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# Computer Programs for Simulating the Line Intersect Process for Residue Inventory

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## Abstract

This paper describes the concepts and operations of two programs, SLASH, which simulates forest-residue populations, and INTR SCT, which performs line intersect residue inventories on these populations. Program SLASH creates residue pieces on a 5.07-acre square area to specified orientation and spatial distributions. The user can specify constant geometric piece shapes or create populations with length/diameter distributions based on actual residue inventories. Program INTR SCT samples this population, using a user-determined number and configuration of sample legs per transect and transects per experiment. The results of these simulations may be used to plan residue inventories and perform technique studies to determine optimum sample designs. Edge effects, boundary problems, and program calibration are discussed.

Keywords: Residue surveys, sampling design, population sampling, computer programs/programming.

## Introduction

We recently reported the results of a study that examined the statistical properties of the line intersect method of forest-residue inventory (Pickford and Hazard 1978). The study used computer simulation rather than field trials because the cost of measuring actual residue populations is prohibitively large. This paper presents and describes the computer routines developed for the study; it provides a reference for the above-mentioned research and for applications by others to expand the research in this field.

The concept of the simulation process is straightforward. A simulated population of residue elements of known characteristics is created by specifying the midpoint coordinates, length, diameter, and orientation of each element. Then, the sampling process is simulated by defining the two ends of a randomly oriented line segment, called a leg, searching for population elements that intersect that leg, and accumulating the information of interest concerning the intersection (e.g., diameter, squared diameter, end diameters, and element count). Figure 1 presents the flow diagrams of the logic for the two programs, SLASH and INTR SCT, that accomplish these tasks. A FORTRAN listing of each program is given in the Appendix.

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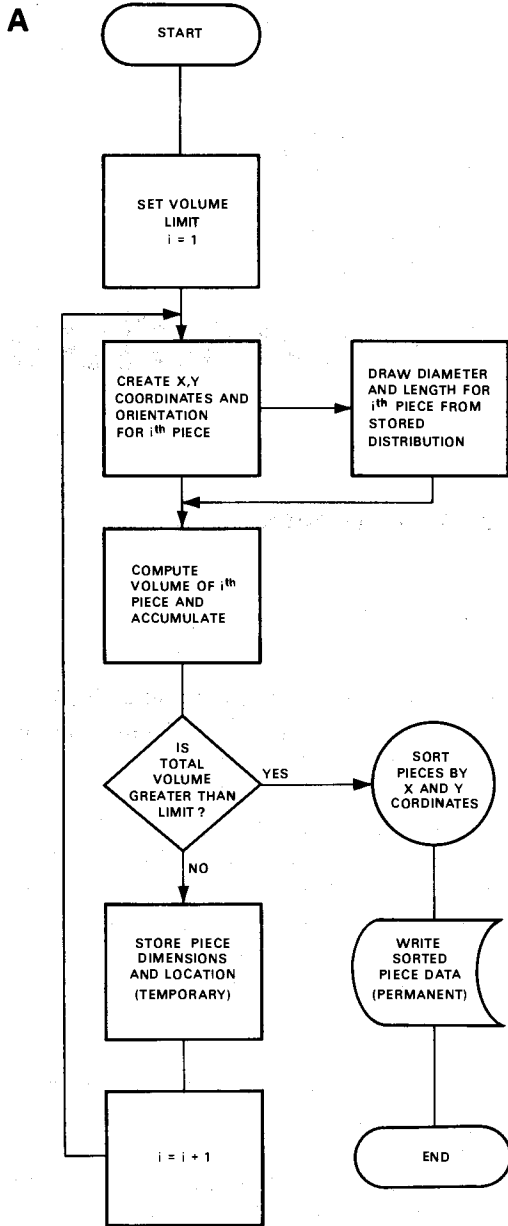
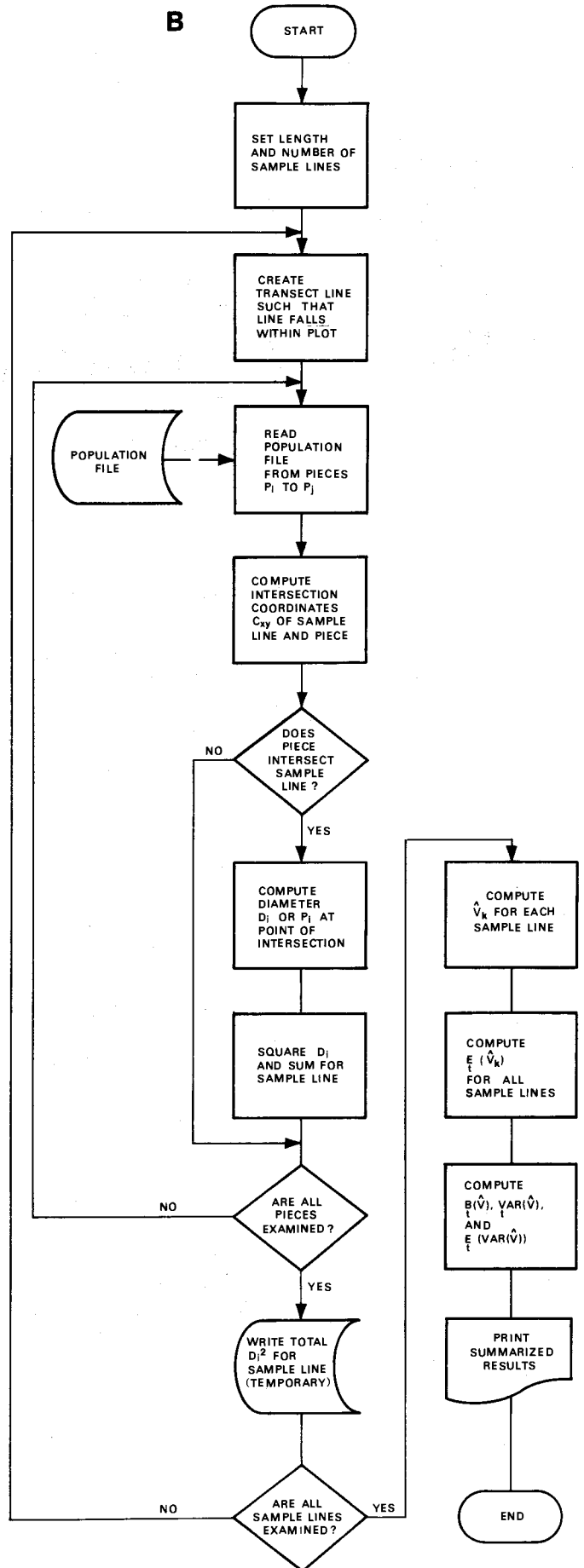


Figure 1a.—The logic of program SLASH.

Figure 1b.—The logic of program INTRST.



## Description of the Program

### Program SLASH

The program that creates the population of residue elements for sampling is called SLASH. SLASH creates elements on an arbitrary plot so that they can be readily sampled by simulating the line intersect inventory process. As presently configured, the sample plot is a 470 feet square (i.e., 5.07 acres). Although the size could be changed, it should be done with care. The plot dimensions are entered in the program as numeric constants, and certain adjustments of piece orientation are made near plot boundaries. These constraints (10.0, 460.0, 470.0) are encountered frequently in conditional statements in the main program and several subroutines.

The process of creating a population for sampling could be done on an area of irregular or nonrectangular shape, but the changes must be made carefully because the logic in the current version of SLASH presupposes a square plot.

**Location and orientation of pieces.** — Midpoint coordinates and axial orientation of individual pieces are computed in subroutine COORD, using a random number generator to create three stochastic variables,  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$ , and  $t_3$ . Coordinates of piece midpoints are then computed by

$$x_i = 470 t_1 \quad (1)$$

$$y_i = 470 t_2 \quad (2)$$

Azimuth direction ( $\theta$ ) for each piece axis is generated by using  $t_3$  by

$$\theta = 2\pi t_3 \quad (3)$$

Equation (3) produces an axial piece orientation such that  $0 < \theta \leq 2\pi$ . If the pieces are cylinders, it is only necessary that  $0 < \theta \leq \pi$ . If tapered pieces are used, however, then random orientation requires that  $0 < \theta \leq 2\pi$ , and the two ends of each piece must remain distinct and identifiable. We adopted the convention that the large end of a piece lies in the  $\theta$  direction from point  $(x_i, y_i)$ .

Program SLASH can currently generate only uniform random distributions of piece midpoints over the plot, and a uniform random distribution of piece axial orientation. Real-world residue populations often appear strongly oriented with respect to piece axes (e.g., cable yarding systems on steep ground, directional felling), or show positional bias in one or both horizontal directions (e.g., cable roads, skid trails), or show both biases simultaneously. Although the program can not create populations with these types of bias, it would only require generating a random stochastic variable  $t'$  with an appropriate distribution for use in subroutines COORD (refer to any standard text on computer simulation).

Any time that a population of linear elements is created inside a fixed boundary, the creation process must be adjusted in the vicinity of that boundary. If not given proper attention, these adjustments may cause unexpected anomalies in the results. We adjusted piece distribution and orientation so that the results approximate the real-world edge effects on logging units. We discuss the actual consequences of these adjustments in the following section on performance of the line intersect method. The adjustments to piece orientation and distribution occur in subroutines LID, SIDE, and CORNER.

