# CO MPARATIVE ANALYSIS O F EARTHWORK Q UANTITY DETERMINATIO N BY SIMPSO N'S AND TRAPEZO ID AL RU LES 

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#### Abstract

The volume of earthwork is an essential factor in everyday road construction, and various methods are being employed at various stages of earthwork to determine accurate quantities of earthwork. This research work made comparison between Simpson's and Trapezoidal formulae for calculation of volumes of earthwork. The earthwork involved are excavation (cutting), embankment (fill). Values from the formation level, natural ground level, at centre-line of the route and configuration of the ground surface using both Total Station and Global Position System (GPS). Auto Desk Land Development (ALD) was used in plotting the cross section. The results were compared in terms of accuracy, speed, and precision. The results obtained shows that Simpson's rule gives more accuracy and precision; while application of prismoidal connection were applied to Trapezoidal rule to give approximate result. The research recommends the adoption of Simpson's rule in earthwork determination.


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## INTRODUCTION

The excavation, removal and dumping of earth is a frequent work in road construction. In the implementation of any engineering project, such as construction of roads, railways, canals, reservoirs etc. The earth to be excavated at one point (cutting), hauled through a distance and embanked (filling) at another point. This whole process is referred to as earthwork quantity determination. A considerable portion of the project cost involves earthwork. This particular aspect is not given the desired attention by most state Ministries of Works. Except earthwork is determined judiciously, there remains the possibility of the expenditure on the earthwork being out of budget and hence the upward review of project cost. Therefore earthwork quantity determination required correct and careful assessment of the earthwork quantity excavated (cutting) and earthwork quantity deposited (filling).

Earthwork determination is an important aspect of engineering survey, the designs are needed in all aspect of highway construction
for efficient operation of the traffic. The volume of earthwork is an essential factor in everyday road construction and various methods are being employed at various stages of earthwork to determine the accurate quantities of earthwork.

It is often necessary to compute the area of track of land which may be regular or irregular in shape. To compute volumes of earthwork to be cut or filled in planning a highway, it is necessary to compute the areas of the cross section Banister (1974). It is on this note, that this research study tends to compare analytically, Simpson's and Trapezoidal rules in earthwork quantity determination in terms of accuracy, efficiency, cost estimates, volume and computation.

In engineering projects, huge amount of materials have to be moved in order to form the necessary embankments, cuttings, foundations, basements etc. that have been specified in the design work. This particular aspect has been overlooked by both the contractors and the engineers, and lead to poor quality work and delay in the execution
of most engineering projects. It is essential that engineers/surveyors should as a matter of fact make an accurate measurement as possible of areas and volumes involved in order that appropriate cost estimates, for earthwork quantities can be included in the tender documents. Base on this problem, the study seeks to analyse and compare Simpson's and Trapezoidal rules in terms of accuracy, cost estimate, speed of operation, volumes and computations using the data collected from Donga-Nyamusala link road, J alingo, Taraba State.

The research work is aim at analytic comparison of earthwork quantity determination by Simpson's and Trapezoidal rules in terms of accuracy, efficiency, cost estimation, speed of operation, volume and computation. This will be achieved through the following objectives.
i) To employ Total Station Instrument to obtain the coordinates of Traverse stations.
ii) Calculate cross sectional area using level section formula.
iii) To determine the correct quantity of materials that can be ordered and placed using Simpson and Trapezoidal rules.
iv) To use Auto Desk Land Development to plot the cross section.
Previous study shows that earthwork quantity determination was predominantly done using the Analogue methods, and the accuracy attend were of substandard in terms of quality and precision and hence the constant review of contract work as a result of poor earthwork quantity determination. This study will seek to address this issue and to improve its data quality at various levels to match the present day surveying techniques.

