

## OBJECTIVES

### ③ Geotechnical Engineering (Rock mechanics & Soil mechanics)

5.1 Formation of soil, general classification depending upon transporting agent and deposit media.

Soil:

- a 3 phase system : solid, water, air
- un cemented aggregate of mineral grains and decayed organic matter with liquid and gases in the empty spaces
- Soil Mechanics: branch of engineering dealing with properties of soil and its behaviour under stress.

Soil origin

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| a) Mechanical weathering<br>or Physical disintegration,   | b) chemical weathering (decomposition)  |
| → rocks broken into smaller pieces by physical forces such as water, wind, ocean waves, temperature induced stress, glacier ice, frost. | → original rock mineral transformed into new minerals by chemical reactions   |
| → breaking without change in chemical composition.  | → reaction process:<br>hydration, oxidation, carbonation, dehydrogenation, coaction<br>eg: chemical weathering of feldspar converts it into clay mineral. |

NOTE: (i) Most soils are a result of both physical and chemical decomposition.

(ii) Rate of weathering high in warm humid regions

~~soil~~

\* General soil classification

a) Transported soils

→ weathered rocks transported to other place than place of formation by physical process.

Types based on transporting agent:

i). Gravity transported

→ common in tropics.

ii). Lacustrine (lake) deposit

soil deposit on the parent rock.

iii). Alluvial or fluvial

soil (flowing water)

iv). Glacial deposits (glaciers)

v). Aeolian deposit (wind)

Residual soil

→ soil stay where they were formed and cover the rocks.

→ rate of weathering

greater than rate of material transport.

Black cotton soil  $\Rightarrow$  deposit from basalt or trap rocks.  
clay  $\Rightarrow$  mostly montmorillonite  
High shrinkage and swelling characteristic.  
low bearing capacity  
suitable to grow cotton.

### ① Gravity transported:

creep  $\Rightarrow$  slow soil movement on a steep lateral slope

Landslide  $\Rightarrow$  sudden movement. Soil deposits form by landslides known as colluvium.

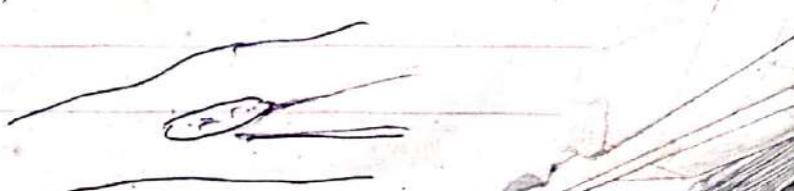
Mud flows  $\Rightarrow$  highly saturated, loose sandy residual soils, on relatively flat slope, move downward like a viscous liquid and come to rest in a more dense condition. Soil are heterogeneous

### ② Alluvial Deposits

- $\rightarrow$  soil deposits from action of streams and rivers
- $\rightarrow$  two types
  - a) Braided-stream Deposits
  - b) Deposit by meandering belt of streams

#### A) Braided-stream deposit:

- $\rightarrow$  occurs in rivers with high gradients, ~~rapids~~ high velocity stream (active nature)
- $\rightarrow$  carries a lot of sediment. A slight decrease in flow and velocity cause sediment to deposit
- $\rightarrow$  random pattern of deposit  $\Rightarrow$  sandbars and islands



A) **LATERITIC SOIL**: formed by rock decomposition and accumulation of iron and aluminum oxides. Red/pink color to soil. Soft and can be cut with a knife.

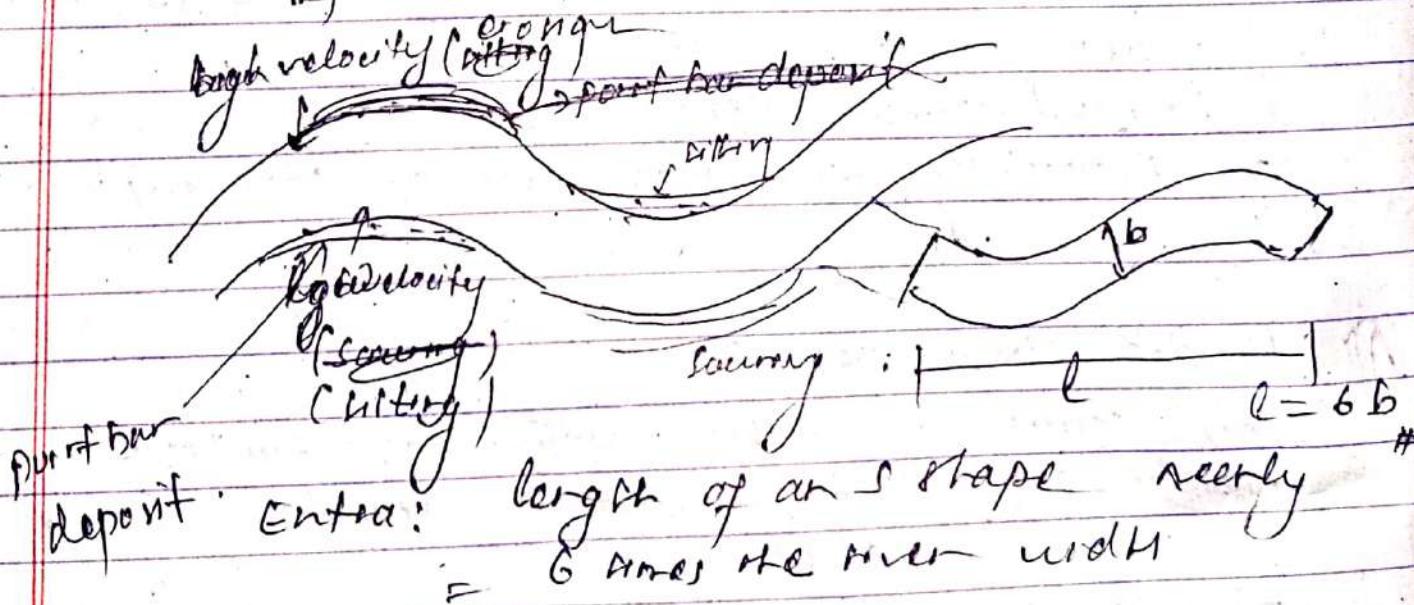
→ deposit characteristic

- wide particle size range, gravel to silt  
But no clay (generally)
- uniform soil amount
- varying void ratio and unit weight over short length.

(B)

**Meander Belt Deposits**:

- ⇒ winding curve back and forth
- ⇒ the valley in which river meanders  
⇒ Meander Belt.



deposit area: length of an S shape nearly 6 times the river width

III

**Lacustrine**: carrying sediments

- when rivers enter lake they settle forming a delta.

Note: decomposition of volcanic ash results in high plastic compressible clays.

### Glacial Deposits:

Dnft  $\Rightarrow$  deposits laid by glacers  
L= unsorted deposits laid by melting glacier

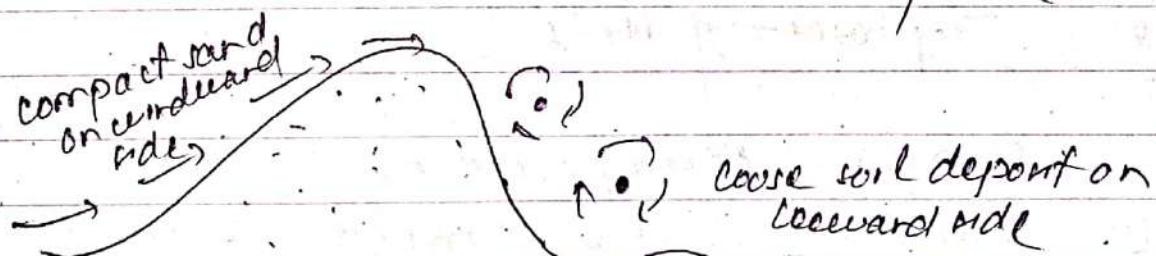
Land reforms developed from till deposits of hills  
 $\Rightarrow$  moraine.

outwash  $\Rightarrow$  sand, silt and gravel carried by melting water on the front of glacier

### Gluofluvial deposits:

#### Aeolian Soil Deposits:

$\Rightarrow$  sand dunes effective upto (1.5m)



#### Sand Dune

$\rightarrow$  uniform grain size distribution

(loess) = aeolian deposit from silt and silt-sized particle. uniform grain size can stand deep vertical cuts because of slight cementation of particles.

two types of aeolian erosion

- ① Deposition  $\Rightarrow$  fine particles
- ② Abrasion  $\Rightarrow$  wind carried material wear the

~~sands~~ Transport by wind in three ways  
Suspension: <0.2mm particle on wind  
(2) saltation  $\Rightarrow$  0.2mm - 1mm up to 1.5m high  
~~surface creep~~  $\Rightarrow$   $>1\text{ mm}$   $\Rightarrow$  form sand dunes.  
Organic and Inorganic soil

a) Organic:

$\hookrightarrow$  found in low-lying areas where WT near or above the ground surface

$\rightarrow$  high & WT allows plant growth, when decomposed, forms organic soil.

$\rightarrow$  moisture content  $\Rightarrow$  200 - 300%.

$\rightarrow$  highly compressible

$\rightarrow$  settlement mainly from secondary consolidation.

5.2

## Processes of the soil

### Chemical Decomposition

(i) Oxidation:  $O_2$  combines with minerals to make new compounds.  $O$  looks like rust on rock

(ii) Hydrolysis:

$H_2$  or  $OH^-$  replaces an ion inside a compound.

Eg: clay formed from hydrolysis

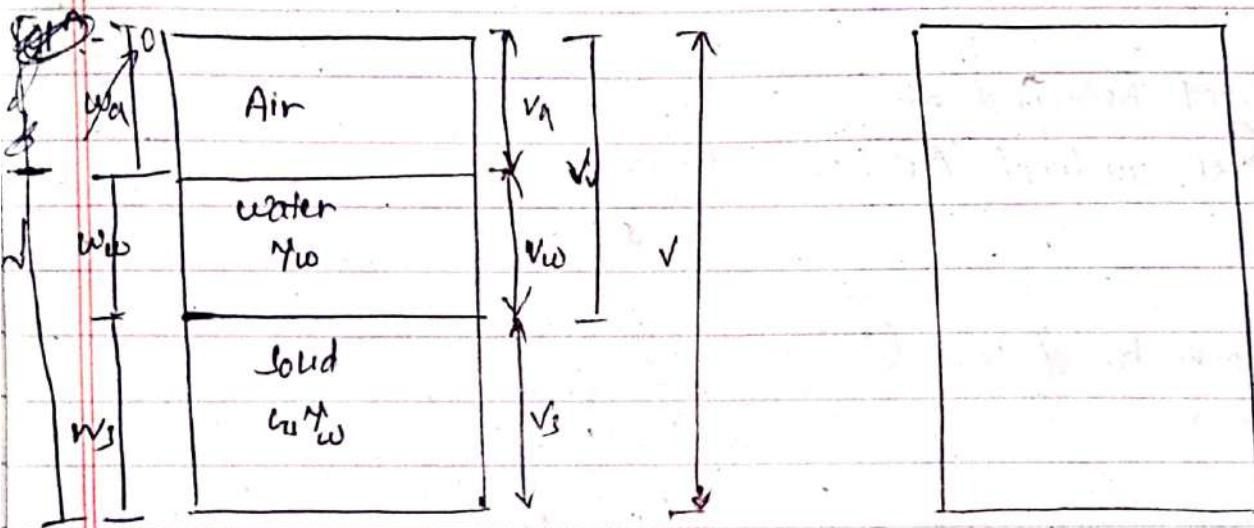
(iii) Carbonation:

$CO_2$  reacts with rain forming acids.

Eg: stalactites in caves (Potholes)

as wind loses energy deposited.

**5.2** Three phases of the soil: basic terms, relation between basic terms, volumetric relationship; mass and volume, weight and volume, specific gravity of soil and lab test, field density and determination methods.



Volume relationship:

$$\text{Void Ratio } (e) = \frac{V_v}{V_s} \quad (\text{solid and air volume in a void dia})$$

$$\text{Porosity } (n) = \frac{V_v}{V} \quad (\text{soil mass in a void dia})$$

$$\text{Degree of saturation } (S) = \frac{V_w}{V_v} \quad (\text{void and water in a void dia})$$

Inter-relation:

$$e = \frac{V_v}{V_s} = \frac{V_v}{V - V_v} = \frac{\frac{V_v}{V}}{1 - \frac{V_v}{V}} = \frac{n}{1 - n}$$

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

A.U.O.,  $n = \frac{\epsilon}{1+\epsilon}$

\* weight Relationships:

$$\text{water content } (w) = \frac{w_w}{w_s}$$

$$\text{unit weight of soil } (\gamma) = \frac{w}{\sqrt{}}$$

$$= \frac{w_s + w_w}{\sqrt{}} = \frac{1 + \frac{w_w}{w_s}}{\sqrt{}}$$

$$= w_s (1+w)$$

$$\gamma = \frac{w_s (1+w)}{\sqrt{}}$$

$$\text{Dry unit weight } (\gamma_d) = \frac{w_s}{\sqrt{}}$$

(excluding water)

$$\gamma = \frac{H\omega}{\omega_1 + \omega_2} = \frac{\omega_1 + \omega_2}{V} \quad \gamma = \left( \frac{\omega_1 + \omega_2}{V} \right) \gamma_w \quad \omega = \frac{\omega_1 \omega_2}{\omega_1 + \omega_2} \quad \epsilon = \omega \omega_2$$

$$\gamma_d = \frac{\omega_1}{\omega_1 + \omega_2} = \frac{1}{\frac{\omega_1 + \omega_2}{\omega_1}} \\ = \frac{\omega_1}{\omega_1 + \omega_2} = \frac{\omega - \omega_2}{\omega}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{V}} = \frac{\omega_1 + \omega_2}{\sqrt{V}} = \frac{\omega_1}{\sqrt{V}} + \frac{\omega_2}{\sqrt{V}} \\ = \frac{\omega_1}{\sqrt{V}} + \omega \gamma_d$$

$$\text{or, } \gamma = \omega \gamma_d + \gamma_d \quad \text{or, } \gamma_d = \frac{\gamma}{1 + \omega}$$

$$\boxed{\gamma_d = \frac{\gamma}{1 + \omega}}$$

$$\frac{\omega_1 \omega_2}{\omega} = \gamma_w$$

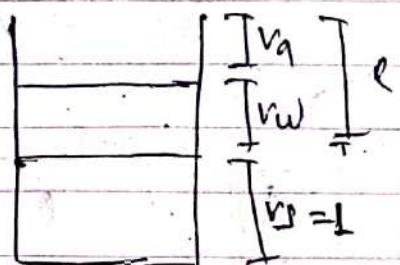
$$G_s G_s = \frac{\gamma_s}{\omega_1 \omega_2} \gamma_w$$

\* Relation among  $\gamma$ ,  $\epsilon$ ,  $\omega$  and  $G_s$ .

Taking  $\omega_2 = 1$

$$\gamma = \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{V}} = \frac{\omega_1 + \omega_2}{\sqrt{V}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{\omega} \gamma_w + G_s \gamma_w}{\sqrt{V}} \quad \cancel{\gamma_w (\sqrt{\omega} + G_s)}$$



$$\omega = \frac{\omega_0}{\gamma} = \frac{N_w \times V_w}{G_s N_b}$$

$$V_w = \omega G_b$$

$$= \underline{\omega G_b N_w + G_b N_w}$$

$$= \underline{(1+\omega) G_b N_w}$$

$$\therefore N = \underline{\frac{(1+\omega) G_b N_w}{1+\epsilon}}$$

$$N_d = \underline{\frac{\gamma}{(1+\epsilon)}} = \frac{G_s N_w}{1+\epsilon}$$

$$\therefore N_d = \underline{\frac{G_s N_w}{1+\epsilon}}$$

$$S = \frac{V_w}{V_v} = \frac{\omega G_b}{\epsilon}$$

$$\therefore \epsilon = \underline{\frac{\omega G_b}{S}}$$

$$\gamma_{\text{GFE}} = \frac{\gamma_{\text{GFE}} \cdot M_w}{M_f} \quad \text{Gate rate} \Rightarrow \text{all void with water}$$

$$e = \frac{V_i}{V_f} = \frac{V_w}{V_f}$$

$$\omega_w = \gamma_w \times V_w$$

$$= e M_w$$

$$e_i \gamma_w \times V_f$$

$$\gamma_{\text{sat}} = \frac{w}{V} = \frac{w_s + w_w}{V} = \frac{G_s \gamma_w + e \gamma_w}{V}$$

$$= \frac{(G_s + e) \gamma_w}{(1 + e)}$$

$$\therefore \gamma_{\text{sat}} = \frac{(G_s + e) \gamma_w}{(1 + e)}$$

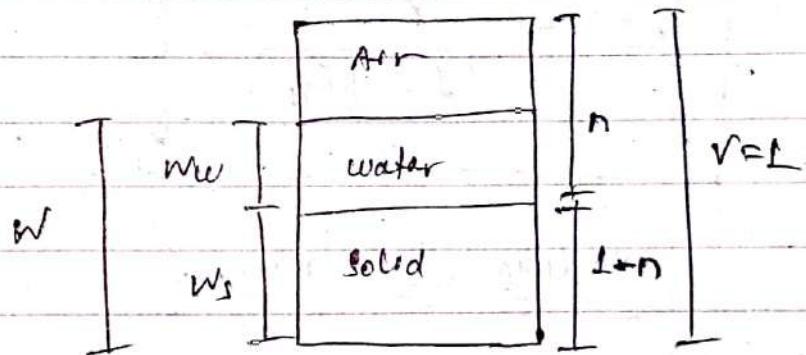
\* Relationship among  $\gamma$ ,  $n$  and  $w$ .

