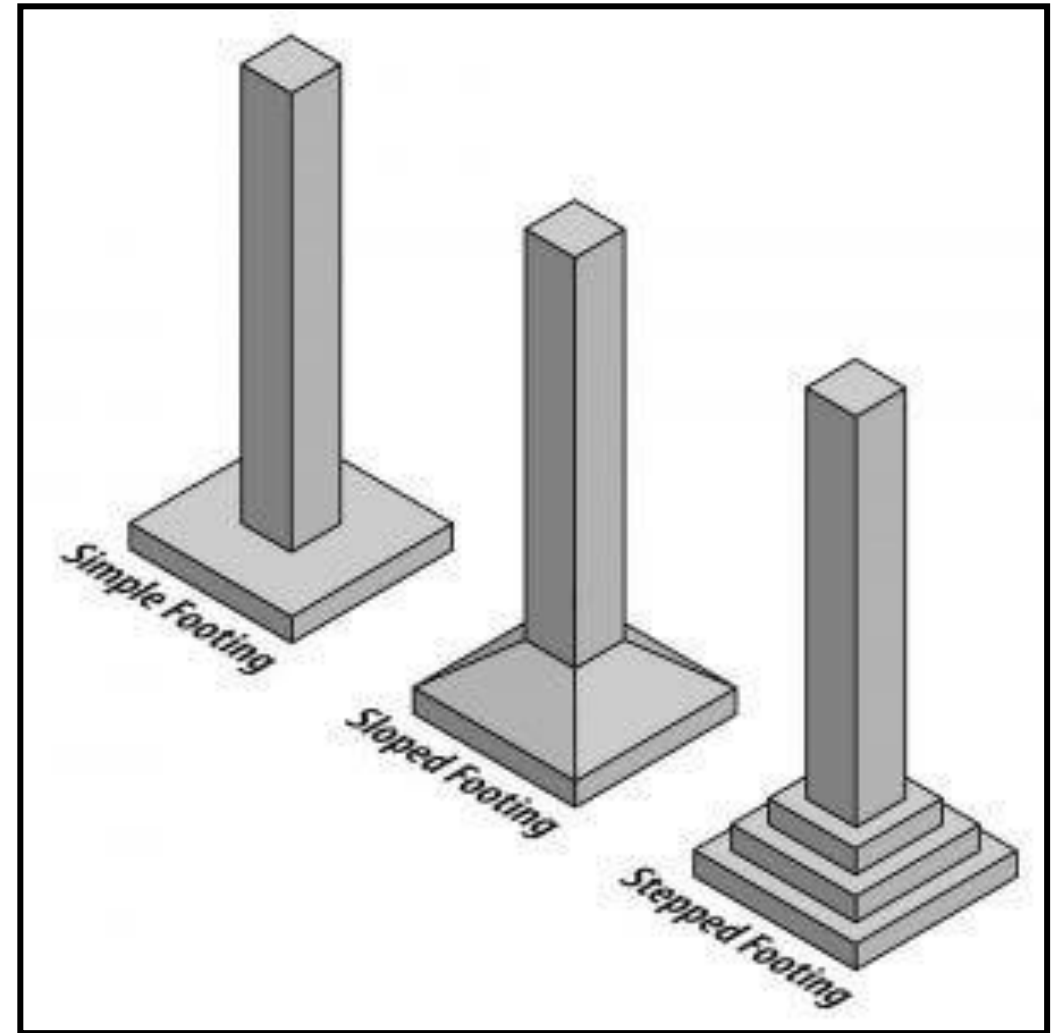
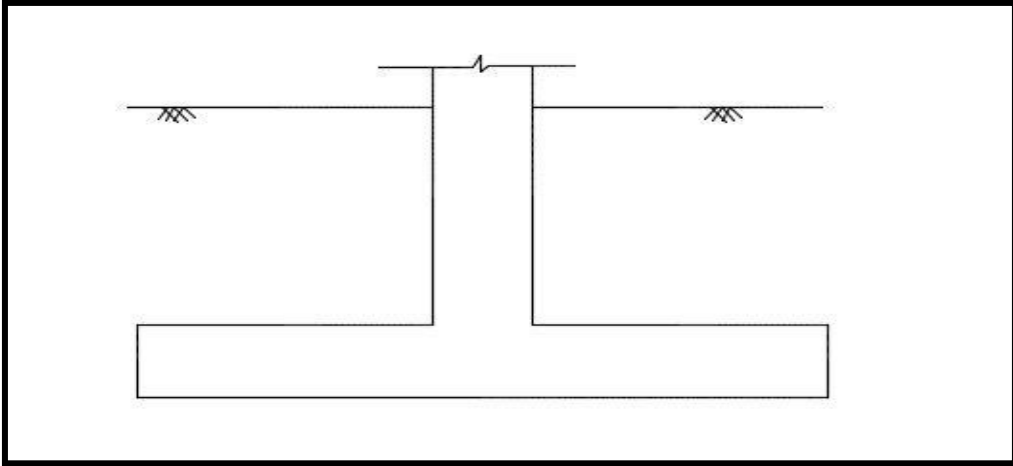
## 1. Strip Footing or Continuous Footing ( $L \gg B$ )

- Provided for load bearing wall
- Provided for a row of columns which are closely spaced that their footings overlap each other.



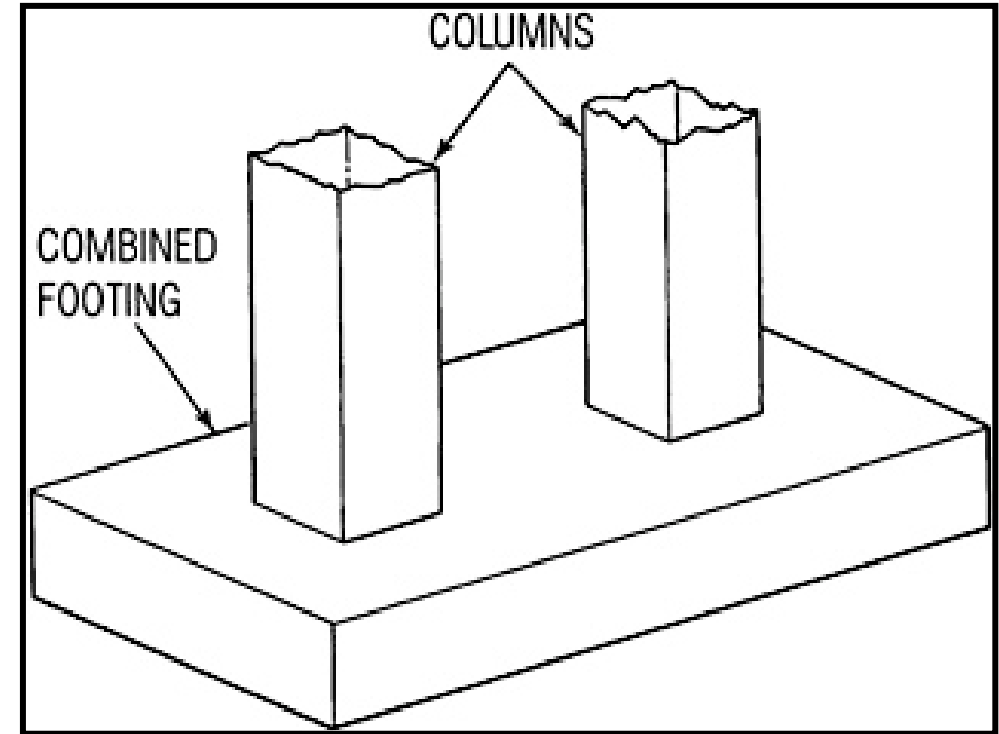
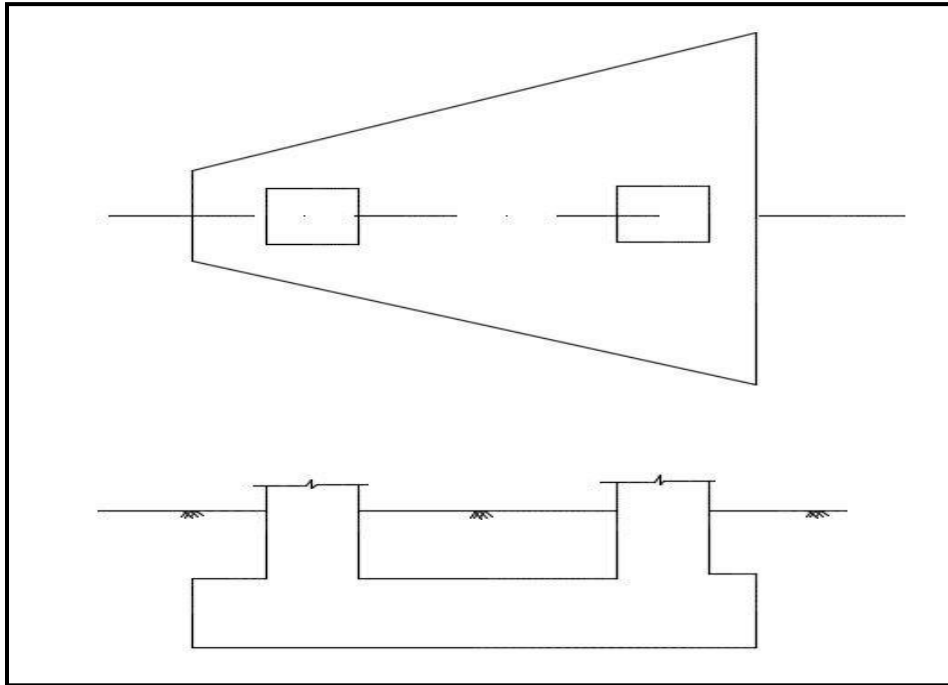
## 2. Spread Footing or Isolated Footing

- Provided to support an individual column
- Circular, Square and rectangular



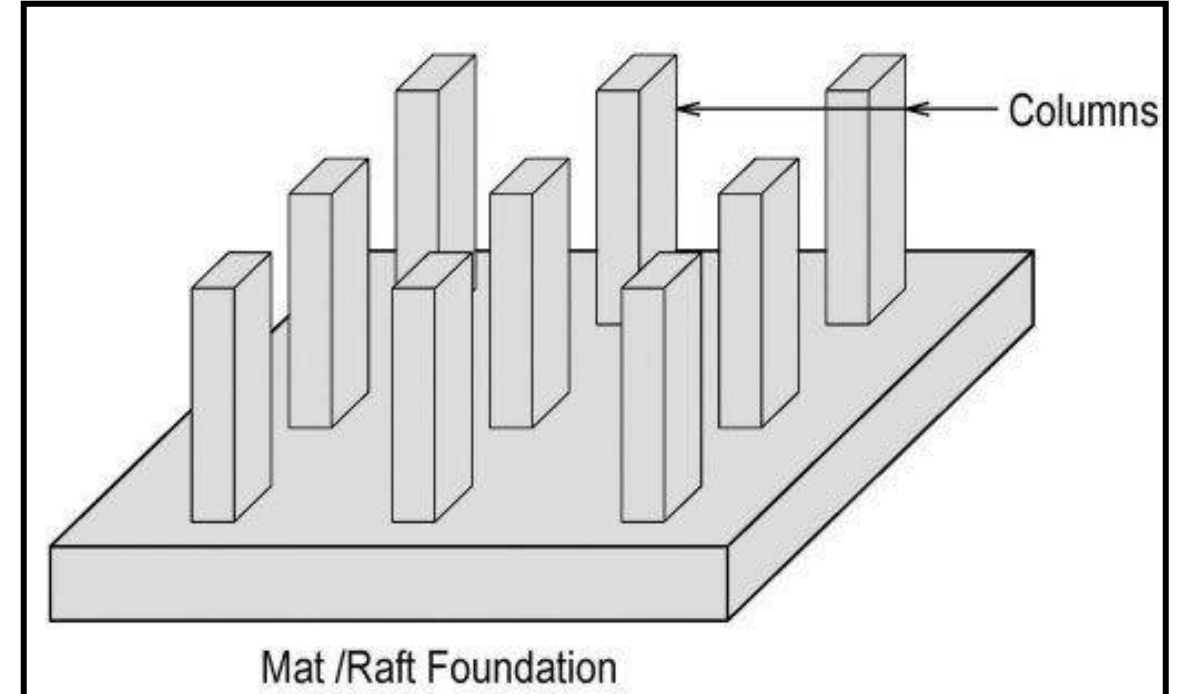
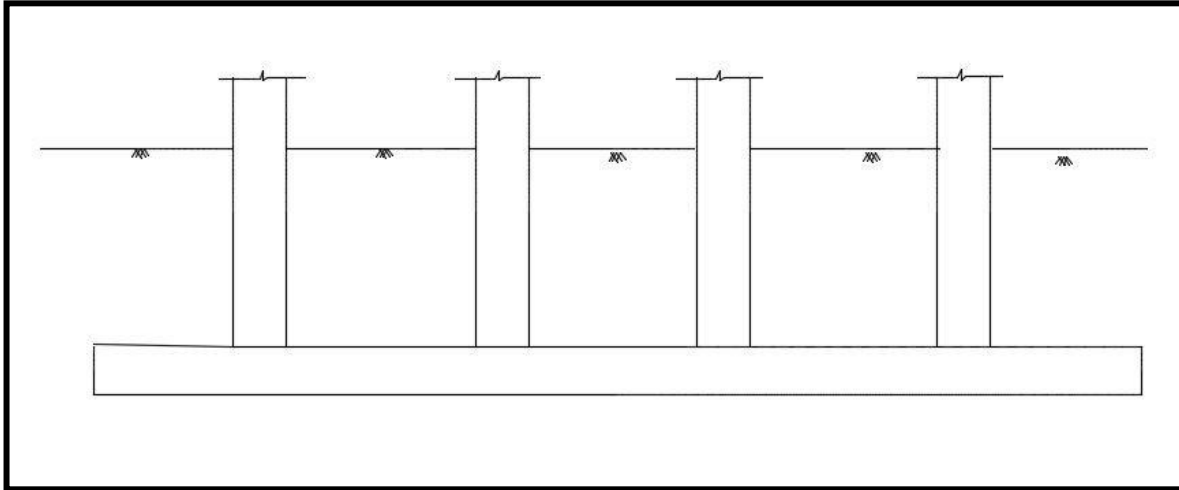
### 3. Combined Footing

- Provided to support more than one column



## 4. Mat or Raft Foundation

- Large slab supporting number of columns and walls under the entire structures



Choice of particular type of foundation depends on the

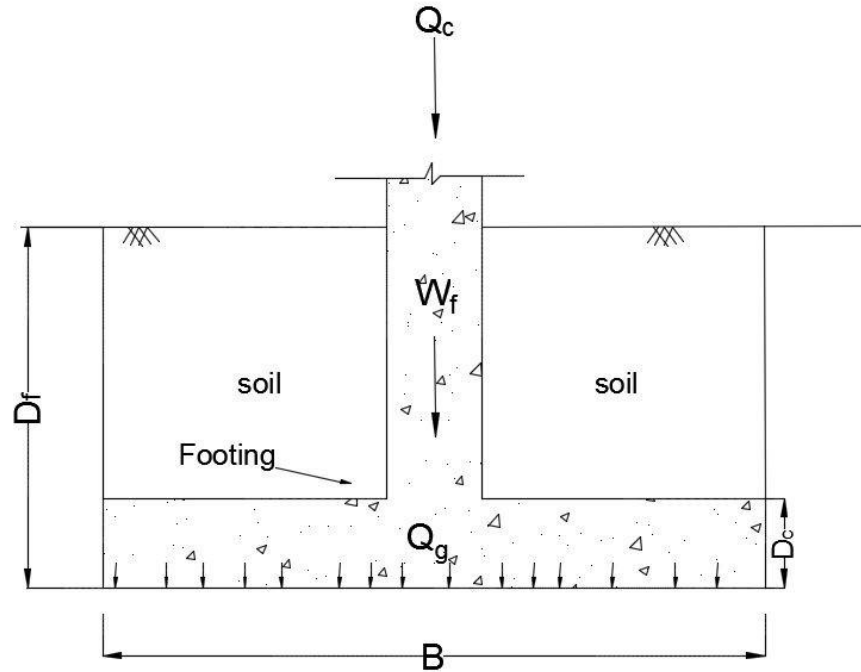
- Magnitude of loads
- Nature of the subsoil strata
- Nature of the superstructure
- Specific requirements

Two basic criteria for **design of foundation**

- Shear failure or Bearing capacity criteria
- Settlement criteria

## Shear failure or Bearing Capacity Criteria :

The foundation should be design such that the soil below does not fail in shear



$$Q_g = Q_c + W_f + W_s$$

$Q_c$  = wt. of superstructure

$W_f$  = wt. of footing

$W_s$  = wt. of soil/fill

The gross pressure or the gross load intensity (  $q_g$  )

$$q_g = Q_g / A$$



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$$q_{nu} = q_u - \gamma D_f$$

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$$q_{ns} = q_{nu} / F$$

**Gross safe bearing capacity ( $q_s$ )** : The maximum gross intensity of loading that soil can carry safely without failing in shear.

$$q_s = \frac{q_{nu}}{F} + \gamma D_f$$
$$q_s = \frac{q_u - \gamma D_f}{F} + \gamma D_f$$

## Settlement Criterion

**Safe bearing pressure :** The maximum net intensity loading that can be allowed on the soil without the settlement exceeding the permissible value.

