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1. INTRODUCTION

FLODEF is a sequentially coupled unsaturated flow and deformation finite element method (FEM) analysis program. Originally developed by Dr. Robert Lytton and Dr. Derek Gay in 1993, the program computes the transient unsaturated moisture flow and movement in an expansive clay domain. Unsaturated moisture flow is analyzed through Mitchell's model by converting the nonlinear partial differential equation given in the modified Darcy's law into an ordinary partial differential equation.

The program has provided a friendly graphic user interface (GUI). The input part is composed of four sections: **site information, pavement section geometry, layer properties, and vegetation**. For the post-processing part, the user can have the options of viewing surface deformation plots, contour plots, time history plots, and vertical profile plots to check the analysis results.

2. PROGRAM INSTALLATION

It is recommended that the user's computer screen resolution be set to 1024 by 768 pixels. If the current computer monitor setting is not compatible with this requirement, adjust the setting by pressing the mouse's right button at the window screen to enter the "**Properties**" option, "**Settings**" tab, then change the screen resolution to 1024 by 768 pixels and select the "**Apply**" button.

To install the program, the user just inserts the attached CD in the computer drive and clicks the file "**Flodef_setup.exe**". Then the program **winflow** can be automatically installed in any user-defined destination path.

3. INPUT



3.1 Site Information

The program provides choices of seasonal weather data at nine different locations in Texas (west Texas, central Texas, and east Texas): **El Paso, Snyder, Wichita Falls, Converse, Seguin, Dallas, Ennis, Houston,** and **Port Arthur**. If the actual field site is not located near any of these nine cities, select the region for analysis based on the TMI value and geological location (Fig. 1).

Initial moisture conditions at the beginning of analysis fall into three categories: **wet condition** (winter season), **equilibrium condition** (spring/fall season), and **dry condition** (summer season). Select the season most appropriate for the roadway during its expected lifespan.

Based on the user's requirement, the analysis period of 5 years, 10 years, 15 years, or 20 years can be selected. The program has the capability to compute the effects of vertical embedded moisture barrier, horizontal moisture barrier, median condition and drainage condition. The information of special geological formation such as a tinted limestone layer can be input in the "Special Soil Layer" box. The existences of one format of geological formation in different locations are accounted for more than one type of special subgrade layers.

The default equilibrium suctions for these nine locations are automatically calculated in the computer program. If the site has specific equilibrium suction value which doesn't match with the default value, the user can input the measured equilibrium suction value in the input screen to overwrite the default value.

Click the "Map" button on this screen to view a Texas map with indicated TMI values (Fig. 2).

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	El Paso	@ Wet	€ 5	© No	
	C Snyder	C Equilibrium	C 10	C Yes	
	0.000	C Drv	0.20	Barrier Depth 0 (ft)	
	O Wichita Falls				
	C Converse	Special Soil Layer?		Horizontal Moisture Barriers?	
	C Seguin	© No?		© No?	
	C Dallas	C Yes? 0 Ty	ypes	Paving Shoulder Width 0 ft	
	C Ennis				
	C Houston	- Drainage Condition?		Median Condition	
	C Port Arthur	C Poor Drainage?		Paved Median	
		Ponded Water Depth in Ditc	h ft	C Bare Median (With Grass)	
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Figure 1. Site Information Screen.



Figure 2. Texas Map with TMI Value Indicated.

3.2 Pavement Section Geometry

This section requires the user to input the roadway geometry dimensions (surface, base, subbase, and subgrade layer thicknesses plus pavement cross section information). Normally, the moisture active zone depth z_m is around 20 ft. If the sum of individual

subgrade layers is not less than 20 ft, the mesh analysis depth is set to 20 ft by the program. Where the total depth of the subgrade layers is less than 20 ft, for instance, in the situation that bedrock is encountered at shallow depth, the mesh depth is equal to the bedrock depth.