If a piece midpoint is generated at a distance less than a half piece length from the boundary, random orientation of the piece axis ( $\theta$ ) might result in part of the piece length lying outside the sample plot. Because of the way in which we controlled total piece volume on the plot, each piece created had to lie entirely within the plot. To ensure that a piece close to the boundary would indeed lie wholly within the plot, the range of values of  $\theta$  over which axial orientation of that piece was permitted to vary was restricted to values that excluded intersection with the boundary. The result of this particular logic is to create a band near the plot boundaries where pieces are more oriented in the direction parallel to the boundary. This occurs in real populations where a tractor-built fireline around the unit pushes pieces back into the unit and when snags are felled back into the unit.

**Dimensions of pieces.** — SLASH randomly draws two numbers representing length and diameter for each piece created. These numbers are drawn from a cumulative distribution of piece lengths and diameters that operates as a look-up table. The distribution is supplied by the user and is read in as cards from subroutine DISTRB (array variables LEN, DIA). The user must supply limits for each length and diameter class (array variable LIM). The combination of subroutines PIECE, DISTRB, LIMIT, and SIZER allows considerable flexibility in creating populations based on residue inventory data. We derived our size distributions from unpublished residue inventory data collected for other research purposes. Similar data published by Howard (1973), however, are adequate for use in this program. For example, to convert Howard's table 2, the volumes in each cell must be divided by the total volume. This gives the cumulative frequency distribution of pieces by length and diameter size classes.

PIECE, DISTRB, LIMIT, and SIZER subroutines can be removed if a simple population of uniform cylinders or other shape is to be created. In this event, statement 20 in the main program should be replaced with appropriate coding to generate the desired piece length and diameter. Alternatively, these can be assumed at the outset, and the variable VOL can be incremented by a constant each time through the loop, or dispensed with altogether and the volume controlled by the total number of pieces generated.

**Density of pieces.** — One major advantage of simulating residue populations and inventories is that the true population volume on the sample area is much easier to determine than in studies using real residues on actual logging units. When empirically derived distributions of piece length and diameter such as described above are used, the total volume on the sample plot is controlled by limiting the number of pieces (to 1150, in the version of SLASH discussed here). The plot volume can be estimated by computing the average piece dimensions and then computing the expected total volume. Exact volume on the plot can be obtained by computing volumes of individual pieces from piece length and diameter, and summing for all pieces on the plot. This results in a known density of pieces but a total volume that varies somewhat about the expected value.

Variation in total plot volume about a desired limit can be reduced (but not eliminated) by setting a volume limit and testing it against the variable SVOL, which accumulates total volume on the plot as each piece is created (main program). The fact that the population volume deviates slightly from an expected value does not create a problem because the simulation process is estimating the realized population values.

## Program INTR SCT

Once SLASH has created a file containing the location, length, diameter, and orientation of each piece in the population, the file is used as input for INTR SCT, the line intersect inventory simulator.

INTR SCT provides the logic for drawing random samples of (x,y) point pairs within a two-dimensional grid indexing the plot. The points locate a randomly oriented line on the population. We call this line a sample "leg." The length and number of such legs that make up one complete sample are fixed by the user. A simulation experiment then consists of a fixed number of repeated samples (transects). The current configuration of INTR SCT generates only randomly located sample legs. We are currently modifying INTR SCT to sample residue populations systematically as well.

**Generation of sample legs.** — A sample leg is generated by choosing the (x,y) coordinates of one end of the leg. A random number generator is used in the same fashion as in program SLASH; i.e., the starting points of sample legs are randomly located within the sample area.

Orientation of the sample leg is also randomly chosen, but the leg length is set by the user as an input variable (TLEG). The endpoint coordinates of the sample leg are computed from the starting coordinates, leg length, and leg orientation.

If an endpoint of a sample leg falls outside the sample area, the portion of the leg that extends outside the leg is reflected back from the boundary at 180 degrees minus the incident angle.

This preserves the randomness of the distribution of the sample leg because the distribution of transect starting points is not affected; the orientation of the reflected length is random because it is determined by the randomly chosen orientation of the incident length; and the expected total length of line in the vicinity of the boundary using reflection is the same as if the boundary did not exist. Sample legs generated beyond the boundary were permitted to enter the sample area from the outside. Thus, little or no "edge effect" is created by reflection.

**The piece-sampling process.** — As each leg is created, it is searched along its length for intersections with pieces in the sample population. The search is conducted according to a screening procedure that progressively reduces the number of pieces to be examined. The population of pieces created by SLASH was previously ordered on the (x,y) midpoint coordinates. Then the search area is established by a binary search routine (subroutine XRANGE), which identifies that portion of the sample population where intersections of pieces with the transect leg are possible. This area is a rectangle whose diagonal is the line segment formed by adding half the length of the longest piece in the population to the (x,y) coordinates of the endpoints of the transect leg. Only those pieces whose midpoint (x,y) coordinates fall within this rectangle are examined further.

Within the search area, the (x,y) coordinates of the intersection of a piece with the transect leg are determined by solving the two simultaneous linear equations in two unknowns that define, respectively, the sample leg and the piece axis. If a unique solution exists and if the intersection lies in the search area, then the final step is to determine whether the intersection falls within the length of the piece. An intersection is valid if the distance from the piece midpoint to the intersection does not exceed half the length of the piece. When the leg intersects the piece axis at its endpoint, only alternate intersections are accepted.

Once a valid intersection occurs, the piece diameter at the point of intersection is determined (subroutine SAMPL). If the pieces are cylinders, the program uses the input piece diameter. If pieces are tapered, the intersected diameter is computed by correcting the closer end diameter for piece taper (inches per foot) times the distance from the close end to the intersection. The diameter at the intersection is squared and accumulated for each transect leg. When the last piece in the search area has been tested for a valid intersection, the sum of the squared diameters is written out on a disk file for later use in computing estimated volume and summary statistics.

**Statistics and estimates.** — After all transect legs have been created and searched, the disk file is used by subroutine SUMMARY to compute estimated volume per acre and associated statistics. Because the number of legs per transect (LSZ) is constant throughout each experiment, the LSZ data points on the disk file constitute the data for each transect.

The summary statistics defined by Pickford and Hazard (1979) are symbolized in INTR SCT as follows:

$$YJK = \frac{373.1977 \text{ DSUM}}{\text{TLEG}}$$

where DSUM is the accumulated, squared, intersected piece diameter in square inches, and TLEG is the transect leg length in feet.

YJK is the estimated volume per acre for a single leg of one particular transect, and the estimated volume for the  $j^{\text{th}}$  transect is

$$YK_j = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{\text{LSZ}} YJK_i}{\text{LSZ}}$$

where LSZ is the number of legs per transect. Then, for all transects in the experiment (ISMPL), the expected value of the estimated volume per acre is

$$EYK = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{\text{ISMPL}} YK_j}{\text{ISMPL}}$$

The bias in the estimated volume per acre (BYK) is

$$\text{BYK} = \text{EYK} - \text{ACRVOL}$$

where ACRVOL is the true volume per acre in the population. The Monte Carlo variance—i.e., the variance of the ISMPL estimates of the volume per acre—is symbolized by VYK, and the Monte Carlo estimate of the expected value of the sample-based estimate of variance is symbolized by ESMVYK. The bias in the variance estimate, BSMVYK, equals ESMVYK-VYK. The estimated volume, true variance, and sample-based estimate of variance can be printed out, along with bias in volume and variance estimates for increments of every 100 transects. In this way, the point in the simulation process where the estimates for each experiment become stable is apparent.

### **Uses of SLASH and INTR SCT**

The outputs of the sampling subroutine of INTR SCT generate two types of information to be used as background information for examining residue-survey alternatives. These are (1) estimates of statistical properties of populations that possess certain distinct characteristics found commonly in nature, and (2) estimates of expected values of various statistical properties of populations under different population characteristics, sampling rules, or sampling-unit designs.

Estimates of statistical properties are useful for planning residue inventories. An estimate of the population variance for a chosen line length and arrangement are used in the computation of the number of such lines or line clusters required to meet an expected precision. Pickford and Hazard (1978) provide insight into this problem.

The second type of information will have direct applicability in sampling nonrandom population conditions. It will provide guidelines about when sampling certain populations with the line intersect method is efficient or not, and what kind of sampling units to use. As mentioned previously, this subject is currently under study by the authors.

For example, the characteristics produced as output of INTR SCT are: bias in estimated average residue volume per unit area; variance of the estimated residue volume per unit area; and bias in the sample-based estimated variance of the average volume per unit area.

These three statistical properties of a particular sampling design will be known only if the true average residue volume per unit area and the population variance are known. Both of these parameters generally require that the population be enumerable in terms of the aggregate of all the sampling units contained in it. This is not possible with the line intersect sampling unit because potential locations for lines are infinite. The total or mean residue per unit area is determined, as mentioned earlier, by ignoring the line intersect sampling unit and simply accumulating the volume of all the pieces of residue in the population created by SLASH. The true variance in mean volume per acre is unknown, and thus must be estimated by the Monte Carlo variance.

The other factor that must be introduced to complete the decision problem is cost. If a cost function relates the cost of sampling to different populations, different sampling rules, and different sampling-unit designs, then the optimum choice of sampling designs and sampling-unit designs can be made for specific population characteristics. Further discussion of this topic is beyond the scope of this paper.

