

# High Performance Concrete Engineering

Homework #2 (Deadline by 6pm on Oct 11<sup>th</sup>)

Submission of hand-written homework will be accepted.

**Total 100 marks**

(a) In supplementary cementitious materials, list two cementitious materials [10 marks] Slag, Fly ash type C

(b) What is the pozzolanic reaction? List three reasons why we can achieve higher strength at later age when OPC is replaced with pozzolanic materials [20 marks] CHX<sub>2</sub>, porosity ↓ C-S-H ↑ binding capacity

1. CHX<sub>2</sub>
2. additional formation C-S-H
3. occurs later hydration ⇒ strength gain on advantage.

(c) Explain the mechanism how air-entraining admixture can enhance workability of concrete. [10 marks] ball-bearing effect.

(d) Calculate the porosity of cement paste with w/c = 0.6 and degree of hydration (α) = 0.4. A specific gravity of cement is 3.14 [20 marks]

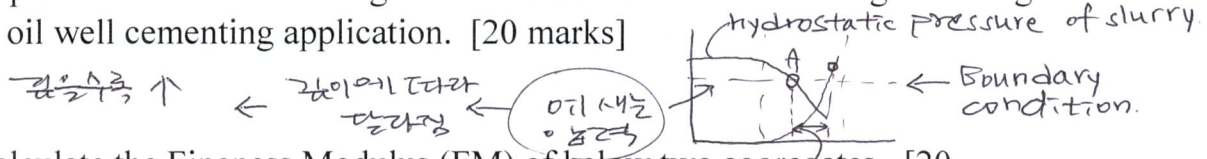
$$w/c = \frac{0.6}{0.32} = 1.875$$

$$\frac{W}{CP} = \frac{0.6}{0.32 \times 0.4 \times 2} = 2.34$$

$$\frac{W}{C} = \frac{0.6}{0.32 \times 0.6} = 3.125$$

$$P = \frac{0.472}{0.92} = 51\%$$

(e) Explain how set-accelerating admixture can reduce the risk of gas leaking in oil well cementing application. [20 marks]



(f) Calculate the Fineness Modulus (FM) of below two aggregates. [20 marks]

Aggregate #1 & Aggregate #2

Sieve type	Weight retained (aggregate #1)	Weight retained (aggregate #2)
75 mm	15	
37.5 mm	30	
19 mm	330	

transition time  
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( ) In supplementary cementitious materials, list two cementitious materials.

- In order to improve workability or to enhance the durability of hardened concrete, etc., the supplementary cementitious are added in concrete. ✓

- There are mainly three kinds of SCM. ✓

i) Pozzolanic materials.

ii) Cementitious materials. ✓

iii) Non-reactive materials.

- Here, the representative cementitious material is Ground Granulated Blast-Furnace Slag (GGBFS).<sup>①</sup>

The typical composition of GGBFS is shown as below.

{  $\text{CaO} = 35 - 45\%$ ,  $\text{SiO}_2 = 32 - 38\%$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 = 8 - 16\%$  } ✓  
{  $\text{MgO} = 5 - 15\%$ ,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 < 2\%$ , Sulfur = 1-2% }

( ) Due to the sulfur contents, the ettringite can be formed.

- Since GGBFS reacts slowly with water, strength development occurs very slowly.

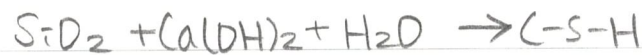
- The products of slag hydration are a mixture of C-S-H and AFm (monosulphatealuminate) and/or AFt (ettringite)

- Also, Class C fly ash is a kind of cementitious material and pozzolanic material at the same time.

Class C fly ash has higher amount of CaO that has self-cementing ability.

(b) What is the pozzolanic reaction? List three reasons why we can achieve higher strength at later age when OPC is replaced with pozzolanic materials.

- The primary reaction of pozzolanic reaction can be presented as below ✓



The major components of pozzolan, the amorphous or glassy silica, react with calcium hydroxide formed from the cement hydration.

- Since the slow rate of the pozzolan reaction, it requires a prolonged period of moist curing. Therefore, this makes concrete achieve higher strength at later age.
- Moreover, the pozzolan reaction reduce porosity and permeability due to the necessity of water during the reaction. As a result, the durability is increased. ✓
- In addition, the pozzolan reaction keep producing C-S-H slowly after the initial pozzolan reaction.
- Due to these reasons, it can be possible to achieve the higher strength at later age than using OPC only. ✓

(c) Explain the mechanism how air-entraining admixture can enhance workability of concrete.

- Tiny air bubbles induced by the usage of the air-entraining admixture act as low-friction and elastic fine aggregates that reduce interaction between large aggregate particles.
- In addition, the surface-active ingredient to some extent act as a solid-water interface in the same way as a water-reducing admixture.  
That is, electrostatic repulsion and steric hindrance.

(d) Calculate the porosity of cement paste with  $w/c = 0.6$  and degree of hydration  $(\alpha) = 0.4$ . A specific gravity of cement is 3.14.

- The weight ratio of water and cement is 0.6.

Then, the volume ratio is

$$\text{water} = 0.6$$

$$\text{cement} = 1/3.14 = 0.32$$

- Assume the volumetric change can be ignored

- Before the hydration.

W	} total = 0.92
C	

0.60  
0.32

- After the hydration with a degree of  $\alpha = 0.4$

(The volume of cement that is hydrated is,  $0.32 \times 0.4 = 0.128$ .)

W	} total = 0.92
C.P	
C	

$0.60 - 0.128 = 0.472$   
 $0.128 + 0.128 = 0.256$   
 $0.32 - 0.128 = 0.192$

- Therefore, the porosity can be obtained as below.

$$\text{Porosity} = \frac{0.472}{0.92} \times 100 = \underline{\underline{51.3\%}}$$

(\*) Calculate the Fineness Modulus (FM) of below two aggregates.

i) Aggregate #1 : Coarse aggregate

Stieve type	Weight retained (g)	Amount retained (%)	Cumulative amount retained (%)
75 mm	15	1.49	1.49
37.5 mm	30	2.99	4.48
19 mm	330	32.84	37.32
9.5 mm	350	34.83	72.15
4.75 mm	170	16.92	89.07
2.36 mm	80	7.96	97.03
1.18 mm	25	2.49	$\Sigma = 301.54$
900 $\mu$ m	5	0.50	<del>+ 400</del> <del>200</del>
600 $\mu$ m			701.54
300 $\mu$ m			
150 $\mu$ m			

Total 1005 g

$$\therefore FM = \frac{701.54}{100} = 7.02$$

ii) Aggregate #2 : Fine aggregate

Stieve type	Weight retained (g)	Amount retained (%)	Cumulative amount retained (%)
4.75 mm	3	0.6	0.6
2.36 mm	8	1.6	2.2
1.18 mm	39	7.8	10
900 $\mu$ m	300	60	70
600 $\mu$ m	<del>100</del> 400	<del>20</del> 80	90
300 $\mu$ m	50	10	100
150 $\mu$ m			100

Total = 500g

$\Sigma = 302.8$

$$\therefore FM = \frac{302.8}{100} = 3.03$$