

Modification of End

Bearing Equation



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End bearing equation.

Modifications:

- Reconciling differences between two papers.
 - Vesic, A., 1973, “Analysis of Ultimate Loads of Shallow Foundations”, Journal of Soil Mechanics and Foundation Division.
 - Hansen, J. B. 1961, “A General Formula for Bearing Capacity”, Bulletin 11, The Danish Geotechnical Institute.
- Adding depth factor.

End bearing equation. Typo Correction

FAD 5.2.2 and older

$$N_q = e^{\pi \tan(\phi_{rad})} * \tan^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\phi_{rad}}{2} \right)$$

Eq. 11 of Vesic (1973)

$$\xi_c = \xi_q - \frac{1 - \xi_q}{N_q \tan \phi}$$

$$\zeta_{cs} = 1 + \tan(\phi) + \frac{1}{N_q}$$

Table 5 in Vesic (1973)

Circle and Square

$$\zeta_{qs} = 1 + \tan(\phi)$$

Typo: It is not N_q but N_c

Correction now matches Table 5 in Vesic (1973), while older FAD versions didn't match.

Correction

$$N_c = (N_q - 1) * \cot(\phi_{rad})$$

Eq. 13 of Hansen (1961)

$$i_c = i_q - \frac{1 - i_q}{N_c \tan \phi}$$

Table 5 in Vesic (1973)
Circle and Square

$$\zeta_{cs} = 1 + \left(\frac{N_q}{N_c} \right)$$

End bearing equation.

Introducing Depth Factor

$$D/B \leq 1$$

Equations 10 and 12 Vesic (1973)

$$\begin{cases} \zeta_{qd} = 1 + 2 * \tan(\phi) * (1 - \sin(\phi))^2 * \frac{D}{B} \\ \zeta_{\gamma d} = 1 \\ \zeta_{cd} = (1 + 0.4 * \frac{D}{B}) \end{cases}$$

$$D/B > 1$$

Equations 13 and 14 Vesic (1973)

$$\begin{cases} \zeta_{qd} = 1 + 2 * \tan(\phi) * (1 - \sin(\phi))^2 * \\ \quad \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{D}{B} \right) \\ \zeta_{\gamma d} = 1 \\ \zeta_{cd} = \left(1 + 0.4 * \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{D}{B} \right) \right) \end{cases}$$

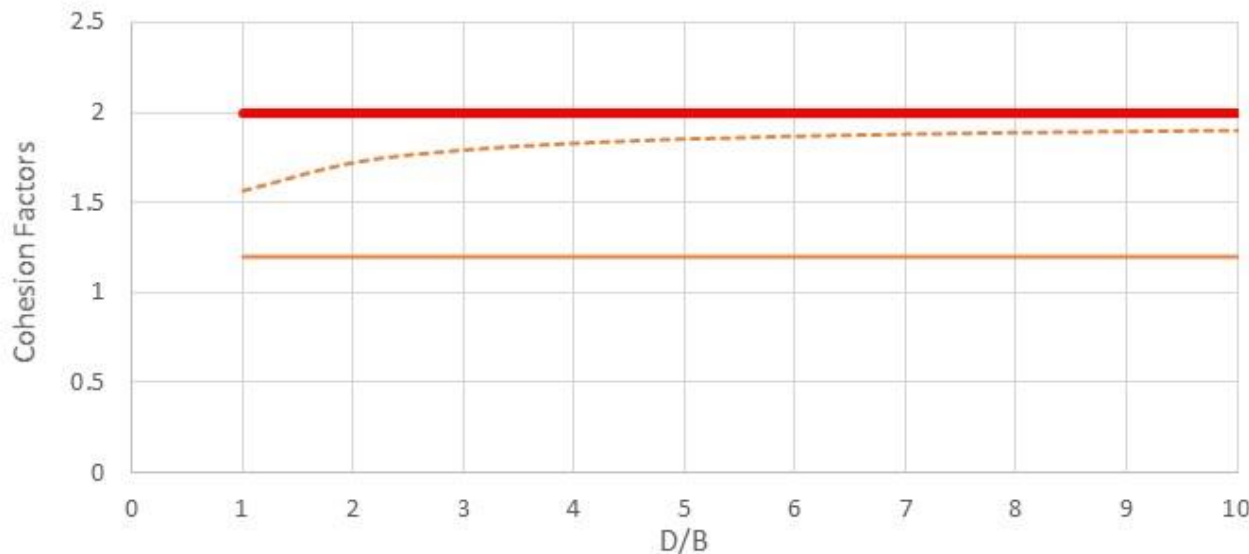
End bearing equation.

