

Hoek-Brown and equivalent Mohr Coulomb failure criteria

Input:	sigci = 85 MPa	mi = 10	GSI = 45
Output:	mb = 1.40 sigtm = -0.13 MPa k = 3.01 sigcm = 11.36 MPa	s = 0.0022 A = 0.50 phi = 30.12 degrees E = 6913.7 MPa	a = 0.5 B = 0.70 coh = 3.27 MPa
Tangent:	signt = 15.97 MPa	phit= 30.12 degrees	coht = 4.12 MPa

Calculation:

									Sums
sig3	1E-10	3.04	6.07	9.1	12.14	15.18	18.21	21.25	85.00
sig1	4.00	22.48	33.27	42.30	50.40	57.91	64.98	71.74	347.08
ds1ds3	15.89	4.07	3.19	2.80	2.56	2.40	2.27	2.18	35.35
sign	0.24	6.87	12.56	17.85	22.90	27.76	32.50	37.13	157.80
tau	0.94	7.74	11.59	14.62	17.20	19.48	21.54	23.44	116.55
x	-2.36	-1.08	-0.83	-0.67	-0.57	-0.48	-0.42	-0.36	-6.77
y	-1.95	-1.04	-0.87	-0.76	-0.69	-0.64	-0.60	-0.56	-7.11
xy	4.61	1.13	0.71	0.52	0.39	0.31	0.25	0.20	8.12
xsq	5.57	1.17	0.68	0.45	0.32	0.23	0.17	0.13	8.74
sig3sig1	0.00	68.23	202.01	385.23	612.01	878.92	1183.65	1524.51	4855
sig3sq	0.00	9.22	36.86	82.94	147.45	230.39	331.76	451.56	1290
taucalc	0.96	7.48	11.33	14.45	17.18	19.64	21.91	24.04	
sig1sig3fit	11.36	20.51	29.66	38.81	47.96	57.11	66.26	75.42	
sigtaufit	3.41	7.26	10.56	13.63	16.55	19.38	22.12	24.81	
tangent	4.253087	8.103211	11.40318	14.47286	17.3991	20.2235	22.97025	25.65501	

Cell formulas:

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mb = mi*EXP((GSI-100)/28)
s = IF(GSI>25,EXP((GSI-100)/9),0)
a = IF(GSI>25,0.5,0.65-GSI/200)
sigtm = 0.5*sigci*(mb-SQRT(mb^2+4*s))
A = acalc = 10^(sumy/8 - bcalc*sumx/8)
B = bcalc = (sumxy - (sumx*sumy)/8)/(sumxsq - (sumx^2)/8)
k = (sumsig3sig1 - (sumsig3*sumsig1)/8)/(sumsig3sq-(sumsig3^2)/8)
phi = ASIN((k-1)/(k+1))*180/PI()
coh = sigcm/(2*SQRT(k))
sigcm = sumsig1/8 - k*sumsig3/8
E = IF(sigci>100,1000*10^((GSI-10)/40),SQRT(sigci/100)*1000*10^((GSI-10)/40))
phit = (ATAN(acalc*bcalc*((signt-sigtm)/sigci)^(bcalc-1)))*180/PI()
coht = acalc*sigci*((signt-sigtm)/sigci)^bcalc-signt*TAN(phit*PI()/180)
sig3 = Start at 1E-10 (to avoid zero errors) and increment in 7 steps of sigci/28 to 0.25*sigci
sig1 = sig3+sigci*((mb*sig3)/sigci)+s)^a
ds1ds3 = IF(GSI>25,(1+(mb*sigci)/(2*(sig1-sig3))),1+(a*mb^a)*(sig3/sigci)^(a-1))
sign = sig3+(sig1-sig3)/(1+ds1ds3)
tau = (sign-sig3)*SQRT(ds1ds3)
x = LOG((sign-sigtm)/sigci)
y = LOG(tau/sigci)
xy = x*y          x sq = x^2          sig3sig1= sig3*sig1          sig3sq = sig3^2
taucalc = acalc*sigci*((sign-sigtm)/sigci)^bcalc
s3sifit = sigcm+k*sig3
sntaufit = coh+sign*TAN(phi*PI()/180)
tangent = coht+sign*TAN(phi*PI()/180)

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Fig. C1. Spreadsheet for calculation of Hoek-Brown and equivalent Mohr-Coulomb parameters.

The equivalent Mohr envelope, defined by equation (4), may be written in the form:

$$Y = \log A + BX \quad (C6)$$

where

$$Y = \log\left(\frac{\tau}{\sigma_{ci}}\right), \quad X = \log\left(\frac{\sigma_n' - \sigma_{im}}{\sigma_{ci}}\right) \quad (C7)$$

$$B = \frac{\sum XY - (\sum X \sum Y)/T}{\sum X^2 - (\sum X)^2/T} \quad (C8)$$

Using the value of σ_{im} calculated from equation (C5) and a range of values of τ and σ_n' calculated from equations (C1) and (C2), the values

of A and B are determined by linear regression where:

$$A = 10^{(\sum Y/T - B(\sum X/T))} \quad (C9)$$

and T is the total number of data pairs included in the regression analysis.