**Allowable bearing pressure ( $q_{a-net}$ ) :** The maximum net intensity of loading that can be imposed on the soil with no possibility of shear failure or the possibility of excessive settlement . It is the smaller of the net safe bearing capacity (shear failure criterion) and safe bearing pressure (settlement criterion)

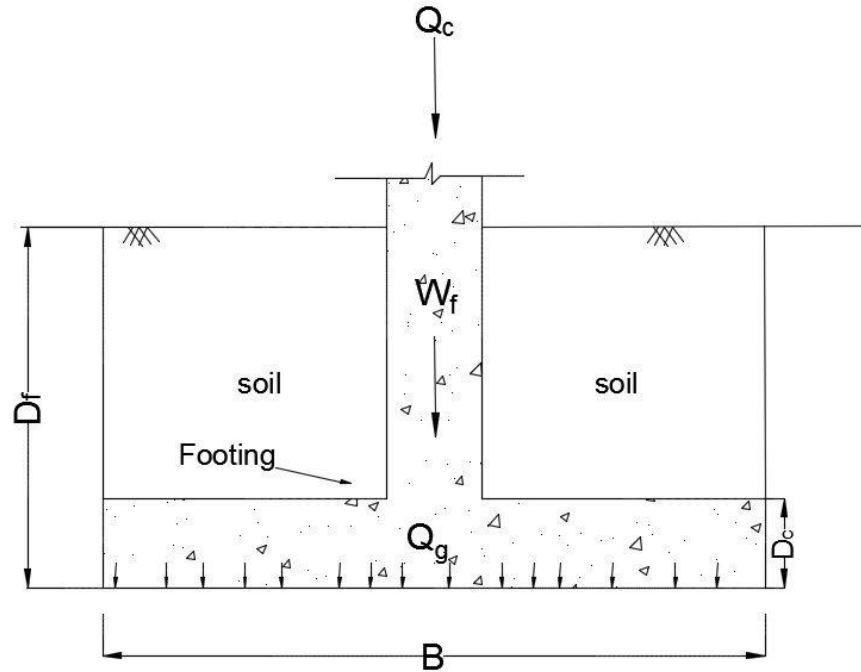
# **Shallow Foundation: Bearing Capacity II**

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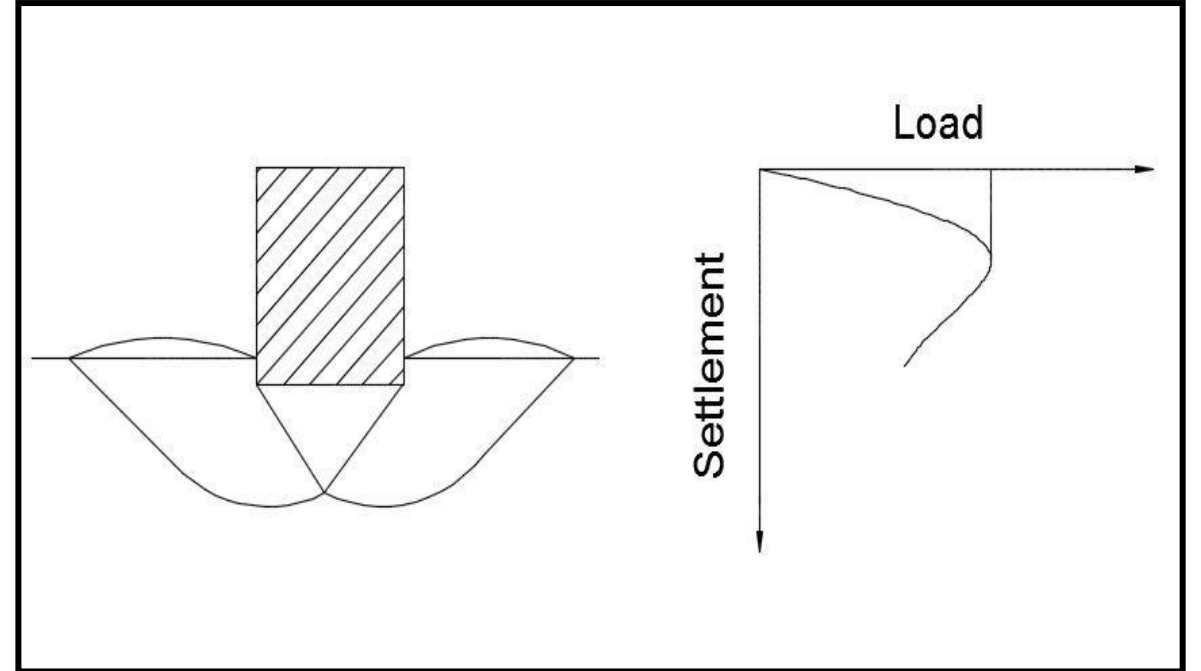
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## Modes of soil failure

### General shear failure (Dense sand / stiff clay)

- A well defined failure surface
- A bulging of ground surface adjacent to the foundation
- The ultimate load can be easily located.

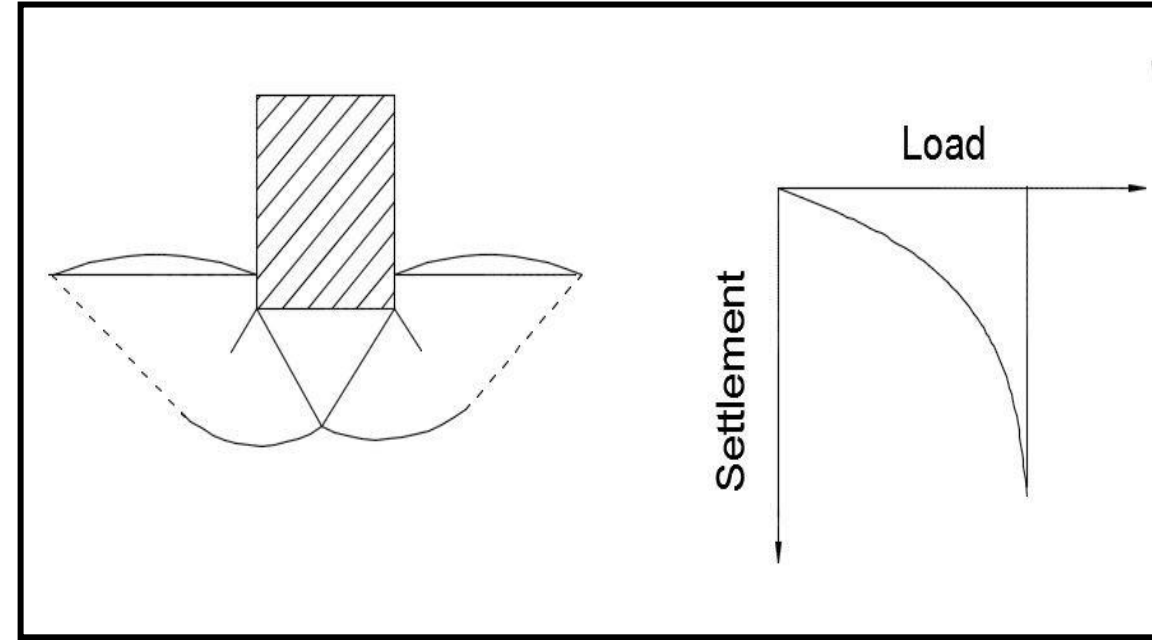


<b><math>c_u</math> (kPa)</b>	<b>consistency</b>
0 – 12.5	very soft
12.5-25	soft
25-50	medium
50-100	stiff
100-200	very stiff
>200	hard

<b><math>D_r</math> (%)</b>	<b>consistency</b>
0-15	very loose
15-35	loose
35-65	medium
65-85	dense
85-100	very dense

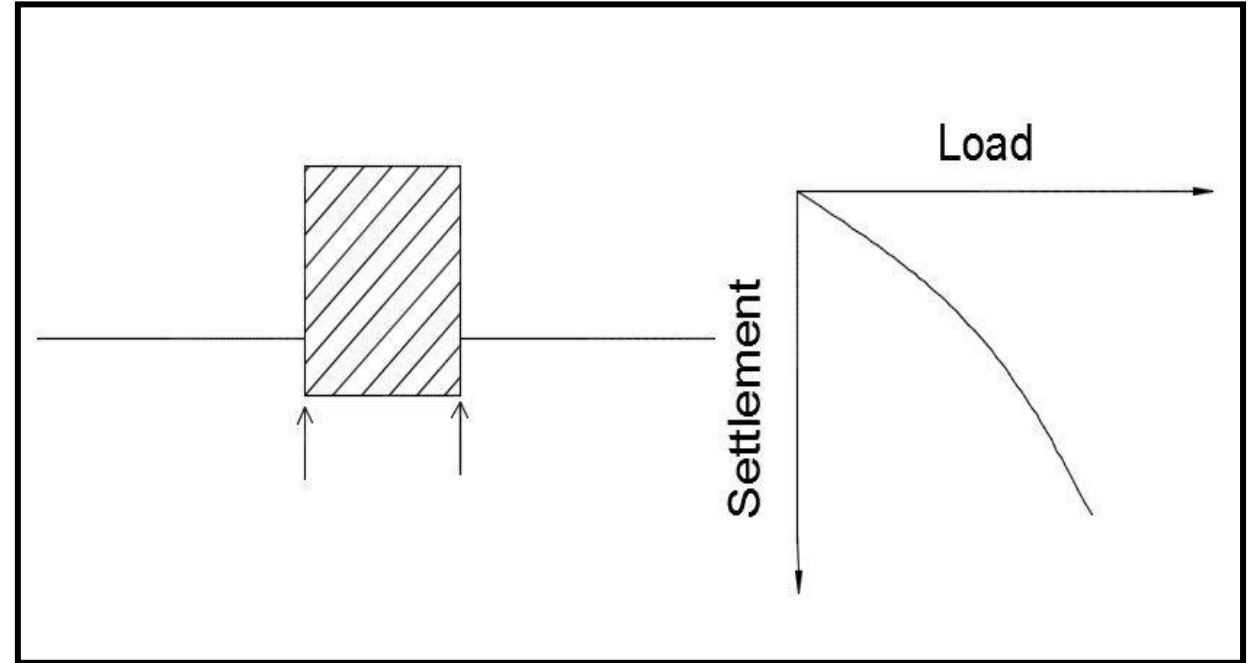
**Local shear failure (medium or relatively loose sand /medium and relatively soft consistency clay)**

- Well defined wedge and slip surfaces only beneath the foundation
- Slight bulging of the ground surface adjacent to the foundation
- Load settlement curve does not indicate ultimate load clearly
- Significant compression of the soil directly beneath the footing



**Punching shear failure (very loose sand / very soft clay)**

- Poorly defined shear planes
- Soil zones beyond the loaded area being little affected
- Significant penetration of a wedge shaped soil zone beneath the foundation
- Ultimate load can not be clearly recognized



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- Analysis is a 2-D condition
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- The load is vertical and concentric

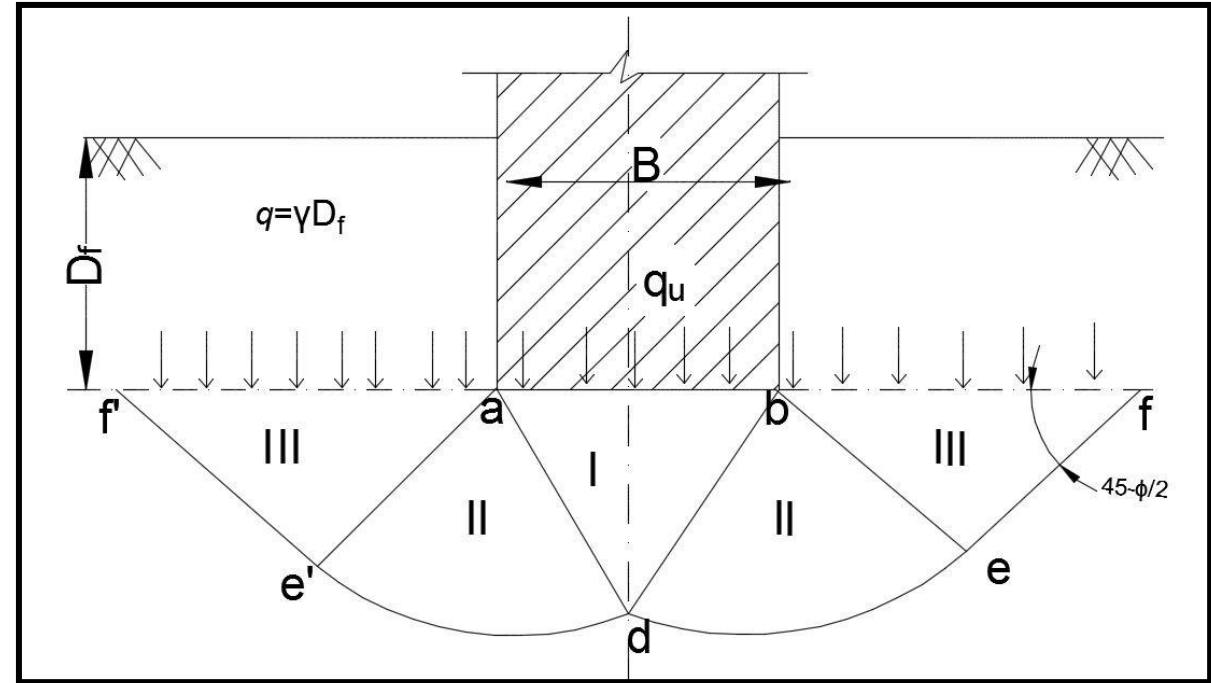
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  - The shearing resistance of the soil between the surface and the depth  $D_f$  is neglected.
- The footing is considered as a surface footing with a uniform surcharge equal to  $\gamma D_f$  at a level of the footing

## Zone – I (zone abd)

- The soil in this zone remains in a state of elastic equilibrium
- The soil wedge **abd** immediately beneath the footing is prevented from undergoing any lateral movement by the friction and adhesion between the base of footing and soil.

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**Zone III (bef and ae'f)** : Rankine passive zone





# **Shallow Foundation : Bearing Capacity III**

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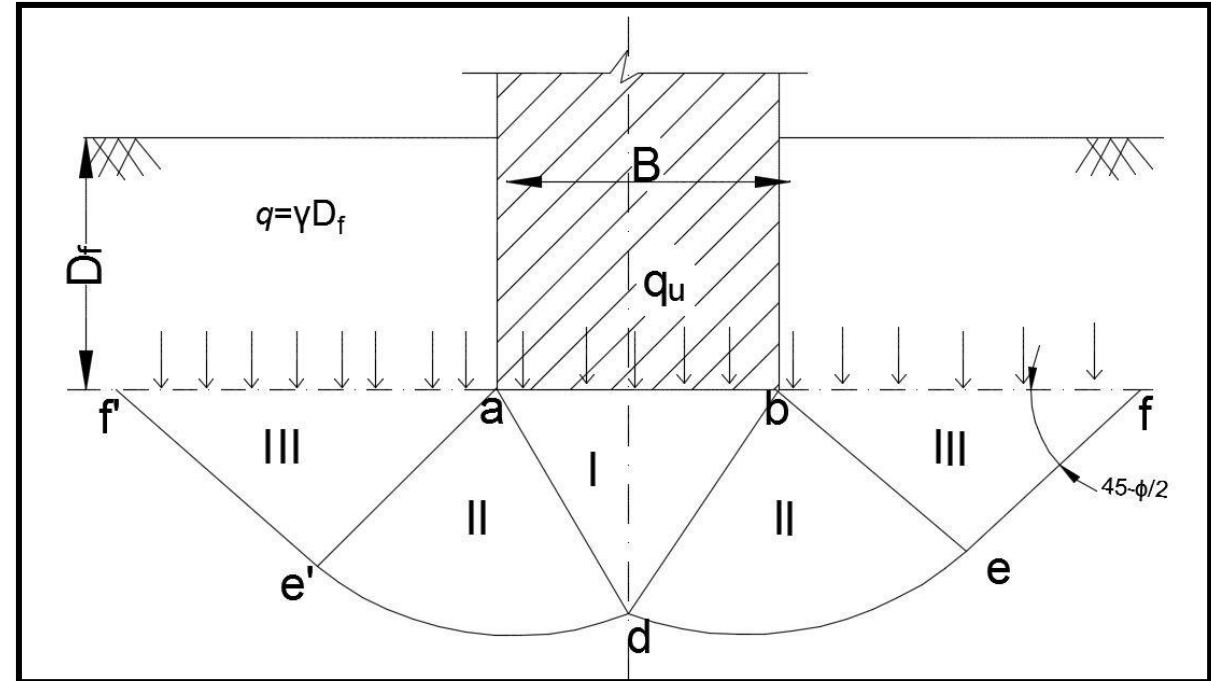
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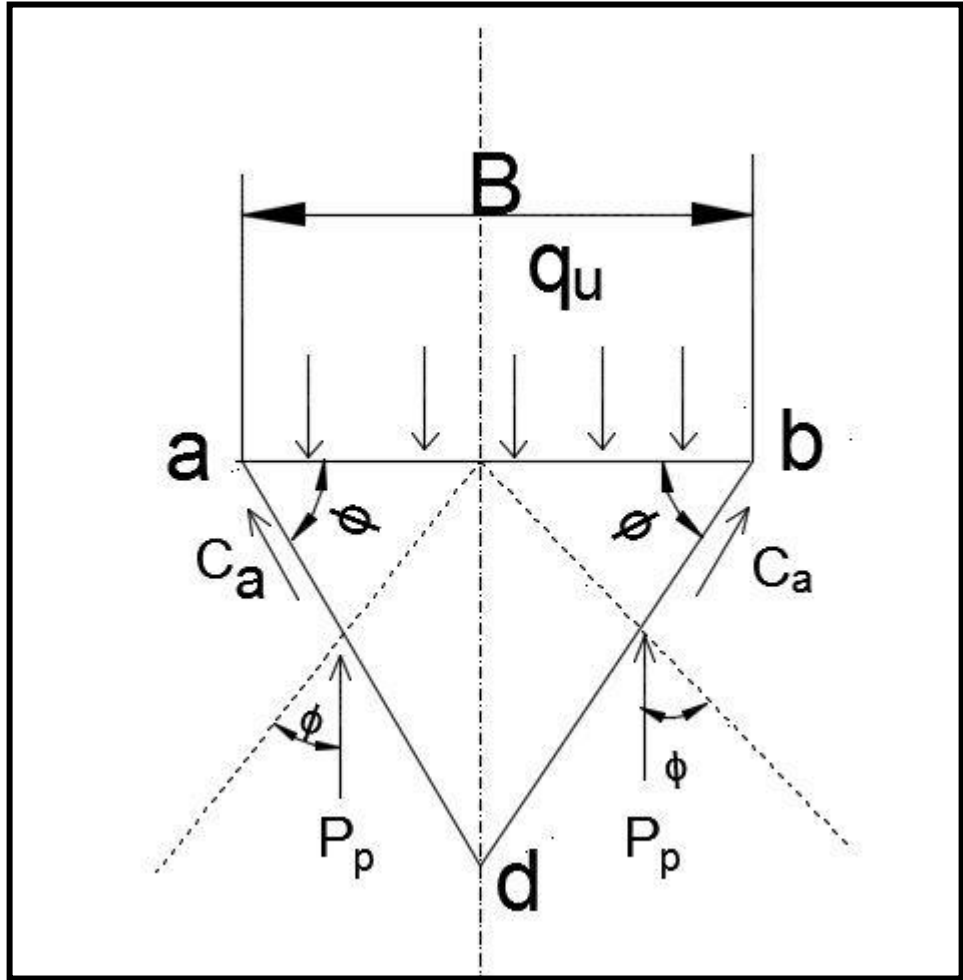
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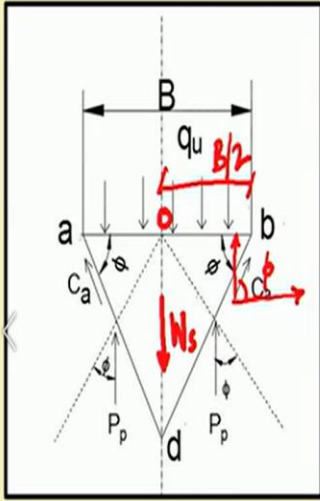
$$q_u = cN_c + \gamma D_f N_q + \frac{1}{2} \gamma B N_\gamma$$

