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Bearing Capacity of Soil by Terzaghi's Analysis

1) Angle of Shearing Resistance given Weight of Wedge

$$\text{fx } \varphi = a \tan \left(\frac{W_{we} \cdot 4}{\gamma \cdot (B)^2} \right)$$

[Open Calculator !\[\]\(a870788d6ed9b8fd294b7654a8c8526b_img.jpg\)](#)

$$\text{ex } 82.57338^\circ = a \tan \left(\frac{138.09\text{kN} \cdot 4}{18\text{kN/m}^3 \cdot (2\text{m})^2} \right)$$

2) Cohesion of Soil given Loading Intensity by Terzaghi's Analysis

$$\text{fx } C = \frac{q - \left(\left(\frac{2 \cdot P_p}{B} \right) - \left(\frac{\gamma \cdot B \cdot \tan \left(\frac{\varphi \cdot \pi}{180} \right)}{4} \right) \right)}{\tan \left(\frac{\varphi \cdot \pi}{180} \right)}$$

[Open Calculator !\[\]\(c50c8b7b2cc2cf9ff925edec0ee94c0d_img.jpg\)](#)

$$\text{ex } 4.230063\text{kPa} = \frac{26.8\text{kPa} - \left(\left(\frac{2 \cdot 26.92\text{kPa}}{2\text{m}} \right) - \left(\frac{18\text{kN/m}^3 \cdot 2\text{m} \cdot \tan \left(\frac{82.57^\circ \cdot \pi}{180} \right)}{4} \right) \right)}{\tan \left(\frac{82.57^\circ \cdot \pi}{180} \right)}$$

3) Downward Force on Wedge

$$\text{fx } R_v = q \cdot B + \left(\frac{\gamma \cdot B^2 \cdot \tan(\varphi) \cdot \left(\frac{\pi}{180} \right)}{4} \right)$$

[Open Calculator !\[\]\(f60b7a900783ac3fd531bfd9c111be6d_img.jpg\)](#)

$$\text{ex } 56.00902\text{kN} = 26.8\text{kPa} \cdot 2\text{m} + \left(\frac{18\text{kN/m}^3 \cdot (2\text{m})^2 \cdot \tan(82.57^\circ) \cdot \left(\frac{\pi}{180} \right)}{4} \right)$$




4) Loading Intensity using Bearing Capacity Factors 

$$fx \quad q_b = (C \cdot N_c) + (\sigma_s \cdot N_q) + (0.5 \cdot \gamma \cdot B \cdot N_\gamma)$$

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$$ex \quad 129.22229 \text{ kPa} = (4.23 \text{ kPa} \cdot 1.93) + (45.9 \text{ kN/m}^2 \cdot 2.01) + (0.5 \cdot 18 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot 2 \text{ m} \cdot 1.6)$$

5) Unit Weight of Soil given Weight of Wedge and Width of Footing 

$$fx \quad \gamma = \frac{W_{we} \cdot 4}{\tan(\phi) \cdot (B)^2}$$

Open Calculator 


$$ex \quad 18.00829 \text{ kN/m}^3 = \frac{138.09 \text{ kN} \cdot 4}{\tan(82.57^\circ) \cdot (2 \text{ m})^2}$$

6) Weight of Wedge given Width of Footing 

$$fx \quad W_{we} = \frac{\tan(\phi) \cdot \gamma \cdot (B)^2}{4}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 138.0264 \text{ kN} = \frac{\tan(82.57^\circ) \cdot 18 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot (2 \text{ m})^2}{4}$$

7) Width of Footing given Load Intensity 

$$fx \quad B = \frac{-q + \sqrt{(q)^2 + R_v \cdot \gamma \cdot \tan(\phi)}}{\frac{\gamma \cdot \tan(\phi)}{2}}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 0.944649 \text{ m} = \frac{-26.8 \text{ kPa} + \sqrt{(26.8 \text{ kPa})^2 + 56.109 \text{ kN} \cdot 18 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot \tan(82.57^\circ)}}{\frac{18 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot \tan(82.57^\circ)}{2}}$$



