

Research Article

“An Approach for Settlement Analysis by Various Methods: An Immense Review”

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Abstract

The design of the tall building is necessary for the assessment with the base foundation requirements and techniques so that the ultimate load can be transferred to the subsoil and to make the tall buildings safe against all static loadings. This article presents a detailed review of the literature on pile foundation of tall buildings under multiple soil strata, and also describes the estimation of settlement through various theoretical, experimental and software approaches. Under the present study a rigorous review has been made on the different approaches used by various researchers to find out the correlation between theoretical and actual settlement values of pile and pile group and to predict the limit before failure. The study shows that various statements Duncan-Chang model, Mindlin–Geddes method, Bowles, Schmertmann methods, Hook’s law used in literature survey, helps in finding out the optimized range of pile settlement through numerical approach which is 40% to 75% and the correlation established was in the range of 80% to 95% respectively. Factors considered: load on pile top, pile material grade, soil properties, pile length and number of blows. The software ABAQUS and PLAXIS approach also adopted by few researchers to get the quick and prototype results.

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1-Introduction

The settlement of the foundations should be assessed with great attention to buildings, towers, power plants and similar expensive buildings. Settlement analysis plays an important role in the construction of foundations, despite the fact that only a few modern buildings have been destroyed by excessive settlements, frequent cases of partial collapse or localized destruction of the structural element. With the exception of random coincidences, soil subsidence calculations are only the best estimates of deformations that can be expected when applying a load. Prediction of pile settlement can be achieved as a sum of pile settlement and elastic deformation of the pile. The main factor that significantly complicates the design of the foundation is that the soil parameters must be obtained on the construction site before calculating the project. Theoretical equations of pile construction, diagrams and various soil factors and parameters are based on previously conducted research. If the approach of theoretical pile settlement is similar to actual

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pile load test, it has easy to predict the load and settlement and reducing the time and money in field test.

2- Objectives of the Study

The objectives decided for the review of literature and their analysis for the study of settlement criteria are as follows:-

- To study the Static loading criteria for the elimination of the actual pile testing for settlement of In-situ site conditions.
- To establish correlation between theoretical and actual settlement by different model approaches.

3-Literature Review

The different searches based on the diverse aspects with their key point consideration. They are as follows:

1-The settlement calculation was computed by(Binhui Ma & et al. 2021) [1]by Duncan-Chang model and Hook’s law of soft clay foundation for N^{th} number of various layers by mathematical calculations and the theory of wedge stress. Main parameter considered was stresses, vertical load and settlement.

2-The settlement on sloppy area for the vertical loaded single pile under vertical load and settlement was proposed by (Chong Jiang& Wen-yan Wu et. al. 2020) [2].Research based on the shear displacement method and the principle of deformation control, the displacement and deformation of a composite long and short piles foundation was presented.

3- Based on the shear displacement method and the principle of deformation control, a composite long and short piles foundation was presented(TianzhongMa &Yanpeng Zhu et. al. 2020) [3] for 4 and 8 numbers of piles. The calculation of the displacement and application of load accordingly was their main parameter.

4-The relationship between the compression modulus and soil gravity stress and cone penetration resistance was done on Wuqi–Dingbian expressway using post-grouted piles (Zhijun Zhou et. al. 2019) [4]. Based on parameter considered, q_c and $E_{s,z}$, for the determination of settlement.

5- The Study of Capped Piles Composite Foundation under Embankment for settlement analysis was done by E_s and E_p method, settlement reducing pile method and by field tests methods. ABAQUS software was used to validate the accuracy of these methods. (Ming-Quan Liu et. al. 2020) [5]

6- A review report was summarized for the typical type of tall and super tall building based on their fundamental geotechnical parameters and correlations have done based on SPT calculations on Pile ultimate shaft resistance, ultimate base resistance, Soil Young’s modulus below raft level, along and below pile under vertical loading. La Azteca Building in Mexico City, Mexico, Burj

Khalifa in Dubai, The Incheon 151 Tower in Incheon, South Korea, Tower in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia have been selected. (Harry G. Poulos 2016) [6]

7- Correlation effect between E_u and undrained strength S_u have established (Gopal Ranjan and A.S.R. Rao) [7] for the evaluation of settlement by the given range of Modulus of Elasticity of Soil E_s . They have provided computations for normally consolidated sensitive clay, normally over consolidated clay and heavily over consolidated clay by field value tests and hit and trial approach.

