

# CLASSIFICATION & IDENTIFICATION OF SOIL

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Soil have any more Index Properties

- water content
- specific Gravity
- particle size distribution
- Consistency limit
- In-Situ density
- Density Index

$$(1) \text{ Water content } (w) = \frac{W_w}{W_s} \times 100$$

water content  $\frac{W_w}{W_s} \times 100$  ARE like →

① Laboratory method

② field method

→ oven drying method

→ by Alcohol

→ by pycnometer

→ Calcium Carb. (Rapid mt)

→ Torsion balanced  
or

→ Sand bath

Infrared measurement  
method

(II) Specific Gravity :-  $G = \frac{\gamma_s}{\gamma_w}$

Pycnometer द्वारा G ज्ञात करने हेतु -

$$G_{at 27^\circ C} = \frac{W_2 - W_1}{(W_3 - W_1) - (W_3 - W_4)}$$

at here.  $W_1$  = wt. of empty pycnometer.

$W_2$  = wt. of soil with pycno.

$W_3$  = wt. of soil + water with pycnomer.

$W_4$  = wt. of water with pycnometer.

at another Temp.

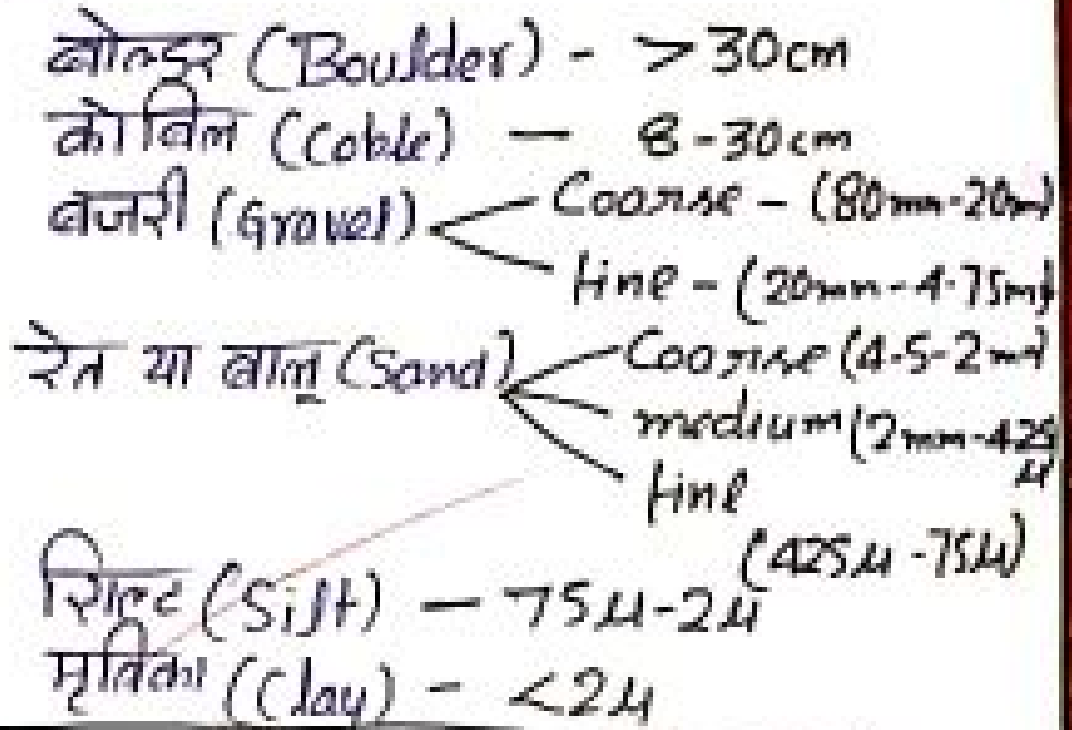
$$G_{at 27^\circ C} = \frac{G_{at T^\circ C} \times \gamma_w at T^\circ C}{\gamma_w at 27^\circ C}$$

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Soil	Value of G
Organic soil	1.2 to 1.41
Inorganic soil	2.6 to 2.75

