

# **Drilled Shaft Design**

**14.528 Drilled Deep Foundations  
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Homework No. 3**

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**Table 1.** Representative Soil Profile and Properties for Drilled Shaft Design

Stratum	Depth (ft)		Thickness	$N_{corr}$	$\gamma$	$\phi'$	$S_u/q_u$	$f_s$ (ksf)		$q_p$ (ksf)	
	Top	Bottom	(ft)	(bpf)	(pcf)	(deg.)	(ksf)	Ultimate	Mobilized	Ultimate	Mobilized
Granular fill	0	22	22	32	125	35	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Organic Silt	22	27	5	N/A	100	0	0.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Clay - BBC	27	44	17	13	120	0	2.7	0.9	<b>0.6</b>	N/A	N/A
Glacial Deposits	44	54	10	44	135	39	N/A	3.0	<b>1.8</b>	N/A	N/A
Weathered Rock	54	75	22	>100	145	44	N/A	4.9	<b>2.9</b>	N/A	N/A
Fractured Rock	75	114	39	N/A	150	N/A	535	21.9	<b>13.1</b>	300.0	<b>30.0</b>
Competent Rock	114	142	28	N/A	172	N/A	1300	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Table 2.** Summary of Required Drilled Shaft Design Lengths, Allowable Capacity, and Estimated Settlement

Design Load (kips)	Total Length Req'd (ft)	Req'd Depth in FR (ft)	Ultimate Capacity (kips)				Allowable Capacity, $Q_{all}$ (kips)	Estimated Settlement (in)
			Skin Resistance, $Q_{skin}$	Tip Resistance, $Q_{tip}$	Boyant Shaft Weight, $W'$	Total Capacity, $Q_{ult}$		
3850	100	25	9161	1155	368	9948	<b>3980</b>	<b>0.29</b>
2700	90	15	6280	1155	335	7100	<b>2840</b>	<b>0.23</b>

Homework #3: Drilled Shaft Design

Given: • 7 ft diameter drilled shafts (2)

- $P = 2700 \text{ \& } 3850 \text{ kips}$
- Subsurface profile & soil profile attached
- $f_c = 4000 \text{ psi}$
- $A_s = 1\%$  total section area ( $f_y = 36 \text{ ksi}$ ,  $E = 29,000 \text{ ksi}$ )
- Casing extended to top of clay layer
- $FS = 2.5$  & Max settlement = 0.5 inches

Required: ① Require DS lengths for 2 axial loads  
 ② Estimated shaft settlement  
 ③ Structural capacity of drilled shafts

Solution:

① i) side resistance:

⇒ Clay ( $S_u = 2700 \text{ psf}$ ): use recommendations in FHWA 11-99-025

↳  $f_{max} = \alpha S_u$  where  $\alpha = 0.55$  for  $S_u/p_a \leq 1.50$

$S_u/p_a = (2.7 \text{ ksf}) / (2.12 \text{ ksf}) = 1.27 \leq 1.50$

↳ use  $\alpha = 0.55$  (Note:  $S_u$  in NC, clay =  $0.22 \sigma'_v \approx 630 \text{ psf}$ )

↳ use ave  $S_u$  to account of NC bottom layer:  $f_{max} = 0.55 \left( \frac{2700 + 630 \text{ psf}}{2} \right) = 915 \text{ psf}$

⇒ Glacial deposits ( $\phi' = 39^\circ$ ,  $N_{1,00} = 44 \text{ bcf}$ )

↳  $f_{max} = B \sigma'_v$  where  $B = 2.0 - 0.15(z_i)^{0.75}$  in gravelly sands  
 $z_i = \text{depth to center of layer (m)}$

$\sigma'_v = (125 \text{ psf})(22 \text{ ft}) + (110 \text{ psf})(5 \text{ ft}) + (120 \text{ psf})(17 \text{ ft}) + (135 \text{ psf})(10 \text{ ft}/2) - (62.4 \text{ psf})(49 \text{ ft} - 13 \text{ ft})$

$\sigma'_v = 3770 \text{ psf}$

$B = 2.0 - 0.15(49 \text{ ft} / 3.28 \text{ m/ft})^{0.75} = 0.86$

↳ assume upper limit =  $K \tan \delta$  where  $K = 1$  &  $\delta = \phi'$   
 $R_{max} = (1.0) \tan 39^\circ = 0.81$

$$\hookrightarrow f_{max} = B \sigma_v' = (0.81)(3770 \text{ psf}) = 3055 \text{ psf}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Weathered Rock ( $\phi' = 44^\circ$ ,  $N_{1,60} \geq 100 \text{ bpf}$ )

$$\hookrightarrow f_{max} = \sigma_v' K_o \tan \phi' \text{ for cohesionless IGM}$$

