

Illustrative Example 23.1. Determine the ultimate bearing capacity of a strip footing, 1.20 m wide, and having the depth of foundation of 1.0 m. Use Terzaghi's theory and assume general shear failure. Take $\phi' = 35^\circ$, $\gamma = 18 \text{ kN/m}^3$, and $c' = 15 \text{ kN/m}^2$.

Solution. From Eq. 23.25,
$$q_u = c' N_c + \gamma D_f N_q + 0.5 \gamma B N_\gamma$$

For $\phi' = 35^\circ$, Table 23.1 gives $N_c = 57.8$, $N_q = 41.4$ and $N_\gamma = 42.4$.

Now

$$q_u = 15.0 \times 57.8 + 18.0 \times 1.0 \times 41.4 + 0.5 \times 18.0 \times 1.2 \times 42.4 \\ = 2070 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

Illustrative Example 23.2. Determine the allowable gross load and the net allowable load for a square footing of 2m side and with a depth of foundation of 1.0 m. Use Terzaghi's theory and assume local shear failure. Take a factor of safety of 3.0. The soil at the site has $\gamma = 18 \text{ kN/m}^3$, $c' = 15 \text{ kN/m}^2$ and $\phi' = 25^\circ$.

Solution. From Table 23.1, for $\phi' = 25^\circ$

$$N_c' = 14.8, N_q' = 5.6 \text{ and } N_\gamma' = 3.2$$

From Eq. 23.37, taking $c_m' = 2/3 c' = 10 \text{ kN/m}^2$

$$q_u = 1.2 \times 10.0 \times 14.8 + 18 \times 1.0 \times 5.6 + 0.4 \times 18 \times 2 \times 3.2 \\ = 325 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

From Eq. 23.1,

$$q_{nu} = 325 - 18 \times 1.0 = 307 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

From Eq. 23.2,

$$q_{ns} = \frac{q_{nu}}{F} = \frac{307}{3.0} = 102.3 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

$$\text{Net allowable load} = 102.3 \times (2 \times 2) = 409.2 \text{ kN}$$

From Eq. 23.3,

$$q_s = q_{ns} + \gamma D_f = 102.3 + 18 \times 1.0 = 120.3 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

$$\text{Gross allowable load} = 120.3 \times (2 \times 2) = 481.2 \text{ kN}$$

Illustrative Example 23.3. A footing 2 m square is laid at a depth of 1.3 m below the ground surface. Determine the net ultimate bearing capacity using IS code method. Take $\gamma = 20 \text{ kN/m}^3$, $\phi' = 30^\circ$ and $c' = 0$.

Solution. For $\phi' = 30^\circ$, Table 23.6 gives

$$N_c = 30.14, N_q = 18.4 \text{ and } N_\gamma = 22.4$$

From Table 23.3,

$$s_c = 1.3, s_q = 1.2 \text{ and } s_\gamma = 0.80$$

From Eq. 23.49 (a),

$$d_c = 1 + 0.2 (D_f/B) \tan (45^\circ + \phi'/2) \\ = 1 + 0.2 \times (1.3/2.0) \tan 60^\circ = 1.23$$

From Eq. 23.49 (c),

$$d_q = d_\gamma = 1 + 0.1 (D_f/B) \tan (45^\circ + \phi'/2) = 1.11$$

From Eq. 23.48,

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

$$= 0.0 + 1.3 \times 20 \times (18.4 - 1) \times 1.2 \times 1.11 \times 1.0 + 0.5 \times 20 \times 2.0 \times 22.4 \times 0.8 \times 1.11 \times 1.0$$

or

$$q_{nu} = 1000 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

Illustrative Example 23.4. Determine the net ultimate bearing capacity of the footing in Illustrative Example 23.3 if

- the water table rises to the level of the base,
- the water table rises to the ground surface, and
- the water table is 1 m below the base.