Thus, SLASH and INTRSCCT are programs that can be used for both planning residue inventories and performing technique studies to determine the optimum designs and circumstances under which to sample with the line intersect sampling method.

## Program Applications

To illustrate the uses of SLASH and INTRSCCT, we will describe several of our simulation experiments. The first experiments of prime importance are the calibration runs for testing the entire system.

### Calibration

We calibrated the simulation system by creating 20,000 standard normal deviates (i.e., 20,000 random numbers, normally distributed with mean ( $\mu$ ) equal to 0 and variances ( $\sigma^2$ ) equal to 1). The deviates were partitioned into 2,000 samples of size 10 ( $n = 10$ ). Each deviate was assumed to be an accumulated sum of squared piece diameters for an individual line and was run through the summary routine to get estimates of the Monte Carlo statistics. After the 2,000 repeated trials, BYK was 0.31 and BSMVYK was 0.0041. Thus, we concluded that the simulator was operating within practical limits.

We repeatedly sampled a population of uniform cylinders created by SLASH and observed the performance of the Monte Carlo statistics. This step established the minimum amount of variability that might be incurred in a population of uniform pieces and provided insight into the number of repeated samples required for uniform populations to get the Monte Carlo estimates to converge to the expected values of the population characteristics.

Cylinders in the population were 12 inches in diameter and 20 feet long. We called this our "matchstick" population. The pieces were created with random orientation and location over the area. The true volume created was 3,562.14 cubic feet per acre (249.25 m<sup>3</sup>/ha). This is a realistic volume that might be encountered in a Douglas-fir clearcutting.

Figures 2 and 3 show results from two experiments on the population of cylinders. Samples consisting of ten 75-foot (22.86-m) lines were randomly located over the area. Two thousand such samples were taken. In summary, note that:

- The Monte Carlo estimates of volume per acre (fig. 2) are within about 1 percent of the theoretical volume of 3,562.14 cubic feet per acre (249.25 m<sup>3</sup>/ha).
- The variance (fig. 3) stabilizes rather quickly (i.e., at about 600-800 repeated samples).
- The bias in the variance of the estimated total volume does not approach 0 until at least 1,600 repeated samples are taken (fig. 3). The difference at 2,000 repeated samples is less than 2 percent.



Figure 2.—Monte Carlo estimates of cubic feet of residue per acre compared with the true volume per acre for increasing numbers of transects; the population is a random population of cylinders (3,562.1 cubic feet per acre).

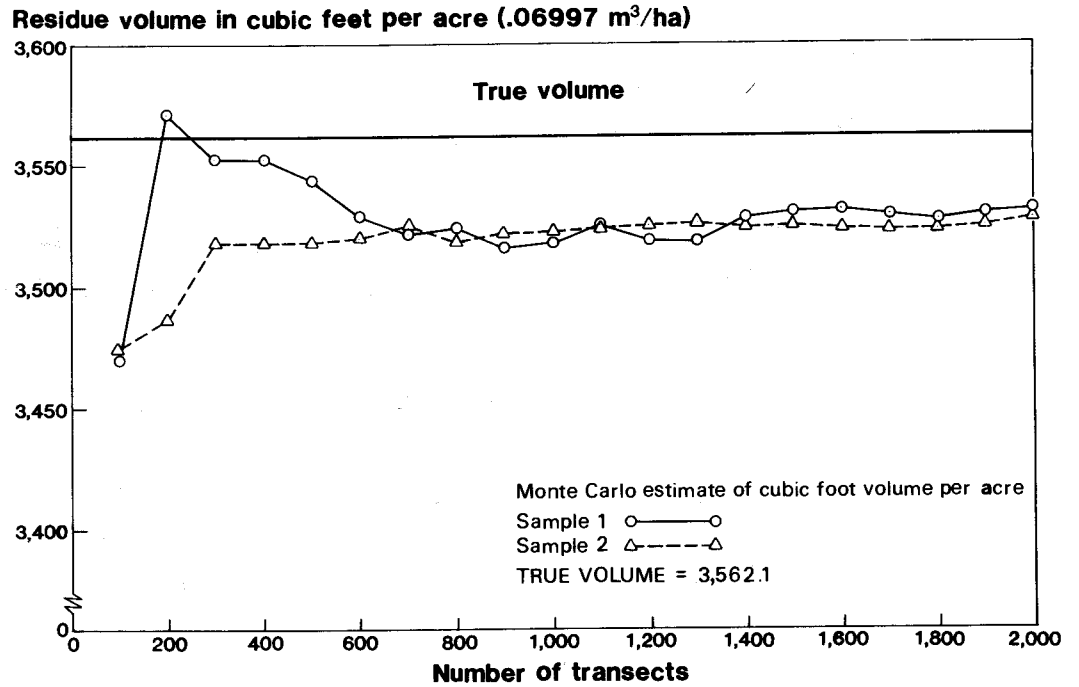
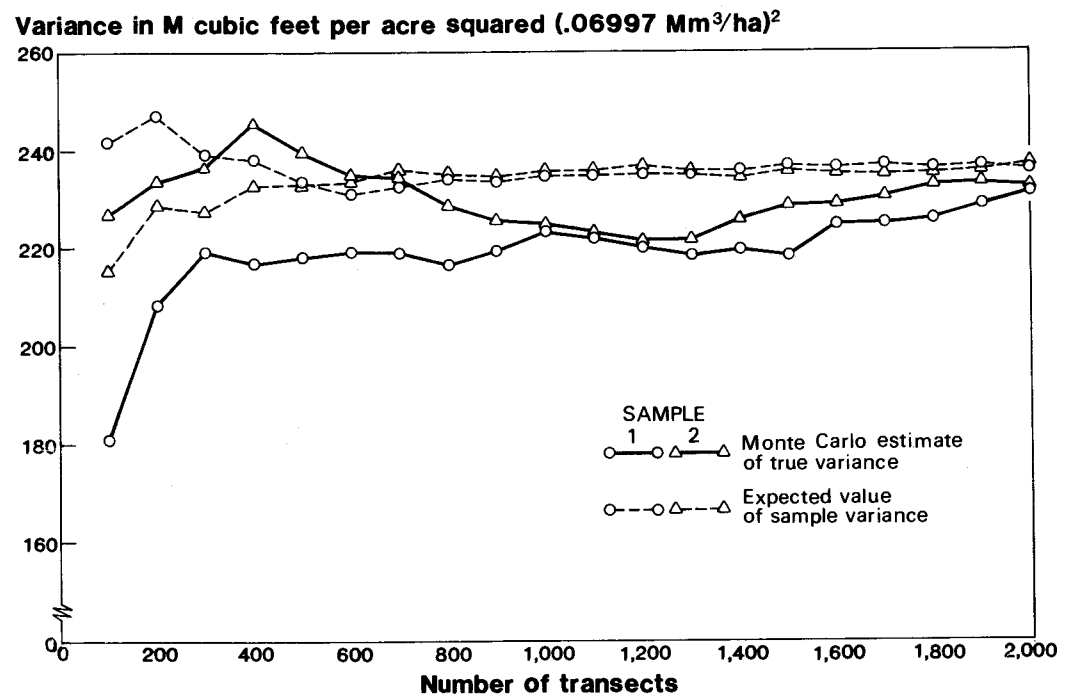


Figure 3.—Monte Carlo estimates of the variance and the expected value of the sample-based estimate of variance for two experiments over increasing numbers of transects; the population is a random population of cylinders (3,562.1 cubic feet per acre).



**Performance of the Line Intersect Method**

The theory for estimation with the line intersect sampling method for random populations tells us that the estimates of mean residue volume and its estimated variance are unbiased, barring inaccuracies in our simulation procedure. An apparent bias exists in our simulation procedure as an underestimate of residue volume per acre for the population that had pieces reoriented in the vicinity of the boundary. A bias in the variance estimate also exists and usually amounts to an overestimate of about 2 percent. For our purposes, we accept these biases as being within a practical limit.

In the calibration section, we mentioned that legs 75 feet in length produced a bias of approximately a negative 1 percent. Actually, we ran legs of 10, 25, 50, 75, 125, 150, and 250 feet; the bias was plotted over leg length for the matchstick and for a frustum population (table 1, fig. 4). Note that the bias decreased from about -2 percent for legs of 10 feet to a small positive bias for legs of 250 feet. The negative bias approaches or slightly exceeds zero bias for legs  $\geq 250$  feet in the matchstick population. In the frustum population—with taper (i.e., pieces 3 in x 8 in x 20 ft), the bias also decreased with increasing leg length. One possible explanation is that short legs have a larger probability per unit length of line of intersecting the boundary area, where nonrandom orientation occurs for the fixed-dimensioned populations, than do longer legs. In this instance, the density of pieces in the corners of the plot is less than the remainder of the plot, and the distribution of piece volume along the straight boundary will tend to be oriented along the boundary. With shorter sample legs, samples are more likely to be taken entirely within boundary or corner regions of nonuniform piece density or piece volume. Longer legs will tend to smooth out these local population variations.