Let  $V = L$

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

$$w_s = G_s \gamma_w V_f$$

$$= G_s \gamma_w (1 - n)$$



$$w_w = \gamma_w w w_s = \gamma_w G_s \gamma_w (1 - n)$$

$$\gamma_d = \frac{w_s}{V} = \frac{G_s \gamma_w (1 - n)}{L} = G_s \gamma_w (1 - n)$$

$$\boxed{\gamma_d = G_s \gamma_w (1 - n)}$$

$$\therefore \gamma = \frac{w_s + w_w}{V} = \frac{G_s \gamma_w (1 - n) + \gamma_w w}{L}$$

$$\boxed{\gamma = G_s \gamma_w (1 - n) (1 + w)}$$

$$w_w = \gamma_w v_w$$

$$w_w = \gamma_w v_w \text{ where } v = \frac{v_w}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\gamma_{sat} = \frac{w_f w_w}{V} = \frac{(1-n) G_s \gamma_w + n \gamma_w}{1}$$

$$\gamma_{sat} = \gamma_w \left[ (1-n) G_s + n \right]$$

$$w = \frac{w_w}{w_s} = \frac{n \gamma_w}{(1-n) \gamma_w G_s}$$

$$w = \frac{n}{(1-n) G_s}$$

Additional relation :

for a saturated soil

$$\gamma_{sat} = \left( \frac{\ell}{w} \right) \left( \frac{1+w}{1+\ell} \right) \gamma_w$$

Proof :

$$\gamma_{sat} = \frac{(G_s \ell) \gamma_w}{(1+\ell)}$$

$$\ell = \frac{w_b p}{g^2} \quad \text{on, } b_p = \frac{\ell}{w}$$

$$\text{on, } \gamma_{sat} = \left( \frac{\ell}{w} \right) + \ell \gamma_w$$

$$\frac{e}{e_{\text{sat}}} = \frac{\epsilon(\text{at } w)}{\epsilon(\text{at } \text{WL})} = \frac{\gamma_w}{\gamma_w - \gamma_{\text{WL}}}$$

\* Relative Density

$\rightarrow$  denotes in situ densities or Cores of granular soil.

$$D_r = \frac{\epsilon_{\text{max}} - \epsilon}{\epsilon_{\text{max}} - \epsilon_{\text{min}}}$$

$\epsilon_{\text{max}} \Rightarrow$  void ratio in the loosest condition

$\epsilon_{\text{min}} \Rightarrow$  void ratio in the densest condition

$\epsilon =$  actual void ratio  
(unit)

Or, in terms of  $\gamma_d$

$$D_r = \frac{\frac{1}{(\gamma_d)_{\text{min}}} - \frac{1}{\gamma_d}}{\frac{1}{(\gamma_d)_{\text{min}}} - \frac{1}{(\gamma_d)_{\text{max}}}}$$

Based on  $D_r$  soil classified as

Density	Very Loose	Loose	Medium Dense	Dense	Very Dense
$D_r (\%)$	< 15	15-35	35-65	65-85	85-100

\* Specific Gravity of solids :

$$G_s = \frac{\gamma_s}{\gamma_w \text{ at } 4^\circ\text{C}} = \frac{\gamma_s}{\gamma_w}$$

$$G_s = (2.65 - 2.80) \Rightarrow \text{smaller value for coarse grained soils}$$

Note → not all particles have the same value of  $G_s$ . So,  $G_s$  refers to the average value of all solids present.

Other definition of  $G_s$ :

(II) Mass specific gravity ( $G_m$ ):

$$G_m = \frac{\gamma}{\gamma_w} \text{ (for total mass)}$$

(III). Absolute specific gravity ( $G_a$ )

→ Solids are not perfectly solids as they have permeable or impermeable voids inside.

$$\rightarrow \text{So, } G_a = \frac{(\gamma_s)_a}{\gamma_w}$$

→ excluding all such impermeable and permeable voids.

But actually Co generally speaking includes the permeable and impermeable voids as they are difficult to figure out.

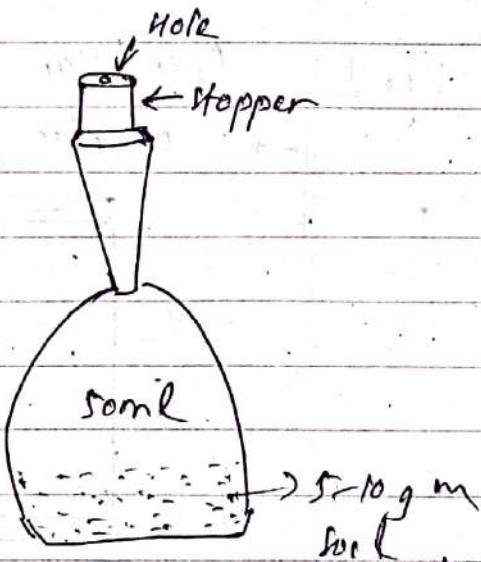
\* Lab test to determine specific gravity

- (i) Density bottle method (ii) Pycnometer
- (iii) Measuring flask method (iv) Gas jar method
- (v) Shrinkage limit method

(I) Density bottle method:

$$G_s = \frac{M_2}{M_2 + M_4 - M_3}$$

$d < 2\text{mm}$



$M_4$  = mass of total bottle + water

$M_3$  = mass of total bottle + water + soil

$$M_2 = M_2 - M_1$$

= mass of bottle and dry soil - mass of bottle

$M_3$  = mass of bottle, soil and water

$M_4$  = mass of bottle with water.

Derivation:

$$M_4 = M_3 - M_1 + \frac{M_2 - M_1}{G_s} \times \frac{1}{100}$$

$$G_s = \frac{M_2 - M_1}{M_2 - M_1 + M_4 - M_3} = \frac{M_2}{M_2 + M_4 - M_3}$$

$w_1$

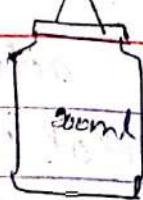
$w_2$

main part solid will occupy greater volume  
water content will add to the soil mass (part taken from hole)

$w_3$

$w_4$

$H_2O$



(ii)

### Pycnometer:

→ similar to density bottle method.

→ 200gms to 300 gms soil.

→ suitable for coarse grained soil

→ 90% through 20mm (medium grained)

→ 90% " " 40mm D size (coarse grained)

(iii).

### Measuring Flak Method.

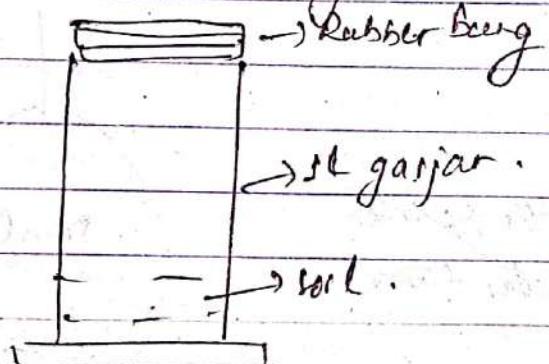
→ for fine-grained and medium

(iv)

### Gair Jar Method:

→ similar to pycnometer method.

→ Rubber bulb



\* Field Density and Determination Method:

→ determined when compaction work Progressing in the field.

### Methods

a)

Sand core Method

b)

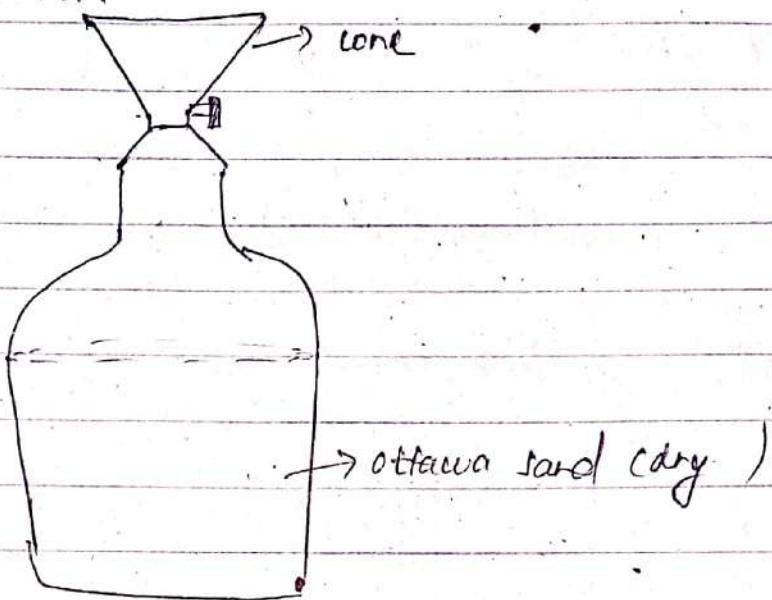
Rubber Ballon Method

c)

Nuclear ~~Test~~ Method

- + core - cutter method
- + water displacement

### a) Sand cone Method:



Glass / Plastic Jar

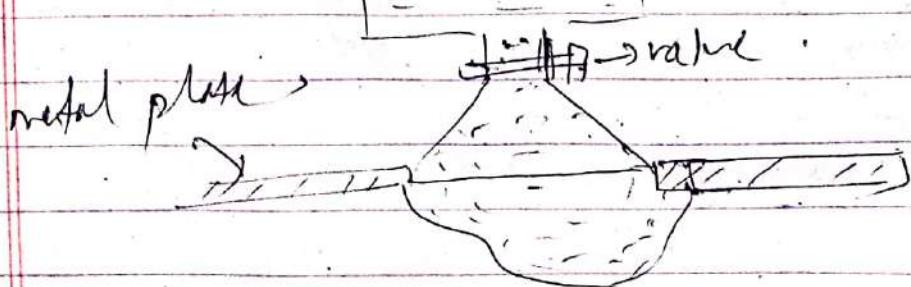
$$W_1 = \text{wt. of jar + core + sand}$$

$\rightarrow$  a small hole excavated  $\Rightarrow$  soil weight determined ( $w_2$ )  
+ moisture content also determined.

$$w_3 = \text{dry weight} = \frac{w_2}{1 + \frac{w(\%)}{100}}$$

$w$  = moisture content

$\rightarrow$  inverted  $\Rightarrow$  sand falls hole and cone



~~Ex~~ Main  $\Rightarrow$  sand used to determine volume of hole dug

$\Rightarrow$  combined wt. of jar, cone and sand after inverting and dropping sand ( $w_4$ )

$w_4$

( $w_5$ )

$\Rightarrow$  wt. of sand to fill the hole =  $w_1 - w_4$

volume of hole excavated

$$(V) = \frac{w_5 - w_{\text{cone}}}{\gamma_{\text{dsand}}} \text{ known.}$$

$$\gamma_d = \frac{w_3}{V}$$

### (II). Rubber Ballon Method:

$\rightarrow$  similar to sand core method

only diff. instead of sand we use rubber balloon filled with water from a calibrated vessel into the cut hole from which volume can be read directly

### (III). Nuclear Method:

$\rightarrow$  using nuclear density meters

$\rightarrow$  operates using radioisotopes that emit gamma rays and again received when depleted back.

- dense soils absorb more radiation than loose ones  
 → measure : wet density and wt. of water present in a unit volume of soil.

### Objective Question

a) SG of quartz is

- (i) 2.65 (ii) 2.72 (iii) 2.85 (iv) 2.90

2) If  $w_1, w_2, w_3$  and  $w_4$  are sequential weights obtained in pycnometer test. Then water content (%) is,

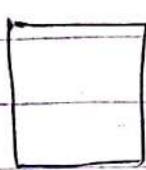
$$a) w = \left[ \left( \frac{w_2 + w_1}{w_3 + w_4} \right) \left( \frac{c_g - L}{c_g} \right) - 1 \right] \times 100$$

$$b) w = \left[ \left( \frac{w_3 + w_1}{w_2 + w_4} \right) \left( \frac{c_g - L}{c_g} \right) + 1 \right] \times 100$$

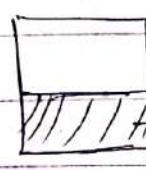
$$c) \checkmark w = \left[ \left( \frac{w_2 - w_1}{w_3 - w_4} \right) \left( \frac{c_g - 1}{c_g} \right) - 1 \right] \times 100$$

$$d) w = \left[ \left( \frac{w_2 - w_1}{w_3 - w_4} \right) \left( \frac{c_g + L}{c_g} \right) - 1 \right] \times 100$$

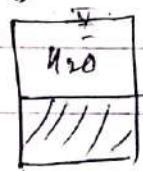
Note: In any of density ~~water~~ bottle, Pycnometer method.



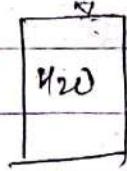
$w_1$



$w_2$



$w_3$



$w_4$

pyrometer

$$G_r = \frac{\text{wt. of soil solid (w_s)}}{\text{wt. of equal volume of water (w_w)}}$$

$$w_s = w_2 - w_1$$

$$w_w = ? = w_4 - (w_3 - w_s)$$

$$G_r = \frac{w_2 - w_1}{w_4}$$

$$w_4 = w_3 + w_2 + w_1$$

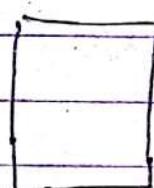
But here water content is asked. So,

$$w = \frac{w_w}{w_s} \times 100\%$$

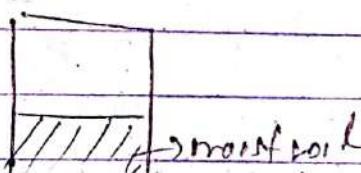
$$= \frac{w_4 - w_3 - w_2 + w_1}{w_2 - w_1} \times 100\%$$

can't use because of dry soil

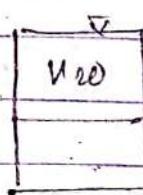
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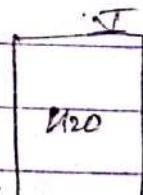
w<sub>1</sub>  
a)



w<sub>2</sub>  
b)



w<sub>3</sub>  
c)



w<sub>4</sub>  
(d)

$$w = \frac{w_4}{w_2} \times 100\%$$

$$w_w = w_2 - w_1 - w_s$$

$$q_s = \frac{y_s}{y_w}$$

(\*)  $w_s \quad w_s = \frac{y_s \times v_s}{\textcircled{1}} \quad y_s = q_s \times y_w$

or,  $v_s = \frac{w_s}{y_s} = \frac{w_s}{q_s y_w}$

volume of eq. water =  $\frac{w_s}{q_s y_w}$

wt. of eq. vol. of water =  $\frac{w_s}{q_s}$

wt. of water that replaced eq. vol. wt. =  $\frac{w_s}{q_s}$

$$w_4 = w_2 - (w_2 - w_1) \cdot \frac{w_3 - w_s + w_s}{q_s}$$

or,  $w_s \left( \frac{c_1 - 1}{c_1} \right) + w_3 = w_4$

or,  $-w_s \left( \frac{c_1 - 1}{c_1} \right) + w_3 = w_4$

or,  $w_s = \frac{(w_3 - w_4)}{(c_1 - 1)} \cdot c_1$

$$\Delta w = w_2 - w_1 - (w_3 - w_4) \left( \frac{c_1}{c_1 - 1} \right)$$

$$w = (w_2 - w_1) - (w_3 - w_4) \left( \frac{c_1}{c_1 - 1} \right)$$

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$$\frac{(w_3 - w_4) \left( \frac{c_1}{c_1 - 1} \right)}{c_1}$$

$$CD = \left[ \frac{w_2 - w_1}{w_3 - w_4} \left( \frac{G_{r-f}}{G} - 1 \right) \right] \times 100\%.$$

(3) Si particle exhibit

- a) Show dilatancy
- b). swell when stressed
- c). possess high strength when dry
- d). disintegrate easily

(4) minimum size of clay particles is

- a). 0.002 mm
- b). 0.04 mm
- c). 0.06 mm
- d). 0.08 mm
- e). 1 mm

(5) If dry density, water density and specific

(6) gravity of solids of a given soil sample are  
1.6 g/cc, 1.84 g/cc and 2.56, porosity  
is?

