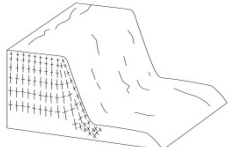
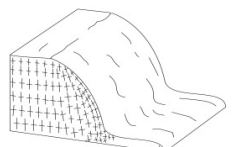

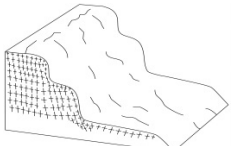


Slope type	Profile	Characteristics	Susceptibility to cracking–sliding failure
Rectilinear		<p>Slope is straight or nearly straight; slope gradients are fairly large ($> 55^\circ$); stability is low.</p>	Yes
Convex		<p>Gentle at the top and steep at the bottom; convex shoulder; stability is generally poor.</p>	Yes
Concave		<p>Curves inward; gentle toward the toe supporting steep upper slope; more stable than other slopes; stability is fair.</p>	No
Stepped		<p>Stepped with straight faces; average gradient of the overall slope is generally small; stability is good.</p>	No