

ESTIMATION OF SOIL BEARING CAPACITY FOR CLOSELY SPACED STRIP FOOTINGS USING THE FINITE ELEMENT METHOD

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Abstract

The effect of footing closeness (of three parallel similar strip footings at equal distance from each other) on soil bearing capacity is studied using the finite element method. Flexible and Rigid (surface and buried) footings resting on clayey (under undrained conditions) and sandy soils, are analyzed.

The effect on bearing capacity due to footings interference is expressed by the efficiency factor (E_f), which represents the ratio between the bearing capacity of the closely-spaced footings and that of a similar single footing under the same conditions.

The results show negligible effect of interference on the bearing capacity of flexible footings. The closeness of rigid strip footings, generally, results in increasing the soil bearing capacity. The embedment depth has a suppressing effect on interference when the footings are very close to each other.

Nomenclature

مصفوفة عوامل التفاضل	A
عرض الأساس (m)	B
مصفوفة الانفعال – الإزاحة	[B]
تماسك التربة (kN/m^2)	c
مصفوفة المرونة	[D]
عمق الأساس (m)	D_f
معامل المرونة (Modulus of elasticity) (kN/m^2)	E
معامل كفاءة الأسس المتقاربة	E_f
متجه الأحمال العقدية الشاملة	[F]
متجه الأحمال العنصرية (Element load vector)	{ f^e }
مصفوفة جاكوبي [Jacobian matrix]	[J]
مصفوفة الجساءة الشاملة (Global stiffness matrix)	[K]
مصفوفة الجساءة للعنصر (Element stiffness matrix)	[k^e]
مصفوفة دوال الشكل للعنصر	[N]
الأحمال السطحية المسلطة بالاتجاهات x,y,z	P_x, P_y, P_z
المسافة بين الأسس المتجاورة (مركز - مركز)	S
متجه الأزاحات في أي مكان داخل العنصر	{u}
الإزاحات العقدية بالاتجاهات x,y,z على التوالي	u,v,w

الشغل المنجز من قبل القوى الجسمية	W_{BF}
الشغل الخارجي	W_{ext}
الشغل الداخلي	W_{int}
الشغل المنجز من قبل القوى السطحية	W_p
القوى الجسمية بالاتجاهات الثلاثة	X, Y, Z
متجه الإزاحات العقدية الشاملة للجسم المجهد ككل	$\{\delta\}$
متجه الإزاحات العقدية للعنصر	$\{\delta^e\}$
متجه الانفعال	$\{\varepsilon\}$
مركبات الأنفعال بالاتجاهات الثلاث	$\varepsilon_x, \varepsilon_y, \varepsilon_z$
زاوية الاحتكاك الداخلي (Degree)	ϕ
الكثافة الوزنية للتربة (kN/m^3)	γ
الأنفعالات القصية	$\gamma_{xy}, \gamma_{yz}, \gamma_{zx}$
نسبة بواسان (Poisson's ratio)	ν
الإحداثيات الموضعية للعنصر	ζ, η, ξ
متجه الأجهاد	$\{\sigma\}$
الاجهادات الأساسية (kN/m^2)	$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$
الاجهادات القصية	$\tau_{xy}, \tau_{yz}, \tau_{zx}$

(Closely spaced footings)

(Strip footing)

[*Graham (1984)*] (Railway tracks)
 (The sleepers) ()

(1)

(Efficiency factor) .(-)

: {σ}

$$\{\sigma\} = \{\sigma_x \ \sigma_y \ \sigma_z \ \tau_{xy} \ \tau_{yz} \ \tau_{zx}\}^T \quad (1)$$

(x ,y ,z)

(u ,v ,w)

-: {u}

$$\{u\} = \begin{Bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{Bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

: {ε}

$$\{\epsilon\} = \{\epsilon_x \ \epsilon_y \ \epsilon_z \ \gamma_{xy} \ \gamma_{yz} \ \gamma_{zx}\}^T \quad (3)$$

$$\{\sigma\} = [D] \{\epsilon\} \quad (4)$$

Virtual)

(Stiffness matrix)

(Deformed body)

(work

[Dawe (1984)]