- a) 0.375
- b) 0.370
- c) 0.380
- d) 0.390

$\delta_d, \delta_w, \delta_s, n$

$$\delta_d = \delta_s \delta_w (1-n)$$

$$1.6 = 2.56 \times 1.84 [1-n]$$

$$M = M_1 - \frac{G_F d}{G_F + G_S} - \frac{G_F M_1}{G_F + G_S} - \frac{G_F d}{G_F + G_S} = G_F d \cdot \frac{(1-n)}{(1+n)}$$

or,  $n = 1 - \frac{2.6 \cdot G_F}{2.56 \times 1.84 + G_F} \cdot \frac{G_F}{G_S}$

$$d_d = 1.6 \quad e = 1.84 \quad G_S = 2.56$$

$$M = \left( \frac{G_F d}{G_F + G_S} \right) G_S \cdot n \cdot (1-n) \cdot (1+\epsilon)$$

$$= \frac{G_F d}{G_F + G_S} \cdot \frac{n + (1-n) \cdot (1-n) \cdot G_S + n}{(1-n) G_S} \cdot M_F \cdot M_w$$

$$1.84 = \frac{1.6}{2.56 + n(1-2.56)} \cdot [G_F + G_S] \cdot M_F \cdot M_w$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{1.84}{1.6} = 2.56 - 1.56n$$

$$\text{or, } n = \frac{G_S \cdot n \cdot (1-n) \cdot (1-n) \cdot G_S + n}{(1-n) G_S}$$

$$\text{So, } n = \frac{M}{M_F} = \frac{n + (1-n) G_S}{(1-n) G_S} \quad e = \frac{1}{1-n}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{1.84}{1.6} = n + (1-n) G_S - n G_S$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{1.84}{1.6} = \frac{n + (1-n) G_S + G_S - n G_S}{(1-n) G_S} = \frac{1 + G_S}{1 + e} M_w$$

$$\text{or, } 1.15 = \frac{2.65 - 1.65n}{1 + e} M_w$$

$$\text{or, } n = 0.51 \quad e = 1.15 \quad G_S = 2.56$$

$$d_d = 1.6 \text{ g/c.c.} \quad M_F = 1.84 \quad G_S = 2.56$$

$$n = \frac{\sqrt{M_F}}{1 + e} = \frac{1.84}{1 + 1.15} = 0.51$$

(Q). Which of the following is wrong

a)  $e = n$

b)  $n = e$

b)  $\delta_d = \frac{G_s \gamma_w}{1 + e}$

c)  $\delta' = \frac{(G-1) \delta_w}{1+e}$

(Q). Which of the following is wrong?

a) void ratio can be determined from its water content  $e = \frac{w}{S}$

b)  $\delta_d$  is bulk density of soil in dried condition.

d) 100% saturation line and 0 percent void line are identical.

Note:  $\delta_d = \frac{M_s}{V}$

→ As the soil may shrink during drying  
if total volume is measured before drying.

# Submerged unit weight

→ Buoyant force acts as water dominates over solids

→  $S = 100\gamma$

Soil is submerged

$$\gamma_{sub} = \gamma - \gamma_{sw}$$

saturated unit weight

→ no buoyant force and solid dominate water

$$S = 100\gamma$$

all voids filled with water

→ soil below water table

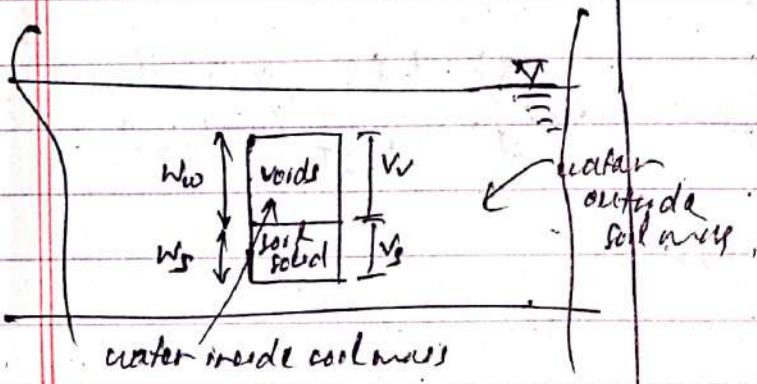
$$\gamma_{w\text{sub}} = \frac{(\text{Wet Wc}) - V\gamma_w}{V}$$

→ soil not below water table.

$$\gamma_{w\text{af}} = \frac{\text{Wet Wc}}{V}$$

$$\gamma_{w\text{sub}} = \frac{(\text{Wet Wc}) - \gamma_w}{V}$$

$$\gamma_{w\text{sub}} = \gamma_{w\text{af}} - \gamma_w$$



Q8 water content of highly organic soil is determined by  
in an oven of temperature of

a)  $105^\circ\text{C}$

b)  $80^\circ\text{C}$

c)  $60^\circ\text{C}$

d)  $27^\circ\text{C}$

Q9) Dry density of soil is equal to

a)  $M_s/V_s$

b)  $M_s/V$

c) Density of soil in dry condition

d) None

\* quartz and feldspar minerals are clay-sized particles with size similar to clay but without cohesive properties (refer syllabus)

(Q1) Most accurate method for determination of water content is

- a) Sand Bath Method
- b) Over-drying
- c) Pyrometer
- d) Calcium carbonate method.

(Q2). A soil bulk has  $\gamma_1 = 1.20 \text{ g/cm}^3$  at  $w_1 = 5\%$ . If  $\epsilon$  is constant what is  $\gamma_2$  for  $w_2 = 10\%$ .

- a)  $2.0 \text{ g/cm}^3$
- b)  $1.88 \text{ g/cm}^3$
- c)  $1.82 \text{ g/cm}^3$
- d)  $1.95 \text{ g/cm}^3$

$$\gamma_1 = \frac{G_1 w}{1 + w}$$

$$\gamma_2 = \frac{G_2 w_2}{1 + w_2}$$

$$\frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_1} = \frac{w_2}{w_1} = \frac{1.1}{1.05}$$

$$\gamma_2 = 1.89 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

(Q3) In a soil mass air occupies  $\frac{1}{6}$  th of the volume and water occupies  $\frac{1}{3}$  rd. The void ratio of soil is

- a) 0.25
- b) 0.50
- c) 1.50
- d) 1.00

$$\text{Total } n = \frac{V_v}{V_s} = \frac{n_1 + n_2}{n - (n_1 + n_2)} = \frac{\beta n}{\gamma_2} = 1.0$$

(13) A soil sample has  $C_s = 2.60$  and  $e = 0.78$ . The water content required to partly saturate the soil at that void ratio will be:

- a) 20% b) 30% c) 40% d) 60%

$$w = \frac{w_w}{w_s} = \frac{\gamma_w v_w}{C_s \gamma_s v_s}$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{v_v}{v_s} \quad \text{for } \epsilon = 100\%, \quad v_v = v_w$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{v_w}{v_s} \quad v_w = 0.78 v_s$$

$$\therefore w = \frac{0.78 v_s}{2.60 v_s} = 30\%$$

(14) Residual soils are formed by

- a) glaucon b) wind c) water d) none

(15) Water content of a soil can

never be  $> 100\%$ .

b)  $0 - 100\%$ .

c) be  $< 0\%$ .

d) be  $> 100\%$ .

Note: water content ( $w$ ) of fine grained soil can be greater than 100%. i.e. more than 50% of the total soil mass is that of water.

$$e = \frac{\gamma_w}{\gamma_s} = \frac{G_s \gamma_w}{1 + G_s} \quad S = \frac{\gamma_w}{\gamma_s} = \frac{(G_s + 1) \gamma_w - \gamma_w}{1 + G_s} = \frac{G_s \gamma_w}{1 + G_s}$$

(15). Which of the following soil is transported by gravity.

- a) loess
- b) talus
- c) drift
- d) dune sand

Note: Talus  $\Rightarrow$  pile of rocks that accumulates at the base of a cliff. irregular coarse particles  
 drift  $\Rightarrow$  glacial  
 coarse and dune sand  $\Rightarrow$  erosion.

(16) Degree of saturation  $S$

$\Rightarrow$  varies from 0 to 100%.

when fully dry  $\rightarrow$  fully saturated.

$$(17) \quad \gamma = 22 \text{ kN/m}^3 \quad \omega \approx 10\%, \quad \gamma_d = ?$$

$$\gamma_d = \frac{\gamma}{1 + \omega} = \frac{22}{1 + 1} = 22$$

$$= \frac{22}{2} = 22 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

(18) If all voids in soil are filled with air the soil is called:

- a) Air entrained soil
- b) Partially saturated soil
- c) dry soil.
- d) dehydrated soil

Ans

$$\gamma = \frac{(G_f + S_e) \gamma_w}{(1 + e)} \quad S = \frac{V_w}{V_d} = \frac{\gamma_w}{\gamma_w + \gamma_d} \quad e = \frac{V_d}{V_s} = \frac{\gamma_d}{\gamma_s}$$

$$= \frac{W_w}{W_d + W_s}$$

$$= \frac{W_w \times G_s \gamma_w}{W_d \times G_d \gamma_d}$$

$$= \frac{W_w \times G_s}{W_d \times G_d}$$

(g) Relative Density of a compacted dense sand is approximately.

- a) 0.4      b) 0.6      c) 0.95      d) 1.20

$$Dr = \frac{\rho_{\text{soil}} - e}{\rho_{\text{soil}} - \rho_{\text{min}}} \quad Dr \text{ gives better idea of the denseness than } e.$$

(19) If the moist sand is in its densest stage  
+ the relative density is

- a) 0      b) 1      c) 0 to 1      d) > 1

For densest state:  $e = e_{\text{max}}$   $\therefore Dr = 1$

(20). Critical hydraulic gradient ( $i_c$ ) i.e. of a soil  
mass is given by

- a)  $i_c = \frac{G+1}{T_f e}$       b)  $i_c = \frac{G-1}{T_f e}$       c)  $\frac{G+1}{T_f e}$       d)  $\frac{G-1}{e-1}$

$$\text{Remember } \gamma' = \frac{(G-1)}{1+e} \gamma_w \quad \text{So, } i_c = \frac{\gamma'}{\gamma_w}$$

This form  
is critical ( $i_c$ )

$G_s = ?$

(21). If  $w_1, w_2, w_3$  and  $w_4$  weight reading in pyrometer method. Then

a).  $G_s = \frac{w_2}{w_4 - w_2}$

b).  $G_s = \frac{w_2 - w_1}{(w_3 - w_4) - (w_2 - w_1)}$

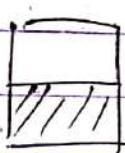
c).  $G_s = \frac{w_2}{w_3 - w_4}$

d).  $G_s = \frac{w_2 - w_1}{(w_2 - w_1) - (w_3 - w_4)}$

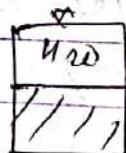
$G_s = \frac{M_s}{M_w}$  equal volume



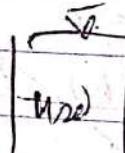
$w_1$



$w_2$



$w_3$



$w_4$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Solid in occupying} &= \frac{w_2 - w_1}{w_4 - (w_3 - w_2)} \\
 \text{Total volume taken} &= w_4 - (w_3 - w_2 + w_1) \\
 \text{and water still mass} &= w_4 - w_3 + w_2 - w_1 \\
 &= (w_2 - w_1) - (w_3 - w_4)
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore G_s = \frac{w_2 - w_1}{(w_2 - w_1) - (w_3 - w_4)}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & S = \frac{\gamma_w}{\gamma_d} = \frac{1.0}{1.0} = 1 \\
 & i = \frac{G-1}{1+\epsilon} = \frac{G-1}{1+0.5} = \frac{G-1}{1.5} \\
 & \epsilon = \frac{G-1}{1-\omega} = \frac{G-1}{1-0.5} = \frac{G-1}{0.5} = 2(G-1) \\
 & \text{Given } \epsilon = 0.5 \Rightarrow G-1 = 0.5 \Rightarrow G = 1.5
 \end{aligned}$$

#(22) A soil mass has unit weight  $\gamma$ , water content ( $w$ ). Given raw (water content  $w_0$ )  $S$  is given by.

a)  $S = \frac{1+w}{1+w_0} - \frac{1}{G}$

b)  $S = \frac{w}{\frac{\gamma_w}{\gamma} (1+w) - \frac{1}{G}}$

c)  $S = \frac{1+w}{\frac{\gamma_w}{\gamma} (1+w) - \frac{1}{GwG}}$

d)  $\Rightarrow \gamma = \left( \frac{G+S}{1+S} \right) \gamma_w$

$$e = \frac{Gw}{G+S} \quad \gamma = \left( \frac{G + \frac{S}{G} \frac{Gw}{\gamma}}{1 + \frac{Gw}{G+S}} \right) \gamma_w$$

$$f) \gamma = \frac{G(1+w)}{1+Gw} \times \gamma_w \quad \text{or, } \frac{Gw}{1+Gw} = \frac{\gamma_w (G(1+w)-1)}{\gamma}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{1+Gw}{Gw} = \frac{\gamma_w G(1+w)-1}{\gamma} \quad \text{or, } S = \frac{Gw}{\gamma_w G(1+w)-1}$$

# Term 'Soil Mechanics' used by  $\Rightarrow$  Terzaghi

8. Red soil is rich in

- a). iron b) Magnesium (i)  $\text{CaCO}_3$  d)  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$

9.

5.3

## Types of water in soil, moisture content & relationships, organic content in soil

- (1) → water in soil aka rhizic water  
mainly 2 types (1) Free water (2) Held water
- a) Gravitational water / Free water  
→ moves through soil via gravity  
→ found in macropores of soil  
→ very little gravitational water available to plants as it drains rapidly.  
→ flow is like laminar flow in pipes.
- b) Capillary water

(2)

a)

Held water

Structural water

- chemically combined water in the crystal of the mineral of soil.  
→ cannot be removed without breaking mineral structure. ( $> 300^\circ\text{C}$  required)  
→ an integral part of soil solid.

b)

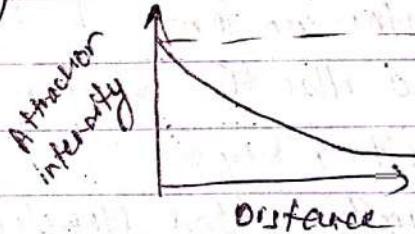
Adsorbed water / Hygroscopic water

- water held by electro-chemical forces on the surface of the soil.

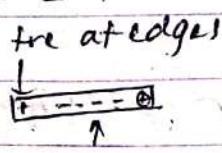
double diffuse layer

- extends from clay mineral face.  
to the limit of attraction.

- only in clay soils / negligible in coarse grained soils.
- quantity depends upon
  - colloidal fraction in soil
  - mineral composition of clay
  - environment surrounding the particle (humidity and temperature of air).
- heavier than normal water, more viscous, surface tension
- 10-15 Å thick. for colloid and upto 200 Å for silts.
- exponential decrease of attractive force with distance
- higher  $\Delta p$  but lower freezing point than normal water.
- exist in almost solidified state
- high pressure of about 10,000 atm required to break the bond.

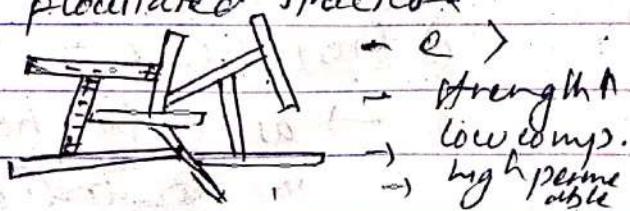


NOTE: If co, Kerosene(non-polar) liquid is used instead of water then clays are no longer plastic.

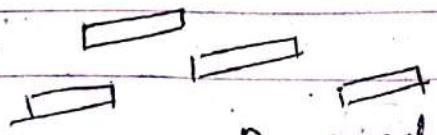


clay mineral

to form flocculated structure



Flocculation of clay minerals



- low permeability, shear strength  
- high compres.

Dispersed structure (remoulded clay)

- # Plasticity in clay is due to
- a) adsorbed water
  - b) capillary water
  - c) free water
  - d) none

### c) Capillary Water:

→ water held in the soil interstices

by capillary action.

→ water i.e. available to plants

factors affecting capillarity

- Particle size ↓ capillarity ↑
- water content ↓ capillarity ↑
- capillarity greater during drying cycle than wetting cycle.
- ~~inter~~ soil structure
- Temperature ↑ capillarity ↓ as surface tension ↓
- Dense soil capillarity ↑
- Angle of contact ( $\theta$ ) ↑ capillarity ↓ depends on mineral composition.
- Dissolved salts capillarity ↑ as  $T \uparrow$

Note:

a) Frost Heave: capillary water freezes

→ as water becomes ice expands so increases in ~~volume~~<sup>porosity</sup> about 9%. ~~volume~~

If porosity (%) is 45% capillary of  $0.09 \times 0.45 = 4.05\%$  occurs.

→ upto in fine sand and silt upto 20-30% of soil depth.

This expansion causes heaving of soil even in every 1 m thick soil.

b) Frost Soil: when upper layer melts water on top while lower doesn't. water per strength reduced due to increase in water content soil softening due to thawing action of fine grained soil

ii. More capillarity in sand or clay?

=> sand as clay impermeable

=> clay

But more in fine sand and not in clay as clay is impermeable.

Frost

\* Shrinkage and swelling (clayey soils)

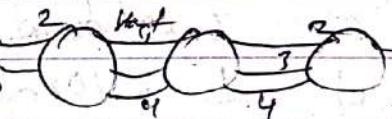
a) Shrinkage:

→ As water evaporates

↑ Tension compression on solid

particles ~~contract~~ and volume ↓ cysto shrinkage limit (actually small decrease beyond shrinkage limit as well)

→ see in only in clayey soils



b) Swelling:

→ On adding water to dry clay shrink by evaporation <sup>water</sup> tension reduced (peripherally)

↓ Tension and compression on solid as well so, increase in volume.

