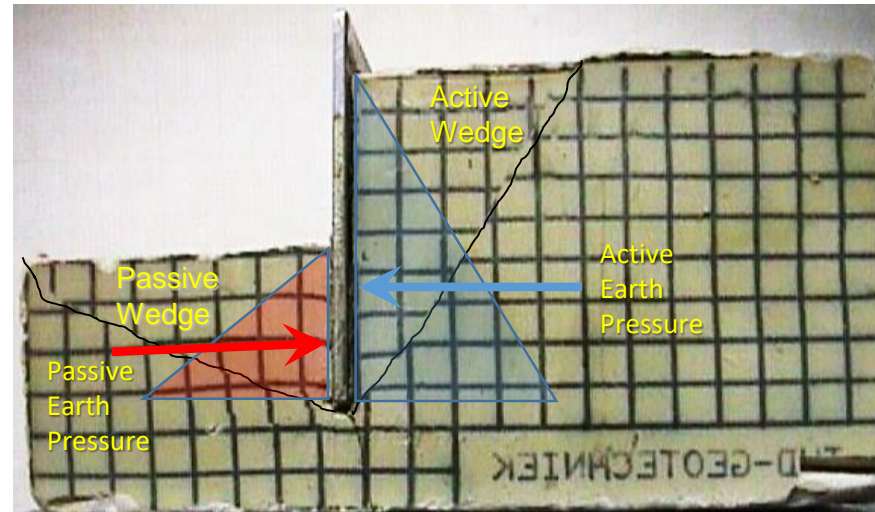
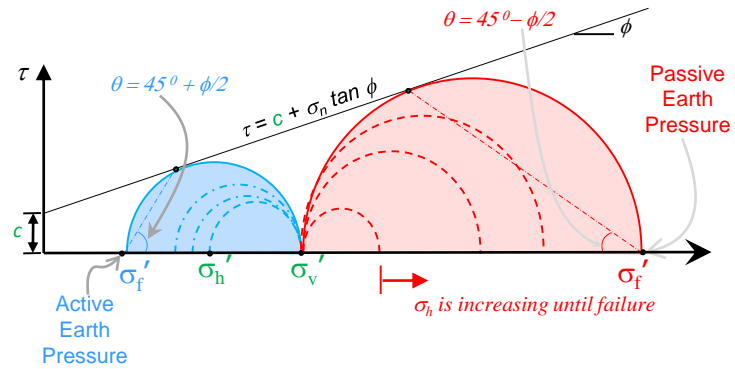
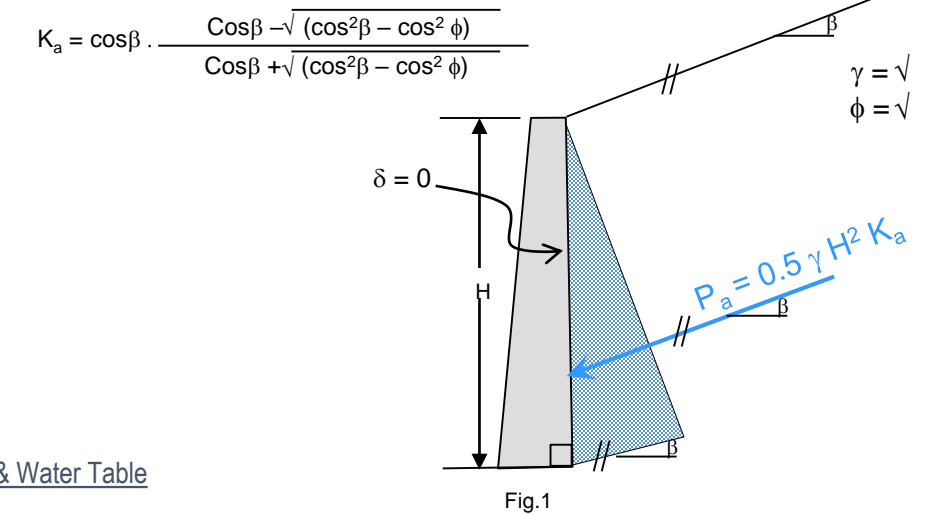


# Rankine's Earth Pressure Method for (c-φ) Soil

Rankine's Active and Passive Earth Pressure in (c-φ) Soil



Rankine's Active Earth Pressure in (f) Soil with inclined backfill



**Active Earth Pressure**

$$\sigma'_f = \sigma'_v \tan^2 \left( 45^\circ - \frac{\phi}{2} \right) + 2c \tan \left( 45^\circ - \frac{\phi}{2} \right)$$

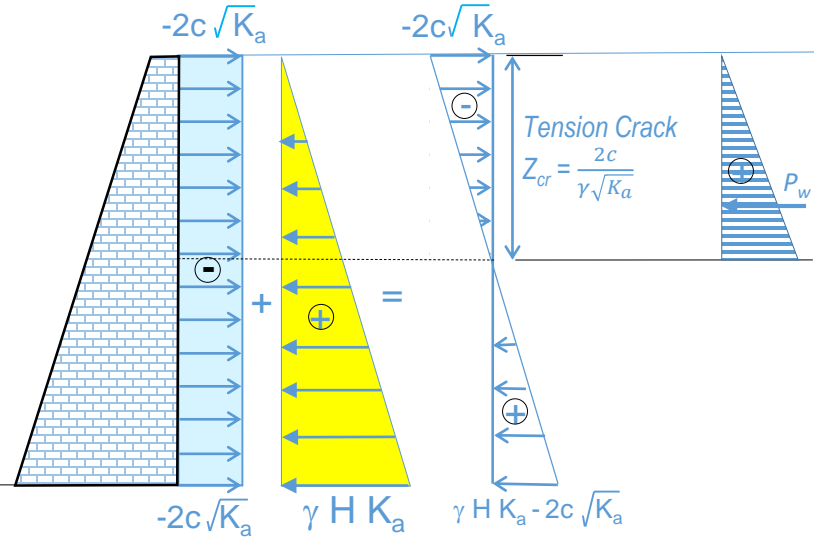
Or

$$\sigma'_f = \sigma'_v K_a - 2c \sqrt{K_a}$$

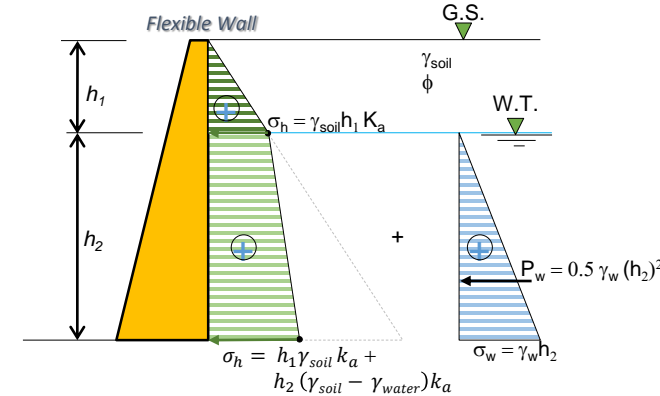
$$K_a = \tan^2 \left( 45^\circ - \frac{\phi}{2} \right) = \frac{1 - \sin \phi}{1 + \sin \phi}$$

*Coefficient of active earth pressure*

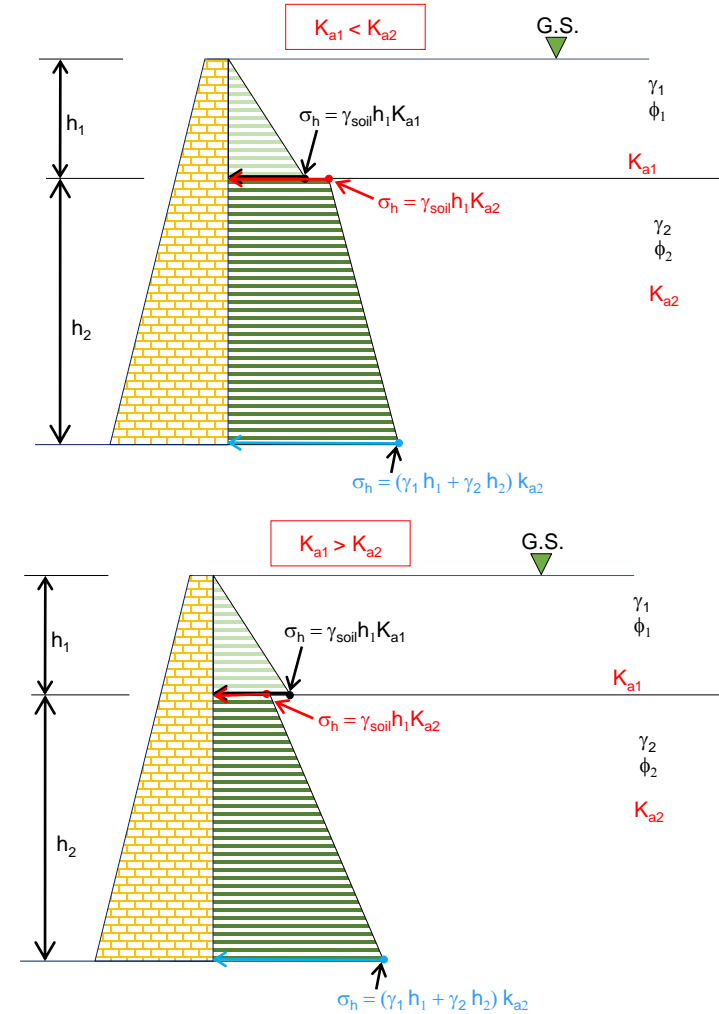
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Rankine's Active Earth Pressure in f - Soil & Water Table



