

CE 363-364 Homework-1

State all assumptions clearly. For all questions, you may take $\rho_w=1$ g/cc, $g=10$ m/s².

- 1) A Shelby tube sampler is cut such that the volume of the soil in the cut piece is determined to be 860 cm³. The mass of the soil was 1500 grams. After drying, its mass was found as 1200 grams. Specific gravity of solid particles is measured to be 2.65.
 - a) Draw the phase diagram with volumes and masses (or weights) of each phase
 - b) Calculate water content, bulk density, void ratio, degree of saturation, porosity
 - c) What would be the total unit weight and water content if the soil were fully saturated at the same void ratio in its natural state?
- 2) In a Proctor compaction test, the maximum dry density that corresponds to the optimum water content is found as 1.7 g/cc. Specific gravity of solids is 2.65, maximum void ratio is 0.86, and minimum void ratio is 0.52. A 1.5m (height) x 20m x 20m embankment of this soil is compacted to "98% of Proctor maximum dry density".
 - a) Calculate the relative density of the embankment.
 - b) Earthworks are priced by volume of soil moved. If hauling soil costs 15 lira/m³, calculate the maximum possible cost of hauling the soil necessary for this embankment. (*Hint: maximum possible cost would correspond to the maximum possible volume of loose soil to be hauled. This loose soil will be compacted into the embankment at the specified density*)
- 3) The results of particle size analysis and, where appropriate, Atterberg limit tests on samples of four soils are given in the table below.

| Particle size (mm) | Percentage smaller (%) | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------|--------|--------|
| | Soil A | Soil B | Soil C | Soil D |
| 19 | 100 | - | - | - |
| 4.75 | 93 | 100 | - | - |
| 2 | 70 | 97 | - | - |
| 0.65 | 31 | 89 | 100 | - |
| 0.212 | 14 | 66 | 96 | 100 |
| 0.074 | 3 | 38 | 72 | 98 |
| 0.020 | - | 21 | 47 | 89 |
| 0.006 | - | 12 | 24 | 70 |
| 0.002 | - | 5 | 14 | 59 |
| Liquid limit (%) | - | Non-plastic | 27 | 75 |
| Plastic limit (%) | - | | 19 | 38 |

- a) Plot the grain size distribution curve of each soil (use Excel or graphing softwares)
- b) Determine the percentages of gravel, sand and the fines in samples A and B.
- c) Determine D_{10} , D_{30} , D_{60} , C_u and C_z of soils A and B, and comment on their gradation.
- d) Classify each soil according to Unified Soil Classification System, write both 2-letter abbreviated form and the open form.
- e) For soil D, if the natural water content is 55%, what is the consistency in its natural state. Determine also the plasticity index and liquidity index of soil D.