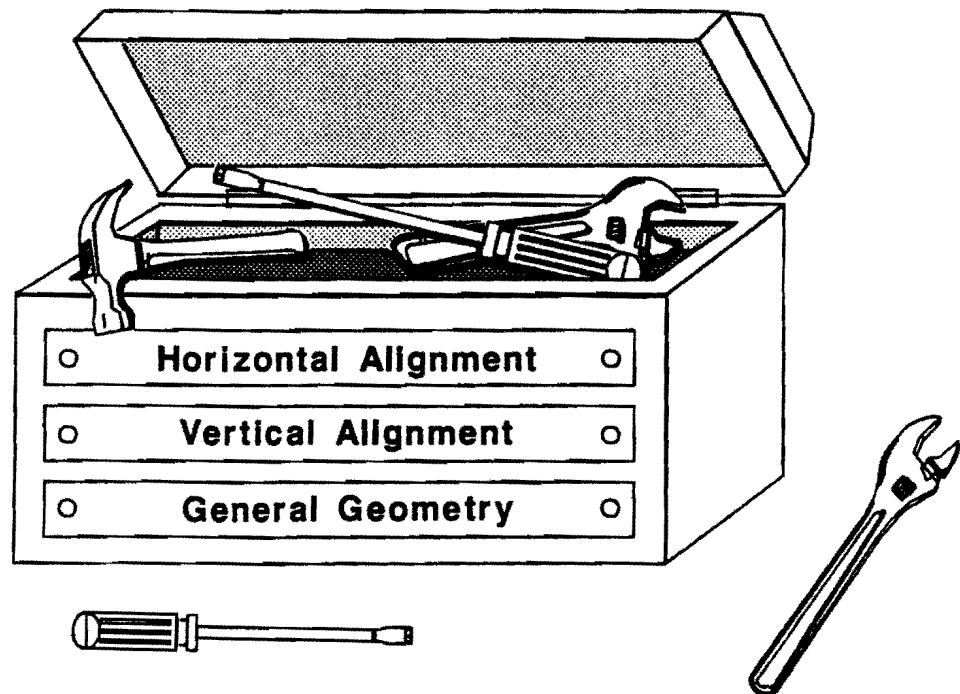


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IGrds Practice Problems Diskette Instructions

The IGrds Practice Problems floppy diskette contains Design and Working files for Lessons 1, 2 and 3.

To copy the contents from the 5.25" floppy to your hard disk, use the TxDOT utility "burl". Make a subdirectory on your workstation, suggest "spigrds". Change directory to "spigrds" and use burl utility as follows from the dollar sign ("\$"):

```
$ burl -rf <ret> (return for all defaults and contents will be copied).
```

If "burl" is not available, you may use the following command:

```
$ fr_flop | compress -d | cpio -ivcmd <ret>
```

In case some other type of floppy media is required, the above should be done and the data transferred to a workstation and copy data to the new floppy media using burl -bf to copy data to new floppy media.

NOTE: If files become corrupt and/or if you wish to go through lessons again, just copy files from floppy and start over.

If you experience problems, call your local Graphics Support person or your D-19 support person.

LESSON 1. General Purpose and Horizontal Alignment Commands

This lesson is the first of three lessons designed to provide instructions and practice problems to help new users of IGrds™ become acquainted with IGrds™ commands. The three lessons include: (1) horizontal alignment commands, (2) vertical alignment commands, and (3) general geometry commands. Each lesson consists of an instructions manual and an IGrds™ project file. The instructions manual provides a brief description of each command, a listing of the command prompts, and instructions for responding to those prompts. The IGrds™ project file contains a practice problem for each IGrds™ command. The lessons are self-instructional and self-paced. The goal was to raise the quality and consistency of the introductory IGrds™ training at the TxDOT District level so that individuals participating in the IGrds™ Workshop would have higher base knowledge levels. New users should also consult the "IGrds™ User Manual--IG Option," which is published by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

This lesson will go through the individual commands used in the General Purpose menu and the Horizontal Alignment menu. This first group of commands to be discussed are the General Purpose commands. These commands are not directly related to any other IGrds subsystem, yet they are quite important to the user. General Purpose commands can be categorized as operational commands, which perform functions between IGrds subsystems, and switch commands, which set the status conditions for future commands.

To begin the practice exercises, key in **mce ha** at the unix \$ prompt and "start IGrds." There are no exercises for the general purpose commands, as they primarily turn features on or off. The practice problems are used with the horizontal alignment commands in the second portion of this lesson. The first exercise begins on page 1-30; read only pages 1-2 through 1-29.

To perform the exercises, at the uSTN> prompt, key in **VI=XXX** when instructed, where XXX is the IGrds command number. Remember that IGrds requires all keyboard entries to be in UPPER case.

The first command to be used when starting an IGrds session on the workstation is **INITIALIZE IGRDS (201)**. Use this command when you start a project from "scratch". Do **NOT** use this command when continuing on a previously created project. This command creates a status file (.IGR) in the present working directory. This file stores the IGrds Working file name and other project-related parameters. It links the Graphics file with the IGrds Working files. This command also will initialize new IGrds Geometry files, set the system-defined default parameters, and set various parameters controlling data display.

Prompts

Response

- | | | |
|----|---|--|
| 1. | INITIALIZE STATUS FILE
RESET - YES, DATA - NO | DATA to keep the existing Status file, or

RESET to create a new Status file. You must RESET the first time a Graphics file is used in IGrds. |
| 2. | INITIALIZE GEOMETRY
RESET - YES, DATA - NO | DATA to keep the existing Geometry files. These must have the same name as the IGrds Working files, or

RESET to create new Geometry files (.PNT), (.CRV), (.CHN), and to initialize geometry parameters. |
| 3. | INITIALIZE RDXD
RESET - YES, DATA - NO | DATA to omit initialization, or

RESET to initialize parameters for Roadway Design Cross Section Definition (RDXD). |
| 4. | DATA - ACTIVE IGDS PARAMETERS
RESET - DEFAULT IGRDS PARAMETERS | DATA to keep the parameter values as they exist in the Graphics file, or

RESET to use the default parameter values. |

The default parameters are:

Cell Library = IGRDS.CEL

Active Angle = N90°0'0"E (Bearing Mode is default.)

Global Origin = Lower Left

Text String Justification = Left bottom

Text Node Display and Delay = OFF

Snap Lock = ON

Set element class to: = Primary

5. **ENTER NAME OF IGRDS WORKING FILE** Type the name of the IGRds Working files to use with the Graphics file. The filename can be up to nine characters long; do not include the file type.

If this command executes properly, the message **IGRDS INITIALIZED AND STARTED** will appear in the prompt field.

NOTES

Another command that may be used at the beginning of an IGrds session is **START IGRDS (225)**. This command will execute start-up file management functions. It is to be used instead of **INITIALIZE IGRDS** when you re-enter a Graphics (.DGN) file in an IGrds session. There are no prompts for this command. If this command executes properly, the message **IGRDS STARTED SUCCESSFULLY** will appear in the prompt field.

At the conclusion of an IGrds session, use the **END IGRDS (202)** command. This may also be used to change Graphics files during an IGrds run, or to run RDEC or other applications software on the IGrds Working files without exiting the Graphics file. There are no prompts for this command. If the command executes properly, the message **IGRDS ENDED** will appear in the prompt field.

The next command that should be executed is **SET ACTIVE ROADWAY (205)**. This command will display and/or change the active roadway (i.e., active horizontal alignment or vertical reference line, A-Z). Several commands in IGrds require the user to enter a roadway ID. Some of these commands include an option that defaults to the active roadway.

Prompt

Response

1. **ENTER RDWY, OR SELECT ALIGN. OR
RESET FOR RDWY = X**

Type the ID of the active roadway (active reference line), or

DATA on the active roadway (active reference line), or

RESET to keep the current active roadway (active reference line) "X".

NOTES

To stop a command within IGrds, use the **CMD EXIT (212)** command. This command should be used to stop self-repeating commands. There are no prompts associated with this command. Execution of the command occurs with **DATA** on the command name.

IGrds provides a **HELP (207)** command to assist you with information on any commands on the IGrds menus. The complete message must be displayed before you can execute any other command. The **HELP** command is a self-repeating command.

Prompt

Response

1. **SELECT MENU BOX FOR HELP**

DATA on desired menu box for help information.

NOTES

The following command is used for reporting purposes. This command, **SAVE TO LIST FILE (204)**, will attach the (.TMP) temporary report file to the list (.LIS) file.

Prompt

Response

1. **ENTER LIST FILE OR RESET TO
SAVE TO CURRENT LIST FILE**

Type the name of the new list file, or
RESET to use the existing list file name.

Another command that may be used for reporting purposes is the **PROJECT FILE SUMMARY REPORT (203)** command. This will generate the summary report and write it to the (.TMP) temporary file. If AUTO LIST is on, the summary report is also written to the (.LIS) list file.

Prompt

Response

- | | | |
|----|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1. | RESET FOR PROJECT FILE SUMMARY | RESET to create the summary report. |
|----|---------------------------------------|--|

If you need to change IGrds parameters during a session on the workstation, use the **REVISE ACTIVE PARAMETERS (250)** command. IGrds must be running prior to executing this command. The changes to the parameters are temporary unless you save the changes with the **SAVE FILE** menu box. If the changes are not saved, they will be discarded upon ending IGrds or the graphics session. Changes to the parameters are made using the IGrds Parameter File Tutorial menu. This menu is placed on the screen in the tutorial view. An asterisk (*) in the data field indicates that the parameter may not be changed by the user.

One of the most important commands to be used is the **HORIZONTAL POSITION CALCULATION (206)** command. Execution of this command calculates the offset between roadway G (terrain center line) and roadways A-F. You must execute this command prior to displaying original profiles. Additionally, roadway G must be defined and the terrain cross sections must be stored in the IGrds station file (1.dat) before running this command. The horizontal position calculations are stored in the IGrds working station file (1.idx), an HPCAL report is placed in the temporary report file (.TMP), and any error or warning messages are placed in the error file (.ERR).

Prompt

Response

1. **ENTER ROADWAY LETTER(S)
X OR X-X, RESET FOR RDWY = X**

Type the letter of the desired roadway (A-F). Use the X-X format for more than one roadway, or

RESET to perform the calculations on the active roadway "X".

Note: This command is on Texas vertical subsystem menu.

The remainder of the General Purpose commands are switch commands. The first of these is **TURN ON/OFF LABEL OPTION (208)**. This command will turn the label option on or off. The system default is LABEL OFF. The following commands may have labeling: **CALCULATE STATION AND OFFSET; CALCULATE STATION, OFFSET, AND ELEVATION; COMPUTE/LABEL STATION AND ELEVATION; COMPUTE/LABEL PROFILE STATION AND ELEVATION; and CALCULATE AREA OF A SHAPE.**

Prompts

1A. LABEL ON

This message appears if the label option was off when this command was selected.

1B. LABEL OFF

This message appears if the label option was on when this command was selected.

NOTES

The next switch command is **STACKED/LINEAR LABEL (209)**. This command controls whether the label information is written in one line (linear) or two lines (stacked). The system default is **LABEL LINEAR**.

Prompts

1A. **LABEL STACKED**

This message appears if the label feature was **LINEAR** when this command was selected.

1B. **LABEL LINEAR**

This message appears if the label feature was **STACKED** when this command was selected.

NOTES

The next switch command is **TURN ON/OFF LEADER LINES (210)**. This command will control whether or not a leader line is included with a label. A leader line connects a label to the point being labeled. The system default is **LEADER LINE OFF**.

Prompts

1A. **LEADER LINE ON**

This message appears if the **LEADER LINE** feature was off when this command was selected.

1B. **LEADER LINE OFF**

This message appears if the **LEADER LINE** feature was on when this command was selected.

NOTES

Another switch command dealing with labeling is **TURN ON/OFF LEADER LINE TERMINATOR (211)**. This switch command controls whether or not the leader line has an arrowhead. The system default is **LEADER LINE TERMINATOR OFF**.

Prompts

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1A. LEADER LINE TERMINATOR ON | This message appears if the LEADER LINE TERMINATOR feature was off when this command was selected. |
| 1B. LEADER LINE TERMINATOR OFF | This message appears if the LEADER LINE TERMINATOR feature was off when this command was selected. |

NOTES

The last switch command is **AUTO LIST ON/OFF (213)**. This command tells IGrds whether or not to append the temporary report (.TMP) file to the list (.LIS) file. The current name of the list file is also displayed and may be changed by the user. The system default is **AUTO LIST OFF**.

Prompts

Response

1A. **ENTER NEW FILE NAME
RESET FOR LIST FILE = X**

Type the desired list file name, or
RESET to keep the current list file name.

1B. **AUTO LIST OFF**

This message will appear if **AUTO LIST** was on when this command was selected.

NOTES

The next portion of this lesson covers the commands within the Horizontal Alignment subsystem of IGrds. These horizontal alignment commands allow you to create alignments simultaneously in design and graphics files. A horizontal alignment is a series of intersecting tangents. The IGrds horizontal alignment commands place curves between adjacent tangents at interior points of intersection (PIs). The first PI in the alignment is established with the ADD HA PI command. Subsequent PIs may also be added with this command. INSERT HA PI may be used to place PIs between or prior to existing PIs. Once you have established, or modified your PIs, you must use the CREATE/UPDATE HA command. This will compute the properties of the alignment so that it may be displayed or used in other computations. After the alignment has been established, it may be used by IGrds with the general geometry commands (Lesson 3), and with the following horizontal alignment commands: IDENTIFY HA; IDENTIFY HA PI; CREATE HA REPORT; DRAW HA PIs; DRAW HA TANGENTS; DRAW HA; DRAW CROWN, CATCH, OR DITCH LINES; ANNOTATE HA; PLACE HA PI DATA; DELETE HA; and DELETE HA DISPLAYS.

There are two "switch" commands within the horizontal alignment module. These commands control which prompts appear in certain commands. The first "switch" command is **TURN ON/OFF EXTENDED FEATURES (216)**. This activates the prompt for all of the extended features. The system default is **EXTENDED FEATURES OFF**. When the switch is on, the **EXTENDED FEATURES** prompts appear in the **ADD HA PI**, **INSERT HA PI**, and **CREATE/UPDATE HA** commands. The alignment listings in the **CREATE/UPDATE HA** and **CREATE HA REPORT** commands are also controlled by this switch.

Prompts

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. EXTENDED FEATURES ON | If the switch was off when this command was selected, this message appears in the prompt field. |
| 2. EXTENDED FEATURES OFF | If the switch was on when this command was selected, this message appears in the prompt field. |

NOTES

The other "switch" command is **TURN ON/OFF SPIRAL PROMPTS (215)**. The system default is **SPIRAL PROMPTS OFF**. If the switch is on, the **SPIRAL PROMPTS** appear in the **ADD HA PI**, **INSERT HA PI**, and **REVISE HA PI** commands.

