

A LECTURE NOTE
ON
RAILWAY & BRIDGE
ENGINEERING
(TH-3)



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INTRODUCTION

It is the branch of engineering which deals with construction and maintenance of railway track for safe and efficient movement of train on it.

Classification of transportation: —

1. Classification ^{as per} surface point of view: —

(a) Land transport

e.g. highways, railways, cable ways, ropeways etc.

(b) Water transport

e.g. canal ways, river ways, ocean ways, lakeways etc.

(c) Air transport

e.g. Air ways

2. Classification according to communication

(a) Human porter

(b) Animal transport

(c) Road transport

(d) Rail transport

(e) Air transporter

(f) Water transporter

(g) Pipe line transporter

(h) Pipe line transporter

(i) Cable ropeway transportation.

3. Classification based on the freedom to move laterally and vertically

(a) One degree freedom: —

These modes in which the vehicles are free to move only along a line that is vehicles are vertically and laterally ~~not~~ restrained.

e.g. railways, pipe line, conveyor system, cable ways.

(b) Two degree freedom:-

These modes in which vehicles can move along a line as well as lateral i.e. vehicles are restrained only vertically.

e.g. highway, vehicles, shipboat

(c) Three degree of freedom:-

These modes in which vehicles are free to move in any plane i.e. vehicles are neither lateral nor vertically restrained.

e.g. Aeroplane, under water vehicles.

(4) Classification according to energy used for movement

(a) human energy

(b) Animal energy

(c) Petrol and diesel energy

(d) steam energy

(e) solar energy

(f) Atomic energy

(g) Electric energy

Advantage of railways:-

(i) Political

(ii) social

(iii) Economical

i) Political advantages:-

→ Railways have united the people of different cast religion and tradition.

→ With the adequate network of railways the central administration has become more easy and effective.

- Railways have contributed towards development of national ~~menter~~ mentality in the mind of people.
- The role of railway during engg. in mobilising troops and war equipment has been very significantly.
- Railways have help in the mass migration of the population.

(2) Social Advantages :-

- By travelling together in to the compartment without any restriction of cast, the feelings of cast different has disappeared.
- The social outlook of the masses has been branded through railways Journey.
- Railways has made in easier to reach places of religious important.
- Railways provided a convenient and shape made of transport for the country.

(3) Economic Advances :-

- Mobility of labour has contributed to industrial development.
- Growth of industries has been promoted due to transportation of raw materials through railways.
- Railways provided employment to millions of people so that it helps in solving the unemployment problem of the country.
- Speedy distribution of finished product is achieved through railways.

Classification of Indian railways.

classified into 3 categories :-

- (1) Trunk route
- (2) main line
- (3) Branch line

1. Trunk route: —

| | <u>Board gauge</u> | <u>Meter gauge</u> |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| (a) Max ^m permissible speed | 120 km/h | 80 kmph |
| (b) Rail section | 50 kg/m | 37.2 kg/m |
| (c) sleeper density | N + 7 | N + 7 |
| (d) degree of curvature | 7 1/2 | suitable |
| (e) Ballast | 25 cm below | 20 cm below. |

(2) Main Line:

| | <u>Board gauge</u> | <u>Meter gauge</u> |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| (a) max ^m permissible speed | 100 kmph | 75 km Ph |
| (b) Rail section | 52 kg/m | 37.2 kg/m |
| (c) Track relaying Period | 20 year | 30 year |
| (d) Design speed | 120 kmph | 75 km /ph |

3. Branch line

| | <u>Board gauge</u> | <u>Meter gauge</u> |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| (a) max ^m permissible speed | Less than 100 kmph | Less than 75 kmph |
| (b) Rail section | 52 kg/m | 37.2 kg/m |
| (c) Track relaying Period | 20 years | 30 year |
| (d) Design speed | 120 kmph | 75 km Ph |

Basic classification of Indian Railway based on speed criteria.

(a) Group 'A' line

(b) Group 'B' line

(c) Group 'C' line

(d) Group 'D' line

(e) Group 'E' line

(a) Group 'A' line

It consists of those trunk route on which the train are running at a speed of 16 kmph or more i.e. New Delhi to Howrah.

(b) Group 'B' line :-

It is consist of those route on which the train are running at a speed of ~~100~~¹³⁰ kmph. ~~or more~~. i.e. New Ambala to Mughalsarai.

(c) Group 'C' line :-

It consist of sub-urban of Mumbai, Kolkata and Delhi.

(d) Group 'D' line :-

All the routes in the country where max^m permissible speed limit are present in 100 kmph.

(e) Group 'E' line -

The other route and branch route where the permissible ~~speed~~ speed limit is less than 100 kmph.

Railway Terminology

1. Rails

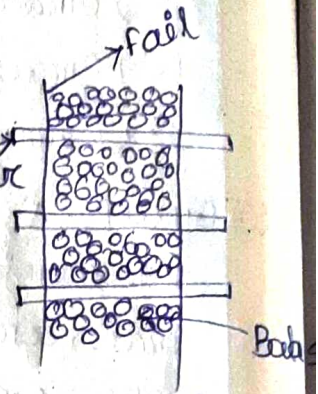
Rail are steel girders which provide the hard and smooth surface for moment of wheels of the locomotive and railway vehicles.

(2) Sleepers :-

// Sleepers are the members laid transversely under the rail, which are meant to support the rails over them and transfer the load from rails to ballast.

(3) Ballast :-

// It is the granular materials packed under and around the sleepers to transfer the load from sleeper to ballast. It helps in providing elasticity to the track.



(4) Boxing :-

The process of filling the ballast around the sleepers is called boxing of the ballast.

(5) Broad gauge (BG) :-

The gauge of a track in which the distance between the running faces of two track rails is 1.676 m is termed as BG.

(6) Meter gauge (MG) :-

The distance betⁿ running faces of 2 track rails is 1 m.

(7) Narrow Gauge (NG) :-

Gauge of a track in which the distance betⁿ running faces of 2 track rails is 0.782 m or 0.61 m.

(8) Gauge :-

In India, it is the min^m distance betⁿ the inner running or gauge faces of the two rails.

(9) Embankment :-

The raised structure above the ground level for carrying the railway track is called embankment.

(10) Ballast crib :-

The ~~etc~~ loose ~~ballast~~ ballast betⁿ the two adjacent sleepers is known as Ballast crib.

(11) Adhesion of wheel :-

It's resistance offered by friction betⁿ metal surface of the rail and wheel.

(12) Fog signal :-

A container containing suitable explosive is put on the top of the rail so that there is explosion with a loud voice when wheel pass over the rails. This arrangement called audible signal or fog signal.

(13) Fish plates :-

It's used to provide continuity betⁿ the 2 rails at the rail joints.

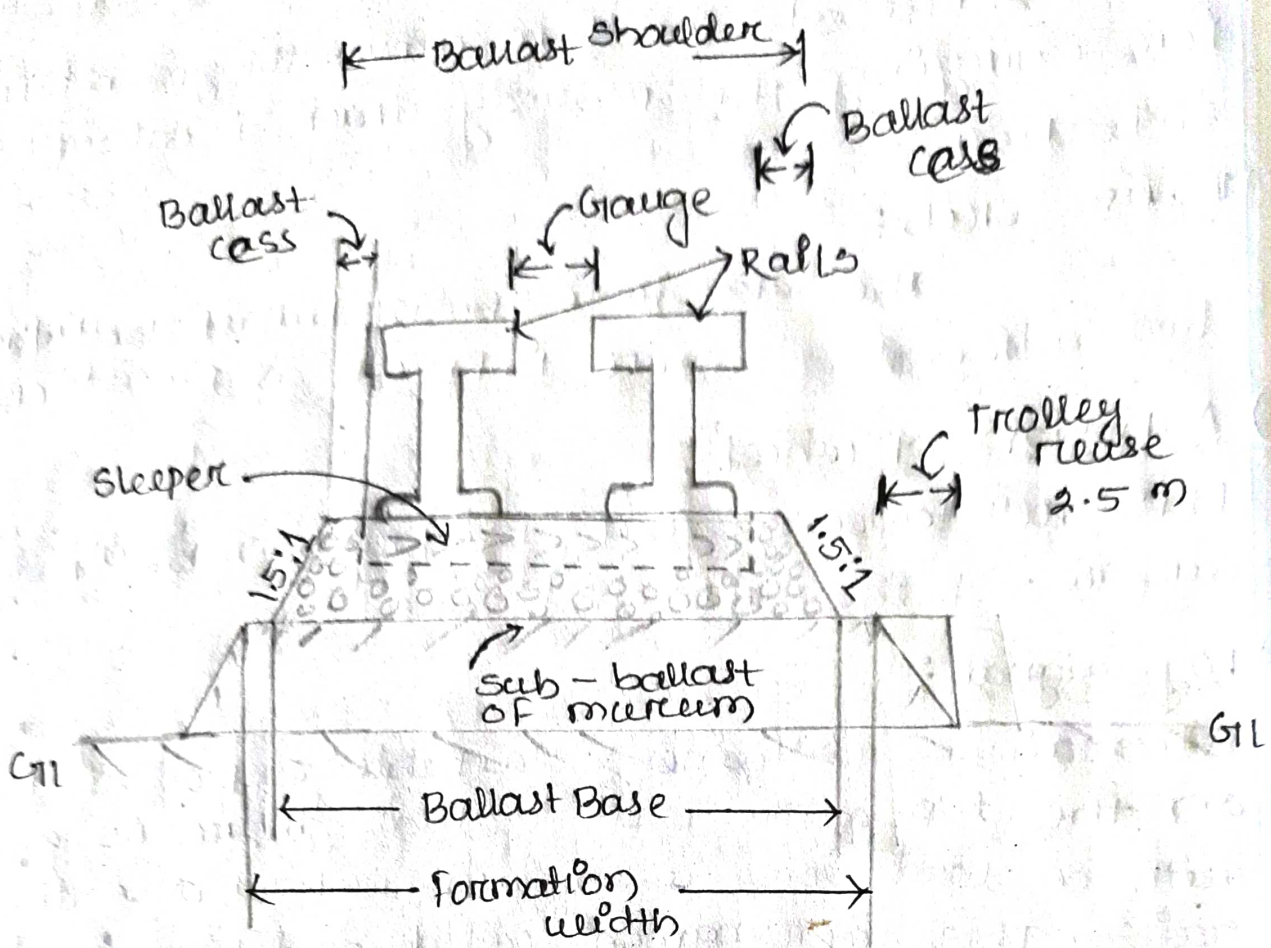
(14) check rails :-

It's provide on the opposite side of the crossing location for guiding one wheel of the vehicles and thus to check the tendency of another wheel to climb over the crossing.

(15) marshalling yard :-

Yards in which wagens are sorted and new trains are formed called marshalling yard.

(PERMANENT WAY)



✓ Permanent way :-

- ↳ The combination of rails, fitted on sleepers and resting on ballast and subgrade is called the railway's track or permanent way.
- ↳ In a permanent way the rails are joined in series by fish plates and bolts and then they are fixed to sleepers by different types of fastenings.
- ↳ The rails act as girders to transmit the wheel load to the sleepers.
- ↳ The sleeper hold the rail in proper position with the proper tilt, gauge and level and transmit the load from rails to the ballast.
- ↳ The ballast distribute the load over the formation and hold the sleeper in position.

Component of Permanent way :-

(1) Rails

(4) Formation

(2) Sleepers

(5) Gauge

(3) Ballast

(6) Fitting and fastening

(6) Fastening :-

They provided a connection betⁿ rail and sleeper.

(4) Formation :-

It is the base of the track. It gives a level surface where the ballast rest. It takes to the total load of the track.

Types of Gauge :-

(1) Broad gauge (BG) (1.676 m)

(2) Meter gauge (MG) (1 m)

(3) Narrow gauge (NG) (0.762 m) light gauge (LG) w-o.

(5) Fiddle track gauge.

Requirement of an Ideal Permanent Way :-

- ↳ The gauge should be correct and uniform.
- ↳ The rail should be proper ~~to~~ level. Two rails must be ~~free from kinks~~ ~~or~~ at the ~~same~~ level.
- ↳ The alignment should be correct, i.e. it should be free from kinks and or irregularities.
- ↳ The gradient should be uniform and as gentle as possible any change of gradient should be followed by a smooth vertical curve, to give smooth riding quality.
- ↳ The track should be resilient and elastic in order to absorb shocks and vibrations of running track.

- ↳ The radii and super elevation on curve should be properly designed and ment maintained.
- ↳ Drainage system must be perfect for enhancing safety and durability of track.
- ↳ If there is trouble from the creep, the preventionary measures should be to prevent it.
- ↳ There should be adequate provision for easy renewals and replacements.
- ↳ The track structure should be strong low in initials cost as well as maintenance cost.
- ↳ The various component of the track i.e the rail, sleepers, etc must fully satisfy the require ment for which they have been provided.
- ↳ Joints, including points and crossings which of the railway are regarded to be weakest points of the railway track, should be properly designed and maintained.

Capacity of a railway track:

It is the hourly capability of the track to handle the trains safely or in other words it is the no.s of trains that can be run safely on a track per hour.

Suitability of gauge under different condition

There are some condition on which gauge distance depends on

- (1) Traffic consideration
- (2) Physical Features
- (3) Development of area
- (4) Cost of track
- (5) Speed of train

(1) Speed of train

For greater gauge higher will be the speed and for higher speed and for higher speed broad gauge.

(2) Traffic condition

→ Volume of traffic, depends upon the size of wagon, speed and hauling capacity of train.

→ If the intensity of the traffic is more broad gauge track is more acceptable.

(3) Physical Features :-

→ On the sleeper gradient and sharp curve narrow gauge is provided.

→ In hilly area NG is more reliable or useful.

(4) Development of area :-

NG is used to develop the thinly populated area by joining the poor developed area with urban areas.

(5) Cost of track :-

→ If the sufficient funds are available then broad gauge is adopted.

→ In case sufficient funds are not available then NG is provided.

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Rails

→ It can be considered as steel girders for the purpose of carrying axle load.

→ They are made of high carbon steel to withstand wear and tear.

Functions of rail :-

→ Rail provides a hard, smooth and unchanging surface for passage of heavy moving loads with a min^m friction betⁿ the steel rail and steel wheels.

→ Rails bear the stresses developed due to heavy vertical loads, laterals and braking forces and thermal stresses.

