

$\omega$	11 %	14 %	17 %	20 %	23 %
$\rho_{\text{bulk}}$	1835	1938	1989	1980	1950
$\rho_{\text{dry}}$	1653	1700	1700	1650	1585

$$\omega_{\text{optimum}} \sim \underline{15.5 \%}$$

ii) Materials dry of optimum can be subject to wetting collapse & should be avoided. Materials wet of optimum are preferred. Select material as close as possible to optimum on wet side for easily compatible ductile material.

b) i) Plot graph of  $\rho$  vs  $\sqrt{t}$

Estimate from graph  $\rho_{\text{ult}} \sim 125 \text{ mm}$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{t_x} \sim 3.3$$

$$t_x = 10.9$$

$$\frac{C_v t_x}{d^2} = \frac{3}{4} \quad d = 5 \text{ m}$$

$$C_v \sim \frac{4d^2}{3t_x} = 3.06 \text{ m}^2/\text{yr}$$

Check against final value

$$t = 10 \text{ yrs} \quad E_v = \frac{3.06 \times 10}{25} = 1.22$$

$$\Rightarrow R_v = 0.978 \quad \rho_{\text{ult}} \sim 115 \text{ mm}$$

Try  $\rho_{ult} = 120$

$\sqrt{t_x} \sim 3.1$        $t_x \sim 9.6$

$C_v \sim 3.5 \text{ m}^2/\text{yr}$

$t = 10 \text{ yrs}$        $T_v = 1.4$        $R_v = 0.987$

$\rho_{ult} = \underline{\underline{114 \text{ mm}}}$       OK.

ii)  $\rho_{ult} = \rho_{ult} \left[ 1 - \frac{2}{3} \exp\left(\frac{1}{4} - 3 \frac{C_v t}{d^2}\right) \right]$

$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \rho_{ult} \left[ + \frac{2}{3} \times - \frac{3 C_v}{d^2} \exp\left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{3 C_v t}{d^2}\right) \right]$

$= \frac{2 \rho_{ult} C_v}{d^2} \exp\left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{3 C_v t}{d^2}\right) = 12 \text{ mm/yr}$