Solution: (a) $W' = 0.50$, Therefore, Eq. 23.48 gives

$$q_{nu} = 1.3 \times 20.0 \times (18.4 - 1) \times 1.2 \times 1.11 \times 1.0 + 0.5 \times 20.0 \times 2.0 \times 22.4 \times 0.8 \times 1.11 \times 0.5 \\ = 801 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

(b) $W' = 0.50$. The surcharge q is also reduced as the effective stress is reduced, Thus

$$q_{nu} = 1.3 \times (20 - 9.81) \times (18.4 - 1) \times 1.2 \times 1.11 \times 1.0 + 0.5 \\ \times 20 \times 2.0 \times 22.4 \times 0.8 \times 1.11 \times 0.5 \\ = 506 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

(f) W' is obtained by linear interpolation [see Eq. 23.36 (c)].

$$W' = 0.5 + \frac{0.5 \times 1.0}{2.0} = 0.75$$

Therefore,

$$q_{nu} = 1.3 \times 20.0 \times (18.4 - 1) \times 1.2 \times 1.11 \times 1.0 + 0.5 \times 20.0 \times 2.0 \times 22.4 \times 0.8 \times 1.11 \times 0.75 = 901 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

Illustrative Example 23.5. A square column foundation is to be designed for a gross allowable total load of 250 kN. If the load is inclined at an angle of 15° to the vertical, determine the width of the foundation. Use a factor of safety of 3.0 and use Vesic's equation. $\gamma = 19 \text{ kN/m}^3$, $\phi' = 35^\circ$, and $c' = 5 \text{ kN/m}^2$. The depth of foundation is 1.0 m.

Solution. From Eq. 23.45,

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

From Table 23.6,

$$N_c = 46.12, N_q = 33.30 \text{ and } N_\gamma = 48.03$$

From Table 23.7,

$$s_c = 1 + 33.30/46.12 = 1.72$$

From Eq. 23.46 (a),

$$s_q = 1 + \tan 35^\circ = 1.70, s_\gamma = 0.60$$

From Eq. 23.46 (b),

$$d_c = 1 + 0.4 \times 1.0/B$$

or

$$d_q = 1 + 2 \tan 35^\circ (1 - \sin 35^\circ)^2 \times 1.0/B$$

From Eq. 23.47 (a),

$$d_\gamma = 1 + 0.255/B; d_\gamma = 1.0$$

From Eq. 23.47 (b),

$$i_c = i_q = (1 - \alpha^\circ/90)^\circ = 0.694$$

Therefore,

$$q_u = 5.0 \times 46.12 \times 1.72 \times (1 + 0.4/B) \times 0.694 + (19 \times 1.0) 33.3 \times 1.7 \times (1 + 0.255/B) \times 0.694 + 0.5 \times 19 \times B \times 48.03 \times 0.6 \times 1.0 \times 0.327 = 1022.2 + 300.7/B + 89.5 B$$

From Eq. 23.1,

$$q_{nu} = q_u - \gamma D_f = q_u - 19 \times 1.0 = 1003.2 + \frac{300.7}{B} + 89.5 B$$

From Eq. 23.3,

$$q_r = \frac{q_{nu}}{3} + 19 \times 1.0 = 334.4 + \frac{100.2}{B} + 29.8 B + 19.0$$

$$\text{Now gross load} = q_r \times B^2$$

$$250.0 = 353.4 B^2 + 100.2 B + 29.8 B^3$$

or

$$B = 0.7 \text{ m}$$

Solving by trial and error,

Illustrative Example 23.6. Determine the ultimate bearing capacity of a square footing $2 \text{ m} \times 2 \text{ m}$ in a soil with unit weight of 18 kN/m^3 , $\phi' = 20^\circ$, $c = 20 \text{ kN/m}^2$. Take the depth of foundation of 1.50 m. Use Vesic's equation.

Solution. From Eq. 23.42,

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

From Table 23.2,

$$N_c = 14.83, N_q = 6.40 \text{ and } N_\gamma = 3.54$$

From Table 23.3,

$$s_c = 1.2, s_q = 1.2 \text{ and } s_\gamma = 0.6$$

From Table 23.4,

$$d_c = 1 + 0.3 \times 1.5/2.0 = 1.225$$

$$d_q = d_c = 1.225, d_\gamma = 1.0$$

$$\text{As } i_c = i_c = i_\gamma = 1.0,$$

$$\begin{aligned} q_u &= 20.0 \times 14.83 \times 1.2 \times 1.225 \times 1.0 + (18 \times 1.50) \times 6.40 \times \\ &\quad \times 1.225 \times 1.0 + 0.5 \times 18 \times 2 \times 3.54 \times 0.6 \times 1.0 \times 1.0 \\ &= 728.25 \text{ kN/m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Illustrative Example 23.7. A strip footing of 2 m width is founded at a depth of 4 m below the ground surface. Determine the net ultimate bearing capacity, using (a) Terzaghi's equation, (b) Skempton's equation and (c) IS Code. The soil is clay ($\phi = 0$, $c = 10 \text{ kN/m}^2$). The unit weight of the soil is 20 kN/m^3 .