Effect of Two Soil Layers on Active Earth Pressure



**Passive Earth Pressure**

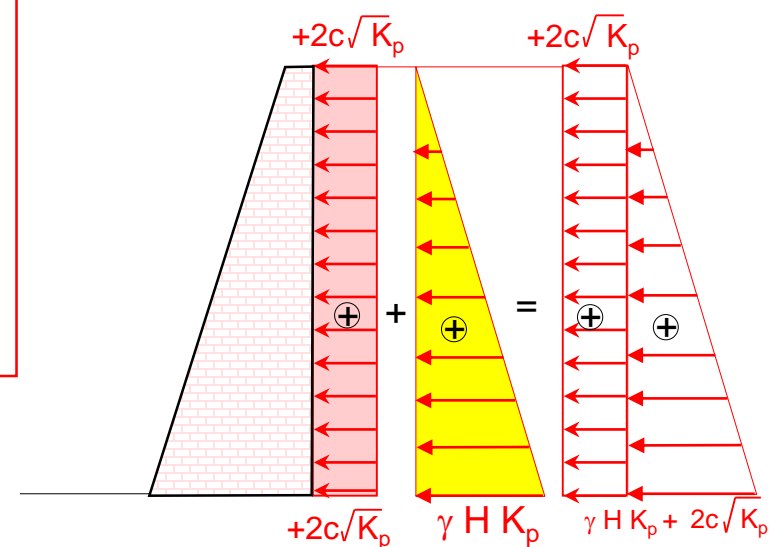
$$\sigma'_p = \sigma'_v \tan^2 \left( 45^\circ + \frac{\phi}{2} \right) + 2c \tan \left( 45^\circ + \frac{\phi}{2} \right)$$

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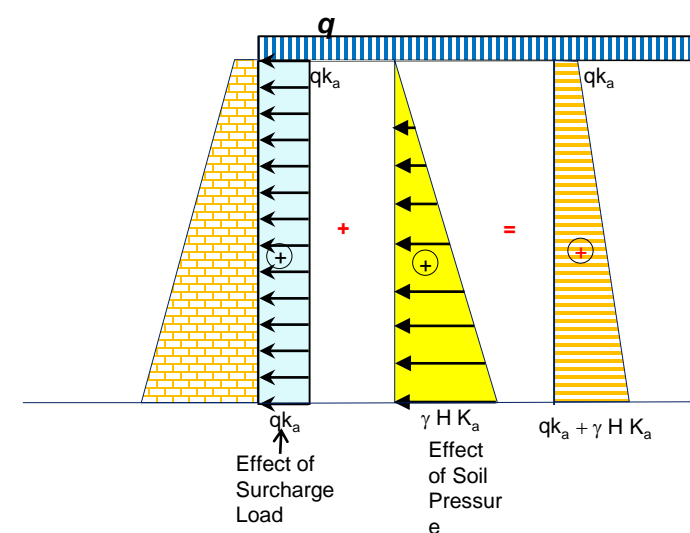
$$\sigma'_p = \sigma'_v K_p + 2c \sqrt{K_p}$$

$$K_p = \tan^2 \left( 45^\circ + \frac{\phi}{2} \right) = \frac{1 + \sin \phi}{1 - \sin \phi}$$

*Coefficient of passive earth pressure*



Effect of Surcharge (q) Load on Active Earth Pressure

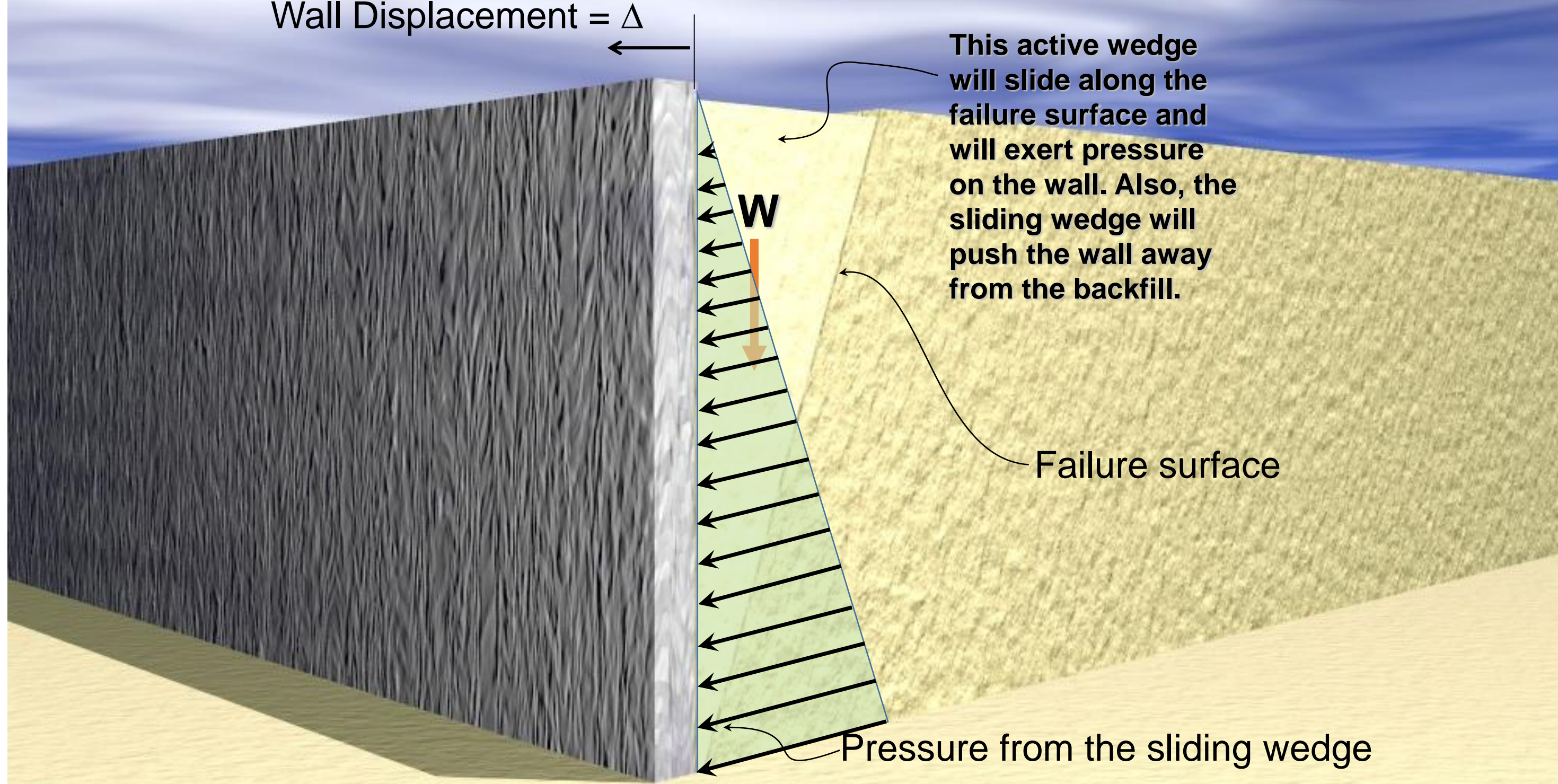




# Coulomb Earth Pressure Method

Forces acting on the wall.

Wall Displacement =  $\Delta$



This active wedge will slide along the failure surface and will exert pressure on the wall. Also, the sliding wedge will push the wall away from the backfill.

Failure surface

Pressure from the sliding wedge

# Active Earth Pressure in $\phi$ – Soil (Using Rankine's Method)

Rankine's Method always assumes  $\delta = 0$

## Example - 1

### Given:

- Vertical retaining wall (flexible)
- Wall height (H) = 12 ft
- Backfill unit weight ( $\gamma$ ) = 115 pcf
- Angle of soil friction ( $\phi$ ) =  $30^\circ$
- Assume wall to be smooth ( $\delta=0$ )

### Find:

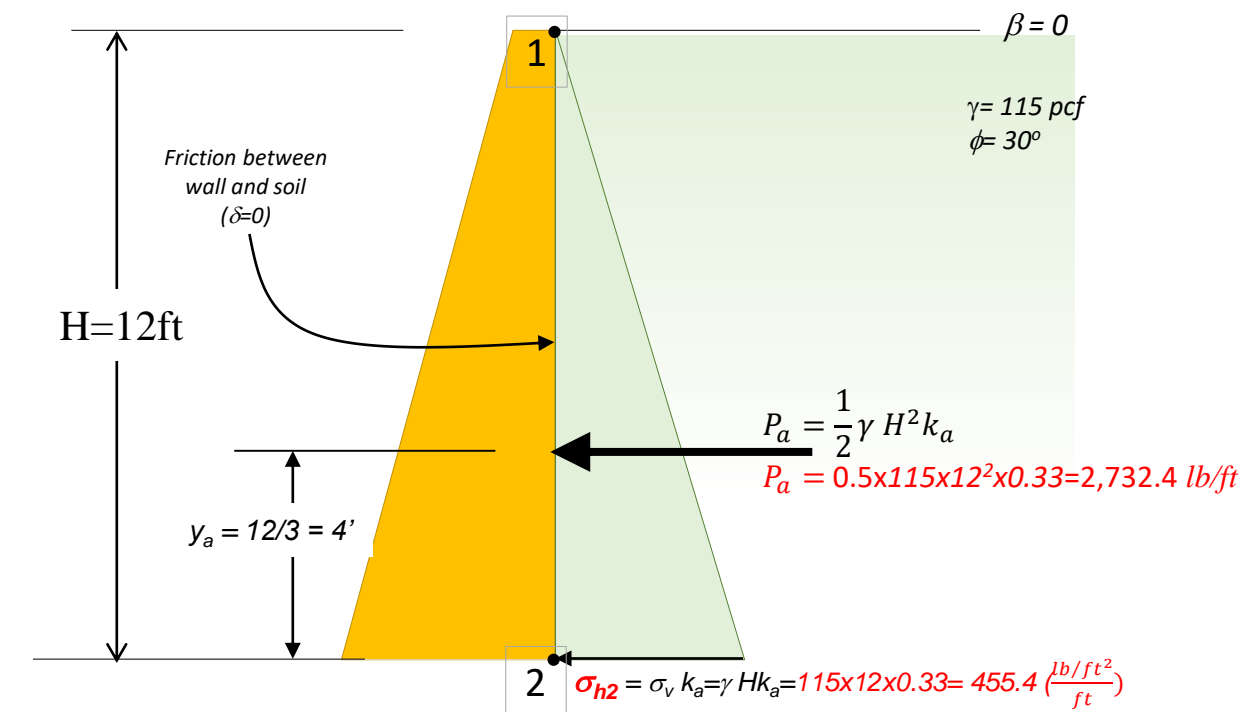
- Lateral force  $P_a$  acting on the wall

### Solution:

$$k_a = \frac{1 - \sin\phi}{1 + \sin\phi} = \frac{1 - \sin 30}{1 + \sin 30} = 0.33$$

