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Q No 2 part (a)

What is the difference b/w flexible and Rigid pavement.

Answer:

### Flexible pavement

1) load is transferred by grain to grain contact.

2) Flexible pavements have low initial construction costs but have high maintenance cost.

3) Have low life span usually 10-15 years.

4) Surfacing can not be laid directly on the sub grade but a sub base is needed.

### Rigid pavement

1) No such phenomenon of grain to grain load transfer exists.

2) Rigid pavements have low maintenance cost but have high initial construction costs.

3) life span is more as compare to flexible usually 30+ years.

4) Surfacing can be directly laid on the sub grade.

Ques part (b)

2)

advantages

What are the advantages of water bound over wet mix macadam?

Answer: The main advantage of wet-mix macadam over water-bound macadam is that it is composed of a well-graded mixture. This ensures good interlock and high stability.

1) The compaction is greatly facilitated by the moisture added which the individual particles.

2) The aggregates for wet mix macadam will have to be crusher-run whereas the aggregates for water bound macadam are generally hand-broken.



what is the difference b/w asphalt and bitumen.

Answer: Difference b/w Asphalt and Bitumen

### Bitumen

1)

A class of black or dark colored (solid, semi-solid or viscous) cementitious substances, natural or manufactured, composed principally of high molecular weight hydrocarbons found in Asphalts, tars, pitches, and Asphaltites are typical.

2) In some literature bitumen is actually the liquid binder that holds asphalt together.

### ASPHALT

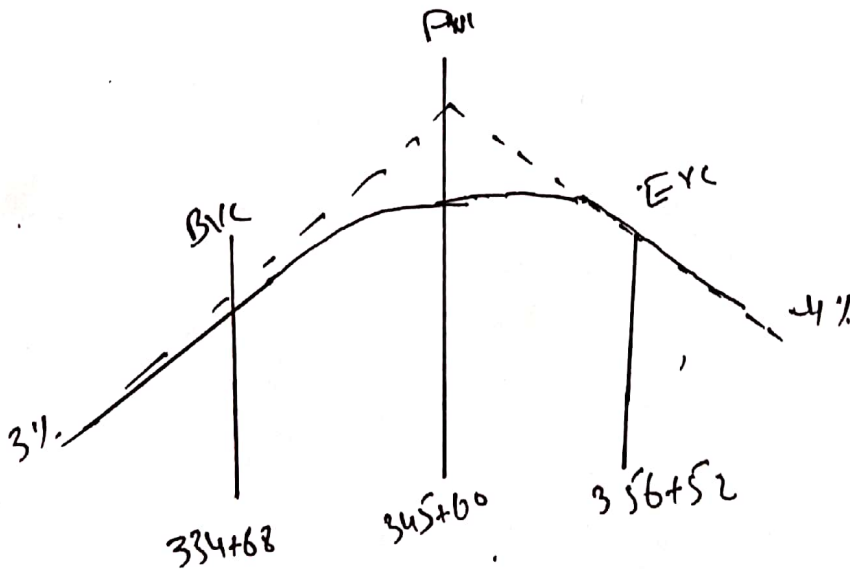
1) A dark brown to black cementitious material in which the constituents are bitumens which occur in nature or are obtained in fractional distillation of petroleum (crude oil) along with certain mineral matter.

2) Asphalt is generally used as a term to refer to be combination of bitumen and gravel specifically for road construction.

Q No 2 par (a):

4)

A crest vertical curve joining +3 percent and a -4 percent grade is to be designed for 75 mph - If the tangent (345+60.00) at an elevation 250 ft. determine the station and elevation of the BVC. Also calculate intermediate point on curve.



Solution::

for design speed of 75 mph  
value of  $k$  from table  
 $k = 312$

Minimum Length  $\therefore k \times (3 - (-4))$

$$= 312 \times (3 - (-4)) \quad k = 312$$

$$= 2184 \text{ ft}$$

Station of BVC = tangent intersection station

$$- \left( \frac{21 + 84}{2} \right)$$

tangent intersection

$$\text{station} = (345 + 60)$$

$$\text{Station of BVC} = (345 + 60) - \left( \frac{21 + 84}{2} \right) = 334 + 68$$

$$\text{Station of EVC} = (334 + 68) + (21 + 84) = 356 + 52$$

$$\text{Elevation of BVC} = 250 - (0.03 \times \frac{2184}{2}) = 217.24 \text{ ft}$$



Q No 3

6)

A flexible pavement for an urban in interstate highway is to be designed using 1993.

