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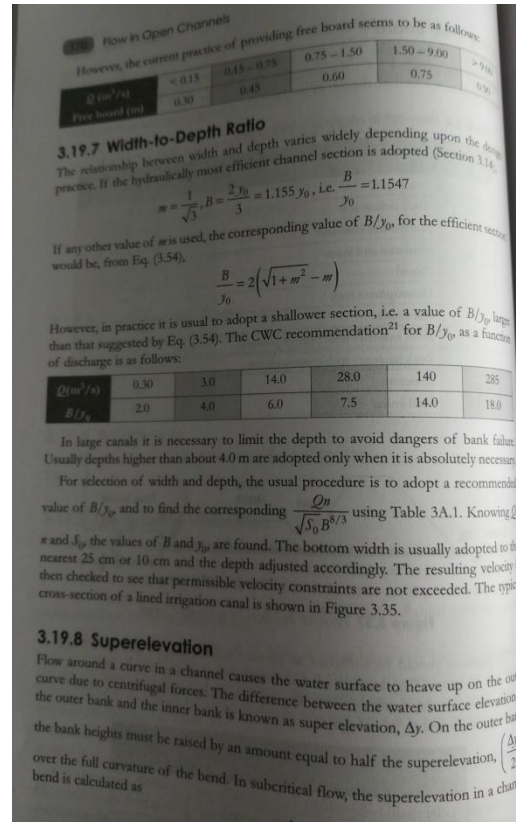
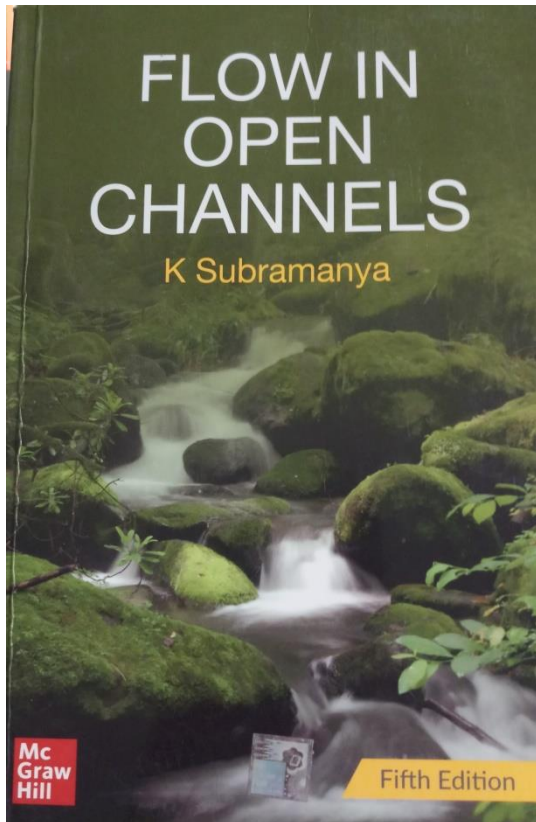
**Assignment in Engineering Application**

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Selected problems from their Engineering books and asked the students to solve using numerical techniques.



**Problem:**

Find the value of  $y$  when  $x = 5$  using Lagrange's interpolation formula from the following data. Also check the actual value.

x	0.3	3.0	14.0	28.0	140	285
y	2.0	4.0	6.0	7.5	14.0	18.0

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# SOIL MECHANICS AND FOUNDATIONS

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The accuracy of the result will depend upon the size of the area unit chosen. The length of the side of the small area unit is less than one-third of the depth at which vertical pressure is required, the error involved in the result is within 3 per cent.

### 13.9. NEWMARK'S INFLUENCE CHART

A more accurate method of determining the vertical stress at any point under a uniformly loaded area of any shape is with the help of influence chart or influence diagram originally suggested by Newmark (1942). A chart, consisting of number of circles and radiating lines, is so prepared that the influence of each area unit (formed in the shape of a sector between two concentric circles and two adjacent radial lines) is the same at the centre of the circles, i.e., each area unit causes the equal vertical stress at the centre of the diagram.

