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UNIT-V

STRESS DISTRIBUTION IN SOILS

Stress are induced in a soil mass due to weight of overlying soil and due to applied loads. These stresses are required for the stability analysis of the soil mass and in the settlement analysis of the foundation and the determination of earth pressures. The stresses due to self weight of the soil is also called geostatic stresses. The geostatic stresses are two types based on the plane they are acting on. These are vertical stresses and horizontal stresses.

The vertical stresses are determined by calculating unit weights of the soil layers and porewater pressures in the soil. The stress inducing on soil element at a depth ' z_0 ' from the surface of the soil is given by

$$\sigma_v = \int_0^{z_0} \gamma z_0 dz$$

Horizontal stresses are formed by multiplying vertical stresses with some coefficient. These coefficients are called coefficient of earth pressure.

The horizontal stress $\sigma_h = K_0 \sigma_v$

Where K_0 is called coefficient of static earth pressure which is given by

$$\frac{\nu}{1-\nu} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1-\sin\phi}{1+\sin\phi}$$

ν = Poisson's ratio

ϕ = Angle of internal friction.

① Vertical stresses due to a concentrated load:-

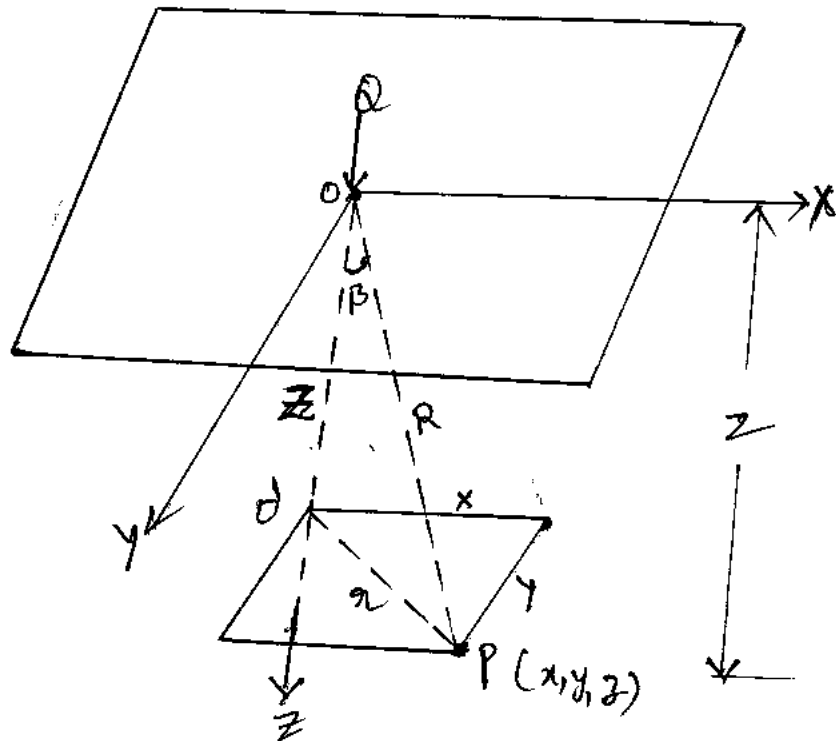
Boussinesq gave the theoretical solutions for the stress distribution in an elastic medium subjected to a concentrated load on its surface.

The solutions are commonly used to obtain the stresses in a soil mass due to externally applied load.

Assumptions of Boussinesq equation:-

- 1) The soil mass is an elastic continuum, having a constant value of modulus of elasticity (E), i.e., the ratio b/w the stress and strain is constant.
- 2) The soil is homogeneous, i.e., it has identical properties at different points.
- 3) The soil is isotropic i.e. it has identical properties in all directions.
- 4) The soil mass is semi-infinite, i.e. it extends to infinity in the downward. In other words, it is limited on its top by horizontal plane and extends to infinity in all other other directions.

- 5) The soil is weightless and is free from residual stresses before the application of the load. ⁽²⁾



Stresses due to concentrated load.

The above fig shows a horizontal surface of the elastic continuum subjected to a point load Q at point O . The origin of the co-ordinates is taken at O . Using logarithmic stress function for the solution of elasticity problem. Boussinesq proved that the polar stress σ_R at point $P(x, y, z)$ is given by,

$$\sigma_R = \frac{3}{2\pi} \frac{Q \cos \beta}{R^2}$$

where R = Polar distance between the origin O & point P
 β = Angle which the line OP makes with the vertical (z -axis)

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \rightarrow (1)$$

$$R = \sqrt{r^2 + z^2} \rightarrow (2)$$

$$OP = R = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \rightarrow (3) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right\} \because r^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

From $\Delta OPO'$

$$\sin \beta = \frac{r}{R} \quad \text{and} \quad \cos \beta = \frac{z}{R}$$

The vertical stress (σ_z) at the point P is given by

$$\sigma_z = \sigma_R \cos^2 \beta$$

$$= \frac{3}{2\pi} \left(\frac{Q \cos \beta}{R^2} \right) \cos^2 \beta$$

$$= \frac{3Q}{2\pi} \frac{\cos^3 \beta}{R^2}$$

$$= \frac{3Q}{2\pi} \frac{z^3/R^3}{R^2}$$

$$= \frac{3Q}{2\pi} \frac{z^3}{R^5}$$

$$\sigma_z = \frac{3}{2\pi} \frac{Q}{z^2} \cdot \frac{z^5}{R^5} = \frac{3}{2\pi} \frac{Q}{z^2} \left(\frac{z}{R} \right)^5$$