If the number of total subgrade layers is less than four, the user must split the deepest individual subgrade layer into two layers with duplicate data. The depth of the two layers does not have to be exactly equal but can be rounded to the nearest foot to make the sum of the two equal the total. (Example: The Drill Log only shows three subgrade layers. Subgrade layer 2 is 9 ft thick. Split this into subgrade layers 2 and 3 with depths of 5 ft, and 4 ft, respectively, and make the previous subgrade layer 3, subgrade layer 4.

The unit for thicknesses of the surface, base, subbase courses is inches, while the depth of each subgrade layer is counted in ft. The side slopes S_1 , S_2 , R_3 , S_4 , R_5 , R_6 and S_7 are unitless and given by common slope designations used in construction, such as 2 to 1 or 10 to 1. It should be emphasized that none of the parameters (S_2 , S_4 , S_7 , Z_4 , Z_5 , Z_6 , Z_7 , X_3 , X_4 , X_5 and X_6) can receive an input value of zero. The minimum value that can be input is 0.01. Figure 3 below shows an illustration of the physical meanings of these parameters.

The manual provides examples of several types of mesh dimension combinations from the **Fort Worth Loop 820, Atlanta US 271,** and **Austin Loop 1** field conditions used in the initial research:

1) If the shoulder slope S_1 is not equal to zero (Atlanta US 271 type), then the input pavement dimension parameters should agree with the following two requirements: a) the sum of the surface and base course thickness equals the elevation difference of two sides of the shoulder ($(Z_1+Z_2)/12.0=(-1)*X_4/S_1$, where Z_1 , Z_2 have units in inches, and X_4 has units in ft); b) the total sum of surface, base course and subbase course thickness plus the subgrade layer 1 depth equals the value of elevation difference from the surface course to the ditch bottom ($(Z_1+Z_2+Z_3)/12+Z_4=(-1)*X_4/S_1+(-1)*X_5/S_2$, where Z_1 , Z_2 have units in inches, and X_4 , X_5 have units in ft). The slope is negative when it goes clockwise and positive when rotating counterclockwise.

2) If the shoulder slope S_1 is equal to zero and the elevation difference from the surface course to the ditch bottom is very small (around 1 ft) (Fort Worth study Section B type), then the input pavement dimension parameters should conform to the following restriction: adjust the input value of surface course thickness Z_1 , and make Z_1 equal to the elevation difference from the surface course to the ditch bottom ($Z_1/12.0=(-1)*X_5/S_2$, where Z_1 has units in inches, X_5 has units in ft). If the shoulder slope S_1 is equal to zero and the elevation difference from the surface course to the ditch bottom is not small (greater than 1 ft)

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(Fort Worth study Section A type, Austin Loop 360 type), then the input pavement dimension parameters should be input as follows: the total sum of surface course thickness Z_1 , base course thickness Z_2 , subbase course thickness Z_3 , and subgrade layer 1 thickness Z_4 should equal the elevation difference from the surface course to the ditch bottom $((Z_1+Z_2+Z_3/12.0)+Z_4=(-1)*X_5/S_2, \text{ where } Z_1, Z_2, Z_3 \text{ have units in inches and } Z_4 \text{ has units in ft}).$

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	X_{1}^{m} 5 X_{2}^{m} 15 X_{3}^{m} 36 X_{4}^{m} 10 X_{6}^{m} 15 X_{6}^{m} 5 X_{4}^{m} 15 X_{4}^{m} 8	
6 Z ₁ 6 Z ₂	$S_{r} = 5$ S_{urface} $S_{i} = -10$ 1 $Base$ 1 $Base$ $S_{i} = -10$	
6 Z ₃		
4.3 Z ₄	Subgrade-1	
5 7	Subgrade-2	
- 24	Subgrade-3	
5 <i>L</i> 7	Subgrade-4	
	12.3Unit in inches12.3Unit in feet12.3Slope (unitless)	

Figure 3. Pavement Section Geometry Screen.