Asphalt Resilient modulus of Asphalt concrete at 68°F  $46,000 \text{ lb/in}^2$   
CBR value of base course material, 100 mm  $31,000 \text{ lb/in}^2$

CBR value of subgrade material 6 mm of subgrade  $6 \times 1500 \text{ lb/in}^2$   
 $= 9000 \text{ lb/in}^2$

Flexible pavement design.

Reliability level (R) = 99%

Standard deviation  $S_o = 0.49$

Initial Serviceability Index,  $P_i = 4.5$

Terminal Serviceability Index  $P_t = 2.5$

$$DPSI = P_i - P_t =$$

$$4.5 - 2.5 = 2.0$$

### Step-1

Draw a line joining the reliability level of 99% and the overall standard deviation  $S_o$  of 0.49 and extend this line to intersect the first TL at point A.

Finding the value of  ~~$S_{Ni}$~~   $S_{Ni}$  or  $D_i$

### Step = 02.

Draw a line joining point A to the ESAL  $2 \times 10^6$  and this line to intersect the second TL line at point B.

### Step::3

Draw a line joining point B and resilient modulus ( $M_r$ ) of base course and extend this line to intersect the design serviceability loss chart at point C.



8)  
The thickness of surface course  $D_1$ :

$$D_1 = SNI / a_1$$

$$SNI = 2.6$$

$$a_1 = 0.44$$

$$= \frac{2.6}{0.44}$$

$$= 5.9''$$

Thickness should be taken to the nearest  
0.5 inch

So, thickness of surface course in 6''

$$SNI = D_1'' \times a_1$$

$$= 6 \times 0.44$$

$$SNI = 2.64$$

Finding  $SN_2$  and  $D_2$  (Base Course)

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$\therefore SN_2$  from table = 3.8

$$D_2 = (SN_2 - SN_1) (a_2 m_2) \\ = a_2 = 0.14 \\ = m_2 = 0.80 \\ = (3.8 - 2.64) 0.14 \times 0.80$$

$$D_2 = 10.36''$$

We 12''

So thickness of base course 12''