→ The rail materials used that is gives min^m ~~wear~~ wear to avoid replacement charges and failures of rails due to wear.

→ Rail transmit the loads to sleeper and consequently reduce pressure on ballast and formation below.

Requirement of rails

→ Rail should be proper composition of steel.

→ The vertical stiffness should be high enough to transmit the load to several sleepers situated below.

→ Rail should be capable of with standing lateral force.

→ The head must be sufficiently deep to allow for an adequate margin of vertical ~~wear~~ wear. The wearing surface should be hard.

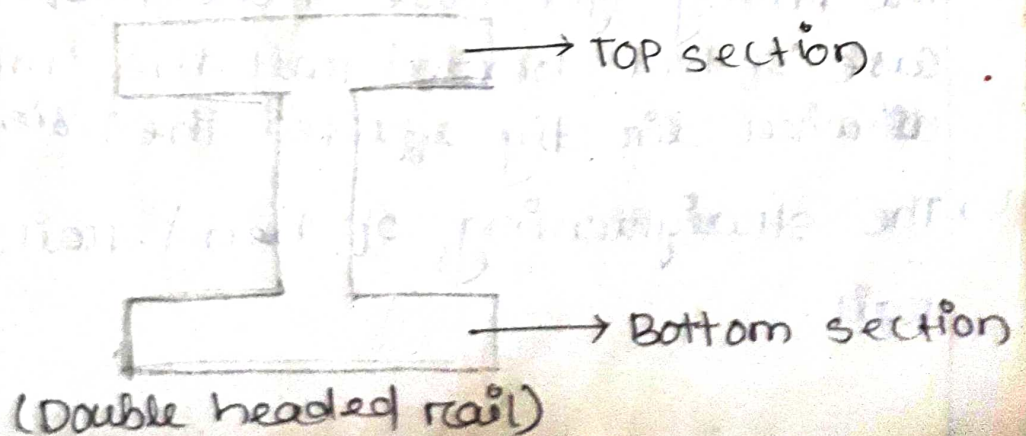
- ↳ The web of rail should be enough so that the rails are stable against overturning specially on curves.
- ↳ Foot should be wide ~~enough~~ enough so that the rails are stable against overturning specially on curves.
- ↳ The tensile strength of the rail piece should not be less than 72 kg/m^2 .
- ↳ The fillet radii must be large to reduce the concentration of stresses.
- ↳ The CG of the rail section must be like max^m tensile and compressive stresses are equal.

~~Types~~ Types of rail section

- (i) Double headed rails (DH rails)
- (ii) Bull headed rails (BH rails)
- (iii) Flat footed rails (FF rails)

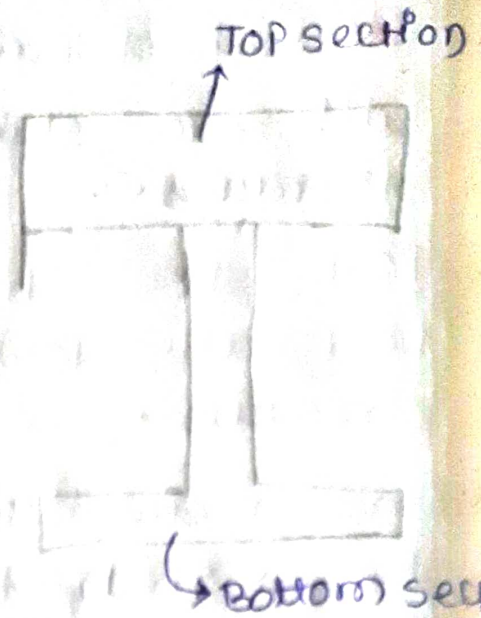
(i) Double headed rails :-

- ↳ Double headed rails are dumb bell originally dumb rail sections were designed in which both the heads were provided with the same cross section.
- ↳ The main object in designing such a section was that when the one top section had worn out due to



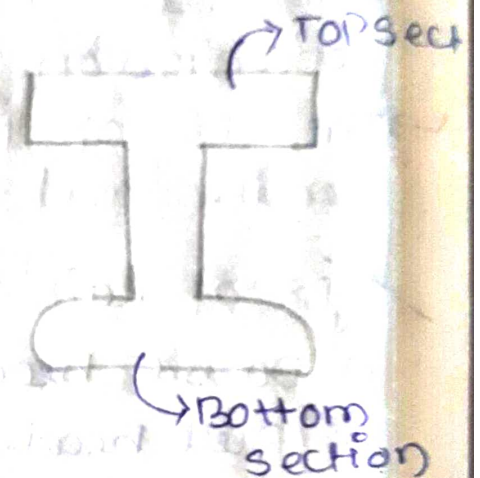
(2) Bull headed rail :-

BH rails in which the head was made little thicker and stronger than the lower part by adding more metal to it so that even after wear it can without stresses.



(3) Flat footed rail :-

It is also called vignoles rail. It was observed by heavy train load cause the foot of rails sink into the wooden sleeper.



Merits

- ↳ They have more strength and ~~suffi~~ stiffness both vertically and laterally, than BH rail.
- ↳ Fitting of rails with sleepers is simple so they can be easily laid and relaxed.
- ↳ NO chairs or keys are required.
- ↳ In points and crossing the arrangement are simpler than bull headed rails.

Demerits :-

- ↳ The fitting get loose more frequently than in case of bull headed rail the impact of rolling wheel directly affected the fitting.
- ↳ The straightening of bend rails replacing of rail.

Merit and Demerit of BH rails :-

Merits

- They keep better alignment and give more solids and smoother track.
- The rails are easily disconnected from sleeper.
- The heavy chairs with larger life to wooden sleeper and greater stability to the track.

Demerits :-

- They required additional cost of iron chair.
- They have less strength and stiffer.
- They required heavy maintenance cost.

Length of Rail :-

- As the weakest portion of the track is the rail joints, hence there are no should be as small as possible.
- To reduce the no. of rail joints hence the length of rail joints is governed by the following factors:
 - (a) Transportation facilities available
 - (b) manufacturing facility as well as economical cost.
 - (c) loading, unloading, lifting and handling facility available.
- During transportation and track laying keeping in view the above factors.

- Standard length of rail used in Indian Railways

For BG = 12.8 m Long rail

For MG = 11.8 m Long rail.

Rail Joints :-

- Rail Joints are used to hold together adjoining of a rail in the correct position both in the horizontal and vertical plane.
- Rail joints form the weakest part of the track.
- It is observed that strength of a rail joints is only 50% of the strength of the rails.

Requirement of an Ideal Joints :-

- The two rail end should remain true in line both laterally and vertically when train move on the track.
- The rail joints should be as strong and stiff as the rail it self and should be elastic both laterally and horizontally.
- The rail joints should provide ~~eng~~ enough space for ~~the~~ free expansion and contraction to account for the effect of temperature ~~var~~ variation.
- A good joints should be easily disconnected so that it can be easily taken out without disturbing whole track for the ~~pro~~ purpose the change of rail or a fish plate.
- It should not allow the rail ends to get battered.
- The joint should but fill the above requirement with the min^m of initial and maintenance cost.

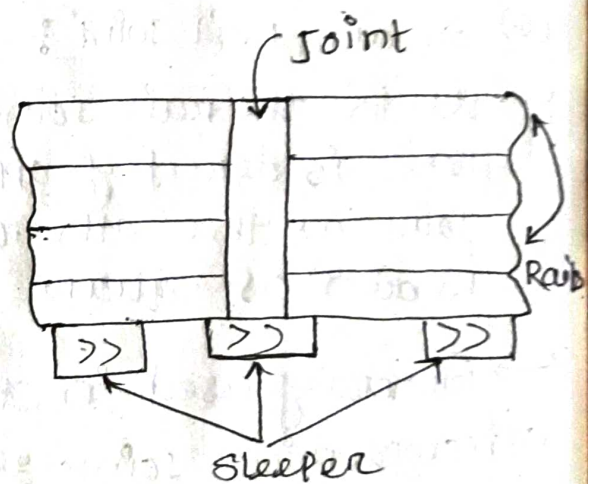
Types of rail joints :-

10 types of rail joints

- 1) supported rail joints
- 2) suspended rail joints
- 3) Bridge rail joints
- 4) welded rail joints
- 5) staggered or broken rail joint.
- 6) square or even rail joint.
- 7) compressive joint
- 8) Insulated joint
- 9) Base joint
- 10) Expansion joint

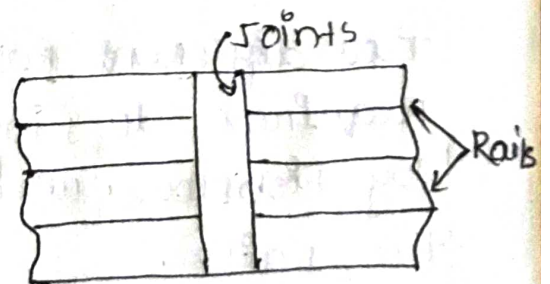
1) supported rail joints :-

When the rail end set on a single sleepers is called supported rail joints.



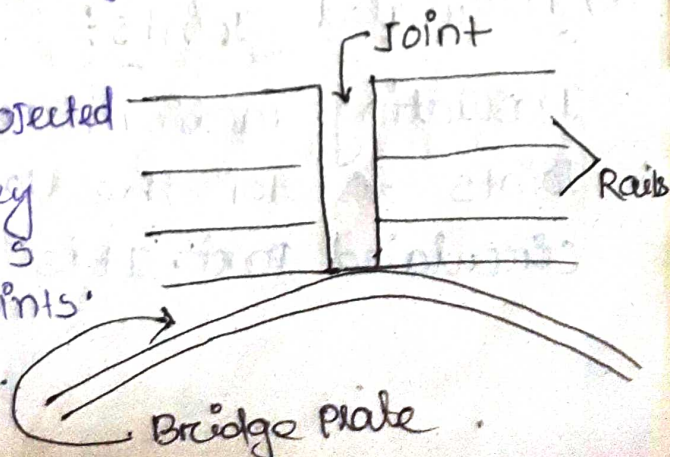
2) Suspended rail joints :-

When the rail ends projected beyond sleeper is known as suspended rail joints. used in timber and steel through sleeper. used in Indian railways.



3) Bridge rail joint :-

When the rail ends are projected beyond the sleeper and they are carried by flat plane is known as bridge rail joints. It is not used Indian railway.



(4) welded rail joint :-

It is a best joint as they fulfill all requirement of an ideal rail joint.

(5) staggered or broken rail joints :-

When the joints of one rail is not directly opposite to the joint of the other rail is known as staggered joint.

It is usually provided curve.

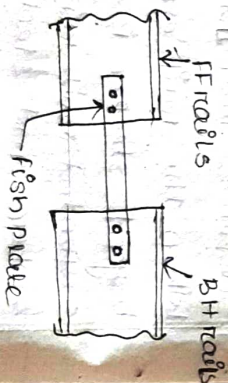
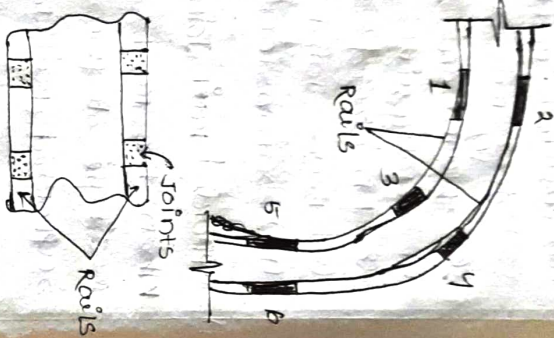
(6) Square rail joint :-

When the rail joints of one rail is directly opposite to the joint of the other rail is known as square rail joint.

Generally used in straight tracks.

(7) Compromise joints :-

Two different rail section are required to jointed together, by fishplate, which fit both the rails.



(8) Insulated Joints :-

Insulating medium does is in started in a rail joint to stop the flow of current beyond the track circuit part. It is called insulated joints.

(9) Expansion joint :-

In bridge provision for expansion and contraction is kept for girders and rail both.

This gap is 2.2 cm for mixed joint and 7.2 cm for halved joint.

(10) Base joint :-

This is similar to the bridge joint with with the difference that the inner fishplate are of base type and the outer fishplate are of the special angle type. Due to complicated design this is not generally used.

Purpose of welding of rail :-

To reduce the no. of joints, are requirements of fish plates, which leads to economy and strength.

To repair the worn out or damaged rails and thus increase their life.

To build up worn out points and rails on the sharp curves.

To build up the burnt portion of railhead which is caused due to slippage of wheels in over the rails or other defects or sports in rail steel.

Advantages of welding Rails :-

It reduce the creep due to increase the length of rail and it turn friction as well.

Expansion effect due to temp. is reduced. It also reduced the creep.

It also reduce the maintenance cost of track by about 20% - 40%.

long rail length being's heavier, dampen the intensity of high frequency vibration due to moving load.

- It increases the life of rail due to decrease in wear of rails at joints.
- It facilitates track circuiting on the electrified tracks.
- The cost of track construction by welding of rails decreases due to less no. of rail joints.
- It provides no large bridges for the span lengths.
- Welded rails provisions on curves is under investigation.
- Due to discontinuity of joints a source of track weakness is reduced.

Creep:-

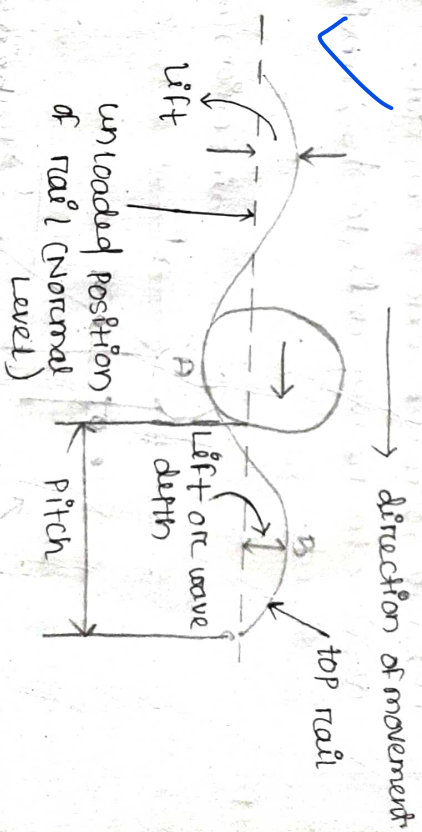
It is the longitudinal movement of rail with sleepers in track.