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$$W_{\text{int.}} - W_{\text{ext.}} = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\text{Internal forces} \quad W_{\text{int}}$$

$$W_{\text{int.}} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\text{vol.}} \{\sigma\}^T \{\varepsilon\} d(\text{vol}) \quad (6)$$

$$: \quad (4)$$

$$W_{\text{int.}} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\text{vol.}} \{\varepsilon\}^T [D] \{\varepsilon\} d(\text{vol}) \quad (7)$$

$$\{\varepsilon\} = [A] \{u\} \quad (8)$$

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} & 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \end{bmatrix} \quad [A]$$

$$\{u\} = [N] \{\delta^e\} \quad (9)$$

$$: \quad (7)$$

$$W_{\text{int.}} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\text{vol.}} \{\delta^e\}^T [B]^T [D] [B] \{\delta^e\} d(\text{vol}) \quad (10)$$

$$[B] = [A] [N]$$

(External forces)

$W_{ext.}$

: (X ,Y ,Z) (Body forces)

$$W_{bf} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{vol} \{\delta^e\}^T [N]^T \begin{Bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{Bmatrix} d(vol) \quad (11)$$

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$$W_p = \frac{1}{2} \int_s \{\delta^e\}^T [N]^T \begin{Bmatrix} px \\ py \\ pz \end{Bmatrix} ds \quad (12)$$

: (5) (12) , (11) ,(10)

$$[k^e] \{\delta^e\} = \{f^e\} \quad (13)$$

: $[k^e]$

$$[k^e] = \int_{vol} [B]^T [D] [B] d(vol) \quad (14)$$

: $\{f^e\}$

$$\{f^e\} = \int_{vol} [N]^T \begin{Bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{Bmatrix} d(vol) + \int_s [N]^T \begin{Bmatrix} px \\ py \\ pz \end{Bmatrix} ds \quad (15)$$

$[B]$ (ξ, η, ζ)

(Global coordinates)

: (Chain rule)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial N_i}{\partial \xi} \\ \frac{\partial N_i}{\partial \eta} \\ \frac{\partial N_i}{\partial \zeta} \end{bmatrix} = [J] \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial N_i}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial N_i}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial N_i}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix} \quad (16)$$

$$[J] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \xi} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \xi} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial \xi} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial \eta} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \eta} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial \eta} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial \zeta} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \zeta} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial \zeta} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{(Jacobian matrix)} \quad (17)$$

$$d(vol) = dx.dy.dz = |J| . d\xi.d\eta.d\zeta \quad (18)$$

$$[k^e] = \iiint [B]^T [D] [B] / J / d\xi.d\eta.d\zeta \quad (19)$$

$$[K] \{\delta\} = \{F\} \quad (20)$$

$$[K] \quad \{F\} \quad \{\delta\}$$

(Elasto-plastic characteristic) (-)

Material or Physical non-

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. [Owen and Hinton (1980)]

(linearity

(Incremental)

Total) (Differential behavior)
 .(Loading path) (Total strain) (stress
 [Zienkiewicz and Cormeau (1974)] (Viscoplasticity algorithm)
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 (ϕ) (Undrained conditions)
 [Chen and -
 .Baladi (1982)]
 .[Griffiths (1982)]
 (Cohesionless soils) (Cohesive soils)
 (E_f)
 [Smith and
 (S) (B=1m) .Griffiths (1998)]
 .(S)
 (3) (2)
 (S/B) (1)
 S/B =1.16 (1,1.25,1.5,1.75,2,2.25,2.5,2.75,3,4)
 [Graham (1984)]

(Load-settlement curves) (-) (4)

(S/B)

E_f (S/B) (5)

.(

(7 و 6) .(2)

.(S/B=2)

.(0.25 m)

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(-)

(9) (8)

(S/B)

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(E_f)

(S/B)

(11)

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(4)

(2)

(14)

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(13 و 12)

(Tilt)

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.(S/B=1)

(2)

.(1,1.25,1.5,1.75,2,2.5,3,3.5,4,5,6)

(E_f) (S/B) (15)

الشكلين (16 و 17)

(S/B) ()

.(2.5)

(S/B) (-) (18) .(0.25m)

.(20 19) (S/B)

.(3)

23) (22 21) ()

(24

.(Local shear failure)

Conclusion

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.(2) (S/B)

