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# List of 35 Slope Stability Analysis using Bishops Method Formulas

## Slope Stability Analysis using Bishops Method

### 1) Change in Normal Stress given Overall Pore Pressure Coefficient

$$fx \quad \Delta\sigma_1 = \frac{\Delta u}{B}$$

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$$ex \quad 6Pa = \frac{3Pa}{0.50}$$

### 2) Change in Pore Pressure given Overall Pore Pressure Coefficient

$$fx \quad \Delta u = \Delta\sigma_1 \cdot B$$

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$$ex \quad 3Pa = 6Pa \cdot 0.50$$

### 3) Effective Angle of Internal Friction given Shear Force in Bishop's Analysis

$$fx \quad \varphi' = a \tan\left(\frac{(S \cdot f_s) - (c' \cdot l)}{P - (u \cdot l)}\right)$$

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$$ex \quad 9.874119^\circ = a \tan\left(\frac{(11.07N \cdot 2.8) - (4Pa \cdot 9.42m)}{150N - (20Pa \cdot 9.42m)}\right)$$

### 4) Effective Angle of Internal Friction given Shear Strength

$$fx \quad \varphi' = a \tan\left(\frac{\zeta_{\text{soil}} - c'}{\sigma_{nm} - u}\right)$$

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$$ex \quad 1.301768^\circ = a \tan\left(\frac{0.025MPa - 4Pa}{1.1MPa - 20Pa}\right)$$




5) Effective Cohesion of Soil given Normal Stress on Slice 

$$fx \quad c' = \tau - \left( (\sigma_{\text{normal}} - u) \cdot \tan\left(\frac{\phi' \cdot \pi}{180}\right) \right)$$

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$$ex \quad 2.073055Pa = 2.06Pa - \left( (15.71Pa - 20Pa) \cdot \tan\left(\frac{9.99^\circ \cdot \pi}{180}\right) \right)$$

6) Effective Cohesion of Soil given Shear Force in Bishop's Analysis 

$$fx \quad c' = \frac{(S \cdot f_s) - \left( (P - (u \cdot l)) \cdot \tan\left(\frac{\phi' \cdot \pi}{180}\right) \right)}{l}$$

Open Calculator 


$$ex \quad 3.302851Pa = \frac{(11.07N \cdot 2.8) - \left( (150N - (20Pa \cdot 9.42m)) \cdot \tan\left(\frac{9.99^\circ \cdot \pi}{180}\right) \right)}{9.42m}$$

7) Effective Stress on Slice 

$$fx \quad \sigma' = \left( \frac{P}{l} \right) - \Sigma U$$

Open Calculator 


$$ex \quad 13.92357Pa = \left( \frac{150N}{9.42m} \right) - 2N$$

8) Factor of Safety given by Bishop 

$$fx \quad f_s = m - (n \cdot r_u)$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 2.71 = 2.98 - (0.30 \cdot 0.9)$$

9) Factor of Safety given Shear Force in Bishop's Analysis 

$$fx \quad f_s = \frac{(c' \cdot l) + (P - (u \cdot l)) \cdot \tan\left(\frac{\phi' \cdot \pi}{180}\right)}{S}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 3.393238 = \frac{(4Pa \cdot 9.42m) + (150N - (20Pa \cdot 9.42m)) \cdot \tan\left(\frac{9.99^\circ \cdot \pi}{180}\right)}{11.07N}$$



10) Height of Slice given Pore Pressure Ratio 

$$fx \quad z = \left( \frac{F_u}{r_u \cdot \gamma} \right)$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 3.264815m = \left( \frac{52.89kN/m^2}{0.9 \cdot 18kN/m^3} \right)$$

11) Horizontal Distance of Slice from Centre of Rotation 

$$fx \quad x = \frac{\Sigma S \cdot r}{\Sigma W}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 1.059532m = \frac{32N \cdot 1.98m}{59.8N}$$