3.3 Mesh View

After the user inputs the pavement section dimension values, the user should click the "Mesh View" icon it to review the mesh automatically generated by the program. The element types in the mesh are 8 nodes quadratic element and 6 nodes bilinear triangle element. The user can click the element to view the global node numbers for each element in the upper right window.



Figure 4. Automatic Mesh View Screen.

The user needs to input the pavement dimensions which satisfy the listed requirements in the manual. If the input data do not satisfy the requirements, when the "Mesh View" button is clicked, the program will give an error message and ask for a new input of pavement dimensions which conform to the described restrictions above.

3.4 Layer Properties

In this screen, the surface course type (asphalt/concrete), base course type (untreated granular/lime stabilized/cement stabilized/asphalt-treated), subbase course type (untreated granular/lime stabilized/cement stabilized/asphalt-treated), and subgrade layers properties data (LL, PI, percent of passing -200# sieve, percent of minus 2 micron clay content, Poisson's ratio v, dry unit weight γ_d) information is entered.

The subgrade layers are labeled in four layers (layer 1, 2, 3, 4) from top to bottom. Subgrade layers can be natural soil, inert soil, or soil stabilized with lime or cement. The default lime or cement percent by weight is 6%.

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O Asphalt O Concrete	Surface Course	.3 110	
Base Course O Untreated Granular C Lime Stabilized O Cement Stabilized O Asphalt - Treated	Base Course	3 110	
Subbase Course C Untreated Granular C Lime Stabilized C Cement Stabilized © Asphalt -Treated	Subbase Course	3 110	
Subgrade layers Soil Type LL (%)	PI(%) -200# -2um	Poisson's ratio Dry Unit weight % Lime Content % Cement by weight	
Subgrade-1 Lime Stablized 💌 37	17 83.5 7.6	3 110 7	
Subgrade-2 Cement Stablize	26 92 8.7	3 110 8	
Subgrade-3 Natural Soil 💌 37	15 94.1 9	3 110	
Subgrade-4 Natural Soil 💌 37	15 89.9 8.5	3 110	
	Vertical Barrier Soil Properti	es 3 110	

Figure 5. Layer Properties Screen.

3.5 Vegetation

The vegetation information (tree root zone depth/grass, if any) can be entered in this screen by clicking the icon or "Input" option, "Vegetation" sub option.

If the field site has an existing tree, the user needs to click the "Tree" button and adjust the actual tree influence extent by slowly sliding the left line with the left mouse button and the right line with the right mouse button along the pavement cross section surface. It should be emphasized that the right line should not go beyond the right range of the pavement cross section when sliding and adjusting the vegetation location extent. The surface grass extent grass button can be input in the same way described above.

In this screen, the root transpiration rate and root zone depth are also required for the tree and grass information.



Figure 6. Vegetation Information Screen.

The default transpiration rate of 3mm/day is built into the program. It is an accurate value for most cases. Unless a very special situation occurs in which the user may contact the District Landscape Architect, Vegetation Management Specialist, or the Maintenance Division for the actual transpiration rate, the user can just adopt the default value for the analysis.

For the two-dimensional moisture diffusion and volume change analysis, the moisture diffusion coefficient, α , is an important material parameter. The program can automatically estimate the diffusion coefficient, α , according to the empirical relationship:

$$\alpha = 0.0029 - 0.000162 \text{ S} - 0.0122 \gamma_{\text{h}}$$

where γ_h is the suction compression index (also estimated by program), and S is the slope of the suction-water content curve:

$$S = -20.3 - 0.155 (LL) - 0.117 (PI) + 0.068 (\% - #200)$$

The above estimation of α is a default option; however, a site-specific determination is definitely desirable when sufficient data are available. Two approaches for a site-specific determination are discussed below.

