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Lecture - 43
Earth Pressure – III

So, last class I have discuss the how to calculate the Earth Pressure, if it is on the only soil, soil with surcharge and if the soil is below water table ok. But, all the cases the backfill was horizontal. Now, this class first I will discuss the how we can calculate the Earth Pressure if the backfill is inclined ok.

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d) Effect of sloping ground surface

The diagram shows a soil element on an inclined surface at an angle i to the horizontal. The element is a square with side length l . The forces acting on it are:

- Vertical stress σ_v acting downwards on the top face.
- Horizontal stress σ_h acting to the right on the left face.
- Normal stress σ_n acting perpendicular to the inclined bottom face.
- Shear stress τ acting parallel to the inclined bottom face.
- Weight W acting vertically downwards from the center of the element.

 The normal to the inclined surface is labeled σ_n (Normal).

Handwritten Derivations:

$$\sigma_v = \gamma z \cos i$$

$$\sigma_n = \sigma_v \cos i = \gamma z \cos^2 i$$

$$\tau = \sigma_v \sin i = \gamma z \cos i \sin i$$

$$\frac{\sigma_v}{\sigma_n} = \frac{1}{\cos i} \text{ or } \cos i = \frac{\sigma_n}{\sigma_v}$$

On the right side, a force triangle is shown with a vertical force σ_v and a horizontal force σ_h meeting at a point. The resultant force σ_n is perpendicular to the inclined surface. The angle between σ_v and σ_n is i . The horizontal distance is l and the vertical distance is $l \cos i$.

So, we will calculate the effect of sloping ground or inclined backfill because in the previous cases your backfill was horizontal. Suppose if we have a wall and the previous all the cases this is the backfill because, backfill is horizontal perfectly horizontal.

Now, if the backfill is inclined say which is making an angle i with the horizontal ok. Then how we can calculate the earth pressure? So, in that case first if I take a element and this element is also making an angle i with the horizontal. So, and this side this is σ_h or σ_x , this side also it is σ_h or σ_s this is σ_v , this is σ_v ok. Or sometimes you can write that this is your σ_z and instead of σ_h you can write σ_x also ok.

Sigma h means horizontal, sigma v means vertical, sigma x means also horizontal, sigma z means vertical. So, you can use either sigma v or sigma z or you can use sigma h or sigma x. But, in the previous cases I have used sigma x here I am using sigma h ok. So, now this is the element and so, your sigma v, I can write that sigma v is equal to sigma z cos i ok. How I can I am writing that or another one that this angle is i ok. And, if I draw a line which is perpendicular to this plane ok. This is sigma n or sigma normal because, in previous cases your plane were perfectly either horizontal or vertical.

So, sigma v is also a sigma n normal both cases it was normal, but here sigma v which is acting in the vertical direction which is not normal to this plane because, if your plane is perfectly horizontal same then the stress which is acting in vertical direction which is also normal to that plane, but here your plane is an inclined. So, the stress which is acting in the vertical direction is not normal to this plane, the normal to this plane is sigma n ok. So, that is the normal and here I can write the tau also because, initial cases the plane were the principal plane.

Because there was no shear stresses, but now these planes are not principal plane because, principal plane means where the shear stress is 0. But, now this plane is not principal plane here shear stress is existing ok. So that means, there will be a normal stress, there will a shear stress both ok. So, I can write here because if this is the in the vertical direction this is the normal this angle is i.

So, this angle will also be i. So, from here I can write that my sigma n is what? Sigma n this is sigma n, this is sigma v. So, I can write sigma n is equal to sigma v cos i because, this is sigma v, this is sigma n making an angle i. So, this will be sigma v cos i so, your sigma v is equal to gamma into z cos i.

So, this is also cos i so, this will be sigma z cos square i. Now, how sigma v is equal to sigma z cos i? Because, in the previous case when your plane were perfectly horizontal that case we are making that one as the sigma v ok. Now, your plane has changed ok, this is change which is the making an angle i. So, now, if I say that this is the sigma v dash so, for this plane we are applying the same force. So, this plane is also your if this is unit plane or unit distance 1 say. So, if this is 1 so, in this one will be 1 into cos i. So, this plane will be 1 into cos i. If this plane is 1 this is 1 because, this is your 1 and this is i.