### III). Particle size distribution / Grain Size distribution : 23

मृदा में कणों के विभिन्न प्रकार व उनकी परिमाण निम्न हैं -



Particle size  
Gravel  $>$  Sand  $>$  Silt  $>$  Clay

fine soil  $\div$  works on Stoke's law of velocity

$\rightarrow$  Sedimentary analysis

$\rightarrow$  hydrotic analysis

$\rightarrow$  Pipette method

$\rightarrow$  Size -  $0.2\text{mm}$  to  $0.2\mu$

$$v = \frac{g}{18} \left[ \frac{\rho_s - \rho_w}{\mu} \right] D^2$$

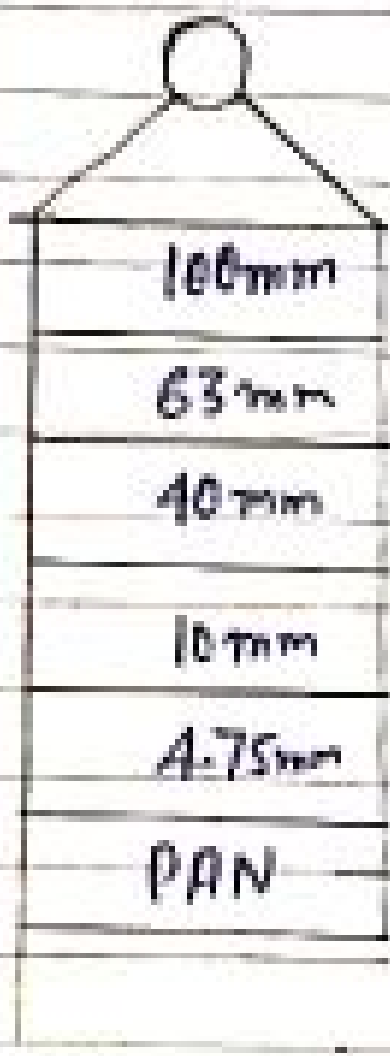
# 1. Sieve Analysis (चालनी विश्लेषण):

