

Sub-Geotechnical Engineering
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(1) What is geotech Engineering or soil mechanics?

It is one of the youngest discipline of civil engg. involving the study of soil, its behaviour & application as an engg material.

What is soil

To an engg. soil is the aggregate or cemented or un-cemented deposits of mineral or organic particles covering large portion of the earth crust.

→ It includes different material boulder, sands, gravel, clay & silts & the range in the particle sizes in a soil may extend from grain only a fraction of micron in diameter upto large size boulder.

(3) Origin / formation soil

(i) The formation of soil is as a result of the geological cycle continually taking place on the face of the earth.

(ii) The cycle consists of weathering

transportation & deposition.

(iii) physical weathering is caused by periodical temperature changes, impacts & splitting action of blowing water, ice, wind & plants etc.

(iv) chemical weathering is caused due to oxidation, hydration, carbonation & leaching by organic acids & water.

(v) The soil which is due weathering may be residual or transported.

(vi) Residual soil are those which remain in place over the parent rock & transported soil are those which are transported by agency such as water, wind, ice & gravity.

(vii) Water formed transported soils are termed as alluvial, marine, lacustrine.

* Alluvial soil is formed by transporting soil through running water.

* Marine soil is formed & deposited as the bottom of a

* Lacustrine soil is formed depositing

at the bottom lack.

viii) Soil formed due to transported by wind each aeolian soil or loess

(ix) Soil formed due to transported by ice or glacier is drift.

(x) Soil formed due to transported by gravity is alluvial soil or talus.

(xi) Soil formed due to deposition of decaying vegetable material, plant under excess moisture is called humose soil such as peat or muck.

USE OF GEOTECH OR SOIL MECHANICS

Soil mechanics is born an engineering

(i) Foundation design & construction.

(ii) Pavement design.

(iii) Design under ground structure & earth retaining structure.

(iv) Design of pavement embankments & excavation

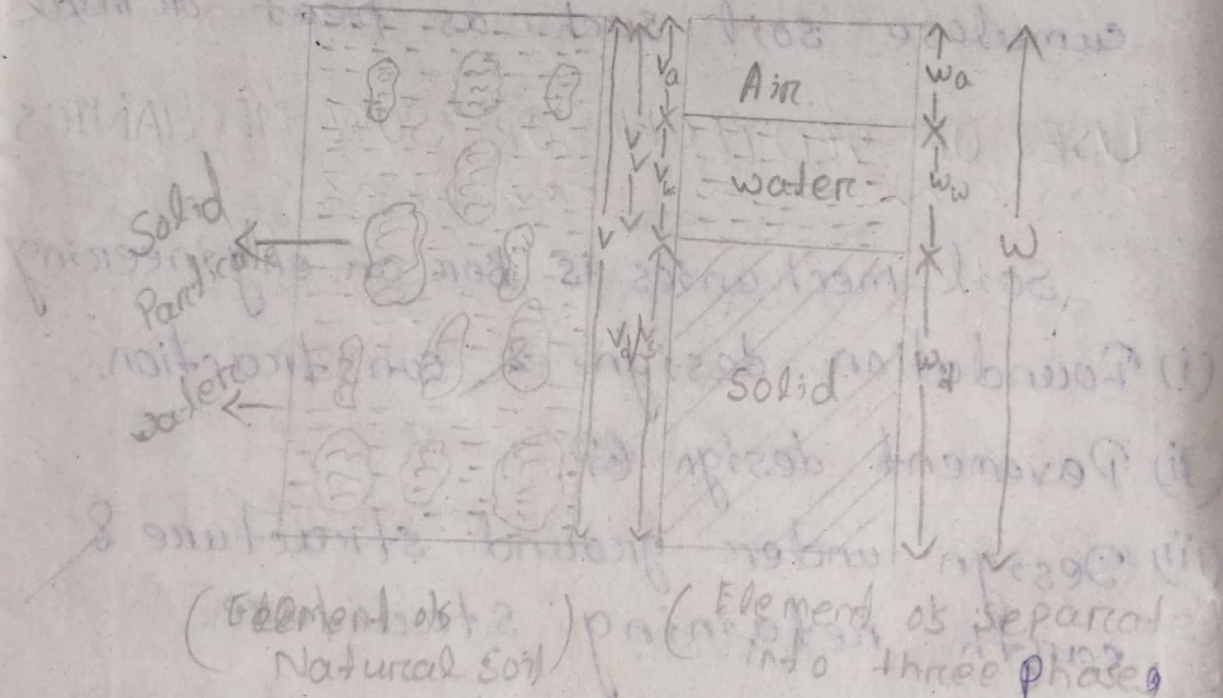
(v) Design of dam.

Soil as a three phase system

(i) A soil is a three phase system consisting of solid particles (soil grains), water & air.

(ii) In general the soil mass has three constituents which don't occupy separate spaces but are blended together forming a complex material but for calculation purpose it is always more easy to show these constituents occupying separate spaces.

Fig



$V =$ Total volume of soil mass

$V_a =$ Volume of air

$V_w =$ Volume of water

$V_s =$ Volume of solid

$W =$ Total weight of soil mass

$W_a =$ weight of air

W_w = weight of water

W_d = weight of solid

V_v = Volume of void

* The void space between the solid particles or soil grains is filled partly with water & partly with air.

* If the voids are filled with air only then the soil mass is taken as dry soil mass.

* If the voids are completely filled with water then the soil mass is taken as saturated soil.

$$W = W_a + W_w + W_d$$

$$(If W_a = 0)$$

$$W = W_d + W_w$$

weight of saturated soil = $W_d + W_w$

Volume of saturated soil = $V_d + V_v$

$$If W_w = 0$$

Weight of dry soil = $W_d + W_a$

Volume of dry soil = $V_d + V_a$

In case of negligible air content

Weight of dry soil = W_d

Volume of dry soil = V_d

Water content

The water content or moisture content

It is defined as the ratio of weight of water to weight of solids in a given mass of soil.

(ii) It is denoted by (w)

$$w = \frac{W_w}{W_d} \times 100$$

(iii) It is generally expressed as

Percentage

Density of soil

Density of soil is defined as the mass of soil per unit volume

(a) bulk density

The bulk density or moist density is defined as the total mass of the soil per its total volume

$$(i) \rho = \frac{M}{V}$$

ρ = density

M = mass of soil

V = volume

It is expressed in kg/m^3

Dry density

It is defined as the mass of solids / total volume of the solid mass.

$$(ii) \quad \rho_d = \frac{M_d}{V}$$

Density of solid

It is defined as the mass of soil solids / volume of solids.

$$(ii) \quad \rho_s = \frac{M_d}{V_d}$$

Saturated density

When the soil is saturated, its bulk density is called saturated density.

