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Figure 2. Map of the sampling location.

Table 1. Rock sampling locations.

No		Coordinate (o)		CodeSample	Rock
INO	VILLAGE	BT	LS		
1	Pagerharjo	-7.667568	110.123774	LDA	Andesite intrusion
2	Gerbosari	-7.659616	110.169162	LDG	Jonggrangan calcarenite
3	Sidoharjo	-7.661274	110.176048	LDD	Fragment of OAF andesite breccia
4	Sidoharjo	-7.674923	110,195895	LDC	OAF tuff
5	Purwoharjo	-7.703489	110.187473	LDF	limestone reefJonggrangan
6	Purwoharjo	-7,692100	110.187473	LDB	Andesite lava OAF

Laboratory Analysis

Rock samples are analyzed to determine physical properties, including a description of the physical properties of rocks and their engineering properties (compressive strength). The description of rock physical properties was carried out megascopically against hand specimens and microscopically.

a. petrographic analysis

Determination of the physical properties of rocks is carried out by petrography, using a polarizing microscope at the Geological Laboratory of the Yogyakarta National Institute of Technology,

b. Rock compressive strength test

The compressive strength test was carried out in the laboratory at the Rock Mechanics Testing Laboratory of PT. Geomine Bara Studio, Yogyakarta. The compressive strength test uses the unaxial compressive strength (UCS) method based on SNI ISO/IEC 17025:2008 to evaluate rock conditions.

This test is carried out based on a standard that requires sample dimensions that are in accordance with the testing standard, namely the length of the sample is at least twice the diameter of the sample. It also refers to several researchers such as Karaman et al (2015), Kabilan et al (2016) and Yurdakul et al (2011), who used sample dimensions with a length of more than twice the diameter.

RESULTS

Brotodiharjo (1979) mentions internal factors (physical properties of rock) that affect its compressive strength

including the texture and mineral composition of rocks. Mineral composition greatly influences the resistance indicated by the compressive strength of rocks. Rock texture (grain size) can affect the compressive strength of rocks.

Minerals with a high level of hardness will have a high resistance. Sedimentary rocks that contain a lot of quartz mineral as cement will have a higher compressive strength value than sedimentary rocks that do not have a cement composition of quartz minerals. The greater the quartz mineral content, the higher the value of the compressive strength, while the weakest sedimentary rock is sedimentary rock with clay mineral composition. Therefore, the study of mineral composition in this study was carried out on the percentage of quartz minerals.

The rocks studied included igneous rocks (andesite breccia intrusions and fragments), sedimentary rocks (limestone) and pyroclastic rocks (tuff). The physical properties of these rocks are different and can be clearly observed in the field, both in fresh and weathered conditions.Megascopically, andesite found in general has a porphyroafanitic, subhedral, hypocrystalline, inequigranular texture, with a composition of plagioclase, quartz, hornblende and opaque minerals. The tuff is light, soft, with a fine texture, subhedral, hypocrystalline, and equigranular and composed of glass and plagioclase. Meanwhile, limestones are generally fine-medium textured, subrounded-rounded grain shape, well sorted and packed tightly, with carbonate and fossil mineral compositions. All rocks are found in a fresh state to weathered further, even into soil.

Some examples of the appearance of these rock outcrops can be seen in Figure 3. The petrographic description of these rocks can be seen in Table 2. Furthermore, the results of the compressive strength test can be seen in Table 3. Furthermore, the results of petrography and compressive strength tests were analyzed to see the relationship between physical properties vs. rock mechanical properties. The results of the analysis are presented in Figure 4-5.

The physical properties of rocks can mainly be determined by their texture and composition. The textures that can be studied include grain size, grain shape, and the relationship between grains. However, not all samples showed clear differences in the texture variables. The grain/crystal shape of the rocks studied generally shows anhedral-subhedral shape, so its correlation with compressive strength is difficult to study. The relationship between grains is also difficult to study, because all igneous rock samples show aphanitic porphyro characteristics, inequigranular; and limestone samples generally show a grain supported texture. Therefore, the only texture

variable that can be studied is the aspect of grain or crystal size. Meanwhile, a study of rock composition was carried out on the amount of quartz minerals,



Figure 3. Rock outcrops found in the field: andesite intrusion at Pagerharjo (left); andesite breccia in Sidoharjo (middle); and reef limestones in Purwoharjo (right).

