

Grain Size Distribution

Particle size analysis

➤ Course Grained

- Boulder > 12 in
- Cobble 3 – 12 in
- Gravel 4.75 mm (#4) – 3 in
 - Course 0.75 – 3 in
 - Fine #4 – 0.75 in
- Sand 0.075 mm (#200) – #4
 - Course 2 mm (#10) - #4
 - Medium 0.425 mm (#40) - #10
 - Fine #40 - #200

➤ Fine Grained

- Silt 0.002 mm - #200 Non-plastic
- Clay <0.002 mm Plastic



Civil & Environmental Engineering Department



Sieve Analysis

Sieve no.	Opening (mm)	Sieve no.	Opening (mm)
4	4.75	35	0.500
5	4.00	40	0.425
6	3.35	50	0.355
7	2.80	60	0.250
8	2.36	70	0.212
10	2.00	80	0.180
12	1.70	100	0.150
14	1.40	120	0.125
16	1.18	140	0.106
18	1.00	170	0.090
20	0.850	200	0.075
25	0.710	270	0.053
30	0.600		

$$\text{Percent Retained} = \left(\frac{\text{Weight retained on a sieve}}{\text{Weight of sample used for sieve analysis}} \right) \times 100$$

% passing = 100 - % retained



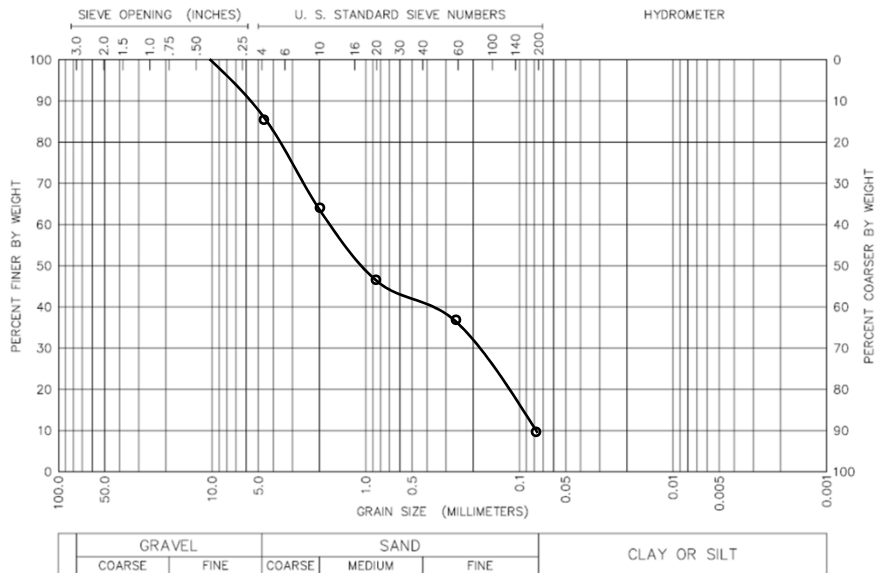
Civil & Environmental Engineering Department

Sieve no.	4	10	20	60	200	Pan
Sieve size (mm)	4.75	2.0	0.84	0.25	0.074	—
Weight retained (g)	31	58	38	26	68	21

Sieve #	Sieve Size (mm)	Mass retained g	Mass retained %	Cumulative % retained	Cumulative % passed
4	4.75	31	12.81	12.81	87.19
10	2.0	58	23.97	36.78	63.22
20	0.84	38	15.70	52.48	47.52
60	0.25	26	10.74	63.22	36.78
200	0.075	68	28.10	91.32	8.68
pan		21	8.68	100.00	0.00
Σ		242	100.00		100.00