Causes of creep:-

- (1) Wave action / wave theory
- (2) Percussion theory
- (3) Dropping theory
- (4) starting, Accelerating, slowing down or stopping of a train.
- (5) Expansion or contraction of rails due to temp.
- (6) unbalanced traffic.

(1) Wave action / wave theory:-

- It is set up by moving loads of wheels.
- Vertical reverse curve is formed in rails ahead of wheels the wheels push the wave with a tendency to force the rail in the direction of traffic.
- At the wheels is move, the lift in front of the moving load is thus carried forward by the wheels and cause creep, where as the lift at the rear of the wheel gets back to its normal position.



(WAVE THEORY OF CREEP)

- wave action can be reduced by adopting
 - (i) Angular and heavy ballast which develops
 - (ii) Increase stiffness of track
 - (iii) Bigger section of the rail

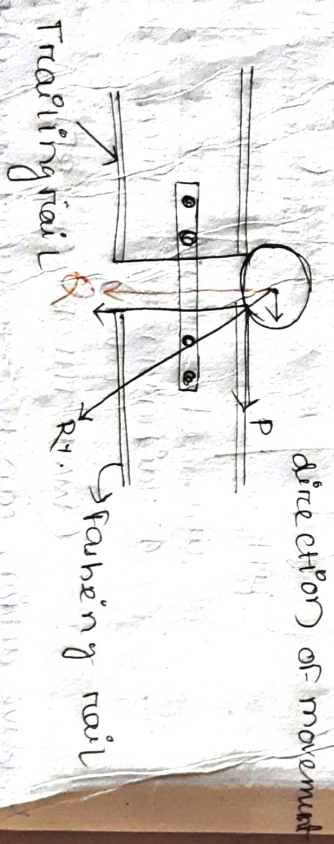
(2) Percussion theory:-

- It states that the creep is due to impact of wheels at the rail and ahead of joints.
- The horizontal component (P) of R tends to cause creep while the vertical component tends

Toberds down the rail and vertically i.e to make a battered rail end.

→ Hence, when the wheel level of the trailing rail and strike the facing rail end at each joint, it pushes the rail forward resulting in creep.

- Creep by this will increase due to
- (i) due to wear and loose fish bolts
 - (ii) due to worn out fish plates
 - (iii) due to loose packing at joints
 - (iv) due to wide expansion gap.
 - (v) due to heavy axle loads; moving at high speed.



(3) Drag or dragging theory :-

→ It stems backward thrust on driving wheels of the locomotive of the locomotive of train.

→ Train has got a tendency to pull the rail off the track ~~back~~ backward while the other wheel of the locomotive.

→ Vehicles (wheel of coaches and wagons) pull the rail in the direction of travel as wave theory, so that this creep in the direction of movement of the trains.

(4) Starting, Accelerating, slowing down :-

When a train is starting and accelerating, the backward thrust of the engine driving wheels tends to pull the rails backward when P.T is slowing down (i.e decelerating) or coming push the rail forward.

(5) Expansion or contraction of rails due temp:-

The creep in this case is influenced by the range in temp variation location of track whether exposed or shady surroundings etc.

(6) unbalanced traffic :-

→ In a single line system if heavy equal traffic run in both direction, the creep is almost balast.

→ In the double line system, trains on a particular line being unidirectional creep occurs in both the lines.

Effect of creep :-

→ Sleepers moves out of square and out of sleepers.

→ Rail joints are occur out of their limit in some cases the straws are set up in a fish plate and nuts due to which the bolt some times break.

→ Points and crossing get distorted and it becomes very difficult to keep them to correct gauge and alignment.

→ If any rail is removed from the track for any purpose, it becomes difficult to fix it again at proper position by the time gap becomes too short due to creep.

→ smacking of fish, bolt bending of bars, kinks of joints of rail etc. Prevention of creep :-

Following are the common methods adopted to prevent creep.

(1) Fitting and fastening of sleeper.

(2) use of proper sleeper size of ballast.

(3) Balanced traffic.

(4) Increase the weight of rail section.

(5) Regular maintenance of the rail.

(6) Welding of joints.

(7) use of anticreepers.

(8) use of steel sleepers.

(9) use of sleepers.

Sleeper

It holds the rail in proper position and provide a correct gauge with the help of fitting and fastening and transfer the train load to ballast below.

Function of sleeper :-

→ To hold the rail to correct gauge.

→ To hold the rail in proper level.

→ To act an elastic medium betⁿ the ballast and rail to absorb the blows and vibration of moving loads.

→ To distribute the load from the rail to the index area of ballast underlying it.

→ To support the rails at proper level in straight tracks and at proper ~~o~~ ^a super elevation on curves.

→ Sleepers also add to the longitudinal and lateral stability of the permanent track on the whole.

→ Sleeper also provide means to rectify track geometry during service life.

Requirement of sleeper :-

→ The sleeper should be used to be economical.

→ The fitting of the sleeper should be such that they be easily adjusted during maintenance operation like fitting, packing, removal and replacement.

→ The weight of sleeper should not be too heavy or expansively light.

→ Design of sleeper such that gauge, alignment of track and level of train can be easily adjusted and maintained.

→ The bearing area of sleeper should be enough to resist the crushing. Crushing of ballast, rails (seat) and sleeper design, seating should be facilitated easily removal and replacing replacement of ballast.

↳ The sleeper should be capable of resisting shocks and vibrations due to passage of heavy loads.

↳ Sleepers are not damaged during rocking processes.

↳ If required, sleepers, should be insulator.

↳ An ideal sleeper should also have an anti-sabotage and anti-theft qualities.

Types of sleepers:-

According to materials

(1) Timber or wooden sleeper.

(2) Metal sleeper

It is 3 types

(a) cast iron sleeper

(b) steel sleeper

(3) concrete sleeper.

(a) Reinforced concrete sleeper

(b) Prestressed concrete sleeper.

(1) Timber sleepers :-

↳ It fulfill almost all the requirements of an ideal sleeper.

↳ Its depends upon their ability to resist.

(1) wear

(2) Decay

(3) Attacks by ants

(4) quality of timbers

Advantages :-

↳ Timber is easily available in all part of india.

↳ It is simple design and fittings are easy.

(2) Timbers sleepers are able to resist the shocks and vibrations due to heavy load moving

↳ It is ~~easy~~ easy to lay, relay, lift and main.

↳ It is suitable for all types of ballast.

↳ It is economical.

D's advantages :-

↳ This sleepers are subjected to wear, decay, attack by white ants, spike killing, warping, cracking, rail cutting, etc.

↳ Difficult to maintain the gauge in case of wooden sleeper.

↳ Track are easily disturbed.

↳ Maintenance cost of wooden sleeper is highest as compared to other sleeper.

↳ It have more service life (12-15 years)

(3) Metal sleeper :-

↳ Metal sleepers are either in steel or cast iron.

↳ It is economical as compare to wooden sleeper.

↳ Ease in fixation, removals of rails with out disturbing the sleepers.

↳ Ease in pushing out the sleeper. They provide sufficient area of rails i.e. area on ballast should be at least equal to that of wooden sleepers.

Advantages :-

↳ It is uniform in strength and durability.

↳ The performance of fittings is better hence least creep occurs.

↳ It is economical, life long, maintenance is easy.

(iv) Gauge can be easily adjusted and maintained in loaded metal sleepers.

(v) For metal sleepers, frequent renewal is not required. They have good scrap value, easy in manufacturing and not susceptible to fire hazards.

Disadvantages:-

→ More ballast is required than other types of sleepers.

→ Fitting required are greater in no. and different to maintain and inspection.

→ Metals, cast iron or steel are liable to rusting / corrosion.

→ It becomes bad conductor of electricity inter-freshers with track circuiting.

→ It's unsuitable for bridges, level crossing and in case of points and crossings ballast and for rail for which they are made fabricated.

(5) Cast-Iron sleeper:-

CI sleeper have been extensively used in India and on a small scale in south America.

Advantages:-

→ They are easy to manufacture.

→ Less corrosion.

→ Higher scrap value.

→ Less liable to crack at rail seats.

Disadvantages:-

→ Providing less lateral stability.

→ Gauge maintenance is very difficult.

→ More susceptible to breakage.

(b) Steel sleeper:-

In India it is mostly used. This sleeper should be maintain perfect gauge and have sufficient bearing area on the sleeper. It is sufficient heavy for stability and should be strong enough as beams.

Advantages:-

→ More durable.

→ It's service life about 50 year.

→ Easy to maintain gauge and lower maintenance problem.

→ It gives lateral rigidity.

→ It is easy to manufacture.

→ It is not susceptible fire hazard.

→ It's scrap value is very good.

Disadvantages:-

→ It is liable to corrosion.

→ During service it develops crack at rail seat.

→ It requires more fitting than other.

→ More ballast is required than other types of sleeper.

(3) Concrete sleeper:-

Concrete is an ideal material for the sleeper. used in India and abroad also. It's unaffected by chemical attack of atmospheric gases, it's

made of strong homogeneous glass material.

Advantages:-

- (i) It is free from natural decay and attacks by vermin, insects etc.
- (ii) service life about 40-60 years in normal condition.
- (iii) It is not affected by moisture, chemical action or ballast etc.
- (iv) No difficulty in track - circuiting required for electricity the track.
- (v) It has highest elastic modulus and hence can withstand the stress induced by fast and heavy traffic.
- (vi) It offers an ideal track in respect to gauge, cross level and alignment, because of elastic fastenings.

Disadvantages:-

- (i) scarce values is almost nil.
- (ii) Damage of bottom edge during packing.
- (iii) weight of concrete sleeper is as high as 2.5 to 3 times of wooden sleeper soft requiring the mechanical appliance for handling.
- (iv) It requires plugs for spikes.
- (v) The damages to concrete sleepers is very heavy to in case of derailment.

(a) Reinforced concrete sleeper:-

It is 2 types

- (i) Through types
- (ii) composite or block and tie types.

(i) Through types:-

In this, when concrete sleeper is stressed, cracks on the tension side is inevitable. Through the cracks are very small, it tend to enlarge with repetition of the impact load of the fast trains.

(ii) composite types:-

It is not subjected to some degree of tensile stress. It is not in use, at present. But it gives excellent result in France.

(b) Pre-stressed concrete sleeper.

The concrete is put under a very high initial compression. max^m permissible compressive strength 241 kg/cm². min^m cube crushing strength of concrete in the sleeper is 122 kg/cm² at 28 days.

Dis advantages:-

- (i) Heavily damaged in case of derailment.
- (ii) These are uneconomical.
- (iii) more rigid in nature.
- (iv) Bed of the ballast is specially prepared.
- (v) Designed is complicated.

Ballast :-

It is the granular material usually broken stone, orbicular, kankar, gravel or sand etc. The lateral stability of a track depends on the ballast.

Function of the ballast :-

- (i) It transform the load from the sleeper to the subgrade and then distributes it uniformly over a larger area of the formation.
- (ii) It hold the sleeper in position and prevents the lateral and longitudinal movement.
- (iii) It impart some degree of elasticity to the track.
- (iv) It maintain the correct level of the two lines of the track.
- (v) It should not produce any chemical action with rail and metal sleepers.
- (vi) The material should be easily work.
- (vii) It provide good drainage immediately below the sleepers and helps to protect the top surface of the formation.

Requirements of the good ballast :-

- (i) It should be able to stand packing with out disintegrate.
- (ii) It should not make the track dusty or muddy and should provide good drainage.
- (iii) It should allow for easy drainage with minimum seepage and voids should be large enough to prevent capillary action.

(iv) It should offer resistance to abrasion and weathering.

(v) It should be provide chemical action with rail and metal sleepers.

(vi) The materials should be easily workable by means of implement in use.

(vii) The ballast should be available in nearby quarries so that it reduces the cost of supplies supply.

Materials of Ballast :-

- (1) Gravels or river pebbles
- (2) Broken stone
- (3) Ashes or cinders
- (4) sand
- (5) morrum
- (6) kankar
- (7) Brick Ballast
- (8) Ballast furnace slag.
- (9) selected earth.

Broken stone :-

This is the best material for the ballast and almost all important track are provide with stone ballast.

The basel stone for ballast is non porous hard and angular which does not fray when broken.

Workability is better with smaller size ballast that is 1.9 cm size.

(2) Gravel or river pebbles or shingle :-

It is obtained either from river beds or from gravel pit. It is suitable for use as ballast and it is used in large quantities in many countries.

(3) Ashes or cinders :-

It is cheap. It is not used for main lines as it is very soft. It is used for drainage properly.

(4) sand :-

It is cheap and provides good drainage. The sand gets into the moving on the track and causes heavy wear.

(5) Moorum :-

It is the soft aggregate used as ballast for sliding and main track when they are newly laid and the embankment are not sufficiently well consolidated. It is sliding.

(6) Kankar :-

It is used as road material and as ballast for railway track. It is soft in nature and reduced the power and under the roads. used for NG or MG track with light traffic and where better ballast not available.

(7) Bitack :-

It is prepared easily and prepared produce dirty tracks. Fairly good for drainage over burnt brick and broken bricks are used.

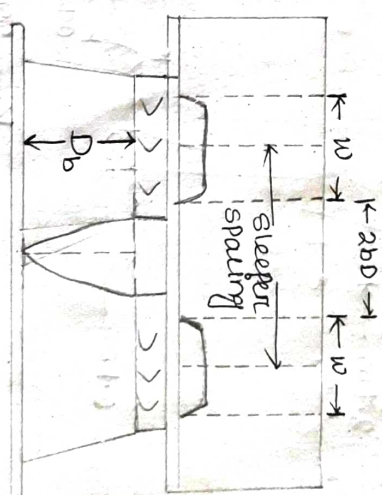
(8) Blast furnace slag :-

It is a by product in manufacture of the pig iron from a suitable ballast. It should be hard, high density and free from ash holes.

(a) selected earth :-

It is used for formation as temporary measure.

Depth of the Ballast section :-



$$S = 2Db + \frac{w}{2} + \frac{w}{2} = 2Db + w$$

$$\text{Depth of the ballast} = \frac{s-w}{2} = 2Db$$

$$Db = \frac{s-w}{2}$$

Note :-

Depth of the ballast section will come between 20 to 25 cm.

