

# EARTHWORK

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## EARTHWORK

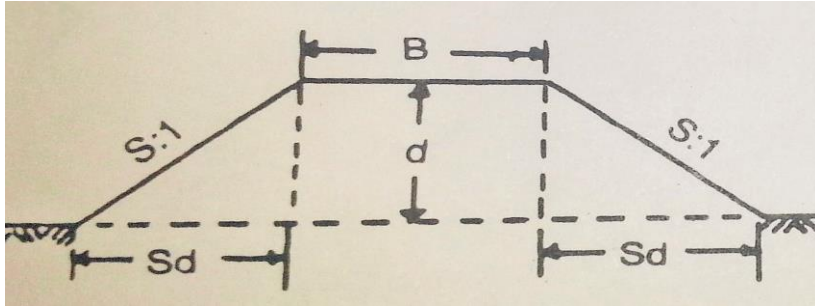
- Cross section of earthwork of road in banking or in cutting is usually in the form of trapezium.
- The quantity of earthwork in the form of trapezium calculated by the following formula.

**Quantity or Volume = Sectional Area x Length**

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- Sectional Area = Area of central portion + Area of two side triangular portion
- Sectional Area =  $Bd + 2 \left( \frac{1}{2} sd \times d \right) = Bd + Sd^2$
- $S : 1$  is the ratio of sides slopes as horizontal : vertical.
- For “1” vertical, horizontal is “s”, for “d” vertical, horizontal is “sd”.
- So , **Quantity =  $Bd + Sd^2 \times L$**

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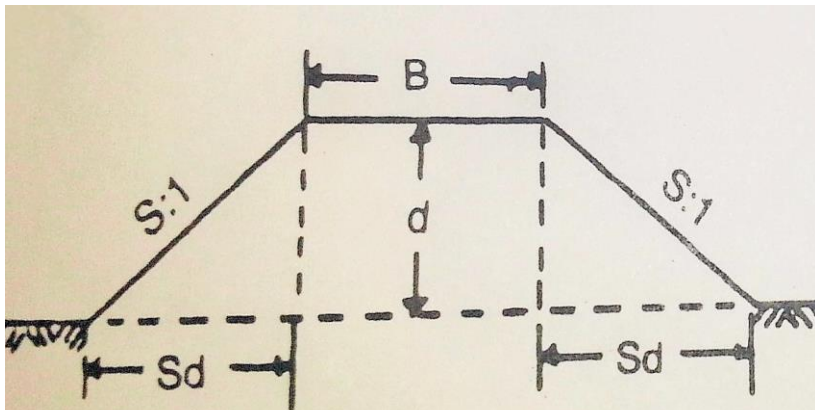


Fig. 7-1  
Banking

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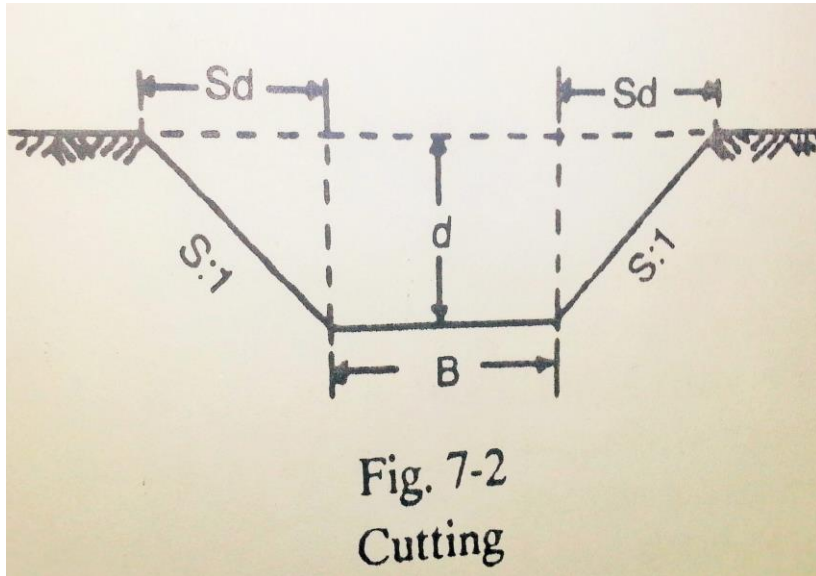


