

# Important Slope Stability Analysis using Bishops Method Formulas PDF

Formulas  
Examples  
with Units

## List of 35 Important Slope Stability Analysis using Bishops Method Formulas

### 1) Change in Normal Stress given Overall Pore Pressure Coefficient Formula

Formula	Example with Units	Evaluate Formula 
$\Delta\sigma_1 = \frac{\Delta u}{B}$	$6 \text{ Pa} = \frac{3 \text{ Pa}}{0.50}$	

### 2) Change in Pore Pressure given Overall Pore Pressure Coefficient Formula

Formula	Example with Units	Evaluate Formula 
$\Delta u = \Delta\sigma_1 \cdot B$	$3 \text{ Pa} = 6 \text{ Pa} \cdot 0.50$	

### 3) Effective Angle of Internal Friction given Shear Force in Bishop's Analysis Formula

Formula	Evaluate Formula 
$\varphi' = \text{atan}\left(\frac{(S \cdot f_s) - (c' \cdot l)}{P - (u \cdot l)}\right)$	

  

Example with Units
$9.8741^\circ = \text{atan}\left(\frac{(11.07 \text{ N} \cdot 2.8) - (4 \text{ Pa} \cdot 9.42 \text{ m})}{150 \text{ N} - (20 \text{ Pa} \cdot 9.42 \text{ m})}\right)$

### 4) Effective Angle of Internal Friction given Shear Strength Formula

Formula	Example with Units	Evaluate Formula 
$\varphi' = \text{atan}\left(\frac{\zeta_{\text{soil}} - c'}{\sigma_{\text{nm}} - u}\right)$	$1.3018^\circ = \text{atan}\left(\frac{0.025 \text{ MPa} - 4 \text{ Pa}}{1.1 \text{ MPa} - 20 \text{ Pa}}\right)$	



## 5) Effective Cohesion of Soil given Normal Stress on Slice Formula

Formula

Evaluate Formula 

$$c' = \tau - \left( (\sigma_{\text{normal}} - u) \cdot \tan\left(\frac{\phi' \cdot \pi}{180}\right) \right)$$

Example with Units

$$2.0731 \text{ Pa} = 2.06 \text{ Pa} - \left( (15.71 \text{ Pa} - 20 \text{ Pa}) \cdot \tan\left(\frac{9.99^\circ \cdot 3.1416}{180}\right) \right)$$

## 6) Effective Cohesion of Soil given Shear Force in Bishop's Analysis Formula

Formula

Evaluate Formula 

$$c' = \frac{(S \cdot f_s) - ((P - (u \cdot l)) \cdot \tan\left(\frac{\phi' \cdot \pi}{180}\right))}{l}$$

Example with Units

$$3.3029 \text{ Pa} = \frac{(11.07 \text{ N} \cdot 2.8) - ((150 \text{ N} - (20 \text{ Pa} \cdot 9.42 \text{ m})) \cdot \tan\left(\frac{9.99^\circ \cdot 3.1416}{180}\right))}{9.42 \text{ m}}$$

## 7) Effective Stress on Slice Formula

Formula

Example with Units

Evaluate Formula 

$$\dot{\sigma} = \left(\frac{P}{l}\right) - \Sigma U$$

$$13.9236 \text{ Pa} = \left(\frac{150 \text{ N}}{9.42 \text{ m}}\right) - 2 \text{ N}$$

## 8) Factor of Safety given by Bishop Formula

Formula

Example

Evaluate Formula 

$$f_s = m \cdot (n \cdot r_u)$$

$$2.71 = 2.98 \cdot (0.30 \cdot 0.9)$$

## 9) Factor of Safety given Shear Force in Bishop's Analysis Formula

Formula

Evaluate Formula 

$$f_s = \frac{(c' \cdot l) + (P - (u \cdot l)) \cdot \tan\left(\frac{\phi' \cdot \pi}{180}\right)}{S}$$

Example with Units

$$3.3932 = \frac{(4 \text{ Pa} \cdot 9.42 \text{ m}) + (150 \text{ N} - (20 \text{ Pa} \cdot 9.42 \text{ m})) \cdot \tan\left(\frac{9.99^\circ \cdot 3.1416}{180}\right)}{11.07 \text{ N}}$$



## 10) Height of Slice given Pore Pressure Ratio Formula

Formula

$$z = \left( \frac{F_u}{r_u \cdot \gamma} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$3.2648 \text{ m} = \left( \frac{52.89 \text{ kN/m}^2}{0.9 \cdot 18 \text{ kN/m}^3} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 11) Horizontal Distance of Slice from Centre of Rotation Formula

