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Q: No. 01  
Part: a)

What is difference b/w Flexible & rigid Pavement?

### Flexible Pavement

- 1) Bitumen is used a binder in flexible pavement
- 2) Deformation in the subgrade is transferred to the upper layer
- 3) Load is transferred by grain to grain contact
- 4) Flexible Pavement have low initial construction cost but have high maintenance cost
- 5) It have low life span usually 10 to 15 years
- 6) Surfacing cannot be laid directly on the subgrade but a sub base is needed.

### Rigid Pavement

- 1) Cement is used a binder in rigid pavement.
- 2) Deformation in the subgrade is not transferred to subsequent layer.
- 3) No such phenomenon of grain to grain load transfer exists.
- 4) Rigid Pavement have low maintenance cost but have high initial construction cost.
- 5) Life span is more as compare to flexible usually 30+ year.
- 6) Surfacing can be directly laid on the subgrade.

1) Road can be used for traffic within 24 hours.

2) Road cannot be used until 14 days of curing

Q : What are the Advantages of water bound over wet mix macadam?

Ans:- Following are the advantages of water bound over wet mix macadam:

- 1) Water bound macadam is slightly cheaper than the wet-mix macadam. The reason is WBM requires general labours while wet-mix macadam requires mixer plant and power.
- 2) Aggregate of WBM can be broken by Road while the WMM need a crusher for the disintegration of aggregates.
- 3) The interlocking of aggregate particles imparts adequate strength of a material for filling the voids. These ensure non-entry of the plastic materials of the subgrade into voids.

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What is the difference b/w  
asphalt & bitumen?

Ans: Bitumen is actually the liquid binder that hold asphalt together.

- Asphalt is used as a term to refer to the combination of bitumen and gravel specifically for road construction.
- Bitumen is known for being strongly adhesive and resistant to damage from water and oil spills. This make bitumen the ideal binder for asphalt because asphalt is commonly used as a surface for roads, car, parks etc.

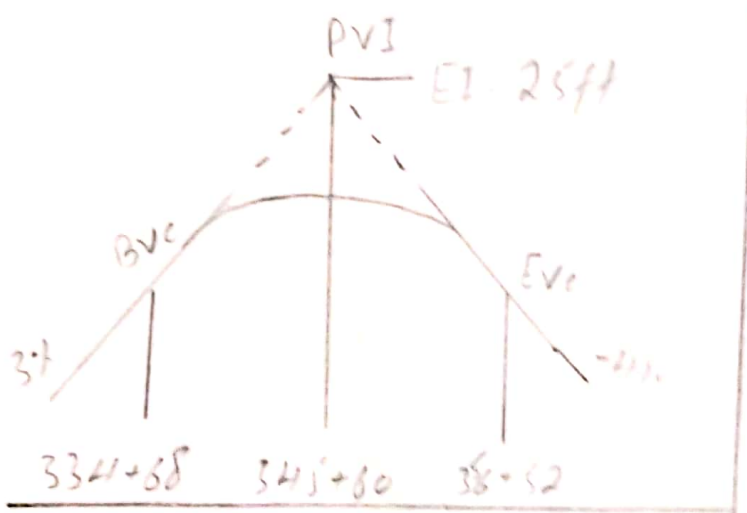


Q: No: 02

A crest vertical curve joining a + Percent and a -4% grade is to be design for 75 m/h. If the tangents intersect at Section (345 + 6000) at an elevation of 250ft

Determine the station & elevation of the BVC & EVC.

Also calculate the elevation of intermediate point on the curve at the whole station



**Solution:** For a design speed of 75 mph,  $K = 312$   
(From table)

$$\text{Minimum length} = 312 \times [3 - (-4)] = 2184 \text{ ft}$$

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

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

$$\text{Elevation of BVC} = 250 - \left(0.05 \times \frac{2184}{2}\right) = 217.24 \text{ ft}$$

The remainder of the computation is efficiently done using the format shown in table

Station	Distance BVC (ft)	Tangent Elevation (ft)	offset $\left(x = \frac{Ax^2}{200L}\right)$ ft	curve elevation tangent elevation offset (ft)
BVC 334+68	0	217.24	0.01	217.24
BVC 335+00	32	217.24 + $\frac{32^2}{100} \times 0.05$	0.02	218.18
BVC 336+00	132	221.20	0.28	220.92
BVC 337+00	232	224.20	0.86	223.34
BVC 338+00	332	227.20	1.77	225.43
BVC 339+00	432	230.20	2.99	227.21
BVC 340+00	532	233.20	4.54	228.66
BVC 341+00	632	236.20	6.40	229.80
BVC 342+00	732	239.20	8.59	230.61
BVC 343+00	832	242.20	11.09	231.11
BVC 344+00	932	245.20	13.92	231.28
BVC 345+00	1032	248.20	17.07	231.13
BVC 346+00	1132	251.20	20.54	230.66
BVC 347+00	1232	254.20	24.32	229.88
BVC 348+00	1332	257.20	28.43	228.77
BVC 349+00	1432	260.20	32.86	227.34
BVC 350+00	1532	263.20	37.61	225.59

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BVC 351+00	1632	266.20	42.68	223.052
BVC 352+00	1732	269.20	48.07	221.18
BVC 353+00	1832	272.20	53.79	218.411
BVC 354+00	1932	275.20	59.82	215.38
BVC 355+00	2032	278.20	66.17	212.05
BVC 356+00	2132	281.20	72.84	208.36
EVC 356+52	2184	282.76	76.44	206.32