12) Length of Arc of Slice 

$$fx \quad l = \frac{P}{\sigma_{normal}}$$

Open Calculator 


$$ex \quad 9.548059m = \frac{150N}{15.71Pa}$$

13) Length of Arc of Slice given Effective Stress 

$$fx \quad l = \frac{P}{\sigma' + \Sigma U}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 12.5m = \frac{150N}{10Pa + 2N}$$


14) Length of Arc of Slice given Shear Force in Bishop's Analysis 

$$fx \quad l = \frac{S}{\tau}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 9.972973m = \frac{11.07N}{1.11Pa}$$




15) Normal Stress on Slice 

$$fx \quad \sigma_{\text{normal}} = \frac{P}{l}$$

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$$ex \quad 15.92357Pa = \frac{150N}{9.42m}$$

16) Normal Stress on Slice given Shear Strength 

$$fx \quad \sigma_{\text{normal}} = \left( \frac{\tau - c}{\tan\left(\frac{\phi' \cdot \pi}{180}\right)} \right) + u$$

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$$ex \quad 23.28608Pa = \left( \frac{2.06Pa - 2.05Pa}{\tan\left(\frac{9.99 \cdot \pi}{180}\right)} \right) + 20Pa$$

17) Overall Pore Pressure Coefficient 

$$fx \quad B = \frac{\Delta u}{\Delta \sigma_1}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.5 = \frac{3Pa}{6Pa}$$


18) Pore Pressure given Effective Stress on Slice 

$$fx \quad \Sigma U = \left( \frac{P}{l} \right) - \sigma'$$

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$$ex \quad 5.923567N = \left( \frac{150N}{9.42m} \right) - 10Pa$$



19) Pore Pressure Ratio given Horizontal Width 

$$fx \quad r_u = \frac{u \cdot w}{\Sigma W}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.976923 = \frac{20\text{Pa} \cdot 2.921\text{m}}{59.8\text{N}}$$

20) Pore Pressure Ratio given Unit Weight 

$$fx \quad r_u = \left( \frac{F_u}{\gamma \cdot z} \right)$$

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$$ex \quad 0.979444 = \left( \frac{52.89\text{kN/m}^2}{18\text{kN/m}^3 \cdot 3.0\text{m}} \right)$$

21) Pore Water Pressure given Pore Pressure Ratio 

$$fx \quad F_u = (r_u \cdot \gamma \cdot z)$$

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$$ex \quad 48.6\text{kN/m}^2 = (0.9 \cdot 18\text{kN/m}^3 \cdot 3.0\text{m})$$

22) Radius of Arc when Total Shear Force on Slice is Available 

$$fx \quad r = \frac{\Sigma W \cdot x}{\Sigma S}$$

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$$ex \quad 5.587562\text{m} = \frac{59.8\text{N} \cdot 2.99\text{m}}{32\text{N}}$$

23) Resultant Vertical Shear Force on Section N 

fx


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$$X_n = \left( F_n \cdot \cos \left( \frac{\theta \cdot \pi}{180} \right) \right) + \left( S \cdot \sin \left( \frac{\theta \cdot \pi}{180} \right) \right) - W + X_{(n+1)}$$

ex

$$2.110605\text{N} = \left( 12.09\text{N} \cdot \cos \left( \frac{45^\circ \cdot \pi}{180} \right) \right) + \left( 11.07\text{N} \cdot \sin \left( \frac{45^\circ \cdot \pi}{180} \right) \right) - 20.0\text{N} + 9.87\text{N}$$



24) Resultant Vertical Shear Force on Section N+1 

fx

Open Calculator 

$$X_{(n+1)} = W + X_n - \left( F_n \cdot \cos\left(\frac{\theta \cdot \pi}{180}\right) \right) + \left( S \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\theta \cdot \pi}{180}\right) \right)$$

ex

$$10.95288\text{N} = 20.0\text{N} + 2.89\text{N} - \left( 12.09\text{N} \cdot \cos\left(\frac{45^\circ \cdot \pi}{180}\right) \right) + \left( 11.07\text{N} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{45^\circ \cdot \pi}{180}\right) \right)$$

