

## 26 VOLUMES

Asterisks (\*) indicate problems that have partial answers given in Appendix G.

- 26.1** Why is a roadway in cut normally wider than the same roadway in fill?

From Section 26.4, paragraph 2: The roadway is usually wider in cut than on fills to provide for drainage ditches.

- 26.2** Prepare a table of end areas versus depths of fill from 0 to 20 ft by increments of 2 ft for level sections, a 30-ft-wide level roadbed with side slopes of 1-1/2:1.

$$\text{Area} = 1.5h^2 + 30h$$

Fill Depth (ft)	End Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )
0	0
2	66
4	144
6	234
8	336
10	450
12	576
14	714
16	864
18	1026
20	1200

- 26.3** Similar to Problem 26.2, except use side slopes of 2-1/2:1.

$$\text{Area} = 2.5h^2 + 30h$$

Fill Depth (ft)	End Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )
0	0
2	70
4	160
6	270
8	400
10	550
12	720
14	910
16	1120

18	1350
20	1600

Draw the cross sections and compute  $V_e$  for the data given in Problems 26.4 through 26.7.

**26.4\*** Two level sections 75 ft apart with center heights 4.8 and 7.2 ft in fill, base width 30 ft, side slopes 2:1.

**708 yd<sup>3</sup> = 19,116 ft<sup>3</sup>**

End areas = 190.1 and 319.7 ft<sup>2</sup> computed as Area = 2h<sup>2</sup> + 30h

**26.5** Two level sections of 40-m stations with center heights of 4.24 and 3.25 m. in cut, base width 15 m, side slopes 3:1.

**2969.6 m<sup>3</sup>**

End areas = 117.5 m<sup>2</sup> and 80.4 m<sup>2</sup> computed as Area = 3h<sup>2</sup> + 15h.

**26.6** The end area at station 36 + 00 is 265 ft<sup>2</sup>. Notes giving distance from centerline and cut ordinates for station 36 + 60 are C 4.8/17.2; C 5.9/0; C 6.8/20.2. Base is 20 ft.

**525.9 yd<sup>3</sup> = 14,200 ft<sup>3</sup>**

x	y	-	+
-10	0		0
-17.2	4.8	-48	0
0	5.9	-101.5	119.2
20.2	6.8	0	68
10	0	0	0
-10	0	0	
		-149.5	187.2

End Area @ 36 + 60 = 168.3 ft<sup>2</sup>

**26.7** An irrigation ditch with  $b = 15$  ft and side slopes of 2:1. Notes giving distances from centerline and cut ordinates for stations 52 + 00 and 53 + 00 are C 2.4/10.8; C 3.0; C 3.7/13.4; and C 3.1/14.2; C 3.8; C 4.1/14.2.

**290.3 yd<sup>3</sup> = 7839 ft<sup>3</sup>**

x	y	-	+	x	y	-	+
-7.5	0		0	-7.5	0		0
-2.4	10.8	-81	0	-14.2	3.1	-23.25	0
0	3	-7.2	40.2	0	3.8	-54.0	54.0
13.4	3.1	0	23.25	14.2	4.1	0	30.75
7.5	0	0	0	7.5	0	0	0

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-7.5	0	0	-7.5	0	0
	-88.2	63.45		-77.2	84.7

End areas:  $52 + 00 = 75.8 \text{ ft}^2$  and  $53 + 00 = 81.0 \text{ ft}^2$

**26.8** Why must cut and fill volumes be totaled separately?

From Section 26.2, last paragraph and Section 26.9, paragraph 3: To balance cuts and fills volumes so that materials is kept on site as much as possible and since contractors are generally paid for cuts only.

**26.9\*** For the data tabulated, calculate the volume of excavation in cubic yards between stations  $10 + 00$  and  $15 + 00$ .

Station	Cut End Area ( $\text{ft}^2$ )
10 + 00	263
11 + 00	358
12 + 00	446
13 + 00	402
14 + 00	274
15 + 00	108

**6168.5 yd<sup>3</sup>**

Station	Cut End Area ( $\text{ft}^2$ )	Volume ( $\text{yd}^3$ )
10 + 00	263	
11 + 00	358	1150.0
12 + 00	446	1488.9
13 + 00	402	1570.4
14 + 00	274	1251.9
15 + 00	108	707.4

**26.10** For the data listed, tabulate cut, fill, and cumulative volumes in cubic yards between stations  $10 + 00$  and  $20 + 00$ . Use an expansion factor of 1.25 for fills.