Point	Vertical Stress $\sigma_v$ $\gamma H \left(\frac{\text{lb}/\text{ft}^2}{\text{ft}}\right)$	Horizontal Stress $\sigma_h$ $\gamma H k_a \left(\frac{\text{lb}/\text{ft}^2}{\text{ft}}\right)$	$P_a = \frac{1}{2} \gamma H^2 k_a$ (lb/ft)	$y_a$ (ft)
1	0	0	0.5x455.4x12=2,732.4	12/3=4
2	115x12=1,380	115x12x0.33= 455.4		

$$k_a = \frac{1 - \sin\phi}{1 + \sin\phi}$$



# Active Earth Pressure in $\phi$ – Soil (Using Rankine's Method)

Rankine's Method always assumes  $\delta = 0$

## Example -2

### Given:

- Vertical retaining wall (flexible)
- Wall height (H) = 12 ft
- Backfill unit weight ( $\gamma$ ) = 115 pcf
- Angle of soil friction ( $\phi$ ) =  $30^\circ$
- Assume wall to be smooth ( $\delta=0$ )

### Find:

- Lateral force  $P_a$  acting on the wall

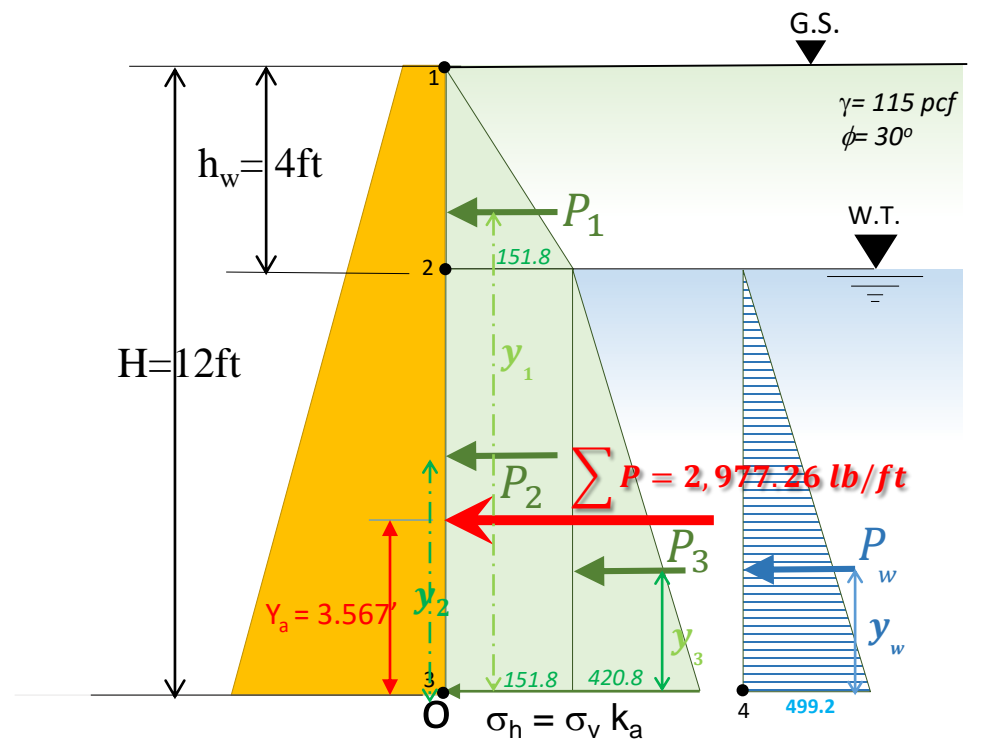
### Solution:

Because of the water table, the earth stress will be divided into soil and water pressure

$$k_a = \frac{1 - \sin\phi}{1 + \sin\phi} = \frac{1 - \sin 30}{1 + \sin 30} = 0.33$$

Point	Vertical Stress $\sigma_v$ $\gamma H \left(\frac{\text{lb}/\text{ft}^2}{\text{ft}}\right)$	Horizontal Stress $\sigma_h$ $\gamma H k_a \left(\frac{\text{lb}/\text{ft}^2}{\text{ft}}\right)$
1	0	0
2	$115 \times 4 = 460$	$460 \times 0.33 = 151.8$
3	$(115)(4) + (115 - 62.4)(8) = 460 + 420.8 = 880.8$	$[(115)(4) + (115 - 62.4)(8)] \times 0.33 = 290.66$
4	$62.4 \times 8 = 499.2$	$62.4 \times 8 = 499.2$ (Because $k_a$ for water = 1)

$$k_a = \frac{1 - \sin\phi}{1 + \sin\phi}$$



To determine the resultant Force and its point of action

Lateral Force (lb/ft)	$y_n$ (ft)
$P_1 = 0.5 \times 151.8 \times 4 = 303.6$	$y_1 = (4/3) + 8 = 9.33$ (distance from $P_1$ to point O)
$P_2 = 151.8 \times 8 = 1214.4$	$y_2 = 8/2 = 4$ (distance from $P_2$ to point O)
$P_3 = 0.5 \times 138.86 \times 8 = 555.46$	$y_3 = 8/3 = 2.67$ (distance from $P_3$ to point O)
$P_w = 0.5 \times 62.4 \times 8^2 = 1996.8$	$y_w = 8/3 = 2.67$ (distance from $P_w$ to point O)
$\sum P = 4070.26$	Take Moment about Point O = $\sum M_o = 303.6 \times 9.33 + 1214.4 \times 4 + 555.46 \times 2.67 + 1996.8 \times 2.67 = 14,504.72$ $y_a = \frac{\sum M_o}{\sum P} = \frac{14,504.72}{4070.26} = 3.56 \text{ ft}$



# Active Earth Pressure in $\phi$ – Soil (Using Rankine's Method)

Rankine's Method always assumes  $\delta = 0$

## Example -3

### Given:

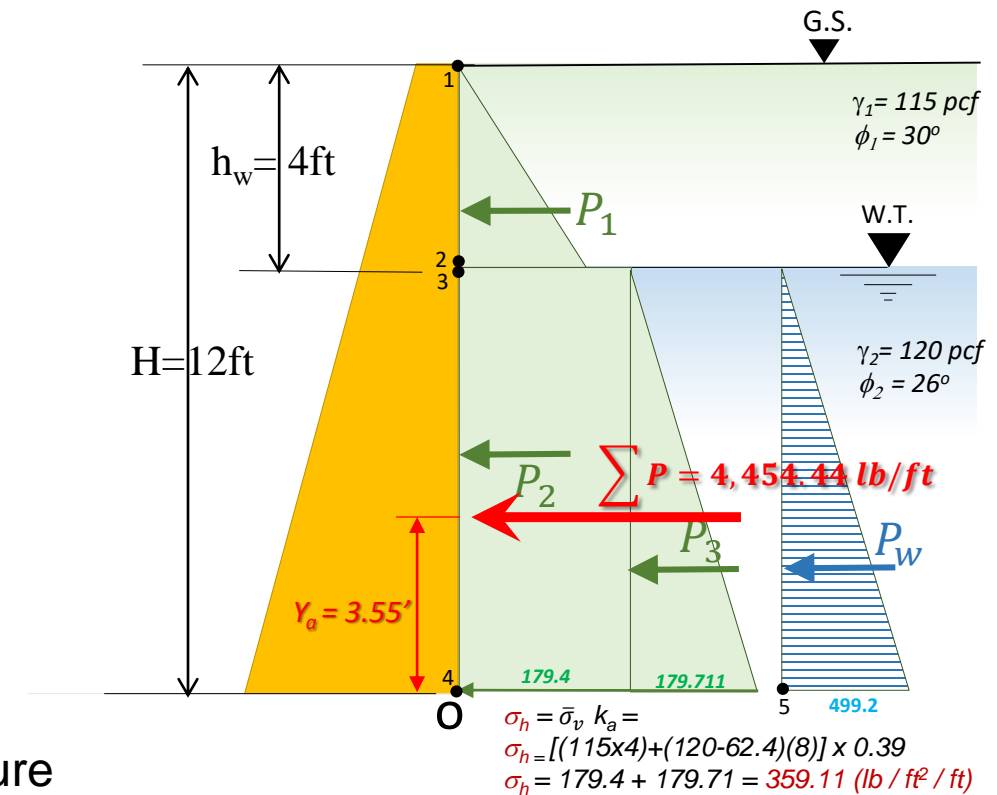
- Vertical retaining wall (flexible)
- Wall height (H) = 12 ft
- Backfill unit weight ( $\gamma$ ) = 115 pcf
- Angle of soil friction ( $\phi$ ) =  $30^\circ$
- Assume wall to be smooth ( $\delta=0$ )

### Find:

- Lateral force  $P_a$  acting on the wall

### Solution:

Because of the water table, the earth stress will be divided into soil and water pressure



$$k_{a1} = \frac{1 - \sin\phi}{1 + \sin\phi} = \frac{1 - \sin 30}{1 + \sin 30} = 0.33$$

$$k_{a2} = \frac{1 - \sin\phi}{1 + \sin\phi} = \frac{1 - \sin 26}{1 + \sin 26} = 0.39$$

Point	Vertical Stress $\sigma_v$ $\gamma H \left(\frac{\text{lb/ft}^2}{\text{ft}}\right)$	Horizontal Stress $\sigma_h$ $\gamma H k_a \left(\frac{\text{lb/ft}^2}{\text{ft}}\right)$
1	0	0
2	$115 \times 4 = 460$	$460 \times 0.33 = 151.8$
3	$115 \times 4 = 460$	$460 \times 0.39 = 179.4$
4	$(115)(4) + (115 - 62.4)(8) =$	$[(115 \times 4) + (120 - 62.4)(8)] \times 0.39 = 359.11$
5	$62.4 \times 8 = 499.2$	$62.4 \times 8 = 499.2$ (Because $k_a$ for water = 1)

