

# SURVEYING NOTES AS PER HSBTE

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## Types of Curves:

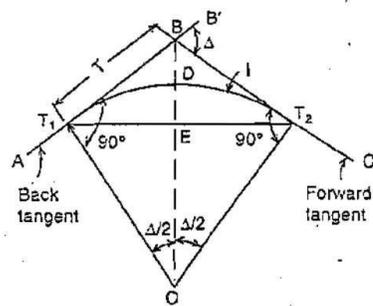
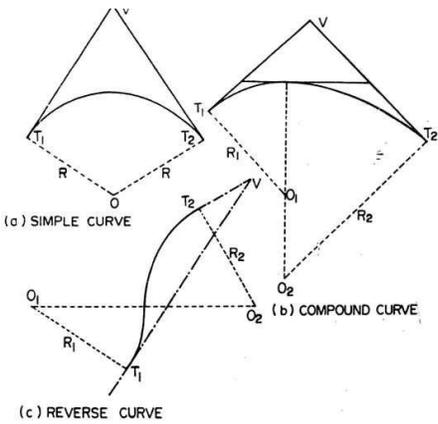
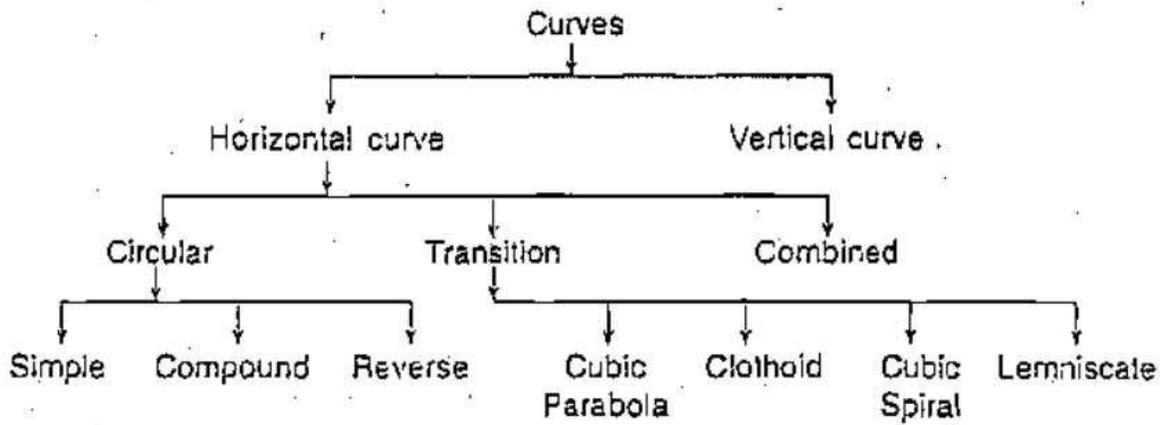
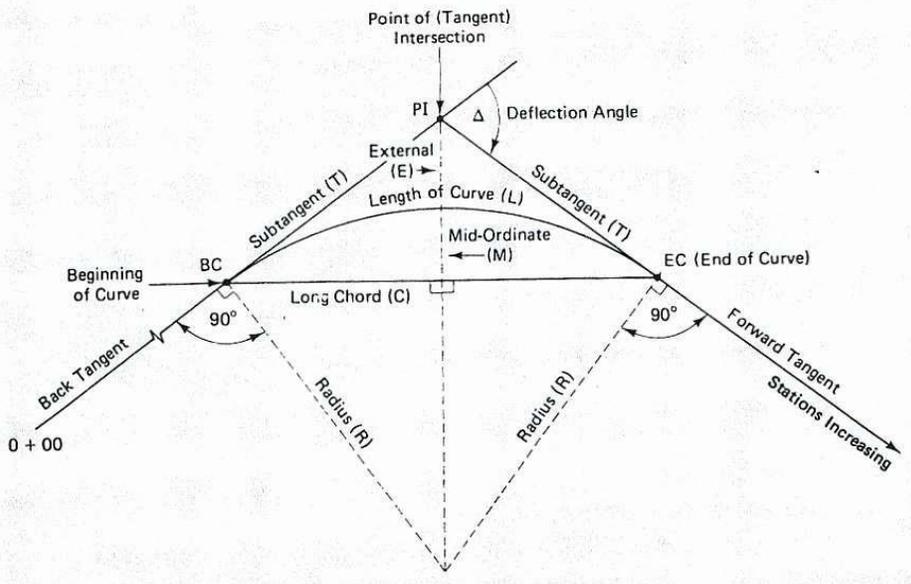


Fig. 12.1 Basic elements of a curve.