8) Width of Footing given Weight of Wedge [Open Calculator !\[\]\(dfbd6b3763a6d1d9afaa974f64e2e4b5_img.jpg\)](#)

$$fx \quad B = \sqrt{\frac{W \cdot 4}{\tan\left(\frac{\phi \cdot \pi}{180}\right) \cdot \gamma}}$$

$$ex \quad 0.297356m = \sqrt{\frac{10.01kg \cdot 4}{\tan\left(\frac{82.57 \cdot \pi}{180}\right) \cdot 18kN/m^3}}$$

Specialization of Terzaghi's Equations 9) Bearing Capacity depending on Shape Factors [Open Calculator !\[\]\(05be7c7a8995decd503647c99211f7c2_img.jpg\)](#)

$$fx \quad q_s = (s_c \cdot C \cdot N_c) + (\sigma_s \cdot N_q) + (0.5 \cdot \gamma \cdot B \cdot N_\gamma \cdot s_\gamma)$$

$$ex \quad 152.2176kPa = (1.7 \cdot 4.23kPa \cdot 1.93) + (45.9kN/m^2 \cdot 2.01) + (0.5 \cdot 18kN/m^3 \cdot 2m \cdot 1.6 \cdot 1.60)$$

10) Bearing Capacity Factor Dependent on Cohesion [Open Calculator !\[\]\(fe3aebe81acea8d45108cd2768939da7_img.jpg\)](#)

$$fx \quad N_c = \frac{q_f - ((\sigma' \cdot N_q) + (0.5 \cdot \gamma \cdot B \cdot N_\gamma \cdot s_\gamma))}{s_c \cdot C}$$

$$ex \quad 1.932958 = \frac{60kPa - ((10.0Pa \cdot 2.01) + (0.5 \cdot 18kN/m^3 \cdot 2m \cdot 1.6 \cdot 1.60))}{1.7 \cdot 4.23kPa}$$

11) Bearing Capacity Factor Dependent on Unit Weight [Open Calculator !\[\]\(899d8b7697d64725bf017d3296cfcf1b_img.jpg\)](#)

$$fx \quad N_\gamma = \frac{q_f - ((s_c \cdot C \cdot N_c) + (\sigma' \cdot N_q))}{0.5 \cdot B \cdot \gamma \cdot s_\gamma}$$

$$ex \quad 1.600739 = \frac{60kPa - ((1.7 \cdot 4.23kPa \cdot 1.93) + (10.0Pa \cdot 2.01))}{0.5 \cdot 2m \cdot 18kN/m^3 \cdot 1.60}$$

12) Bearing Capacity for Round Footing [Open Calculator !\[\]\(40770d9ed6ed4f1222ebf89a1396e8b2_img.jpg\)](#)

$$fx \quad q_{round} = (1.3 \cdot C \cdot N_c) + (\sigma' \cdot N_q) + (0.5 \cdot \gamma \cdot B \cdot N_\gamma \cdot 0.6)$$

$$ex \quad 27.91317kPa = (1.3 \cdot 4.23kPa \cdot 1.93) + (10.0Pa \cdot 2.01) + (0.5 \cdot 18kN/m^3 \cdot 2m \cdot 1.6 \cdot 0.6)$$



13) Bearing Capacity for Square Footing 

$$fx \quad q_{\text{square}} = (1.3 \cdot C \cdot N_c) + (\sigma' \cdot N_q) + (0.5 \cdot \gamma \cdot B \cdot N_\gamma \cdot 0.8)$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 33.67317 \text{ kPa} = (1.3 \cdot 4.23 \text{ kPa} \cdot 1.93) + (10.0 \text{ Pa} \cdot 2.01) + (0.5 \cdot 18 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot 2 \text{ m} \cdot 1.6 \cdot 0.8)$$

14) Bearing Capacity for Strip Footing 

$$fx \quad q_{\text{strip}} = (C \cdot N_c) + (\sigma' \cdot N_q) + (0.5 \cdot \gamma \cdot B \cdot N_\gamma)$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 36.984 \text{ kPa} = (4.23 \text{ kPa} \cdot 1.93) + (10.0 \text{ Pa} \cdot 2.01) + (0.5 \cdot 18 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot 2 \text{ m} \cdot 1.6)$$