Lateral Force (lb/ft)	$Y_n$ (ft)
$P_1 = 0.5 \times 151.8 \times 4 = 303.6$	$Y_1 = (4/3) + 8 = 9.33$
$P_2 = 179.4 \times 8 = 1435.2$	$8/2 = 4$
$P_3 = 0.5 \times 179.71 \times 8 = 718.84$	$8/3 = 2.67$
$P_w = 0.5 \times 499.2 \times 8 = 1996.8$	$8/3 = 2.67$
$\sum P = 4,454.44$	Take Moment about Point O = $\sum M_o = 303.6 \times 9.33 + 1435.2 \times 4 + 718.84 \times 2.67 + 1996.8 \times 2.67 = 15,824.15$ $Y_a = \frac{\sum M_o}{\sum P} = \frac{15,824.15}{4,454.44} = 3.55 \text{ ft}$

# Active Earth Pressure in $\phi$ – Soil (Using Rankine's Method)

Rankine's Method always assumes  $\delta = 0$

## Example - 4

### Given:

- Vertical retaining wall (flexible)
- Wall height (H) = 12 ft
- Backfill unit weight ( $\gamma$ ) = 115 pcf
- Angle of soil friction ( $\phi$ ) =  $30^\circ$
- Ground surface slope  $\alpha = 10^\circ$
- Assume wall to be smooth ( $\delta=0$ )

### Find:

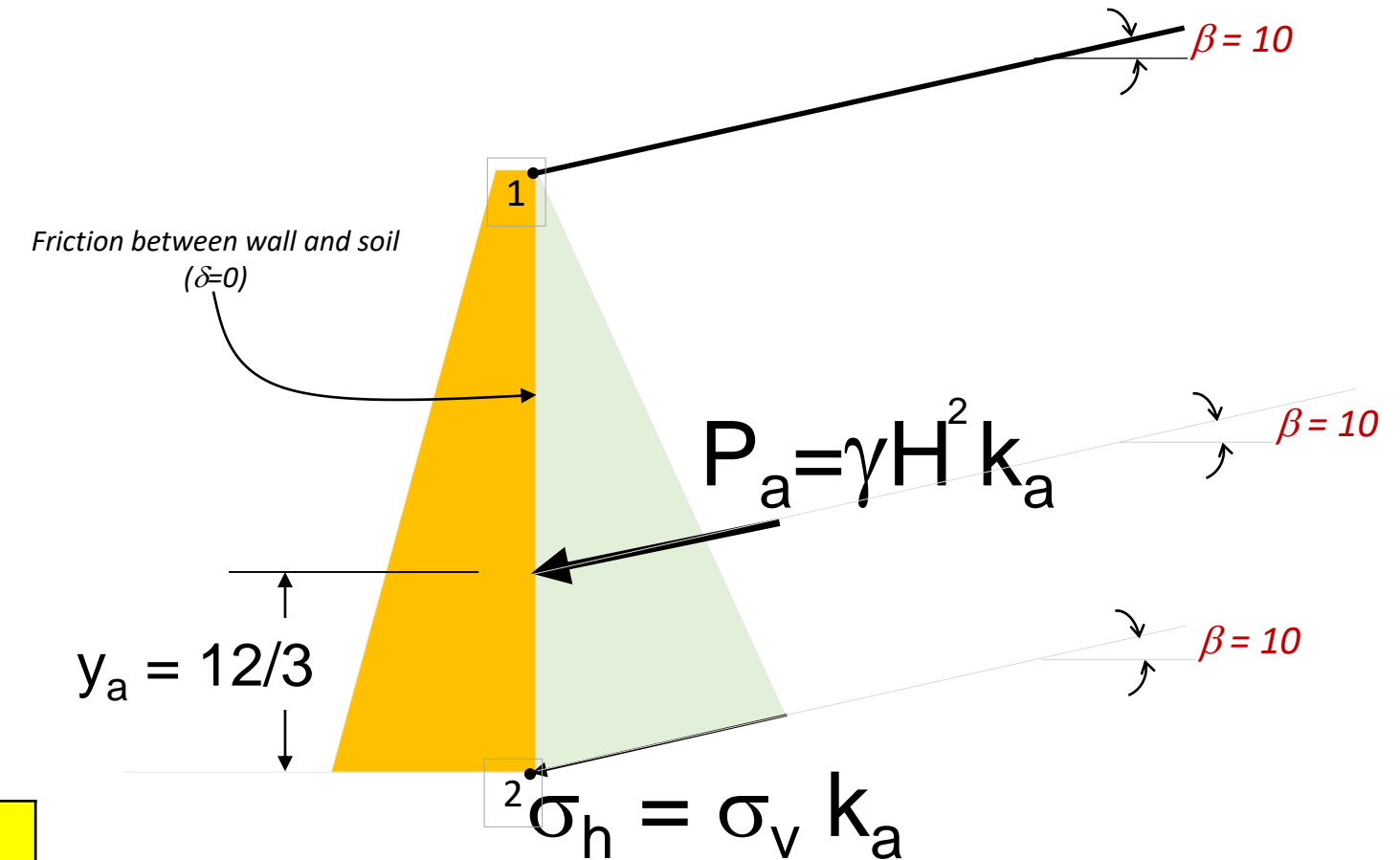
- Lateral force  $P_a$  acting on the wall

### Solution:

$$k_a = \cos\beta \frac{\cos\beta - \sqrt{\cos^2\beta - \cos^2\phi}}{\cos\beta + \sqrt{\cos^2\beta - \cos^2\phi}} = \cos 10^\circ \frac{\cos 10^\circ - \sqrt{\cos^2 10^\circ - \cos^2 30^\circ}}{\cos 10^\circ + \sqrt{\cos^2 10^\circ - \cos^2 30^\circ}} = 0.35$$

Point	Vertical Stress $\sigma_v$ $\gamma H \left(\frac{\text{lb}/\text{ft}^2}{\text{ft}}\right)$	Horizontal Stress $\sigma_h$ $\gamma H k_a \left(\frac{\text{lb}/\text{ft}^2}{\text{ft}}\right)$	$P_a = \frac{1}{2} \gamma H^2 k_a$ (lb/ft)	$y_a$ (ft)
1	0	0	0.5x483x12 = 2,898	12/3=4
2	115x12=1,380	115x12x0.35= 483		

$$k_a = \cos\beta \frac{\cos\beta - \sqrt{\cos^2\beta - \cos^2\phi}}{\cos\beta + \sqrt{\cos^2\beta - \cos^2\phi}}$$



# Active Earth Pressure in $\phi$ – Soil (Using Rankine's Method)

Rankine's Method always assumes  $\delta = 0$

## Example - 5

### Given:

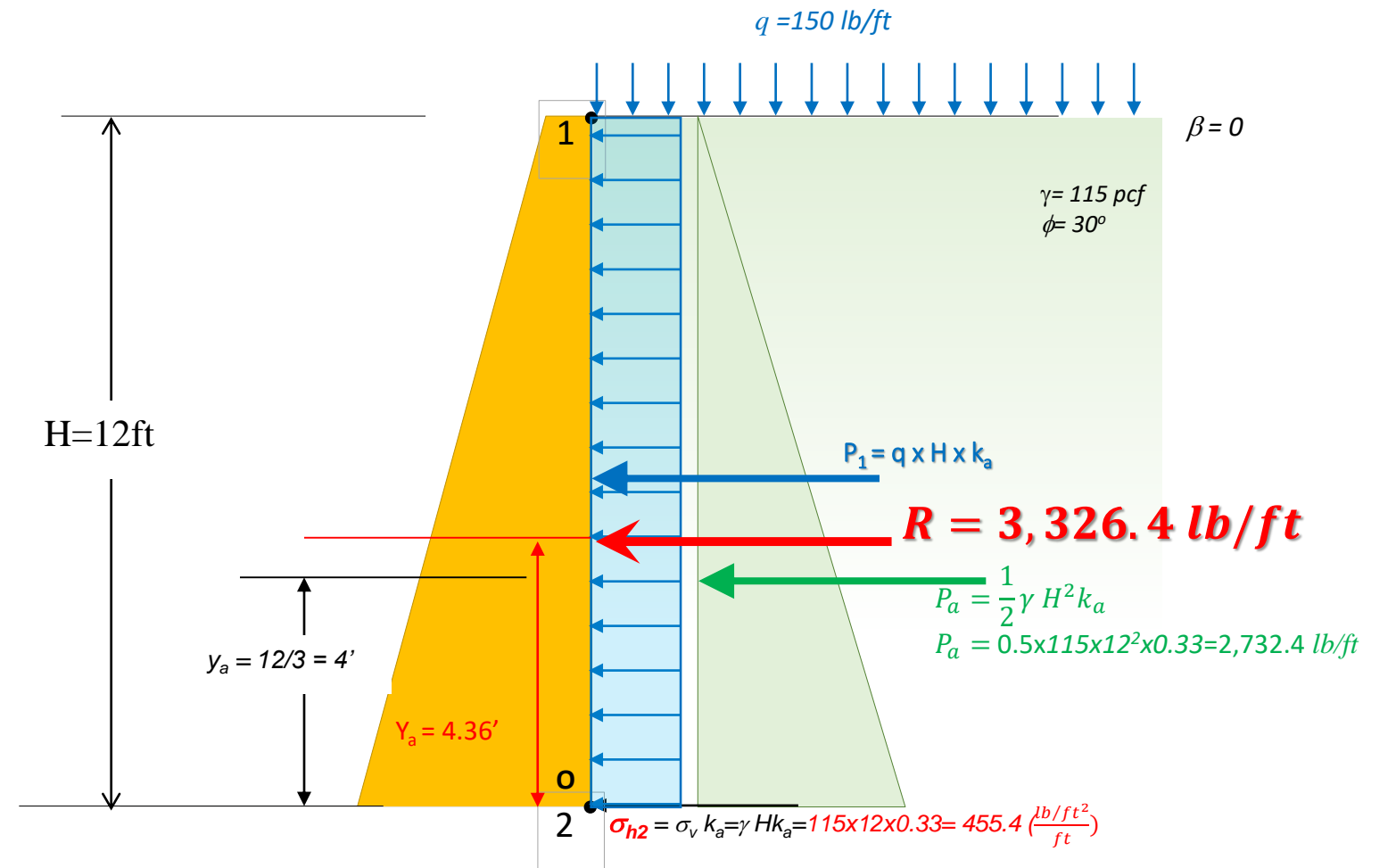
- Vertical retaining wall (flexible)
- Wall height (H) = 12 ft
- Backfill unit weight ( $\gamma$ ) = 115 pcf
- Angle of soil friction ( $\phi$ ) =  $30^\circ$
- Assume wall to be smooth ( $\delta=0$ )

