

EFFECTIVE STRESS CONCEPT

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Total Stress (σ) at Point A

$$\sigma = \underbrace{H\gamma_w}_{\text{from Water}} + \underbrace{(H_A - H)\gamma_{sat}}_{\text{from Soil}}$$

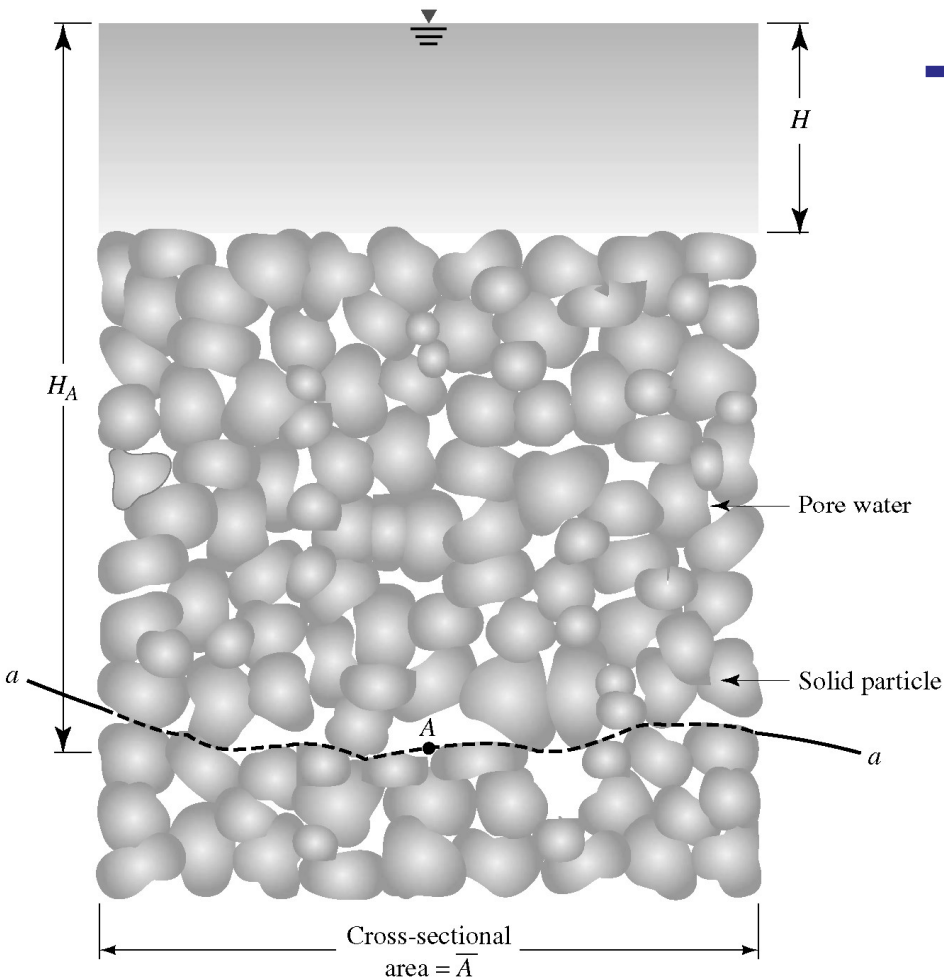
Where:

γ_w = Unit Weight of Water

γ_{sat} = Saturated Unit Weight of Soil

H = Height of water above Soil

H_A = Depth of Point A below water table



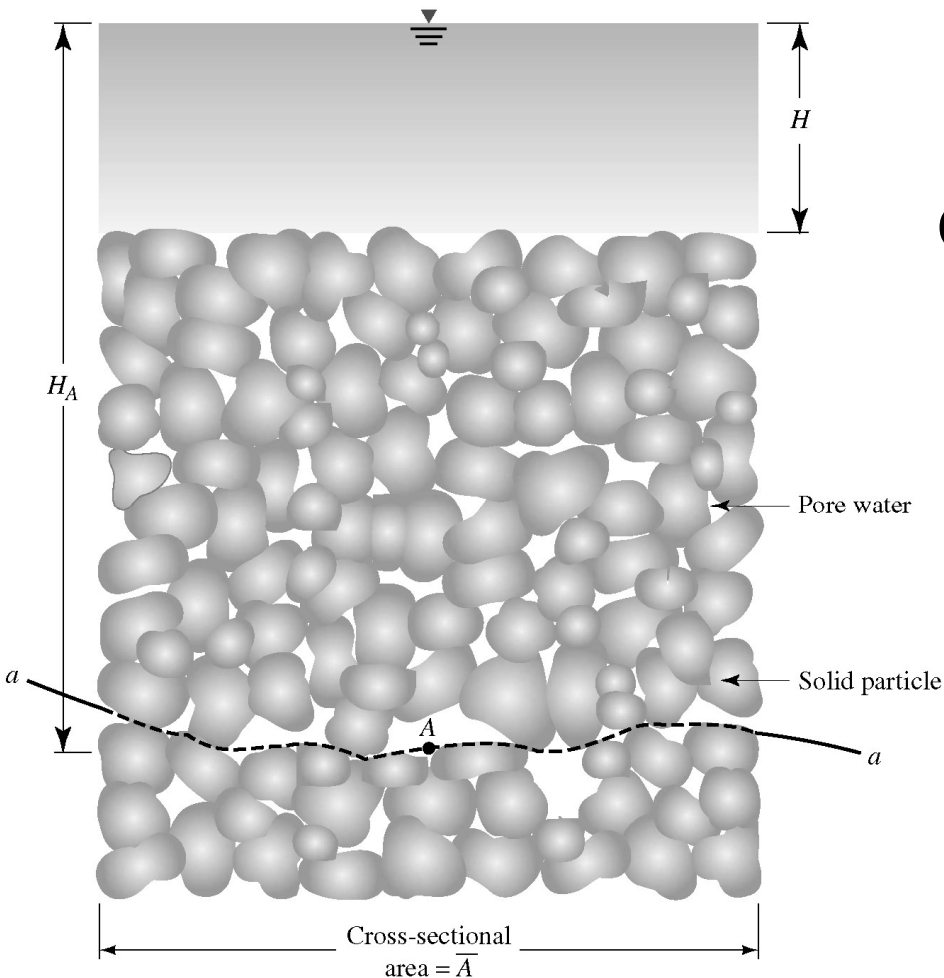
Saturated Soil Column (Figure 6.1. Das FGE (2005))

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Total Stress (σ)
can be divided into 2 Parts:

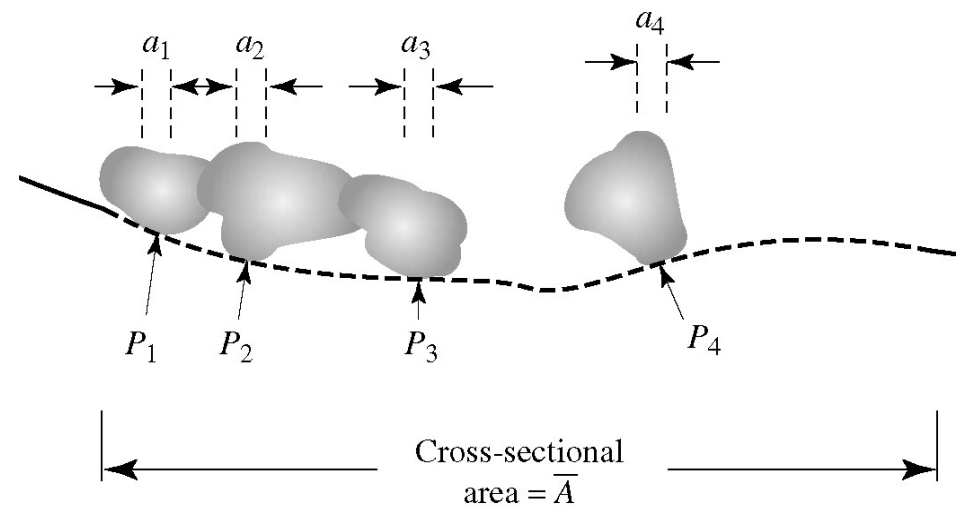
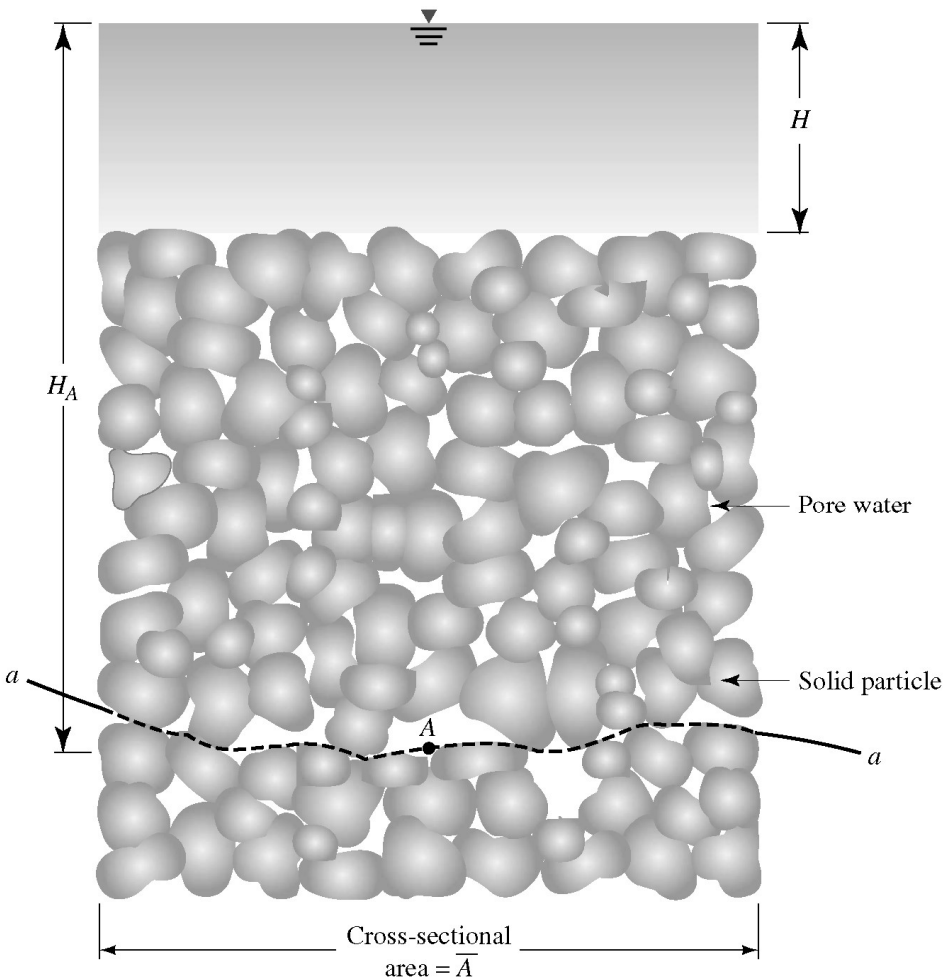
1. Portion carried by water in void spaces. **THIS IS THE PORE PRESSURE (u)**.
2. Portion carried by soil solids at points of contact. **THIS IS THE EFFECTIVE STRESS (σ')**.