	Texture						
Sample	Crain		Relation		Composition	Name of	
Code	size (mm)	Shape	Sortation/	Fabric	composition	Rock	
			Crystallization	Fabile			
IDA	0206	Subhedral-	Porphyroaphanitic,	Inoquioronular	Plagioclase 83%, quartz 7%, hornblende	Andesite	
LDA	0.2-0.0	anhedral	hipocrystalline	mequigranulai	6%, opaque mineral 4%		
LDG 0.2-0.6		Rounded-	Grain supported		Intraclass (20%), ooids (10%), carbonate	Dackstone	
		subrounded	Grain supported		mud (15%), and skeletal grains (55%)	r ackstone	
LDD	0.1-0.3	Subhedral-	Phaneroaphanitic,	Inoquioropular	Plagioclase (albite) 72%, quartz 5%,	Hornblende	
		anhedral	hypocrystalline	mequigranulai	hornblende 15%, and opaque mineral 8%	andesite	
		Syships dual			Plagioclase (albite) 45%, alkali feldspar		
LDC	0.1-0.2	Subnedral-	Hypocrystalline		25%, quartz 5%, glass 15%, biotite 8%,	Crytal tuff	
		annedrai			opaque mineral7%		
LDF	0.02-0.05	Rounded-	Carlin annual d		Pellet (24%), carbonate mud (30%),	Deslecteres	
		subrounded	Grain supported		skeletal grains (46%)	Packstone	
LDB	0.1-0.4	Subhedral-	Porphyroaphanitic,	Incarrianonulon	Plagioclase (andesine) 93%, quartz 5%,	Andesite	
		anhedral	hipocrystalline	mequigranular	opaque mineral 2%		

Table 3. The results of the compressive strength of the rock under study.

Location	Sample Code	Rock	UCS Compressive Strength (MPa)
1	LDA	Andesite intrusion	39.98
2	LDG	Calkarenite	43.32
3	LDD	Fragment of andesite breccia	45.08
4	LDC	Tuff	11.15
5	LDF	limestone reef	20.44
6	LDB	Andesite lava	49.36



Figure 4. Relation of grain size (crystal) of rock to its compressive strength value.



Figure 5. The relationship of the percentage of quartz in the rock to the value of its compressive strength.

The results of the regression test of the grain size and rock compressive strength variables showed a good relationship, with the R . value² of 0.46 which means it has a correlation coefficient of 68%. This value shows a strong correlation between the two variables (Sugiyono, 1997; Figure 4).

Meanwhile, the regression results of the relationship between the percentage of quartz and the compressive strength of rocks show a weak correlation. R Nilai value² for this relationship is only 0.0316 or the correlation coefficient is 18%. This value is a value for a very low level of relationship (Sugiyono, 1997; Figure 5). This shows that the amount of quartz content is not a determinant of the size of the rock's compressive strength.

From the results of the regression test as presented in Figure 4-5, it shows that grain/crystal size plays a more important role in determining the compressive strength of the rock under study. The larger the grain size/crystal, the rock will have a higher compressive strength.

Meanwhile, the results of the correlation of compositions based on the percentage of quartz to the compressive strength of rocks give very low results, indicating that the presence of quartz has no effect on the compressive strength of rocks. The calcarenite limestone in LP 2 (LDG sample) shows a high compressive strength

value (43.32 MPa). Petrographically this rock is called packstone, dominated by a composition in the form of skeletal grains.

The intact rock sample of the calcarenite limestone shows high compressive strength, one of which is supported by a fairly large grain size. In addition, the process of compaction and lithification certainly greatly affects the physical properties of the rock to increase the hardness of the rock in the study area. Tuff has the lowest compressive strength value, this is supported by conditions in the field which show tuff which is fine grained, light and relatively soft.

CONCLUSION

Igneous rocks analyzed in this study are andesite igneous rocks, both in the form of intrusion and OAF lava. The texture of this igneous rock is generally porphyroafanitic, anhedral - subhedral crystal form, hypocrystalline, inequigranular, with a massive structure, with a dominant composition of plagioclase and accessory minerals in the form of hornblende. The OAF tuff shows a smooth, hypocrystalline, with variations in glass tuff and crystalline tuff. Meanwhile, Jonggrangan limestone shows a fine – medium texture, well sorted, packed closed, and varies as wackestone – packstone.

The compressive strength values of rock samples in intrusive rocks as well as the two formations tested varied widely. Andesite rock has a high compressive strength value (39.98 - 49.36 MPa), as well as calcarenite (43.32 MPa). Reef limestone has a lower compressive strength, which is 20.44 MPa, while the lowest compressive strength value is shown by tuff of 11.15 MPa.

The correlation between physical properties and rock engineering properties in the tested samples is influenced by texture (grain size/crystal) with a correlation coefficient of 68% (strong correlation). Meanwhile, the rock composition represented by the percentage of quartz shows a very weak relationship with a correlation coefficient of 18%.

