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Basic Phase Relationships

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Wt = Ww + Ws

Wt : Total weight of soil Ww :Weight of water Ws: Weight of solid Wa: Weight of air ≈0

Vt = Vv + Vs = Va + Vw + Vs

Vt Total Volume Vv : Volume of Void Va : Volume of air Vw : Volume of water Vs : Volume of Solid



Basic Volume/Mass Relationships



$$\rho_{B} = \rho_{d}(1+w) \qquad \text{Se} = wG_{s}$$
$$n = \frac{e}{1+e} \qquad e = \frac{n}{1-n}$$

Typical Values of Parameters:

- $G_s = 2.60 2.75$
- $\gamma = 1.60 2.25 \text{ g/cc}$
- $\gamma_s = 1.30 2.00 \text{ g/cc}$
- n = 0.25 0.45 (for sand)
- S = 0 (for dry soil)-100% (for fully saturated)

Some Useful Correlation:

1- S.e =
$$G_s. \omega_c$$

2- $n = \frac{e}{1+e}$
3- $e = \frac{n}{1-n}$
4- $A = n(1-s)$
5- $A = \frac{e-\omega * G_s}{1+e}$
6- $\rho_t = \frac{G_s(1+\omega)}{1+e}\rho_w$ or $\gamma_t = \frac{G_s(1+\omega)}{1+e}\gamma_w$
7- $\rho_t = \frac{G_s+s*e}{1+e}\rho_w$ or $\gamma_t = \frac{G_s+s*e}{1+e}\gamma_w$
8- $\rho_s = \frac{G_s+e}{1+e}\rho_w$ or $\gamma_s = \frac{G_s+e}{1+e}\gamma_w$
9- $\rho_{dry} = \frac{G_s}{1+e}\rho_w$ or $\gamma_d = \frac{G_s}{1+e}\gamma_w$
10- $\rho_{eff} = \dot{\rho} = \rho_{sat} - \rho_w$
11- $\gamma_{eff} = \dot{\gamma} = \frac{G_s-1}{1+e}\gamma_w$

Example 1:

In its condition a soil sample has a mass of 2290 g and a volume of 1.15*10-3 m3. After being completely dried in an oven the mass of the sample is 2035g. The value of Gs for the soil is 2.68. Determine the bulk density, unit weight, water content, void ratio, porosity, degree of saturation and air content. Solution:

$$\rho_t = \frac{M}{v} = \frac{2.290}{1.15 \times 10^{-2}} = 1990 \ kg/m^3 = 1.99 \frac{Mg}{m^3}$$
Unit weight $\gamma = \frac{Mg}{v} = 1990 \times 9.8 = 19500 \ N/m^3 = 19.5 \ kN/m^3$
Water content , $\omega = \frac{Mw}{Ms} = \frac{2290 - 2035}{2035} = 0.125 \ or \ 12.5\%$
 $\gamma_t = \frac{G_s(1 + \omega_c)}{1 + e} \gamma_w$
 $19.5 = \frac{2.68(1 + .125)}{1 + e} \times 10$
 $e = 0.538$
Porosity, $n = \frac{e}{1+e} = \frac{0.538}{1.538} = 0.3490 \sim 0.35$
 $S.e = G_s.\omega_c$
Degree of saturation , $S = \frac{0.125 \times 2.68}{0.538} = 62.267\%$
Air content, $A = n (1 - S) = 0.35(1 - .62) = 0.132$

Example 2:

A moist soil has these values : V=7.08* 10^{-3} m^3 , m = 13.95 kg, w= 9.8%, Gs=2.66. Determine:

 ρ , ρ t, e, n, S(%), volume occupied by water and the volume occupied by solid?

Solution:

$$\rho = \frac{m}{V} = \frac{13.95}{7.08 * 10^{-3}} = 1970.3 \ kg/m^3$$

$$\rho_d = \frac{\rho_{wet}}{1+\omega} = \frac{1970.3}{1+0.098} = 1794.4 \frac{kg}{m^2}$$

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

$$1794.4 = \frac{2.66}{1+e} * 1000 \longrightarrow e = 0.48$$

$$n = \frac{e}{1+e} = \frac{0.48}{1.48} = 0.324$$
S.e = $G_s . \omega \longrightarrow S. 0.48 = 2.66 * 0.098 \longrightarrow S = 54.3\%$

$$\rho_d = \frac{m_s}{v_t} \longrightarrow 1794.4 = \frac{m_s}{7.08 * 10^{-2}} \longrightarrow m_s = 12.7 \ kg$$

$$m_w = m - m_s \longrightarrow m_w = 13.95 - 12.7 = 1.25 \ kg$$

$$\therefore v_w = \frac{m_w}{\rho_w} = \frac{1.25}{1000} = 0.00125 \ m^3$$

$$v_s = v_t - v_w \longrightarrow v_s = 7.08 * 10^{-3} - 0.00125 = 0.00583 \ m^3$$

Example 3:

In the natural state, a moist soil has a volume of 0.0093 m³ and weighs 177.6 N. The oven dry weight of the soil is 153.6 N. If Gs=2.71 . Calculate the moisture content, moist unit weight, dry unit weight, void ratio, porosity and degree of saturation.