## Designation of a Curve:

## Circular Curve Geometry



## Definition:

Curves are provided whenever a road changes its direction from right to S (vice versa) or changes its alignment from up to down (vice versa). Curves are a critical element in the pavement design. They are provided with a maximum speed limit that should be followed very strictly. Following the speed limit becomes essential as the exceed in speed may lead to the chances of the vehicle becoming out of control while negotiating a turn and thus increase the odds of fatal accidents

## Types of Curves

There are two types of curves provided primarily for the comfort and ease of the motorists in the road namely:

1. HorizontalCurve
2. VerticalCurve

### Horizontal Curves

Horizontal curves are provided to change the direction or alignment of a road. Horizontal Curve are circular curves or circular arcs. The sharpness of a curve increases as the radius is decrease which makes it risky and dangerous. The main design criterion of a horizontal curve is the provision of an adequate safe stopping sight distance.

#### **Types of Horizontal Curve:**

Simple Curve:

A simple arc provided in the road to impose a curve between the two straight lines.

**Compound Curve:**

Combination of two simple curves combined together to curve in the same direction.

**Reverse Curve:**

Combination of two simple curves combined together to curve in the opposite direction.

**Transition or Spiral Curve:**

A curve that has a varying radius. It is provided with a simple curve and between the simple curves in a compound curve.

While turning a vehicle is exposed to two forces. The first force which attracts the vehicle towards the ground is gravity. The second is centripetal force, which is an external force required to keep the vehicle on a curved path. At any velocity, the centripetal force would be greater for a tighter turn (smaller radius) than a broader one (larger radius). Thus, the vehicle would have to make a very wide circle in order to negotiate a turn.

## **Vertical Curves**

Vertical curves are provided to change the slope in the road and may or may not be symmetrical. They are parabolic and not circular like horizontal curves. Identifying the proper grade and the safe passing sight distance is the main design criterion of the vertical curve, in a crest vertical curve the length should be enough to provide safe stopping sight distance and in a sag vertical curve the length is important as it influences the factors such as headlight sight distance, rider comfort and drainage requirements.

### ***Types of Vertical Curve:***

#### **Sag Curve**

Sag Curves are those which change the alignment of the road from uphill to downhill,

#### **Crest Curve/Summit Curve**

Crest Curves are those which change the alignment of the road from downhill to uphill. In designing crest vertical curves it is important that the grades be not too high which makes it difficult for the motorists to travel upon it.

## Methods of setting out simple circular curve

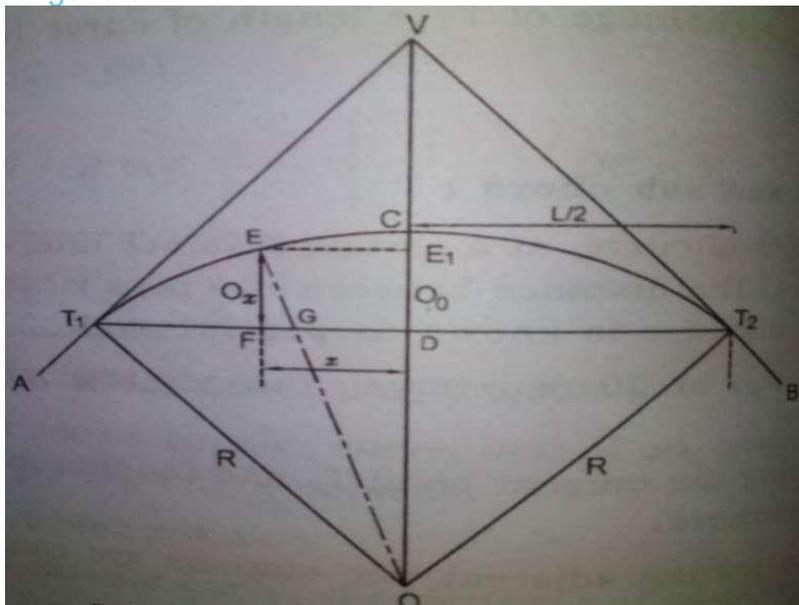
Based on the instruments used in setting out the curves on the ground there are two methods:

- 1) Linear method
- 2) Angular method
- 3) Linear Method

▪ In these methods only tape or chain is used for setting out the curve. Angle measuring instruments are not used.

Main linear methods are

- By offsets from the long chord.
- By successive bisection of arcs.
- By offsets from the tangent
- 
- .By offsets from the long chord



## TRANSITION CURVE

is a continuation of the straight lines and curves with a radius of a fixed or variable

## PURPOSE

Physical state of hilly land, swampy.

- Connecting the exit to entrance as the exit roads 'toll',
- Avoiding the position of the details remain, such as building mosques, cemeteries.
- Safety of road users in order to travel more comfortable and secure.

## SETTING OUT TRANSITION CURVE

### Aim:

To set out the transition curve combined with the circular curve by method of deflection angles.

### Instruments required:

Theodolite, Ranging rods, Tape or Chain and accessories.

### Transition curve:

A transition curve or easement curve is a curve of varying radius introduced between a straight and a circular curve, or between two branches of a compound curve.

### Ideal Transition curve:

The fundamental requirement of a transition curve is that its radius of curvature 'r' at any point shall vary inversely as the distance (l) from the beginning of the curve. Such a curve is the clothoid or the glower's spiral and is known as the ideal transition curve.

### Procedure:

In order to make the computations for various quantities of the transition and circular curve the data necessary are

1. The deflection angle ( $\alpha$ ) between the original tangents
2. The Radius of the circular curve (R)
3. The Length of the transition curve (L)
4. The point of intersection (V).

### Formulae:

1. Calculate the spiral angle  $\alpha_s$  by the equation  
 $\alpha_s = L/2R$  Radians
2. Calculate the shift S of the circular curve by the relation.  
 $S = L^2/24R$
3. Calculate total length of the tangent from  
Tangent length =  $(R+S) \tan \frac{\alpha}{2} + L/2(1 - S/5R)$  for spiral  
Tangent length =  $(R+S) \tan \frac{\alpha}{2} + L/2$  for cubic
4. Calculate the length of the circular curve.
5. From the chainage of the point of intersection, subtract the length of the tangent to get the chainage of the point of transition curve T.
6. To the chainage of the t add the length of the transition curve to get the chainage of the junction point (d) of the transition curve with the circular curve.
7. Determine the other junction point (D') of the circular curve with the transition curve by adding the length of the circular curve to the chainage of D.
8. Determine the chainage of the point T by adding the length L of the transition curve to

get the chainage of D'.

9. If it is required to peg the points on through chainage, calculate the length of the sub chords and full chords of the transition curve and circular curve. The peg interval for the transition curve may be 10 metres, while that for the circular curve it may be 20meters.
10. If the curve are to be set out by a theodolite, calculate the deflection angles for transition curve from the expression.
  - $= 5731^2 / RL$  Minutesand the deflection angles referred to the tangent at D for the circular curve from the expression.
  - $= 1719 C/R$  MinutesThe total tangent angles  $\cdot n$  for the circular curve must be equal to  $\frac{1}{2}(\cdot / 2 \cdot s)$

11. If however the curves are to be set out linear methods, calculate the offsets from the following formula.

**For the true spiral**  $y = l^3/6 RL ( 1 - \cdot^2/14 )$  or  $l^3/6 RL ( 1 - L^2/56R^2L^2 )$

y being measuring perpendicular to the tangent and l along the curve.

**12. For the cubic spiral**  $y = l^3/6RL$

y being measuring perpendicular to the tangent and l along the curve.