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Figure 2. Map of the sampling location.

No	VILLAGE	Coordinate (°)		Code	Rock
		Easting	Northing	Sample	
1	Pagerharjo	-7.667568	110.123774	LDA	Andesite intrusion
2	Gerbosari	-7.659616	110.169162	LDG	Jonggrangan calcarenite
3	Sidoharjo	-7.661274	110.176048	LDD	Fragment of OAF andesite breccia
4	Sidoharjo	-7.674923	110,195895	LDC	OAF tuff
5	Purwoharjo	-7.703489	110.187473	LDF	Jonggrangan reef limestone
6	Purwoharjo	-7,692100	110.187473	LDB	OAF Andesite lava

Table 1. Rock sampling locations.

Laboratory Analysis

Rock samples are analyzed to determine physical properties, including a description of the physical properties of rocks and their engineering properties (compressive strength). The description of rock physical properties was carried out megascopically against hand specimens and microscopically.

a. petrographic analysis

Determination of the physical properties of rocks is carried out by petrography, using a polarizing microscope at the Geological Laboratory of the Yogyakarta National Institute of Technology,

b. Rock compressive strength test

The compressive strength test was carried out in the laboratory at the Rock Mechanics Testing Laboratory of PT. Geomine Bara Studio, Yogyakarta. The compressive strength test uses the uniaxial compressive strength (UCS) method based on SNI ISO/IEC 17025:2008 to evaluate rock conditions.

This test is carried out based on a standard that requires sample dimensions under the testing standard, namely, the length of the sample is at least twice the diameter of the sample. It also refers to several researchers such as Karaman et al (2015), Kabilan et al (2016), and Yurdakul et al (2011), who used sample dimensions with a length of more than twice the diameter.

RESULTS

Brotodiharjo (1979) mentions internal factors (physical properties of rock) that affect its compressive strength, including the texture and mineral composition of rocks. Mineral composition greatly influences the resistance indicated by the compressive strength of rocks. Rock texture (grain size) can affect the compressive strength of rocks.

Minerals with a high level of hardness will have high resistance. Sedimentary rocks that contain a lot of quartz minerals as cement will have a higher compressive strength value than sedimentary rocks that do not have a cement composition of quartz minerals. The greater the quartz mineral content, the higher the compressive strength value, while the weakest sedimentary rock is a sedimentary rock with clay mineral composition. Therefore, the study of mineral composition was carried out on the percentage of quartz minerals.

The sample rocks included igneous rocks (andesite breccia intrusions and fragments), sedimentary rocks (limestone), and pyroclastic rocks (tuff). The physical properties of these rocks are different and can be observed in the field, both in fresh and weathered conditions. Megascopically, andesite found in general has a porphyroaphanitic, subhedral, hypocrystalline, inequigranular texture, with a composition of plagioclase, quartz, hornblende, and opaque minerals. The tuff is light, soft, with a fine texture, subhedral, hypocrystalline, and equigranular, and composed of glass and plagioclase. Meanwhile, limestones are generally fine-medium textured, subrounded-rounded grain shape, well sorted and packed tightly, with carbonate and fossil mineral compositions. All rocks are found in fresh until highly weathered conditions, even soil.

Some examples of the appearance of these rock outcrops can be seen in Figure 3. The petrographic description of these rocks can be seen in Table 2. Furthermore, the compressive strength test results can be seen in Table 3. Moreover, the results of petrography and compressive strength tests were analyzed to see the relationship between physical and mechanical rock properties. The results of the analysis are presented in Figures 4-5.

The physical properties of rocks can mainly be determined by their texture and composition. The textures that can be studied include grain size, shape, and the relationship between grains. However, not all samples showed apparent differences in the texture variables. The grain/crystal shape of the rocks studied generally shows anhedral-subhedral shape, so its correlation with compressive strength is difficult to learn. The relationship between grains is also difficult to check because all igneous rock samples show porphyroaphanitic characteristics, inequigranular; and limestone samples generally show a grain-supported texture. Therefore, the only texture variable that can be studied is the aspect of grain or crystal size. Meanwhile, a study of rock composition was carried out on the number of quartz minerals,



Figure 3. Rock outcrops found in the field: andesite intrusion at Pagerharjo (left); andesite breccia in Sidoharjo (middle); and reef limestones in Purwoharjo (right).