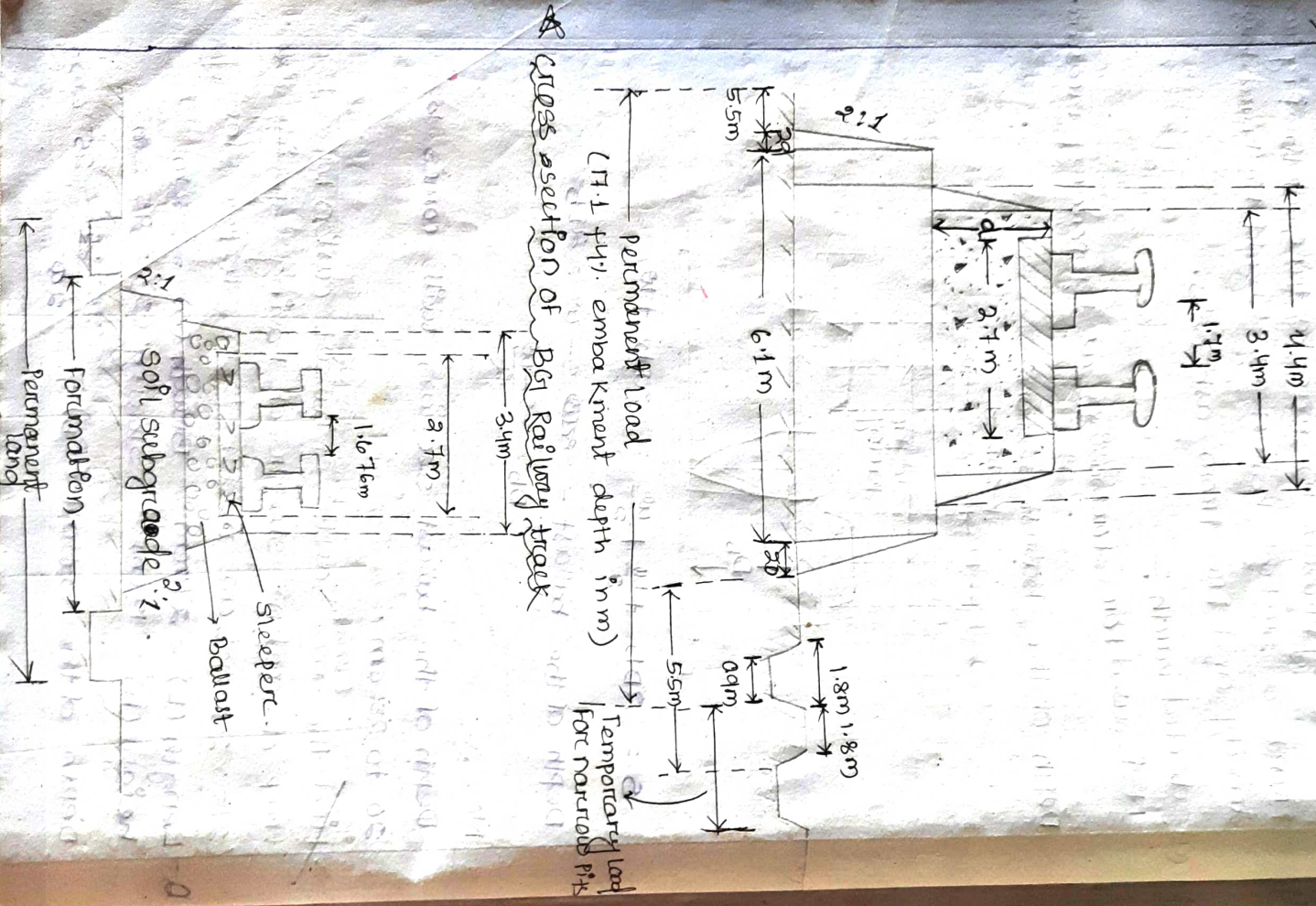
Find the min depth of ballast cushion for a BSI trap of wooden sleeper of having spacing size

(275 x 25 x 13) cm width 75cm sleeper spacing.

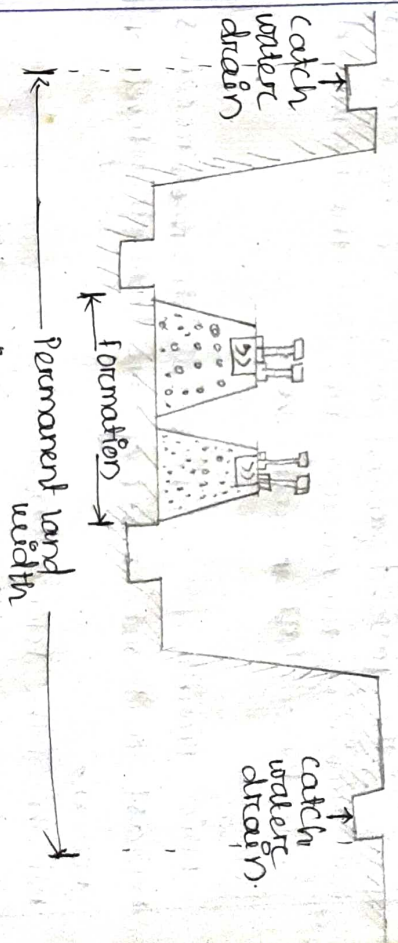
Length (L) = 275cm Breadth (b) = 25cm
height (h) = 13cm spacing (s) = 75cm

$$\text{Depth of the ballast } (Db) = \frac{75 \cdot 25}{25} = 25 \text{ cm.}$$

Typical cross-section of BGR railway track in embankment



C/S of BG double line in cutting



Permanent track :- It is the track which is of permanent nature and handles the normal commercial traffic for which it is meant. It is also called permanent way.

Subgrade :-

Subgrade is the naturally occurring soil, which is prepared to receive the ballast sleepers and rail for constructing the railway track.

Formation :-

The prepared surface which is ready to receive ballast is called formation. The stability of the track depends upon the quantity of the formation under it.

Embankment :-

It is the raised bank of earth or other material constructed above the natural ground.

Cutting :-

The raised ground or hill is cut or excavated for providing the railway line at the required level, below the ground level.

Level :-

It is prepared surface which receives ballast without raising or lowering level of the ground.

Width of the formation :-

It is the width of the prepared surface to receive ballast. It depends upon

- (a) The no. of tracks to be laid side by side
- (b) The gauge type.

Track Alignment :-

The direction and position given to the centerline of the railway track on the ~~ground~~ ^{formation} is called the track alignment. AS per Indian standards: 7.001

Particulars

| | BG | MG | NG | Slope |
|--|-----------------|-------|------|-------|
| 1. Embankment width of bank | (a) single line | 4.88 | 2.70 | 2:1 |
| | (b) double line | 8.53 | 7.32 | 2:1 |
| (3) width of cutting excluding side drains | (a) single line | 5.49 | 4.27 | 3:25 |
| | (b) double line | 10.06 | 7.93 | 7:01 |

Maxm distance bet center to center of Tracks :- Dimension in (m)

| Blnd Particulars | BG | MG | NG |
|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. outside station yards | 4.27 | 3.66 | 3.51 |
| 2. In side station yards | 4.73 | (i) Passenger track 4.42 | (i) Passenger track 3.81 |
| | | (ii) Goods track 4.27 | (ii) Goods track 3.81 |
| (3) In tunnels | 4.73 | 3.96 | — |
| Over bridge | 4.73 | 3.96 | — |

In cutting 1 cm (4) is to be added for the 2 side drains.

Slopes of 2:1 are given, on banks while those of cutting are 1:5:1 or sleeper.

The sides are made vertical where solid hard rock exists.

Gradients :-

Any departure of the track from the level is known as grade or gradient.

The rate of rise or fall of the track is known as gradient.

It is expressed as the ratio of vertical to horizontal.

Necessity of the Gradients :-

- To provide a uniform rate of rise or fall as far as possible
- To reach the various stations located at different elevations.
- To reduce the cost of earth work.

Necessity of gradients :-

Types of gradients :-

- (1) Ruling gradients
- (2) momentum gradients
- (3) Pusher or helper gradients
- (4) gradients at station yards

(1) Ruling gradients :-

The ruling gradient on the section maybe defined as the gradient which determines the max^m load that the engine can be haul on the section.

(or)

It is the max^m gradient allowed on the track section.

As per Indian standards.

In plain terrain 1 in 150 to 1 in 200.

In hilly regions 1 in 100 to 1 in 150.

The gradient depend upon the additional power of the locomotive which shall be able to pull up the train load along the gradient.

Extra pull = $w \sin \theta$ = w tone

w gradient

(2) Momentum gradient :-

When a train while coming down a falling gradient occur sufficient momentum. This momentum gives additional kinetic energy to the

moving train to overcome a ~~steep~~ steeper rising gradient then the ruling gradient for a certain length of the track.

This rising gradient is called as momentum gradient and in such cases a steeper grade than the ruling grade can be adopted.

In valleys, a falling gradient is usually followed by a rising gradient.

(3) Pusher or helper gradient :-

The gradient's is provided in mountainous region is the grade is concentrated in a specific section such as mountainous section instead of limiting the train load it may be operating easy to run the train on the basis of load that the engine can carry on the remaining portion of the track and arrange for an pusher engine for the portion where the gradient is severe. such gradients are known as pusher or helper gradient.

(4) Gradient in station yard :-

It have to be sufficiently due to following reasons:-
To prevent the moment of standing vehicle on the track due to the effect of gravity combined with the effect of gravity combined with a strong wide and gentle push.

To prevent the additional resistance due to grade on the static vehicle in motion.

AS per ~~old~~ Indian standards:-

Gradient in station yards in 1 in 100 while min^m gradient of 1 in 100 recommended from drainage point of view.

Grade compensation on curves:-

→ If a curve lies on a ruling gradient the resistance due to gradient is increased by that due to curve and further increases the resistance beyond the ruling gradient.

→ The curve resistance is greater at lower speed.

→ To avoid resistance beyond the allowable limit the gradient are reduced on curves and this reduction gradient is known as grade compensation on curve.

→ Curves resistance is expressed as a % per degree of the curve.

In India, degree of compensation for curve:-

For BG 0.04% per degree of curve.

For MG 0.03% per degree of curve.

For NG 0.02% per degree of curve.

→ In term of radius of curves in meters.

degree of compensation for curve

For BG $\frac{10}{R}$

For MG $\frac{528.5}{R}$

For NG $\frac{35}{R}$

→ Maximum is 75/R.

→ grade of compensation = $\frac{30 + R}{R}$
gradient flatter than 4%, there is no grade of compensation.

Q If the ruling gradient is 1 in 150 on the particular section of BG and at the same time a curve of 4 degree is situated on this ruling gradient, what should be the allowable ruling gradient.

AS per IS

grade compensation of BG is 0.04% per degree of curve.

Then compensation for 4° curve = 0.04% x 4 = 0.16%

Ruling gradient = 1 in 150 = $\frac{1}{150} \times 100 = 0.67\%$

So, max^m allowable gradient or actual gradient to be provided = 0.67 - 0.16 = 0.51%

OR, $\frac{0.51}{100}$ i.e 1 in 196.

(a) What should be the actual ruling gradient?

(a) IF the ruling gradient is 1 in 200 on a BG.

(b) A curve of 3° is super imposed on the above track section of BG.

Q Ans:-

Compensation for curve = $2 \times 0.04 = 0.12$.

Ruling gradient is 1 in 200 i.e. 0.50% .

Actual Ruling gradient = $0.50 - 0.12 = 0.38\%$.

$$\frac{0.38}{100} = 1 \text{ in } 263$$

Superelevation or cant:-

To counteract the effect of centrifugal force the level of the outer rail is raised above the inner rail by a certain amount. To introduce the centrifugal force.

This raised elevation of outer rail above the inner rail at a horizontal curve is called super-elevation.

Cant should be used to represent the angle of a transverse slope.

It is denoted by 'e'.

Object of providing super elevation:-

To introduce the centrifugal load force for counteracting the effect of the centrifugal force, this will result in the faster moment of train on curves.

It also prevent derailment and reduce the side wear and creep of rails.

To provide equal distribution of wheel loads on the rail so that there is no tendency of track to move out of position due to more load on outer rail.

It reduces the wear of rails equipment and results in saving in maintenance cost.

Limits of super-elevation:-

According to railway board, max^m super elevation is $\frac{1}{10}$ th of gauge.

As per Indian, max^m permissible value of super elevation is given below.

(i) For BR = $\frac{1}{10} \times 1.65 \text{ m} = 0.165 \text{ m} = 16.5 \text{ cm}$

(ii) For MG = $\frac{1}{10} \times 1 \text{ m} = 0.1 \text{ m} = 10 \text{ cm}$

(iii) For N.G. = $\frac{1}{10} \times 0.76 \text{ m} = 0.076 \text{ m} = 7.6 \text{ cm}$.

Cant Deficiency:-

The equilibrium cant is provided on basis of equilibrium speed. But this equilibrium cant fall short of that required for the high speed trains. This shortage of cant is called "cant deficiency".

$$C_d = e - \text{Actual cant}$$

It is limited due to two reasons.

Higher cant deficiency gives rise to higher discomfort to passenger.

Higher cant deficiency means higher speed would be the balanced centrifugal forces and hence extra pressure and lateral forces on outer rails. This will require strong track and fastenings for stability.

Negative super elevation:-

It is different bet actual cant provided and theoretical cant required for such lower speed. It occurs when the train moving on the track with lower speed than it design speed.

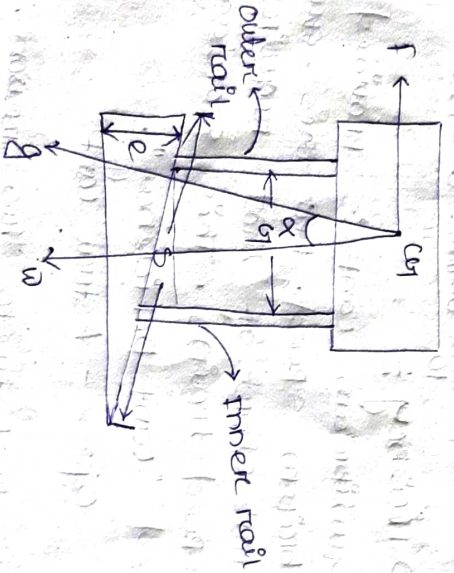
Relationship bet of e, g, v, R

e = super elevation

g = Gauge

v = speed

R = Radius of curve



W = weight of moving vehicle in kg

v = speed of vehicles in m/sec

R = Radius of curve in m.

g = gauge of track in m.

