

# **GROUND MOVEMENTS DUE TO SHALLOW TUNNELS IN SOFT GROUND:**

## **1. ANALYTICAL SOLUTIONS**

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**ABSTRACT:** This paper presents simplified closed-form analytical solutions that can be used to interpret and predict ground movements caused by shallow tunneling in soft ground conditions. These solutions offer a more comprehensive framework for understanding the distribution of ground movements than widely used empirical functions. Analytical solutions for the displacement field within the ground mass are obtained for two basic modes of deformation corresponding to uniform convergence and ovalization at the wall of a circular tunnel cavity, based on the assumption of linear, elastic soil behavior. Deformation fields based on the superposition of fundamental, singularity solutions are shown to differ only slightly from analyses that consider the physical dimensions of the tunnel cavity, except in the case of very shallow tunnels. The Authors demonstrate a simplified method to account for soil plasticity in the analyses and illustrate closed-form solutions for a three-dimensional tunnel heading. A companion paper describes applications of these analyses to interpret field measurements of ground response to tunneling.

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### **INTRODUCTION**

The prediction and mitigation of damage caused by construction-induced ground movements represents a major factor in the design of tunnels. This is an especially important problem for shallow tunnels excavated in soft soils, where expensive remedial measures such as compensation grouting or structural underpinning must be considered prior to construction.

Ground movements arise from changes in soil stresses around the tunnel face and the over-excavation of the final tunnel cavity, often referred to as ‘ground loss’. Sources of movements are closely related to the method of tunnel construction ranging from a) closed-face systems such as tunnel boring machines (with earth pressure or slurry shields), where over-cutting occurs around the face and shield (‘tail void’) while local ground loss is constrained by grout injected between the soil and precast lining system; to b) open-face systems (such as the New Austrian Tunneling Method, NATM) where ground loss around the heading is controlled

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by expeditious installation of lining systems in contact with the soil (typically steel rib or lattice girder and shotcrete) with additional face support provided by a shield or other mechanical reinforcement (soil nails, sub-horizontal jet grouting etc.). In all cases, it is easy to appreciate the complexity of the mechanisms causing ground movement and their close relationship with construction details, especially given the non-linear, time dependent mechanical properties of soils, and their linkage to groundwater flows.

This complexity has encouraged the widespread use of numerical analyses, particularly non-linear finite element methods, over a period of more than 30 years (e.g., review by Gioda & Swoboda, 1999). Although these powerful numerical analyses undoubtedly provide the most comprehensive framework for modeling tunneling processes and interactions with other existing structures (e.g., Potts & Addenbrooke, 1997), their predictive accuracy is also closely tied to the knowledge of in situ conditions and the modeling of soil behavior.

Despite the extensive research and progress in numerical analyses, the prediction and interpretation of far-field ground movements is still largely based on empirical methods. The most extensive data relate to the transverse ground surface settlement trough for ‘greenfield conditions’. Following Peck (1969) and Schmidt (1969), the surface settlement for a circular tunnel of radius,  $R$ , is usually described by a Gaussian distribution function, Figure 1.

$$u_y(x, y = 0) = u_y^0 \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2x_i^2}\right) \quad (1)$$

where  $u_y^0$  is the centerline settlement above the crown, and  $x_i$  the inflexion point in the curve. These parameters are fitted to field monitoring data. Data compiled by Mair and Taylor (1997) suggest average values,  $x_i/H = 0.35$  and  $0.50$  for tunnels in sands and clays, respectively ( $H$  is the depth to the springline of the tunnel, Fig. 1).

The displaced volume of the ground surface,  $\Delta V_s = 2.5u_y^0x_i$  is often equated with the volume loss occurring at the tunnel cavity,  $\Delta V_L$  (i.e.,  $\Delta V_g = 0$ , Fig. 1). This appears to be a valid approximation for undrained shearing associated with the short term response of tunnels in clay.

There are also a variety of analytical solutions that have been proposed for estimating the 2-D distribution of ground movements for shallow tunnels in soft ground (notably Sagaseta, 1987; Verruijt & Booker, 1996; Verruijt, 1997; González & Sagaseta, 2001). These analyses make simplifying assumptions regarding the constitutive behavior of soil but otherwise fulfill the principles of continuum mechanics. In principle, these analytical solutions provide a more consistent framework for interpreting horizontal and vertical components of ground deformations than conventional empirical models and use a small number of input parameters that can be readily calibrated to field data. They also provide a useful basis for evaluating the accuracy of numerical analyses.

This paper presents a detailed review and comparison of the analytical solutions for estimating far-field ground movements for shallow tunnels. The Authors present some extensions of the published solutions and illustrate further application for a 3-D tunnel heading. A companion paper describes the practical application and interpretation of the analyses using field data.

## DEEP TUNNEL IN ELASTIC SOIL

The development of a rigorous analytical solution for shallow tunnels is complicated by the geostatic gradient of in-situ stresses and by the traction-free boundary conditions at the ground surface. In order to avoid these difficulties, we begin with the case of a deep circular tunnel in an elastic soil, a problem first solved by Kirsch (1898). The in-situ, in-plane stress state at the springline can be decomposed into volumetric and deviatoric total stress components:

$$p_0 = \sigma'_{v0} \cdot \frac{(1 + K_0)}{2} + p_w \quad (2a)$$

$$q_0 = \sigma'_{v0} \cdot \frac{(1 - K_0)}{2} \quad (2b)$$

where  $\sigma'_{v0}$  is the initial vertical effective stress (the paper adopts the standard continuum mechanics convention with stresses positive in tension),  $K_0$  the coefficient of earth pressures at rest, and  $p_w$  the pore pressure.

Assuming the soil is isotropic and linear, changes in the volumetric stress will produce a uniform convergence of the tunnel cavity,  $u_\epsilon$ , while changes in the deviatoric stress will produce an ovalization,  $u_\delta$ , as defined in Figure 2. The deformations ( $u_x$ ,  $u_y$ ) in the surrounding soil caused by reducing stresses in the tunnel cavity can be written as follows:

$$\text{Convergence:} \begin{cases} u_x(x, y) = u_\epsilon \cdot \frac{x \cdot R}{x^2 + y^2} \\ u_y(x, y) = u_\epsilon \cdot \frac{y \cdot R}{x^2 + y^2} \end{cases} \quad (3a)$$

$$\text{Ovalization:} \begin{cases} u_x(x, y) = u_\delta \cdot \frac{R}{3 - 4 \cdot \nu} \cdot x \cdot \frac{(3 - 4 \cdot \nu) \cdot (x^2 + y^2)^2 - (3 \cdot y^2 - x^2) \cdot (x^2 + y^2 - R^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^3} \\ u_y(x, y) = -u_\delta \cdot \frac{R}{3 - 4 \cdot \nu} \cdot y \cdot \frac{(3 - 4 \cdot \nu) \cdot (x^2 + y^2)^2 - (3 \cdot x^2 - y^2) \cdot (x^2 + y^2 - R^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^3} \end{cases} \quad (3b)$$

where  $R$  is the tunnel radius,  $\nu$  the elastic Poisson ratio;  $u_\epsilon$ ,  $u_\delta$  are the deformations occurring at the tunnel cavity.

Equations 3b can be further simplified (ignoring terms  $O[R/r]^3$ ) if the displacements are to be evaluated in the far field:

$$\text{Ovalization} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u_x(x,y) = u_\delta \cdot \frac{4 \cdot (1-\nu)}{3-4 \cdot \nu} \cdot R \cdot \frac{x \cdot \left( x^2 - \frac{\nu}{1-\nu} \cdot y^2 \right)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \\ u_y(x,y) = u_\delta \cdot \frac{4 \cdot (1-\nu)}{3-4 \cdot \nu} \cdot R \cdot \frac{y \cdot \left( \frac{\nu}{1-\nu} \cdot x^2 - y^2 \right)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \end{array} \right. \quad (3c)$$

*(far field approx.)*

In subsequent sections, the cavity wall displacements are considered as input parameters that defined the distribution of ground movements. However, it is also interesting to consider the ideal case where there is no shear traction at the tunnel cavity, and an interior pressure,  $p_i$  (e.g., due to pressurized grouting or simple compression of the lining ring). In this case, the maximum elastic wall deflections are:

$$u_\varepsilon = \frac{(p_0 - p_i) \cdot R}{2 \cdot G} \quad (4a)$$

$$u_\delta = -\frac{q_0 \cdot R}{2 \cdot G} \cdot (3 - 4 \cdot \nu)$$

where  $G$  is the shear modulus of the soil. The ‘relative distortion’ of the cavity,  $\rho$ , can then be found as:

$$\rho = -\frac{u_\delta}{u_\varepsilon} = \frac{1 - K_0}{1 + K_0 + 2 \cdot r_u} \cdot \frac{3 - 4 \cdot \nu}{1 - p_r} \quad (4b)$$

where  $r_u = p_w / \sigma'_{vo}$  is the pore pressure ratio, and  $p_r = p_i / p_0$  is the total pressure ratio.

Although this result corresponds to an idealized boundary condition for a deep tunnel, it provides a useful benchmark for interpreting the factors affecting the relative distortion parameter. Figures 3a and 3b illustrate the influence of the parameters,  $\nu$ ,  $K_0$ ,  $r_u$  on the expected range of  $\rho$ . The results show that  $\rho > 0$  for all situations with  $K_0 < 1.0$ . Lower values of Poisson’s ratio produce higher relative distortions (i.e., small values of  $\nu$  amplify the distortion mode). In principle,  $\rho < -1$  (i.e., upward displacement of tunnel crown) can occur for combinations of large  $K_0$  and small  $\nu$ .

## SHALLOW TUNNEL

Figure 4 shows the notation and sign convention used in the analysis of a shallow circular tunnel with springline located at a depth,  $y = H$  below the stress-free ground surface. The deformations of the tunnel cavity can now be decomposed into three basic modes: 1) uniform convergence,  $u_\varepsilon$ ; 2) ovalization,  $u_\delta$  (with no net change in volume of the cavity), and 3) vertical

translation,  $\Delta u_y$  (buoyancy effect). The convergence component  $u_\varepsilon$  is clearly related to the change in volume of the tunnel cavity (per unit length),  $2u_\varepsilon/R = \Delta V_L/V_0$ , where  $\Delta V_L$  is the ground loss and  $V_0$  is the initial tunnel volume (cf. Fig. 1). There are two methods that have been proposed for analyzing shallow tunnel problem. The first is an ‘Approximate’ solution based on the superposition of singularity solutions (eqns. 3a-c; Sagaseta, 1987; Verruijt & Booker, 1996) that implicitly ignore the finite dimensions of the tunnel itself. A more analytically complete solution (referred to as the ‘Exact’ case) was introduced by Verruijt (1997) based on 2-D functions of a complex variable. The following sections summarize and compare these two formulations.

### Approximate Solution

Figure 5 illustrates the superposition of singularity solutions used to represent deformations for a shallow tunnel. In the current derivation, the normal traction components on the ground surface ( $x, y = 0$ ) are cancelled by superimposing the full-space singularity solutions (eqns 3a, 3b for convergence and ovalization modes, respectively) located at ( $x = 0, y/H = 1$ ) with negative mirror image solutions at ( $x = 0, y/H = -1$ ). Boundary conditions for the ground surface are then satisfied by introducing a distribution of corrective shear tractions (and computing the ground deformations they produce:

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}^\infty(x, y_1) - \mathbf{u}^\infty(x, y_2) + \mathbf{u}^c(x, y) \quad (5)$$

where  $\mathbf{u}^\infty$  is the deformation vector for the full-space solutions (eqns. 3a, 3b),  $y_1 = (y+H)$ ,  $y_2 = (y-H)$  and  $\mathbf{u}^c$  are the deformations due to the corrective surface shear tractions.

Appendix A gives a brief account of the derivation of the corrective displacements,  $\mathbf{u}^c$ , from the singularity solutions for uniform convergence and ovalization. The results for the uniform convergence mode are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} u_x^c &= 4 \cdot u_\varepsilon \cdot R \cdot \left\{ \frac{(1-\nu) \cdot x}{x^2 + (y-H)^2} - \frac{(y-H) \cdot x \cdot y}{[x^2 + (y-H)^2]^2} \right\} \\ u_y^c &= 2 \cdot u_\varepsilon \cdot R \cdot \left\{ \frac{2 \cdot (y-H) \cdot x^2 + H \cdot [x^2 - (y-H)^2]}{[x^2 + (y-H)^2]^2} - \frac{2 \cdot (1-\nu) \cdot (y-H)}{x^2 + (y-H)^2} \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (6a)$$

These solutions are identical to results presented by Verruijt and Booker (1996) using a different superposition method.