Saturated Soil Column (Figure 6.1. Das FGE (2005))

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Forces acting at Soil Particle Points of Contact at level of Point A (i.e. along Line a - a)

Figure 6.1. Das FGE (2005)

Effective Stress (σ') along Line a - a

$$\sigma' = \frac{P_{1(v)} + P_{2(v)} + P_{3(v)} + \dots + P_{n(v)}}{\bar{A}}$$

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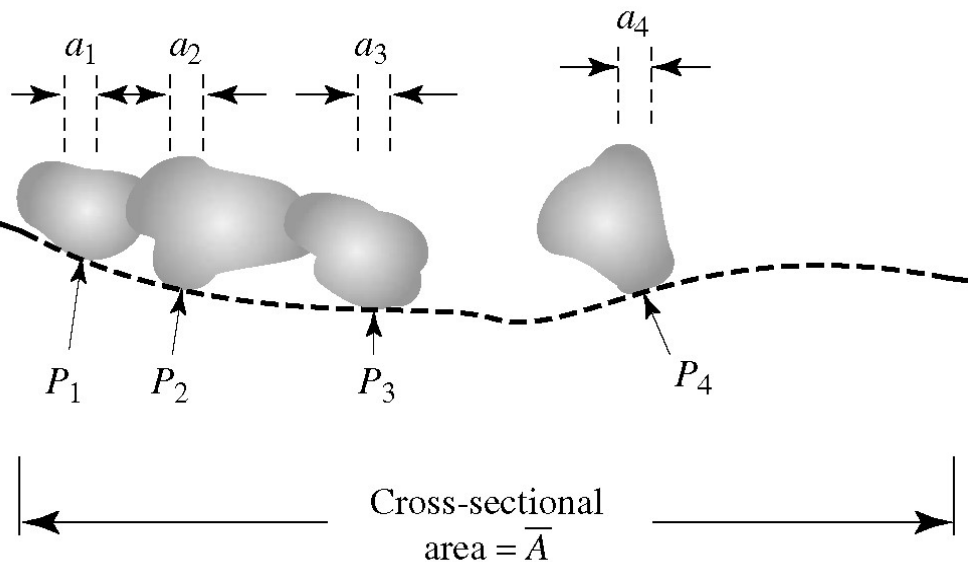
**Effective Stress (σ')
along Line *a-a***

$$\sigma' = \frac{P_{1(v)} + P_{2(v)} + P_{3(v)} + \dots + P_{n(v)}}{\bar{A}}$$

Where:

$P_{1(v)}$ = Vertical Component of P_1

\bar{A} = Cross-sectional Area of Soil Mass Under Consideration



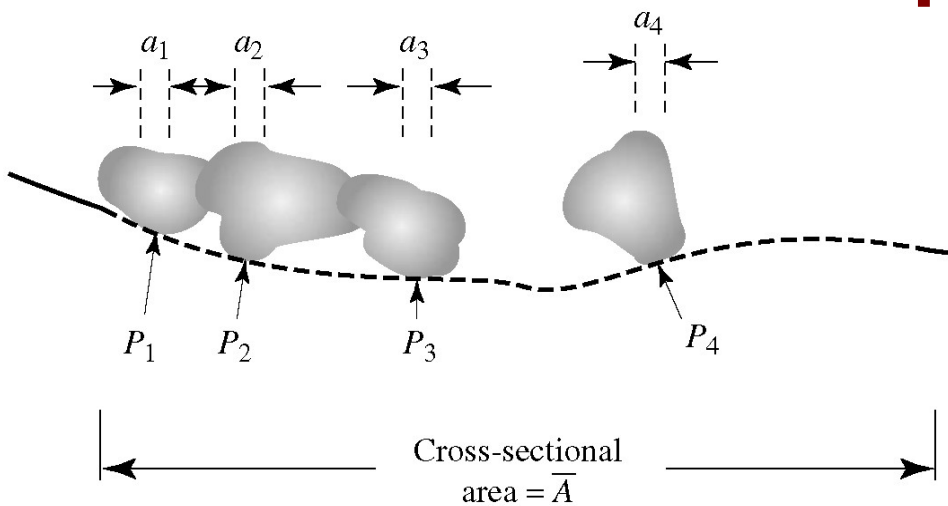
Forces acting at Soil Particle Points of Contact at level of Point A (i.e. along Line *a-a*)

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Total Stress (σ) along Line *a-a*



$$\sigma = \sigma' + \frac{u(\bar{A} - a_s)}{\bar{A}} = \sigma' + u(1 - a'_s)$$

Where:

a_s = Cross-section Area of Soil

Contacts = $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n$

\bar{A} = Cross-sectional Area of Soil

Mass Under Consideration

$a'_s = a_s / \bar{A}$ = Fraction of unit cross-

sectional area of soil mass

occupied by solid to solid

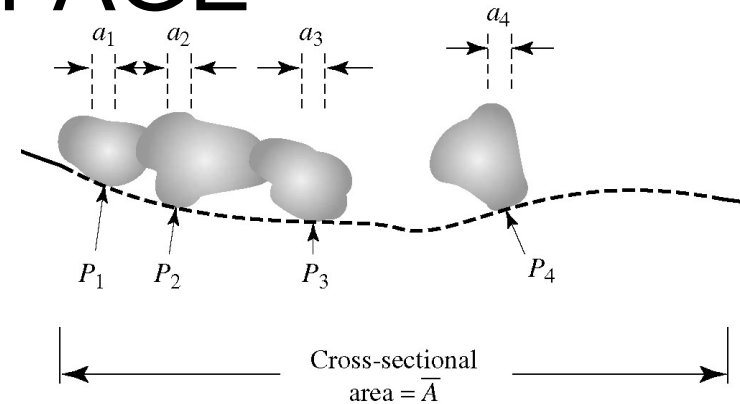
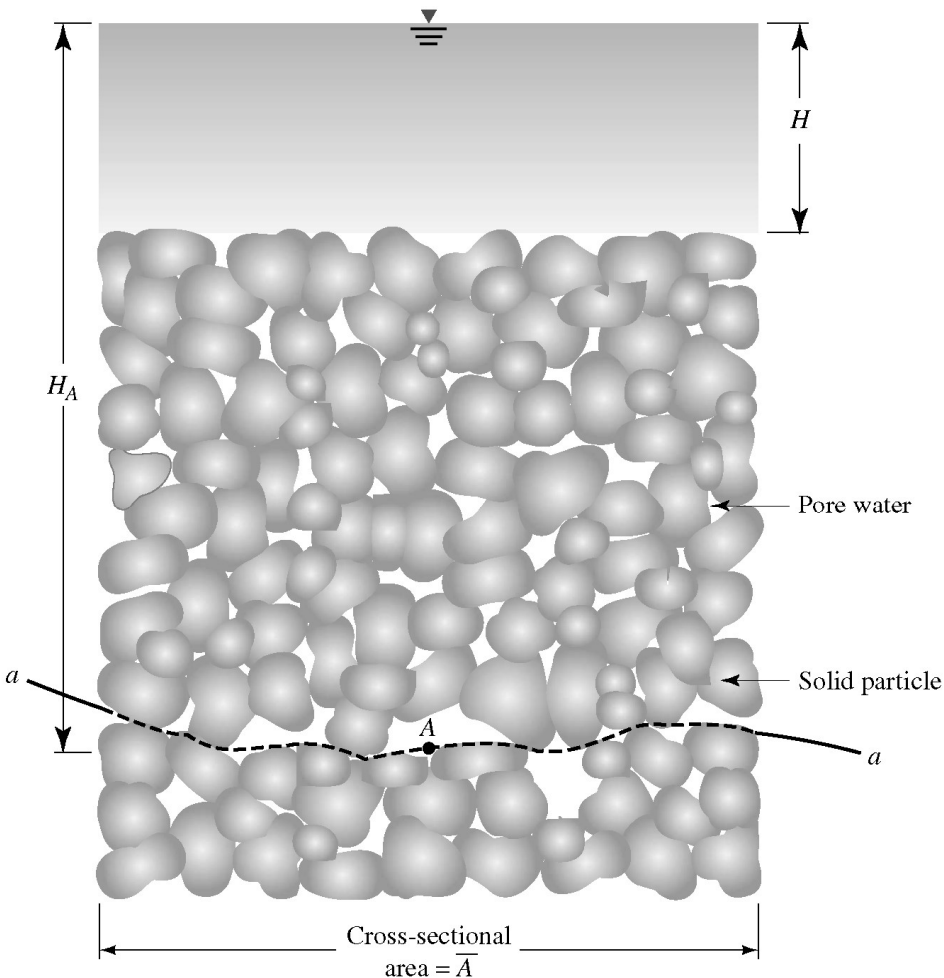
contacts.

Forces acting at Soil Particle Points of Contact at level of Point A (i.e. along Line *a-a*)

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Total Stress (σ) along Line $a-a$

$$\sigma = \sigma' + \frac{u(\bar{A} - a_s)}{\bar{A}} = \sigma' + u(1 - a'_s)$$

$a'_s \approx 0$ (i.e. very small), so therefore:

$$= \sigma' + u \quad \text{or} \quad \sigma' = \sigma - u$$

**THE EFFECTIVE STRESS
EQUATION**

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THE EFFECTIVE STRESS EQUATION

$$\sigma' = \sigma - u$$

$$\sigma' = \left[H\gamma_w + (H_A - H)\gamma_{sat} \right] - H_A\gamma_w$$

$\sigma =$ Total Stress

$u =$ Pore Pressure

$$\sigma' = \frac{(H_A - H)(\gamma_{sat} - \gamma_w)}{\text{Height of soil column}}$$