(1) Laboratory Measurement with Crack Correction

The unsaturated soil diffusivity test performed in the laboratory represents conditions of an intact soil mass. While intact conditions can occur under certain conditions such as the absence of root penetration or desiccation cracking, more commonly some degree of cracking can be expected within the soil mass. Such cracking will substantially increase the apparent diffusivity, α_{field} , of the soil mass to well above that indicated from a laboratory test. In addition, the existence of fractures will generate heterogeneity in the soil mass such that α_{field} depends on sampling location; hence, α_{field} must be expressed in probabilistic terms. Figure 7 shows the relationship of the ratio $\alpha_{\text{field}}/\alpha_{\text{lab}}$ expressed in terms of probability of non-exceedance for crack depths ranging from 1 to 16 ft. This figure shows that for crack depths up to 16 ft, α_{field} can exceed α_{lab} by a factor of greater than 100.



Figure 7. Adjustment of Laboratory Measurements of Diffusivity for Effects of Cracking.

Figure 8 shows the general nature of desiccation crack patterns in a soil mass. Crack patterns near the ground surface are usually closely spaced. However, the spacing of deep cracks is much wider than the shallower cracks, with crack spacing being approximately equal to crack depth. Estimating crack depth through direct observation is generally difficult. However, there are several indirect indicators of crack depth that are reasonably reliable. The first is the occurrence of any root fiber. Tree roots cannot penetrate an intact clay mass; i.e., root penetration occurs along cracks in clay soils. In addition, the roots induce desiccation within a vicinity of about 2 ft; therefore, cracking will extend to about 2 ft deeper than the deepest root fiber.





maximum crack depth $d_c = s_0$ (space)

Figure 8. Typical Desiccation Crack Pattern in a Soil Mass.

Example

A diffusivity measured in a laboratory diffusion test indicates $\alpha_{lab} = 8.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec.}$ Root fibers in the borehole from which the soil sample was taken were observed to a depth of 6 ft. Estimate the field diffusivity α_{field} corresponding to a 50% level of non-exceedance.

Since roots were observed to a depth of 6 ft, a maximum crack depth of 8 ft should be assumed. From Fig. 7, for a 50% level of non-exceedance and a crack depth of 8 ft, α_{field} =40. Hence:

$$\alpha_{\text{field}} = 40 \text{ x } 8.0 \text{ x } 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec} = 3.2 \text{ x } 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec}$$

A second indicator of tree root depth is a suction profile at or near the wilting point of vegetation, about 4.5 pF. Figure 9 shows the characteristic suction profile of a deep root zone. Corrections for crack depths estimated through this method are computed in an identical manner as that shown in the above example.



Figure 9. Characteristic Suction Profile for a Deep Root Zone.

(2) Diffusivity from the Depth of Moisture Active Zone

Estimates of the depth of the moisture active zone y_{ma} can also provide a basis for estimating field diffusivity α_{field} using the relationship:

$$\alpha_{\text{field}} = 0.6 n (y_{ma})^2$$

where n is the frequency of seasonal suction variation, usually 1 cycle/yr.

Example

An examination of a suction profile indicates that an equilibrium suction is reached at a depth of 12 ft. Estimate the field diffusivity α_{field} .

In this case, the depth of the moisture active zone $y_{ma} = 12$ ft. Assuming a seasonal frequency n = 1 yr leads to:

$$\alpha_{\text{field}} = 0.6 (1 \text{ cycle/yr}) (12 \text{ ft})^2 = 86.4 \text{ ft}^2/\text{yr}$$

Conversion to units of cm²/sec leads to $\alpha_{field} = 2.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec}$.

4. RUN

After inputting all the required data information, click the "Run" icon on the toolbar or "Analysis" option in the menu at the top of the screen to execute the program and perform an analysis.

The usual run time for a 5-year analysis on a PC (CPU around 1GHz) is about 20 minutes; 10 years, 40 minutes; 15 years, 60 minutes; and 20 years, 80 minutes. The running screen appears below in Fig. 10.



Figure 10. Running Screen.

5. OUTPUT

The program provides output options of vertical profile plot (suction/vertical displacements/horizontal displacements), contour plot (suction/vertical displacements/horizontal displacements), surface deformation plot and time history plot (suction/vertical displacements/horizontal displacements) to review the analysis results.