NOW SUB R value from (2)

$$\sigma_z = \frac{3}{2\pi} \frac{Q}{z^2} \left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{r^2 + z^2}} \right)^5$$

$$= \frac{3}{2\pi} \frac{Q}{z^2} \frac{z^5}{z^5 \left(1 + \left(\frac{r}{z} \right)^2 \right)^{5/2}}$$

$$\sigma_z = \frac{3}{2\pi} \frac{Q}{z^2} \left[\frac{1}{\left(1 + \left(\frac{r}{z} \right)^2 \right)^{5/2}} \right]$$

$$\sigma_z = I_B \cdot \frac{Q}{z^2}$$

$$\text{where, } I_B = \frac{3}{2\pi \left(1 + \left(\frac{r}{z} \right)^2 \right)^{5/2}}$$

$$\left(\frac{r^2 + z^2}{z^2} \right)^{5/2}$$

where I_B is known as Boussinesq's influence coefficient for vertical stress. (3)

The vertical stress exactly below the load than $r=0$

$$I_B = \frac{-3}{8\pi} = 0.4775$$

$$\therefore \sigma_z = 0.4775 \frac{Q}{z^2}$$

This is obtained by substituting $r=0$ and $z=z$ in the expression.

Observations:-

The following points are worth noting when using the above expression.

- 1) The vertical stress does not depend upon the modulus of elasticity (E) and Poisson's ratio (μ). But the solution has been derived assuming that the soil is linearly elastic. That means the stresses that form within the region of elasticity are lesser than the shear strength of the soil.
- 2) The intensity of vertical stress just below the load point is given by

$$\sigma_z = 0.4775 \frac{Q}{z^2}$$

3) At the surface ($z=0$). The vertical stress just below the load is theoretically infinite. However in an actual case the soil under the load yields due to very high stresses. The load point spreads over a small but finite area. There fore only finite stresses will develop.

4) The vertical stress (σ_z) decreases rapidly with an increase in z/z ratio.

5) Boussinesq's solution can be used for negative loads.

Limitations of Boussinesq's solution

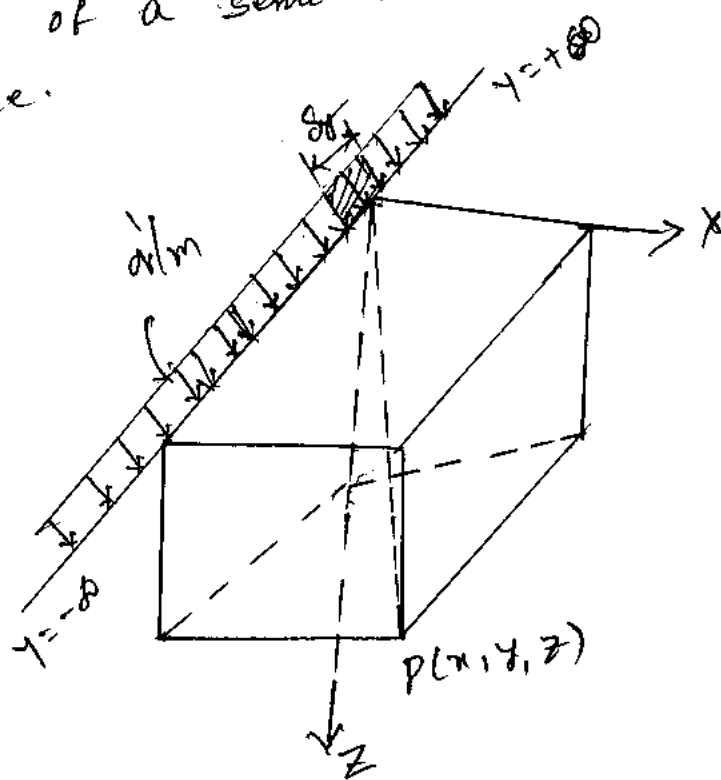
- (1) The solution was initially obtained for determination of stresses in elastic solids application to soils may be questioned, as the soils are far from purely elastic solids. However experience indicates that the results obtained are satisfactory.
- (2) The application of Boussinesq's solution can be justified when the stress changes are ^{such} that only a stress increase occurs in the soil.
- (3) When the stress decrease occurs, the relation between stress and strain is not linear and, therefore, the solution is not strictly applicable.
- (4) For practical cases, the Boussinesq, solution can be safely used for homogeneous deposits of clay man-made fill and for limited thickness of uniform sand deposits.

(5) The point loads applied below ground surface cause somewhat smaller stresses than are caused by surface loads, and, therefore, the Boussinesq solution is not strictly applicable. However, the solution is frequently used for shallow footings in which z is measured below the top of the footing.

(ii) Vertical stress under a line load :-

The expression for vertical stress at any point P' under a line load can be obtained by integrating the expression the vertical stress for a point load along the line of load.

Let the vertical line load be of intensity q' for unit length along the y -axis, acting on the surface of a semi infinite soil mass as shown in the figure.



