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### **GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING LABORATORY**

**Experiment No: 01**

**Name of the Experiment:** Field Identification Tests of Fine Grained Soils.

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■ Name of Experiment: Field Identification of soil.

■ Objective:

- (1) classify soils on field.
- (2) Identify and describe the subsoil condition on field.
- (3) Comment on dry strength, Dilatancy, toughness of plastic thread, Dispersion.

■ Scope and Significance:

- (1) All tests are done by visual and physical means and without any specialized laboratory instrument.
- (2) Fine grained (organic and inorganic) soil were tested.
- (3) To assess the nature of a problem that might be encountered in a project immediately, engineers need to perform field identification.
- (4) field identification initially gives an idea about soil before an extensive lab test.

■ Equipment:

- Wash bottle
- Dish
- Wooden hammer
- Spatula
- Beaker
- Staining glass rod.
- $\frac{1}{8}$ " steel rod.

## Data sheet :

color : Grey

odour: None.

Group No : A1

Name of Test	Reaction / Observation	Possible Soil Type	Soil type.
Dry strength	None	Sandy silt.	
Dilatancy on shaking Test.	Rapid	Sandy silt	Sandy silt.
		silt	
		clayey silt	
Plasticity	Low	Sandy silt	
		silt	
		organic silt	
Dispersion	45 sec.	Sandy silt.	
		Sandy clay.	

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Result: Sandy Silt.

Discussion: From dry strength test observed reaction is none. Usually silty sand has very low or no dry strength. It was becoming powder with mere pressure of handling.

From Dilatancy on shaking test water came to the top surface of soil pat rapidly. Sandy silt, silt and clayey silt gives this kind of reaction.

From Plasticity test, reaction found low as the thread can barely be rolled and lump cannot be formed when drier than plastic limit. Sandy silt, silt and organic silt give this reaction usually.

Finally, in Dispersion test it took only 45 sec to be settled in soil water mixture. Sandy silt and sandy clay depict this behaviour.

After Analysing all criteria, it can be conclude that, the soil sample was a silt-sandy silt sample.

As dry strength is none, Dilatancy is rapid and toughness or plasticity is low it's group symbol is ML or Low plastic silt. The color of the soil becoming grey ensure its inorganic origin and no odour ensures no organic presence. This sample is fair to good as subgrade soil.

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**Experiment No: 02**

**Name of the Experiment:** Determination of the specific gravity of soil solids by water pycnometer.

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■ Name of Experiment: Determine the Specific Gravity of soil solids by water Pycnometer.

■ Objective: (1) Find the specific gravity of sample soil solid at existing temperature.

(2) Convert the specific gravity into specific gravity of  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

■ Scope and Significance:

(1) Through this test, specific gravity of soil solid's which particle size is not greater than  $4.75\text{ mm}$  sieve (#4) can be determined.

(2) As water pycnometer is being used, if any soil solid is lighter than water or floats in water than that type of soil's Gs can be measured.

(3) From specific gravity different properties of soil like void ratio, degree of saturation, density of soil etc can be calculated.

Equipment :

- |                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Volumetric flask | 6. Balance           |
| 2. Wash bottle      | 7. Burner/gas stove. |
| 3. Funnel           | 8. Vacuum pump       |
| 4. Pipet            | 9. Oven              |
| 5. Can              | 10. Thermometer.     |

Data Table :

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Specific Gravity Test.Group-1

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Data Table.

Weight of Bottle (gm)	100.1
Wt of Bottle+Dry Soil (gm)	152.3
Wt of Soil, $W_s$ (gm)	52.2
Wt of Bottle+Water+Soil, $W_1$ (gm)	377.5
Wt of Bottle + Water, $W_2$ (gm)	351.4
Room Temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	30

From chart,

$$\text{specific gravity of water } (G_w)_{20^\circ} = 0.9982$$

$$\text{specific gravity of water } (G_w)_{30} = 0.9957$$

$$G_s \text{ at } 20^\circ\text{C} = 1.99$$

■ Sample Calculation:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Weight of Soil, } W_s &= (\text{Wt of Bottle + Dry Soil}) - (\text{Wt of Bottle}) \\ &= (152.3 - 100.1) \text{ gm} \\ &= 52.2 \text{ gm.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} G_s \text{ at } 20^\circ\text{C} &= \frac{W_s}{W_s - W_1 + W_2} \times \frac{(G_w)_{30}}{(G_w)_{20}} \\ &= \frac{52.2}{52.2 - 377.5 + 351.4} \times \frac{0.9957}{0.9982} \\ &= 1.99. \end{aligned}$$

■ Result:

$$G_s \text{ at } 20^\circ\text{C} = 1.99.$$

■ Discussion: From experimental result the specific gravity of test sample is 1.99 which is generally a lower value of soil's specific gravity. It is because usually soil that is

adun abundant in nature, inorganic soil holds a range of 2.60 to 2.80. Specific gravity falls under 2.60 when the soil contains two too much organic component of particles are porous in nature such as diatomaceous earth. It may fall up to 2.00. As, found  $G_{vs}$  is 1.99, it is evident, experimental soil sample is containing either excessive organic matters or porous material.



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**Experiment No: 03**

**Name of the Experiment:** Determination of particle size distribution (gradation) of soil using sieve analysis.

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■ Name of Experiment: Particle-Size Distribution (Gradation) of soils using Sieve Analysis.

■ Objective: (1) Plot a gradation curve in semilog paper for the tested soil sample.

(2) Determine the particle percentage of 'clay', 'silt', and 'sand' using ASTM and MIT Textural classification from gradation curve.

(3) Determine  $D_{10}$ ,  $D_{30}$  and  $D_{60}$  from graph and calculate Coefficient of Uniformity,  $C_u$  and Coefficient of gradation,  $C_c$ .

■ Scope and Significance.

(1) For gradation of particles larger than 0.075 mm this test method is used.

(2) From gradation  $C_u$ ,  $C_c$  can be found and using this classification is made.

(3) With variation and different proportion of particles engineering property is determined so gradation is required.

**Equipment:**

1. #4, #8, #16, #30, #50, #100, #200 sieve.
2. Pan
3. Brush
4. Container
5. Spoon
6. Bowl
7. Balance
8. Sieve shakers.

**Data Table:**

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Weight of sample: 499.99 gm

Data Table.

Sieve No	Wt of container (gm)	Wt of container + Soil (gm)	Wt of Soil Retained (gm)	Percent of Soil Retained	Cumulative Percent Retained	Percent Fine
4	55	111.04	56.04	11	11	89
8	56	148.28	92.28	18	29	71
16	57	132.90	75.9	15	44	56
30	54	90.63	36.63	7	51	49
50	55	57.08	2.08	1	52	48
100	56	110.31	54.31	11	63	37
200	57	156.31	99.31	20	83	17
PAN			83.44	17	100	0

■ Sample calculation:

For sieve #4,

-Weight of container = 55 gm.

-Wt of container + soil = 111.04 gm

$$\begin{aligned} \text{-Wt of Soil Retained} &= (111.04 - 55) \text{ gm} \\ &= 56.04 \text{ gm.} \end{aligned}$$

similarly, calculation for #8, #16, #30, #50, #100 and #200 is done.

Total weight of sample = 499.99 gm.

$$\therefore \text{Percent retained in } \#4 = \frac{56.04}{499.99} \times 100\% \\ = 11\%.$$

similarly calculation for other sieves are done.

For any sieve,

cumulative percent retained = sum of percent of soil retained from #4 to that sieve.

i.e. cumulative percent retained at #100

$$= 11 + 18 + 15 + 7 + 1 + 11 = 63$$

Percent Finer = 100 - Cumulative Percent Retained.

for example, at #30, Percent finer = 100 - 51 = 49.

From Graph,

effective size,  $D_{10} = 0.066 \text{ mm}$ .

(As the graph ended above (0.075 mm) 10% finer  
 $D_{10}$  is obtained by visual and manual analysis).

$$D_{30} = 0.11 \text{ mm}$$

$$D_{60} = 1.5 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Coefficient of uniformity, } Cu = \frac{D_{60}}{D_{10}} = \frac{1.5}{0.066} \\ = 22.72.$$

$$\text{Coefficient of gradation, } C_c = \frac{D_{30}^2}{D_{60} \cdot D_{10}}$$

$$= \frac{0.11^2}{1.5 \times 0.066}$$

$$= 0.122.$$

Graph : Attached

Result:

$D_{10} = 0.066 \text{ mm}$ , 10% particle finer than  $D_{10}$

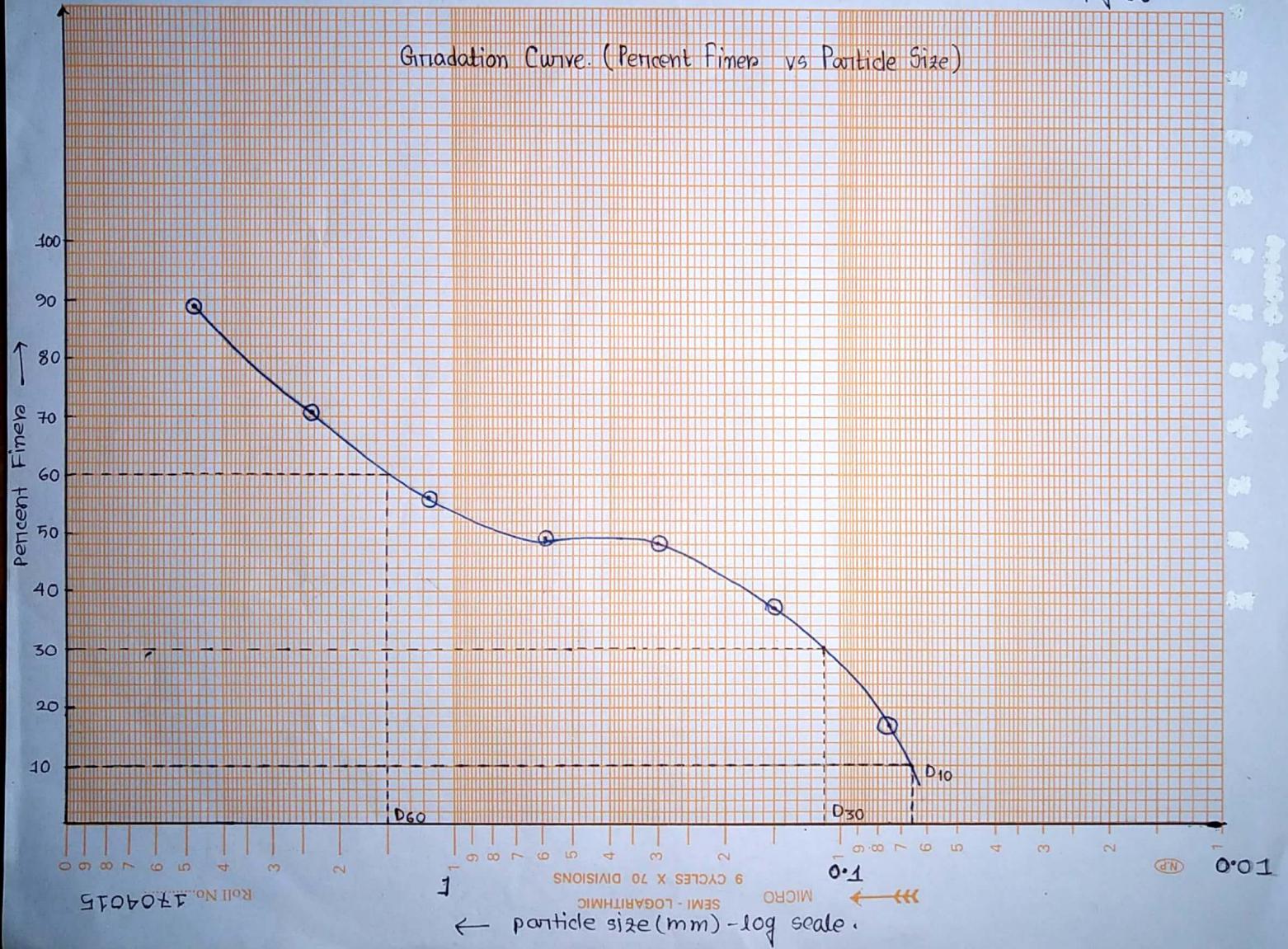
$D_{30} = 0.11 \text{ mm}$ , 30% particle finer than  $D_{30}$

$D_{60} = 1.5 \text{ mm}$ , 60% particle finer than  $D_{60}$ .

Graph:

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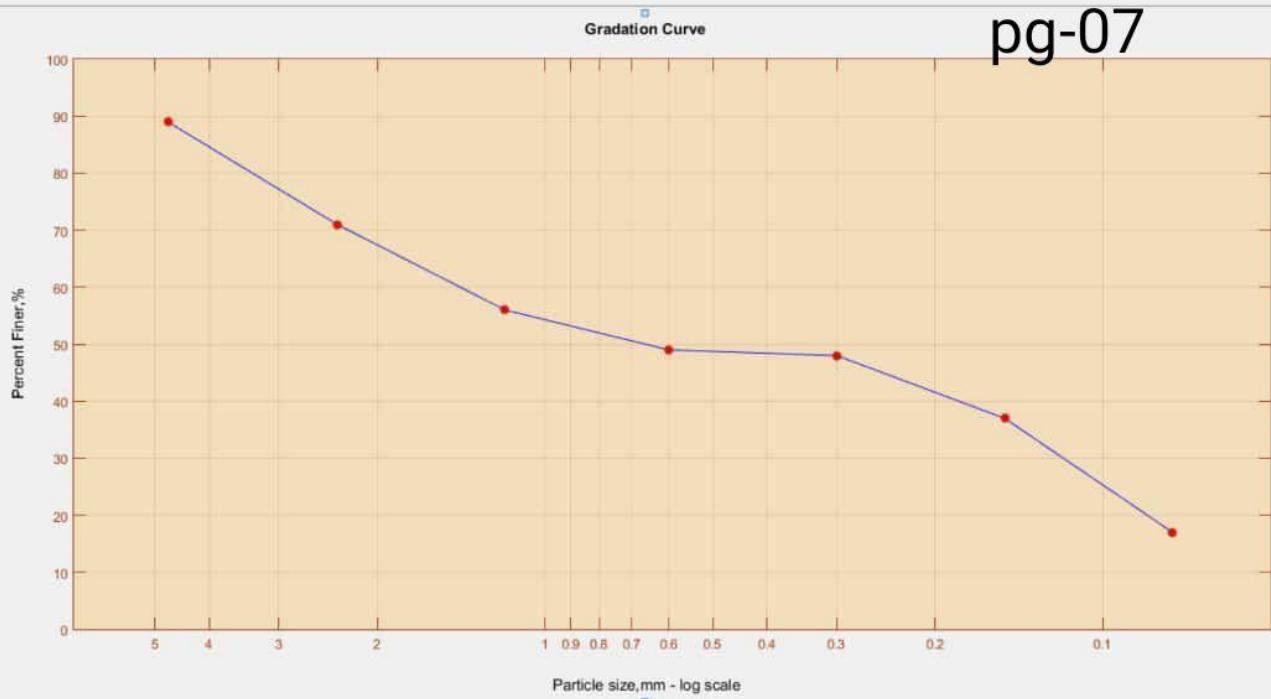
Gradation Curve. (Percent Finers vs Particle Size)



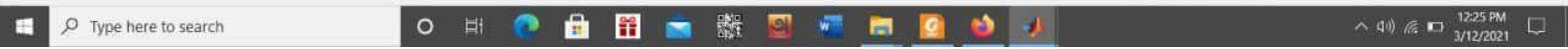
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### ■ Discussion :

According to ASTM textual classification, (1967) particles coarser than 4.75 mm are considered as gravel and particles finer than 0.075 mm are considered as fines (silt and clay). Between this range particles are considered sand. Therefore, as 11% particles are coarser than 4.75 mm and 17% particles are finer than 0.075 mm 72% of soil particle is sand. So, this is a sample of sand. Again, as more than 32% particles are finer, depending on the size of fine particles it can be called silty sand or clayey sand according to ASTM.

On the other hand, particle's size equal to 2mm or greater is considered as gravel and in between 2mm and 0.06 mm are considered sand according to MIT, 1931 textual classification. From gradation curve, 44% particles are coarser than 2 mm and  $(100 - 44 - 8)$  or 48% particles are in between 2.0mm and 0.06 mm. Only 8% soil is finer

than 0.06mm of which is considered silt. As the sample mainly contains sand along with a good proportion of gravel, it is gravelly sand according to soil classification by MIT, 1931.

In general, from this sand sample different soil parameters found as follows,

$$D_{10} = 0.066\text{ mm}, C_u = 22.72 \text{ and } C_c = 0.122.$$

$D_{10}$ , also known as effective parameter is not only important to calculate  $C_u, C_c$  but also significant for determining various soil properties such as liquid limit, plasticity index, unconfined compressive strength etc.

For, sand  $C_u \geq 6$  implies that it is a well graded sand and  $1 \leq C_c \leq 3$  indicates well gradation. But, from experimental data though  $C_u > 6$ ,  $C_c < 1$  means gradation is poor. So, the gradation is not well or very poor instead it's nearly well graded but few particle size is missing.

This become evident from gradation curve for the sample. Usually, well graded gradation curve extends over a large number of particle size and slope is moderate. But, for the sample's gradation curve, it is almost horizontal in between #30 and #50 sized particles. Also, from data sheet, percent retain in #50 sieve is only or 1% of total soil. Others than this, gradation curve is moderately sloped and extends over a wide range (0.075mm to 4.75mm). So, the sand is not perfectly well graded, the gap of intermediate sized particles made it similar like gap gradation.



