

Highway Pavement

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2st Lecture: Vertical Alignment

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Elevation of point on curve

$y = ax^2 + bx + c$ general equation of parabola

@ $x = 0$

$y = 0 + 0 + c = \text{Elev. Of PVC}$

$\therefore c = \text{Elev. Of PVC}$

Take the first derivative,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2ax + b$$

$$\text{when } x = 0, \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = g_1$$

$$\therefore g_1 = b$$

Take the second derivative,

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2a = r$$

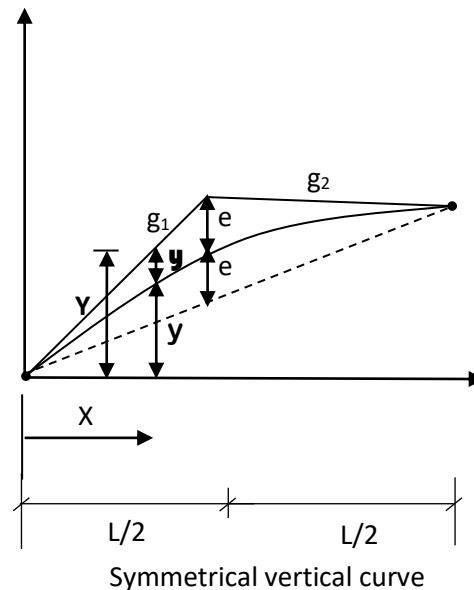
$$\therefore a = \frac{r}{2}$$

Therefore to find the elevation of any point (E_p), for any distance (x), the equation is:

$$y = \frac{1}{2} r x^2 + g_1 x + E_{PVC}$$

Or

$$E_p = \frac{1}{2} r x^2 + g_1 x + E_{PVC}$$



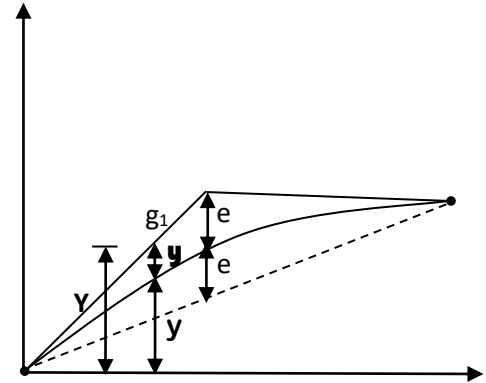
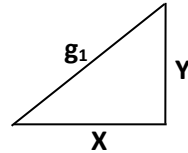
$r = \text{rate of change in grade per station (or 100m)}$

$$y = \frac{1}{2} r x^2 + g_1 x + E_{PVC}$$

$$@ x = 0 \rightarrow y = 0 \rightarrow c = 0$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2} r x^2 + g_1 x$$

$$y = \pm y + Y$$



* $\frac{1}{2} r x^2 = y$ = the difference in elevation between the first tangent and curve.

For parabolic vertical curve, the rate of change in grade is constant, therefore:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = r = \text{constant}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = rx + c \quad (\text{by integration})$$

$$@ x = 0 \rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = g_1$$

$$\therefore g_1 = c$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = rx + g_1$$

$$@ X = L \rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = g_2$$

$$g_2 = rL + g_1$$

$$r = \frac{g_2 - g_1}{L}$$

A = algebraic difference in grades = $g_2 - g_1$, %

r = rate of change in grade per station (or 100m), (% / station) (- crest) (+ sag)

L = Length of vertical curve measured horizontally, (meter or station)

* $\frac{1}{2} r x^2 = y$ = the difference in elevation between the first tangent and curve.

