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Currently, most concrete pavement thickness design procedures do not consider curling stress in fatigue analysis, but many researchers indicate that it should be considered to warrant a zero-maintenance thickness design. Thus, a review of the most widely-adopted PCA design procedure was conducted and concise modification recommendations were provided. Based on Westergaard's edge stress solution and several prediction models for stress adjustments for a variety of loading and environmental (i.e., thermal curling) conditions, a modified PCA equivalent stress analysis and thickness design procedure was proposed and implemented in a highly user-friendly, window-based TKUPAV program for practical trial applications. The proposed approach has been further verified by reproducing very close results to the equivalent stresses and fatigue damages using PCAPAV program, Microsoft EXCEL spreadsheets, and the TKUPAV program. The possible detrimental effect of loading plus day-time curling has also been illustrated in a case study, indicating that the effect of thermal curling should be considered in zero-maintenance design of concrete pavements.

## PCA THICKNESS DESIGN PROCEDURE

The main objective of this study was to develop a new stress analysis and thickness design procedure for jointed concrete pavements through proposed modifications to the most widelyadopted PCA's equivalent stress calculations and fatigue analysis [ $/]$. The Portland Cement Association's thickness design procedure (or PCA method) is the most well-known, widelyadopted, and mechanically-based procedure for the thickness design of jointed concrete pavements [2]. Based on the results of J-SLAB [3] finite element (F.E.) analysis, the PCA method uses design tables and charts and a PCAPAV personal computer program to determine the minimum slab thickness required to satisfy the following design factors: design period, the flexural strength of concrete (or the concrete modulus of rupture), the modulus of subbasesubgrade reaction, design traffic (including load safety factor, axle load distribution), with or without doweled joints and a tied concrete shoulder [4]. The PCA thickness design criteria are to limit the number of load repetitions based on both fatigue analysis and erosion analysis. Cumulative damage concept is used for the fatigue analysis to prevent the first crack initiation due to critical edge stresses, whereas the principal consideration of erosion analysis is to prevent pavement failures such as pumping, erosion of foundation, and joint faulting due to critical corner deflections during the design period. Since the main focus of his study was to develop an alternative stress analysis procedure for thickness design of concrete pavements, the erosion

[^0]analysis was not within the scope of this study.

## Equivalent Stress Calculations

In the PCA thickness design procedure, the determination of equivalent stress is based on the resulting maximum edge bending stress of J-SLAB F.E. analysis under a single axle (SA) load and a tandem axle (TA) load for different levels of slab thickness and modulus of subgrade reaction. The basic input parameters were assumed as: slab modulus $\mathrm{E}=4 \mathrm{Mpsi}$, Poisson's ratio $\mu=0.15$, finite slab length $L=180$ in., finite slab width $\mathrm{W}=144 \mathrm{in}$. A standard 18-kip single axle load (dual wheels) with each wheel load equal to $4,500 \mathrm{lbs}$, wheel contact area $=7 * 10$ in. ${ }^{2}$ (or an equivalent load radius $\mathrm{a}=4.72 \mathrm{in}$.), wheel spacing $\mathrm{s}=12 \mathrm{in}$., axle width (distance between the center of dual wheels) $\mathrm{D}=72 \mathrm{in}$. was used for the analysis, whereas a standard 36kip tandem axle load (dual wheels) with axle spacing $t=50 \mathrm{in}$. and remaining gear configurations same as the standard single axle was also used. If a tied concrete shoulder (WS) was present, the aggregate interlock factor was assumed as $\mathrm{AGG}=25000 \mathrm{psi}$. PCA also incorporated "the results of computer program MATS, developed for analysis and design of mat foundations, combined footings and slabs-on-grade" to account for the support provided by the subgrade extending beyond the slab edges for a slab with no concrete shoulder (NS). Together with several other adjustment factors, the equivalent stress was defined as follows: [5]