$$\text{where } K_o \cong (1 - \sin \phi) \left[ \frac{0.2 P_a N_{1,60}}{\sigma_v'} \right]^{(\sin \phi')}$$

$$\sigma_v' @ \text{center } (64.5 \text{ ft}) = (125 \text{ psf})(22 \text{ ft}) + (110 \text{ psf})(5 \text{ ft}) + (120 \text{ psf})(17 \text{ ft}) + (135 \text{ psf})(10 \text{ ft}) + (145 \text{ psf})(22 \text{ ft}/2) - (62.4 \text{ psf})(64.5 \text{ ft} - 13 \text{ ft})$$

$$\sigma_v' = 5070 \text{ psf}$$

$$K_o \cong (1 - \sin 44) \left[ \frac{0.2(2.12 \text{ ksf})(100 \text{ bpf})}{(5.07 \text{ ksf})} \right]^{(\sin 44')} = 1.34$$

$\hookrightarrow$  assume  $K_{o,max} = 1.0$  for design

$$\hookrightarrow f_{max} = \sigma_v' K_o \tan \phi' = (5070 \text{ psf})(1.0) \tan(44^\circ) = 4895 \text{ psf}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Fractured Rock ( $q_u = 535 \text{ ksf}$ ,  $RQD = 28\%$ )

$$\hookrightarrow f_{max} = 0.65 P_a [q_u / P_a]^{0.5} \leq 0.65 P_a [f_c' / P_a]^{0.5}$$

$$\hookrightarrow f_{max} = 0.65(2.12 \text{ ksf}) \left[ \frac{535 \text{ ksf}}{2.12 \text{ ksf}} \right]^{0.5} = 21.9 \text{ ksf}$$

$$\hookrightarrow f_c' = 4000 \text{ psi} = 576 \text{ ksf} > 535 \text{ ksf} \text{ use } f_{max} = 21.9 \text{ ksf}$$

① ii) Tip resistance

$\hookrightarrow$  assume end bearing in Fractured Rock

$\hookrightarrow$  evaluate two methods outlined in FHWA-IF-99-025

$$\hookrightarrow \text{lower bound solution: } q = \left[ 5^{0.5} + (ms^{0.5} + 5)^{0.5} \right] q_u$$

where  $m$  &  $s$  are related to rock quality & based on rock quality

$\hookrightarrow$  assume the following: gape filled open joints: 0.05 to 0.20 in water under moderate pressure  
joints spaced 2 m to 1 ft

$\hookrightarrow$  given  $q_u = 535 \text{ ksf}$ ,  $RQD_{ave} = 28\%$  & using ASTM D 2007 (table 4.6.4-1)

$$\hookrightarrow RMR \cong 32$$

↳ Using Table 11.3 in FHWA-IF-99-05 to find  $m$  &  $s$   
 ↳  $m = 0.05$   $s = 10^{-5}$  for Argillaceous rock of poor quality  
 $q = \left[ (10^{-5})^{0.5} + (0.05 \times \sqrt{10^{-5} + 10^{-5}})^{0.5} \right] (535 \text{ ksf}) = 8.63 \text{ ksf}$   
 ↳ result is low & is considered the lower band solution

↳ Evaluate alternative methods for end bearing in rock

↳ Equation 11.8 in FHWA-IF-99-02S is applicable if:

- a) Rock description B - argillaceous rocks
- b)  $B > 12 \text{ m}$
- c)  $0.05 < s_v/B < 2.0$
- d)  $0 < t_d/s_v < 0.02$

where  $s_v$  is the average vertical spacing between joints  
 $t_d$  = average thickness of joints

↳ assuming  $s_v \approx 6 \text{ inches}$  &  $t_d \approx 0.125 \text{ inches}$

$s_v/B = 6/84 = 0.07$  ✓ good  
 $t_d/s_v = 0.125/6 = 0.02$  ✓ good

↳  $q_{ult} = 3 k_{sp} \theta q_u$   
 ↳  $k_{sp} = \frac{3 + s_v/B}{10 \sqrt{1 + 300 t_d/s_v}} = \frac{3 + (6/84)}{10 \sqrt{1 + 300 \frac{0.125}{6}}} = 0.114$

$\theta = 1 + 0.4 \left( \frac{D_s}{B} \right)$  where  $D_s$  = depth in F. Rock

↳ assume  $D_s = 10$  to  $20 \text{ ft}$

↳  $\theta = 1 + 0.4 \left[ \frac{10 \text{ ft}}{7 \text{ ft}} \right] = 1.57$        $\theta = 1 + 0.4 \left[ \frac{20 \text{ ft}}{7 \text{ ft}} \right] = 2.14$

$q_1 = 3(0.114)(1.57)(535 \text{ ksf}) = 285 \text{ ksf}$

$q_2 = 3(0.114)(2.14)(535 \text{ ksf}) = 390 \text{ ksf}$

↳ This method assumes horizontal joints and therefore may be considered the upper band.