### Find:

- Lateral force  $P_a$  acting on the wall

### Solution:

$$k_a = \frac{1 - \sin\phi}{1 + \sin\phi} = \frac{1 - \sin 30}{1 + \sin 30} = 0.33$$



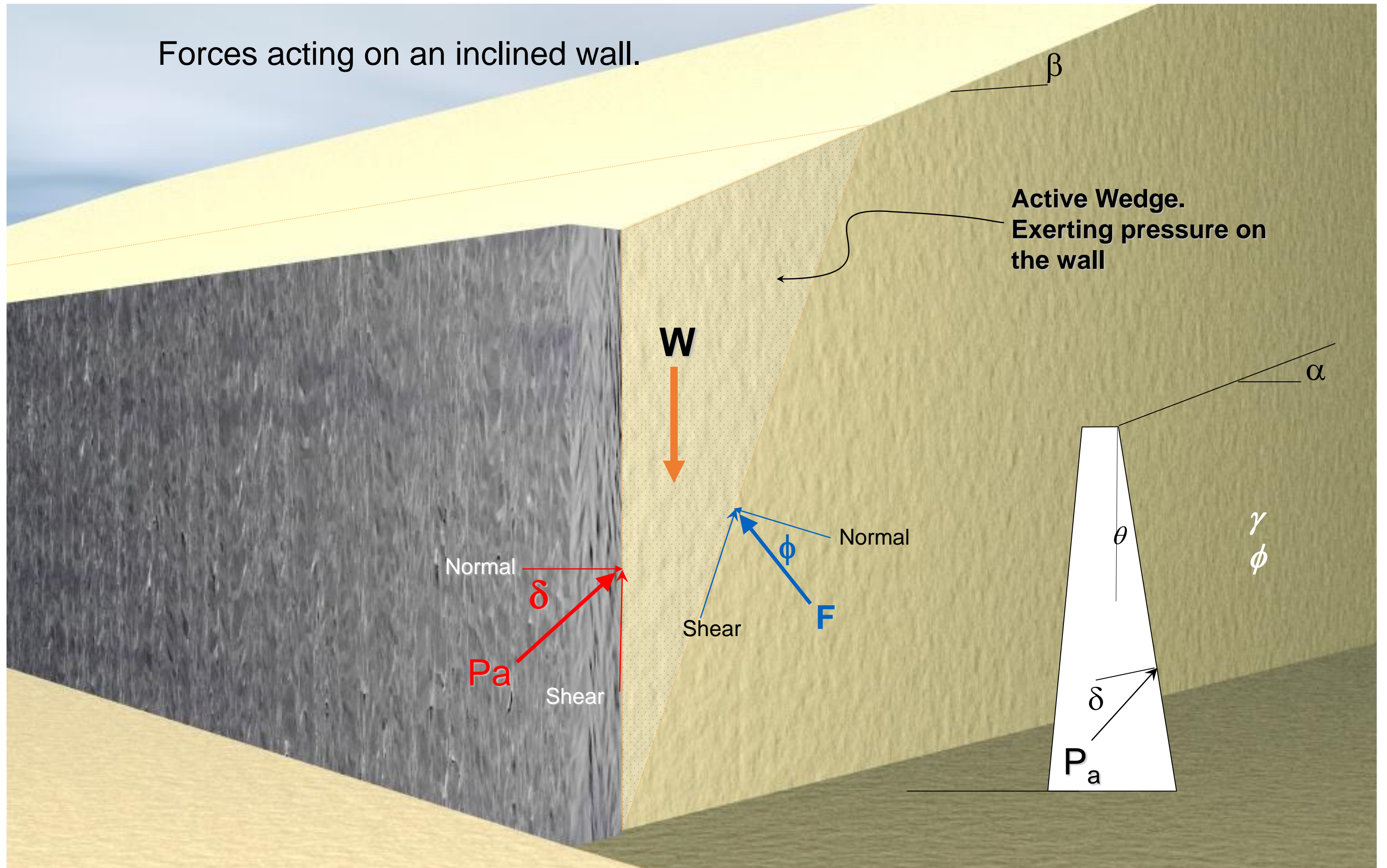
Point	Vertical Stress $\sigma_v$ $\gamma H \left(\frac{\text{lb/ft}^2}{\text{ft}}\right)$	Horizontal Stress $\sigma_h$ $\gamma H k_a \left(\frac{\text{lb/ft}^2}{\text{ft}}\right)$
1	150	$150 \times 0.33 = 49.5$
2	150	$150 \times 0.33 = 49.5$
3	$115 \times 12$	$115 \times 12 \times 0.33 = 455.4$

Lateral Force P (lb/ft)	Distance to O $y_a$ (ft)
$P_1 = 150 \times 0.33 \times 12 = 594$	$12/2 = 6$
$P_a = 0.5 \times 115 \times 12^2 \times 0.33 = 2,732.4$	$12/3 = 4$
$R = \sum P = 3,326.4$	Take Moment about Point O $= \sum M_o = 594 \times 6 + 2732.4 \times (12/3) = 14,493.6$ $y_a = \frac{\sum M_o}{\sum P} = \frac{14,493.6}{3,326.4} = 4.36\text{ ft}$



# Coulomb Earth Pressure Method

Forces acting on an inclined wall.





# COULOMB'S WEDGE THEORY

**W** = weight of the soil wedge  
**R** = resultant of the shear and normal forces on the failure surface BC  
**P<sub>a</sub>** = the active force per unit length of the wall. The direction of P<sub>a</sub> is inclined at an angle δ to the normal drawn and the face of the wall that supports the soil  
**δ** = the angle of friction between the soil and the wall

$$W = \gamma \cdot (\text{area of wedge } ABC)$$

From the triangles of forces,

$$\frac{P_a}{\sin(\theta - \phi)} = \frac{W}{\sin(180^\circ - \psi - \theta + \phi)}$$

$$P_a = \frac{W \sin(\theta - \phi)}{\sin(180^\circ - \psi - \theta + \phi)}$$

Substituting for W,

$$P_a = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\gamma H^2}{\sin^2 \alpha} \cdot \frac{\sin(\theta - \phi)}{\sin(180^\circ - \psi - \theta + \phi)} \cdot \frac{\sin(\theta + \alpha) \cdot \sin(\alpha + \beta)}{\sin(\theta - \beta)}$$

The maximum value of P<sub>a</sub> is obtained by equating the first derivative of P<sub>a</sub> with respect to θ to zero; or

(∂P<sub>a</sub>)/∂θ = 0, and substituting the corresponding value of θ.

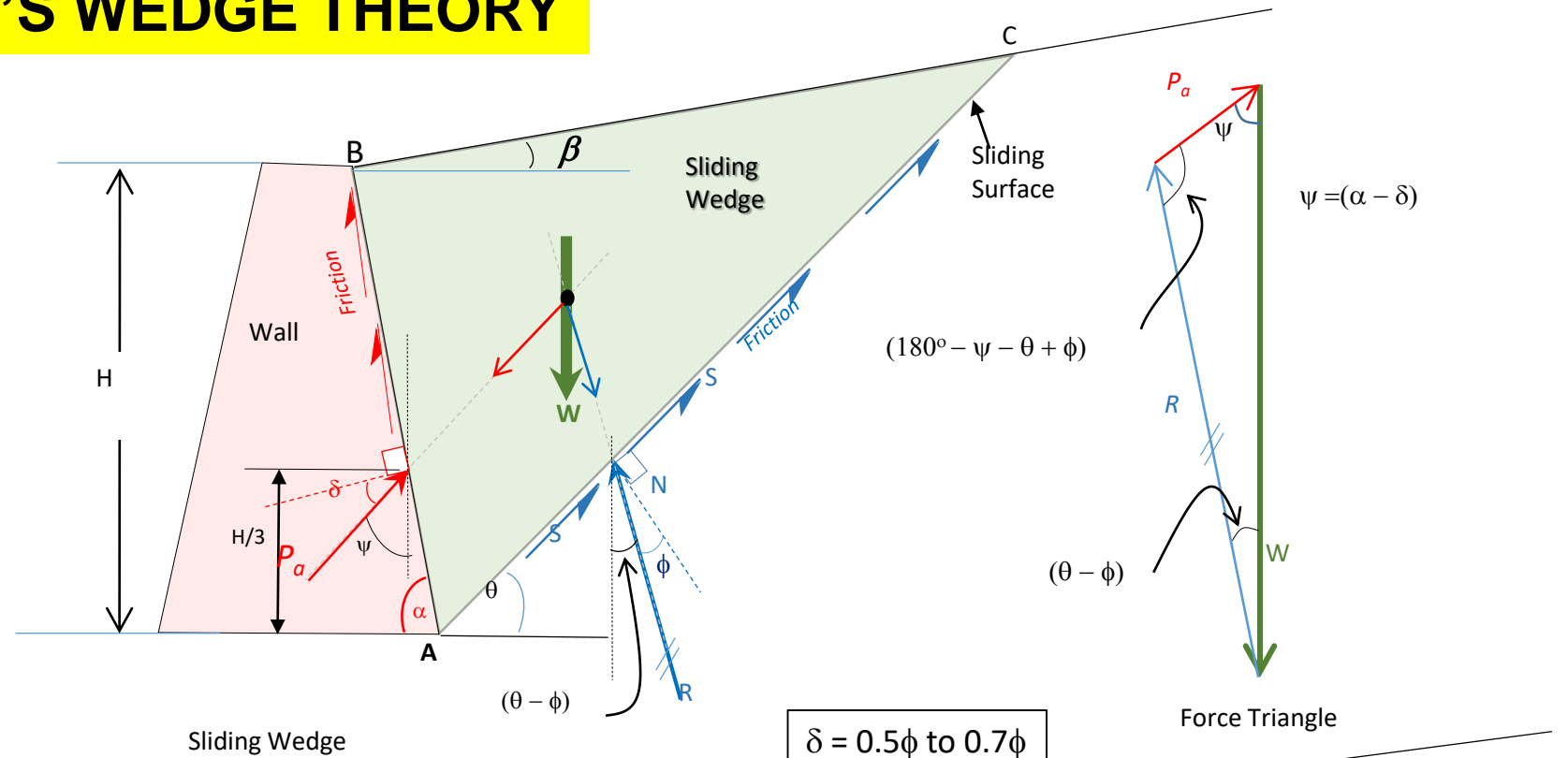
The value of P<sub>a</sub> so obtained is written as

$$P_a = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \gamma H^2 \cdot \frac{\sin^2(\alpha + \phi)}{\sin^2 \alpha \sin(\alpha - \delta) \left[ 1 + \sqrt{\frac{\sin(\phi + \delta) \sin(\phi - \beta)}{\sin(\alpha - \delta) \sin(\alpha + \beta)}} \right]^2}$$