$$N_c = \cot \phi \left[ \frac{a^2}{2 \cos^2 \left( 45^\circ + \frac{\phi}{2} \right)} - 1 \right] \quad N_q = \left[ \frac{a^2}{2 \cos^2 \left( 45^\circ + \frac{\phi}{2} \right)} \right]$$

$$N_\gamma = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{K_p}{\cos^2 \phi} - 1 \right] \tan(\phi)$$

where  $a = e \left( \frac{3\pi}{4} - \frac{\phi}{2} \right) \tan \phi$





$$q_u \times B = 2P_p + 2C_a \sin \phi - W_s$$

$k \text{ (kN/m}^2)$   
 $C_a = k \text{ (Force)}$

$$W_s = \frac{1}{2} \times B \times \frac{B}{2} \tan \phi \gamma = \frac{1}{4} B^2 \gamma \tan \phi$$

$$O d = \frac{B}{2} \tan \phi$$

$$C_a = \alpha c \times b d$$

$$= \alpha c \frac{B/2}{\cos \phi}$$

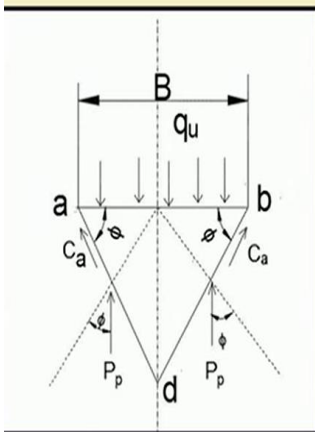
$\gamma =$  Unit wt. of the Soil  
 $c =$  Cohesion (kN/m<sup>2</sup>)

$$= \frac{c B}{2 \cos \phi}$$

$$b d = \frac{B/2}{\cos \phi}$$

$$q_u B = 2P_p + 2 \times \frac{c B}{2 \cos \phi} \sin \phi - \frac{1}{4} \gamma B^2 \tan \phi$$

$$P_p = \text{Passive force (kN/m)} = 2P_p + c B \tan \phi - \frac{1}{4} \gamma B^2 \tan \phi$$



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$$P_p = (P_{pv} + P_{pc} + P_{pq})$$

$e=0, \gamma=0$  → Due to the Soil wt.  
 Due to the Cohesion ( $q=0, \gamma=0$ )  
 Due to the Surcharge ( $\gamma=0, c=0$ )

$$q_u B = 2(P_{pv} + P_{pc} + P_{pq}) + B c \tan \phi - \frac{1}{4} \gamma B^2 \tan \phi$$

$$2P_{pv} - \frac{1}{4} \gamma B^2 \tan \phi = \frac{1}{2} B \gamma N_q B$$

$$2P_{pc} + B c \tan \phi = B \times C N_c$$

$$q = \gamma D f$$

$$q_u = C N_c + \gamma N_q + \frac{1}{2} \gamma B N_\gamma$$

Bearing Capacity factors ( $N_c, N_q, N_\gamma$ )

$\phi$	Terzaghi's Bearing Capacity Factor		
	$N_c$	$N_q$	$N_\gamma$
0	5.7	1.0	0.0
5	7.3	1.6	0.5
10	9.6	2.7	1.2
15	12.9	4.4	2.5
20	17.7	7.4	5
25	25.1	12.7	9.7
30	37.2	22.5	19.7
35	57.8	41.4	42.4
40	95.7	81.3	100.4
45	172.3	173.3	297.5
50	347.5	415.1	1153.2

## Ultimate bearing capacity for local shear failure

Mobilized cohesion:  $c_m = \frac{2}{3} c$

$$\phi_m = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{3} \tan \phi \right)$$

Mobilized angle of shearing resistance:  $\phi_m = \left( \frac{2}{3} \phi \right)$

$$q_u = \frac{2}{3} c N'_c + \gamma D_f N'_q + \frac{1}{2} \gamma B N'_\gamma$$



### For sandy soil ( $c'=0$ )

- $\phi \geq 36^\circ$  - **Purely general shear failure**,  $\phi \leq 29^\circ$  - **Purely local shear failure**  
 $\phi$  between this range represents the **mixed state of general and local shear failure**

### For $c-\phi$ soil

- Failure of soil specimen occur at a relatively small strain (less than 5%) - **General shear failure**
- If stress – strain curve does not show peak and has a continuously rising pattern upto a strain of 10- 20% - **Local shear failure**

## Ultimate bearing capacity of strip, square, circular and rectangular footing

$$q_u = \alpha_1 c N_c + \gamma D_f N_q + \alpha_2 \gamma B N_\gamma$$

For strip footing :  $\alpha_1 = 1.0$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 0.5$

For square footing :  $\alpha_1 = 1.3$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 0.4$

For circular footing :  $\alpha_1 = 1.3$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 0.3$

For Rectangular Footing:

**Ultimate bearing capacity in purely cohesionless soil ( $c = 0$ )**

$$q_u = \gamma D_f N_q + \alpha_2 \gamma B N_\gamma$$

**Ultimate bearing capacity in purely cohesive soil ( $\phi = 0$ )**

$$q_u = \alpha_1 c N_c + \gamma D_f$$

**Effect of water table :**

$$q_u = cN_c + qN_q + 0.5\gamma BN_\gamma$$

For  $\varphi = 0$  (**saturated clay**) ,  $q_{nu} = 5.7 c_u$

The effect of **submergence** is to reduce the **undrained shearing strength  $c_u$**  due to a **softening effect**. The shear strength parameter should be determined in the laboratory under saturated condition .

## Water table located above the base of footing:

The effective surcharge is reduced as the effective weight below the water table is equal to the submerged unit weight .

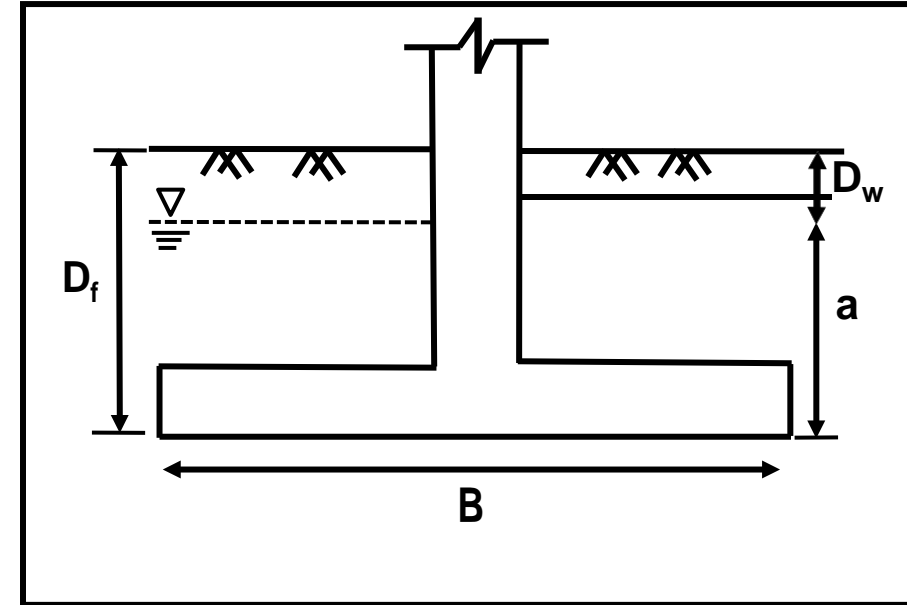
$$q = D_w \gamma + a \gamma'$$

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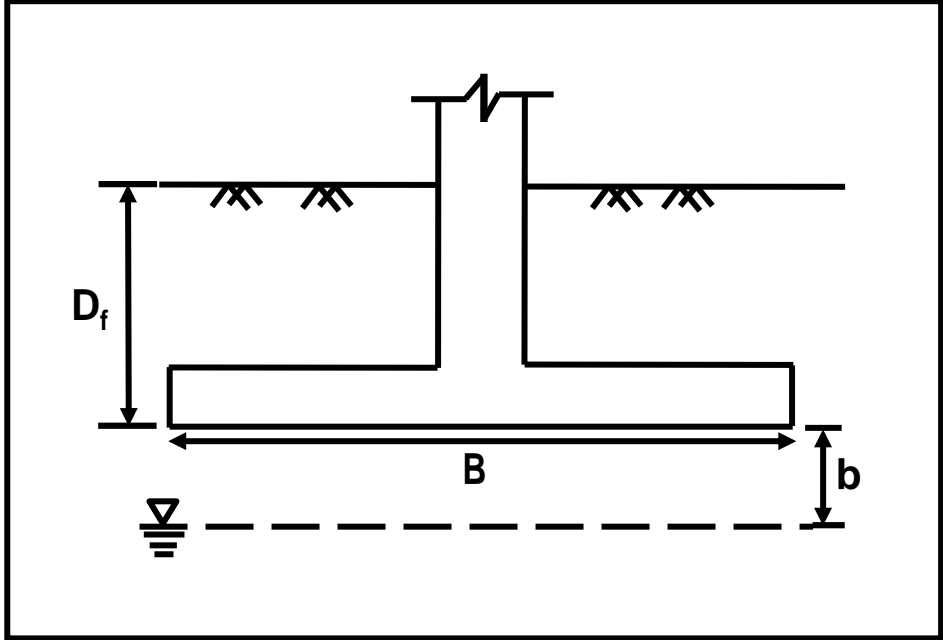


**Water table located at a depth b below the base of footing**

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If  $b = 0$ , i.e., W/T at the base,  $q_u = c_u N_c + \gamma D_f N_q + \frac{1}{2} B \gamma' N_\gamma$

If  $b = B$ , i.e., W/T at depth below  $B$ ,  $q_u = c_u N_c + \gamma D_f N_q + \frac{1}{2} B \gamma N_\gamma$

## **Shallow Foundation : Bearing Capacity IV**

## Terzaghi's bearing capacity theory:

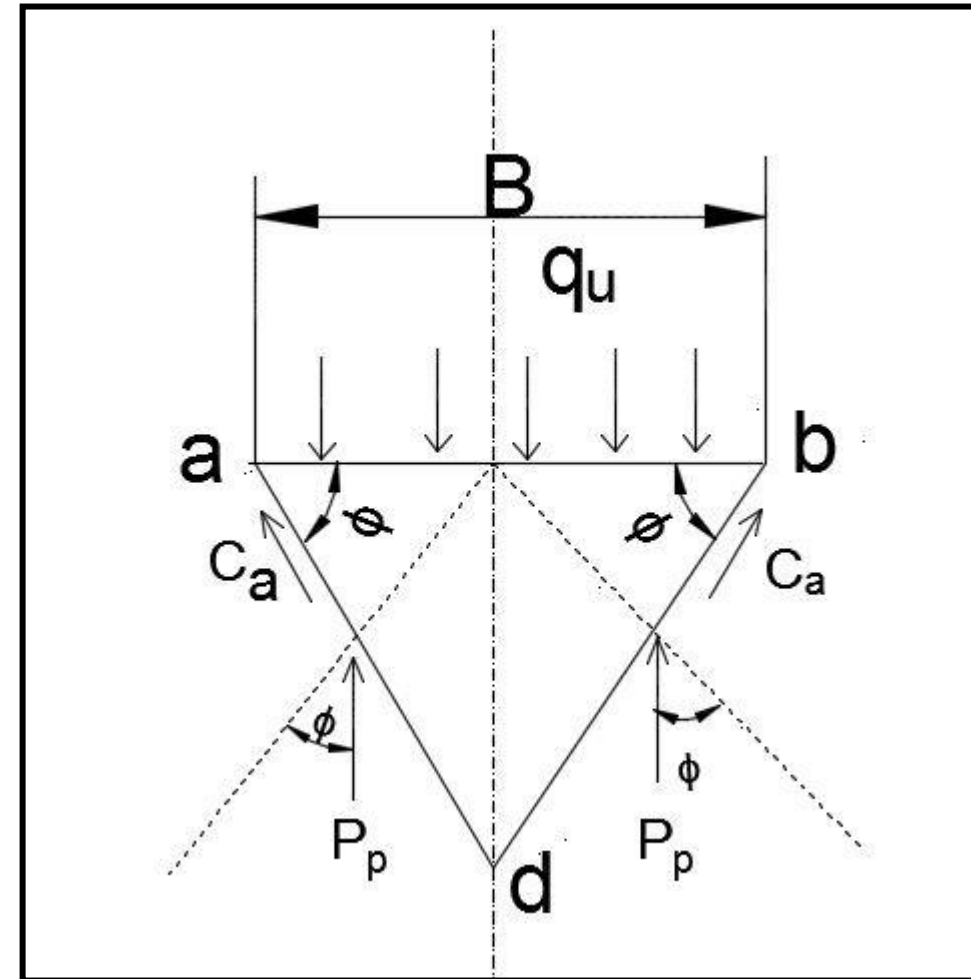
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Ranjan and Rao, 1991

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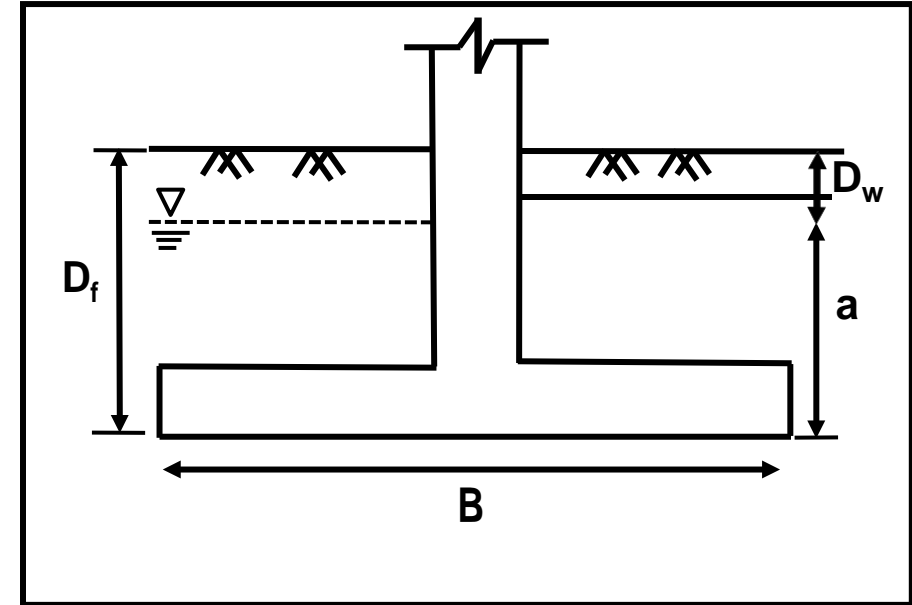
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## Ultimate bearing capacity analysis for clay soil (Skempton, 1951):

$$\text{For } \phi = 0, \quad q_{mu} = c_u N_c$$

**For strip footing :**  $N_c = 5 \left( 1 + 0.2 \frac{D_f}{B} \right)$  The maximum value of  $N_c$  is 7.50

**For square and circular footing :**  $N_c = 6 \left( 1 + 0.2 \frac{D_f}{B} \right)$   
The maximum value of  $N_c$  is 9

