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Soil Mechanics

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# Soil Mechanics

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- \* (1) Origin of Soil
- \*\*\*\* (2) Soil water relationship
- \* (3) Classification of soil
- \* (4) Clay minerals & Soil structure
- \*\*\*\* (5) compaction
- \*\*\*\* (6) permeability
- \*\*\*\* (7) Effective stress
- \*\*\*\* (8) Seepage
- \*\* (9) Vertical stress
- \*\*\*\* (10) consolidation
- \*\*\*\* (11) shear strength of soil
- \*\*\* (12) Slope stability
- \*\*\*\* (13) Earth pressure
- \*\*\*\* (14) shallow foundation
- \*\*\*\* (15) Deep foundation
- \*\* (16) Expansion of soil
- \* (17) Expansive soil & Collapsible soil.

• Application of soil mechanics is known as geotechnical engineering.

## (1) Origin of Soil

due to  
disintegration → छोटे-2 particle में टूटना / breaking down of the rock  
weathering → रसायन प्रक्रम होता है जिससे soil टूटता है  
unconsolidated → मतलब soil पूरी तरह से compress नहीं है (in particles form)

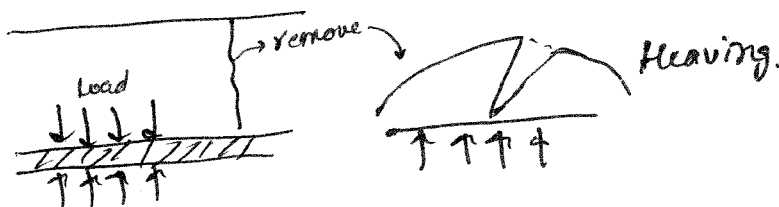
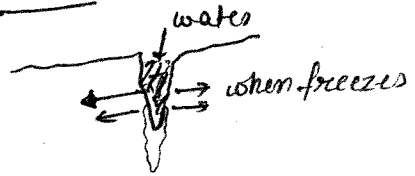
- Soil is defined as an unconsolidated material, composed of solid particles produced by disintegration and transportation of igneous rock called parent rock or due to decomposition of organic matter.
- Disintegration is caused by weathering which is a mechanical and or chemical process that breaks down the rock mass in-situ.
- disintegration of rock by physical forces → called physical weathering.  
single grained particle → no bond b/w the particles.

The weathering process may be classified as

- (1) Physical weathering
- (2) Chemical weathering

(1) Physical weathering: 2. The physical weathering process may be:

- (1) Erosion of rock caused by the action of wind, water & glaciers.
- (2) Expansive force of freezing water.
- (3) Sudden change in Temperature.
- (4) Due to organic activity like growth of plants roots in the existing fissures (crack) and by activity of worms and Rodents.
- (5) Due to unloading which leads to cracking.



# Physical Weathering

- The resulting soil particles retain the same mineralogical composition as that of parent rock.
- Particles of this type are described as being of Bulky form like sand and gravel. sand  $\rightarrow$  75  $\mu$  - 4.75 mm gravel  $\rightarrow$   $>$  4.75 mm
- Their shape can be indicated by terms such as Angular, Rounded, elongated and flat.

Bulky  $\rightarrow$  as size of particles exist in physical weathering



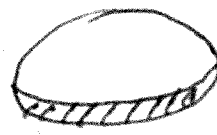
Angular



Rounded



Elongated



Flat. (Less thickness & flaky)

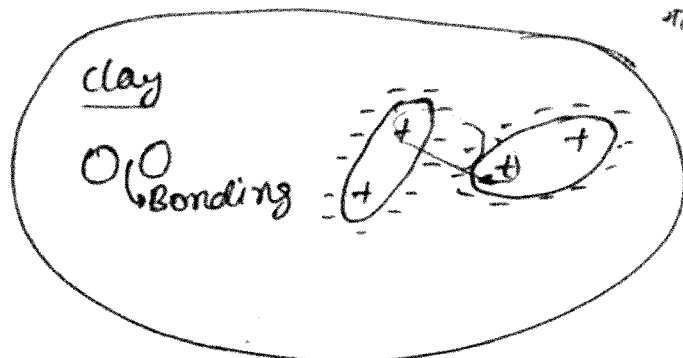
Eg  $\rightarrow$



2 is more elongated as compared to 1.

- The structural arrangement of these are described as single grain structure i.e. each particle are in direct contact with adjoining particles, without their being any bond b/w them.
- Quartz, mica and feldspar are primary soil minerals (non-clay mineral) found in the soil formed during physical weathering.
- Physical weathering is a forerunner for chemical weathering.

