

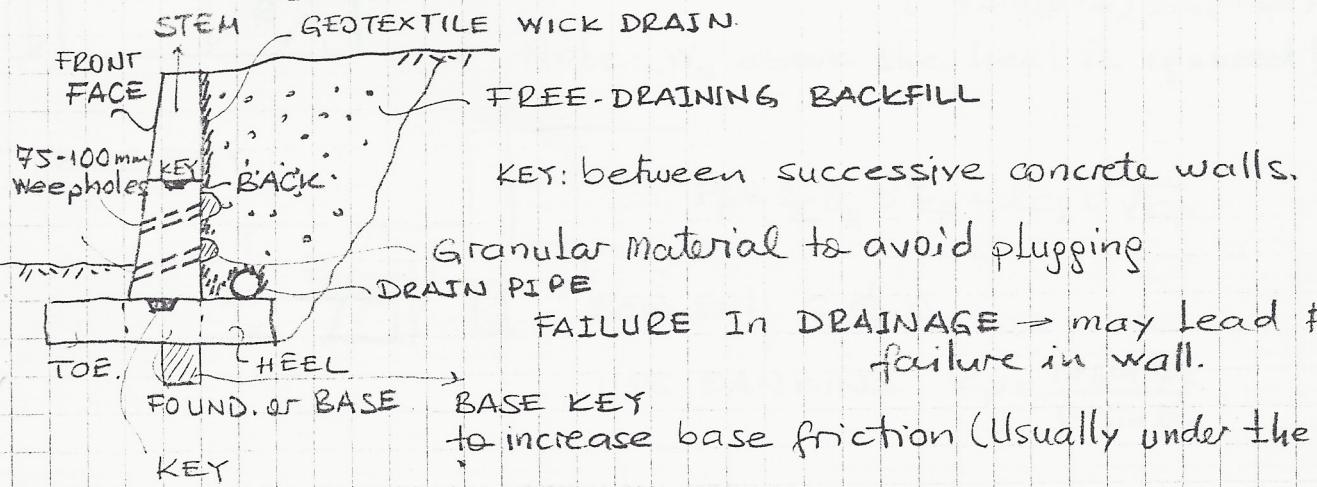
# RETAINING WALLS Read. Ass: BOWLES: (12.1 - 12.16)

## Common Uses of Retaining Walls Sheet Fig. 11.1.

Types:

- GRAVITY
- SEMI-GRAVITY
- CANTILEVER
- COUNTERFORT
- BUTTRESSED
- CRIBWALLS
- REINFORCED EARTH

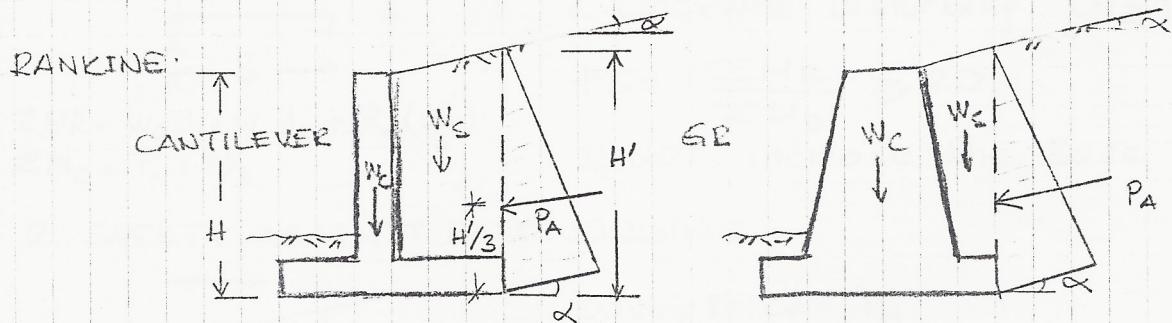
Sheet Fig. 11.2.