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(4) (2)

() (Tilt)

(S/B =1)

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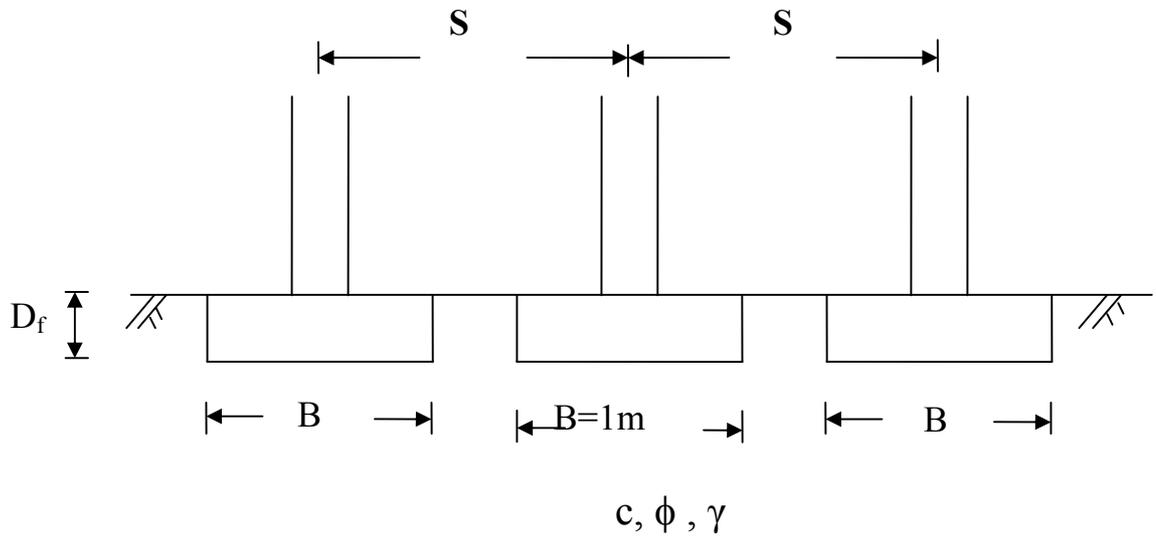
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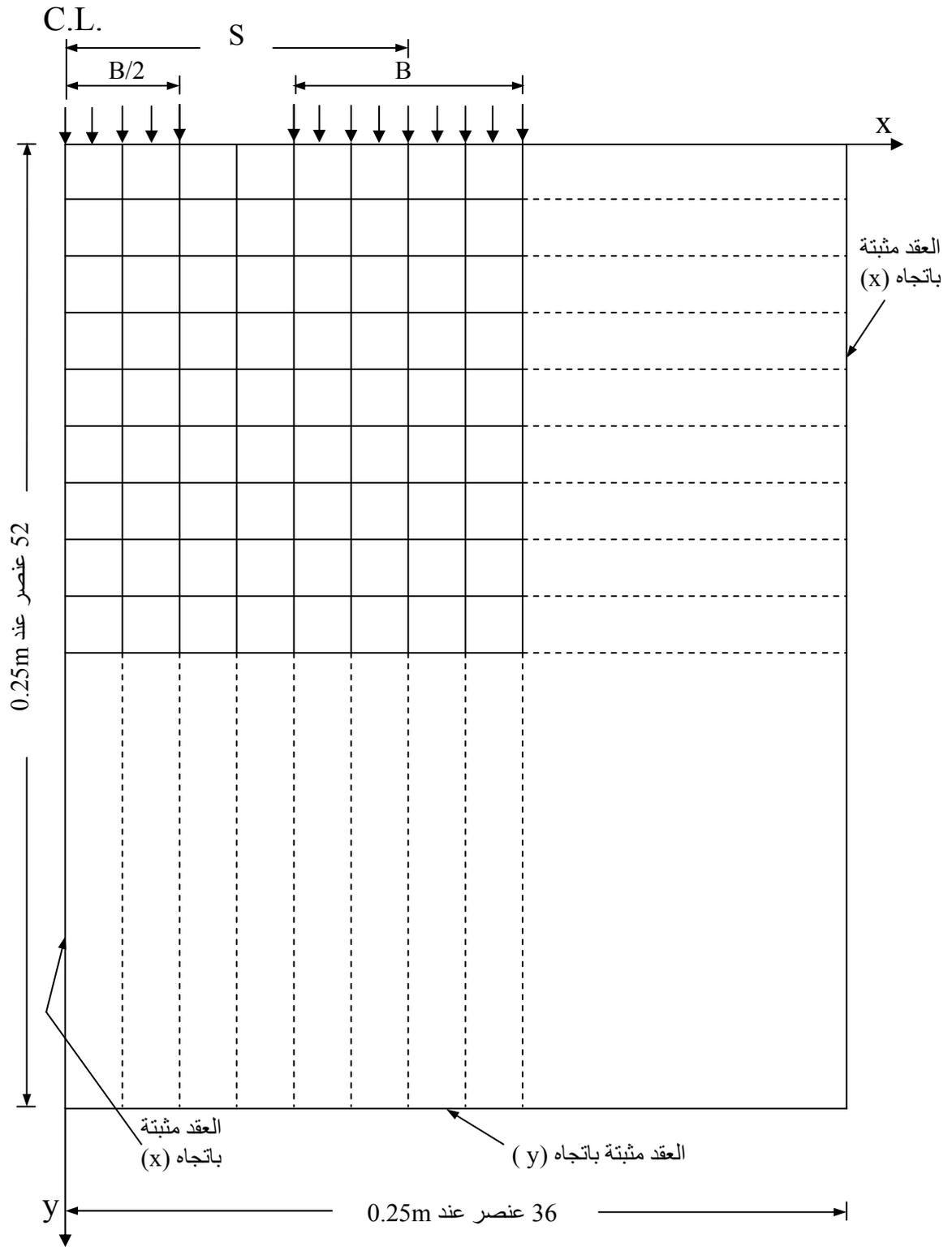