15) Cohesion of Soil depending on Shape Factors 

$$fx \quad C = \frac{q_f - ((\sigma' \cdot N_q) + (0.5 \cdot \gamma \cdot B \cdot N_\gamma \cdot s_\gamma))}{s_c \cdot N_c}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 4.236483 \text{ kPa} = \frac{60 \text{ kPa} - ((10.0 \text{ Pa} \cdot 2.01) + (0.5 \cdot 18 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot 2 \text{ m} \cdot 1.6 \cdot 1.60))}{1.7 \cdot 1.93}$$

16) Cohesion of Soil given Round Footing and Bearing Capacity 

$$fx \quad C_r = \frac{q_f - ((\sigma' \cdot N_q) + (0.5 \cdot \gamma \cdot B \cdot N_\gamma \cdot 0.6))}{1.3 \cdot N_c}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 17.01869 \text{ kPa} = \frac{60 \text{ kPa} - ((10.0 \text{ Pa} \cdot 2.01) + (0.5 \cdot 18 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot 2 \text{ m} \cdot 1.6 \cdot 0.6))}{1.3 \cdot 1.93}$$

17) Cohesion of Soil given Square Footing and Bearing Capacity 

$$fx \quad C_{\text{sq}} = \frac{q_f - ((\sigma' \cdot N_q) + (0.5 \cdot \gamma \cdot B \cdot N_\gamma \cdot 0.8))}{1.3 \cdot N_c}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 14.72296 \text{ kPa} = \frac{60 \text{ kPa} - ((10.0 \text{ Pa} \cdot 2.01) + (0.5 \cdot 18 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot 2 \text{ m} \cdot 1.6 \cdot 0.8))}{1.3 \cdot 1.93}$$



18) Cohesion of Soil given Strip Footing and Bearing Capacity [Open Calculator](#) 

$$fx \quad C_{st} = \frac{q_f - ((\sigma' \cdot N_q) + (0.5 \cdot \gamma \cdot B \cdot N_\gamma \cdot 1))}{1 \cdot N_c}$$

$$ex \quad 16.15539kPa = \frac{60kPa - ((10.0Pa \cdot 2.01) + (0.5 \cdot 18kN/m^3 \cdot 2m \cdot 1.6 \cdot 1))}{1 \cdot 1.93}$$

19) Effective Surcharge given Round Footing and Bearing Capacity [Open Calculator](#) 

$$fx \quad \sigma_{round} = \frac{q_f - ((1.3 \cdot C \cdot N_c) + (0.5 \cdot \gamma \cdot B \cdot N_\gamma \cdot 0.6))}{N_q}$$

$$ex \quad 15.9736kN/m^2 = \frac{60kPa - ((1.3 \cdot 4.23kPa \cdot 1.93) + (0.5 \cdot 18kN/m^3 \cdot 2m \cdot 1.6 \cdot 0.6))}{2.01}$$

20) Effective Surcharge given Square Footing and Bearing Capacity [Open Calculator](#) 

$$fx \quad \sigma_{square} = \frac{q_f - ((1.3 \cdot C \cdot N_c) + (0.5 \cdot \gamma \cdot B \cdot N_\gamma \cdot 0.8))}{N_q}$$

$$ex \quad 13.10793kN/m^2 = \frac{60kPa - ((1.3 \cdot 4.23kPa \cdot 1.93) + (0.5 \cdot 18kN/m^3 \cdot 2m \cdot 1.6 \cdot 0.8))}{2.01}$$

21) Effective Surcharge given Strip Footing and Bearing Capacity [Open Calculator](#) 

$$fx \quad \sigma_{strip} = \frac{q_f - ((1 \cdot C \cdot N_c) + (0.5 \cdot \gamma \cdot B \cdot N_\gamma \cdot 1))}{N_q}$$

$$ex \quad 11.46075kN/m^2 = \frac{60kPa - ((1 \cdot 4.23kPa \cdot 1.93) + (0.5 \cdot 18kN/m^3 \cdot 2m \cdot 1.6 \cdot 1))}{2.01}$$

22) Shape Factor Dependent on Cohesion [Open Calculator](#) 

$$fx \quad s_c = \frac{q_f - ((\sigma' \cdot N_q) + (0.5 \cdot \gamma \cdot B \cdot N_\gamma \cdot s_\gamma))}{N_c \cdot C}$$


$$ex \quad 1.702605 = \frac{60kPa - ((10.0Pa \cdot 2.01) + (0.5 \cdot 18kN/m^3 \cdot 2m \cdot 1.6 \cdot 1.60))}{1.93 \cdot 4.23kPa}$$



