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List of 10 Porosity of Soil Sample Formulas

Porosity of Soil Sample

1) Air Content given Percentage Air Voids in Porosity

$$\text{fx } a_c = \frac{n_a}{\eta}$$

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$$\text{ex } 1.2 = \frac{0.6}{0.5}$$

2) Dry Unit Weight Given Porosity

$$\text{fx } \gamma_{\text{dry}} = (1 - \eta) \cdot G_s \cdot \gamma_w$$

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$$\text{ex } 12.99825 \text{ kN/m}^3 = (1 - 0.5) \cdot 2.65 \cdot 9810 \text{ N/m}^3$$

3) Porosity given Dry Unit Weight in Porosity

$$\text{fx } \eta = 1 - \left(\frac{\gamma_{\text{dry}}}{G_s \cdot \gamma_w} \right)$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.500317 = 1 - \left(\frac{12.99 \text{ kN/m}^3}{2.65 \cdot 9810 \text{ N/m}^3} \right)$$



4) Porosity given Percentage Air Voids in Porosity

$$fx \quad \eta = \frac{n_a}{a_c}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.5 = \frac{0.6}{1.20}$$

5) Porosity given Saturated Unit Weight in Porosity

$$fx \quad \eta_s = \frac{\gamma_{sat} - (G \cdot \gamma_w)}{\gamma_w} \cdot (1 - G)$$

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$$ex \quad 1.344833 = \frac{17854N/m^3 - (2.64 \cdot 9810N/m^3)}{9810N/m^3} \cdot (1 - 2.64)$$

6) Porosity given Void Ratio

$$fx \quad \eta = \frac{e}{1 + e}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.545455 = \frac{1.2}{1 + 1.2}$$

7) Porosity of Soil Sample

$$fx \quad \eta = \frac{V_{void}}{V_t}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.12 = \frac{6m^3}{50m^3}$$



8) Saturated Unit Weight given Porosity

$$fx \quad \gamma_{sat} = (G \cdot \gamma_w \cdot (1 - \eta)) + (\gamma_w \cdot \eta)$$

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$$ex \quad 17854.2N/m^3 = (2.64 \cdot 9810N/m^3 \cdot (1 - 0.5)) + (9810N/m^3 \cdot 0.5)$$

9) Total Volume of Soil given Porosity of Soil Sample

$$fx \quad V_t = \left(\frac{V_{void}}{\eta_v} \right) \cdot 100$$

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$$ex \quad 24m^3 = \left(\frac{6m^3}{25} \right) \cdot 100$$

10) Volume of Voids Porosity of Soil Sample

$$fx \quad V_{void} = \frac{\eta_v \cdot V_t}{100}$$

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$$ex \quad 12.5m^3 = \frac{25 \cdot 50m^3}{100}$$





Variables Used

- a_c Air Content
- e Void Ratio
- G Specific Gravity of Soil Solids
- G_s Specific Gravity of Soil
- n_a Percentage of Air Voids
- V_t Volume of Soil Sample (*Cubic Meter*)
- V_{void} Volume of Voids in Soil Mechanics (*Cubic Meter*)
- Y_{dry} Dry Unit Weight (*Kilonewton per Cubic Meter*)
- Y_{sat} Saturated Unit Weight (*Newton per Cubic Meter*)
- Y_w Unit Weight of Water in Soil Mechanics (*Newton per Cubic Meter*)
- η Porosity in Soil Mechanics
- η_s Porosity of Soil
- η_v Porosity Volume Percent



Constants, Functions, Measurements used

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



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