Height of soil column

$(\gamma_{sat} - \gamma_w) = \gamma'$
 $\gamma' =$ Submerged unit weight of soil

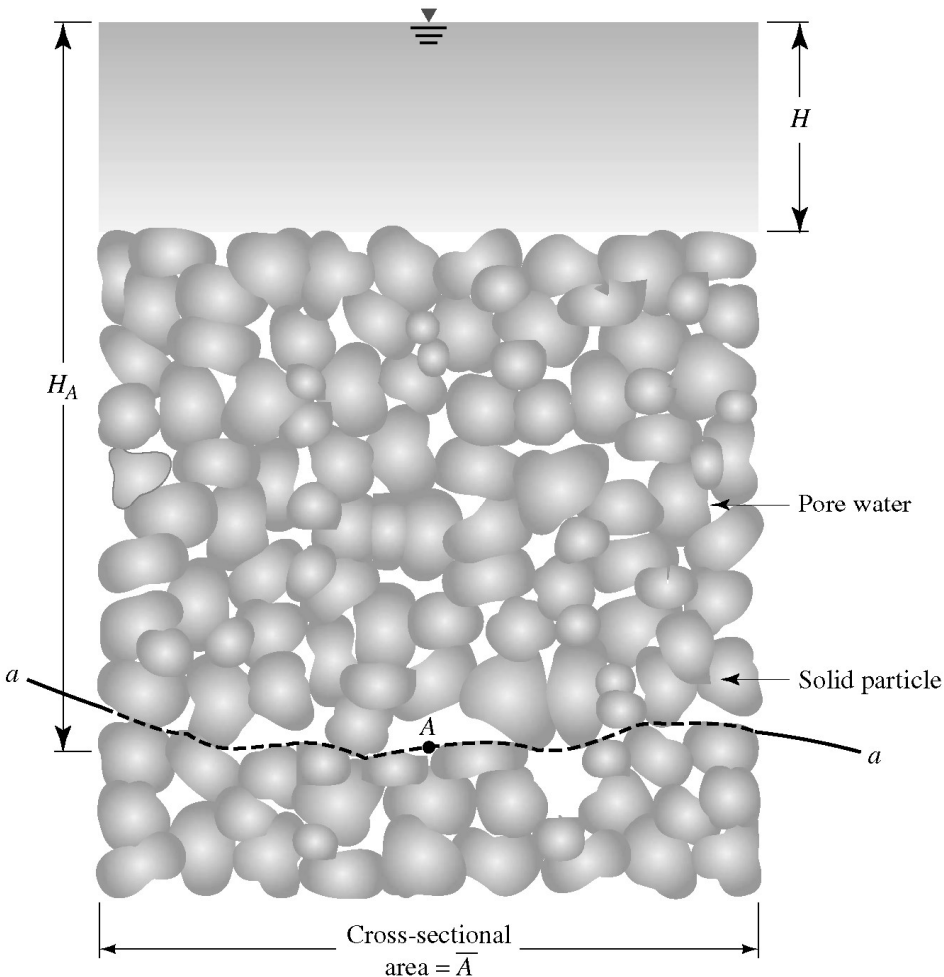
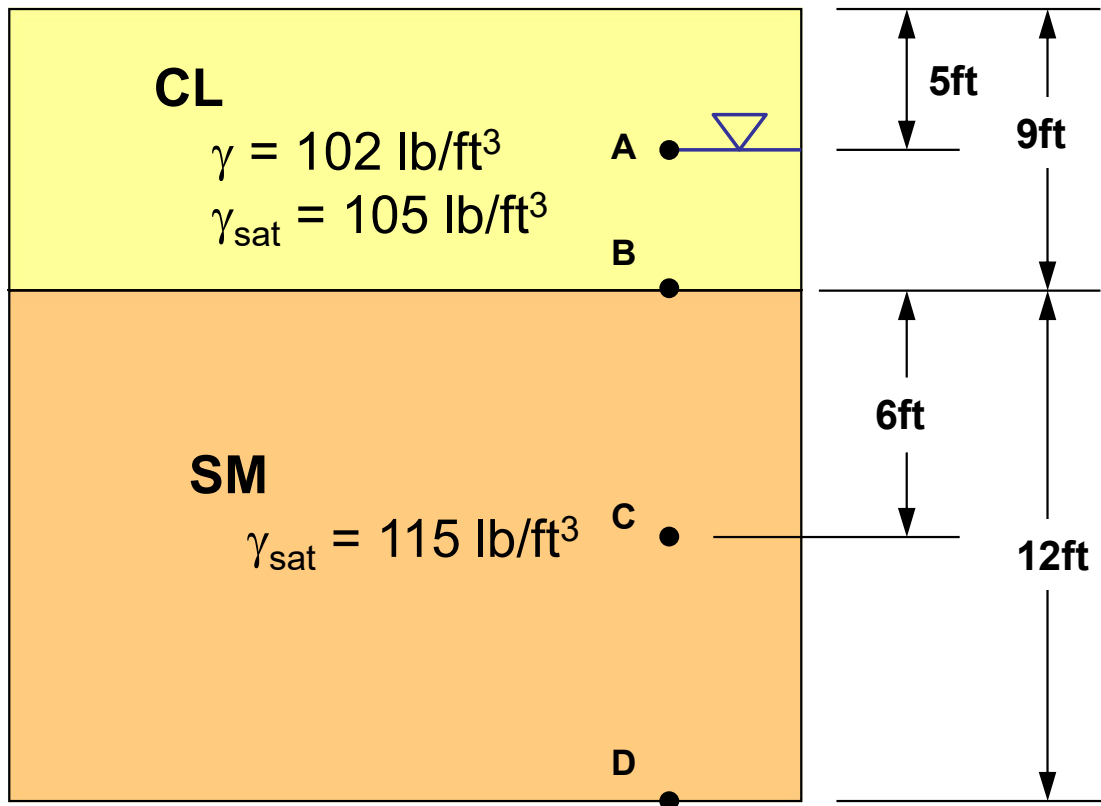


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GIVEN SOIL PROFILE (NTS):



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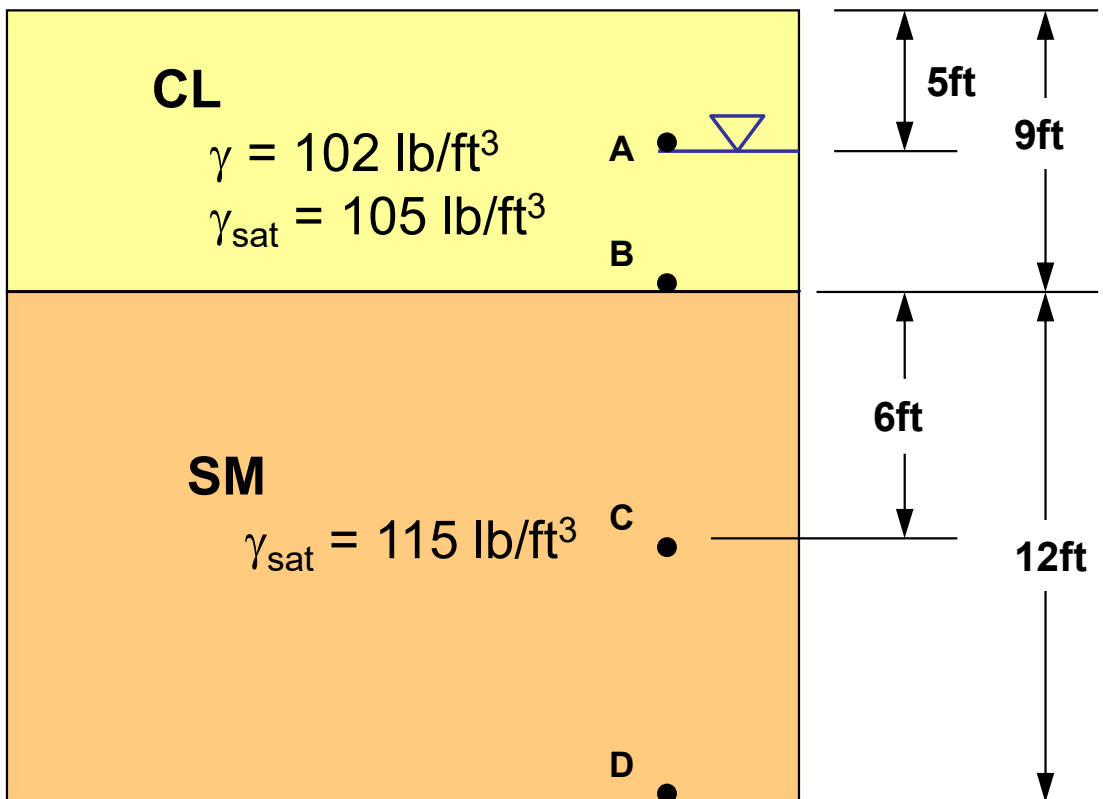
Total and Effective Stresses
at Pts. A, B, C, & D.

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GIVEN SOIL PROFILE (NTS):



Total and Effective Stresses
at Pts. A, B, C, & D.

@ Point A:

$$\sigma_A = \gamma_{CL} \times Z_A = 102 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^3} (5 \text{ ft})$$

$$\sigma_A = 510 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^2}$$

$$\sigma'_A = \sigma_A - u_A$$

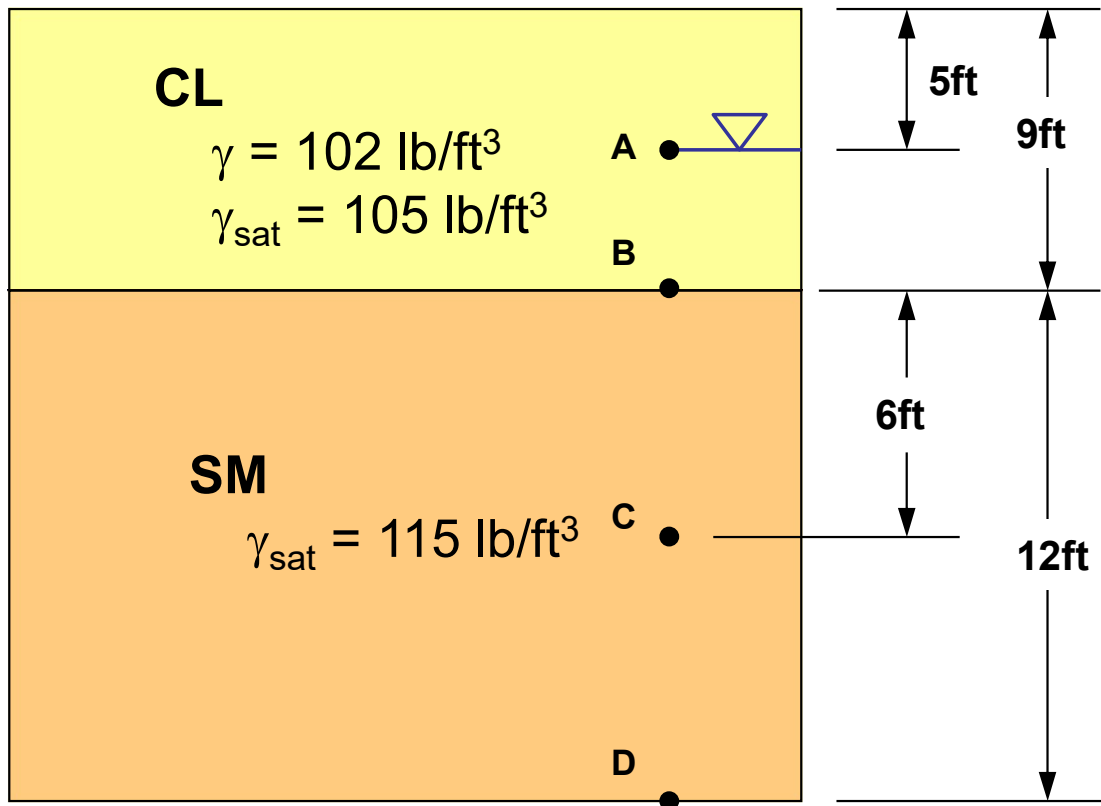
$$u_A = 0$$

$$\therefore \sigma'_A = \sigma_A = 510 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^2}$$

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GIVEN SOIL PROFILE (NTS):



@ Point B:

$$\sigma_B = \sigma_A + (\gamma_{\text{sat}, \text{CL}} \times 4 \text{ ft})$$

$$\sigma_B = 510 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^2} + 105 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^3} (4 \text{ ft})$$

$$\sigma_B = 930 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^2}$$

$$\sigma'_B = \sigma_B - u_B$$

$$u_B = \gamma_w \times 4 \text{ ft} = 62.4 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^3} \times 4 \text{ ft} = 250 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^2}$$