Formula

$$x = \frac{\Sigma S \cdot r}{\Sigma W}$$

Example with Units

$$1.0595 \text{ m} = \frac{32 \text{ N} \cdot 1.98 \text{ m}}{59.8 \text{ N}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 12) Length of Arc of Slice Formula

Formula

$$l = \frac{P}{\sigma_{\text{normal}}}$$

Example with Units

$$9.5481 \text{ m} = \frac{150 \text{ N}}{15.71 \text{ Pa}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 13) Length of Arc of Slice given Effective Stress Formula

Formula

$$l = \frac{P}{\sigma' + \Sigma U}$$

Example with Units

$$12.5 \text{ m} = \frac{150 \text{ N}}{10 \text{ Pa} + 2 \text{ N}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 14) Length of Arc of Slice given Shear Force in Bishop's Analysis Formula

Formula

$$l = \frac{S}{\tau}$$

Example with Units

$$9.973 \text{ m} = \frac{11.07 \text{ N}}{1.11 \text{ Pa}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 15) Normal Stress on Slice Formula

Formula

$$\sigma_{\text{normal}} = \frac{P}{l}$$

Example with Units

$$15.9236 \text{ Pa} = \frac{150 \text{ N}}{9.42 \text{ m}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 16) Normal Stress on Slice given Shear Strength Formula

Formula

$$\sigma_{\text{normal}} = \left( \frac{\tau - c}{\tan \left( \frac{\phi' \cdot \pi}{180} \right)} \right) + u$$

Example with Units

$$23.2861 \text{ Pa} = \left( \frac{2.06 \text{ Pa} - 2.05 \text{ Pa}}{\tan \left( \frac{9.99^\circ \cdot 3.1416}{180} \right)} \right) + 20 \text{ Pa}$$

Evaluate Formula 



## 17) Overall Pore Pressure Coefficient Formula

**Formula**

$$B = \frac{\Delta u}{\Delta \sigma_1}$$

**Example with Units**

$$0.5 = \frac{3 \text{ Pa}}{6 \text{ Pa}}$$

**Evaluate Formula **

## 18) Pore Pressure given Effective Stress on Slice Formula

**Formula**

$$\Sigma U = \left( \frac{P}{1} \right) - \sigma'$$

**Example with Units**

$$5.9236 \text{ N} = \left( \frac{150 \text{ N}}{9.42 \text{ m}} \right) - 10 \text{ Pa}$$

**Evaluate Formula **

## 19) Pore Pressure Ratio given Horizontal Width Formula

**Formula**

$$r_u = \frac{u \cdot w}{\Sigma w}$$

**Example with Units**

$$0.9769 = \frac{20 \text{ Pa} \cdot 2.921 \text{ m}}{59.8 \text{ N}}$$

**Evaluate Formula **

## 20) Pore Pressure Ratio given Unit Weight Formula

**Formula**

$$r_u = \left( \frac{F_u}{\gamma \cdot z} \right)$$

**Example with Units**

$$0.9794 = \left( \frac{52.89 \text{ kN/m}^2}{18 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot 3.0 \text{ m}} \right)$$

**Evaluate Formula **

## 21) Pore Water Pressure given Pore Pressure Ratio Formula

**Formula**

$$F_u = ( r_u \cdot \gamma \cdot z )$$

**Example with Units**

$$48.6 \text{ kN/m}^2 = ( 0.9 \cdot 18 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot 3.0 \text{ m} )$$

**Evaluate Formula **

## 22) Radius of Arc when Total Shear Force on Slice is Available Formula

**Formula**

$$r = \frac{\Sigma W \cdot x}{\Sigma S}$$

**Example with Units**

$$5.5876 \text{ m} = \frac{59.8 \text{ N} \cdot 2.99 \text{ m}}{32 \text{ N}}$$

**Evaluate Formula **

## 23) Resultant Vertical Shear Force on Section N Formula

**Formula**

$$X_n = \left( F_n \cdot \cos\left(\frac{\theta \cdot \pi}{180}\right) \right) + \left( S \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\theta \cdot \pi}{180}\right) \right) \cdot W + X_{(n+1)}$$

**Example with Units**

$$2.1106 \text{ N} = \left( 12.09 \text{ N} \cdot \cos\left(\frac{45^\circ \cdot 3.1416}{180}\right) \right) + \left( 11.07 \text{ N} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{45^\circ \cdot 3.1416}{180}\right) \right) \cdot 20.0 \text{ N} + 9.87 \text{ N}$$