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\begin{aligned}
& \sigma_{e q}=\frac{6 * M_{e}}{h^{2}} * f_{1} * f_{2} * f_{3} * f_{4} \\
& M_{e}= \begin{cases}-1600+2525 * \log (\mathrm{I})+24.42 *|+0.204 *|^{2} & \text { for SA NS } \\
3029-2966.8 * \log (\mathrm{I})+133.69 * I-\left.0.0632^{*}\right|^{2} & \text { for TA NS } \\
(-970.4+1202.6 * \log (\mathrm{I})+53.587 * \mathrm{I}) *\left(0.8742+0.01088 * \mathrm{k}^{0.447}\right) & \text { for SA NSS } \\
(2005.4-1980.9 * \log (\mathrm{I})+99.008 * \mid) *\left(0.8742+0.01088 * k^{0.447}\right) & \text { for TA NSS }\end{cases} \\
& \mathrm{f}_{1}=\left\{\begin{array}{ll}
(24 / \mathrm{SAL})^{0.06} *(S A L / 18) & \text { for SA } \\
(48 / T A L)^{0.06} *(T A L / 36) & \text { for TA }
\end{array} \quad \mathrm{f}_{2}= \begin{cases}0.892+\mathrm{h} / 85.71-\mathrm{h}^{2} / 3000 & \text { for NS } \\
1 & \text { for WS }\end{cases} \right. \\
& \mathrm{f}_{3}=0.894 \text { for } 6 \% \text { Truck at the Slab Edge } \\
& \mathrm{f}_{4}=1 /[1.235 *(1-\mathrm{CV})]
\end{aligned}
$$

Where:
$\sigma_{\mathrm{eq}}=$ equivalent stress, $\left[\mathrm{FL}^{-2}\right] ;$
$\mathrm{f}_{1}=$ adjustment factor for the effect of axle loads and contact areas;
$\mathrm{f}_{2}=$ adjustment factor for a slab with no concrete shoulder based on the results of MATS computer program;
$\mathrm{f}_{3}=$ adjustment factor to account for the effect of truck placement on the edge stress (PCA recommended a $6 \%$ truck encroachment, $\mathrm{f}_{3}=0.894$ );
$\mathrm{f}_{4}=$ adjustment factor to account for the increase in concrete strength with age after the 28 th day, along with a reduction in concrete strength by one coefficient of variation (CV); (PCA used CV=15\%, $\mathrm{f}_{4}=0.953$ ); and

SAL, TAL = actual single axle or tandem axle load, kips [F].

## Fatigue Analysis

PCA's fatigue analysis concept was to avoid pavement failures (or first initiation of crack) by fatigue of concrete due to critical stress repetitions. Based on Miner's cumulative fatigue damage assumption, the PCA thickness design procedure first lets the users select a trial slab thickness, calculate the ratio of equivalent stress versus concrete modulus of rupture (stress ratio, $\sigma_{\mathrm{eq}} / \mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{c}}$ ) for each axle load and axle type, then determine the maximum allowable load repetitions $\left(\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{f}}\right)$ based on the following $\sigma_{\mathrm{eq}} / \mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{c}}-\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{f}}$ relationship:

$$
\begin{cases}\log \mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{f}}=11.737-12.077 *\left(\sigma_{e q} / S_{c}\right) & \text { for } \sigma_{e q} / S_{c} \geq 0.55  \tag{E.2}\\ \mathrm{~N}_{\mathrm{f}}=\left(\frac{4.2577}{\sigma_{e q} / S_{C}-0.4325}\right)^{3.268} & \text { for } 0.45<\sigma_{e q} / S_{c}<0.55 \\ \mathrm{~N}_{\mathrm{f}}=\text { Unlimited } & \text { for } \sigma_{e q} / S_{c} \leq 0.45\end{cases}
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The PCA thickness design procedure then uses the expected number of load repetitions dividing by $\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{f}}$ to calculate the percentage of fatigue damage for each axle load and axle type. The total cumulative fatigue damage has to be within the specified $100 \%$ limiting design criterion, or a different trial slab thickness has to be used and repeat previous calculations again.

## EFFECTS OF CURLING AND WARPING

Whether curling and warping stresses should be considered in concrete pavement thickness design is quite controversial. The temperature differential through the slab thickness and the self-weight of the slab induces additional thermal curling stresses. For day-time curling condition, compressive curling stresses are induced at the top of the slab whereas tensile stresses occur at the bottom; or vice versa for night-time curling condition. The moisture gradient in concrete slabs also results in additional warping stresses. Since higher moisture content is generally at the bottom of the slab, compressive and tensile stresses will occur at the bottom and at the top of the slab, respectively. A totally different situation will happen if the moisture content at the top of the slab is higher than that at the bottom right after raining.

Even though the effects of thermal curling and moisture warping have been discussed in the PCA design guide, curling stresses were not considered in the fatigue analysis due to the compensative effect of most heavy trucks driving at night and only quite limited number of daytime curling combined with load repetitions. Furthermore, since moisture gradient highly depends on a variety of factors such as the ambient relative humidity at the slab surface, free water in the slab, and the moisture content of the subbase or subgrade, which are very difficult to measure accurately, thus it was also ignored in the PCA's fatigue analysis [4].

