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ANSWER BOOK

FIRST PERIOD

DATE: 2 November 2012
TIME: $09.00-12.00$

Answer ALL Questions<br>(Note that the questions carry unequal marks)<br>Other instructions<br>Write your name and student number on each sheet

Clearly identify the answer in the answer box

| Question <br> No. | Workings | Answer |
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| 1a | Dry, clean sand therefore $\mathrm{c}=0$ <br> Also no moisture therefore $\sigma=\sigma^{\prime}$ $\begin{aligned} & \sigma_{v}^{\prime}=\sigma_{n}^{\prime}=250 \mathrm{kPa} \\ & \tau=150 \mathrm{kPa} \end{aligned}$ <br> So $\phi^{\prime}=\tan ^{-1}(150 / 250)=31^{\circ}$ <br> By using right angle triangles: $\begin{gathered} \cos \phi^{\prime}=\frac{\sqrt{\left(150^{2}+250^{2}\right)}}{\sigma_{n, \text { centre }}^{\prime}} \\ \sigma_{n, \text { centre }}^{\prime}=340.2 \mathrm{kPa} \end{gathered}$ <br> Radius of circle (from pythagorus): $\sqrt{340.2^{2}-\left(150^{2}+250^{2}\right)}=174.9 \mathrm{kPa}$  | $\phi^{\prime}=31^{\circ}$ |
| 1b | Pole is found from a straight line from A to B (as we know the plane on which the stress $A$ is acting). The Pole is point $B$. <br> Coordinates of the pole $=340.2+(340.2-250), 150 \mathrm{kPa}$ $=430.4,150 \mathrm{kPa}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 430.4, } 150 \\ & \mathrm{kPa} \end{aligned}$ |



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| 2a | Test 1: $384.2=131.2 x^{2}+2 c^{\prime} x$ <br> Test 2: $563.5=201.5 x^{2}+2 c^{\prime} x$ <br> Then, $179.3=70.3 x^{2}$ and $x=1.5970$ <br> By substitution: c' $=15.5 \mathrm{kPa}$ and $\phi^{\prime}=25.9^{\circ}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{c}^{\prime}=15.5 \mathrm{kPa} \\ & \phi^{\prime}=25.9^{\circ} \end{aligned}$ |
| 2b |  | $\begin{aligned} & D_{f}=89.4 \\ & k P a \end{aligned}$ |


|  | $\begin{gathered} \sigma_{1}^{\prime}=\sigma_{3}^{\prime} \frac{1+\sin \phi^{\prime}}{1-\sin \phi^{\prime}}+2 c^{\prime} \sqrt{\frac{1+\sin \phi^{\prime}}{1-\sin \phi^{\prime}}} \\ \sigma_{1}^{\prime}=2.5511 \sigma_{3}^{\prime}+49.5142 \end{gathered}$ <br> Substituting above yields: $\begin{aligned} & \quad 50+0.728 D_{f}=2.5511\left(50-0.272 D_{f}\right)+49.5142 \\ & D_{f}=89.4 \mathrm{kPa} \end{aligned}$ |  |
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| 2c |  <br> Note exact shape of effective stress path is not important (straight line is ok). | fig |
| 2d |  | Fig above |


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| 3a |  |  |
| 3b | Note no tension anchor so passive horizontal equilibrium must be satisfied by earth pressures. $\begin{gathered} K_{p}^{\prime}=\frac{1+\sin \phi^{\prime}}{1-\sin \phi^{\prime}}=3 \\ K_{a}^{\prime}=\frac{1-\sin \phi^{\prime}}{1+\sin \phi^{\prime}}=0.33 \end{gathered}$ <br> Forces: <br> Active forces: <br> From effective stress soil, $\frac{1}{2} K_{a} \gamma^{\prime}(4+d)^{2}$ <br> From water, $\frac{1}{2} K_{0} \gamma^{\prime}(4+d)^{2}$ <br> Passive forces: <br> From effective stress soil, $\frac{1}{2} K_{p} \gamma^{\prime} d^{2}$ <br> From water, $\frac{1}{2} K_{0} \gamma^{\prime}(3+d)^{2}$ <br> FoS $=1.5$, so must multiply active forces by 1.5 . <br> Therefore equating: $\begin{gathered} 0.75 \times 0.33 \times(20-10) \times(4+d)^{2}+7.5(4+d)^{2}=15 d^{2}+5(3+d)^{2} \\ 0=15 d^{2}+5(3+d)^{2}-9.975(4+d)^{2} \\ 0=10.025 d^{2}-49.8 d-114.6 \end{gathered}$ <br> $\mathrm{d}=6.68 \mathrm{~m}$ (note that this is deeper than h ) | $\mathrm{d}=6.68 \mathrm{~m}$ |