Let us consider the load acting on a small length dy . The load can be taken as a point load of $q' dy$ and Boussinesq's solution can be applied to determine the vertical stress at point $P(x, y, z)$ so the normal stress due to this point load

$$\Delta \sigma_z = \frac{3q' dy}{2\pi} \frac{z^3}{(r^2+z^2)^{5/2}} \quad (6)$$

The vertical stress at P due to the line load extending from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$ is obtained by integrating

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \sigma_z &= \frac{3z^3}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{q'}{(r^2+z^2)^{5/2}} dy \\ &= \frac{3z^3}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{q'}{(x^2+y^2+z^2)^{5/2}} dy \end{aligned}$$

Substitute $x^2+z^2 = u^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_z &= \frac{3z^3}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{q'}{(u^2+y^2)^{5/2}} dy \\ &= \frac{3q'z^3}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dy}{(u^2+y^2)^{5/2}} \end{aligned}$$

Take $y = u \tan \theta$ $-\infty \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ to } \frac{\pi}{2}$
 $dy = u \sec^2 \theta d\theta$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore &= \frac{3q'z^3}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \frac{u \sec^2 \theta d\theta}{(u^2+u^2 \tan^2 \theta)^{5/2}} \\ &= \frac{3q'z^3}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \frac{u \sec^2 \theta d\theta}{u^4 (1+\tan^2 \theta)^{5/2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{3q' z^3}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \frac{u \sec^5 \theta \, d\theta}{u^5 \sec^5 \theta}$$

$$= \frac{3q' z^3}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \frac{d\theta}{u^4 \sec^3 \theta}$$

$$= \frac{3q' z^3}{2\pi u^4} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos^3 \theta \, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{3q' z^3}{2\pi u^4} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos \theta (1 - \sin^2 \theta) \, d\theta$$

$$t = \sin \theta \\ dt = \cos \theta \, d\theta \\ t \rightarrow -1 \text{ to } 1$$

$$= \frac{3q' z^3}{2\pi u^4} \int_{-1}^1 (1 - t^2) \, dt$$

$$= \frac{3q' z^3}{2\pi u^4} \left(t - \frac{t^3}{3} \right)_{-1}^1$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{3} - \left(-1 - \frac{-1}{3} \right) \right) \\ \left(1 - \frac{1}{3} + 1 - \frac{1}{3} \right) \\ 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{3} \right) \\ 2 \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)$$

$$= \frac{3q' z^3}{2\pi u^4} \cdot 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{3} \right)$$

$$= \frac{3q' z^3}{\pi u^4} \left(\frac{2}{3} \right) = \frac{2q' z^3}{\pi u^4} = \frac{2q' z^3}{\pi (r^2 + z^2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{2q' z^3}{\pi z^4 \left(1 + \left(\frac{r}{z} \right)^2 \right)^2}$$

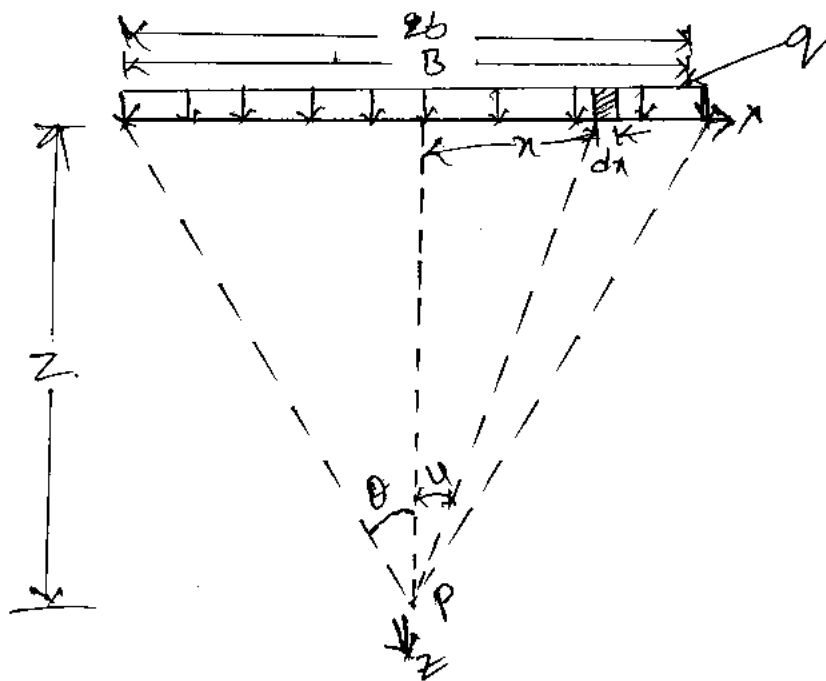
$$\sigma_z = \frac{2q'}{\pi z \left(1 + \left(\frac{r}{z} \right)^2 \right)^2}$$

(iii) Vertical Stress under a strip load:-

The expression for vertical stress at any point 'P' under a strip load can be developed from the expression developed for line load. The expression will depend upon whether the point P lies below the centre of the strip load or not.

Note:- The length of the strip is very long. For convenience unit length is considered.

Point is below the centre of the strip. The following figure shows a strip load of width $B (= 2b)$



Take an element of width dx from the distance x from the centre point of the strip load. The small load of $q dx$ can be considered as a line load of intensity q' .