Prompts

1A. **SPIRAL PROMPTS ON**

If the spiral switch was off when this command was selected, this message appears in the prompt field.

1B. **SPIRAL PROMPTS OFF**

If the spiral switch was on when this command was selected, this message appears in the prompt field.

NOTES

The first horizontal alignment command to be discussed is **DRAW HA (12)**. This will display all or part of the active roadway's horizontal alignment. If the message "NO ALIGNMENT DATA STORED" or "ALIGNMENT NOT CREATED PROPERLY" appears in the prompt field, use the **CREATE/UPDATE HA** command to recalculate the alignment in the Working files. For this practice problem, key in **VI=12**.

Prompts

Response

1. **ENTER STATION LIMITS (BEG,END)
RESET-ENTIRE ALIG DATA-NEW RDWY**

Type the beginning and ending station of the desired portion of the alignment, or

DATA to change active roadways and repeat the prompt, or

RESET to select the entire alignment.

2. **OLD HA GRAPHICS EXIST
DATA - SAVE, RESET - NOT TO SAVE**

DATA to keep the existing graphics, or

RESET to delete the existing graphics.

NOTES

The next command is **DRAW HA PIs (2)**. This command will display PIs from the IGrds Working files for the active roadway. (If the PIs do not fit on the screen, use the **ZOOM OUT** command in Graphics to view them on the screen). For this practice problem, key in **VI=2**.

Prompts

Response

- | | | |
|----|---|--|
| 1. | ENTER ROADWAY LETTER
RESET FOR RDWY = X | Type the letter of desired roadway, or
RESET to draw PIs for roadway X. |
| 2. | OLD PI GRAPHICS EXIST
DATA - SAVE, RESET - NOT TO SAVE | DATA to keep the existing graphics, or
RESET to delete the existing graphics. |

NOTES

After the PIs are drawn, you may use the **DRAW HA TANGENTS (13)** command to connect the PIs with straight lines. The command uses the PIs stored in the Working files to draw the tangents. This command can be executed without having the PIs displayed on the screen. For this practice problem, key in **VI=13**.

Prompts

Response

1. **ENTER ROADWAY LETTER
RESET FOR ROADWAY = X**

Type the roadway letter whose tangents you want drawn, or

RESET to draw tangents for roadway X.

2. **OLD TANGENT GRAPHICS EXIST
DATA - SAVE, RESET - NOT TO SAVE**

DATA to keep the existing tangents, or

RESET to delete the existing tangents.

NOTES

The next command is **ANNOTATE HA (15)**. This command will display the horizontal alignment annotation for the active roadway. The annotation information includes station tic marks, bearing labels, and station labels for the beginning station, PC, PT, station equations, and end stations. For this practice problem, key in **VI = 15**.

Prompts

Response

- | | |
|--|--|
| <p>1. ENTER STATION LIMITS (BEG,END)
RESET-ENTIRE ALIG DATA-NEW RDWY</p> | <p>Type the beginning and ending station of the desired portion of the alignment, or</p> <p>DATA to change active roadways and repeat the prompt, or</p> <p>RESET to select the entire alignment.</p> |
| <p>2. RESET TO ACCEPT OR ENTER 1-2 →
1) TICS = N, N, 2) TX = N</p> | <p>Type "1" to change tic mark spacing (Prompt 2A appears), or</p> <p>Type "2" to change text height (Prompt 2B appears), or</p> <p>RESET to accept the displayed parameters.</p> |
| <p>2A. ENTER TIC, TIC LABEL SPACING
RESET FOR NO CHANGE</p> | <p>Type the tic and tic label spacing, or</p> <p>RESET for no change.</p> |
| <p>2B. ENTER TEXT HEIGHT -
RESET FOR NO CHANGE</p> | <p>Type the new text height, or</p> <p>RESET to keep the same text height.</p> |
| <p>3. ENTER 1-6 TO DELETE LABELS
1) RAD, 2) BRNG, 3) EQ, 4)BEGIN,
5) END, 6) ALL RESET: ANNOTATE</p> | <p>Type "1" to omit radial labels, or</p> <p>Type "2" to omit bearing labels, or</p> <p>Type "3" to omit station equations, or</p> <p>Type "4" to omit the beginning station label, or</p> <p>Type "5" to omit the ending station label, or</p> <p>Type "6" to omit all labels, or</p> <p>RESET to annotate the alignment.</p> |
| <p>4. OLD HA ANNOTATION EXIST
DATA - SAVE, RESET - NOT TO SAVE</p> | <p>DATA to keep the existing annotation, or</p> <p>RESET to delete the existing annotation.</p> |

NOTES

The **PLACE HA PI DATA (19)** command is used to display horizontal curve data for a selected horizontal alignment PI at a user-defined location. You may not use this command for a compound PI. This is a self-repeating command. Key in **VI=19** to practice this command.

Prompts

Response

1. **SELECT PI OR ENTER NEW RDWY**

DATA on the desired PI, or

Change the active roadway by typing the letter of the new roadway and repeat the prompt.

2. **ACCEPT/REJECT -> ROADWAY = X**
PI = N, ST = N, RAD = N, SP = N,N

DATA to accept the selected PI, or

RESET to reject the selected PI.

3. **SELECT TEXT PLACEMENT POINT**
PI = N, ST = N, RAD = N, SP = N,N

DATA at the point on the screen where the data will be displayed.

NOTES

Two different commands may be used to add PIs to your horizontal alignment. The first of these is **ADD HA PI (3)**. This command will add the first PI of the active alignment, or add PIs beyond any existing PIs. The new PIs are stored in the Working files and displayed on the graphics screen. The PI numbers are determined by the system. This is a self-repeating command. Key in **VI=3** to practice this command.

Prompts

Response

- | | | |
|----|---|---|
| 1. | SELECT POINT OR ENTER X,Y (N,E)
OR ENTER NEW RDWY | <p>DATA on existing geometry point, DATA to verify, or</p> <p>DATA to digitize a point where you want the PI to be placed, or</p> <p>Type the number of an existing geometry point in the IGrds Working file, whose coordinates will be used to place the PI, or</p> <p>Type the X and Y coordinates where the PI will be placed, or</p> <p>Change the active roadway by typing the letter of the new roadway and repeat the prompt.</p> |
| 2. | ENTER PI STATION
RESET FOR STATION = 0 | <p>Type the beginning station for the first PI of an alignment, or</p> <p>RESET for beginning station of 0.</p> |
| 3. | ENTER RADIUS, DEG OF CURVE
OR SELECT ARC, RESET FOR RADIUS=X | <p>Type the desired radius in feet (0 for no curve), or</p> <p>Type the degree of curve in degrees, minutes, seconds (DD^MM'SS.SS" or DD MM SS.SS), or</p> <p>DATA on an existing arc with the desired radius, or</p> <p>RESET to use the previous radius, X.</p> |
| 4. | ENTER IN, OUT SPIRAL LENGTHS
(SPL,SPO) RESET FOR SPIRALS = 0
(If SPIRALS SWITCH is on) | <p>Type the spiral in and out lengths, or</p> <p>RESET for no spirals.</p> |

5. **DATA - ROUND VALUES/RESET - NO ROUND**
ENTER "H" - HOLD PI/"P" - HOLD P-LINE DATA for rounding values, or
 (If EXTENDED FEATURES is on) **RESET** for no rounding, Prompt 11 appears, or
 Type "P" to hold coordinates for P-Line, or
 Type "H" to hold coordinates for PI.
6. **ENTER BEARING VALUE IN SECONDS (0-60)** Type the bearing rounding factor in seconds, or
RESET FOR VALUE = 0
 (If EXTENDED FEATURES is on) **RESET** for no rounding.
7. **ENTER CURVE VALUE IN FEET (0-99)** Type the curve rounding factor in feet, or
RESET FOR VALUE = 0
 (If EXTENDED FEATURES is on) **RESET** for no rounding.
8. **ENTER CONNECT VALUE (C OR P)** Type "C" for CONNECT (Tangent Length = 0).
RESET FOR BLANK Prompt 11 appears, or
 (If EXTENDED FEATURES is on) Type "P" for P-line (PI with no curve). Prompt 11
 appears, or
RESET for neither C or P. Prompt 10 appears.
9. **ENTER TANGENT VALUE IN FEET (0-99)** Type the tangent rounding value in feet, or
RESET FOR VALUE = 0
 (If EXTENDED FEATURES is on) **RESET** for no rounding.
10. **ADDING PI ...** This message is displayed, the PI is placed in the
 IGrds Working files, and the PI is drawn on the
 screen.
11. **ENTER 2ND RADIUS, COMP SPIRAL LENGTH**
RESET FOR NO COMPOUND CURVE DATA Type the second radius or degree of curve and the
 (If EXTENDED FEATURES is on) compound spiral length, separated by a comma, or
RESET for no compound curve data pertaining to
 this PI.
12. **ENTER CURVE LENGTH, NUMBER (1/2)** Type the desired fixed curve length and the curve
 (If EXTENDED FEATURES is on) number to be fixed (1 or 2), separated by a comma.

After adding PIs to your alignment, you must use the **CREATE/UPDATE HA (10)** command. This performs horizontal alignment calculations for the active roadway using the current PIs stored in the IGrds Working files. As a result of these calculations, the existing alignment is updated, or a new alignment is created if none previously existed. If there are no errors, an alignment listing is placed in the temporary report file (.TMP) and the alignment is displayed. For this practice problem, key in **VI = 10**.

Prompts

Response

- | | | |
|----|--|--|
| 1. | <p>ENTER ROADWAY
 RESET FOR ROADWAY = X</p> | <p>Type the letter of the roadway to be created or updated; or</p> <p>RESET to create or update roadway X.</p> |
| 2. | <p>DATA TO ALSO CREATE CHAIN
 RESET FOR NO CHAIN</p> | <p>DATA to create a geometry chain with the alignment; or</p> <p>RESET for no chain.</p> |
| 3. | <p>ENTER NEW CHAIN NUMBER
 RESET FOR DEFAULT
 (If auto-numbering is off)</p> | <p>Type the ID number of the new chain; or</p> <p>RESET for the next available ID number.</p> |
| 4. | <p>KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT
 GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED</p> <p>This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element.</p> | <p>Type a new ID number; or</p> <p>DATA to use the next available number; or</p> <p>RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.</p> |
| 5. | <p>OLD HA GRAPHICS EXIST
 DATA - SAVE, RESET - NOT TO SAVE</p> | <p>DATA to save the existing graphics; or</p> <p>RESET to delete the existing graphics.</p> |

NOTES

The other command that may be used to add PIs to the alignment is **INSERT HA PI (4)**. This will add a PI between two existing PIs, or before the beginning PI of the active roadway. The system will assign a PI number for the new PI. This is a self-repeating command. Key in **VI=4** to practice this command.

Prompts

Response

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| 1. | SELECT AHEAD PI OR ENTER NEW RDWY | <p>DATA on the existing PI that follows the new PI, or</p> <p>Change the active roadway by typing the letter of the new roadway and repeat the prompt.</p> |
| 2. | ACCEPT/REJECT - RDWY = X
PI = N, ST = N, RAD = N, SP = N,N | <p>DATA to accept this PI, or</p> <p>RESET to reject this PI.</p> |
| 3. | SELECT POINT OR ENTER X,Y
OR ENTER NEW RDWY | <p>DATA at the desired location on the screen, or</p> <p>Type the coordinates of the PI to be inserted, or</p> <p>Change the active roadway and restart the command.</p> |
| 4. | ENTER PI STATION
RESET FOR STATION = 0 | <p>Type the station of the new PI, or</p> <p>RESET to a station of 0.</p> |
| 5. | ENTER RADIUS, OR DEG OF CURVE
OR SELECT ARC, OR RESET FOR RADIUS=X | <p>Type the desired radius in feet (0 for no curve), or</p> <p>Type the degree of curve in degrees, minutes, seconds (DD^MM'SS.SS" or DD MM SS.SS), or</p> <p>DATA on an existing arc with the desired radius, or</p> <p>RESET to use the previous radius, X.</p> |
| 6. | ENTER IN, OUT SPIRAL LENGTHS
(SPI,SPO) RESET FOR SPIRALS = 0
(If SPIRALS SWITCH is on) | <p>Type the spiral in and out lengths, or</p> <p>RESET for no spirals.</p> |
| 7. | DATA - ROUND VALUES/RESET - NO ROUND
ENTER "H" - HOLD PI/"P" - HOLD P-LINE
(If EXTENDED FEATURES is on) | <p>DATA for rounding values, or</p> <p>RESET for no rounding, and to not hold the PI, or</p> <p>Type "P" to hold coordinates for P-Line, or</p> <p>Type "H" to hold coordinates for PI.</p> |

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| 8. | ENTER BEARING VALUE IN SECONDS (0-60)
RESET FOR VALUE = 0
(If EXTENDED FEATURES is on) | Type the bearing rounding factor in seconds, or
RESET for no rounding. |
| 9. | ENTER CURVE VALUE IN FEET (0-99)
RESET FOR VALUE = 0
(If EXTENDED FEATURES is on) | Type the curve rounding factor in feet, or
RESET for no rounding. |
| 10. | ENTER CONNECT VALUE (C OR P)
RESET FOR BLANK
(If EXTENDED FEATURES is on) | Type "C" for CONNECT (Tangent Length = 0).
Prompt 11 appears, or

Type "P" for P-line (PI with no curve). Prompt 11
appears, or

RESET for neither C or P. Prompt 10 appears. |
| 11. | ENTER TANGENT VALUE IN FEET (0-99)
RESET FOR VALUE = 0
(If EXTENDED FEATURES is on) | Type the tangent rounding value in feet, or
RESET for no rounding. |
| 12. | ADDING PI ... | This message is displayed, the PI is placed in the
IGrds working files, and the PI is drawn on the
screen. |
| 13. | ENTER 2ND RADIUS, COMP SPIRAL LENGTH
RESET FOR NO COMPOUND CURVE DATA
(If EXTENDED FEATURES is on) | Type the second radius or degree of curve and the
compound spiral length, separated by a comma, or

RESET for no compound curve data pertaining to
this PI. |
| 14. | ENTER CURVE LENGTH, NUMBER (1/2)
(If EXTENDED FEATURES is on) | Type the desired fixed curve length and the curve
number to be fixed (1 or 2), separated by a comma. |

Be sure to run the CREATE/UPDATE HA command after inserting the PI.

NOTES

To modify a PI, use the **REVISE HA PI (7)** command. This will allow you to modify a PI and its associated curve data in the IGrds Working files. Items that may be revised are the station, radius (degree of curve), spiral length, and coordinates. To change any other PI information, you must delete the PI and then insert the PI incorporating the desired changes. This is a self-repeating command. Key in **VI=7** to practice this command.