8- Site investigation was performed (Hisham T. Eid and Khaldoun Bani-Hani 2012) [8] for the correlation of analytical and experimental settlement of axially loaded piles entirely embedded in rock. Main parameters considered was the Modulus of Elasticity of Soil E_s , Modulus of Elasticity of pile material E_p , influence factor I and L/D ratio.

4- Data Collection

Data was collected from the selected papers for various parameters considered in the literature review.

4.1 Settlement calculation for M^{th} soil layer

It was obtained by using combine model considering various input parameters: soil layer, Poisson's ratio, unit weight, cohesion, frictional angle, Initial porosity, Initial deformation modulus. Table 1 shows Input Parameters considered for settlement.

$$S = \sum_{j=1}^M s_j$$

Model A

Where, S is settlement (in mm) and $\sum_{j=1}^M s_j$ is sum of settlement values in $j=1$ to M^{th} soil layer.

Table 1: Parameters Taken for Calculation

Soil layer	Poisson's ratio, μ	Unit weight, γ ($\text{kN}\cdot\text{m}^3$)	Cohesion, C (kPa)	Friction angle, ϕ	Initial porosity, e_0	Initial deformation modulus, (MPa) E_0
Zhanjiang clay	0.38	17.3	36	23.5	1.45	3.4

4.2 Settlement on sloppy area for the vertical loaded single pile.

The estimation the settlement on sloppy area for the vertical loaded single pile obtained by using

$$\Delta S_{ij} = \frac{P_i \Delta h_j}{E t}$$

Model B

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Where, ΔS_{ij} is change in settlement at ij^{th} layer, P_i is load applied in KN, E_t is Modulus of elasticity on test material and Δh_j is change in length of pile.

Table 2: Soil and pile properties

Material	Poisson's ratio D	Density (kg·m ⁻³)	Cohesion (Pa)	Cohesion (Pa)	Friction angle (°)	Dilatation angle (°)
Pile	3.0×10^3	0.1	2500	-	-	-
Soil	1.2×10^7	0.4	1800	3.0×10^4	35°	5°

4.3 Settlement by composite long and short pile comparison

Estimation of comparison of Load settlement by considering composite pile foundation with long and short piles

$$S = S_{st} \left(\frac{d}{D_{eq}} \right)^{-0.15}$$

Model C

Where, S_{st} is settlement of single pile, S is wrinkle's ground coefficient, d =diameter of pile and D_{eq} is equivalent displacement.

Table 3: Test schemes of composite pile foundations with long and short piles

Operating conditions	Number of piles	Number of long piles	Number of short piles	Number of long piles participating in the operating conditions	Number of short piles participating in the operating conditions
(1)	2	1	1	7	2
(2)	4	2	2	4,10	5,9
(3)	8	4	4	1,3,11,13	2,6,8,12

4.4 Settlement by modulus of elasticity of soil material and load carrying capacity

$$E_{s,z} = 2.631 q_c + 7.177$$

Model D

Where, $E_{s,z}$ is modulus of elasticity of soil material and q_c is the load carrying capacity of pile material

4.5 Settlement by initial elastic settlement observations

Total settlement of calculation can be calculated by

$$S = S_1 + S_2$$

Model E

$$S_1 = \Psi_{S1} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\Delta P_i}{E_{spi}} l_i$$

$$S_2 = \Psi_{S2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\Delta P_i}{E_{si}} l_i$$

Where, S_1 and S_2 are settlement (in mm), ΔP_i is change in load application, l_i is settlement influence factor, E_{si} and E_{spi} are modulus of elasticity of soil and soil-pile interaction, Ψ_{S1} and Ψ_{S2} are initial elastic settlement observed.