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**Experiment No: 04**

**Name of the Experiment: Hydrometer Analysis of Soil.**

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□ Name of the experiment: Hydrometer Analysis of soil.

□ Objective:

(1) Determine the grain size distribution of fine grained soil.

(2) Determine the percentage of different grain sizes for soil passing through #200.

□ Scope and significance:

(1) particles which can't be graded in sieve analysis will be graded in this method.

(2) For classifying fine grained soil.

□ Equipment:

1. Balance

12. Dispersing agent

2. Measuring cylinders (100 mL)

(Sodium hexametaphosphate)

3. Mixing pot

4. Dish

5. Spoon

6. 152 H Hydrometer

7. Mixer

8. Control cylinders (1000mL)

9. Sedimentation cylinders (1000mL)

10. Stop watch

11. Wash bottle

12. Rubber stoppers

Data table:

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Wt of Sample (gms) (W <sub>s</sub> )	Specific Gravity (G <sub>s</sub> )	zero connection (C <sub>R</sub> )	Miniscus connection (cm)	Elapsed Time (min)	Room Temp. (°C)	Hydrometer Reading (Ra)	connection factor for different Sp. Gravity	Temp. after correction	Reading after miniscus correction (R <sub>L</sub> )	connected reading	Value of K	Effective depth	Particle size, D (mm)	Percent finer (P)
55	2.55	4	1	0.25	30	53	1.02	+3.80	54	53.8	0.01256	1.498	0.0687	100
				0.5	30	51		+3.80	52	51.8	0.01256	1.824	0.04%	96
				1	30	47		+3.80	48	47.8	0.01256	3.476	0.0365	89
				2	30	43		+3.80	44	43.8	0.01256	9.128	0.0268	81
				4	30	38		+3.80	39	38.8	0.01256	9.943	0.0198	72
				8	30	32		+3.80	33	32.8	0.01256	10.921	0.0146	61
				15	31	28		+4.65	29	29.65	0.01243	11.573	0.0109	55
				30	31	24		+4.65	25	25.65	0.01243	12.225	0.0079	48
				60	31	21		+4.65	22	22.65	0.01243	12.714	0.0057	42
				120	31	19		+4.65	20	20.65	0.01243	13.04	0.0041	38
				24 hr	29	13		+3.05	14	13.05	0.01256	14.018	0.0012	24
				48 hr	32	11		+5.6	12	13.6	0.01231	14.344	0.0008	25
				72 hr	33	10		+6.65	10	13.65	0.01219	14.67	0.0007	25

Sample calculation :

Connection factors,  $\alpha = 1.65 G_s / 2.65 (G_s - 1)$   
for Sp. Gravity

$$= 1.65 \times 2.55 / 2.65 (2.55 - 1) \\ = 1.02$$

Connected reading,  $R_c = R_a + C_m - C_R \pm C_T$

for example,  $R_c = 53 + 1 - 4 + 3.80 \\ = 53.8.$

$$K = \sqrt{\frac{30 \times \eta}{980 (G_s - G_L)}} \quad (\text{values obtained from table})$$

effective Depth =  $16.3 - 0.163 R_L -$

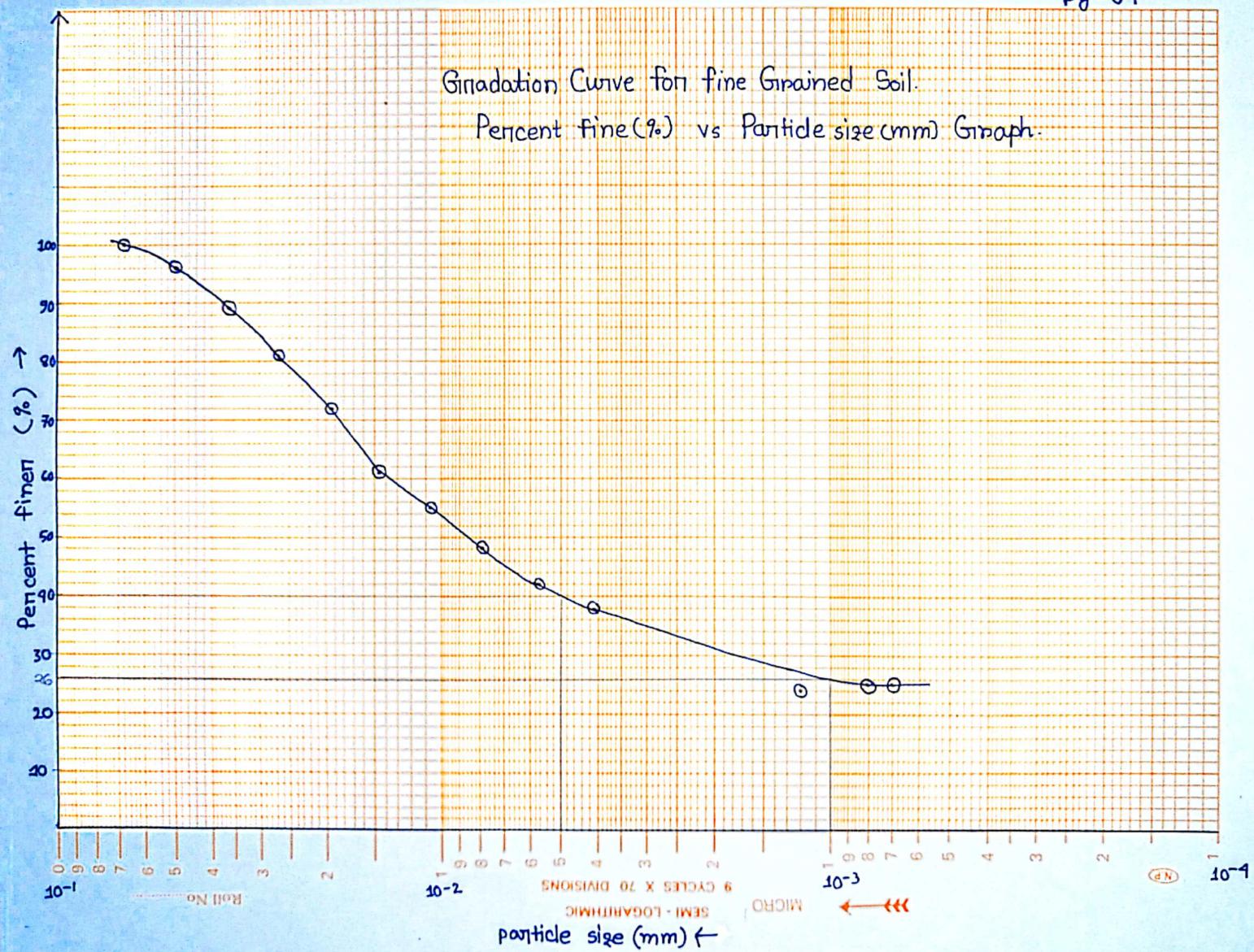
for example,  $L_1 = 16.3 - 0.163 \times 54 = 7.498$

$$\text{particle size, } D(\text{mm}) = K \times \sqrt{\frac{L(\text{cm})}{T(\text{min})}} \\ = 0.01256 \times \sqrt{\frac{7.498}{0.25}} \\ = 0.0687 \text{ mm.}$$

$$\text{Percent finers (P)} = \frac{R_c - a}{W} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{53.8 \times 1.02}{55} \times 100 \\ = 99.77\% \approx 100\%$$

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Result: Well graded.

Discussion: From experimental data, Percent finer(%) vs particle size(mm) graph has been plotted on a semi-log graph paper. Thus a 'S' shaped curve has been found. This shape implies the gradation is well.

According to ASTM classification, ranges for sand, silt, clay and colloids are 0.075mm to 4.75mm, 0.005mm to 0.075mm, 0.001mm to 0.005mm and smaller than 0.001mm respectively. From experimental data 100% is finer than 0.075mm so no soil sand particle is present. Around 40% is finer than 0.005mm (from graph). Therefore, 60% particles are in between 0.005mm to 0.075 mm, i.e. 60% silt is present.

Also, from graph, 26% soil particle is finer than 0.001mm. So, (100 - 26 - 60) or, 14% particles are clay as they fall in between 0.001mm to 0.005.

And finally (100-60-14) or. 26% particles of the soil sample are edloids.

Though the soil sample has higher percentage of silt than clay, the classification can't be made right away as classification of fine grained soil depends on other parameters like liquid limit, plasticity index and some others. But, a rough estimation about soil nature will be found from the gradation curve which will help to assess it for the purpose.

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**Experiment No: 04**

**Name of the Experiment:** Atterberg Limit Test.

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■ Name of Experiment: Atterberg Limit test.

■ Objective:

- (1) Determine Liquid limit of sample soil.
- (2) Determine Plastic limit of sample soil.
- (3) Determine shrinkage limit of sample soil.
- (4) Determine plasticity index of sample soil.
- (5) Determine flow index of sample soil.
- (6) Determine toughness index of sample soil.

■ Scope and significance:

- (1) Atterberg limit test is conducted ~~part~~ for particle passing through #40 sieve.
- (2) As soil behaviour changes with the change of water content these limits are important to assess the soil quality.

■ Equipments:

- (1) Casagrande's Apparatus
- (2) Grooving tool
- (3) Glass plate
- (4)  $\frac{1}{8}$ " dia rod
- (5) mercury
- (6) shrinkage dish.

## Data Table:

## Liquid Limit.

No. of Blows	17	20	24	31	35
Wt. container(gm)	7.3	7	7.4	11.3	7.5
Wt of container+ Wet soil (gm)	24.11	26.1	26.2	34.9	19.4
Wt of container+ Dry soil (gm)	18.9	20.3	20.6	28.1	16.1
Wt of water (gm)	5.21	5.8	5.6	6.8	3.3
Wt of Dry soil (gm)	11.6	13.3	13.2	16.8	8.6
Water content. (%)	45	44	42	40	38

## Plastic Limit.

Wt. container(gm)	6.9	7.3
Wt container+ Wet soil(gm)	16.6	19.6
Wt of container+ Dry soil (gm)	14	16.4
Wt of water(gm)	2.6	3.2
Wt of Dry soil(gm)	7.1	9.1
Water content(%)	37	35.

## Shrinkage limit.

Wt of Dish (gm)	28.2
Wt of Dish + Wet soil (gm)	54
Wt of Dish + dry soil (gm)	45.8
Wt of Dry soil pat (gm)	17.6
Wt of displaced mercury (gm)	167.1
Vol of displaced mercury (cc)	12.29
Vol of Dish (cc)	15.00
Vol of dry soil pat (cc)	12.3
Shrinkage limit (%)	32

## Deliverables

Liquid Limit (%)	42
Plastic Limit (%)	36
Shrinkage Limit (%)	32
Plasticity Index.	6
Flow Index	22.5
Toughness Index.	0.31

Sample calculation:

from graph,

water content at 25 blows = 42%

$$\text{Flow index } If = - \frac{w_1 - w_2}{\log_{10} \left( \frac{N_1}{N_2} \right)}$$

$$= \frac{-(42 - 39)}{\log \left( \frac{25}{34} \right)}$$

$$= 22.5$$

$$\text{Plastic limit} = \frac{37+35}{2} = 36.$$

$$\text{initial water content } w = \frac{54 - 45.8}{17.6} \times 100 \\ = 46.59 \\ \approx 47\%$$

$$\text{initial volume} = \frac{204}{13.6} = 15 \text{ cc.} = V$$

$$\text{volume of dry soil pat} = \frac{167.1}{13.6} = 12.3 \text{ cc.} = V_0$$

$$\text{shrinkage limit} = w - \frac{(V - V_0)}{M_0} \rho_w \times 100 \\ = 47 - \frac{(15 - 12.3)}{47.6} \times 1 \times 100 \\ = 31.66 \approx 32$$

$$\text{Toughness number, } I_t = \frac{PI}{If} = \frac{42 - 36}{22.5} = 0.311$$

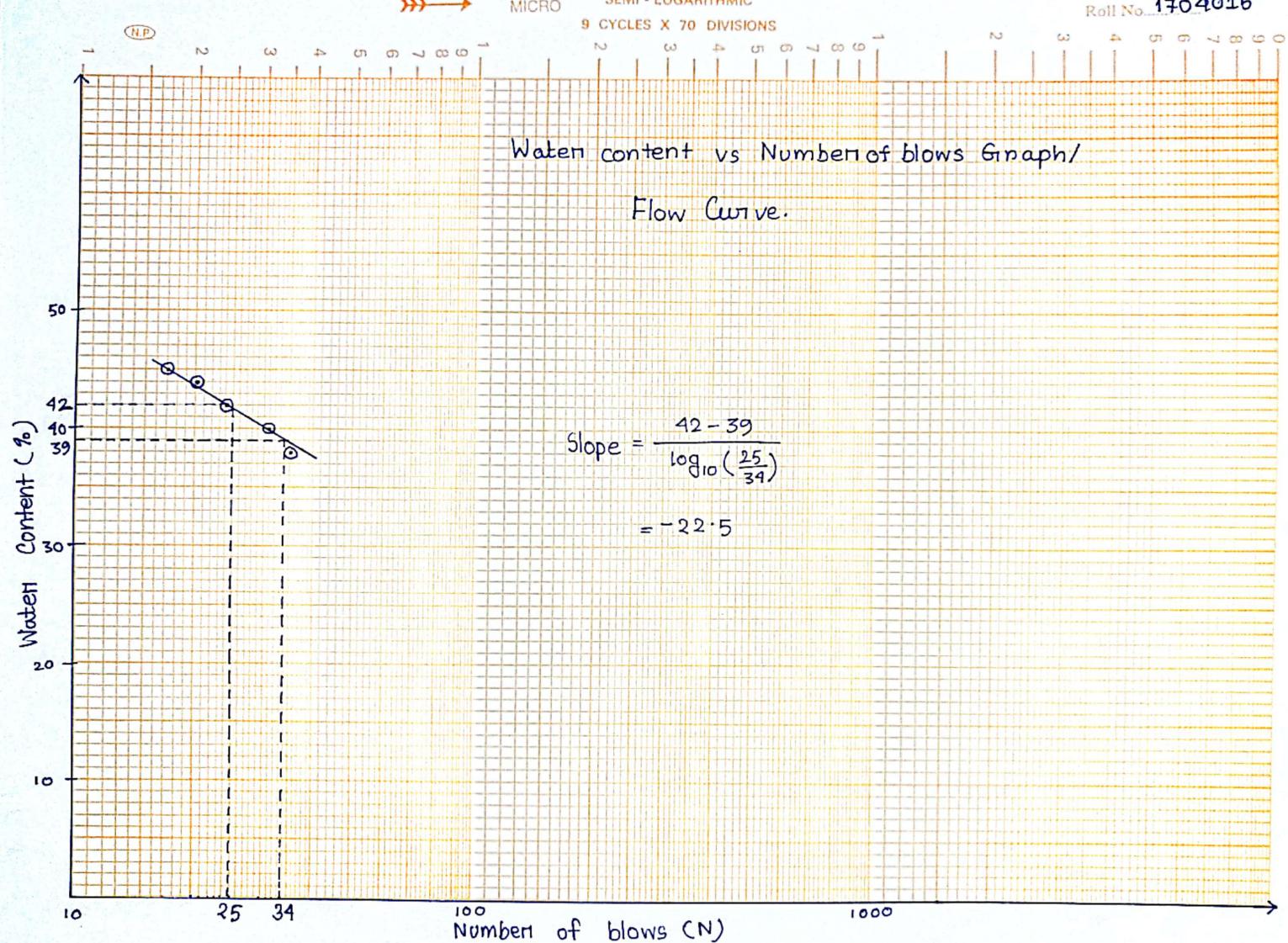
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Water content vs Number of blows Graph/  
Flow Curve.

$$\text{Slope} = \frac{42 - 39}{\log_{10}\left(\frac{25}{34}\right)} \\ = -22.5$$



Result :

$$LL = 42, PL = 35, SL = 32, PI = 7,$$

$$FI = 22.5, TI = 31.$$

Discussion: From experimental data of Liquid Limit, a water percentage vs number of blows graph known as flow curve is plotted. As water content decreases, soil become stiffer and require more blow to close of minimum length 12mm. Therefore the semi-log plot is a downward going straight line.

From graph, numbers of blows water content corresponding to 25 blows is 42 and therefore is the liquid limit of soil sample according to Cassagnande's method.

Plastic limit found 35 as  $\frac{1}{8}$ " soil thread starts to crumble at 35% moisture content.

from  $LL = 42$  and  $PL = 35$  plasticity index found  $42 - 35 = 7$

As Liquid Limit is less than 50, the soil sample is low plastic soil. From plastic chart, putting the value of LL in eqn of 'A' line,  $PI = 0.73(LL - 20) = 16.06$  But, PI for experimental sample found 6 implies that it is below a line. Therefore, soil is Low plastic silt.

Also, from graph the negative slope of flow curve is 22.5 which is flow index. From flow index and plasticity index toughness index found 0.31 which is less than 1. This value implies that the soil is friable that means can easily be crushed at plastic limit.

As the plasticity index is very low, it implies the soil sample have very low plasticity and quickly shift from semisolid state to liquid state. As the sample found to be silt, it is low plastic silt.

The shrinkage limit found to be 32 implies that at 32% water content the soil is fully saturated and have minimum volume. After that if the soil is dried only the water weight will be reduced by the volume will be filled by air. As the shrinkage limit is high the degree of shrinkage will be,  $\frac{2.71}{15.00} \times 100\%$  or 18% is high also. High degree of shrinkage implies that the soil sample is very poor.



