

Final Exam for IPSE of CSE, 2019-20		31st, Jan., Wed.	Time: 15:00 to 16:30
Subject: <b>Soil Mechanics</b> Department, Year: Civil and Environmental Engineering, 2nd year Instructors: Dr. Konishi, Dr. Kikkawa, Dr. Tsuno, Dr. Afshani			• Free • Nothing • <b>Partly permitted</b> • Textbook • Reference book • <b>Calculator (OK)</b> • PowerPoint handouts • <b>Personal notes- max four A4 pages (OK)</b>
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**Questions sheets (answer the questions in questions sheets)**

**Note that:** The density of water is  $\rho_w = 1 \text{ g/cm}^3$  and the water unit weight is  $\gamma_w = 9.81 \text{ kN/m}^3$ .

**1. A water content tests was done on a soil sample and following results are obtained: (15 points)**

Mass of the container: 50 g,

Mass of the specimen and container: 95 g,

Mass of the specimen and container after drying at oven: 80 g,

Volume of the solid grains ( $V_s$ ):  $10 \text{ cm}^3$ ,

Volume of the specimen ( $V_{\text{total}}$ ):  $28 \text{ cm}^3$ ,

Obtain the **A**) water content ( $\omega$ ), **B**) density of solid grains ( $\rho_s$ ), and **C**) void ratio ( $e$ ) and **D**) saturation ratio ( $S_r$ )?

Mass of water:  $95 - 80 = 15 \text{ g}$ , Mass of solid:  $80 - 50 = 30 \text{ g}$ , Mass of specimen:  $95 - 50 = 45 \text{ g}$ ,  
 Volume of specimen =  $28 \text{ cm}^3$ , Volume of solid grains =  $10 \text{ cm}^3$ , Volume of void =  $28 - 10$  ( $V_v$ ) =  $18 \text{ cm}^3$ ,  
 Volume of water =  $m_w/\gamma_w = 15/1 = 15 \text{ cm}^3$  (3 points)

$$\text{Water content } (\omega) = \frac{W_w}{W_s} \times 100 = \frac{15}{30} \times 100 = 50\% \quad (3 \text{ points})$$

$$\text{Density of solid grains } (\rho_s) = \frac{30}{10} = 3 \left( \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3} \right) \quad (3 \text{ points})$$

$$\text{Void ratio } (e) = \frac{V_v}{V_s} = \frac{18}{10} = 1.8 \left( \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3} \right) \quad (3 \text{ points})$$

$$\text{Saturation ratio } (S_r) = \frac{V_w}{V_v} = \frac{15}{18} \times 100 = 83\% \quad (3 \text{ points})$$

**2. Table 1 shows the sieves analysis test. Make the grading curve on the Fig. 1 with the result. Find the (9 points)**

(a) uniformity coefficient  $U_c$

(b) Fine fraction content

(c) Is the soil well graded or poor graded?

Table 1

Size (mm)	9.5	4.75	2.0	0.85	0.425	0.250	0.106	0.075
Percentage finer than a given size P (%)	100	97.1	90.1	85.3	74.7	65.0	56.7	42.5
Size (mm)	0.050	0.038	0.012	0.0025				
Percentage finer than a given size P (%)	24.1	15.6	8.8	2.3				

