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List of 11 Foundation Stability Analysis Formulas

Foundation Stability Analysis

1) Correction Factor for Circle and Square

$$\text{fx } N_q = 1 + \tan(\varphi)$$

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$$\text{ex } 2.03553 = 1 + \tan(46^\circ)$$

2) Correction Factor for Rectangle

$$\text{fx } N_q = 1 + \left(\frac{B}{L} \right) \cdot (\tan(\varphi))$$

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$$\text{ex } 1.517765 = 1 + \left(\frac{2\text{m}}{4\text{m}} \right) \cdot (\tan(46^\circ))$$

3) Correction Factor Nc for Circle and Square

$$\text{fx } N_c = 1 + \left(\frac{N_q}{N_c} \right)$$

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$$\text{ex } 1.63871 = 1 + \left(\frac{1.98}{3.1} \right)$$

4) Correction Factor Nc for Rectangle

$$\text{fx } N_c = 1 + \left(\frac{B}{L} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{N_q}{N_c} \right)$$

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$$\text{ex } 1.319355 = 1 + \left(\frac{2\text{m}}{4\text{m}} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{1.98}{3.1} \right)$$



5) Correction Factor N_y for Rectangle [Open Calculator](#) 

$$f_x \quad N_y = 1 - 0.4 \cdot \left(\frac{B}{L} \right)$$

$$ex \quad 0.8 = 1 - 0.4 \cdot \left(\frac{2m}{4m} \right)$$

6) Maximum Bearing Pressure [Open Calculator](#) 

$$f_x \quad q_m = \left(\frac{P}{A} \right) \cdot \left(1 + \left(e_1 \cdot \frac{c_1}{r_1^2} \right) + \left(e_2 \cdot \frac{c_2}{r_2^2} \right) \right)$$

$$ex \quad 1.372763kN/m^2 = \left(\frac{631.99kN}{470m^2} \right) \cdot \left(1 + \left(0.478m \cdot \frac{2.05m}{(12.3m)^2} \right) + \left(0.75m \cdot \frac{3m}{(12.49m)^2} \right) \right)$$

7) Maximum Bearing Pressure for Eccentric Loading Conventional Case [Open Calculator](#) 

$$f_x \quad q_m = \left(\frac{C_g}{b \cdot L} \right) \cdot \left(1 + \left(\frac{6 \cdot e_{load}}{b} \right) \right)$$

$$ex \quad 1.334375kN/m^2 = \left(\frac{1000m}{0.2m \cdot 4m} \right) \cdot \left(1 + \left(\frac{6 \cdot 2.25mm}{0.2m} \right) \right)$$

8) Maximum Soil Pressure [Open Calculator](#) 

$$f_x \quad q_m = \frac{2 \cdot P}{3 \cdot L \cdot \left(\left(\frac{B}{2} \right) - e_{load} \right)}$$

$$ex \quad 105.5692kN/m^2 = \frac{2 \cdot 631.99kN}{3 \cdot 4m \cdot \left(\left(\frac{2m}{2} \right) - 2.25mm \right)}$$



9) Minimum Bearing Pressure for Eccentric Loading Conventional Case

$$fx \quad q_{\min} = \left(\frac{P}{b \cdot L} \right) \cdot \left(1 - \left(\frac{6 \cdot e_{\text{load}}}{b} \right) \right)$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 736.6633 \text{ kN/m}^2 = \left(\frac{631.99 \text{ kN}}{0.2 \text{ m} \cdot 4 \text{ m}} \right) \cdot \left(1 - \left(\frac{6 \cdot 2.25 \text{ mm}}{0.2 \text{ m}} \right) \right)$$

10) Net Bearing Capacity for Undrained Loading of Cohesive Soils

$$fx \quad q_u = \alpha_f \cdot N_q \cdot C_u$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 43.758 \text{ kPa} = 1.3 \cdot 1.98 \cdot 17 \text{ kPa}$$

11) Net Bearing Capacity of Long Footing in Foundation Stability Analysis

$$fx \quad q_u = (\alpha_f \cdot C_u \cdot N_c) + (\sigma_{vo} \cdot N_q) + (\beta_f \cdot \gamma \cdot B \cdot N_\gamma)$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 113.512 \text{ kPa} = (1.3 \cdot 17 \text{ kPa} \cdot 3.1) + (0.001 \text{ kPa} \cdot 1.98) + (0.5 \cdot 18 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot 2 \text{ m} \cdot 2.5)$$



Variables Used

- **A** Area of Footing (Square Meter)
- **b** Breadth of Dam (Meter)
- **B** Width of Footing (Meter)
- **c₁** Principal Axis 1 (Meter)
- **c₂** Principal Axis 2 (Meter)
- **C_g** Circumference of Group in Foundation (Meter)
- **C_u** Undrained Shear Strength of Soil (Kilopascal)
- **e₁** Loading Eccentricity 1 (Meter)
- **e₂** Loading Eccentricity 2 (Meter)
- **e_{load}** Eccentricity of the Load on Soil (Millimeter)
- **L** Length of Footing (Meter)
- **N_c** Correction Factor Nc
- **N_q** Correction Factor Nq
- **N_γ** Correction Factor Ny
- **N_c** Bearing Capacity Factor
- **N_q** Bearing Capacity Factor Nq
- **N_γ** Value of Ny
- **P** Axial Load on Soil (Kilonewton)
- **q_m** Maximum Soil Pressure (Kilonewton per Square Meter)
- **q_m** Maximum Bearing Pressure (Kilonewton per Square Meter)
- **q_{min}** Bearing Pressure Minimum (Kilonewton per Square Meter)
- **q_u** Net Bearing Capacity (Kilopascal)
- **r₁** Radius of Gyration 1 (Meter)
- **r₂** Radius of Gyration 2 (Meter)
- **α_f** Alpha Footing Factor
- **β_f** Beta Footing Factor
- **γ** Unit Weight of Soil (Kilonewton per Cubic Meter)



- σ_{vo} Effective Vertical Shear Stress in Soil (Kilopascal)
- ϕ Angle of Internal Friction (Degree)



Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Function:** **tan**, $\tan(\text{Angle})$

The tangent of an angle is a trigonometric ratio of the length of the side opposite an angle to the length of the side adjacent to an angle in a right triangle.

- **Measurement:** **Length** in Meter (m), Millimeter (mm)

Length Unit Conversion 

- **Measurement:** **Area** in Square Meter (m^2)

Area Unit Conversion 

- **Measurement:** **Pressure** in Kilonewton per Square Meter (kN/m^2), Kilopascal (kPa)

Pressure Unit Conversion 

- **Measurement:** **Force** in Kilonewton (kN)

Force Unit Conversion 

- **Measurement:** **Angle** in Degree ($^\circ$)

Angle Unit Conversion 

- **Measurement:** **Specific Weight** in Kilonewton per Cubic Meter (kN/m^3)

Specific Weight Unit Conversion 



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