Taraba State lies roughly between latitude $6^{\circ} 30^{\prime} \mathrm{N}$ and $9^{\circ} 36^{\prime} \mathrm{N}$ and longitude $9^{\circ}$ $10^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$ and $11^{\circ} 50^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, whereas the study area i.e. Donga-Nyamusala link roads Jalingo metropolis lies appropriately between latitude
$06^{\circ} 27^{\prime} \mathrm{N}$ and $06^{\circ} 33^{\prime} \mathrm{N}$ and longitude $09^{\circ}$ $13^{\prime} \mathrm{E}, 09^{\circ} 46^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$ of the G reenwich meridian.

Simpson's rule assumes that instead of being made of a series of straight lines, the boundaries of cross section are series of parabolic areas. More accurate result is obtained since a better approximation of the true shape of the irregular boundary is achieved. While Trapezoidal rule gives an accurate rule of the boundaries are series of straight lines. Various methods can be used to calculate the volume of excavation or filling required as part of Surveying and Civil Engineering works. The method used is often largely determined by the type of work involved. Accuracy and speed of operation are the main factors to be considered when selecting the method of approach (Sho, 1973). The estimate of quantity and distribution of earthwork are essential prior to construction and these are locally computed in the design stage of the project (Ashok, 2000). It is often necessary to compute the area of a track of land which may be regular in shape. Land is ordinarily bought and sold on the basis of cost per unit area. To compute volumes of earthwork to be cut or filled in planning a highway, it is necessary to compute the areas of the cross sections.

Breed (1953) asserted that, with the increasing cost of land and materials, it is vital that the surveyor or engineer is able to make an assessment of relevant quantities involved in any particular project in accordance with the specific accuracy. Estimation of areas and volumes is fundamental to the majority of engineering project especially the implementation of highways. Also in identifying the importance of topographic map information in terms of determination of volume of earthwork in roads reservoirs etc. construction states that where volume of large scale earthwork have to be determined e.g. the formation of sports fields, reservoir, large factory building, the fieldwork consist of covering the area by a network of squares and obtaining the reduced levels. The volume is determined either from the grid level
themselves or the contoured (topographic map) plotted from them (Irvine, 1988).

Agor (1984) identified measurement method of cross sectional areas in the construction of roads, the centre line of the road remain defined on the surface of the earth. The profile along the centre line and cross sections at interval can be plotted through appropriate surveying. Earthwork in such cases can be computed by computation of the cross-sectional area and application of the relevant rule.

## Methodology

The research work, made comparison between Simpson's and Trapezoidal's formulae for calculation of volumes of earthwork. Cross sections and longitudinal sections were taken and the accuracy was determined by spacing of the cross sections.
Equipments/Materials Used

- Global Positioning System (GPS)
- Total Station (Leica TC 705)
- Reflector Prism
- Pegs, nails, beacon caps, hammers.
- One $(100 \mathrm{~m})$ steel band tape.
- Pentium IV desktop computer with 256MB RAM and 40GB hard disk.
- DeskJ et (printer)

Software Used

- Autodesk Land Development (ALD)

Data
$\mathrm{TL}=\mathrm{R} \operatorname{Tan}\left(\frac{\phi}{4}\right)$
$C L=(2 * \pi R) *\left(\frac{\phi}{360}\right)$ if $\phi$ is in degree
$C L=\left(2^{*} \pi R\right) *\left(\frac{\phi}{400}\right)$ if $\phi$ is in grade
$E X T=T L * \operatorname{Tan}\left(\frac{\phi}{4}\right)$
EXT = External Distance (m)
The vertical design of the road depends
on a number of factors, such as

Virtually all the primary data were sourced from the State Bureau for Land and Surveying Jalingo and the Secondary Data was directly obtained from the field observation and part of the data was also obtained from PW (a construction firm). The data were acquired using Total Station Instrument and the GPS (Garmin. 12) giving the coordinates and height of the various stations. This include $X ; Y$ and $Z$ (vertical and horizontal controls.

Survey control Establishment and the Design of Horizontal and Vertical Curve

The Global Position System (GPS) was used to obtain the coordinates of the various station points, that input into the instrument over the same station. The points number 1 135. (see table for data download from Total Station) Orientation station was set to serve as a reference control and measurements were taken to the orientation stations for linear and angular misclose.