Solution. (a) Terzaghi's equation

From Eq. 23.25,

$$q_u = c_u N_c + \gamma D_f N_q + 0.5 \gamma B N_\gamma$$

Taking the values from Table 23.1, $q_u = 10 \times 5.7 + 20 \times 4 \times 1.0 + 0.5 \times 20 \times 2 \times 0.0 = 137$

Therefore,

$$q_{nu} = q_u - \gamma D_f = 137.0 - 20 \times 4 = 57.0 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

(b) Skempton's equation

From Eq. 23.53 (a), for

$$\frac{D_f}{B} = \frac{4}{2} < 2.5,$$

$$\begin{aligned} N_c &= 5.0 (1 + 0.2 D_f/B) (1 + 0.2 B/L) \\ &= 5.0 (1 + 0.2 \times 4/2) (1 + 0.2 \times 0.0) = 7 \end{aligned}$$

From Eq. 23.55,

$$q_{nu} = c_u N_c = 10 \times 7.0 = 70.0 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

(c) IS Code

From Eq. 23.56,

$$q_{nu} = c_u N_c s_c d_c i_c$$

Taking $N_c = 5.14$,

$$\begin{aligned} q_{nu} &= 10 \times 5.14 \times (1 + 0.2 \times \left(\frac{D_f}{B}\right) \tan 45^\circ) \times 1.0 \\ &= 51.4 \times 1.4 = 71.96 \text{ kN/m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Illustrative Example 23.8. A square footing ($1.5 \text{ m} \times 1.5 \text{ m}$) is located at a depth of 1.0 m in a clay deposit consisting of two layers. The top layer is 1 m thick and has $c_1 = 150 \text{ kN/m}^2$ and $\gamma_1 = 16 \text{ kN/m}^3$. The bottom layer has $c_2 = 50 \text{ kN/m}^2$ and $\gamma = 15 \text{ kN/m}^3$. Determine the net ultimate bearing capacity.

Solution. From Eq. 23.59, taking $i_c = 1.0$, $q_u = c_1 N_c s_c d_c + q$

From Fig. 23.18, for $c_2/c_1 = 1/3$ and $Z/B = 1.0/1.5 = 0.67$, the value of N_c is equal to 3.50.

$$s_c = 1 + (B/L) (N_q/N_c) = 1 + 1 \times 1/3.5 = 1.29$$

$$d_c = 1 + 0.4 \times 1.0/1.50 = 1.27$$

Therefore,

$$q_u = 150 \times 3.5 \times 1.29 \times 1.27 + 16.0 \times 1.0 = 876.1 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

$$q_{nu} = 876.1 - 16 = 860.1 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

Illustrative Example 23.9. A square footing ($1.5 \text{ m} \times 1.5 \text{ m}$) is located at a depth of 1.0 m. The footing is subjected to an eccentric load of 400 kN, with an eccentricity of 0.2 m along one of the symmetrical axes. Determine the factor of safety against bearing failure. Use Vesic's equation. Take $\gamma = 21 \text{ kN/m}^3$, $c = 100 \text{ kN/m}^2$, $\phi = 0$.

