Soil Mechanics Lecture note #7

Effective Stress

Prel.

O Volume change of soil (solid particles + water + air)

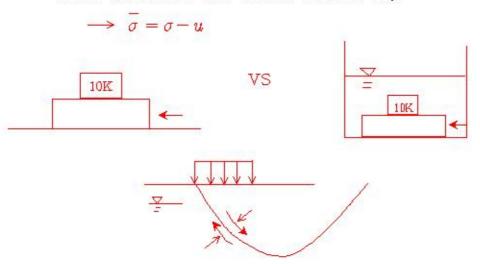
- rearrangement of the skeleton of solid particles irreversible

- compression of the air

- O Resisting Forces
- normal stress → by the soil skeleton and, if (fully saturated), by the pore water,
- shear stress \rightarrow only by the (soil skeleton) Soil particle \rightarrow (x) Soil skeleton (o)

1. The Principle of Effective Stress

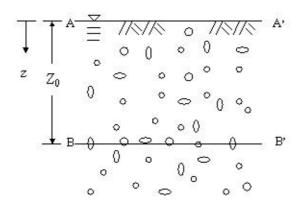
- \circ The total normal stress(σ) on a plane within the soil mass = the force per unit area of the plane (imagining the soil to be a single-phase material)
- The pore water pressure(u) = the pressure of the pore water $(h_p \times \gamma_w)$
- \circ The effective normal stress ($\overline{\sigma}$ or σ') on a plane representing the stress transmitted thru the soil skeleton only,



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2. Effective Vertical Stress due to Self-wt, of Soil



$$\circ_{\text{at}} \overline{BB'},$$

$$\sigma_v = |_{V \text{ sat}} \cdot z_0$$

$$u = |_{V \text{ w}} \cdot z_0$$

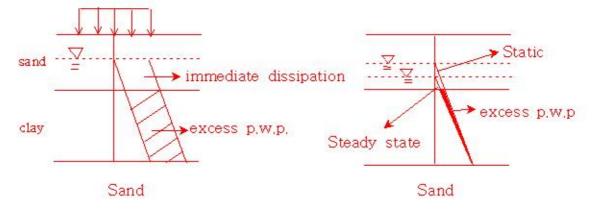
$$\overline{\sigma_v} = |_{\sigma_v} - u = (\gamma_{\text{sat}} - \gamma_{\text{w}}) z_0$$

$$= (\gamma_v) \cdot z_0$$

3. Effective Stress vs. Pore Water Pressure

- O Static p.w.p : pore pressure in a natural condition
- O Excess p.w.p : pore pressure after the total stress is increased
- Steady state p,w,p: pore water pressure at the end of the transient flow of p,w (In most cases = Static p,w,p.)
- * Fig. 2.17 (p. 57): Spring analogy for Effective Stress & P.W.P

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4. Dissipation of Excess p.w.p.

• The dissipation(drainage) period

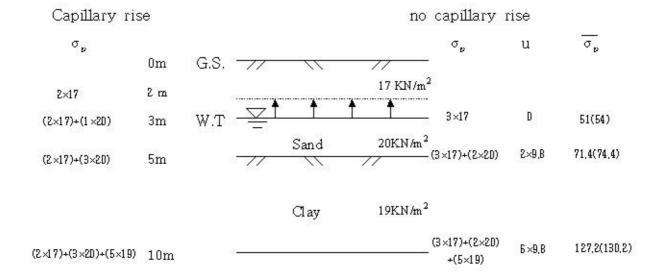
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= f (permeability)
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- Consolidation: drainage process for the soils of low permeability (e.g., Saturated clay
- Swelling (⇔consolidation) : volume increase due to total stress decrease is limited

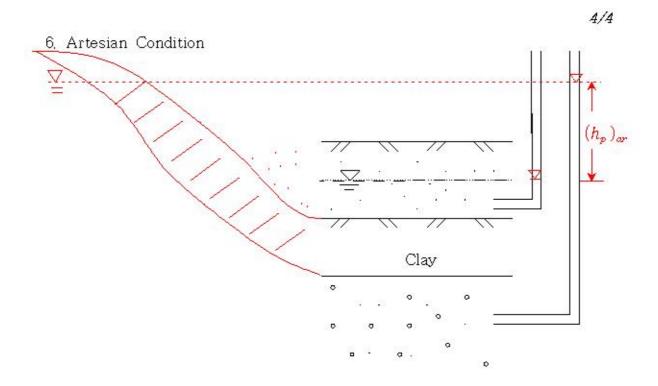
(* Particle rearrangement is irreversible)

5. Capillary Rise

 Saturation of soil due to the capillary rise above the water table does not contribute to the hydrostatic pressure below w.t.



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- O Artesian well
- \circ Artesian pressure $(h_p)_{ar} \times \gamma_w$