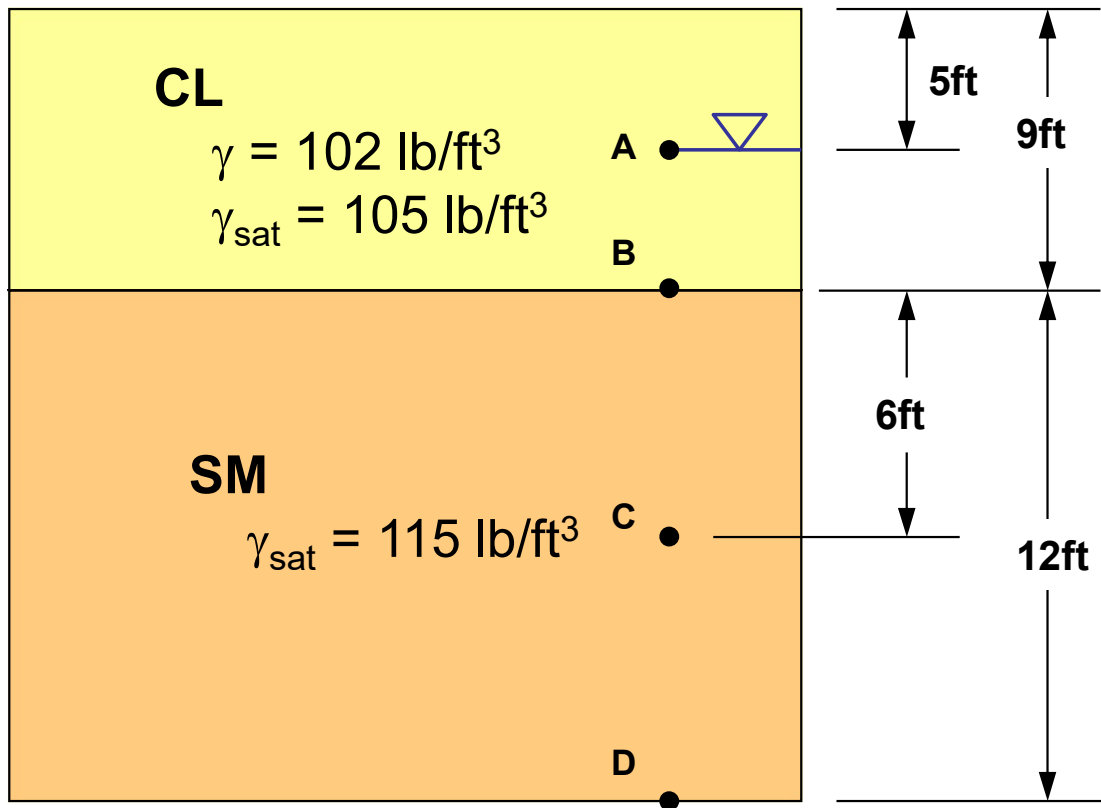
$$\sigma'_B = \sigma_B - u_B = 930 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^2} - 250 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^2}$$

$$\sigma'_B = 680 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^2}$$

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GIVEN SOIL PROFILE (NTS):



@ Point C:

$$\sigma_C = \sigma_B + (\gamma_{sat,SM} \times 6 \text{ ft})$$

$$\sigma_C = 930 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^3} + 115 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^3} (6 \text{ ft})$$

$$\sigma_C = 1620 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^2}$$

$$\sigma'_C = \sigma_C - u_C$$

$$u_C = \gamma_w \times 10 \text{ ft} = 62.4 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^3} \times 10 \text{ ft} = 624 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^2}$$

$$\sigma'_C = \sigma_C - u_C = 1620 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^2} - 624 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^2}$$

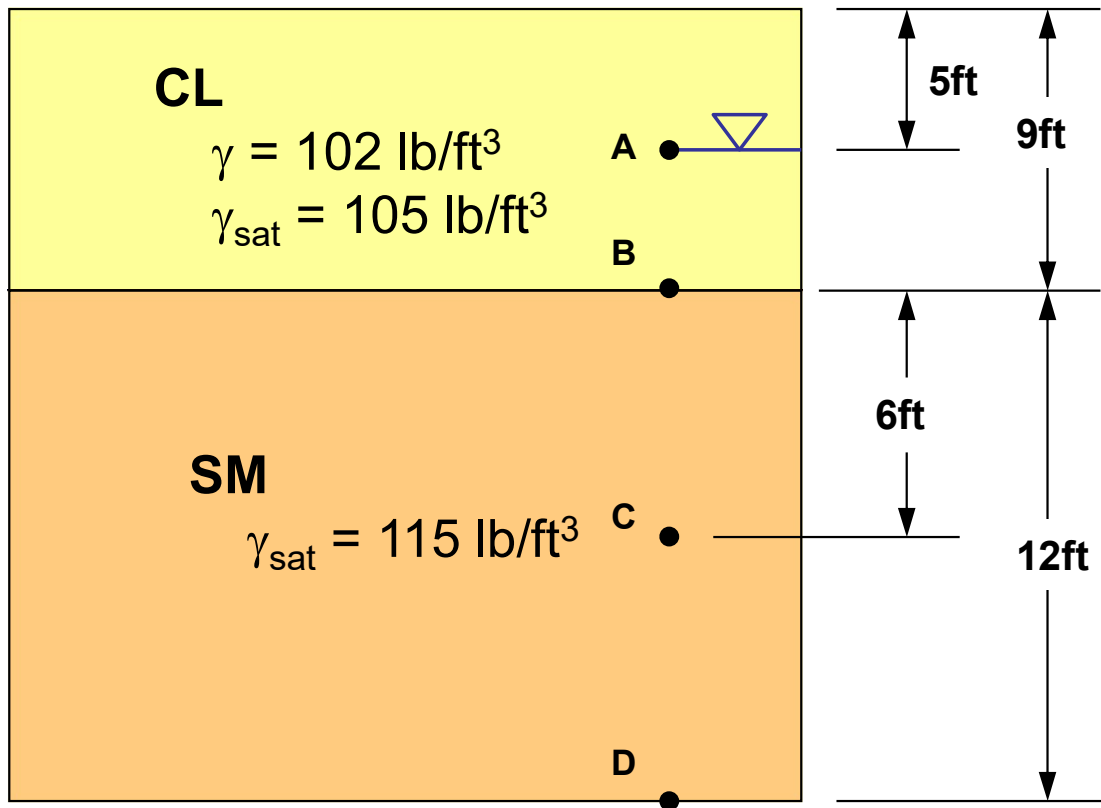
$$\sigma'_C = 996 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^2}$$

$$\sigma'_C = 1000 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^2} \quad (\text{round to nearest 5 psf})$$

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GIVEN SOIL PROFILE (NTS):



@ Point D:

$$\sigma_D = \sigma_B + (\gamma_{\text{sat},SM} \times 12 \text{ ft})$$

$$\sigma_D = 930 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^2} + 115 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^3} (12 \text{ ft})$$

$$\sigma_D = 2310 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^2}$$

$$\sigma'_D = \sigma_D - u_D$$

$$u_D = \gamma_w \times 16 \text{ ft} = 62.4 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^3} \times 16 \text{ ft} = 998 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^2}$$

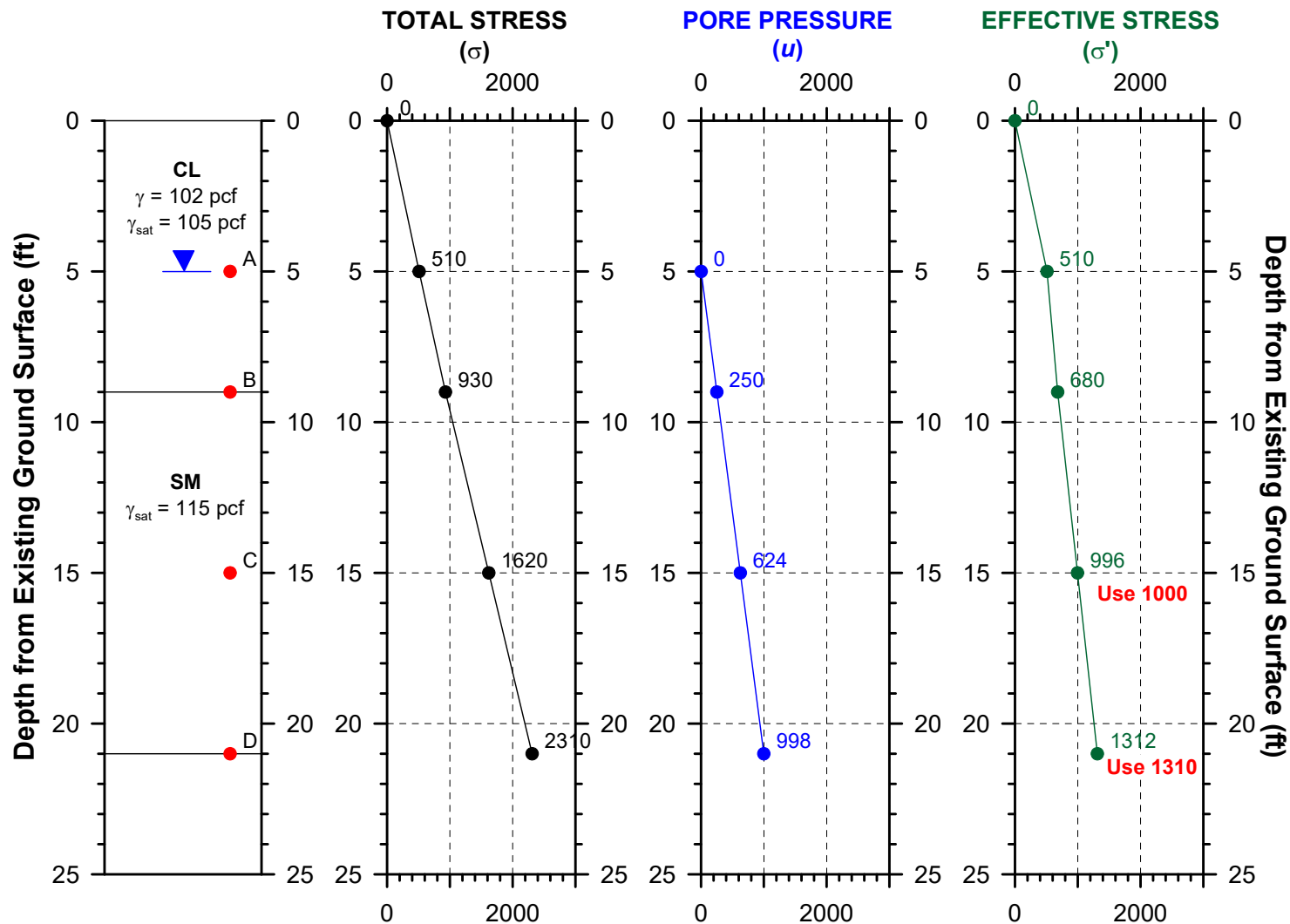
$$\sigma'_D = \sigma_D - u_D = 2310 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^2} - 998 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^2}$$

$$\sigma'_D = 1312 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^2}$$

$$\sigma'_D = 1310 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^2} \quad (\text{round to nearest 5 psf})$$

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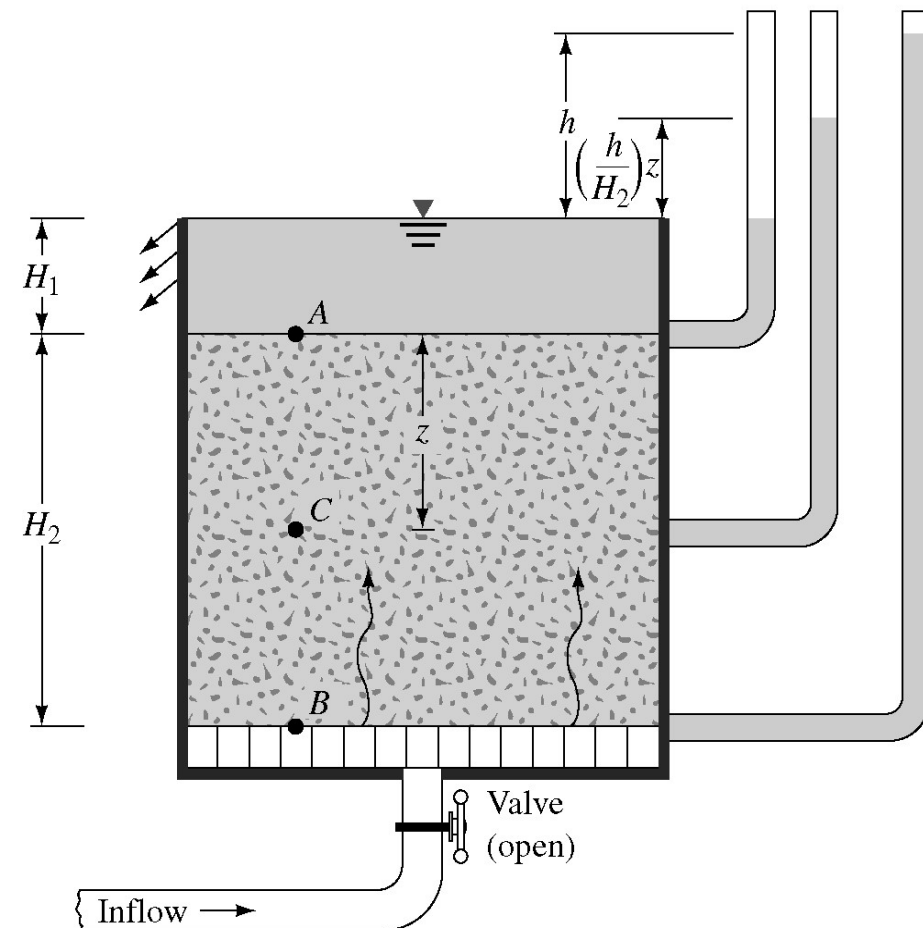


Figure 6.3a. Das FGE (2005).