5.1 Vertical Profile Plots

The user can view the vertical profiles (Suction/Vertical Displacements/ Horizontal Displacements) of 30 equally divided segments along the pavement cross section.

After clicking the **built** icon or "View" option, "Vertical Profiles" sub option on the menu bar, the following screen (Fig. 11) will appear.

- FLODEF
File Input Analysis View Help
👟 Vertical Profile Plot Control Screen 🔀
- Select Chart Type-
Suction Dutput Profile at time t= 720 Days
☐ Vertical Displacement
Vertical Displacement Profile at time t= 720 Days
Horizontal Displacement
Horizontal Displacement Profile at time t= 720 Days

Figure 11. Vertical Profile Screens (1).

The user can view the associated vertical profile plots by inputting the desired output time in the textboxes and clicking the underlined label (suction/vertical displacement/horizontal displacement). If the cursor is moved along the vertical profile curve (black color), the associated suction (Fig. 12)/vertical displacement (Fig. 13)/horizontal displacement (Fig. 14) value and elevation y coordinate for this location will appear in the left upper screen (text in blue color). The blue dotted lines in Fig. 12/Fig. 13/Fig. 14 stand for the 30 equally divided segments in the pavement cross section, while the black solid lines are the suction curves (Fig. 12)/ vertical displacement curves (Fig. 13)/horizontal displacement curves (Fig. 14) for these segments.



Figure 12. Vertical Profile Screens (2).



Figure 13. Vertical Profile Screens (3).



Figure 14. Vertical Profile Screens (4).

5.2 Contour Plots

After clicking the icon or "View" option, "Contours" sub option on the menu bar, the following screen (Fig. 15) will be shown.

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ile Input Analysis View Help
Contour Plot Control Screen
Suction Contour Output at 720 Days
Suction Contours
Vertical Displacement Contour Dutput at 720 Days
Vertical Displacement Contours
Shrinkage 3 in Swelling 5 in Contour numbers 9
Horizontal Displacement Contour Output at 720 Days
(Rightward) in (Leftward) Contour numbers 5

Figure 15. Vertical Plot Screens (1).

By clicking the underlined blue "Suction Contour Output"/"Vertical Displacement Contour Output"/"Horizontal Displacement Contour Output" labels, the user can view the suction contours (Fig. 16)/ vertical displacement contours (Fig. 17)/horizontal displacement contours (Fig. 18) after the desired output time, maximum/minimum display values and number of desired contours are input to the associated textboxes. The maximum value of the number of specified contours is 12 in this program.



Figure 16. Contour Plot Screens (2).



Figure 17. Contour Plot Screens (3).



Figure 18. Contour Plot Screens (4).

It should be pointed out that for some combinations of maximum/minimum display values and number of specified contours, the program can not show any contour curve for these desired contour values.

The user can distinguish the contour lines by the associated colors. In the legend, each text is shown with a different color. For example, in Fig. 16, the text "4.1" in the legend has a red font color, so the red suction contour curve stands for suction value "4.1". The unit for vertical displacement and horizontal displacement is inches. For vertical displacement, positive values "(+)" denote swelling and for horizontal displacement, "positive (+)" values denote rightward horizontal movement.

5.3 Surface Deformation Plot

After clicking the icon or "View" option, "Surface Deformation Plots" sub option on the menu bar, the following screen (Fig. 19) will appear below for specifying the desired output time, t.

I FLODEF
File Input Analysis View Help
Surface Deformation Plot Control Screen
Pavement Surface Deformation Plot
at t= 720 Days

Figure 19. Surface Deformation Plot Screen (1).

By clicking the blue underlined "Pavement Surface Deformation Plot" label, the user can see the screen shown in Fig. 20.

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	15.5	31.0	46.5	×(ft) 62.0
	Surface D	Deformation Plot for t= 720 Days		

Figure 20. Surface Deformation Plot Screen (2).