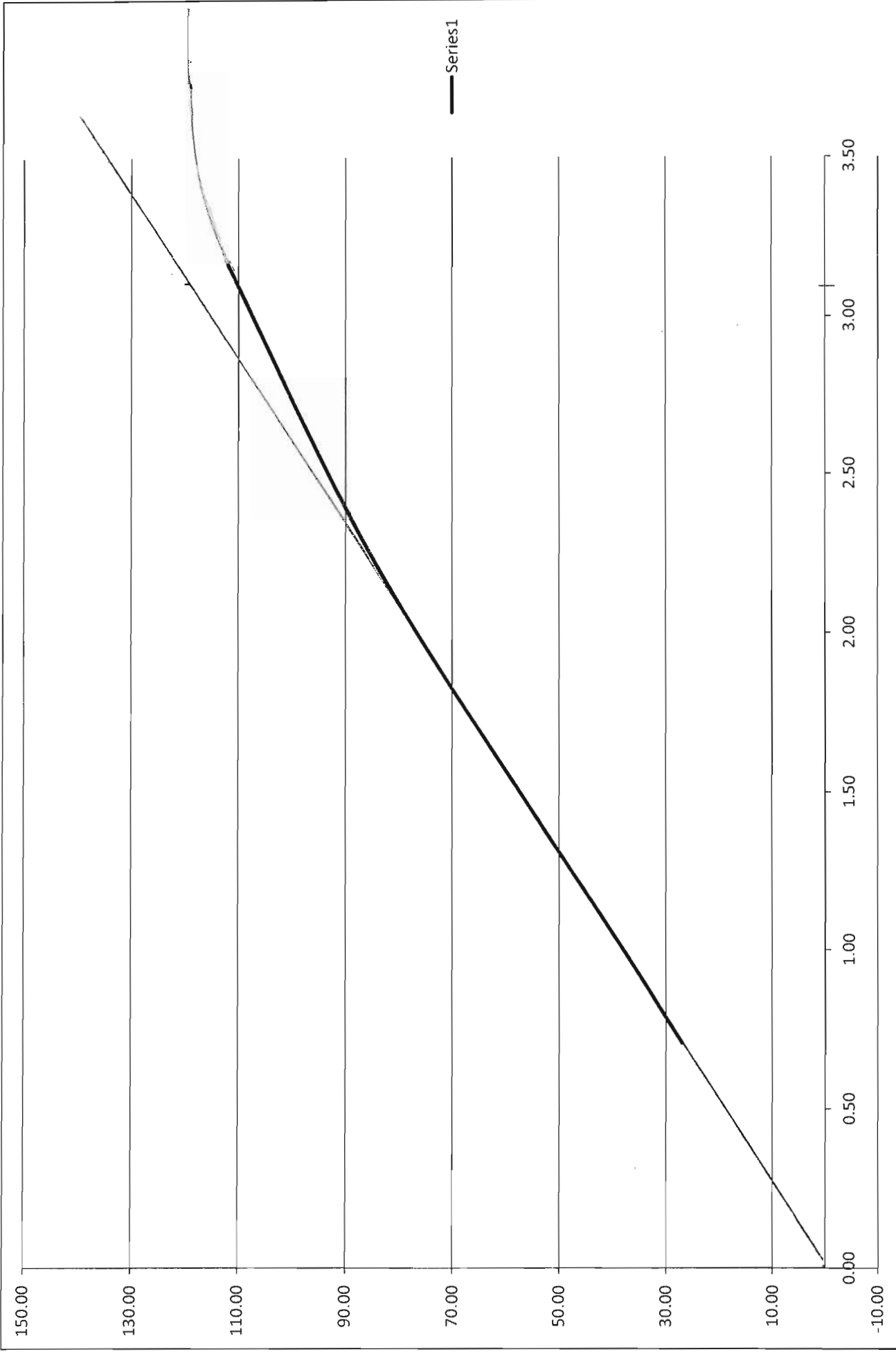
$\frac{2 \times 0.115 \times 3.5}{25} \exp\left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{3 \times 3.5 \times t}{25}\right) = 0.012$

$t = \underline{\underline{19.4 \text{ yrs}}}$        $t = \underline{\underline{2.94 \text{ years}}}$

Check phase II

$t = 2.94$        $T_v = \frac{2.94 \times 3.5}{25}$

$= 0.41 > \underline{\underline{1/12}}$       OK.



2. Centre of silt layer,  $\sigma_v' = 36 \text{ kPa}$

clay  $\sigma_v' = 4 \times 18 + 5 \times 6 = 102 \text{ kPa}$

After construction silt  $\sigma_v' = 86 \text{ kPa}$   
 clay  $152 \text{ kPa}$

Plot  $h$  vs  $\ln \sigma_v'$

Silt strain =  $\frac{0.09}{19.94} = 0.0045$

Clay strain =  $\frac{0.73}{19.38} = 0.0376$

$$\rho = \frac{0.0045 \times 4}{18 \text{ mm}} + \frac{0.0376 \times 10}{376 \text{ mm}}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{394 \text{ mm}}}$$

b)  $E_{\text{avg-clay}} = \frac{50 \text{ kPa}}{0.0376} = 1330 \text{ kPa}$

$$C_v = \frac{1330 \text{ kPa} \times 10^{-9}}{10 \text{ kN/m}^3} = 133 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$$

