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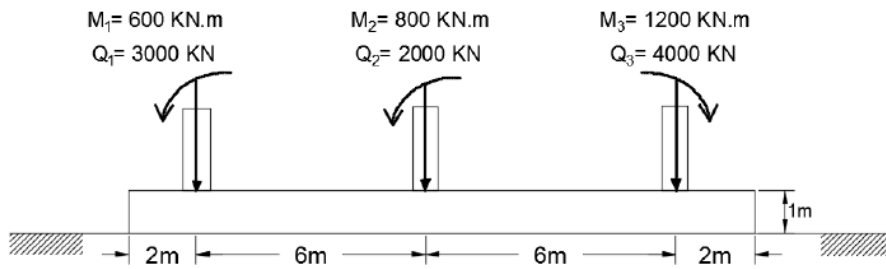
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Answer All Questions

**First Question**

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Determine  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  of a trapezoidal footing for a uniform soil pressure of  $300 \text{ kN/m}^2$ . (Consider the weight of the footing, given that  $\gamma_{\text{concrete}} = 24 \text{ KN/m}^3$ ).



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For a rectangular foundation constructed on loose layered saturated clay, given:

- $B = 1.22$  m,  $L = 1.83$  m,  $H = 0.61$  m,  $D_f = 0.91$  m
- $\gamma_1 = 17.29$  kN/m<sup>3</sup>,  $\phi'_1 = 0$ ,  $c'_1 = 57.5$  kN/m<sup>2</sup>
- $\gamma_2 = 19.65$  kN/m<sup>3</sup>,  $\phi'_2 = 0$ ,  $c'_2 = 119.79$  kN/m<sup>2</sup>

Using a factor of safety of 4, determine the gross allowable load the foundation can carry.

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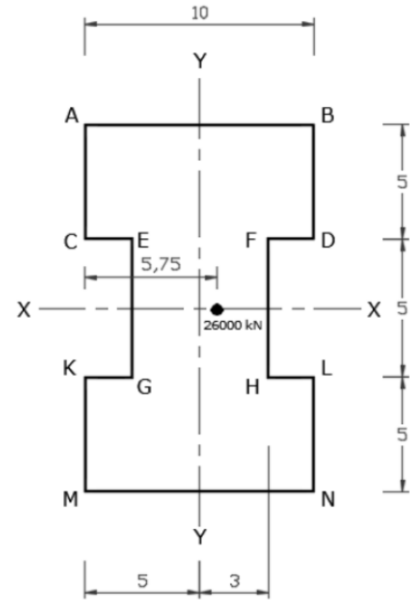
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Calculate the base pressure at the points: A, D, F, G and M indicated below the mat foundation as shown in the below figure. Total vertical load acting on the foundation is 26000 kN and its location is shown in the figure.



(All dimensions are in meters)

*End of Questions  
Good Luck*

**Useful Formulae**



$$q_u = q_t + (q_b - q_t) \left( \frac{H}{D} \right)^2 \geq q_t$$

$$q_t = c_1 N_{c(1)} F_{cs(1)} + \gamma_1 D_f N_{q(1)} F_{qs(1)} + \frac{1}{2} \gamma_1 B N_{\gamma(1)} F_{\gamma s(1)}$$

$$q_b = c_2 N_{c(2)} F_{cs(2)} + \gamma_2 D_f N_{q(2)} F_{qs(2)} + \frac{1}{2} \gamma_2 B N_{\gamma(2)} F_{\gamma s(2)}$$

$D \approx B$  for loose sand and clay

$D \approx 2B$  for dense sand

For a trapezoid,  $\bar{x} = \left( \frac{B_1 + 2B_2}{B_1 + B_2} \right) \frac{L}{3}$

$$q = \frac{Q}{A} \pm \frac{M_y x}{I_y} \pm \frac{M_x y}{I_x}$$

**Table 3.3** Bearing Capacity Factors

$\phi'$	$N_c$	$N_q$	$N_\gamma$	$\phi'$	$N_c$	$N_q$	$N_\gamma$
0	5.14	1.00	0.00	26	22.25	11.85	12.54
1	5.38	1.09	0.07	27	23.94	13.20	14.47
2	5.63	1.20	0.15	28	25.80	14.72	16.72
3	5.90	1.31	0.24	29	27.86	16.44	19.34
4	6.19	1.43	0.34	30	30.14	18.40	22.40
5	6.49	1.57	0.45	31	32.67	20.63	25.99
6	6.81	1.72	0.57	32	35.49	23.18	30.22
7	7.16	1.88	0.71	33	38.64	26.09	35.19
8	7.53	2.06	0.86	34	42.16	29.44	41.06
9	7.92	2.25	1.03	35	46.12	33.30	48.03
10	8.35	2.47	1.22	36	50.59	37.75	56.31

**Table 3.4** Shape, Depth and Inclination Factors (DeBeer (1970); Hansen (1970); Meyerhof (1963); Meyerhof and Hanna (1981))

Factor	Relationship	Reference
Shape	$F_{cs} = 1 + \left( \frac{B}{L} \right) \left( \frac{N_q}{N_c} \right)$	DeBeer (1970)
	$F_{qs} = 1 + \left( \frac{B}{L} \right) \tan \phi'$	
	$F_{\gamma s} = 1 - 0.4 \left( \frac{B}{L} \right)$	