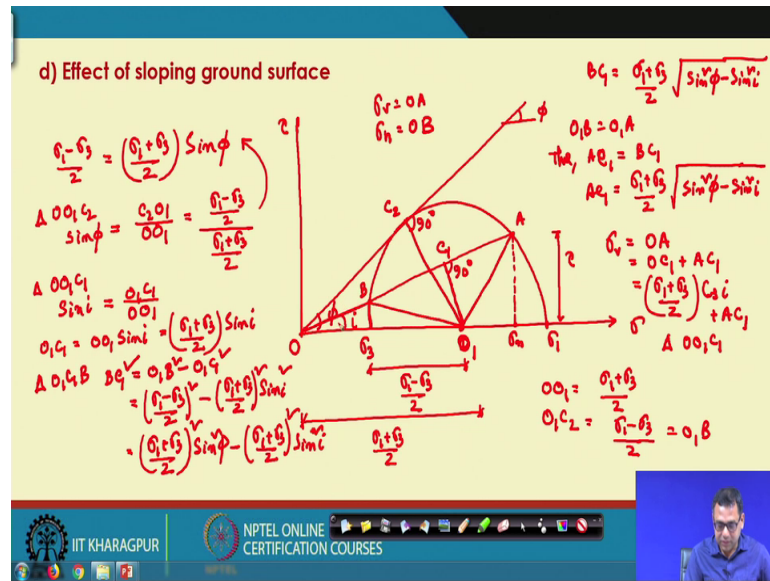
So, this plane will be 1 sorry, this plane will be 1 divided by $\cos i$. So, suppose we have a so that means, that the length of this plane will be how much? If this one is 1 unit length or unit length then this one will be 1 divided by this plane say l is the length, that will be equal to $\cos i$. So, l will be 1 divided by $\cos i$ ok. Now, we I am applying the same 4 so, I can write σ_v into unit length that is equal to σ_v dash into l . So, I can write σ_v dash is equal to σ_v divided by l .

So, I can write σ_v l by $\cos i$ so, that is equal to $\sigma_v \cos i$ and σ_v is equal to γ_z . So, this is $\gamma_z \cos i$. So, this the here the stress which is acting I am making as a σ_v . So, that is σ_v or you can use this is as a σ_v dash and this one is a σ_v . So, whatever it is, but in that case your σ_v dash will be the γ_z into z ok. So, or you can write in this way because I have written this is σ_v . So, I am writing in this way, this is σ_v dash, this is σ_v .

So, σ_v this is σ_v ; σ_v will be σ_v dash is σ_v into l or this is yeah σ_v into l . So, I can write this is σ_v is equal to σ_v dash into l σ_v divided by \cos and σ_v was σ_v dash equal to γ_z into z , which is acting on the unit length horizontal plane. So, this way you can write that your this stress which is acting on the inclined plane will be σ_z into $\cos i$. So, σ_n normal stress is $\sigma_v \cos i$ and this is γ_z into $z \cos i \cos i$. So, γ_z into $z \cos^2 i$ ok.

So, similarly τ the shear stress which is this is the shear stress direction so, shear stress will be $\sigma_v \sin i$ ok. So, this will be the $\sigma_v \sin i$. So, σ_v is nothing, but that your $\gamma_z \cos i$, this is $\sin i$ ok. So, now we can get the normal stress and the shear stress and both the values you know this is $\gamma_z \cos^2 i$, this is $\gamma_z \cos i \sin i$. Now, if I so now if I draw the Mohr circle for this case.

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This is sigma and this is the tau again and this is the failure envelop and again we are doing this for only friction soil. So, and if this is the Mohr circle so, this is sigma 1 and this is sigma 3. So, this is for the active case, but these stresses are not the stresses on this plane on this plane because, this is not the principal plane. And, this stress is the principal stresses that we are talking about. So, now we can draw this is the line phi.

Now, we are drawing a line which is making an angle i because, that is the inclination of the backfill. This is the making an angle I, that is the inclination of the backfill ok. So, now this line is passing with a point A and B to the Mohr circle. So that means, we have drawn a Mohr circle, this is the failure envelop and sigma 1 and sigma 2 are the two stresses principal stresses.