**Table 1 — Bias in volume-per-acre estimates as influenced by sample leg length for populations that required modifying the orientation of pieces intersecting the boundary**

Leg length	Bias* in frustum population (loading = 799.83 ft <sup>3</sup> /ac)			Bias* in matchstick population (loading = 3,562.14 ft <sup>3</sup> /ac)		
	Legs/ transect	Ft <sup>3</sup> /ac	Per- cent	Legs/ transect	Ft <sup>3</sup> /ac	Per- cent
10	75	-15.06	-1.88	75	-59.29	-1.66
25	30	-14.11	-1.76	30	-47.73	-1.34
50	15	-9.21	-1.15	30	-30.80	-0.86
50				15	-17.35	-0.49
75	10	-10.35	-1.29	10	-37.46	-1.05
75				10	-31.68	-0.89
125	6	-4.08	-0.51	12	-7.63	-0.21
125				6	-13.82	-0.39
150	5	-0.51	-0.01	5	-26.28	-0.74
250	3	+5.39	+0.68	3	-4.84	-0.14
250				3	+7.92	+0.22

\*Bias is defined as the difference between the actual and estimated volume per acre. Residue pieces are randomly distributed on a 5.07-acre (470 x 470 feet square) area. Estimates are the average of 1,500 repeated trials.

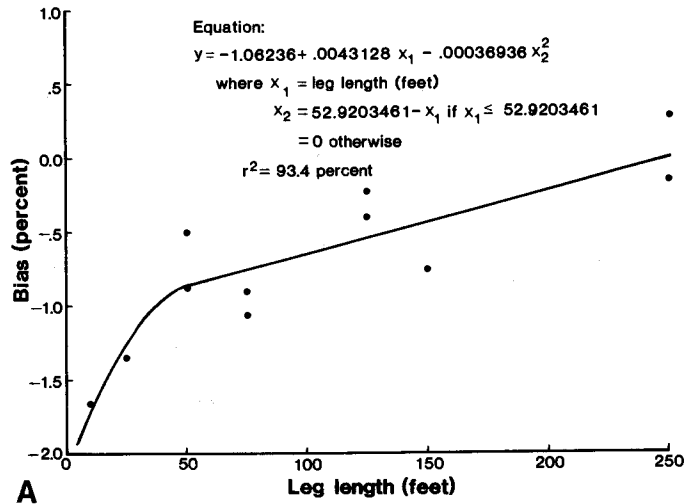


Figure 4a.—Bias in the estimate of residue volume per acre for a frustum population.

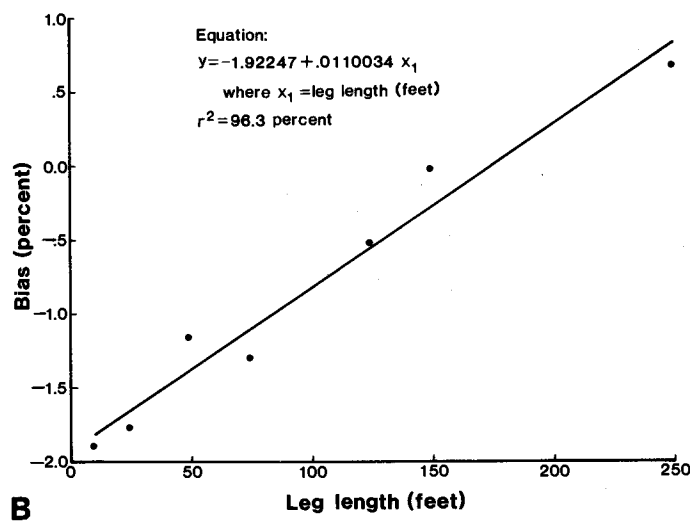


Figure 4b.—Bias in the estimate of residue volume per acre for a matchstick population.

After our initial investigations of the population of cylinders, we introduced constant piece-taper, change in geometric configuration, variation in population density, and length and diameter distributions into the populations. Such experiments should attempt to produce populations with characteristics as near as possible to actual residue populations.

Selecting orientation and spatial-distribution parameters of simulated populations can be arbitrary for the purposes of studying their effect on estimates. Both Warren and Olson (1964) and Bailey (1968) suggest that the orientations of cable-yarded residues can be described by a triangular frequency distribution. Warren and Olson further suggest that, for their method at least, the differences in results between triangular and random orientation are small and can be ignored. Van Wagner (1968) suggests, however, that strong orientation of elements in a population can lead to biased estimates. De Vries (1972) agreed and verified Van Wagner's estimates of possible bias.

Very little information exists on the orientational distribution of residue elements. One example of empirical spatial distributions is our use of low-level aerial photographs of clearcut residues of sufficient scale and resolution to permit measurement. Each photo contains a tenth-acre plot marked on the ground; thus, we can measure not only orientation, but length and spatial distribution as well, for individual elements.

The photographed plots contain strongly oriented logging residue that appear typical of cable-yarding logging (fig. 5), as well as plots where residue appeared nearly random in both orientation and spatial distribution (fig. 6).



Figure 5.—Strongly oriented logging residue, typical of cable-yarded logging.

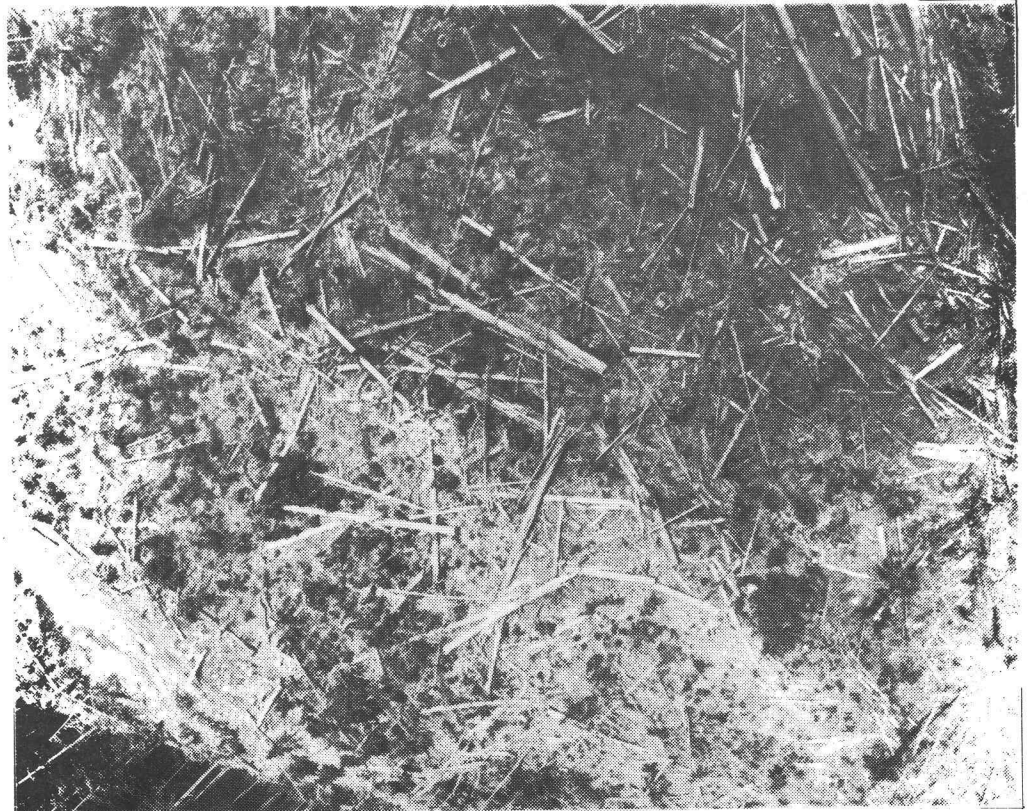


Figure 6.—Randomly oriented and distributed logging residue.

We analyzed the photos by digitizing both end points of each residue element in each plot; correcting for distortion in the photo; and plotting histograms of orientation, length, and distribution of midpoints in the x- and y-coordinate directions (figs. 7-14). Although these are only two case-histories, we consider them typical of patterned and random distributions.

The residue in figure 6 appears nearly random in orientation and distribution; that in figure 5 is strongly oriented, with its axial orientation apparently triangularly distributed. The spatial distribution, although visually nonrandom, is not a simple function of either x- or y-coordinate location. Axial orientation could influence inventory results; the spatial distribution might not, if transects are randomly located. These observations would not be important except for the desirability of systematic location of sample legs in actual inventories. When applied to populations, such as those represented by figure 6, the performance of systematically located, line intersect samples is unknown and unpredictable. Residue populations resembling figure 5 are common, yet are not the most extreme directional orientation that can be encountered. If cableways are parallel to each other and at regular intervals, a strongly nonrandom orientation is imposed on the resulting residues. We need to know how systematic adaptations of the line intersect method will perform in such instances. To test these populations, we are currently developing populations with certain arbitrary distributions. We are looking at random clumps to simulate tractor logging, row-converging to simulate cable logging, and row-parallel to simulate a skyline logging operation between parallel roads.