@ $x = \frac{L}{2}$

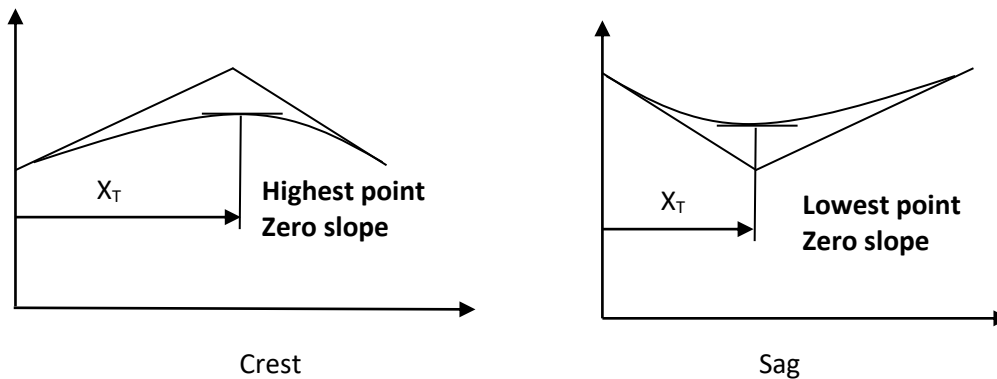
$e = y$

$e = \frac{1}{2} r x^2$

$$e = \frac{1}{2} \frac{g_2 - g_1}{L} \left(\frac{L}{2}\right)^2 \rightarrow e = \frac{L (g_2 - g_1)\%}{8} \text{ or } e = \frac{L (g_2 - g_1)\%}{800}$$

\uparrow L (st)
 \uparrow L (m)

Highest or Lowest point on the VC.



Distance to highest and lowest points in crest and sag vertical curves

$X_{T(\text{Turning})}$ = distance to the turning point (highest point: crest) (lowest point: sag)

$\frac{dy}{dx} = rx + g_1 = 0$

$$x_T = -\frac{g_1}{r} \text{ (from PVC)} \quad \text{or} \quad = \frac{g_2}{r} \text{ (from PVT)}$$

Elevation of major points of VC.

$$\text{Elev. PVI} = \text{Elev. PVC} \pm g_1 (L/2)$$

$$\text{Elev. PVT} = \text{Elev. PVI} \pm g_2 (L/2)$$

Station of major points of VC.

$$\text{St. PVI} = \text{St. PVC} + (L/2)$$

$$\text{St. PVT} = \text{St. PVI} + (L/2)$$

Example 1:

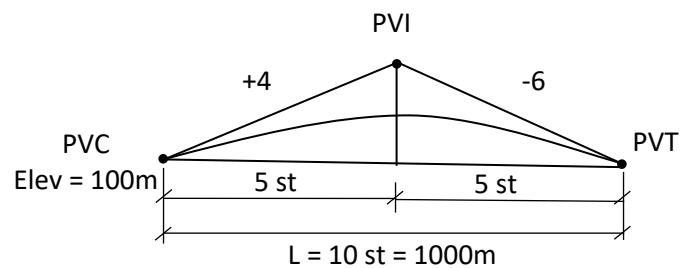
Find the elevation of the highest point (turning point) on the curve?

$$x_T = \frac{-g_1}{r}$$

$$r = \frac{g_2 - g_1}{L}$$

$$r = \frac{-6 - 4}{10} = -1$$

$$x_T = \frac{-4}{-1} = 4 \text{ st}$$



$$E_p = \frac{1}{2}rx^2 + g_1x + \text{Elev. PVC}$$

$$E_p = \frac{1}{2}(-1)(4)^2 + 4 * 4 + 100$$

$$= 108\text{m}$$

Example 2:

Find the length of the curve?