But if, but that those two's are for principal plane, but this plane are not these planes are not principal plane because, it is making an angle i with the horizontal ok. So, now if I draw a line i with line making an angle i with the horizontal then A and B are the 2 point, where it touches or it passes through the Mohr circle.

Now, so now, if I consider this A point then I can write this is if I draw a line perpendicular to this point. So, I can write this is as a tau; this as a tau and this one is a sigma n ok. Because, that is the point where it is on the Mohr circle and on the Mohr circle at this plane is the same as the plane that we are representing. This is the same plane ok, this it is also making an angle i. So, in this plane there is there is shear stress

and the normal stress. So, here also this is the shear stress and this is the normal stress of this plane or this point ok.

So, now I can write that if I this is the center of the Mohr circle say O_1 or O_1 is the center of the Mohr circle, this is the origin and if I join this C_2 point. So, this is say C_2 and definitely it is 90 degree and again I am drawing a line which is perpendicular to AB line. I am drawing a line on the AB , which is perpendicular to the AB and it is passing through O_1 . So, this line is also 90 degree ok, I have drawn that. So, again I can write these radius of the circle is $\frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2}$. And, this O_1 from this origin is also $\frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2}$.

So, O_1 is $\frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2}$. So, this is the construction side of the all the cases. Now, I will again write that from this Mohr circle I have already proved that $\frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2}$ is $\frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2} \sin \phi$; that I have already proved ok. Now, how we are getting that that if we have a with triangle $O_1 C_2$ triangle, $O_1 C_2$ and O_1 , this triangle $O_1 C_2$; I can write that $\sin \phi$ is equal to $\frac{C_2 O_1}{O_1 C_2}$ this is the $\sin \phi$.

So, in $C_2 O_1$ is $\frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2}$ and $O_1 C_2$ is $\frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2}$. Because, this is the $O_1 C_2$ and $O_1 C_2$ is nothing, but the radius which is $\frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2}$. Now, this is the case so, from here we will get this equation the $\frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2}$ is equal to $\sin \phi \frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2}$. Now, if I take triangle $O_1 C_1$ the if this point is C_1 , now I am taking this triangle ok. So, I can write that $\sin \phi$ is equal to again this is the perpendicular line $O_1 C_1$ divided by $O_1 C_2$ ok. So, I can write $O_1 C_1$ is equal to $O_1 C_2 \sin \phi$ and $O_1 C_2$ is equal to $\frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2} \sin \phi$ ok.

So, now from this triangle $O_1 C_1 B$ now, if I take this triangle. Now, if I take this triangle this $O_1 C_1$ and B from this triangle $O_1 C_1$ and B ok. This triangle I can write that $B C_1^2 = O_1 B^2 - O_1 C_1^2$ because is equal to $O_1 B^2 - O_1 C_1^2$. Because, this is $B C_1^2$ is equal to $O_1 B^2 - O_1 C_1^2$ ok. So, here it is $O_1 B = O_1 B$ again the radius. So, this is also $O_1 B$ I can write so, $O_1 B$ is the radius. So, I can write $\left(\frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2}\right)^2 \sin^2 \phi$ square a square $O_1 C_1$ is equal to $\frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2} \sin \phi$.

So, I can write $\frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2}$ and $\sin^2 \phi$ ok. Now, $\frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2}$ is $\frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2} \sin \phi$ so, I am replacing this. So, I am writing here $\left(\frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2}\right)^2 \sin^2 \phi - \left(\frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2}\right)^2 \sin^2 \phi$ ok. Now, from here I can write that, BC_1 is equal to $\frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2}$. Because, this is square I am taking the root, then root over $\sin^2 \phi - \sin^2 \phi$ this is the BC_1 BC_1 square. So, will be BC_1 square will be, if you take $\frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2}$ whole square common.