Stresses @ Point A:

$$\sigma_A = H_1 \gamma_w$$

$$u_A = H_1 \gamma_w$$

$$\sigma'_A = \sigma_A - u_A = 0$$

Stresses @ Point B:

$$\sigma_B = H_1 \gamma_w + H_2 \gamma_{sat}$$

$$u_B = (H_1 + H_2 + h) \gamma_w$$

$$\sigma'_B = \sigma_B - u_B$$

$$\sigma'_B = (H_1 \gamma_w + H_2 \gamma_{sat}) - (H_1 + H_2 + h) \gamma_w$$

$$\sigma'_B = H_2 (\gamma_{sat} - \gamma_w) - h \gamma_w$$

$$\sigma'_B = H_2 \gamma' - h \gamma_w$$

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Stresses @ Point C:

$$\sigma_C = H_1 \gamma_w + z \gamma_{sat}$$

$$u_C = \left(H_1 + z + \frac{h}{H_2} z \right) \gamma_w$$

$$\sigma'_C = \sigma_C - u_C$$

$$\sigma'_C = z(\gamma_{sat} - \gamma_w) - \frac{h}{H_2} z \gamma_w$$

$$\sigma'_C = z\gamma' - \frac{h}{H_2} z \gamma_w$$

NOTE: $i = \frac{h}{H_2} = \frac{\text{Change in Head}}{\text{Length of Water Flow}}$

$$\therefore \sigma'_C = z\gamma' - iz\gamma_w$$

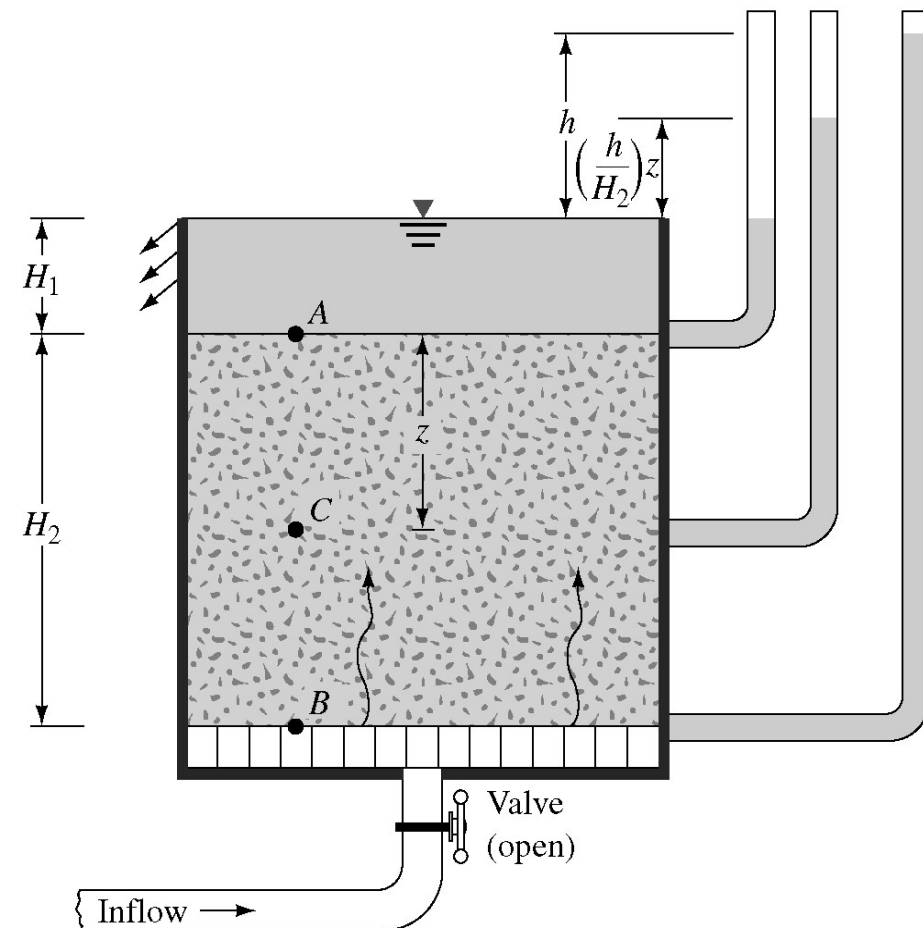


Figure 6.3a. Das FGE (2005).

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CRITICAL HYDRAULIC GRADIENT (i_{cr})

$$\sigma'_C = z\gamma' - i_{cr}z\gamma_w = 0$$

NO EFFECTIVE STRESS!

Known as Boiling or Quick Condition

$$i_{cr} = \frac{\gamma'}{\gamma_w}$$

For Most Soils:

i_{cr} ranges from 0.9 to 1.1,
with an average of 1

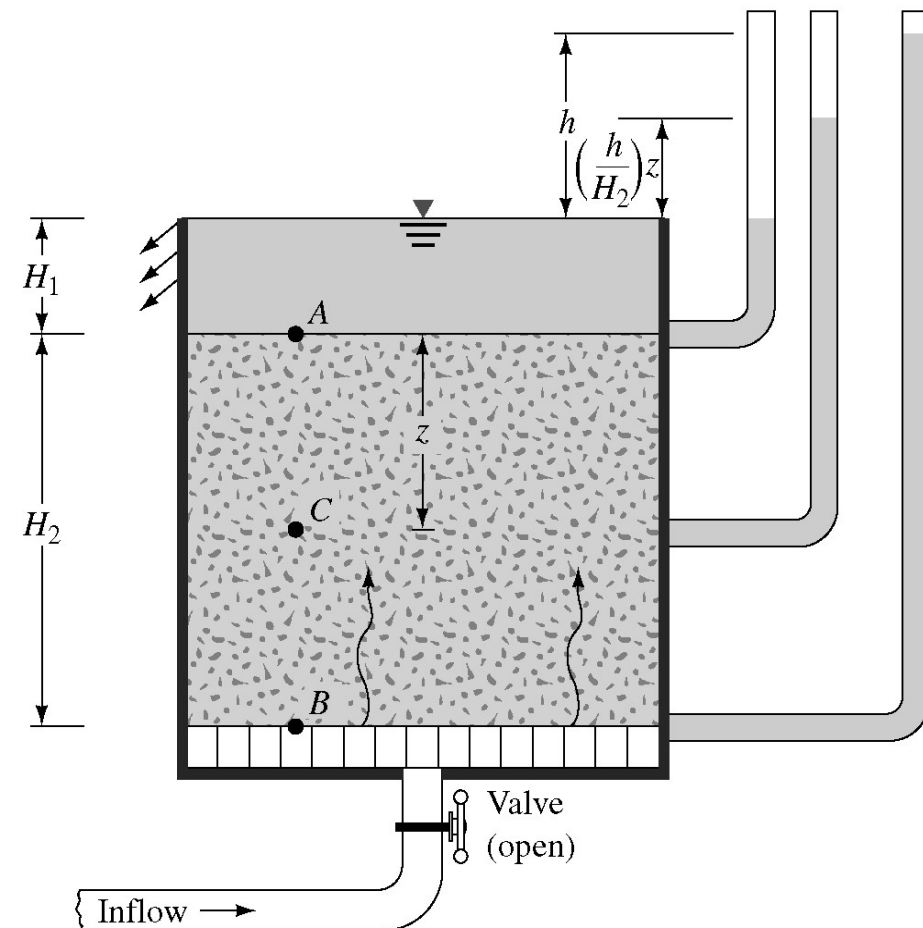


Figure 6.3a. Das FGE (2005).

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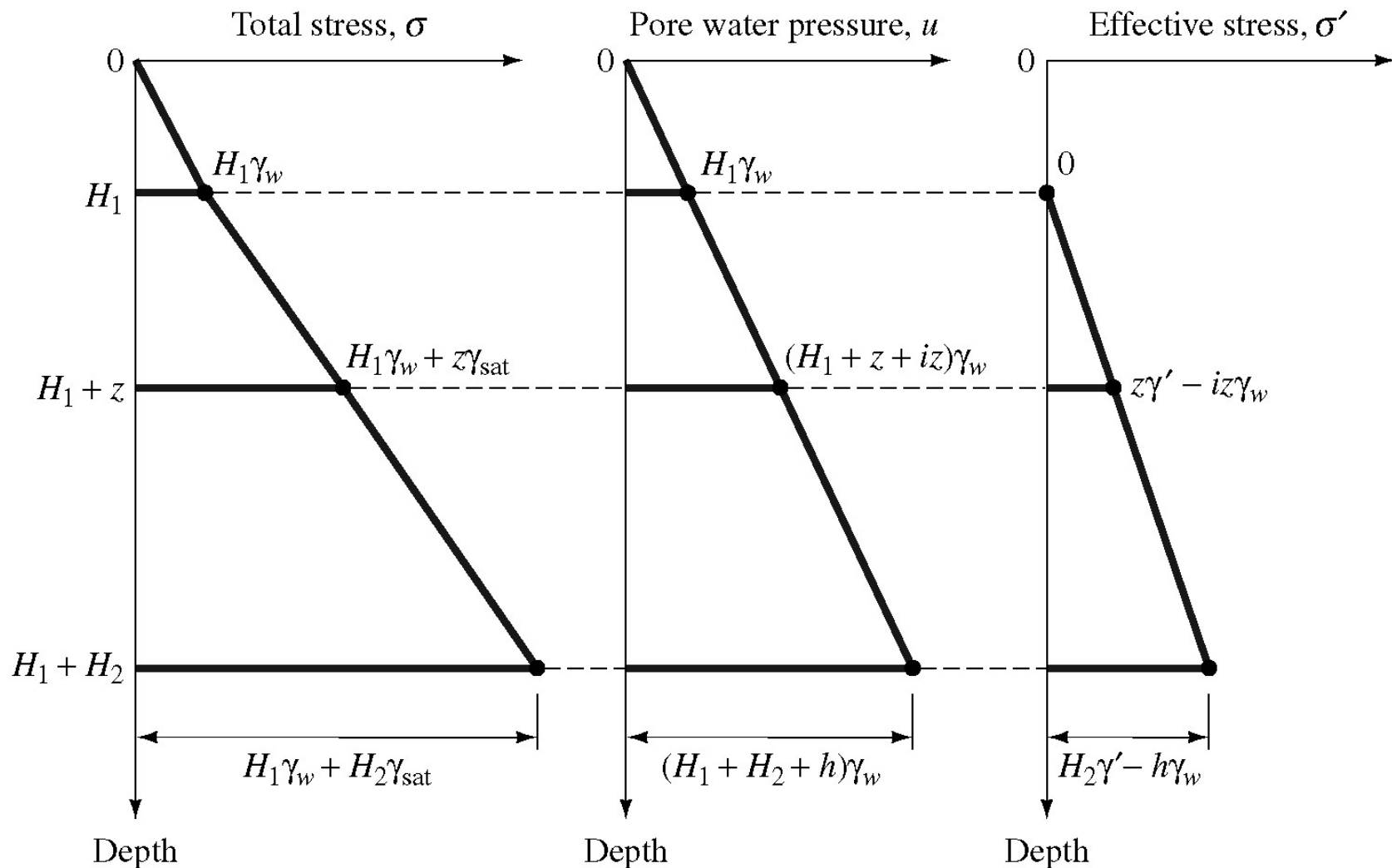


Figure 6.3b. Das FGE (2005).