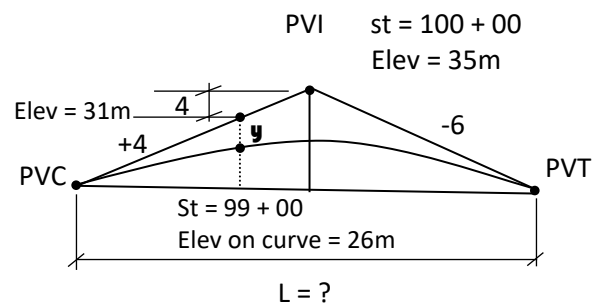
$$y = 31 - 26 = 5 \text{ m}$$

$$5 = \frac{1}{2}r x^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{10}{L} \left(\frac{L}{2} - 1\right)^2$$

$$L = 7.5 \text{ st}$$

$$r = \frac{|g_2 - g_1|}{L}$$



Example 3: Find the elevation on curve every one station, then find the station and elevation of highest point.

Solution:

$$\text{St. PVI} = \text{St. PVC} + (L/2)$$

$$\text{Station of PVC} = 88+00 - 4+00 = 84+00$$

$$\text{Elev. PVI} = \text{Elev. PVC} + g_1 (L/2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Elevation of PVC} &= 60 - g_1 * (L/2) \\ &= 60 - 4 * 4 = 44\text{m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{St. PVT} = \text{St. PVI} + (L/2)$$

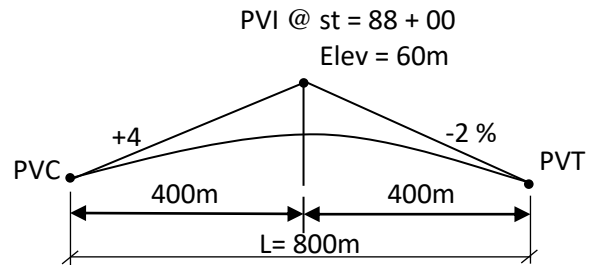
$$\text{Station of PVT} = 88+00 + 4+00 = 92+00$$

$$\text{Elev. PVT} = \text{Elev. PVI} - g_2 (L/2)$$

$$\text{Elevation of PVT} = 60 - 2 * 4 = 52\text{m}$$

$$r = \frac{g_2 - g_1}{L}$$

$$r = \frac{-2 - (+4)}{8} = -\frac{6}{8} = -0.75$$



$$x_T = \frac{-g_1}{r} = \frac{-(+4)}{-\left(\frac{6}{8}\right)} = (5 + 33)st$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore X_T @ station &= (84 + 00) + (5 + 33) \\ &= 89 + 33 \end{aligned}$$

$$E_{X_T} = E_{PVC} + g_1 x + \frac{1}{2} r x^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{X_T} &= 44 + 4 * (5.33) + \frac{1}{2} * \left(-\frac{6}{8}\right) * (5.33)^2 \\ &= 54.67m \end{aligned}$$

Station	X	$g_1 X$	X^2	$\frac{1}{2} r X^2$	$g_1 X + \frac{1}{2} r X^2$	Elevation
PVC 84+00	0	0	0	0	0	44+00
85+00	1	4	1	-0.375	3.625	47.625
86+00	2	8	4	-1.5	6.5	50.5
87+00	3	12	9	-3.375	8.625	52.625
PVI 88+00	4	16	16	$\frac{AL}{8} = e = -6$	10	54
89+00	5	20	25	-9.375	10.625	54.625
* 89+33	5.33	21.32	28.4	-10.65	10.67	* 54.67
90+00	6	24	36	-13.5	10.5	54.5
continue						

Example 4: Find the lowest point of the sag curve knowing that: $g_1 = -6\%$, $g_2 = +4\%$, elevation of intersection of two grades = 88 m and the length of symmetrical curve = 1000m.