Solution. Effective width $B' = B - 2 e_b = 1.5 - 2 \times 0.2 = 1.1 \text{ m}$

From Eq. 23.45, taking $N_\gamma = 0.0$, $N_c = 5.14$ and $N_q = 1.0$,

$$q_u = c N_c s_c d_c i_c + q N_q s_q d_q i_q$$

where $s_c = 1 + (B'/L) (N_q/N_c) = 1 + (1.1/1.50) \times 1.0/5.14 = 1.14$

$$s_q = 1 + (B'/L) \tan \phi = 1.0 + (1.1/1.50) \tan 0^\circ = 1.00$$

$$d_c = 1 + 0.4 (D_f/B) = 1 + 0.4 \times 1.0/1.5 = 1.27$$

$$d_q = 1 + 2 \tan \phi (1 - \sin \phi)^2 (D_f/B) = 1.0$$

Therefore,

$$q_u = 100 \times 5.14 \times 1.14 \times 1.27 + 1.0 \times (21.0 \times 1.0) \times 1.0 \times 1.0 = 744.2 + 21.0 = 765.2 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

From Eq. 23.63 (a),

$$q_{\max} = \frac{Q}{BL} \left(1 + \frac{6e}{B} \right) = \frac{400}{1.5 \times 1.5} \left(1 + \frac{6 \times 0.2}{1.5} \right)$$

$$q_{\max} = 320 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

or
Now

$$q_{\min} = 765.2 - 21 \times 1 = 744.2. \quad \dots(a)$$

Therefore,

$$q_s = \left(\frac{744.2}{F} + 21.0 \right) \quad \dots(b)$$

From Eqs. (a) and (b), $744.2/F + 21.0 = 320$

$$F = 2.49.$$

Illustrative Example 23.10. A square footing is required to carry a net load of 1200 kN. Determine the depth of the footing if the depth of foundation is 2 m and the tolerable settlement is 40 mm. The soil is sandy $N = 12$. Take a factor of safety of 3.0. The water table is very deep. Use Teng's equation.

Solution. From Eq. 23.61,

$$q_{nu} = 0.33 N^2 B W_\gamma + 1.0(100 + N^2) D_f W_q$$

$$q_{nu} = 0.33 (12)^2 B \times 1.0 + 1.00 (100 + 12^2) \times 2 \times 1.0$$

$$q_{nu} = 47.5 B + 488.0$$

$$\text{Total net load, } Q_n = (47.5 B + 488.0)/3 \times B^2$$

$$1200 = (47.5 B + 488.0)/3 \times B^2$$

$$1200 = 15.8 B^3 + 162.7 B^2$$

Solving, by trial and error, $B = 2.45 \text{ m}$.

From Eq. 23.80 (b),

$$q_{np} = 1.40 (N - 3) \left(\frac{B + 0.3}{2 B} \right)^2 W_\gamma R_{ds}$$

$$q_{np} = 1.40 (N - 3) \left(\frac{B + 0.3}{2 B} \right)^2 \left(1 + \frac{2}{B} \right) \times 40$$

$$q_{np} = 1.40 (12 - 3) \left(\frac{B + 0.3}{2 B} \right)^2 \times 40 (1 + 0.4/B)$$

$$= 126 (B + 0.3)^2 \times (1 + 0.4/B)$$

$$Q_n = q_{np} \times B^2$$

$$1200 = 126 (B + 0.3)^2 (1 + 2/B)$$

$$B = 1.90 \text{ m. Adopt } B = 2.0 \text{ m}$$

Illustrative Example 23.11. A rectangular footing (3 m × 2 m) exerts a pressure of 100 kN/m² on a cohesive soil ($E_s = 5 \times 10^4 \text{ kN/m}^2$ and $\mu = 0.50$). Determine the immediate settlement at the centre, assuming (a) the footing is flexible, (b) the footing is rigid.

Solution. From Eq. 23.68, $s_i = qB \left(\frac{1 - \mu^2}{E_s} \right) I$

As $L/B = 3/2 = 1.5$, from Table 23.8, $I = 1.36$.

Therefore,
$$s_i = 100 \times 2 \left(\frac{1 - 0.5^2}{5 \times 10^4} \right) \times 1.36 \times 10^{-3} = 4.08 \text{ mm}$$

(b) For rigid footing ($I = 1.06$),
$$s = (1.06/1.36) \times s_i = 1.06/1.36 \times 4.08 = 3.18 \text{ mm}$$

Illustrative Example 23.12. Fig. E-23.12 shows a square footing resting on a sand deposit. The pressure at the level of the foundation (\bar{q}) is 200 kN/m^2 . The figure also shows the variation of the elastic modulus with depth. Determine the settlement of the foundation after 6 years of construction.