Hence, saturated density is the ratio of total soil mass with ~~dot~~ to its total volume.

$$\rho_{\text{Sat}} = \frac{M}{V}$$

Submerged density

Submerged density is defined as the " " mass of soil solid

unit of total volume.

$$\rho' = \frac{(M_d)_{\text{sub}}}{V}$$

$$* \rho' = \rho_{\text{sat}} - \rho_w$$

ρ' = submerged density

ρ_{sat} = saturated

ρ_w = water density

Unit weight soil

It unit weight is defined as weight / volume.

bulk unit weight

It is the total weight of a soil / its total volume.

$$\gamma = \frac{W}{V}$$

dry unit weight

It is the weight of solids / total volume.

$$\gamma_d = \frac{W_s}{V}$$

Unit weight of solids

It is the weight of soil solids / volume of solids.

$$\gamma_s = \frac{W_s}{V_s \text{ or } V_d}$$

Saturated unit weight

It is ^{the} ratio of total weight of a saturated soil to its total volume.

$$\gamma_{\text{sat}} = \frac{W}{V}$$

Submerged unit weight

It is the submerged weight of soil solids / total volume.

$$\gamma' = \frac{(W_s)_{\text{sub}}}{V}$$

$$* \quad \gamma' = \gamma_{\text{sat}} - \gamma_w$$

* Density of water $\rho_w = 1 \text{ gm/cm}^3$

* unit weight of water $\gamma_w = 9.81 \text{ kN/m}^3$

Specific gravity

Specific gravity is defined as the ratio of the unit weight of a given volume solids to the unit weight of water at a given temperature.

or,

specific gravity is defined as the ratio of the density of soil solid to the density of water at a given temperature.

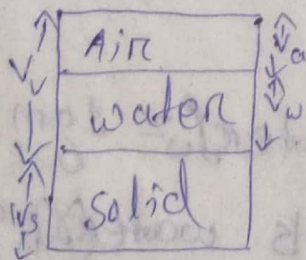
It is denoted as 'G'

$$G = \frac{\gamma_s}{\gamma_w} \quad \text{or} \quad G = \frac{\rho_s}{\rho_w}$$

Voids ratio

It is defined as the ratio of volume of voids to the volume of soil solids.

It is denoted as $e = \frac{V_v}{V_s}$



V_v = volume of voids

V_s = " " " soil solids

Porosity

It is defined as the ratio of the volume of void to the total volume of soil mass.

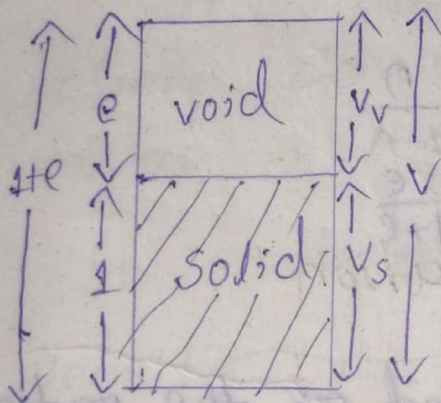
→ It is denoted by 'n' = $\frac{V_v}{V}$

where,

V_v = Volume of void

V = Total volume of soil mass

Relationship betⁿ voids ratio & Porosity



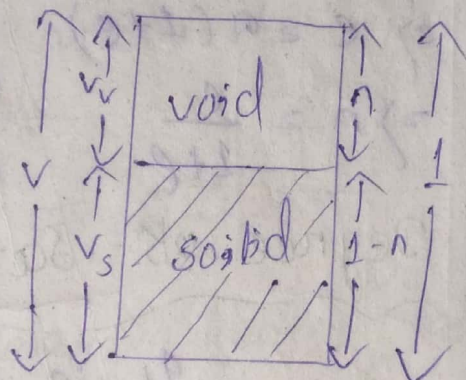
(Soil element in terms of 'e')

$$V_v = e$$

$$V_s = 1$$

$$V = 1 + e$$

$$e = \frac{V_v}{V_s}$$



(Soil element in terms of 'n')

$$V = 1$$

$$V_v = n$$

$$V_s = 1 - n$$

→ $e = \frac{n}{1-n}$ (5)

$$n = \frac{V_v}{V}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{n = \frac{e}{1+e}} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Combining equ (i) & (ii)

$$\frac{n}{1-n} = \frac{e}{1+e}$$

$$e = \frac{n}{1-n}$$

$$\Rightarrow e(1-n) = n$$

$$\Rightarrow e - en = n$$

$$\Rightarrow e = n + en$$

$$\Rightarrow e = n(1+e)$$

$$\Rightarrow n = \frac{e}{1+e}$$

$$e = \frac{n}{1-n}$$

$$n = \frac{e}{1+e}$$

Degree of Saturation

It is defined as the ratio of the volume water present in a soil mass to the volume of voids.

$$\rightarrow \text{It is denoted as } (S) = \frac{V_w}{V_v}$$

* For saturated soil the degree of saturation is ~~max~~ one.

$$S = \frac{V_w}{V_v} = \frac{V_v}{V_v} = 1 \quad (\because V_v = V_w)$$

* For dry soil the degree of saturation is '0'

$$s = \frac{0}{V_v} (\because v_w = 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow s = 0$$

1.0% air voids

It is defined as the ratio of volume of air voids to the volume of soil mass.

It is denoted as $n_a = \frac{V_a}{V} \times 100$

It is expressed as %.

Air content

It is defined as the ratio of volume of air voids to the volume of voids.

It is denoted as $a_c = \frac{V_a}{V_v}$

Density Index or Relative density or degree of density

It is defined as the ratio of the difference between the voids ratio of the soil in its loosest state (e_{max}) & its natural voids ratio (e) to the difference between the voids ratio in the loosest state & densest state (e_{min}).

It is denoted as I_D

$$\hat{I}_D = \frac{e_{max} - e}{e_{max} - e_{min}}$$

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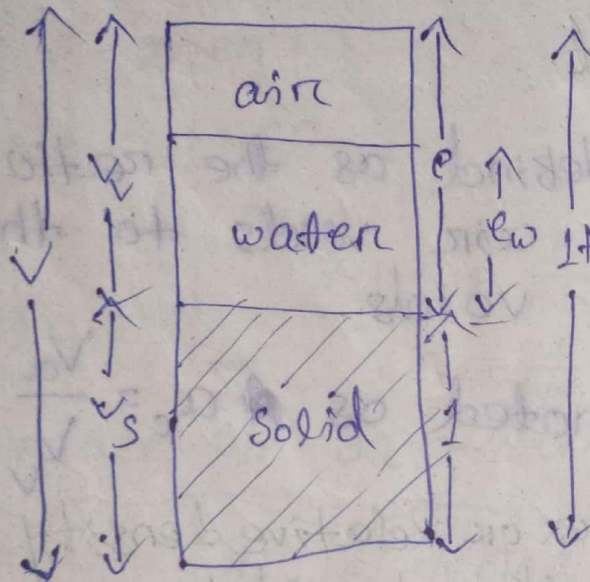
Relationship betⁿ e, w, G & S

$$e = \text{voids ratio} = \frac{V_v}{V_s}$$

$$w = \text{water content} = \frac{M_w}{M_d}$$

$$G = \text{specific gravity} = \frac{\gamma_s}{\gamma_w}$$

$$S = \text{Degree of saturation} = \frac{V_w}{V_v}$$



$$S = \frac{V_w}{V_v} = \frac{e w}{e}$$

$$\Rightarrow S = \frac{e w}{e}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{e_w = S e} \quad (i)$$