- \* Shrinkage of clay:
- Highly dried clay (well below shrinkage limit) suddenly immersed in water breaks apart
  - due to high pressure in air voids

- \* Bulking of sand:
- increase in sand volume due to dampness
  - 20 - 30% bulking
  - cohesion due to capillary water prevents particle from taking a stable position
  - $w \Rightarrow 4\text{ to }5\%$

- \* IMP # Capillary rise in clay is about
- 0.10 (and 0.15 m)
  - 0.3 - 1.0 m
  - 1 - 10 m
  - ~~d~~ > 10 m

- # Frost Heave is high in
- coarser sands
  - clays
  - fine sand and silt
  - gravel

- # Frost Boil is high in  $\Rightarrow$  ~~sands~~ silt  
but if above options  $\Rightarrow$  clay

Ans.

## \* Organic content of soil:

- soil fraction that consist of plant or animal tissue in various stage of decomposition
- productive agricultural soils have 3-6% organic content. → reduces strength
- 3 type

(i) Plant residues and living microbial biomass      (iii). Active soil organic matter (Detritus)

(iii) Stable soil organic matter (Humus)

② Microbial biomass ⇒ responsible for decomposition of plant residue and detritus.

Humus ⇒ final stable product of decomposition.  
less influence on fertility.

first few increase fertility because breakdown of these fractions results in release of plant nutrients as nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium.

But humus important as it contributes to soil structure, soil pH, cation exchange capacity

⇒ gives dark colour to soil

• OC > 10% not desirable as affects compaction

## Benefits of organic matter

### Physical

- enhances aggregate stability
- improves water infiltration and soil aeration, reducing runoff
- decreases stickiness of clay.

### Chemical charge

- pH resistance (buffering capacity)
- accelerates decomposition of soil mineral and makes it available to plants
- nutrient holding ability

### Biological

- food to organisms
- support soil microbial biodiversity

### Sources

- crop residues
- Animal manure
- compost
- cover crops  
(green manure)
- perennial grasses and legumes.

### Tests to determine OC

- LOI test (loss on ignition)

Hydrogen peroxide

# Prefreatment with ~~sodium ferametaphosphate~~ (oxidation)

# Prefreatment of soil to remove organic matter by oxidation is done with

- a) Sodium ferametaphosphate
- b) oxygen
- c) Hydrogen peroxide
- d) hydrochloric acid.

#

4 Inden Properties of soil: grain size distribution and types of soil based on it, consistency limit, relative density, lab test of inden properties.

#### \* Inden Properties of Soil:

##### Engineering Properties

- permeability, compressibility, shear strength
- more involved process to determine
- used for large, important structure design.

2 types

- a) soil grain properties  
→ particle size distribution, mineral comp., shape of grains
- b) soil aggregate properties  
→ soil mass structure, formation mode, stress history, etc. relative density

#### \* Grain size distribution

- to classify soil based on grain size of soil.
- process of separating called mechanical analysis

Two ways

a) Sieve Analysis

b) Sedimentation

Analyse of sedimentation / sieve analysis

##### Inden Properties

- alternative to eng. properties
- small works for introduced.
- test performed to determine inden property called classification test.

- | <u>Soil Type</u> | <u>Inden Property</u>                     |
|------------------|---|
| coarse soil      | grain size distribution, relative density |
| Fine soil        | Afberberg's limit and consistency.        |

Sieve  
Dry n Analysis  
Wet

Sieve Analysis  $\rightarrow$  wet n Analysis

coarse ground soil

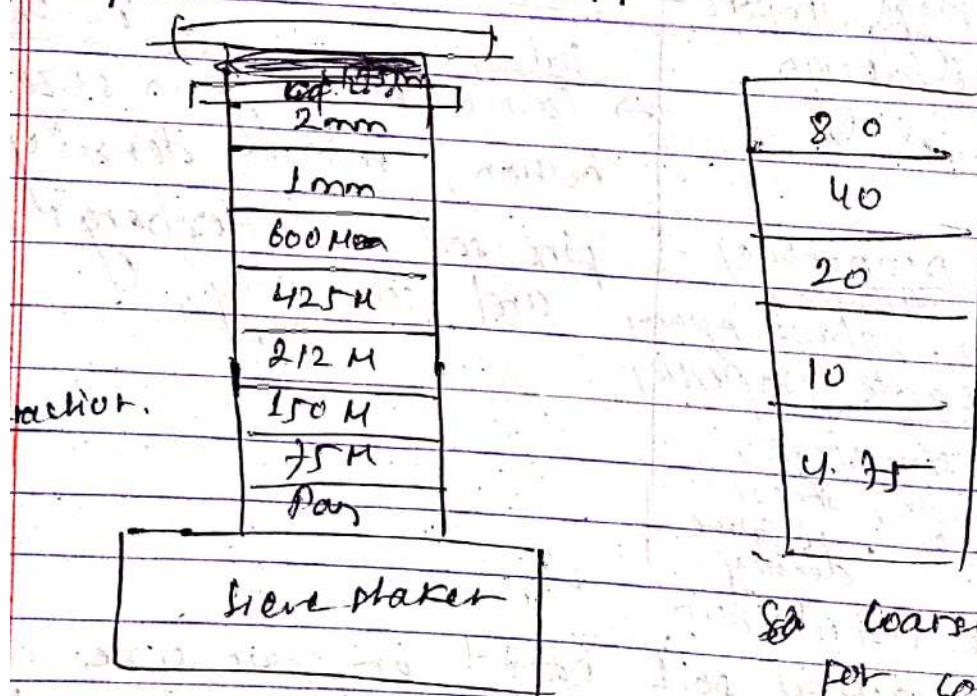
dry, pulverized soil passed through a stack of progressively finer sieve & pan at the bottom soil  $\rightarrow$  It gives (21.1498 Lg)

Percent finer

$\hookrightarrow$  cumulative percent of soil passing through each sieve, i.e. total soil finer than the given sieve.

Sieve size 80 mm - 75 μ available

$$\phi = 0.15 - 2.0 \text{ cm}$$



$\Rightarrow$  coarse-sieve  
for coarse soil  
/ gravel fraction

$> 75 \text{ mm} \Rightarrow$  gravel fraction  
 $< 75 \text{ mm} \Rightarrow$  sand fraction

2 sets of sieve

coarse sieves

(i) fine sieves

$\rightarrow$  for gravel fraction

$\rightarrow$  for sand fraction

## Particle Size Distribution Curve

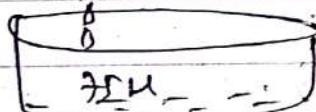
- ① Cumulative percent retained      ② Percentage finer using these

\* When to go for wet analysis?

→ If percent finer than ~~75 μm~~ 75 μm i.e. soil in pan is substantial 5 to 10%. we go for wet sieve analysis.

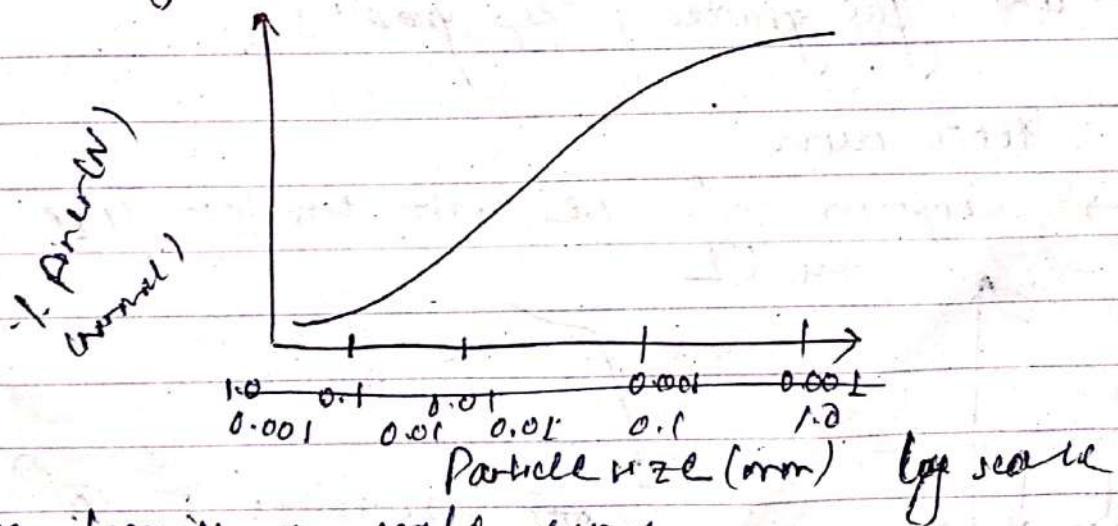
wet sieve analysis removes particle  $< 75 \mu\text{m}$

→ water wash ~~not~~ ~~not~~ dry ~~not~~ ~~not~~ ~~not~~  
Test performed ~~not~~ ~~not~~ ~~not~~ ~~not~~



\* Particle Size Distribution curve

→ aka gradation curve



→ semilogarithmic ~~scale~~ curve.

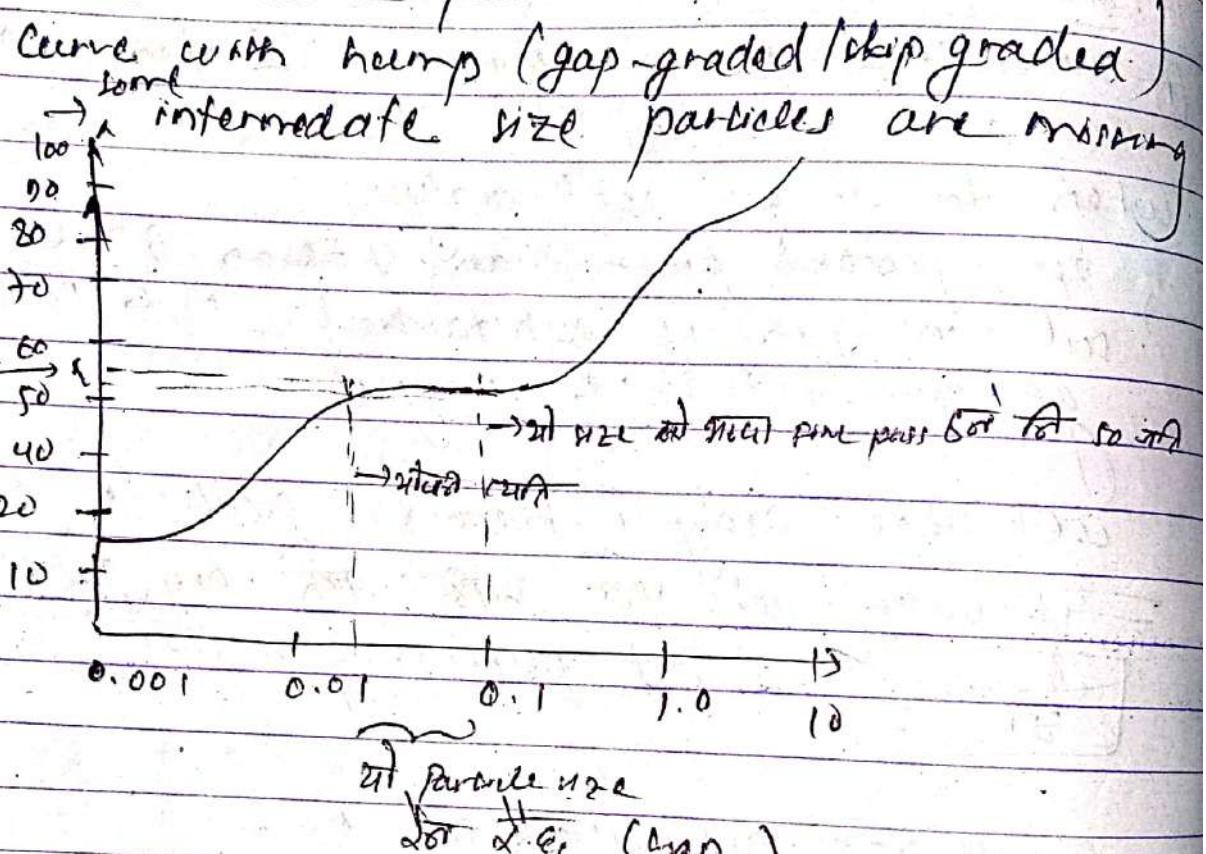
why log scale?

⇒ wide particle size range

⇒ soils of equal uniformity have ~~same~~ similar curve shapes.

Gradation curve peatland

a)



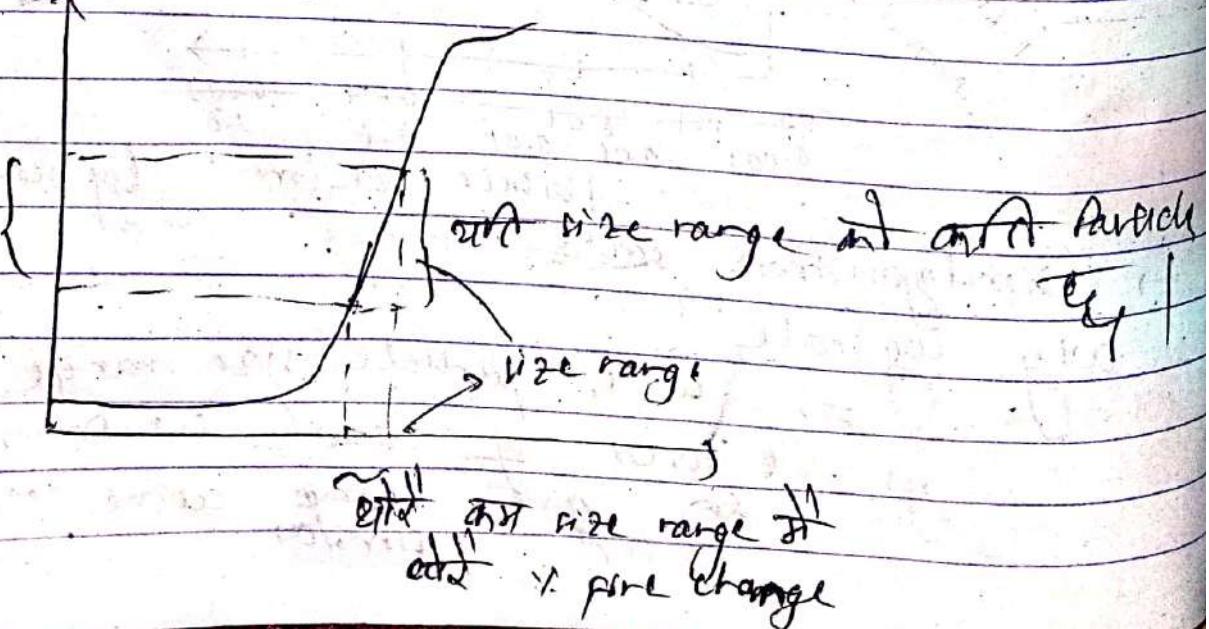
→ aka gap graded / skip graded.

b) steep curve

→ uniform soil i.e. with similar size.

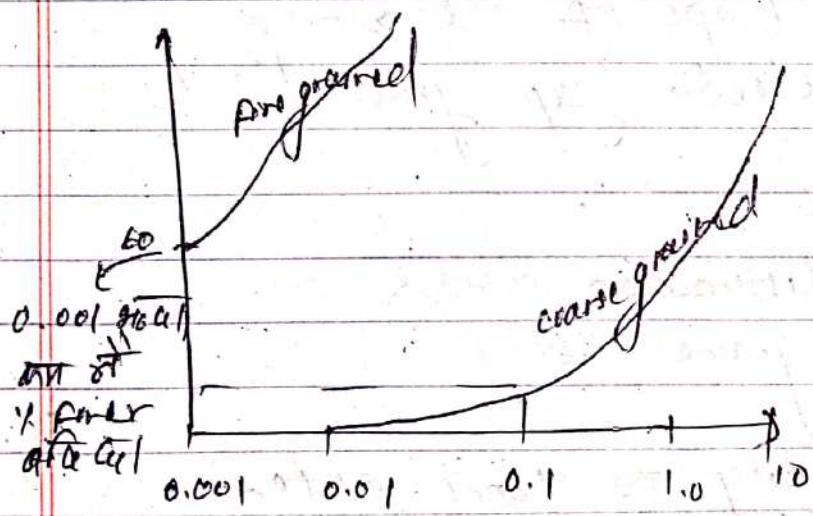
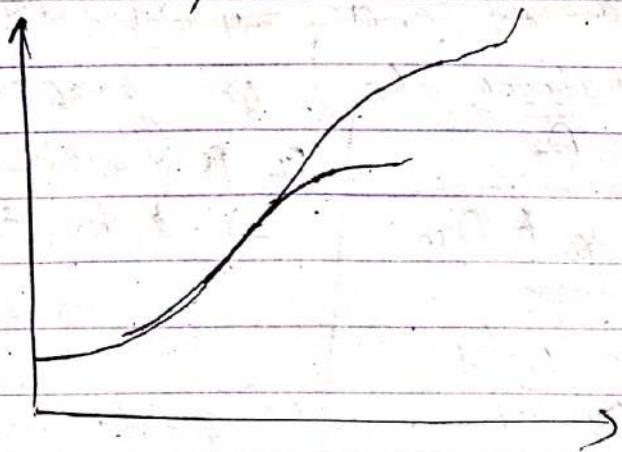
→  $C_u \leq$

total % of soil in size range



(iii) well-grade (J-shape)

→ J-shaped  $\Rightarrow$  diverse size range



0.001 grain on each side of fine end cut off

\* Coefficient of uniformity ( $C_u$ )

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

$D_{60} \Rightarrow$  particle size s.t. 60% of soil finer than this size

$D_{10} \Rightarrow$  " " " 10% of soil finer than this size.