| 3c | Horizontal equilibrium can include tension anchor, therefore rotation equilibrium is important at the tension anchor. <br> Forces: <br> Active forces and location of action below anchor: <br> From effective stress soil, $\frac{1}{2} K_{a} \gamma^{\prime}(4+3)^{2}=81.7 \mathrm{kN}$ at 2.7 m <br> From water, $\frac{1}{2} K_{0} \gamma^{\prime}(4+3)^{2}=245 \mathrm{kN}$ at 2.7 m <br> Passive forces: <br> From effective stress soil, $\frac{1}{2} K_{p} \gamma^{\prime} 3^{2}=135 \mathrm{kN}$ at 4.0 m <br> From water, $\frac{1}{2} K_{0} \gamma^{\prime}(3+3)^{2}=180 \mathrm{kN}$ at 3.0 m <br> Moments: <br> Overturning: $81.7 \times 2.7+245 \times 2.7=871 \mathrm{kNm}$ <br> Resisting: $135 \times 4+180 \times 3=1080 \mathrm{kNm}$ $\text { FoS = 1080/871 = } 1.24$ | FoS $=1.24$ |
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| 3d | Tension anchor via horizontal equilibrium: $T=81.7+245-135-180=11.7 \mathrm{kN}$ | $T=11.7 \mathrm{kN}$ |


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| 4a | Use the Brinch Hansen method. $p_{c}=c N_{c} i_{c} s_{c}+q N_{q} i_{q} s_{q}+\frac{1}{2} \gamma^{\prime} B N_{\gamma} i_{\gamma} s_{\gamma}$ <br> No inclination. <br> Calculate N factors: $\begin{gathered} N_{q}=\frac{1+\sin \phi}{1-\sin \phi} \exp (\pi \tan \phi)=6.40 \\ N_{c}=\left(N_{q}-1\right) \cot \phi=14.83 \\ N_{\gamma}=2\left(N_{q}-1\right) \tan \phi=3.93 \end{gathered}$ <br> Calculate shape factors: $\begin{gathered} s_{c}=1+0.2 \frac{B}{L}=1.1 \\ s_{q}=1+\frac{B}{L} \sin \phi=1.17 \\ s_{\gamma}=1-0.3 \frac{B}{L}=0.85 \end{gathered}$ <br> Load: <br> Weight of concrete, $=A \gamma d=20 \times 10 \times 25 \times 2.5=12500 \mathrm{kN}$ <br> Weight of soil, $=A \gamma d=20 \times 10 \times 20 \times 2.5=10000 \mathrm{kN}$ <br> Total $=12500+10000+50000=72500 k N$ (from applied load) <br> Pore pressure, $\mathrm{p}=10 \times 5=50 \mathrm{kPa}$ <br> Load $=\frac{W}{A}-p=\frac{72500}{200}-50=312.5 \mathrm{kPa}$ <br> Surcharge (note effective stress usage), q: $\begin{gathered} q=\gamma^{\prime} d=50 k P a \\ p_{c}=c N_{c} s_{c}+q N_{q} s_{q}+\frac{1}{2} \gamma^{\prime} B N_{\gamma} s_{\gamma}=705 \mathrm{kPa} \\ \text { FoS }=705 / 313=2.26 \end{gathered}$ | FoS $=2.26$ |
| 4b | Again use the Brinch Hansen method. $p_{c}=c N_{c} i_{c} s_{c}+q N_{q} i_{q} s_{q}+\frac{1}{2} \gamma^{\prime} B N_{\gamma} i_{\gamma} s_{\gamma}$ <br> In this case need the inclinations factors: | FoS $=1.16$ |


|  | Horizontal stress, t: $t=\frac{F}{\text { area }}=\frac{7500}{200}=37.5 \mathrm{kPa}$ <br> Vertical load, p: <br> Total $=12500+10000+30000=52500 k N$ (from applied load) <br> Pore pressure, $\mathrm{p}=10 \times 5=50 \mathrm{kPa}$ <br> [don't penalise for omitting pore pressure in load] <br> Load $=\frac{W}{A}-p=\frac{52500}{200}-50=212.5 \mathrm{kPa}$ $\begin{gathered} i_{c}=1-\frac{t}{c+p \tan \phi}=0.57 \\ i_{q}=i_{c}{ }^{2}=0.33 \\ i_{\gamma}=i_{c}{ }^{3}=0.19 \\ p_{c}=246 \mathrm{kPa} \end{gathered}$ $\text { FoS }=246 / 213=1.16$ |  |
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| 4c | FoS reduces as shape factors, $\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{c}}$ and $\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{q}}$ reduce ( $\mathrm{B} / \mathrm{L}$ ) gets smaller. | reduces |