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**Experiment No: 05**

**Name of the Experiment:** Determination of relative density of soil sample.

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**Name of Experiment:** Determination of relative density using a vibrating table.

**Objective:** (1) Determine the relative density of field soil sample.

(2) Also determine minimum and maximum index density at Lab.

**Scope and Significance:**

(1) In this experiment, the relative density of cohesionless, free draining soils are determined using vibratory table.

(2) Relative density is measured to assess the compactness of a soil of given mass.

(3) Different engineering property like strength, compressibility, and permeability varies with different relative density.

**Equipment:** Vibrating Table, Mold Assembly consisting of standard mold, collar, surcharge base plate, surcharge weights, surcharge base plate handle, Balance, scoop, straightedge.

Data Table:

Height of Mold : 6 inch = 15.24 cm

Diameter of Mold : 6 inch = 15.24 cm.

Volume of Mold : 2780 cm<sup>3</sup>

Date : 24/03/2021.

Performed by: A1 - Group 1.

Loosest State

No of obs	Wt of mold + soil (gm)	Wt of mold (gm)	Wt of soil (gm)	Density (gm/cc)	Avg. Density (gm/cc)
1	9910	5910	4000	1.43	
2	9900	5910	3990	1.43	1.43
3	9920	5910	4010	1.44	

Densest State.

No of obs	Wt of mold + soil (gm)	Wt of mold (gm)	Wt of soil (gm)	Density (gm/cc)	Avg Density (gm/cc)
1	10530	5910	4620	1.66	1.66

Sample calculation:

For loosest state, Obs 1,

Weight of mud + soil (gm) = 9910

Weight of mud (gm) = 5910

$$\therefore \text{Wt of soil} = 9910 - 5910 = 4000 \text{ gm.}$$

$$\therefore \text{Density} = 4000 \div 2780 = 1.43 \text{ gm/cc.}$$

similarly, density for other observations are found.

$$\text{Finally, Avg density} = \frac{1.43+1.43+1.44}{3} = 1.43 \text{ gm/cc.}$$

similarly density for densest state is calculated.

$$\text{Now, minimum index density, } \rho_{d,\min} = 1.43 \text{ gm/cc.}$$

$$\text{maximum index density, } \rho_{d,\max} = 1.66 \text{ gm/cc.}$$

$$\text{Specific gravity, } G_s = 2.65 \quad \rho_w = 1 \text{ gm/cc.}$$

$\therefore$  minimum index void ratio,

$$e_{\min} = \frac{\rho_w G_s}{\rho_{d,\max}} - 1$$

$$= \frac{1 \times 2.65}{1.66} - 1 = 0.596$$

and, maximum index void ratio,

$$e_{\max} = \frac{\rho_w G_s}{\rho_{d,\max}} - 1 = \frac{1 \times 2.65}{1.43} - 1 = 0.853$$

$\therefore$  Relative density ,

$$D_d = \frac{e_{max} - e}{e_{max} - e_{min}}$$

where,  $e$  = void ratio of natural state of soil.

$$e = \frac{\rho_s}{\rho_d} - 1$$

$\rho_d$  = density of soil at field condition =  $1.53 \text{ gm/cc}$ .

$$\therefore e = \frac{\rho_w G_s}{\rho_d} - 1 = \frac{1 \times 2.65}{1.53} - 1 = 0.732$$

$$\therefore D_d = \frac{0.853 - 0.732}{0.853 - 0.596} \times 100\% \\ = 47\%$$

Result: Relative density  $D_d = 47\%$ .

### Discussion:

From experimental data, minimum index void ratio found in Laboratory is 0.596. That implies amount of void volume is 59.6% of solid volume. As laboratory follows some standard weight and vibratory method to reduce void, this minimum value of void ratio may vary from procedure to procedure. Infact in field condition it may be less than that found in Laboratory and as a result relative density may become more than 100%.

Maximum void ratio found in Laboratory is 0.853 that implies 85.3% of void volume is equal to void volume. To find this sand was packed as loosely as possible. So, technically in field void ratio can't be more than this. So, maximum field void ratio will be equal to that at laboratory and thus relative density can be minimum 0%.

Relative density found for field soil is 47%. As it's within 35-65% range, it is a

medium dense soil sample. That's why it can't be densified further. implies that its compressibility is moderate. Also, it has been moderately compacted.



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**Experiment No: 06**

**Name of the Experiment:** Soil Compaction Test.

<b>Date of Performance:</b>  <b>02/06/2021</b>	<b>Name:</b> Moriom Akter  <b>Student No.:</b> 1704015
<b>Date of Submission:</b>  <b>09/06/2021</b>	<b>Level-3 Term-1</b>  <b>Section:</b> A  <b>Group:</b> 1

■ Name of the experiment: Soil Compaction Test.

■ Objective:

- (1) Plot a dry density vs water content or moisture content graph in plain graph paper.
- (2) Determine the optimum moisture content from graph.
- (3) Plot a zero air void curve in the same graph.

■ Scope and Significance:

- (1) The test will be carried out in standard proctor test method.
- (2) From this experiment the optimum moisture content to be maintained in field can be determined for a specified compactive effort.
- (3) Compaction is required to maintain stability of the soil for structure to be made on that.
- (4) To meet the design specification, the field soil needs to be compacted to a desired degree.

**Equipment :**

- (1) Molds
- (2) Manual hammer.
- (3) Extruder
- (4) Balance
- (5) Drying oven.
- (6) Mixing pan
- (7) two trowel
- (8) Moisture cans.
- (9) Graduated cylinder.
- (10) straight edge.

**Data Table.**

$$\text{Volume of mold} = \pi \times \left(\frac{10.16}{2}\right)^2 \times 11.64 \text{ cc}$$

$$= 943.7 \text{ cc.}$$

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Group	1	2	3	4	5	6
Wt of can(gm)	8.2	8.6	8.4	8.7	9.1	7.7
Wt of can + wet soil (gm)	43.8	43.5	43.7	44	44.2	43.5
Wt of can + dry soil (gm)	40.7	40.6	40	40.1	39.6	38.8
Moisture content	9.54	9.06	11.71	12.42	15.08	15.11
Avg. moisture content	9.30	12.07		15.10	18.69	21.13
Wt of mold (gm)	4160	4160	4160	4160	4160	4160
Wt of mold + compacted soil (gm)	5840	5970	6050	5900	5770	5700
Wt of compacted soil (gm)	1680	1810	1890	1740	1610	1540
Wt density (gm/cc)	1.78	1.92	2.00	1.89	1.71	1.63
Dry density (gm/cc)	1.63	1.71	1.74	1.55	1.41	1.31
Specific gravity	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
Dry density at zero air void (gm/cc)	2.15	2.04	1.92	1.79	1.72	1.63
std Max dry density gm/cc	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75
field dry density (gm/cc)	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68
percent compaction	96.1	96.3	96.5	96.3	96.1	96.3

Sample calculation:

$$\text{moisture content} = \frac{44.2 - 39.6}{39.6 - 9.1} \times 100\% \\ = 15.08\%$$

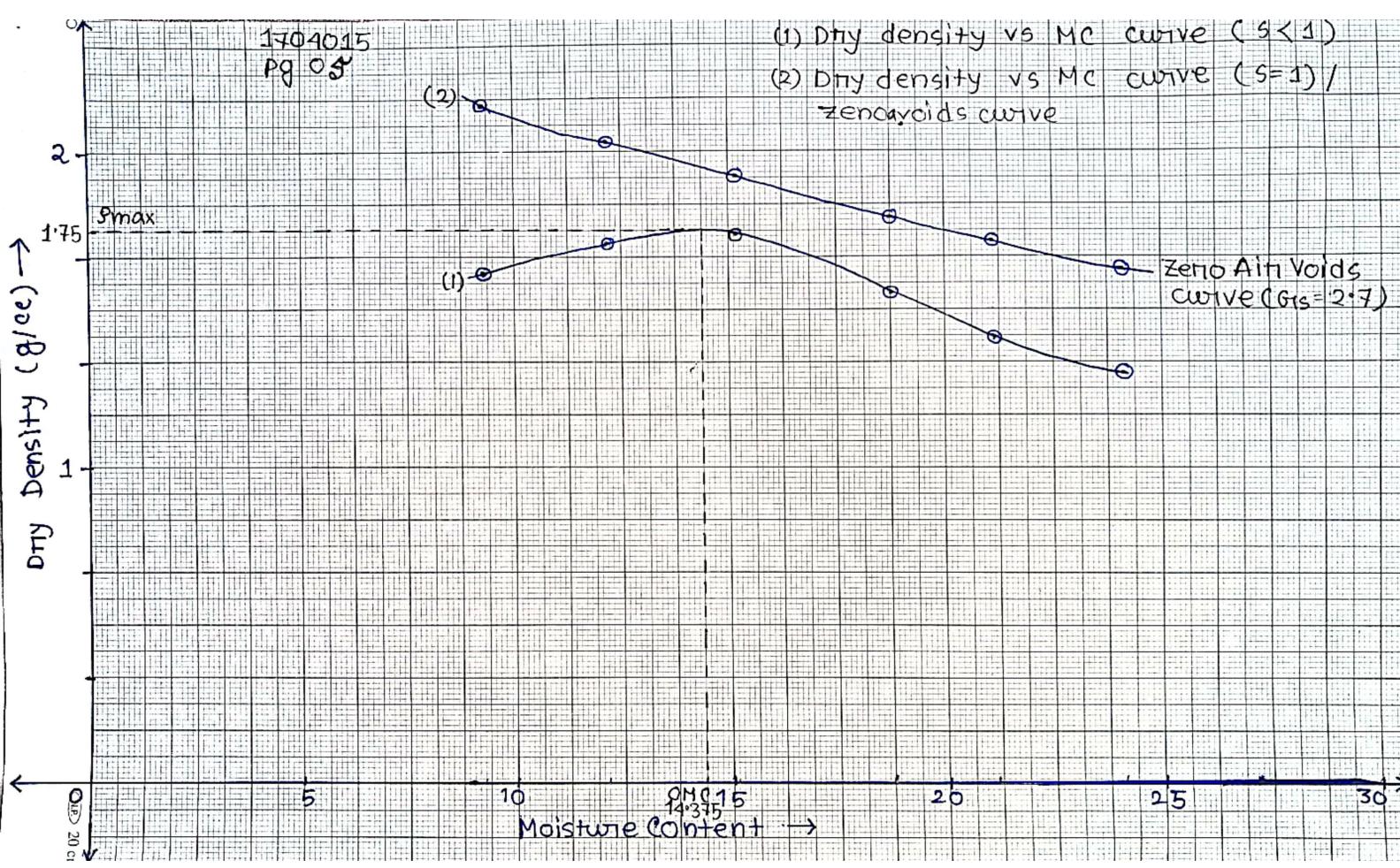
similarly other mc is calculated.

$$\text{Wet density (gm/cc)} = \frac{\text{wet mass}}{\text{volume of mold used}} \\ = \frac{1890}{943.7} = 2.00 \text{ gm/cc}$$

$$\text{Dry density, } \rho_d = \frac{s}{1+w} \\ = \frac{2.00}{1+0.151} = 1.74 \text{ gm/cc.}$$

$$\text{Dry density at zero air void, } \rho_{d(zav)} = \frac{s_w}{\left( \frac{w}{100} + \frac{1}{G_s} \right)} \\ = \frac{1}{\left( \frac{15.1}{100} + \frac{1}{2.7} \right)} \\ = 1.92 \text{ gm/cc.}$$

$$\text{percent compaction} = \frac{1.68}{1.74} \times 100\% \\ = 96.55\%$$



**Result :**

Optimum moisture content = 14.375 %.

at that MC  $\rho_{max} = 1.75 \text{ gm/cc}$ .

Degree of compaction at field = 96 %.

**Discussion:** From experimental data optimum moisture content is 14.375. implies that wet water content to dry soil ratio is 14.375 the dry density of the soil is maximum and found 1.75 gm/cc. The value for  $\rho_{dry}$  can't be greater than this.

The graph for dry density vs mc data for not 100% saturated soil is a upward convex curve and the peak gave OMC and  $P_{max}$  respectively.

The left side of this ~~eff~~ curve is dry side of OMC and here addition of water content acts as lubricant's and thus help soil particle to be more compact. After certain water content the sample reaches OMC.

When water content is added below OMC the  $\delta_{dry}$  decreases. As  $\delta_{dry}$  can't be greater than  $\delta_{dry(max)}$  the additional water takes the spaces of soil and thus increasing void content decrease the dry density.

From graphical representation + on left of OMC  $\delta_{dry}$  is 1.63 gm/cc at 9.30% w.c. but beyond OMC it even decreases to 1.31 at 24.18% w.c.

The typical values of maximum dry density are around 1.6 to 2.0 gm/cc and value found from experiment 1.75 is within this range. Also typical water content for  $\delta_{max}$  is 10-20% whereas from experiment is found 14.375 also it satisfies the range.

The zero air voids curve lies above the first graph as dry density is maximum in zero air void curve. Therefore, it can be concluded say the carried out experiment is satisfactory.

But the ~~max~~ fields dry density found  $1.68 \text{ gm/cc}$  which is 96% of laboratory's  $\gamma_{\text{max}}$ . Usually, laboratory's  $\gamma_{\text{max}}$  is not achievable in field but 5% deviation is allowed. Therefore, the field compaction is satisfactory if requirement allows 5% deviation.

This test was conducted for constant energy. If energy was increased the whole graph would shift left-up and if decreased then the movement would be right-down. But this is beyond the scope of this experiment.



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**Experiment No: 06**

**Name of the Experiment: Falling Head Permeability Test.**

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Name of experiment: Falling head permeability test.

Objective:

(1) Determine hydraulic conductivity or coefficient of permeability for soil sample at experiment temperature.

(2) Report coefficient of permeability ( $K$ ) at  $20^\circ C$ .  
Temperature.

(3) Plot  $K$  vs  $\frac{e^3}{1+e}$ ,  $K$  vs  $\frac{e^2}{1+e}$  and  $K$  vs  $e^2$  in normal scale in the same graph paper,  
where,  $e$  = void ratio.

(4) Plot  $e$  vs  $\log K$  in semilog graph paper.

Scope and Significance:

(1) Falling head permeability test is conducted for fine grained soil usually. But for demonstration purpose coarse grained soil is used in this experiment.

(2) To estimate seepage water flow under dam, retaining wall etc 'K' is measured.

(3) To approximate ground water flow 'K' is also measured.

- (4) Rate of consolidation depends on permeability of soil.
- (5) To calculate uplift pressure and piping coefficient of permeability is necessary.

由 Equipment and Apparatus:

- (1) Dry and clean sand
- (2) Wash bottle
- (3) Measuring cylinders
- (4) Spoon
- (5) Filter papers
- (6) A permeameter
- (7) stopwatch.

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Data Table:Permeability test.

Group: 4.

Specific Gravity,  $G_s = 2.7$ .

$$t_0 = 100 \quad t_1 = 50$$

Weight of Dry Soil used,  $w_s$  in g = 455.

Permeameters:

Diameter, D = 6.35 cm

$$\text{Area, } A = 31.67 \text{ cm}^2$$

Standpipe:

Diameter, d = 0.8 cm

$$\text{Area, } a = 0.503 \text{ cm}^2$$

No	Sample Length L (cm)	Temp. T (°C)	Elapsed time in sec for flow from		Permeability at T °C K in cm/sec	Permeability at 20°C, K <sub>20</sub> μ/s	Void Ratio e	$e^2$	$\frac{e^2}{1+e}$	$\frac{e^3}{1+e}$
			$t_0$ to $\sqrt{t_0 t_1}$	$t_0$ to $t_1$						
1	9.0	25°	5.36	9.75	0.0185	16.4	0.863	0.745	0.4	0.345
2	9.0	25°	5.36	9.75	0.00924	8.2	0.863	0.745	0.400	0.345
3	9.0	25°	5.36	9.75	0.0113	100	0.863	0.745	0.400	0.345
4	9.4	25°	6.5	13.15	0.00787	7.0	0.788	0.621	0.347	0.274
5	9.4	25°	6.5	13.15	0.00996	7.1	0.788	0.621	0.347	0.274
6	9.4	25°	6.5	13.15	0.00778	6.9	0.788	0.621	0.347	0.274
7	10.5	25°	9.25	17.01	0.0068	6.0	0.512	0.262	0.173	0.089
8	10.5	25°	9.25	17.01	0.00625	5.5	0.512	0.262	0.173	0.089
9	10.5	25°	9.25	17.01	0.00745	6.6	0.512	0.262	0.173	0.089

By sample calculation:

$$h_0 = 100 \quad h_1 = 50$$

$$\alpha = 0.503 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{h_1 h_0} = 70.71.$$

$$A = 31.67 \text{ cm}^2$$

time to reach  $h_0$  to  $\sqrt{h_1 h_0}$ ,  $t_1$  =

for 1, 2, 3  $t_1 = 5.36 \text{ s}$ ; 4, 5, 6  $t_1 = 6.5 \text{ s}$ ; 7, 8, 9  $t_1 = 9.25 \text{ s}$

time to reach  $\sqrt{h_1 h_0}$  to  $h_1$ ,  $t_2$ .

for 1, 2, 3,  $t_2 = 9.75 - 5.36 = 4.39 \text{ s}$ .