On the other hand, many others have repetitively indicated that curling stress should be considered in pavement thickness design, because curling stress may be quite large and cause the slab to crack when combined with only very few number of load repetitions. Darter and Barenberg [0] surveyed the non-traffic loop of the AASHO Road Test and have found after 16
years most of the long slabs ( 40 -foot) had cracks, but not in the 15 -foot slabs, probably because longer slabs have much greater curling stress than shorter slabs. In consideration of zeromaintenance design, Darter and Barenberg have suggested the inclusion of curling stress for pavement thickness design. More detailed descriptions and similar suggestions to include curling stress in the fatigue analysis may also be found in the NCHRP 1-26 report [7].

## MODIFIED PCA STRESS ANALYSIS AND THICKNESS DESIGN PROCEDURE

PCA's equivalent stress was determined based on the assumptions of a fixed slab modulus, a fixed slab length and width, a constant contact area, wheel spacing, axle spacing, and aggregate interlock factor, which may influence the stress occurrence, in order to simplify the calculations. Thus, the required minimum slab thickness will be the same based on the PCA thickness design procedure disregard the fact that a shorter or longer joint spacing, a better or worse load transfer mechanism, different wheel spacing and axle spacing, and environmental effects are considered.

Therefore, this study strives to revise PCA's equivalent stress calculation process by including the effect of thermal curling. The ILLI-SLAB [8] finite element program was used for the analysis. Based on Westergaard's closed-form edge stress solution and several prediction models for stress adjustments for a variety of loading and environmental conditions, a modified PCA equivalent stress calculation and fatigue analysis procedure was developed.

## Development of Stress Prediction Models

To account for the effects of a finite slab, dual-wheel, tandem axle, or tridem axle, a widened outer lane, a tied concrete shoulder, a second bonded or unbonded layer under loading only condition, the following relationship has been identified through many intensive F.E. studies for a constant Poisson's ratio (usually $\mu \approx 0.15$ ) [ 1,9$]$ :

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\begin{equation*}
\frac{\sigma h^{2}}{P}, \frac{\delta \mathrm{l}^{2}}{P}, \frac{q \mathrm{l}^{2}}{P}=f\left(\frac{a}{\mathrm{l}}, \frac{L}{\mathrm{l}}, \frac{W}{\mathrm{l}}, \frac{s}{\mathrm{l}}, \frac{t}{\mathrm{l}}, \frac{D_{0}}{\mathrm{l}}, \frac{A G G}{k l},\left(\frac{h_{e f f}}{h_{1}}\right)^{2}\right) \tag{E.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Where $\sigma, \mathrm{q}$ are slab bending stress and vertical subgrade stress, respectively, $\left[\mathrm{FL}^{-2}\right] ; \quad \delta$ is the slab deflection, $[\mathrm{L}] ; \mathrm{P}=$ wheel load, $[\mathrm{F}] ; \mathrm{a}=$ the radius of the applied load, [L]; $\mathrm{I}=\left(\mathrm{E}^{*} \mathrm{~h}^{3} /\left(12^{*}\left(1-\mu^{2}\right)^{*} \mathrm{k}\right)\right)^{0.25}$ is the radius of relative stiffness of the slab-subgrade system [L];k= modulus of subgrade reaction, $\left[\mathrm{FL}^{-3}\right] ; \mathrm{L}, \mathrm{W}=$ length and width of the finite slab, $[\mathrm{L}] ; \mathrm{s}=$ transverse wheel spacing, $[\mathrm{L}] ; \mathrm{t}=$ longitudinal axle spacing, $[\mathrm{L}] ; \mathrm{D}_{0}=$ offset distance between the outer face of the wheel and the slab edge, $[\mathrm{L}] ; \mathrm{AGG}=$ aggregate interlock factor, $\left[\mathrm{FL}^{-2}\right]$; hefft $=$ $\left(\mathrm{h}_{1}{ }^{2}+\mathrm{h}_{2}{ }^{2} *\left(\mathrm{E}_{2} * \mathrm{~h}_{2}\right) /\left(\mathrm{E}_{1} * \mathrm{~h}_{1}\right)\right)^{0.5}$ is the effective thickness of two unbonded layers, [L]; $\mathrm{h}_{1}, \mathrm{~h}_{2}=$ thickness of the top slab, and the bottom slab, [L]; and $\mathrm{E}_{1}, \mathrm{E}_{2}=$ concrete modulus of the top slab, and the bottom slab, $\left[\mathrm{FL}^{-2}\right]$. Note that variables in both sides of the expression are all dimensionless and primary dimensions are represented by [F] for force and [L] for length.