The horizontal curve is one of the primary design control elements. It expresses the tangents and curves of a highway. A careful coordination of the horizontal alignment, vertical alignment, curvature, design speed, sight distance, super-elevation and the aesthetic principle are necessary at the initial design stage. In calculating the horizontal alignment the following formulae was used:
$\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{TL} * \operatorname{Tan}\left(\frac{\phi}{2}\right)$
$T P_{1}$ chainage $=P_{1}$ chainage $-T L$
$T P_{2}$ chainage $=T P_{1}$ chainage -CL
Where:
R = Radius of curve
$\phi=$ Deflection angle (deg or grad)
CL = Curve length (m)
TL = Tangent length (m)
$\mathrm{PI}=$ point of intersection
passing/slopping site distance, drainage control, comfort of the travelens etc.

Vertical alignment is the longitudinal section of the road which shows the gradients
and vertical curves mathematical representation is as follows:
$\mathrm{L}=\mathrm{KA}$
Where;
$L=$ length of the vertical curve
K = Constant which depends on the design speed
$A=\left(G_{1}-G_{2}\right)$ i.e. Algebraic difference of grades in percent
From Equation (1) $\left(K=\frac{L}{A}\right)$
The calculated value of $K$ must be checked to ascertain whether it is greater than the minimum specified, then the assumed value of $L$ is satisfactory, otherwise $L$ should be changed and the calculation repeated.
Creating Cross Section/P rofile
Calculation for the centreline slope is thus:

1) $\mathrm{CHO}+000$ to $\mathrm{CHO}+200$

Final level at $\mathrm{CHO}+000=232.38$
Final level at $\mathrm{CHO}+200=235.18$
Calc. (Final level at $\mathrm{CHO}+200-$ Final level at $\mathrm{CHO}+000) /$ Dist* 100

$$
\frac{(235.18-232.38)}{200 * 100}=1.4 \%
$$

2) $\mathrm{CHO}+200$ to $\mathrm{CHO}+464.17$

Final level at $\mathrm{CHO}+000=232.18$
Final level at $\mathrm{CHO}+264.17=229.80$
Calc.
$\underline{(\text { Final level at CHO + } 264.17 \text { - Final level at CHO }+200)}$
Dist *100

$$
\frac{(232.38-235.18)}{264.17 * 100}=-2.01 \%
$$

Design Calculation for Horizontal Data
$\phi=24^{\circ} 46^{\prime} 56^{\prime \prime}$
$R=450 \mathrm{~m}$

The cross section and the profile were plotted using the data obtained from the total station; this was achieved by the use of ALD (Auto Desk Land Development). A software that was used in plotting the cross sections and the profile.

## Presentation of Result and Analysis

Presentation of result
Horizontal Control
The horizontal control observed in the field as reference coordinate (RC) for easting and Northings was 762005.030, and 983957.890. The existing ground levels were obtained by survey, which acted as guide in the determination of the final level of the road.
$\mathrm{TL}=\mathrm{RTan}\left(\frac{\phi}{4}\right)$
$\mathrm{TL}=450^{*} \operatorname{Tan}\left(24^{\circ} 46^{\prime} 56^{\prime} / 2\right)=9886 \mathrm{~m}$
$\mathrm{EXT}=\mathrm{TL} * \operatorname{Tan}\left(\frac{\phi}{4}\right)$
$=98 * 866 * \operatorname{Tan}\left(24^{\circ} 46^{\prime} 56^{\prime} / 2\right)=10.73$
$C L=R \tan \operatorname{Tan}\left(\frac{\phi}{4}\right)$
$=$
$\frac{(2 * 3.142 * 450) * 24^{0} 46^{\prime} 56^{\prime}}{360}=194.63$
$T P_{1}=$ Chainage $\quad=P_{1}$ chainage $-T L$ $=302.21-98.866=$
203.344 m
$T P_{2}=$ Chainage $=T P_{1}$ chainage +CL
$=203.344+194.63=$
397.978m