**For rectangular footing :**

$$N_c = 5.0 \left( 1 + 0.2 \frac{D_f}{B} \right) \left( 1 + 0.2 \frac{B}{L} \right) \quad \text{For } D_f/B \leq 2.5$$

$$N_c = 7.5 \left( 1 + 0.2 \frac{B}{L} \right) \quad \text{For } D_f/B > 2.5$$

The analysis is valid for **any value** of  $D_f/B$

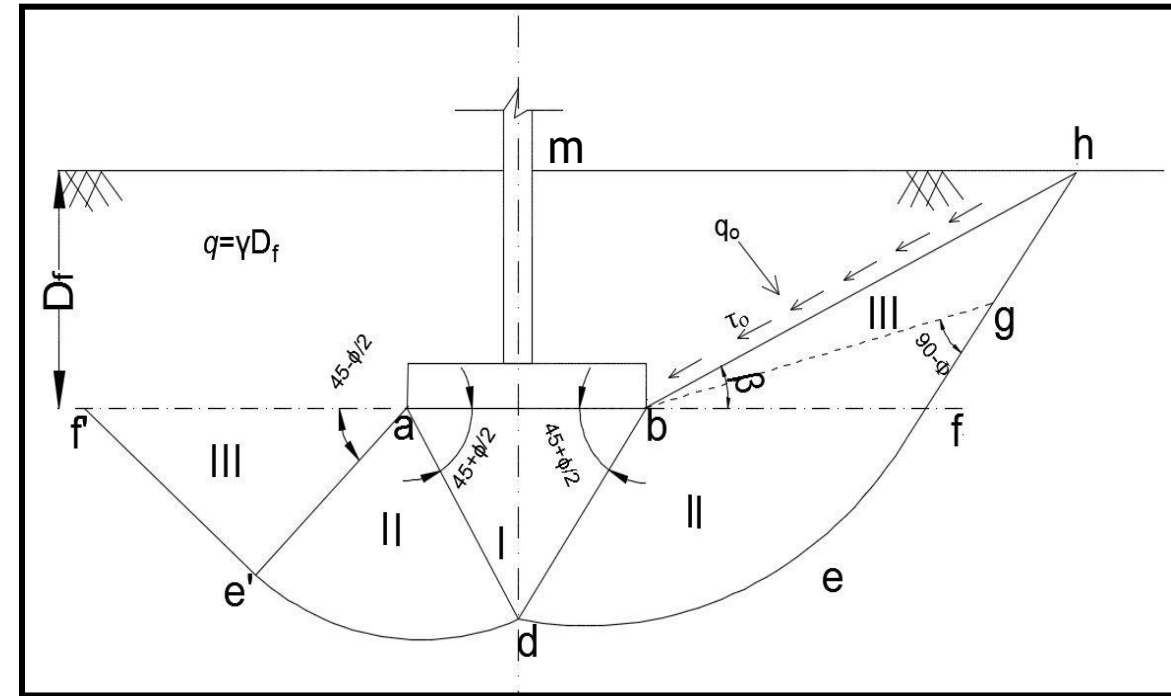
## Meyerhof's Analysis :

- Bearing capacity for a strip footing at **any depth.**
- For shallow footing,  $q_0 = \gamma D_f$

$$q_u = cN_c + q_0N_q + \frac{1}{2}B\gamma N_\gamma$$

$N_c$ ,  $N_q$ ,  $N_\gamma$  depends on roughness of base, depth of footing, and the shape of footing, in addition to the angle of shearing resistance  $\phi'$

**$\beta$  increases with an increase in depth  $D_f$  and is equal to  $90^\circ$  for deep foundation**



**Zone I – abd, elastic zone**

**Zone II – bgd, zone of radial shear**

**Zone III – bghm, zone of mixed shear in which shear varies between radial shear and plane shear**

$$q_u = cN_c s_c d_c i_c + q_0 N_q s_q d_q i_q + 0.5 \gamma B N_\gamma s_\gamma d_\gamma i_\gamma$$

s, d, and i stand for shape factor, depth factor, inclination factor

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

$S_c, S_q, S_\gamma = 1$  for strip footing

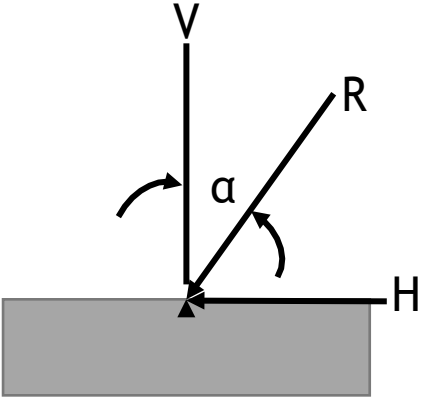
**Shape, depth, inclination factor for the Meyerhof's bearing capacity equation:**

<b>Factors</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>For</b>
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	$s_q = s_\gamma = 1 + 0.1K_p \left( \frac{B}{L} \right)$	$\phi > 10^\circ$
	$s_q = s_\gamma = 1$	$\phi = 0^\circ$
<b>Depth</b>	$d_c = 1 + 0.2 \sqrt{K_p} \left( \frac{D_f}{B} \right)$	Any $\phi$
	$d_q = d_\gamma = 1 + 0.1 \sqrt{K_p} \left( \frac{D_f}{B} \right)$	$\phi > 10^\circ$
	$d_q = d_\gamma = 1$	$\phi = 0^\circ$

**Bowles, 1997**



**Shape, depth, inclination factor for the Meyerhof's bearing capacity equation:**

Factors	Value	For
	$i_c = i_q = \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha}{90} \right)^2$	Any $\phi$
	$i_\gamma = \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha}{\phi} \right)^2$	$\phi > 0^\circ$
	$i_\gamma = 0 \quad \text{For } \alpha > 0$	$\phi = 0^\circ$

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

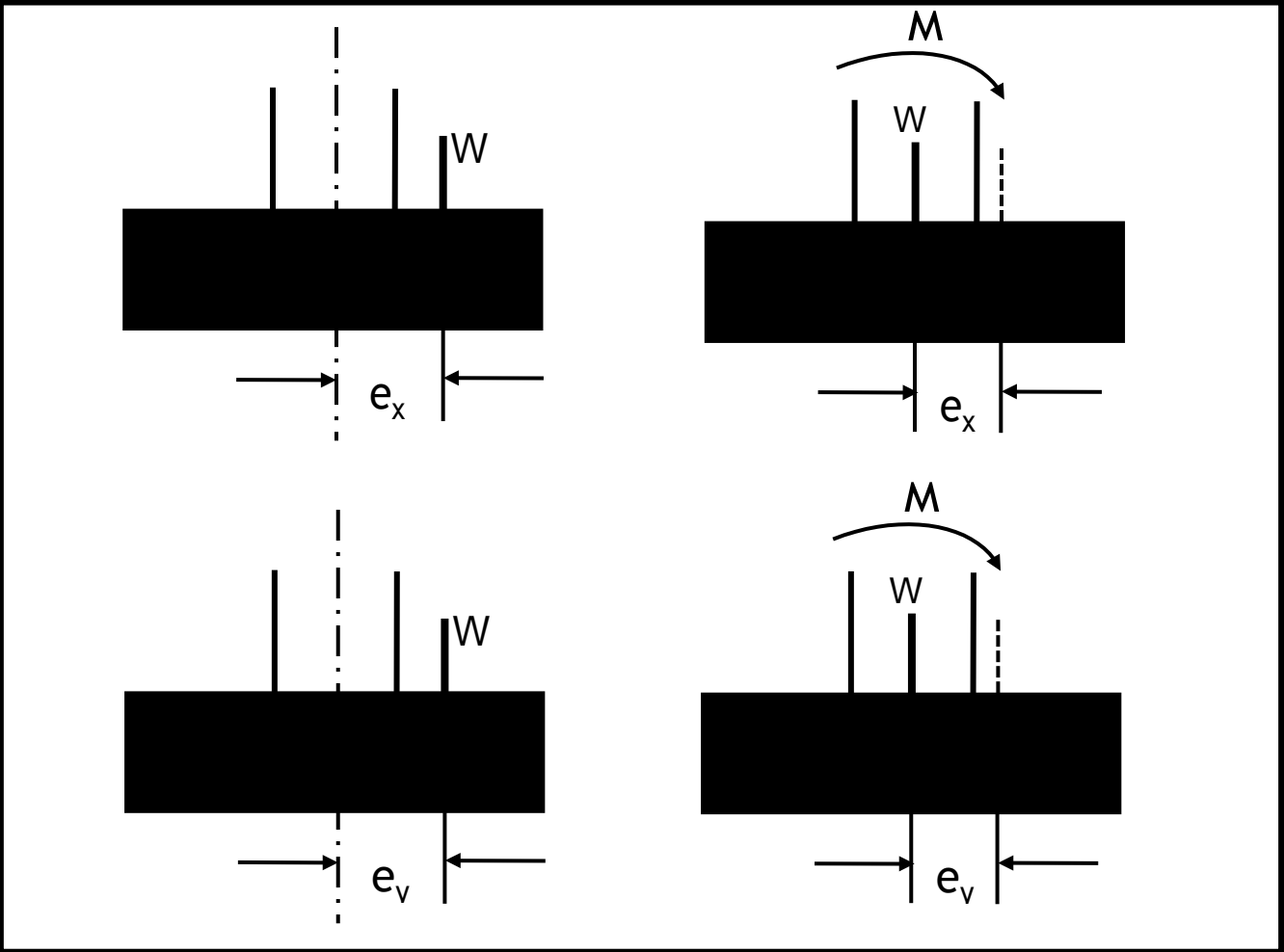
$\alpha$  angle of resultant R measured from vertical

**Bowles, 1997**

$\phi$	$N_c$	$N_q$	$N_y$
0	5.14	1.0	0.0
5	6.5	1.6	0.07
10	8.3	2.5	0.37
15	11	3.9	1.2
20	14.8	6.4	2.9
25	20.7	10.7	6.8
30	30.1	18.4	16.7
32	35.5	23.2	22.0
34	42.2	29.4	31.1
36	50.6	37.8	44.5
38	61.4	48.9	64.0

$\phi$	$N_c$	$N_q$	$N_y$
40	75.3	64.1	93.7
45	133.9	134.9	262.8
50	266.9	319.1	874.0

**Eccentrically of loaded foundation:**



For **strip footing**:  $B' = B - 2e_x$

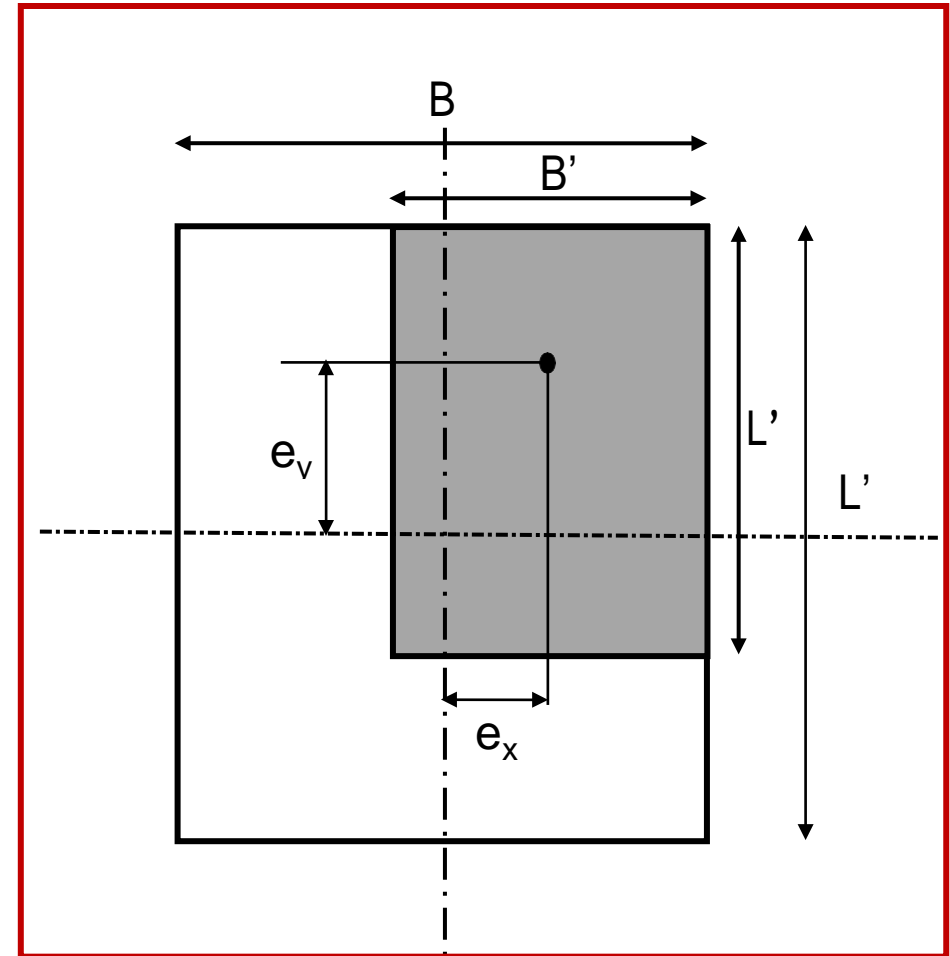
For **rectangular footing**:  $B' = B - 2e_x$   
 $L' = L - 2e_y$

The **effective area** of footing  $A' = B' \times L'$

The ultimate load bearing capacity of footing can be expressed as

$$Q_u = q_u \times A'$$

$$q_u = cN_c s_c d_c i_c + q N_q s_q d_q i_q + 0.5 \gamma B N_\gamma s_\gamma d_\gamma i_\gamma$$



## Hansen's bearing capacity Theory:

For **cohesive soil**, Hansen's theory gives better correlation than the Terzaghi equation

$$q_u = cN_c s_c d_c i_c + qN_q s_q d_q i_q + 0.5\gamma B N_\gamma s_\gamma d_\gamma i_\gamma$$

For  $\phi = 0$        $q_u = cN_c (1 + s_c + d_c - i_c) + q$

$$N_c = (N_q - 1) \cot(\phi) \quad \text{Same as Meyerhof}$$

$$N_q = e^{\pi \tan(\phi)} \tan^2\left(45 + \frac{\phi}{2}\right) \quad \text{Same as Meyerhof}$$

$$N_\gamma = 1.5(N_q - 1) \tan(\phi)$$

$\phi$	$N_y$
0	0
5	0.1
10	0.4
15	1.2
20	2.9
25	6.8
30	15.1
32	20.8
34	28.8
36	40.1
38	56.2

$\phi$	$N_y$
40	79.5
45	200.8
50	568.5

**Hansen's bearing capacity factors**

**Shape, depth, inclination factor for the Hansen's bearing capacity equation:**

Factors	Value	
<b>Shape</b>	$s_c = 1 + \frac{1.25 q}{N_c} \left( \frac{B}{L} \right) \text{ for } \phi \neq 0$	$s_c = 1$ for strip footing
	$s_c = 0.2 \frac{B}{L} \text{ for } \phi = 0$	
	$s_q = 1 + \sin(\phi) \left( \frac{B}{L} \right)$	
	$s_\gamma = \left( 1 - 0.4 \frac{D}{L} \right) \geq 0.6$	
<b>Depth</b>	$d_c = 1 + 0.4k \quad k = \frac{D_f}{B} \text{ For } D_f / B \leq 1 \text{ and } k = \tan^{-1}(D_f / B) \text{ For } D_f / B > 1, k \text{ in radian}$	
	$d_q = 1 + 2(\tan \phi)(1 - \sin \phi)^2 \left( \frac{D_f}{B} \right)$	
	$d_\gamma = 1 \quad \text{For all } \phi$	



Factors	Value
<b>Inclination</b>	$i_c = i_q - \frac{1 - i_q}{N_q - 1} \quad \text{For } \phi \neq 0^\circ$
	$i_c = 0.5 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1 \cdot H}{A'c_a}} \quad \text{For } \phi = 0^\circ$
	$i_q = \left( 1 - \frac{0.5H}{V + A'c_a \cot \phi} \right)^5$
	$i_\gamma = \left( 1 - \frac{0.7H}{V + A'c_a \cot \phi} \right)^5$

**H = horizontal component of inclined load, V = vertical component of inclined load**

**c<sub>a</sub> = base adhesion, 0.6 to 1 X Base cohesion**

**Bowles, 1997**

## **Shallow Foundation : Bearing Capacity V**

## Vesic's bearing capacity theory:

The bearing capacity equation is similar in form to Hansen's equation

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

Same as Meyerhof

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

Same as Meyerhof

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

$\phi$	$N_y$
0	0
5	0.4
10	1.2
15	2.6
20	5.4
25	10.9
30	22.4
32	30.2
34	41
36	56.2
38	77.9