Furthermore, the following concise relationship has been identified by Lee and Darter [10] for the effects of loading plus thermal curling:

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\begin{equation*}
\frac{\sigma}{E}, \frac{\delta h}{l^{2}}, \frac{q h}{k l^{2}}=f\left(\frac{a}{\mathrm{l}}, \alpha \Delta T, \frac{L}{\mathrm{l}}, \frac{W}{\mathrm{l}}, \frac{\gamma h^{2}}{k \mathrm{l}^{2}}, \frac{p h}{\left.k\right|^{4}}\right) \tag{E.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Where $\alpha$ is the thermal expansion coefficient, $\left[\mathrm{T}^{-1}\right] ; \Delta \mathrm{T}$ is the temperature differential through the slab thickness, $[\mathrm{T}] ; \mathrm{Y}$ is the unit weight of the concrete slab, $\left[\mathrm{FL}^{-3}\right] ; \mathrm{D}_{\gamma}=\gamma^{*} \mathrm{~h}^{2} /\left(\left.\mathrm{k}^{*}\right|^{2}\right)$; and $\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{P}}=\mathrm{P} * \mathrm{~h} /\left(\left.\mathrm{k}^{*}\right|^{4}\right)$. Also note that $D_{\gamma}$ was defined as the relative deflection stiffness due to self-weight of the concrete slab and the possible loss of subgrade support, whereas $D_{\mathrm{p}}$ was the relative deflection stiffness due to the external wheel load and the loss of subgrade support. The primary dimension for temperature is represented by [T].

A series of F. E. factorial runs were performed based on the aforementioned dominating mechanistic (dimensionless) variables identified. Several BASIC programs were written to automatically generate the F. E. input files and summarize the desired outputs. The F. E. mesh was generated according to the guidelines established in earlier studies [1/]. As proposed by Lee and Darter [12], a two-step modeling approach using the projection pursuit regression (PPR) technique was utilized for the development of prediction models. More detailed descriptions of the proposed prediction models for stress adjustments can be found in Reference [ 7 ].

## Modified Equivalent Stress Calculations

To expand the applicability of the PCA's equivalent stress for different material properties, finite slab sizes, gear configurations, and environmental effects (e.g., temperature differentials), the following equation was proposed [ $/$ ]:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \sigma_{e q}=\left(\sigma_{w} * R_{1} * R_{2} * R_{3} * R_{4} * R_{5}+R_{T} * \sigma_{c}\right) * f_{3} * f_{4}  \tag{E.5}\\
& \sigma_{w}=\frac{3(1+\mu) P}{\pi(3+\mu) h^{2}}\left[\log _{e} \frac{E h^{3}}{100 k a^{4}}+1.84-\frac{4}{3} \mu+\frac{1-\mu}{2}+1.18(1+2 \mu) \frac{a}{1}\right] \\
& \sigma_{c}=\frac{C E \alpha \Delta T}{2}=\frac{E \alpha \Delta T}{2}\left\{1-\frac{2 \cos \lambda \cosh \lambda}{\sin 2 \lambda \sinh 2 \lambda}(\tan \lambda+\tanh \lambda)\right\}
\end{align*}
$$

Where:
$\sigma_{\mathrm{eq}}=$ modified equivalent stress, $\left[\mathrm{FL}^{-2}\right] ;$
$\sigma_{\mathrm{w}}=$ Westergaard's closed-form edge stress solution, $\left[\mathrm{FL}^{-2}\right]$;
$\sigma_{\mathrm{c}}=$ Westergaard/Bradbury's curling stress, $\left[\mathrm{FL}^{-2}\right]$;
$\mathrm{E}=$ elastic modulus of the slab, $\left[\mathrm{FL}^{-2}\right] ;$
$\mathrm{h}=$ slab thickness, [L];
$\mathrm{C}=$ the curling stress coefficient $\left(\lambda=\mathrm{W} /\left(\left(8^{0.5}\right)^{*}\right)\right)$;
$\mathrm{R}_{1}=$ adjustment factor for different gear configurations including dual-wheel, tandem axle, and tridem axle;
$\mathrm{R}_{2}=$ adjustment factor for finite slab length and width;
$\mathrm{R}_{3}=$ adjustment factor for a tied concrete shoulder;
$\mathrm{R}_{4}=$ adjustment factor for a widened outer lane;
$\mathrm{R}_{5}=$ adjustment factor for a bonded/unbonded second layer; and
$\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{T}}=$ adjustment factor for the combined effect of loading plus day-time curling.