The current solutions for the ovalization mode (Pinto, 1999) are based on corrective tractions from the complete singularity solutions for the line distortion (eqn. 3b) as opposed to far field approximations (i.e., eqn. 3c) published previously:

$$u_x^c = \frac{8 \cdot u_\delta \cdot R}{3 - 4 \cdot \nu} \cdot \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x \cdot \frac{x^2 + y^2 - H^2}{[x^2 + (y - H)^2]^2} \cdot (1 - \nu) - \dots \\ \dots - x \cdot y \cdot \frac{y \cdot (x^2 + y^2) + 2 \cdot H \cdot (H^2 - x^2) - 3 \cdot y \cdot H^2}{[x^2 + (y - H)^2]^3} \end{array} \right\} \quad (6b)$$

$$u_y^c = \frac{8 \cdot u_\delta \cdot R}{3 - 4 \cdot \nu} \cdot \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{x^2 \cdot (2 \cdot H - y) - y \cdot (y - H)^2}{[x^2 + (y - H)^2]^2} \cdot (1 - \nu) - \dots \\ \dots - \frac{(y - H) \cdot \{H \cdot y \cdot (y - H)^2 - x^2 \cdot [(x^2 + y^2) + H \cdot (y + H)]\}}{[x^2 + (y - H)^2]^3} \end{array} \right\} \quad (6c)$$

The superposition method generates (parasitic) vertical displacements for both the convergence and ovalization modes. The average vertical translation at the tunnel springline is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Convergence: } \frac{\Delta u_y}{u_\varepsilon} &= 4 \cdot \frac{R}{H} \cdot \frac{8 \cdot (1 - \nu) - (1 - 2 \cdot \nu) \cdot \left(\frac{R}{H}\right)^2}{\left[4 + \left(\frac{R}{H}\right)^2\right]^2} \\ \text{Ovalization: } \frac{\Delta u_y}{u_\delta} &= \frac{2}{3 - 4 \cdot \nu} \cdot \frac{R}{H} \cdot \frac{(1 - 8 \cdot \nu) \cdot \left(\frac{R}{H}\right)^4 + (11 - 8 \cdot \nu) \cdot 4 \cdot \left(\frac{R}{H}\right)^2 - 32}{\left[4 + \left(\frac{R}{H}\right)^2\right]^3} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

### Exact Solution

The solution method used by Verruijt (1997) is based on the complex formulation of planar elasticity. The complex formulation of planar elasticity is particularly suitable for this type of problem as it allows mapping the domain in order to describe both boundaries (i.e., tunnel wall and surface) by a single coordinate. In this formulation, the general solution of the equations is expressed in terms of two functions of complex variable ( $\phi$  and  $\psi$ ) called ‘‘Goursat functions’’. These functions are found by imposing the displacement boundary conditions at the tunnel wall. The displacements are related to these functions as follows (e.g., Muskhelishvili, 1963):

$$2 \cdot G \cdot u_z(z) = \kappa \cdot \phi(z) - z \cdot \frac{d\phi}{dz} - \overline{\psi(z)} \quad (8a)$$

where  $\kappa = (3 - 4 \cdot \nu)$ ,  $G$  is the elastic shear modulus,  $i$  the imaginary constant,  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  the Goursat functions, the overscript ‘‘ $\bar{\phantom{x}}$ ’’ stands for the complex conjugate and:

$$z = x + i \cdot y \quad (8b)$$

$$u_z = u_x + i \cdot u_y \quad (8c)$$

The original domain ( $z$ -space) is mapped onto an annular region on the auxiliary domain ( $\zeta$ -space) by the following conformal transformation:

$$\zeta(z) = \frac{i \cdot z \cdot (1 + \alpha^2) - H \cdot (1 - \alpha^2)}{i \cdot z \cdot (1 + \alpha^2) + H \cdot (1 - \alpha^2)} \quad (9a)$$

where  $\alpha$  is given by:

$$\alpha = \frac{H}{R} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{H}{R}\right)^2 - 1} \quad (9b)$$

In this transformation, the ground surface ( $y = 0$ ,  $z$ -space) is mapped onto a circle of unit radius in the  $\zeta$ -space, Figure 6, and the circular tunnel cavity boundary transforms to a circle of radius  $\alpha$  (note  $\alpha < 1$ ).

As the Goursat functions are analytic, they can be expanded in Laurent series in the transformed domain as follows:

$$\phi(\zeta) = a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \cdot \zeta^k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k \cdot \zeta^{-k} \quad (10)$$

$$\psi(\zeta) = c_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k \cdot \zeta^k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_k \cdot \zeta^{-k}$$

where the coefficients  $a_k$ ,  $b_k$ ,  $c_k$ , and  $d_k$  are found by means of recursive relations derived from the boundary conditions. The stress free boundary condition at the ground surface (see Verruijt 1997 for full details) yields the following recursive relations for the  $c_k$  and  $d_k$  coefficients:

$$c_0 = -\bar{a}_0 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot a_1 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot b_1 \quad (11a)$$

$$c_k = -\bar{b}_k + \frac{1}{2} \cdot (k-1) \cdot a_{k-1} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot (k+1) \cdot a_{k+1} \quad (11b)$$

$$d_k = -\bar{a}_k + \frac{1}{2} \cdot (k-1) \cdot b_{k-1} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot (k+1) \cdot b_{k+1} \quad (11c)$$

The “a” and “b” coefficients are found by imposing the displacement boundary condition at the tunnel wall.

$$\left(1 - \alpha^2\right) \bar{a}_1 - \left(\kappa + \alpha^2\right) b_1 = A_0 - (\kappa + 1) \cdot a_0 \quad (12a)$$

$$\left(1 + \kappa \cdot \alpha^2\right) \bar{a}_1 + \left(1 - \alpha^2\right) b_1 = \bar{A}_1 \cdot \alpha + (\kappa + 1) \cdot \alpha^2 \cdot \bar{a}_0 \quad (12b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 - \alpha^2\right) \cdot (k+1) \cdot \bar{a}_{k+1} - \left(\alpha^2 + \kappa \cdot \alpha^{-2 \cdot k}\right) \cdot b_{k+1} \\ = \left(1 - \alpha^2\right) \cdot k \cdot \bar{a}_k - \left(1 + \kappa \cdot \alpha^{-2 \cdot k}\right) \cdot b_k + A_{-k} \cdot \alpha^{-k} \end{aligned} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots \quad (12c)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(1 + \kappa \cdot \alpha^{2k+2}\right) \bar{a}_{k+1} + \left(1 - \alpha^2\right) (k+1) \cdot b_{k+1} \\ & = \left(1 - \alpha^2\right) k \cdot b_k + \alpha^2 \cdot \left(1 + \kappa \cdot \alpha^{2k}\right) \bar{a}_k + \bar{A}_{k+1} \cdot \alpha^{k+1} \end{aligned} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots \quad (12d)$$

where the  $A_k$  coefficients define the boundary condition in Fourier series terms as follows:

$$A_k = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi} \cdot \int_0^{2 \cdot \pi} 2 \cdot G \cdot \left(1 - \alpha \cdot e^{i\theta}\right) \cdot u_z \left(e^{i\theta}\right) \cdot e^{-ik\theta} \cdot d\theta \quad (13)$$

Thus, the solution is obtained by solving the above integral for the Fourier coefficients and then obtaining the Laurent series coefficients by means of (11) and (12). Only the value of  $a_0$  remains undetermined. It is obtained from the condition that the coefficients of the expansions must vanish for large  $k$  (a requirement for convergence). This is done by means of taking advantage of the linearity of the recursive relations. Hence, two tentative values of  $a_0$  are used to calculate an approximate value of  $a_\infty$  and the value that makes  $a_\infty = 0$  is found by linear interpolation. Further details are given in the work of Verruijt (1997).

Verruijt (1997) studies the uniform convergence of the tunnel wall, where it is shown that only two Fourier coefficients are needed for this deformation mode (Table 1).

The boundary for the case of ovalization of the tunnel cavity can be written in the original plane (Fig. 1) as:

$$u_z(\beta) = u_\delta \cdot e^{-i\beta} = u_\delta \cdot \frac{R}{z(\beta) + i \cdot H} \quad (14a)$$

and this becomes transformed according to eqn. 9a into:

$$u_z \left(e^{i\theta}\right) = u_\delta \cdot i \cdot \frac{1 - \alpha e^{i\theta}}{e^{i\theta} - \alpha} \quad (14b)$$

where  $\alpha \cdot e^{i\theta}$  represents the mapped coordinate  $\zeta$  at the tunnel boundary. Thus, the Fourier coefficients for the ovalization mode are found by replacing (14b) in (13) and performing the integral analytically:

$$A_k = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi} \cdot \int_0^{2 \cdot \pi} 2 \cdot G \cdot \frac{\left(1 - \alpha \cdot e^{i\theta}\right)}{e^{i\theta} - \alpha} \cdot u_\delta \cdot i \cdot e^{-ki\theta} \cdot d\theta \quad (15)$$

Table 1 summarizes the values of the coefficients,  $A_k$ , for the ovalization mode of the tunnel cavity. Only a few terms are needed to achieve an accurate mapping of the boundary deformations (for practical values with  $R/H < 0.7$ ). The full solution for the ovalization mode is thus obtained by means of the recursive relations (11) and (12).

Evaluations of the Goursat functions (eqn. 8a; Pinto, 1999) show that 10-15 terms are sufficient to achieve accurate solutions for both the convergence and ovalization modes of deformation.



## Results and Comparison of Solutions

One key aspect of the preceding ‘exact’ formulation is that the half-plane is unrestrained and hence, rigid body motions remain undefined. This shortcoming is addressed by Verruijt (1996) by assuming that displacements vanish at infinity. This generates a vertical translation of the tunnel cavity,  $\Delta u_y$ , which produces parasitic differences in the displacements predicted at the crown and invert of the tunnel cavity for both the convergence and ovalization modes. Figures 7a and 7b compare the vertical rigid body translation from the Exact analyses with Approximate solutions at the tunnel axis (eqn. 7). The results are in remarkably close agreement for tunnels with radius-embedment ratios,  $R/H < 0.5$ , over the full range of expected elastic Poisson’s ratios. However, approximations in the singularity superposition method become more apparent for very shallow tunnels ( $R/H > 0.5$ ), especially in the ovalization mode.

Figure 8 compares the spatial distribution of ground movements for a tunnel with  $R/H = 0.45$  and  $\nu = 0.25$  using the Exact and Approximate methods of analysis for uniform convergence and ovalization modes of cavity deformation. It should be noted that the vertical displacements ( $u_y/u_\epsilon$  and  $u_y/u_\delta$ ) are always symmetric about the y-axis while the horizontal components ( $u_x/u_\epsilon$  and  $u_x/u_\delta$ ) are anti-symmetric. Although the results are generally in very good agreement, it can be noted that the Approximate analysis generates higher vertical displacements that are 10% ( $u_y/u_\epsilon$ ) and 20% ( $u_y/u_\delta$ ) higher than the Exact solutions above the tunnel crown and up to 10% higher for the ovalization-induced horizontal movements ( $u_x/u_\delta$ ). These represent practical upper limits on the differences in the two sets of analyses for this case involving a very shallow tunnel and provides strong justification for using the Approximate elastic solutions for subsequent evaluations of tunnel-induced ground movements.

A uniform contraction (i.e.,  $u_\epsilon < 0$ ) along the tunnel wall, together with the corresponding vertical translation (eqn. 7, Fig 7a), leads to downward displacements everywhere within the soil mass, except in an approximately circular region centered at  $y = y_c$  with radius  $R_c$ :

$$\frac{y_c}{H} = -\frac{2 \cdot (1 - \nu) + 1 + \sqrt{1 + 4 \cdot (1 - \nu)^2}}{4 \cdot (1 - \nu)} \quad (16a)$$

$$\frac{R_c}{H} = \frac{\sqrt{1 + 4 \cdot (1 - \nu)^2} - (1 - 2 \cdot \nu)}{2 \cdot (1 - \nu)} \quad (16b)$$

This zone of heave generally lies below the soffit of the tunnel (e.g., Fig 8b). All points in the soil mass displace horizontally towards the centerline when there is a uniform contraction of the cavity. These general patterns of ground movement are independent of the parameters,  $R/H$  and  $\nu$ .

The components of ground surface displacements for the uniform convergence mode can be derived analytically from the Approximate method of analysis:

$$\frac{u_y}{u_\varepsilon} = 4 \cdot (1 - \nu) \cdot \frac{R}{H} \cdot \frac{1}{\left(\frac{x}{H}\right)^2 + 1} \quad (17a)$$

$$\frac{u_x}{u_\varepsilon} = 4 \cdot (1 - \nu) \cdot \frac{R}{H} \cdot \frac{x}{H} \cdot \frac{1}{\left(\frac{x}{H}\right)^2 + 1} \quad (17b)$$

Figure 9a shows that these solutions represent a good approximation of the Exact solutions for practical ranges of the tunnel embedment ( $R/H < 0.5$ ) and elastic Poisson's ratio. The maximum components of the surface displacement are given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{u_x|_{\max}}{u_\varepsilon} &= \pm 2 \cdot \frac{R}{H} \cdot (1 - \nu) & \text{At } x/H = \pm 1 \\ \frac{u_y^0}{u_\varepsilon} = \frac{u_y|_{\max}}{u_\varepsilon} &= 4 \cdot \frac{R}{H} \cdot (1 - \nu) & \text{At } x/H = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Hence,  $u_y|_{\max} = 2u_x|_{\max}$ , and  $u_y = u_x$  at  $x = H$ .

The area ( $\Delta V_s$ ) enclosed by the deformed settlement trough can be evaluated from equation 17, using the conventional assumption that only vertical displacements contribute to this volume, given by:

$$\Delta V_s = 4\pi \cdot u_\varepsilon \cdot R \cdot (1 - \nu) \equiv 2(1 - \nu) \cdot \Delta V_L \equiv \pi H \cdot u_y^0 \quad (19)$$

This result shows that the volume loss at the ground surface is equal to the volume loss at the tunnel cavity (i.e.,  $\Delta V_s = \Delta V_L$ ) for  $\nu = 0.5$ , while  $\Delta V_s = 2\Delta V_L$  for  $\nu = 0$  (as noted by Verruijt & Booker, 1996).

Typical results for the ovalization mode, Figures 8c, d, show that a positive distortion of the tunnel cavity ( $u_\delta > 0$ ) produces a zone of settlement above the tunnel springline and extending laterally to  $|x/H| \leq 1$ , with heave occurring in the far field and below the springline. The soil undergoes outward horizontal movements except in a triangular zone extends from the crown to the ground surface (at  $|x/H| = 1$ ) and below the soffit. There is only a small dependence in this pattern of behavior with  $R/H$  and  $\nu$ .

The magnitudes of the surface displacement components from the Approximate analyses of the ovalization mode are as follows:

$$\frac{u_y}{u_\delta} = 2 \cdot \frac{R}{H} \cdot \frac{4 \cdot (1-\nu)}{3-4 \cdot \nu} \cdot \frac{\left[ \left( \frac{x}{H} \right)^4 - 1 \right] + \frac{1}{4 \cdot (1-\nu)} \cdot \left( \frac{R}{H} \right)^2 \cdot \left[ 1 - 3 \cdot \left( \frac{x}{H} \right)^2 \right]}{\left[ \left( \frac{x}{H} \right)^2 + 1 \right]^3} \quad (20a)$$

$$\frac{u_x}{u_\delta} = 2 \cdot \frac{R}{H} \cdot \frac{4 \cdot (1-\nu)}{3-4 \cdot \nu} \cdot \frac{x}{H} \cdot \frac{\left( \frac{x}{H} \right)^2 - 1}{\left[ \left( \frac{x}{H} \right)^2 + 1 \right]^2} \quad (20b)$$

These results can be further simplified using the far-field approximation (cf. Eqns. 3):

$$\frac{u_x(x)}{u_\delta} = 2 \cdot \frac{R}{H} \cdot \frac{4 \cdot (1-\nu)}{3-4 \cdot \nu} \cdot \frac{x}{H} \cdot \frac{\left( \frac{x}{H} \right)^2 - 1}{\left[ \left( \frac{x}{H} \right)^2 + 1 \right]^2} \quad (20c)$$

$$\frac{u_y(x)}{u_\delta} = 2 \cdot \frac{R}{H} \cdot \frac{4 \cdot (1-\nu)}{3-4 \cdot \nu} \cdot \frac{\left( \frac{x}{H} \right)^2 - 1}{\left[ \left( \frac{x}{H} \right)^2 + 1 \right]^2} \quad (20d)$$

Ovalization produces a minimum surface settlement at the centerline (i.e. a maximum surface settlement) and a far field maximum heave:

$$\frac{u_y|_{\min}}{u_\delta} = -2 \cdot \frac{R}{H} \cdot \frac{4 \cdot (1-\nu)}{3-4 \cdot \nu} \cdot \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{4 \cdot (1-\nu)} \cdot \left( \frac{R}{H} \right)^2 \right] \quad \text{At } x = 0 \quad (21a)$$

$$\frac{u_y|_{\max}}{u_\delta} \approx \frac{R}{H} \cdot \frac{1-\nu}{3-4 \cdot \nu} \quad \text{At } \frac{x}{H} = \pm\sqrt{3}$$

There are also two maxima in the horizontal surface displacements:

$$\frac{u_x}{u_\delta} = \pm \frac{R}{H} \cdot \frac{2 \cdot (1-\nu)}{3-4 \cdot \nu} \quad \text{At } \frac{x}{H} = \pm 1 \mp \sqrt{2} \quad (21b)$$

i.e., the maximum inward movement occurs at  $x/H = \pm 0.4142$  and there is an equal, outward displacement at  $x/H = \pm 2.4142$ .

