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List of 7 Dry Unit Weight of Soil Formulas

Dry Unit Weight of Soil

1) Dry Unit Weight given Bulk Unit Weight and Degree of Saturation

$$\text{fx } \gamma_{\text{dry}} = \frac{\gamma_{\text{bulk}} - (S \cdot \gamma_{\text{saturated}})}{1 - S}$$

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$$\text{ex } 6.120769\text{kN/m}^3 = \frac{20.89\text{kN/m}^3 - (2.56 \cdot 11.89\text{kN/m}^3)}{1 - 2.56}$$

2) Dry Unit Weight given Percentage of Air Voids

$$\text{fx } \gamma_{\text{dry}} = (1 - n_a) \cdot G_s \cdot \frac{\gamma_{\text{water}}}{1 + w_s \cdot G_s}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.904423\text{kN/m}^3 = (1 - 0.2) \cdot 2.65 \cdot \frac{9.81\text{kN/m}^3}{1 + 8.3 \cdot 2.65}$$

3) Dry Unit Weight given Submerged Unit Weight of Soil and Porosity

$$\text{fx } \gamma_{\text{dry}} = W_{\text{su}} + (1 - \eta) \cdot \gamma_{\text{water}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 16.705\text{kN/m}^3 = 11.8\text{kN} + (1 - 0.5) \cdot 9.81\text{kN/m}^3$$



4) Dry Unit Weight given Unit Weight of Solids

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$$\text{fx } \gamma_{\text{dry}} = \gamma_{\text{solids}} \cdot \frac{V_s}{V}$$

$$\text{ex } 6.12045 \text{ kN/m}^3 = 15 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot \frac{5.0 \text{ m}^3}{12.254 \text{ m}^3}$$

5) Dry Unit Weight given Water Content

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$$\text{fx } \gamma_{\text{dry}} = G_s \cdot \frac{\gamma_{\text{water}}}{1 + \frac{w_s}{S}}$$

$$\text{ex } 6.128088 \text{ kN/m}^3 = 2.65 \cdot \frac{9.81 \text{ kN/m}^3}{1 + \frac{8.3}{2.56}}$$

6) Dry Unit Weight given Water Content at Full Saturation

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$$\text{fx } \gamma_{\text{dry}} = G_s \cdot \frac{\gamma_{\text{water}}}{1 + w_s \cdot G_s}$$

$$\text{ex } 1.130528 \text{ kN/m}^3 = 2.65 \cdot \frac{9.81 \text{ kN/m}^3}{1 + 8.3 \cdot 2.65}$$

7) Dry Unit Weight of Soil when Saturation is 0 Percent

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

$$\text{ex } 7.877727 \text{ kN/m}^3 = \left(\frac{2.65 \cdot 9.81 \text{ kN/m}^3}{1 + 2.3} \right)$$





Variables Used

- e_s Void Ratio of Soil
- G_s Specific Gravity of Soil
- n_a Percentage of Air Voids
- S Degree of Saturation
- V Total Volume in Soil Mechanics (*Cubic Meter*)
- V_s Volume of Solids (*Cubic Meter*)
- w_s Water Content of Soil from Pycnometer
- W_{su} Submerged Weight of Soil (*Kilonewton*)
- Y_{bulk} Bulk Unit Weight (*Kilonewton per Cubic Meter*)
- Y_{dry} Dry Unit Weight (*Kilonewton per Cubic Meter*)
- $Y_{saturated}$ Saturated Unit Weight of Soil (*Kilonewton per Cubic Meter*)
- Y_{solids} Unit Weight of Solids (*Kilonewton per Cubic Meter*)
- Y_{water} Unit Weight of Water (*Kilonewton per Cubic Meter*)
- η Porosity in Soil Mechanics



Constants, Functions, Measurements used

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



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