Civil & Environmental Engineering Department



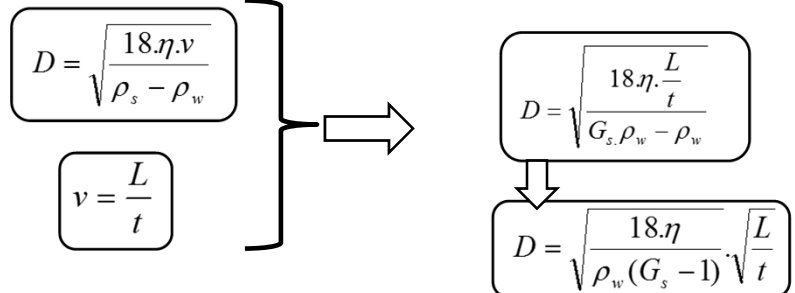
Civil & Environmental Engineering Department

Hydrometer Analysis

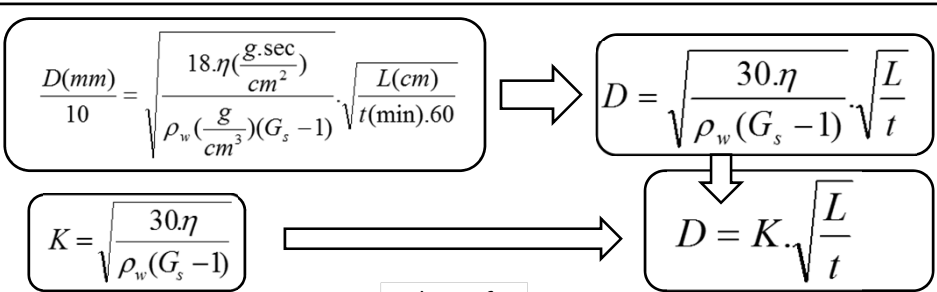
$$v = \frac{\rho_s - \rho_w}{18\eta} \cdot D^2$$

v = Velocity of the particle
 ρ_s = Density of soil particle
 ρ_w = Density of water
 η = Viscosity of water
 D = Diameter of soil particle

Specific gravity of soil solid (G_s) = $\frac{\text{Unit weight of a material}}{\text{unit weight of water}}$



Civil & Environmental Engineering Department



Values of K

Temperature (°C)	G_s							
	2.45	2.50	2.55	2.60	2.65	2.70	2.75	2.80
16	0.01510	0.01505	0.01481	0.01457	0.01435	0.01414	0.01394	0.01374
17	0.01511	0.01486	0.01462	0.01439	0.01417	0.01396	0.01376	0.01356
18	0.01492	0.01467	0.01443	0.01421	0.01399	0.01378	0.01359	0.01339
19	0.01474	0.01449	0.01425	0.01403	0.01382	0.01361	0.01342	0.01323
20	0.01456	0.01431	0.01408	0.01386	0.01365	0.01344	0.01325	0.01307
21	0.01438	0.01414	0.01391	0.01369	0.01348	0.01328	0.01309	0.01291
22	0.01421	0.01397	0.01374	0.01353	0.01332	0.01312	0.01294	0.01276
23	0.01404	0.01381	0.01358	0.01337	0.01317	0.01297	0.01279	0.01261
24	0.01388	0.01365	0.01342	0.01321	0.01301	0.01282	0.01264	0.01246
25	0.01372	0.01349	0.01327	0.01306	0.01286	0.01267	0.01249	0.01232
26	0.01357	0.01334	0.01312	0.01291	0.01272	0.01253	0.01235	0.01218
27	0.01342	0.01319	0.01297	0.01277	0.01258	0.01239	0.01221	0.01204
28	0.01327	0.01304	0.01283	0.01264	0.01244	0.01225	0.01208	0.01191
29	0.01312	0.01290	0.01269	0.01249	0.01230	0.01212	0.01195	0.01178
30	0.01298	0.01276	0.01256	0.01236	0.01217	0.01199	0.01182	0.01169

^a After ASTM (2004)