α = angle of inclination in m/sec².

S = length of inclined surface in m.

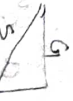
Centrifugal force (F) = $\frac{Wv^2}{gR}$ — (1)

Now resolving the forces along the inclined surface we get:

$F \cos \alpha = W \sin \alpha$ — (2)

$F = \frac{Wv^2}{gR}$, $\cos \alpha = \frac{g}{5}$

$\sin \alpha = \frac{4}{5}$



becomes $F \cos \alpha = W \sin \alpha$

$\frac{Wv^2}{gR} \times \frac{3}{5} = W \times \frac{4}{5}$

$e = \frac{W}{gR} \times g$ (in meters) — (3)

$e = \frac{gV^2}{gR}$ here V in m/sec.

* TO convert in kmph

$e = \frac{g(0.278V)^2}{9.81} = \frac{gV^2}{127R}$ m

$e = \frac{gV^2}{127R}$ cm

where, g is in m.

R is in m

V is in kmph

In India,

For BG, $g = 1676$ mm

$e = \frac{gV^2}{127R} = \frac{1676V^2}{127R} = 1$.

Similarly

For MG, $g = 1m$

$e = 0.80 \frac{V^2}{R}$ cm

For N4, $G = 0.769 \text{ m}$

$$e = 0.60 \frac{V^2}{R} \text{ cm}$$

When the lateral force and wheel load are almost equal, the cant is said to be equilibrium. This equilibrium cant of s provided on the basis of average speed of train.

If a e curve track diverges from a main curve of s in an opposite direction in the layout of a BG yard, calculate the super elevation and speed on the branch line. If the max speed permitted on the main line is 45 kmph .

Solⁿ.

(i) For BG, $G = 1.676 \text{ m}$ $D = 5^\circ$

$V = 45 \text{ kmph}$

$$e = \frac{Gv^2}{1.27R}$$

$$R = \frac{1720}{5}$$

$$e = \frac{1.676 \times 45^2}{1.27} \times \frac{5}{1720} = 4.78 \text{ cm}$$

$$D = \frac{1720}{R} \Rightarrow R = \frac{1720}{D}$$

(ii) For BG, the cant deficiency ~~from~~ for main line = 7.6 cm , permitted

(iii) So the cant for main track = $7.78 - 7.6 = 0.18 \text{ cm}$

(iv) cant to be provided for branch track = -0.18 cm

i.e. negative cant

For cant deficiency $7.6 - 0.18 = 7.42 \text{ cm}$

$V = ?$

$$e = \frac{Gv^2}{1.27R}$$

for e curve, $v = ?$

$$7.42 = \frac{1.676 \times v^2}{1.27} \times \frac{8}{1720}$$

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$$v^2 = \frac{7.42 \times 1.27 \times 1720}{8 \times 1.676}$$

$V = 34.7 \text{ kmph} \approx 34 \text{ kmph}$

A s curve diverges from a 3 main curve in reverse direction in the layout of a BG yard. If the speed on the branch line is restricted to 35 kmph , determine the restricted speed on the main line.

Solⁿ,

For BG $G = 1.676 \text{ m}$

$D = 5^\circ$

$v = 35 \text{ kmph}$

$$e = \frac{Gv^2}{1.27R} = \frac{1.676 \times 35^2}{1.27 \times \frac{1720}{5}}$$

$$R = \frac{1720}{5}$$

$$= \frac{1.676 \times 35^2}{1.27} \times \frac{5}{1720} = 4.69 \text{ cm}$$

BG cant deficiency ~~branch~~ main line = 7.6 m

So, cant for main track = ~~7.6~~ = $4.69 - 7.6 = -2.91$

(negative cant = max^m permissible super elevation on the mainline)

Theoretical super elevation which can be provided on main line = $2.91 + 7.6 = 10.49$

$$e = 10.49 \quad D = 130$$

$$e = \frac{GV^2}{1.27R} = \frac{10.49 \times 1.27 \times 1720}{1.27 \times 3}$$

$$V^2 = 4557.35$$

$$V = 67.50 \text{ kmph.}$$

Q. What is the equilibrium cant on a 2° curve on a BG if 15 trains, 10 trains, 5 trains and 2 trains are running at a speed of 50 kmph, 60 kmph, 70 kmph and 80 kmph respectively.

CH-5
(POINTS and CROSSING)

Definition:-

Points and crossing are specially arrangement on the track to facilitate smooth division of train from one track to another. It's also help for marshalling and shunting work in station yards.

Necessity:-

Point and crossing provided flexibility of movement by connecting one line to another according to requirement.

They also help for imposing restriction over turnouts which necessarily retard the movement. From safety aspect, it's also important as point and crossing are weak links or points in the track and vehicles are susceptible to derailment at these places.

Types Turnouts

It is the simplest combination of points and crossing which enables one track either a branch line or a siding, to take off from another track.

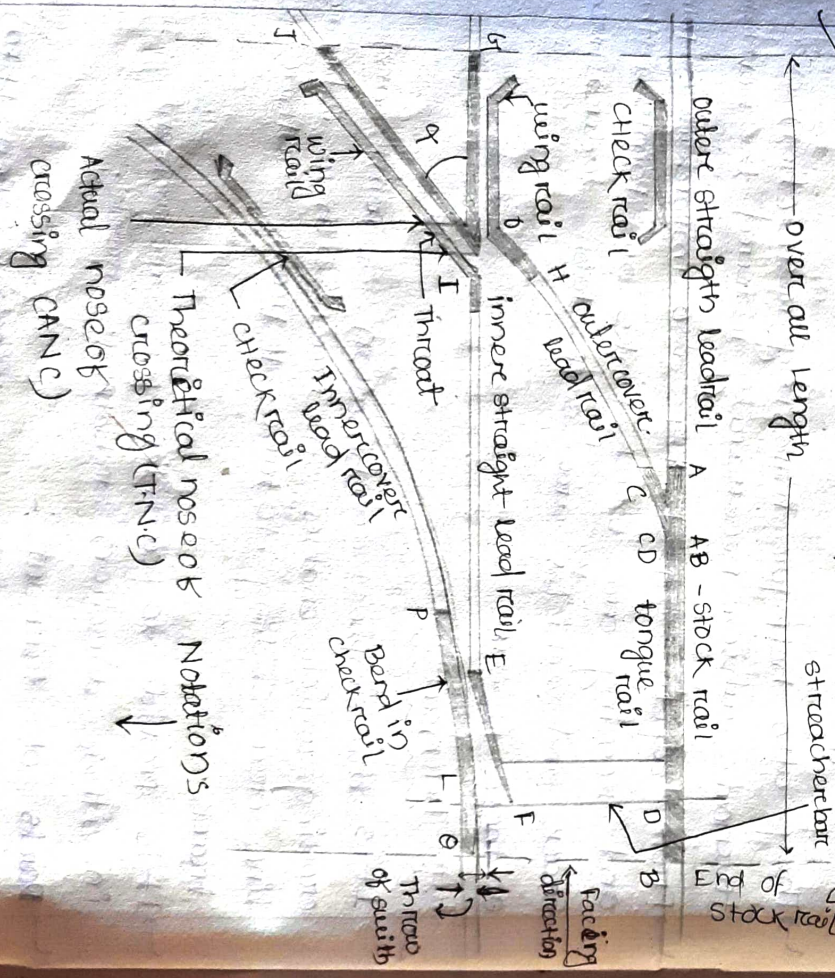
It is provide to facilities for safe movement of train in either direction on both the track.

Parts of turnouts:-

- (a) A pair of points or switches (A&C & F&P)
- (b) A pair of stock rails.
- (c) A Vee crossing (G&H)
- (d) Two check rails.

- (d) Four lead rails
- (f) Switch tie-plates or 'gauge tie chair' and crossing tie-plate.
- (g) studs or stops
- (h) Bearing plates, slides chairs, stretcher bars etc.
- (i) For operating the points - rods, cranks, levers etc.
- (j) For locking system - locking bar, lock bars, plunger bar etc.

Important term used in points and crossing:-



Notations

{ Left hand turnout (split switch)

(1) Face Direction:-

If someone stands at the tail of switch and looks towards the crossing then the direction is called facing direction.

(ii) Trailing direction:-

If someone stands at the crossing and looks towards the switches, then the direction is called trailing direction.

(iii) Face points of turnout:-

Where train pass over the switches first and they pass over the crossing is called face point of turnout.

(iv) Trailing point of turnout:-

Where train moves in the opposite side of facing point in which the train pass over the crossing first and then over the switches is called trailing point of turnout.

(v) Right hand Turnout:-

If a train from main track is diverted to the right of the main route in the facing direction then this diversion is known as right-hand turnout.

(vi) Left hand turnout:-

If a train from main track is divided to the left of the main route in the facing direction this diversion is known as left hand turnout.

(vi) Right-hand and left-hand switches :-

It is defined as left or right when seen from the facing direction; a signal point and look towards the crossing.

(vii) switches :-

A pair of tongue rail, stock rail with necessary connecting and fixing from a switch.

(ix) Stock rail :-

They are the main rail of the track to which the tongue rail fits.

(x) Tongue rail :-

These rail lines held the stock rail and ~~these~~ are to a point or tongue of 0.64 m to 0.95 m wide.

(xi) stretcher bar :-

The bars of both the tongue rail are connected together by means of stretcher bar.

(xii) Distance block :-

These blocks are inserted betn the heel of the tongue rail and stock rail.

Types of switches :-

A turnout works with the combination of points and crossing. This consist of mainly a pair of points and of switches.

Types of switches :-

- (1) Stub switch
- (2) Split switch.

(1) Stub switch :-

In stub switch, no separate tongue rail is provided and some portion of the track is moved from side to side.

→ It is an old form of the switch.

→ It is no more in use and has been replaced by the split which is universally adopted.

(2) split switch :-

→ In this type of switch a tongue rail is combined with the stock rail.

→ On the basis of fixation of heel split switches classified as :-

- (a) loose heel types
- (b) fixed heel types
- (c) under cut switches
- (d) straight cut switches.

Crossing

A crossing or a 'frog' is a device which provides two flange ways through which the wheels of the flange may move, when two rails intersect each other at an angle.

Component parts of crossing :-

- (1) A crossing or vice piece.
- (2) Point and splice rail
- (3) wing rails
- (4) check rails
- (5) Chair at crossing at toe and at heel.
- (6) Blocks at throat, at heel and distance block.
- (7) In some cases, packing below the wing rails at toe and throat.

Requirements and characteristics of good crossing:-

- (i) The assembly of a crossing has to be rigid to stand against severe vibration which causes loosening of the component.
- (ii) The wear on the parts of the wing rails, especially the nose and also of nose itself must be prevented.

It is achieved by use of special steel.

(iii) The nose of crossing should have some thickness from practical considerations.

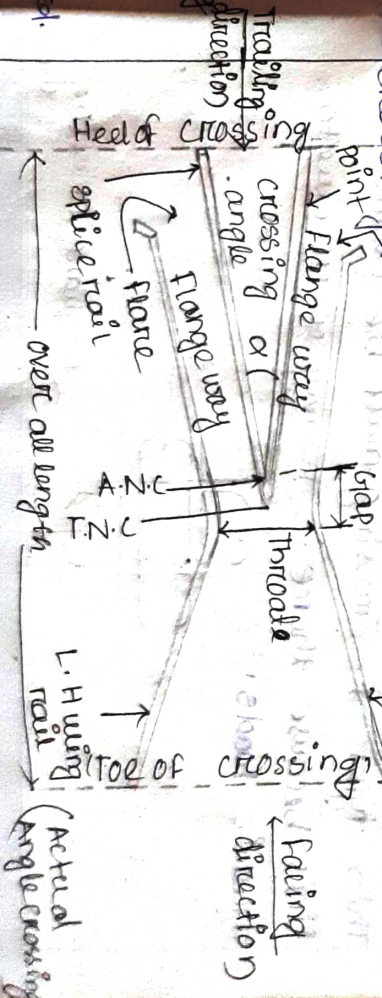
(iv) The crossing body should be as rigid as possible and as long as practicable.

Types of crossing :-

- (a) On the basis of shape of crossing
 - (1) Acute angle or 'V' crossing
 - (2) obtuse angle or diamond crossing
 - (3) square crossing
- (b) on the basis of assembly of crossing
 - (1) spring or movable wing crossing
 - (2) Ramped crossing

(A) (1) Acute angle or 'V' crossing :-

It is widely used. This crossing obtained when a left hand rail of one track crosses a right-hand rail of another track or vice versa. If the angle of intersection of the approaching rails is acute angle. It is termed as acute angle crossing.

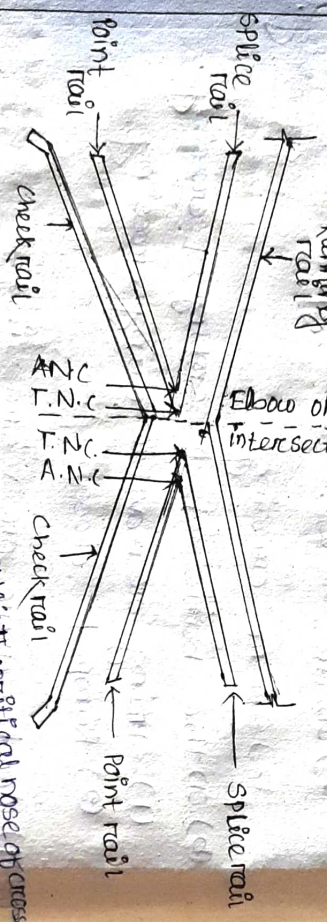


(A) Obtuse angle crossing :-

This crossing is obtained when left-hand rail of one track crosses right-hand rail of another track or vice versa at an obtuse angle.

A diamond crossing, a pair of special crossing is used which is called "oblique crossing".

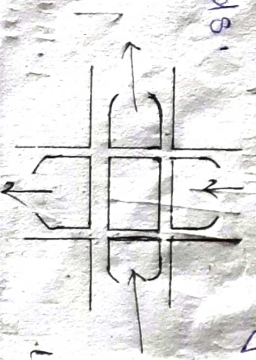
In case of obtuse angle crossing the long wings rails do not carry the wheels as in case of acute angle crossing, rather act as checked rails.



