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OF A SPIRAL CLASSIFIER

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ABSTRACT

A series of experiments have been carried out on a small spiral classifier to study the effects of design variables (weir height and slope) and operating variables (feed flow rate, pulp density, and size distribution) on the performance of the classifier.

The analysis of the experimental data has led to the development of a mathematical model of a spiral classifier which consists of four basic equations that express the cut size (corrected d_{50}), water split between overflow and sand, reduced-performance curve and the finest size fraction appearing in the sand product, in terms of the operating and design variables.

This study shows that a spiral classifier model can be developed based on concepts of d_{50} (corrected) and the reduced-performance curve as is done for the hydrocyclone classifier. A significant finding is that use of the finest size fraction in the coarse product is the most effective way to calculate the corrected performance curve for the spiral classifier.

A demonstration digital simulation of a closed grinding-classifying circuit has been conducted using a plug flow cumulative-basis first order kinetic model for the ball

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mill and the spiral classifier model which was formulated by the author of the thesis. The results obtained were satisfactory within acceptable limits.

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GLOSSARY

Ball Mill Hold Up, BMH	Ball mill volume occupied by pulp, m, or slurry weight in ball mill, ton.
Mean Residence Time,	Time the pulp remains in ball mill given by BMH/pulp volumetric flow rate or BMH/pulp mass flow rate
Breakage Function, B_{ij}	A probabilistic function which expresses in fractional form the weight finer than screen number i after primary breakage of particles of screen number j .
Primary Breakage	A single event of breakage
Breakage rate, K_i	or cumulative specific rate-of-breakag,-rate of disappearance by breakage of a mass fraction of particles coarser than a given i , min^{-1} .
Actual Efficiency	or selective index, Y , the mass fraction of solids of a given particle size in the feed reporting to the sand (spiral classifier) or underflow (hydrocyclone classifier)
Performance-Curve	or selectivity curve, - a plot of E_a (E_c) against particle size.
Cut Size d_{50}	Particle size which represents particles with equal (50%) probability of reporting to either overflow or sand.
Water Split, R_f	the mass fraction of classifier feed water reporting to the overflow or sand (underflow).

Corrected Efficiency, E_c -or classification index-
the mass fraction of a given
particle size in the feed
reporting to the sand only
because of classification.

Corrected-Performance Curve -or classification curve-
a plot of E_c against
particle size.

Reduced-Performance Curve
A plot of E_c against d/d_{50c} .

Corrected Cut Size, d_{50c}
The particle size at
which $E_c = 50\%$.

Sharpness of Separation, m
A fitted parameter to an
assumed form of the classifi-
cation curve, namely

$$E_c = 1 - \exp(-0.693(d/d_{50c})^m)$$

m represents the slope (or 'steepness') of the
curve, d is particle size.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

The objective of grinding in tumbling mills, as practised in mineral processing operations, is to produce a feed material for subsequent concentration steps such as flotation, magnetic separation, or gravity separation, which is sufficiently fine to have achieved good liberation of valuable mineral species from gangue but without producing excessive amounts of slime. In many respects, grinding is the most important unit operation in a mineral processing plant. If adequate liberation is not achieved during grinding, subsequent separation steps will yield low metallurgical recoveries and /or concentrate grades. Grinding energy requirements and operating costs typically exceed 50% of the total expenditures of the entire plant. Because grinding is an inherently energy intensive process and grinding circuit capital and operating costs are high, it is essential that such circuits be run as efficiently as possible. Increased efficiency in grinding usually translates to a decrease in the energy required per/ton to produce product size material.

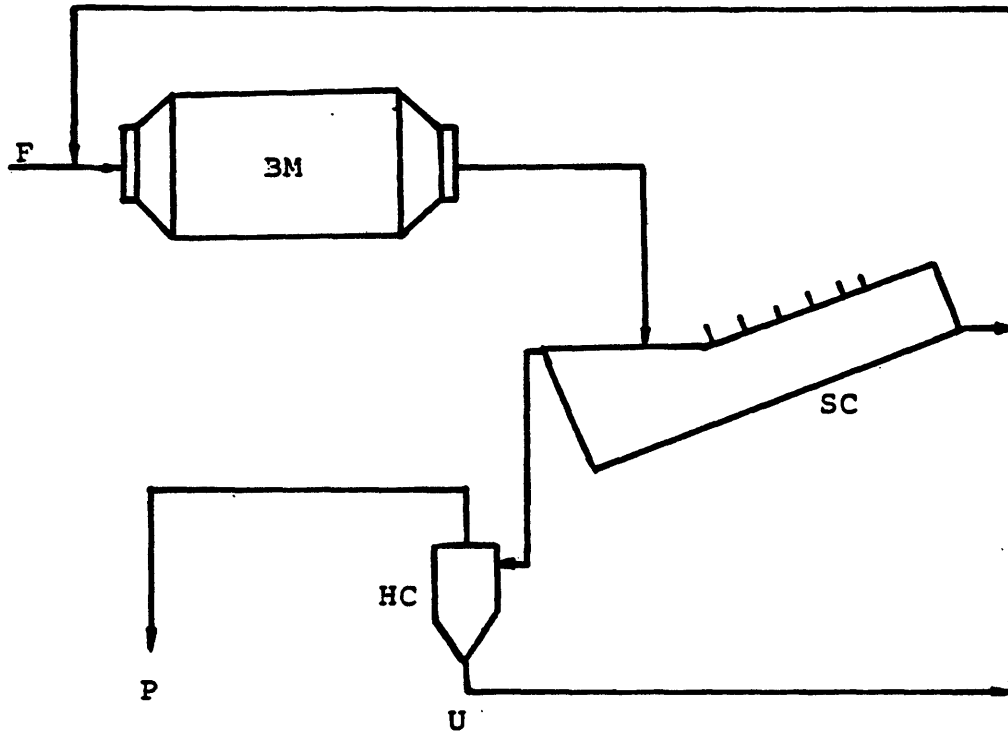
A grinding circuit commonly consists of a ball mill and

a classifier (or several classifiers). The efficiency of a grinding circuit is high, if and only if the efficiencies of both ball mill and classifier are high. It is generally accepted in the mineral industry that efficient grinding circuit performance can not be achieved without the use of some form of automatic control because all circuits are subjected to random disturbances. And it is also accepted in the mineral industry that the simulation of circuit operation by the use of mathematical models is useful in developing and evaluating possible control schemes. As a result, many mathematical models have been developed to meet the needs of process simulation and process control.

With respect to classification, the hydrocyclone has become the most important classification device because of its high capacity, mechanical simplicity, low capital cost and small space requirements. A variety of mathematical models have been presented to describe the hydrocyclone classifier performance. Because of their decreasing importance, other classifiers, including the spiral classifier, have received less attention, with the result that they are even less well understood. The spiral classifier, however, is still widely used in Chinese concentrators, and there are a significant number of installations in other parts of the world. While a spiral

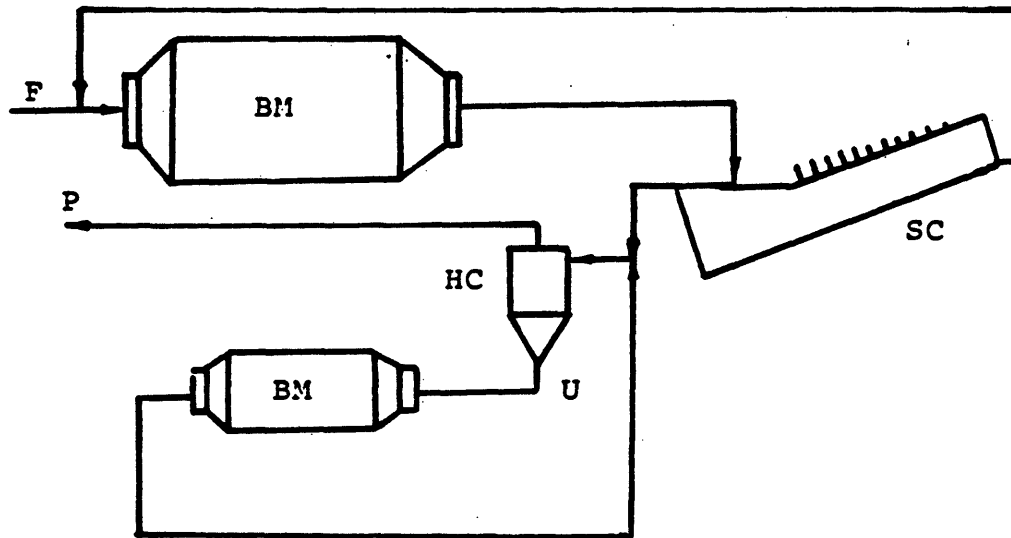
classifier can be used alone, in normal Chinese practice the spiral classifier is adopted for coarse-size material classification, and the hydrocyclone classifier is employed for fine-size material classification. Some of the typical closed wet grinding circuits are illustrated in Figure 1.1, and Figure 1.2.

The objective of the study is to experimentally develop a mathematical model of the spiral classifier, and to examine its application and suitability in the simulation of grinding-classifying circuits.



F feed P product
U underflow BM ball mill
HC hydrocyclone SC spiral classifier

Figure 1.1 One Stage Grinding and Two Stage Classifying
Closed Grinding Circuit



F feed	P product
U underflow	BM ball mill
HC hydrocyclone	SC spiral classifier

Figure 1.2 Two Stage Grinding and Two Stage Classifying
Closed Grinding Circuit

CHAPTER II

LITERATURE REVIEW

Classification is the separation of particles according to their settling rate in a fluid. The fluid most commonly used in mineral processing is water. The major factors which affect the classification process are: the physical properties of the particle, such as size, shape, and specific gravity; the physical properties of the fluid, such as density, viscosity, solids content; and the design and operating variables of the equipment in which the separation is carried out.

The types of classifiers widely used in the mineral processing industry are mechanical (spiral and rake classifier) and centrifugal (hydrocyclone classifier). No universally acceptable theory so far exists for the classifier. Thus this chapter reviews a number of approaches which have been published. Although centrifugal and mechanical classifiers are different kinds of classifiers, they still have common principles of classification, and common methods of measuring classifier performance. For instance, in order to estimate classifier performance, performance (efficiency) curves, water flow

ratio, and classification size (corrected d_{50}) are used in both centrifugal and mechanical classifiers. Most operating classifiers have a characteristic S-shape performance curves (9), and similar mathematical models can be used to evaluate gravity-type classifiers (spiral and rake classifiers) and centrifugal classifiers (hydrocyclone classifier) (10).

Hence, before reviewing the spiral classifier, it is necessary to consider the hydrocyclone classifier.

2.1 Hydrocyclone Classifier Models

Over the past 30 years, the use of the hydrocyclone has become the accepted standard method of classifying slurries in the mineral processing industry. A lot of research work has been carried out on hydrocyclones, but with only limited success.

The performance of a hydrocyclone is affected by its dimensions and operating conditions. In order to develop correlations which include all of the essential variables, some methods of representing the performance are needed. In 1949, Dahlstrom (62) first used the d_{50} value of an operation to represent the solid elimination efficiency of the hydrocyclone. Although d_{50} is a significant parameter, a single-valued parameter is not an adequate description of the classification process. A more logical approach is to

plot a performance curve to present the performance of a hydrocyclone operation. In 1953, Kelsall (11) explained the reason why the actual performance curve does not pass through the origin. Yoshioka and Hotta (12) suggested the idea of a "reduced efficiency curve" in 1955. This curve is obtained by plotting "centrifugal efficiency" or corrected mass percentage of particles reporting to the underflow against the actual size divided by the corrected d_{50} . In 1964, Bradley (13) advanced eight different equations to calculate the cut size (d_{50}) of a hydrocyclone and nine different equations to calculate the pressure. Most research work had been carried out with dilute slurries using small-diameter hydrocyclones, so that much of this work was not directly applicable to industry-scale hydrocyclones.

The most notable research on hydrocyclones has been carried out by Lynch and Rao (14) in the past 20 years. In their work, they formulated an empirical model which would describe the operation of large-diameter hydrocyclones under conditions of high solids contents, and used this model successfully for the analysis of hydrocyclone operation and in the simulation and automatic control of a closed grinding circuit at Mount Isa Mines (15). This is a simple empirical model which is based on concepts of d_{50} (corrected) and the

reduced-efficiency curve. The model which Lynch and Rao have developed requires the determination of constants which must be experimentally evaluated for every application and which usually apply only to a relatively narrow range of operating conditions.

Plitt (7) has formulated a model which would give reasonable predictions over a wide range of operating conditions. His model consists of four basic equations which express the cut size (d_{50}), volumetric split between overflow and underflow, volumetric throughput, and sharpness of separation in terms of the operating and design variables. Because of its broad data base and the inclusion of all major variables, the model may be used without experimental data to predict the operation of hydrocyclones over a wide range of operating conditions.

2.1.1 Hydrocyclone Performance Curves

The performance curve was introduced to the mineral processing industry by Tromp (63) in 1937. Although first used to describe the separation of coal on a density basis, this curve is also employed to represent a size-based solid-solid separation. The performance curve depicts the fractional recovery to the coarse product (underflow) of each individual particle size. The size-of-separation

parameter is normally defined by the d50. The d50 represents the size at which the particles have equal probability of reporting to either the overflow (fine product) or underflow (coarse product).

Three types of performance curves are used, the actual, corrected and reduced for any one classification test. Typical performance curves for a hydrocyclone classifier are shown in Fig.2.1. Actual efficiency, E_a , at a point on the curve for a particular size material is given by:

$$E_a = W_u M_u / W_f M_f \quad (2.1)$$

Where:

E_a = the fraction of particles of a particular size which is actually recovered in the underflow stream

W_u, W_f = mass fractions of the given size materials in the underflow and the feed stream, respectively

M_u, M_f = the mass flow rates of the underflow and the feed stream, respectively

Fine material is entrained by the coarse product liquid. This entrainment effect manifests itself as an

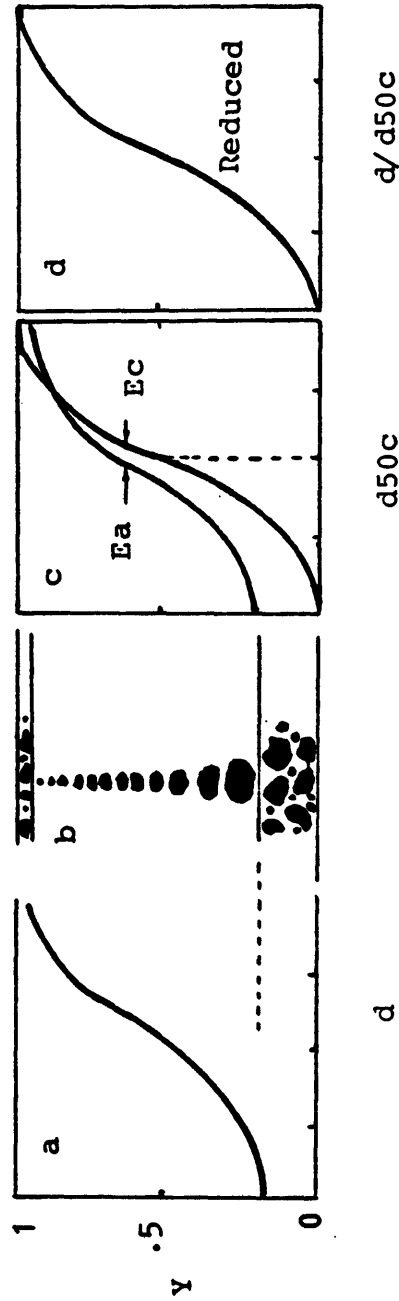


Figure 2.1 Classifier Performance Curve (9)

- a — Characteristic form of a classifier performance Curve
- b — Relationship of the performance to particle classification
- c — The corrected performance curve
- d — The reduced performance curve
- Y — Weight fraction of feed to underflow

intercept on the ordinate of the actual performance curve, recovered to the underflow, i.e., at fine sizes (as $d \rightarrow 0$), $E_a \rightarrow R_f$, the water split ratio. Therefore, separation due to classifying action, or corrected efficiency, E_c , is given by:

$$E_c = (E_a - R_f) / (1 - R_f) \quad (2.2)$$

Where:

E_c = the fraction of particles of a particular size which will be directed to the underflow discharge as a result of the classifying action

R_f = the fraction of feed liquid which is recovered in the underflow stream

The reduced efficiency curve is obtained by plotting corrected efficiency against the actual size divided by the corrected d_{50} .

A number of equations have been developed to represent the entire reduced efficiency curve. The most commonly used are the two-parameter equations:

$$E_c = \{e^{\alpha x} - 1\} / \{e^{\alpha x} + e^{\alpha} - 2\} \quad (2.3)$$

and

$$E_c = 1 - \exp(-0.693X^m) \quad (2.4)$$

Where:

$$X = d/d_{50c}$$

α , m = empirical constants, both measures of the sharpness of separation and are approximately related as follows:

$$\alpha = 1.54m - 0.47 \quad (2.5)$$

The reduced-performance curve is only used to determine the fundamental parameters of d_{50c} and the sharpness of separation parameter m , or α . In order to describe the actual performance curve, Eqs 2.2 and 2.4 can be combined as follows:

$$E_a = (1 - \exp(-0.693(d/d_{50c})^m) (1 - R_f) + R_f \quad \dots (2.6)$$

Using equation 2.6 the solid separation action with respect to particle size can be represented with only three parameters: d_{50c} , R_f , and m . With this equation, the size distribution of both overflow and underflow can be predicted for a given feed.

2.1.2 The d50c Equation

Since d50c is the most important parameter for describing the performance of the hydrocyclone, attempts have been made to correlate it with operating and design variables. So far, a number of theoretical and empirical equations have been formulated to predict the d50c of a hydrocyclone.

Many of the theoretical equations use the equilibrium orbit hypothesis (13), that is, they balance the outward acting centrifugal force against the drag force due to the inward flowing liquid. One of the more rigorous equations is as follows (16):

$$d50 = 3(0.38)^n \{D_i^2 / Kc\} \{ (\mu(1 - R(+))L \tan(\theta/2)) / (Dc I_v (\rho_s - \rho_l)) \}^{1/2}$$

..... (2.7)

Where:

R(+))L = mass fraction of feed liquid leaving
through underflow

n = a parameter

Dc = inside diameter of hydrocyclone

Di = inside diameter of feed inlet

Iv = input volumetric flow rate

K_c = a parameter, dependent on design, fluid properties and I_v

θ = hydrocyclone cone angle

μ = viscosity

ρ_s = solid density

ρ_l = liquid density

Fahlstrom (17), proposed that the apex restricts the flow of solids, and that under the effect of centrifugal force the probability of a particle leaving through the apex is determined by its mass, so that the coarsest and heaviest particles discharge first and the discharge of the smaller and lighter particles becomes progressively more difficult. Thus:

$$R(+)=fn(Yu^+) \quad (2.8)$$

Where Yu is a correlation for the size ditribution.

For a Rosin-Rammler ditribution:

$$Yu = \exp-(d/d^*)^s \quad (2.9)$$

and when equation 2.9 is substituted in Eq. 2.8 with $d=d_{50c}$, results in:

$$d_{50} = d^*(-\ln R(+))^{1/s} \quad (2.10)$$

In Eq. 2.10, the d_{50} will be closer to the d_{50} , a than the d_{50c} , because of unclassified material which always appears in the underflow stream.

For empirical equations, the most extensive results have been presented by Lynch and Rao (14), and Plitt (7), who subjected their data to conventional regression techniques. The Lynch-Rao equation is:

$$\log(d_{50c}) = K_1VF - K_2SPIG + K_3Inlet + K_4FPS - K_5Q + K_6 \quad \dots (2.11)$$

Where:

K_1 to K_5 = regression constants
 VF = vortex finder diameter, cm
 $SPIG$ = spigot diameter, cm
 $Inlet$ = inlet diameter, cm
 FPS = percent solids of pulp in hydrocyclone feed
 Q = flow rate of pulp in the inlet, l/min

The regression constants K_1 to K_6 reported by Lynch were:

$K_1=0.0400$ $K_4=0.0299$
 $K_2=-0.0576$ $K_5=-0.00005$

$$K3=0.0366 \quad K6=0.0806$$

The Plitt equation is:

$$d_{50c} = \frac{50.5 D_c^{.45} D_i^{.6} D_o^{1.21} \mu^{.5} \exp(.063\phi)}{D_u^{.71} h^{.38} Q^{.45} (\rho_s - \rho)^{.5}} \quad (2.12)$$

Where:

D_c = hydrocyclone diameter, cm

D_i = inlet diameter, cm

D_o = vortex finder diameter, cm

μ = suspending liquid viscosity, centipoise

ϕ = slurry volumetric solids content, % by volume

D_u = apex diameter, cm

h = free vortex height, cm

Q = volumetric flow rate, l/min

ρ_s = solid density, g/cm

ρ = suspending liquid density

2.1.3 The Water Split Equation

The water split equation must be determined around a classifier in order to establish the underflow liquid recovery term, R_f , in equation 2.6. For hydrocyclones, Lynch (2) found that the equation was of the form:

$$R_f = K_1 \cdot \text{SPIG}/WF - K_2/WF + K_3 \quad (2.13)$$

Where:

WF = the mass flow rate of water in the feed, t/h

K1 = 193, regression constant

K2 = 271.6, regression constant

K3 = -1.61, regression constant

Alternately an equation was developed by Plitt (7) to predict the volumetric split between overflow and underflow of hydrocyclones:

$$S = \frac{1.9 (D_u/D_o)^{3.31} h^{.54} (D_u^2 + D_o^2)^{.36} \exp(.0054\phi)}{H^{2.4} D_c^{1.11}} \quad (2.14)$$

Where D_u , D_o , D_c and h are in cm; their meanings as described above

H = head in terms of meters of feed pulp

ϕ = solid percent by volume

$$S = \frac{\{\text{underflow volumetric flow rate}\}}{\{\text{overflow volumetric flow rate}\}}$$

2.1.4 The Capacity Equation

The relationship between throughput and operating

pressure in hydrocyclones is very important in the selection of the pump for the hydrocyclone installation. The regression equation developed by Lynch and Rao (2,14) to relate pressure and throughput for a hydrocyclone with constant feed size is:

$$Q = K VF^{.73} \text{ Inlet}^{.86} P^{.42} \quad (2.15)$$

Where:

Q = volumetric throughput, l/min

P = hydrocyclone feed pressure, Kpa

K = regression constant

2.2 Spiral Classifier Model

As mentioned in Chapter I, mechanical classifiers, including rake and spiral classifiers, have received less attention because they are used in fewer and fewer concentrators, particularly in the concentrators of Western countries. Although a thorough literature search was undertaken, a suitable model of a spiral classifier was not found. Taggart (18) pointed out that the capacity of the spiral classifiers is based on the outside diameter of the spiral, and gave some curves to show the relationship between the the capacity and the diameter of the spiral.

The U.S. Bureau of Mines carried out experiments on removing fines from coal using hydrocyclones in conjunction with the spiral classifier (19,29), with the objective of providing the maximum recovery of solids at minimum moisture content. Many variables which affect the performance of spiral classifiers were investigated, such as the influence of pool area, slope, influence of feed rate, influence of feed size, etc, but the experimental results were only given in tabulated or graphical form; the application of this these data is limited.

