

Module 5: Induced stress

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COURSE CONTENTS AND SCHEDULE

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Tentative schedule

Day	Date	Topic	Lab.
W	1/19/2022	Class introduction, syllabus, policies	Soil components
F	1/21/2022	Invited speaker: Topic TBD	
M	1/24/2022	Introduction: The geological cycle, soil origin	Grain size dist.
W	1/26/2022	Introduction: Site investigation	
F	1/28/2022	Index properties: Phase relationships	
M	1/31/2022	Index properties: Grain size distribution, Atterberg limits	Atterberg limits
W	2/1/2022	Index properties: Soil classification	
F	2/4/2022	Compaction	
M	2/7/2022	Quiz 1: Introduction, index properties, compaction, in-situ testing	Visual classification
W	2/9/2022	Water in soils: Groundwater table, pore pressure, total and effective stresses	
F	2/11/2022	Water in soils: Darcy's law	
M	2/14/2022	Water in soils: Permeability and hydraulic conductivity	Compaction
W	2/16/2022	Water in soils: One-dimensional seepage	
F	2/18/2022	Water in soils: 2D-3D seepage, flow nets, pore pressure, uplift force, seepage force	
M	2/21/2022	President's day: no class	In-situ density
W	2/23/2022	Water in soils: piping	
F	2/24/2022	Quiz 2: Water in soils	
M	2/28/2022	Induced stress: Approximations, Bousinesq's elastic solution	Permeability
W	3/2/2022	Induced stress: Bousinesq's elastic solution, superposition	
F	3/4/2022	Induced stress: Stress tensor, elastic deformations	
M	3/7/2022	Consolidation: Oedometer test, primary and secondary consolidation	Site investigation
W	3/9/2022	Consolidation: Preconsolidation pressure, OCR	
F	3/11/2022	Consolidation: Primary consolidation parameters	
M	3/14/2022	Spring break: no class	
W	3/16/2022	Spring break: no class	
F	3/18/2022	Spring break: no class	
M	3/21/2022	Consolidation: rate of consolidation	Bonus
W	3/23/2022	Consolidation: preloading, radial consolidation	
F	3/25/2022	Quiz 3: Induced stress and consolidation	
M	3/28/2022	State of stress: 2D stresses and Mohr's circle	Consolidation
W	3/30/2022	State of stress: principal stresses, stress invariants, rotations	
F	4/1/2022	State of stress: Usage of Mohr's circle	
M	4/4/2022	State of stress: stress paths, simple shear, triaxial compression	Settlement estimates
W	4/6/2022	Quiz 4: State of stress	
F	4/8/2022	Shear strength: Mohr-Coulomb failure criteria	
M	4/11/2022	Shear strength: drained and undrained behavior	Unconfined compression test
W	4/13/2022	Shear strength: Shear strength of clays	
F	4/15/2022	Shear strength: Shear strength of sands	
M	4/18/2022	Quiz 5: Shear strength	Direct shear
W	4/20/2022	Lateral earth pressure: at-rest, passive, and active conditions ²	
F	4/22/2022	Earth to slope stability	
M	4/25/2022	Introduction to bearing capacity ⁴	
W	4/27/2022	Maine's day: no class	
F	4/29/2022	Classes end: Q&A session	
M	5/2/2022	Final exam (1:30 PM- 3:30 PM) Williams Hall 110	

M: Monday - W: Wednesday - F: Friday

²This items may or may not be covered. It will be determined by how far the course has progressed.



RECAP

- We learned about flow nets and how to use them to calculate flow, total head, and pore pressure.
- We learned how to compute the factor of safety against uplift.
- We learned how to calculate the critical hydraulic gradient and the maximum hydraulic gradient.
- We learned how to calculate the factor of safety against piping.
- We learned what factor can be controlled to prevent piping.
- Today we will learn about induced stresses in soils (effects of external loading).



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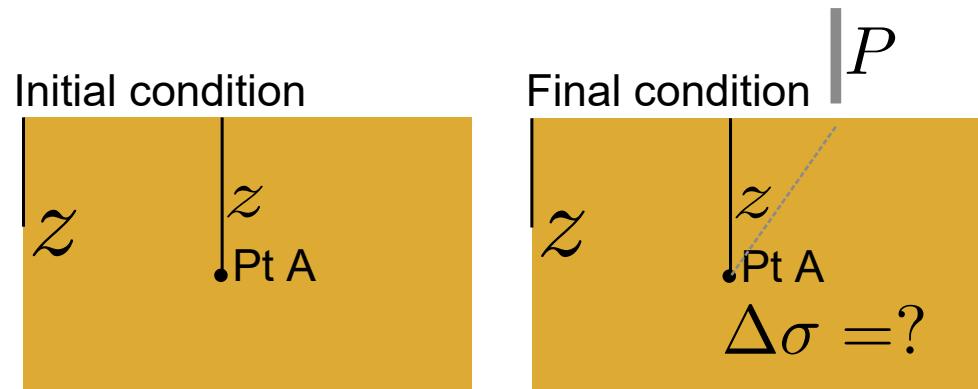
- Increment of stress due to an infinitely loaded area.
- Increment of stress due to a point load (Bousinesq equation).
- Numerical approximation.
- Practical examples.

