EXPERIMENT -7

(Determination of Constants of Tacheometer)

OBJECTIVE: To determine the multiplying constant and additive constant of a given tacheometer.

EQUIPMENTS:

Tacheometer, Ranging Rods, Levelling Staff, Tape, Pegs

PROCEDURE:

The stadia interval factor (k) and the stadia constant (c) are known as tacheometric constants. Before using a tacheometer for surveying work, it is required to determine these constants. These can be computed from field observation by adopting following procedure.

Step 1: Set up the tacheometer at any station say P on a flat ground.

Step 2: Select another point say Q about 200 m away. Measure the distance between P and Q accurately with a precise tape. Then, drive pegs at a uniform interval, say 50 m, along PQ. Mark the peg points as 1, 2, 3 and last peg -4 at station Q.

Step 3: Keep the staff on the peg-1, and obtain the staff intercept say s₁.

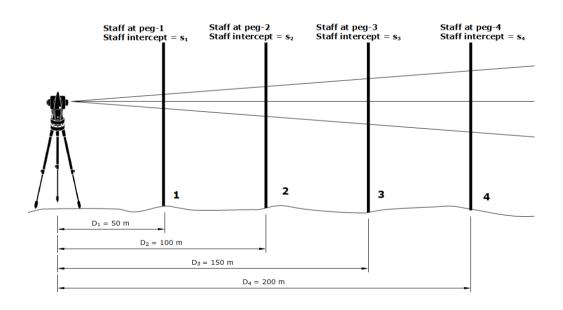
Step 4: Likewise, obtain the staff intercepts say s₂, when the staff is kept at the peg-2,

Step 5: Form the simultaneous equations, using Equation D = ks + c

 $D_1 = k s_1 + c$ ------ (i) and $D_2 = k s_2 + c$ ------ (ii)

Solving Equations (i) and (ii), determine the values of k and c.

- Step 6: Form another set of observations to the pegs 3 & 4, Simultaneous equations can be obtained from the staff intercepts s₃ and s₄ at the peg-3 and point Q respectively. Solving those equations, determine the values of k and c again.
- **Step 7:** The average of the values obtained in steps (5) and (6) provide the tacheometric constants k and c of the instrument.



VIDEO LINK:

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