मूल में 300 75µ परिमाण तक के कणों का विश्लेषण चालनियों की सहायता से किया जाता है

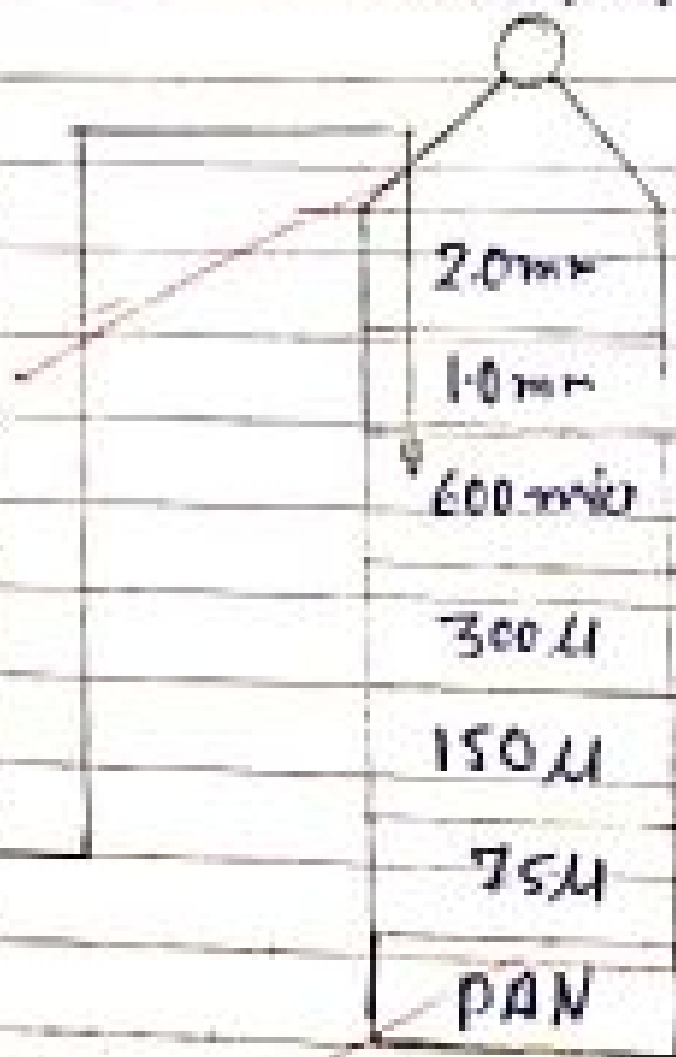
Sieve Analysis के प्रकारों-

I - Coarse sieve <sup>कम नुसार</sup> = 100mm, 63mm, 40, 20

II - Fine sieve <sub>10 24 75 µ</sub>  
2mm, 1mm, 600µ, 425µ, 300µ, 150µ, 75µ



Coarse Sieve Analysis



Fine Sieve Analysis

## 2. Sedimentation Analysis : 25 (अवसादन विश्लेषण)

75  $\mu$  से छोटे कणों का चालनी विश्लेषण सम्भव नहीं है, अतः सूक्ष्म में 75  $\mu$  से महीन कणों का वितरण ज्ञात करने के लिए अवसादन विश्लेषण किया जाता है। इसे गीला विश्लेषण भी कहते हैं, यह विश्लेषण स्टोक नियम पर आधारित है।

स्टोक नियम (Stoke's Law) :- इस नियमानुसार

उपरिष्ठ कण वेग की दर निम्न तत्वों पर निर्भर-

- कण का आकार
- कण का घनत्व
- कण का परिमाण अथवा साइज

कण परिमाण वितरण वक्र (Particle size distribution curve)

किन्हीं भी कण परिमाण वितरण में  $D_{10}$ ,  $D_{30}$  व  $D_{50}$  के मान पड़े जा सकते हैं, इन परिमाणों के कुछ महत्वपूर्ण गुणों का निम्न है -

(I) Coefficient of Uniformity (समानता गुणांक) :-

- 2E मृदा के  $D_{60}$  व  $D_{10}$  का अनुपात है,

$$C_u = \frac{D_{60}}{D_{10}}$$

if  $C_u \approx 1$  (Uniformly Graded Soil)  
 $C_u > 4$  (Gravel)  
 $C_u > 6 \rightarrow$  Sand

(II) Coefficient of Curvature (वक्रता गुणांक)

$$C_c = \frac{(D_{30})^2}{D_{10} \times D_{60}}$$

for well graded soil  $[1 < C_c < 3]$

(3) ~~Specific~~ Consistency Limit

Atterberg's Limit :- Only for fine soil



Consistency Limit  $\rightarrow$  Consistency limit वह  $w$  (water content) है जिन पर मृदा एक अवस्था से दूसरी अवस्था में परिवर्तित होती है,

- (I) Liquid Limit ( $w_L$ ): - the minimum water content at which the soil is still in the liquid state but has some small shearing resistance.
- (II) Plastic Limit ( $w_p$ ): - the minimum water content ( $w$ ) at which the soil will just begin to crumble when rolled into a thread of approximately 3mm in diameter.
- (III) Shrinkage Limit ( $w_s$ ): - the maximum water content at which a reduction in water content will not cause a decrease in the volume of soil mass.

# Some Important Indices:

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1. Plasticity Index;  $I_p$ :-

$$I_p = w_L - w_p$$

$I_p$ %	Description of Limit
0	Non plastic
1-5	Slight plastic
5-10	Low plastic
10-20	Medium plastic
20-40	High plastic
>40	Very high plastic

2. Consistency Index ( $I_c$ )

$$I_c = \frac{w_L - w_n}{I_p}$$

$w_n$  = natural water content.

if  $w_n = w_L \Rightarrow I_c = 0$  (Soil is in Liquid State)  
if  $w_n = w_p \Rightarrow I_c = 1$  (Soil is at plastic Stage)  
if  $I_c > 1$ , then soil is semisolid or will be very hard.