Let a uniformly loaded circular area of radius  $r_1$  cm be divided into 20 sectors (area units) as shown in Fig. 13.14. If  $q$  is the intensity of loading, and  $\sigma_z$  is the vertical pressure at a depth  $z$  below the centre of the area, each unit such as  $OA_1B_1$  exerts a pressure equal to  $\sigma_z/20$  at the centre.

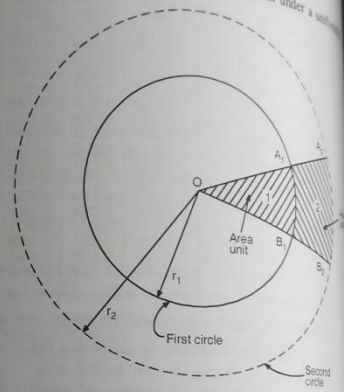


FIG. 13.14. PREPARATION OF INFLUENCE CHART

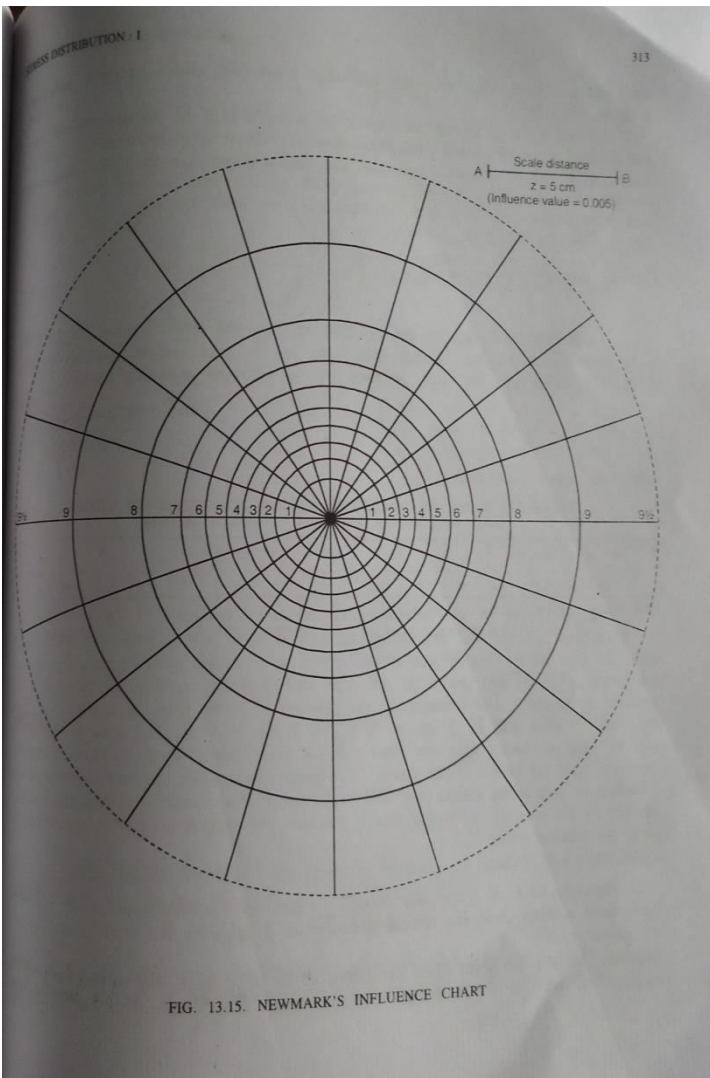
Hence, from Eq. 13.15. 
$$\frac{\sigma_z}{20} = \frac{q}{20} \left[ 1 - \left\{ \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{r_1}{z}\right)^2} \right\}^{3/2} \right] = i_f q \quad \dots(13.20)$$

where 
$$i_f = \text{influence value} = \frac{1}{20} \left[ 1 - \left\{ \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{r_1}{z}\right)^2} \right\}^{3/2} \right]$$