The preceding discussion has summarized the characteristic ground movements due to uniform convergence and ovalization deformations,  $u_\varepsilon$  and  $u_\delta$  at the tunnel cavity in an isotropic, elastic soil. Approximate analyses derived by superposition of singularity solutions provide a very good approximation of the more complete analyses using complex variables for all cases except very shallow tunnels ( $R/H > 0.5$ ).

Figure 10 shows the combined effects of the convergence and ovalization modes on the predicted surface settlements:

$$\frac{u_y}{u_\varepsilon} = 4 \cdot (1 - \nu) \cdot \frac{R}{H} \cdot \frac{\frac{-2 \cdot \rho}{3 - 4 \cdot \nu} \cdot \left[ \left[ \left( \frac{x}{H} \right)^4 - 1 \right] - \frac{1}{4 \cdot (1 - \nu)} \cdot \left[ 3 \cdot \left( \frac{x}{H} \right)^2 - 1 \right] \cdot \left( \frac{R}{H} \right)^2 \right] + \left[ \left( \frac{x}{H} \right)^2 + 1 \right]^2}{\left[ \left( \frac{x}{H} \right)^2 + 1 \right]^3} \quad (22)$$

where  $\rho = -u_\delta/u_\varepsilon$  is the relative distortion of the tunnel cavity.

There is negligible variation of the resulting settlement distribution with the embedment ratio,  $R/H$ , and only a small narrowing of the settlement trough as Poisson's ratio increases from  $\nu = 0.0$  to  $0.5$ . The main parameter affecting the distribution of surface settlement is the relative distortion of the tunnel cavity,  $\rho$ . As  $\rho$  is increased from  $0.0$  (uniform convergence) to  $3.0$ , there is a marked narrowing of the settlement trough. For high values of  $\rho$  it is possible to achieve a first order agreement with empirical measurements. In contrast, when  $\rho < 0$ , the analyses predict that maximum settlements do not occur above the centerline of the tunnel.

## EFFECTS OF YIELDING OF GROUND MASS

One of the key limitations of the analytical solutions is the assumption that soil behavior can be approximated by linear elasticity. Effects of soil plasticity can be understood by considering the case of uniform convergence around a deep tunnel (equivalent to conditions with  $K_0 = 1.0$ , eqn. 2). Yu and Rowe (1998) obtained closed-form solutions for the soil stresses and displacements due to cavity contraction in a linearly-elastic, plastic material with Mohr-Coulomb yielding ( $c'$ ,  $\phi'$ ) and non-associative flow at constant dilation angle,  $\psi$ :

$$\frac{\varepsilon_{vol}^p}{\gamma^p} = -\sin \psi \quad (23)$$

where  $\varepsilon_{vol}^p$  is the plastic volumetric strain,  $\gamma^p$  the maximum plastic shear strain, and  $\beta =$

$$(1+\sin\psi)/(1-\sin\psi)$$

For the case of undrained shear in low permeability clays ( $c' \rightarrow s_u$ ,  $\phi' = 0^\circ = \psi$ ), the incompressibility constraint controls the displacement field and there are no effects of plasticity on the deformation field (i.e., the displacement field coincides with the linear elastic solutions reported in the preceding sections).

In the more general case, dilative volumetric strains can produce significant changes in the deformation within the plastic zone around the tunnel cavity. In this case, the elastic solution will typically underestimate the strains occurring at the tunnel cavity. The analyses of Yu and Rowe (1998) can be readily adapted to express displacements as a function of the convergence parameter,  $-u_\epsilon$ . The strain necessary to cause yielding at the cavity is given by:

$$\frac{u_\epsilon^y}{R} = -\frac{(N_\phi - 1) + \bar{Y}}{2\bar{G} \cdot (N_\phi + 1)} \quad (24)$$

where  $\bar{Y} = \frac{2c'}{p'_0} \frac{(\cos\phi')}{(1-\sin\phi')}$ ,  $N_\phi = \frac{(1+\sin\phi')}{(1-\sin\phi')}$  and  $\bar{G} = \frac{G}{p'_0}$ ,  $G$  is the linear shear modulus. The radius of plastic yielding,  $R_p$ , can then be obtained as:

$$\frac{R_p}{R} = \left( \frac{u_\epsilon^p}{u_\epsilon^y} \right)^{\frac{1}{1+\beta}} \quad (25)$$

where  $u_\epsilon^p$  is the actual convergence (plastic) strain at the tunnel cavity.

Figure 11a illustrates the dimensions of the plastic zone for typical ranges of soil properties. The two principal parameters affecting the size of the plastic zone are the pre-yield stiffness ( $\bar{G}$ ) and the dilation angle,  $\psi$  (Fig. 11 assumes  $\psi = [\phi' - \phi'_{cv}]$ , where the constant volume friction angle,  $\phi'_{cv} = 30^\circ$ ). The plastic zone increases in size with the soil stiffness and reduces with increased dilation angle.

For situations where the plastic zone does not extend to the ground surface, there is a simple link between the actual convergence strain at the tunnel cavity and the equivalent elastic solution that can be defined through a reduction factor, RF, Figure 11b:

$$RF = \frac{u_\epsilon^e}{u_\epsilon^p} = \left( \frac{u_\epsilon^p}{u_\epsilon^y} \right)^{\frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta}} \quad (26)$$

For situations where plasticity extends to the ground surface, there are no analytical solutions available for estimating the ground movements. However, an intriguing approximation has been proposed by González and Sagaseta (2001) based on the observation that displacements within the plastic zone are functions of  $1/r^\beta$  (neglecting elastic strain components). Hence, the displacements around a deep tunnel (cf. eqn. 3a) in a dilating plastic soil can be written:

$$\text{Convergence:} \begin{cases} u_x(x,y) = u_\varepsilon \cdot \frac{x \cdot R^{\alpha-1}}{(x^2 + y^2)^\alpha} \\ u_y(x,y) = u_\varepsilon \cdot \frac{y \cdot R^{\alpha-1}}{(x^2 + y^2)^\alpha} \end{cases} \quad (27)$$

where  $\alpha = (\beta+1)/2$ . It should be noted again that there is coincidence of the displacement fields for the linearly elastic and perfectly plastic cases ( $\psi = 0^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 0$ ).

Following this logic, solutions for a shallow tunnel can be found by the approximate singularity superposition method as shown in Table 2. The results retain many of the same features of the elastic solution and the distribution of ground deformations is now controlled by two parameters,  $\rho (= -u_\varepsilon/u_\delta)$  and  $\alpha$ . Assuming a maximum dilation rate,  $\psi = 30^\circ$ , the parameter  $\alpha$  ranges from 1.0 – 2.0. Figure 12 illustrates the effects of the dilation angle on computed surface settlements for a tunnel with embedment ratio,  $R/H = 0.45$ . The results show that increasing the dilation causes a significant narrowing of the surface settlement trough for the uniform convergence case ( $\rho = 0$ ). Further narrowing occurs when ovalization is included. The results in Figure 12 show good agreement between empirical estimates of the trough shape (eqn. 1) and the analytic solutions for  $\rho = 1.0$ .

### THREE DIMENSIONAL EFFECTS

The previous sections have shown that simplified analytical solutions based on singularity superposition can provide a good approximation for 2-D ground deformations around shallow tunnels and can achieve reasonable agreement with empirically observed settlement troughs by accounting for different modes of deformation at the tunnel cavity (relative distortion) or dilative volumetric strains (in free- or partially-draining soils). It is also possible to account for anisotropy in soil stiffness (Chatzigiannelis & Whittle, 2007) and this section illustrates the extension for modeling 3-D deformation fields around a tunnel heading.

Appendix B summarizes the derivation of 3-D ground movements for a spherical cavity point contraction embedded at depth,  $H$ , in an elastic half-space based on the method of singularity superposition (after Sagaseta, 1987; Sen, 1950; Mindlin & Cheng, 1950). The displacement components can be expressed as follows:

$$u_x = \frac{V_L}{4 \cdot \pi} \cdot f(x, y, z) \quad , \quad u_y = \frac{V_L}{4 \cdot \pi} \cdot g(x, y, z) \quad , \quad u_z = \frac{V_L}{4 \cdot \pi} \cdot h(x, y, z) \quad (28a)$$

where  $z$  is the horizontal coordinate parallel to the tunnel axis and the volume loss,  $V_L$ , is linked to the radial convergence,  $u_\varepsilon$ :

$$V_L = \frac{u_\varepsilon}{4\pi R^2} \quad (28b)$$

and the functions  $f$ ,  $g$ , and  $h$  are shown in Table 3.

For a cavity located at an arbitrary position along the tunnel axis,  $z = \zeta$  the displacements due to a unit ground loss ( $V_L = 1$ ) are:

$$\Gamma_x(x, y, z, \zeta) = \frac{1}{4 \cdot \pi} \cdot f(x, y, z - \zeta) \quad (29a)$$

$$\Gamma_y(x, y, z, \zeta) = \frac{1}{4 \cdot \pi} \cdot g(x, y, z - \zeta) \quad (29b)$$

$$\Gamma_z(x, y, z, \zeta) = \frac{1}{4 \cdot \pi} \cdot h(x, y, z - \zeta) \quad (29c)$$

Three dimensional ground movements around a tunnel heading are then obtained by assuming a volume loss distribution along the tunnel axis,  $\Omega(\zeta) \cdot d\zeta$ , and integrating along these Green functions along the line:

$$u_x = \int_{-\infty}^0 \Gamma_x(x, y, z, \zeta) \cdot \Omega(\zeta) \cdot d\zeta \quad (30a)$$

$$u_y = \int_{-\infty}^0 \Gamma_y(x, y, z, \zeta) \cdot \Omega(\zeta) \cdot d\zeta \quad (30b)$$

$$u_z = \int_{-\infty}^0 \Gamma_z(x, y, z, \zeta) \cdot \Omega(\zeta) \cdot d\zeta \quad (30c)$$

These equations can be integrated numerically for prescribed axial distributions of ground loss (e.g., to account for different methods of tunnel excavation and support). This paper considers the simplest case where the volume loss is uniformly distributed with  $\Omega(\zeta) = V_{2D} = 2\pi R u_\varepsilon$ , along the length of the tunnel from  $-\infty \leq z \leq 0$ . In this case, the displacement field can be solved analytically as follows:

$$u_x = \frac{V_{2D}}{4 \cdot \pi} \cdot \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{x \cdot (R_1 - z)}{r_1^2 \cdot R_1} + \frac{(3 - 4 \cdot \nu) \cdot x \cdot (R_2 - z)}{r_2^2 \cdot R_2} + \dots \\ \dots + \frac{x \cdot y \cdot (y - H) \cdot [2 \cdot z \cdot (3 \cdot R_2^2 - z^2) - 4 \cdot R_2^3]}{r_2^4 \cdot R_2^3} \end{array} \right\} \quad (31a)$$

$$u_y = \frac{V_{2D}}{4 \cdot \pi} \cdot \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left( \frac{(y+H) \cdot (R_1 - z)}{r_1^2 \cdot R_1} + \frac{2 \cdot y \cdot (y-H)^2 \cdot [z \cdot (3 \cdot R_2^2 - z^2) - 2 \cdot R_2^3]}{r_2^4 \cdot R_2^3} \right) - \dots \\ \dots - \frac{[(3-4\nu) \cdot (y-H) - 2 \cdot H] \cdot (R_2 - z) - 2 \cdot (R_2 - z) \cdot (y-H)}{r_2^2 \cdot R_2} \end{array} \right\} \quad (31b)$$

$$u_z = \frac{V_{2D}}{4 \cdot \pi} \cdot \left\{ \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{(3-4\nu)}{R_2} - \frac{2 \cdot y \cdot (y-H)}{R_2^3} \right\} \quad (31c)$$

Where  $r_1 = \sqrt{x^2 + (y+H)^2}$ ,  $r_2 = \sqrt{x^2 + (y-H)^2}$ , and

$$R_1 = \sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + (y+H)^2}, \quad R_2 = \sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + (y-H)^2}$$

The ground surface displacements can then be found as:

$$u_x|_{y=0} = \frac{V_{2D}}{\pi} \cdot \frac{(1-\nu) \cdot x}{x^2 + H^2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + H^2} - z}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + H^2}} \quad (32a)$$

$$u_y|_{y=0} = \frac{V_{2D}}{\pi} \cdot \frac{(1-\nu) \cdot H}{x^2 + H^2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + H^2} - z}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + H^2}} \quad (32b)$$

$$u_z|_{y=0} = \frac{V_{2D}}{\pi} \cdot \frac{(1-\nu)}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + H^2}} \quad (32c)$$

It is interesting to note that the surface settlements,  $u_y$ , are related to the transverse horizontal displacement components,  $u_x = x u_y/H$ . Figure 13 shows contours of surface displacements for a tunnel with embedment,  $R/H = 0.2$ , while Figures 14a-c examine the surface settlement distribution. The results show that 3-D effects are limited to a zone around the tunnel heading  $-2 \leq z/H \leq 2$ . For example, the longitudinal distribution, Figure 14b shows surface settlements occurring up to  $2H$  ahead of the advancing tunnel heading and converging to a steady state for  $z/H \leq -2$ . Centerline surface settlements at the tunnel heading ( $z/H = 0$ , Fig. 14b) correspond to approximately 50% of those occurring far behind the heading ( $z/H < -2$ ). There is little variation in the normalized transverse settlement trough ( $u_z/u_z^0$ , Fig. 14c) for  $z/H \leq 0$ . These general features of behavior are related to the assumption of a uniform ground loss along the tunnel axis and can clearly be refined to represent different methods of tunnel construction.