Table 1: Tabulated Horizontal Curve Data

| Curve <br> Data | $\phi(\mathrm{deg})$ | Ext (m) | $\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{m})$ | $\mathrm{CL}(\mathrm{m})$ | $\mathrm{TL}(\mathrm{m})$ | $\mathrm{IP}(\mathrm{m})$ | $\mathrm{TP}_{1}$ | $\mathrm{TP}_{2}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 24.782 | 10.73 | 450 | 194.63 | 98.866 | 302.21 | 203.344 | 399.9 |
| 2 | 7.143 | 0.681 | 350 | 43.632 | 21.844 | 584.39 | 562.54 | 606.18 |
| 3 | 68.59 | 31.37 | 150 | 179.58 | 102.31 | 1854.6 | 1752.32 | 1931.9 |
|  |  | 4 |  | 9 | 9 | 4 |  | 1 |

## Vertical Control

An assumed datum height $\Delta 232$ was used for the cross section.
Design calculation
Formula for $\mathrm{k}=L / A$
Curve No. $1 \quad L=200$

$$
\mathrm{G}_{1}=1.4
$$

$$
\mathrm{G}_{2}=-2.01
$$

$$
A=\left(G_{1}-G_{2}\right)
$$

$$
=1.4-(-2.01)
$$

$$
=3.41
$$

$$
k=\frac{200}{3.41}=58.65
$$

The positive sign only implies Hogging (crest) curve.
Since $k m i n<k(28<58.65)$ then $L$ is satisfactory.
Curve No. $1 \quad \mathrm{~L}=264$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{G}_{1} & =-2.01 \\
\mathrm{G}_{2} & =-0.06 \\
\mathrm{~A} & =\left(\mathrm{G}_{1}-\mathrm{G}_{2}\right) \\
& =-2.01-(-0.06) \\
& =-1.95 \\
\mathrm{k} & =\frac{175}{-1.95}=-89.74 \text { The minus }
\end{aligned}
$$

implies sag curve Table 2: Tabulated vertical curve data

| PV1 | Station | Elevation | Grade out | Curve <br> length | Type | K |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 0.00 | 232.38 | 1.4 |  | Crest | 58.55 |
|  | 200 | 235.18 | -2.01 | 200 | SAG | 89.54 |
|  | 464.17 | 229.86 | -0.06 | 175 |  |  |

## Cross Section

The cross section was plotted using Auto Desk Land Development at horizontal and vertical scale of $1: 100$. The result of plotting show slight difference in the central height;
this means that it is a level section ( a relatively uniform slope) because of this the side slope used is 1.1 and 1.2 obtained by filling the approximate slope table on the Auto Desk Land Development software.

Table 3: Cut Area Computation for Cross section

| Station | h | B | M | mh | $\mathrm{b}+\mathrm{mh}$ | $\mathrm{h}(\mathrm{b}+\mathrm{mh})$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $0+0000$ | 0.020 | 12.8 | 1 | 0.020 | 12.820 | 0.256 |
| $0+025$ | 0.014 | 12.8 | 1 | 0.014 | 12.810 | 0.179 |
| $0+050$ | 0.020 | 12.8 | 1 | 0.020 | 12.820 | 0.256 |
| $0+075$ | 0.189 | 12.8 | 1 | 0.189 | 12.990 | 2.455 |
| $0+100$ | 0.186 | 12.8 | 1 | 0.186 | 12.990 | 2.416 |
| $0+125$ | 0.501 | 12.8 | 1 | 0.501 | 13.300 | 6.663 |
| $0+150$ | 0.085 | 12.8 | 1 | 0.385 | 13.185 | 5.075 |
| $0+175$ | 0.496 | 12.8 | 1 | 0.496 | 13.296 | 6.594 |
| $0+200$ | 0.608 | 12.8 | 1 | 0.608 | 13.408 | 8.152 |
| $0+203$ | 0.558 | 12.8 | 1 | 0.558 | 13.358 | 7.454 |
| $0+225$ | 0.608 | 12.8 | 1 | 0.608 | 13.408 | 8.152 |
| $0+250$ | 0.303 | 12.8 | 1 | 0.303 | 13.103 | 3.970 |
| $0+275$ | 0.605 | 12.8 | 1 | 0.608 | 13.405 | 8.110 |