Station	End Area ( $\text{ft}^2$ )	
	Cut	Fill
10 + 00	0	
11 + 00	168	
12 + 00	348	
13 + 00	371	
14 + 00	146	
14 + 60	0	0
15 + 00		142

16 + 00	238
17 + 00	305
18 + 00	247
19 + 00	138
20 + 00	106

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Station	End Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )		Volumes			Cumulative (yd <sup>3</sup> )
	Cut	Fill	Cut (yd <sup>3</sup> )	Fill (yd <sup>3</sup> )	1.25Fill (yd <sup>3</sup> )	
10 + 00	0					
11 + 00	168		311.1			311.1
12 + 00	348		955.6			1266.7
13 + 00	371		1331.5			2598.1
14 + 00	146		957.4			3555.6
14 + 60	0	0	162.2			3717.8
15 + 00		142		105.2	131.5	3586.3
16 + 00		238		703.7	879.6	2706.7
17 + 00		305		1005.6	1256.9	1449.7
18 + 00		247		1022.2	1277.8	171.9
19 + 00		138		713.0	891.2	-719.3
20 + 00		106		451.9	564.8	-1284.1

**26.11** Calculate the section areas in Problem 26.4 by the coordinate method.

Areas: 190.1 ft<sup>2</sup> and 319.7 ft<sup>2</sup>

x	y	-	+	x	y	-	+
-15	0		0	-15	0		0
-24.6	4.8	-72.0	118.1	-29.4	7.2	-108.0	211.7
24.6	4.8	-118.1	72.0	29.4	7.2	-211.7	108.0
15	0	0	0	15	0	0	0
-15	0	0		-15	0	0	
		-190.1	190.1			-319.7	319.7

**26.12** Compute the section areas in Problem 26.5 by the coordinate method.

Areas: 117.5 m<sup>2</sup> and 80.4 m<sup>2</sup>

x	y	-	+	x	y	-	+
-7.5	0		0	-7.5	0		0
-20.22	4.24	-31.8	85.7	-17.25	3.25	-24.4	56.1
20.22	4.24	-85.7	31.8	17.25	3.25	-56.1	24.4
7.5	0	0	0	7.5	0	0	0
-7.5	0	0		-7.5	0	0	

**26.13** Determine the section areas in Problem 26.7 by the coordinate method.

See solution to problem 26.7

**26.14\*** Compute  $C_p$  and  $V_p$  for Problem 26.4. Is  $C_p$  significant?

**$C_p = 3 \text{ yd}^3$ ,  $V_p = 705 \text{ yd}^3$** ; represents on 0.3% of volume, so not significant.

By Equation (26.4):  $C_p = \frac{75}{12(27)}(4.8 - 7.2)(39.6 - 44.4) = 2.7 \text{ yd}^3$

**26.15** Calculate  $C_p$  and  $V_p$  for Problem 26.7. Would  $C_p$  be significant in rock cut?

**$C_p = 1 \text{ yd}^3$ ,  $V_p = 290 \text{ yd}^3$** ; represents on 0.34% of volume, so not significant.

By Equation (26.4):  $C_p = \frac{100}{15(27)}(3.0 - 3.8)(23.4 - 28.4) = 1.0 \text{ yd}^3$

**26.16** From the following excerpt of field notes, plot the cross section on graph paper and superimpose on it a design template for a 30-ft wide level roadbed with fill slopes of 2-1/2:1 and a subgrade elevation at centerline of 850.26 ft. Determine the end area graphically by counting squares.

	<b>HI = 845.69</b>					
20 + 00 Lt	<u>5.2</u>	<u>4.8</u>	<u>6.6</u>	<u>5.9</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>8.1</u>
	50	22	0	12	30	50

**600.3 ft<sup>2</sup>**

Station: 20+00 Roadbed elevation: 850.260  
 -39.03 -22.00 0.00 12.00 30.00 46.14 15.00 -15.00  
 840.65 840.89 839.09 839.79 838.69 837.80 850.26 850.26  
 Fill End Area = 600.3

**26.17** For the data of Problem 26.16, determine the end area by plotting the points in a CAD package, and listing the area.

**600.3 ft<sup>2</sup>**

**26.18** For the data of Problem 26.16, calculate slope intercepts, and determine the end area by the coordinate method.

**Slope intercepts at (-39.03, 840.65) and (46.14, 837.80)**

**Area = 600.3 ft<sup>2</sup>**; See Problem 26.16

**26.19** From the following excerpt of field notes, plot the cross section on graph paper and superimpose on it a design template for a 40-ft wide level roadbed with cut slopes of 3:1 and a subgrade elevation of 1240.88 ft. Determine the end area graphically by

counting squares.