↳ Use  $q_{ult} = 300 \text{ ksf}$  and evaluate mobilized tip resistance based on estimated shaft settlement.

↳ Use methods described in Appendix C of FHWA-IF-99-02S to evaluate mobilized tip & shaft resistance

$$\delta_s = k \frac{Q+L}{AE} \quad \text{where } A = \frac{\pi B^2}{4} = \frac{\pi (84 \text{ in})^2}{4} = 5542 \text{ in}^2$$

$$\hookrightarrow A_s = 0.01(5542 \text{ in}^2) = 55.42 \text{ in}^2$$

$$A_c = 5542 \text{ in}^2 - 55.42 \text{ in}^2 = 5486.58 \text{ in}^2$$

$$E_c = 57\sqrt{f_c'} = 57\sqrt{4000 \text{ psi}} = 3605 \text{ ksi}$$

$$E_s = 29000 \text{ ksi}$$

$$\hookrightarrow E_{\text{comp}} = \frac{(3605 \text{ ksi})(5486.58 \text{ in}^2) + (29000 \text{ ksi})(55.42 \text{ in}^2)}{(5542 \text{ in}^2)}$$

$$\hookrightarrow E_{\text{comp}} = 3860 \text{ ksi}$$

$$L = 90 \text{ ft} = 1080 \text{ in} \quad (\text{assumed})$$

$K = 0.5$  (friction only) to  $1.0$  (end bearing only)  
 $\hookrightarrow$  use  $0.67$  for preliminary evaluation

$$\hookrightarrow \delta_s = \frac{(0.67)(3850 \text{ kips})(1080 \text{ in})}{(5542 \text{ in}^2)(3860 \text{ ksi})} = 0.13 \text{ in}$$

for flexible foundation, settlement along shaft ( $w_s$ ) & at the base ( $w_b$ ) will vary

$\hookrightarrow$  estimate total settlement ( $w_T$ ) using Prikowsky et al (2008)

$\hookrightarrow$  determine  $w_s = w_T - 0.5\delta_s$  &  $w_b = w_T - \delta_s$

$$\hookrightarrow w_T \approx \frac{(0.15 + B/120)}{6} + \frac{2}{3} \frac{PL}{AE}$$

$$w_T = \frac{(0.15 + 84"/120)}{6} + \frac{2}{3} \frac{(3850 \text{ kips})(1080 \text{ in})}{(5542 \text{ in}^2)(3860 \text{ ksi})} = 0.27 \text{ in}$$

$$\hookrightarrow w_s = 0.27 - 0.5(0.13 \text{ in}) = 0.205 \text{ in}$$

$$\hookrightarrow w_b = 0.27 - (0.13 \text{ in}) = 0.14 \text{ in}$$

\* Estimate % side load transfer:  $\frac{\text{settlement}}{\text{diameter}} = \frac{0.205 \text{ in}}{84 \text{ in}} = 0.2\%$

$\hookrightarrow$  using trendline in Figure C.3  $\rightarrow \frac{\text{side load transfer}}{\text{wt. side load}} = 60\%$

\* Estimate % End bearing:  $\frac{\text{Base settlement}}{\text{diameter}} = \frac{0.14 \text{ in}}{84 \text{ in}} = 0.2\%$

$\hookrightarrow$  using trendline in Figure C.4  $\rightarrow \frac{\text{End Bearing}}{\text{wt. End bearing}} = 10\%$

$\hookrightarrow$  Assume 60% side friction (from prev. calculated  $f_{s, \text{max}}$ ) & 10% end bearing.

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Strata	Thickness (ft)	unit skin friction ( $f_s$ ) (ultimate) (mobilized)	unit tip resistance ( $q_t$ ) (ultimate) (mobilized)
Clay (27 to 44 ft)	17	$0.9 \text{ ksf} \times 0.6 = 0.6 \text{ ksf}$	N/A
S. Deposits (44 to 54 ft)	10	$3.0 \text{ ksf} \times 0.6 = 1.8 \text{ ksf}$	N/A
W. Rock (54 to 75 ft)	21	$4.9 \text{ ksf} \times 0.6 = 2.9 \text{ ksf}$	N/A
F. Rock (75 to 114 ft)	39	$21.9 \text{ ksf} \times 0.6 = 13.1 \text{ ksf}$	$300 \text{ ksf} \times 0.1 = 30 \text{ ksf}$

(iii) length required to resist 2700 kips (F.S. = 2.5)