Table 4: Fill Area computation

| Station | h | B | M | mh | $\mathrm{b}+\mathrm{mh}$ | $\mathrm{h}(\mathrm{b}+\mathrm{mh})$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $0+300$ | 0.669 | 12.8 | 1 | 0.669 | 13.469 | 5.011 |
| $0+325$ | 0.667 | 12.8 | 1 | 0.667 | 13.467 | 8.982 |
| $0+350$ | 0.556 | 12.8 | 1 | 0.556 | 13.356 | 7.426 |
| $0+375$ | 0.323 | 12.8 | 1 | 0.323 | 13.123 | 4.239 |
| $0+398$ | 0.808 | 12.8 | 1 | 0.868 | 13.668 | 11.803 |
| $0+400$ | 0.132 | 12.8 | 1 | 0.132 | 12.932 | 1.707 |
| $0+425$ | 0.525 | 12.8 | 1 | 0.525 | 13.325 | 6.996 |
| $0+450$ | 0.622 | 12.8 | 1 | 0.124 | 14.044 | 8.735 |
| $0+475$ | 0.567 | 12.8 | 1 | 1.134 | 13.934 | 7.901 |
| $0+500$ | 0.436 | 12.8 | 1 | 0.872 | 13.672 | 5.961 |
| $0+555$ | 0.195 | 12.8 | 1 | 0.390 | 13.190 | 2.572 |
| $0+550$ | 0.149 | 12.8 | 1 | 0.298 | 13.098 | 1.952 |
| $0+575$ | 0.471 | 12.8 | 1 | 0.942 | 13.742 | 6.472 |
| $0+600$ | 0.560 | 12.8 | 1 | 1.120 | 13.742 | 7.696 |
| $0+606$ | 0.508 | 12.8 | 1 | 1.016 | 13.816 | 7.157 |
| $0+625$ | 0.536 | 12.8 | 1 | 1.072 | 13.872 | 7.435 |

Volumes by Simpson's Rule
Volume of cut by Simpson's rule is given by:

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\frac{\mathrm{D}}{3}\left[\mathrm{~A}_{1}+\mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{N}}+4\left(\mathrm{~A}_{2}+\mathrm{A}_{4}+\ldots . \mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{N}-1}\right)+2\left(\mathrm{~A}_{3}+\mathrm{A}_{5}+\ldots \mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{N}-2}\right)\right]
$$