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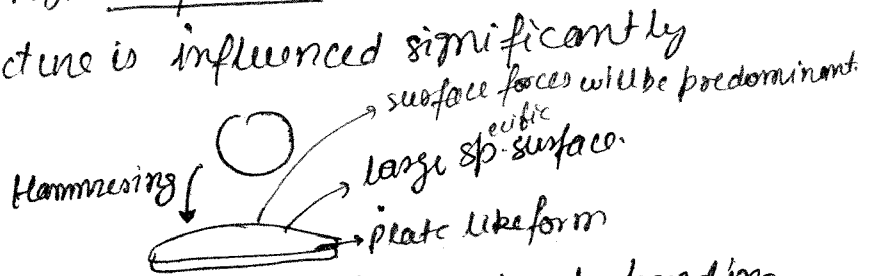
clay  $\rightarrow$  non clay mineral.

## (2) Chemical weathering

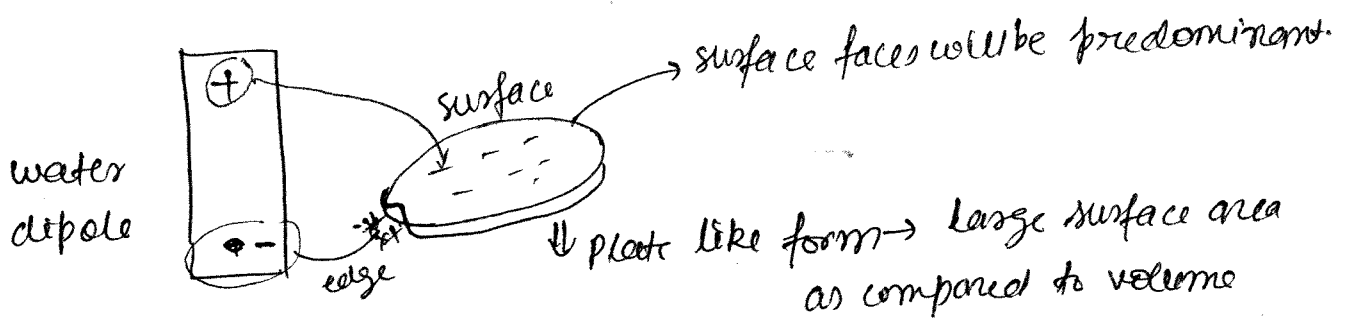
- The chemical process results in change in the mineralogical form of parent rock due to the action of water especially if it contains acid to alkalis, oxygen and CO<sub>2</sub>.

- Chemical weathering results in the formation of group of crystalline particles of colloidal size ( $< 2\mu$ ) known as clay minerals like kaolinite, illite, montmorillonite.

- Most clay minerals particles have plate like form having a high specific surface (i.e. high surface area to mass ratio) with the result that their structure is influenced significantly by surface forces.



- Water can significantly affect their behaviour due to bonding with clay particles.



In chemical weathering  $\rightarrow$  single grain structure X

clay size  $< 2\mu$

silt  $\rightarrow 75 - 2\mu$

sand  $\rightarrow 75\mu - 4.75\text{mm}$

gravel  $> 4.75\text{mm}$

single grained structure

## Residual and Transported Soil

- If the products of rock weathering are still located at the place where they originated, they are called Residual soil.
  - Most residual soil are weakly bonded, they have widely varying void ratio. They contain angular particles.
  - The fragmented material during weathering is transported by agents such as wind, water or ice to new locations are called Transported soil. Residual soil have better engineering property. eg → laterite.
  - Transported soil, have generally small particle sizes, large amount of pores.
- ✓ angular particle → residual      ✓ Rounded particle → transported.

clay size < 2μ

silt → 75μ - 2μ

sand → (75μ - 4.75mm) } single grained (no bond b/w the particles) structure.

gravel > 4.75mm

# According to the transporting agency, soils are classified as:

Alluvial deposit → Transported by running water like river

Lacustrine deposit → Soil deposited in lakes (still water)

Marine deposit → deposited in marine environment (sea water)

Aeolian deposit → Transported by wind      Peat → organic soil

Glacial deposit → Transported by glaciers.      marl → deposits of marine origin

Due to wind → aeolian, Dune, loess

due to snow → drift soil, Till CL-2017

Swelling → Black cotton soil (expansive soil)

sticky and plasticity → Gumbo soil



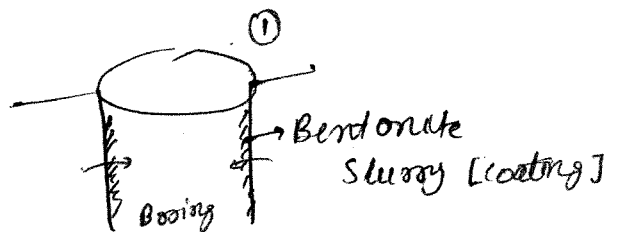
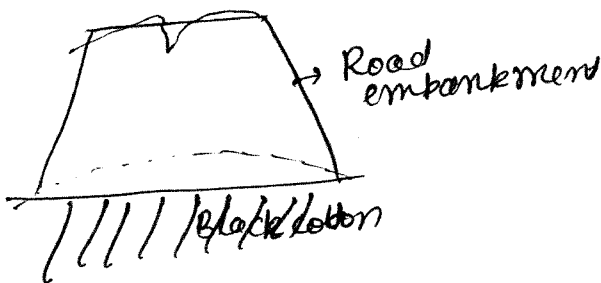
## Names of Various types of Soils

(1) Bentonite :  $\Rightarrow$  • It is a type of clay with a very high percentage of clay mineral Montmorillonite. (Franch #1)

- It is a highly plastic clay, obtained from the decomposition of volcanic ash. ↳ (means easily deformed)
- It is highly water absorbent and has high swelling & shrinkage.