$\phi$	$N_y$
40	109.4
45	271.3
50	762.84

**Vesic's bearing capacity factors**

## Shape, depth, inclination factor for the Vesic's bearing capacity equation:

Factors	Value
Shape	$s_c = 1 + \frac{N_q}{N_c} \left( \frac{B}{L} \right)$
	$s_c = 1 \text{ for strip footing}$
	$s_q = 1 + \tan(\phi) \left( \frac{B}{L} \right) \cdot \text{For all } \phi$
	$s_\gamma = \left( 1 - 0.4 \frac{B}{L} \right) \geq 0.6$
Depth	$d_c = 1 + 0.4k \quad k = \frac{D_f}{B} \quad \text{For } D_f/B \leq 1 \text{ and } k = \tan^{-1}(D_f/B) \quad \text{For } D_f/B > 1, \text{ } k \text{ in radian}$
	$d_q = 1 + 2(\tan \phi)(1 - \sin \phi) k$
	$d_s = 1 \quad \text{For all } \phi$

Factors	Value
<b>Inclination</b>	$i_c = i_q - \frac{1 - i_q}{N_q - 1}$
	$i_c \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{mH}{A'_c N_c} \quad \text{For } \phi = 0^\circ$
	$i_q = \left( 1 - \frac{H}{V + A'_c \cot \phi} \right)^m$
	$i_\gamma = \left( 1 - \frac{H}{V + A'_c \cot \phi} \right)^{m+1}$

$$m = m_B = \frac{2 + B/L}{1 + B/L} \quad \text{When H parallel to B,} \quad m = m_L = \frac{2 + L/B}{1 + L/B} \quad \text{When H parallel to L, If you have both } H_B \text{ and } H_L \text{ use } m = \sqrt{m_B^2 + m_L^2}$$

Note: Use B and L not B' and L'

## IS code method (6403 -1981)

$$q_{nu} = cN_c s_c d_c i_c + q(N_q - 1)s_q d_q i_q + 0.5\gamma B N_\gamma s_\gamma d_\gamma i_\gamma W'$$

$N_c$ ,  $N_q$ ,  $N_\gamma$ , are the same as those given by Vesic

$W'$  – factor for water table

**$W' = 1$** , when water table is at or **below a depth of  $(D_f + B)$**  measured from the GL

**$W' = 0.5$** , when water table is located at a depth  **$D_f$  or likely to rise to the base of footing** or above

$W'$  can be linearly interpolated **when  $D_f < D_w < D_f + B$**

$q$  = effective pressure at base

## Shape Factor:

$S_c$	$\left(1 + 0.2 \frac{D}{L}\right)$	Rectangular footing
	1.3	Square and Circular
$S_q$	$\left(1 + 0.2 \frac{D}{L}\right)$	Rectangular footing
	1.2	Square and Circular
$S_y$	$\left(1 - 0.4 \frac{B}{L}\right)$	Rectangular footing
	0.8	Square
	0.6	Circular



## Depth Factor:

$d_c$	$1 + 0.2 \frac{D_f}{B} \tan \left( 45^\circ + \frac{\phi}{2} \right)$	For any $\phi$
$d_q$	$1 + 0.1 \frac{D_f}{B} \tan \left( 45^\circ + \frac{\phi}{2} \right)$	$\phi > 10^\circ$
	1	$\phi < 10^\circ$
$d_y$	$1 + 0.1 \frac{D_f}{B} \tan \left( 45^\circ + \frac{\phi}{2} \right)$	$\phi > 10^\circ$
	1	$\phi < 10^\circ$

## Inclination Factor:

$i_c$	$i_c = i_q = \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha}{90} \right)^2$
$i_q = i_\gamma$	$i_\gamma = \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha}{\phi} \right)^2$

## Bearing capacity of granular soils based on SPT (Standard Penetration Test)

### Teng (1962)

$$q_{nu} = \frac{1}{6} \left[ 3N^2 B R' + 5(100 + N^2) D_f R \right]$$

**For strip footing**

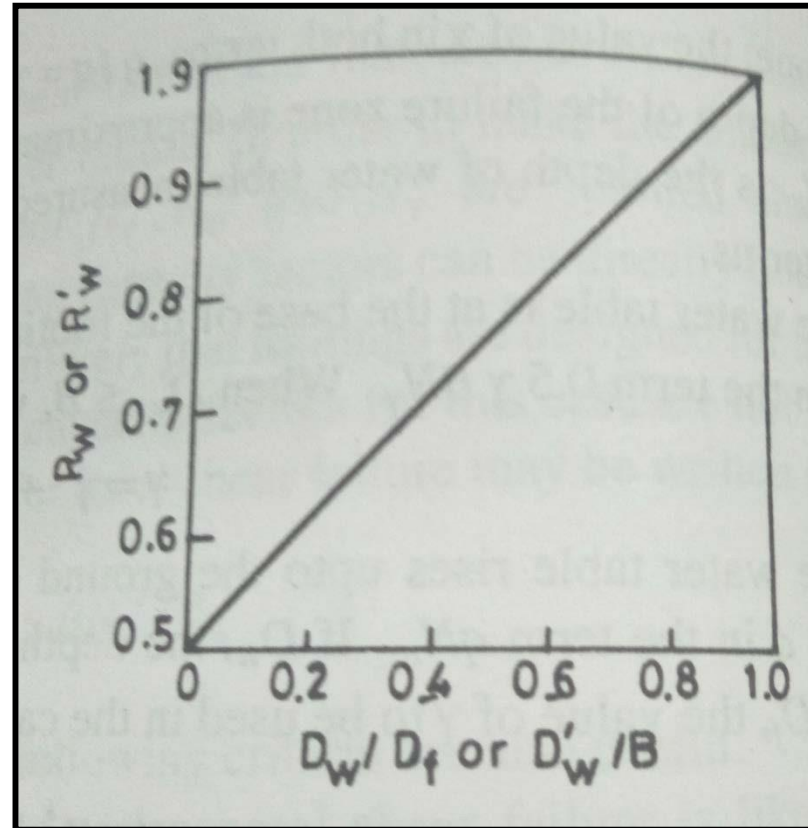
$$q_{nu} = \frac{1}{3} \left[ N^2 B R' + 3(100 + N^2) D_f R \right]$$

**For square and circular footing**

$q_{nu}$  = net ultimate bearing capacity in kN/m<sup>2</sup>

N = average N value corrected for overburden pressure

$D_f$  = depth of footing in m; if  $D_f > B$  take  $D_f = B$



**Ranjan and Rao, 1991**

$D_w$  = depth of water table below the ground surface limited to the depth equal to  $D_f$   
 $D'_w$  = depth of water table measured from base level of the footing with a limiting value equal to the width of footing  $B$

**Bearing capacity of footings on layered soils:**

$$c_{avg} = \frac{c_1 H_1 + c_2 H_2 + \dots + c_n H_n}{\Sigma H_i}$$

$$\phi_{avg} = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{H_1 \tan \phi_1 + H_2 \tan \phi_2 + \dots + H_n \tan \phi_n}{\Sigma H_i} \right)$$

## Factors influencing bearing capacity :

i) For  $c_u \equiv 0$

$$q_u = qN_q + 0.5\gamma BN_\gamma$$

- a) Relative density or  $\phi$
- b) Width of the footing
- c) Depth of the footing
- d) Unit weight of the soil
- e) Position of ground water

ii) For  $\phi = 0$

$$q_u = c_u N_c + q$$

- a) The bearing capacity of footing on a cohesive soil is unaffected by the **width of footing**
- b) The **net ultimate bearing capacity** ( $q_{nu} = N_c c_u$ ) is not affected by the **depth of foundation**.
- c) For  $\phi = 0$ ,  $N_c = 5.14$  (smooth base) and  $5.7$  (rough base )

**Ex.1: A rectangular footing of size 3m X 6m is founded at a depth of 1m in a homogeneous sandy soil. The water table is at a great depth. The unit wt of soil 18 kN/m<sup>3</sup>. Determine net ultimate bearing capacity  $c=0$  and  $\phi = 40^\circ$**

### Using Terzaghi's theory

$$q_{nu} = q_u - \gamma D_f = \gamma D_f (N_q - 1) + \frac{1}{2} \gamma B N_\gamma \left( 1 - 0.2 \frac{B}{L} \right)$$

From table  $N_q = 81.3$ ,  $N_\gamma = 100.4$  for  $\phi = 40^\circ$

$B = 3\text{m}$  and  $L = 6\text{m}$

$$q_{nu} = 18 \times 1 \times (81.3 - 1) + \frac{1}{2} \times 18 \times 3 \times 100.4 \times \left( 1 - 0.2 \times \frac{3}{6} \right) = 3885.12 \text{ kN} / \text{m}^2$$



## Using Meyerhof's theory

$$q_{nu} = q_{ult} - \gamma D_f = \gamma D_f N_q s_q d_q + 0.5 \gamma B N_\gamma s_\gamma d_\gamma - \gamma D_f$$

$$s_q = s_\gamma = 1 + 0.1 \tan^2(45^\circ + \frac{\phi}{2}) \left( \frac{B}{L} \right) = 1.23$$

$$d_q = d_\gamma = 1 + 0.1 \tan^2(45^\circ + \frac{\phi}{2}) \left( \frac{D_f}{B} \right)$$

$$d_q = d_\gamma = 1 + 0.1 \tan^2(45^\circ + \frac{\phi}{2}) \left( \frac{D_f}{B} \right) = 1.07$$

From table  $N_q = 64.1$ ,  $N_\gamma = 93.7$  for  $\phi = 40^\circ$

$$q_{nu} = 18 \times 1 \times 64.1 \times 1.23 \times 1.07 + 0.5 \times 18 \times 3 \times 93.7 \times 1.23 \times 1.07 - 18 \times 1 = 4830.11 \text{ kN} / \text{m}^2$$

## Using Hansen's theory

$$q_{nu} = q_{ult} - \gamma D_f = \gamma D_f N_q s_q d_q + 0.5 \gamma B N_\gamma s_\gamma d_\gamma - \gamma D_f$$

$$s_q = 1 + \sin(\phi) \left( \frac{B}{L} \right) = 1.32 \quad s_\gamma = \left( 1 - \frac{B}{0.4L} \right) = 0.8$$

$$d_q = 1 + 2(\tan \phi)(1 - \sin \phi) \left[ \frac{D_f}{B} \right]^2 = 1.07 \quad d_\gamma = 1$$

From table  $N_q = 64.1$ ,  $N_\gamma = 79.5$  for  $\phi = 40^\circ$

$$q_{nu} = 18 \times 1 \times 64.1 \times 1.32 \times 1.07 + 0.5 \times 18 \times 3 \times 79.5 \times 0.8 \times 1 - 18 \times 1 = 3328.82 \text{ kN} / \text{m}^2$$

## Using Vesic's theory

$$q_{nu} = q_{ult} - \gamma D_f = \gamma D_f N_q s_q d_q + 0.5 \gamma B N_\gamma s_\gamma d_\gamma - \gamma D_f$$

$$s_q = 1 + \tan(\phi) \left( \frac{B}{L} \right) = 1.41 \quad s_\gamma = \left( 1 - \frac{B}{0.4L} \right) = 0.8$$
$$d_q = 1 + 2(\tan \phi)(1 - \sin \phi) \left[ \frac{D_f}{B} \right]^2 = 1.07 \quad d_\gamma = 1$$

From table  $N_q = 64.1$ ,  $N_\gamma = 109.4$  for  $\phi = 40^\circ$

$$q_{nu} = 18 \times 1 \times 64.1 \times 1.41 \times 1.07 + 0.5 \times 18 \times 3 \times 109.4 \times 0.8 \times 1 - 18 \times 1 = 4085.77 \text{ kN} / \text{m}^2$$

## Using IS Code Method

$$q_{nu} = \gamma D_f (N_q - 1) s_q d_q + 0.5 \gamma B N_\gamma s_\gamma d_\gamma$$

$$s_q = 1 + 0.2 \left( \frac{B}{L} \right) = 1.10$$

$$s_\gamma = \left( 1 - \frac{B}{0.4L} \right) = 0.8$$

$$d_q = 1 + 0.1 \left( \frac{D_f}{B} \right) \tan \left( 45 + \frac{\phi}{2} \right) = 1.07$$

$$d_\gamma = 1$$

$N_q = 64.1$ ,  $N_\gamma = 109.4$  for  $\phi = 40^\circ$  (same as Vesic )

$$q_{nu} = 18 \times 1 \times (64.1 - 1) \times 1.10 \times 1.07 + 0.5 \times 18 \times 3 \times 109.4 \times 0.8 \times 1 = 3699.87 \text{ kN} / \text{m}^2$$

Author	$q_{nu}$ kN/m <sup>2</sup>
Terzaghi	3885.12
Meyerhof	4830.11
Hansen	3328.82
Vesic	4085.77
Is code	3699.87

**Meyerhof 's method gives higher value of  $q_{nu}$  than all other methods**

**Ex.2: A rectangular footing of size 3m X 6m is founded at a depth of 1m in a homogeneous sandy soil. The water table is at a great depth. The unit wt of soil 18 kN/m<sup>3</sup>. Determine net ultimate bearing capacity.  $c = 0$  and  $\phi = 22^\circ$ .**

**Using Terzaghi's theory**

$$q_{nu} = q_u - \gamma D_f = \gamma D_f (N'_q - 1) + \frac{1}{2} \gamma B N'_\gamma \left( 1 - 0.2 \frac{B}{L} \right)$$

$$\phi' = \tan^{-1} 0.67(\tan(22^\circ)) = 15^\circ$$

From table  $N_q = 4.4$ ,  $N_\gamma = 2.5$  for  $\phi' = 15^\circ$  (local shear failure)

$B = 3\text{m}$  and  $L = 6\text{m}$

$$q_{nu} = 18 \times 1 \times (4.4 - 1) + \frac{1}{2} \times 18 \times 3 \times 2.5 \times \left( 1 - 0.2 \frac{3}{6} \right) = 121.95 \text{ kN} / \text{m}^2$$

$\phi$	Terzaghi's Bearing Capacity Factor		
	$N_c$	$N_q$	$N_\gamma$
0	5.7	1.0	0.0
5	7.3	1.6	0.5
10	9.6	2.7	1.2
15	12.9	4.4	2.5
20	17.7	7.4	5
25	25.1	12.7	9.7
30	37.2	22.5	19.7
35	57.8	41.4	42.4
40	95.7	81.3	100.4
45	172.3	173.3	297.5
50	347.5	415.1	1153.2

Ranjan and Rao, 1991

**Ex.3: A rectangular footing of size 3m X 6m is founded at a depth of 1m in a homogeneous sandy soil. The water table is at a great depth. The unit wt of soil 18 kN/m<sup>3</sup>. c= 0 and  $\phi = 35^\circ$  . Determine net ultimate bearing capacity.**

$N_q = 41.4, N'_q = 12.7$  for  $\phi_m = 25^\circ$ . Hence a ctual,

$$\bar{N}_q = 12.7 + (41.4 - 12.7) \times \left( \frac{35 - 29}{36 - 29} \right) = 37.3$$

$N_\gamma = 42.4, N'_\gamma = 9.7$ . Hence actual,

$$\bar{N}_\gamma = 9.7 + (42.4 - 9.7) \times \left( \frac{35 - 29}{36 - 29} \right) = 37.72$$

$$q_{nu} = q_u - \gamma D_f = \gamma D_f (\bar{N}_q - 1) + \frac{1}{2} \gamma B \bar{N}_\gamma \left( 1 - 0.2 \frac{B}{L} \right)$$

$$q_{nu} = 18 \times 1 \times (37.3 - 1) + \frac{1}{2} \times 18 \times 3 \times 37.72 \times \left( 1 - 0.2 \times \frac{3}{6} \right) = 1569.99 \text{ kN} / \text{m}^2$$



**Ex.4: A rectangular footing of size 3m X 6m is founded at a depth of 1m in a homogeneous c-φ soil. The water table is at a great depth. The unit wt of soil 18 kN/m<sup>3</sup>. Determine net ultimate bearing capacity. c= 50 kPa and φ = 20° .**

$$q_{nu} = q_u - \gamma D_f = c N_c \left( 1 + 0.3 \frac{B}{L} \right) + \gamma D_f (N_q - 1) + \frac{1}{2} \gamma B N_\gamma \left( 1 - 0.2 \frac{B}{L} \right)$$

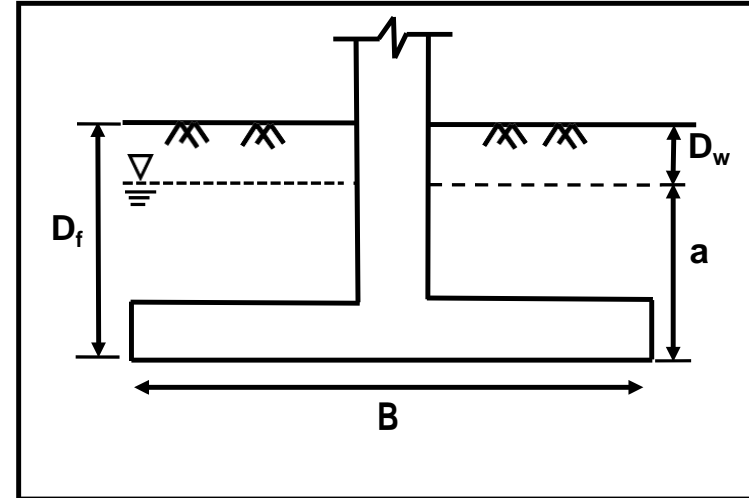
From table  $N_c = 17.7$ ,  $N_q = 7.4$ ,  $N_\gamma = 5$  for  $\phi = 20^\circ$   
 $B = 3\text{m}$  and  $L = 6\text{m}$