In a study of a small spiral classifier (21) the dynamic behavior of the classifier was investigated by residence time studies. The residence time of the particles was examined using both solid particles and dissolved sodium chloride as tracers in a manner similar to that employed for studies of the ball mill, (22), flotation cells, (23,24), and hydrocyclones(25). It was shown that there were four main zones in the active portion of the spiral classifier. These are shown diagrammatically in Fig.2.2. Zone A, the small, low pulp density portion of the pool above the classifier spiral, containing predominantly solids of overflow; zone B, the main body of the pool in which the spiral is rotating, and from which particles may eventually go either to the overflow or the sand; zone C, where

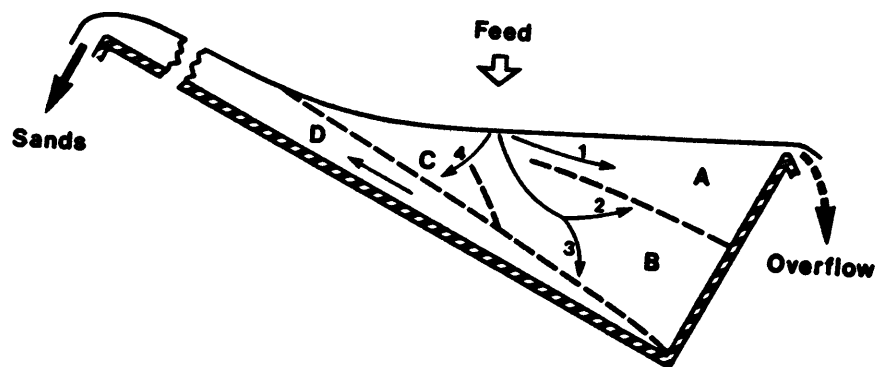


Figure 2.2 Major Zone in a Spiral Classifier(9)
and the Main Routes Taken by Solids

virtually all particles pass into the sands; and zone D, the region at the bottom of the classifier where the spiral conveys sands at high pulp density to the discharge. Thus, discharge can be considered to occur along four main routes. Overflow material leaves by routes 1 and 2. Via route 1, particles are carried through A almost directly to the overflow. Typically their residence time is 0.1— 0.3 of the average for all overflow particles, small particles having the higher value. Routes 2 and 3 pass through zone B — a large well mixed zone in which particles may enter zone A and leave via the overflow if they are fine enough (path 2); alternatively, independent of size, they may be conveyed by the spiral to the sands discharge (path 3). All particles passing along route 2 to the overflow have a similar residence time — about 1.6 times the average for all overflow particles. Route 3 carries the majority of particles leaving in the sands; the residence time decreases as the particles size increases (coarse particles with relatively high settling rates). Even so, these residence times are 4 — 6 times as long as those of particles which exit via route 4. The net residence time of all sands particles is further increased by spiral transportation time.

The dynamic behavior of the small spiral classifier was

successfully analysed using this approach. Graphical analysis of test results suggested a simple physical representation of the movement of solid particles within the classifier which was simulated using an analogue computer. The results of this study have been used in a dynamic model of closed-circuit grinding (26).

Putman and Spottiswood (27) proposed a simple spiral classifier model which was adopted in closed circuit grinding. This model is based on the motor power of the spiral classifier, and the ore recycle rate from the classifier which is proportional to classifier motor power. Thus,

$$R = K_1(P - K_0) \quad (2.16)$$

Where:

P = the classifier motor power

R = the ore recycle rate from the classifier

K₀, K₁ = constant

Because classifier motor power is not in fact merely linearly related to the recycle rate, they suggested another expression:

$$P = K_o + \{1/K_1T\} \int_{-T}^0 U dt \quad (2.17)$$

Where:

U = the rate of recycled material entering the classifier at time t

T = the retention time of material in the classifier (assuming plug flow)

CHAPTER III

EXPERIMENTAL WORK

The experimental work entailed two principal efforts: to examine the influence of operating and design variables on classifier performance, and to develop a mathematical model of the spiral classifier.

3.1 Experimental Material

The test material for the experiments was dolomite (Ca,MgCO_3), in the size range of 25 — 35 mm. Before utilization, the dolomite was reduced in size using a jaw crusher, a cone crusher and a ball mill. The flowsheet for preparing the experimental feed material is shown in Fig.3.1, and the feed material size distribution is given in Table 3.1.

The specific gravity of the dolomite is 2.8. During the tests, sample 2 or sample 3 was added to sample 1 to change the feed size distribution.

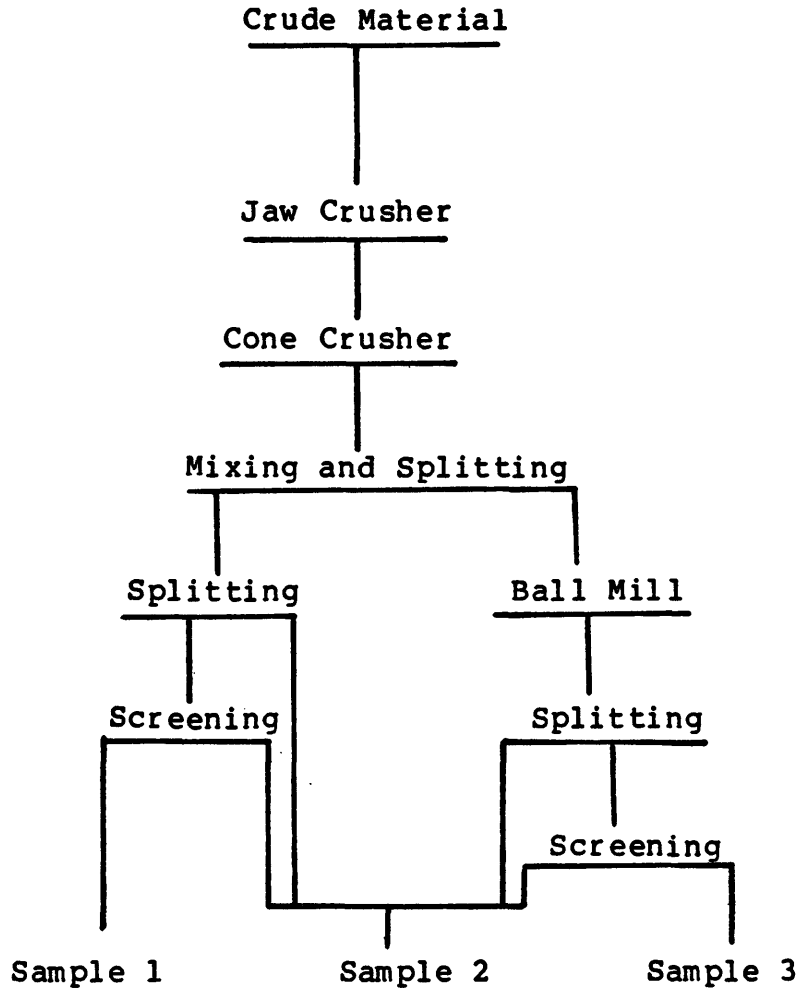


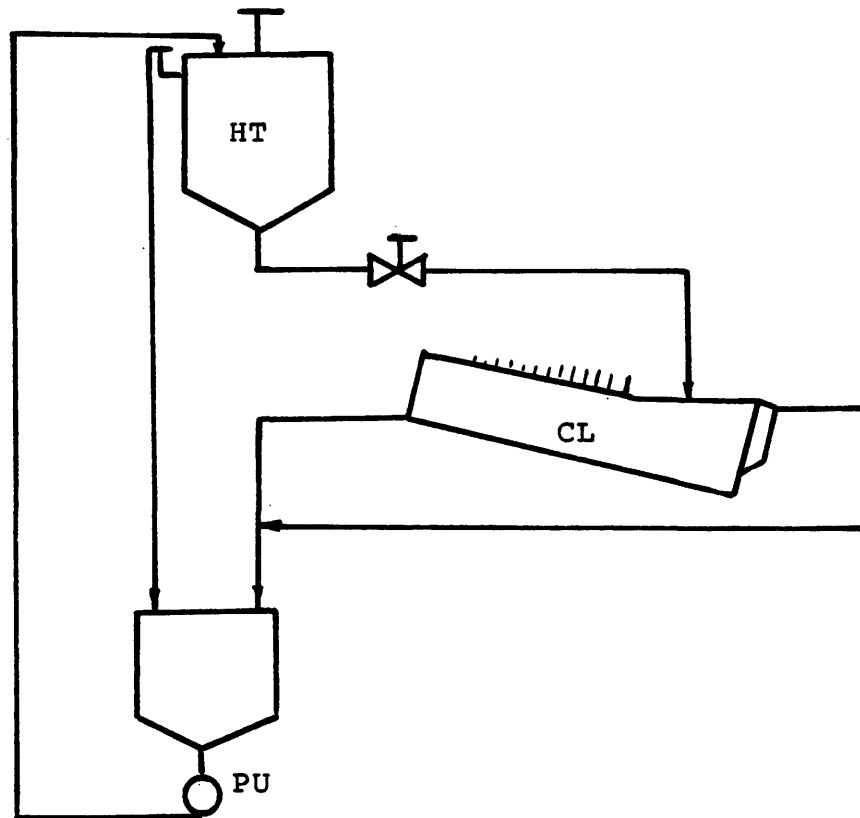
Figure 3.1 The Flowsheet for Preparing Experimental Material

Table 3.1 Size Distribution of Experimental Material

Size (micron)	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3
2360	0.07	0.15	0.00
1180	7.10	9.00	5.20
475	25.26	43.48	7.03
300	8.27	6.31	10.22
212	8.71	8.34	9.08
150	8.33	7.24	9.43
75	6.51	5.35	7.66
53	10.68	6.31	15.06
-53	25.07	13.82	36.32
	100.00	100.00	100.00

3.2 Experimental Apparatus

Fig.3.2 is a flowsheet of the test circuit. A small 220 X 1300 mm spiral classifier was employed in these tests. The spiral has a pitch of 100 mm and the speed of the spiral was held constant at 12 rpm. The slurry was pumped from a sump to an agitated head tank from which the slurry was fed by gravity to the spiral classifier. A by-pass line went from the head tank back into the sump; a valve at the head tank outlet was used to regulate the classifier feed rate.



HT head tank
PU pump
CL classifier

Figure 3.2 Simplified Flowsheet of Classifier Circuit

tank outlet was used to regulate the classifier feed rate. Both the overflow product and the sands product of the classifier returned by gravity to the sump, thus closing the circuit.

3.3 Experimental Design

An experimental design is a very useful technique to minimize the experiments required to determine the functional relationship between response and operating variables, $Y=f(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)+e$ for a process in the laboratory or the plant. 2 factorial designs have been proven to be useful for such studies(27). Most of the tests were organized on a framework of a two-level factorial design for this study.

3.3.1 Selection of the Variables Affecting the Classification Process

According to the literature (9,30) and from experience, the major variables affecting the spiral classifier performance were selected as follows:

X1 -- volumetric flow rate in feed, l/min

X2 -- pulp density, %

- X3 -- % +425 microns in feed
- X4 -- % -53 microns in feed
- X5 -- weir height, mm
- X6 -- slope of classifier, degrees

Variable X4 was selected because the slime greatly effects the slurry viscosity and hence classifier performance(30,33).

3.3.2 Design Matrix for 2^6 Factorial

A design matrix for 2^n factorial had been introduced in detail (29) where $n=1$ to 5. Because six variables were selected in these experiments, a 2^6 factorial design matrix has to be used. However, a modified factorial design may be used; the design of the experiments is shown in Table 3.2 (31), where there are two levels of the factors, with the letters A, B, C, D, E, F representing the factors. In Table 3.2, columns 1, 2, 4, 8, 11, 13 represent major effects, columns 7 and 14 can be used to estimate experimental error, and the other columns will show the interaction effects.

It is well known that regression techniques are greatly simplified when an orthogonal least squares procedure can be used. The operating variables of the spiral classifier, such as size distribution in feed, however, are usually

difficult to control as a constant at two levels, hence the experimental data have been processed using stepwise regression and multiple regression techniques (34).

Table 3.2 Modified Experimental Design

Col.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Factor	A	B	AB	C	AC	BC		D	AD	BD	E	CD	F		CE
			DE		DF	EF		BE	AE		AF				
								CF							

3.4 Experimental Procedures

The experimental procedures were simple. Dolomite and water were added to the pump sump in the amounts needed to give the desired pulp density. When the circuit reached equilibrium, the samples of the sands and overflow product were collected simultaneously and tared in calibrated containers. In these tests, the mass, moisture content, and screen analysis were determined for each sample.

3.4.1 Sampling

The classification circuit would be considered in equilibrium when the following inequality was satisfied:

$$F - (O/F + S)/F < 0.05 \quad (3.1)$$

Where:

F = slurry mass in feed

O/F = slurry mass in overflow

S = slurry mass in sands

As the circuit reached equilibrium, the volumetric flow rate and pulp density were checked to make sure that the operating variables are at the set values, then samples were taken. The reason for taking a feed sample was to establish the experimental error.

3.4.2 Screening

U.S. standard testing sieves were employed and screening was performed on a sieve shaker. In order to determine the optimum time for dry screening on the sieve shaker, a series of screening tests using dolomite as testing material were performed to check the accuracy of the screening analysis. To overcome the agglomeration problem arising when samples having high slime content were dry-screened, a combined wet-dry screening procedure was used (30,32). The following describes the screening sequence used:

a) Wet screening of material (about 200 g) on the finest screen (53 microns)

b) Decanting, then drying the coarse fraction at no more than 150°C

c) Dry screening the coarse fraction on the sieve shaker for 10 minutes

d) Weighing the coarse fractions

e) Calculating the size analysis

Note that the finest fraction (-53 microns) would be calculated according to the following equation:

$$W_{-53} = (a - W_{+53}) + b \quad (3.2)$$

Where:

W_{-53} = the mass of the particles less than 53 microns

W_{+53} = the mass of the particles larger than 53
micron in wet screening

a = the mass of the sample in wet screening

b = the mass of particles less than 53 microns
in dry screening

3.4.3 Duplicate Tests

Duplicate tests were conducted to establish the experimental error involved in the determination of the measured and calculated parameters. Table 3.3 shows the data for some of the repeated tests.

Table 3.3. Sample of Duplicate Test Data

RUN	X1	X2	X3	X4	X5	X6	RF	FZ	d50c	m
1	10.10	42.10	23.35	33.80	135	10.9	10.59	7.41	126.27	1.10
2	11.27	40.33	22.41	35.43	135	10.9	8.43	7.10	115.24	1.15
Av.	10.68	41.22	22.88	34.62	135	10.9	9.51	7.26	120.76	1.13
14	14.93	53.23	12.75	38.84	135	13.0	2.42	5.46	1003.92	1.48
15	15.34	50.62	13.05	39.47	135	13.0	2.05	7.44	1009.03	1.52
Av.	15.14	51.93	12.90	39.16	135	13.0	2.24	6.42	1006.48	1.50
16	10.39	53.68	38.55	24.91	183	13.0	18.78	6.76	376.39	2.29
17	10.55	54.12	40.75	20.04	183	13.0	20.08	6.31	416.65	1.49
Av.	10.47	53.90	39.65	22.48	183	13.0	19.43	6.54	396.52	1.89
21	21.04	47.40	11.44	37.01	135	10.9	2.85	5.62	804.28	2.43
22	21.81	47.50	10.74	36.23	135	10.9	2.93	6.65	844.4	2.24
Av.	21.43	47.45	11.09	36.62	135	10.9	2.89	6.14	824.34	2.34

3.5 Summary of Test Conditions

A summary of the test conditions is given in Table 3.4.

3.6 Experimental Results

A total of 46 tests were conducted and for all tests carried out there was good agreement between the measured and calculated feed size analysis. Typical values are shown in Table 3.5.

The conditions of these tests given in Table 3.5 are actually the operating and machine variables which are considered independent variables. R_f , F_z , d_{50c} , and the slope of reduced-performance curve, m , are dependent variables. Before giving the results of all tests the methods used for calculating the corrected efficiency, E_c , and cut size, d_{50c} , will be described briefly.

Corrected-Efficiency, E_c

In this study E_c was calculated using the following equation:

$$E_c = (E_a - F_z) / (1 - F_z) \quad (3.3)$$

Where:

E_a = actual efficiency

Table 3.4 Summary of Test Conditions

Cond. No.	X1 1/min.	X2 %	X3 %	X4 %	X5 mm	X6 degree
1	100	10	10	10	10	10
2	100	10	10	10	10	10
3	100	10	10	10	10	10
4	100	10	10	10	10	10
5	100	10	10	10	10	10
6	100	10	10	10	10	10
7	100	10	10	10	10	10
8	100	10	10	10	10	10
9	100	10	10	10	10	10
10	100	10	10	10	10	10
11	100	10	10	10	10	10
12	100	10	10	10	10	10
13	100	10	10	10	10	10
14	100	10	10	10	10	10
15	100	10	10	10	10	10
16	100	10	10	10	10	10
17	100	10	10	10	10	10
18	100	10	10	10	10	10
19	100	10	10	10	10	10
20	100	10	10	10	10	10
21	100	10	10	10	10	10
22	100	10	10	10	10	10
23	100	10	10	10	10	10
24	100	10	10	10	10	10
25	100	10	10	10	10	10
26	100	10	10	10	10	10
27	100	10	10	10	10	10
28	100	10	10	10	10	10
29	100	10	10	10	10	10
30	100	10	10	10	10	10
31	100	10	10	10	10	10
32	100	10	10	10	10	10
33	100	10	10	10	10	10
34	100	10	10	10	10	10
35	100	10	10	10	10	10
36	100	10	10	10	10	10
37	100	10	10	10	10	10
38	100	10	10	10	10	10
39	100	10	10	10	10	10
40	100	10	10	10	10	10
41	100	10	10	10	10	10
42	100	10	10	10	10	10
43	100	10	10	10	10	10
44	100	10	10	10	10	10
45	100	10	10	10	10	10
46	100	10	10	10	10	10
47	100	10	10	10	10	10
48	100	10	10	10	10	10
49	100	10	10	10	10	10
50	100	10	10	10	10	10

Table 3.5 Typical Feed Sizing Analyses

Test No.	Size (microns)	Mass (%)	
		Measured	Calculated
9	2360	0.60	0.55
	475	38.10	37.71
	300	7.29	7.61
	212	6.60	6.32
	150	6.20	6.09
	75	2.72	2.34
	53	11.40	11.56
	-53	27.35	27.83
17	2360	0.24	0.22
	475	40.27	40.53
	300	9.53	8.91
	212	7.91	7.41
	150	5.23	5.66
	75	12.98	12.91
	53	4.54	4.43
	-53	19.30	20.04
19	2360	0.05	0.06
	475	29.94	29.85
	300	9.02	8.43
	212	7.69	8.00
	150	6.65	6.75
	75	11.24	11.97
	53	11.81	11.09
	-53	23.60	23.86

Fz = %53 microns in the sand

The reason for using Fz instead of Rf is discussed in detail in Chapter VI.

Cut Size d50c

There are four methods to calculate d50c from experimental data:

- a) Liner Interpolation Method (i.e. straight line intercept method)
- b) Lagrange Interpolation Method
- c) Using the slope (index) of the reduced-performance curve, m, to calculate d50c
- d) Direct from the reduced-performance curve

The comparison of d50c values calculated by each method, together with the calculation procedure and the computer program for calculation of the above three methods are given in Appendix III.

3.6.1 A summary of Experimental Results

Tables 3.6 shows the major results of all the tests.

In the present work the reduced-performance curves were determined for 46 tests; all experimental points on these curves are shown in Figure 3.3 to 3.5. Water distribution for all tests is shown in Figure 3.6. Note that a linear

Table 3.6 Major Results of Test

Test No.	d50c (microns)	Rf (%)	Fz (%)	m (slope)
1	100	100	100	100
2	100	100	100	100
3	100	100	100	100
4	100	100	100	100
5	100	100	100	100
6	100	100	100	100
7	100	100	100	100
8	100	100	100	100
9	100	100	100	100
10	100	100	100	100
11	100	100	100	100
12	100	100	100	100
13	100	100	100	100
14	100	100	100	100
15	100	100	100	100
16	100	100	100	100
17	100	100	100	100
18	100	100	100	100
19	100	100	100	100
20	100	100	100	100
21	100	100	100	100
22	100	100	100	100
23	100	100	100	100
24	100	100	100	100
25	100	100	100	100
26	100	100	100	100
27	100	100	100	100
28	100	100	100	100
29	100	100	100	100
30	100	100	100	100
31	100	100	100	100
32	100	100	100	100
33	100	100	100	100
34	100	100	100	100
35	100	100	100	100
36	100	100	100	100
37	100	100	100	100
38	100	100	100	100
39	100	100	100	100
40	100	100	100	100
41	100	100	100	100
42	100	100	100	100
43	100	100	100	100
44	100	100	100	100
45	100	100	100	100
46	100	100	100	100
47	100	100	100	100
48	100	100	100	100
49	100	100	100	100
50	100	100	100	100

relationship exists between water in the fine product and water in the feed.

3.6.2 Results of Each Test

The results of each test are given in the Appendix I.