More in chapter 7 of Budhu (2015) and CIE-460



INDUCED STRESSES

Induced stress is the increment of stress produced by an external action relative to a initial condition .



$$\sigma_f = \sigma_0 + \Delta\sigma$$

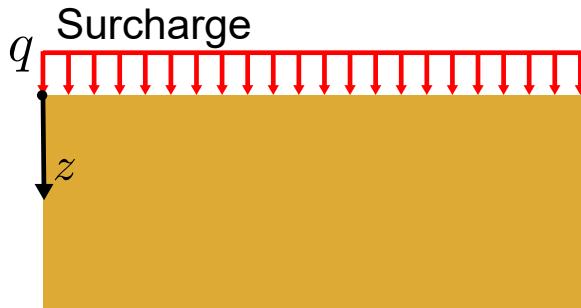
These stresses are absorbed either by the water as excess water pressure or by the soil skeleton as effective stresses . With enough time, the soil skeleton will finally carry the generated stress.

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INFINITELY LOADED AREA

When the external load extends considerably in both directions at the surface, it can be modeled as an infinitely loaded area .

Idealization



Example

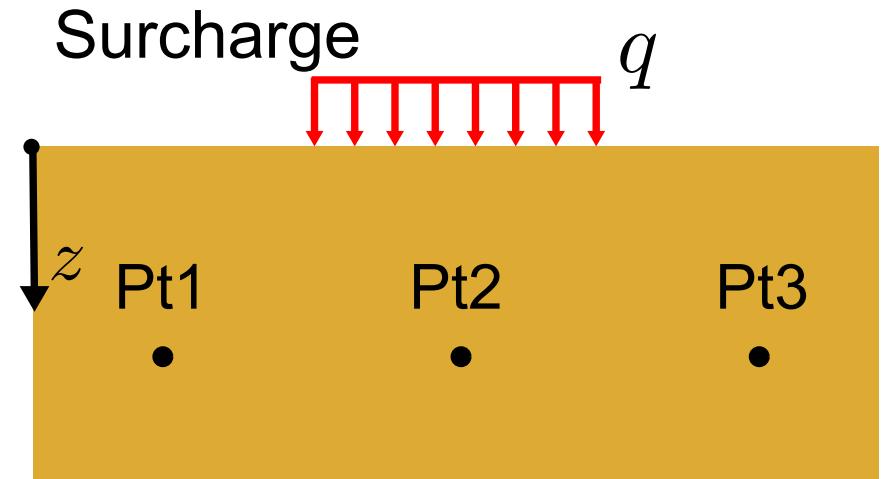
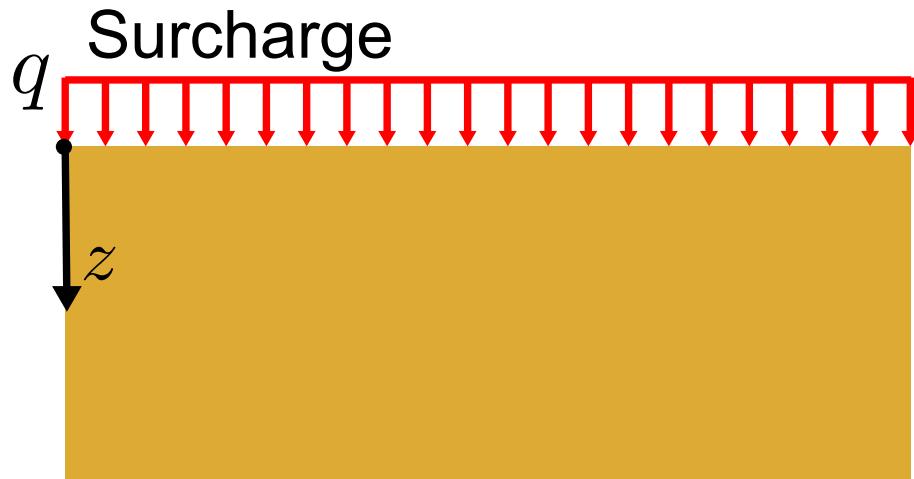


The increment of stress for the idealized model is independent of position and depth .

$$\Delta\sigma = q$$

INFINITELY LOADED AREA

In many cases, loads at the surface are not infinitely extended or uniformly distributed. Other models are needed.



