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the specific gravity values for the fraction larger than the No.4 sieve size. We hope this guide to the ASTM D854/AASHTO T 100 method and equipment has helped you understand the difference between this and some other test methods being used. Visit our Soil Specific Gravity Testing Equipment page to view all offerings. Please contact Gilson's
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Entrapped air removal apparatus Hot plate or Bunsen burner that is capable of maintaining a temperature high enough to boil water Vacuum system, vacuum pump, or water aspirator Evaporating dishes Spatula Drying oven Clean and dry the volumetric flask. Carefully fill the flask with de-aired, distilled water up to the 500 ml mark (The bottom of
the meniscus should be at the 500 ml mark). Figure 2.1: Fill the flask with distilled water Measure the mass of the flask with the water water to determine the water's temperature (T= T1°C.) Figure 2.3: Temperature of the water
during the test Put approximately 100 grams of air-dried soil into an evaporating dish. Figure 2.4: Weighing the soil samples For cohesive soil, add de-aired and distilled water to the soil and mix it until it forms a smooth paste. Soak it for one-half to one hour in the evaporating dish. (This step is not necessary for granular, i.e., non-cohesive soils.)
Transfer the soil (if granular) or the soil paste (if cohesive) into the volumetric flask. Figure 2.5: Placing the sample in a pycnometer Add distilled water to the pycnometer with water Remove the air from the soil-water mixture by applying a
vacuum pump or an aspirator until all of the entrapped air that has not been removed. Notice that this is an extremely important step, as most errors in the results of the test are due to entrapped air that has not been removed. Add de-aired, distilled water to the volumetric flask until the bottom of the meniscus touches the 500 ml mark. Dry the outside of the
flask and the inside of the neck above the meniscus. Determine the combined mass of the bottle plus soil plus water (W2). Figure 2.6: Taking the final weight of pycnometer filled with water and soil sample (after theapplication of vacuum) Pour the soil and water into an evaporating dish. Use a plastic squeeze bottle to wash the inside of the flask,
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Gravity, Use the template provided to prepare your lab report for this experiment. Your report should include the following: There are many different ways that engineers can learn about the properties of soil at a construction site. Testing the specific gravity of soils is one of the most important. Learn more about this informative test, how to perform
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engineers understand how porous the soil is or how many voids it contains. It also indicates how saturated the soil is with water. Engineers use these measurements to perform important calculations that predict whether the soil at a site will be stable enough to support a structure and allow proper drainage. How Do You Perform A Specific Gravity Of
Soils Test? There are a couple of ways you can perform this test. The two most common involve a specific gravity bench or a specific gravity bench allows you to weigh suspended samples in water. Using a bench is effective for determining the specific gravity of
hardened concrete, aggregates, refractory brick, bituminous mixtures and other similar materials. To perform the specific gravity of soils test using a bench, follow these steps: Oven-dry a soil sample and weigh it. Submerge the sample in water and weigh it again. Calculate the specific gravity of soil solids by dividing your first measurement (weight
in air) by your second measurement (loss of weight in Water). The calculation described will look like this: Specific Gravity = Weight In Air/Loss Of Weight In Water Using A Flask A Le Chatelier flask is the second most commonly used piece of equipment for determining the specific gravity of soil solids. However, this method is more effective for
powdered materials, such as limes, slag and hydraulic cement. To perform the test using a flask, follow these steps: Oven-dry the soil sample and crush it into a powder (or at least a finer texture). Measure out a sample of the dried, crushed soil to a precise mass (2 grams, for example). Pour the sample into a volumetric (Le Chatelier) flask. Fill the
same flask with water to just below the top of the bulb. Take note of how much water you've added. Roll the flask at an inclined angle to release any air bubbles in the water without spilling it. Fill the flask with enough water to reach the 500 mL mark. Again, take note of how much water you've added. The specific gravity of soil solids calculation is
slightly more complex for this method. To begin, you must find the density of soil solids (Ps) by dividing the mass of the oven-dried soil sample by 500 minus the volume of water added to reach 500 mL. The calculation will appear as such: Now that you have the density of soil solids, you can calculate the specific gravity of soil
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moral rights may limit how you use the material. Specific gravity, also known as relative density, as both are physical properties used to determine how "dense" a particular material is. This material is. This material can be a gas, liquid, or solid. Specific gravity
and density are used to identify a material, determine the concentration of a liquid solution e.g., alcohol or sugar in a drink), or test whether a product is within specific gravity and density. 1. What Are Density and Specific Gravity? The density of a sample is defined as its mass divided by its volume. The
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water. It will float higher in a liquid with a greater specific gravity, such as water with sugar dissolved, compared to one with a lower specific gravity, such as pure water or alcohol. When using a hydrometer, the user has two options: Use the hydrometer at its calibration temperature (usually 16 °C or 20 °C). Depending on the sample volume, it can
pycnometer is a flask of a pre-defined volume used to measure the specific gravity/density of a liquid. It can also determine the specific gravity/density of dispersions, solids, and even gases. When used correctly, pycnometers provide very precise results, with accuracy up to 10-5 g/cm3 - this correlates with the accuracy (number of decimal places) of
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and drying. These density meters can often be upgraded into a dedicated automated multi-parameter system combining density, refractive index, pH, color, conductivity, and more to save time, increase data quality, and prevent any alteration of samples between individual analyses. One of the benefits of digital density meters using the U-shaped glass
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test specimen is not predetermined. The table in the test method determines the range of the recommended mass for the sample, based on the soil classification from ASTM D2487. Verify that the empty pycnometer is within 0.06g of the calibrated mass. For method A, the soil must be dispersed by adding water and mixing it into a slurry using a
blender or similar device. The slurry is transferred to the pycnometer is agitated into a slurry. The slurry is deaired by either boiling, application of vacuum, or a combination of the two. This process may take one to two hours and
