Mastersweek

TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING

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01

Pavement Materials and Design of Pavements

Components of pavement structure and its requirements; Materials used in pavement construction: aggregate, Portland cement, asphalt, Portland cement concrete, asphalt concrete; Aggregates: production, properties, testing procedures, gradation and blending; Portland cement based materials: mixture design, production, properties, testing, construction; Asphalt binder: refining process, properties, testing procedures, grading systems; Asphalt concrete mixture design: fundamentals of mix design procedure, mixture volumetrics, current mix design procedures; Production and construction practices; Stresses and strains in pavement system: traffic, environment considerations; Design of pavements: new, overlay; Pavement performance; Drainage consideration.

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Urban and Regional Transportation Planning

Fundamentals of transportation planning. Components of transportation system and their interaction. Historical development and current status of techniques used in travel demand forecasting; Economic Theory of travel demand forecasting; trip generation, trip distribution, mode choice, traffic assignment models. Integration of landuse transport models. Comparison and evaluation of various models. Simultaneous travel demand models: Parameter Estimation and Validation. Travel Data collection and use of surveys. The role of transportation planning in the overall regional system. Methodology and models for regional transportation system, planning, implementation framework and case studies. Applications to passenger and freight movement in urban area. Implications for policy formulations and analysis.

03

Traffic Engineering

Introductory concepts of traffic engineering, road user and vehicle characteristics, Road way geometric characteristics, traffic stream characteristics, and traffic flow theory basics. Statistical applications in traffic engineering. Traffic data collection methods - speed, volume, travel time and delay studies. Parking studies. Highway safety and statistics. Capacity analysis of freeway and multilane highways - fundamental concepts, freeway segment analysis, two-way highways. Intersections concepts of intersection control, intersection layout, signalization basics, signal timing. Analysis of signals and coordination under undersaturated and oversaturated conditions.

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Advanced Topics in Transportation Engineering

This is an advanced course for M.Tech. Transportation engineering program where students will study a specialized topic within transportation engineering (including but not limited to transportation planning, traffic engineering and pavement engineering). The topic shall be announced by instructor at the beginning. The performance of student in this course will be evaluated through presentation(s) and report(s) made by student during the registered term.

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Analytical and Numerical Methods for Structural Engineering

Introduction: Mathematical foundations of structural theory. Linear algebra: vector spaces and linear transformations. Linear differential equations and function spaces. Partial differential equations; Elliptic, parabolic and hyperbolic PDEs. Nonlinear differential equations. Gaussian Elimination; Factorization Techniques - LU, Cholesky; Iterative Methods of Solution of Linear Simultaneous Equations. Properties of Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors; Similarity Transforms; Diagonalization and Numerical Techniques to Compute Eigenvalues - Vector Iteration, QR algorithm, Jacobi Method. Time Marching Schemes (Step by Step Solutions); Euler's Method; Runge KuttaMethod; Newmark Beta Method. Numerical Solution of Boundary Value Problems - Finite Difference Method, Explicit and Implicit Approaches; Method of Weighted Residuals, Galerkin's Method. Numerical Integration: Gauss- Legendre Method, Newton-Cotes Method. Regression Analysis and Curve Fitting. Applications of mathematical and numerical methods to static, dynamic and stability analysis of elastic structures and cables.

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Environmental Statistics and Experimental Design

Introduction on environmental data, environmental statistics estimation (concentration, frequency of detection,minimum detection limit, sample size), frequency and probability distributions, inferences concerning mean and variance, confidence Interval estimation, hypotheses test, ANOVA, regression, goodness of fit, factoral experimentation, exceedance factor, intervention model, Case studies.

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Probability and Statistics

Probability Laws, Random Variables, Conditional Probability and Bayes Theorem, Important Random Variables and their properties, Joint Probability Distributions, Law of Total Probability, Law of Large Numbers, Central Limit Theorem, Estimation Theory, Parameter Estimation, Hypothesis Testing using Parametric and Non-Parametric Methods, Goodness of fit tests, ANOVA, Linear Regression (Simple, Generalized) and Logistics Regression.