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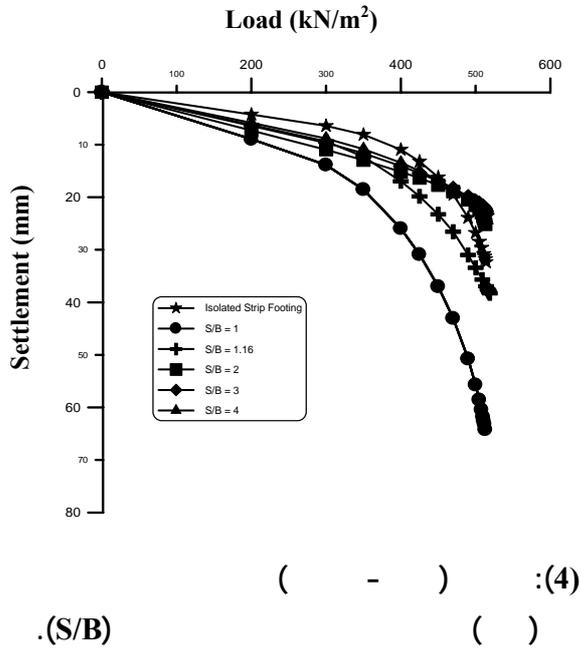
[Hazell (2004)]



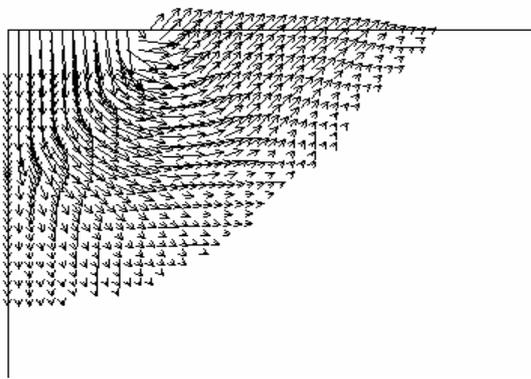
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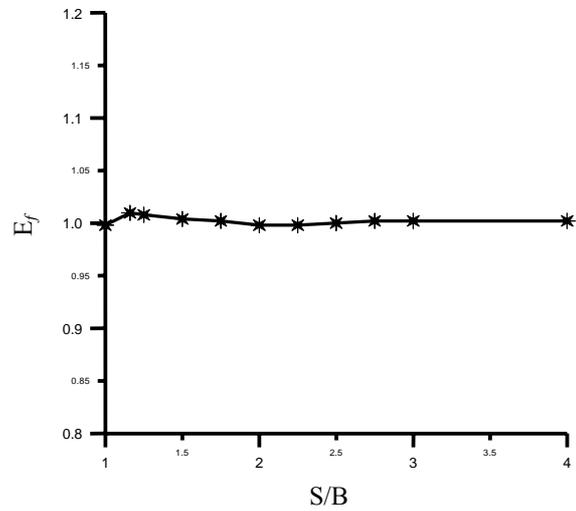
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قيمها	خصائص التربة
100×10^3	E (kN/m ²)
0.45	ν
0	ϕ (degree)
100	c(kPa)
19	γ (kN/m ³)