requires frequent or constant agitation depending on the method. A mechanical agitator provides the necessary level of mixing, removing the need for continuous attention. Deaired water is then added to bring the level near to the final calibrated volume. The pycnometer with the prepared sample is placed in the insulated container overnight and
allowed to achieve thermal equilibrium. Measuring the Mass and Temperature of the suspension. The pycnometer is removed from the container, handling only the rim to avoid changes to thermal equilibrium, and placed on an insulated block. Final
adjustments are made to the calibrated water level, and the pycnometer weighed on the laboratory balance. The temperature to the nearest 0.1°C is recorded using the same device used for calibration of the pycnometer. Calculating Specific Gravity of SoilThe entire suspension is rinsed into a tared pan and oven-dried to determine the dry mass of the
soil solids. The dried soil sample can cool in a desiccator and then weighed to the nearest 0.01g. The final specific gravity of soil formulas in the test method, along with the density of water and temperature coefficient tables. The equations include corrections to factor in the specific gravity values for the
fraction larger than the No.4 sieve size. We hope this guide to the ASTM D854/AASHTO T 100 method and equipment has helped you understand the difference between this and some other test methods being used. Visit our Soil Specific Gravity Testing Equipment page to view all offerings. Please contact Gilson's testing experts to discuss your
application. Testing Resources Standard Test Methods, Specifications, and Practices Individual test methods and specifications referenced in our product descriptions, blog articles, and videos are available for review or purchase from the professional organizations noted. ASTM International (American Society for Testing and Materials) AASHTO
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the album by Joe McPhee and Joe Giardullo, see Specific Gravity (album). Specific gravity Common symbols SGSI unitUnitless Derivations from the quantities S G t r u e = \rho s a m p l e \rho H 2 O {\displaystyle SG_{\mathrm {true}}}} A United States Navy Aviation boatswain's mate
tests the specific gravity of JP-5 fuel Relative density, also called specific gravity, [1][2] is a dimensionless quantity defined as the ratio of the density for solids and liquids is nearly always measured with respect to water at its densest (at 4 °C or
39.2 °F); for gases, the reference is air at room temperature (20 °C or 68 °F). The term "relative density" (abbreviated r.d. or RD) is preferred in SI, whereas the term "specific gravity" is gradually being abandoned.[3] If a substance's relative density is less than 1 then it is less dense than the reference; if greater than 1 then it is denser than the
reference. If the relative density is exactly 1 then the densities are equal; that is, equal volumes of the two substances have the same mass. If the reference material is water, then a substance with a relative density of about 0.91, will float. A substance
 with a relative density greater than 1 will sink. Temperature and pressure must be specified for both the sample and the reference. Pressure is nearly always 1 atm (101.325 kPa). Where it is not, it is more usual to specify the density directly. Temperatures for both sample and reference vary from industry to industry. In British brewing practice, the
specific gravity, as specified above, is multiplied by 1000.[4] Specific gravity is commonly used in industry as a simple means of obtaining information about the concentration of solutions of various materials such as brines, must weight (syrups, juices, honeys, brewers wort, must, etc.) and acids. Relative density (RD {\displaystyle RD}) or specific
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 {\displaystyle RD_{\mathrm {substance/reference} }} which means "the relative density of substance with respect to reference". If the reference is not explicitly stated then it is normally assumed to be water at 4 °C (or, more precisely, 3.98 °C, which is the temperature at which water reaches its maximum density). In SI units, the density of water is
(approximately) 1000 kg/m3 or 1 g/cm3, which makes relative density calculations particularly convenient: the density of the object only needs to be divided by 1000 or 1, depending on the units. The relative density of gases is often measured with respect to dry air at a temperature of 20 °C and a pressure of 101.325 kPa absolute, which has a density of gases is often measured with respect to dry air at a temperature of 20 °C and a pressure of 101.325 kPa absolute, which has a density of gases is often measured with respect to dry air at a temperature of 20 °C and a pressure of 101.325 kPa absolute, which has a density of gases is often measured with respect to dry air at a temperature of 20 °C and a pressure of 101.325 kPa absolute, which has a density of gases is often measured with respect to dry air at a temperature of 20 °C and a pressure of 101.325 kPa absolute, which has a density of gases is often measured with respect to dry air at a temperature of 20 °C and a pressure of 101.325 kPa absolute, which has a density of gases is often measured with respect to dry air at a temperature of 20 °C and a pressure of 101.325 kPa absolute, which has a density of gases is often measured with respect to dry air at a temperature of 20 °C and a pressure of 101.325 kPa absolute, which has a density of gases is often measured with respect to dry air at a temperature of 20 °C and a pressure of 101.325 kPa absolute with respect to the dry air at a temperature of 20 °C and a pressure of 101.325 kPa absolute with respect to dry air at a temperature of 20 °C and a pressure of 101.325 kPa absolute with respect to the dry air at a temperature of 20 °C and a pressure of 101.325 kPa absolute with respect to the dry air at a temperature of 20 °C and a pressure of 101.325 kPa absolute with respect to the 20 °C and a pressure of 101.325 kPa absolute with respect to the 20 °C and a pressure of 101.325 kPa absolute with respect to the 20 °C and a pressure of 101.325 kPa absolute with respect to the 20 °C and a pressure of 101.325 kPa
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22.259 L under those same conditions. Those with SG greater than 1 are denser than water and will float on it. In scientific work, the relationship of mass to volume is usually expressed directly in terms of the density (mass per unit volume)
of the substance under study. It is in industry where specific gravity finds wide application, often for historical reasons. True specific gravity of a liquid can be expressed mathematically as: S G t r u e = \rho s a m p l e \rho H 2 O, {\displaystyle SG {\mathrm {true}} }={\frac {\rho {\mathrm {true}} }} {\frac{\rho}{\mathrm} {true}} }}, where \rho s a m p l e \rho H 2 O, {\displaystyle SG {\mathrm {true}} }}, where \rho s a m p l e \rho H 2 O, {\displaystyle SG {\mathrm} {true}} }
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the sample, pH2O is the density of water, WV represents a weight obtained in vacuum, m s a m ple {\displaystyle {\mathit {m}} {\mathrm {42}O} }} is the mass of an equal volume of water. The density of water and of the sample varies with temperature
and pressure, so it is necessary to specify the temperatures and pressures at which the densities or weights were determined. Measurements are nearly always made at 1 nominal atmosphere (101.325 kPa ± variations from changing weather patterns), but as specific gravity usually refers to highly incompressible aqueous solutions or other