5.4 Time History Plots

Figure 21 provides the options for the program to view different time history plots [suction (Fig. 22)/ vertical displacement (Fig. 23)/ horizontal displacement (Fig. 24)] for any

desired location in the pavement cross section. The viewer can either click the icon or click on "View \rightarrow Time History Plots \rightarrow Suction/Vertical Displacement/Horizontal Displacement" sub option on the menu bar to review the time history plots (Figs. 21-24) for 5,10,15, and 20 years analysis periods.

The "Time History Output Charts Control Screen" (Fig. 21) will appear only if the



Figure 21. Time History Plot Screens (1).

By clicking the blue labels for "Suction," "Vertical Displacement," "Horizontal Displacement," the user can view Figs. 22, 23, and 24.



Figure 22. Time History Plot Screens (2).



Figure 23. Time History Plot Screens (3).



Figure 24. Time History Plot Screens (4).

6. SUPPLEMENT

The user can create a new file, open an existing file, save a file, or save a file as a different name by clicking the "File" option, "New"/ "Open"/ "Save"/ "Save As" sub options on the menu bar or clicking the associated icons $\sqrt{24}/\sqrt{24}$.

The program also provides "Print" functions for the user to get hard copies of all the input forms and output plots. In printer preferences, the "layout" setting should be "Landscape" on the orientation tab.

APPENDIX

An example of the Atlanta US 271 site case study is given below to demonstrate the input and output steps for the FLODEF program more in detail.

Case Description

In the Atlanta US 271 site, there are trees and grasses existing from the ditch line out to the right-of-way line. For the two-dimensional finite element analysis in FLODEF, the tree root zone depth is assumed to be 14 ft according to the borehole data. The root transpiration rate and grass transpiration rate are estimated to be 0.12 in/day. The site cross section is shown in Fig. 25.



Figure 25. Atlanta Site Cross Section Sketch.

Four subgrade layers are employed for the mesh generation and finite element method analysis purposes with the thicknesses for the layers from top to bottom being: 2 ft, 7 ft, 4 ft, and 2 ft. The pavement structure has an asphalt surface (flexible pavement), and untreated granular base and subbase courses. The soil properties of the subgrade layers are illustrated in Table 1.

Location	G 11 TT			2001	2
(From top to bottom)	Soil Type	LL (%)	PI (%)	-200#	-2µm
Subgrade layer 1	Natural	37	17	83.5	7.6
Subgrade layer 2	Natural	48	26	92	8.7
Subgrade layer 3	Natural	37	15	94.1	9
Subgrade layer 4	Natural	37	15	89.9	8.5

 Table 1. Soil Properties for Subgrade Layers in the Atlanta US 271 Site Example.

Illustration: Input Screens

Based on the information of the pavement cross section geometries, soil layer

properties, and vegetation condition, the user will click the icons

and to enter "Site Information," "Pavement Section Geometry," "Mesh View," "Layer Properties," and "Vegetation" input data. Figure 26 through Figure 30 show the associated user inputs for this example.

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PRES Project Location/initial weather Condition	
Project Engineer Region Initial Londition Utration (years) Vertical Mosture Barriers	
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C 10 C Yes	
C Snyder C Equilibrium C 15 Daria Daria C	
C Workida Falls © Day C 20 Salitat Deprin U UU	
C Converse Special Soil Laye? Horizontal Moisture Barriers?	
C Seque © No? © No?	
C Yes? 0 Types C Yes?	
C Dallas Preving Shoulder Width U ft	
C Ennis Data Calification Material Antice	
C Houston Vietaan Condition	
• Good/ C Paved Median	
Four Dramage? C Bare Merlian (With Grass)	
Map Ponded Water Depth in Ditch R	
Input equilibrium suction measurement:	

Figure 26. Input Screen 1: Site Information.