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Optimization Techniques in Water Resources

Optimization techniques commonly used in water resources planning & management, water infrastructures, and irrigation and hydropower projects; Linear programming and duality, Network flow algorithms, Dynamic programming, Nonlinear programming, Geometric and Goal programming, Introduction to modern heuristic methods like genetic algorithm and simulated annealing, Multiobjective optimization, Applications and case studies in water resources, agriculture, environment and other areas of science & engineering.

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Airport Planning and Design

Overview of air transport; Forecasting demand-passenger, freight; Aircraft characteristics; Airport planning-requirements site selection, layout plan; Geometric design of runway, taxiway and aprons; Airport capacity-airside, landside; Passenger terminal-functions, passenger and baggage flow; Airport pavement design and drainage; Parking and apron design; Air cargo facilities; Air traffic control lighting and signing; Airport safety; Environmental impact of airport; airport financing and economic analysis

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Transportation Infrastructure Design

Transportation infrastructure: components, structural and functional requirements, capacity, level of service; Highway infrastructure: grade intersections, rotaries, interchanges; Railway infrastructure: trackbed design, grade-crossing design, embankment, retaining walls; Drainage infrastructure: culverts, bridges; Pedestrian infrastructure: pedestrian sideways, foot bridges; Miscellaneous: bus and truck terminals, parking facilities, guard rails, tunnels, underpasses;.

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Modeling of Pavement Materials

Role of constitutive modeling; Laboratory testing in relation to constitutive modeling: elastic modulus, resilient modulus, complex modulus, creep, rheological tests; Introduction to continuum mechanics: strain tensor, stress tensor, isotropy, anisotropy, constitutive relationships; Factors affecting material behavior: temperature, rate, time, confining pressure; Unbound materials: soil, aggregate; Bound materials: binding using asphalt, water, lime, polymer, fly ash, cement; Constitutive models: unbound materials, bound materials; Field performance of pavement materials: fatigue, rutting, temperature issues, moisture damage, permeability; Transfer functions to relate laboratory performance with field performance.

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Public Transportation Systems

This course discusses the role of urban public transportation modes, focusing on bus and rail systems. Operational and Technological characteristics are described, along with their impacts on capacity, service quality, and cost. Current practice and methods for data collection and analysis, performance evaluation, route and network design, frequency determination, and vehicle and crew scheduling are covered. Main topics include: Transit System; Estimation of Transit Demand; Route planning techniques; Bus Scheduling; Transit Corridor identification and planning; Mass Transport Management Measures; Integration of Public Transportation Modes. Public transport Infrastructure; Case Studies. Multimodal Transportation Systems.

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Transportation Safety and Environment

Scientific management techniques in planning, implementing, and evaluating highway safety programs, strategies to integrate and amplify safety in transportation planning processes., multidisciplinary relationships necessary to support effective traffic safety initiatives. Traffic Safety as public health problem, Injury indices and costing , emergency care, pollution inventory in urban areas, environment and safety standards.

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Intelligent Transportation Systems

Introduction to Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS); ITS Organizational Issues, the fundamental concepts of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) to students with interest in engineering, transportation systems, communication systems, vehicle technologies, transportation planning, transportation policy, and urban planning. ITS in transportation infrastructure and vehicles, that improve transportation safety, productivity, environment, and travel reliability. Mobile device applications of ITS such as trip planners, ETA s of public transit vehicles.

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Planning and Design of Sustainable Transport Systems

Sustainable Transportation Planning and Design including: Consideration of bicycles, pedestrian, mass transit modes, and private vehicles like cars and two wheelers as well as how these modes interrelate. Applicability at varying scales, from a downtown street to a neighborhood to a regional network Case studies are discussed from different parts of the world. Various indicators for measuring sustainability index of transport system including public health, resource consumption, local and global pollution and equity considerations are discussed.

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Advanced Transportation Modelling

Systems Approach to Travel demand models, Trip generation Models Using Different Statistical techniques, Trip distribution,Discrete Choice Logit, Nested Logit and other Models,Network Assignment,Traffic Assignment Using User Equilibrium and Systems Optimization Techniques, Revealed preference and Stated Preference surveys, Analysis of Ranked and Rated data, Demand models for Nonmotorised transport and Public Transport systems.