Let the soil mass is fully saturated

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$$\text{then } V_v = V_w$$

$$\Rightarrow e = e_w$$

$$w = \frac{W_w}{W_d}$$

$$\gamma_w = \frac{W_w}{V_w}$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma_w = \frac{W_w}{e_w}$$

$$\Rightarrow W_w = \gamma_w e_w$$

$$\gamma_s = \frac{W_s}{V_s}$$

$$\Rightarrow W_d = \gamma_s V_s$$

$$\Rightarrow W_d = \gamma_s \times 1$$

$$G = \frac{\gamma_s}{\gamma_w}$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma_s = G \gamma_w$$

$$w = \frac{W_w}{W_d}$$

$$\Rightarrow w = \frac{\gamma_w e_w}{\gamma_s}$$

$$\Rightarrow w = \frac{\gamma_w e_w}{G \gamma_w}$$

$$\Rightarrow w = \frac{e_w}{G}$$

$$\Rightarrow e_w = w G \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Combining equ (i) & (ii)

$$Se = wG$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{wG}{S}$$

Relation bet γ_d , 'G' & 'e' or 'n' \rightarrow

$$\gamma_d = \text{dry unit weight of soil} = \frac{W_d}{V_d}$$

$$G = \text{specific gravity of soil} = \frac{\gamma_s}{\gamma_w}$$

$$e = \text{voids ratio} = \frac{V_v}{V_s}$$

$$n = \text{Porosity} = \frac{V_v}{V}$$

$$\gamma_d = \frac{W_d}{V}$$

~~$$(W_d = \gamma_s \times V_s)$$~~

$$\left(\gamma_d = \frac{W_d}{V} \right)$$

~~$$\Rightarrow (W_d = \gamma_s \times V_s)$$~~

$$\Rightarrow \gamma_d = \frac{\gamma_s \times V_s}{V}$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma_d = \frac{\gamma_s \times 1}{1+e}$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma_d = \frac{G\gamma_w}{1+e} \quad (\because \gamma_s = G\gamma_w)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1+e = \frac{G Y_w}{Y_d}$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{G Y_w}{Y_d} - 1$$

$$Y_d = \frac{Y_s \times V_s}{V}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y_d = G Y_w (1-n)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1-n = \frac{G Y_w}{Y_d} \quad 1-n = \frac{G Y_w}{Y_d}$$

Relation bet Y_d , Y & w

$$w = \frac{W_w}{W_d}$$

(Add 1 in both side)

$$\Rightarrow 1+w = \frac{W_w}{W_d} + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 1+w = \frac{W_w + W_d}{W_d}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1+w = \frac{W}{W_d}$$

$$\Rightarrow W_d = \frac{W}{1+w}$$

$$Y_d = \frac{W_d}{V}$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma_d = \frac{\left(\frac{W}{1+W}\right)}{V}$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma_d = \frac{W}{V} \times \frac{1}{1+W}$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma_d = \gamma \times \frac{1}{1+W}$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma_d = \frac{\gamma}{1+W}$$

γ_d = dry unit weight

γ = unit weight of soil

w = water content

Relation betⁿ γ, G, e & S

γ = unit weight of soil = $\frac{W}{V}$

G = specific gravity = $\frac{\gamma_s}{\gamma_w}$

e = voids ratio = $\frac{W}{V_s}$

S = degree of saturation = $\frac{V_w}{V_v}$

$$\gamma = \frac{W}{V}$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{W_w + W_s}{V}$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{\gamma_w V_w + \gamma_s V_s}{V}$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{\gamma_w e_w + G \gamma_w \cdot 1}{1+e}$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{\gamma_w (e_s + G)}{1+e}$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{\gamma_w (G + e_s)}{1+e}$$

If the soil sample is fully saturated

$$\gamma_{sat} = \frac{\gamma_w (G + e)}{1+e}$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma_{sat} = \frac{\gamma_w (G + e)}{1+e}$$

Relation

$$\rightarrow e_w = se \quad \rightarrow \gamma = \frac{\gamma_w (G + e)}{1+e}$$

$$\rightarrow W_d = G \gamma_w \times 1$$

$$\rightarrow \gamma_s = 1 + G \gamma_w \quad \Rightarrow \gamma_{sat} = \frac{\gamma_w (G + e)}{1+e}$$

$$\rightarrow e_w = W G$$

$$\rightarrow se = W G$$

$$\rightarrow \gamma_d = \frac{G \gamma_w}{1+e}$$

$$\rightarrow W_d = \frac{W}{1+W}$$

$$\rightarrow \gamma_d = \frac{\gamma}{1+W}$$

Formula

$$(1) \text{ Water content } (w) = \frac{W_w}{W_d}$$

$$(2) \text{ bulk density } (\rho) = \frac{M}{V}$$

$$(3) \text{ dry density } (\rho_d) = \frac{M_d}{V}$$

$$(4) \text{ density of solid } (\rho_s) = \frac{M_d}{V_d}$$

$$(5) \text{ saturated density } (\rho_{sat}) = \frac{M}{V}$$

$$(6) \text{ submerged density } (\rho') = \frac{(M_d)_{sub}}{V} / \rho_{sat} - \rho_w$$

$$(7) \text{ unit weight of soil } (\gamma) = \frac{W}{V}$$

$$(8) \text{ dry unit weight } (\gamma_d) = \frac{W_d}{V}$$

$$(9) \text{ unit weight of solid } (\gamma_s) = \frac{W_d}{V_d}$$

$$(10) \text{ saturated unit weight } = \gamma_{sat} = \frac{W}{V}$$

$$(11) \text{ submerged unit weight } \gamma' = \frac{(W_d)_{sub}}{V}$$

$$(12) \text{ specific gravity } (G) = \frac{\gamma_s}{\gamma_w} / \frac{\rho_s}{\rho_w}$$

$$(13) \text{ voids ratio } (e) = \frac{V_v}{V_s}$$

$$(14) \text{ Porosity } (n) = \frac{V_v}{V}$$

$$(15) \text{ degree of saturation } (S) = \frac{V_w}{V_v} \quad (V_w \leq V_v)$$

$$(16) \% \text{ of air voids } (n_a) = \frac{V_a}{V} \times 100$$

$$(17) \text{ Air content } (a_c) = \frac{V_a}{V_v}$$

$$(18) e = \frac{n}{1-n} \quad (10)$$

$$(19) n = \frac{ae}{1+e}$$

Q.1 A soil sample has a Porosity of 40%. the specific gravity of Soil 2.7. calculate

(a) voids ratio ?

(b) dry density ?

(c) Unit weight ?

the soil is fully saturated.

Given data

Solⁿ

$$\text{Porosity } (n) = 40\% = \frac{40}{100} = 0.4$$

$$G = 2.7$$

$$S = 1$$

$$(a) \text{ voids ratio } = e = \frac{n}{1-n} = \frac{0.4}{1-0.4} = 0.66$$

$$(b) \text{ dry density } \rho_d = \frac{G \rho_w}{1+e}$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho_d = \frac{2.7 \times 9.81}{1+0.66} = 15.95 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

$$(c) \text{ Unit weight } \gamma_{\text{sat}} = \frac{\gamma_w (G+e)}{1+e}$$

$$= \frac{9.81 (2.7 + 0.66)}{1+0.66} = 19.85 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

Q.2

An undisturbed sample of soil has a volume of 100 cm^3 & mass of 190 gm . On oven drying for 24 hours the mass is reduced to 160 gm . If the specific gravity of soil is 2.68 determine the water content, voids ratio & degree of saturation of the soil.

Given data

solⁿ

$$V = 100 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$M = 190 \text{ gm}$$

$$M_d = 160 \text{ gm}$$

$$M = M_d + M_w$$

$$M_w = M - M_d$$

$$\Rightarrow M_w = 190 - 160 = 30 \text{ gm}$$

$$G = 2.68$$

$$w = \frac{M_w}{M_d}$$

$$= \frac{30}{160} = 0.187 = 18.7\%$$

$$e = \frac{G}{1+w} = \frac{2.68}{1+0.187}$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho_w = 1 \text{ gm/cm}^3$$

$$\rho_d = \frac{M_d}{V} = \frac{160}{100} = 1.6 \text{ gm/cm}^3$$

$$\rho_d = \frac{G \rho_w}{1+e}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1+e = \frac{G \rho_w}{\rho_d}$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{G \rho_w}{\rho_d} - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{2.68 \times 1}{1.6} - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow e = 0.675$$

$$s_e = w_s$$

$$\Rightarrow s = \frac{w_s}{e}$$

$$\Rightarrow s = \frac{0.987 \times 2.68}{0.675}$$

$$\Rightarrow s = 0.742 = 74.2\%$$

Q-3 A soil sample has a volume of 200 cm³ & mass of 380 gm on oven drying the mass is reduced 320 gm if the specific gravity of soil is 2.68 determine the water content, voids ratio, degree of saturation.

