## Influence of Intermediate Principal Stress on Solution of Planar Stability Problems

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**Abstract :** In this paper, von Mises and Drucker-Prager yield criteria, as typical ones that consider the effect of intermediate principal stress  $\sigma_2$ , have been selected and employed for investigating the influence of  $\sigma_2$  on the solution of a typical stability problem. The bearing capacity factors have been calculated under plane strain condition (strip footing) and axisymmetric condition (circular footing) using the method of stress characteristics together with the criteria mentioned. Different levels of  $\sigma_2$  relative to the other two principal stresses have been considered. While a higher  $\sigma_2$  entry in yield criterion gives a higher bearing capacity; its entry in equilibrium equations (axisymmetric) causes substantial reduction.

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