<b>HI = 1252.66 ft</b>						
46 + 00 Lt	<u>8.0</u>	<u>7.9</u>	<u>5.5</u>	<u>4.9</u>	<u>6.6</u>	<u>7.5</u>
	60	27	10	0	24	60

**310.3 ft<sup>2</sup>**

Station: 46+00 Roadbed elevation: 1240.88  
 -31.60 -27.00 -10.00 0.00 24.00 34.73 20.00 -20.00  
 1244.75 1244.76 1247.16 1247.76 1246.06 1245.79 1240.88 1240.88  
 Cut End Area = 310.3

**26.20** For the data of Problem 26.19, calculate slope intercepts and determine the end area by the coordinate method.

**Slope intercepts are (-31.60, 1244.75) and (34.73, 1245.79)**

**Area = 310.3 ft<sup>2</sup>**

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Station: 46+00 Roadbed elevation: 1240.88  
 -31.60 -27.00 -10.00 0.00 24.00 34.73 20.00 -20.00  
 1244.75 1244.76 1247.16 1247.76 1246.06 1245.79 1240.88 1240.88  
 Cut End Area = 310.3

**26.21\*** Complete the following notes and compute  $V_e$  and  $V_p$ . The roadbed is level, the base is 30 ft.

Station 89 + 00	<u>C3.1</u>	<u>C4.9</u>	<u>C4.3</u>
	24.3	0	35.2
Station 88 + 00	<u>C6.4</u>	<u>C3.6</u>	<u>C5.7</u>
	34.2	0	32.1

$V_e = \underline{761.8 \text{ yd}^3} = \underline{20,568.3 \text{ ft}^3}$ ;  $V_p = \underline{759.1 \text{ yd}^3}$

89 + 00				88 + 00			
x	y	-	+	x	y	-	+
0	4.9		172.5	0	3.6		115.6
35.2	4.3	0	64.5	32.1	5.7	0.0	85.5
15	0	0	0.0	15	0	0.0	0.0
-15	0	0	0.0	-15	0	0.0	0.0
-24.3	3.1	-46.5	0.0	-34.2	6.4	-96.0	0.0
0	4.9	-119.1		0	3.6	-123.1	
			-165.6 237.0				-219.1 201.1

Area of 88 + 00 = 210.1 ft<sup>2</sup>

Area of 89 + 00 = 201.3 ft<sup>2</sup>

$$C_p = \frac{100}{12(27)}(4.9 - 3.6)(59.5 - 66.3) = -2.7 \text{ yd}^3$$

26.22 Similar to Problem 26.21, except the base is 36 ft.

**$V_e = 816.0 \text{ vd}^3$ ;  $V_p = 813.3 \text{ vd}^3$**

89 + 00			
x	y	-	+
0	4.9		172.5
35.2	4.3	0	77.4
18	0	0	0.0
-18	0	0	0.0
-24.3	3.1	-55.8	0.0
0	4.9	-119.1	
		-174.9	249.9

Area: 89+00: 212.4 ft<sup>2</sup>

$$V_e = 22,030.8 \text{ ft}^3 = 816.0 \text{ yd}^3$$

$$C_p = \frac{100}{12(27)}(4.9 - 3.6)(59.5 - 66.3) = -2.7 \text{ yd}^3$$

88 + 00			
x	y	-	+
0	3.6		115.6
32.1	5.7	0.0	102.6
18	0	0.0	0.0
-18	0	0.0	0.0
-34.2	6.4	-115.2	0.0
0	3.6	-123.1	
		-238.3	218.2

Area: 228.2 ft<sup>2</sup>

26.23 Calculate  $V_e$  and  $V_p$  for the following notes. Base is 30 ft.

12 + 90	<u>C6.4</u>	<u>C3.6</u>	<u>C5.7</u>
	43.6	0	40.8
12 + 30	<u>C3.1</u>	<u>C4.9</u>	<u>C4.3</u>
	30.4	0	35.2

**$V_e = 509.9 \text{ vd}^3$ ;  $V_p = 505.4 \text{ vd}^3$**

12 + 90			
x	y	-	+
0	3.6		146.9
40.8	5.7	0	85.5
15	0	0	0.0
-15	0	0	0.0
-43.6	6.4	-96	0.0
0	3.6	-157	
		-253	232.4

Area = 242.7 ft<sup>2</sup>;

12 + 30			
x	y	-	+
0	4.9		172.5
35.2	4.3	0.0	64.5
15	0	0.0	0.0
-15	0	0.0	0.0
-30.4	3.1	-46.5	0.0
0	4.9	-149.0	
		-195.5	237.0

Area = 216.2 ft<sup>2</sup>

$$V_e = 13,766.7 \text{ ft}^3 = 509.9 \text{ yd}^3$$

$$C_p = \frac{60}{12(27)}(4.9 - 3.6)(65.6 - 84.4) = -4.5 \text{ yd}^3$$

**26.24** Calculate  $V_e$ ,  $C_p$ , and  $V_p$  for the following notes. The base in fill is 20 ft and base in cut is 30 ft.

