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# List of 14 Water Content and Volume of Solids in Soil Formulas

## Water Content and Volume of Solids in Soil

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

$$fx \quad S = \frac{\gamma_{\text{bulk}} - \gamma_{\text{dry}}}{\gamma_{\text{saturated}} - \gamma_{\text{dry}}}$$

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$$ex \quad 2.559792 = \frac{20.89\text{kN/m}^3 - 6.12\text{kN/m}^3}{11.89\text{kN/m}^3 - 6.12\text{kN/m}^3}$$

### 2) Degree of Saturation given Dry Unit Weight and Water Content

$$fx \quad S = \frac{W_s}{\left(G_s \cdot \frac{\gamma_{\text{water}}}{\gamma_{\text{dry}}}\right) - 1}$$

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$$ex \quad 2.555581 = \frac{8.3}{\left(2.65 \cdot \frac{9.81\text{kN/m}^3}{6.12\text{kN/m}^3}\right) - 1}$$



### 3) Dry Mass given Water Content with respect to Mass of Water

$$\text{fx } W_s = W_w \cdot \frac{100}{w_s}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.60241\text{kg} = 0.05\text{kg} \cdot \frac{100}{8.3}$$

### 4) Mass of Water given Water Content with respect to Mass of Water

$$\text{fx } W_w = w_s \cdot \frac{W_s}{100}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.049966\text{kg} = 8.3 \cdot \frac{0.602\text{kg}}{100}$$

### 5) Percentage Air Voids given Porosity

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

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$$\text{ex } 0.2 = 0.5 \cdot 0.4$$

### 6) Total Mass of Soil

$$\text{fx } \Sigma f_i = \left( w_s \cdot \frac{W_s}{100} \right) + W_s$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.651966\text{kg} = \left( 8.3 \cdot \frac{0.602\text{kg}}{100} \right) + 0.602\text{kg}$$



## 7) Total Volume given Dry Unit Weight in Unit Weight of Solids

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

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$$\text{ex } 12.2549\text{m}^3 = 15\text{kN}/\text{m}^3 \cdot \frac{5.0\text{m}^3}{6.12\text{kN}/\text{m}^3}$$

## 8) Volume of Solids given Density of Solids

$$\text{fx } V_{\text{so}} = \frac{W_s}{\rho_d}$$

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$$\text{ex } 12.28571\text{m}^3 = \frac{0.602\text{kg}}{0.049\text{kg}/\text{m}^3}$$

## 9) Volume of Solids given Dry Unit Weight in Unit Weight of Solids

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

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$$\text{ex } 4.999632\text{m}^3 = 6.12\text{kN}/\text{m}^3 \cdot \frac{12.254\text{m}^3}{15\text{kN}/\text{m}^3}$$



10) Water Content given Dry Unit Weight Open Calculator 

$$fx \quad w_s = S \cdot \left( \left( G_s \cdot \frac{\gamma_{water}}{\gamma_{dry}} \right) - 1 \right)$$

$$ex \quad 8.314353 = 2.56 \cdot \left( \left( 2.65 \cdot \frac{9.81 \text{kN/m}^3}{6.12 \text{kN/m}^3} \right) - 1 \right)$$

11) Water Content given Dry Unit Weight and Percentage of Air Voids Open Calculator 

$$fx \quad \omega = \left( (1 - n_a) \cdot G_s \cdot \frac{\gamma_{water}}{\gamma_{dry}} \right) - \frac{1}{G_s}$$

$$ex \quad 3.020877 = \left( (1 - 0.2) \cdot 2.65 \cdot \frac{9.81 \text{kN/m}^3}{6.12 \text{kN/m}^3} \right) - \frac{1}{2.65}$$

12) Water Content given Dry Unit Weight at Full Saturation Open Calculator 

$$fx \quad \omega = \frac{\left( G_s \cdot \frac{\gamma_{water}}{\gamma_{dry}} \right) - 1}{G_s}$$

$$ex \quad 1.225583 = \frac{\left( 2.65 \cdot \frac{9.81 \text{kN/m}^3}{6.12 \text{kN/m}^3} \right) - 1}{2.65}$$



### 13) Water Content given Void Ratio in Specific Gravity

$$\text{fx } \omega = e \cdot \frac{S}{G_s}$$

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$$\text{ex } 1.159245 = 1.2 \cdot \frac{2.56}{2.65}$$

### 14) Water Content given Void Ratio in Specific Gravity for Fully Saturated Soil

$$\text{fx } \omega = \frac{e}{G_s}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.45283 = \frac{1.2}{2.65}$$







## Variables Used

- $a_c$  Air Content
- $e$  Void Ratio
- $G_s$  Specific Gravity of Soil
- $n_a$  Percentage of Air Voids
- $S$  Degree of Saturation
- $V$  Total Volume in Soil Mechanics (*Cubic Meter*)
- $v_{so}$  Volume of Solids in Soil (*Cubic Meter*)
- $V_s$  Volume of Solids (*Cubic Meter*)
- $w_s$  Water Content of Soil from Pycnometer
- $W_s$  Weight of Solids in Soil Mechanics (*Kilogram*)
- $W_w$  Weight of Water in Soil Mechanics (*Kilogram*)
- $Y_{bulk}$  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*)
- $\eta$  Porosity in Soil Mechanics
- $\rho_d$  Dry Density (*Kilogram per Cubic Meter*)
- $\Sigma f_i$  Total Mass of Sand in Soil Mechanics (*Kilogram*)
- $\omega$  Water Content



## Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Measurement: Weight** in Kilogram (kg)  
*Weight Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement: Volume** in Cubic Meter (m<sup>3</sup>)  
*Volume Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement: Density** in Kilogram per Cubic Meter (kg/m<sup>3</sup>)  
*Density Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement: Specific Weight** in Kilonewton per Cubic Meter (kN/m<sup>3</sup>)  
*Specific Weight Unit Conversion* 





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