23) Shape Factor Dependent on Unit Weight [Open Calculator](#) 


$$fx \quad s_{\gamma} = \frac{q_f - ((s_c \cdot C \cdot N_c) + (\sigma' \cdot N_q))}{0.5 \cdot B \cdot \gamma \cdot N_{\gamma}}$$

$$ex \quad 1.600739 = \frac{60\text{kPa} - ((1.7 \cdot 4.23\text{kPa} \cdot 1.93) + (10.0\text{Pa} \cdot 2.01))}{0.5 \cdot 2\text{m} \cdot 18\text{kN/m}^3 \cdot 1.6}$$

24) Unit Weight of Soil given Round Footing and Bearing Capacity [Open Calculator](#) 


$$fx \quad \gamma = \frac{q_s - ((1.3 \cdot C_r \cdot N_c) + (\sigma_{\text{round}} \cdot N_q))}{0.5 \cdot N_{\gamma} \cdot B_{\text{round}} \cdot 0.6}$$

$$ex \quad 13.17296\text{kN/m}^3 = \frac{110.819\text{kPa} - ((1.3 \cdot 17.01\text{kPa} \cdot 1.93) + (15.97\text{kN/m}^2 \cdot 2.01))}{0.5 \cdot 1.6 \cdot 5.7\text{m} \cdot 0.6}$$

25) Unit Weight of Soil given Shape Factor [Open Calculator](#) 

$$fx \quad \gamma = \frac{q_f - ((s_c \cdot C \cdot N_c) + (\sigma' \cdot N_q))}{0.5 \cdot N_{\gamma} \cdot B \cdot s_{\gamma}}$$

$$ex \quad 18.00831\text{kN/m}^3 = \frac{60\text{kPa} - ((1.7 \cdot 4.23\text{kPa} \cdot 1.93) + (10.0\text{Pa} \cdot 2.01))}{0.5 \cdot 1.6 \cdot 2\text{m} \cdot 1.60}$$

26) Unit Weight of Soil given Square Footing and Bearing Capacity [Open Calculator](#) 

$$fx \quad \gamma = \frac{q_s - ((1.3 \cdot C_{\text{sq}} \cdot N_c) + (\sigma_{\text{square}} \cdot N_q))}{0.5 \cdot N_{\gamma} \cdot B_{\text{square}} \cdot 0.8}$$

$$ex \quad 17.3611\text{kN/m}^3 = \frac{110.819\text{kPa} - ((1.3 \cdot 14.72\text{kPa} \cdot 1.93) + (13.10\text{kN/m}^2 \cdot 2.01))}{0.5 \cdot 1.6 \cdot 4.28\text{m} \cdot 0.8}$$

27) Unit Weight of Soil given Strip Footing and Bearing Capacity [Open Calculator](#) 

$$fx \quad \gamma = \frac{q_s - ((1 \cdot C_{\text{st}} \cdot N_c) + (\sigma_{\text{strip}} \cdot N_q))}{0.5 \cdot N_{\gamma} \cdot B_{\text{strip}} \cdot 1}$$

$$ex \quad 19.71271\text{kN/m}^3 = \frac{110.819\text{kPa} - ((1 \cdot 16.15\text{kPa} \cdot 1.93) + (11.46\text{kN/m}^2 \cdot 2.01))}{0.5 \cdot 1.6 \cdot 3.59\text{m} \cdot 1}$$




28) Width of Footing given Round Footing and Bearing Capacity 

$$fx \quad B_{\text{round}} = \frac{q_f - ((1.3 \cdot C \cdot N_c) + (\sigma' \cdot N_q))}{0.5 \cdot N_\gamma \cdot \gamma \cdot 0.6}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 5.713753m = \frac{60kPa - ((1.3 \cdot 4.23kPa \cdot 1.93) + (10.0Pa \cdot 2.01))}{0.5 \cdot 1.6 \cdot 18kN/m^3 \cdot 0.6}$$

29) Width of Footing given Shape Factor 

$$fx \quad B = \frac{q_f - ((s_c \cdot C \cdot N_c) + (\sigma' \cdot N_q))}{0.5 \cdot N_\gamma \cdot \gamma \cdot s_\gamma}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 2.000923m = \frac{60kPa - ((1.7 \cdot 4.23kPa \cdot 1.93) + (10.0Pa \cdot 2.01))}{0.5 \cdot 1.6 \cdot 18kN/m^3 \cdot 1.60}$$