(a) (obtuse angle crossing)

(B) Square crossing :-

When two straight tracks cross each other at right angles, they give rise to square crossing. This type of crossing must be avoided on main lines because there is heavy wear due to dynamic loads.



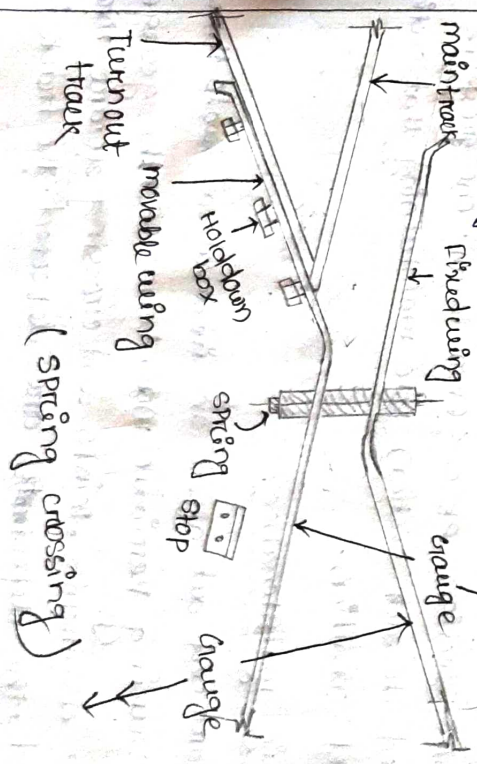
(square crossing)

(B)(1) Spring or movable crossing :-

In such a crossing, one wing rail is movable and is held against the toe of the crossing with a strong helical spring. By this, it makes the main track continuous and this becomes very useful when there is high speed traffic on the branch line or a turnout. It is used in USA, but it is not favoured in India because there is a danger of accident in case of spring failure.

(2) Ramped crossing :-

In case of complicated yard layout with heavy but slow speed traffic, the throat to nose clearance is negotiated by use of special manganese steel blocks over long distance. The wheel flanges roll over this distance extending from a little beyond the throat to little beyond the nose, so the entire wheel load comes on the flange and this type of crossing may be used with safety for slow speeds.



(Spring crossing)

CHAPTER - 6 Laying & Maintenance of Track

Method of maintenance of track:-

The maintenance of railway track can be carried out either manually or by use of mechanical appliances or by combination of both i.e. machines and labour.

In India, conventional maintenance is carried out by means of manual labour and hand tools.

In America and other developed countries mechanical appliances are largely used.

Maintenance of track can be divided in to 2 parts:-

- (a) Daily maintenance
- (b) Periodic maintenance

(a) Daily maintenance:-

It is carried out by the full time staff maintained throughout the year. The railway track is divided in suitable sections of 5 - 6 km length. One group is attached to each section for maintaining that section in good condition.

(b) Periodic maintenance:-

It is carried out after an interval of two to three year. During periodic maintenance, the gauge, levels, alignments, points and crossing etc. are thoroughly checked, the defects are detected. The track is made in perfect condition by removing all its major and minor defects. The subject of maintenance is

very wide. The maintenance of track includes the following items:-

- 1) Surface of rails
- (2) Track alignment
- (3) Gauge
- (4) Proper drainage
- (5) Track component
- (6) Bridges and its approaches
- (7) Rolling stock
- (8) Point and cross
- (9) Level crossing
- (10) Tunnels

Duties of a permanent way Inspector (PWI)

Duties of PWI can be divided into three heads

- (a) Duties in the field work
- (b) Duties in the office work
- (c) Miscellaneous duties.

(a) Duties in the field work

- (i) The PWI is personally responsible for maintaining the track in a safe condition for passage of trains
- (ii) He inspects the track of his section at least 2 to 3 times in a week. notes down the defects by using different symbols and rectifies them.
- (iii) He inspects track by push trolley or by travelling on an engine or a brake van.

- (iv) He keeps all the records of programmes or renewals, progress of maintenance work and relay of track.

- (v) He imparts instruction to Gangmate or group, Keyman, Gateman at level crossing and Assistant PWI.
- (vi) At the time of accidents, he should make the track safe in shortest possible time and should make enquiries for the causes of accidents.

(b) Duties in office work :-

- He takes care of the labours and materials and also maintains the accounts of gangman, keyman as well as materials.
- He controls the workshops such as smithy, carpentry, welding etc.
- He prepares the estimates of the maintenance work and makes report of works.

(c) Miscellaneous duties :-

- (i) He attends, all the monthly meetings of AOI, usually at Divisional Engineers' offices.
- (ii) He has to attend the inspection if made by Divisional Engineering or Assistant Engineer etc.
- (iii) He also attends the inspection of govt Inspector for Railways (GIR) with all the relevant drawing and reports of work.

(BRIDGE)

Introduction:-

- It is an communication route provided there is any obstruction to the traffic.
- A bridge is a structure which provides passage facility over an obstacle.
- The required passage may be for a railway track roadway.
- The obstacle to be crossed may be deep valley full of water, river etc.

Component of bridge:-

The bridge structure can be divided into 2 part:-

- (i) super structure
- (ii) sub structure of foundation.

(i) super structure:-

It is that part of a bridge over which the traffic move safely. It consist of parapet, roadway, girder, Arches, trusses over which the road is support.

(ii) sub-structural of foundation:-

- The function of structure is similar to the function of foundation provided in the building thus the sub structure support the super structure and distribute the load to the super structure.

→ The substructure consist of foundation, piers, abutment, wing wall approaches they all support the super structure of the bridge.

Classification of bridge:-

Bridge can be classified in to various types depending upon the following factor.

(i) Classification according to material wise:

- (a) Timber bridge
- (b) steel bridge
- (c) R.C.C bridge
- (d) masonry bridge
- (e) composite bridge

(ii) Classification ~~also~~ according to alignment of bridge :-

- (a) straight bridge
- (b) skew bridge

(iii) According to location of bridge flow:-

- (a) Deck bridge
- (b) semi through or through bridge:

(iv) According to purpose:-

- (a) High way bridge
- (b) railway bridge
- (c) foot bridge:

(v) According to nature of super structure :-

- (a) Portal frame bridge
- (b) Truss bridge.
- (c) Balance cantilever bridge
- (d) suspension bridge.

(vi) According to position of high flood level:-

- (a) submergeable bridge
- (b) Non-submergeable bridge

(vii) According to life of bridge:-

- (a) Permanent bridge
- (b) Temporary bridge.

(viii) According to fix or movable bridge:-

- (a) Permanent bridge.
- (b) Temporary bridge.
- (c) lift bridge.

(ix) According to span of bridge:-

- (a) culvert bridge (span less than 6m).
- (b) minor bridge (span betⁿ 6 to 30m)
- (c) major bridge (span more than 30m)
- (d) long span bridge (span more than 100m)

(x) According to types of connection:-

- (a) pin connected bridge
- (b) riveted connected bridge.
- (c) welded bridge.

Section of bridge side:-

→ The section of side to bridge is done considering the economy and safety.

→ The place of side is determine by the position of road or railway or mainly there are 2 possible crossing of the road or railway's fire over a river.

- (a) simple right angle stream crossing;
- (b) stream crossing on skew angle.

→ But if the position of railway line or road alignment does not influence the side the following factors governed.

Selection for the ideal site for the bridge:-

- straight reach ^{of the} stream.
 - well defined fire bank.
 - stream line flow.
 - minimum width and right angle crossing.
 - firm foundation.
 - Availability of construction materials.
 - Labour.
- (a) straight reach of the stream:-
Both the upstream and down stream side of the river should be straight because this will ensure smooth and uniform flow.
- (b) well define fire bank:-
All the site of the bridge both sides banks should be permanent and high.
- The site bank should be free from erosion, collapse by impact of water in high wind and flood.

(c) Stream line flow:-

At the site of the bridge ~~both~~ sides the river should have stream line flow because turbulent flow causes ~~scour~~ scour in the bed.

(d) minimum width and right angle crossing:-
This means a dipest bridge when ever possible small stream may be diverted to cross at right angle in stream of skew angle.

(e) Firm foundation:-

The nature of soil in the bed most provide good foundation

(f) Availability of construction ~~not~~ materials:-
The situation of bridge should be such that plenty of good hard and durable materials ~~are~~ for the construction of bridge are available near the site.

(g) Labour:-

As the where labourers for the construction of bridge are available.

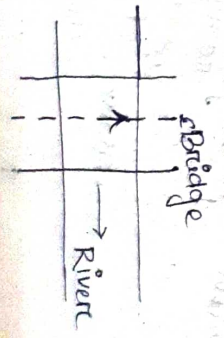
Bridge alignment:-

Depending upon the angle which is bridge makes with the axis of the river the alignment can be of two types:-

- (i) square alignment
- (ii) skew alignment

(i) square alignment:-

In this bridge is at right angle to the axis of the river.



(ii) skewed alignment:-

In this the bridge is at some angle the axis of river which is not a right angle.



(iii) water way:-

The area through which the water flows under the bridge super structure is known as water way of the bridge.

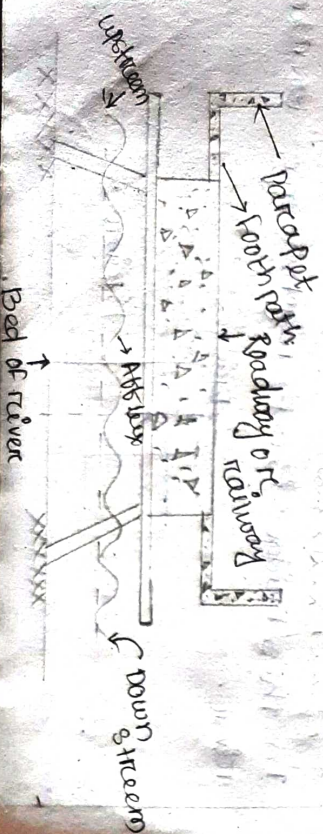
Afflux:-

The rise in water level of the river near the bridge is less than the natural width of the river immediately of the upstream.

Afflux:-

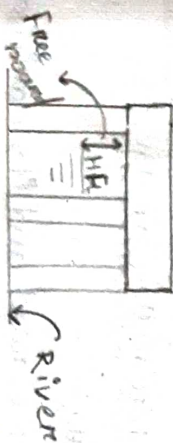
The rise in water level of the river near the bridge due to obstruction created by the construction of abutment and pierce is called afflux.

When the effective linear water way of a bridge is less than the natural width of the river immediately of the upstream side of the bridge afflux is created.



Free board:-

It is the vertical difference bet the design high flood level allowing for afflux and the lowest part of the bridge structure.



Free board is provided for passing floating parts, fallen trees, tracks, boats etc from one side of the bridge to the other side.

Types of Bridge

1. Arch Bridge
2. High level Bridge
3. Girder Bridge
4. Navigation stream bridge

Free board

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|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. Arch | 300 mm |
| 2. High level | 600 mm |
| 3. Girder | 600mm to 1000mm |
| 4. Navigation | 2500 to 3000 mm |

Economic span:-

Economic span of a bridge is the one which reduce the overall cost of a bridge to be a minimum.

The overall cost of a bridge depends upon the following factors

- (i) cost of material and its nature
- (ii) Availability of skilled labor.
- (iii) Span length
- (iv) Nature of skilled
- (v) climatic and other condition.

Collection of bridge design data :-

For a complete and proper appreciation a preliminary of the bridge project. The engineering investigations of the investigation should carry out study regarding its financial, economical, social and physical feasibility.

1) Design data for major bridge :-

(a) General data :-

- (i) Name of the road and its classification
- (ii) Name of the stream
- (iii) location of benchmark and its reduce level.
- (iv) existing arrangement for crossing the stream.
→ during monsoon
→ during dry season
- (v) Liability of the site to earth quake.

2) catchment area or runoff data :-

- (i) catchment area
 - (a) In hilly part
 - (b) In plain area.
- (ii) minimum rainfall intensity
- (iii) length and width of the catchment area.
- (iv) cross slope of catchment area.
- (v) The nature of catchment.

3) Data regarding nature of stream :-

- (i) The stream can be perennial or seasonal.
- (ii) River banks at the proposed side can be
→ Firm and
→ Firm
→ Firm
→ ordinary flood level.
→ surge velocity of LWL (Low water level)
→ Bed slope at the LWL

(vi) Bed: Bearing capacity of soil

(vii) check erosion.

1) Data regarding alignment and approaches :-
→ The proposed alignment of the bridge can be skew and square.

→ In case of curve approaches the purpose road of the curve is determine.

→ The proposed gradient in approaches are determined

(5) Super structure data :-

- Proposed clear roadway over the bridge.
- Proposed width of approach.
- camber or road formation.
- The proposed bridge can be design to pass maximum flood.
- ordinary flood or only dry season discharge.

(6) Sub structure or foundation data :-

It may be open foundation, well foundation, R.C pile foundation.

(7) Data or existing structure :-

- position of existing bridge upon index plan.
- Details of existing bridge.
- (a) size and no. of span
- (b) Types of substructure.
- (c) Types of super structure.
- (d) Types of depth of foundation.

(8) Miscellaneous data :-

- Name of the inhabitable locality.
- Facility available for completion and sight for construction staff.
- Nearest railway station and its distance from site.

means of transport for materials.

→ Availability unskilled and skilled labour for the flood requirement for construction.

→ Availability of electricity.

→ Nearest place of availability of cement, steel and timber.

→ Availability of quantity of stone from the nearest quarries for stone masonry work.

→ Following drawings should be prepared.

(a) Key map

(b) Index plan

(c) contour survey plan.

(d) site plan

(e) longitudinal section.

(f) soil profile.

(g) catchment area map.

(h) detail drawing of foundation, super structure and sub structure.

(i) Elevation, section and plan of bridge

→ The physical properties of the soil required for the bridge size is very essential for correctly deciding the location and types of foundation.

→ The complete subsurface investigation can be done as follows.

(i) Measure of the soil deposit upto the sufficient height.

(ii) Depth, thickness and composition of soil strata.

(iii) The location of ground water.

(iv) depth of the rock.

(v) The engineering properties of soil.

(a) In exploration programme the extent of distribution of different soil both in the horizontal and vertical direction can be determined by the following method.

1. By use of open pit.

2. By making bore hole.

3. By sounding

4. By geophysical method.

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scour depth:- When the velocity of the stream excluding the limiting velocity scours occur the normal scour depth of the water in the middle of the stream.