$$= 4.2 \text{ m}^2/\text{yr}$$

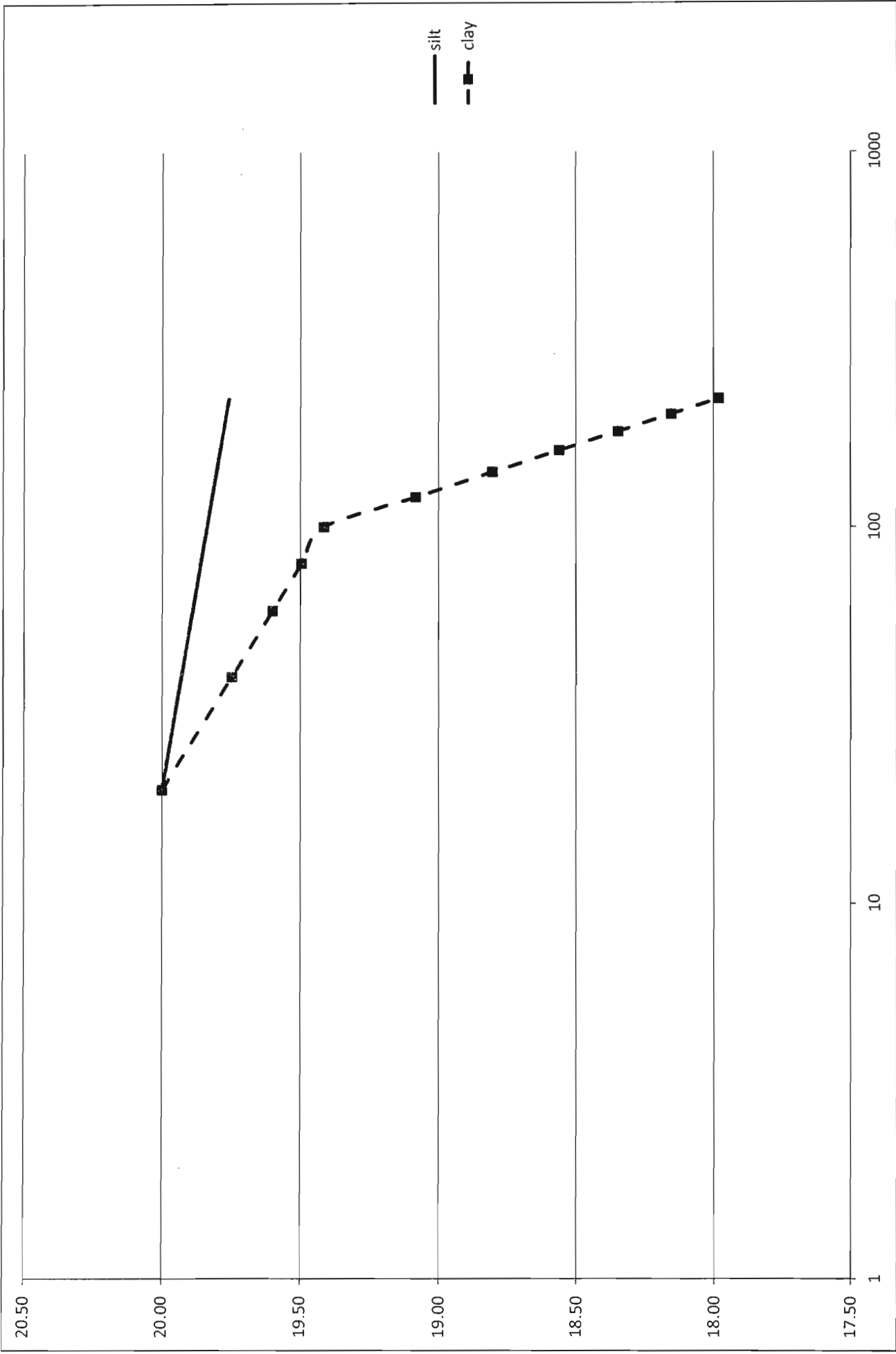
90% settlement = 355 mm

clay settlement = 337 mm

$R_v = 0.895$      $T_v \sim 0.8 = \frac{C_v t}{d^2}$      $d = 5 \text{ m}$

$t = \underline{\underline{4.76 \text{ years}}}$

↑  
 silt much more permeable than clay



Silt 36 - 136 kPa  
Clay 102 - 202 kPa

c)

$$\epsilon_{\text{silt}} = \frac{0.13}{19.94} = 0.0065$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{clay}} = \frac{1.24}{19.38} = 0.064$$

$$\rho_{\text{ult}} = \underbrace{0.0065 \times 4}_{0.026} + \underbrace{0.064 \times 10}_{0.640}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{666 \text{ mm}}}$$