The vertical stress acting at the point P.

$$\Delta \sigma_z = \frac{2q dx}{\pi z \left(1 + \left(\frac{x}{z}\right)^2\right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{2q dx}{\pi z} \left[\frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{x}{z}\right)^2} \right]^2$$

The stress due to entire strip load is obtained by integration

$$\sigma_z = \frac{2q}{\pi z} \int_{-b}^b \left[\frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{x}{z}\right)^2} \right]^2 dx$$

substitute $\frac{x}{z} = \tan u$ then $\frac{dx}{z} = \sec^2 u du$

$$dx = z \sec^2 u du$$

Take $\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{b}{z}\right)$ then

$$x = b \quad u = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{b}{z}\right) = \theta$$

$$x = -b \quad u = -\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{b}{z}\right) = -\theta$$

$$\sigma_z = \frac{2q}{\pi z} \int_{-\theta}^{\theta} \frac{z \sec^2 u}{(1 + \tan^2 u)^2} du$$

$$= \frac{2q}{\pi z} \cdot 2 \int_0^{\theta} \frac{z \sec^2 u}{\sec^4 u} du$$

$$\frac{1}{\sec^2 u} = \cos^2 u$$

$$= \frac{4q}{\pi z} \int_0^{\theta} z \cos^2 u du = \frac{4q}{\pi} \int_0^{\theta} \cos^2 u du$$

$$= \frac{4q}{\pi} \int_0^{\theta} \left(\frac{1 + \cos 2u}{2} \right) du = \frac{2q}{\pi} \left(u + \frac{\sin 2u}{2} \right)_0^{\theta}$$

$$= \frac{2q}{\pi} \left(\theta + \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2} \right)$$

$$\boxed{\sigma_z = \frac{q}{\pi} (2\theta + \sin 2\theta)}$$

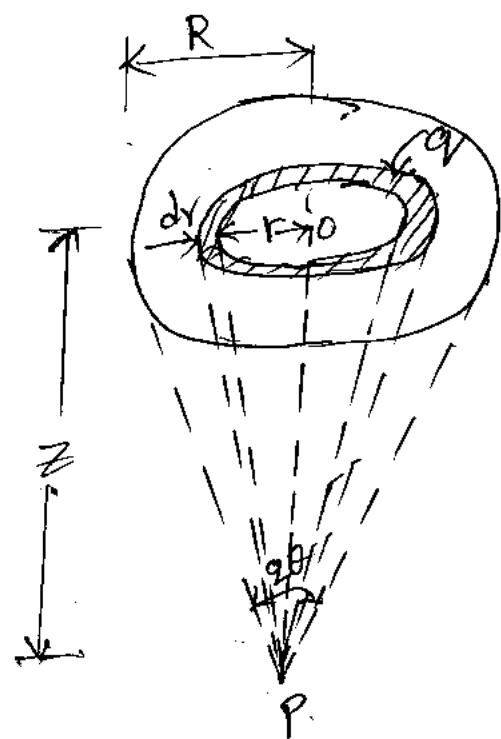
Vertical Stress under a circular area:-

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The load applied to soil surface by footings are not ~~concentrated~~ concentrated loads. These are usually spread over a finite area of footing. It is generally assumed that the footing is flexible and the contact pressure is uniform. In other words the load is assumed to be uniformly distributed over the area of base of footings.

Let us determine the vertical stress at the point P at depth z below the centre of a uniformly loaded circular area. Let the intensity of the load be q per unit area, and R be the radius of the loaded area.

The load on the elementary ring of radius r and width dr is equal to $q \cdot 2\pi r dr$. The load acts at a constant radial distance r from the point P'. This load acts as a point load. The vertical stress due to this point load



$$\Delta \sigma_z = \frac{3q \cdot 2\pi r dr}{2\pi z^2} \frac{1}{\left[1 + \left(\frac{r}{z}\right)^2\right]^{5/2}}$$

$$= \frac{3q}{z^2} \left[1 + \left(\frac{r}{z}\right)^2\right]^{5/2} r dr$$

$$\Delta \sigma_z = \frac{3q z^3}{(r^2 + z^2)^{5/2}} r dr$$

The vertical stress due to entire load is given by integrating the above expression with r in the limit 0 to R

$$\sigma_z = \int_0^R \frac{3q z^3}{(r^2 + z^2)^{5/2}} r dr$$

$$= 3q z^3 \int_0^R \frac{r}{(r^2 + z^2)^{5/2}} dr$$

substitute $r^2 + z^2 = u$

$$2r dr = du$$

$$r dr = \frac{1}{2} du$$

$$r=0 \Rightarrow u = z^2$$

$$r=R \Rightarrow u = R^2 + z^2$$

$$\sigma_z = 3q z^3 \int_{z^2}^{R^2 + z^2} \frac{\frac{1}{2} du}{u^{5/2}}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} q z^3 \int_{z^2}^{R^2 + z^2} u^{-5/2} du = \frac{3}{2} q z^3 \left[\frac{u^{-5/2 + 1}}{-5/2 + 1} \right]_{z^2}^{R^2 + z^2}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} q z^3 \times \frac{-2}{3} \left(u^{-3/2} \right)_{z^2}^{R^2+z^2}$$

$$= -q z^3 \left[(R^2+z^2)^{-3/2} - (z^2)^{-3/2} \right]$$

$$\vec{z} = -q z^3 (R^2+z^2)^{-3/2} + q z^3 z^{-3}$$

$$= q \left[1 - z^3 (R^2+z^2)^{-3/2} \right]$$

$$= q \left[1 - z^3 \cdot z^{-3} \left(1 + \left(\frac{R}{z} \right)^2 \right)^{-3/2} \right]$$

$$= q \left[1 - \left(1 + \left(\frac{R}{z} \right)^2 \right)^{-3/2} \right]$$

$$\vec{z} = q \left[1 - \frac{1}{\left(1 + \left(\frac{R}{z} \right)^2 \right)^{3/2}} \right]$$

$$\vec{z} = z_c q$$

$$\text{where } z_c = \left[1 - \frac{1}{\left(1 + \left(\frac{R}{z} \right)^2 \right)^{3/2}} \right]$$