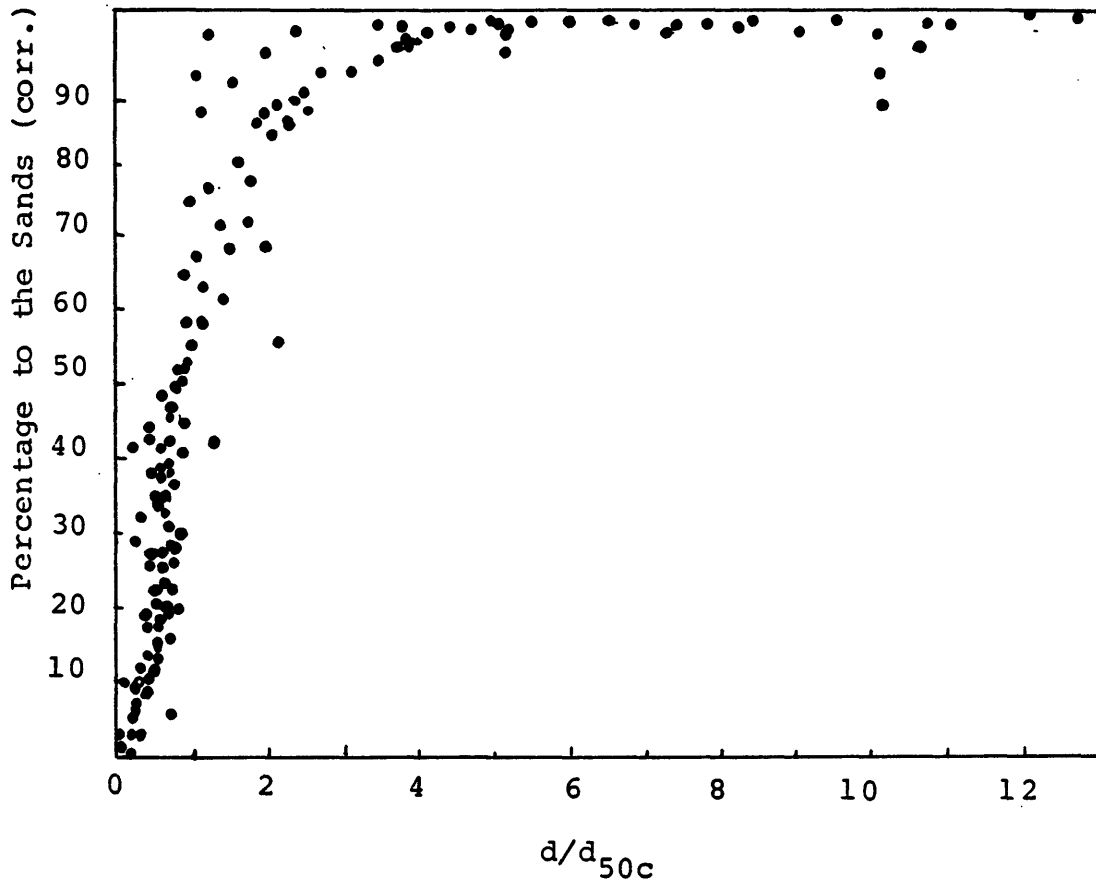


Figure 3.3 Reduced-performance Curve For
All Experimental Data

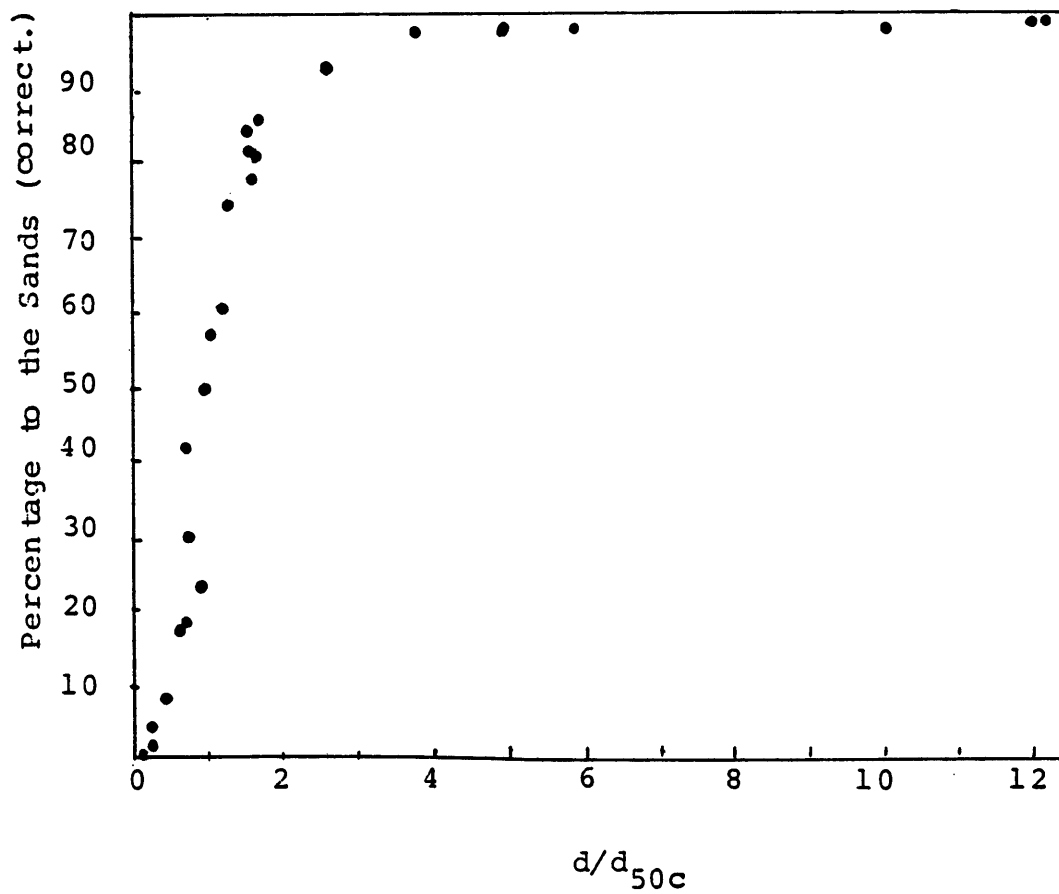


Figure 3.4 Reduced-Performance Curve for Pulp
density = 30-40% Experimental Data

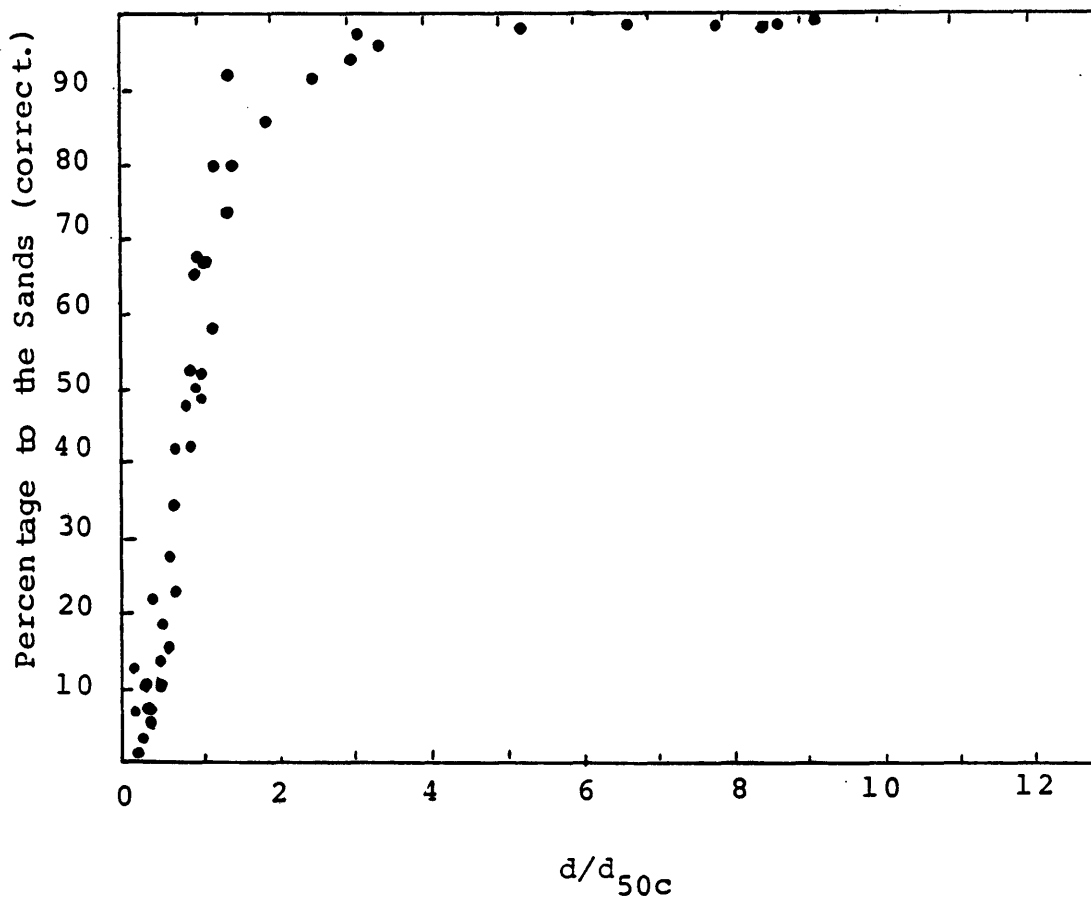


Figure 3.5 Reduced-Performance Curve for +425
microns > 30% Experimental Data

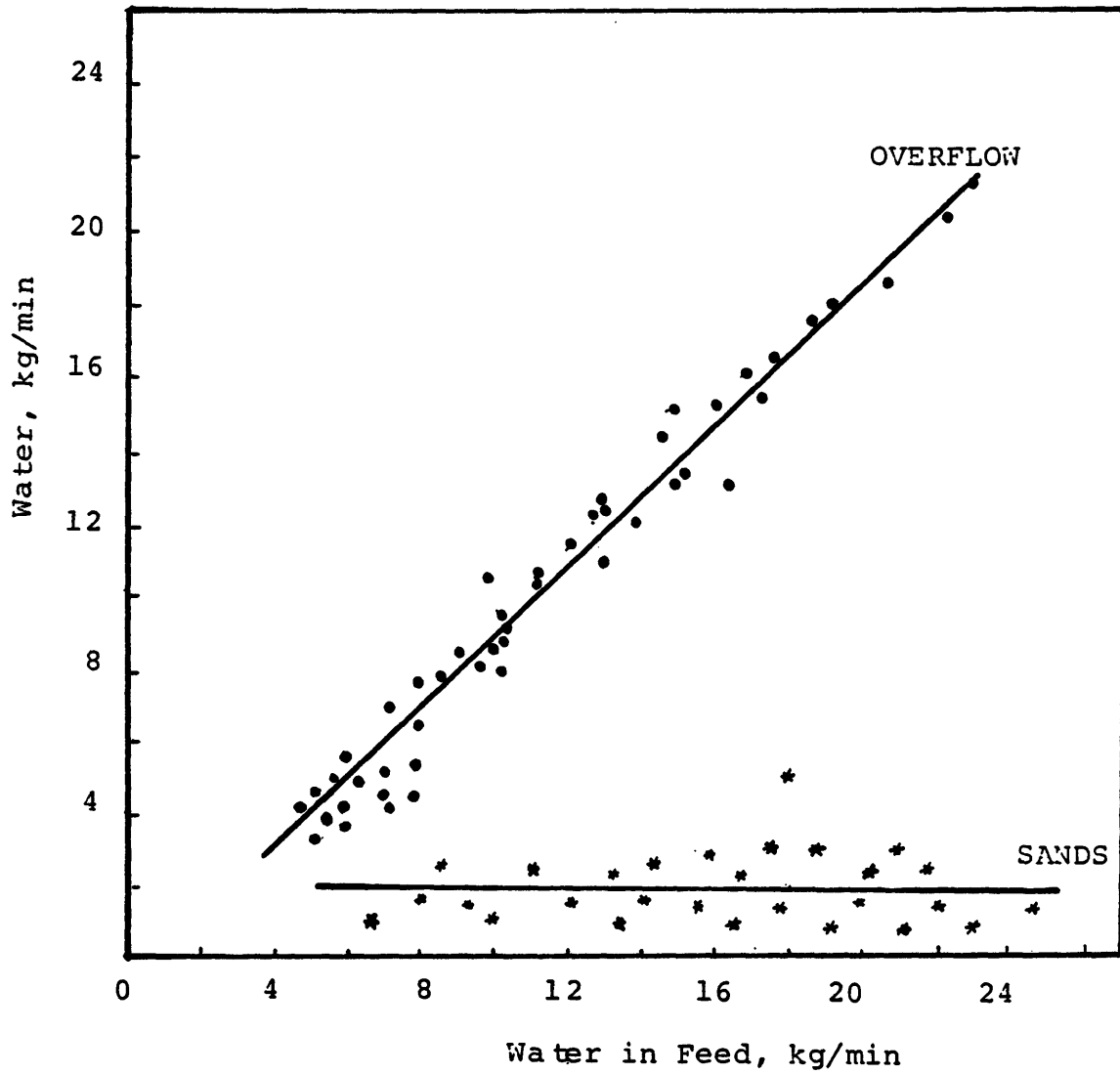


Figure 3.6 Water Distribution For All Experimental data

CHAPTER IV

DEVELOPING A MATHEMATICAL MODEL OF SPIRAL CLASSIFIER

A mathematical model of a spiral classifier which is suitable for circuit design and optimization by simulation consists of a series of equations which relate the design and operating variables to the separation achieved. As mentioned in Chapter III, a total of 46 experiments were carried out in an effort to develop an applicable mathematical model of the spiral classifier. The design and operating variables studied were: weir height and slope of classifier, the volumetric flow rate, pulp density, % +425 microns and % -53 microns in the feed. A spiral classifier model which relates the above variables to separation has been formulated.

4.1 Form of the Model

The particle separation process in spiral classifiers, just as in hydrocyclones, is a probability process in which particles of different size, density, and shape have different probabilities of appearing in the coarse product. In the former, separation was based on gravity force, and in the latter, on centrifugal force; hence the fluid flow

patterns within the two machines are not the same (35,36). In spite of the difference, the method for developing a hydrocyclone model is a very useful guide for developing a spiral classifier model.

A spiral classifier model can also be based on concepts of d_{50c} and the reduced-performance curve. The model of a spiral classifier that has been formulated in this study consists of four basic equations which express the cut size, d_{50c} , water split between overflow and sands, percentage of finest size fraction (here it is % -53 microns) in the sands, and sharpness of separation, in terms of the operating and design variables.

4.2 Method of Developing a Mathematical Model

The spiral classifier model presented here is an empirical model which relates all major design and operating variables to the separation achieved. An orthogonal least squares procedure which makes regression techniques greatly simplified (29,37) could not be used because it was difficult to maintain some variables at the set levels. So in this study, the experimental data were processed using a stepwise multiple linear regression program developed by the computer center of the Western Michigan University (38). The program was used to formulate the functional

relationships between the measured and calculated parameters (cut size, water split, the finest size fraction in the sands, and sharpness of separation) and the design and operational spiral classifier variables. The linear regression procedure was repeated using different functional variables (such as linear, power, exponential) and different variable combinations, as follows (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_6 as defined earlier):

Independent Variables:

$X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6$

$X_1^2, X_2^2, X_3^2, X_4^2, X_5^2, X_6^2$

$X_1^3, X_2^3, X_3^3, X_4^3, X_5^3, X_6^3$

$X_1X_2, X_1X_3, X_1X_4, X_1X_5, X_1X_6$

$X_2X_3, X_2X_4, X_2X_5, X_2X_6$

X_3X_4, X_3X_5, X_3X_6

X_4X_5, X_4X_6

X_5X_6

$X_1X_2X_3, X_2X_3X_4, X_3X_4X_5, X_4X_5X_6, X_1X_2X_6, X_1X_3X_4, \dots$

$\ln(X_1), \ln(X_2), \dots, \ln(X_6)$

$\ln(X_1X_2), \ln(X_1X_3), \dots$

Dependent Variables:

$d_{50c}, \quad \ln(d_{50c})$

Rf,	ln(Rf)
Fz,	ln(Fz)
m,	ln(m)

The mean sum of the residuals squared was used as the criterion as to the goodness of fit. Only variables which were significant at the 99.5 % confidence level were included the regression equations.

4.3 The d50c Equation

It has become common practice to express the cut size in terms of the d50c size. For pure dolomite classified in a small 220 by 1300 mm spiral classifier, the regression relationship between ln(d50c) and classifier variables is:

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(d50c) = & -0.3636 + 0.1638X_2 + 0.0036X_3^2 + 0.00096X_4^2 \\ & + 0.00099X_1X_2 - 0.004134X_2X_3 \quad (4.1) \end{aligned}$$

As shown in Table 4.3, Eq.4.1 fits the data from 46 tests with a correlation coefficient of 0.963. A comparison of the observed values, and the values calculated from the regression equation is shown in Fig. 4.3.

Equation 4.1 indicates that the ln(d50c) is: 1) directly

proportional to the pulp density, the second power of the percentage of +425 microns and -53 microns in the feed, and the product of the volumetric flow rate and the pulp density; and 2) decreases proportionally to the product of pulp density and percentage of % +425 microns in the feed. The effect of each of the variables is discussed in more detail below.

The Feed Pulp Density

The pulp density of the feed was found to be a variable which greatly influenced the magnitude of d50c. It is felt that the principal reason for this is an increase in the effective pulp viscosity which occurs with increasing solids content. Hindered settling and underflow crowding may also be factors.

Fig. 4.1 shows that the d50c increases with increasing feed pulp density, with a greater increase when the pulp density exceeds 50 %.

Lynch (2,14) and Jull (55) found similar results for the hydrocyclone classifier. The different kinds of classifier show the same trend, with large increases in the d50c size as the feed pulp density increases.

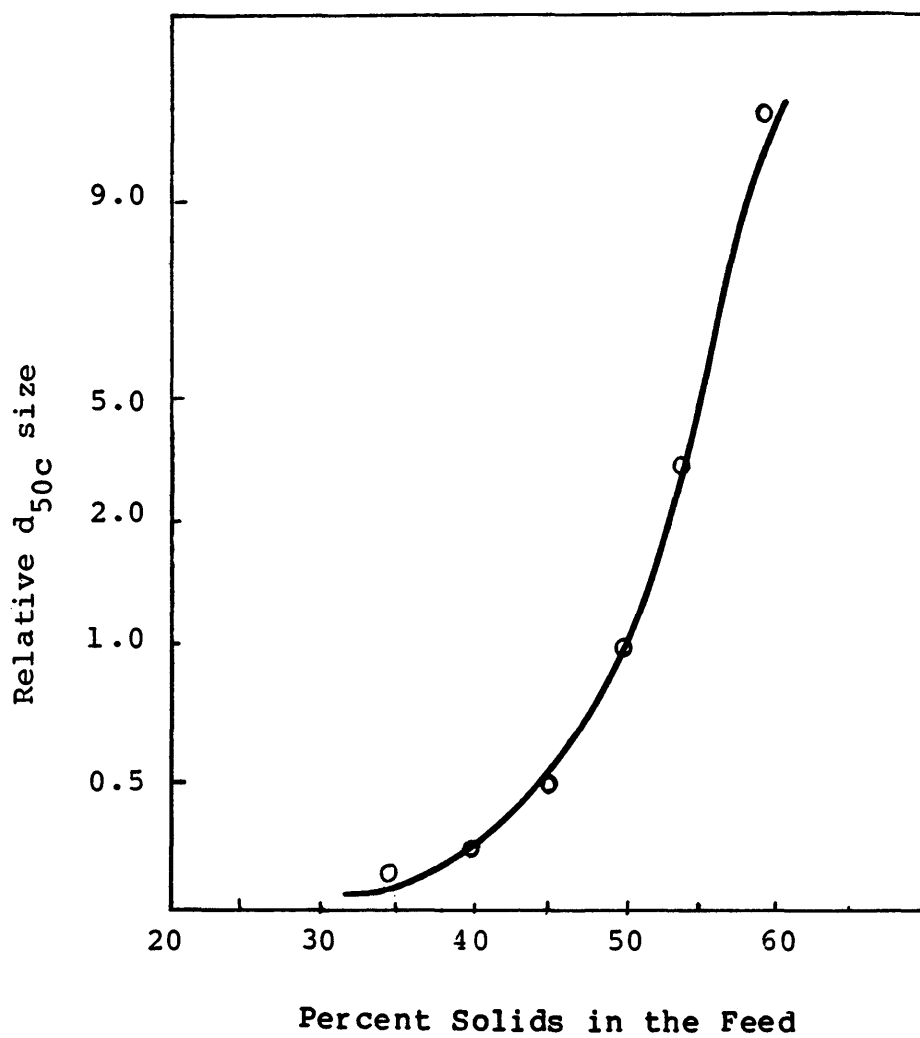


Figure 4.1 The Relationship Between d_{50c} and Pulp Density

The Particle Size Distribution

It has been established (23,56) that the size distribution of the feed solids also affects the apparent viscosity of slurries. The equation shows that the $\ln(d_{50c})$ is directly proportional to the square of X_4 (i.e., the % -53 microns in the feed). Note that in Eq. 4.1 the coarse size also significantly influences d_{50c} ; the reason for this may simply be that the more coarse particles report to both overflow and sand as the fraction of the coarse size increases.

4.4 The Reduced-performance Curve Equation

The reduced-performance curve is a measure of the probability of the appearance of particles in the sand due to gravity action alone. Equations which have been used to define reduced-performance are:

$$E_c = \{e^{\alpha x} - 1\} / \{e^{\alpha x} + e^{\alpha} - 2\} \quad (2.3)$$

and

$$E_c = 1 - \exp(-0.693X^m) \quad (2.4)$$

Some workers (39) use equation 2.4 rather than 2.3, and consider that the latter represents full-scale classifier performance data with good agreement using values of m in the range of 1.5 to 3.5 (40).

Equation 2.4 can be linearized by plotting $\ln\ln(1/(1-E_c))$ versus $\ln(d)$. The resulting best-fit line will have a slope equal to m and the d_{50c} size will correspond to the point where $1/(1-E_c)$ is equal to 2. This can also be done with the computer. From equation 2.4:

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 - E_c &= \exp(-0.693(d/d_{50c})^m) \\
 1/\{1-E_c\} &= \exp(0.693(d/d_{50c})^m) \\
 \ln\{1/(1-E_c)\} &= 0.693(d/d_{50c})^m \\
 \ln \ln\{1/(1-E_c)\} &= \{\ln(0.693)-m\ln(d_{50c})\}+m \ln(d) \\
 &\dots (4.2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Where $\{\ln(0.693)-m \ln(d_{50c})\}$ is a constant term of the regression equation.

Because m and the constant term can be obtained using a regression technique, d_{50c} can then be calculated from equation 4.3 as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ln(0.693)-m\ln(d_{50c}) &= \text{constant} = C \\
 m \ln(d_{50c}) &= \ln(0.693) - C \\
 \ln(d_{50c}) &= \ln(0.693) - C/m \\
 \text{hence } d_{50c} &= \exp((\ln 0.693 - C)/m) \dots (4.3)
 \end{aligned}$$

In this study, equation 2.4 was used. The regression

equation produced from the experimental data (see Table 3.4) is :

$$m = -1.5156 + 0.08944X_4 - 0.000014X_4^3 + 0.001812X_3^2 \\ - 0.001144X_1X_2 + 0.657891\ln(X_1X_6) - 1.194771\ln(X_3) \\ + 0.05844X_1 \quad \dots (4.4)$$

In his hydrocyclone model, Plitt (7) obtained a regression equation for m with a correlation coefficient of 0.75. Equation 4.4 has the poorest correlation coefficient (0.79) among all the equations which make up the mathematical model of spiral classifier. This result indicates that more work is required in this area to firmly establish the relationship between sharpness of separation and the operating and design variables in both of the hydrocyclone and spiral classifier models.

The calculation of efficiency for a test is given in Table 4.1.

Fig. 4.2 shows that for test number 3, the d_{50c} is determined to be 169 microns, and the slope of the reduced-performance curve, m , is 1.56. From the data given in Table 4.1, it can be seen that the model fits the experimental data well in the size range from 174 to 992 microns, and the difference between the test data and calculated data becomes larger in the size less than 104 microns. In order to increase accuracy, it may be necessary

to develop the model separately for coarse size and fine size fractions.

Table 4.1 Calculation of efficiency

Size (micron)	Ea (%)	Ec (%)	Model Ec (m=1.56)(%)
-	100.00	100.00	-
992	97.84	97.61	99.96
350	93.58	92.89	88.36
248	73.22	70.34	71.65
174	56.01	51.28	51.83
104	39.78	33.30	27.76
63	16.30	7.29	13.70

4.5 The Water Split Equation

From Fig.3.6 it can be seen that a linear relationship exists between the water in the overflow and the water in the feed over a very wide range of operating conditions. For a given classifier, the operating variables which have the greatest influence on this relationship are the volumetric flow rate, pulp density and the weir height of the classifier.

The final form of the regression equation is:

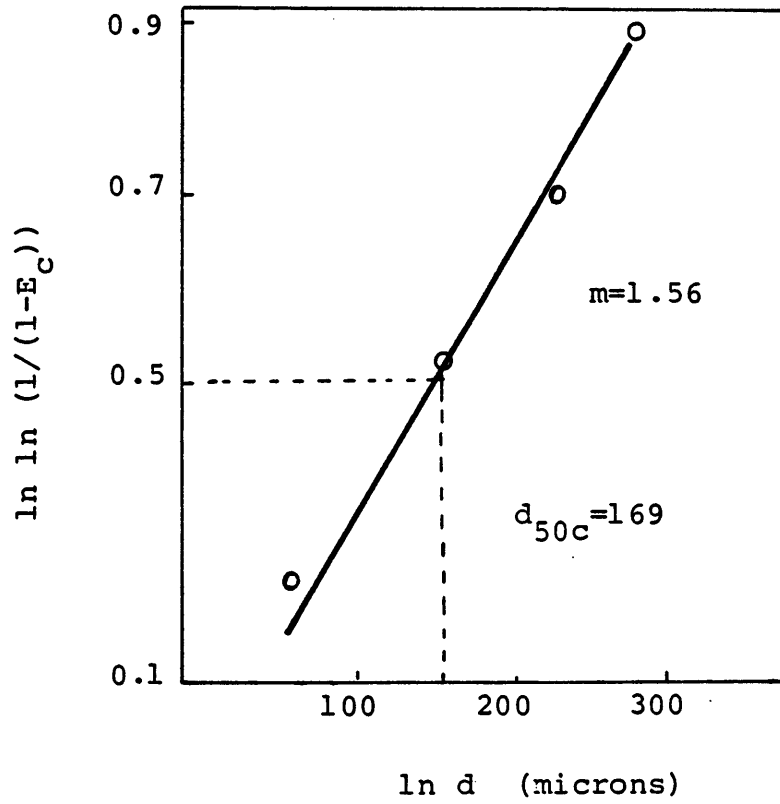


Figure 4.2 Sample Plot of Classification
Test of Spiral Classifier
(refer to Test NO.3)

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(R_f) = & 4.7074 + 0.003361X_1^2 - 0.003505X_3^2 - 0.001168X_1X_5 \\ & + 0.01486X_3X_6 - 0.003885X_5X_6 + 0.0000012X_5 \\ & \dots \quad (4.5) \end{aligned}$$

Equation 4.5 fits the experimental data with a correlation coefficient of 0.954.