Prompts

Response

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|-----|---|--|
| 1. | SELECT PI OR ENTER NEW RDWY | <p>DATA on PI to be revised, or</p> <p>Change the active roadway by typing the letter of the new roadway and repeat the prompt.</p> |
| 2. | ACCEPT/REJECT -> RDWY = X
PI = N, ST = N, RAD = N, SP = N,N | <p>DATA to accept this PI, or</p> <p>RESET to reject this PI.</p> |
| 3. | ENTER REVISION TYPE -> 1-STA, 2-RAD/DC,
3-SPIRAL, 4-XY(NE), 5-SHOW PI DATA
RESET: SAVE CHANGES, DATA: RESTART | <p>Type "1" to revise the PI station. Prompt 3A appears, or</p> <p>Type "2" to revise the radius or degree of curve. Prompt 3B appears, or</p> <p>Type "3" to revise in and/or out spirals. Prompt 3C appears, or</p> <p>Type "4" to revise the location of the PI. Prompt 3D appears, or</p> <p>Type "5" to display the PI data. Prompt 3E appears, or</p> <p>DATA to restart this prompt, or</p> <p>RESET to save the changes.</p> |
| 3A. | ENTER PI STATION
RESET FOR STATION = N | <p>RESET to use the existing station, or</p> <p>Type the new PI station. A station equation will be created if a station other than the beginning PI station is entered.</p> <p>Prompt 3 appears.</p> |

- 3B. **ENTER RADIUS, OR DEG OF CURVE** Type the desired radius in feet, or
OR SELECT ARC, OR RESET FOR RADIUS=N Type the degree of curve in degrees, minutes, seconds (DD^MM'SS.SS" or DD MM SS.SS), or
DATA on an existing arc with the desired radius, or
RESET to use the previous radius, X.
Prompt 3 appears.
- 3C. **ENTER IN, OUT SPIRAL LENGTHS** Type the new spiral lengths, or
(SPI,SPO) RESET FOR SPIRALS = N,N **RESET** to use the existing spiral lengths.
Prompt 3 appears.
- 3D. **SELECT POINT OR ENTER X,Y (N,E)** DATA on an existing geometry point where a PI is
RESET FOR X,Y (N,E) = N,N desired, or
DATA to digitize the new PI location, or
Type the coordinates of the new PI, or
RESET to use the existing coordinates.
Prompt 3 appears.
- 3E. **RESET TO CONTINUE RD = X, PI = N** **RESET** to continue. Prompt 3 appears.
STA = N, X,Y (N,E) = N,N
RADIUS = N, SPIRALS = N,N

NOTES

There are two commands that may be used to identify elements from the display screen. The first of these is **IDENTIFY HA (14)**. This command will identify a horizontal alignment from the display screen. The alignment is highlighted, and its roadway letter is displayed in the prompt field. This is a self-repeating command. There is no exercise for this command.

Prompts

Response

1. **SELECT ALIGNMENT**
2. **SELECT ALIGNMENT
ROADWAY = X**

DATA on the desired alignment.

The roadway letter of the selected roadway is shown in the prompt field.

NOTES

The other identification command is **IDENTIFY HA PI (9)**. This command will highlight a PI selected by the user and display it's roadway letter, PI number, station, radius, X,Y coordinates and spiral lengths. This is a self-repeating command. There is no exercise for this command.

Prompts

Response

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|-----|--|---|
| 1. | SELECT PI | DATA on the desired PI. |
| 2. | DATA FOR NEW PI, RESET TO REJECT
RD=X, PI=N, STA=N, RAD=N, SP=N,N
(If EXTENDED FEATURES is off) | DATA to select another PI, or

RESET to reject this PI, and display any other PIs at this location. |
| 2A. | DATA FOR MORE INFO, RESET TO REJECT
RD=X, PI=N, STA=N, RAD=N, SP=N,N
(If EXTENDED FEATURES is on) | DATA to display more information about the PI, or

RESET to reject this PI, and display any other PIs at this location. |
| 3 | SELECT PI
TYPE=XXX, RAD2=N, TAN-RD=N, BRG-RD=N
COMP SP=N, CV#&LEN=N,N
(If EXTENDED FEATURES is on and compound curve is used) | Choose another PI. |

NOTES

Two different commands within IGrds may be used to create an alignment from existing elements. The first of these is **CREATE HA FROM CHAIN (28)**. This creates a new alignment that coincides with a stored geometry chain. New PIs and curve data are computed to produce the alignment. Existing HA PIs cannot be included in the new alignment. For this practice problem, key in **VI=28**.

Prompts

Response

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| 1. SELECT CHAIN | DATA on an existing chain, DATA to verify, or

Type the ID number of an existing chain. |
| 2. LOCATE POINT NEAR BEGINNING OF HA | DATA at a point near the beginning of the new alignment. This point establishes the direction of the alignment. The end of the chain closest to the point you choose is the beginning of the new alignment. |
| 3. ENTER ROADWAY LETTER | Type the roadway letter for the new alignment. |
| 4. ENTER BEGINNING STATION
RESET FOR STATION = 0 | Type the beginning station of the new alignment, or

RESET to begin with station 0. |
| 5. DATA TO CREATE ALIGNMENT
RESET TO EXIT | DATA to create the alignment. The message "CREATING ALIGNMENT" appears in the prompt field, or

RESET to exit without creating the alignment. The PIs created in the above steps remain in the files. The DRAW HA PIs command is used to display them. |

NOTES

The other command to create an alignment from a previous alignment is **CREATE PARALLEL HA (25)**. In this case, the previously created alignments are called base roadways. You may only use roadways A - G with this command. The base alignment cannot have spirals. The new alignment that you create may not include any existing HA PIs. Key in **VI=25** to practice this command.

Prompts

Response

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|----|--|---|
| 1. | ENTER PARALLEL ROADWAY LETTER (A-G) | Type the desired letter for the new alignment. |
| 2. | ENTER BEGIN STATION OF PARALLEL RDWY
RESET TO USE BEGIN STATION OF BASE | Type the beginning station for the new alignment, or

RESET to use the base roadway's beginning station. |
| 3. | ENTER BASE RDWY LETTER (A-G) | Type the letter of the base roadway. |
| 4. | ENTER BEGIN STATION ON BASE
RESET TO USE BASE BEGINNING STATION | Type the beginning station of the new alignment, or

RESET to use the beginning station of the base roadway. |
| 5. | ENTER ENDING STATION ON BASE
RESET TO USE BASE ENDING STATION | Type the ending station of the new alignment, or

RESET to use the ending station of the base roadway. |
| 6. | ENTER (+/-) OFFSET DISTANCE | Type the "+/-" offset distance between the base roadway and the new alignment ("+" is to the right of the base roadway). The following message will be displayed in the prompt field:
COLLECTING PARALLEL ALIGNMENT DATA... |
| 7. | DATA TO COMPUTE - OR -
RESET FOR NEW BASE ROADWAY | DATA to end data collection and begin computing the alignment. The following message will be displayed in the prompt field:
CREATE PARALLEL ALIGNMENT DATA... , or

RESET to return to Prompt 3 to choose a new base roadway. |
| 8. | DATA TO CREATE ALIGNMENT
RESET TO EXIT | DATA to compute the alignment. The following message will be displayed in the prompt field:
CREATING ALIGNMENT... , or

RESET to exit the command without creating an alignment. The PIs created by this command remain in the files. You may use the DRAW HA PIs command to view the PIs you created. |

NOTES

The next command you may need to use is **DRAW CROWN, CATCH, OR DITCH LINES (30)**. This will display the crown, catch, and ditch point lines of a roadway from the IGrds Working files. Crown displays the left or right shoulder point line of the roadway. Catch displays the left or right catch point line of the roadway. Ditch displays the left or right ditch point line, with or without terrain. This is a self-repeating command. Key in **VI=30** to practice this command.

Prompts

Response

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|----|---|--|
| 1. | ENTER ROADWAY LETTER
(If active roadway is G) | Type the roadway letter whose crown, catch, or ditch point line you want displayed. |
| 2. | ENTER STA FOR RDWY G (BEG,END)
RESET-ENTIRE ALIGN,DATA-NEW OFFSET RDWY | Type the beginning and ending station of the portion of roadway G desired, or

DATA to choose a different roadway, or

RESET to select the entire alignment of roadway G. |
| 3. | ENTER 1) CROWN, 2) CATCH, 3) DITCH, 4) DITCHX | Type "1" for a left or right crown line, or

Type "2" for a left or right catch line, or

Type "3" for a left or right ditch line without terrain, or

Type "4" for a left or right ditch line with terrain. |
| 4. | ENTER L/R (LEFT OR RIGHT SIDE)
RESET TO START OVER | Type "L" to draw the line on the left side of the roadway, or

Type "R" to draw the line on the right side of the roadway, or

RESET to start over. |

NOTES

To create a report of your horizontal alignment, use the **CREATE HA REPORT (11)** command. With this command, a listing of the horizontal alignment for a given roadway is placed in the temporary report file (.TMP). Type **VI=11** to practice this command.

Prompts

Response

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|---|---|
| 1. ENTER ROADWAY LETTER(S)
X OR X-X, RESET FOR ROADWAY = X | Type the letter of the roadway or roadways whose alignment reports you want created, or

RESET to create the alignment report for the active roadway, X. |
| 2. RESET FOR EXTENDED FEATURES (FALO)
DATA FOR *EXISTING* REPORT (HALO)
(If EXTENDED FEATURES is on) | RESET for a FALO listing, or

DATA for a HALO listing. |

NOTES

There are three commands within IGrds that are used to delete elements of horizontal alignments. The first of these is **DELETE HA PI (5)**. This command will delete one PI from the display **AND** from the Working files. There is no exercise for this command.

Prompts

Response

1. **SELECT PI OR ENTER NEW RDWY**

DATA on the desired PI of the active roadway for deletion, or

Change the active roadway by typing the letter of the new roadway and repeat the prompt.

2. **ACCEPT/REJECT -> RDWY = X**
PI=N, STATION=N, RADIUS=N, SP=N,N

DATA to accept this PI, or

RESET to reject this PI.

NOTES

The next deletion command is the **DELETE HA DISPLAYS (29)** command. This command will delete the display only of the horizontal alignment, the tangent lines, the annotation, or any combination of the three. Update the screen in graphics to see the items deleted. Type **VI=29** to practice this command.

Prompts

Response

1. **SELECT DISPLAY ELEMENT TO DEL
OR RESET FOR ALL OF RDWY = X**

DATA on the alignment, tangent lines, or annotation to be deleted. Prompt 1A appears, or

RESET to delete the alignment, tangent lines, and annotation for roadway X.

1A. **ACCEPT OR REJECT - ROADWAY = X
TYPE = X**

DATA to accept the deletion of type X, or

RESET to reject this deletion.

2. **ENTER "DEL" TO VERIFY DELETION FOR
ROADWAY = X**

Type "DEL" to delete, or

Type anything else to end the command without deleting.

NOTES

The last deletion command is **DELETE HA (27)**. This command deletes the alignment, annotation, tangent lines, and PIs for a roadway from the display **AND** from the Working files. The screen must be updated in graphics to remove the annotation from the display. There is no exercise for this command.

Prompts

Response

1. **ENTER ROADWAY TO BE DELETED
OR RESET FOR ROADWAY = X**

Type the letter of the roadway to be deleted, or
RESET to delete the active roadway, X, or
Use the **EXIT** command to stop the deletion.

2. **ENTER "DEL" TO VERIFY DELETION
FOR ROADWAY = X**

Type **"DEL"** to perform the deletion, or
Type anything else to end the command without
performing the deletion.

NOTES

As mentioned earlier, to use geometry commands with a horizontal alignment, the most important command to use is the **CREATE GEOMETRY ELEMENTS FROM HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT (498)** command. This command will create IGrds geometry elements for all or part of the horizontal alignment of the active roadway. Spirals will not be created with this command. This is a self-repeating command. Key in **VI=498** to practice this command.

Prompts

Response

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|----|---|---|
| 1. | ENTER STATION LIMITS (BEG,END)
RESET-ENTIRE ALIG DATA-NEW RDWY | Type the desired beginning and ending station of the alignment; or

DATA to change active roadways; or

RESET to accept the entire alignment. |
| 2. | DATA-CREATE GEOM PTS FROM HA
RESET FOR NO PTS | DATA to create geometry points for PI, PT, etc.; or

RESET to not create geometry points. |
| 3. | ENTER NUMBER FOR FIRST POINT
RESET FOR DEFAULT | Type in the ID number of the first new point; or

RESET to use the next available ID number. |
| 4. | ENTER NUMBER FOR FIRST ELEMENT
RESET FOR DEFAULT | Type the ID number for the new element; or

RESET to use the next available ID number. |
| 5. | KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT
GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED | |

This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element.

Type a new ID number; or

DATA to use the next available number; or

RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.

NOTES

The next command is **CONSTRUCT POINT AT STATION AND OFFSET (408)**. This command will place a point at a defined station and offset from a given horizontal alignment. This is a self-repeating command. Key in **VI=408** to practice this command.

Prompts

Response

1. **ENTER STATION SSSSSS.SSSS -
RESET FOR NEW ROADWAY**

Type the station of the new point on the active roadway; or

RESET to change the active roadway and restart the command.

2. **ENTER (+/-) OFFSET DISTANCE**

Type the desired offset distance from the existing alignment. A "+" indicates to the right, and a "-" indicates to the left of the alignment.

3. **ENTER NEW POINT NUMBER
RESET FOR DEFAULT
(If auto-numbering is off)**

Type an ID number for the new point; or

RESET for the next available ID number.

4. **KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT
GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED**

This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element.

Type a new ID number; or

DATA to use the next available number; or

RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.