Value of z_c in terms of θ :

$$\text{From fig } \tan \theta = \frac{R}{z}$$

$$z_c = 1 - \frac{1}{\left(1 + \left(\frac{R}{z} \right)^2 \right)^{3/2}}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{\left(1 + \tan^2 \theta \right)^{3/2}}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{(\sec \theta)^{3/2}}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{z_c}{z} = 1 - \frac{1}{\sec^3 \theta} = 1 - \cos^3 \theta}$$



Vertical stress under a corner of Rectangular Area:-

The vertical stress under a corner of rectangular area with a uniformly distributed load of intensity q can be obtained from Boussinesq's solution. From stress due to point load equation the stress at depth z is given by, taking $dQ = q \cdot dA = q \cdot dx \cdot dy$

$$\Delta \sigma_z = \frac{3 (q \cdot dx \cdot dy) z^3}{2\pi (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{5/2}}$$

By integration

$$\sigma_z = \frac{3qz^3}{2\pi} \int_0^L \int_0^B \frac{q \cdot dx \cdot dy}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{5/2}}$$

Although the integral is quite complicated. Newmark was able to perform it the result were presented as follows.

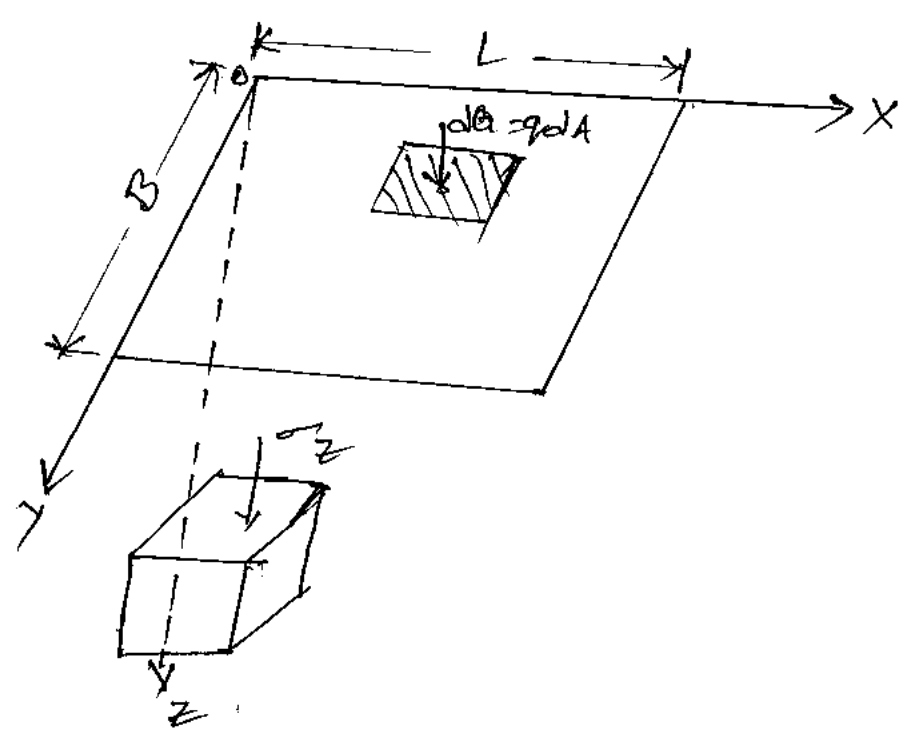
$$\sigma_z = \frac{q}{2\pi} \left[\frac{mn}{\sqrt{m^2+n^2+1}} \frac{m^2+n^2+2}{m^2+n^2+m^2n^2+1} + \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{mn}{\sqrt{m^2+n^2+m^2n^2+1}} \right) \right]$$

Where $m = \frac{B}{z}$ and

$$n = \frac{L}{z}$$

The values of m and n can be interchanged with out any effect on the values of σ_z .

$$\therefore \boxed{\sigma_z = I_N q}$$



where I_N is Newmark's influence coefficient, given by

$$I_N = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\frac{mn}{\sqrt{m^2+n^2+1}} \cdot \frac{m^2+n^2+2}{m^2+n^2+m^2n^2+1} + \text{sho} \left(\frac{mn}{m^2+n^2+m^2n^2+1} \right) \right]$$

Newmark's Charts:-

Newmark's influence charts are prepared based on Boussinesq's solution to find the vertical stresses generated by different types of footings. These vertical stresses due to circular loads are taken as basic for preparing the charts.

In these charts the circles whose area is in proportion to the vertical stresses which are generated by the footings which are in same size as though circles in the charts.