### Angular Method

• This methods are used when the length of curve is large.

The Angular methods are:

- 1) Rankine method of tangential angles
- 2) Two theodolite method
- 3) Tacheometric method

## EDM

Electronic distance measuring instrument is a surveying instrument for measuring distance electronically between two points through electromagnetic waves.

Electronic distance measurement (EDM) is a method of determining the length between two points, using phase changes, that occur as electromagnetic energy waves travels from one end of the line to the other end. As a background, there are three methods of measuring distance between two points:

DDM or Direct distance measurement – This is mainly done by chaining or taping.

ODM or Optical distance measurement – This measurement is conducted by tacheometry, horizontal subtense method or telemetric method. These are carried out with the help of optical wedge attachments.

EDM or Electromagnetic distance measurement – The method of direct distance measurement cannot be implemented in difficult terrains. When large amount of inconsistency in the terrain or large obstructions exist, this method is avoided

## **Types of Electronic Distance Measurement Instrument**

EDM instruments are classified based on the type of carrier wave as

1. Microwave instruments
2. Infrared wave instruments
3. Light wave instruments.

### **1. Microwave Instruments**

These instruments make use of microwaves. Such instruments were invented as early as 1950 in South Africa by Dr. T.L. Wadley and named them as Tellurometers.

This instrument needs only 12 to 24 V batteries. Hence they are light and highly portable. Tellurometers can be used in day as well as in night.

### **2. Infrared Wave Instruments**

In this instrument amplitude modulated infrared waves are used. Prism reflectors are used at the end of line to be measured. These instruments are light and economical and can be mounted on theodolite. With these instruments accuracy achieved is  $\pm 10$  mm. The range of these instruments is up to 3 km.

These instruments are useful for most of the civil engineering works. These instruments are available in the trade names DISTOMAT DI 1000 and DISTOMAT DI55.

### **3. Visible Light Wave Instruments**

These instruments rely on propagation of modulated light waves. This type of instrument was first developed in Sweden and was named as Geodimeter. During night its range is up to 2.5 km while in day its range is up to 3 km. Accuracy of these instruments varies from 0.5 mm to 5 mm/km distance. These instruments are also very useful for civil engineering projects.

- Described by form of electromagnetic energy.
  - First instruments were primarily microwave (1947)
  - Present instruments are some form of light, i.e. laser or near-infrared lights.
- Described by range of operation.
  - Generally microwave are 30 - 50 km range. (med)
    - Developed in the early 70's, and were used for control surveys.
  - Light EDM's generally 3 - 5 km range. (short)
    - Used in engineering and construction
- EDM is very useful in measuring distances that are difficult to access or long distances.
- It measures the time required for a wave to be sent to a target and reflect back.

## **EDM CHARACTERISTICS**

- 750-1000 meters range
  - Accurate to  $\pm 5\text{mm} + 5\text{ppm}$
  - Operating temperature between  $-20$  to  $+50$  degrees centigrade
  - 1.5 seconds typical for computing a distance, 1 second when tracking.
  - Slope reduction either manual or automatic.
  - Some average repeated measurements.
  - Signal attenuation.
  - battery operated and can perform between 350 and 1400 measurements.
- The measured data can be recorded in the field note format
  - Can be entered manually into electronic data collector
  - The distance data must be accompanied by all relevant atmosphere

## REMOTE SENSING

Remote sensing is a method for getting information about different objects on the planet, without any physical contacts with it.

### ADVANTAGE

- Provides a view for the large region
- Offers Geo-referenced information and digital information
- Most of the remote sensors operate in every season, every day, every time and even in real tough weather

## GIS

- **Geographic Information System**
- **Allows the viewing and analysis of multiple layers of spatially related information associated with a geographic region/location**
- **Both spatial and attribute (tabular) data are integrated**
- **The widespread collection and integration of imagery into GIS has been made possible through remote sensing**
- **With the increasing technological development of remote sensing, the development of GIS has simultaneously accelerated**

### The APPLICATION/IMPORTANCE/USE of RS

- Large amounts of data needed, and Remote Sensing can provide it
- Reduces manual field work dramatically
- Allows retrieval of data for regions difficult or impossible to reach:
  - Open ocean
  - Hazardous terrain (high mountains, extreme weather areas, etc.)