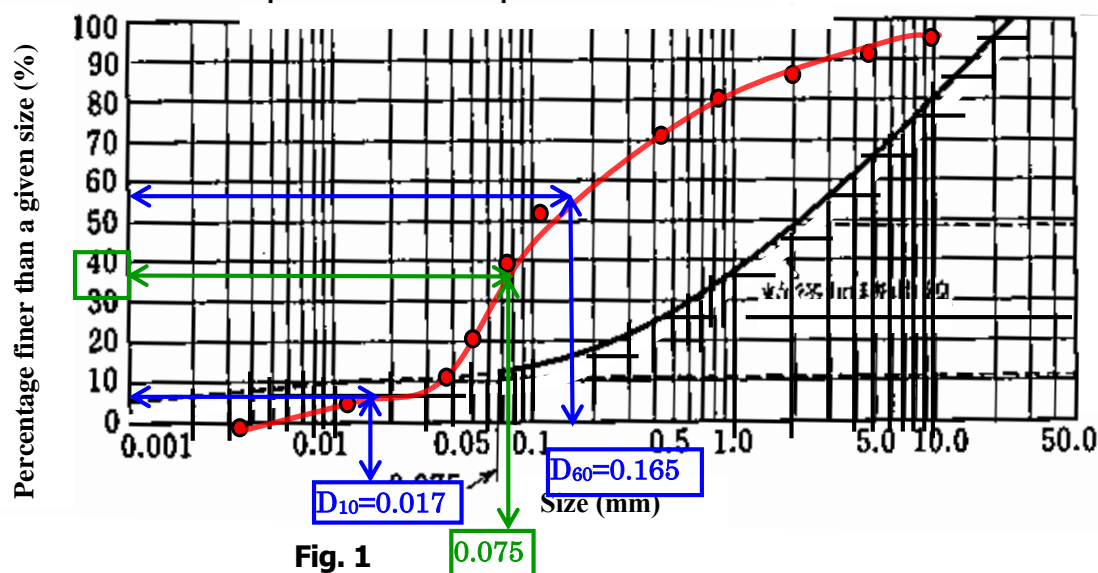


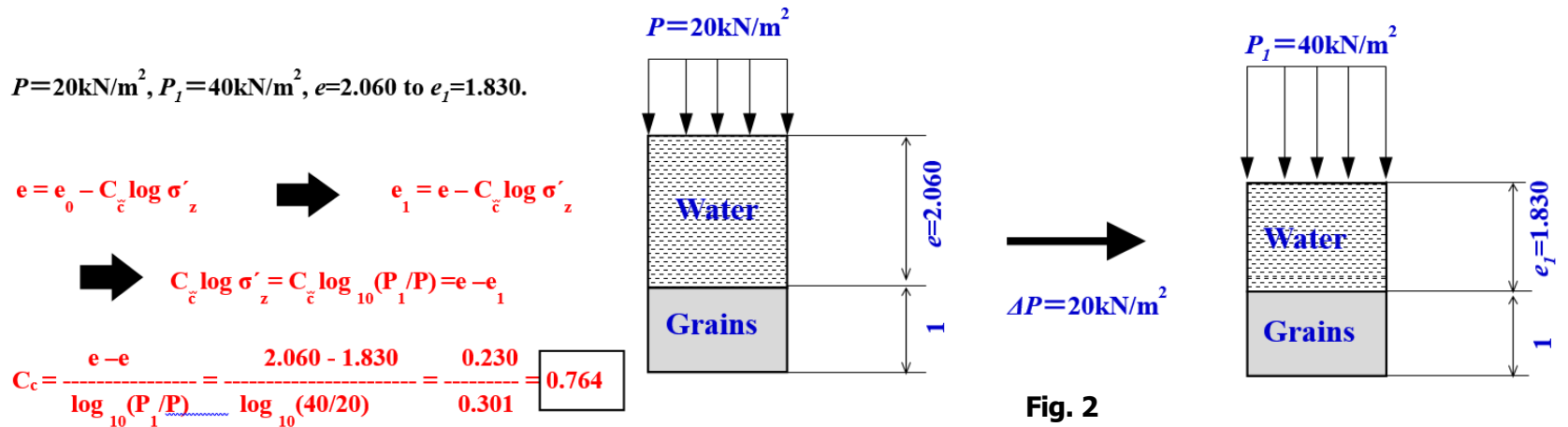
Fig. 1

$$\text{Uniformity coefficient } U_c = D_{60}/D_{10} = 0.165/0.017 = 9.7$$

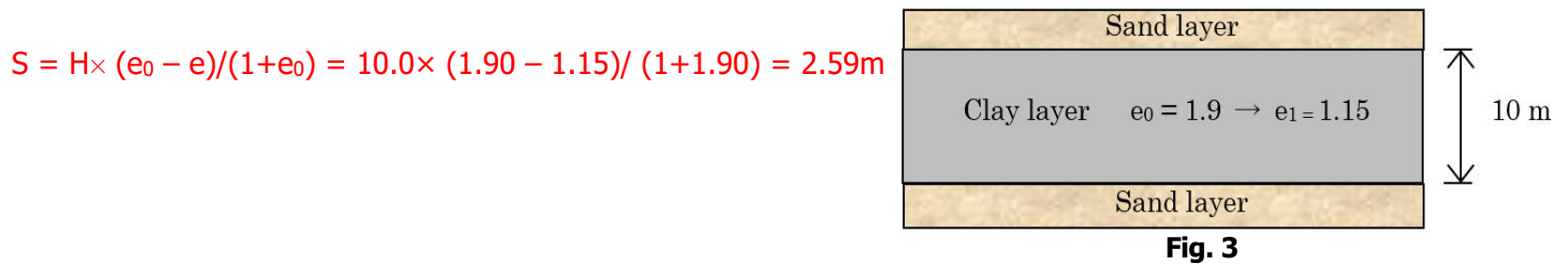
$$\text{Fine fraction content} = 40\%$$

The soil is poor graded, because  $U_c < 10$ .