What is the relationship between $\Delta\sigma_1$, $\Delta\sigma_2$, and $\Delta\sigma_3$

BOUSSINESQ EQUATION

- French mathematician and physicist who made contributions to the theory of hydrodynamics, vibration, light, and heat.
- He derived an equation to find the stress distribution in a semi-infinite elastic medium due to a point load acting on its surface.
- These equations are closed form solutions derived using continuum mechanics principles and its derivation is not straightforward.



Joseph Boussinesq (1842-1929)

STRESS DISTRIBUTION DUE TO A POINT LOAD

Boussinesq's equation for the stress distribution in a elastic semi-infinite medium is:

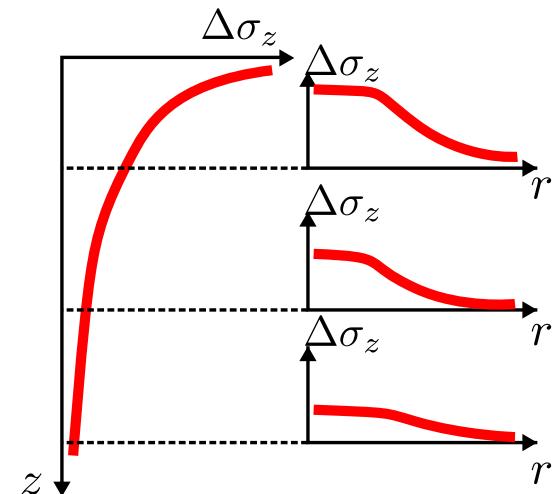
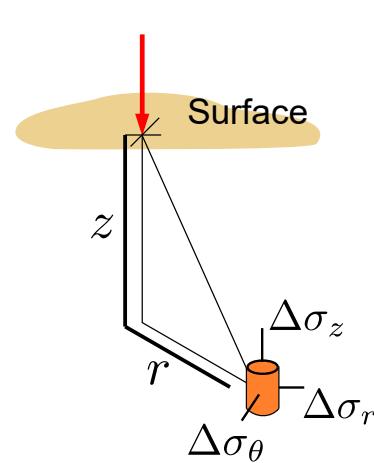
$$\Delta\sigma_z = \frac{3Q}{2\pi z^2 [1 + (r/z)^2]^{5/2}}$$

$$\Delta\sigma_z = QI$$

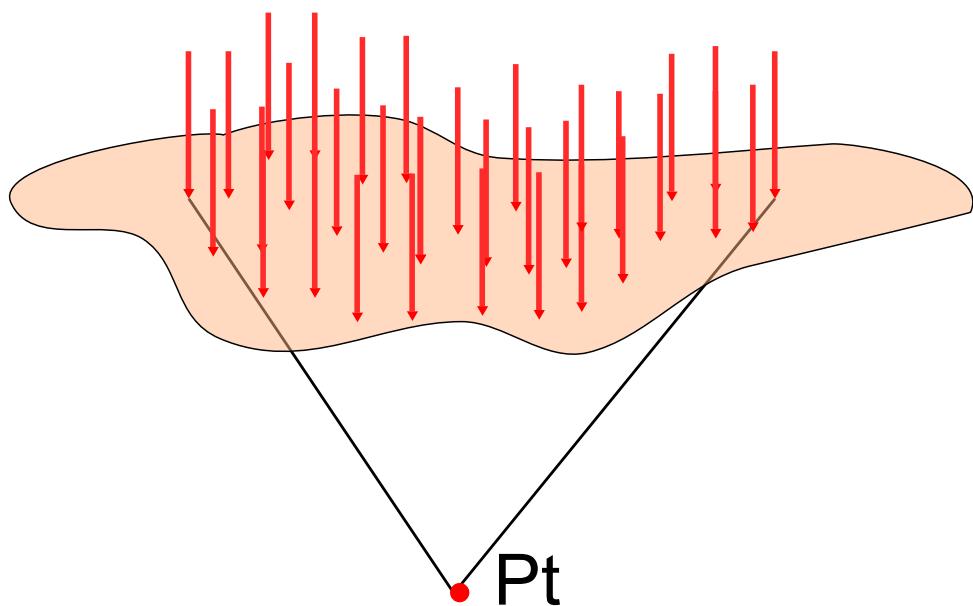
I = influence factor

Assumptions:

- Continuous material
- Isotropic
- Uniform
- Linear elastic



SUPERPOSITION AND NUMERICAL APPROXIMATION



- $A_i =$ discretized area.

- The principle of superposition implies that the effect of multiple loads can be taken into account by simple addition.
- For complex load distributions and shapes use a numerical approximation:

$$\Delta\sigma_z = \sum_{i=1}^n q_i A_i I_i$$

ADVANCE NUMERICAL MODELS



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