4.6 The "Finest Size Fraction" Split Equation

As described in Chapter II and III, the actual performance curve of a hydrocyclone and a spiral classifier will not pass through the origin. The reason for this has been explained by Kelsall (11). He suggested that, independent of the centrifugal force acting on the particles, if R_f is the fraction of feed fluid reporting to the underflow, R_f of all sizes of particles are discharged through the spigot. Therefore, separation due to centrifugal action, or corrected efficiency, E_c is given by

$$E_c = \{E_a - R_f\} / \{1 - R_f\} \quad (2.2)$$

Since then, Eq. 2.2 has been widely used to calculate the corrected-efficiency of a hydrocyclone (2,7,9,14,39), and Plitt considered that this equation can also be used for a gravity type classifier (10).

The use of Equation 2.2 for the spiral classifier was

considered. However, this equation is not completely satisfactory, as demonstrated by the selected results shown in Table 4.2.

It is obvious that the E_c value of the final size fraction will be negative if Equation 2.2 is used to calculate E_c , because R_f is greater than E_a (-53 microns) in all these cases. There is no way to explain this phenomenon. Austin (41) has also found that the water split and by-pass fraction are not the same. For this reason Equation 3.3 is adopted here instead of Equation 2.2 to calculate E_c . The form of this equation is:

$$E_c = \{E_a - F_z\} / \{1 - F_z\} \quad (3.3)$$

Where:

F_z = % -53 microns in the sands

The regression relationship between F_z and the operating variables is:

$$\begin{aligned} F_z = & -19.3423 + 1.7429X_1 + 1.2272X_4 + 0.03768X_1X_3 \\ & - 0.01832X_1X_5 + 0.01549X_2X_4 - 0.010625X_3X_5 \\ & + 0.068742X_3X_6 - 0.12691X_4X_6 + 0.0000094X_5^3 \\ & \dots \quad (4.6) \end{aligned}$$

Equation 4.6 shows that the major operating variables which affect the F_z value are the volumetric flow rate, %

Table 4.2 Typical Test Results

Run	Size (microns)	Size Distribution O/F	Size Distribution (%)		Ea (%)
			Sand	Feed	
4	2803	0.00	0.03	0.02	100.00
	992	2.64	32.02	23.37	96.67
	350	2.64	16.64	12.52	93.79
	248	6.61	12.86	11.02	82.33
	174	4.41	7.52	6.60	80.33
	104	4.64	4.45	4.51	69.67
	63	20.47	10.84	13.68	55.92
	-63	58.59	15.64	28.69	39.00

Rf = 54.60%

Mass flowrate of overflow = 1.626 kg/min

Mass flowrate of sands = 3.895 kg/min

9	2803	0.00	0.97	0.55	100.00
	992	2.43	65.15	37.71	97.18
	350	4.96	9.68	7.61	71.50
	248	7.61	5.32	6.32	47.33
	174	8.49	4.23	6.09	39.04
	104	4.09	0.97	2.34	23.36
	63	21.14	4.10	11.56	19.95
	-63	51.28	9.58	27.83	19.36

Rf = 23.05%

Mass flowrate of overflow = 4.45 kg/min

Mass flowrate of sands = 5.72 kg/min

14	2803	0.00	1.31	0.12	100.00
	992	6.95	66.83	12.63	50.20
	350	6.26	9.88	6.60	14.19
	248	10.60	5.60	10.13	5.25
	174	9.05	3.93	8.56	4.43
	104	16.68	4.93	15.57	3.00
	63	8.12	2.12	7.55	2.66
	-63	42.34	5.40	38.84	1.32

Rf = 2.42%

Mass flowrate of overflow = 10.93 kg/min

Mass flowrate of sands = 1.146 kg/min

-53 microns in the feed, pulp density, weir height and the slope of the classifier. These results are logical in respect to both of theory and practice.

4.7 Summary

A mathematical model of a small spiral classifier has been formulated based on the experimental data. This model consists of four basic equations which are the d50c equation, reduced-performance curve equation, water split equation and the finest size fraction split equation. In general, all the above equations fit the test data with high correlation coefficients excepting equation 4.4.

The results of the multiple linear regression for each are given in Table 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, and 4.6, respectively. The nomenclature used in the above Tables is as follows:

D.F = degree of freedom

S.SQ = sum of squares

M.S = mean square

M.C.C = multiple correlation coefficient

F = F value (34)

Comparison of the observed values, and the values calculated from the model, are given in the Figure 4.3 through 4.6, respectively.

Table 4.3. The Results of Multiple Linear Regression (for d50c Equation)

Source of Variation	DF	S.SQ	MS	MCC	Eq.	F	F-d
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Regression	5	33.07	6.61539	0.96	102	3.51	
Residual	40	2.5953	0.06488				
Total	45	35.6722					

Note: Eq. : From Equation
 F-d : From F distribution

Table 4.4. The Results of Multiple Linear Regression (for m Equation)

Source of Variation	DF	S.SQ	MS	MCC	Eq.	F	F-d
Regression	7	5.726	0.818	0.79	9.02	3.3-3.12	
Residuals	38	3.444	0.096				
Total	45	9.170					

Note: Eq. : From Equation
 F-d : From F distribution

Table 4.5. The Results of Multiple Linear Regression (for Rf Equation)

Source of Variation	DF	S.SQ	MS	MCC	F Eq.	F-d
Regression	6	48.055	8.009	0.954	6	5.43 3.47-3.29
Residuals	39	4.774	0.122			
Total	45	52.829				

Note: Eq. : From Equation
 F-d : From F distribution

Table 4.6. The Results of Multiple Linear Regression (for Fz equation)

Source of Variation	DF	S.SQ	MS	MCC	F Eq.	F-d
Regression	9	4231.68	470.186	0.95	36.00	3.07-2.89
Residuals	36	470.139	13.059			
Total	45	4701.82				

Note Eq. : From Equation
 F-d : From F distribution

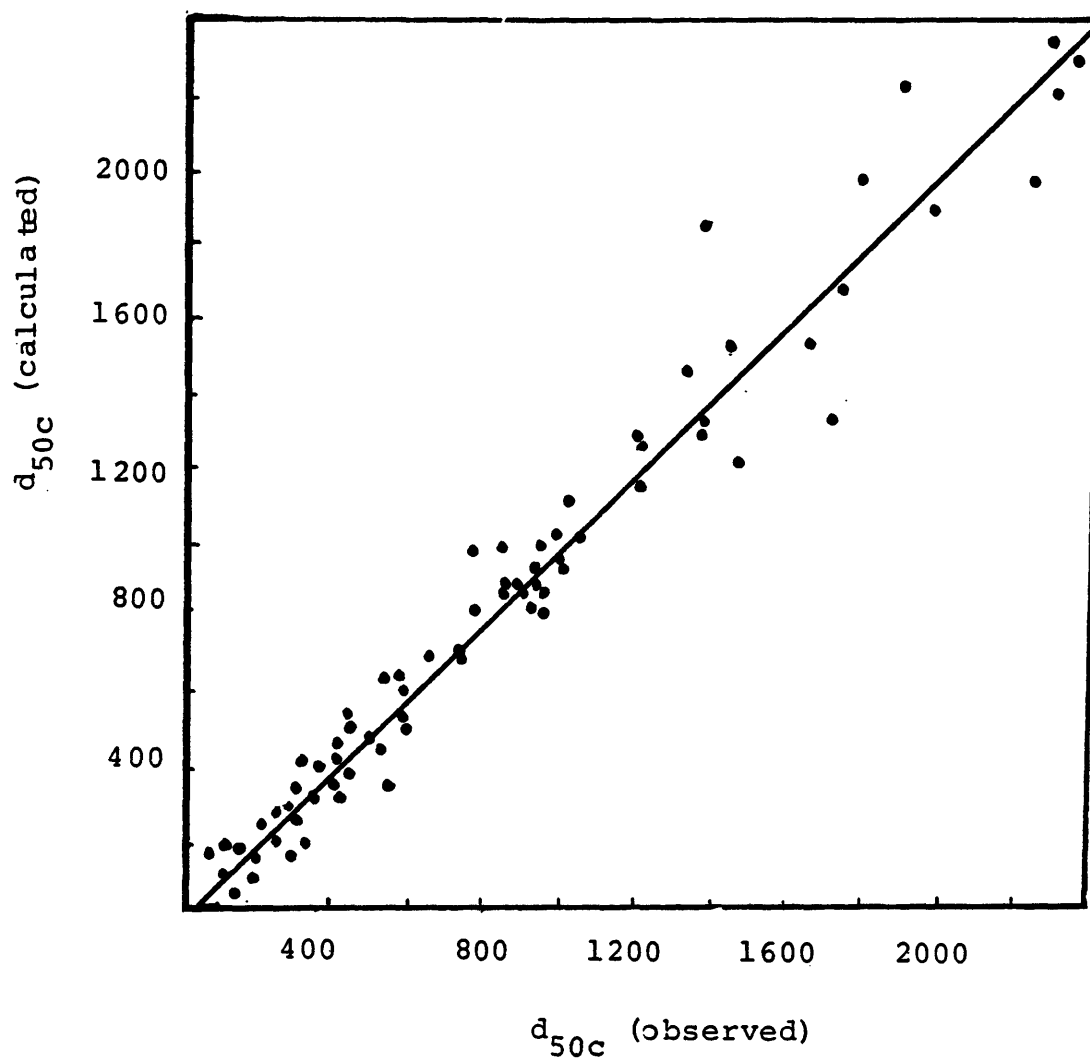


Figure 4.3 Comparison of Observed and
Calculated Values for d_{50} (Corrected)

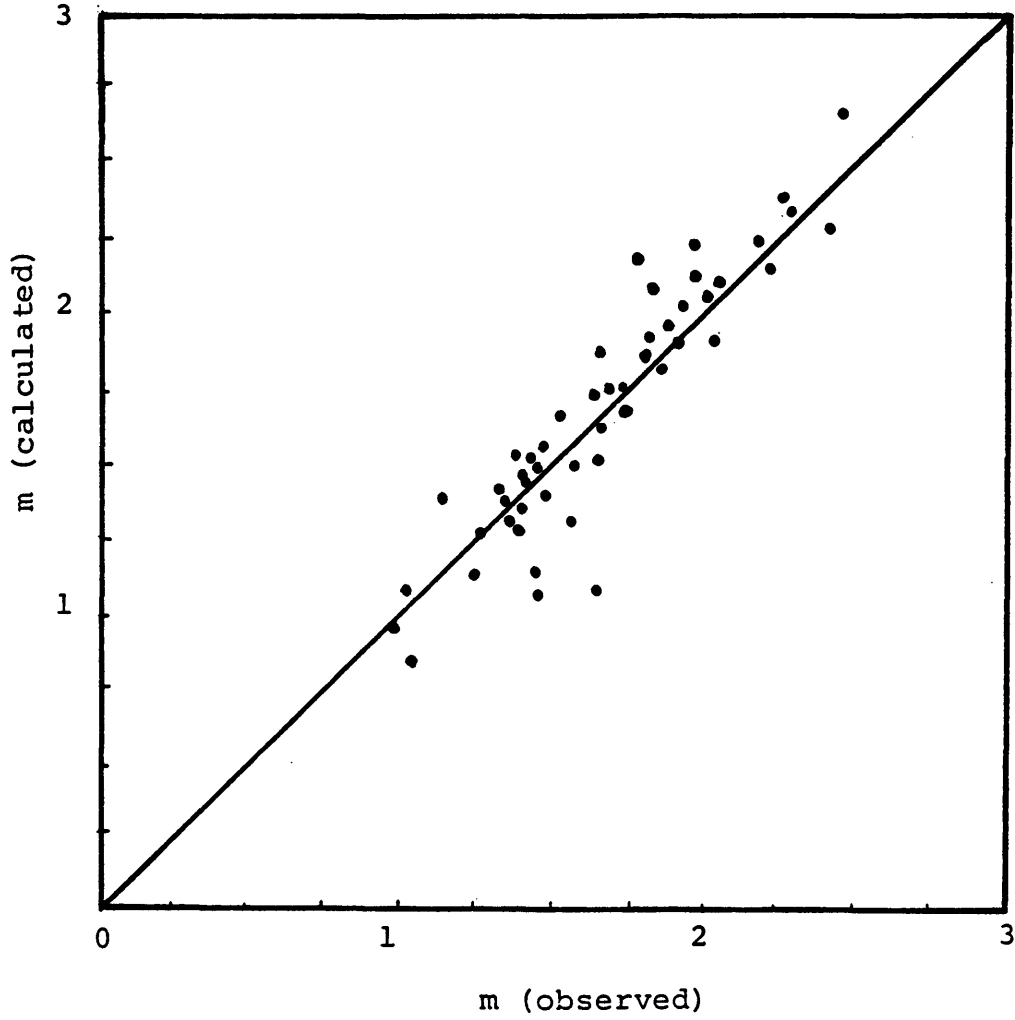


Figure 4.4 Comparison of Observed
and Calculated Values
for m

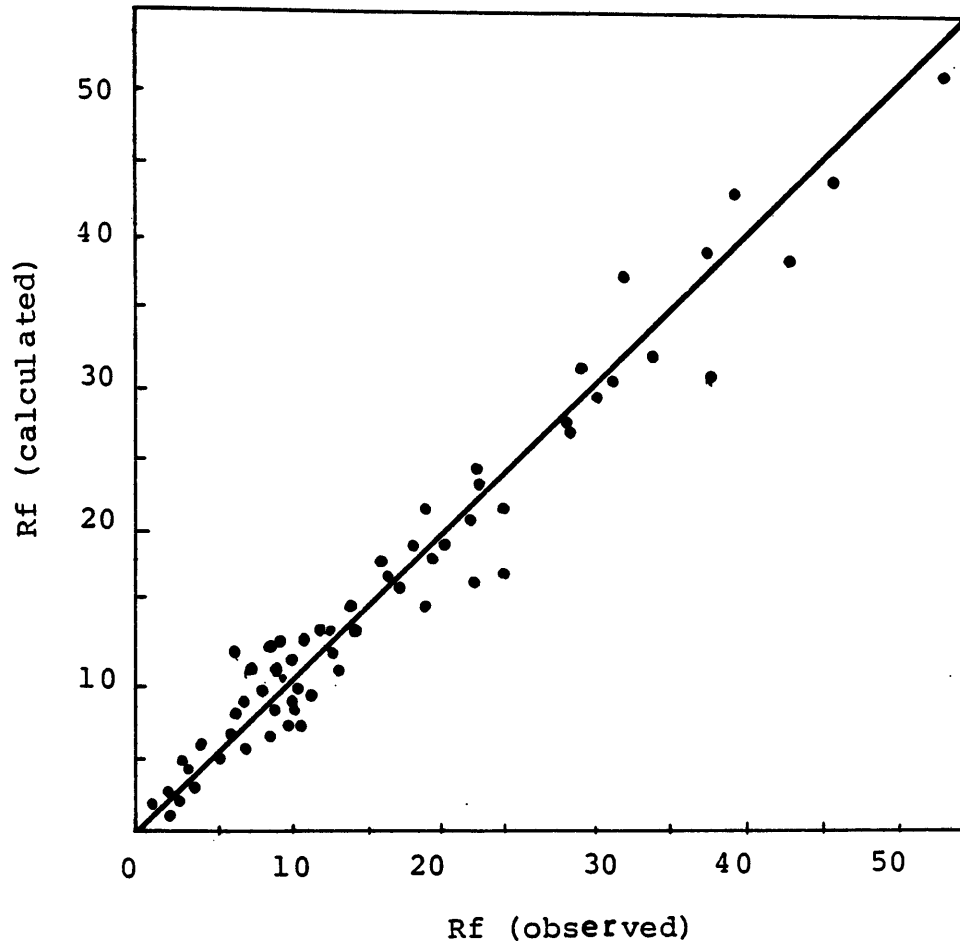


Figure 4.5 Comparison of Observed
and Calculated Values
for Rf (Water Split)

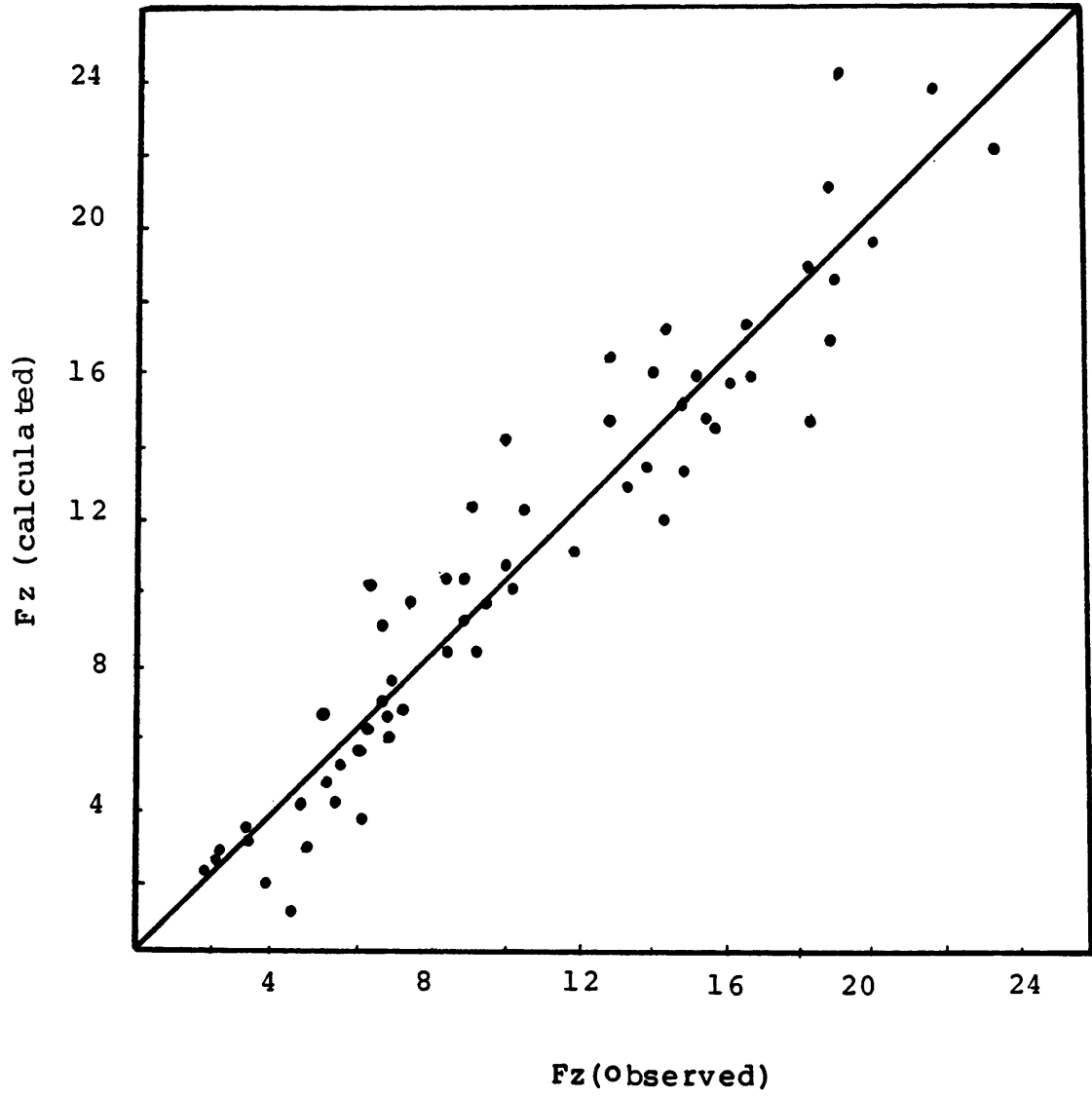


Figure 4.6 Comparison of Observed
and Calculated Values
for Fz

CHAPTER V

GRINDING CIRCUIT SIMULATION

The possibility of representing a grinding-classifying circuit by means of a series of mathematical equations, developed empirically from a broad base of data or theoretically from the physical characteristics of the grinding and classifying process, has generated tremendous research activity in this field (40-49). It is obvious that modeling and simulation in mineral processing will become more and more important because of the need for optimization and automatic control (51,65,68).

The simulation study presented here is an attempt to model a closed grinding-classifying circuit using a plug flow cumulative-basis first order kinetic model (61) for a ball mill, and the spiral classifier model which has been formulated by the author in this thesis. The results obtained were satisfactory within acceptable limits.

5.1 Simulation Fundamentals

5.1.1 Ball Mill Model

The ball mill model which has been used in this closed grinding-classifying circuit is based on the breakage rate

described by a first order rate equation. The breakage rate is the fractional rate at which a given size of particle disappears, having been broken into smaller particles, and the resultant cumulative distribution of the daughter fragments is described as the breakage function (9,45,52). The breakage rate depends markedly on the hardness of the material and the equipment in which the material would be broken (53,54). Various investigators (22,66,67) have shown that the rate of breakage in a ball mill can be described by Equation 5.1.

The form of the first order rate equation is:

$$dm_i / dt = -K_i m_i \quad (5.1)$$

Where:

m_i = mass fraction in size i

K_i = rate of breakage out of size fraction i , the first-order rate constant

t = time

In batch grinding, all the material remains in the mill for the required time. Plug flow through a continuous mill is in fact equivalent to batch grinding, with the average residence time equal to the batch grinding time. Under this condition part of the material in any size fraction is

disappearing because of breakage, while other material is entering the size fraction as a result of breakage of particles in larger size fractions.

The breakage rate for different size fractions can be calculated using the integrated form of Equation 5.1 which is

$$\ln m_i = \ln m_{0i} - K_i t \quad (5.2)$$

Where, m_{0i} is the mass fraction in the i th size in the ball mill at time zero and the other terms are as previously defined. Equation 5.2 can be written in the following form:

$$m(t) = m(0) \exp(-K_i t) \quad (5.3)$$

Equation 5.3 is the final form of the kinetic plug flow model which was used in the simulation of this study.

5.1.2 Spiral Classifier Model

As discussed in Chapter IV, the spiral classifier model consists of four equations. They are expressed in equation 4.1, 4.4, 4.5 and 4.6, respectively.

5.1.3 Mass Balance Equation

The closed grinding-classifier circuit to be simulated

consists of a ball mill and a spiral classifier (see Figure 5.1).

