

## Chapter 5

5.1 Refer to Figure 5.1.

Soil	Classification
A	<b>Clay</b>
B	<b>Sandy clay</b>
C	<b>Loam</b>
D	<b>Sandy clay and sandy clay loam (borderline)</b>
E	<b>Sandy loam</b>

5.2 Soil 1:  $F_{200} = 50$ ;  $PI = 38 - 29 = 9$ . From Table 5.1, soil is A-4.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Eq. (5.1): } GI &= (F_{200} - 35)[0.2 + 0.005(LL - 40)] + 0.01(F_{200} - 15)(PI - 10) \\
 &= (50 - 35)[0.2 + 0.005(38 - 40)] + 0.01(50 - 15)(9 - 10) \\
 &= 2.8 \approx 3
 \end{aligned}$$

Classification: **A-4(3)**

Soil 2:  $F_{200} = 80$ .  $PI = 56 - 23 = 33$ . Soil is A-7-6.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Eq. (5.1): } GI &= (F_{200} - 35)[0.2 + 0.005(LL - 40)] + 0.01(F_{200} - 15)(PI - 10) \\
 &= (80 - 35)[0.2 + 0.005(56 - 40)] + 0.01(80 - 15)(33 - 10) \\
 &= 27.55 \approx 28
 \end{aligned}$$

Classification: **A-7-6(28)**

Soil 3:  $F_{200} = 65$ .  $LL = 37$ ;  $PI = 37 - 22 = 15$ . From Table 5.1, soil is A-6.

$$\begin{aligned}
 GI &= (F_{200} - 35)[0.2 + 0.005(LL - 40)] + 0.01(F_{200} - 15)(PI - 10) \\
 &= (65 - 35)[0.2 + 0.005(37 - 40)] + 0.01(65 - 15)(15 - 10) \\
 &= 8.05 \approx 8
 \end{aligned}$$

Classification: **A-6(8)**

Soil 4:  $F_{200} = 45$ .  $LL = 28$ ;  $PI = 28 - 20 = 8$ . From Table 5.1, soil is A-4.

$$\begin{aligned}
 GI &= (F_{200} - 35)[0.2 + 0.005(LL - 40)] + 0.01(F_{200} - 15)(PI - 10) \\
 &= (45 - 35)[0.2 + 0.005(28 - 40)] + 0.01(45 - 15)(8 - 10) \\
 &= 0.8 \approx 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Classification: **A-4(1)**

Soil 5:  $F_{200} = 62$ .  $LL = 43$ ;  $PI = 43 - 28 = 15$ . From Table 5.1, soil is A-7-6.

$$\begin{aligned} GI &= (F_{200} - 35)[0.2 + 0.005(LL - 40)] + 0.01(F_{200} - 15)(PI - 10) \\ &= (62 - 35)[0.2 + 0.005(43 - 40)] + 0.01(62 - 15)(15 - 10) \\ &= 8.155 \approx 8 \end{aligned}$$

Classification: **A-7-6(8)**

Soil 6:  $F_{200} = 6$ . From Table 5.1, the soil is A-1-a.

$$GI = 0$$

Classification: **A-1-a(0)**

Soil 7:  $F_{200} = 30$ .  $LL = 32$ ;  $PI = 32 - 24 = 8$ . From Table 5.1, soil is A-2-4.

$$GI = 0$$

Classification: **A-2-4(0)**

Soil 8:  $F_{200} = 34$ .  $LL = 37$ ;  $PI = 37 - 25 = 12$ . From Table 5.1, soil is A-2-6.

Eq. (5.2):  $GI = 0.01(F_{200} - 15)(PI - 10) = 0.01(34 - 15)(12 - 10) = 0.38 \approx 0$

Classification: **A-2-6(0)**

Soil 9:  $F_{200} = 8$ . From Table 5.1, the soil is A-3.

$$GI = 0$$

Classification: **A-3(0)**

Soil 10:  $F_{200} = 32$ .  $LL = 44$ ;  $PI = 44 - 35 = 9$ . From Table 5.1, the soil is A-2-5.

$$GI = 0$$

Classification: **A-2-5(0)**

5.3 Soil 1: 3% passing No. 200 sieve; 90% passing No. 4 sieve. So, it is sandy soil.

From Table 5.2, it is SW or SP.  $C_u = 4.48 < 6$ , so the symbol is **SP**.

Gravel fraction =  $100 - 94 = 6\%$ .

From Figure 5.4, group name is **poorly graded sand**.

Soil 2: 77% passing No. 200 sieve, so it is fine grained soil.  $LL = 63$ ;  $PI = 25$ .

From Table 5.2 and Figure 5.3, the group symbol is **MH**.

Plus No. 200 sieve is  $100 - 77 = 23\% < 30\%$ ; % sand = 23%;

% gravel = 0%.

From Figure 5.5, the group name is **elastic silt with sand**.

Soil 3: 86% passing No. 200 sieve, so it is fine grained soil.  $LL = 55$ ;  $PI = 28$ .

From Table 5.2 and Figure 5.3, the group symbol is **CH**.

Plus No. 200 sieve is  $100 - 86 = 14$ ; gravel fraction = 0%;

sand fraction = 14%.

From Figure 5.5, the group name is **fat clay**.

Soil 4: 45% passing No. 200 sieve, so it is coarse grained soil. 100% passing No. 4 sieve, so it is sandy soil. From Table 5.2, it is SM or SC.

$LL = 36$ ;  $PI = 22$ . From Figure 5.3, the group symbol is **SC**.

From Figure 5.4, the group name is **clayey sand**.

Soil 5: 48% passing No. 200 sieve and 92% passing No. 4 sieve, so it is sandy soil (SC or SM).

$LL = 30$ ;  $PI = 8$ .

From Table 5.2 and Figure 5.3, the group symbol is **SC**.

Gravel fraction is  $100 - 92 = 8\%$ .

From Figure 5.4, the group name is **clayey sand**.

Soil 6: 40% passing No. 200 sieve and 60% passing No. 4 sieve. So,

Gravel fraction =  $100 - 60 = 40\%$ ; coarse fraction =  $100 - 40 = 60\%$ ;

Sand fraction =  $60 - 40 = 20\%$ .  $LL = 26$ ;  $PI = 4$ .

From Table 5.2 and Figure 5.3, the group symbol is **GM-GC**.

From Figure 5.4, the group name is **silty clayey gravel with sand**.

Soil 7: 76% passing No. 200 sieve, so it is fine grained soil.  $LL = 60$ ;  $PI = 32$ .

From Table 5.2 and Figure 5.2, the group symbol is **CH**.

From Figure 5.5, the group name is **fat clay with sand**.

- 5.4 a. 13% passing No. 200 sieve; 38% passing No. 40 sieve; 90% passing No. 10 sieve.  $PI = 23 - 19 = 4$ . Referring to Table 5.1, the soil is A-1-b.  $GI = 0$ . So the soil is **A-1-b(0)**.
- b. Coarse fraction =  $100 - 13 = 87\%$   
Gravel fraction =  $100 - 100 = 0\%$   
Sand fraction =  $87 - 0 = 87\%$   
 $LL = 23$ ;  $PI = 4$ . From Table 5.2 and Figure 5.3, the group symbol is **SC**.  
From Figure 5.4, the group name is **clayey sand**.