& 4, 5, 6  $t_2 = 13.15 - 6.5 = 6.65 \text{ s}$

7, 8, 9.  $t_2 = 17.01 - 9.25 = 7.76 \text{ s}$

time to reach  $h_0$  to  $h_1$ ,  $t$

for 1, 2, 3  $t = 9.75 \text{ s}$ ; 4, 5, 6  $t = 13.15 \text{ s}$ ; 7, 8, 9  $t = 17.01 \text{ s}$

$$\therefore k_1 = \frac{\alpha L_1}{At} \ln \left( \frac{h_0}{h_1} \right) = \frac{0.503 \times 9}{31.67 \times 9.75} \ln \left( \frac{100}{50} \right) = 0.0185 \text{ cm/s}$$

$$k_2 = \frac{\alpha L_1}{At_1} \ln \left( \frac{h_0}{\sqrt{h_1 h_0}} \right) = \frac{0.503 \times 9}{31.67 \times 5.36} \ln \left( \frac{100}{70.71} \right) = 0.00924 \text{ cm/s}$$

$$k_3 = \frac{\alpha L_1}{At_2} \ln \left( \frac{\sqrt{h_1 h_0}}{h_1} \right) = \frac{0.503 \times 9}{31.67 \times 4.39} \ln \left( \frac{70.71}{50} \right) = 0.0113 \text{ cm/s}$$

$$k_4 = \frac{\alpha L_2}{At} \ln \left( \frac{h_0}{h_1} \right) = \frac{0.503 \times 9.4}{31.67 \times 9.75} \ln \left( \frac{100}{50} \right) = 0.00787 \text{ cm/s}$$

$$k_5 = \frac{\alpha L_2}{At_1} \ln \left( \frac{h_0}{\sqrt{h_1 h_0}} \right) = \frac{0.503 \times 9.4}{31.67 \times 6.5} \ln \left( \frac{100}{70.71} \right) = 0.00796 \text{ cm/s}$$

$$k_6 = \frac{\alpha L_2}{At_2} \ln \left( \frac{\sqrt{h_1 h_0}}{h_1} \right) = \frac{0.503 \times 9.4}{31.67 \times 6.65} \ln \left( \frac{70.71}{50} \right) = 0.00778 \text{ cm/s}.$$

$$k_7 = \frac{aL_3}{At} \ln\left(\frac{h_0}{h_1}\right) = \frac{0.503 \times 10.5}{31.67 \times 17.01} \ln\left(\frac{100}{50}\right) = 0.00680 \text{ cm/s}$$

$$k_8 = \frac{aL_3}{At_1} \ln\left(\frac{h_0}{\sqrt{h_1 h_0}}\right) = \frac{0.503 \times 10.5}{31.67 \times 9.25} \ln\left(\frac{700}{70.71}\right) = 0.00625 \text{ cm/s}$$

$$k_9 = \frac{aL_3}{At_2} \ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{h_1 h_0}}{h_1}\right) = \frac{0.503 \times 10.5}{31.67 \times 7.76} \ln\left(\frac{70.71}{50}\right) = 0.00745 \text{ cm/s}$$

Now,

$$\therefore k_{20} = k \times \frac{\mu_T}{\mu_{20}}$$

at 25°C	$\mu_{25} = 28.95$ milipoise
at 20°C	$\mu_{20} = 10.09$ milipoise.

$$\therefore (k_{20})_1 = 0.0164 \text{ cm/s} = 164 \mu/\text{s}.$$

$$(k_{20})_2 = 0.0081 \text{ cm/s} = 81 \mu/\text{s}$$

$$(k_{20})_3 = 0.0100 \text{ cm/s} = 100 \mu/\text{s}$$

$$(k_{20})_4 = 0.0070 \text{ cm/s} = 70 \mu/\text{s}$$

$$(k_{20})_5 = 0.0071 \text{ cm/s} = 71 \mu/\text{s}$$

$$(k_{20})_6 = 0.0069 \text{ cm/s} = 69 \mu/\text{s}$$

$$(k_{20})_7 = 0.0060 \text{ cm/s} = 60 \mu/\text{s}$$

$$(k_{20})_8 = 0.0055 \text{ cm/s} = 55 \mu/\text{s}$$

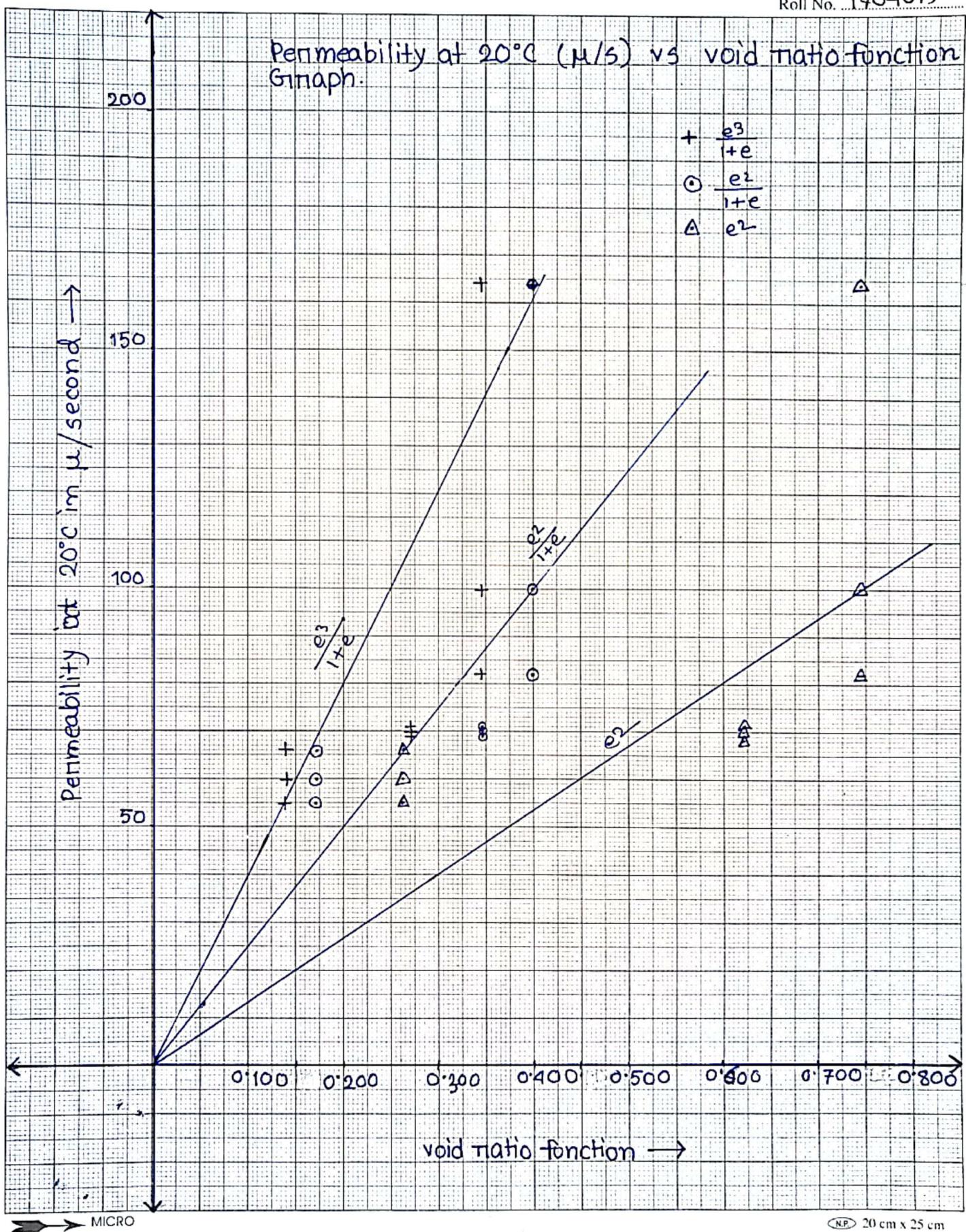
$$(k_{20})_9 = 0.0066 \text{ cm/s} = 66 \mu/\text{s}.$$

Graph: (Attached)

• Graph 1

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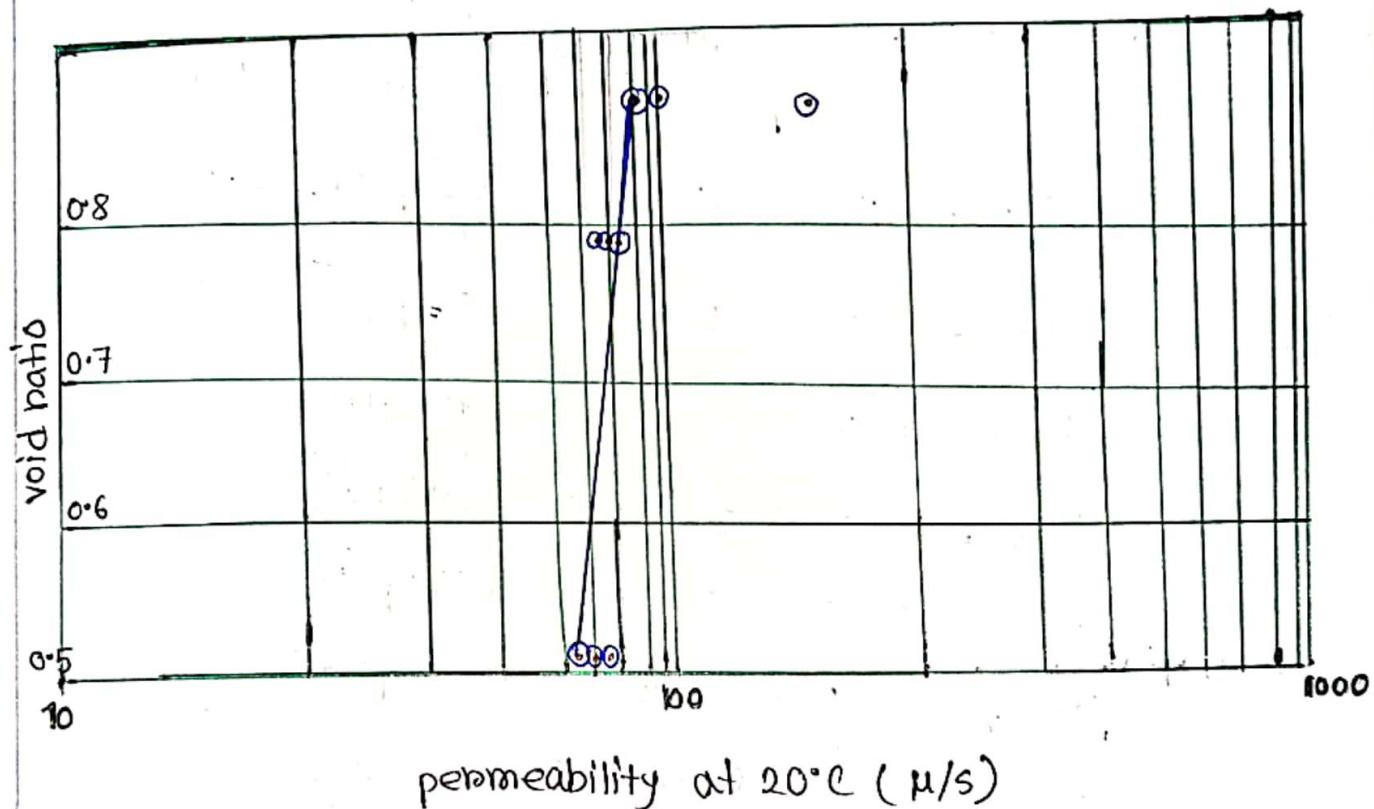
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## • Graph 2

[Due to unavailability of semilog graph paper during lock down void ratio vs permeability graph is drawn below in a hand drawn semilog scale]

void ratio vs permeability at  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $\mu\text{/s}$ ) graph.



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Discussion:

From experiment coefficient of permeability obtained for different void ratio. For fixed length of soil sample and same void ratio permeability difference is insignificant. For example, for  $L = 9.4$  and  $e = 0.788$   $K_{20} = 70, 71$  and  $69$  for 3 observation.

The values obtained from experiment used to plot  $K$  vs  $\frac{e^3}{1+e}$ ,  $K$  vs  $\frac{e^2}{1+e}$  and  $K$  vs  $e^2$  graph in the same plain graph paper. Three graphs are straight line passing through origin implies that at zero void ratio permeability is zero. And value of permeability varies with void ratio. So, there is a dependency of permeability on void ratio in a proportional nature.

The second graph, coefficient of permeability - void ratio or,  $e$  vs  $K$  graph is also a straight line. and. permeability is confined within  $10 \mu\text{s} - 1000 \mu\text{s}$  zone or  $10^{-3} \text{ cm/s} - 10^{-1} \text{ cm/s}$ . Therefore, it can be said that soil

sample has medium degree of permeability. Also, as all values of  $K > 1 \mu\text{m/s}$ , the soil sample can be labeled as pervious soil and can be used for a dam shell or previous backfill.



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**Experiment No: 09**

**Name of the Experiment:** Direct shear Test.

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>Name of Experiment: Direct shear Test.

Objective:

- (1) Plot a shear stress vs the horizontal displacement graph.
- (2) Plot maximum shear stress vs the vertical (normal) confining stresses for each of the tests is produced.
- (3) Find the internal friction angle  $\phi$ , from graph 2

Scope and significance:

1. This test is performed to determine the consolidated shear strength of a sandy to silty soil.
2. Shear strength is required whenever a structure is dependent on the soil's shearing resistance.
3. To determine the stability of slopes or cuts, to find the bearing capacity of a foundation or to calculate pressure exerted by a soil on a retained wall, shear strength is required.

Equipment:

Direct shear Device, Load and deformation dial gages, Balance.

## CE 342 Experiment : Direct Shear Test

## Data Sheet.

Diameter of sample : 2.5 inch

Height of the sample : 4 inch

Shear and normal displacement factors = 0.001 in.

Load calibration equation :  $y = 0.3014x + 0.2156$

Normal load = 10kg

Initial Normal Dial reading before placing vertical load: 517.

Elapsed time (min)	Shear Displacement (div)	Shear Displacement (inch)	Normal Dial (div)	Normal displacement (in)	Load reading (div)	Shear force (lbs)	Shear stress (psi)
0	0	0	518	0.001	0	0.2156	0.0439
0.25	10	0.01	520	0.003	64	19.5	3.97
0.5	26	0.026	521	0.004	85	25.8	5.25
0.75	45	0.045	522	0.005	96	29.2	5.95
1	63	0.063	522	0.005	101	30.7	6.25
1.25	80	0.080	524	0.007	100	30.4	6.19
1.50	98	0.098	525	0.008	98	29.8	6.070
1.75	118	0.118	526	0.009	95	28.8	5.87
2	135	0.135	527	0.010	94	28.5	5.80
2.25	155	0.155	528	0.011	92	27.9	5.68

## ■ Sample calculation:

$$\text{Area} = \pi r^2 = \pi \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^2 = \pi \times \left(\frac{2.5}{2}\right)^2 = 4.91 \text{ in}^2$$

at 0.5 min,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Shear Displacement (in)} &= 0.001 \times \text{Shear displacement (div)} \\ &= 0.001 \times 26 = 0.026 \text{ in.}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Normal displacement (in)} &= 0.001 \times \text{Normal dial div.} \\ &= 0.001 \times (521 - 57) \\ &= 0.004 \text{ in.}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{shear force (lbs)} &= 0.3014 \times \text{load reading} + 0.2156 \\ &= 0.3014 \times 85 + 0.2156 \\ &= 25.8 \text{ lbs.}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{shear stress} &= \frac{\text{shear force}}{\text{Area}} \\ &= \frac{25.8}{4.91} = 5.25 \text{ psi}\end{aligned}$$

Similarly other calculations are done.