The final mass balance equations which will be needed for simulating the circuit are:

1) Around the classifier

Water balance:

$$WW2 = WW1 + WW5 \quad (5.5)$$

$$WW2 + W2 = WW3 + WW4 \quad (5.6)$$

Solids balance:

$$SW2 = SW1 + SW5 \quad (5.7)$$

$$SW2 = SW3 + SW4 \quad (5.8)$$

Solids balance for each size fraction:

$$SW2M2(di) = SW1M1(di) + SW5M5(di) \quad (5.9)$$

$$SW2M2(di) = SW3M3(di) + SW4M4(di) \quad (5.10)$$

2) Around the ball mill

Water balance:

$$WW3 + W3 = WW5 \quad (5.11)$$

Solids balance:

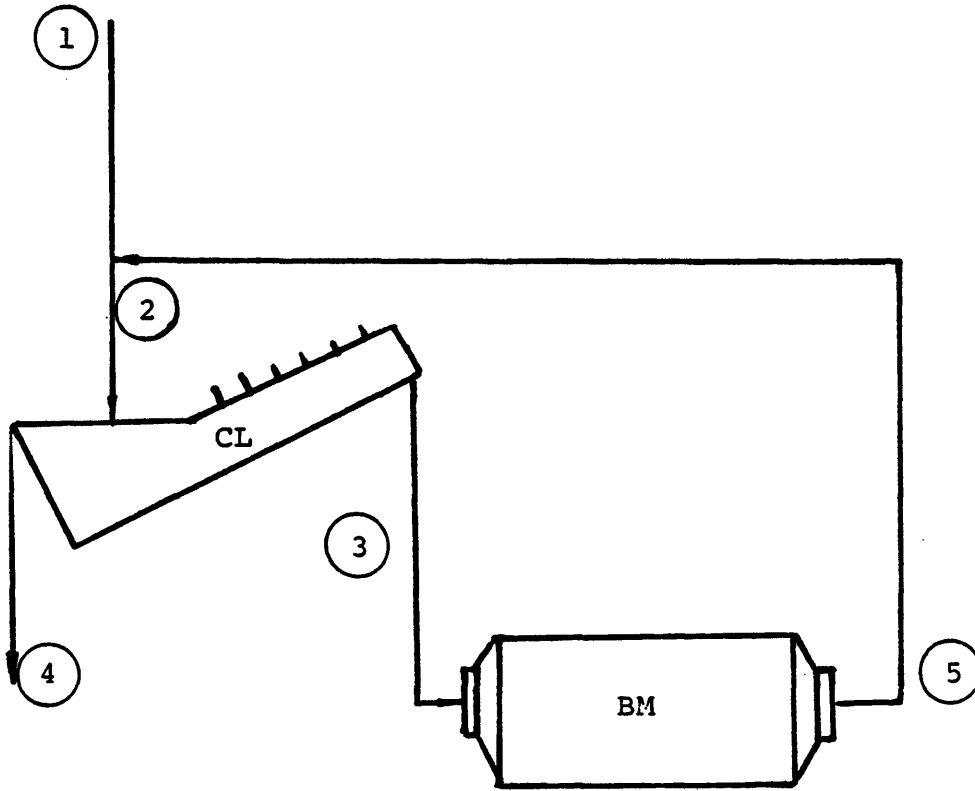
$$SW3 = SW5 \quad (5.12)$$

Where:

WW_i = Water mass in the i th stream

SW_i = solids mass in the i th stream

$M_i(di)$ = mass percent of size di in the i th stream



BM ball mill
CL classifier

Figure 5.1 Closed grinding-classifying circuit

W2 = water addition to the classifier
W3 = water addition to the ball mill
i=1, 2,, 5

5.2 Simulation Program

The flow chart of Figure 5.2 shows schematically the computer program developed to simulate the closed grind-classifying circuit shown in Figure 5.1; the program is shown in Appendix II. The program consists of five parts, which are: main program, input subroutine, spiral classifier subroutine, ball mill subroutine and output subroutine.

An iteration method was used in this program. Convergence was considered achieved when the difference between the solids mass in the product (overflow) and in the new feed is less than 0.1 %. However, if the number of iterations was over 30 and convergence was still not achieved, then the program also went to the output subroutine and the final iteration results were given as output.

5.3 Simulation Results

The following is the printout of a simulated grinding-classification operation:

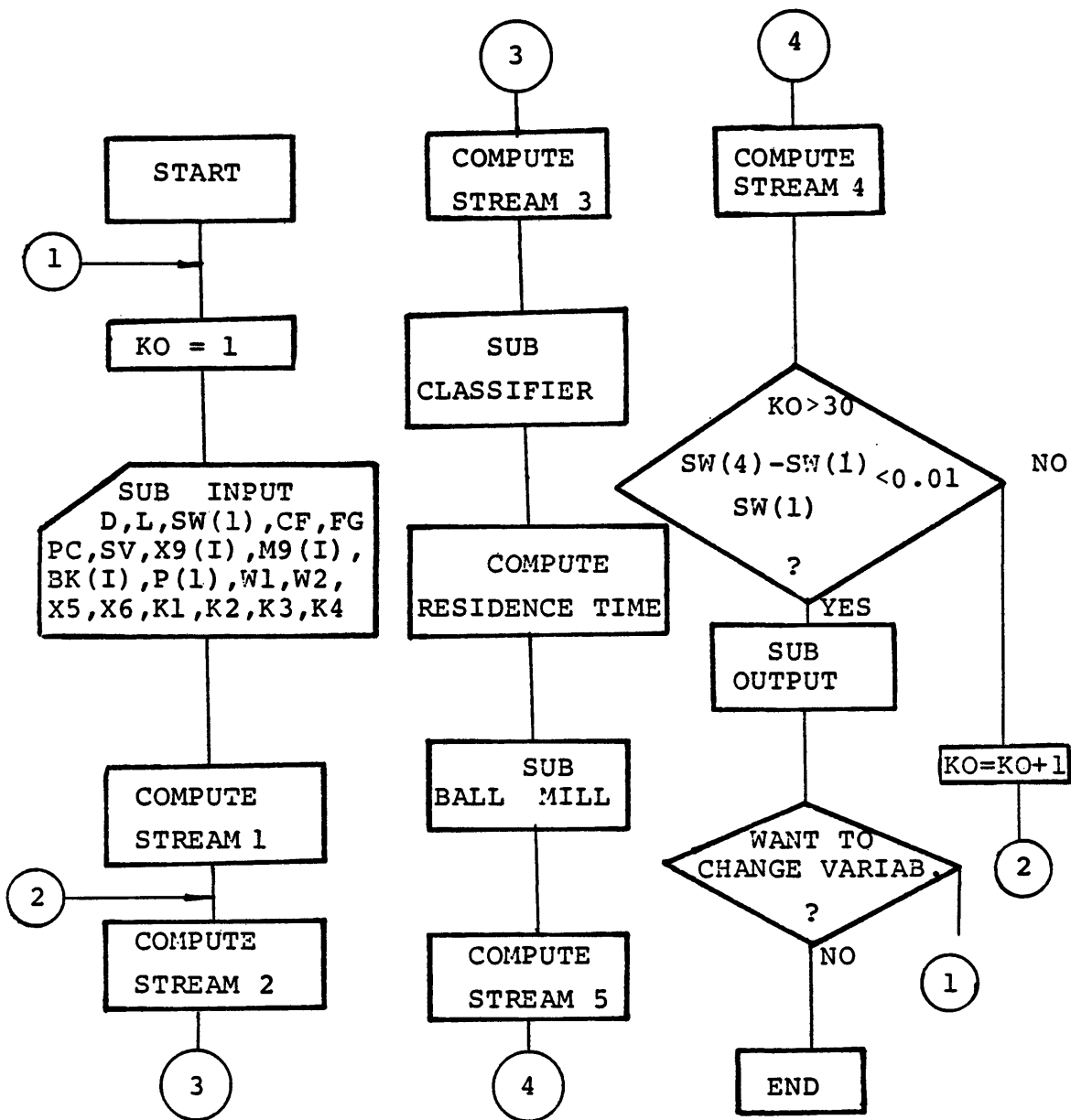


Figure 5.2 Simplified flow-chart of the computer program to simulate the closed grinding-classifying circuit

Table 5.1 Simulation Results

MEAN RESIDENCE TIME = 1.14 MIN

CIRCULATING LOAD = 123.33 PCT

WEIGHT PERCENT RETAINED OF STREAMS INDICATED

STREAM NO. 1

SIZE	PCT RETAINED
598	20.06
425	3.56
300	3.98
212	5.33
148	5.49
106	7.00
75	7.96
53	6.91
-53	39.71

STREAM NO. 2

SIZE	PCT RETAINED
598	20.54
425	4.01
300	5.29
212	11.94
148	13.78
106	10.72
75	7.50
53	5.33
-53	20.89

Table 5.1 Simulation Results (continued)

STREAM NO. 3

SIZE	PCT RETAINED
598	37.19
425	7.26
300	9.41
212	18.72
148	15.69
106	7.59
75	3.02
53	1.14
-53	0.00

STREAM NO. 4

SIZE	PCT RETAINED
598	0.00
425	0.00
300	0.21
212	3.58
148	11.43
106	14.59
75	13.03
53	10.49
-53	46.66

STREAM NO. 5

SIZE	PCT RETAINED
598	21.01
425	4.40
300	6.39
212	17.36
148	20.43
106	13.67
75	7.10
53	4.03
-53	5.62

Table 5.1 Simulation Results (continued)

WEIGHT PCT SOLIDS

 STREAM 1 =85
 STREAM 2 =37.0440852
 STREAM 2 =43.2615322
 STREAM 4 =22.1603026
 STREAM 5 =43.2615322

SPIRAL CLASSIFIER SELECTIVITY INDICES, PCT

 SIZE EC(I)
 598 100.00
 504 99.97
 357 98.22
 252 86.59
 177 62.88
 125 39.08
 89 22.21
 63 11.80

Table 5.2 Input Data for the Simulation

CUMULATIVE-BASIS BREAKAGE RATE

SIZE	BREAK.RATE
598	0.500
425	0.490
300	0.461
212	0.341
148	0.208
106	0.123
75	0.079
53	0.051
-53	0.000

INPUT DATA FOR THIS SIMULATION(CONTIUED)

BALL MILL HOLD-UP = .01627776 METRIC TONNES

FRESH FEED TONNAGE = .3 MTPH

WATER FLOW RATE ADDED IN THE CLASSIFIER,TPH=.4

WATER SPLIT FACTOR, RF = 7.48915583 PCT

ORE SPECIFIC GRAVITY = 3 G/CC

CHAPTER VI

DISCUSSION

6.1 The Experiments

The main objective was the development of a suitable experimental technique to obtain experimental results in which the experimental error is as small as possible. Generally speaking, the results in this study are satisfactory within acceptable limits, as mentioned in Chapter III and IV, but it would be possible to make the experimental results more accurate with some changes in experimental technique.

6.1.1 Design of Experimental Flowsheet

The experimental flowsheet shown in Figure 3.2 was a closed circuit in which the overflow of the spiral classifier was combined with sands product and returned to the sump as the feed of the classifier. The advantages of this flowsheet were: 1) to minimize experimental materials, and 2) to decrease preparatory work for the tests. It is obvious that the major shortcomings of this flowsheet were: 1) The effect on steady-state operation of the classifier as samples were being taken; 2) It was difficult to maintain

the size distribution, pulp density and volumetric flow rate at constant values; 3) The accuracy of the experiments was therefore decreased. Thus, a better experimental flowsheet would be an open circuit in which the overflow and sands were not be returned to the sump as feed to the classifier.

6.1.2 Experimental Accuracy

In order to maintain a steady operation of the classifier and increase the experimental accuracy under the conditions of closed circuit operation, certain measures had to be adopted:

- 1) Examining the mass flow rate of slurry to make sure that the absolute value of the difference between the feed and the sum of the overflow and sands was less than 5 % before each sampling;

- 2) After measuring each operating variable the samples were then taken;

- 3) After each sampling, the new material and water were added to the classification circuit based on the mass of slurry samples removed and the condition of the next test;

- 4) Samples of the overflow, sands and feed were taken at the same time to check the experimental error. Tests were repeated if the experimental error was outside the acceptable limits. In addition, some tests were duplicated.

6.2 The Mathematical Model

As described above, a mathematical model of a spiral classifier was formulated based on the concepts of d_{50c} and the reduced-performance curve. As there were differences between hydrocyclone models and the spiral classifier performance, it is necessary to discuss some major complexities which arose during the process of development of the mathematical model.

6.2.1 Determination of the Corrected Performance Curve

It is well known that the actual performance curve for a hydrocyclone does not pass through the origin. Early in the 1950's, Kelsall (11) explained the reason for this. It is generally assumed that the solids of all sizes are entrained by the coarse product liquid. In other words, this entrainment effect manifests itself as an intercept on the ordinate of the performance curve which normally corresponds, at least approximately, to the fraction of water recovered to coarse product, i.e., $E_c \rightarrow R_f$, as $d \rightarrow 0$ (see Figure 2.1). Therefore, the corrected efficiency, E_c is shown as Equation 2.2. This equation has commonly been used to calculate E_c for the hydrocyclone (2,7,9,10,14,39,57,59). But it is not in agreement with

test results reported in Chapter III, and Austin (41) has pointed out the same problem for a hydrocyclone. This question is now discussed in more detail.

Lynch (2,14) postulated that the two major mechanisms by which particles enter the coarse product are entrainment and classification which can be expressed mathematically as follows:

$$E_a = a + E_c(i) \quad (6.1)$$

Where $E_a(i)$ is the mass fraction of size interval i in feed reporting to the underflow because of entrainment and classification

$E_c(i)$ = the mass fraction of size interval i in feed reporting to the underflow because of classification only

a = by-pass fraction (no classification).

Although the above postulation must be correct, there still exist two major questions: 1) Is it correct to consider $a = R_f$? 2) Is the entrainment effect on the coarse and fine particles the same?

For the first question, if $a = R_f$, then $E_c(i)$ would then be a negative value in many cases (because $R_f > E_a(i)$ in these cases); this is obviously incorrect both in theory and in

practice. The author's opinion is that there is no theoretical or practical reason why this by-pass fraction, a , should equal the water split to the underflow, R_f , under all circumstances.

Luckie and Austin (58) have reviewed the methods of analysis of classifier data and outlined a sophisticated mathematical procedure for fitting an appropriate function to the performance curve. Recently Austin and Klimpel (41) have suggested a mathematical procedure for obtaining the complete performance curve based on extrapolation of the smaller sizes of the feed size distribution on a Schuhmann plot, and fitting the performance curve to a three-parameter function (by-pass, d_{50c} and steepness parameters). The work in this study was undertaken to find another way to solve this problem. A relationship between the finest size fraction, F_z (% -53 microns reporting to the sands) and the operating variables has been investigated, and a regression equation has been developed (cf. Chapter IV). The complete reduced-performance curve was obtained using F_z instead of R_f to calculate $E_c(i)$. The advantages of this method are: 1) avoiding the unreasonable situation in which the $E_c(i)$ is a negative value in many cases; 2) the results of using F_z to fit the test data relatively accurately.

For the second question, the experimental results showed

that the influence of entrainment on the different size fractions classified is different; that is, the influence on the coarse size fraction is less than on the fine size fraction. The principal reason is probably that the finer solids are entrained by the coarse product liquid, and solids of coarse size reporting to the sands (or the underflow) are acted upon by the gravity force. In other words, classification is dominant for coarse sizes reporting to the sands, and entrainment is dominant for fines reporting to the sands. If so, the logical conclusion is that there will probably be a critical size, D_{cr} , such that

$$\begin{aligned} d(i) > D_{cr} & \quad E_c(i) = E_a(i) \\ d(i) < D_{cr} & \quad E_c(i) = E_a(i) - a / (1 - a) \quad (6.2) \end{aligned}$$

Where:

$d(i)$ = particle size in the interval i in the feed

a = entrainment or by-pass fraction

Thus, the main problem becomes how to determine D_{cr} and a . If these two parameters can be found, a more accurate E_c could then be obtained. However, this work is beyond the scope of this thesis.

6.2.2 Fitting the Equation For the Reduced-Performance Curve

In this study Equation 2.4 was used to present the

reduced-performance curve:

$$E_c = 1 - (-0.693(d/d_{50c})^m) \quad (2.4)$$

Where m embodies all of the variables affecting the sharpness of separation. The value of m varies between 1.5 to 3.5 for hydrocyclones (10), and between 1.0 to 2.5 for the spiral classifier (see Chapter III).

The regression Equation 4.4 indicates that most of the variables which affect the value of m are operating variables, and among them the size distribution of the feed is the most important factor. As the goodness-of-fit is different in the different sections of the reduced-performance curve, the best way to improve the goodness-of-fit would probably be to fit according to the different sections of the curve, i.e., divide the reduced-performance curve into several (2 or 3) sections, with each section fitted using a different value of m .

6.2.3 Methods to Determine d_{50c}

Altogether four methods were used to determine d_{50c} in this study: 1) The Lagrange interpolation method; 2) The linear interpolation (two-point interpolation) method; 3) Calculation from slope, m , of the reduced-performance curve; and 4) Direct determination from the reduced-performance curve. The calculated results are given in Appendix III.1.

Only a few experimental data would be included using the straight line method. The method of direct determination of d_{50c} from the reduced-performance curve is very simple, but it is not convenient when using the computer. It seems to be that the Lagrange interception method is better because more test data can be used, and more accurate results could be obtained when adopting computer calculation. The third method, using slope, m of the reduced-performance curve to calculate d_{50c} would also be a good method if the goodness-of-fit of the reduced-performance curve was improved and the value of m was sufficiently accurate.

6.3 Simulation of Grinding-classifying Circuit

The simulation of a closed grinding circuit which consists of a ball mill and a spiral classifier has been carried out using a plug flow ball mill model and the spiral classifier model developed in this study. The major objective was to examine the application and suitability of the model developed for the simulation of grinding-classifying circuits. Although the simulation results are basically satisfactory, some aspects still need to be improved.

6.3.1 Grinding

The simulation subroutine of a ball mill requires information on the feed rate and sizing analysis of the ore entering the mill as well as values for the breakage rate, and the mill parameters, such as the diameter and length of the mill, ball load, critical speed, the throughput of the mill, etc. Although the simulation program included most of the above information, some were not considered in the plug flow model.

When carrying out simulation on a computer, it is of considerable importance to relate simulation results to practical operating behavior. Operating equipment has certain physical limitations which define the limits of performance. Ball mills are restricted to a certain maximum throughput, beyond which the mill discharges part of its ball load if it is an overflow mill, or fills up if it is a grate mill. If the predicted flow rate is beyond the practical limitations of the ball mill then the simulation is invalid. In order to increase the accuracy of simulation, it may be necessary to find other models, for example, the population balance model.

6.3.2 Classification

The mathematical model for the spiral classifier which was used in the simulation of the grinding-classifying

circuit included all operating and design variables excepting the screw speed. It has been demonstrated that this model is suitable for simulation under certain conditions. Only a single mineral (dolomite) was tested, and small equipment was used in all the tests by which the spiral classifier model was developed.

6.4 Further Work

1. To study the influence of entrainment on the different size fractions and find a more accurate method to determine the reduced-performance curve.

2. To firmly establish the relationship between sharpness of separation and the operating and design variables of a spiral classifier because of the poor correlation coefficient obtained in Equation 4.4. Try using different values of m to fit the different sections of the reduced-performance curve.

3. To study classification of mixtures of minerals by doing experimental work or collecting plant data which are suitable for investigating aspects of the classification behavior of mixtures of minerals.

4. To develop a scale-up procedure so that the mathematical model of the spiral classifier which was formulated in this study can be used to predict the

performance of spiral classifiers over a wide range of sizes and operating conditions.

CHAPTER VII

CONCLUSIONS

The conclusions of this study are summarized as follows:

1. A mathematical model of a spiral classifier has been developed based on the concept of d_{50c} and the reduced-performance curve.
2. The model which has been formulated enables the performance of a spiral classifier to be calculated with reasonable accuracy when operating and design variables are available.
3. The equations clearly reveal the independent effects and relative importance of all the major variables which influence the operation of a spiral classifier.
4. There is no theoretical or practical reason why the by-pass fraction (without classification) should equal the water split to the sands under all circumstances. For a 'spiral' classifier, the best method to calculate the corrected performance is by use of the finest size fraction instead of the water split to the sand. As the influence of entrainment on the different size fractions in the classifier varies, further experimental work is required to find a more accurate method for calculating the corrected

performance.

5. The reduced-performance curve for a mineral in a classifier is basically constant irrespective of the operating conditions.

6. More work is required to firmly establish the relationship between the sharpness of separation and the operating and design variables of a spiral classifier. A method by which different values of "m" are used to fit the different sections of the reduced-performance curve may give a more accurate result.

7. The model developed in this thesis, combined with a ball mill model can be used for simulation of closed circuit grinding.

8. Further work is required before it is possible to use this model for classification of ores and for large scale equipment.

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APPENDIX I

RESULTS OF EACH TEST

Table AI.1 Results of Test NO.1

Size (Micr.)	Size Distribution (%)				Ea (%)	Ec (%)
	O/F	Sand	Cal.F	Mea.F		
2803	0.00	0.04	0.02	0.01	100.00	100.00
992	1.36	42.83	23.33	22.81	97.26	96.90
350	1.36	21.32	11.93	11.51	94.64	93.94
248	4.77	12.34	8.78	8.80	74.46	71.10
174	3.07	7.48	5.41	5.40	73.30	69.79
104	2.05	1.57	1.80	2.07	46.32	39.27
63	23.85	7.01	14.93	14.88	24.88	15.01
-63	63.54	7.41	33.80	34.52	11.61	0.00

RF=10.5993951

OFW=2.98

SW=3.36

Table AI.2 Results of Test No.2

Size Micr.	O/F	Size Distribution (%)			EA	EC
		SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.04	0.02	0.01	100.00	100.00
992	4.13	43.50	22.39	22.47	90.11	89.10
350	2.07	19.94	10.36	10.40	89.28	88.19
248	4.29	12.60	8.14	7.92	71.76	68.86
174	3.96	8.03	5.85	5.28	63.69	59.97
104	15.85	5.98	11.27	11.32	24.61	16.88
63	9.76	2.81	6.54	6.18	19.94	11.74
-63	59.94	7.10	35.43	36.42	9.29	0.00

RF=8.43357568

OFW=3.29

SW=2.85

Table AI.3 Results of Test No.3

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)				EA	EC
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.01	100.00	100.00
992	0.84	42.28	20.46	20.52	97.84	97.61
350	1.34	21.73	10.99	10.37	93.58	92.89
248	4.19	12.74	8.24	8.63	73.22	70.34
174	5.36	7.59	6.42	6.95	56.01	51.28
104	5.01	3.68	4.38	4.17	39.78	33.30
63	20.45	4.43	12.86	12.35	16.30	7.29
-63	62.81	7.52	36.63	37.00	9.72	0.00

RF=9.21607195

OFW=3.17

SW=2.85

Table AI.4 Results of Test No.4

Size Micr.	O/F	Size Distribution (%)			EA	EC
		SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2308	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.03	100.00	100.00
992	2.64	32.02	23.37	23.81	96.67	94.55
350	2.64	16.64	12.52	12.23	93.79	89.82
248	6.61	12.86	11.02	10.99	82.33	71.04
174	4.41	7.52	6.60	7.09	80.33	67.76
104	4.64	4.45	4.51	4.56	69.67	50.28
63	20.47	10.84	13.68	13.43	55.92	27.73
-63	58.59	15.64	28.29	27.68	39.00	0.00

RF=54.604727

OFW=1.63

SW=3.90

Table AI.5 Results of Test No.5

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)			EA	EC	
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.09	0.06	0.00	100.00	100.00
992	2.48	30.16	22.46	21.63	96.93	94.32
350	2.27	16.27	12.38	12.52	94.90	90.57
248	8.19	14.27	12.58	11.98	81.89	66.53
174	6.49	7.76	7.41	7.55	75.63	54.95
104	4.89	4.18	4.38	4.95	68.93	42.57
63	20.93	9.37	12.59	12.41	53.75	14.50
-63	54.75	17.90	28.15	28.96	45.90	0.00

RF=47.9145678

OFW=1.49

SW=3.87

Table AI.6 Results of Test No.6

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)				EA	EC
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.08	0.06	0.00	100.00	100.00
992	3.08	34.24	25.46	25.09	96.59	94.02
350	5.68	16.63	13.55	13.07	88.19	79.26
248	6.77	14.63	12.42	12.68	84.64	73.02
174	5.89	5.75	5.79	5.29	71.35	49.67
104	9.01	7.25	7.75	8.14	67.24	42.45
63	18.43	6.25	9.68	9.07	46.38	5.81
-63	51.14	15.17	25.30	26.66	43.07	0.00