Given data

~~Sol~~ $V = 200 \text{ cm}^3$ $G = 2.68$

$$M = 380 \text{ gm}$$

$$M_d = 320 \text{ gm}$$

$$M = M_d + M_w$$

$$\Rightarrow M_w = M - M_d$$

$$\Rightarrow M_w = 380 - 320 = 60$$

$$G = 2.68$$

$$w = \frac{M_w}{M_d}$$

$$= \frac{60}{320} = 0.1875 = 18.75\%$$

$$e = \rho_d = \frac{G \rho_s}{1+e}$$

~~$\Rightarrow 1+e = \frac{G \rho_s}{\rho_d}$~~ $\rho_w = 1 \text{ gm/cm}^3$

$$\rho_d = \frac{M_d}{V} = \frac{320}{200} = 1.6 \text{ gm/cm}^3$$

$$\rho_d = \frac{G P_w}{1+e}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1+e = \frac{G P_w}{\rho_d}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1+e = \frac{2.68 \times 1}{1.6}$$

$$\Rightarrow e = 0.675$$

$$S e = w G$$

$$\Rightarrow S = \frac{w G}{e}$$

$$\Rightarrow S = \frac{9.81 \times 2.68}{0.675} = 38.94$$

$$\Rightarrow S = 38.94$$

$$\Rightarrow S = \frac{0.18 \times 2.68}{0.675}$$

$$\Rightarrow S = 0.71 = 71.4\%$$

Q.4 The total unit weight of the soil is 16 kN/m^3 the specific gravity of soil is 2.67 the water content 17% . calculate

- (i) dry unit weight?
- (ii) Porosity?
- (iii) Voids ratio?
- (iv) degree of saturation?

Given data

Solⁿ

$$\gamma = 16 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

$$G = 2.67$$

$$w = 17\%$$

$$\gamma_d = \frac{\gamma}{1+w}$$

$$= \frac{16}{1+0.17} = 0.88$$

$$\gamma_d = 0.88$$

$$\gamma_d = \frac{16}{1+0.17} = 13.67 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

$$\gamma_d = \frac{G\gamma_w}{1+e}$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{G\gamma_w}{\gamma_d} - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{2.67 \times 9.81}{13.67}$$

$$\Rightarrow e = 0.19 = 19\%$$

$$n = \frac{e}{1+e}$$

$$\Rightarrow n = \frac{0.19}{1+0.19}$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 0.16 = 16\%$$

$$e_s = wG$$

$$\Rightarrow S = \frac{wG}{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow S = \frac{0.17 \times 2.67}{19.0}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.24$$

$$\Rightarrow 24\%$$

DETERMINATION OF INDEX PROPERTIES

The properties of soil such as water content, specific gravity, Particle size distribution, consistency limits, density, density index.

Water content of a soil can be determined by some method:-

- (i) Oven drying method
- (ii) Pycnometer
- (iii) Sand bath
- (iv) Calcium carbide
- (v) Radiation
- (vi) Alcohol

Determination of water content using oven drying method

- (i) This is the most accurate method of determining the water content & it's used in the laboratory.
- (ii) A specimen of soil sample is kept in a clean container & put in an oven maintaining the temperature between 105°C to 110°C . The sample is kept for 24 hours in the oven so that complete drying takes place.

(iii) 1st take a clean non-corrodible container & found it's mass with it's lids on a balance take the mass = M_2

(iv) A specimen of the moist soil is placed in the container & the lid is replaced: take the mass = M_2 .

(v) Keep the container in the oven with the lid ~~rem~~ removed & maintain the temperature of the oven betⁿ 105°C to 110°C about 24 hours,

Take out the container from the oven, replaced the lid & add the sample in a desiccator the mass of the container with lid & dried soil sample is M_3 .

(vi) The water content is calculated from the following expression.

$$W = \frac{M_2 - M_3}{M_3 - M_1} \times 100$$

M_1 = Mass of container with lid

M_2 = " " " " & moist soil

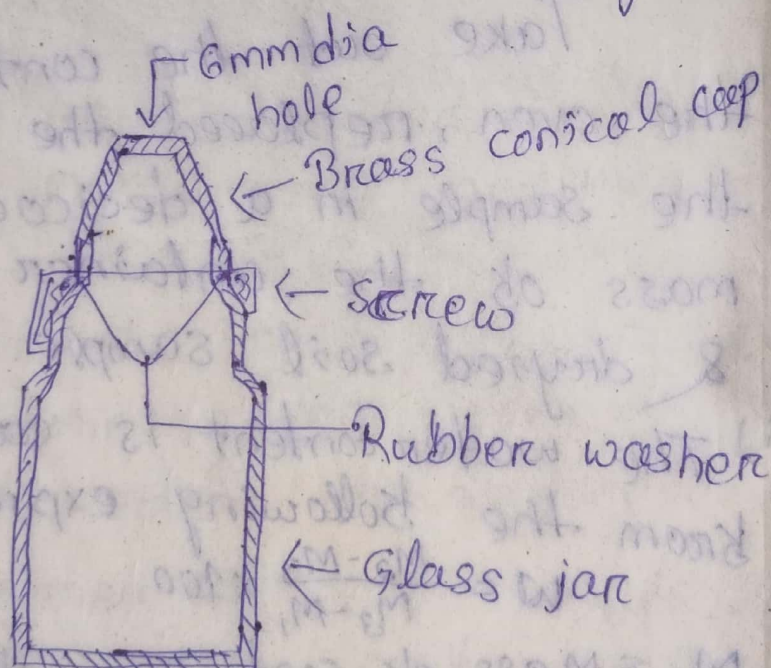
M_3 = " " " " &

dry soil.

Pycnometer method for water content

(i) This is a weak method for determining the water content for those soils whose specific gravity is known.

(ii) Pycnometer is a large size bottle with a conical brass cap having 6 mm diameter hole at its top is screwed to the open end of the pycnometer, a rubber washer is placed between the conical cap & the rim of bottle for no leakage of water.



(Pycnometer)

Procedure

- Take a clean dry pycnometer & bind it's mass with it's cap & washer i.e M_1 .
- (ii) Put about 200 gm to 400 gm of moist soil sample in the pycnometer & bind it's mass with it's cap & washer i.e M_2 .
- (iii) Keep the pycnometer to have it's height & mix it with the glass rod add water & stir it replace the screw top & keep the pycnometer flush with the hole in the conical cap dry the pycnometer from the out side & bind it's mass M_3 .
- (iv) empty the pycnometer clean it thoroughly & fill it with clean water to the hole of the conical cap & bind it's mass M_4 .

The water content is calculated by following expression.

$$w = \left[\left(\frac{M_2 - M_1}{M_3 - M_4} \right) \left(\frac{G - 1}{G} \right) - 1 \right] \times 100$$

Particle size distribution

The percentage of various sizes of particles in a given soil sample is found by a particle size analysis or mechanical analysis.