If  $i_f$  be made equal to an arbitrarily fixed value, say 0.005, we have

$$\frac{q}{20} \left[ 1 - \left\{ \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{r_1}{z}\right)^2} \right\}^{3/2} \right] = 0.005 q \quad \dots(13.21)$$

Selecting the value of  $z=5$  cm (say), the value of  $r_1$  solved from Eq. 13.20 comes out to be 1.35 cm. Hence if a circle is drawn with radius  $r_1 = 1.35$  cm and divided into



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20 equal area units, each area unit will exert a pressure equal to  $0.005 q$  intensity at a depth of 5 cm.

Let the radius of second concentric circle be equal to  $r_2$  cm. By extending the radial lines, the space between the two concentric circles is again divided into 20 equal area units:  $A_1 A_2 B_2 B_1$  is one such area unit. The vertical pressure, at the centre, due to each of these area units is to be of intensity  $0.005 q$ . Therefore, the total pressure due to area units  $O A_1 B_1$  and  $A_1 A_2 B_2 B_1$  at depth  $z = 5$  cm below the centre is  $2 \times 0.005 q$ . Hence from Eq. 13.15 :

$$\text{Vertical pressure due to } O A_2 B_2 = \frac{q}{20} \left[ 1 - \left\{ \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{r_2}{z}\right)^2} \right\}^{3/2} \right] = 2 \times 0.005 q$$

Substituting  $z = 5$  cm, we get  $r_2 = 2.00$  cm from the above relation. Similarly, the radii of 3rd, 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th, 9th circles can be calculated, as tabulated in Table 13.8. The radius of 10th circle is given by the following governing equation :

$$\frac{q}{20} \left[ 1 - \left\{ \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{r_{10}}{z}\right)^2} \right\}^{3/2} \right] = 10 \times 0.005 q = \frac{q}{20}$$

From the above  $r_{10} = \text{infinity}$ .

TABLE 13.8 RADII OF CONCENTRIC CIRCLES FOR INFLUENCE CHART  
( $z = 5$  cm;  $ij = 0.005$ ; each circle divided into 20 parts)

Number of circles	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	10
Radius (cm)	1.35	2.00	2.59	3.18	3.83	4.59	5.54	6.94	9.54	12.62	$\infty$

Fig. 13.15. shows the influence chart drawn on the basis of Table 13.8.

To use the chart for determining the vertical stress at any point under the loaded area, the plan of the loaded area is first drawn on a tracing paper to such a scale that the length  $AB$  ( $= 5$  cm) drawn on the chart represents the depth to the point at which pressure is required. For example, if the pressure is to be found at a depth of 5 m, the scale of plan will be 5 cm = 5 m, or 1 cm = 1 m. The plan of the loaded area is then so placed over the chart that the point below which pressure is required coincides with the centre of the chart. The point below which pressure is required may lie within or outside the loaded area. The total number of area units (including the fractions covered by the plan of the loaded area) is counted. The vertical pressure is then calculated from the relation :

$$\sigma_A = 0.005 q \times N_A \quad (\text{where } N_A = \text{number of area units under the loaded area}). \quad \dots(13.31)$$

**Example 13.3.** A rectangular area  $2 \text{ m} \times 4 \text{ m}$  carries a uniform load of  $80 \text{ kN/m}^2$  on the ground surface. Find the vertical pressures at 5 m below the centre and corner of the loaded area.

**Solution.** (a) For the point under the centre of the area, there will be influence of four rectangles of size  $1 \text{ m} \times 2 \text{ m}$ , having a common corner at the centre of the loaded rectangle

**Problem:**

Using Newton's interpolation formula find the values of  $y(1.5)$  and  $y(7.5)$  from the following table. Also check the actual values.

x	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
y	1.35	2.00	2.59	3.18	3.83	4.59	5.54	6.94