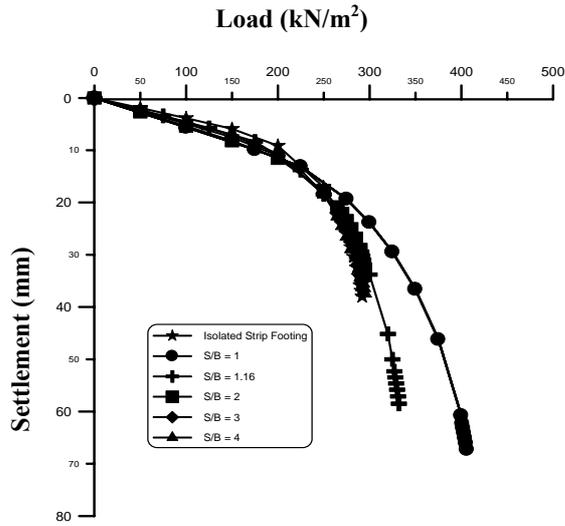


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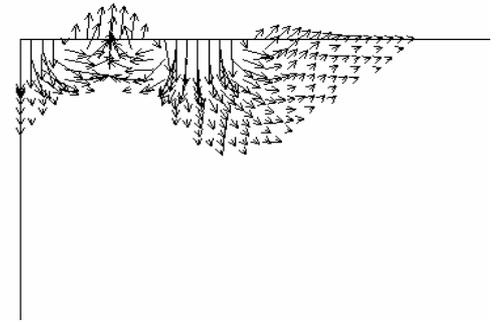


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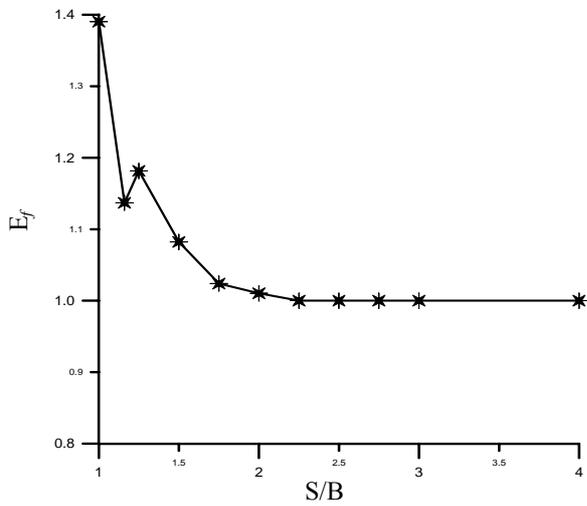
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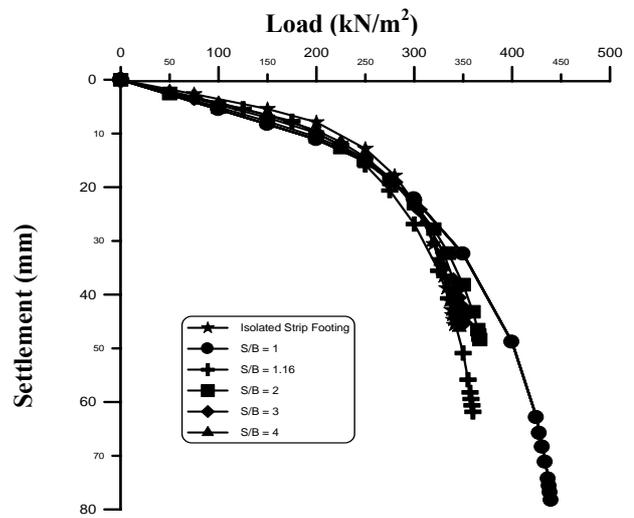
() (8)
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(S/B)