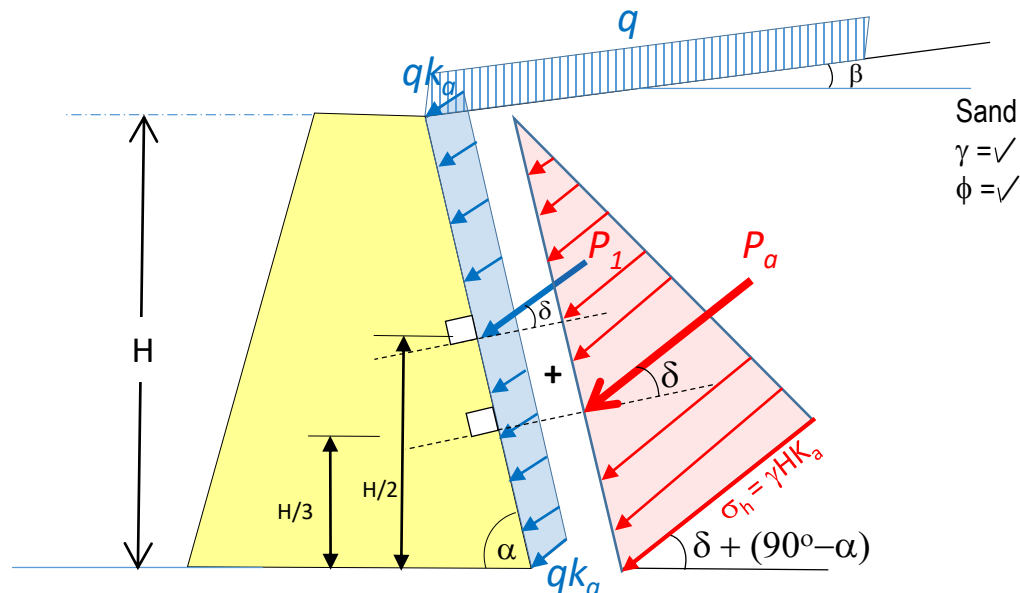
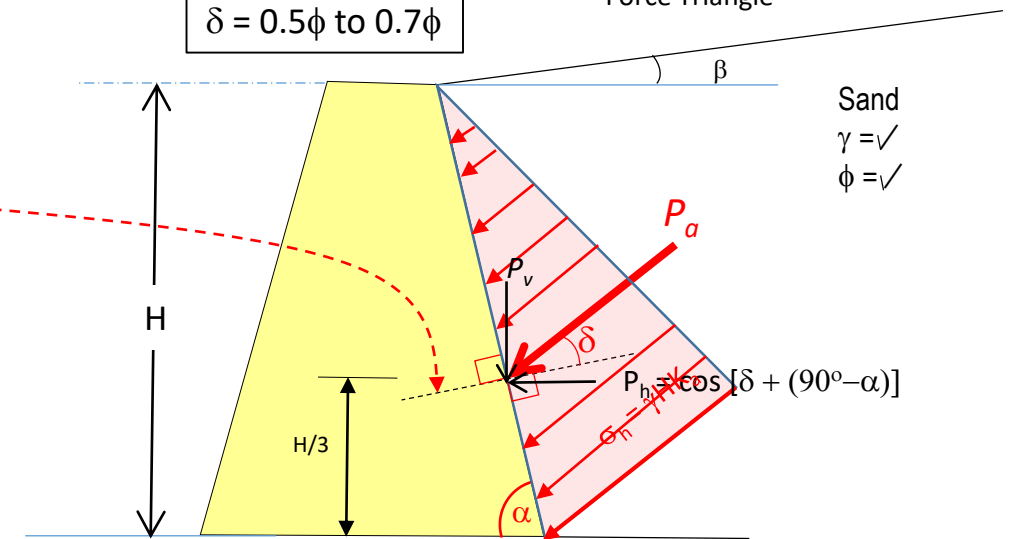
This is usually written as

$$P_a = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \gamma H^2 \cdot K_a$$

Where  $K_a$  being the coefficient of active earth pressure = 
$$\frac{\sin^2(\alpha + \phi)}{\sin^2 \alpha \sin(\alpha - \delta) \left[ 1 + \sqrt{\frac{\sin(\phi + \delta) \sin(\phi - \beta)}{\sin(\alpha - \delta) \sin(\alpha + \beta)}} \right]^2}$$