— Equation in FAD Code: $\zeta_{cs} = 1 + \tan(\phi) + \frac{1}{N_q}$

— Shape factor for cohesion: $\zeta_{cs} = 1 + \frac{N_q}{N_c}$

----- Shape factor for cohesion times depth factor: $\zeta_{cs} * \zeta_{cd} = (1 + \frac{N_q}{N_c})(1 + 0.4 * \tan^{-1}(\frac{D}{B}))$

Cohesion Factors

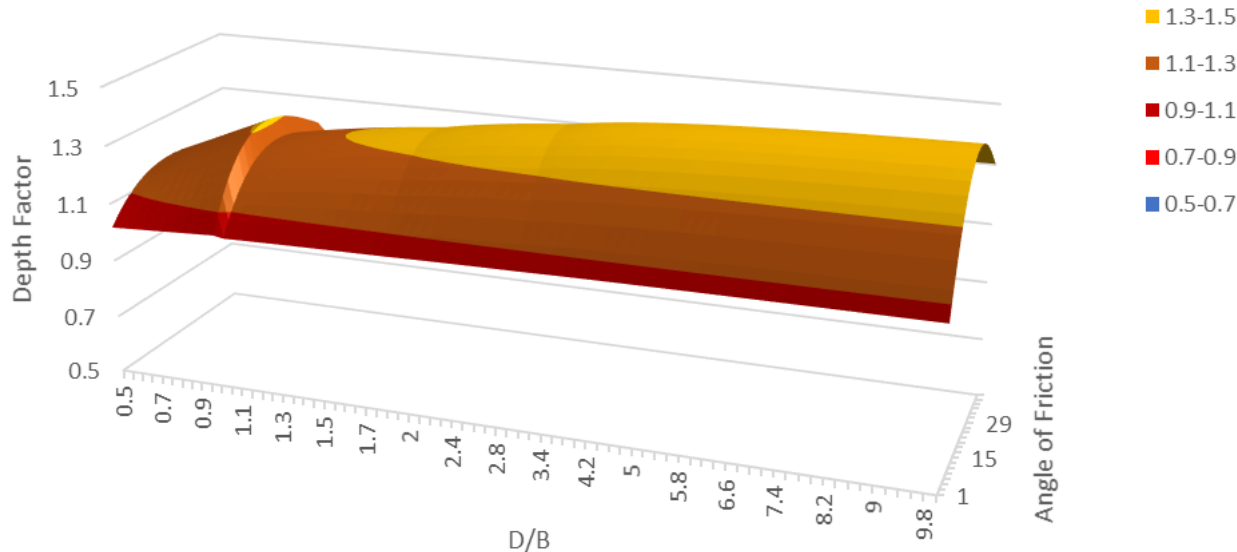


Greater depth of embedment could be obtained after this correction particularly for $D/B < 3$

End bearing equation.

$$\zeta_{qd} = 1 + 2 \tan(\phi) (1 - \sin(\phi))^2 \frac{D}{B} \text{ when } \frac{D}{B} \leq 1$$

$$\zeta_{qd} = 1 + 2 \tan(\phi) (1 - \sin(\phi))^2 \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{D}{B} \right) \text{ when } \frac{D}{B} > 1$$