incompressible substances (such as petroleum products), variations in density caused by pressure are usually neglected at least where apparent specific gravity is being measured. For true (in vacuo) specific gravity is being measured. For true (in vacuo) specific gravity calculations, air pressure must be considered (see below). Temperatures are specified by the notation (Ts/Tr), with Ts representing the
temperature at which the sample's density was determined and Tr the temperature at which the reference (water) density is specified. For example, SG (20 °C/4 °C) would be understood to mean that the density of the sample was determined at 20 °C and of the water at 4 °C. Taking into account different sample and reference temperatures, while
SGH2O = 1.000000 (20 °C/20 °C), it is also the case that SGH2O = 0.9982008/0.9999720 = 0.9982088 (20 °C/4 °C). Here, temperature is being specified using the current ITS-90 scale and the densities at 20 °C and 4 °C are 0.9982041 and
0.9999720 respectively, [6] resulting in an SG (20 °C/4 °C) value for water of 0.998232. As the principal use of specific gravity measurements in industry is determination of the concentration, it is extremely important that the analyst enter the table with
the correct form of specific gravity. For example, in the brewing industry, the Plato table lists sucrose concentration by weight against true SG, and was originally (20 °C/4 °C)[7] i.e. based on measurements of the density of sucrose solutions made at laboratory temperature (20 °C) but referenced to the density of water at 4 °C which is very close to
the temperature at which water has its maximum density, pH2O equal to 999.972 kg/m3 in SI units (0.999972 g/cm3 in cgs units or 62.43 lb/cu ft in United States customary units). The ASBC table [8] in use today in North America for apparent specific gravity measurements at (20 °C/20 °C) is derived from the original Plato table using Plato et al.'s
value for SG(20 °C/4 °C) = 0.9982343. In the sugar, soft drink, honey, fruit juice and related industries, sucrose concentration by weight is taken from a table prepared by A. Brix, which uses SG (17.5 °C). As a final example, the British SG units are based on reference and sample temperatures of 60 °F and are thus (15.56 °C). Given
the specific gravity of a substance, its actual density can be calculated by rearranging the above formula: \rho s u b s t a n c e = S G × \rho H 2 O . {\displaystyle \rho_{\mathrm {H_{2}O} } }.} Occasionally a reference substance other than water is specified (for example, air), in which case specific gravity means
density relative to that reference. See Density for a table of the measured densities of water at various temperatures and pressures at which the densities or masses were determined. It is necessary to specify the temperatures and pressures at which the densities or masses were determined. It is nearly always the case that measurements are
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using the current ITS-90 scale and the densities[5] used here and in the rest of this article are based on that scale. On the previous IPTS-68 scale the densities[6] at 20 °C and 4 °C are, respectively, 0.99823205. The temperatures of the two materials may be explicitly stated
in the density symbols; for example: relative density: 8.1520 °C4 °C; or specific gravity: 2.432150 where the superscript indicates the temperature of the reference substance to which it is compared. Relative density can also help to quantify the buoyancy of
a substance in a fluid or gas, or determine the density of an unknown substance from the known density of another. Relative density is often used by geologists use it as an aid in the identification of gemstones. Water is preferred as the reference because
measurements are then easy to carry out in the field (see below for examples of measurement methods). As the principal use of relative density measurement in industry is determination of the concentration it is extremely important that the analyst enter the
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particularly in pharmaceutical field. It is used in automated compounders in preparation of multicomponent mixtures for parenteral nutrition, while it is an important factor in urinalysis, relative density can be calculated directly by
measuring the density of a sample and dividing it by the (known) density of the reference substance. The density of the sample is simply its mass divided by its volume. Although mass is easy to measure, the volume of an irregularly shaped sample can be more difficult to ascertain. One method is to put the sample in a water-filled graduated cylinder
and read off how much water it displaces. Alternatively the container can be filled to the brim, the sample immersed, and the volume of overflow measured. The surface tension of the water may keep a significant amount of water from overflowing, which is especially problematic for small samples. For this reason it is desirable to use a water
container with as small a mouth as possible. For each substance, the density, \rho, is given by \rho = Mass Volume = Deflection × Spring Constant Gravity Displacement W at er Line × Area Cyline {\text{Bring Constant}}{\text{Gravity}}}}
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{3\ \mathrm {in} }{20\ \mathrm {mm} }}{\frac {5\ \mathrm {mm} }}=1.02.} Relative density is more easily and perhaps more accurately measured without measuring volume. Using a spring scale, the sample is weighed first
in air and then in water. Relative density (with respect to water) can then be calculated using the following formula: RD = W a i r W a i r - W w a t e r, {\displaystyle RD={\frac {W {\mathrm {air} }}{W {\mathrm {air} }}}, where Wair is the weight of the sample in air (measured in newtons, pounds-force or some other
unit of force) Wwater is the weight of the sample in water (measured in the same units). This technique cannot easily be used to measure relative densities less than one, because the sample underwater. Another practical method uses three
measurements. The sample is weighed dry. Then a container filled to the brim with water is weighed again with the sample immersed, after the displaced water has overflowed and been removed. Subtracting the last reading from the sum of the first two readings gives the weight of the displaced water. The relative density result is the
dry sample weight divided by that of the displaced water. This method allows the use of scales which cannot handle a suspended sample. A sample less dense than water can also be handled, but it has to be held down, and the error introduced by the fixing material must be considered. Main article: hydrometer The relative density of a liquid can be
measured using a hydrometer. This consists of a bulb attached to a stalk of constant cross-sectional area, as shown in the adjacent diagram. First the hydrometer is floated in the reference could be any liquid, but in practice it is
usually water. The hydrometer is then floated in a liquid of unknown density (shown in green). The change in displacement, \Delta x, is noted. In the example depicted, the hydrometer floats in both liquids. The application
of simple physical principles allows the relative density of the unknown liquid to be calculated from the change in displacement. (In practice the stalk of the hydrometer is pre-marked with graduations to facilitate this measurement.) In the explanation that follows, pref is the known density (mass per unit volume) of the reference liquid (typically