4.6 Settlement by shaft resistance, base resistance, young's modulus below raft and along pile.

For Pile ultimate shaft resistance

$$f_s = a \cdot [2.8 N_s + 10] \text{ kPa}$$

For Pile ultimate base resistance

$$f_b = K_2 \cdot N_b \text{ kPa}$$

For Soil Young's modulus below raft level

$$E_{sr} = 2N \text{ MPa}$$

For Young's modulus along and below pile under vertical loading

$$E_s = 3N \text{ MPa}$$

Model F

Where,

N_r = average SPT (N60) value within depth of one half of the raft width, N_s = SPT value along pile shaft, N_b = average SPT value close to pile tip, K_1 , K_2 = factors shown, $a = 1$ for displacement piles in all soils and non-displacement piles in clays, $a = 0.5-0.6$ for non-displacement piles in granular soils.

4.7 Correlation effect for the evaluation of settlement by the given range of Modulus of Elasticity of Soil E_s .

Total settlement of calculation can be calculated by

$$S = \left(\frac{P}{L E_s} \right) I$$

Model G

Where, S is settlement (in mm), I is settlement influence factor, P is load applied in KN, L is length of pile and E_s is Modulus of elasticity of pile material.

Table 4: Typical range values of E_s for clay soil

Soil	Es kg/sq cm	Es MN/sq m
Clay (selected ranges of medium soil)	150	14.71
	185	18.14
	220	21.57
	255	25.01
	290	28.44
	325	31.87
	360	35.30
	395	38.74
	430	42.17
	465	45.60
	500	49.03

4.8 Influence factor affecting for the evaluation of settlement

Values of Influence factor affecting settlement analysis are:

Table 5: Values of Influence factor for frictional resistance and end bearing piles

L/D	Frictional resistance only					Frictional resistance and end bearing			
	Ep/Es	10		500		10		500	
	b	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2	1
2		0.593	0.470	0.457	0.367	0.550	0.446	0.407	0.337
30		0.543	0.377	0.110	0.079	0.543	0.377	0.109	0.078

5- Methodology and Data Analysis

1- By using Model A, settlement of each soil layer found upto Mth layer was 15 cm and 15.6 cm by analytical equation and actual settlement respectively. Parameters taken shown in Table 1. The current study model evaluated 17.53 cm and 15.16 cm for the same and comparison found to be increment of 16.86% on comparing with actual readings.

2- Settlement computed by Model B on sloppy area for the vertical loaded single pile under parameter shown in Table 2. The sloping angle α ranges from 10⁰ to 40⁰ with increment in load. The maximum settlement for 1000 KN load was 35mm to 37 mm for 0.5 D, 1.5 D and 2.5 D respectively.

3- Parameters taken have shown in Table 3. The theoretical settlement value was about 23.5% and 26.03% larger than the actual settlement value for 4 and 8 no. of pile group respectively. Model C used to calculate the displacement and deformation of a composite long and short piles foundation. The pile displacement was comparatively small and the test curve shows theoretical settlement and actual settlement at 16KN load was 10.5 mm and 8.5 mm respectively.

4- Relationship established between ultimate load q_c and $E_{s,z}$ as shown in Model D and Figure 1 below. Static Pile load test was conducted from loading range 2000 KN to 12000 KN and average settlement observed was 0.21mm to 30.12mm respectively.

