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FORMULAE – LECTURE 6

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Critical State Concept

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Specific volume

$$v = 1 + e$$

Over-consolidation ratio

$$OCR = \frac{p'_0}{p'}$$

Normal compression line  
(NCL) in  $v - \ln(p')$  plane

$$v = N - \lambda \cdot \ln(p')$$

Unloading-reloading line  
(URL) in  $v - \ln(p')$  plane

$$v = v_k - \kappa \cdot \ln(p')$$

Critical state line (CSL) in  
 $q - p'$  plane

$$q = M \cdot p'$$

CSL in  $v - \ln(p')$  plane

$$v = \Gamma - \lambda \cdot \ln(p')$$

Peak shear strength  
envelope in  $q - p'$  plane

$$q = a_{peak} + M_{peak} \cdot p'$$

Peak shear strength  
envelope in  $\tau - \sigma'_n$  plane

$$\tau = c'_{peak} + \sigma'_n \cdot \tan(\varphi'_{peak})$$

Peak shear strength angle

$$\varphi'_{peak} = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{3 \cdot M_{peak}}{6 + M_{peak}} \right)$$

Peak intercept cohesion

$$c'_{peak} = \frac{a_{peak}}{M_{peak}} \cdot \tan(\varphi'_{peak})$$

CSL in  $\tau - \sigma'_n$  plane

$$\tau = \sigma'_n \cdot \tan(\varphi'_{cv})$$

Critical shear strength  
angle

$$\varphi'_{cv} = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{3 \cdot M}{6 + M} \right)$$

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