water). pnew is the unknown density of the new (green) liquid. RDnew/ref is the relative density of the new liquid with respect to the reference. V is the volume of reference liquid displaced, i.e. the red volume in the diagram. m is the mass of the entire hydrometer. g is the local gravitational constant. Δx is the change in displacement. In accordance
with the way in which hydrometers are usually graduated, \Delta x is here taken to be negative. A is the cross sectional area of the shaft. Since the floating hydrometer is in static equilibrium, the downward gravitational force acting
upon it must exactly balance the upward buoyancy force acting on the hydrometer is simply its weight, mg. From the Archimedes buoyancy force acting on the hydrometer is equal to the weight of liquid displaced multiplied by g, which in the case of
the sign of \Delta x). Thus, m = \rho n e w (V - A \Delta x). {\displaystyle m=\rho_{\mathrm {new}}}}={\frac {V} {V-A\Delta x}}.} 3 But from (1) we have V = m/r
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hydrometer. If \Delta x is small then, as a first-order approximation of the geometric series equation (4) can be written as: R D n e w / r e f \approx 1 + A \Delta x m \rho r e f. {\displaystyle RD_{\mathrm {ref} }.} This shows that, for small \Delta x, changes in displacement are approximately proportional to
changes in relative density. An empty glass pycnometer and stopper A filled pycnometer from Ancient Greek: πυκυός, romanized: puknos, lit. 'dense'), also called pyknometer or specific gravity bottle, is a device used to determine the density of a liquid. A pycnometer is usually made of glass, with a close-fitting
ground glass stopper with a capillary tube through it, so that air bubbles may escape from the apparatus. This device enables a liquid's density to be measured accurately by reference to an appropriate working fluid, such as water or mercury, using an analytical balance. [10] If the flask is weighed empty, full of water, and full of a liquid whose relative
density is desired, the relative density of the liquid can easily be calculated. The particle density of a powder, to which the usual method of weighing cannot be applied, giving the weight of the powder sample. The pycnometer is then filled with
a liquid of known density, in which the powder is completely insoluble. The weight of the displaced liquid can then be determined, and hence the relative density of the powder. A gas pycnometer, the gas-based manifestation of a pycnometer of the gas-based manifestation of the gas-based man
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(usually a steel sphere of known volume) with the change in pressure represents the volume of the sample as compared to the reference sphere, and is usually used for solid particulates that may dissolve in the liquid medium of the pycnometer design described above, or for porous materials into which the liquid would not fully penetrate. When a pycnometer is filled to a specific, but not necessarily accurately known volume, V and is placed upon a balance, it will exert a force F b = g ( m b -  $\rho$  a m b  $\rho$  b), {\displaystyle F\_{\mathrm {b} }}-\rightine {\mathrm {b} }}-\rightine {\mat

displaced by the glass of the bottle whose weight, by Archimedes Principle must be subtracted. The bottle is filled with air but as that air displaced. Now we fill the bottle with the reference fluid e.g. pure water. The force exerted on the pan of the balance becomes:  $F w = g (m b - \rho a m b \rho b + V \rho w - V \rho a)$ . {\displaystyle  $F_{\text{m}} \{b}$ }+V\rho\_{\mathrm {b}}}+V\rho\_{\mathrm {b}}}+V\rho\_{\mathrm {b}}}+V\rho\_{\mathrm {b}}} the water measurement) we obtain. F w , n = g V (  $\rho$  w -  $\rho$  a ) , {\displaystyle F\_{\mathrm {w}, n} }=gV(\rho\_{\mathrm {w}, n} }=gV(\rho\_{\mathrm {w}, n}),} where the subscript n indicated that this force is net of the empty bottle, is now Fs, n = gV( $\rho$ s -  $\rho$ a), {\displaystyle F {\mathrm {a} }),} where  $\rho$ s is the density of the sample and water forces is: SGA = gV( $\rho$ s -  $\rho$ a) gV( $\rho$ s -  $\rho$ a), {\displaystyle SG {\mathrm {a} }),} where  $\rho$ s is the density of the sample and water forces is: SGA = gV( $\rho$ s -  $\rho$ a) gV( $\rho$ s -  $\rho$ a), {\displaystyle SG {\mathrm {a} }),}  $\{gV(\rho_{\infty} = \{w) \}-\rho_{\infty} \}$ (the stem displaces air). Note that the result does not depend on the calibration of the balance. The only requirement on it is that it read linearly with force. Nor does RDA depend on the actual volume of the pycnometer. Further manipulation and finally substitution of RDV, the true relative density (the subscript V is used because this is often referred to as the relative density in vacuo), for  $\rho s/\rho w$  gives the relationship between apparent and true relative density: R D A =  $\rho s \rho w 1 - \rho a \rho w 1$  $\{a\}\$ \over \rho \_{\mathrm  $\{w\}\}\}=\{RD_{\mathrm{mathrm}\ \{v\}\}\}.$  In the usual case we will have measured weights and want the true relative density. This is found from R D V = R D A - \rho a \rho w (R D A - 1). {\displaystyle RD\_{\mathrm}\ RD\_{ }=RD {\mathrm {A} }-{\rho\_{\mathrm {a} } \over \rho\_{\mathrm {a} } \ov would be 0.000120. Where the relative density of the sample is close to that of water (for example dilute ethanol solutions) the correction is even smaller. The pycnometer is used in ISO standard: ISO 1183-1:2004, ISO 1014-1985 and ASTM standard: ASTM D854. Types Gay-Lussac, pear shaped, with perforated stopper, adjusted, capacity 1, 2, 5, 10, 25, 50 and 100 mL as above, with ground-in thermometer, adjusted, side tube with cap Hubbard, for bitumen and heavy crude oils, cylindrical type, ASTM D 115 and D 234, 25 mL Boot, with vacuum jacket and thermometer, capacity 5, 10, 25 and 50 mL Hydrostatic Pressure-based Instruments: This technology relies upon Pascal's Principle which states that the pressure difference between two points, the density of the fluid and the gravitational force. This technology is often used for tank gauging applications as a convenient means of liquid level and the gravitational force. density measure. Vibrating Element Transducers: This type of instrument requires a vibrating element to be placed in contact with the fluid by a characterization that is dependent upon the design of the element. In modern laboratories precise measurements of relative density are made using oscillating U-tube meters. These are capable of measurement to 5 to 6 places beyond the decimal point and are used in the brewing, distilling, pharmaceutical, petroleum and other industries. The instruments measure the actual mass of fluid contained in a fixed volume at temperatures between 0 and 80 °C but as they are microprocessor based can calculate apparent or true relative density and contain tables relating these to the strengths of common acids, sugar solutions, etc. Ultrasonic Transducer: Ultrasonic waves are passed from a source, through the fluid of interest, and into a detector which measures the acoustic spectroscopy of the waves. Fluid properties such as density and viscosity can be inferred from the spectrum. Radiation-based Gauge: Radiation is passed from a source, through the fluid density increases, the detected radiation "counts" will decrease. The source is typically the radioactive isotope caesium-137, with a half-life of about 30 years. A key advantage for this technology is that the instrument is not required to be in contact with the fluid—typically the source and detector are mounted on the outside of tanks or piping.