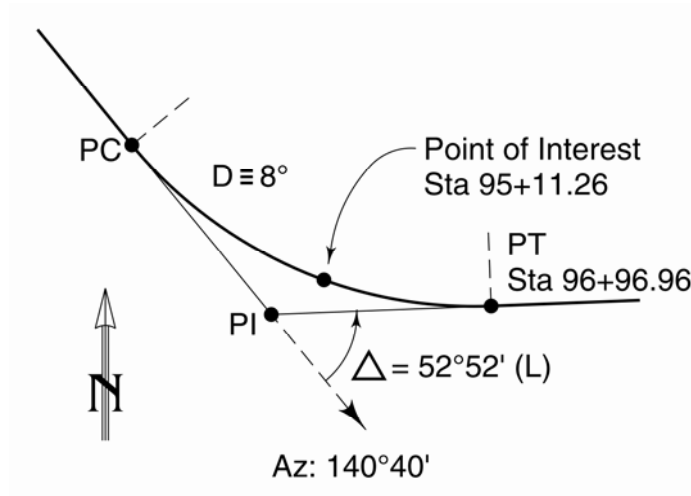


Answers to "Test Yourself" No. 18

Combination Horizontal and Vertical Curve

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Faced with any problem, what does one do? DRAW A SKETCH!



First the horizontal curve part:

$$PC \text{ Sta} = PT \text{ Sta} - L$$

$$\text{Since } D = 8^\circ, R = 716.197'$$

$$\text{With } f \text{ and } R \text{ known, } L = 660.83' \quad (L = 2;R\Delta/360^\circ)$$

$$PC \text{ Sta} = 90+36.13$$

Deflection angle at PC to Station 95+11.26

$$\text{Defl. angle} = (95+11.26 - 90+36.13) (8) / 200 \quad (\text{Defl. angle} = lD/200)$$

$$\text{Defl. angle} = 19^\circ 00' 19''$$

$$\text{Azimuth, PC to Point} = 121^\circ 39' 41''$$

$$\text{Subchord, PC to Point} = 466.47 \quad (\text{Subchord} = 2R\sin(\text{Defl. angle}))$$

$$\text{Coordinates of PC} = \begin{array}{l} 9546.05 \text{ N} \\ 7446.04 \text{ E} \end{array}$$

$$\text{Therefore, coordinates for Station 95+11.26:} \quad \begin{array}{l} 9301.20 \text{ N} \\ 7843.08 \text{ E} \end{array}$$

Now the vertical part:

$$Elev = \frac{g_2 - g_1}{2L} x^2 + g_1 x + Elev \text{ BVC}$$

x is the distance, in Stations, from BVC to the point, which is 3.6841

$$Elev = \frac{-3.3 - 8.7}{(2)(15)} 3.6841^2 + (8.7) (3.6841) + 555.55$$

$$Elev = 582.17$$