## DESIGN DIMENSIONS (for preliminary design) Sheet!

**LOADS ACTING:** Main Function is to resist lateral earth pressures (ACTIVE)

Lateral Earth Pressure Theories: RANKINE → WALL FRICTIONLESS.  
COULOMB : FRICTION b/w WALL and BACKFILL.



$$P_A = \frac{1}{2} \gamma H^2 K_A$$

$$K_A = \cos \alpha \frac{\cos \alpha - \sqrt{\cos^2 \alpha - \cos^2 \phi}}{\cos \alpha + \sqrt{\cos^2 \alpha - \cos^2 \phi}}$$

$\alpha$  = backfill slope

$\phi$  = friction angle of backfill

COHESIONLESS

BACKFILL

$$C=0$$

$$\text{Note if } \alpha=0 \rightarrow K_A = \frac{1-\sin \phi}{1+\sin \phi}$$

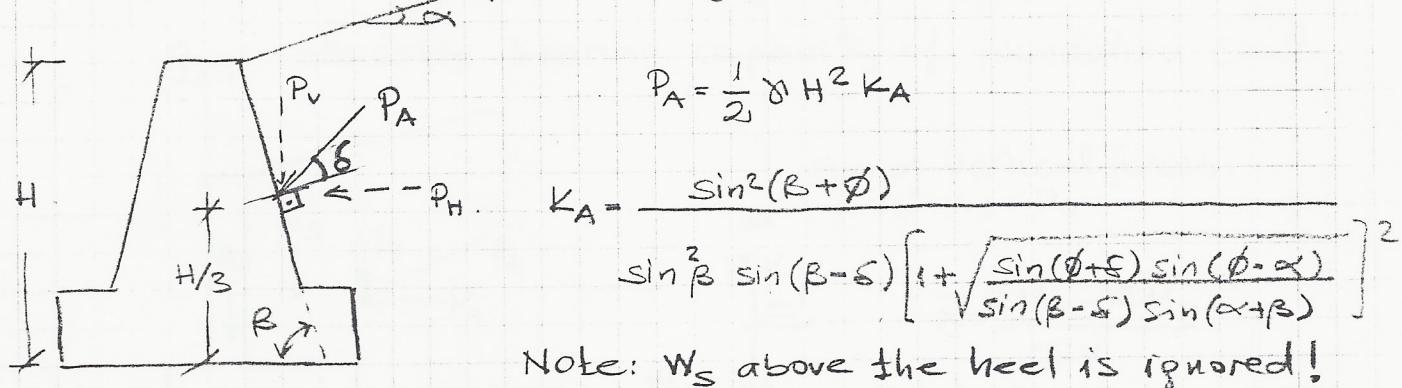
$W_c$  &  $W_s$  → included.

$P_A$  is  $\parallel$  to backfill slope.

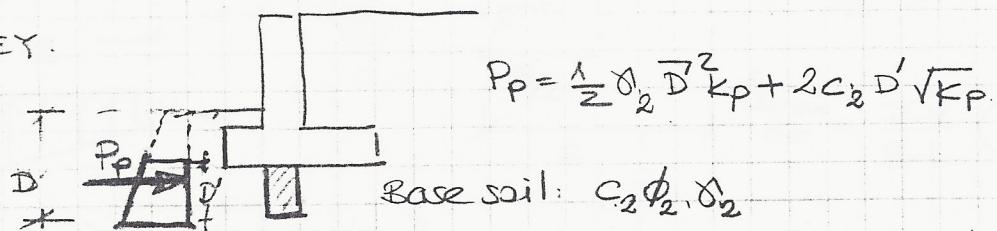
Passive resistance at front face is ignored. (future exc.)

FOR CANTILEVER WALLS → USE RANKINE

COULOMB → usually for Gravity Walls.



BASE KEY.

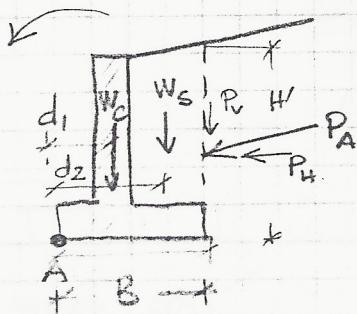


$$P_P = \frac{1}{2} \gamma_2 D^2 K_p + 2c_2 D' \sqrt{K_p}$$

$$\text{USE RANKINE } K_p = \frac{1 + \sin \phi_2}{1 - \sin \phi_2}$$

### STABILITY CHECKS: (DESIGN).

#### 1. SAFETY AGAINST OVERTURNING.



$$\Sigma M_R = W_c d_1 + W_s d_2 + P_v \left(\frac{H'}{3}\right)$$

$$\Sigma M_D = P_h \times H'/3$$

Consider forces:  $W_c, W_s, P_v, P_h$

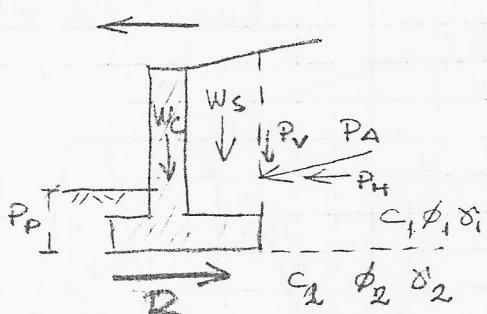
Take moment w.r.t A (TOE)