RF=38.8530821 OFW=1.59 SW=4.05

Table AI.7 Results of Test No.7

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)				EA	EC
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.26	0.12	0.17	100.00	100.00
992	2.46	66.86	32.99	32.17	96.08	95.73
350	4.57	11.41	7.81	7.41	69.24	66.53
248	8.26	8.38	8.32	8.62	47.77	43.16
174	4.82	3.52	4.20	4.80	39.70	34.38
104	8.92	2.56	5.90	5.11	20.55	13.55
63	23.32	2.35	13.38	16.58	8.33	0.25
-63	47.65	4.66	27.27	25.14	8.10	0.00

RF=7.90602395

OFW=7.02

SW=6.33

Table AI.8 Results of Test No.8

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)				EA	EC
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.16	0.08	0.10	100.00	100.00
992	1.22	61.76	32.07	32.14	98.13	97.87
350	2.48	11.42	7.04	7.47	82.71	80.31
248	5.90	7.96	6.95	6.96	58.36	52.57
174	7.79	4.22	6.09	6.56	35.49	26.51
104	3.59	1.47	2.51	2.62	29.85	20.09
63	24.84	5.78	15.13	14.98	19.47	8.27
-63	54.00	7.23	30.17	29.17	12.21	0.00

RF=9.33190906

OFW=3.30

SW=3.43

Table AI.9 Results of Test No.9

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)				EA	EC
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.97	0.55	0.60	100.00	100.00
992	2.43	65.15	37.71	38.10	97.18	96.50
350	4.96	9.68	7.61	7.29	71.50	64.65
248	7.61	5.32	6.32	6.60	47.33	34.68
174	8.49	4.23	6.09	6.20	39.04	24.40
104	4.09	0.97	2.34	2.72	23.36	4.96
63	21.14	4.10	11.56	11.14	19.95	0.73
-63	51.28	9.58	27.83	27.35	19.36	0.00

RF=23.0467045

OFW=4.45

SW=5.72

Table AI.10 Results of Test No.10

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)				EA	EC
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.09	0.05	0.05	100.00	100.00
992	5.42	48.12	28.59	28.69	91.33	88.08
350	6.90	10.51	8.86	8.76	64.38	51.04
248	8.25	8.85	8.58	8.14	56.00	39.53
174	8.25	7.63	7.91	7.85	52.32	34.47
104	5.48	3.64	4.48	4.38	44.07	23.14
63	19.39	6.55	12.42	12.71	28.61	1.89
-63	46.31	14.61	29.11	29.42	27.24	0.00

RF=35.917768 OFW=4.36 SW=5.18

Table AI.11 Results of Test No.11

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)				EA	EC
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.09	0.05	0.07	100.00	100.00
992	3.70	54.01	33.56	34.05	95.52	93.77
350	6.17	10.58	8.79	8.61	71.46	60.31
248	7.27	7.11	7.18	7.84	58.81	42.73
174	6.02	5.11	5.48	5.07	55.34	37.91
104	5.11	3.55	4.18	4.21	50.36	30.97
63	22.56	6.40	12.97	12.66	29.29	1.68
-63	49.17	13.15	27.79	27.49	28.08	0.00

RF=26.7848196

OFW=3.64

SW=5.31

Table AI.12 Results of Test No.12

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)				EA	EC
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.10	0.05	0.03	100.00	100.00
992	6.15	50.93	28.28	28.10	89.00	84.73
350	7.92	10.14	9.02	9.04	55.58	38.30
248	10.53	6.55	8.56	8.89	37.81	13.62
174	8.97	4.62	6.82	6.36	33.48	7.61
104	13.50	6.20	9.89	9.43	30.98	4.14
63	12.37	5.32	8.89	9.42	29.59	2.21
-63	40.56	16.14	28.49	28.93	28.00	0.00

RF=21.0211841

OFW=7.38

SW=7.21

Table AI.13 Results of Tests No.13

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)				Ea	Ec
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.08	0.04	0.06	100.00	100.00
992	5.99	41.14	23.85	23.61	87.65	82.11
350	8.03	12.30	10.20	10.79	61.28	43.92
248	10.07	7.73	8.88	9.13	44.23	19.22
174	9.05	6.78	7.79	8.04	43.63	18.36
104	19.71	11.05	15.31	15.66	36.68	8.28
63	5.86	3.00	4.41	4.28	34.60	5.27
-63	41.29	17.92	29.41	28.43	30.96	0.00

RF=23.7076052

OFW=6.51

SW=6.72

Table AI.14 Results of Test No.14

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)				EA	EC
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	1.31	0.12	0.15	100.00	100.00
992	6.95	66.83	12.63	12.05	50.20	49.53
350	6.26	9.88	6.60	6.43	14.19	13.05
248	10.60	5.60	10.13	10.40	5.25	3.98
174	9.05	3.93	8.56	8.86	4.35	3.07
104	16.68	4.93	15.57	15.78	3.00	1.71
63	8.12	2.12	7.55	7.37	2.66	1.36
-63	42.34	5.40	38.84	38.87	1.32	0.00
RF=2.41971959		OFW=10.93		SW=1.15		

Table AI.15 Results of Test No.15

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)				EA	EC
	O/F	AND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.20	0.02	0.03	100.00	100.00
992	7.67	64.40	13.03	13.20	46.69	45.73
350	8.23	11.64	8.55	8.58	12.86	11.28
248	11.31	6.26	10.83	10.42	5.46	3.74
174	9.79	4.07	9.25	8.99	4.16	2.42
104	11.27	3.42	10.53	10.23	3.07	1.31
63	8.92	2.57	8.32	8.62	2.92	1.16
-63	42.81	7.44	39.47	39.93	1.78	0.00

RF=2.05230528

OFW=10.42

SW=1.09

Table AI.16 Results of Test No.16

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)				EA	EC
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.24	0.12	0.12	100.00	100.00
992	3.70	71.39	38.43	38.68	95.31	94.55
350	8.62	9.66	9.15	9.79	54.14	46.73
248	9.50	5.51	7.45	7.24	37.93	27.89
174	10.41	2.44	6.32	6.31	19.80	6.83
104	16.46	2.82	9.46	10.09	15.29	1.59
63	7.27	1.18	4.15	4.05	14.60	0.79
-63	44.07	6.76	24.91	23.72	13.92	0.00

RF=18.7776492

OFW=4.15

SW=4.37

Table AI.17 Results of Test No.17

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)				EA	EC
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.41	0.22	0.24	100.00	100.00
992	5.22	70.73	40.53	40.27	94.06	92.85
350	9.38	8.50	8.91	9.53	51.44	41.52
248	10.85	4.46	7.41	7.91	32.46	18.65
174	9.30	2.54	5.66	5.23	24.20	8.71
104	21.78	5.32	12.91	12.98	22.21	6.31
63	7.38	1.73	4.33	4.54	21.51	5.47
-63	36.09	6.31	20.04	19.30	16.97	0.00

RF=20.0867247

OFW=4.04

SW=4.72

Table AI.18 Results of Test No.18

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)				EA	EC
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.20	0.05	0.06	100.00	100.00
992	6.52	60.86	19.41	20.18	74.38	72.91
350	7.69	10.26	8.30	8.78	29.33	25.25
248	10.11	6.76	9.32	9.14	17.22	12.44
174	7.85	4.94	7.16	7.47	16.37	11.55
104	24.23	8.23	20.43	19.82	9.56	4.34
63	7.85	2.12	6.49	6.56	7.75	2.43
-63	35.75	6.63	28.84	27.99	5.45	0.00

RF=10.318997 OFW=8.48 SW=2.64

Table AI.19 Results of Test No.19

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)			EA	EC	
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2083	0.00	0.16	0.06	0.05	100.00	100.00
992	4.79	67.89	29.85	29.94	90.33	89.38
350	7.07	10.50	8.43	9.02	49.46	44.48
248	9.88	5.15	8.00	7.69	25.57	18.23
174	8.71	3.78	6.75	6.65	22.24	14.57
104	17.16	4.10	11.97	11.24	13.60	5.09
63	13.36	3.03	11.07	11.81	10.88	2.09
-63	36.03	5.39	23.86	23.60	8.97	0.00

RF=8.1601994 OFW=6.18 SW=4.08

Table AI.20 Results of Test No.20

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)				EA	EC
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.17	0.04	0.03	100.00	100.00
992	7.15	70.71	21.96	21.22	75.02	74.01
350	7.82	10.76	8.50	9.04	29.47	26.62
248	10.86	5.31	9.57	9.32	12.93	9.40
174	9.57	2.73	7.98	7.76	7.97	4.25
104	20.24	4.33	16.53	17.74	6.10	2.30
63	6.87	0.99	5.50	4.58	4.19	0.31
-63	37.49	5.00	29.72	30.26	3.89	0.00
RF=4.71531292		OFW=12.95		SW=3.93		

Table AI.21 Results of Test No.21

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)				EA	EC
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.37	0.04	0.04	100.00	100.00
992	4.61	72.46	11.40	11.50	63.60	63.04
350	6.11	9.61	6.46	6.18	14.88	13.57
248	7.55	3.94	7.19	7.22	5.48	4.02
174	7.70	2.39	7.17	7.98	3.33	1.84
104	23.75	4.31	21.81	21.29	1.98	0.47
63	9.78	1.48	8.95	8.42	1.65	0.14
-63	40.50	5.62	37.01	37.37	1.52	0.00
RF=2.84710703		OFW=12.91	SW=1.43			

Table AI.22 Results of Test No.22

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)				EA	EC
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.36	0.04	0.03	100.00	100.00
992	3.80	70.99	10.70	10.25	68.15	67.53
350	5.47	7.03	5.63	6.02	12.83	11.15
248	9.04	5.60	8.69	9.03	6.62	4.83
174	8.68	2.34	8.03	8.29	2.99	1.13
104	24.32	5.25	22.36	22.51	2.41	0.54
63	9.07	1.78	8.32	8.74	2.20	0.32
-63	39.62	6.65	36.63	35.08	1.89	0.00
RF=2.93 086719		OFW=13.36	SW=1.53			

Table AI.23 Results of Test No.23

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)				EA	EC
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.09	0.04	0.05	100.00	100.00
992	2.41	31.91	15.36	15.06	91.19	87.83
350	6.48	12.00	8.90	8.97	59.15	43.54
248	9.02	7.44	8.33	8.87	39.21	15.98
174	8.48	6.51	7.62	7.16	37.51	13.63
104	22.28	15.13	19.14	19.54	34.69	9.72
63	9.77	6.26	8.23	8.06	33.38	7.92
-63	42.27	20.66	32.79	32.29	27.65	0.00

RF=27.4128544 OFW=7.13 SW=5.58

Table AI.24 Results of Test No.24

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)			EA	EC	
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.19	0.07	0.06	100.00	100.00
992	3.36	49.51	20.35	20.56	89.56	87.73
350	6.52	13.49	9.09	9.98	54.65	46.67
248	7.32	6.56	7.04	7.33	34.29	22.73
174	11.10	4.79	8.78	8.49	20.08	6.02
104	25.32	10.54	19.88	19.96	19.51	5.35
63	11.04	4.24	8.54	8.91	18.28	3.90
-63	35.34	10.68	26.26	24.71	14.97	0.00
RF=21.9503176		OFW=8.95	SW=5.21			

Table AI.25 Results of Test No.25

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)			Mea.F	EA	EC
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F		%	%
2803	0.00	0.42	0.04	0.03	100.00	100.00
992	3.34	75.88	9.60	9.71	68.23	67.91
350	4.44	9.27	4.86	5.06	16.48	15.65
248	9.13	3.85	8.67	8.67	3.83	2.88
174	8.70	2.05	8.13	7.94	2.18	1.21
104	25.07	3.25	23.19	23.09	1.21	0.23
63	10.59	1.21	9.78	9.27	1.07	0.09
-63	38.73	4.07	35.74	36.23	0.98	0.00
RF=2.30280032		OFW=13.20		SW=1.25		

Table AI.26 Results of Test No.26

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)			EA	EC	
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.42	0.03	0.04	100.00	100.00
992	3.10	76.32	8.63	8.70	66.78	66.48
350	4.05	7.06	4.28	4.08	12.46	11.66
248	8.86	3.83	8.48	8.35	3.41	2.53
174	10.86	2.12	10.20	10.52	1.57	0.67
104	23.37	4.15	21.92	21.36	1.43	0.53
63	13.84	1.90	12.94	12.48	1.11	0.20
-63	35.92	4.02	33.51	34.47	0.91	0.00
RF=1.91358719		OFW=11.20	SW=0.91			

Table AI.27 Results of Test No.27

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)				EA	EC
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Ea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.39	0.02	0.03	100.00	100.00
992	10.34	56.69	12.47	12.56	20.86	19.87
350	8.21	7.69	8.19	8.34	4.31	3.12
248	10.30	6.78	10.14	10.78	3.07	1.86
174	9.60	6.10	9.44	9.31	2.96	1.76
104	19.31	9.50	18.86	19.28	2.31	1.10
63	5.40	2.38	5.26	5.09	2.07	0.86
-63	36.84	9.53	35.59	34.61	1.23	0.00

RF=2.05591331

OFW=15.87

SW=0.763

Table AI.28 Results of Test No.28

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)				EA	EC
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.14	0.02	0.02	100.00	100.00
992	12.63	40.87	15.83	15.02	29.23	24.71
350	8.91	10.83	9.13	9.73	13.43	7.90
248	11.03	8.76	10.77	11.07	9.21	3.40
174	9.55	7.41	9.31	9.03	9.01	3.20
104	15.00	10.34	14.47	14.57	8.09	2.21
63	5.20	2.78	4.93	5.03	6.39	0.40
-63	37.68	18.87	35.55	35.53	6.01	0.00

RF=7.200653225

OFW=16.91

SW=2.16

Table AI.29 Results of Test No.29

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)			EA	EC	
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.13	0.01	0.02	100.00	100.00
992	11.33	47.09	12.83	12.22	15.41	13.66
350	9.96	10.05	9.96	9.57	4.24	2.25
248	11.25	7.54	11.09	11.12	2.85	0.84
174	8.74	5.07	8.59	9.01	2.48	0.46
104	19.56	11.25	19.21	19.03	2.46	0.44
63	6.65	3.51	6.52	7.02	2.26	0.24
-63	32.51	15.36	31.79	32.01	2.03	0.00

RF=2.91794088 OFW=19.39 SW=0.85

Table AI.30 Results of Test No.30

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)				EA	EC
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.20	0.02	0.01	100.00	100.00
992	11.03	45.39	15.28	15.08	36.77	32.39
350	9.80	10.30	9.86	10.01	12.93	6.90
248	10.73	7.23	10.30	10.42	8.69	2.37
174	9.51	6.04	9.08	8.98	8.24	1.88
104	19.04	11.28	18.08	18.21	7.73	1.34
63	1.87	0.93	1.75	1.81	6.57	0.10
-63	38.02	18.63	36.62	35.48	6.48	0.00

RF=9.65136056 OFW=10.39 SW=1.47

Table AI.31 Results of Test No.31

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)				EA	EC
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.24	0.10	0.10	100.00	100.00
992	0.11	62.60	25.80	25.38	99.75	99.73
350	0.81	11.99	5.41	5.28	91.18	90.48
248	2.14	6.77	4.04	4.14	68.83	66.38
174	3.56	3.81	3.66	3.94	42.76	38.27
104	11.81	4.09	8.64	8.63	19.47	13.15
63	6.62	2.08	4.75	4.03	17.99	11.55
-63	74.95	8.42	47.60	48.48	7.27	0.00

RF=10.4242026

OFW=3.13

Sw=2.19

Table AI.32 Results of Test No.32

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)			EA	EC	
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.07	0.02	0.02	100.00	100.00
992	0.23	55.10	17.08	17.38	99.07	99.02
350	1.01	16.12	5.65	5.03	87.62	86.99
248	2.57	8.89	4.51	4.72	60.53	58.52
174	4.45	5.36	4.73	4.59	34.81	31.50
104	13.65	5.07	11.01	10.98	14.14	9.77
63	7.02	1.24	5.24	5.30	7.26	2.55
-63	71.07	8.15	51.74	51.96	4.84	0.00
RF=5.06616257		OFW=7.25	SW=3.22			

Table AI.33 Results of Test No.33

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)			EA	EC	
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.04	0.01	0.01	100.00	100.00
992	0.17	53.78	11.31	11.42	98.81	98.77
350	1.34	16.84	4.56	4.16	76.73	76.05
248	2.94	9.32	4.27	4.69	45.40	43.82
174	4.87	5.64	5.03	5.09	23.30	21.08
104	13.87	5.45	12.12	11.97	9.34	6.72
63	7.31	1.25	6.05	6.09	4.29	1.52
-63	69.50	7.68	56.65	56.57	2.82	0.00
RF=3.06098965		OFW=6.08	SW=1.60			

Table AI.34 Results of Test No.34

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)				EA	EC
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.05	0.02	0.00	100.00	100.00
992	0.14	31.64	13.26	13.76	99.38	99.20
350	1.10	12.32	5.77	5.75	88.88	85.62
248	2.74	8.35	5.08	4.94	68.50	59.28
174	4.32	6.21	5.11	5.50	50.63	36.19
104	13.36	8.93	11.52	12.05	32.29	12.48
63	7.60	3.49	5.89	6.15	24.68	2.64
-63	70.74	29.01	53.36	51.85	22.64	0.00
RF=21.2157689		OFW=4.93	SW=3.52			

Table AI.35 Results of Test No.35

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)			EA	EC	
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.03	100.00	100.00
992	5.12	22.96	19.81	19.21	95.43	80.68
350	4.54	10.29	9.27	9.45	91.34	63.40
248	5.98	5.43	5.53	5.73	80.87	19.13
174	6.20	5.36	5.51	5.29	80.10	15.87
104	14.10	11.02	11.56	11.31	78.44	8.86
63	6.36	4.91	5.17	4.99	78.23	7.98
-63	57.70	40.00	43.13	43.99	76.34	0.00

RF=80.4888824 OFW=1.44 SW=6.68

Table AI.36 Results of Test No.36

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)			EA	EC	
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.01	100.00	100.00
992	8.60	52.82	9.82	10.23	14.82	13.96
350	6.30	10.79	6.42	5.98	4.63	3.66
248	5.56	4.24	5.52	5.36	2.12	1.12
174	5.67	3.24	5.60	5.66	1.59	0.59
104	12.20	6.20	12.03	12.56	1.42	0.42
63	5.74	2.51	5.65	5.56	1.22	0.22
-63	55.93	20.11	54.94	54.64	1.01	0.00
RF=1.50530819		OFW=14.89		SW=0.42		

Table AI.37 Results of Test No.37

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)			EA	EC	
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	
2803	0.00	0.07	0.01	0.04	100.00	100.00
992	11.16	34.98	13.24	12.48	23.06	18.67
350	6.01	11.20	6.46	5.99	15.13	10.29
248	5.20	5.15	5.20	5.51	8.65	3.44
174	5.56	4.40	5.46	5.47	7.04	1.73
104	12.28	8.32	11.93	12.20	6.08	0.73
63	5.92	3.76	5.73	5.34	5.73	0.35
-63	53.87	32.12	51.97	52.97	5.39	0.00

RF=6.42023347

OFW=8.23

SW=0.79

Table AI.38 Results of Test No.38

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)				EA	EC
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.05	100.00	100.00
992	10.60	35.04	13.49	12.60	30.68	25.18
350	6.09	10.27	6.58	6.00	18.42	11.95
248	5.48	5.26	5.45	5.63	11.39	4.36
174	5.65	4.57	5.52	5.54	9.77	2.61
104	12.26	8.85	11.86	12.01	8.81	1.58
63	5.69	3.84	5.47	5.40	8.29	1.01
-63	54.23	32.13	51.62	52.77	7.35	0.00

RF=8.6359737 OFW=7.84 SW=1.05

Table AI.39 Results of Test No.39

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)			EA	EC	
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.06	0.02	0.00	100.00	100.00
992	1.19	62.80	18.27	17.24	95.29	94.98
350	2.88	12.20	5.46	5.76	61.91	59.41
248	3.90	5.27	4.28	4.19	34.14	29.82
174	4.57	3.04	4.15	4.48	20.33	15.11
104	12.12	3.66	9.77	10.24	10.38	4.51
63	6.44	1.20	4.99	5.02	6.67	0.56
-63	68.90	11.77	53.06	53.07	6.15	0.00

rf=7.26012954 OFW=7.54 SW=2.89

Table AI.40 Results of Test No.40

Size Micr.	O/F	Size Distribution (%)			EA	EC
		SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.18	0.01	0.07	100.00	100.00
992	3.38	60.26	7.31	7.91	56.99	56.26
350	4.47	10.64	4.90	4.90	15.03	13.59
248	4.34	5.07	4.39	4.51	7.99	6.43
174	4.95	3.21	4.74	4.74	4.69	3.07
104	11.82	4.19	11.29	11.07	2.57	0.91
63	6.20	1.62	5.88	5.85	1.90	0.24
-63	64.94	14.83	61.47	60.95	1.67	0.00

RF=2.48264816

OFW=15.23

SW=1.13

Table AI.41 Results of Test No.41

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)				EA	EC
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.04	0.02	0.06	100.00	100.00
992	0.51	43.43	27.15	27.19	99.29	98.82
350	1.89	10.00	6.92	7.10	89.64	82.88
248	3.35	5.05	4.41	4.38	71.15	52.32
174	4.46	3.81	4.06	4.05	58.29	31.06
104	11.95	6.41	8.51	8.55	46.74	11.97
63	6.70	2.87	4.32	4.24	41.21	2.82
-63	71.14	28.39	44.61	44.43	39.50	0.00
RF=40.5670408		OFW=3.08	SW=5.05			

Table AI.42 Results of Test No.42

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)			EA	EC	
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.07	100.00	100.00
992	1.96	60.11	7.47	6.57	76.23	75.84
350	3.46	13.94	4.45	4.13	29.65	28.49
248	4.00	6.39	4.23	4.28	14.32	12.90
174	4.74	3.65	4.64	4.58	7.45	5.93
104	12.26	4.00	11.48	11.62	3.30	1.71
63	6.37	1.22	5.88	5.88	1.96	0.35
-63	67.21	10.59	61.85	62.87	1.62	0.00
RF=2.04165525		OFW=9.53	SW=1.00			

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Table AI.43 Results of Test No.43

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)			EA	EC	
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.40	0.05	0.00	100.00	100.00
992	13.73	67.06	20.92	11.98	43.20	41.24
350	8.87	10.10	9.04	7.83	15.06	12.13
248	6.37	3.64	6.00	6.45	8.17	5.00
174	6.27	2.58	5.77	6.45	6.02	2.78
104	13.37	4.21	12.14	13.77	4.67	1.38
63	6.12	1.53	5.50	5.82	3.75	0.42
-63	47.27	10.48	42.31	47.70	3.34	0.00

RF=4.09795526

OFW=16.97

SW=2.64

Table AI.44 Results of Test No.44

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)				EA	EC
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.04	0.03	0.04	100.00	100.00
992	6.59	19.23	15.15	16.06	85.95	62.37
350	5.79	6.25	6.10	6.06	69.36	17.92
248	5.52	5.63	5.59	5.65	68.14	14.66
174	5.43	5.45	5.44	5.52	67.79	13.72
104	11.66	10.98	11.20	11.02	66.38	9.95
63	6.45	5.54	5.83	5.36	64.30	4.37
-63	58.56	46.88	50.65	50.29	62.67	0.00
RF=63.6101084		OFW=3.34		SW=7.01		