In practice some times the engineer as to find the vertical stresses under a uniformly loaded area as of other shapes. In such cases Newmark influence in computer table, these charts are extremely used. Newmark's chart is based on the concept of the vertical stress below the centre of circular area.

Let us consider a uniformly loaded circular area of radius R , divided into 20 equal sectors.

The vertical stress at point 'P' at depth z just below the centre of loaded area due to load on one sector will be $\frac{1}{20}$ th of that due to load on full circle.

$$\sigma_z = \frac{1}{20} q \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{1 + (R/z)^2} \right)^{3/2} \right]$$

In the vertical stress σ_z is given an arbitrary fixed value say $0.005q$

sub. above value in expression

$$\frac{R}{z} = 0.27$$

That means every $\frac{1}{20}$ th sector of the circle with a radius R , equal to $0.27z$. would give a vertical stress of $0.005q$. at its centre.

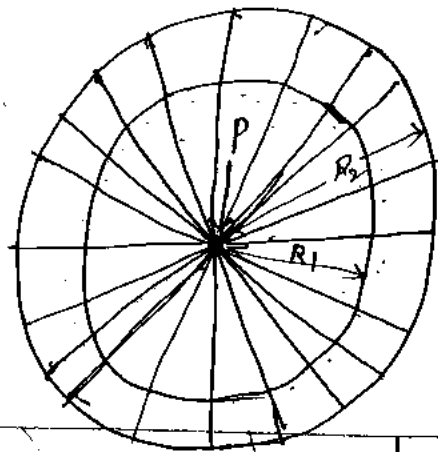
Let us consider another concentric circle¹⁰ of radius R_2 and divide it into 20 equal sectors. Each larger section is divided into two sub area. If the small area Q exerts a stress of $0.005q$ at P . The vertical stress due to both area 1 and area 2 would be equal to $Q \times 0.005q$.

$$Q \times 0.005q = \frac{q}{20} \left[1 - \frac{1}{\left(1 + \left(\frac{R}{z}\right)^2\right)^{3/2}} \right]$$

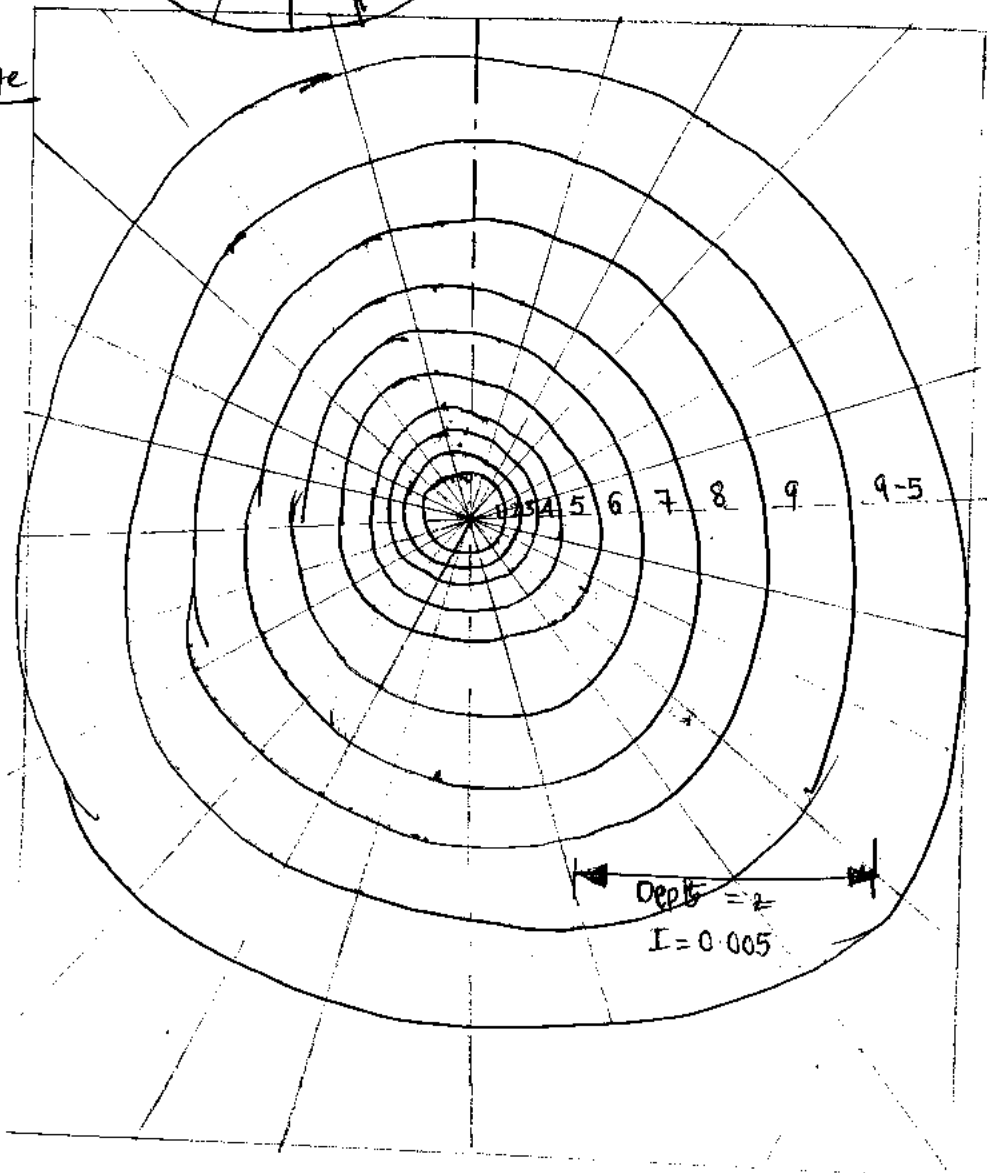
By solving the above expression $\frac{R_2}{z}$ become 0.4