NOTES

The next command is **CONSTRUCT LINE AT STATION AND DIRECTION (425)**. This will place a line through a horizontal alignment station at a specified direction. This is a self-repeating command. Key in **VI=425** to practice this command.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. ENTER STATION SSSSS.SSSS RESET FOR NEW ROADWAY	<p>Type the desired station on the active roadway; or</p> <p>RESET to change the active roadway and return to this prompt.</p> <p><i>NOTE: Enter the station in decimal form. (20+25.5 is entered as 2025.5)</i></p>
2. KEY BEARING/ AZIMUTH/ SELECT LINE OR ENTER SKEW ANGLE	<p>Type the desired angle in the appropriate format:</p> <p>bearing - N30[^]15'12.3"W or N30 15 12.3W</p> <p>azimuth - 132[^]12'11.76" or 132 12 11.76</p> <p>skew angle - L21[^]9'32.40"B or L21 9 32.40B; or</p> <p>DATA on an existing line; DATA to verify; or</p> <p>Type a line ID number.</p>
3. SELECT APPROX. FIRST ENDPOINT OR ENTER (+/-) DISTANCE	<p>DATA to digitize an endpoint of the line; or</p> <p>Type a "+" or "-" distance from the reference station for one endpoint of the line.</p>
4. SELECT APPROX. SECOND ENDPOINT OR ENTER (+/-) DISTANCE	<p>DATA to digitize the other endpoint of the line; or</p> <p>Type a "+" or "-" distance from the reference station for the other endpoint of the line.</p>
5. ENTER NEW LINE NUMBER RESET FOR DEFAULT (If auto-numbering is off)	<p>Type an ID number for the new line; or</p> <p>RESET for the next available ID number.</p>
6. KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED	<p>This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element.</p> <p>Type a new ID number; or</p> <p>DATA to use the next available number; or</p> <p>RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.</p>

NOTES

The next command is **CALCULATE STATION AND OFFSET (483)**. This will compute the station and offset of a specified point relative to a horizontal alignment. The station and offset will be placed in the form of a text node at a location defined by the user. This is a self-repeating command. Key in **VI=483** to practice this command.

Prompts

Response

1. **SELECT POINT
RESET FOR NEW ROADWAY**

DATA on desired point; or
Type the ID number of the desired point; or
DATA to digitize the desired point; or
Type the coordinates of the desired point.
RESET to change the active roadway and return to this prompt.

2. **SELECT TEXT PLACEMENT LOCATION
RESET FOR NO LABEL
(If IGrds LABEL option is on)**

DATA at text placement location; or
RESET to not place the text label.

NOTES

The next command is a slight variation of the previous command. This command is called **CALCULATE STATION, OFFSET, AND ELEVATION (484)**. This will compute the elevation, in addition to the station and offset of a user defined point with respect to a horizontal alignment. The results of the calculation are placed as a text node in a location defined by the user. This is a self-repeating command. There is no exercise for this command.

Prompts

Response

1. **SELECT POINT
RESET FOR NEW ROADWAY**

DATA on desired point; or

Type the ID number of the desired point; or

DATA to digitize the desired point; or

Type the coordinates of the desired point.

RESET to change active roadway and start over.

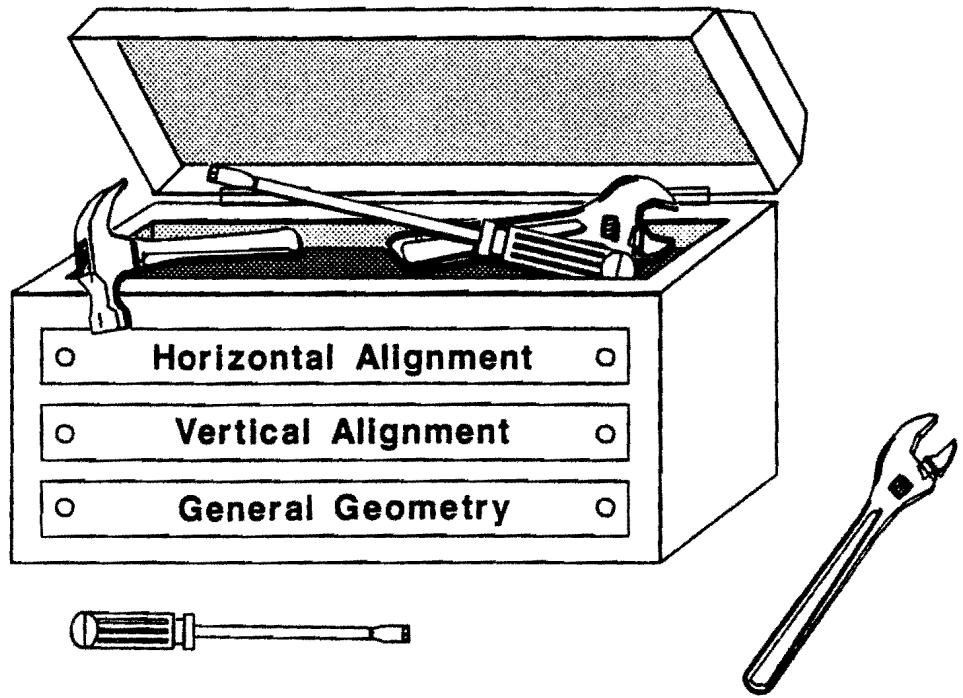
2. **SELECT TEXT PLACEMENT LOCATION
RESET FOR NO LABEL
(If IGrds LABEL option is on)**

DATA at text placement location; or

RESET to not place the text label.

NOTES

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LESSON 2. Vertical Alignment Commands

This lesson is the second of three lessons designed to provide instructions and practice problems to help new users of IGrds™ become acquainted with IGrds™ commands. The three lessons include: (1) horizontal alignment commands, (2) vertical alignment commands, and (3) general geometry commands. Each lesson consists of an instructions manual and an IGrds™ project file. The instructions manual provides a brief description of each command, a listing of the command prompts, and instructions for responding to those prompts. The IGrds™ project file contains a practice problem for each IGrds™ command. The lessons are self-instructional and self-paced. The goal was to raise the quality and consistency of the introductory IGrds™ training at the TxDOT District level so that individuals participating in the IGrds™ Workshop would have higher base knowledge levels. New users should also consult the "IGrds™ User Manual--IG Option," which is published by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

The purpose of this lesson is to familiarize the student with the basic steps and commands used in creating, annotating, and revising geometric elements of the vertical alignment. The Vertical Alignment module within IGrds includes reference line commands, vertical points of intersection (VPI) commands, display commands, and annotation commands.

To begin the practice exercises, key in **mce va** at the unix \$ prompt and "start IGrds." To perform the exercises, at the uSTN> prompt, key in **VI=XXX** when instructed, where **XXX** is the IGrds command number.

In order to perform vertical alignment commands, a horizontal alignment must be created and stored in IGrds Working files. The **HORIZONTAL POSITION CALCULATIONS** must be run prior to working with the vertical alignment commands. IGrds must be initialized and started prior to beginning with the vertical alignment commands.

The first command to be used when working with vertical alignments is **CREATE REFERENCE LINE (103)**. This command displays a reference line for original and/or design profiles. To practice this command, type **VI=103**.

Prompts

Response

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| 1. | ENTER REFERENCE ROADWAY LETTER | Type the letter of the desired roadway (A-Z). This is now the active roadway. |
| 2. | SELECT REF. LINE TYPE:
DATA FOR CLIPPED,
RESET FOR NO CLIPPING | DATA to create a clipped reference line,
or

RESET to create a non-clipped reference line. |

NOTE: A clipped reference line may not be modified after it has been created.

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| 3. | ENTER STATION LIMITS (BEG,END)
RESET FOR HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT LIMITS | Type the beginning and ending stations desired (separated by a comma), or

RESET to select the entire horizontal alignment. |
| 4. | SELECT ORIGIN OR ENTER X,Y (N,E)
RESET FOR DEFAULT COORDINATES | DATA at the desired location on the screen, or

Type the X and Y coordinates for the desired location of the reference line, or

RESET to accept the default coordinates. |

The default X,Y coordinates are:

<u>Roadway</u>	<u>X , Y</u>
A	10000 , 10000
B	10000 , 110000
C	10000 , 210000
D	10000 , 310000
E	10000 , 410000
F	10000 , 510000
G	10000 , 610000

- ENTER MIN,MAX ELEVATIONS** Type the minimum and maximum elevations; or
RESET FOR DEFAULT RANGE XXX TO XXX **RESET** to use the default elevations.
- RESET - ACCEPT OR ENTER 1 - 3** **RESET** to accept the defaults, or
1)X:Y = X, 2) TICS=XXX,XXX, 3) EL SP=X Type 1, 2, or 3 to make the desired changes.

The reference line should now be visible on the graphics screen. If it is not visible, use the FIT command in Graphics to view the line.

NOTES

After the reference line has been created, the **DRAW VPIs (115)** command is used to display the VPIs from the Working file and stores them in the Graphics file. This command is not valid for a roadway G reference line. To practice this command, type **VI=115**.

Prompt

Response

1. **RESET TO DRAW VPIs FOR RDWY=X**

RESET to display VPIs for active roadway "X".

NOTES

Now that the reference line has been created successfully, we can draw the original profile with the **DRAW ORIGINAL PROFILE (106)** command. This command calculates and displays the original profile of a selected roadway. The active roadway is the same as that used to create the reference line. If the active reference line is for roadway G, then profiles for all roadways may be displayed. If it is for a roadway other than G, only that roadway's profile may be displayed. If the offset extends beyond the limits of the terrain data, the last terrain elevation on the cross-section is used and a message is written to the .ERR file. In order for this command to work, there must be terrain data stored in the IGrds Working files. To practice this command, type **VI=106**.

Prompts

Response

1A. **ENTER OFFSET DISTANCE**
RESET FOR OFFSET = 0.0
(For active roadways A-F)

Type the offset from the centerline ("-" indicates left, and "+" indicates right), or

RESET to display the original profile.

1B. **ENTER ROADWAY OR OFFSET**
RESET FOR OFFSET = 0.0
(For active roadway G)

Type the letter of the roadway whose original roadway you want to display, or

Type the offset from the centerline of the reference roadway ("-" indicates left and "+" indicates right), or

RESET to display the original profile for roadway G.

NOTES

The **COMPUTE GRADE (101)** command computes and displays the grade between two points on the active reference line. This is a self-repeating command. Type **VI=101** to practice this command.

Prompts

Response

- | | | |
|----|---|---|
| 1. | SELECT POINT | DATA on first point. |
| 2. | SELECT SECOND POINT | DATA on second point. |
| 3. | SELECT SECOND POINT
GRADE = N% | The calculated grade is displayed in the prompt field. The previous second point becomes the first point for the next grade calculation. DATA on the new second point. |

NOTES

If we want to identify the station and elevation of a certain point on the reference line, we can use the **COMPUTE/LABEL STATION AND ELEVATION (107)** command. This command displays the station and elevation of the specified point in the prompt fields of the screen. If the label option is on, a text location for this information can be defined as well. This is a self-repeating command. Type **VI=107** to practice this command.

Prompts

Response

- | | | |
|----|--|--|
| 1. | SELECT POINT | DATA on the point to be calculated. |
| 2. | SELECT TEXT PLACEMENT POINT
(If label option is "on".) | DATA at the point where the information is to be displayed. |

NOTES

After the VPIs are displayed on the screen, the **DRAW VA TANGENTS (120)** command can be used. This command will display the tangent lines connecting the VPIs for the active roadway. You may either connect the VPIs in the Graphics file or the Working file. Type **VI= 120** to practice this command.

Prompt

Response

1. **ENTER DATA TO DRAW FROM GRAPHICS OR
RESET TO DRAW FROM IGRDS WORKING FILES**

DATA to connect the VPIs from the Graphics file,
or

RESET to connect the VPIs from the IGrds
Working file.

NOTES

The next step is to use the **DRAW VA DESIGN PROFILE (131)** command. This will display the vertical alignment (or an offset design profile) for active roadway (A-F) or (H-Z). If the active reference line is for roadway G, then profiles for all roadways may be displayed. If the active reference line is for a roadway other than G, only that roadway's design profile can be displayed. Type **VI=131** to practice this command.

Prompts

Response

- | | |
|---|--|
| <p>1A. ENTER ROADWAY OR OFFSET
 RESET FOR RDWY = X
 (For active roadways A-H)</p> | <p>Type the letter of the roadway whose vertical alignment is to be displayed, or</p> <p>Type the offset distance from the active roadway (X), or</p> <p>RESET to select roadway (X).</p> |
| <p>1B. ENTER OFFSET ROADWAY LETTER
 (For active roadway G)</p> | <p>Type the offset roadway letter.</p> |
| <p>2. ENTER FACTOR FOR REDUCED CHORD
 RESET FOR FACTOR=1 (100 FT CHORD)
 LEGAL FACTORS: 1-5
 (This prompt is only valid when an offset distance is entered)</p> | <p>Type the reduced chord factor (1-5), or</p> <p>RESET to select 100 ft chord lengths.</p> |

When the chord factor is increased, the chord lengths become smaller, which results in a smoother profile. Execution time increases as the chord lengths become smaller.

NOTES

Now that we have the vertical alignment drawn on the screen, we can annotate the alignment with the **ANNOTATE VA (117)** command. This command calculates and displays annotation information for the active roadway's design profile. This information consists of the PC and PT symbols, profile grade between VPIs, VPI stations, and elevations and curve lengths. Type **VI=117** to practice this command.

Prompts

Response

1. **ENTER TEXT HEIGHT**
RESET FOR TEXT HEIGHT = X

2. **ENTER 1-3 FOR DELETE OPTIONS -**
1) VPI DATA, 2) PC/PT SYMBOLS,
3) GRADES
RESET: ANNOTATE

Type text height in feet, or
RESET to use text height "X".

Type "1" to omit VPI annotation, or
Type "2" to omit PC and PT symbols, or
Type "3" to omit profile grade between VPIs, or
RESET to proceed with the annotation.

NOTES

Now we can continue by adding the vertical points of intersection (VPI) to our file. Two vertical geometry commands can be used in this process. These are the **PLACE VPOINT AT LOCATION** and **PLACE VLINE AT GRADE** commands.

The **PLACE VPOINT AT LOCATION (151)** command places an IGrds vertical geometry point (VPOINT) at a user-specified location in the Graphics file. This is a self-repeating command. Type **VI=151** to practice this command.

Prompts

Response

1. **ACTIVE REF. ROADWAY = X**
ENTER STA, ELEV

Type the desired station and elevation, or
Change the active roadway and start over.

2. **DATA FOR VPOINT LABEL**
RESET FOR NO LABEL

DATA to label the VPOINT, or
RESET for no label.

NOTES

The **PLACE VLINE AT GRADE (161)** command places an IGrds vertical geometry line (VLINE) at a specific grade from an existing VPOINT, or from a specific station and elevation in the Graphics file. This is a self-repeating command. Type **VI=161** to practice this command.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. ENTER VLINE NUMBER RESET FOR NONE	Type a VLINE number, or RESET for no VLINE number.
2. ENTER GRADE (%) OR SELECT VLINE	Type desired grade (in percent), or Select a VLINE.
2A. PVLINE NO. (X) ACCEPT/REJECT GRADE = (X) %	DATA to accept the selected VLINE, or RESET to reject the VLINE.
3. SELECT VPOINT OR ENTER STA, ELE	Type the station and elevation for the starting point of the VLINE, or Select a VPOINT.
3A. VPNT NO. (X) ACCEPT/REJECT STA: (X) ELE: (X)	DATA to accept VPOINT, or RESET to reject VPOINT.
4. SELECT APPROX. ENDING POINT	Digitize an end point for the line.
5. DATA FOR VLINE LABEL RESET FOR NO LABEL	DATA to label the VLINE number, or RESET for no label.