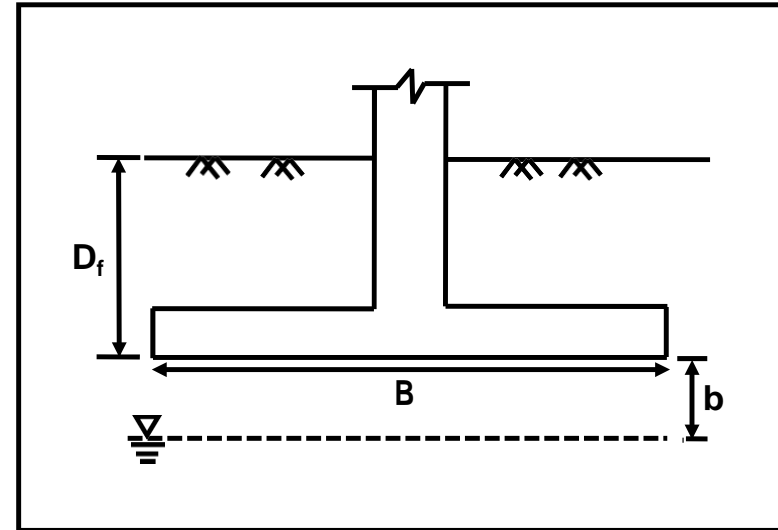
$$q_{nu} = 50 \times 17.7 \times \left( 1 + 0.3 \times \frac{3}{6} \right) + 18 \times 1 \times (7.4 - 1) + \frac{1}{2} \times 18 \times 3 \times 5 \times \left( 1 - 0.2 \times \frac{3}{6} \right) = 1254.45 \text{ kN} / \text{m}^2$$

## **Shallow Foundation : Settlement-I**

Ex.:

$$q_u = c_u N_c + [\gamma' D_f + (\gamma - \gamma') D_w] N_q + \frac{1}{2} \gamma' B N_\gamma$$

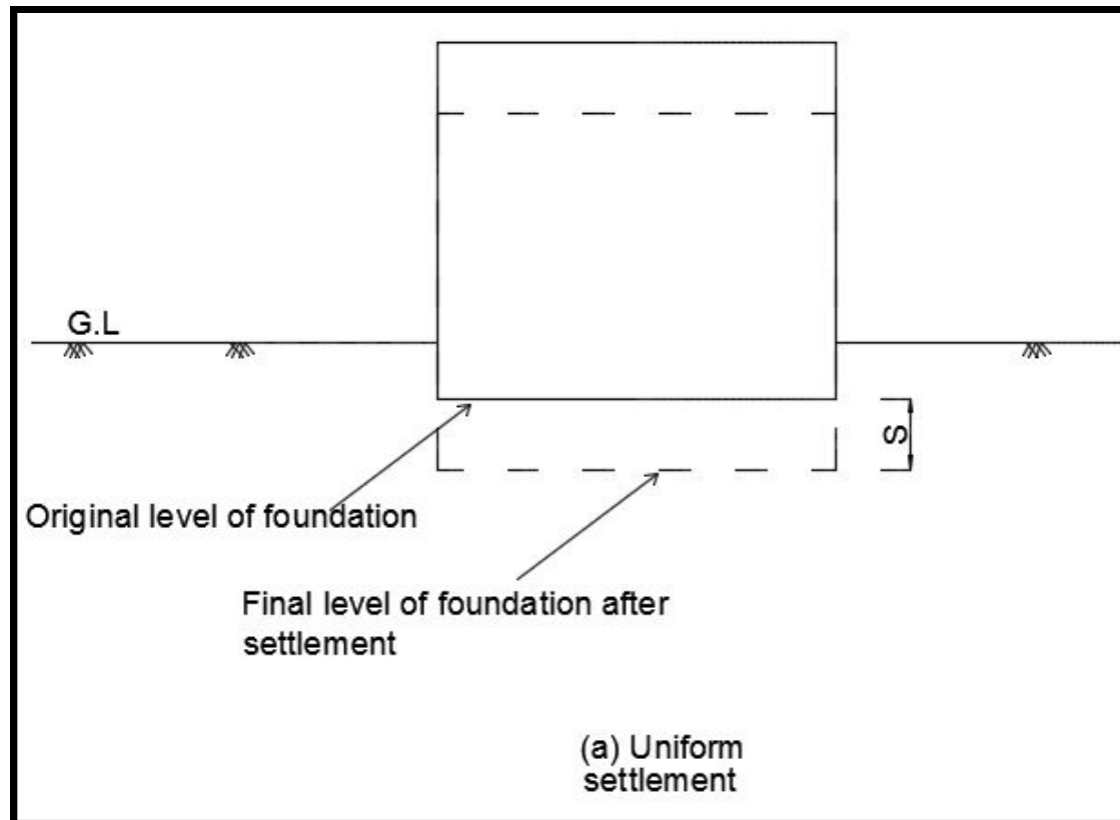


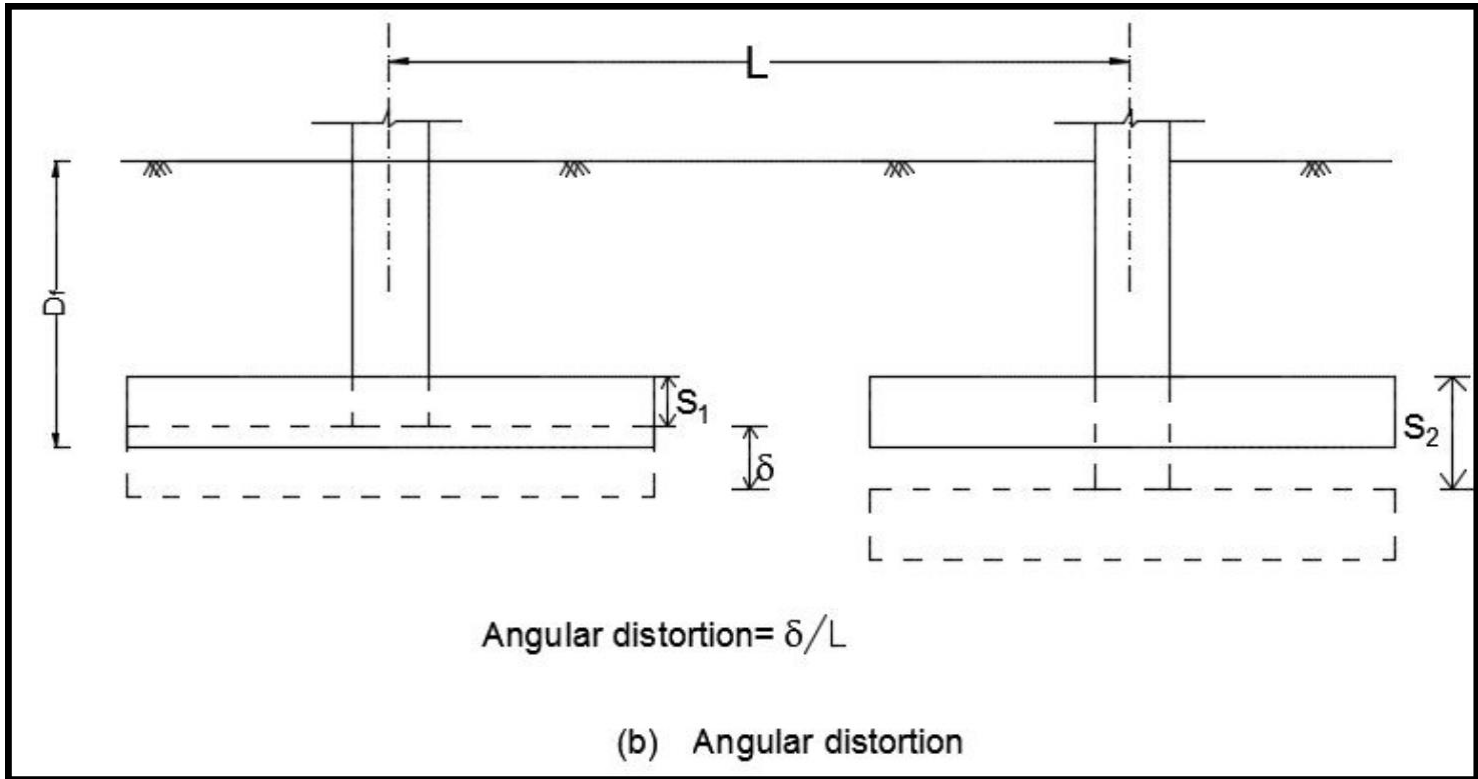


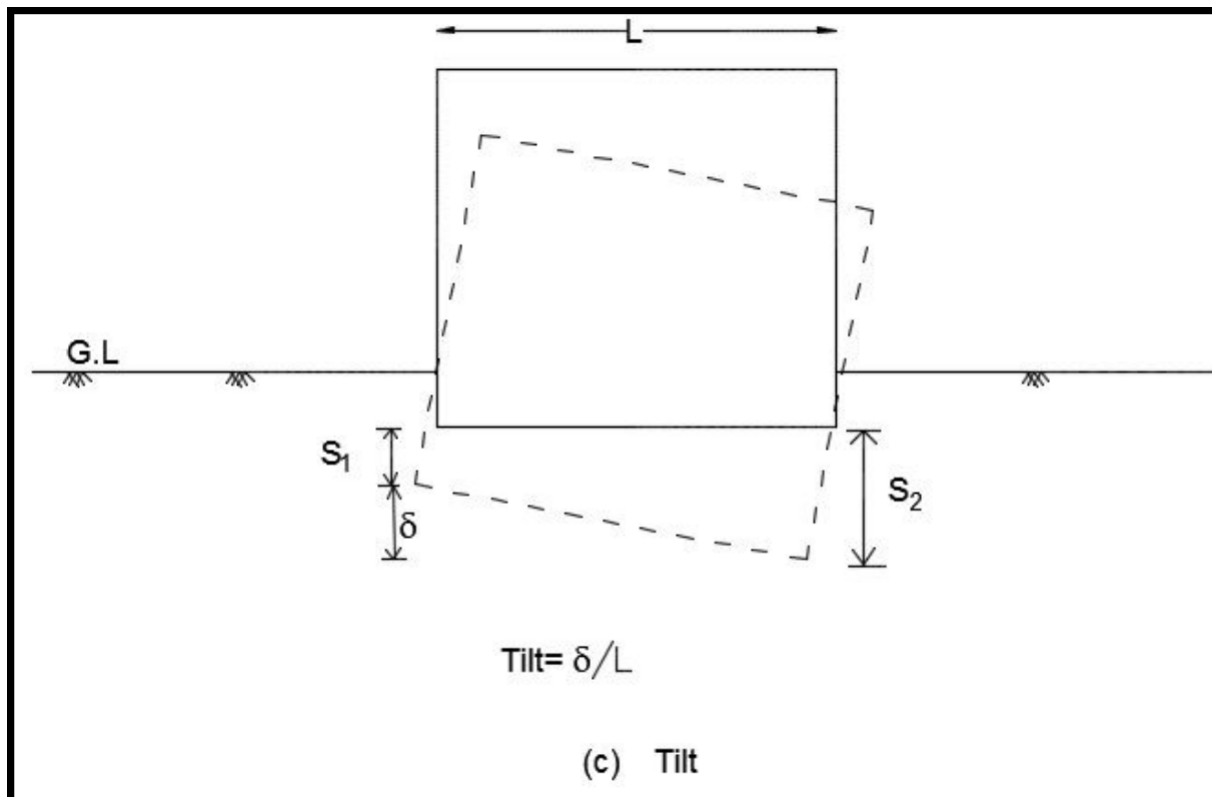
$$\bar{\gamma} = \gamma' + \frac{b}{B}(\gamma - \gamma')$$

$$q_u = c_u N_c + \gamma D_f N_q + \frac{1}{2} B \left[ \gamma' + \frac{b}{B}(\gamma - \gamma') \right] N_\gamma$$

## Types of Settlement found in shallow foundation







## Settlement of shallow foundation

Total Settlement

$$S_t = S_i + S_c + S_s$$

$S_i$  = Immediate or elastic settlement (<7 days). It takes place during the application of loading.

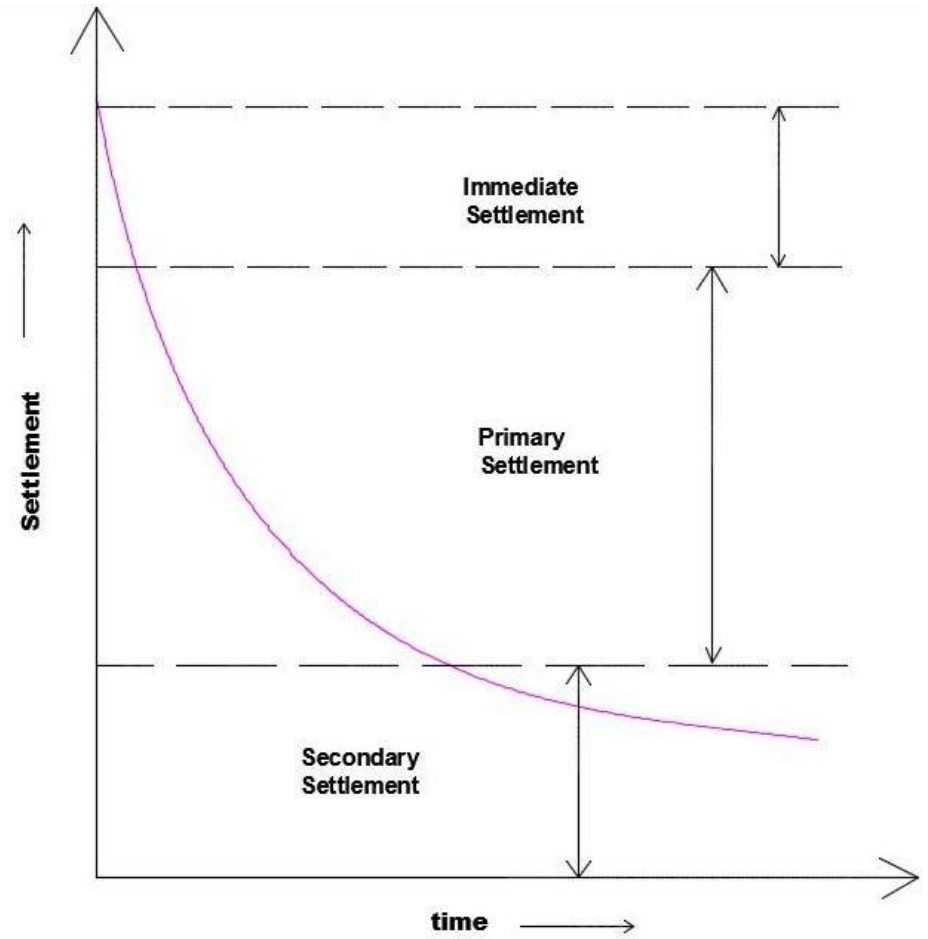
In clays, the settlement is due to the change in the shape of the soil without a change in volume or water content. It is neglected as compared to long term settlement.

$S_c$  = Primary consolidation settlement. It is due to the consolidation.

$S_s$  = Secondary Compression Settlement. It occurs because of volume change occurring due to rearrangement of soil particles.



- Immediate settlement is not time dependant settlement.
- Primary consolidation and secondary settlement are time dependant.
- For granular soils, immediate settlement is the entire settlement.
- In inorganic clays, Primary consolidation accounts major part of the settlement.
- In organic clays, secondary compression accounts major part of the settlement .



## 1. Immediate or elastic settlement

$$S_i = qB \left( \frac{1 - \mu^2}{E} I_f \right)$$

where  $q$  = Net foundation pressure

$\mu$  = Poisson's ratio

$E$  = Elastic Modulus of soil

$I_f$  = Influence factor

Types of corrections: 1. Depth correction  
2. Rigidity correction for raft foundation

Shape	I <sub>f</sub> for Flexible Foundation			I <sub>f</sub> for Rigid Foundation
	Centre	Corner	Average	
Circle	1.0	0.64	0.85	0.86
Square	1.12	0.56	0.95	0.82
Rectangle				
L/B= 1.5	1.36	0.68	1.2	1.06
L/B= 2	1.52	0.76	1.3	1.2
L/B= 5	2.10	1.05	1.83	1.70
L/B= 10	2.52	1.26	2.25	2.10
L/B= 100	3.38	1.69	2.96	3.40

**Ranjan and Rao, 1991**

Types of soil	$\mu$
1. Clay , saturated	0.4-0.5
2. Clay, unsaturated	0.1-0.3
3. Sandy clay	0.2-0.3
4. Silt	0.3-0.35
5. Sand(dense)	
5.1 Coarse( $e=0.4-0.7$ )	0.15
5.2 Finegrained	0.25
6. Rock	0.1-0.4

Ranjan and Rao, 1991

## Young's Modulus Calculation

Type of soil	SPT (N) or CPT( $q_c$ )
Sand (NC)	$E = 500(N + 15)$
Sand (OC)	$E = 250(N + 15)$
Sand( Saturated)	$E = 250(N + 15)$
Gravelly Sand	$E = 1200(N + 6)$
Clayey sand	$E = 320(N + 15)$
Silty sand	$E = 300(N + 6)$
Soft clay	$E = 5 \text{ to } 8 q_c$

Ranjan and Rao , 1991

\* E is in kN/m<sup>2</sup>.