[12] Buoyant Force Transducer: the buoyancy force produced by a float in a homogeneous liquid is equal to the weight of the liquid that is displaced by the float. Since buoyancy force yields a measure of the buoyancy force yields a measure of the density of the liquid. One commercially available unit claims the instrument is capable of measuring relative density with an accuracy of ± 0.005 RD units. The submersible probe head contains a mathematically characterized spring-float system. When the float controls the position of a permanent magnet whose displacement is sensed by a concentric array of Hall-effect linear displacement sensors The output signals of the sensors are mixed in a dedicated electronics module that provides a single output voltage whose magnitude is a direct linear measure of the current void ratio in relation to the maximum and minimum void ratios, and applied effective stress control the mechanical behavior of cohesionless soil. 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Specific gravity (SG) is a useful concept but has several limitations. One major issue is its sensitivity to temperature since the density of both the substance being measured and the reference changes with temperature, affecting accuracy.[14] It also assumes materials are incompressible, which isn't true for gasses or some liquids under varying pressures.[15] It doesn't provide detailed information about a material's composition or properties beyond density.[16] Errors can also occur due to impurities, incomplete mixing, or air bubbles in liquids, which can skew results.[17] Material Specific gravity Balsa wood 0.2 Oak wood 0.2 Oak wood 0.75 Ethanol 0.78 Olive oil 0.91 Water 1 Ironwood 1.5 Graphite 1.9-2.3 Table salt 2.17 Quartz 2.65 Aluminium 2.7 Calcite 2.71 Aragonite 2.94 Cement 3.15 Iron 7.87 Copper 8.96 Lead 11.35 Mercury 13.56 Depleted uranium 19.1 Gold 19.3 Osmium 22.59 (Samples may vary, and these figures are approximate.) {\frac {\rho \_{\mathrm {Material} }}{\rho \_{\mathrm {Material} }}}}=RD,} Helium gas has a density of 0.164 g/L;[18] it is 0.139 times as density of 1.18 g/L.[18] Urine normally has a specific gravity between 1.003 and 1.030. The Urine Specific Gravity diagnostic test is used to evaluate renal concentration ability for assessment of the urinary system.[19] Low concentration may indicate diabetes insipidus, while high concentration may indicate albuminuria or glycosuria.[19] Blood normally has a specific gravity of 0.9498.[21] API gravity Baumé scale Buoyancy Fluid mechanics Gravity (beer) Hydrometer Jolly balance Plato scale ^ Dana, Edward Salisbury (1922). A text-book of mineralogy: with an extended treatise on crystallography... New York, London(Chapman Hall): John Wiley and Sons. pp. 195-200, 316. ^ Schetz, Joseph A.; Allen E. Fuhs (1999-02-05). Fundamentals of fluid mechanics. Wiley, John & Sons, Incorporated. pp. 111, 142, 144, 147, 109, 155, 157, 160, 175. ISBN 0-471-34856-2. ^ United States Bureau of Reclamation (1978). Metric Manual. U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (1978). Metric Manual. U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (1978). Metric Manual. 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Specific Gravity Weights Of Materials (archived 22 May 2006) Specific Gravity and Viscosity Table for Various Products used in Craft Food and Beverage Manufacturing, CPE Systems, April 2025 Retrieved from "How much can a specific gravity test reveals critical insights into density and composition, influencing decisions across industries like geology, construction, and materials science. Understanding the specific gravity test can be the key to optimizing material selection, ensuring quality, and making informed decisions in resource management. Well, we'll be going over: What exactly is the specific gravity test, and why is it important? How can you conduct this test using different methods? How should you interpret the results to make the best decisions? Let's dive in! The specific gravity test measures a material's density relative to water, providing crucial insights into its composition and behavior. It's essential for quality control, material selection, and resource management across industries like construction, geology, and manufacturing. This simple test influences decisions by predicting material several methods, such as the pycnometer, water displacement, or electronic specific gravity meters. Each method offers varying levels of precision and is suitable for different materials, from solids to liquids. Interpreting specific gravity values provides insights into material composition and potential applications. For example, a higher specific gravity typically indicates denser materials, which may impact their strength and stability in construction or geological studies. Understanding these nuances enhances your ability to analyze and apply critical data efficiently. The specific gravity test plays a pivotal role across multiple sectors, providing essential data that influences decision-making and material evaluation. You'll find the specific gravity test used in construction, geology, and manufacturing it ensures product quality through density verification. Conducting the specific gravity test offers numerous advantages. It aids in optimizing material usage, improving quality control, and enhancing safety measures. It also helps predict material behavior under various conditions, allowing informed decisions for project planning and execution. You can conduct specific gravity tests using various techniques tailored to the material type and required precision. Understanding these methods helps ensure accurate results. Pycnometers measure specific gravity by comparing the weight of a sample and the weight of water it displaces. Water displaces. Water displaces principle applies equally for submerged weights in water. Electronic specific gravity meters utilize advanced technology for quick and precise measurements. These devices often employ digital displays and automated calibrations, improving accuracy and decreasing user error, ideal for large-scale applications. Interpreting specific gravity results requires understanding the values obtained and their implications for material properties. You must consider various factors that may influence these results to ensure accurate assessments. Density variations stem from factors like temperature, moisture can lead to inaccurate measurements, particularly for porous materials. Additionally, impurities or additives in a material may significantly affect its specific gravity. Challenges include ensuring water displacement can skew results, while temperature fluctuations can affect liquid density. Additionally, sample preparation becomes crucial, as irregular shapes may complicate volume determination. Understanding specific gravity is essential for making informed decisions in your projects. By accurately assessing material usage. The insights gained from this projects and composition, you can enhance quality control and optimize material density and composition. test not only improve safety measures but also help you predict how materials will perform under different conditions. Whether you're in construction, geology, or manufacturing, mastering specific gravity testing can significantly impact your outcomes. Embracing this