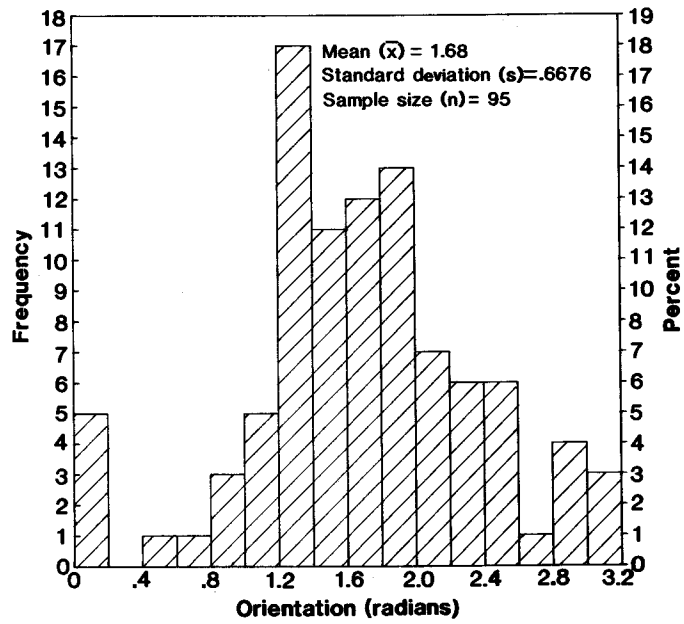


Figure 7.—Frequency distribution of piece orientation for the residue appearing in figure 5. Orientation is expressed in radians ( $180^\circ = 3.1416$  radians).

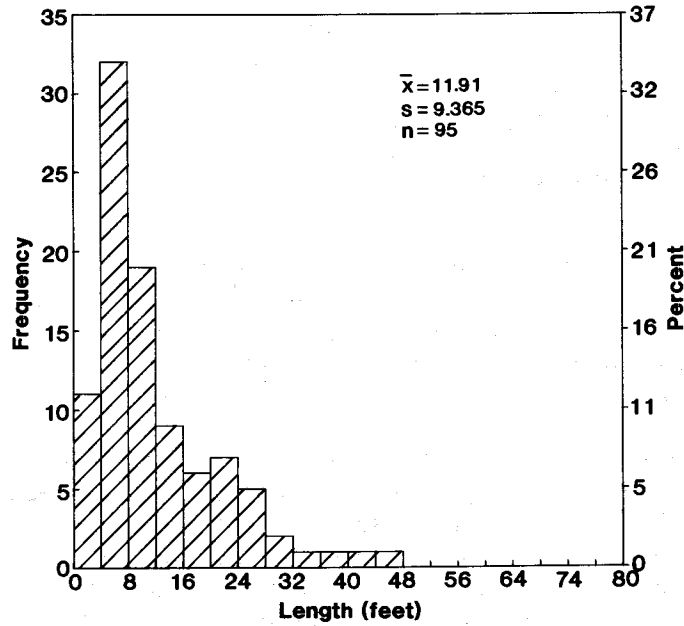


Figure 8.—Frequency distribution of piece length in feet, for the population in figure 5.

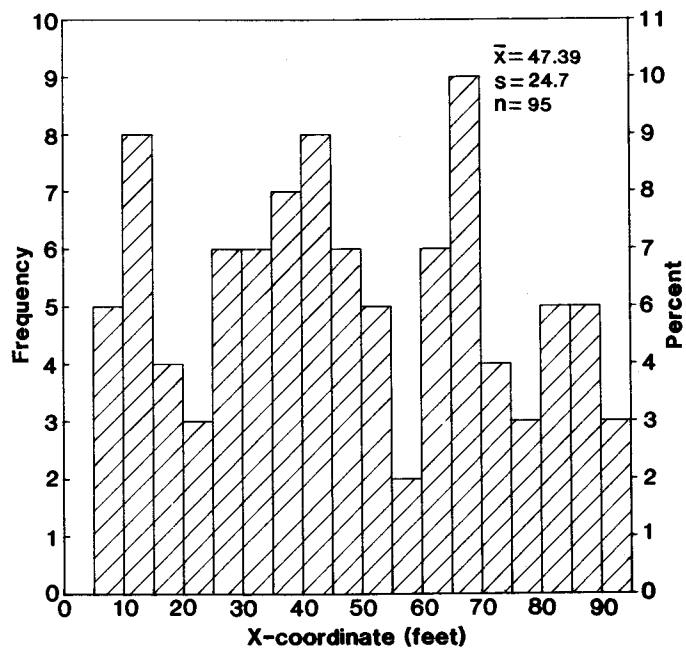


Figure 9.—Frequency distribution of spatial distribution in the x-coordinate in feet, for the population in figure 5.

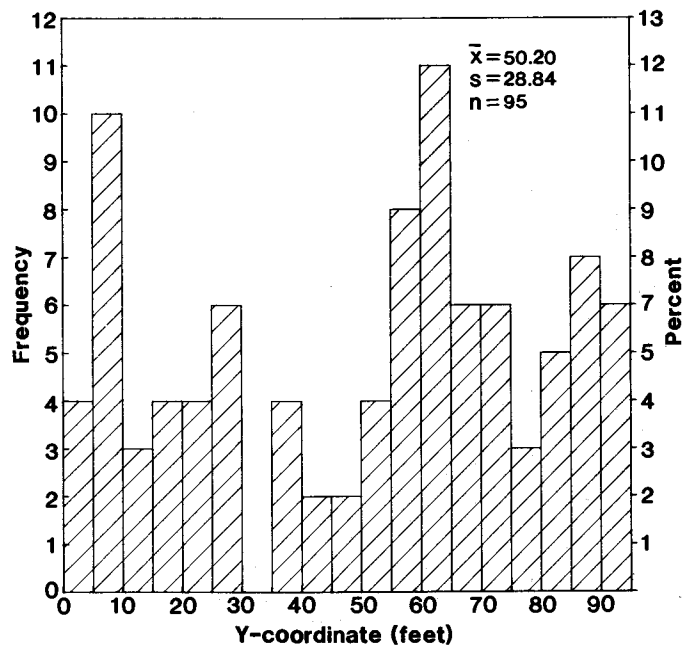


Figure 10.—Frequency distribution of spatial distribution in the y-coordinate in feet, for the population in figure 5.

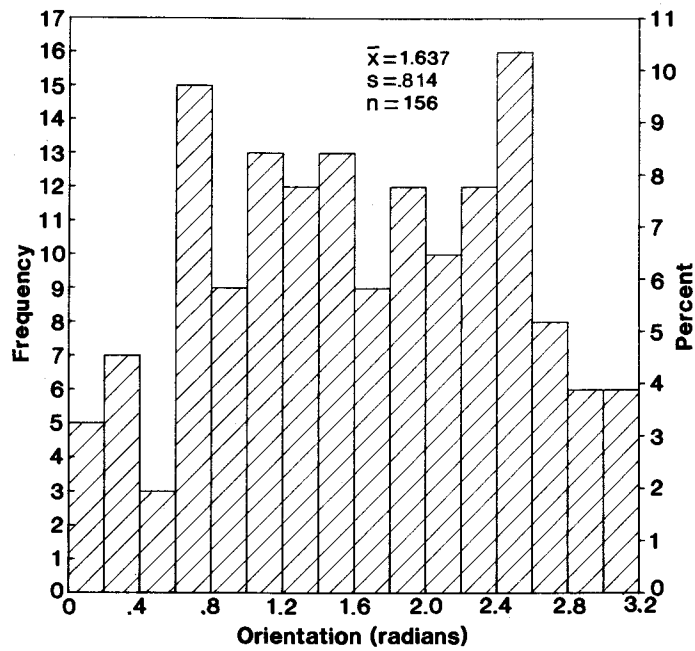


Figure 11.—Frequency distribution of piece orientation for the population in figure 6. Orientation is expressed in radians ( $180^\circ = 3.146$  radians).

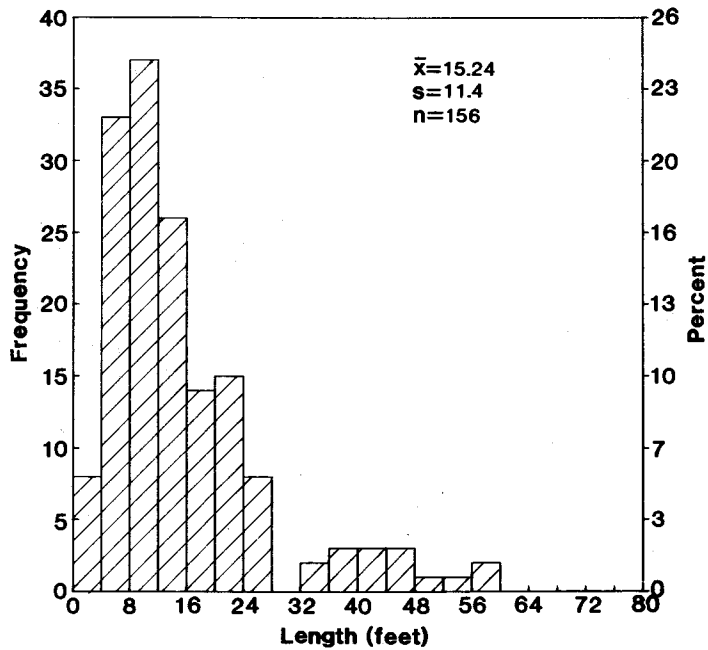


Figure 12.—Frequency distribution of piece length in feet, for the population in figure 6.



