The General Bearing Capacity Equation

- Meyerhof (1963)- take into account the shearing resistance along the failure surface in the soil above the bottom of the foundation.

$$q_u = c'N_cF_{cs}F_{cd}F_{ci} + qN_qF_{qs}F_{qd}F_{qi} + \frac{1}{2}\gamma BN_\gamma F_{\gamma s}F_{\gamma d}F_{\gamma i}$$

$F_{cs}, F_{qs}, F_{\gamma s}$: shape factors
$F_{cd}, F_{qd}, F_{\gamma d}$: depth factors
$F_{ci}, F_{qi}, F_{\gamma i}$: load inclination factors
N_c, N_q , N_γ: bearing capacity factors

Bearing Capacity Factors

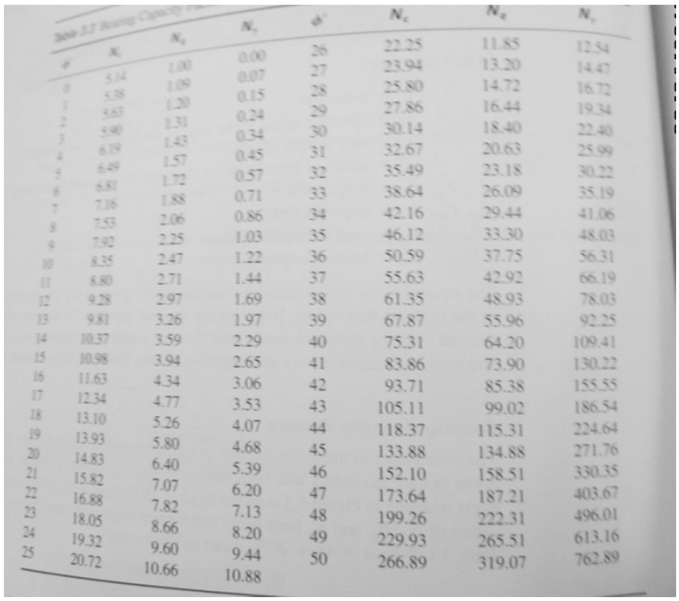
- Vesic (1973)

$$N_q = \tan^2\left(45 + \frac{\phi'}{2}\right)e^{\pi \tan \phi'}$$

$$N_c = (N_q - 1)\cot \phi'$$

$$N_\gamma = 2(N_q + 1)\tan \phi'$$

Bearing Capacity Factors



ϕ'	N_c	N_q	N_γ	ϕ'	N_c	N_q	N_γ
0	5.14	1.00	0.00	26	22.25	11.85	12.54
1	5.38	1.09	0.07	27	23.94	13.20	14.47
2	5.63	1.20	0.15	28	25.80	14.72	16.72
3	5.90	1.31	0.24	29	27.86	16.44	19.34
4	6.19	1.43	0.34	30	30.14	18.40	22.40
5	6.49	1.57	0.45	31	32.67	20.63	25.99
6	6.81	1.72	0.57	32	35.49	23.18	30.22
7	7.16	1.88	0.71	33	38.64	26.09	35.19
8	7.53	2.06	0.86	34	42.16	29.44	41.06
9	7.92	2.25	1.03	35	46.12	33.30	48.03
10	8.35	2.47	1.22	36	50.59	37.75	56.31
11	8.80	2.71	1.44	37	55.63	42.92	66.19
12	9.28	2.97	1.69	38	61.35	48.93	78.03
13	9.81	3.26	1.97	39	67.87	55.96	92.25
14	10.37	3.59	2.29	40	75.31	64.20	109.41
15	10.98	3.94	2.65	41	83.86	73.90	130.22
16	11.63	4.34	3.06	42	93.71	85.38	155.55
17	12.34	4.77	3.53	43	105.11	99.02	186.54
18	13.10	5.26	4.07	44	118.37	115.31	224.64
19	13.93	5.80	4.68	45	133.88	134.88	271.76
20	14.83	6.40	5.39	46	152.10	158.51	330.35
21	15.82	7.07	6.20	47	173.64	187.21	403.67
22	16.88	7.82	7.13	48	199.26	222.31	496.01
23	18.05	8.66	8.20	49	229.93	265.51	613.16
24	19.32	9.60	9.44	50	266.89	319.07	762.89
25	20.72	10.66	10.88				

Shape, Depth, Inclination Factors

- Shape - DeBeer (1970)

$$F_{cs} = 1 + \left(\frac{B}{L}\right)\left(\frac{N_q}{N_c}\right)$$

$$F_{qs} = 1 + \left(\frac{B}{L}\right)\tan\phi'$$

$$F_{\gamma s} = 1 - 0.4\left(\frac{B}{L}\right)$$

Shape, Depth, Inclination Factors

- Depth - Hansen (1970)

$$\frac{D_f}{B} \leq 1$$

For $\phi = 0$:

$$F_{cd} = 1 + 0.4\left(\frac{D_f}{B}\right)$$

$$F_{qd} = 1$$

$$F_{\gamma d} = 1$$

For $\phi' > 0$:

$$F_{cd} = F_{qd} - \frac{1 - F_{qd}}{N_c \tan \phi'}$$

$$F_{qd} = 1 + 2 \tan \phi' \, (1 - \sin \phi')^2 \left(\frac{D_f}{B}\right)$$

$$F_{\gamma d} = 1$$

Shape, Depth, Inclination Factors

- Depth - Hansen (1970)

  ϕ=0;

$$F_{cd} = 1 + 0.4 \underbrace{\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{D_f}{B}\right)}_{\text{radians}}$$

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Shape, Depth, Inclination Factors

- Inclination – Meyerhof (1963); Hanna and Meyerhof (1981)

$$F_{ci} = F_{qi} = \left(1 - \frac{\beta^\circ}{90^\circ}\right)^2$$

$$F_{\gamma i} = \left(1 - \frac{\beta}{\phi'}\right)$$

β = inclination of the load on the foundation with respect to the vertical