Solution:
$$\omega_c = \frac{w_w}{w_s} = \frac{177.6 - 153.6}{153.6} = 15.6 \%$$

 $\gamma_t = \frac{W}{V} = \frac{177.6}{0.0093} = 19096 \frac{N}{m^3} = 19.1 \, kN/m^3$
 $\gamma_d = \frac{W_s}{V} = \frac{153.6}{0.0093} = 16516 \frac{N}{m^3} \sim 16.52 \, kN/m^3$

$$e = \frac{V_v}{V_s}$$
, $V_s = \frac{W_s}{G_s \gamma_W} = \frac{0.1536}{2.71*10} = 0.0058 m^3$

 $\therefore V_v = 0.0093 - 0.0058 = 0.0035 \ m^3$

$$e = \frac{0.0035}{0.0058} = 0.6 \longrightarrow n = \frac{e}{1+e} = \frac{0.6}{1+0.6} = 0.375$$

 $S.e = G_s.\omega \longrightarrow S. 0.6 = 2.71 * 0.156 \longrightarrow S = 70.46\%$

Example 4:

A soil specimen has a volume of 0.05 m3 and a mass of 87.5 kg. If the water content is 15% and specific gravity is 2.68.

Determine 1) void ratio 2) porosity 3) dry unit weight 4) saturated unit weight 5) degree of saturation.

Solution:

$$\rho_t = \frac{m_t}{v_t} = \frac{87.5}{0.05} = 1750 \ kg/m^3$$

$$w_c = \frac{m_w}{m_s} = 0.15 = \frac{87.5 - m_s}{m_s} \qquad m_s = 76 \ kg$$

$$v_s = \frac{m_s}{G_s \rho_w} = \frac{76}{2.68 * 1000} = 0.028 \ m^3$$

$$e = \frac{v_v}{v_s} = \frac{0.0216}{0.028} = 0.77 \ , \qquad n = \frac{e}{1+e} = \frac{0.77}{1+0.77} = 0.43$$

$$\gamma_{dry} = \frac{G_s}{1+e} \ \gamma_w = \frac{2.68}{1+0.77} \ 10 = 15.14 \ kN/m^3$$

$$\gamma_{sat} = \frac{G_s + e}{1+e} \ \gamma_w = \frac{2.68 + 0.77}{1+0.77} \ 10 = 19.49 \ kN/m$$

Example 5: Show that $\gamma_{sat} = \gamma_{d+(\frac{\theta}{1+\theta}*\gamma_w)}$

Solution: take the right hand side :

$$\gamma_{d+\left(\frac{e}{1+e}*\gamma_{W}\right)} = \frac{G_{S}}{1+e}*\gamma_{W} + \frac{e}{1+e}*\gamma_{W} = \frac{G_{S}+e}{1+e}*\gamma_{W} = \gamma_{sat}$$

Example 6:

Given mass of wet sample = 254 gm, void ratio = 0.6133, volume of air = 1.9 cm3, mass of solid =210 gm. Determine degree of saturation, air content and dry unit weight.

Solution: mt = 254 gm, ms = 210 g
$$\longrightarrow m_w = 254 - 210 = 44 \ gm$$

 $v_w = \frac{m_w}{\rho_w} = \frac{44}{1} = 44 \ cm^3$
 $v_v = v_w + v_a = 44 + 1.9 = 45.9$
 $0.6133 = \frac{45.9}{v_s} \rightarrow \therefore v_s = 74 \ cm^3$
 $S = \frac{v_w}{v_v} = \frac{44}{45.9} = 95.8\% \rightarrow A = n(1 - s) = \frac{0.6133}{1 + 0.6133}(1 - 0.95)$
 $= 0.019$
 $\rho_{dry} = \frac{m_s}{v_t}$
 $v_t = v_w + v_{air} + v_s = 44 + 1.9 + 74.84 = 120 \ cm^3$
 $\therefore \rho_{dry} = \frac{210}{120} = 1.75 \ \frac{gm}{cm^3} \rightarrow \gamma_{dry} = 17.5 \ kN/m^3$

Example 7:

A soil specimen is 38 mm in diameter and 76 mm long and its natural condition weighs 168 gm when dried completely in an oven the specimen weighs 130.5 gm. The value of Gs=2.73. what is the degree of saturation of the specimen?