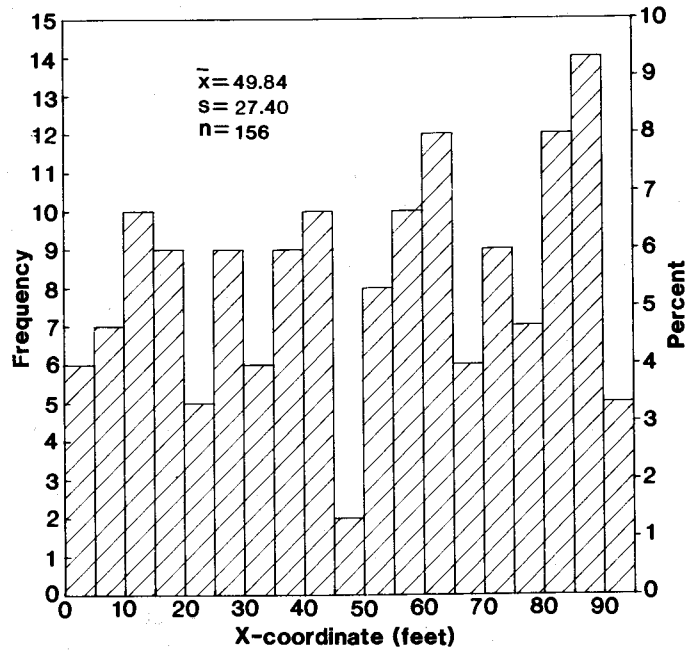


Figure 13.—Frequency distribution of spatial distribution in the x-coordinate in feet, for the population in figure 6.

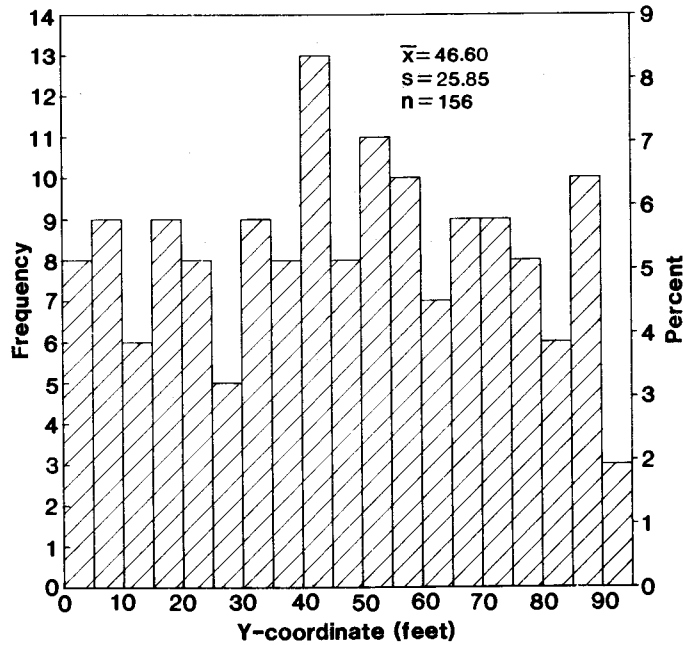


Figure 14.—Frequency distribution of spatial distribution in the y-coordinate in feet, for the population in figure 6.

### **Significance of These Simulators**

Although the concept of simulating line intersect inventories seems simple enough, development of a working simulator exposed numerous subtleties in computer logic, the modeling of geometric populations, and statistical problems of Monte Carlo sampling with replacement. The obvious applicability of this simulator, and the need to answer certain questions about the properties of line intersect sampling made us wonder why such a simulator had not already been developed. The problems we encountered in developing SLASH and INTRSCCT seem to us to be reason enough why this is the first, if not the only, such simulator described in the literature. We hope that these programs have addressed these problems in a fashion sufficiently general to permit other users of the line intersect technique to explore its properties and to improve and expand its usefulness.

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**Appendix**  
**FORTTRAN Listings of**  
**Programs**

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PROGRAM SLASH (INPUT,OUTPUT,TAPE3)
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C
C          PURPOSE. GENERATE COLLAWASH POPULATION
C          LOADING =NO. PIECES/32.55. 1000 PIECES APPROX =
C          30 TONS/ACRE OR 8751 CU FT.
C
C          INPUT.
C          CARD-FREQ. DIST. FOR GENERATING FUELBED
C          DATA READ BY SUBROUTINE *DISTRIB*
C          CARD 1   FMT(8A10) IDENTIFIER
C          CARD 2-9 FMT(4F10.0) CUM. FREQ. OF PIECES
C                   IN SIZE CLASS (I,J)
C          CARD 10-11 FMT(4(F2.0,3X)/9(F2.0,3X))
C                   4 LENGTH AND 9 DIAMETER CLASSES
C
C          OUTPUT.
C          TAPE3 - MODE IS BLOCKED BINARY
C
C          SUBROUTINES.
C          *COORD*  GENERATES RANDOM X,Y MIDPOINT COORDINATES OF
C                   SLASH PIECES, AND RANDOM ORIENTATION OF AXIS
C          *CORNER*  ADJUSTS PIECE ORIENTATION NEAR PLOT CORNERS
C                   SO PIECE LIES WHOLLY IN PLOT, OR REJECTS
C          *DISTRIB* READS CUM. FREQ. DISTRIB. OF PIECE DIMENSIONS
C                   FROM INPUT
C          *LID*    ADJUSTS PIECE ORIENTATION NEAR PLOT BOUNDARY
C                   (UPPER) SO PIECE LIES WHOLLY IN PLOT
C          *LIMIT*  RANDOMLY DRAWS PIECE LENGTH AND DIAM. FROM
C                   CUM. FREQ. DIST. -- CALLED BY *PIECE*
C          *PIECE*  GENERATES PIECE DIMENSIONS AND SUMMARIZES
C                   PIECE POPULATION
C          *SIDE*   ADJUSTS PIECE ORIENTATION NEAR PLOT SIDE
C                   BONDARIES SO PIECE LIES WHOLLY IN PLOT
C          *SIZER*  USED TO ASSIGN LENGTH TO PIECE--CALLED BY
C                   *LIMIT*
C          *FTNBIN* CREATES BLOCKED BINARY OUTPUT DISK FILE
C
CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC
C          COMMON/C/DUMMY(53)
C
C          BLK/C/ CONTAINS LENGTHS, SMALL-END DIAM.
C          AND CUM. FREQ. DIST. OF PIECE LEN/DIAM.
C          USED TO GENERATE THE FUELBED AND ARE PASSED
C          TO *DISTRIB*,*LIMIT*,*PIECE*, AND *SIZER*
C
C          DIMENSION DATA(6,1000)
C
C          DATA LOGUN/3/
C          DATA VOL/0.0/
C          DATA SVOL,N,HML/0.,0.,0./
C
C          INITIALIZES SUMMING VARIABLES "VOL", "SVOL",
C          COUNTERS "N","HML". SETS LOGICAL OUTPUT
C          UNIT TO 3 AND OVERRIDES SYSTEM DEFAULT TO
C          CREATE BLOCKED BINARY DISK FILE. "HML"
C          IS VARIABLE USED TO STORE 1/2 MAX. PIECE
C          LENGTH WHICH IS USED BY FOLLOWING ROUTINE
C          *INTRSCT*
C
C          CALL FTNBIN(1,1,LOGUN)
C          REWIND 3
C          CALL DISTRIB
C
C          SEED FOR RANDOM NUMBER GENERATOR SET BY
C          USER TO INSURE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN RUNS
C          AND TO ALLOW REPEATABILITY FOR SUCCESSIVE
C          RUNS WHEN DESIRED.
C
C          R = RANF(164249.)
C
C          GENERATE FUELPIECE DATA
C
100 CALL COORD(X,Y,T)
C

