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Abstract

This study presents new models for the prediction of unconfined compressive strength (UCS) of

geopolymer stabilized clayey soils using a modified branch of genetic programming, called

multi-gen genetic programming (MGGP). The proposed MGGP models incorporate several

parameters affecting the behavior of the UCS of the clayey stabilized soil. UCS is formulated in

terms of percentages of fly ash, ground granulated blast furnace slag, liquid limit, plastic limit,

plasticity index, molar concentration, alkali to binder ratio, and ratios of sodium and silicon to

aluminum. The importance of each predictor variable is measured through a sensitivity analysis.

The validity of the models and the trend of the results are verified by performing parametric

study. The parametric study results are also in good agreement with previous studies. The results

indicate that the proposed equations are capable of evaluating UCS accurately.

Keywords: Soil stabilization, Geopolymer, Genetic programming, Prediction

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