## CONCLUSIONS

The analytical solutions presented in this paper describe the far field ground movements caused by shallow tunneling processes (excavation and support) as functions of deformations occurring at the tunnel cavity in 2-D for idealized modes of uniform convergence and ovalization (defined by parameters,  $u_\epsilon$  and  $u_\delta$ , respectively). Closed-form solutions obtained by superposition of singularity solutions (after Sagaseta, 1987) provide a good approximation of the more complete ('Exact') solutions obtained by representing the finite radial dimensions of a shallow tunnel in an elastic soil (after Verruijt, 1996), while both sets of solutions generate 'parasitic' vertical translation components of the tunnel cavity (Fig. 7). This latter behavior has been a source of confusion in prior applications and (semi-empirical) modifications of the analytical solutions (e.g., Loganathan & Poulos, 1998). The elastic solutions are able to replicate empirical estimates of the transverse distribution of surface settlements only for relatively large cavity distortions,  $\rho (= -u_\epsilon/u_\delta) > 1$ .

Plastic yielding has no effect on the incompressible deformation fields associated with (short-term) undrained shearing of low permeability clays. However, dilation of free- or partially-draining soils can have a significant influence on the distribution of tunnel-induced ground movements and may explain the very narrow settlement troughs measured for tunnels in sands. This behavior appears to be well described using approximate analytical solutions for plastic soils with a constant angle of dilation.

The current paper also illustrates the extension of the analyses for three-dimensional ground movements around a shallow tunnel heading. Fundamental solutions have been developed for uniform convergence of a shallow spherical cavity in an elastic soil half-space. Results for the case where ground loss is distributed uniformly along the tunnel axis show that three dimensional effects are limited to a region within distance,  $z/H = \pm 2$  of the tunnel heading. Further research is now needed to obtain analytic solutions for ovalization of a shallow spherical cavity and hence, to generalize the 3-D analyses to account for relative distortions along the tunnel axis.

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## APPENDIX A. Derivation of Displacements Due to Corrective Surface Traction

The unbalanced shear stresses,  $\tau_{xy}$ , at the surface are calculated according classical expression derived from theory of elasticity:

$$\tau_{xy} = G \cdot \left[ \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} \right] \quad (A1)$$

where  $u_x, u_y$  are displacements due to the singularity solutions (eqns. 3a, b)

The Airy stress function,  $F(x,y)$  can then be determined from an inverse Fourier transform:

$$F(x,y) = \frac{i}{2 \cdot \pi} \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} T_{xy}(\omega) \cdot \frac{y}{\omega} \cdot e^{|\omega| \cdot y} \cdot e^{i \cdot \omega \cdot x} \cdot d\omega \quad (A2)$$

where  $T_{xy}(\omega)$  is the Fourier transform of the correction surface tractions along the ground surface (plane with  $y=0$ ):

$$T_{xy} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tau(x) \cdot e^{-i \cdot \omega \cdot x} \cdot dx \quad (A3)$$

The corrective displacements (eqns. 6a, 6b) are then obtained from the Airy stress function displacements following standard methods of elasticity (e.g., Boresi & Chong, 1987):

$$\begin{aligned} u_x &= \frac{1}{2 \cdot G} \cdot \left[ (1 - \nu) \cdot q_1 - \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \right] \\ u_y &= \frac{1}{2 \cdot G} \cdot \left[ (1 - \nu) \cdot q_2 - \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (A4)$$

where:

$$q_1 + i \cdot q_2 = \int (Q_1 + i \cdot Q_2) \cdot dz \quad (A5a)$$

$$Q_1 = \nabla^2 F \quad (A5b)$$

and  $Q_2$  is the harmonic conjugate of  $Q_1$ :

$$\frac{\partial Q_1}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial Q_2}{\partial y}; \frac{\partial Q_1}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial Q_2}{\partial x} \quad (A5c)$$

Table A1 summarizes the specific results of equations A1- A5 for the uniform convergence and ovalization singularity solutions.

	Convergence	Ovalization
$\tau_{xy}(x)$	$-8 \cdot G \cdot u_\varepsilon \cdot R \cdot H \cdot \frac{x}{(x^2 + H^2)^2}$	$\frac{16 \cdot u_\delta \cdot H \cdot R \cdot G \cdot x}{3 - 4 \cdot \nu} \cdot \frac{(x^2 - H^2) \cdot \{2 \cdot (x^2 + H^2) - 3 \cdot R^2\}}{(x^2 + H^2)^4}$ $\approx -\frac{32 \cdot u_\delta \cdot H \cdot R \cdot G \cdot x}{3 - 4 \cdot \nu} \cdot \frac{x^2 - H^2}{(x^2 + H^2)^3}$
$F(x, y)$	$4 \cdot G \cdot u_\varepsilon \cdot R \cdot y \cdot \frac{H - y}{x^2 + (y - H)^2}$	$\frac{8 \cdot u_\delta \cdot R \cdot G}{3 - 4 \cdot \nu} \cdot \frac{H \cdot x^2 - (y - H) \cdot \{(y - H)^2 + H \cdot (y - H) + x^2\}}{\{x^2 + (y - H)^2\}^2}$
$Q_1(x, y)$	$8 \cdot G \cdot u_\varepsilon \cdot R \cdot \frac{(y - H)^2 - x^2}{\{(y - H)^2 + x^2\}^2}$	$-\frac{16 \cdot u_\delta \cdot R \cdot G}{3 - 4 \cdot \nu} \cdot \frac{H^4 + x^4 - y^4 + 2 \cdot H \cdot y \cdot (y^2 - H^2) + 6 \cdot x^2 \cdot H \cdot (y - H)}{\{x^2 + (y - H)^2\}^3}$
$Q_2(x, y)$	$16 \cdot G \cdot u_\varepsilon \cdot R \cdot x \cdot \frac{(y - H)}{\{(y - H)^2 + x^2\}^2}$	$\frac{32 \cdot u_\delta \cdot R \cdot G}{3 - 4 \cdot \nu} \cdot x \cdot \frac{2 \cdot H \cdot (H^2 - x^2) - 3 \cdot y \cdot H^2 + y \cdot (x^2 + y^2)}{\{x^2 + (y - H)^2\}^3}$
$q_1(x, y)$	$8 \cdot G \cdot u_\varepsilon \cdot R \cdot \frac{x}{x^2 + (y - H)^2}$	$\frac{16 \cdot u_\delta \cdot R \cdot G}{3 - 4 \cdot \nu} \cdot \left\{ x \cdot \frac{x^2 + y^2 - H^2}{[x^2 + (y - H)^2]^2} \right\}$
$q_2(x, y)$	$-8 \cdot G \cdot u_\varepsilon \cdot R \cdot \frac{(y - H)}{x^2 + (y - H)^2}$	$\frac{16 \cdot u_\delta \cdot R \cdot G}{3 - 4 \cdot \nu} \cdot \left\{ \frac{x^2 \cdot (2 \cdot H - y) - y \cdot (y - H)^2}{[x^2 + (y - H)^2]^2} \right\}$

Table A1. Summary of derivation of corrective tractions

APPENDIX B: Three-Dimensional Deformations Due To A Shallow Spherical Cavity  
Contraction

The displacements field due to a cavity contraction (or expansion) in an infinite elastic space is a radial displacement field given by:

$$u_r = u_\varepsilon \cdot \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^2 \quad (\text{A6})$$

where  $u_\varepsilon$  is related to the cavity volume as  $u_\varepsilon = V_c/4\pi R^2$ . In order to account for a traction-free surface, additional displacements due to the corrective stresses applied in the plane defined by  $y = 0$  (see Figure A1) need to be superimposed. This problem is a classical problem of theory of elasticity and can its solution can also be found in Sen (1950) and Mindlin and Cheng (1950).

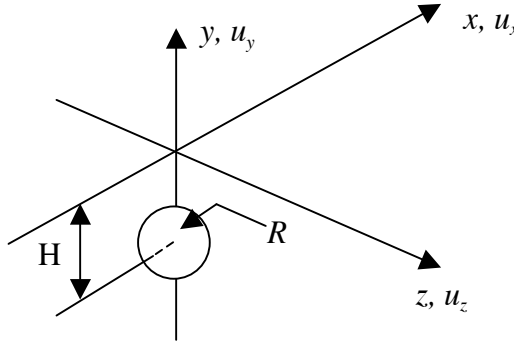


Figure A1. Spherical cavity contraction

The solution is obtained by first defining the displacement field in Eq. (A6) as the gradient of a potential as follows:

$$\Psi^c = \int u_r \cdot dr = -u_\varepsilon \frac{R^2}{r} = -u_\varepsilon \frac{R^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + (y + H)^2}} \quad (\text{A7})$$

Hence, displacements in different directions are obtained as the gradient of the potential in the direction of interest:

$$u_x = u_r \cdot \frac{x}{r} = \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial r} \cdot \frac{dr}{dx} = \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x} \quad (\text{A8})$$

Corrective tractions are then evaluated by means of standard linear elastic constitutive equations such that they oppose the surficial tractions due to the cavity displacement field (see

Table A2). Following standard solution methods for theory of elasticity, the stress field due to the corrective tractions is obtained in terms of a corrective stress potential:

$$\Psi^c = -u_\varepsilon \frac{R^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + (y - H)^2}} \quad (\text{A9})$$

It is interesting to note that the corrective stress potential represents a mirror image (with respect to the traction-free surface) of the potential due to the cavity. The stress field due to the corrective tractions is given in Table A2. The corresponding displacements are thus calculated by integrating linear-elastic constitutive equations and the solution for the cavity contraction in elastic halfspace is found by adding both displacement fields. The full solution for displacements is given in Table 3.

Corrective tractions	$\sigma_y^c \Big _{y=0} = 2 \cdot G \cdot u_\varepsilon \cdot R^2 \cdot \frac{3 \cdot H^2 - (x^2 + z^2 + H^2)}{(x^2 + z^2 + H^2)^{\frac{5}{2}}}$ $\tau_{yz}^c \Big _{y=0} = 6 \cdot G \cdot u_\varepsilon \cdot R^2 \cdot H \frac{z}{(x^2 + z^2 + H^2)^{\frac{5}{2}}}$ $\tau_{xy}^c \Big _{y=0} = 6 \cdot G \cdot u_\varepsilon \cdot R^2 \cdot H \frac{x}{(x^2 + z^2 + H^2)^{\frac{5}{2}}}$
Stress field due to corrective tractions	$\sigma_y^c = 4 \cdot G \cdot y \cdot \frac{\partial^3 \Psi^c}{\partial y^3} - 2 \cdot G \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \Psi^c}{\partial y^2}$ $\tau_{xy}^c = 4 \cdot G \cdot y \cdot \frac{\partial^3 \Psi^c}{\partial x \cdot \partial y^2} + 2 \cdot G \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \Psi^c}{\partial x \cdot \partial y}$ $\tau_{yz}^c = 4 \cdot G \cdot y \cdot \frac{\partial^3 \Psi^c}{\partial z \cdot \partial y^2} + 2 \cdot G \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \Psi^c}{\partial z \cdot \partial y}$
Displacement field due to corrective tractions	$u_x^c = 2 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \cdot \left( y \cdot \frac{\partial \Psi^c}{\partial y} \right) + (3 - 4 \cdot \nu) \cdot \frac{\partial \Psi^c}{\partial x}$ $u_z^c = 2 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \cdot \left( y \cdot \frac{\partial \Psi^c}{\partial y} \right) + (3 - 4 \cdot \nu) \cdot \frac{\partial \Psi^c}{\partial z}$ $u_y^c = 2 \cdot y \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \Psi^c}{\partial y^2} - (3 - 4 \cdot \nu) \cdot \frac{\partial \Psi^c}{\partial y}$

Table A2. Summary of derivation of displacements due to corrective tractions for 3D cavity



a) Uniform convergence	b) Ovalization
$A_k = 0 \quad \forall k < 0$ $A_0 = 2 \cdot i \cdot G \cdot u_\varepsilon \cdot \alpha$ $A_1 = -2 \cdot i \cdot G \cdot u_\varepsilon$	$A_k = 2 \cdot G \cdot u_\delta \cdot i \cdot \left[ \alpha^{-(k+1)} \cdot (1 - \alpha^2)^2 \right] \quad \forall k < 0$ $A_0 = 2 \cdot G \cdot u_\delta \cdot i \cdot \alpha \cdot (\alpha^2 - 2)$ $A_1 = 2 \cdot G \cdot u_\delta \cdot i \cdot \alpha^2$
$A_k = 0 \quad \forall k > 1$	$A_k = 0 \quad \forall k > 1$