Depth of foundation:-

The depth of the bridge foundation is determined by consideration of the same bearing capacity of soil after taking in account the effect of surface.

The min^m depth foundation can be approximately calculated by the following relationship.

$$h = \frac{P}{W} \left(\frac{1 - \sin \phi}{1 + \sin \phi} \right)^2$$

where, h = height of foundation

P = Bearing capacity of soil i.e. kg/m^2

w = specific weight in kg/m^3

ϕ = Angle of internal friction of the soil.

Types of foundation of bridge:-

Foundation is the part of the structure which is in direct contact with load and transmit them to the ground or soil below.

Generally 4 types of foundation there.

- (i) spread foundation
- (ii) pile foundation
- (iii) well foundation
- (iv) caisson foundation.

Spread foundation:-

This type of foundation shape is similar as provided for walls. It provided in such situation where the scouring of the river bed is min^m. This type of foundation can be provided even if the bed contain sand but scouring is provided by driving piles the minimum depth of this foundation is

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h = height of the foundation

P = Bearing capacity of soil i.e. kg/m^2

w = ~~weight~~ weight in specific in kg/m^3

ϕ = Angle of internal friction of the soil.

(ii) Pile foundation:-

The pile foundation is consist of for the foundation of bridge. Piers or abutment supported on the pile. Pile is element of construction composed of timber, concrete steel or combination of them.

Pile foundation may be drilled as a column supported. a foundation is cast in situ or precast. This type of construction is adopted when the loose soil extends to great depth.

(a) Pile driving:-

A process of forcing a pile into the ground is known as pile driving. The equipment required for pile driving are for frame, pile hammer, lead, winches.

(b) Pile frame:-

Pile frame are generally made of steel having high venum betⁿ 10 - 25m.

(c) Pile hammer :-

The hammer is guided by 10 parallel steel members known as lead. Hammer are of following types.

- (i) Drop hammer
- (ii) single acting steelhammer.
- (iii) Double acting steelhammer.
- (iv) Differential acting steelhammer.
- (v) Vibratory hammer
- (vi) Diesel hammer.

(i) Drop hammer :-

A drop hammer is lifted and allowed to fall on the head of pile. The weight of hammer varies from 1 to 4 ton and the height of fall varies 1.5 to 6 mt.

(ii) single acting steamhammer :-

In this type of the hammer is raised either by steam or by compressed air and then allowed to fall by gravity. The weight of single acting steelhammer about 2 ton. The fall is about 1 m height and the weight of the blow is about 60 per minutes.

(iii) Double acting steamhammer

In this type of the hammer is raised and lowered either by steam or compressed air the height of double acting steam hammer is about 500 kg put together with steam pressure. It has an effect of 50 weight about 300 the numbers of blows per minutes is about 100 to 200.

(iv) Differential acting steam hammers :-

This hammer combines the advantages of single acting and double acting steam hammer. The weight of hammer and height of fall is same as in case of single acting hammer. The number of blow per minutes is same as in case of double acting hammer.

(v) Diesel hammer :-

The diesel hammer is a small light weight self contained and self driving by pipe using gasoline for fuel.

(vi) Vibratory hammer :-

In this types the driving unit vibrates at high frequency.

(vii) Lead :-

They are employed to guide the hammer and pipe.

Winches :- These are required to level the hammer and pipe.

Water dam :- It is the temporary structure which is constructed so as to remove water or soil from an area and make it possible to carry on the construction work. Under reasonably dry conditions.

Requirement :-

- constructed at sight work.
- It should be water tight.
- Absolute water tightness is not required.
- It should be cost effective.
- It have advantage where large area of site is to be enclosed and hard bed responsible.

- It should be design for max^m water level and other destructive force to make it stable against bursting
- Materials used can be timber, steel, soil, concrete materials etc.
- Types of construction depend on depth, soil condition, materials etc.
- Water excluded by coffer dam can be ground water deep or running water etc.

Types of coffer dams: —

There are six types of coffer dams used for bridge construction.

- (i) Earth filled
- (ii) Rock Filled
- (iii) Rock filled crib
- (iv) ~~single~~ Double wall
- (v) Double wall
- (vi) cellular

(i) Earth filled: —

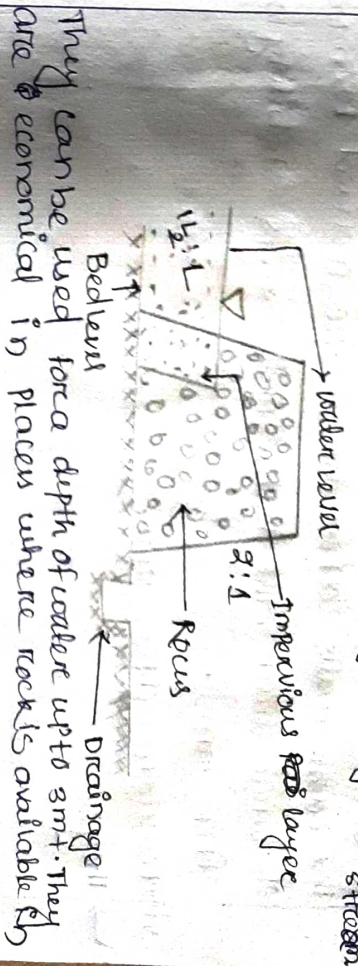


This is the simplest form of cofferdams its use is limited.

It should never be used where their is danger of over topping by water.

(ii) Rock Filled: —
A rock filled crib cofferdam is comprised of timber cribs a crib is a frame work of wooden horizontal

Rocks Filled: — They are constructed by placing rock along stream.

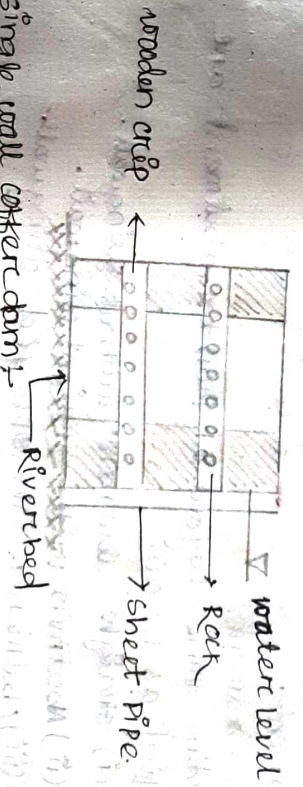


They can be used for a depth of water upto 3m. They are economical in places where rocks are available in plenty.

An impervious layer of earth is laid on the other face of the coffer dam.

(ii) Rock filled crib: —

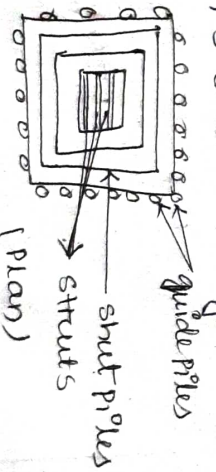
A rock filled crib cofferdam is comprised of timber cribs a crib is a frame work of wooden horizontal and cross beams ~~and~~ laid alternate courses.



Single wall coffer dam: —

This type of cofferdams is suitable when available working space is limited and area to be enclosed is small.

It may use upto max^m depth of water of 2.5m the walls of the coffer dam are normally made of steel sheet piles.



(v) Double wall:-

The double walls coffer dams are provided to enclosed of large area. The double walls gives stability to the coffer dams.

(vi) reticular coffer dams:-

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ABUTMENT:-

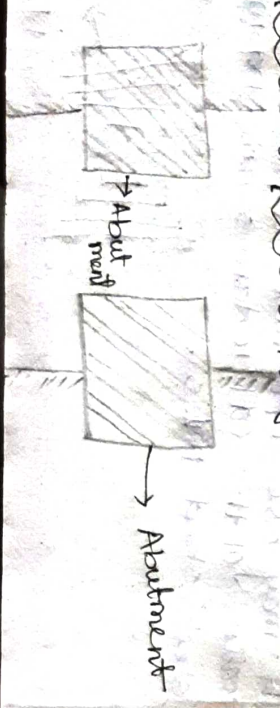
The end support of a super structure is called abutment.

Types of abutment:-

According to the layout of plan the abutment are classified as below.

- (i) straight abutment without wing wall.
- (ii) Abutment with straight wing wall.
- (iii) Abutment with splayed wing wall.
- (iv) TEE Abutment.
- (v) Abutment with wing wall at right angle.
- (vi) pulpet abutment.

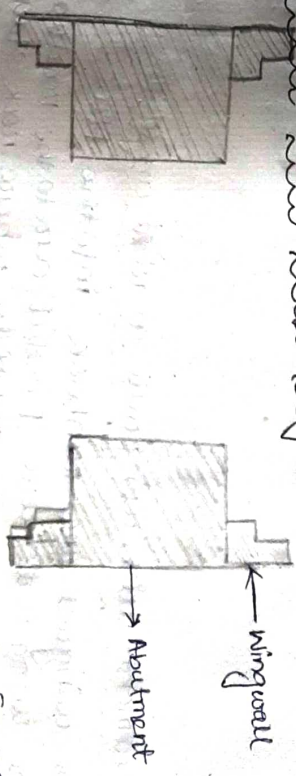
(i) straight abutment without wing wall:-



→ This types of abutment are not generally adopted on water ways. As the flood will penetrate through the joint of masonry into the earth.

→ This will reduce the bearing capacity of the soil and damage it. Thus this types of abutment are not suitable for water ways.

(ii) Abutment with straight wing wall:-



→ This types of abutment are also not suitable for water ways as the water immediately behind the wing wall and damage the embankment.

(iii) Abutment with splayed wing wall:-

→ This wing wall are made straight but they are splayed at angle 45° and 60° with the face of abutment.

→ The abutment with splayed wing wall are used across a river to provide smooth entry and exit of water.

iv) Tee abutment:-

- This type of abutment were used in early rails road, construction.
- The head of the support the bridge.

v) Abutment with wing wall at right angle:-

- The wing wall are run back into the fill.
- The wing walls are parallel are to the road way. This types abutment are suitable where rock shoreline in setup the wing wall footing.
- The abutment with return wing wall are also known as V-abutment. In this types of abutment is extended at right angle at both the end to some distance to protect thus earth work.
- These are used where banks are stiff and rock.

vi) Right abutment:-

- It is the modified V-abutment where the corners of wing at right angle are made shorter.
- The term wing wall should be of sufficient length to prevent the retaining material from following

vii) Wing wall:-

The wall constructed on either of abutment to support and protect the embankment are known as wing wall.

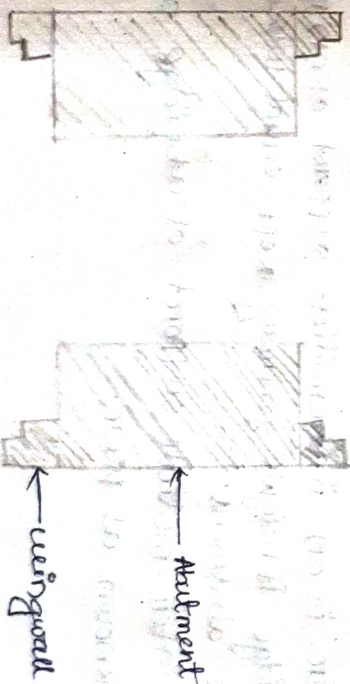
Types of wing wall:-

- (1) straight wing wall
- (2) splayed wing wall
- (3) return wing wall

1. straight wing wall:-

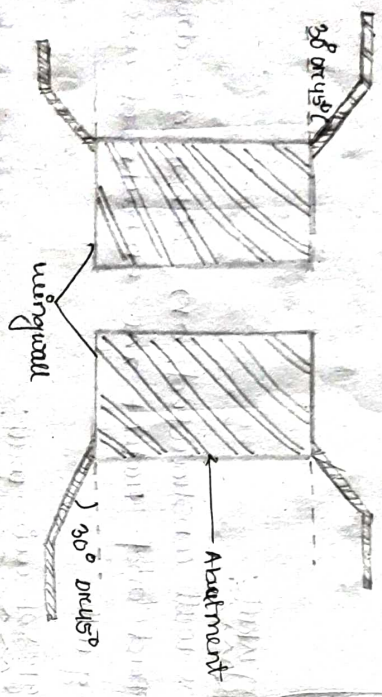
→ When the wing wall are constructed in line with the abutment are known as straight wing wall.

→ This type of wing wall is suitable for small bridges which are constructed across the drain having low bank.



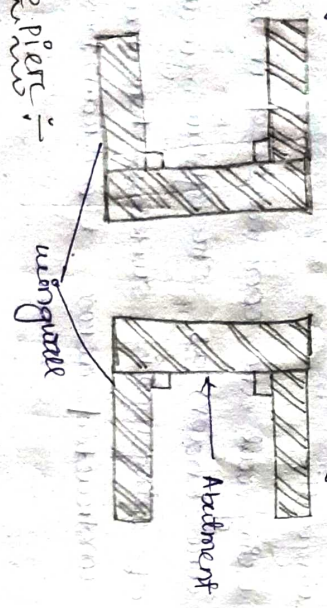
2. Splayed wingwalls-

- When wingwalls are inclined in plan they are known as splayed wingwall.
- The splayed or inclination is usually 45° or 30° .



(3) Return wingwall-

When angle of inclination become of the wingwall are known as return wing wall such wing wall like prepared & splayed wall in case of every high embankment.



Bridge pier:-

- Pier is an intermediate support of an multi span bridge if height generally kept equal to the height of the abutment.
- The intermediate support of a bridge super structure is known as pier.