The remainder of the vertical geometry commands will be covered in Lesson 4. With these two commands, we are able to proceed with the placement of the VPIs.

NOTES

The **ADD VPI BY STATION AND ELEVATION (109)** command will add a VPI for the active roadway to the Graphics file. This is a self repeating command. Type **VI=109** to practice this command.

Prompts

Response

1. **DIGITIZE POINT/
SELECT VPOINT/
ENTER STA,ELEV**

Select a VPOINT at the desired location of the new
VPI, or

Type in the station (S) and elevation (E) of the new
VPI, or

Digitize a point for the station and elevation of the
new VPI.

2. **ENTER VCL OR VCL1,VCL2 OR
SELECT POINT ON CURVE, RESET-N,N**

Type the vertical curve length, or

Type two curve lengths separated by a comma to
use unsymmetrical curves, or

RESET to select the displayed curve length, or

Select point.

3. **ENTER ELEVATION CORRECTION
RESET FOR EC = N**

Type an elevation correction to designate the thickness
of the surfacing material.

NOTES

After the VPI's have been created, the next command is **CREATE/UPDATE VA (116)**. This command calculates and stores the vertical alignment based on the VPIs previously entered. This command replaces the VPIs in the IGrds Working files for the active roadway with the displayed VPIs from the Graphics file, and displays the vertical alignment of the active roadway. Type **VI=116** to practice this command.

Prompt

1. **RESET TO CREATE/UPDATE VA**

The message "CALCULATING VERTICAL ALIGNMENT" will appear in the prompt field while the alignment is being computed and displayed.

NOTES

The **ADD VPI BY GRADE (110)** command will add a VPI for the active roadway to the Graphics file. This is a self-repeating command. Type **VI=110** to practice this command.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. SELECT REFERENCE VPI OR VPOINT	Select the reference VPI or VPOINT to use with the grade to calculate the elevation of the new VPI.
2. ACCEPT/REJECT → RDWY=X,PI=N,STA=N,ELEV=N	DATA to accept the VPI/VPOINT identified by the displayed data, or RESET to reject the VPI/VPOINT identified by the displayed data.
3. ENTER GRADE (%) OR SELECT VLINE	Type the percentage grade (Remember to use "+" or "-"), or DATA on a VLINE with the desired grade.
4. ENTER OR SELECT STATION	DATA on the VPI station to add, or Type the VPI station to add.
5. ENTER VCL OR VCL1,VCL2 OR SELECT POINT ON CURVE, RESET - N	Type the vertical curve length, or Type two curve lengths, separated by a comma to use unsymmetrical curves, or Select point, or RESET to select the displayed curve length.
6. ENTER ELEVATION CORRECTION RESET FOR EC = N	Type an elevation correction to represent the thickness of the surfacing material, or RESET to select the displayed value.

NOTES

The next sequence of commands will allow you to identify and modify information concerning your VPIs. The first command is **IDENTIFY VPI (108)**. This command displays the roadway letter, PI number, station, elevation, vertical curve length or lengths, and the elevation correction for a selected VPI. This is a self-repeating command. There is no exercise for this command.

Prompts

Response

1. **SELECT VPI**

DATA on desired VPI

2. **SELECT VPI**
RDWY=X, PI=N, STA=N, ELEV=N,
VCL1=N, VCL2=N, EC=N

The system displays the VPI data for the selected VPI.

NOTES

Three commands are available for modifying VPIs. The first of these is the **MOVE VPI ALONG GRADE (129)** command. This command moves the selected VPI along a specified grade. This command can be performed by entering the grade, taking the grade from a **VLINE**, or calculating the grade between the desired VPI and a second VPI. This is a self-repeating command. Type **VI=129** to practice this command.

Prompts

Response

- | | | |
|-----|--|--|
| 1. | SELECT VPI | DATA on desired VPI. |
| 2. | ACCEPT/REJECT →
RDWY=X, PI=N, STA=N,
ELEV=N, VCL1=N, VCL2=N,
EC=N | DATA to accept the identified VPI, or
RESET to reject the VPI. |
| 3. | ENTER GRADE (%) OR
SELECT VLINE OR
SELECT 2ND VPI OR VPOINT | Type the grade in percent, or
DATA on a VLINE or VPOINT corresponding to
the desired grade, or
DATA on a second VPI to determine the grade. |
| 3A. | ACCEPT/REJECT →
RDWY=X, PI=N, STA=N,
ELEV=N, VCL1=N, VCL2=N,
EC=N | DATA to accept the VPI selected, or
RESET to reject the VPI. |
| 4. | ENTER OR SELECT NEW STATION
RESET TO START OVER | Type the new station for the VPI, or
DATA on screen for new station of VPI, or
RESET to start over. |

NOTES

The second of these commands is **REVISE VPI (112)**. This command changes the location and/or VPI data for a VPI in the Graphics file. This is a self-repeating command. Type **VI=112** to practice this command.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. SELECT VPI	DATA on VPI to be revised.
2. ACCEPT/REJECT → RDWY=X, PI=N, STA=N, ELEV=N, VCL1=N, VCL2=N, EC=N	DATA to accept selected VPI, or RESET to reject selected VPI
3. ENTER REVISION TYPE → 1-VCL, 2-EL.COR., 3-STA,EL, 4-DISPLAY VPI DATA RESET: SAVE CHANGE	Type the revision type "1" for vertical curve length "2" for elevation correction "3" for VPI station, or elevation "4" for VPI data display, or RESET to save the changes.
3A. ENTER VCL or VCL1,VCL2 OR SELECT POINT ON CURVE, RESET-N	Type vertical curve length, or Type two curve lengths separated by a comma, or Select point, or RESET to select the displayed curve length.
3B. ENTER ELEVATION CORRECTION RESET FOR ELEV. CORR.= N	Type the elevation correction, or RESET to accept the displayed elevation correction.
3C. SELECT POINT, VPOINT OR ENTER STA, ELEV RESET FOR STA=N, EL=M	Digitize point, or DATA on VPOINT, or Type station and elevation, or RESET for station "N" and elevation "M".
3D. RESET TO CONTINUE, RDWY=X PI=N, STA=N, ELEV=N, VCL1=N, VCL2=N, EC=N	RESET to return to Prompt 3.

NOTES

The **DELETE VPI (113)** command removes a VPI from the Graphics file. The IGrds Working file is not modified until **CREATE/UPDATE VA** is executed. Type **VI=113** to practice this command.

Prompts

Response

- | | | |
|----|--|---|
| 1. | SELECT VPI | DATA on desired VPI. |
| 2. | ACCEPT/REJECT →
RDWY=X,PI=N,STA=N,
ELEV=N | .DATA to accept the VPI, or
RESET to reject the VPI. |

It is important to remember to use the **CREATE/UPDATE VA** command after making changes in the Graphics file in order for those changes to apply in the IGrds Working file.

NOTES

To view information pertaining to a particular VPI, use the **PLACE VPI DATA (127)** command. This displays vertical curve data for selected VPIs at a user-defined location on the screen. This is a self-repeating command. Type **VI=127** to practice this command.

Prompts

Response

- | | | |
|----|--|---|
| 1. | ENTER TEXT HEIGHT
RESET FOR TEXT HEIGHT = N | Type the text height in feet, or
RESET to accept text height "N". |
| 2. | SELECT VPI | DATA on the desired VPI. |
| 3. | SELECT TEXT PLACEMENT POINT
RDWY=X, PI=X, STA=X, ELEV=X | DATA on screen at desired text location. |

NOTES

Ditch profiles are drawn with the **DRAW DITCH PROFILE (133)** command. This command will display a ditch profile on either the left or the right side of the roadway. Original ground may be used in the calculation of the ditch profile. The active roadway is the same as the active roadway used to create the reference line. If roadway G is active, profiles for all roadways may be displayed. If any other roadway is active, only that roadway's profiles can be displayed. Type **VI=133** to practice this command.

Prompt

Response

1. **ENTER DITCH TYPE OPTION →**
1) LD, 2) RD, 3) LX, 4) RX

Type "1" for left ditch with design data, or
Type "2" for right ditch with design data, or
Type "3" for left ditch with original ground, or
Type "4" for right ditch with original ground.

NOTES

As a mechanism for checking your work, the **IDENTIFY PROFILE (124)** command will help you by displaying the profile's roadway ID and type. There is no exercise for this command.

Prompts

Response

- | | | |
|----|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. | SELECT PROFILE | DATA on desired profile. |
| 2. | SELECT PROFILE
REFRD=X, TYPE=X, OFF=X, OFFRD=X | |

The reference roadway letter, the type of profile, the offset, and the offset roadway of the selected profile are displayed in the prompt fields.

At this point, if you discover that you have made an error, you can go back and correct it.

NOTES

To display the station and elevation of any point on the original or design profile of the active roadway, use the **COMPUTE/LABEL PROFILE STATION AND ELEVATION (126)** command. The station and elevation of the selected point will appear in the prompt fields of the graphic screen. If the label switch is on, then you may choose a location for the information. This is a self-repeating command. Type **VI=126** to practice this command.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. SELECT PROFILE	DATA on the desired profile.
2. ACCEPT/REJECT → RDWY=X, TYPE=X, OFF=X, OFFRD=X	DATA to accept the displayed information, or RESET to reject the information.
3. ENTER STATION OR SELECT POINT RESET TO SELECT NEW PROFILE (If label option is "on")	Type the station in feet and decimal, or Select a point, or RESET to select a different profile.
4. SELECT TEXT PLACEMENT	DATA at the text placement location.

NOTES

To annotate the elevations of a profile on the active reference line, use the **LABEL PROFILE ELEVATION (123)** command. The profile elevations are placed at intervals along the station (horizontal) axis. The elevations are written vertically to the left or right of the stations. The design profile elevations do not account for superelevation. You must specify an offset to account for superelevation. This is a self-repeating command. Type **VI=123** to practice this command.

Prompts

Response

- | | | |
|----|---|--|
| 1. | SELECT PROFILE | DATA on desired profile. |
| 2. | ACCEPT/REJECT →
RDWY=X,TYPE=X,OFF=n,OFFRD=X | DATA to accept identified profile, or
RESET to reject the profile and restart the command. |
| 3. | ENTER STATION INCREMENT
RESET FOR 100.0 | Type the interval (in feet) between displayed annotation, or

RESET to keep the interval at 100 feet. |
| 4. | SELECT LABEL VERTICAL POSITION
RESET FOR DEFAULT | Type an elevation for the annotation, or

DATA at the elevation for the annotation, or

RESET to select the default position, just above the reference line. |
| 5. | ENTER L OR R TO DEFINE
LABEL HOR. POSITION
RESET - NEW PROF. | Type "L" to place the labels on the left of the station, or

Type "R" to place the labels on the right of the station, or

RESET to restart the command. |

NOTES

To compare the difference between the design and original profile, use the **PROFILE ELEVATION DIFFERENCE (125)** command. This command calculates the elevation difference and annotates the difference at a specified interval along the station axis. The elevations are reported vertically to the left or right of the even stations. The design elevations do not account for superelevation. You must specify an offset to account for superelevation. You are able to specify a minimum or maximum tolerance between the profiles. The system will mark the differences that exceed the specified tolerance on the Graphic display and in the .TMP file. Type **VI=125** to practice this command.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. SELECT DESIGN PROFILE	DATA on the desired design profile.
2. ACCEPT/REJECT → RDWY=X,TYPE=X,OFF=X,OFFRD=X	DATA to accept the displayed profile, or RESET to reject the displayed profile.
3. ENTER MIN ELEV DIFF CONSTRAINT: (RESET FOR NONE)	Type the minimum elevation difference tolerance. Any elevation difference less than the tolerance will be marked with "┌" in the annotation. or RESET for no minimum tolerance.
4. ENTER MAX ELEV DIFF CONSTRAINT:	Type the maximum elevation difference tolerance. Any elevation difference greater than the tolerance will be marked with a "→" in the annotation. or RESET to set 100 foot tolerance.
5. ENTER STATION INCREMENT RESET FOR 100.0	Type the interval (in feet) between elevation difference annotations, or RESET to set 100.0 foot increments.

NOTES

The **DELETE PROFILE DISPLAYS (136)** command allows you to delete a vertical alignment and its VPIs from the active reference line. This command will also delete original profile displays. There is no exercise for this command.

Prompts

Response

1. **SELECT PROF. DISPLAY TO DELETE
RESET-DELETE ALL DESIGN DISPLAYS FOR RD=X**

DATA on the profile to delete, or

RESET to delete all vertical alignment displays of roadway "X".

DATA on the original display to delete it.

- 1A. **ACCEPT/REJECT
RDWY=X,TYPE=X,OFF=X,OFFRD=X**

DATA to accept the profile and delete, or

RESET to reject the profile and exit.

This prompt appears only if **RESET** is the response to prompt 1.

2. **ENTER "DEL" TO VERIFY DELETION
FOR ROADWAY = X**

Type "DEL" to allow the deletion, or

Type any other character to abort the command.

NOTES

The last step in the process is **CREATE VA REPORT (122)**. This command places the vertical alignment data for the specified roadway(s) in the .TMP file. The data reported includes VPI numbers, VPI stations, VPI elevations, vertical curve lengths, elevation corrections, external values, and grades. Type **VI=122** to practice this command.

Prompt

Response

1. **ENTER ROADWAY LETTER(S)
X OR X-X, RESET FOR RDWY=(X)**

Type the desired roadway letter, or
RESET for the active roadway.

NOTES

The **DELETE VA (130)** command will delete the vertical alignment from the IGrds Working files and Graphics file. Update the screen to remove the alignment graphically. There is no exercise for this command.

Prompts

Response

- | | | |
|----|---|--|
| 1. | RESET TO DELETE DATA FOR RDWY X | RESET to delete vertical alignment for roadway "X". |
| 2. | ENTER "DEL" TO VERIFY DELETION FOR ROADWAY = X | Type "DEL" to delete the alignment, or
Type anything else to abort the command. |

NOTES

There are four different commands that may be used to modify an existing reference line. The first command is **DELETE REFERENCE LINE (105)**. It may be used with both clipped and non-clipped reference lines. This command deletes the active reference line with tic marks, station labels, and vertical elevation scale. Any data that is displayed on the reference line will not be deleted by this command. There is no exercise for this command.

Prompt

Response

1. **RESET TO DELETE REFERENCE LINE
FOR RDWY=X**

RESET to delete the active reference line, or
Use the **EXIT** command to cancel.