↳ check 90 ft (15 ft in F. Rock)

$$Q_{all} = [Q_s + Q_t - W'] / 2.5$$

$$\hookrightarrow W' = [\gamma_{conc}(6 \text{ WT.}) + (L - 6 \text{ WT.}) \gamma_{conc}] \times (\text{Area})$$

$$\hookrightarrow [(150 \text{ pcf})(13 \text{ ft}) + (90 \text{ ft} - 13 \text{ ft})(150 \text{ pcf} - 62.4 \text{ pcf})] \left[ \frac{\pi (7 \text{ ft})^2}{4} \right]$$

$$\hookrightarrow W' = 335 \text{ kips}$$

$$\hookrightarrow Q_s = \pi D (\sum f_{s_i} \times D_i)$$

$$\hookrightarrow \pi (7 \text{ ft}) [(17 \text{ ft})(0.6 \text{ ksf}) + (10 \text{ ft})(1.8 \text{ ksf}) + (21 \text{ ft})(2.9 \text{ ksf}) + (15 \text{ ft})(13.1 \text{ ksf})]$$

$$\hookrightarrow Q_s = 6280 \text{ kips}$$

$$\hookrightarrow Q_t = \frac{\pi D^2}{4} [q_t] = \frac{\pi (7 \text{ ft})^2}{4} (30 \text{ ksf}) = 1155 \text{ kips}$$

$$\hookrightarrow Q_{all} = [6280 \text{ k} + 1155 \text{ k} - 335 \text{ k}] / 2.5$$

$$\hookrightarrow Q_{all} = 2840 \text{ kips} \geq 2700 \text{ kips} \quad \checkmark \text{ good}$$

\* Follow same approach for length required to resist 3850 kips

↳ check  $L = 100 \text{ ft}$  (25 ft in F. Rock)

$$\hookrightarrow Q_s = 916.1 \text{ kips} \quad Q_t = 1155 \text{ kips} \quad W' = 368 \text{ kips}$$

$$\hookrightarrow Q_{all} = (916.1 \text{ k} + 1155 \text{ k} - 368 \text{ k}) / 2.5$$

$$\hookrightarrow Q_{all} = 3980 \text{ kips} \geq 3850 \text{ kips} \quad \checkmark \text{ good}$$

② Estimate settlement @ top of shaft

$$P = 2700 \text{ kips} \quad L = 90 \text{ ft} = 1080 \text{ in} \quad A = 5542 \text{ in}^2 \quad E = 3860 \text{ ksi}$$

$$\hookrightarrow S = \frac{x}{6} + \frac{2}{3} \frac{PL}{AE} \quad \text{where } x = 0.15 + \frac{B}{120} = 0.15 + \frac{94 \text{ in}}{120} = 0.85'$$

$$\hookrightarrow S = \frac{0.85''}{6} + \frac{2}{3} \frac{(2700 \text{ kips})(1080 \text{ in})}{(5542 \text{ in}^2)(3860 \text{ ksi})}$$

$$\hookrightarrow S = 0.23 \text{ inches} \leq 0.50 \text{ in} \quad \checkmark \text{ good}$$

$$P = 3850 \text{ kips} \quad L = 100 \text{ ft} = 1200 \text{ in}$$

$$\hookrightarrow S = \frac{0.85''}{6} + \frac{2}{3} \frac{(3850 \text{ kips})(1200 \text{ in})}{(5542 \text{ in}^2)(3860 \text{ ksi})}$$

$$\hookrightarrow S = 0.29 \text{ inches} \leq 0.5 \text{ in} \quad \checkmark \text{ Good}$$

③ Evaluate structural capacity of shaft

$$\hookrightarrow f_c' = 4000 \text{ psi} \quad f_y = 36,000 \text{ psi}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \sigma_y = \frac{A_c f_c' + A_s f_y}{A_t} \quad \text{where } A_t = 5542 \text{ in}^2; \quad A_c = 5486 \text{ in}^2; \quad A_s = 55.4 \text{ in}^2$$

$$\hookrightarrow \sigma_y = \frac{(5486 \text{ in}^2)(4000 \text{ psi}) + (55.42 \text{ in}^2)(36,000 \text{ psi})}{(5542 \text{ in}^2)}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \sigma_y = 4320 \text{ psi}$$

$$\rightarrow P_{\text{all}} = \sigma_y A_t / F_s \quad \text{where } F_s = 2.5$$

$$\hookrightarrow P_{\text{all}} = (4320 \text{ psi})(5542 \text{ in}^2) / (2.5)$$

$$\hookrightarrow P_{\text{all}} = 9575 \text{ kips} \geq 3850 \text{ kips} \quad \checkmark \text{ good}$$