In other words the radius of second circle would be equal to $0.4z$. Like wise the radii of the third to the 9th circle can be determined. The values obtained are $0.52z$, $0.64z$, $0.77z$, $0.92z$, $1.11z$, $1.39z$ and $1.91z$ the radius of 9th circle is $2.54z$ like wise the radius of 10th circle will become infinity. There for 10th circle cannot be drawn. Like these newmark's charts are prepared for different position ~~at~~ differently.

while preparing network charts the co-efficient will multiply with the load is called influence co-efficient In the above case the influence co-efficient is 0.005.



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Westergaard's Solution:-

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Boussinesq's solution assumes that the soil deposit is isotropic. Actual sedimentary deposits are generally anisotropic. There are generally thin layers of sand embedded in homogeneous clay strata. Westergaard's solution assumes that there are thin sheets of rigid materials sandwiched in a homogeneous soil mass. These thin sheets are closely spaced and are of infinite rigidity and are, therefore, incompressible. These permit only downward displacement of the soil mass as a whole without any lateral displacement. Therefore, Westergaard's solution represents more closely the actual sedimentary deposit.

According to Westergaard, the vertical stress at a point p at a depth z below the concentrated load Q is given by

$$\sigma_z = \frac{c/2\pi}{\left[r^2 + \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^2\right]^{3/2}} \cdot \frac{Q}{z^2}$$

where c depends upon the Poisson ratio (ν) and is given by

$$c = \sqrt{\frac{(1-2\nu)}{(2-2\nu)}}$$

For elastic materials ν ratio varies 0 to 0.5 when ν is zero c will become $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$. Then

$$\sigma_z = \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}}{\left[\frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}r}{z}\right)^2\right]^{3/2}} \times \frac{Q}{z^2}$$

$$\sigma_z = \frac{1}{\pi \left[1 + 2\left(\frac{r}{z}\right)^2\right]^{3/2}} \cdot \frac{Q}{z^2}$$

$$\sigma_z = I_w \frac{Q}{z^2}$$

where I_w is known as Westergaard influence coefficient

$$I_w = \frac{1}{\pi \left[1 + 2\left(\frac{r}{z}\right)^2\right]^{3/2}}$$

The values of I_w are considerably smaller than the Boussinesq influence factor (I_B).

Problems

- 1) A concentrated load of 40 kN is applied vertically on a horizontal ground surface. Determine the vertical stress intensities at the following points.
- (i) At a depth of 3m below the point of application of the load
 - (ii) At a depth of 1m and at a radial distance of 3m from the line of action of the load
 - (iii) At a depth of 3m and at a radial distance of 1m from the line of action of the load.

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The Boussinesq's solution $\sigma_z = \frac{3}{2\pi} \frac{Q}{z^2} \left(\frac{1}{(1 + \frac{r^2}{z^2})^{3/2}} \right)$

$$Q = 40 \text{ kN} = 4 \text{ tones}$$

(i) $r=0$ $z=2 \text{ m}$

$$\frac{r}{z} = 0$$

$$\sigma_z = \frac{3}{2\pi} \times \frac{40}{2^2} \cdot \frac{1}{1^{3/2}} = 4.77 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

(ii) $z=1 \text{ m}$, $r=3 \text{ m}$

$$\frac{r}{z} = 3$$

$$\therefore \sigma_z = \frac{3}{2\pi} \times \frac{40}{1^2} \cdot \frac{1}{(1+9)^{3/2}} = 0.06 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

(iii) $z=3 \text{ m}$, $r=1 \text{ m}$

$$\frac{r}{z} = \frac{1}{3} = 0.333$$

$$\therefore \sigma_z = \frac{3}{2\pi} \times \frac{40}{3^2} \times \frac{1}{(1+0.333^2)^{3/2}} = 1.63 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

2) A rectangular footing $2\text{m} \times 3\text{m}$ in size has to carry a uniformly distributed load of 100 kN/m^2 . Plot the distribution of vertical stress intensity on a horizontal plane at a depth of 2m below the base of the footing by the following methods, and compare those two distribution

(i) Boussinesq's Solution

(ii) Two to one dispersion method.