## Modified Thickness Design Procedure

A new thickness design procedure was developed based on the above "modified equivalent stresses," and the PCA's cumulative fatigue damage concept. The NCHRP 1-26 report [7] has suggested the inclusion of thermal curling by separating traffic repetitions into three parts: loading with no curling, loading combined with day-time curling, and loading combined with night-time curling. Nevertheless, based on practical considerations of the difficulty and variability in determining temperature differentials, a more conservative design approach was proposed by neglecting possible compensative effects due to night-time curling. Thus, only the conditions of loading with no curling, and loading combined with day-time curling were considered under this study. Separated fatigue damages are then calculated and accumulated. The $100 \%$ limiting criterion of the cumulative fatigue damage is also applied to determine the minimum required slab thickness. A brief description of the proposed thickness design procedure is as follows:

1. Data input: assume a trial slab thickness; input other pertinent design factors, material properties, load distributions, and environmental factors (i.e., temperature differentials).
2. Expected repetitions $\left(n_{i}\right)$ : calculate the expected repetitions for the case of loading with no curling and for the case of loading with day-time curling during the design period.
3. Modified equivalent stress $\left(\sigma_{\mathrm{eq}}\right)$ : calculate the "modified equivalent stresses" using equation (E.5) for each case.
4. Stress Ratio $\left(\sigma_{e q} / S_{C}\right)$ : calculate the ratio of the modified equivalent stress versus the concrete modulus of rupture ( $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{C}}$ ) for each case.
5. Maximum allowable load repetitions $\left(\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{i}}\right)$ : determine the maximum allowable load repetitions for different stress ratios based on the fatigue equation (E.2).
6. Calculate the percentage of each individual fatigue damage $\left(n_{i} / N_{i}\right)$.
7. Check if the cumulative fatigue damage $\sum\left(n_{i} / N_{i}\right)<100 \%$.
8. If not, assume a different slab thickness and repeat steps (1) - (7) again to obtain the minimum required slab thickness.

## TKUPAV PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

To facilitate practical trial applications of the proposed stress analysis and thickness design procedure, a window-based computer program (TKUPAV) was developed using the Microsoft Visual Basic software package [13]. The TKUPAV program was designed to be highly userfriendly and thus came with many well-organized graphical interfaces, selection menus, and command buttons for easy use. Both English and Chinese versions of the program are available.

## TKUPAV PROGRAM VERIFICATION

The proposed approach was further verified by comparing the results of equivalent stresses and fatigue damages using PCAPAV program, Microsoft EXCEL spreadsheets, and the windowbased TKUPAV program. Suppose there exists a four-lane divided highway with the following design factors: design period $=20$ years, load safety factor LSF $=1.2$, modulus of subgrade reaction $\mathrm{k}=130 \mathrm{pci}$, concrete modulus of rupture $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{C}}=650 \mathrm{psi}$, and coefficient of variation $=$ $15 \%$. The expected cumulative axle load repetitions during the analysis period are given in Table 1. A trial slab thickness $\mathrm{h}=9.5 \mathrm{in}$. with no concrete shoulder was assumed in this case study [1, 4]. (Note: $1 \mathrm{in} .=2.54 \mathrm{~cm}, 1 \mathrm{psi}=0.07 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{cm}^{2}, 1 \mathrm{pci}=0.028 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{cm}^{3}, 1 \mathrm{kip}=454 \mathrm{~kg}$ )