Q: 3:

A Flexible Highway is to be designed to carry a design ESAL of  $2 \times 10^6$ . It is estimated that it take about a week for water to be drained from within the Pavement and the Pavement structure will be exposed to moisture levels approaching saturation for 30% of the time. The following additional information is available

- Resilient modulus of asphalt concrete at 68°F  $450,000 \text{ lb/in}^2$
- CBR value of base course material 100,  $M_r 31,000 \text{ lb/in}^2$
- CBR value of sub base course material 22,  $M_r 13,500 \text{ lb/in}^2$
- CBR value of subgrade material 6-
- $M_r$  of subgrade  $6 \times 1500 \text{ lb/in}^2 = 9000 \text{ lb/in}^2$

step No 1:

Ans: Draw a line joining the reliability level of 99% & the overall standard deviation  $S_o$  of 0.419 and extend line to intersect



the first TL Line at Point A

### Step:02:

Draw a line Joining Point A to the ESAL of  $2 \times 10^6$ , and extend this line to intersect the first TL Line at Point B

### Step:03:

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.

### Step#04:

Draw a horizontal line from Point C to intersect the design serviceability.

→ loss (PSI) curve at Point D. So here

$$\Delta \text{PSI} = 4.5 - 2.5 = 2$$

### Step#05

The structure number require to protect the base course and to find the thickness  $D_s$  of the surface course is 2.6

## Step: 06:

Determine the appropriate structure layer coefficient for each construction material

Resilient value of asphalt = 450,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup>

therefore

$$a_1 = 0.44$$

$$D_1 = SN_1 / a_1$$

$$= 2.6 / 0.44 = 5.9''$$

Thickness should be taken to the nearest 0.5 inches so the thickness of the surface course is 6''

$$SN_1 = D_1 \times a_1$$

$$= 6 \times 0.44 = 2.64$$

→ Now find  $SN_2$  and  $D_2$  (Base course)

find the value of  $a_2$  from layers coefficient table and  $m_2$  from drainage coefficient table.

→ Thickness of base course ( $D_2$ )

$$D_2 = (SN_2 - SN_1) / a_2 m_2$$

$$D_2 = (3.8 - 2.64) \cdot 14 \times 0.80$$

$$D_2 = 10.36''$$

Use 12"

So the thickness of base course is 12"

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

$$SN_2 = 1.344 + 2.64$$

$$SN_2 = 3.98$$

→ Finding  $SN_3$  &  $D_3$  (sub base course) and also layer coefficient  $a_3$  and drainage coefficient  $m_2$  from their respective table

$$D_3 = (SN_3 - SN_2) / 9.8 m_2$$

$$D_3 = (4.4 - 3.98) / 0.10 \times 0.80$$

$$D_3 = 5.211''$$

We will use 6" as a sub base

$$SN_3 = 2.64 + ~~1.344~~ 1.344 + 6'' \times 0.10 \times 0.80$$

$$SN_3 = 4.46 \quad \text{7 4.41 Okey}$$

**Final design:**

→ surface course = 6"

→ Base course = 12"

→ sub base = 6"

→ Total pavement thickness = 24"



Q: No: 04

What are the different pavement distresses?

Explain in detail?

Ans: Following are different pavement distress

1) Alligator cracking:

→ Possible causes:

- Over loading
- Inadequate structural design
- Poor construction

→ Repair:

- Crack sealing is in effective
- Digout and replace area of poor subgrade

2) " Block cracking: "

→ Problem: Allows moisture infiltration

→ Possible causes:

- HMA shrinkage
- Asphalt binder aging
- Poor choice of asphalt binder in the mix design

## Repair:

- Low severity cracks ( $< \frac{1}{2}$  inch wide) Crack seal to prevent entry of moisture
- High severity cracks ( $> \frac{1}{2}$  inch wide & crack with raveled edges) Remove and replace the cracks Pavement layer on overlay.

## 3) "Potholes":

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

→ Potholes are mostly likely to occur on roads with the thin HMA surfaces.

**Problem:** Roughness, moisture infiltration

## → Problem causes:

Generally potholes ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> the end result of fatigue cracking. As fatigue cracking become severe, the inter connected cracks creates small chunks of pavement which can be dislodged as vehicles drive over them.

**Repair:** Polishing techniques.

**↳ Rutting:**

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**Possible causes:**

→ Insufficient compaction of HMLA layer during construction

→ subgrade rutting (e.g a result of adequate pavement structure.

→ improper mix design.

**Repair:**

→ slight ruts (< 1/3 inch deep) can generally be left untreated - pavement with deeper ruts should be leveled and overlaid.



## 5) Bleeding:

### Problem:

Loss of skid resistance when wet

### Possible causes:

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

## 6) "Polished Aggregate":

### Possible causes:

Repeated traffic application  
This can occur quicker if the aggregate is susceptible to abrasion.

### Repair:

Apply a skid resistance slurry seal, BST or non structural overlay.

## 7) "Reveling":

→ loose debris on the pavement which increase pavement roughness and loss

of Skid resistance

### "Possible cause:

- Asphalt binder aging.
- Aggregate rejection - If fine particles are missing from the Aggregate matrix.
- Inadequate compaction during construction.

### Repair:

Fog seal / slurry seal or Remove the damaged pavement and overlay.