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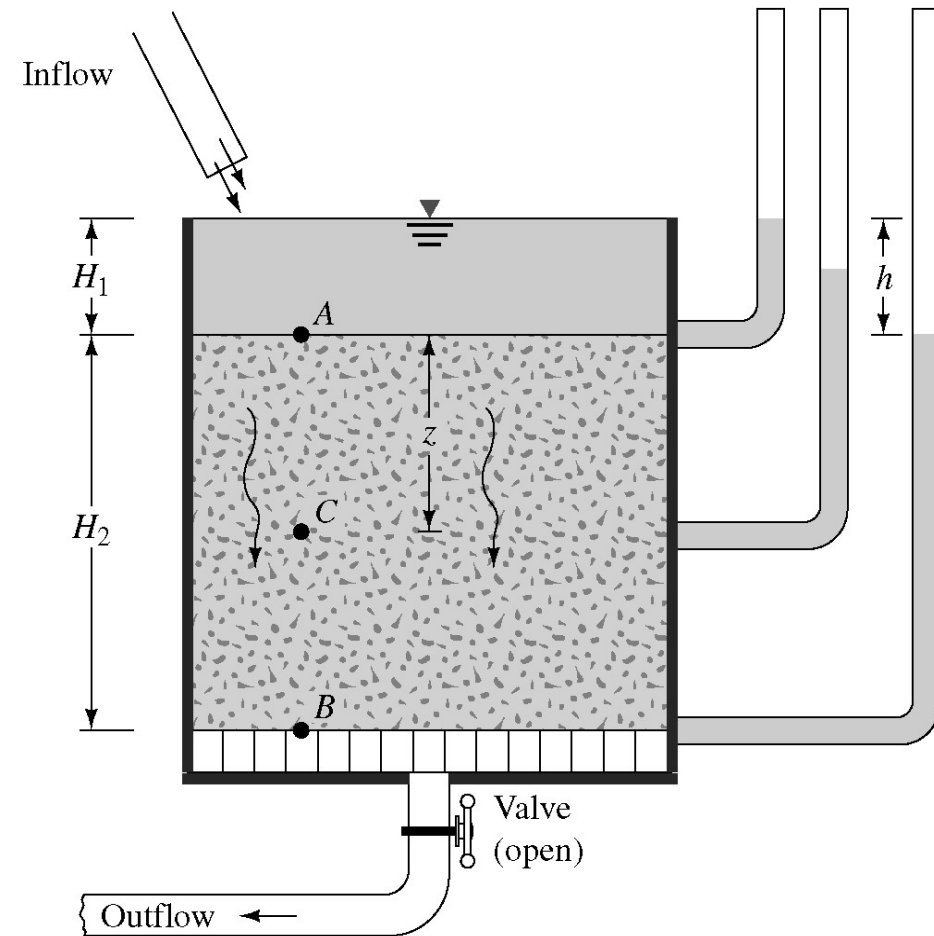


Figure 6.4a. Das FGE (2005).

Stresses @ Point A:

$$\sigma_A = H_1 \gamma_w$$

$$u_A = H_1 \gamma_w$$

$$\sigma'_A = \sigma_A - u_A = 0$$

Stresses @ Point B:

$$\sigma_B = H_1 \gamma_w + H_2 \gamma_{sat}$$

$$u_B = (H_1 + H_2 - h) \gamma_w$$

$$\sigma'_B = \sigma_B - u_B$$

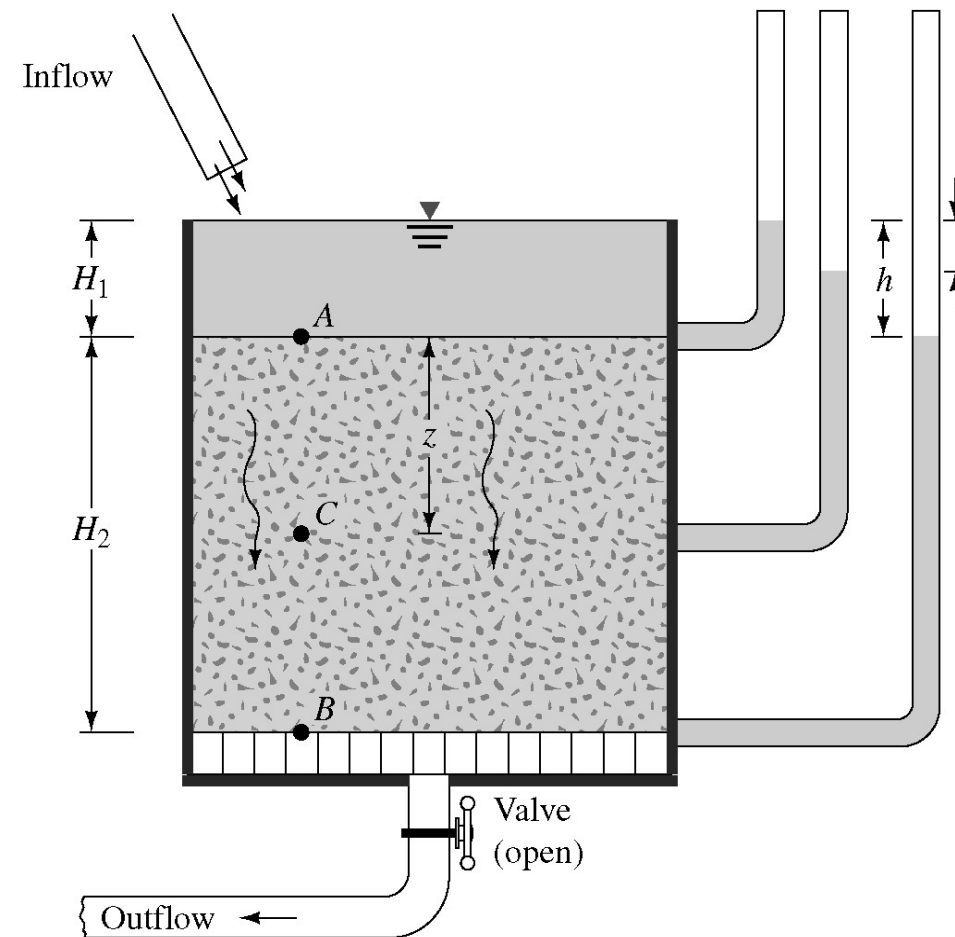
$$\sigma'_B = (H_1 \gamma_w + H_2 \gamma_{sat}) - (H_1 + H_2 - h) \gamma_w$$

$$\sigma'_B = H_2 (\gamma_{sat} - \gamma_w) + h \gamma_w$$

$$\sigma'_B = H_2 \gamma' + h \gamma_w$$

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Stresses @ Point C:

$$\sigma_C = H_1 \gamma_w + z \gamma_{sat}$$

$$u_C = \left(\frac{h}{H_2} \right) z \gamma_w = \left(H_1 + z - \frac{h}{H_2} z \right) \gamma_w$$

$$\sigma'_C = \sigma_C - u_C$$

$$\sigma'_C = H_1 \gamma_w + z \gamma_{sat} - \left(H_1 + z - \frac{h}{H_2} z \right) \gamma_w$$

$$\sigma'_C = z \gamma' + \frac{h}{H_2} z \gamma_w$$

NOTE: $i = \frac{h}{H_2} = \frac{\text{Change in Head}}{\text{Length of Water Flow}}$

$$\therefore \sigma'_C = z \gamma' + i z \gamma_w$$

Figure 6.4a. Das FGE (2005).

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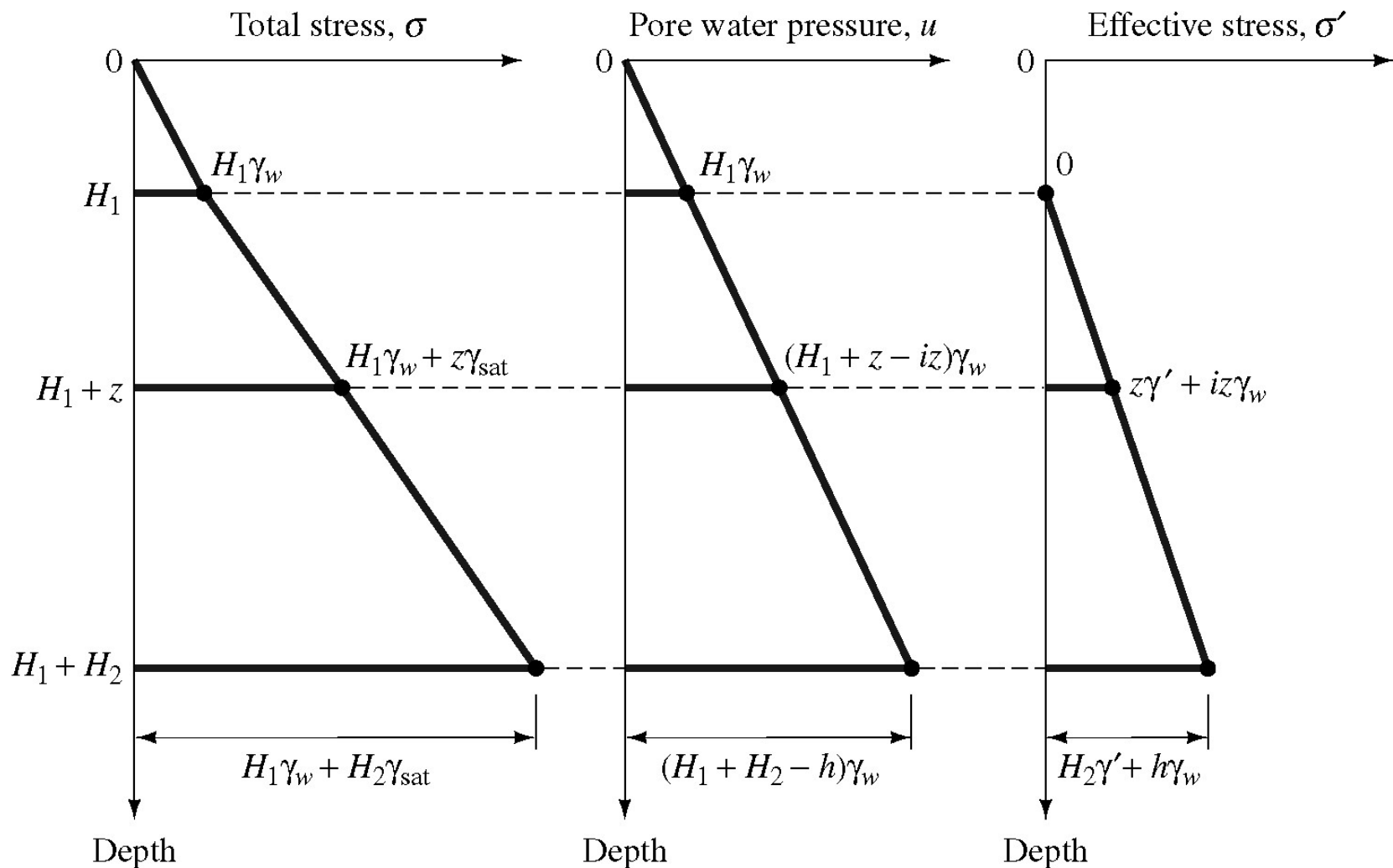


Figure 6.4b. Das FGE (2005).