- Draw this perpendicular line first
- Then draw P<sub>a</sub> with an angle = α

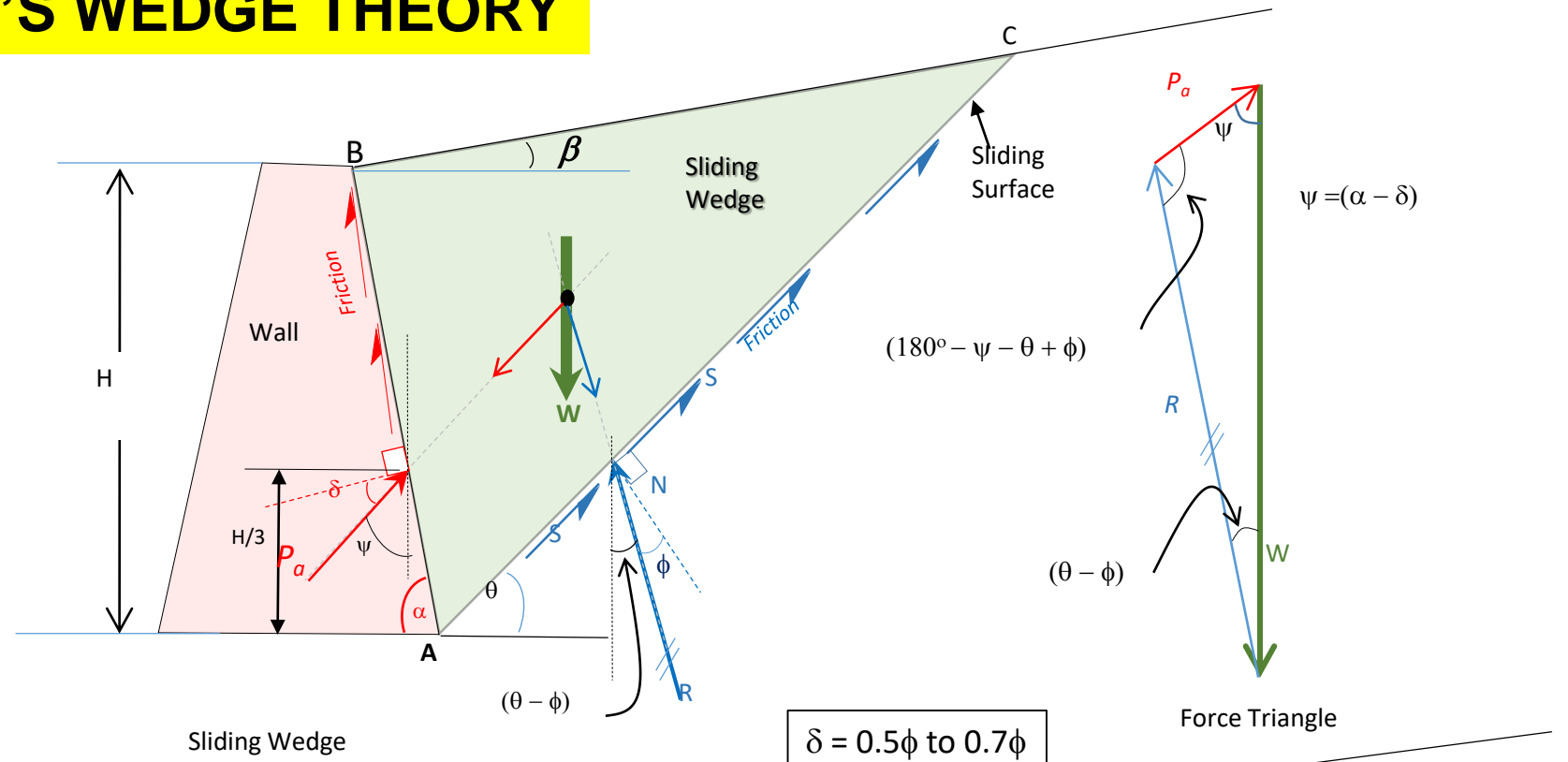


# COULOMB'S WEDGE THEORY

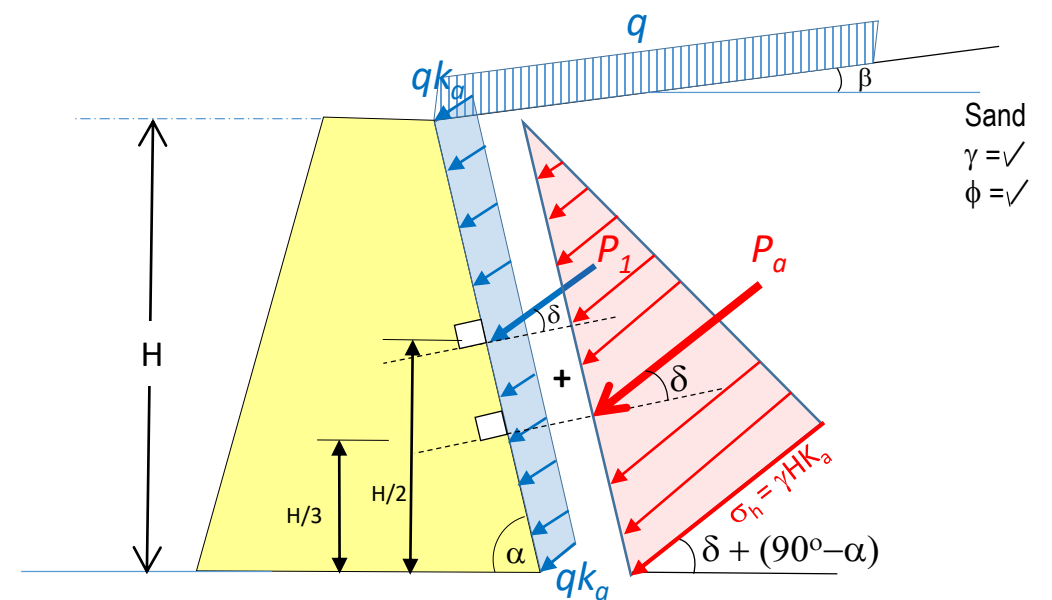
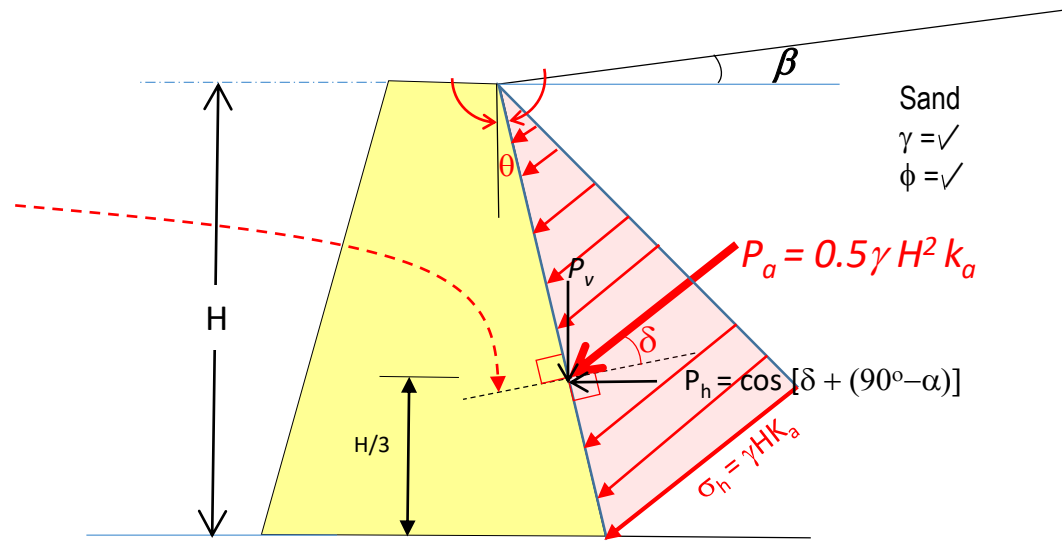
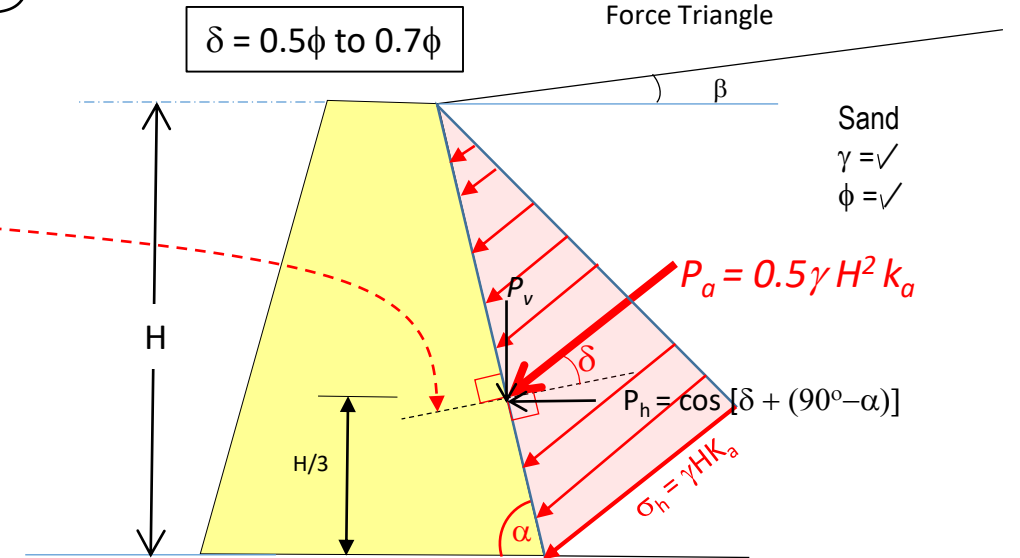
$$K_a = \frac{\sin^2(\alpha + \phi)}{\sin^2\alpha \sin(\alpha - \delta) \left[ 1 + \sqrt{\frac{\sin(\phi + \delta) \sin(\phi - \beta)}{\sin(\alpha - \delta) \sin(\alpha + \beta)}} \right]^2}$$

OR

$$K_a = \frac{\cos^2(\phi - \theta)}{\cos^2\theta \cos(\delta + \theta) \left[ 1 + \sqrt{\frac{\sin(\delta + \phi) \sin(\phi - \beta)}{\cos(\delta + \theta) \cos(\beta - \theta)}} \right]^2}$$



- Draw this perpendicular line first
- Then draw  $P_a$  with an angle  $= \alpha$



# Active Earth Pressure in $\phi$ – Soil (Using Coulomb's Method)

## Example - 6

### Given:

- Vertical retaining wall (flexible)
- Wall height (H) = 12 ft
- Backfill unit weight ( $\gamma$ ) = 115 pcf
- Angle of soil friction ( $\phi$ ) =  $30^\circ$
- Assume wall to be smooth ( $\delta=20$ )

### Find:

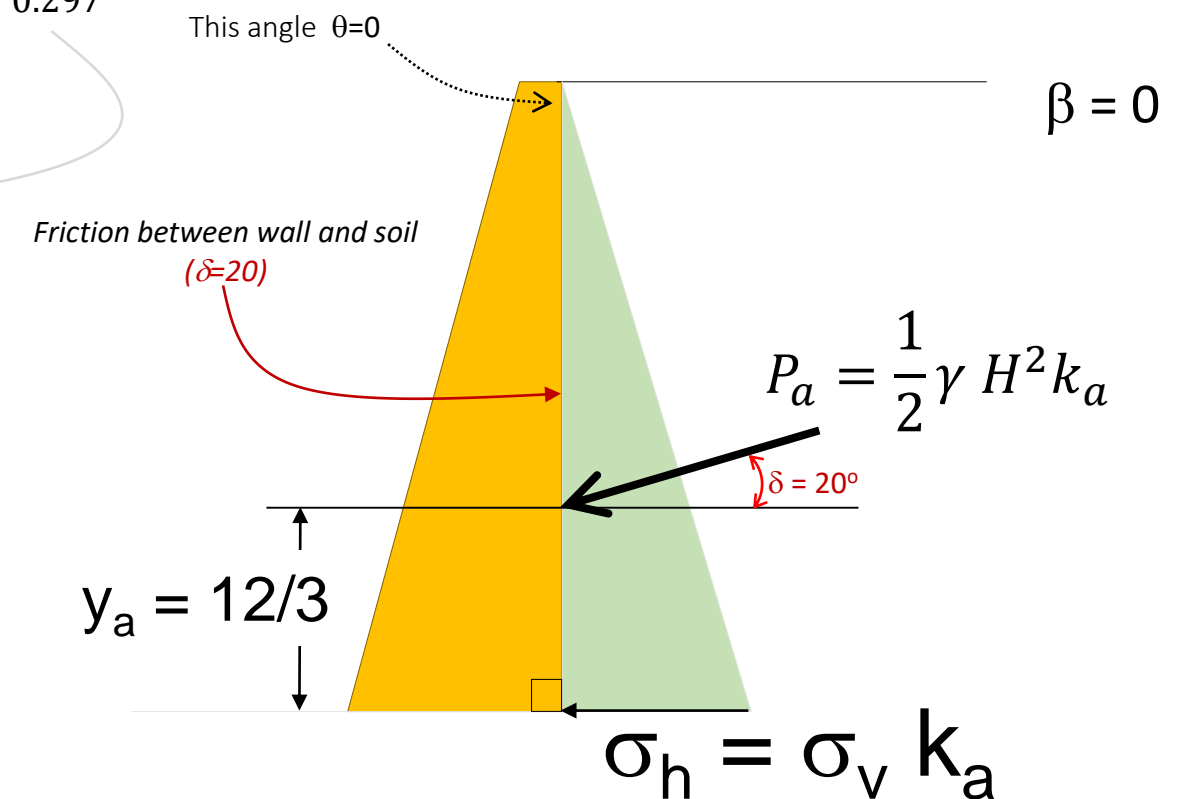
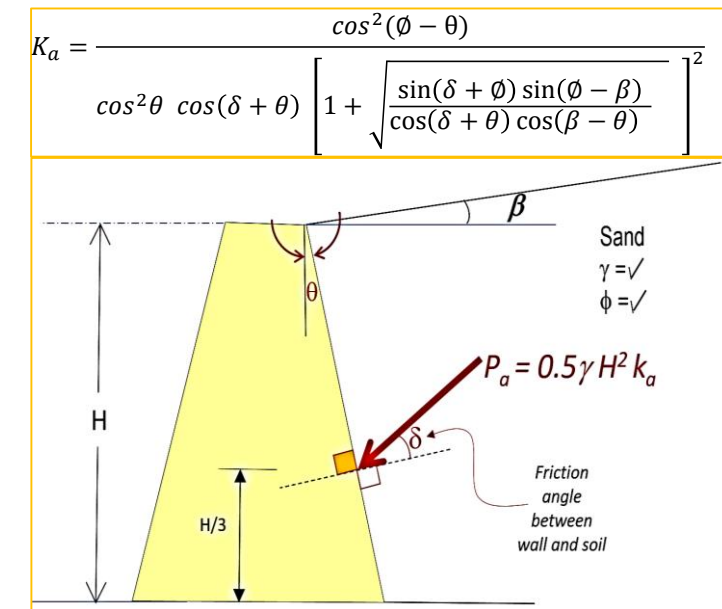
- Lateral force  $P_a$  acting on the wall