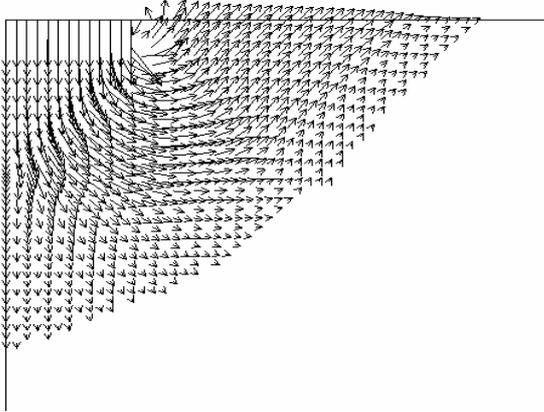
(S/B=2) (7)
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(S/B) (10)
(E_f)
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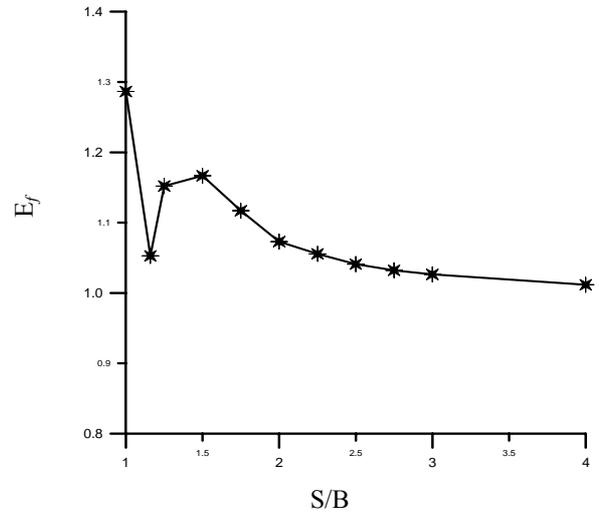


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(S/B)



(12):

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(S/B=1)

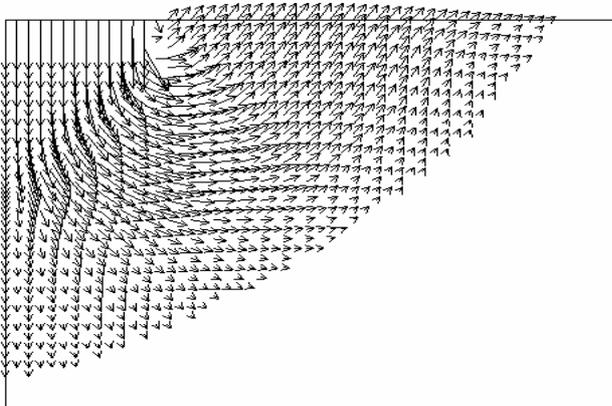


(S/B)