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PARTIALLY SATURATED SOIL

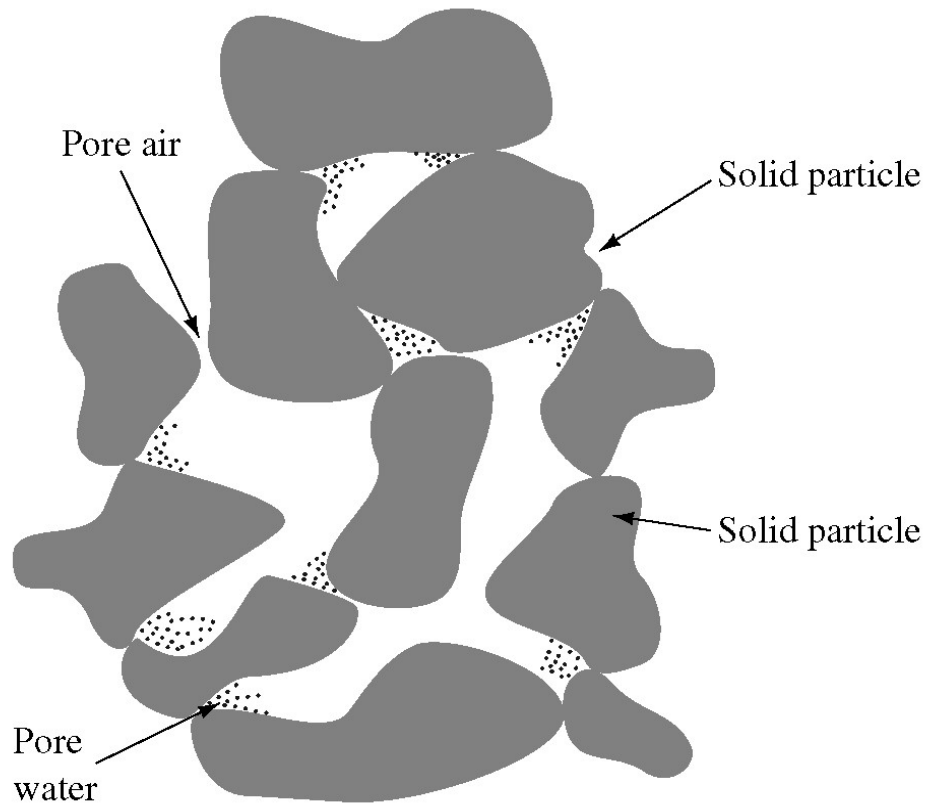


Figure 6.6. Das FGE (2005).

$$\sigma' = \sigma - u_a + \chi(u_a - u_w)$$

Where:

u_a = Pore Air Pressure

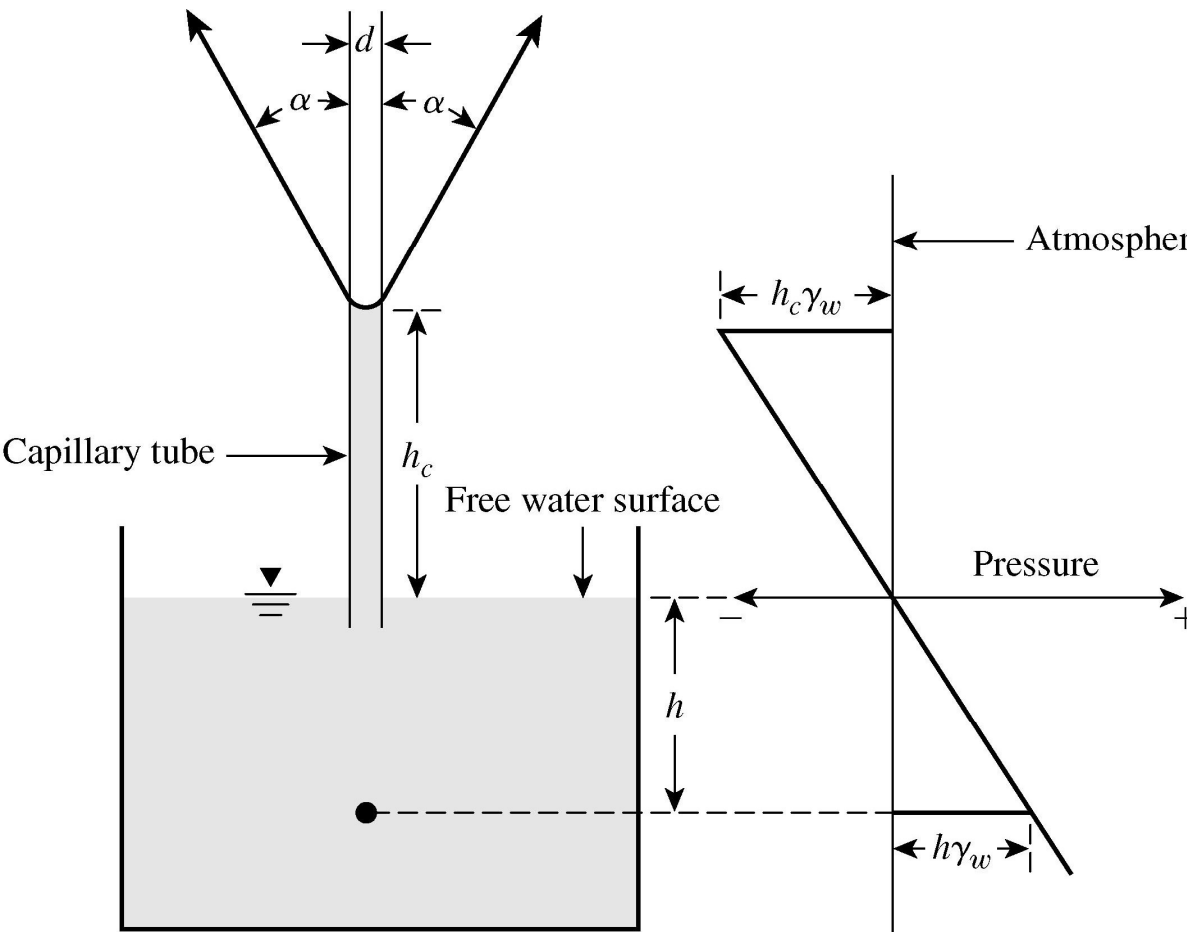
u_w = Pore Water Pressure

χ = Fraction of unit cross-sectional area of soil occupied by water.

$\chi = 0$ for dry soil; 1 for saturated soil.

χ depends on degree of saturation (S).
Also influenced by soil structure.

CAPILLARY RISE IN SOILS



Summing Forces in Vertical Direction

$$\left(\frac{\pi}{4} d^2 \right) h_c \gamma_w = \pi d T \cos \alpha$$

$$h_c = \frac{4T \cos \alpha}{d \gamma_w}$$

Where:

T = Surface Tension

α = Angle of Contact

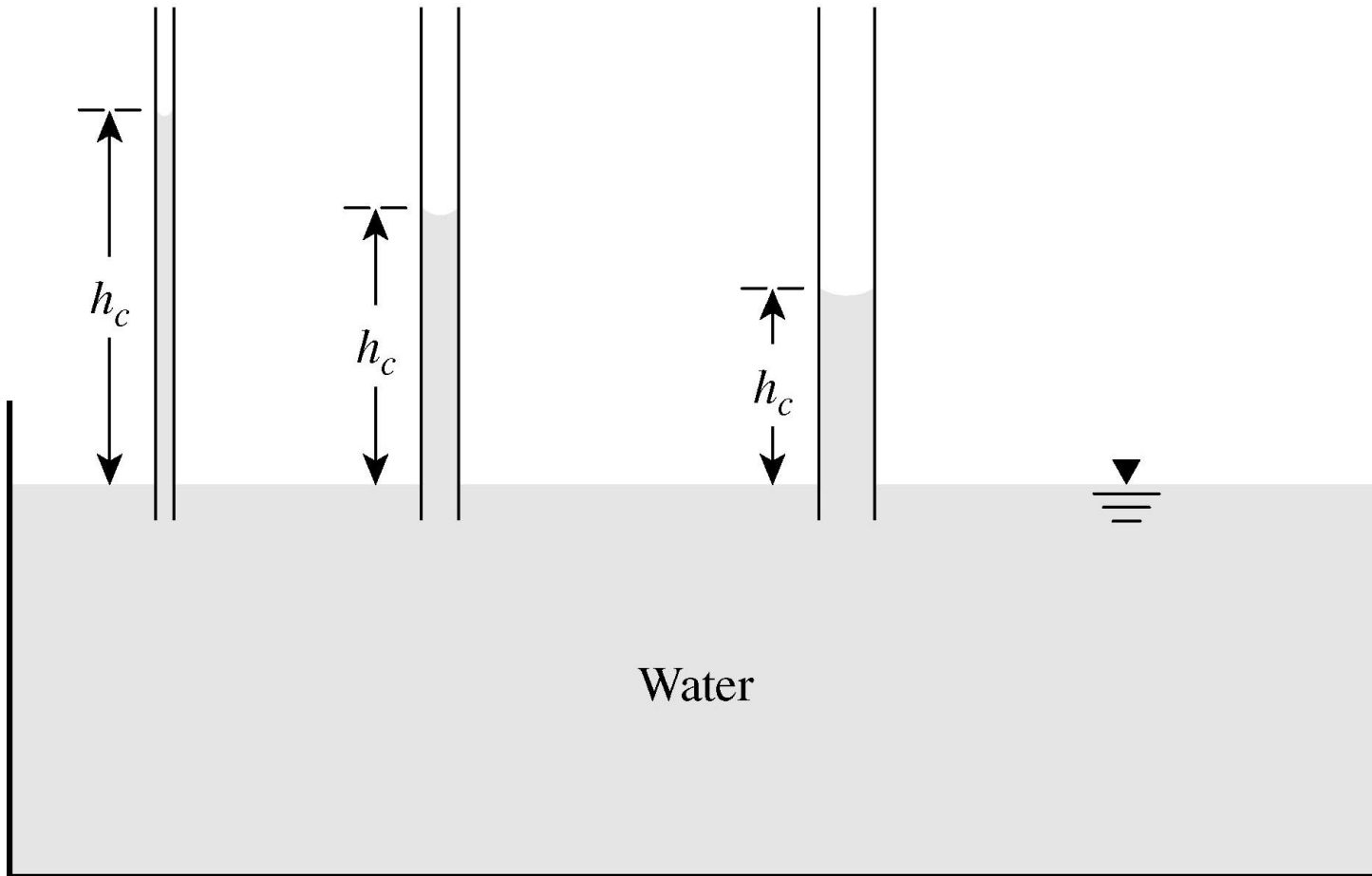
d = Capillary Tube Diameter

T, α , γ_w remain constant

$$h_c \propto \frac{1}{d}$$

Figure 8.19. Principles of Geotechnical Engineering, Das (2006).