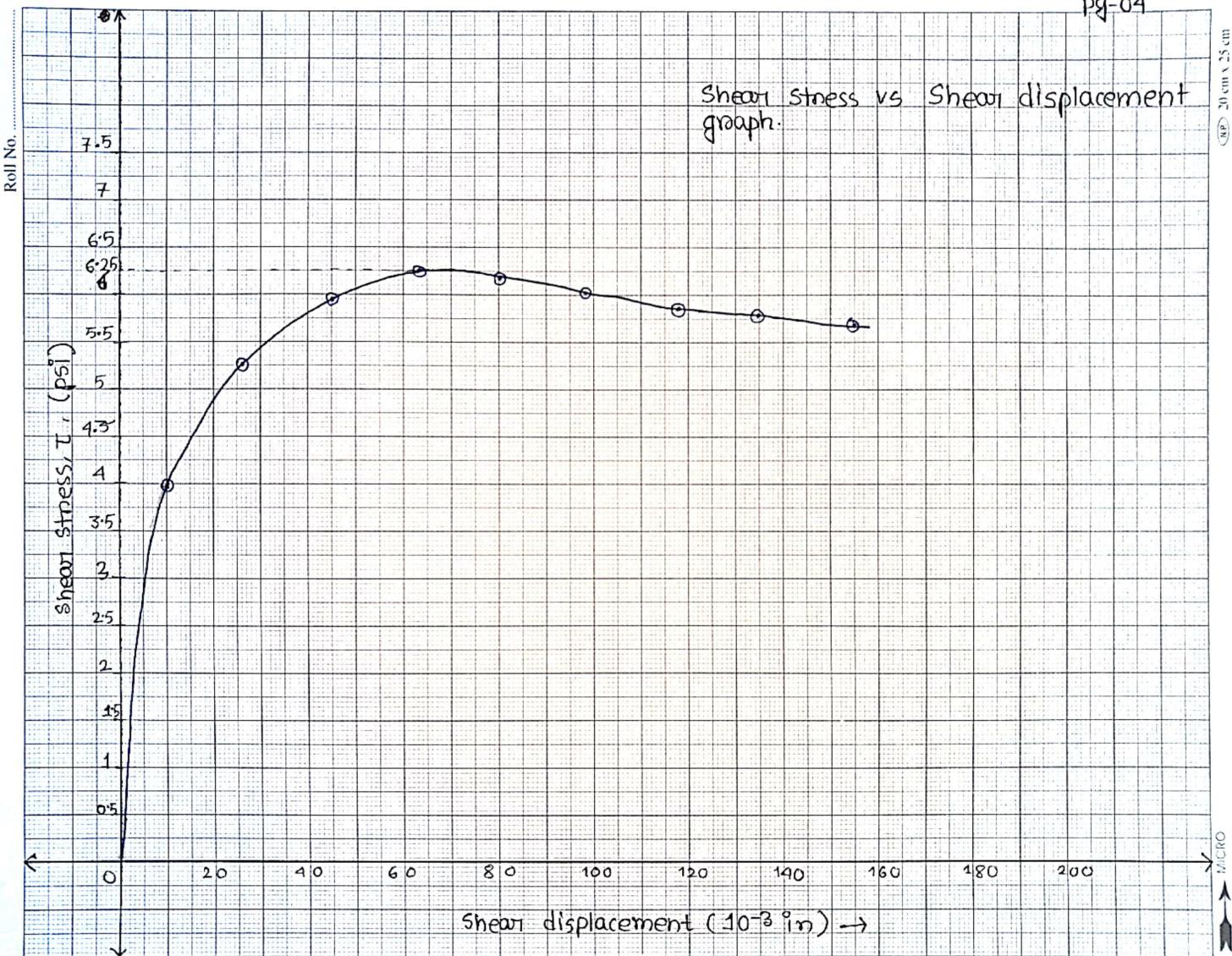
## ■ Graph:

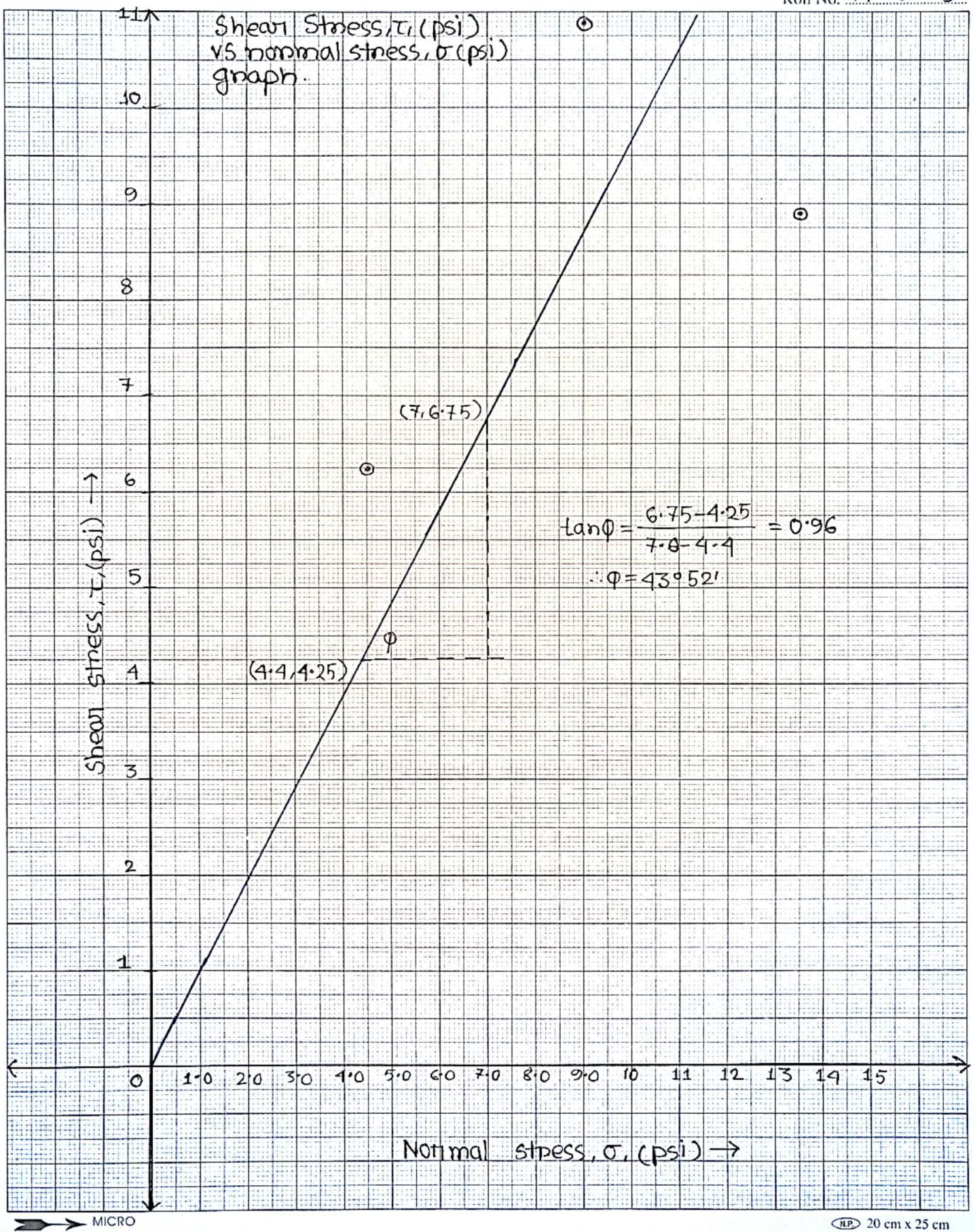
for graph 2, data set,

$\tau$ (psi)	6.25	8.94	10.9
$\sigma$ (psi)	4.49	13.5	8.98

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Discussion:

From experimental data two graphs are plotted in normal scale separately.

Graph-1 Shear stress vs shear displacement shows that the value of shear stress increases initially with the increase of shear displacement upto 6.25 psi at  $7 \times 10^{-3}$  in shear displacement and after that it decreases. That's why the curve is an upward convex curve. And the peak represents the peak strength of soil and the final stress of 5.68 psi represents the residual strength. The peak of the curve is neither so sharp nor so flat, so, its medium dense soil. As it is medium dense, void ratio will increase during experiment as void volume increases.

Graph-2 Shear stress vs normal stress graph is a best fitted straight line that passes through origin. As the soil sample was sand there is no cohesion and cut and y axis is zero. Thus, the angle of interlocking found,  $\Phi = 43^\circ 52'$  with is a moderate value indicates that the soil sample was moderately dense and soil particles are angular in nature. Therefore, it can be said that the sample has good enough shear strength and stability of structure will be secured.



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**Experiment No: 07**

**Name of the Experiment: Unconfined Compressive Strength Test.**

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■ Name of Experiment : Unconfined Compressive strength Test.

■ Objective:

- (1) Determine the unconfined compressive strength of soil.
- (2) Plot a unconfined compressive strength vs axial strain graph in plain graph papers.

■ Scope and Significance:

- (1) It is done for cohesive soil.
- (2) For this test, fully saturated soil sample is required.
- (3) In this test unconfined soil sample was used.
- (4) To measure bearing capacity of soil is quite expensive, hence unconfined compressive strength test is done to assess the property of soil.
- (5) It is a cheap and quick experiment, so, it's efficient.

■ Equipment:

unconfined compression machine, shelby tube, extruders, trimmers, split mold.

## Data Sheet:

CE 392: Unconfined Compressive Strength  
Test Data sheet.Deformation constant = 0.001", Load calibration eq<sup>n</sup> =  $0.3154x + 0.1458$ 

Deformation Dial Reading	Load Dial Reading	sample deformation (in)	strain (%)	Connected Area (in <sup>2</sup> )	Load (lb)	Stress (psi)
0	0	0	0	1.767	0.1458	0.08
20	4	0.02	0.67	1.779	1.407	0.79
40	9	0.04	1.33	1.791	2.984	1.67
60	12	0.06	2	1.803	3.931	2.18
80	19	0.08	2.67	1.815	6.138	3.38
100	21	0.1	3.33	1.828	6.769	3.70
120	24	0.12	4	1.841	7.715	4.19
140	26	0.14	4.67	1.854	8.346	4.50
160	29	0.16	5.33	1.866	9.292	4.98
180	33	0.18	6	1.880	10.554	5.61
200	36	0.2	6.67	1.893	11.50	6.08
220	45	0.22	7.33	1.907	14.339	7.52
240	54	0.24	8	1.921	17.177	8.94

Deformation Dial Reading	Load Dial Reading	Sample Deformat -ion (in)	Strain (%)	correct -ed Area (in <sup>2</sup> )	Load (lb)	stress (psi)
260	64	0.26	8.67	1.935	20.331	10.51
280	74	0.28	9.33	1.949	23.485	12.05
300	84	0.3	10	1.963	26.639	13.57
350	93	0.35	11.67	2.00	29.478	14.739
400	102	0.4	13.33	2.039	32.317	15.85
500	112	0.5	16.67	2.120	35.471	16.73
550	120	0.55	18.33	2.164	37.994	17.56
600	129	0.6	20	2.209	40.832	18.48
650	138	0.65	21.67	2.256	43.671	19.36
700	144	0.7	23.33	2.305	45.563	19.77
750	152	0.75	25	2.356	48.087	20.41
800	160	0.8	26.67	2.410	50.609	21.00
850	156	0.85	28.33	2.465	49.348	20.02
900	151	0.9	30	2.524	47.771	18.93
950	132	0.95.	31.67.	2.586	41.7786	16.16.

To sample calculation:

Initial Height of Specimen = 3.0 in.

Initial Dia. of specimen = 1.5 in.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Initial Vol. of specimen} &= \pi \times \frac{1.5^2}{4} \times 3 \\ &= 5.301 \text{ in}^3\end{aligned}$$

Dry unit wt (lb/cft) = 103.87.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Initial area } A_0 &= \pi \frac{1.5^2}{4} \\ &= 1.767 \text{ in}^2\end{aligned}$$

at 0 dial reading of load,

$$\text{Load} = 0.3154 \times 0 + 0.4458$$

$$= 0.4458 \text{ lb.} \quad \therefore \sigma_c = \frac{0.4458}{1.767} = 0.08 \text{ psi}$$

for 2nd row,

Deformation Dial Reading = 20

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{sample deformation } \Delta L &= 20 \times 0.001'' \\ &= 0.02''\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{strain in \% } \epsilon_1 = \frac{\Delta L}{L} \times 100 = \frac{0.02}{3} \times 100\% = 0.67\%.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Corrected area, } A_c &= \frac{A_0}{1 - \epsilon_1} \\ &= \frac{1.767}{1 - 0.0067} \\ &= 1.779 \text{ in}^2\end{aligned}$$

Load Dial Reading = 20

$$\therefore \text{Load} = 0.3154 \times 40 + 0.1458 \\ = 1.407 \text{ lb.}$$

$$\therefore \text{compressive stress, } \sigma_c = \frac{6.454 \text{ lb}}{4.779 \text{ in}^2} \\ = 3.628 \text{ psi}$$

similarly calculation of other rows are done.

Graph: Attached.

Result:

From Graph,

maximum compressive stress,  $\sigma_{\max} = 21 \text{ psi} = 145 \text{ kPa}$

strain at that stress,  $\epsilon (\%) = 26.67$

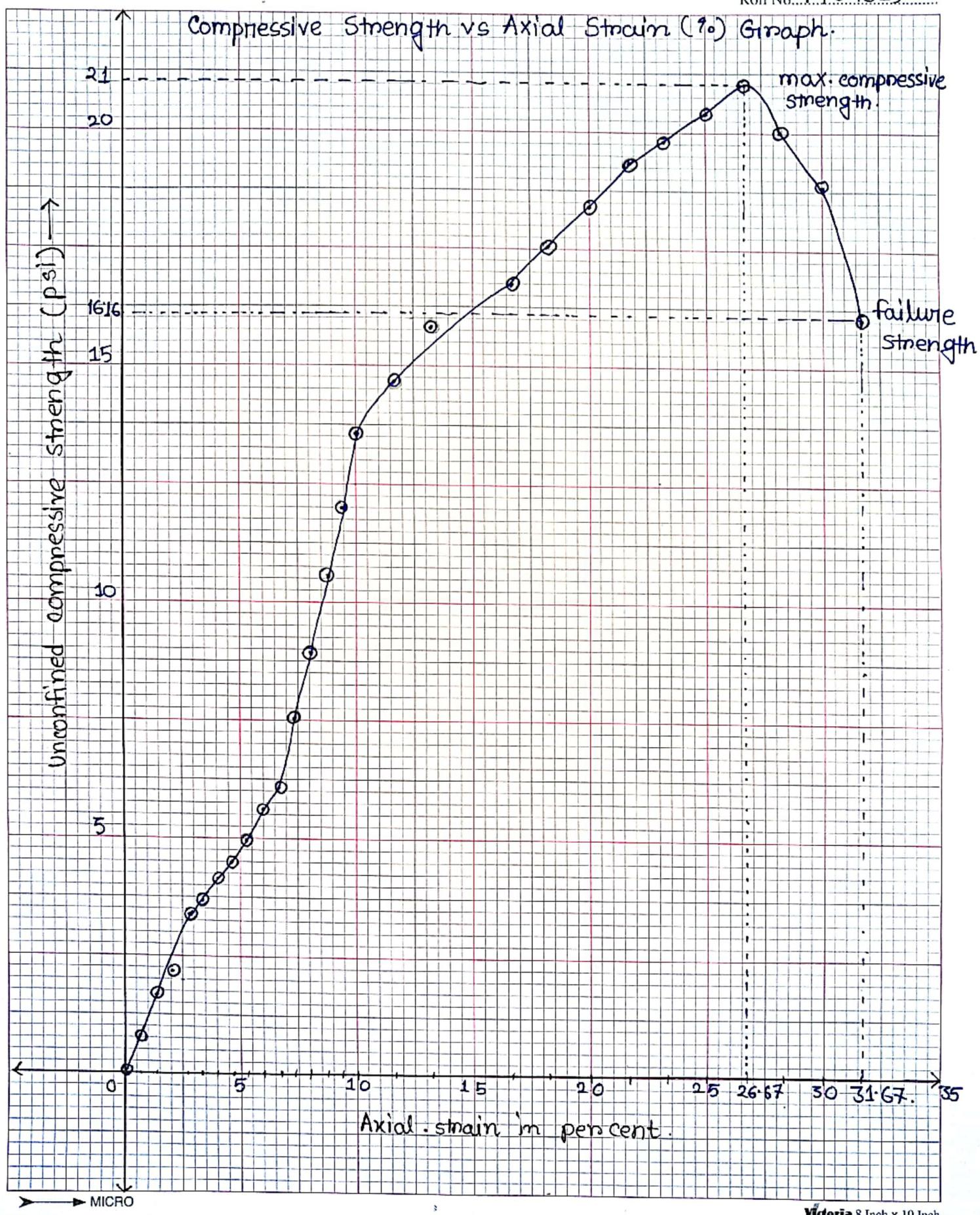
failure compressive stress,  $\sigma_f = 16.16$ .

strain at that stress,  $\epsilon (\%) = 31.67$ .

failure type: Bulging failure.

Discussion:

From experimental data, a compressive strength vs strain (%) graph was plotted on plain graph paper. At first, the stress and strain increased linearly



for a while. Then, stress increased with increasing strain in a curvilinear path and kept increasing upto stress = 24 psi or 145 kPa with corresponding strain 0.2667.

After that it decreased in a faster rate and failed at 46.16 psi or 111 kPa stress and corresponding strain 0.3167.

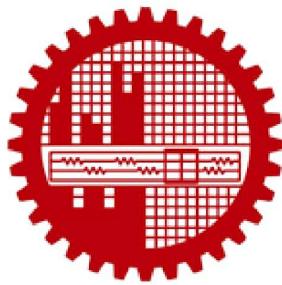
Therefore, maximum compressive strength of the soil is 145 kPa and 111 kPa is its residual strength. Usually, soil with 100 to 200 kPa compressive strength is stiff in nature. So, it can be said, the tested soil sample was stiff in nature.

Relating maximum compressive strength with Mohr circle, the  $\sigma_3 = 0$  as its unconfined and  $\sigma_1 = 145 \text{ kPa}$  and thus, the shear strength will be  $\sigma_{1/2} = 77.5 \text{ kPa}$ . As, the soil is clay, the frictional angle is zero and thus,

cohesion of the soil will also be 77.5.

The failure pattern of the soil sample was bulge failure. It occurred as the soil was not hard i.e. hadn't high strength.

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## **BANGLADESH UNIVERSITY OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY**

**CE 342**

### **GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING LABORATORY**

**Experiment No: 10**

**Name of the Experiment: Consolidation Test.**

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■ Name of Experiment: Consolidation Test.

■ Objective:

- (1) Plot a dial reading vs  $\log(t)$  graph for each load increments.
- (2) Plot a Dial reading vs  $\sqrt{t}$  graph for each load increments.
- (3) Plot an  $e - \log(p)$  curve showing preconsolidation pressure,  $c_c$  and  $c_p$ .
- (4) Plot an  $e$  vs  $c_v$  graph.

■ Scope and significance:

- (1) In this experiment two way draining were occurred.
- (2) During foundation design settlement of soil is an important factors thus consolidation Test is required.

■ Equipments:

consolidation testing machine, ring, Displacement Dial Gauge, filter papers, porous stone, etc.

Consolidation Test.

Data sheet.

