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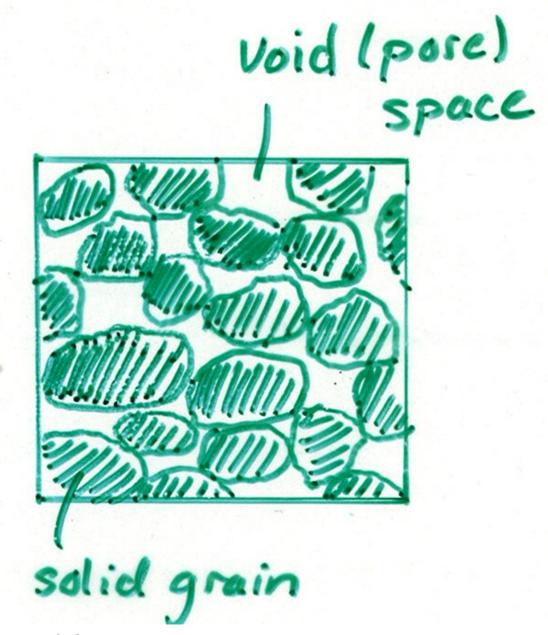
Volume of void space V_p

Volume of solid V_s

Total Volume $V = V_p + V_s$

Porosity

$$\phi = \frac{Vp}{V}$$



a detailed distribution of void (pore) space is not usually measurable

Macroscopic Properties

- porosity (pore volume fraction)
- specific surface area (ratio of solid volume to surface area)
- permeability (ease of fluid flow)
- electrical formation factor (influence of geometry on electrical conductivity)