

Important Soil Origin and Its Properties Formulas PDF



**Formulas
Examples
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List of 31 Important Soil Origin and Its Properties Formulas

1) Degree of Saturation given Dry Unit Weight of Soil Formula ↻

Formula

$$S = \left(\left(\frac{\gamma_{\text{dry}}}{\gamma_{\text{water}}} \right) \cdot \left(\left(\frac{1}{G_s} \right) + w_s \right) \right)$$

Example with Units

$$0.616 = \left(\left(\frac{6.12 \text{ kN/m}^3}{9.81 \text{ kN/m}^3} \right) \cdot \left(\left(\frac{1}{2.65} \right) + 0.61 \right) \right)$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

2) Degree of Saturation of Soil Formula ↻

Formula

$$S = \left(\frac{w_s \cdot G_s}{e_s} \right)$$

Example

$$0.7028 = \left(\frac{0.61 \cdot 2.65}{2.3} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

3) Dry Unit Weight of Soil given Relative Density Formula ↻

Formula

$$\gamma_{\text{dry}} = \left(\frac{\gamma_{\text{min}} \cdot \gamma_{\text{max}}}{\gamma_{\text{max}} - R_D \cdot (\gamma_{\text{max}} - \gamma_{\text{min}})} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$7.5188 \text{ kN/m}^3 = \left(\frac{5 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot 10 \text{ kN/m}^3}{10 \text{ kN/m}^3 - 0.67 \cdot (10 \text{ kN/m}^3 - 5 \text{ kN/m}^3)} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

4) Dry Unit Weight of Soil with any Degree of Saturation Formula ↻

Formula

$$\gamma_{\text{dry}} = \left(\frac{\gamma_{\text{water}} \cdot G_s \cdot S}{1 + (w_s \cdot G_s)} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$5.9614 \text{ kN/m}^3 = \left(\frac{9.81 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot 2.65 \cdot 0.6}{1 + (0.61 \cdot 2.65)} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula ↻



5) Maximum Porosity given Relative Density in Porosity Formula

Formula

$$n_{\max} = n_{\min} \cdot \frac{R - (\eta \cdot R) - \eta + 1}{R - (\eta \cdot R) + n_{\min} - 1}$$

Example

$$0.8967 = 0.8 \cdot \frac{11 - (0.32 \cdot 11) - 0.32 + 1}{11 - (0.32 \cdot 11) + 0.8 - 1}$$

Evaluate Formula 

6) Maximum Unit Weight of Soil given Relative Density Formula

Formula

$$\gamma_{\max} = \left(\frac{\gamma_{\min} \cdot \gamma_{\text{dry}} \cdot R}{\gamma_{\text{dry}} \cdot (R - 1) + \gamma_{\min}} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$5.0846 \text{ kN/m}^3 = \left(\frac{5 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot 6.12 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot 11}{6.12 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot (11 - 1) + 5 \text{ kN/m}^3} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

7) Maximum Void Ratio of Soil given Relative Density Formula

Formula

$$e_{\max} = \frac{e_o - (R \cdot e_{\min})}{1 - R}$$

Example

$$0.28 = \frac{0.50 - (11 \cdot 0.30)}{1 - 11}$$

Evaluate Formula 

8) Minimum Porosity given Relative Density in Porosity Formula

Formula

$$n_{\min} = n_{\max} \cdot \frac{1 + (\eta \cdot R) - \eta - R}{n_{\max} - \eta - R + (\eta \cdot R)}$$

Example

$$0.9093 = 0.92 \cdot \frac{1 + (0.32 \cdot 11) - 0.32 - 11}{0.92 - 0.32 - 11 + (0.32 \cdot 11)}$$

Evaluate Formula 

9) Minimum Unit Weight of Soil given Relative Density Formula

Formula

$$\gamma_{\min} = \left(\frac{\gamma_{\text{dry}} \cdot \gamma_{\max} \cdot (R - 1)}{(R \cdot \gamma_{\text{dry}}) - \gamma_{\max}} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$10.6769 \text{ kN/m}^3 = \left(\frac{6.12 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot 10 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot (11 - 1)}{(11 \cdot 6.12 \text{ kN/m}^3) - 10 \text{ kN/m}^3} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