**Evaluate Formula **

## 24) Resultant Vertical Shear Force on Section N+1 Formula

Formula

Evaluate Formula 

$$X_{(n+1)} = W + X_n - \left( F_n \cdot \cos\left(\frac{\theta \cdot \pi}{180}\right) \right) + \left( S \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\theta \cdot \pi}{180}\right) \right)$$

Example with Units

$$10.9529_N = 20.0_N + 2.89_N - \left( 12.09_N \cdot \cos\left(\frac{45^\circ \cdot 3.1416}{180}\right) \right) + \left( 11.07_N \cdot \sin\left(\frac{45^\circ \cdot 3.1416}{180}\right) \right)$$

## 25) Shear Force in Bishop's Analysis Formula

Formula

Example with Units

Evaluate Formula 

$$S = \tau \cdot l$$

$$10.4562_N = 1.11_{Pa} \cdot 9.42_m$$

## 26) Shear Force in Bishop's Analysis given Factor of Safety Formula

Formula

Evaluate Formula 

$$S = \frac{(c' \cdot l) + (P - (u \cdot l)) \cdot \tan\left(\frac{\phi' \cdot \pi}{180}\right)}{f_s}$$

Example with Units

$$13.4154_N = \frac{(4_{Pa} \cdot 9.42_m) + (150_N - (20_{Pa} \cdot 9.42_m)) \cdot \tan\left(\frac{9.99^\circ \cdot 3.1416}{180}\right)}{2.8}$$

## 27) Shear Strength given Normal Stress on Slice Formula

Formula

Evaluate Formula 

$$\tau = \left( c' + (\sigma_{normal} - u) \cdot \tan\left(\frac{\phi' \cdot \pi}{180}\right) \right)$$

Example with Units

$$3.9869_{Pa} = \left( 4_{Pa} + (15.71_{Pa} - 20_{Pa}) \cdot \tan\left(\frac{9.99^\circ \cdot 3.1416}{180}\right) \right)$$

## 28) Shear Stress given Shear Force in Bishop's Analysis Formula

Formula

Example with Units

Evaluate Formula 

$$\tau = \frac{S}{l}$$

$$1.1752_{Pa} = \frac{11.07_N}{9.42_m}$$

## 29) Total Normal Force Acting at Base of Slice Formula

Formula

Example with Units

Evaluate Formula 

$$P = \sigma_{normal} \cdot l$$

$$147.9882_N = 15.71_{Pa} \cdot 9.42_m$$



### 30) Total Normal Force Acting at Base of Slice given Effective Stress Formula

**Formula**

$$P = \left( \sigma' + \Sigma U \right) \cdot l$$

**Example with Units**

$$113.04 \text{ N} = \left( 10 \text{ Pa} + 2 \text{ N} \right) \cdot 9.42 \text{ m}$$

**Evaluate Formula**

### 31) Total Normal Force Acting on Slice given Weight of Slice Formula

**Formula**

$$F_n = \frac{W + X_n - X_{(n+1)} - \left( S \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\theta \cdot \pi}{180}\right) \right)}{\cos\left(\frac{\theta \cdot \pi}{180}\right)}$$

**Example with Units**

$$12.8695 \text{ N} = \frac{20.0 \text{ N} + 2.89 \text{ N} - 9.87 \text{ N} - \left( 11.07 \text{ N} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{45^\circ \cdot 3.1416}{180}\right) \right)}{\cos\left(\frac{45^\circ \cdot 3.1416}{180}\right)}$$

**Evaluate Formula**

### 32) Total Shear Force on Slice given Radius of Arc Formula

**Formula**

$$\Sigma S = \frac{\Sigma W \cdot x}{r}$$

**Example with Units**

$$90.304 \text{ N} = \frac{59.8 \text{ N} \cdot 2.99 \text{ m}}{1.98 \text{ m}}$$

**Evaluate Formula**

### 33) Total Weight of Slice given Total Shear Force on Slice Formula

**Formula**

$$\Sigma W = \frac{\Sigma S \cdot r}{x}$$

**Example with Units**

$$21.1906 \text{ N} = \frac{32 \text{ N} \cdot 1.98 \text{ m}}{2.99 \text{ m}}$$

**Evaluate Formula**

### 34) Unit weight of Soil given Pore Pressure Ratio Formula

**Formula**

$$\gamma = \left( \frac{F_u}{r_u \cdot z} \right)$$

**Example with Units**

$$19.5889 \text{ kN/m}^3 = \left( \frac{52.89 \text{ kN/m}^2}{0.9 \cdot 3.0 \text{ m}} \right)$$