(2) Black Cotton Soil :  $\Rightarrow$  • It is a residual soil containing a high percentage of the clay mineral Montmorillonite.

- It has very low Bearing capacity and high swelling and shrinkage.
- It is stabilized by lime treatment.
- It is formed from Decomposition of Basalt rock.
- It is dark in colour and good for growing cotton.

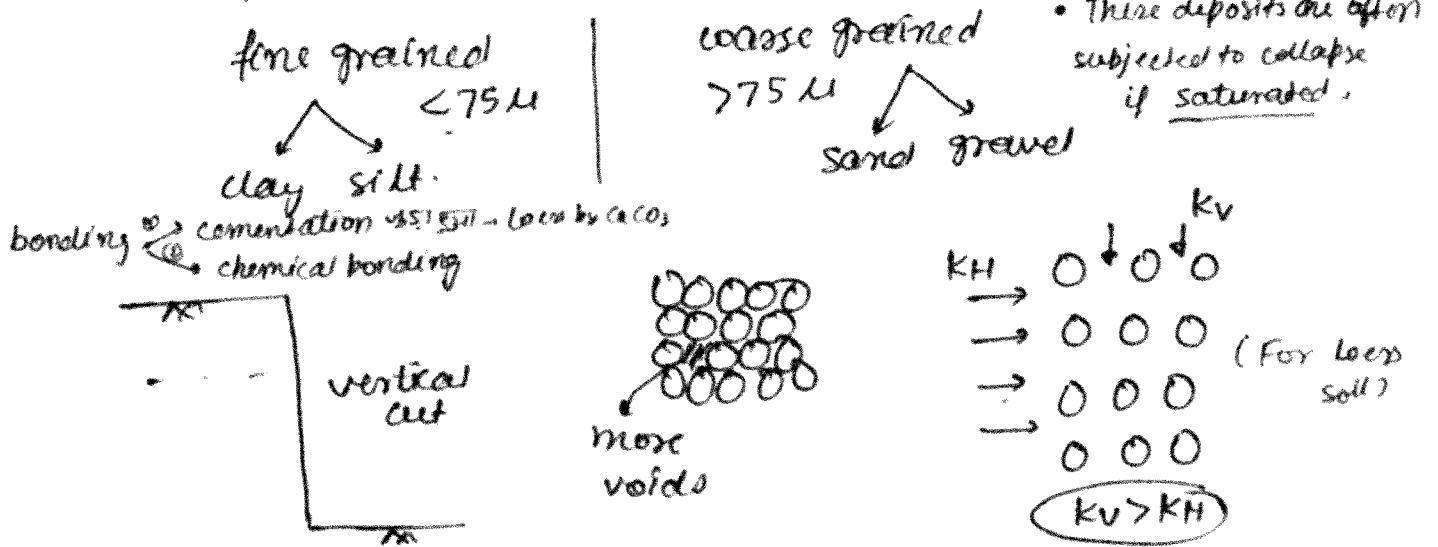


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(3) Loess :  $\Rightarrow$  • This is a fine-grained (silt range), homogeneous, friable (easily crushable), wind-borne deposit. ↳ means no attraction b/w particles

- It has very uniform grain size and high void ratio.
- The soil can stand deep vertical cuts because of slight cementation between particles due to  $CaCO_3$  & Montmorillonite.
- It is formed in Arid and semi-arid regions.
- Its permeability in vertical direction is much more than that in horizontal direction. It is highly compressible.

(brz of wind blow, 30% water content at 1000 ft (1000))

- Loess grains are angular and composed of crystals of quartz, feldspar mica and other minerals.
- These deposits have low density and high compressibility.
- The bearing capacity of such soils is very small.
- These deposits are often subject to collapse if saturated.

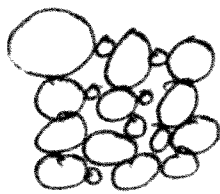


(4) Till : It is an unstratified deposit formed by melting of a glacier.

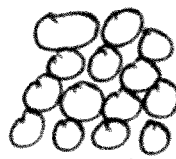
- The deposit consists of particles of different sizes, ranging from clay to Boulder.
- It can be easily densified by compaction. They have high shear strength.
- The soil is generally well graded.
- Till is also known as boulder-clay.

loess → uniform size of particles

Till → diff. types of particles (all size particles)



well graded  
↓ mean high strength.



uniformly graded / poorly graded.