- (ii) Mechanical analysis is meant for the separation of soil into different size fractions.
- (iii) Mechanical analysis is performed in two stages.
 - (a) ~~Sieve~~ sieve analysis
 - (b) Sedimentation " or wet mechanical analysis
- (iv) Sieve analysis is meant for coarse grained soil.
- (v) Sedimentation analysis is meant for fine grained soil.

Sieve analysis

- (i) The sieves designated by the size of the number of openings in mm
- (ii) There are a list of sieves & their openings with some specifications

(40 mm), (20 mm), (10 mm), (4.75 mm), 4 mm, 2 mm,
2.8 mm, (2.36 mm), 2 mm, 1.4 mm, (1.18 mm),
1 mm, 710 ~~mm~~ μ (micron), (600 μ), 500 μ ,
(425 μ), 355 μ , (300 μ), (250 μ), 212 μ ,
180 μ , (150 μ), 125 μ , (90 μ), (75 μ), 63 μ ,
(45 μ).

(iii) Sieve analysis is divided into two parts.

(i) Coarse analysis.

(ii) Fine "

The soil particle is separated into ^{two} fraction by sieving it through a 4.75 mm IS-sieve.

(iv) The portion retained on 4.75 mm IS-sieve is termed as gravel fraction.

(v) The portion passing through 4.75 mm IS-sieve is termed as fine fraction.

(vi) A set up sieves are used for coarse sieve analysis like IS-100, ~~60~~ 63, 20, 10 & 4.75 mm.

(vii) A set up sieves are used for fine analysis like 2 mm, 1 mm, 600 μ , 425 μ , 300 μ , 212 μ , 150 μ & 75 μ .

Sedimentation analysis

In the sedimentation analysis or we call ^{mechanical} analysis the soil fraction is taken finer than 75 μ size.

(ii) The sedimentation analysis is done either with the help of a hydrometer or pipette.

Sedimentation by Pipette method

The object of this method is to determine the distribution of particle size finer or than 75 μ sieve & about 12 to 30 gm of soil sample is accurately weighed & mixed with distilled water in a dish or beaker to form a smooth paste.

(iii) A dispersing agent such as sodium oxalate, tetrasodium pyrophosphate, sodium hexameta phosphate is taken a mix of 33 gm sodium hexameta phosphate & 7 gm sodium carbonate is added in distilled water to make 1 litre of solution.

→ 25 ml of this solution is added to the beaker & the mixture is warmed about 10 minutes.

- The content are then transferred to the cup of mechanical mixture using a jet of distilled water to wash the soil out of the ~~evapor~~ evaporating beaker.
- The soil suspension is then stirred well for 15 minutes the suspension is then washed through 75 μ sieve & the suspension which has passed through the sieve is transferred to the 500ml capacity of soil sedimentation tube.
- The tube is then filled with distilled water upto 500 ml.
- The tube is put in a constant temperature water bath.
- When the temperature in the tube has been stabilised to the temperature of bath the soil suspension is thoroughly shaken & the replaced in the bath.
- The stopwatch is then started & the soil sample are collected at various interval of time with the help of pipette.
- The soil suspension which are

collected at various intervals of time are placed in to the oven & the samples are evaporated to dry-ness after cooling the mass of containers are found to the nearest 0.001 gm.

Determination of specific gravity using Pycnometer method :-

- ~~The~~ Take the soil having soil fraction passing 4.75 mm I.S sieve
- clean the pycnometer & dry it, find the mass of the pycnometer that is M_1 .
 - Take about 200 to 400 gm oven dried soil & pat it in the pycnometer, find the mass of the pycnometer & the soil M_2 .
 - Fill the pycnometer to have it's height with distilled water & mix it throughly glass rod then add more water upto the pycnometer flush with the hole in the conical cap, find the mass M_3 .
 - Rinse the pycnometer & clean it throughly fill the pycnometer with distilled water up to the hole of the conical cap. find the mass M_4 .

→ The specific gravity is calculated from the following expression

$$G = \frac{M_2 - M_1}{(M_2 - M_1)(M_3 - M_4)}$$

Hydrometer Method

Hydrometer method is used to determine the distribution of particle size finer than 75 μ sieve by sedimentation analysis using a density hydrometer & then to draw grain size distribution curve.

Procedure

Weight required 50-100 gm of oven-dried soil sample ($M_{sub d}$) passing the 2mm sieve.

→ Add 150 ml of hydrogen peroxide to the soil sample paste in a wide mouth conical flask & stir for few mins. with a glass rod. cover the flask with glass & let it stand overnight.

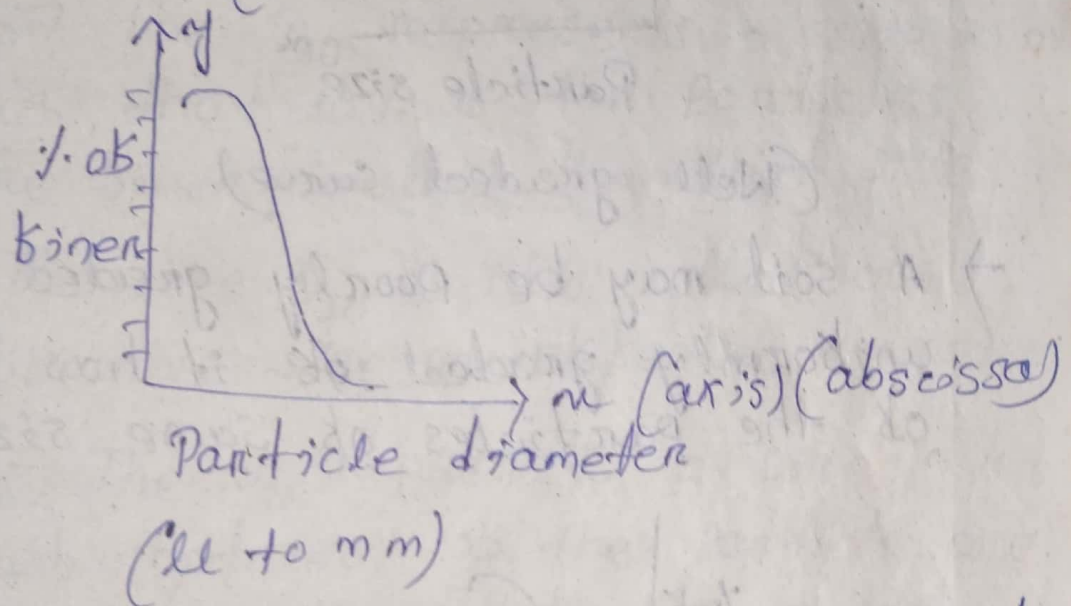
→ Next morning the mixture in the conical flask is heated in an evaporating dish.

→ Reduce the volume to about 50 ml by boiling.