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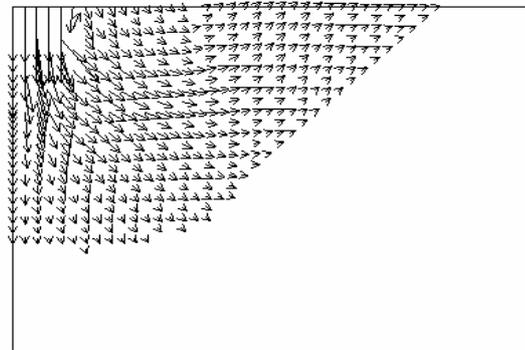
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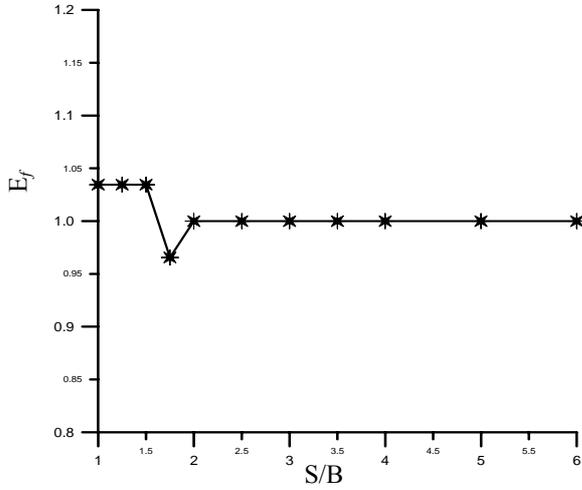
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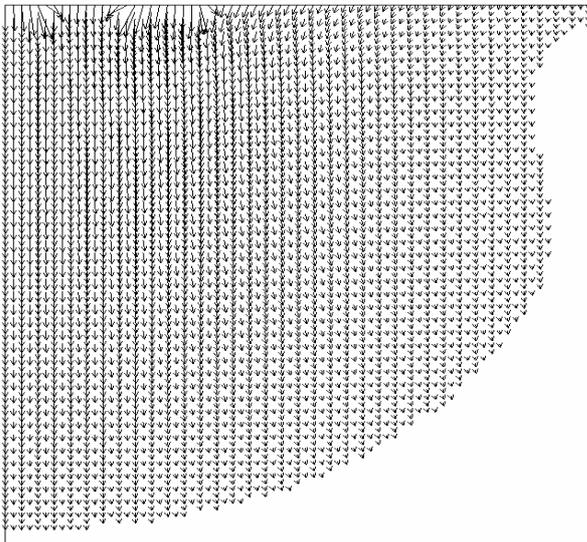


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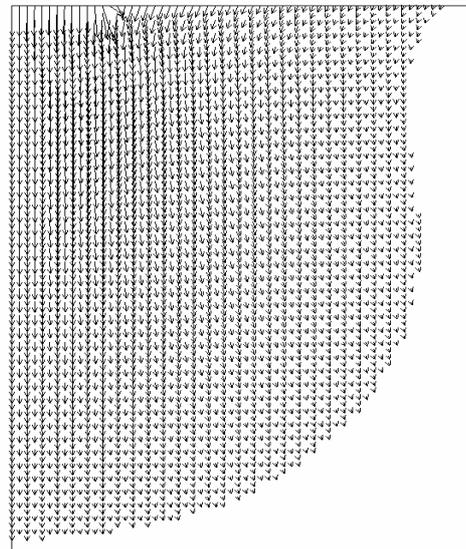
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0.3	ν
30	ϕ (degree)
0	c(kPa)
17	γ (kN/m ³)



: (17)