NOTES

The reference line can be relocated on the graphics screen using the **RELOCATE REFERENCE LINE (134)** command. With this command, you can relocate a reference line and all its associated data from one location on the screen to another. Type **VI=134** to practice this command.

Prompts

Response

- | | | |
|----|---|---|
| 1. | ENTER ROADWAY LETTER
RESET FOR ACTIVE ROADWAY=X | Type the letter of the roadway whose reference line you want to relocate, or

RESET to accept the reference line for the current active roadway. |
| 2. | SELECT FIRST CORNER OF FENCE | DATA at the location of the first corner of the fence. Select the corner so that all of the data associated with the reference line is included inside the fence. |
| 3. | SELECT SECOND CORNER OF FENCE | DATA at the location of the opposite corner of your fence, remembering to include all the associated data inside the fence. |
| 4. | DATA TO KEEP FENCE LOCATION
RESET FOR NEW FENCE LOCATION | DATA to accept your fence, or

RESET to reject this fence. Rejecting this fence will return you to the second prompt, and allow you to choose a different fence location. |
| 5. | SELECT LOCATION OF NEW REF. LINE ORIGIN | DATA at the desired new location of the reference line origin. |

Note: If you need to modify your reference line, it is generally easier to use the **DELETE REFERENCE LINE** command to delete the reference line, and then recreate the reference line incorporating the modifications.

NOTES

The **MOVE REFERENCE LINE (104)** command can be used to modify a non-clipped reference line. This command allows you to move the horizontal and vertical scale of the active reference line. Using this command repositions the reference scale only. The origin, vertical alignment, and profile displays are not repositioned. There is no exercise for this command.

Prompt

Response

1. **SELECT OR ENTER STA,ELEV OR
RESET - FOR ORIGINAL ORIGIN**

Type the station and elevation of the new scale location, or

RESET to cancel this command.

NOTES

The **EXTEND/SHORTEN REFERENCE LINE (102)** command is used to extend and/or shorten the horizontal and/or vertical scales of a non-clipped reference line. There is no exercise for this command.

Prompts

Response

1. **ENTER NEW STATION RANGE
RESET FOR EXTENT OF VPI
STATIONS**

Type the range of desired stations for the horizontal scale, or

RESET to accept the entire profile.

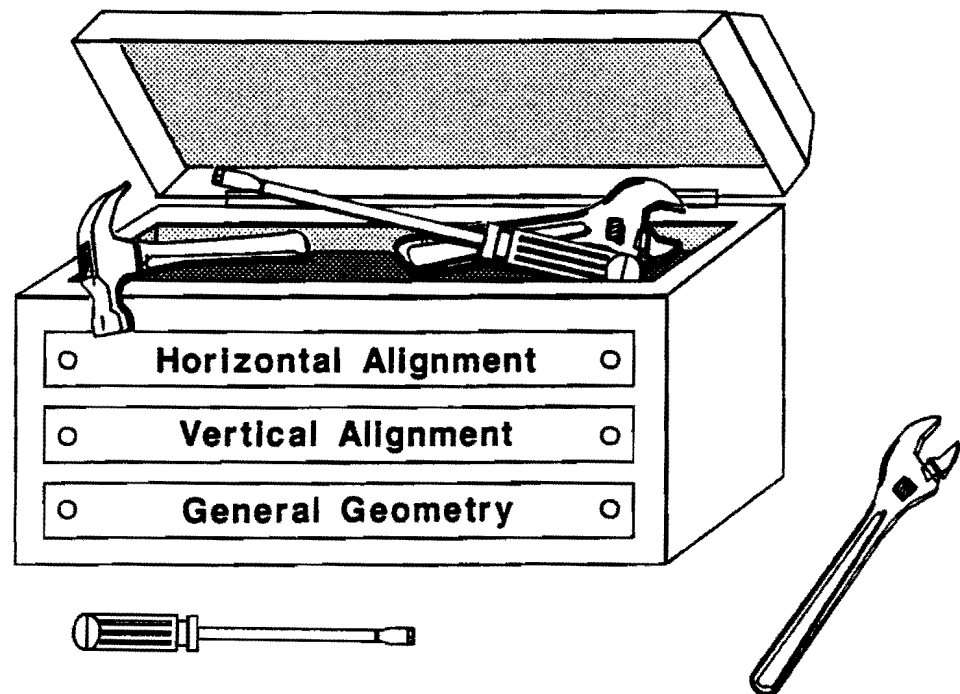
2. **ENTER NEW ELEVATION RANGE
RESET FOR EXTENT OF VPI
ELEVATIONS**

Type the desired range of elevations for the vertical scale, or

RESET to accept the complete range of VPI elevations.

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LESSON 3. USING GENERAL GEOMETRY COMMANDS

This lesson is the third of three lessons designed to provide instructions and practice problems to help new users of IGrds™ become acquainted with IGrds™ commands. The three lessons include: (1) horizontal alignment commands, (2) vertical alignment commands, and (3) general geometry commands. Each lesson consists of an instructions manual and an IGrds™ project file. The instructions manual provides a brief description of each command, a listing of the command prompts, and instructions for responding to those prompts. The IGrds™ project file contains a practice problem for each IGrds™ command. The lessons are self-instructional and self-paced. The goal was to raise the quality and consistency of the introductory IGrds™ training at the TxDOT District level so that individuals participating in the IGrds™ Workshop would have higher base knowledge levels. New users should also consult the "IGrds™ User Manual--IG Option," which is published by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

This lesson will allow you to practice using general geometry commands within IGrds. These geometry commands establish points, lines, arcs, chains, and shapes, and display them on the graphics screen. The elements created with these commands can then be used in other geometry computations, such as those related to horizontal alignments.

General geometry commands will either create elements, perform calculations, or perform user service routines. The user service routines include identifying and labeling elements, deleting elements, and transferring points to and from IGrds Working files.

Most of these commands will not work directly on a horizontal alignment. Before you use these commands when working with an alignment, you must first use the **CREATE GEOMETRY ELEMENTS FROM HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT** command to break the alignment into geometric elements.

The IGrds Geometry files consist of a point file (.PNT), a curve file (.CRV), and a chain file (.CHN). These files are associated with the IGrds Working files.

To begin the exercises associated with this lesson, key in **mce geom** at the unix \$ prompt and "start IGrds." To perform the exercises, at the uSTN> prompt, key in **VI=XXX** when instructed, where XXX is the IGrds command number. Remember that IGrds requires that all keyboard entries be UPPER case.

Two commands are used to toggle the numbering and labeling switches. The first of these is **AUTOMATIC ELEMENT NUMBERING SWITCH (493)**. This toggles the switch that controls the automatic numbering of elements, and if you are prompted for an element number when constructing new elements. There is no exercise for this command.

The other command is the **AUTOMATIC ELEMENT LABELING SWITCH (494)**. This command toggles the switch controlling the automatic labeling of elements, and whether or not new elements are to be labeled. There is no exercise for this command.

The first group of geometry commands are those that create elements. These are further separated into commands that create points, lines, arcs, chains, and shapes. The first command to be discussed is **CONSTRUCT POINT AT LOCATION (400)**. This will create a geometry point at a defined location. This command is self-repeating, allowing for multiple entry of points. For this practice problem key in **VI=400**.

Prompts

Response

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|----|---|--|
| 1. | ENTER X,Y (N,E) OR DIGITIZE LOCATION | Type the X,Y coordinates 11600, ; or

DATA at desired location. |
| 2. | ENTER NEW POINT NUMBER
RESET FOR DEFAULT
(If auto-numbering is off) | Type the ID number for the new point; or

RESET for the next available ID number. |
| 3. | KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT
GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED | |

This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element.

Type a new ID number; or

DATA to use the next available number; or

RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.

NOTES

The next command is **CONSTRUCT POINT ON ELEMENT (401)**. This command will place a point directly on the desired element. For this practice problem, key in **VI=401**.

Prompts

Response

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|----|---|---|
| 1. | SELECT LOCATION ON ELEMENT | DATA at the desired location on the desired element. The point will be placed on the highlighted element. DATA to verify the element or RESET to select a different element. |
| 2. | ENTER NEW POINT NUMBER
RESET FOR DEFAULT
(If auto-numbering is off) | Type an ID number for the new point; or
RESET for the next available ID number. |
| 3. | KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT
GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED | |

This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element.

Type a new ID number; or

DATA to use the next available number; or

RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.

NOTES

The next command is **CONSTRUCT POINT AT ENDPOINT/KEYPOINT OF ELEMENT (402)**. This will construct a point at an endpoint(s) or at the keypoint(s) of an element or an optional offset element. An example of a keypoint is the center point of an arc. For this practice problem, key in **VI=402**.

Prompts

Response

1. **SELECT KEYPOINT OF ELEMENT
OFFSET OPTIONAL**

DATA on desired element will highlight the element, verify the highlighted element with **DATA** or through typed entry; or

*If you use DATA to verify:
For Lines, Arcs, and Chain Components--
The end point closest to the selected point is placed.
For Chains--Points are placed at the ends of all components and at the center points of arc components.*

*You may also verify by typing:
An offset (for Lines and Arcs)--The offset end point is placed closest to the selected point.
"CP" (for Arcs)--The point will be placed at the centerpoint of the arc.*

Type the ID number of the desired element. The offset distance should be typed after the ID number separated by a "," or "/".
(Example: L24,-12 or L34/20)

2A. **ENTER B (BEGINNING) OR E (END) OR A (ALL)**
(If a line ID number was entered).

Type B for a point at the beginning; or

Type E for a point at the end; or

Type A for both points.

2B. **ENTER PC, PT, CP (CENTERPOINT), OR A (ALL)**
(If an arc ID number was entered.)

Type PC for a point at the point of curvature; or

Type PT for a point at the point of tangency; or

Type CP for a point at the centerpoint; or

Type A for all three points.

3. **ENTER NEW POINT NUMBER
RESET FOR DEFAULT**
(If auto-numbering is off)

Type an ID number for the new point; or
RESET for the next available ID number.

For chains, the ID number is the first point number
of the series of points in the chain.

4. **KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT
GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED**

This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another
geometry element.

Type a new ID number; or

DATA to use the next available number; or

RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID
number.

NOTES

The next command is **CONSTRUCT POINT AT INTERSECTION OF TWO ELEMENTS (403)**. This will place a geometry point at an intersection of two geometric elements. For this practice problem, key in VI=403.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. SELECT FIRST ELEMENT OFFSET OPTIONAL	DATA on first element; DATA or type offset distance to verify; or Type element ID number.
2. SELECT SECOND ELEMENT OFFSET OPTIONAL	DATA on second element; DATA or type offset distance to verify; or Type element ID number.
3. DIGITIZE POINT NEAR INTERSECTION (If both elements were selected by ID numbers)	DATA at desired point placement.
4. ENTER NEW POINT NUMBER RESET FOR DEFAULT (If auto-numbering is off)	Type an ID number for the new point; or RESET for the next available ID number.
5. KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED	

This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element.

Type a new ID number; or

DATA to use the next available number; or

RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.

NOTES

The next command to be discussed is **CONSTRUCT POINT ALONG ELEMENT FROM POINT ON ELEMENT (404)**. This command will place a point at a specified distance and offset from a point on the element. For this practice problem, key in **VI=404**.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. SELECT ELEMENT	DATA on desired element; DATA to verify; or Type the element-ID number.
2. SELECT POINT ON ELEMENT	Type the point ID number; or DATA to digitize a point on the element; or DATA on a specific point on the element; DATA to verify the point.
3. ENTER (+ OR -)DISTANCE, OFFSET	Type the distance along the element, preceded by the direction ("+" is toward the end of the element, "-" is toward the beginning). Prompt 3A will appear if no direction is specified.
3A. DIGITIZE DIRECTION OF NEW POINT	DATA to the left or right of the original point.
4. ENTER NEW POINT NUMBER RESET FOR DEFAULT (If auto-numbering is off)	Type an ID number for the new point; or RESET for the next available ID number.
5. KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED	
This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element.	
	Type a new ID number; or DATA to use the next available number; or RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.

NOTES

The next command is **CONSTRUCT POINT PROJECTED TO ELEMENT (PERPENDICULAR) (405)**. This will place a point along a perpendicular line to the desired element. The perpendicular to the element is defined by the point chosen as the projecting point. The point placed by this command may be located anywhere along the perpendicular line. For this practice problem, key in **VI=405**.

Prompts

Response

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|----|---|---|
| 1. | SELECT ELEMENT
OFFSET OPTIONAL | DATA on desired element; verify with DATA or by typing an offset distance; or

Type the element ID number. |
| 2. | SELECT PROJECTING POINT | DATA on desired point; or

Type the point ID number; or

DATA to digitize a new point; or

Type the coordinates of the point. |
| 3. | ENTER NEW POINT NUMBER
RESET FOR DEFAULT
(If auto-numbering is off) | Type an ID number for the new point; or

RESET for the next available ID number. |
| 4. | KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT
GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED | |

This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element.

- Type a new ID number; or
- DATA** to use the next available number; or
- RESET** to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.

NOTES

The next command is **CREATE POINT AT DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM POINT (406)**. This will place a new point at a specified distance and bearing from a defined location. This is a self-repeating command. This is similar to traversing. For this practice problem, key in **VI=406**.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. SELECT POINT	DATA on existing point; or Type the ID number of the desired point; or DATA to create a new point; or Type the coordinates of the new point.
2. KEY BEARING/AZIMUTH/SELECT LINE RESET TO START OVER	Type a bearing format; or Type an azimuth format; or Type a line ID number; or DATA to select a line for direction; DATA to verify; or RESET to return to Prompt 1 for selecting a new reference point.
3. ENTER DISTANCE,OFFSET	Type the desired distance with "+" or "-" to indicate direction ("+" is assumed).
4. ENTER NEW POINT NUMBER RESET FOR DEFAULT (If auto-numbering is off)	Type an ID number for the new point; or RESET for the next available ID number.
5. KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED	
This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element.	
	Type a new ID number; or DATA to use the next available number; or RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.