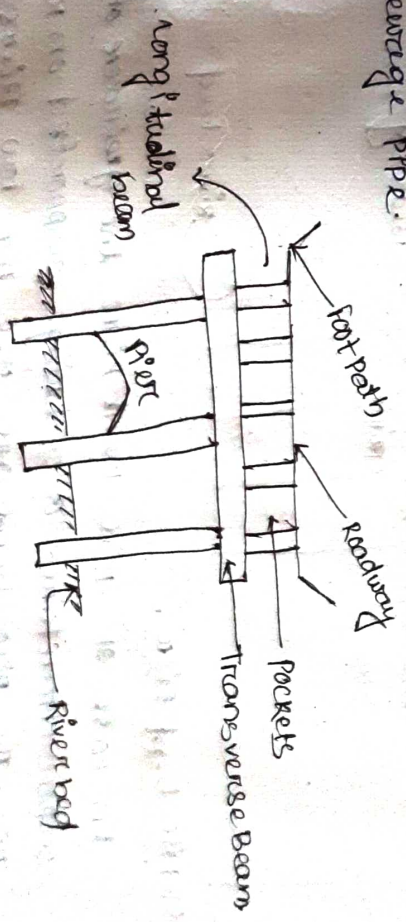
Types:-

1. Column bent
2. Cylindrical pier
3. Dumb bell pier
4. Pier bent
5. Solid pier
6. Trestle pier

(1) Column Bent:-

- A column bent type of pier is adopted if the longitudinal beam of the support structure are closely spaced.
- The transverse beams are provided to support the longitudinal beam at the support structure and 2 or more column on a solid foundation are constructed to support the transverse beam.

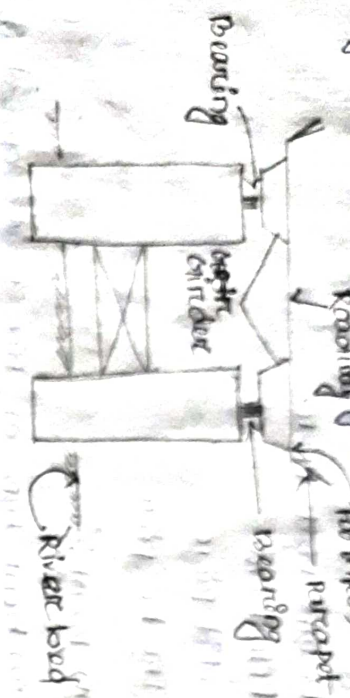
- The pockets from below the longitudinal beam may be to carry gas pipe, water pipe and sewerage pipe.



Cylindrical pier:-

- A cylindrical pier consist of mild steel cylinder connected by the horizontal and diagonal

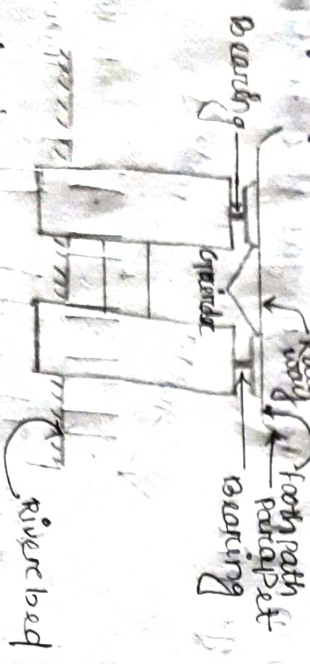
→ These pipes are adopted when foundation and steel cylinder can - roadway types for bridge.



3) Dumb Bell Piers -

→ A dumb bell pier has an appearance of a dumb bell. It is adopted when the super structure of a bridge supported on two girders.

→ A column is provided below girder and the column is connected by a thin wall.



4) Pile bent pier :-

In case of pile bent pier the girder of super structure of bridge supported on two pile. The pile bents are use for low piers over unstable ground.

5) solid pier :-

→ In case of solid pier the pier consist of masonry or cast concrete. solid section through out the entire length.

→ such type of construction of pier is very popular in bridge construction from two reason.

- i) For any type of super structure of the bridge.
- ii) It provides excellent resistance to the action of floating bodies.

6) Truss the pier :-

→ A truss the pier is a frame pier and it consist of vertical, horizontal, diagonal main bars.

→ The truss the pier may be of steel or concrete.

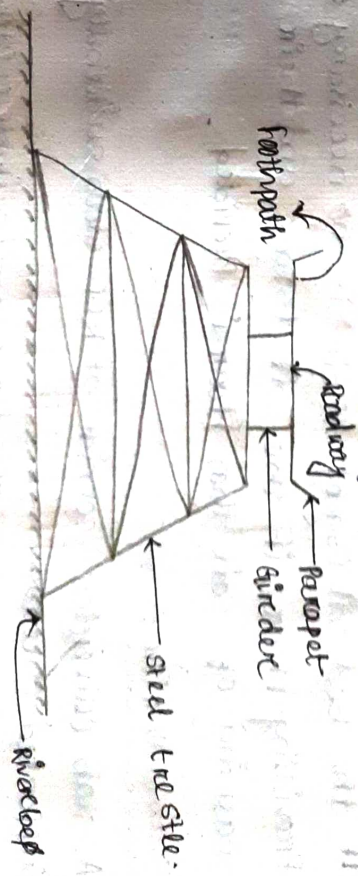
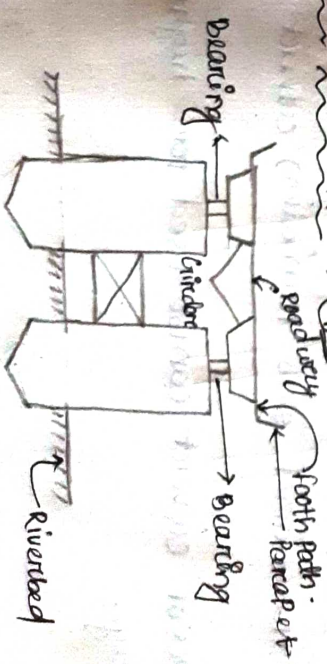


Diagram of pile bent pier :-



Culvert:-

A culvert is a small bridge used for carrying water from one side to another. A culvert may have one, two or more spans. mostly culverts having one span.

Types of culverts:-

- (1) Arch culvert.
- (2) Slab culvert.
- (3) Pipe culvert.
- (4) Box culvert.

(1) Arch culvert:-

An arch culvert consist of abutments, wings walls, parapet and foundation.
 The construction materials commonly used are brick work or concrete.

If the bed soil is good there is no necessity of providing floor, if the soil is poor and there is scouring of soil then floor is provided.

(2) Slab culvert:-

A slab culvert consist of RCC slab suitably supported on wall.

A slab culvert of simple types are suitable upto max span of 8.5 mt.
 The construction of slab foundation culvert is very simple.

This types of culvert can be used for highway as well as railways.

(3) Pipe culvert:-

They are provided when discharge of stream is small. Usually one or more of diameter not less than 600 mm are placed side by side.

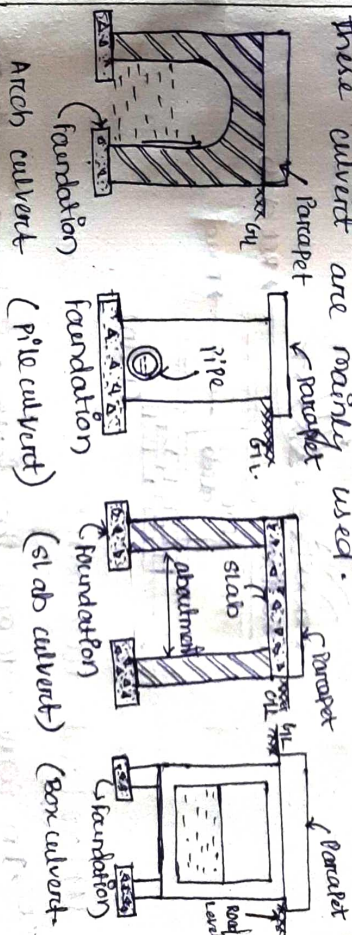
Their exact no. of diameter depend upon the discharge of water.

Pipe may be masonry cement concrete iron or steel.

(4) Box culvert:-

These culvert may be mainly consist of one or more no. of square or rectangular opening for passing the water from one side to another side.

In soft soil when there is possibility of scouring of scouring and being capacity of soil is poor these culvert are mainly used.



Cause way:-

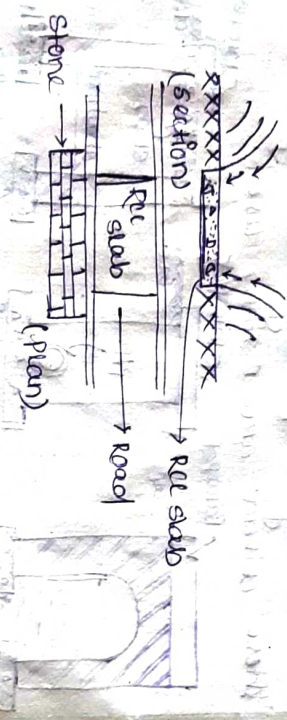
The cause way is defined as a small submersible bridge at or about bed level which will allow the flood to pass over it.

Types of cause way:-

- (1) Flush cause way
- (2) Low level cause way
- (3) High level cause way

2) Flush cause way :-

- In this type of cause way only pavement done in the stream bed and no vent is provided. The stream water flows continuously over the paved bed through the rear.
- Some times R.R.C slabs is provided in the bed level for giving smooth surface.
- Stone pitching is provided on the down stream side to protect the wearing.
- Flush cause ways are provided in hilly area when the max depth of water does not exceed 1.7 mtr. In flood season and the total interruption does not exceed 15 days in the life period of one year.

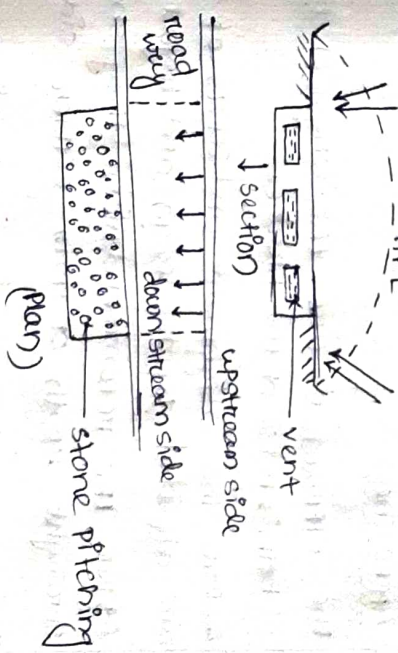


3) Low level cause way :-

- In some streams the depth of water generally remains about 30cm for most of period of year and the heavy discharge comes only in raining season for a few hours only.
- In such cases low level cause way are very useful for the traffic.

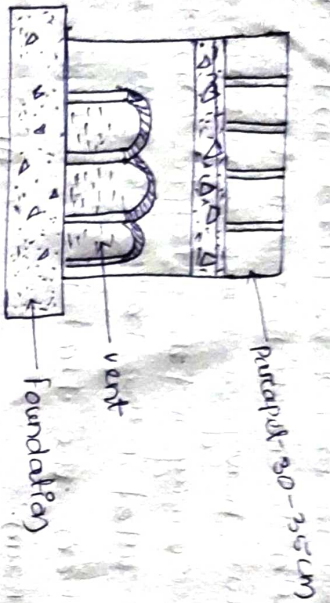
- Small openings about 30-35cm are provided below the road way slab, so that the winter and summer discharges can pass through these vents without disturbing the traffic.

- Then the most of the period can pass over the cause way with interruption. But in the raining season just after rains heavy discharge comes which flows over the cause way and the traffic can stay in the rest consulted on the both side on the cause way.
- When the flood is over traffic starts crossing the stream.



3) High level cause way :-

- This is also called as submersible bridge.
- This may be defined as a bridge which allows normal flood to pass through its vent and heavy flood water flow over it.
- These may be constructed on firm or rocky or loose soil bed. Thick cement concrete is 1st laid on the bed, over which vent of required section are constructed.
- At the top of the vent R.R.C slab is laid over which traffic runs.
- Small parapet are constructed on both side of road over the bridge.
- Stone pitching or concrete is laid in the down stream side of the bridge.



Approaches:-

→ The approaches are the length of the combination rate at both ends of the bridge.

→ As per the alignment and levels of the approaches are affected by the design and layout of the bridge.

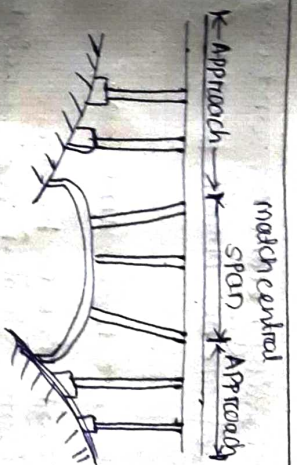
→ As per IRC recommendation they should have a min straight length of 15m either side of a bridge.

→ This length of 15m may be increased where necessary to provide min sight distance for the design speed.

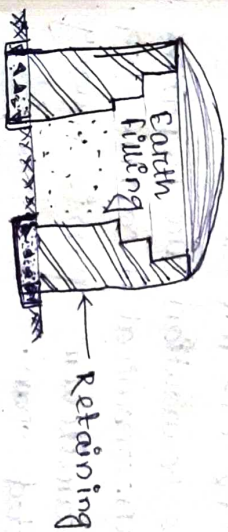
→ This straight length of approach should have minimum surfaced width equal to the roadway on the bridge itself.

Types of Approaches:-

→ In case of arch and ~~span~~ suspension bridge some times it is economical to cover only the central portion of bridge. The approaches in such cases may be provided in the form of series of small spans from the banks to the main structure.



→ In urban areas where land is costly the approaches are made of retaining walls constructed on either end of road with, and the earth works is fixed in the middle. This type through higher is economical costs economical to maintain.



Masonry Bridge:-

→ masonry arch bridges are very commonly used for road bridges of moderate span.

→ It is suitable for simplicity, economy and ease with which pleasing appearance.

→ There are three types of masonry bridges are.

- 1) stone masonry bridge
- 2) brick masonry arch.
- 3) cement concrete masonry arch.

→ Rain forced cement concrete bridges.

→ It produce maintenance free structure.

→ No clearing or painting after every year is.

→ The durability, rigidity, economy and ease with which pleasing appearance can be obtained make it suitable for bridge building.
→ It consists of decks, T-beams and less.

Types of reinforced cement concrete bridges:-

1) slab bridge:- It is the simplest type of reinforced cement concrete bridge and easiest to construct.

→ It is suitable for submersible bridge.

→ It is suitable for spans up to 8 meters.

2) girder bridge:- It is economical for spans bet 10m to 30m.

3) Balanced cantilever bridges:-

→ It consists of spans simply supported over cantilevers.

→ It can be used for span varying from 35m to 60m.

→ Where foundation are expensive and small spans are uneconomical it can be used.

→ The cantilever spans is usually 20m-25m of the supported span.

4. Continuous bridges:-

→ These are bridges continuous over more than one span.

→ End spans are made about 16-20% smaller than the intermediate span. It used for large spans.