**Evaluate Formula**

### 35) Weight of Slice given Total Normal Force Acting on Slice Formula

**Formula**

$$W = \left( F_n \cdot \cos\left(\frac{\theta \cdot \pi}{180}\right) \right) + \left( S \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\theta \cdot \pi}{180}\right) \right) - X_n + X_{(n+1)}$$

**Example with Units**

$$19.2206 \text{ N} = \left( 12.09 \text{ N} \cdot \cos\left(\frac{45^\circ \cdot 3.1416}{180}\right) \right) + \left( 11.07 \text{ N} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{45^\circ \cdot 3.1416}{180}\right) \right) - 2.89 \text{ N} + 9.87 \text{ N}$$

**Evaluate Formula**

## Variables used in list of Slope Stability Analysis using Bishops Method Formulas above

- **B** Pore Pressure Coefficient Overall
- **c** Cohesion in Soil (Pascal)
- **c'** Effective Cohesion (Pascal)
- **F<sub>n</sub>** Total Normal Force in Soil Mechanics (Newton)
- **f<sub>s</sub>** Factor of Safety
- **F<sub>u</sub>** Upward Force in Seepage Analysis (Kilonewton per Square Meter)
- **l** Length of Arc (Meter)
- **m** Stability Coefficient m in Soil Mechanics
- **n** Stability Coefficient n
- **P** Total Normal Force (Newton)
- **r** Radius of Soil Section (Meter)
- **r<sub>u</sub>** Pore Pressure Ratio
- **S** Shear Force on Slice in Soil Mechanics (Newton)
- **u** Upward Force (Pascal)
- **w** Width of Soil Section (Meter)
- **W** Weight of Slice (Newton)
- **x** Horizontal Distance (Meter)
- **X<sub>(n+1)</sub>** Vertical Shear Force at other Section (Newton)
- **X<sub>n</sub>** Vertical Shear Force (Newton)
- **z** Height of Slice (Meter)
- **γ** Unit Weight of Soil (Kilonewton per Cubic Meter)
- **Δu** Change in Pore Pressure (Pascal)
- **Δσ<sub>1</sub>** Change in Normal Stress (Pascal)
- **ζ<sub>soil</sub>** Shear Strength (Megapascal)
- **θ** Angle of Base (Degree)
- **σ<sub>nm</sub>** Normal Stress in Mega Pascal (Megapascal)
- **σ<sub>normal</sub>** Normal Stress in Pascal (Pascal)
- **σ'** Effective Normal Stress (Pascal)

## Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Slope Stability Analysis using Bishops Method Formulas above

- **constant(s): pi,**  
3.14159265358979323846264338327950288  
*Archimedes' constant*
- **Functions: atan, atan(Number)**  
*Inverse tan is used to calculate the angle by applying the tangent ratio of the angle, which is the opposite side divided by the adjacent side of the right triangle.*
- **Functions: cos, cos(Angle)**  
*Cosine of an angle is the ratio of the side adjacent to the angle to the hypotenuse of the triangle.*
- **Functions: sin, sin(Angle)**  
*Sine is a trigonometric function that describes the ratio of the length of the opposite side of a right triangle to the length of the hypotenuse.*
- **Functions: tan, tan(Angle)**  
*The tangent of an angle is a trigonometric ratio of the length of the side opposite an angle to the length of the side adjacent to an angle in a right triangle.*
- **Measurement: Length** in Meter (m)  
*Length Unit Conversion*
- **Measurement: Pressure** in Pascal (Pa), Megapascal (MPa), Kilonewton per Square Meter (kN/m<sup>2</sup>)  
*Pressure Unit Conversion*
- **Measurement: Force** in Newton (N)  
*Force Unit Conversion*
- **Measurement: Angle** in Degree (°)  
*Angle Unit Conversion*
- **Measurement: Specific Weight** in Kilonewton per Cubic Meter (kN/m<sup>3</sup>)  
*Specific Weight Unit Conversion*
- **Measurement: Stress** in Pascal (Pa)  
*Stress Unit Conversion*



- **$\Sigma S$**  Total Shear Force in Soil Mechanics (*Newton*)
- **$\Sigma U$**  Total Pore Pressure (*Newton*)
- **$\Sigma W$**  Total Weight of Slice in Soil Mechanics (*Newton*)
- **$T$**  Shear Strength of Soil in Pascal (*Pascal*)
- **$\phi'$**  Effective Angle of Internal Friction (*Degree*)
- **$\tau$**  Shear Stress of Soil in Pascal (*Pascal*)

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