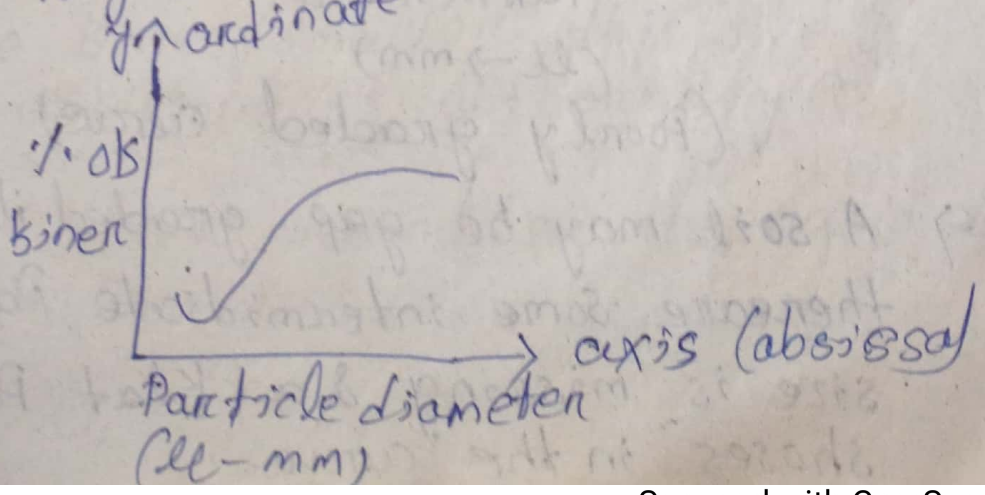
Particle size distribution curve

A particle size distribution curve gives a clear idea about the type & gradation of the soil.

→ To ~~grade~~^{grade} a particle size distribution curve a logarithmic scale is plotted where percentage of finer represent the ordinate & the particle diameter represent abscissa.



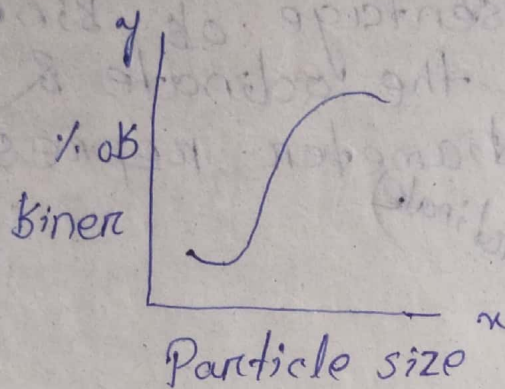
This curve represent fine grad soil because the curve has left to right down



The curve represent course gradation soil because the curve has ~~low~~ ^{low} down & right up.

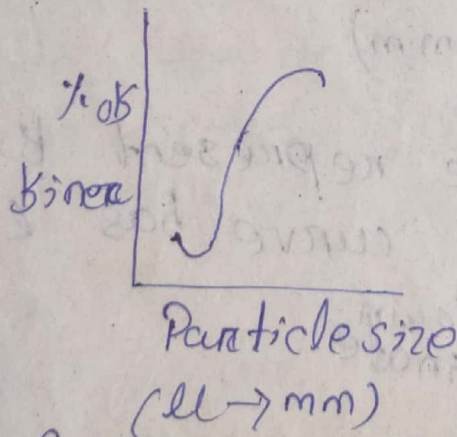
Gradation of soil

A soil may be well graded if it has good representation of particles of all sizes.



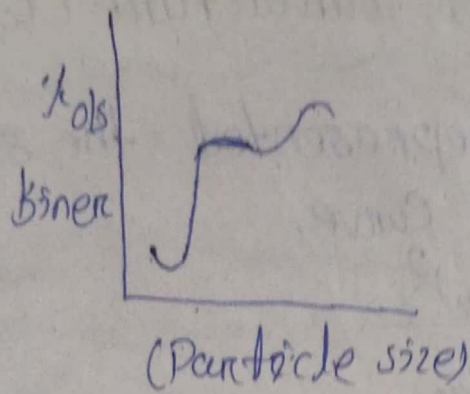
(Well graded curve)

→ A soil may be poorly graded or uniformly graded if it has most of the particles of same sizes.



(Poorly graded curve)

⇒ A soil may be gap graded if there are some intermediate particle size is missing & a flat portion shows in the curve.



(gap graded curve)

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For coarse graded soil shorter particle sizes are important such as

D_{10} , D_{30} & D_{60}

D_{10} → The D_{10} represents a size in mm such that 10% of the particles are finer/smaller than that size.

→ The size D_{10} is also called as effective size or effective diameter.

D_{60} → The D_{60} represents a size in mm such that 60% of the particles are finer/smaller than this size.

D_{30} → The D_{30} represents a size in mm such that 30% of the particles are finer/smaller than this size D_{30} .

co-efficient of uniformity (C_u)

It is defined as the ratio of D_{60} & D_{10} sizes.

$$\rightarrow C_u = \frac{D_{60}}{D_{10}}$$

② Co-efficient of curvature (C_c)

It is represented the shape of Particle size Curve.

$$\rightarrow C_c = \frac{(D_{30})^2}{D_{60} \times D_{10}}$$

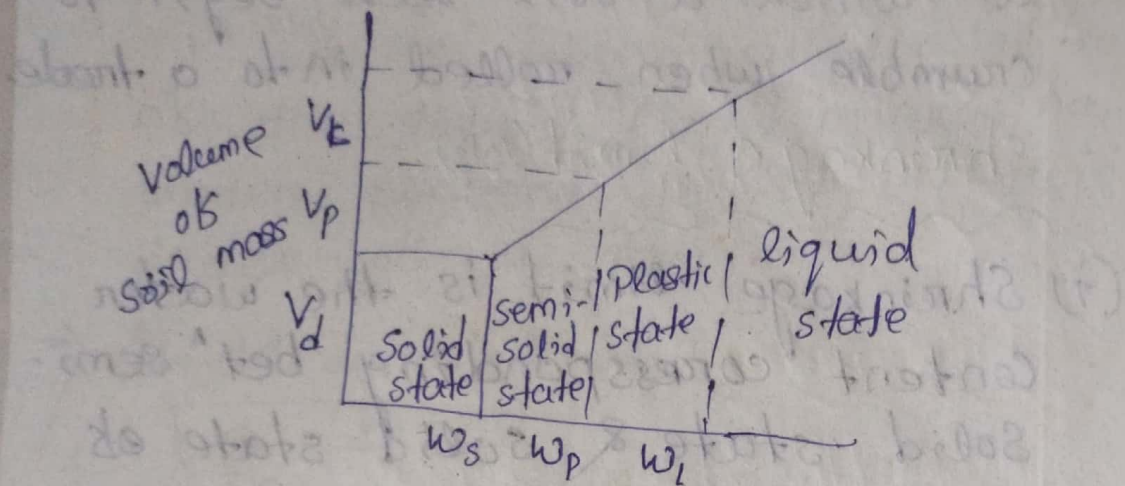
imp Consistency of soil

Consistency means the relative ease or working condition with which soil can be deformed.

- (ii) Consistency denotes "the degree of stiffness, softness of soil."
- (iii) The soil passes through various state of consistency.

Consistency limits / Atterberg's limits

Atterberg divided the soil state into four states, i.e. liquid state, plastic state, semi solid state & soil state. He skets all the state into shorten limit known as atterberg limit. this limits show the water content at which the soil mass passes from one state to next state the limits are expressed as percentage of water content.



Water content (%) \rightarrow

(Consistency limits)

w_L = liquid limit

w_p = plastic limit

w_s = shrinkage limit

Liquid limit (w_L)

Liquid limit is the water content corresponding bet^h liquid state & plastic state of soil.

(i) It is minimum water content at which the soil still in the liquid state.

Plastic state limit (w_p)

(i) Plastic state limit is the water content corresponding bet^h plastic state & semi-solid state of soil.

(ii) It is the minimum water content at which a soil will begin to crumble when rolled into a thread.
Shrinkage limit (w_s)

(i) Shrinkage limit is the water content corresponding betⁿ semi-solid state & solid state of soil.

