



FOR ANY SYMMETRIC PARABOLIC CURVE

$$m = (G' - G)L$$

$$m = \frac{1}{2} (EL. B.V.C. + EL. E.V.C. - EL. V)$$

$$d = m \left( \frac{D}{L/2} \right)^2 = \frac{4m}{L^2} D^2$$

$$d = \frac{D^2(G' - G)}{L200} = \frac{-D^2}{K200}$$

$$X = \frac{100(H - P')}{(G' - G)}$$

$$S = G - D \left( \frac{G - G'}{L} \right) = \frac{G - D}{K}$$

$$D^0 = \frac{LG}{G - G'}$$

$$A = G - G'$$

$$K = \frac{L}{A} = \frac{L}{G - G'}$$

WHERE:

BVC = Begin Vertical Curve

EVC = End Vertical Curve

L = Length of curve - measured horizontally - meters G and G' = Grade rates - percent

m = Middle ordinate - meters

d = Correction from grade line to curve - meters  
D = Distance from B.V.C. or E.V.C. to any point on curve - meters

S = Slope of the tangent to the curve at any point - meters

X = Distance from P' to V - meters

H = Elevation of grade G projected to station of P'

P and P' = Elevation on respective grades

D<sub>0</sub> = Distance to low or high point from extremity of curve - meters

K = Distance in meters required to achieve a 1% change in grade

NOTES:

A rising grade carries a plus sign, while a falling grade carries a minus sign when progressing in the direction of the stationing. When progressing in the opposite direction, G becomes a minus grade and G' a plus grade.

*Figure 200.06*  
**Symmetric Parabolic Vertical Curves**