Liquidity Index ( $I_L$ ): -

$$I_L = \frac{w_H - w_p}{I_P}$$

Solid State	Description	$I_L$
Liquid	Liquid	$> 1$
Plastic	Very soft	0.75 - 1
	soft	0.5 - 0.7
	medium stiff	0.25 - 0.5
	Stiff	0 - 0.25
SemiSolid	Very stiff Harder	$< 0$
Solid	Harder Very hard	$< 0$

# Classification of Soil :

- Particle size classification
- Textural classification.
- Highway research board class.
- Indian Soil classification System.

(5) Particle size classification →  
Indian particle size distribution -

$< 0.002$ mm	$0.002$ - $0.075$ mm	$0.075$ - $0.25$ mm	$0.25$ - $0.425$ mm	$0.425$ - $2$ mm	$2$ - $4.75$ mm	$4.75$ - $20$ mm	$20$ - $80$ mm	$80$ - $300$ mm
Clay	Silt	Fine medium	Coarse	Fine	Coarse	Gravel		Boulders Cobbles
		Sand		Gravel				Boulder

Boulder -  $> 300$  mm

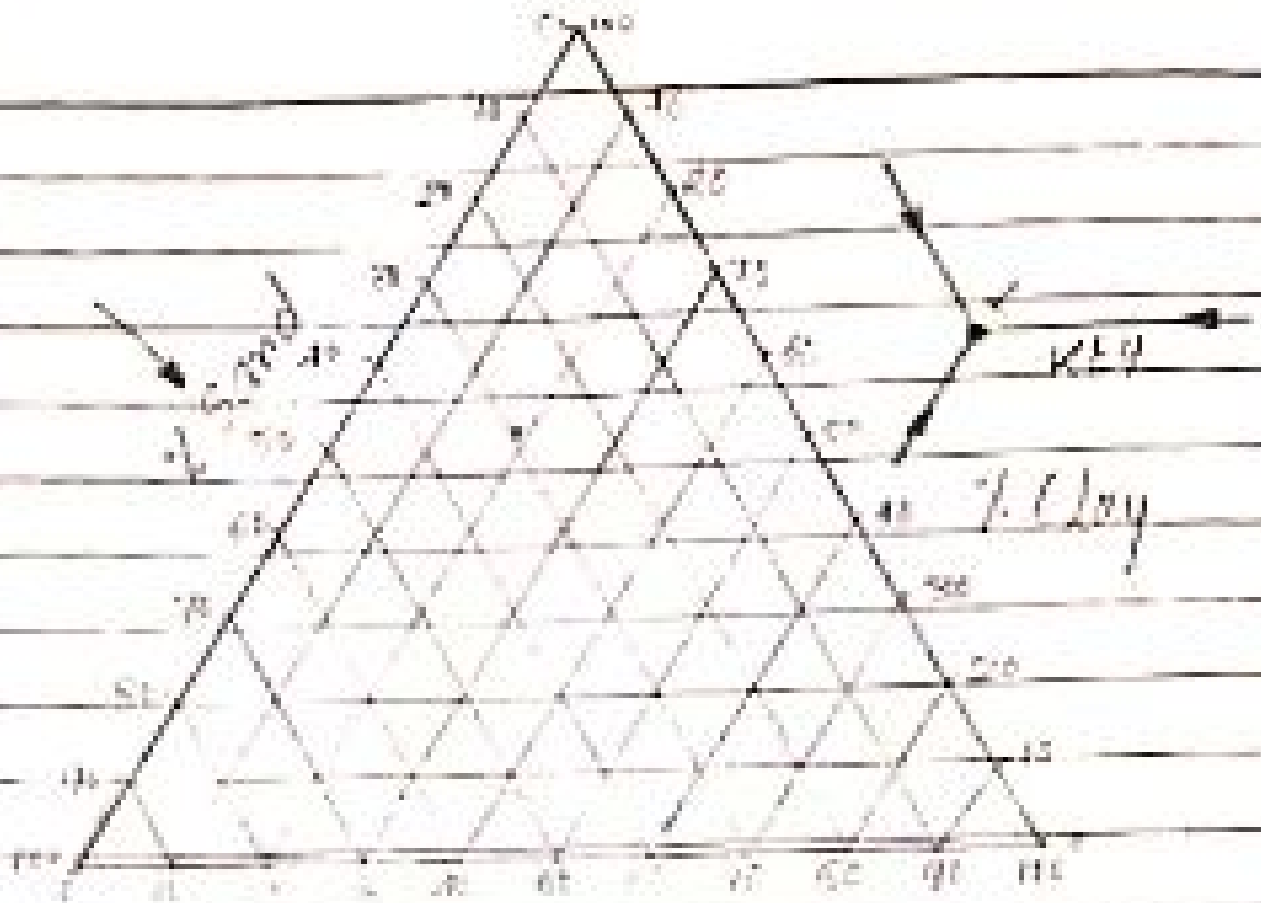
Cobble -  $80$  mm -  $300$  mm

Gravel  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Coarse } (80 \text{ mm} - 20 \text{ mm}) \\ \text{fine } (20 \text{ mm} - 4.75 \text{ mm}) \end{array} \right.$

Sand  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Coarse } (4.75 \text{ mm} - 2 \text{ mm}) \\ \text{medium } (2 \text{ mm} - 0.425 \text{ mm}) \\ \text{fine } (0.425 \text{ mm} - 0.075 \text{ mm}) \end{array} \right.$

Silt -  $(0.075 \text{ mm} - 0.002 \text{ mm})$ , Clay -  $< 0.002 \text{ mm}$

# Textural Classification →



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LOAM = mixture of Sand + Silt + Clay

(ii) HRB Classification :-

