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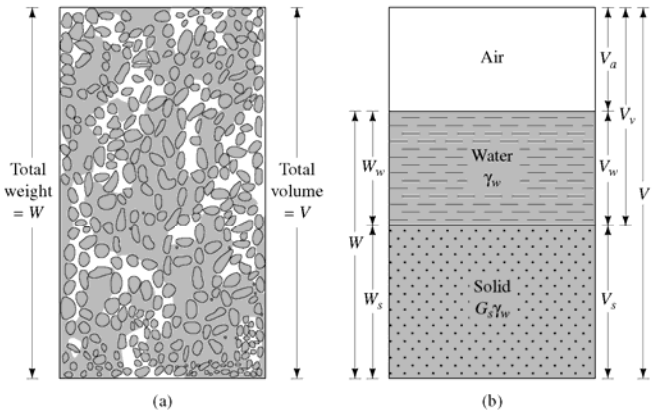

Figure 3.1 (a) Soil element in natural state; (b) three phases of the soil element

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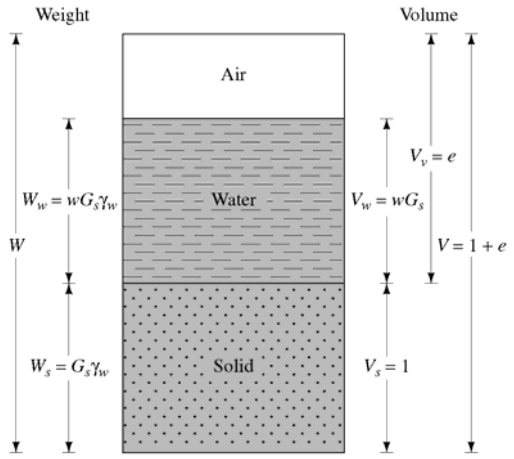

Figure 3.2 Three separate phases of a soil element with volume of soil solids equal to 1

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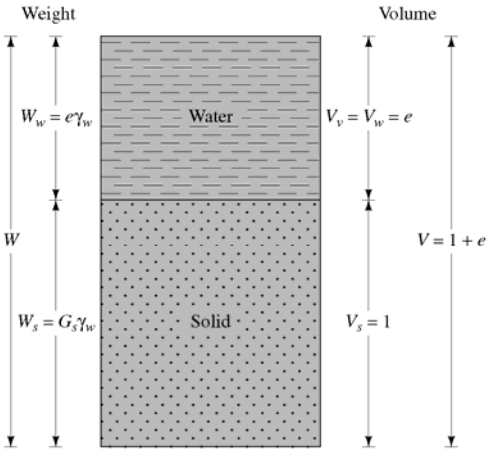

Figure 3.3 Saturated soil element with volume of soil solids equal to 1

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Table 3.1 Various Forms of Relationships for γ, γ_d, and γ_{sat}

Moist unit weight (γ)		*Dry unit weight (γ_d)*		*Saturated unit weight (γ_{sat})*	
Given	**Relationship**	**Given**	**Relationship**	**Given**	**Relationship**
w, G_s, e	$\dfrac{(1+w)G_s\gamma_w}{1+e}$	γ, w	$\dfrac{\gamma}{1+w}$	G_s, e	$\dfrac{(G_s+e)\gamma_w}{1+e}$
S, G_s, e	$\dfrac{(G_s+Se)\gamma_w}{1+e}$	G_s, e	$\dfrac{G_s\gamma_w}{1+e}$	G_s, n	$[(1-n)G_s+n]\gamma_w$
w, G_s, S	$\dfrac{(1+w)G_s\gamma_w}{1+\dfrac{wG_s}{S}}$	G_s, n	$G_s\gamma_w(1-n)$	G_s, w_{sat}	$\left(\dfrac{1+w_{sat}}{1+w_{sat}G_s}\right)G_s\gamma_w$
w, G_s, n	$G_s\gamma_w(1-n)(1+w)$	G_s, w, S	$\dfrac{G_s\gamma_w}{1+\left(\dfrac{wG_s}{S}\right)}$	e, w_{sat}	$\left(\dfrac{e}{w_{sat}}\right)\left(\dfrac{1+w_{sat}}{1+e}\right)\gamma_w$
S, G_s, n	$G_s\gamma_w(1-n)+nS\gamma_w$	e, w, S	$\dfrac{eS\gamma_w}{(1+e)w}$	n, w_{sat}	$n\left(\dfrac{1+w_{sat}}{w_{sat}}\right)\gamma_w$
		γ_{sat}, e	$\gamma_{sat}-\dfrac{e\gamma_w}{1+e}$	γ_d, e	$\gamma_d+\left(\dfrac{e}{1+e}\right)\gamma_w$
		γ_{sat}, n	$\gamma_{sat}-n\gamma_w$	γ_d, n	$\gamma_d+n\gamma_w$
		γ_{sat}, G_s	$\dfrac{(\gamma_{sat}-\gamma_w)G_s}{(G_s-1)}$	γ_d, S	$\left(1-\dfrac{1}{G_s}\right)\gamma_d+\gamma_w$
				γ_d, w_{sat}	$\gamma_d(1+w_{sat})$

Typical Properties

Table 3.2 Void Ratio, Moisture Content, and Dry Unit Weight for Some Typical Soils in a Natural State

Type of soil	Void ratio, e	Natural moisture content in a saturated state (%)	Dry unit weight, γ_d (kN/m^3)
Loose uniform sand	0.8	30	14.5
Dense uniform sand	0.45	16	18
Loose angular-grained silty sand	0.65	25	16
Dense angular-grained silty sand	0.4	15	19
Stiff clay	0.6	21	17
Soft clay	0.9–1.4	30–50	11.5–14.5
Loess	0.9	25	13.5
Soft organic clay	2.5–3.2	90–120	6–8
Glacial till	0.3	10	21