Clockwise: Resisting ( $M_R$ ) ( $W_c, W_s, P_v$ )  
C.Clockwise: Disturbing ( $M_D$ ) ( $P_h$ )

$$FS = \frac{\sum M_R}{\sum M_D} \geq 2.0.$$

If NOT: increase the Base  $B$

#### 2. SAFETY AGAINST BASE SLIDING :



Driving Force:  $P_h$   
Ignore  $P_p$ .

Resisting Force:  $R$ .

$$R = c_2 B + \Sigma V \tan \phi_2 + P_p$$

$$FS = \frac{c_2 B + (\Sigma V) \tan \phi_2 + P_p}{P_h} \geq 1.5$$

$$P_h = P_a \cos \alpha$$

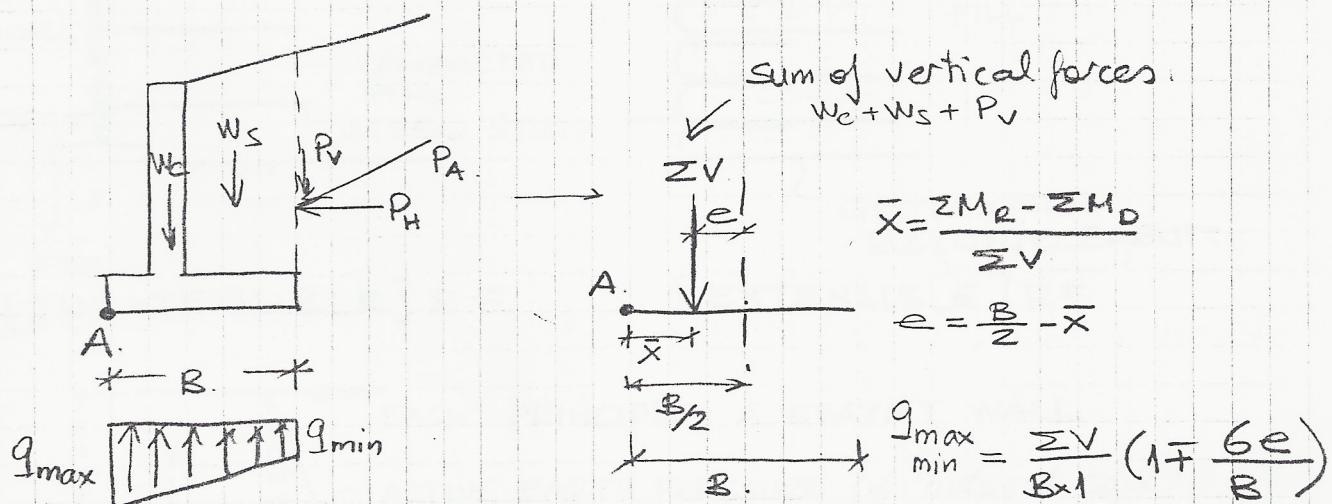
$$\text{If base key: } P_p = \frac{1}{2} \gamma_2 D^2 K_p + 2c_2 D' \sqrt{K_p}$$

Use Reduced  $c_2$  and  $\phi_2$ . ( $\phi_{\text{design}}^* (0.5 - 0.67) \phi_2$ ,  $c_{\text{design}}^* (0.5 - 0.67) c_2$ )

If not: increase  $B$  or provide key

### 3. BASE PRESSURES (bearing capacity failure)

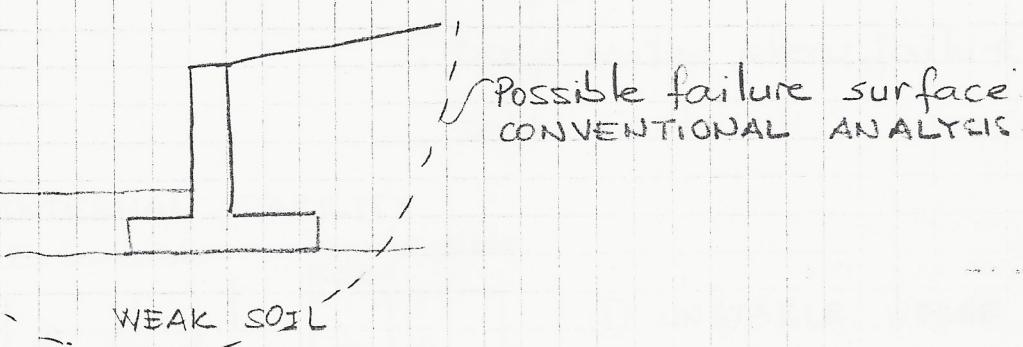
$q_{all}$ : allowable bearing capacity of foundation soil.