Civil & Environmental Engineering Department

L_1
 10.5 cm for R=0
 2.3 cm for R=50

$$L = L_1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(L_2 - \frac{V_B}{A} \right)$$

$$L_1 = 10.5 - \frac{(10.5 - 2.3)}{50} \cdot R$$

$$L = 10.5 - 0.164R + \frac{1}{2} \left(14 - \frac{67}{27.8} \right)$$

$$L = 16.29 - 0.164 \times R$$

CAL STATE FULLERTON
 Civil & Environmental Engineering Department

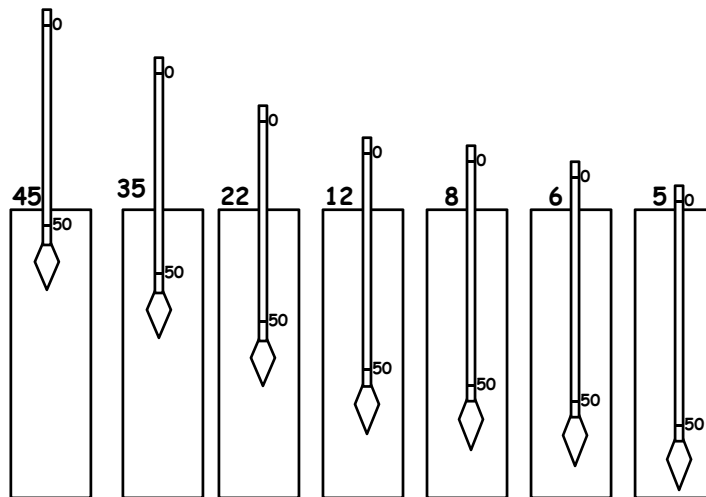
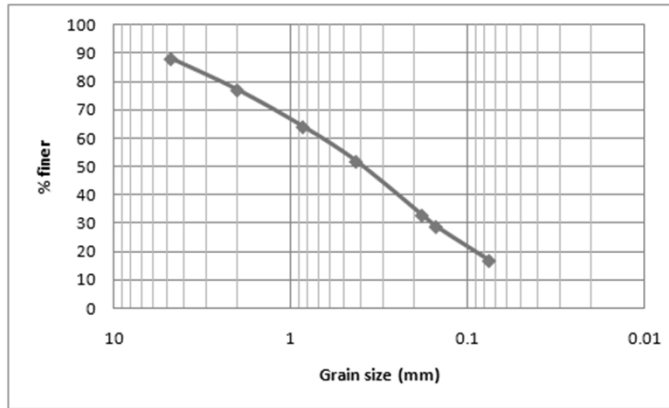
$$P' = \frac{(R - b)a}{M_d} \times 100\%$$

$$P = P' \times P_{\#40}$$

Gs	a	Temperature (°C)	b
2.5	1.03	17	5.9
2.55	1.02	18	5.6
2.6	1.01	19	5.3
2.65	1.00	20	5.0
2.7	0.99	21	4.7
2.75	0.98	22	4.4
2.8	0.97	23	4.1
2.85	0.96	24	3.8

CAL STATE FULLERTON
 Civil & Environmental Engineering Department

Sieve #	Size (mm)	Mass retained (g)	% retained	cum% retained	% passed
4	4.75	60	12	12	88
10	2	55	11	23	77
20	0.85	65	13	36	64
40	0.425	61	12.2	48.2	51.8
80	0.18	95	19	67.2	32.8
100	0.15	20	4	71.2	28.8
200	0.075	60	12	83.2	16.8
pan		84	16.8	100	0
Sum		500	100		

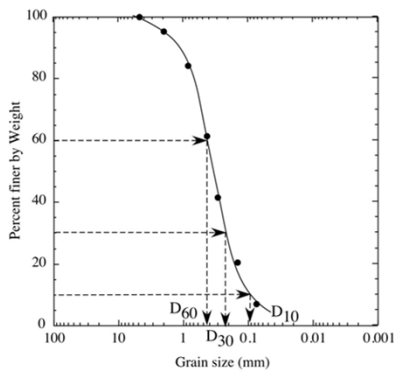
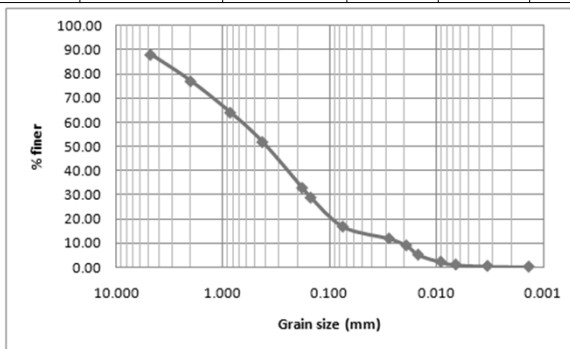