knowledge equips you to select the right materials and ensure the success of your endeavors. Stay aware of the challenges involved and strive for precision to maximize the benefits of this valuable test. Search Network bandwidth is a measurement indicating the maximum capacity of a wired or wireless communications link to transmit data ... What is telematics? Telematics is a term that combines the words 'telecommunications' and 'informatics' to describe the use of communication by creating... Search CIO Search HRSoftware MIMO? Multi-user MIMO? Multi What is a talent pool? A talent pool is a database of job candidates who have the potential to meet an organization's immediate and long-term needs. What is a 360 review, or 360-degree review, is a continuous performance management strategy aimed at helping employees at all levels ... What is a talent pipeline? A talent pipeline is a pool of candidates who are ready to fill a position. Search Customer Experience In the dynamic world of construction, ensuring the strength and quality of materials is paramount to the success and durability of any structure. Among the battery of tests employed, the Specific Gravity Test stands out as a crucial metric for evaluating the inherent properties of construction materials. This test is employed across various construction disciplines, providing valuable insights into the density of a substance concerning the density of a reference material—usually water. In construction materials, specific gravity is a critical parameter because it provides insights into the compactness and strength of the material with a specific gravity greater than 1.0 is denser than water, while a material with a specific gravity is a critical parameter because it provides insights into the compactness and strength of the material. specific gravity less than 1.0 is less dense. This basic understanding sets the specific Gravity Test in the construction industry. Applications of the Specific Gravity Test is in evaluating the quality of aggregates used in construction. Aggregates, such as crushed stone, gravel, sand, and lightweight aggregates, constitute a significant portion of concrete mixtures. The specific gravity of these aggregates with a specific gravity within a certain range contribute to the production of strong and durable concrete. Engineers and construction professionals use the test results to select suitable aggregates that meet the required specifications for a particular project. Determining Soil Characteristics: Specific Gravity is a key parameter in soil mechanics, aiding in the classification and assessment of soil types. Soil, being a critical component in foundation design, must possess adequate strength and compaction properties. The Specific Gravity Test helps in understanding the soil's density and provides valuable information about its load-bearing capacity. Different soil types, such as sands, silts, and clays, exhibit distinct specific gravity values. This information is crucial in making informed decisions about foundation design, ensuring stability and preventing settlement issues. Download the Testsook APP & Get Pass Pro Max FREE for 7 Days10,000+ Study NotesRealtime Doubt Support71000+ Mock TestsRankers Test Series+ more benefitsDownload App Now In the dynamic world of construction, ensuring the strength and quality of materials is paramount to the success and durability of any structure. Among the battery of tests employed, the Specific Gravity Test stands out as a crucial metric for evaluating the inherent properties of construction materials. This test is employed across various construction disciplines, providing valuable insights into the density and strength of materials. Understanding Specific Gravity Specific Gravity (SG), also known as relative density of a reference material—usually water. In construction materials, specific gravity is a critical parameter because it provides insights into the compactness and strength of the material. The formula for calculating Specific Gravity is straightforward: A material with a specific gravity less than 1.0 is less dense. This basic understanding sets the stage for the application of the Specific Gravity Test in the construction industry. Applications of the Specific Gravity Test Assessment of Aggregates, constitute a significant portion of concrete mixtures. The specific gravity of these aggregates is indicative of their porosity, permeability, and overall durabile concrete. Engineers and construction professionals use the test results to select suitable aggregates that meet the required specifications for a particular project. Determining Soil Characteristics: Specific Gravity is a key parameter in soil mechanics, aiding in the classification and assessment of soil types. Soil, being a critical component in foundation design, must possess adequate strength and compaction properties. 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Checking Cement Properties: Cement, a fundamental building block in construction, undergoes rigorous testing to ensure its quality. The Specific Gravity Test aids in assessing the purity and composition of cementitious materials. Deviations in the manufacturing process. Accurate measurements of specific gravity assist in maintaining the consistency and reliability of concrete mixtures, ultimately contributing to the structural integrity: The foundation of any structure lies in the quality and strength of its materials. The Specific Gravity Test helps ensure that the aggregates and soils used in construction possess the necessary density and strength characteristics. This, in turn, contributes to the structure by selecting materials with appropriate specific gravity values, engineers can design structures that withstand the imposed loads and environmental conditions, ensuring long-term stability and safety. Durability and Longevity: Construction projects are substantial investments, and the longevity of structures is a critical consideration. Materials with high specific Gravity Test into the material selection process, construction professionals can enhance the durability of structures, reducing maintenance costs and extending the lifespan of the built environment. Cost-effective project execution. The Specific Gravity Test aids in optimizing material composition, preventing overuse or underuse of aggregates, soils, and other components. This precision in material selection ensures that the construction process remains economical while maintaining the required quality standards. Environmental Impact: Sustainable construction practices are gaining prominence in the industry. The Specific Gravity Test contributes to environmentally conscious construction by enabling the use of recycled aggregates and alternative materials with suitable specific gravity values. This not only reduces the environmental impact associated with extraction and transportation. Additionally, the test assists in designing structures with optimized materials but also minimizes the environmental impact associated with extraction and transportation. quantities, promoting resource efficiency and minimizing waste generation throughout the construction lifecycle. Compliance with Standards and Specifications: The construction industry operates within a framework of standards and Specifications: The construction industry operates within a framework of standards and Specifications: The construction industry operates within a framework of standards and Specifications to ensure uniformity and quality across