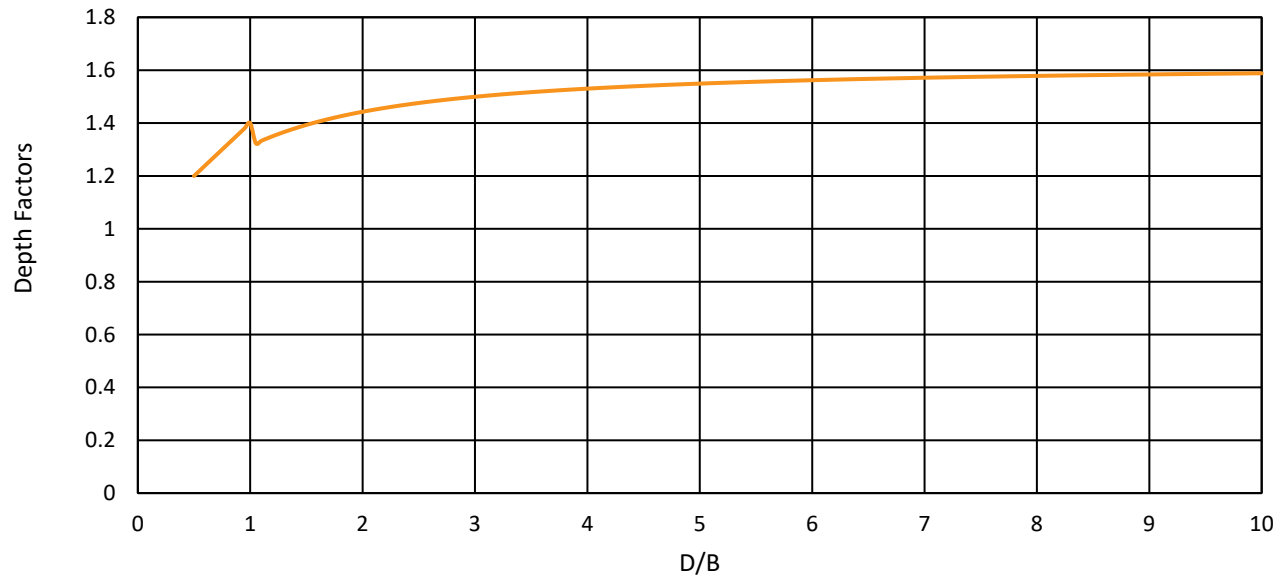


Lesser depth of embedment could be obtained after this correction

End bearing equation.

$$\zeta_{qd} = 1 + 2 \tan(\phi) (1 - \sin(\phi))^2 \frac{D}{B} \text{ when } \frac{D}{B} \leq 1$$

$$\zeta_{qd} = 1 + 2 \tan(\phi) (1 - \sin(\phi))^2 \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{D}{B} \right) \text{ when } \frac{D}{B} > 1$$



Lesser depth of embedment could be after doing only this correction

Verification



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Verification



FAD Result (e.g., [Input File](#))

Capacity Verification at Groundline

Type of Shaft		Applied Load on Top of Shaft	Applied Load at Groundline	Nominal Capacity at Groundline	Design Capacity at Groundline
Axial [kips]	✓	1	1	34.85	20.64
Shear [kips]	✓	1	1	8.23	5.18
Moment [kip-ft]	✓	1	2	16.46	10.37
Axial [kips]	✓	1	1	220.16	100.4



[Hand Calculation in excel](#)

E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
						Hand Calculation	
		Weight of the Caisson				3.30	
Total Force							
		Nominal				220.1625 kips	
		Design				100.3995 kips	

Parametric

study

Parametric study available upon request.



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Impact



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Impact on Depth of Embedment

For cohesive soils and when compression loads control the design

D/B lesser than 2.

soft and medium stiff clay: Depth of embedment increases after the Vesic correction by approximately 50%.

For this relatively low D/B ratio, typically drilled shafts are designed using alternative methods rather than FAD Tools.

Very stiff clay: Depth of embedment can increase by up to 100% for D/B equal to 1 and large diameters (e.g. 5 to 10 ft).

Impact on Depth of Embedment

For cohesive soils and when compression loads control the design

D/B equal or greater than 2,

Soft and medium stiff clays : Depth of embedment increase is less than 10% for D/B greater than 4 regardless of the diameter;

Very stiff clays : Depth of embedment increase is approximately 10% .

Impact on Depth of Embedment

For sandy soils and when compression loads control the design.

D/B lesser than 2. Depth of embedment decreases after Vesic correction by about 11 percent

For this relatively low D/B ratio, typically drilled shafts are designed using alternative methods rather than FAD Tools.

D/B equal or greater than 2. Depth of embedment decreases by about 20 percent after correction.

