Self-Evaluation Exercise on Lifts and Escalators

Q.1 Solution:

Up-peak interval = RTT / L = 200 / 4 = 50 s

UPPHC = (300 / 50) x 0.8 x 10 = 48 persons/ 5 minutes

%POP = 48 / 400 = 12%

Q.2 Solution:

For lift speed 1.6 m/s:

Single floor transit time, $t_v = 3.5/1.6 = 2.19$ s

Stopping time, $t_s = 3.0 + 4.0 + 4.5 - 2.19 = 9.31$ s

Passenger transfer time, $t_p = 1.2$ s (given)

Therefore, RTT = $2 \times 10 \times 2.19 + (9+1) \cdot 9.31 + 2 \times 10 \times 0.8 \times 1.2$ = 43.8 + 93.1 + 19.2 = 156.1 s

When lift speed is increased to 2.5 m/s:

Single floor transit time, $t_v = 3.5/2.5 = 1.4$ s

Stopping time, $t_s = 3.0 + 4.0 + 4.5 - 1.4 = 10.1$ s

Passenger transfer time, $t_p = 1.2$ s (given)

Therefore, RTT = $2 \times 10 \times 1.4 + (9+1) \times 10.1 + 2 \times 10 \times 0.8 \times 1.2$ = 28 + 101 + 19.2 = 148.2 s

The first term gets smaller and the middle term gets larger. The RTT is 5% smaller.

Q.3 Solution:

For a rated car capacity of 10 persons and N = 11, the values of H and S can be obtained from the given table: H = 10.2 and S = 5.9. Also, P = average number of passengers = $10 \ge 0.8 = 8$ nos.

 t_v = single floor transit time = d_f / v = 3.4 / 2.5 = 1.36 s

 $t_{\rm s}$ = stopping time = $T - t_v = t_{\rm f}(1) + t_{\rm c} + t_{\rm o} - t_v = 4 + 2.5 + 3.0 - 1.36 = 8.14 \, {\rm s}$

 t_p = passenger transfer time = 1.2 s (given)

 $RTT = 2 \times 10.2 \times 1.36 + (5.9 + 1) \times 8.14 + 2 \times 8 \times 1.2 = 27.7 + 56.2 + 19.2 = 103.1 \text{ s}$

UPPINT = RTT / number of lifts = 103.1 / 4 = 25.8 s

UPPHC = (300 x P) / UPPINT = (300 x 8) / 25.8 = 93.1 persons

Comments on the quality of lift service:

- As the UPPINT is 25.8 seconds, the lift service is considered good.
- For handling capacity, the total population is needed for calculating the percentage of population handled. If this percentage is larger than 15%, then the capacity is good.

Q.4 Solution:

For the stationary passengers on the right hand side, the passenger flow rate is: $60 \ge 0.8 \ge 120$ persons/minute

For the walking column of passengers on the left hand side, the passenger flow rate is: $60 \times (0.8+0.7) \times 1/3 \times 2.5 = 75$ persons/minute

Therefore, the total passenger flow rate = 120 + 75 = 195 persons/minute