- Ocean depths
- Atmosphere
- Allows for the collection of much more data in a shorter amount of time
  - Leads to increased land coverage AND
  - Increase ground resolution of a GIS
- Digital Imagery greatly enhances a GIS
  - DIRECTLY: Imagery can serve as a visual aid
  - INDIRECTLY: Can serve as a source to derive information such as...
    - Land use/landcover
    - Atmospheric emissions
    - Vegetation
    - Water bodies
    - Cloud cover
    - Change detection (including sea ice, coastlines, sea levels, etc.)

## GPS

**GPS** systems are extremely versatile and can be found in almost any industry sector. They can be **used** to map forests, help farmers harvest their fields, and navigate airplanes on the ground or in the air. **GPS** systems are **used** in military applications and by emergency crews to locate people in need of assistance

## Ghat Tracer

Cylon Ghat Tracer: A reliable instrument for setting out a grade contour, i.e. locating points on a given gradient in the preliminary survey of a hill, road and also for measuring the angle of slope complete in wooden box with target and pole

## CLINOMETER

A **clinometer** or inclinometer is an instrument for measuring angles of slope (or tilt), elevation or depression of an object with respect to gravity.

## PENTAGRAPH

An instrument for copying plans, maps, and other drawings, on the same, or on a reduced or an enlarged, scale.

## What is Total station?

A total station is an electronic/optical instrument used in modern [surveying and building construction](#) that uses electronic transit theodolite in conjunction with electronic distance meter (EDM). It is also integrated with microprocessor, electronic data collector and storage system.

The instrument is used to measure sloping distance of object to the instrument, horizontal angles and vertical angles. This Microprocessor unit enables for computation of data collected to further calculate the horizontal distance, coordinates of a point and reduced level of point.

Data collected from total station can be downloaded into computer/laptops for further processing of information

## Abney Levels

An Abney Level is similar to a Hand Level in that it is a telescope with a spirit level attached. The main distinction is

that the spirit level on an Abney level is not set in a static horizontal position. An Abney Level features a graduated arc.

EngineerSupply sells Abney Levels. Once the arc is set at a specific degree it will cause the spirit level to show level at that specific angle. Many Abney levels will feature items such as stadia and will have a feature to focus items at different distances. Some even have a magnification feature. Abney levels are easier to use and inexpensive. They are used to measure degrees, percent of grade and topographic elevation. The user can then determine height, volume and grade through manipulating the readings with trigonometry.

## **What is a Planimeter?**

Planimeter is an instrument used in surveying to compute the area of any given plan. Planimeter only needs plan drawn on the sheet to calculate area. Generally, it is very difficult to determine the area of irregular plot. So, by using planimeter we can easily calculate the area of any shape. The essential parts of planimeter and its working is explained below

## **Parts of a Planimeter**

- Tracingarm
- Tracingpoint
- Anchorarm
- Weight and needlepoint
- Clamp
- Hinge
- Tangentscrew
- Index
- Wheel
- Dial
- Vernier

### **○ Howto Use Planimeter inSurveying?**

- Planimeter is used to compute the area of given plan of anyshape.
- In the first step anchor point is to be fixed at one point. If the given plan area is small, then anchor point is placed outside the plan. Similarly, if the given plan area is large then it is placed inside theplan.

- After placing the anchor point, place the tracing point on the outline of the given plan using tracing arm. Mark the tracing point and note down the reading on Vernier as initial reading  $A$ .

$$\text{○ } \mathbf{Area = M (B - A \pm 10N + C)}$$

- Where,  $A$  = initial reading
- $B$  = final reading
- $N$  = no. of completed revolutions of wheel during one complete tracing.  $N$  is positive if dial passes index in clockwise,  $N$  is negative if dial rotates in anti-clockwise direction.
- $M$  and  $C$  = constants which values are provided on the planimeter. Constant  $C$  is used only when the anchor point is placed inside the plan.