10) Minimum Void Ratio of Soil given Relative Density Formula

Formula

$$e_{\min} = \left(e_{\max} - \left(\frac{e_{\max} - e_o}{R} \right) \right)$$

Example

$$0.7727 = \left(0.80 - \left(\frac{0.80 - 0.50}{11} \right) \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 



11) Natural Void Ratio of Soil given Relative Density Formula

Formula

$$e_o = (e_{\max} \cdot (1 - R_D) + (R_D \cdot e_{\min}))$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example

$$0.465 = (0.80 \cdot (1 - 0.67) + (0.67 \cdot 0.30))$$

12) Porosity Given Relative Density in Porosity Formula

Formula

$$\eta = \frac{n_{\max} \cdot (1 - n_{\min} - R_D) + R_D \cdot n_{\min}}{1 - n_{\min} + R_D \cdot n_{\min} - R_D \cdot n_{\max}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example

$$0.8662 = \frac{0.92 \cdot (1 - 0.8 - 0.67) + 0.67 \cdot 0.8}{1 - 0.8 + 0.67 \cdot 0.8 - 0.67 \cdot 0.92}$$

13) Porosity of soil Formula

Formula

$$\eta = \left(\frac{V_v}{V} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$0.325 = \left(\frac{6.5 \text{ m}^3}{20 \text{ m}^3} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

14) Porosity of Soil given Void Ratio Formula

Formula

$$\eta = \left(\frac{e_s}{1 + e_s} \right)$$

Example

$$0.697 = \left(\frac{2.3}{1 + 2.3} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

15) Relative density given porosity Formula

Formula

$$R_D = \frac{(n_{\max} - \eta) \cdot (1 - n_{\min})}{(n_{\max} - n_{\min}) \cdot (1 - \eta)}$$

Example

$$1.4706 = \frac{(0.92 - 0.32) \cdot (1 - 0.8)}{(0.92 - 0.8) \cdot (1 - 0.32)}$$

Evaluate Formula 

16) Relative Density of Cohesionless Soil given Unit Weight of Soil Formula

Formula

$$R_D = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\gamma_{\min}} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{\gamma_{\text{dry}}} \right)}{\left(\frac{1}{\gamma_{\min}} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{\gamma_{\max}} \right)}$$

Example with Units

$$0.366 = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{5 \text{ kN/m}^3} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{6.12 \text{ kN/m}^3} \right)}{\left(\frac{1}{5 \text{ kN/m}^3} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{10 \text{ kN/m}^3} \right)}$$

Evaluate Formula 



17) Relative Density of Cohesionless Soil given Void Ratio Formula

Formula

$$R_D = \left(\frac{e_{\max} - e_o}{e_{\max} - e_{\min}} \right)$$

Example

$$0.6 = \left(\frac{0.80 - 0.50}{0.80 - 0.30} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

18) Specific Gravity of Soil given Degree of Saturation Formula

Formula

$$G_s = \left(\frac{S \cdot e_s}{w_s} \right)$$

Example

$$2.2623 = \left(\frac{0.6 \cdot 2.3}{0.61} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

19) Total Volume of Soil using Porosity Formula

Formula

$$V = \left(\frac{V_v}{\eta} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$20.3125 \text{ m}^3 = \left(\frac{6.5 \text{ m}^3}{0.32} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

20) Void ratio of soil Formula

Formula

$$e_s = \left(\frac{V_v}{V_s} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$2.1667 = \left(\frac{6.5 \text{ m}^3}{3 \text{ m}^3} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

21) Void Ratio of Soil given Degree of Saturation Formula

Formula

$$e_s = \left(\frac{w_s \cdot G_s}{S} \right)$$

Example

$$2.6942 = \left(\frac{0.61 \cdot 2.65}{0.6} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