46 + 00	C3.4	C2.0	C0.0	F2.0
	20.1	0	6.0	13.0
45 + 00	C2.2	0.0	F3.0	
	18.3	0	14.5	

Cut:  $V_e = 401.1 \text{ yd}^3$ ;  $C_p = 1.1 \text{ yd}^3$ ;  $V_p = 400 \text{ yd}^3$

Fill:  $V_e = 35.2 \text{ yd}^3$ ;  $C_p = -1.0 \text{ yd}^3$ ;  $V_p = 36.2 \text{ yd}^3$

46 + 00 cut				45 + 00 cut			
x	y	-	+	x	y	-	+
0	2		12.0	0	0		0.0
6	0	0	0.0	-15	0	0.0	0.0
-15	0	0	0.0	-18.3	22	-330.0	0.0
-20.1	3.4	-51	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
0	2	-40.2				-330.0	0.0
		-91.2	12.0				

Cut area 51.6  
Fill area 4

Cut area 165  
Fill area 15

46 + 00 fill				45 + 00 fill			
6	0		0.0	0	0		0
13	2	12	20.0	14.5	3	0	30
10	0	0	0.0	10	0	0	0
6	0	0		0	0	0	
		12	20.0			0	30

	ft <sup>3</sup>	yd <sup>3</sup>
Cut Volume	10830	401.1
Fill Volume	950	35.2

Cut:  $C_p = \frac{100}{12(27)}(0 - 2.0)(18.3 - 20.1) = 1.1 \text{ yd}^3$

$$\text{Fill: } C_p = \frac{100}{12(27)}(0 - 2.0)(14.5 - 13) = -1.0 \text{ yd}^3$$

For Problems 26.25 and 26.26, compute the reservoir capacity (in acre-ft) between highest and lowest contours for areas on a topographic map.

**26.25\***

Elevation (ft)	860	870	880	890	900	910
Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )	1370	1660	2293	2950	3550	4850

**3.1136 ac-ft**

Contour	Area	Volume (ft <sup>3</sup> )
860	1370	
870	1660	0.34780
880	2293	0.45374
890	2950	0.60181
900	3550	0.74610
910	4850	0.96419
		3.11364

**26.26**

Elevation (ft)	1015	1020	1025	1030	1035	1040
Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )	1815	2097	2391	2246	2363	2649

**2.6001 ac-ft**

Contour	Area	Volume (ft <sup>3</sup> )
1015	1815	
1020	2097	0.44904
1025	2391	0.51515
1030	2246	0.53225
1035	2363	0.52904
1040	2649	0.57530
		2.60078

**26.27** State two situations where prismatic corrections are most significant.

From Section 26.8, paragraph 1: When paying for expensive cuts, such as in rock.

**26.28\*** Distances (ft) from the left bank, corresponding depths (ft), and velocities (ft/sec), respectively, are given for a river discharge measurement. What is the volume in  $\text{ft}^3/\text{sec}$ ? 0, 1.0, 0; 10, 2.3, 1.30; 20, 3.0, 1.54; 30, 2.7, 1.90; 40, 2.4, 1.95; 50, 3.0, 1.60; 60, 3.1, 1.70; 74, 3.0, 1.70; 80, 2.8, 1.54; 90, 3.3, 1.24; 100, 2.0, 0.58; 108, 2.2, 0.28; 116, 1.5, 0.

**419.3  $\text{ft}^3/\text{s}$**

Distance	Depth	Area	Velocity	$V_{\text{avg}}$	Discharge
0	1.0		0.00		
10	2.3	16.5	1.30	0.65	10.73
20	3.0	26.5	1.54	1.42	37.63
30	2.7	28.5	1.90	1.72	49.02
40	2.4	25.5	1.95	1.93	49.09
50	3.0	27.0	1.60	1.78	47.93
60	3.1	30.5	1.70	1.65	50.33
70	3.0	30.5	1.70	1.70	51.85
80	2.8	29.0	1.54	1.62	46.98
90	3.3	30.5	1.24	1.39	42.40
100	2.0	26.5	0.58	0.91	24.12
108	2.2	16.8	0.28	0.43	7.22
116	1.5	14.8	0.00	0.14	2.07
					419.3