$D_{60} \Rightarrow$  60% soil  $\text{wt}$  of grain  $\leq 0.075 \text{ mm}$

$D_{10} \Rightarrow$  10% soil  $\text{wt}$  of grain  $\leq 0.075 \text{ mm}$

- + Greater  $C_u$  means greater range of particles.  $C_u < 2 \Rightarrow$  uniform soil  
 $C_u > 6 \Rightarrow$  well graded sand ( $C_u > 10 \Rightarrow$  well graded)
- coefficient of curvature ( $C_c$ ) or gradation ( $G$ )
- $$C_c = \frac{D_{30}^2}{D_{60} \times D_{10}}$$
- $C_c$  for well graded  $\Rightarrow 1$  to 3

$C_u < 2 \Rightarrow$  uniform soil

Sands with  $C_u \geq 6$ , well-graded

Gravels with  $C_u \geq 10$ , well-graded.

- +  $C_e$  and  $C_s$  describe shape of the curve.
- Note:  $C_u$  can't detect gap graded soils.  
but  $C_e$  can

Uses of particle distribution curve.

→ classify coarse-grained soils,

→ predict permeability to some extent.

K rough value

→ design of drainage filters, pavement

→ indicates shear strength. well graded good strength

→ predict compressibility

→ may indicates mode of soil deposition.

Eg: ~~Imp~~ Gap graded soils indicate deposition by two different agencies.

- may indicate soil age  
\* with age, curve ~~goes~~, which is initially craggy becomes smooth and regular.

### Based

\* Soil classification based on Particle size distribution:

- a) Gravel
- b) sand
- c) silt size → note the word size (not clay or mt but soils with)
- d) clay size

Eg: Rock flour has similar size to clay but isn't plastic  $\rightarrow$  rock flour isn't clay. But clay size soil.

→ good to classify ~~so~~ coarse grained soils as per size but not good for fine grained soils.

Some of the classification based on ~~size~~ particle size alone are:

- a) N.I.T:  
→ Prof Gilboy (N.I.T)  
→ 4 groups  
① Gravel  $> 2\text{mm}$   
② Sand  $0.06\text{mm} - 2\text{mm}$   
③ Silt size  $0.002 - 0.06\text{mm}$

(iv) Clay size ( $0.002\text{mm}$  ( $2\mu$ ))

naked eye can see  $\geq 0.06\text{mm}$  (Silt)

Sand and silt further divided as

C, M, F Coarse, medium, fine

(b)

US Decree by International Classification System (ICS)

② by International Silt Classes

clay (size)	silt (size)	Sand			Fine Gravel		Coarse Gravel
		Very Fine	Fine	Medium	Coarse		
		0.005	0.05	0.10	0.25	0.5	1
( $\mu\text{m}$ )							2

ICS

US Decree

(i)

International Classification System Intermediate Bef. Sand and Silt.

Ultra clay	Clay	Silt	M	Sand	Gravel
	F	C	F	C	F
0.2 $\mu$	0.04	2M	0.006	0.02	0.05 - 0.1
0.2	0.5	1.0	2.0 mm		

ICS

## Sedimentation Analysis

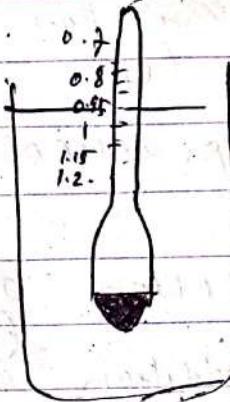
### a) Pipette Method

( $10 - 25 \mu \text{ size}$ )

### b) Hydrometer

#### \* Hydrometer Analysis

⇒ measures specific gravity  
of liquid at bulb centre  
(Caragandre)



f) Reading at Men directly  
given. SG.

⇒ larger particles settle first. so density of  
soil in water suspension  $>$  at bottom than  
at top. less buoyant force to hydrometer  
sinks down.

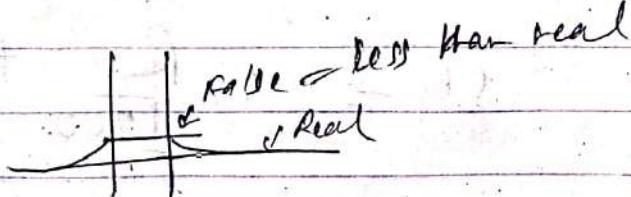
⇒ to determine the depth at which hydrometer  
is taking the reading we calibrate ~~the~~ at  
relation Effective depth and reading of ~~from~~ Relation

Record the reading at different time interval  
Time  $t_h$

#### Correction

a) meniscus (cm)

See true



b) Temperature

$27^\circ\text{C}$  standard temp.

Temp  $\uparrow$  density  $\downarrow$  so hydrometer sinks  $\downarrow$   
Reading less Thus.

50 mg/L suspension in hydrometer analysis.

T<sub>f</sub> correction for (C<sub>f</sub>)

T<sub>L</sub> correction are (C<sub>L</sub>)

Temp. correction chart (Manufacturer)

(c) Dispersion agent correction (C<sub>d</sub>)

Addition caused ↑ density to

Buoyant force ↑ Reading less more

So, C<sub>d</sub> = -ve

C<sub>d</sub> = Reading of hydrometer in certain volume of water and dispersion agent + Reading in distilled water of same volume.

$$R = R_h + C_m \pm C_f - C_d$$

$$R_h = \frac{\text{Eg reading}}{(1.025 - 1)} \times 1000 \\ = 25$$

$$SG = \frac{R}{1000} + L$$

At last

$$\% \text{ finer} = \left( \frac{G}{G-1} \right) \frac{R}{W_{\text{soil sample}}} \times 100$$

clay  $\Rightarrow$  negative charge on surface

$$V = \frac{\gamma_s - \gamma_w}{18\eta} D^2$$

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$$D = \sqrt{\frac{18\eta}{(\gamma_s - \gamma_w)}} \sqrt{\frac{L}{t}} \quad V = \frac{M_e}{t}$$

L = effective length  
t = time

2) shear stress  $\Delta$  at time  $(t)$   $\pi$

Settle greater  $D$  in the zone of measurement.

#### \* Consistency limits:

$\rightarrow$  plasticity  $\Rightarrow$  ability to undergo deformation without cracking.

clay is plastic?

$\Rightarrow$  clay particle surface  $\Rightarrow$  -ve charged water dipole  $\rightarrow$  sticks to clay (adsorbed water)  
deformation produced causes particles to slip one over another  $\rightarrow$  do not return to original position  
as water  $\downarrow$  plasticity  $\downarrow$

\* Cause of plasticity  $\Rightarrow$  adsorbed water

#### \* Consistency Limit:

$\rightarrow$  consistency  $\Rightarrow$  physical state of soil / degree of firmness as soft, firm, hard.

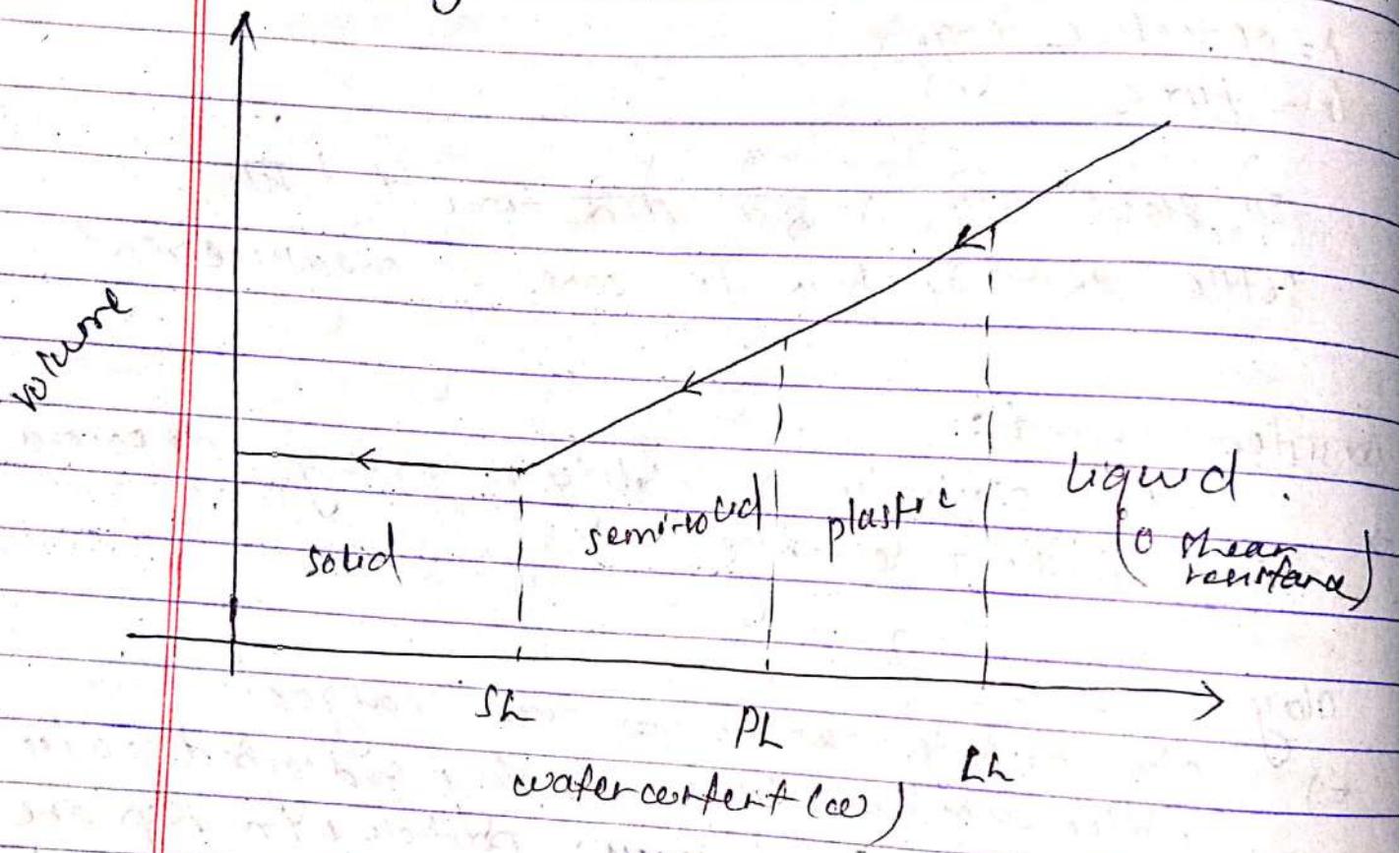
Afberberg  $\Rightarrow$  4 states

4 stages of soil consistency.

- a) liquid
- b) plastic
- c) semi-solid
- d) solid

$\Rightarrow$  for fine grained soil (clay).

- consistency changes with moisture content  $w$  or Atterberg's limit.
- consistency limits = water content at which soil changes from one state to the other.



Liquid limit (LL):

- $w$  above cut-off soil is in liquid state i.e. can resist shear.
- As  $w \downarrow$  below LL soil behaves plastically and ceases to be liquid.

Plastic limit (PL):

- As  $w \downarrow$  below LL plasticity  $\downarrow$  ultimately at PL soil ceases to become plastic and becomes semi-solid
- Below PL cracks on moulding

$$\text{Shrinkage Index} = PL - SC$$

$$\text{Plasticity Index (PI)} = LL - PL$$

→ soil is plastic when  $w$  within LL and PL

(i) Shrinkage Compt. (SC)

→ When  $w \downarrow$  further below PH volume ↓ continues until a certain  $w$  reaches shrinkage comp (SC).

→ Below SC volume remains constant even if  $w \downarrow$ . soil is in solid state below SC. also

→ Shrinkage lowest water content at which the soil is fully saturated.

Note: Stronger the surface charge in clay and thinner the particle  $\uparrow$  adsorbed water, so more plasticity i.e. LL is higher.

$$\text{* Liquidity Index (LI)} = \frac{w - PL}{LL - PL}$$

$\rightarrow \frac{w - PL}{PL}$

aka water-plasticity ratio.

→ Inity  $w$  for sensitive clay may be  $> LL$   
thus  $LI > 1$

→ Soil that are heavily consolidated may have  $w < PL$ . so that

$$LI < 0$$

## Lab Test of Inden Properties

Activity of soil:

slope of the line correlating ~~PI~~ ~~PI~~  
and PI and % finer than 2mm or  
PI vs % finer than 2mm slope

used to identify swelling properties of  
clay.

greatest for non-montmorillonite mineral  
(1.5 - 7.0)

least halloysite = 0.1 - 0.2

$$A = PI$$

0.75 > 2% more

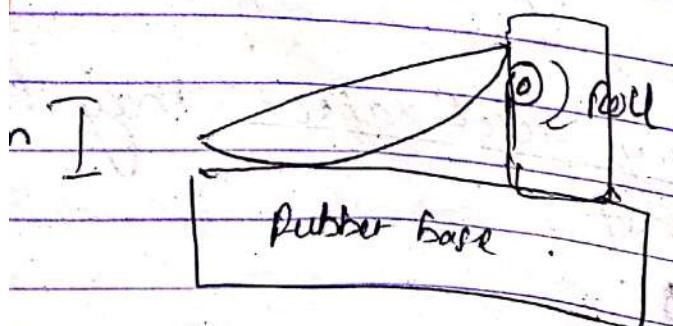
0.75 - 1.25 Tractive  
Normal

1.25 Active  
Lab Test of Inden properties

LL - Casagrande Method

at LL shear strength of soil or the  
min. that can be measured in lab

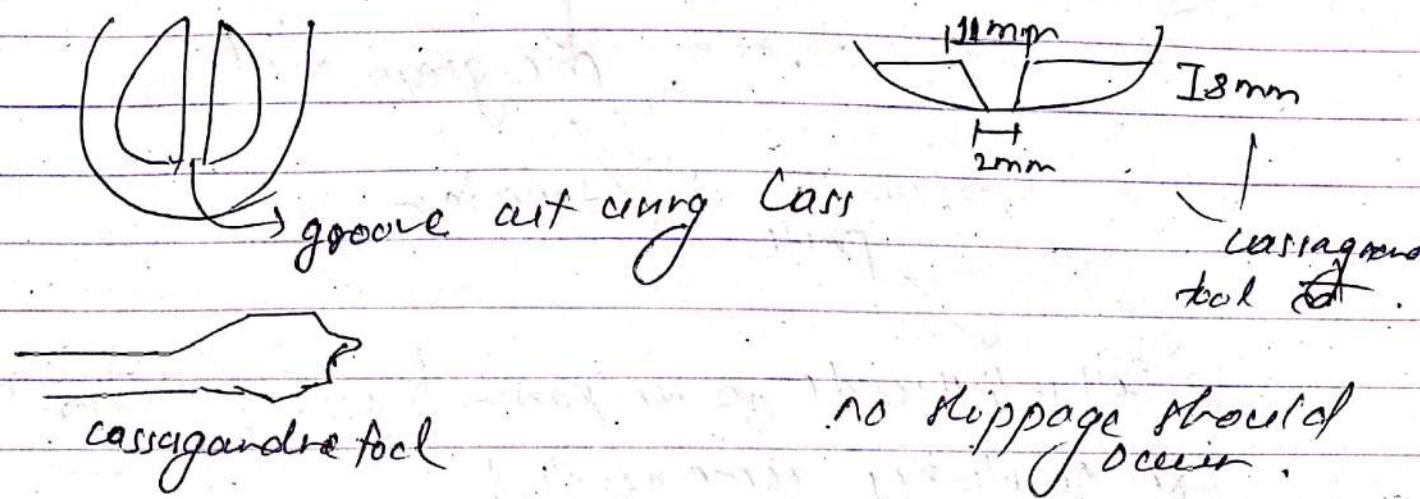
Casagrande Apparatus.



425  $\mu$

soil sample  
dried

Dry soil + water  $\Rightarrow$  paste  $\Rightarrow$  put on the brass plate



No. of blocks until slippage contact of 12mm occurs.

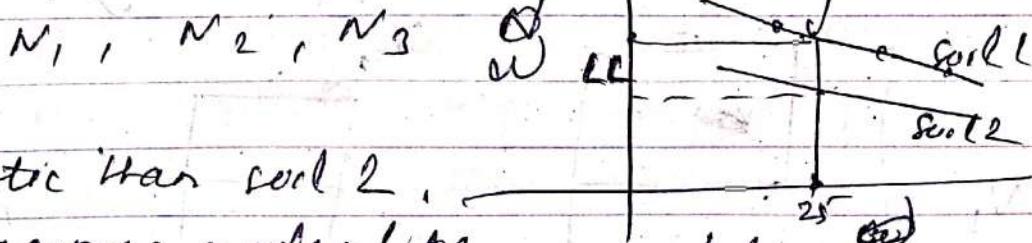
Some part taken to determine (cc).

(cc) = water content at which soil groove closes 12 mm in 25 no. of blocks. but difficult to do so. So no. of samples with varying w. Plot a graph and find corresponding flow curve.

Times

$w_1, w_2, w_3$

$N_1, N_2, N_3$



Soil 1 more plastic than soil 2.

or, soil 2 becomes water like earlier on increasing w.