## (1) Comparison of Equivalent Stress and Fatigue Damage Calculations (Load Only):

In this case, many important factors were implicitly specified by the PCA method: $\mathrm{t}=50$ in., $\mathrm{s}=12 \mathrm{in} ., \mathrm{D}=72 \mathrm{in} ., \mathrm{a}=4.72 \mathrm{in} ., \mathrm{L}=180 \mathrm{in} ., \mathrm{W}=144 \mathrm{in} ., \mathrm{AGG}=25000 \mathrm{psi}, \mathrm{E}=4 \mathrm{E}+06 \mathrm{psi}$, $\mu=0.15$. The results of this comparison are summarized in Table 1. Note that $\mathrm{I}=38.73 \mathrm{in} ., \mathrm{f}_{2}$ $=0.973, \mathrm{f}_{3}=0.894$, and $\mathrm{f}_{4}=0.953$ in the PCA analysis, whereas $\mathrm{R}_{1}=0.398$ for a single axle (dual-wheel) or $\mathrm{R}_{1}=0.180$ for a tandem axle (dual-wheel), and $\mathrm{R}_{2}=0.992$ in the proposed approach. The last column (Column (B) / Column (A)) represent the ratio of equivalent stresses determined by the proposed approach (TKUPAV) and by the PCA method. The resulting $71.4 \%$ of cumulative fatigue damage calculated by the TKUPAV program is very close to that determined by the PCAPAV program (63.4\%). Apparently, very good agreement to the equivalent stress and fatigue damage calculations was obtained.

## (2) TKUPAV Fatigue Analysis Example (Loading Plus Curling):

Now if we assume a very small portion (10\%) of the load repetitions was affected by daytime curling, and $\Delta \mathrm{T}=20^{\circ} \mathrm{F}, \alpha=5.5 \mathrm{E}-06 /^{\circ} \mathrm{F}, \gamma=0.087 \mathrm{pci}$. Thus, $\alpha \Delta \mathrm{T}=0.00011, \mathrm{~W} / \mathrm{l}=$ $3.873, \mathrm{~L} / \mathrm{l}=4.648, \mathrm{a} / \mathrm{l}=0.1219, \mathrm{DG}=4.0274, \lambda=1.370$, and $\sigma_{\mathrm{c}}=88.5 \mathrm{psi}$. The results of this example are summarized in Table 2. The possible detrimental effect of loading plus day-time curling has been clearly observed by the fact that a total of $64.2 \%$ fatigue damage was caused by $90 \%$ of load repetitions, whereas a total $138.84 \%$ of fatigue damage could be induced by only $10 \%$ of loading plus curling. In this case, an additional $1 / 2$ inch of slab thickness which may reduce the total cumulative fatigue damage from $203.0 \%$ to an acceptable level of $41.3 \%$ is required.

## CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This study focused on the development of a new stress analysis and thickness design procedure for zero-maintenance design of jointed concrete pavements through proposed modifications to the PCA's equivalent stress calculations and fatigue analysis. It enhanced the applicability of the PCA method by the fact that any different material properties, finite slab sizes, gear configurations (such as additional effects of a single axle / single wheel, and a tridem axle / dual wheels), and environmental effects (e.g., temperature differentials) could be analyzed by the
proposed approach. In addition, the proposed prediction models can be utilized for both U. S. customary system or metric system since all the mechanistic variables are dimensionless. The proposed approach has been further verified by reproducing very close results to the equivalent stresses and fatigue damages using PCAPAV program, Microsoft EXCEL spreadsheets, and the window-based TKUPAV program. The possible detrimental effect of loading plus day-time curling has also been illustrated in a case study, which indicated that the effect of thermal curling should be considered in zero-maintenance design of jointed concrete pavements. The possible compensative effect of night-time curling was neglected in the proposed approach, however it may be easily incorporated using an additional prediction model developed by Lee and Darter [10].

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Table 1 Comparison of Equivalent Stresses and Fatigue Damages (Loading Only)