$q_{min} > 0$  (No tension)

$q_{max} < q_{all}$

### 4. DEEP SEATED SHEAR FAILURE



### 5. CHECK FOR SETTLEMENTS (CONVENTIONAL)

#### 6. REINFORCEMENT DESIGN

#### 7. EQ Loads

Coulomb Failure Wedge & Loads  
[MONONORE-OKABE Solution]

Add EQ. Forces

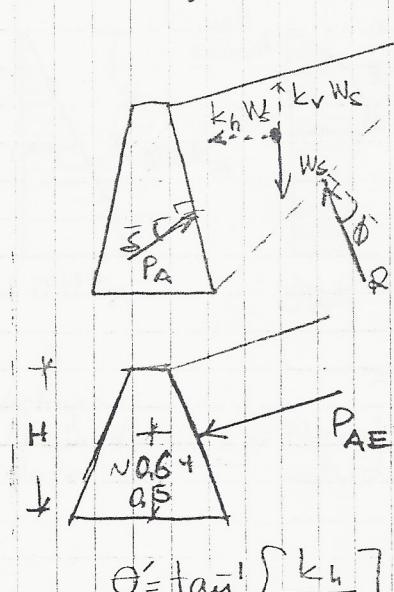
$$k_h = \frac{\text{horizontal EQ. accel. comp}}{\text{accel. due to gravity, g.}}$$

$$k_v = \frac{\text{vertical EQ. accel. comp.}}{g}$$

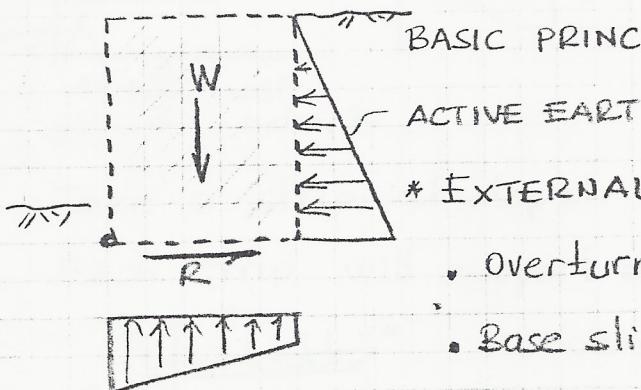
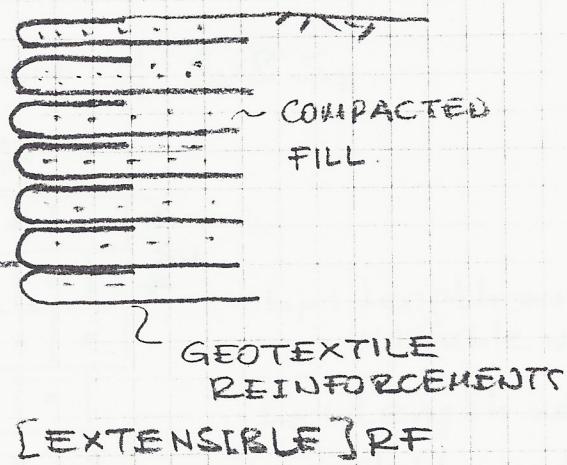
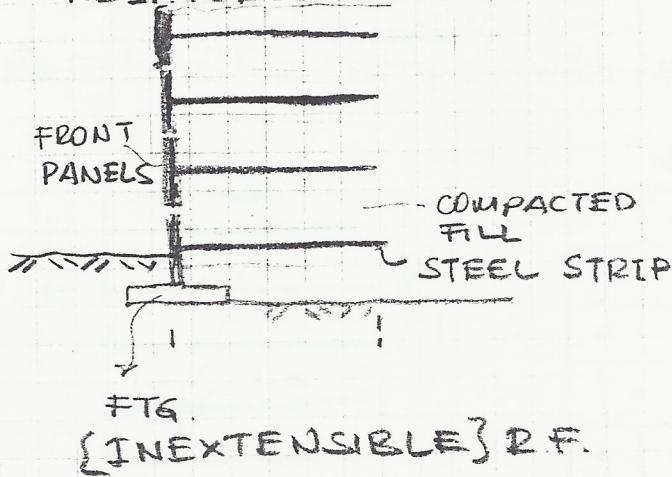
$$P_{AE} = \frac{1}{2} \gamma H^2 (1 - k_v) K_{AE}$$