SURVEY 2000

SAMPLE TICKET

Project: Elevated Expressway / Road from Mithamain  
Sadar to Kusimganj Upazilla.

Client: BBA.

Soil type: Brownish silty clay.

Bore hole No: 07.

sample type: UD-1.

Depth : 2.43 - 2.93 m.

Ring No = 4.

Wt of ring = 158.1 gm.

Wt of ring + soil : 309.7 gm. (1)

308.3 gm (2)

∴ avg wt of ring + soil = 309 gm.

True = 13.5 lbs.

**Datasheet****Consolidation Test**

Date	Time	Load(kPa)	Elapsed Time	Dail reading
17/5	9:45	0		406
		5		435
18/5	9:02			427
		12.5	0	460
			0.1	468
			0.25	471
			0.5	474
			1	481
			2	485
			4	486
			8	490
			15	491
			30	492
	10:14		60	494
	11:14		120	498
	1:14		240	501
	5:14		480	503
19/5	8:59			507
		25	0	540
			0.1	550
			0.25	555
			0.5	561
			1	568
			2	571
			4	577
			8	580
			15	582
			30	585
	10:05		60	587
	11:05		120	589
	1:05		240	590
	5:05		480	592
20/5	8:58			600
		50	0	640

	0.1	656
	0.25	663
	0.5	669
	1	675
	2	679
	4	682
	8	684
	15	686
	30	690
	10:05	693
	11:05	695
	1:05	699
	5:16	703
21/5	9:23	707
22/5	8:55	711
	100	762
	0.1	782
	0.25	791
	0.5	798
	1	804
	2	810
	4	813
	8	817
	15	819
	30	825
	10:03	827
	11:03	831
	1:03	835
	5:03	840
23/5	9:00	847
23/5	200	918
	0.1	943
	0.25	955
	0.5	963
	1	970
	2	976
	4	980
	8	984
	15	987
	30	992
	10:13	996

	11:13	120	1000	
	1:13	240	1005	
	5:13	480	1010	
24/5	9:02		1016	
	400	0	1130	
		0.1	1162	
		0.25	1178	
		0.5	1187	
		1	1193	
		2	1200	
		4	1206	
		8	1211	
		15	1216	
		30	1221	
	10:11	60	1228	
	11:11	120	1234	
	1:11	240	1240	
	5:11	480	1246	
25/5	8:57		1254	
25/5	800	0	1420	
		0.1	1454	
		0.25	1472	
		0.5	1488	
		1	1495	
		2	1504	
		4	1511	
		8	1520	
		15	1527	
		30	1536	
	10:07	60	1545	
	11:07	120	1551	
	1:07	240	1560	
	5:07	480	1570	
26/5	9:08		1585	
	9:16	400	0	1547
	10:16	1h		1538
	1:16	4h		1534
27/5	9:00		1532	
	9:07	200	0	1487

	10:07	1h	1472	
	1:07	4h	1469	
28/5	9:01		1461	
29/5	9:02		1460	
	9:08	50	0	1365
	10:08		1h	1316
	1:08		4h	1309
30/5	8:57		1300	
	9:02	10	0	1220
	10:02		1h	1100
	1:02		4h	1123
31/5	9:04		1109	

#Table for e log p curve

Pressure(kPa)	Final Dial reading	Dial change(inch)	Sample height 2H (inch)	void height (2H-2Ho)(inch)	Void Ratio,e
0	406	0	1	0.2326	0.303101381
5	427	0.0021	0.9979	0.2305	0.300364868
12.5	507	0.008	0.9899	0.2225	0.289940057
25	600	0.0093	0.9806	0.2132	0.277821214
50	711	0.0111	0.9695	0.2021	0.263356789
100	847	0.0136	0.9559	0.1885	0.24563461
200	1016	0.0169	0.939	0.1716	0.223612197
400	1254	0.0238	0.9152	0.1478	0.192598384
800	1585	0.0331	0.8821	0.1147	0.149465728
400	1532	-0.0053	0.8874	0.12	0.156372166
200	1461	-0.0071	0.8945	0.1271	0.165624186
50	1300	-0.0161	0.9106	0.1432	0.186604118
10	1109	-0.0191	0.9297	0.1623	0.211493354

2Ho cm	1.949320243
Wt of dry soil g	166.6
Area of the ring in^2	4.91
Area of the ring cm^2	31.67
2Ho in	0.7674

#Table for determination of specific gravity

Bottle No.	11
Wt. of bottle + Water+ soil W1 in g	373.5
Temperature T in C	32
Wt. of bottle + Water W2 in g	342.1
Evaporating dish, No	25
Wt. of dish g	283.4
Wt. of dish + dry soil g	333
Wt. of bottle + Dry soil in g	
Wt. of bottle in g	93.6
Wt. of Soil (dry) Ws (g)	49.6
Specific Gravity of water Gt at T C	0.9951
Specific Gravity of Soil Gs	2.711920879

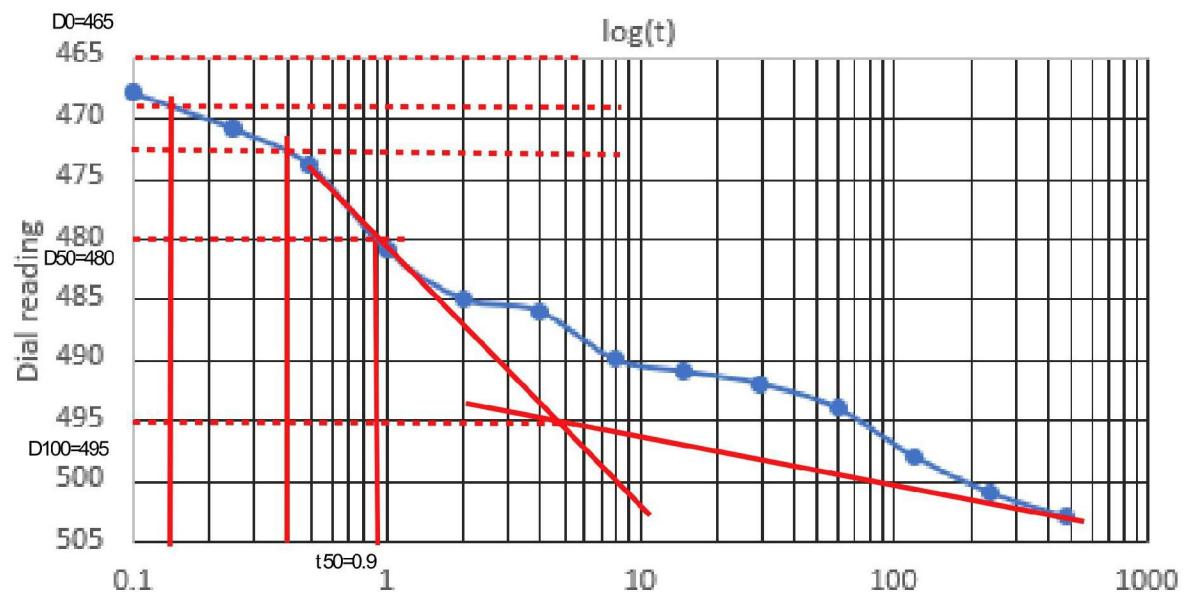
#Table for Cv vs Avg pressure graph

H=(H1+H2)/2 (inch)	H (mm)	t90(min)	t50 (min)	Cv from t90(m <sup>2</sup> /yr)	Cv from t50 (m <sup>2</sup> /year)
0.99895	25.45324				
	6				
0.9939	25.32457				
0.98525	2	7.29	0.9	39.21099916	73.78418793
	25.10417	1.69	0.77	166.2096514	84.74666019
0.97505	24.84427				
	4	1	0.52	275.1083863	122.9053703
0.9627	24.52959				
	6	1	0.35	268.1834663	178.0058722
0.94745	24.14102				
	6	1	0.25	259.7542466	241.3754084
0.9271	23.62250				
	8	0.81	0.22	307.0564322	262.6339777
0.89865	22.89760				
	2	0.64	0.2	365.1331295	271.4385906

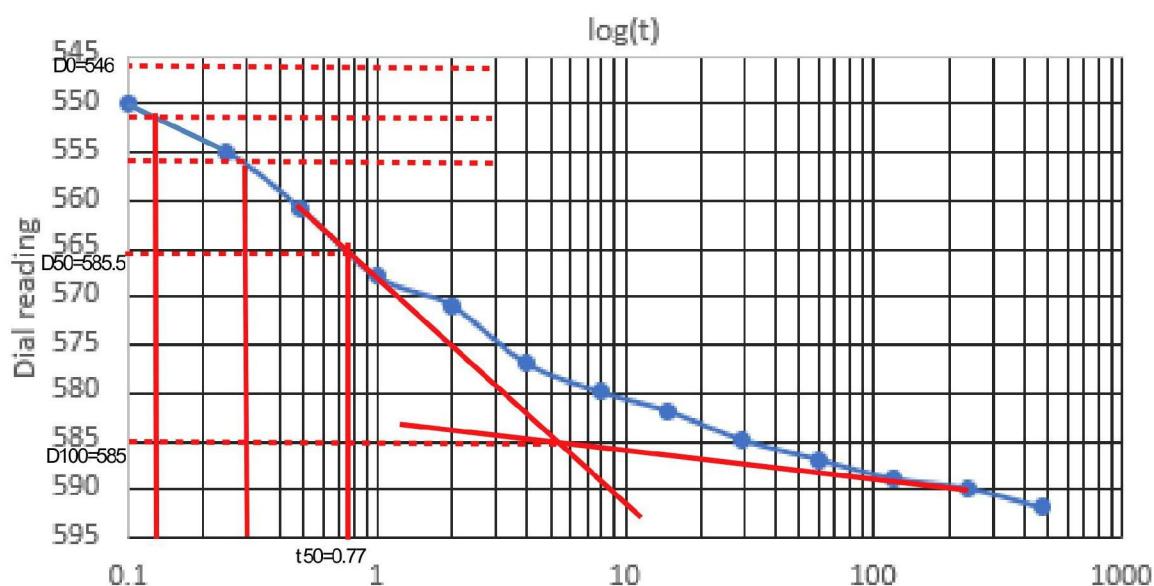
#Table for kv vs Cv and e vs Cv graphs

Pressure (kPa)	Av. Pressure (kPa)	Void Ration e	av(m <sup>2</sup> /kn)	mv(m <sup>2</sup> /kN)	cv(m <sup>2</sup> /year(from t50))	yw(kN/m <sup>3</sup> )	kv 10^-7(cm/sec)
0		0.30310138 1				9.761931	
5	2.5	0.30036486 8	0.000547303	0.00042		9.761931	
12.5	8.75	0.28994005 7	0.001389975	0.001068911	73.78418793	9.761931	0.769911375
25	18.75	0.27782121 4	0.000969507	0.000751591	84.74666019	9.761931	0.621784565
50	37.5	0.26335678 9	0.000578577	0.000452784	122.9053703	9.761931	0.543247423
100	75	0.24563461 0.22361219	0.000354444	0.000280557	178.0058722	9.761931	0.487518559
200	150	0.22361219 7	0.000220224	0.000176797	241.3754084	9.761931	0.416584396
400	300	0.19259838 4	0.000155069	0.000126731	262.6339777	9.761931	0.324913693
800	600	0.14946572 8	0.000107832	9.04174E-05	271.4385906	9.761931	0.23958483