22) Void Ratio of Soil given Porosity Formula

Formula

$$e_s = \left(\frac{\eta}{1 - \eta} \right)$$

Example

$$0.4706 = \left(\frac{0.32}{1 - 0.32} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

23) Volume of Voids using Porosity Formula

Formula

$$V_v = (\eta \cdot V)$$

Example with Units

$$6.4 \text{ m}^3 = (0.32 \cdot 20 \text{ m}^3)$$

Evaluate Formula 



24) Water Content of Soil given Degree of Saturation Formula

Formula

$$w_s = \left(\frac{S \cdot e_s}{G_s} \right)$$

Example

$$0.5208 = \left(\frac{0.6 \cdot 2.3}{2.65} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

25) Degree of Saturation Formulas

25.1) Air Content with Respect to Degree of Saturation Formula

Formula

$$a_c = 1 - S$$

Example

$$0.4 = 1 - 0.6$$

Evaluate Formula 

25.2) Buoyant Unit Weight of Soil with Saturation 100 Percent Formula

Formula

$$\gamma_b = \left(\frac{(G_s \cdot \gamma_{\text{water}}) - \gamma_{\text{water}}}{1 + e} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$7.3575 \text{ kN/m}^3 = \left(\frac{(2.65 \cdot 9.81 \text{ kN/m}^3) - 9.81 \text{ kN/m}^3}{1 + 1.2} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

25.3) Degree of Saturation given Air Content with Respect to Degree of Saturation Formula

Formula

$$S = 1 - a_c$$

Example

$$0.6 = 1 - 0.4$$

Evaluate Formula 

25.4) Degree of Saturation given Void Ratio in Specific Gravity Formula

Formula

$$S = w_s \cdot \frac{G_s}{e}$$

Example

$$1.3471 = 0.61 \cdot \frac{2.65}{1.2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

25.5) Degree of Saturation of Soil Sample Formula

Formula

$$S = \left(\frac{V_w}{V_v} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$0.6667 = \left(\frac{2 \text{ m}^3}{3 \text{ m}^3} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

25.6) Volume of Voids given Degree of Saturation of Soil Sample Formula

Formula

$$V_v = \frac{V_w}{S}$$

Example with Units

$$3.3333 \text{ m}^3 = \frac{2 \text{ m}^3}{0.6}$$

Evaluate Formula 



Formula

$$V_w = S \cdot V_v$$

Example with Units

$$1.8\text{m}^3 = 0.6 \cdot 3\text{m}^3$$



Evaluate Formula 



Variables used in list of Soil Origin and Its Properties Formulas above

- a_c Air Content
- e Void Ratio
- e_{\max} Maximum Void Ratio
- e_{\min} Minimum Void Ratio
- e_o Natural Void Ratio
- e_s Void Ratio of Soil
- G_s Specific Gravity of Soil
- n_{\max} Maximum Porosity
- n_{\min} Minimum Porosity
- R Relative Density
- R_D Relative Density in Soil Mechanics
- S Degree of Saturation
- V Volume of Soil (Cubic Meter)
- V_s Solid Volume (Cubic Meter)
- V_v Volume of Voids (Cubic Meter)
- V_v Void Space Volume (Cubic Meter)
- V_w Volume of Water (Cubic Meter)
- w_s Water Content of Soil from Pycnometer
- γ_b Buoyant Unit Weight (Kilonewton per Cubic Meter)
- γ_{dry} Dry Unit Weight (Kilonewton per Cubic Meter)
- γ_{\max} Maximum Unit Weight (Kilonewton per Cubic Meter)
- γ_{\min} Minimum Unit Weight (Kilonewton per Cubic Meter)
- γ_{water} Unit Weight of Water (Kilonewton per Cubic Meter)
- η Porosity of Soil

Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Soil Origin and Its Properties Formulas above

- **Measurement: Volume** in Cubic Meter (m^3)
Volume Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Specific Weight** in Kilonewton per Cubic Meter (kN/m^3)
Specific Weight Unit Conversion 



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