Solution:

$$r = \frac{g_2 - g_1}{L}$$

$$r = \frac{4 - (-6)}{10} = 1 \frac{\%}{\text{sta}}$$

$$x_T = \frac{-g_1}{r} = \frac{-(-6)}{1} = 6.00 \text{ stations from PVC}$$

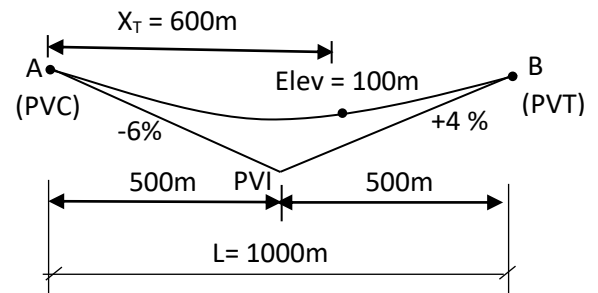
$$\text{Elev. PVI} = \text{Elev. PVC} - g_1 (L/2)$$

$$E_A = E_{PVC} = 88 + 6 * 5 = 118m$$

$$E_{x_T} = E_{PVC} + g_1 x + \frac{1}{2} r x^2$$

$$E_{x_T} = 118 + (-6 * 6) + \frac{1}{2} * (1) * (6)^2$$

$$= 118 - 36 + 18 = 100m$$



Minimum length of parabolic curve:

→ **Crest curve:**

(1) **Safety requirement** → to provide sight distance (clear sight either for stopping or passing)

a) Sight distance is included within the limits of the curve ($S \leq L_{min}$)

$$y = c x^2$$

$$h_1 = c x_1^2$$

$$h_2 = c x_2^2$$

$$e = c \left(\frac{L}{2}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{h_1}{e} = \frac{c x_1^2}{c \left(\frac{L}{2}\right)^2} = \frac{4 x_1^2}{L^2}$$

$$\frac{h_2}{e} = \frac{4 x_2^2}{L^2}$$

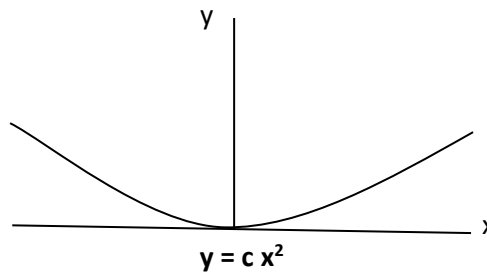
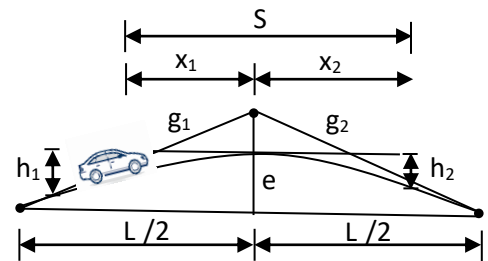
$$e = \frac{AL}{800} \quad \text{Where: } A = |g_2 - g_1|$$

$$S = X_1 + X_2$$

$$L_{min}(m) = \frac{\overset{\%}{AS^2} \overset{m}{}}{200 (\sqrt{h_1} + \sqrt{h_2})^2}$$

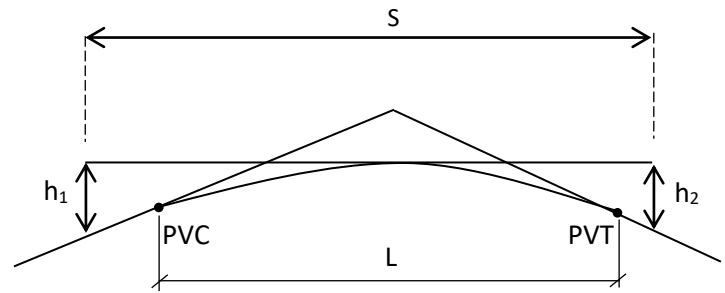
h_1 : height of driver eye above pavement surface (m)

h_2 : height of hazardous object (m)



b) Sight distance is greater than the length of the curve ($S > L_{\min}$)

$$L_{\min}(m) = 2S - \frac{200 (\sqrt{h_1} + \sqrt{h_2})^2}{A}$$



* **For safety:**

→ *S stopping*: $h_1 = 1.08\text{m}$, $h_2 = 0.6\text{m}$ (height of object)