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C          DETERMINE LOCATION OF PIECE MIDPOINT WITH RESPECT      000870
C          TO PLOT BOUNDARY AND PIECE LENGTH                      000880
C                                                                000890
C          IF(X.LT.10.) 1,7                                       000900
1          XP=X                                                    000910
C          IF(Y.LT.10.) 5,2                                       000920
2          IF(Y.GT.460.) 4,3                                       000930
C                                                                000940
C          MIDPOINT ALONG LEFT HAND SIDE                          000950
C                                                                000960
3          CALL SIDE(XP,T)                                         000970
          GO TO 20                                                000980
C                                                                000990
C          MIDPOINT IN UPPER LEFT CORNER                         001000
C                                                                001010
4          YP=470.-Y                                              001020
          ISIGN=-1                                               001030
          GO TO 6                                                 001040
C                                                                001050
C          MIDPOINT IN LOWER LEFT CORNER                        001060
C                                                                001070
5          ISIGN=1                                               001080
          YP=Y                                                    001090
6          CALL CORNER(XP,YP,T,ISIGN,IFLAG)                      001100
          IF(IFLAG.EQ.1) 100,20                                  001110
7          IF(X.GT.460.) 8,15                                      001120
8          XP=470.-X                                             001130
          IF(Y.LT.10.) 13,10                                     001140
10         IF(Y.GT.460.) 12,11                                   001150
C                                                                001160
C          MIDPOINT ALONG RIGHT HAND SIDE                       001170
C                                                                001180
11         CALL SIDE(XP,T)                                       001190
          GO TO 20                                                001200
C                                                                001210
C          MIDPOINT IN UPPER RIGHT CORNER                       001220
C                                                                001230
12         ISIGN=1                                               001240
          YP=470.-Y                                              001250
          GO TO 14                                                001260
C                                                                001270
C          MIDPOINT IN LOWER RIGHT CORNER                      001280
C                                                                001290
13         ISIGN=-1                                             001300
          YP=Y                                                    001310
14         CALL CORNER(XP,YP,T,ISIGN,IFLAG)                      001320
          IF(IFLAG.EQ.1) 100,20                                  001330
15         IF(Y.LT.10.) 16,17                                    001340
C                                                                001350
C          MIDPOINT ALONG BOTTOM EDGE                            001360
C                                                                001370
16         YP=Y                                                  001380
          GO TO 19                                                001390
17         IF(Y.LT.460.) GO TO 20                                001400
C                                                                001410
C          MIDPOINT ALONG TOP EDGE                              001420
C                                                                001430
          YP=470.-Y                                              001440
19         CALL LID(YP,T)                                         001450
20         CALL PIECE(P,D)                                         001460
C                                                                001470
C          COMPUTE END DIAMETERS OF PIECE USING TAPER OF        001480
C          1 INCH IN 4 FEET WHERE "P" IS PIECE LENGTH,         001490
C          "D" IS SMALL END DIAMETER, "D2" IS LARGE END       001500
C          DIAMETER.                                           001510
C                                                                001520
          D2 = (.25 * P) + D                                       001530
          VOL=VOL + (3.1416*P*(D**2 + D*D2 + D2**2) / 1728.)    001540
          SVOL = VOL                                               001550
21         CONTINUE                                              001560
          N=N+1                                                    001570
          IF(P.GT.HML) HML = P                                       001580
          DATA(1,N) = X                                           001590
          DATA(2,N) = Y                                           001600
          DATA(3,N) = 1                                           001610
          DATA(4,N) = P                                           001620
          DATA(5,N) = D                                           001630
          DATA(6,N) = D2                                          001640

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54	PRINT 55	INT 630
	GO TO 300	INT 640
56	DD 57 MINPT=1,NUMPC	INT 650
C		
C---	READ FUEL PIECE DATA	INT 660
C		
57	READ (2) (ARRAY(I,MINPT),I=1,6)	INT 670
	ACRVOL=TRUVOL/5.07117	INT 680
C		
C---	SEARCH ROUTINE	INT 690
C	(A) CREATE TRANSECT	INT 700
	DD 100 ILEG=1,NN	INT 710
	CALL RSEED (IX)	INT 732
C		
C	1ST ENDPOINT OF LEG	INT 730
C		
C	CALL TCORD(TX1,TY1)	INT 740
C		
C	2ND ENDPOINT OF LEG	INT 750
C		
110	ORIENT=RANF(0.)*3.14159*2.	INT 760
	TXDEL=TLLEG*COS(ORIENT)	INT 770
	TYDEL=TLLEG*SIN(ORIENT)	INT 780
	XNEW=TXDEL+TX1	INT 790
	YNEW=TYDEL+TY1	INT 800
C		
C	TEST IF TRANSECT LEG FALLS WITHIN PLOT	INT 810
C	PLOT SIZE IS 5 ACRES (470 X 470 FT)	INT 820
C		
	IF(XNEW.LT.0..OR.XNEW.GT.470..OR.YNEW.LT.0..OR.YNEW.GT.470.)111,	INT 830
	1 112	INT 840
111	GO TO 110	INT 850
112	TX2=XNEW	INT 860
120	TY2=YNEW	INT 870
	XMAX=AMAX1(TX1,TX2)	INT 880
	XMIN=AMIN1(TX1,TX2)	INT 890
	YMAX=AMAX1(TY1,TY2)	INT 900
	YMIN=AMIN1(TY1,TY2)	INT 910
	DELX=TX1-TX2	INT 920
	DELY=TY1-TY2	INT 930
	A=DELY/DELX	INT 940
	E=A*TX1-TY1	INT 950
	IFLAG=0	INT 960
	XLL = XMIN - HML	INT 970
	XUL = XMAX + HML	INT 980
	YLL = YMIN - HML	INT 990
	YUL = YMAX + HML	INT 1000
C		
C	(B) SEARCH FOR PIECE INTERSECTIONS	INT 1010
C		
C	CALL XRANGE	INT 1020
	DD 98 IPC=LL,LU	INT 1030
	X=ARRAY(1,IPC)	INT 1040
	Y=ARRAY(2,IPC)	INT 1050
C		
C	TEST IF PIECE MIDPOINT COORDINATES WITHIN RECTANGLE	INT 1060
C	FORMED BY LEG + HALF THE LENGTH OF THE LONGEST PIECE	INT 1070
C		
	IF(X.LT.XLL .OR. X.GT.XUL) 98,70	INT 1080
70	IF(Y.LT.YLL .OR. Y.GT.YUL) 98,71	INT 1090
71	CONTINUE	INT 1100
	T=ARRAY(3,IPC)	INT 1110
	C = -TAN(T)	INT 1120
	F=C*X+Y	INT 1130
C		
C	G = A*D - B*C = A + C WHERE D=1, B=-1	INT 1140
C		
	G = A + C	INT 1150
	IF (ABS(G) .GT. 0.) 72, 98	INT 1160
C		
C	XI = (D*E - B*F)/(A*D - B*C) = E+F/A+C WHERE D=1, B=-1	INT 1170
C		
72	XI = (E + F)/G	INT 1180
	IF (XI .LT. XMIN .OR. XI .GT. XMAX) 98,73	INT 1190
73	YI = (A*F - C*E)/G	INT 1200
	IF (YI .LT. YMIN .OR. YI .GT. YMAX) 98,74	INT 1210

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74 ALN = SQRT((X-XI)**2 + (Y-YI)**2)*2.          INT 1220
   P=ARRAY(4,IPC)                                INT 1230
C
C           TEST IF INTERSECTION IS VALID          INT 1240
C
C           IF(ALN - P) 85,80,98                   INT 1250
C
C           IF PIECE INTERSECTS LEG ENDPOINT, ACCEPT ALTERNATE INTRSCIONS INT 1260
C
80 IF(NSW1) 82,81,82                               INT 1270
81 NSW1 = 1                                         INT 1280
   GO TO 85                                         INT 1290
82 NSW1 = 0                                         INT 1300
   GO TO 98                                         INT 1310
85 CONTINUE                                         INT 1320
   IFLAG = 1                                        INT 1330
   D1=ARRAY(5,IPC)                                  INT 1340
   D2=ARRAY(6,IPC)                                  INT 1350
   CALL SAMPL(ILEG,ALN,IFLAG)                       INT 1360
98 CONTINUE                                         INT 1370
   IF(IFLAG.EQ.0) 99,100                           INT 1380
99 CALL SAMPL(ILEG,ALN,IFLAG)                       INT 1390
100 CONTINUE                                        INT 1400
   IF(IFLAG .EQ. 1) CALL SAMPL(-9,0,1)              INT 1410
   ENDFILE 1                                         INT 1420
   CALL SUMMARY                                      INT 1430
300 STOP                                           INT 1440
   END                                              INT 1450

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SUBROUTINE RSEED (IX)                                RSD   0
C                                                    RSD  10
C   PURPOSE. SET SEED FOR RANDOM NUMBER GENERATOR  RSD  20
C   SERIES BASED ON A PRIME NUMBER                  RSD  30
C                                                    RSD  40
C   REF--IBM/360 #RANOU# ROUTINE                    RSD  50
C   IBM SCIENTIFIC SUBROUTINE PACKAGE, H20-0205-0  RSD  60
C   NOTE.  1.#IX# IS ANY ODD INTEGER NUMBER WITH 9 OR FEWER DIGITS RSD  70
C           #IY# IS INTEGER BETWEEN 0 AND 2**31    RSD  80
C           #YFL# IS RANDOM NUMBER IN THE RANGE 0 TO 1.0 RSD  90
C   2. ROUTINE WILL PRODUCE 2**29 TERMS WITHOUT REPEATING RSD 100
C                                                    RSD 110
C   ARGUMENT FOR FUNCTION #RANF#                    RSD 120
C   X .GT. 0 - NEW SERIES STARTED BASED ON LRGST PRIME IN X RSD 130
C   X .EQ. 0 - RANDOM NMBR GIVEN FROM AN ESTABLISHED SERIES RSD 140
C   X .LT. 0 - LAST RANDOM NMBR GIVEN               RSD 150
C   RESULT IS REAL NMBR #R#, WHERE 0 .LT. R .LT. 1  RSD 160
C                                                    RSD 170
C   DATA IX/135731/                                RSD 190
C   IY = IX * 65539                                  RSD 200
C   IF(IY) 5,6,6                                     RSD 210
5 IY = IY + 2147483647 + 1                           RSD 220
6 YFL = IY                                           RSD 230
   YFL = YFL*.4656613E-9                             RSD 240
   IX = IY                                           RSD 250
   R = RANF(YFL)                                       RSD 260
   RETURN                                             RSD 270
   END                                              RSD 280