### Solution:

$$K_a = \frac{\cos^2(\phi - \theta)}{\cos^2\theta \cos(\delta + \theta) \left[ 1 + \frac{\sin(\delta + \phi) \sin(\phi - \beta)}{\cos(\delta + \theta) \cos(\beta - \theta)} \right]^2} = \frac{\cos^2(30 - 0)}{\cos^2 0 \cos(20 + 0) \left[ 1 + \frac{\sin(20 + 30) \sin(30 - 0)}{\cos(20 + 0) \cos(0 - 0)} \right]^2} = 0.297$$

Point	Vertical Stress $\sigma_v$ $\gamma H \left( \frac{\text{lb/ft}^2}{\text{ft}} \right)$	Horizontal Stress $\sigma_h$ $\gamma H k_a \left( \frac{\text{lb/ft}^2}{\text{ft}} \right)$	$P_a = \frac{1}{2} \gamma H^2 k_a$ (lb/ft)	$y_a$ (ft)
1	0	0	0.5x409.86x12=2,459.2	12/3=4
2	115x12=1,380	115x12x0.297= 409.86		

About 10% less than the Rankine's Earth Pressure





# Active Earth Pressure in $\phi$ – Soil (Using Coulomb's Method)

## Example - 7

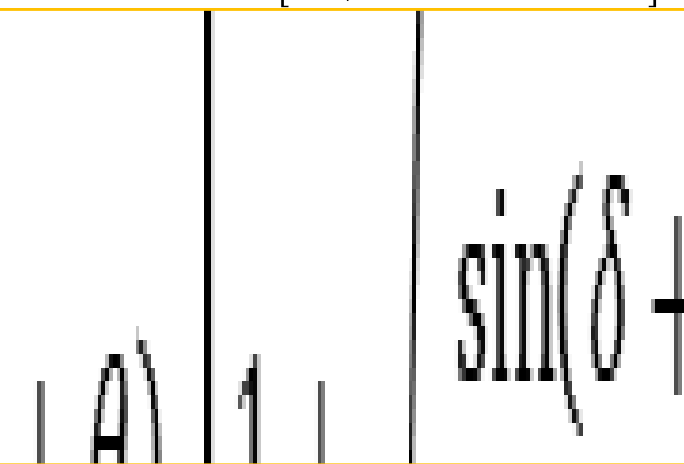
### Given:

- Vertical retaining wall (flexible)
- Wall height (H) = 12 ft
- Backfill unit weight ( $\gamma$ ) = 115 pcf
- Angle of soil friction ( $\phi$ ) =  $30^\circ$
- Ground surface slope  $\alpha = 10^\circ$
- Assume wall to be smooth ( $\delta=20$ )

### Find:

- Lateral force  $P_a$  acting on the wall

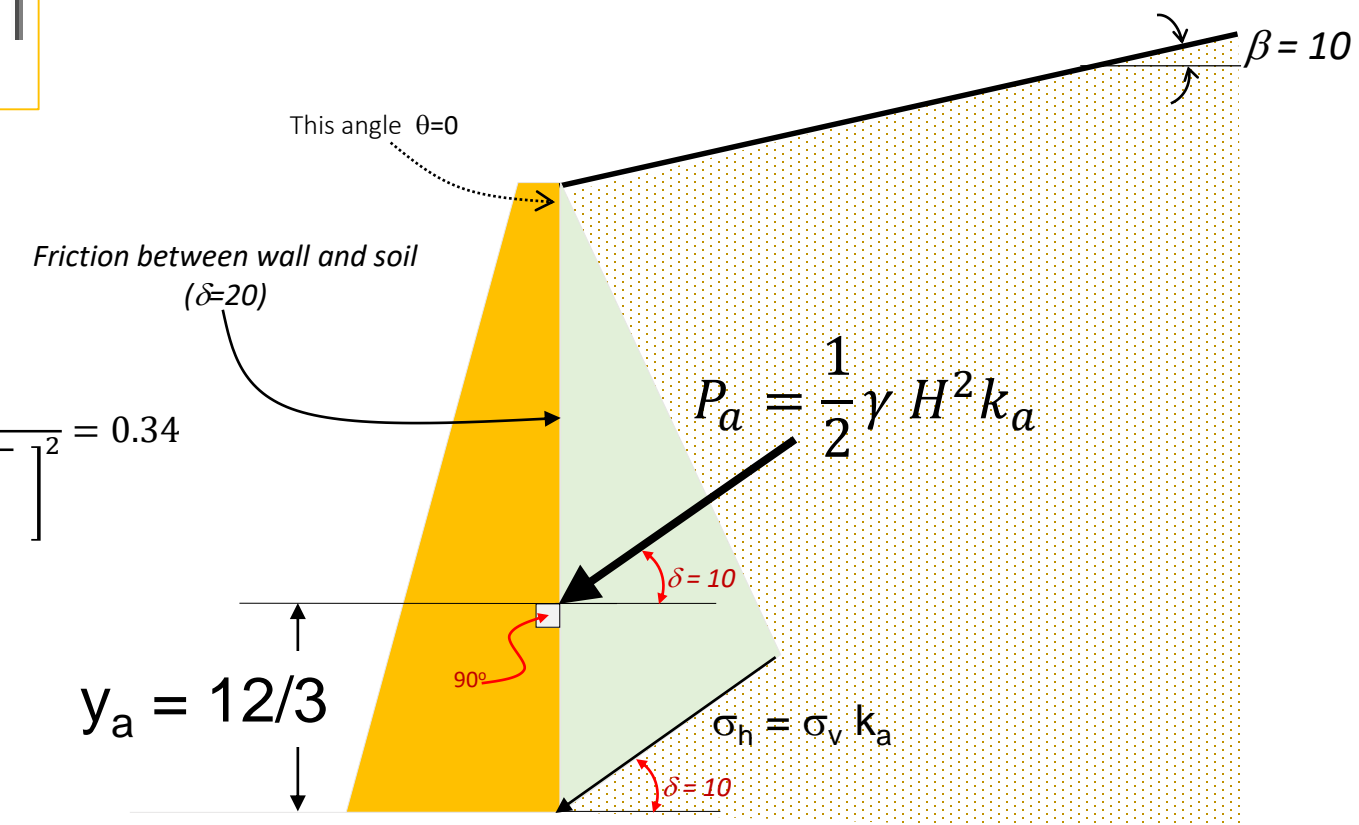
### Solution:

$$K_a = \frac{\cos^2(\phi - \theta)}{\cos^2\theta \cos(\delta + \theta) \left[ 1 + \sqrt{\frac{\sin(\delta + \phi) \sin(\phi - \beta)}{\cos(\delta + \theta) \cos(\beta - \theta)}} \right]^2}$$


$$K_a = \frac{\cos^2(\phi - \theta)}{\cos^2\theta \cos(\delta + \theta) \left[ 1 + \sqrt{\frac{\sin(\delta + \phi) \sin(\phi - \beta)}{\cos(\delta + \theta) \cos(\beta - \theta)}} \right]^2} = \frac{\cos^2(30 - 0)}{\cos^2 0 \cos(20 + 0) \left[ 1 + \sqrt{\frac{\sin(20 + 30) \sin(30 - 10)}{\cos(20 + 0) \cos(10 - 0)}} \right]^2} = 0.34$$

Point	Vertical Stress $\sigma_v$ $\gamma H \left( \frac{lb/ft^2}{ft} \right)$	Horizontal Stress $\sigma_h$ $\gamma H k_a \left( \frac{lb/ft^2}{ft} \right)$	$P_a = \frac{1}{2} \gamma H^2 k_a$ (lb/ft)	$y_a$ (ft)
1	0	0	$0.5 \times 115 \times 12^2 \times 0.34 = 2,815.2$	$12/3 = 4$
2	$115 \times 12 = 1,380$	$115 \times 12 \times 0.34 = 469.2$		

About 3% less than the Rankine's Earth Pressure



# Active Earth Pressure in $\phi$ – Soil (Using Coulomb's Method)

## Example - 8

### Given:

- Vertical retaining wall (flexible)
- Wall height (H) = 12 ft
- Backfill unit weight ( $\gamma$ ) = 115 pcf
- Angle of soil friction ( $\phi$ ) =  $30^\circ$
- Ground surface slope  $\alpha = 10^\circ$
- Assume wall to be smooth ( $\delta=20$ )
- The wall batter angle  $\theta = 10^\circ$

### Find:

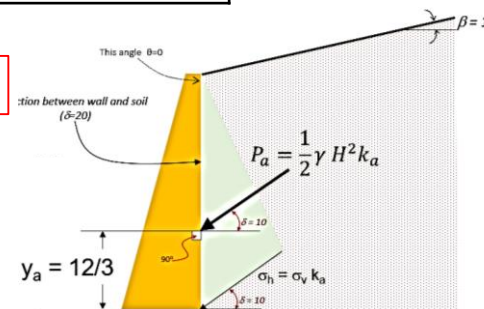
- Lateral force  $P_a$  acting on the wall

### Solution:

$$K_a = \frac{\cos^2(\phi - \theta)}{\cos^2\theta \cos(\delta + \theta) \left[ 1 + \frac{\sin(\delta + \theta) \sin(\phi - \beta)}{\cos(\delta + \theta) \cos(\beta - \theta)} \right]^2} = \frac{\cos^2(30 - 10)}{\cos^2 10 \cos(20 + 10) \left[ 1 + \frac{\sin(20 + 30) \sin(30 - 10)}{\cos(20 + 10) \cos(10 - 10)} \right]^2} = 0.475$$

Point	Vertical Stress $\sigma_v$ $\gamma H \left( \frac{\text{lb}/\text{ft}^2}{\text{ft}} \right)$	Horizontal Stress $\sigma_h$ $\gamma H k_a \left( \frac{\text{lb}/\text{ft}^2}{\text{ft}} \right)$	$P_a = \frac{1}{2} \gamma H^2 k_a$ (lb/ft)	$y_a$ (ft)
1	0	0	$0.5 \times 115 \times 12^2 \times 0.475 = 3,933$	$12/3 = 4$
2	$115 \times 12 = 1,380$	$115 \times 12 \times 0.475 = 655.5$		

About 28% more than Vertical wall ( $\theta = 0$ )



$$K_a = \frac{\cos^2(\phi - \theta)}{\cos^2\theta \cos(\delta + \theta) \left[ 1 + \frac{\sin(\delta + \theta) \sin(\phi - \beta)}{\cos(\delta + \theta) \cos(\beta - \theta)} \right]^2}$$

