Answers Home Work 3

Because of symmetric condition, half portion is considered in the energy calculation.

(1) Displacement diagram of symmetrical mechanism is shown in Fig.1-1. C



(2) From Table 1-1, total internal dissipation δW for the whole portion is given by eq(1)

$$\delta W = B \delta w_a c_u \left(\frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} + \pi - 2\alpha + 2\beta + \frac{\cos \beta}{\sin \beta} \right)$$
(1)

(3) By equating the external energy $\delta E(=F_u \delta w_\alpha)$ to internal dissipation (eq.(1), the following bearing capacity equation is obtained.

$$F_{u} = Bc_{u} \left(\frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} + \pi - 2\alpha + 2\beta + \frac{\cos \beta}{\sin \beta} \right)$$
(2)

(4) Minimum upper bound of bearing capacity of the mechanism is given by the following condition. dE 1

$$\frac{dF_u}{d\alpha} = 0 \quad (3) \implies \frac{1}{\cos^2 \alpha} - 2 = 0, \quad 2 - \frac{1}{\sin^2 \beta} = 0 \implies \alpha = \beta = \pi/4 \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{dF_u}{d\beta} = 0$$

inserting eq. (4) into eq.(2) Minimum F_u is $F_u = Bc_u(\pi + 2)$ (5) This F_u is the same as that of the non-symmetrical mechanism given in page 171.

3.1

3.2

In this calculation, the half portion of the failure mechanism is considered because of its symmetry .



(1) From Fig. 2.1 and 2.2, displacement diagram can be drawn as shown in Fig.2.3.

(2) From the geometry shown in Fig.2.3,

$$\delta w_0 = \frac{\delta w_f}{2\cos(45^\circ + \phi/2)} \quad (1) \quad \text{and} \quad \delta w_b = \delta w_0 \exp(\frac{\pi}{2}\tan\phi) \quad (2)$$

from (1) and (2)

$$\delta w_p = \frac{\delta w_f}{2} \frac{\cos(\pi/4 - \phi/2)}{\cos(\pi/4 + \phi/2)} \exp(\frac{\pi}{2}\tan\phi) = \frac{\delta w_f}{2} \tan(\pi/4 + \phi/2) \exp(\frac{\pi}{2}\tan\phi) \quad (3)$$

and also from Fig.1,

$$r_b = r_a \exp(\frac{\pi}{2}\tan\phi) \ and \ L = B \tan(45^\circ + \phi/2)\exp(\frac{\pi}{2}\tan\phi) \ (4)$$

For dry weightless soil, $u=\gamma=0$,

$$\delta W = 0 \tag{5}$$
$$\delta E / 2 = \frac{F_u}{2} \delta w_f - pL \delta w_p \tag{6}$$

using eqs. (3) and (4)

 $\delta E = F_u \delta w_f - pB \delta w_f \tan^2(45^\circ + \phi/2) \exp(\pi \tan \phi) \quad (7)$

(3) equating $\delta E = \delta W$ and making use of eqs. (5) and (7)

$$F_u = pB \tan^2(45^\circ + \phi/2) \exp(\pi \tan \phi)$$
 (8)

Again F_u for symmetrical mechanism is the same as that of the non-symmetrical mechanism given in page 217 for weightless and non-cohesive soil.