Slope of flow curve is called flow index.

$$(FI) = \frac{w_1 - w_2}{\log_{10}(N_2/N_1)}$$

b) Plastic Limit (PL)

soil sample → 420 M Acre

fine grain soil

paste

water

Roll into threads of uniform & nearly  
80-90 mm long recommended

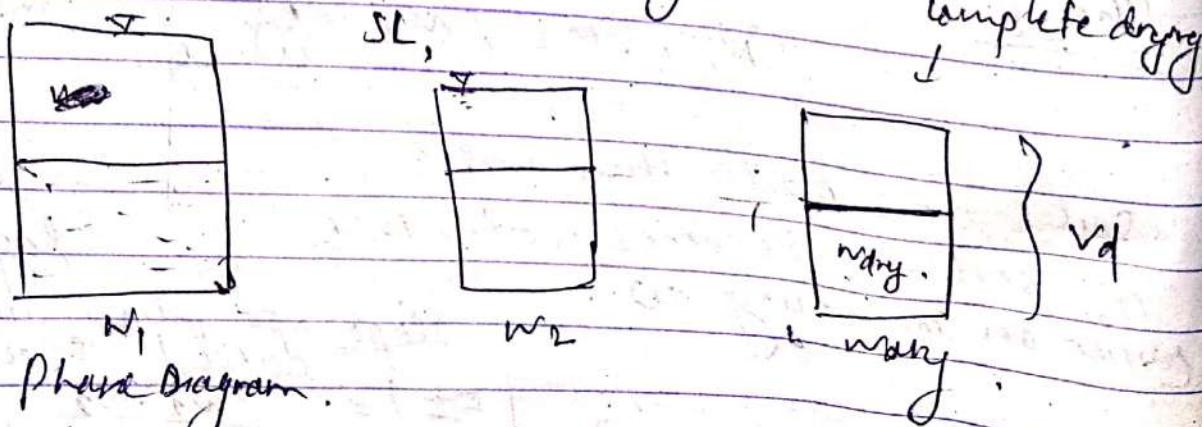
3-2 mm

If cracks appear it is PL otherwise  
decrease w and repeat

Shrinkage limit.

$$SL = W_i - \left( \frac{V_f - V_d}{W_{dry}} \right) \eta_{10}$$

initial water content      W<sub>dry</sub>



Phase diagram.

Some other term

\* consistency index (CI):

$$CI = \frac{LL - w}{PL} = \frac{LC - w}{LL - PL}$$

→ shows nearness of a soil to its plastic limit.

CI = 1 for w = PL  $\Rightarrow$  soil is firm

CI > 1 for w < PL  $\Rightarrow$  semi-solid state.

CI < 1 for w > LL  $\Rightarrow$  liquid state.

\* flocc index

$\Rightarrow$  slope of flocc curve (carragande fer top LL)

$$FI = \frac{c_{sp} - c_{s2}}{\log_{10} \left( \frac{N_2}{N_1} \right)}$$

\* toughness index (TI):

$$TI = \frac{PI}{FI}$$

$\Rightarrow$  measure of shearing strength of soil at PL.

\* Note: Shearing strength of all soils at Liquid limit (LL) is almost constant and equal to 2.7 KN/m<sup>2</sup>.

$$\log_{10} (f_p) = TI + C$$

shear strength at plastic state.

## \* Sensitivity:

$\Rightarrow$  remoulding causes change (decrease) in  
soil strength (property) UCS of undrained  
clay

$$\text{Sensitivity } (S_t) = \frac{(q_u)_u}{(q_u)_r}$$

Clay  $\Rightarrow$  2 - 4 generally,  
coarse-grained  $\rightarrow$  vs after remoulding.

$S_t$	& Soil Type
$< 1$	Resin
1 - 2	Little sensitive
2 - 4	Mod. sensitive
4 - 8	Sensitive
8 - 16	Extra sensitive
$> 16$	Quick

\* LL and PL depend on type and amount of clay

However

\* PI mainly on amount of clay.

\* Particle size  $\downarrow$  LL↑ and PL↑  
 $\Downarrow$  more  
 $\therefore PI \uparrow$

\* If salt added to clay LL & PL ↓  
so, PI ↓

SL

LL

PL

IL - PL

- \* Sandy soils change abruptly from liquid state to semi-solid state. No plasticity (PI).  
Soils with  $LL < 20\%$  are generally sand.  
with liquid  
soil /
- \* For soils with same PI as ~~LL~~  
 $LL \uparrow \Rightarrow$  dry strength  $\downarrow$  toughness  $\downarrow$   
but compressibility  $\uparrow$  permeability  $\uparrow$
- \* For soils with same LL, as PI  $\uparrow$   
 $\Rightarrow$  dry strength  $\uparrow$  toughness  $\uparrow$   
 $\Rightarrow$  permeability  $\downarrow$ . Compressibility almost same.

#### # Thixotropy:

Here is  
 $\rightarrow$  loss in strength due to remoulding  
partly due to soil structure change  
and water molecule in adsorbed layer.

but gain in strength with time after  
remoulding is thixotropy.

$\rightarrow$  due to gradual reorientation of  
adsorbed water molecules to establish  
chemical equilibrium.

$$PL = \frac{LL - w}{LL - PL}$$

$$(I) \frac{w - PL}{LL - PL}$$

### OBJECTIVE QUESTIONS

SATP clay has consistency index of

- ~~10-20~~ (b) 20-40 (c) > 40 (d) < 10

- ~~50-75~~ (b) 75-100 (c) > 100 (d) < 50

Plasticity index of a highly plastic soil is about

- ~~10-20~~ (b) 20-40 (c) > 40 (d) < 10

Activity of mineral montmorillonite is

- ~~< 0.75~~ (b) 0.75-1.25 (c) 1.25-4 (d) > 4

Stokes' law is valid for particle size

< 0.0002 mm

~~0~~ > 0.2 mm

~~0~~ 0.2 mm - 0.0002 mm

all of above

In hydrometer analysis for a sand

mass correction for  $(C_a)$

meniscus is true and dispersing agent is true

$C_m$  &  $C_d$  both -ve

$C_m$  +ve and  $C_d$  -ve

$C_m$  -ve and  $C_d$  +ve

$$LL - PL \quad LC = \frac{PL - 10}{LL - PL} \quad CL - PC$$

$$CI = \frac{45-30}{45-25} = \frac{CL-10}{CL-PL}$$

$\frac{15}{20}$   
0.75

$$\frac{D_{60}}{D_{10}}$$

# Hydrometer differs from pipette analysis in

- a) principle of float
- b) method of taking observation
- c) method of prep of soil suspension
- d) all of above

# Which of the following is a measure of particle size range?

- a) Effective size b) uniformity coefficient
- c) Coeff. of curvature d) note

#  $C_u$  is

- a) always  $< 1$
- b)  $= 1$
- c)  $\leq 1$
- d)  $\geq 1$

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

# According to Atterberg, soil is of medium plasticity if PI is

- a)  $0 < PI < 7$
- b)  $0.7 \leq PI \leq 1.7$
- c)  $1.7 < PI < 2.7$
- d)  $PI \geq 2.7$

$$\Rightarrow (7-17)$$

# If  $PL > LL$ , then the PI is reported as

- a) zero b) 0 c) non-plastic d) 1

Note: occurs in clay overlying some traces of sand.

# If mixture of coarser particle like sand  
or Ht to clay causes

- a). ↑ LL and ↑ PI
- b). ↓ LL and no change in PL
- c). ↓ LL and ↓ PI
- d). ↑ LL and ↑ PI

NOTE: LL decreases more than PL. So  
PL ↓ as a whole.

# 4 soil samples

	A	B	C	D
LL	0.50	0.49	0.43	0.47
PL	0.23	0.17	0.21	0.26

Which of the soil samples contains more clay.

(PQ) a) A

✓ B

c) C

d) D

PI = LL - PL PI<sub>B</sub> is greater & so  
greater clay in B

29

32

2 # At liquid limit all soil have

21

✓ same shear strength of small magnitude

Note: about 2.7 MN/m<sup>2</sup>

~~more~~ 2.5 blows  
greater no. of blows.  $\frac{12 \text{ mo}}{\text{hr}}$

~~Ques~~ # If the rubber base in Carragrade (C) device is softer than standard rubber, then

- a) C always increase
- b) C always decrease
- c) C may increase
- d) C may decrease

softer  $\Rightarrow$  more N  $\Rightarrow$  more 25% to join.

water and either sand or clay to make it liquid. Then C (A).

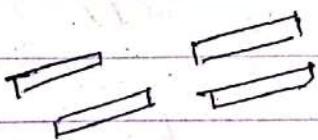
# Clay mineral with largest swelling and shrinkage  
Re. activity is

- a) Kaolinite b) illite c) montmorillonite d) none

$$A > 4$$

# Dispersed type of soil have particles that have

- a) face to face or parallel orientation
- b) edge to edge orientation
- c) face to edge
- d) all of above



parallel orientation  
(dispersed)

in remoulded clay.

## Shape of particle

+ Angularity:

=> Coarse-grained soil property dependent on shape.

Bulky =>  $l, b$  and  $t$  similar magnitude.

→ formed by physical disintegration

→ support heavy load under static cond'n.  
settles under vibration load.

Flaky

→ clay minerals / particles

→  $t < l$  than  $l$  and  $b$ .

→ Highly compressible

→ Stable to vibrations.

a) Sphericity

b) Flatness

c) Angularity.

$$S = \frac{D_e}{L}$$

(sphericity)

$D_e = \phi$  assuming particle to be a sphere.

$L = \text{length of particle}$

Greater sphericity  $\Rightarrow$  used in construction  
tendency to fracture is less

$$\text{D) Flatness (F)} = \frac{B_1}{T} \quad E = \frac{L}{B}$$

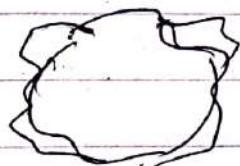
Higher value of  $F$  and  $E$  more  
tendency to fracture.

## Angularity

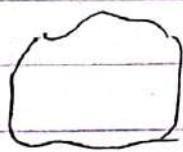
$R =$  avg. radius of corner and edges.

radius of maximum inscribed circle

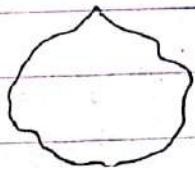
Based on angularity 5 divisions (stages)



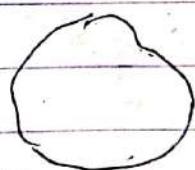
Angular



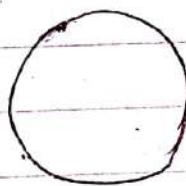
Sub-angular



Sub-rounded



rounded



well rounded

Angularity ↑  $\Rightarrow$  Displacement Resistance ↑

But  $\Rightarrow$  Tendency to fracture also ↑

vice versa

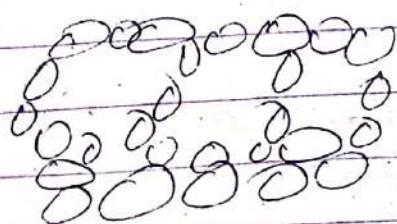
Less Angularity  $\Rightarrow$  low resistance to displacement  
 $\Rightarrow$  tendency to roll.

coarse grained soil  $\Rightarrow \epsilon = 0.9$  to 0.35

mean  $\sigma$   
of spherical

mean of  
spherical  
particles.

Money comb structure



0.002 mm - 0.02 mm

no plasticity  
- loose  
Tens.

- a load only static
- large deformation

5.5 Types of rock, dip, strike, fold, fault, cleavage, geographical divisions of Nepal, Earthquake and its causes, types of waves, grading of earthquake, seismic fault line in Nepal.

5.571 Rock and its Type:

Rock: an aggregate of mineral minerals /mineraloids, sometimes glass

→ naturally occurring, coherent pile of mineral grains of rock

→ Grains held together by natural cement

⇒ such rocks called as clastic rocks Eg: sandstone

→ rock where crystals interlock with one another crystalline Eg: granite.

→ outcrop ⇒ an exposed bed of rock on the earth's surface.

→ Rock classification used till date ⇒ genetic scheme  
⇒ focus on origin / genesis of rocks

3 Basic Groups

a) Igneous Rocks: freezing of molten rock (650-1100°C)

b) Sedimentary Rocks: cementing of grains / fragments of preexisting rocks or precipitation of minerals out of water solutions near earth's surface

c) Metamorphic rocks: preexisting rock, → pressure + temp.

→ occurs in solid state i.e. no melting required.

Dyke  $\Rightarrow$  common form of igneous rock  
(discordant  $\Rightarrow$  crosses bed planes)

Sill  $\Rightarrow$  similar to dyke but concordant i.e.  $\parallel$  to bed planes.

equant grain: dimension in all direction same  
inequant.

texture: grain arrangement

layering: bands of different composition  
or texture in rocks or inequant grains.

layering in sedimentary rocks called bedding  
"metamorphic rocks" "polarization".

(A) Igneous Rocks (95% of earth's crust)

a) Extrusive b) Intrusive

also include deposit of pyroclastic debris (debris <sup>pyroclastic</sup>)

a) Extrusive:

$\Rightarrow$  freezing of lava after it comes out  
from earth in contact with the atmosphere.

magma  $\Rightarrow$  underground melt. (silica, Al, Ca, Na,

lava  $\Rightarrow$  after magma comes out. K, Fe).

$\Rightarrow$  cools quickly so glassy texture  
 $\Rightarrow$  generally fine grained.

b) Intrusive

of magma.

$\Rightarrow$  formed by solidification inside

earth's surface in magma chambers.

$\Rightarrow$  coarser grains, crystalline.

wall rock  $\Rightarrow$  pre-existing rock into  
which magma intrudes.

Eg: Olivine, Abidian, Phyllite, Andesite, Basalt, Gabbro,  
Diorite, I granite, I Pegmatite, I Peridotite I

2) Intrusive.

Source of heat inside earth?

=> Radioactive decay + remainder heat of formation  
(major contributor today)

Characteristics of igneous rocks

A) Fabric

B) (i) Crystalline fabric:

→ grains interlock like jigsaw puzzle.

Phaneritic => coarse grained.

Anhedral Aphanitic => fine grained.

Porphyritic => large crystal surrounded by smaller ones.

(ii) Fragmental fabric

(iii) Glass Fabric => solid mass of glass.

(iv) Vesicular fabric => Basalt.

Fabric determined by cooling rate.  
vesicles.

(b) Sedimentary Rock:

Type → formed by:

Clastic = o cementing together of clasts by weathering

Biological: o shell masses cementing

Organic: o accumulation and alteration of organic matter

Chemical: o precipitation of minerals from water solution.

Process

weathering → Erosion → Transport → deposition

Cementation ✓

Lithification  $\rightarrow$  transform of loose sediment into solid rock. (Compaction + cementation)

### Bedding and stratification:

Sedimentary structures  $\Rightarrow$  ripples, scour, cross beds  
(mud cracks, rain pond),  
most abundant (80%)

Eg: Shale, sandstone, siltstone, limestone,  
conglomerate, Lateralis, stalactites,  
structure stalagmites, drip stones.

(iii)

### Metamorphic Rocks

$\Rightarrow$  exhibits metamorphic foliation

Type:

a) Foliated Rocks

$\rightarrow$  slate

Protolith  $\rightarrow$  shale or mudstone

$\rightarrow$  Phyllite  
(~~white mica~~  
clay)

$\rightarrow$  metaconglomerate  
(conglomerate)

$\rightarrow$  Schist

b) Non-foliated

$\rightarrow$  rock formed in absence of compression and shear

$\rightarrow$  Hornfels

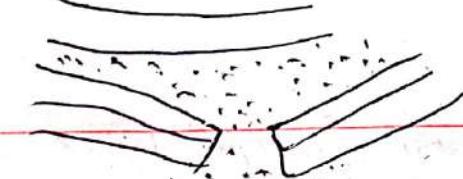
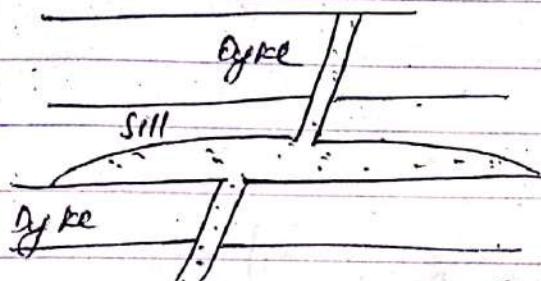
$\rightarrow$  Quartzite  
(quartz sandstone)

$\rightarrow$  Marble  
(limestone)

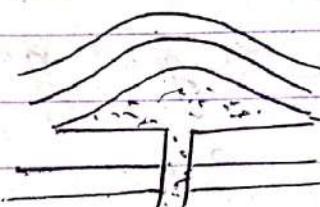


(protolith)  $\xrightarrow{\text{metamorphism}}$  metamorphic rock

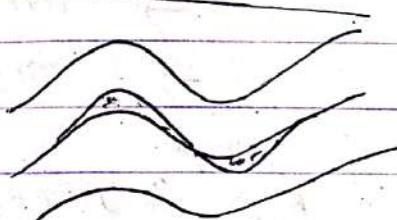
Gneiss  $\Rightarrow$  sandstone / shale



foliolith



laccolith

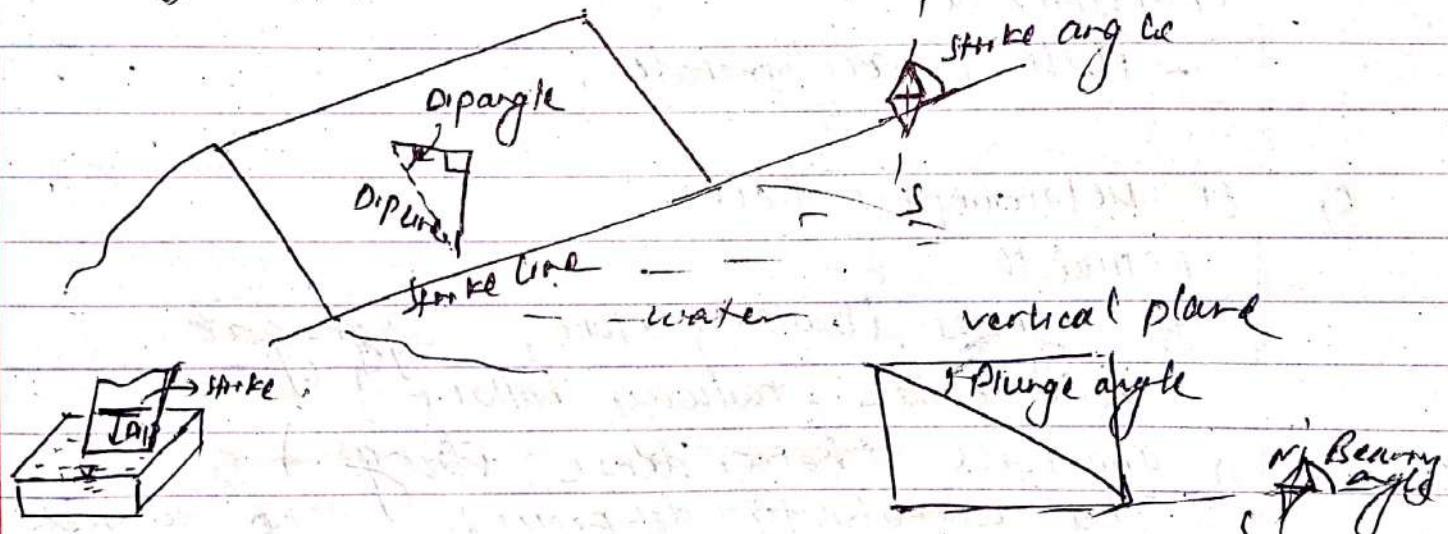


pluton

Fig: Forms of igneous rocks.