## Elastic Modulus Calculation

- Normally consolidate clay,  $E_u = (750 \text{ to } 1200) S_u$
- Heavily overconsolidated clay,  $E_u = (1500 \text{ to } 2000) S_u$
- Normally consolidated sensitive clay,  $E_u = (200 \text{ to } 600) S_u$

## Elastic Modulus Calculation

Soil type	E kg/ cm <sup>2</sup> )
Clay	
1. Very soft	20-150
2. soft	50-250
3. medium	150-500
4. Hard	500-1000
5. Sandy	250-2500

Soil type	E (kg/ cm <sup>2</sup> )
Sand	
1. silty	70-210
2. loose	100-240
3.dense	480-800

Soil type	E (kg/ cm <sup>2</sup> )
Sand and gravel	
1. Loose	500-1450
2. Dense	1000-1900

Ranjan and Rao, 1991

## 2. Consolidation settlement

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or  $S_c = \sum m_v H_0 \Delta p$

Where  $p_0$  = initial effective overburden pressure before applying foundation load

$\Delta p$  = vertical stress at the centre due to application of load

$C_c$  = Compression index

$e_0$  = initial void ratio

$m_v$  = coefficient of volume compressibility

Types of corrections:

1. Depth correction
2. Rigidity correction for raft foundation
3. Pore water pressure correction



## Corrections

### 1. Corrections for the effect of 3-D consolidation

$$S_{c(3D)} = \eta S_{c(1D)}$$

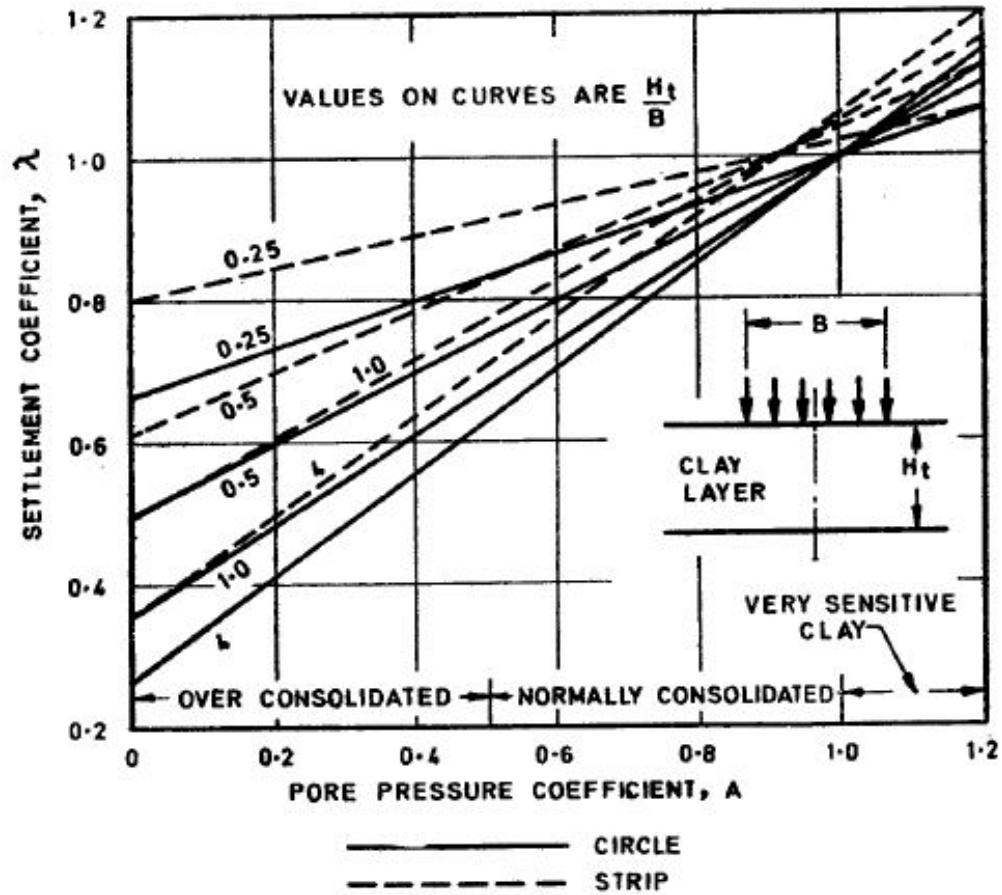
where  $\eta$  = correction factor. In absence of data regarding pore water pressure parameter  $A_v$ , following values can be taken:

$\eta = 1-1.2$  very sensitive clay

=0.7-1.0 Normally consolidated clay

=0.5-0.7 Over consolidated clay

=0.3-0.5 Heavily over consolidated clay



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## **Shallow Foundation : Settlement-II**

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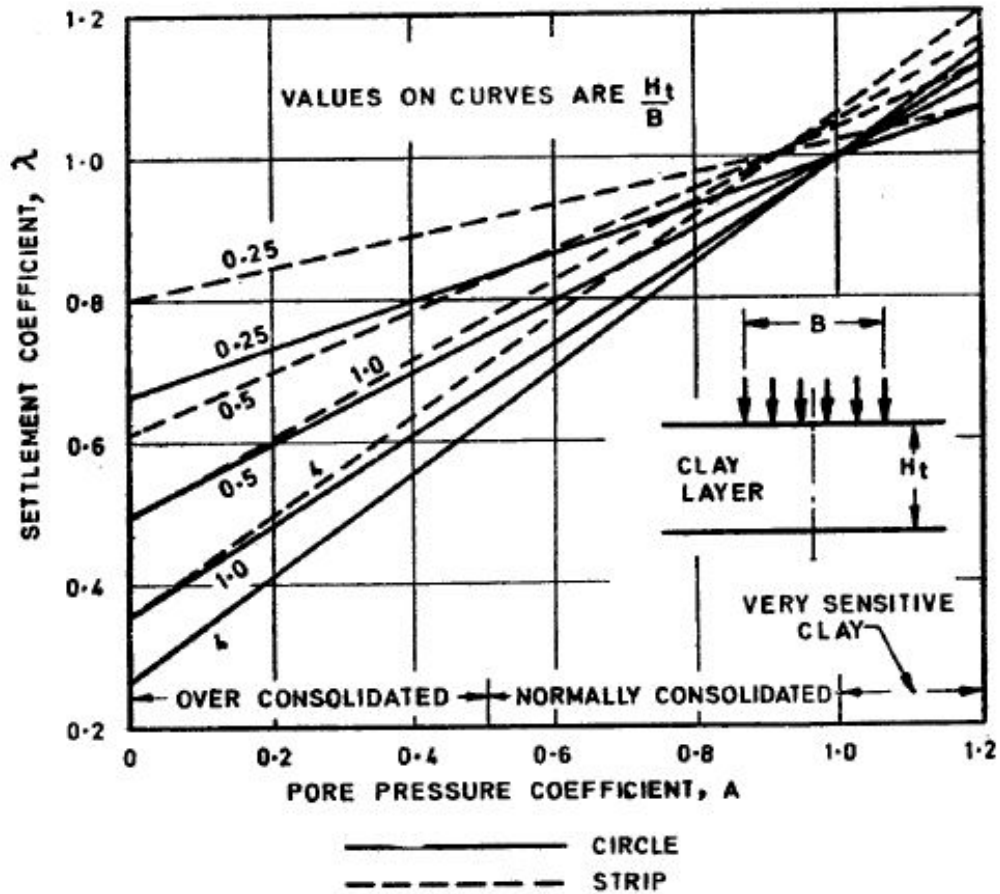
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## 2. Corrections for the rigidity of foundation

$$\text{Rigidity factor} = \frac{\text{Total settlement of rigid foundation}}{\text{Total settlement at centre of flexible foundation}}$$

Correction factor = 0.8 for rigid foundation

## 3. Corrections for the depth of the embedment

$$\text{Depth factor} = \frac{S_{\text{embedded}}}{S_{\text{surface}}}$$

Fox's correction for settlement of flexible rectangular footing of  $L \times B$  at a depth  $D$

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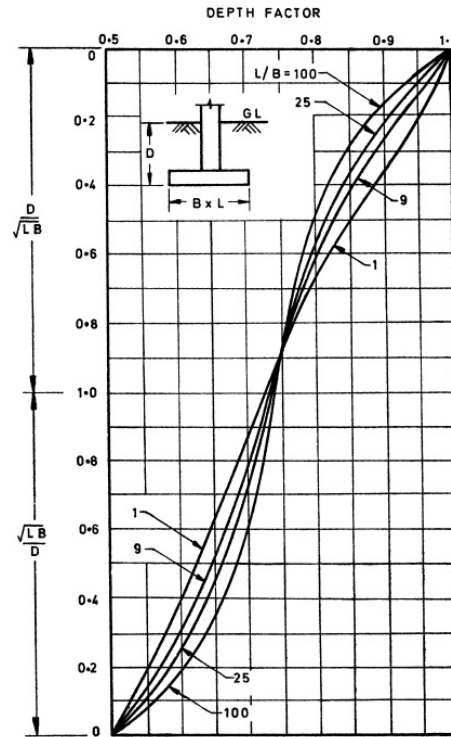


FIG. 12 FOX'S CORRECTION CURVES FOR SETTLEMENTS OF FLEXIBLE RECTANGULAR FOOTINGS OF  $L \times B$  AT DEPTH  $D$

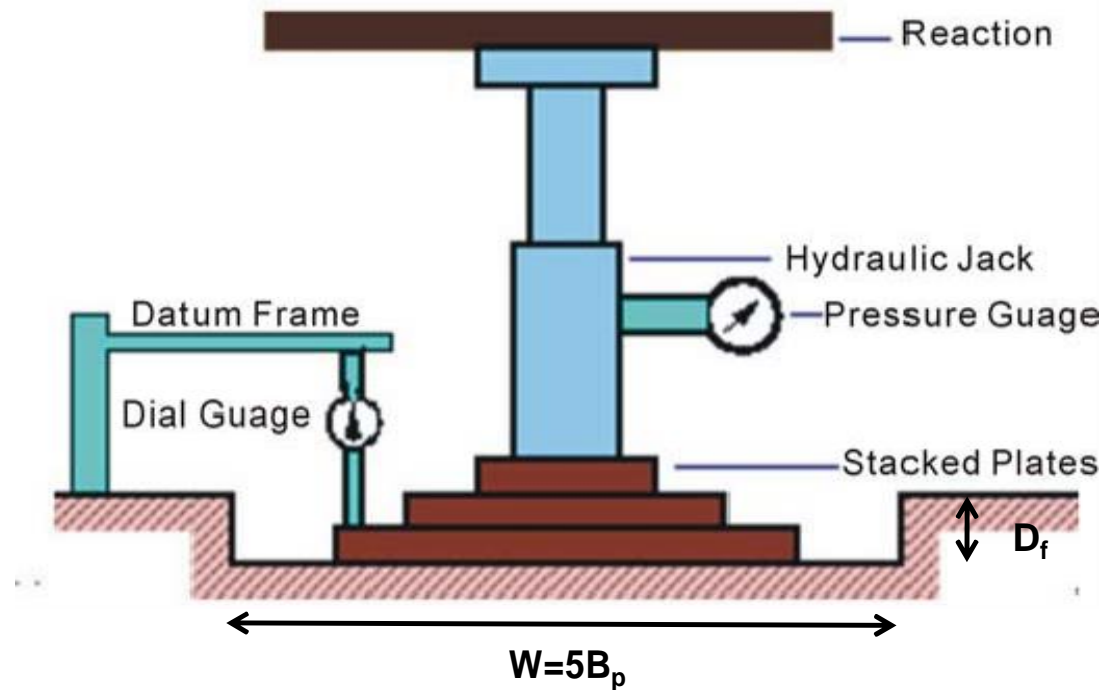
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## Settlement of Foundations on Granular Soils

- Due to consolidation, short term field tests are not suitable to determine the settlement of cohesive soil.

### a) Plate load test method ( IS-1888-1982)





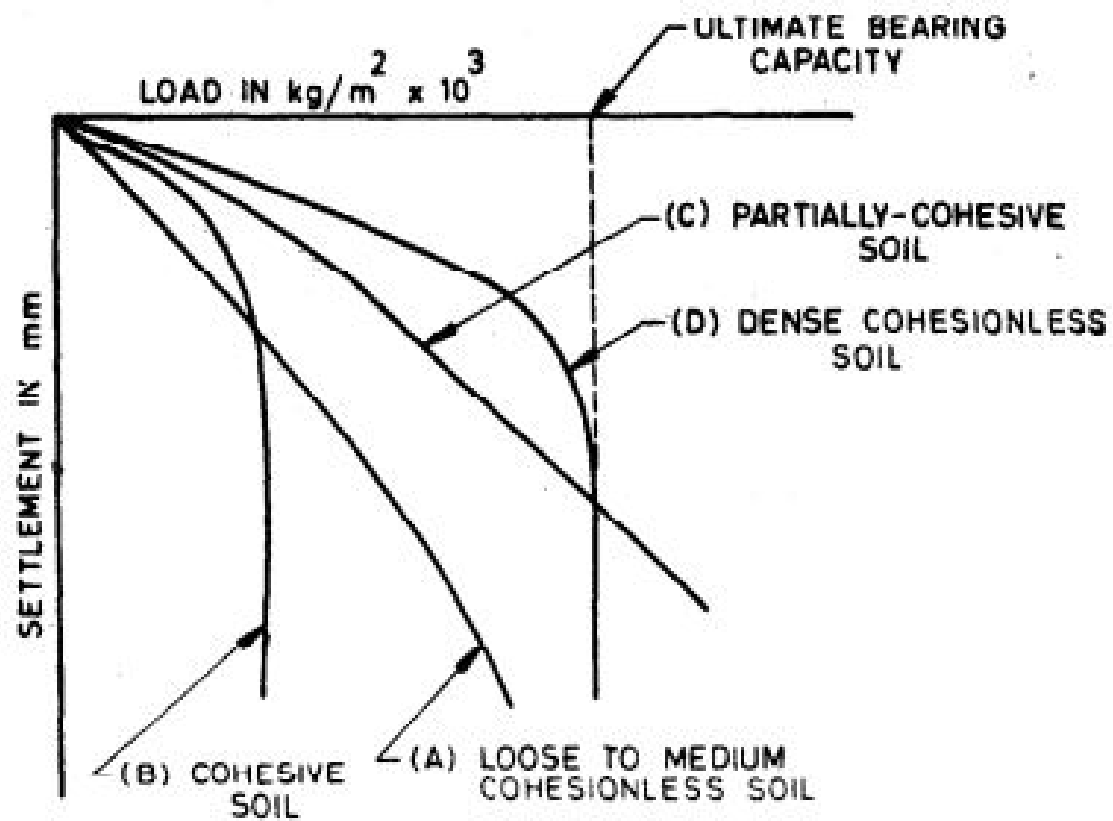
## Procedure

- Rough mild steel plates of size 30cm, 45 cm, 60cm, or 75 cm , square or circular in shape are generally used.
  - 5mm (maximum thickness) fine sand is placed before placing the plate.
  - Smaller sizes are used for dense or stiff soil.
  - larger size are used for loose or soft soil.
  - Water is removed by pumping out.
- Loads on the test plate may be applied by gravity loading or reaction loading.
- Seating load of  $70\text{kg/cm}^2$  is first applied and released after sometimes.

- Load is applied at  $1/5^{\text{th}}$  the estimated safe load up to failure or at least 25mm settlement, whichever is earlier.
- At each load, settlement is recorded at time intervals of 1, 2.25, 4, 6.25, 9, 16 and 25 mins and thereafter at hourly interval.
  - For clayey soils, the load is increased when the time-settlement curve indicates that settlement has exceeded 70-80 % of the probable ultimate settlement or at the end of 24 hours.
  - For other soils, the load is increased when the rate of settlement drops to a value less than 0.02 mm/min.

**IS:1888-1982**

- Settlement are recorded through a minimum of two dial gauges mounted on independent datum and resting diametrically opposite ends of the plates.
- The load settlement curve for the test plate can be plotted from the test data.



## Settlement Calculation from plate load test

- Terzaghi and Peck (1948):

$$\frac{S_f}{S_p} = \left[ \frac{B_f (B_p + 30)}{B_p (B_f + 30)} \right]^2 \quad (\text{For granular soil})$$

Where  $S_f$  = settlement of a foundation of width  $B_f$  (cm)

$S_p$  = settlement of a foundation of width  $B_p$  (cm) at the same load intensity as on the foundation

- Bjerrum and Eggestad (1963):

$$\frac{S_f}{S_p} = \frac{4}{\left( 1 + \frac{D_p}{D_f} \right)^2}$$

where  $D_p$  = diameter of plate  
 $D_f$  = diameter of footing

## Important Considerations

- Plate size smaller than 30 cm should never be used in any case.
- It may lead to misleading results, if the soil at site is not homogenous.
- Capillarity in sand bed increases its effective vertical stress or its stiffness. The test will result in a severe underestimate of actual settlement.
- For clayey soil, immediate settlement is not the main settlement. However, plate load test gives the immediate test.

$$\frac{S_f}{S_p} = \frac{B_f}{B_p}$$



## Ultimate Bearing capacity Calculation from plate load test

- For cohesionless soil

$$\frac{q_{uf}}{q_{up}} = \frac{B_f}{B_p}$$

- For cohesive soil

$$q_{uf} = q_{up}$$

Where,  $q_{uf}$  = ultimate bearing capacity of footing

$q_{up}$  = ultimate bearing capacity of plate

## Safe Bearing capacity Calculation from plate load test

- The safe bearing capacity of a footing can be determined from the load-settlement curve of the test plate.
- If the permissible settlement of foundation of width  $B_f$  is  $S_p$ , corresponding settlement  $S_p$  of test plate  $B_p$  can be found from equation given earlier. Then the load intensity corresponding to  $S_p$  is read from load settlement curve and taken as safe bearing capacity of foundation.