Dial reading vs log(t) graph for 12.5kPa



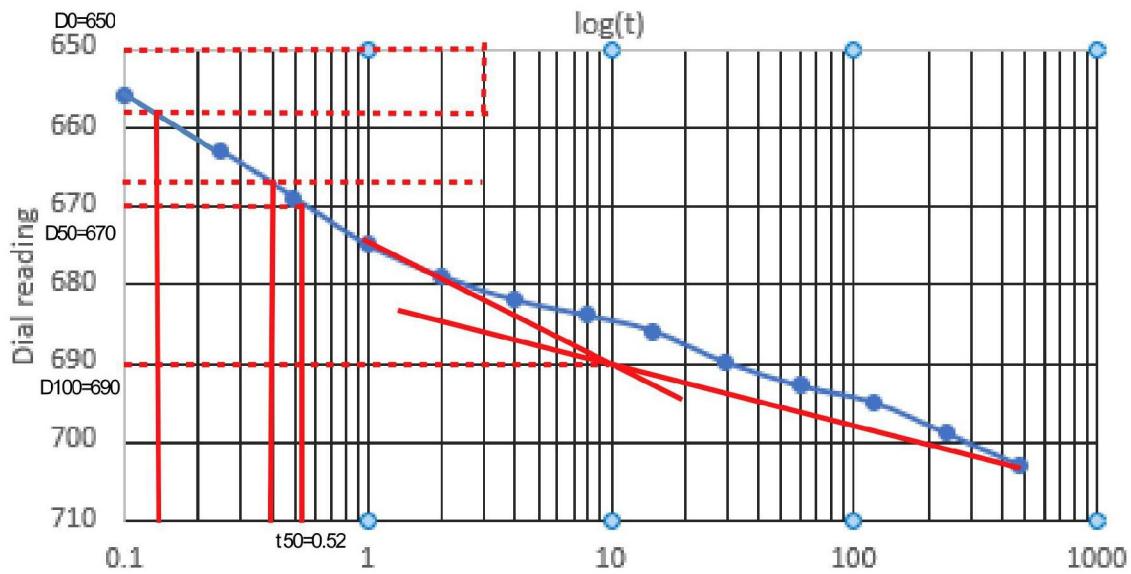
Dial reading vs Log(t) graph for 25kPa



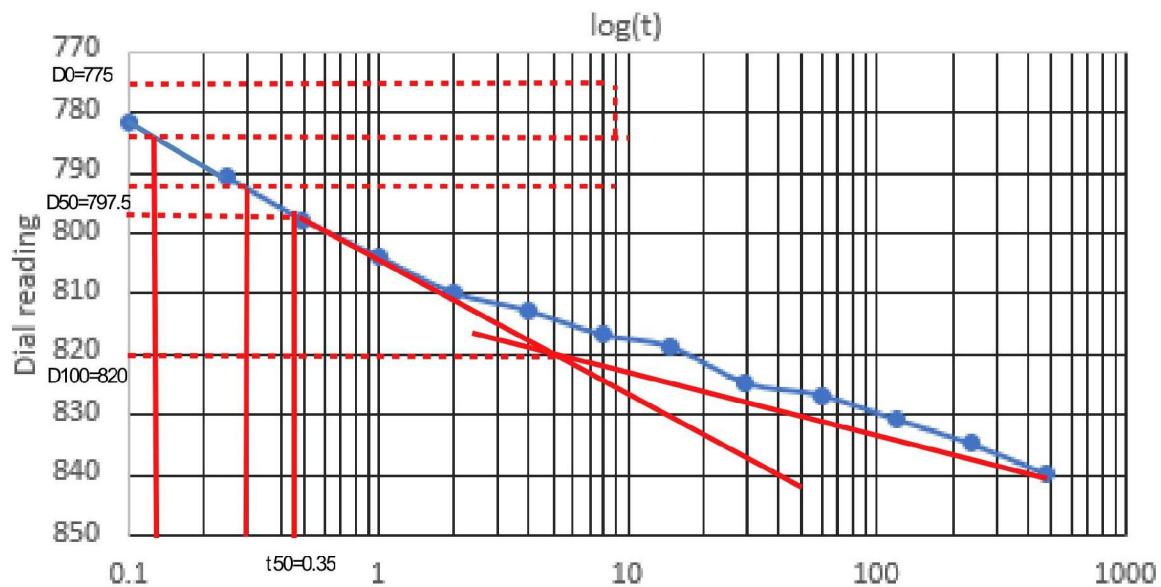
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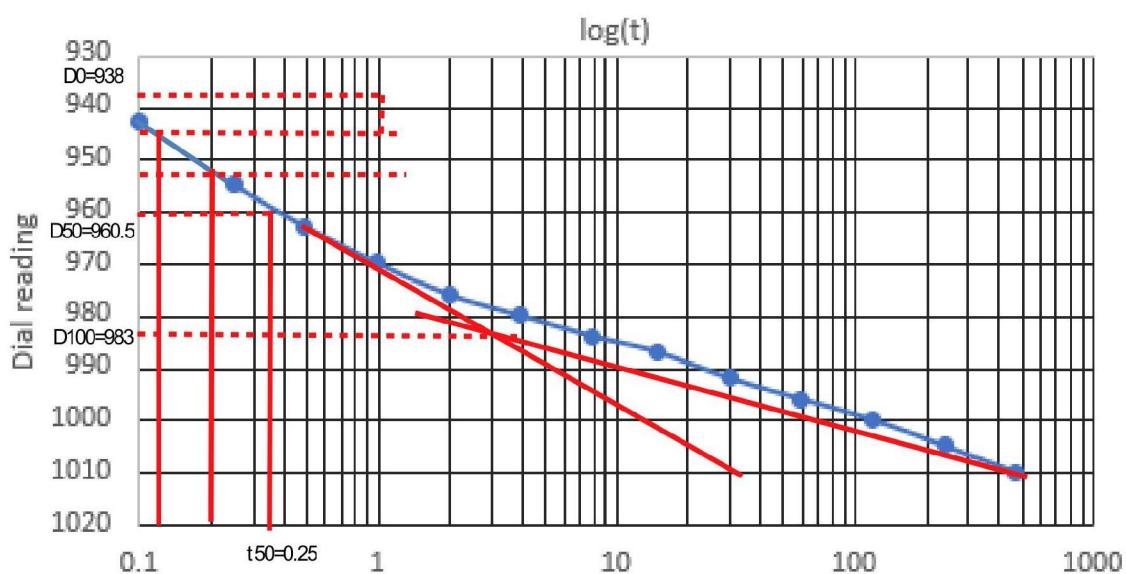
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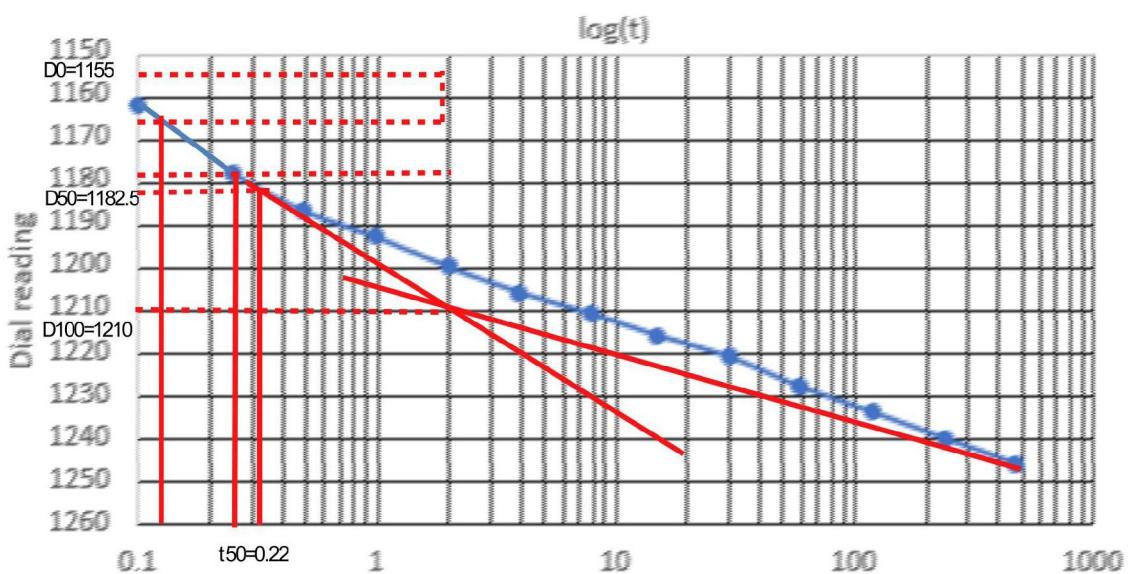
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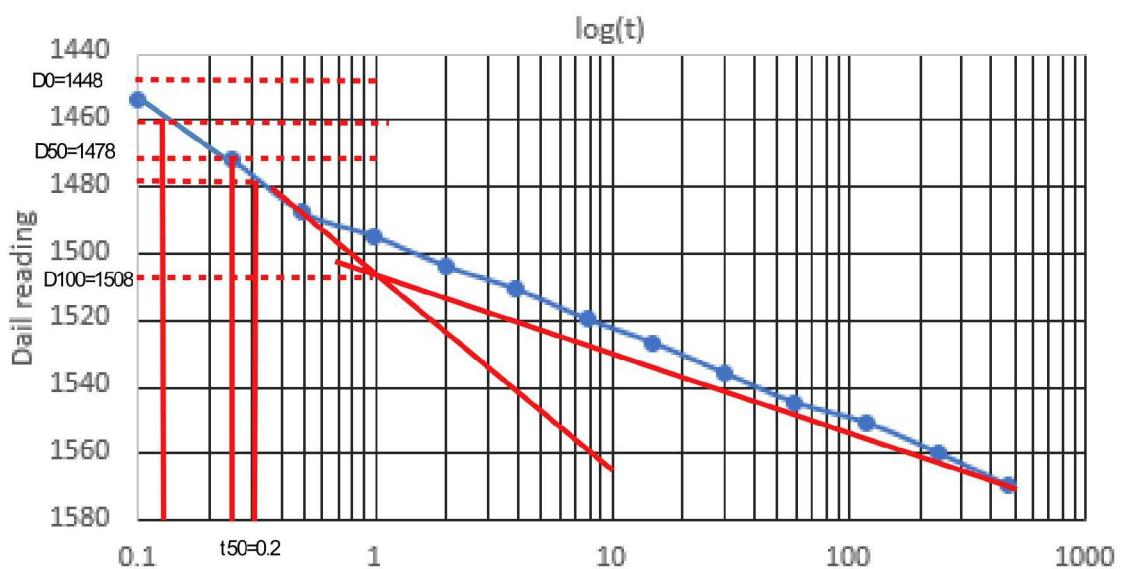
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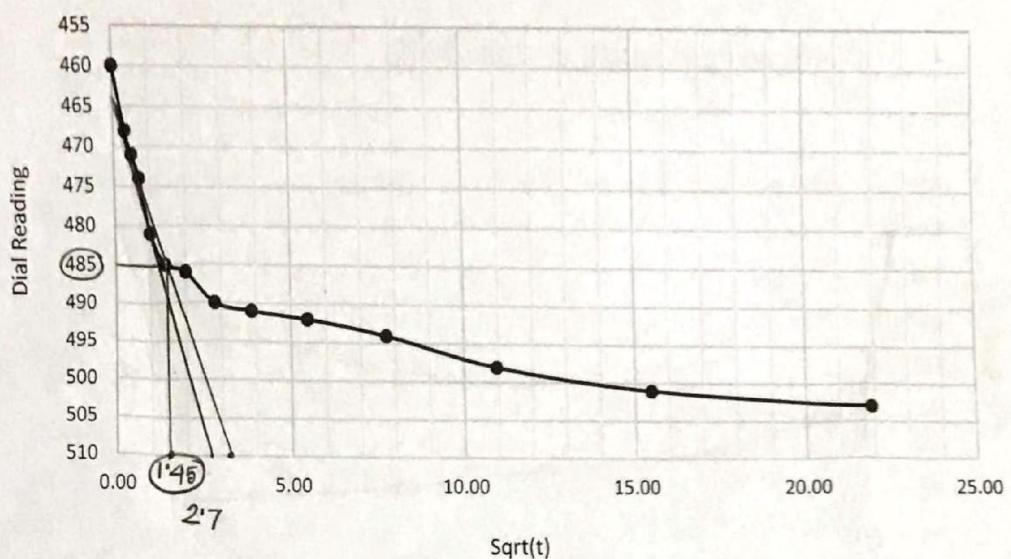
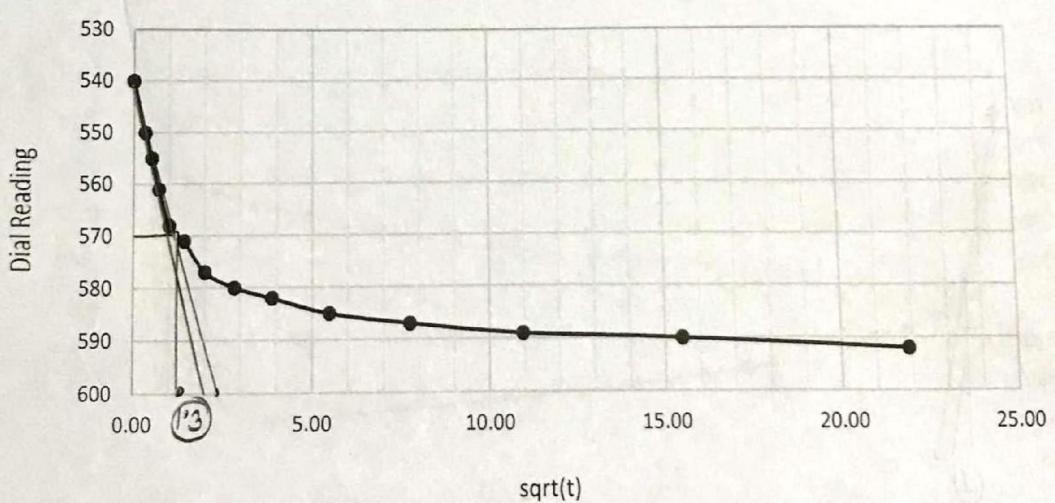


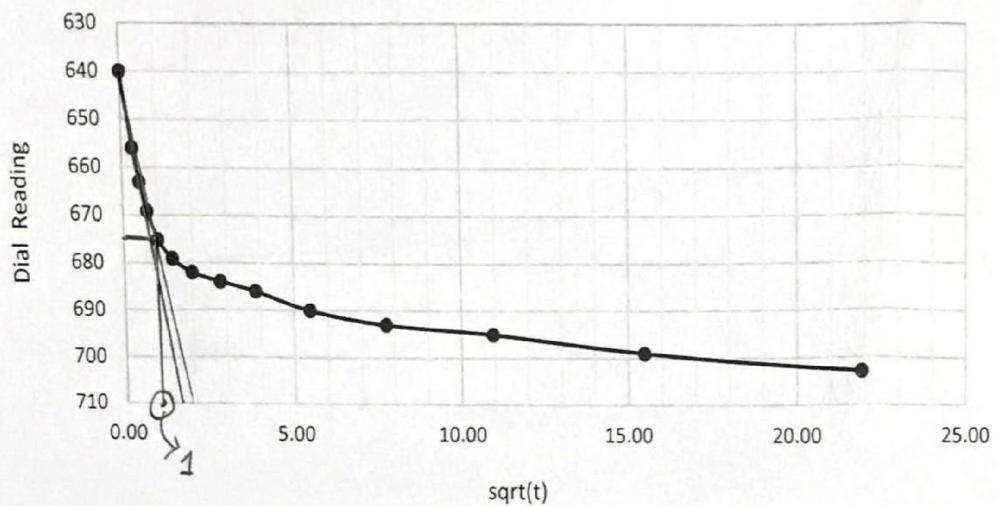
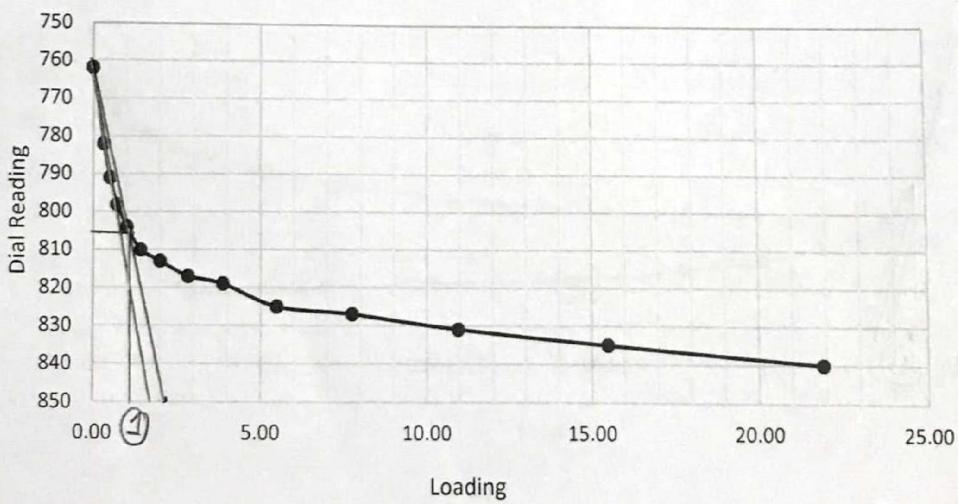
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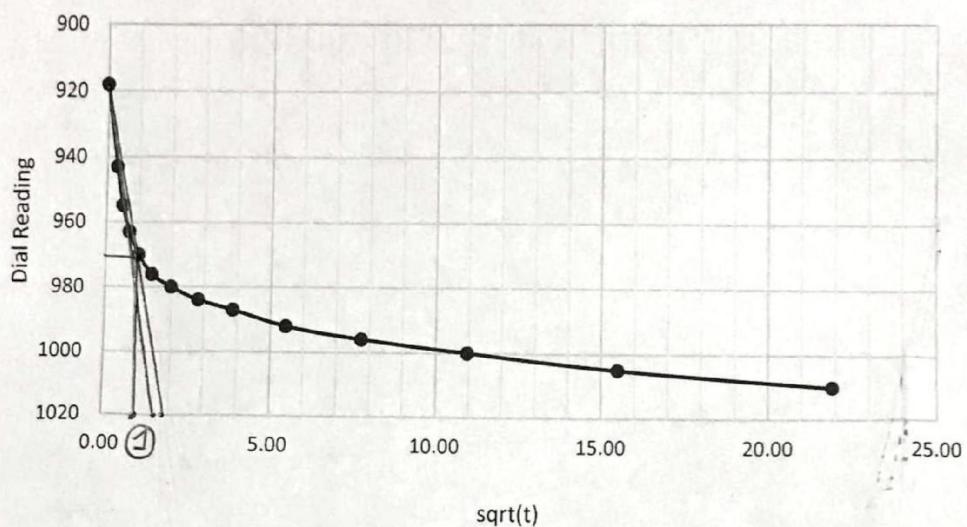
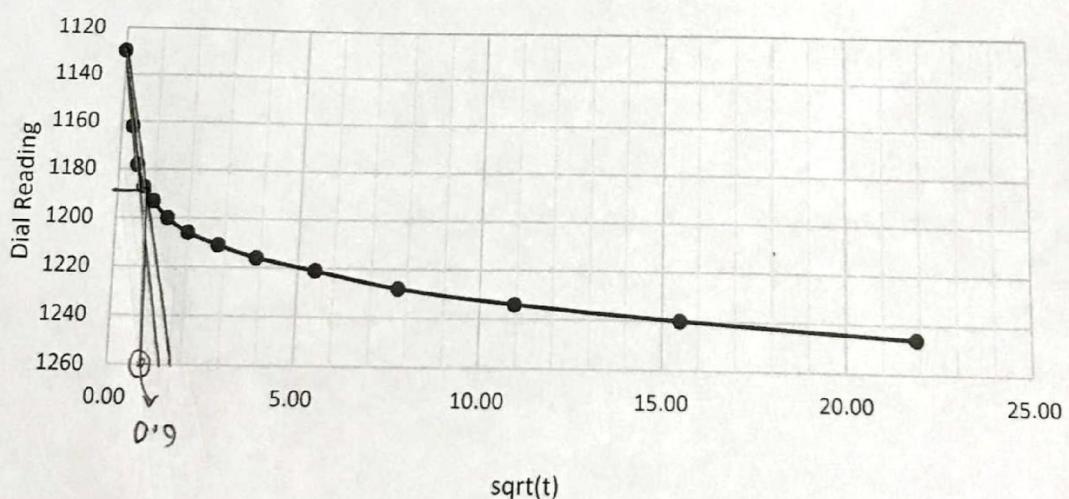


Dial reading vs Log(t) graph for 800kPa



Dial Reading vs  $\text{Sqrt}(t)$  for Load 12.5KpaDial Reading vs  $\text{sqrt}(t)$  for Load 25Kpa

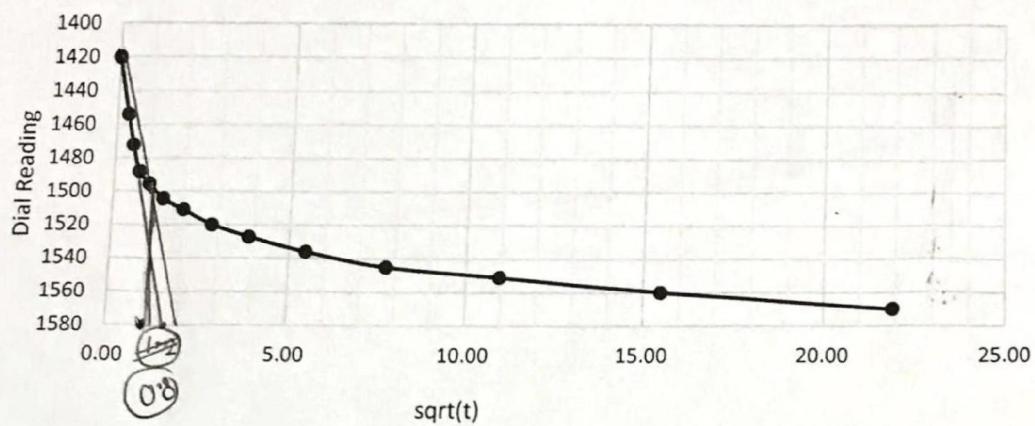
Dial Reading vs  $\sqrt{t}$  for Load 50 KpaDial Reading vs  $\sqrt{t}$  for Load 100 Kpa