So, this will be $\sin^2 \phi - \sin^2 \phi$. So, I am taking the root so, I this will give you the value. And similarly, again that your BC_1 and again these if I join this line AC_1 are both same because, this is the same value. Because, this is the equal because these are radius, this is the common side between the 2 triangle and this is 90 degree this angle of 90 degree. So, this angle 90 degree, this angle 90 degree, this is the common side. This O_1B is equal to your O_1A and this is 90 degree. So, this we can write that AC_1 is equal to BC_1 thus; AC_1 is equal to BC_1 . So, I can write AC_1 is also $\frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2} \sin^2 \phi - \sin^2 \phi$ ok.

Now, we will go for the next part that here σ_v is how much; from here in this line σ_v now I am taking σ_v . So, σ_v is what? σ_v is OA . How I am getting that? Because, this is your σ_n , this is i so, σ_n is this one and this is i . So, this will be definitely the σ_v because, I have already proved that σ_n . So, I can write that σ_v divided by σ_n is equal to 1 by $\cos \phi$ or I can write that $\cos \phi$ is equal to σ_n divided by σ_v .

So, now if you look at this one this is σ_n and this is the i . So, definitely this will be OA will be the σ_v ok. Because, that is you know that if I draw this one this is σ_n so, this will be the σ_v and this is the τ . So, this is the σ_v is OA . So, I can write OA is nothing, but $OC_1 = OC_1 + AC_1$ ok; OA is $OA = OC_1 + AC_1$. Now, what is OC_1 ? OC_1 I have already got that OC_1 is equal to this is equal to this is the \cos . So, I can write OC_1 is $\frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2} \cos \phi$ because, this is the OC_1 .

How I am getting this? Because, if you take this triangle if I take this triangle O O 1 C 1 so, this is a i, this is 90 degree. So, this value is O O 1 is sigma 1 plus sigma 3 by 2 and I am getting this OC 1. So, that will be sigma 1 plus sigma 3 divided by 2 into cos i from this triangle. So, this is the cos i plus AC 1 and AC 1 is this value.

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d) Effect of sloping ground surface

The slide shows the following derivations:

$$\sigma_v = \left(\frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2}\right) \cos i + \left(\frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2}\right) \sqrt{\sin^2 \phi - \sin^2 i}$$

$$\sigma_h = p_a = OB = OC - BC = \left(\frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2}\right) \cos i - \left(\frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2}\right) \sqrt{\sin^2 \phi - \sin^2 i}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_h}{\sigma_v} = \frac{p_a}{\sigma_v} = \frac{\left(\frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2}\right) \cos i - \left(\frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2}\right) \sqrt{\sin^2 \phi - \sin^2 i}}{\left(\frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2}\right) \cos i + \left(\frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2}\right) \sqrt{\sin^2 \phi - \sin^2 i}} = \frac{\cos i - \sqrt{\sin^2 \phi - \sin^2 i}}{\cos i + \sqrt{\sin^2 \phi - \sin^2 i}}$$

From the Mohr's circle diagram, the active earth pressure coefficient is given as:

$$p_a = \frac{1}{2} K_a \sigma_v$$

$$K_a = \cos i \frac{\cos i - \sqrt{\cos^2 i - \cos^2 \phi}}{\cos i + \sqrt{\cos^2 i - \cos^2 \phi}}$$

Now finally, if I write that sigma v is equal to sigma 1 plus sigma 3 divided by 2 cos i plus sigma 1 plus sigma 3 divided by 2 root over sin square phi minus sin square i ok. And, here sigma h is equal to P a ok, this is the horizontal stress and it is the active case. And, the sigma h value is from this Mohr circle we can write sigma h value is how much. Sigma h value is, if this is the sigma n and then sigma h value will be OC 1 minus BC 1 ok. So, sigma h value will be this one will be the sigma h value.

So, this is the sigma h value that OC 1 minus O BC 1. So that means, this is the sigma h value because, we got this is total one sigma v value. So, I can write that sigma v is equal to OA, I have written that. Now, this is the sigma h is the this the stress which is the lateral stress and which is smaller than the sigma v. So, we can write that sigma h is equal to OB ok, sigma v is equal to OA and sigma h is equal to OB because, this is the smaller stress. So, now I can write that sigma is equal to sigma a is equal to O B OB and OB is nothing, but OC 1 minus BC 1 ok.