25) Shear Force in Bishop's Analysis 


fx

$$S = \tau \cdot l$$

Open Calculator 

ex

$$10.4562\text{N} = 1.11\text{Pa} \cdot 9.42\text{m}$$

26) Shear Force in Bishop's Analysis given Factor of Safety 

fx

$$S = \frac{(c' \cdot l) + (P - (u \cdot l)) \cdot \tan\left(\frac{\phi' \cdot \pi}{180}\right)}{f_s}$$

Open Calculator 

ex

$$13.41541\text{N} = \frac{(4\text{Pa} \cdot 9.42\text{m}) + (150\text{N} - (20\text{Pa} \cdot 9.42\text{m})) \cdot \tan\left(\frac{9.99^\circ \cdot \pi}{180}\right)}{2.8}$$

27) Shear Strength given Normal Stress on Slice 

fx


$$\tau = \left( c' + (\sigma_{\text{normal}} - u) \cdot \tan\left(\frac{\phi' \cdot \pi}{180}\right) \right)$$

Open Calculator 

ex

$$3.986945\text{Pa} = \left( 4\text{Pa} + (15.71\text{Pa} - 20\text{Pa}) \cdot \tan\left(\frac{9.99^\circ \cdot \pi}{180}\right) \right)$$



28) Shear Stress given Shear Force in Bishop's Analysis [Open Calculator !\[\]\(3d8c13c92b853674f749aac6fa869926\_img.jpg\)](#)


$$fx \quad \tau = \frac{S}{l}$$

$$ex \quad 1.175159Pa = \frac{11.07N}{9.42m}$$

29) Total Normal Force Acting at Base of Slice [Open Calculator !\[\]\(17acf1afa8cdf0b67c53d4865a5ed469\_img.jpg\)](#)


$$fx \quad P = \sigma_{normal} \cdot l$$

$$ex \quad 147.9882N = 15.71Pa \cdot 9.42m$$

30) Total Normal Force Acting at Base of Slice given Effective Stress [Open Calculator !\[\]\(d8ab143e904bfa3467271eec5af75a9b\_img.jpg\)](#)


$$fx \quad P = \left( \sigma' + \sum U \right) \cdot l$$

$$ex \quad 113.04N = (10Pa + 2N) \cdot 9.42m$$

31) Total Normal Force Acting on Slice given Weight of Slice [Open Calculator !\[\]\(2b17f17ebbacc911bb0ff784ab641779\_img.jpg\)](#)

$$fx \quad F_n = \frac{W + X_n - X_{(n+1)} - \left( S \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\theta \cdot \pi}{180}\right) \right)}{\cos\left(\frac{\theta \cdot \pi}{180}\right)}$$

$$ex \quad 12.86947N = \frac{20.0N + 2.89N - 9.87N - \left( 11.07N \cdot \sin\left(\frac{45^\circ \cdot \pi}{180}\right) \right)}{\cos\left(\frac{45^\circ \cdot \pi}{180}\right)}$$

32) Total Shear Force on Slice given Radius of Arc [Open Calculator !\[\]\(9a795c4c0c43d0827b424565265fc8e6\_img.jpg\)](#)

$$fx \quad \sum S = \frac{\sum W \cdot x}{r}$$

$$ex \quad 90.30404N = \frac{59.8N \cdot 2.99m}{1.98m}$$






33) Total Weight of Slice given Total Shear Force on Slice 

$$fx \quad \Sigma W = \frac{\Sigma S \cdot r}{x}$$

Open Calculator 


$$ex \quad 21.19064N = \frac{32N \cdot 1.98m}{2.99m}$$

34) Unit weight of Soil given Pore Pressure Ratio 

$$fx \quad \gamma = \left( \frac{F_u}{r_u \cdot z} \right)$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 19.58889kN/m^3 = \left( \frac{52.89kN/m^2}{0.9 \cdot 3.0m} \right)$$