## Safe Bearing capacity Calculation from plate load test

- If the load test is carried out above the natural water table, the settlement computed from the curve will have to be corrected if there is a likelihood of rise in water table in future.

$$\text{Actual settlement} = \frac{\text{Settlement computed from plateload test}}{\text{Correction factor } (C_w)}$$

Peck, Hanson, and Thornburn (1974)

$$C_w = 0.5 + 0.5 \left( \frac{D_w}{D_f + B} \right)$$

$D_w$  = depth of water table below the ground level  
 $D_f$  = depth of foundation  
 $B$  = width of foundation

IS:8009 method

$$C_w = 0.5 + \frac{D'_w}{0.5 \left( \frac{D'_w}{B} \right)} \leq 1$$

$D'_w$  = depth of water table from base of footing

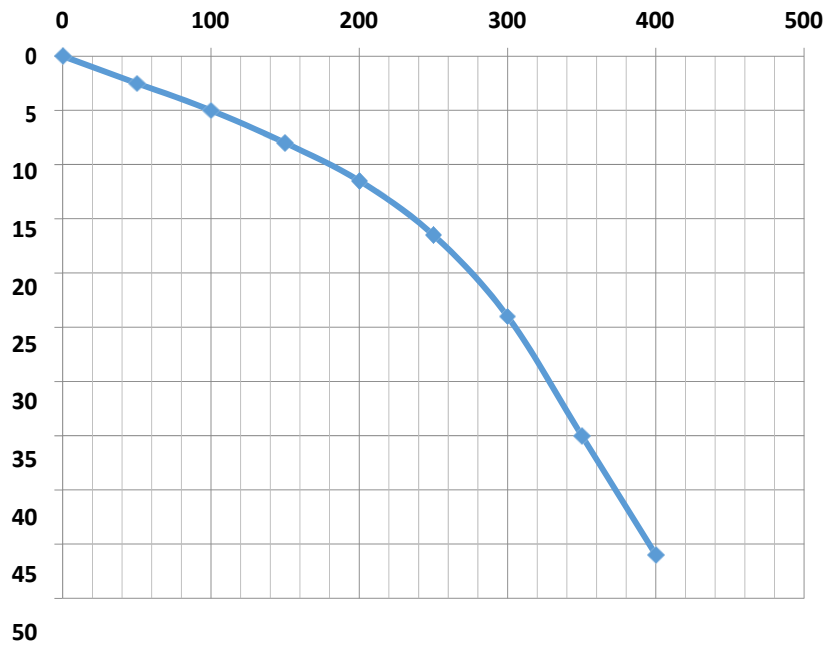
## **Shallow Foundation : Settlement-III**

**Example (a) :**The following data was obtained from a plate load test conducted on 60 cm square test plate at a depth of 2 m below the ground level on a sandy soil which extends up to large depth.

**Determine the settlement of a foundation 4 m x 4 m carrying a load of 1200 kN placed at a depth of 2 m below ground surface on the same soil.**

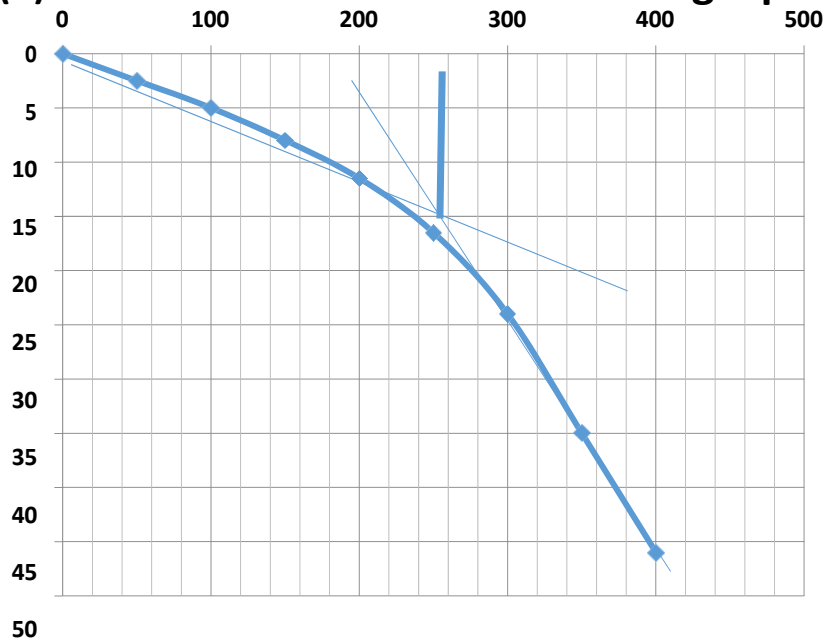
**(b) What will be the actual settlement if water table is raised at the base of the footing. Load test data:**

<b>Load intensity (kN/m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Settlement (mm)</b>
50	2.5
100	5.0
150	8.0
200	11.5
250	16.5
300	24.0
350	35.0
400	46.0



**Example (a):** Using the same plate load test data determine the allowable bearing capacity of a foundation 3m x 3m placed at a depth of 2 m below ground surface on the same soil. Permissible settlement of the foundation is 50 mm and factor of safety against bearing is 2.5. Unit weight of the soil is  $19 \text{ kN/m}^3$ .

**(b)** What will be the allowable bearing capacity if water table is raised at the base of the footing.



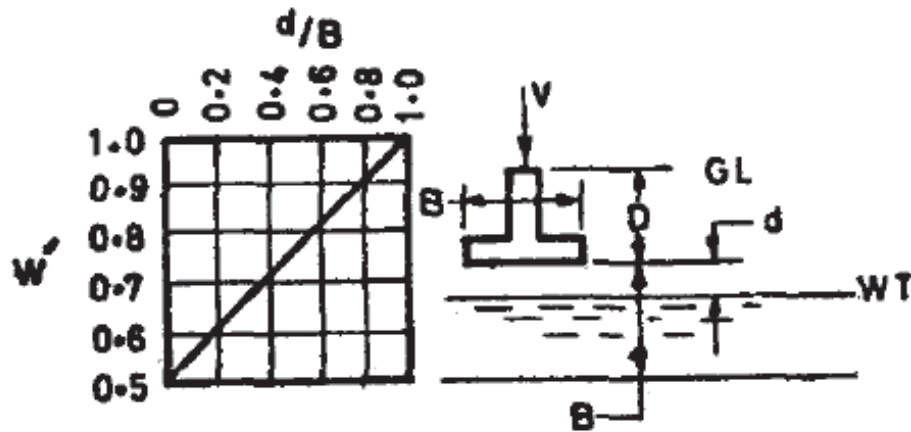
$\phi$	Terzaghi's Bearing Capacity Factor		
	$N_c$	$N_q$	$N_\gamma$
30	37.2	22.5	19.7
35	57.8	41.4	42.4
40	95.7	81.3	100.4
45	172.3	173.3	297.5

**Ranjan and Rao, 1991**

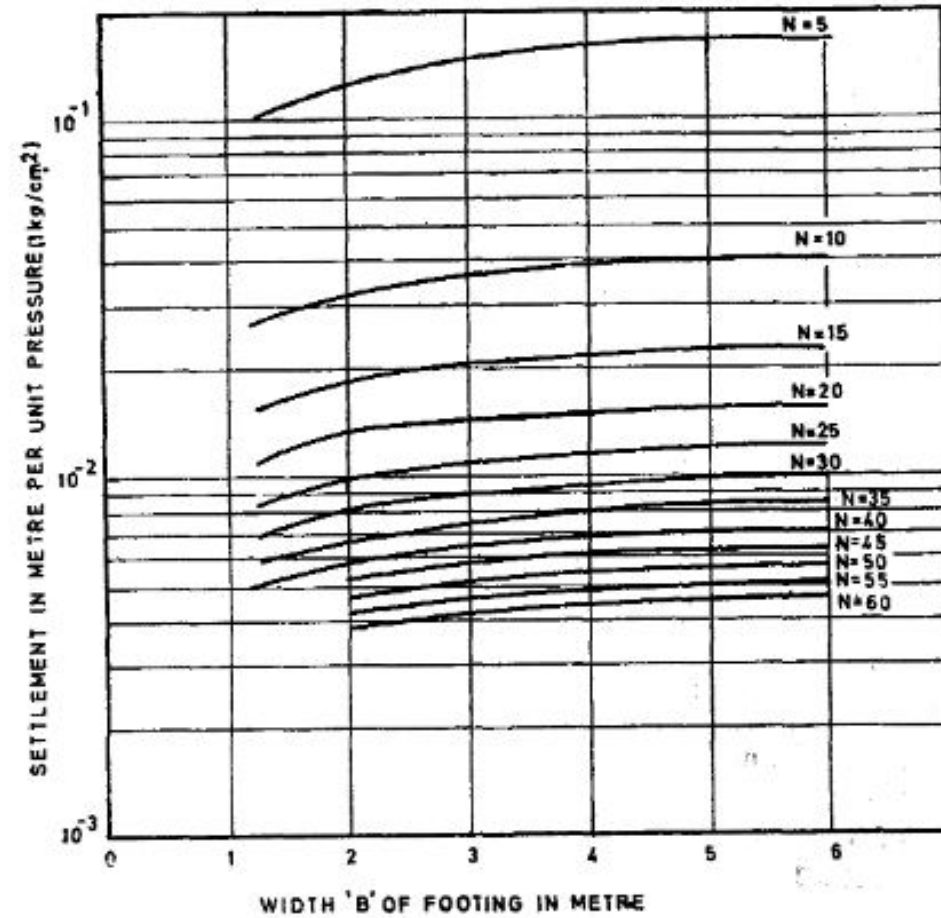


## **Shallow Foundation : Settlement-IV**

(b) Method based on SPT (IS 8009-Part 1-1976)

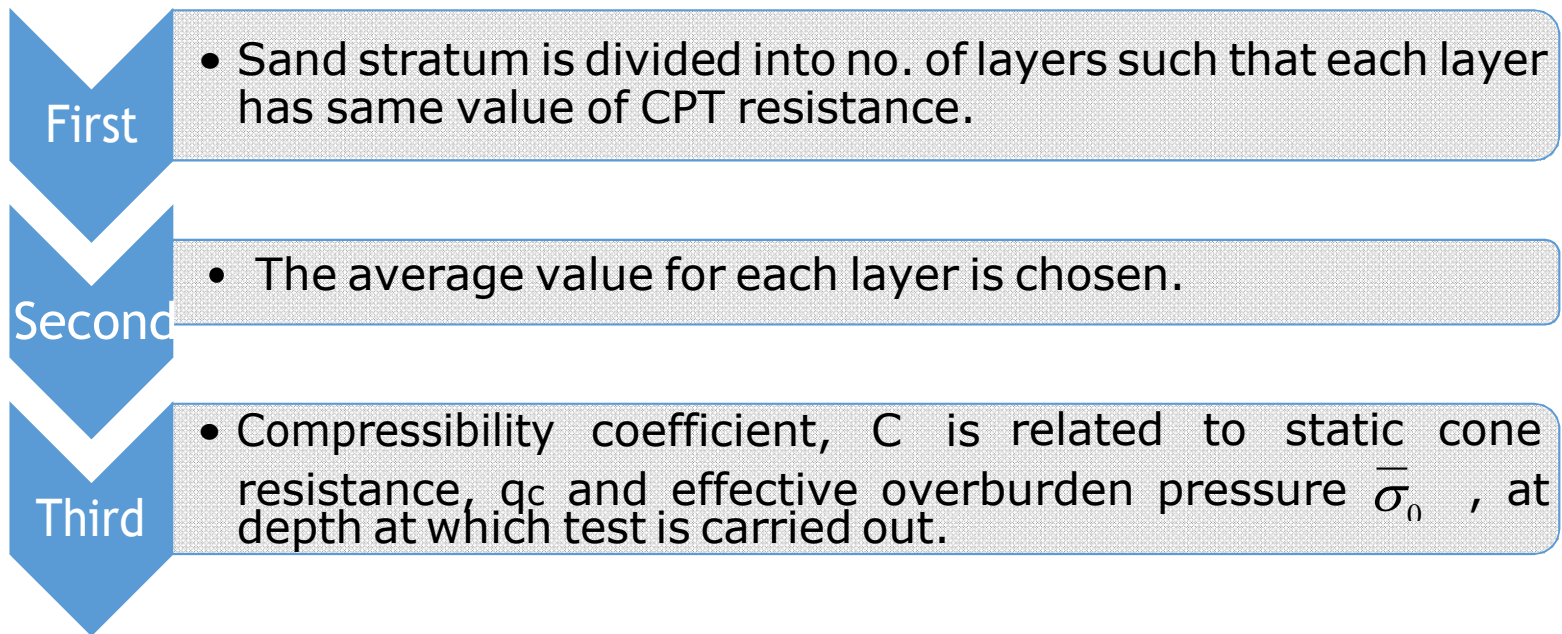


$$\text{Actual settlement} = \frac{\text{Settlement computed from SPT value}}{\text{Correction factor (W)}}$$



### (c) Method based on SCPT

- De Beer and Martens (1957) used the static cone penetration resistance diagram to predict the settlement of a structure on sands



The relationships suggested are:

$$C = 1.5 \left( \frac{q_c}{\sigma_0} \right)$$

The settlement for each layer is given by :

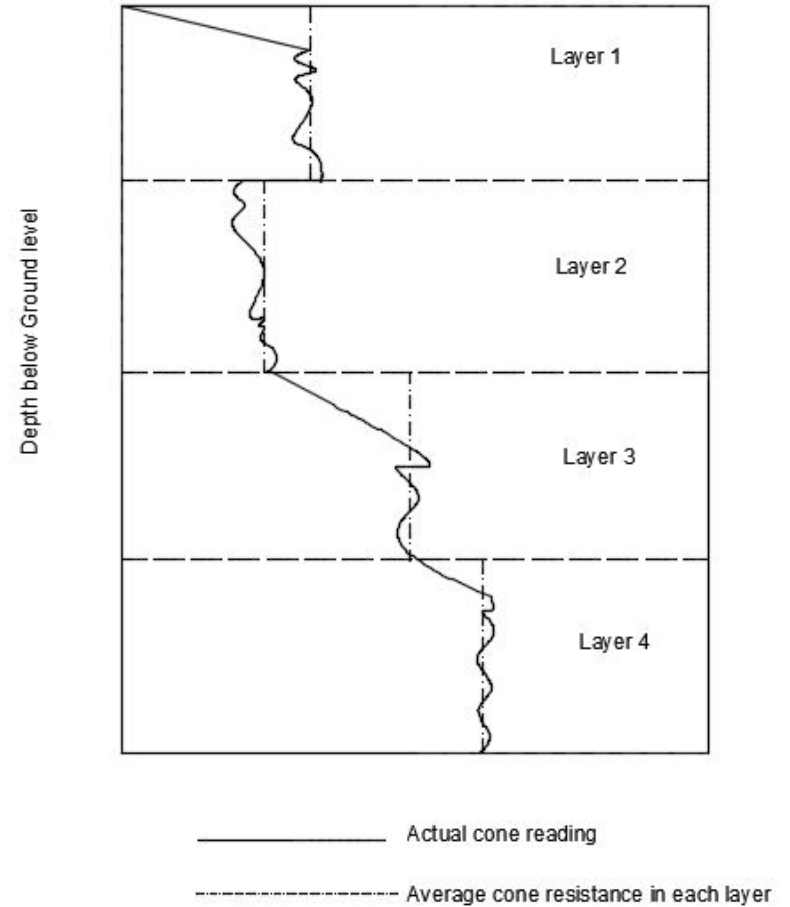
$$S = 2.3 \frac{H}{C} \log \left( \frac{\bar{\sigma}_0 + \Delta\sigma}{\bar{\sigma}_0} \right)$$

where H= thickness of layer

$\Delta\sigma$ = increase in vertical stress at middle of the layer

Meyerhof(1965)

$$C = 1.9 \left( \frac{q_{\text{avg}}}{\sigma_0} \right)$$



**(d) Semi-empirical Method (Buisman, 1948)**

$$S = \sum 2.3 \frac{\bar{\sigma}_0}{E} H \log \left( \frac{\bar{\sigma}_0 + \Delta\sigma}{\bar{\sigma}_0} \right)$$

where H= thickness of layer

$\Delta\sigma$ = increase in vertical stress at middle of the layer

E = Elastic Modulus of each soil layer

## Settlement Calculation

### Immediate Settlement (for clay)

$$S_i = qB \frac{(1 - \mu^2)}{E} I_f$$

### Consolidation Settlement (for clay)

$$S_c = \sum \frac{C_c}{1+e_0} H \log_{10} \left( \frac{p_0 + \Delta p}{p_0} \right)$$

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(c) Method based on SCPT

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or

$$C = 1.9 \left( \frac{q_c}{\sigma_0} \right)$$

(d) Semi-empirical Method (Buisman, 1948)

$$S = \sum 2.3 \frac{H}{E} \log \left( \frac{\bar{\sigma}_0 + \Delta \sigma}{\bar{\sigma}_0} \right)$$

De Beer and Martens (1957)

Meyerhof (1965)

## **Shallow Foundation : Settlement-V**

## Settlement Calculation

### Immediate Settlement (for clay)

$$S_i = qB \left( \frac{1 - \mu^2}{E_f} \right)$$

### Consolidation Settlement (for clay)

$$S_c = \sum \frac{C_c}{1 + e_0} H \log_{10} \left( \frac{p_0 + \Delta p}{p_0} \right)$$

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