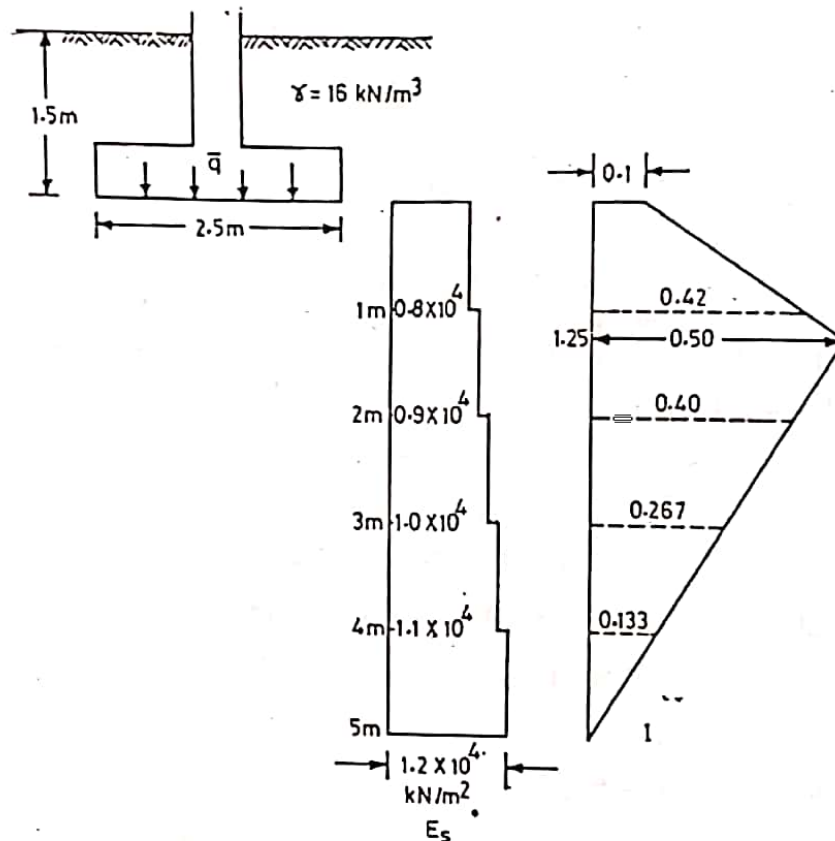


Fig. E-23.12.

Solution. From Eq. 23.69,

$$s_i = C_1 C_2 (\bar{q} - q) \sum_0^{2B} \frac{I_z}{E_r} \cdot \Delta z$$

$$q = 16 \times 1.5 = 24 \text{ kN/m}^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{q} - q = 200 - 24 = 176 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

$$C_1 = 1 - 0.5 \left(\frac{q}{\bar{q} - q} \right) = 1 - 0.5 (24/176) = 0.932$$

$$C_2 = 1 + 0.2 \log_{10} (t/0.1) = 1 + 0.2 \log_{10} (6/0.1) = 1.356$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} s_i &= 0.932 \times 1.356 \times 176 \sum_0^{2B} \frac{I_z}{E_r} \cdot \Delta z \\ &= 222.4 \sum_0^{2B} \frac{I_z}{E_r} \cdot \Delta z \end{aligned}$$

The value of $\sum_0^{2B} (I_z/E_r) \cdot \Delta z$ is determined as shown in the table below. It is equal to 13.97×10^{-5} .

z	Δz	E_r (kN/m^2)	I_z	$(I_z/E_r) \cdot \Delta z$
0-1.00	1.0 m	8000	$\frac{0.1 + 0.42}{2} = 0.26$	3.25×10^{-5}
1.0-2.0	"	9000	0.453	5.03×10^{-5}
2.0-3.0	"	10000	0.333	3.33×10^{-5}
3.0-4.0	"	11000	0.200	1.82×10^{-5}
4.0-5.0	"	12300	0.067	0.54×10^{-5}
				$\Sigma 13.97 \times 10^{-5}$

Therefore, $s_i = 222.4 \times 13.97 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$
 or $s_i = 31.07 \text{ mm}$

Illustrative Example 23.13. Fig. E-23.13 shows the load-settlement curve obtained from a plate load test conducted on a sandy soil. The size of the plate used was 0.3 m x 0.3 m. Determine the size of a square column footing to carry a net load of 3000 kN with a maximum settlement of 25 mm.