And volume of fill by Simpson's rule is given by:
$\mathrm{V}_{1}=\frac{\mathrm{D}}{3}\left[\mathrm{~A}_{1}+\mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{N}-1}+4\left(\mathrm{~A}_{2}+\mathrm{A}_{4}+\ldots . \mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{N}-1}\right)+2\left(\mathrm{~A}_{3}+\mathrm{A}_{5}+\ldots \mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{N}-2}\right)\right]$
The result computed for the volume by Simpson's rile are $1380.514 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$ (cutting) and $2431.683 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$ (filling).
Volume of cut by Trapezoidal Rule:
$\mathrm{V}=\frac{\mathrm{D}}{2}\left[\mathrm{~A}_{1}+\mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{N}-1}+2\left(\mathrm{~A}_{2}+\mathrm{A}_{3}+\ldots . \mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{N}-1}\right)\right]$
The result computed by this formulae after correction are: $1385.764 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$ and $2567.288 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$.
Application of Prismoidal correction to Trapezoidal Rule:
Prismoidal formulae for section is given by
$C P_{C}=d / 3 S\left(h_{1}+h_{2}\right)^{2}$
$\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{c}}=$ Prismoidal correction
$d=25 \quad S=1$
$h_{1}=0.020(0+000)$
$h_{2}=0.014(0+025)$
(chainage $0+000$ to $0+275$ )
$\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 1}=\frac{25}{3}(0.020-0.014)^{2}=0.00029988$
$\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 2}=\frac{25}{3}(0.014-0.020)^{2}=0.00029988$
$\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 3}=\frac{25}{3}(0.020-0.189)^{2}=0.237998813$
$\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 4}=\frac{25}{3}(0.189-0.186)^{2}=0.000074997$
$C P_{C 5}=\frac{25}{3}(0.186-0.501)^{2}=0.526841925$
$C P_{C 6}=\frac{25}{3}(0.501-0.385)^{2}=0.112128848$
$C P_{C 7}=\frac{25}{3}(0.385-0.496)^{2}=0.102670893$
$C P_{C 8}=\frac{25}{3}(0.496-0.608)^{2}=0.104529152$
$\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C9}}=\frac{25}{3}(0.608-0.558)^{2}=0.0208325$
$C P_{\mathrm{c} 10}=\frac{25}{3}(0.558-0.608)^{2}=0.0208325$
$\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 11}=\frac{25}{3}(0.608-0.303)^{2}=0.775177325$
$\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 12}=\frac{25}{3}(0.303-0.605)^{2}=0.760002932$
Connect Trapezoidal's volume is given as
Trapezoidal volume $-\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 1}+\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 2}+\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 3}+\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 4}+\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 5}+\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 6}+\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 7}+\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 8}+\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 9}+$ $\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 10}+\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 11}+\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 12}=2.9611389752$
$\Rightarrow 1388.725-2.9611389752=1385.7636 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$
Volume of fill computation by Trapezoidal rule is given by;
$\frac{\mathrm{D}}{2}\left[\mathrm{~A}_{1}+\mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{N}-1}+2\left(\mathrm{~A}_{2}+\mathrm{A}_{3}+\ldots . \mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{N}-1}\right)\right] m^{3}$
Computed volume $=2579.450$
Chainage ( $0+300$ to $0+625$ )
$\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 1}=\frac{25}{3}(0.669-0.667)^{2}=0.000033332$
$C P_{C 2}=\frac{25}{3}(0.667-0.556)^{2}=0.102670892$
$C P_{C 3}=\frac{25}{3}(0.556-0.323)^{2}=0.452390237$
$C P_{C 4}=\frac{25}{3}(0.323-0.868)^{2}=2.475109325$
$C P_{C 5}=\frac{25}{3}(0.868-0.132)^{2}=4.513952768$
$C P_{C 6}=\frac{25}{3}(0.132-0.525)^{2}=1.287023517$
$\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 7}=\frac{25}{3}(0.525-0.622)^{2}=0.078405197$
$C P_{C 8}=\frac{25}{3}(0.622-0.567)^{2}=0.05041465$
$\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 9}=\frac{25}{3}(0.567-0.436)^{2}=0.286005226$
$\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{c} 10}=\frac{25}{3}(0.436-0.195)^{2}=0.967977946$
$C P_{c 11}=\frac{25}{3}(0.195-0.149)^{2}=0.035265256$
$C P_{c 12}=\frac{25}{3}(0.149-0.471)^{2}=1.727997544$
$C P^{\mathrm{C} 13}=\frac{25}{3}(0.471-0.560)^{2}=0.132011386$
$C P_{C 14}=\frac{25}{3}(0.560-0.508)^{2}=0.045664864$
$\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 15}=\frac{25}{3}(0.508-0.536)^{2}=0.613066144$
Corrected Trapezoidal Volume
Trapezoidal volume $-\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 1}+\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 2}+\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 3}+\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 4}+\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 5}+\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 6}+\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 7}+\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 8}+\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{C} 9}+$ $\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{c} 10}+\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{c} 11}+\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{c} 12}+\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{c} 13}+\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{c} 14}+\mathrm{CP}_{\mathrm{c} 15}$
$=2579.450-12.1618303$
$=2567.288 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$
Table 5: Summary of volumes computation

| Station | Volumes by Simpson's <br> Rule $\left(\mathrm{m}^{2}\right)$ | Volumes by Trapezoidal <br> Rule $\left(\mathrm{m}^{3}\right)$ | Difference $\left(\mathrm{m}^{2}\right)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $0+00$ to $0+275$ | 1380.514 | 1385.764 | 05.25 |
| $0+300$ to $0+625$ | 2431.683 | 2567.288 | 135.605 |