30) Width of Footing given Square Footing and Bearing Capacity 

$$fx \quad B_{\text{square}} = \frac{q_f - ((1.3 \cdot C \cdot N_c) + (\sigma' \cdot N_q))}{0.5 \cdot N_\gamma \cdot \gamma \cdot 0.8}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 4.285315m = \frac{60kPa - ((1.3 \cdot 4.23kPa \cdot 1.93) + (10.0Pa \cdot 2.01))}{0.5 \cdot 1.6 \cdot 18kN/m^3 \cdot 0.8}$$

31) Width of Footing given Strip Footing and Bearing Capacity 

$$fx \quad B_{\text{strip}} = \frac{q_f - ((1 \cdot C \cdot N_c) + (\sigma' \cdot N_q))}{0.5 \cdot N_\gamma \cdot \gamma \cdot 1}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 3.598333m = \frac{60kPa - ((1 \cdot 4.23kPa \cdot 1.93) + (10.0Pa \cdot 2.01))}{0.5 \cdot 1.6 \cdot 18kN/m^3 \cdot 1}$$



Variables Used







- **B** Width of Footing (Meter)
- **B_{round}** Width of Footing for Round Footing (Meter)
- **B_{square}** Width of Footing for Square Footing (Meter)
- **B_{strip}** Width of Footing for Strip Footing (Meter)
- **C** Cohesion (Kilopascal)
- **C_r** Cohesion of Soil given Round Footing (Kilopascal)
- **C_{sq}** Cohesion of Soil given Square Footing (Kilopascal)
- **C_{st}** Cohesion of Soil given Strip Footing (Kilopascal)
- **N_c** Bearing Capacity Factor dependent on Cohesion
- **N_q** Bearing Capacity Factor dependent on Surcharge
- **N_γ** Bearing Capacity Factor dependent on Unit Weight
- **P_p** Passive Earth Pressure (Kilopascal)
- **q** Load Intensity (Kilopascal)
- **q_b** Loading Intensity with Bearing Capacity Factors (Kilopascal)
- **q_f** Ultimate Bearing Capacity (Kilopascal)
- **q_{round}** Bearing Capacity for Round Footing (Kilopascal)
- **q_s** Bearing Capacity (Kilopascal)
- **q_{square}** Bearing Capacity for Square Footing (Kilopascal)
- **q_{strip}** Bearing Capacity for Strip Footing (Kilopascal)
- **R_v** Total Downward Force in Soil (Kilonewton)
- **s_c** Shape Factor dependent on Cohesion
- **s_γ** Shape Factor Dependent on Unit Weight
- **W** Weight of Wedge (Kilogram)
- **W_{we}** Weight of Wedge in Kilonewton (Kilonewton)
- **γ** Unit Weight of Soil (Kilonewton per Cubic Meter)
- **σ'** Effective Surcharge (Pascal)
- **σ_{round}** Effective Surcharge given Round Footing (Kilonewton per Square Meter)
- **σ_s** Effective Surcharge (KN/m²) (Kilonewton per Square Meter)



- σ_{square} Effective Surcharge given Square Footing (Kilonewton per Square Meter)
- σ_{strip} Effective Surcharge given Strip Footing (Kilonewton per Square Meter)
- φ Angle of Shearing Resistance (Degree)



Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Constant:** **pi**, 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288
Archimedes' constant
- **Function:** **atan**, atan(Number)
Inverse tan is used to calculate the angle by applying the tangent ratio of the angle, which is the opposite side divided by the adjacent side of the right triangle.
- **Function:** **sqrt**, sqrt(Number)
A square root function is a function that takes a non-negative number as an input and returns the square root of the given input number.
- **Function:** **tan**, tan(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)
Length Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Weight** in Kilogram (kg)
Weight Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Pressure** in Kilopascal (kPa), Kilonewton per Square Meter (kN/m²), Pascal (Pa)
Pressure Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Force** in Kilonewton (kN)
Force Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Angle** in Degree (°)
Angle Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Specific Weight** in Kilonewton per Cubic Meter (kN/m³)
Specific Weight Unit Conversion 



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