Solution: Dia = 38 mm = 3.8 cm

L=76 mm = 7.6 cm

 $v_t = (\frac{3.8}{2})^2 \pi * 7.6 = 86.192 \ cm^3$ $m_w = 168 - 130.5 = 37.5 \ gm$ $v_w = \frac{37.5}{1} = 37.5 \ cm^3$ $v_s = \frac{w_s}{G_s * \gamma_w} = \frac{130.5}{2.73 * 1} = 47.8 \ cm^3$

 $v_a = 86.192 - (37.5 + 47.80) = 0.889 cm^3$

 $v_v = v_w + v_a = 37.5 + 0.889 = 38.389 cm^3$

$$\therefore S = \frac{v_W}{v_v} = \frac{37.5}{38.389} = 97.6\%$$

Volume of a Cylinder





h = height of the cylinder

 $\pi (pi) = 3.14$ r = radius of thebase circle

Example 8:

Given: mass of wet sample =254.1gm, void ratio = 0.6133, volume of air = 1.9 cm³, mass of solids = 210 gm. Determine: Degree of saturation, Air content, dry unit weight.

Solution:

Mass of water = 254.1 -210= 44.1 gm
Volume of water =
$$\frac{w_w}{\gamma_w}$$
 = 44.1 cm³
 $e = \frac{v_v}{v_s} \rightarrow 0.6133 = \frac{v_v}{v_s} = \frac{v_{w+}v_a}{v_s} = \frac{44.1+1.9}{v_s}$
 $0.6133 = \frac{46}{v_s} \rightarrow v_s = 75. cm^3$
 $S = \frac{v_w}{v_v} = \frac{44.1}{46} = 95.8\%$
 $A = \frac{e}{1+e}(1-s) = \frac{0.6133}{1+0.6133}(1-0.958) = 0.0157$

$$v_t = v_v + v_s = 46 + 75 = 121 \ cm^3$$

$$G_s = \frac{w_s}{v_s \gamma_w} = \frac{210}{75 * 1} = 2.8$$

$$\gamma_{dry} = \frac{G_s}{1 + e} \ \gamma_w \quad \rightarrow \qquad \gamma_{dry} = \frac{2.8}{1 + 0.6133} * 10 = 17.355 \ kN/m^3$$
Or $\rho_{dry} = \frac{m_s}{v_t} = \frac{210}{121} = 1.7355 \ gm/cm^3$

$$\therefore \gamma_{dry} = \rho_{dry} * g = 1.7355 * 10 = 17.355 \ kN/m^3$$

Example 9:
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$$\gamma_{sat} = \frac{2.72 + 0.7}{1 + 0.7} * 10 = 20.11 \ kN/m^3$$
 $\gamma_{b} = \dot{\gamma} = \gamma_{eff} = \gamma_{sat} - \gamma_{w} = 20.11 - 10 = 10.11 \ kN/m^3$
 $\gamma_{at \, s=75\%} = \frac{2.72 + 0.75 * 0.7}{1 + 0.7} * 10 = 19.1 \ kN/m^3$
 $0.75* \ 0.70 = 2.72 * \omega \rightarrow \omega = 19.3\%$

Example 10 : Prove that S. $e = G_s \cdot \omega_c$

Take the right hand side;

$$G_s. \, \omega_c = \frac{w_w}{w_s} * \frac{w_s}{v_s \gamma_w}$$
$$= \frac{v_w \gamma_w}{v_s \gamma_w} * \frac{v_v}{v_v} = \frac{v_w}{v_v} * \frac{v_v}{v_s} = S * e$$

Example 11: Show that
$$\gamma_{dry} = \frac{\gamma_t}{1+\omega}$$

$$\frac{\gamma_t}{1+\omega} = \frac{w_t/v_t}{1+w_w/w_s} = \frac{w_t/v_t}{\frac{w_s+w_w}{w_s}} = \frac{\frac{w_t}{v_t}}{\frac{w_t}{w_s}} = \frac{w_s}{v_t}$$

Example 12 : Prove that $n = \frac{e}{1+e}$

$$\frac{e}{1+e} = \frac{v_v/v_s}{1+v_v/v_s} = \frac{v_v/v_s}{\frac{v_s+v_v}{v_s}} = \frac{v_v}{v_t} = e$$