Analysis of Results
Comparison of Simpson's and

## Trapezoidal Rules

The computed result in Simpson's rule for both fill and cut; $0+000$ to $0+275$ and $0+300$ to $0+625$, gave lesser volume, which by implication, Simpson's rule is more precise than Trapezoidal rule. (See Table 5).

From the results obtained at various levels of formular application, in terms of speed of operation, manually, Simple's rule is preferred; this is because for every Trapezoidal rule, prismoidal correction was applied to obtain an approximate result.

In terms of accuracy, since Simpson's rule assumed boundary between the various sections are arc of a parabola, hence the computed results are more accurate than Trapezoidal rule.
This contributes in ensuring that expenditure on earthwork is not out of budget and does not press on the total cost of the project invested.

## Conclusion and Recommendation

This research study discussed earthwork determination in road design. Results of comparison between Simpson's and Trapezoidal rules shows that Simpson's rule give more accurate data in terms of precision, speed and accuracy in volume calculation, while Trapezoidal rule should only be applied where computation simplicity is required and
for less accurate work where greater precision is not required. Hence, for success to be achieved in road construction, and for careful and judicious planning of earthwork determination the Simpson's rules should be employed.

The task of measuring areas and volumes in present day road construction, emphases should be made on correct areas and volumes determination, which are capable of good planning of works. The issue of correct quantity determination of earthwork should be addressed so that issues associated with swelling and shrinkage of soil materials used in earthwork quantities can be avoided.

Therefore Simpson's rule and Trapezoidal rules for earthwork calculations would give true volume if and of the following recommendations are employed:

- Programs calculations using various software packages, such as MATLAB, FORTRAN should be used to give better and precise results.
- The existing road, in cross section drawing faces the danger of being washed off in future by rain water, hence drainage facilities should be provided.
- Prismoidal correction can be applied to the trapezoidal rule for volume computation, while curvature correction should be applied to both Simpson's and Trapezoidal rule.

DATA DOWNLOADED FROM TOTAL STATION

| Station | $\mathbf{X}$ | $\mathbf{Y}$ | $\mathbf{Z}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RC | 762005.3 | 983957.8 | 232.000 |
| C000 | 762001.8 | 983956.6 | 232.276 |
| L000 | 761997.1 | 983955.6 | 232.463 |
| L001 | 761990.3 | 983954.6 | 232.265 |
| R000 | 762006.5 | 983958.1 | 232.403 |
| R001 | 762020.7 | 983961.1 | 232.674 |
| C025 | 762000.2 | 983980.5 | 232.717 |
| L025 | 761996.2 | 983979.9 | 232.716 |
| L026 | 761985.6 | 983977.6 | 232.614 |
| R025 | 762003.9 | 983980.8 | 232.517 |
| R026 | 762014.9 | 983983.4 | 232.952 |
| C050 | 761994.9 | 984005 | 233.044 |
| C050 | 761994.9 | 984004.9 | 233.065 |
| L050 | 761991.1 | 984004.1 | 232.971 |
| L051 | 761979.6 | 984003.5 | 232.877 |
| R050 | 761999.2 | 984005.9 | 233.149 |
| R051 | 762006.6 | 984005.9 | 233.026 |
| C075 | 761989.6 | 984029.3 | 233.235 |
| L075 | 761985.5 | 984028.2 | 233.182 |
| L076 | 761975 | 984024.6 | 233.13 |
| R075 | 761992.7 | 984030.4 | 233.285 |
| R076 | 761993.3 | 984031 | 233.304 |
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