### **HEAVY LOAD ROUTES**

Heavy load routes are created from a series of road links or road sections. They may also be composed by linking together sections of other previously defined routes. Links are created by specifying node numbers at the beginning and end of a section of road, the number of bridge structures in the link and the plan numbers of each structure. Links may be empty, with plan numbers being added later as data becomes available.

# STRUCTURE DATA

Data for each structure includes information for identification and analysis control; the structure type; its geometry and material properties; the design standard; and moment, shear and reaction capacities (if available).

# **HEAVY LOAD VEHICLES**

Heavy load vehicles are defined by specifying the load, width and spacing of each axle in the vehicle. Vehicles of up to 50 axles may be analysed and run in either direction along the route.

# **METHODOLOGY**

HLR compares moment & shear capacities of each valid structure along the route against corresponding maximum forces induced by the HL vehicle. Analysis is based on a continuous-beam model, with transverse distribution of moments to deck beams (if any) calculated using simple distribution factors. Where moment capacities are unknown a load ratio method has been developed to identify potential overload. Factors used in this method may be changed by the user to suit local conditions.

Checks are performed to determine the severity of any overload and the type of consequent travel restriction to be placed on the structure. Three overload conditions are available, corresponding to travel restricted to 10 kph in any lane, travel restricted to 5 kph down the centreline

of the bridge carriageway, or a total restriction to travel by the heavy load on the structure.

The system will also check for other road-related restrictions such as structure width or height or mandatory speed limits.

### REPORTING

A comprehensive series of reports are available, including detailed results for all structures encountered on the route. Moment and shear envelopes are generated for all-continuous structures analysed. Features have also been included for editing and modifying system-recommended restrictions prior to the printing of formal reports.

# **DATA BASE FEATURES**

Route, vehicle and structure data are stored in a textbased file- oriented data base. Comprehensive facilities have been provided for maintaining route, vehicle and structure data in the data base and for storing and retrieving heavy load applications.

### **MINIMUM SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS**

HLR is a PC-based system requiring an IBM AT class of machine with a minimum of 512K memory in which to run. Hard disk space requirements will depend on the number of structures, vehicles, links and HL applications that are to be stored in the data base.

#### **ENQUIRIES**

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