projects. The Specific Gravity Test serves as a reliable tool for compliance, enabling contractors and engineers to meet or exceed the specified material requirements. This adherence to standards contributes to the safety, reliability, and performance of constructed facilities. Challenges and Considerations in Conducting the Specific Gravity Test Accurate Measurement Techniques: While the concept of Specific Gravity is straightforward, obtaining accurate measurements requires precise techniques and equipment. Any variations in the testing procedure can lead to inaccurate results, potentially compromising the quality and performance of the construction materials. Careful attention to testing protocols is essential to ensure the reliability of the data obtained. Influence of Moisture Content: The moisture content of materials can significantly affect their specific gravity values. Inconsistent moisture content or conduct corrections based on moisture variations. Proper sample preparation and testing under controlled conditions are essential to mitigate this challenge. Variability in Material Sources: Aggregates and soils from multiple locations, introducing the need for comprehensive testing and quality control measures. Establishing a baseline understanding of material properties and conducting regular testing are essential for managing the variability associated with different material sources. Integration with Other Tests: The Specific Gravity Test is just one of many tests conducted in construction materials testing laboratories. Integrating the results of the Specific Gravity Test with other tests, such as comprehensive understanding of material selection and mix design. To learn more, watch the following video tutorial. Video Source: Soil Mechanics and Engineering Geology Conclusion The Specific Gravity Test stands as a cornerstone in the construction industry, providing valuable insights into the strength, density, and quality of materials. From selecting suitable aggregates for concrete to assessing soil characteristics for foundation design, this test influences critical decisions throughout the construction process. By understanding and leveraging the information derived from the Specific Gravity Test, construction professionals can enhance structural integrity, ensure durability, and promote cost-effective and sustainable practices. The test's role in compliance with standards underscores its importance in maintaining uniformity and quality. Specific gravity is a fundamental concept in science that allows us to understand the physical and chemical properties of various substances. This measurement is essential in fields ranging from chemistry and geology to the food industry and engineering. In this article, we will explain in detail what specific gravity is, how it is calculated, its real-world applications, and its importance in everyday life. What is specific gravity, often abbreviated as GE or SG, is a measurement that compares the density of water at a specific gravity tells us how much denser or less dense a material is compared to water. Definition of density Density refers to the amount of mass contained in a specific volume. In the International System of Units (SI), density is expressed in grams per cubic meter (kg/m³). The density of water at standard temperature and pressure is approximately 1 g/cm³. Specific Gravity Formula The formula to calculate specific gravity is:Where:GE represents specific gravity. of the density o 2. UnitsIt is important to note that specific gravity is a ratio and therefore has no units. The units of density (kg/m³) cancel out in the division, leaving the dimensionless value of specific gravity. Table with example valuesHere is a table that includes different substances, including oil, honey and substances related to nuclear energy, with their densities, specific gravities and descriptions. They are ordered from highest to lowest specific gravity:SubstanceDensity (kg/m³)Specific gravityDescriptionUranium1905019.05A dense metallic element used in nuclear reactors.Plutonium1981619.82A radioactive element used in the manufacture of nuclear weapons and nuclear energy.Lead1134011.34A heavy metal commonly used in industry and radiation protection. Mercury 1354613.546Un metal líquido a temperatura ambiente, tóxico y utilizado en la medición de presión. Hielo 170.917El estado sólido del aqua, menos denso que el aqua líquida. Aqua 10001El estandar para la gravedad específica, con una densidad de 1000 kg/m³. 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La miel, por su parte, es más densa que el agua debido a su alto contenido de azúcares y otros componentes. Cómo se calcula la gravedad específica es un proceso relativamente sencillo. Primero, debes determinar la densidad de la sustancia en cuestión y la densidad de la sustancia en cues densidad del agua. Veamos un ejemplo práctico Supongamos que tienes una muestra de un mineral y quieres calcular su gravedad específica. Primero, mide su masa en gramos y su volumen en centímetros cúbicos. Luego, divide la masa por el volumen para obtener su densidad en g/cm³. Finalmente, divide esa densidad por la densidad del agua a las mismas condiciones para obtener la gravedad específica del mineral. Aplicaciones científicas e industriales y rocas. Cada mineral tiene una amplia variedad de aplicaciones en diferentes campos científicas e industriales. Geología: En geología, la gravedad específica se utiliza para caracterizar y clasificar minerales y rocas. Cada mineral tiene una gravedad específica única debido a sus composiciones químicas y estructuras cristalinas. Esta medida es esencial para identificar minerales en la industria alimentaria; en la industria alimentaria se utiliza esta relación para determinar la concentración de azúcares, salinidad, alcohol y otros componentes en soluciones. Por ejemplo, en la producción de vinos y cervezas, la gravedad específica se utiliza para controlar la fermentación y estimar el contenido de alcohol. Ingeniería, es crucial en la construcción de estructuras flotantes, como embarcaciones y boyas. Ayuda a calcular la capacidad de flotación y a garantizar que los objetos floten en un líquido particular. Medicine: In medicine, the specific gravity of urine is used as an indicator of solute concentration and hydration of the body. It is an important tool in diagnosing medical conditions and quality of chemical products, such as acids, bases and solvents. Helps ensure that solutions are prepared at the proper concentration. Author: Oriol Planas - Technical Industrial Engineer Publication Date: January 25, 2020 Last Revision: October 5, 2023 Specific gravity is a fundamental property of soils and other construction materials. This dimensionless unit is the ratio of material density to the density of water and is used to calculate soil density, void ratio, saturation, and other soil properties. Applications of settlement for engineered soil fills. Determining Specific Gravity of SoilTraditional methods for determining specific gravity are straightforward. Standard test methods described by some state DOTs, and in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers laboratory soils testing manual, are often considered adequate for basic applications. As with any laboratory test, these methods require attention to detail but are easy to perform correctly and do not require much in the way of specialized techniques or equipment. ASTM D854, and the identical AASHTO T 100, Standard Test Methods for Specific Gravity of Soil Solids