Table 1. Fourier coefficients for boundary deformations of tunnel cavity

$$\frac{u_x}{u_\varepsilon \cdot R^{2\alpha-1}} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{x}{[x^2 + (y+H)^2]^\alpha} - \frac{x}{[x^2 + (y-H)^2]^\alpha} + \dots \\ \dots + \frac{2 \cdot x}{[x^2 + (y-H)^2]^\alpha} - 4 \cdot \frac{(y-H) \cdot x \cdot y}{[x^2 + (y-H)^2]^{\alpha+1}} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\frac{u_y}{u_\varepsilon \cdot R^{2\alpha-1}} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{(y+H)}{[x^2 + (y+H)^2]^\alpha} - \frac{(y-H)}{[x^2 + (y-H)^2]^\alpha} + \dots \\ \dots + \frac{4 \cdot (y-H) \cdot x^2 + 2 \cdot H \cdot [x^2 - (y-H)^2]}{[x^2 + (y-H)^2]^{\alpha+1}} - \frac{2 \cdot (y-H)}{[x^2 + (y-H)^2]^\alpha} \end{array} \right.$$

a) Uniform convergence mode

$$\frac{u_x}{u_\delta \cdot R^{2\alpha-1}} = x \cdot \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left[ \frac{[x^2 + (y+H)^2]^2 - [3 \cdot (y+H)^2 - x^2] \cdot [x^2 + (y+H)^2 - R^2]}{[x^2 + (y+H)^2]^{\alpha+2}} - \dots \right. \\ \dots - \left. \frac{[x^2 + (y-H)^2]^2 - [3 \cdot (y-H)^2 - x^2] \cdot [x^2 + (y-H)^2 - R^2]}{[x^2 + (y-H)^2]^{\alpha+2}} + \dots \right. \\ \dots + 4 \cdot \frac{x^2 + y^2 - H^2}{[x^2 + (y-H)^2]^{\alpha+1}} - \dots \\ \dots - 8 \cdot y \cdot \frac{y \cdot (x^2 + y^2) + 2 \cdot H \cdot (H^2 - x^2) - 3 \cdot y \cdot H^2}{[x^2 + (y-H)^2]^{\alpha+2}} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\frac{u_y}{-u_\delta \cdot R^{2\alpha-1}} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (y+H) \cdot \frac{[x^2 + (y+H)^2]^2 - [3 \cdot x^2 - (y+H)^2] \cdot [x^2 + (y+H)^2 - R^2]}{[x^2 + (y+H)^2]^{\alpha+2}} - \dots \\ \dots - (y-H) \cdot \frac{[x^2 + (y-H)^2]^2 - [3 \cdot x^2 - (y-H)^2] \cdot [x^2 + (y-H)^2 - R^2]}{[x^2 + (y-H)^2]^{\alpha+2}} - \dots \\ \dots - 4 \cdot \frac{x^2 \cdot (2 \cdot H - y) - y \cdot (y-H)^2}{[x^2 + (y-H)^2]^{\alpha+1}} + \dots \\ \dots + 8 \cdot \frac{(y-H) \cdot \{H \cdot y \cdot (y-H)^2 - x^2 \cdot [(x^2 + y^2) + H \cdot (y+H)]\}}{[x^2 + (y-H)^2]^{\alpha+2}} \end{array} \right.$$

b) Ovalization mode

Table 2. Displacement components for tunnel in plastic, dilating soil

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$$f(x, y, z) = \frac{x}{\left[ x^2 + z^2 + (y + H)^2 \right]^{\frac{3}{2}}} - 6 \cdot \frac{(y - H) \cdot y \cdot x}{\left[ x^2 + z^2 + (y - H)^2 \right]^{\frac{5}{2}}} + \frac{(3 - 4 \cdot \nu) \cdot x}{\left[ x^2 + z^2 + (y - H)^2 \right]^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$


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$$h(x, y, z) = \frac{z}{\left[ x^2 + z^2 + (y + H)^2 \right]^{\frac{3}{2}}} - 6 \cdot \frac{(y - H) \cdot z \cdot y}{\left[ x^2 + z^2 + (y - H)^2 \right]^{\frac{5}{2}}} + \frac{(3 - 4 \cdot \nu) \cdot z}{\left[ x^2 + z^2 + (y - H)^2 \right]^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$


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$$g(x, y, z) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{(y + H)}{\left[ x^2 + z^2 + (y + H)^2 \right]^{\frac{3}{2}}} - 2 \cdot y \cdot \frac{3 \cdot (y - H)^2 - \left[ x^2 + z^2 + (y - H)^2 \right]}{\left[ x^2 + z^2 + (y - H)^2 \right]^{\frac{5}{2}}} - \dots \\ \dots - \frac{(3 - 4 \cdot \nu) \cdot (y - H)}{\left[ x^2 + z^2 + (y - H)^2 \right]^{\frac{3}{2}}} \end{array} \right\}$$


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Table 3. 3-D displacement fields for a spherical source at depth,  $H$  in an elastic half-space

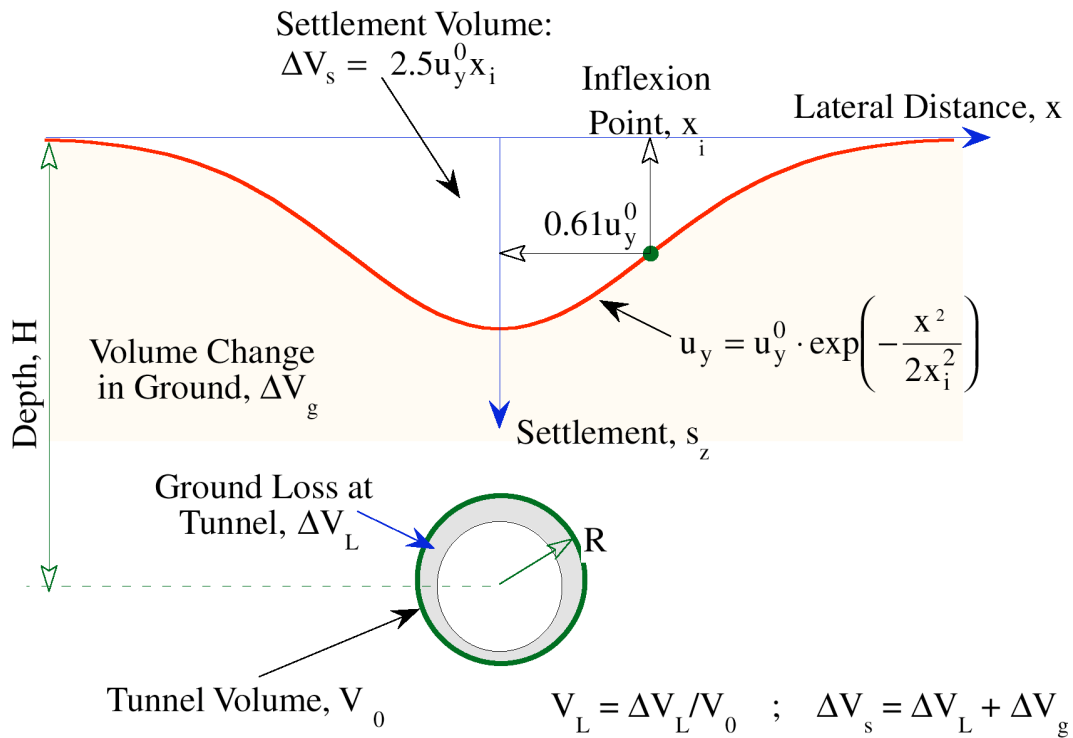


Figure 1. Empirical function for transversal surface settlement trough  
 (after Peck, 1969)