NOTES

The next point command is **CONSTRUCT POINT BY DISTANCE AND ANGLE (407)**. This will establish a point at a defined distance and angle from two other points. This is a self-repeating command that works similar to traversing, using the new point as the transit point and the previous transit point as the back sight point. IGrds will return you to the third prompt, unless an offset is specified, whereby you are returned to the first prompt. For this practice problem, key in **VI=407**.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. SELECT BACK SIGHT POINT	<p>DATA on existing point; or</p> <p>Type the ID number of the desired point; or</p> <p>DATA to create a point; or</p> <p>Type the coordinates of the desired point.</p>
2. SELECT TRANSIT POINT	<p>DATA on existing point; or</p> <p>Type the ID number of the desired point; or</p> <p>DATA to create a point; or</p> <p>Type the coordinates of the desired point.</p>
3. ENTER ANGLE, DEFLECT ANGLE, SKEW RESET TO START OVER	<p>Type the desired angle in angle, deflection, or skew format:</p> <p>Angle- +44^12'10.11" or 44 12 10.11</p> <p>Deflection- D64^12'10.11"R or D64 12 10.11R</p> <p>Skew- L34^12'10.11"F or L34 12 10.11F ; or</p> <p>RESET to return to Prompt 1 and start over.</p>
4. ENTER DISTANCE, OFFSET	<p>Type the desired distance with "+" or "-" to indicate direction ("+" is assumed).</p>
5. ENTER NEW POINT NUMBER RESET FOR DEFAULT (If auto-numbering is off)	<p>Type an ID number for the new point; or</p> <p>RESET for the next available ID number.</p>

6. **KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT
GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED**

This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element.

Type a new ID number; or

DATA to use the next available number; or

RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.

NOTES

The next two commands can be used to place points or lines relative to existing arcs. The first is **CONSTRUCT POINT/LINE TANGENT TO ARC FROM POINT OFF ARC (418)**. This command places a point tangent to an arc from a point. Placing this point defines the line from the point through the point of tangency. For this practice problem, key in **VI=418**.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. SELECT ARC AT APPROX. POINT OF TANGENCY OFFSET OPTIONAL	DATA on the desired arc; verify with DATA or by typing an offset distance; or Type the ID number of the desired arc.
2. SELECT POINT OFF ARC	DATA to select an existing point; or Type the point ID number; or DATA to digitize a new point; or Type the coordinates of the desired point.
3. KEY 1 - FIRST PNT; 2 - SECOND PNT (If an arc ID was entered)	Indicate the desired point of tangency by typing "1" for the first point of the arc, or "2" for the second point.
4. ENTER NEW POINT NUMBER RESET FOR DEFAULT (If auto-numbering is off)	Type an ID number for the new point; or RESET for the next available ID number.
5A. ENTER LINE ID, RESET FOR DEFAULT, DATA FOR NO LINE (If auto-numbering is off)	Type a line number; or DATA for no line; or RESET for next available line number.
5B. RESET FOR LINE, DATA FOR NO LINE (If auto-numbering is on)	DATA for no line; or RESET for a line.

6. **KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT
GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED**

This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element.

Type a new ID number; or

DATA to use the next available number; or

RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.

NOTES

The second command is **CONSTRUCT POINTS/LINE TANGENT TO TWO ARCS (419)**. This command will place two points tangent to two specified arcs. For this practice problem, key in **VI=419**.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. SELECT FIRST ARC OFFSET OPTIONAL	DATA on desired first arc at the point of tangency; verify with DATA or by typing an offset distance; or Type the ID number of the first arc.
2. SELECT SECOND ARC OFFSET OPTIONAL	DATA on desired second arc at the point of tangency; verify with DATA or by typing an offset distance; or Type the ID number of the second arc.
3. ENTER TANG OPTION (1-4) (If either arc ID was entered)	Type the number (1-4) corresponding to the desired tangent option.
4. ENTER NUMBER FOR FIRST POINT RESET FOR DEFAULT (If auto-numbering is off)	Type an ID number for the new point on the first arc; or RESET for the next available ID number.
5. ENTER NUMBER FOR SECOND POINT RESET FOR DEFAULT (If auto-numbering is off)	Type an ID number for the new point on the second arc; or RESET for the next available ID number.
6A. ENTER LINE ID, RESET FOR DEFAULT, DATA FOR NO LINE (If auto-numbering is off)	Type a line number; or DATA for no line; or RESET for next available line number.
6B. RESET FOR LINE, DATA FOR NO LINE (If auto-numbering is on)	DATA for no line; or RESET for a line.
7. KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED	This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element. Type a new ID number; or DATA to use the next available number; or RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.

NOTES

The next group of commands are for creating geometry lines within IGrds. The first command is **CONSTRUCT LINE BETWEEN TWO POINTS (420)**. This command will place a line between two specified points. It will also display the bearing and distance of the line. This is a self-repeating command, allowing you to chain points together. For this practice problem, key in **VI=420**.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. SELECT FIRST POINT	DATA on desired start point; or Type the ID number of the start point; or DATA to digitize the start point; or Type the coordinates of the start point.
2. SELECT SECOND POINT RESET TO START OVER	DATA on desired second point; or Type the ID number of the second point; or DATA to digitize the second point; or Type the coordinates of the second point; or RESET to start over at Prompt 1.
3. ENTER (+/-) OFFSET DISTANCE RESET FOR NO OFFSET	Type an offset distance; or RESET for no offset.
4. ENTER NEW LINE NUMBER RESET FOR DEFAULT (If auto-numbering is off)	Type an ID number for the new line; or RESET for the next available ID number.
5. KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED	
This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element.	Type a new ID number; or DATA to use the next available number; or RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.

NOTES

The next command is **CONSTRUCT LINE PERPENDICULAR TO ELEMENT (421)**. This will place a line perpendicular to an element through a defined point. The line will be created even if it does not intersect the element. For this practice problem, key in **VI=421**.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. SELECT ELEMENT	DATA on desired element; DATA to verify; or Type the ID number of the desired element.
2. SELECT POINT	DATA on the desired point; or Type the ID number of the desired point; or DATA to digitize a point; or Type the coordinates of the desired point.
3. SELECT APPROX. BEGINNING POINT OR ENTER DISTANCE	DATA to digitize the start point of the line; or Type a distance from the point to start the line.
4. DIGITIZE POINT OF DIRECTION FOR LINE (If a distance is entered in Prompt 3)	DATA to indicate the direction of the line from the start point.
5. SELECT APPROX. ENDING POINT OR ENTER DISTANCE	DATA to digitize the end point of the line; or Type a distance from the point to end the line.
6. DIGITIZE POINT OF DIRECTION FOR LINE (If a distance is entered in Prompt 5)	DATA to indicate the direction of the line from the start point.
7. ENTER NEW LINE NUMBER RESET FOR DEFAULT (If auto-numbering is off)	Type an ID number for the new line; or RESET for the next available ID number.
8. KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED	

This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element.

Type a new ID number; or

DATA to use the next available number; or

RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.

NOTES

The next command is **CONSTRUCT LINE AT ANGLE TO ELEMENT (422)**. This will place a line at an angle, deflection angle, or skew angle to an element through a specified point. For this practice problem, key in **VI=422**.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. SELECT ELEMENT	DATA on desired element; DATA to verify; or Type the ID number of the desired element.
2. SELECT POINT	DATA on the desired point; or Type the ID number of the desired point; or DATA to digitize a point; or Type the coordinates of the desired point.
3. ENTER ANGLE, SKEW OR DEFLECT	Type the desired angle in angle, deflection or skew format: Angle- +44^12'10.11" or 44 12 10.11 Deflection- D64^12'10.11"R or D64 12 10.11R Skew- L34^12'10.11"F or L34 12 10.11F
4. SELECT APPROX. BEGINNING POINT OR ENTER DISTANCE	DATA to digitize the start point of the line; or Type a distance from the point to start the line.
5. DIGITIZE POINT OF DIRECTION FOR LINE (If a distance is entered in Prompt 4)	DATA to indicate the direction of the line from the start point.
6. SELECT APPROX. ENDING POINT OR ENTER DISTANCE	DATA to digitize the end point of the line; or Type a distance from the point to end the line.
7. DIGITIZE POINT OF DIRECTION FOR LINE (If a distance is entered in Prompt 6)	DATA to indicate the direction of the line from the start point.
8. ENTER NEW LINE NUMBER RESET FOR DEFAULT (If auto-numbering is off)	Type an ID number for the new line; or RESET for the next available ID number.

9. **KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT
GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED**

This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element.

Type a new ID number; or

DATA to use the next available number; or

RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.

NOTES

The next command is **CONSTRUCT LINE THROUGH POINT AT BEARING OR AZIMUTH (423)**. A line will be placed at a specified bearing through a point. For this practice problem, key in **VI=423**.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. SELECT POINT	<p>DATA on the desired point; or</p> <p>Type the ID number of the desired point; or</p> <p>DATA to digitize a point; or</p> <p>Type the coordinates of the desired point.</p>
2. KEY BEARING/ AZIMUTH/ SELECT LINE	<p>Type the desired direction in bearing or azimuth format:</p> <p>bearing - N34[^]12'10.11"E or N34 12 10.11E</p> <p>azimuth - 194[^]12'10.11" or 194 12 10.11 ; or</p> <p>Type the ID number of the desired line; or</p> <p>DATA on a line for direction; DATA to verify.</p>
3. SELECT APPROX. FIRST ENDPOINT OR ENTER (+/-) DISTANCE	<p>DATA to digitize an endpoint of the new line; or</p> <p>Type a "+" or "-" distance from the selected point ("+" is assumed if no sign is entered).</p>
4. SELECT APPROX. SECOND ENDPOINT OR ENTER (+/-) DISTANCE	<p>DATA to digitize an endpoint of the new line; or</p> <p>Type a "+" or "-" distance from the selected point ("+" is assumed if no sign is entered).</p>
5. ENTER NEW LINE NUMBER RESET FOR DEFAULT (If auto-numbering is off)	<p>Type an ID number for the new line; or</p> <p>RESET for the next available ID number.</p>
6. KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED	<p>This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element.</p> <p>Type a new ID number; or</p> <p>DATA to use the next available number; or</p> <p>RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.</p>

NOTES

The next command is **CONSTRUCT LINE TANGENT TO ARC AT POINT ON ARC (424)**. This will place a tangent line from a point on an arc a specified distance or to an endpoint. For this practice problem, key in **VI=424**.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. SELECT ARC	DATA on desired arc; DATA to verify; or Type the ID number of the desired arc.
2. SELECT POINT ON ARC	DATA on desired point; or Type the ID number of the desired point; or DATA to digitize a point on the arc; or Type the coordinates of a point on the arc.
3. SELECT APPROX. ENDPOINT OR ENTER DISTANCE	DATA to digitize an endpoint of the line; or Type a distance for the length of the line.
4. DIGITIZE POINT OF DIRECTION FOR LINE (If a distance is entered in Prompt 3)	DATA to indicate the direction of the line.
5. ENTER NEW LINE NUMBER RESET FOR DEFAULT (If auto-numbering is off)	Type an ID number for the new line; or RESET for the next available ID number.
6. KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED	
This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element.	
	Type a new ID number; or DATA to use the next available number; or RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.

NOTES

The next command is **CONSTRUCT LINE THROUGH SERIES OF POINTS (426)**. This command will place a "least squares fit" line through a series of points. The least squares line is based on north coordinates only. The east coordinates of the first and last points entered provide the boundary for the line. For this practice problem, key in **VI=426**.

Prompts

Response

1. **SELECT POINT -
RESET TO END POINT SELECTION**

DATA to digitize point locations; or

DATA to select point ID numbers; **DATA** to verify the ID numbers; or

Type desired point ID numbers.

RESET to end point selection. This prompt will repeat until you **RESET**.

2. **ENTER NEW LINE NUMBER
RESET FOR DEFAULT
(If auto-numbering is off)**

Type an ID number for the new line; or

RESET for the next available ID number.

3. **KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT
GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED**

This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element.

Type a new ID number; or

DATA to use the next available number; or

RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.

NOTES

The next group of commands deal with the placement of arcs. The largest arc that can be created with IGrds is 180 degrees. The first command is **CONSTRUCT ARC BY CENTER, RADIUS AND ENDPOINTS (440)**. This will create an arc based on a center point, a radius, and two endpoints to define the arc length. For this practice problem, key in **VI=440**.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. SELECT-CENTER POINT	<p>DATA on desired point; or</p> <p>Type ID number of desired point; or</p> <p>DATA to digitize a point; or</p> <p>Type the coordinates of the desired point.</p>
2. ENTER RADIUS, DEGREE OF CURVE OR SELECT POINT/ARC	<p>Type the desired radius in feet; or</p> <p>Type the degree of curve in degrees, minutes, seconds form (DD^MM'SS.SS" or DD MM SS.SS); or</p> <p>DATA on an existing arc. IGrds will use this arc's radius; or</p> <p>Type the ID number of an existing arc; or</p> <p>Define a point on the new arc by: DATA on an existing point, typing an existing point ID number, DATA to digitize a point, or typing the coordinates of a point.</p>
3. SELECT BEGINNING POINT	<p>DATA on desired beginning point; or</p> <p>Type ID number of desired point; or</p> <p>DATA to digitize the beginning point; or</p> <p>Type the coordinates of the desired beginning point.</p>
4. SELECT ENDING POINT	<p>DATA on desired ending point; or</p> <p>Type ID number of desired point; or</p> <p>DATA to digitize the ending point; or</p> <p>Type the coordinates of the desired ending point.</p>

5. **ENTER NEW ARC NUMBER** Type an ID number for the new arc; or
RESET FOR DEFAULT
(If auto-numbering is off) **RESET** for the next available ID number.

6. **KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT**
GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED

This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element.

Type a new ID number; or

DATA to use the next available number; or

RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.

NOTES

The next arc placing command is **CONSTRUCT ARC BY (+/-) RADIUS AND ENDPOINTS (PC/PT) (441)**. This command will place the arc given the radius and the endpoints. For this practice problem, key in **VI=441**.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. SELECT FIRST POINT (PC)	<p>DATA on desired point; or</p> <p>Type the ID number of the desired point; or</p> <p>DATA to digitize a point; or</p> <p>Type the coordinates of the desired point.</p>
2. SELECT SECOND POINT (PT)	<p>DATA on desired point; or</p> <p>Type the ID number of the desired point; or</p> <p>DATA to digitize a point; or</p> <p>Type the coordinates of the desired point.</p>
3. ENTER (+/-) RADIUS OR DEGREE OF CURVE (+)RADIUS = RIGHT, (-)RADIUS = LEFT	<p>Type a "+" or "-" radius in feet. A positive radius means that the center is to the right of the chord connecting the PC and PT. A positive radius is assumed if no sign is entered; or</p> <p>Type the degree of curve in degrees, minutes, seconds form (DD^MM'SS.SS" or DD MM SS.SS).</p>
4. ENTER NEW ARC NUMBER RESET FOR DEFAULT (If auto-numbering is off)	<p>Type an ID number for the new arc; or</p> <p>RESET for the next available ID number.</p>
5. KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED	<p>This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element.</p> <p>Type a new ID number; or</p> <p>DATA to use the next available number; or</p> <p>RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.</p>

NOTES

The next command is **CONSTRUCT ARC TANGENT TO TWO LINES (442)**. This will place an arc tangent to two specified lines. The arc will be drawn from the first line to the second line. An approximate center point must be specified to have a unique solution. For this practice problem, key in VI=442.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. SELECT FIRST LINE OFFSET-OPTIONAL	DATA on desired first line; verify line with DATA or by typing an offset distance ; or Type the ID number of the desired line.
2. SELECT SECOND LINE OFFSET OPTIONAL	DATA on desired second line; verify line with DATA or by typing an offset distance; or Type the ID number of the desired line.
3. ENTER RADIUS, DEGREE OF CURVE OR SELECT ARC	Type a radius in feet; or Type the degree of curve in degrees, minutes, seconds form (DD^MM'SS.SS" or DD MM SS.SS); or DATA on a different arc with the desired radius; DATA to verify the arc.
4. DIGITIZE POINT NEAR CENTER POINT	DATA at the approximate center point for the arc.
5. ENTER NEW ARC NUMBER RESET FOR DEFAULT (If auto-numbering is off)	Type an ID number for the new arc; or RESET for the next available ID number.
6. KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED	

This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element.

