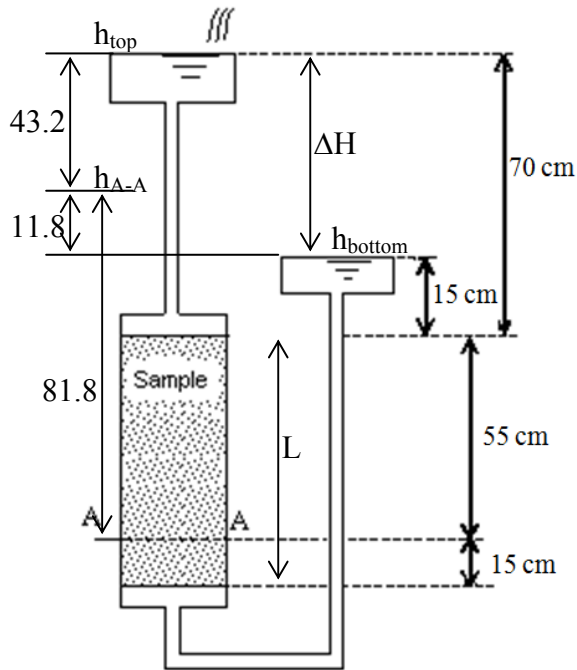


# Soil Mechanics HW3 Solution



Q1: a)

$$i = \frac{\Delta H}{L} = \frac{55}{70} = 0.786$$

b)  $Q = Aki$

$$k = \frac{Q}{Ai} = \frac{5.4}{250 \times 0.786} = 0.0275 \text{ cm/s}$$

c)

$$h_{A-A} = h_{top} - 55i = h_{top} - 43.2$$

OR

$$h_{A-A} = h_{bottom} + 15i = h_{bottom} + 11.8$$

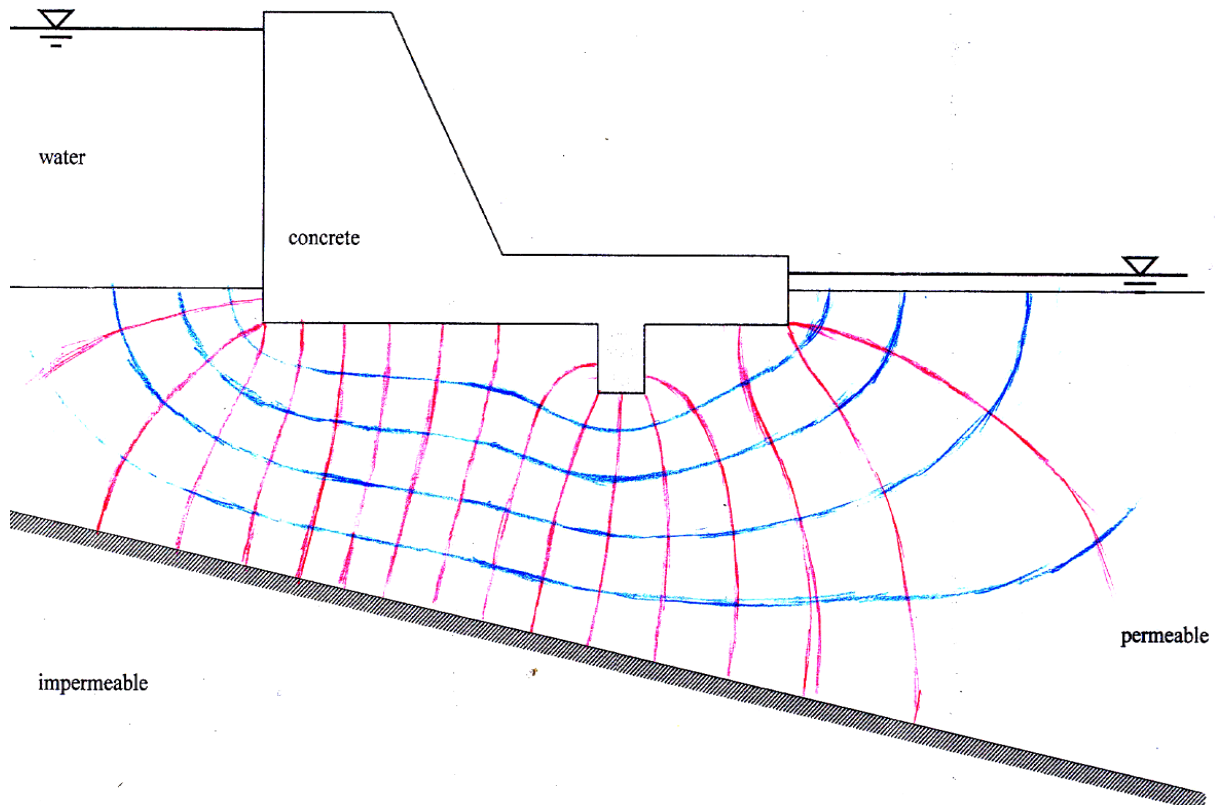
$$u_{A-A} / \gamma_w = 81.8 \text{ cm} \Rightarrow u_{A-A} = 8.18 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\sigma_{A-A} = 0.55 \times 19 + 0.7 \times 10 = 17.45 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\sigma'_{A-A} = 17.45 - 8.18 = 9.27 \text{ kPa}$$

d) Constant head permeability test is more suitable for coarse grained soils

Q2:



**Q3:**

a.  $\Delta h = 13 - 7 = 6 \text{ m}$

$N_f = 9, N_d = 20.3$

$Q = k \cdot \Delta h \cdot N_f / N_d = 4 \times 10^{-7} \times 6 \times 9 / 20.3 = 1.06 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  (water seepage from one side)

Due to symmetry, the total amount of seepage into the excavation:

$2Q = 2.13 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3/\text{s per m} = 7.66 \text{ Lt/hr per m}$

b. The head loss between two energy lines:  $\Delta h / N_d = 6 / 20.3 = 0.296 \text{ m}$

Distance between the energy lines near point A (from scale)  $\approx 0.4 \text{ m}$

$i_A = \Delta h / \Delta L = 0.296 / 0.4 = 0.74$

c. Total stress:  $\sigma_A = 20 \times 1.3 = 26 \text{ kPa}$

Pore pressure:

$h_A = 13 - 16.8 \times 6 / 20.3$  OR  $h_A = 7 + 3.5 \times 6 / 20.3 \Rightarrow h_A = 8 \text{ m}$

$z_A = 7.5 - 1.3 = 6.2 \text{ m}$

$u_A = (h_A - z_A) \cdot \gamma_w = (8 - 6.2) \cdot 10 = 18 \text{ kPa}$

Effective stress at point A:  $\sigma_A' = \sigma_A - u_A = 26 - 18 = 8 \text{ kPa} > 0 \Rightarrow \text{stable}$