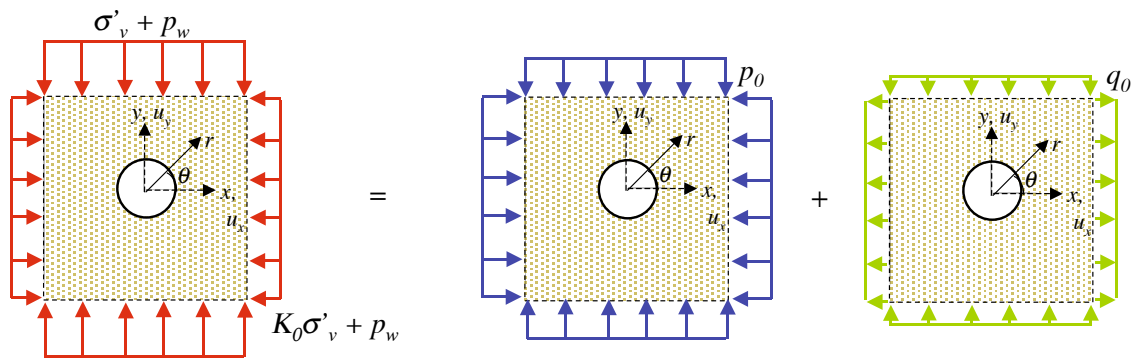


Figure 2. Decomposition of initial stresses around deep tunnel

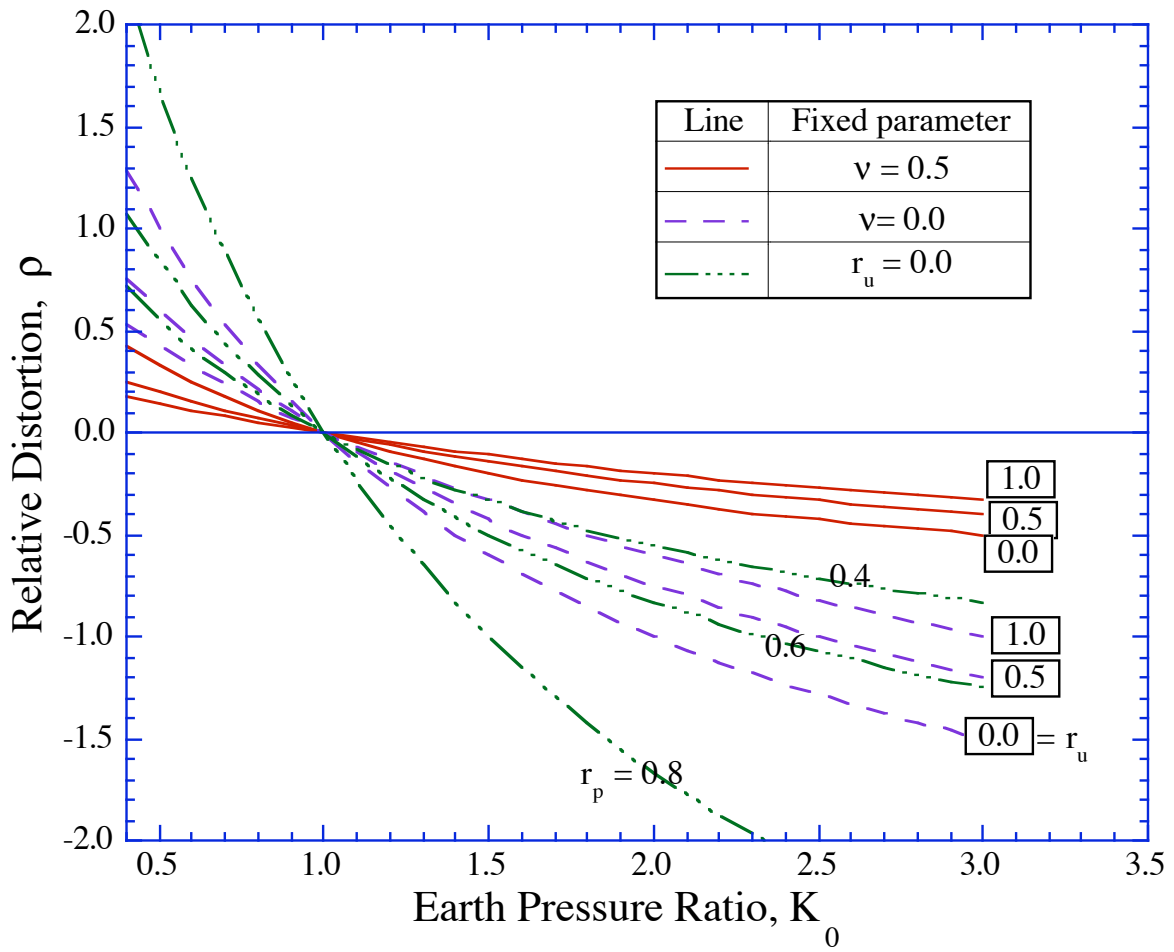


Figure 3. Relative distortion values for deep tunnel cavity in elastic soil

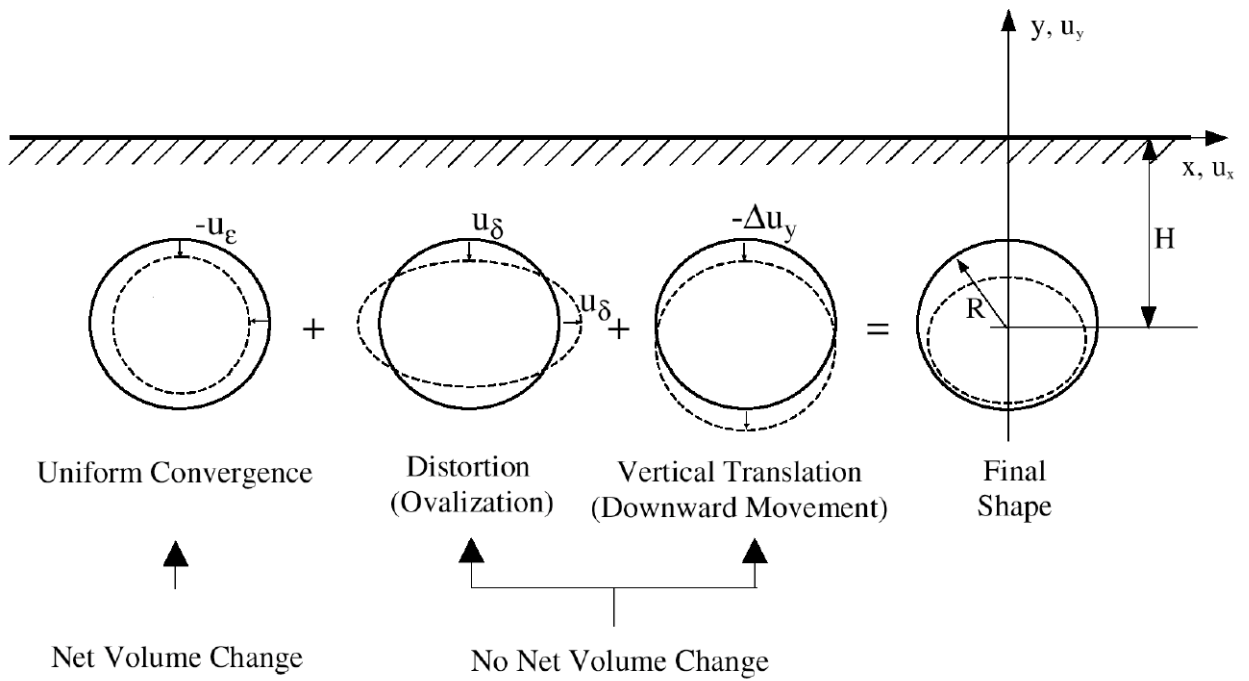


Figure 4. Deformation modes and notation for shallow tunnel

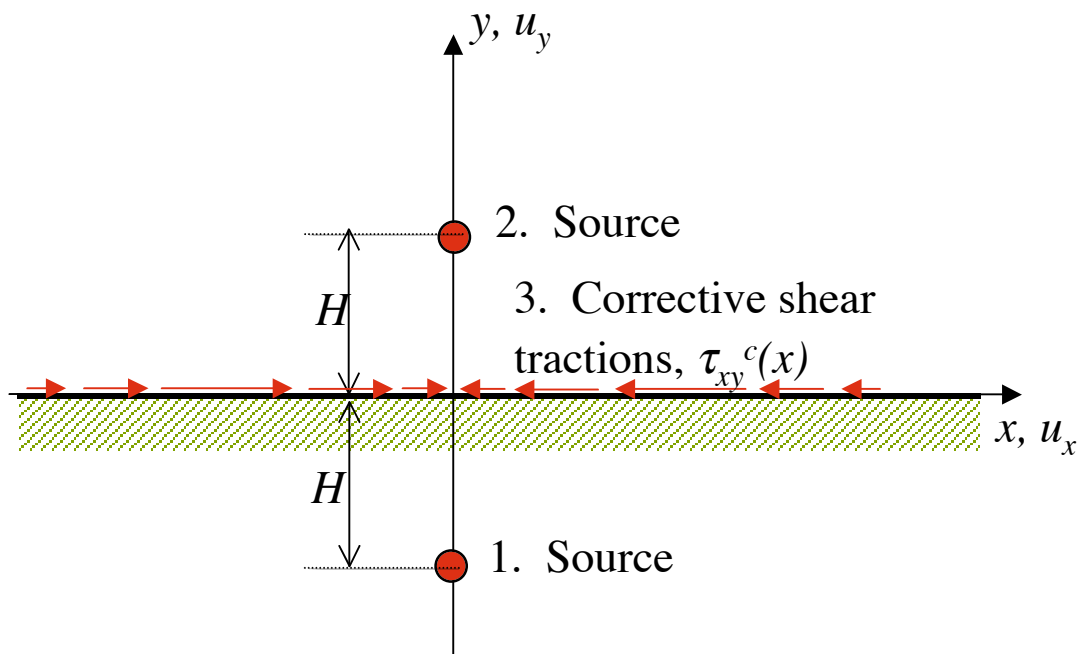
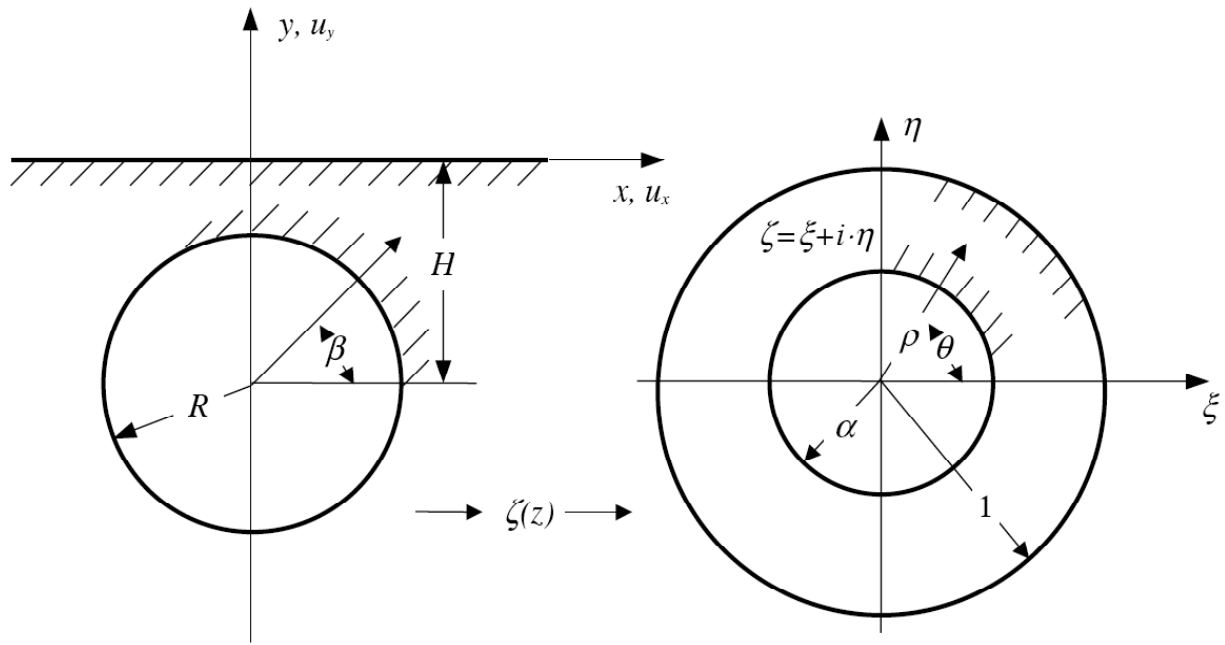
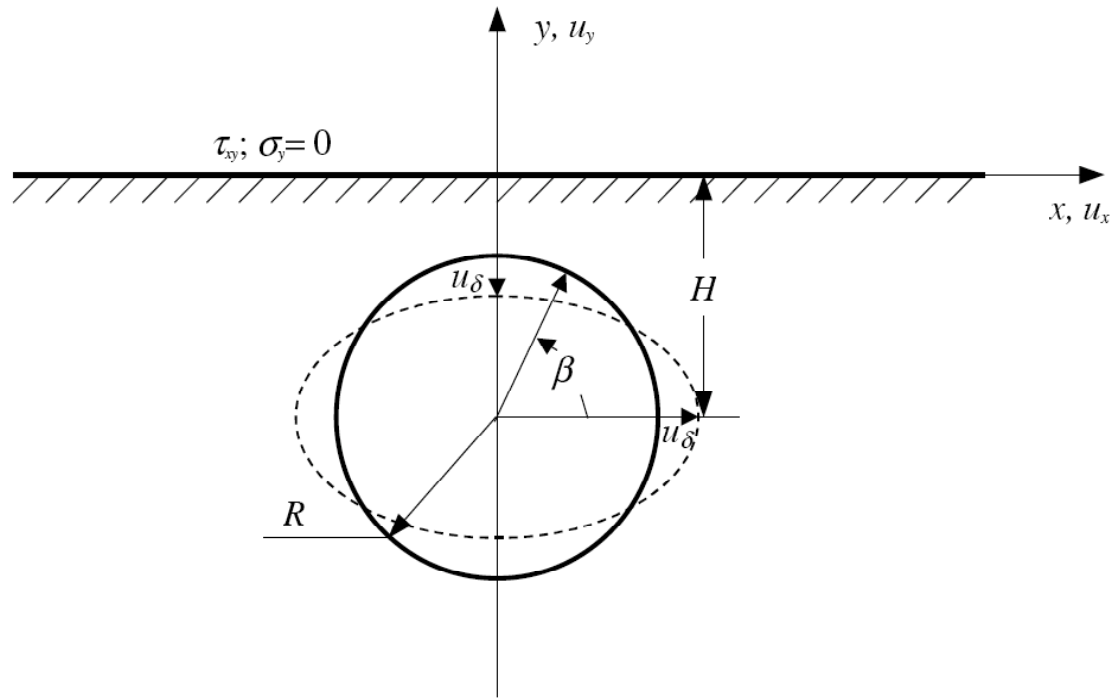


Figure 5. Superposition of singularity solutions for shallow tunnel (after Sagaseta, 1987)





a) Conformal transformation



b) Sign convention for ovalization mode

Figure 6. Conformal transformation for shallow tunnel (after Verruijt, 1996)

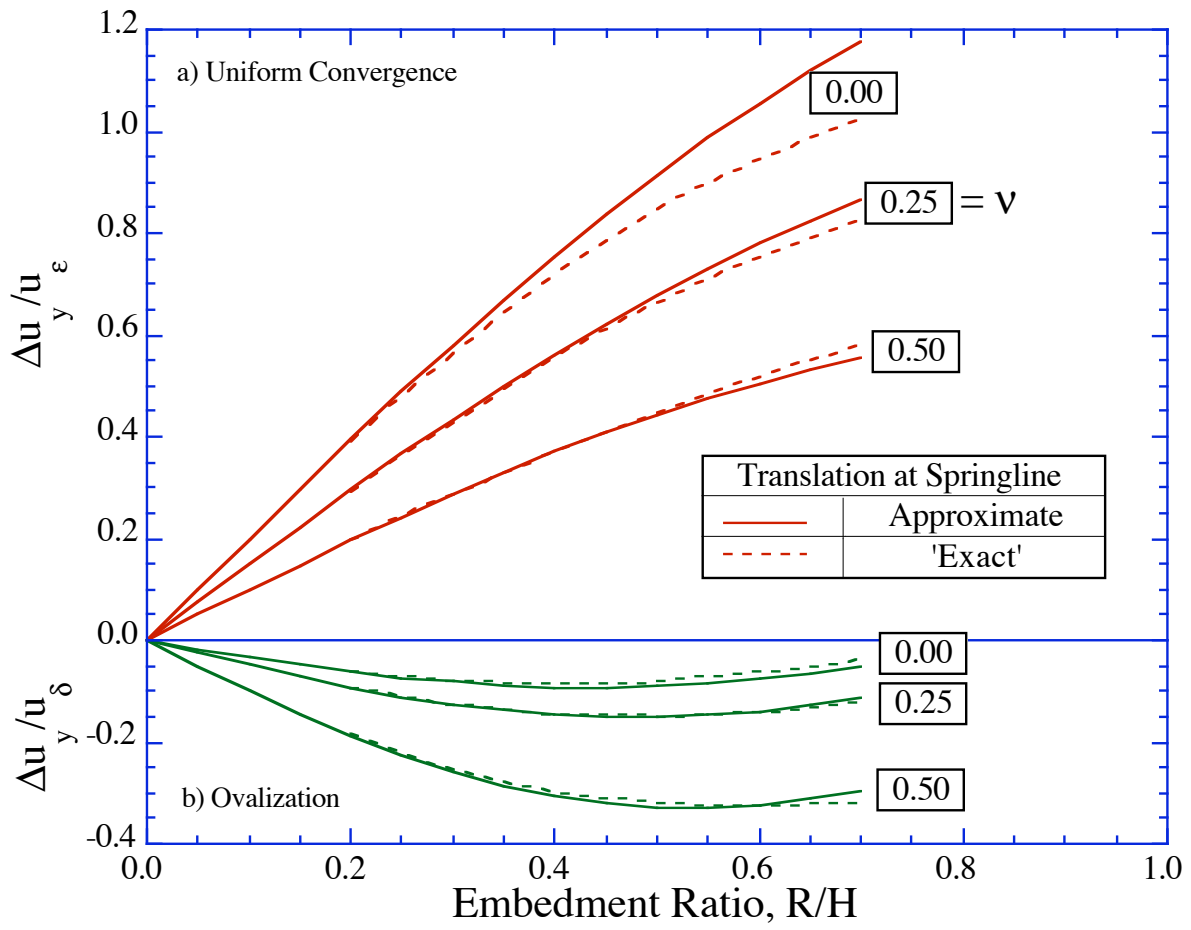
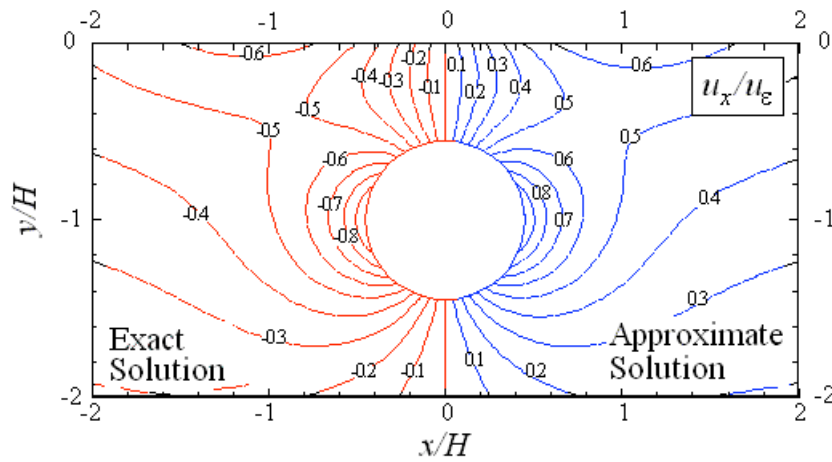
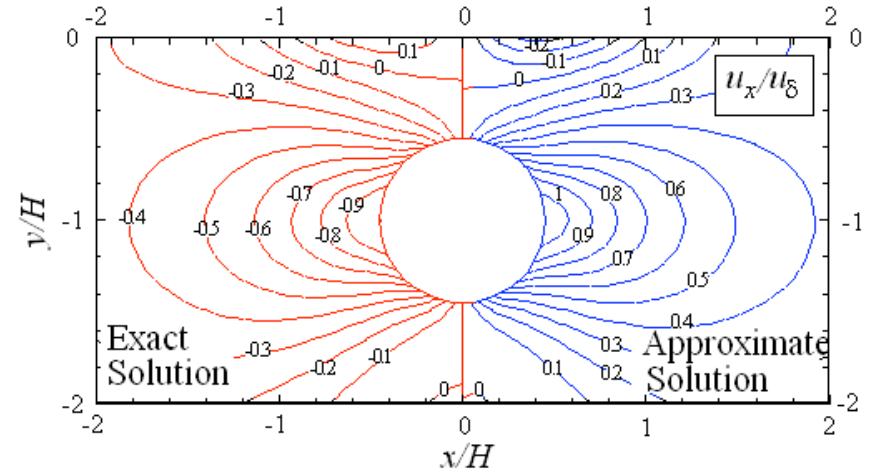


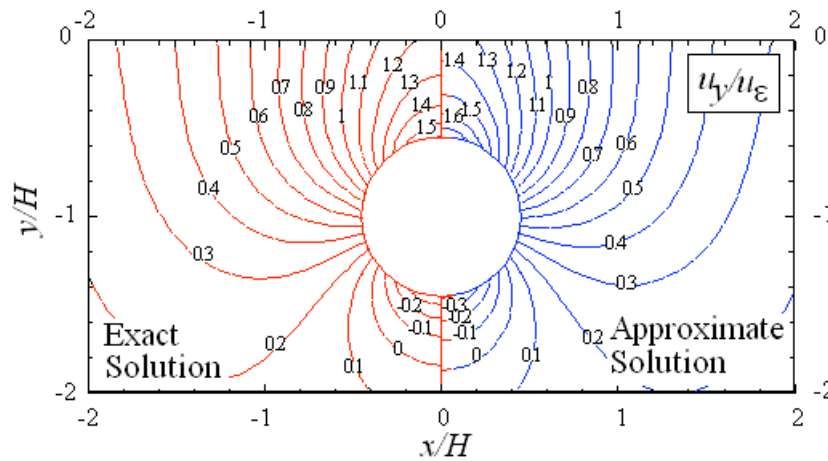
Figure 7 Comparison of approximate and exact solutions for translation of a shallow tunnel