(ii) It is the lowest water content at which a soil can be completely saturated.

Plasticity index

It is defined as the numerical difference betⁿ the liquid limit & the plastic limit of the soil.

→ It is denoted as = I_p

$$I_p = w_L - w_p$$

Plasticity

plasticity is defined as the property of soil which allows it to be deformed without rupture, without elastic rebound & without volume change.

classification of soil

Soil may be classified by the following system.

- (1) Particle size classification.
- (2) Textural " " "
- (3) Highway Research Board (HRB) "
- (4) Unified soil / I.S classification.

(1) Particle size classification

(i) In this system soil's are arranged according to the grain size.

(ii) According to particle size soil's are classified as:-

(a) Gravel

(b) sand

(c) silt

(d) clay

(2) Textural classification

(i) Soil classification as composed soil based on the particle size distribution is known as textural classification.

(ii) The classification based on the sizes of sand, silt & clay sizes.

The symbol is 'H'

Highly organic soil

The soil content (large % of) organic matter such as peat, particles of decomposed vegetation, carbon shells etc.

Q.1 A specimen of soil has the following data :- % of passing in 75 μ sieve = 50%, liquid limit = 30%, plastic limit = 12%. Calculate the group index for the specimen.

Given data

$a =$ ~~80%~~ The portion of % passing 75 μ < 35 & > 75 %

$$a = 50 - 35 = 15$$

$b =$ ~~50%~~ Portion of % passing 75 μ < 15 > 55 %

$$b = 50 - 15 = 35$$

$c =$ Portion of liquid limit > 40 & less than 60, greater than 40 & less than 60

$$c = 30 - 40 = -10 = 0$$

$$d = 12 - 10 = 2$$

$$I_p = W_L - W_p$$

$$I_p = 30 - 12 = 18$$

$$d = 18 - 10 = 8$$

$$\text{group index} = (0.2 \times 15) + (0.005 \times 15 \times 0) + (0.01 \times 35 \times 8) = 5.8$$

Q2 A specimen of soil has the following data - % of passing in 75 μ sieve = 40%, liquid limit = 30%, plastic limit = 12%. Calculate the group index for the specimen.

Given data

$$a = 50 - 40 = 10$$

$$a = 40 - 35 = 15$$

$$b = 50 - 35 = 15$$

$$b = 40 - 15 = 25$$

$$c = 30 - 30 = 0$$

$$c = 30 - 40 = -10 = 0$$

$$d = 0$$

$$I_p = 30 - 12 = 18$$

$$I_p = w_L - w_p$$

$$= 35 - 15 = 20$$

$$d = 0 - 10 = -10 = 0$$

$$d = 18 - 10 = 8$$

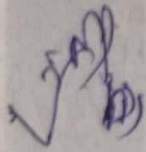
$$\text{group index} = (0.2 \times 10) + (0.005 \times 10 \times 15) + (0.01 \times 35 \times 0) = 4.5$$

$$\text{group index} = (0.2a) + (0.005ae) + (0.01bd) = (0.2 \times 15) + (0.005 \times 15 \times 0) + (0.01 \times 35 \times 8) = 5.8$$

Permeability & Seepage

Permeability is defined as the property of porous material which permits the passage of water through its interconnecting voids.

- (i) gravel & sand are highly permeable. & ~~silt~~ & clay are low permeable.



Co-efficient of Permeability

It is defined as the average velocity of flow that will occur through the total cross-sectional area of soil. It is known as co-efficient of permeability.

- (ii) Area of under hydraulic gradient

(iii)
$$K = \frac{V}{i}$$

where

k = co-efficient of permeability

V = velocity of flow

i = Hydraulic gradient

It is expressed as = cm/s or m/day

Darcy's law

This law states that the rate of flow or discharge of flow per unit time is proportional to the hydraulic gradient.

$$q = kiA$$

Where,

q = discharge of flow

k = coefficient of permeability

i = hydraulic gradient

A = cross-sectional area of soil mass.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{q}{A} = ki$$

$$\Rightarrow V = ki$$

V = velocity of flow

Factor affecting permeability

The different factors are

- (i) grain size or particle size
- (ii) Porosity of pore spaces
- (iii) Voids ratio of the soil

Falling head permeability test

$$K = \frac{ak}{At} \log \frac{h_1}{h_2} = 2.3 \frac{ak}{At} \log_{10} \frac{h_1}{h_2}$$

k = Co-efficient of permeability
 a = cross-sectional area of stand pipe

A = cross-sectional area of sample

l = length of the sample

h_1 = head at time interval t_1

h_2 = " " " " " " t_2

t = time interval $t = t_2 - t_1$

Q.3) A soil sample of 8 c.m height & 100 c.m² cross-sectional area was subjected to the falling head permeability test. At a time interval 10 minute the head dropped from 75 c.m to 25 c.m. If the cross-sectional area of stand pipe is 2 c.m² compute the co-efficient of permeability of soil sample.

Given data

$l = 8$ c.m (height of soil sample)

$A = 100$ cm²

$$t = 10 \text{ min} = 600 \text{ sec}$$

$$h_1 = 75 \text{ cm}$$

$$h_2 = 25 \text{ cm}$$

$$a = 2 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$k = 2.3 \frac{al}{At} \log_{10} \frac{h_1}{h_2}$$
$$= 2.3 \frac{2 \times 8}{100 \times 600} \log_{10} \frac{75}{25}$$
$$= 2.92 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm/sec}$$

Q.9 Calculate the coefficient of Permeability of a soil sample 6 cm in height & 50 cm² in cross-sectional area if a quantity of water = 430 ml passed down in 10 min under a constant head 40 cm.

Given data

$$l = 6 \text{ cm}$$

$$A = 50 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$Q = 430 \text{ ml}$$

$$h = 40 \text{ cm}$$

$$t = 10 \text{ min} = 600 \text{ sec}$$

$$k = \frac{Q}{t} \times \frac{l}{h} \times \frac{1}{A}$$

$$k = \frac{430}{600} \times \frac{6}{40} \times \frac{1}{50}$$

$$= 2.15 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm/s}$$

Q. A balling head permeability test has a soil sample of 12 cm height & 60 cm² cross-section. The coefficient of permeability is expected to be 2×10^{-4} cm/sec. If it is desired that head in the stand pipe to fall from 30 cm & 12 cm in 30 min determine the size of the stand pipe.

Given data

$$L = 12 \text{ cm}$$

$$A = 60 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$t = 30 = 1800$$

$$h_1 = 30 \text{ cm}$$

$$h_2 = 12 \text{ cm}$$

$$k = 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm/sec}$$

$$k = 2.3 \frac{al}{At} \log_{10} \frac{h_1}{h_2}$$

$$2 \times 10^{-4} = 2.3 \times \frac{a \times 12}{60 \times 1800} \log_{10} \frac{30}{12}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \times 10^{-4} = 1.017 \times 10^{-4} a$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{2 \times 10^{-4}}{1.017 \times 10^{-4}} = 1.96 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$a = \text{cm}^2$$

Q=1 Co-efficient of permeability

It is defined as the average velocity of flow that will occur through out the total cross-sectional area of soil, is known as co-efficient of permeability.

Factor affecting permeability

- (i) grain size or particle size
- (ii) Property of pore fluid
- (iii) voids ratio of soil.
- (iv) structural arrangement of particles
- (v) entrapped air & foreign matter
- (vi) adsorbed water in clay soil.