| (A) Single Axle (kips) |  |  | $\operatorname{PCAPAV}\left(\mathrm{f}_{2}=0.973, \mathrm{f}_{3}=0.894, \mathrm{f}_{4}=0.953\right)$ |  |  |  |  |  | TKUPAV ( $\mathrm{R}_{1}=0.398, \mathrm{R}_{2}=0.992, \mathrm{f}_{3}=0.894, \mathrm{f}_{4}=0.953$ ) |  |  |  |  | $\sigma_{\text {eq }}$ Ratio |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Load | Load*1.2 | $\mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | 6*Me/h ${ }^{2}$ | f1 | $\sigma_{\text {eq }}, \mathrm{psi}(\mathrm{A})$ | $\sigma_{\text {eq }} / \mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{c}}$ | $\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | $\mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{i}} / \mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{i}}$, (\%) | $\sigma_{\mathrm{w}}$, psi | $\sigma_{\text {eq }}, \mathrm{psi}(\mathrm{B})$ | $\sigma_{\text {eq }} / \mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{c}}$ | $\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | $\mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{i}} / \mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{i}}$, (\%) | (B/A) |
| 30 | 36.0 | 6310 | 243.4 | 1.952 | 393.6 | 0.606 | 26536 | 23.8 | 1186.5 | 398.6 | 0.613 | 21414 | 29.5 | 1.01 |
| 28 | 33.6 | 14690 | 243.4 | 1.829 | 368.9 | 0.568 | 76395 | 19.2 | 1107.4 | 372.0 | 0.572 | 66751 | 22.0 | 1.01 |
| 26 | 31.2 | 30140 | 243.4 | 1.706 | 344.1 | 0.529 | 234343 | 12.9 | 1028.3 | 345.5 | 0.531 | 218058 | 13.8 | 1.00 |
| 24 | 28.8 | 64410 | 243.4 | 1.583 | 319.1 | 0.491 | 1218769 | 5.3 | 949.2 | 318.9 | 0.491 | 1243647 | 5.2 | 1.00 |
| 22 | 26.4 | 106900 | 243.4 | 1.458 | 294.1 | 0.452 | 41207557 | 0.3 | 870.1 | 292.3 | 0.450 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.99 |
| 20 | 24.0 | 235800 | 243.4 | 1.333 | 268.9 | 0.414 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 791.0 | 265.7 | 0.409 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.99 |
| 18 | 21.6 | 307200 | 243.4 | 1.208 | 243.5 | 0.375 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 711.9 | 239.2 | 0.368 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.98 |
| 16 | 19.2 | 422500 | 243.4 | 1.081 | 218.0 | 0.335 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 632.8 | 212.6 | 0.327 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.98 |
| 14 | 16.8 | 586900 | 243.4 | 0.954 | 192.3 | 0.296 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 553.7 | 186.0 | 0.286 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.97 |
| 12 | 14.4 | 1837000 | 243.4 | 0.825 | 166.3 | 0.256 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 474.6 | 159.4 | 0.245 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.96 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Subtotal= | 61.4\% |  |  |  | Subtotal= | 70.5\% |  |
| (B) Tan | m Axle | ps) |  | PCA | $V\left(\mathrm{f}_{2}=0.973\right.$, | ${ }_{3}=0.89$ | $\left.\mathrm{f}_{4}=0.953\right)$ |  | TKUP | ( $\mathrm{R}_{1}=0.180$, | ${ }_{2}=0.9$ | $\mathrm{f}_{3}=0.894$, | 0.953) |  |
| 52 | 62.4 | 21320 | 226.0 | 1.706 | 319.5 | 0.492 | 1177998 | 0.018 | 2056.6 | 312.2 | 0.480 | 2342697 | 0.9 | 0.98 |
| 48 | 57.6 | 42870 | 226.0 | 1.583 | 296.4 | 0.456 | 24134471 | 0.002 | 1898.4 | 288.2 | 0.443 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.97 |
| 44 | 52.8 | 124900 | 226.0 | 1.458 | 273.1 | 0.42 | Unlimited | 0.000 | 1740.2 | 264.2 | 0.406 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.97 |
| 40 | 48.0 | 372900 | 226.0 | 1.333 | 249.7 | 0.384 | Unlimited | 0.000 | 1582.0 | 240.2 | 0.370 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.96 |
| 36 | 43.2 | 885800 | 226.0 | 1.208 | 226.1 | 0.348 | Unlimited | 0.000 | 1423.8 | 216.2 | 0.333 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.96 |
| 32 | 38.4 | 930200 | 226.0 | 1.081 | 202.4 | 0.311 | Unlimited | 0.000 | 1265.6 | 192.1 | 0.296 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.95 |
| 28 | 33.6 | 1656000 | 226.0 | 0.954 | 178.6 | 0.275 | Unlimited | 0.000 | 1107.4 | 168.1 | 0.259 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.94 |
| 24 | 28.8 | 984900 | 226.0 | 0.825 | 154.5 | 0.238 | Unlimited | 0.000 | 949.2 | 144.1 | 0.222 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.93 |
| 20 | 24.0 | 1227000 | 226.0 | 0.695 | 130.1 | 0.2 | Unlimited | 0.000 | 791.0 | 120.1 | 0.185 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.92 |
| 16 | 19.2 | 1356000 | 226.0 | 0.563 | 105.5 | 0.162 | Unlimited | 0.000 | 632.8 | 96.1 | 0.148 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.91 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Subtotal $=$ | 2.0\% |  |  |  | Subtotal= | 0.9\% |  |