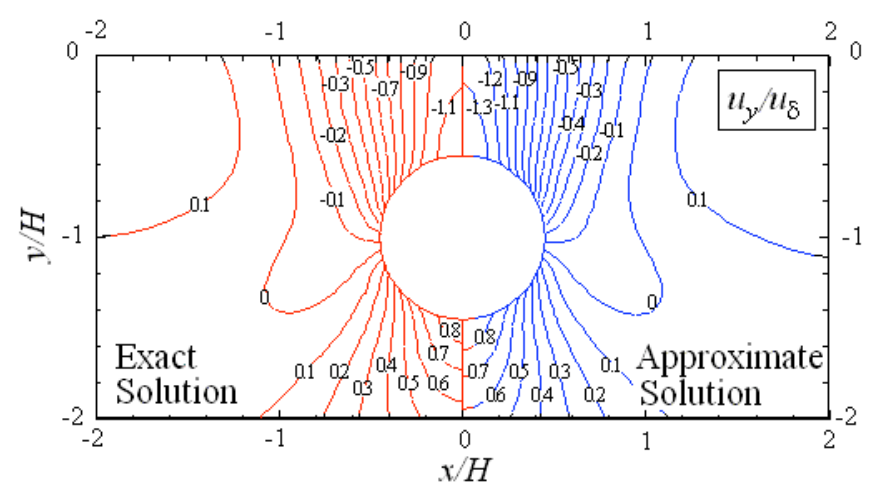
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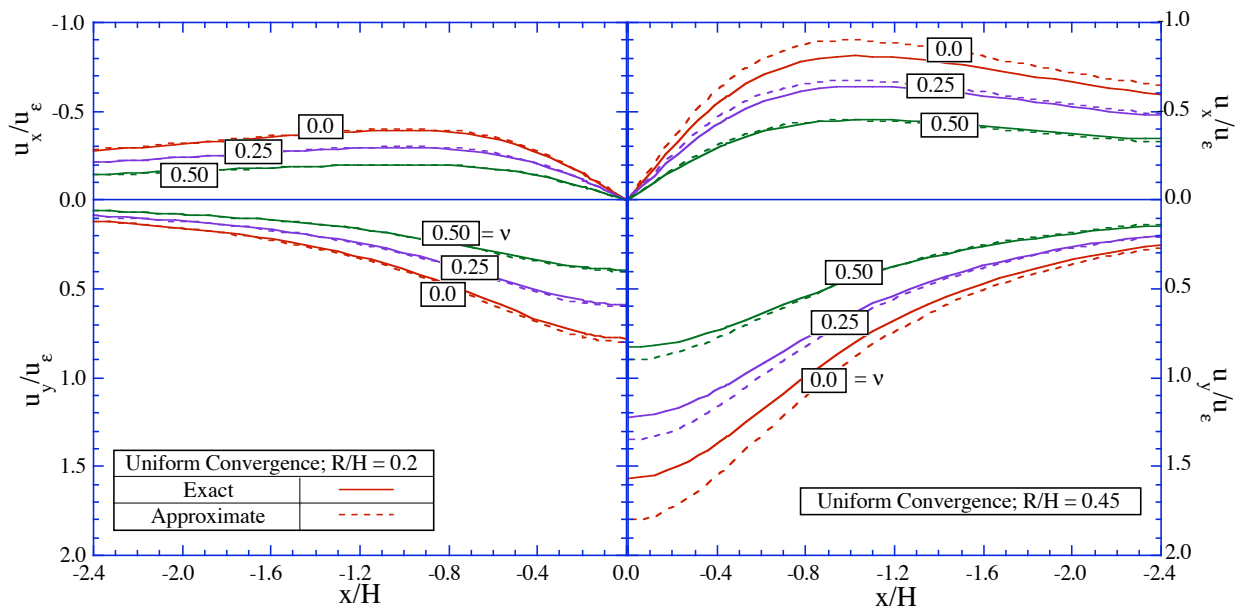


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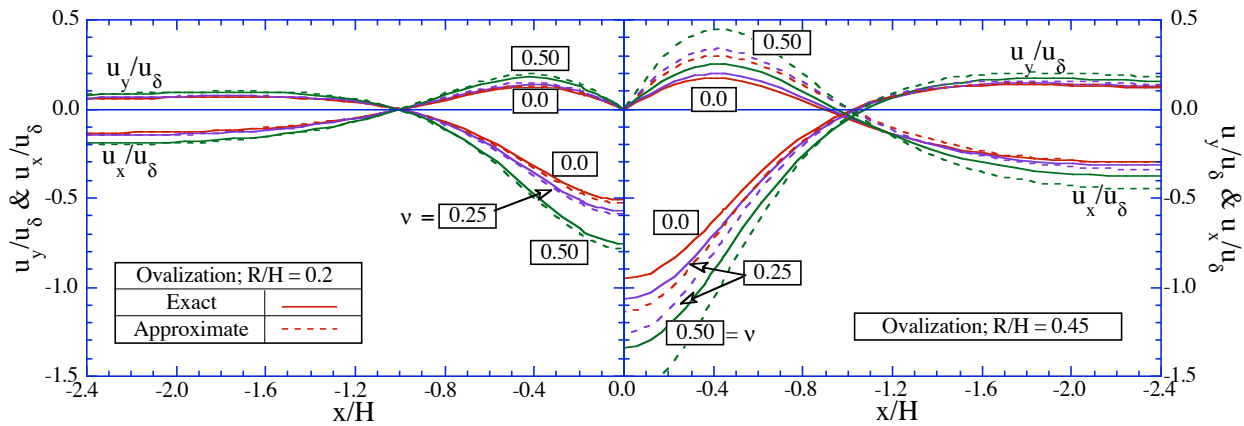
Uniform convergence

Ovalization

Figure 8. Comparison of ground deformations for shallow tunnel,  $R/H = 0.45$ , in elastic soil with  $\nu = 0.25$  using approximate and exact methods of analysis



a) Surface displacements for uniform convergence mode



b) Surface displacements for ovalization mode

Figure 9. Comparison of exact and approximate analyses for surface displacements

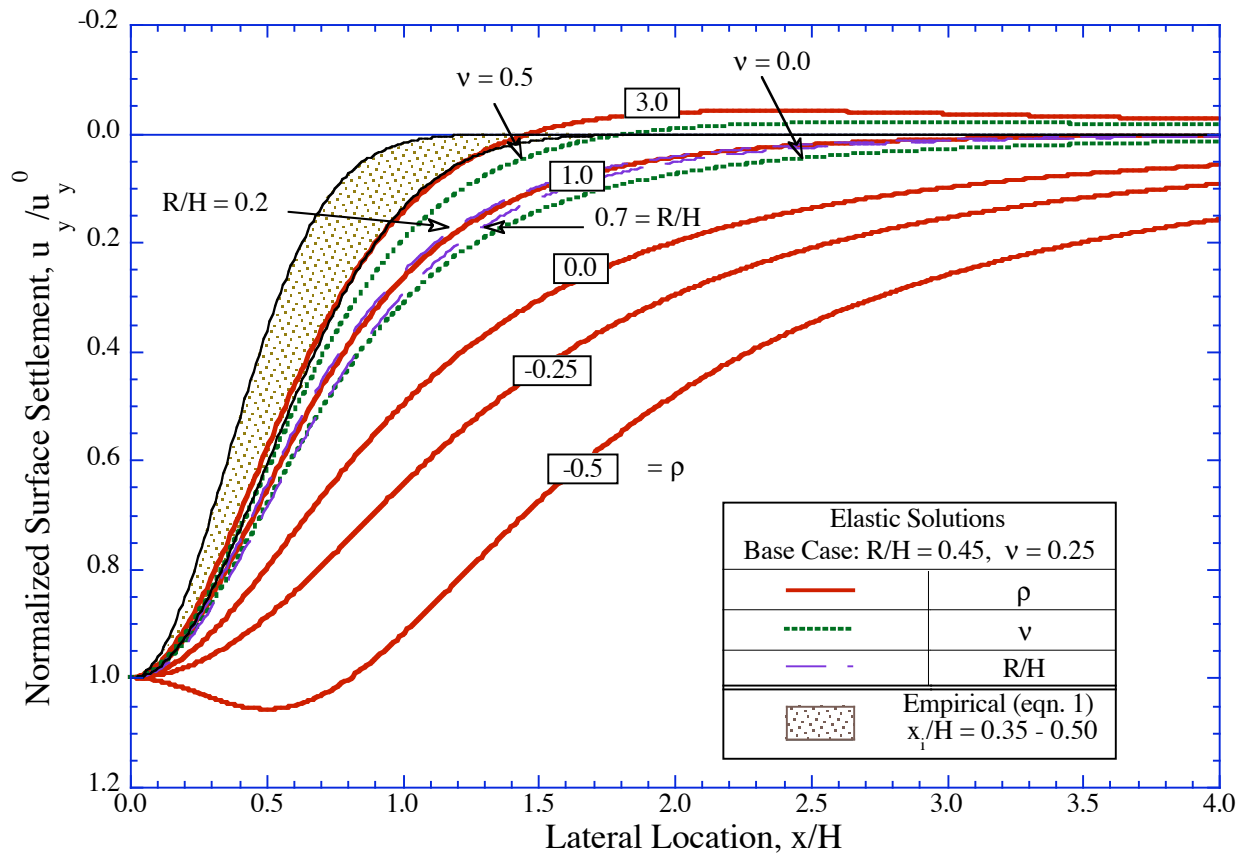


Figure 10. Comparison of surface settlement trough shapes for shallow tunnels in isotropic elastic soil

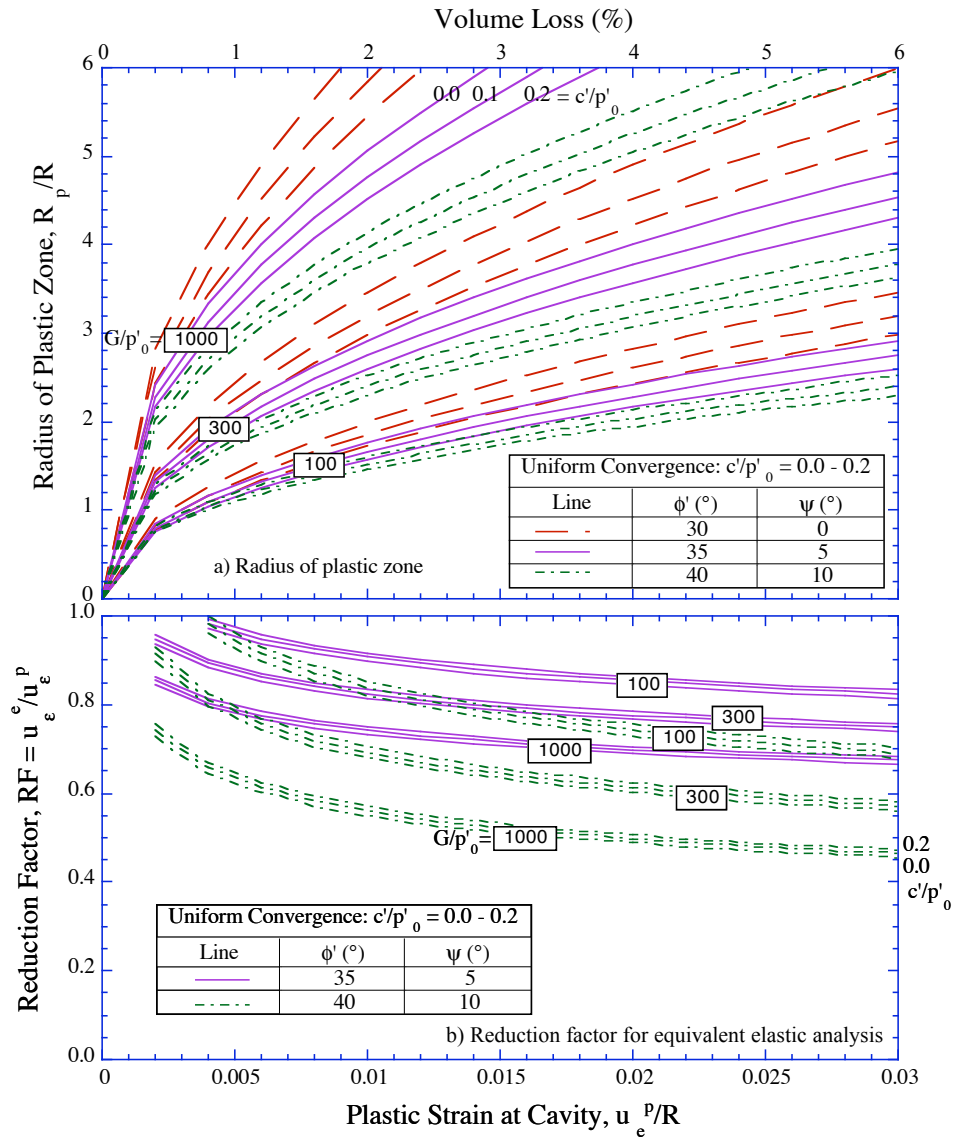


Figure 11. Radial dimension of plastic zone for uniform convergence of deep tunnel in elasto-plastic soil