$$200 (\sqrt{h_1} + \sqrt{h_2})^2 = 658$$

→ *S passing*: $h_1 = 1.08\text{ m}$, $h_2 = 1.08\text{ m}$ (height of vehicle)

$$200 (\sqrt{h_1} + \sqrt{h_2})^2 = 864$$

* We can use K value for the calculation of L_{\min}

K: rate of vertical curvature: m%

K is the length of curve per 1 percent change in grade

$$K = F(V)$$

$$L_{\min} \text{ (m)} = K.A$$

V (Km/hr)	Minimum (K) for Crest curve	
	Safe stopping	Safe passing
130	124	769
110	74	617
80	26	338
50	7	138

Example 1: Find the length of curve to provide safe stopping distance ($V_0 = 80$ Km/hr) (rural area) (wet pavement condition)

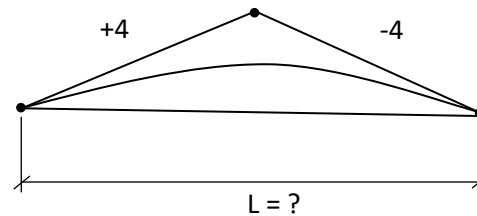
Solution:

$$1) V_0 = 80 \text{ Km/hr} \rightarrow K \text{ stopping} = 26$$

$$A = |g_2 - g_1| = |-4 - 4| = 8$$

$$\therefore L_{\min} = K * A$$

$$= 26 * 8 = 208\text{m}$$



2) By equations:-

$$V = 80 \text{ Km/hr}$$

$$S = 0.278 Vt + \frac{V^2}{254 (f_b \pm g)}$$

$$S = 0.278 * 80 * 2.5 + \frac{80^2}{254 (0.35 - 0.04)} = 137\text{m}$$

Let $S \leq L_{\min}$

$$L_{\min} = \frac{A S^2}{658} = \frac{8 * 137^2}{658} = 228\text{m}$$

عند التصميم للـ (passing) نحسب d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4 و نعوض المجموع بـ S

→ **Sag curve:**

- A- Min length of curve for → Safety requirements ①
 - Comfort requirements ②
 - B- Max length of curve for → drainage requirement →
- ناخذ الاكبر
- ↓
- ناخذ الاقل

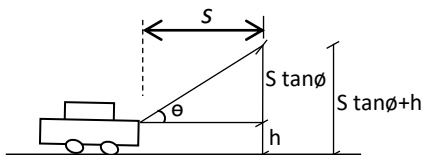
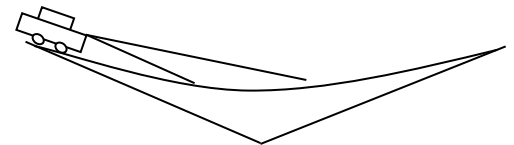
1. Safety requirements