3. When consolidation of the saturated clay specimen occurred by adding the load  $\Delta P = 20 \text{ kN/m}^2$ , as shown in **Fig. 2**, void ratio  $e$  changes from  $e = 2.060$  to  $e_1 = 1.830$ . How much is compression index  $C_c$ . **(5 points)**



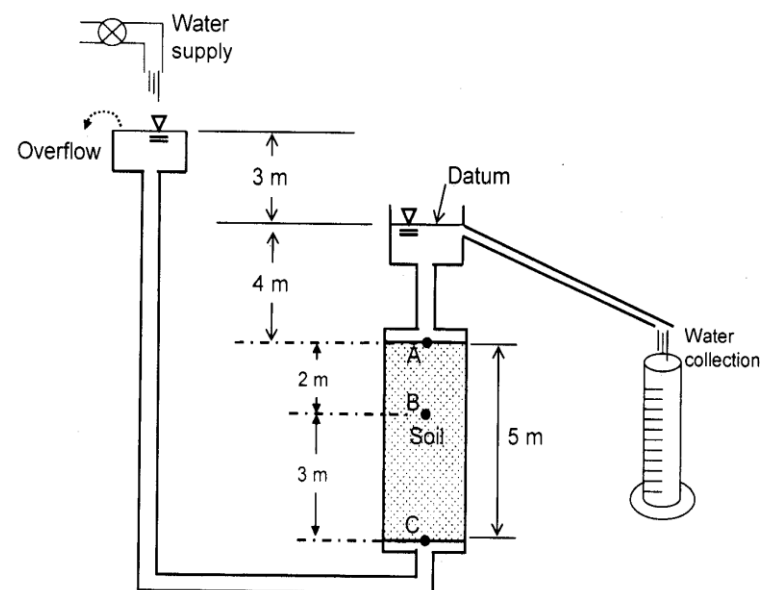
4. **Fig. 3** shows a saturated clay layer with a thickness of 10m. It gets sandwiched between two sand layers. The void ratio of the clay layer is 1.9 now. But the void ratio estimated to be 1.15 due to a load of the upper structure in future. Find the settlement  $S$  of the clay layer. **(5 points)**



5. In the arrangement shown in **Fig. 4**, pressure head at points A and C are 4 m and 12 m respectively. **(6×2+3=15 points)**
- Determine total head, elevation head, and pressure head at the point B (complete the Table-a)?
  - Determine pore water pressure at point B and C (complete the Table-b)?
  - If the soil permeability is  $k = 0.05 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{sec}}$ , and sample section area  $A = 1 \text{ m}^2$ , how much is the total discharge passing through the sample? Hint:  $H_{\text{total}} = H_{\text{elevation}} + H_{\text{pressure}}$

Table-a			
Point	$H_{\text{total}}$ (m)	$H_{\text{elevation}}$ (m)	$H_{\text{pressure}}$ (m)
A	0	-4	4
B			
C	3	-9	12

Table-b		
Point	$H_{\text{pressure}}$ (m)	$U_w$ (kPa)
A	4	$4 \times 9.81 = 39.2$
B		
C	12	



**Fig. 4:** Water flow arrangement through soil sample

(a) Determine the total head, elevation head, and pressure head at points A, B, and C.

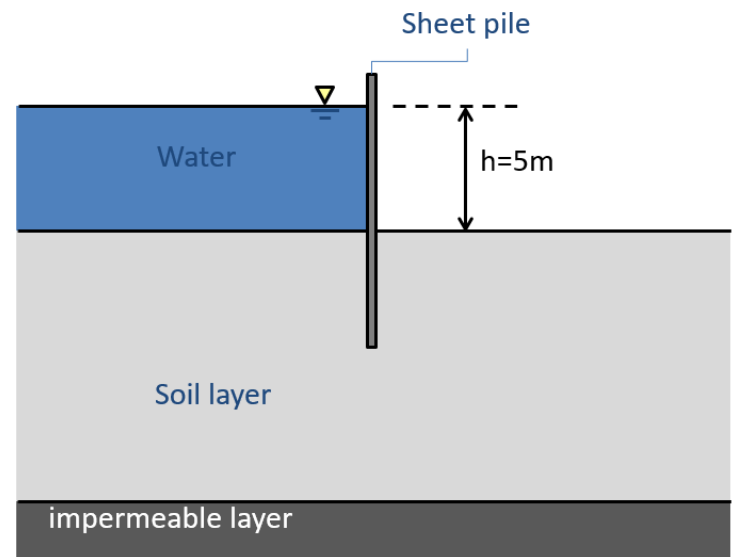
	$H_T$	$H_e$	$H_p$
A	0 m	-4 m	4 m
B	$\frac{3m}{5} = 0.6m$	-6 m	7.2 m
C	3 m	-9 m	12 m

