

Stbability Analysis and Optimization of Buttress Retaining Wall with and Without Relief Shelf Using Etabs

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ABSTRACT : Retaining walls are widely used for enormous functions. To make structure economical, the dimensions of the structure should be reduced without effecting the purpose of that structure. Relief shelf which is having an ability in reducing the moment in the structure is involved in the structural analysis. The analysis of buttress retaining wall with and without relief shelf using ETABS is carried out. The relief shelf is located on a stem of retaining wall at different positions and the impact of relief shelf is determined for various position in the stem. The structure is also analyzed in different soil type condition to know the impact of soil type on the structure.

I. INTRODUCTION :

Retaining walls are buildings made to hold up soil, water, and other retaining materials, also referred to as backfill. Retaining walls' primary purposes are to stabilize hillsides, stop landslides, and guard against erosion. Retaining walls are used to prevent erosion anywhere there are unstable soils, steep slopes, or a lot of runoff. Roadways and other infrastructure can be harmed by excessive runoffs, therefore controlling sediment runoff is important for the environment and water quality. It also helps reduce runoff-related erosion. Once more, vegetation will support the soil. Before entering the water source, sediments and contaminants are filtered out, enhancing the quality of the water. The supporting

substance Structures experience an overturning and sliding effect as a result of the force the supported material applies to it. Earth pressure, together with one's own weight, is the primary driving force behind retaining wall analysis and design. The lateral earth pressure is highly dependent on the soil's cohesiveness and the angle of internal friction. The distribution of earth pressures is typically triangular, with the least pressure at the top of the wall and the maximum pressure at the bottom. If not correctly examined, this push force has the potential to either push the wall forward or overturn it.

RELIEF SHELF : The component which helps in reducing the moment in the retaining structures.

DESIGN PARAMETERS

- A wall's height.
- Type of soil.
- Terrain that slopes down and up from the retaining wall.
- Loads behind the retaining wall and above it.

II. METHODOLOGY

- To Evaluate the Stability Aspect for Buttress Retaining Structures with and without Relief Shelf.
- To study the impact of soil type on structure.
- Analysis of Retaining Wall for different soil type using ETABS

III. MODELLING AND ANALYSIS

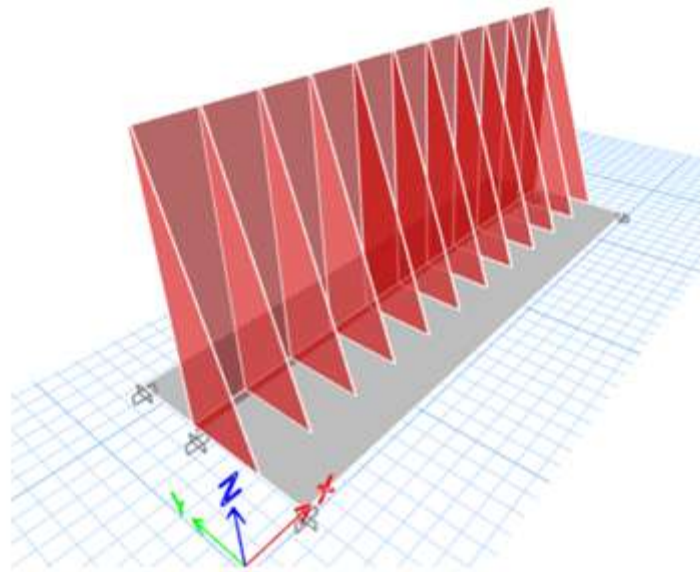


Fig III.a : 3D Model of buttress retaining wall without relief shelf

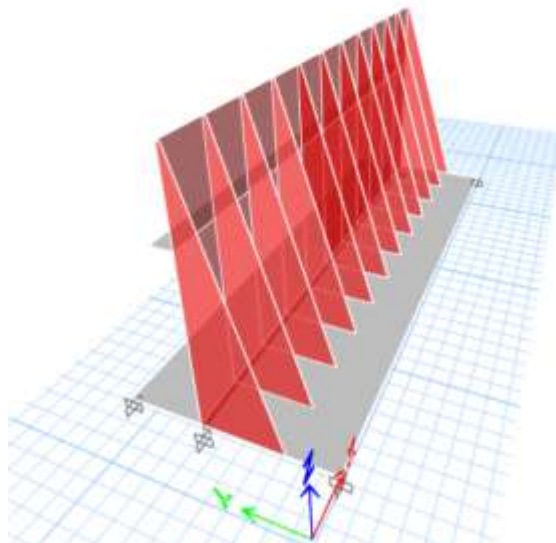


Fig III.b : 3D Model of Buttress retaining structure with relief shelf at $2H/3$ m from bottom