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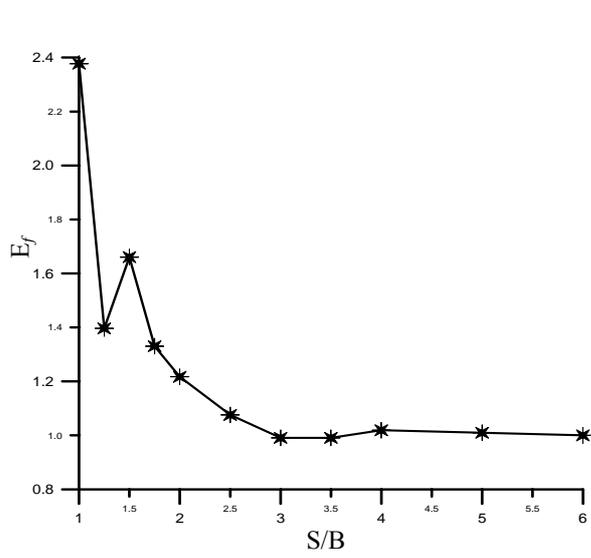
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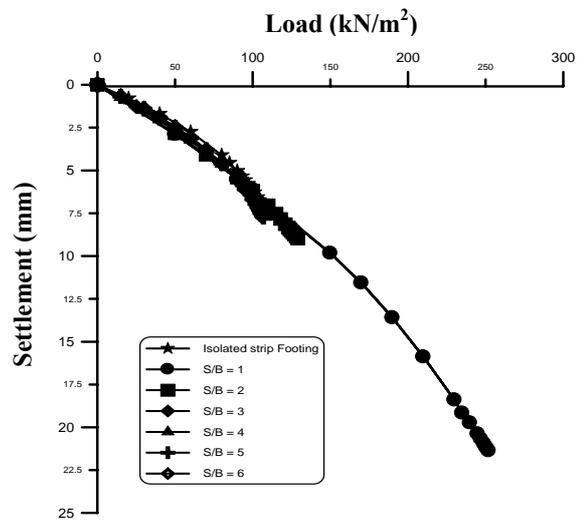
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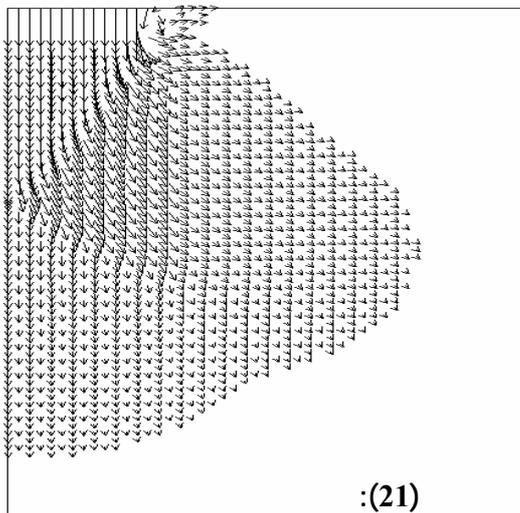
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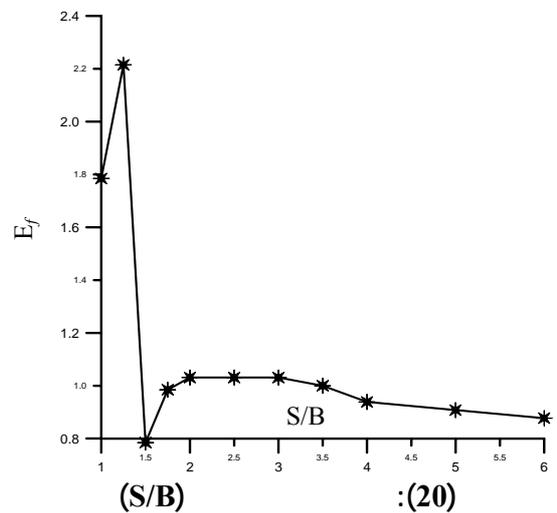
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(S/B)



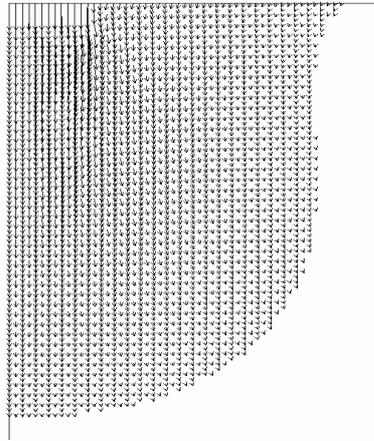
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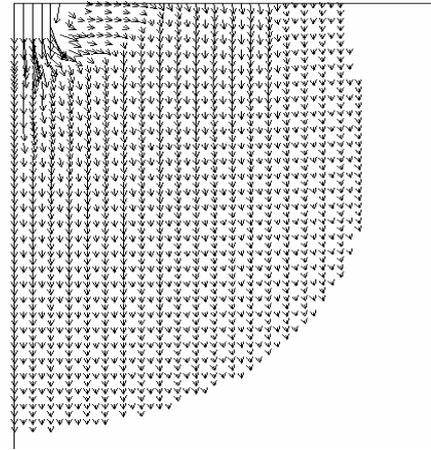
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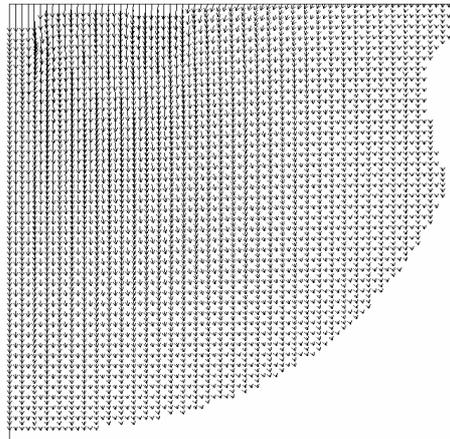
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