Table AI.45 Results of Test No.45

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)				EA	EC
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	%
2803	0.00	0.15	0.03	0.04	100.00	100.00
992	10.29	38.64	15.11	15.04	43.46	36.58
350	6.44	8.62	6.81	6.75	21.50	11.95
248	6.33	5.21	6.14	6.10	14.42	4.00
174	6.33	4.60	6.04	6.15	12.95	2.35
104	13.39	8.74	12.60	12.83	11.78	1.05
63	6.16	3.68	5.74	5.76	10.89	0.05
-63	51.06	30.36	47.54	47.33	10.85	0.00
	RF=11.9949381		OFW=12.04		Sw=2.47	

Table AI.46 Results of Test No.46

Size Micr.	Size Distribution (%)			EA	EC	
	O/F	SAND	CAL.F	Mea.F	%	
2803	0.00	0.20	0.02	0.01	100.00	100.00
992	10.62	42.46	14.29	14.62	34.22	29.51
350	6.73	8.44	6.93	6.73	14.03	7.87
248	5.63	4.98	5.56	5.63	10.32	3.90
174	5.87	4.13	5.67	5.87	8.39	1.83
104	12.88	7.59	12.27	12.88	7.12	0.47
63	5.72	3.29	5.44	5.02	6.96	0.30
-63	52.55	28.91	49.83	49.24	6.68	0.00
RF=7.64408988		OFW=12.29	SW=1.60			

APPENDIX II

SIMULATION PROGRAMM

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100 REM
110 REM *** PROGRAM NAME: SIMULATION PROGRAM ***
120 REM
130 REM *****
140 REM PROGRAM TO SIMULATE A GRINDING
150 REM CIRCUIT WHICH CONSISTS OF A
160 REM BALL MILL AND A SPIRAL CLASSI-
170 REM FIER
180 REM *****
190 REM
200 REM *****
210 REM SPECIFICATION OF VARIABLES AND
220 REM PARAMETERS
230 REM *****
240 REM SW(L)=MASS FLOW RATE(TPH) IN
250 REM STREAM L
260 REM P(L)=PULP DENSITY (%) IN
270 REM STREAM L
280 REM W1=WATER ADDITION TO BALL
290 REM MILL (TPH)
300 REM W2=WATER ADDITION TO SPI-
310 REM RAL CLASSIFIER (TPH)
320 REM VW(L)=VOLUME FLOW RATE OF
330 REM WATER IN STREAM L
340 REM TI=BALL MILL MEAN RESIDENCE
350 REM TIME, MIN.
360 REM RE=THE CALCULATED CIRCULATING
370 REM LOAD, PCT
380 REM F1(I,L)=THE MASS FRACTION OF
390 REM THE ITH SIEVE SIZE IN STREAM L
400 REM BK=BREAKAGE RATE OF THE ITH
410 REM SIZE FRACTION
420 REM X9(I)=SIEVE SIZE (MICRONS)
430 REM M9(I,L)=WEIGHT% RETAINED IN
440 REM SIZE FRACTION I AND STREAM L
450 REM HU=BALL MILL HOLD UP
460 REM EA(I)=ACTUAL EFFICIENCY, PCT
470 REM EC(I)=CORRECTED EFFICIENCY, PCT
480 REM VT(L)=THE TOTAL VOLUME IN
490 REM STREAM L
500 REM DT=TIME INTERVAL
510 REM X1=VOLUME FLOW RATE TO THE
520 REM CLASSIFIER, L/MIN.
530 REM X2=PULP DENSITY IN THE FEED
540 REM OF CLASSIFIER, PCT
550 REM X3=% WT. LARGER THAN 425 MICRONS
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560 REM      IN TE FEED OF THE CLASSIFIER
570 REM      X4=% WT. LESS THAN 53 MICRONS
580 INT HEFEEDOFTHECLASS IF IER
590 REM      X5=WEIR HEIGHT OF SIRAL CLA-
600 REM      SSIFIER,MM
610 REM      X6=SLOPE OF THE SPIRAL CLASSIFIER,DEGREES
620 REM      SG=SPECIFIC GRAVITY OF ORE
630 REM      M=THE NUMBER OF SIZE FRACTION
640 REM      L=THE NUMBER OF STREAMS
650 REM      K1=CONSTANT
660 REM      K2=CONSTANT
670 REM      K3=CONSTANT
680 REM      K4=CONSTANT
690 REM      FZ=% WT. OF THE FINEST SIZE
700 REM      FRACTION IN THE SAND
710 REM      WW(L)=WEIGHT OF WATER IN
720 REM      STREAM L
730 REM      PW(L)=WEIGHT OF SLURRY IN
740 REM      STREAM L
750 REM      GM(I)=GEOMETRIC MEAN OF THE
760 REM      ITH SIZE FRACTION
770 REM
780 REM
790 REM
1000 PRINT CHR$(4)"BLOAD CCSNEW,A$C100"
1010 GOTO 2460
1020 REM      **** SUB INPUT ****
1030 REM
1040 PRINT "INPUT INITIAL DATA"
1050 PRINT "BALL MILL DIM.,D,L(METER)"
1060 INPUT D,L
1070 PRINT "MILL OPERATION CONDITIONS"
1080 PRINT "MASS FLOW RATE ;IN FRESH FEED,SW(1),TPH"
1090 INPUT SW(1)
1100 PRINT "CHARGE FILLING,CF(%)           "
1110 INPUT CF
1120 PRINT "ORE SPECIFIC GRAVITY,SG"
1130 INPUT SG
1140 PRINT "POROSITY OF THE CHARGE,PC"
1150 INPUT PC
1160 PRINT "% SOLIDS BY VOLUME,SV"
1170 INPUT SV
1180 REM      CALCULATE HOLD UP,HU
1190 HU = D * D * (3.14 / 4) * L * CF * PC * SV * SG
1200 REM      NO. OF SIZE FRACTION,M
1210 M = 8
1220 IM = M - 1
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1230 FOR I = 0 TO M
1240 READ X9(I),M9(I,1),BK(I)
1250 NEXT I
1260 DATA 598,20.06,.5
1270 DATA 425,3.56,0.4897
1280 DATA 300,3.98,.4614
1290 DATA 212,5.33,0.3412
1300 DATA 148,5.49,0.2082
1310 DATA 106,7,0.1233
1320 DATA 75,7.96,0.0788
1330 DATA 53,6.91,0.0506
1340 DATA -53,39.71,0
1350 P(1) = 85
1360 PRINT "WEIR HEIGHT OF CLASSIFIER,X5(MM)"
1370 INPUT X5
1380 PRINT "SLOPE OF CLASSIFIER,X6(DEGREE)"
1390 INPUT X6
1400 K1 = - 1.515645:K2 = - 0.363643
1410 K3 = 4.7073883:K4 = - 19.342319
1420 PRINT "EXTRA WATER TO THE MILL,W1(T/H)"
1430 INPUT W1
1440 PRINT "EXTRA WATER TO THE CLASSIFIER,W2(T/H)"
1450 INPUT W2
1460 RETURN
1470 REM
1480 REM **** SUB SPIRAL CLASSIFIER ****
1490 REM
1500 MM = 2
1510 C = K3 + .336131E - 2 * X1 ^ 2 - .3504735E - 2 * X3 ^ 2
1520 C = C - .1167761E - 2 * X1 * X5 + .1485681E - 1 * X3 *
X6
1530 C = C - .3885253E - 2 * X5 * X6 + .1154215E - 5 * X5 ^
3
1540 RF = EXP (C)
1550 PRINT : PRINT "RF = ";RF;" PCT": PRINT
1560 RF = RF / 100
1570 WW(3) = RF * WW(2)
1580 WW(4) = WW(2) - WW(3)
1590 WW(3) = WW(3) + W2
1600 A = (K2 + 0.163837 * X2 + 0.3611753E - 02 * X3 * X3)
1610 B = 0.962175E - 04 * X4 * X4 + 0.9948503E - 03 * X1 *
X2
1620 W = - 0.4137373E - 02 * X2 * X3
1630 D50C = EXP (A + B + W)
1640 PRINT "D50C = ";D50C;" MICRONS"
1650 T = 1.742944 * X1 + 1.227213 * X4 + 0.0376816 * X1 * X3
+ K4

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1660 U = - 0.01831538 * X1 * X5 + 0.015492 * X2 * X4
1670 V = 0.06874171 * X3 * X6 - 0.1269083 * X4 * X6
1680 X = 0.9441318E - 05 * X5 * X5 * X5 - 0.0106245 * X3 *
X5
1690 FZ = T + U + V + X
1700 IF FZ < 0.01 THEN FZ = 0.01
1710 PRINT "FZ = ";FZ;" PCT"
1720 FZ = FZ / 100
1730 FOR I = 1 TO IM
1740 GM(I) = (X9(I - 1) * X9(I)) ^ 0.5
1750 NEXT I
1760 GM(0) = X9(0)
1770 GM(M) = X9(M)
1780 FOR I = 0 TO IM
1790 EC(I) = 1 - EXP ( - 0.693 * (GM(I) / D50C) ^ MM)
1800 EA(I) = EC(I) * (1 - FZ) + FZ
1810 PRINT "EA(";I;") = ";EA(I);"    EC(";I;") = ";EC(I)
1820 NEXT I
1830 EA(M) = FZ
1840 EC(M) = 0
1850 PRINT "EA(M) = ";EA(M);"    EC(M) = ";EC(M)
1860 SW(3) = 0:SW(4) = 0
1870 FOR I = 0 TO M
1880 F1(I,3) = EA(I) * F1(I,2)
1890 F1(I,4) = F1(I,2) - F1(I,3)
1900 SW(3) = SW(3) + F1(I,3)
1910 SW(4) = SW(4) + F1(I,4)
1920 NEXT I
1930 PRINT "SW(4)=";SW(4)
1940 PW(3) = SW(3) + WW(3)
1950 PW(4) = SW(4) + WW(4)
1960 P(3) = 100 * SW(3) / PW(3)
1970 P(4) = 100 * SW(4) / PW(4)
1980 FOR I = 0 TO M
1990 M9(I,3) = 100 * F1(I,3) / SW(3)
2000 M9(I,4) = 100 * F1(I,4) / SW(4)
2010 NEXT I
2020 RETURN
2030 REM
2040 REM *** BALL MILL MODEL SUBROUTINE
2050 REM *** THE MODEL USES THE CUMULATIVE-BASED
2060 REM *** RATE OF BREAKAGE (REF.HORST & BASSAERAR)
2070 REM
2080 SUM = 0
2090 FOR I = 0 TO IM
2100 F1(I,3) = SUM + F1(I,3)
2110 SUM = F1(I,3)

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2120 NEXT I
2130 REM
2140 REM *** F1(I,3) & F1(I,5) ARE CUMULATIVE MTPH COARSER
2150 FOR I = 0 TO IM
2160 F1(I,5) = F1(I,3) * EXP ( - BK(I) * TI)
2170 PRINT "F1(";I;",5) = ";F1(I,5);" MTPH"
2180 NEXT I
2190 F1(M,5) = SW(3)
2200 PRINT "F1(";M;",5) = ";F1(M,5);" MTPH - CUMULATIVE"
2210 REM
2220 REM *** FINDING THE MTPH IN NON-CUMULATIVE FORM
2230 PRINT
2240 FOR I = 1 TO M
2250 L = I - 1
2260 F(I) = F1(I,5) - F1(L,5)
2270 NEXT I
2280 REM
2290 REM *** PRINTING THE RESULTS
2300 PRINT
2310 F(0) = F1(0,5)
2320 REM
2330 REM *** FINDING THE WT PCT RETAINED
2340 SW(5) = SW(3):WW(5) = WW(3)
2350 FOR I = 0 TO M
2360 M9(I,5) = 100 * F(I) / SW(5)
2370 NEXT I
2380 PRINT
2390 FOR I = 0 TO M
2400 PRINT "M9(";I;",5) = ";M9(I,5);" PCT"
2410 NEXT I
2420 FOR I = 0 TO M
2430 F1(I,5) = F(I)
2440 NEXT I
2450 RETURN
2460 REM ***** MAIN PROGRAM *****
2470 REM
2480 DIM F1(10,5),M9(10,5)
2490 KO = 1
2500 REM GO SUB INPUT
2510 GOSUB 1020
2520 FOR I = 0 TO M
2530 F1(I,1) = M9(I,1) * SW(1) / 100
2540 F1(I,5) = 0
2550 NEXT I
2560 SW(5) = 0
2570 VW(5) = 0
2580 WW(5) = 0
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2590 PW(5) = 0
2600 REM
2610 REM CALCULATE FRACTION MASS FLOWRATE, MTPH
2620 FOR I = 0 TO M
2630 F1(I,1) = (M9(I,1) * SW(1)) / 100
2640 F1(I,2) = F1(I,1) + F1(I,5)
2650 NEXT I
2660 WW(1) = SW(1) / (P(1) / 100) - SW(1)
2670 PW(1) = SW(1) + WW(1)
2680 VW(1) = WW(1)
2690 VT(1) = SW(1) / SG + VW(1)
2700 WW(2) = WW(1) + WW(5) + W1
2710 SW(2) = SW(1) + SW(5)
2720 PW(2) = SW(2) + WW(2)
2730 P(2) = (SW(2) / PW(2)) * 100
2740 VW(2) = WW(2)
2750 VT(2) = SW(2) / SG + VW(2)
2760 FOR I = 0 TO M
2770 M9(I,2) = 100 * F1(I,2) / SW(2)
2780 NEXT I
2790 REM
2800 X1 = 1000 * VT(2) / 60
2810 X2 = P(2)
2820 X3 = M9(0,2) + M9(1,2)
2830 X4 = M9(M,2)
2840 GOSUB 1470
2850 TI = 60 * HU / PW(3)
2860 REM GO SUB BALL MILL
2870 REM
2880 GOSUB 2040
2890 PW(5) = PW(3)
2900 P(5) = P(3)
2910 VW(5) = VW(3)
2920 VT(5) = VT(3)
2930 REM
2940 REM
2950 REM
2960 RE = 100 * SW(5) / SW(1)
2970 IF KO > 30 THEN 3040
2980 AC = ABS ((SW(1) - SW(4)) * 100 / SW(1))
2990 IF AC < = .1 GOTO 3070
3000 PRINT : PRINT "AC = ";AC;" PCT"
3010 KO = KO + 1
3020 PRINT "KO=";KO
3030 GOTO 2620
3040 PRINT "OVER 30 ITERATION"
3050 GOTO 3150
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3060 GOTO 3090
3070 PRINT "CONVERGENCE ACHIEVED"
3080 GOTO 3150
3090 PRINT "DO YOU WANT TO CHANGE VARIABLES?"
3100 PRINT "IF YES,X=1;IF NOT,X=0"
3110 INPUT X
3120 IF X = 0 THEN 3140
3130 GOTO 2460
3140 END
3150 REM
3160 REM **** SUB OUTPUT ****
3170 REM
3180 D$ = CHR$(4):DM$ = "PR#0":DP$ = "PR#1"
3190 PRINT D$;DP$
3200 PRINT TAB(23);"PRINTOUT OF SIMULATION RESULTS"
3210 PRINT TAB(23);"*****"
3220 PRINT : PRINT
3230 A1$ = " MEAN RESIDENCE TIME = ##.##
MIN"
3240 & PRINT USEA1$;TI
3250 PRINT
3260 A$ = " CIRCULATING LOAD = ###.## PCT"
3270 & PRINT USEA$;RE
3280 PRINT : PRINT
3290 B$ = " ##### ##.##"
3300 PRINT TAB(17);"WEIGHT PERCENT RETAINED OF STREAMS
INDICATED"
3310 PRINT TAB(
17);"-----"
3320 PRINT
3330 FOR L = 1 TO 3
3340 PRINT
3350 PRINT TAB(24);"STREAM NO. ";L
3360 PRINT TAB(24);"-----"
3370 PRINT
3380 PRINT TAB(17);"SIZE PCT RETAINED"
3390 FOR I = 0 TO M
3400 & PRINT USEB$;X9(I),M9(I,L)
3410 NEXT I
3420 NEXT L
3430 PRINT D$;DM$
3440 HOME
3450 VTAB(10)
3460 PRINT "ENTER A FRESH PAGE FOR CONTINUING PRINTOUT"
3470 PRINT : PRINT "PRESS ANY NUMBER TO CONTINUE,XX"
3480 INPUT XX
3490 PRINT D$;DP$

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3500 FOR L = 4 TO 5
3510 PRINT
3520 PRINT TAB( 24);"STREAM NO. ";L
3530 PRINT TAB( 24);"-----"
3540 PRINT
3550 PRINT TAB( 17);"SIZE      PCT RETAINED"
3560 FOR I = 0 TO M
3570 & PRINT USEB$;X9(I),M9(I,L)
3580 NEXT I
3590 NEXT L
3600 PRINT : PRINT
3610 PRINT TAB( 20);"WEIGHT PCT SOLIDS"
3620 PRINT TAB( 20);"-----"
3630 PRINT TAB( 17);"STREAM 1 =" ;P(1)
3640 PRINT TAB( 17);"STREAM 2 =" ;P(2)
3650 PRINT TAB( 17);"STREAM 2 =" ;P(3)
3660 PRINT TAB( 17);"STREAM 4 =" ;P(4)
3670 PRINT TAB( 17);"STREAM 5 =" ;P(5)
3680 PRINT D$;DM$
3690 HOME
3700 VTAB (10)
3710 VTAB (10)
3720 PRINT
3730 PRINT TAB( 17);"ENTER A FRESH PAGE FOR DATA PRINTOUT"
3740 PRINT "PRESS ANY NUMBER TO CONTINUE,XX"
3750 INPUT XX
3760 PRINT D$;DP$
3770 PRINT : PRINT
3780 PRINT TAB( 17);"INPUT DATA FOR THIS SIMULATION WERE"
3790 PRINT TAB( 17);"*****"
3800 PRINT : PRINT
3810 PRINT TAB( 12);"CUMULATIVE-BASIS BREAKAGE RATE"
3820 PRINT TAB( 12);"-----"
3830 PRINT
3840 PRINT
3850 PRINT TAB( 13);"SIZE      BREAK.RATE": PRINT
3860 C$ = "          ###      #.###"
3870 FOR I = 0 TO M
3880 & PRINT USEC$;X9(I),BK(I)
3890 NEXT I
3900 PRINT : PRINT
3910 PRINT D$;DM$
3920 HOME
3930 VTAB (12)
3940 PRINT TAB( 12);"ENTER A FRESH PAGE AND CONTINUE
PRINTOUT"
3950 PRINT : PRINT

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3960 PRINT TAB( 12);"PRESS ANY NUMBER TO CONTINUE,XX"
3970 INPUT XX
3980 PRINT D$;DP$
3990 PRINT TAB( 17);"INPUT DATA FOR THIS
SIMULATION(CONTIUED)"
4000 PRINT TAB(
17)"-----"
4010 PRINT : PRINT
4020 PRINT TAB( 17);"BALL MILL HOLD-UP = ";HU;" METRIC
TONNES": PRINT
4030 PRINT TAB( 17);"FRESH FEED TONNAGE = ";SW(1);" MTPH":
PRINT
4040 PRINT TAB( 17);"WATER FLOW RATE ADDED IN THE
CLASSIFIER,TPH=";W2
4050 PRINT
4060 PRINT TAB( 17);"WATER SPLIT FACTOR, RF = ";100 * RF;"
PCT": PRINT
4070 PRINT TAB( 17);"ORE SPECIFIC GRAVITY = ";SG;" G/CC"
4080 PRINT
4090 PRINT TAB( 17);"SPIRAL CLASSIFIER SELECTIVITY
INDICES,PCT"
4100 PRINT TAB(
17);"-----"
4110 F$ = "          ###      ##.##"
4120 PRINT TAB( 17);"SIZE      EC(I)"
4130 PRINT
4140 FOR I = 0 TO IM
4150 & PRINT USEF$;GM(I),100 * EC(I)
4160 NEXT I
4170 END

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APPENDIX III

METHODS TO DETERMINE d_{50c}

Table AIII.1 Comparison of d50c Values Coming From Different Calculated Methods

Test No.	d50c (microns)			
	L	S	M	D
1	126	128	151	125
2	115	152	199	158
3	169	167	188	177
4	103	102	128	100
5	144	146	165	141
6	176	175	199	173
7	177	227	199	151
8	222	244	233	225
9	222	244	233	260
10	333	400	333	333
11	444	555	444	444
12	444	555	444	444
13	444	555	444	444
14	444	555	444	444
15	444	555	444	444
16	444	555	444	444
17	444	555	444	444
18	444	555	444	444
19	444	555	444	444
20	444	555	444	444
21	444	555	444	444
22	444	555	444	444
23	444	555	444	444
24	444	555	444	444
25	444	555	444	444
26	444	555	444	444
27	444	555	444	444
28	444	555	444	444
29	444	555	444	444
30	444	555	444	444
31	444	555	444	444
32	444	555	444	444
33	444	555	444	444
34	444	555	444	444
35	444	555	444	444
36	444	555	444	444
37	444	555	444	444
38	444	555	444	444
39	444	555	444	444
40	444	555	444	444
41	444	555	444	444
42	444	555	444	444
43	444	555	444	444
44	444	555	444	444
45	444	555	444	444
46	444	555	444	444
47	444	555	444	444
48	444	555	444	444
49	444	555	444	444
50	444	555	444	444

Note: L: Lagrange method; S: Straight line method
 M: From slope m; D: Directly from curve

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10  REM
20  REM *** PROGRAM NAME: AIII.2 ***
30  REM
40  REM *** PROGRAM TO CALCULATE D50C BASED ***
50  REM *** ON EXPERIMENTAL DATA USING ***
60  REM *** LAGRANGE INTERPOLATION METHOD ***
70  REM
80  DIM D0(50),D1(50),D(50),D2(50),E1(50)
90  DIM E2(50),E0(50),A1(50),A2(50),A3(50)
100 DIM B1(50),B2(50),B3(50),C1(50),C2(50)
110 DIM C3(50)
120 READ N
130 DATA 46
140 REM
150 REM *** INPUT DATA ***
160 FOR I = 1 TO N
170 READ D2(I),E2(I),D1(I),E1(I),D0(I),E0(I)
180 NEXT I
190 DATA 174,69.79,104,39.27,13,15.01
200 DATA 248,68.86,174,59.97,104,16.88
210 DATA 248,70.34,174,51.28,104,33.30
220 DATA 174,67.76,104,50.28,63,27.73
230 DATA 248,66.53,174,54.95,104,42.57
240 DATA 248,73.02,174,49.67,104,42.45
250 DATA 350,66.53,248,43.16,174,34.38
260 DATA 248,52.57,174,26.51,104,20.09
270 DATA 350,64.65,248,34.68,174,24.40
280 DATA 350,51.04,248,39.53,174,34.47
290 DATA 350,60.31,248,42.73,174,37.91
300 DATA 992,84.73,350,38.30,248,13.62
310 DATA 992,82.11,350,43.92,248,19.22
320 DATA 2803,100,992,49.53,350,13.05
330 DATA 2803,100,992,45.73,350,11.28
340 DATA 992,94.55,350,46.73,248,27.89
350 DATA 992,92.85,350,41.52,248,18.65
360 DATA 992,72.91,350,25.25,248,12.44
370 DATA 992,89.38,350,44.48,248,18.23
380 DATA 992,74.01,350,26.62,248,9.40
390 DATA 992,63.04,350,13.57,248,4.02
400 DATA 992,67.53,350,11.15,248,4.83
410 DATA 992,87.83,350,43.54,248,15.98
420 DATA 992,87.73,350,46.67,248,22.73
430 DATA 992,67.91,350,15.65,248,2.88
440 DATA 992,66.48,350,11.66,248,2.53
450 DATA 2803,100,992,19.87,350,3.12
460 DATA 2803,100,992,24.71,350,7.90
470 DATA 2803,100,992,13.66,350,2.25