Darcy's law

This law states that the rate of flow or discharge of water per unit time is proportional to the hydraulic gradient.

$$q = kiA$$

Strainage ratio

given e is defined as the ratio of volume change ΔV is expressed as % dry volume V_d the change in the water content.

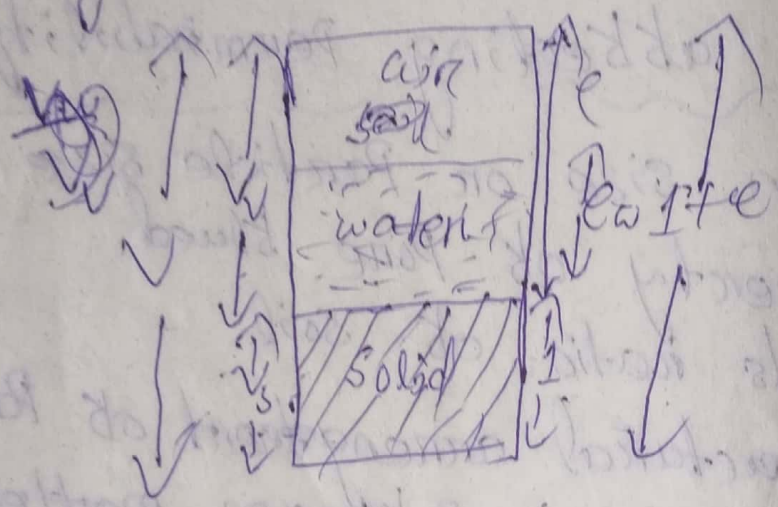
Relation betⁿ e, w, G & S

$e = \text{voids ratio} = \frac{V_v}{V_s}$

$w = \text{water content} = \frac{W_w}{W_s}$

$G = \text{Specific gravity} = \frac{\gamma_s}{\gamma_w}$

$S = \text{degree of saturation} = \frac{V_w}{V_v}$



$S = \frac{V_w}{V_v} = \frac{e \cdot w}{e}$

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$e \cdot w = S \cdot e$

Let the soil bulk be saturated

$V_w = V_v$

$w = e$

$w = \frac{W_w}{W_s} = \frac{W_w}{\frac{W_w}{e}}$

$$\gamma_w = \frac{w_w}{V_w}$$

$$\gamma_w = \frac{w_w}{e w}$$

$$w_w = \gamma_w e w$$

$$\gamma_s = \frac{w_d}{V_s}$$

$$w_d = \gamma_s V_s$$

$$w_w = \gamma_w \frac{1}{G}$$

$$G = \frac{\gamma_s}{\gamma_w}$$

$$G = \frac{\gamma_s}{\gamma_w} \Rightarrow \gamma_s = G \gamma_w$$

$$w = \frac{w_w}{w_d}$$

$$\Rightarrow w = \frac{\gamma_w e w}{\gamma_s V_s}$$

$$\Rightarrow w = \frac{\gamma_w e w}{G \gamma_w}$$

$$w = \frac{e w}{G}$$

$$e w = G w \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Combine eqn (1) & (2)

$$S_e = w G$$

$$e = \frac{w G}{w}$$

$$\frac{w_w}{w_d}$$

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$$e = \frac{V_v}{V_s}$$

$$w = \frac{W_w}{W_d}$$

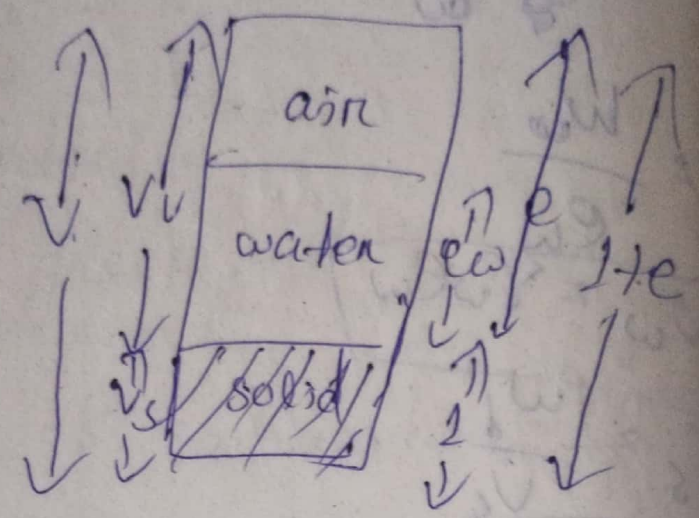
$$G = \frac{\gamma_s}{\gamma_w}$$

$$S = \frac{V_w}{V_v}$$

$$S = \frac{V_w}{V_v}$$

$$S = \frac{e w}{e}$$

$$e w = S e$$



Let soil is fully saturated

$$V_w = V_v = V_w$$

$$e = e w$$

$$w = \frac{W_w}{W_d}$$

$$\gamma_w = \frac{W_w}{V_w}$$

$$\gamma_w = \frac{W_w}{e w}$$

$$W_w = \gamma_w e w$$

$$s = \frac{W_d}{V_s}$$

$$s = \frac{W_d}{V_s}$$

$$W_d = \delta_s V_s$$

$$W_d = \delta_s l$$

$$G = \frac{\delta_s}{\delta_w}$$

$$\delta_s = G \delta_w$$

$$w = \frac{W_w}{W_d}$$

$$w = \frac{\delta_w e_w}{\delta_s \delta_w}$$

$$w = \frac{\delta_w e_w}{G \delta_w}$$

$$w = \frac{e_w}{G}$$

$$e_w = w G$$

Compare equation (1) & (2)

$$e_w = s e$$

$$e_w = \frac{w G}{s}$$

$$\frac{\delta_w}{\delta_s} = \gamma$$

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$$\frac{\delta_w}{\delta_s} = \gamma$$

Relation $\gamma_d, G, e, \text{ or } n$

$$\gamma_d = \frac{W_d}{V} \quad , G = \frac{\gamma_s}{\gamma_s} \quad , e = \frac{V_v}{V_s} \quad , n = \frac{V_v}{V}$$

$$\gamma_d = \frac{W_d}{V} \quad (W_d = \gamma_s V_s)$$

$$\gamma_d = \frac{\gamma_s V_s}{V}$$

$$\gamma_d = \frac{\gamma_s (1+e)}{1+e}$$

$$\gamma_d = \frac{G \gamma_w}{1+e}$$

$$1+e = \frac{G \gamma_w}{\gamma_d}$$

$$2) e = \frac{G \gamma_w}{\gamma_w} - 1$$

$$\gamma_d = \frac{\gamma_s V_s}{V}$$

$$\gamma_d = G \gamma_s (1-n)$$

$$1-n = \frac{G \gamma_s}{\gamma_d}$$

Relation δ_d, δ & w

$$\ln l = \frac{w_w}{w_d}$$

add 1 in both side

$$1 + w = \frac{w_w}{w_d} + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + w = \frac{w_d + w_w}{w_d}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + w = \frac{w_d}{w_d}$$

~~$$w_d = \frac{w_d}{1 + w}$$~~

$$w_d = \frac{w_d}{1 + w}$$

$$\delta_d = \frac{w_d}{v}$$

~~$$\delta_d = \frac{w_d}{1 + w}$$~~

$$\delta_d = \frac{w_d}{1 + w}$$

~~$$\delta_d = \frac{w_d}{v} \times \frac{1}{1 + w}$$~~

$$\delta_d = \frac{w_d}{v} \times \frac{1}{1 + w}$$

$$\delta_d = \delta + \frac{1}{1 + w}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta_d = \frac{\delta}{1 + w}$$