So, I can write OB is equal to OC 1 minus BC 1 and again the OC 1 is sigma 1 plus sigma 3 divided by 2 into cos i, I have already written. This is minus BC 1 which is

$\frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2} \sqrt{\sin^2 \phi - \sin^2 i}$. So, I can write that finally, σ_h divided by σ_v which is σ_h is p_a , this is σ_h is p_a . And, σ_v , I have written σ_v is equal to $\gamma z \cos i$. So, I will write σ_v is equal to $\gamma z \cos i$, that is equal to again I can write σ_h is in this form.

So, this is I can write σ_h in this form also. So, this is $\frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2} \cos i - \frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2} \sqrt{\sin^2 \phi - \sin^2 i}$. And, σ_v also I can write that σ_v $\frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2} \cos i + \frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2} \sqrt{\sin^2 \phi - \sin^2 i}$. So, I can write σ_h as p_a and I can write σ_h also this expression ok. And, I can write σ_v is equal to $\gamma z \cos i$, also I can write σ_v with this expression; so I have written that. So, now if $\frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_3}{2}$ we can cancel ok.

So, I can write this is $\cos i - \sqrt{\sin^2 \phi - \sin^2 i}$ divided by $\cos i + \sqrt{\sin^2 \phi - \sin^2 i}$ ok. Now, here all the terms are in \cos so, we can represent them in terms of \cos also. Now, if I convert this \sin to \cos so, I then I can write $\cos i - \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \phi - 1 + \sin^2 \phi}$ a $\sin^2 i$. So, finally I can write this is this is this $\sin^2 \phi$, I can write $1 - \cos^2 \phi$ and this one I can write $1 - \cos^2 i$. So, this is $1 - 1$ will cancel and this will be $\cos^2 i - \cos^2 \phi$. Similarly, this is $\cos i + \sqrt{\cos^2 i - \cos^2 \phi}$.

So, finally the p_a active pressure is $\gamma z \cos i \frac{\cos i - \sqrt{\cos^2 i - \cos^2 \phi}}{\cos i + \sqrt{\cos^2 i - \cos^2 \phi}}$; this is $\cos i + \sqrt{\cos^2 i - \cos^2 \phi}$. So, I can write γz into K_a ok. So, where this K_a is again the coefficient of active earth pressure and K_a I can write $\cos i \frac{\cos i - \sqrt{\cos^2 i - \cos^2 \phi}}{\cos i + \sqrt{\cos^2 i - \cos^2 \phi}}$.

So, this is the inclined one and now finally, the earth pressure for the inclined surface this is the wall. So, this will act parallel to the backfill surface. So, this is finally, the P_A and the P_A will be again we can write that P_A is equal to $\frac{1}{2} \gamma K_a H^2$. So, this is the H or this is the H is the height of the wall.

And, later on I will show you that H calculation also we can change depending upon where I am applying this force P A, but here I am applying this force P A. So, then this will be the H so that means, H square. So, here K a remember that this expression. And, again this is acting at the height of H by 3 from the base of the wall ok. So, but that means, the P A is here acting at an angle of i with the horizontal ok.

Previous case P A is totally horizontal because, the backfill was horizontal. Now backfill is inclined so, in this case P A will always act parallel to the backfill surface. If backfill is horizontal P A is also horizontal, if backfill is inclined P A is also inclined with that with that angle of inclination with the horizontal ok.

So that means, here P A is acting with an angle i with the horizontal because, this is also i this is backfill surface otherwise, this is this is the expression. So, similarly for the K p it will be the opposite. It will be $\sin i$ plus and this will be this is $\cos i$ plus, this will be the $\cos i$ minus. And, this will also change because you can you can derive that expression also. Because, in that case your σ_3 σ_1 that thing will change that I have discuss in the last class. So, this is the inclined this is the earth pressure of a inclined backfill according to the Rankine's theory.

Because, this is the Rankine's theory means extended because, original Rankine's theory it is for the horizontal backfill, but it is the inclined backfill which is been extended. So, next class I will discuss about that the how I will determine the earth pressure if the soil is a c phi soil. Here we have consider all the soil for c is equal to 0, only the phi value is there. Now, in the next class we will discuss what will happen if the soil as both c and phi.

Thank you.