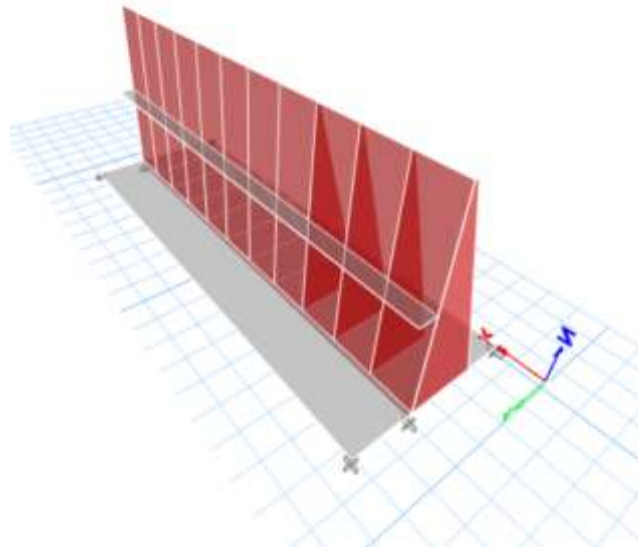


Fig III.c:3D Model of Buttress retaining structure with relief shelf at H/2 m from bottom

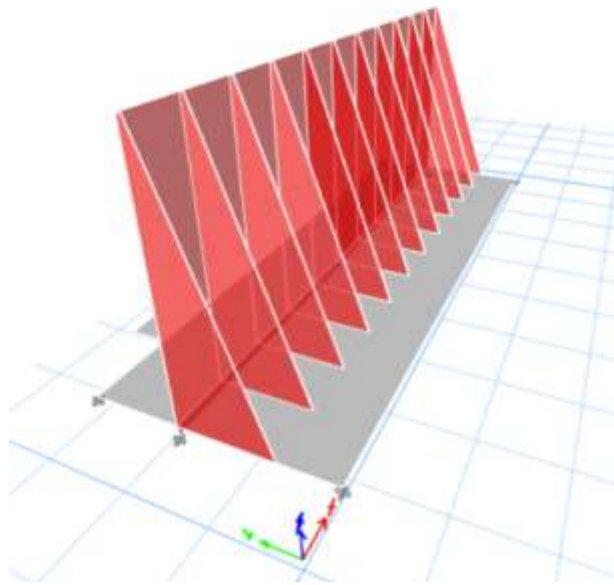


Fig III.d: 3D Model of Buttress retaining structure with relief shelf at H/3 m from bottom

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

RESULTS OBTAINED FOR BUTTRESS RETAINING STRUCTURE WITHOUT RELIEF SHELF FOR SOIL TYPE I, II, III

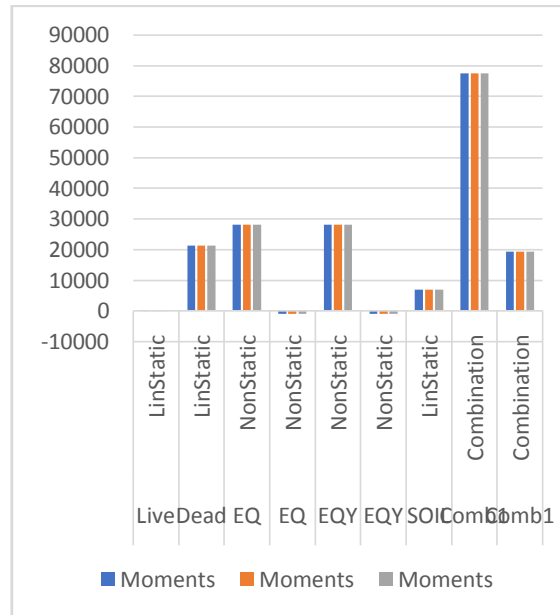


Fig IV.a : Moment obtained for soil type I, II, III

RESULTS OBTAINED FOR BUTTRESS RETAINING STRUCTURE WITH RELIEF SHELF AT HEIGHT 2H/3 FOR SOIL TYPE I, II, III

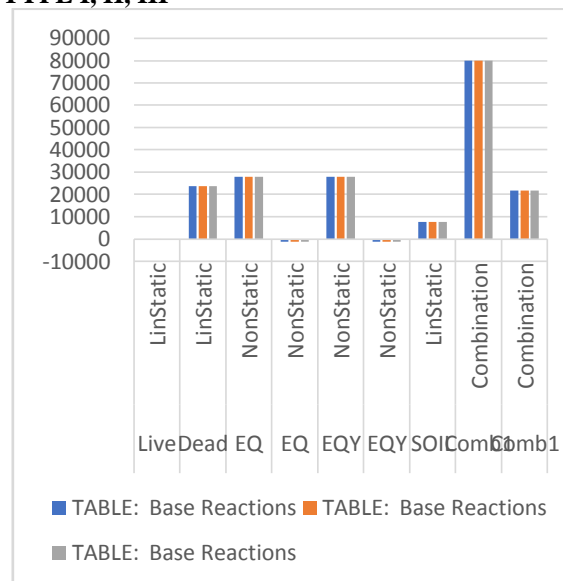
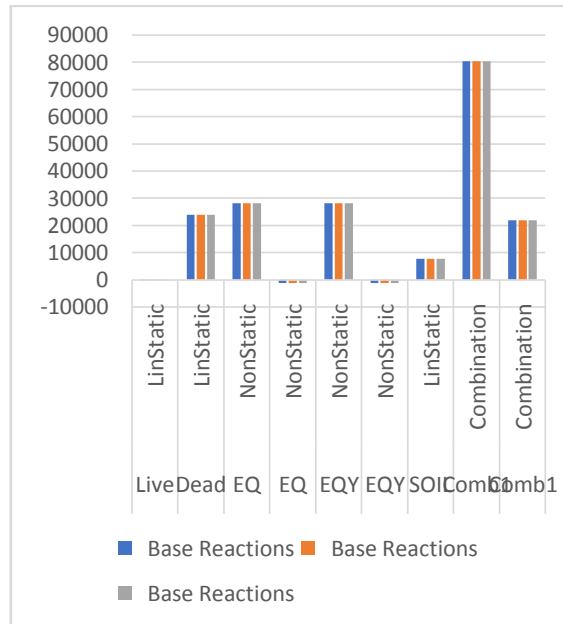