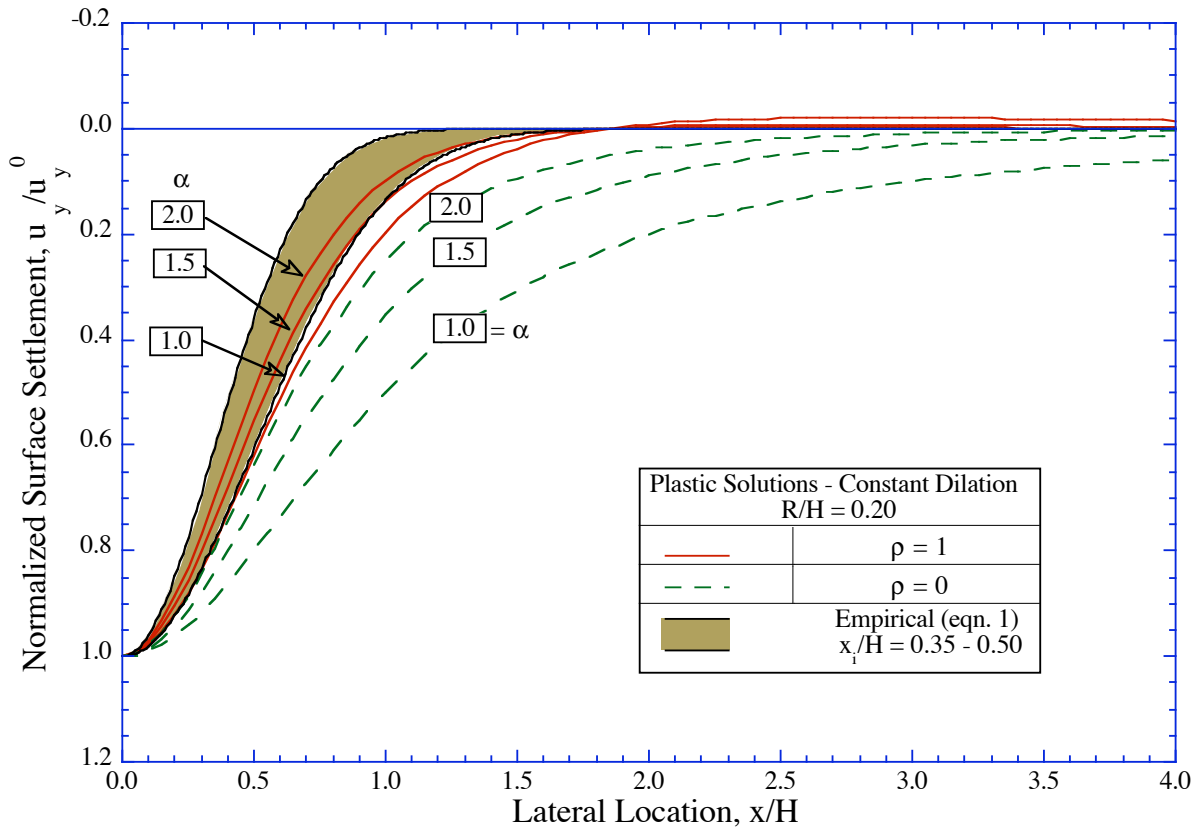


Figure 12. Effects of soil dilation on surface settlement trough shape

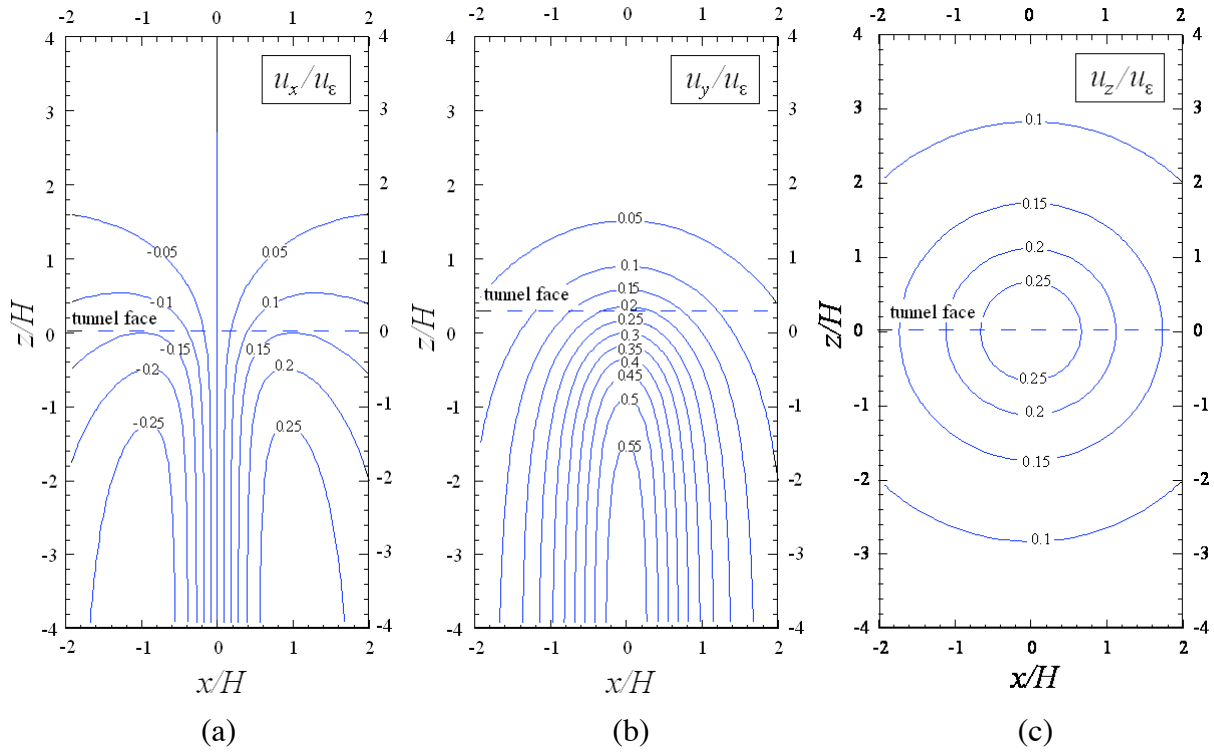
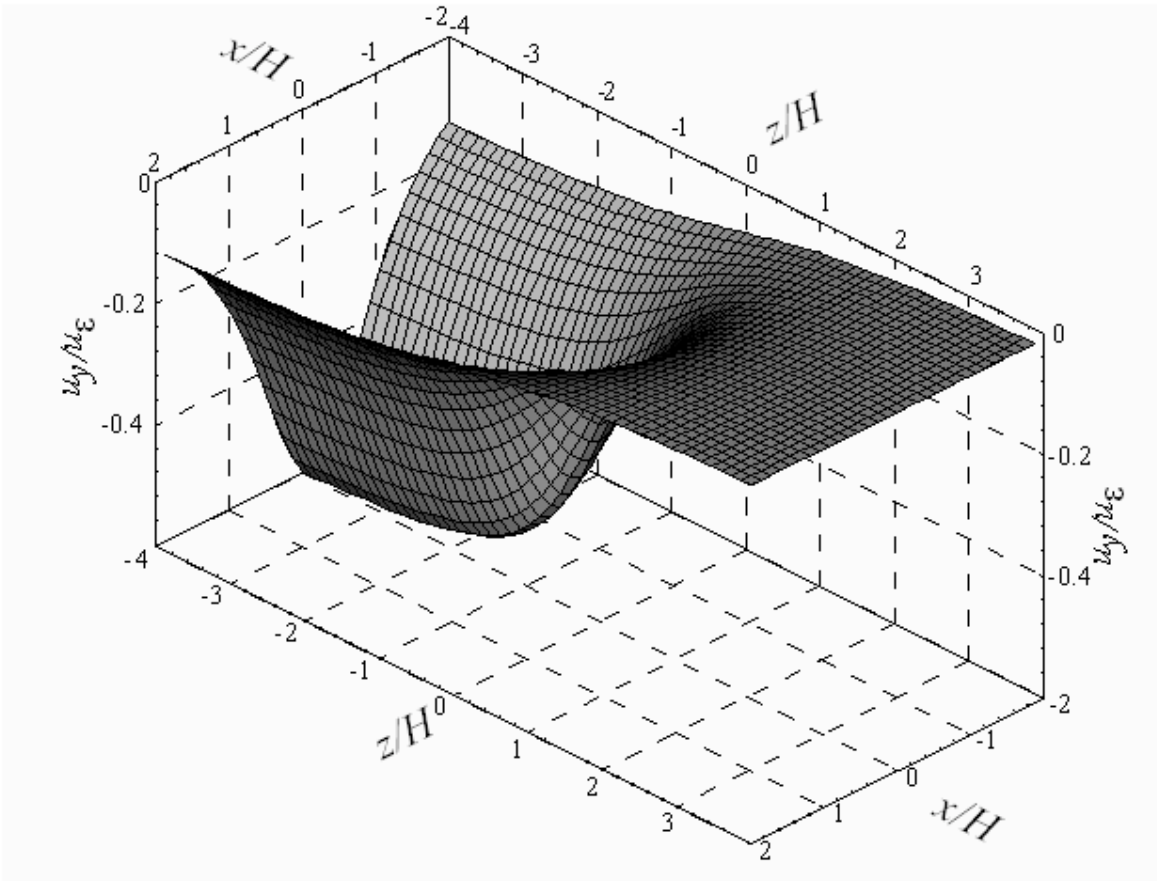
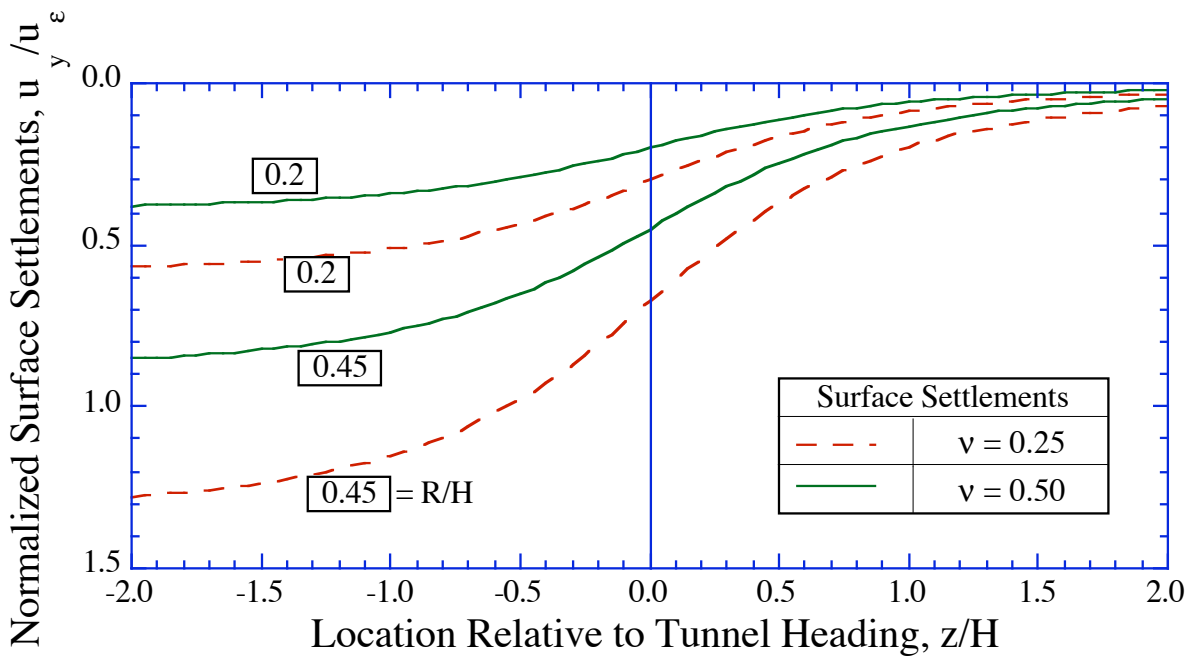


Figure 13. Contours of 3-D surface displacement components for shallow tunnel in elastic soil with uniform ground loss and  $R/H = 0.2$ ,  $\nu = 0.25$





a) Settlement trough for tunnel with  $R/H = 0.2$ ,  $\nu = 0.25$



b) Longitudinal distribution along centerline

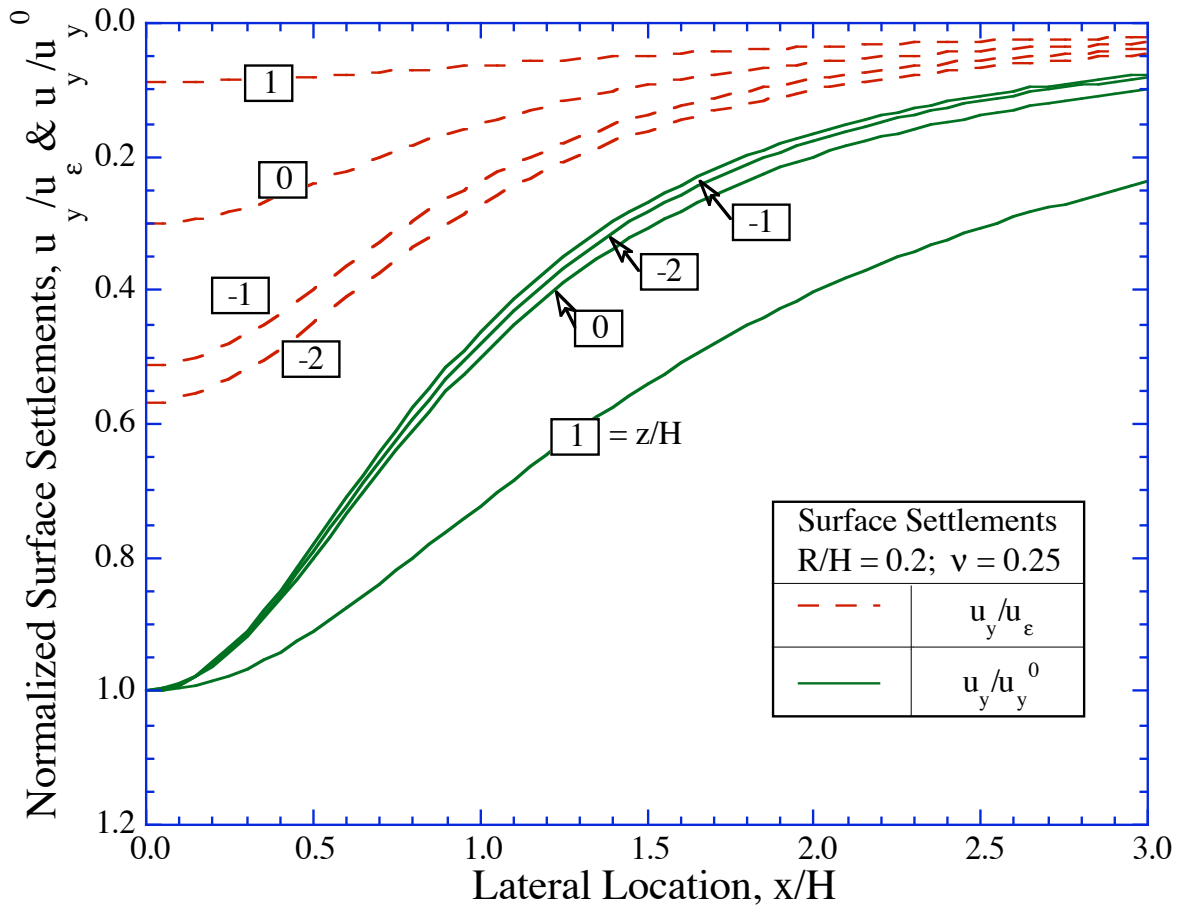


Figure 14. 3-D surface settlements for shallow tunnel in elastic soil with uniform ground loss