FLODEF -	[Pavement Section Geometry]	- 8 ×
	$X_{1}^{=}$ 0 $X_{2}^{=}$ 12 $X_{4}^{=}$ 10 $X_{5}^{=}$ 12 $X_{6}^{=}$ 18 $X_{7}^{=}$ 2 $X_{4}^{=}$ 8	
4 Z ₁ 2 Z ₂	$S_{r} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ $Base$ B	-
2 Z4	Subhase	
7 Z,	Subgrade-2	
4 Z ₆	Subgrade-3	
7 Z ₇	Subgrade-4	
	12.3Unit in inches12.3Unit in feet12.3Slope (unitless)	

Figure 27. Input Screen 2: Pavement Section Geometry.



Figure 28. Input Screen 3: Automatic Mesh View.

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- Surface Course	Poisson's ratio Dry Unit weight (pcf)	
 Asphalt Concrete 	Surface Course	
Base Course © Untreated Granular © Lime Stabilized © Cement Stabilized © Asphalt - Treated	Base Course	
Subbase Course © Untreated Granular C Lime Stabilized C Cemerk Stabilized C Asphalt -Treated	Subbase Course	
Subgrade layers Soil Type LL (%)	PI(次) -200# -2um Poisson's ratio Dry Unit weight 炎 Lime Content 炎 Cement by weight	
Subgrade-1 Natural Soil 🔽 37	17 83.5 7.6 .3 110	
Subgrade-2 Natural Soil 🔽 48		
Subgrade-3 Natural Soil 37		
	Vertical Barrier Soil Properties 3 110	



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Figure 30. Input Screens: Vegetation.

After the user clicks the "Run" icon with the fulfillment of the input screen

parts, the program generates a file "input.dat" used for the internally built Fortran program.

The format of this file is shown below:

File name: Input.Dat

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Illustration: Output Plot Screens

After FLODEF has executed, the program generates output files for the suction and displacement (vertical/horizontal) calculations. If the analysis period is 5 years, the output files will be PF1.DAT~PF6.DAT, DY1.DAT~DF6.DAT. For the case of a 20 year analysis period, the output files then will be PF1.DAT~PF24.DAT, DY1.DAT~DY24.DAT. The user can review all the output files in the directory where the program is installed.

For this example, the associated output plot screens for Vertical Profile Plots/ Contour Plots/Surface Deformation Plot/Time History Plots are demonstrated in Fig. 31 through Fig. 34 for an arbitrary selected output time of 720 days. The users can change the output time according to their review needs.

After the user clicks the icon, the vertical profile plots for suction/vertical displacement/horizontal displacement options can be displayed for review purposes.

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Figure 31. Output Plots Screens: Vertical Profile Plots Selection.



Figure 32. Output Plots Screens: Vertical Profile Plots-Suction.



Figure 33. Output Plots Screens: Vertical Profile Plots-Vertical Displacement.



Figure 34. Output Plots Screens: Vertical Profile Plots-Horizontal Displacement.

The contour plots screens can be accessed after the user clicks the **1** icon, as shown in Fig. 35 through Fig. 38. The unit for vertical and horizontal displacement is inches.

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Figure 35. Output Plots Screens: Contour Plot Selection.



Figure 36. Output Plots Screens: Contour Plots Screens-Suction.



Figure 37. Output Plots Screens: Contour Plots Screens-Vertical Displacement.



Figure 38. Output Plots Screens: Contour Plots Screens-Horizontal Displacement.

The surface deformation plot (Fig. 39 and Fig. 40) is displayed with the click of the

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Figure 39. Output Plots Screens: Surface Deformation Plot Screen (1).



Figure 40. Output Plots Screens: Surface Deformation Plot Screen (2).

By clicking the icon, the user can view the time history plots for suction/vertical displacement/horizontal displacement, which are shown in Fig. 41 through Fig. 44.

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Figure 41. Output Plots Screens: Time History Plot Selection.



Figure 42. Output Plots Screens: Time History Plot-Suction.



Figure 43. Output Plots Screens: Time History Plot-Vertical Displacement.



Figure 44. Output Plots Screens: Time History Plot-Horizontal Displacement.