Fig IV.b: Moment obtained for soil type I, II, III

RESULTS OBTAINED FOR BUTTRESS RETAINING STRUCTURE WITH RELIEF SHELF AT HEIGHT H/2 FOR DIFFERENT SOIL TYPE I, II, III



FigIV.c: Moment obtained for soil type I, II, III

RESULTS OBTAINED FOR BUTTRESS RETAINING STRUCTURE WITH RELIEF SHELF AT HEIGHT H/3 FOR SOIL TYPE I, II, III

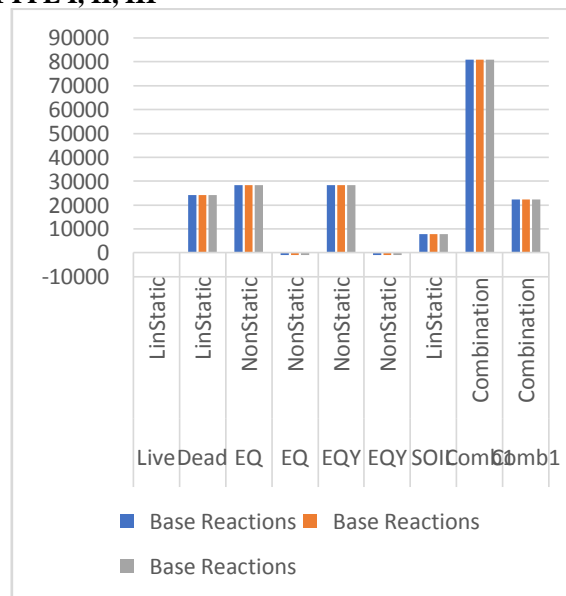


Fig IV.d: Moment obtained for soil type I, II, III

RESULTS OBTAINED FOR BUTTRESS RETAINING STRUCTURE WITH AND WITHOUT RELIEF SHELF

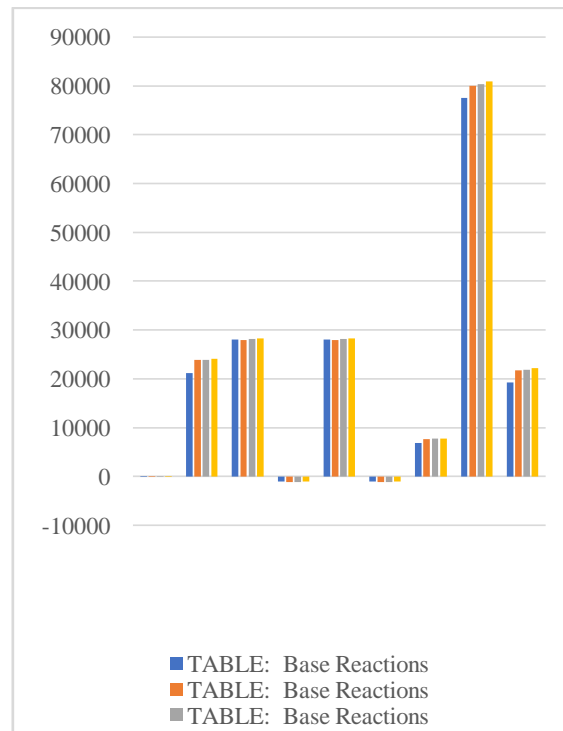


Fig 7.5.a : Moment obtained for Buttress Retaining structure with and without relief-shelf

V. CONCLUSION

Buttress retaining wall without and with relief shelf at the height of $2H/3$, $H/2$, $H/3$ are analyzed using ETABS. Each model is analyzed for soil type I, II, and III. The results obtained for soil type I, II, and III are similar, it shows that the change in soil type doesn't impact any changes in analysis. Buttress retaining wall with relief shelf at height $2H/3$ increases the moment by 1.12%, Buttress retaining wall with relief shelf at height $H/2$ increases the moment by 1.13%, and Buttress retaining wall with relief shelf at height $H/3$ increases the moment by 1.14%. Buttress retaining wall without any relief shelf produces minimum moment compared to the Buttress retaining wall with relief shelf.

Providing relief shelf doesn't influence in optimizing the structure, it develops additional moment and make a structure uneconomical as per the analysis. However analysis of this kind of structures in ETABS is not suitable.

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