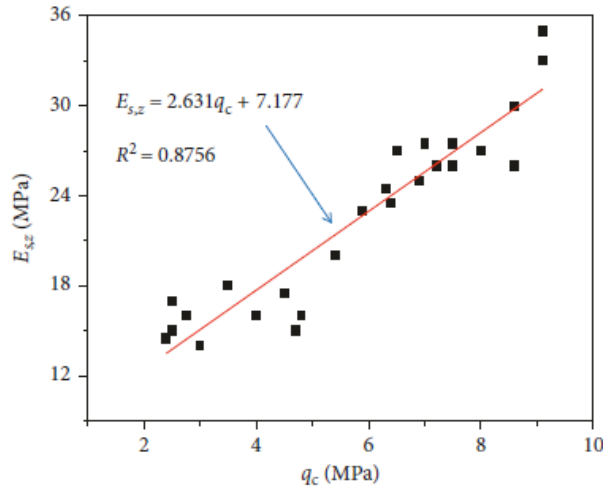


Figure 1: Relationship established between q_c and $E_{s,z}$.

5- A method for calculation of total settlement shown in Model E. By usage of E_s and E_p method, 181.3 mm settlement with 88.1% error observed. 73.8 mm settlement and the error was 23.4% respectively. By using settlement reducing pile method, 137.8 mm with error of 42.9% observed. Finally, by field tests, 98.7 mm for point 1 and 94.1 mm for point 2 with no error was evaluated.

6- Three stage analysis have given for 5 super tall building design requirements was given and settlement analysis have suggested by the help of Model F respectively and taken into account.

7- Table 4 along with Model G used for the calculation of settlement by given range values of E_s from 150 kg/sq cm to 500 kg/sq cm. Figure 2 used for settlement influence factor I ranges from 0.5 to 20, calculation by L/D ratio ranges from 1 to 200 and stiffness factor K .

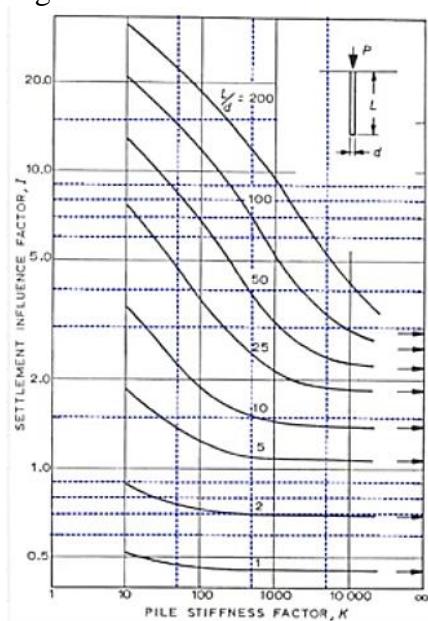


Figure 2: Settlement influence factor determination chart

8- Table 5 shows values of Influence factor. For frictional resistance, 9.2% decrement observed when L/D was 2 to 30, E_p/E_s was 10 and b was 0.2. Again, 75.93 % decrement observed when E_p/E_s was 500. For end bearing piles 1.2% decrement observed when L/D was 2 to 30, E_p/E_s was 10 and b was 0.2. Again, 73.21 % decrement observed when E_p/E_s was 500.

Conclusions

Based on the study of all 8 research Papers on settlement analysis of foundation and piles, by using various techniques and methods to evaluate it, the following conclusions have drawn:

- For the settlement analysis all sixteen researchers followed the Static loading criteria and through numerical approach result shows optimized range of pile settlement is 40% to 75%, which helps in eliminating the actual pile testing.
- By conducting the estimation of settlement by theoretical and actual approach by all 8 research papers, it was found that the correlation established was in the range of 80% to 95% respectively.

Future Scope

The following work the carried out in future to get the soil and building behaviour and use of settlement concept.

- Case study of a particular area and approach to find out the settlement using empirical models and correlate with actual pile load test using software statistical tool.
- Case Study various zonal soil strata for new and pre existing structures.
- Establishment of correlation between theoretical and actual settlement under various loading conditions.
- Programming methodology for settlement under various loads cases and type of foundation.
- Proposed new theory for Settlement of Pile under Super Structure Load.

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