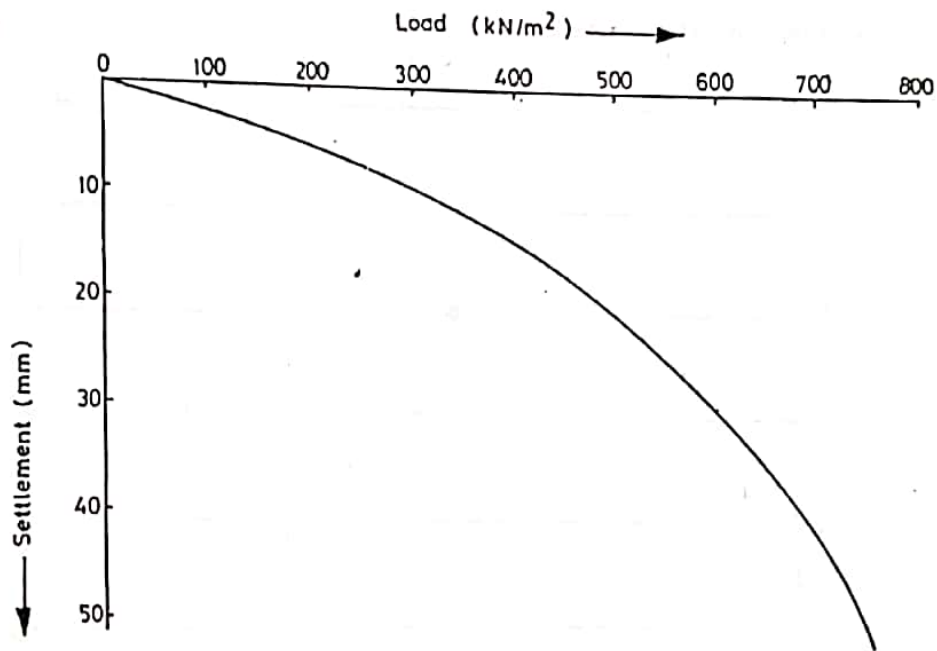


Fig. E-23.13.

Solution. From Eq. 23.88,

$$s_f = s_p \left[\frac{B_f(B_p + 0.3)}{B_p(B_f + 0.3)} \right]^2$$

or

$$s_f = s_p \left(\frac{B_f}{B_p} \right)^2 \left(\frac{0.6}{B_f + 0.3} \right)^2$$

The value of B_f is found by trial and error, as shown in the table below.

B_f	$q_0 = \frac{Q}{(B_f)^2}$	s_p from Fig. Ex. 23.13	B_f/B_p	s_f from Eq. (a)
3.80 m	207.7	6 mm	12.67	20.62 mm
3.6 m	231.5	7 mm	12.00	23.85 mm
3.55 m	238.0	7.3 mm	11.83	24.81 mm

Adopt a size of 3.55 m x 3.55 m.

Illustrative Example 23.14. Two-plate load tests at a site gave the following results.

Size of plate	Load	Settlement
0.305 × 0.305 m	40 kN	25 mm
0.61 × 0.61 m	40 kN	15 mm

(a) Assuming Poisson's ratio as 0.3, determine the deformation modulus of the soil.

(b) If there are two columns, one of the size 2.5 m × 2.5 m, carrying a load of 2700 kN, and the other of size 3 m × 3 m, carrying a load of 3900 kN, determine the differential settlement. The columns are 7 m apart.

Solution. (a) For the first test, $q_1 = \frac{40}{0.305 \times 0.305} = 430 \text{ kN/m}^2$

$$q_1 B_1 = 430 \times 0.305 = 131.1 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

For the second test,

$$q_2 = \frac{40}{0.61 \times 0.61} = 107.5 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

$$q_2 B_2 = 107.5 \times 0.61 = 65.6 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

Fig. E-23.14 shows the plot between qB and s .

