

Question 1.6 Explain why it is necessary to know the stresses in rock ? [4]

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We need to know stress when we are excavating to determine if the overlying rock will stay in place or fall.

We also need to measure stresses to determine the ~~ultimate~~ strength of a rock.

Question 2.1 The following results were obtained during compression tests on two specimens of the same material. You may assume perfect linear behaviour and you may extrapolate.

Specimen No.	Sigma 3	Sigma 1
01	0 MPa	100.0 MPa
02	30.0 MPa	190.0 MPa

Where necessary, choose the appropriate formula (formulae) from the formulae listed below. A graphical approach is not acceptable for this question (Q. 2,1).

For the above rock material calculate / determine the following:-

UCS:- 100 MPa when confinement is zero UCS = 100 MPa [2]

Phi (ϕ):- $\phi = \sin^{-1} \times \frac{m-1}{m+1}$ $m = \frac{\sigma_2 - \sigma_1}{\sigma_2 - \sigma_1}$ [6]
 $= \sin^{-1} \times \frac{3-1}{3+1} = \frac{90}{30} = 3$
 $= 30^\circ$

C:- $c = b \times \frac{1 - \sin \phi}{2 \cos \phi} = 100 \times \frac{1 - \sin(30^\circ)}{2 \cos(30^\circ)} = 28.86 \text{ MPa}$ [5]

Intact shear strength :- $\tau = \sigma_n \tan(\phi) + c$ [2]
 $= 3 \tan(30^\circ) + 28.86 = 30.59 \text{ MPa}$

What is the meaning of 'C', what is ' ϕ '?

c - cohesion

ϕ - angle of friction

$\phi = \arcsin [(m - 1) / (m + 1)]$

$C = K \sec \phi$

$\phi = \arcsin (\tan \theta)$

$C = b [(1 - \sin \phi) / 2 \cos \phi]$

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