Distance of Head light = *S* stopping

Passing هنا نأخذ مسافة التوقف فقط و ليس الاجتياز

a) $S \leq L_{min}$

A = algebraic difference in grades = $|g_2 - g_1|$ = المجموع الجبري للميلين



h: height of head light beam = 0.6m

θ : upward divergence of head light beam center $\approx 1^\circ$

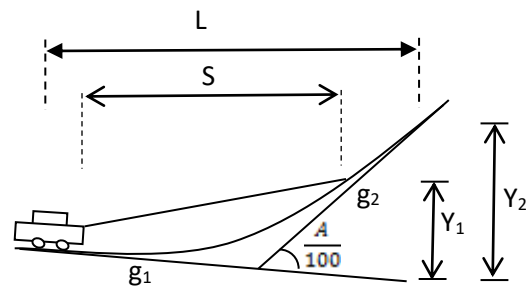
$y = cx^2$

$Y_1 = cS^2$

$Y_2 = cL^2$

$\frac{Y_1}{Y_2} = \frac{S^2}{L^2}$

$Y_1 = Y_2 \frac{S^2}{L^2}$



$$Y_1 = \frac{A}{100} \frac{L}{2} \frac{S^2}{L^2} = h + S \tan \theta$$

$$L_{min}(m) = \frac{A S^2}{200 (h + S \tan \theta)}$$

A: $|g_2 - g_1|$, %

h: 0.6 m

θ : 1° , $\tan \theta = 0.0175$

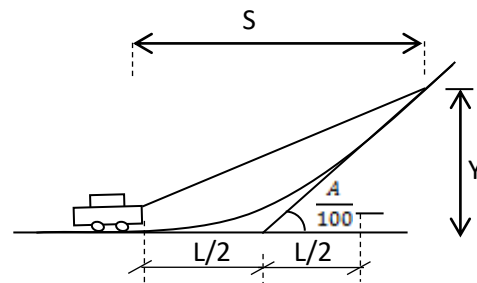
The required sight distance must be provided $S_{stopping}$

$$S = 0.278 Vt + \frac{V^2}{254 (f_b \pm g)}$$

b) $S > L_{min}$

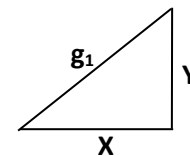
$$\left(S - \frac{L}{2}\right) * \frac{A}{100} = h + S \tan \theta$$

$$L_{min}(m) = 2S - \frac{200 (h + S \tan \theta)}{A}$$

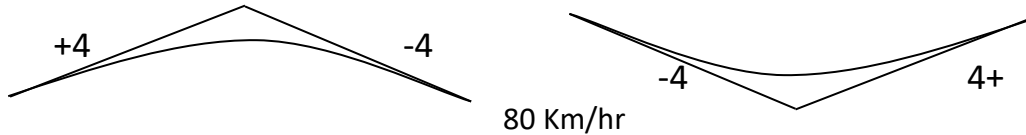


- We can calculate L from K value

$$L_{min} = K * A$$



V (Km/hr)	Minimum K for sag curve (safety)
50	13
80	30
110	55
130	73



نفس السرعة يكون التفرع اطول لان K اعلى لنفس القيمة

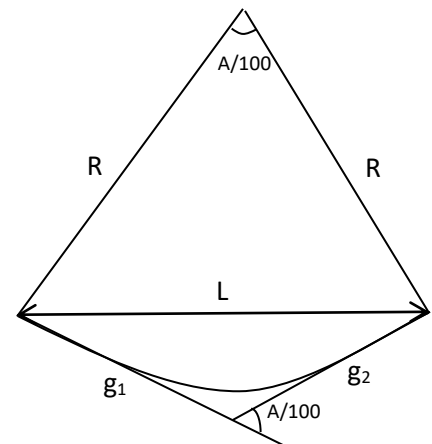
2. **Comfort (convenience) requirement:**

- Convenience = gravitational force + centrifugal force

نفترض القوس جزء من دائرة لاغراض الاشتقاق

Parabolic curve ≈ circular curve

Centrifugal force $a = \frac{v^2}{R} = \frac{(0.278^2 V^2)}{R}$



$$L = R * \frac{A}{100}$$

$$= \frac{v^2}{a} * \frac{A}{100}$$

$$= \frac{A v^2}{100a}$$

(m/sec) * 0.278²

خطأ موجود هنا و بالفديو (المفروض الاشارة تقسيم و ليس ضرب)

$$L_{min} (m) = \frac{A V^2}{1300 a}$$

% Km/hr m/sec²

For comfort: a (0.3-0.4)

3. Max L for drainage:

$$L_{max} = A * k \rightarrow (0.44-0.66)$$

Low grades, better efficiency of surface drainage

Where K exceed 0.66 efficient drainage system is required.