by Water Pycnometer, focus on producing measurements with a high degree of precision. While the equipment required is not sophisticated, the procedures are extensive and meticulous, and performing the test by the book can be a challenge. Practitioners should be aware of the significant differences between the test methods. Reliable test results depend on strict adherence to the practices and techniques outlined. This blog post will focus on the equipment and procedures used to perform the ASTM/AASHTO method. Table Resource: aashtoresource.org Specific Gravity Lab Equipment and Apparatus Pycnometers: the test method permits the use of a volumetric flasks are typically used but require careful adjustment of water to the calibration mark. For stoppered flasks, the stopper physically controls the water volume. A minimum capacity of 250ml is specified, and a 500ml capacity flask is sometimes required. Group image of 250ml, 500ml, and (unnamed) stoppered flasks. Thermometer must have readability to 0.1°C with an accuracy of ±0.5°C and be standardized to a NIST traceable device. Full-immersion thermometers are not permitted. Entrapped Air Removal: deairing of the water and soil slurry may be accomplished by boiling, application of a partial vacuum, or both. Using a heating plate or other apparatus can be used to heat the pycnometer. A vacuum pump or water aspirator that produces a vacuum of at least 100mm of mercury (approximately 26in) absolute pressure is needed for deairing. A digital residual pressure manometer is optional to monitor vacuum levels. Desiccator equipped with a desiccator equipped equilibration during calibration and testing. A plastic or Styrofoam container with room for three to six pycnometer fulling Tube: when adding deaired water to the pycnometer fulling Tube: when adding deaired water to the pycnometer fulling Tube: when adding deaired water to the pycnometer fulling Tube: when adding deaired water to the pycnometer fulling Tube: when adding deaired water to the pycnometer fulling Tube: when adding deaired water to the pycnometer fulling Tube: when adding deaired water to the pycnometer fulling Tube: when adding deaired water to the pycnometer fulling Tube: when adding deaired water to the pycnometer fulling Tube: when adding deaired water to the pycnometer fulling Tube: when adding deaired water to the pycnometer fulling Tube: when adding deaired water to the pycnometer fulling Tube: when adding deaired water to the pycnometer fulling Tube: when adding deaired water to the pycnometer fulling Tube: when adding deaired water to the pycnometer fulling Tube: when adding deaired water fulling Tube: when purpose-built pycnometer filling apparatus can be fashioned following the description in the test method, or a length of 1/4 in I.D. clear tubing added to a wash bottle will have the same effect. Blender: mixing the soil with water in a blender or "other suitable device" disperse the sample into a slurry. We suggest the soil dispersion mixer, typically used to prepare soil specimens for hydrometer analysis. A dispersion cup with no baffles is available for use with the mixer, contact our customer service department to order. Balance: a laboratory balance meeting ASTM D4753 requirements, with a capacity of at least 1,000g and readability to 0.01g, is sufficient for this test. Drying Oven: moisture determinations and final drying of the test solution are performed in a standard laboratory oven capable of maintaining a uniform temperature of 110 ±5°C. Test Sieve: this test method requires samples with particle sizes passing the ASTM E11 No.4 (4.75mm) mesh sieve. Soil Specific Gravity Test Procedure Calibration of the pycnometers is the first phase for the ASTM/AASHTO method. The process is time-consuming but can be performed once unless the mass of the pycnometer deviates from the calibrated value by 0.06g or more. Each step for calibration is described in the test method, but here are the main points: Each clean and dry pycnometer is weighted five consecutive times. The standard deviation of the averaged weights must not exceed 0.02g. The pycnometer are filled with deaired water, placed in an insulated container, and allowed to come to thermal equilibrium for at least three hours. Locate the container near the balance to minimize handling. One pycnometer at a time is removed from the container, handling only by the rim, and the water level adjusted to the calibration mark. If additional water is needed, it must be deaired and thermally equilibrated, along with the water in the pycnometer. Excess water can be removed using a small suction tube or a paper towel. Measure and record the mass of each pycnometer to the nearest 0.01g. Measure and record the temperature in each pycnometer, with a three-hour thermal equilibration period between each step. Calculate and record the calibrated volume for each pycnometer. It goes without saying that you will want to follow the steps outlined in the test method carefully to avoid having to repeat them! Preparing the Sample This specific gravity test method applies to soils passing the No. 4 (4.75mm) sieve. For soils that include larger particles, ASTM C127 determines the specific gravity of the fraction retained on the No. 4 test sieve. The test may be performed on either moist or oven-dried specimens, depending on the method A, the moist procedure, is preferred, and for some highly plastic, fine-grained, or organic soils, is required. The exact size of the test may be performed on either moist or oven-dried specimens, depending on the method determines the range of the recommended mass for the sample, based on the soil classification from ASTM D2487. Verify that the empty pycnometer is within 0.06g of the calibrated mass. For method A, the soil must be dispersed by adding water and mixing it into a slurry using a blender or similar device. The slurry is transferred to the pycnometer. In method B for oven-dried soils, the dry sample is placed directly into the pycnometer, water added, the pycnometer is agitated into a slurry. The slurry is deaired by either boiling, application of vacuum, or a combination of the two. This process may take one to two hours and requires frequent or constant agitation depending on the method. A mechanical agitator provides the necessary level of mixing, removing the need for continuous attention. Deaired water is then added to bring the level near to the final step in performing the specific gravity tests is to determine the mass and the temperature of the suspension. The pycnometer is removed from the container, handling only the rim to avoid changes to thermal equilibrium, and placed on the laboratory balance. The temperature to the nearest 0.1°C is recorded using the same device used for calibration of the pycnometer. Calculating Specific Gravity of SoilThe entire suspension is rinsed into a tared pan and oven-dried to determine the dry mass of the soil solids. The dried soil sample can cool in a desiccator and then weighed to the nearest 0.01g. The final specific gravity is calculated following the specific gravity of soil formulas in the test method, along with the density of water and temperature coefficient tables. The equations include corrections to factor in the specific gravity values for the fraction larger than the No.4 sieve size. We hope this guide to the ASTM D854/AASHTO T 100 method and equipment has helped you understand the difference between this and some other test methods being used. 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