Type a new ID number; or

DATA to use the next available number; or

RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.

NOTES

The next command is **CONSTRUCT ARC TANGENT TO LINE (443)**. This will create an arc tangent to a line through a point on that line. For this practice problem, key in **VI=443**.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. SELECT LINE	DATA on desired line; DATA to verify; or Type the ID number of the desired line.
2. SELECT POINT OF TANGENCY	DATA on desired point; or Type the ID number of the desired point; or DATA to digitize a point; or Type the coordinates of the desired point.
3. ENTER RADIUS, DEGREE OF CURVE OR SELECT ARC	Type a radius in feet; or Type the degree of curve in degrees, minutes, seconds form (DD^MM'SS.SS" or DD MM SS.SS); or DATA on a different arc with the desired radius; DATA to verify the arc.
4. ENTER ARC LENGTH OR DELTA ANGLE	Type the desired arc length; or Type the desired delta angle (degrees, minutes, seconds).
5. DIGITIZE A POINT INDICATING THE DIRECTION OF THE ARC	DATA to digitize a point showing desired arc direction.
6. ENTER NEW ARC NUMBER RESET FOR DEFAULT (If auto-numbering is off)	Type an ID number for the new arc; or RESET for the next available ID number.
7. KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED	 This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element. Type a new ID number; or DATA to use the next available number; or RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.

NOTES

The next command can be used with both arcs and lines. This command is **CONSTRUCT LINE/ARC PARALLEL TO EXISTING LINE/ARC (455)**. This will place a line or arc parallel to an existing line or arc, and store that line or arc in the IGrds Geometry file. For this practice problem, key in **VI=455**.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. SELECT ELEMENT	DATA on desired line or arc; DATA to verify; or Type the ID number of the desired element.
2. SELECT POINT/ENTER (+/-) OFFSET	DATA on desired offset point; or Type the ID number of the desired offset point; or DATA to digitize an offset point; or Type the coordinates of the desired offset point; or Type the desired "+" or "-" offset distance.
3. DIGITIZE POINT IN OFFSET DIRECTION (If no sign is entered in Prompt 2)	DATA in direction of new element.
4. DIGITIZE APPROX. BEG. POINT RESET FOR DEFAULT	DATA on desired beginning point; or RESET to copy the segment.
5. DIGITIZE APPROX. END. POINT (If a beginning point is selected in Prompt 4)	DATA on desired ending point.
6A. ENTER NEW ARC NUMBER RESET FOR DEFAULT (If auto-numbering is off and an arc is desired)	Type an ID number for the new arc; or RESET for the next available ID number.
6B. ENTER NEW LINE NUMBER RESET FOR DEFAULT (If auto-numbering is off and a line is desired)	Type an ID number for the new line; or RESET for the next available ID number.
7. KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED	

This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element.

Type a new ID number; or
DATA to use the next available number; or
RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.

NOTES

The next command is used to create a circle in IGrds. This command is **CONSTRUCT CIRCLE BY CENTER AND RADIUS (444)**. This will create a circle given a radius and center point, degree of curvature, or defining a point on the circle. For this practice problem, key in **VI=444**.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. SELECT CENTER POINT	<p>DATA on desired center point; or</p> <p>Type the ID number of the desired center point; or</p> <p>DATA to digitize a center point; or</p> <p>Type the coordinates of the desired center point.</p>
2. ENTER RADIUS, DEGREE OF CURVE OR SELECT POINT/ARC	<p>Type a radius in feet; or</p> <p>Type the degree of curve in degrees, minutes, seconds form (DD^MM'SS.SS" or DD MM SS.SS); or</p> <p>DATA to select an arc with the desired radius; DATA to verify; or</p> <p>Type the ID number of an arc with the desired radius; or</p> <p>Define a point on the arc by DATA, ID number, or typing the coordinates.</p>
3. ENTER NEW CIRCLE NUMBER RESET FOR DEFAULT (If auto-numbering is off)	<p>Type the ID number of the new circle; or</p> <p>RESET for the next available ID number.</p>
4. KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED	<p>This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element.</p> <p>Type a new ID number; or</p> <p>DATA to use the next available number; or</p> <p>RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.</p>

NOTES

The next command, **CONSTRUCT CHAIN (460)**, is used to create chains. A chain is a group of geometric elements. A chain may be defined by selection and by entering ID numbers of the elements to be included. The maximum number of elements in a chain is eight if selected with the DATA button and 24 if entered directly. For this practice problem, key in VI=460.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. SELECT ELEMENT	DATA on desired first element; DATA to verify; or Type the ID number of the first element.
2. SELECT NEXT ELEMENT- RESET TO END CHAIN	DATA on next element; DATA to verify; or Type the ID number of the next element. or RESET to stop this command.
This prompt will repeat until you RESET .	
3. ENTER NEW CHAIN NUMBER RESET FOR DEFAULT (If auto-numbering is off)	Type the ID number of the new chain; or RESET for the next available ID number.
4. KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED	
This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element.	
	Type a new ID number; or DATA to use the next available number; or RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.

NOTES

The next command is **CONSTRUCT CHAIN PARALLEL TO EXISTING CHAIN (462)**. This will create a chain that is parallel to an existing chain and store the new chain in the IGrds Geometry file. For this practice problem, key in **VI=462**.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. SELECT CHAIN	DATA on desired chain; DATA to verify; or Type the ID number of the desired chain.
2. ENTER (+/-) OFFSET	Type the offset distance.
3. ENTER NEW CHAIN NUMBER RESET FOR DEFAULT (If auto-numbering is off)	Type the ID number of the new chain; or RESET for the next available ID number.
4. KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED	

This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element.

Type a new ID number; or

DATA to use the next available number; or

RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.

NOTES

The next command is **CONSTRUCT SHAPE (461)**. This command will build a shape from existing geometric elements. The area of the shape can then be computed. A shape can consist of up to eight elements selected with the **DATA** button or 24 elements entered with the keyboard. For this practice problem, key in **VI=461**.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. SELECT FIRST SHAPE ELEMENT	DATA on the desired first element of the shape; DATA to verify the element; or Type the ID number of the desired first element.
2. SELECT NEXT ELEMENT RESET TO END SHAPE This prompt will repeat until you RESET .	DATA on the next element; DATA to verify; or Type the ID number of the next element. or RESET to end creation of the shape.
3. ENTER NEW SHAPE NUMBER RESET FOR DEFAULT (If auto-numbering is off)	Type the ID number of the new shape; or RESET for the next available ID number.
4. KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element.	Type a new ID number; or DATA to use the next available number; or RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.

NOTES

The next group of commands perform calculations on previously created geometric elements. The first of these is **CALCULATE AREA OF A SHAPE (485)**. This will perform the calculation and label the shape with the area (if the LABEL OPTION is on). For this practice problem, key in **VI=485**.

Prompts

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| 1. | SELECT SHAPE | DATA on desired shape; DATA to verify. |
| 2. | SELECT TEXT PLACEMENT LOCATION
RESET FOR NO LABEL | DATA at desired start point of text;
RESET for calculation only. |

NOTES

The next command is **CALCULATE CLOSURE OF A SHAPE (486)**. This command will build a shape from existing geometric elements, and then calculate the closure of the shape. The closure includes latitude error, departure error, and ratio of precision. The closure of an existing shape may also be calculated with this command. For this practice problem, key in **VI=486**.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. SELECT FIRST SHAPE ELEMENT OR SELECT SHAPE	DATA on desired element or shape; DATA to verify; or Type the ID number of the desired element.
2. SELECT NEXT ELEMENT RESET TO END SHAPE	DATA on next element; DATA to verify; or Type the ID number of the next element. or RESET to stop this command.
This prompt will repeat until you RESET.	
3. ENTER NEW SHAPE NUMBER RESET FOR DEFAULT (If auto-numbering is off)	Type the ID number of the new shape; or RESET for the next available ID number.
4. KEY NEW ID/RESET-OVERWRITE/DATA-DEFAULT GEOMETRY ELEMENT ALREADY DEFINED	
This prompt will tell you that the geometry ID number chosen had previously been assigned to another geometry element.	
	Type a new ID number; or DATA to use the next available number; or RESET to delete the old element and reuse the ID number.

NOTES

The next command is **CALCULATE BEARING AND DISTANCE (480)**. This command will calculate the bearing and the distance between two points specified by the user. This is a "self-repeating" command allowing you to chain points together using the last point of one calculation for the first point in the next calculation. For this practice problem, key in **VI=480**.

Prompts

Response

1. **SELECT FIRST POINT**

~~DATA~~ on desired first point; or

Type the ID number of the desired point; or

DATA to digitize the desired point; or

Type the coordinates of the desired point.

2. **SELECT SECOND POINT
RESET TO START OVER**

DATA on desired second point; or

Type the ID number of the desired point; or

DATA to digitize the desired point; or

Type the coordinates of the desired point;

RESET to return to the first prompt.

NOTES

The next command is **CALCULATE ANGLE BETWEEN THREE POINTS (481)**. This command will calculate and display both the clockwise and counterclockwise angles defined by three user defined points. The clockwise angle is displayed first. For this practice problem, key in **VI=481**.

Prompts

Response

1. **SELECT FIRST POINT**

DATA on desired point; or

Type the ID number of the desired point; or

DATA to digitize the desired point; or

Type the coordinates of the desired point.

2. **SELECT VERTEX POINT**

DATA on desired vertex point; or

Type the ID number of the desired vertex point; or

DATA to digitize the desired vertex point; or

Type the coordinates of the desired vertex point.

3. **SELECT THIRD POINT**

DATA on desired third point; or

Type the ID number of the desired third point; or

DATA to digitize the desired third point; or

Type the coordinates of the desired third point.

NOTES

The next command is **CALCULATE ANGLE BETWEEN TWO LINES (482)**. This command will calculate and display the clockwise and counterclockwise angle between two lines selected by the user. For this practice problem, key in **VI=482**.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. SELECT FIRST LINE	DATA on desired first line; DATA to verify; or Type the ID number of the first line.
2. SELECT SECOND LINE	DATA on desired second line; DATA to verify; or Type the ID number of the second line.

NOTES

The next two commands can be used to modify the lengths of lines and arcs. The first of these is **EXTEND OR SHORTEN LINE (471)**. For this practice problem, key in **VI=471**.

Prompts

Response

1. **SELECT LINE**

DATA on desired line near the endpoint to be modified; **DATA** to verify.

2. **ENTER (+/-)DISTANCE OR DIG. POINT**

DATA at location for new endpoint; or

Type the desired "+" or "-" distance to lengthen or shorten the line.

NOTES

The second of these commands is **EXTEND OR SHORTEN ARC (474)**. With this command, you may create an arc with a delta angle greater than 180 degrees. For this practice problem, key in **VI=474**.

Prompts

Response

1. **SELECT ARC**

DATA on desired arc near endpoint to be modified;
DATA to verify the arc.

2. **ENTER (+/-) DISTANCE OR
DIG. POINT/KEY IN ANGLE**

DATA on new end point; or

Type the desired "+" or "-" distance to lengthen or shorten the arc; or

Type the desired "+" or "-" delta angle to lengthen or shorten the arc.

NOTES

The last group of commands perform user service routines. The first of these commands is **IDENTIFY AND LABEL GEOMETRIC ELEMENTS (473)**. This command will identify, label, and display pertinent information about each selected element. For this practice problem, key in **VI=473**.

<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. SELECT GEOMETRIC ELEMENT	DATA on desired element; DATA to verify.
2. DATA FOR LABEL - RESET FOR NO LABEL	DATA to place the element label; or RESET to no label on the element.

NOTES

The next command is **DELETE GEOMETRIC ELEMENT (470)**. This command will remove a geometric element from the IGrds Geometry file and from the Graphics file. There is no exercise for this command.

<u>Prompt</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. SELECT ELEMENT OR ENTER LIST	DATA on desired element(s); DATA to verify; or Type the ID number of the desired element; or Type a list of element ID numbers to delete; or Type a range of element ID numbers to delete; or Type a combination of a list(s) and range(s) of element ID numbers to delete.

Note: Use "Delete Element/Delete Fence" from regular Graphics menu to delete from Graphics file only. They may be redisplayed with "Display IGrds Geometry."

NOTES

The next two commands create reports that will be placed in the temporary report file (.TMP). The first command is **CREATE POINT/LINE/ARC REPORT (499)**. The report will include point coordinates, bearing, distance, beginning and ending coordinates of lines, and arc length, radius, and beginning, ending, and centerpoint coordinates of arcs, as selected by the user. There is no exercise for this command.

Prompt

Response

1. ~~ENTER ELEMENT ID NUMBER(S)~~

~~Type the desired element ID number; or~~

Type a list of ID numbers of desired elements; or

Type a range of element ID numbers; or

Type a combination of list(s) and range(s) of element ID numbers.

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The other reporting command is **CREATE CHAIN TRAVERSE REPORT (487)**. This report will include distance, bearing, arc length, departure, latitude, X,Y (N,E) coordinates, and the radius in a specified chain. It will also include beginning and ending tangent bearings, beginning and ending radial bearings, and the central angle if an arc is included in the chain. There is no exercise for this command.

Prompt

Response

1. **SELECT CHAIN**

----- **DATA** on desired chain; **DATA** to verify; or

Type the ID number of the desired chain.

NOTES

The last command is **DISPLAY IGRDS GEOMETRY FILE (492)**. This command will retrieve points, lines, arcs, chains, and shapes from the IGrds Geometry file and displays them on the graphics screen. The items retrieved from the Geometry file are specified by the user. There is no exercise for this command.

Prompt

Response

1. **ENTER ELEMENT ID NUMBER(S)**

Type the ID number of the desired element to be retrieved; or

Type a range of element ID numbers to be retrieved; or

Type a list of element ID numbers to be retrieved; or

Type a list and range of element ID numbers to be retrieved.

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