Fig. 7-2  
Cutting

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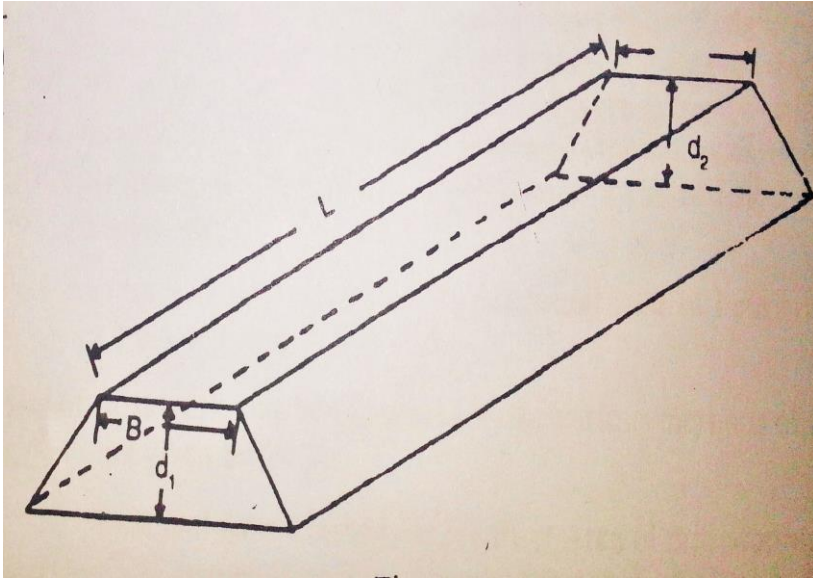
- When the ground is in a longitudinal slope, the height of bank or depth of cutting will be different at two ends of the section.
- So mean height or depth may be taken for “d”.

$$\text{Mean height} = \frac{d_1 + d_2}{2}$$

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## LEAD AND LIFT

### LEAD

Horizontal distance traveled by the earth to be moved for banking or dumping.

### LIFT

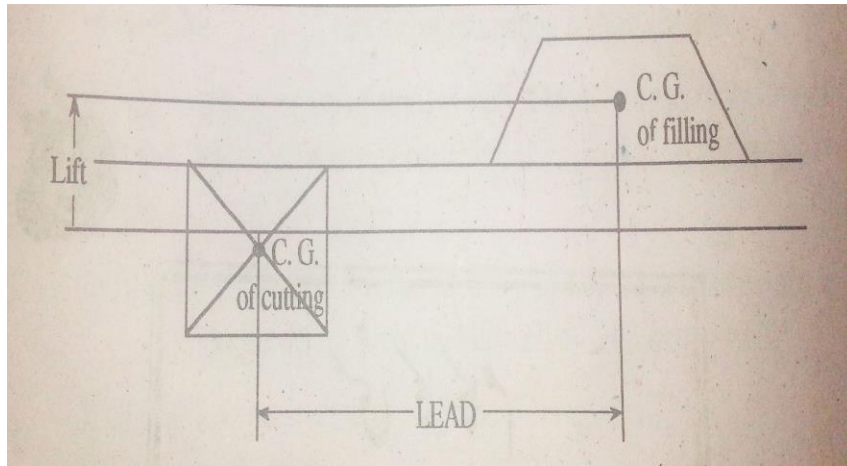
Vertical distance travelled by earthwork after excavating.