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Geometric Design of Roads

Introduction to basic road geoemetric design elements and methodology - design philosophy and design techniques; Design controls - human, vehicle and speed related factors. Road vehicle performance - road vehicle dynamics - tractive and resisting forces. Braking forces. Theoretical and practical stopping distances. Elements of geometric design - cross section elements; Horizontal Alignment - tangents, curves, transitions, superelevation; Vertical Alignment - grades and curves; Coordination of Horizontal and Vertical Alignment. Design of Intersections at-grade- design principles, channelization, roundabouts, Interchanges- types, warrants, lane balancing; Road side safety- hazards and clear zone concept, traffic safety barriers, impact attenuation.

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Transportation Infrastructure Management

Transportation infrastructure components; Deterioration phenomena; Effect of external factors like environment, traffic loading,material properties on deterioration mechanisms; Evaluation techniques to evaluate damage: destructive, nondestructive; Performance models: development, calibration; Infrastructure management systems; Serviceability of condition and safety; Decision making and optimization techniques applied to infrastructure management; Life cycle cost analysis techniques.

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Viscoelastic Behavior of Bituminous Materials

Overview of material behavior-elastic, plastic, viscoelastic, Viscoplastic response; Aging; Issues in representative volume element; Mechanical analogs for viscoelastic response; Fundamental viscoelastic response-creep compliance, relaxation, complex modulus; Interconversion techniques to obtain fundamental viscoelastic responses; Time-temperature superposition; linear viscoelastic constitutive equations; Elastic-viscoelastic correspondence principle; Predicting material behavior-undamaged, damaged state conditions, Introduction to nonlinear viscoelasticity, Viscoelastoplastic behavoir, fracture mechanics.

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Transportation System Management

Transportation systems - resource management, approaches to funding. Asset and demand management - Integrated network design, changing travel behaviour, optimising asset management, role of technology; Optimizing the investment outcomes - movement of freight and passenger, traffic. Land use planning and urban growth management - land use and its effect on infrastructure and efficient network operations. Congestion, systemic congestion improvement and system-wide efficiency, Transit oriented development, safety considerations; evaluation of strategies; case studies.

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Transportation Economics

Overview of Transportation Economics; Transportation Investments and economic Development. Basics of Engineering economics, marginal analysis, opportunity cost, shadow price, money value of time, discounted cash flow, NPV, ROR, benefit-cost analysis. Road User Costs; Public transportation economics; Social Cost of Transportation;Cost of congestion, pollution, traffic accidents. Taxation, regulations, financing Transport Systems; Legal framework for transportation sector, case studies.

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Traffic Flow Modelling

Descriptors of traffic flow: Macroscopic and Microscopic, time, space and generalized measurement regions. Cumulative plots. Traffic Flow models - General classification and typology. Macroscopic Flow Models - continuity equation, LWR model, higher order models, numerical schema, Mesoscopic Flow Models - gas kinetic theory, Microscopic and Submicroscopic Flow Models - car following and lane changing; Pipes and forbes models; General motors-Gazis-Herman-Rothery (GHR) models, Stability analysis, macro-micro bridge. Modelling at Junctions/ Intersections; Un-signalized and Signalized; Roundabouts; Pedestrian Modelling - normal and panic movements; variations across infrastructure; Simulation - simple and complex traffic conditions.

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Transportation Logistics

Evolution of freight and logistics; Interrelationships between society, environment and freight transport; Survey methodologies to understand freight movement; Cost measurement: Production, Holding, Transportation, Handling; Effect of internal and external variables on cost; Demand forecasting; Inventory planning and management; Transportation and distribution network: Design, Reverse Logistics. Development, Management; Ware house operations; Pricing: Perishable, seasonal demand, uncertainty issues; Vehicle routing: One-to-one distribution, One-to-many

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Special Topics in Transportation Engineering

Course details shall be announced by the instructor at the time of offering of the course. The lectures will be supplemented by reading materials. The assessment will be based on a combination of assignments, quizzes, and term papers and tests.