When  $\rho = 394$

$$\rho_{\text{clay}} = 368 \text{ mm}$$

$$R_v \text{ clay} = \frac{368}{640} = 0.575$$

$$T_v = 0.26$$

$$t = \frac{0.26 \times 25}{4.2} = \underline{\underline{1.55 \text{ yrs}}}$$

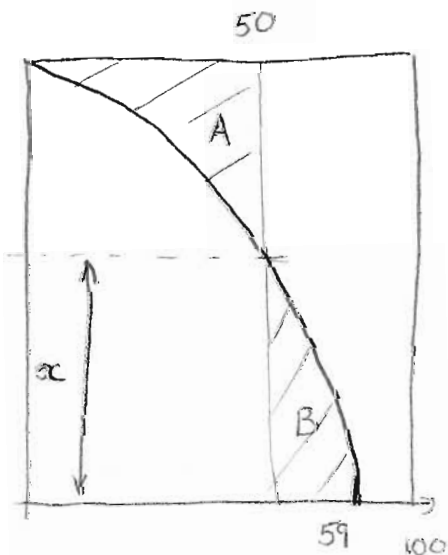
$$b = \exp\left(\frac{1}{4} - 3 \times 0.26\right) = 0.59$$

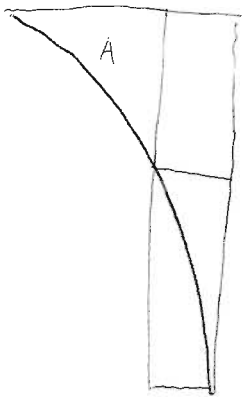
Area "A" swells on  $\kappa$

Area "B" consolidates on  $\lambda$

$$x = \sqrt{\frac{9}{59}} \times 5 = 1.95 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Settlement from B} = 272 \times \left(\frac{1.95}{5}\right)^2 = 41.37 \text{ mm}$$





$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area A} &= \frac{1}{3} \times 59 \times 5 - \frac{1}{3} \times 9 \times 1.95 \\ &= 9 \times 3.05 \\ &= 65 \text{ kPa}\cdot\text{m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area B} &= \frac{2}{3} \times 9 \times 1.95 \\ &= 11.7 \text{ kPa}\cdot\text{m} \end{aligned}$$

If B gives settlement of 41.4 mm  $\frac{1}{5}$

A gives swell of  $\sim 41.4 \times \frac{65}{11.7} \times \left(\frac{K}{\lambda}\right)$   
 $\sim 46 \text{ mm}$

Silt swells by 8 mm

Overall swelling of  $\sim \underline{\underline{12.6 \text{ mm}}}$

d) To increase rate of settlement, drainage could be improved using drains, inserted into the clay. These would increase  $C_v$  & hence speed up consolidation.

$$1 \text{ (a) line } AB = \frac{H}{\tan \theta} - \frac{H}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$OAB = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\tan \theta} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) H^2$$

$$(b) \text{ wedge} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 18 \left( \frac{1}{\tan \theta} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) H^2 v \sin \theta$$

$$\text{surcharge} = 30 \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\tan \theta} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \cdot H \cdot v \sin \theta$$

$$(c) \text{ line } OB = \frac{H}{\sin \theta}$$

$$\text{dissipative work} = 50 \cdot \frac{H}{\sin \theta} \cdot v$$

$$(d) 9 \left( \frac{1}{\tan \theta} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) H^2 v \sin \theta + 30 \left( \frac{1}{\tan \theta} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) H \cdot v \sin \theta$$

$$= 50 \cdot \frac{H}{\sin \theta} \cdot v$$

$$(9H + 30) \left( \cos \theta - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sin \theta \right) = \frac{50}{\sin \theta}$$

$$9H + 30 = \frac{50}{\left( \cos \theta \cdot \sin \theta - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sin^2 \theta \right)}$$

$$X = \cos \theta \cdot \sin \theta - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\frac{dX}{d\theta} = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