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## LEAD AND LIFT



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## LEAD AND LIFT

- Normally earthwork is estimated for 30 m lead for distance and 1.5 m lift for height or depth.
- Normal rate for earthwork is for 30 m lead and for 1.5 m lift.
- For greater lead or lift the rates will be different (higher) for every unit of 30 m lead and every unit of 1.5 m lift.
- Therefore, the earthwork is estimated separately for every 30 m lead and for every 1.5 m lift.

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## METHODS OF EARTHWORK

The quantity of earthwork may be calculated by the various methods of mensuration. Out of which we will discuss following three methods.

1. **Mid-sectional Area Method**
2. **Mean Sectional Area Method**
3. **Prismoidal Formula Method**

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### 1. Mid-sectional Area Method

- In this method we calculate the quantity of earthwork by following formula:

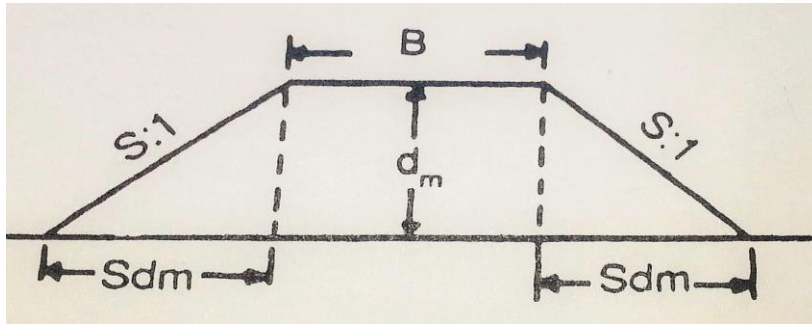
$$\text{Quantity} = \text{Area of Mid Section} \times \text{Length}$$

- Let  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  be the height of bank at two ends portion of embankment ( $d_m = \frac{d_1 + d_2}{2}$ ),  $L$  the length of the section,  $B$  the formation width and  $S:1$  (horizontal : vertical) the sides slope then, (count.....)

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- Area of mid section = Area of rectangular portion + Area of two triangular portion
- Area of mid section =  $Bd_m + \frac{1}{2} Sd_m^2 + \frac{1}{2} Sd_m^2 = Bd_m + Sd_m^2$
- Quantity of earth work =  $(Bd_m + Sd_m^2) \times L$
- $Q = (Bd + Sd^2) \times L$  (where d stands for mean height or depth)

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## 1. Mid-sectional Area Method

- The quantities of earthwork may be calculated in a tabular form as given below:

Station Or Chainage	Depth Or Height	Mean depth or height "d"	Area of central portion Bd	Area of sides $Sd^2$	Total sectional area $Bd+Sd^2$	Length between stations L	Quantity $(Bd + Sd^2) \times L$	
							filling	cutting

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## 2. Mean-sectional Area Method

In this method we use following formula to calculate quantity of earthwork.

$$\text{Quantity} = \text{Mean sectional Area} \times \text{Length}$$

- Sectional area at one end  $A1 = Bd1 + Sd1^2$ ,
- Sectional area at other end  $A2 = Bd2 + Sd2^2$ ,
- $d1$  and  $d2$  are the heights or depth at two ends.
- The mean sectional area  $A = \frac{A1+A2}{2}$

$$\text{Quantity} = \frac{A1+A2}{2} \times \text{Length}$$

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The quantities of earthwork may be calculated in a tabular form as given below:

Station Or Chainage	Depth Or Height "d"	Area of central portion Bd	Area of sides Sd <sup>2</sup>	Total sectional area Bd+Sd <sup>2</sup>	Mean sectional area	Length between stations L	Quantity (Bd +Sd <sup>2</sup> ) x L	
							filling	cutting

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### 3. Prismoidal Formula Method

In this method we use following formula to calculate earth work quantity.

$$\text{Quantity or Volume} = \frac{L}{6} (A_1 + A_2 + 4A_m)$$

- Where  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are the cross-sectional areas at two ends of a portion of embankment of a road length  $L$ . And  $A_m$  is the mid sectional area.
- Let  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  be the heights of banks at two ends, and  $d_m$  be the mean height at the mid section,  $B$  be the formation width and  $S:1$  be the side slope.