(A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} G.I &= 0.2a + 0.005ac + 0.01bd \\ \text{Grip Index} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

at here,  $a = (P - 35) \geq 40$

$b = (P - 50) \geq 40$

$c = (W_L - 40) \geq 20$

$d = (I_p - 10) \geq 20$

$P = \%$  - Passing  
from 75  $\mu$   
sieve

G.I	Cond. of Soil
0	Excellent
$0 < G.I \leq 4$	Good
$4 < G.I \leq 8$	Fair
$8 < G.I \leq 12$	Poor
$12 < G.I \leq 20$	Very poor

#### (IV) Indian Standard Soil Class. System -

Coeffs

- Particle size
- $C_u$
- $C_c$
- Fineness

fine

- Plasticity Index
- Liquid limit

Soil type	Prefix
Gravel	G
Sand	S
Silt	M
Clay	C
Organic Soil	O
Peat	Pt.

## Class. of Course :-

Case - I; when fineness is  $< 5\%$ .

1. GW - Well Graded Gravel  
 $C_u > 4$      $1 < C_c < 3$
2. GP - Poorly Graded Gravel  
 $C_u$  &  $C_c$  are not satisfied
3. SW - Well Graded Sand  
 $C_u > 6$  &  $1 < C_c < 3$
4. SP - Poorly Graded Sand  
 $C_u$  &  $C_c$  are not satisfied

Case - II - when fineness is b/w  $5\%$  to  $12\%$ .

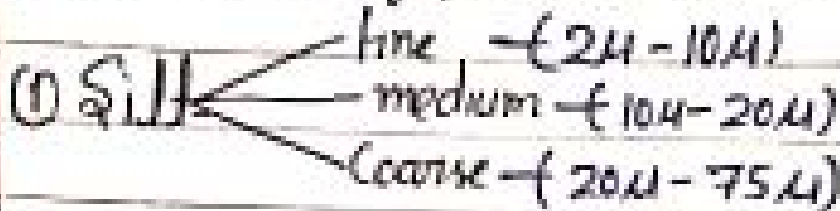
(Dual Symbols use)

1. GW-GC  $\rightarrow$  well graded Gravel containing clay  
Clay  $>$  Silt, Gravel  $>$  Sand  $\rightarrow C_u > 4$ ,  $1 < C_c < 3$
2. GW-GM  $\rightarrow$  well graded Gravel containing Silt  
Silt  $>$  Clay,  $C_u > 4$ ,  $1 < C_c < 3$
3. SW-SC  $\rightarrow$  well graded Sand containing clay  
Sand  $>$  Gravel, Clay  $>$  Silt,  $C_u > 6$ ,  $1 < C_c < 3$
4. SW-SM - well graded Sand containing Silt  
Silt  $>$  Clay,  $C_u > 6$ ,  $1 < C_c < 3$