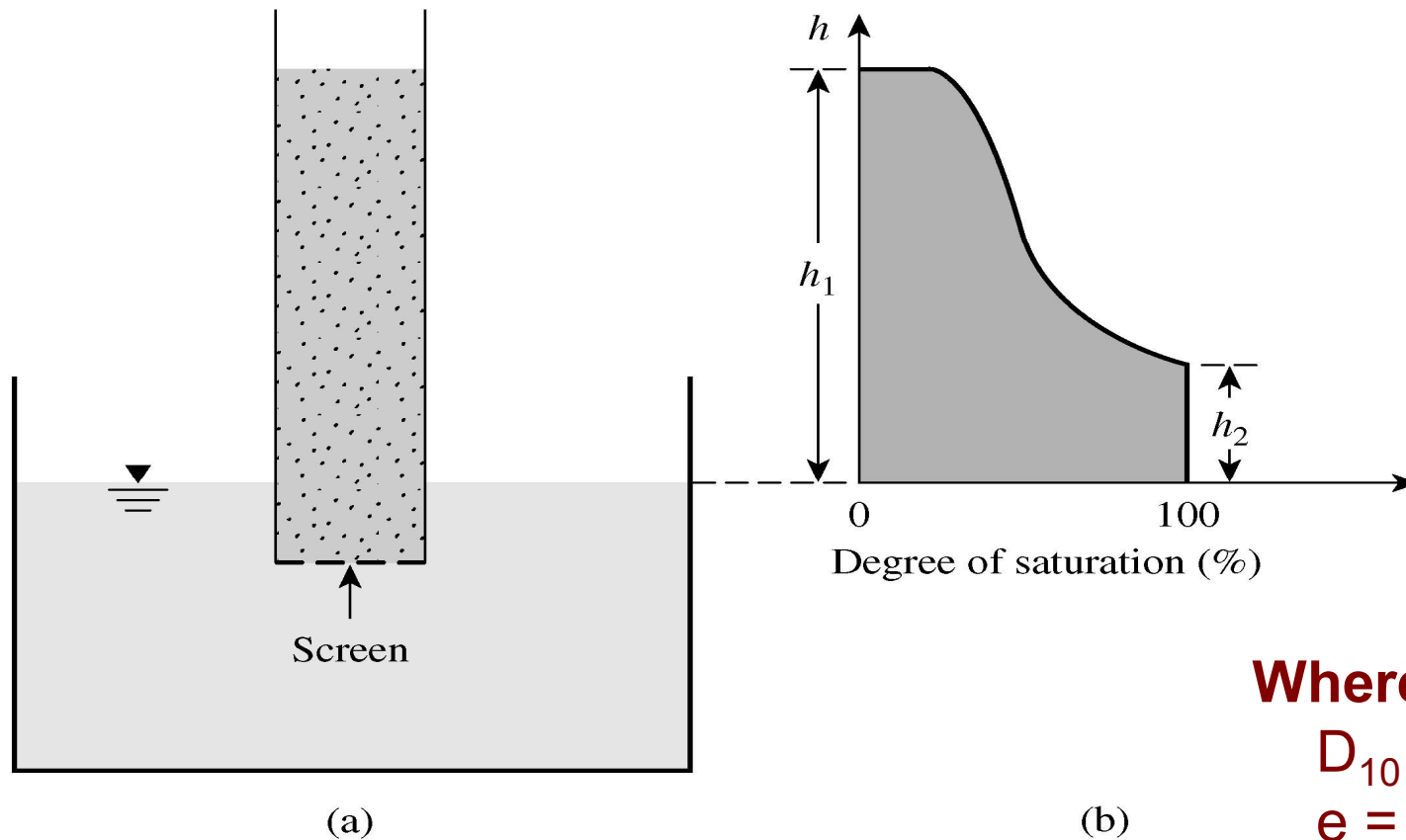
CAPILLARY RISE IN SOILS



$$h_c \propto \frac{1}{d}$$

Figure 8.20. Principles of Geotechnical Engineering, Das (2006).

CAPILLARY RISE IN SOILS



 Sandy soil  Water

Hazen (1930)

$$h_1 = \frac{C}{eD_{10}}$$

Where:

D_{10} = Effective Size (mm)

e = Void Ratio

C = Constant (ranging from
10 mm² to 50 mm²)

CAPILLARY RISE IN SOILS

Table 8.2 (Das, PGE 2006). Approximate Range of Capillary Rise in Soils.

Soil Type	Range of Capillary Rise	
	m	ft
Coarse Sand	0.1 – 0.2	0.3 – 0.6
Fine Sand	0.3 – 1.2	1 – 4
Silt	0.75 – 7.5	2.5 – 25
Clay	7.5 - 23	25 - 75

EFFECTIVE STRESS IN CAPILLARY ZONE

$$\sigma' = \sigma - u$$

Saturated: $u = -h\gamma_w$

Partially Saturated: $u = -h\left(\frac{S}{100}\right)\gamma_w$

SEEPAGE FORCE

WITH NO SEEPAGE
(i.e. STATIC CONDITIONS)

$$\sigma' = (H_A - H)(\gamma_{sat} - \gamma_w)$$

Height of soil column = z

$(\gamma_{sat} - \gamma_w) = \gamma'$
 $\gamma' =$ Submerged unit weight of soil

Effective Stress: $\sigma' = z\gamma'$

Effective Force: $P_1' = z\gamma' A$

Where:

$A =$ Area

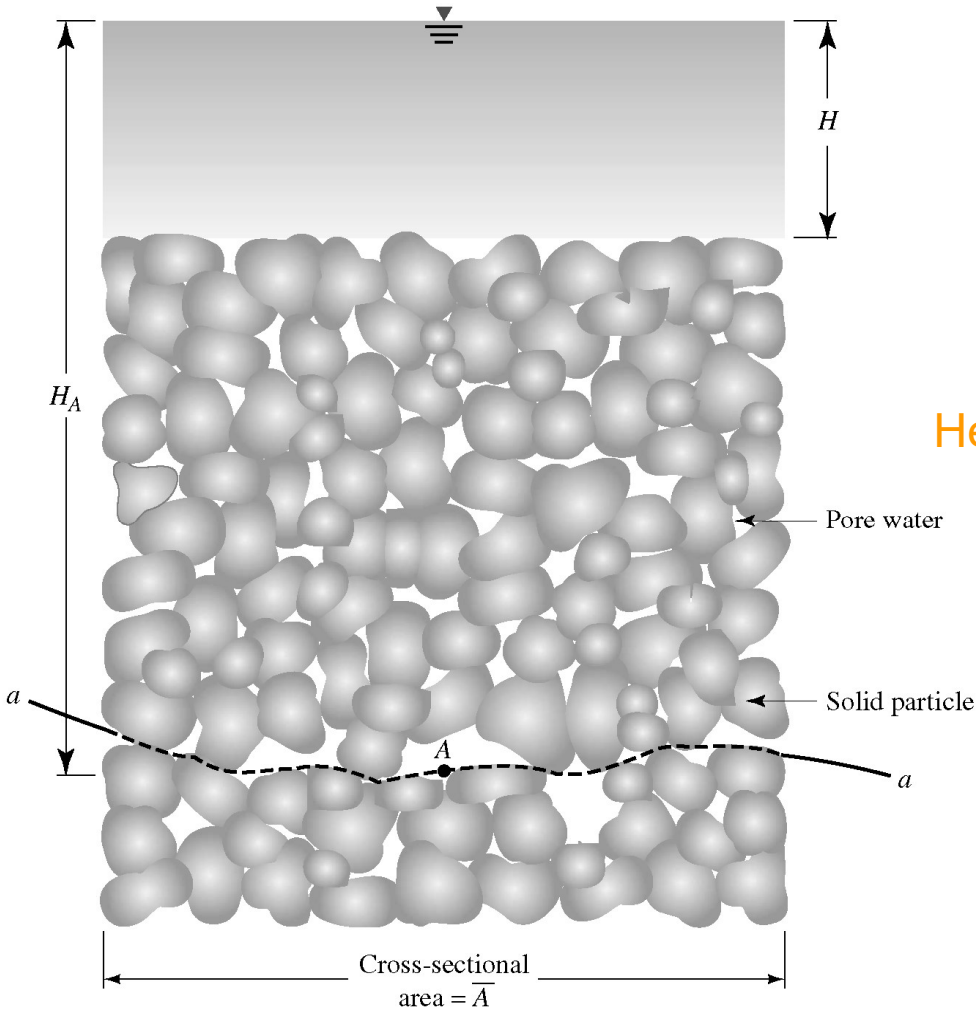


Figure 6.1. Das FGE (2005).

SEEPAGE FORCE: UPWARD SEEPAGE

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EFFECTIVE FORCE

NO SEEPAGE: $\sigma' = z\gamma'$ $P'_1 = z\gamma'A$

W/ SEEPAGE: $\sigma' = z\gamma' - iz\gamma_w$ $P'_2 = (z\gamma' - iz\gamma_w)A$

DECREASE OF TOTAL FORCE DUE TO SEEPAGE:

$$P'_1 - P'_2 = iz\gamma_w A$$

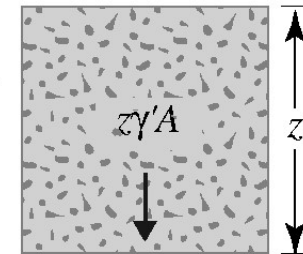
SEEPAGE FORCE PER UNIT VOLUME:

$$\frac{P'_1 - P'_2}{(\text{Soil Volume})} = \frac{iz\gamma_w A}{zA} = i\gamma_w$$

SEEPAGE FORCE SUMMARY

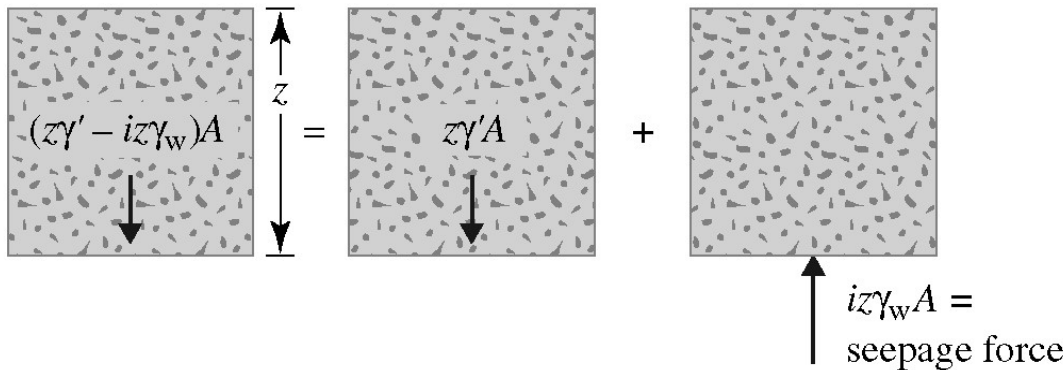
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Volume of soil = zA



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Volume of soil = zA



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