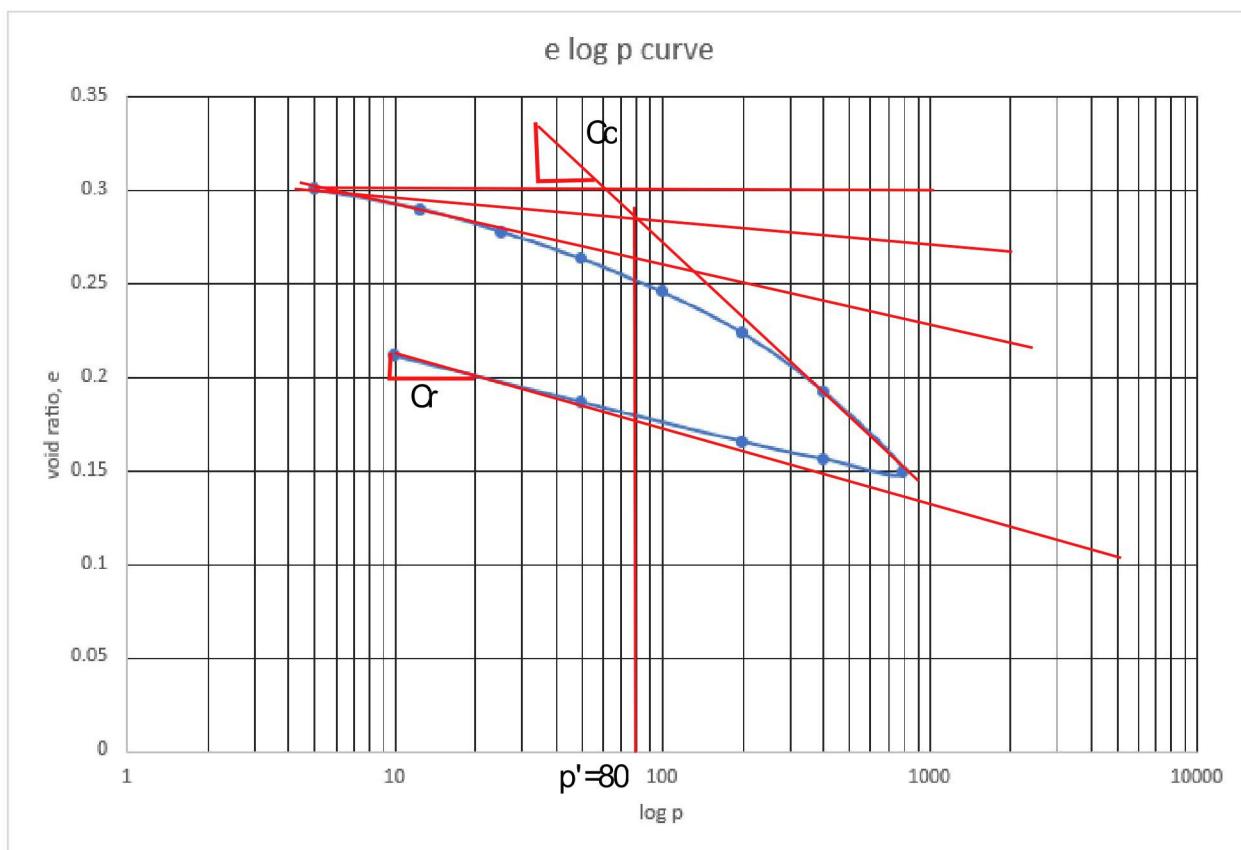
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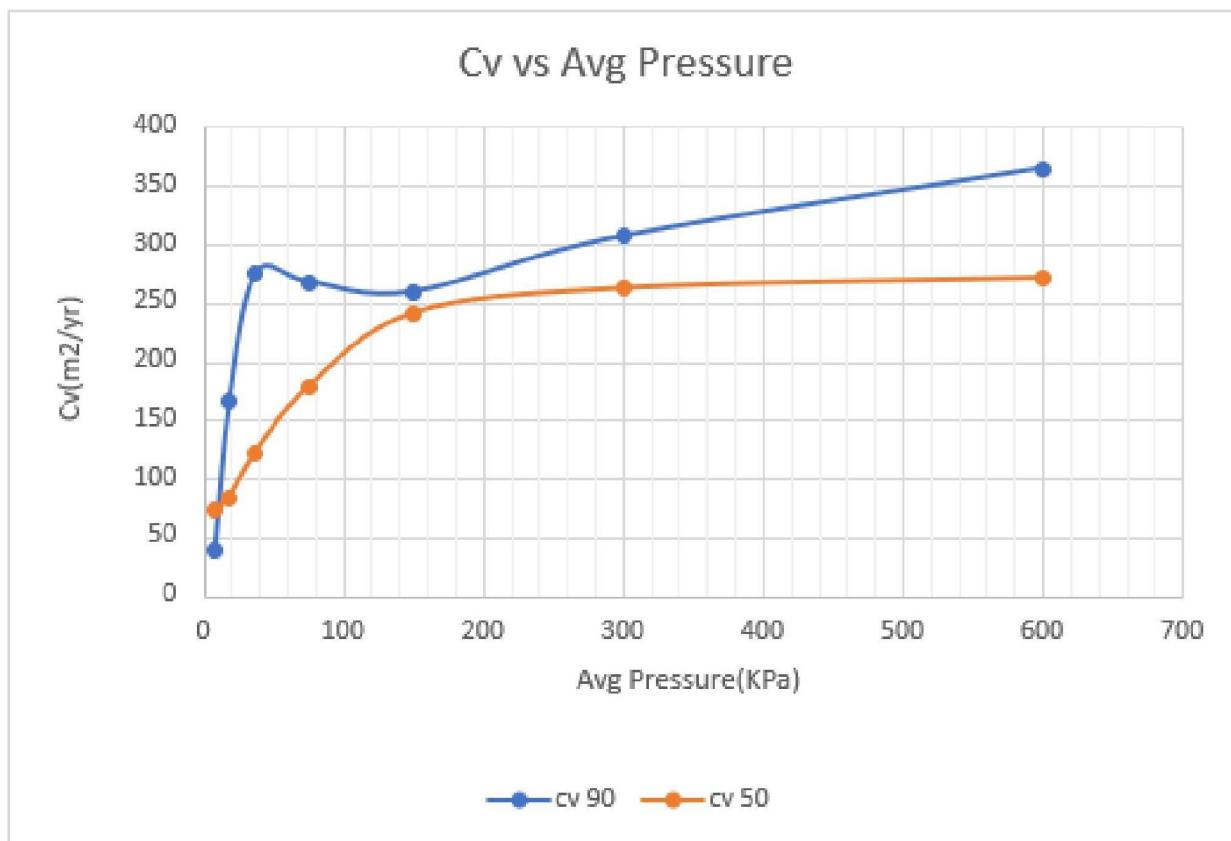
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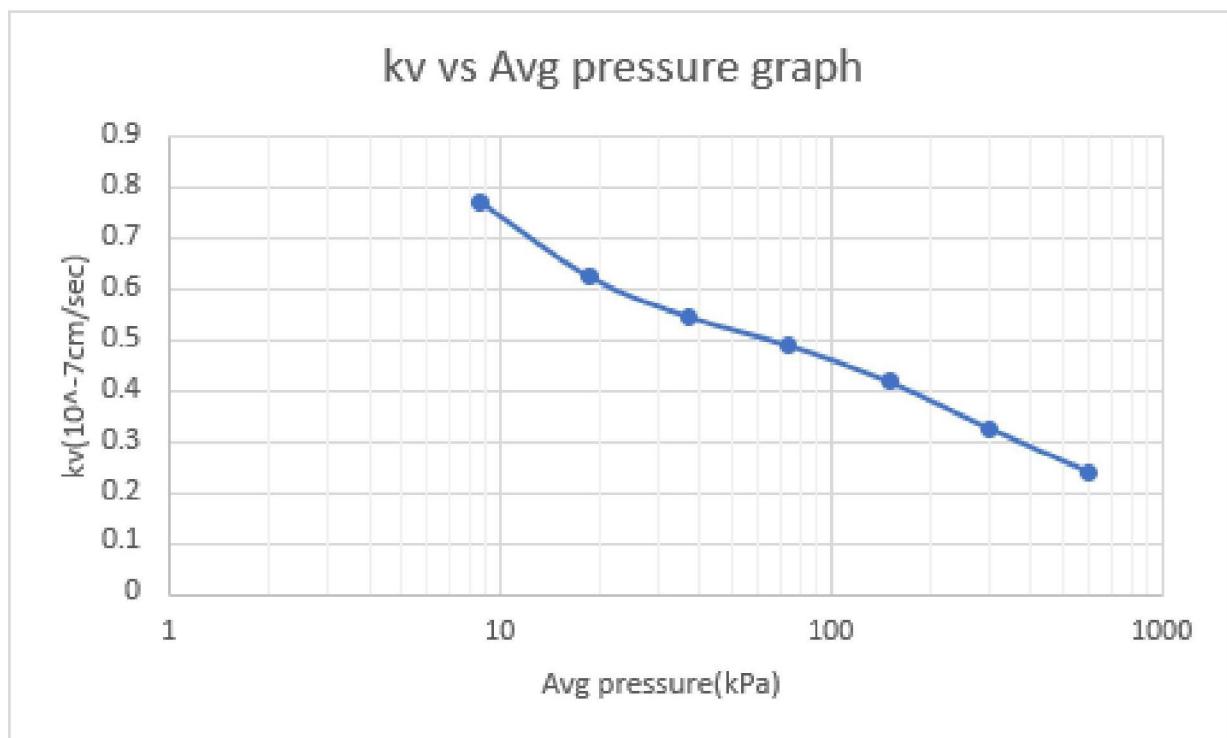
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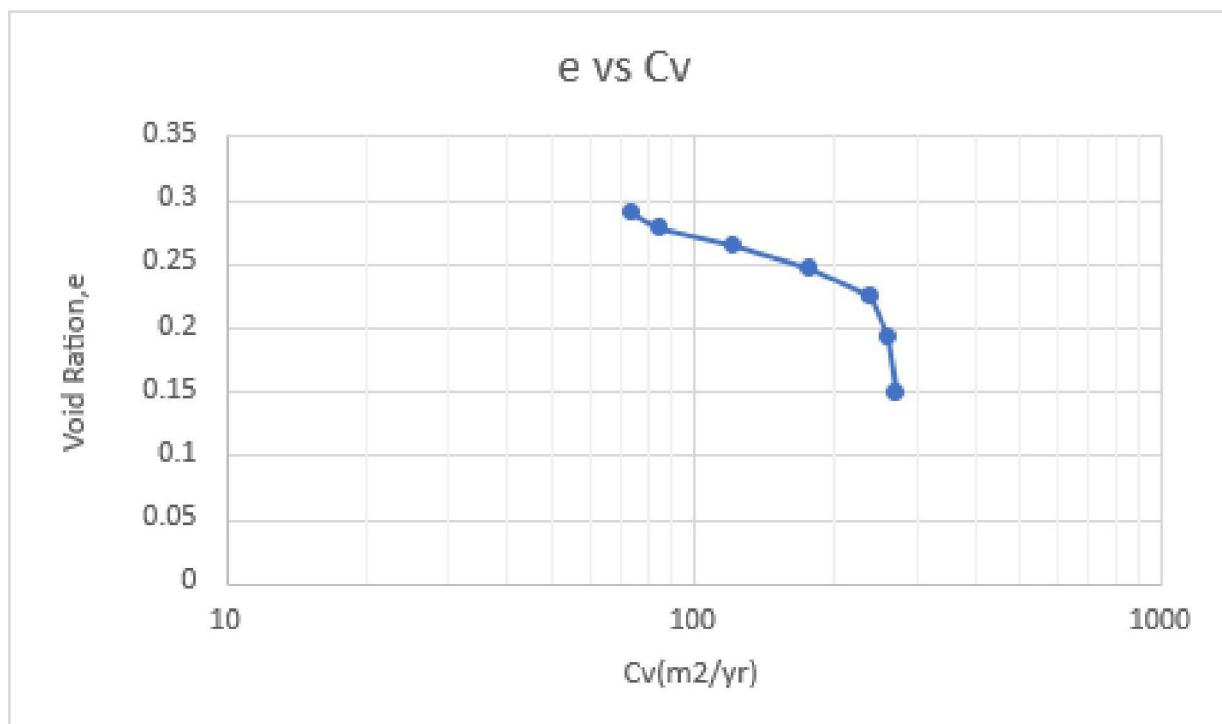
Dial Reading vs  $\sqrt{t}$  for Load 800 Kpa











■ Sample calculation:

For Dial reading vs  $\log(t)$  graph,

Load 12.5 kPa,

$$t_1 = 0.15 \text{ min}$$

$$D_{50} = \frac{D_0 + D_{100}}{2} = 480.$$

$$t_2 = 0.9 \text{ min.}$$

$$t_{50} = 0.9.$$

$$D_0 = 465$$

$$D_{100} = 495$$

similarly others calculations are done for these graph.

For Dial reading vs  $\sqrt{t}$  graph,

Load, 12.5 kPa

$$d_{90} = 485 \quad t_{90} = 7.29 \text{ min.}$$

In table of  $\log P$  curve.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dial change at } 12.5 \text{ kPa.} &= (507 - 427) \times 0.0001'' \\ &= 0.008'' \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sample Height } 2H &= (0.9979 - 0.008)'' \\ &= 0.9899. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Solid height} = \frac{W_s}{A G_s \gamma_w}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2H_0 &= \frac{166.6}{31.67 \times 2.71 \times 0.9951} \\ &= 1.95 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 0.7674''$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{void height} &= 2H - 2H_0 \\ &= 0.9899 - 0.7674 \\ &= 0.2225\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{void ratio, } e &= \frac{2H - 2H_0}{2H_0} \\ &= \frac{0.2225}{0.7674} = 0.29\end{aligned}$$

similarly other calculations are done.

From table of Gs determination,

$$\begin{aligned}G_s &= \frac{G_1 + W_s}{W_s - W_1 + W_2} = \frac{0.9951 \times 49.6}{49.6 - 373.5 + 342.1} \\ &= 2.71.\end{aligned}$$

from table for  $\rho_v$  vs Arg pressure graph.  
for 12.5 kPa.

$$\begin{aligned}H &= \frac{H_1 + H_2}{2} \text{ in} \\ &= \frac{0.9979 + 0.9899}{2} \text{ in} \\ &= 0.9939^4 \\ &= 25.45 \text{ mm}\end{aligned}$$

$$t_{90} = 7.29 \text{ min}$$

$$t_{50} = 0.9 \text{ min.}$$

for  $t_{50}$ ,

$$c_v = \frac{TH^2}{t_{50}} = \frac{0.197 \times 25.32^2 \times 60 \times 24 \times 365}{0.9 \times 1000^2}$$

$$= 73.78 \text{ m}^2/\text{year.}$$

for  $t_{90}$

$$c_v = \frac{TH^2}{t_{90}} = \frac{0.848 \times 25.32^2 \times 60 \times 24 \times 365}{4.29 \times 1000^2}$$

$$= 39.21 \text{ m}^2/\text{year.}$$

from table for  $k_v$  vs  $c_v$  and  $e$  vs  $c_v$  graphs,

$$a_v = \frac{Ae}{\Delta p'} = \frac{0.303 - 0.300}{5 - 0} = 0.000547 \text{ m}^2/\text{kN.}$$

$$m_v = \frac{a_v}{1+e} = \frac{0.000547}{1+0.3} = 0.00042 \text{ m}^2/\text{kN.}$$

$$k = c_v m_v \gamma_w = 73.78 \times 0.00042 \times 0.000547 \times 9.76$$

$$= 0.7699 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm/sec.}$$

similarly others values were obtained.

from  $e \log P$  curve,

$$e_e = -\frac{(0.3 - 0.15)}{\log\left(\frac{60}{800}\right)} = 0.133$$

$$c_b = -\frac{0.15 - 0.2}{\log\left(\frac{350}{20}\right)} = 0.0402$$

By Soil condition:

Initial water content of specimen,

$$= \frac{249.7 - 198.7}{198.7 - 32.1} \times 100 = 30.6\%$$

Final water content of specimen.

$$= \frac{169.5 - 134.5}{134.5 - 19.4} \times 100 = 30.4\%$$

Avg water content of trimmings = 30.5%.

Initial dry wt of specimen = 166.6 g

final u u u = 115.1 g.

Initial void ratio of specimen = 0.303

Final void ratio of specimen = 0.211

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Initial dry unit wt} &= \frac{166.6}{31.67 \times 2.54} \text{ g/cm}^3 \\ &= 2.1 \text{ g/m}^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Final dry unit wt} &= \frac{115.1}{31.67 \times 2.36} \text{ g/cm}^3 \\ &= 1.54 \text{ g/m}^3 \end{aligned}$$

Initial degree of saturation =  $\frac{G_w}{E} = 2.7\%$

Final degree of saturation =  $\frac{G_w}{E} = 3.9\%$

### Result:

Pre-consolidation pressure = 80 kPa

Consolidation Index  $C_c = 0.133$ .

Swelling index,  $C_s = 0.0402$

Coefficient of consolidation,  $C_v = 271.4 \text{ (m}^2/\text{year)}$   
(for 800 kPa and  $t_{50}$ )

Coefficient of compressibility,  $a_v = 0.000108 \text{ m}^2/\text{kN}$   
(for 800 kPa)

Coefficient of volume compressibility,

$m_v = 9.04 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{kN}$  (for 800 kPa)

Coefficient of permeability.

$K = 0.239 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm/sec}$  for (800 kPa)

### Discussion:

From experimental data, pre consolidation pressure found 80 kPa, i.e. the soil sample had a history of max 80 kPa during its deposition life time. Consolidation index  $C_c = 0.133$ . It's used for the settlement calculation of NC soils. Swelling index found 0.0402 which is almost  $\frac{1}{4}$  of  $C_c$  is used for settlement calculation of OC clay.

coefficient of consolidation found  $271.4 \text{ (m}^2/\text{year)}$  indicates the rate of effective consolidation for the soil sample at 800 kPa. The coefficient of compressibility  $c_v = 0.000108 \text{ m}^2/\text{kN}$  implies it's not easily compressible. Coefficient of volume compressibility also implies same.

From graph of  $e$  vs  $\log p$  its observed void ratio decreases with load increment and after removal of load void ratio increases but at a slower rate. As the result of loading path and unloading path become different.

from  $c_v$  vs Avg pressure graph, it's observed  $c_v$  increases with increasing pressure. From,  $K_v$  vs avg pressure graph  $K_v$  decreases as pressure increases as excess consolidation remove pore or void space and thus permeability coefficient from,  $e$  vs  $c_v$  graph, rate of consolidation represented  $c_v$  decreases as void ratio  $e$  decreases as soil is already dense that's why consolidation is slow.