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Scope

This document does not describe a means of determining the value of the soil parameters used in the document (e.g. c_l , f_l and s_u). The derivation of these parameters, which must be based on the most adverse moisture and groundwater conditions likely to occur, is outside of the scope of this verification method.

Serviceability limit state deformations are not covered in this document. The determination of such deformations and their acceptability to the design in question needs to be considered but is outside the scope of this document.

This document assumes general ground or slope stability and provides methods only for ensuring against local failure of the foundation. Overall ground stability needs to be verified before this document can be applied; this is outside the scope of this verification method.

This document must not be used to design foundations on loose sands, saturated dense sands or on cohesive soils having a sensitivity greater than 4.

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