	Texture						
Sample	Grain size (mm)		Relation		Composition	Name of	
Code		Shape	Sortation/	Fabria	composition	Rock	
			Crystallization	Fablic			
IDA	0206	Subhedral-	Porphyroaphanitic,	Inoquioropular	Plagioclase 83%, quartz 7%, hornblende	Andosito	
LDA	0.2-0.0	anhedral	hipocrystalline	mequigranular	6%, opaque mineral 4%	Andesite	
LDG 0	0206	Rounded-	Grain supported		Intraclass (20%), ooids (10%), carbonate	Dackstona	
	0.2-0.0	subrounded	Grain supported		mud (15%), and skeletal grains (55%)	I ackstolic	
LDD	0.1-0.3	Subhedral-	Phaneroaphanitic,	Inoquigranular	Plagioclase (albite) 72%, quartz 5%,	Hornblende	
LDD		anhedral	hypocrystalline	mequigranular	hornblende 15%, and opaque mineral 8%	andesite	
	0.1-0.2	Subbadual			Plagioclase (albite) 45%, alkali feldspar		
LDC		Subneural-	Hypocrystalline		25%, quartz 5%, glass 15%, biotite 8%,	Crytal tuff	
		annedrai			opaque mineral7%		
LDF	0.02-0.05	Rounded-	Carlin ann a stad		Pellet (24%), carbonate mud (30%),	Declasteres	
		subrounded	Grain supported		skeletal grains (46%)	Packstone	
LDB	0.1-0.4	Subhedral-	Porphyroaphanitic,	Incarionanulan	Plagioclase (andesine) 93%, quartz 5%,	Andesite	
		anhedral	hipocrystalline	mequigranular	opaque mineral 2%		

Table 2. Petrographic description of the rocks studied.

Table 3. The results of the compressive strength of the rock under study.

Location	Sample Code	Rock	UCS Compressive Strength (MPa)
1	LDA	Andesite intrusion	39.98
2	LDG	Calcarenite	43.32
3	LDD	Fragment of andesite breccia	45.08
4	LDC	Tuff	11.15
5	LDF	Reef limestone	20.44
6	LDB	Andesite lava	49.36



Figure 4. Relation of grain (crystal) size of rock to its compressive strength value.



Figure 5. The relationship of the percentage of quartz in the rock to the value of its compressive strength.

The regression test results of the grain size and rock compressive strength variables showed a good relationship, with the R^2 value of 0.46, which means it has a correlation coefficient of 68%. This value indicates a strong correlation between the two variables (Sugiyono, 1997; Figure 4).

Meanwhile, the regression results of the relationship between the percentage of quartz and the compressive strength of rocks show a weak correlation. The R^2 value for this relationship is only 0.0316, or the correlation coefficient is 18%. This value is a value for a very low level of relationship (Sugiyono, 1997; Figure 5). This shows that the amount of quartz content is not a determinant of the size of the rock's compressive strength.

The regression test results, as presented in Figure 4-5, shows that grain/crystal size plays a more important role in determining the compressive strength of the rock under study. The larger the grain size/crystal, the rock will have a higher compressive strength.

Meanwhile, the results of the correlation of compositions based on the percentage of quartz to the compressive strength of rocks give very low results, indicating that the presence of quartz does not affect the

compressive strength of rocks. The calcarenite limestone in LP 2 (LDG sample) shows a high compressive strength value (43.32 MPa). Petrographically, this rock is called packstone, dominated by composition in the form of skeletal grains.

The intact rock sample of the calcarenite limestone shows high compressive strength, one of which is supported by reasonably large grain size. In addition, the process of compaction and lithification certainly greatly affects the physical properties of the rock to increase the hardness of the rock in the study area. Tuff has the lowest compressive strength value; this is supported by conditions in the field which show tuff which is fine-grained, light, and relatively soft.

CONCLUSION

Igneous rocks analyzed in this study are andesite igneous rocks, both in intrusion and OAF lava. The texture of this igneous rock is generally porphyroaphanitic, anhedral - subhedral crystal form, hypocrystalline, inequigranular, with a massive structure, with a dominant composition of plagioclase and accessory minerals in the form of hornblende. The OAF tuff shows a smooth, hypocrystalline, with variations in glass tuff and crystalline tuff. Meanwhile, Jonggrangan limestone shows a fine – medium texture, well-sorted, packed closed, and varies as wackestone – packstone.

The compressive strength values of rock samples in intrusive rocks and the two formations tested varied widely. Andesite rock has a high compressive strength value (39.98 – 49.36 MPa) and calcarenite (43.32 MPa). Reef limestone has a lower compressive strength, which is 20.44 MPa, while the lowest compressive strength value is shown by a tuff of 11.15 MPa.

The correlation between physical and rock engineering properties in the tested samples is influenced by texture (grain size/crystal) with a correlation coefficient of 68% (strong correlation). Meanwhile, the rock composition represented by the percentage of quartz shows a very weak relationship with a correlation coefficient of 18%.

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