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### 3. Prismoidal Formula Method

- Cross sectional area at one end

$$A_1 = Bd_1 + Sd_1^2$$

- Cross sectional area at other end

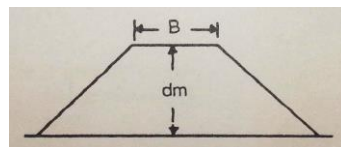
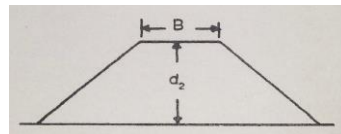
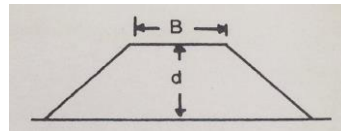
$$A_2 = Bd_2 + Sd_2^2$$

- Cross section at middle

$$d_m = \frac{d_1 + d_2}{2}$$

- $A_m = B d_m + S d_m^2$

$$\text{Quantity} = \frac{L}{6} (A_1 + A_2 + 4A_m)$$



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## Example

- Calculate the quantity of earthwork for 200 meter length for a portion of a road in an uniform ground the heights of banks at the two ends being 1.00m and 1.60m. The formation width is 10 meter and side slopes 2:1 (Horizontal : Vertical). Assume that there is no transverse slope.
- Solution of this problem is calculated by three methods as next slides. (count...)

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## By Method 1 Mid-sectional Area Method

$$\text{Quantity} = (Bd + Sd^2) \times \text{Length}$$

$$B = 10 \text{ m}, S = 2, L = 200\text{m}$$

$$d = \text{mean depth} = \frac{1.00+1.60}{2} = 1.30\text{m}$$

$$Q = (10 \times 1.3 + 2 \times 1.3^2) \times 200 = (13 + 3.38) \times 200 = 16.38 \times 200$$

$$Q = 3276 \text{ cum}$$

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## By Method 2 Mean Sectional Area Method

$$A1 = \text{sec. area at one end} = Bd_1 + Sd_1^2$$

$$A1 = 10 \times 1 + 2 \times 1^2 = 12 \text{ sq. m}$$

$$A2 = \text{sec. area at other end} = Bd_2 + Sd_2^2$$

$$A2 = 10 \times 1.60 + 2 \times 1.60^2 = 21.12 \text{ sq. m}$$

$$\text{Mean section area} = \frac{A1+A2}{2} = \frac{12+21.12}{2} = 16.56 \text{ sq. m}$$

$$\text{Quantity} = \text{mean sec. area} \times \text{length} = 16.56 \times 200$$

$$\mathbf{Q = 3312 \text{ cu m}}$$

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## By Method 3 Prismoidal Formula Method

$$\text{Quantity} = \frac{L}{6} (A1+A2+4A_m)$$

$$A1 = \text{sec. area at one end} = Bd_1 + Sd_1^2$$

$$A1 = 10 \times 1 + 2 \times 1^2 = 12 \text{ sq. m}$$

$$A2 = \text{sec. area at other end} = Bd_2 + Sd_2^2$$

$$A2 = 10 \times 1.60 + 2 \times 1.60^2 = 21.12 \text{ sq. m}$$

$$A_m = \text{mid section area} = Bd_m + Sd_m^2$$

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### By Method 3 Prismoidal Formula Method

$$A_m = Bd_m + Sd_m^2$$

$$\text{Where, } d_m = \frac{d_1+d_2}{2} = \frac{1.00+1.60}{2} = 1.30\text{m}$$

$$\text{So, } A_m = 10 \times 1.30 + 2 \times 1.30^2 = 16.38 \text{ sq. m}$$

$$Q = \frac{200}{6} (12 + 21.12 + 4 \times 16.38) = \frac{200}{6} \times 98.64 = \frac{19728}{6}$$

$$Q = 3288 \text{ cum}$$

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