$$\text{when } \theta = 30^\circ$$

$$= \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

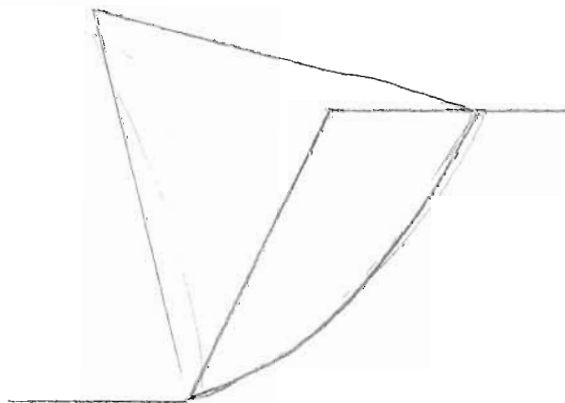
So  $\theta = 30^\circ$  is the optimal  $\theta$ .



$$\begin{aligned}
 9H + 30 &= \frac{50}{\cos 30^\circ \sin 30^\circ - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sin^2 30^\circ} \\
 &= \frac{50}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} \\
 &= \frac{50}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} - \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}}} \\
 &= \frac{50}{0.289} = 173.2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{H = 15.9 \text{ (m)}}$$

(e) This is not the best solution. A circular failure mechanism shown below will give a better solution



2 (a)

The maximum principal stress will be

$$\sigma_{max} = 9 \text{ kN/m} / 5 \text{ m} + 0.024 \times 1.5 \approx \underline{1.8 \text{ MPa}}$$

The minimum principal stress will be

$$\frac{\sigma_{max}}{\sigma_{min}} = \frac{1 + \sin \phi}{1 - \sin \phi} = \frac{1 + \sin 30^\circ}{1 - \sin 30^\circ} = 3$$

$$\sigma_{min} = \frac{\sigma_{max}}{3} = \frac{1.8 \text{ MPa}}{3} = \underline{0.6 \text{ MPa}} = \underline{600 \text{ kPa}}$$

$$(b) \quad \sigma_{min} = \sigma_s + 16 \times 1.5 = \sigma_s + 24 \text{ (kPa)}$$

$$\sigma_{max} = 3 \sigma_{min} = 3(\sigma_s + 24) \text{ kPa}$$

(c)

$$S_A = 2(\sigma_s + 24) \text{ kPa}$$

$$\frac{S_B}{2(\sigma_s + 24)} = \exp\left(2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \tan 30^\circ\right)$$

$$S_B = 2(\sigma_s + 24) \exp(\pi \cdot \tan 30^\circ)$$

$$V_B = S_B \sin \phi$$

$$V_{\text{surcharge}} = S_B + V_B$$

$$= (1 + \sin \phi) \cdot S_B$$

$$= (1 + \sin 30^\circ) \cdot 2(\sigma_s + 24) \cdot \exp(\pi \cdot \tan 30^\circ)$$

$$= 18.40 (\sigma_s + 24) \text{ (kPa)}$$

$$N_g = \underline{18.40}$$

$$N_g = 2(18.40 - 1) \tan 30^\circ = 20.10$$

$$V_{\text{self weight}} = 20.1 \times \frac{16 \times 5}{2} = 804 \text{ kPa}$$

$$1800 = 18.40 (\sigma_s + 24) + 804$$

$$\underline{\sigma_s = 30.1 \text{ kPa}}$$

$$(d) \quad \gamma_{dry} = 16 \text{ kN/m}^3 = \left( \frac{G_s}{1+e} \right) \gamma_w = \frac{G_s}{1.63} \cdot 9.8$$

$$G_s = 2.66$$

$$\gamma_{sat} = \left( \frac{G_s + e}{1+e} \right) \gamma_w = \frac{2.66 + 0.63}{1.63} \cdot 9.8 = 19.78 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

$$1800 = 18.40 (\sigma_s + 24) + 20.10 \times \frac{9.78 \times 5}{2}$$

$$1800 = 18.40 (\sigma_s + 24) + 491$$

$$\sigma_s = 47.1 \text{ kPa}$$

(e)

$$1800 = 18.40 (\sigma_s + 9.78 \times 1.5) + 491 + \frac{9.8 \times 1.5}{2}$$

$$\sigma_s = 55.7 \text{ kPa}$$

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pressure