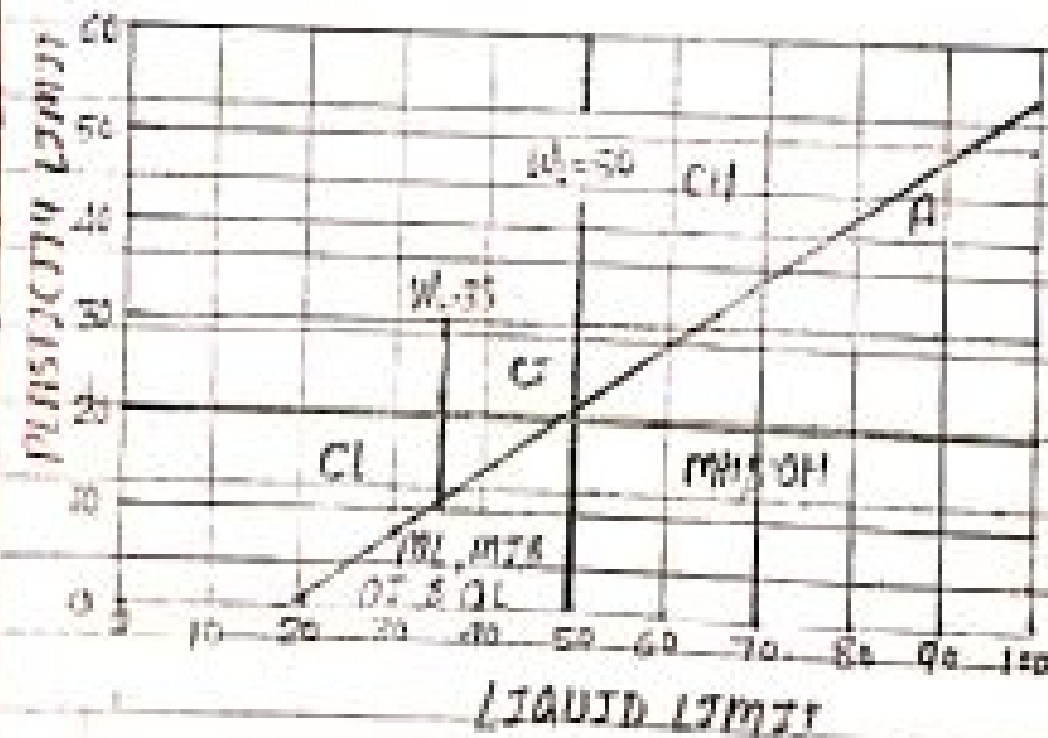
Case III: when fines is  $\geq 12\%$  (Plasticity Index)

1. GC  $\rightarrow$  Clayey Gravel  $I_p > 7\%$
2. GM  $\rightarrow$  Silty Gravel  $I_p \leq 4\%$
3. SC  $\rightarrow$  Clayey ~~Gravel~~ Sand  $I_p > 7\%$
4. SM  $\rightarrow$  Silty Sand  $I_p \leq 4\%$

Classification of fine Soil: -



(2) Clay  $\rightarrow$



of the A Line Equation -

$$I_p = 0.73(w_L - 20)$$

Case-I:  $w_L < 35\%$

CL - low plastic inorganic clay

ML - low plastic silt

OL - low plastic organic clay

Case-II:  $w_L$  b/w 35% to 50%

CI - medium plastic inorganic clay

MI - medium plastic silt

OI - medium plastic organic clay

Case-III:  $w_L > 50\%$

CH - High plastic inorganic clay

MH - High plastic clay

OH - High plastic organic clay

L - Low

I - Inter medium

H - High

C - Clay

M - Silt

O - Organic

Minerals in Soil -

• Montmorillonite (found in Black cotton soil)

• Illite

• Kaolinite