$$K_{AE} = \frac{\sin^2(\theta + \beta - \theta')}{\cos \theta' \sin^2 \beta \sin(\beta - \theta' - \delta) [\dots]}$$

$$\frac{1 + \frac{\sin(\theta + \delta) \sin(\theta - \theta' - \alpha)}{\sin(\beta - \delta - \theta')} \sin(\alpha + \beta)}{\sin(\beta - \delta - \theta')} \dots$$

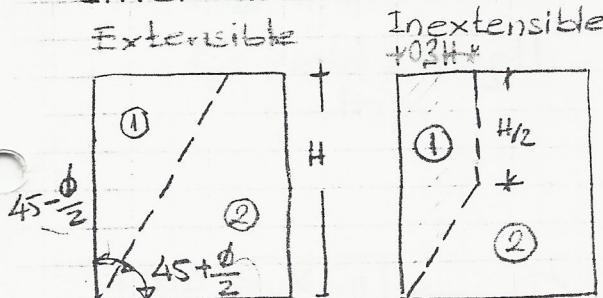


# REINFORCED EARTH WALLS:



- \* EXTERNAL STABILITY: Same as ordinary retaining walls
  - Overturning
  - Base sliding
  - Base pressures
  - Deep seated shear failure
  - Settlements

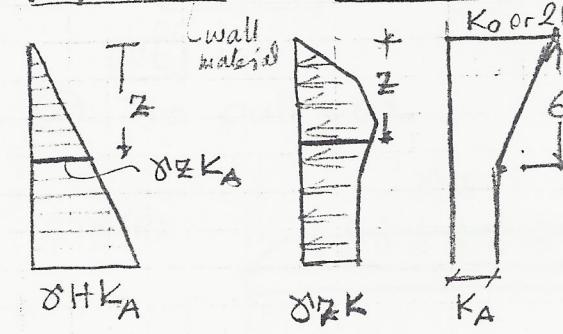
## INTERNAL STABILITY



① UNSTABLE WEDGE

② STABLE WEDGE

Unstable wedge is held by tensile forces in the reinforcement. Tensile force is provided by friction b/w soil and reinforcement



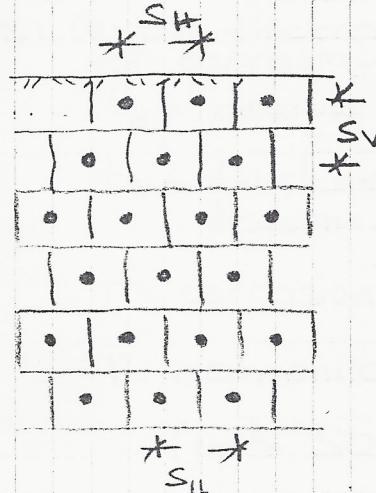
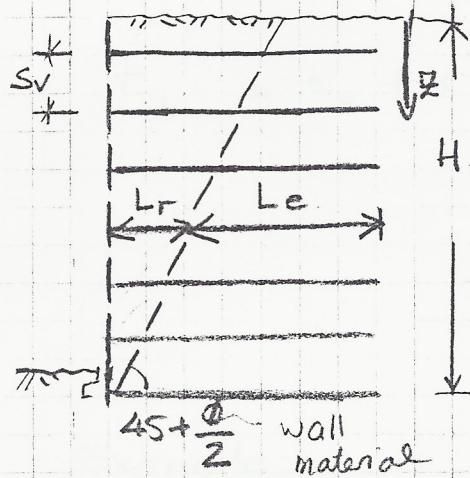
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Acting on the wall face.

Needs further studies



### SIMPLEST CASE.

~~Extensible strips~~ <sup>skeletal</sup> with spacing of  $S_V$  &  $S_H$ .