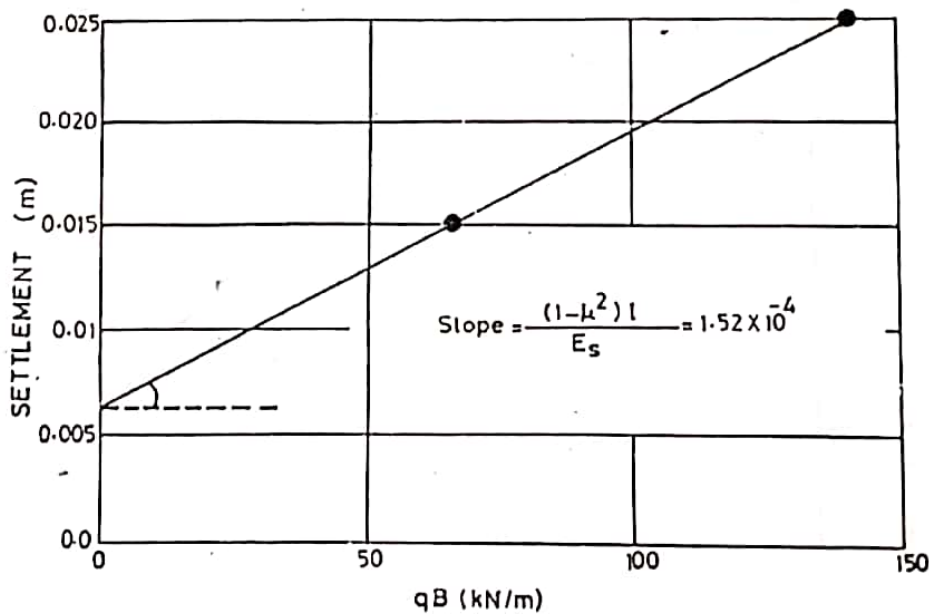


Fig. E-23.14.

From the plot, $\left(\frac{1 - \mu^2}{E_s} \right) I = 1.52 \times 10^{-4}$

From Table 23.8, $I = 1.12$

As the plate is rigid, $I = 0.8 \times 1.12 = 0.89$

Therefore, $E_s = \frac{(1 - \mu^2) \times 0.896}{1.52 \times 10^{-4}} = \frac{(1 - 0.3^2)}{1.52 \times 10^{-4}} \times 0.896$

$$E_s = 5364 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

(b) For the first column, $q_1 = \frac{2700}{2.5 \times 2.5} = 432 \text{ kN/m}^2$

For the second column, $q_2 = \frac{3900}{3 \times 3} = 433 \text{ kN/m}^2$

As the settlement of the plate (0.305 m × 0.305 m) at a load intensity of 430 kN/m² is 25 mm, it can be used for the determination of the settlement of columns.

Form Eq. 23.88,

$$(s)_1 = 25 \left[\frac{2.5 \times (0.305 + 0.30)}{0.305 \times (2.5 + 0.3)} \right]^2 = 78.42 \text{ mm}$$

$$(s)_2 = 25 \left[\frac{3(0.305 + 0.30)}{0.305(3.0 + 0.3)} \right]^2 = 81.3 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Differential settlement} = 81.3 - 78.42 = 2.88 \text{ mm}$$

Illustrative Example 23.15. The results of two plate load tests for a settlement of 25.4 mm are given.

Plate diameter	Load
0.305 m	31 kN
0.61 m	65 kN

A square column foundation is to be designed to carry a load of 800 kN with an allowable settlement of 25.4 mm. Determine the size using Housel's method.

Solution. From Eq. 23.91 and 23.92,

$$31.0 = (\pi/4) \times (0.305)^2 \times m + \pi(0.305) \times n \quad \dots(a)$$

$$65.0 = (\pi/4) \times (0.61)^2 \times m + \pi(0.61) \times n \quad \dots(b)$$

Eq.(a) can be written as $62 = 2 \times \pi/4 (0.305)^2 \times m + 2\pi(0.305) \times n \quad \dots(c)$

From Eqs.(b) and (c), by subtraction,

$$3.0 = m [\pi/4 (0.372 - 0.186)] \quad \text{or } m = 20.55$$

From Eq. (a)

$$31.0 = 1.5 + 0.9577 n \quad \text{or } n = 30.80$$

From Eq. 23.93,

$$Q = B^2 \times 20.55 + (30.8 \times 4B)$$

or

$$800 = 20.55 B^2 + 123.2 B$$

or

$$B = 3.93 \text{ m say } 4 \text{ m} \times 4 \text{ m.}$$