2 min 5 min 10 min 30 min 60 min 240 min 1440 min

t(min)	R	L (cm)	D (mm)	P'	P
2	45	8.91	0.028	22.968	11.897
5	35	10.55	0.019	17.311	8.967
10	22	12.682	0.015	9.957	5.158
30	12	14.322	0.009	4.299	2.227
60	8	14.978	0.007	2.037	1.055
240	6	15.306	0.003	0.905	0.469
1440	5	15.47	0.001	0.339	0.176

Opening	% passing
4.750	88.00
2.000	77.00
0.850	64.00
0.425	51.80
0.180	32.80
0.150	28.80
0.075	16.80
0.028	11.90
0.019	8.97
0.015	5.16
0.009	2.23
0.007	1.05
0.003	0.47
0.001	0.18

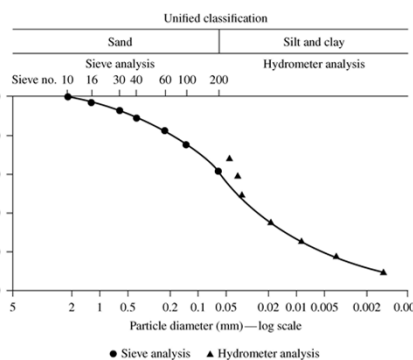
Mass (g)	Temp (deg)	a	Gs	b	K
175	22	0.99	2.7	4.4	0.01312

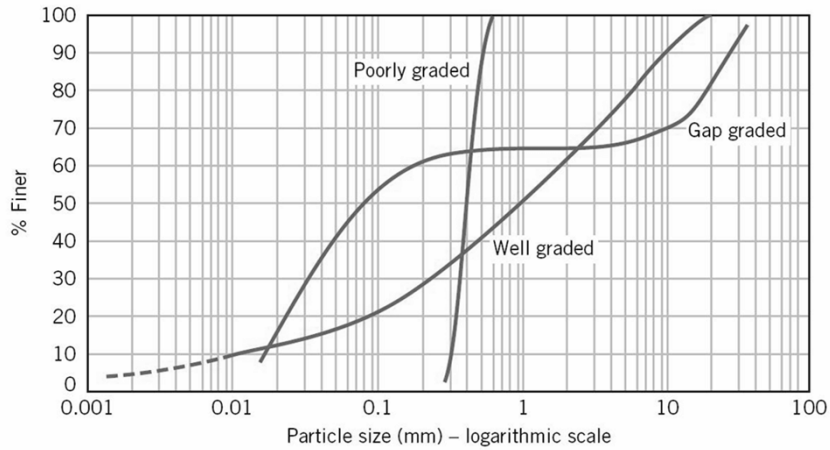


$$C_u = \frac{D_{60}}{D_{10}}$$

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

D₁₀
D₃₀
D₅₀
D₆₀





A hydrometer test was conducted for
 60 g of the specimen, and
 $G_s = 2.68$
 Temperature of water = 23°C
 At time = 180 minutes
 after the start of the sedimentation
 Hydrometer reading (R) = 38

The diameter of the smallest sized particles
 that have settled beyond the zone of
 measurement at that time?

% of the particles finer than that diameter?



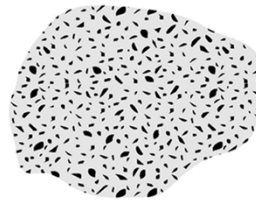
Angular



Subangular



Subrounded



Rounded