$L_r$ : Length within unstable wedge

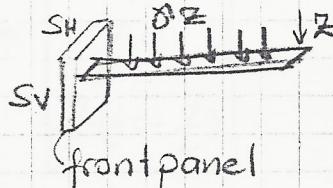
$L_e$ : Length within stable wedge

$$L = L_r + L_e$$

$$(L_r)_{\max} = H \tan(45 - \frac{\phi}{2})$$

Take a strip at depth " $Z$ ".

Each strip will support an area of  $S_V \times S_H$ .



Active pressure on strip = Tension in strip.

$$T = (\gamma Z K_A) S_V S_H$$

$$T_{\max} = \gamma H K_A S_V S_H$$

Each strip can resist a tension of

$$T_{\text{all}} = b t f_y$$

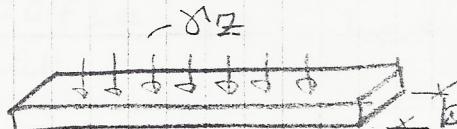
$f_y$ : yield strength of strip.

Then FS against Tie Break  
(or tension failure):

$$\text{FIND } [S_V \& S_H] \leftarrow \textcircled{1} \quad \text{FS}_b = \frac{b t f_y}{\gamma H K_A S_V S_H} \approx 30 \xrightarrow{\text{Required}}$$

\textcircled{2} Tie pull out.

STRIP:



Available friction:

$$F = 2 b L_e \gamma Z \tan \phi_u$$

$\rightarrow$  both sides

$\phi_u$  = friction angle b/w strip and soil

Tie force:  $T = \gamma Z K_A S_V S_H$ .

$$\text{FS}_p = \frac{2 b L_e \gamma Z \tan \phi_u}{\gamma Z K_A S_V S_H} \approx 3.0$$

$$\text{FS}_p = \frac{2 b L_e \tan \phi_u}{K_A S_V S_H} \approx 3.0 \rightarrow \text{FIND required } L_e$$

$$L = L_e + H \tan\left(45 - \frac{\phi}{2}\right) \rightarrow \text{Design length.}$$

Corrosion Effects: (extra thickness must be provided for corrosion effects)

$$t_d = t_0 + \Gamma T$$

$t_d$  = design thickness

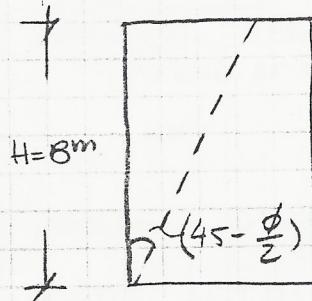
$t_0$  = thickness required to resist tension

$\Gamma$  = corrosion rate  $\approx 0.025\text{-}0.05 \text{ mm/year}$

T = economic life of structure

(upto 50 years)

Example:



$$\gamma = 20 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

$$\phi = 40^\circ \rightarrow K_A = \frac{1-\sin\phi}{1+\sin\phi} \approx 0.22$$

$$\phi_u = 25^\circ$$

$$f_y = 2400 \text{ kg/cm}^2 = 2.4 \times 10^5 \text{ kPa.}$$

$$\Gamma = 0.025 \text{ mm/yr.}$$

$$T = 50 \text{ years.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (FS)_b &= 3.0 \\ (FS)_p &= 3.0 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Required.} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\text{TRY: } S_y = 0.5 \text{ m}, \quad S_H = 1.0 \text{ m} \quad W = 75 \text{ mm.}$$

$$FS_b = \frac{W t f_y}{\gamma H K_A S_y S_H} = \frac{0.075 \times t \times 2.4 \times 10^5}{20 \times 8 \times 0.22 \times 0.5 \times 1.0} = 3.0 \quad \frac{1.8 \times 10^4}{17.6} L = 3.0$$

$$t = \frac{3 \times 17.6}{1.8 \times 10^4} = 29.3 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$t_d = 3 + 0.025 \times 50 = 4.25 \text{ mm}$$

$$t \approx 3 \text{ mm.}$$

$$FS_p = \frac{S_w L_e \tan \phi_u}{K_A S_y S_H} = \frac{2 \times 0.075 \times L_e \tan 25^\circ}{0.22 \times 0.5 \times 1.0} = 3.0$$

$$FS_p = \frac{0.075 L_e}{0.11} = 3.0 \quad L_e = \frac{3 \times 0.11}{0.075} = 4.4 \text{ m.}$$

$$(L_r)_{\max} = 8 \times \tan\left(45 - \frac{40}{2}\right) = 3.7 \text{ m}$$

$$L = 4.4 + 3.7 = \underline{8.4 \text{ m}} \quad \text{max length.}$$