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480 DATA 2803,100,992,32.39,350,6.9
490 DATA 248,66.38,174,38.27,104,13.15
500 DATA 248,58.52,174,31.50,104,9.77
510 DATA 350,76.05,248,43.82,174,21.08
520 DATA 350,85.62,248,59.28,174,36.19
530 DATA 992,80.68,350,63.40,248,19.13
540 DATA 2803,100,992,13.96,350,3.66
550 DATA 2803,100,992,18.67,350,10.29
560 DATA 2803,100,992,25.18,350,11.95
570 DATA 992,94.98,350,59.41,248,29.82
580 DATA 992,56.26,350,13.59,248,6.43
590 DATA 350,82.88,248,52.32,174,31.06
600 DATA 992,75.84,350,28.49,248,12.90
610 DATA 2803,100,992,41.24,350,12.13
620 DATA 992,62.37,350,17.92,248,14.66
630 DATA 2803,100,992,36.58,350,11.95
640 DATA 2803,100,992,29.51,350,7.87
650 REM
670 PRINT "D2(1)=";D2(1)
680 PRINT "E2(1)=";E2(1)
690 PRINT "D1(1)=";D1(1)
700 PRINT "E1(1)=";E1(1)
710 PRINT "D0(1)=";D0(1)
720 PRINT "E0(1)=";E0(1)
730 REM
740 REM *** CALCULATE D50C ***
750 REM
760 E = 50
770 FOR I = 1 TO N
780 A1(I) = (E - E1(I)) * (E - E2(I)) * D0(I)
790 A2(I) = (E - E0(I)) * (E - E2(I)) * D1(I)
800 A3(I) = (E - E0(I)) * (E - E1(I)) * D2(I)
810 B1(I) = (E0(I) - E1(I)) / (E0(I) - E2(I))
820 B2(I) = (E1(I) - E0(I)) / (E1(I) - E2(I))
830 B3(I) = (E2(I) - E0(I)) / (E2(I) - E1(I))
840 C1(I) = A1(I) / B1(I)
850 C2(I) = A2(I) / B2(I)
860 C3(I) = A3(I) / B3(I)
870 D(I) = C1(I) + C2(I) + C3(I)
880 NEXT I
890 REM
900 REM *** OUTPUT RESULTS ***
910 PRINT CHR$(4);"PR#3"
920 PRINT : PRINT : PRINT
930 FOR I = 1 TO 60
940 PRINT "X";
950 NEXT I
960 PRINT
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970 PRINT : PRINT
980 PRINT TAB( 20);"THE VALUES OF D50C"
990 PRINT TAB( 20);"*****"
1000 PRINT
1010 E$ = "TEST NO.          D50C"
1020 B$ = "  ##              ####.#"
1030 PRINT E$
1040 PRINT
1050 FOR I = 1 TO N
1060 & PRINT USEB$;I,D(I)
1070 NEXT I
1080 PRINT : PRINT
1090 PRINT CHR$ (12)
1100 PRINT
1110 PRINT "C1(1)=";C1(1)
1120 PRINT "C2(1)=";C2(1)
1130 PRINT "C3(1)=";C3(1)
1140 PRINT
1150 CHR$ (4);"PR#0"
1160 END
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100 REM
110 REM *** PROGRAM NAME: AIII.3 ***
120 REM
130 REM
140 REM *** PROGRAM TO CALCULATE D50C ***
150 REM *** BASED ON EXPERIMENTAL DATA ***
160 REM *** USING LINEAR INTERPOLATION ***
170 REM *** METHOD ***
180 REM
190 REM
200 REM DIM D0(50),D1(50),D2(50),E1(50)
210 REM DIM E2(50),A(50),B(50)
220 READ N
230 DATA 52
240 REM
250 REM *****INPUT DATA *****
260 REM
270 FOR I = 1 TO N
280 READ D2(I),D1(I),E2(I),E1(I)
290 NEXT I
300 DATA 174,104,69.79,39.27
310 DATA 174,104,59.97,16.88
320 DATA 174,104,51.28,33.30
330 DATA 174,104,67.76,50.28
340 DATA 174,104,54.95,42.57
350 DATA 248,174,73.02,49.67
360 DATA 350,248,66.53,43.16
370 DATA 248,174,52.57,26.51
380 DATA 350,248,64.65,34.68
390 DATA 350,248,51.04,39.53
400 DATA 350,248,60.31,42.73
410 DATA 992,350,84.73,38.30
420 DATA 992,350,82.11,43.90
430 DATA 2803,992,100,49.53
440 DATA 2803,992,100,45.73
450 DATA 992,350,94.55,46.73
460 DATA 992,350,92.85,41.52
470 DATA 992,350,72.91,25.25
480 DATA 992,350,89.38,44.48
490 DATA 992,350,74.01,26.62
500 DATA 992,350,63.04,13.57
510 DATA 992,350,67.53,11.15
520 DATA 992,350,87.83,43.54
530 DATA 992,350,87.73,46.67
540 DATA 992,350,67.91,15.65
550 DATA 992,350,66.48,11.66
560 DATA 2803,992,100,19.87
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570 DATA      2803,992,100,24.71
580 DATA      2803,992,100,13.66
590 DATA      2803,992,100,32.39
600 DATA      248,174,66.38,38.27
610 DATA      248,174,58.52,31.50
620 DATA      350,248,76.05,43.82
630 DATA      248,174,59.28,36.19
640 DATA      350,248,63.40,19.13
650 DATA      2803,992,100,13.96
660 DATA      2803,992,100,18.67
670 DATA      2803,992,100,25.18
680 DATA      350,248,59.41,29.82
690 DATA      992,350,56.26,13.59
700 DATA      248,174,52.32,31.06
710 DATA      992,350,75.84,28.49
720 DATA      2803,992,100,41.24
730 DATA      992,350,62.37,17.92
740 DATA      2803,992,100,36.58
750 DATA      2803,992,100,29.51
760 REM
770 REM *****CALCULATE D50(C) *****
780 REM
790 REM EQUATION FOR CACULATING D50(C) IS :
800 REM (E0-E1)/(D0-D1)=(E2-E1)/(D2-D1)
810 E0 = 50
820 FOR I = 1 TO N
830 A(I) = (E0 - E1(I)) * (D2(I) - D1(I))
840 B(I) = (E2(I) - E1(I))
850 D0(I) = D1(I) + A(I) / B(I)
860 NEXT I
870 REM
880 REM *****OUTPUT RESULTS *****
890 PRINT CHR$(4);"PR#1"
900 PRINT : PRINT : PRINT
910 FOR I = 1 TO 60
920 PRINT "X";
930 NEXT I
940 PRINT : PRINT : PRINT
950 PRINT TAB(20);"THE VALUE OF D50(C)"
960 PRINT TAB(20);"*****"
970 PRINT
980 E$ = "TEST NO."          D50(C)"
990 B$ = " ##"              #####.#"
1000 PRINT E$
1010 PRINT
1020 FOR I = 1 TO N
1030 & PRINT USEB$;I,DO(I)
1040 NEXT I

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1050 PRINT : PRINT
1060 PRINT CHR$ (12)
1070 PRINT
1080 PRINT
1090 PRINT CHR$ (4);"PR#0"
1100 PRINT "D2(1)=";D2(1)
1110 PRINT "D1(1)=";D1(1)
1120 PRINT "E2(1)=";E2(1)
1130 PRINT "E1(1)=";E1(1)
1140 END
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10 REM
20 REM   *** PROGRAM NAME: AIII.4           ***
22 REM
24 REM   *** PROGRAM TO CALCULATE D50C     ***
26 REM   *** AND THE SLOPE OF THE REDUCED- ***
28 REM   *** PERFORMANCE CURVE, M, USING  ***
30 REM   *** ROSIN-RAMMLER EQUATION       ***
100 DIM X(15),Y(15)
105 PRINT "ENTER NO. OF DATA POINTS": PRINT
106 INPUT N: PRINT
110 HOME
120 PRINT "ENTER X(I), Y(I) DATA POINTS": PRINT
130 PRINT "X(I)=SIZE; Y(I)=YC(I), PCT"
140 PRINT
150 FOR I = 1 TO N
160 INPUT X(I),Y(I)
170 NEXT I
180 PRINT : PRINT
190 REM   *** CALCULATIONS   ***
200 FOR I = 1 TO N
210 X(I) = LOG (X(I))
212 IF Y(I) = 100 THEN 225
220 Y(I) = 100 / (100 - Y(I))
224 GOTO 230
225 Y(I) = 1E28
230 Y(I) = LOG (Y(I)):Y(I) = LOG (Y(I))
240 NEXT I
390 REM
400 REM   *** LINEAR REGRESSION SUBROUTINE ***
405 A = 0:B = 0
410 FOR I = 1 TO N
420 SX = A + X(I)
430 SY = B + Y(I)
440 A = SX:B = SY
450 NEXT I
460 AX = SX / N
470 AY = SY / N
480 A = 0:B = 0:C = 0
490 FOR I = 1 TO N
500 S1 = A + X(I) * Y(I)
510 S2 = B + X(I) ^ 2
520 S3 = C + Y(I) ^ 2
530 A = S1:B = S2:C = S3
540 NEXT I
550 SL = (S1 - N * AX * AY) / (S2 - N * AX ^ 2)
560 IN = AY - SL * AX
565 D50C = EXP (( LOG ( LOG ( 2)) - IN) / SL)

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570 PRINT
580 REM ***OUTPUT RESULTS ***
590 PRINT CHR$ (4);"PR#1"
600 E$ = "THE SLOPE,M          D50(C),MICRONS"
610 B$ = "#.#####          ###.###  "
620 PRINT
625 PRINT E$
630 & PRINT USEB$;SL,D50C
640 PRINT
650 PRINT CHR$ (12)
660 PRINT
670 PRINT CHR$ (4);"PR#0"
680 END
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APPENDIX IV

CALCULATION PROGRAM

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100 REM
110 REM *** PROGRAM NAME: AIV.1 ***
120 REM
130 REM *** PROGRAM TO CALCULATE RF,EAAND ***
140 REM *** EC USING EXPERIMENTAL DATA ***
150 REM *** ON SPIRAL CLASSIFIER O/F & SAND ***
160 REM
170 REM *** SPECIFICATION OF VARIABLES ***
180 REM *** AND PARAMETERS ***
190 REM EA(I)=ACTUAL EFFICIENCY IN THE ***
200 REM *** ITH SIZE FRACTION ***
210 REM *** EC(I)=CORRECTED EFFICIENCY ***
220 REM *** IN THE ITH SIZE FRACTION ***
230 REM *** XD(I)=PARTICLE SIZE IN THE ***
240 REM *** ITH SIZE FRACTION ***
250 REM *** F1(I)=% WT. OF ITH SIZE ***
260 REM *** FRACTION IN THE O/F ***
270 REM *** F2(I)=% WT.OF THE ITH SIZE ***
280 REM *** FRACTION IN THE SANDS ***
290 REM *** A=SLURRY WEIGHT (KG/MIN.) ***
300 REM *** IN THE SANDS ***
310 REM *** B=SOLID WEIGHT IN THE SAND ***
320 REM *** C=SLURRY WEIGHT IN THE O/F ***
330 REM *** D=SOLID WEIGHT IN THE O/F ***
340 DIM EA(10),EC(10),XD(10),F1(10),F2(10)
350 DIM OF(10),SA(10),CF(10),R(10),CR(10)
360 READ N
370 DATA 8
380 REM
390 REM *****CALCULATE RF *****
400 PRINT "INPUT A,B,C,D"
410 INPUT A
420 INPUT B
430 INPUT C
440 INPUT D
450 W1 = A - B
460 W2 = C - D
470 RF = W1 / (W1 + W2)
480 RF = RF * 100
490 REM
500 REM
510 REM *****CALCULATE EA *****
520 FOR I = 1 TO N
530 READ XD(I),F1(I),F2(I)
540 NEXT I
550 DATA 2803, 0, 0.09
560 DATA 992, 2.48, 30.16
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570 DATA 350, 2.27, 16.27
580 DATA 248, 8.19, 14.27
590 DATA 174, 6.49, 7.76
600 DATA 104, 4.89, 4.18
610 DATA 63, 20.93, 9.37
620 DATA -63, 54.75, 17.90
630 FOR I = 1 TO N
640 OF(I) = D * F1(I)
650 SA(I) = B * F2(I)
660 NEXT I
670 FOR I = 1 TO N
680 CF(I) = OF(I) + SA(I)
690 NEXT I
700 FOR I = 1 TO N
710 IF CF(I) = 0 THEN 740
720 EA(I) = SA(I) / CF(I)
730 EA(I) = EA(I) * 100
740 NEXT I
750 FOR I = 1 TO N
760 CR(I) = CF(I) / (G + H)
770 NEXT I
780 REM
790 REM
800 REM *****CALCULATE EC *****
810 FOR I = 1 TO N
820 IF EA(I) = 0 THEN 850
830 EC(I) = (EA(I) - EA(N)) / (100 - EA(N))
840 EC(I) = EC(I) * 100
850 NEXT I
860 REM
870 REM
880 REM ***** OUTPUT RESULTS *****
890 PRINT CHR$(4);"PR#1"
900 PRINT : PRINT : PRINT : PRINT
910 FOR I = 1 TO 64
920 PRINT "X";
930 NEXT I
940 PRINT : PRINT : PRINT
950 PRINT TAB(20);"RESULTS OF CALCULATIONS"
960 PRINT TAB(20);"*****"
970 PRINT
980 E$ = "SIZE      DISTRIBUTION      EA      EC"
990 A$ = "MICRO.    O/F      SAND      %      %"
1000 B$ = "####      ###.##  ###.##  ###.##  ###.##"
1010 PRINT E$
1020 PRINT A$
1030 PRINT
1040 FOR I = 1 TO N

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1050 & PRINT USEB$;XD(I),F1(I),F2(I),CR(I),EA(I),EC(I)
1060 NEXT I
1070 PRINT : PRINT
1080 PRINT "RF=";RF
1090 PRINT CHR$ (12)
1100 PRINT
1110 PRINT CHR$ (4);"PR#0"
1120 END
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100 REM
110 REM *** PROGRAM NAME: AIV.2 ***
120 REM
130 REM *** PROGRAM TO CALCULATE D50C,
140 REM RF,FZ AND MM USING THE
150 REM SPIRAL CLASSIFIER MODEL ***
160 REM
170 REM
180 DIM X1(50),X2(50),X3(50),X4(50),X5(50)
190 DIM X6(50),RF(50),FZ(50),D50(50),MM(50)
200 DIM A(50),B(50),C(50),D(50),E(50),G(50)
210 DIM H(50),L(50),P(50),T(50),U(50),V(50),W(50)
220 M$ = "TOT.DATA"
230 PRINT CHR$(4);"OPEN";M$
240 PRINT CHR$(4);"READ";M$
250 N = 46
260 FOR I = 1 TO N
270 INPUT X1(I),X2(I),X3(I),X4(I),X5(I)
280 INPUT X6(I),RF(I),FZ(I),D50(I),MM(I)
290 NEXT I
300 PRINT CHR$(4);"CLOSE";M$
310 FOR I = 1 TO N
320 A(I) = .16387 * X2(I) + 0.00361 * X3(I) * X3(I) +
0.00009 * X4(I) * X4(I)
330 B(I) = 0.0099 * X1(I) * X2(I) - 0.00414 * X2(I) * X3(I)
- 0.3634
340 D50(I) = EXP (A(I) + B(I))
350 NEXT I
360 FOR I = 1 TO N
370 D(I) = 0.00336 * X1(I) * X1(I) - 0.00117 * X1(I) * X5(I)
+ 4.70739
380 E(I) = 0.01486 * X3(I) * X6(I) - 0.00389 * X5(I) * X6(I)
390 C = 0.000001 * X5(I) * X5(I) * X5(I)
400 RF = EXP (C(I) + D(I) + E(I))
410 NEXT I
420 FOR I = 1 TO N
430 G(I) = 1.7429 * X1(I) + 1.2272 * X4(I) + 0.03768 * X1(I)
* X3(I) - 19.34232
440 H(I) = - 0.018315 * X1(I) * X5(I) + 0.015492 * X2(I) *
X4(I)
450 L(I) = - 0.010625 * X3(I) * X5(I) + 0.068742 * X3(I) *
X6(I)
460 P(I) = - 0.12669 * X4(I) * X6(I) + 0.944E - 05 * X5(I)
* X5(I) * X5(I)
470 RF(I) = G(I) + H(I) + L(I) + P(I)
480 NEXT I
490 FOR I = 1 TO N
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500 REM
510 FOR I = 1 TO N
520 T(I) = 0.089438 * X4(I) - 0.000015 * X4(I) * X4(I) *
X4(I) - 1.515645
530 U(I) = 0.001812 * X3(I) * X3(I) - 0.001144 * X1(I) *
X2(I)
540 V(I) = 0.657891 * LOG (X1(I) * X6(I)) - 1.194772 * LOG
(X3(I))
550 W(I) = 0.058442 * X1(I)
560 MM(I) = T(I) + U(I) + V(I) + W(I)
570 NEXT I
580 REM
590 REM *** OUTPUT OF RESULTS ***
600 PRINT CHR$(4);"PR#1"
610 PRINT : PRINT : PRINT
620 PRINT TAB( 20);"THE VALUE OF D50,RF,FZ,MM"
630 PRINT TAB( 4);" *****"
640 PRINT
650 E$ = "NO.OF TEST  D50C      RF      FZ      MM"
660 B$ = "  ##          ###.##  ##.##  ##.##  ##.##"
670 PRINT E$
680 PRINT
690 FOR I = 1 TO N
700 & PRINT USEB$;D50(I),RF(I),FZ(I),MM(I)
710 NEXT I
720 PRINT : PRINT
730 PRINT CHR$(4);"PR#0"
740 END
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100 REM
110 REM *** PROGRAM NAME: AIV.3 ***
120 REM
130 REM *** PROGRAM TO MAKE A DATA FILE ***
140 REM *** FOR ALL TEST DATA ***
150 REM
160 DIM X1(50),X2(50),X3(50),X4(50),X5(50)
170 DIM X6(50),RF(50),FZ(50),D50(50),MM(50)
180 N = 46
190 FOR I = 1 TO N
200 READ X1(I),X2(I),X3(I),X4(I),X5(I)
210 READ X6(I),RF(I),FZ(I),D50(I),MM(I)
220 NEXT I
230 DATA
10.99,42.1,23.35,33.8,135,10.9,10.59,7.41,126.27,1.1
240 DATA
11.27,40.33,22.41,35.43,135,10.9,8.43,7.1,115.24,1.16
250 DATA
10.69,41.34,20.47,36.63,135,10.9,9.22,7.52,169.02,1.37
260 DATA
9.53,42.8,23.39,28.29,183,13,54.6,15.64,103.15,0.79
270 DATA
7.87,47.34,22.52,28.15,183,13,47.9,17.9,144.88,1.03
280 DATA
9.28,43.72,25.52,25.3,183,13,38.85,15.17,176.67,1.24
290 DATA
23.51,41.58,33.11,27.27,135,13,7.91,4.66,292.14,2.28
300 DATA 6.52,62,32.15,30.17,135,13,9.33,7.23,255.69,1.41
310 DATA
11.88,55.23,38.26,27.83,183,10.9,23.05,9.58,321.3,2.18
320 DATA
11.58,53.86,28.64,29.11,183,10.9,35.92,14.61,344.57,1.48
330 DATA
9.58,58.34,33.61,27.79,183,10.9,26.78,13.15,322.14,1.57
340 DATA
16.26,56.92,28.33,28.49,183,10.9,21.92,16.14,456.38,1.67
350 DATA
17.87,50.19,23.89,29.41,183,10.9,23.71,17.92,412.84,1.29
360 DATA
14.93,53.23,12.75,38.84,135,13,2.42,5.4,1003.92,1.48
370 DATA
15.34,50.62,13.05,39.47,135,13,2.05,7.44,1099.03,1.52
380 DATA
10.39,53.68,38.55,24.91,183,13,18.78,6.76,376.39,2.3
390 DATA 10.55,12.4,75,20.04,183,13,20.08,6.31,416.65,1.49
400 DATA
13.42,54.04,19.46,28.84,135,10.9,10.32,6.63,631.75,1.45
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410 DATA
15.38,46.69,29.91,23.86,183,13,8.16,5.39,397.11,1.71
420 DATA 28.2,43.23,22,29.92,183,13,4.72,5,600.49,2.14
430 DATA
21.04,47.4,11.44,37.01,135,10.9,2.85,5.62,804.28,2.43
440 DATA
21.81,47.5,10.74,36.23,135,10.9,2.93,6.65,844,2.24
450 DATA
18.68,47.3,15.4,32.79,183,10.9,27.41,20.66,406.93,1.23
460 DATA
21.55,46.19,20.42,26.26,183,10.9,21.95,10.68,380.08,1.57
470 DATA
21.34,47.16,9.64,35.74,135,13,2.3,4.07,731.33,2.73
480 DATA
19.42,44.5,8.66,33.51,135,13,1.91,4.02,793.68,2.36
490 DATA
18.68,56.64,12.49,35.59,163,13,2.06,9.53,1917.53,1.15
500 DATA
20.28,58.6,15.85,35.55,163,10.9,7.2,18.87,1794.43,1.42
510 DATA
22.93,56.27,12.84,31.79,135,10.9,2.92,15.36,2410.24,1.5
520 DATA
13.64,55.76,15.3,35.62,183,13,9.65,18.63,1448.57,1.96
530 DATA
7.98,46.65,25.9,47.6,135,10.9,10.42,8.42,205.44,1.57
540 DATA
19.61,39.75,17.1,51.74,183,13,5.07,8.15,226.23,1.93
550 DATA
15.78,37.1,11.32,56.65,135,13,3.06,7.68,267.82,2.08
560 DATA
16.31,38.85,13.28,53.36,183,10.9,21.22,29.01,216.53,1.88
570 DATA
9.69,54.44,19.83,43.13,183,10.9,80.49,40,319.1,1.22
580 DATA 18.09,54.82,
9.82,54.94,135,13,1.51,20.11,2522.74,1.58
590 DATA
10.42,55.62,13.25,51.97,183,13,6.42,32.12,2638.57,1.58
600 DATA
10.17,55.97,13.49,51.62,135,10.9,8.64,32.13,1935.55,1.29
610 DATA
16.94,44.04,18.29,53.06,183,13,7.26,11.77,275.01,2.23
620 DATA
28.32,42.13,7.32,61.47,135,10.9,2.48,14.83,894.16,2.12
630 DATA
11.37,48.99,27.17,44.61,183,10.9,40.57,28.39,240.05,1.83
640 DATA
18.36,41.91,7.48,61.85,163,13,2.04,10.59,579.69,2.18
650 DATA

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21.19,58.03,20.97,42.31,135,13,4.1,10.48,1218.29,1.75
660 DATA
12,55.47,15.18,50.65,183,10.9,63.61,46.88,953.45,1.02
670 DATA
16.25,56.74,15.14,47.54,135,10.9,11.99,30.36,1356.24,2.3
680 DATA
17.24,53.07,14.31,49.83,183,13,7.64,28.91,1562.63,1.83
690 PRINT "NAME OF THE FILE"
700 INPUT M$
710 PRINT CHR$(4);"OPEN";M$
720 PRINT CHR$(4);"DELETE";M$
730 PRINT CHR$(4);"OPEN";M$
740 PRINT CHR$(4);"WRITE";M$
750 FOR I = 1 TO N
760 PRINT X1(I)
770 PRINT X2(I)
780 PRINT X3(I)
790 PRINT X4(I)
800 PRINT X5(I)
810 PRINT X6(I)
820 PRINT RF(I)
830 PRINT FZ(I)
840 PRINT D50(I)
850 PRINT MM(I)
860 NEXT I
870 PRINT CHR$(4);"CLOSE";M$
880 END
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