(b) Determine the pore water pressures at point A, B, and C.

$$U_w = H_p \gamma_w, \quad \gamma_w = 9.8 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

	$H_p$	$U_w$
A	4 m	$4 \times 9.8 \text{ kN/m}^3 = 39.2 \text{ kPa}$
B	7.2 m	$7.2 \times 9.8 = 70.56 \text{ kPa}$
C	12 m	$12 \times 9.8 = 117.6 \text{ kPa}$

6. Draw water flow net in the soil layer in **Fig. 5. (5 points)**

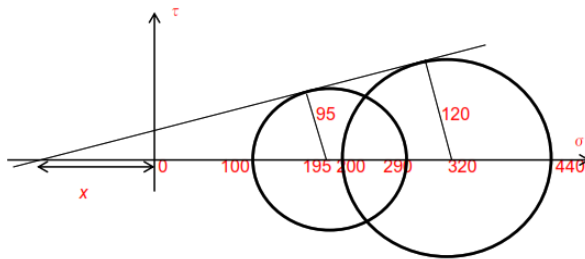


**Fig. 5:** Water flow through soil layer

7. Table 2 shows the results of consolidated-drained triaxial test (CD-test) at the time of specimen failure. Calculate cohesion  $c_d$  and internal friction angle  $\phi_d$  using Mohr-circle. **(10 point)**

Table 2: results of consolidated-drained triaxial test (CD-test)

Cell pressure [kPa]	100	200
Principal stress deviations $\sigma_1 - \sigma_3$ [kPa]	190	240



$$(x + 195) : 95 = (x + 320) : 120$$

$$x = 280$$

$$\sin \phi_d = 95 / (280 + 195) = 0.2$$

$$\phi_d = 11.5^\circ$$

$$\cos \phi_d = \sqrt{1 - 0.2^2} = 0.96$$

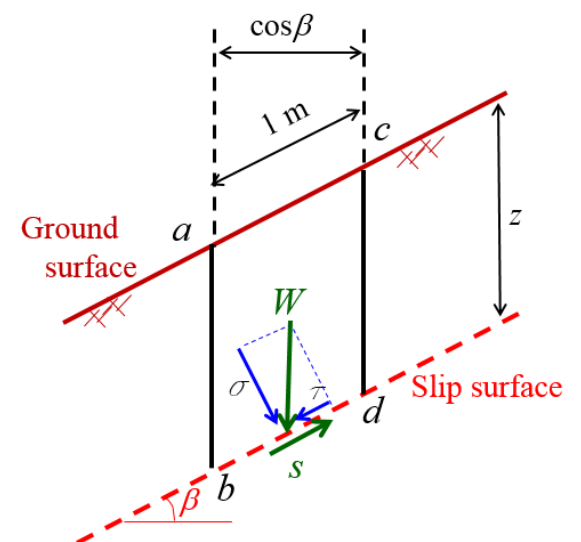
$$\tan \phi_d = \frac{0.2}{0.96} = \frac{1}{2.4}$$

$$c = 280 \times \tan \phi_d = 280 \times \frac{1}{2.4} = 116.67 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

8. The layer of soil is sliding down in the slope with angle of the  $\beta$ . The section "abcd" is assumed to slip on sliding slip "bd". The thickness of the sliding layer is  $z$ , and unit weight of it is  $\gamma$ . The cohesion and internal friction angle of the soil layer is  $c$  and  $\phi$ . Using the shown parameters ( $\gamma, z, \beta, c, \phi$ ) (and not actual values), obtain **(16 points)**:

- Weight of the section "abcd", ( $W$ ).
- Normal and shear component of the weight on the sliding slip "bd", ( $\sigma$  and  $\tau$ ).
- Shear strength on the sliding slip "bd", ( $S$ ).
- Safety factor of this sliding, ( $SF$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } W &= \gamma z \cos \beta \\ \text{b) } \sigma &= W \cdot \cos \beta = \gamma z \cos^2 \beta, \quad \tau = W \sin \beta = \gamma z \cos \beta \sin \beta \\ \text{c) } S &= c + \sigma \tan \phi = c + \gamma z \cos^2 \beta \tan \phi \\ \text{d) } F_s &= \frac{2c}{\gamma z \sin 2\beta} + \frac{\tan \phi}{\tan \beta} \end{aligned}$$