35) Weight of Slice given Total Normal Force Acting on Slice 

fx

Open Calculator 

$$W = \left( F_n \cdot \cos \left( \frac{\theta \cdot \pi}{180} \right) \right) + \left( S \cdot \sin \left( \frac{\theta \cdot \pi}{180} \right) \right) - X_n + X_{(n+1)}$$

ex

$$19.2206N = \left( 12.09N \cdot \cos \left( \frac{45^\circ \cdot \pi}{180} \right) \right) + \left( 11.07N \cdot \sin \left( \frac{45^\circ \cdot \pi}{180} \right) \right) - 2.89N + 9.87N$$



## Variables Used







- **B** Pore Pressure Coefficient Overall
- **c** Cohesion in Soil (Pascal)
- **c'** Effective Cohesion (Pascal)
- **F<sub>n</sub>** Total Normal Force in Soil Mechanics (Newton)
- **f<sub>s</sub>** Factor of Safety
- **F<sub>u</sub>** Upward Force in Seepage Analysis (Kilonewton per Square Meter)
- **l** Length of Arc (Meter)
- **m** Stability Coefficient m in Soil Mechanics
- **n** Stability Coefficient n
- **P** Total Normal Force (Newton)
- **r** Radius of Soil Section (Meter)
- **r<sub>u</sub>** Pore Pressure Ratio
- **S** Shear Force on Slice in Soil Mechanics (Newton)
- **u** Upward Force (Pascal)
- **w** Width of Soil Section (Meter)
- **W** Weight of Slice (Newton)
- **x** Horizontal Distance (Meter)
- **X<sub>(n+1)</sub>** Vertical Shear Force at other Section (Newton)
- **X<sub>n</sub>** Vertical Shear Force (Newton)
- **z** Height of Slice (Meter)
- **γ** Unit Weight of Soil (Kilonewton per Cubic Meter)
- **Δu** Change in Pore Pressure (Pascal)
- **Δσ<sub>1</sub>** Change in Normal Stress (Pascal)
- **ζ<sub>soil</sub>** Shear Strength (Megapascal)
- **θ** Angle of Base (Degree)
- **σ<sub>nm</sub>** Normal Stress in Mega Pascal (Megapascal)
- **σ<sub>normal</sub>** Normal Stress in Pascal (Pascal)
- **σ'** Effective Normal Stress (Pascal)



- $\Sigma S$  Total Shear Force in Soil Mechanics (Newton)
- $\Sigma U$  Total Pore Pressure (Newton)
- $\Sigma W$  Total Weight of Slice in Soil Mechanics (Newton)
- $\tau$  Shear Strength of Soil in Pascal (Pascal)
- $\phi'$  Effective Angle of Internal Friction (Degree)
- $\tau$  Shear Stress of Soil in Pascal (Pascal)



## 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:** **cos**, cos(Angle)  
*Cosine of an angle is the ratio of the side adjacent to the angle to the hypotenuse of the triangle.*
- **Function:** **sin**, sin(Angle)  
*Sine is a trigonometric function that describes the ratio of the length of the opposite side of a right triangle to the length of the hypotenuse.*
- **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:** **Pressure** in Pascal (Pa), Megapascal (MPa), Kilonewton per Square Meter (kN/m<sup>2</sup>)  
*Pressure Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement:** **Force** in Newton (N)  
*Force Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement:** **Angle** in Degree (°)  
*Angle Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement:** **Specific Weight** in Kilonewton per Cubic Meter (kN/m<sup>3</sup>)  
*Specific Weight Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement:** **Stress** in Pascal (Pa)  
*Stress Unit Conversion* 



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