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SUBROUTINE SAMPL(N,ALN,IFLAG)                        SAM   0
C                                                    SAM  10
C   PURPOSE. CALC PIECE DIAMETER AT POINT OF INTERSECTION SAM  20
C   SUM SQUARES OF DIAMETERS BY TRANSECT LEG      SAM  30
C   PARAMETERS.                                     SAM  40
C   N - (I/P) CURRENT TRANSECT LEG                 SAM  50
C   ALN - (I/P) 2XDIST FROM PIECE MIDPOINT TO PT OF INTERSECTION SAM  60
C   IFLAG - (I/P) 0-INVALID INTERSECTION, 1- VALID INTERSECTION SAM  70
C   O/P.                                             SAM  80
C   TAPE1                                           SAM  90
C   COMMON/CROSS/YI                                  SAM 100
C   COMMON/PIECE/X,Y,T,P,D1,D2                      SAM 110
C                                                    SAM 120
C   LOGICAL L1,L2                                    SAM 130
C   DATA DSUM/0./                                  SAM 140
C   DATA I/1/                                       SAM 150
C                                                    SAM 160

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C		SAM	170
	IF(IFLAG.EQ.1) 100,200	SAM	180
100	IF(N.EQ.1) 1,2	SAM	190
1	OM = (O2+O1)/2.	SAM	200
	TAPR = (O2-O1)/P	SAM	210
	L1 = (T-3.14159) .LT. 0.	SAM	220
	L2 = (Y .LT. Y1)	SAM	230
	IF((L1.AND.L2) .OR. .NOT. (L1.OR.L2)) 10,11	SAM	240
10	OI=OM+ALN*TAPR/2.	SAM	250
	GO TO 12	SAM	260
11	DI=OM-ALN*TAPR/2.	SAM	270
12	OSQ=OI**2	SAM	280
	OSUM=OSUM+OSQ	SAM	290
	RETURN	SAM	300
2	WRITE (1) OSUM	SAM	310
C			
C	TEST IF END OF JOB	SAM	320
C			
	IF(N .LT. 0) RETURN	SAM	330
	OSUM=0.	SAM	340
	I=I+1	SAM	350
	GO TO 1	SAM	360
200	WRITE (1) OSUM	SAM	370
	I = I + 1	SAM	380
C			
C	TEST IF PREV LEG HAD NO INTERSECTIONS	SAM	390
C			
	IF(OSUM .EQ. 0.) RETURN	SAM	400
	OSUM=0.	SAM	410
	WRITE (1) OSUM	SAM	420
	I = I + 1	SAM	430
	RETURN	SAM	440
	END	SAM	450
	SUBROUTINE SUMMARY	SUM	0
C		SUM	10
C	I/P.	SUM	20
C	TAPE1	SUM	30
	COMMON /DATAIN/ISMPL,ACRVOL,TLEG,ALINE,LSZ,NSEED,INCR	SUM	40
C			
C	PRINT FORMATS	SUM	50
C			
9	FORMAT(1H ,4X,F10.2* CU. FT./ACRE, TRUE VOLUME*/	SUM	60
1	11X,I4* TRANSECTS*/12X,I3* LEGS/TRANSECT*/10X,F5.0* FT/LEG*/	SUM	70
2	10X,F5.0* FT/TRANSECT*/ 9X,I6,* 1ST SEED*//)	SUM	81
11	FORMAT(1H0,10X,I4,* TRANSECTS*/	SUM	90
8	25X,F10.2* = M.C. ESTIMATE OF VOLUME/ACRE*/	SUM	93
1	20X,F15.2* = M.C. ESTIMATE OF TRUE VARIANCE OF YK*/	SUM	100
2	20X,F15.2* = M.C. ESTIMATE OF E.V. OF SAMPLE BASED EST. OF VAR(YK	SUM	110
3)*/		SUM	120
4	25X,F10.2* = BIAS OF YK*/	SUM	130
5	20X,F15.2* = BIAS OF LITTLE V(YK)*)	SUM	140
C			
C		SUM	150
C			
	CVOL(X,Y) = 373.1944*(X/Y)	SUM	160
	REWIND 1	SUM	170
	TYJK=TYJK2=TYK=TYK2=SMVYK=0.	SUM	180
	PRINT 9,ACRVOL,ISMPL,LSZ,TLEG,ALINE,NSEED	SUM	181
	N = 0	SUM	183
	IF(INCR .LT. 1) INCR = ISMPL	SUM	185
	DD 50 K=1,ISMPL,INCR	SUM	190
	LIM = INCR	SUM	191
	IF(INCR .EQ. ISMPL) GO TO 25	SUM	192
	NWRK = K + INCR - 1	SUM	193
	IF(NWRK .GT. ISMPL) LIM = ISMPL - K - 1	SUM	194
25	CONTINUE	SUM	195
	DD 40 L=1,LIM	SUM	196
	N = N + 1	SUM	197
	DD 30 J=1,LSZ	SUM	200
	READ (1) DSUM	SUM	210
	YJK=CVOL(DSUM,TLEG)	SUM	220
	TYJK=TYJK+YJK	SUM	230
	TYJK2=TYJK2+YJK**2	SUM	240
30	CONTINUE	SUM	250
	YK=TYJK/LSZ	SUM	260
	TYK=TYK+YK	SUM	270
	TYK2=TYK2+YK**2	SUM	280
	SMVYK=SMVYK+(TYJK2-TYJK**2/LSZ)/((LSZ-1)*LSZ)	SUM	290
	TYJK=TYJK2=0.	SUM	300

40	CONTINUE	SUM	303
	EYK = TYK / N	SUM	310
C			
C	(JWH 4/21/76) DENOMINATOR CHANGED FROM (N-1) TO N BECAUSE		
C	VYK ESTIMATES (SIGMA**2/J), NOT (S**2/J)		
C			
	VYK =(TYK2 - TYK**2 / N) / N	SUM	320
	ESMVYK = SMVYK / N	SUM	330
	BYK=EYK-ACRVOL	SUM	340
	BSMVYK=ESMVYK-VYK	SUM	350
	PRINT 11, N,EYK,VYK,ESMVYK,BYK,BSMVYK	SUM	370
50	CONTINUE	SUM	373
	RETURN	SUM	380
	END	SUM	390
	SUBROUTINE TCORD(X,Y)	TCD	0
	R=RANF(0.)	TCD	10
	R1=AINT(R*1000.)/1000.	TCD	20
	R2=AINT((R-R1)*1000000.)/1000.	TCD	30
	X=470. * R1	TCD	40
	Y = 470. * R2	TCD	50
	RETURN	TCD	60
	END	TCD	70
	SUBROUTINE X RANGE	XRG	0
C		XRG	10
C	PURPOSE. FIND PIECE TABLE SUBSCRIPT RANGE FOR X COORD OF MIDPOINT	XRG	20
C	SUCH THAT RANGE INCLUDES LEG + HALF THE LENGTH OF THE	XRG	30
C	LONGEST PIECE	XRG	40
C	PARAMETERS.	XRG	50
C	ARRAY - (I/P) FUEL PIECES	XRG	60
C	NUMPC - (I/P) NMBR PIECES IN #ARRAY#	XRG	70
C	XLL - (I/P) LOWER LIMIT LEG X COORD	XRG	80
C	XUL - (I/P) UPPER LIMIT LEG X COORD	XRG	90
C	LL - (O/P) LOWER LIMIT PIECE X COORD SUBSCRIPT	XRG	100
C	LU - (O/P) UPPER LIMIT PIECE X COORD SUBSCRIPT	XRG	110
C		XRG	120
	COMMON ARRAY(6,1500),NUMPC,XLL,XUL,LL,LU		
C		XRG	140
	INDEX = NUMPC/2	XRG	150
	IS = INDEX	XRG	160
C			
C	LOWER X SEARCH LIMIT	XRG	170
C	TEST IF LEG X COORD LOWER LIMIT IN LOWER HALF PIECE TABLE	XRG	180
C			
C	IF(XLL .LT. ARRAY(1,IS)) GO TO 50	XRG	190
C			
C	LEG IN UPPER HALF	XRG	200
C			
25	INDEX = INDEX/2	XRG	210
	LI = IS	XRG	220
	IS = IS + INDEX	XRG	230
	IF(IS .GE. NUMPC) GO TO 35	XRG	240
	IF(ARRAY(1,IS) .LE. XLL) GO TO 25	XRG	250
35	LL = LI	XRG	260
	GO TO 75	XRG	270
C			
C	LEG IN LOWER HALF	XRG	280
C			
50	CONTINUE	XRG	290
	IS = IS/2	XRG	300
	IF(IS .GT. 1) GO TO 55	XRG	310
	IS = 1	XRG	320
	GO TO 60	XRG	330
55	IF(XLL .LE. ARRAY(1,IS)) GO TO 50	XRG	340
60	LL = IS	XRG	350
75	CONTINUE	XRG	360
	DO 80 IS=LL,NUMPC	XRG	370
	IF(ARRAY(1,IS) .GE. XLL) GO TO 85	XRG	380
80	CONTINUE	XRG	390
	IS = NUMPC + 1	XRG	400
85	LL = IS - 1	XRG	410
C		XRG	420
C	UPPER X SEARCH LIMIT	XRG	430
C			
100	CONTINUE	XRG	440
	DO 120 JS=LL,NUMPC	XRG	450
	IF(ARRAY(1,JS) .GT. XUL) GO TO 130	XRG	460
120	CONTINUE	XRG	470
	JS = NUMPC	XRG	480
130	LU = JS	XRG	490
	RETURN	XRG	500
	END	XRG	510