Dip:

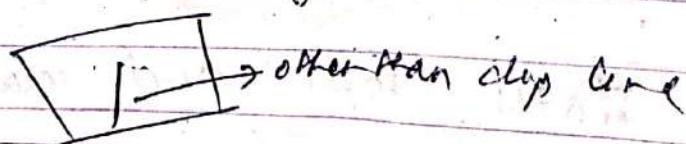
$\rightarrow$  angle of the plane's slope with the horizontal.



$\rightarrow$  angle bet<sup>n</sup> horizontal plane and the dip line  
dip line  $\Rightarrow$  an imaginary line parallel to the steepest slope of the structure.  
 This gives true dip.

Strike  $\Rightarrow$  the orientation/direction in which a structure is present. intersection between bedding plane and hor<sup>n</sup> plane gives strike line

Apparent dip



## Engineering Properties

### a) Igneous Rock

- competent and durable for civil eng.
- granite a good g:

### b) Sedimentary Rocks:

#### o Destrabile Rocks

- ⇒ sandstone (crinaceous best)  
↳ (foundation, building stone, railways, tunnel rock)
- ⇒ limestone only as road metal, railway ballast

understrabile

- shale, conglomerate,

### c) Metamorphic Rocks:

Destrabile

- ⇒ gneiss (building stone, aggregate, road metal, railway ballast)
- ⇒ quartzite (hard, dense, strong)  
but workability difficult? no tunnel lining req.
- ⇒ ~~marble~~ (decomposes with water and  $\text{CO}_2$ , incompetent, easily splits)

understrabile

- schist = weak, incompetent, harmful and understrabile.

- slates soft and incompetent.

Attitude

→ strike and dip determined using clinometers, compass (Bruton compass),

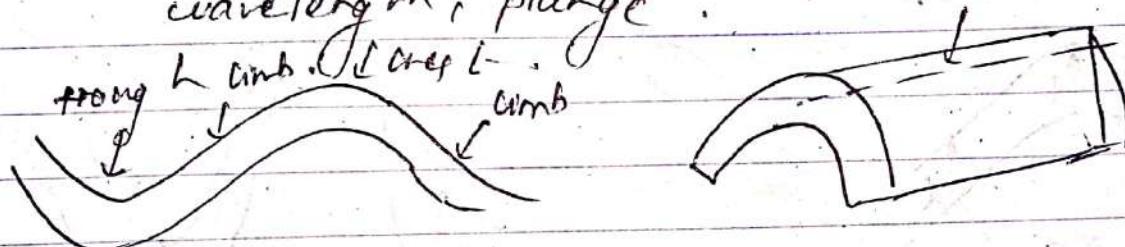
→ For vertical plane dip =  $90^\circ$  dip direction can't be given.  
dip direction  $90^\circ$  to strike direction.

### \* Folds:

→ bends in rock due to ductile deformation

Parts: limb, crest, trough, axial plane, axis wavelength, plunge.

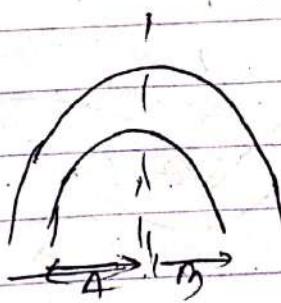
Fold axis.



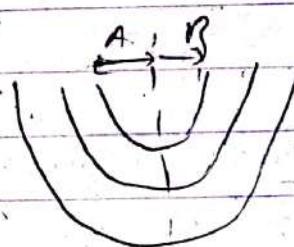
### Types:

On the basis of symmetry, bend direction, crenulations, bed thickness, etc.

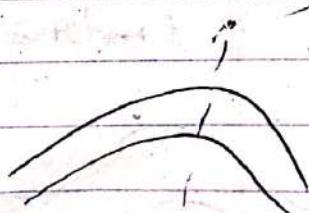
#### a) Anticline and syncline.



Anticline



Syncline



asymmetrical  
anticline

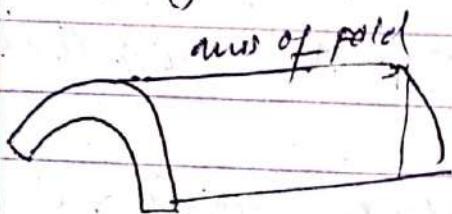
$A \neq B \Rightarrow$  symmetric  
anticline

b)

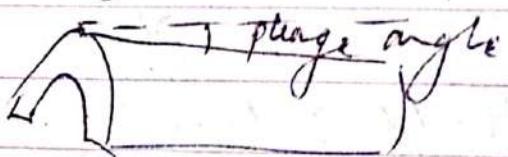
Symmetrical and asymmetrical.

c)

Plunging and non-plunging:



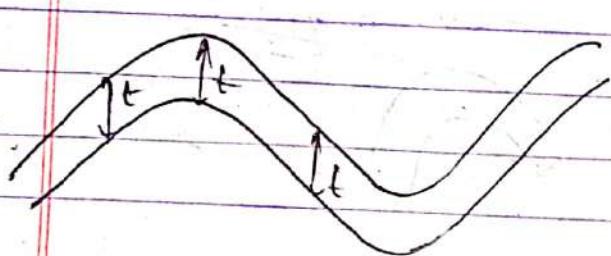
non-plunging



plunging

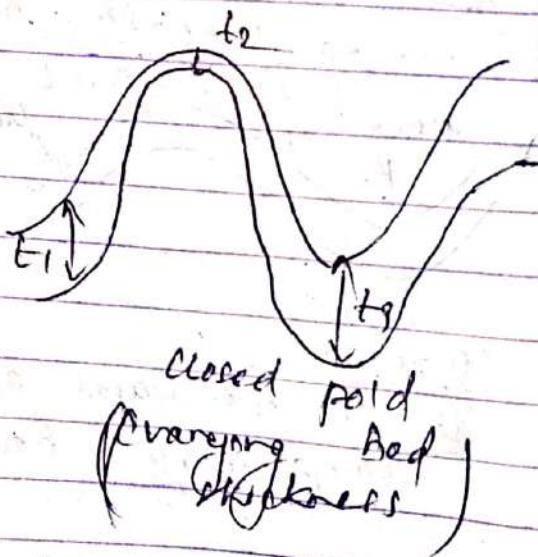
d)

Open fold and closed fold.



open fold

(constant thickness throughout)



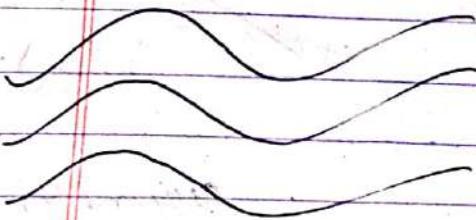
Closed fold

(varying bed thickness)

e)

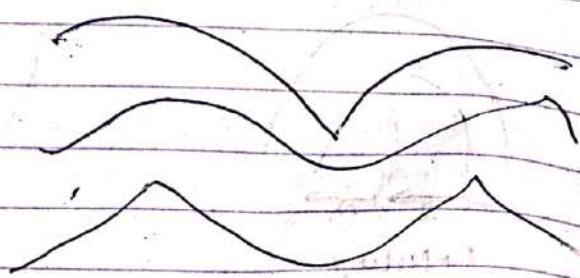
Similar and parallel fold.

~~frontal~~:



similar

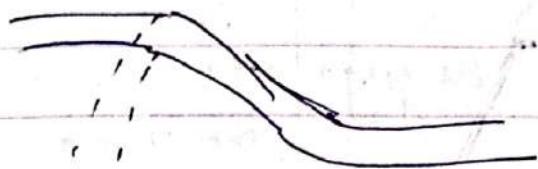
(same shape with depth)



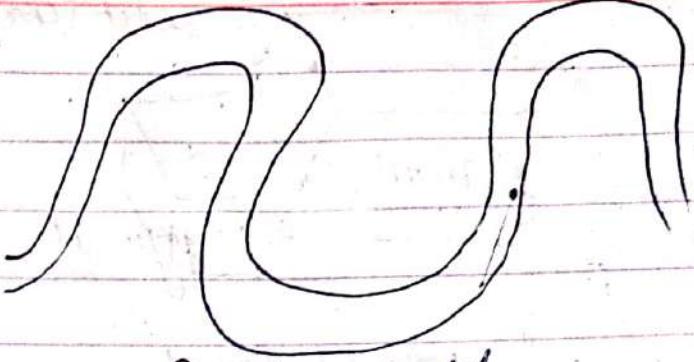
parallel

(parallel crest and trough)

OPHR



monocline fold



fan type fold

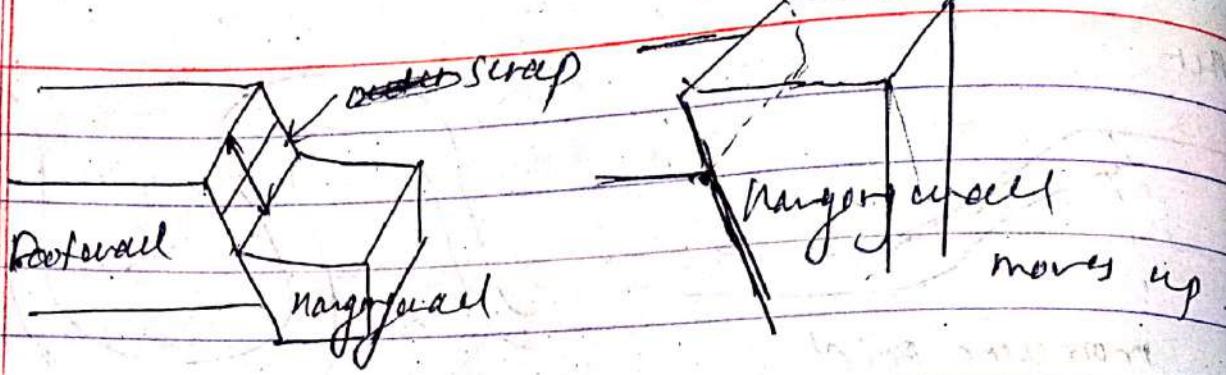
Note: Folds may ultimately lead to faulting.

#### \* Faults:

- most undesirable and unfavorable structure from civil engineering point of view.
- considerably weakens the rock.
- fractured along which relative displacement of rocks takes place.
- displacement during faulting generally takes place along a zone than single fault plane.
- crushing and friction causes rocks to form (e.g. Breccia, clay like material called gouge)
- fault plane may be plane, curved, irregular, vertical, etc.
- faulting occurs when shearing resistance of rocks is overcome by tectonic forces.

dead faults  $\Rightarrow$  inactive faults

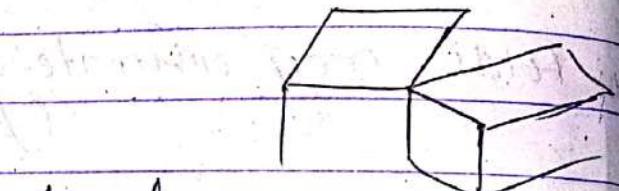
Eg: Archane formation aka shield areas,



Normal Fault



Reverse Fault



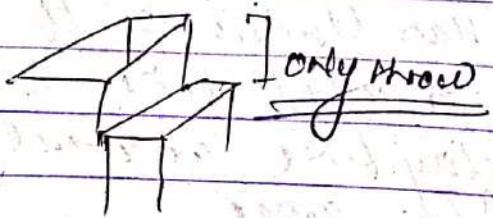
Strike fault (N to N)

Pault planed to be vertical.

→ only heave

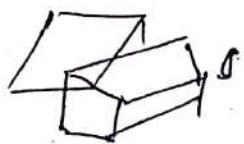
Hinge fault

Heave  $\Rightarrow$  horiz. component of displacement  
Hinge  $\Rightarrow$  vertical component of displacement



Cause of fault  $\Rightarrow$  stress due to tectonic activity

Gravely faults aka tensional faults  
thrust faults aka compresional faults



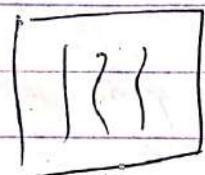
Scissor Fault

Rotational Fault  
Nappe Scissor

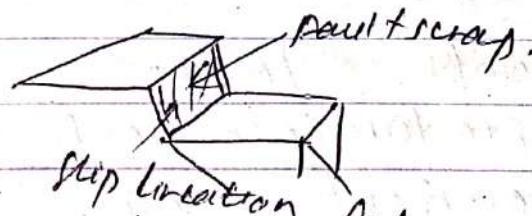
Oblique slip fault  
~~Combination of~~  
~~Strike and~~  
~~Tan movement.~~

## o Evidence of fault

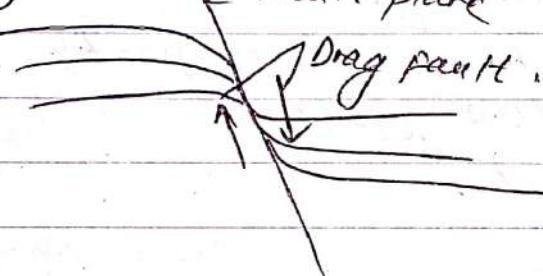
- Striated surface of a rockslide.



- Fault scrap



- Drag of a fault



Note: faults are generally points of earthquake origin.

\* Joints: /cracks

→ fractures in rock abs but no relative movement along.

→ wide cracks  $\Rightarrow$  open joints.

small, narrow cracks  $\Rightarrow$  closed joints.

→ master joint  $\Rightarrow$  long joints.

→ Civil Eng.

→ Joints are undesirable as reduces competency

→ susceptible to weathering

→ poses ground water problems during tunnelling

treated by grout injection

### Types

a) Strike Joint  $\Rightarrow$  along strike

b) Oblique joint  $\Rightarrow$  ~~at~~ random angle

c) Dip Joint  $\Rightarrow$  along dip

d) Bedding joint  $\Rightarrow$  parallel to bed orientation.

## Cleavage

- tendency of a mineral to break along preferred planes.
- a type of foliation in low grade metamorphic rocks.
- plane formed where bond in crystal is weak.  
 e.g.: mica has cleavage in one direction but relatively strong in other two directions.

\* Cause of Earthquake, types of wave, Earthquake grading, seismic fault in Nepal.

- sudden shaking of earth's crust.
- seismology ⇒ study of earthquakes.
- hypocenter or focus or origin  $\Rightarrow$  place of origin or center
- epicenter  $\Rightarrow$  point <sup>on surface</sup> exactly above focus.
- main damage &
- anticenter  $\Rightarrow$  point on earth's surface i.e. diametrically opposite to the epicenter.
- seismic vertical  $\Rightarrow$  imaginary line joining focus and epicenter.
- isoseismal lines  $\Rightarrow$  " " " points of equal intensity.
- co-seismal lines  $\Rightarrow$  " " " points where earthquake waves arrive simultaneously.

## Cause of Earthquake

### Tectonic

=> movement of continental plates.

### Elastic rebound theory

=> stress built up causes a new fault to form or causes a slip on an existing fault.

