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STRUCTURE ANALYSIS OF COMPRESSED SOIL BRICKS MASONRY STRUCTURE

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Compressed Soil Bricks or more commonly Compressed Earth Block (CEB): earthen bricks compressed with hand-operated or motorized compressing machines.





If we apply any type of stabilizer such as cement or lime, then we call these type of brick as Compressed Stabilized Earth Blocks (CSEB) which is very frequently used in different countries regarding to its advantages.



the compressive strength of CEM is less than 5 MPa ($509 858,16 \text{ kg/m}^2$) with frequent soil types

Structure Analysis

Thickness with load on the haunches: T = S/10 t = thicknessS = span











From overall vertical equilibrium of the arch, we have V=wl2+q[c/2o ds.For the equilibrium of the segment *PB*, we have Vertically $-Tsin\theta-Scos\theta+V-w[l/2xd\eta-q[c/2c(x) ds=0.$ Horizontally $Tcos\theta-Ssin\theta-H=0.$ Rotationally, about *P* $M+Hy-V(l2-x)+w[l/2x(\eta-x) d\eta+q[c/2c(x)(\eta-x)ds(\eta)=0.$ After the substitution for *V* and evaluation of integrals, equation becomes $-Tsin\theta-Scos\theta+wx+q[c(x)0ds=0.$









Conclusion:

- Brick is one of the preferable construction material due to various advantages
- In several countries in middle east and Africa, is the only available option
- CEB is a compressive structure elements and it should be designed only for its compressive strength
- Equilibrium of structure and arch shape should be respected
- 3D modeling of structure will show all critical points and help us to confirm adequate architectural plan







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