**Fig. 5:** Sliding soil layer

9. Fig. 6 shows a pile foundation with diameter of 0.3 m driven into sandy soil by 13 m. The sand has cohesion  $C = 0$  kPa, internal friction angle  $\Phi = 32^\circ$  and unit weight  $\gamma = 17.9$  kN/m<sup>3</sup>. Water level is at ground surface and  $N_{spt} = 15$ . Calculate bearing capacity of this foundation using the modified Terzaghi's bearing capacity equation? (20 points)

Answer for the question of piled foundation (1)

$$Q_f = q_t A_t + f_s A_s$$

here,  $q_t$  is equal to  $q_f$  for shallow foundation and so

$$q_t = q_f = \alpha c N_c + \gamma_{t1} D N_q + \beta \gamma_{t2} B N_r$$

here, unit weights of each layer should be

$$\gamma_{t1} = \gamma_{t2} = \gamma_{sat} - \gamma_w = 17.9 - 9.81 = 8.09 \text{ (kN/m}^3\text{)}$$

The pile is cylindrical shape and so shape factors are

$$\alpha = 1.3, \beta = 0.3$$

and the internal friction,  $\phi$ , is  $32^\circ$  and so the bearing factors are

$$N_c = 20.9, N_q = 14.1, N_r = 10.6$$

therefore,  $q_t$  should be

$$\begin{aligned} q_t &= 1.3 \times 0 \times 20.9 + 8.09 \times 13 \times 14.1 + 0.3 \times 8.09 \times 0.3 \times 10.6 \\ &= 0 + 1482.897 + 7.71786 \\ &= 1491 \text{ (kN/m}^2\text{)} \end{aligned}$$

The cross-sectional area,  $A_t$ , of the pile is

$$A_t = \pi B^2 / 4 = 3.14 \times 0.3^2 / 4 = 0.07065$$

The shear stress mobilised between pile and ground,  $f_s$ , is

$$f_s = 2 N_s = 2 \times 15 = 30$$

The surface area of the pile,  $A_s$ , is

$$A_s = \pi B D = 3.14 \times 0.3 \times 13 = 12.246$$

Therefore,  $Q_f$  is

$$\begin{aligned} Q_f &= 1491 \times 0.07065 + 30 \times 12.246 \\ &= 105.33915 + 367.38 \\ &= 473 \text{ (kN)} \end{aligned}$$

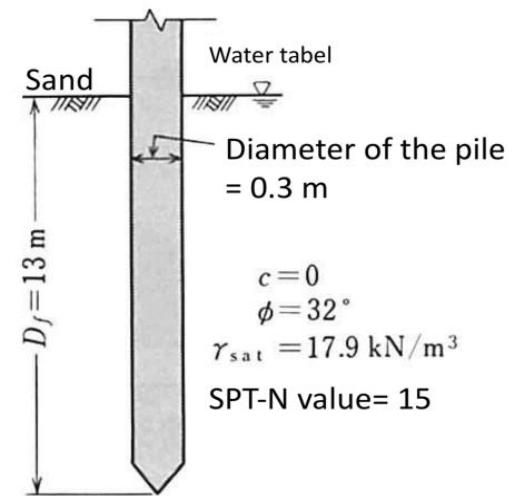


Fig. 6: Pile foundation

Shape coefficients

Shape of foundation	Continuous footing	Circular foundation	Square	Rectangular foundation
$\alpha$	1.0	1.3	1.3	$1.0 + 0.3 \frac{B}{L}$
$\beta$	0.5	0.3	0.4	$0.5 - 0.1 \frac{B}{L}$

$B$  : Width ,  $L$  : Length

Bearing capacity factors

$\phi$	$N_c$	$N_q$	$N_r$
$0^\circ$	5.3	0	1.0
$5^\circ$	5.3	0	1.4
$10^\circ$	5.3	0	1.9
$15^\circ$	6.5	1.2	2.7
$20^\circ$	7.9	2.0	3.9
$25^\circ$	9.9	3.3	5.6
$28^\circ$	11.4	4.4	7.1
$32^\circ$	20.9	10.6	14.1
$36^\circ$	42.2	30.5	31.6

End of Questions.