### Non-tectonic

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Body waves → P

Surface waves → S

Polar Love

Rayleigh

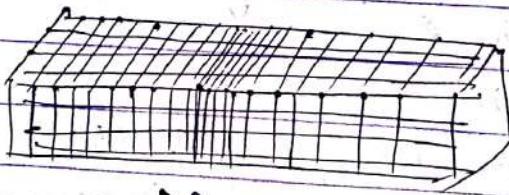
Horsley

### Types of waves:

P-wave: → longitudinal waves (travel through all medium)  
→ fastest  
→ first arriving energy on seismogram

→ smaller and higher frequency than S.  
and surface waves.

→ pressure waves



→ P waves

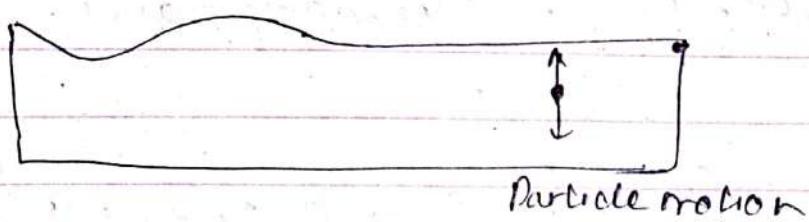
Particle motion

✓ => 5-7 km/s speed of sound.

Primary & Secondary

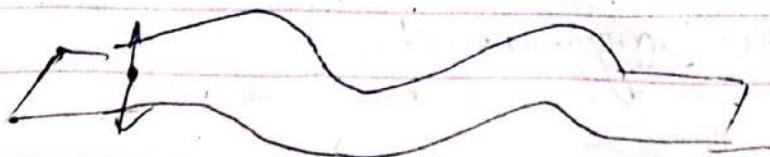
Secondary waves :

- Transverse waves so don't travel through fluid
- slower than P-waves so arrive after
- P wave
- velocity =  $3-4 \text{ km/s}$



Love wave :

- exist at the surface
- largest at surface and decreases in amplitude with depth.
- depth of penetration and velocity depends on frequency.
- horizontally polarized shear waves. (SH)
- named after British mathematician A E H Love
- slightly faster than Rayleigh's wave



Rayleigh wave :

- rolling waves up and down & side-to-side in same direction of wave movement. Similar to water waves.
- most of the shaking felt is due to R. the wave. Larger than S.

$$V = 90\% \text{ of Secondary waves.}$$

Ques Ques betw P and S waves used to pinpoint the distance (distance) event.

Grading of Earthquake MM scale:

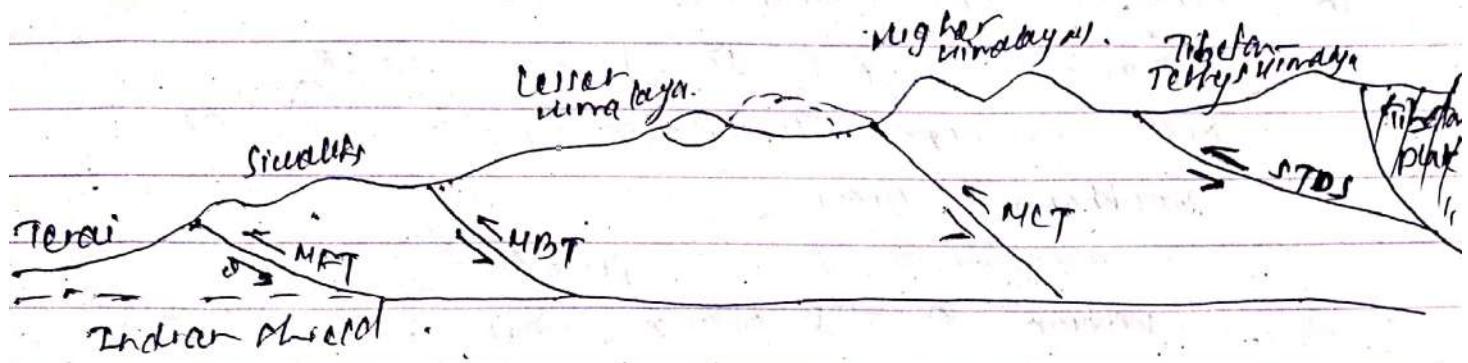
S seismic fault lines in Nepal:

MFT

⇒ Main Frontal Thrust

MBT

⇒ Main Boundary Thrust.



$\Rightarrow$  STDs  $\Rightarrow$  South Tibetan Detachment System.

### Entra

\* Geological zones in Nepal.

- (i) Gangesic plain (Terai).
- (ii) Sub-Himalayan (Siwalik).
- (iii) Lesser Himalayan zone (sedimentary and metasedimentary rocks).
- (iv) Higher Himalayan zone (metamorphic rock (green schist, granite)).
- (v) Tibetan - Tethys Himalayan zone (ed. rocks).

E) Gangesic Plane ( $\text{Ganga}^{\text{c}}$ ):

- alluvial soil
- width 10km - 50km
- continuous at from east to west except at Chitwan and Rapti valley;
- interrupted by Hublik zone.

Further classification:

Northern Terai ( $\text{Ganga}^{\text{c}} \text{ NTR}$ ):

- Siwalik and Ch. Ganga southward extended upto a width of 12km
- $\text{Ganga}^{\text{c}} \text{ NTR}$  acts as recharge zone for the groundwater of Terai.

(B) Middle Terai (Marshy) zone (~~part~~ ~~area~~):

- narrow zone 10-12 km wide
- Def<sup>n</sup> northern Terai (~~part~~ ~~area~~) and southern Terai.

→ elevation  $\Theta$  ~~215~~ change, <sup>from hill</sup> ~~for~~ ~~gathering~~ spring lines, natural ponds, marshland and lakes. (Dun valley)

(C) Southern Terai (~~part~~ ~~area~~):

- southern part continues to Delta.
- sand, silt clay sediment deposit.
- poor aquifer.
- groundwater development appears difficult.

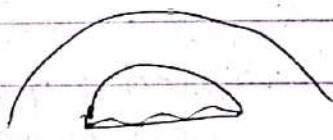
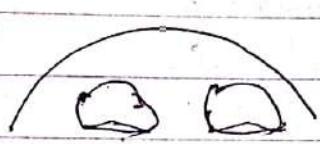
(II) Givalik (Sub-Himalayan) / Cherrapunji

- bet<sup>n</sup> MFT and MDT
- 3 sub-div
  - lower
  - middle
  - upper

## R Tunneling:

- 1<sup>st</sup> tunnel → Babylon (900m length)
- 1<sup>st</sup> highway tunnel → Hungary (3300 m length).
- alignment depends upon : terrain condition, ventilation, drainage.

→



Better to have two separate tunnels for highways. ~~for ②~~ each with two lanes  
why?  $\Rightarrow$  safety (solution)  
 $\Rightarrow$  ventilation  
 $\Rightarrow$  easy repair and maintenance

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Steps :

(I) Initial survey.

→ map study, reconnaissance.

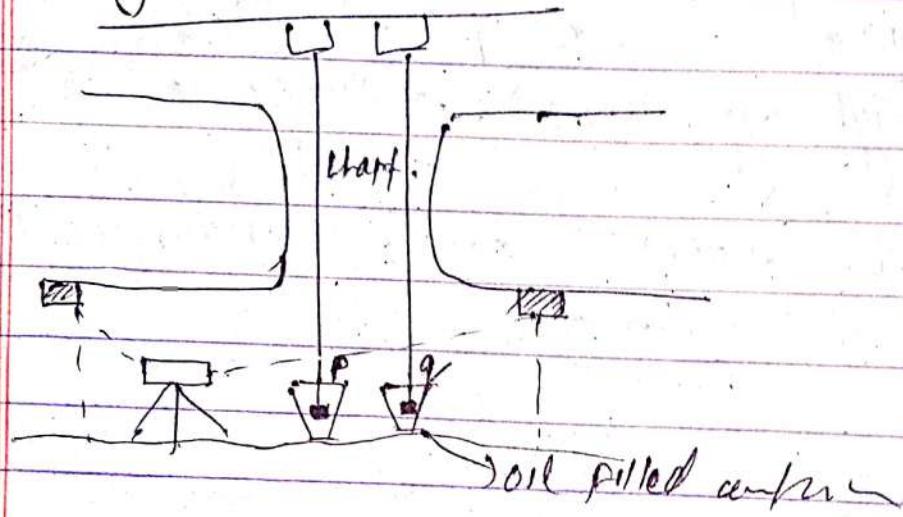
→ Tunnel obligatory points.

(II). Setting out tunnel centerline on surface.

(III). Triangulation  $\Rightarrow$  in GPS.

Note: shaft  $\Rightarrow$  vertical holes shorter than funnels.  
Portal  $\Rightarrow$  opening of funnel invert  $\Rightarrow$  bottom half  
crocon  $\Rightarrow$  roof or top half of funnel.

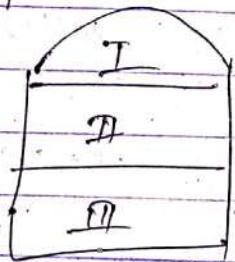
## Setting out inside funnels



Transfer surface alignment to underground.

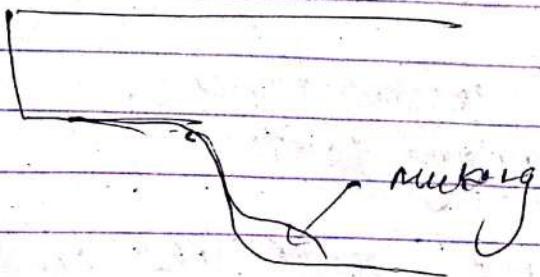
For methods of tunnelling:

- ① (i) From Soil and Hard Rock  
a) Full face method



Excavation from top to bottom in 3-sections.

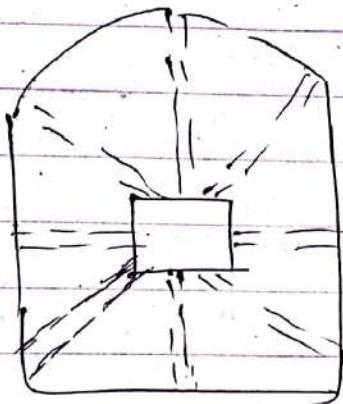
- b) Top heading and benching



Underwater  $\Rightarrow$  immersed tube tunnel.  
Best shape for tunnel  $\Rightarrow$  arch  
Strongest shape  $\Rightarrow$  circle (circle  $\neq$  square)

#### c) Drift method

- $\rightarrow$  pilot tunnel at center or side by drilling.
- $\rightarrow$  widened from side



tunnel depth  $\uparrow$   
stress  $\uparrow$

#### d) $(\text{Rock} +)$ Bottom heading and stopping.

Soft soil:

- $\Rightarrow$  bore - piling

Running Ground:

- $(+)$  liner plate method
- $(\text{II})$  needle beam method
- $(\text{III})$  shield method:
  - circular shield drive (clay)
  - by hydraulic press

Using  $\Rightarrow$  cant - iron or shield.

#. Which of the followings are percussion drills?

- (i) Shot drill
- (ii) Diamond drill
- (iii) wagon drill
- (iv) Chisel drill

(a) (i) and (ii)  
(b) (ii) and (iv)

(c) (i) and (iv)  
(d) (ii) and (iii)

Remarks:

### Drilling Equipment

Drills (Chisel like bits)

Drill Bits

#### a) Percussion drills

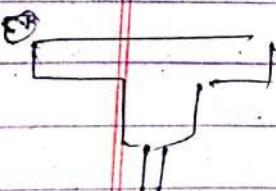
- Jack hammer or maulers, tripod drills
- Step hammer, drifters, chisel or cold drill, piston drills, wagon drills.

#### b) Abrasion drills

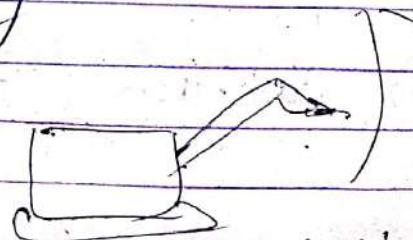
- used to drill hard materials aka Abrasive drills / impact drills.
- rapid succession of short hammer blows.

#### c) Fusion Drilling

- quick drilling with less effort.



Jack hammer drills  
→ vertical holes only.



wagon drill  
(horizontal holes)

~~current use~~ ↗

common.

### (ii) Abrasion Drills:

- a) blast hole drills ... b) shot drills (iii) diamond drills → uses in quarry
- grinding of rock ~~is~~ achieved through a abrasive effect of a bit which rotates in the cut hole.

⇒

optimum pressure of drilling: pressure at which cost of drilling per unit depth is minimum.

(iv)

### (iv) Fusion Piercing:

- recent development
- 

Q. Which of the following methods of tunnelling is used for long tunnels at greater depth.

- a) Army method
- b) Needle Beam method
- c)  Austrian Method
- d) English.

Remarks: Austrian Method, (modern)

- based on build as you go  
neither too stiff nor too flexible  
early nor too late.

principle: capacity of rock mass should be utilized to support itself by controlling force redistribution:

→ rock in the vicinity also made to act as a load-bearing member along with supports.

→ systematic rock bolting with shotcrete.

→ mobilization of rock mass strength.

→ flexible but active support.

over Austrian  $\Rightarrow$  aka sequential one. center cut  $\rightarrow$  taken to full height.

Amy method

- US army

→ ~~for~~ wood gallery  $1.1 \times 1.8 \times 0.05$  m of wood is used.

→ top brace removed  $\rightarrow$  ground is excavated.

→ simple, economic.

→ best only for short tunnels.

English method:

excavation of full section at once  
using long strutting

top head driven in  $\rightarrow$  supported on rock bars.

- Hangers: =) For railway and highway.
- =) wall plates introduced at springing to support the arch etc.
- =) side ordered.

# Dripters can be used to drill

- a). only up holes
- b) only down holes
- c) horizontal or up holes
- d) horizontal down or up holes

Remark: Dripter is a hydraulic or pneumatic rock drill used to make horizontal holes in tunnels.

# The method of tunnelling in tunnels is generally known as <sup>draining</sup> before tunnelling

- a) pore drainage
- b) dewatering
- c) permanent drainage
- d) All of the above.

# To attain the required shape of the tunnel section, we use:

- a) easers
- b) formers
- c) cut holes
- d) chisel's

(#) For highway tunnelling is prepared when the open cut depth exceeds

- a) 10m
- b) 15m
- c) 20 m
- d) 25

# CCA.

# Which of the following is not correct in setting an inclined Tunnel.

- a). Reference points constructed every 300m.
- b). alignment fixed from upper/lower open point.
- c) level of invert marked by a tape.
- d) Reference points are made on tunnel loops
- e) none.

# Borepoling is generally adopted for

- a). soft ground
- b). firm ground
- c). running ground
- d). none

# Concrete lining is provided concurrently with driving operation in case of:

- a) rock terrain
- b) soft rock
- c) running rock
- d) none.

(7)

dark ~~area~~

# ~~open~~ conc of 0.5 to 5 m in working face should not be more than

- a) 200 particle/m<sup>3</sup>
- b) 250 " "
- c) 300 "
- d) 450 "
- e) 400 "



WHO  $\Rightarrow$  PM 2.5 <  $10 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  (annual) is safe  
KTR&SI  $\Rightarrow$  AQI 164

For transporting alignments through shaft, we adopt:

- (i) Hanging two or more plumb lines in the shaft.
  - (ii). Determine the bearing of the plumb lines
  - (iii). Suspending a  $35 \text{ kg}$  <sup>each</sup> plumb line
  - (iv) Immersing both weights in buckets containing water.
- $\Rightarrow$  correct orders is 1 2 3 4

For initial survey the following activities are involved :

- (1) marking portal points with concrete pillars or ground
2. Marking funnel obligatory points on maps.
3. Preliminary setting up the funnel on the maps
4. Drawing lines between fixed obligatory points

Ans  $\Rightarrow$  3 2 4 & 1

In the wooden bulk-head used for marking on steep grade funnels

- 1) one opening is provided
- 2) two openings are provided
- 3) three openings are provided
- 4) no opening is provided

{ Ans : b }

# Railway tunnels are generally

a) polycentric

b) rectangular

c) parabolic

d) circular

Ans: a

Remarks:

Circular funnel  $\Rightarrow$  best for resisting pressure  
more useful for carrying water.

Largest cross-section for the smallest diameter.

Point at bottom of the circular tunnel  
plastered to lay tracks, easy removal.  
brick and concreting.

Q Shape

Purpose

circular

water and sewage

Elliptical

water and sewage

Horseshoe

Roads and rail

Arched roof with vertical walls

" "

Polycentric cross-section

" "

Polycentric: no. of centres and provides  
a sufficient flat base for traffic  
movement.

Rock bolting: stabilizing tunnel rocks similar to post tensioning.

# Pick up the explosive used for tunnelling in soft rock

- a) blasting gelatine
- b) special gelatine
- c) Ammonia dynamite
- d) semi-gelatine

[Ans: c]

# Which of the following method is used for tunnelling in firm ground

- a) Full face method
- b) top heading and benching
- c) drift method
- d) all



# The length of the needle beam used in the method is usually

- a) 2m to 4m
- b) 2.5m to 6m
- c) 4m to 7m
- d) 5m to 6m

[Ans d]

# High pressure grouting is generally done for concreting in the tunnel if rock strata is:

- a) highly fractured
- b) poor
- c) likely to get seepage
- d) All of above

(d)