SQ) load = 100 kN/m

Point load $Q = 100 \times 2 \times 3$
 $= 600 \text{ kN}$

$$\sigma_z = \frac{3}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{Q}{z^2} \left(\frac{1}{(1 + (\frac{r}{z})^2)^{5/2}} \right)$$

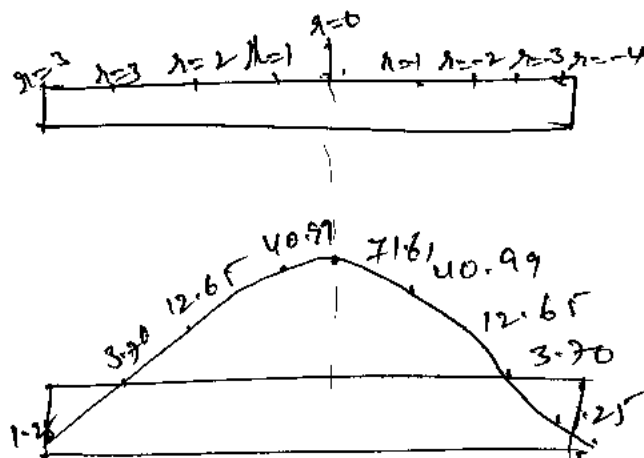
$$= \frac{3}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{600}{z^2} \left(\frac{1}{(1 + (\frac{r}{z})^2)^{5/2}} \right)$$

(i) Boussinesq's $r=0$, $\sigma_z = 71.61 \text{ kN/m}^2$

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|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| Put $\lambda=1$ | $\sigma_z = 40.99 \text{ kN/m}^2$ | $\lambda=-1$ | $\sigma_z = 40.99 \text{ kN/m}^2$ |
| $\lambda=2$ | $\sigma_z = 12.65 \text{ kN/m}^2$ | $\lambda=-2$ | $\sigma_z = 12.65 \text{ kN/m}^2$ |
| $\lambda=3$ | $\sigma_z = 3.76 \text{ kN/m}^2$ | $\lambda=-3$ | $\sigma_z = 3.76 \text{ kN/m}^2$ |
| $\lambda=4$ | $\sigma_z = 1.28 \text{ kN/m}^2$ | $\lambda=-4$ | $\sigma_z = 1.28 \text{ kN/m}^2$ |

(ii) 2:1 dispersion method

$$\sigma_z = \frac{q(B \times L)}{(B+2)(L+z)} = \frac{100 \times 2 \times 3}{(2+2)(2+3)} = 30 \text{ kN/m}^2$$



3) A concentrated load of 200 kN is applied at the ground surface. Determine the vertical stress at a point P which is 6 m directly below the load. Also calculate the vertical stress at a point R which is at a depth of 6 m but a horizontal distance of 5 m from the axis of the load. (13)

so) load intensity $Q = 200 \text{ kN}$

$$z = 6 \text{ m}$$

$$r = 5 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Vertical stress } \sigma_z = \frac{3}{2\pi} \frac{Q}{z^2} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \left(\frac{r}{z}\right)^2\right)^{5/2}}$$

$$= \frac{3 \times 2000}{2 \times 3.142 \times 6^2} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^2\right)^{5/2}}$$

$$= 7.096 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

P is directly below the load then

$$z = 6 \text{ m}, r = 0 \text{ m}$$

$$\sigma_z = \frac{3 \times 2000}{2 \times 3.142 \times 6^2} \times \frac{1}{\left(1 + \left(\frac{0}{6}\right)^2\right)^{5/2}}$$

$$= 26.52 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

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4) There is a line load of 120 kN/m acting on the ground surface along y -axis, determine the vertical stress at points P, Q whose (x, z) coordinates are as follow.

$$P(x, z) = (2, 3.5)$$

$$Q(x, z) = (3, 4.5)$$

so.) For line load
$$\sigma_z = \frac{2q'}{\pi z (1 + (\frac{x}{z})^2)^2}$$

$$P(x, z) = (2, 3.5), \quad q = 120 \text{ kN/m} = q'$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_z &= \frac{2 \times 120}{\pi \times 3.5 \left(1 + \left(\frac{2}{3.5}\right)^2\right)^2} \\ &= 12.4 \text{ kN/m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$Q(x, z) = (3, 4.5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_z &= \frac{2 \times 120}{\pi \times 4.5 \left(1 + \left(\frac{3}{4.5}\right)^2\right)^2} \\ &= 8.135 \text{ kN/m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

5) The unit weight of the soil in a uniform deposit of loose sand is 16.5 kN/m^3 . determine the geostatic stresses at a depth of 2 m . Take co-efficient of static earth pressure $k_0 = 0.50$

So) $\nu = 16.5 \text{ kN/m}^3$

$z = 2 \text{ m}, k_0 = 0.50$

$\sigma_z = \nu z$
 $= 16.5 \times 2 = 33 \text{ kN/m}^2$

$\bar{\sigma}_h = k_0 \sigma_z = 0.50 \times 33 = 16.5 \text{ kN/m}^2$

b) Determine the vertical stress at point P which is 3m below and the at a radial distance of 3m from the vertical load of 100kN. used both Boussinesq and Westergaard solution and compare the results and comment.

So.) $z = 3 \text{ m}, r = 3 \text{ m}, Q = 100 \text{ kN}$

Boussinesq's solution, vertical stress

$$\sigma_z = \frac{3}{2\pi} \frac{Q}{z^2} \left(\frac{1}{1 + (r/z)^2} \right)^{5/2}$$

$$= \frac{3 \times 100}{2\pi \times 3^2} \frac{1}{\left(1 + (3/3)^2 \right)^{5/2}}$$

$$= 0.937 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

Westergaard solution

$$\bar{\sigma}_z = \frac{1}{\pi \left(1 + 2 \left(\frac{r}{z} \right)^2 \right)^{3/2}} \times \frac{Q}{z^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi \left(1 + 2 \left(\frac{3}{3} \right)^2 \right)^{3/2}} \times \frac{100}{3^2} = 0.68 \text{ kN/m}^2$$