$$SN_2 = 0.14 \times 0.80 \times 12 + SN_1$$

$$SN_2 = 1.34 + 2.64$$

$$= 3.98$$

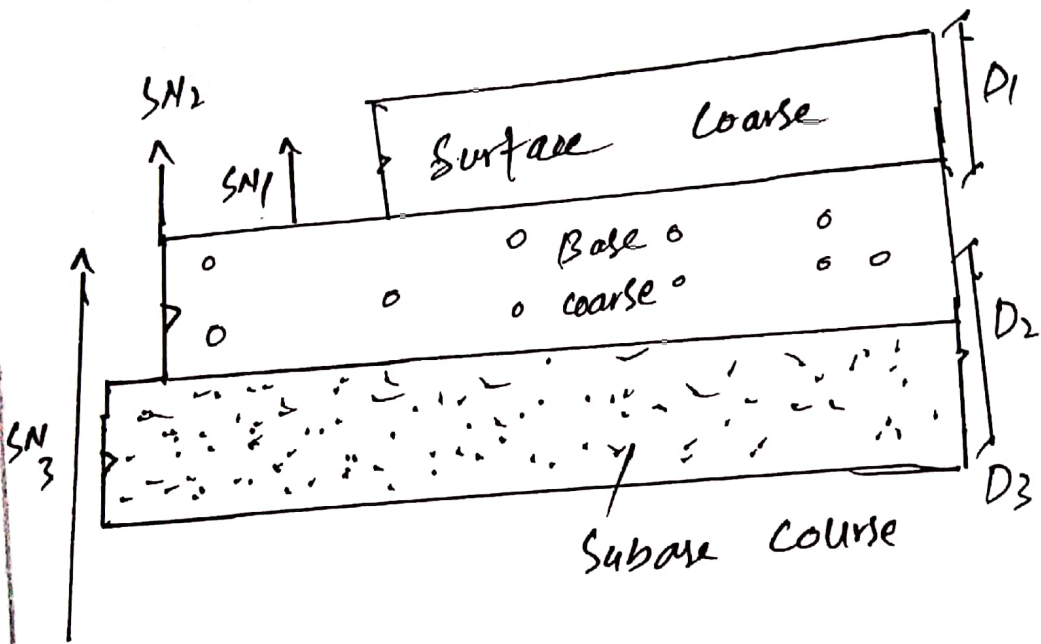
Finding  $SN_3$  and  $D_3$

$$\therefore SN_3 = 4.4$$

$$D_3 = (SN_3 - SN_2) (a_3 m_3) \\ = a_3 = 0.10 \quad m_3 = 0.80 \\ = (4.4 - 3.98) 0.10 \times 0.80$$

# Final design:

10)





# ASHTO Design equation for SN

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$$\log_{10} W_{18} = 2R S_0 + 9.36 \log_{10}$$

$$\{SN+1\}^{-0.20}$$

$$\log_{10} \{APSI (4.1-1.5)\}$$

$$0.40 + \log_{10} (S \cdot N + 1) S^{-1.9}$$

$$+ 2.32 \log_{10} MR - 8.07$$

$$D_3 = 5.25''$$

We will use 6'' as sub base

$$SN_3 = 2.64 + 1.34 + 6'' \times 0.10 \times 0.80$$

$$SN_3 = 4.467 \quad 4.4 \text{ okay}$$

Q No 4) What are the different pavement distresses?  
Pavement Distresses: (a)

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Distress is a condition of the pavement structure that reduces serviceability or leads to a reduction in service life.

Distresses could occur in a pavement due to.

- Unstable mixes
- Higher wheel loads than those considered in design.

Alligator (Fatigue) Cracking: (b)

Possible causes:

over loading

Inadequate structural design

Poor construction

Repair

- crack sealing is an effective
- Dig out and replace area
- of poor subgrade.

## Block Cracking:

13)

Problem: Allows moisture infiltration.

Possible causes:

HMA Shrinkage

Asphalt binder in the mix design

## Repair

Low severity cracks (1/8 inch wide) crack

Seal to prevent entry of moisture

High severity cracks (1/4 inch wide and cracks with raveled edges).

## Potholes:

1) Small bowl-shaped depression in the pavement surface that penetrate all the way through the HMA layer down to the base course.

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**Problem:** Roughness ( Serious vehicular damage can result from driving across potholes at higher speeds) moisture infiltration.

**Possible cause:** generally potholes are the are and result of fatigue cracking. As fatigue cracking becomes severe.

**Repair:**

Patching technique.

**Rutting:**

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**Possible causes:**

Insufficient compaction of HMA layers during construction.

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## Possible causes:

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- Insufficient compaction of HMA layers during construction
- Subgrade rutting (e.g. as a result of inadequate Structures)
- Improper mix design (e.g. excessively high asphalt content).

## Repair:

- Slight ruts (2/3 inch deep) can generally be left untreated. Pavement with deeper ruts should be leveled and overlaid.

## Bleeding

### Problem:

loss of skid resistance when wet

### Possible cause:

- Excessive asphalt binder in the HMA
- Excessive application of asphalt binder during BST application.
- low HMA air void content.

# Polished Aggregate:

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## Possible Cause:

Repeated traffic application.

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## Repair:

Apply a skid-resistant slurry seal. BST or non-structural overlay.

## Raveling:

loose debris on the pavement with increase pavement roughness and loss of ~~skid~~ skid resistance.



### Possible causes:

- Asphalt binder aging
- Aggregate segregation. If the fine particles are missing from the aggregate matrix.
- Inadequate compaction ~~to~~ during ~~road~~ construction.

### Repair:

Fill with seal / slurry Seal or Remove the damaged pavement and overlay.