[^1]Table 2 TKUPAV Fatigue Analysis Example (Loading plus Curling)

| (A) Single Axle (kips) |  |  | 90\% Loading Only |  |  |  | 10\% Loading plus Curling ( $\sigma_{\mathrm{c}}=88.5 \mathrm{psi}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Load | Load*1.2 | $\mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | $\sigma_{\text {eq }}, \mathrm{psi}$ (A) | $\mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{i}}{ }^{*} 90 \%$ | $\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | Damage (\%) | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{T}}$ | $\sigma_{\text {eq }}, \mathrm{psi}$ | $\sigma_{\text {eq }} / \mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{c}}$ | $\mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{i}}{ }^{*} 10 \%$ | $\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | Damage (\%) | Damage (\%) |
| 30 | 36.0 | 6310 | 398.6 | 5679 | 21414 | 26.5 | 0.850 | 462.7 | 0.712 | 631 | 1382 | 45.7 | 72.2 |
| 28 | 33.6 | 14690 | 372.0 | 13221 | 66751 | 19.8 | 0.847 | 435.9 | 0.671 | 1469 | 4345 | 33.8 | 53.6 |
| 26 | 31.2 | 30140 | 345.5 | 27126 | 218058 | 12.4 | 0.845 | 409.1 | 0.629 | 3014 | 13654 | 22.1 | 34.5 |
| 24 | 28.8 | 64410 | 318.9 | 57969 | 1243647 | 4.7 | 0.842 | 382.4 | 0.588 | 6441 | 42899 | 15.0 | 19.7 |
| 22 | 26.4 | 106900 | 292.3 | 96210 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.840 | 355.6 | 0.547 | 10690 | 135064 | 7.9 | 7.9 |
| 20 | 24.0 | 235800 | 265.7 | 212220 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.838 | 328.9 | 0.506 | 23580 | 577713 | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| 18 | 21.6 | 307200 | 239.2 | 276480 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.836 | 302.1 | 0.465 | 30720 | 8444924 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| 16 | 19.2 | 422500 | 212.6 | 380250 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.833 | 275.4 | 0.424 | 42250 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 14 | 16.8 | 586900 | 186.0 | 528210 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.831 | 248.7 | 0.383 | 58690 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 12 | 14.4 | 1837000 | 159.4 | 1653300 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.830 | 222.0 | 0.341 | 183700 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.0 |
|  |  |  |  |  | Subtotal= | 63.4\% |  |  |  |  | Subtotal= | 128.9\% | 192.3\% |
| (B) Tandem Axle (kips) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 52 | 62.4 | 21320 | 312.2 | 19188 | 2342697 | 0.8 | 0.853 | 376.5 | 0.579 | 2132 | 55171 | 3.9 | 4.7 |
| 48 | 57.6 | 42870 | 288.2 | 38583 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.869 | 353.7 | 0.544 | 4287 | 147221 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| 44 | 52.8 | 124900 | 264.2 | 112410 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.874 | 330.1 | 0.508 | 12490 | 533733 | 2.3 | 2.3 |
| 40 | 48.0 | 372900 | 240.2 | 335610 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.868 | 305.6 | 0.470 | 37290 | 5139145 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| 36 | 43.2 | 885800 | 216.2 | 797220 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.858 | 280.9 | 0.432 | 88580 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 32 | 38.4 | 930200 | 192.1 | 837180 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.853 | 256.4 | 0.394 | 93020 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 28 | 33.6 | 1656000 | 168.1 | 1490400 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.847 | 232.0 | 0.357 | 165600 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 24 | 28.8 | 984900 | 144.1 | 886410 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.842 | 207.6 | 0.319 | 98490 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 20 | 24.0 | 1227000 | 120.1 | 1104300 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.838 | 183.2 | 0.282 | 122700 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 16 | 19.2 | 1356000 | 96.1 | 1220400 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.833 | 158.9 | 0.244 | 135600 | Unlimited | 0.0 | 0.0 |
|  |  |  |  |  | Subtotal= | 0.8\% |  |  |  |  | Subtotal= | 9.8\% | 10.7\% |
|  |  |  |  |  | $\sum \mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{i}} / \mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{i}}=$ | 64.2\% |  |  |  |  | $\sum \mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{i}} / \mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{i}}=$ | 138.84\% | 203.0\% |


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[^1]:    $\Sigma \mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{i}} / \mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{i}}=$
    63.4\%
    $\Sigma \mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{i}} / \mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{i}}=$
    71.4\%

